THE U.S. 10¢ POSTAGE STAMP OF 1869

THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS EXHIBIT IS TO SHOW ALL ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT STAMP. THE EXHIBIT CONSISTS OF EIGHT FRAMES, EACH DESIGNED TO STAND ALONE. THE FIRST TWO FRAMES SHOW STAMPS AND THE LAST SIX FRAMES SHOW COVERS.

THE 10¢ 1869 STAMP WAS MOSTLY USED ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE AND THE EXHIBIT REFLECTS THIS. THE ONE-YEAR LIFESPAN OF THE 1869 STAMPS BRIDGED A CRITICAL PERIOD IN THE MARCH TOWARD UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION. THE YEARS 1869 AND 1870 SAW MULTIPLE RATE REDUCTIONS AND OTHER IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE WAY INTERNATIONAL MAILS WERE RATED AND ROUTED. THE FOREIGN MAIL COVERS IN THE LAST FIVE FRAMES HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO HIGHLIGHT THESE CHANGES.

THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE FRAMES IS AS FOLLOWS:

FRAME 1: ESSAYS AND PROOFS
FRAME 2: STAMPS AND CANCELS
FRAME 3: DOMESTIC USES
FRAME 4: CROSS-BORDER AND PAN-AMERICAN
FRAME 5: FRENCH MAILS
FRAME 6: GERMAN MAILS
FRAME 7: BRITISH MAILS
FRAME 8: U.S. TRANSPACIFIC MAILS
ESSAYS AND PROOFS FOR U.S. 10¢ 1869

This frame suggests the many essays and proofs that survive for 10¢ 1869. Lincoln essays are shown in all Brazer-listed paper types, including 17 of the colorful safety-paper essays and four unique double-die envelopes. Eagle and shield essays include the only recorded proof of the first state (source of the Scott listing) and examples of the scarce second state. Trial color, card, plate and subsequent proofs are all represented.

India proof die sunk on card
Signed by engraver Douglas S. Ronaldson
ICONOGRAPHY OF 10¢ 1869 STAMP DESIGN

The U.S. 1869 stamp's celebrated the success of postal reform. Four of the 1869 stamp designs showed images that had been widely featured on postal-reform propaganda envelopes in the 1850s, first in England, then in the U.S. Images of the steam locomotive and the ocean steamship were used by Valentine of Dundee as early as 1851. Postal propagandist Barnabas Bates modified Valentine's design for use in the U.S., keeping the two steam vehicles and adding the patriotic image of the eagle and shield.

J. Valentine Ocean Penny Postage Propaganda Envelope, State 3, Posted 5 August 1861.

Barnabas Bates Postal Propaganda Envelope, Addressed to Arctic impresario Henry Grinnell.
EVOLUTION OF 10¢ 1869 STAMP
NATIONAL BANKNOTE COMPANY

PREDECESSOR
MAY 1866


ISSUED STAMPS
APRIL 1869

THE ISSUED STAMP
LINCOLN HEAD DIE ESSAY, INDIA PAPER ON FULL CARD

VIGNETTE ENGRAVED BY JOSEPH P. O'URDAN
BASED ON A PHOTO TAKEN 1-13-61 BY C.S. GERMAIN
FRAME ENGRAVED BY DOUGLAS S. RONALDSON
HEAD OF LINCOLN
DIE ESSAYS

HEAD OF LINCOLN FROM PREDECESSOR 15¢ STAMP

PROOF PAPER

FRAMED, IVORY PAPER, IMPRINT OF "NATIONAL BANK NOTE CO., NEW YORK"

GREEN-VEINED MARBLED WHITE IVORY CARD

INDIA PAPER

GREENISH BOND

PINK BOND

CLEAR WHITE THIN BOND

CLOUDY CREAM BOND
TYPE 8 UNDERPRINT IN SCARLET. 10¢ ESSAY IMAGES IMPRINTED IN ORANGE, RED AND BLUE.

TYPE 5 UNDERPRINT IN BLACK. LEFT, BROWN ON HORIZONTAL LATHEWORK. RIGHT, ORANGE RED ON VERTICAL.

TYPE 16 UNDERPRINT IN SCARLET. IMAGE IMPRINTED IN BLUE (AT LEFT) AND CARMINE (RIGHT).

TYPE 14 UNDERPRINT IN SCARLET. IMAGES IN CARMINE (AT LEFT) AND ORANGE RED (RIGHT).

UNDERPRINT TYPE 4, SCARLET, WITH STAMP IMPRINT IN BLUE

UNDERPRINT TYPE 3, BICOLORED (ORANGE AND RED) WITH STAMP IMPRINT IN CARMINE

TYPE 18, SCARLET, STAMP IMPRINT IN CARMINE

TYPE 13 UNDERPRINT IN BROWN, STAMP IMPRINT IN CARMINE (AT LEFT) AND ORANGE RED.

T 24 UNDERPRINT (SCARLET). IMAGES BLUE AND CARMINE.

CREATED BY NATIONAL BANK NOTE CO. DURING SECURITY TESTS IN THE LATE 1860S. FOR THE 10¢ ESSAYS, 36 DIFFERENT EXAMPLES EXISTS (17 UNDERPRINT TYPES IN SEVEN COLORS, STAMP IMAGES IN FOUR COLORS) WITH NO DUPLICATION RECORDED.
HEAD OF LINCOLN
DIE ESSAYS ON GOVERNMENT ENTIRE ENVELOPES

Top: on Nesbitt envelopes of 1864-65. Bottom: on Reay envelopes of 1870. All are unique.
DIE ESSAY

SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

VIGNETTE ENGRAVED BY JAMES SMILLIE
FRAME ENGRAVED BY DOUGLAS S. RONALDSON
EAGLE AND SHIELD DESIGN
PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAYS
SHOWING EVOLUTION OF ISSUED DESIGN

FIRST STATE:
CENTER OF ZERO NOT FILLED IN
NO SHADING BEHIND "TEN CENTS"
THIN SHADING LINES BEHIND "STATES"

SECOND STATE:
CENTER OF ZERO FILLED IN
SHADING BEHIND "TEN CENTS"
THIN SHADING LINES BEHIND "STATES"

ISSUED DESIGN:
CENTER OF ZERO FILLED IN
SHADING BEHIND "TEN CENTS"
THICK SHADING LINES BEHIND "STATES"

ATLANTA TRIAL
COLOR PROOF
SIMILAR TO THE ISSUED DESIGN, EXCEPT HORIZONTAL SHADING LINES BEHIND "STATES" VERY THIN.
EAGLE AND SHIELD DESIGN
LARGE DIE TRIAL COLOR PROOF
BETWEEN 1877 AND 1894, AS STAMP COLLECTING GREW IN POPULARITY, CARDBOARD PROOFS OF OBSOLETE STAMPS WERE CREATED AS GIVEAWAYS. SIX PRINTINGS WERE DISTRIBUTED. THICKNESS AND COLOR ARE SOMETIMES DISTINCTIVE, BUT THE PROOFS ARE BEST TYPED BY THE ENVELOPES IN WHICH THEY WERE SENT.
...AND CUT INTO TWO PIECES EXPRESSLY TO FIT INTO THIS EXHIBIT
10¢ 1869 STAMPS AND CANCELLATIONS

OBSCURED BY STAMPS:
DOUBLE-oval ST. THOMAS
FORWADER: "SCHON. WILLINK & CO."

HORIZONTAL STRIP OF SIX FROM ST. THOMAS (14 MAY 1870) VIA BRAZIL LINE STEAMER NORTH AMERICA TO NEW YORK, ARRIVING MAY 21. LARGEST RECORDED USED MULTIPLE.

THIS FRAME PRESENTS STAMPS OFF COVER. TOP ROW: "SPECIMEN" OVERPRINTS, PAPER, GRILL, PLATE AND PERFORATION VARIETIES AND FANCY CANCELS. SECOND ROW: TOWN CANCELS (INCLUDING TERRITORIALS) NUMERALS AND LETTERS. THIRD ROW: STARS, CIRCULARS, SERVICE MARKINGS AND GRIDS. BOTTOM ROW: MARKINGS ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN MAILS.

"SPECIMEN" OVERPRINTS

TYPE A: FOUR COPIES RECORDED
TYPE B: TWO COPIES RECORDED
CARD PROOF TYPE 2: ONE COPY RECORDED
CARD PROOF TYPE 4: ONE COPY RECORDED
PAPER AND GRILL VARIETIES

PRE-PRINTING PAPER FOLD

CONTINUOUS MARGIN GRILLS

ON STAMP

ON SELVAGE

SPLIT GRILLS

VERTICAL

HORIZONTAL

DOUBLE GRILL
PERFORATION VARIETIES

DOUBLE PERFORATIONS

TOP MARGIN IMPERFORATE PLATE NO. 15
TOP MARGIN IMPERFORATE
APPARENTLY IMPERFORATE
STRADDLE PANE COPIES

POSITION VARIETIES

HORIZONTAL ARROWS

VERTICAL ARROWS

CAPTURE VARIETIES

PLATE NO. 16
HUGE MISPERF
IMPRINT
CANCELLATIONS

FANCY

MAN'S HEAD, ORIGIN UNKNOWN

FLY

DETROIT SHIELD

SCARAB

WAITING FOR A SPADE

STONEHAM, MASS. SKULL & BONES

BANGOR, WISC. MASONIC

WEST MERIDEN, CT. PADLOCK

SAVANNAH, GA. GOLFBALL
CANCELLATIONS

TERRITORIAL MARKINGS

SITKA, ALASKA TERRITORY  SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO TERRITORY  MT. PLEASANT, UTAH TERRITORY

AT LEFT, FRAGMENT OF A COVER ORIGINATING AT WILLIAMS CREEK, BRITISH COLUMBIA. THE B.C. 25¢ OVERPRINT STAMP PAID POSTAGE TO THE U.S. ENTRY POINT AT PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON TERRITORY, JUNE 3 [1870].

LA PAZ, ARIZONA TERRITORY, 25-MM BLUE-GREEN CIRCULAR TOWNSTAMP; THE LATER OF TWO STRIKES RECORDED.

ARIZONA TERRITORY/GENOA, ITALY—1870 COVER FRAGMENT WITH FAINT BLUE-GREEN CIRCULAR "LA PAZ, ARIZONA," MATCHING TARGET KILLERS AND FIVE STRIKES OF "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID" APPLIED AT THE NYC EXCHANGE OFFICE.
CANCELLATIONS

TOWNS: COLORS

MAGENTA  GREEN  PURPLE

BROWN  BLUE  BLACK

FT. LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

PINEAPPLES

ONE OF FIVE RECORDED USED BLOCKS
CANCELLATIONS

LETTERS

PHILADELPHIA/MORADABAD, INDIA, 24 MARCH 1877. VERY LATE USE. ITALIAN MAIL TO ALEXANDRIA, BRITISH MAIL TO INDIA. 10¢ GENERAL POSTAL UNION RATE EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1876—CIRCA 1881.
CANCELLATIONS

STARS

RED

VIOLET

ULTRAMARINE

BOSTON

SAN FRANCISCO HOLLOW STAR
CANCELLATIONS

CIRCULAR

BAKTIMORE

SAVANNAH

LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

SAN FRANCISCO

PIECE OF COVER FROM ENGLAND TO PHILADELPHIA, FORWARDED TO CUBA
CANCELLATIONS

GRIDS

BROWN

RED

BLUE
CANCELLATIONS

NEW YORK MARKINGS ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN MAILS

SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL

EXCHANGE OFFICE

FOREIGN MAIL OFFICE FANCY KILLERS

NEW YORK STEAMSHIP: INCOMING CARIBBEAN MAIL

INSUFFICIENTLY PAID

NEW YORK

PHILADELPHIA
CANCELLATIONS

FOREIGN MARKINGS

BRITISH MAILS

LONDON TRANSIT
MAYNOOTH, IRELAND
LONDON "PAID"

FRENCH MAILS

CHERBOURG
MARITIME
CALAIS

GERMAN MAILS

BREMEM
VERVIERS-COLOGNE
HAMBURG

BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO: PROBABLY ON AN INCOMING COVER FROM ST. THOMAS

PORTUGAL

"FRANCA": APPLIED AT OPORTO, PORTUGAL

CANADA

TARGET KILLER: APPLIED AT U.S.-CANADA BORDER EXCHANGE OFFICE
CANCELLATIONS
APPLIED IN JAPAN
U.S. CONSULAR POST OFFICES

YOKOHAMA

NAGASAKI

HIOGO

PRIVATE CHOPS
TRANSPACIFIC CANCELLATIONS

APPLIED IN CHINA

HONG KONG
BRITISH POST OFFICE

DISTINCTIVE KILLERS APPLIED AT THE U.S. CONSULAR POST OFFICE IN SHANGHAI

PURSER'S MARKINGS
FROM PACIFIC MAIL STEAMERS

STEAMER ALASKA
STEAMER COSTA RICA

CANCELLATIONS APPLIED IN HAWAII

Mclean PLANTATION,
MAUI, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

HONOLULU, MAIN POST OFFICE

NEGATIVE "HI"
DOMESTIC USES OF U.S. 10¢ 1869 STAMP

This stamp was mostly used on international mail. Of 1360 10¢ 1869 covers so far recorded, fewer than 50 represent fully domestic uses. This frame shows covers on which the 10¢ 1869 stamp is used to pay various multiples of the 3¢ letter rate; the seldom-seen book rate; and the successive registry fees of 15¢, 8¢ and 10¢. The frame concludes with two covers franked with 10¢ 1869 plate proofs (the only such covers known) and a very late use on a patriotic envelope paying the special delivery fee.

Walton, KY./Alfred, Maine, 16 May 1870. 10¢, 2¢ and 3¢ 1869 with 3¢ ungrilled banknote stamp. 3¢ letter rate + 15¢ registration fee.
DOMESTIC BOOK RATE

EFFECTIVE 1863-1872

ELEVEN TIMES 4¢ PER 4 OZ. RATE

PAIR OF 10¢ 1869 PLUS 24¢ 1869 ON HUGE FOLDED-DOWN ENVELOPE THAT CARRIED A 2½ POUND MUSIC BOOK FROM BOSTON TO SCHOHARIE, N.Y., 8 JANUARY 1870.
DOMESTIC USE

RATE: 3c PER 1/2 OZ. -- EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1881--1 OCTOBER 1883

THREE TIMES 3c RATE, ONE CENT OVERPAYMENT

DENVER, COLORADO TERRITORY: 22mm RIMLESS CIRCULAR RECEIVING MARK
JARRETT #73, EARLIEST RECORDED USE

CAMBRIDGE STA., MASS/DENVER, COLORADO TERRITORY, 25 AUGUST 1869. ADDRESSED TO EMINENT HARVARD GEOLOGIST JULIUS MARCOU, WHO CREATED THE FIRST COAST-TO-COAST GEOLOGICAL MAP OF THE UNITED STATES.
DOMESTIC USE
FOUR AND FIVE TIMES 3¢ RATE

MARSTON'S MILLS / LYNN, MASS., 7 NOV 1870. 2¢ 1869 AND 3¢ UNGRILLED BANKNOTE STAMP. FIVE TIMES LETTER RATE ON ENVELOPE THAT CARRIED INDIAN ARROWHEADS.

EUGENE, IND./ALFRED, ME., 18 JAN 1873. 2¢ AND 3¢ UNGRILLED BANKNOTE STAMPS. FIVE TIMES LETTER RATE TO EARLY MAIL-ORDER DEALER HARRIET SHAW.

KENDALLVILLE / HUNTINGTON, IND, 29 MAY 1874. 2¢ CONTINENTAL BANKNOTE. FOUR TIMES LETTER RATE.
DOMESTIC USES

SEVEN TIMES
3¢ RATE

11 MAY 1869:
NYC / UTICA,
FORWARDED
TO ALBANY

PAIR 10¢
+ 1¢ 1869

FIVE TIMES 3¢ RATE - 1¢ OVERPAY
30 APRIL 1873: HOLDEN, MO./SHERMAN, TEX.
PAIR 3¢ NATIONAL + 10¢ 1869
DOMESTIC USE
NINE TIMES 3¢ RATE

NEW ORLEANS/ITHACA, NEW YORK, 26 APR 1870, TWO 10¢ WITH TWO 2¢ AND A 3¢ 1869 ON COVER PIECE TO THE FOUNDER OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH AND CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

ROCKFORD, ILL./CHARLES CITY, IOWA, 27 APRIL 1874, PAIR WITH 1¢ AND 6¢ BANKNOTES.
DOMESTIC USE
RATE: 3c PER 1/2 OZ. -- EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1851--1 OCTOBER 1883

FOURTEEN TIMES 3c RATE

WITH 30c AND 2c 1869 ON PIECE FROM NEW YORK CITY

FIFTEEN TIMES 3c RATE

NEWCASTLE, KY/LA GRANGE, KY--COURT-HOUSE COVER. PAIR 10c 1869, WITH 24c 1861 AND 1c BANKNOTE (BOTH UNGRILLED)
5th Spruce St
Philadelphia

DOMESTIC USE
10 TIMES 3¢ RATE
PARCEL WRAPPER
PHILADELPHIA/NEWPORT
1 JULY 1870

DOMESTIC USE
11 TIMES 3¢ RATE
LARGE ENVELOPE
HILLSBORO, PA/PHILADELPHIA
5 NOVEMBER 1870
3 10¢ 1869 + 3¢ NATIONAL
DOMESTIC USE
RATE: 3¢ PER ½ OZ. - EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1851 - 1 OCTOBER 1883
SEVEN TIMES 3¢ RATE

E. H. Miller, Esq.
Pontotoc, Miss.

10¢ 1869 + TWO 1¢, ONE 2¢ AND ONE 3¢ 1869 ON 3¢ NESBITT ENVELOPE,
OXFORD TO PONTOTOC, MISS. A 1¢ 1869 STAMP IS PRESUMED MISSING.
NEW LONDON, WISC./IRON RIDGE, WISC., 31 MAY 1874.

If not called for in Ten Days, return to

W. H. UHLER,
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
P. O. BOX 23.
PINE GROVE, PA.

PINE GROVE, PA./NEW YORK CITY, 6 FEBRUARY 1874 OR 1875.
DOMESTIC REGISTERED USE
15¢ REGISTRY FEE, EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1869--31 DECEMBER 1873

GREENVILLE, MAINE/MANCHester, MAINE, 11 APRIL 1871.

RICHFIELD SPRINGS, NEW YORK/CANAL DOVER, OHIO, 17 APRIL 1871.
DOMESTIC REGISTERED USE
2 X 3c LETTER RATE + 15c REGISTRY FEE

10c 1869 + 3c 1869 ON 9c NESBITT ENTIRE,
NYC/RED BLUFF, CAL., 19 MAY 1869. FIRST
CROSS-COUNTRY MAILS ON NEWLY COMPLETED TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY.

THIS IS THE ONLY 9c "LEMON DROP" ENVELOPE KNOWN
USED WITH 1869 STAMPS.
DOMESTIC REGISTERED USE: 10c REGISTRY FEE
LETTER RATE: 3c PER 1/2 OZ, EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1851–1 OCTOBER 1883
REGISTRY FEE: 10c, EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1875–31 DECEMBER 1892

JACKSONVILLE, ALA TO
ASHVILLE, ALA,
18 JAN 1876,
10c 1869 ON 3c
PLIMPTON AMBER
ENTIRE

RENSSELAERVILLE, NY
TO QUINCY, WISC, 15
NOV 1876. 10c 1869
WITH 3c CONTINENTAL

29 MAY 1879: PIONEER
NYC STAMP DEALER
WILLIAM P. BROWN
RECYCLES AN OLD
ENVELOPE (AND AN
OLD STAMP) ON A
COVER TO A CUSTOMER
IN ST. LOUIS. 10c 1869
ON 3c NESBITT ENTIRE.
DOMESTIC REGISTERED USE
15¢ REGISTRY FEE, EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1869--31 DECEMBER 1873

NEW YORK CITY/WETHERSFIELD, CONN/6 OCTOBER 1869. 10¢, 6¢ AND 2¢ 1869S: THE ONLY COVER KNOWN FRANKED WITH THESE THREE STAMPS.

POTSDAM JUNCTION, NEW YORK / McCLELLAN, NEW YORK /5 JUNE 1871, WITH UNGRILLED 6¢ AND 1¢ BANK NOTE STAMPS.
DOMESTIC REGISTERED USE
PLATE PROOF ON INDIA PAPER

ANGRAM LEAD MINES, NY/CHICAGO, ILL., 16 FEB 1892: INDIA PROOF ACCEPTED FOR 10¢ REGISTRY FEE ON 2¢ PLIMPTON ENVELOPE.

2¢ LETTER RATE EFFECTIVE
1 OCT 85 - 1 NOV 17

10¢ REGISTRY FEE EFFECTIVE
1 JUL 75 - 31 DEC 92

2¢ LETTER RATE EFFECTIVE
1 JUL 19 - 5 JUL 32

10¢ REGISTRY FEE EFFECTIVE
1 NOV 09 - 15 APR 25

RETURN RECEIPT FREE BEFORE 5 APR 25

BOSTON/NEW YORK, 27 JAN 1921: INDIA PROOF ACCEPTED FOR 10¢ REGISTRY FEE ON 2¢ INTERNATIONAL ENVELOPE. LATE USE FROM A FAMOUS DEALER. ONLY THESE TWO PROOF COVERS RECORDED.
DOMESTIC SPECIAL DELIVERY USE
ON MULTICOLORED PATRIOTIC ENVELOPE

BOSTON/HINGHAM, MASS, 4 JANUARY 1930. 10¢ 1869 + 2¢ BLACKJACK PAY 12¢ POSTAGE REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER. A 2¢ 1861 STAMP WITH "PAID" CANCEL WAS ADDED FOR EMBELLISHMENT. THIS CONFECTION, CREATED BY A STAMP COLLECTOR IN 1930, IS THE LATESTRecorded USE OF A 10¢ 1869 STAMP, AS WELL AS THE ONLY SPECIAL DELIVERY USE AND THE ONLY USE ON A PATRIOTIC ENVELOPE.
10c 1869 CROSS BORDER, PAN AMERICAN, OTHER

This frame shows the 10c 1869 stamp on cross-border covers and in Pan-American and Caribbean uses at the 10c steamship rates. Top row: various uses to and from British Columbia. Middle rows: Pan-American steamship covers selected to contrast inbound and outbound uses. Bottom row: covers to lesser European nations with which the United States had separate postal treaties.

SAN FRANCISCO/VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA. Proper use of 10c 1869 stamp on Wells-Fargo franked government envelope carried entirely outside the mails. Only recorded example of this franking. Two Wells-Fargo covers known with 10c 1869.
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

REGISTERED COVER: NYC/SUMMERSIDE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 3 NOVEMBER 1869. LETTER RATE WAS 6c AND REGISTRY FEE WAS 5c; THE SENDER MISTAKENLY PREPAID THE 15c DOMESTIC REGISTRY FEE.

TO NOVA SCOTIA, SINGLE AND DOUBLE RATES. AT RIGHT: PROVIDENCE/HALIFAX, 24 JULY 1870, 10c PLUS 2c 1869 PAYING DOUBLE 6c RATE. EX COLONEL GREEN, THIS WAS THE ONLY 10c 1869 COVER IN HIS VAST COLLECTION.

LEFT: NYC/HALIFAX, 24 MARCH 1870, 10c 1869 STAMPS OVERPAYS 6c RATE.
FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA
U.S. RATE: 10¢ PER 1/2 OZ.—EFFECTIVE: PRE-1866-30 JUNE 1870
B.C. RATE: ZONED BY ORIGIN

VICTORIA, B.C./NEW LONDON, PA., 12 APRIL 1870. FOUR COVERS KNOWN WITH THIS FRANKING.

SODA CREEK, B.C./WHITE LAKE, N.Y., DATE UNCLEAR. SOLE COVER KNOWN WITH THIS FRANKING.

B.C./CANBORDO, ONTARIO, CANADA, SOLE COVER KNOWN WITH THIS FRANKING. RECEIVED AT NEW WESTMINSTER 22 JULY 1870, DAYS AFTER NEW TREATY MADE MIXED FRANKING UNNECESSARY.
TO AND FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OZ -- EFFECTIVE PRE-1866--30 JUNE 1870

NYC/VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA, 6 JULY 1869.

VICTORIA, B.C./STOCKTON, MAINE, 23 MAY 1870, VIA PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON TERRITORY. U.S. POSTAGE PAID BY 10c 1869 STAMP. 5c B.C. POSTAGE PAID IN CASH.
TO AND FROM ASPINWALL
RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE: 1 JULY 1864–30 JUNE 1875
VIA PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

INBOUND: ASPINWALL/NYC, VIA ALASKA, DEPARTING PANAMA 29 OCT 1869

OUTBOUND: SINGLE AND DOUBLE RATES

DOUBLE RATE: NYC/ASPINWALL, VIA STEAMER HENRY CHAUNCEY, DEPARTING NYC 20 NOVEMBER 1869.

NYC/ASPINWALL, 21 JAN 1870. RETURNED TO D.C. OUTSIDE THE MAILS; REPOSTED TO NYC.
TO AND FROM BERMUDA

RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OZ -- EFFECTIVE 1 JUL 1875--30 JUNE 1875

OUTBOUND: HOLMES HOLE, MASS./ ST. GEORGE, BERMUDA, MAY 16, 1870.
ONE OF TWO 10c 1869 COVERS RECORDED TO BERMUDA. REPAIRED COVER.

INBOUND: HAMILTON, BERMUDA/PORTSMOUTH, N.H., ARRIVING NYC 6 APRIL 1870 VIA STEAMER FAH KEE. POSSIBLY BECAUSE PREPAYMENT WITH A U.S. STAMP WAS EXTREMELY UNCOMMON ON CORRESPONDENCE FROM BERMUDA, THIS WAS MISRATED AS UNPAID, WITH 10c COLLECTED FROM RECIPIENT. ONLY RECORDED USE OF 10c 1869 STAMP FROM BERMUDA.
UNUSUAL ORIGIN AND DESTINATION

STEAMSHIP RATE: 10¢ PER 1/2 OZ.

TO SANTO DOMINGO

DOUBLE-CIRCLE
SANTO DOMINGO
RECEIVING MARK:
11 APRIL 1870

FROM PUERTO RICO

DOUBLE-OVAL
MERCHANT CACHET:
"LANDEGREN & CO.,
ARROYO, FEB 9, 1870"

ABOVE, COVER FROM NEW YORK CITY TO SANTO DOMINGO, VIA STEAMER TYBEE OF THE SAN DOMINGO STEAM LINE, DEPARTING NYC 31 MARCH 1870. FIVE 10¢ 1869 COVERS ARE RECORD-ED FROM THIS SERVICE.

ARROYO, PUERTO RICO, PRIVATELY CARRIED TO ST. THOMAS, THEN VIA BRAZIL LINE STEAMER NORTH AMERICA, DEPARTING ST. THOMAS 14 FEBRUARY 1870, ARRIVING NEW YORK CITY FEBRUARY 20.
TO MEXICO
R A T E: 10¢ PER 1/2 OZ.
EFFECTIVE: 26 JULY 1862—31 MARCH 1879
VIA NEW YORK AND MEXICAN STEAMSHIP LINE

THE 10¢ STEAMSHIP RATE PAID POSTAGE ONLY TO THE FOREIGN FRONTIER, WITH INTERNAL POSTAGE COLLECTED FROM THE RECIPIENT. COVERS TO THE PORT CITY OF VERA CRUZ (AS AT LEFT) SOMETIMES AVOIDED THE MEXICAN MAILS. MOST COVERS WERE SENT ONWARD IN THE MEXICAN MAILS WITH VARYING COLLECTIONS ACCORDING TO RATE AND DISTANCE.

PORTSMOUTH/ VERA CRUZ, VIA CITY OF MEXICO. DEPART NYC 29 NOV 1870

AT LEFT: DOUBLE RATE FROM NEW YORK TO VERA CRUZ WITH, 2 REALES LOCAL POSTAGE ASSESSED.

ABOVE AND LEFT, SINGLE AND DOUBLE RATE COVERS TO MEXICO CITY SHOWING 4 AND 6 REALES DUE.
UNUSUAL ROUTINGS AND MARKINGS
(1) TO GUATEMALA VIA TWO PMSS STEAMERS
(2) INBOUND COVER POSTED ON THE HIGH SEAS

NYC/GUATEMALA CITY, 4 JUNE 1870. ATLANTIC TRANSIT TO PANAMA VIA PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP ALASKA; PACIFIC TRANSIT TO GUATEMALA CITY VIA PACIFIC MAIL STEAMER CONSTITUTION. ONLY FIVE 10¢ 1869 COVERS RECORDED TO GUATEMALA. DOUBLE RATE.

INBOUND: COVER FROM A U.S. NAVAL VESSEL CRUISING OFF SOUTH AMERICA, TRANSFERRED TO A PRIVATE SHIP, MOST LIKELY THE NORWEGIAN BARK HETTERTDAL, WHICH ARRIVED NYC 14 FEB. 1870 FROM RIO DE JANEIRO. POSSIBLY BECAUSE PREPAYMENT WAS UNCOMMON ON INCOMING SHIP LETTERS, THIS COVER WAS MISRATED AS UNPAID, DESPITE THE STAMP. THE APPROPRIATE 6¢ (TWICE DOMESTIC RATE) WAS COLLECTED UPON DELIVERY.

"U.S. FLAG-SHIP LANCASTER"--ORNAMENTAL PURSER'S CACHET, 3 JAN 1871
TO AND FROM DANISH WEST INDIES 
VIA UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. 
RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OZ -- EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST 1867--30 JUNE 1875

OUTBOUND: NEW YORK CITY/ST. CROIX, 23 AUGUST 1869, VIA ST. THOMAS

INBOUND: CHRISTIANSTED/NANJET, N.Y., 11 MAY 1870, VIA SAT, THOMAS. POSTED AT CHRISTIANSTED, STAMP APPLIED AT ST. THOMAS. TWO 1869 COVERS KNOWN FROM CHRISTIANSTED
TO AND FROM CUBA
10c PER 1/2 OZ. STEAMSHIP RATES
EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1864–30 JUNE 1875

HAVANA, CUBA/EASTPORT, MAINE—9 APRIL 1870. VIA DIRECT STEAMSHIP FROM HAVANA TO PHILADELPHIA, SHOWING VERY SCARCE CIRCULAR PHILADELPHIA STEAMSHIP MARKING.

BALTIMORE/SANTIAGO, 18 AUG 1869. VIA STEAMER COLUMBIA OF ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

BACKSTAMPED
BOCK & CO., HAVANA, 9 APR 1870

RED
BALTIMORE
FOREIGN
MAIL
KILLET
TO AND FROM BRAZIL
VIA UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.
SUCCESSIVE TREATY RATES

RATE:
15c PER HALF OUNCE

EFFECTIVE:
13 SEPT 1870--
30 JUNE 1875

OUTBOUND: PORT GIBSON, MISS/RI0, 18 JULY 1872. WITH UNGRILLED 2c JACKSON ON 3c REAY ENVELOPE. SOLE RECORDED USE OF 10c 1869 PAYING THIS RATE.

RATE (EITHER WAY):
10c PER HALF OUNCE

EFFECTIVE:
1 DEC 1865--
12 SEPT 1870

ABOVE: FROM U.S.NAVY SHIP PORTSMOUTH (OFF BRAZIL) TO ROCHESTER, N.Y., JAN. 1870. MARKED AS A SHIP LETTER, BUT SENT VIA MAIL STEAMER WITH 10c POSTAGE PROPERLY PREPAID BY STAMP. LEFT: ANAPOLIS/RI0, 22 MAY 1870.
TO SWITZERLAND
TREATY RATE: 15c PER 1/2 OZ.
EFFECTIVE: 1 APRIL 1868--30 APRIL 1870

NEW YORK/BASEL, 25 SEPTEMBER 1869. 10c 1869 WITH 5c GRILLED JEFFERSON STAMP.

NEW YORK/BASEL, SWITZERLAND (IN OLD SWISS SCRIPT), 5 APRIL 1870. PARTIALLY PREPAID. 2c UNDERPAYMENT (10 CENTIMES) + 20 CENTIMES FINE = 30 CENTIMES SWISS COLLECTION (RED CRAYON "30").
TO ITALY: SUCCESSIVE TREATY RATES

RATE:
15¢ PER 1/2 OZ.
EFFECTIVE:
1 APR 1868—
14 FEB 1870

NYC/GENOA, 13 APRIL 1869. FRANKED TO PAY THE 19¢ CLOSED-MAIL RATE VIA GERMAN MAILS, BUT SENT INSTEAD AT THE 15¢ TREATY RATE. A VERY EARLY USE—SECOND WEEK OF ISSUE.

RATE:
10¢ PER 1/2 OZ.
EFFECTIVE:
15 FEB 1870—
30 JUN 1875

SINGLE AND DOUBLE RATES FROM NEW ORLEANS.
TO BELGIUM AND TO THE NETHERLANDS

UNIQUE USES OF 10c 1869

BUFFALO, N.Y./GHENT, BELGIUM, 3 MAY 1870. THE ONLY 10c 1869 COVER RECORDED TO BELGIUM.

Baltimore/Amsterdam, 29 Dec. 1869. The only 10c 1869 cover recorded to the Netherlands.
TO SWITZERLAND
TREATY RATE: 10¢ PER 1/2 OZ.
EFFECTIVE: 1 MAY 1870—30 JUNE 1875

SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA/LOCARNO, CANTON TICINO, 19 SEPTEMBER 1870

SINGULAR RATES

INDIANAPOLIS/ZURICH, 15 JANUARY 1871, VIA GUION NEBRASKA,
DEPARTING NYC 18 JANUARY

NGL MOSEL
DEPART NYC
1 FEB 1873

CONSTABLEVILLE, NY/UTZEN-STORR, 30 JAN 1873, WITH TWO STRIKES OF SCARCE "NEW YORK PAID ALL VIA ENG. & OSTD." MARKING USED ONLY ON SWISS-TREATY MAIL 1873-75
10c 1869 TO FRANCE AND VIA FRENCH MAILS

This frame shows the 10c 1869 stamp on covers to France and beyond France via French mails. Top row: covers at the 15c treaty rate, which expired 12-31-69. Second row: "direct" covers, prepaid only to the French border. Third row: war disruption and "via England" covers, prepaid only to the British border. Bottom row: postwar restoration of direct service, forwarded and beyond-France uses. All covers selected to illustrate the complex ratings, routings and due markings that followed the expiry of the postal treaty. Note: "phantom rate" covers to France, fully prepaid via British mails, are presented in the British-mail frame.

Washington, D.C./Paris, 7 Dec. 1869. 16c overpays the 15c (per quarter ounce) treaty rate. At the New York exchange office, the cover was found to require two rates. Per treaty, the postage counted for nothing. The stamps were crossed out with pen. Marked "insufficiently prepaid" and sent as an unpaid double-rate cover (new York debit 24 rater), delivered in Paris with 16 decimes paid. Then readressed and remailed to Germany ("trouvez a la boite" lozenge). 13 silbergroschen collected from recipient at Gotha, Germany.
TO FRANCE
TREATY RATE: 15¢ PER ¼ OZ. - EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 1857-31 DECEMBER 1869
PREPAID TO DESTINATION "VIA AMERICAN PACKET VIA ENGLAND"

DOUBLE RATE
PHILADELPHIA CREDIT 12

VIA CUNARD CHINA
DEPART NYC 8 SEP 69

PHILADELPHIA/PARIS - 7 SEPTEMBER 1869

SINGLE RATE
BOSTON CREDIT 6

VIA CUNARD SCOTIA
DEPART NYC 7 DEC 69

BOSTON/ PARIS - 8 DECEMBER 1869
TO FRANCE

TREATY PERIOD: VIA DIRECT FRENCH PACKET

SINGLE RATES
NY CREDIT 12

FR PACKET #3
VILLE DE PARIS
DEPART NYC
12 JUNE 69

WITH 5¢ 1863, LAMBERTVILLE, N.J./PARIS, 10 JUNE 1869

FR PACKET #1
RERIERE
DEPART NYC
11 MAY 69

NEW ORLEANS/CANNES, 26 APRIL 1869. FIRST MONTH OF USE, 1¢ OVERPAY.
TO FRANCE

TREATY PERIOD: INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID ACCEPTED AS PAID

DURING THE LAST MONTHS OF THE FRENCH TREATY, INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID COVERS WERE SOMETIMES ACCEPTED AND MARKED AS IF FULLY PREPAID. THE TOP COVER WAS POSTED AT NEW YORK 27 MAY 1869; THE BOTTOM COVER WAS POSTED AT NEW ORLEANS 7 NOV 1869. IN BOTH CASES, THE 10c POSTAGE WAS ACCEPTED AS FULLY PREPAYING THE 15c RATE.
TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD--DIRECT TRANSIT
U.S. RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OUNCE, PREPAID TO FRENCH BORDER
FRENCH RATE: 8 DECIMES PER 10 GRAMS, COLLECT

CONTRASTING CONTRACT CARRIERS

VIA AMERICAN PACKET

"TOO LATE" FOR
FRENCH LINE STEAMER
LAFAYETTE

NEW YORK
FOREIGN MAIL KILLER
WESS TYPE TR-C1

NEW YORK/PARIS, 5 APRIL 1870.

VIA FRENCH PACKET

FRENCH LINE
ST. LAURENT
DEPART NYC
25 JUNE 1870
ARRIVE BREST
5 JULY 1870

WAVERLY DEPARTMENT,
BOWLES BROTHERS & CO.
BOSTON,

Care of Bowles Brothers & Co.,
12 Rue de la Paix,
PARIS,
FRANCE.

WATERBURY, MASS./PARIS, 24 JUNE 1870.
TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD—VIA BRITISH OPEN MAILS
U.S. RATE: 4¢ PER 1/2 OUNCE, PAID ONLY TO ENGLAND
FRENCH RATE: 5 DECIMES PER 7 1/2 GRAMS, COLLECT

CONTRASTING U.S. EXCHANGE OFFICES

BOSTON EXCHANGE OFFICE


CHARACTERISTIC MARKINGS:
“GB/40c” ACCOUNTANCY MARKING
“ANGL AMB CALAIS” FRENCH ENTRY
5 DECIMES DUE IN FRANCE

Preceding two pages contain image and text about postal charges and markings for sending mail to France during the non-treaty period and the three-month period in 1857.
TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD--DIRECT TRANSIT
U.S. RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OUNCE, PREPAID
FRENCH RATE: 8 DECIMES PER 10 GRAMS, COLLECT

MULTIPLE FRENCH COLLECTIONS

16 DECIMES (≈30c) DUE

PHILADELPHIA/PARIS, 14 MAY 1870. SINGLE RATE IN U.S., DOUBLE RATE IN FRANCE.

24 DECIMES (≈45c) DUE

PHILADELPHIA/PARIS, 9 MAY 1870. DOUBLE RATE IN U.S., TRIPLE RATE IN FRANCE.
TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD—DIRECT TRANSIT
10¢ PER 1/2 OUNCE PREPAID, 8 DECIMES PER 10 GRAMS COLLECT

VIA RUGER'S AMERICAN LINE

NEW ORLEANS/PARIS, 24 FEBRUARY 1870, DEPARTING NYC 3 MARCH ON PADDLE STEAMER OCEAN QUEEN, CHARTERED BY RUGER'S AMERICAN LINE. RUGER MADE THREE MAIL CROSSINGS IN 1870, CARRYING ONLY 7,400 COVERS, OF WHICH NINE SURVIVORS ARE KNOWN.

TWO-COUNTRY FRANKING

NEW YORK CITY/PARIS, 4 JANUARY 1870, REDIRECTED WITH 10 CENTIME EMPIRE STAMP.
TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD--VIA BRITISH OPEN MAILS
U.S. RATE: 4c PER 1/2 OUNCE, PAID ONLY TO ENGLAND
FRENCH RATE: 5 DECIMES PER 7 1/2 GRAMS, COLLECT

MULTIPLE FRENCH COLLECTIONS

Mr. S. H. HORSTMANN,
Care of
WM. H. HORSTMANN & SONS,
No. 17 PARADIS POISSONNIÈRE,
PARIS,
FRANCE.

PHILADELPHIA/PARIS, 6 MAY 1870
TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD--VIA ENGLAND
U.S. RATE: 4c PER 1/2 OZ., PREPAID TO BRITISH FRONTIER
FRENCH RATE: 5 DECIMES PER 7 1/2 GRAMS, COLLECT

CONTRASTING 16c FRANKINGS

MERCED FALLS, CAL./VAUCLAUSE, 14 FEB 1870, 10c+6c 1869. 16c POSTAGE PRESUMABLY INTENDED TO PAY THE EXPIRED TREATY RATE. THE COVER WEIGHING UNDER 7 1/2 GRAMS, ONLY 4c PREPAYMENT WAS REQUIRED FOR CARRIAGE VIA ENGLAND. 5 DECIMES DUE.

NEW ORLEANS/ PARIS, 10 MAY 1870. 10c+2 3c 1869. COVER WEIGHED BETWEEN 4S AND 52 1/2 GRAMS. 16c US. POSTAGE REQUIRED (4x4c). 7 FRENCH RATES (35 DECIMES) DUE ON DELIVERY.
TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD
U.S. RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OUNCE--PREPAID TO FRENCH BORDER
FRENCH RATE: 5 DECIMES PER 10 GRAMS, COLLECT

POST-WAR RESUMPTION OF DIRECT SERVICE

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE
FRANCO-PRUSSIAN
WAR,
DIRECT STEAMER SERVICE
RESUMED TO PRE-WAR PORTS
OF CALL. AS OF 1 JULY 1871,
THE FRENCH 8 DECIMES
INTERNAL COLLECTION ON
DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE
WAS REDUCED TO 5 DECIMES.

WINNEGANCE, ME/HAVRE, 14 JULY 1871

MERRILL.

HARRISBURG, PA./PARIS, 25 DECEMBER 1872.

THREE-ISSUE FRANKING:
5c 1867 GRILL AND 2c
BANKNOTE JOIN 10c 1869
ON COVER FROM SAN
FRANCISCO TO PARIS,
10 MAY 1872. IT'S HARD TO
GUESS WHAT RATE THE
SENDER INTENDED TO PAY
10c WOULD HAVE DONE THE
JOB, BUT AT LEAST TWO
COVERS EXIST SHOWING
THIS UNUSUAL AND COLOR-
FUL 17c FRANKING.
DISRUPTIONS OF WAR
OUTBREAK OF FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR
CAUSES REROUTING OF DIRECT (HAPAG) MAILS

HAMMATION DEPART NYC 28 JUNE 1870
LAST NORMAL CROSSING
FRENCH MAILS DEBARKED AT CHERBOURG
“ETATS UNIS CHERBOURG” -- 5 DEGIES DUE

NEW ORLEANS/PARIS, 29 JUNE 1870

NEWPORT “PAID TO”

NEWPORT, R.I./PARIS 27 JUNE 1870

ALLEMANNIA DEPART NYC 5 JULY 1870
FRENCH MAILS DEBARKED AT FLYMOUTH
“ET. UNIS SERV AM A C” -- 5 DEGIES DUE

NEW ORLEANS/GIRONDE 8 JULY 1870

HOLAUTA DEPART NYC 12 JULY 1870
FRENCH MAILS DEBARKED AT FLYMOUTH
COVER RATED AS IF ORIGINATING IN ENGLAND;
“ANGL. AMB. CALAIS” PLUS 5 DEGIES DUE

CHANGING FRENCH ENTRY MARKINGS SHOW HOW
OUTBREAK OF FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR (JUNE 30,
1870) DISRUPTED WEEKLY DIRECT MAILS TO
FRANCE VIA HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE. SINCE
GERMANY HAD NO NAVY, HAPAG SHIPS RISKED
CAPTURE IF THEY ENTERED FRENCH WATERS.
TO SWITZERLAND
FORWARDED FIRST TO ITALY, THEN TO FRANCE
“SHORT PAID” MARKING APPLIED IN PARIS

MARKING SEQUENCE (1871):
NEW YORK PAID ALL:
17 OCT
BASEL:
30 OCT
BASEL
(REPOSTED)
30 OCT
ROME:
2 NOV
ROME
(REPOSTED):
2 NOV
TURIN:
3 NOV
LANGLEBOURG
(FRENCH ENTRY):
5 NOV
PARIS
5 DECIMES DUE
“SHORT PAID”
AGENT’S MARKING
APPLIED BY MONROE & CO.,
7 RUE SCRIBE

NEW YORK/BASEL, 17 OCTOBER 1871. FORWARD TO ROME, THEN PARIS.

XEROX COPY OF REVERSE

THIS COVER SPARKED THE DISCOVERY THAT THE 36-mm STRAIGHT-LINE "SHORT PAID" MARKING—LONG THOUGHT TO BE A POSTAL MARKING APPLIED AT BOSTON OR NEW YORK—IS ACTUALLY A PRIVATE AGENT’S MARKING APPLIED IN FRANCE. THE COVER WAS PROPERLY PREPAID WHEN POSTED. IT ACCUMULATED DUE CHARGES—AND THE "SHORT PAID" MARKING—AFTER LEAVING THE U.S. RESEARCH REVEALED THAT ALL KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THIS 36-mm SANS SERIF "SHORT PAID" MARKING APPEAR ON COVERS HANDLED BY THE PARIS FORWARDING OFFICE OF MONROE & CO., 7 RUE SCRIBE. THE FIRM IS PRESUMED TO HAVE CREATED THE DEVICE, MIMICKING A POSTAL MARKING USED EARLIER BY THE NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL OFFICE, TO HELP EXPLAIN AND JUSTIFY FRENCH POSTAL CHARGES ON MAIL FROM THE U.S. AFTER THE TREATY EXPIRED. THE MARKING IS ALWAYS STRUCK ON THE REVERSE.
TO GERMANY
FORWARDED TO FRANCE

CONTRASTING FRENCH COLLECTIONS

NYC/DRESDEN, 28 SEPTEMBER 1869, FORWARDED TO NICE.

PITTSBURGH/BREMEN, 18 FEBRUARY 1870, FORWARDED TO PARIS.
BEYOND FRANCE VIA FRENCH MAILs

TO CORSICA

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT/ AJACCIO, CORSICA, 8 MAY 1870. BACKSTAMPED AJACCIO, 26 MAY. FORWARDED TO SWITZERLAND. TO CLARA BARTON, FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

TO BEIRUT, SYRIA (OTTOMAN EMPIRE)

NEWARK, N.J./BEIRUT, NOV 2, 1869. TRANSIT VIA ENGLAND WITH NEW YORK CRAYON CREDIT OF 21¢ TO FRANCE—6¢ FOR U.K-FRANCE POSTAGE AND 15¢ FOR FRENCH CARRIAGE TO BEIRUT.
VIA FRENCH MAILS TO ARGENTINA
U.S. STEAMSHIP RATE: 10¢ PER 1/2 OUNCE
FRENCH RATE: 7 1/2¢ PER 1/4 OUNCE
EFFECTIVE: 7-31-67—12-31-69

SCARCE LIGNE J MARKING
FRENCH LINE STEAMER
ESTRAMADRE
DEPART RIO 19 DEC 1869

BRAZIL LINE STEAMER
SOUTH AMERICA
DEPART NYC 23 NOV 1869

WITH 15¢ 1869 (TYPE II) ON PIECE FROM NYC TO ARGENTINA, VIA BRAZIL LINE STEAMER TO RIO DE JANEIRO AND FRENCH PACKET FROM RIO TO BUENOS AIRES. NO FULL COVER IS KNOWN WITH THIS COMBINATION TO THIS DESTINATION. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED STRIKE OF THE LIGNE J MARKING WITH 1869 STAMPS.

LOCAL POSTAGE COLLECTED:
2 PESOS, 4 REALES IN BUENOS AIRES
PAPER CURRENCY (APPROXIMATELY 10¢)

BOSTON/BUENOS AIRES, OCT. 22, 1869. VIA BRAZIL LINE STEAMER MERRIMACK, DEPARTING NYC 23 OCTOBER AND ARRIVING RIO DE JANEIRO 19 NOVEMBER. CARRIAGE FROM RIO TO BUENOS AIRES VIA FRENCH STEAMER GIRONDE, DEPARTING RIO AROUND NOVEMBER 21 AND ARRIVING BUENOS AIRES ONE WEEK LATER. THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION SAYS THE 15¢ STAMP IS A SUBSTITUTE, BUT THE 10¢ 1869 ORIGINATED AND THE COVER WAS INITIALLY FRANKED WITH 25¢. THE ONLY RECORDED 10¢ 1869 COVER VIA FRENCH MAIL TO ARGENTINA.

NY CREDIT 15 TO FRANCE
(TWO 7 1/2¢ RATES)
FOR FRENCH MAIL
CARRIAGE FROM
RIO DE JANEIRO
TO BUENOS AIRES
10c 1869 TO AND THROUGH GERMANY

ILLUSTRATING RATES AND ROUTES OF PRE-UPU ERA. "DIRECT" COVERS STAYED ON N.Y. STEAMER TO GERMAN PORT. "VIA ENGLAND" COVERS LEFT STEAMER AT FIRST BRITISH PORT, THENCE OVERLAND TO GERMANY WITH BRITISH MAILS.

TOP ROW: DIRECT COVERS TO GERMANY, SUCCESSIVE RATES OF 10c, 7c AND 6c.
SECOND ROW: COVERS VIA ENGLAND AT 15c AND 10c RATES; REGISTERED COVERS.
BOTTOM ROWS: DESTINATIONS BEYOND GERMANY VIA GERMAN MAIL SERVICE.

ALL COVERS ARE SELECTED TO CONTRAST ROUTES AND TO SHOW THE EVOLUTION OF THE RATES, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON FRANKING VARIETY AND DESTINATION.

NEWARK/BEIRUT, 26 OCTOBER 1869, VIA CLOSED MAIL THROUGH ENGLAND TO GERMANY AND VIA GERMAN MAILS ONWARD TO BEIRUT, SYRIA, IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE. NEW YORK CREDIT OF 5c FOR CARRIAGE BEYOND NGU, RESTATED AT VERVIERS-COLOGNE AS "fr. 2".
TO GERMANY
DIRECT TRANSIT
RATE: 10¢ PER 1/2 OZ — EFFECTIVE 1 JAN 1868–30 JUNE 1870

Baltimore, MD/Weimar,
1 April 1870. NGL Rhein
Depart NYC 2 April 1870.
Baltimore “Paid All.”

Peoria, Ill./Leipzig,
25 May 1870. On 10¢
Nesbitt Envelope. NGL
Main Depart NYC 28 May
1870. Double Rate.

Boston, Mass./Dresden,
4 April 1870. Hapag
Hammonia II Depart NYC
5 April 1870. Triple Rate.
TO GERMANY
DIRECT TRANSIT
SUBSEQUENT 7c AND 6c RATES

RATE:
7c PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE:
1 JULY 1870 -
30 SEPTEMBER 1871

FLORENCE, S.C./PRUSSIA, 8 JULY 1870. 10c OVERPAYS NEW 7c RATE. DIRECT
MAILS OFF AT ENGLAND DUE TO OUTBREAK OF FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

FLORENCE, S.C./PRUSSIA, 8 JULY 1870.

VIA HAPAG
HOLOHA
DEPART NYC
12 JULY 1870
ARRIVE PLYMOUTH
22 JULY 1870

RATE:
6c PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE:
1 OCTOBER 1871 -
1 JULY 1875

NYC/BERLIN, 28 FEB 1873. WITH 2c BANK NOTE STAMP PAYING DOUBLE 6c RATE.

VIA HAPAG
HOLOHA
DEPART NYC
28 FEB 1873

NYPM CANCEL
WALD TYPE
G-25
TO GERMANY
DIRECT TRANSIT
INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID: SHOWING GERMAN COLLECTION

FROM 1 JAN 1868 THROUGH 30 JUNE 1870, UNDERPAID COVERS TO GERMANY WERE CHARGED THE DEFICIENT POSTAGE PLUS A 5c FINE.

IN THE COMPUTATION, 5c (US) IS EQUIVALENT TO 2 (NGU) SILBERGROSCHEN (SGR).

BOSTON/DRESDEN, FEBRUARY 1870, 2 x 10c DIRECT RATE. 7c DEFICIENT POSTAGE + 5c FINE = 12c COLLECTION = 4.5 SILBERGROSCHEN COLLECTED FROM RECIPIENT.

BOSTON/DRESDEN, 2 MAY 1870, 2 x 10c DIRECT RATE. 10c DEFICIENT POSTAGE + 5c FINE = 15c COLLECTION = 6 SILBERGROSCHEN COLLECTED FROM RECIPIENT.
DIRECT
RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE: 1 JAN 1869 - 30 JUN 1870

NEW YORK CITY/BERLIN, 8 APRIL 1869. TWO EARLIER 10c 1869 COVERS ARE RECORDED.

VIA ENGLAND
RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE: 1 JULY 1870 - 30 SEPT 1871

BARABOO, WISCONSIN/STRASLUND, GERMANY, 10 FEBRUARY 1871. ONLY THREE CAMPAIGN COVERS ARE RECORDED BEARING THE 10c 1869 STAMP.
TO GERMANY VIA ENGLAND
RATE: 15c PER 1/2 OZ.
EFFECTIVE: 1 JAN 1868--30 JUN 1870

NEW YORK/STUTTGART, 16 MAR 1870: 2c, 3c AND 10c 1869

S. BENDIT,
Inspector of
LOOKING GLASS PLATES,
NO. 57 MAIDEN LANE,
(P.O. Box 106),
NEW YORK.

VICKSBURG/DARMSTADT,
17 MARCH 1870: BLACKJACK
WITH 3c AND 10c 1869

SAN FRANCISCO/OLDENBURG, 15 MAY 1870: 10c 1869 WITH 5c "F" GRILL
TO GERMANY
VIA ENGLAND
RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OZ -- EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1870--30 SEPT 1871
COLORFUL DOUBLE RATES

CHICAGO/DETMOLD, 20 JULY 1870, WITH 6c 1869 AND 1c "E" GRILL ON 3c NESBITT ENVELOPE

SANDY HOOK, CONNECTICUT/HAMBURG, 28 JULY 1871, WITH 5c JEFFERSON (NO GRILL) AND 2c BANK NOTE (NO GRILL) ON 3c REAY ENTIRE ENVELOPE.
TO GERMANY
REGISTERED MAIL

CONTRASTING RATES AND ROUTES

DIRECT TRANSIT

2x10c LETTER RATE
8c REGISTRY FEE

PHILADELPHIA/BERLIN, 6 MARCH 1870, WITH 3C AND 15C TYPE II

TRANSIT VIA ENGLAND

15c LETTER RATE
8c REGISTRY FEE

SAN FRANCISCO/CASSEL, 16 NOVEMBER 1869
TO AUSTRIA
DIRECT AND VIA ENGLAND

DIRECT RATE:
10¢ PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE
1 JAN 1868--
30 JUN 1870

ST. LOUIS, MO./VIENNA, AUSTRIA, MAY 1870. TWO TIMES 10¢ DIRECT RATE.

VIA ENGLAND:
15¢ PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE
1 JAN 1868--
30 JUNE 1870

NEW YORK CITY/TRIESTE, AUSTRIA, 2 NOV 1869. SINGLE 15¢ RATE VIA ENGLAND.

ABOVE: ADRIAN, MICH./KITSBUHEL, AUSTRIA, 3 DEC 1869, 10¢ RATE.
HARTFORD/COPENHAGEN, 11 APRIL 1870. BECAUSE OF POOR DATA PRESENTATION IN U.S. MAIL RATE CHARTS, FEW COVERS TO DENMARK WERE PROPERLY PREPAID. THIS IS ONE OF THREE RECORDED 10c 1869 COVERS PROPERLY PAYING THE 13c RATE TO DENMARK.

INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID COVERS SHOWING CONTRASTING RATES AND ROUTES

ABOVE: TRANSIT VIA ENGLAND. HARTFORD/COPENHAGEN, 28 FEBRUARY 1870. UNPAID RATE: 2c PER 1/2 OUNCE, EFFECTIVE 1 JAN 1868-30 JUN 1870. 75GK DEBIT. 30 SKILLING COLLECT = 21c VIA CUNARD CAILARIA DEPARTING NYC 2 MAR 1870.

BELOW: DIRECT TRANSIT TO BREMEN. HARTFORD/COPENHAGEN, 12 MARCH 1870. UNPAID RATE: 16c PER 1/2 OUNCE, EFFECTIVE 1 JAN 1868-30 JUN 1870. 5 SKILLING DEBIT = 29 SKILLING COLLECT = 10c VIA NEL: WESER II DEPARTING NYC 12 MAR 1870.
TO NORWAY
VIA NORTH GERMAN UNION MAIL
DIRECT RATE: 15c PER 1/2 OZ -- EFFECTIVE 27 JULY 1869--30 JUNE 1870

CHICAGO EXCHANGE OFFICE

MOSCOW, W15C/CHRISTIANA, 24 NOVEMBER, 1869, WITH 5c "F" GRILL.

CARBONDALE, ILL/THYM, NORWAY, MAY, 1870. ACCEPTED AS SINGLE-RATE LETTER AT CHICAGO, RERATED AS UNPAID DOUBLE RATE. 24 SILBERGROSCHEN (=60c) DEBITED TO NORWAY AND COLLECTED ON RECEIPT. THREE 10c 1869 COVERS ARE RECORDED TO NORWAY.
TO SWEDEN
DIRECT TRANSIT TO HAMBURG
SUCCESSIVE DIRECT RATES

VIA N.G.U. MAIL
RATE: 1¢ PER ½ OZ
EFFECTIVE: 9 APRIL 1869–30 JUNE 1870

4¢ CREDIT (NY)
+ ½ SOR
(HAMBURG)

ON REVERSE:
"NEW YORK
PAID ALL
DIRECT
MAY 31"

HAPAG
HOLSLAND
DEPART NYC
31 MAY 1870

CINCINNATI/GOTHENBURG, 27 MAY 1870, WITH PAIR OF 2¢ NATIONAL BANK NOTE STAMPS

VIA SWEDISH-NORWEGIAN CLOSED MAIL
RATE: 1¢ PER ½ OZ
EFFECTIVE: JULY 1, 1875–30 JUNE 1875

5¢ CANCELLATION
EXCHANGE OFFICE MARKING:
"NEW YORK
PAID ALL
GER. TRANSIT"

VIA HAPAG
SELEGIA
DEPART NYC
3 DEC 1874

SUMMIT HILL, PA/HOLMEDUL, SWEDEN, 2 DEC 1874, 1¢ OVERPAYMENT
TO POLAND, HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA
VIA GERMAN-AUSTRIAN POSTAL UNION
CONTRASTING 10c RATES

VIA ENGLAND RATE
10c PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE:
1 JULY 1870--
30 SEPT 1871

DANVILLE, PA/BRIEG (BREZEG), "PRUSSIAN SILESIA" (NOW POLAND), 22 AUGUST 18770

DIRECT RATE
10c PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE:
1 JAN 1868--
30 JUNE 1870

ABOVE: NYC/PEST, UNGARN (HUNGARY), 8 JANUARY 1870

LEFT: NYC/PURGLITZ, BOHEMIA (NOW CZECHOSLOVAKIA), 26 AUGUST, 1869
TO RUSSIA—ALMOST VIA NORTH GERMAN UNION MAIL

10c 1869 with 2c Bank Note on 3c Reay Envelope. Very Specifically Addressed to St. Petersburg and Franked to Pay the Closed-Mail Rate via German Mails to Russia—but Never Mailed. No 1869 Covers are Known Used to Russia.

CHICAGO/KOENIGSBERG, 14 JANUARY 1870. KOENIGSBERG IS NOW KALININGRAD, IN THE RUSSIAN BALTIC ENCLAVE THAT WAS CEDED TO THE SOVIET UNION IN THE SETTLEMENT OF WORLD WAR TWO. BUT WHEN THIS COVER WAS MAILED, KOENIGSBERG WAS IN PRUSSIA.
TO ROME
VIA NORTH GERMAN UNION MAIL
RATES EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1868--30 JUNE 1870

CONTRASTING RATES AND ROUTES

CLOSED MAIL VIA ENGLAND, 19c RATE

BOSTON/ROME, 16 FEBRUARY 1870

DIRECT TRANSIT VIA BREMEN, 14c RATE

BOSTON/ROME, 26 FEBRUARY 1870

NEW YORK CREDIT 4
= 1 1/2 SILBERGROSCHEN
(COLOGNE)
FOR CARRIAGE
BEYOND NGU
TO SWEDEN
VIA NORTH GERMAN UNION MAIL
SUCCESSIVE RATES VIA CLOSED MAIL VIA ENGLAND

RATE:
14¢ PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE:
1 JULY 1870—30 SEP 1871

ON REVERSE: "NEW YORK
PAID ALL
BE TRANSIT"

4¢ CREDIT (N.Y.)
equal 1/2 6¢ OR
(COLOGNE)

HARTFORD/GOTHENBURG, 15 JULY 1870, WITH 2¢ 1869 AND TWO 3¢ NATIONALS. OVERPAID.

INMAN
CITY OF BRUSSELS
DEPART NYC
16 JULY 1870

RATE:
1¢ PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE:
1 OCT 1871—AUGUST 24

INMAN
CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPART NYC
18 NOV 1871

CHATSWORTH, ILL/HESSHELHOLM, 14 NOV 1871, WITH 1¢ NATIONAL BANK NOTE STAMP.
10¢ 1869 VIA BRITISH MAILS

This frame shows the 10¢ 1869 stamp on covers to and beyond the United Kingdom dispatched in the worldwide British international mail system. Top row: covers to England. Second row: prepaid covers via British Mails to France--the scarce "phantom rates," which were never announced. Third row: covers to Spain, and covers to and from Peru. Fourth row: other destinations in South America, destinations beyond Suez, and dispatch oddities.

OCTAGONAL "CLEVELAND, O." DATESTAMP NOV. 26. ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS MARKING.

Cleveland, Ohio/Newport, Monmouthshire, England, 26 November 1869. 12¢ per 1/2 ounce letter rate (effective 1-1-68--12-31-69) plus 8¢ registry fee.
TO ENGLAND
RATE: 6c PER 1/2 OUNCE
EFFECTIVE: 1 JANUARY 1870–30 JUNE 1875

DENVER, COLORADO TERRITORY/LONDON, 20 JANUARY 1870. THE VERY SCARCE
RIMLESS TERRITORIAL RECEIVING MARKING HERE USED AS A DATESTAMPER.

SAN FRANCISCO/LONDON, 17 SEPTEMBER 1870, OVERPAYING 6c RATE.
FORWARDED TO ENGLAND FROM FRANCE

"BRITISH/FOREIGN" DIVISION OF DUE CHARGES

NEW YORK/PARIS, 19 APRIL 1870, FORWARDED FROM PARIS TO LONDON. U.S.-FRENCH POSTAL TREATY HAD EXPIRED, REQUIRING POSTAGE DUE IN FRANCE (HANDSTAMP "8" DECIMES). FRENCH CHARGES CARRIED FORWARD TO ENGLAND IN 10d COLLECTION, RESTATED (AND EXPLAINED) AS "BRITISH 2/FOREIGN 8".
BEYOND ENGLAND VIA BRITISH OPEN MAILS TO GERMANY AND TO SPAIN

"PAID ONLY TO ENGLAND"

BOSTON/DRESDEN, 11 FEB 1870. PREPAID 10c DIRECT RATE TO GERMANY. MISTAKENLY DEBARKED IN ENGLAND, THEN SENT IN OPEN MAILS TO GERMANY, RATED AS UNPAID LETTER ORIGINATING IN U.K.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA/CARTAGENA, SPAIN, 6 DECEMBER 1869. 10c RATE PAID POSTAGE ONLY TO ENGLAND, WHENCE THE COVER WAS SENT AS UNPAID ORIGINATING IN THE U.K.
TO FRANCE
BRITISH OPEN MAILS
RATE: 4c PER 1/2 oz + 8c PER 7 1/2 GRAMS
UNANNOUNCED "PHANTOM" RATE

CHICAGO/LYONS, 6 JUNE 1870. 20c POSTAGE PRESUMABLY INTENDED TO PAY TWICE THE 10c DIRECT RATE TO THE FRENCH FRONTIER, BUT WAS ACCEPTED AS PAYING THE UNANNOUNCED 12c RATE, FULLY PREPAID VIA BRITISH OPEN MAILS.

JERSEY CITY, N.J./PARIS, 25 FEB 1870. EARLIEST RECORDED PHANTOM RATE COVER.
TO FRANCE
BRITISH OPEN MAILS
RATE: 4¢ PER 1/2 OZ + 8¢ PER 7 1/2 GRAMS

QUADRUPLE "PHANTOM" RATE

FLEMING BROTHERS,
3 WOOD STREET,
PITTSBURGH, P.

JOHN FLEMING, ESQ.,
CARE OF DREXEL, HANJE & CO.,
No. 8 RUE SCRIBE,
PITTSBURGH/FRANCE,

PITTSBURGH/FRANCE, 22 JUNE 1870. THREE 10¢ 1869 PLUS 15¢ TYPE II. INTENDED TO PAY EXPIRED 15¢ TREATY RATE, BUT 40¢ SUFFICED FOR FULL PREPAYMENT VIA BRITISH MAILS. ONLY RECORDED QUADRUPLE PHANTOM RATE; LATEST OF ALL PHANTOM RATE "8" COVERS.
TO FRANCE
BRITISH OPEN MAILS
RATE: 4¢ PER 1/2 OZ + 6¢ PER 10 GRAMS
UNANNOUNCED "PHANTOM" RATE

NEW ORLEANS/VERSAILES, 19 AUGUST 1870. PER ANGLO-FRENCH CONVENTION EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1870, BRITISH OPEN MAIL RATE WAS REDUCED FROM 8¢ PER 7 1/2 GRAMS TO 6¢ PER 10 GRAMS.

NEW ORLEANS, BORDEAUX, 10 JULY 1870.
TO PERU
VIA BRITISH MAILS BEYOND PANAMA
RATE: 34c PER 1/2 OZ.--EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 1867--15 FEB 1870

SINGLE RATE

BACKSTAMPED
LIMA: 8 JAN

NYC/LIMA, DECEMBER 1869. VIA PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. (U.S.) TO PANAMA; VIA PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION CO. (U.K.) TO LIMA.

DOUBLE RATE

BACKSTAMPED
LIMA: 4 MAR

NYC/LIMA, EARLY FEBRUARY 1870. 10c + FIVE 12c 1869 (=70c) OVERPAYING 68c RATE FOR A LETTER WEIGHING BETWEEN 1/2 AND 1 OUNCE. RESTORED COVER FROM FAMOUS DAVIS FIND.
TO SPAIN
BRITISH OPEN MAIL
RATE: 4c PER 1/2 oz + 12c PER 7 1/2 GRAMS, EFFECTIVE 1 JAN-20 OCT 1870

16c RATE WITH CREDIT 12

LONDON PAID
7 MAR 1870

NYC/IVIZA, SPAIN, 26 FEBRUARY 1870. 16c RATE FOR MAIL WEIGHING UNDER 7 1/2 GRAMS.
TO PERU
VIA BRITISH MAILS BEYOND PANAMA

RATE REDUCTION EFFECTIVE 16 FEBRUARY 1870

SAN FRANCISCO/LIMA, 18 JANUARY 1870. U.S. TO PANAMA: 10c.
PANAMA TO LIMA, VIA PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION CO. (U.K): 24c.

NYC/LIMA, 21 APRIL 1870. U.S. TO PANAMA: 10c. PANAMA TO LIMA, VIA PACIFIC STEAM
NAVIGATION CO. (U.K): 12c. REPAIRED COVER FROM DAVIS CORRESPONDENCE.
FROM PERU
BRITISH MAILS TO PANAMA
U.S. STEAMSHIP FROM PANAMA TO NYC
TRIPLE MIXED FRANKING

CALLAO, PERU/NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, OCT 22, 1870. PERU 1 DINERO GREEN IMPERFORATE STAMP, BRITISH 6d VIOLET STAMP AND UNCANCELLED 10¢ 1869, ALL REQUIRED TO CARRY THIS COVER FULLY PREPAID FROM ORIGIN TO DESTINATION. THE PERUVIAN STAMP PAID AN EXIT TAX. THE BRITISH STAMP PAID POSTAGE VIA PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION CO. TO PANAMA. THE U.S. STAMP PAID STEAMSHIP AND DOMESTIC POSTAGE FROM ASPINWALL TO NASHVILLE. THERE IS SOME QUESTION WHETHER THIS 10¢ 1869 ORIGINATED ON THIS COVER. STANLEY ASHBROOK AND PSE SAY YES, BUT PF SAYS NO. AN ORIGINAL 10¢ 1869 MAY HAVE FALLEN OFF ENROUTE, IN WHICH CASE THE STAMP ON THIS COVER IS A REPLACEMENT.
TO SPAIN
BRITISH OPEN MAIL
RATE: 4c PER 1/2 oz+12c PER 7 1/2 GRAMS, EFFECTIVE 1 JAN-20 OCT 1870
28c RATE WITH CREDIT 24

ELIZABETH, N.J./MEDINA, SPAIN, 24 AUGUST 1870. 10c 1869+15c TYPE II+3c UNGRILLED BANKNOTE STAMP PAYING 28c RATE FOR MAIL WEIGHING BETWEEN 7 1/2 AND 15 GRAMS.

NEW YORK CITY/CADIZ, 29 APRIL 1870. TWO 10c 1869+6c+2c. SAME RATE, DIFFERENT COMBINATION.
UNUSUAL DESTINATIONS
VIA BRITISH MAILS IN SOUTH AMERICA

TO CHILE: 22¢ RATE WITH CREDIT 12
VIA PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. NYC TO PANAMA,
PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION CO. PANAMA TO LIMA

SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK/TALCAHUANO, CHILE, 28 FEBRUARY 1870.

TO ARGENTINA: 18¢ RATE WITH CREDIT 8
VIA BRAZIL LINE STEAMER TO RIO DE JANEIRO,
BRITISH MAIL STEAMER FROM RIO TO TALCAHUANO

SOUTH DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS/ROSARIO, ARGENTINA, 20 AUGUST 1870: TWO 10¢ 1869
WITH 1¢ AND 3¢ BANKNOTE STAMPS OVERPAYING 18¢ RATE.
DESTINATIONS BEYOND SUEZ
BRITISH OPEN MAIL
RATES EFFECTIVE 1 JAN 1870—30 JUNE 1875

TO INDIA: 22¢ RATE WITH CREDIT 18

HONESDALE, PENNSYLVANIA/MADURA, INDIA, 22 JANUARY 1870.

SEYCHELLES ISLANDS: 24¢ RATE WITH CREDIT 20

LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS/MAHE, SEYCHELLES ISLANDS, 11 JULY 1870. ONE OF TWO 1869 COVERS RECORDED TO THIS DESTINATION, BOTH FROM THE SAME WHALING CORRESPONDENCE.
TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC VIA BRITISH OPEN MAILS
RATE: 16c PER 1/2 OZ, EFFECTIVE 1 JAN 1870--30 JUNE 1875

16c RATE WITH CREDIT 12

TO NEW ZEALAND

NEW BEDFORD, MASS./BAY OF ISLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, 6 JANUARY 1870. 22c FRANKING OVERPAYS THE NEW 16c RATE THAT WENT INTO EFFECT JUST FIVE DAYS PREVIOUSLY.

TO NEW SOUTH WALES

WEAVERVILLE, CAL./NEWCASTLE, N.S.W., 20 JAN. 1870. THREE MONTHS, 20,000 MILES.
MISSENT VIA BRITISH OPEN MAIL

TO FRENCH GUIANA, MISHANDLED AS A PHANTOM RATE COVER TO FRANCE

SAN FRANCISCO/CAYENNE, FRENCH GUIANA, 19 APRIL 1870. MISREAD AT NEW YORK (APR 30) AS ADDRESSED TO FRANCE. SENT TO LONDON AT UNANNOUNCED PHANTOM RATE (CREDIT 16 ON LEFT STAMP). FROM LONDON (11 MAY) SENT TO DEMARARA (BACKSTAMPED “JUL 70”) AND THEN TO CAYENNE.

TO ITALY, DISPATCHED HOPEFULLY VIA BRITISH MAILS

NINIVEH, MISSOURI (CDS ON REVERSE)/NAPLES, ITALY, 31 JULY 1869. UNABLE TO DECIPHER THE ADDRESS, THE NEW YORK FOREIGN-MAIL CLERK RETAINED 20¢ (U.S. SHARE FOR A DOUBLE-RATE LETTER) AND CREDITED LONDON WITH THE REMAINING PREPAYMENT (NUMERAL CREDIT 20), HOPING THE BRITISH COULD PROPERLY ROUTE THE LETTER, WHICH THEY DID. BRITISH-MAIL SERVICE FROM U.S. TO ITALY WAS NOT OFFICIALLY AVAILABLE DUE TO THE PRECEDENCE OF THE U.S.-ITALY POSTAL TREATY.
CONCLUSION: U.S. TRANSPACIFIC MAILS

THIS FRAME SHOWS USES OF THE 10¢ 1869 STAMP IN THE UNITED STATES TRANSPACIFIC MAIL SYSTEM. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTINENTAL RAILROAD IN MAY 1869, THE EAST COAST WAS CONNECTED TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED STEAMERS CROSSING THE PACIFIC FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

TOP ROW: TO HAWAII AND DESTINATIONS BEYOND BY THE SHORT-LIVED HALL AND WEBB LINES; VIA BRITISH MAILS TO DESTINATIONS BEYOND HONG KONG


BOTTOM ROW: THE EXHIBIT CONCLUDES WITH THREE PAGES OF AFTERTHOUGHTS—TWO PAGES OF THE 1875 REISSUE (SINGLES, BLOCK AND COVER) AND A 20TH CENTURY USPS REINCARNATION OF THE 10¢ 1869 STAMP.

NEW YORK/HONG KONG, 8 JUNE 1869. EARLIEST TRANSPACIFIC 10¢ 1869 COVER, PROUDLY ROUTED "BY OVERLAND MAIL AND P.M.S.S. CO" AND CARRIED ON THE FIRST PACIFIC MAIL CROSSING AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD.
TO AND FROM HAWAII
TRANSPACIFIC RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OZ
EFFECTIVE: JUNE 1867--30 JUNE 1870

S.F./HILO, MAY 19, 1870. THREE 10c 1869 COVERS RECORDED TO HAWAII.

HONOLULU/MEDFORD, MASS., FEB. 8, 1870. 10c 1869 WITH 5c HAWAII. BOTH STAMPS REQUIRED FOR FULL PREPAYMENT OF POSTAGE. ONE OF SIX COVERS RECORDED SHOWING 10c 1869 IN MIXED-FRANKING USAGE WITH 5c HAWAII KAMEHAMEHA.
TO NEW ZEALAND AND TASMANIA
SCARCE STEAMER LINES TO DESTINATIONS DOWN UNDER
VIA HALL LINE AND WEBB LINE BEYOND HAWAII

TO NEW ZEALAND

AT LEFT, SINGLE RATE: MONUMENT, MASS./MONGANUI, NEW ZEALAND, 4 OCTOBER 1870. VIA MOSES TAYLOR FROM S.F. TO HONOLULU AND HALL LINE CITY OF MELBOURNE FROM HONOLULU TO AUCKLAND. BACKSTAMPED AUCKLAND DE 17 1870, MONGANUI JAN 19 1871.

AT RIGHT, DOUBLE RATE: NEW BEDFORD, MASS./BAY OF ISLANDS, 22 JUNE 1870. VIA AJAX FROM S.F. TO HONOLULU AND CITY OF MELBOURNE HONO TO AUCKLAND. BACKSTAMPED AUCKLAND AUG 18 1870. THE HALL LINE MADE SIX TRANS PACIFIC CROSSINGS. VERY FEW COVERS SURVIVE. FIVE 10¢ 1869 COVERS TO NEW ZEALAND VIA HALL LINE ARE RECORDED.

TO TASMANIA

MONUMENT, MASS./“HOBART TOWN, VAN DIE MAN’S LAND,” 8 AUGUST 1871. VIA MOSES TAYLOR FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO HONOLULU AND WEBB LINE STEAMER NEBRASKA FROM HONOLULU TO MELBOURNE. BACKSTAMPED “HOBART TOWN TASMANIA 9E 25 ‘71” AND “SHIP LETTER INWARDS FREE.”

THE WEBB LINE WAS THE SHORT-LIVED SUCCESSOR TO THE HALL LINE ON THE HONOLULU-TO-MELBOURNE RUN. VERY FEW WEBB LINE COVERS ARE KNOWN. TWO 10¢ 1869 COVERS ARE RECORDED TO TASMANIA.
VIA BRITISH MAILS BEYOND HONG KONG
TREATY RATE: 10¢ PER 1/2 OUNCE
EFFECTIVE: 1 NOVEMBER 1868--30 JUNE 1875

TO SINGAPORE

DETROIT/SINGAPORE, 4 JULY 1870. VIA PMS5 STEAMER FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO HONG KONG. CARRIED FROM HONG KONG TO SINGAPORE AND THEN BACK TO HONG KONG VIA BRITISH MAIL STEAMSHIPS. BRITISH BACKSTAMP "SINGAPORE SP 22 70." THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED 10¢ 1869 COVER TO SINGAPORE VIA THE TRANSPACIFIC ROUTE AT THE 10¢ RATE.

TO INDIA

NEW YORK/CALCUTTA, 22 JANUARY 1870. CANCELLED BUT NOT DATED AT THE NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL OFFICE. EXCHANGED AT SAN FRANCISCO. CARRIED FROM HONG KONG TO CALCUTTA VIA BRITISH MAIL STEAMERS. ONE OF TWO 10¢ 1869 COVERS RECORDED TO INDIA AT THE 10¢ TRANSPACIFIC RATE.
FROM SHANGHAI
U.S. CONSULAR POSTAL AGENCY
RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OZ -- EFFECTIVE: JUNE 1867-30 JUNE 1875

SHANGHAI, CHINA/CANTON, N.Y., 13 OCTOBER 1870

SHANGHAI, CHINAVELK CREEK, WISC., 13 JUNE 1871. MOURNING COVER.
FROM SHANGHAI
U.S. CONSULAR POSTAL AGENCY
6 TIMES 10c PER 1/2 OZ. RATE

STEAMER GREAT REPUBLIC
PACIFIC MAIL STEAM SHIP CO.
DEPART YOKOHAMA 24 JAN 1871
ARRIVE S.F. FEB 10, 1871

SHANGHAI/BOSTON, 14 JANUARY 1871. 10c + 2c 1869
WITH TWO 24c 1861 STAMPS. ONE OF TWO COVERS
RECORDED SHOWING THE 24c 1861 USED IN CHINA.
FROM SHANGHAI
U.S. CONSULAR POSTAL AGENCY
7 TIMES 10c PER 1/2 OZ. RATE

TRANSPACIFIC CARRIAGE VIA STEAMER
JAPAN OF PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
CO. DEPART YOKOHAMA 21 FEB
1871, ARRIVE S.F. 18 MARCH.

SHANGHAI/BOSTON, 12 FEBRUARY 1871. 10c 1869
PLUS PAIR OF 30c 1869. FEWER THAN 60 30c 1869
COVERS ARE RECORDED, ONLY SEVEN SHOWING PAIRS.
ONE OF FIVE COVERS RECORDED WITH 10c + 30c 1869.
FROM SHANGHAI
CONSULAR AND AGENCY MARKINGS
EARLIEST AND LATEST USES OF 10¢ 1869 AT SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, CHINA/NEW YORK CITY, 20 NOVEMBER 1869

VIA P.M.S.S.
CHINA
DEPART
YOKOHAMA
2 DEC. 1869

SHANGHAI, CHINA/ARGYLE, NEW YORK
20 NOVEMBER 1869

EARLIEST
RECORDED
10¢ 1869 USE
FROM CHINA

SHANGHAI, CHINA/ARGYLE, NEW YORK, 19 FEBRUARY 1873

"U.S. POSTAL AGENCY SHANGHAI"

LATEST
RECORDED
10¢ 1869 USE
FROM CHINA
TO JAPAN

UNUSUAL CONSULAR USES

FROM SHANGHAI

"P.O.D. U.S. CON. GENL. SHANGHAI" UNDATED

FOLDED LETTER DATED INTERNALLY: 1 APRIL 1870

SHANGHAI, CHINA/NAGASAKI, JAPAN, 1 APR 1870. VIA BRANCH STEAMER OREGONIAN. SOLE COVER SO FAR RECORDED SHOWING 10¢ 1869 IN INTERCONSULAR USE.

FROM U.S.

NEW YORK, N.Y./YOKOHAMA, 17 MARCH 1870. ADDRESSED TO SAMUEL ROBBINS BROWN, THE FIRST AMERICAN MISSIONARY IN JAPAN, ONE OF FIVE AMERICANS ORIGINALLY PERMITTED TO LIVE IN NIIGATA. POSTED IN CARE OF THE BRITISH CONSUL AT YOKOHAMA.
FROM JAPAN
RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OZ.
EFFECTIVE 22 AUG 1867--31 DEC 1874

PRIVATE
SHIP
LETTER

VIA
BARK
BENEFACRESS

DEPART
YOKOHAMA
3 FEB 1870,
ARRIVE
SAN FRANCISCO
1 MARCH 1870

YOKOHAMA/BROOKLYN, 3 FEB 1870.

"CHINA
AND
JAPAN
STEAM
SERVICE"

YOKOHAMA/RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT, 29 AUGUST 1869. EARLIEST RECORDED USE
OF 10c 1869 FROM JAPAN. (TWO 10c 1869 COVERS ARE KNOWN FROM THIS DATE.)
FROM JAPAN TO ENGLAND VIA U.S. MAILS
COMBINED RATE: 10¢ TRANSPACIFIC + 6¢ TRANSATLANTIC
CONTRASTING TREATMENT OF TRANSIT MAIL

NEW YORK EXCHANGE OFFICE

YOKOHAMA/LONDON, 23 DECEMBER 1870. EXCHANGED AT NEW YORK PER THE U.S.-U.K. TREATY, WHICH CALLED FOR A 2¢ CREDIT ON TRANSIT MAIL SUCH AS THIS, TO COMPENSATE THE RECEIVING NATION FOR THE COST OF LOCAL DELIVERY. NEW YORK PRESUMABLY ACCOUNTED FOR THESE CREDITS ON A WAYBILL.

SAN FRANCISCO EXCHANGE OFFICE

TOKYO/LONDON, 18 APRIL 1870. EXCHANGED AT SAN FRANCISCO, WHICH APPLIED MAGENTA MANUSCRIPT CREDIT "2" TO EXPRESS THE TRANSIT CREDIT DUE TO U.K.
FROM JAPAN TO ENGLAND VIA U.S. MAILS

COMBINED RATE: 10¢ TRANSPACIFIC + 6¢ TRANSATLANTIC

HIOGO DOUBLE CIRCLE

HIOGO, JAPAN/KENT, ENGLAND, 18 MARCH 1871. WHILE ABUNDANT ON OFF-COVER STAMPS, THE HIOGO DOUBLE CIRCLE IS VERY SCARCE ON COVER. ONLY NINE COVERS ARE KNOWN WITH THIS MARKING, SIX OF THEM 10¢ 1869 COVERS. EXCHANGED THROUGH NEW YORK, SO NO 2¢ TRANSIT CREDIT.
FROM JAPAN

YOKOHAMA CIRCULAR DATESTAMP

EARLIEST
KNOWN USE OF
YOKOHAMA
CIRCULAR
DATESTAMP;
TWO COVERS
RECORDED
FROM THIS DATE.

FROM THE FIRST
U.S.-KOREAN WAR

DOUBLE-OVAL
PURSER'S MARK:
"U.S.S. ALASKA,
MAR 23 1871"

POSTED ON BOARD THE U.S.S. ALASKA, PART OF A SQUADRON OF U.S. NAVAL AND
MARINE FORCES GATHERED OFF JAPAN TO PREPARE FOR AN INVASION OF KOREA.
ALASKA WAS ONE OF FIVE U.S. NAVAL VESSELS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE JUNE 10,
1871 ASSAULT ON A GROUP OF FORTRESSES GUARDING THE MOUTH OF THE HAN
RIVER LEADING TO SEOUL. PHILATELIC ARTIFACTS OF THIS BRIEF WAR, AMERICA'S
FIRST AMBIBIOUS LANDING ON THE ASIAN MAINLAND, ARE VERY SCARCE.

YOKOHAMA/WILMINGTON, 22 JULY 1870.
ONE SET SPECIMEN POSTAGE STAMPS,

ISSUE OF 1869.

Denominations—1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 21, 30, and 90 cents. Value, $1.93.

THIS P.O. ENVELOPE ONCE HELD AN 1869 REISSUE SET.
BOSTON/MODENA, ITALY, 11 APRIL 1882. REISSUED 10c 1869 STAMP PLUS 2c, 3c AND 5c AMERICAN BANK NOTE STAMPS PAYING 2 x 5c UPU RATE PLUS 10c REGISTRY FEE. SENT BY EARLY BOSTON STAMP DEALER E.A. HOLTON TO CHARLES DIENA, FOUNDER OF AN ITALIAN STAMP-DEALING DYNASTY. ONE OF FOUR RECORDED 10c 1869 REISSUE COVERS, ALL OF WHICH WERE MAILED IN THE EARLY 1880s BY STAMP DEALERS.
L'administration postale des États-Unis est fière d'émettre cette carte-souvenir pour marquer "CANADA 82," l'exposition philatélique mondiale de la jeunesse. Elle la dédie aux jeunes du monde entier qui ont déjà découvert les plaisirs de la philatélie, passe-temps merveilleux auquel on peut s'adonner durant toute une vie, seul ou avec des compagnons, peu importe sa formation, sa vigueur ou ses revenus. La philatélie favorise la compréhension des autres cultures; c'est pourquoi l'administration postale de mon pays a choisi de reproduire des timbres représentant les symboles des États-Unis et du Canada, les deux pays qui ont la plus longue frontière non gardée du monde. Le timbre canadien, représentant un castor, a été émis en 1859, et le timbre américain, sur lequel figurent un aigle et l'écu des États-Unis, en 1869.

The U. S. Postal Service is pleased to honor CANADA 82, an international philatelic youth exhibition, by issuing this souvenir card. The card is dedicated to young people everywhere who already have discovered the joys of stamp collecting... a hobby that can last a lifetime... one that does not depend on age, education, stamina, or income... one that can be enjoyed in solitude or shared with companions. Stamp collecting promotes understanding of other cultures, and it is in recognition of this that we have chosen for reproduction on this card stamps that bear emblems of the United States and Canada, two countries that share the longest unguarded border in the world. The Canadian Beaver stamp was issued in 1859, and the United States Shield and Eagle stamp in 1869.

USPS created this souvenir card for sale at a youth show in Toronto in 1982. At top: the card as issued. At bottom: missing 10c 1869 variety, the only recorded example. APS certificate #109379.