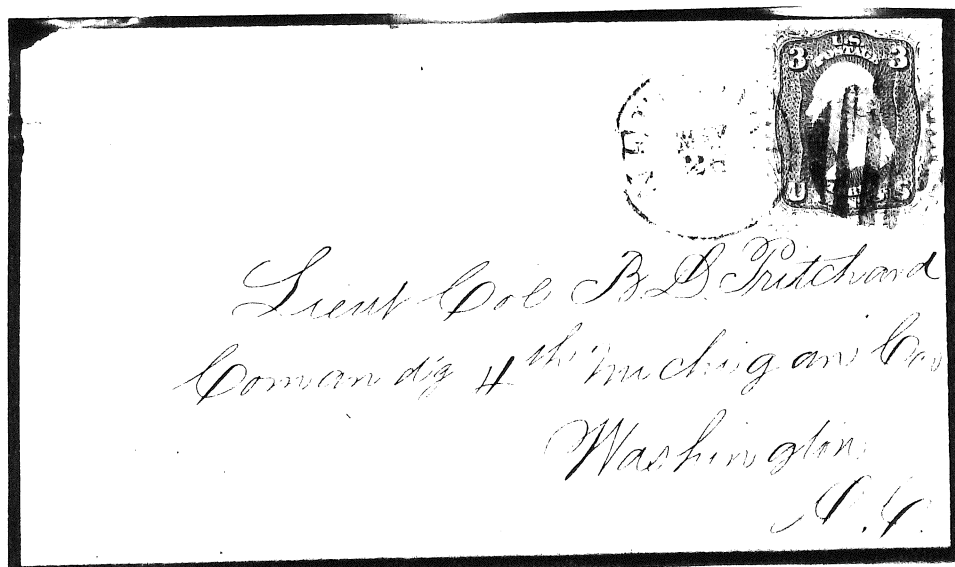


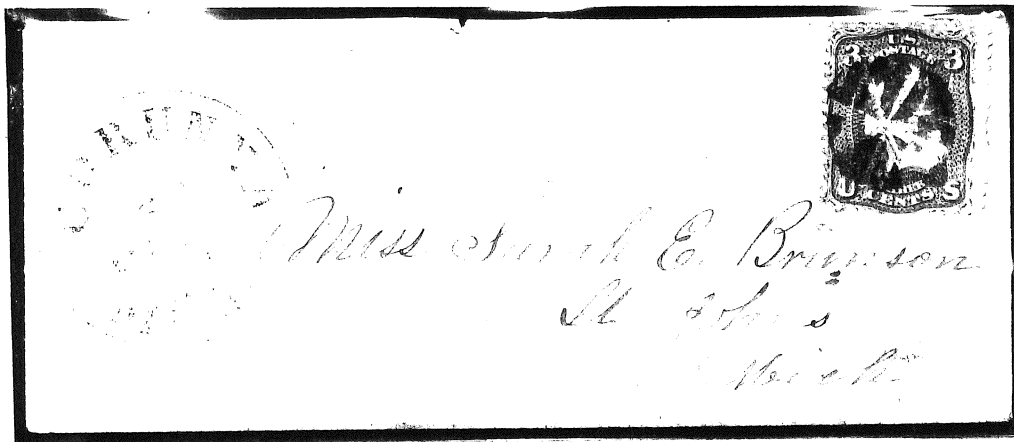
**CAPTURED JEFFERSON DAVIS**

The tie in of this cover to Michigan postal history is the address of Lient Col B. D. Tritchard, (mispelled) Comandig 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cav.



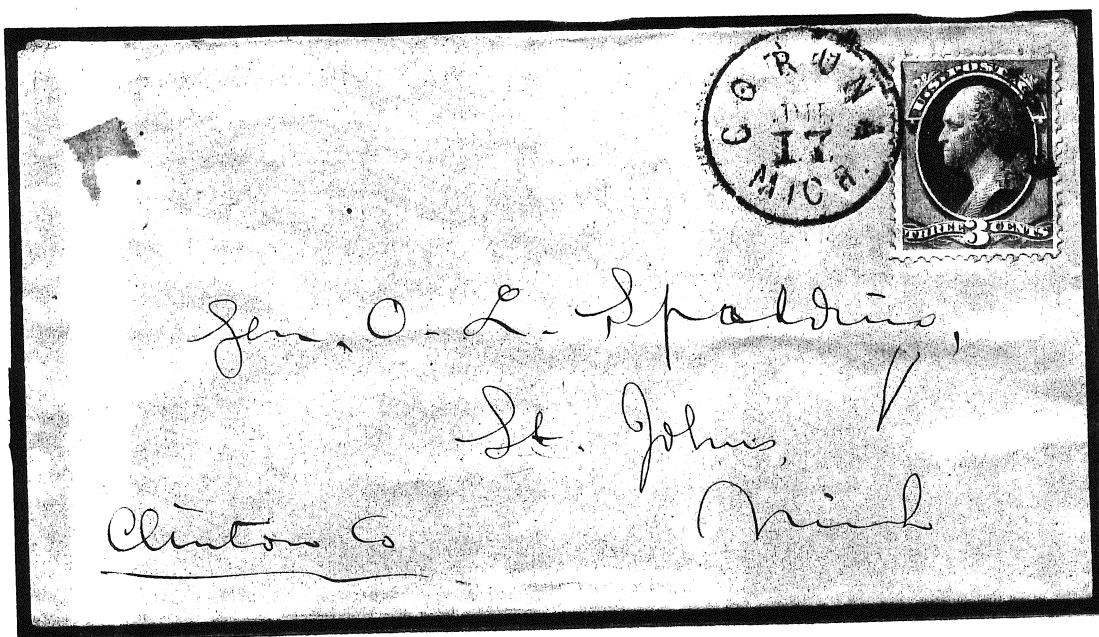
Benjamin D. Pritchard entered the service in Allegan, Michigan on August 13, 1862. He was a captain in the 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Calavry during its organization. He was wounded in action at Chicamauga, Tennessee September 18, 1863. Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel November 26, 1864 and Brevet Brigadier General United States Volunteers March 10, 1865. "For faithful and meritorious service in the capture of Jeff Davis." Notation on back of envelope is autograph request.

DATE ABOVE THE MONTH



Unlike most circle date stamps the date is above the month in the above 34 mm cancel. The postmaster evidently inverted the slugs. This canceling device came into use in the early 1860s.

CORUNNA MISPELLED



A 26 mm circle date stamp with the town name misspelled. This on an 1870-71 issue of the Continental Bank Note Company.



**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
BLENDON, MICH.

1861

OPERATED MAY 22, 1860 TO OCTOBER 31, 1899

The Blendon Lumber Company owned most of the land in the area and the town was named for them. The post office was established on May 22, 1860 with Milton N. Woodruff as the first postmaster. It ceased operation on October 31, 1899.



A Blendon, Mich. manuscript cancel with the same of May 18, 1861 across the three one cent Franklins of the 1857 issue. The right hand stamp is the dot on shoulder variety from plate IX, top row.

*Mrs B  
Barnes Oct 7 1868  
Will send you another he says.*

65

J H Wilson Esq  
North Haven Conn  
N.H.

Popular Sovereignty.

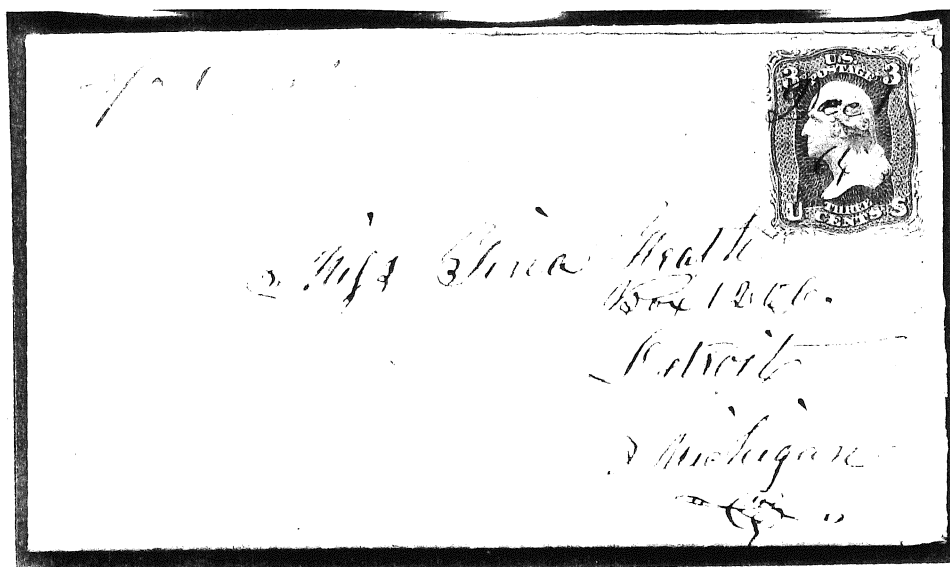
C L A I N  
OCT  
3  
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U.S. POSTAGE  
ONE CENT

The post office was established on Feb. 14, 1826. It operated as St. Clair even tho the village was called Palmer. The name was officially changed to St. Clair on April 7, 1846.

## SPARTA CENTER, MICH.

What is presently Sparta started out as Somerville in Dec. of 1848. The settlement became Nashville but on November 7, 1850 the village and post office was renamed Sparta Center. On January 13, 1885 it became simply Sparta. Gains P. Stebbins was the first postmaster under the above first named.



A manuscript Sparta Center on December 1, 1864. The date of cancel on the rose shade Washington of August 19, 1861.

A large flouring mill where the Rogue empties into the Grand River was known as Imperial Mills. This in Kent county, Plainfield township. It was given a post office as Austerlitz on January 30, 1841, with Zenas G. Winsor as the first postmaster. It operated until September 30, 1910.



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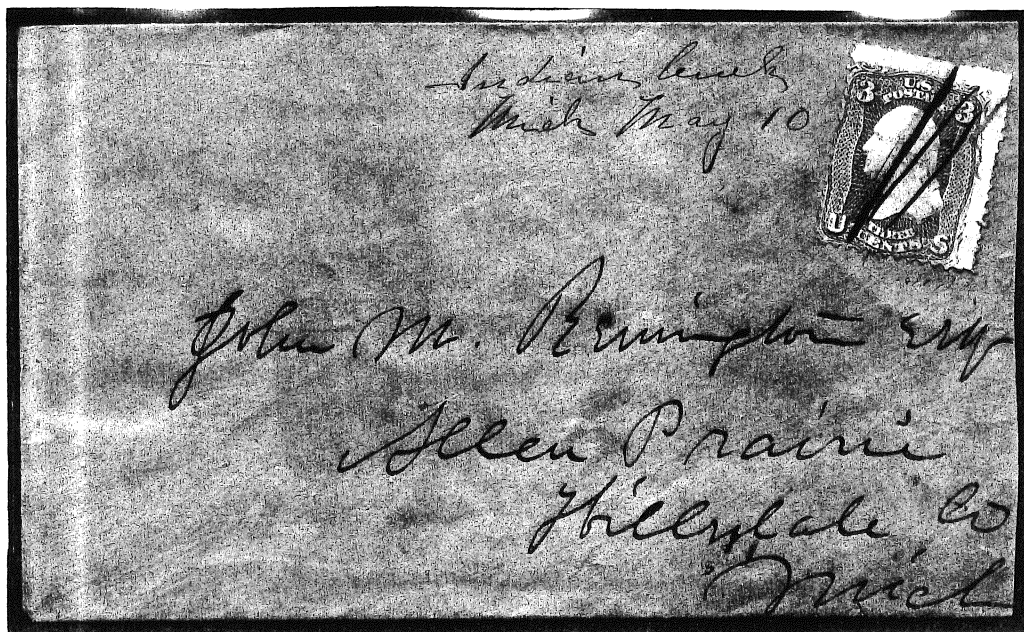


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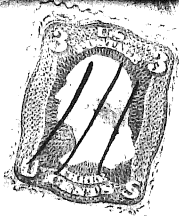
**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
INDIAN CREEK, MICH.

1866

Solomon Wright became the first postmaster of Indian Creek on December 30, 1847. It operated as such until the name was changed to Walker on July 14, 1884.



A manuscript Indian Creek, Mich. May 10 (exact year unknown) with matching cancel on the Washington issue of 1861.



Indian Creek, Mich.

Miss Lavinia Holbrook,  
Shrewsbury,  
Vermont.

Indian Creek,  
Feb. 21 '66

Cousin Lavinia,

We were so glad to hear  
from you, I hope you are not  
at all ill. I feel very well  
now. I saw your letter and  
wondered how long it would  
take to get to you. I am glad  
to hear from you, as I went away to  
school the day they came.  
Uncle Ed, and Aunt Abby are  
at our house now, making a visit  
for the first time since. They  
came from N.  
They are having protracted meetings  
at our Church. Uncle Ed and Uncle

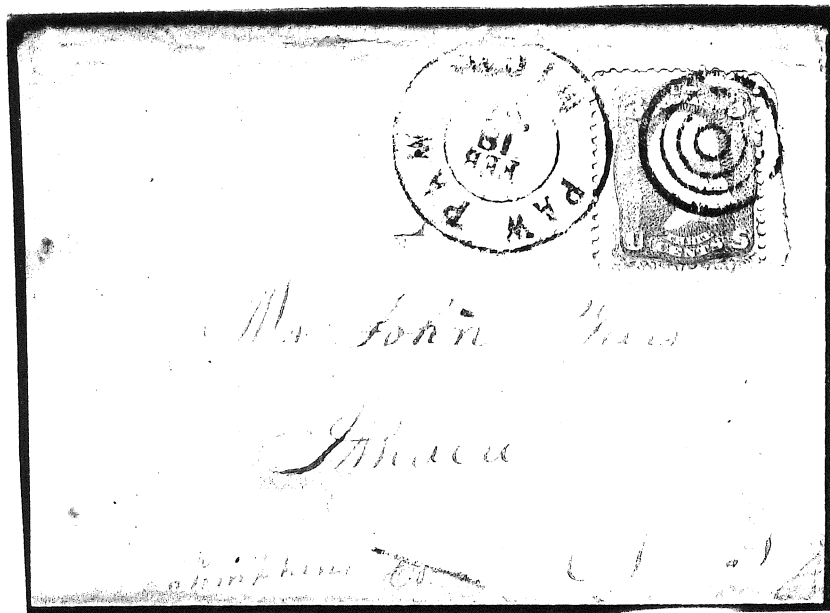
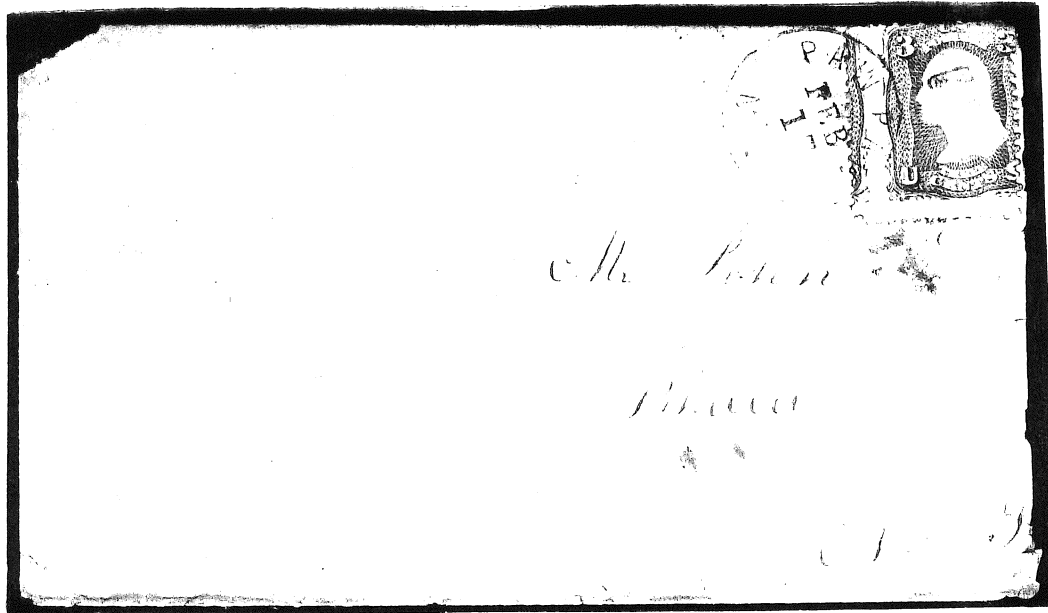
From Indian  
Creek, Michigan  
on February 22  
(1866) to Shrews-  
burg, Vermont.  
All postal mark-  
ings, manuscript,  
and the three  
cent Washington  
the bright rose  
shade.



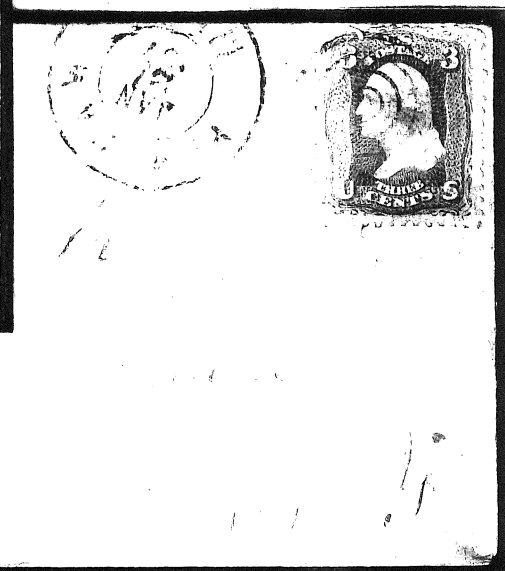
## MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY

### PAW PAW, MICH.

Two different Paw Paw, Mich. cancels on covers to Mr. John Geers of Ithica, New York. The Washington three cent stamps are of the 1861 series.

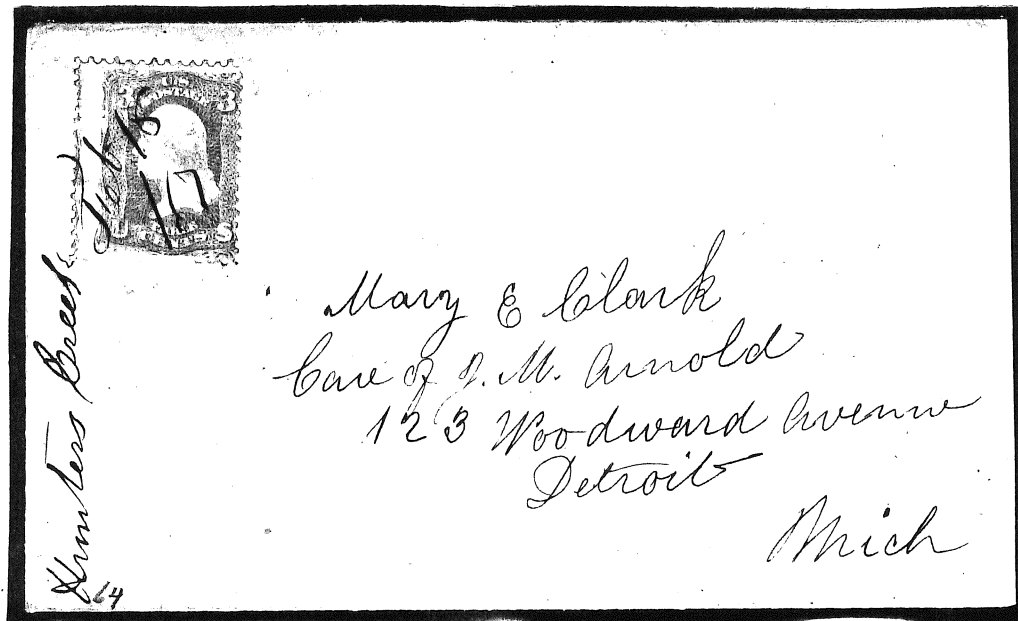


Paw Paw, Mich. Jan.  
and Feb., 1867.





Hunters Creek in Lapeer County was settled in 1836 and was named from a stream at its site. Harris M. Tripp became the first postmaster on October 30, 1857. The Detroit and Bay City Railroad came through in 1872 making it a station.



A Hunters Creek manuscript cancel on February 18, 1867 on the bright rose Washington of 1861 paying the three cent rate to Detroit, Michigan.

As would be expected, Hickory Corners in Barry County got its name from a large hickory found by surveyors in 1837. Solomon C. Hall was named the first postmaster on July 11, 1844.



The smaller 25 mm circle date stamp with the five circle bulls eye cancel on the Washington issue of 1861.

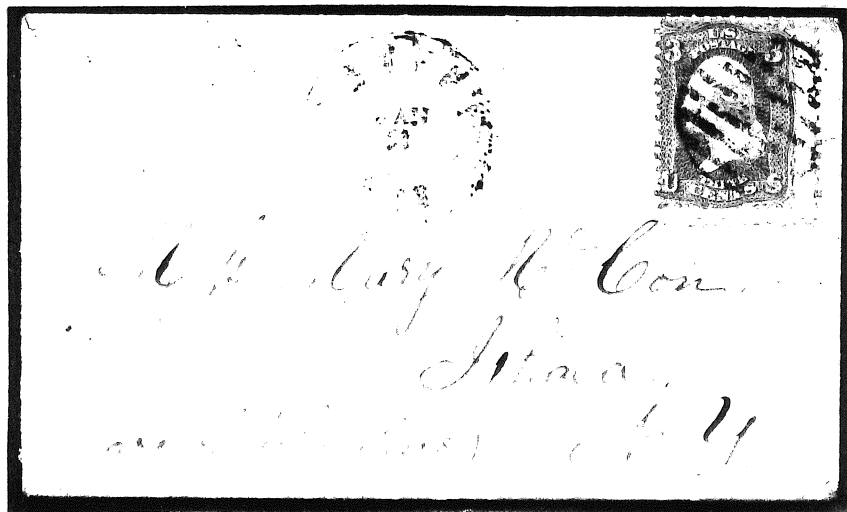
# MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY

1868

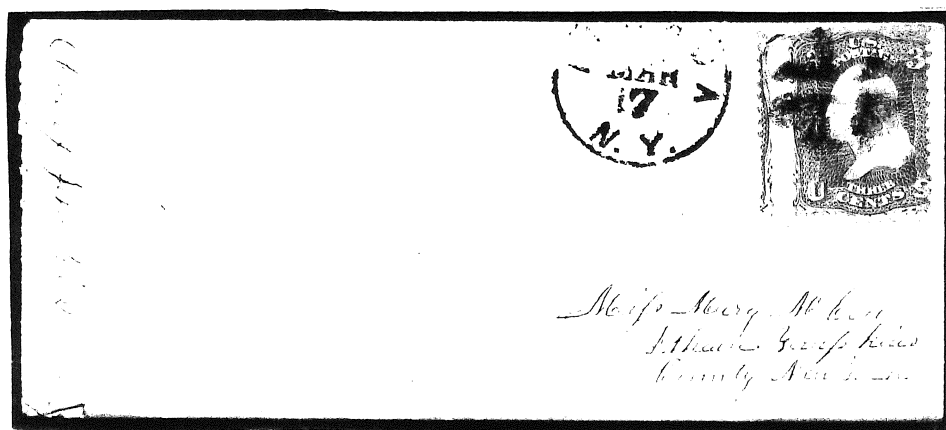
LAWTON, MICH.

Three covers addressed to the McCon family. Two to Mary, and the other to Mr. Issac. The correspondence between Mich. and New York. The stamps of the Aug. 1861 issue.

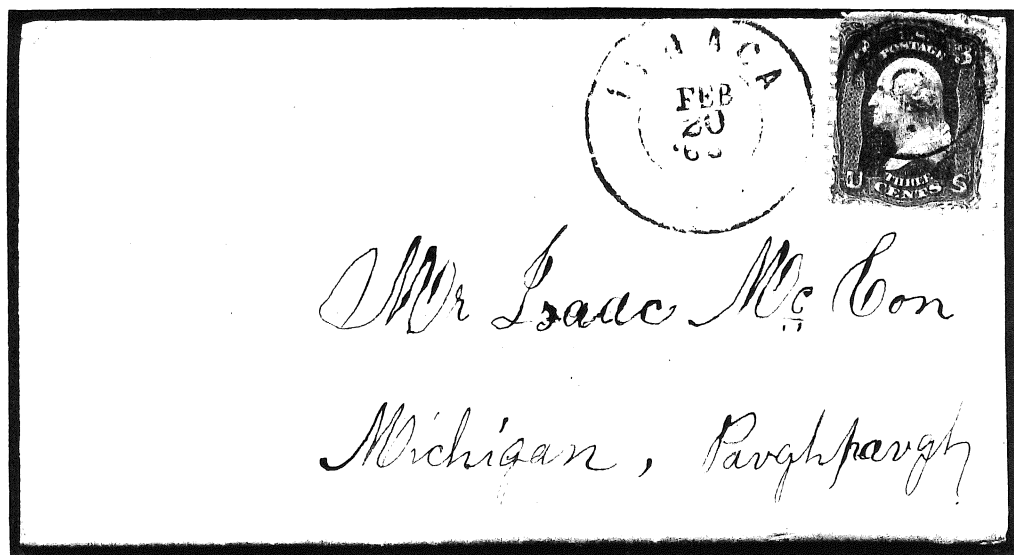
A circle grid cancel along with a Lawton, Mich. on Jan. 8 to Ithaca, N.Y.

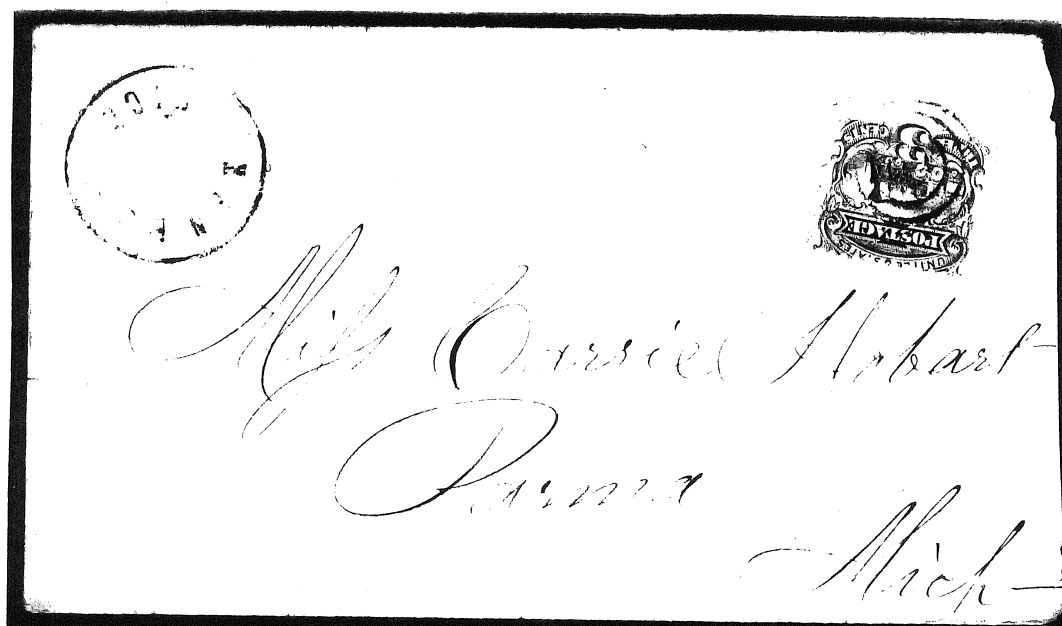
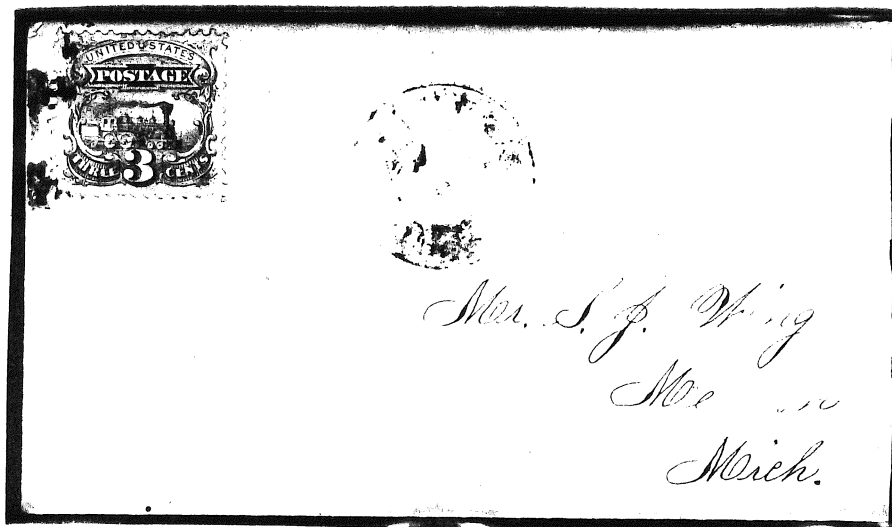


This cover is not Mich. postal history but is related with the other covers on the page. Cover cancelled and delivered in Ithaca, New York.



This cover, addressed to Paughpaugh, (Paw Paw) Mich. near Lawton CDS cancelled Ithaca, N.Y. on Feb. 28, 1868.



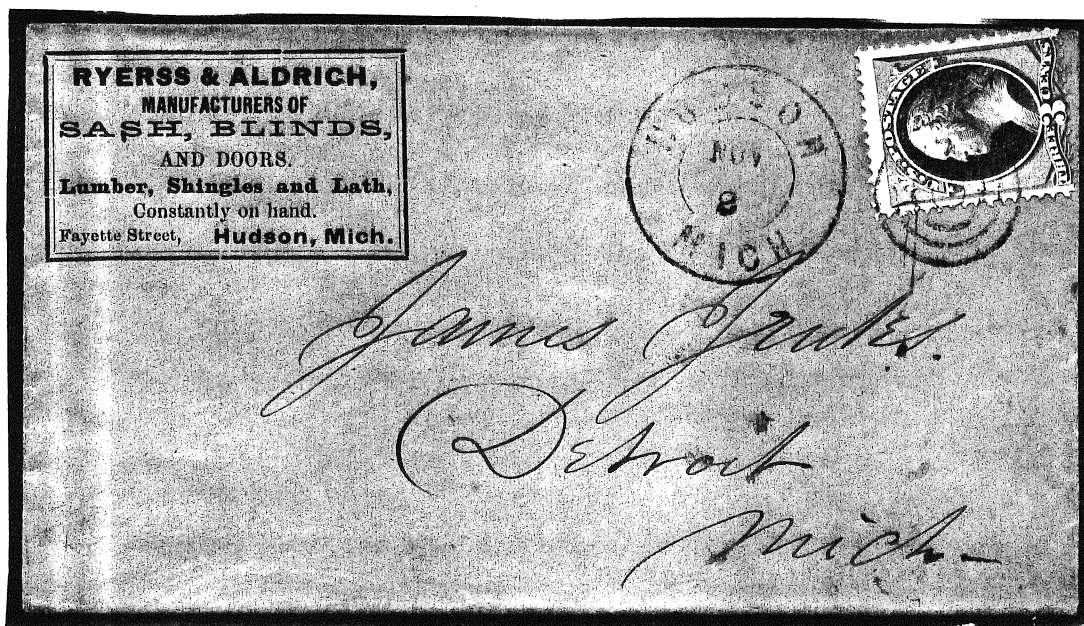


Two covers, both franked with a Scott No. 114, three cent stamp of the 1869 issue. This was a grilled issue of stamps. For some reason the set was unpopular with the public so therefore were on sale for less than a year.

The upper cover with a pale ultramarine addressed to Mendon, Mich. The lower cover, an ultramarine with a bulls eye cancel. Also, a circle date stamp of Mendon, Mich. minus the usual date.

HUDSON, MICH.

A station on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad.  
Incorporated as a village in 1853.



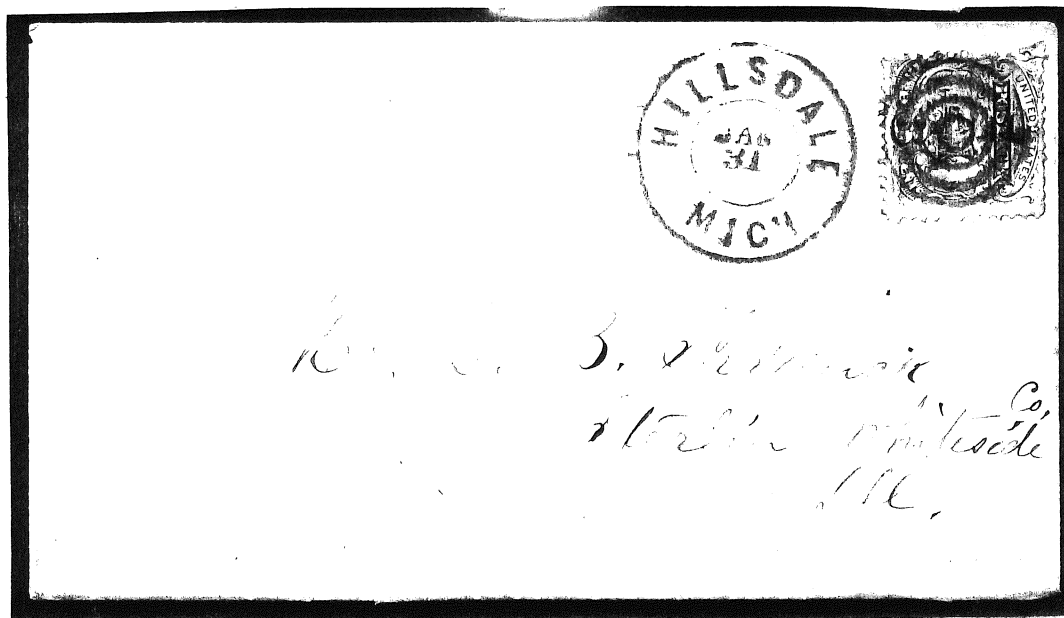
A double circle date stamp with the city and state between the circles. A four ring bulls eye cancel obliterates the three cent National Bank Note Company print of April 12, 1870.

By Act of March 3, 1865, the fixed and prepaid postage on drop letters at all offices except free delivery was amended to one cent.



The double circle 30 mm Ionia, Michigan cancel with a four ring bulls eye on the buff one cent Franklin issue of March 27, 1869.

The stamp series of 1869 for the first time showed something other than a portrait on the stamp.

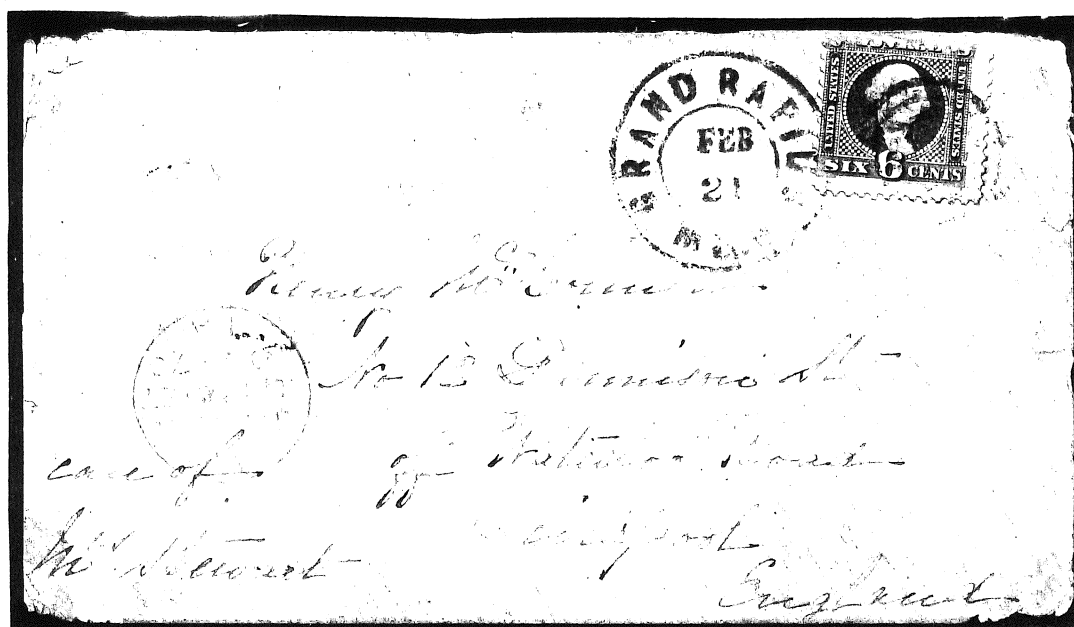


The three cent 1869 ultramarine issue on this cover shows the locomotive with the four circle bulls eye cancel. The matching blue double circle date stamp with the heavier lines and letters is the larger type used than the neat fine line cancel shown earlier. It is also 2 mm larger.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

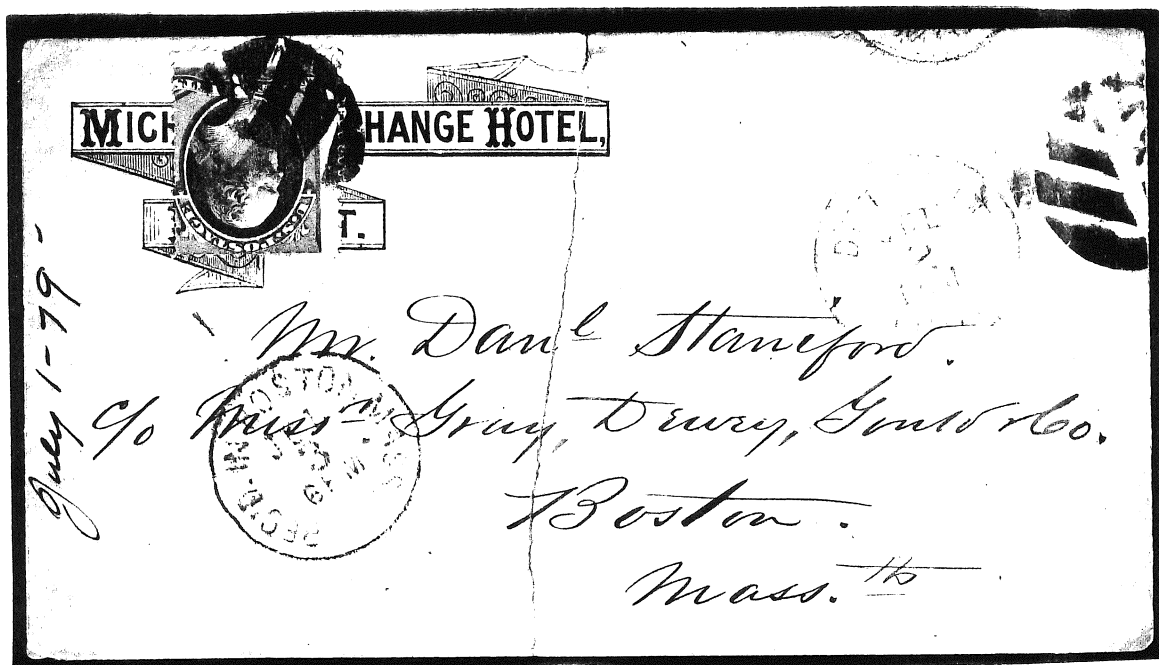
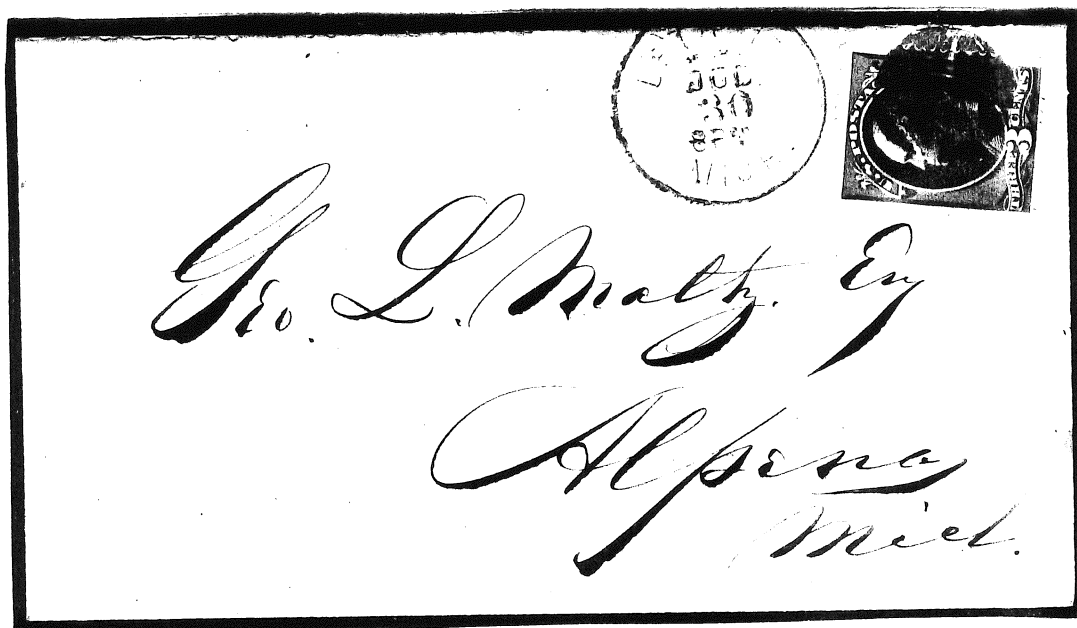
## SIX CENT RATE TO ENGLAND

In January of 1870, the rate for a letter from the United States to England was reduced from twelve to six cents.

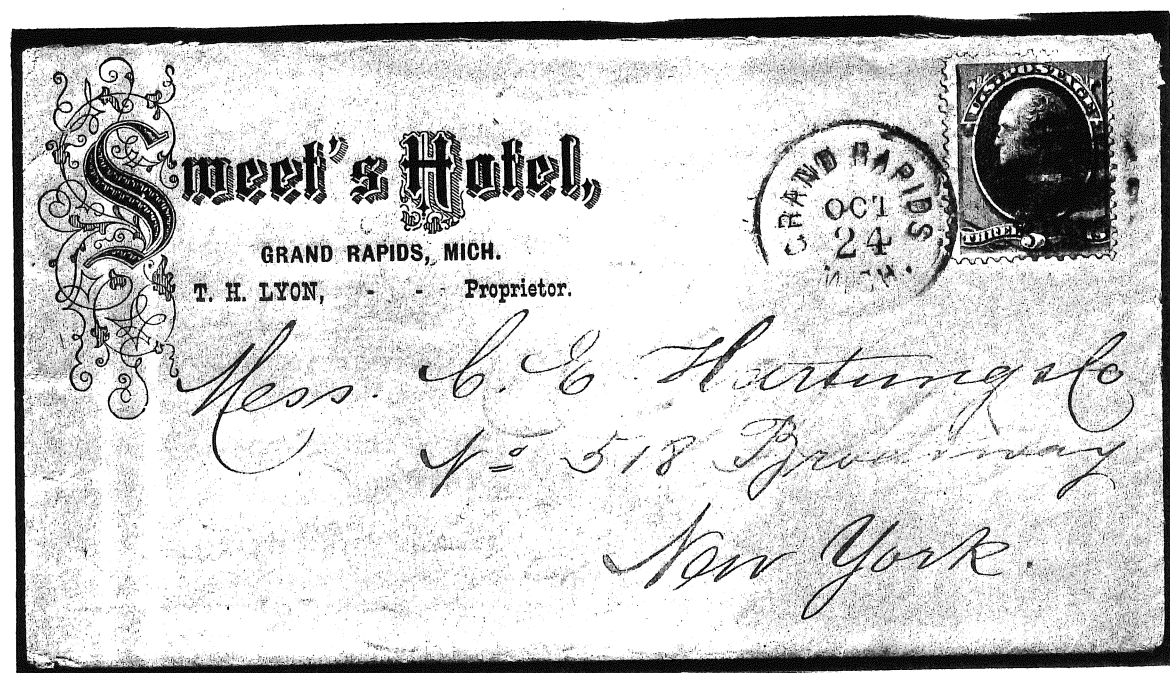


The six cent George Washington issue of 1869 paying the postage from Grand Rapids, Michigan to Liverpool, England. A double circle date stamp, bulls eye cancel and Liverpool packet receiving mark are on the cover.





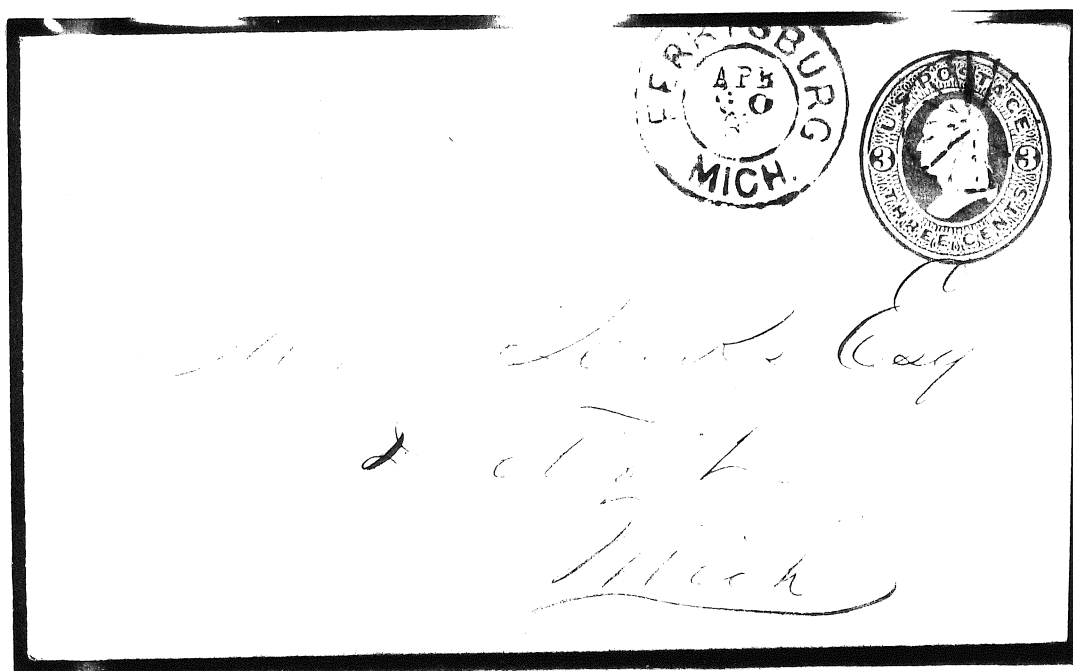
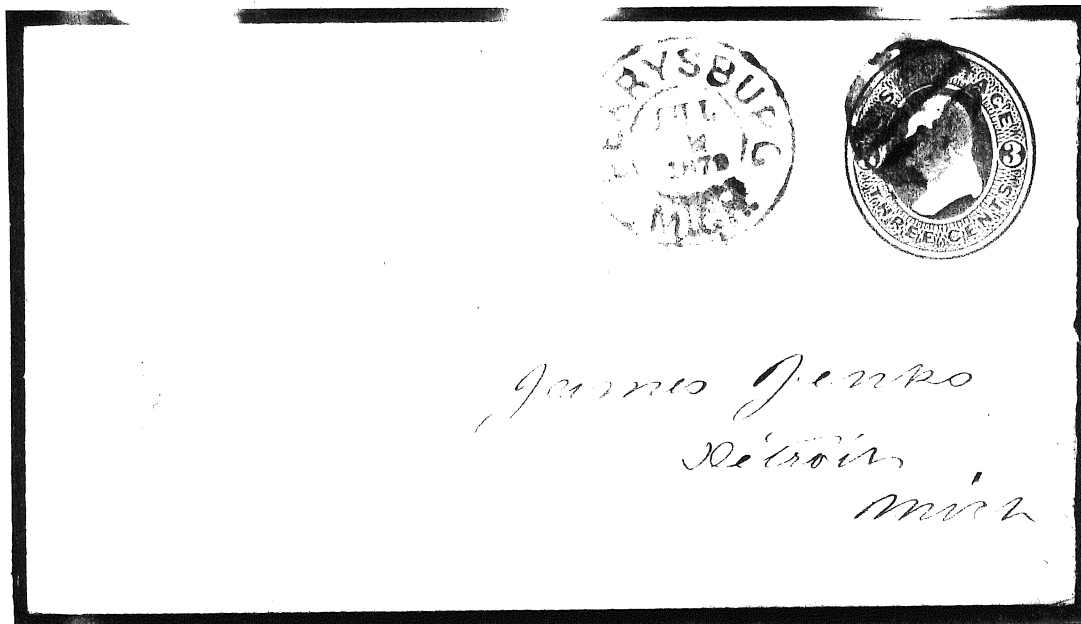
Two Detroit, Mich. circle date cancels of the 1870 era. Both on three cent stamps of the Continental Bank Note Co. print. The upper a dark green socked on the nose cork cancel. The lower a green on an advertising cover with a leaf cancel. Also, a magenta Boston, Mass. receiving mark.



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MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY  
FERRYSBURG, MICH.

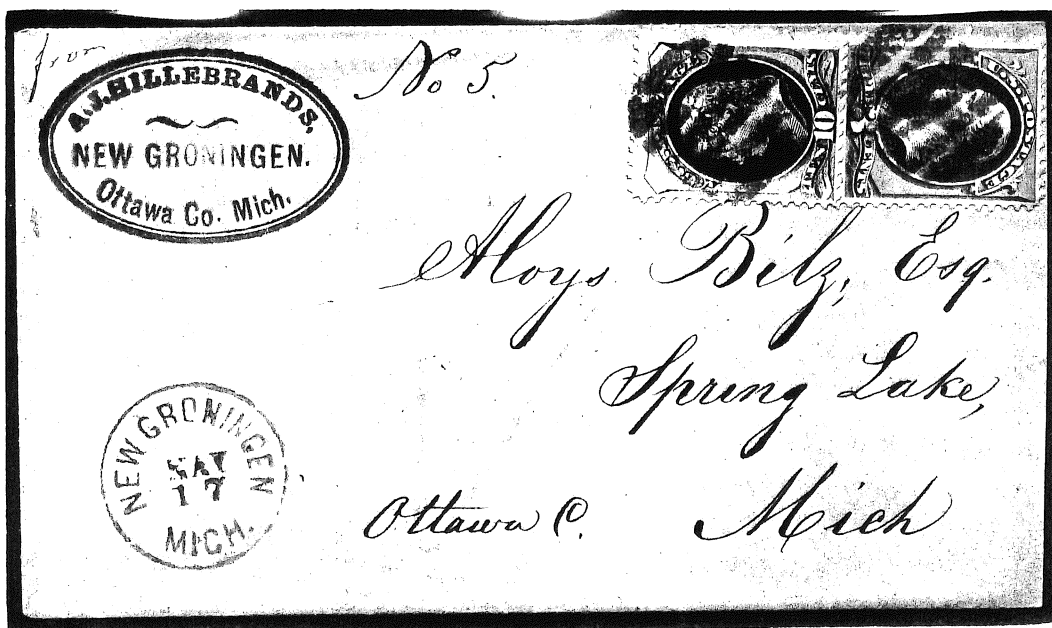
1871-1872



A pair of the cent Washington envelopes of 1870-1871 with identical double circle date stamps of April, 1871 and July of 1872. Different stamp cancelers were used with a geometric pin-wheel on the lower. Both covers to Detroit, Mich.

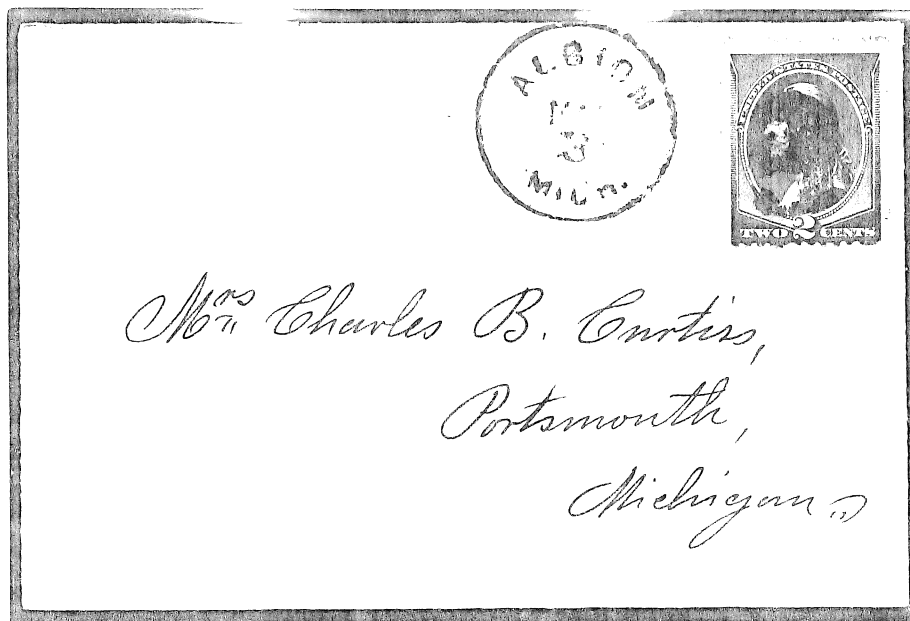
**A. J. HILLEBRANDS THE FIRST POSTMASTER**

New Groningen in Ottawa County was founded in 1858 and was named after Groningen, a province in the Netherlands. The post office was established on March 4, 1872 with Annus J. Hillebrands as the first postmaster. It operated until June 29, 1901.

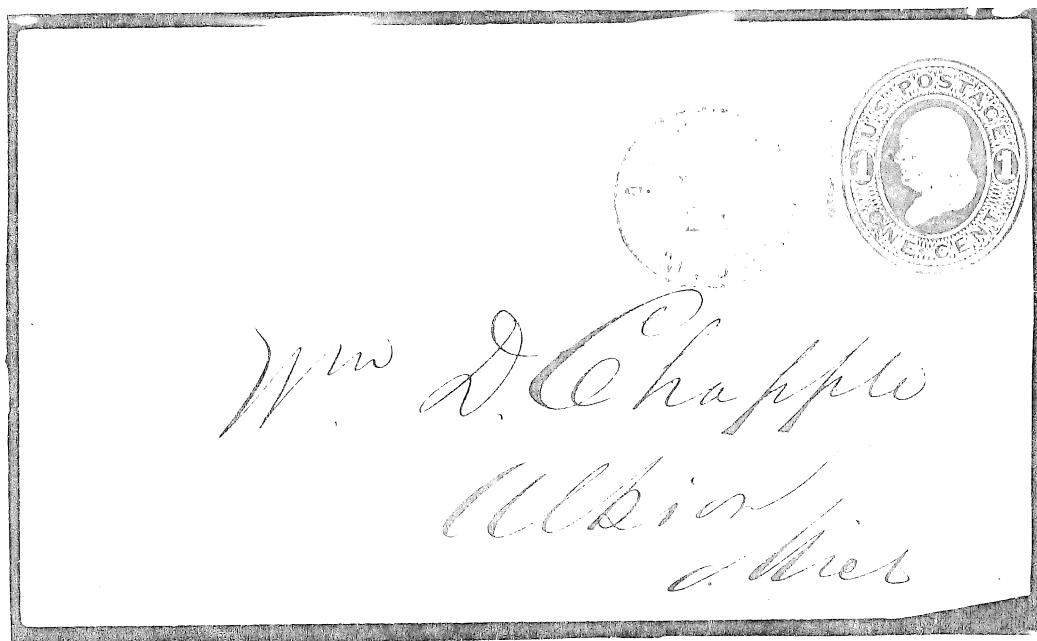


A double oval hand stamped corner card cover of A. J. Hillebrands, the first postmaster of New Groningen. The three cent Washington of the July 1873 issue and the ten cent Jefferson of the National Bank Note Company print of 1870, paying the Registered Letter fee of thirteen cents. A 25 mm New Groningen circle date stamp in green with a six bar cancel also in green obliterating the stamps.

A 27 and 24mm circle date stamp in black and blue of Albion, Mich.



A smudge cancel on the two cent Washington issued October 1, 1883 to meet the new two cent rate in effect on this date.



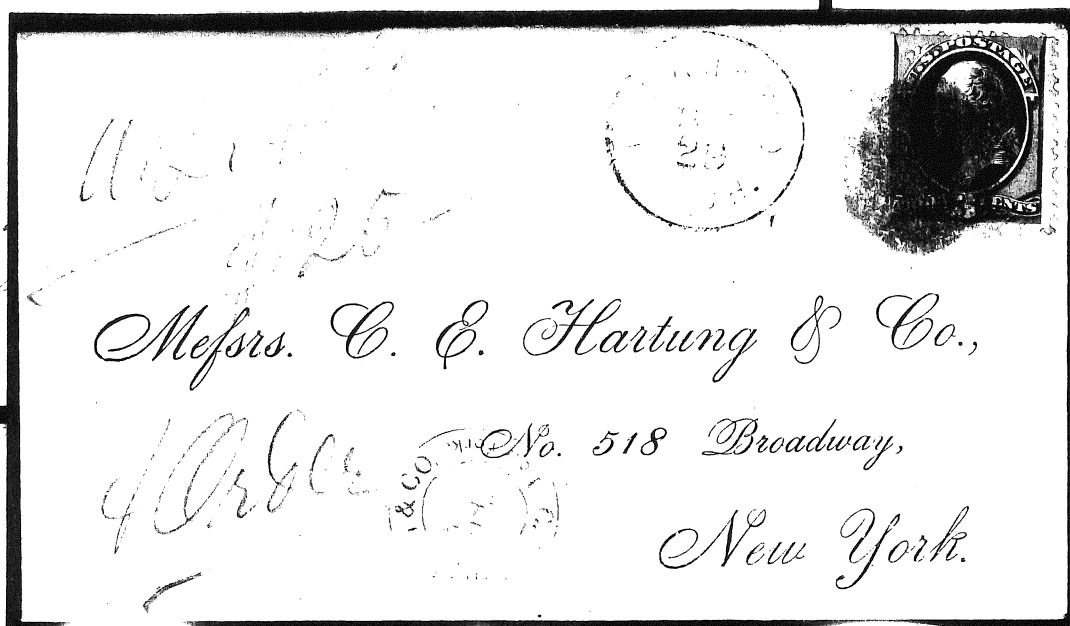
The one cent drop rate in effect by Act of June 8, 1872 for one half ounce at all drop offices.

*Handwritten text, mostly illegible due to fading and smudging. Visible words include "May 29 1875" and "Washington Continental Bank Note Company".*

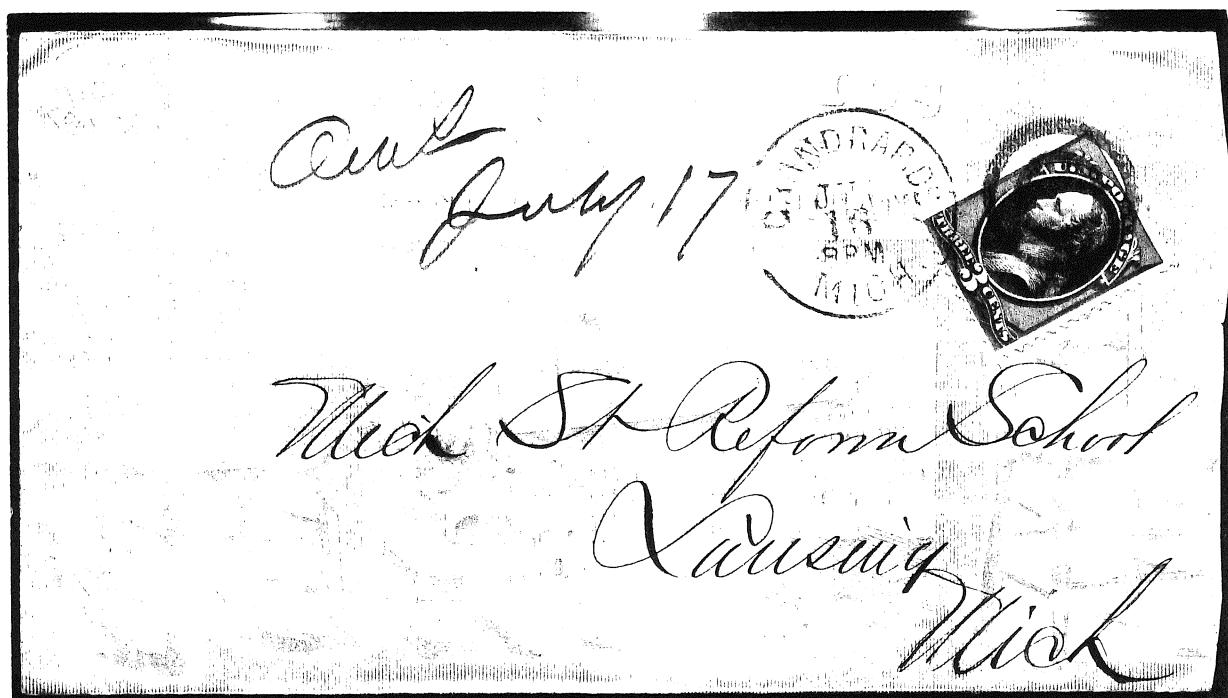
A business envelope canceled May 29 (1875) with a killer smudge cancel on the "secret mark" Washington Continental Bank Note Company print.

The double circle company receiving mark in blue of the C. E. Hartung and Co., New York on June 1, 1875.

Enclosure is payment and order.



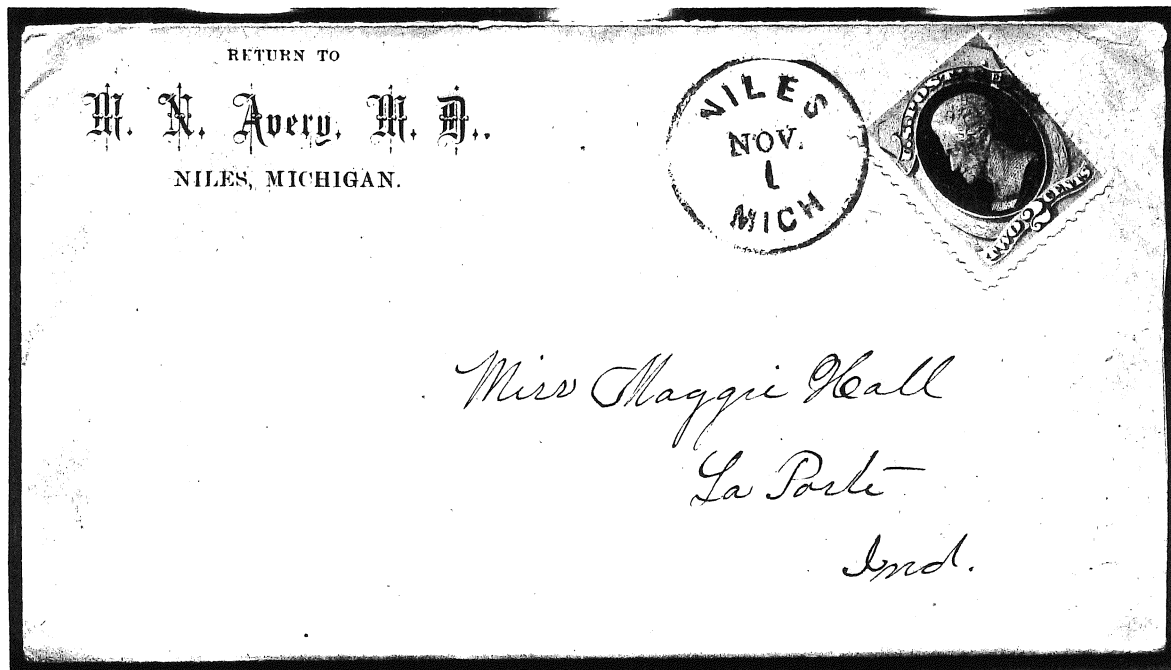
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.



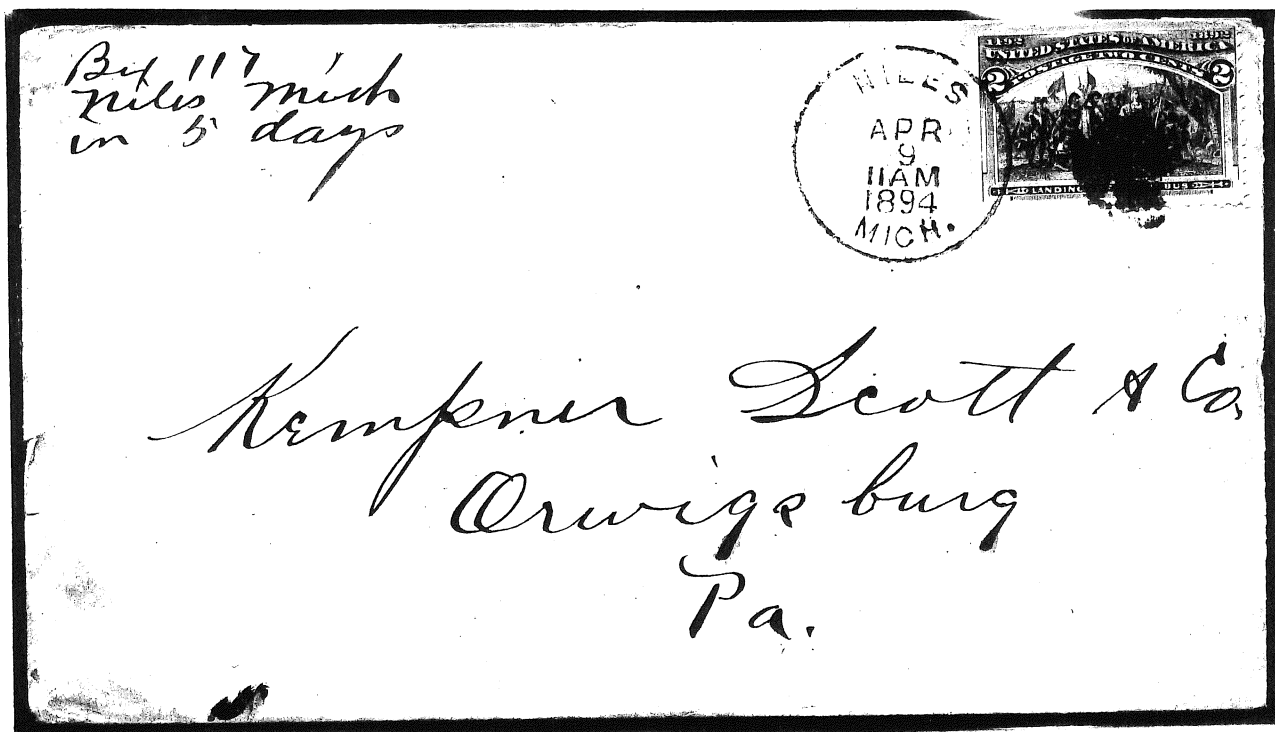
A 27 mm, upper and 28 mm lower, circle date stamps with single and double oval cancels on the three cent Washington Continental prints.

MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY  
NILES, MICHIGAN

1875-1894



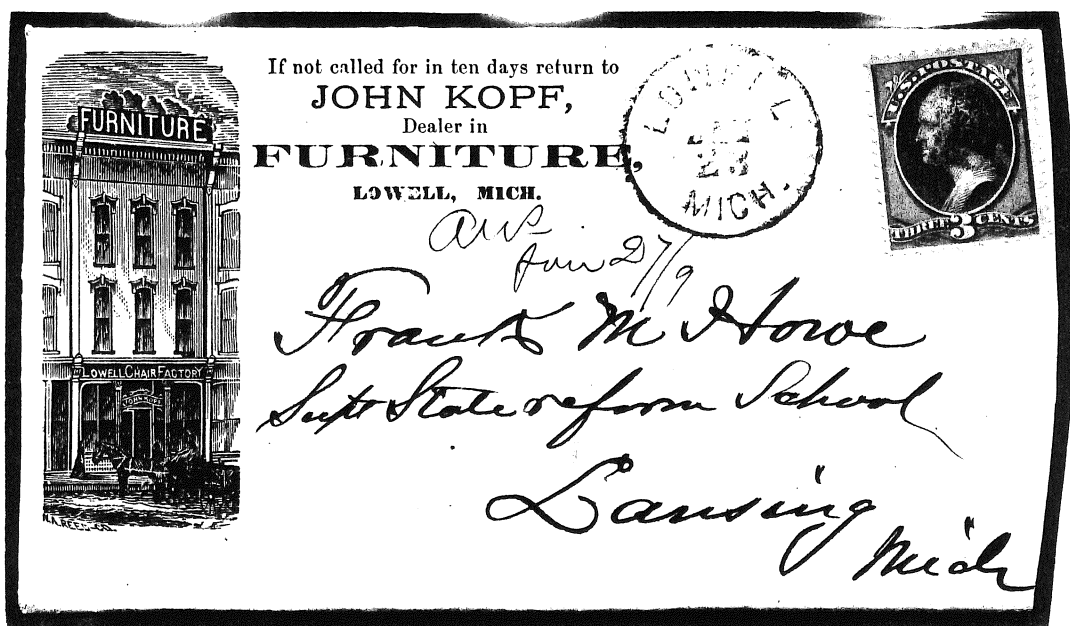
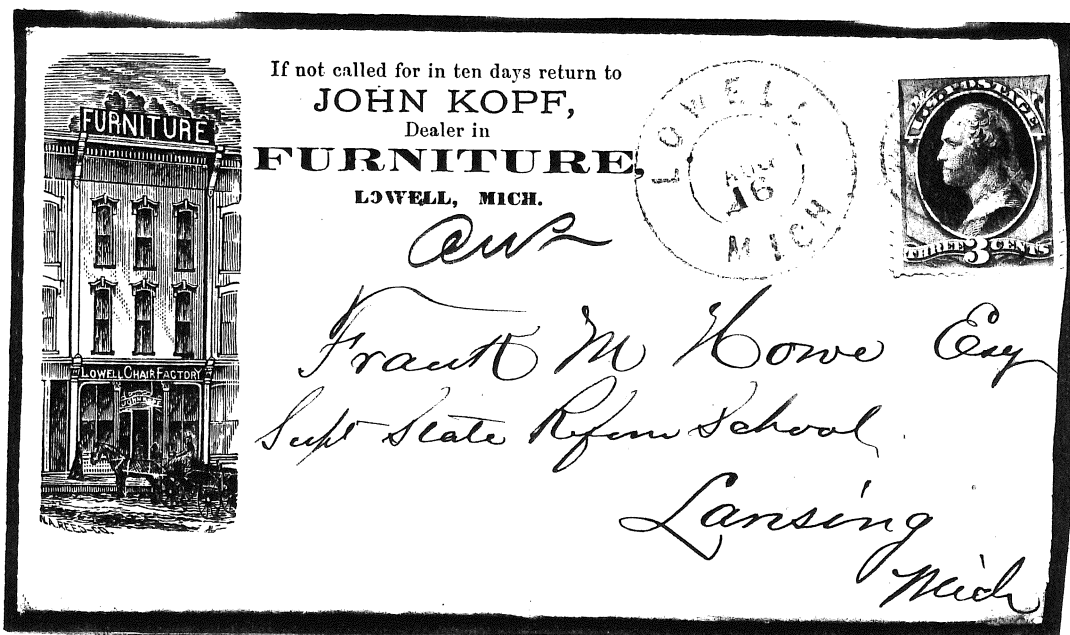
A 26mm circle date stamp on a corner card cover franked with the two cent vermilion of the American Bank Note Company print of 1870-'75.



A 29mm circle date stamp with the time and year added canceling the two cent brown violet Columbian in 1894.

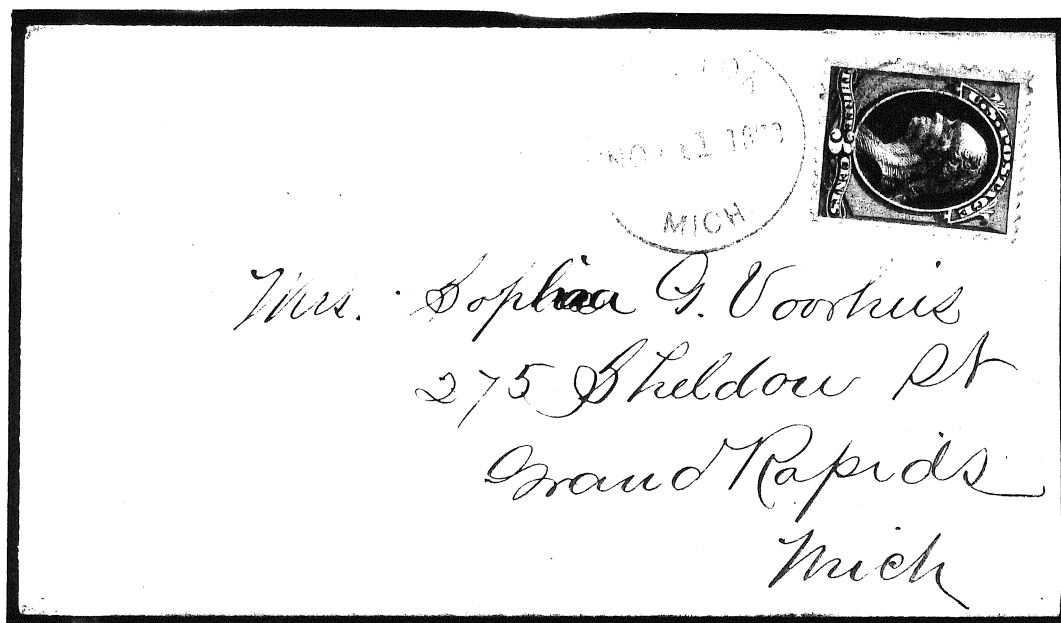


LOWELL, MICH.



The upper, a double circle date stamp used at Lowell, Mich. in August of 1877. The canceler was replaced by the circle date stamp as seen by the lower cover of January 23 (1879) The obliterator of the stamp was also changed.

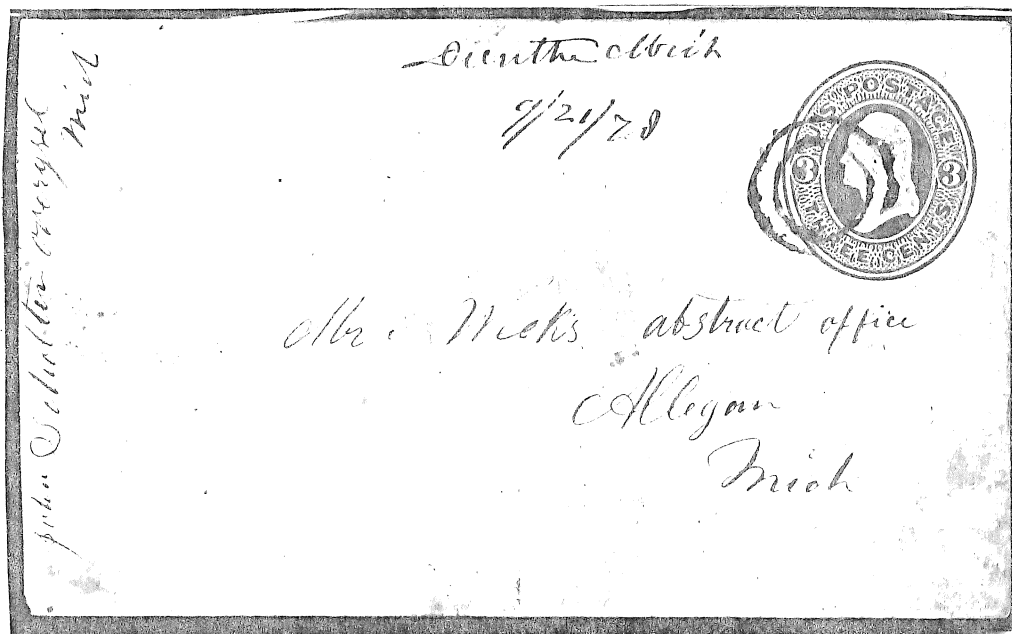
When the people voted to locate the County seat of Montcalm County, the board bought forty acres for fifty dollars from Fred Hall of Ionia. It was named Fred, in his honor. In 1863 it was renamed Stanton for the secretary of war. Levi Camburn became the first postmaster on March 10, 1862.



A pink circle date stamp with the month, day and year in a straight line across the center. A matching color bulls eye cancel on a Continental Bank Note Company print of 1873.

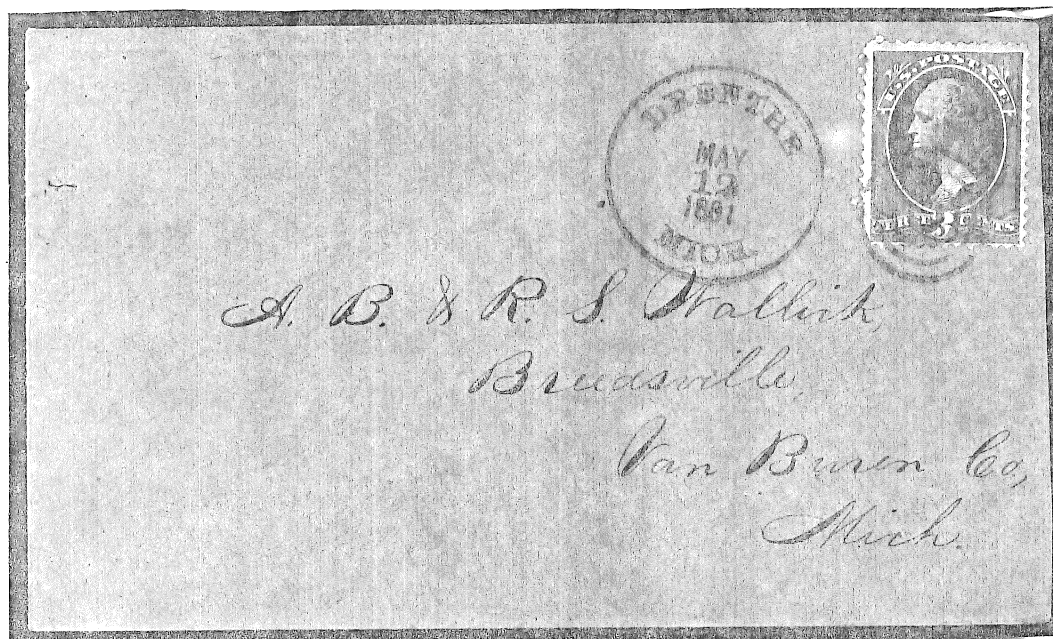
## DRENTHE, MICH.

Drenthe, Ottawa County, Zeeland Township named after a province in the Netherlands whence many of the early settlers had immigrated. The post office operated from November 21, 1877 until January 2, 1907. John Everhard was the first postmaster.



A manuscript cancel on September 21, 1878 with a two circle target striking the embossed portion of the 1870-1871 print.

The lower, a peach colored cover with a circle date stamp of Drenthe on May 12, 1881. A three circle target obliterating the three cent Continental print of 1873.

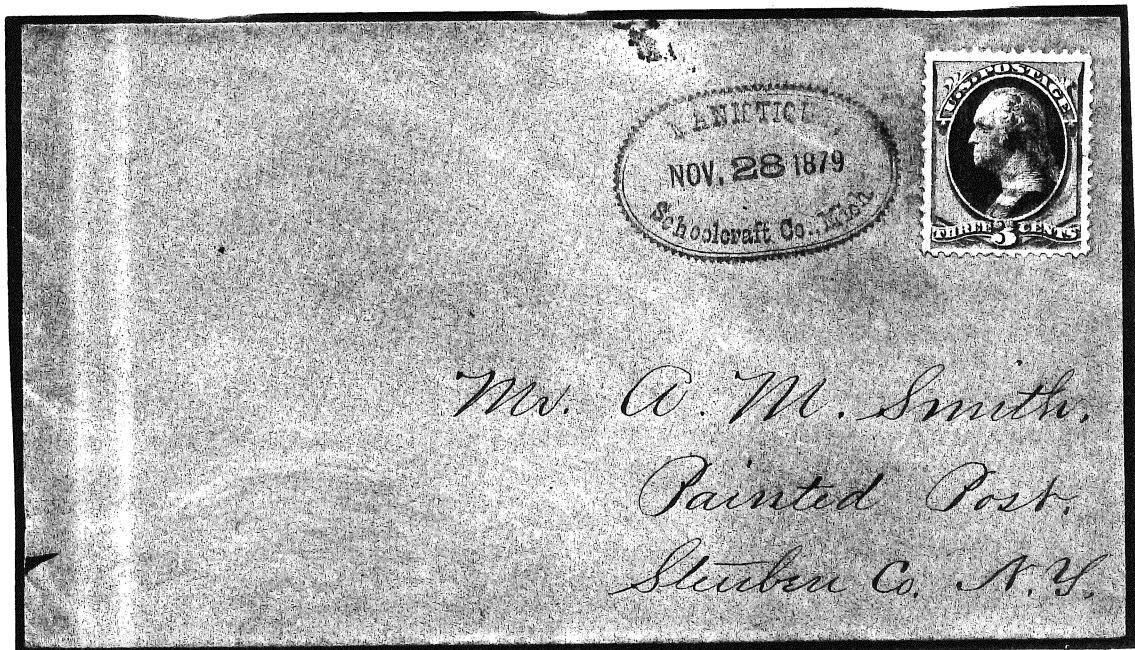


## MANISTIQUE, MICH.

## COUNTY POSTMARK

Manistique, Mich. in Schoolcraft County of the upper peninsula was founded in 1871. It was named after the Ojibawa name Monistique, meaning vermillion river. When registering with the state, a spelling error was made and it became Manistique.

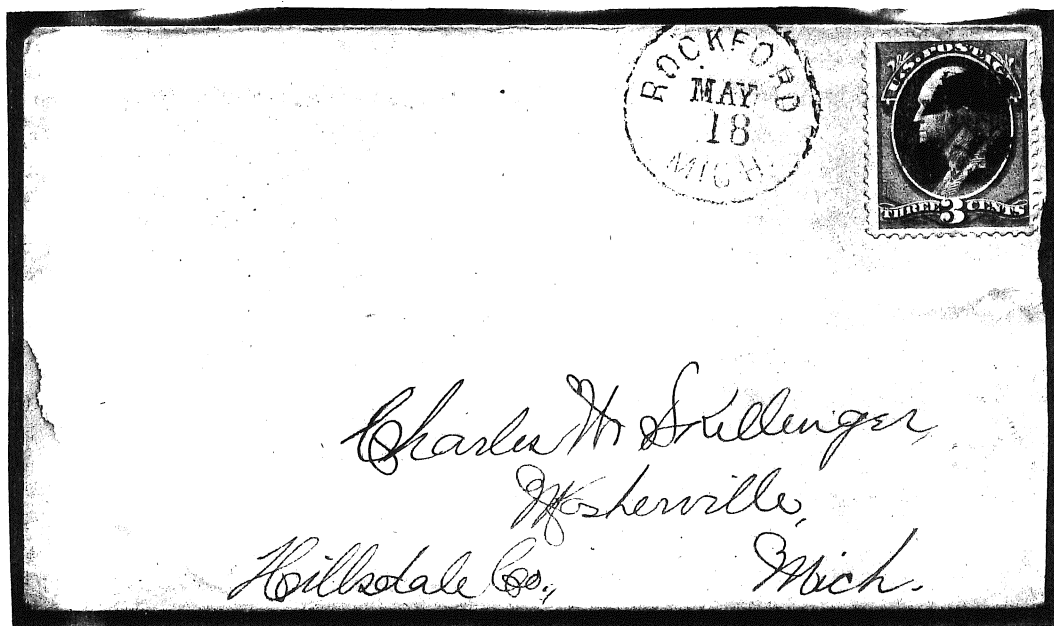
Wm Colwell became the first postmaster on March 17, 1873. The office was named Epsport but changed to Manistique on January 27, 1879.



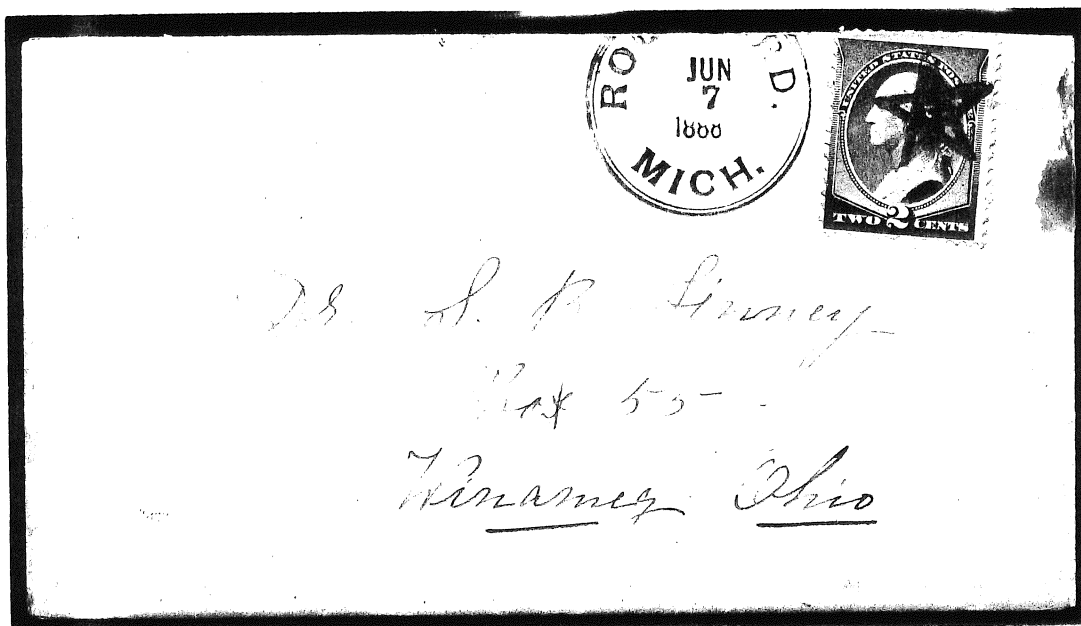
A double oval outer ring saw tooth Manistique, Schoolcraft Co. Mich. Nov. 28, 1879 cancel in purple. The usual four ring concentric cancelation also in purple, common to this postmark on the Continental Bank Note Company three cent Washington issue of 1873.

**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
**ROCKFORD, MICH.**

1879-1888



A cork cancel on the three cent Washington, the rate at the time. The 26 mm circle date stamp in general use during the 1880 period.



By act of March 3, 1883, the rate was reduced to two cents and is here shown. The two cent Washington star canceled with the double outer rim circle date stamp on June 7, 1888.

# MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY

1880

HOLLY, MICH.

The unusual and unique Holly, Mich. receiving mark in violet on the front used on Mar. 23, 1880. Established as Holly Mills on July 3, 1851 and changed to Holly in 1861.

The double rim county cancel of Steuben county, Bath, N.Y. precedes the Holly mark by one day.

A Washington Continental print of 1873 or '75.

*Use New  
is sent with  
Della Brown  
June 7th  
Back her up  
get 5 Holly can  
put at present  
Sess & had look  
quies then a  
who later &  
sell out at  
present is this  
with a person  
if they are sent  
to the egg price  
the will not  
where. Send  
up a hen  
ass. ha ha.  
ha ha is this  
another sum  
and advise you  
all. Bureing  
B. H. Darrich*

*Wheeler March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1880*

*Friend Lewis's  
I received your letter came  
was glad to hear from  
you. I am quite busy  
in the plant business  
at present but find  
time to attend a party  
once in a while. on  
Monday evening last I  
attended a Ganna party  
of the*

HOLLY, MICH.

MAR. 23 1880

22 1880



*Fred. G. Lewis.*

*Bat 487.  
Holly  
Mich*

*(Oakland Co)*

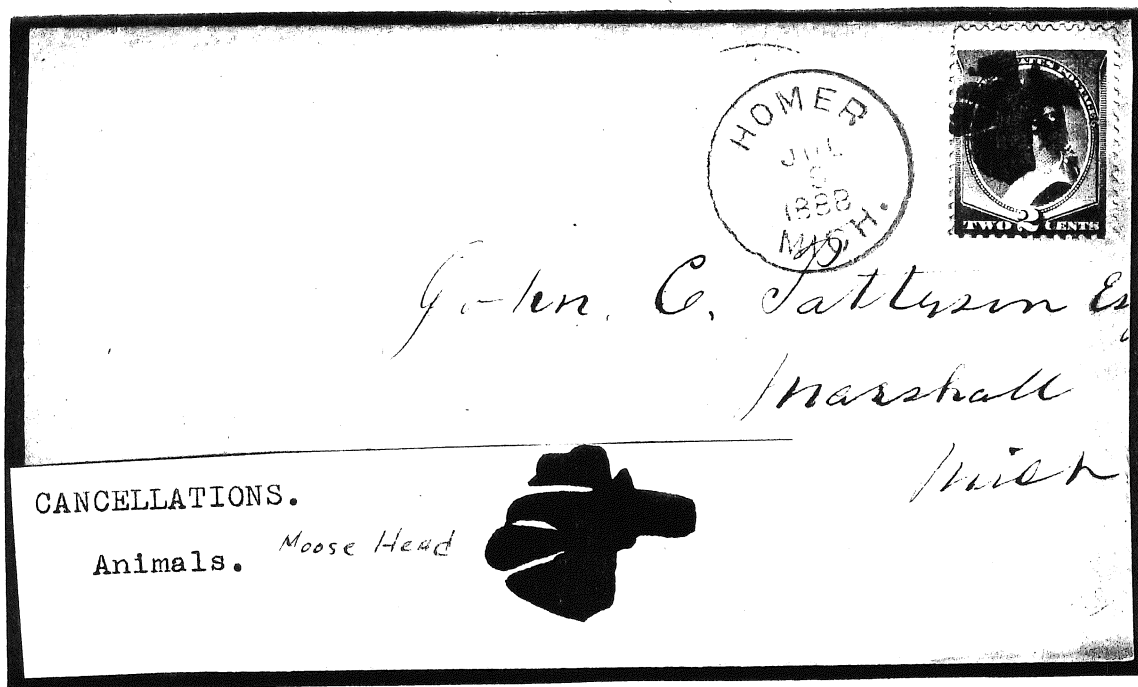
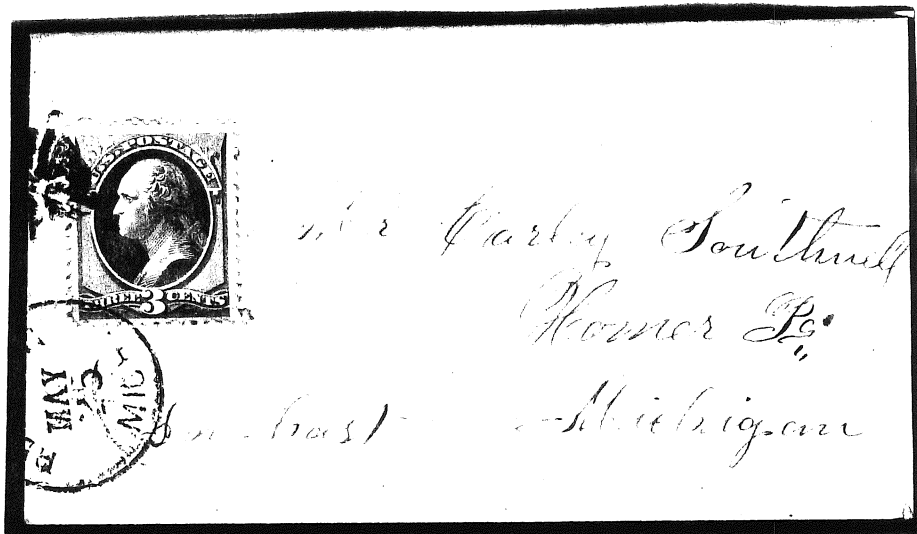
# MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY

## HOMER, MICH.

1880-1888

Two covers, one to and one from Homer, Mich.

This cover was cancelled at Reading, Mich. on May 25, (1880) and delivered to Homer, Mich. A lavender back stamp, Homer Mich. May 26, 1880 Calhoun Co. was applied. The stamp, a three cent Scott No. 158, green issued in July of 1873.

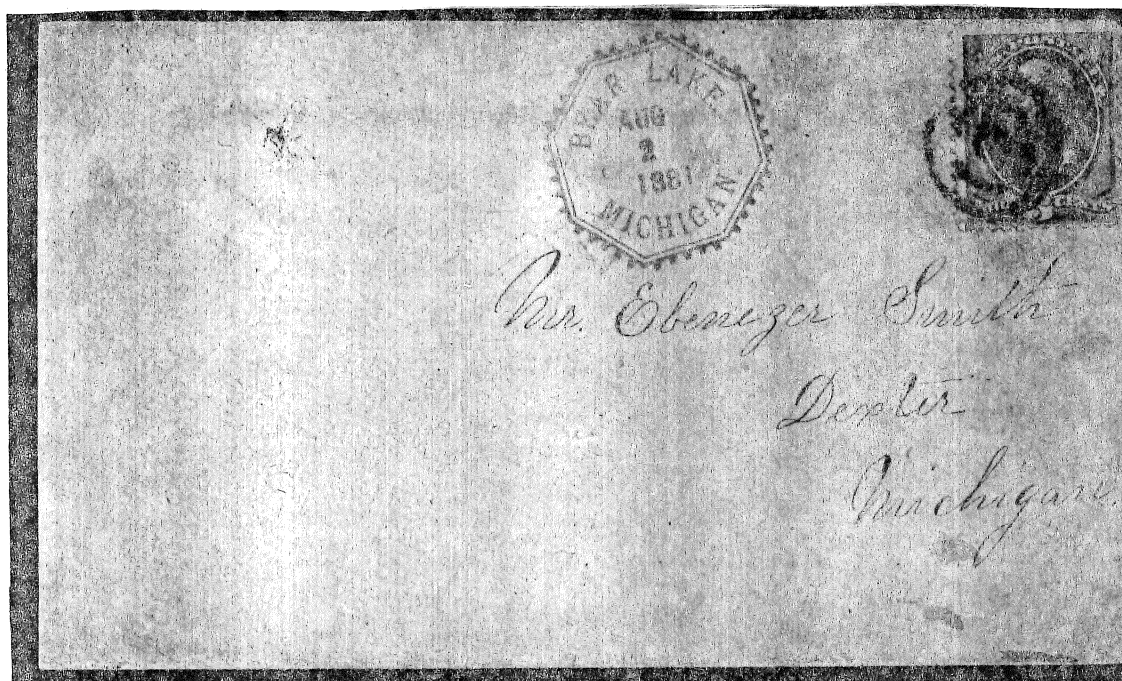


By act of March 3, 1883 postage on first class mail was reduced from three to two cents. This cover has the two cent Washington issued Sept. 10, 1887 and was cancelled at Homer, Mich. on July 9, 1888 with cover delivered to Marshall, Mich.



OCTAGONAL SAW TOOTH TOWNMARK

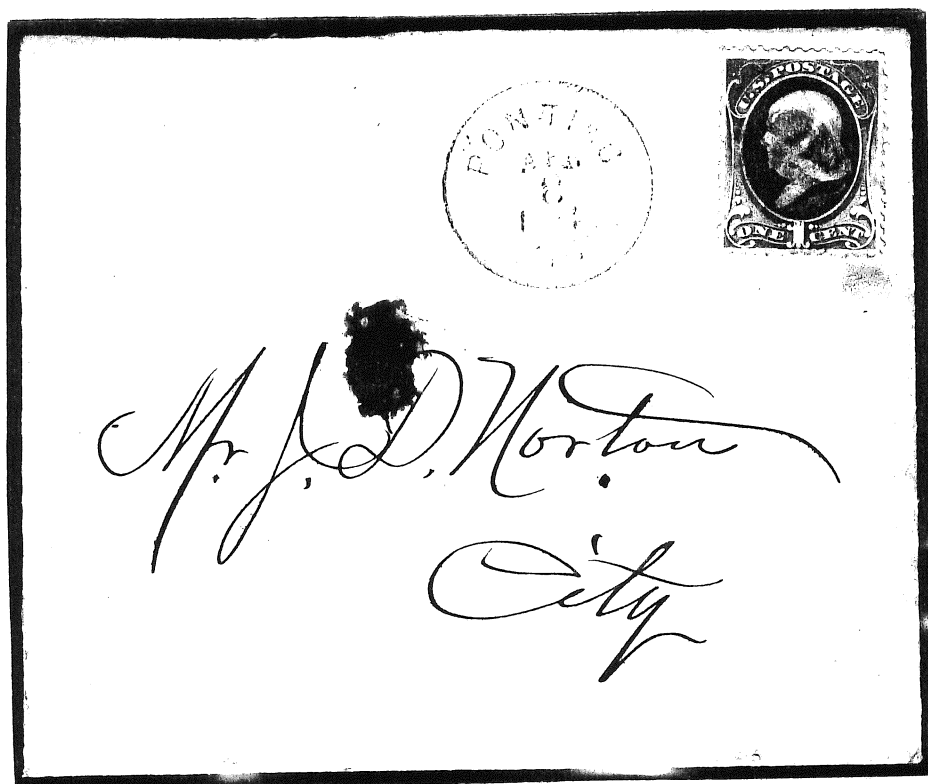
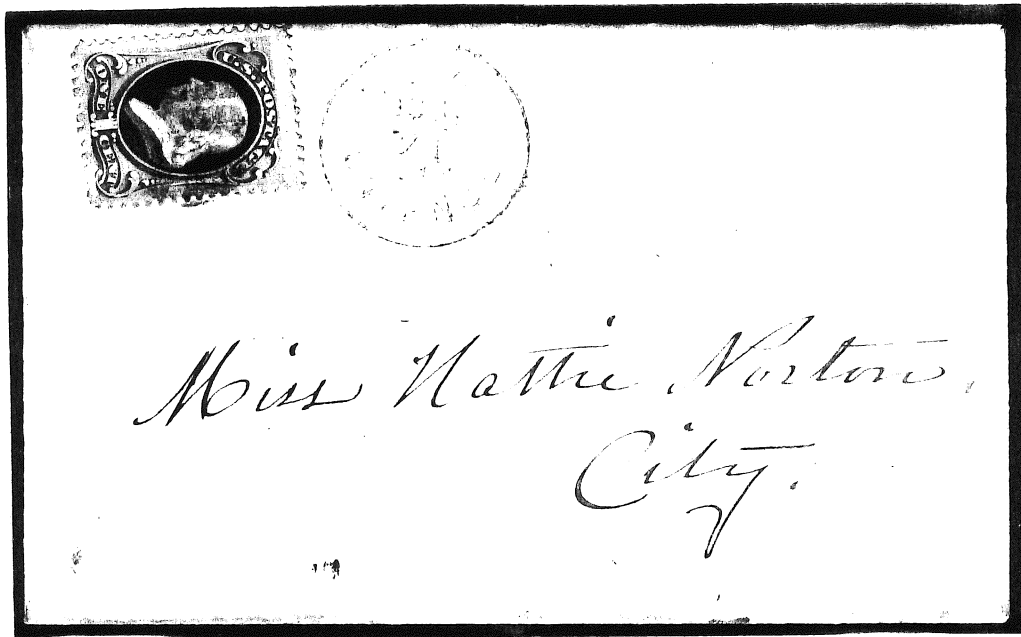
Bear Lake, in Manistee County was settled on Bear Lake in 1863 and the village platted in 1874. Jerome Hulbert became the first postmaster on April 27, 1865.



About ninety percent of all octagon postmarks were used between 1880 and 1890. Very little use is recorded after 1890. Here shown is a 30mm purple double rim saw tooth variety of Bear Lake, Mich. on Aug. 2, 1881. Most, as this one included month, day and year. The Continental Bank Note Company print of the three cent Washington obliterated with a three circle target cancel.



After April 3, 1860, the one cent drop letter rate also included the delivery of the letter in some cities. These two drop letters both posted and delivered in Pontiac, Michigan.

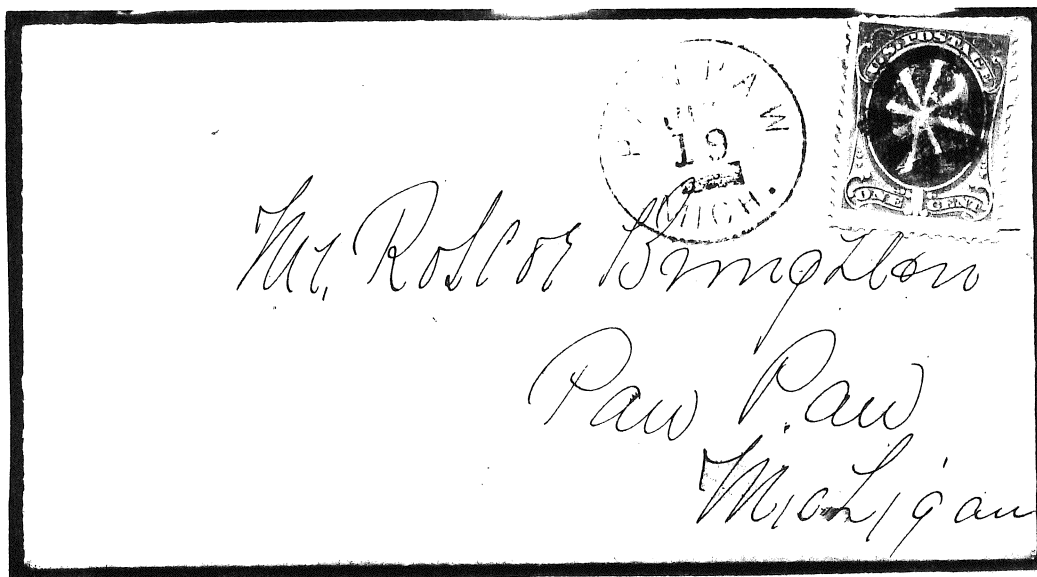


The upper stamp is one printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. and issued in July, 1873. The one on the lower cover was issued in August of 1881 and was re-engraved from the original stamp of 1870.

PAW PAW, MICH.

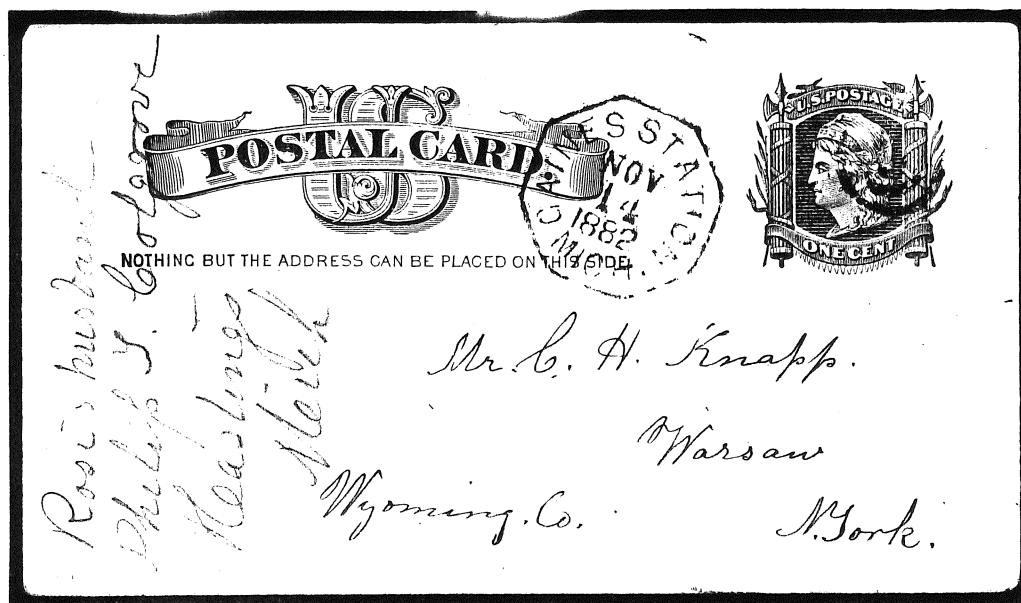
## UNSEALED CIRCULAR

By act of July 12, 1876, the regulations were changed so that unsealed circulars could be mailed for one cent. By act of March 3, 1879 the law was changed and this now became third class mail. This envelope, unsealed, carried a piece weighing less than two ounces.



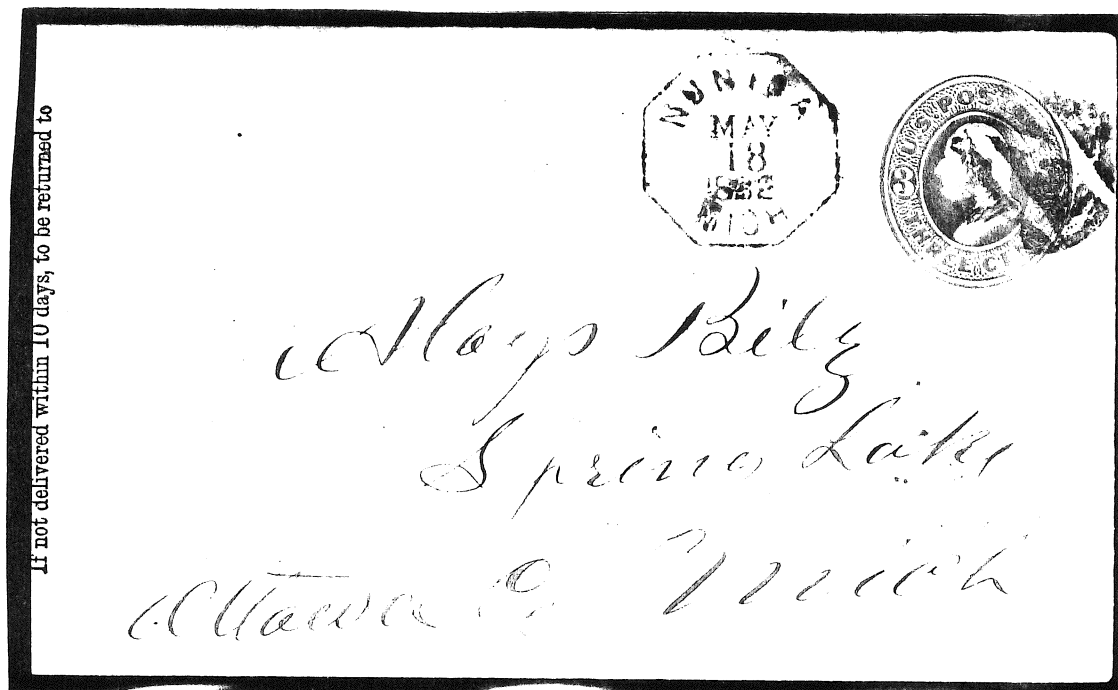
The National Bank Note Company print of the one cent Franklin issued in April, 1870 franks this cover. The killer cancel is a "socked on the nose" circle of wedges probably made from a cork. The town mark is the usual 32 mm strike of the period.

Gaines Station on the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad had its first postmaster on December 22, 1856. He was George B. Runyan.



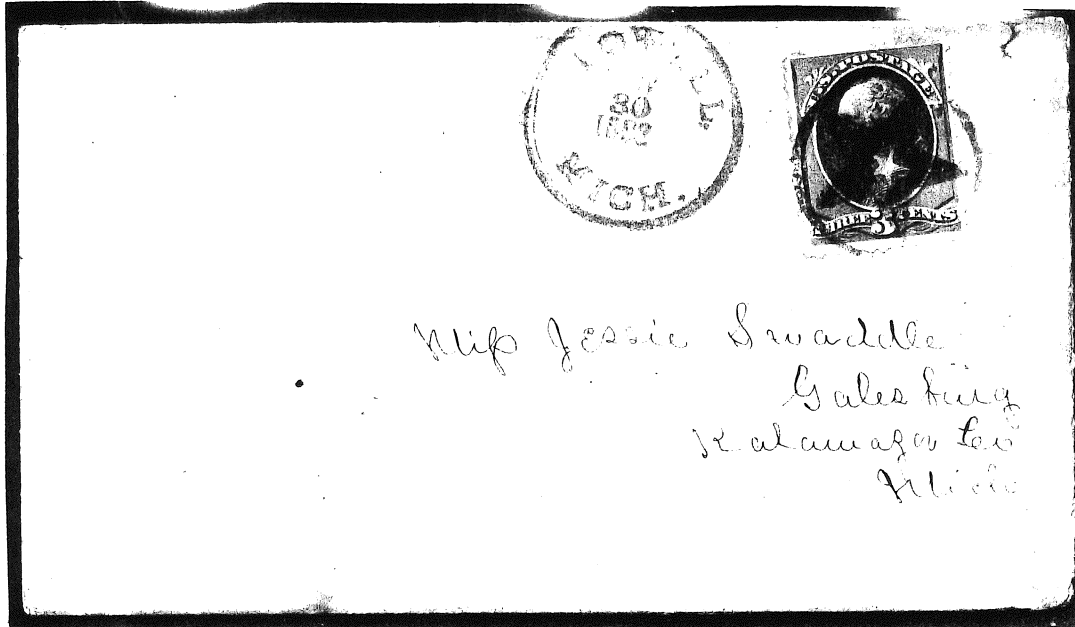
The octagonal postmark was used mostly between 1880 and 1890. There was little use before and after this period. Most were 25 mm as above and carried the month, day and year.

OCTAGON CANCEL



An octagon cancel of Nunica, Mich. on May 18, 1882. A fancy "N" cork obliterator used on the die two Washington of the 1874-1886 issue.

STAR IN CIRCLE



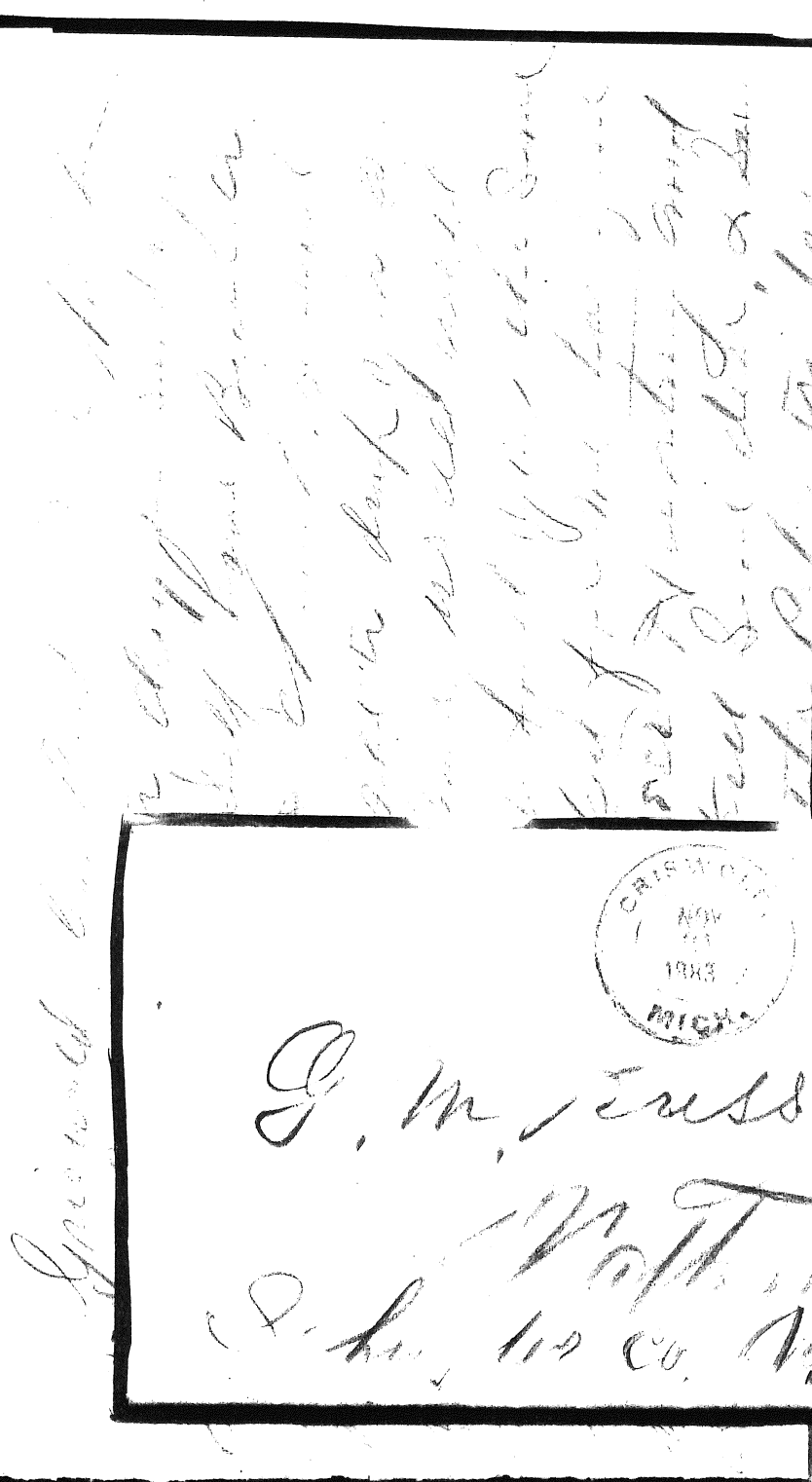
The 29 mm circle date stamp of Lowell, Mich. in November, 1882 and July, 1883. Both with a star in circle obliteration.

**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
GRISWOLD, MICH.

1883

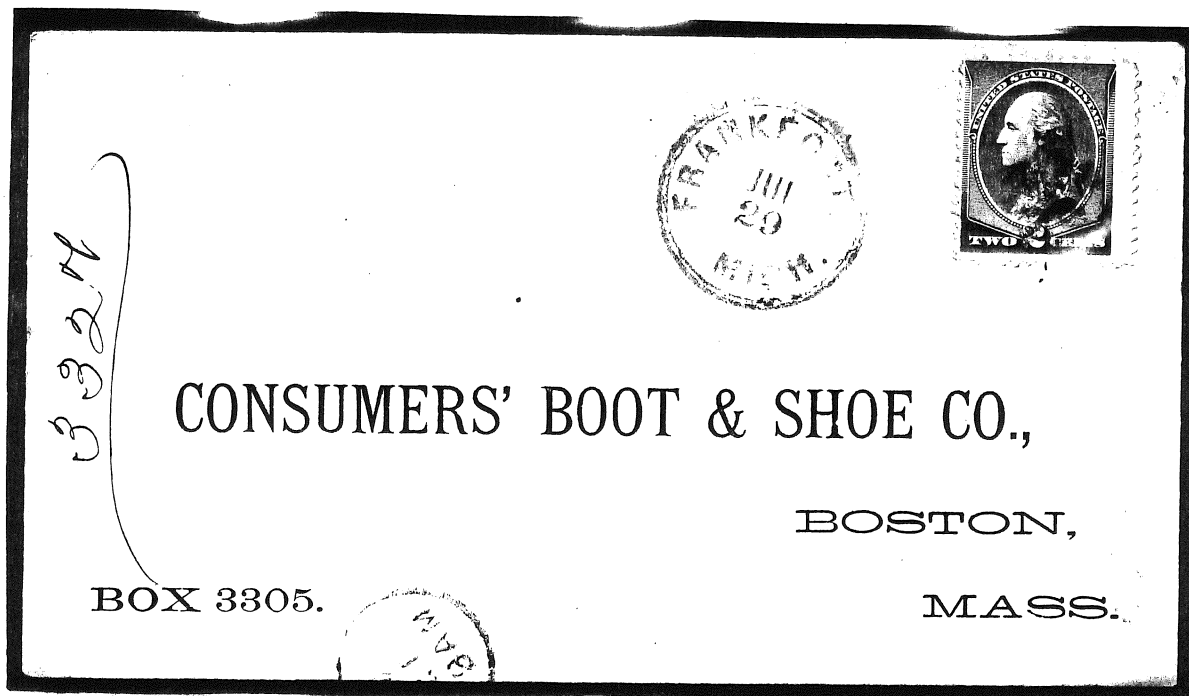
The Griswold post office operated from March 13, 1877 to August 31, 1900. Located in Spencer township in Kent County, it was a shingle mill village on the Grand Rapids and Indiana RR.

A double circle date stamp in blue in November of 1883. The cover franked with a red brown Washington issue of October 1, 1883. Issued to meet the reduced first class mail rate.

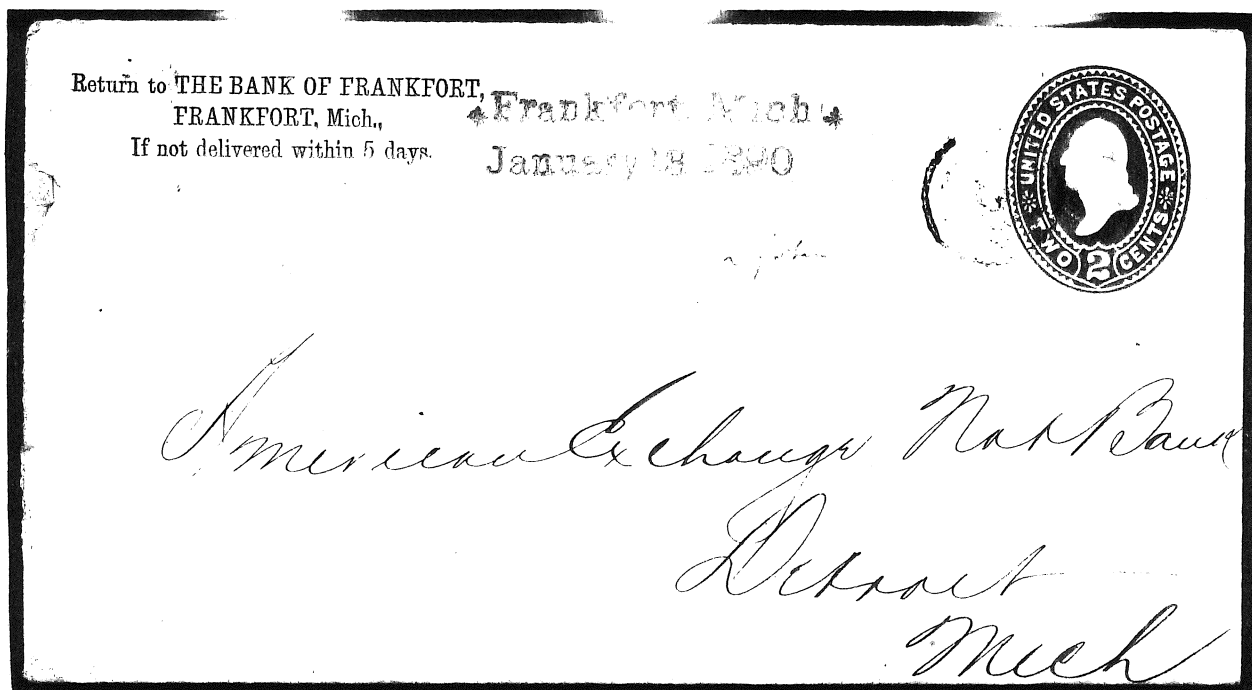


**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
FRANKFORT, MICH.

1884-1890



A lilac double rim circle date stamp sometime after July 29, 1884. Exact year cannot be established. The two cent Washington with lilac smudge cancel.

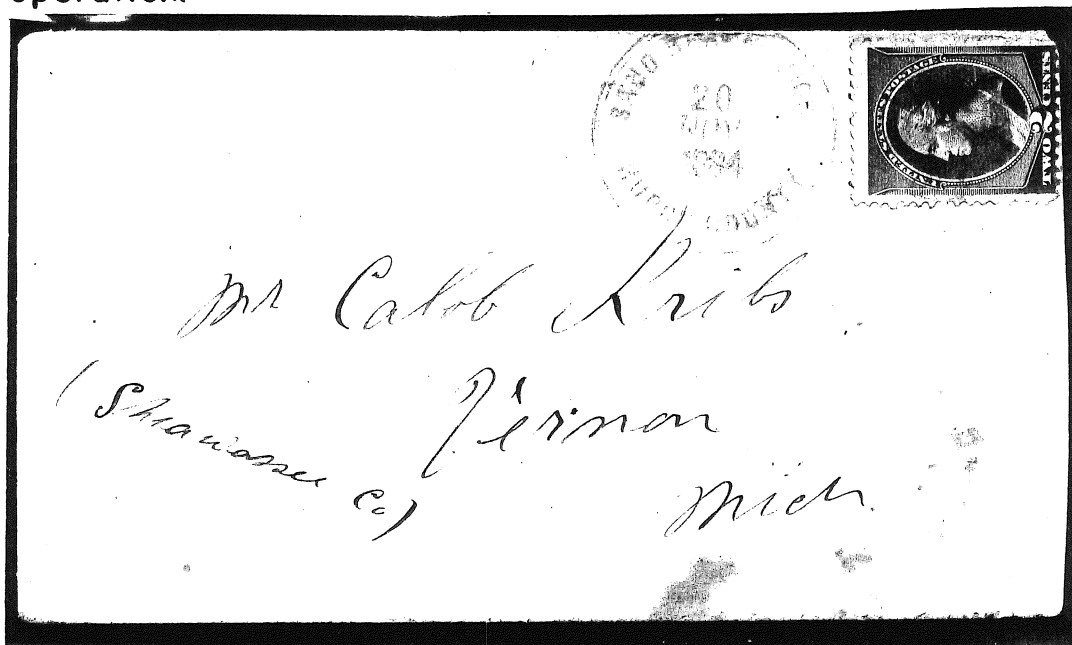


A straight line Frankfort, Mich. on January 13, 1890 in lilac. The target obliterator in black on the die 2 entire first issued in 1887.

## SAND BEACH, MICH.

From Barnettsville, March 31, 1856 to Sand Beach on December 18, 1861 to Harbor Beach on April 18, 1899. Sand Beach was gone forever. Mark Carrington served as postmaster the entire time Sand Beach was in operation.

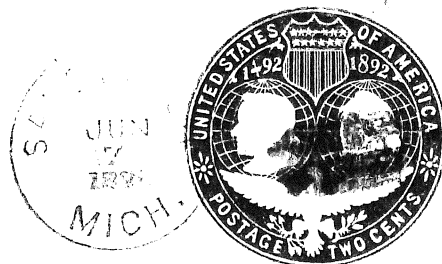
A county cancel, double outer line circle of Sand Beach, Huron county on Nov. 20, 1884. The stamp, a red brown Washington of the October 1, 1883 issue.



Return to J. JENKS & CO.,  
SAND BEACH, Huron Co., Mich.,  
If not delivered within 10 days.

D. M. Ferry & Co.,

Detroit,  
Michigan.

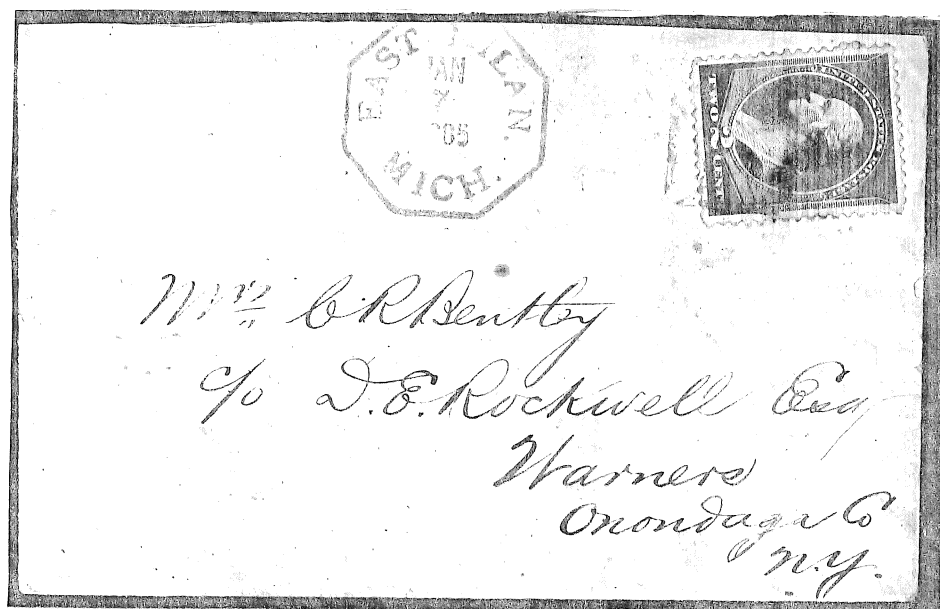


A single outer rim line circle date stamp of Sand Beach in 1898 on a die three Columbian Exposition embossed envelope.



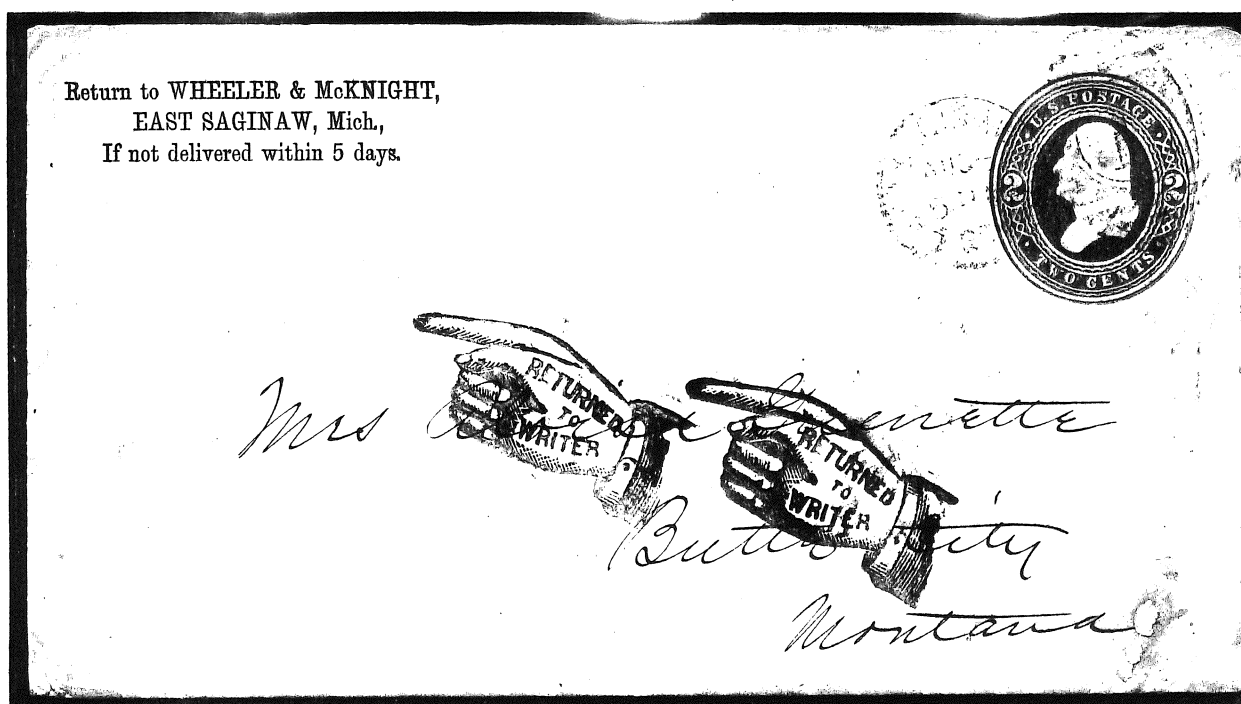
## EAST MILAN TO AZALIA ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1887

East Milan, now Azalia in Monroe County was named for its location in Milan Township. Stephen B. Frink became the first postmaster on August 4, 1869. It was also known as Reeves Station and was finally named after a daughter of a executive on the railroad.



An octagonal townmark of East Milan on January 7, 1885. A maltese cross obliterating the red brown Washington issue of October, 1883. The American Bank Note Company print.

Saginaw East Side from 1885 until consolidated with Saginaw in 1898 had many and varied post marks. The next three pages show cancels of which no two are alike.



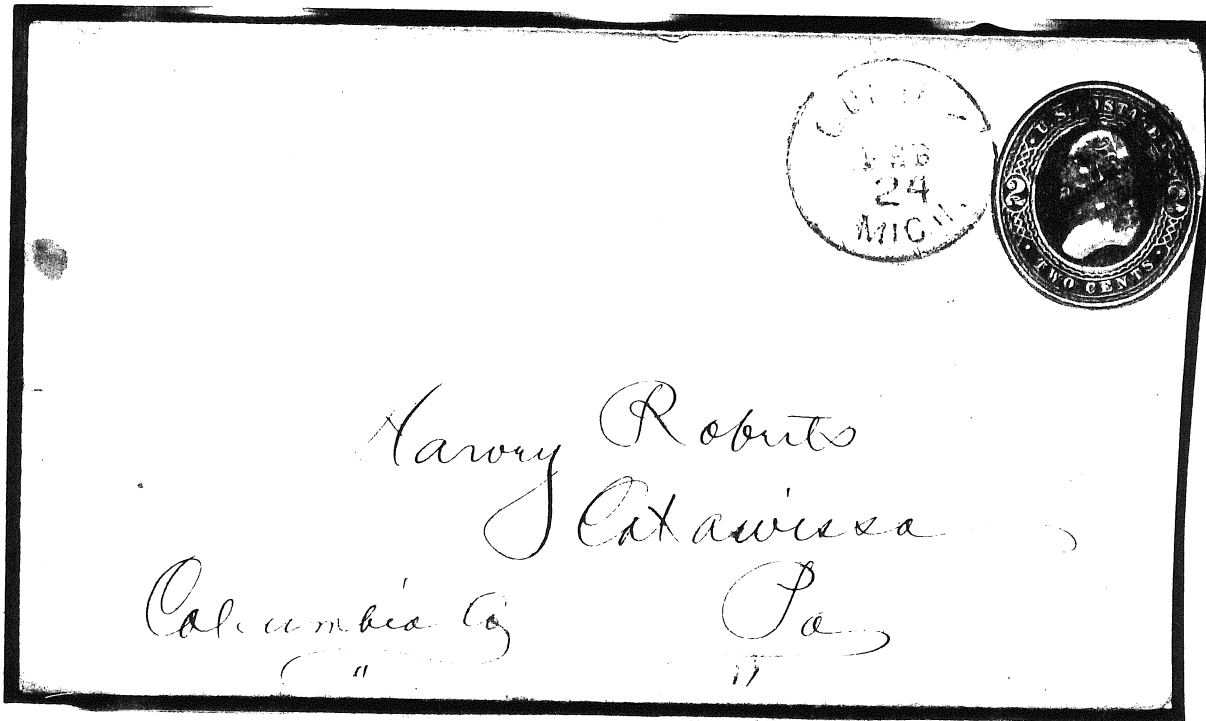
An EAST SAGINAW MICH circle date stamp with date and time in 1885. The circle is 23 mm. Also, a double strike of RETURNED TO WRITER in pointing hand indicating the letter was not delivered. There are carrier and Butth City receiving marks on the back of the cover.

# MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY

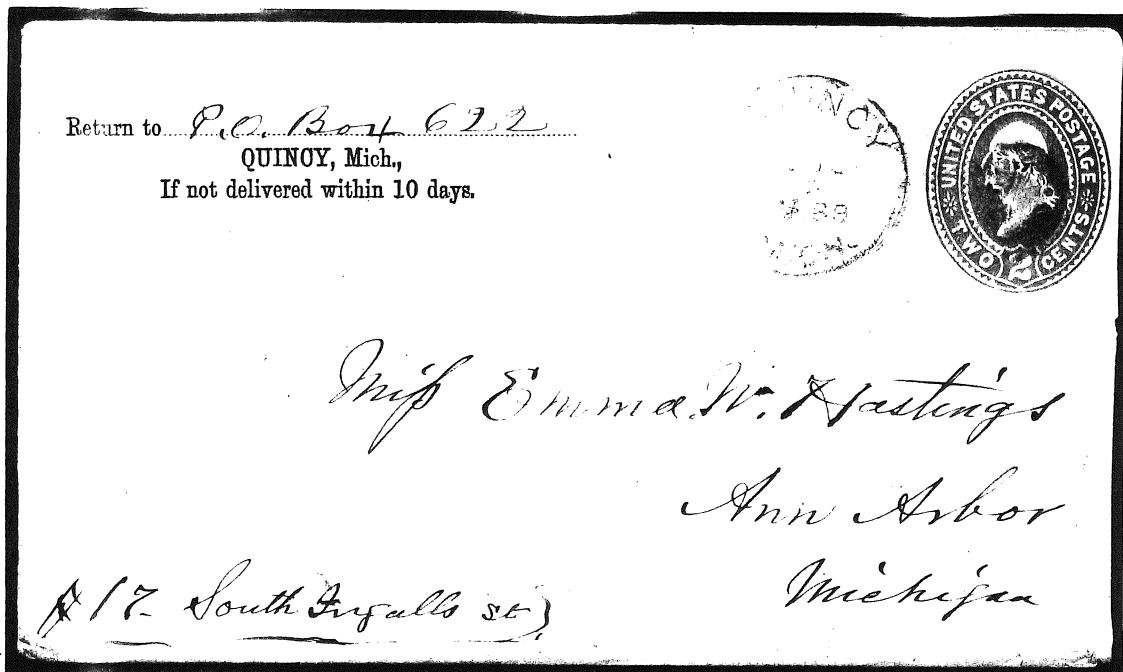
1885-1889

QUINCY, MICH.

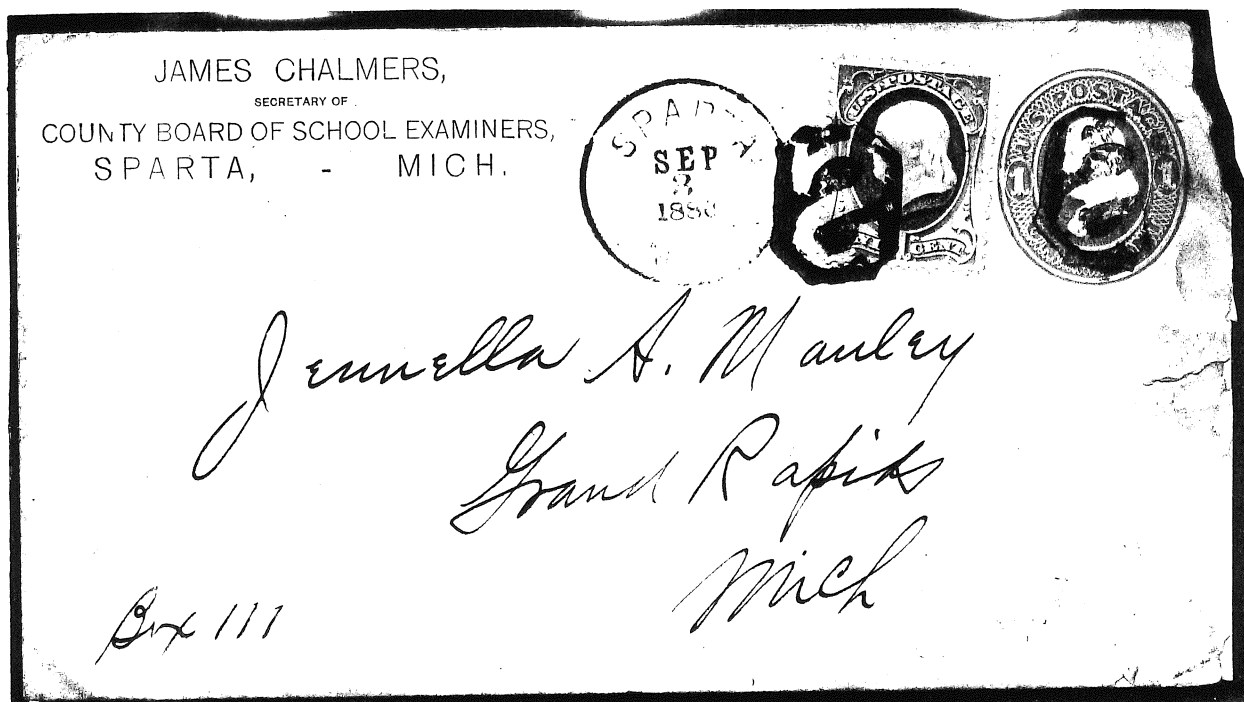
Quincy was named after Quincy, Mass. in 1836. The population during the above period was 800.



The 27 mm circle date stamp above on the embossed envelope of 1884-86. The later strike below is the same size with year date added. The envelope is the die II type of the 1887-94 issue.



REVERSED NEGATIVE "S" KILLER

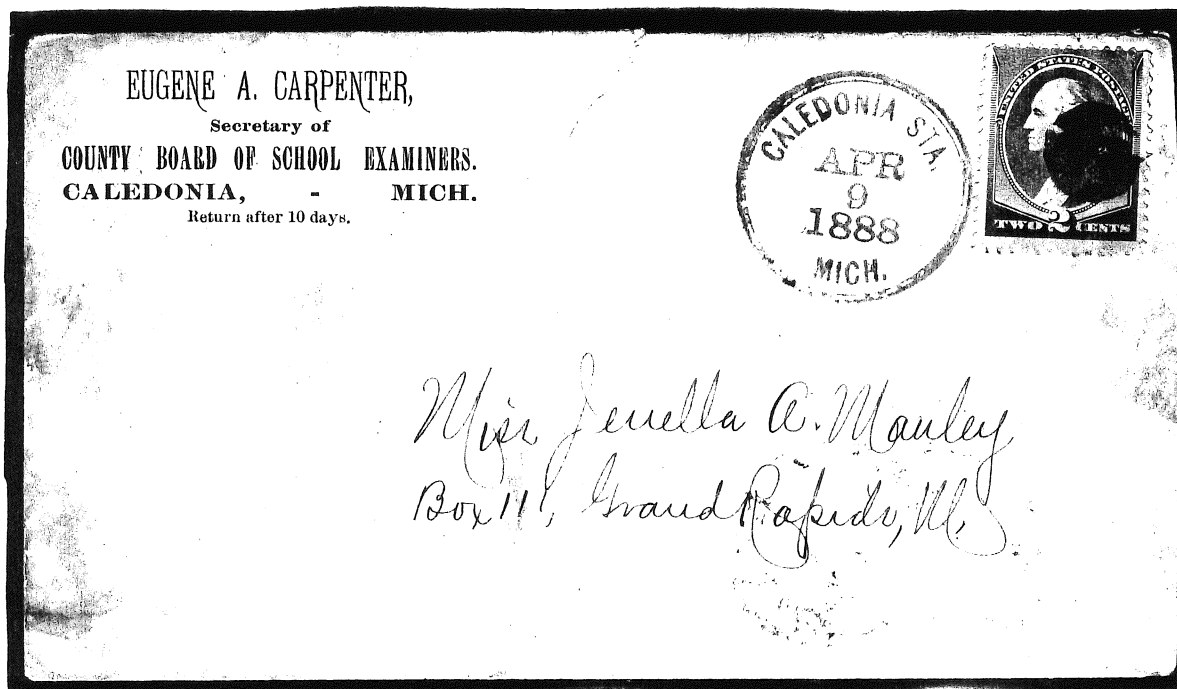
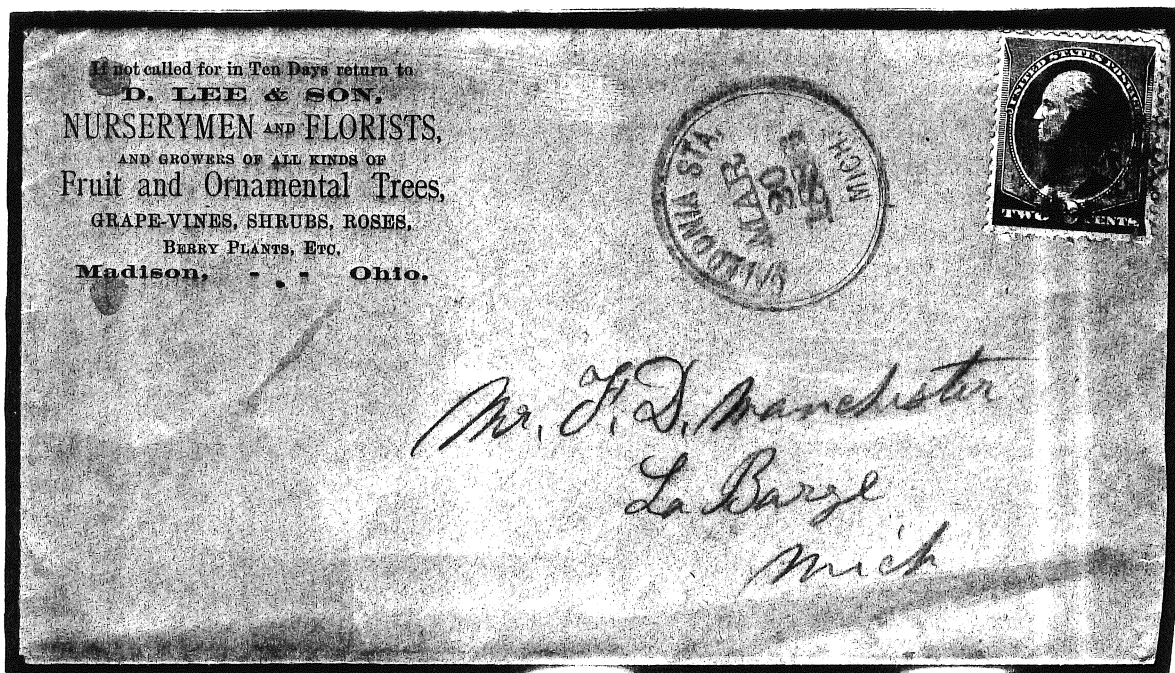


A circle date stamp of Sparta, Mich. on Sept. 3, 1886. This on the light blue Die II entire of the 1874-1886 usage. The one cent Franklin obliterated by the reversed negative "S" killer cancel.

**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
**CALEDONIA STATION, MICH.**

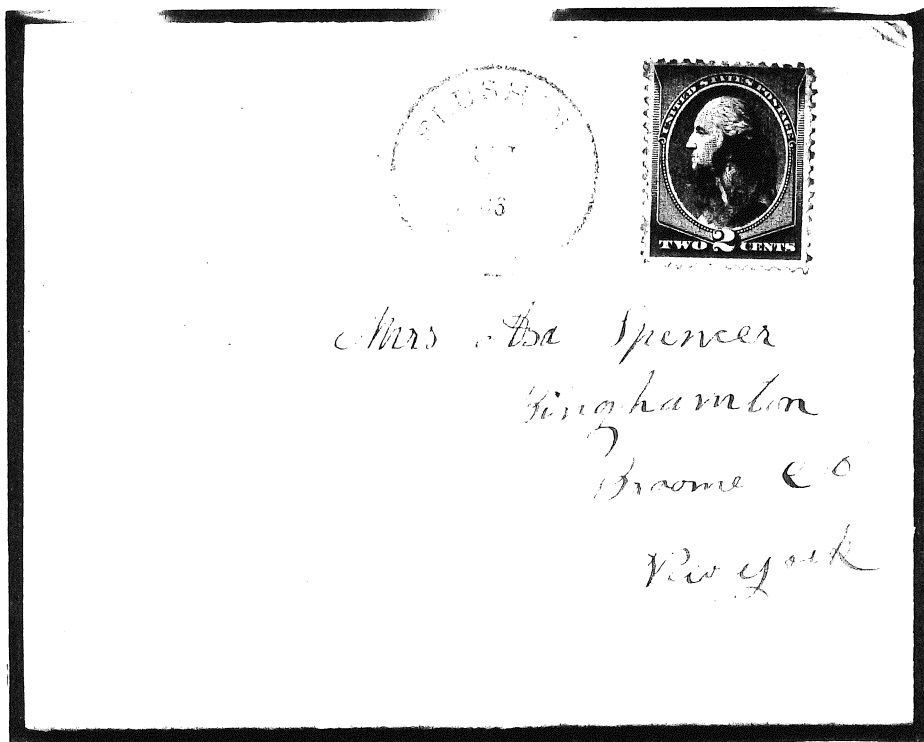
1886-1888

Purple double outer rim circle date stamps on corner card covers. The two cent Washingtons of the red brown and green varieties.

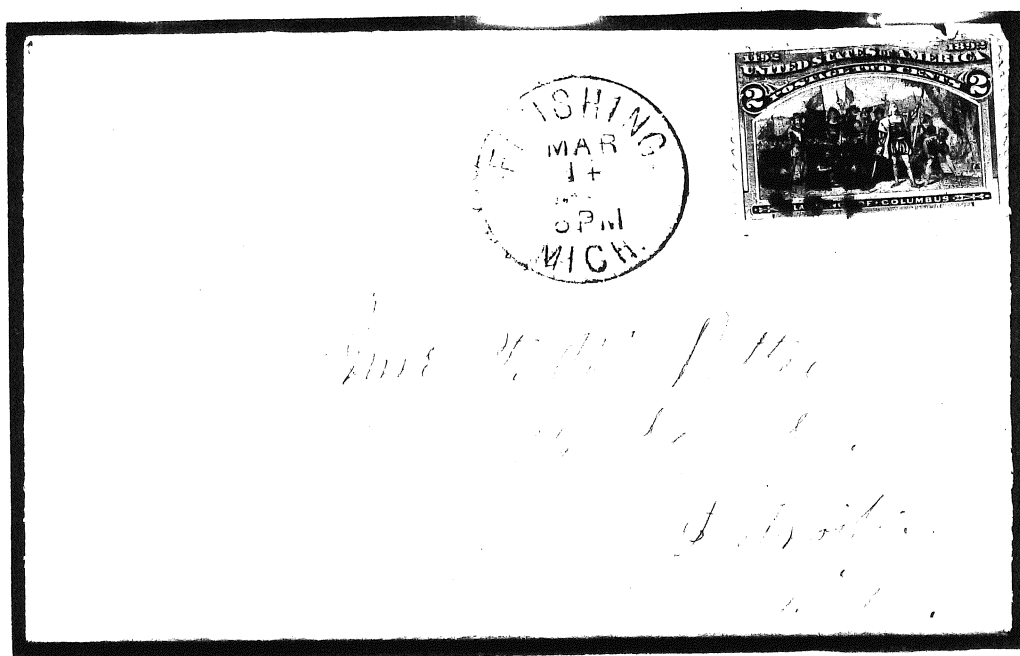


**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
FLUSHING, MICH.

1886-1894

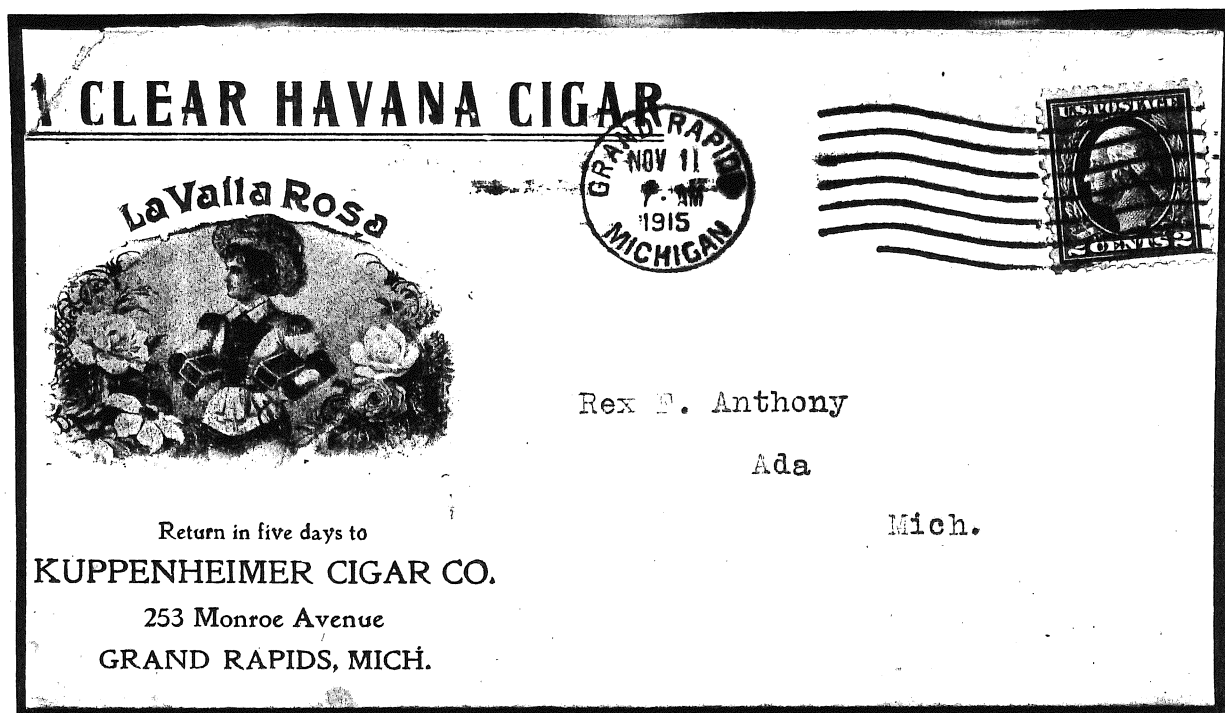
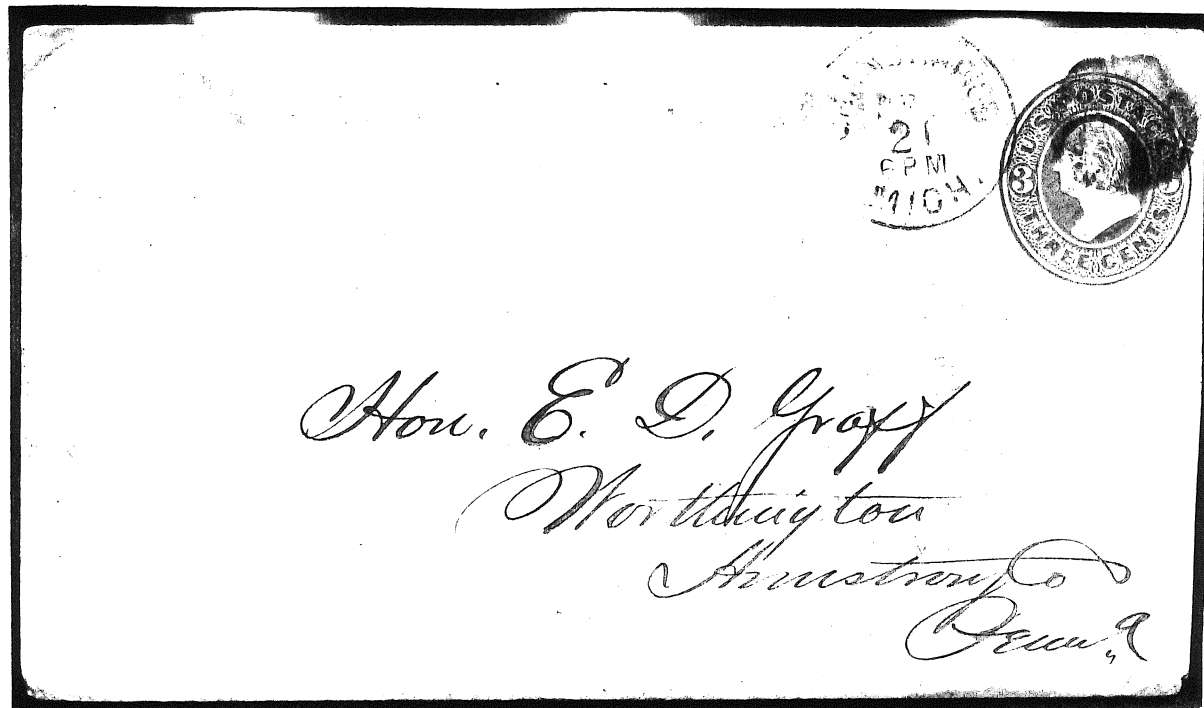


Flushing, Mich. circle date stamps of October, 1886 and March of 1894. The upper in violet with matching smudge cancel. The lower, the usual black cancel with a geometric circle design obliterating the broken hat variety of the two cent Columbian.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

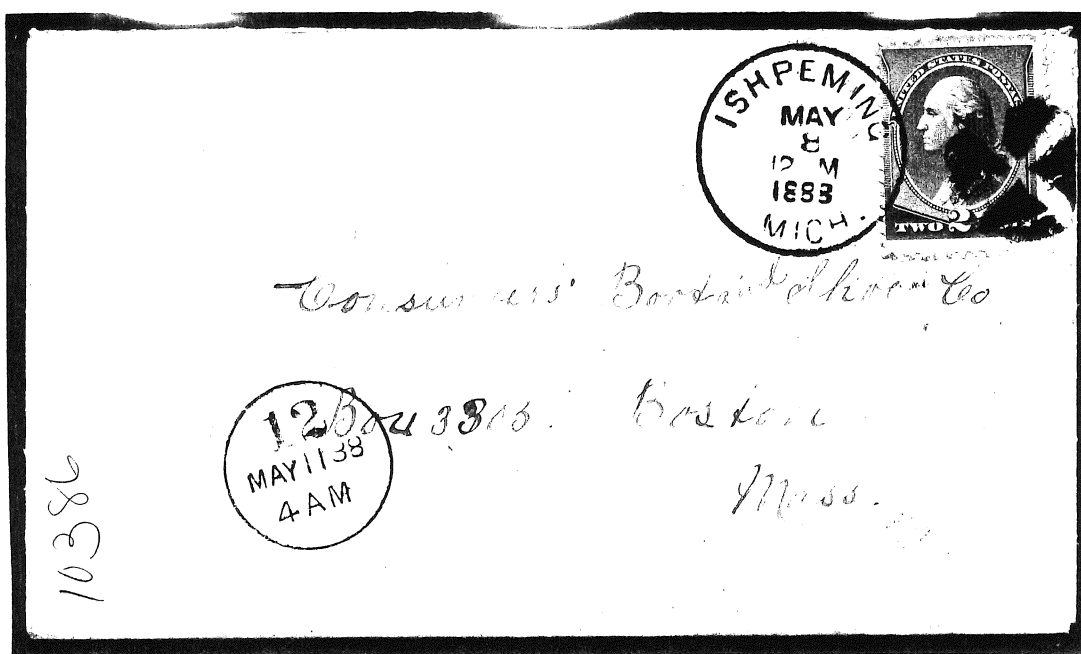
A pair of advertising covers from Grand Rapids with very different post marks on the covers.



**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
ISHPEMING, MICH.

1888

Ishpeming in Marquette County in the Upper Peninsula. The name from the Chippewas meaning heaven or high place. First postmaster was Capt. Gilbert D. Johnson on February 17, 1863.

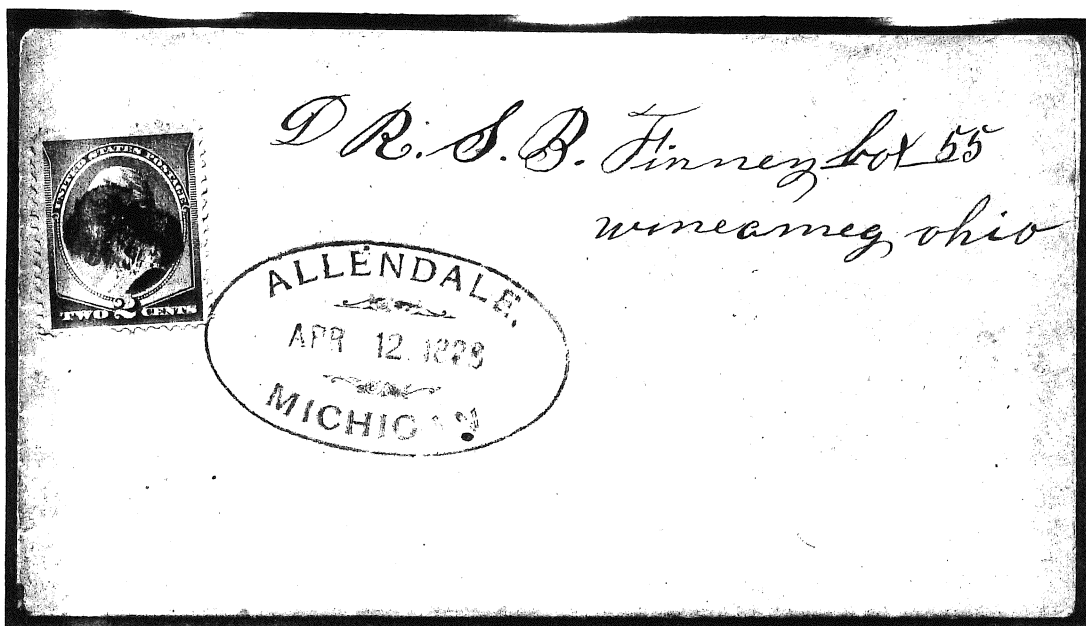


A 28 mm circle date stamp with geometric cork cancel. The 22 mm circle with 12 (post office number) date and time is the Boston, Mass. receiving mark.



ALLENDALE, MICH.

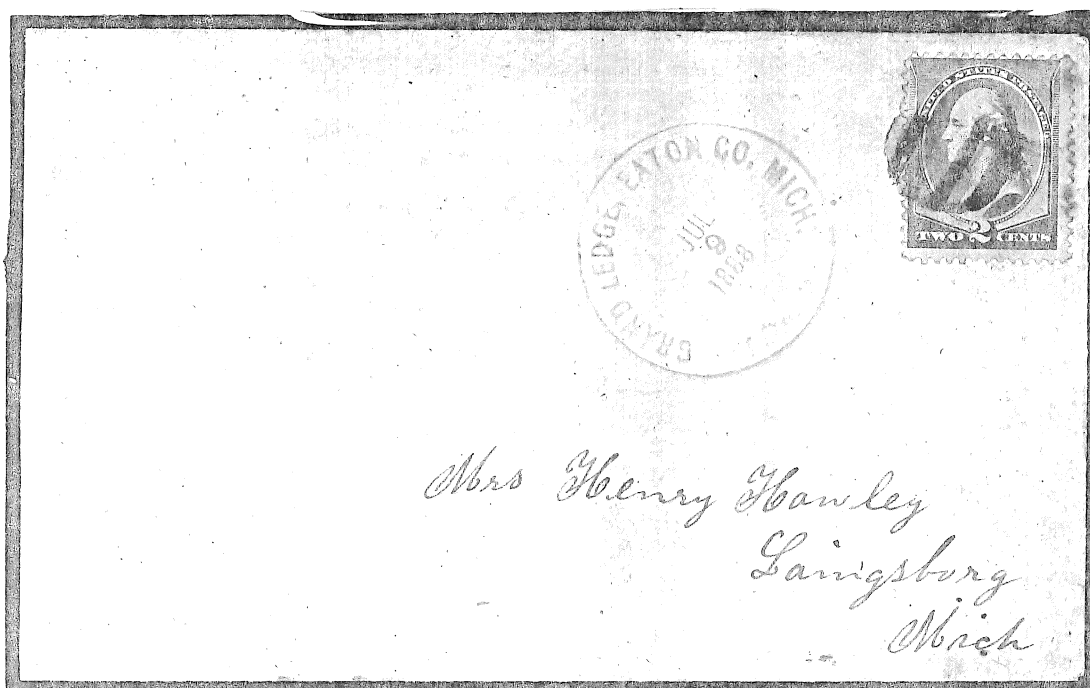
## OVAL BALLOON CANCEL



The Allendale, Mich. oval cancel on April 12, 1888 is 49 mm in length. The smudge socked on the nose cancel on the two cent Washington of September 10, 1887.

COUNTY CANCEL

Grand Ledge, in Eaton County though settled earlier was first named in 1850 when Henry A. Trench became the first postmaster in July of that year.



A 34mm purple circle date stamp of Grand Ledge, Eaton County on July 9, 1888. The smudge in the bottom of the circle is M.O.B. (Money Order Business) This determined as the other county cancellor being used during the period did not have the comma after Grand Ledge.

Oakdale Park, in Kent County was a station on the Detroit,

Lansing and Northern Railroad.

Charles L. Wilson became its first postmaster on September 18, 1888. The office operated until August 29, 1894 when it became Station "F" of the Grand Rapids post office.

The cancel, a 28 mm Oakdale Park circle date stamp.

Grand Rapids December 4, 1889  
Respected Cousin  
Leet & Lucy &  
Family how do you all  
do to night I hope you  
are all well I am feeling  
pretty well I am working  
Every day I like carpenter  
work quite well & all  
of the rest are well as  
far as I know. My father  
Byron Gallup is dead &  
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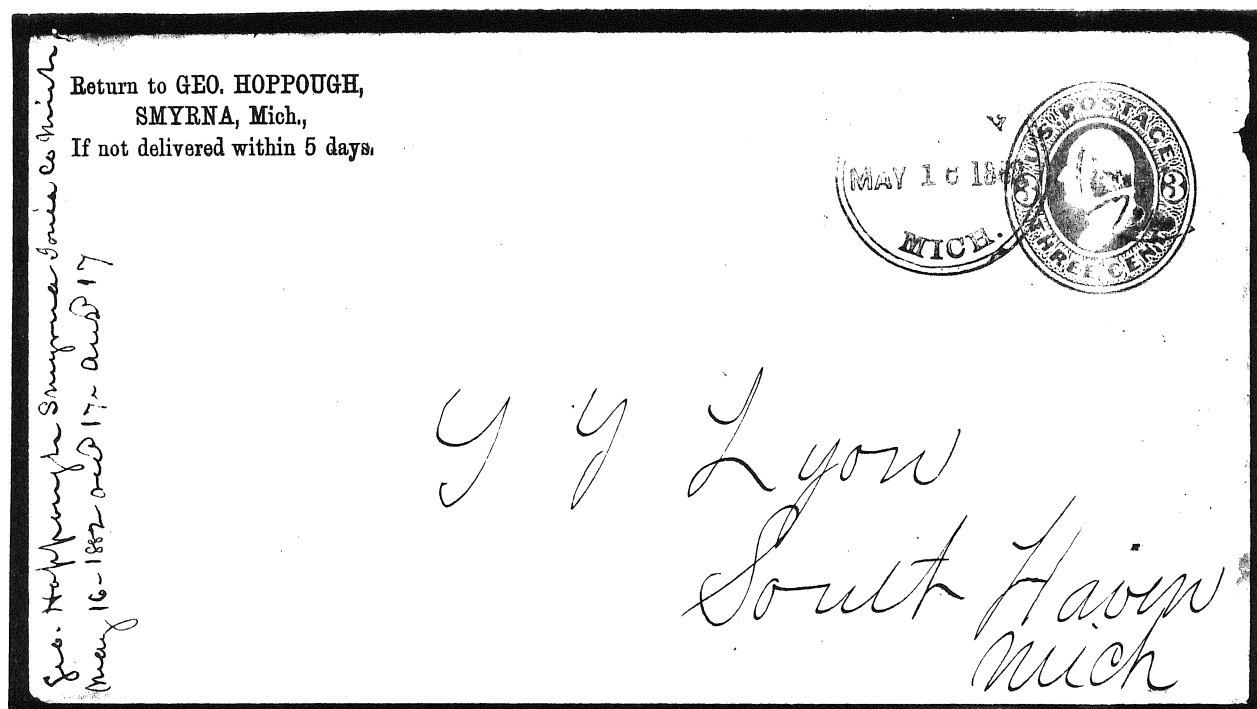


Mr S L Wilson  
Myerand  
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at home

SMYRNA, MICH.

Smyrna, in Ionia County had its first post office on March 16, 1848.

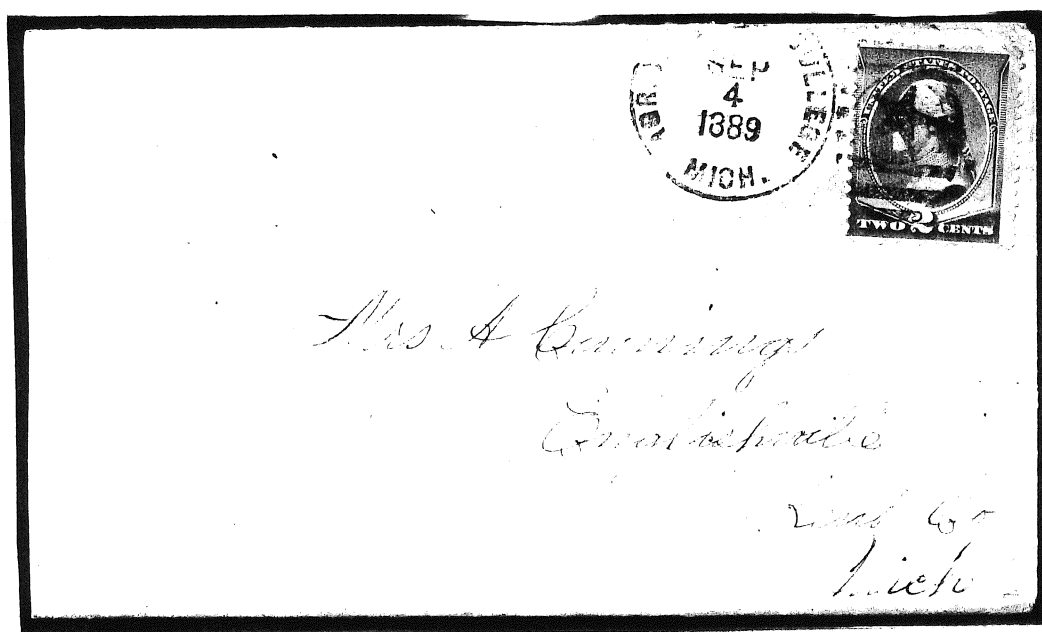


A double line outer circle of SMYRNA, MICH. with a straight line month, day and year across the center. The geometric strike on the die 2 print of 1874-76.

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

On June 30, 1884 a post office was established in Ingham county and was named Agricultural College. It was to serve the worlds first agricultural college which was founded in 1855. Today it is known as Michigan State University.

On August 26, 1907, the town was renamed East Lansing. Reverend Robert G. Baird, secretary of the college was the first postmaster.



The circle date stamp on the cover is the original townmark used at the post office. Addressed to Englishville which had its first post office in July of 1856.

MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

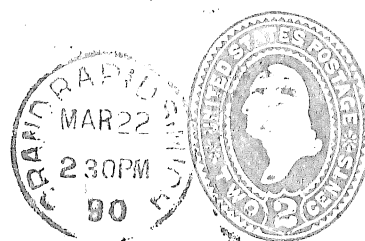
1889-1890

Return to LEMON & PETERS,  
Cor. Ionia & Island Sts., GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.,  
If not delivered within 10 days.



*A. S. Musselman & Co.  
City*

GRAND RAPIDS BRASS COMPANY,  
MANUFACTURERS OF  
BRASS AND BRONZE GOODS,  
FURNITURE TRIMMINGS, ETC.  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.  
RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS.



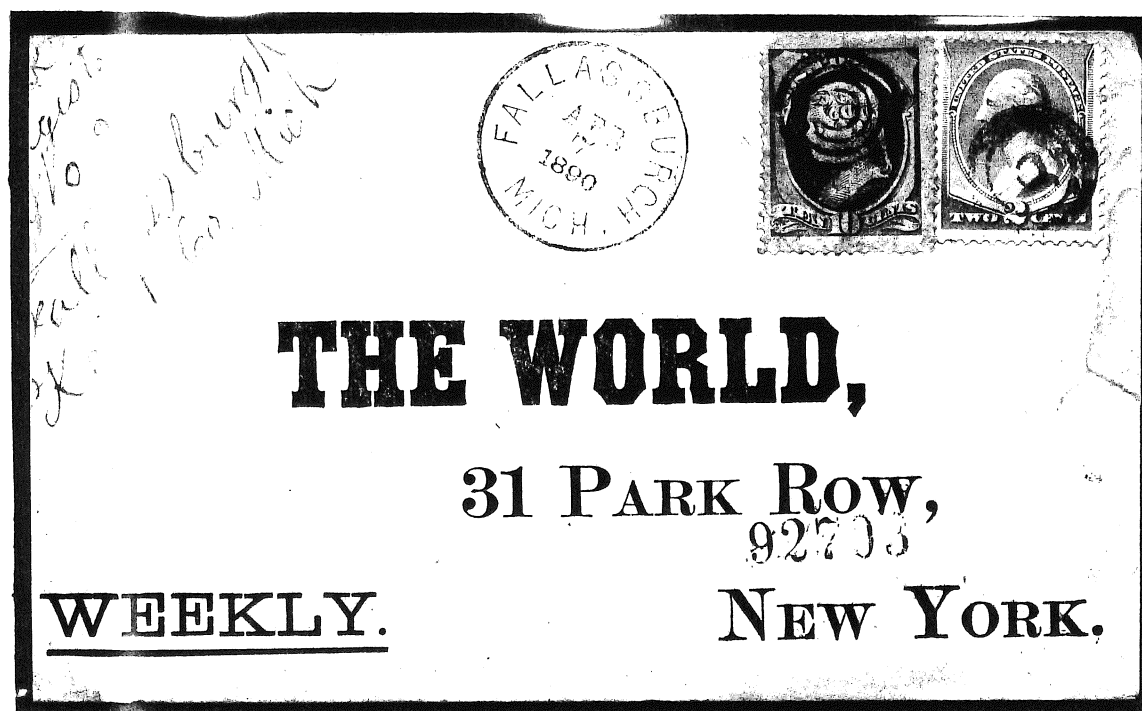
*J. R. Refrigerator Co.  
City*

A nice contrast in greens on a white and oriental buff embossed corner card covers. Circle date stamps of Grand Rapids, Mich. in October of 1889 and March of 1890. Both from the die 2 print.

FALLASSBURG, MICH.

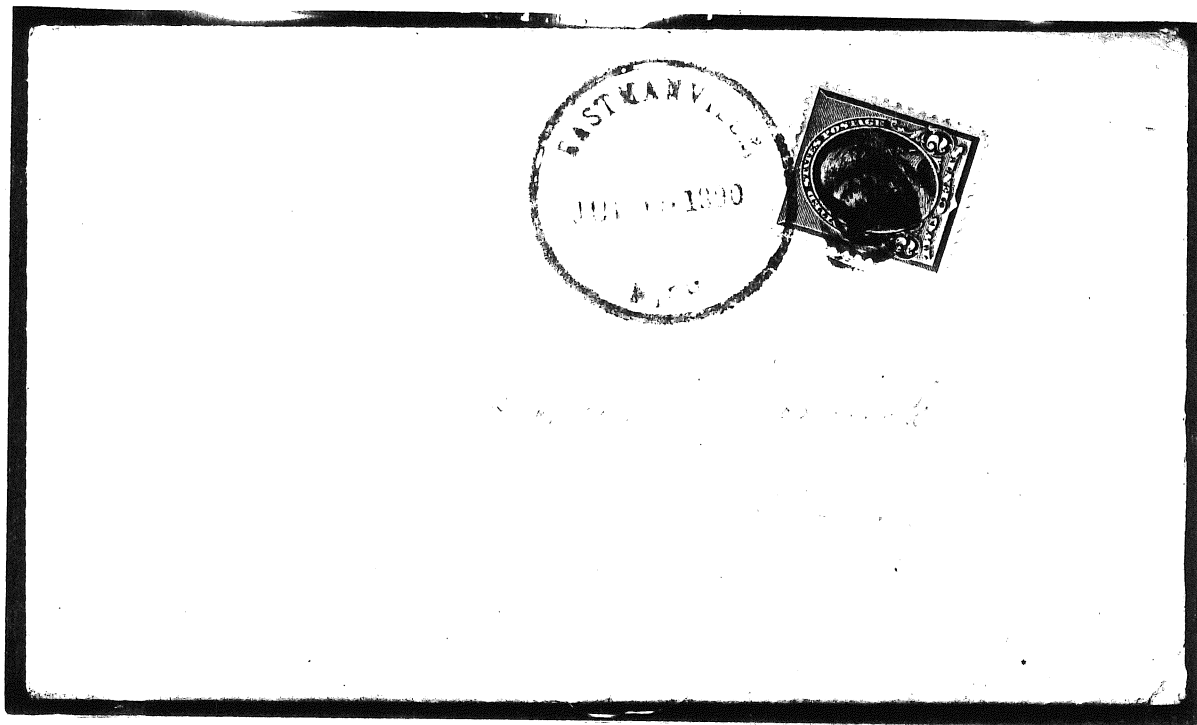
**FALLASSBURGH**

The spelling of Fallasburg was changed on July 29, 1893.



The two cent stamp pays the postal rate by Act of March 3, 1883 which reduced the rate from three to two cents. The ten cent is for the registration fee. The 28 mm FALLASSBURGH circle date stamp in use until July of 1893.

Eastmanville in Ottawa County was platted and named by Dr. Eastman in 1855. Prior to this, Dr. Eastman had organized and named the town of Polkton after president James Polk. He was the first postmaster of Polkton on May 28, 1846. The Polkton post office was changed to Eastmanville on March 8, 1856.

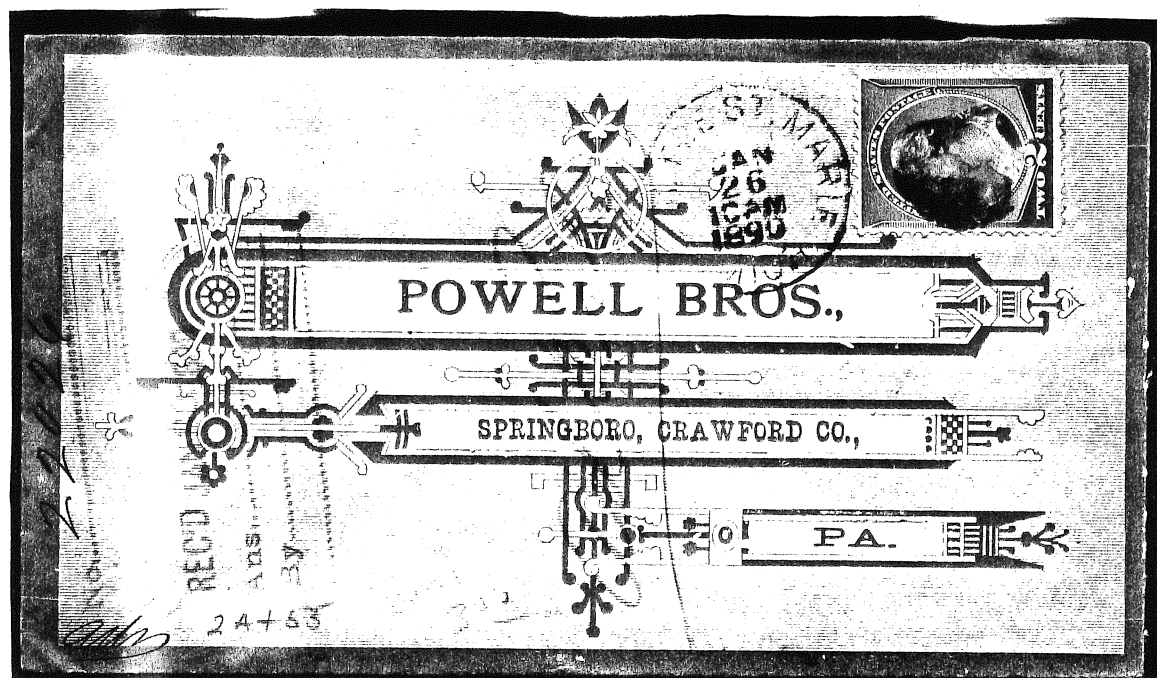


A heavy outer rim, 35 mm purple cancel on July 15, 1890. The month, day and year, straight line across the center. The cover to Davison, Mich. where a Davison Station receiving mark was struck on July 16 on the back.



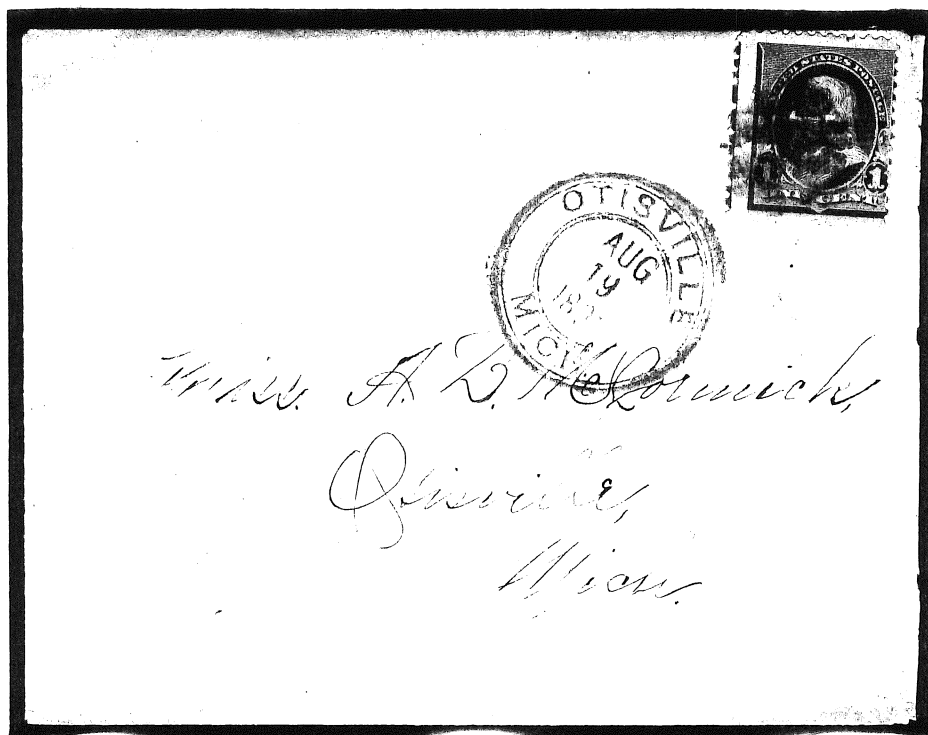
## SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MICH.

Le Sault de Sainte Marie was shortened to Sault Sainte Marie in 1823. In 1849 it became St. Mary but in 1879 was re-incorporated as Sault Sainte Marie. In 1890 the circle date stamp of Sault de St. Marie was still in use as seen below.



A 28 mm circle date stamp on an over all preaddressed advertising cover with company receiving strike at left.

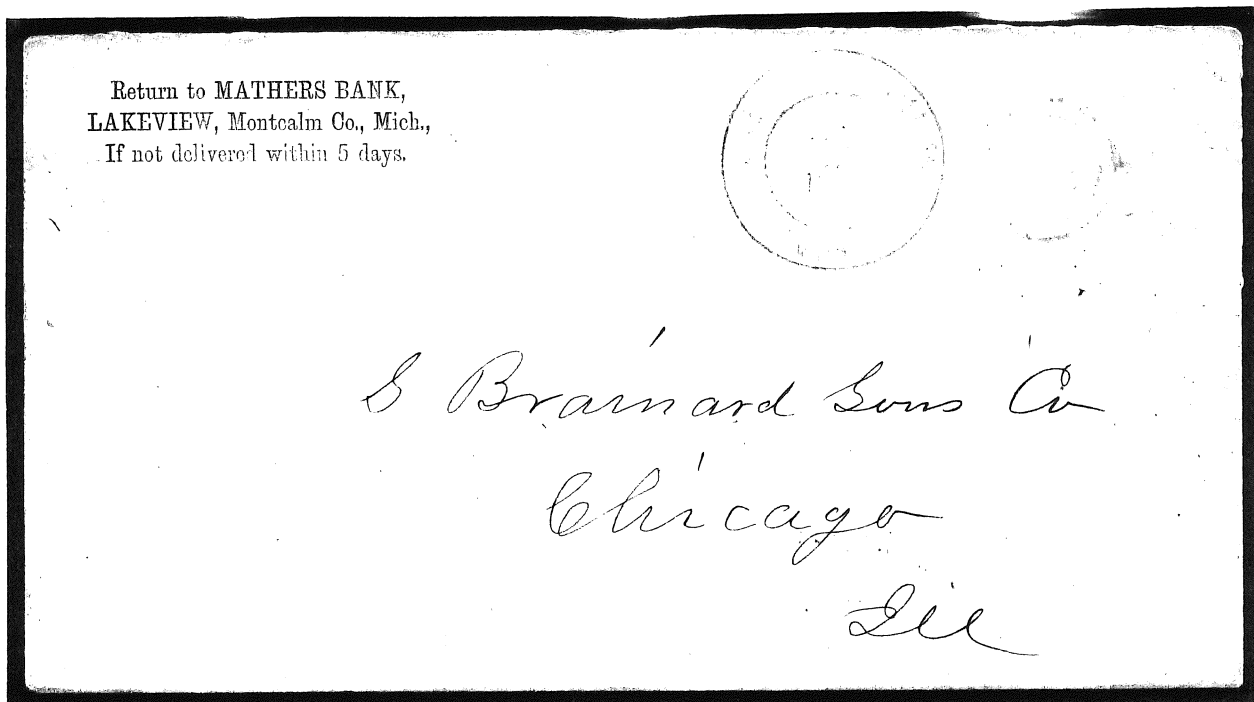
DROP LETTER RATE



One of the more uncommon circle date stamps is the double line double circle as the Otisville strike shown above. The one cent Franklin paying the fee for delivery in the city.

ALBINO ENVELOPE

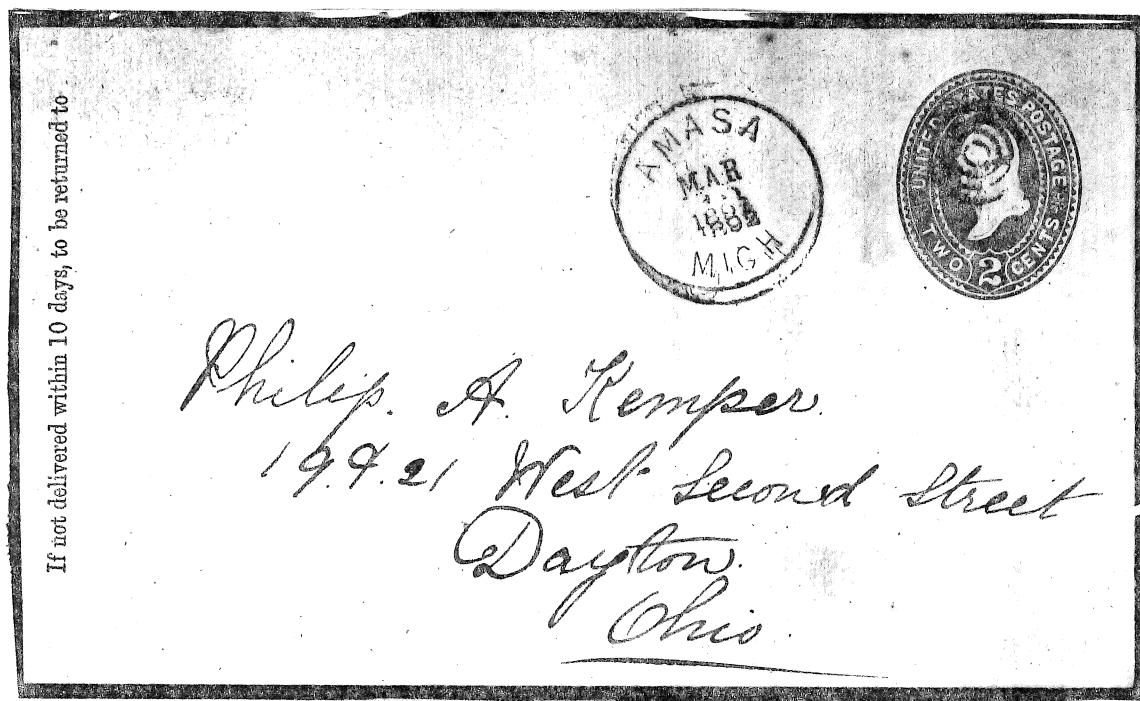
The two cent Washington embossed envelope of 1887-'94  
which for some reason did not receive any ink.



COUNTY CANCEL

The double circle date stamp of Lakeview, Montcalm County  
on July 27, 1891 with target cancel on the corner card cover as  
described above.

Amasa, Iron County in the upper peninsula was a station on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. It was platted in October of 1890 as the village of Hemlock. It was renamed Amasa and Fredrick F. Sanford became the first postmaster on March 7, 1891.



A circle date stamp of Amasa, Mich. on March 10, 1892. The envelope, a die 2 printing of the 1887-94 issue.

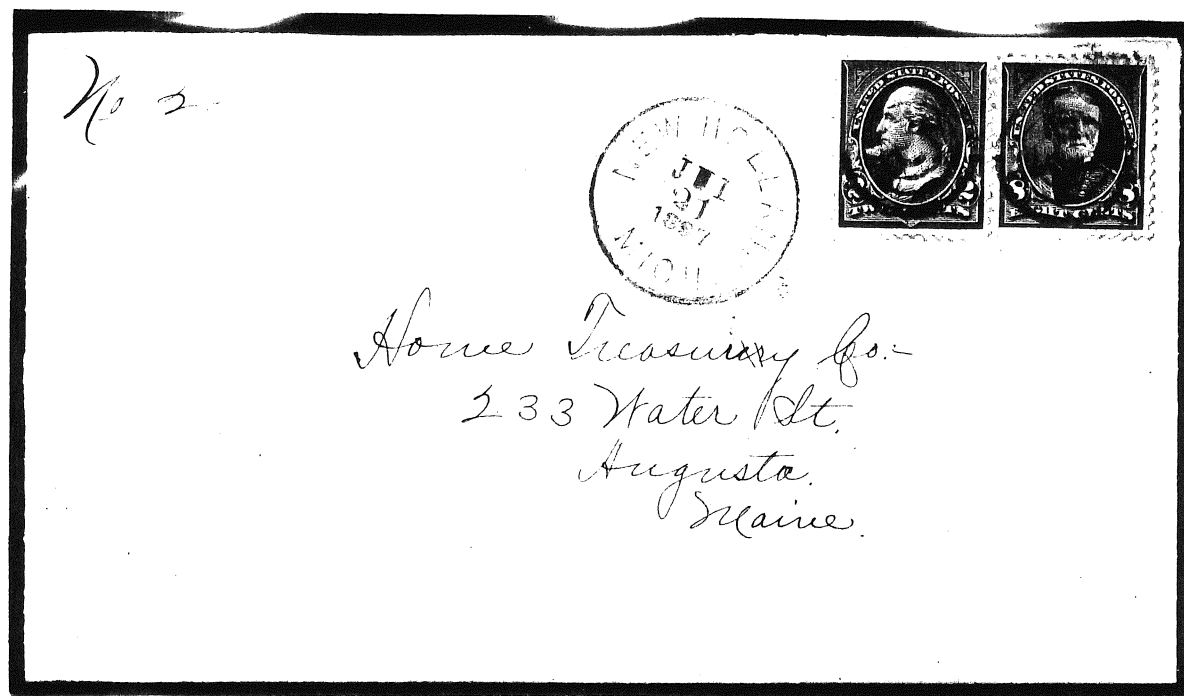
# MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY

NEW HOLLAND, MICH.

1892-1897



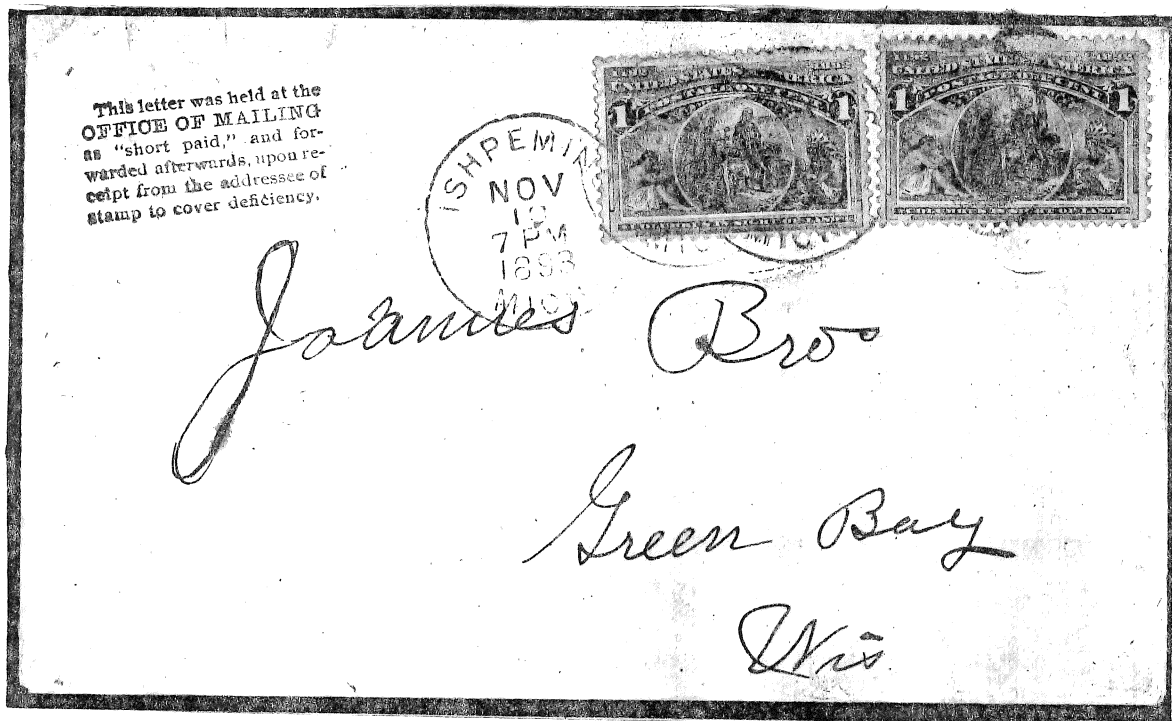
A blue 32 mm cancel with month, date and year in a straight line across the center of the circle. A matching blue target cancel on the stamp.



A registered letter with a 28 mm circle date stamp with target cancels on the two cent for the domestic rate and the eight cent for registration.

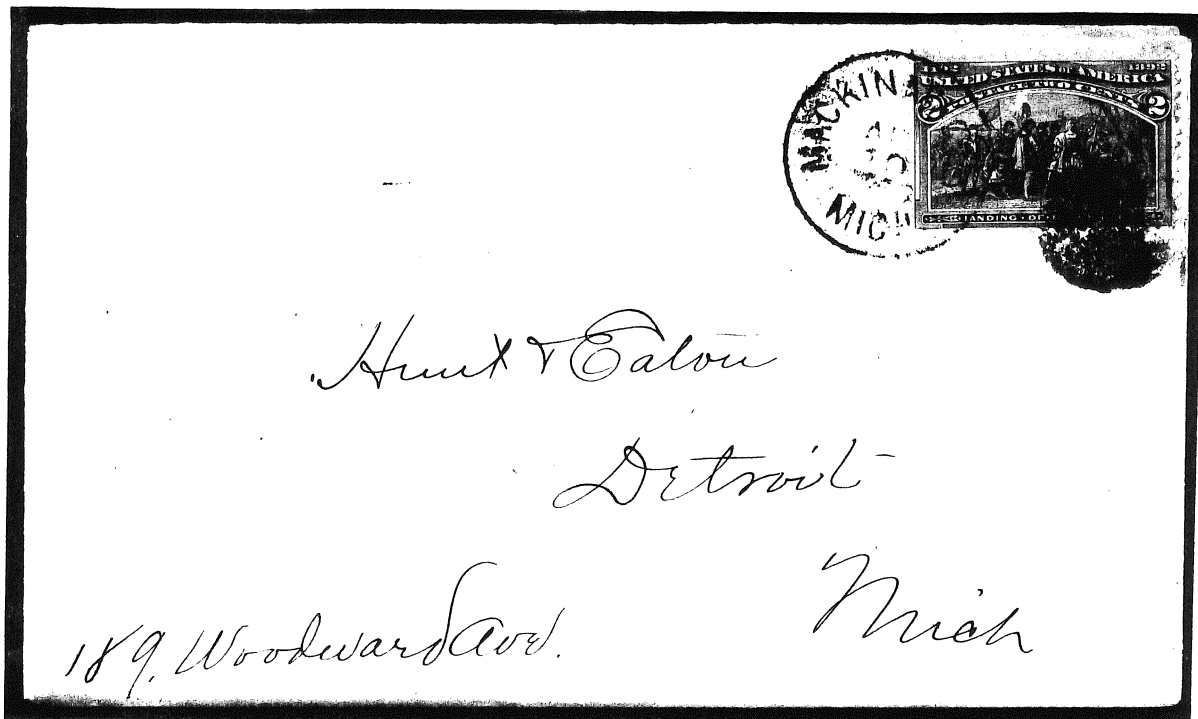
SHORT PAID

This letter was held at the office of mailing as "short paid" and forwarded upon receipt of proper postage from the addressee.



After receiving the proper postage from the addressee the postmaster affixed the two one cent Columbians. These over the circle date stamp applied before the postage was added. The circle date stamp of Ishpeming, Mich. then canceled the stamps and the letter delivered to Green Bay, Wisc.

Mackinac City, Cheboygan County, shortened to Mackinac on November 22, 1894. On December 19, 1935 it was changed back to Mackinac City. Louis J. Willets, general storekeeper became the first postmaster April 25, 1871.



A circle date Mackinac City strike, August 10, 1893 on a broken hat variety of the two cent Columbian.

Saint Ignace, Mackinac County had the mission of Saint Ignace founded by Jacques Marquette in 1671. It was named for Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. It was called Mackinaw and Ancient Fort Mackinac. Peter W. Homback became the first postmaster on November 3, 1874.

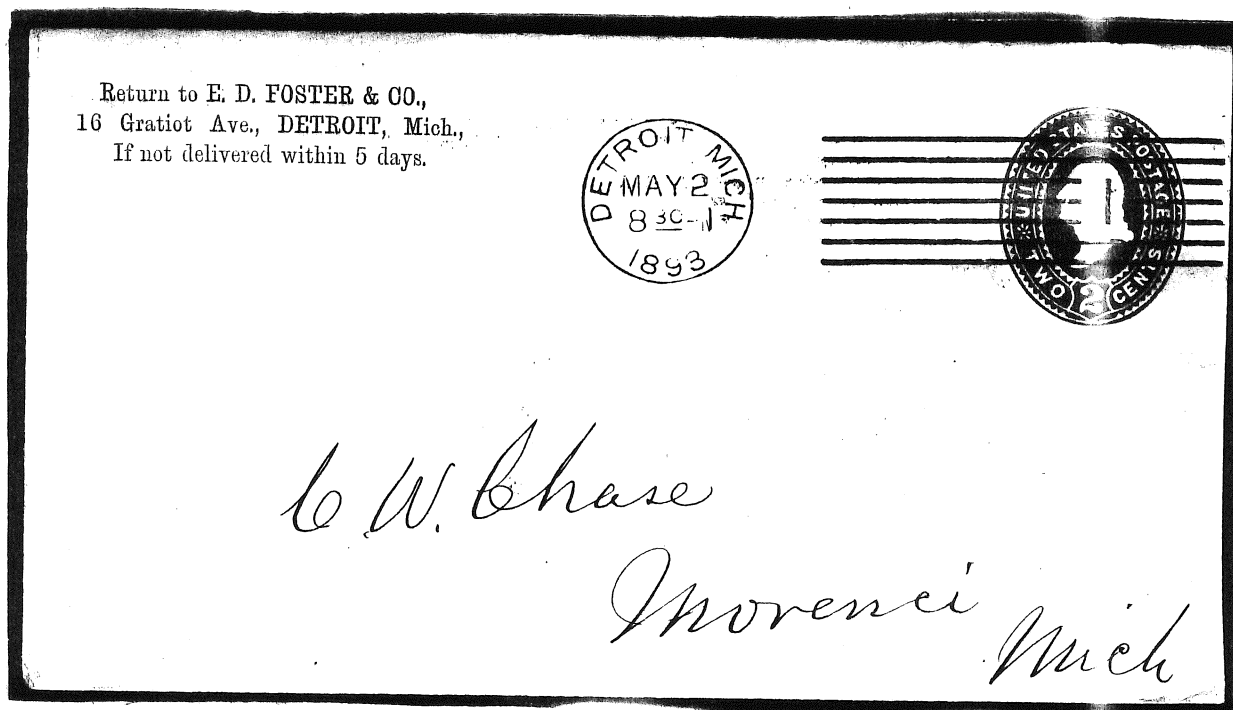


The 29 mm circle date stamp of Saint Ignace in August of 1893 on the broken hat variety of the two cent Columbian. The two cent Columbian was the most important stamp of the set paying the two cents per ounce domestic rate. There were 1,464,588,750 printed. Today, (1987) it still ranks sixth in the total number of commemorative stamps printed.

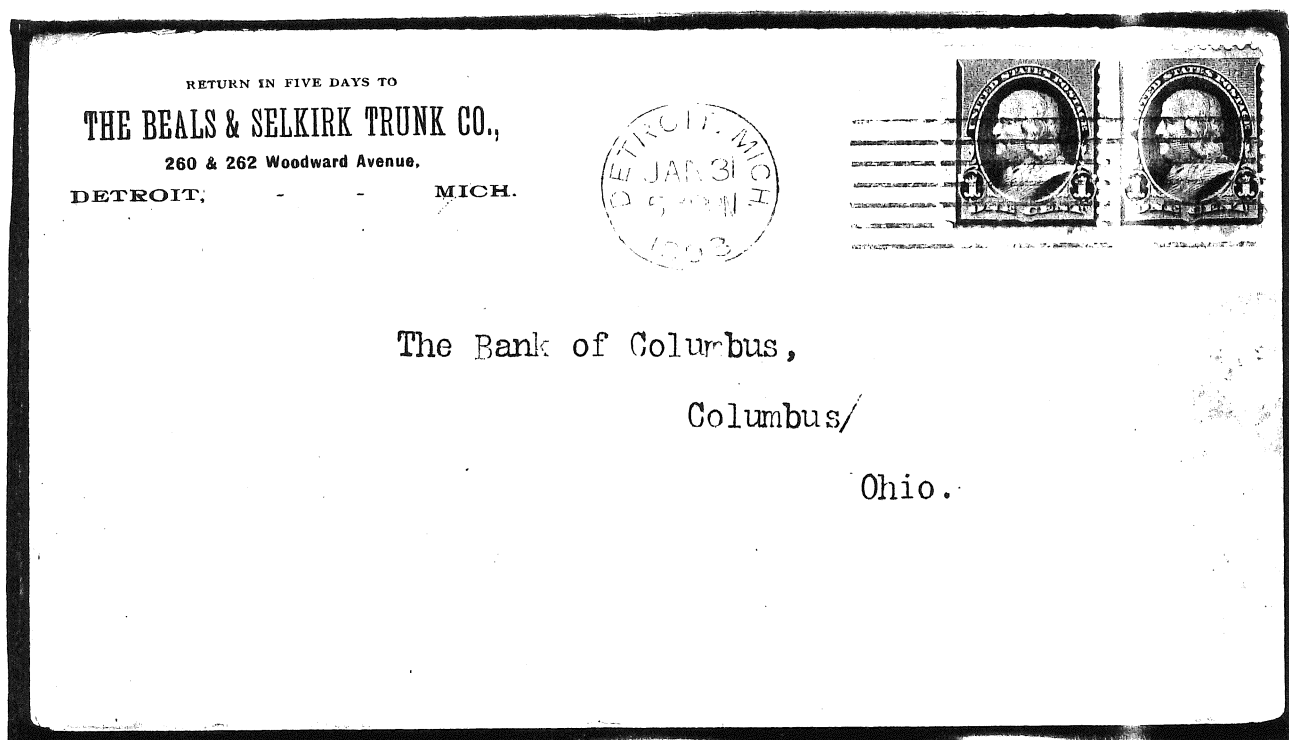


MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY  
DETROIT, MICH.

1893

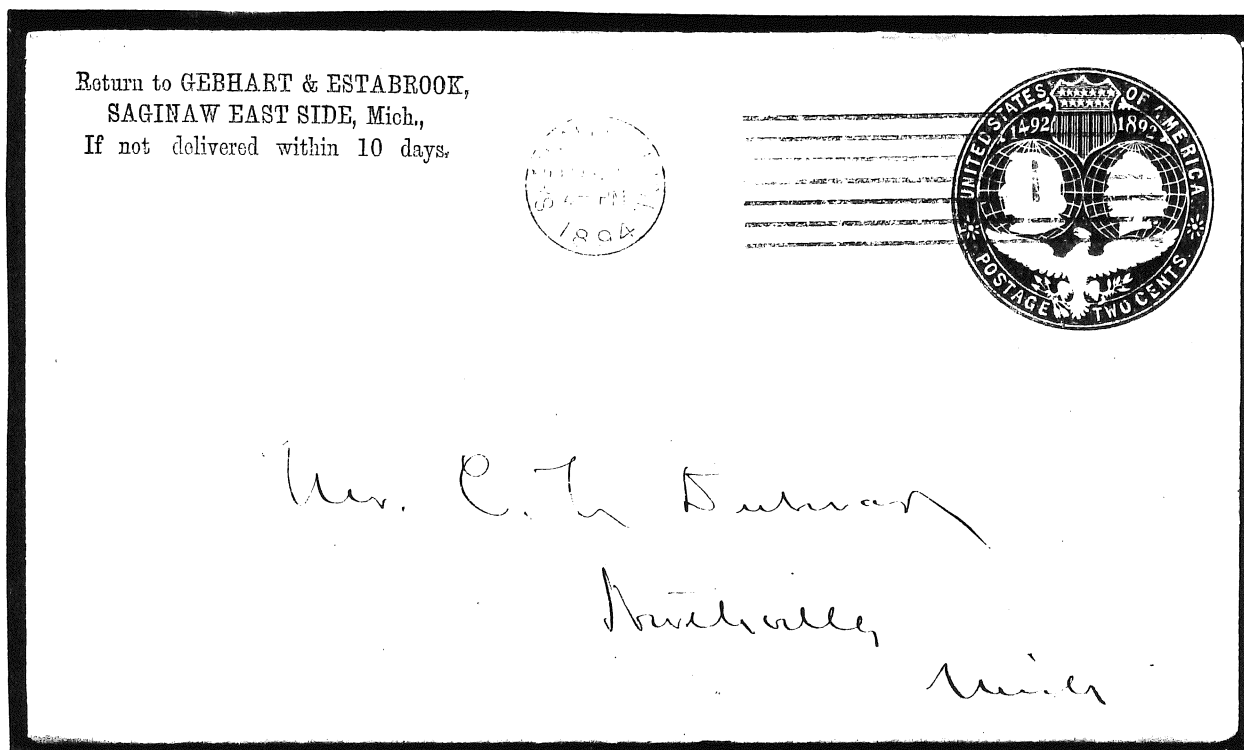
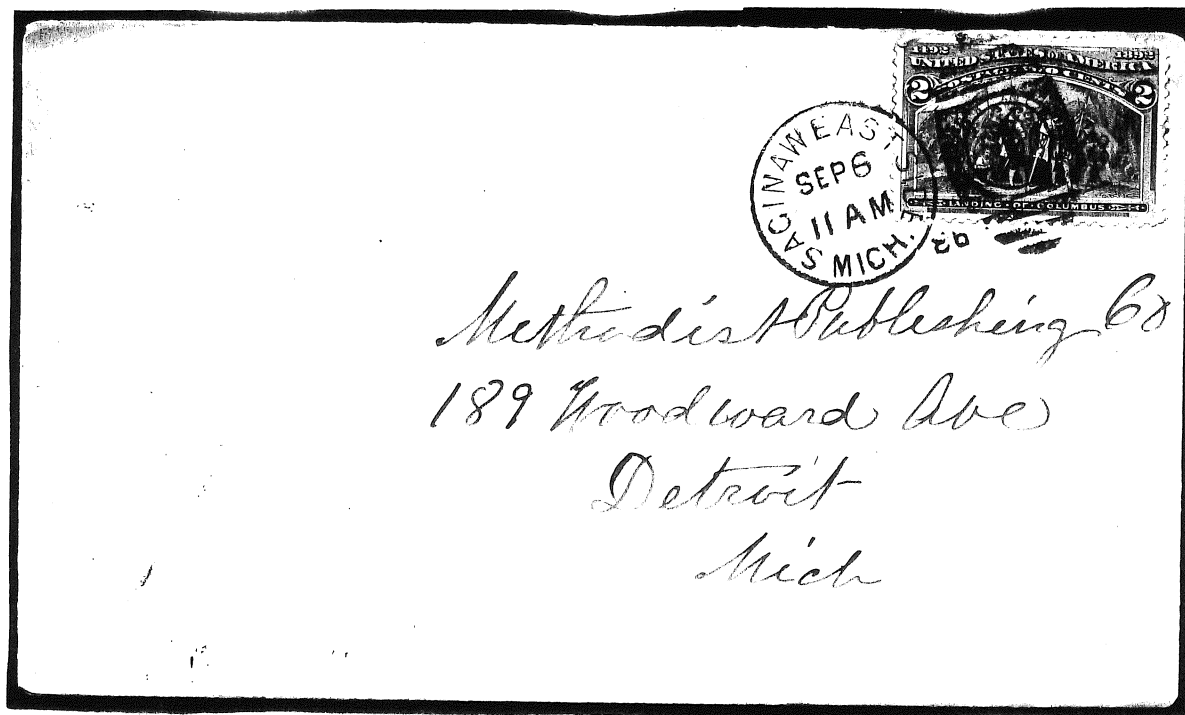


Two 11mm circle date stamps on corner card covers of Detroit, Mich. The upper an embossed entire of the 1887-94 printing. The lower on a pair of the one cent Franklins, ultramarine, of the 1890 issue. Printed by the American Bank Note Co.



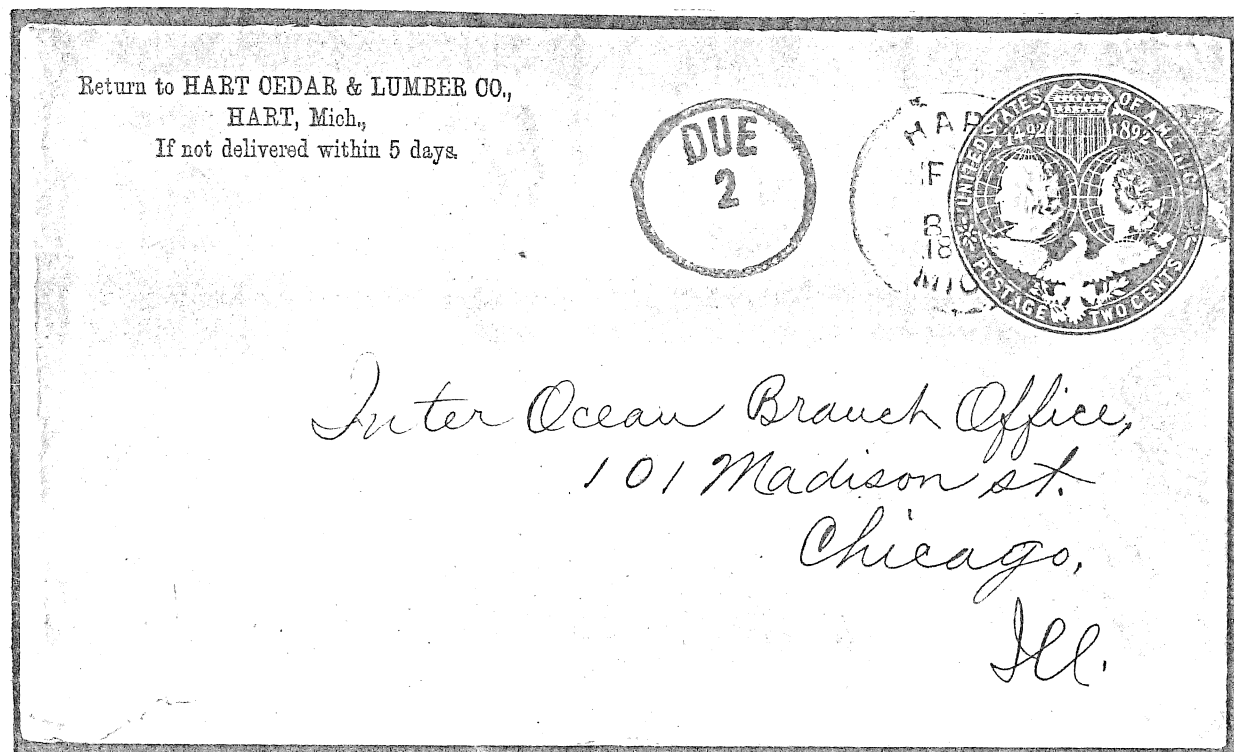
**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
SAGINAW EAST SIDE, MICH.

1893-1894

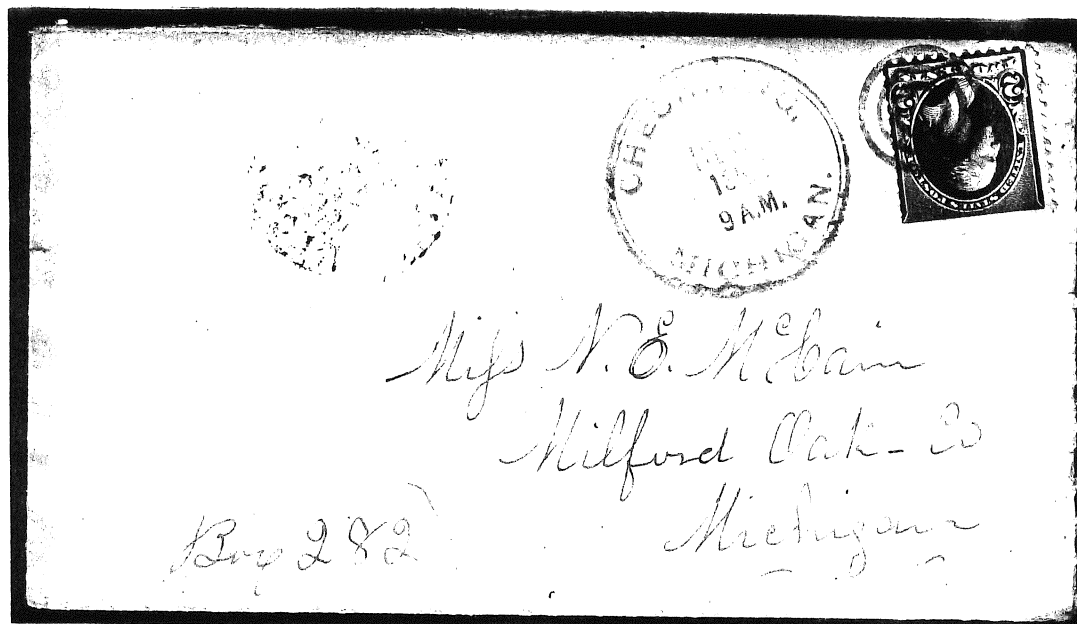


SAGINAW EAST SIDE, 25 mm and SAGINAW E S, 19 mm in 1893 and 1894. The upper a hand cancel and the lower an early machine cancel. The machine cancel on a die 1 Columbian Exposition embossed envelope. It has a Northville receiving mark on the back.

DUE TWO - OVERWEIGHT



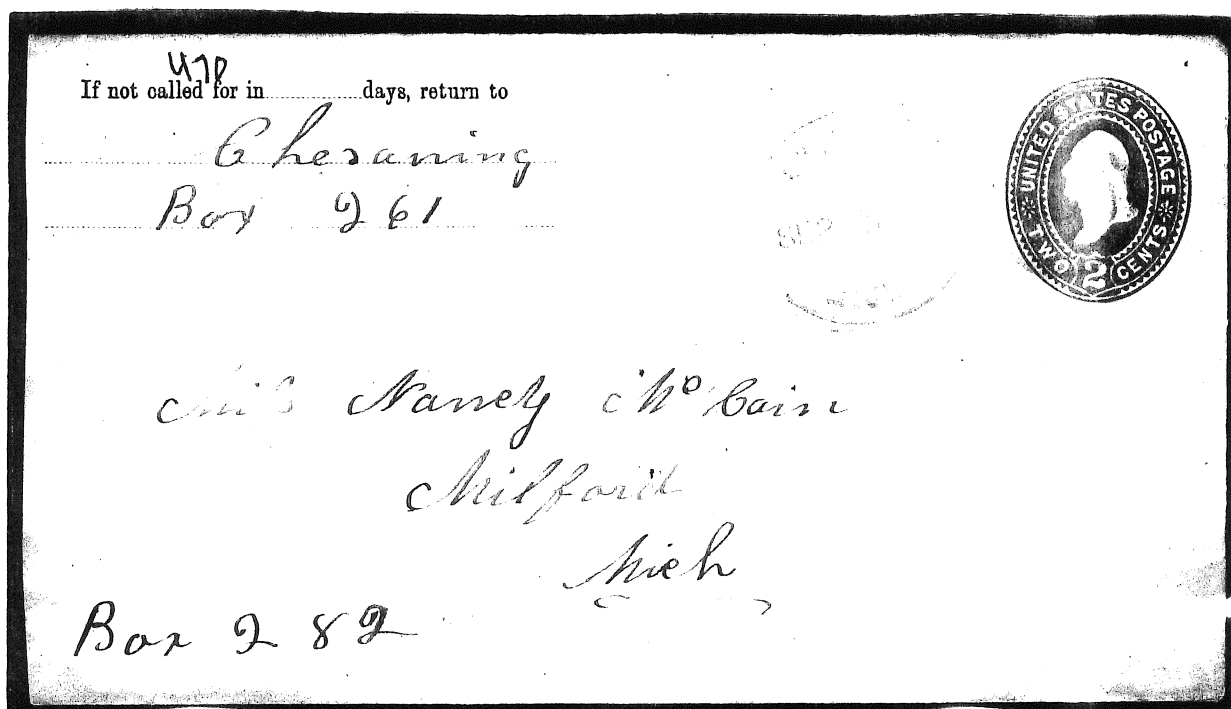
An overweight letter so the purple "DUE 2" in circle applied to collect the additional postage. The circle date stamp of Hart, Michigan on the two cent Columbian Exposition envelope of 1893.



Two Chesaning, Mich. cancels. The upper one, a double rim circle date stamp of December of 1893. The lower, a circle date stamp of September of 1894. The stamp on the upper cover is of the regular issue of the 1890-93 printing.

The lower is an embossed envelope, Scott number U305, type I.

Both covers addressed to Milford, Mich.



**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
**GAYLORD, MICH.**

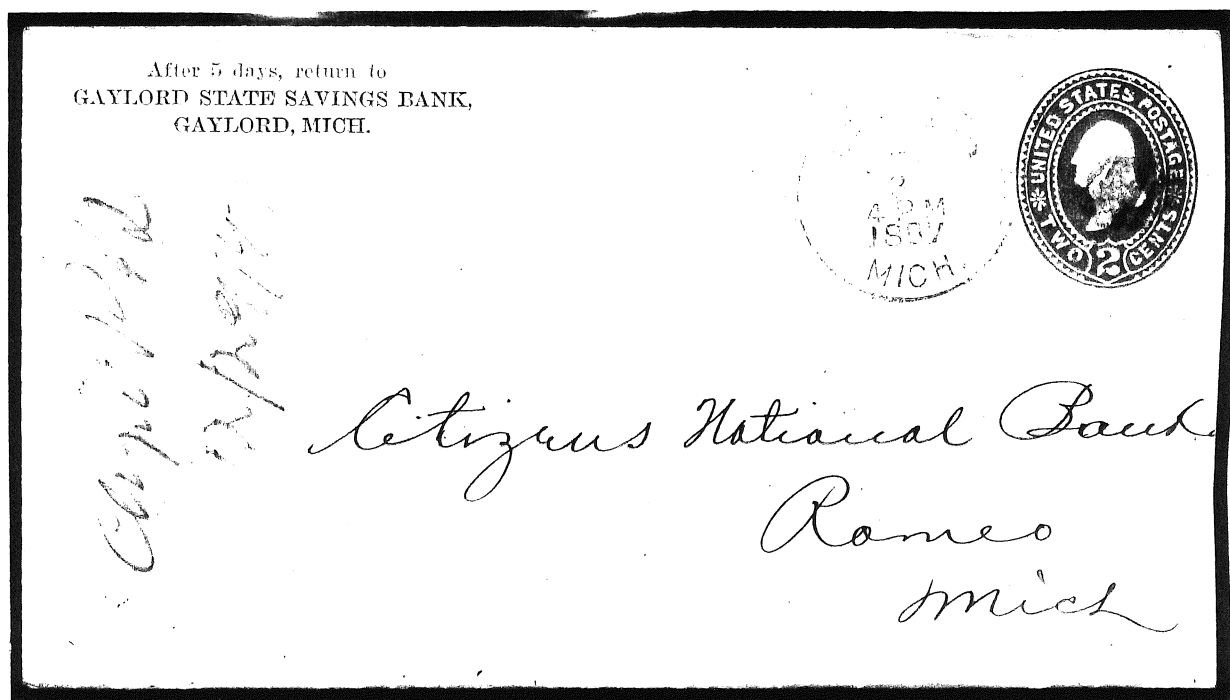
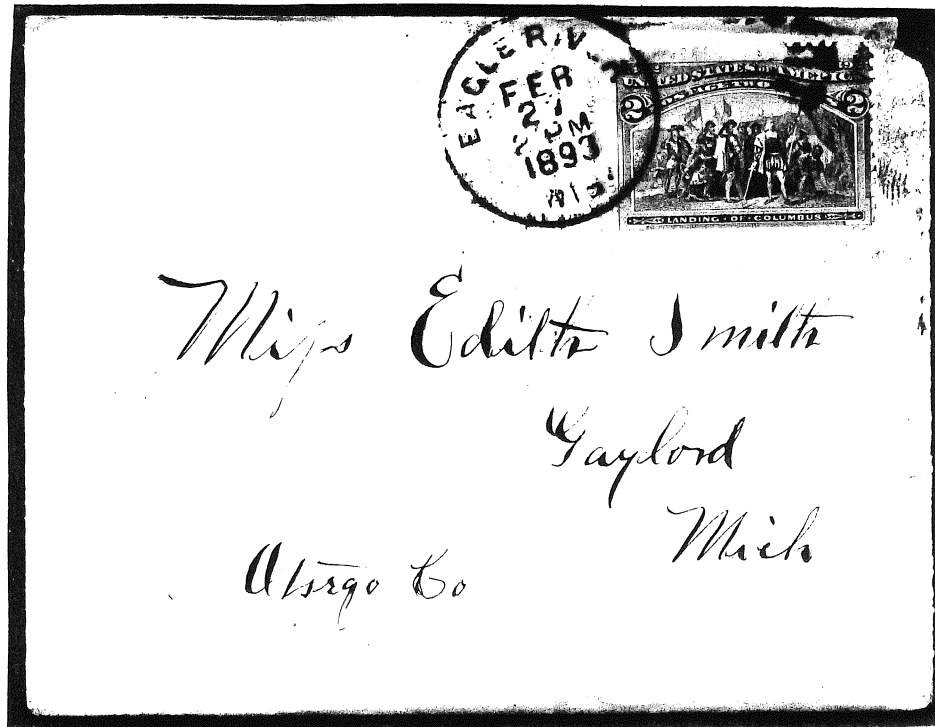
1893-1897

**TO AND FROM GAYLORD, MICH.**

Gaylord, in Otsego County came into being in 1874. It was named for A. S. Gaylord, an attorney for the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad which ran through what was then called Barnes.

A letter from Eagle River, Wis. to Gaylord in Feb. of 1893.

Below is the die II embossed envelope with the 27 mm circle date stamp of Gaylord in September of 1897 for delivery to Romeo, Mich.



ALBION, MICH.



Per the back stamp, the above cover was delivered from Albion to Detroit on the Detroit and Chicago Railroad. The 28 mm circle date stamp with the smudge socked on the nose obliterator on the stamp.

Unlike the circle date stamp above this example has the city, state, date, time and year in a 26 mm circle. The receiving mark of Springport on the back side has the same information plus REC'D at the bottom of the circle.

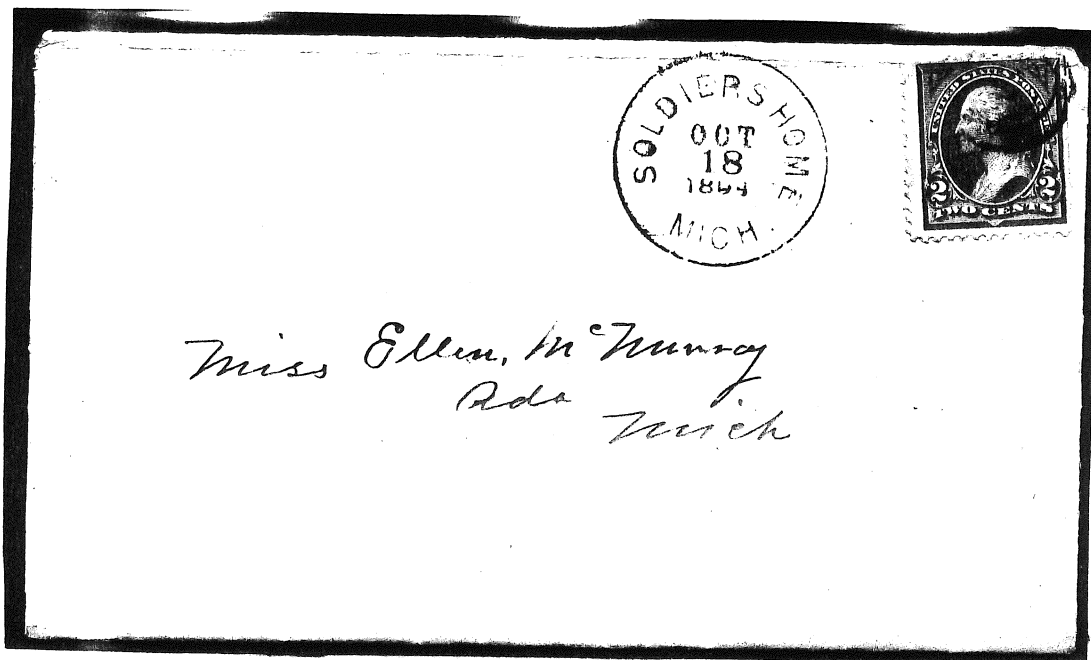


**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
SOLDIERS HOME, MICH.

1894

OPERATED MARCH 25, 1892 TO AUGUST 14, 1900

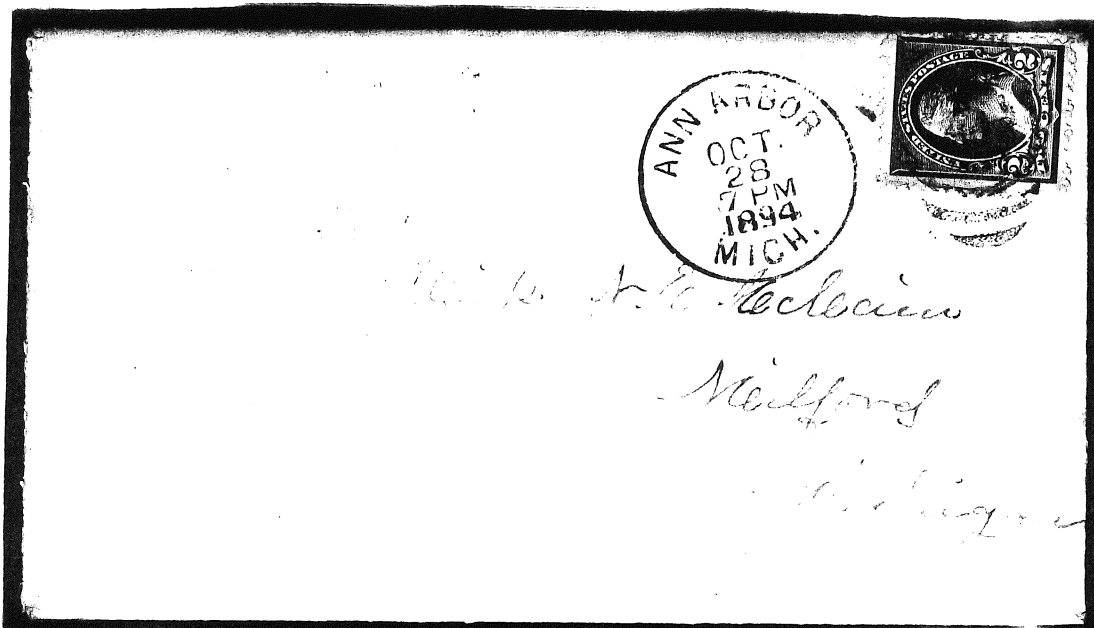
The Michigan Soldiers Home was completed in December of 1886. The post office was established on March 25, 1892. Huntley Russell served as the first postmaster. It was named and largely served the Soldiers Home.



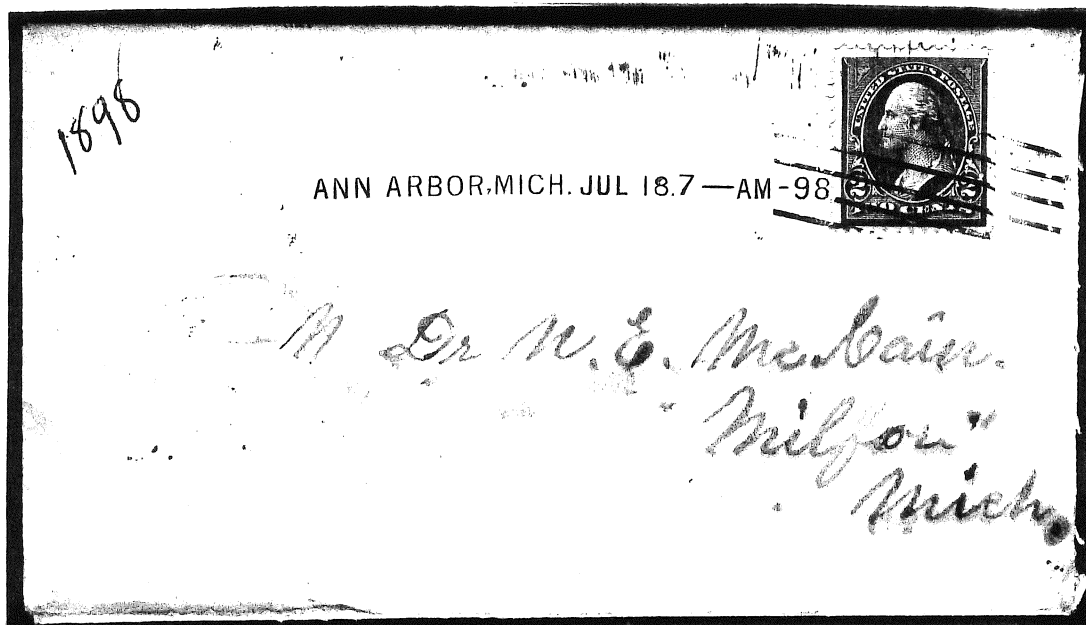
An October 18, 1894 29 mm circle date stamp of SOLDIERS HOME, MICH. on the type I Washington with bulls eye cancel.

**ANN ARBOR, MICH.**

A straight line and circle date stamp of Ann Arbor, Mich both to the "McCains" of Milford, Mich.



A circle date stamp of October 28, 1894. The stamp is a carmine lake type I of the Oct. 5, 1894 issue.

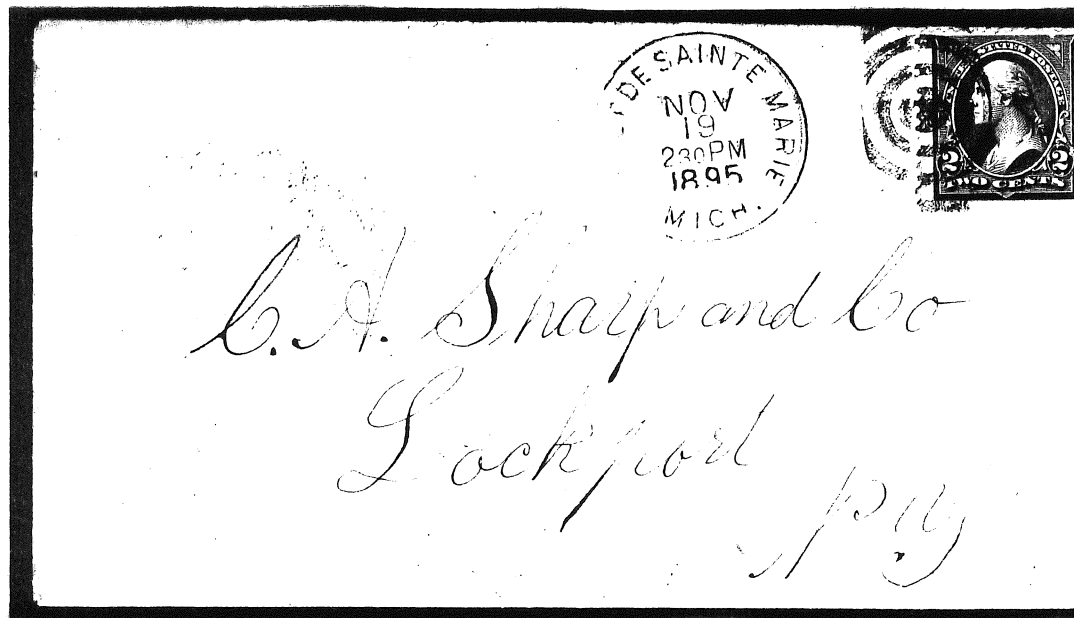


A straight line cancel of July 18, 1898. The stamp on this cover is the Washington type III, carmine first issued in 1894.

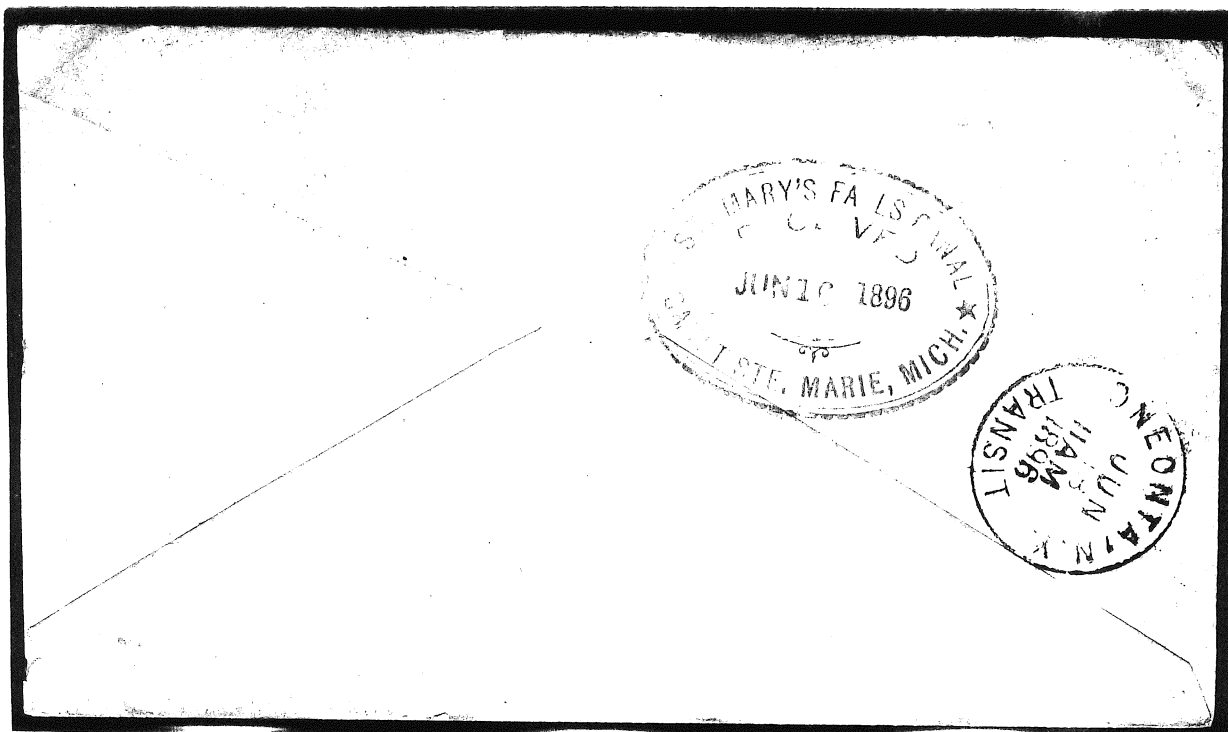


**SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MICH.**

Sault Sainte Marie was incorporated as a city in 1887. The previous page explains the name changes.



The circle date stamp on this cover in 1895 was still SAULT DE SAINTE MARIE even tho the town name had been changed sixteen years earlier.

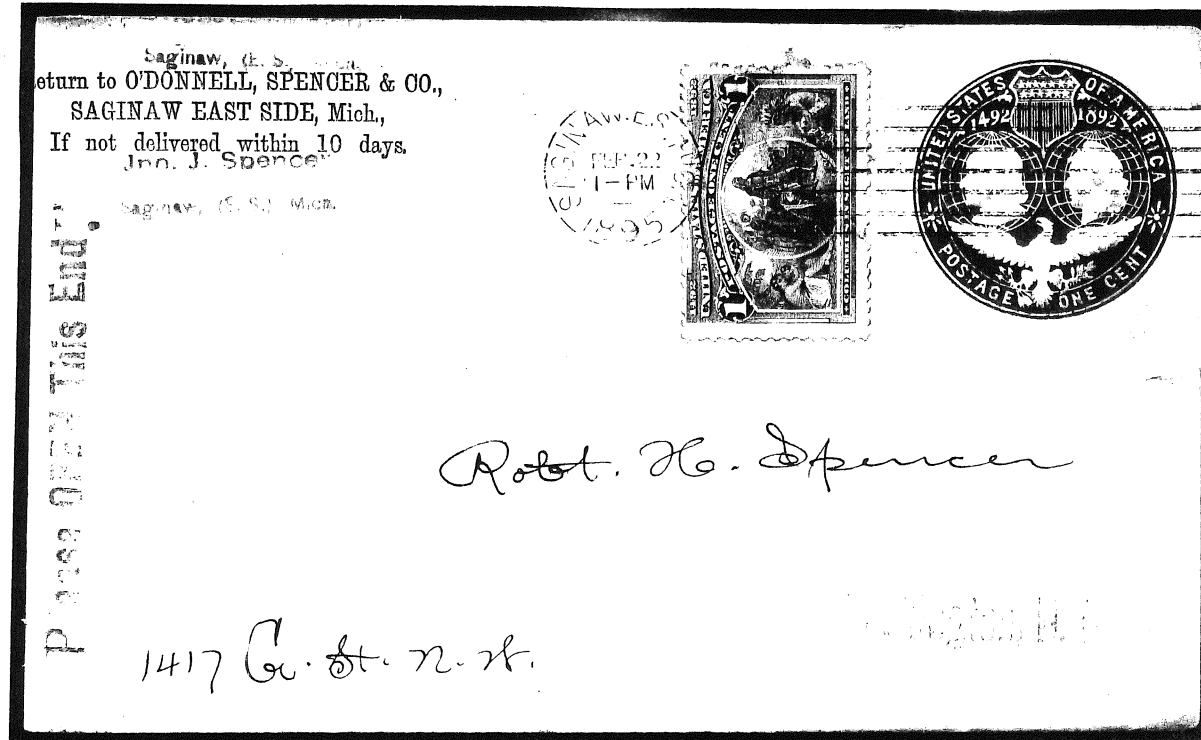


The cancel and stamp on this cover are identical to the one above. The back side is shown to show the rose pink double rim oval receiving mark. This, of ST. MARY'S FALLS CANAL with the correct SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH. marking.

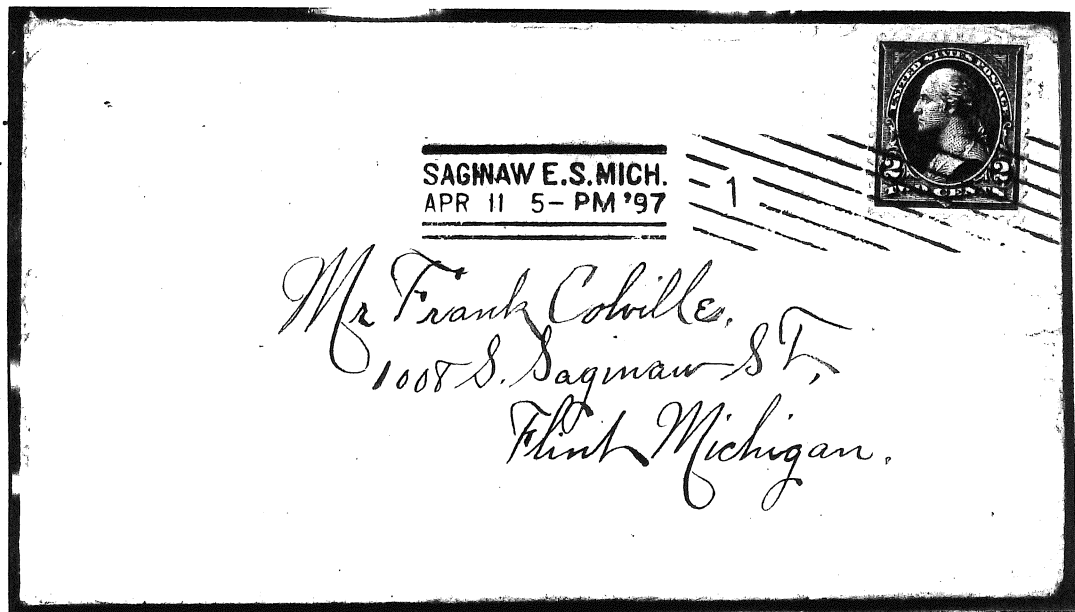
**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
SAGINAW EAST SIDE, MICH.

1895-1897

A 22 mm Saginaw E.S. machine cancel on a one cent Columbian added to a one cent die I Columbian Exposition embossed envelope in 1895. Of interest is the five different rubber stamp strikes by the sender including PLEASE OPEN THIS END.



An early SAGINAW E.S. MICH. straight line machine cancel with the heavy bar top and double fine line, bottom. The 1, designating machine in the diagonal bars canceling the Washington type III carmine issue of October 1894.



A circle date stamp of Richmond Mich. with month day, time and year in the 29 mm circle. The cork cancel on the type III issue of 1894. Colo. receiving strike on the back.

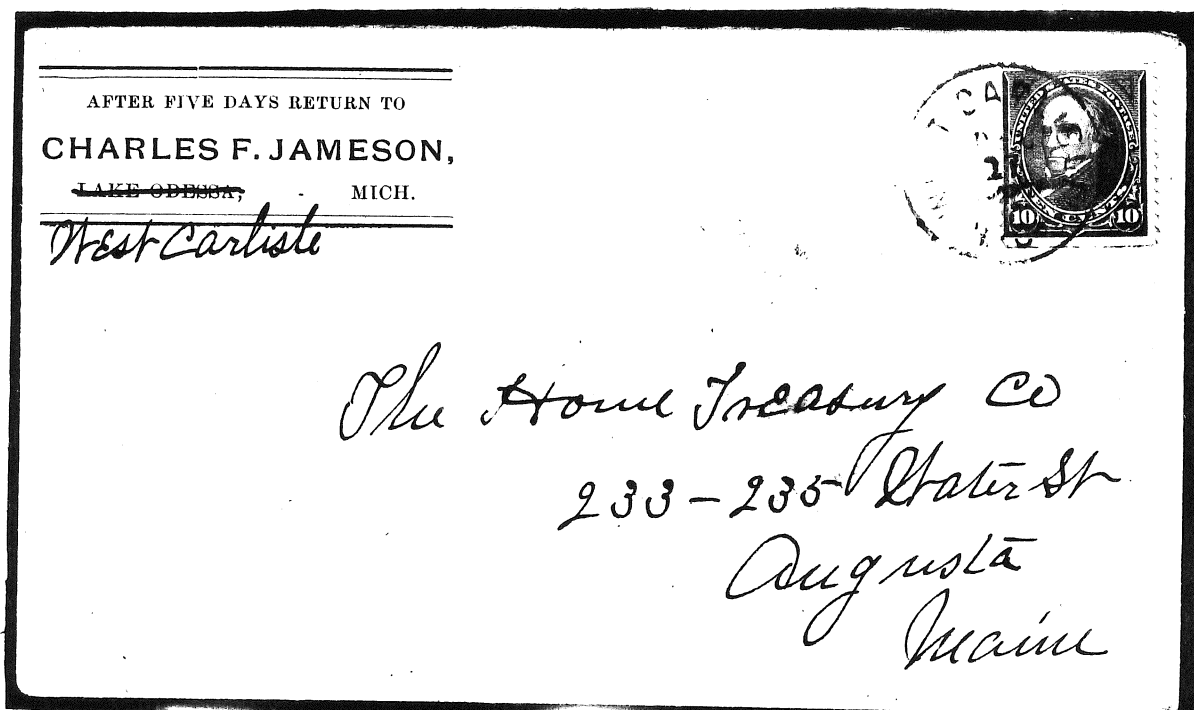
Dear Sister  
I received your kind letter and read it to Mrs. Walton and she said it was a nice letter. The young man has been down in fact had been down in fact but is now in  
Richmond  
Wednesday  
Almost 8 - 12 sep  
you a new thing  
me your new  
out the you  
out one or if it is not  
Annie Patterson to move  
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Mrs George Gleason  
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## REGISTERED LETTER

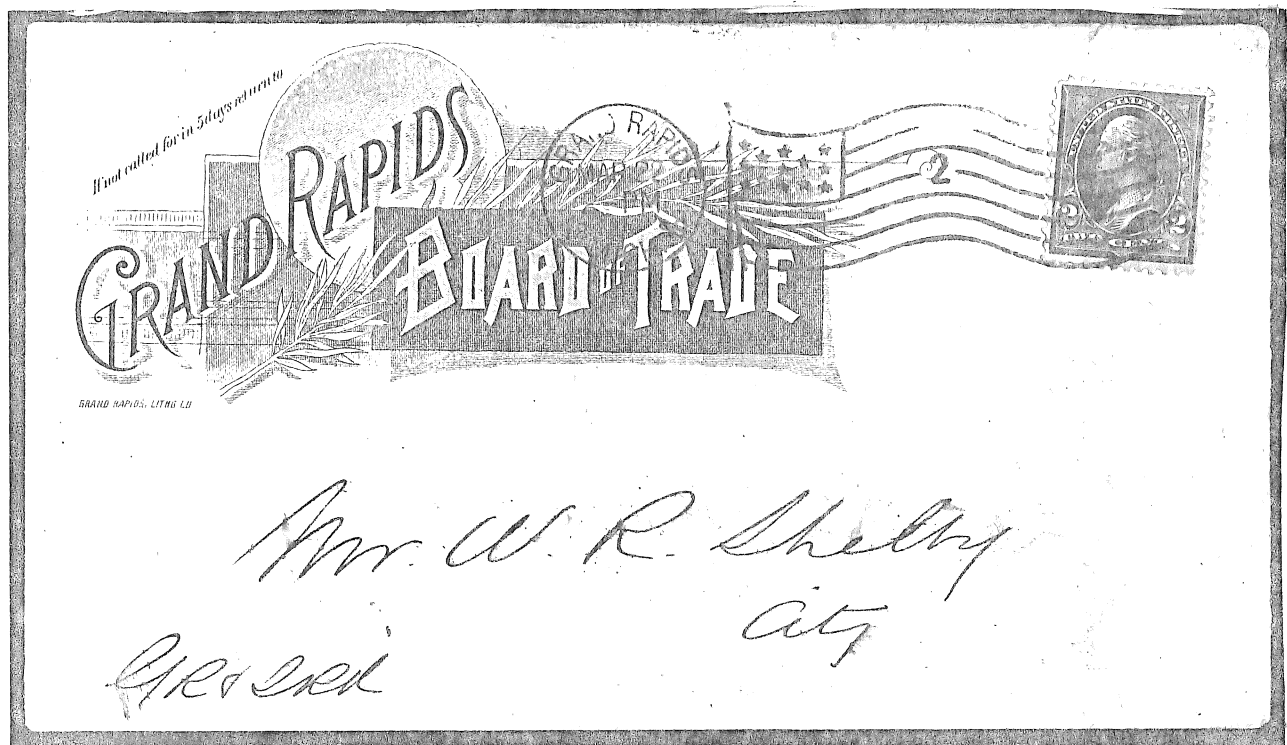
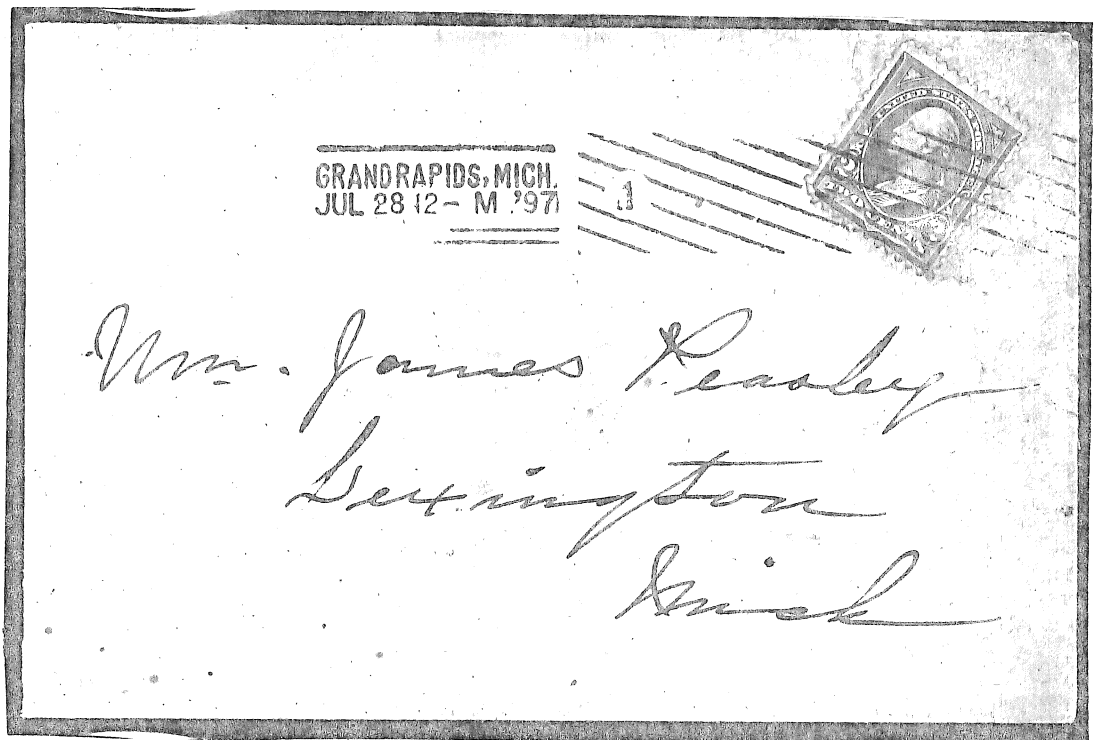
Carlisle was a station on the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad. When the post office opened on March 18, 1884 with Frank B. Foote as the first postmaster it was named West Carlisle. The station operated until September 15, 1910.



The ten cent rate is for two cents regular postage and eight cents registration fee. The circle date stamp of West Carlisle Mich. on December 11, 1897 is on the dark green Daniel Webster issue of September 17, 1894. An AUGUSTA, MAINE REGISTERED back stamp was applied.

EARLY MACHINE CANCELS

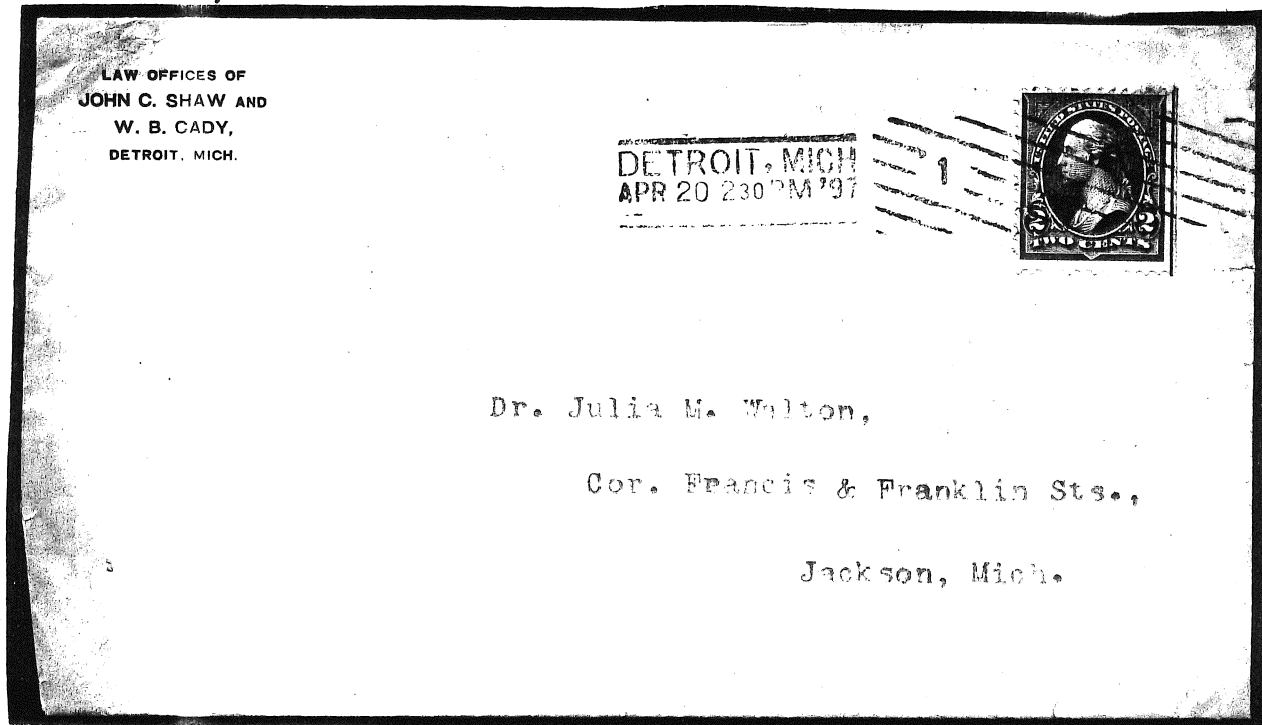
The Barry Postal Supply Company was in business from 1895 to 1909. Here shown is a straight line town mark with slanted killer bars. The number 1 indicates the machine number.



American Postal Machine Company postmarks first appeared in Boston in 1884. The first flag cancels were introduced in 1894. This dial is the town, date, time, year and state type.

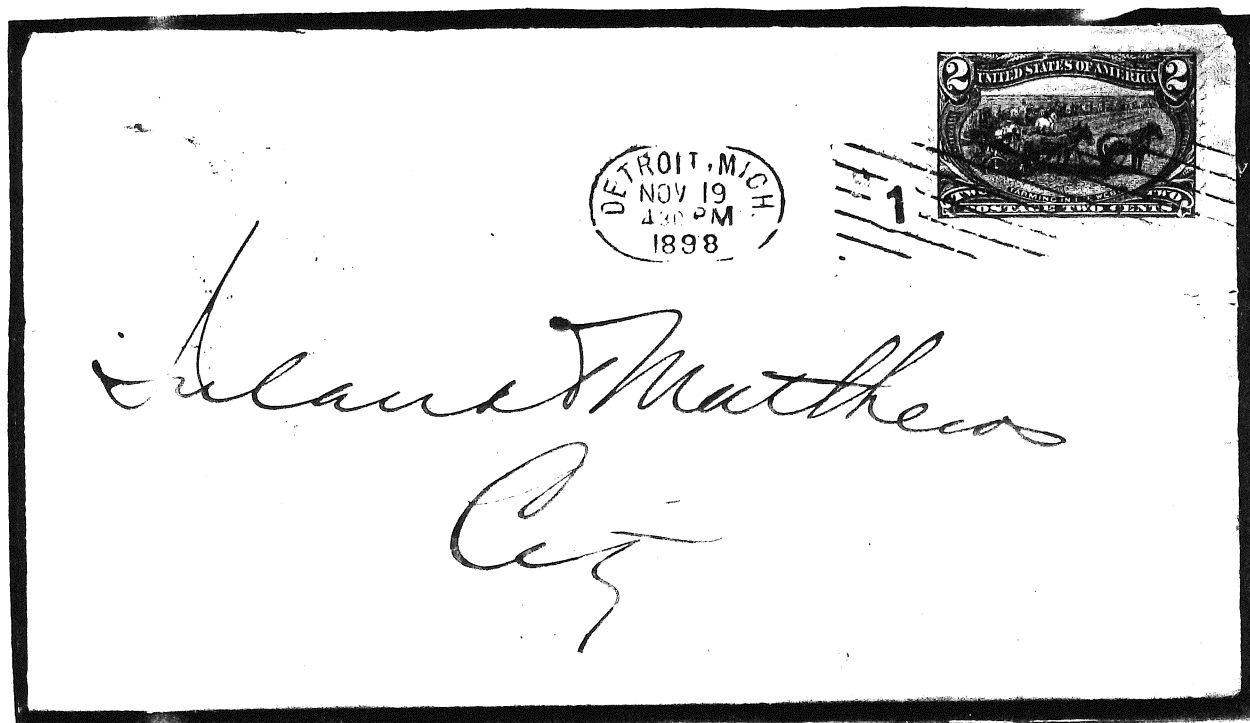
**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
DETROIT, MICH.

1897-1898

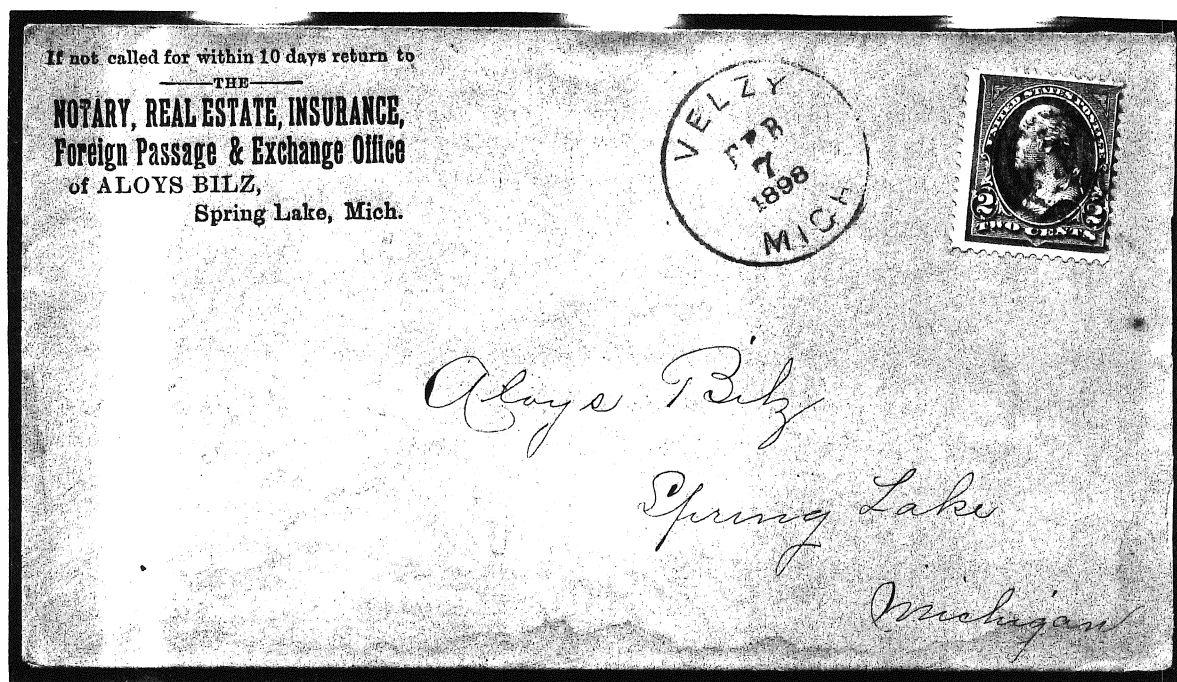


A straight line and an oval cancel of Detroit, Mich. The upper on April 20, 1897 between bars. The stamp, a Washington type III first issued in 1894. Cover delivered to Jackson, Mich.

The lower, an oval cancel on Nov. 19, 1898. The stamp a Trans-Mississippi Exposition issue of June 17, 1898. The "City" indicates the letter delivered in Detroit.



The post office of Velzy, Michigan located on a sawmill settlement in Ottawa County was in operation from March 12, 1890 until August 31, 1901. Sidney Stark was the first postmaster.

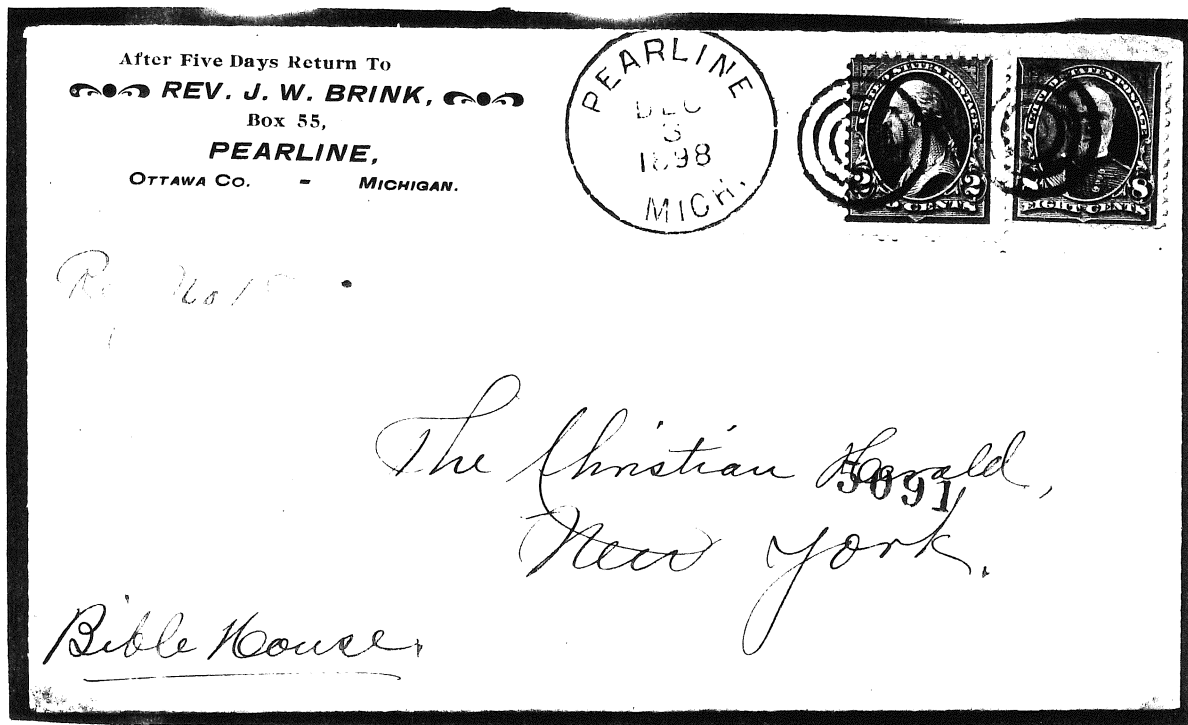


The circle date stamp of Velzy, Mich. Feb. 7, 1898 on a corner card cover. The bulls eye cancel on the type III Washington design of 1894-1898.

PEARLINE, MICH.

OPERATED FROM APRIL 29, 1891 TO MAY 31, 1908

Pearline, Michigan, Ottawa County in Allendale Township  
operated from April 29, 1891 to May 31, 1908. John W. Everhart  
was the first postmaster.



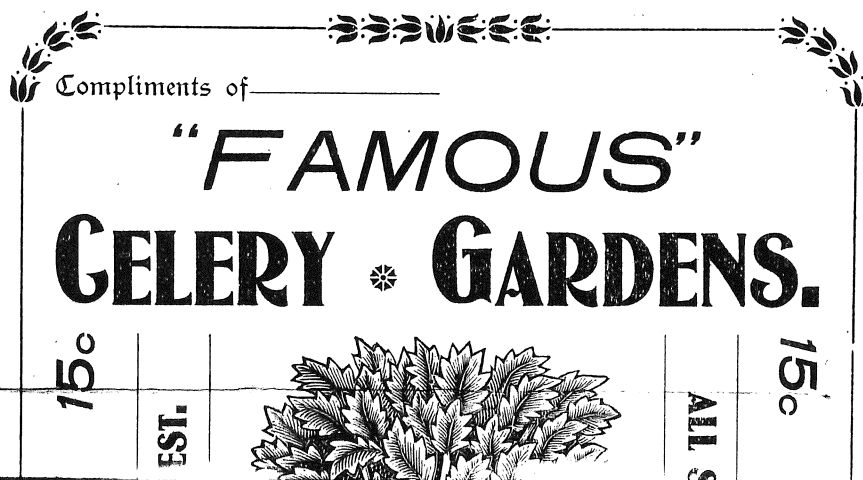
The two cent Washington type III and the eight cent Sherman  
paying the registered letter fee from Pearline to New York. The  
28 mm circle date stamp with the four circle bulls eye obliterating  
the stamps.



KALAMAZOO, MICH.

An 1898 piece of circular mail including the enclosure and return envelope. The date established from the enclosure.

The stamp obliterated but no city or state marking. The one cent Franklin of the Oct. 1894 issue. One cent postage to St. Clair, Pennsylvania.



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Return to \_\_\_\_\_  
Town \_\_\_\_\_  
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An oval strike  
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rate on the  
first Bureau  
of Engraving  
and Printing  
stamp of the  
Department  
of the U.S.  
Treasury.  
This on the  
corner card  
cover  
with en-  
closure.

# Wolverine Tent, No. 77.

K. O.



T. M.

Sir Knight:

Ypsilanti, Mich., January 7th, 1898.

Yourself and family are cordially invited to attend a banquet to be given by Wolverine Tent, No. 77, K. O. T. M., on Thursday evening, January 20th, 1898, in Light Guard Hall, at 8 o'clock p. m., sharp. Hon. D. P. Markey, Supreme Great Commander; Hon. D. D. Aitken, Past Great Commander; and Lady Emma E. Bower, Great Record Keeper of L. O. T. M., will be with us and take part in a pleasing program, one feature of which will be the dedication of our new flag. Address by Prof. A. George. Supper will be served by the ladies of the L. O. T. M. As the hall will accommodate but 300 at one table, number of tickets that will be issued. tickets the committee



RETURN TO FINANCE KEEPER

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K. O. T. M.

Ypsilanti, - Michigan.



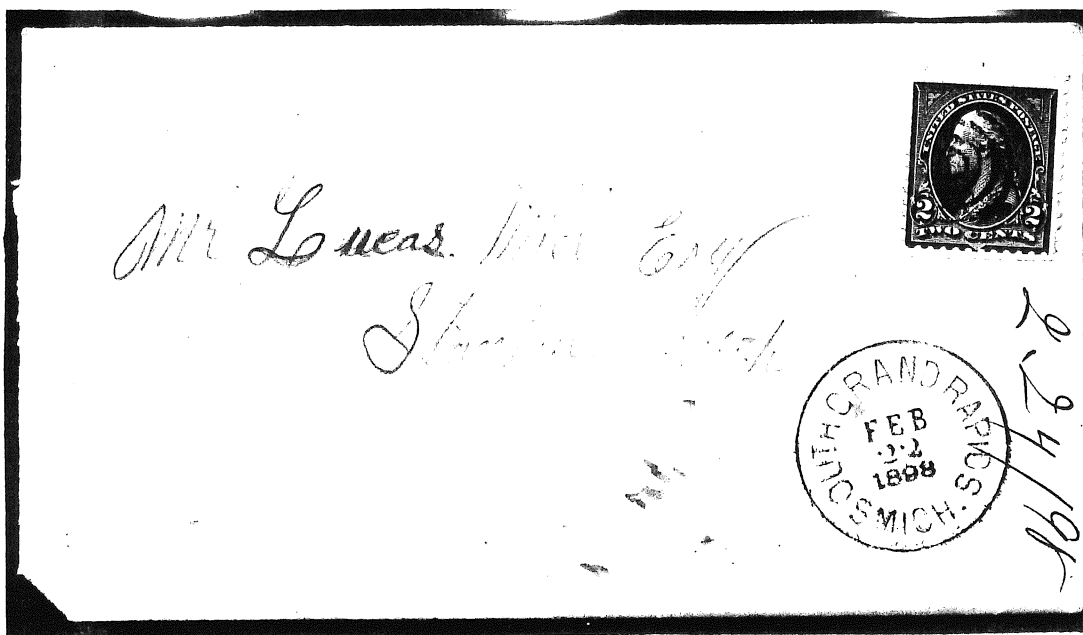
*B. B. Morgan*  
*City*

**MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY**  
SOUTH GRAND RAPIDS, MICH:

1898

OPERATED JULY 24, 1888 TO DECEMBER 31, 1904

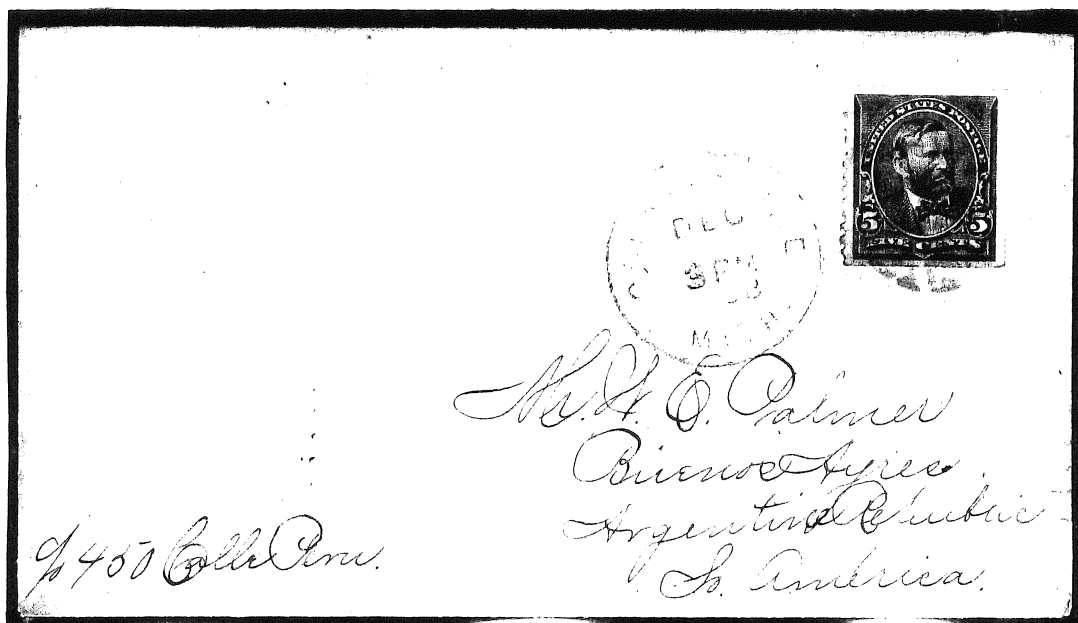
South Grand Rapids was a station on the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad. Noah W. Crocker became the first postmaster on July 24, 1888.



The 28 mm South Grand Rapids circle date stamp with a four ring bulls eye cancel on the type III 1894 Washington carmine issue.

**TO ARGENTINA, SOUTH AMERICA**

The five cent rate paying the postage from the United States to Argentina in 1898.

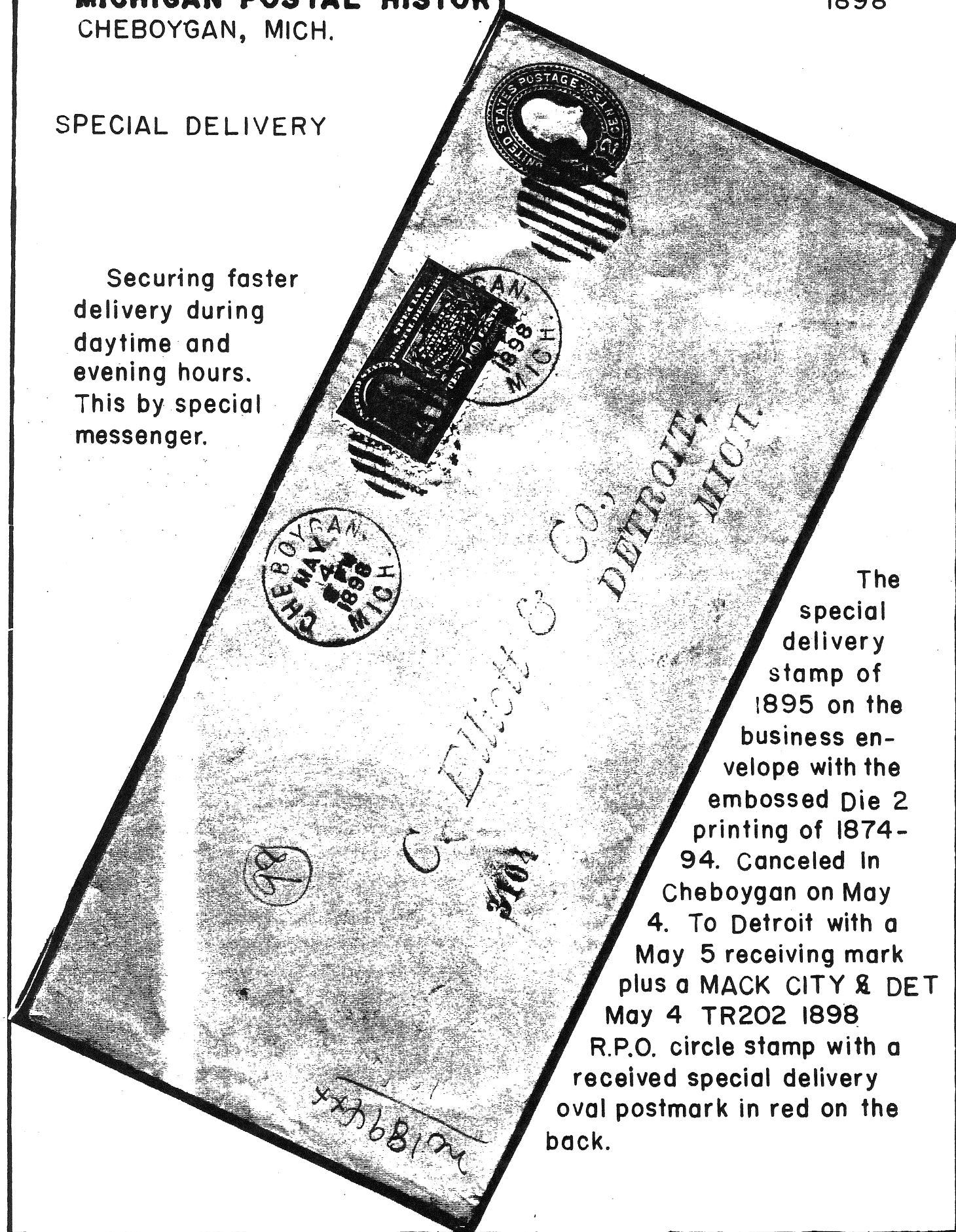


The circle date stamp of Constantine, Mich. minus the usual date insert. The stamp, the Grant issue of September 28, 1894, the yellow brown variety. The exact date determined by the oval New York receiving mark on the back.

CHEBOYGAN, MICH.

## SPECIAL DELIVERY

Securing faster delivery during daytime and evening hours. This by special messenger.

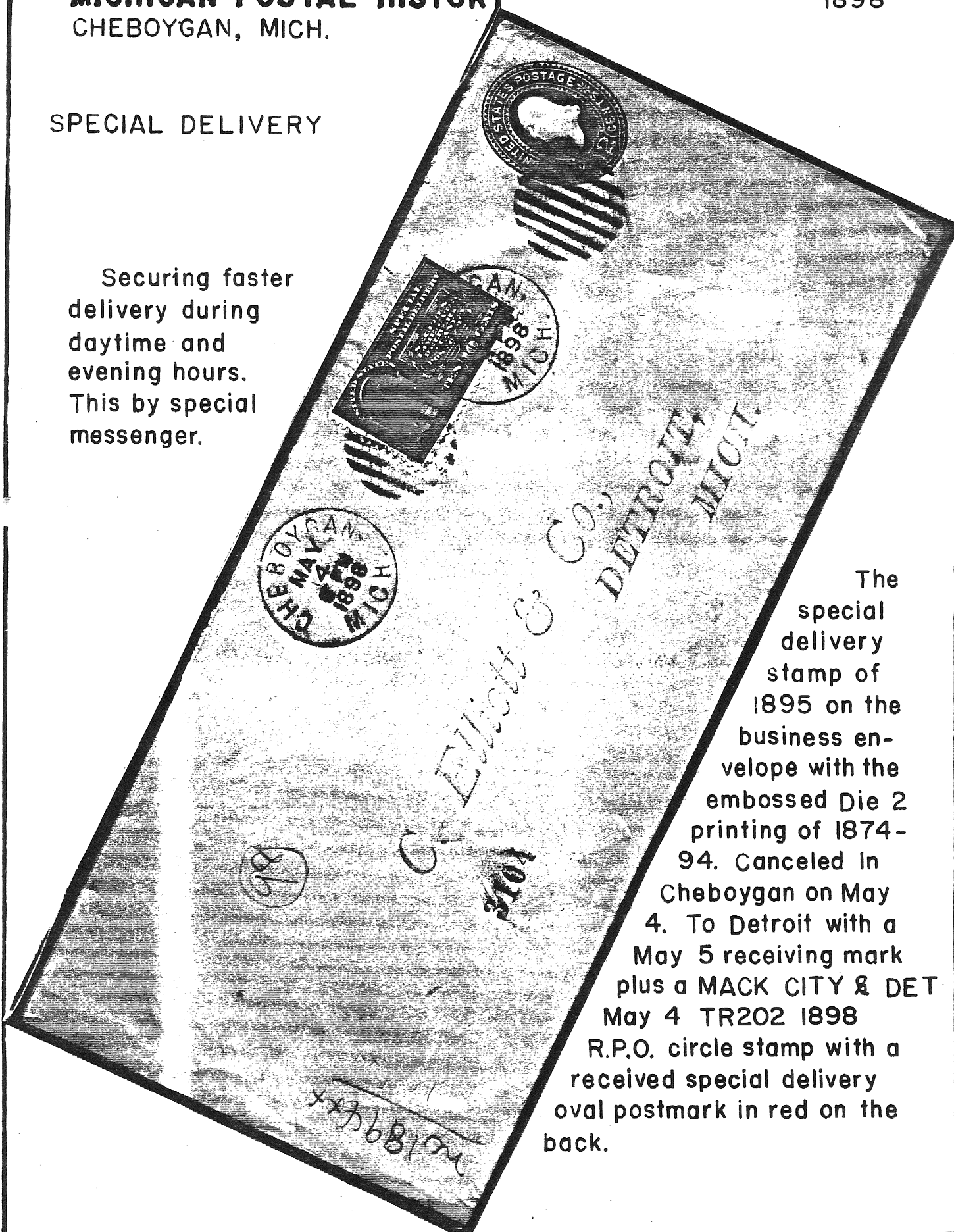


The special delivery stamp of 1895 on the business envelope with the embossed Die 2 printing of 1874-94. Canceled in Cheboygan on May 4. To Detroit with a May 5 receiving mark plus a MACK CITY & DET May 4 TR202 1898 R.P.O. circle stamp with a received special delivery oval postmark in red on the back.

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