

BLUE CANCELS

SAVANNAH: DOMESTIC MAIL

Savannah GA used at least ten different cancels in its signature blue color during 1869/1870. The most intricate of these appeared during 1869.

Circular Waffle Grid

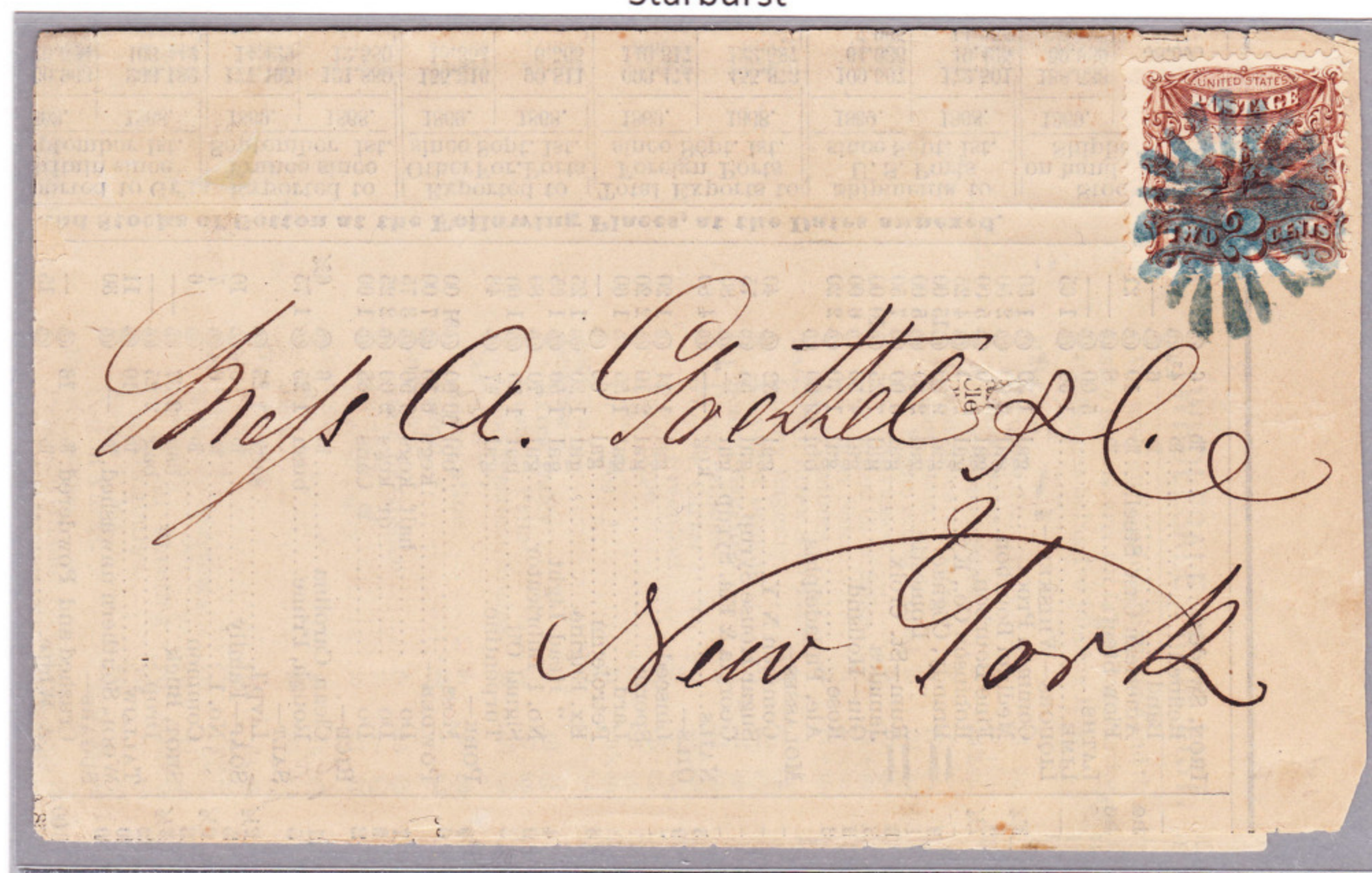


Folded Cotton Market Review to Maine: 12/24/1869

Spiral of Rays



Starburst



Folded commodity Price List to New York: 1869

Waffle Cancel: June 22 (1869?)



Circle of Rays: July 13 1869



Originated outside of Savannah; carried there by steamboat



Segmented Cork

July 26 (1869?)



Circle of Vs

Aug 21 (1869?)



Free form Grid

Aug 27 1869



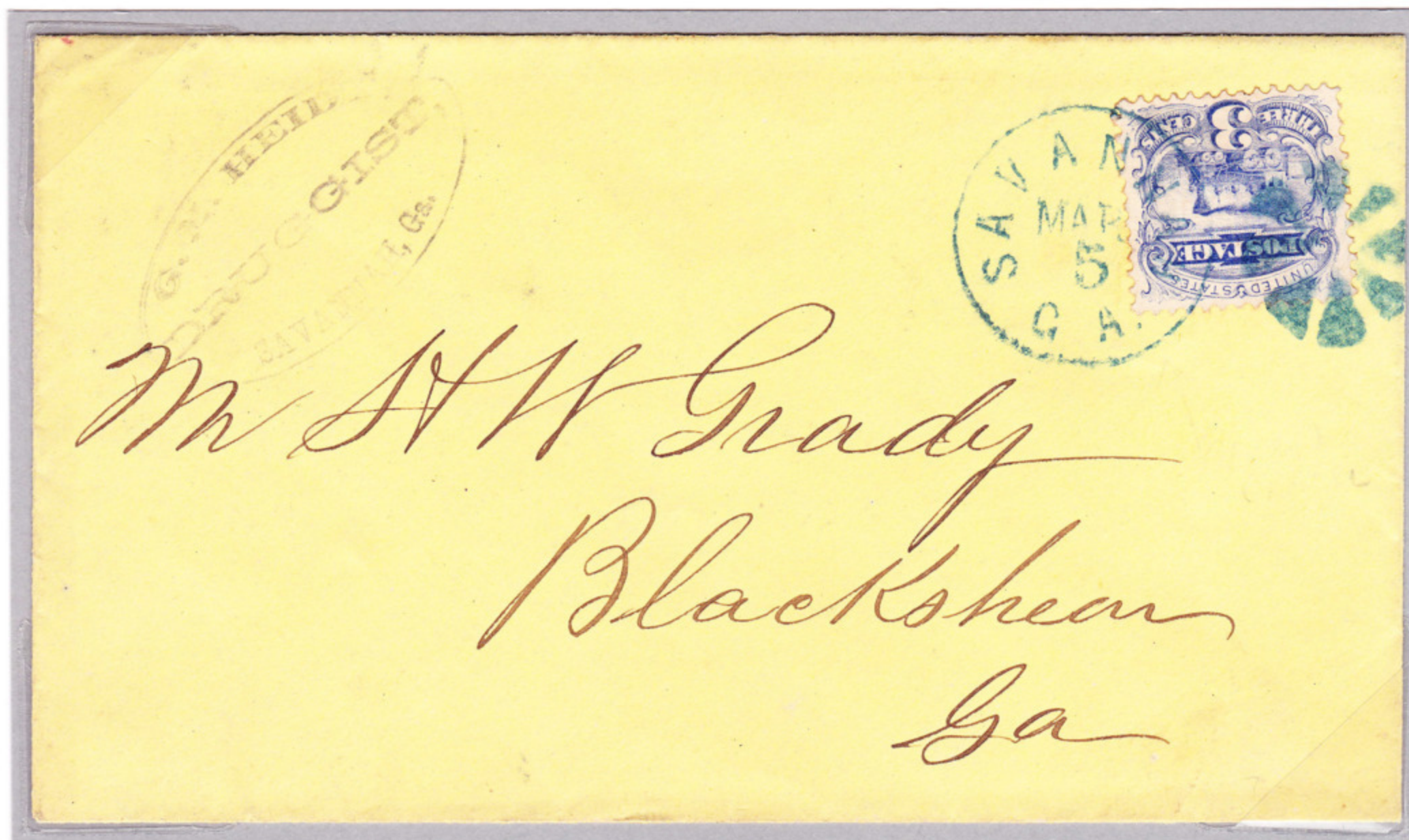
Small Starburst

Sept 18 (1869?)



"Golf ball"

Jan 6 1870



Wedges

May 5 (1870?)

A census by the exhibitor found **24 Savannah foreign mail covers** bearing 1869 stamps. The earliest was posted October 9, 1869; the latest June 25 1870. **All but one are addressed to cotton importers C.H Wilson or W.A. Maxwell of Liverpool, England.** Savannah did not use special cancels for foreign mail; only four different cancels are known on foreign-mail covers.



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The color and freeform designs of the above cancels suggest a Savannah origin. The stamps probably paid the 1869 twelve-cent rate to England.

Quartered Cork



Maxwell Cover: Oct 19 1869

The "GOLFBALL" cancel is known on both domestic and foreign mail.
It was used for about two months: Nov 17 1869 to Jan 19 1870.

Early Strike of "Golfball" Cancel



Maxwell Cover: Nov 27 1869

Latest known Use of "Golfball" Cancel



Wilson Cover: Jan 19 1870

Circle of Vs



Maxwell Cover: May 14 1870

Latest Known Savannah FM Cover Bearing 1869 Stamp



Wilson Cover: June 25 1870

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MERCHANT CANCELS

Postage Stamps Used Illegally as Revenue Stamps



A Good Assortment of Lehigh, Schuylkill and Bituminous Coal.

Philadelphia, 4 Mo 8 18 70

J. Stevenson 1307 S Broad

TERMS CASH. Bought of **BRANSON & BROTHER,**
507 South Broad Street, below Lombard,
and 1118 Washington Avenue.

3 2 60 lbs. to the Ton.

2 Ton 2 1/2 Ton 2 1/4 Ton 2 1/8 Ton 2 1/16 Ton

Coal, at \$ 8.25 per Ton, \$ 16.50
8.75 17.50
4.00 1.60
per *Wm. McClure* (\$ 35.60)

Received Payment,

Branson & Bro

New York, Aug 1st 1880

W. A. Watson

Bought of **LEONARD DECKER,**
MANUFACTURER OF
GOLD CHAINS AND JEWELRY,
No. 20 MAIDEN LANE, (Up Stairs.)

38 Cast 14 1/2 Cable Chain 121 45 98
1 pr S Buttons 7 00
52.98

Leard Decker

RED CANCELS

SIMPLE CORK

After blue, red is the most prevalent cancel color on low-value 1869 stamps, making up about 2.5 per cent of all such cancels. Red cancels are abundant on the 3-cent stamp, uncommon on the 2-cent stamp, and scarce-to-rare on the 1-cent stamp. For higher values, red cancels are more prevalent than blue. This relative abundance is due largely to foreign-mail rate marks, Baltimore foreign-mail cancels, and NY supplementary mail markings.

Brown-Red



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ex Ishikawa



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Orange Red



Brownish Red



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Red targets with other than four rings are rare.

2-ring w/bullseye



ex Knapp

4-ring



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5-ring



Local Cover: Town Unknown



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Red targets are scarce on high-value 1869 Stamps.

Type I 15-cent

Type II 15-cent



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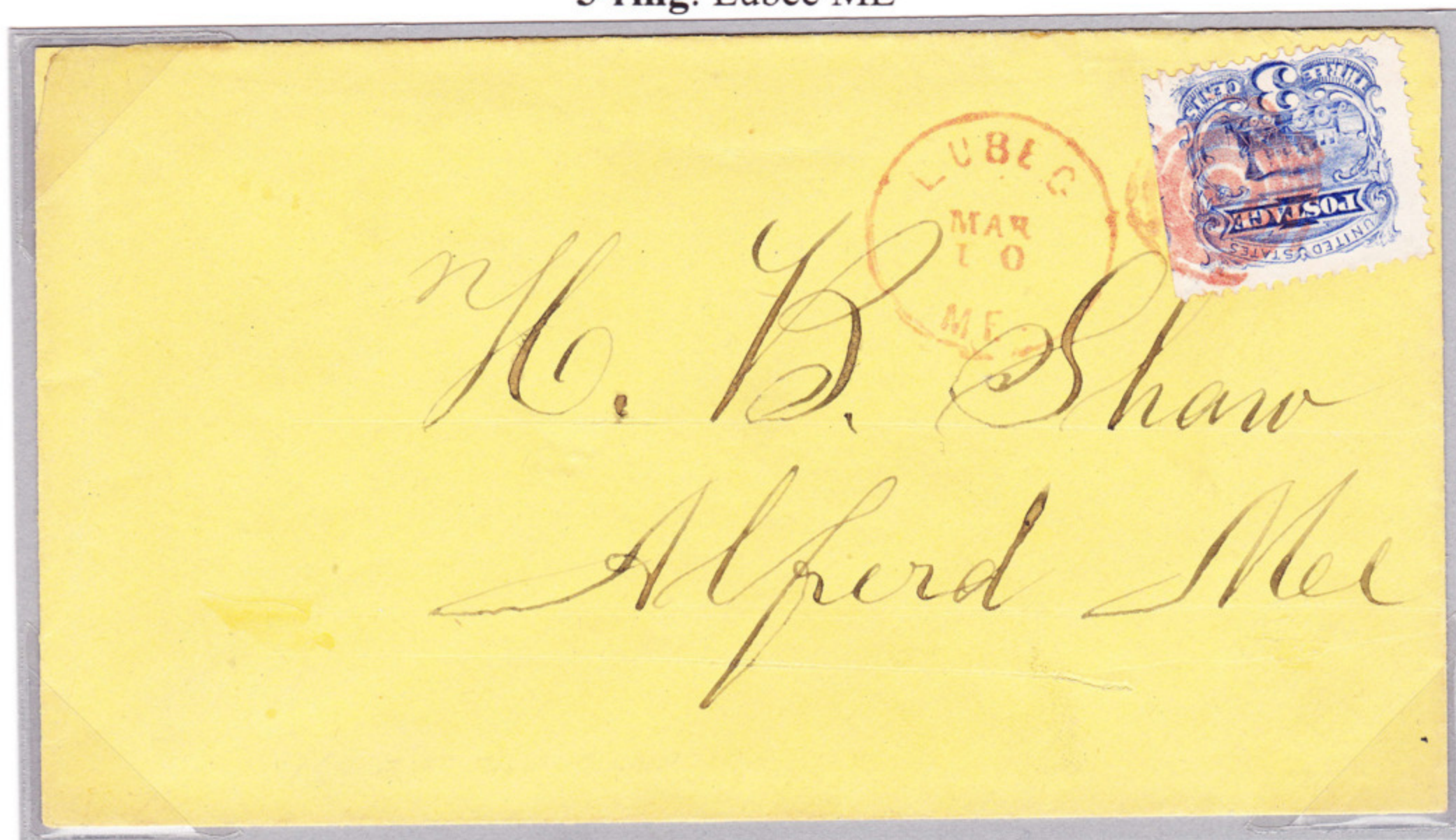
4-Ring: Bristol-to-Chattanooga RPO



4-Ring: Bedford MA



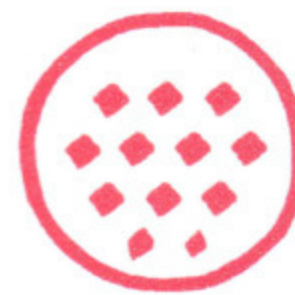
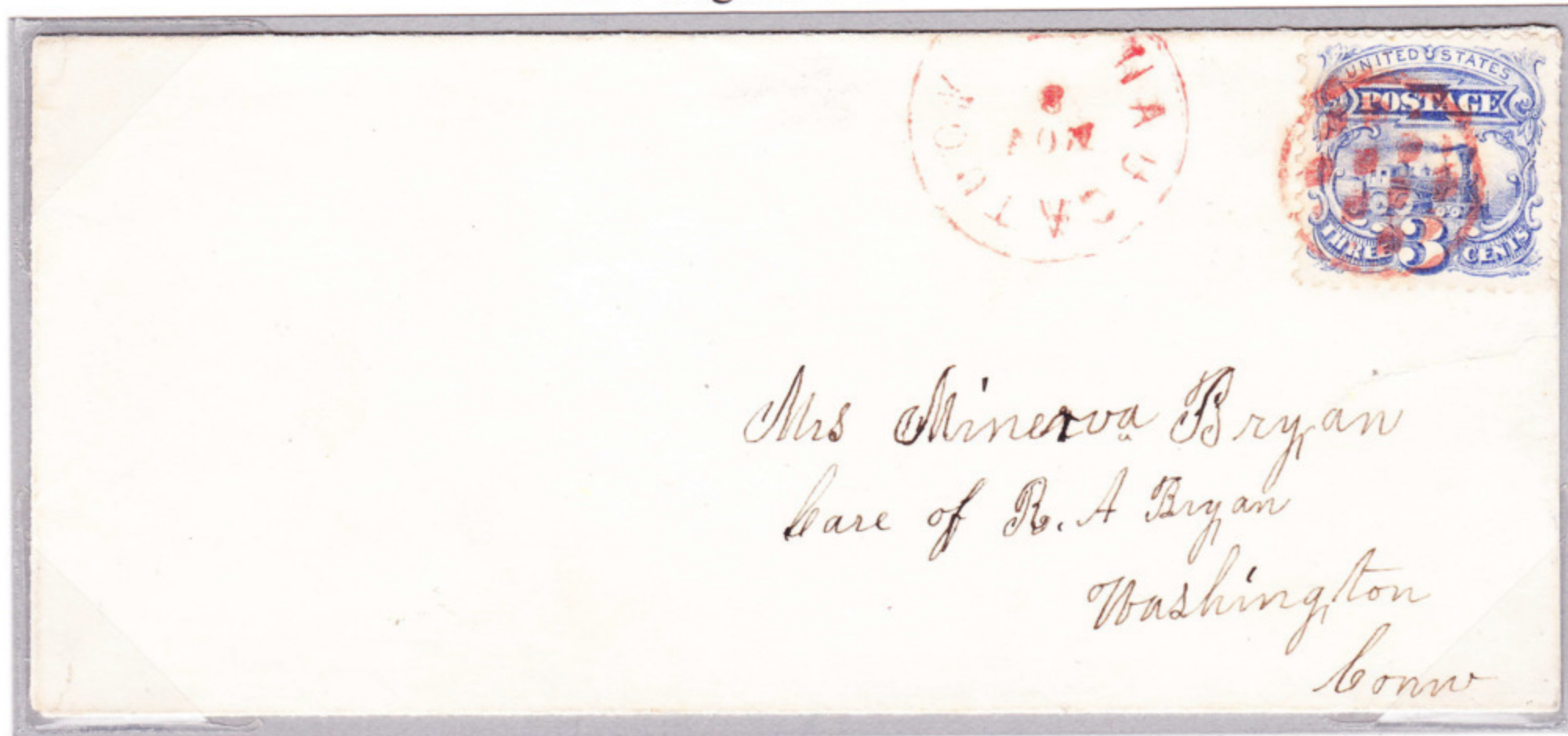
5-ring: Lubec ME



RED CANCELS

DESIGNS IN CIRCLES

Dots: Naugatuck CT



Triangles: Irasburgh VT



Spokes: Trinidad, Colorado Territory



Closed Grids

7 Bar



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7 Bar



11 Bar



7-Bar: Springfield VT



Open Grids

5 Bar



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4 Bar



Mini 7 Bar



4 Bar



5 Bar Brick-Red



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5 Bar



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5 Bar Brwn-red



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RED CANCELS

GRIDS

South Deerfield MA

5-Bar with Blue CDS

Three known: Apr 28-May 27



Split Grid



Geometric grid: Millersburg OH



RED CANCELS

STARS

4-Point



5-Point

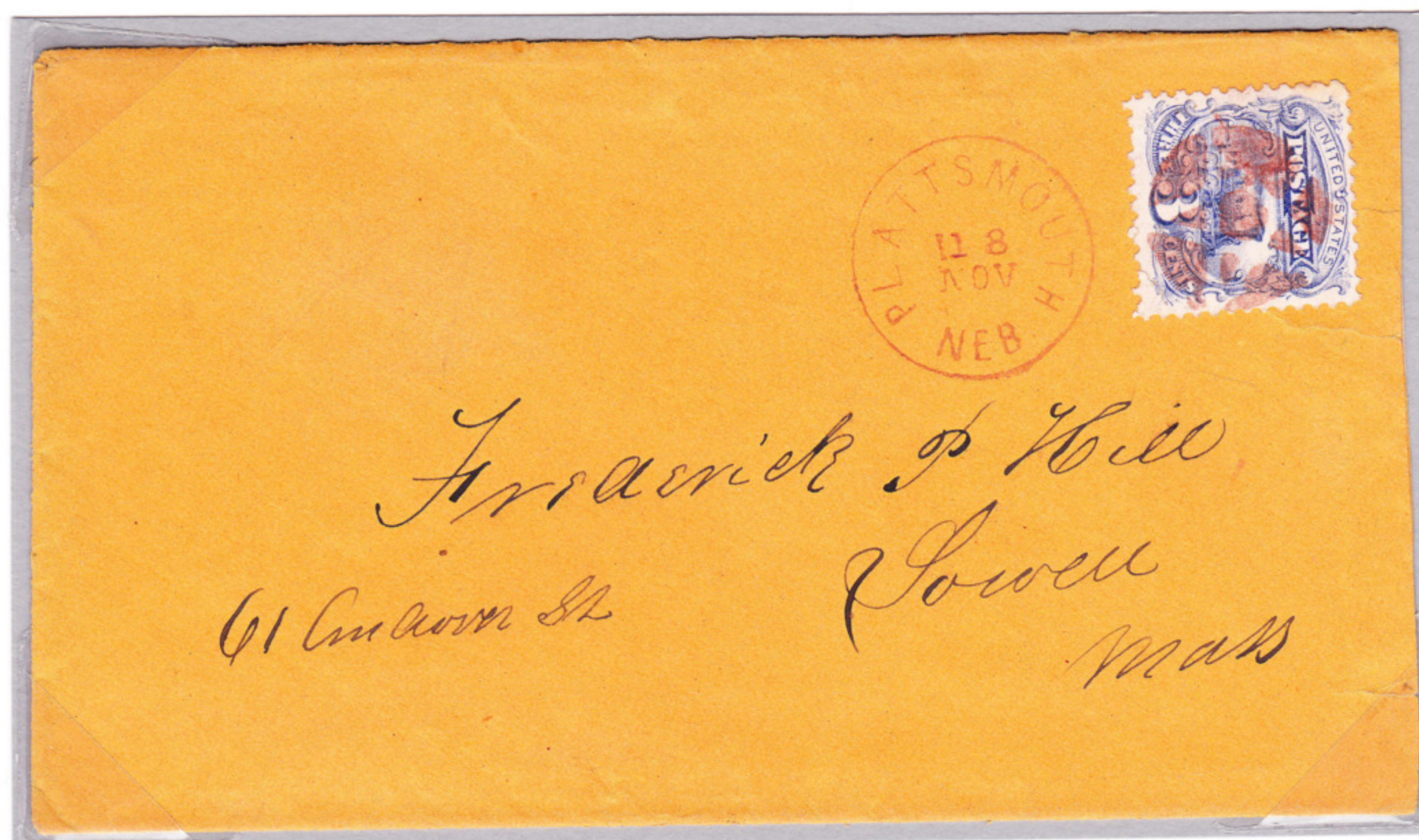


ex Haas

5-Point Solid: Millersburgh OH



5-Point Negative: Plattsmouth NB



RED CANCELS

STARS & STARBURSTS

STARS

6-Point



6-Point Masonic



7-Point



One of two known

STARBURSTS



Millersburg OH

