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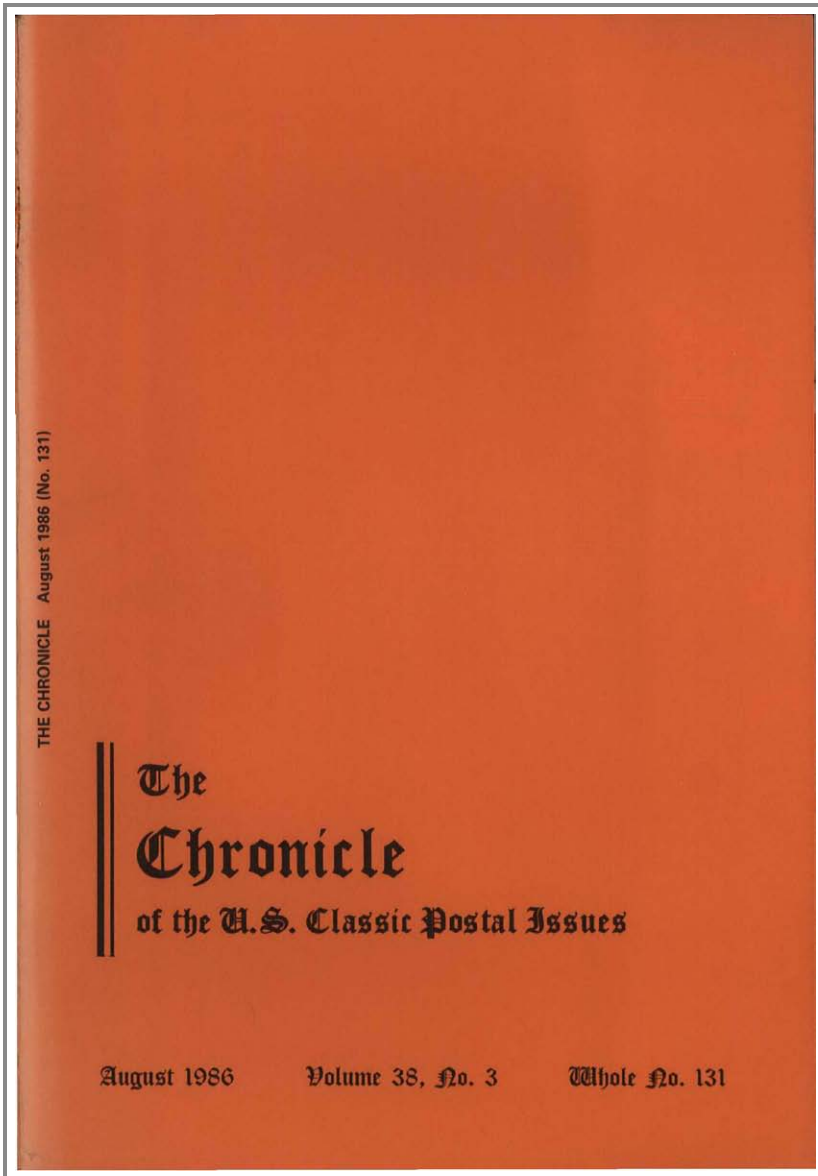


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• **On a continuing basis:** to illustrate some of the noteworthy stampless uses resorted to by both sides during the Civil War period.

• **On a continuing basis:** to consider the subject of stampless Trans-Atlantic mail from the standpoint of the *markings alone*, as an attempt in simplifying what many collectors, including myself, have often found to be an overwhelmingly complex and tedious subject. *Deductions* would be drawn from the markings or combinations of markings present on a cover, and only thereafter would some of the fine points, such as postal treaties and conventions, rates and routes, be considered, rather than the other way around. There are very good reasons to believe that the usual *inductive* method of studying this subject, even in the hands of competent students, contributes to the frustration many otherwise interested collectors experience. This subject should not be the arcane province of legalists and statisticians. All flummery and forensic virtuosity should be confounded!

THE U.S. REGISTER AND LIST OF POST OFFICES OF 1794.

Lists of post offices and routes from the Federal era prior to 1800 are not easily located. The country was in its first stages of development and the General Post Office (it didn't become a full-fledged department with the Postmaster General a cabinet officer until 1829) in 1790 had about ten people handling the paperwork for some 78 post offices.

Probably the two best references about this period are Rich's *History of the United States*

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POST-OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT.

Timothy Pickering, Post-master-general, salary, 2000 dollars.
 Charles Burrall, assistant, 1000 dollars.
 Abraham Bradley, Gustavus F. Goetz, clerks.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

Single letters conveyed by land, for any distance not exceeding thirty miles.	6 cents.
Over thirty miles, and not exceeding sixty	8
60	10
100	12 1-2
150	15
200	17
250	20
350	22
450	25

Double letters are double, and triple letters, triple of these rates: A packet of the weight of one ounce avoirdupois at the rate of four single letters and in like proportion for one of a greater weight: And newspapers (except from one printer to another, they being allowed to send one paper free to each of their correspondents for any distance not exceeding one hundred miles one cent, and for any greater distance, one cent and a half, each.

Single letters passing by sea, (either to and from the United States, or from one port to another within the same) in packet boats or vessels which are the property of the United States, or provided by them, eight cents each; double letters, sixteen; and triple letters, twenty four. And all letters or packets conveyed in any private ship or vessel, (whether brought into, or carried from one port to another within the United States) four cents each, with the addition of legal postage, if destined to any other than the place where such ship or vessel may arrive.

All letters and packets to or from the President or Vice-President of the United States are to be free of postage; as also all letters and packets, not exceeding two ounces in weight, to or from any member of Congress, the secretary of the senate or clerk of the house of representatives, during their actual attendance in any session of Congress and

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and twenty days after it; all letters to or from the secretary of the treasury, the comptroller, the auditor, and register, the commissioner of the revenue, and treasurer, the secretary of state, the secretary at war, the postmaster general and his assistant. But no person authorized to frank letters, may frank any except his own, and any letter enclosed to either of the above mentioned persons, and directed to some other person, is required to be again put into the post office, and charged with the usual postage. Public letters or packets from the treasury department, may however be franked by either the heads of the department.

A List of the Post-Towns in the United States, with their distances, as established by the Post master general.

Main line from Wiscasset to Sunbury.		Miles.	
Wiscasset to			
Bath	13		
Brunswick	12 25		
N. Yarmouth	15 40		
Portland	15 55		
Biddeford	14 69		
Wells	11 83		
York	16 99		
Portsmouth N.H.	111		
Newbury Port	22 133		
Ipswich	12 145		
Beverly	20 155		
Salem	2 157		
Lyn	6 163		
Boston	13 176		
Worcester	48 224		
Springfield	4 273		
Hartford	24 301		
Middletown	14 315		
Newhaven	26 341		
Stratford	14 355		
Fairfield	8 363		
Norwalk	12 375		
Stamford	10 385		
Kingsbridge	30 415		
New York	14 429		
Wiscasset to			
Bath	13		
Brunswick	12 25		
N. Yarmouth	15 40		
Portland	15 55		
Biddeford	14 69		
Wells	11 83		
York	16 99		
Portsmouth N.H.	111		
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Ipswich	12 145		
Beverly	20 155		
Salem	2 157		
Lyn	6 163		
Boston	13 176		
Worcester	48 224		
Springfield	4 273		
Hartford	24 301		
Middletown	14 315		
Newhaven	26 341		
Stratford	14 355		
Fairfield	8 363		
Norwalk	12 375		
Stamford	10 385		
Kingsbridge	30 415		
New York	14 429		
Newark	9 38		
Elizabethtown	6 44		
Bridgetown	6 40		
Woodbridge	4 54		
New Brunswick	10 64		
Princeton	1 82		
Trenton	12 94		
Bristol	10 104		
Philadelphia	20 124		
Chester	15 133		
Wilmington	13 153		
Christianabridge	11 163		
Elkton	10 173		
Charleston	10 183		
Havre de Grace	6 193		
Harford	12 203		
Baltimore	25 216		
Bladensburg	8 226		
Georgetown	8 236		
Alexandria	8 246		
Colchester	16 262		
Dunfries	12 272		
Fredericksburgh	25 297		
Bowling Green	22 319		
Hanov. court h.	25 344		

N. Carol. Virg.	Brought forward,	780	George.	Cheraw c. h. or	
	Richmond	22		75	1124
	Petersburg	25		55	1179
	Halifax	75		35	1214
	Farrburgh	37		80	1294
	Smithfield	60		50	1514
	Fayetteville	50		120	1464
			49	1513	

CROSS POSTS.

N. Hamp.	Portsmouth to Hanover.		Connect.	Stonington	5	45	
	Portsmouth to Exeter	12		15	New London	14	59
	Concord	40		55	Saybrook	18	77
	Hanover	60		115	Gulfport	18	95
				New Haven	18	113	
				Providence to Worcester	40		
Massa.	Salem to Gloucester.		Ver. Massa.	Springfield to Hanover.			
	Salem to Marblehead	4		4	Springfield to Northampton	20	20
	Gloucester	12		16	Greenfield	21	41
Massa.	Boston to Nantucket.		Ver.	Battleboro'	20	61	
	Boston to Taunton	36		36	Westminster	18	79
	New Bedford	27		63	N. H. Charleston	12	91
	Nantucket	50	113	Windor	17	110	
				N. H. Hanover	20	130	
Massa.	Boston to Barnstable.		Massa.	Springfield to Kinderhook.			
	Boston to Plymouth	41		41	Springfield to Stockbridge	44	44
	Barnstable	30		71	N. Y. Kinderhook	25	67
Rhd. I. Ma.	Boston to New Port.		Conn.	Hartford to New London.			
	Boston to Taunton	35		36	Hartford to Middletown	14	14
	Warren	21		57	New London	41	55
	Bristol	6		63			
	Newport	21	75	New York by Litchfield to Hartford.			
R. I.	New Port to New Haven.		Conn.	New York to Ridgefield	67	60	
	Newport to Westly	40		40	Danbury	12	70
					New Milford	13	83

Conn.	Litchfield	20	70	New York	Elizabethtown to Suffex court House.			
	Hartford	32	15		Elizabethtown to Merriflow	18	18	
New York	New York to Burlington and Montreal.			New York	Rockaway			
	New York to Kinderhook	15	15		Broncton			
	Peekskill	3	50		Suffex court h.	50	50	
	Fishkill	20	70		Philadelphia to Bridgetown			
	Poughkeepsie	14	84		West New Jersey			
	Rhinbeck	17	11		Philadelphia to Woodbury	9	9	
	Red Hook	8	109		Woodstown			
	Vermont	Merrimont	6		15	Sweedborough		
	Hudson	1	130		Salem	36	36	
	Kinderhook	14	45		Bridgetown, w. J.	18	54	
Albany	20	165	Philadelphia, by Gospen, to Rhinebeck					
Vermont	Lansingburg	9	174	Philadelphia to Bethlehem	43	53		
	Bennington	28	02	Bethlehem	43	53		
	Manchester	2	124	Easton	12	189		
	Rutland	3	51	Hope	18	189		
	Vergennes	44	103	Suffex Court h.	17	100		
	Burlington	2	36	Worwick	19	9		
	Montreal (Canada)			Gospen	17	141		
New York	Albany to Connajoharie.			Wassbridge	10	51		
	Albany to Schenectady	6	6	Alway gunk	10	61		
	Conn-joharie	56	52	New Paltz	12	73		
	German Flats			Kingston	14	87		
	Whitestown			Rhinbeck	6	198		
New York	Hudson to the Painted Post.			Bethlehem to Wilk sbarr	67	67		
	Hudson to Catskill	6	6	Philadelphia to Carlisle				
	Harpersfield	5	58	Philadelphia to Postgrove	26	36		
	Oulient	30	4	Reading	20	36		
	Chenango	50	44	Labanon	28	84		
	Union	9	53	Harrisburg	15	109		
New York	Iwego	7	100	Carlisle	17	26		
	Newtown	45	65					
	Painted Post	15	220					
	Woodbridge, w. J. m. Amboy			Philadelphia				

Post Office to the Year 1829 and American State Papers; The Post Office, published in 1834. Both are available as reprints from literature dealers; the former reprint being by Quarterman and the latter by Wierenga.

Rich's work has no tables of post offices at all but American State Papers does have two pre-1800 post office lists including revenue, expenses and route contracts, one being for the first quarter of the fiscal year starting on October 5, 1789, and the other for the entire fiscal year ending October 5, 1791.

The next available list of post offices that I've seen is in the President's roll of government employees, sent by Thomas Jefferson to the Congress in 1802, but which has a supplementary list of post offices established in 1801 added to the main list which apparently was as of October 1800.

Recently, while doing some research at the Ohio Historical Society, I was shown a copy of The American Calendar, or United States Register, published in England in 1794. This included a chapter on the post office establishment of the U.S., with rates of postage and a summary of laws and regulations.

Most important to the postal historian, it included a list of post offices with mileages by which letters were to be rated. The list is divided into the "Main line from Wiscasset to Sunbury," (in the District of Maine and Georgia, respectively), and the cross posts.

Since the whole thing is compact, it seems appropriate to offer it in the stampless section

N. York, Penn.	Philadelphia to Niagara.		Brought forward	93
	Philad. to Reading	66	Easton	22 115
	Norumberl.	70 126	Vienna	28 143
	Lycoming	40 166	Salisbury	15 158
Penn'vania	Painted Post	66 232	Snowhill	19 177
	Bath	18 250		
	Williamsburg	40 290	Baltimore to Leonardstown.	
	Niagara	80 370	Baltimore to	
Maryland	Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.		Annapolis	30 30
	Philadelphia to		Up. Marlboro'	21 51
	Lancaster	66 66	Piscatawa	16 67
	Yorktown	2 89	Port Tobacco	16 83
Delaware	Carlisle	31 120	Newport	11 94
	Shipperburg	21 141	Chaptico	8 102
	Chambersburg	11 152	Leonardstown	11 113
	Bedford	210		
Maryl.	Greensburg	67 217	Baltimore to Chambersburg.	
	Pittsburg	3 310	Baltimore to	
			Frederickstown	52 52
			Sharpsburg	34 76
Virginia	Philadelphia to Norfolk.		Hagerstown	14 90
	Philad. to Wil-		Chambersbur. p.	21 111
	mington Del.	28 78		
	Cantwellbridge	23 51	Alexandria to Staunton.	
Maryl.	Duck cr. C. Ro.	11 61	Alexandria to	
	Frederica	1 75	Leesburg	46 46
	Milford	7 84	Shepherdstown	32 78
	Clowes	12 94	Martinburg	10 88
Virginia	Dagsborough	27 121	Winchester	22 110
	Snowhill	31 152	Stevensburg	8 118
	Horntown	16 168	Strsburg	10 128
	Drummond or		Woodstock	12 140
Virginia	Acomac c. h.	26 194	Rockingham	33 173
	Bellhaven	20 214	Staunton	37 210
	Northampt. c. h.	20 234		
	Norfolk	43 277	Frederickburg by Kinfalet	
Maryland	Philadelphia to Snowhill.		Urbanna.	
	Philadelphia to		Frederickburg to	
	Wilmington D.	28 28	Leedstown	40 40
	Warwick	25 53	Westmoreland	14 54
Virginia	Georgetown		Kinfalet	20 74
	cross Roads	9 62	Norumberland	15 89
	Chestertown	16 78	Urbanna	30 119
	Chester Mills	15 93		

Virginia	Frederickburg to Urbanna.		Halifax to Plymouth.	
	Frederickburg to		Halifax to	
	Port Royal	20 20	Bluntsville	30 30
	Pappahannock	30 50	Williamston	25 55
North Carolina	Urbanna	21 78	Plymouth	24 79
			Halifax to Salisbury.	
	Richmond to Portsmouth.		Halifax to	
	Richmond to		Warrenton	85 85
Virginia	William sburg	68 68	William sboro'	38 53
	Yorktown	12 80	Hil'boro'	48 101
	Hampton	18 98	Guilford c. h.	50 152
	Norfolk	18 116	Salem	25 76
Virginia	Portsmouth	11 117	Salisbury	35 111
			Edenton to Indiantown.	
	Richmond to Danville:		Edenton to	
	Richmond to		Hertford	16 16
Virginia	Columbia	46 46	Nixonton	12 28
	Charlottesville	40 86	Sawyers ferry	15 43
	Staunton	40 126	Indiantown	11 54
	Lexington	33 159		
Virginia	Fincastle	4 199	Fayetteville to Wilmington.	
	Montgomery c. h.	55 254	Fayetteville to	
	Withe C. house	47 301	Elizabethtown	36 56
	Abingdon	56 37	Wilmington	47 83
Virginia	S. West. Territory			
	Hawkins C. h.	66 423	Charlestown to	
	Kentucky.		Georgetown	60 60
	Danville	20 624		
Virginia	Petersburg to Portsmouth.		Camden to Sunbury.	
	Petersburg to		Camden to	
	Cabbin point	26 26	Statesburg	20 20
	Smithfield	37 63	Charleston	100 229
Virginia	Suffolk	22 85	Jacksonboro'	36 156
	Portsmouth	28 113	Coofawhatchie	36 192
			Savannah	47 239
			Sunbury	49 288
Virginia	Petersburg to Wilmington.			
	Petersburg to		Augusta to	
	Suffolk	85 85	Washington	50 50
	Edenton	54 139	Greensboro'	28 78
North Carolina	Plymouth	23 162	Georgetown	32 110
	Washington	38 200	Augusta	40 150
	Newbern	38 238		
	Wilmington	93 331		

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of the *Chronicle*, as the booklet probably will be in the rare book department (as it is at the Ohio Historical Society), and not readily available in the few libraries that have a copy.

While the first of the regularly issued *U.S. Registers* or "blue books" was produced in 1816, under an Act of Congress requiring that (after the first issue) the registers were to be issued every other (odd) year, sporadic lists of government employees, such as in 1802, appeared. Just what was available between 1802 and 1816 is something that I'd very much like to know!

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