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A FEW PAGES SHOWING EARLY COVERS FROM SETTLEMENTS ESTABLISHED IN THE AREA BEFORE COLUMBUS WAS FOUNDED ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

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A CENTURY OF COLUMBUS POSTAL HISTORY AND MARKINGS

The Columbus postoffice first opened for business on February 26, 1814. On that date, Postmaster Joel Buttles sent one or two letters to his sister in Connecticut or Massachusetts, one to each location. In one, he remarked that it was the first letter mailed from the Columbus postoffice.

Two other postoffices in the area had already been open for some years, Franklinton and Worthington. Franklinton, across the Scioto River from the newly established prospective state capital, was eventually absorbed into Columbus. Worthington still survives.

This exhibit shows the first century of Columbus postal history, but it includes a few covers from Franklinton and Worthington, also, sent 1807-14.

The exhibit is formed from a research type collection intended to develop information about the postal history and postal markings of Columbus. For this reason, the usual factors emphasized in a competitive exhibit, — condition, uses of rare stamps on covers, showing all possible rates and uses of stamps — were not factors in forming the collection.

Rather, sequential runs of mostly mundane covers were acquired to learn the ranges of certain markings or uses.

Some attempt was made to acquire covers with significance relative to the history of the city, especially when it affected the postal history.

Examples are the move of the state government to Columbus and the Civil War. The former increased mail volume bringing forth the first use of handstamps rather than manuscript markings. The second produced the scarce censored prisoner of war covers from Camp Chase — and the even scarcer examples from a Morgan Raider in Ohio Penitentiary.

After the use of envelopes became practical after 1845, there came printed designs in the form of corner cards and illustrated or advertising covers. These covers trace the history of Columbus, of the government, business and people.

A city collection such as this really displays a trace of the growth of not only the postal system but of the city itself.

FRANKLINTON, 1805-34

The first post office in the Franklin County area.

Franklinton 28th Oct.

10

Wm. McFarland State
Treasurer
Chillicothe

Sent Oct. 28, 1807, to the State Treasurer at Chillicothe,
then the capital of the State of Ohio.

Franklinton
May 11 1814
District
Paymaster
Samuel Huntington Esq.

District Paymaster
Painesville,
Ohio
Ex. sup.

Mailed at Franklinton, May 11, 1814 to Army District Paymaster, Samuel Huntington. Sent to Detroit by Express Mail, a special War of 1812 postal service by express riders intended to expedite military mail. The express riders carried only civilian letter mails at regular rates in addition to the military expresses. This cover was forwarded from Detroit, Michigan Territory on 29 May to Huntington, who had on to Painesville, Ohio. Each leg of the transmission was charged the 17¢ rate for 150-300 miles, but the total postage due was incorrectly totaled at 30¢ rather than 34¢.

WORTHINGTON, ESTABLISHED 1807



25

Mr. Jabez Delano

1807

mail 3

Windsor
Vermont

The handstamp on this cover, sent Oct 28, 1807 shows the first type handstamp used in Ohio after Ohio became a state.

Worthington O. Feb. 3, 1808

1808

25

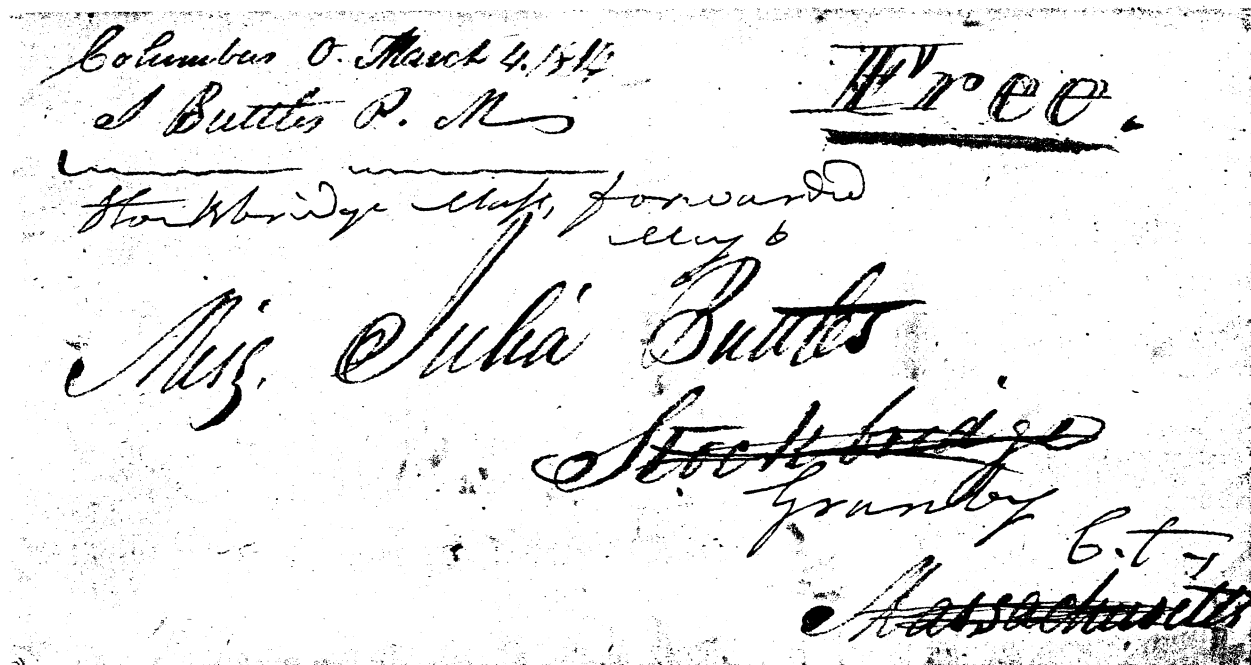
Mr. Jabez Delano

mail 3

Windsor
Vermont

Sent February 3, 1808, this cover has a manuscript postmark. Worthington was to use manuscript markings for the next decade or so.

THE COLUMBUS POST OFFICE
February, 1814 —



The first letter sent from the Columbus post office was sent on Feb. 25, 1814 by Postmaster Joel Buttes under his free franking privilege to his sister in New England. The following week, on March 4, 1814, he sent her this similar letter.

Columbus O.
Feb. 25. 1814
J. Buttes P.M. A

Columbus O.
July 5
1819 B

Columbus O.
Nov 26
1819 C

Columbus O.
Oct 25th
1821 D

Columbus O.
Feb 28
1822 E

Columbus O.
Feb - 16
1824 F

Columbus O.
Aug - 13
1830 H

July 9. 1830
G

Free
Pala Latham P.M.
1830 J



Joel Buttes, the first
Columbus postmaster

MANUSCRIPT POSTMARKS OF COLUMBUS POSTMASTERS AND POSTAL
CLERKS, 1814 - 1830

NOTE: THIS WAS A TWO PAGE EXHIBIT, TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

General Post-Office.

Joel Buttles Esquire

Post-Master.

Columbus Ohio

Nov 25 1824

16.19

83
103
91
21.33

137
111
51
3.28

2
40
6
10
240
250

Matthew Matthews had been appointed the first Columbus postmaster in August, 1813. However, he Rider left it, and distribute it from Joel Buttles' store in Columbus. As this Dead Letter Office post office under Buttles as late as 1824.

a dead letter back to its sender as having been undeliverable. The letter had been originally mailed at Somerset, Ohio and contained something of value.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

WASHINGTON CITY, *Feb 6* 1824

SIR,

The enclosed Dead Letter, which appears to have been originally mailed at ~~your~~ ^{Somerset O. 20th} office, and forwarded agreeably to the address, has not been received by the person for whom it was intended.

It has been examined here, as the Law directs, and found to be of value: You will deliver it to the writer, (whose name is written on the back) upon his paying the postage, and enter the amount in your account of mails received.

If delivered, have the annexed receipt signed, and returned to this Department.

If you cannot find the writer in the course of 40 days, you will return this letter with the enclosed, this Department not incurring any expense for advertising, without special instructions.

I am, Sir, yours,

JOHN M'LEAN,

Post-Master General.

Joel Battles
Post-Master at *Columbus, O* Esq.

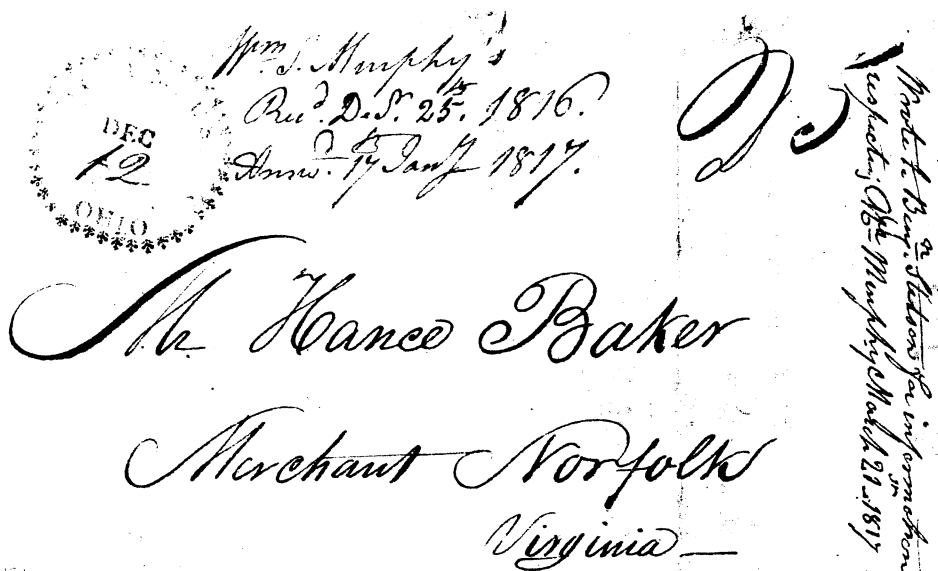
RECEIVED of *Post-Master*
at *Columbus, O* a letter written by *Roswell Mills*
and directed to *Mr Rachel Mills* — enclosing property of
value which had been sent to the General Post-Office as a dead letter. *No. 541*

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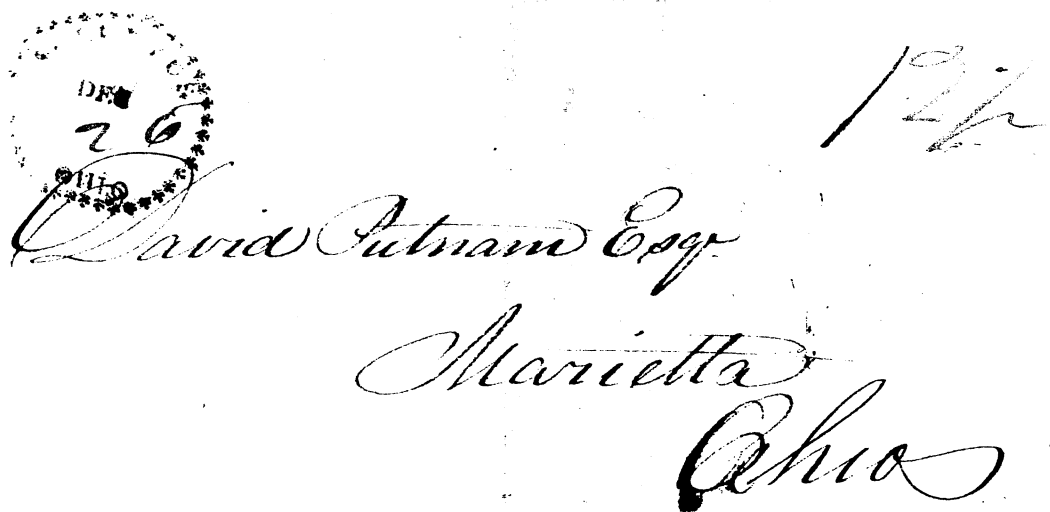
*Memoranda. The above Letter was del'd to Mr Mills Atty
File. Tolson May 29th 1824 & Mills receipt forward ^{receipt} May 31st
to Gen P.O. Matthews*

never served other than to bring the Columbus mail across the Scioto River from Frankinton, where the Post
turn form shows, Matthews (from his signature, above) did act as a Post Office Clerk at the Columbus

THE FIRST TYPE OF COLUMBUS HANDSTAMP, MADE WITH TYPE FROM THE FONTS OF A COLUMBUS NEWSPAPER, WAS PLACED IN USE IN DECEMBER, 1816. THIS WAS PROBABLY DONE BECAUSE OF AN INCREASED VOLUME OF MAIL CAUSED BY THE MOVEMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO COLUMBUS.



Mailed at Columbus December 12, 1816. Postage collect at Norfolk, Va. for conveyance of a single letter over 400 miles.



Mailed December 26, 1816 to Marietta, Ohio. From Ralph Osborn, Auditor of State. Collect postage 12 1/2 ¢ for a single letter sent more than 80 but not over 150 miles.

THE SECOND TYPE OF COLUMBUS HANDSTAMP, 1817
 Made from type from the fonts of the local newspaper, including
 the decorative "symbolic torch" ornaments forming the circle.



His Excellency

The Governor of the
 State of Kentucky
 Frankfort

1817

Sent from Columbus July 7, 1817, to the Governor of Kentucky, transmitting
 documents of state. Collect postage 18½¢ for a single letter sent over 150
 but less than 400 miles.



Genl. Wm. Williamson

New Lancaster
 Ohio

Nov. 13
 1817

Mailed Nov. 13, 1817, from Auditor of State Osborn to (then) New Lancaster,
 Ohio. Collect postage 6¢ for a single letter sent not over 30 miles.

THE COLUMBUS "VARIABLE" HANDSTAMP OF 1818-1819. APPARENTLY CONSTRUCTED WITH LOOSE TYPE IN A WOODEN, HOME-MADE HOLDER, IT KEPT FALLING APART AND BEING RECONSTRUCTED IN A DIFFERENT FORM. THE "COLUMBUS" DOESN'T CHANGE GREATLY, BUT THE "OHIO" OR "O." TOOK MANY FORMS AND LOCATIONS.

Rec^d Jan 12th 1818 25
Col^d Augustus Stone
Marietta Washⁿ County
Ohio
P^t Harmer P. Office



1818

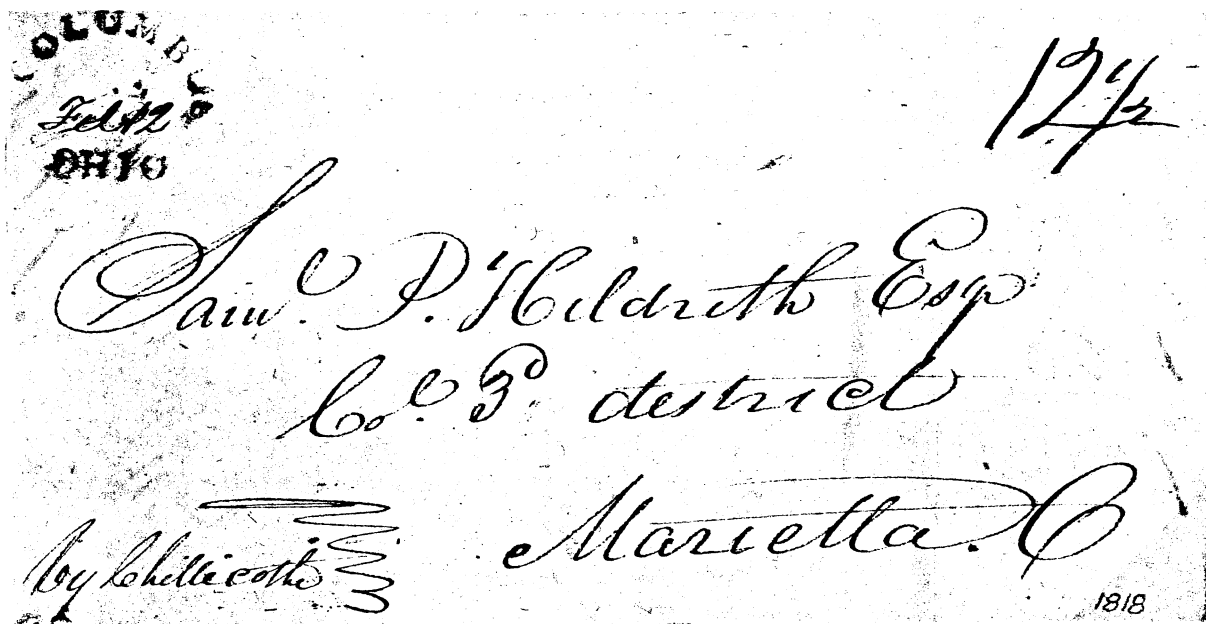
The double-arc Columbus/Ohio, used Jan. 8, 1818. Collect postage for a double letter (2 sheets) of 2 x 12 1/2¢ the rate for 80-150 miles to Point Harmer, Marietta, Ohio.

12 1/2
The Commissioner of
Harrison County
Cadiz

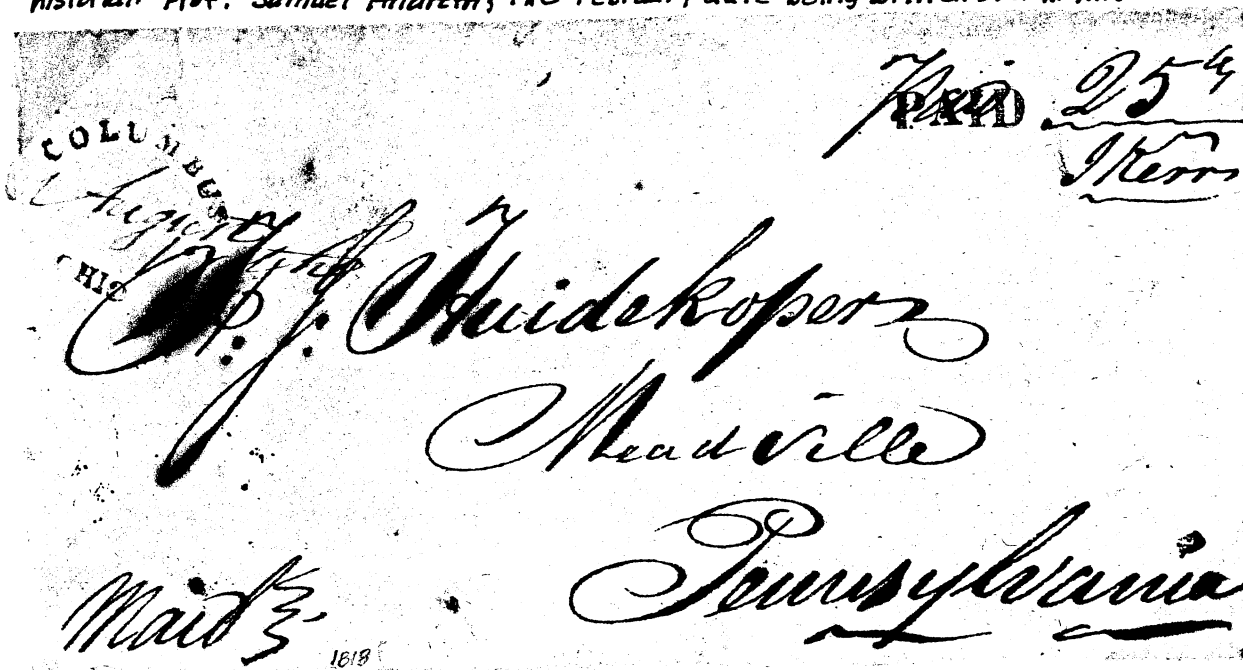


COLUMBUS/OHIO 2nd type variable handstamp with fixed "Jan" month date and manuscript "29" day date. Sent from the Ohio Auditor's office in 1818, to Cadiz in Harrison County. Due postage of 12 1/2¢ for single letter carried 80-150 miles collect at Cadiz.

THE COLUMBUS VARIABLE HANDSTAMP
OF 1818 - 1819



Another example of the Columbus/Ohio with fixed "Jan." month date, here possibly partially removed. Sent Feb. 12, 1818 with 12 1/2¢ due to famous North West Territory historian Prof. Samuel Hildreth, the February date being written over in ink.



Sixth type of Columbus/Ohio variable, used on a prepaid double rate cover to Maudville in northwestern Pennsylvania. The sender, John Kerr, was a founder of Columbus and its 2nd mayor. The "PAID" handstamp confirms Kerr's instruction, probably, to charge the postage to his account.

THE "COLUMBUS, O." OF 1818-19, VERSION OF THE VARIABLE HANDSTAMP.



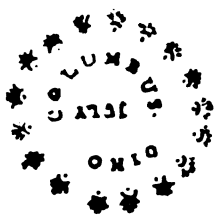
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Elijah Boardman Esq.
New Milford
Litchfield
County
Connecticut

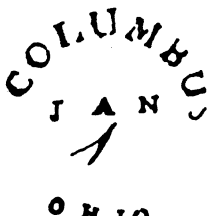
Dec. 10, 1818, collect postage of 25¢ for over 400 miles to Connecticut.



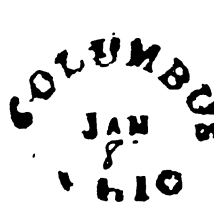
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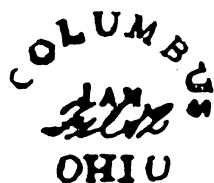
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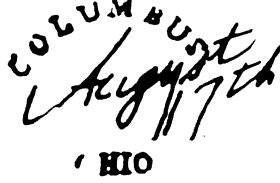
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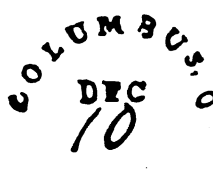
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COLUMBUS POSTMARKS OF 1816-1819, SHOWING THE VARIABLE TYPES.

"COLUMBUS/ OHIO" or "COLUMBUS/ O" Postmark Types of 1816-1819, in Figure 1.

| Tracing No. | Color | Early to Late Use Dates now recorded | No. known | Overall size, mm. | COLUMBUS ² Arc | OHIO ² Type hgt. |
|-------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Black | 12 Dec. 1816-1 Jan. 1817 ¹ | 9 | 27; circle of trifoliate ornaments | | |
| 2. | Black | 15 Jan. 1817-25 Sept., 1817 | 8 | 27½; circle of symbolic torch ornaments | | |
| 2. | Red | 28 Oct. 1817-28 Dec. 1817 | 8 | Same; ornaments badly clogged and worn. | | |
| 3. | Red | 1 Jan. 1818 ¹ | 2 | 27 x 27 | 27 x 13 | 3½ 12 x 2½ |
| 4. | Red | 4 Jan. 1818-12 Jan. 1818 | 2 | 28 x 21½ ³ | 28 x 13 ³ | 3½- ¹ 17 x 3½ |
| 5. | Red | 15 Jan. 1818-12 Feb. 1818 | 4 | 27 x 22 ³ | 27 x 12 ³ | 3½ ³ 15 x 3½ |
| - | Mss. | March 2, 1818 | 2 | — | — | — |
| 6. | Black | 26 June 1818-9 Oct. 1818 | 3 | 26 x 22½ | 26 x 9½ | 2½ 9½ x 2½ |
| 7. | Black | 10 Dec. 1818-29 Mar. 1819 | 20+ | 27 x 12½ | See note 4 | 2½ — |
| - | Mss. | 18 May 1819-18 June 1819 | 9 | — | — | — |
| 8. | Black | 12(?) July 1819-8 Dec. 1819 | 20+ | 26½ x 20½ | 26½ x 9½ | 3 14½ x 3½ |

1. More than one example exists, same date.


2. These tabulations refer to the dimensions of the component parts of the markings, where appropriate.

3. No. 4 types are heavily overinked; No. 5 types are much lighter and hence, smaller.

4. "COLUMBUS, O." Arc. without "OHIO."

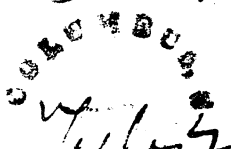
THE "COLUMBUS, O." MARKING
OF 1819

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 Elijah Boardman Esq
New Milford in
the County of ~~Suffolk~~ and
~~State of~~ Connecticut

1819

Mailed at Columbus Feb. 4, 1819. 25¢ postage collect at
New Milford, Connecticut for a single letter sent over 400
miles

Shaftsbury Jan. 30th 25
To P.D. 12 1/2
37 1/2
 His Excellency the Governor
of Ohio
Cincinnati ~~(Columbus)~~

SHAFTSBURY (VT) JAN 30th 1819

1819

Addressed to the Governor of Ohio at Columbus, this
single letter originated at Shaftsbury, Vermont on Jan.
30, 1819. At Columbus, it was forwarded to Governor Ethan
A. Brown at Cincinnati. Collect postage was 25¢ for over 400
miles from Vermont to Columbus and 12 1/2¢ more to Cincinnati,
total 37 1/2¢ due.

THE FINAL COLUMBUS / OHIO VARIABLE
HANDSTAMP OF 1819 -

COLUMBUS
August 9
OHIO

✓ 12 1/2

His Excellency

Ethan A. Brown Esquire

*Governor of Ohio,
Cincinnati*

Mailed from Columbus Aug 9, 1819, this cover was rated at 12 1/2¢ collect and was probably all one sheet of paper when mailed to rate as a single letter.

The content is dated at Worthington, August 2, 1819, and is a petition to the Governor that, due to the death of incumbent William Reed, Recompense Stansbury be appointed as a judge of Franklin County to replace Reed.

The petition is signed by ten prominent citizens of Worthington, as follows:

James Kilbourne, founder of Worthington and M.C., 1812-16.

C. Ripley

R.W. Cowles

Hutor (?) Kilbourne

G. (George) Griswold

Dennis Adams

Arora Buttes

Philander Chase - later Bishop Chase at Gambler's Kenyon College.

Abner Pinney

Ezra Griswold

The list includes three Worthington postmasters.

See next page.

Second page of content of cover on previous page, showing signatures of ten prominent central Ohio citizens.

present Judges of the County live north of the County seat, while the population and business in this part of the County is greater than on the other side. Indeed Sir, we feel confident of correctness in saying, that should Mr. Stansbury receive the appointment, it will meet the wishes of a great body of the People, and be approved by all candid & disinterested Men.

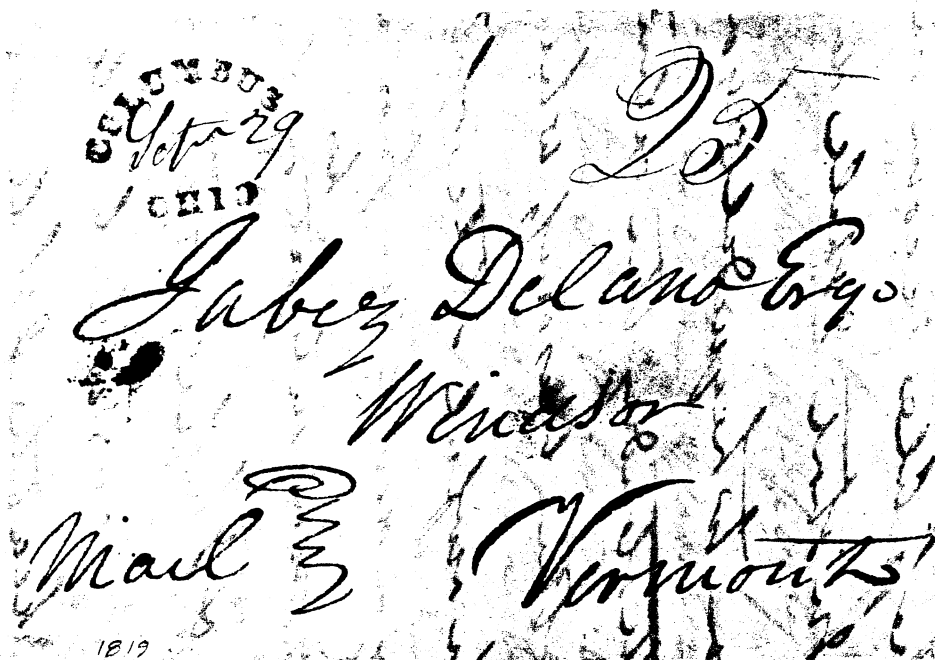
With the highest consideration
and respect

We are your Excellency's
Most Obedt. Servts.

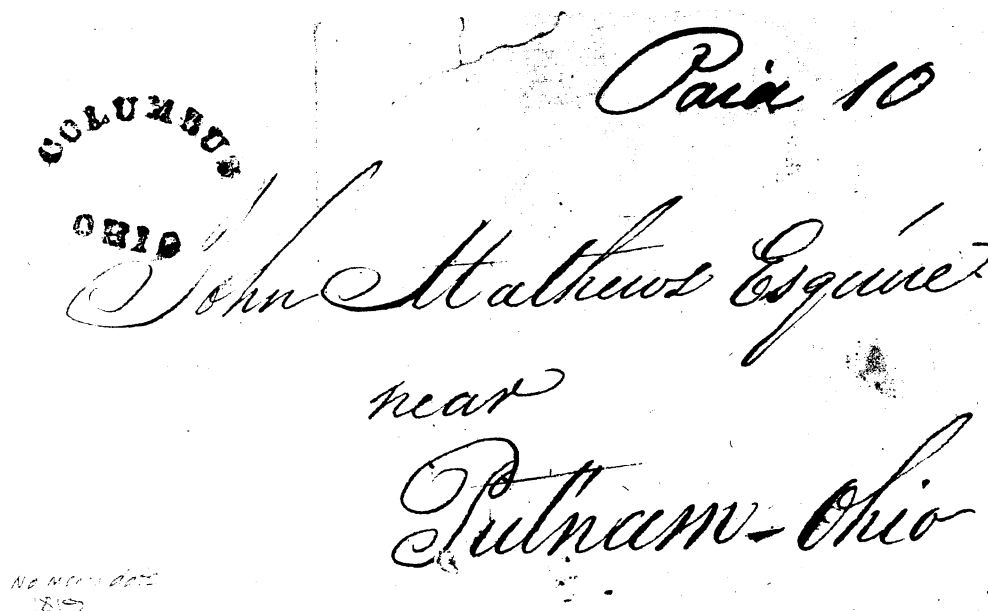
His Excellency
Ethan A. Brown Esq. }
Governor of Ohio.

James Whitbourn
C. Ripley.
A. W. Cowles
Hector Whitbourn
E. Ripwood
Dennis Adams
A. Buttz
Wm. Chase
Abner D. Finney
Ezra Griswold

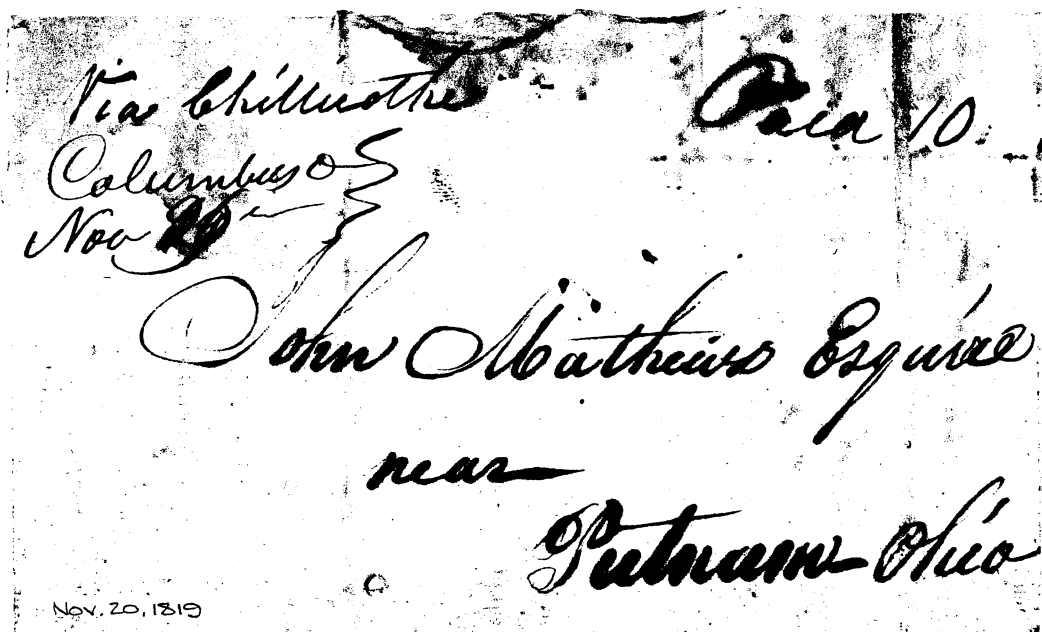
THE LAST VARIABLE COLUMBUS/OHD



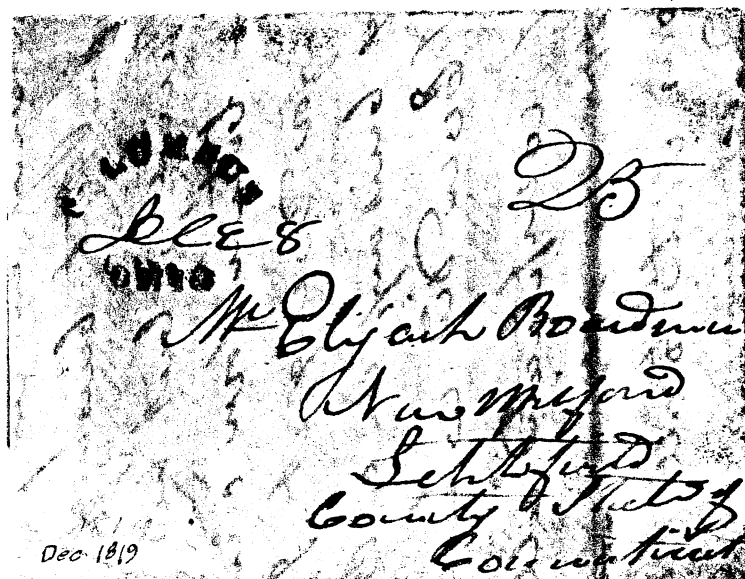
Sept 29, 1819, to Vermont. 25¢ collect for single rate sent over 400 miles.



No month or day, but PAID 10 to Putnam, Ohio.
No content or date, but probably sent in early 1819.



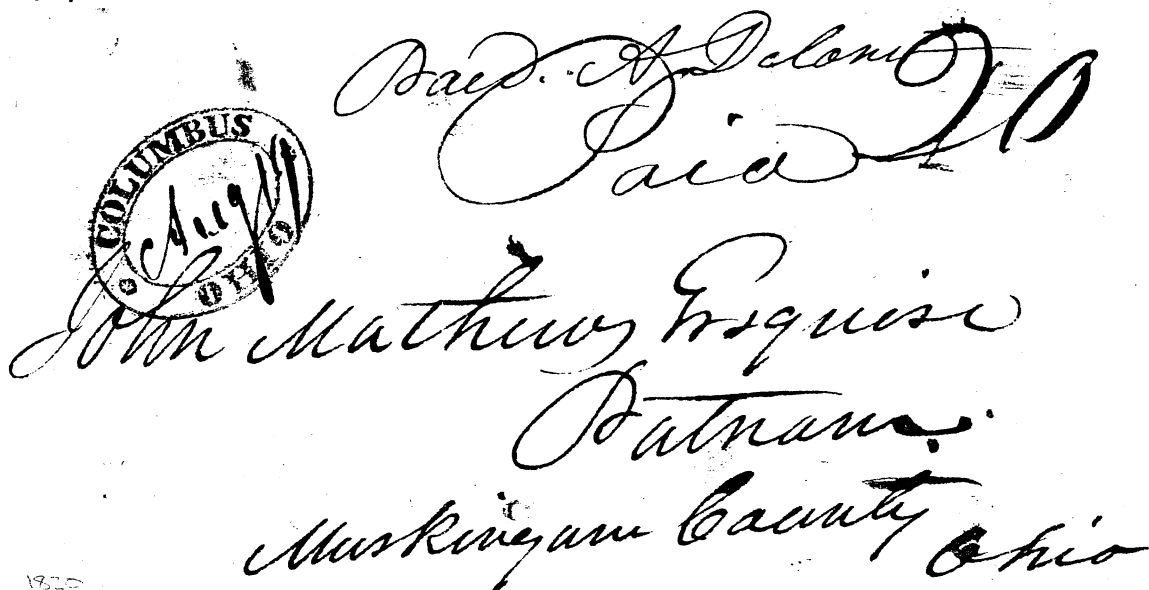
Columbus, O., Nov. 20, 1819. Manuscript postmark on Paid 10 cover to Putnam, Ohio (South Zanesville) routed via Chillicothe.



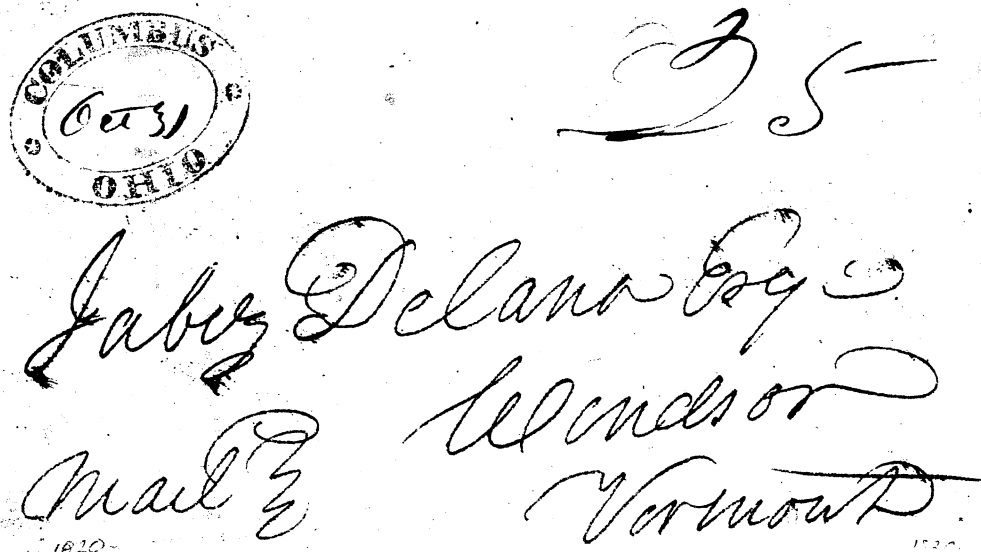
FROM Columbus, Dec 8, 1819, to New Milford, Connecticut. 25¢ collect for single letter sent over 400 miles

COLUMBUS DOUBLE OVALS

The double ovals, first used at Columbus in late 1819 or 1820, were of a style used by many other cities in Ohio and other states. They are thus probably the first government-issued postmarkers used here.



Aug 19, 1820, Paid 20 rate, for two sheets sent over 30 but no further than 80 miles.



Oct 31, 1820. 25¢ for over 400 miles to Vermont.

Columbus
 Aug 28
 The Clerk of Pike County
 Pickett
 Ohio
 30

Triple rate, $3 \times 10¢ = 30¢$ cover to Pickett, Ohio. Butts' m/s "Columbus",
 Aug 28, circa 1821.

Col. 6
 May 14
 Brown County Auditor
 Ripley
 12 1/2
 1822

M/s "Col. 6 / May 14" - $12\frac{1}{2}¢$ rate to Brown Co. on the
 Ohio River, 1822.

A mailing of the Auditor
of State (content, right)
brought Postmaster Buttes
to provide a month date
in type for convenience,
but the day is still in
manuscript.

RESOLVED, That the Auditor of State, be instructed to call upon the several
County Auditors in this state, through the medium of the mails, for a statement, shew-
ing the amount of all the expenses incurred in advertising the sales of land, delinquent
for the taxes, for the years 1820 & 21, including the charge of such Auditor for his
own services relating thereto.—Also a like statement of all the expenses incurred un-
der the law, regulating the sales for lands delinquent, for the taxes prior to the year
1820, together with a statement of the amount of monies received, on account of sales,
under the first and second sales as aforesaid, so soon as the latter sales shall take place,
and that he report the same to this House.

Agreed to by the House of Representatives.

ATTEST,

E. RICHMAN, Clerk
Of the House of Representatives.

December 4, 1823

Auditor of State's Office,

COLUMBUS, December 6, 1823.

County Auditor

To *Portage*

SIR,

I enclose you a copy of a Resolution of the House of Repre-
sentatives, with which you will please to comply.

Very respectfully,

RALPH OSBORN,
AUDITOR OF STATE.

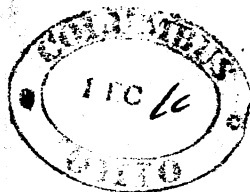


*Portage County, Auditor
Pawanna*

*Dec 14, 1823
18 1/2 & collect
for 150-400
Miles, Columbus
to Ravenna.*

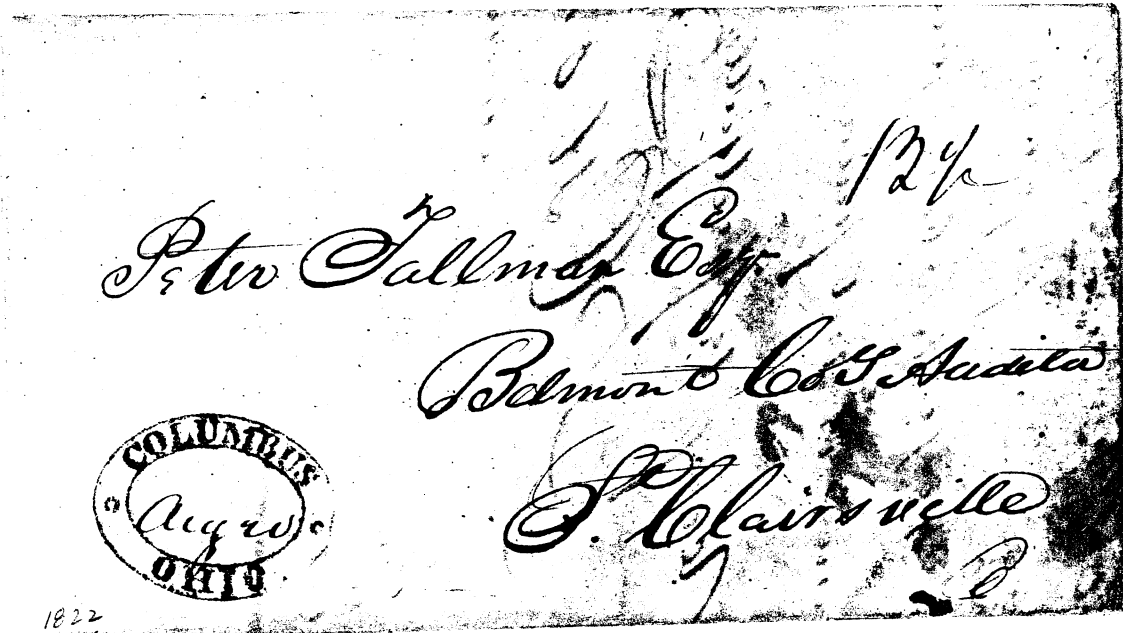
Dec 16, 1823

12 1/2 & collect,
for 80-150
miles to
St. Clairsville.



*Belmont County Auditor
St. Clairsville
Ohio*

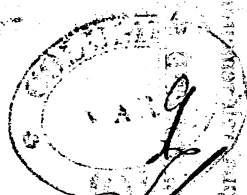
1823



Aug 20, 1822. 12 1/2 to St. Clairsville, 80-150 miles



Free, to the postmaster of Philadelphia. The right to receive mail free, in an era when most mail was sent collect, was far more important than sending it under a franking signature free.



The Clerk of Common Pleas
for Madison County
London

1824

To Madison County, Mar. 9 (1824). 6¢ collect, under 30 miles.
Note, type month date for large mailing.

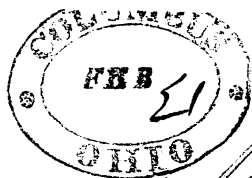
Cover, with printed content from the office of the
Auditor of State, dated March 4, 1824. Advises the
Clerks of the Common Pleas Courts of revisions of
laws.



12 1/2
Andrew Huston Esq
Clark & Co. Pleas
Dickaway Co
Circleville

1824

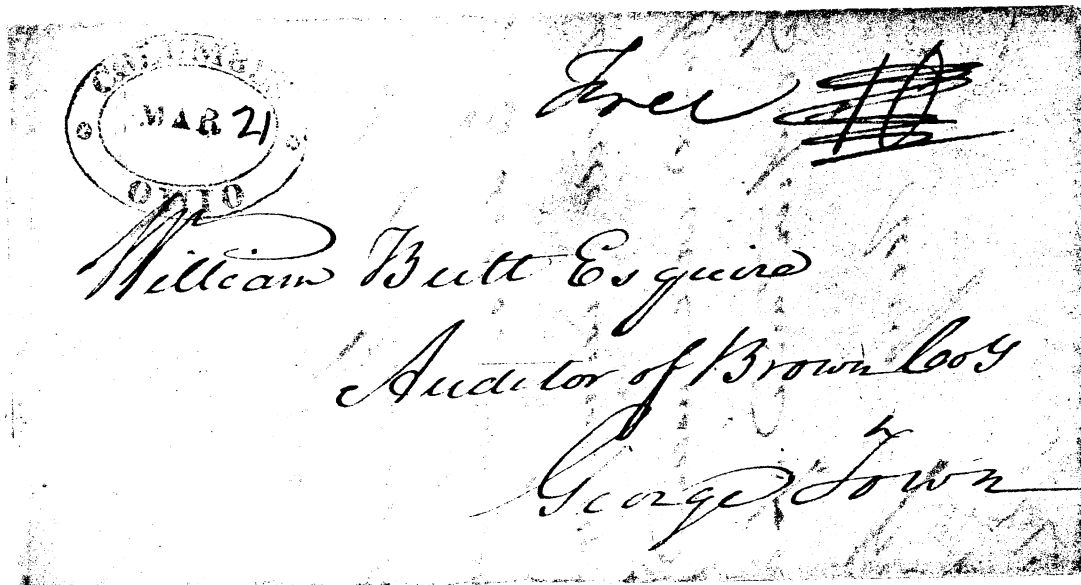
June 23, 1824. 12 1/2¢ collect to Circleville.



Allen Latham Esq
Forward 10
~~*Columbus*~~ 35
Chillicothe
Ohio.

Cover posted at Philadelphia Feb. 8, 1825, to Columbus, 25¢ collect for over 400 miles. Forwarded to Chillicothe, added 10¢ collect for 30-80 miles, total 35¢ collect.

Columbus print month date, Feb 21, 1825



COLUMBUS, MAR 21, 1825. Letter from office of Auditor of State. 10¢ rate (30-80 miles) corrected to "Free" — addressee may have been a postmaster.



6 ~~12 1/2~~

A Hurten Esq

Circleville

2

1825

Dec 5, 1825. 12 1/2 corrected to 6 - probably reading "Circleville" as "Centerville," under rather than over 30 miles.

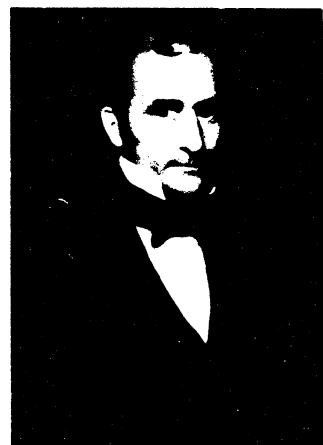


12 1/2

Alfred Kelley Esq.
Canal Commissioner
Cleveland
Ohio

1826

June 12, 1826. To Alfred Kelley, Canal Commissioner and builder of the Ohio Canal.



10 Chase P. M. Garrison.
 (on subject of
 C. Beards children.)

Rev. R. F. Cadle
Green Bay
Michⁿ & Wis.

1826



Philander Chase

Free franked by Bishop, founder of Kenyon College, and Gambier, Ohio postmaster, to Green Bay, Michigan Territory (now Wisconsin). Probably on church business. Mar 10 date entirely in type; probably 1826.

The first Bishop in the west.

Philander Chase

Paid 3 1/2

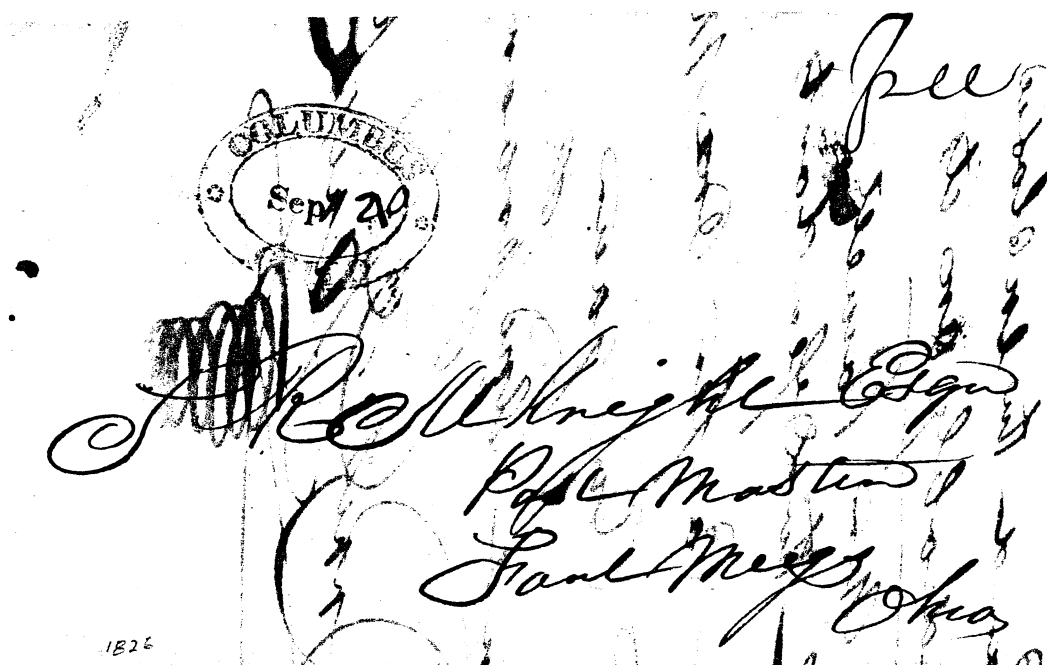
Oct 6
COLUMBUS OHIO

The Clerk of Common Pleas
Wood County, Ohio
Perrysburgh

Deposition
Joel Buttle
vs
Christina & others

1826

Deposition of Columbus postmaster Joel Buttle, but not franked. Multiple rate, either $2 \times 10\frac{3}{4}$ or $3 \times 12\frac{1}{2} = 37\frac{1}{2}$, depending upon number of sheets and whether distance over or under 150 miles.



Free, to the postmaster of Fort Meigs, Ohio, Sep. 20, 1826. Fort Meigs, although listed as only being in use until this time, with post office open 1814-19, was early fort in Wood County, still Indian Country.

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Clarke County Audr.

Jan 4

Springfield
Ohio

1827

Jan 4, 1827. Letter from Auditor of State to Springfield.



Gen^d

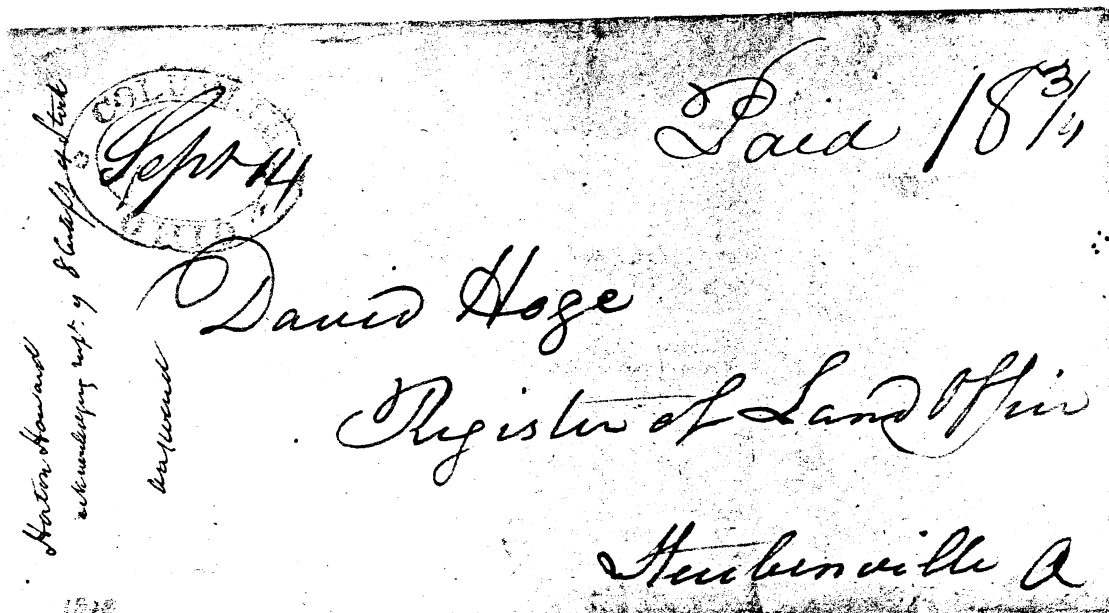
James Taylor

Newport Kentucky

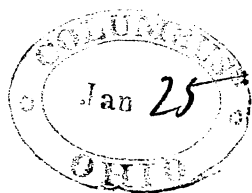
12¹/₂

1827

April 25, 1827. 12¹/₂, 80-150 mile rate to Newport, Ky.



Sept 14, 1828. Paid 18³/₄, to Register of U.S. Land Office at Steubenville. Often, U.S. Gov't officials had no funds to pay postage other than on official mail and refused to accept collect letters.



10

Benjamin S. Brown agt.

Mount Vernon
Knox Co. Ohio

1829

Jan. 25, 1829. 10¢ collect, 30-80 miles rate to Mt. Vernon.

Paid 6

Hugh Bayle Esq -
Lancaster - Ohio.



Mar 10 1829

1829

MAR 10 type dates. Paid 6 to Lancaster, 1829



10
Benj^r S. Brown Esq^d

Mount Vernon
Ohio 1829

AUG 1, 1829, 10¢ collect to Mt. Vernon, 30-80 miles.



1829

6¢ John Miron

London

Madison Co Ohio

OCT. 8, 1829, 6¢ collect to London, under 30 miles.

Note month date "OCT." is italic; that of cover above, "AUG" is regular type.

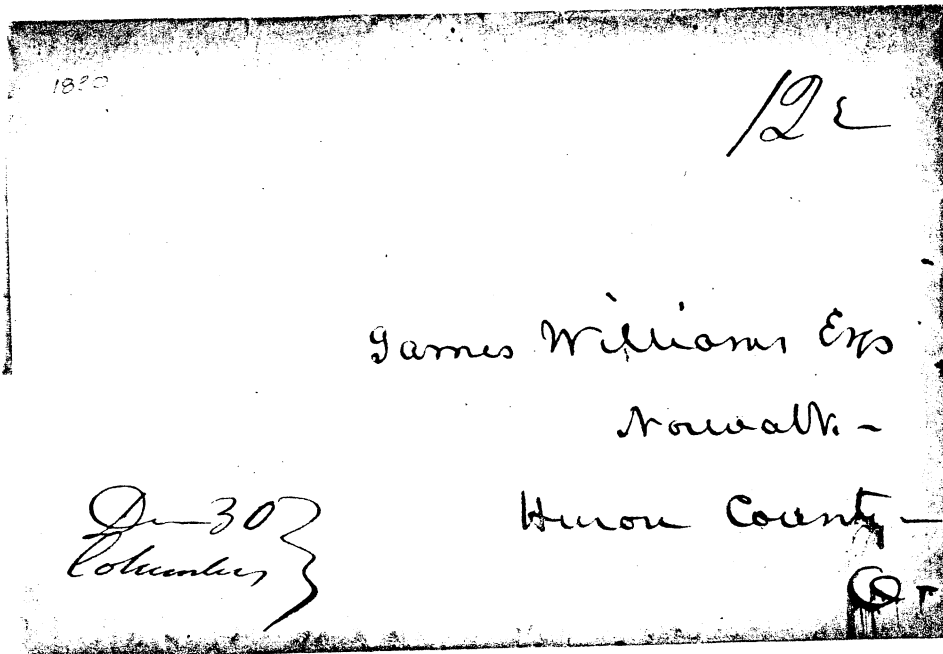


Free
Bela Latham P.M.

Alfred Kelly Esquire -
Newark
Ohio -

Bela Latham succeeded Joel Butties as Columbus postmaster during the early days of the Jackson administration in 1829.

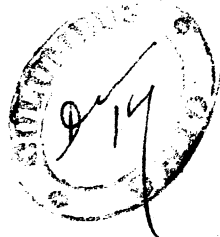
Franked by Latham to Newark, Ohio, April 10, 1830



Dec. 30 (1830), Columbus. M/S marking on cover to Norwalk.

Recd and returned 24 December 1831

W. John



103
Greig
Canandaigua

State of New York

1.00

Dec 17, 1831. Wrapper for documents, weighed 10z, charged quadruple rate, 4 x 25¢ (over 400 miles) = \$1.00 for transmission to Canandaigua, N.Y.

Note postmark wear.

Paid.

Paid 25

Mrs Julia Ripley,
care of
J. C. Lewis & Co.
Merchants,
Ogdensburg,
County of St. Lawrence
State of New York.

PAID
Jany
16
CHIC

1832

Paid 25, Jan'y 16, 1832. To Ogdensburg, N.Y. This is a single sheet measuring 16 1/2 x 20 1/2"; mostly written on both sides.

SEP
29

10

Mr. Ward Esq
Ort & Co

Urbana

man

Sep 29, 1832 104 to Urbana, 30-80 miles

The last months of the Columbus double oval.



18

Mr Richard E
Cask

1832

mae

Urbana

Dec. 1832. 10¢ to Urbana, sent collect.

Paid 10



John H James Esqr
Attorney at Law
Urbana
Champaign Co
Ohio

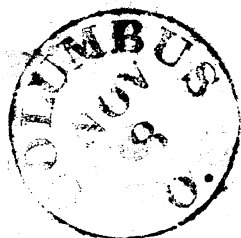
1833

May 5, 1833. Paid 10 to Urbana.



THE FIRST COLUMBUS CIRCULAR DATESTAMP

COLUMBUS WAS NOW ISSUED A STANDARD STYLE CIRCULAR POSTMARK HANDSTAMP, PROBABLY IN DUPLICATE. THIS WAS PLACED IN USE SOME TIME BETWEEN MAY AND NOVEMBER OF 1833.



PAID

10

Dr. A. Blount
Springfield
Clark County
Ohio

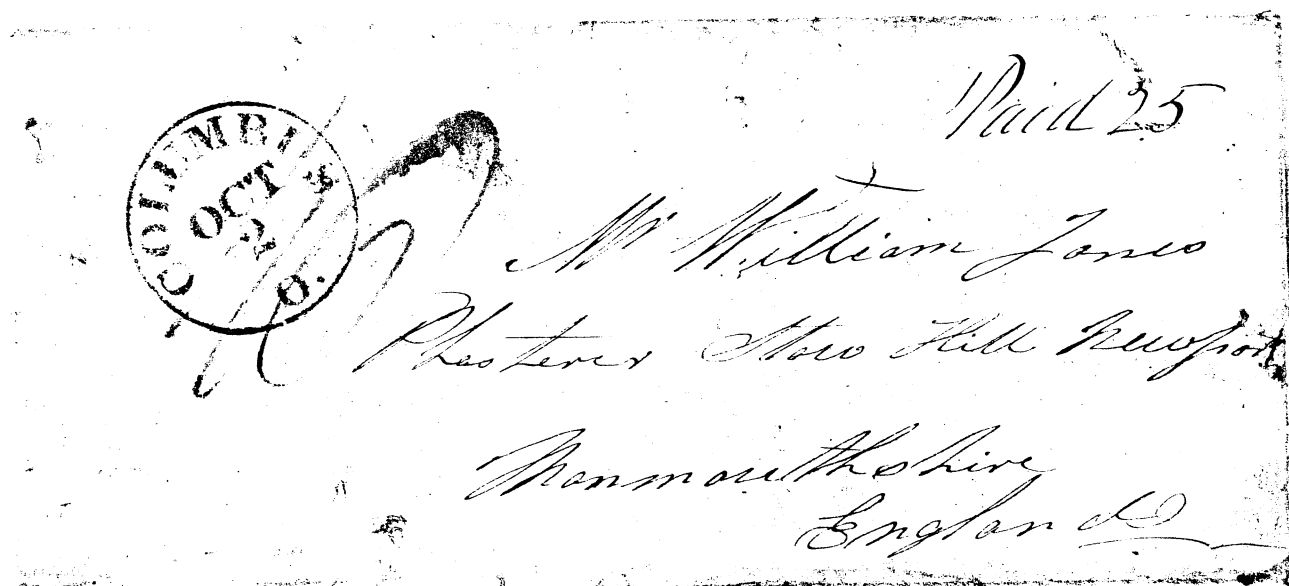
The earliest use here recorded of the 1833 c.d.s. - Nov. 8, 1833. The PAID is also not seen before or since. 10¢ rate, 30-80 miles, to Springfield



William Medill
Lancaster Ohio
Fairfield County

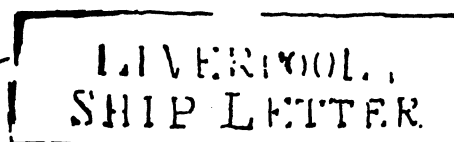
Jan. 15, 1834. 6¢ under 30 miles rate to Lancaster.

An early cover from Columbus to England.

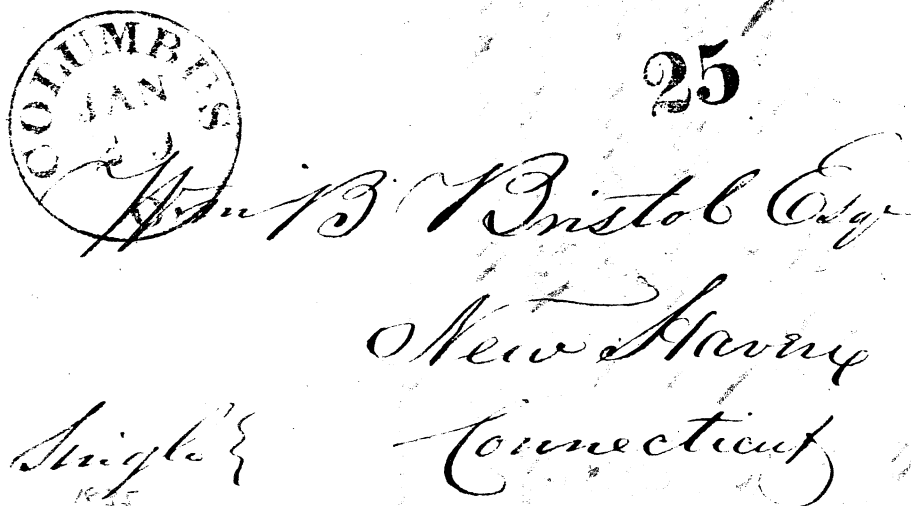


Columbus to, probably, New York for transit to England. Paid 25 for over 400 miles required for letters to abroad.

Collect 1/6 at destination, Newport, Monmouthshire, England, on Oct. 2, 1835.



Backstamp.



Jan. 29, 1835. Early use of the handstamped "25" for 400 miles plus to New Haven, Connecticut.



25

Handstamped "25"
collect, Mar 20, 1835,
-over 400 miles rate
to Connecticut.

S. I. Hitchcock Esq
Counselor at Law
New Haven
Connecticut

Single

Triple rate, March,
1836, to Indianapolis.
 $3 \times 18\frac{3}{4} = 56\frac{1}{4}$ ¢,
based on 150+ miles.
transit.

How was $56\frac{1}{4}$ ¢
paid? Probably in
charge accounts?



B. F. Morris Esq.

Cashier

Indianapolis

Indiana

1836



overch. 6
25

Samuel M. Bailey Esq
Bedford
Penn

1836

Rated at 25¢ at
Columbus for over
400 miles, but cor-
rected at Bradford,
Pa. to $18\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for
150-400 miles.

"Overcharge - $6\frac{1}{4}$ "

(Collected) $\frac{25}{18\frac{3}{4}}$ "

COLUMBUS POSTAL MARKINGS WERE GREEN IN 1837

Jan. 15, 1837.

Manuscript "25" for
over 400 miles to
Albany, N.Y.



25

Hon A. C. Flagg
Comptroller
Albany
N. Y.

1837



25

Robert Manning Esq
Salem,
Massachusetts

1837

Feb 9, 1837.

Yellow paper
of stationery
may have social
or business
significance -
just as colored
stationery is
often used,
today.

July 25,
1837.

"Single" letter
to Reading.
Pa - over
400 miles by
mail routes.



Single
1837

25
Mr. C L Heitzmann
Reading
Pa.

From Lebanon, Ohio
 April 10, 1837, to Col-
 umbus and forwarded
 to Roscoe, Ohio, a
 Canal center. Paid 12 1/2
 at Lebanon; collect
 12 1/2d at Roscoe;
 rated at Columbus
 April 15, 1837.



Mr. Leander Hanson
Canal Commission
122
~~*122*~~
~~*122*~~
Roscoe Ohio

1837



Columbus,
 Aug 31, 1837
 Green hand-
 stamped
 "25." To
 Harrisburg,
 Pa.

The Gover. of Pennsylvania

Harrisburg

Col. Ins. Co.

From Cols.
 Insurance Co.
 GREEN PAID,
 -probably
 charged to
 Insurance Co
 account
 Nov 2, 1837



B. V. Brown Esq

Mt. Vernon

Ohio

1837

COLUMBUS SWITCHED TO RED MARKINGS IN 1838

Red PAID and 25
on double rate cover
(2x12½ - 80-150 mile
rate) to Akron, Ohio
Jan 12, 1838. To "Res^t
Engineer" on Canal
Business. The double
rate was for an
enclosure.



PAID 25

Capt Rich^d Howe
Res^t Engineer

25

akron
this

Handstamped "25"
collect to New York,
Feb. 11, 1838.

William W Woolsey Esq
New York

single }

Handstamped "PAID"
*100, charged to
politician (later,
governor, etc.)
William Medill.
Quadruple rate
of 4x25¢ for
3 enclosed sheets,
plus wrapper,
to New Castle,
Delaware.

3. Ch. Medill

PAID 100

Thomas Janvier Esq
New Castle
Delaware

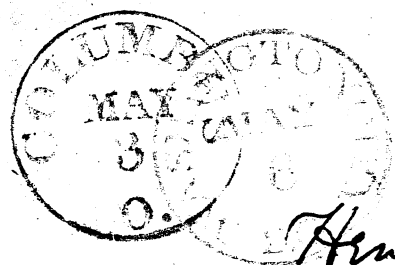


The Governor of Wisconsin Territory

Columbus, Aug 15, 1838, collect 25 to "Governor of Wisconsin Territory." Where was he? Obviously, the Post Office knew!

1838

Columbus, May 3, 1838 to Washington, D.C. - 18 3/4 collect. Fwd at Washington, May 6, plus 12 1/2 & collect, to Richmond, Va., for a total of 31 1/4 collect. How was it paid? 5 "Bits" = 31 1/4¢.



Henry Southup Esqr

~~Washington City~~
Richmond Va

1838

Ch. A.M.

25

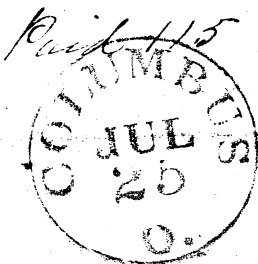
J. I. Chew Esq.
89. South Street.
New York.

Chge "ASC" - A.S. Chew, to his uncle, ordering dahlia bulbs. Columbus, Mar 28, 1839. Handstamped PAID - 25¢ for over 400 miles to New York City.

E. D. Potter, P.M.
Toledo, Ohio

Henry M. Morfit Esq.
Washington,
D.C.

COLUMBUS, FEB 19, 1839. "FREE." Free franked letter of Postmaster E.D. Potter of Toledo, to Washington, D.C. A postmaster "carried his frank with him."



Isaac R. Elwood Esq.
Att. at Law
Rochester
N. York

Two Sheets

1839

Sent from Columbus July 25, 1839, but one sheet, $17\frac{1}{2} \times 20\frac{1}{2}$ " of this letter. Rated at 1oz = quadruple rate, postage was $4 \times 25c = \$1.00$ to send to Rochester, N.Y. - over 400 miles. The covering letter is missing, but the PAID postage was probably charged to Box or account #115 at Columbus post office.

FOR LETTERS WEIGHING
OVER 10Z, IT WAS
ASSUMED 4 sheets = 10Z,
SO ABOVE 10Z WAS RATED
AT PER 1/40Z INCREMENTS.
Here, 1 1/4 0Z = 5 single
rates, Rate was 5x10¢
30-80 miles to Zanesville,
= 50¢ prepaid.



1 1/4 3

PAID 27

George James Ege
Zanesville
Ohio



1/7 1/2

(25)

Mrs. Buelah Stephens
Care of
Miss Stephens, Burlington, Vt.

Montreal
D.C.

To Montreal, Can.
Prepaid to exchange
point (?), 25¢
for over 400 miles,
even though not
so endorsed.
Collect 1/7 1/2
in Canada.
Jan 29, 1840

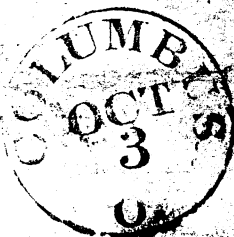
M/s postmark,
Columbus Ohio
July 25 1840,
25 collect, on
cover to Conn-
ecticut. Meant
to be carried
privately - "Polite-
ness of..." -
it was mailed,
instead.

Columbus Ohio }
July 25 1840 }

Geo. Q. Grinnard Jr.
Haddam
Connecticut
{ Politeness of }
E. W. Smith Aug

THE COLOR OF COLUMBUS POSTAL MARKINGS BECAME BLUE, 1841.

Oct 3, 1841 - blue
ink now in use.
8¢ collect to
Hope Post Office,
now New Albany,
a suburb of
Columbus.



Mr Saml Hamaker
Hope P.O.
Franklin Co
Ohio

1841



1/4 of 30
Henry B. Curtis Esq
Mt Vernon
Ohio

Nov. 27, 1841.
Rated by weight,
at 1 1/4 oz - 5 x 10¢
= 50¢ collect
to Mt. Vernon,
Ohio.

Dec 22, 1841.

To post-
master

Moody,

Willoughby,

Ohio.

"g" =

"free."



L. R. Moody - Jun
Willoughby
L. R. Co.
Ohio

1841

Columbus, Feb 1, 1842.

PAID 12½. The "C.

Dewey/Senate" authorizes the letter to be charged to the account of the Ohio Legislature, or Senate.



PAID
C. Dewey
Senate

Mr. Stuart B. Shattuck
Cedar
Ohio



1842

Hon. Peter Hitchcock

Burlington

Georgia Co.

5

Feb 17, 1842.

18½¢ collect
to Georgia Co.



1842

Auditor of Brown County
Georgetown
Ohio

Columbus, March 8, 1842. Very late use of the "Columbus, O." c.d.s.



IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL 1842, THE COLUMBUS POST OFFICE RECEIVED NEW POSTMARKING HANDSTAMPS) READING "COLUMBUS / Ohio." THESE CONTINUED IN USE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

EKU,
Apr. 10.
1842.



W. D.

*Auditor Wood County
Columbus Ohio*



PAID

W. D.

*Mr Samuel Wood
Att'y &c. at Law
214 Walnut St.
Philadelphia*

Columbus, May 30,
1842. PAID 25¢
to Philadelphia.
"Charge Box 120,
F. S. (?)"

1842

*Charge Box
120. F.S.*

Columbus, Oct 25,
1842. PAID 25¢
to Philadelphia.



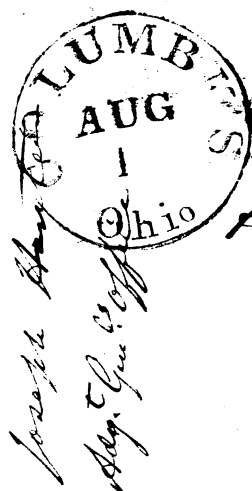
PAID

W. D.

*Thomas Bradford Esq
Attorney at Law
Sansom St.
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania*

1842

THE FREE FRANKING PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND U.S. SENATORS ALLOWED THEM TO RECEIVING MAIL FREE OR SEND IT FREE UNDER THEIR FRANKING SIGNATURES. THIS APPLIED TO ALL OFFICIAL MAIL AND ALL PERSONAL MAIL UNDER TWO OUNCES.



1842

FREE
Hon Joseph Ridgway
Member of Congress
Washington City
D.C. —

Sent free from Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1842, to M.C. Joseph Ridgway in Washington, requesting discharge of a minor son from the 1st. Dragoons at Fort Leavenworth. Ridgway referred the request to the Adjutant General's office at the War Department.



Free. J. Ridgway
m.c.

Genl. Roger Jones

Adjutant Genl. U. State

Washington City
D.C.

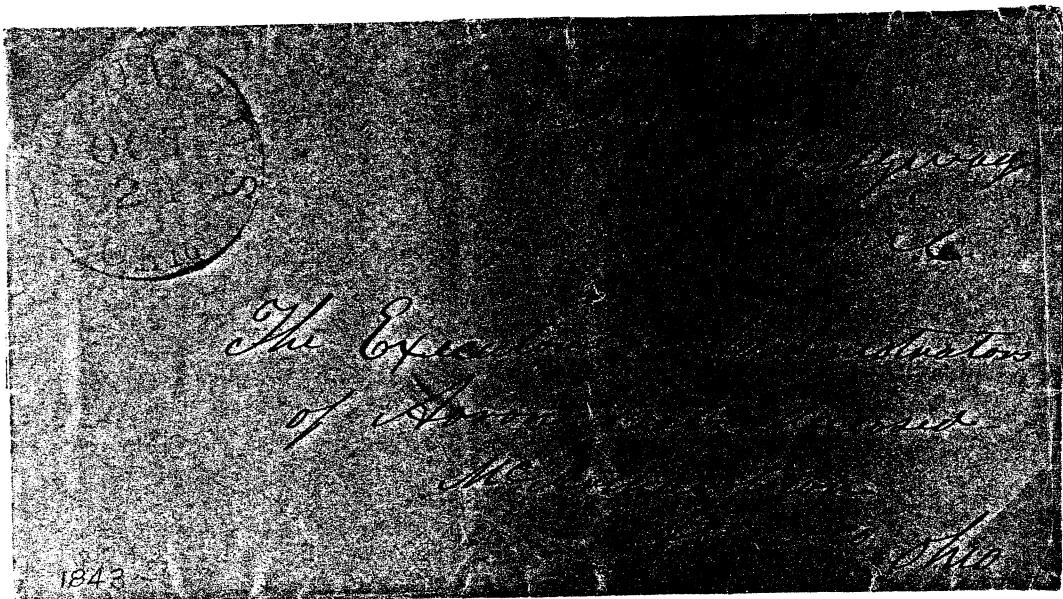
Free franked from Columbus, Mar 14, 1843, by Joseph Ridgway, M.C. to the Adjutant General's office in Washington.



DS

*Mr C. L. Heingmann
Reading
Pa*

Columbus, June 28, 1843. 25¢ collect at Reading Pa.

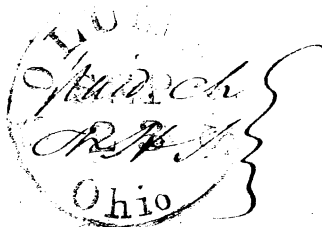


Free franked by Joseph Ridgway, MC, from Columbus, Oct 21, 1843. Letter is on Ridgway's private business, as permitted by his franking privilege. The greenish blue stationery was probably used by Ridgway on private business, similar to the use of printed business stationery today.

IN THE AUTUMN OF 1843, COLUMBUS SWITCHED FROM BLUE TO RED INK.

Columbus, Sep. 23,
1843.

PAID 6 to
Lancaster, Ohio,
charged to an
account at the
Columbus post
office.



PAID

Wm. F.razier Esq

Lancaster

Ohio



Mr Allen G Thurman

Ghillicotte

Columbus, Dec. 19,
1843. EKD in
red for this mark-
ing. To Allen G.
Thurman, later
famous U.S. Senator
from Ohio.

Received
Mr. Thurman
1843

B. F. Morris Esq 43³/₄
Cashier

Supr
Indianapolis ~~Ohio~~
Ind

Sent from Philadelphia, May 22, 1844 to Columbus with 25¢ collect.
The addressee had left forwarding instructions, so Columbus, May 26,
1844, forwarded the letter to Indianapolis, adding 18³/₄¢ to the collect
charges for a total of 43³/₄¢. How was this amount paid?

THE FINAL DAYS OF THE 1825-45 RATE STRUCTURE

PAID
12 1/2
C
1844

Paid
Wm McKim H. R.
J. G. Velford Esq
Clerk Supreme Court
Troy Miami Co
Ohio

Columbus, December 4, 1844. PAID 12 1/2, in red and crimson.
Endorsed to be PAID by a member of the Ohio Legislature,
to the clerk of the Ohio Supreme Court (then travelling as
a circuit court) at Troy, Ohio

RECEIVED
APR 28 1845

FREE

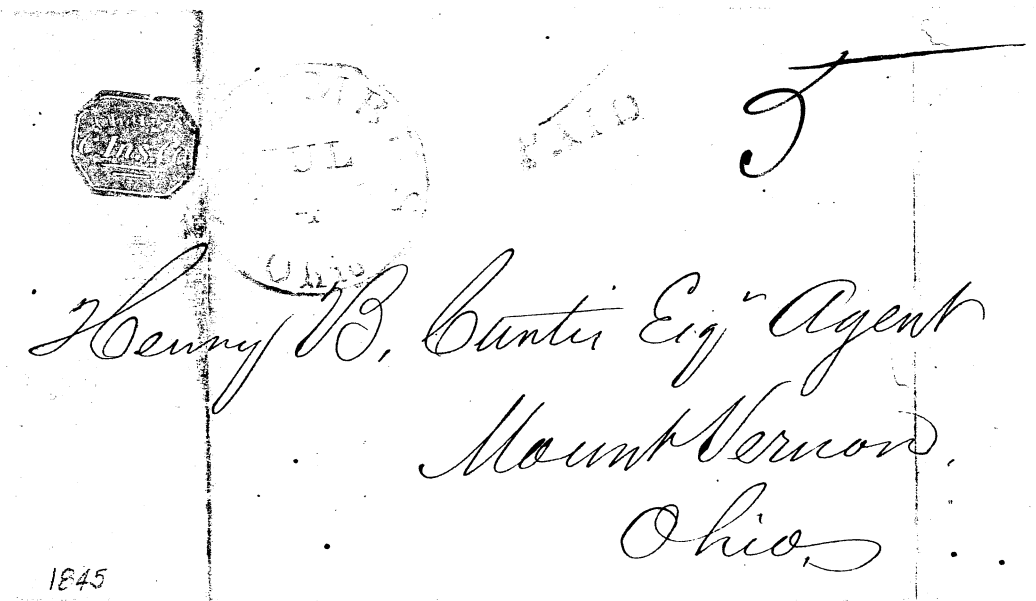
His Ex. James K. Polk
President of the U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Columbus, April 28, 1845. FREE, to His Excellency James K.
Polk / President of the U.S. / Washington. No content, but probably
a job seeker. Presidents, who could both receive and send mail
free under their franking privilege, undoubtedly received thousands
of such letters at public expense.

AS OF JULY 1, 1845 THE BASIC U.S. HALF OUNCE LETTER RATE BECAME 5¢ FOR LETTERS SENT UP TO 300 MILES AND 10¢ FOR THOSE SENT GREATER DISTANCES OVER U.S. MAIL ROUTES.

Columbus covers of this era have unusual features relative to maintaining charge accounts at the Columbus post office

"Charge /
C. Ins. Co."
⇒ "Charge
Columbus
Insurance Co. -
"drop out" style
or negative hand-
stamp that prob-
ably soon clogged.



July 4, 1845 PAID 5. On Independence Day - even though a holiday, post offices were open. This was just four days after the change to the new rate structure.

Post office business
Jacob Medary, M.

Postmaster
East Liberty
Logan Co. Ohio

Free, Columbus, Ohio, Oct 2, 1845. Free frank of Jacob Medary, Columbus postmaster, providing requested advice to a newly appointed postmaster at East Liberty, Logan County, Ohio.

"Charge Box 63"

PAID 10¢,

Columbus to

Berkeley County,

Va., Nov. 23, 1845.



PAID

Chybox 63.

Henry J. Delbert Esq
Hedgesville
Berkeley County
Virginia



1846

PAID

E. Glenn Esq
Urbana



Handstamped
"Charge City
Bank," Jan 6,
1846. Columbus
to Urbana, PAID
5¢ for under
300 miles transit.

Columbus to Montreal,
Canada, Jan. 8, 1846
10¢ "pd." Rated 4½
pence due in
Canada.



[Handwritten signature]



Red backstamp

Mrs B. Stephens.

Care of
Mr. Spence

Montreal
Canada

1846

Columbus, Nov. 3,
1846. Inverted
date logos in
postmark.

Auditor
J. Wood Co
Perryburg
O

PAID

Dr. Goodale

present

PAID 2.

Drop letter to
pioneer Columbus
resident, Dr.
Lincoln Goodale,
who arrived in
the area in 1805.

Dec 11, 1846,
10¢ PAID to
Virginia.

Very early use
of an envelope
from Columbus.
(Drop letters were
2¢, 1845-51, only,
in this era)

DEC 11 1846

G. B. Candlin Esq
Clarksville
Virginia

Chas
G. B. Candlin
Smith

NEAR THE END OF 1847, THE "COLUMBUS, OHIO" HANDSTAMPS)
WERE BECOMING BADLY WORN. THE LOWER COVER IS LATEST SEEN.

Reply up? to Secy
of War. *W. Medill*
FREE

Col. Wm Medill
Washington
W. Medill

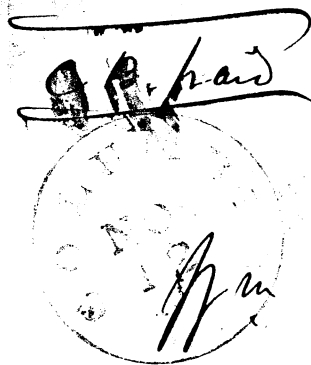
Sent from Columbus, FREE, May 15, probably 1846 or
1847, to Col. William Medill in Washington while he had the
franking privilege as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Medill's
signature is not a frank but was done after the cover arrived.

Mr Henry Trevitt
Bryans
Williams Co
Ohio

"FORWARDED FROM/KELSEY'S/AMERICAN HOTEL/COLUMBUS,
OHIO:" Aug 16, 1847, to Bryan, Ohio. Many hotels had "carrier"
service to take mail to the post office. It is possible that such hand-
stamps indicate such service for which a charge was made.

A NEW COLUMBUS HANDSTAMP, 1847

COLUMBUS/O.
 NOV 12, 1847. THIS
 HANDSTAMP IS DIST-
 INGUISHED BY THE
 FACT ITS "O." IS
 NOT WELL CENTERED
 RELATIVE TO THE
 "COLUMBUS."



11/12/1847
 Columbus

Carter Esq
 Defiance
 Ohio



Ch Fr Branch

PAID

Thos H. Sharpe Esq

Cashier

Indianapolis

1848

AUG 9, 1848
 "PAID"
 "Ch Fr Branch"
 - "Charge
 Franklin Branch,
 State Bank"

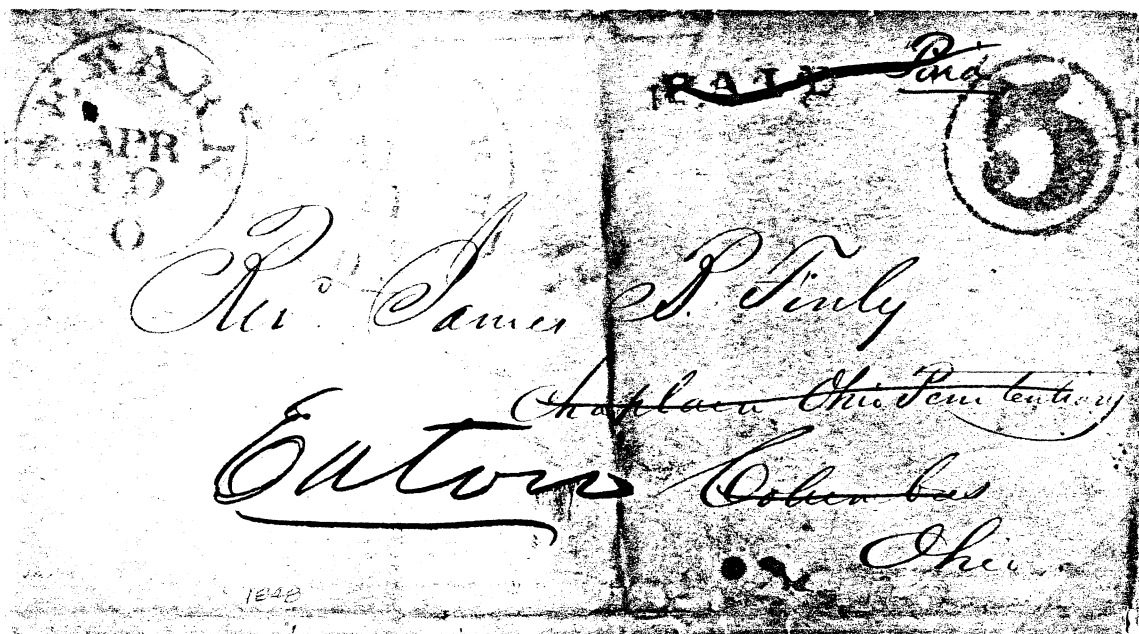
Feb. 20, 1848 or
 1849. Probably
 the earliest recorded
 use of 1847 stamps
 at Columbus.

1847

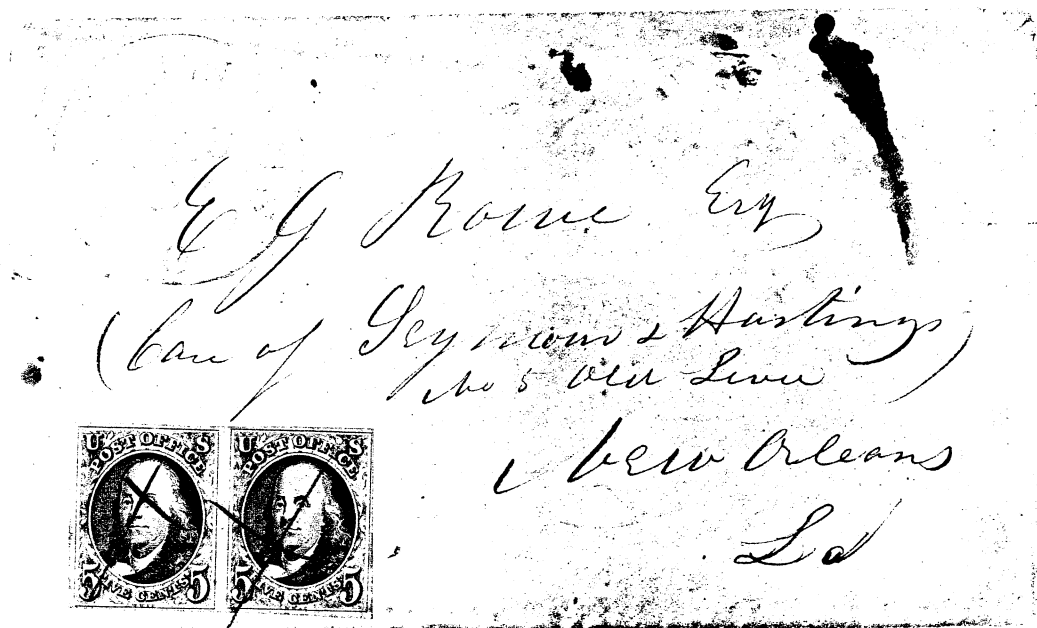


1848 or 1849?

PRIOR TO 1856, MAIL WAS CONSIDERED UNPAID UNLESS IT WAS MARKED "PAID" — OR, 1847 AND AFTER, POSTAGE STAMPS WERE USED.



Newark, Ohio, April 10, 1848, with red "PAID" and ⑤, plus M/S "Paid" of sender, to Columbus. Forwarded to Eaton, Ohio, ⑤ now collect, by marking out the "PAID" markings.



Columbus, Dec. 27, year unknown but probably 1848 or 1849. The pair of 5¢ 1847 stamps prepaid the over 300 mile rate to New Orleans. No "paid" marking was required when stamps were used.

COLUMBUS,
June 29, 1849.
"CH/City Bank"
handstamp.

1849

E Henry Esq Secy
Urbana



Columbus,
Oct 25, prob-
ably 1849.

Columbus, Nov. 25,
1849. From City
Bank, enclosing
notes, other doc-
uments. Rated at
3x5¢ single rate,
or 15¢ for weight
of 1 to 1½ ounces.

E D Witt Esq Pres
Elyria
Ohio

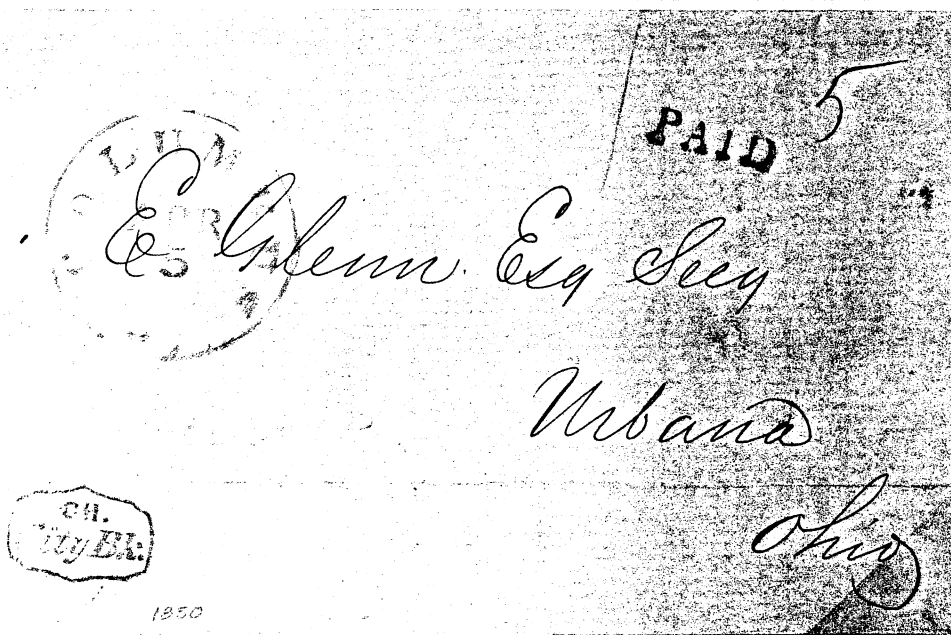
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Columbus,
Feb. 15, circa
1850.
Early use of
envelope from
Columbus.



Miss Emily A. Swift
Ravenna
Postage 5c
Ohio

Feb. 1850



Columbus "PAID."
April 5, 1850.
"CH. / City Bk"
red handstamp.
Why not use
stamps?

Columbus, June 11, 1851.
104 collect for over 300
miles to New York City.
Now using black ink.

COLUMBUS
JUN 11 1851
Rev. P. J. Irving
Secy No. 2. Park Place
New York

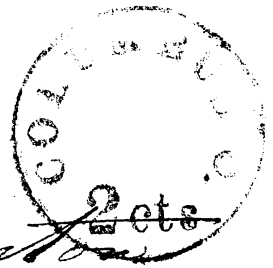
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COLUMBUS /
2cts. No date.
addressed to
postmaster at
Gilmanton,
Vt.

First circular
rate cover
from Columbus
on record.

L. M.

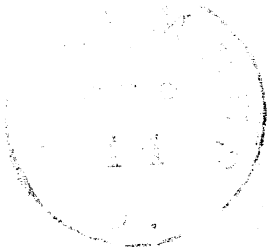
Gilmanton
Belnap Co



W. H.



COLUMBUS,
Sep 14, 1850
PAID 10 to
Troy, N.Y.



A. G. Seminary Edg

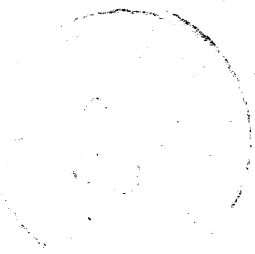
Troy

"Charge /
C. Ins. Co."
(Columbus
Insurance Co.)



1850

Columbus,
Oct 29, 1850.
PAID 5,
overstruck
with "10"
to Connecticut.



D. W. Norton Edg

Suffield
Ct.

5

EARLY PRINTED STATIONERY SENT FROM COLUMBUS.



Office of the Ohio State Journal,
Columbus, Ohio, March 16 1851.

Esq. Dear Sir.
Your favor directed to Rhodes arrived
soon as I could see the clerk I put you
and and requested him to look it up and
information was in his office Yesterday
said the schedule filed accepted the debt
for, but stated that the residence of the
known to him. Of course no letter was
as the clerk knows nothing of his where-
... ..

SCOTT & BASCOM'S

GENERAL PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT,

BINDING AND RULING,

Journal Buildings, High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

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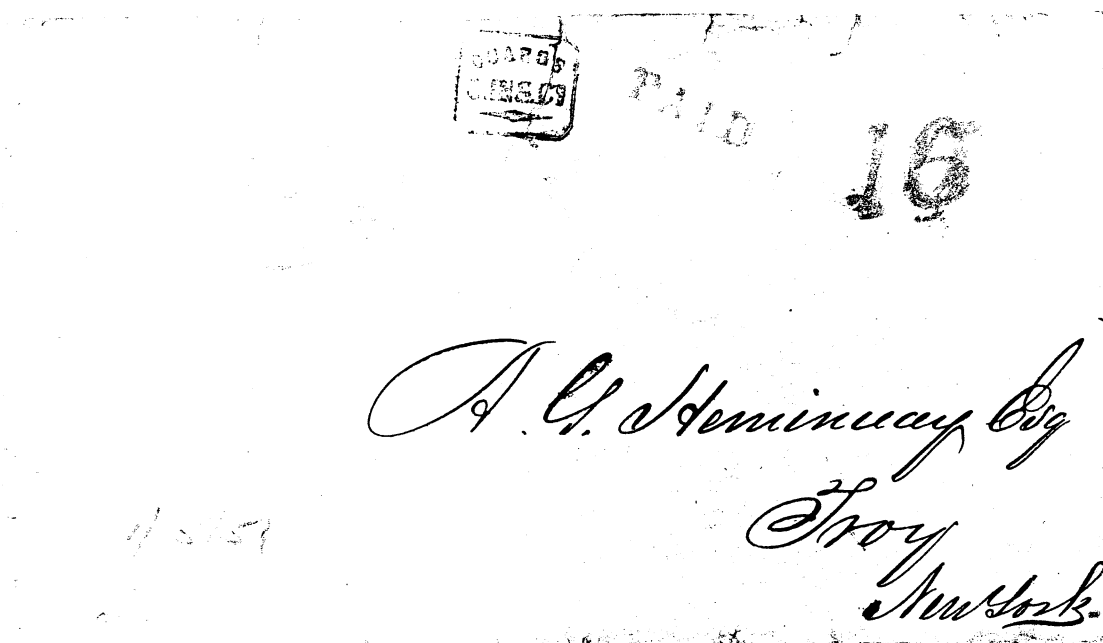
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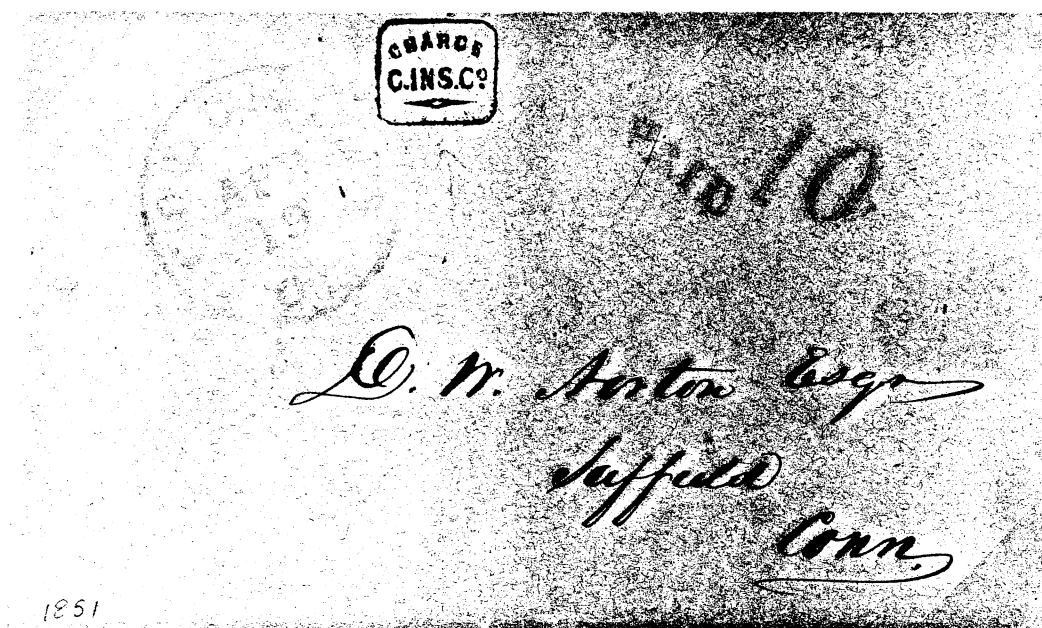
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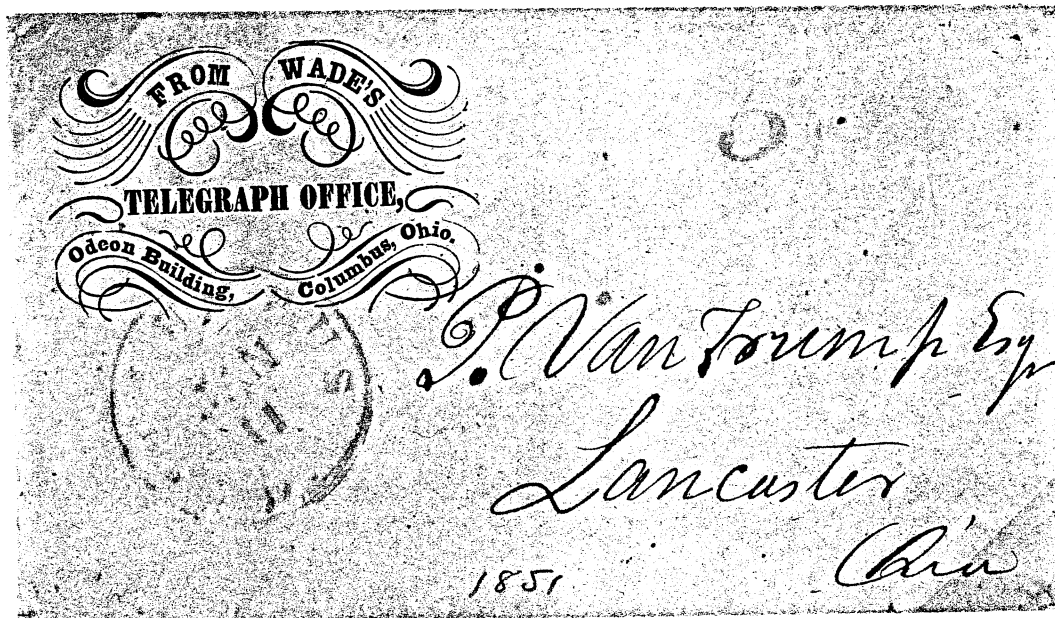
COVERS WITH CHARGE HANDSTAMPS OF THE COLUMBUS
INSURANCE CO. WHY STAMPS WERE NOT USED IS UNKNOWN, BUT
BOTH THIS COMPANY AND THE CITY BANK WENT BANKRUPT SHORTLY



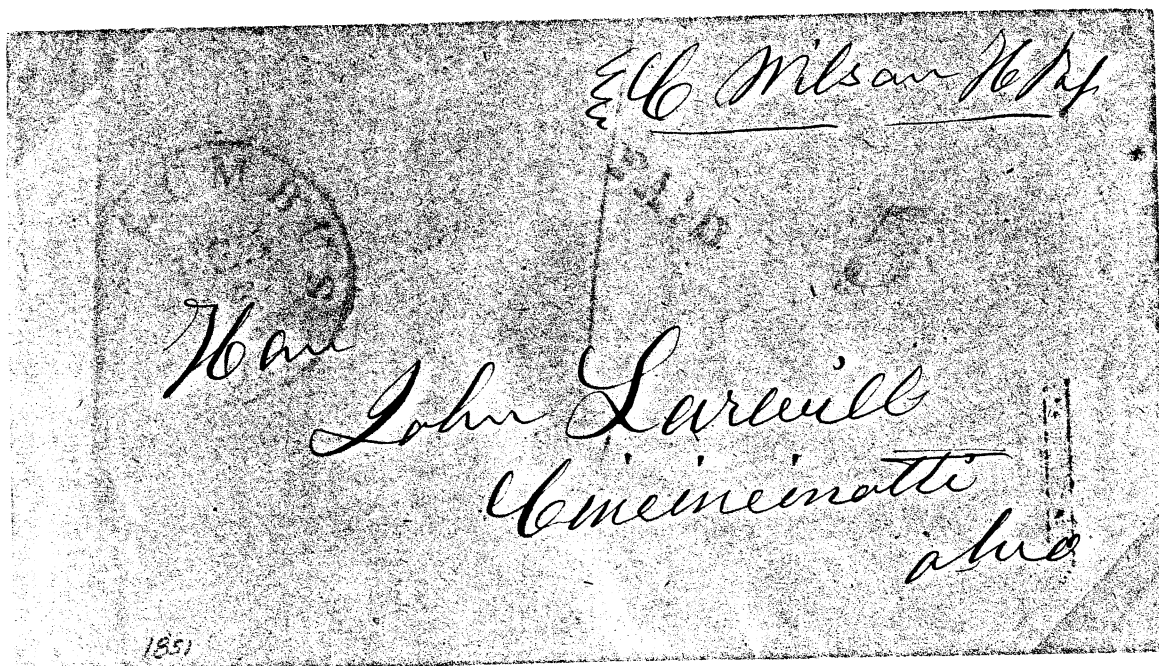
Columbus, Jan. 15, 1851. "5" overstruck with "10."



1851
Columbus, April 19, 1851 PAID 10. PAID 10.



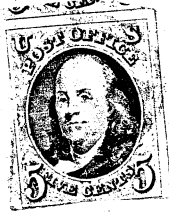
FROM WADE'S TELEGRAPH OFFICE, Jan. 11, 1851. 5 collect.
Messages to area addressees sent from other cities were
usually sent by mail.



Feb. 16, 1851. H. WILSON, (State of Ohio) House of Representatives
Probably charged to the Legislative account.



First cork
killer used
for stamps
in Columbus.



1851
E. L. Perry
Urbana
Champaign Co
Ohio

COLUMBUS, FEB 5, 1851. 5¢ stamp canceled with cork killer, after striking "5" on cover by error. "5" was then also canceled to avoid letter being charged 5¢ due at Urbana.

Forw from
Napoleon O.
April 4

5 forw
10

Surveyor Henry Co
Florida, Napoleon O.

Columbus, Mar 29, 1851, to Napoleon, Ohio 5 due. Forwarded from Napoleon to Florida, Ohio, with 5¢ forwarding postage added for 10¢ total.



E. Glenn Esq.

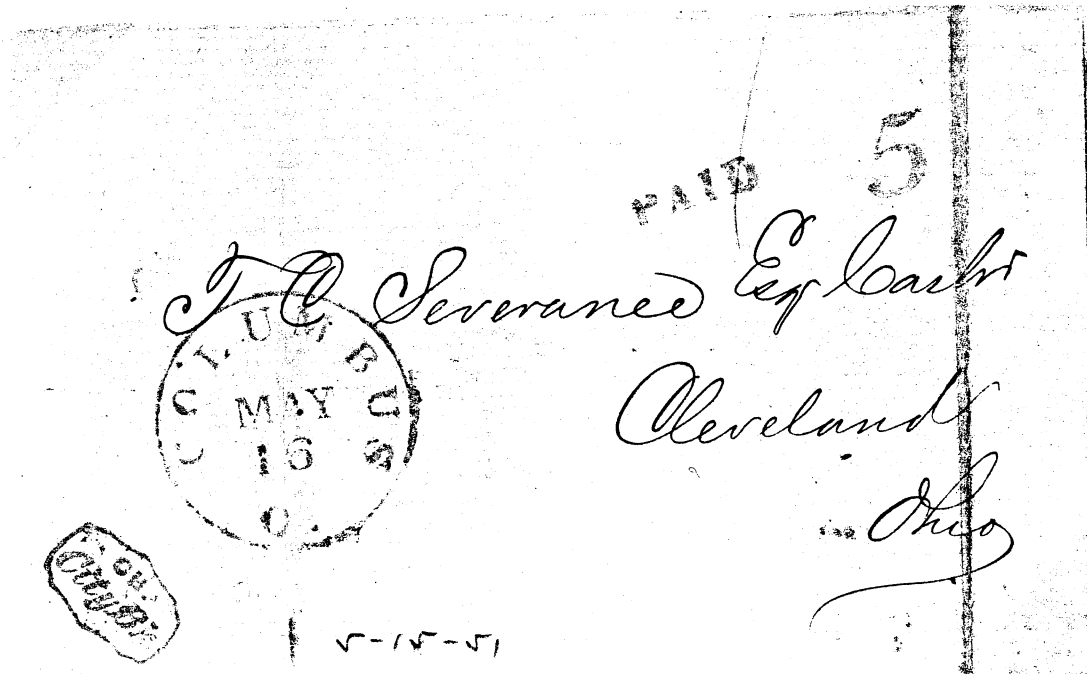
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Utah

Ohio

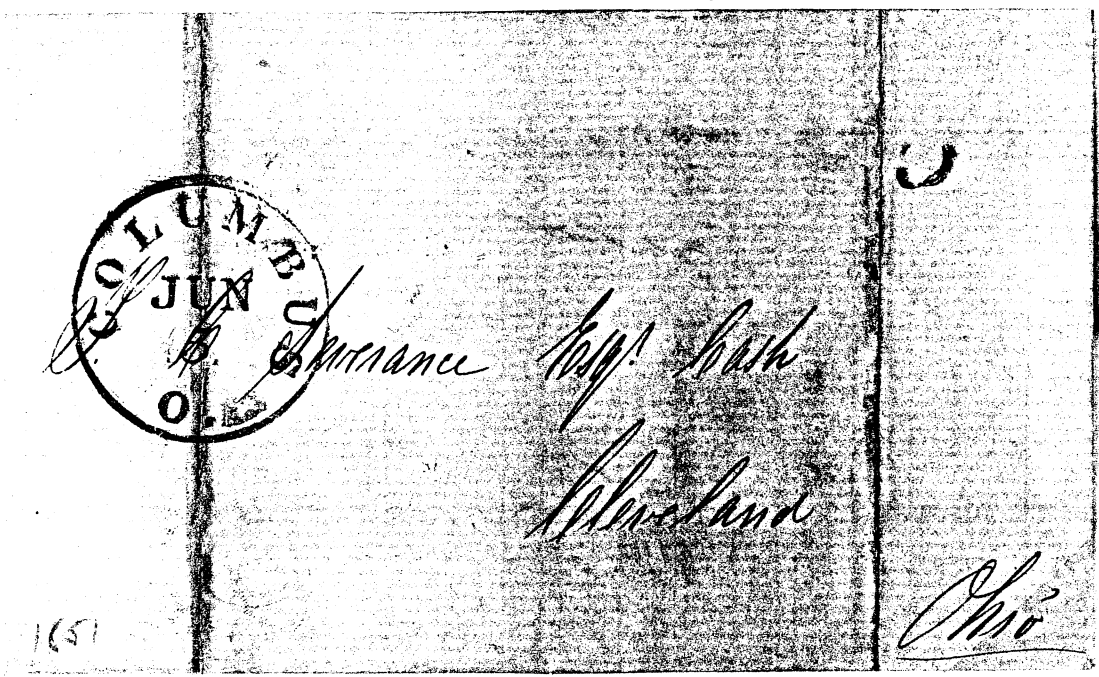
1851

COLUMBUS, APRIL 8, 1851.

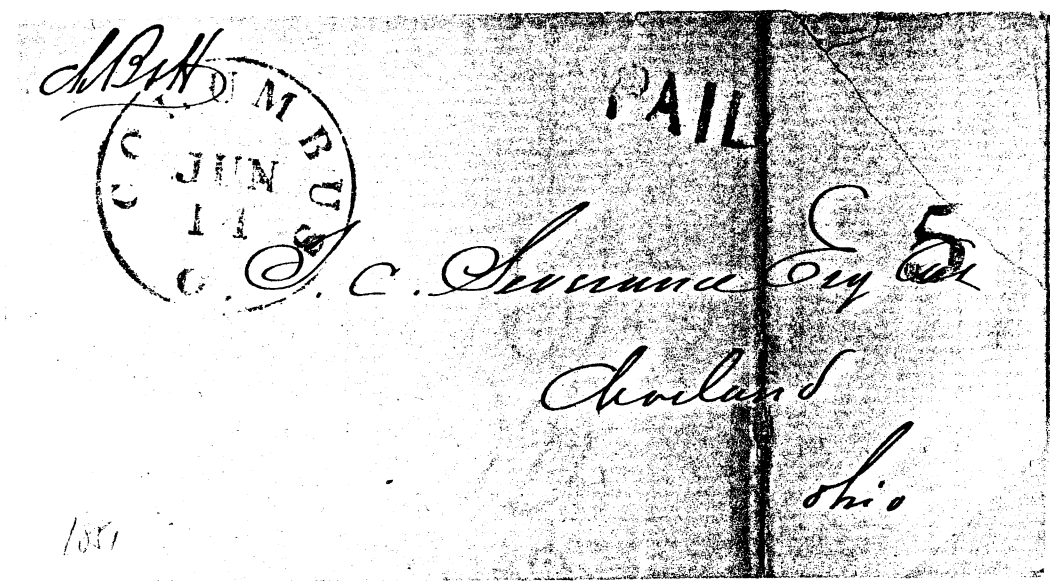


COLUMBUS, MAY 15, 1851. PAID 5. "CH(arge) City Bank" in red.

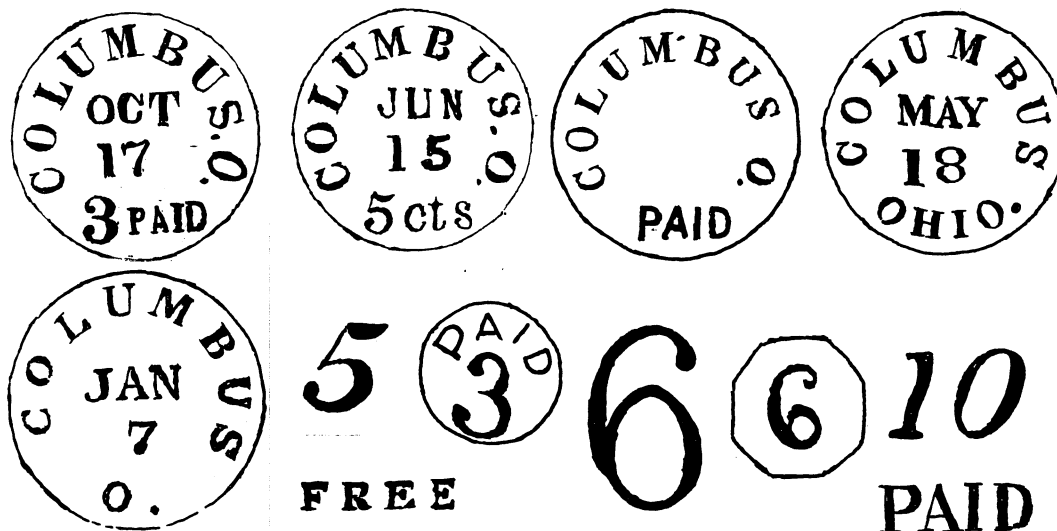
THE RATE OF 1845, 5¢, UNDER 300 MILES AND 10¢
FOR FURTHER DISTANCES, WAS FOR EITHER PAID OR UNPAID
LETTERS. THIS RATE WAS REPLACED AS OF JULY 1, 1851.



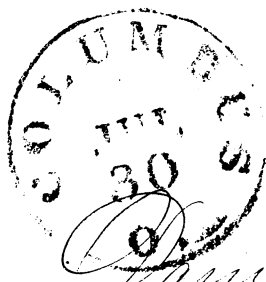
Columbus, June 5, 1851. 5¢ due, since the cover is
not marked "PAID."



Columbus, June 11, 1851. PAID 5.



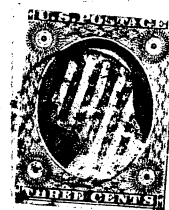
The new rate structure of 1851, effective July 1, reduced the rates for prepaid letters, but retained the previous 5¢-10¢ rate structure to apply to unpaid letters. Distance for postage being doubled was increased from 300 to 3000 miles. If the same letter were prepaid, the rates were 3¢ and 6¢. This called for several new postmarking and rating handstamps, as traced above.



Samuel W. Norton Esqr
Ag't Ch. Ins Co
Suffield,
Connecticut

COLUMBUS, JULY 30, 1851. PAID/3. "CHARGE" Columbus Insurance Co

For cancelling stamps, separate killers were recommended, rather than using the postmarker. While post marks used to cancel stamps were often illegible, this took two blows with two instruments and was much ignored.



August 2,
1851, on
34 orange
brown stamp.



J. H. Lawrence Esq. Cash

Shoeland

Ohio



Sept. 6, 1851.

Mr. R. J. Black
Rushville
Fairfield
Co.



Oct 3, 1851

R. A. Harrison Esq
Counsellor at law
London
Madison Co. Ohio

UNPAID MAILS OF 1851-2

August 4, 1851.
Wm Neil to
Col. Kilgore.

The Columbus
"5" without
"PAID" still
meant
collect.

Mr. Neil
about Neil Road.

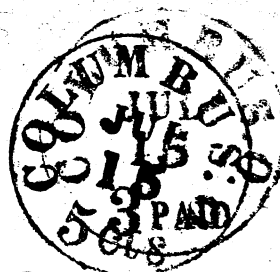


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Col. Kilgore
Post Steamboat
Rail Road at Steamboat
Ohio



W. C. Taylor.



C. C. C. P. Washington Co.

Minetta
Ohio

Struck with
3¢ PAID hand-
stamp in error,
and then over-
struck with
the 5¢ version.

The Columbus
"10" - collect,
now used
only for mail
to the West
Coast - or
double weight
letters over
1/2 ounce.

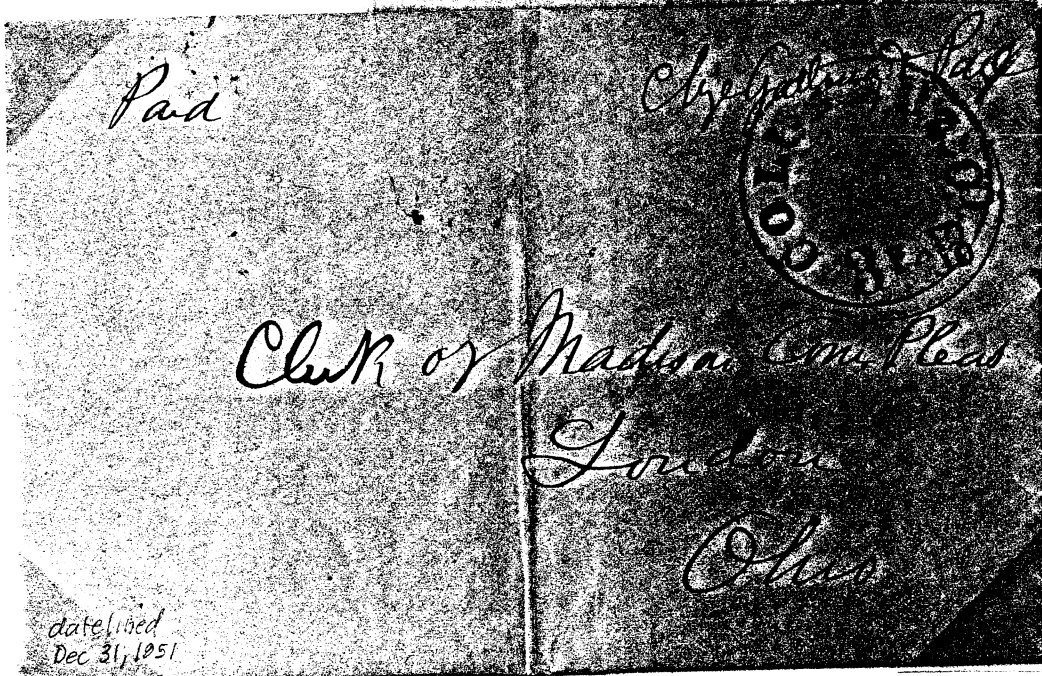
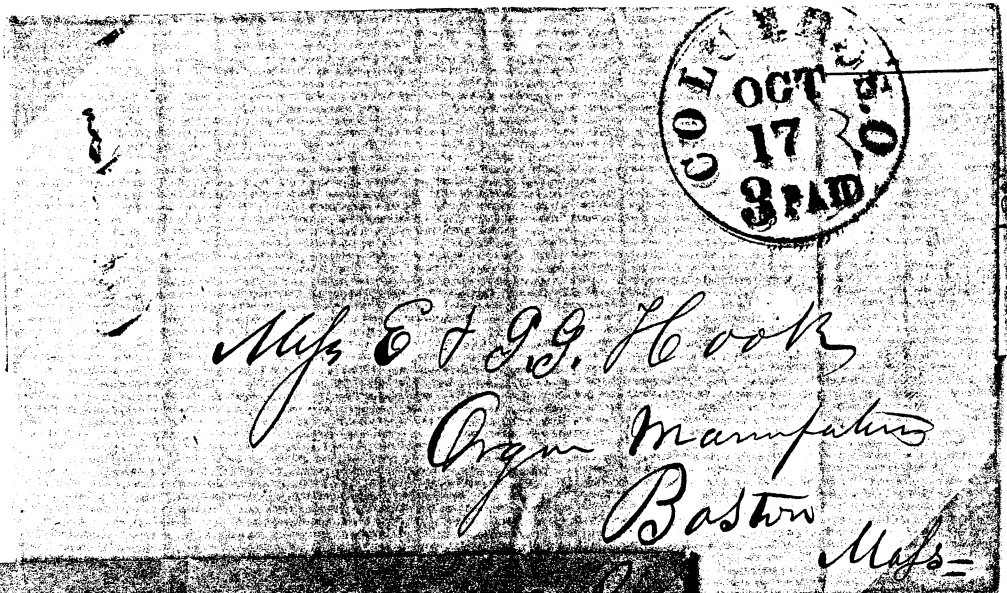


Ans. May 3rd 10

Mr. Charles A. Richardson
(Teacher)
Medway
Norfolk Co
Mass

New combination hand stamps were furnished for paid, unstamped letters.

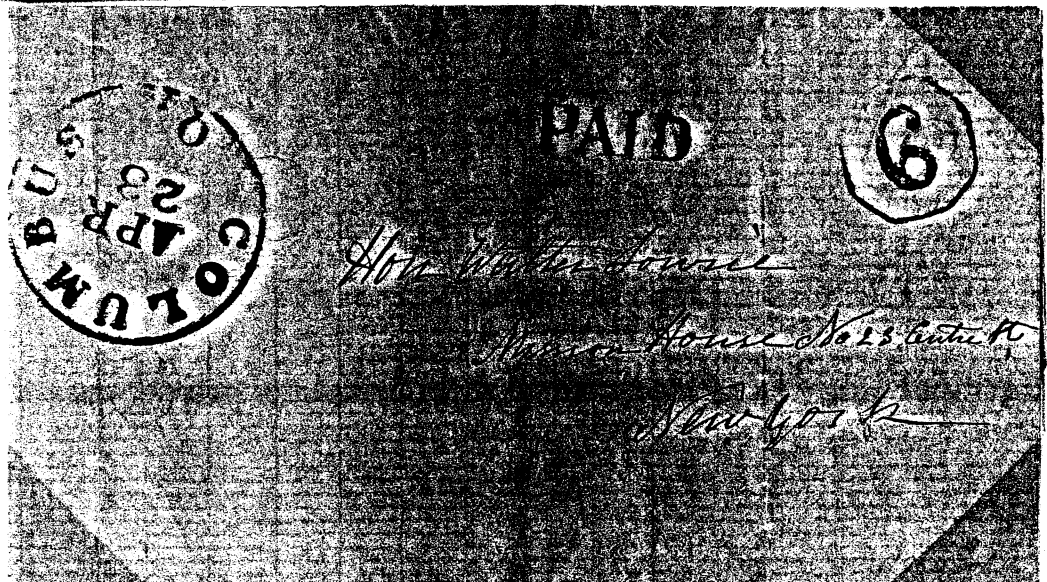
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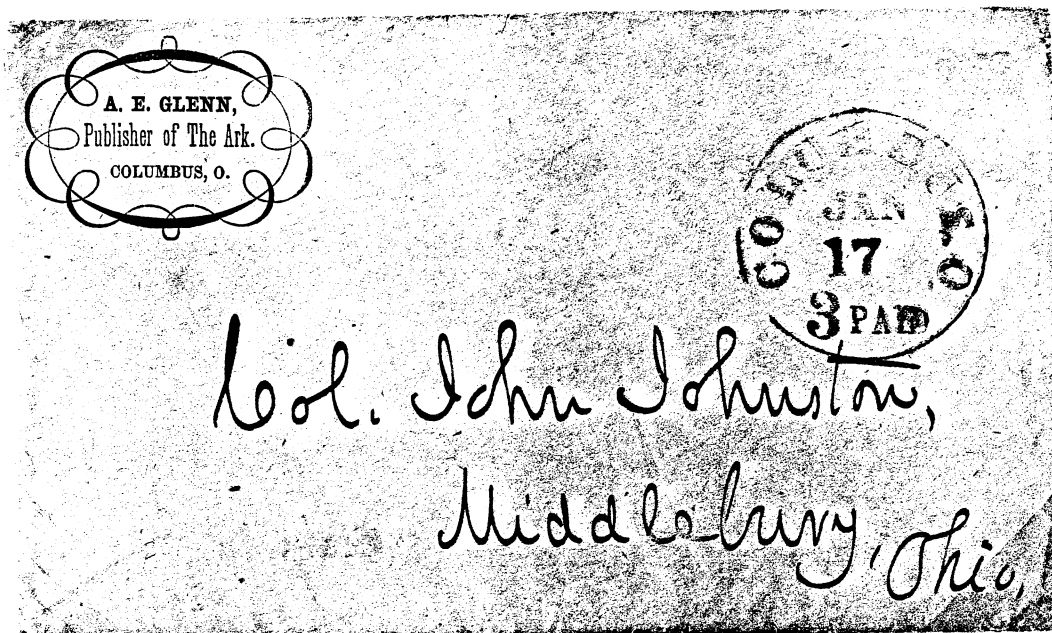
"Charge Gatling
& Page"

Dated Dec 31,
1851.

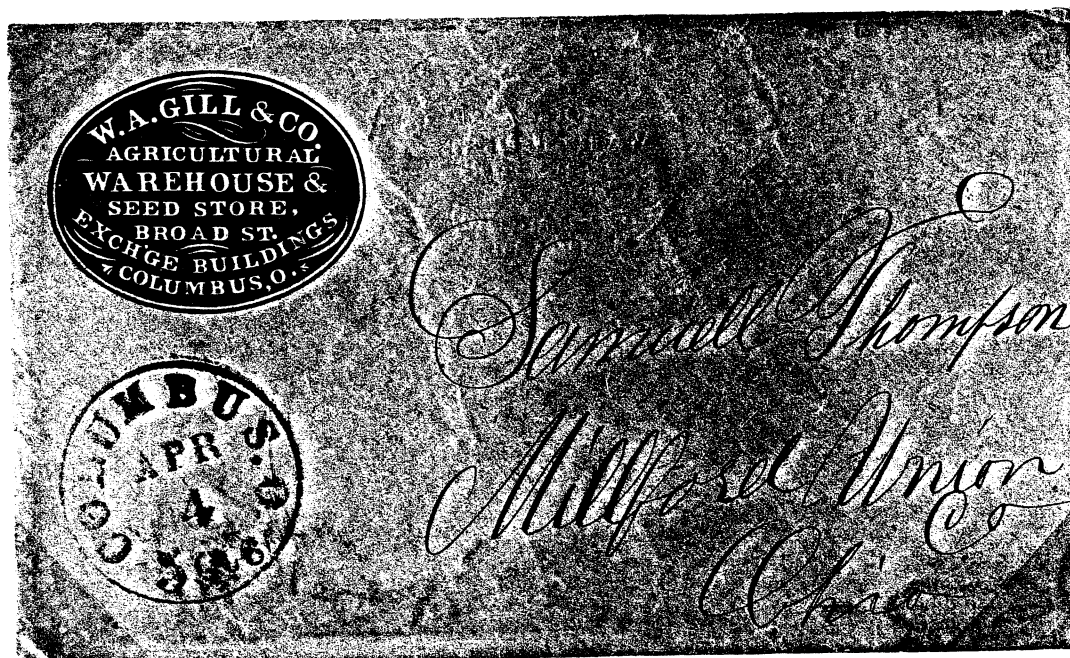
A "6" in an octagon was furnished for prepaid letters to California, or those of double weight.



EARLY COLUMBUS CORNER CARDS



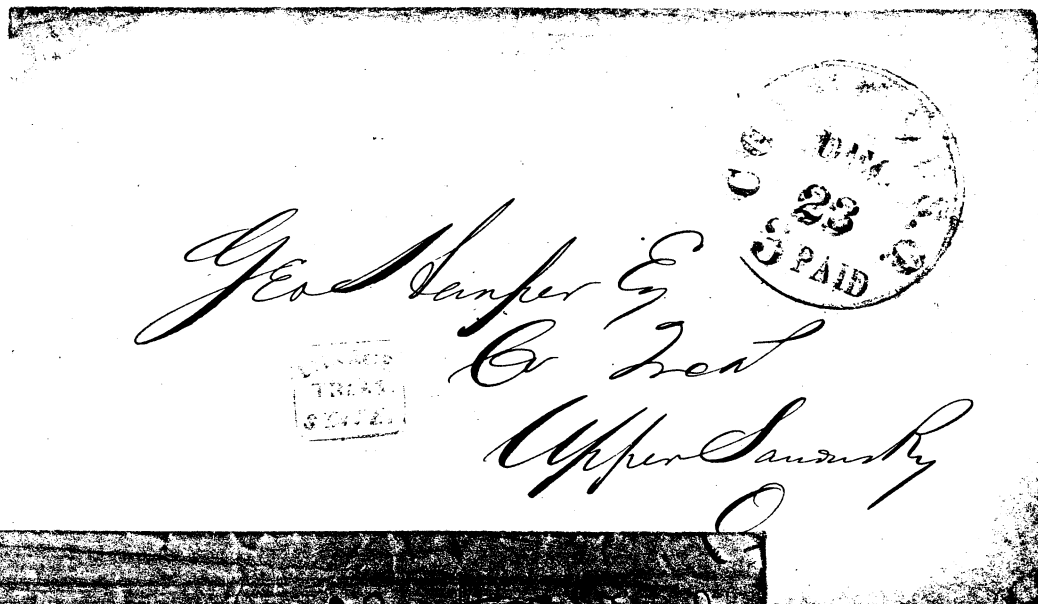
Prepaid 3¢



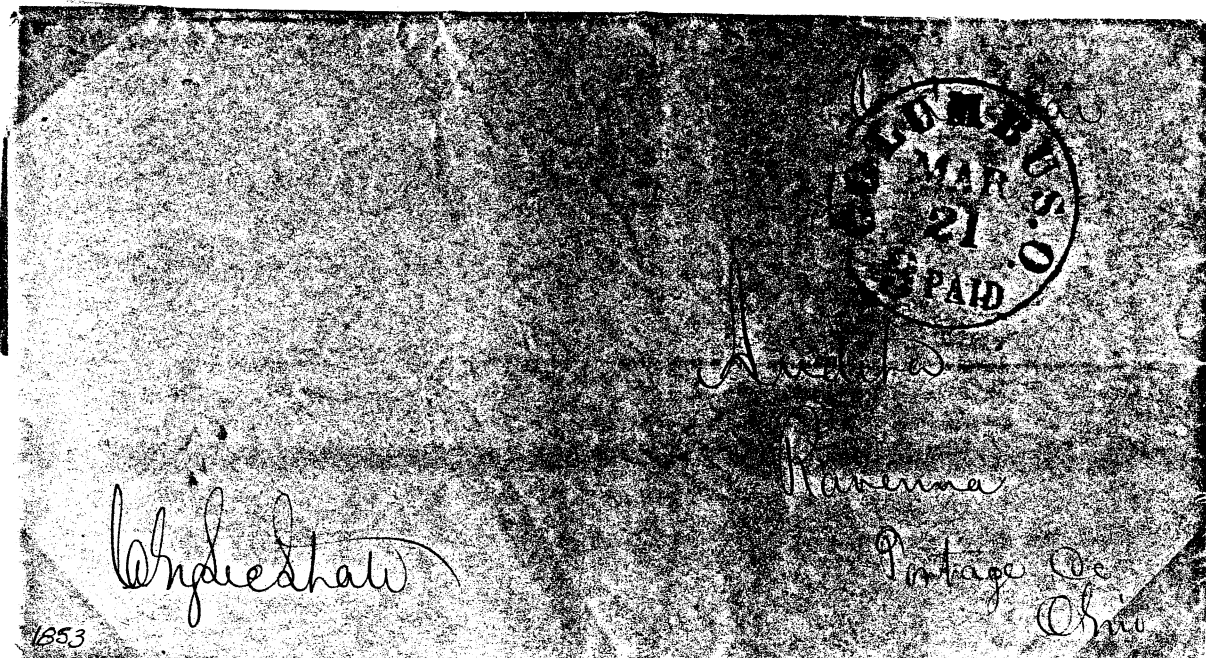
Unpaid, 5¢. Probably printed by the local newspaper office.

COVERS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT

"CHARGE/
TREAS. STATE"

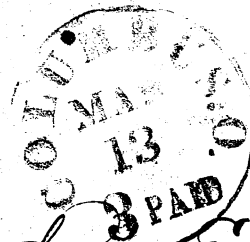
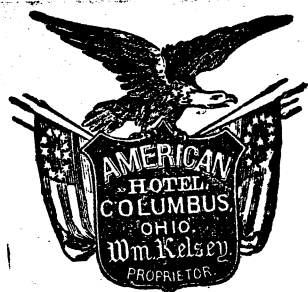


"Chge W.E.
Fin ??/
Senate"



"C(harge)
Sec State"

HOTEL CORNER CARDS



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Hilli'cothe
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*Mr. Paul J. Wolfinger -
Secretary
Washington Co. Md.*

HOTEL CORNER CARDS

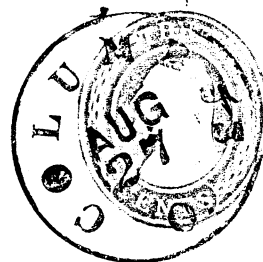


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 Chillicothe
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Mr. Paul F. Wolfinger -
 Leiterstrasse
 Washington Co. Md.

THE FIRST PRINTING OF THE FIRST NESBITT ENVELOPE, 1853



Mr D. Gregg
Chillicothe Ohio

COLUMBUS, AUG 27, 1853. The first printing has a distinctive watermark, as explained below.

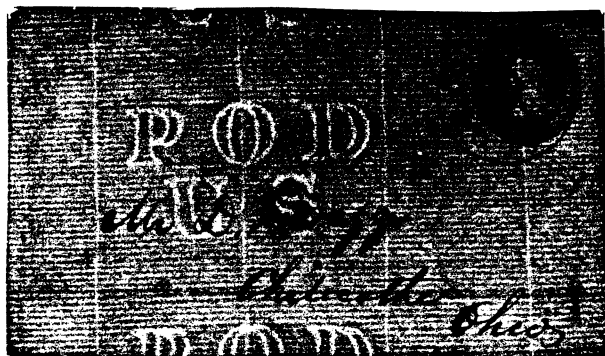


Figure 3. Watermark and knife arrangement for the horizontal laid line variety with "P.O.D./U.S." emblems directly above one another.

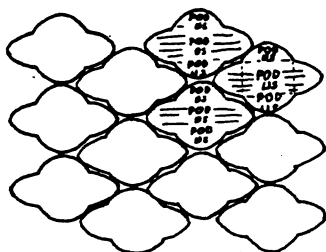
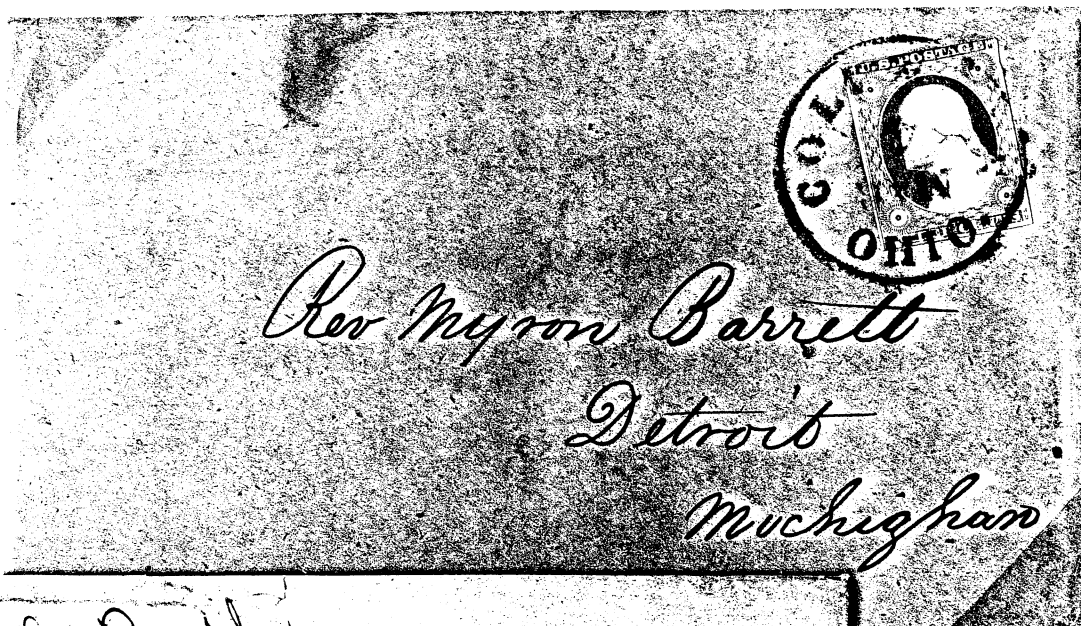


Figure 4. Diagram of the second type Nesbitt envelope, showing how rearranging the watermark emblems permitted rearranging the knives to produce three more envelopes from the same sized sheet of paper.

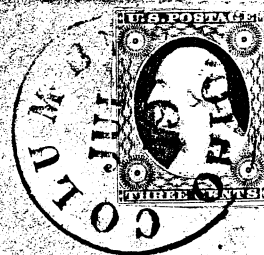
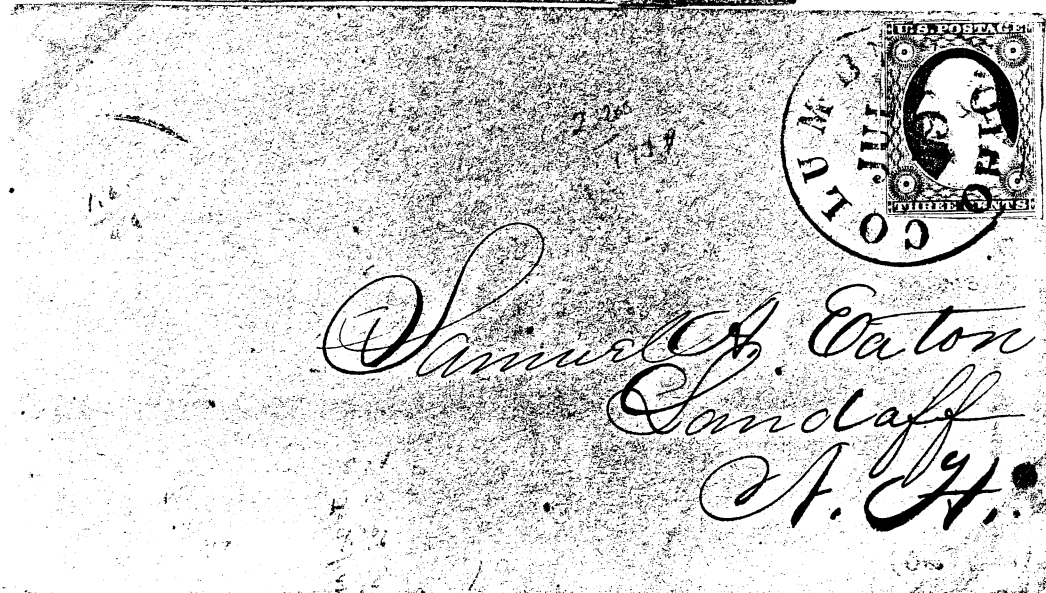
THE NEW COLUMBUS/OHIO POSTMARK OF 1852



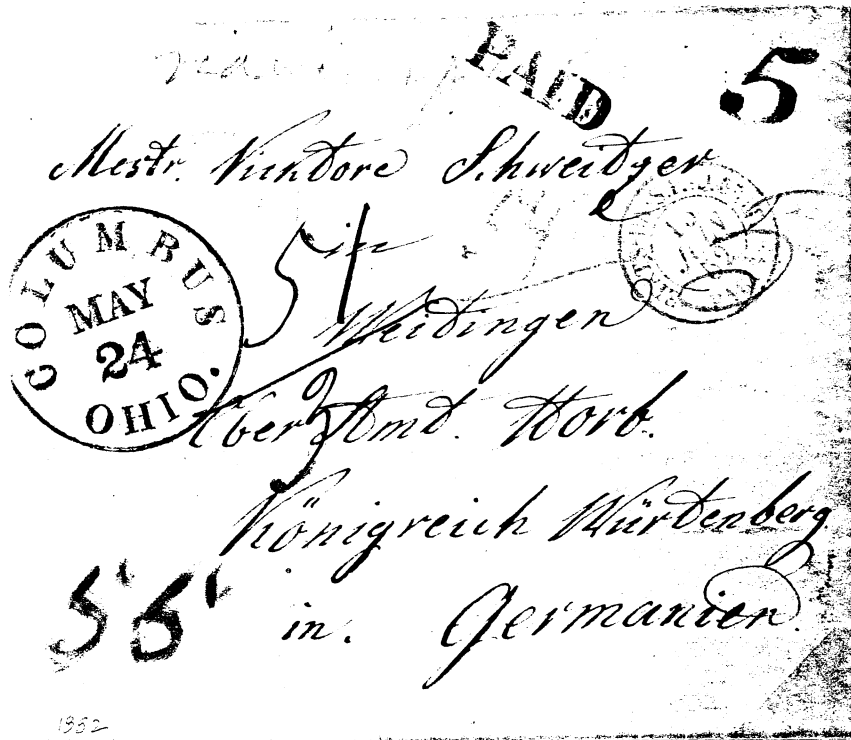
S. Bond

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1852



COVERS TO ABROAD, 1852 -3

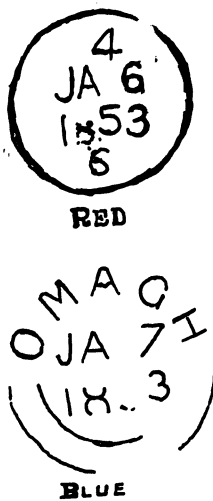


RED

HORN
19 JUN
BLUE

Columbus, May 24, 1852,
TO GERMANY, from,
possibly, one of the
families who came to
Columbus from there
not long before.

Prepaid 5¢ for open
mail transmission via
British mails, Paris
and on to Germany.



Dec. 21, 1853, to Ireland, Paid 24¢. By American
Packet, British Mails, to England.

355 - Jenkins a Planda 1872

Forwarded

To the Clerk of the District Court of
Miami County

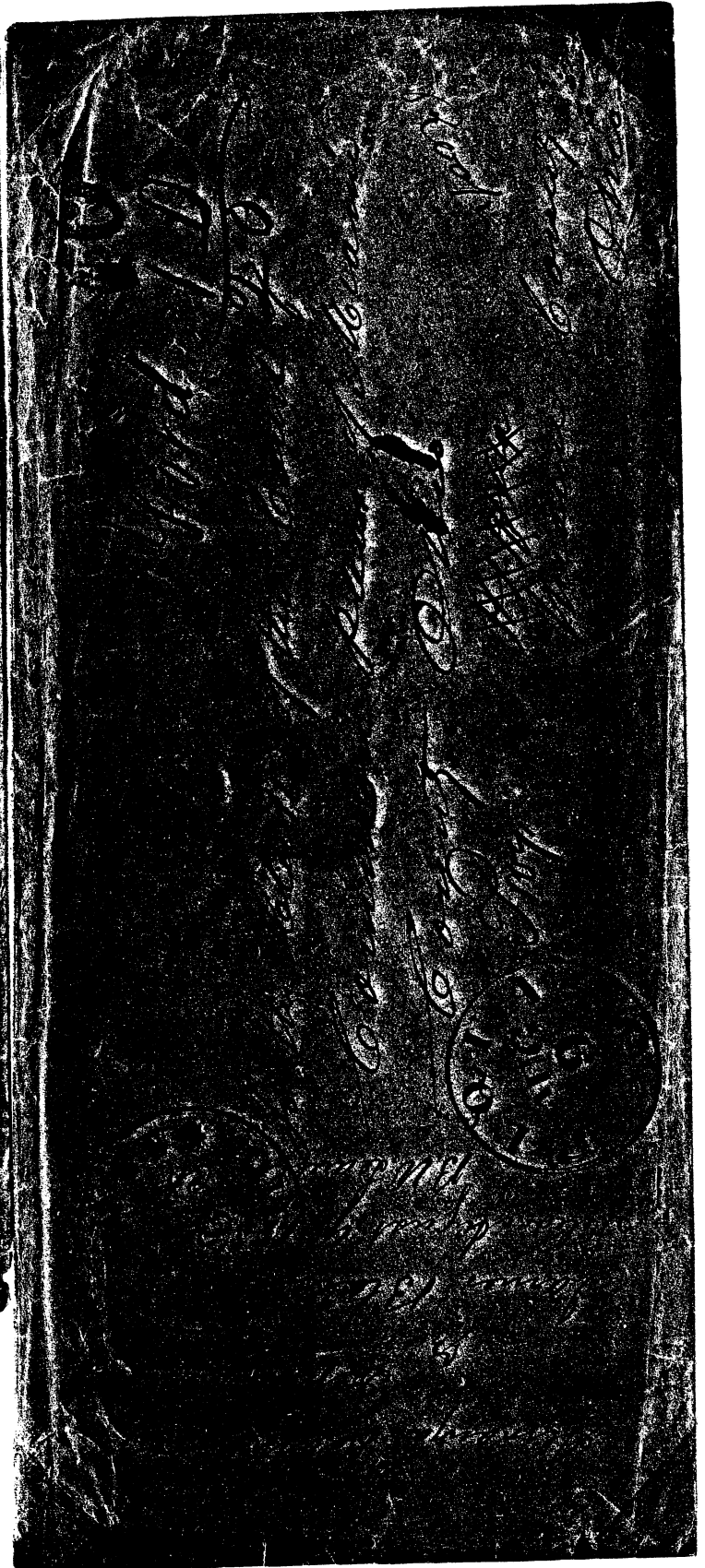


~~Piqua~~

W. J. Miami County
Ohio 10



Single and double rate covers,
forwarded, unpaid.
Columbus to Piqua to Troy, Ohio

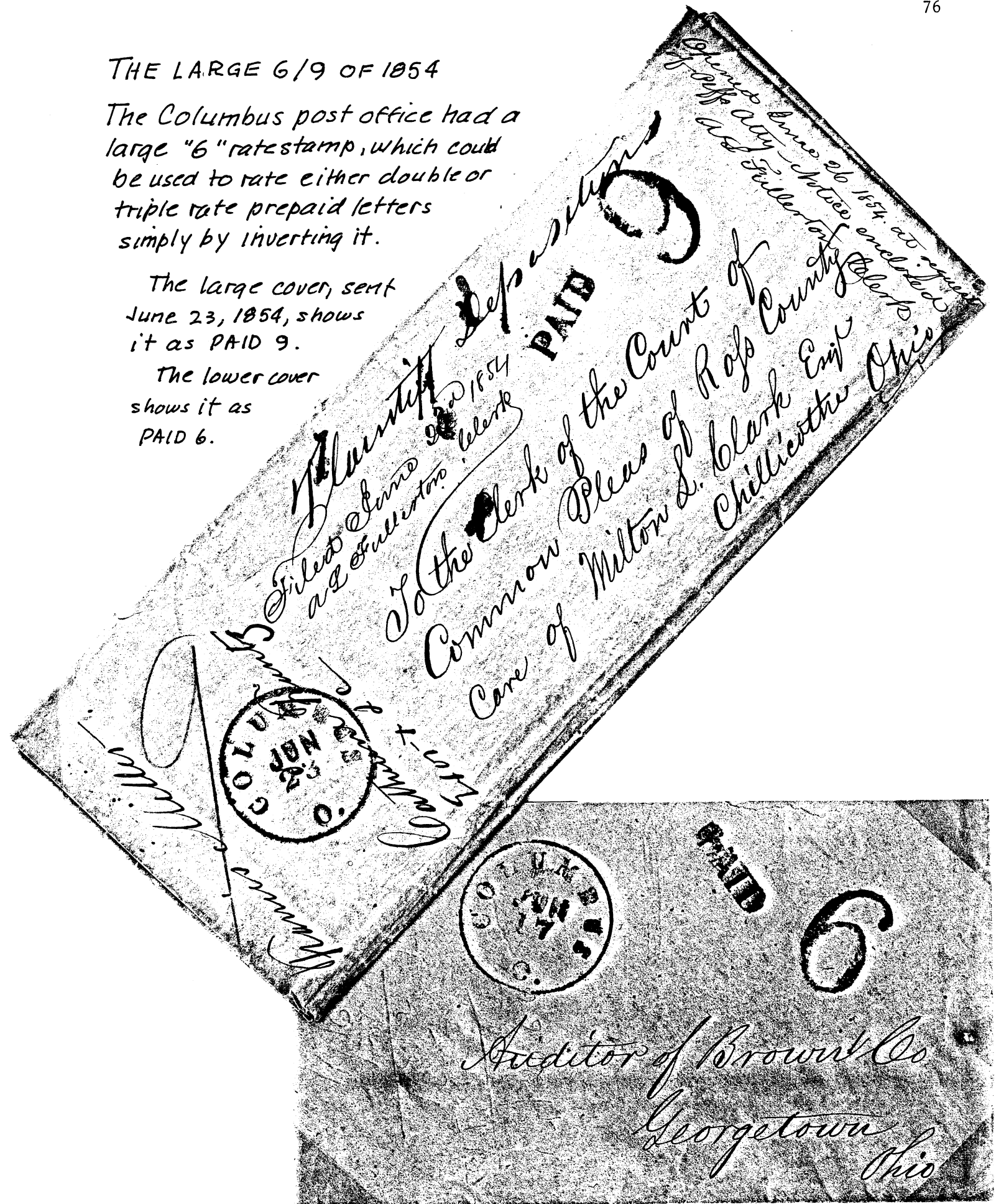


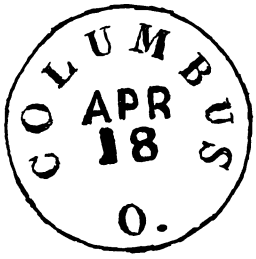
THE LARGE 6/9 OF 1854

The Columbus post office had a large "6" rate stamp, which could be used to rate either double or triple rate prepaid letters simply by inverting it.

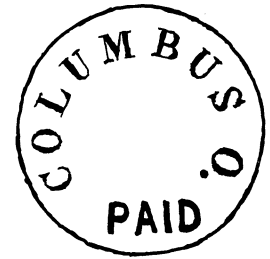
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The lower cover shows it as PAID 6.

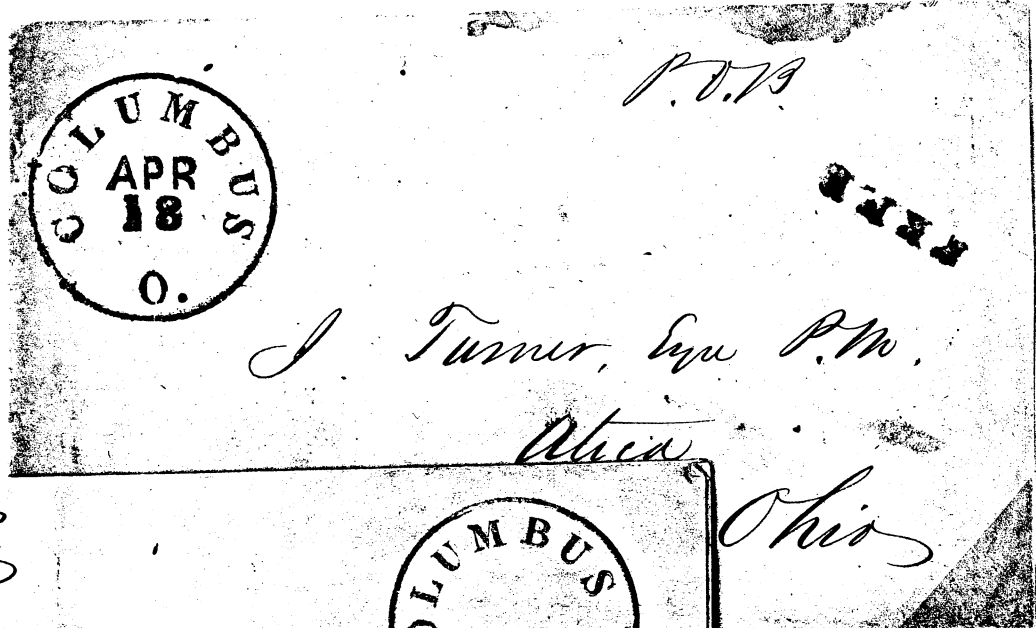




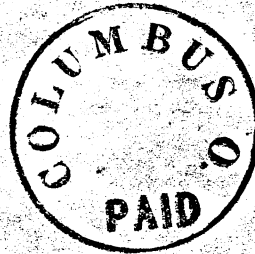
NEW POSTMARKS
1852-3



FREE, year
date unknown.



Circular



A. L. Millard Esq
Adrian

Circular rate
was then 2¢.

AUG 1853

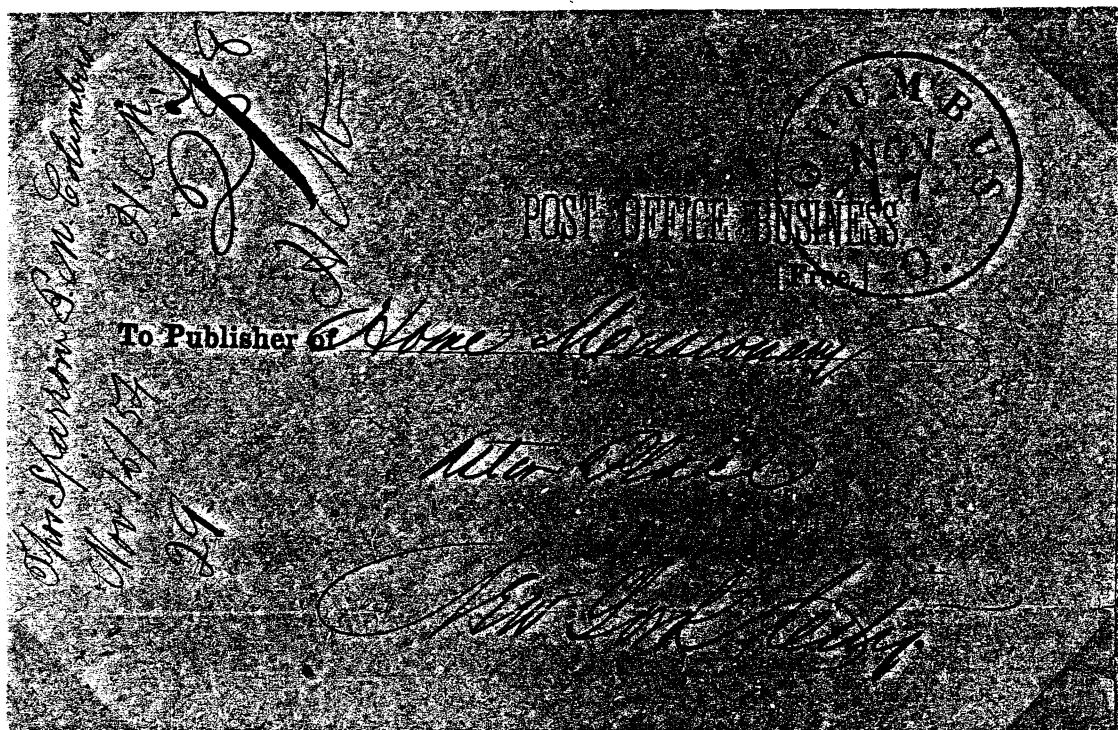


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eng 6

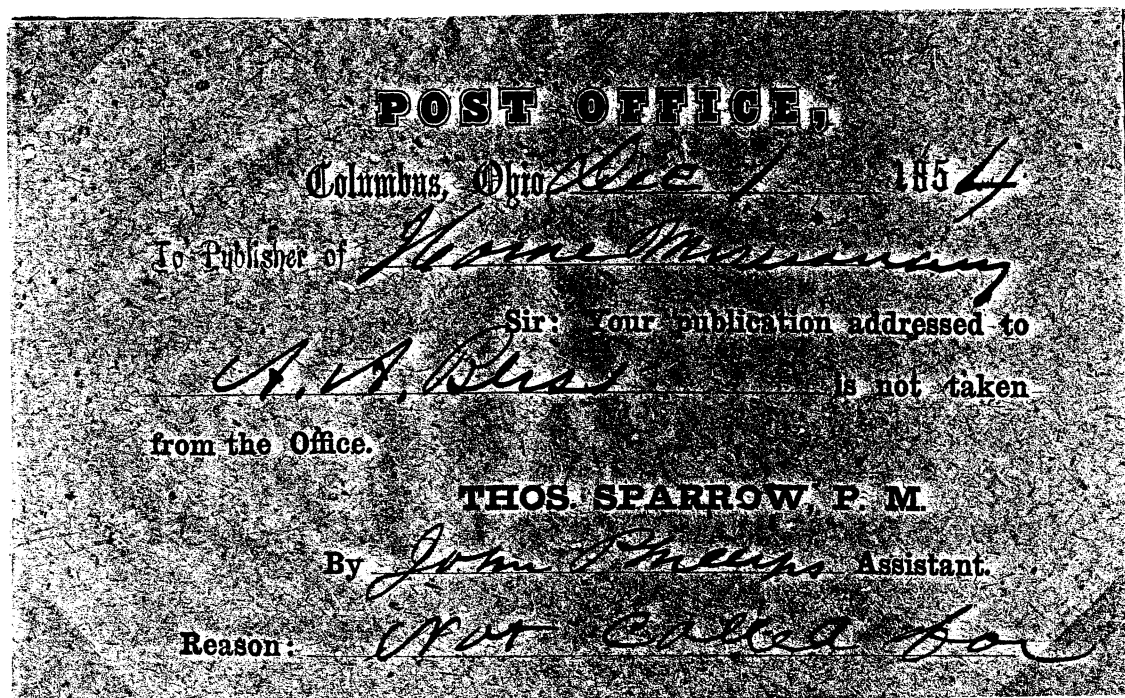


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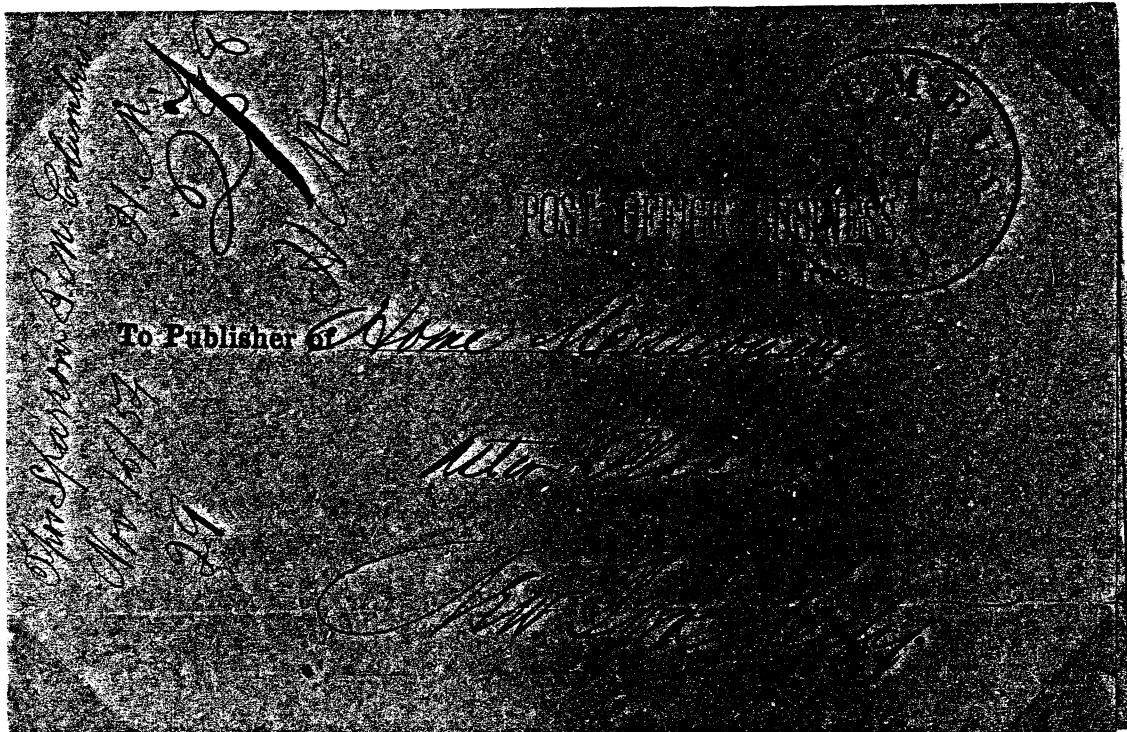


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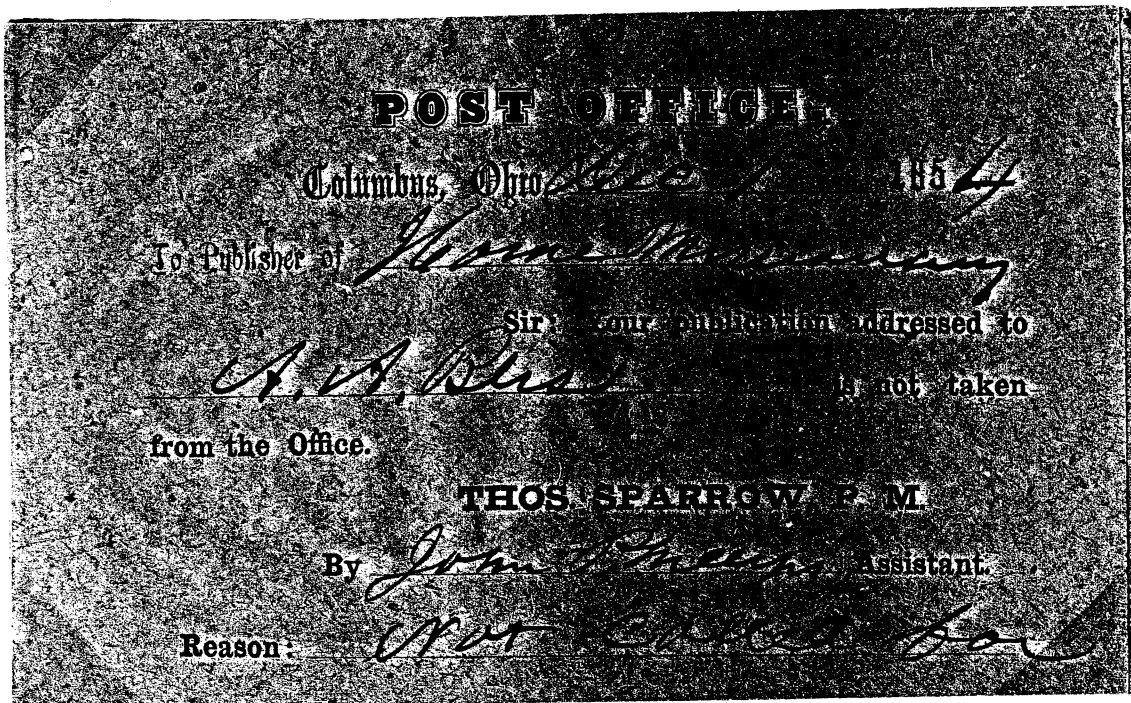


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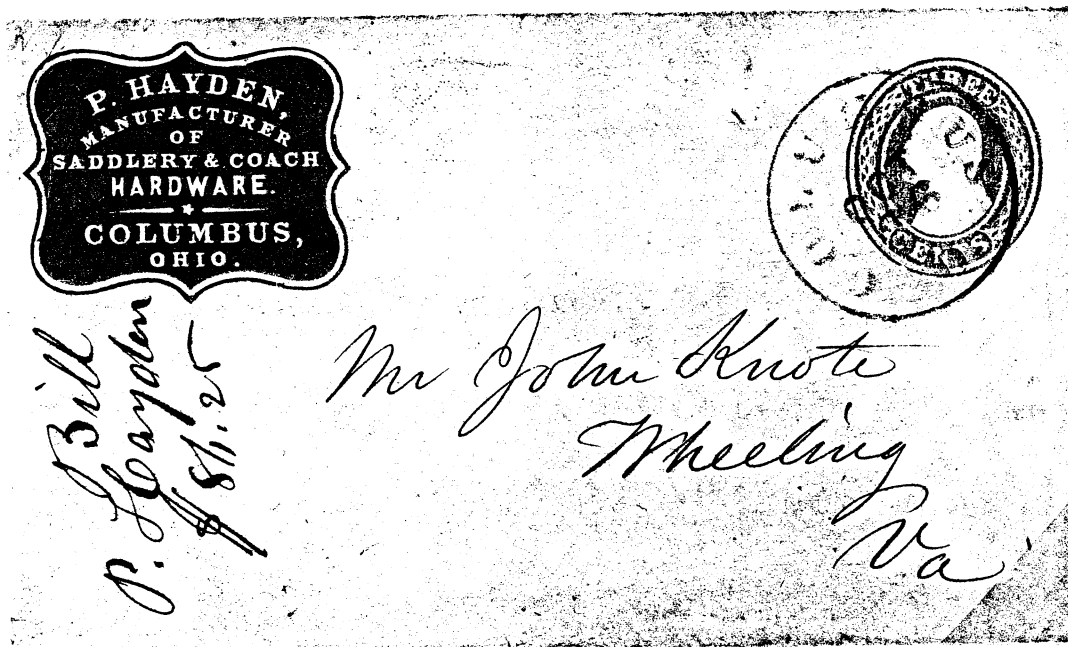


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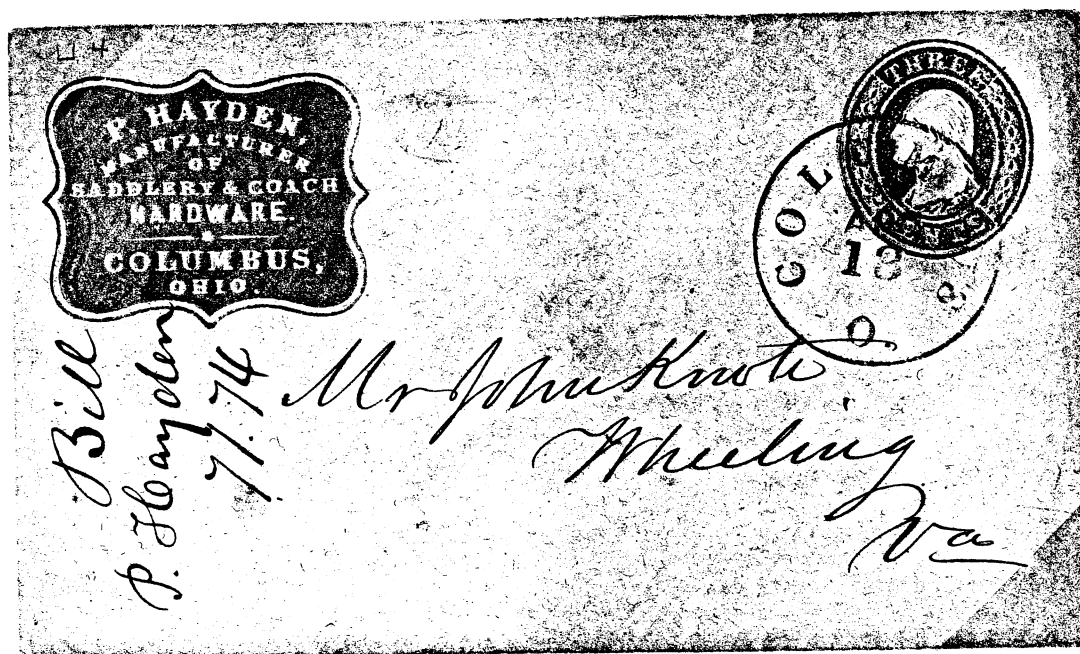
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PETER HAYDEN was the first American manufacturer
of saddlery ware.



Nesbitt die type 1

Hayden's sales shop was at 20 East Broad Street.

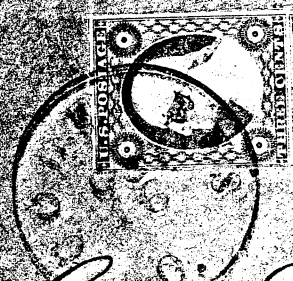
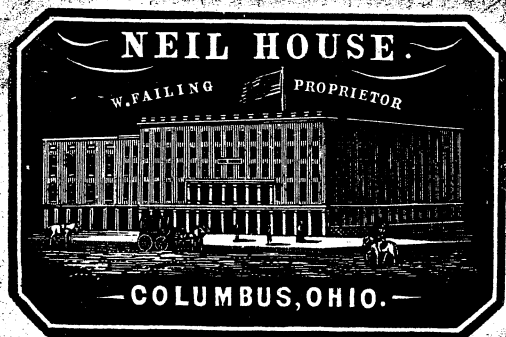


Nesbitt die type 2

THE NEIL HOUSE, opposite the State Capitol, was a Columbus landmark hotel, where the legislatures met and dealt with one another, for over 100 years. Supposedly, seven different hotels of that name succeeded one another at the site.



*Mr. Harritt S. Bouton
Franklin
New Hampshire*



*Dan. Gregg Esq
Chillicothe
Ohio*

COLUMBUS TO CALIFORNIA

From July 1, 1851
to April 1, 1855,
the rate to Cal-
ifornia (over
3000 miles) was
6¢ prepaid or
10¢ collect for
a single letter.



PAID



Wm. Carter Esq.,
Sacramento
California



PAID 6

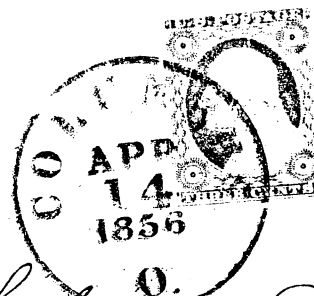
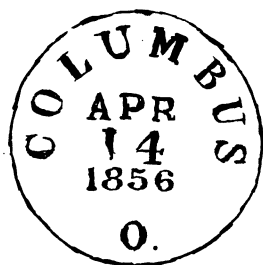
(Collect) 10¢

Sent Dec 7, 1855
or later, prepaid
10¢ in stamps.
Effective, April 1,
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10¢, prepaid,
only.

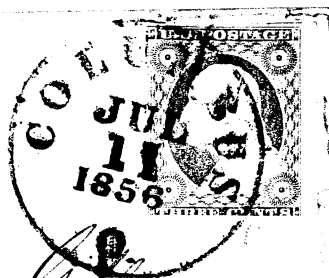


Christopher R. Stark
Charley's Ranch
Yuba Co
California

THE COLUMBUS YEAR DATED HANDSTAMP OF 1856-7



John W. Sutherland Esq
 Probate Judge
 Steubenville
 Jefferson County
 Ohio



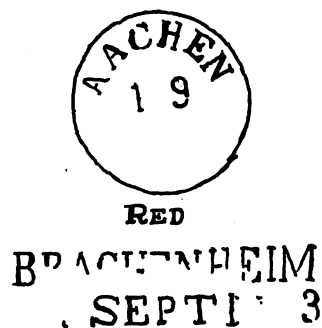
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 care of Dr. Gordon
 Piqua
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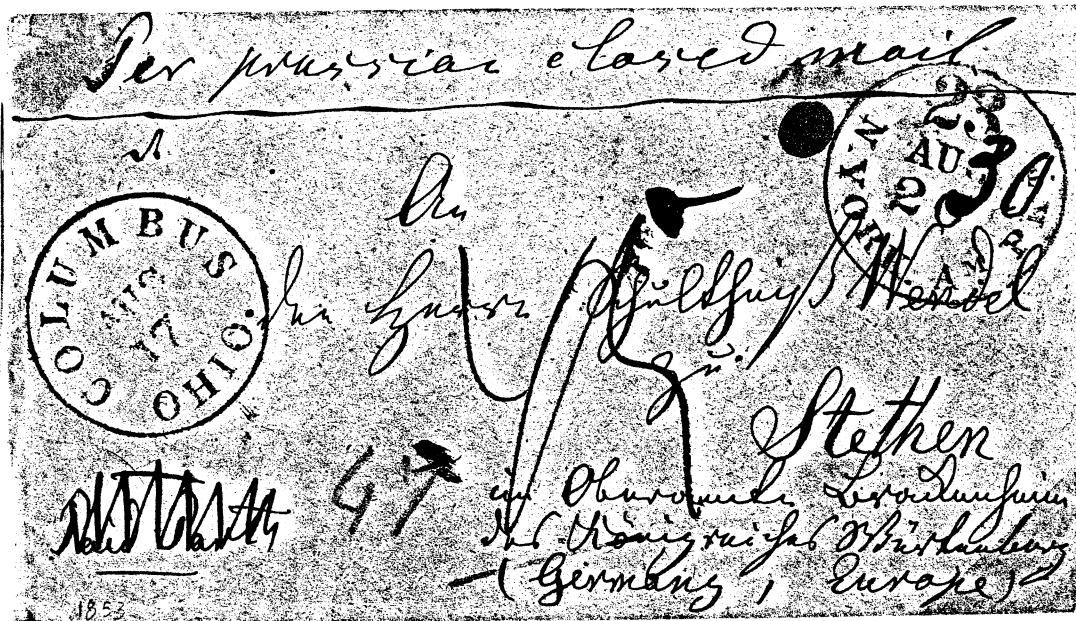
International
 Order of
 Odd Fellows

Philo Pease
 Chardon
 Ohio

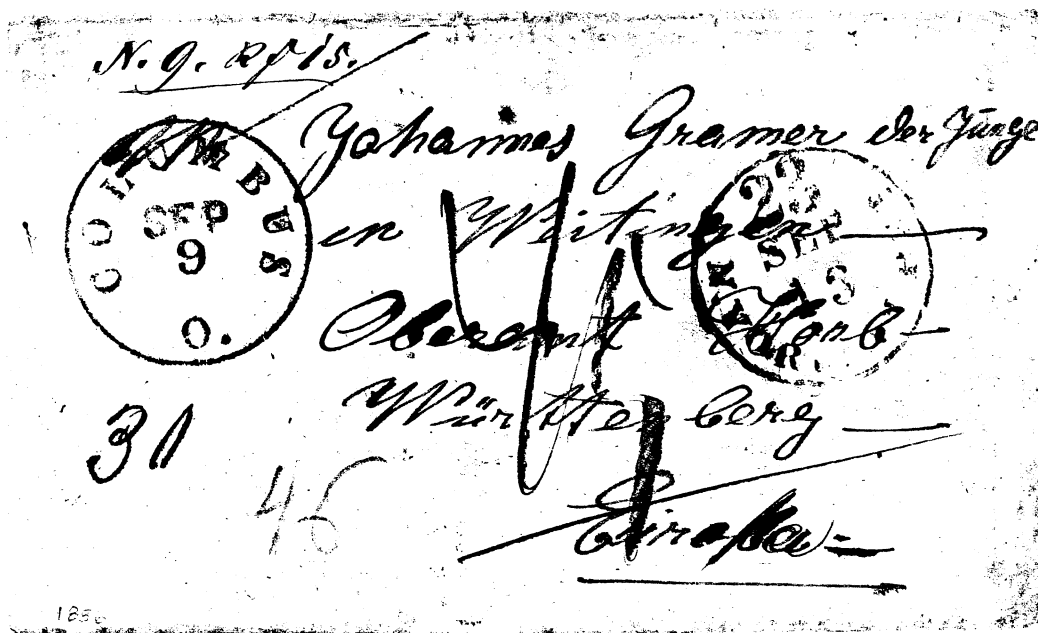
COLUMBUS TO GERMANY



Per Prussian
Closed Mail



Columbus /Ohio AUG 17 (1853), 30 ¢ due postage. New York exchange office, Aug 20; debit 23 ¢ from Prussia for American Pkt to England, etc. To Liverpool by Collins Line ARCTIC - arr. 30 Aug 53. Closed bag to Aachen - backstamped 1 Sep. (1853). Received, Brachenheim, Sept. 13(?) 1853.



Columbus, Ohio, Sep. 9 (1856), rated 30, unpaid for Prussian Closed Mail transit. New York exchange office 23 debit for transit by American Pkt. To Liverpool, Sep. 13, - arr. Sept 27 via Collins Line Ericsson. Closed bag to Aachen; backstamped Sept. 28; to Stuttgart, Württemberg, 29 Sept. Arrived Horb, Württemberg, 1 Oct 1856, 31 days in transit.

CORNER CARDS REFLECT BUSINESS TRENDS OF 1850'S.



C. J. Peters
Tataskala Lick



S. W. Quason
Liberty
53. N.Y.

1855

"Coach Maker's
Magazine" of
New York - "C.W.
Saladee, Editor,
residence, Columbus,
Ohio(!)"

A trade journal of the
times.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

FORWARDED BY THE

\$20

Enclosed.

Papers all looked over
copied in book and arranged

For

Mrs Dr R. R. McGee

Sandusky

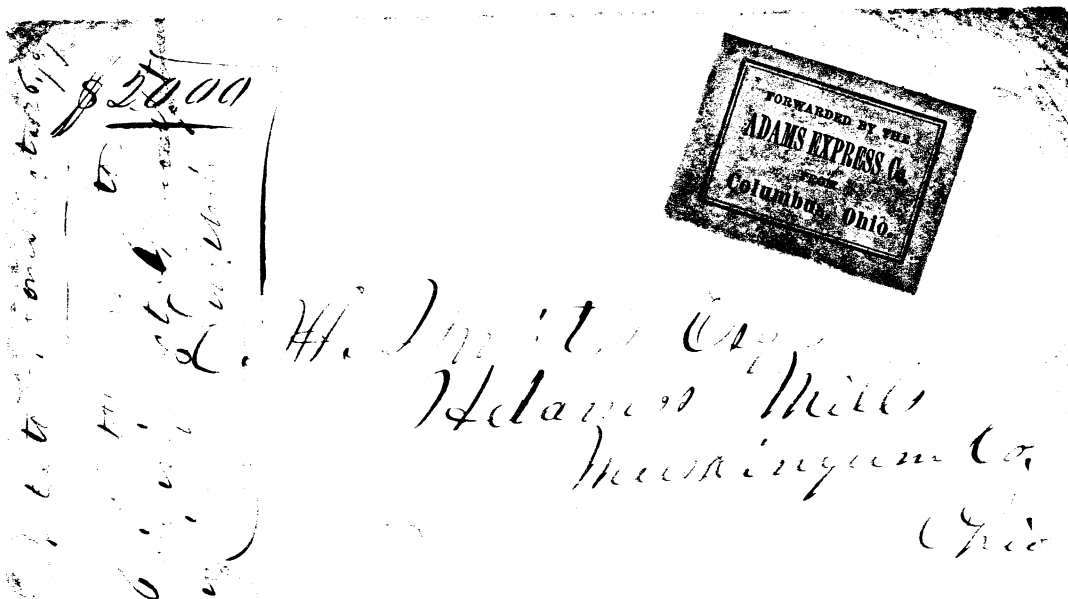
Ohio

FROM

J. A. Grover



UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN EXPRESSES COMMENCED OPERATION IN COLUMBUS IN THE MID 1850'S OR EARLIER. COLUMBUS TO SANDUSKY VIA THE COLUMBUS, CLEVELAND & CINCINNATI "3C's" R.R.



ADAMS EXPRESS TO MUSKINGUM COUNTY, PROBABLY VIA ZANESVILLE, ON THE CENTRAL OHIO R.R. Cover is dated 1859.

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO
MONEY PACKAGE, CINCINNATI TO
DELAWARE, OHIO VIA COLUMBUS.

PROBABLY VIA CINCINNATI,
COLUMBUS & CLEVELAND RR
ALL THE WAY.



1859

Notary Public's undated sealing statement
on back - no seals.

ADAMS EXPRESS, NEWARK TO LOGAN, OHIO - PROBABLY VIA COLUMBUS

1. Newark Machine Works }
my 3 }
Homer D. Sabin chas }
Depositions taken }
by ~~my~~ in above }
cause & sealed }
up, directed, and }
transmitted by me }
Saman White }
Notary Public }
Licking Co., }
Ohio }
Colerick of the Court of Com. Recs }
Logan, Ohio }
Case Culver Brown }
attys }

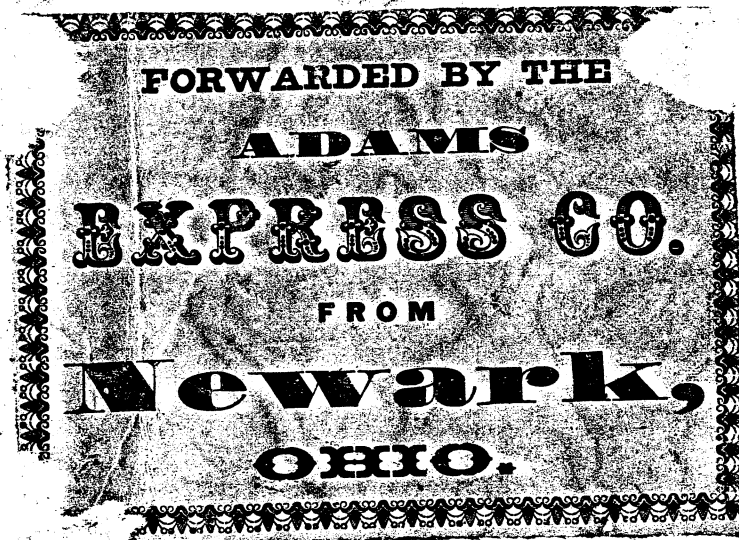
Look at this

The Adams Express Agent
at Lancaster will understand
by the directions on the other side
that it is important to secure the
package in Logan as soon as
possible, & if it can be expedited
any by having a man to take
it down, he is authorized to do
so & bill the cost of the trip back
to this office as expenses, getting the
same down as expeditiously as
possible.

Mons

J J Smith Agt

Adams Exp Co at
Newark Oct 31/19



1859

Two seals removed for filing?

BY UNITED STATES EXPRESS, TOLEDO TO COLUMBUS, OHIO

Possibly, arrived via Cincinnati,
Columbus & Cleveland, or,
more probably, by Columbus,
Piqua & Indiana RR, after
one or two transfers at
railroad junctions such
as Urbana.





THE COLUMBUS CIRCULAR GRID KILLER OF 1860
A separate cancel for the stamps was required by Postmaster General's order of July, 1860. The postmark could no longer be used

for that purpose.

WM. M^cDONALD & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

GROCERS,

No. 106 South High Street,

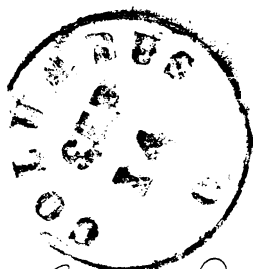
Columbus, O.

March, 1860.

Postmark (mostly)
illegible) used
to cancel the
stamp.



*C. J. Peters
Pataskala*

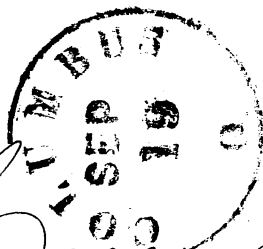


Sept 14, 1860.

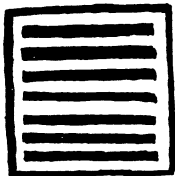
Circular grid
killer.

*Mr Cyrus J. Peters
Pataskala*

Sickling Co.



*Cyrus J. Peters Esq
Pataskala
Sickling Co.*

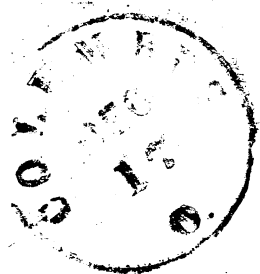
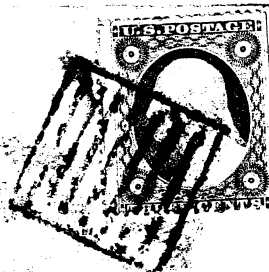
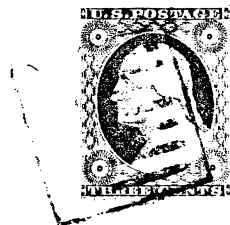


THE COLUMBUS "PRISON BAR" GRID

This rectangular grid killer, named by it appearing on mail from Camp Chase prison in the 1860's, was in use circa 1860-1863.

1860 uses

The grid was
always applied at
the Columbus post
office.



J. Ogilvie
Dec 18th / 60

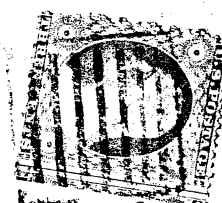
Mr. S. S. Hoadley
Constantine
Delaware Co. Ohio

Ohio

COLUMBUS "PRISON BAR" RECTANGULAR GRID

1861 uses

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Miss Fanny E. Thomas

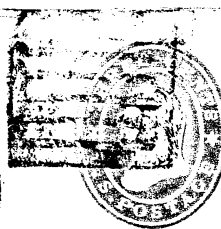
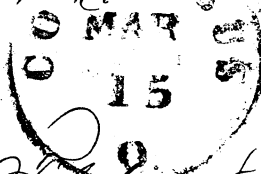
Columbus

Ohio

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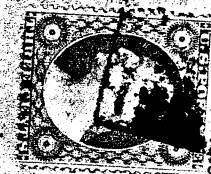
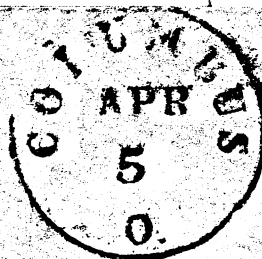
Recd Mar 14 '61

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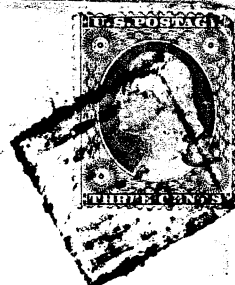


Wife of Mr. Fiddler & Nephew

Columbus



Saml Peters



S. J. Peters Esq

Petersburg

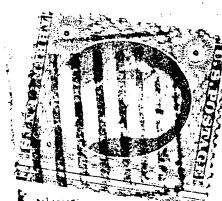
Ohio

Columbus
Ohio

COLUMBUS "PRISON BAR" RECTANGULAR GRID

1861 uses

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Miss. Hannys E. Horns

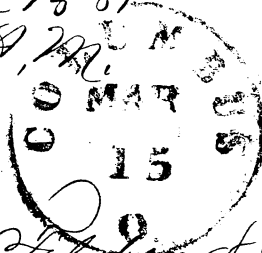
Astana

Ohio

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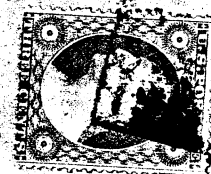
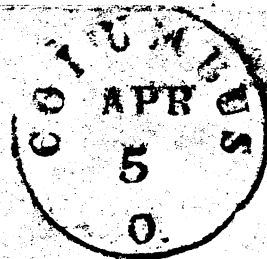
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A.M.



Wife Wm. Eldon & Nephew

Columbus Ohio



J. I. Peters

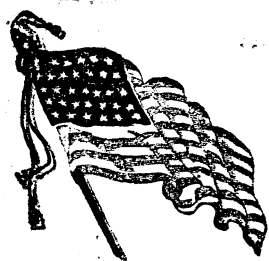
la
ing Co
Ohio

J. I. Peters Esq

Pakuskala

Ohio

THE CIVIL WAR - EARLY PATRIOTICS



UNION FOREVER!



1862
 Mr. B. B. Thatcher
 Orwell
 Vermont

Col. Elmer Ellsworth
 was the first ranking
 officer killed in
 the Civil War.



Our flag SHALL be respected.
 Not trampled in the dust;
 The Stars and Stripes shall NOT come down
 Though traitors say they must.

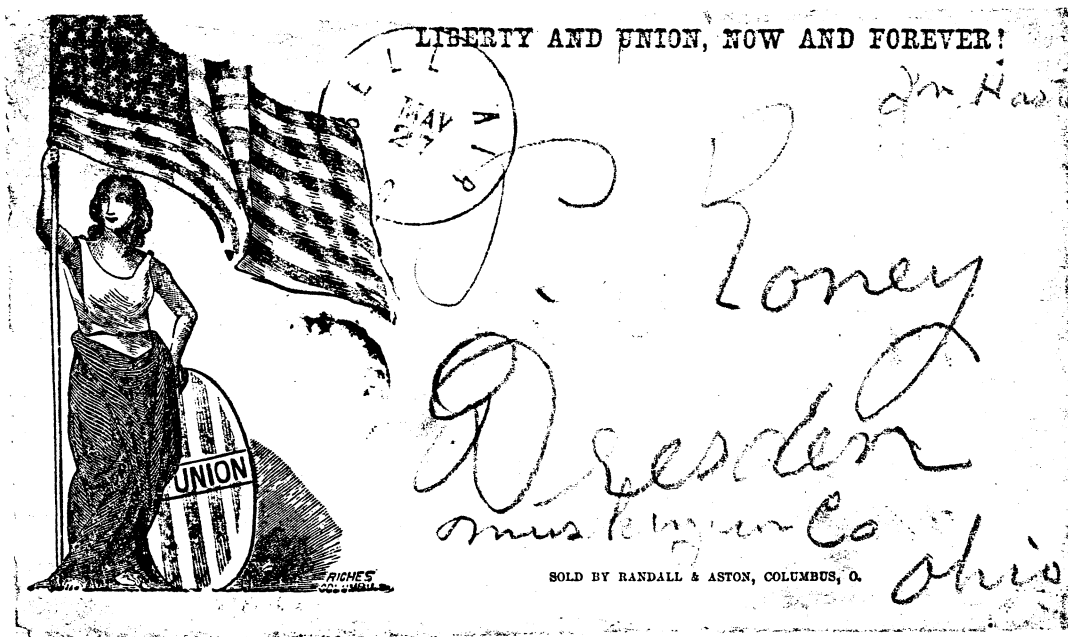


Miss Sarah McKimley
 Mansfield Richland

County Ohio

IMPRINTS ON PATRIOTIC COVERS

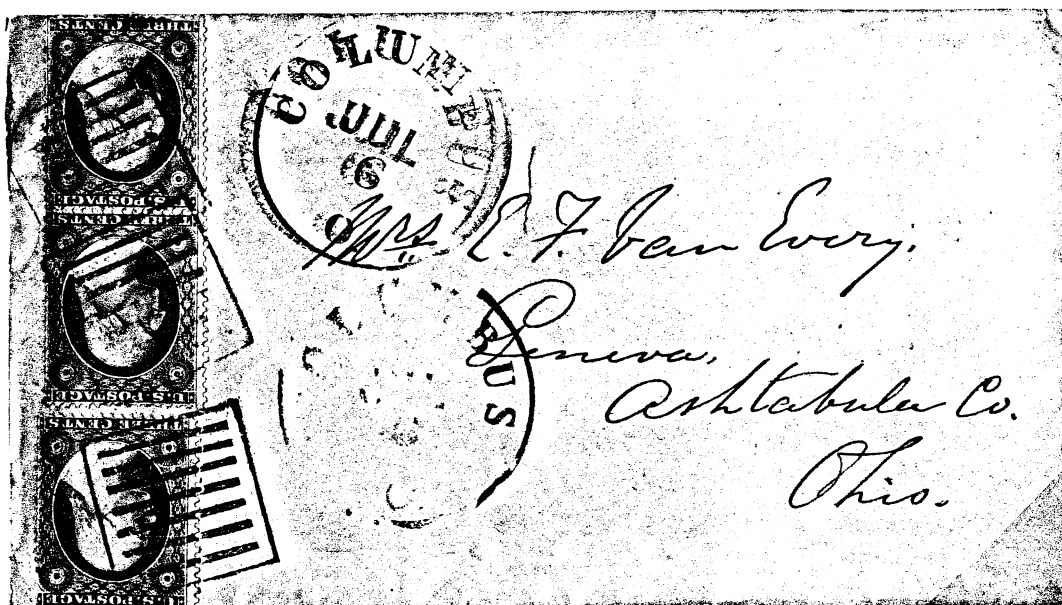
Most patriotics used from Columbus were printed elsewhere - New York, usually, Philadelphia or Cincinnati.



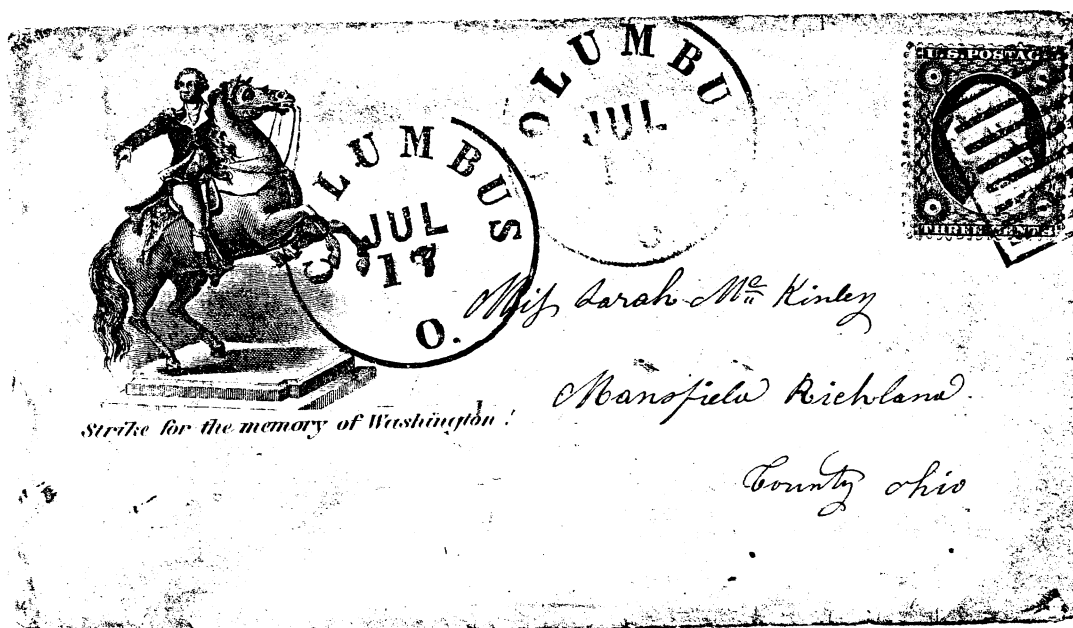
This cover, carried away by a soldier and sent from "Bel Air/O," bears the printer's imprint of Riches/Columbus O and a stationers imprint of "Sold by Randall & Aston, Columbus, O."



Caricature design with imprint of "D. Murphy & Son, Print., 65 Fulton & 312 Pearl St." While this is a New York address, it is of interest that Columbus also has Fulton & Pearl Streets.



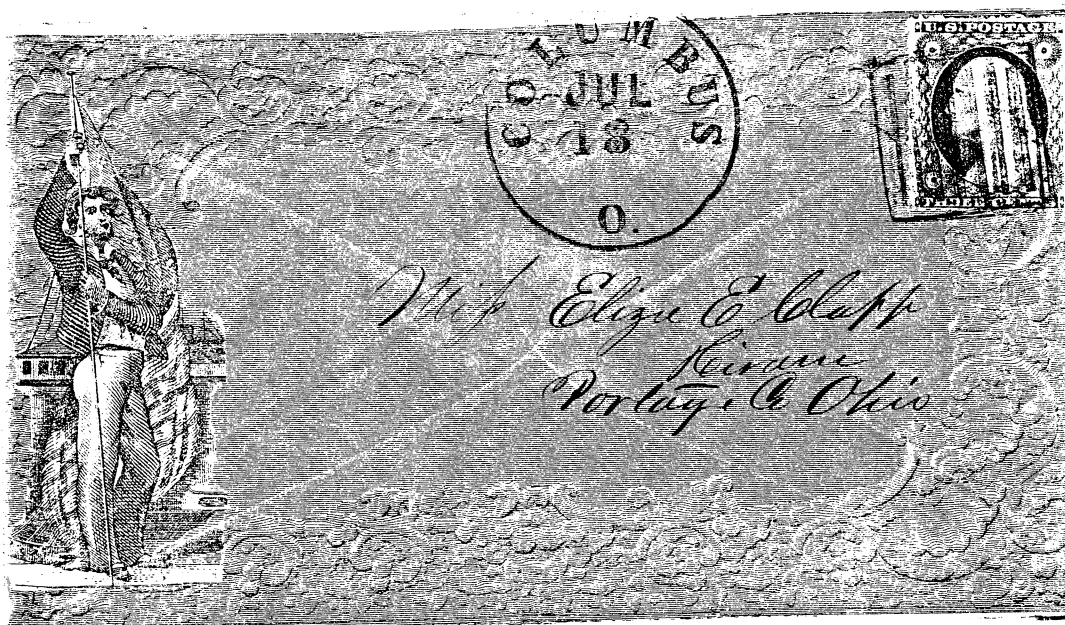
TRIPLE RATE COVER TO ASHTABULA, JULY 1861.



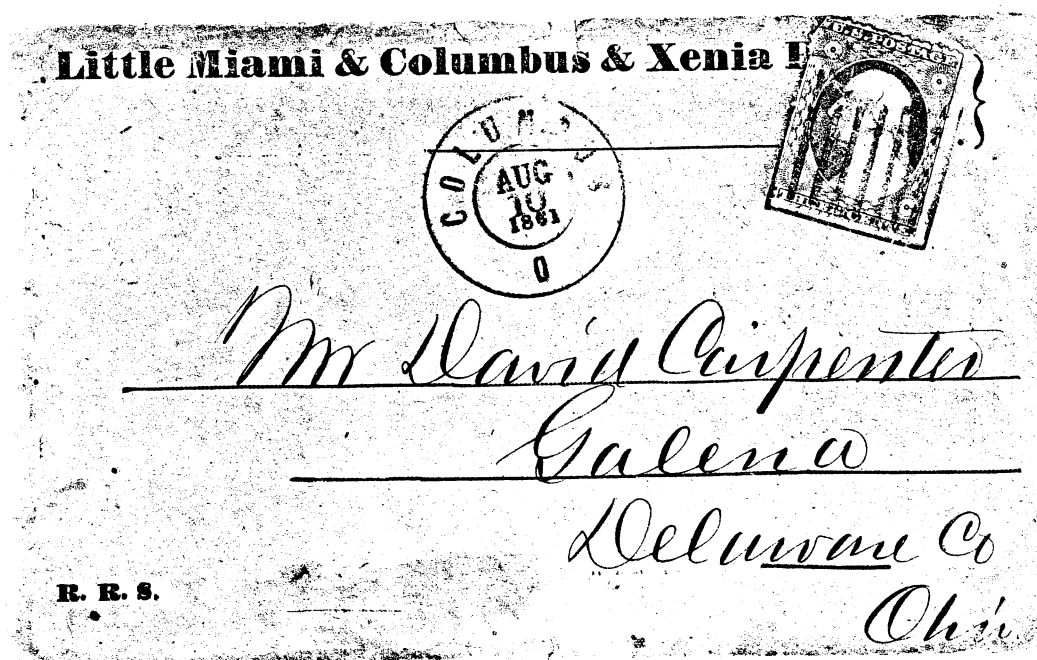
COLUMBUS TO MANSFIELD, JULY 1861,

THE 1" x 1/2" SMALL DOUBLE CIRCLE

This style government furnished handstamp was furnished to many cities, starting in 1859



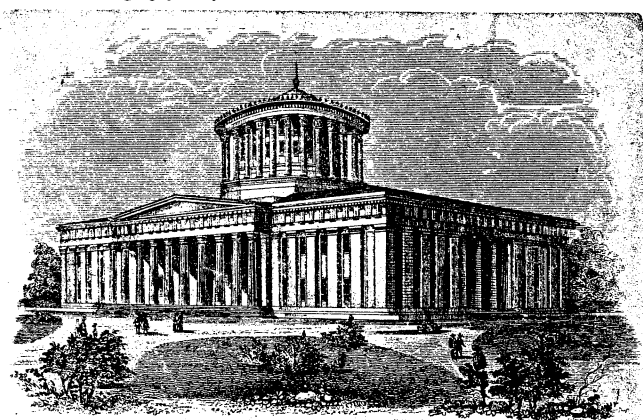
Overall lithographed sailor patriotic design. No imprint.



Little Miami & Columbus & Xenia RR - from Columbus, originally the Columbus & Xenia. Early use of the small double circle postmark, and late use of the 3¢ stamp of 1857.

COLUMBUS, THE 1861 ISSUE OF STAMPS, AND THE CIVIL WAR IN COLUMBUS

The beginning of the Civil War in April 1861 found the 1857 stamps still in use, although measures to replace them with a new issue of different designs were being considered. Many thousands of dollars worth of stamps were in southern postoffices, nor was payment for them likely to reach Washington. However, replacement did not take place until in August and it was not until about the last weeks of August that Columbus received a supply of the new stamps.



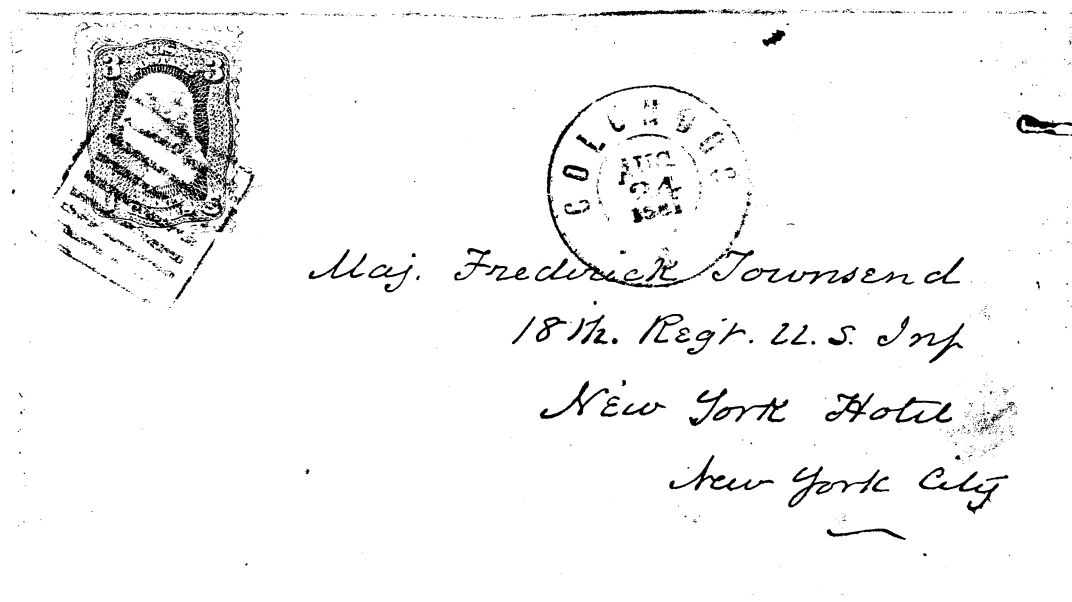
State Capitol Columbus, O.
364. F¹ Long - 184. F¹ Wide - 156. F¹ High.

Thus, many Columbus covers exist - sent in wartime with patriotic designs or imprints pertinent to the war but with 1857 stamps. However, most Columbus wartime covers bear the 1861 stamps, including those from the military installations in and near Columbus.

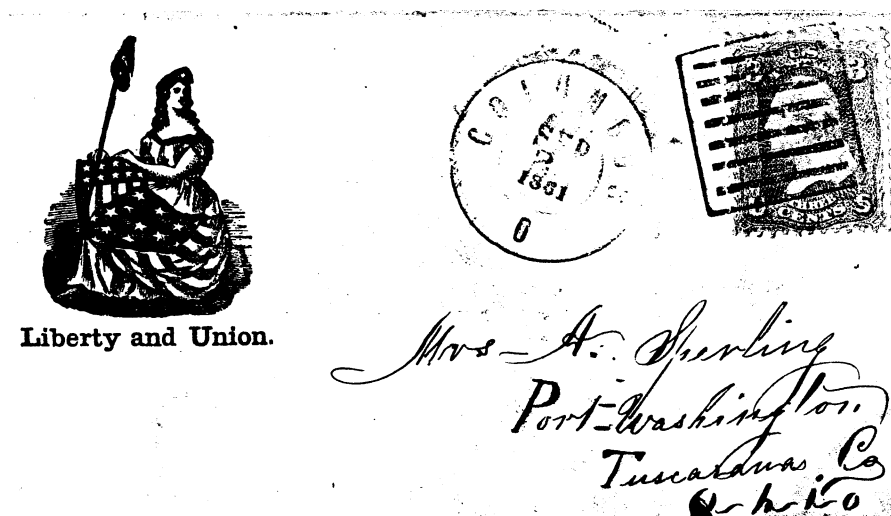
The State Capitol, at left, was under construction during the war, although the cover at left shows it completed.

THE 1861 ISSUE OF STAMPS AND DEMONETIZATION

When the first supply of 1861 stamps arrived at a post office, a notice was placed in the local newspapers that the new stamps would be exchanged, value for value, for a period of six days. After that, the old (1857) stamps would no longer be accepted as valid on letters mailed at that post office.

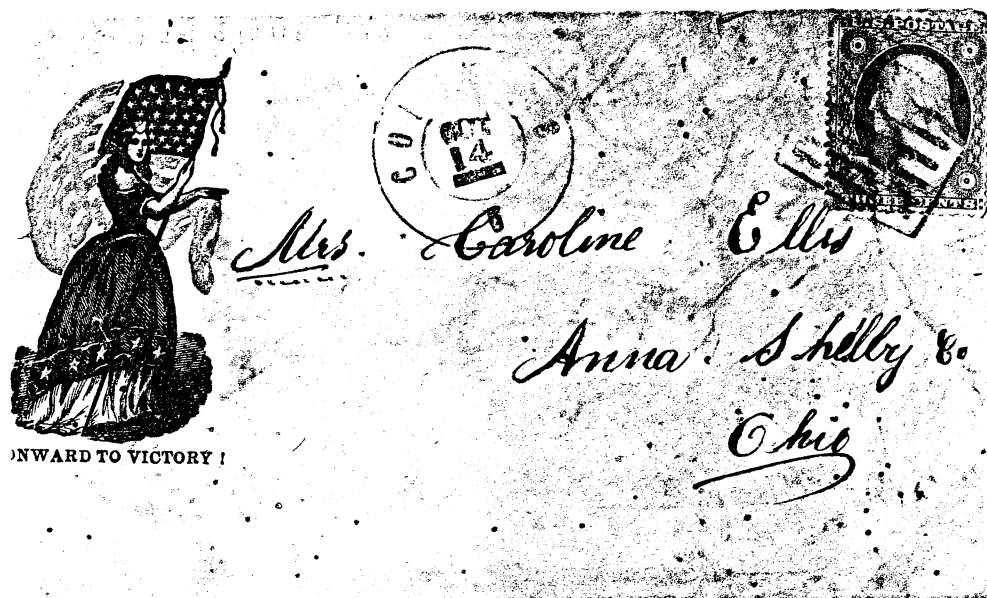
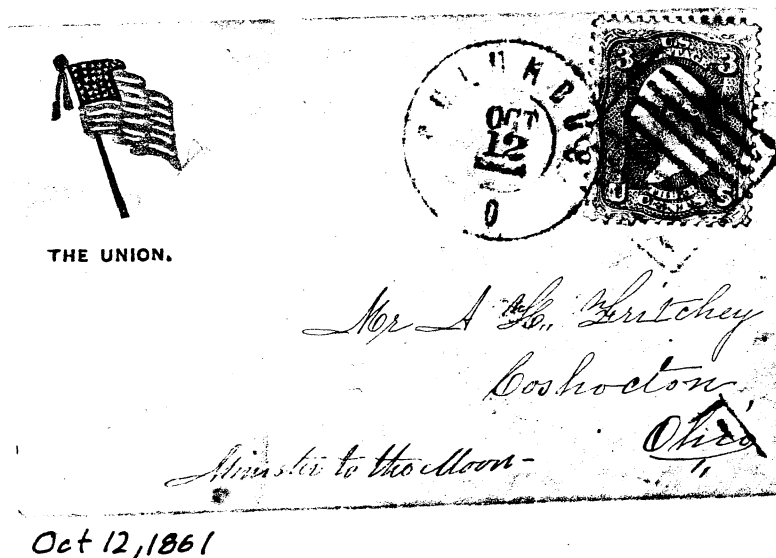


The exchange period of 1861 stamps for those of 1857 at Columbus was August 22-27, 1861. Thus, this cover, mailed August 24, 1861 falls within that period.



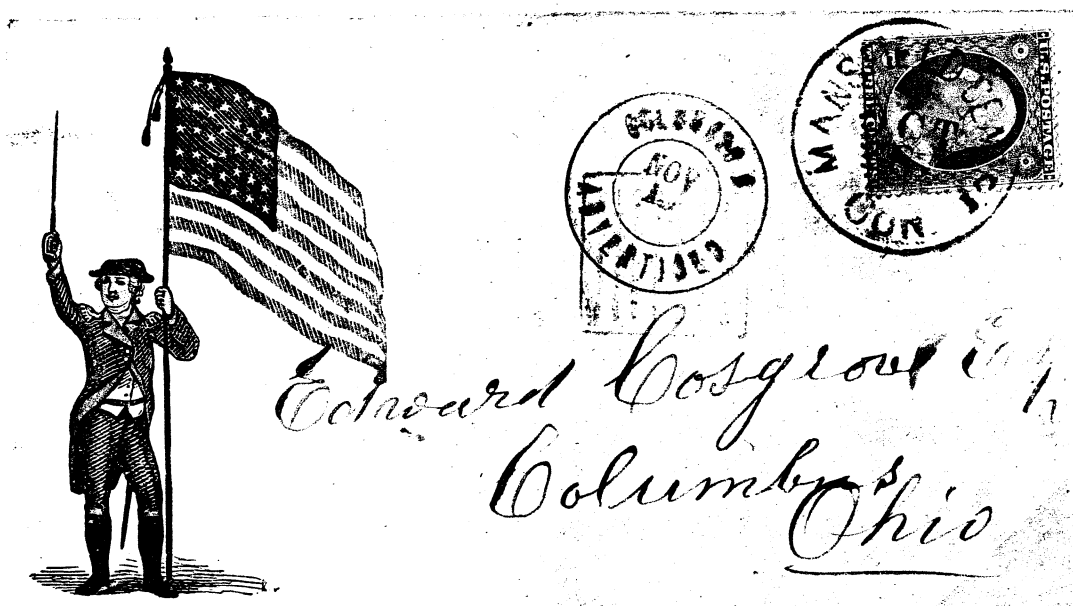
Patriotic design sent Sep. 2, 1861.

Some time between Sept. 2 and Oct. 12, 1861,
the Columbus post office switched from black to blue
ink for postmarks.



Sent from Columbus on Oct 14, 1861 (as proven by the
style of postmark and blue ink), the 3¢ 1857 stamp
on this cover was accepted for postage in spite of its
having been demonetized.

Letter not called for and returned to sender via Dead Letter Office.



Mailed, Mansfield Center, Conn, Oct 8, 1861.
Advertised, Nov. 1, '61, Columbus, O. Not Called
For, sent to the Dead Letter Office, 31 Dec.

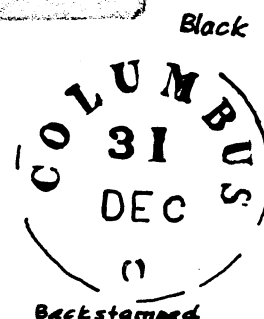
The Columbus, O. Advertised dated Nov.
10 was probably called for in error, as it
was cancelled.

NOT CALLED FOR.

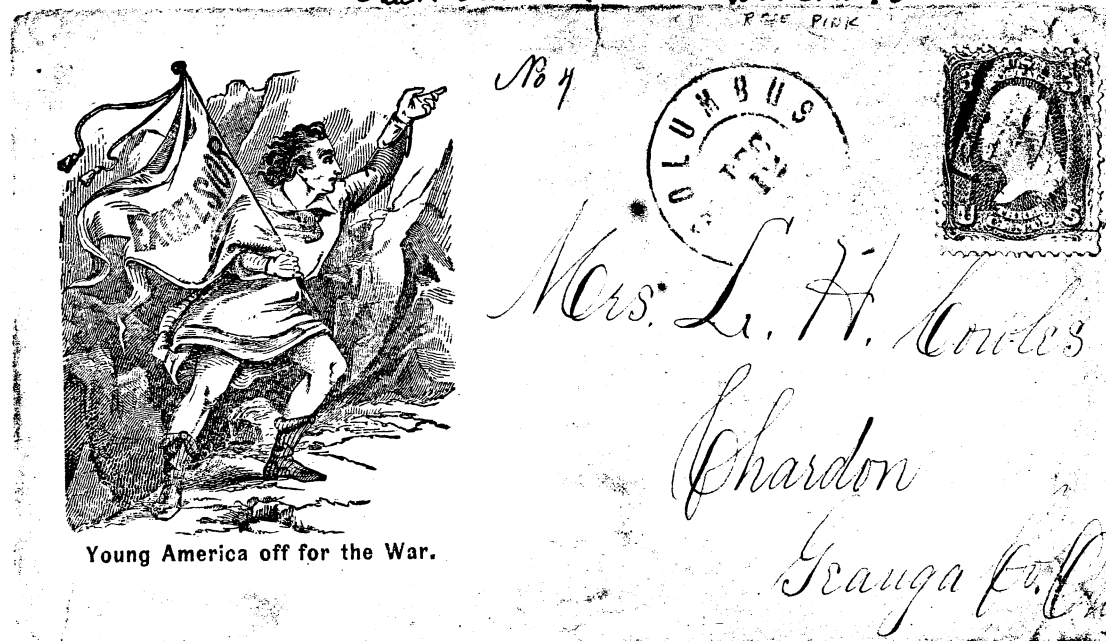
Black backstamp



Blue.
(backstamp)



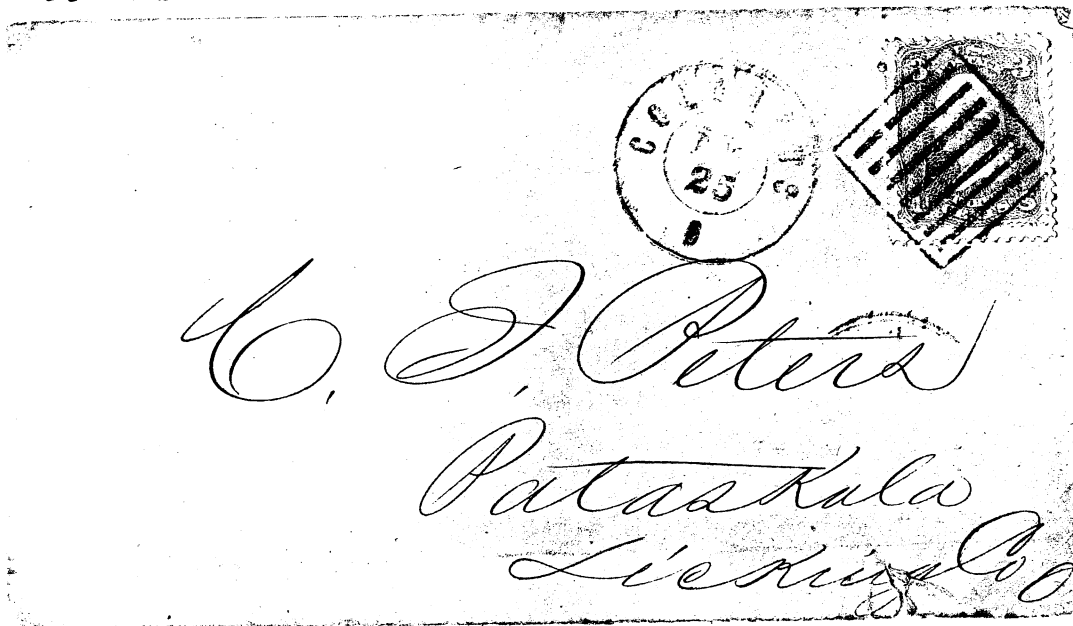
Black
Backstamped



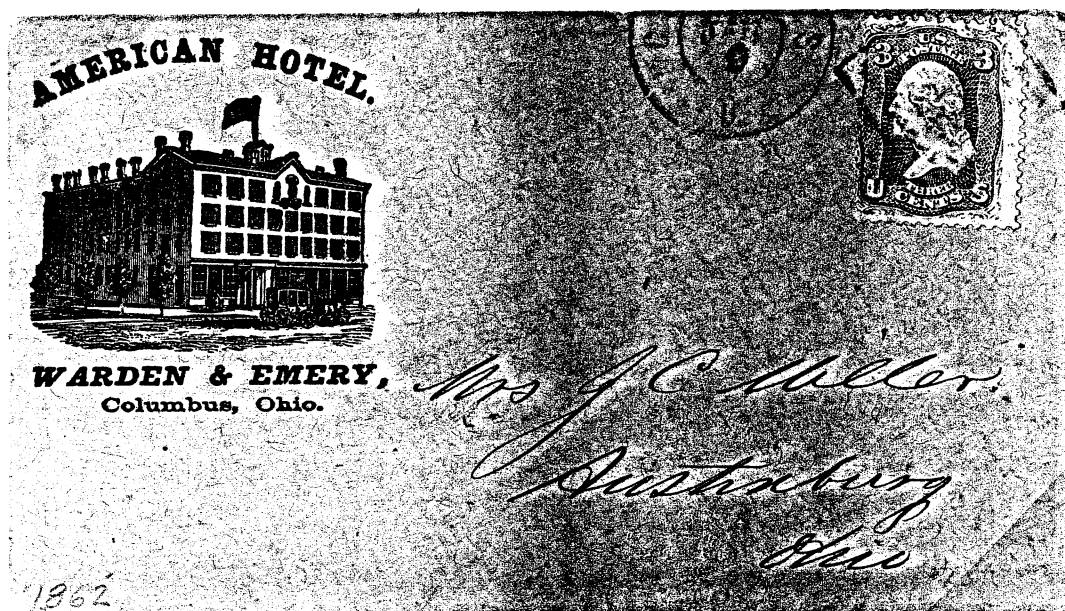
Young America off for the War.

Dec. 12, 1861. Blue postal markings.

BY CHRISTMAS DAY, 1861, THE COLUMBUS P.O. AGAIN WAS
USING BLACK INK.

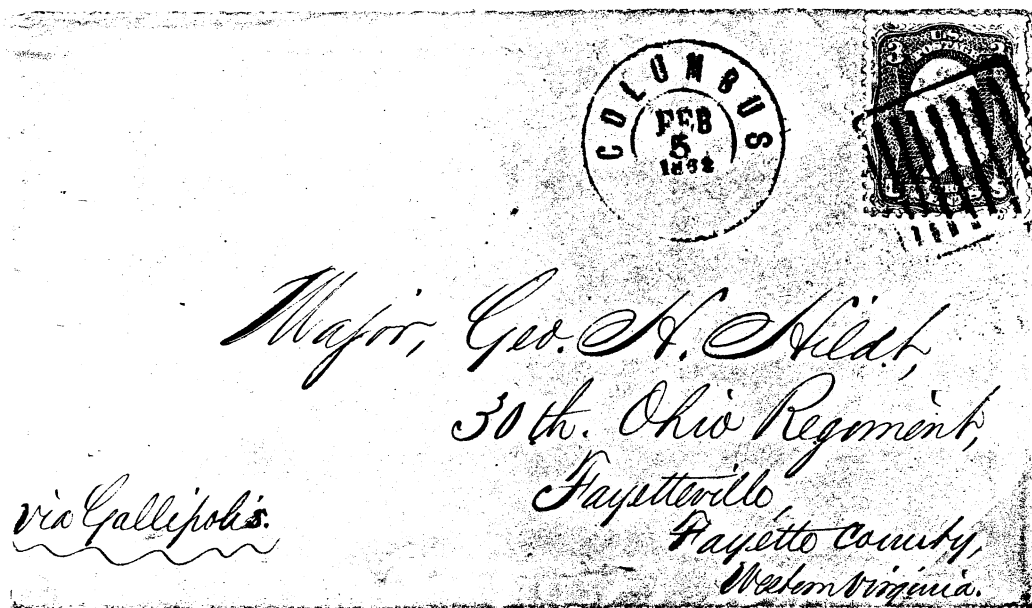


CHRISTMAS DAY, 1861.

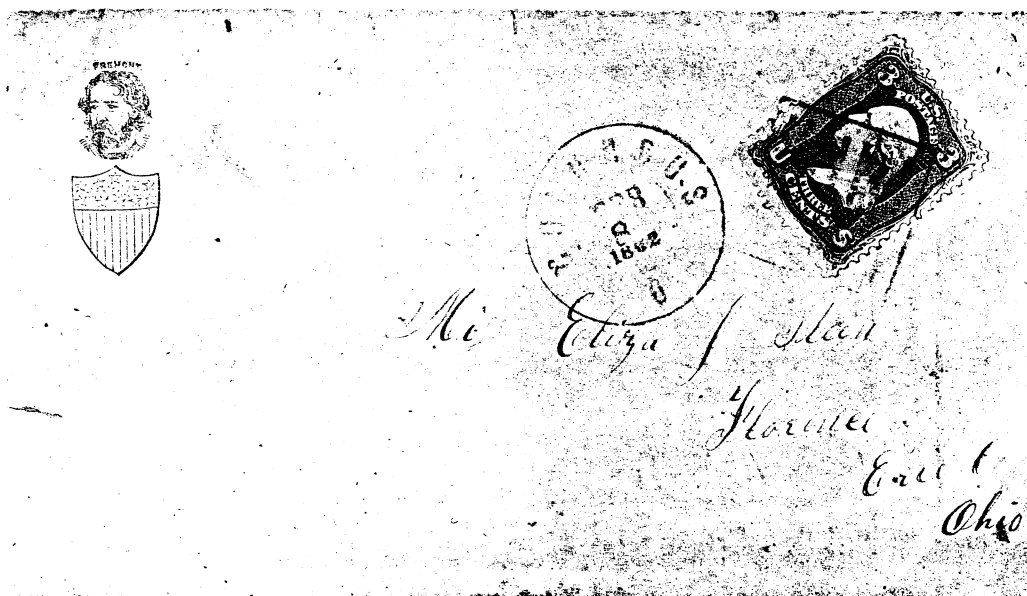


JAN. 9, 1862.

FROM FEB. 5, 1862, AND INTO EARLY MARCH, THE COLUMBUS
POST OFFICE USED GREEN INK FOR POSTMARKING AND CANCELING

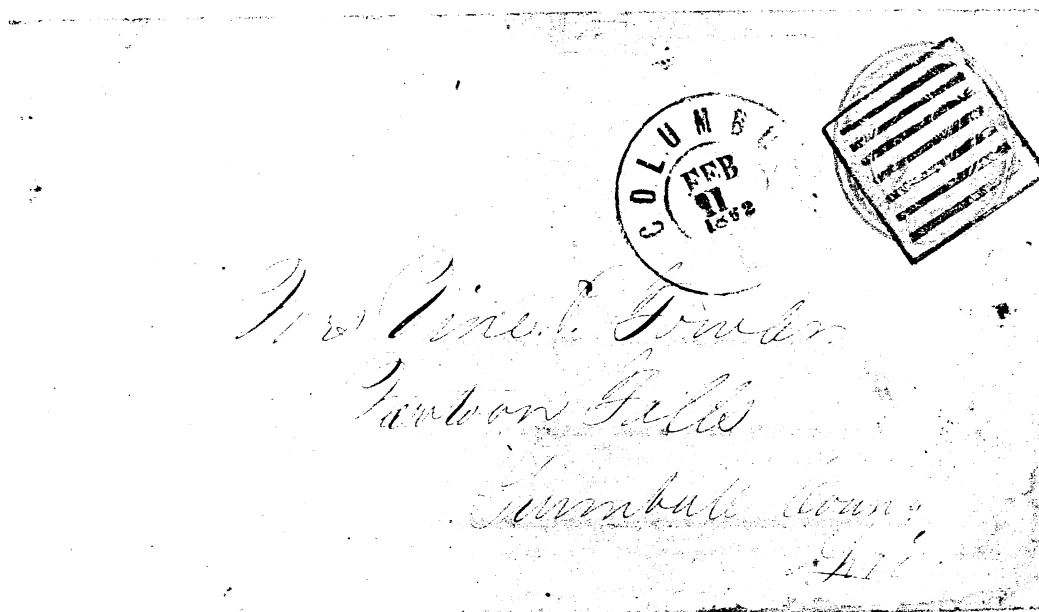


Feb. 5, 1862.

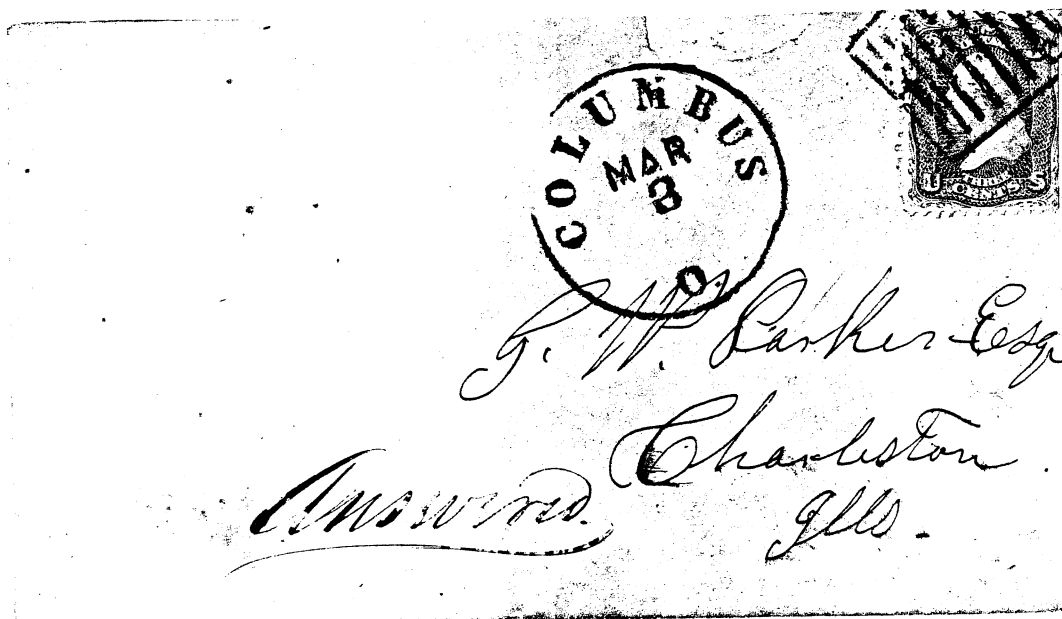


Feb. 8, 1862. Fremont patriotic. Enclosed letter dated
Feb. 6, 1862, Camp Chase, from member of 72nd
Ohio Vol. Infantry. Ordered to Paducah, Ky.

After February, 1862, the small 1 inch (25 mm) double circle was no longer used on outgoing mail at Columbus.



Feb. 11, 1862

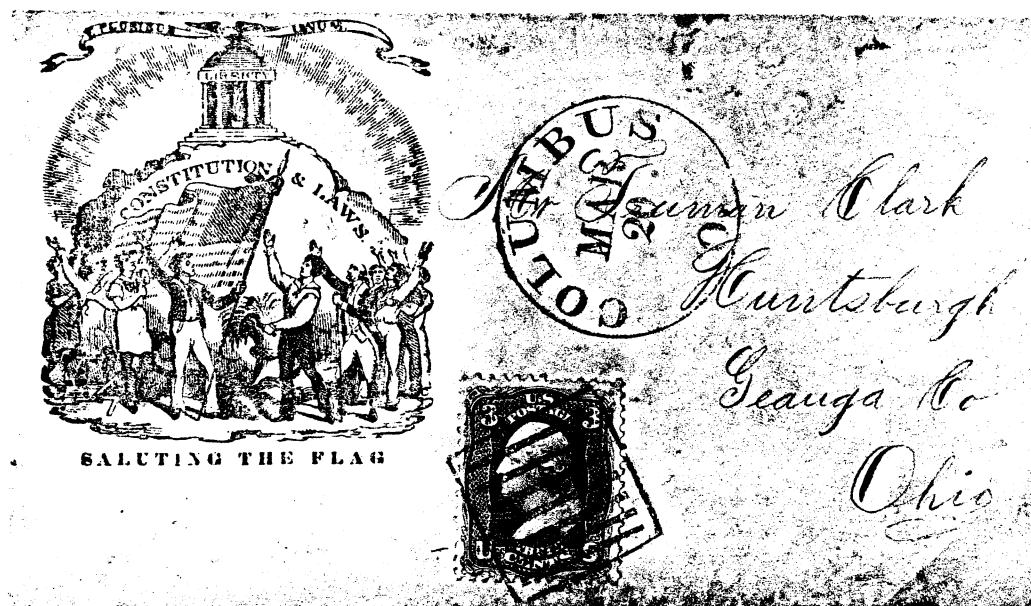


March 3, 1862. New handstamp; old style; green ink.

A change to a new postmarking device -
but in the old, single circle style.



MARCH 10(?). EITHER AN OLD HANDSTAMP OR AN
(1863 OR LATER USE. BACK TO BLACK INK!



Mar. 20, 1862. Possibly a locally made patriotic
envelope.



J. R. Hawley, Cincinnati.

Mr. Stephen. Staley.
Zanesville. Muskingum
County Ohio

Pd 1/4

Soldier's Letter
J. O. Beckett
Major Commanding



Soldier's Letter from 61st Ohio Volunteer Infantry,
3 cts due, April 11, 1862. ADVERTISED AT ZANESVILLE.
Imprint of J.R. Hawley, Cincinnati.

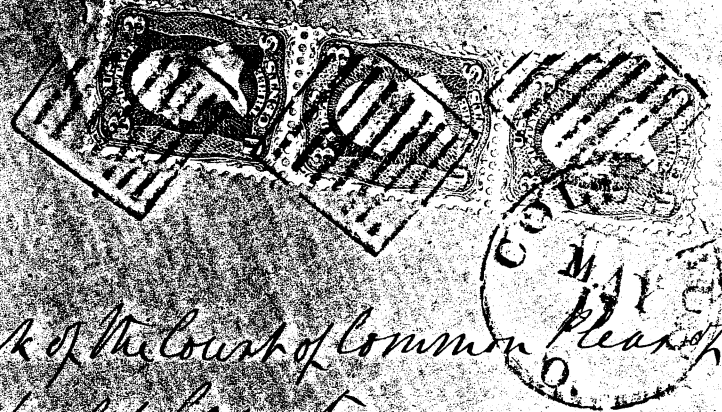
Charles Miller plaintiff

vs

William R. Beckett & Sarah
Beckett his wife.

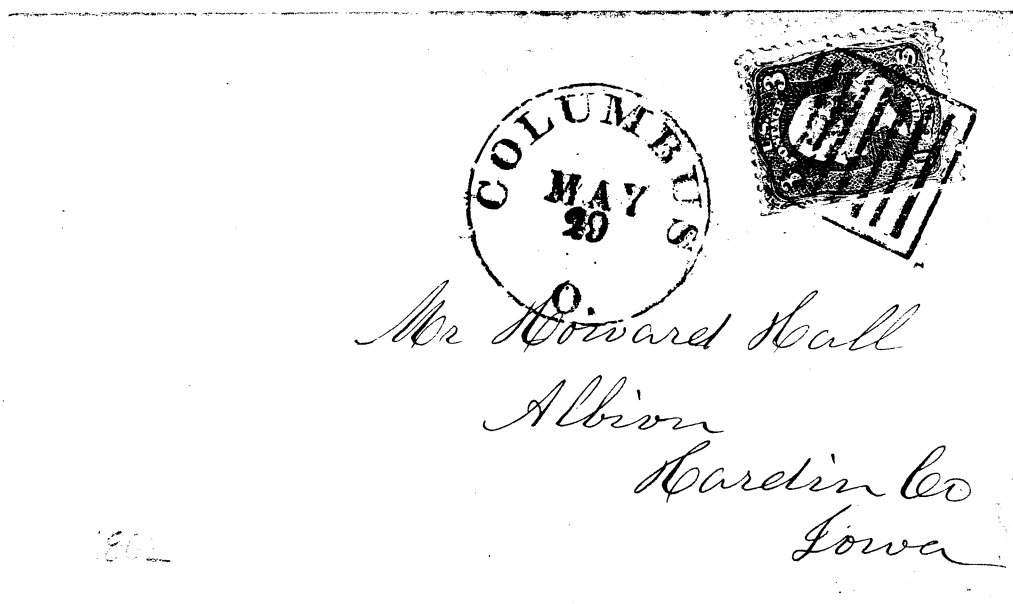
Filed May 17, 1862
Filed May 17, 1862

To the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of
Fairfield County
Lancaster
Fairfield County
Ohio

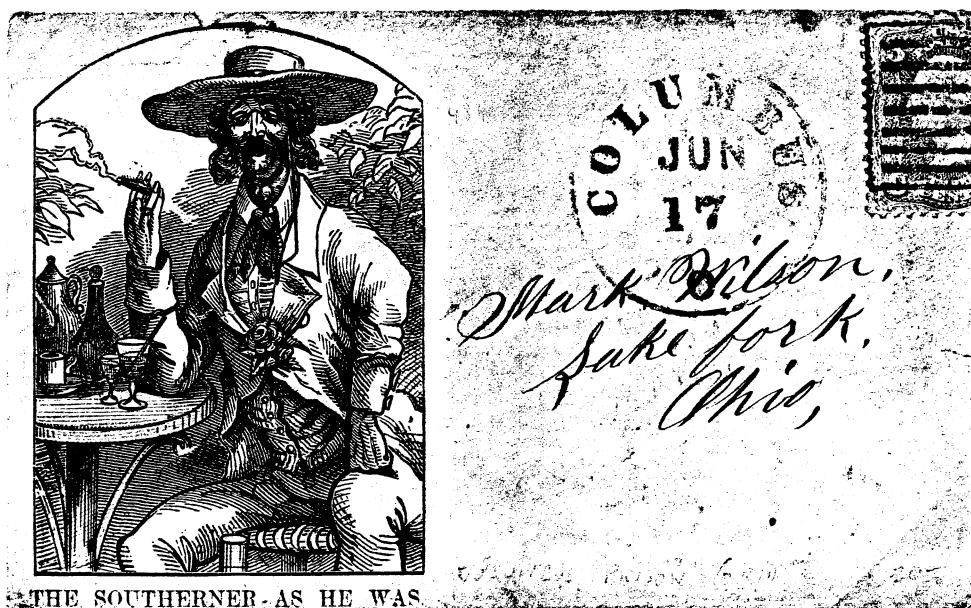


Triple rate, courthouse cover, May, 1862.

THE LARGE CIRCLE HANDSTAMP WAS IN USE
DURING EARLY SUMMER, 1862, UNTIL
LATE JUNE OR JULY.

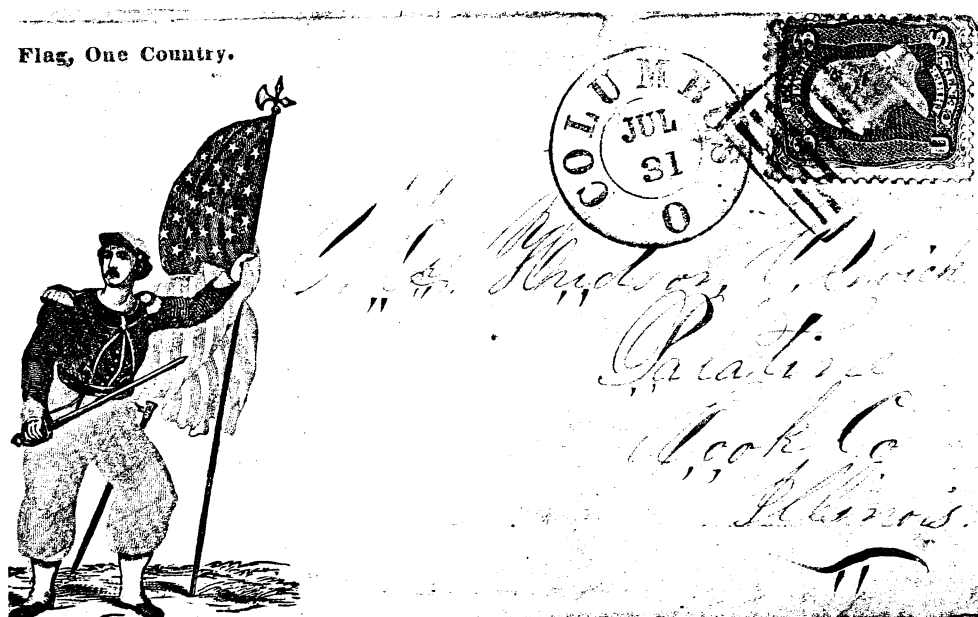


May 29, 1862.



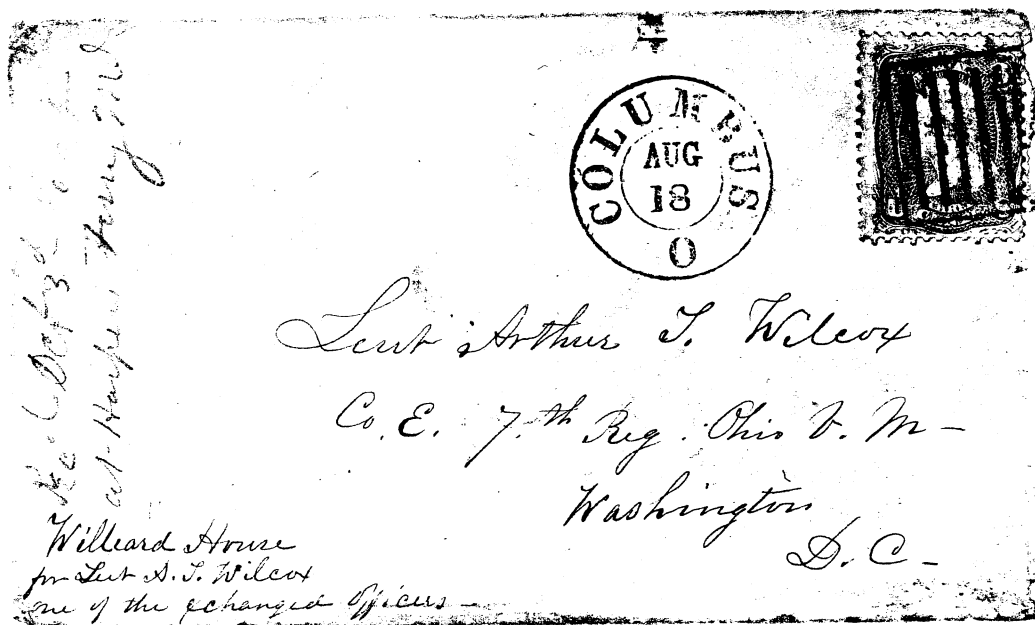
June 17, 1862.

BETWEEN MID-JUNE AND THE END OF THE SUMMER, 1862 ,
THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF 1" DOUBLE CIRCLE HANDSTAMPS
WITH SERIFED LETTERS WERE PLACED IN USE.



The Prison
bar grid
remained
in use.

July 31, 1862 (?)



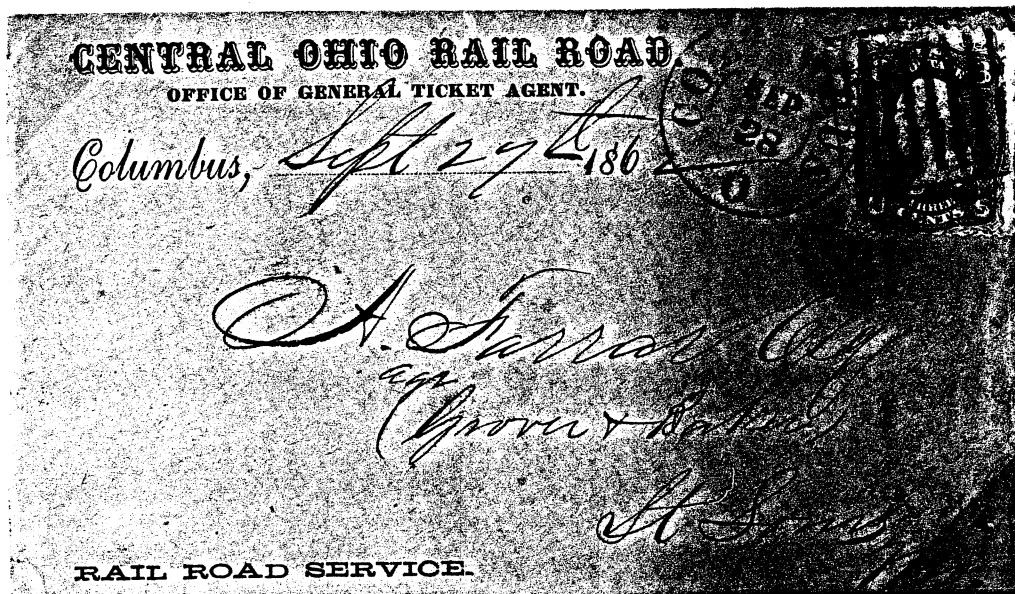
Embossed corner card of Ohio Institution for the Blind,
Aug. 18, 1863. Addressed to "one of the exchanged
officers" at the Willard House.

THE CENTRAL OHIO RAILROAD

The Central Ohio R.R. was built from Zanesville to Columbus and then to Cambridge.

In 1866 became part
of the B. & O. R.R.

Sept. 28, 1862.



Central Ohio Rail Road.

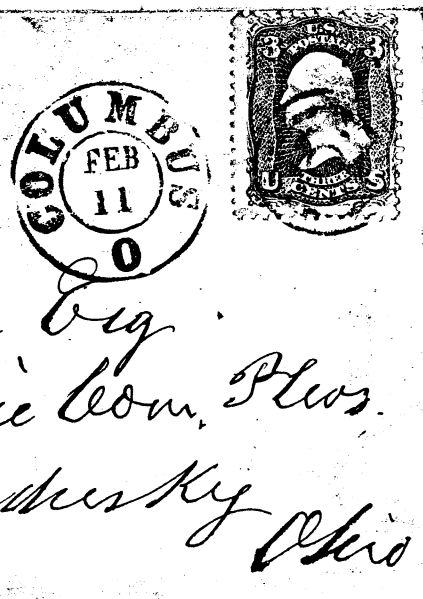
OFFICE OF GENERAL TICKET AGENT,

Columbus, Feb 10, 1865

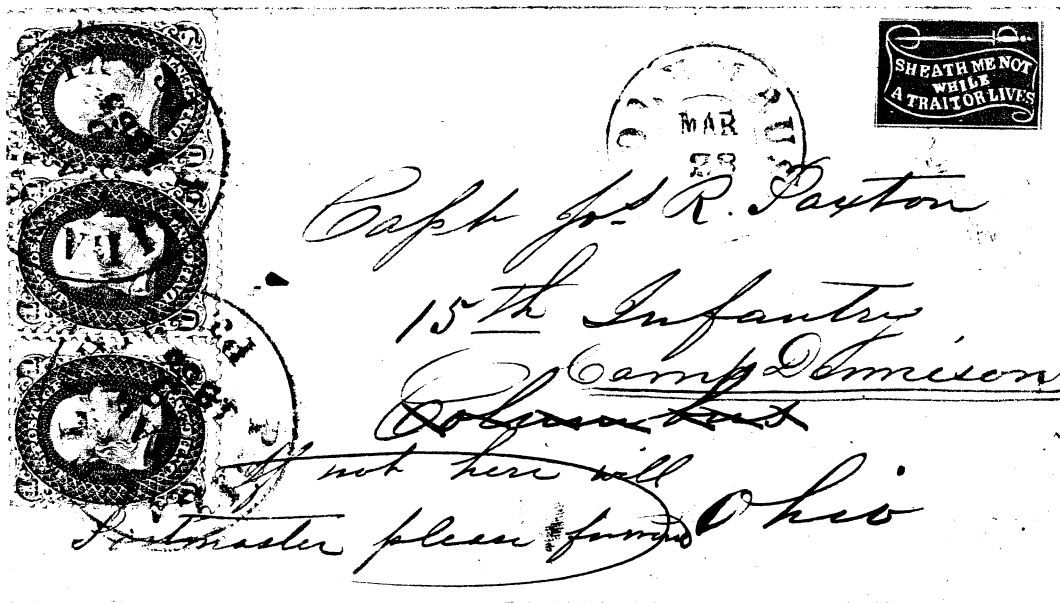
G. O. Selkirk Esq.
Clark Esq. Com. Plow
Sandusky O.

Feb. 11, 1865.

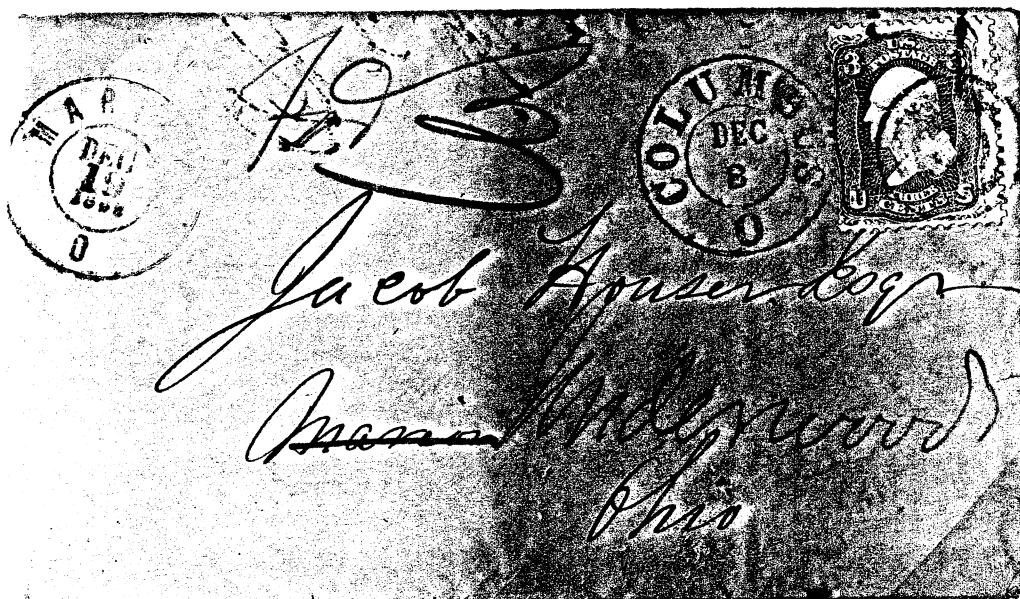
G. O. Selkirk Esq.
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Sandusky Ohio



FORWARDING USES



From Philadelphia, Jan. 25, 1863, with patriotic sticker. Forwarded from Columbus to Camp Dennison, at no added charge because the officer was moved by special orders of the military. Thus, a "follow the regiment" usage

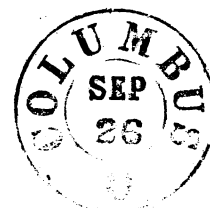


From Columbus to Marion, Ohio, Dec 8, 1863. At Marion, addressee had left instructions to forward to Underwood, Ohio, which was done with 3¢ postage due.

THE LAST DAYS OF THE PRISON BARGRID OF THE 1860'S

Postmasters could
frank and receive
mail on official
business, only,
effective as of
July 1, 1863.

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New Marlusburg

The Adams Express Company.

Oct 21, 1863

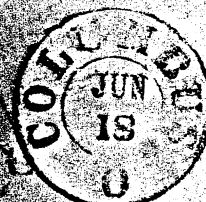


*68 Cornhill
New York
City*

1800000



June 19, 1863(?)



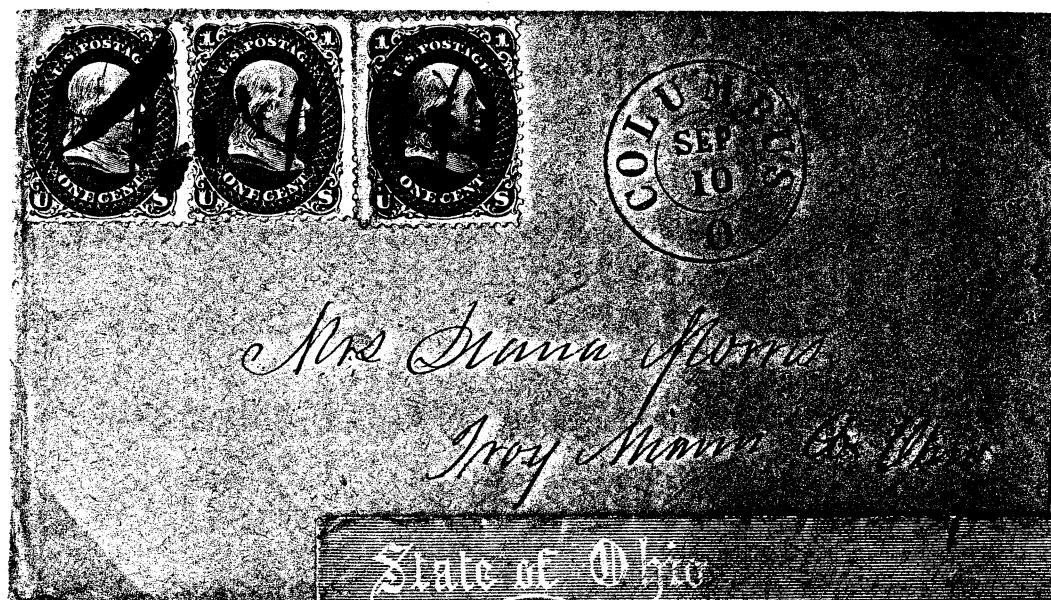
*L. F. Brown 2^d Lieut
18th Regt. N.Y. & Bayrd*

1. Div. 11th Army Corps

Manufacturers

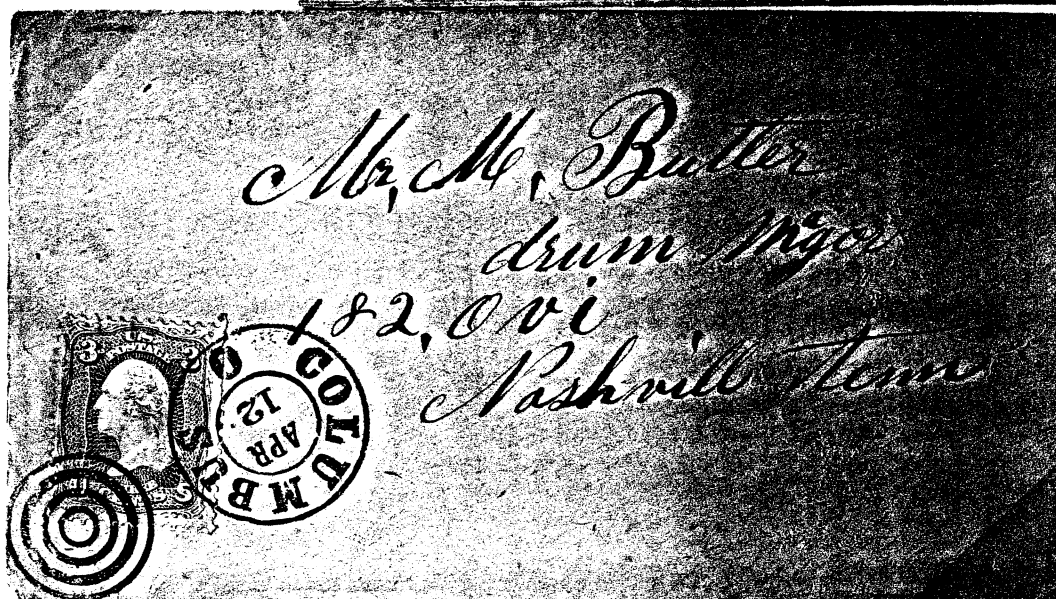
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THE FIRST COLUMBUS DUPLEX MARKINGS, FIRST
IN USE FROM AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1863



Pen cancels
during this period
are very unusual.
Probably 1863.

Feb. 6,
1864 or 1865



APRIL 12, 1865.

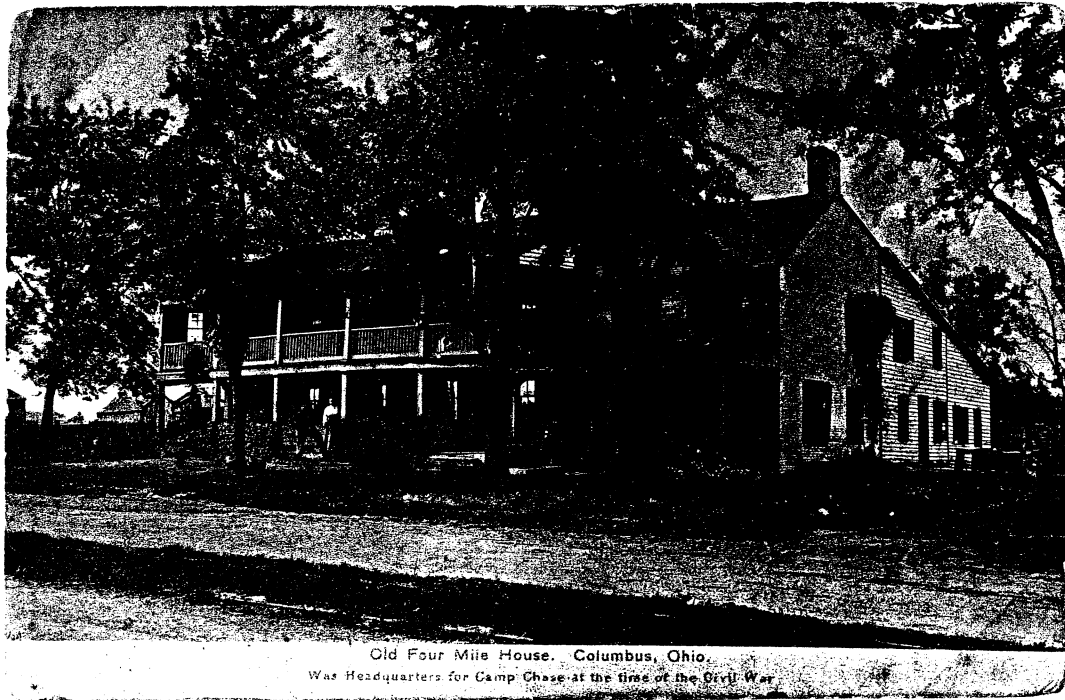
The year date
is established
by the 182nd
Ohio Volunteer
Infantry being
at Nashville
at this time

CAMP CHASE

Camp Chase was the main military post of Columbus from early in the Civil War. It was named for former Ohio Governor (1856-60) Salmon P. Chase, then Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury and later Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Located four miles west of downtown, Camp Chase was a transit and mustering camp where Ohio Soldiers were organized into regiments and mustered into federal service. It was better known as the site of a prison for, at first, political prisoners but later for hundreds of Confederate prisoners of war. It also had a Parole Camp where exchanged or paroled Union soldiers were held, and a hospital.

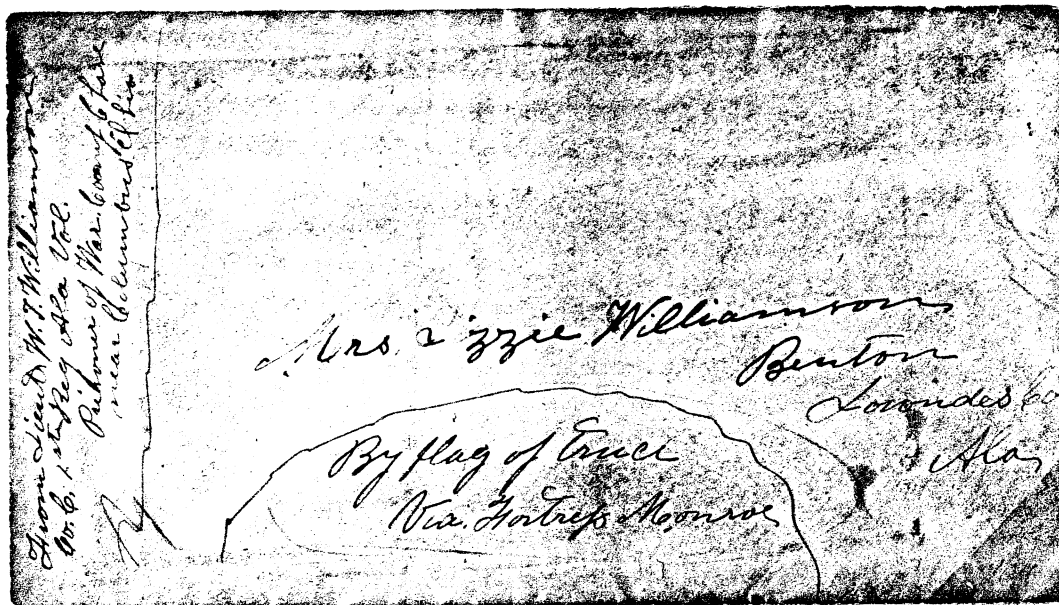
The original guard or garrison force was state Militia, and it was not until late 1862 that guard troops were mustered into Federal service. In 1864, the guard force was Invalid Corps troops but that didn't last long. Considered physically unfit for battle, neither were they effective as guards. Both Militia and Invalid Corps left their marks on Camp Chase mail in the form of censor markings.



Old Four-Mile House, Camp Chase headquarters in Civil War - now Camp Chase Cemetery area.

EARLY (APRIL 1862) PRISONER LETTER FROM CAMP CHASE
Probably sent in an outer envelope with postage, etc., via Fort Monroe.

LT. W. T. Williams
Co. C, 1st Reg. Ala. Vol.



Very few prisoner letters sent early in the war have censor markings

Camp Chase near Columbus Ohio April 1862
1862

My dear dear Wife

I wrote to you not long since that I was a prisoner of war & confined at this place. The officers of our regiment are all here except Capt. Stubbs & the other Capt. Where they are I do not know. Capt. Stubbs was taken but not with me. Charlie & the Benton boys were sent to Chicago. We are more comfortable here than I imagined we would be as prisoners. We have comfortable houses, good stoves & bedding. We also draw a bountiful supply of good rations. The houses are enclosed with a high wall about fifteen feet high. But of the walls we are never allowed to pass. We can see nothing of the world outside. I know not how far Springfield

Letter describes prisoner quarters and food.

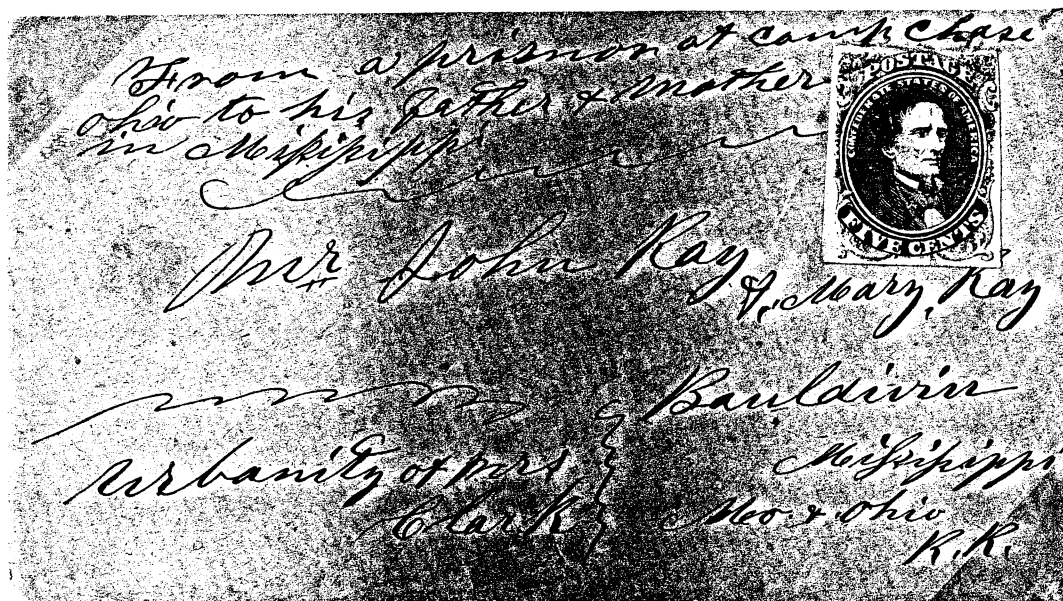
CONFEDERATE PRISONERS' COVERS PER "POLITENESS OF MRS CLARK"

Lottie Moon Clark was a Confederate sympathizer with three brothers in the Confederate army. Visiting Camp Chase in 1862, she offered to take these letters with her on a visit to Virginia and mail them there.

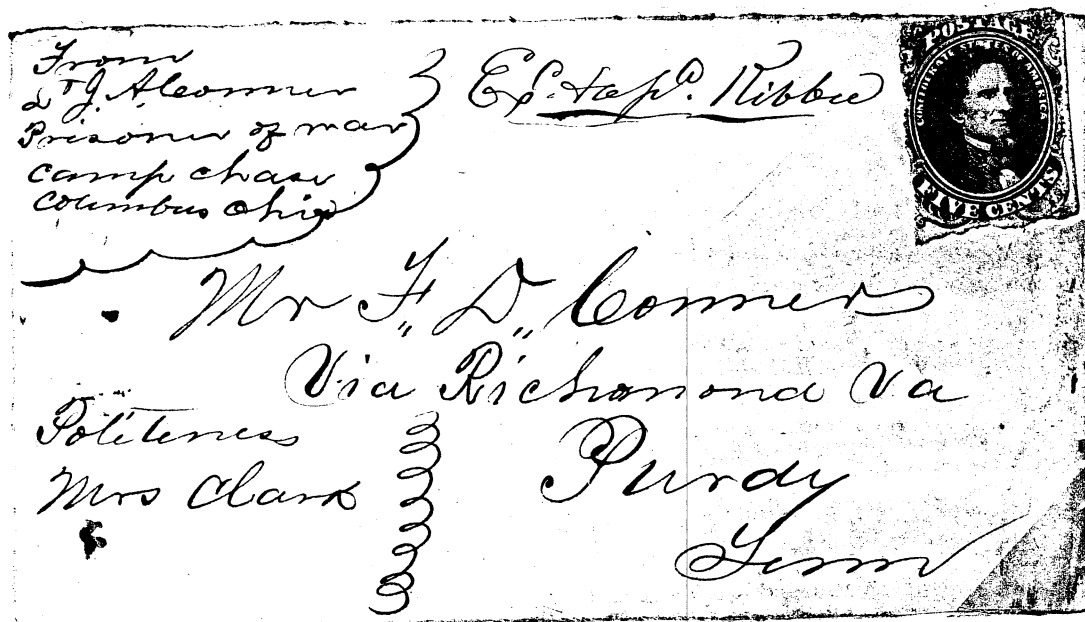


LOTTIE MOON CLARK

WIFE OF JUDGE
JAMES CLARK OF
OHIO, PEACE DEMOCRAT

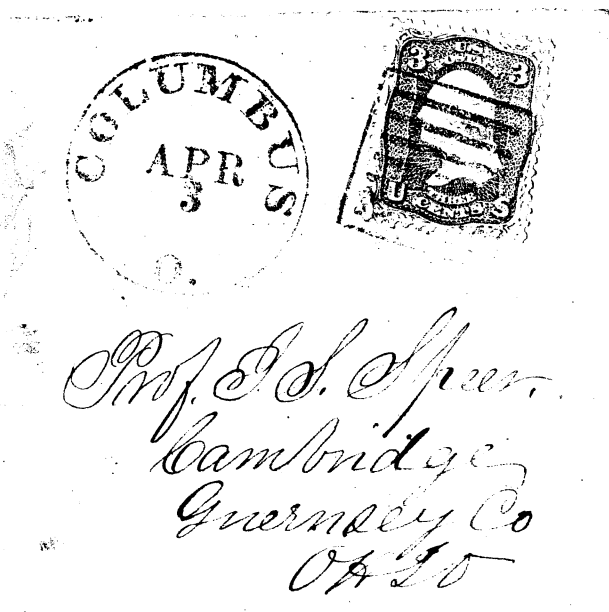


These two covers are from an accumulation found in the Ohio Adjutant General's Office long after the war. The enclosed letters were retained in archives, but the covers were sold or discarded. They indicate that Lottie Moon's offer to transport mail of Confederate prisoners across the lines, although accepted by the prisoners, was not tolerated by the Federal authorities and the letters, although some were censored, as below, were never mailed.

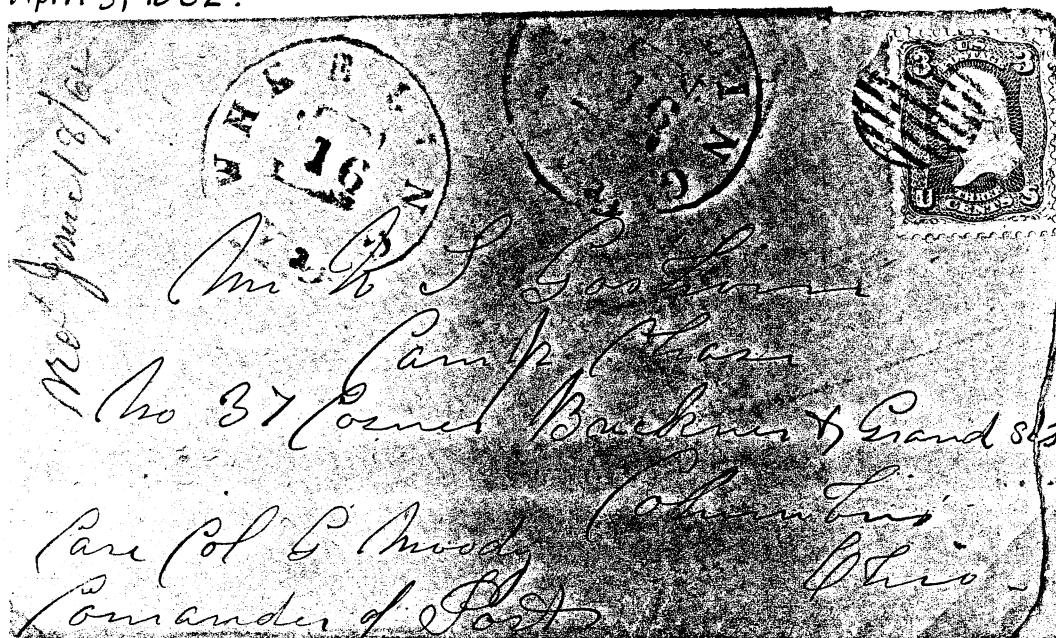


Had they been carried by Lottie Moon, only Confederate postage would have been needed. Since she didn't take them, U.S. postage was needed but not available.

REV. GRANVILLE MOODY, COL., 74th OHIO VOL. INF., AND COMMANDER, CAMP CHASE, 1862
 Rev. Moody, a Methodist Theologian and Editor, Western Christian Advocate, was one of many of his profession that commanded troops. Known as The "Fighting Methodist," he was in Command of Camp Chase for a few months in 1862, while his regiment was preparing to go to the field. Wounded four times and with his horse shot from under him at the Battle of Stones River, Dec 31, '62 - 2 Jan, 1863, he left the army in March 1863, but was later given the brevet rank of Brigadier General for his conduct at that battle.

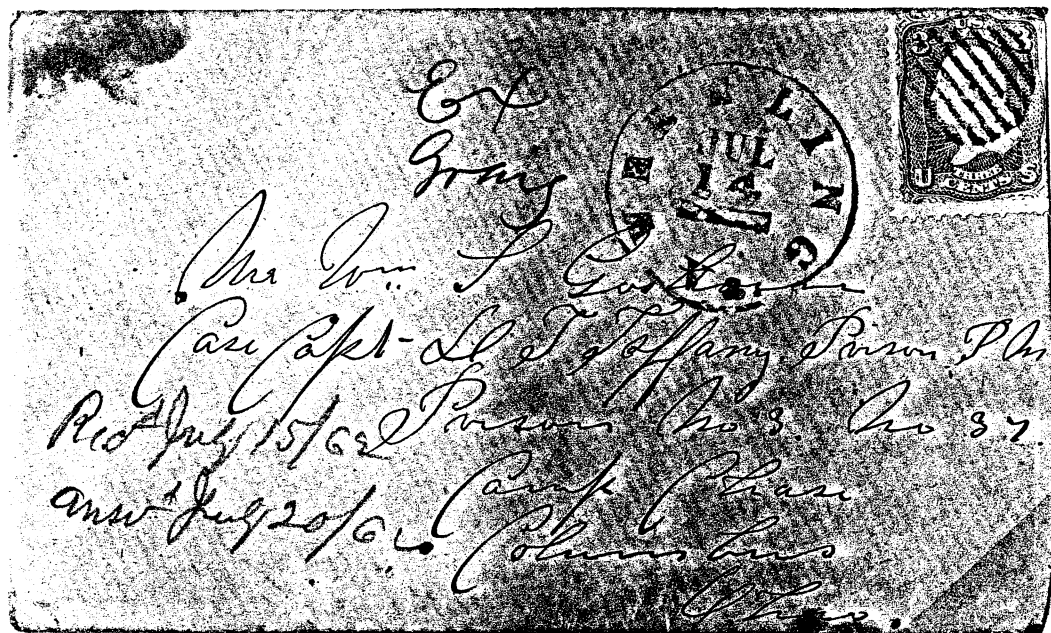


From a soldier of the 74th Ohio Volunteer Infantry at Camp Chase, April 3, 1862.

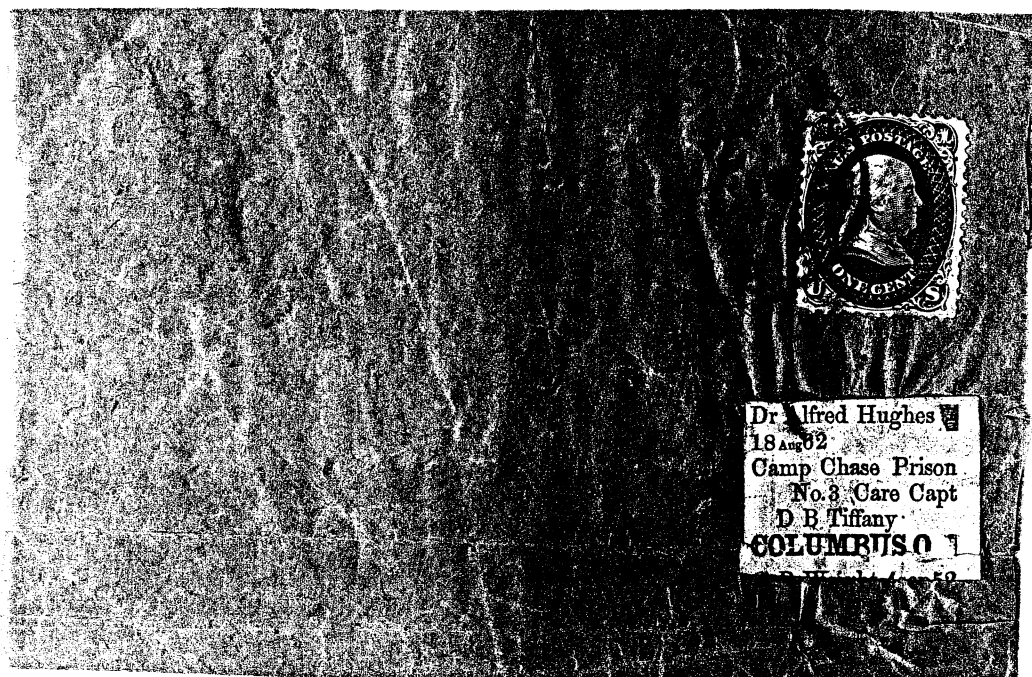


Addressed to political prisoner William Gashorn of Wheeling at Camp Chase in June 1862, this was sent in care of Col. Moody of the 74th Ohio.

COVERS TO CIVILIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS, "CARE OF CAPT. TIFFANY, P.M."
 CAPT. DANIEL B. TIFFANY WAS CAMP CHASE PROVOST MARSHAL AND LETTER EXAMINER.
 Collectors have at times assumed that "P.M." meant "Postmaster" rather than
 "Provost Marshal. Although Tiffany was "Letter Examiner," he apparently always
 assigned that drudgery to others, as his name is not seen as censoring officer
 on covers sent from Camp Chase.



WILLIAM L. GOSHORN was a political prisoner from Wheeling, Va.,
 who apparently refused to take the Union oath of allegiance until after
 August 1862, when he was released and sent home.

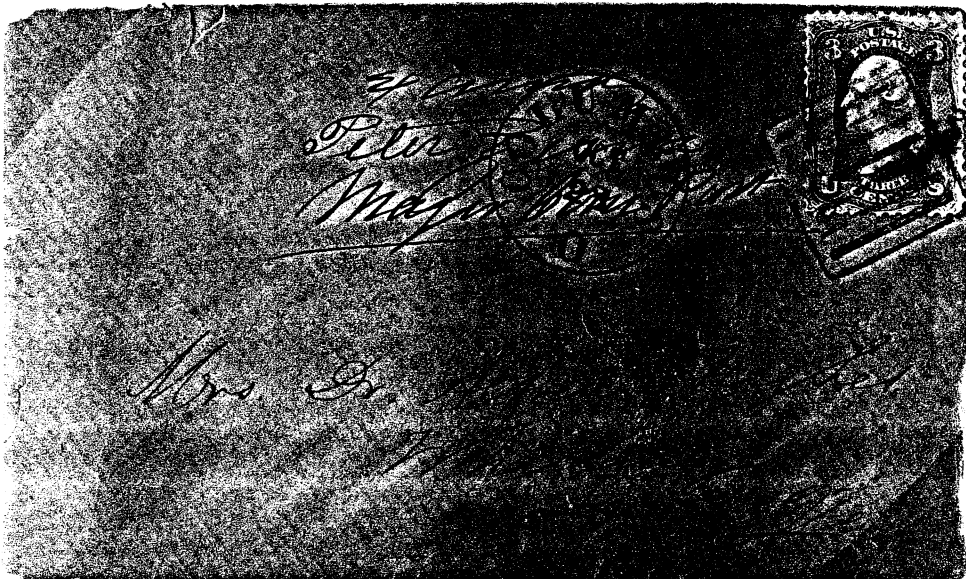


Wrapper for newspaper sent Oct. 1862 to Dr Hughes at Camp Chase. Hughes, a political
 prisoner went to Washington and Richmond, March 1863, to arrange his own exchange.

CENSORING MARKINGS OF MAJOR PETER ZINN, 85TH OHIO
 Major Zinn was a member of the Ohio Governor's Guard, the militia guard force and garrison at Camp Chase when it was mustered into Federal service as the 85th Ohio Volunteers. When Colonel Allison of the Governor's Guard, now commanding the 85th Ohio, was mustered out on Sept. 26, 1862, Zinn became both Camp Chase Commandant and commanding officer of the battalion sized 85th Ohio. Zinn resigned his commission on December 29, 1862 to enter the Ohio Legislature.



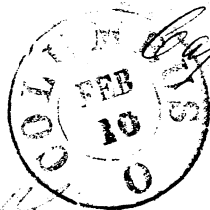
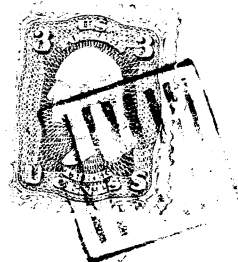
In faint blue pencil, "Ex Peter Zinn, Maj. Mailed at Columbus Oct. 15, 1862. Letter of Dr. Alfred Hughes."



"Exam'd, Peter Zinn, Major Com. Post." Columbus Oct 23, 1862. This and the cover above contained letters of political prisoner Dr. Alfred Hughes of Wheeling, Virginia.

CAPT. EDWIN L. WEBBER, COMMANDANT OF PRISONS

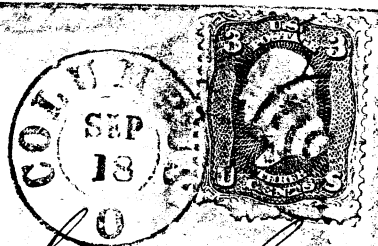
Capt. Edwin L. Webber was appointed as officer in charge of prisons under Brigadier General James Cooper, commanding Camp Chase, Dec. 24, 1862. Webber remained until commissioned Lt. Col. of the 88th Ohio Vols. on July 25, 1863, but most of the prisoners had then been transferred or exchanged.



Edwin L. Webber
Capt. Camp Chase Prison

Mr. Frank Harrington.
Brandon.
(from a rebel prisoner) Vermont.

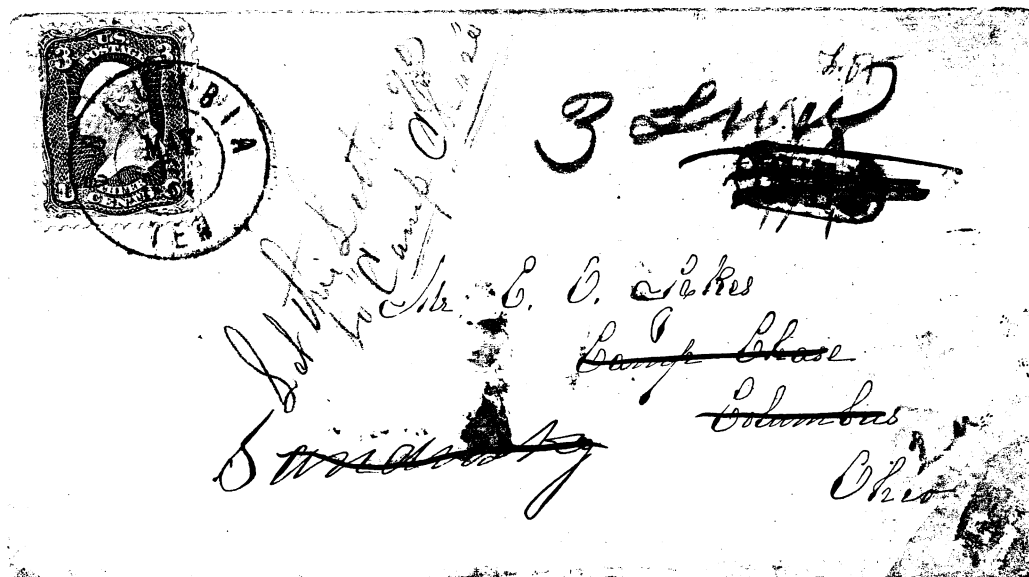
Sent from Columbus to Brandon, Vermont Feb 10, 1863. The enclosed letter is datelined Camp Chase, Ohio, Prison No. 2, Jan. 31, 1863. The sender was Major J. K. P. Campbell, captured at Arkansas Post. He writes, apparently, to relatives of his wife, living in Vermont.



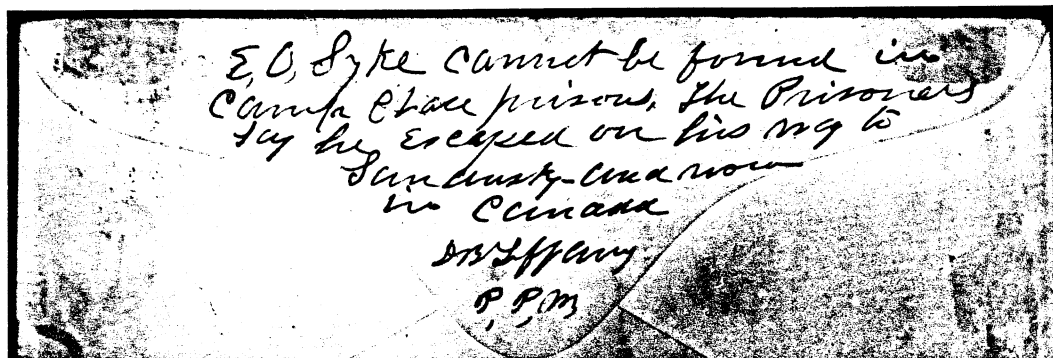
Mr. Samuel Stofor
North Liberty
St. Joseph
County Indiana

Datelined at Seminary Hospital, Columbus, Sept. 18, 1863, the sender was a member of a battalion (5 companies) of the 115th Ohio V.I., who, after operating as a part of the guard force at Camp Chase since since October, 1862, had been sent to Cincinnati on Sept. 10, 1863. The writer and five others, ill, remained hospitalized in Columbus.

COVER TO A CONFEDERATE PRISONER FROM OCCUPIED TENNESSEE POST OFFICE



Sent May 6, 1863 from Columbia, Tennessee, then being operated by Federal Quartermasters under Post Office Department authority.



Daniel B. Tiffany was "P. P. M." - PRISON PROVOST MARSHAL & Examiner of Letters.

Note on Cover back, stating the prisoner/addressee had escaped. The note says, "E. O. Syke [s-sic] cannot be found in Camp Chase prisons. The Prisoners say he escaped on his way to (Johnson's Island) Sandusky and now in Canada." Generally, officers brought to Camp Chase were separated from the men and sent to Johnson's Island prison at Sandusky.

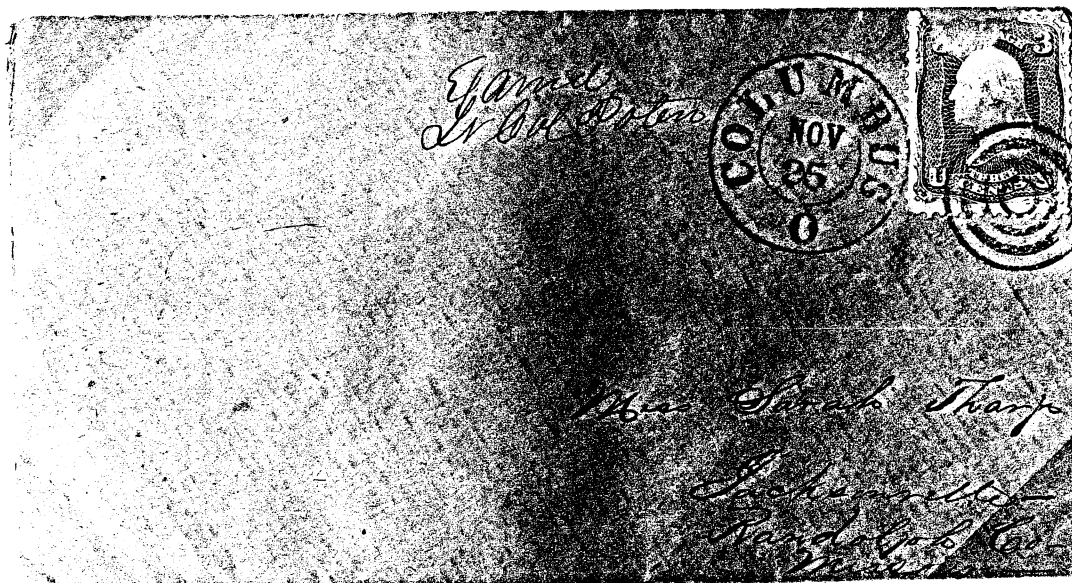
Columbia, Tennessee was opened as an occupation post office in April 1862, although no civilian postmaster was appointed until 1864. Under Army operation, postal facilities were limited to Army and a few civilians with it, but local letters were not acceptable, according to Army regulations.

The pencilled note to "Let this letter go to Camp Chase" and the other notes are probably those of the adjutant general or local Provost Marshal at Columbia, Tennessee.

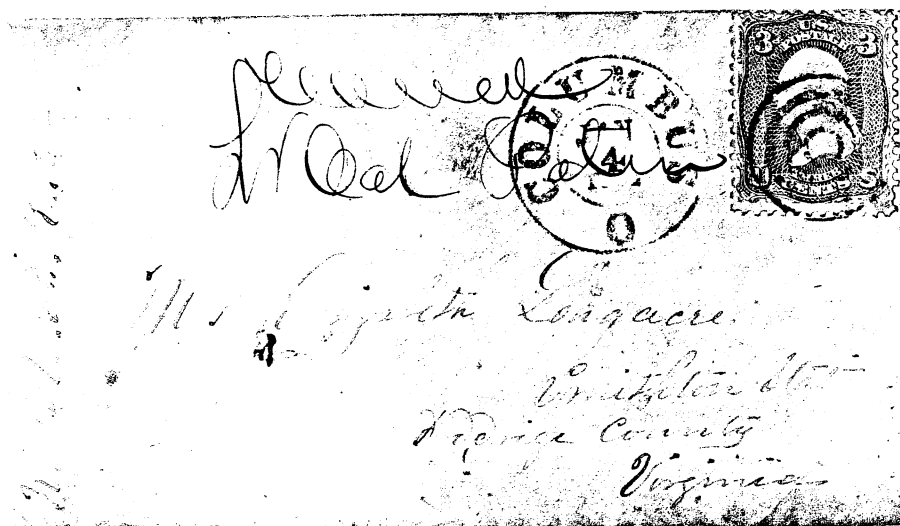
CENSOR MKGS OF LT. COL. AUGUST H. POTEN, 7TH REG'T, INVALID CORPS, 1863-4.

Lt. Col. August H. Poten, formerly 5th Missouri Vol. Infantry, was in charge of the guard force at Camp Chase from before August, 1863 to when he was relieved in connection with circumstances involving the shooting of five Confederate prisoners of war within a few weeks at Camp Chase. This relief was ordered in January 1864.

Col. Poten apparently had the censoring handstamp used at Camp Chase made soon after his arrival in 1863, or in early 1864.

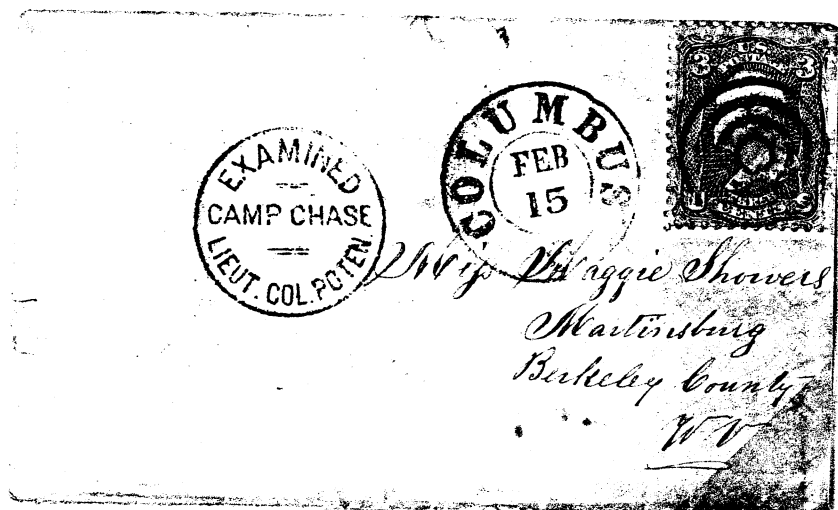


"Exam'd/Lt. Col. Poten", Nov. 25, 1863, to Jacksonville, Randolph County, Miss. Presumably part of a mass sending for exchange to Fort Monroe, Old Point Comfort, Va.



"Exam'd, Lt. Col. Poten," Columbus, Jan 4, 1864. Note handwriting differs radically from Poten's presumed signature on cover above. To Smithton Station, Va.

THE THREE STAGES OF THE CAMP CHASE CENSORING HANDSTAMP, 1864 -



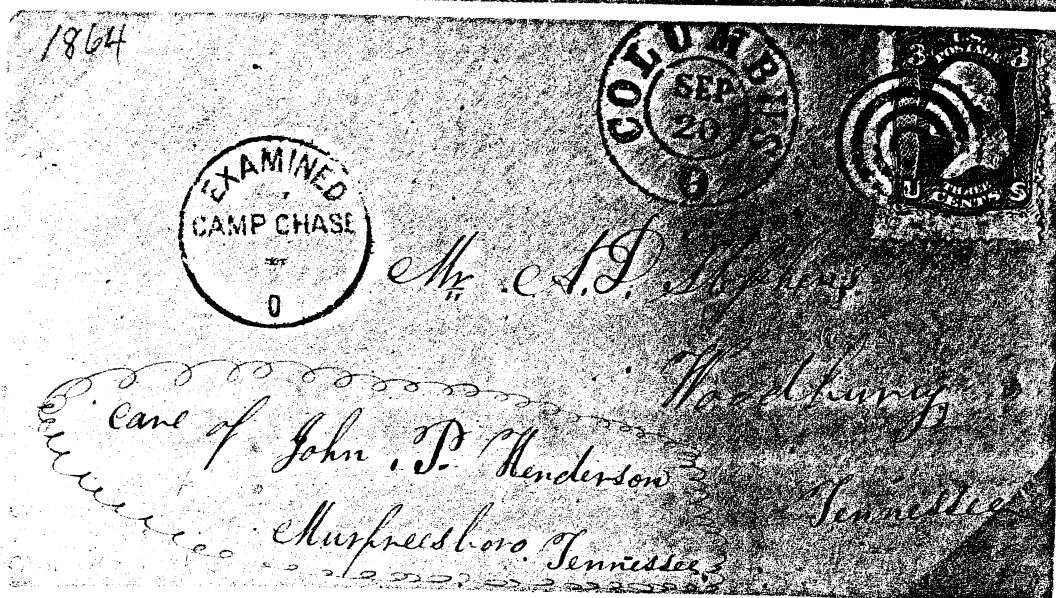
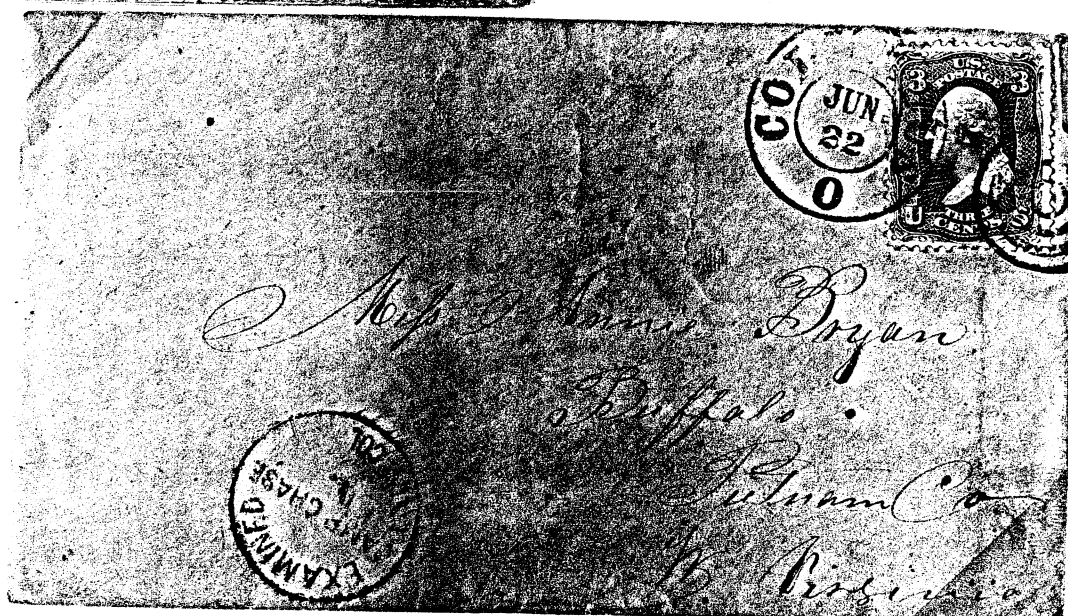
Feb. 15, 1864. Reads
"EXAMINED / CAMP CHASE/
LIEUT. COL. POTEN"

On prisoner's cover to
Martinsburg, Berkeley
Co., West Virginia.

June 22, 1864.

The name
"Poten" has
been removed.

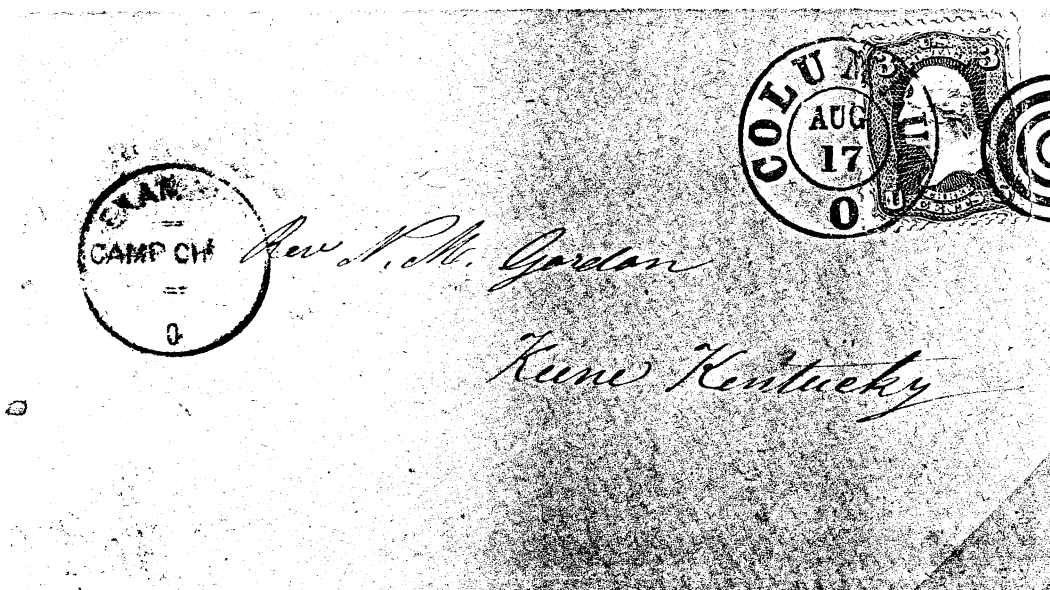
On prisoner's
letter to
Buffalo, W. Va.



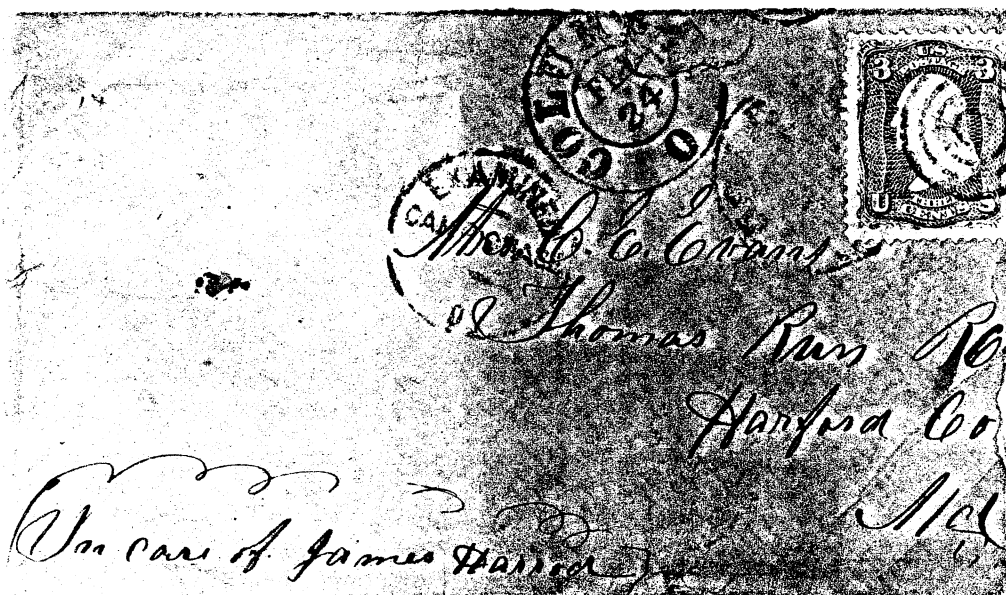
SEP 20, 1864
The "LIEUT" and
the "C" and
"L." of "COL."
have now been
removed, so the
marking reads
a neat "Camp
Chase, O" -
presumed, for
"OHIO."

Sept. 20, 1863, to Woodbury, Tennessee, Prisoner's letter
may have been routed via the occupation postoffice at Murfreesboro.

"EXAMINED / CAMP CHASE / O."



Aug. 12, 1864. Addressed to Rev. P. M. Gordon, Keene, Ky. Letters addressed to Rev. Gordon are suspected to have been sent to an across-the-lines "mail drop" to have been sent further south into the Confederacy.

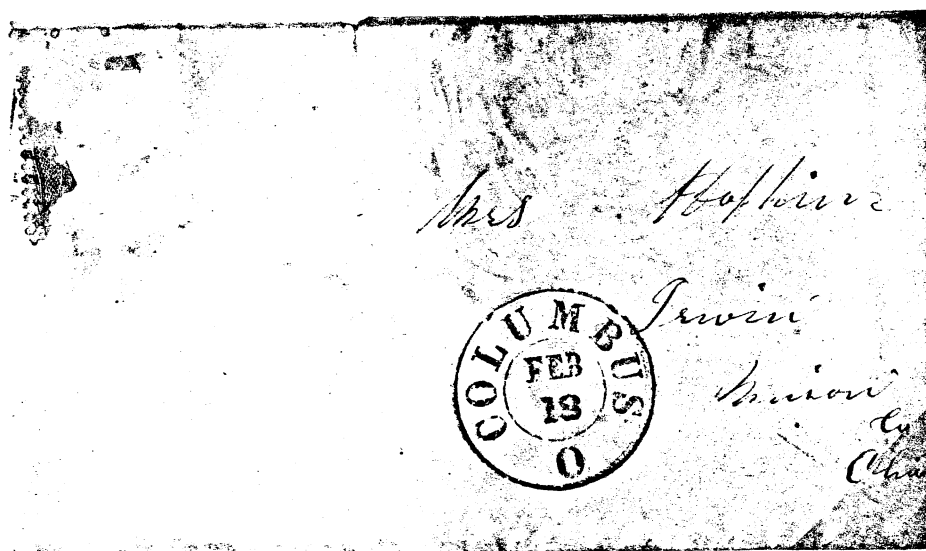


Feb. 24, 1865. Prisoner's letter to Harford County, Md.

THE CAMP CHASE PAROLE CAMP

Parole camps were for troops captured on the battle field but shortly released on parole with the understanding they would neither engage in battle nor replace others who might then serve in the field, until exchanged. Generally, field officers were permitted to go home when paroled, but enlisted men were held in units in parole camps attempting to keep the units intact. Otherwise, enlisted men might desert or even re-enlist under an alias to obtain a bounty. Paroled troops were usually only supervised by junior officers and the parole camp idea did not work as intended. Parole camp inmates were not confined as were prisoners of war; they could write letters, usually without censorship, but their freedom was restricted, nor could they receive leaves or furloughs.

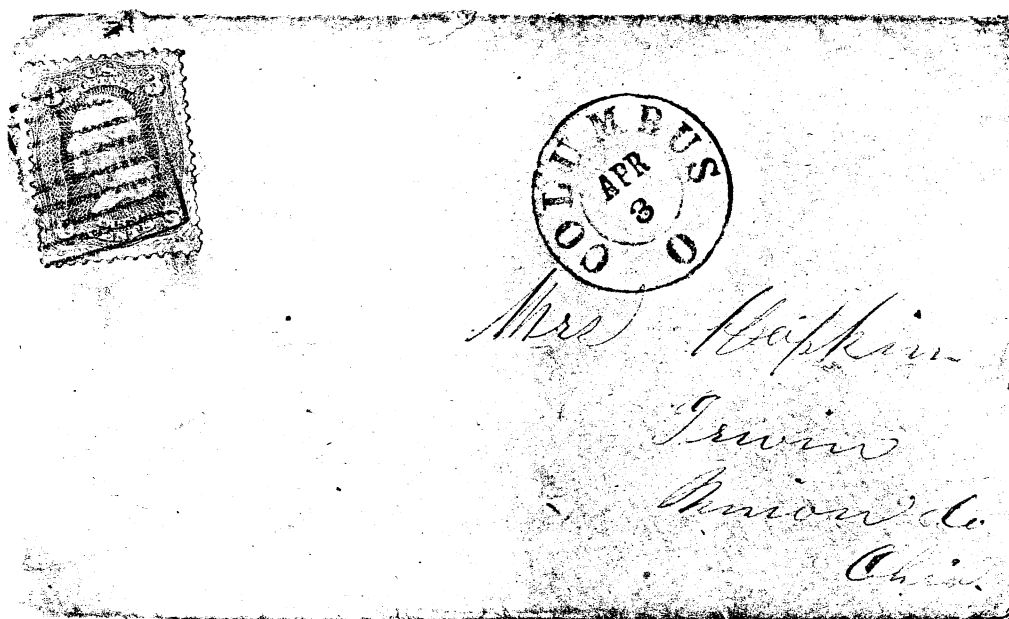
Camp Wallace, near Columbus and eight miles from Camp Chase was established as a Parole Camp by General Lew Wallace in Oct. 1862, but it was moved to Camp Chase early in 1863. As of April 21, 1863, there were eight paroled officers and 857 enlisted men from eight other states than Ohio, at Camp Chase. The Ohio troops not included in the count were mostly from the transient and hospitalized, as most Ohio men paroled were sent to a parole camp at Chicago.



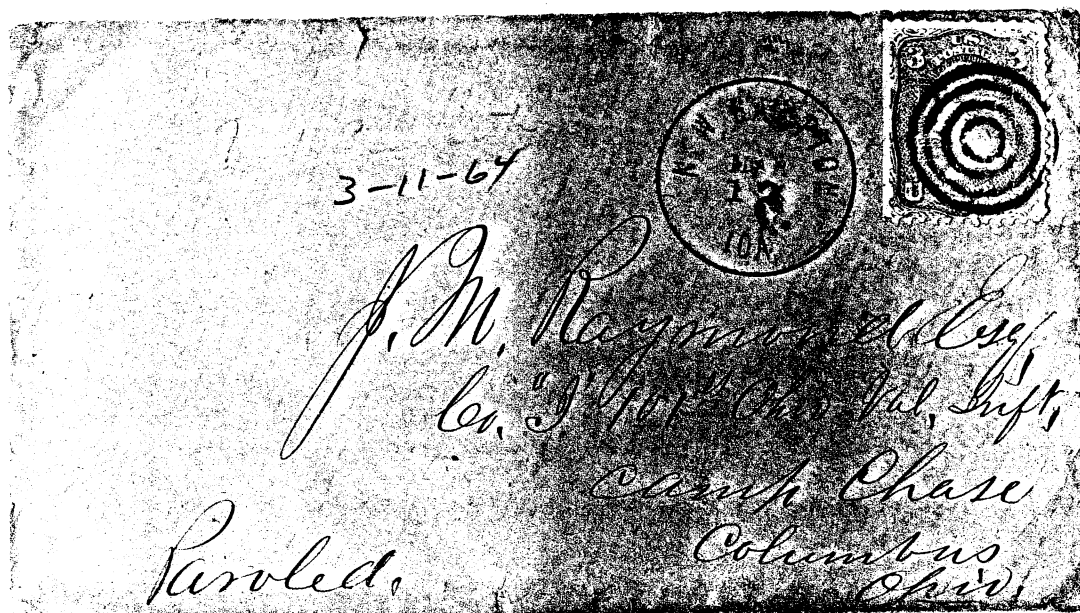
From a member of the 32nd Ohio Volunteers, captured at Harpers Ferry, Va, in September 1862. Most of the 32nd Ohio, paroled, were sent to parole camps at Annapolis, Md., and then to Chicago before the regiment was reorganized at Camp Taylor at Cleveland.

The sender of this letter, dated at Camp Chase on Feb. 27, 1863, had apparently been sent home sick after being paroled, but was then ordered to the Camp Chase Parole Camp.

THE CAMP CHASE PAROLE CAMP



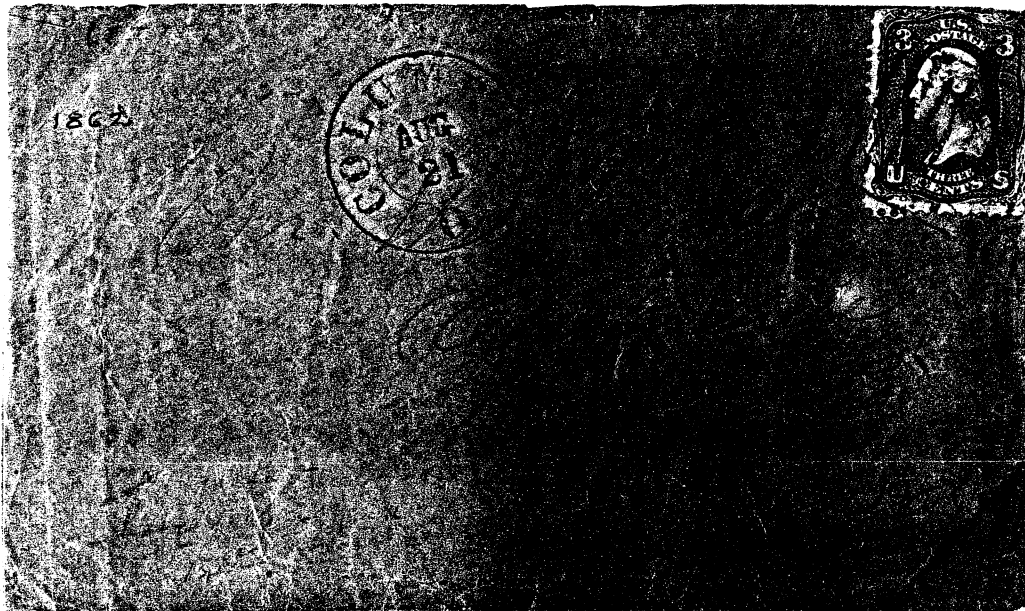
From Camp Chase, April, 1863.



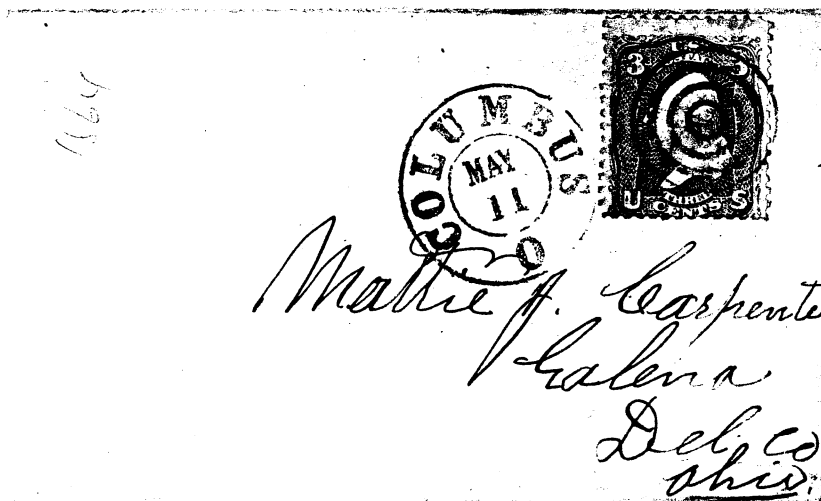
To a paroled prisoner at Camp Chase from Iowa, March 1864.

COVERS FROM CAMP CHASE — HOSPITAL AND TRANSIENT
 Covers from the hospital at Camp Chase and from transient soldiers — in regiments or small groups temporarily at Camp Chase are often seen.

Probably, more covers exist from these groups and from the garrison and guard than from the prisoners confined there



Enclosed letter is headed "Camp Chase, Columbus, Aug. 20," 1862, but gives "Post Hospital, Camp Chase" as the return address at the end of the letter.



Headed May 10, 1864, this letter is from a soldier with his regiment temporarily at Camp Chase. Remarks that the 88th Ohio, the garrison force, were called the "Feather head reg't" because they wore large hats with feathers and "brass on their coats." The letter doesn't indicate either location in Columbus or unit.

COLUMBUS AREA HEADQUARTERS

The commanding officer in the Columbus area usually identified himself as located at "Headquarters, U.S. Forces, Columbus." While the specific location is not revealed, it was evidently in downtown Columbus rather than at Camp Chase. The Columbus area commander reported to the commander of the District of Ohio at Cincinnati.

Head Quarters, Provost Marshal,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

COMMANDING OFFICER,

Co. A, 121st Reg. O. V. I.
Chattanooga
Tenn.

To follow Regiment.

Headquarters, Provost Marshal, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 2.

Date has to be 1864 when the 121st Ohio was at Chattanooga.

Pay Department U. S. Army.
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

C. A. Harrington Esq
Act Comd, Pleas
Warren Ohio,

Pay Department, U.S. Army, COLUMBUS, OHIO, Dec. 7, 1864 or 5.

COVERS FROM MORGAN'S RAIDERS IN OHIO PENITENTIARY, 1863

The Confederate cavalry raid of July 1863 through Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio ended in disaster for Morgan and most of his 2400+ men. Some 700 were captured, although a few hundred escaped to Kentucky, where they tried to cross the Ohio River at a ford at Buffington Island, between Pomeroy, Ohio and Parkersburg, W. Va. Morgan and about a thousand of his men went on to be captured near East Liverpool, Ohio on July 26, 1863.

The captured officers were sent on to the Military Prison at Johnson's Island at Sandusky, Ohio on Lake Erie and most of the enlisted men were sent to camps at Chicago or Indianapolis. After a few days, upon orders from Washington, Morgan and over 40 of his higher ranking officers were transferred from Johnson's Island to Ohio Penitentiary at Columbus. From there, Morgan and six other officers escaped in late November, 1863. The rest of the officers then in Ohio Penitentiary were ordered transferred to the Military Prison at Fort Delaware in March, 1864.



Engr. by W. G. Jackman.

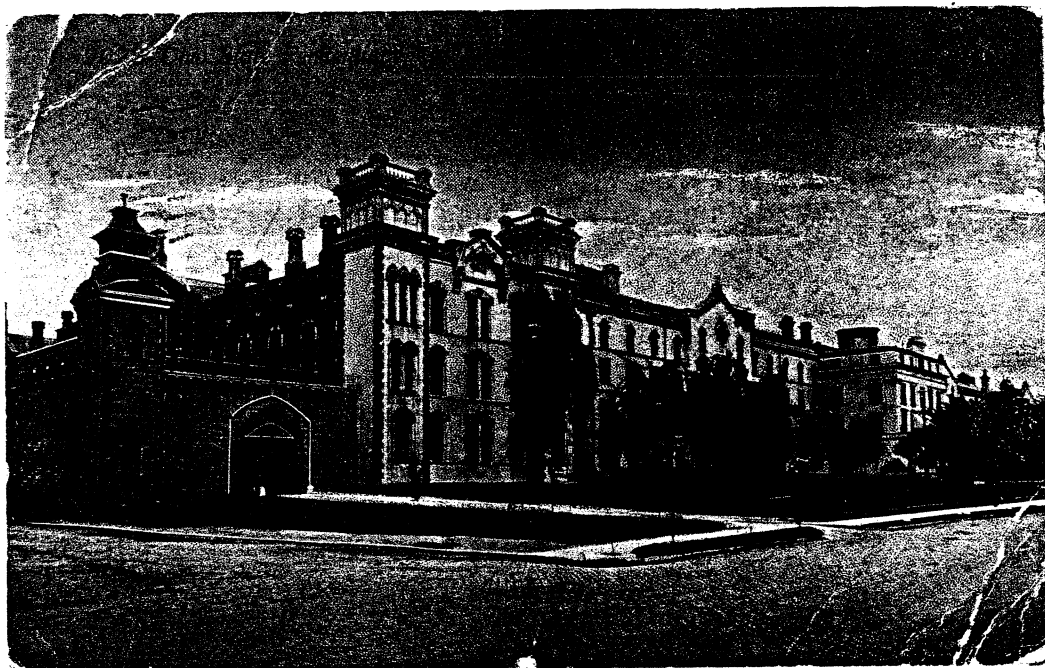
John Morgan

Morgan's officers confined in Ohio Penitentiary were permitted the same mail privileges as those held in military prisons. Their letters were censored by officers on the staff of the local area Commandant, General John Mason.

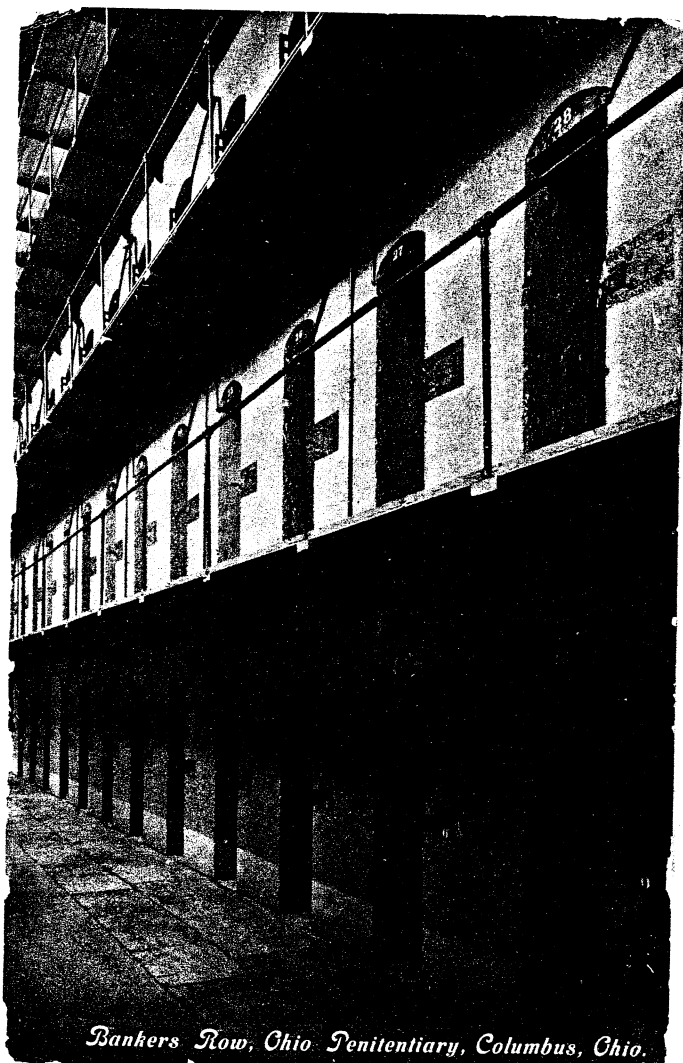
Those covers seen to date are mostly without content, so they may be identified only by the endorsements and identities of the censoring officers.

Other factors such as addresses and dates of mailing are also at times of value.

Censoring officers, Aides to General Mason, were usually Lts. William A. Judkins and George Lester, although one or two others are known. After Morgan's escape much of the censoring was done by Nathaniel Merion, Warden of Ohio Penitentiary.



OHIO PENITENTIARY, ABOUT 1910



The plate on the wall shown on the postcard at left reads:

*"BENEATH THIS CELL
IS THE TUNNEL DUG BY
GEN. JOHN H. MORGAN
AND HIS OFFICERS, THROUGH
WHICH THEY ESCAPED.*

Nov. 27, 1863 "

Bankers Row, Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio.

"MORGAN'S MEN" OHIO PENITENTIARY COVERS AS A RESEARCH PROJECT

Previously to the project, the covers had always been considered as from Camp Chase with manuscript censor markings.



This battered cover furnished two clues to the source of the cover and the identity of the sender as Major Robert S. Bullock of the 8th Kentucky Cavalry. All other covers then seen of the correspondence were addressed to Mrs. Mary F. Bullock. Also, the "x'd" endorsement was "Capt & AAG"-Acting Adjutant General, not found on censored covers from Camp Chase.

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| (Confederate) | |
| B | 1 8 Cav Ky |
| R. S. Bullock | |
| Major 8 Regt Ky Cav | |
| Appears on a | |
| Roll of Prisoners of War | |
| at Depot Prisoners of War, near Sankaty, Ohio. | |
| Where captured: <u>Buffington, Ohio</u> | |
| When captured: <u>July 19, 1863</u> | |
| Joined Cincinnati: <u>July 22, 1863</u> | |
| Remarks: <u>Sent to Columbus Aug 1, 1863 by order of Genl Burnside</u> | |
| Johnson's Island, Ohio, Register No. 1; page 16. | |
| J. M. Thomas | |

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| (Confederate) | |
| B | 1 8 Cav Ky |
| R. S. Bullock | |
| Major 8 Regt Ky Cav | |
| Appears on a | |
| Roll of Prisoners of War | |
| at Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio. | |
| Roll dated: <u>Not dated 186</u> | |
| Where captured: <u>Buffington, Del. Ohio</u> | |
| When captured: <u>July 19, 1863</u> | |
| Remarks: <u>Transferred to Fort Delaware March 25, 1864</u> | |
| This roll was compiled in the Office of the Commissary General of Prisoners, Washington, D. C., and forwarded to Maj. Gen. J. M. Hanks, Chief of Southern Department, January 21, 1864, with a request that he refer it to the proper officers with instructions that the departing ends of the prisoners be noted under the head of remarks. This request was complied with and the information which appears under the head of "remarks" was entered upon the roll, January 21, 1864, in the Office of the Warden of the Ohio Penitentiary.—M. S. 1111297. | |
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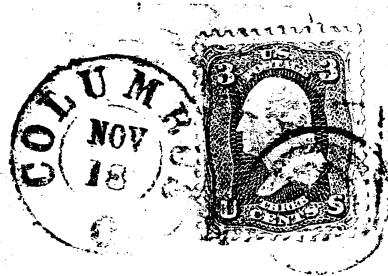
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| Roll of Prisoners of War | |
| received at Fort Delaware, Del., from Camp Chase, Ohio, and Ohio Penitentiary, March 27, 1864. | |
| Roll dated: <u>not dated</u> | |
| Where captured: <u>Buffington, Del. Ohio</u> | |
| When captured: <u>July 19, 1863</u> | |
| Remarks: <u>Morgan's Men</u> | |
| Number of roll: | |
| 3; sheet | 2 Z. Bullock |

Major Bullock's record, obtained from the National Archives confirmed his presence in Ohio Penitentiary, as transferred from Johnson's Island, and later, to Fort Delaware, Del.

His marriage record confirms the Mrs Mary F. - he married Miss Mary Franklin.

OHIO PENITENTIARY COVERS
of Morgan's Men

*See folder
A.D.C.*



*Mrs Mary F. Bullock
Care Revd John G. Simrall
Lexington Ky*

From Major Robert S. Bullock, to his wife, Mary, Nov. 18, 1863.
Censored by Lt. George Lester, Aide to Gen. Mason.

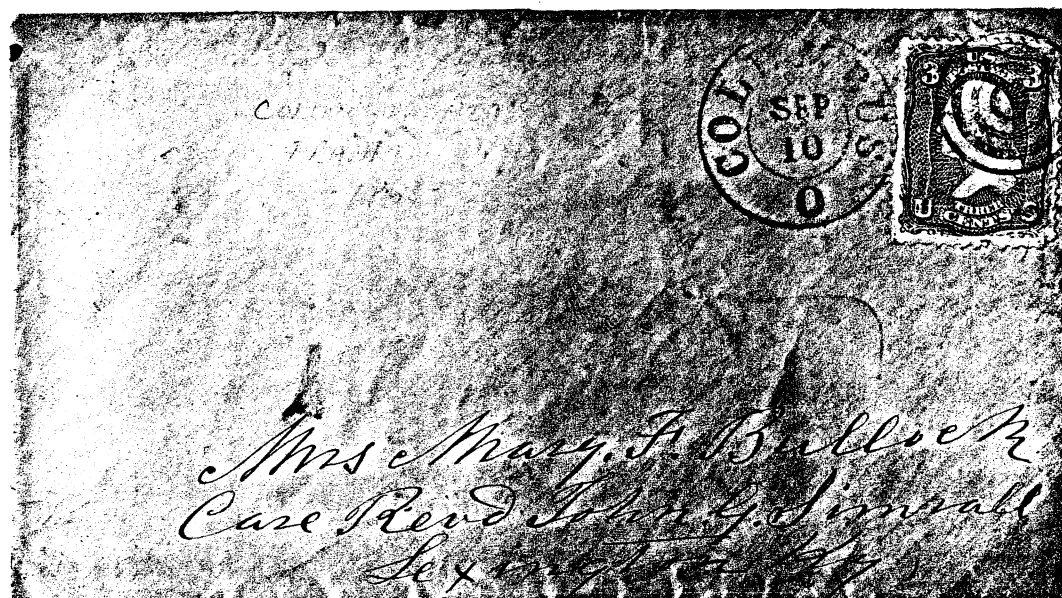
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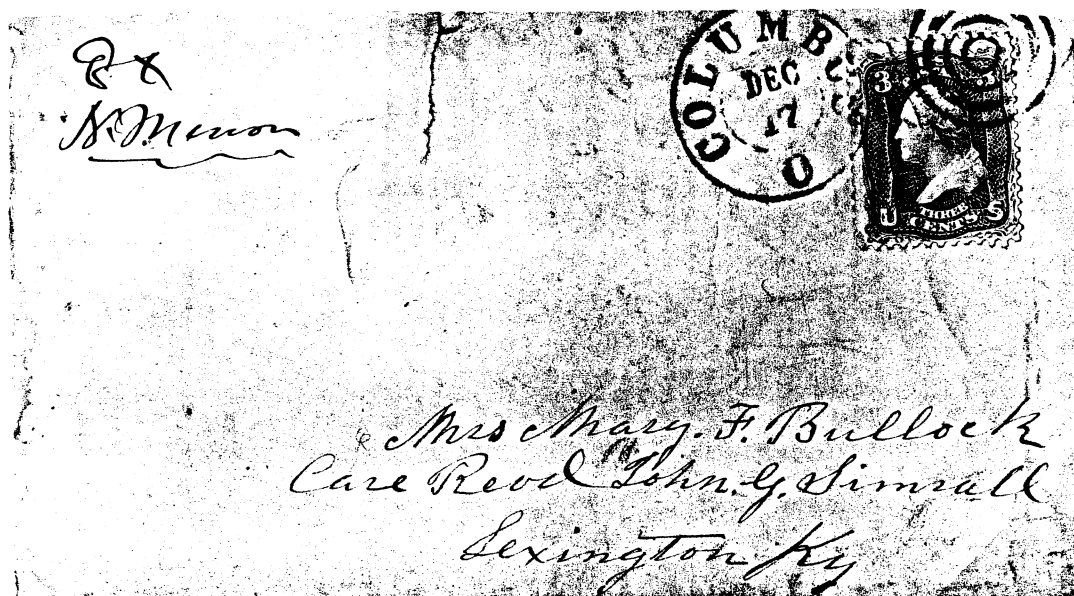
*Mrs Mary F. Bullock
Care Revd John G. Simrall
Lexington Ky*

From Major Bullock to his wife, Mary, Nov. 7, 1863.
Censored by Lt. Wm A. Judkins, Aide to General John
Mason, Commandant of Columbus AREA.

OHIO PENITENTIARY COVERS of Morgan's MEN



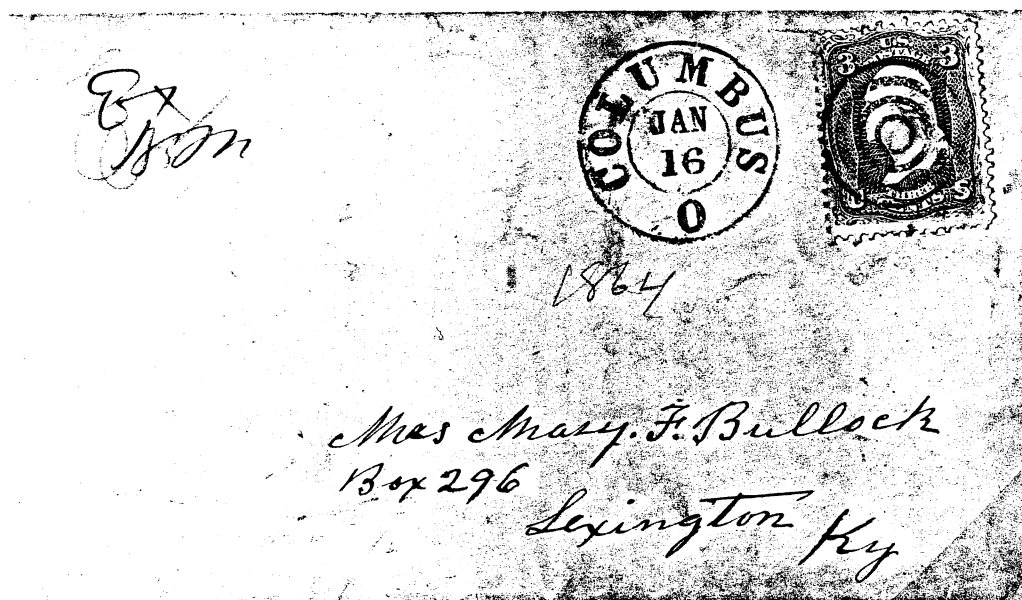
FROM MAJOR ROBERT S. BULLOCK TO HIS WIFE, MARY,
SEPT 10, 1863. It is not known whether this letter
was sent uncensored, or whether the censoring officer
forgot to mark it "exam'd" and sign it.



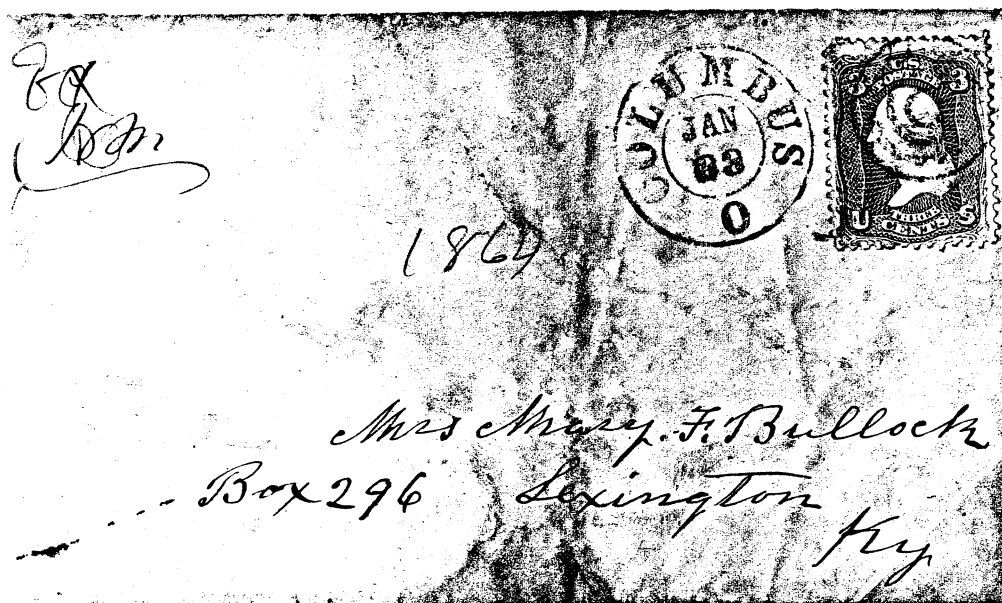
FROM MAJOR BULLOCK TO HIS WIFE, MARY, DEC. 17, 1863.
NOT LONG AFTER JOHN H. MORGAN AND HIS SIX OFFICERS
ESCAPED, RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE REMAINING MORGAN
OFFICERS WAS SHIFTED. THIS LETTER WAS CENSORED BY
NATHANIEL MERION, WARDEN OF OHIO PENITENTIARY.

OHIO PENITENTIARY COVERS of Morgan's Men

Censored by Nathaniel Merion,
Warden of Ohio Penitentiary



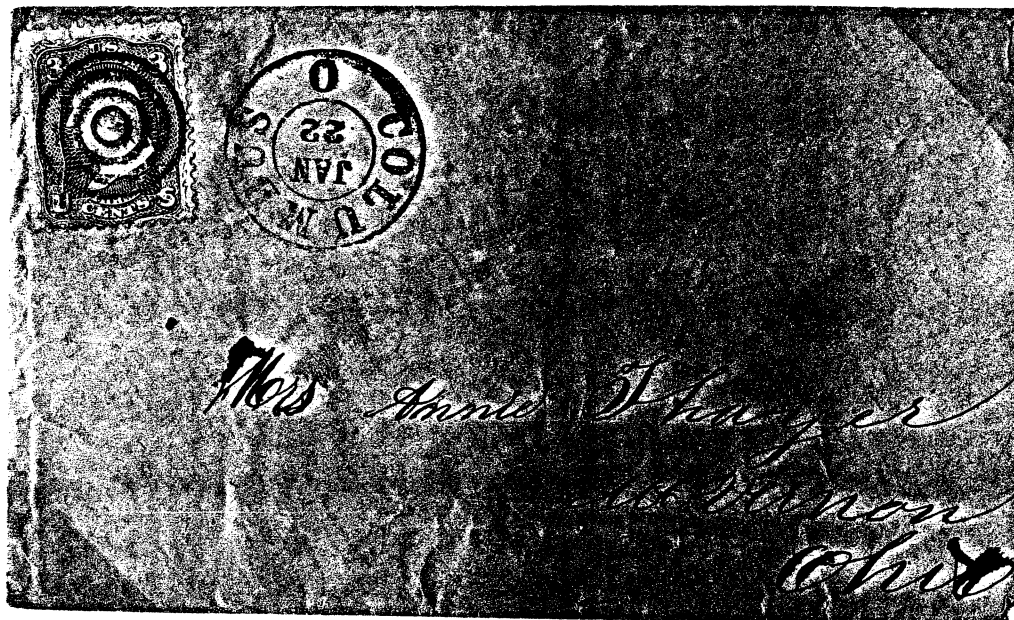
From Major Robert S. Bullock to his wife, Mary, now
at Box 296, Lexington, Ky, Jan. 16, 1864.
Censored "N.M." for "Nathaniel Merion."



From Major Bullock to his wife, Jan. 23, 1864.
Censored "Ex/N.M.," with penciled squiggle beneath,
indicating the letter was read by a subordinate.

TOD BARRACKS

TOD BARRACKS, named for Ohio Governor David Tod, was built in the Fall of 1863 on North High Street in the general area now occupied by the Ohio Center.

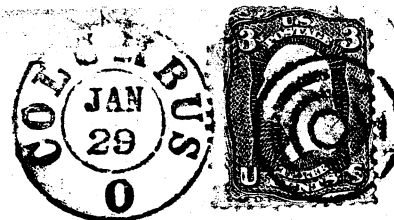


Dated lined "Co. g Tod Barracks," "Colum" O, Jan 21, 1864.

The enclosed letter commences, "we are gay and happy still there is nothing like soldiering we have plenty to eat and drink and good place to sleep and nothing to do and thats good it nuff(!)"

HEAD QUARTERS,
General Rendezvous Ohio Vol. Recruiting Service,
TOD BARRACKS, COLUMBUS, O.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.



Capt. Sams. W. W. Collock,
13th Regt. Ohio Vol. Inf.
3rd Brigade, 3rd Div. 4th Army Corp.
Via - Nashville, Tenn.

Jan. 29, 1864.

RECRUITING AND MILITIA BUSINESS

HEADQUARTERS
Gen'l Rendezvous Ohio Vol. Recruiting Service,
TOD BARRACKS, COLUMBUS, O.

~~OFFICIAL BUSINESS~~



*Mrs. M. S. Hopkins
Berlin Heights
Eric County
Ohio*

June 16, 1864

General Head Quarters, State of Ohio.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, COLUMBUS.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

*Appointed as a member
of the Military Committee
Jan'y 30/64*



*George W. Gregg Esq
Chm of Mil Com
Circleville
Ohio*

Feb. 2, 1864.

FREE FRANKED FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. ON ORDNANCE DEPT.
BUSINESS, Nov. 9, 1864. FORWARDED FROM COLUMBUS, Nov. 11 TO
HOPE (NOW NEW ALBANY), FRANKLIN
COUNTY, OHIO.

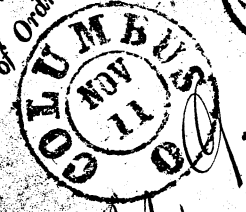
Official mail such as this, directed to officers of units whose enlistment terms had expired, were otherwise unaddressed but were sent in care of state adjutant generals' offices who supplied the remainder of the addresses.

Free franked official mail could be forwarded free, indefinitely.

Printed facsimile
franking signature
of Chief of
Ordinance.

Ordinance Department.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Brig. Gen. Chief of Ordinance



Capt. J. B. Wilson,
133rd Ohio
Hope
Franklin Co. Ohio

One of Gen's
Adj. Gen's
of Ohio
Columbus Ohio



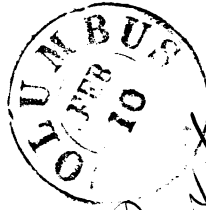
BRIG-GEN. ALEXANDER
B. DYER, U.S. ARMY
CHIEF OF ORDNANCE,
12 Sept 1864 - 20 May '74

Capt. Job. Wilson was a company commander of the 100-days regiment, 133rd Ohio - a National Guard or Militia unit mustered into Federal service on 6 May 1864 and discharged on 20 August, 1864, after service with the Army of the Potomac.

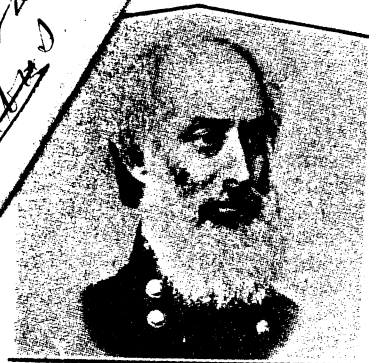
FREE FRANKED OFFICIAL MAIL, FORWARDED FROM COLUMBUS

Washington City,
Feb 6, 1863;
forwarded on
to Camp
Dennison,
Feb. 10, 1863.

Adjutant General's Office,
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
W. A. Nichols
Adjutant General.

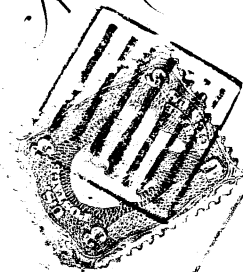


Calib J. R. Paxton, 15th Inf.
Supt. Ohio. Vol. Recy. Service
Adj. Gen. Camp Dennison
and New York



William A. Nichols, Promoted
for Faithful Services
in the War.

Nichols was an Assistant
Adjutant General - ie, one
of those who handled the
paper work of the Civil War.
Since his franking privilege
on official business covered for-
warding, the stamp on this cover
was not required.



Probably contained printed
orders and regulations.

General Head Quarters, State of Ohio.
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, COLUMBUS.
Official Business.

Capt J. G. Austin
Officers & Sergeants of Co. A 2nd Reg't
Charlestown
Charlestown
Portage Co. OH

Printed matter sent at
circular rate of 2¢ for
each 3 pieces or less, to
the same address.

Addressed to the 2nd Reg't
"O.M." - Ohio Militia.

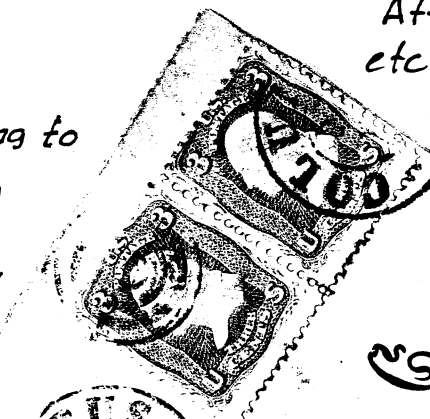
SOLDIERS ABSENTEE VOTING

THE STATE ELECTION

1864

The procedure allowed voting to be done in the camps, with officers sworn as election officials. Votes were tallied and ballots, tally sheets and affidavits were mailed to the county clerks of courts. The procedure was possible because regiments were organized by states.

After voting, tally sheets, etc. had to be mailed to each county represented by a voter in the Unit of the Army.



Country

Ohio

STATE ELECTION.

Clerk of the Court of

TALLY-SHEET.

Ohio's state and presidential elections were held a few weeks apart in 1864.

Columbus, Oct. 13, 1864,
double rate for over 1/2
ounce.

SOLDIERS' ABSENTEE VOTING - 1864

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Contained ballots
of one or more
soldiers, tally
sheets recording
votes for each
Presidential
Elector -
but the
Presidential
candidate
is not
named!

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

TALLY-SHEET.

DUE 6

Court of

Clerk of the

County

Medina

Ohio.

Sent from
Columbus, Ohio on
Nov. 10, 1864, and
filed at Medina,
Ohio Nov. 11.

"DUE 6" may be for
double weight of more
than 1/2 ounce but it
also could be double
postage due for an
unpaid single letter.

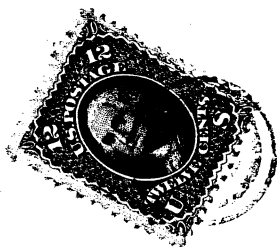
THE FIRST COLUMBUS DUPLEXED HANDSTAMPS

4 x single rate.

Duplex handstamp with 4-ring target killer attached rigidly to the postmarking handstamp so that postmark is applied and stamp canceled simultaneously.

U. S. Muster and Disbursing Office.
STATE OF OHIO.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Messrs. Swanwick & Jackson
Rock Island
Iowa



Sent August 15, 1863 or
1864.

This is an early use of the
Columbus duplexed hand-
stamp, if mailed in 1863.

TRIPLER U. S. ARMY HOSPITAL

Tripler U. S. Army General Hospital at Columbus was named for Medical Director Charles S. Tripler, U. S. Army Surgeon in charge of the HQ, Northern Departments at Columbus. Tripler Hospital was evidently either erected late in the War or was a new name for what is listed as Seminary Hospital at Columbus in the records.

Tripler U. S. Army Hospital
Columbus O
June 24/65-
Dr Chapman
I now take
my pen to inform you that
still I am in the VR Corps
enjoying my self as well as
can be expected under existing

VR Corps-
Veteran
Reserve,
formerly
the Invalid
Corps.

Dr Chapman
3rd Division
Camp Dennison
Ohio

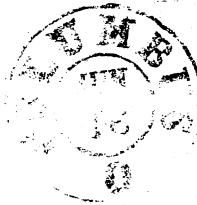
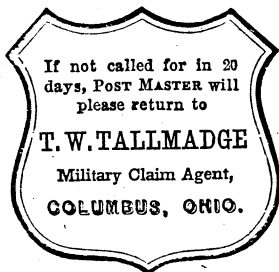
The "JUNE /26" handstamp is believed to be a Camp Dennison receiving marking.

THE CLAIM AGENTS

Even before the Civil War showed signs of ending, the military claim agents made their appearance. Mostly lawyers, or retired army officers, they apparently made a good living handling the legal forms for soldiers discharged because of injuries, illness or for other reasons for claims against the government.

August, 1862

T. W. TALLMADGE,
AGENT FOR
PROCURING BOUNTY, MONEY, BACK PAY,
PENSION,
And Collecting all kinds of Military Claims,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.



June 16, 1865

Sicut St. E. Pedrick

If not called for in 10 days, return to

I. A. HUTCHINSON,

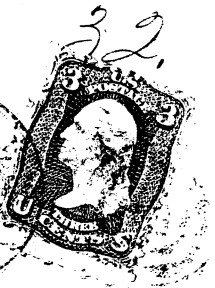
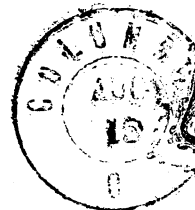
Military Claim Agent,

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

August 10,
1866 (?)

*for R. Watson
No 32.*

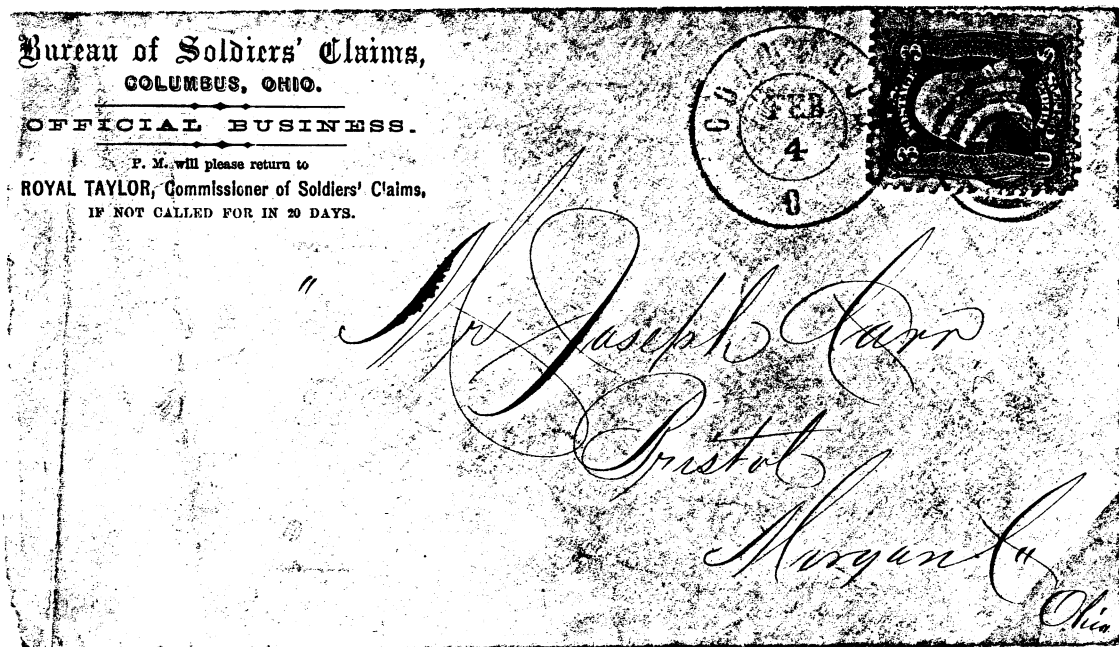
I. A. Hutchinson



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
TO HANDLE SOLDIER'S CLAIMS



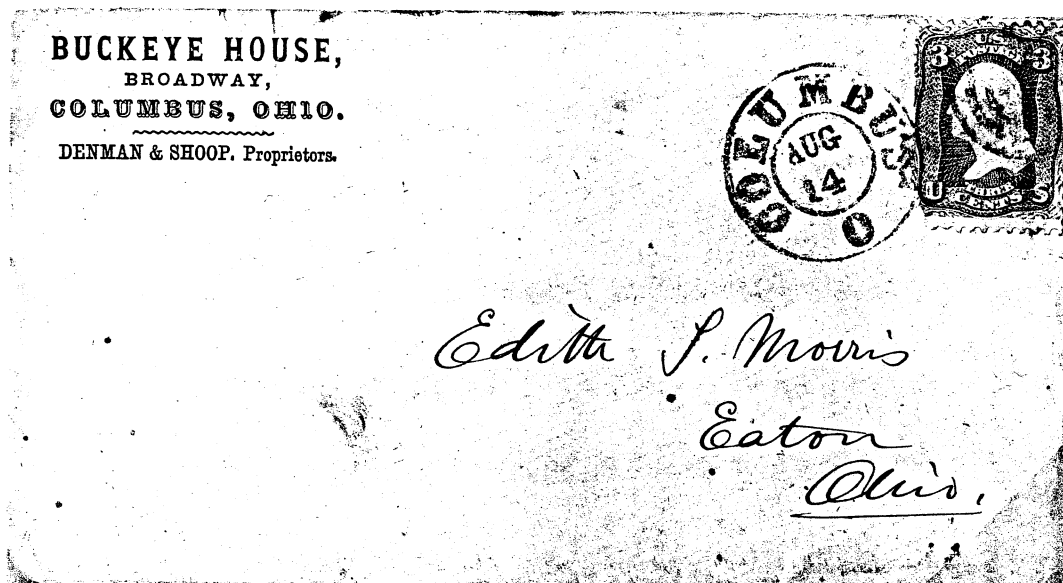
AUG 1, 1866-7. U. S. Pension Agent



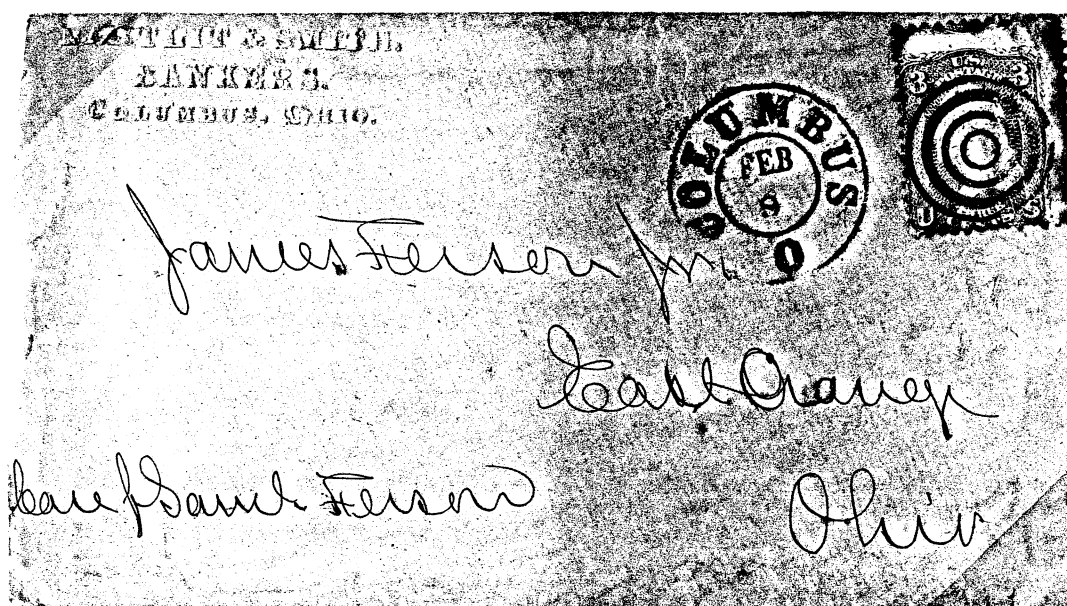
Feb. 1, 1866-8.

THE POST CIVIL WAR ERA

The use of the 1"x9/16" double circle with serified letters and duplexed with a 4-ring target killer dated from August or September 1863 and continued until early in 1866.

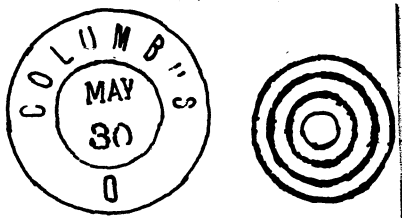


August 14 (1865?). from the Buckeye House.



Feb. 9, 1866. Enclosed letter tells of deaths of two local women on Feb. 9(?) in a boiler explosion aboard the steamboat W.R. Carter, about 35 miles above Vicksburg. Loss of life was set at about 125, mostly by drowning.

Columbus received a new
duplexed small double circle
style handstamp in early
1866.



A 24c lilac
of the mid-1860s
used to prepay an
8-times rate (3½ -
4 ounces) courthouse
cover sent from
Columbus on May 30,
1866.

American Express Co.

No. 1

MONEY WAY-BILL.

COLUMBUS, Ohio,

Up Sandy.
July 2 1865
Pay to the order of

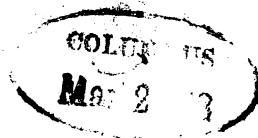
AMERICAN EXP.

MONEY

WAY-BILL

Columbus to
 Upper Sand-
 usky, Ohio

EXPRESS COVERS, 1865-8



Up Sandy
Marville
C

REVENUE
 STAMPS WERE
 REQUIRED ON EXPRESS
 LETTERS OF CERTAIN
 TYPES. THE FRAGMENT
 OF AN ENVELOPE AT UPPER
 RIGHT, SENT TO MARYSVILLE
 BEARS A 1¢ FIRST ISSUE
 IMPERFORATE EXPRESS
 REVENUE STAMP CANCELED
 "COLUMBUS, Mar. 21-68," - repeated
 on the cover.

\$12.00

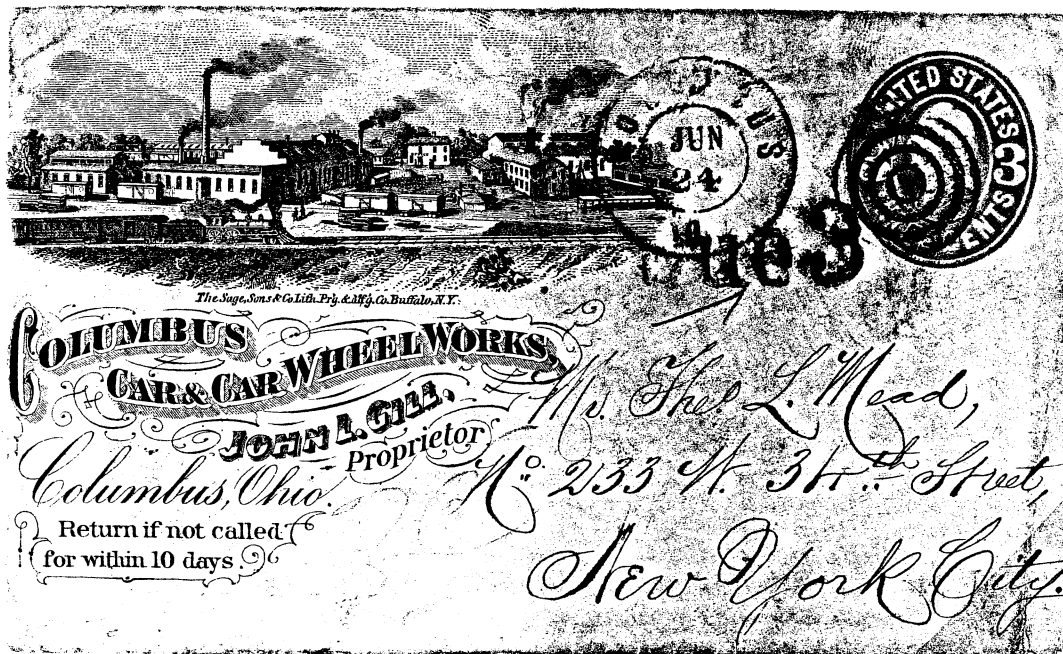
Mrs. J. H. Williams
Mar. 21-68

COLUMBUS CORNER CARDS

Illustrated covers provide a history of a city's growth and activities. Here, the subjects are state government and heavy manufacturing. The former still is here; the latter is not.



April 15, 1867. Overall lithograph of Ohio General Assembly.



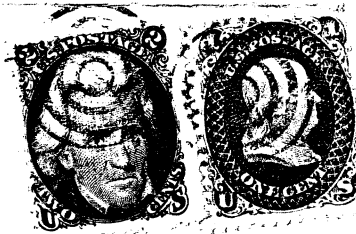
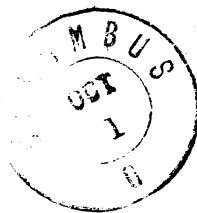
June 24, 1870. Due 3, overweight. Gill's Car works was located just south of the junction of the Olentangy and Scioto Rivers, on the south bank of the latter.

THE LATE 1860'S
COVERS WITH CORNER CARDS AND GRILLED
STAMPS OF 1867-68

SECURITY
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW YORK.

NEWKIRK & MILTENBERGER,
GENERAL AGENTS,
COLUMBUS, O.

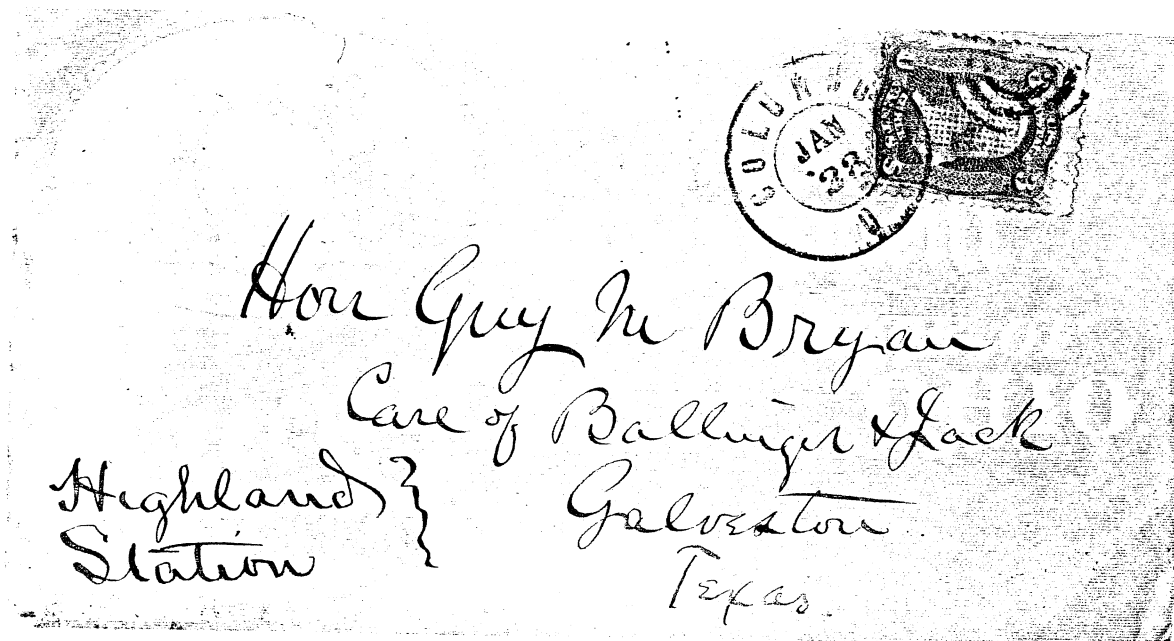
Postmaster will please return, if not called for
in TEN days.



Mr. J. P. Lowe
Urbana
Q

2¢ "E" Grill

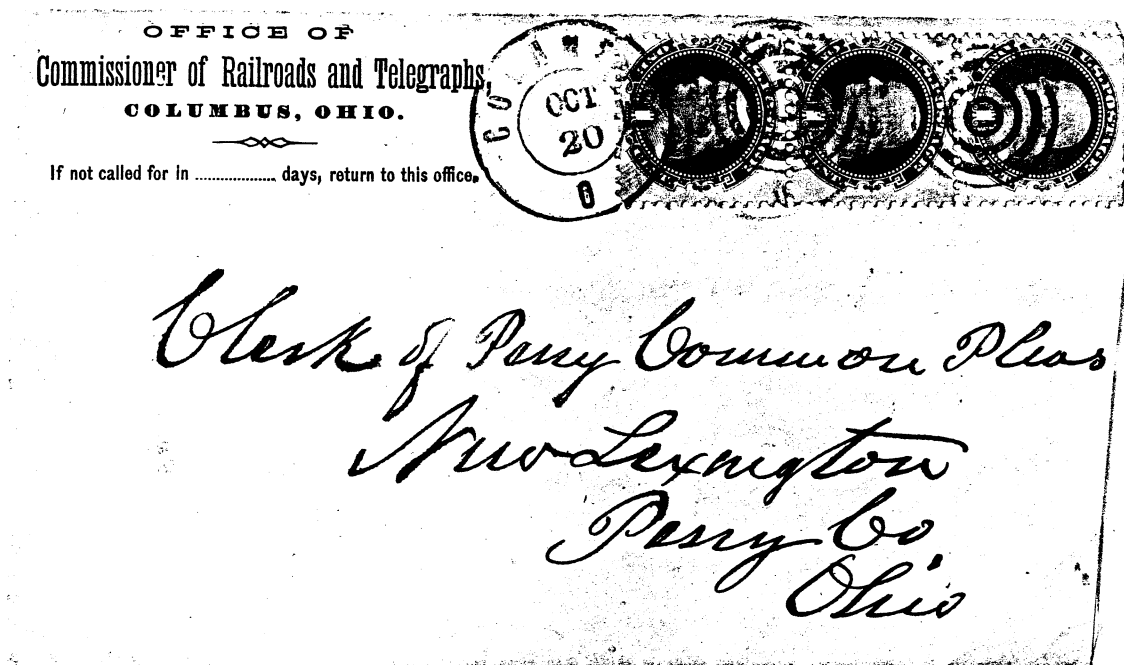
2¢ Black Jack "E" grill + 1¢ 1861 stamp, not grilled. Life Insurance Co.
corner card with "not called for in TEN days" legend.



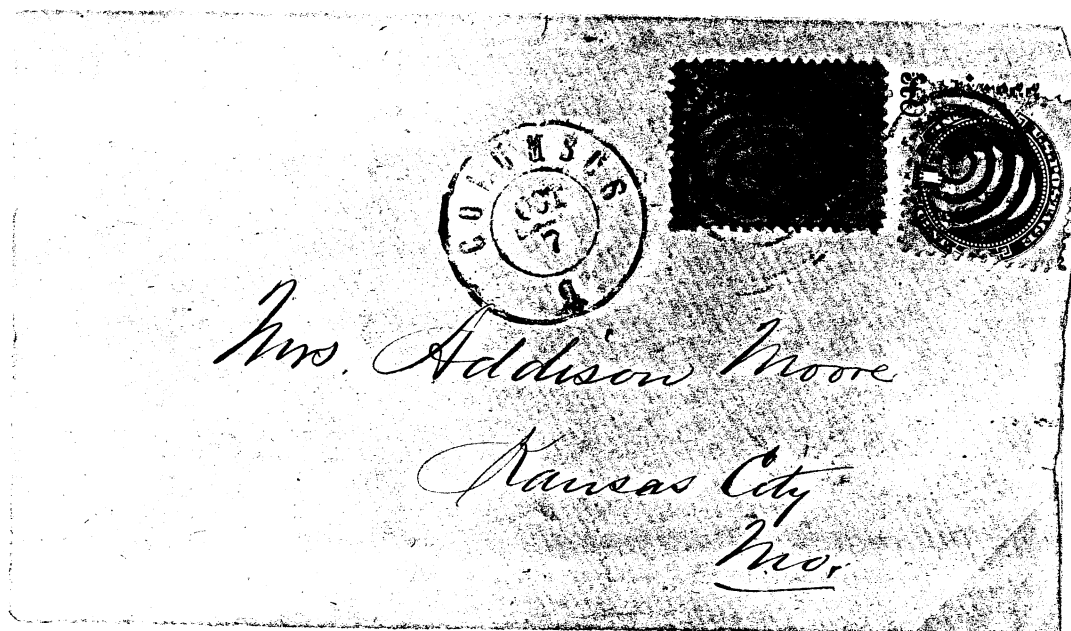
Executive Dept of State of Ohio overall lithographed to Texas,
with 3¢ "F" grill.

THE DOUBLE CIRCLE DUPLEX WITH PLAIN LETTERS FIRST
APPEARED IN 1866, MONTH UNCERTAIN.

THE 1869 ISSUE AT COLUMBUS



Oct. 20, 1869(?). Office of Commissioner of Railroads and Telegraphs to Perry County.

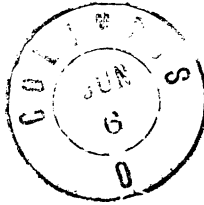


2¢ Black Jack "F" grill + 1¢ 1869, to Missouri. Oct 7, 1869 (?)

THE 3¢ 1869'S AT COLUMBUS

**SIEBERT & LILLEY,
BLANK BOOK**

Manufacturers,
Printers, Binders and Publishers,
Opera House Building,
COLUMBUS OHIO.

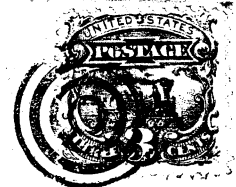
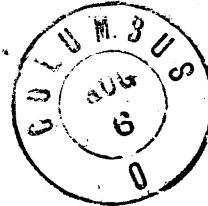


June 6, 1869.
Shade of the
early printings
of the stamp.

Oliver H. Hoover
Ancient Insurance Co.,
New Philadelphia
Ohio.

NEIL HOUSE - A
LANDMARK HOTEL
NAME AT THE SITE.

NEIL HOUSE,
Opp. State House,
COLUMBUS, O.
WALSTEIN FAILING, Prop'r.

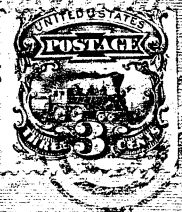
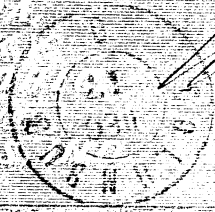


WHEELER & WILSON'S



Sewing Machines
Wm. SUMNER & Co.
WESTERN AGENTS.

Mr. J. N. Palmer,
Janesville
Ohio.

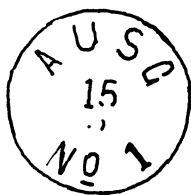
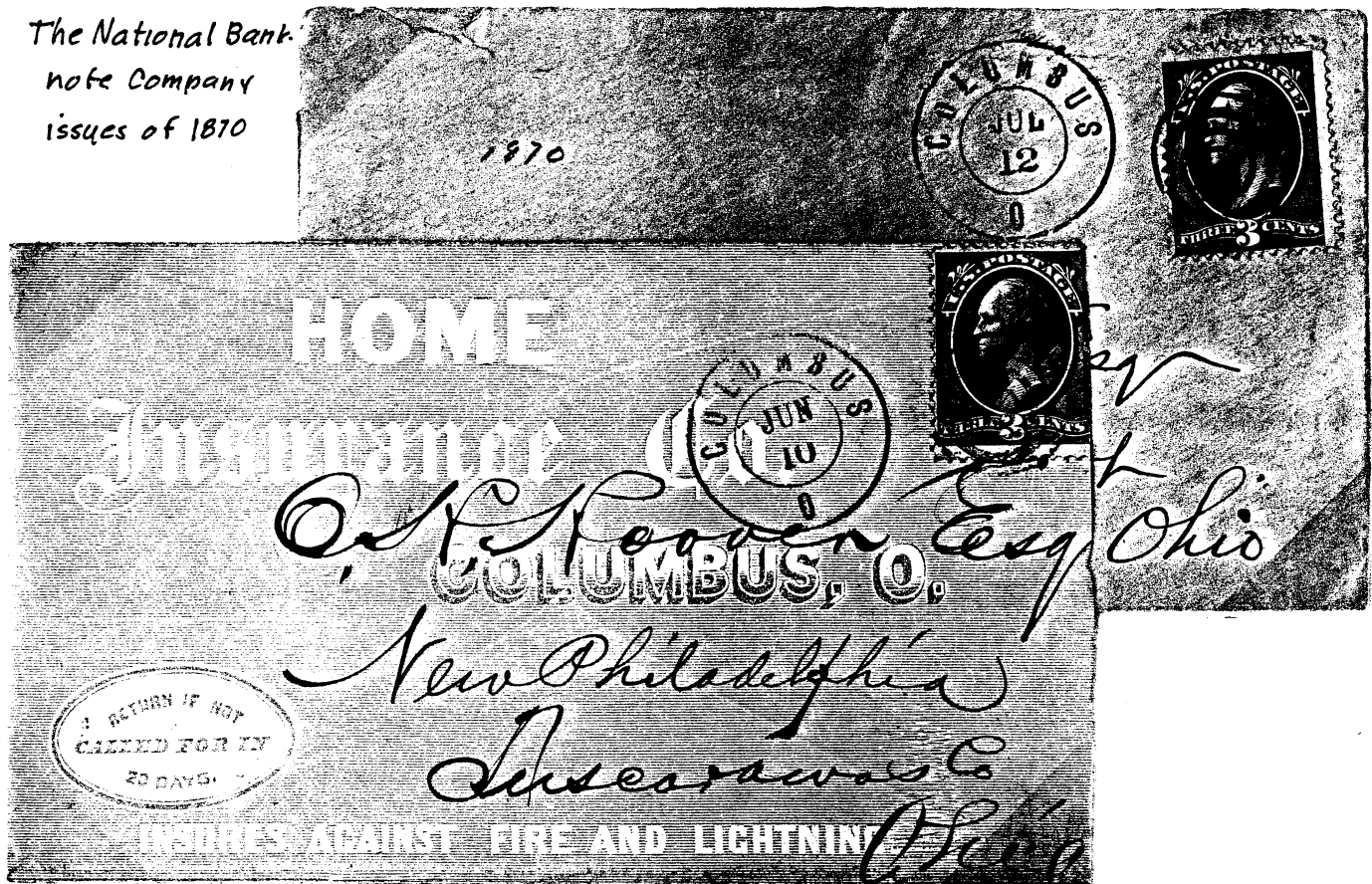



Isq:
ly Amby.
Ohio.

Dec. 17, 1869-70. The overall lithographed design carries over to the back flap.

THE BANKNOTE ISSUES

The National Bank
note Company
issues of 1870



Backstamp

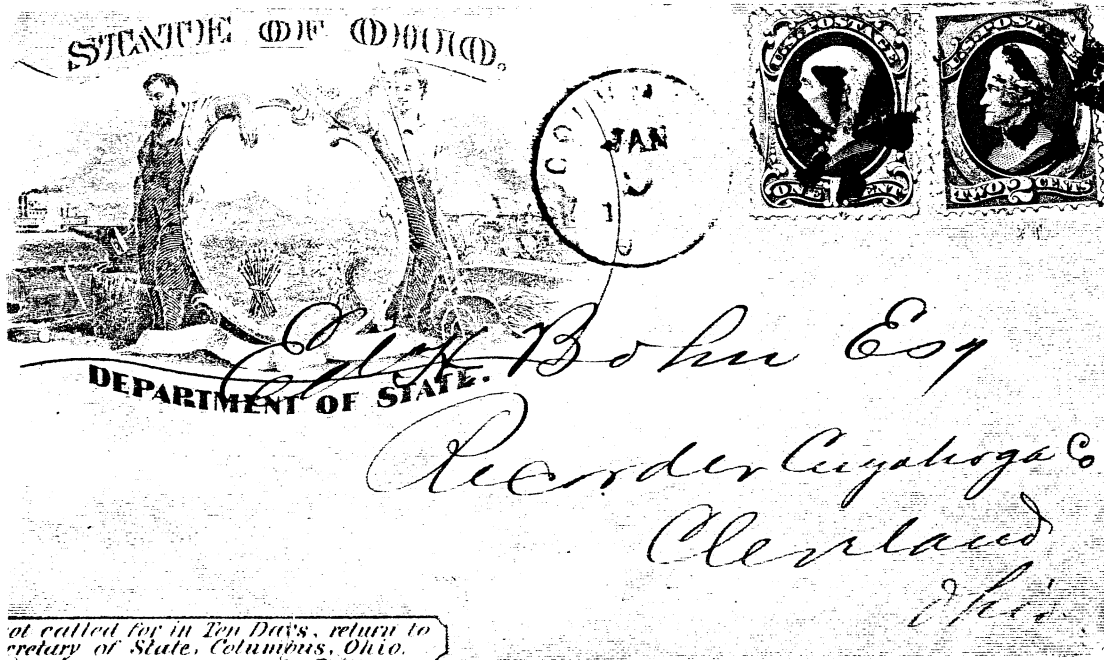
Mailed at
Columbus on
Jan. 31, 1871.



Prepaid 15¢ with a pair and two singles of the 3¢ Banknote stamp of 1870, on a 3¢ Reay envelope of 1870, this represents a 5¢ overpayment of the rate to Germany by German Union closed mails via England. The rate had been reduced from 15¢ to 10¢ on July, 1870.

DUPLEXED CORK KILLERS AT COLUMBUS

Commencing about 1871, Columbus started using duplex postmarks with a socket into which cork killers could be inserted and replaced as they wore out. The urge of clerks to carve fancy killers appears occasionally.



JAN. 9, 1877. Corks, as this, were usually segmented for blacker cancels.

The star motif
appeared in many
different forms
in Columbus.

Return to
THE LESSEES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS,
COLUMBUS, Ohio,
if not delivered within 10 days.



Sole Proprietor of Baker's Short System of Account Books
For County Auditors, County Treasurers, City Clerks, City Treasurers, School and Township Clerks and Treasurers.

Baker's General Index for County Records, Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges and Abstractors of Titles. It makes in itself a complete abstract of all undivided tracts and facilitates the titles by reference to the division plat.

Book for Auditors, containing the Special and Township Funds, and settlement with Township Treasurers; containing four original books in one.

Andrew's Office Map Easy; a book showing how to levy taxes; place them on the Duplicates, and settle them, with sufficient space for distributing the taxes for a number of years. Now in press and will be ready for delivery January 1st, 1876. Price, \$3.00.

Baker's Short Methods for Merchants, Manufacturers and all kind of business.

Subscriptions taken for Baker's General Instruction Book, giving the shortest and most practical method for all kinds of Book Keeping. In press and will be ready for delivery January 1st, 1876. Price, \$2.00.

If not called for in ten days, return to

W. C. M. BAKER,
Blank Book Manufacturer.
ALL KINDS OF BINDING AND RULING DONE.
No. 8 East Broad Street,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.



Clark of the Court
Albion
Ind

These stars
on the two
covers differ
in detail.

FANCY CORKS OF 1873-9

Columbus, the Great Railroad and Manufacturing Center.

SCHRADER & WARD,
IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
GLASS and QUEENSWARE,
197 South High Street,
COLUMBUS, O.

Small star



If not called for in 10 days return to

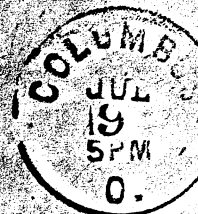


James H. Coe
Collector of
One 2 cents City

James H. Coe
Bedford
Conn.

Leaf

If not called for within five days, return to
BROOKS, BUTLER & CO.
Successors to Hines, Taylor & Co.
BANKERS,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

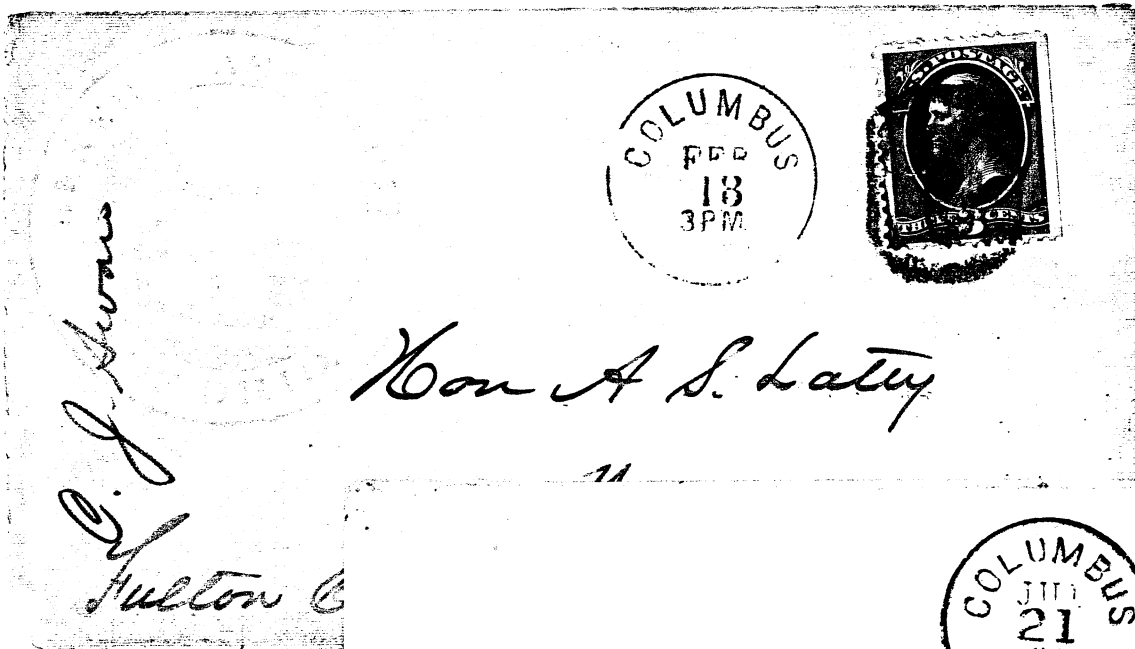


Mr. Farrar Cas.
London
Ohio



Man in Moon

FANCY CORKS, ON CONTINENTALS

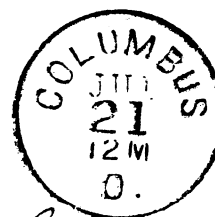
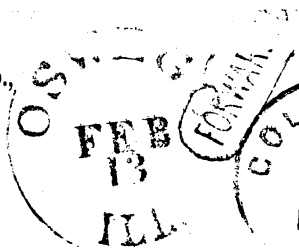


LETTER "O"? - ?

AN OWL OR A
BAT?

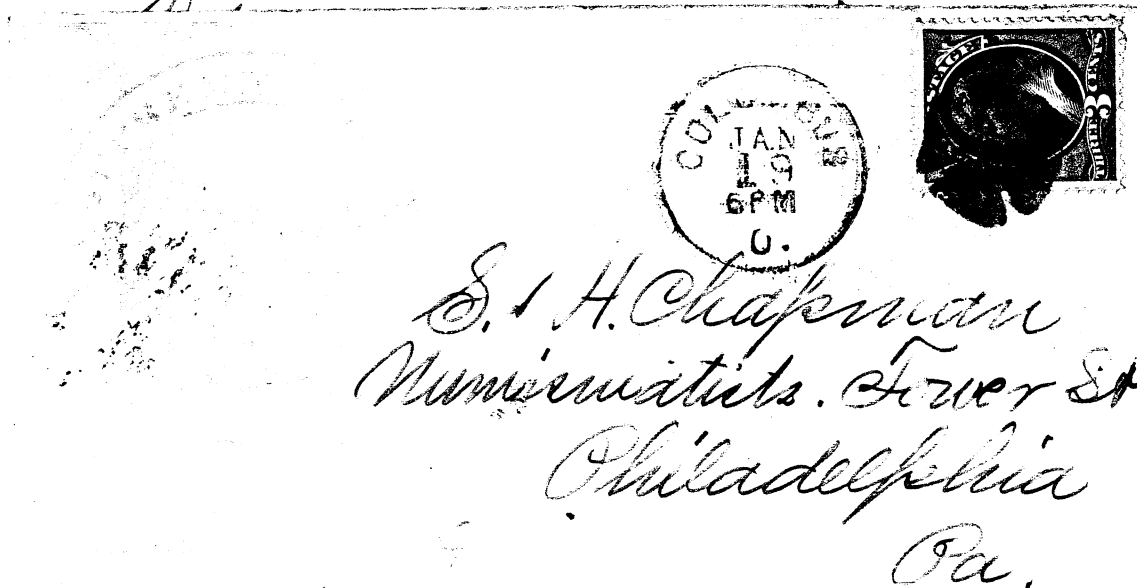
A LEAF, BELOW

Return to JULIUS J. WOOD & CO.,
COLUMBUS, Ohio,
if not delivered within 10 days.



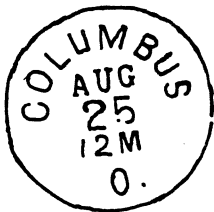
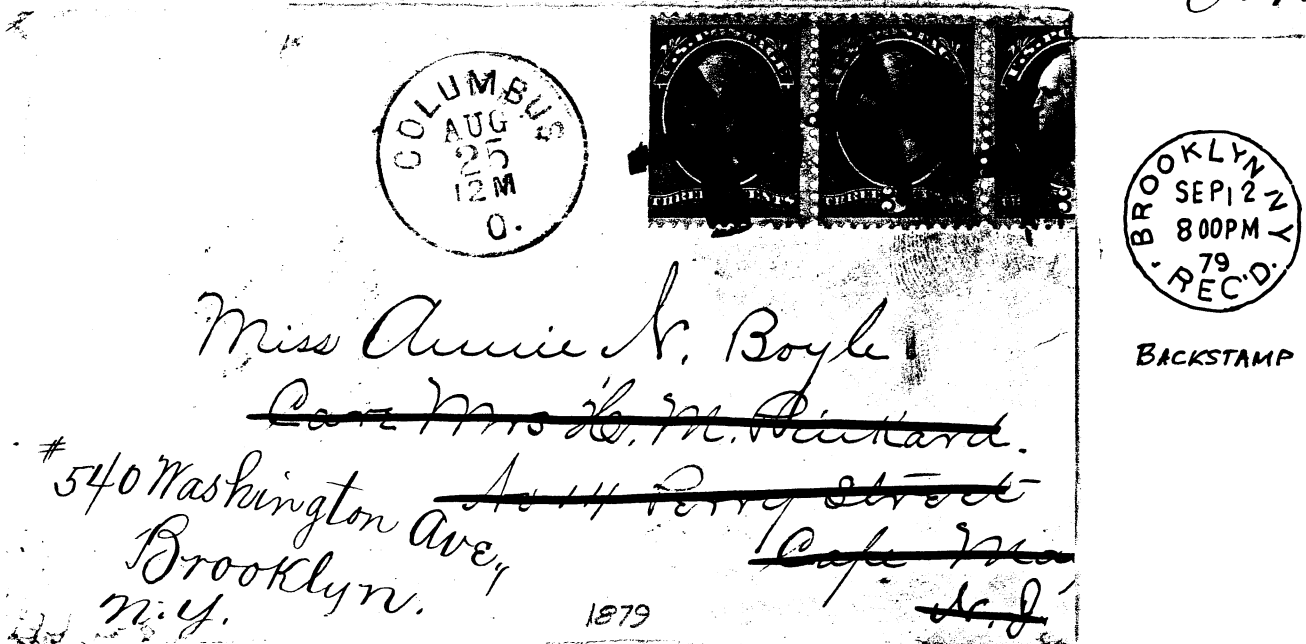
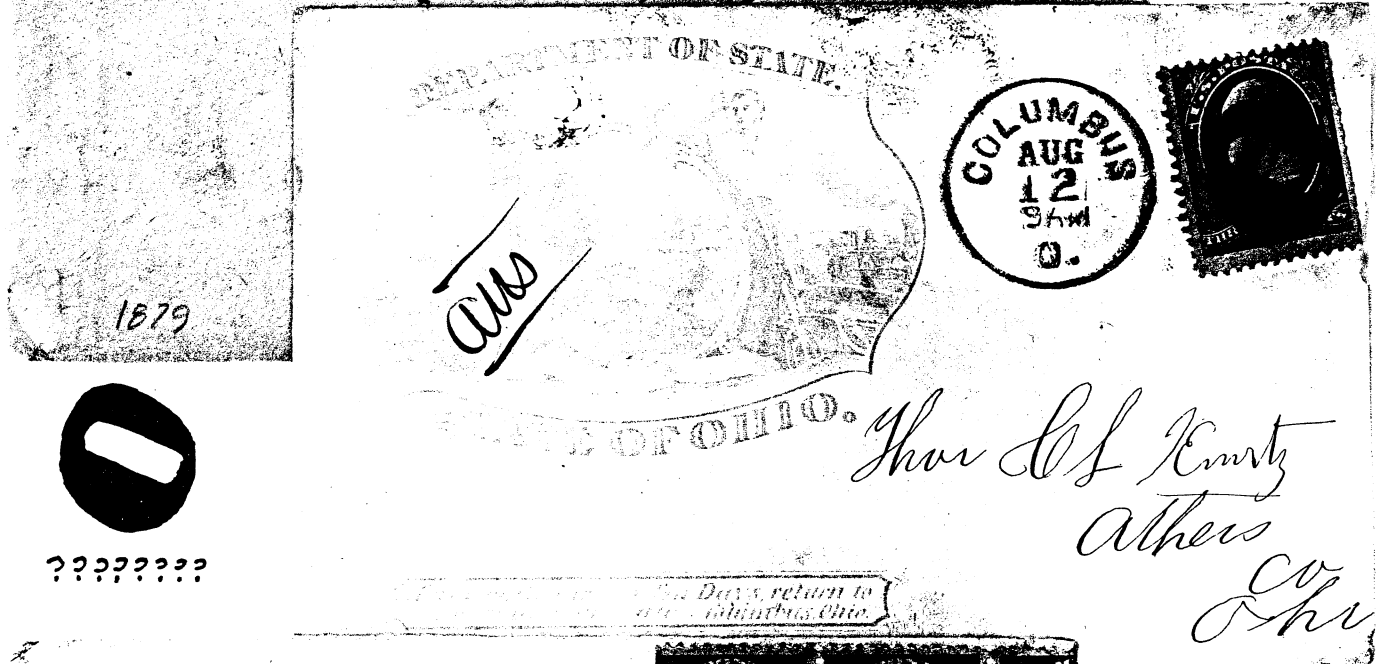
Mr. Thompson Kingsford

Esg.
Spring
Ohio



4-LEAF CLOVER?

FANCY CORKS, 1879-1887



TOMAHAWKS, HATCHETS OR A
MEDIEVAL HALBERD? USED HERE
IN TWO VERSIONS, ONE DUPLEXED
AND THE OTHER NOT.

REGISTERED MAIL FROM COLUMBUS, 1870's.

*From
J. J. Plimpton,
77 E. Town St.
39*



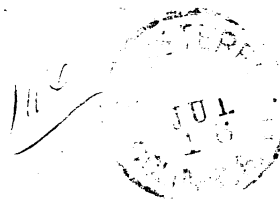
Messrs. C. E. Hartung & Co.,

No. 518 Broadway,

11953 New York.

1875

Registered at Columbus, Jan. 6, 1875. Received, New York, Jan. 8, 1875. 2¢ + 3¢ + 6¢ paid 8¢ registry fee plus 3¢ single rate postage. The 8¢ registry fee was raised to 10¢ on July 1, 1875.



Messrs J. J. Plimpton & Co.

2043 Town Street

Philadelphia

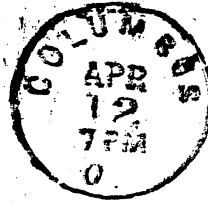
Pennsylvania

Registered at Columbus, July 16, 1878. Backstamped with magenta rectangular Philadelphia-registry handstamp, July 17, 1878. 10¢ + 3¢ + 3¢ Plimpton envelope prepaid 10¢ registry fee plus double, 2 x 6¢, the 3¢ single letter rate for an overweight letter.

COLUMBUS ADVERTISING COVERS - BANKNOTE ERA

HOME Insurance Company
COLUMBUS, O.
*Insures against Loss by
 fire and lightning.*

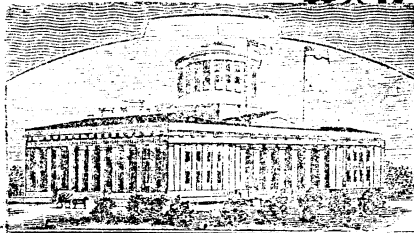
RETURN IF NOT
 CALLED FOR IN
 10 DAYS.



INSURANCE

Geo. H. Demand

Ag.



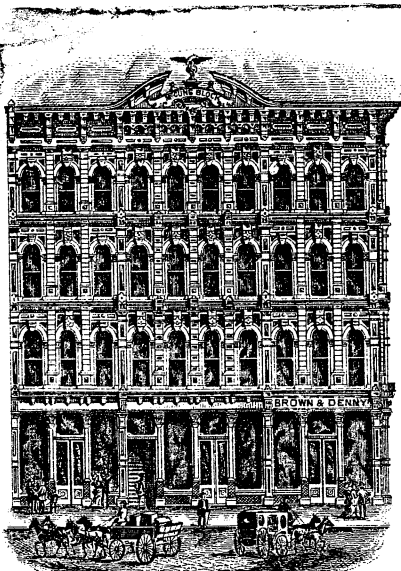
HOME Insurance Company
COLUMBUS, O.
*Insures against Loss by
 fire and lightning.*

RETURN IF NOT
 CALLED FOR IN
 10 DAYS.

CASH ASSETS \$6



W. B. Brown
W. B. BROWN COMPANY
Manager
Ohio



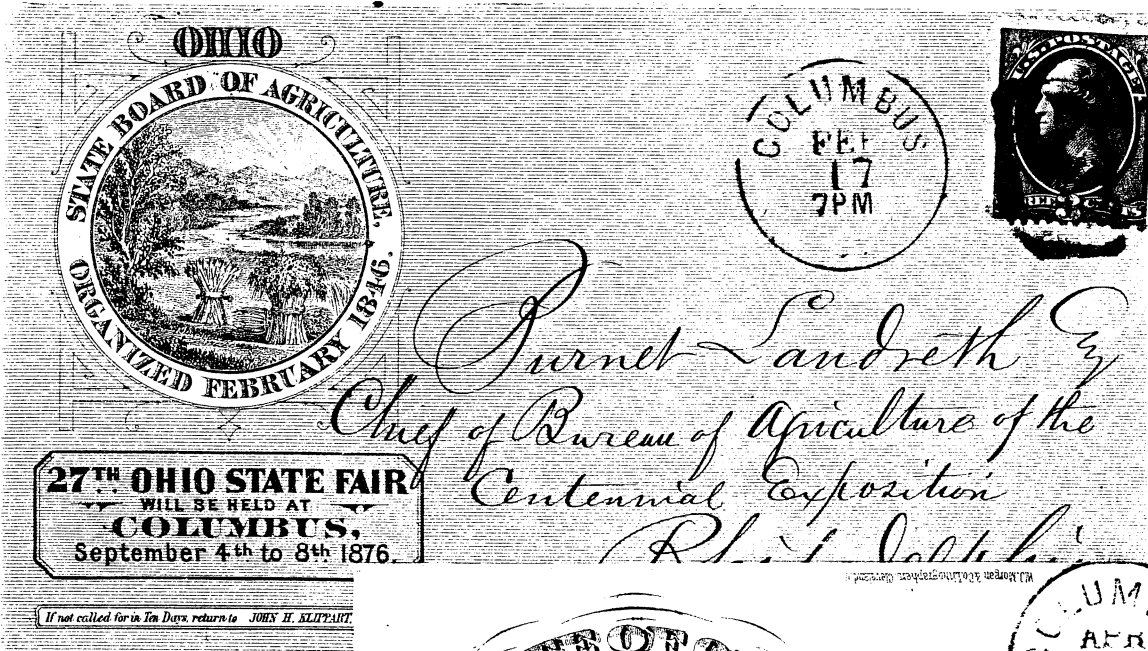
IF NOT CALLED FOR IN 10 DAYS RETURN TO
BROWN & DENNY,
 HIGH & GAY STREETS,
 COLUMBUS, O.



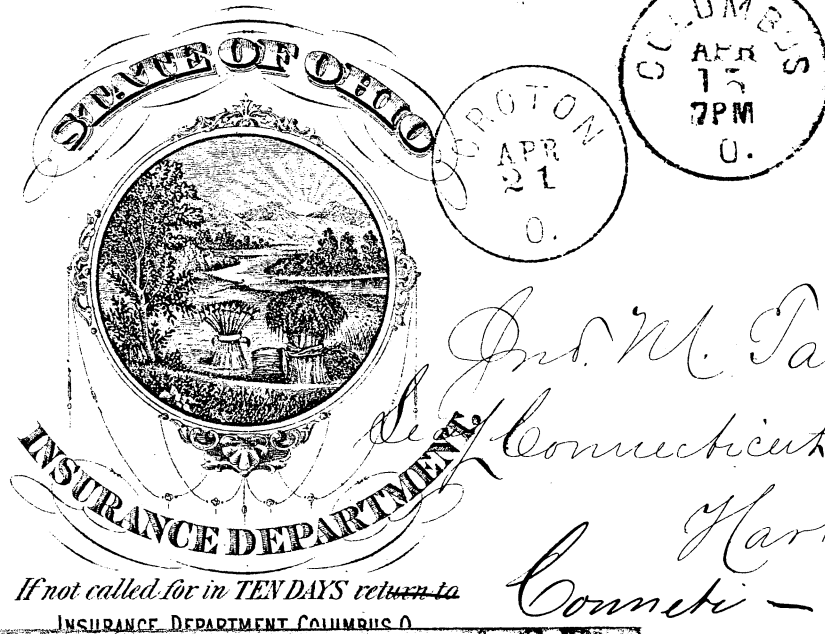
MERCHANT

Louie E. Browne
Care Dr Jacob H Hunt
Valley Junction
Hamilton Co
Ohio

STATE GOVERNMENT IMPRINTS



Note ad
for 1876
State Fair
on official
stationery.



If not called for in TEN DAYS return to
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT COLUMBUS O.



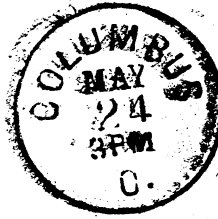
Mrs. Josiah Scott.

Beckyus,
Ohio -

If not delivered in 5 days
return to COLUMBUS, O.

The Ohio Supreme
Court official stat-
ionery differed in
color and size of
the state seal -
and requested
return of undelivered
letters in five
days rather than
the usual ten.

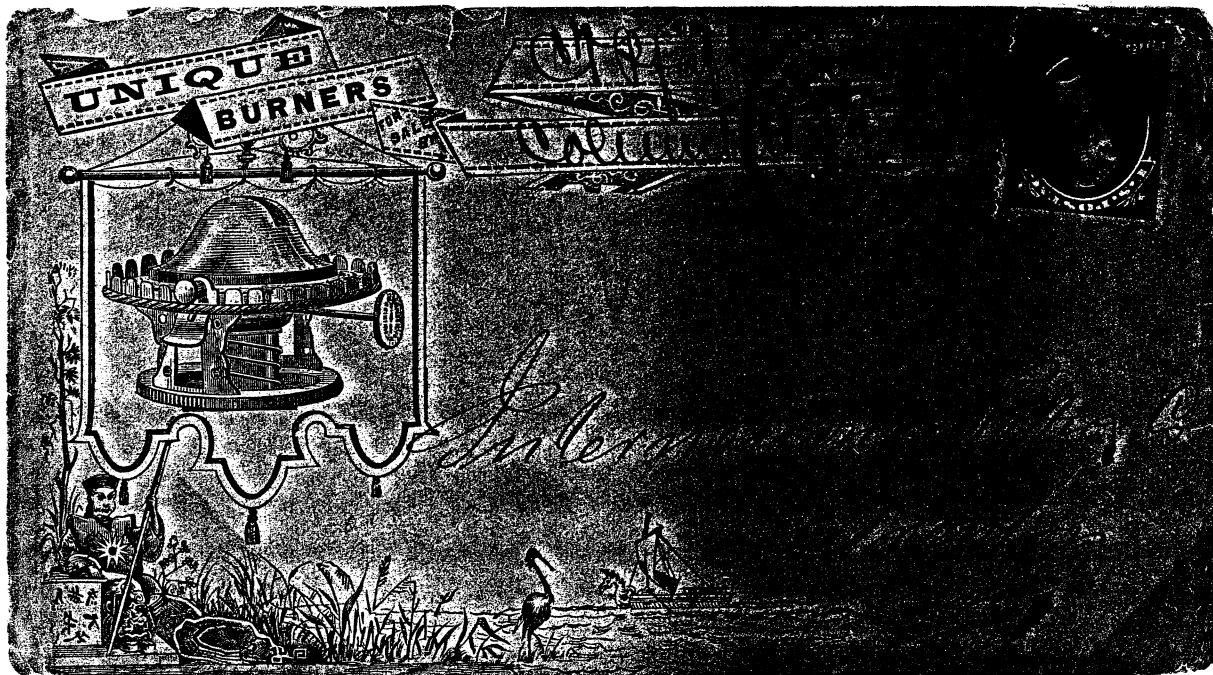
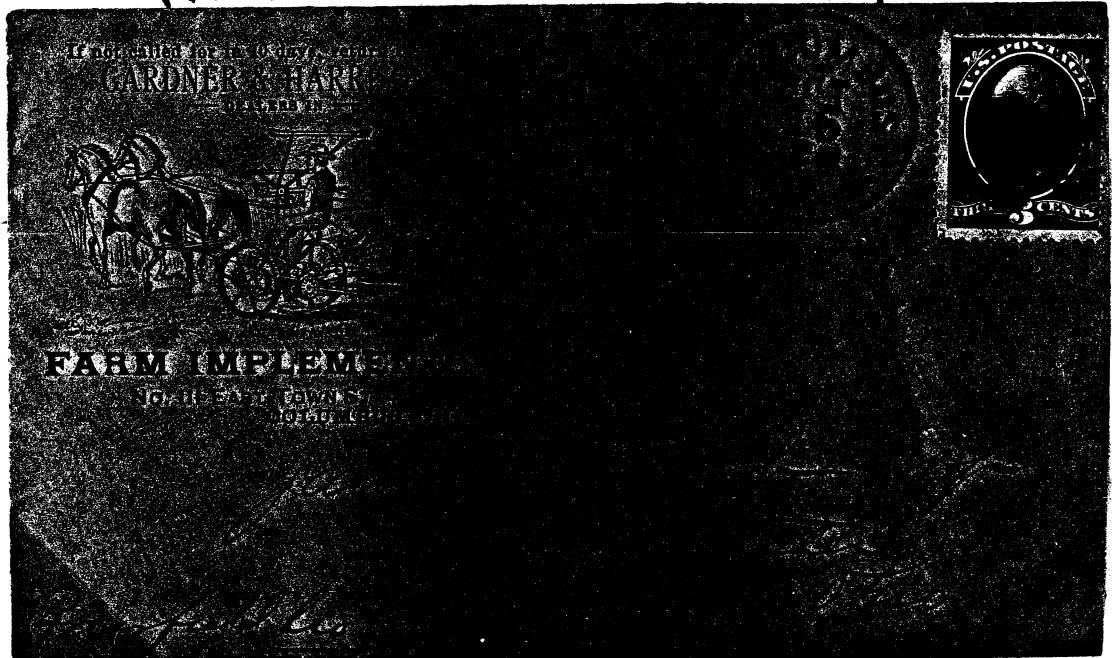
COLUMBUS COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING COVERS



ST. CHARLES
HOTEL

Note store
of John
Marzetti,
front corner

Mrs. M. H. Niedmeyer



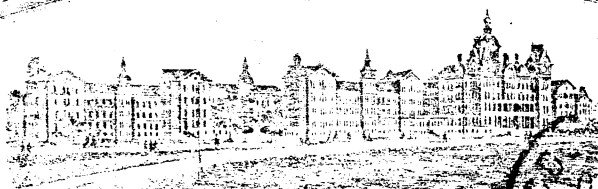
Back has
overall litho-
graph of

"The Old Re-
liable Fireside
Burner" for
Kerosene lamps.

Note ancient
galley and
oriental
theme in
design.

COLUMBUS BANKNOTE ERA ILLUSTRATED COVERS

COLUMBUS ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.



J. D. Firestone

SUPERINTENDENT

COLUMBUS

all
Ohio.

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN TEN DAYS RETURN TO
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

John J. Jaberger
Mt. Hope
Chi.

RETURN TO
M.C. LILLEY & CO.
PUBLISHERS
OF THE
ODD-FELLOWS COMPANION,
THE KNIGHTS & K&R JOURNAL,
& THE ODD FELLOW.

REGALIA & LODGE SUPPLIES
FOR ALL SOCIETIES
MANUFACTURED BY
M.C. LILLEY & CO.
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

IF NOT DELIVERED IN 10 DAYS
RETURN TO
M.C. LILLEY & CO.

NOV 12 6PM O.

THREE CENTS

Ed. D. Bailey Esq.
St. Clairsville
Ohio.

COLUMBUS TO GERMANY

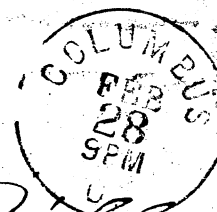
TO STUTTGART,
FEB 28, 1873-5.

North German
Union treaty
rate of 10¢.

If not called for in 10 days, return to

CAPITAL CITY BANK,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Mrs. M. M. Rickly
Stuttgart 115 Moser St.
Germany



If not called for in 10 days, return to

CAPITAL CITY BANK,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Mrs M M Rickly
Stuttgart
Germany



TO STUTTGART,
DEC 9, 1875.
LPU RATE OF
5¢.

COLUMBUS TO
MUNICH, 1881.
Overpayment
of 5¢ LPU
rate by 1¢.

Germany



Richard Andriessen,

Frankfurt, Germania von Deutschland, Europa,

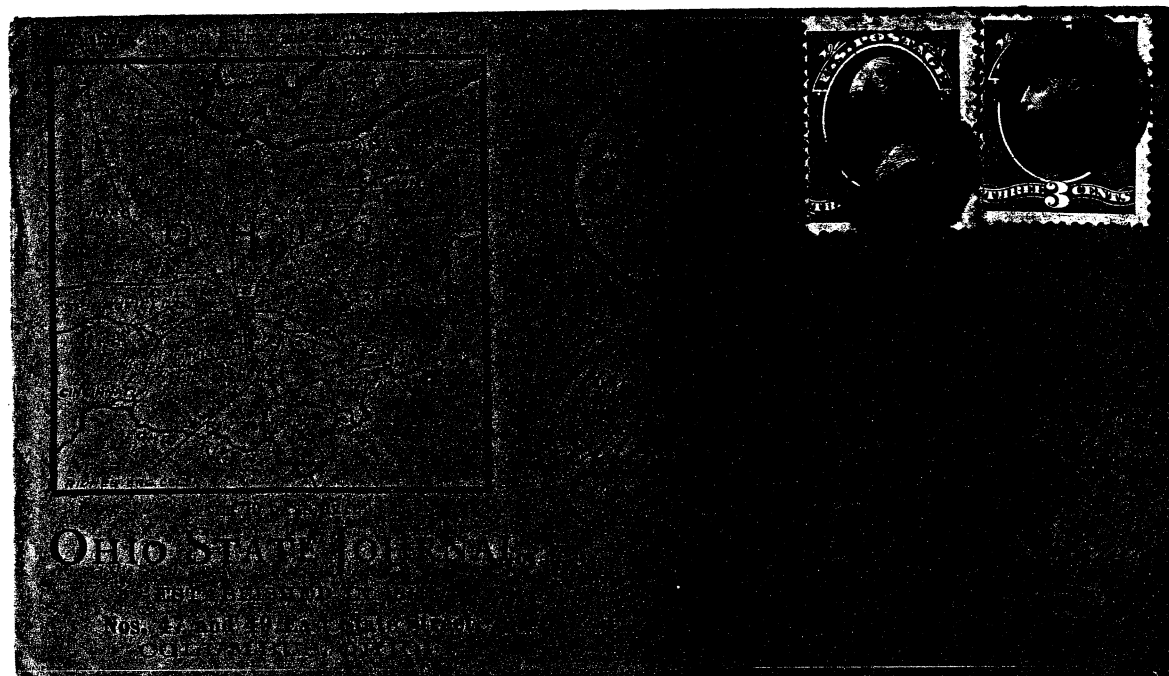
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Sept. 32/4.



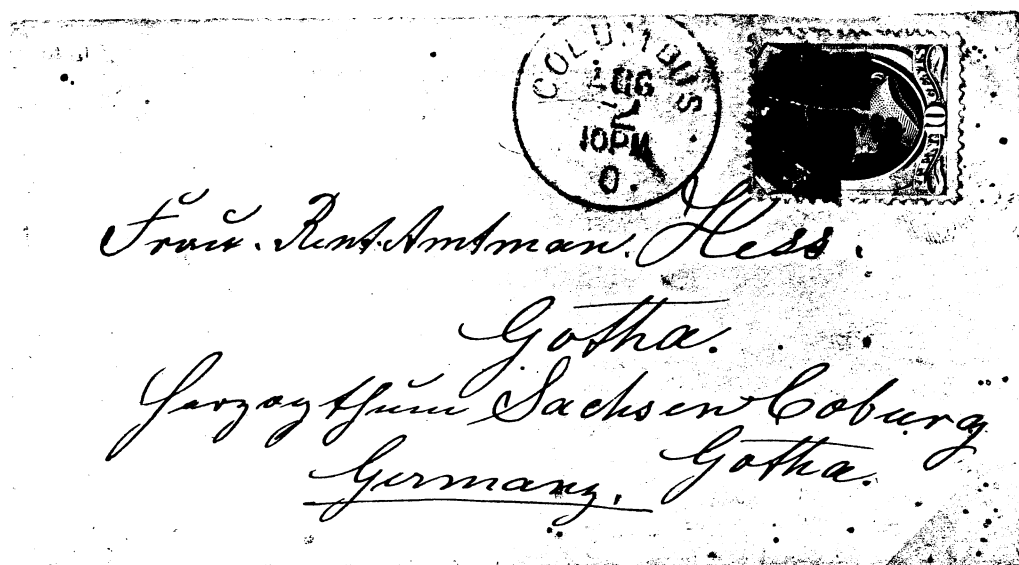
Munich, Germany.

COLUMBUS TO ABROAD — PRE UPU RATES



Magenta
backstmp.

Probably sent by Andrew Francisco of Columbus, publisher of the Ohio State Journal, May 27, circa 1878. 6¢ prepaid the U.S. - Hawaiian treaty rate of 10¢ to destination. Hawaii did not join the UPU until January, 1882.



COLUMBUS to Gotha, Saxe-Coburg, Germany, Aug 2, circa 1873-4. 10¢ prepaid North German Union Treaty rate by closed mail.

COLUMBUS TO JAPAN, 1879

All by UPU rates.

Japan joined

UPU June 1877

Backstamped

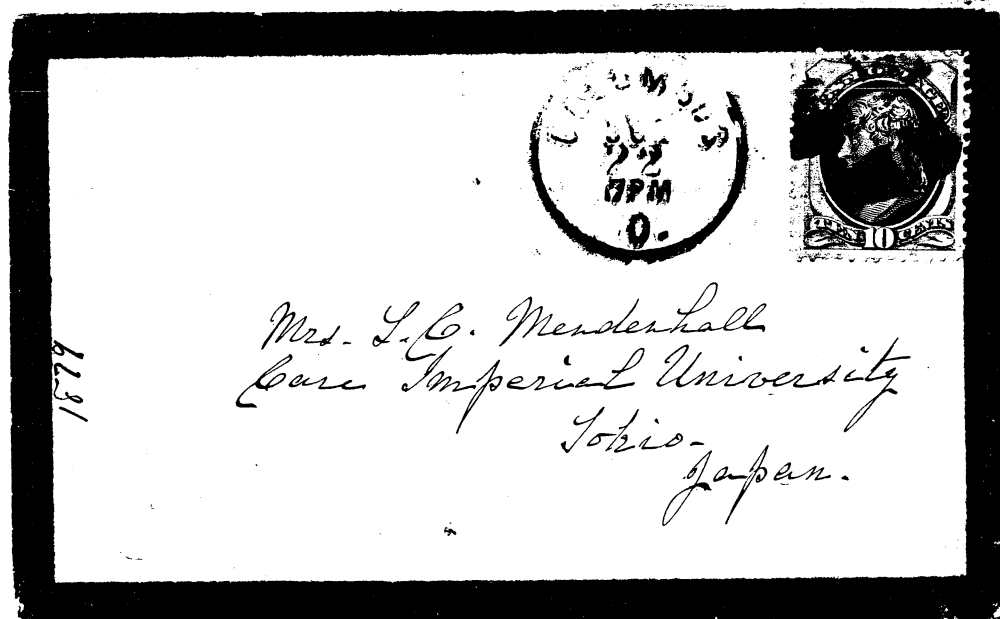
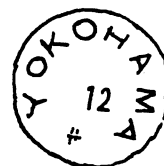
Yokohama Oct 24,
1879

Columbus, Sep 22

Ans Nov 22.



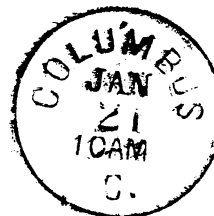
Mrs T. C. Mendenhall,
(Imperial University)
Tokio
Japan.

Columbus, Oct
1879.

Pale violet backstmp.

Columbus,
Jan 21 (1879)
Backstamped
Yokohama
May 11, 1879.

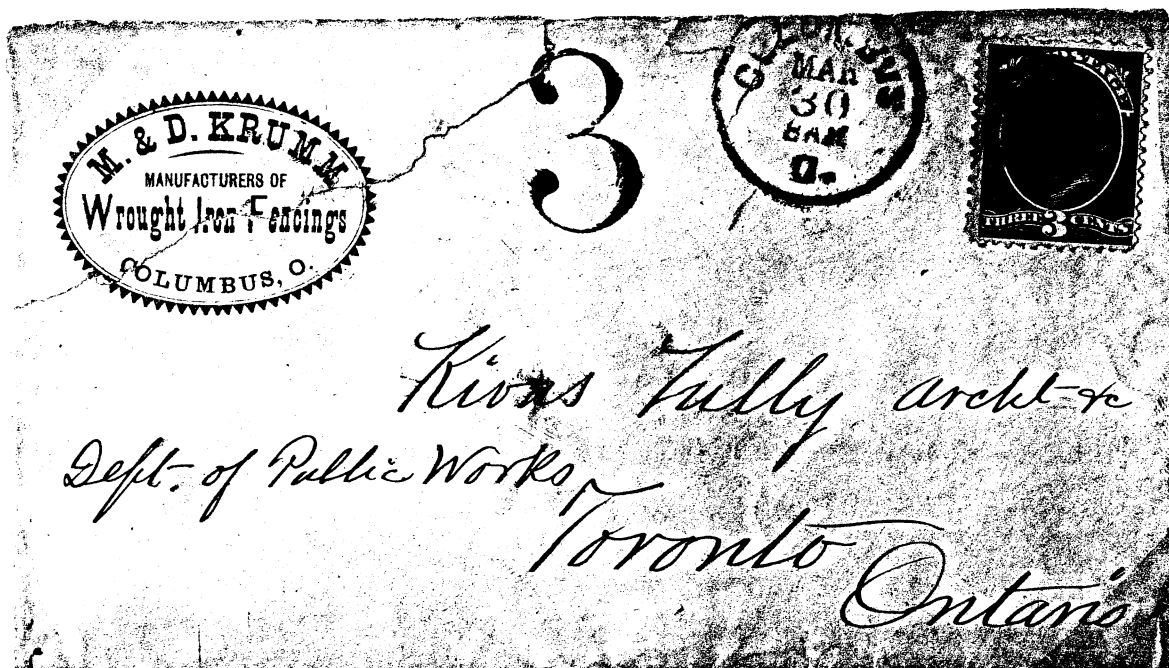
Ans
Mar 27,



Mrs. T. C. Mendenhall.
Imperial University.
Tokio
Japan.

Via San Francisco.

COLUMBUS TO CANADA, 1880's



MAR. 30, 1882. THE "3" IS A DUE MARKING FOR OVERWEIGHT LETTER,
AS THE RATE AFTER JULY, 1875 WAS 3¢ OR U.S. DOMESTIC.

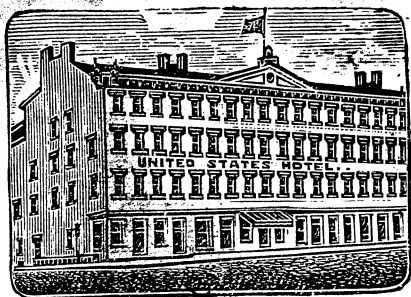
UNITED STATES HOTEL,

Corner High and Town Streets.

UPTON & SARBER, PROPRIETORS.

Columbus, Ohio

Sept 24 1883



One Square South of the State Capitol.

UPTON & SARBER, Prop'r's.
COLUMBUS, OHIO.



Mr. Thos. Slayter

Thru

Care - H. Price Webber
Boston Comedy Co.

N. S.
Canada

SEPT. 24, 1883
The rate to
Canada was
3¢ (U.S. dom-
estic) until
Oct. 1 1883.
- 6 days
later.

MIS-USE OF COLUMBUS
"REC'D" HANDSTAMP,
AUG. 19, 1881

"DROP LETTER," OR
LOCAL CARRIER
LETTERS.

Miss Cornelia Seidenberg

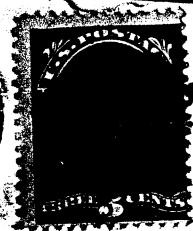
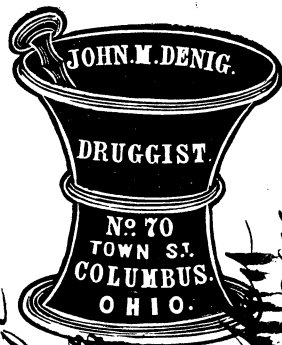
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RETURN TO
Converse Woodbury & Booth

COLUMBUS O.

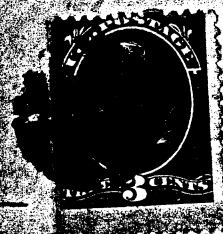
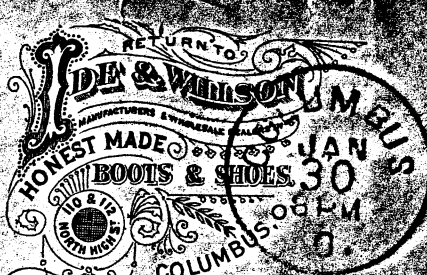
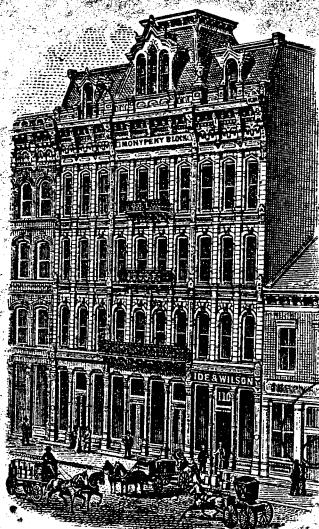
If not called for in ten days

1881



Geo. W. Gickardt

ADVERTISING
COVERS OF
1883



Isaac W. Oliver
Adrian

5 Paid

1883 207

COLUMBUS 3RD CLASS MAIL - 1880's



Resurrected -
the prison -
bar grid of
earlier years!

WESTERN ALBUM COMPANY,

— PUBLISHERS OF —

THE SCHOOL-CHILDREN'S AUTOGRAPH ALBUM,

(COPYRIGHTED 1882)

The Best Selling Book Ever Published!

86 AND 88½ NORTH HIGH ST., COLUMBUS, OHIO.

OVER 75,000 SOLD IN THREE WEEKS!

Winter & Son

Gettysburg

Pa

POST-MASTER:— { If the addressed person is not in business now,
hand to some live energetic agent or business man.

If not delivered in TEN Days, Return to

J. A. MCAULEY,

MANUFACTURER OF

AWNINGS,

A. J. B. & Co.
TENTS, FLAGS,

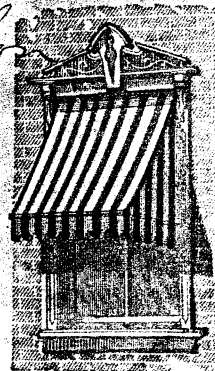
Horse and Wagon Covers,

WINDOW AWNINGS AND BANNERS,

Greenwich
26 NORTH HIGH STREET

COLUMBUS, O.

Telephone 777.



The issued
style post-
mark for
3rd class
mail in
the 1880's

ON OCT 1, 1883, THE LETTER RATE WAS REDUCED TO 2¢/1/2 OUNCE AND A NEW 2¢ STAMP WAS ISSUED FOR THIS RATE.

Use of 1st
color, the
distinctive
"metallic" red-
brown shade.

2¢ Due at
Columbus.



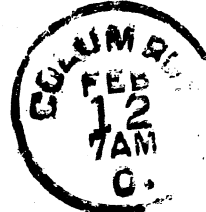
Return if not called for in 10 days, to
Recorder Franklin County,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

PERFECT YOUR TITLE.

Deed Record Books A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H,
also, Nos. 1 to 11 inclusive, and 104 to 128 inclusive,
were either damaged or entirely destroyed by the
Court House Fire of 1879. Over 6,000 Deeds and
600 Plats of the Burnt Records yet Un-Recorded.

RE-RECORDED FREE.

F. M. SENTER, Recorder.

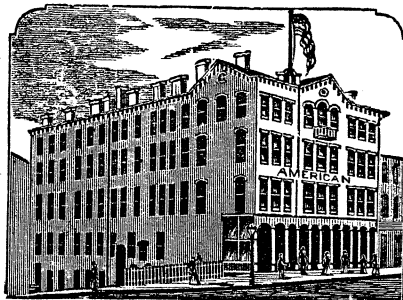


*Columbus
Ohio*

A CORNER
CARD LEGAL
"BILLBOARD"

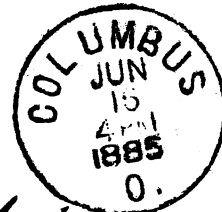
Judge P. B. Ewing

AMERICAN HOTEL.



OPPOSITE THE STATE CAPITOL.

MACAULEY & MCMONIGAL, PROP'RS.
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

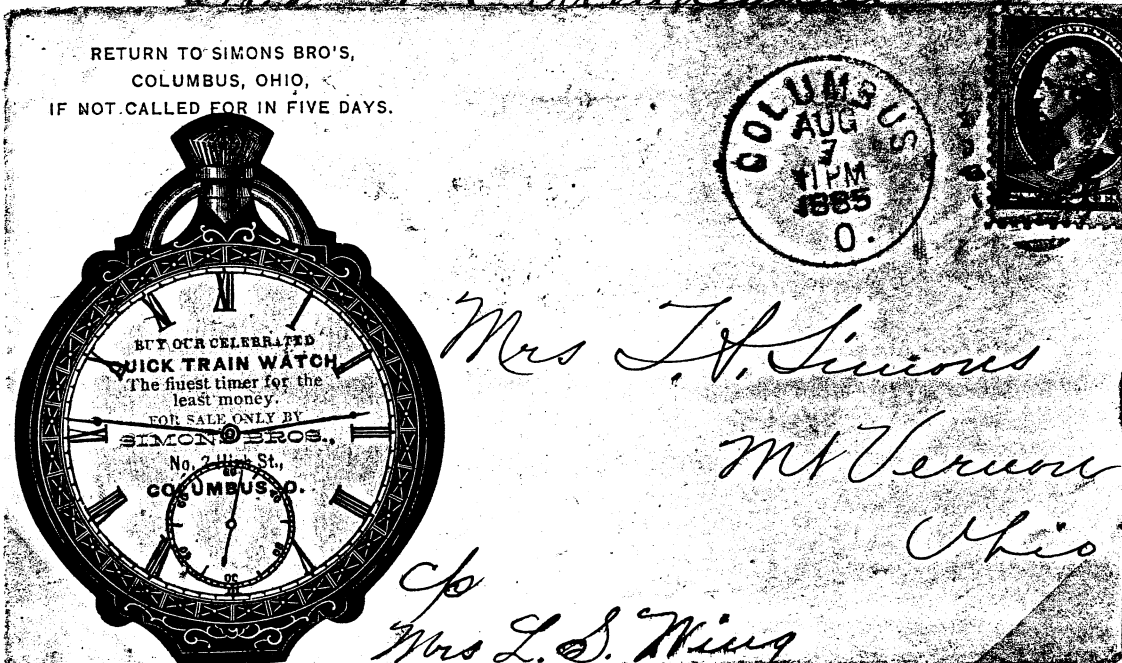
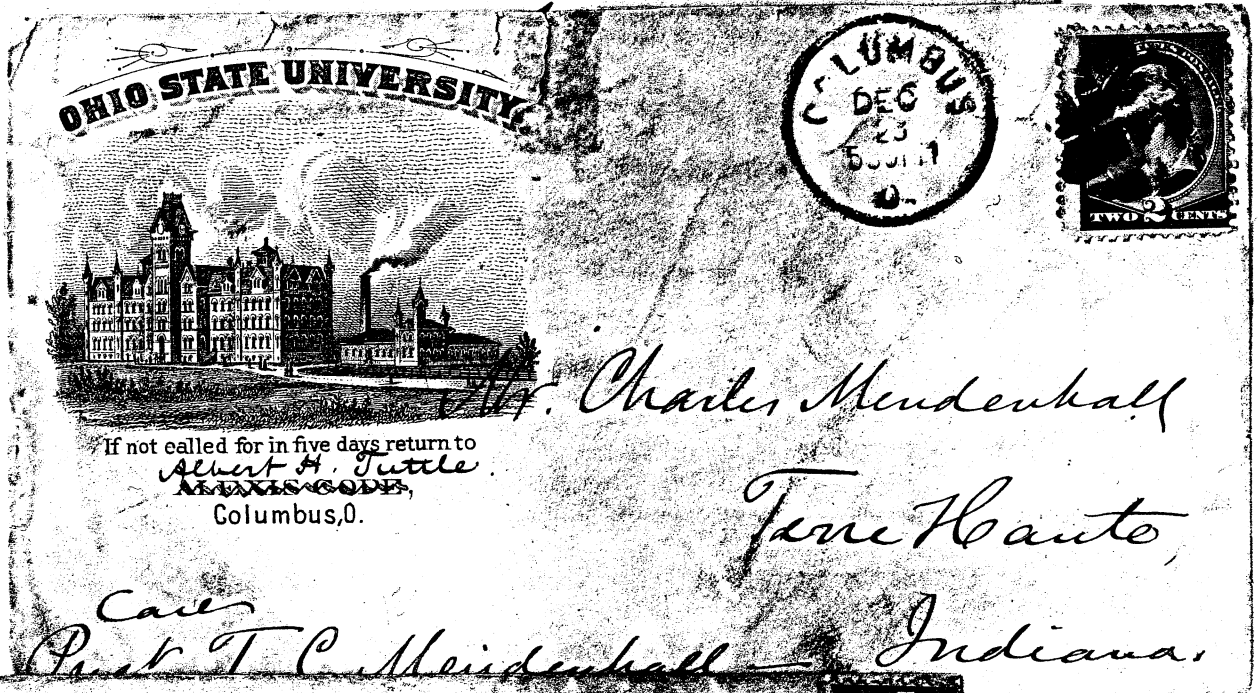


*C. L. Kurtz &
Attorus
Ohio*

Early use of Columbus duplex with barred oval or "ellipse" type
killer. These type handstamps superseded the "cork" style duplexes.

The marking with "1" appeared in late November, 1884 and with "2"
in July, 1885. They seemed to wear rapidly.

ILLUSTRATED COVERS



CORNER CARDS AND BILLBOARDS

If not called for in FIVE days, return to

S. LAZARUS' SONS & Co.,

No. 6 Deshler Block,

COLUMBUS, OHIO.



SIMON LAZARUS
was the original
Lazarus of
today's F.B.R.
Lazarus.

*G. N. Jude Esq
Oberlin University*

Return in 5 days to

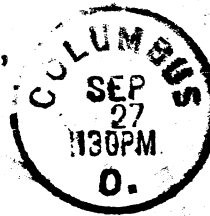
S. R. KLOTTS,

Manufacturer of the Celebrated

GILT EDGE STOGIES,

15 East Main Street,

COLUMBUS OHIO.



*ordered 3 M
sample order
Sept 28/87*

*Mr. Geo. H. Fickard & Son
Circleville
Ohio.*

1788

OHIO

1888

CELEBRIAL**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

GOV. J. B. FORAKER, of Cincinnati. President.
H. T. CHITTENDEN, of Columbus. Vice Pres't.
L. B. HARRIS, of Upper Sandusky, Treasurer.
C. D. BAILEY, of Gallipolis.
J. O. LEVERING, of Leverings.
W. S. FOSTER, of Urbana.
H. TALCOTT, of Jefferson.
GEN. E. BRINKERHOFF, of Mansfield.
GEN. S. H. HURST, of Chillicothe.

S. H. HURST, Director General.
L. N. BONHAM, Secretary.
J. W. FLEMING, Assistant Secretary.

COLUMBUS.

Opens
Sept. 4. **1888.** Closes
Oct. 19.



*Mrs. J. A. Chapman
Wellington
Ohio.*

THE OHIO CENTENNIAL OF 1888

Nitschke Bros.,
Printers, Binders, Stationers,
COR. LINN AND PEARL STREETS,
COLUMBUS, O.



BOTH WITH
Nitschke
Corner cards,
identical
backs.

Opens September 4th, Closes October 19th 1888.

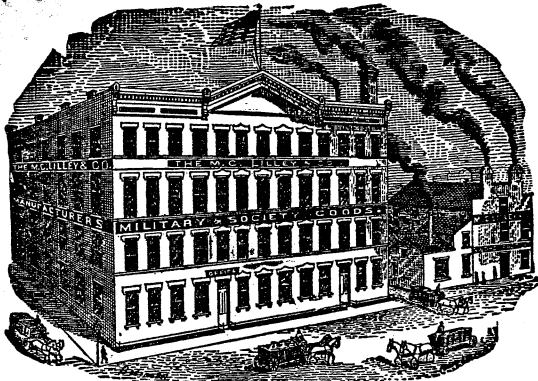
If not delivered in 10 days, return to
JAMES PLEUKHARP & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF
EXTENSION TABLE SLIDES.
—AND—
Self-Adjusting Table Leaf Supports,
Cor. West and Naghten Sts.,
COLUMBUS, - - - OHIO.



W. A. M. Meyer
147 Central Ave.,
Cincinnati,
Ohio.

Feb., 1889 - Used after the Centennial

ILLUSTRATED COVERS



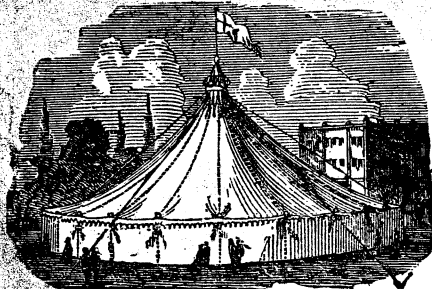
If not delivered in 10 days, please return to THE M. C. LILLEY & CO.,
27 to 39 West Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio.



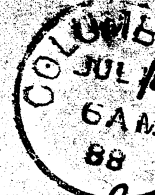
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Lancaster,

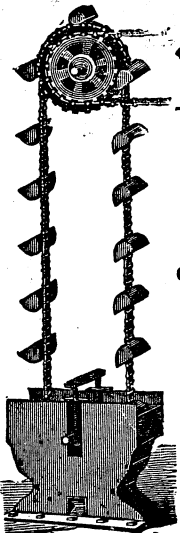
If not delivered in 5 days return to
J. A. McAULEY,
Manufacturer of



AWNINGS, TENTS AND FLAGS,
176 & 178 North High Street,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.



J. F. Leas & Son
Arville
O.



ELEVATORS.

SECTION OF CONVEYOR.
The Jeffrey Manufacturing Co.,
COLUMBUS, OHIO,
MANUFACTURERS OF
DETACHABLE CHAIN BELTING,

Elevating and Conveying Machinery,
Coal Mining Machines, Power Coal Drills, Gregory
Grain Dryer, Slater Bolting Reel and the
Willson Spring Whiffle-Tree.

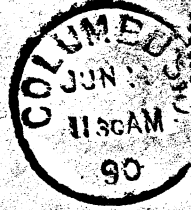


Wm. Newberry Esq
Burlington
Iowa
Lock Box 483

ILLUSTRATED COVERS

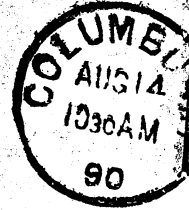
RETURN TO
Clock & Tallmadge,

TOOL DEPOT.
 143 N. HIGH ST.,
 COLUMBUS, OHIO..



The Cleveland Stone Co.

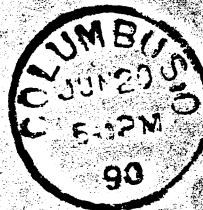
Supreme Court of Ohio
LAW LIBRARY
 COLUMBUS, OHIO.



*Secretary of State
 Charleston*



ROOM 22 WESLEY BLOCK,



*Rev. Jas H. Fairchild,
 Oberlin College,
 Oberlin,
 O.*

ILLUSTRATED COVERS



DAVID D. PORTER
ASSOCIATION

— OF —
NAVAL VETERANS,

Columbus, Ohio.

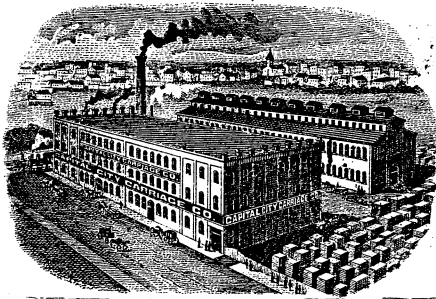
Return in 5 Days

21 E. 1st A.
COLUMBUS.



Symmes & Browne
#106 Cleveland
City

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN 5 DAYS RETURN TO



CAPITAL CITY CARRIAGE CO.

Columbus, Ohio.



FROM THE

COLUMBUS BUGGY CO.

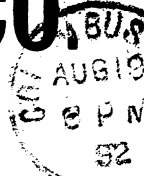
COLUMBUS, OHIO,

WHO WILL BE AT THE

WORLD'S FAIR IN 1893.



CAUTION.—Some parties are
selling COLUMBUS BUGGIES for Colum-
bus Buggy COMPANY'S Buggies, using
our reputation to dispose of inferior goods.
Be sure to get only THE GENUINE.



John G. Brown
Laurel

Ad W. W.
Mich

"TICKET-DATER" HANDSTAMPS - SO CALLED BECAUSE OF THE USE OF INKED RIBBONS WITH FABRIC PATTERNS THAT SHOW IN THE POSTMARKS.

Below - only example seen

After 5 days, return to
HAYDEN NATIONAL BANK,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.



If not called for in 10 days, return to
THE WITTENMEIER STONE CO.
West Mound Street,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

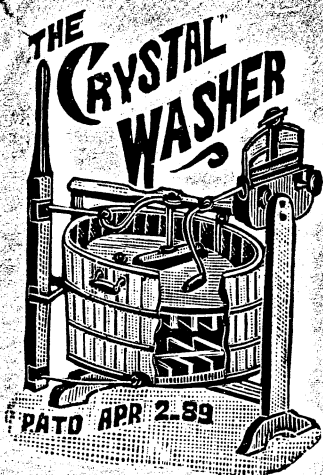
The Cleveland Stone Co.,

Cleveland

1894

Above - fabric
pattern shows
in c.d.s -

At right, fabric
pattern shows
in both portions
of handstamp.



Crystal Washing Machine Co.,
MANUFACTURERS.
NO. 395 SOUTH HIGH STREET,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

H B Wilkinson
Armstrong Mills
Belmont Co Ohio

PROBABLY BOTH THESE COVERS WERE SENT IN 1894 .

WEATHER REPORT BACKSTAMP: REGISTRY

From Morris
Coal Co.,
Carbon Hill,
Ohio.

RECEIVED
JUL 27 1896 10 30 A.M.
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

WEATHER FORECAST
FOR
TOMORROW.
FOR COOLER

RECEIVED
JUL 27 1896 A.M.
Columbus, Ohio.

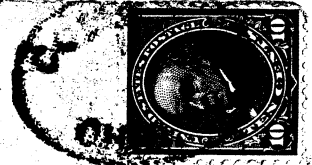
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27 N



Sawyer Publishing Company.
Sawyer Building. — Waterville Maine.

Mrs G. M. Burmen 281 West State St. Columbus Ohio

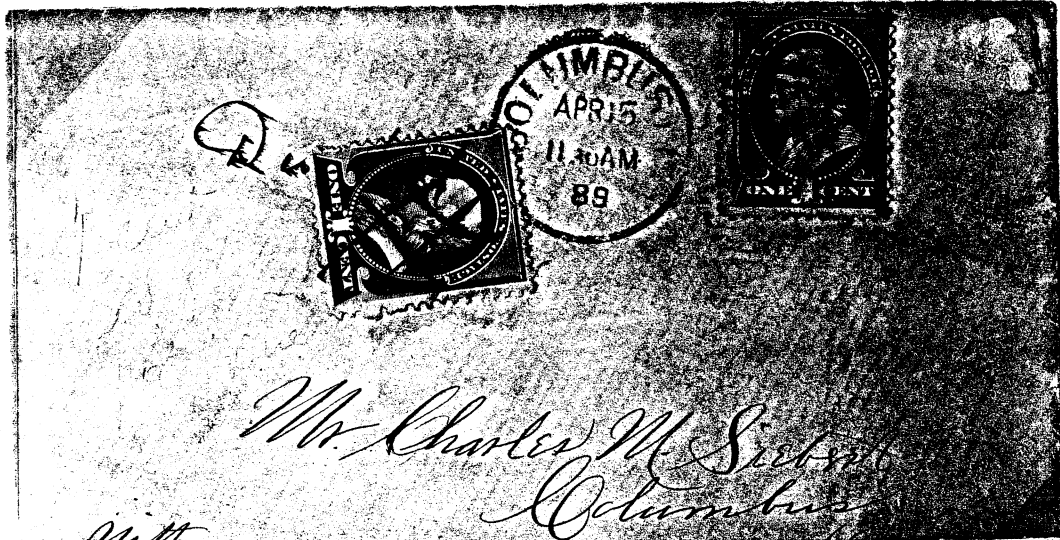
Registered
handstamps.
1897 and 1898



W. H. C. Dietrich
581 Senneville St
Dubuque Iowa

Martin Meagher
345 E Main St
Columbus Ohio

REGISTERED
AUG 27 1898 A.M.
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

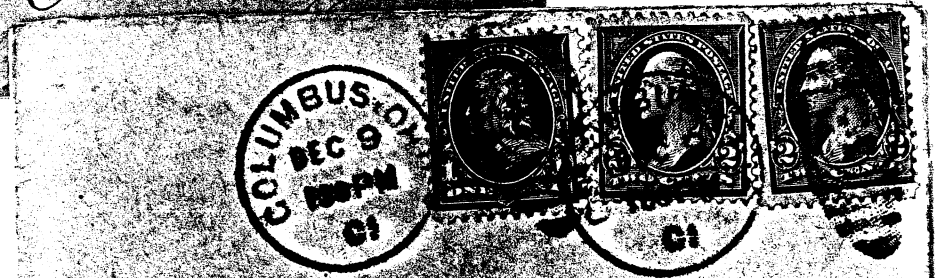


Regular Issue
stamp used as
postage due.

*Mr. Charles M. Siebert
Columbus*

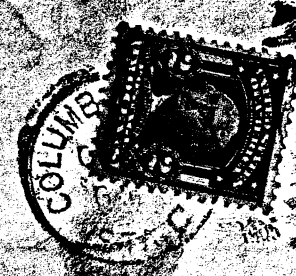
*With
Mrs. M. C. Lilly & Co.
Military & Sporting Goods*

1¢ + 2¢ + 2¢ UPU rate
to England



*Clarence. W. Jones
12 Mulgrave St.
Liverpool.*

Columbus. 1905
Station "C" handstamp.

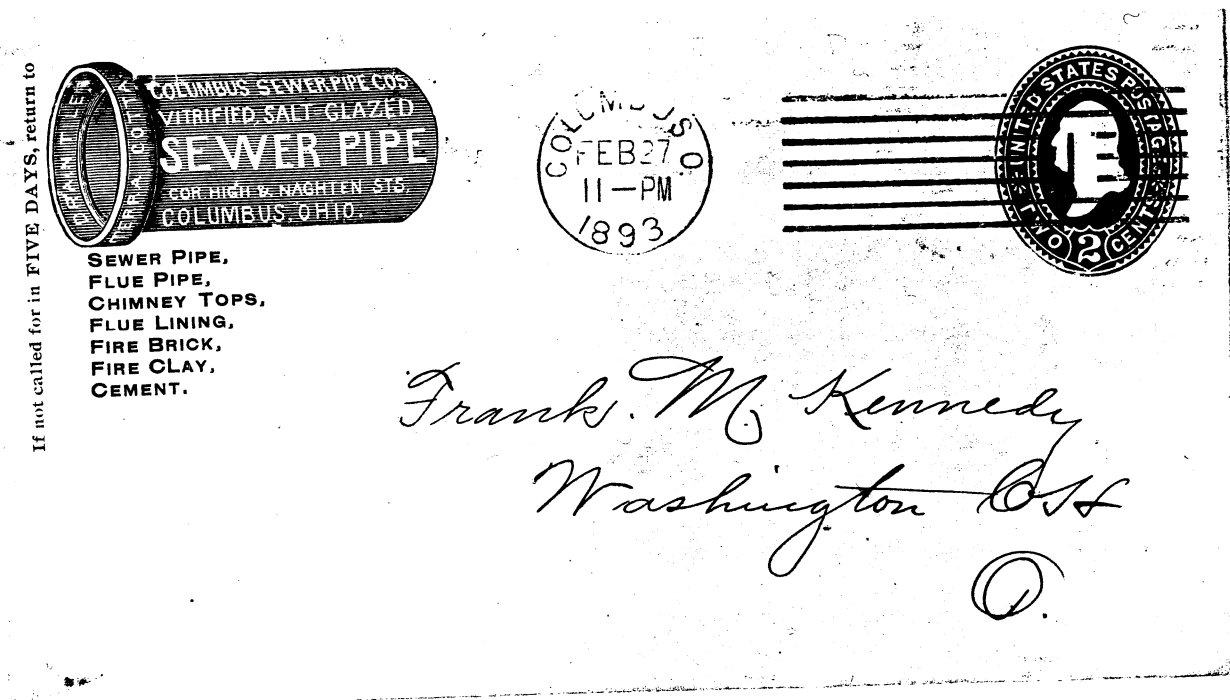


Mr. Clarence V. Jones,
#815 Park St., Columbus, Ohio.

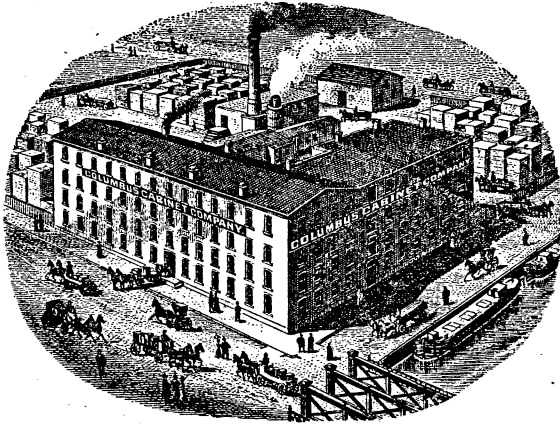
RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
HARTMAN STOCK FARM
Box 9 CC, Station C
COLUMBUS, O.

INTERNATIONAL MACHINE CANCELS

The first cancelling machines to be used in Columbus were International Rapid Cancelling machines, placed in service in January 1893, or late 1892.



THE COLUMBUS CABINET CO.,



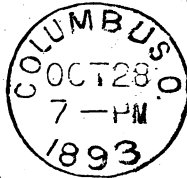
236-238-240 SOUTH HIGH ST.

COLUMBUS, - - OHIO.

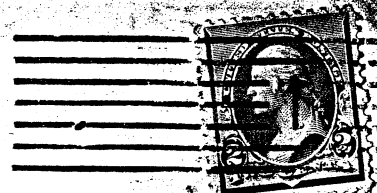


Oct 29
A. Gehresberg
Waverly

Executive Chamber,
Columbus, Ohio.



Mr. J. V. Powderly
Genl. Master Workman, etc.

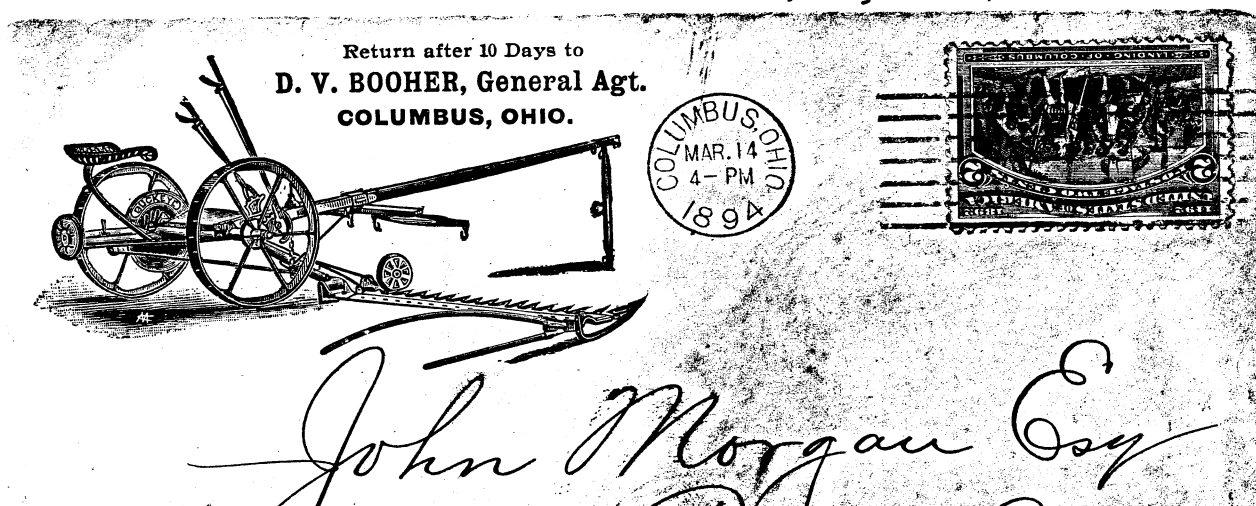


Apparently, the
"Nov." logo was
lost, as digital
style dates
were used in
early November,
1893.

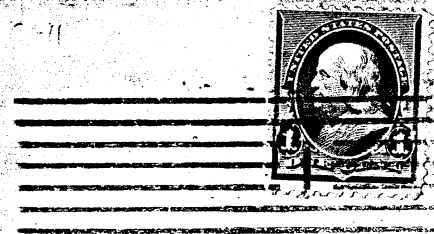
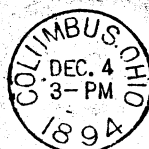
Miss Cornelia Lidenstier
25-8 E Main St
City

AFTER TEN DAYS RETURN TO

International machine cancels on advertising covers, 1894



RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
THE NEW COLUMBUS WATCH CO.
COLUMBUS, OHIO.



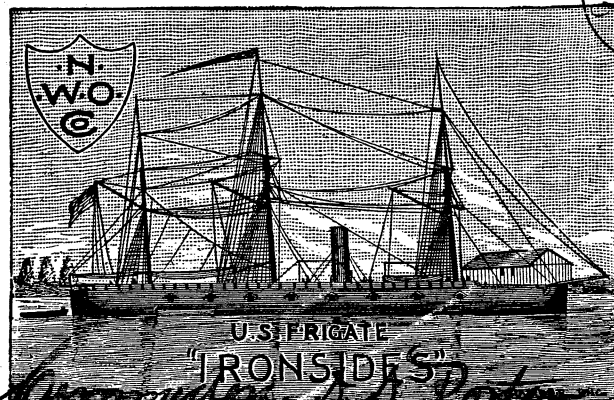
R. C. Parsons
Dirby
Ill.

AGENTS IMPERIAL BOILER COMPOUND.

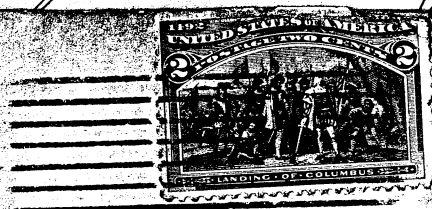
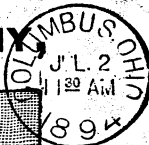
Return in Ten Days to

NEIL-WATSON OIL COMPANY,

Room 13, Board of Trade, Columbus, O.



Commissioner U.S. Port
Association of Armed Veterans
Crude Oil and its Various Products,
PIPE SHIELD,
BOILER COMPOUND, and SCALE SOLVENT.



Symmes E. Brown Esq.
#1344 Oak St
City

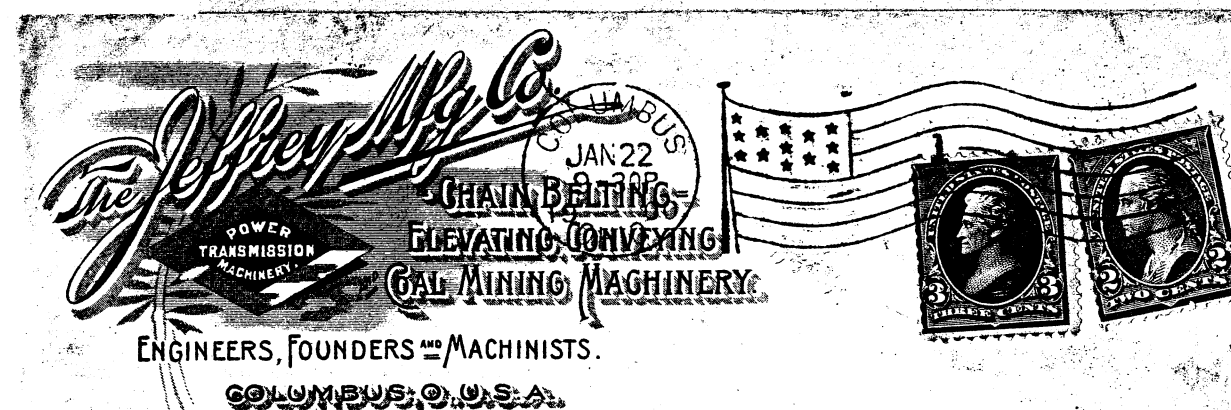
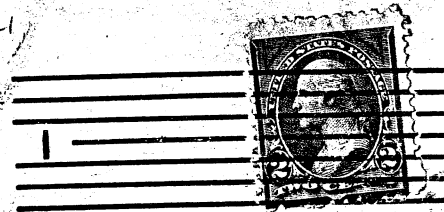
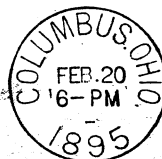
COLUMBUS MACHINE CANCELS

International cancelling machines continued to be used in Columbus until in 1895, when the Post Office Department discontinued their use. Barry machines were installed, with first uses in Columbus in June, 1896, and were continued in service until early in 1900 when they were replaced with an American Flag machine. In late 1900, International machines were again placed in use and continued for several years.

INTERNATIONAL

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO
WARREN K. MOOREHEAD,
 ORTON HALL,
 OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,
 COLUMBUS.

ENT'L D-21



Compania Minera Siempre Viva,

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Cent. America



POSTMASTER—PLEASE NOTICE RETURN
 REQUEST ON OTHER SIDE.

ENT'L D-22



Above - American
 Flag Machine
 Cancel, Jan. 22, 1900.

At right -
 International
 Machine Cancel,
 Dec. 12, 1900.

Der. Harbor, Kannel
 Der. Harbor
 Maine

BARRY MACHINE CANCELS

IF NOT CALLED FOR
IN 5 DAYS RETURN TO

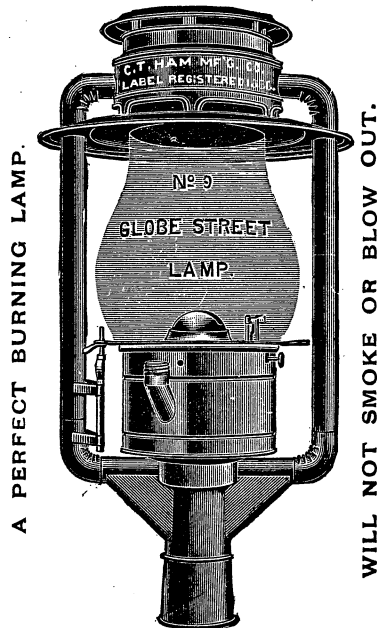
ORR, BROWN & PRICE
Druggists
 52 & 54 W. Spring St.
 Corner Front St.
COLUMBUS, OHIO.
COLUMBUS BANK NOTE CO., CO. O.

WHOLESALE
COLUMBUS, OHIO.
 JUL 1 1- PM '96



Type Fa
 -2(1)

Detroit White Lead Works,



No. 9 Improved Globe Street Lamp.

HASBROOK & BYERS,
 QUEENSWARE, LAMPS, ETC.

87 & 89 N. High Street,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.
COLUMBUS, OHIO.
 JUL 23 930 PM '96



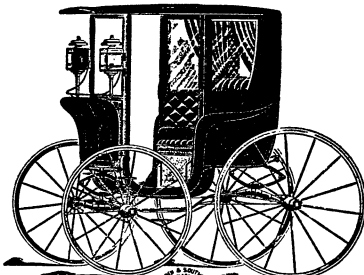
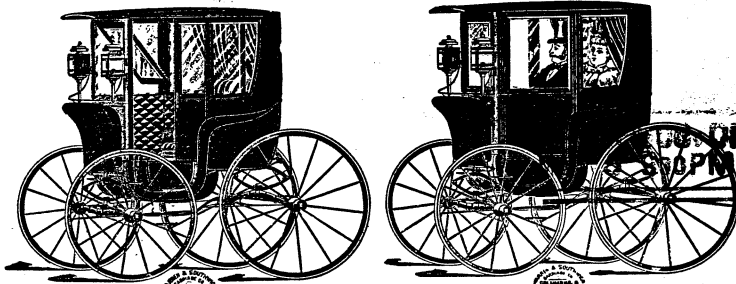
Theo. Graham Sr.,

C. Lewisville,
 Ohio.

Types -

Fa -
 "Columbus" is
 22 mm long

Fb -
 "Columbus" is
 19 1/2 mm long.



Dr. M. K. Elmer,
 3 Franklin St.,
 Bridgeton,
 N.J.

After 5 days return to
 Warren & Southwick Carriage Co.,
 Cor. Cleveland Ave. and Grove St.
 COLUMBUS, OHIO.

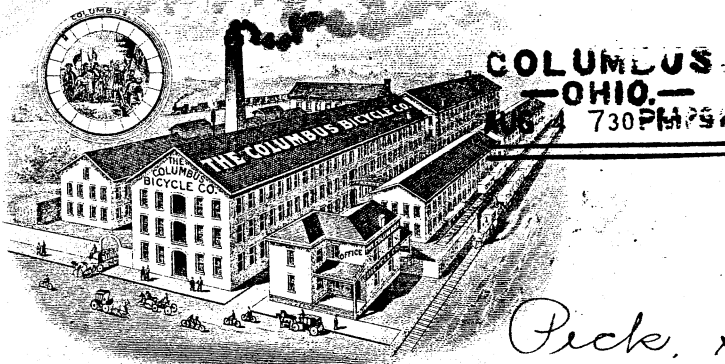
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Type
 Fb - 2(1)

BARRY MACHINE CANCELS

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



Type
Hb-2

COLUMBUS BICYCLE CO.
COLUMBUS, OHIO

*Pick, Storr, Wilcox Co.,
Southington*

↓
TO

Type
Hb-6

Hb-a-2



**COLUMBUS,
OHIO.**
NOV 30 930 PM '97



*Mr. Wm Symmes,
Cheshire*

**THE TRACEY-WELLS CO.,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.**



Hb-6

Back to -
Type
Hb-2

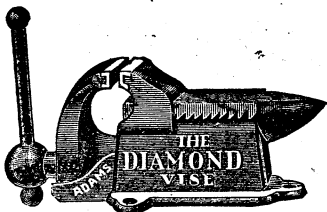
*W. R. Willis
Warsaw*

Hb-2

Hb

BARRY MACHINE CANCELS

THE DIAMOND VISE



With or Without
DRILL ATTACHMENT.

Return in Five Days to
SMITH BROS. HARDWARE COMPANY,

COLUMBUS, OHIO.
COLUMBUS,
— OHIO —
FEB 8 530 PM '98



Type
Hb-7

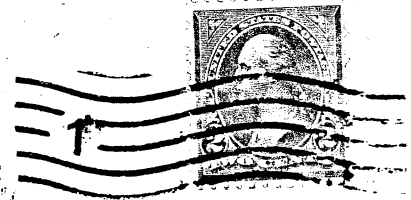
COLUMBUS WANTS THE
OHIO CENTENNIAL IN 1903.

Return to THE KAUFFMAN-LATTIMER CO.,
COLUMBUS, OHIO,
If not delivered within 10 days.



Neal's
Carriage
Paints,
"The Old Original."

COLUMBUS,
— OHIO —
MAR 16 530 PM '98



MADE BY THE
DETROIT MICH. *Wm. L. & Co.* WINDSOR, ONT.

THE LINE WHICH
NEVER HAD TO
CHANGE NAME,
CHANGE QUALITY,
CHANGE PACKAGE.

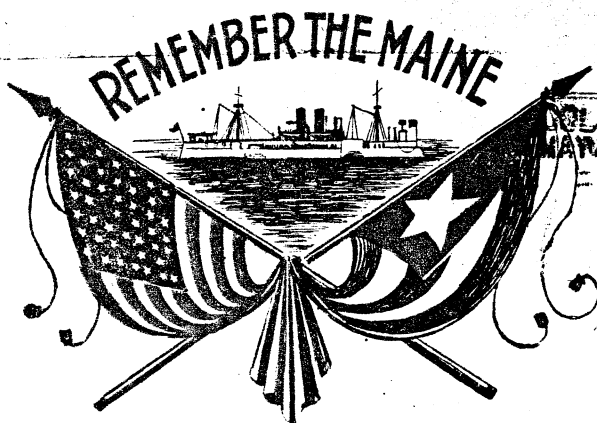
Dahl Millikan Co

Washington OH

Hb-9

Type Hb-9,
above.

Type Fb-9,
at left.



CAMP BUSHNELL.
COLUMBUS, O.
1898.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.
MAR 25 10 AM



Mrs Alma Mack.
Delta.
Ohio.

Camp
Bushnell-
Spanish-
American
War Muster-
ing camp.

Fulton Co.

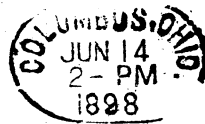
Fb-9

BARRY MACHINE CANCELS

Type O-9
June 14,
1898



If not called for in FIVE DAYS return to
BUREAU OF BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS.
COLUMBUS, O.



*Mr. J. M. Symmes,
Cheshire*

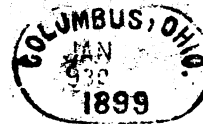
Below-
Type O-5

O-9



THE PARK

R. A. KERFOOT, PROPRIETOR
COLUMBUS, O.



Mrs. Elias Florence

For P.O.

After 5 days, return to
F. & R. LAZARUS & CO.,
COLUMBUS, OHIO



COLUMBUS LODGE No. 37

B.P.O. ELKS
STREET FAIR AND TRADES CARNIVAL.

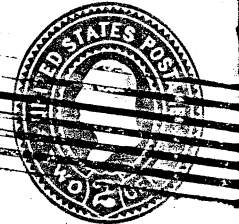
D. C. Sawyer

Govt Bldg

City

JULY
3.4.5.6.7 & 8.TH
1899.

(Columbus, Ohio.)



Type O-7
June 2,
1899

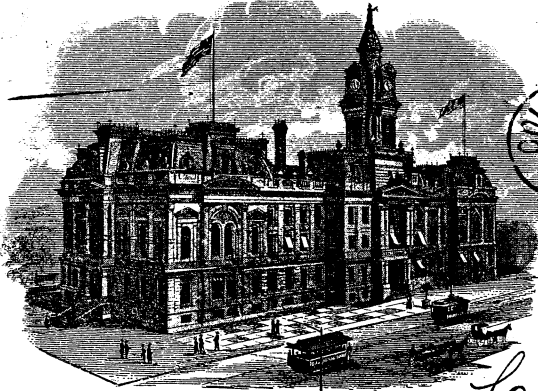
From F. & R.
Lazarus Co.

O-7

JUNE 2, 1899

BARRY MACHINE CANCELS

Return if not called for in 10 days.



The Russells-Gale Co. Columbus, O.

COLUMBUS, OHIO
SEP 20
11 PM
1899

Type O-9.

WHEELER J. YOUNG
SHERIFFColumbus, OHIO
FRANKLIN COUNTY, Ohio.C. E. Arbuckle Clerk
London
Ohio
Madison County,

NOTE DAMAGE FROM MACHINE

Type O-5. This cover is heavily damaged on the back by the machine feed. The cancel is im-pressed through the cover.

Treasury Department,

Columbus, Ohio

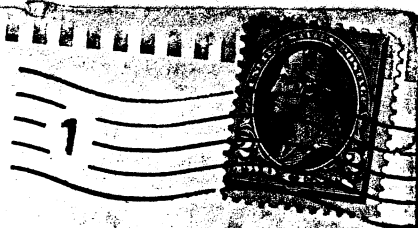
Surveyor's Office.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Penalty for private use, \$300.

COLUMBUS, OHIO
DEC 1
530 PM
1899

Mr. Philip A. Kemper,

COLUMBUS, OHIO
DEC 28
1899

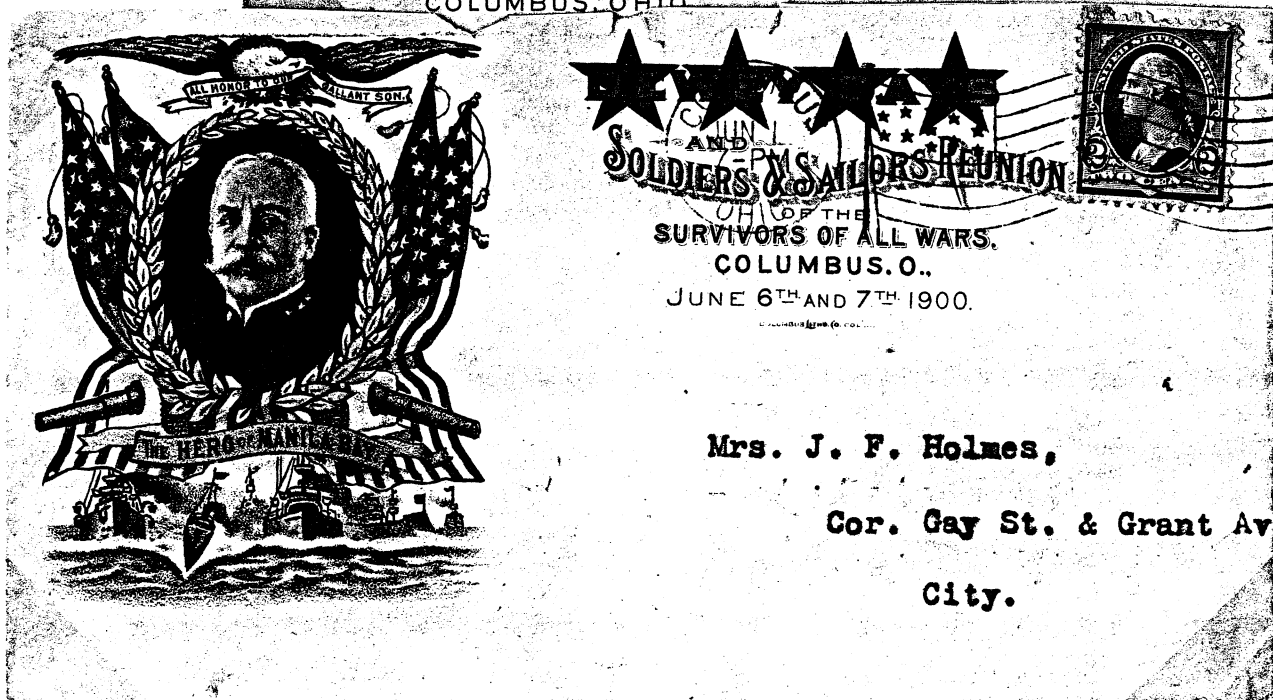
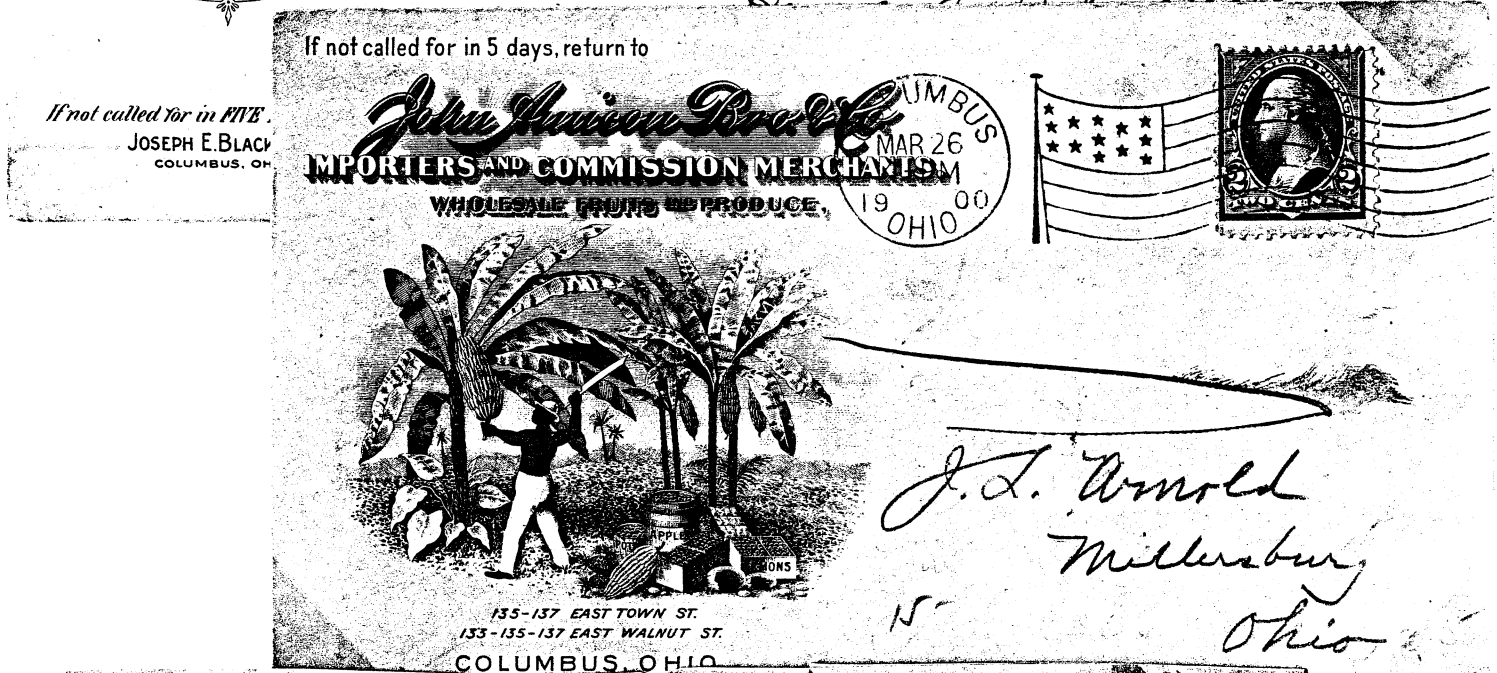
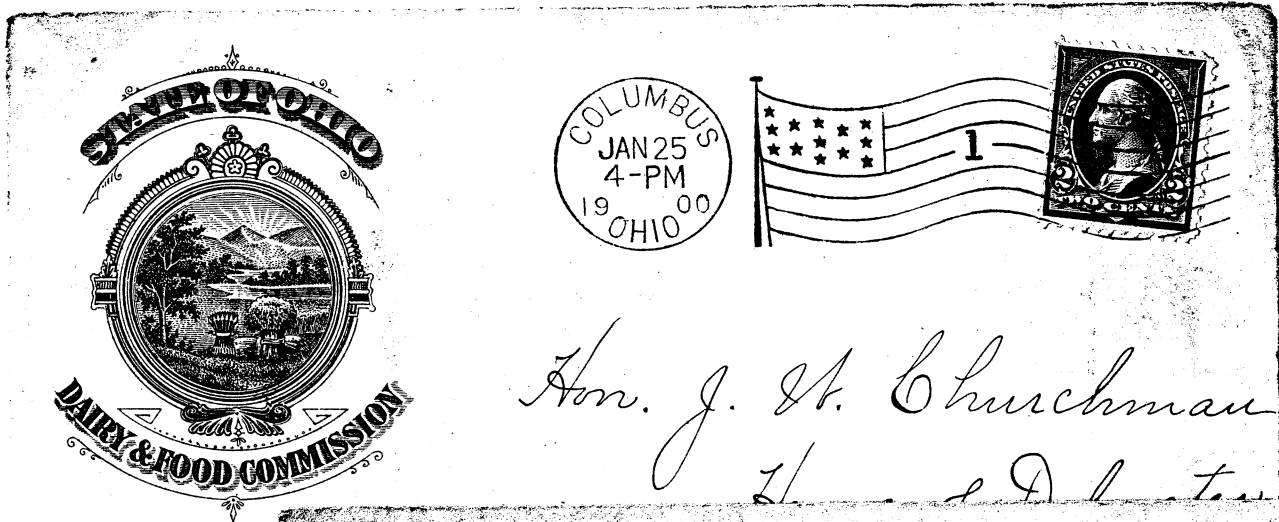
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John, Dm, Esq
Neil House
City
(Cashier)

Type O-9

COLUMBUS AMERICAN FLAG CANCELS



TURN OF THE CENTURY ADS



THE PERUNA DRUG MANUFACTURING COMPANY
COLUMBUS, O.

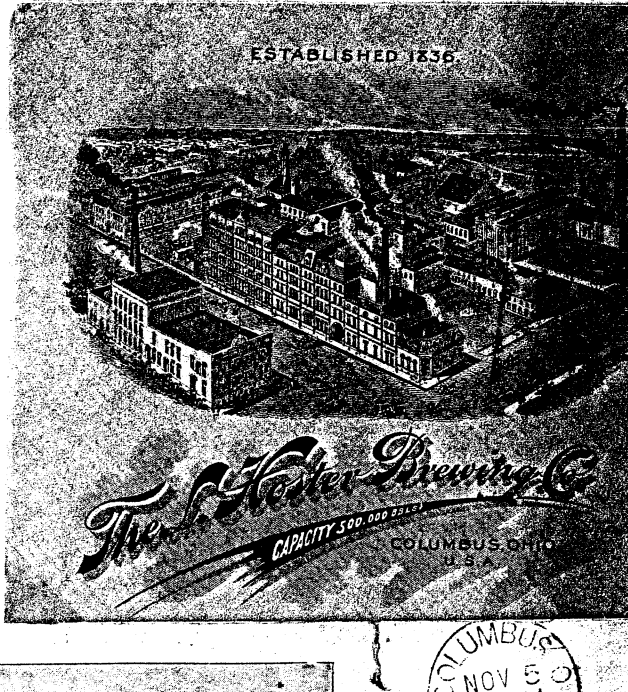
Walker & Abbs,
St. Catharines,
Ontario, Can.

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PERUNA

Circular
rate to
Canada
Aug., 1901

Oct 4,
1901

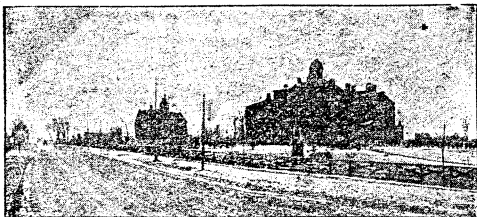


ESTABLISHED 1836

The Foster Brewing Co.
CAPACITY 500,000 BEERS
COLUMBUS OHIO
U.S.A.

Mr. John R. Malloy,
Inspector of Oils,
Columbus,
O.

UNITED STATES POSTAGE
1
2 CENTS

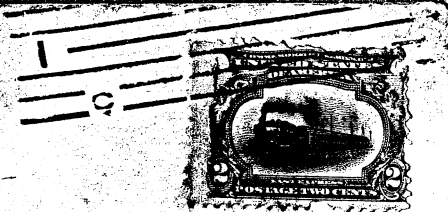
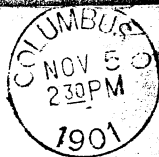


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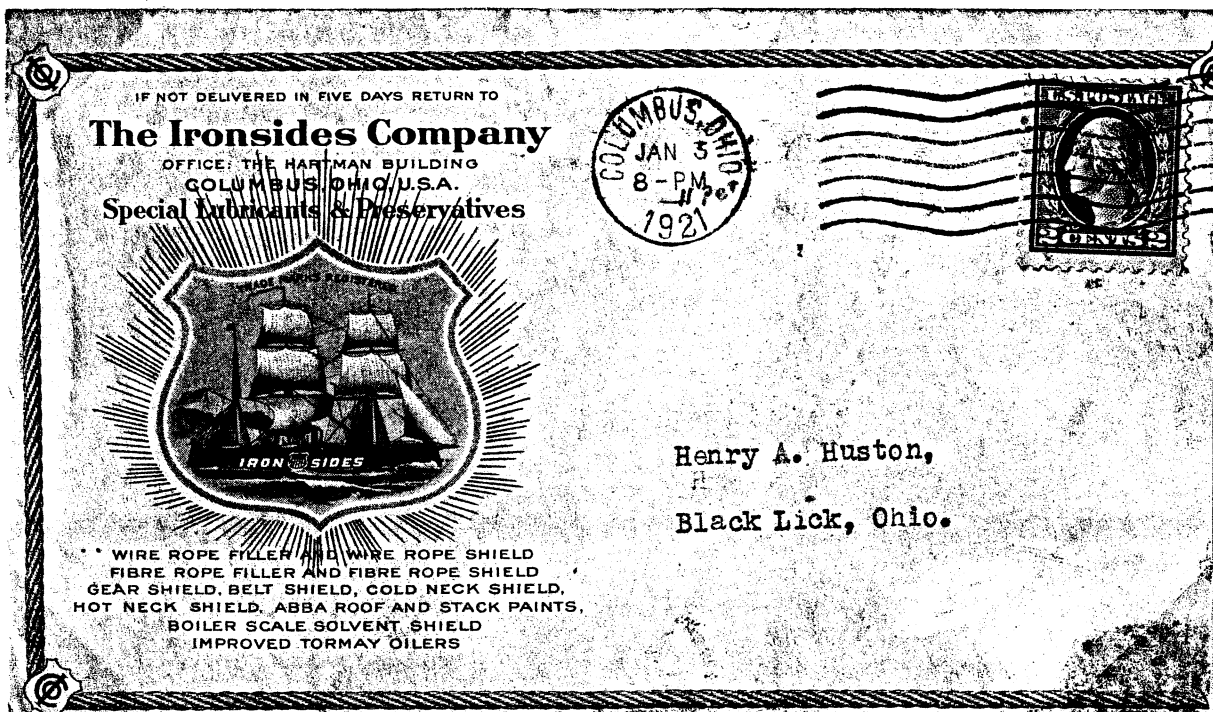
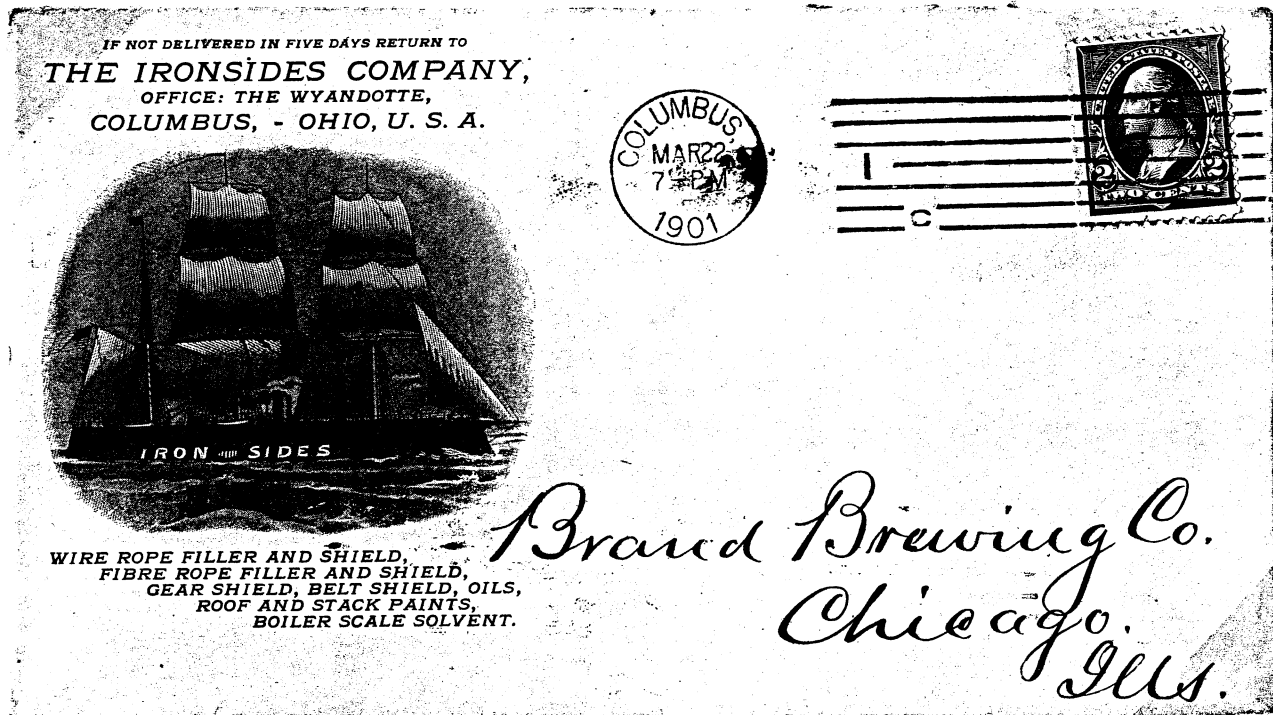
E. C. Krause,
CAPITAL UNIVERSITY,
COLUMBUS OHIO.

Mr. Val. Krause,
Liverpool,
Medina Co.,
Ohio.

Capital
University



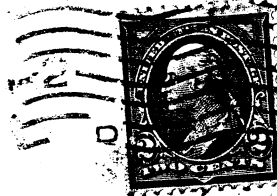
The U.S.S. New Ironsides was a huge ironclad prominent in the Civil War Siege of Charleston Harbor, S.C. It fired hundreds of heavy cannon at Ft. Sumter, 1863-4. Why the Columbus company selected the name is unknown, but the advertising covers are eye-catching.



ILLUSTRATED COVERS AND ADVERTISING



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
COLUMBUS, O.



C. S. Speaker, Esq.,

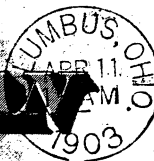
Lisbon, Ohio

INT'L D-32



MAIN & FOURTH STREETS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

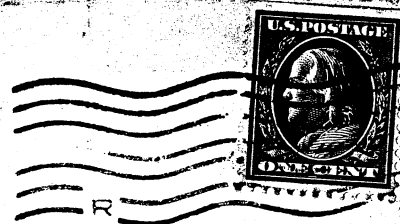


Mrs. Clara Wing Cook

THE PERUNA COMPANY



COLUMBUS, OHIO, U.S.A.



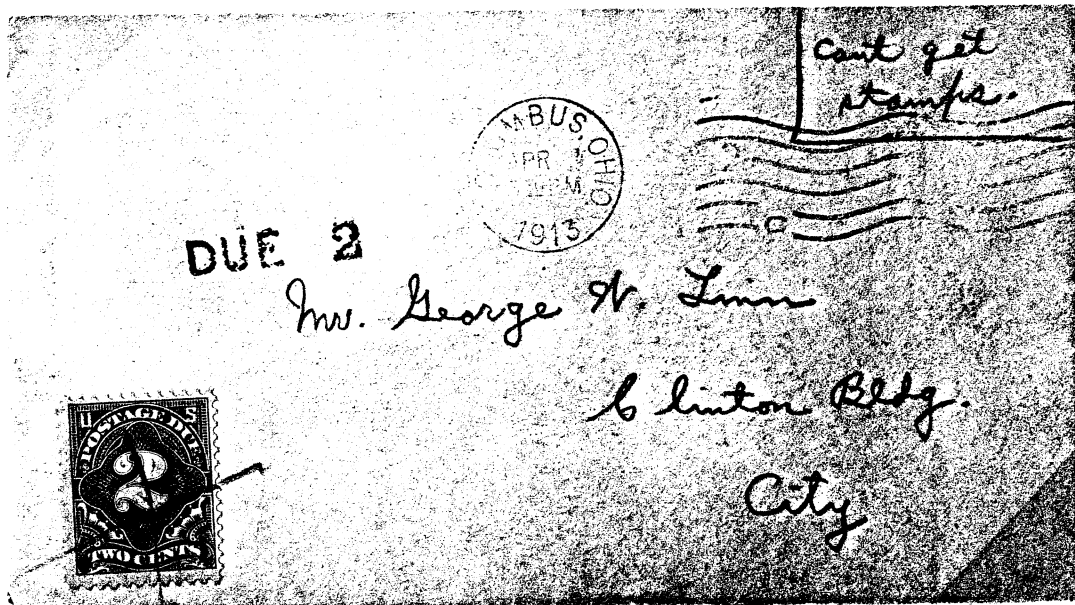
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*Herbert Chandler.
New Ipswich
Md*

Lillsboro Co.

Dr. Hartman's Peruna patent medicine brought thousands of dollars to Columbus.

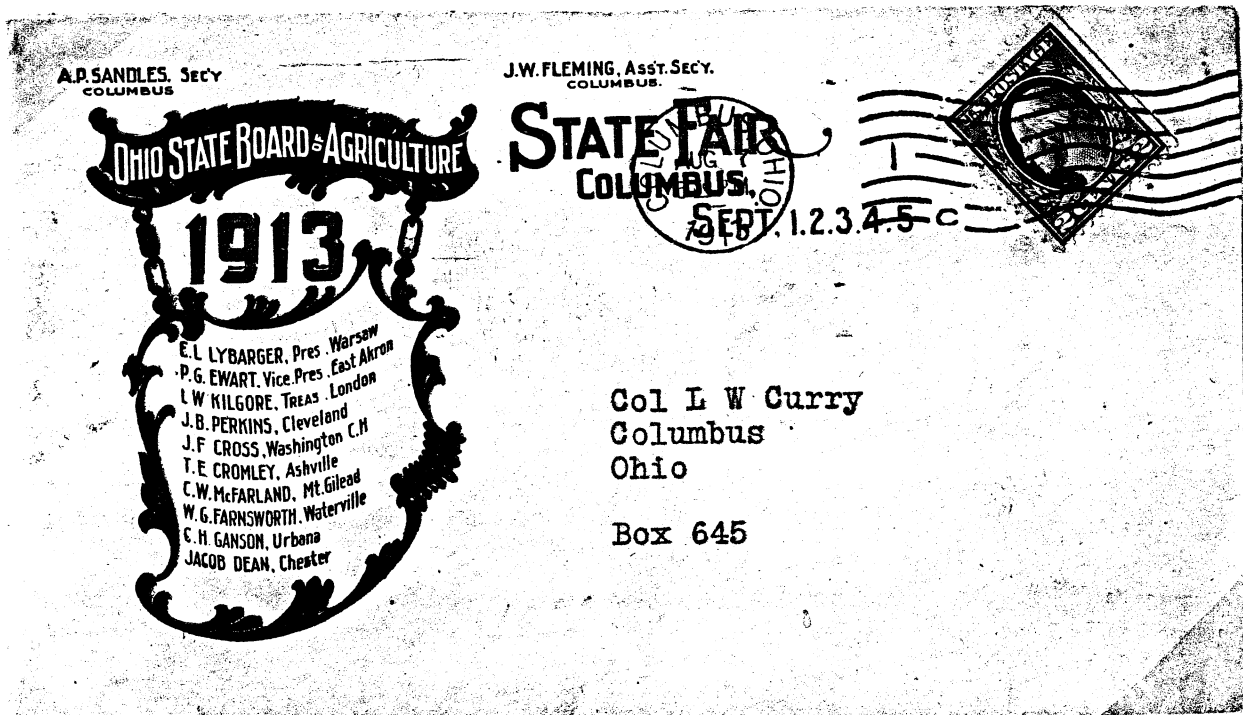
THE 1913 FLOOD



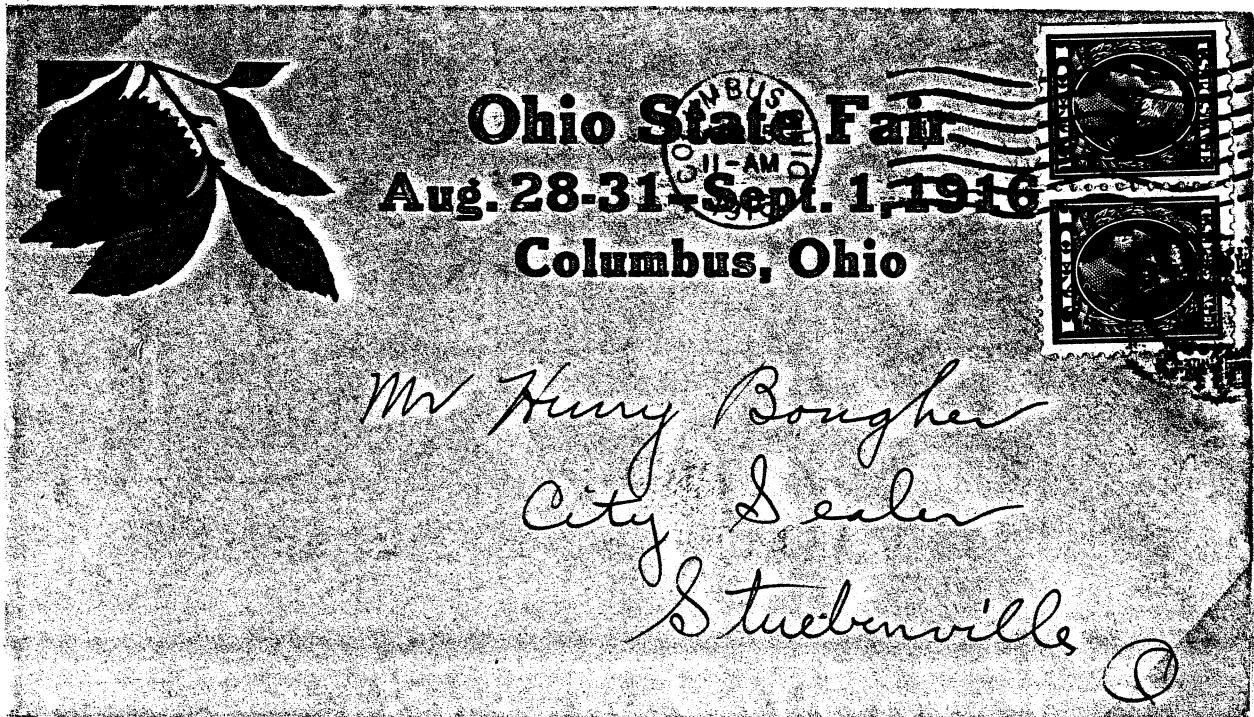
This emergency flood cover, endorsed, "can't get stamps" was postmarked at Columbus April 1, 1913, about a week after the flood was at its peak. Accepted by the Columbus post office who applied and canceled a 2¢ due stamp, it is addressed to George W. Linn, a Columbus resident who founded Linn's Weekly Stamp News. Linn paid 2¢ due - but the address is in his hand!



THE OHIO STATE FAIR



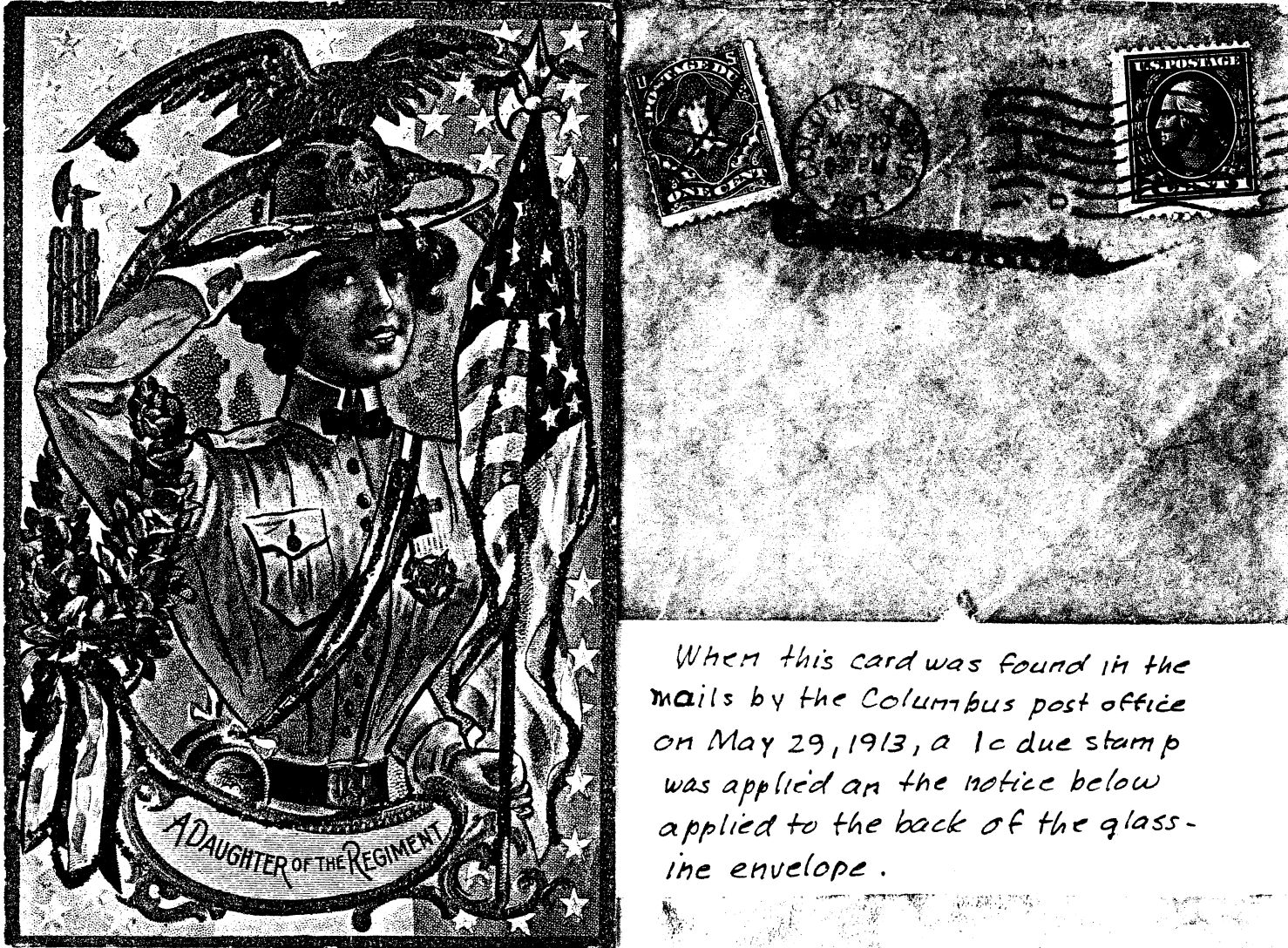
Prior to 1913, this design of official cover was used.



By 1916, the names of the officials were dropped and a buckeye, with leaves, was the sole decoration

POST CARDS WITH TINSEL

Soon after they started to appear, the Post Office banned post cards with designs including tinsel, glass, sand and similar materials. They were unmailable as 1¢ post cards, but could be placed in a glassine envelope with only a stamp on the outside, as the address could be read through the glassine. However, 2¢ postage was required.



When this card was found in the mails by the Columbus post office on May 29, 1913, a 1c due stamp was applied on the notice below applied to the back of the glassine envelope.

This card has been delayed because the Postal Regulations prohibit admission to the mails of Post Cards bearing tinsel unless such cards are tightly sealed in envelopes. Such cards must be fully prepaid, 2 cents on outside of envelope.

This office, as an accommodation, endeavors to properly prepare for the mails such unmailable Post Cards as it can conveniently prepare, in the following cases:

1. Where the postage has been fully prepaid on outside of envelope,
2. Where the matter can be sealed and returned to a local sender.
3. Where the matter can be sealed and delivered to a local address.