

C. With Carrier Services and Local Post
1. Local Post

Ohio - Cincinnati - Frazer & Co City Despatch Post
Pennsylvania - Philadelphia - Telegraph Despatch P.O.



NO 3, 1848 to New York, NY. e

The only recorded use of the "Yellow Eagle" carrier stamp in combination with the 1847 issue



To Middletown, CT. e

The only 2¢ Telegraph Despatch P. O. local and 1847 issue combination cover recorded

C. With Carrier Services and Local Post
2. Local Post

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia
D. O. Blood & Co.



OC 15, 1847 to Boston, MA.

One of two recorded 2¢ covers in combination with two 5¢ of the 1847 issue



AU 24, 1848(?) to Pikesville, MD.

The only recorded cover with this combination of stamps

C. With Carrier Services and Local Post
2. Local Post

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia
D. O. Blood & Co.



AUG 19, 1850 to New York, NY.

The indicia reads "Blood's Despatch Envelope". *One of two covers recorded with the 1847 issue*



NO 5, 1850 to Shelbyville, PA.

Position 1R - Double transfer Type "A" - Albino indicia reading "Blood's Dispatch Stamp".
The only albino indicia recorded in combination with a 10¢ 1847

D. Route Agents
1. Railroad

Augusta & Atlanta
Baltimore & Susquehanna

A route agent was an employee of the Post Office in charge of the mails on a railroad or steamboat route contracted to the Post Office for the carrying of mail. Many of them were furnished with 1847 stamps, while others were not.



FE 4, 1850 to Rome, GA.

Stamps supplied: 5¢ - 1,500 - **One of three recorded covers from this railroad**
A route agent was appointed in 1846 and there were seven trips per week during the 1847 period.



NO 10, 1850 to Wrightsville, PA.

Stamps supplied: Quantity unknown - **One of four recorded covers from this railroad**
A route agent was first assigned in 1850.

D. Route Agents
1. Railroad

Cayuga & Susquehanna
Concord & Montreal



JA 22, 1851(?), to Springfield, NY. *e*

Stamps supplied: Quantity unknown - ***Only recorded cover from this railroad***
The route agent was appointed in 1850.



AP 8, 1850 to Franklin, NH.

Stamps supplied: Quantity unknown - ***One of six recorded covers from this railroad***

D. Route Agents
1. Railroad

Little Miami
New York & Harlem



JU 10, 18?? to Newtown, PA. e

Stamps supplied: 5¢ - 1,000 / 10¢ - 200 - **Discovery copy of the red sunburst cancel (2006)**

The latest of the three known Little Miami 5¢ covers and the only one with a pair

A route agent was appointed in 1848 to cover the 65 miles between Cincinnati, OH and Xenia, OH, seven trips a week.



OC 22, 18?? to Albany, NY.

Stamps supplied: Quantity unknown - **The only recorded cover from this railroad**

A route agent was appointed in 1849. His run was from New York, NY to Dover, NY (78 miles).

D. Route Agents
1. Railroad

New York & Philadelphia
Norwich & Worcester



MY 1, 1848 to Halifax, NS (May 12). - Stamps supplied: 5¢ - 2,900 / 10¢ - 500.
10¢ for > 300 miles to the lines and 4½ pence from port of entry (Saint John, NB- May 6) to Halifax, NS.

The only recorded cover to British North America from this railroad

A route agent was appointed in July 1847.



NO 16, 1849 to Suffield, CT. e

Stamps supplied: 5¢ - 1,500

D. Route Agents
1. Railroad

Richmond & Petersburg
Troy & Whitehall



JY 3, 1850 to Petersburg, VA.

Stamps supplied: Quantity unknown. - **The earliest of two 1847 covers recorded for this railroad.**

Route agents were assigned in 1839.



JA 9, 1850(?) to Albany, NY.

Stamps supplied: Quantity unknown - **One of eight covers recorded for this railroad.**

Route agent service started in 1849.

D. Route Agents
1. Railroad

Washington
Wilmington & Raleigh



FE 1, 1851 to Wheeling, VA. - Stamps supplied: 5¢ - 1,300 / 10¢ - 250
Route agent service began in 1847 on this route.



OC 14, 1850 to Philadelphia, PA. *e*
Stamps supplied: 5¢ - 1,000 - Dot in "S" variety on left stamp.
Route agents were assigned to this railroad as early as 1846 and possibly earlier as this was a section of "The Great Mail Route".

D. Route Agents
2. Waterways

Lake Champlain S. B.
Louisville & Cincinnati Mail Line



NO 2, 18?? to New York, NY. - Stamps supplied: Quantity unknown e

One of only two recorded bisects with a route agent marking

Lake Champlain steamboats carried contract mails from Whitehall, NY to Rouses Point, NY (120 miles) from July 1, 1849.



JU 27, 1851 to Philadelphia, PA. - Stamps supplied: Quantity unknown

One of five recorded covers from this railroad

Thomas B. Johnson was the route agent in charge of the mails from January 27, 1851.

D. Route Agents
2. Waterways

“Steamer 10” Marking

There is some question whether the “Steamer 10” marking is a route agent or a steamboat marking. The scant evidence points to a route agent marking used on the steamer *Oregon* in the fall of 1847 on the coast run between New York, NY and Fall River, MA.

Stamp supplied: Quantity unknown

The only two genuine covers recorded with this marking



AU 20, 1847, Boston, MA to New York City, NY. – *Earliest known use of the marking*



SE 1, 1847, Boston, MA to Orwigsburg, PA. e

E. Non-Contract Steamboats
1. Steamboat and Steam Markings

Albany
Natchez

The mark "STEAMBOAT" or "STEAM" indicates that the letter was picked up somewhere along an inland river, lake, bay or coastal sound by the captain or clerk of a vessel having no mail carrying contract. The captain was required by law to carry them to a Post Office where they entered the mail stream after being marked to indicate their origin.



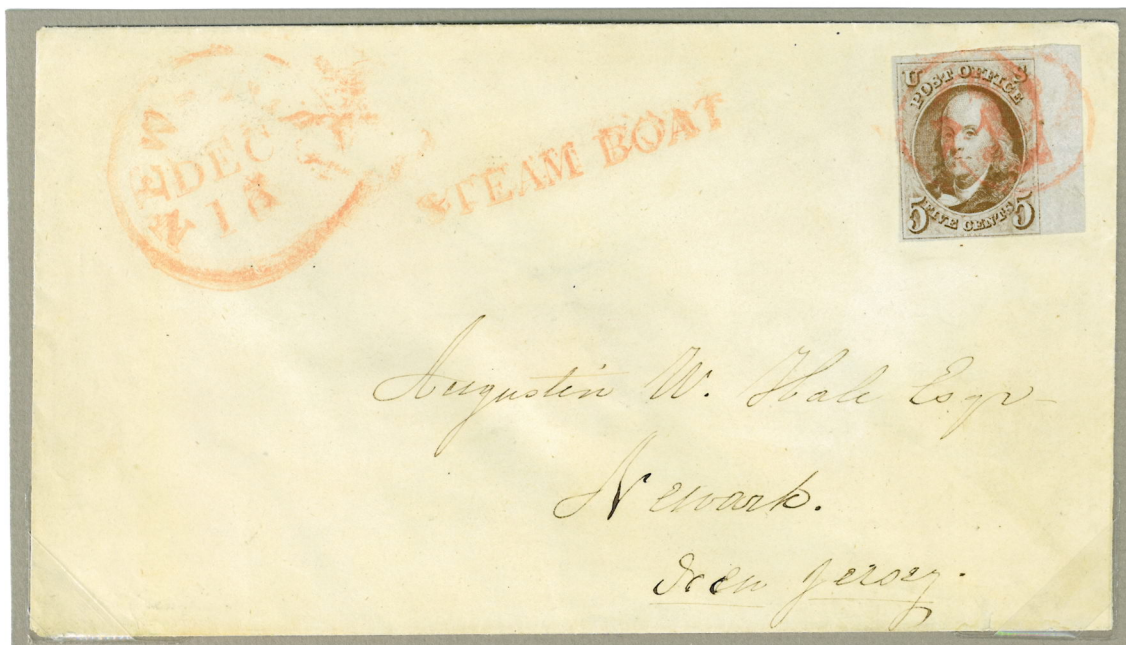
AU 17, 1850 New York City, NY to Montreal, CE (August 20) via Hudson River steamboat to Albany, NY. *The stamp has an exceptionally large top sheet margin*



MR 14, 1850 Rodney, IA to Natchez, MS. Carried on the Mississippi River Packet *General Worth*.
Dot in "S" variety.

E. Non-Contract Steamboats
1. Steamboat and Steam Markings

New York City
Troy



DE 13, 18?? to Newark, NJ via a coastal steamer and New York City. ^e
Position 80R, double transfer "A", showing the top frame line doubled.



Undated to Albany, NY. ^e
Marking applied at Troy where the letter entered the US mail system.
Two-cent steamboat fee handstamp.

E. Non-Contract Steamboats
2. Name of Boat Markings

Steamer *Mayflower*
Steamer *Saxon*

An auxiliary marking carrying the name of the vessel. Few are recorded on covers with the 1847 issue.



JU 25, 18?? to New York, NY. - **Position 35L showing a short transfer at top.**

Believed to be the only cover from this ship with an 1847 stamp.

The cover once had mounting tape at top which, when removed, affected small portions of the markings.

The Steamer *Mayflower* operated on the Great Lakes and mail picked up en route entered the mails at Buffalo, NY.



JA 24 & 25, 1851(?) to Stratford, CT.

Saxon on this cover seems to be a manuscript "Name of Boat" marking as it is in a different handwriting than the address. As the other covers from this correspondence originate on the Red River, presumably this one does also. The cover is postmarked both January 24 & 25. It is presumed that the cover was received on one day and despatched on the next.

Section Five: Used Abroad

A. British North America 1. Canada

November 16, 1847 - May 14, 1849

Cross-border mail rates between Canada and the US were based on the principle of "paid to the lines" until April 6, 1851 when a combined or "through" rate of 10¢ (15¢ from California) or 6d. (9d. to California) was introduced. Similar arrangements for conveying the mails existed between the Maritime Provinces and the US.

Postage rates up to April 5, 1851

USA (per ½ oz.)

5¢ - < 300 miles to the border
10¢ - > over 300 miles to the border

Additional rates for higher weights for each distance

Canada (per ½ oz.)

4½d. - < 60 miles
7d. - 60-100 miles
9d. - 101-200 miles
11½d. - 201-300 miles
2d. - each additional 100 miles

Methods of payments

March 3, 1845-November 15, 1847

Canadian postage prepaid in cash
US postage prepaid in cash, or unpaid

November 16, 1847-May 14, 1849

Canadian postage prepaid in cash
US postage prepaid in US stamps only or unpaid

May 15, 1849-April 5, 1851

Canadian postage prepaid in cash or unpaid
US postage prepaid in cash, US stamps or unpaid



SE 16, 1848 to Boston, MA. e
4½d. < 60 miles and 5¢ < 300 miles.

US postage stamps were on sale at some Canadian post offices.

A. British North America
1. Canada

November 16, 1847 - May 14, 1849



MR 20, 1849 to New York, NY. *e*
4½d. < 60 miles and 10¢ > 300 miles.



AU 7, 1848 to Burlington, VT. *e*
Quadruple rate in Canada 1/6: paid in cash and triple rate in the US: 15¢ in stamps.

On June 5, 1845, Canada's Deputy Postmaster General Stayner published a table of rates showing that Canadian rates increased in full ounce increments while US rates increased by ½ oz. increments.