

1848-49 RECTANGULAR "PAID" - 2 CENTS



EARLIEST RECORDED -

September 13, 1848

LATEST RECORDED MANUSCRIPT CAN-

Sept. 13th 1848

LATEST RECORDED -

November 3, 1851



Geo. W. Carpenter Esq.



Messrs. E. J. Etting & Bro.
46 No. Waver-



SIX RECORDED COMBINED WITH
1847 GENERAL ISSUE



Mr. J. P. Jones Rev.
183. William Street.
New York.



J. G. I. Co.
4th. below Walnut
Philadelphia

LATEST RECORDED 4 BAR GRID CANCEL
ON ANY BLOODS - July 24, 1849

Within a few months pale green oval designs were replaced with small rectangular adhesives. Reserved for city delivery, "PAID" had been retained from the striding messenger, and not denominated. Exhibitor's original research has recorded only 45 examples, actively in service from September 13, 1848 until November 3, 1851,* each one demonstrated above. Largely an 1849 stamp, it bridged the transition from manuscript and grid cancels to acid mutilation.

* "BLOOD'S SMALL 15L12 'PAID'," MORRIS, VERNON R. JR MD; THE PENNY POST, VOL. 9, NO.3 (JULY 2001), PP. 37-38

"2 Cts" COLLECT

Retail Druggists send their orders to large houses for fresh supplies through Blood's Despatch.



ONE RECORDED WITH STARS

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"PAID"

Size	Image	Year
C-31		1846-47
DC-31		1846-47
DC-25		late 1847
DC-25		early 1848
DC-25		1848
DC-25		1848



By 1848 Blood & Co. reorganized and changed its name to BLOOD'S DESPATCH. "Collect" service was 2 cents. Prepaid 1 cent. Transition from large 31 millimeter handstamps with stars in center to 25 millimeter double circle handstamps without stars, morphed through *two unique handstamp variations, NEW TO PHILATELY*, which retained old style stars in center of new smaller double circle design.

1849 RECTANGULAR "ONE CENT"

FIFTEEN COMBINED WITH 10 CENT 1847



AUGUST 13, 18450
RECTANGULAR "ONE CENT" STAMP
ACID CANCEL
10 CENT 1847 GENERAL ISSUE STAMP
RED SQUARE GRID CANCEL
RED PHILADA RAILROAD STRAIGHTLINE
RED NEW YORK CDS
ADDRESSED TO PORTLAND, MAINE
PFC 2013

72 COMBINED WITH 5 CENT 1847



NOVEMBER 3, (1849-50)
RECTANGULAR "ONE CENT" STAMP
5 CENT 1847 GENERAL ISSUE STAMP
RED "WAY/5" HANDTAMP TWICE
BLUE BALTIMORE CDS TWICE
ADDRESSED TO MARYLAND
PFC 1999

ONE RECORDED TO GERMANY
March 25, (1852-53)



COPY OF REVERSE



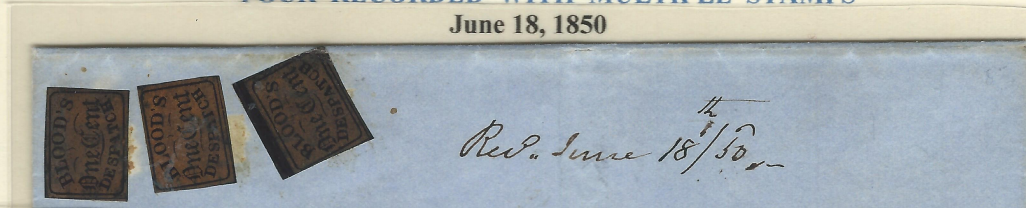
On February 19, 1849 the Postmaster General reduced the carrier rate to 1 cent in several large cities including Philadelphia. Blood's Despatch pre-empted the government by its own rate reduction on January 8, 1849. "ONE CENT" design is self explanatory and no longer required volume purchases. Exhibitor's original research has recorded 293 examples with an active philatelic period from March 6, 1849 until June 1853. Three transatlantic covers have been recorded; one to England, one to France, and one to Germany, shown at bottom including image of reverse. One of 12 "southern mail" WAY covers in middle.

1849 RECTANGULAR "ONE CENT"

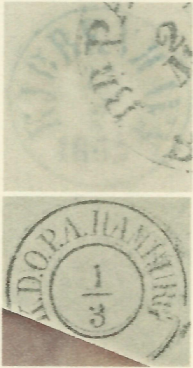


FOUR RECORDED WITH MULTIPLE STAMPS

June 18, 1850



ONE RECORDED FROM EUROPE
DENMARK - March 27, 1850



TWO RECORDED WITH
THREE 1 CENT 1851-52
October 29, (1851-52)



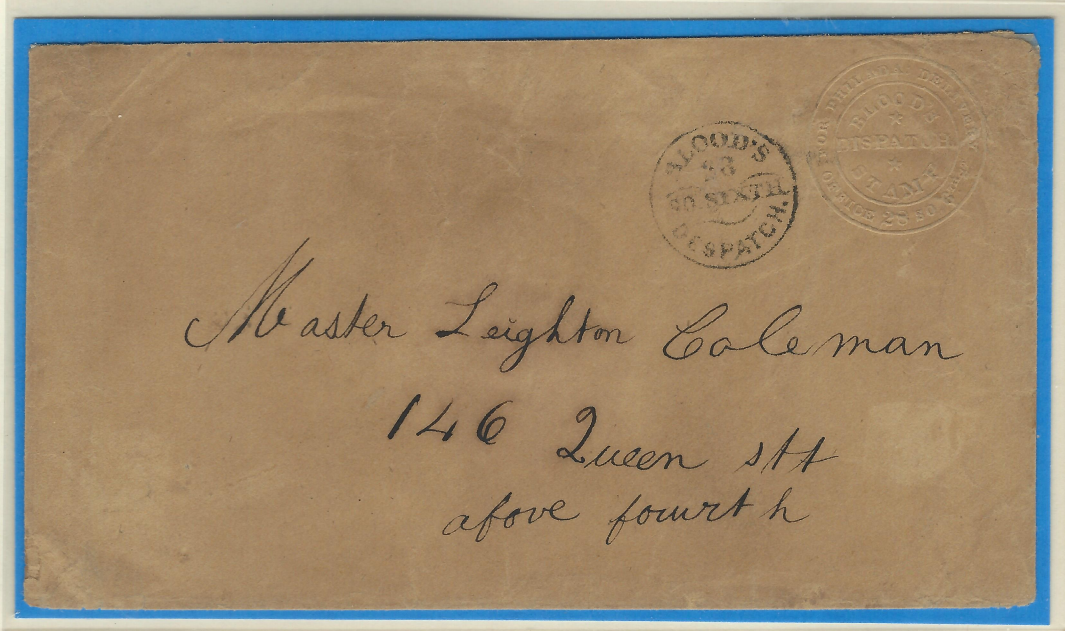
TWO RECORDED TO CANADA
March 27, 1852



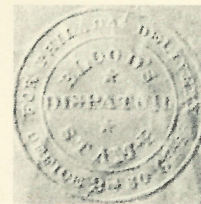
COPY OF REVERSE



TWO RECORDED ALBINO - FIRST USA EMBOSSSED ENVELOPE



STAMPED ENVELOPES, each of which will take a letter without further charge through "BLOOD'S DESPATCH," can be had at 48 SOUTH THIRD St., at 20 cts. a dozen. April 13 1851



UNDATED

BLOOD'S ALBINO EMBOSSSED ENVELOPE

UNCANCELLED

BLOOD'S HANDSTAMP MARKING

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2008

TWO RECORDED WITH 1847 GENERAL ISSUE



ONE RECORDED TRANSATLANTIC BLOOD'S ENVELOPE OF ANY TYPE

January 8, 1852



JANUARY 8, 1852

TYPE 2 EMBOSSSED ENVELOPE

UNCANCELLED

RED "PHILA. PAID" IN OCTAGON

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

MANUSCRIPT "21 C PAID"

MANUSCRIPT "6"

ADDRESSED TO PARIS, FRANCE

PFC 2000

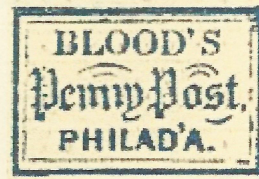
Prepaid embossed envelopes were produced by Blood's Despatch five years prior to government entires,* confirmed by April 10, 1948 newspaper notice top left, advertising "Stamped Envelopes." Albino embossments trials were unsatisfactory, top example, and likely were predecessor of the typical colored embossments: Type 1 in the middle for 28 South Street, which expanded next door to include 26 South Sixth Street by May 2, 1851, at bottom, for Type 2 .

* "BLOODS DESPATCH REVISITED", STEVEN ROTH; THE PENNY POST, VOL.1, NO.4, P.22

** "BLOOD'S FIRST ISSUE ENVELOPE", SCOTT. TREPPEL, THE PENNY POST, VOL. 10, NO. 1, P. 29

1853 BLUE AND PINK ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

EARLIEST RECORDED - April 16, (1853)



APRIL 16, (1853)

BLUE AND PINK BLOOD'S PENNY POST ADHESIVE

ACID CANCEL

BLOOD'S DESPATCH HANDSTAMP

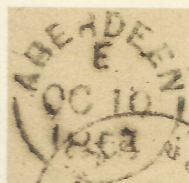
BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP, TWICE

BLACK "N. YORK BR. PACKET 23 APR 20" HANDSTAMP

ADDRESSED TO BRUNSCHWEIG, GERMANY

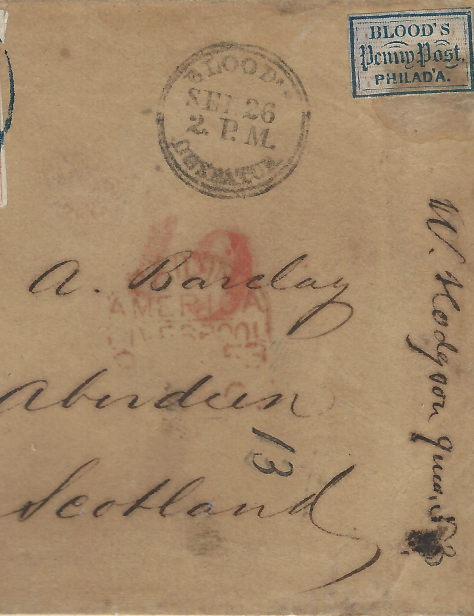


TWO TRANSATLANTIC COVERS



SEPTEMBER 26, (1853)
BLUE ON PINK ADHESIVE
ACID CANCEL
BLOODS HANDSTAMP
6 THREE CENTS STAMPS, 2 MISSING
BLUE PHILADELPHIA CDS
ADDRESSED TO SCOTLAND

ABERDEEN
OC 10 / 1853



ONE RECORDED TO CANADA

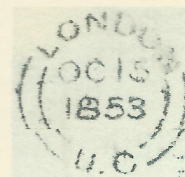
OCTOBER 11, 1853

BLUE AND PINK BLOOD'S PENNY POST ADHESIVE
ACID CANCEL

BLOOD'S DESPATCH HANDSTAMP

1 CENT 1851 GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

THREE 3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

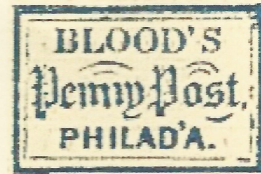


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OCT 15 / 1853

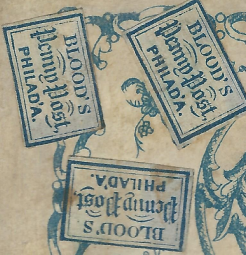
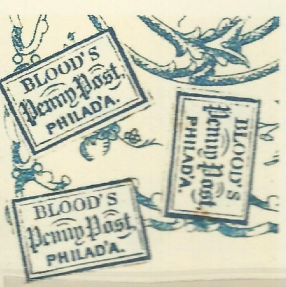
Blood's Despatch reorganized again in 1853, and was renamed **BLOOD'S PENNY POST**. Blue and pink on bluish stamps were sold by **mid April**. Blood's Penny Post boasted 500 collection boxes in various drug stores, grocery stores, and hotels.* The Government was years away from lamp post boxes. **Both transatlantic examples** are shown above.

* "BLOOD'S DESPATCH REVISITED," STEVEN M. ROTH, THE PENNY POST, VOL. 1, NO. 4, NOVEMBER 1991, P. 23

1853 BLUE AND PINK ADHESIVE - 1 CENT



ONE RECORDED MULTIPLE -



*Dr. Lewis
Spruce Street
Phila*



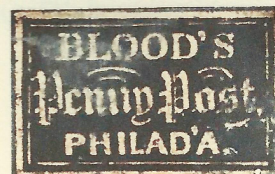
*Sam Puckerman
Care of Josiah Hunt
Dorchester
Dorchester
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EARLIEST RECORDED BLOOD'S NESBIT

1854 BLACK ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

EARLIEST RECORDED - February 17, 1854

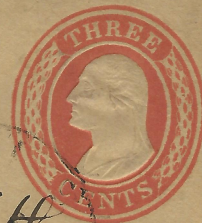
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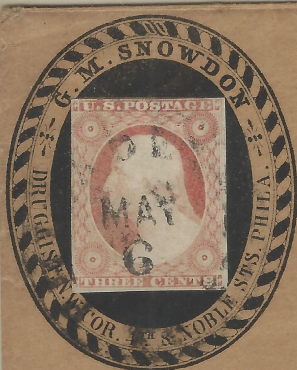
LATEST RECORDED - January 21, (1855)



Elisabeth



*M. Meredith
98 South Fourth St
Philadelphia
Despatch*



*Mr Wm H. Wittberger
Pulaski House
Savannah Georgia*

*Immediate delivery
is requested by the Despatch*

ONE RECORDED TRANSATLANTIC
GERMANY

ONE RECORDED FROM EUROPE -
GREECE

Athens, June 2, 1854.

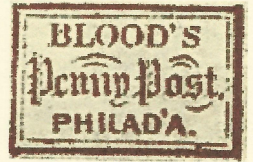


24 KR AMERICA
9 ÜBER BREMEN

In early 1854 the Blood's Penny Post issue in "Bronze on Black Glazed" paper, but **did not last a full year**. Exhibitors original research less than **25 covers have survived**. The earliest on February 17, 1854 and latest on January 21, 1855, both shown above. All examples above have been certified by the PF.

1854 BRONZE ON LILAC ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

EARLIEST RECORDED - May 3, 1854 *May 3/54*



TWO COMBINED WITH 1851 10 CENT ONE TO CALIFORNIA

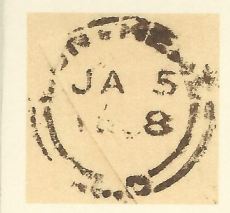
Thomas H. Wall
Pottsville



Joseph Mora Prof
San Francisco
California
Rocke Bayouque Dlo



No. 48.
Miss Blanche Payne
Granby
Canada East



ONE COMBINED WITH 1857 10 CENT

THREE RECORDED TO CANADA EAST



Mrs. Henry R. Attwater
Care of Messrs E. Attwater & Co.
Montreal
Canada East

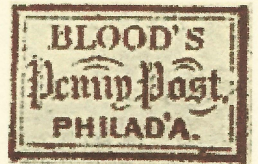
Bronze ink printed on lilac paper was the third "Blood's Penny Post" adhesive stamp. Earliest recorded was on May 3, 1854, at top, and in common use until the very end, shown at top.



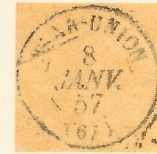
1854 - 1861 BRONZE ON LILAC ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

SIX RECORDED TRANSATLANTIC

ONE RECORDED TO FRANCE



3 BACKSTAMPS



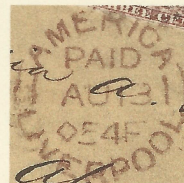
THREE RECORDED TO GERMANY



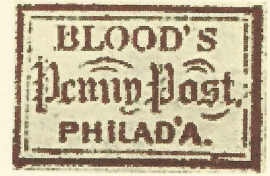
24/9 KR AMERICA
UBER BREMEN



ONE RECORDED TO SCOTLAND



Bloods Penny Post delivered letters nine times a day: four city and five Post Office deliveries. The government was no match, delivering only two times a day, in summer three times.



NOVEMBER 11, 1856
 BRONZE ON LILAC BLOOD'S PENNY
 POST ADHESIVE
 ACID CANCEL
 3 CENT 1851 GENERAL ISSUE
 ADHESIVE
 PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP CANCEL
 BLOOD'S DESPATCH DATESTAMP
 ADDRESSED TO MCKEESPORT, PA
 PFC 2003



AUGUST 7, 1861
 BRONZE ON LILAC BLOOD'S PENNY
 POST ADHESIVE
 ACID CANCEL
 BLOOD'S DOUBLE CIRCLE DATESTAMP
 3 CENT 1857 GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE
 GRID CANCEL
 PHILADELPHIA OCTAGONAL DATES-

OCTOBER 8, 1861
 BRONZE ON LILAC BLOOD'S PENNY
 POST ADHESIVE
 ACID CANCEL
 BLOOD'S DOUBLE CIRCLE DATESTAMP
 3 CENT 1857 GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE
 PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP CANCEL
 ADDRESSED TO SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK
 PFC 2000



"We is de innocent root ob dis yere trouble,
 Mass' JEFF, but its gwine to take all us poor
 niggas' breff away to keep de wind in it."
 J. R. Hawley, 164 Vine St. Cincinnati.

By December 1857 Blood's Penny Post collected and delivered letters every daylight hour.* Bronze on Lilac stamps were used into the early civil war on political covers.

* "BLOOD'S DESPATCH REVISITED," STEVEN M. ROTH, THE PENNY POST, VOL.1, NO. 4, NOVEMBER 1991, P. 24

FOUR COVERS WITH FIVE OF ANY BLOOD'S TYPE



THREE BLOOD'S WITH "OLD STAMPS" -

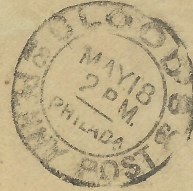
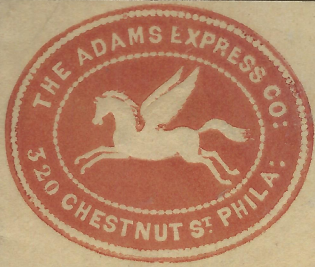
August 26, 1961



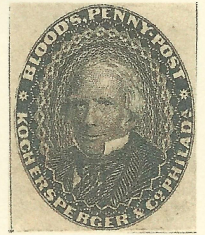
COPY OF VALENTINE

Large valentines eventually required prepayment, and preferably sent by Blood's Special Messengers.*

1858 - 1861 "KOCHERSPERGER" ADHESIVE - 1 CENT



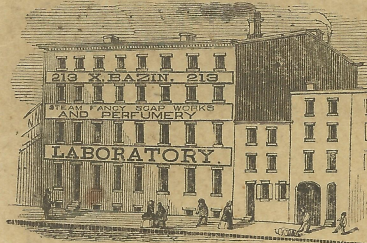
Mr. Jenkins



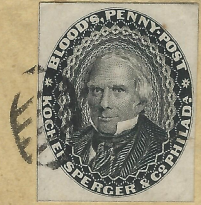
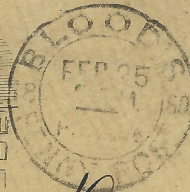
GRID IN OVAL



X. BAZIN,



PHILADELPHIA.



Dr. C. W. Hornor

Cor. 14th & Walnut St.

Philadelphia

JOSEPH GRESSMAN,



WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER IN Foreign and Domestic TOBACCO & SEGARS, LEAF TOBACCO, and all articles of the Trade. S.W. Corner of Second & Noble Sts. And N^o 45 Noble Street. PHILADA



By Mail Exp

28 Bare St

Baltimore

Md

ONE TRANSATLANTIC COVER RECORDED - May 25, 1859

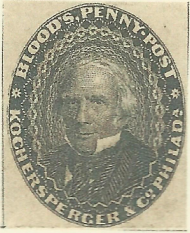
Charles Kochersperger purchased the business on October 31, 1855, established Kochersperger & Co, but continued "Blood's Penny Post." In 1856 the office relocated to 28 South Fifth Street where it remained for the final six years.



Robert ...
Dear ...
Scotland



1858 - 1861 "KOCHERSPERGER" ADHESIVE - 1 CENT



ONE RECORDED
EMBOSSSED
LOVE LETTER

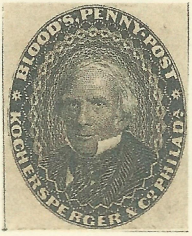


ONE RECORDED MULTIPLE



Blood's Penny Post did not charge by weight. Blood multiples were required for oversized envelopes, distant, or "collect" delivery, above middle. At top is a late May embossed cover with love letter enclosure. Bottom is the only Oregon Territory cover.

1858 - 1861 "KOCHERSPERGER" ADHESIVE - 1



TWO MOURNING COVERS



TWO RECORDED INSURANCE WRAPPERS

A. BRAM C. BROWN,
HYDRAULIC RAM PLUMBER.

PUMPS, RAMS & HYDRANTS.
Lead & Iron Pipes,
WATER CLOSETS & WASH BASINS,
& COPPER LIGHTNING RODS,
CONSTANTLY ON HAND & PUT UP TO ORDER BY
A. C. BROWN
N.E. COR. 8TH. & BUTTINWOOD STS.
PHILADELPHIA, PA.



SPRING GARDEN
FIRE INSURANCE CO.
CAPITAL \$120,000. CHARTER PERPETUAL
OFFICE,
N.W. CORNER OF 6TH & WOOD STREETS,
PHILAD'A.
THIS COMPANY INSURES AT REASONABLE RATES
LOSSES PROMPTLY PAID.

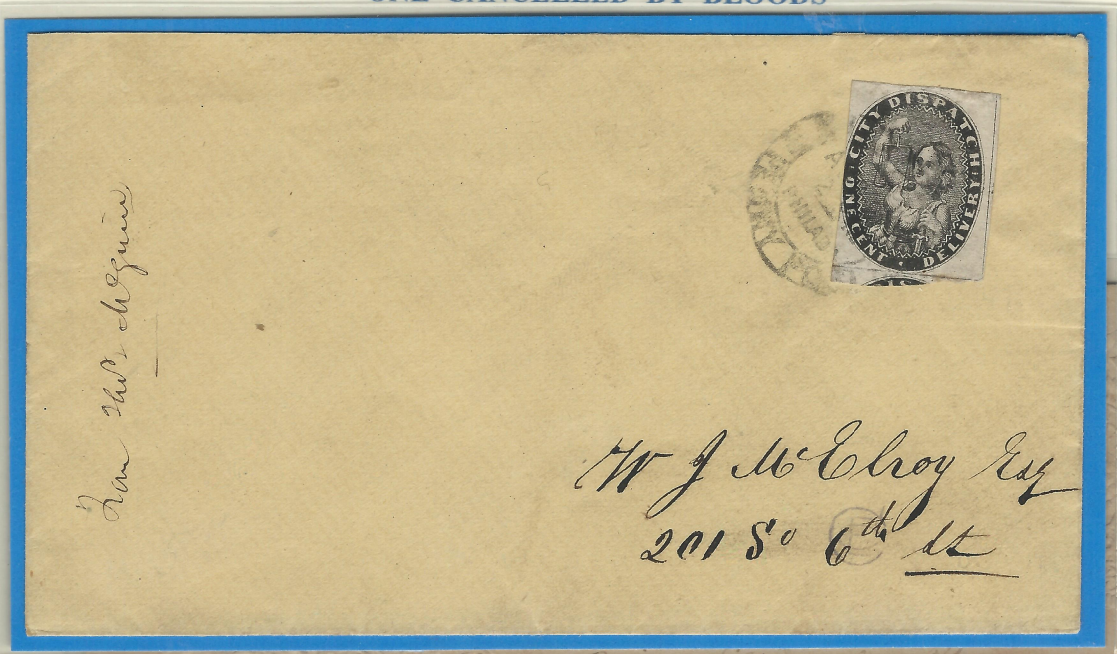
Mr. J. Harrell
N. Liberty St. west of Broadway
South Camden
N. J.

“SCALES OF JUSTICE” - 1 CENT

ONE CANCELLED BY BLOODS



ONE RECORDED VALENTINE



COPY OF VALENTINE ENCLOSURE



Top example was cancelled and serviced by Blood's Penny Post. "City Dispatch" likely was operated and possibly owned by Blood's, as cover to government scrutiny, especially in the adjacent districts now better served by the Philadelphia Sub Post Offices. For example, the valentine in middle was addressed to the Spring Garden East District. Bottom cover demonstrates all three handstamp types.