

Red Letter-Cancels are Rare on 1869 Stamps

"M"



Manchester VT e

Ornate "W"



Stylized Letter "E": Evanston IL



Only known on-cover example

RED CANCELS

POSTAL MARKINGS AS CANCELS

Either by accident or for convenience, postal-marking hand stamps not intended for obliteration were sometimes used as cancels.

STEAMSHIP



U.S. SHIP



NY Supplementary A



e



PAID



e



RED CANCELS



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e



ex Juhring

8



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Strip of three canceled by "20" credit markings
(With faint underlying Virginia CDS cancels)



British Colonial "1d" PM



ex Grunin



e

24



ex Juhring e

1d

Above items highlighted in red are believed to be unique

RED CANCELS

CDS CANCELS

15-CENT INVERT

NY Credit CDS



Only Red Mark On This Invert

(with black cork) e

Boston
PAID ALL DIRECT



e

New York
PAID ALL DIRECT



NY Town



NY Town



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NY Town



New York
PAID ALL DIRECT



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NY Town



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New York
EXCH OFFICE PM



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NY Town



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New York
EXCH OFFICE PM



e

Green Cancels are much scarcer than either blue or red cancels. It was mostly small towns that experimented with green ink during the 1869 era

About Twenty 1-Cent Stamps are known to Bear Green Cancels

Cork



e

Target



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Dark Green



ex ishikawa

Star in Circle



Ex Cole



More than a Hundred Off-Cover 3-cent Stamps Bear Green Cancels

Target



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Negative Cross



Wedges



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STARS



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GREEN CANCELS

UNKNOWN ORIGINS

Green cancels are scarce to rare on high value 1869 stamps. None are known on the type-I 15-cent, 24-cent, and 90-cent stamps

Fewer than fifteen 6-cent stamps are known to bear green cancels



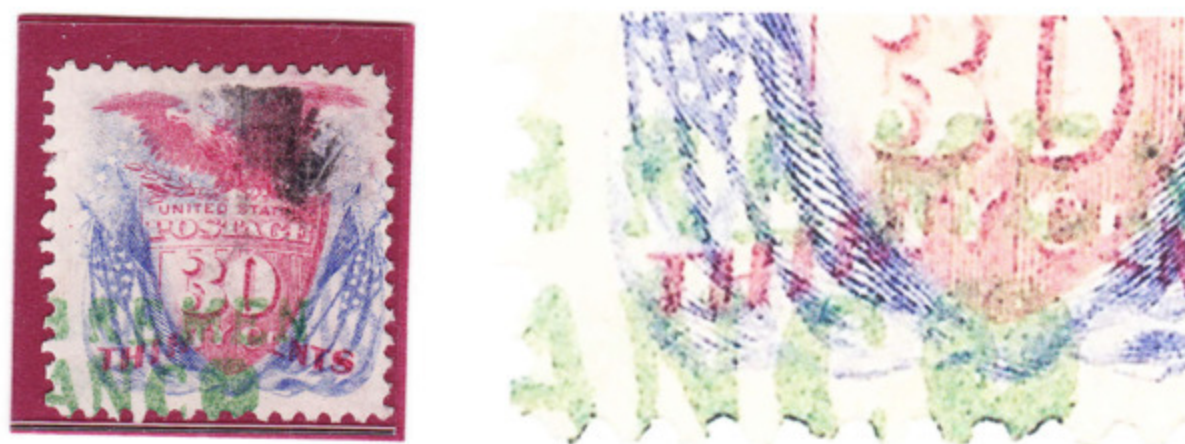
Three of seven known green cancels on 12-cent stamp



Two of three known green cancels on type-II 15-cent stamp



Bremen/Franco transit (usually red; unique in green)



The only other green cancel on the 30-cent stamp is a solid star e

GREEN CANCELS

KNOWN ORIGINS

Twenty different post offices are known to have used green ink during the 1869 era. About 50 covers have survived. Fully half of those covers are from Owego NY, and eight are from Murfreesborough TN. The rest are mostly solitary examples from eighteen towns. The following ten pages show green cancels from 16 towns.

Bardstown KY: One of Two Known



Burlington VT: Only Known



Byron OH: Only Known



Target: Cabell C.H. WV



Only known green cancel on bisect use

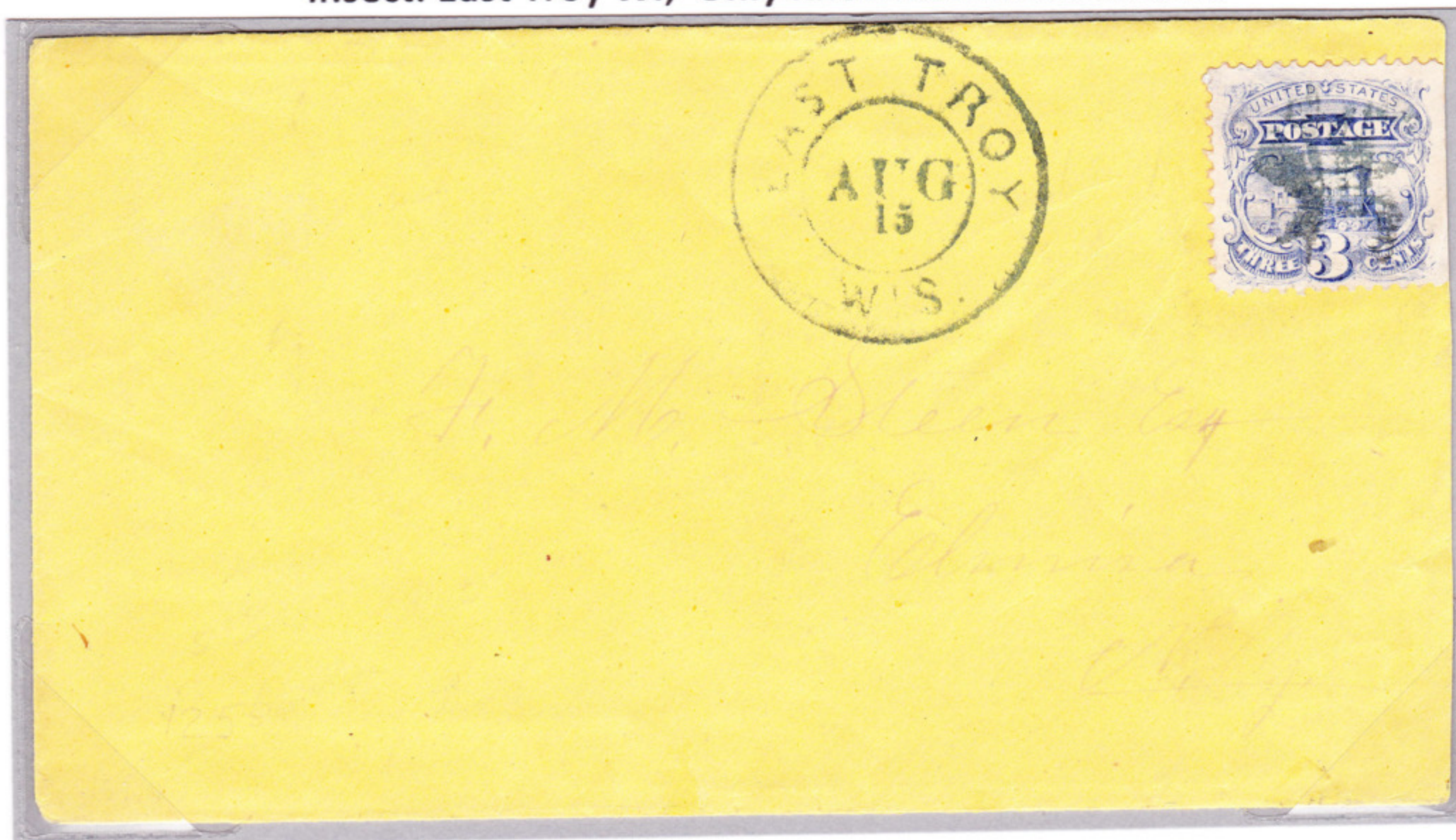
Only known example of Cabell green target cancel

One of two known green cancels on 2-cent cover

Grid: Cornish Flat NH; Only Known



Insect: East Troy WI; Only Known Strike in Green e



Emporia KA: One of Two Known



GREEN CANCELS

KNOWN ORIGINS



6-Point Star-in-Star

Farmland IN

Only Known

Greenwich NY

Two Known



Postmark Cancel

Henniker NH

Only Known

Square & Compass: McMinnville TN

One of Two Known Examples ^e

Cogwheel Cancel: Murfreesborough TE

Murfreesborough TE was the second most prolific user of green ink during the 1869 era. Eight surviving covers bear the **cogwheel cancel** of Murfreesborough. One of these covers bears the 1-cent stamp; two bear the two-cent stamp; and five bear the 3-cent stamp. The cogwheel cancel was used for six months from December 30 1869 to June 30 1870.

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Earliest Known Use: December 30 1869



GREEN CANCELS

KNOWN ORIGINS

(VICKSBUR?)GH Miss



e

Target: Russellville ARK



CDS: Topeka KA



ex-Gibson e

GREEN CANCELS

KNOWN ORIGINS: OWEGO NY

Owego used both **apple green** and **true green** ink during the 1869 era. In the process this small town produced over half of the surviving fifty or so 1869 covers that bear green cancels.

Apple Green Cork: June 15



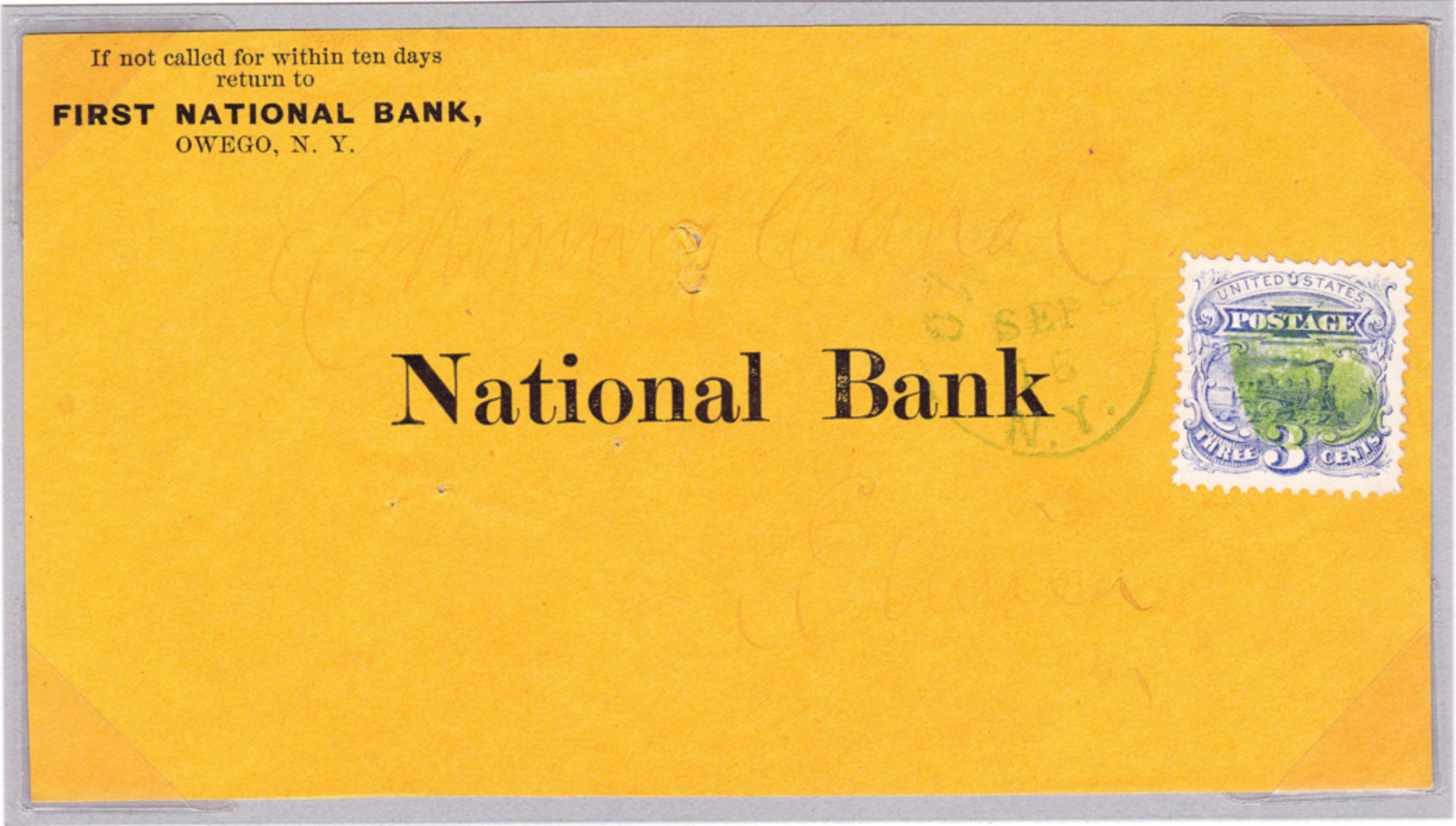
Apple Green Quartered Cork: Sept 4



GREEN CANCELS

KNOWN ORIGINS: OWEGO NY

Apple Green keystone: Sept 16



Apple green circle of wedges: Oct 19 1869



Addressed to T.D. Woolsey, President of Yale: 1846-1871

GREEN CANCELS

KNOWN ORIGINS: OWEGO NY

True Green Quartered Cork: Feb 26 1870



True Green Split Rectangle: Feb 28 1870



True Green Circular Grid: April 11



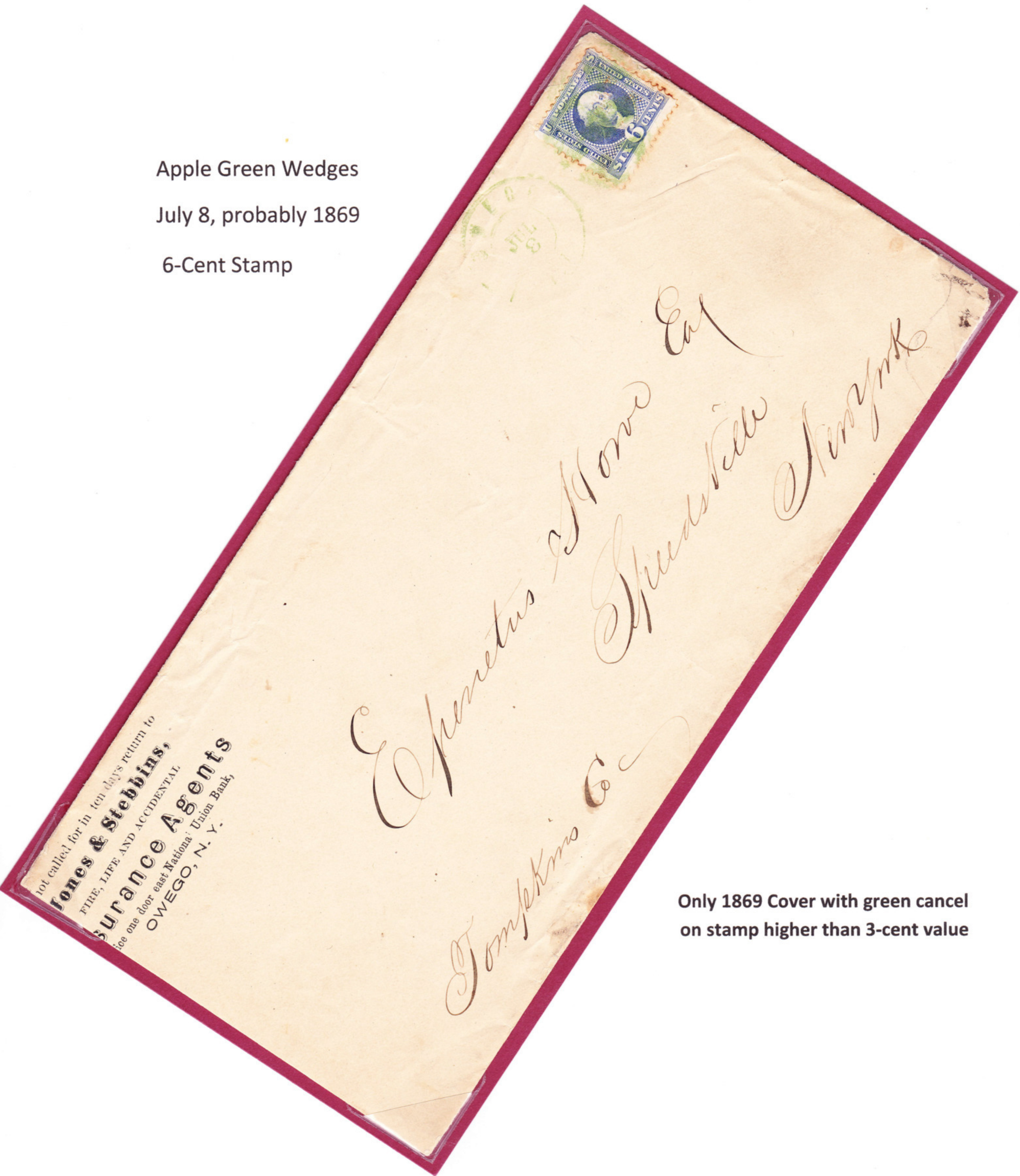
GREEN CANCELS

KNOWN ORIGINS: OWEGO NY

Apple Green Wedges

July 8, probably 1869

6-Cent Stamp



Only 1869 Cover with green cancel
on stamp higher than 3-cent value