

STATE USES DIRECTORIES OF 1847 COVERS

Supplies of the 5¢ and 10¢ stamps of the 1847 issue were sent to 30 states, 3 territories, and the U.S. postal agent in Panama. Covers are known from all of these areas except Minnesota Territory, and one 5¢ cover from there is rumored to be in existence.

The first supplies were delivered to the New York City Postoffice on July 1, 1847. Other large cities received supplies shortly thereafter. The first U.S. issue was valid for postage for four years, until July 1, 1851.

Rates for domestic letter mail were 5¢ per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce (single letter) for under 300 miles and 10¢ per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce (single letter) for 300 miles or more. The drop letter rate was 2¢.

Stamps were also supplied to route agents on railroads and at rail terminals. They used a variety of "railroad" and "rail route" postmarks.

A few covers are known from states and territories which did not receive an official supplies of postage stamps, including California, New Mexico, and Oregon. Covers are also known from Canada.

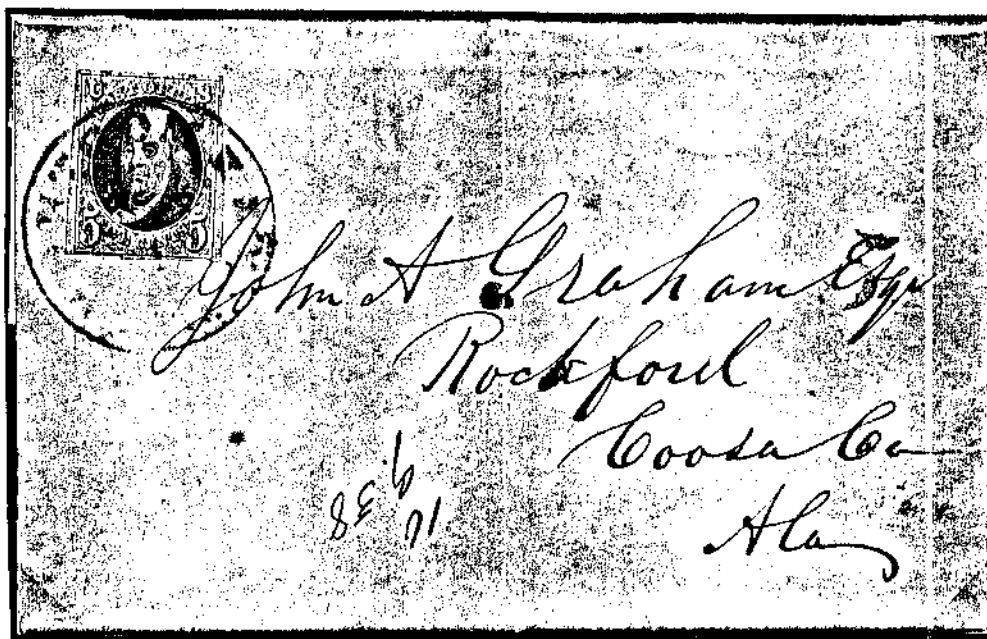
Covers from Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont are shown elsewhere and are not repeated here because of a shortage of space.

THE DIRECTORIES

Lists of known 1847 covers have been compiled in separate 5¢ and 10¢ directories. Covers are listed in chronological order, giving origin and destination. The listed year date of use is based on the enclosed letter's dateline or on a clocketal date on the cover. If the year date (or any other element of the date) cannot be determined, the symbol "x" is used.

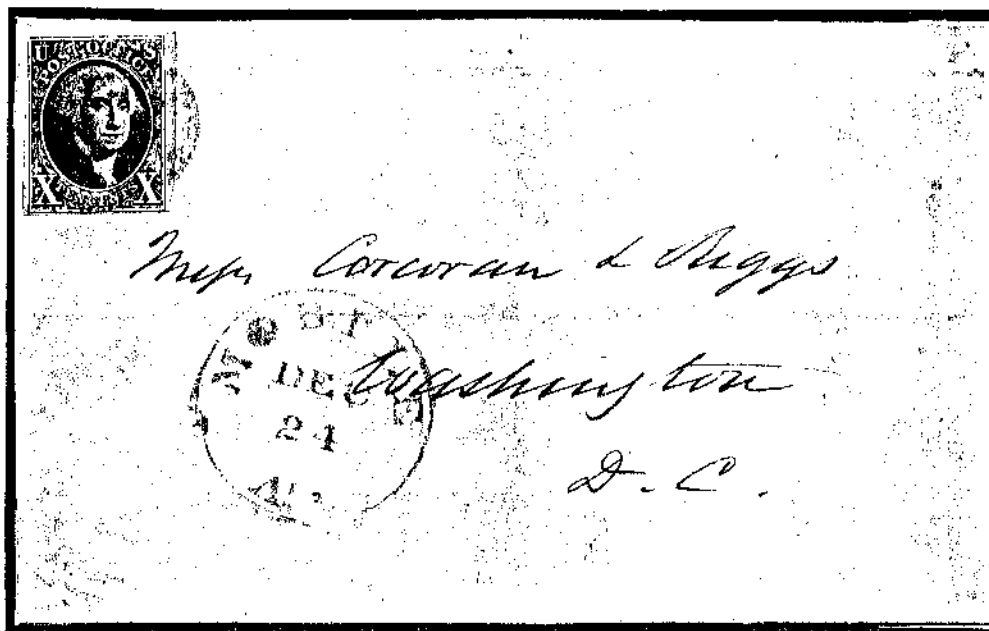
Statistics given in this exhibit are based on the covers listed in these directories as of January, 1976.

ALABAMA



January 1, 1850.

Montgomery



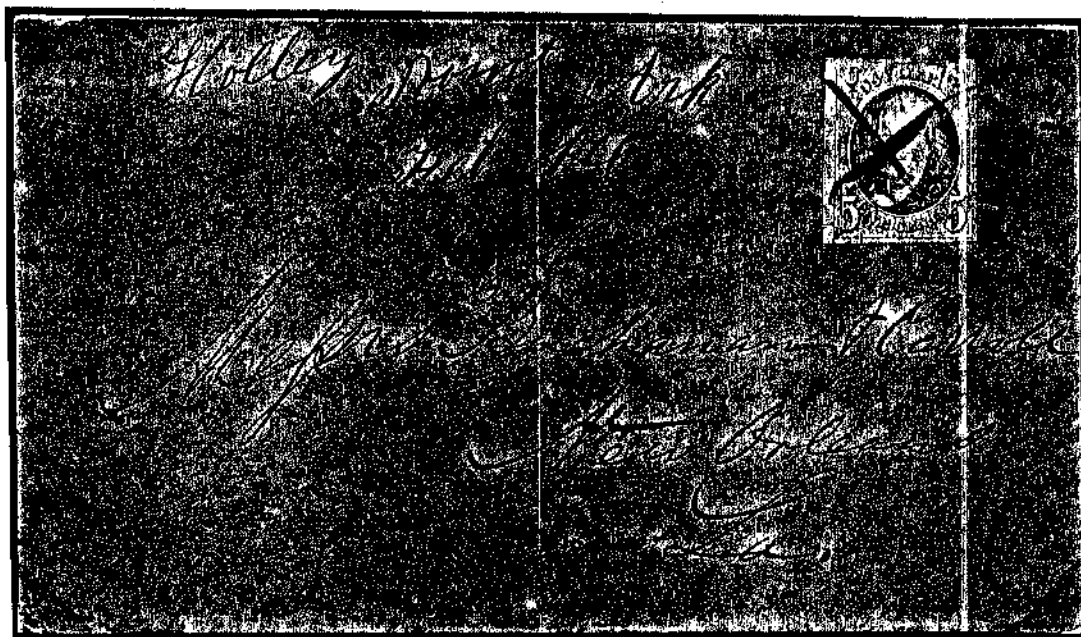
December 24, 1848.

Mobile

5¢ covers listed: 62

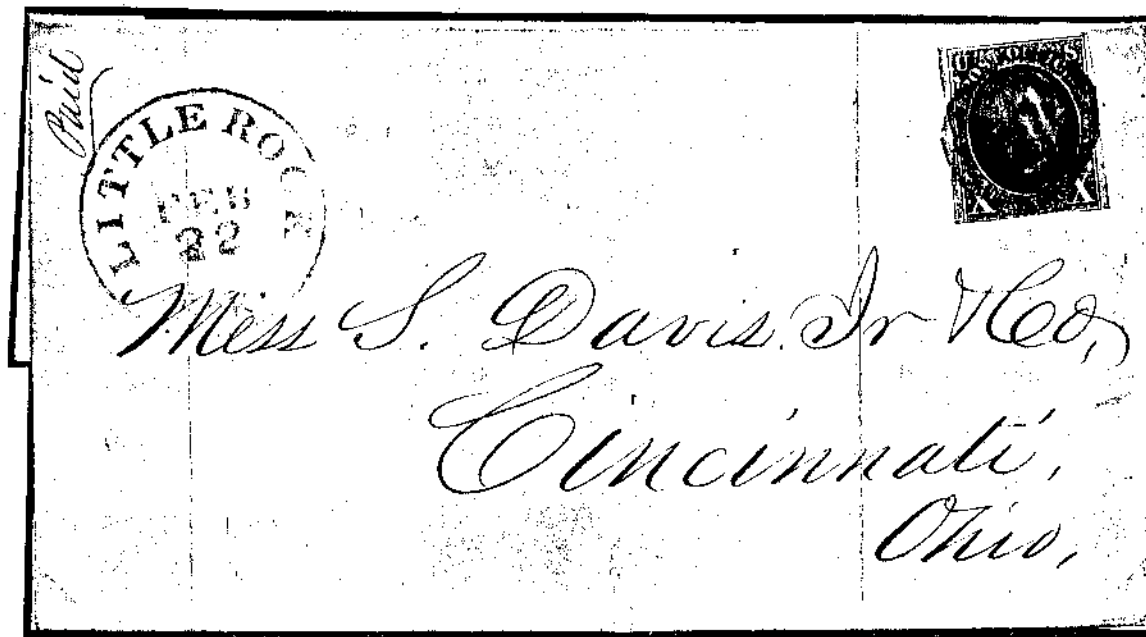
10¢ covers listed: 70

ARKANSAS



February 14, 1851.

Holly Point



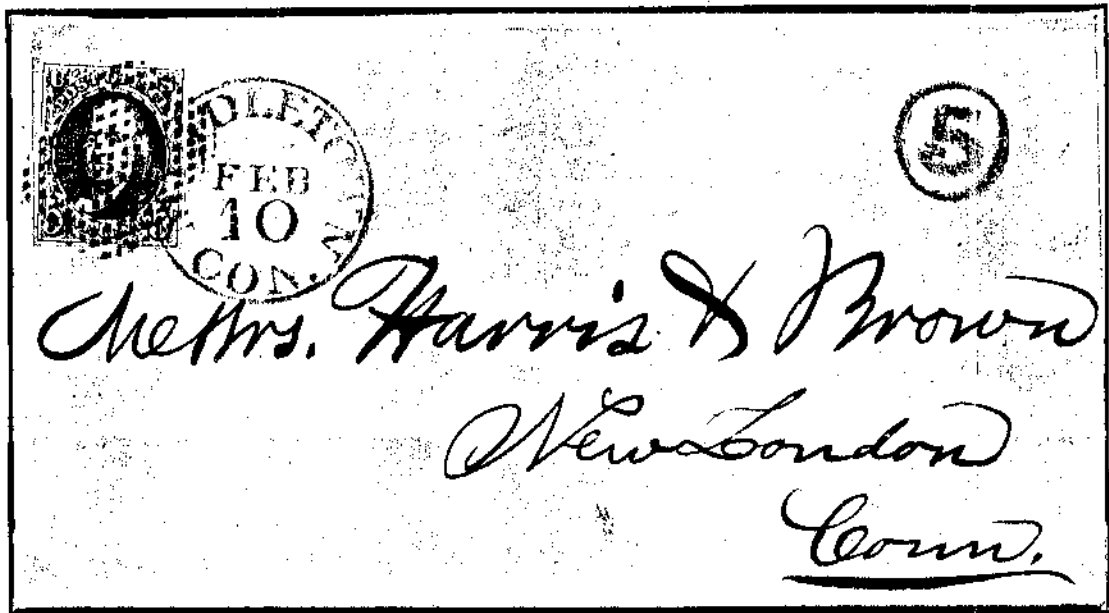
February 22, 1851.

Little Rock

5¢ covers listed: 1

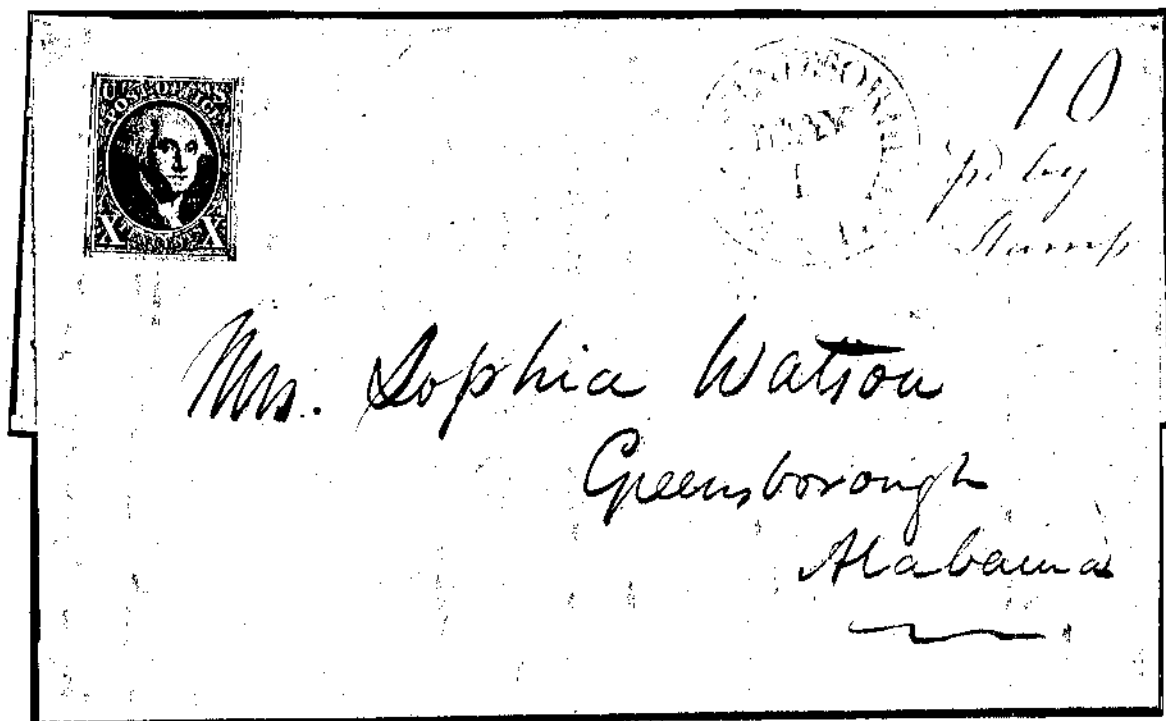
10¢ covers listed: 3

CONNECTICUT



February 10, 1848.

Middletown



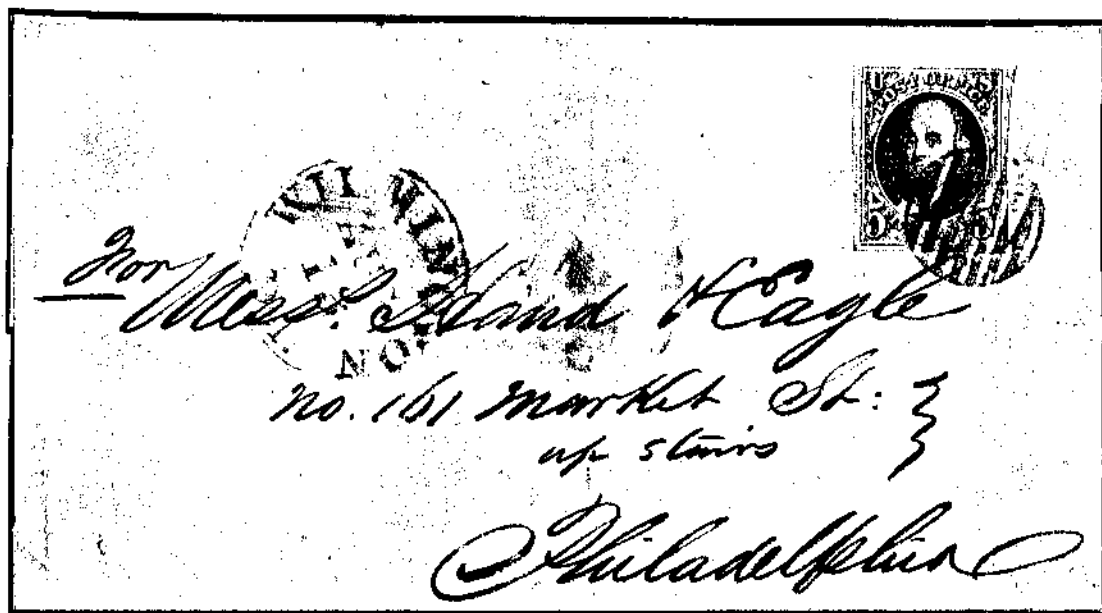
May 1, 18-x

East Windsor Hill

5¢ covers listed: 210

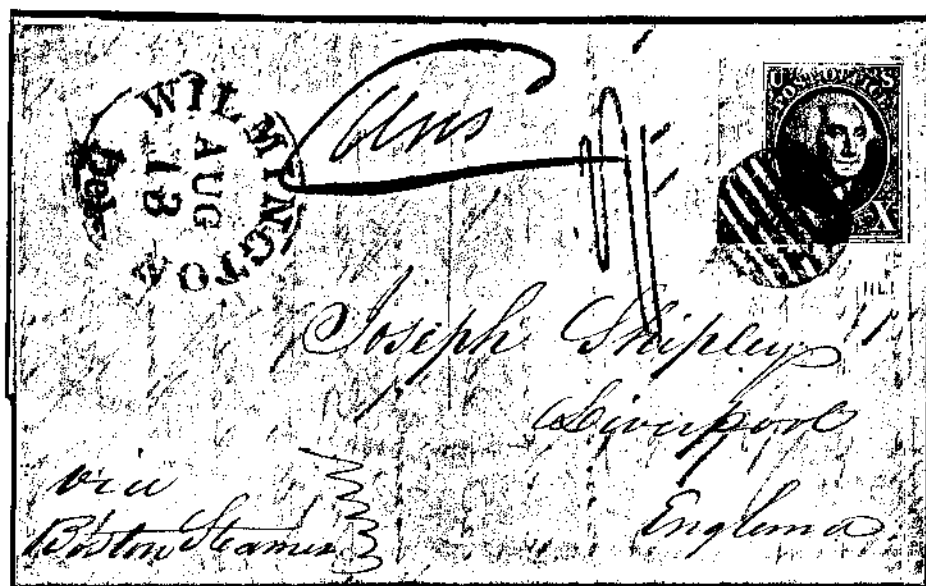
10¢ covers listed: 28

DELAWARE



August 13, 1847.

Wilmington



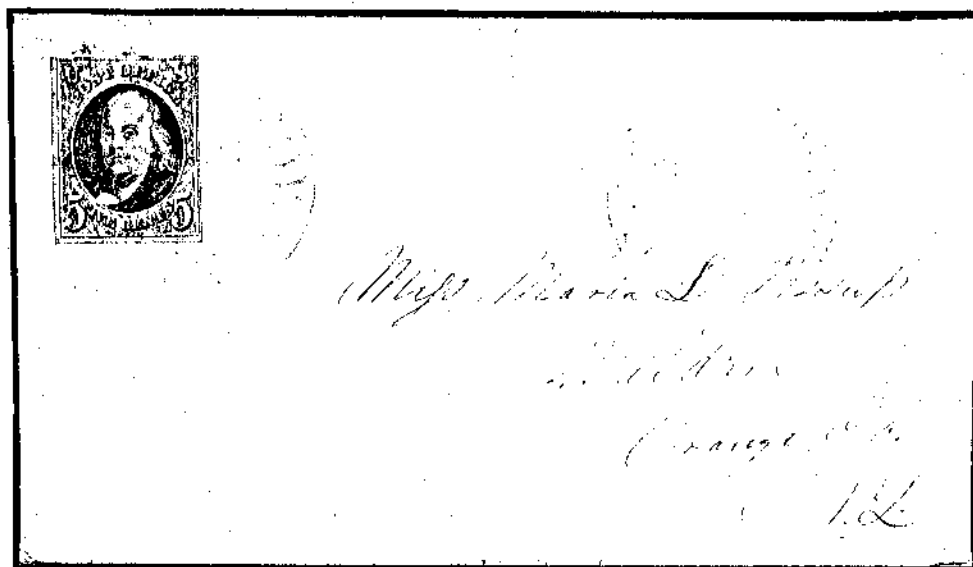
August 13, 1847.

Wilmington

5¢ covers listed: 19

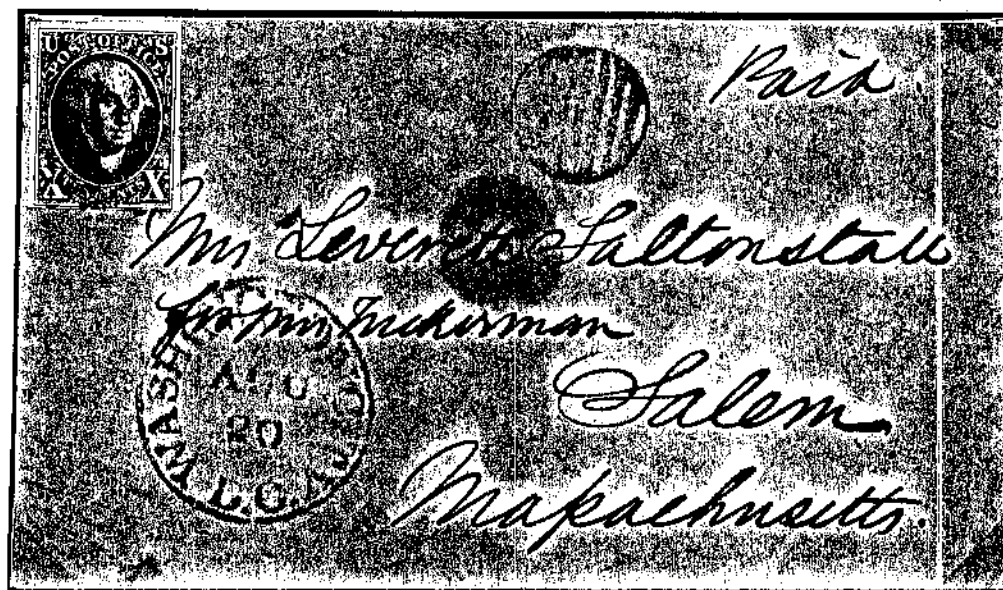
10¢ covers listed: 1

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



March 2, 18-x.

Georgetown



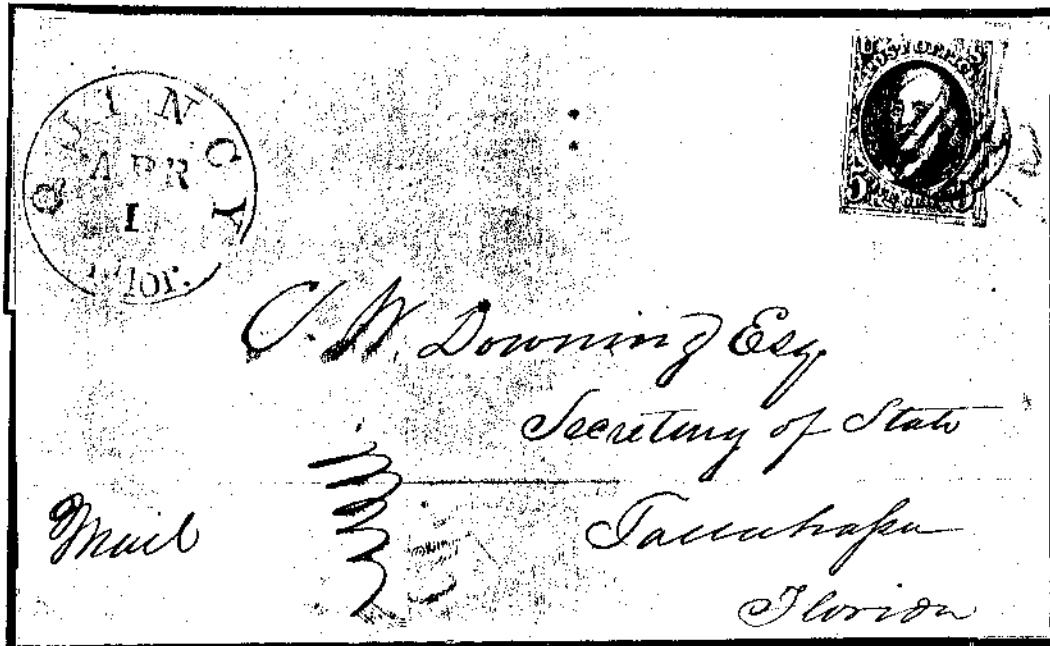
August 20, 18-x.

Washington City

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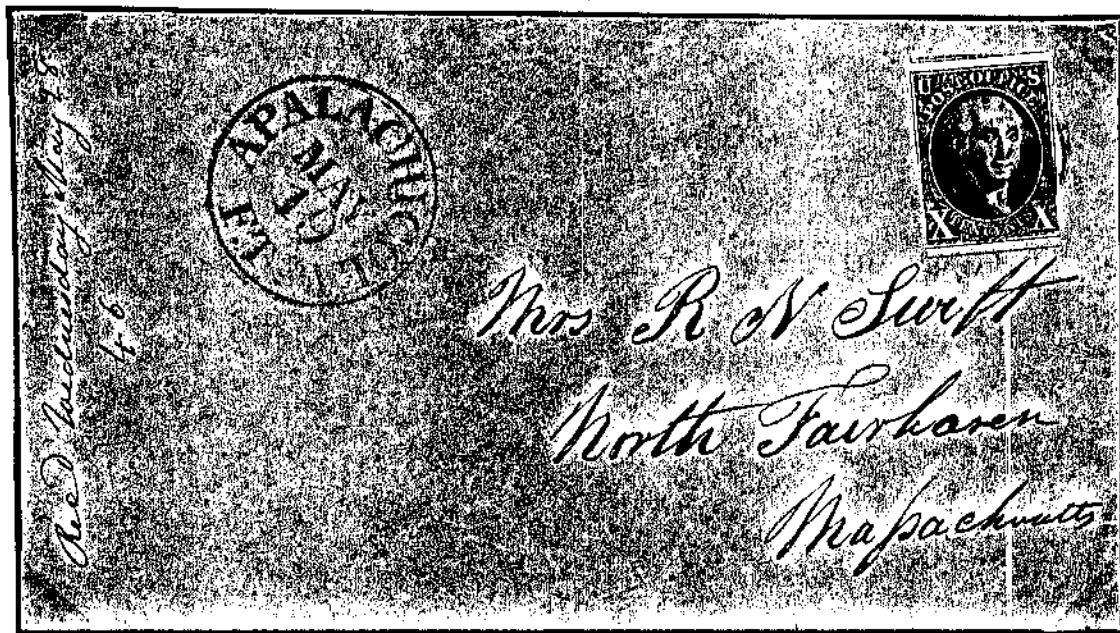
10¢ covers listed: 14

FLORIDA



April 1, 1851.

Quincy



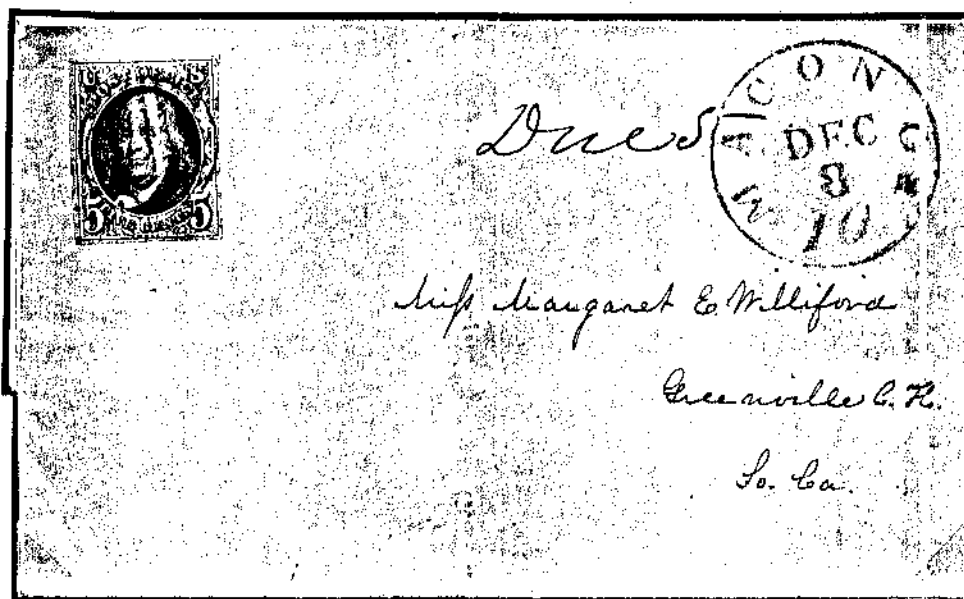
May 19, 1851.

Apalachicola

5¢ covers listed: 14

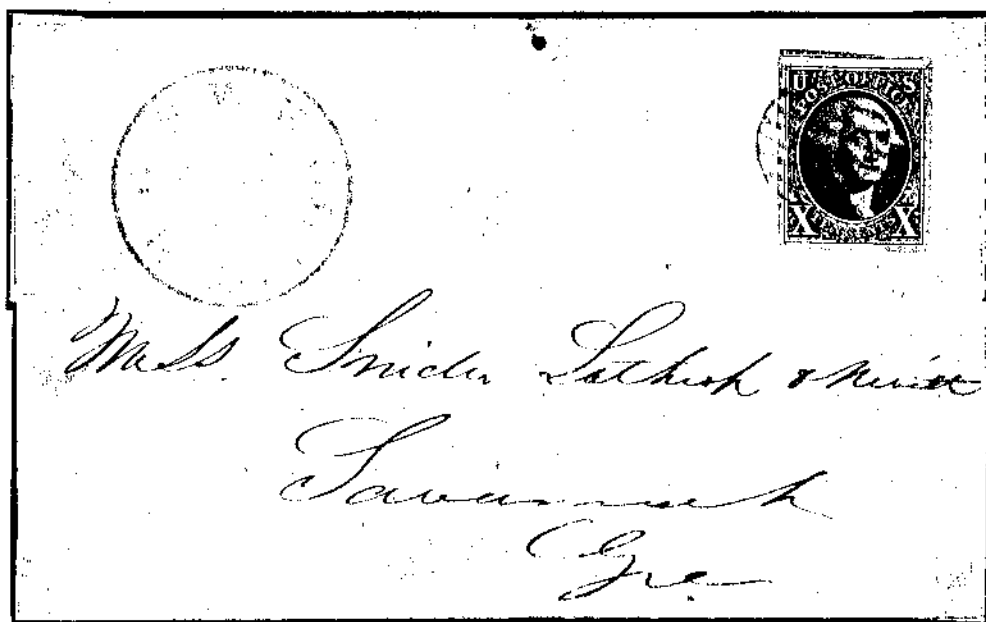
10¢ covers listed: 32

GEORGIA



December 8, 18-x.

Macon



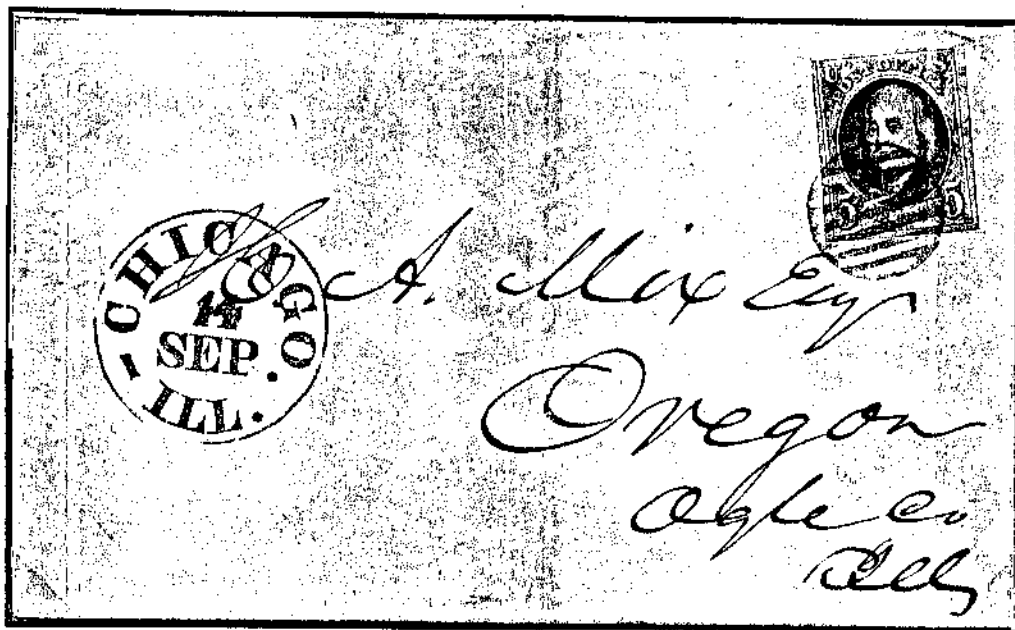
January 8, 18-x.

Roswell

5¢ covers listed: 21

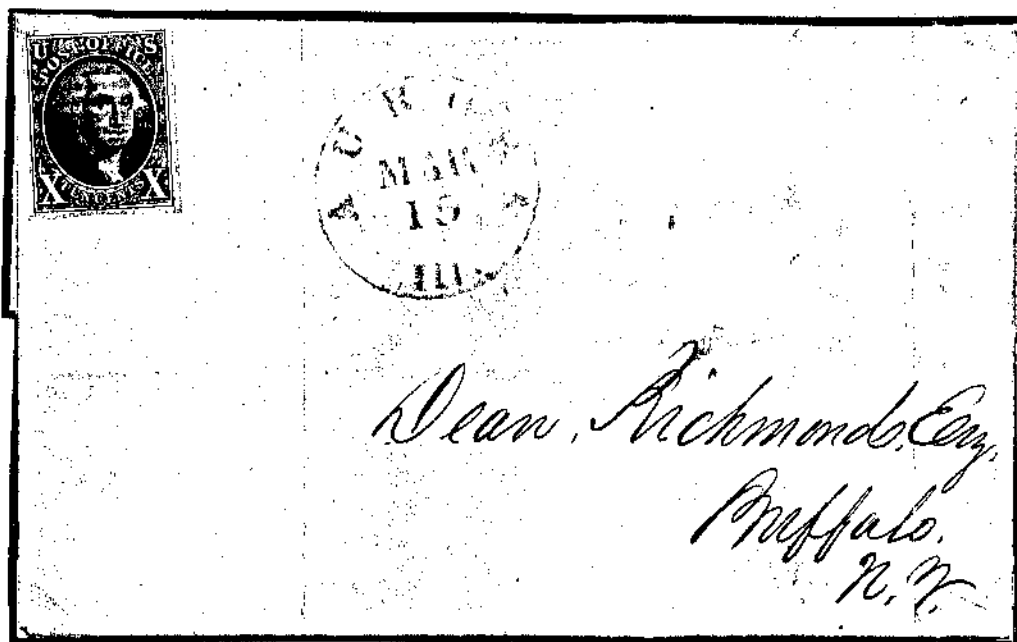
10¢ covers listed: 28

ILLINOIS



September 14, 1850

Chicago



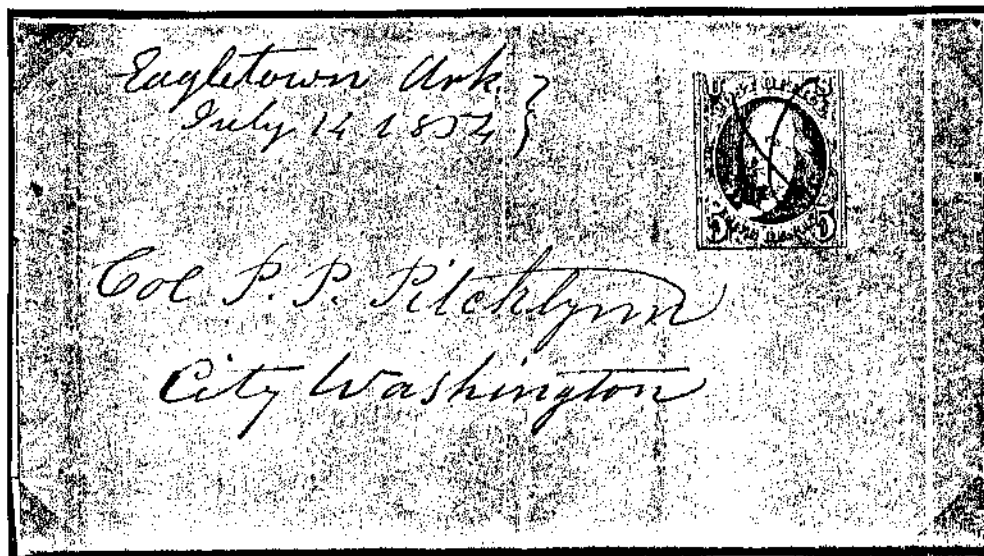
March 15, 1850

Aurora

5¢ covers listed: 59

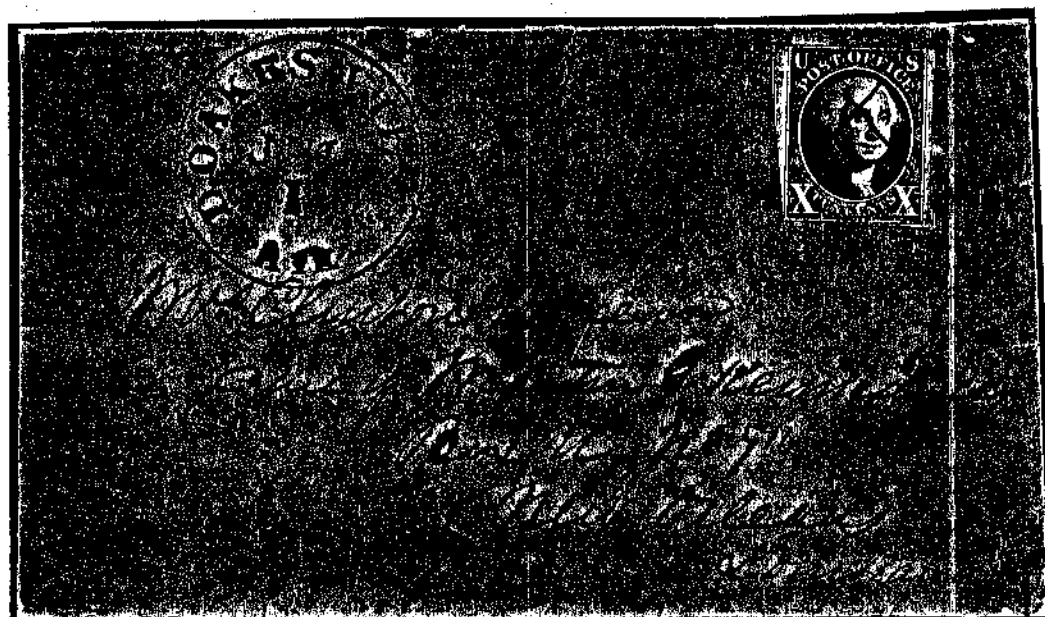
10¢ covers listed: 31

INDIAN TERRITORY



July 14, 1854.

Eagletown



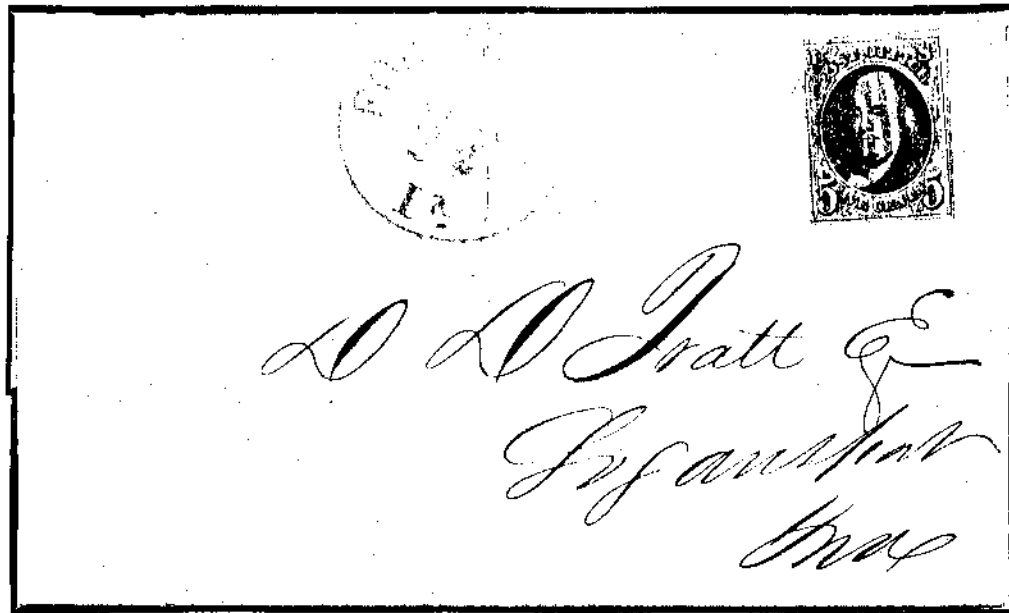
July 1, 18~x.

Doakesville

5¢ covers listed: 2

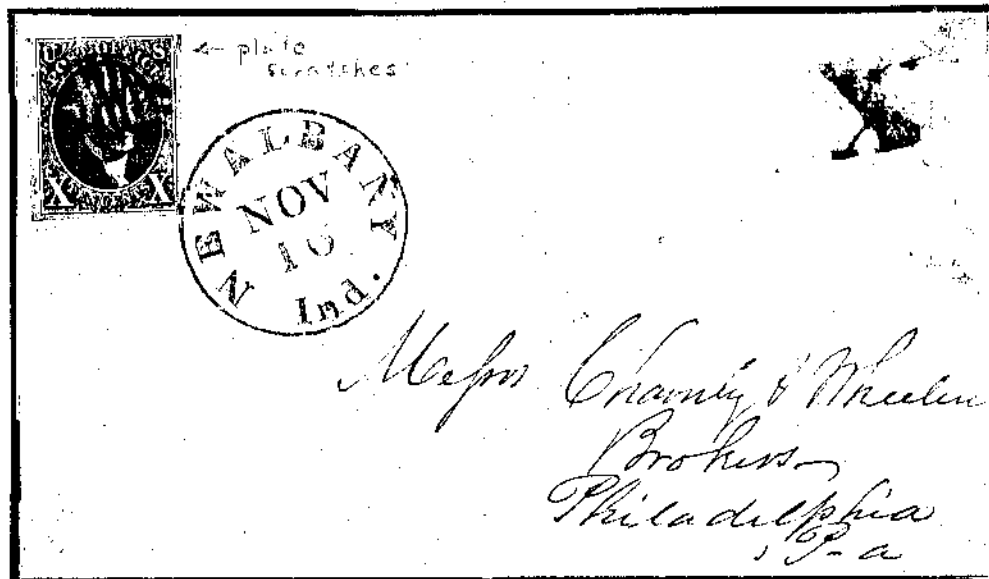
10¢ covers listed: 4

INDIANA



April 22, 1851.

Fort Wayne



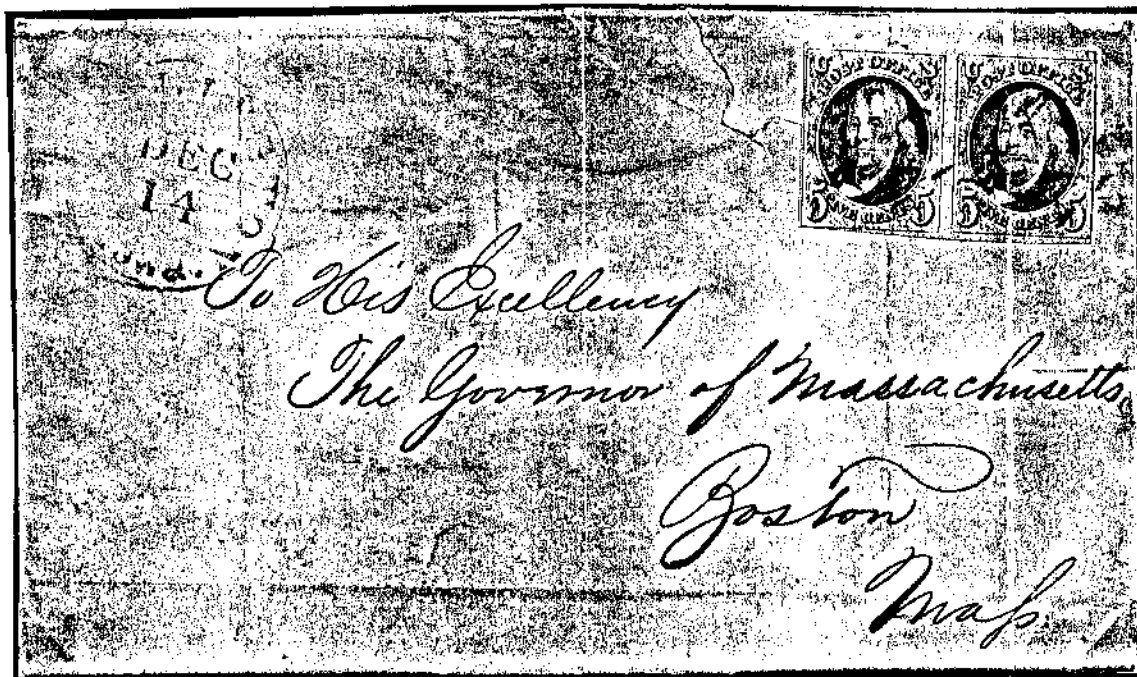
November 16, 1848.

New Albany

5¢ covers listed: 11

10¢ covers listed: 13

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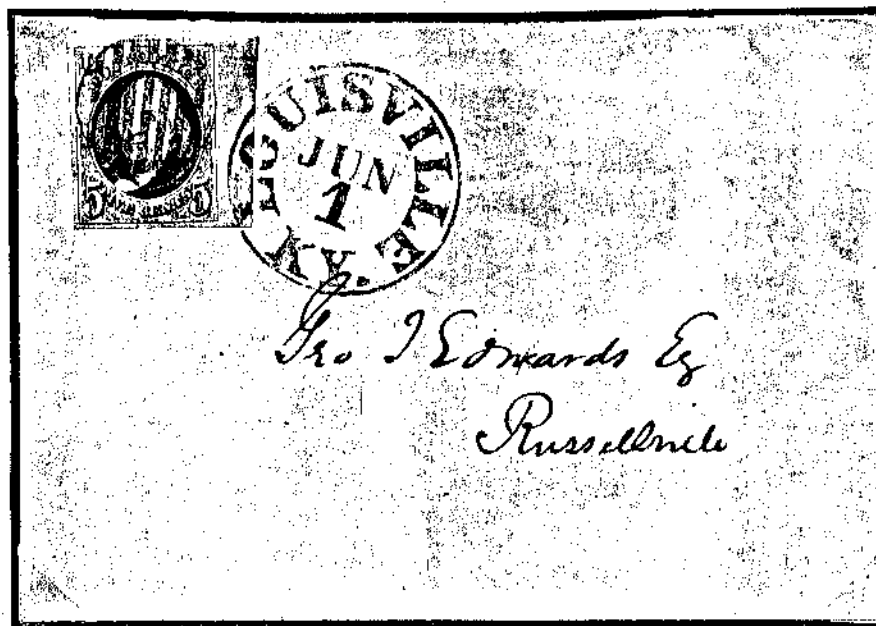
December 14, 1850.

Burlington

5¢ covers: 10

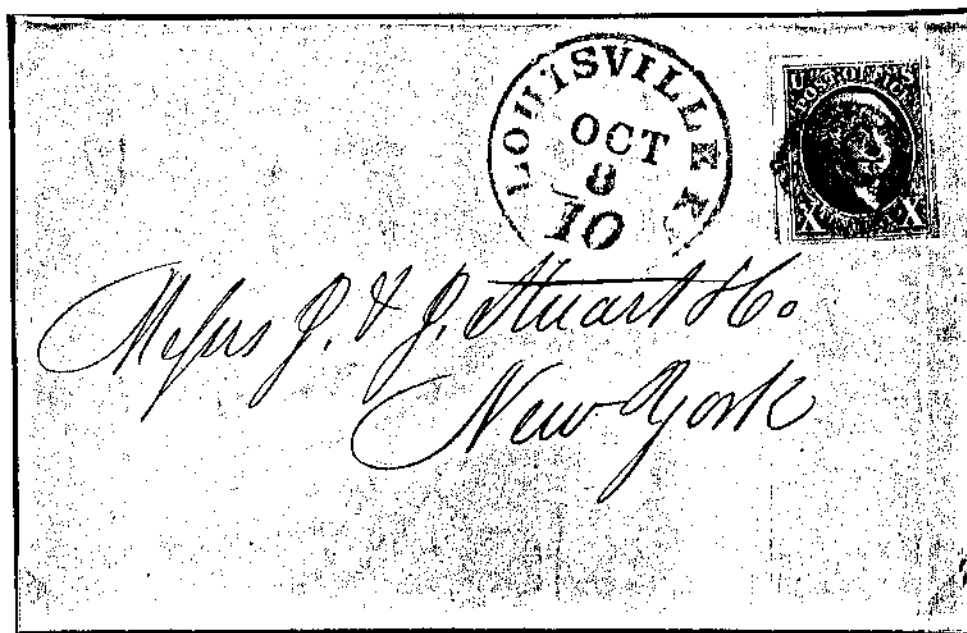
There are no 10¢ covers known.

KENTUCKY



June 1, 1849.

Louisville



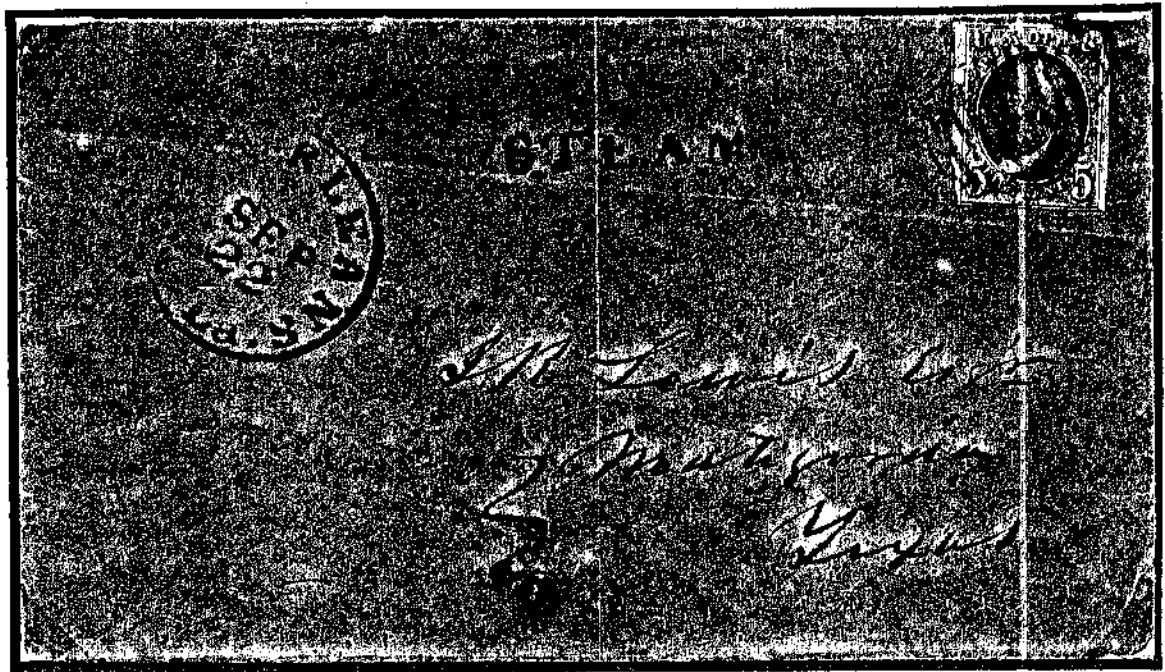
October 8, 1850.

Louisville

5¢ covers listed: 58

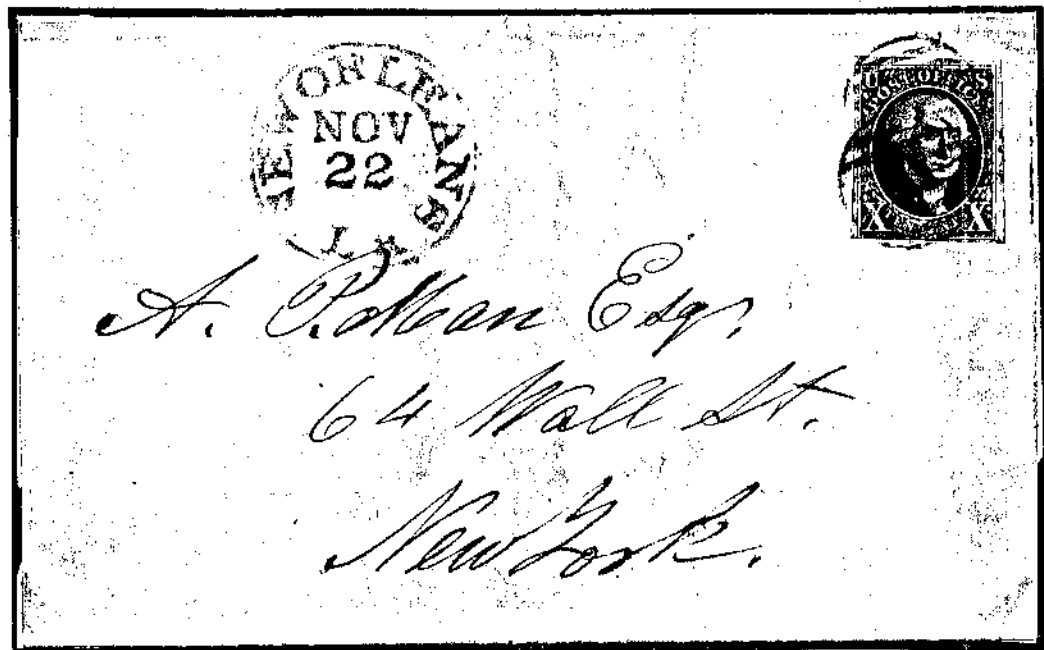
10¢ covers listed: 54

LOUISIANA



September 22, 18-x.

New Orleans



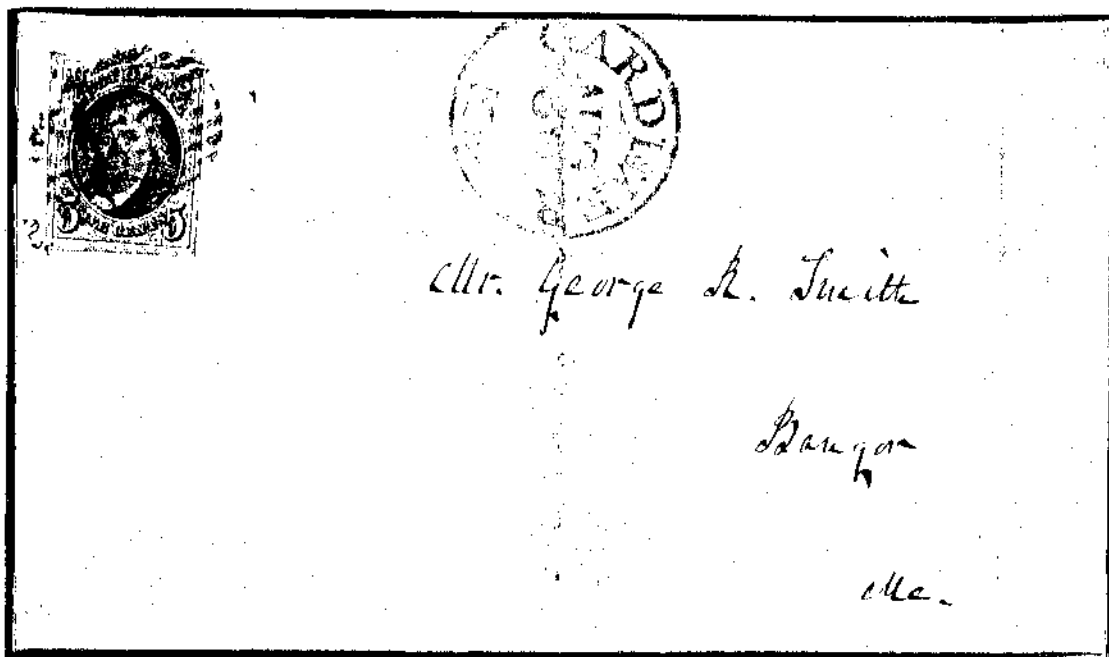
November 22, 1849.

New Orleans

5¢ covers listed: 21

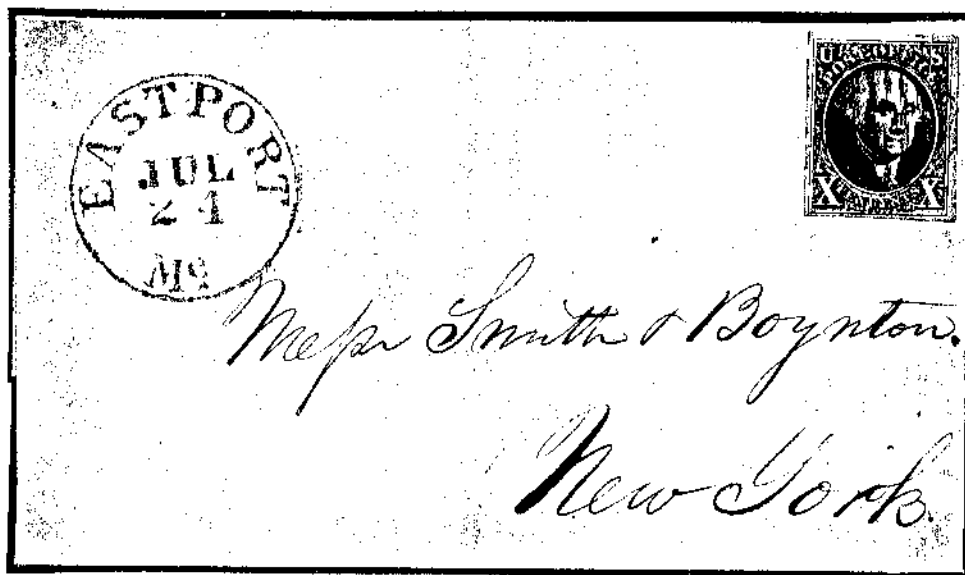
10¢ covers listed: 21

MAINE



April 30, 1849.

Gardiner



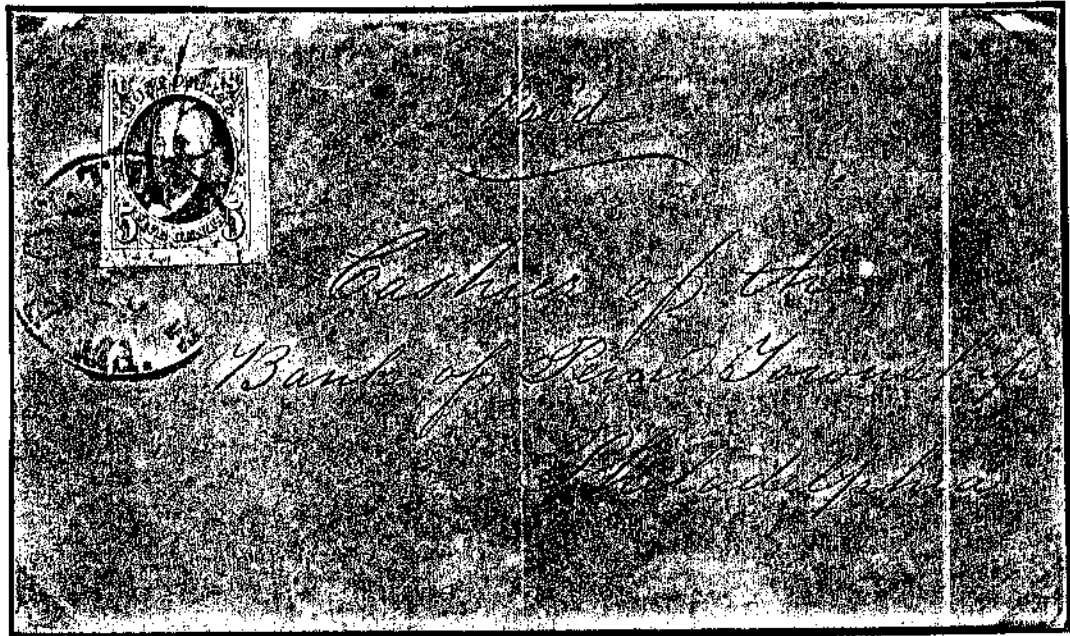
July 24, 1849.

Eastport

5¢ covers listed: 41

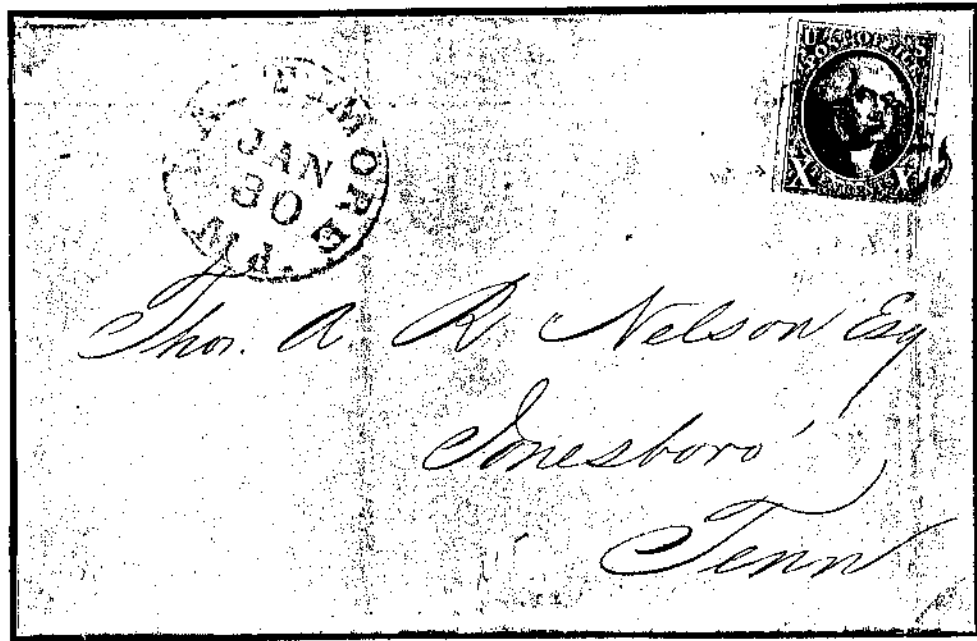
10¢ covers listed: 49

MARYLAND



December 18, 18-x.

Baltimore



January 30, 1850.

Baltimore

5¢ covers listed: 247

10¢ covers listed: 66