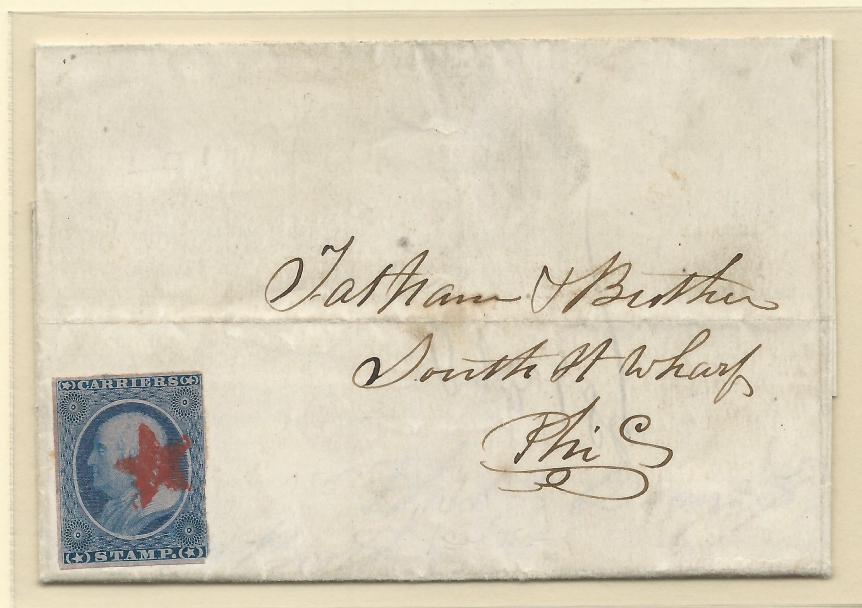


1851 GENERAL ISSUE CARRIER ADHESIVE - FRANKLIN

"CITY MAIL"

EARLIEST OF FIFTEEN COVERS - December 3, 1851



DECEMBER 3, 1851 FRANKLIN CARRIER ADHESIVE RED STAR CANCEL
LOCAL ADDRESS PFC 2009

"TO THE MAILS"

EARLIEST OF THREE OUTBOUND COVERS - December 6, (1851)



DECEMBER 6, (1851) FRANKLIN CARRIER ADHESIVE RED STAR CANCEL
ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP
PFC 2011

Of the 18 surviving covers, 14 were Philadelphia, 3 New York, and 1 New Orleans; however 3 are sequestered in the New York Public Library leaving only **15 available to private collectors**. The "Franklin Carrier" stamps were issued by the federal government on September 27, 1851 as part of the **1851 General Issue** in a serious **centralized effort** by Washington to develop a **uniform national prepayment carrier service**.*

Of the 18 surviving covers, 14 are city letters, 4 outbound, and no inbound letters. The above two examples are the earliest for each service in private hands .

* "THE FRANKLIN CARRIER STAMP ON COVER," VERNON MORRIS, *THE CHRONICLE*, NO. 229, VOL. 63, NO. 1, FEBRUARY 2011, P. 27-50.

1851 GENERAL ISSUE CARRIER ADHESIVE - FRANKLIN

ONE TIED BY RED STAR



JANUARY 26, 1852 FRANKLIN CARRIER ADHESIVE RED STAR CANCEL LOCAL ADDRESS PFC 1976 & 1997

ONE RECORDED 1851 GENERAL ISSUE WITH RED STAR CANCEL

UNDATED

1 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

PHILADELPHIA RED STAR CANCEL

1 CENT EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

PHILADELPHIA RED STAR CANCEL

BLOOD'S POSTAL STATIONARY

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2007



Post office officials quickly realized the similarity of the "Franklin Carrier" and the 1 cent 1851 general issue released three months earlier. The bottom cover is evidence of confusion with a general issue stamp cancelled by Philadelphia carrier department red star (appropriate for the top cover). The carrier stamp differed by Franklin facing left rather than right.* Also, the Franklin carrier stamp **did not specify monetary denomination**, consistent with the Postmaster General's discretionary prerogative to vary carrier fees by year, city, and type of service depending on local factors such as competition from the private posts. Within five weeks the "Franklin carrier" was succeeded by the "Eagle carrier" stamp, also shown at bottom.

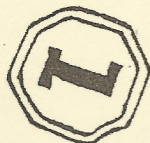
* "THE FRANKLIN CARRIER STAMP ON COVER," VERNON R. MORRIS, *THE CHRONICLE*, NO. 229, VOL. 63, NO. 1, FEBRUARY 2011, P. 28-9.

1851 GENERAL ISSUE CARRIER ADHESIVE - EAGLE

CITY MAIL

TWO CENTS:
ONE CENT CARRIER COLLECTION
ONE CENT "DROP RATE"

ONE RECORDED "NUMERAL 1 IN DOUBLE OCTAGON" CANCEL



J. B. Townsend

Arch above

Philadelphia

J. W. Gray
given
15th PineONE CENT:
ONE CENT CITY LETTER

MARCH 12, 1857

PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

LOCAL ADDRESS PFC 2012

DECEMBER 11, 1854

EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

RED STAR CANCEL

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2003

No Dec 11/54
Mr. CrokeyMessrs Clay & Jones
No. 47 South 5th Street
Philadelphia

The exhibitor submits "city mail" was the primary purpose in 1851 for the federal government to issue carrier stamps.* The top example cancelled by "numeral one" in octagon was recently discovery by the exhibitor. An 1857 late example, in middle, was cancelled by the main post office, and bottom example by the much more typical Philadelphia red star.

* MORRIS, VERNON, "TWO PHILADELPHIA EAGLE CARRIER CANCELLATION DISCOVERIES, NEW LRD, AND A NEW THEORY," THE PENNY POST, VOL.17, NO. 2, APRIL 2009

1851 GENERAL ISSUE CARRIER ADHESIVE - EAGLE

CITY MAIL

ONE RECORDED COMBINATION WITH ANY LOCAL POST
ONE RECORDED ELEVEN BAR GRID CANCEL

UNDATED

EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

BLACK 11 BAR GRID CANCEL

BLOOD'S PENNY POST ADHESIVE
ACID TIED

PFC 1997



UNDATED

EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

BLACK 7 BAR GRID CANCEL

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2000



MARCH 17, 1857

EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

MANUSCRIPT CANCEL

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2000

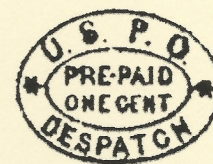


By January 1854 all Philadelphia cancels were black, in various styles such as eleven and seven bar grids. The top example may have been addressed to a district forbidden to local posts such as Blood's Penny Post, who gave it over to carrier delivery. The second latest cover, March 17, 1857, at bottom, was cancelled by simple penstroke.

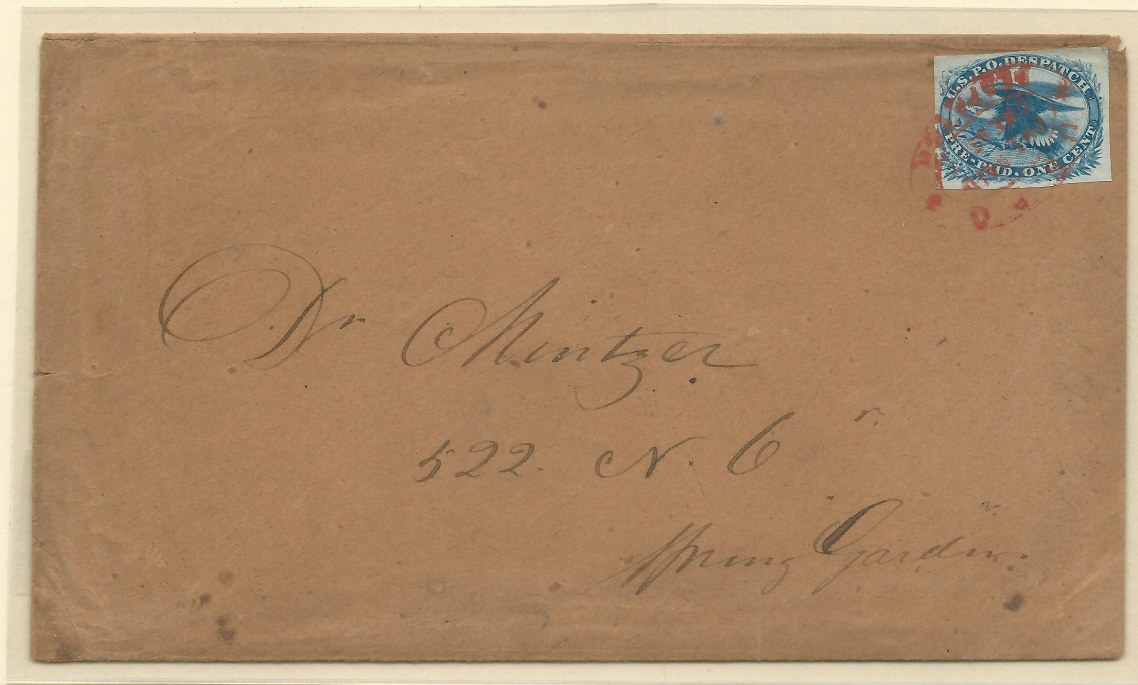
1851 GENERAL ISSUE CARRIER ADHESIVE - EAGLE

U.S.P.O. DESPATCH CANCEL

ONE CENT:
ONE CENT CITY LETTER



FOUR RECORDED IN RED



OCTOBER 3, 1853

EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

RED U.S.P.O. DESPATCH
DOUBLE OVAL CANCEL

DELIVERED TO THE
SPRING GARDEN DISTRICT

PFC 1997

The author submits the 1853 red double oval example above was a very early delivery by the Philadelphia carrier department north of the old city, a growth area where according to exhibitors original research *Blood's Despatch* had illegal entered.*

THREE RECORDED IN BLACK

DECEMBER 1, (1854-57)

EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

BLACK U.S.P.O. DESPATCH CANCEL

3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

BLACK PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP
CANCEL

ADDRESSED TO BANGOR, MAINE

PFC 2003



All Eagle carrier covers cancelled by a black double oval U.S.P.O. Despatch handstamp of the Philadelphia carrier department were to the Bruce correspondence to Bangor **Maine**, and typically with poor strike.

* "BLOOD'S 15L12: PART 13," VERNON MORRIS, *THE PENNY POST*, VOL 23, NO.1, WHOLE NUMBER 94, JANUARY 2016, PAGE 56, 59-61.

1851 GENERAL ISSUE CARRIER ADHESIVE - EAGLE

"TO THE MAILS"

4 CENTS:
1 CENT CARRIER COLLECTION
3 CENTS PREPAID UNDER 3000 MILES

JUNE 15, 1852

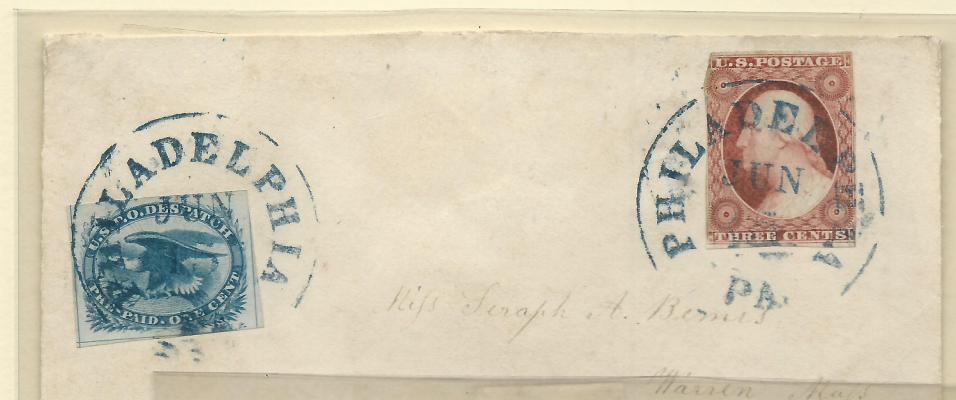
EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP
CANCEL

ADDRESSED TO WARREN, MASS

PFC 2003



MARCH 3, (1852-54)

EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

RED STAR CANCEL

RED "3 cts. PAID" PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

MANUSCRIPT "HASTE"

ADDRESSED TO BURLINGTON, N.J.

PFC 2009



6 CENTS:
1 CENT CARRIER COLLECTION
5 CENTS COLLECT UNDER 3000 MILES

JUNE 14, (1853)

EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

RED STAR CANCEL

BLUE 5 CENT DUE
PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

DELIVERED TO NEW YORK

PFC 1999



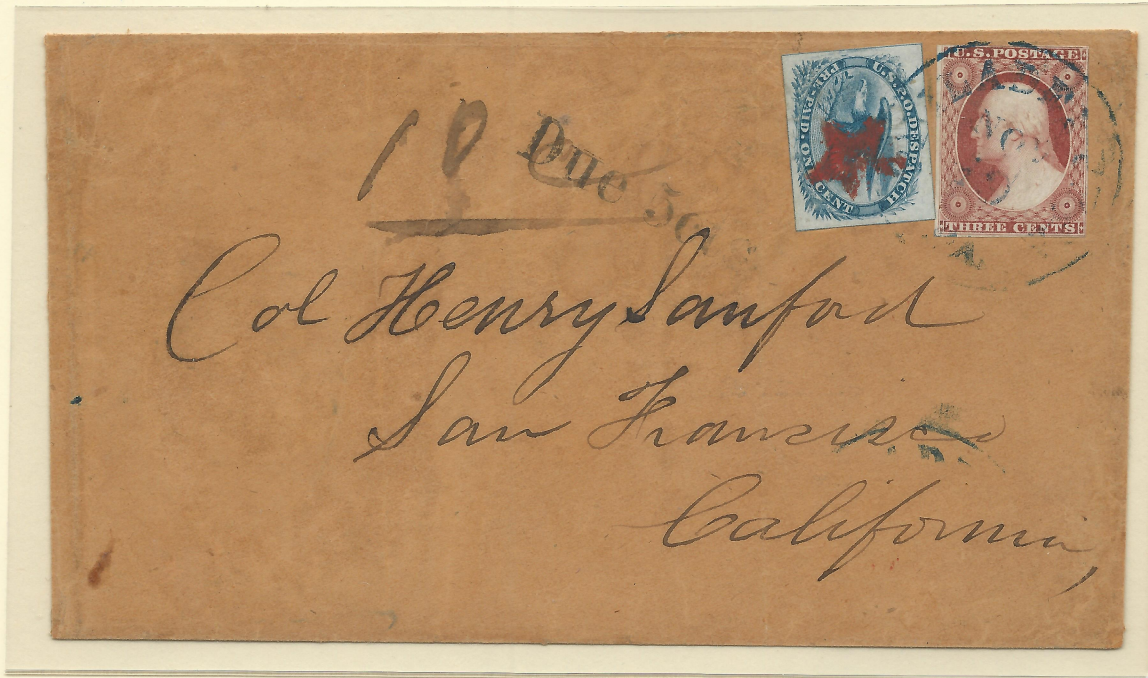
In late 1851 Postmaster General Hall exercised his discretionary privilege ordering the few carrier departments to **collect outbound letters free**, which in Philadelphia would greatly undercut Bloods Despatch. The exhibitor submits that in *defiance the Philadelphia carriers refused to work for free and continued "1 cent for all services."* Evidence above is 1852 and 1853.

1851 GENERAL ISSUE CARRIER ADHESIVE - EAGLE

TRANSCONTINENTAL

7 CENTS:
1 CENT CARRIER COLLECTION
6 CENTS PREPAID OVER 3000 MILES

THREE RECORDED TRANSCONTINENTAL COVERS



NOVEMBER 19, (1852) EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE RED STAR CANCEL
3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP
MANUSCRIPT "10" DUE 5 CTS ADDRESSED TO SAN FRANCISCO / CALIFORNIA PFC 1978



JULY 2, (1852) EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE RED SMUDGE CANCEL PAIR 3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVES
BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP ADDRESSED TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA PFC 2007

Above are two of the three recorded transcontinental Eagle carrier examples, differing by payment mechanism. The transcontinental rate over 3,000 miles was 6 cents prepaid, 10 cents collect. The top example **hybrid was 8 cents**; half prepaid by single 3 cent stamp, half due collect 5 cents. The top cover was initially assumed fully unpaid manuscript 10 collect, but corrected by handstamp "Due 5 cts." The bottom example demonstrates proper prepayment by two 3 cent stamps.

1851 GENERAL ISSUE CARRIER ADHESIVE - EAGLE

TRANSATLANTIC

17 CENTS:
1 CENT CARRIER COLLECTION
16 CENTS UNIFORM SEA RATE

ONE RECORDED WITH THE TWELVE CENT GENERAL ISSUE



UNDATED EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE RED STAR CANCEL
PAIR 1851 12 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE RED CORK CANCEL RED NUMERAL "19"
CORNERS REPAIRED DELIVERED TO LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND PFC 2001

25 CENTS:
1 CENT CARRIER COLLECTION
24 CENTS INTERNATIONAL RATE

TWELVE TRANSATLANTIC COVERS RECORDED



JANUARY 31, 1853
EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE
RED STAR CANCEL
BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP
RED "PAID" HANDSTAMP
MANUSCRIPT "PAID 24 CTS"
RED NUMERAL "19"
RED 1853 LIVERPOOL RECEIVING MARKING
DELIVERED TO LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND
PFC 2000 & 2011

Only 12 Eagle carrier stamps to the Eastern Hemisphere have been recorded. Origin was **Cincinnati six, Philadelphia five, and Washington DC one**. Destinations were Liverpool four, London one, Germany three, Paris one, France one, Denmark one, and Syria one.

The United States - British Treaty of 1848 single rate, one half ounce, was a uniform *sea rate of 16 cents*, top example, or prepaid 24 cents international rate inclusive of all inland postage, mourning cover at bottom.*

1851 GENERAL ISSUE CARRIER ADHESIVE - EAGLE

KENSINGTON



MAY 4, (?) EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE RED KENSINGTON DATESTAMP CANCEL
DELIVERED TO CLAYMONT DELAWARE PFC 1997

FORWARDED



BLUE DELAFIELD, WIS
DATESTAMP

BLUE "PAID 3" HANDSTAMP

EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE

RED CANCEL

BLACK PHILADELPHIA
DATESTAMP

MANUSCRIPT DEC 13, 1854

ADDRESS CHANGE FROM
PHILADELPHIA TO
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

PFC 2003

Nearby **Kensington** was one of only four post offices in the United States to receive Eagle carrier stamps. The Kensington post office had a close working relationship with nearby Philadelphia carrier department. **Eagle carrier stamps were printed in Philadelphia** by Toppan, Carpenter & Co. At top is a tied example from some 30 surviving Eagle carrier covers from the Kensington post office in Philadelphia County.

The bottom example inbound from Wisconsin was addressed to a Philadelphia street address. The carrier department must have been unsuccessful, since it was converted to an **outbound** forwarding to New Jersey. The Eagle carrier stamp may have been paid by the reverend's representative.

1851 GENERAL ISSUE CARRIER ADHESIVE - EAGLE

"TO THE MAILS"

4 CENTS:
 1 CENT CARRIER PREPAID
 3 CENTS PREPAID UNDER 3000 MILES

LATEST RECORDED PHILADELPHIA EAGLE CARRIER COVER - June 29, 1857
 TWO RECORDED SQUARE GRID PHILADELPHIA CANCELS



JUNE 29, 1857 EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE SQUARE GRID CANCEL 3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE
 BLACK PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP ADDRESSED TO CLEVELAND PFC 2009



NOVEMBER 25, 1853
 EAGLE CARRIER ADHESIVE
 RED STAR CANCEL
 3 CENT EMBOSSED ENTIRE
 BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP
 ADDRESSED TO CAMBRIDGE,
 MASSACHUSETTS
 PFC 2000

The top example originated ten miles from Philadelphia in Riverton, New Jersey, summer homes for many Quaker Philadelphians. It was privately transported to Philadelphia for deposit into a carrier collection box. **June 29, 1857 is the latest** recorded Philadelphia Eagle carrier. *Philadelphia square grid cancels had not been previously recorded in Philadelphia.* At bottom is an unusual combination of Eagle Carrier and Nesbit envelope.

MISTAKEN POSTAGE

FIVE RECORDED TRIPLE ATTEMPTED INTERCITY USE



UNDATED

EAGLE CARRIER HORIZONTAL STRIP OF THREE

RED STAR CANCELS

BLUE PHILADELPHIA 5 CENTS DUE HANDSTAMP

ADDRESSED TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

PFC 2003

ONE RECORDED ATTEMPTED CARRIER USE



UNDATED

3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

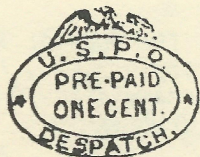
BLUE NUMERAL "1" IN OCTAGON

LOCAL ADDRESS

MANUSCRIPT "THE WRONG STAMP - J.C. MONTGOMERY ASST. P.M."

PFC 2003

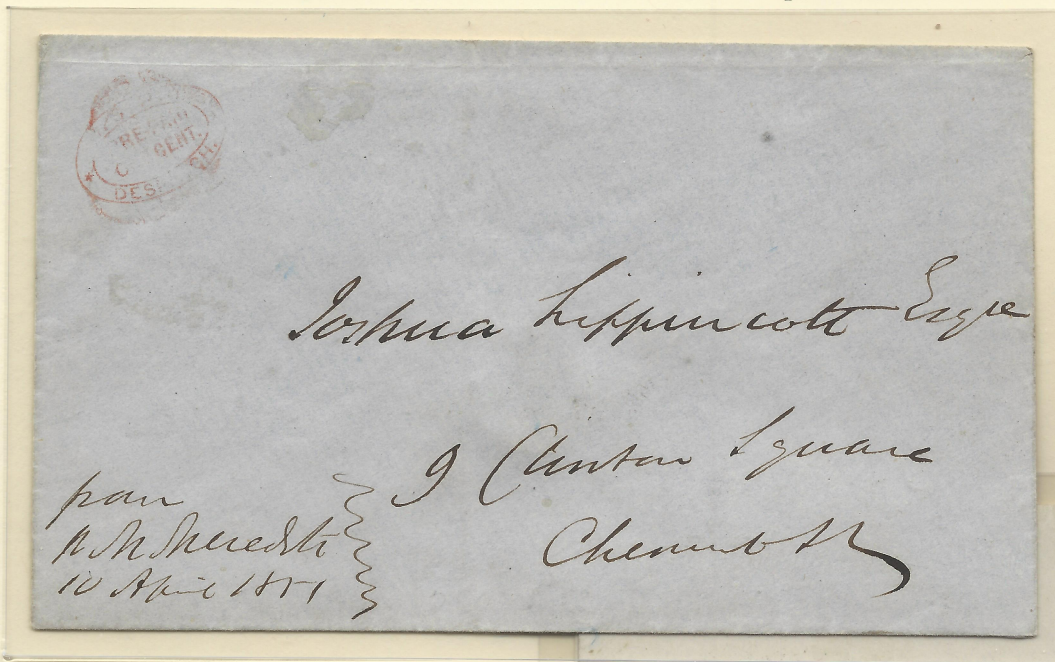
Eagle carrier stamps could not pay for intercity mail, as in the top example, since **prepayment went to the carrier fund**. A 5 cent due Philadelphia datestamp was applied to **collect** postage from the recipient. The Philadelphia carrier department sold its own stamps, provided its service, and paid its carriers. Their accounting was separate from the main post office. Therefore, as in the bottom example, a general issue stamp could not pay the carrier delivery, because the money from prepayment went to the main post office for Washington. The handwriting on the back flap by Assistant Philadelphia Post Master Montgomery states **"Wrong Stamp."**



MOUNTED EAGLE MARKING

21 X 14 MM U.S.P.O.
DESPATCH DOUBLE OVAL
SURMOUNTED BY A
LEGLESS EAGLE WITH
OUTSTRETCHED WINGS

EARLIEST RECORDED IN ANY COLOR - April 10, 1851



APRIL 10, 1851

RED USPO DESPATCH
MOUNTED EAGLE MARKING

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 1997 & 2010

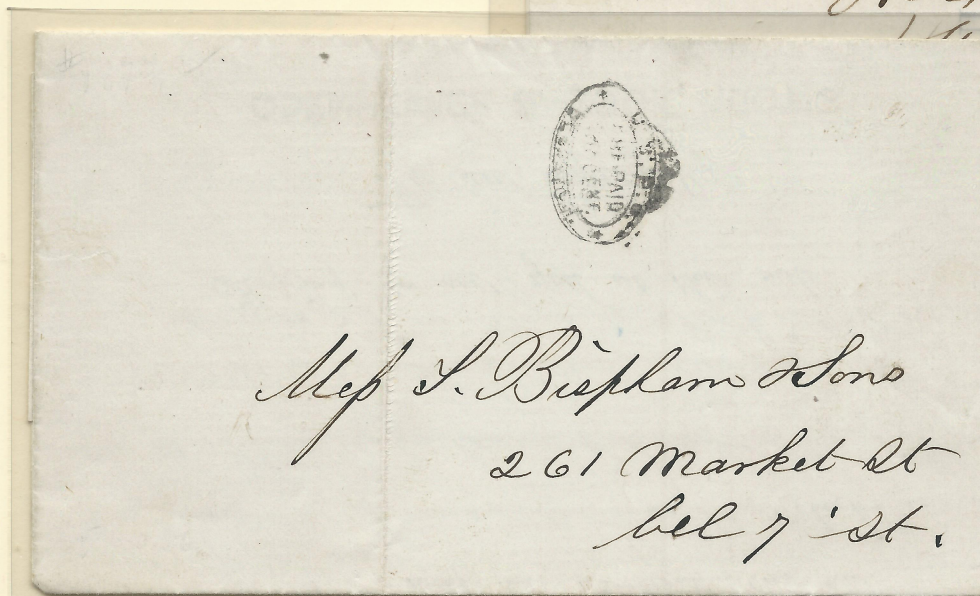
EARLIEST RECORDED IN BLUE -
June 1851

JUNE 1851 CIRCULAR

BLUE USPO DESPATCH
MOUNTED EAGLE POSTMARK

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 1997



LATEST RECORDED IN
ANY COLOR - June 3, 1856

JUNE 4, 1856

BLACK USPO DESPATCH
MOUNTED EAGLE POSTMARK

LOCAL ADDRESS

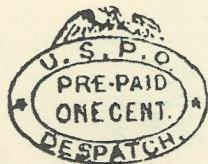
PFC 2001

Approximately 15 mounted eagles handstamp markings are recorded. The majority are red, perhaps 4 blue, and 3 black. This marking consummated payment of one cent in coins given the carrier for city letters. The color dating is consistent with the Philadelphia post office conversion to black ink in early 1854. The literature has reported the earliest date on June 4, 1852 and latest date May 20, 1856. The top two examples are well over one year earlier than previously reported.*

* "THE CARRIER STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES; PHILADELPHIA," ELLIOTT PERRY, *THE CHRONICLE*, NO. 118, VOL. 35, NO. 2, MAY 1983

PRE-PAID ENVELOPE

UNCANCELLED

ONE CANCELLED BY
BLACK STAR

Wm. T. Campbell



*Thompson Jones Esq.
Whig State Committee,
South 5th Street
Philadelphia*

THREE CANCELLED
BY RED STAR

JUNE 4, 1852

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2001

*June 4/52
Schlitzman*

*W. J. M. Chay Esq.
No 145 Walnut St.
above Sixth St.*

ONE RECORDED BLUE EAGLE
CANCELLED BY RED STAR

UNDATED

BLUE USPO DESPATCH
MOUNTED EAGLE MARKING

RED STAR CANCEL

RED USPO DESPATCH
DOUBLE OVAL MARKING

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 1997 & 2010



*Capt. Patrick Hayes
9th & Locust*

In addition to prepaid carrier stamps, the **Philadelphia carrier department** sold **prepaid envelopes** indicated by a mounted eagle marking for future carrier service. To prevent reuse, at the time of service the mounted eagle was cancelled, much like prepaid stamps were cancelled. The eagle marking on top example was initially went unnoticed, mistakenly marked one cent in double octagon "due" from the recipient, but correctly crossed out. The above group represents the **great majority cancelled** by the Philadelphia signature (red) star.

RED STAR CARRIER MARKING

4 CENTS:
1 CENT CARRIER COLLECTION
3 CENTS UNDER 3000 MILES

EARLIEST RECORDED - October 16, 1851

OCTOBER 16, 1851

RED STAR MARKING

3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

BLUE PHILADELPHIA POSTMARK

ADDRESSED TO PRINCETON, N.J.

PFC 2003



FEBRUARY 14, (1852-53)

RED STAR MARKING

3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

BLUE PHILADELPHIA POSTMARK

ADDITIONAL 3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE
ADHESIVE, BLUE GRID CANCEL

BLUE HARRISBURG POSTMARK

ADDRESSED TO PHILA (CANCELLED)

RE-ADDRESSED TO PLAINSVILLE, PA.

PFC 2002



JULY 28, 1852

RED STAR MARKING

3 CENT GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

BLUE PHILADELPHIA POSTMARK

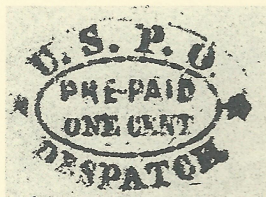
MANUSCRIPT "PAID"

ADDRESSED TO PHOENIXVILLE, PA.

PFC 1998

The red star handstamp indicated cash payment to the carrier on route for outbound letters. The top example is the earliest recorded red star marking specific to the Philadelphia carrier department. The middle example inbound from Harrisburg was 3 cents. Apparently, unable to locate the addressee, the carriers returned the letter outbound for another 3 cents to Blairsville, Pa.

RED DOUBLE OVAL "WITH SERIFS" MARKING



27 x 17 MM U.S.P.O.
DESPATCH DOUBLE OVAL
WITHOUT EAGLE
WITH SERIFS

ONE RECORDED WITH RED STAR CANCEL



LATEST RECORDED -
MARCH 1, 1853



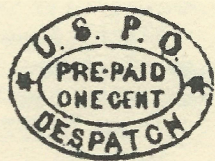
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Honnard - Sure Bonnet
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THREE COMBINED WITH
1851 GENERAL ISSUE

Less than 20 Philadelphia carrier department large double oval "with Serifs" markings have been recorded, between 1851 and 1853. Most were locally addressed. The top example was a prepaid envelope "cancelled" at time of carrier service.



ONE RECORDED UNUSED
PREPAID ENVELOPE
OF ANY TYPE

DOUBLE OVAL "WITHOUT SERIFS" MARKING

BLACK

27 X 17 MM U.S.P.O.
DESPATCH DOUBLE OVAL
WITHOUT EAGLE
WITHOUT SERIFS



BLACK USPO DESPATCH DOUBLE
OVAL WITHOUT SERIFS MARKING

RED PAID CANCEL

PFC 2011

PFC 2011

RED

EARLIEST RECORDED -
April 30, 1853



LATEST RECORDED -
June 27, 1855



At top left is the only recorded double oval handstamp on an unused cover, representing a prepaid carrier envelope for future service. An example in each color oval handstamp is found above cancelled by red "PAID." Black handstamp markings began in early 1854. "Without serifs" was the typical font. The earliest and latest shown at bottom, at left an inter-city free frank which did not include carrier collection.