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THE CHICAGO PERFORATIONS

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(continued from *Chronicle* 174, p. 120)

Census of Known Items (12½ Gauge)

I have compiled a census of all 12½ gauge Chicago Perfs that I could identify (Appendix B) and welcome additions and comments to make this census more accurate and complete. In total there are approximately 80 items on and off cover, including about 65 3¢ and 15 1¢ (Table II).³¹ These items are currently listed in Scott's *Specialized Catalogue* under Scott #7 (1¢), #9 (1¢) and #11 (3¢) as "Perf. 12½, unofficial."

Of these items, about 75% have been expertized by noted authorities including Chase, Ashbrook, The Philatelic Foundation, and The American Philatelic Society. In a few cases where I believe that an item in the census needs to be examined or reexamined by an expert committee, I have so indicated by marking the item with a "■".

Table II

Number of Chicago Perfs Known (12½ Gauge) and Percent Authenticated*				
Denom.	Unused	Used: On Cover	Used: Off Cover	Totals
One Cent	2	3	12**	17
% Authenticated	50%	67%	100%	88%
Three Cent	0	40***	27	67
% Authenticated	NA	65%	81%	73%
Totals	2	43	39	84
% Authenticated	50%	65%	87%	75%

- * Authenticated by Ashbrook, Chase, Philatelic Foundation and/or American Philatelic Society
 ** Includes used strip of 3 of One Cent (Type IV), off cover
 *** Includes pair of Three Cent, on cover

About 25% of these copies are scissor or mechanically separated on at least one side, probably indicating that the users didn't fully understand the purpose of this new invention. Even though collectors do not normally like straight-edged stamps, I found this quite fortunate as it makes the perforations easier to analyze when a row of perfs is fully intact.

I have seen several covers with 1¢ stamps roughly separated on all *four* sides, but showing remnants of what may be perforations. The separation appears to have been done with a knife, cutting through several sheets of stamps simultaneously. It is possible these

³¹Not included in these totals are items certified by others as not genuine, or several items with which I had concerns.

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Figure 17. The largest known multiples of the 12½ gauge Chicago Perforations. The strip of three of the 1¢ is positions 91-93 L 1L (position 91 is the triple transfer). The pair of the 3¢ Chicago Perf is positions 86-87 L 3. Items are now in the Jerome S. Wagshal collection.

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Figure 18. The only two known unused 12½ gauge Chicago Perforations are both 1¢ stamps. The item at top is position 19 L 2, while the other item has not yet been plated. The top stamp is now in the Jerome S. Wagshal Collection.



Usages by Month (12½ Gauge Chicago Perfs)

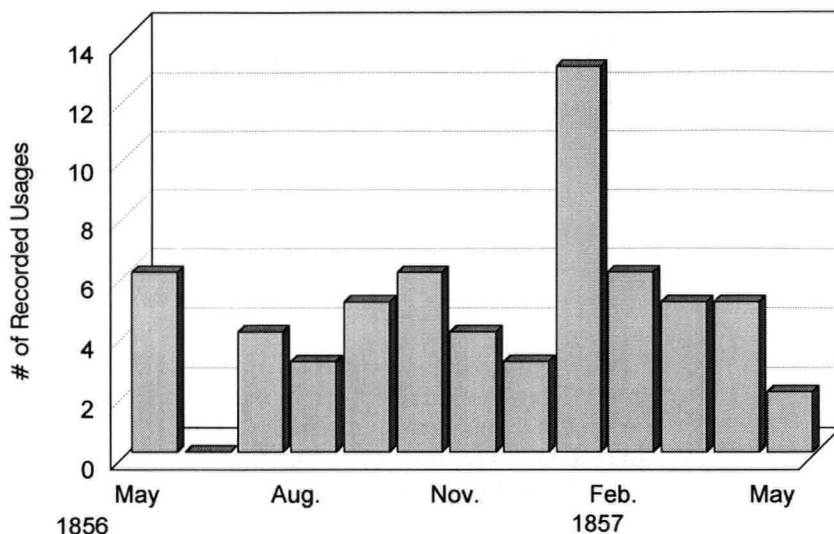


Figure 19. Recorded usages of Chicago Perfs by month.

stamps had 12½ gauge perfs at one time, but the edges of the stamps are so mutilated as to be no longer recognizable. Factors such as time and location of the business are consistent with these being Chicago Perfs;³² however, other explanations are possible and investigation is continuing.

The only known multiple of the 1¢ Chicago Perf is a used strip of three, off cover. The only known multiple of the 3¢ Chicago Perf is a pair, on cover (Figure 17). There are two unused 1¢ Chicago Perfs known (Figure 18), but no unused 3¢ items.

A histogram of recorded usages by month shows Chicago Perfs were used for approximately a one year period from May 1856 to May 1857 (Figure 19). Most plates in use by Toppan, Carpenter during this time frame have been seen with Chicago Perfs, making it likely that Hadley purchased his stock of imperforate stamps at the Post Office (Table III).

There is risk of error in drawing conclusions from limited data. However, the histogram of recorded usages indicates the stamps may have been perforated and distributed in batches, each of which was used before the next batch was distributed. The lack of recorded usages in June of 1856 may indicate the supply ran out.³³ Apparently batches were issued in May, July, September and October of 1856 plus January 1857, based on the diagram (Figure 19).

The earliest recorded usage of a Chicago Perf is May 3, 1856. This is consistent with Hadley's comments indicating the machine was operational in April or May 1856. Additional comments on this cover are provided under the section on Hadley/Swift covers.

Apparently no new batches were perforated after January 1857, as it became clear shortly thereafter that the U.S. Post Office had obtained another machine. Toppan, Carpenter conducted a test of officially perforated stamps beginning in late February 1857.

³²The earliest example so separated on four sides is a 1¢ stamp on a circular dated May 7, 1856. The cancel is a Norona Type A-6 device, but without a month and day. This circular is a weekly market review newspaper published by a company known to use Chicago Perfs.

³³Of course, this could also just be due to lack of data, given the scarcity of these items.

Table III

Plates Used on Three Cent 12½ Gauge Chicago Perfs (Under Development)	
Plate	No. of Plated Copies
2L	4
3	19
5L4	3
4	1
6	5
7	14
8	0
Total Plated	46
Total Unplated	19
Total Known	65
% Plated	71%

Chicago was one of the test cities, with the earliest Chicago usage of an officially perforated stamp being March 18, 1857.³⁴ Use of the Chicago Perfs ceased not long after this test began. The latest recorded usage of a Chicago Perf is May 6, 1857.

Cities of Known Usage

Needless to say, most Chicago Perfs are postmarked from Chicago. However, there are at least two exceptions (Figure 20).

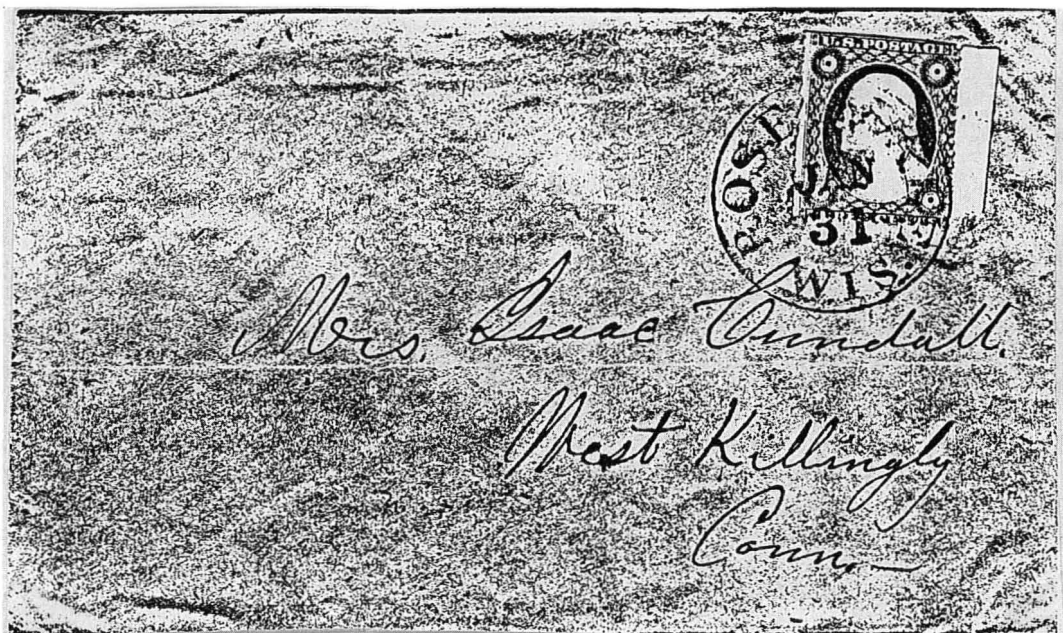
The first is from **New York City**. It was described originally in an article written in 1940.³⁵ The stamp is faintly canceled with "May 23," and the envelope docketed "May 22 /56." The item has an enclosure dated May 22, 1856. The cover was part of the family correspondence of the author of that article. The original letter was written by Mr. C.C. Langdell of the firm of Pierrepont, Stanley & Langdell, 16 Wall St., New York. The cover

³⁴Over the years, I have developed an extensive database of on and off cover usages from cities involved in this test. I ask that any collector having perforated stamps used from any city between February and late June 1857 please provide me a photocopy. This will be the subject of a separate article.

³⁵H. Webster, "U.S. 1856 Trial Perforation," *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, May 20, 1940, page 400.

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Figure 20 . The only two covers known with Chicago Perfs used from cities other than Chicago. The top cover is from New York, dated May 23, (1856). The bottom cover is from Rosedale, Wisconsin, and dated Jan 31. The top cover is now in the Jerome S. Wagshal collection.



is addressed to Joseph Rowe Webster, Milton, Norfolk County, Mass. The cover is pictured in Brookman,³⁶ and was sold in the 1989 Siegel Rarities sale (lot 74) with a description saying "last offered 1946." Swift apparently sent samples of Hadley's perforated stamps to New York when they were first introduced. Swift had a New York City office: Swift, Ransom & Co. at 31 Pine Street, located just one street away from Langdell's office. This could explain how the Chicago Perf came to be used in New York City.

The second is from **Rosedale, Wisconsin**, about 175 miles from Chicago. It is discussed on page 175 of Dr. Chase's book, where he hypothesizes that a traveler brought it back from Chicago. The cover is addressed to Mrs. Isaac Cundall, West Killingly, Conn. The last recorded sale I have of this item was from the David T. Beals collection, lot 338.³⁷

Hadley/Swift Covers

There are no covers with Chicago Perfs that I can trace to Elijah Hadley.

However, there are four items with Chicago Perfs that conclusively tie to R.K. Swift. These items are of the highest degree of desirability.

The first is a cover with printed corner card inscribed **R.K. Swift, Brother & Johnston, Bankers, Chicago, Ill.** It is dated May 3 and canceled with a Norona Type A-6 device.³⁹ The year is assumed to be 1856, based on the usage of this A-6 device and the range of items in the census. This item is the previously mentioned **earliest recorded usage of a Chicago Perf**. The item (Figure 21, top cover) is addressed "To Cashier Otsego Co. Bank, Cooperstown, NY."

The second cover is year-dated August 4, 1856, addressed to "Mr. Joab L. Cliff, Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., N.Y." This item (Figure 22) has the same addressee as another Swift item listed below. In the upper left corner of the envelope is a return address: "**R.K. Swift, Bro. & Johnston**," in a handwriting different from that used for the addressee. This letter contains an enclosure acknowledging a transaction from one of the bank's clients, and signed "Milsne," a clerk working in Swift's bank. The letterhead on the enclosure reads "R.K. Swift, Brother & Johnston."

The third (Figure 21, bottom cover) is an identical printed corner card to the May 3rd cover previously described. It is inscribed **R.K. Swift, Brother & Johnston, Bankers, Chicago, Ill.** This cover is dated Dec. 16, 1856. The month is not very legible and may not be December. It is addressed to "Edward White, Washington, Dutches Co., N.Y." The item was last sold in the Grunin sale, March 1987.³⁹

Fourth is a cover dated February 4, 1857 (Figure 23). It is addressed to Mr. Joab L. Cliff, Skaneateles, Onondaga Co. New York, the same addressee as the August 4th cover above. On its outside is a pencil notation "**R.K. Swift**," followed by what appears be "Feb. 10th 1857." This cover was sold as part of the Thomas J. Alexander collection.⁴⁰

Hadley stated in the letter dated October 20, 1856 that Swift insisted on using his perforated stamps on all his correspondence. Unfortunately, with the absence of return addressees or enclosures these items cannot be easily identified except by handwriting. I don't profess to be a handwriting expert, but I believe there are five additional covers that tie to Swift.

³⁶L.G. Brookman, *The United States Postage Stamps of the 19th Century* (New York, New York: H.L. Lindquist Publications, Inc., 1966), Vol. I, page 147.

³⁷Daniel F. Kelleher 577th Sale, January 20-22, 1988.

³⁸D. Norona, *Cyclopedia of United States Postmarks and Postal History*, rev. ed. (Lawrence, Massachusetts: Quarterman Publications, Inc., 1975), page 324. The latest date recorded by Norona was March 1856, but this was subsequently advanced by students into May.

³⁹Christie's sale, *The Louis Grunin Collection of United States 1851-57 Stamps on Cover*, Part I, March 25, 1987, lot #25.

⁴⁰Richard C. Frajola sale, *Thomas J. Alexander Collection*, March 8-9, 1990, lot #840.

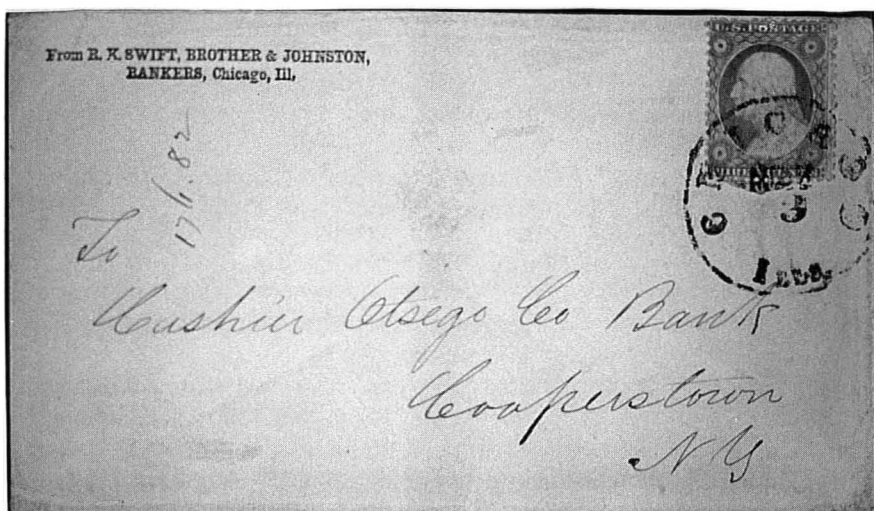
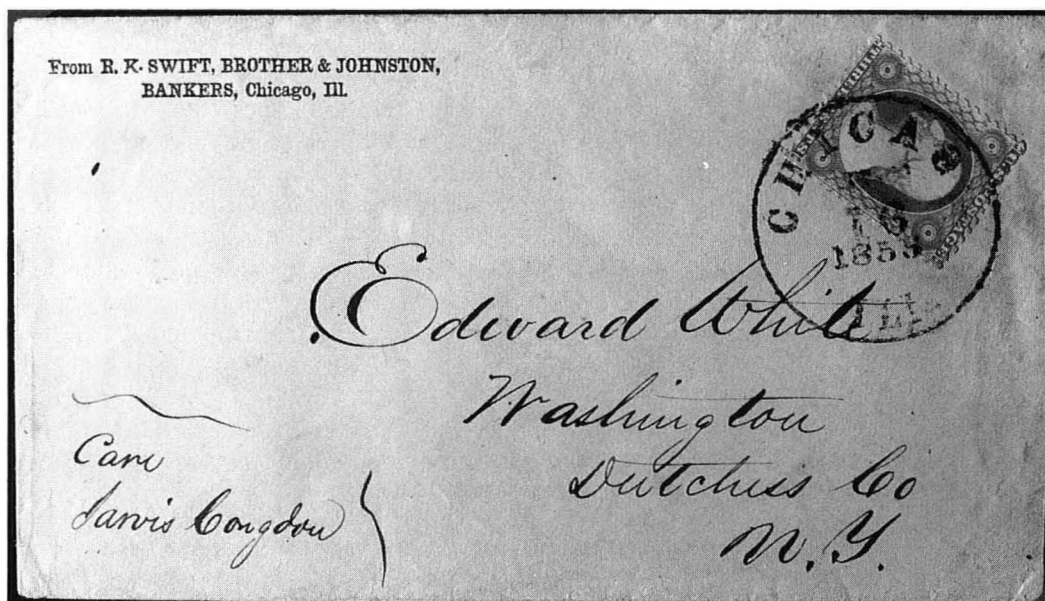


Figure 21. The only two known printed corner cards from R.K. Swift, Brother & Johnston, Bankers, Chicago, Ill. Each cover was mailed with a 3¢ Chicago Perf. The top cover is May 3, (1856), and is the earliest recorded usage of a Chicago Perf. The year is based on the period of usage of the Norona Type A-6 canceling device. The bottom cover is apparently dated December 16, 1856, although the month is not very legible.



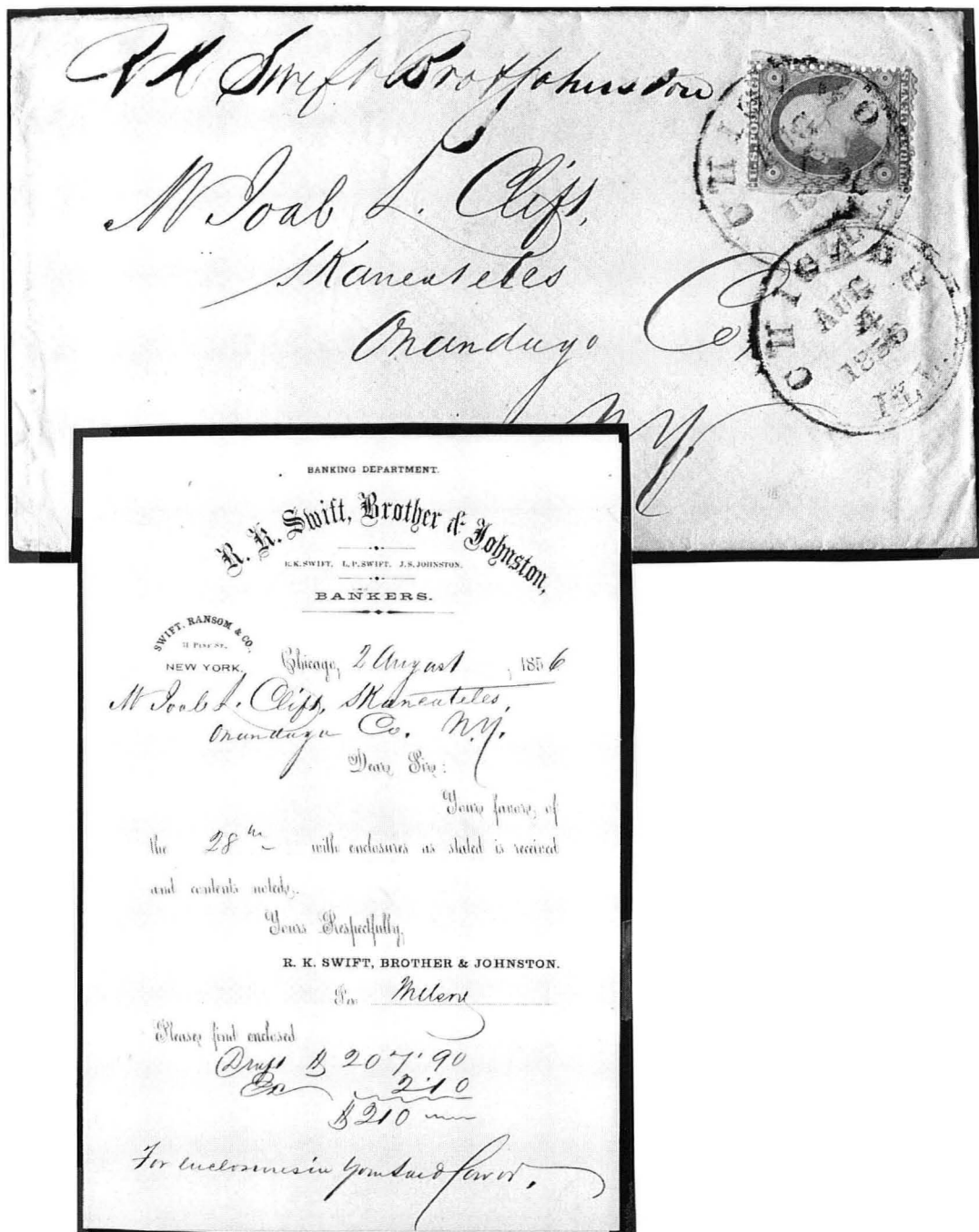


Figure 22. Cover with manuscript "R.K. Swift, Bro & Johnston" at upper left. Contains a letterhead enclosure from Swift's bank, signed by a clerk in bank. This cover is addressed to the same person as the cover shown in Figure 23.

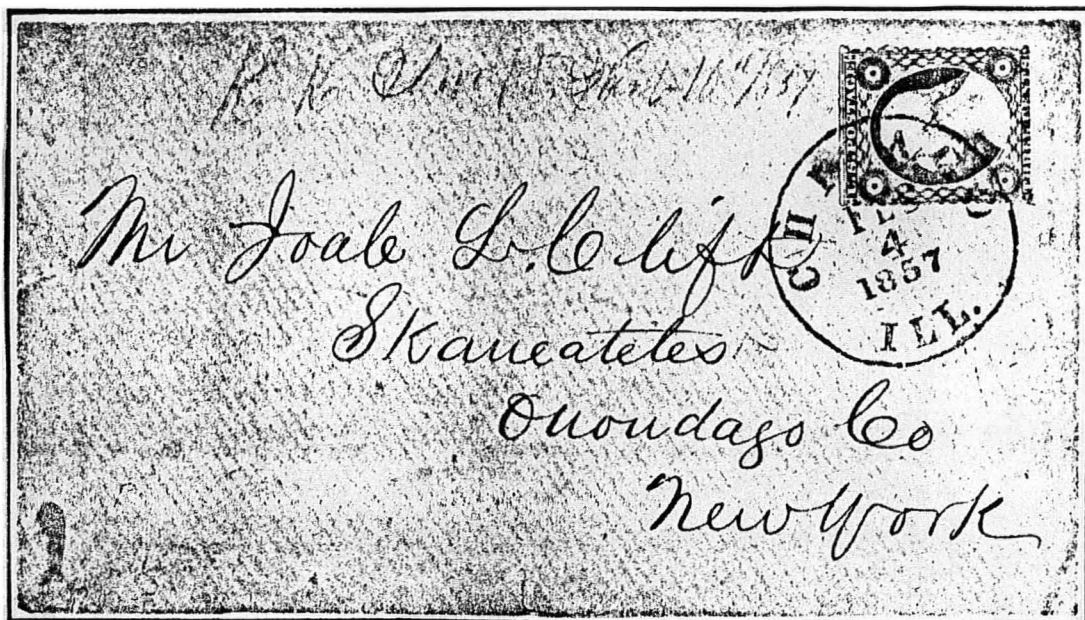


Figure 23. Cover addressed to Joak L. Clift, Skaneateles, Onondago Co., New York. At the top center of the envelope is a faint pencil inscription "R.K. Swift & Co., Feb. 10th[?], 1857." This is the same addressee as the cover in Figure 22.

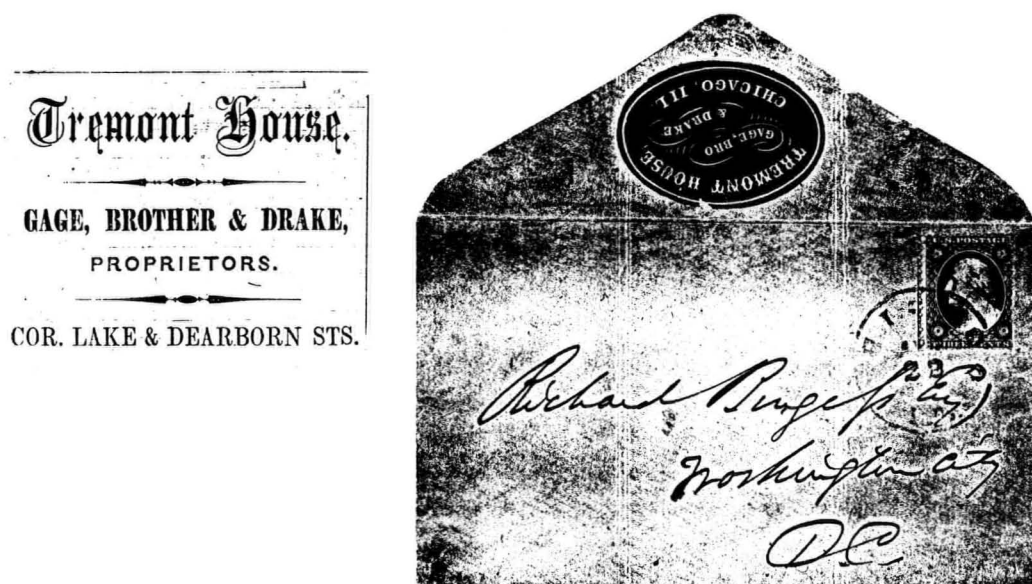


Figure 24. Cover with embossed back flap from Tremont House hotel, pictured adjacent to advertisement from 1856 city directory. This cover is apparently addressed by R.K. Swift, based on comparison of the handwriting with Swift's letters. The date is May 22, although not very legible. The year is 1856, based on the canceling device which was not used in 1857.

One of these is a cover apparently addressed by Swift himself (Figure 24). The cover has "Tremont House, Gage Bro. & Drake, Chicago, Ill." embossed on the backflap. It is addressed to Richard Burgess, Esq., Washington City, D.C. When this item was sold in the Piller Sale,⁴¹ it was described as "**addressed in the hand of R.K. Swift.**" This probably is Swift's handwriting which is distinctive, or perhaps more appropriately described as sloppy. The date was described in the Piller catalog as "possible Sep. 22," as the month is not legible. I believe that the date is *May 22* [1856]. The stamp is canceled with a Norona Type A-6 canceling device which was not regularly used after May 1856. All May (1856) usages of Chicago Perfs thus far recorded show A-6 devices, but no subsequent month shows this device. When compared with transparencies made from other A-6 cancellations, this cover is a reasonably good fit with May, but it does not fit with April or September. However, because of the poor legibility, there is the possibility of error.

The following four covers (Figure 25) have handwritten addressees that match the handwriting found on the previously discussed December 16, 1856, corner card from Swift's bank, addressed to Edward White, Washington, Dutches Co., N.Y. (Figure 21). Additional confirmation that these four items came from Swift's bank comes from two covers with the same handwriting in my collection that were mailed after the introduction of government perforated stamps. One of these two has a manuscript notation at the upper left of the envelope "R.K. Swift."

Date:	Addressee:
July 16, 1856	Isaac W. White Esq., Pokeepsie, Dutches Co., N.Y.
August 29, 1856	Isaac W. White Esq., Pokeepsie, Dutches Co., N.Y.
December 2, 1856	Isaac W. White Esq., Pokeepsie, Dutches Co., N.Y.
January 12, 1857	Hiram Reed Esq., Marcellus, NYork

All but one of these last nine covers from Swift or his bank are addressed to New York. Swift's hometown of Auburn, New York is less than ten miles from Skaneateles (two covers) or from Marcellus, NY (one cover). It is likely that some or all of these New York banking customers did business with Swift based on prior relationships. Other items in the census likely originated from Swift's bank, but are thus far unidentified.

Swift apparently had a good deal of international correspondence, yet no transatlantic covers showing Chicago Perfs have yet been recorded.

Advertising Covers Bearing Chicago Perfs

I have analyzed the businesses known to use Chicago Perfs. These items are listed in Appendix B, and shown in Figures 26-29. Previous writers have speculated that Swift had a business interest in these companies, but I know of no evidence that supports that claim.

I believe it likely these businesses used the stamps because Swift actively distributed them. He may have done this as a trial to strengthen the prospect of selling the machine to the Post Office. Perhaps it was done as a courtesy for his banking customers or as a form of advertising. When the businesses are plotted on a 1856-era map, a pattern emerges (Figure 30). Most of these businesses were in a straight path between Swift's bank and Hadley's office. One business, E.S. Wells, shoe manufacturing and sales (Figure 26), was downstairs in the same building as Swift (Figure 3). Others were less than two blocks from Swift or Hadley. Four of the companies using corner cards are located just beyond the limits of the map. They were likely Swift's banking customers.

⁴¹R.A. Siegel Sale #748, *The Stanley M. Piller Collection of United States 1851-57 Three Cent Issues*, March 25, 1993, lot 136.

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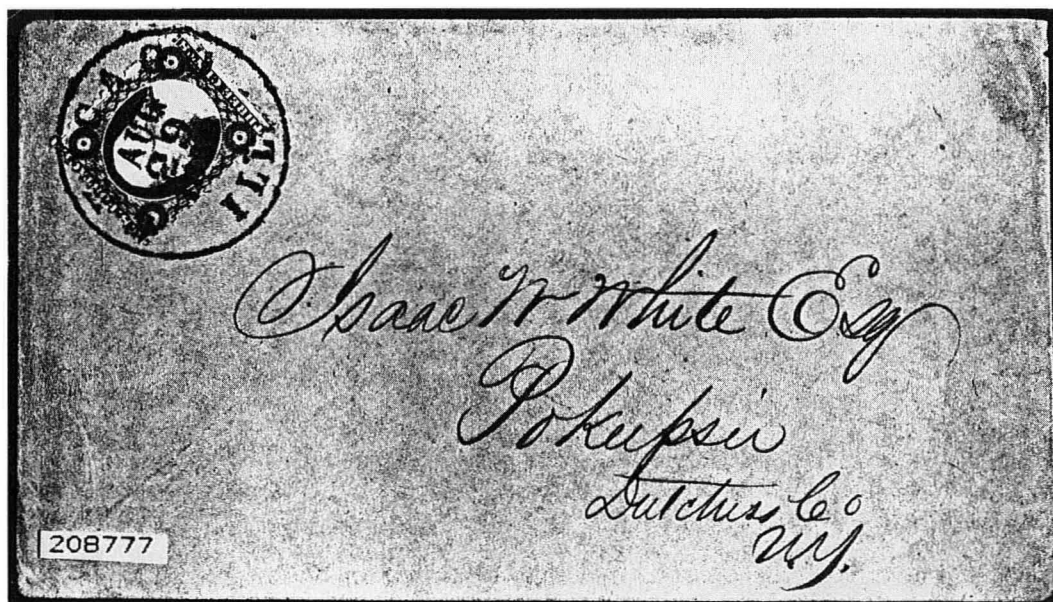
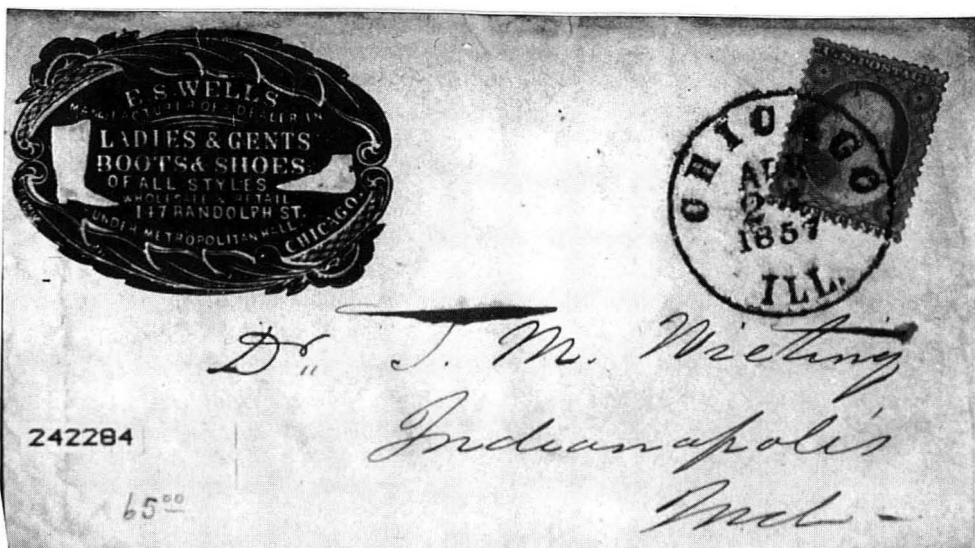


Figure 25. Three of four other covers believed to have originated from Swift's bank, mailed with Chicago perforated stamps. These items can only be identified by the handwriting, which matches the bottom cover shown in Figure 21. Further confirmation that these items came from Swift's bank comes from two items (not pictured) mailed after the introduction of government perforated stamps, but in this same handwriting. One of these two covers is from Swift's bank, based on a manuscript notation on the outside of the envelope. Top and center covers are now in the Jerome S. Wagshal Collection.



E. S. WELLS,
MANUFACTURER OF AND DEALER IN
 Ladies' & Gents' Boots & Shoes, of all styles
 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
117 RANDOLPH STREET,
UNDER METROPOLITAN HALL.

Figure 26. Advertising corner card from E.S. Wells, mailed with a Chicago Perf. Adjacent to the cover is an advertisement for Wells from the city directory. Wells was located in the same building (Metropolitan Hall) as Swift's bank.



Figure 27. Advertising corner cards from Sherman House hotel, mailed with Chicago Perfs. The two corner cards indicate a change in ownership occurred between July 25, 1856 (upper left cover) and March 10, 1857 (lower right cover).

Miscellaneous Notes on the Remaining Covers

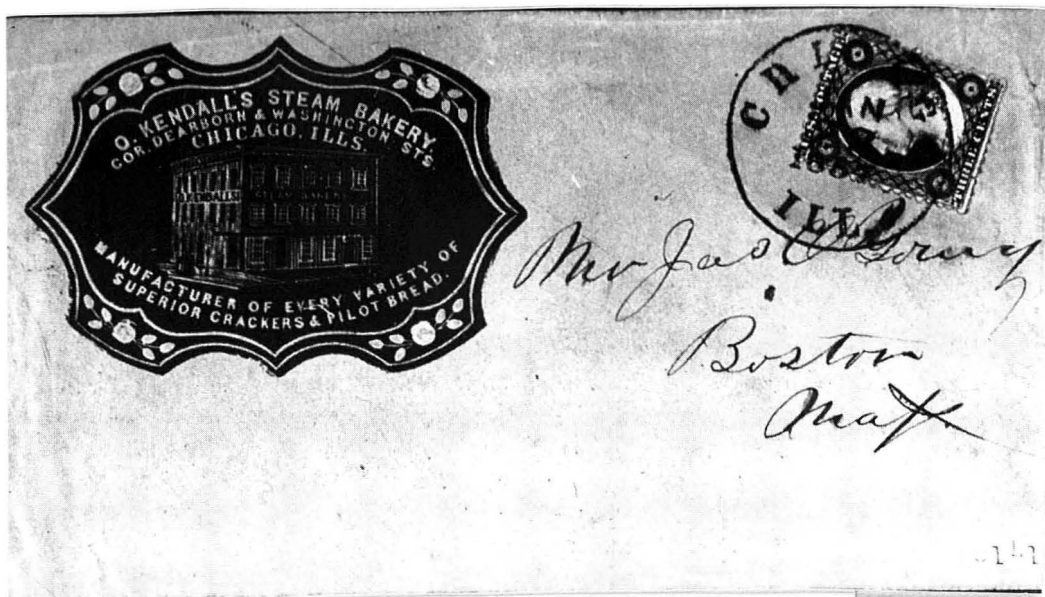
The origin of about 60% of Chicago Perf covers is known to some degree (Table IV). More than 20% can be tied to Swift, and 40% to local businesses through corner cards and enclosures. The balance is unknown, due in part to the lack of photographs showing the full covers clearly .

Two covers with Chicago Perfs are addressed to J.B. Knight and one to Gray & Knight, a law firm in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The two addressed to J.B. Knight are in the same handwriting, and one of these two contains a letter dealing with land futures in Chicago. The handwriting on this letter is terrible, and I have struggled to match the name with a person in the city directory. The writer may be James Larmon, but this is not certain. Larmon was a real estate agent, who according to the city directory came to Chicago from Kentucky about 1855. Larmon's office was located in the same building (Metropolitan Hall) where Swift had his office, which helps explain the use of the Chicago Perfs. This Knight correspondence continued for a number of years, and is represented in several prominent Chicago postal history collections. I am hoping other letters may surface to confirm or establish the identity of the writer.

Two covers are addressed to Miss Sallie A. Jones in Evansville, Illinois. Two covers are also addressed to Mr. A.C. Squier, Columbia, South Carolina. The writers are unknown.

Table IV

Summary of Users - Chicago Perf Covers		
Covers from Swift or His Bank	# of Known Covers	Comments
Direct	4	Includes corner cards, docketing and enclosures
Indirect	5	Based on handwriting similarities
Total Swift	9	
Other Business Correspondence		
Identified Chicago-Area Businesses	7	Corner cards
Travelers	6	Includes hotel correspondence
Other	4	Based on contents
Total Business	17	
Unknown Writers		
Known Addressee	11	
Unknown Addressee	5	Illegible items and poor photos
Total Unknown	16	
TOTAL	42	



CHICAGO CRACKER MANUFACTORY
 O. KENDALL,
 Manufacturer of a Superior kind of
 BUTTER, BOSTON, SODA, WATER, SUGAR, WINE, GINGER, AND LEMON
CRACKERS AND PILOT BREAD,
 Cor. Dearborn and Washington Streets.

Figure 28. Advertising corner card from Kendall Bakecover is an advertisement for Kendall from the city directory.

One circular is known addressed to Canada (Figure 31), and another cover addressed to Nebraska Territory. The Canada circular is a weekly market review of Chicago markets, published by P.L. Wells on Clark Street. It contains a brief financial article by R.K. Swift. The writer of the Nebraska letter is unknown. No other destination outside the United States is yet known.

I would very much like to examine any enclosures that readers can provide from these letters.

In closing I ask any collector having additional information, documents, examples or pertinent items relating to early perforation of U.S. stamps (both Chicago Perfs and other cities) please to contact me, as the work continues with full vigor. I very much need your help.



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Figure 29. Two additional advertising covers, using Chicago Perfs. The top cover does not show clearly, but is embossed from F.B. Gardner & Co., Lumber Dealers. The bottom cover is from Ellithorpe, Kline, & Bradley, Carriage Manufacturers. The bottom cover is now in the Jerome S. Wagshal collection.

Location of Selected Businesses in Chicago Circa 1856

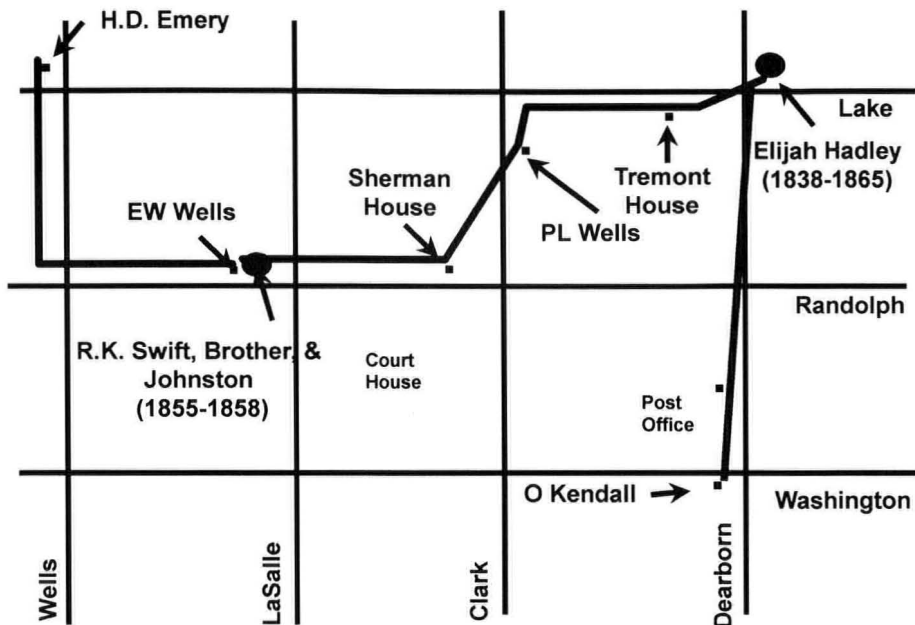
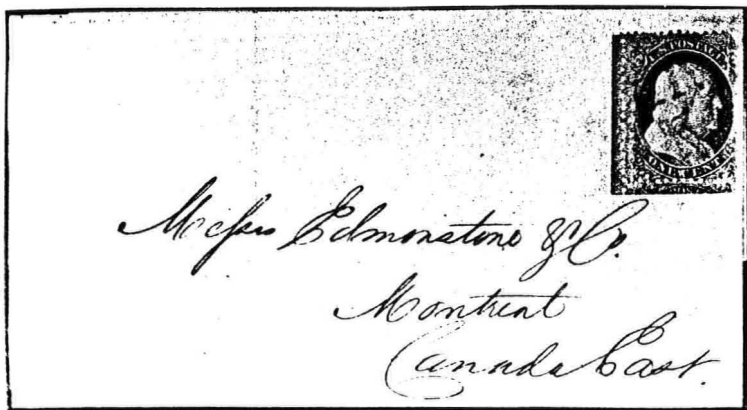


Figure 30. Map showing businesses known to have used Chicago Perfs, in relationship to locations of Hadley and Swift, with a line connecting the locations. All but four known corner cards are from businesses within this small area. A number are in a direct path from Swift's to Hadley's office.



MONEY MARKET.	
OBTAINED OF R. K. SWIFT, BROTHER & JOHNSTON	
QUOTATIONS AS FOLLOWS:	
Banker's Rates—10 per cent. for 30 days and under	payable here, and 30 days payable in New York.
Brokers' Rates—20-24 1/2 per cent. payable here, and 10-15 1/2 per cent. payable in New York, or 10 to 15 days.	
Secured Paper—first class 6 to 12 months, 10-15 1/2 per cent. second class 10-15 1/2 per cent.	
Coupon Bonds—payable in New York bearing interest at 10 per cent. in annum—selling at 100-105.	
EXCHANGE.	
On New York, fair supply, steady demand, buying 1/2 per cent. selling 1/2 per cent. premium for currency, for London 1/2 per cent. for Gold 1/2 per cent.	
Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore selling 1/2 per cent. St. Louis, buying 1/2 per cent. selling 1/2 per cent. Cincinnati, buying 1/2 per cent. selling 1/2 per cent. to 1/2 per cent. premium.	
Exchange on London—eight 111-60 days, 111-60 days, 111-60 days.	
Gold—buying 1/2 per cent. selling 1/2 per cent. premium.	
R. K. SWIFT, BROTHER & JOHNSTON.	

Figure 31. Cover addressed to Canada, with a 1c Chicago Perf. This circular is the *Chicago Market Review and Weekly Price Current*, published by P.L. Wells. This market review contains a financial commentary written by R.K. Swift, an excerpt of which is shown adjacent to the cover. The perforations on this stamp show clearly on the left and bottom due to scissor separation, which is common on this stamp.

Appendix A

Acknowledgments

There are a lot of people who have contributed to this research, and because their help has been so extensive I fear I cannot do them justice.

I first became interested in perforation of U.S. stamps because of Tom Alexander's article in issue number 69 of *The Chronicle*. I didn't know Tom then, so I studied the subject as a solitary activity. I have since become good friends with Tom and he has helped and encouraged me immeasurably.

It was KG Taira and Bob Hegland who orchestrated making this a group effort. KG called me out of the blue in 1992. He invited me to join a 3¢ study group focusing on the first U.S. perforated issues. KG and Bob were the chief architects of this effort, composed primarily of members from The U.S. Philatelic Classics Society. The intent was to share information that might not be ready to publish in *The Chronicle*. Bob superbly edited and published the group's newsletter. Through this effort our progress was more rapid on all fronts. This reflected not only the sharing of knowledge, but because we pushed each other to get things done.

I credit KG as the major catalyst of my efforts. He is also a brilliant problem solver, and we have spent many hours via long distance working on Chicago Perfs and other perforation puzzles. KG gets his hands into a lot of areas of this study—from analysis, to plating, to photographing the items with E.L. Fritz in his lab.

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Appendix B

Census of Chicago Perforations (12½ Gauge)

One Cent Chicago Perfs *On Cover*

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			----- Expertization (if known)
"Paid" cancel, applied vertically. No townmark.	Used, On Cover, Type II. Well centered. Perfs intact due to scissor separated at top. Straight edge at bottom. Position 48 R 2. See Ashbrook, Volume II, page 26. Folded advertising circular. <div style="text-align: center;">Lake View Water Cure Near Chicago, Ills.</div>	Not known	C-01-501 ----- Ashbrook
Not known.	Used, On Cover, Type II, with 3 Three Cent stamps (Scott #11's). This item is listed in Scott Specialized Catalog, but no photo has yet been seen.	Not Known	C-01-502
(May 28 1856) Based on contents. "Paid" cancel on stamp. No townmark.	Used, On Cover, Type IV. Centered to lower right. Scissor cut leaving left and bottom perf holes intact. Folded circular. <div style="text-align: center;">Chicago Market Review and Weekly Price Current No. 58 Published by P.L. Wells Commercial Editor of the Democratic Press 45 Clark St.</div> Contains financial commentary written by R.K. Swift.	Messrs. Edmonstone & Co. Montreal Canada East.	C-01-503 ----- PFC#110589 "Genuine."

One Cent Chicago Perfs
Unused

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
NA	Unused, Type II. Centered to top and left. Shows adjacent stamp at bottom and trace of stamp at right. Position 19 L 2.	NA	C-01-001 PFC#028207 "Decline Opinion." PFC#042881 "Genuine, with slight soiling."
NA	Unused, Type II. Centered to left. Shows perfs on all four sides, but probably scissor separated at bottom and top. Not plated, but apparently Plate 2.	NA	C-01-002

One Cent Chicago Perfs
Off Cover, Used

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
Date not legible.	Used, Off Cover, Type II. Centered to right and upward. Shows adjacent stamp at bottom. Position 41 L 2.	NA	C-01-101 PFC#014688 "Decline Opinion." PFC#199264 "Genuine, with small corner crease at top right, reperfed at left."

Date not visible. (Trace of "2" & month)	Used, Off Cover, Type II. Centered upward and slightly to right. Perf holes fully intact at top due to scissor separation.	NA	C-01-102 ----- PFC#028200 "Genuine perforations on three sides with fraudulent perfs at right ; crease across bottom right corner margin; tiny tear and one bottom perforation defective."
Date not visible.	Used, Off Cover, Type II. Centered to right, showing adjacent stamp at left. Upper right corner torn or clipped off.	NA	C-01-103 ----- PFC#263919 "Genuine, with defects."
Date not legible.	Used, Off Cover, Type IV. Centered significantly to upper left. Shows adjacent stamps at right and bottom. Probably position 9 R 1L.	NA	C-01-201 ----- PFC#024188 "Genuine."
Date not legible.	Used, Off Cover, Type IV. Centered upward and to left. Shows adjacent stamp at bottom. Stamp has preprinting paper fold.	NA	C-01-202 ----- PFC#030835 "Genuine."
Date not legible.	Used, Off Cover, Type IV. Centered to left and slightly upward, showing adjacent stamp at right. Position 49 L 1L.	NA	C-01-203 ----- PFC#042037 "Genuine, with a crease in top right corner margin."
Date not visible.	Used, Off Cover, Type II. Shifted to lower left. Probably position 98 R 2.	NA	C-01-204 ----- PFC#003160 "Genuine."
Townmark not visible. (Perhaps large "1" at upper right of stamp.)	Used, Off Cover, Type II. Centered slightly left and downward.	NA	C-01-205 ----- PFC#027212 "Genuine perforations, decline opinion on identity of cancellation."
Nov 30?	Used, Off Cover, Type II. Centered slightly downward.	NA	C-01-301 ----- Ashbrook PFC#033890 "Genuine."

Mar 11?	Used, Off Cover, Type IV. Strip of three. This is the only known multiple of One Cent Chicago Perf. Centered downward, showing adjacent stamps at top. Position 91-93 L 1L. [91 L 1L is triple transfer.]	NA	C-01-302 ----- Chase PFC#024644 "Genuine."
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One Cent Chicago Perfs

Items previously expertized as "Not genuine" or items which warrant careful reconsideration

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number ----- Expertization (if known)
Date not visible.	Used, Off Cover, Type IV. Centered slightly downward. Position 97 L 1L	NA	C-01-900 ----- PFC#034243 "Perforations are counterfeit."
Sep 9	Used, Off Cover, Type II. Centered slightly upward Position 48 R 2.	NA	C-01-901 ■ ----- PFC#115087 "Genuine." PFC#242070 "Perforations are counterfeit."

Three Cent Chicago Perfs *On Cover, Used*

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			----- Expertization (if known)
May 3 [Norona A-6]	Used, On Cover. Centered to left, showing portion of stamp at right. Bottom perfs mostly intact, with portions of adjacent stamp still attached. Corner card. Not plated, but apparently Plate 6, 7, or 8, A relief. From R.K. SWIFT, BROTHER & JOHNSTON BANKERS, Chicago, Ill.	To Cashier, Otsego Co. Bank, Cooperstown NY	C-03-501
May 17 [Norona A-6]	Used, On Cover. Stamp centered slightly to right. Upper right corner torn or clipped off. Possibly position 98 R 7. Envelope has been roughly opened at left, affecting corner card. H.D. EMERY & CO. Dealers in Garden & Field Seeds Farm Implements AND MACHINERY 204 LAKE STREET Chicago, ILL. [Same correspondence, one week earlier, does not have a Chicago Perf. on it]	Jno. S. Martin, Esq. Geneseo, Ill.	C-03-502
May? 22 [Previously reported as "Sep 22"] [Norona A-6]	Used, On Cover. Centered to right, showing adjacent stamp at left. Mostly intact perfs at left due to scissor separation. Position 19 L 7. Embossed on back flap. Tremont House Gage, Bro & Drake Chicago, ILL.	Richard Burgess, Esq., Washington City D.C. [Probably addressed by Swift, based on handwriting.]	C-03-503 ----- PFC#047551 "Genuine."

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
New York May 23 (1856) Docketing, enclosure.	Used, On Cover. Centered to left and slightly upward. Shows adjacent stamp at right. One of two items postmarked from other than Chicago. Contains letter from C.C. Langdell of Pierrepont, Stanley & Langdell, 16 Wall Street, New York. Probably position 3 L 7.	Mr. Joseph Rowe Webster Milton Norfolk County Mass.	C-03-504 PFC#209483 "Genuine usage, stamp with unofficial perforations matching those sold at Chicago, Illinois."
May [Norona A-6]	Used, On Cover. Centered to left, showing adjacent stamp at right. Cover has faults at top middle and at right. Position 76 R 7. [Based on subsequent correspondence, the writer of this letter is someone named "Will". Last name is unknown, but apparently Will was affiliated with Fay & Co. on River Street in Chicago.]	Miss Fannie M. Witten Albany NY	C-03-505 ■ PFC#174423 "Genuine usage, but it is not the genuine unofficial Chicago perfs."
Jul 14 1856	Used. Uncertain if this item in off cover on or cover. Described in Chase and Brookman. Centering not known.	Not known	C-03-506 Chase
Jul 15 1856 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered slightly upward. Shows part of stamp at bottom. Scissor cut at top and left. Cover has closed tear at top middle. Position 29 L 7. [C-03-507 and C-03-539 have same addressee and same handwriting.]	Mr. A.C. Squier Columbia South Carolina	C-03-507
Jul 16 1856 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Well centered. Stamp at upper left corner of envelope. Tear at upper right of cover. Not plated, but probably Plate 2L or 3, with 1 or 2 lines recut in UL triangle. [C-03-508, C-03-511, C-03-519, C-03-520, and C-03-523 were apparently written by the same clerk from Swift's bank, based on handwriting comparison with C-03-520. C-03-508, C-03-511, C-03-519 have same addressee.]	Isaac W. White, Esq. Pokeepsie Dutches Co. N.Y.	C-03-508 Ashbrook PFC#089758 "Genuine."

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
Jul 25 1856 Docketing. [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Centered downward. Stamp is scissor separated showing intact perfs at top and bottom. Position 64 L 7. Hotel corner card. Sherman House J.A. Patmor & Co. Proprietors Cor. Clark & Randolph Sts. Chicago [C-03-509 and C-03-536 are both from Sherman House, but showing different proprietors.]	C.B. Brown, Esq. Norwich Chenango Co. NY	C-03-509 ----- Chase PFC#126490 "Genuine."
Aug 4 1856 Two strikes of townmark, plus dated enclosure. [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered to right. Some intact perfs at right. Roughly separated at left. Position 78 R 6. Manuscript return address at upper left. R.K. Swift, Bro, & Johnston. R.K. Swift letterhead enclosure dated Aug 2 1856, including bank clerk's signature. [C-03-510 and C-03-530 have same addressee.]	Mr. Joab L. Cliff, Skaneateles Onondaga Co. N.Y.	C-03-510 -----
Aug 29 1856 Bold S.O.N. townmark [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered upward and to left. Shows stamp at bottom, and trace at right. Stamp at upper left corner of envelope. Not plated, but possibly plate 2L. [C-03-508, C-03-511, C-03-519, C-03-520, and C-03-523 were apparently written by the same clerk from Swift's bank, based on handwriting comparison with C-03-520. C-03-508, C-03-511, C-03-519 have same addressee.]	Isaac W. White Esq. Pokeepsie Dutches Co. N.Y.	C-03-511 ----- PFC#208777 "Genuine."

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
Sep 4 1856 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered upward, with trace of adjacent stamp at bottom. Stamp is centered in middle of envelope. Intact perfs at top, and mostly at bottom, apparently due to scissor separation. Not plated, but possibly plate 2L, A relief. [C-03-512, C-03-515, and C-03-517 are apparently to same addressee. C-03-512 and C-03-517 are in same handwriting.]	J.B. Knight, Esqr. Hopkinsville Kentucky	C-03-512 ----- PFC#034810 "Genuine."
Sep xx 1856 Two overlapping strikes of townmark. [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered significantly to right, showing adjacent stamp at left. Portion of adjacent stamp at top attached to perforation tip. Not plated, but possibly Plate 6 or 7, A relief. [C-03-513 and C-03-514 are same addressee and handwriting.]	Miss Sall. A. Jones Evansville Ill., [At lower left corner:] Care Mr. Furguson.	C-03-513 ----- PFC#032545 "Genuine."
Sep 12 1856 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Centered to upper right. Shows adjacent stamps at left and bottom. Not plated, but probably Plate 7 (possibly Plate 6), A relief. [C-03-513 and C-03-514 are same addressee and handwriting.]	Miss S.A. Jones Care E.E. Furguson Evansville, Ill.	C-03-514 ----- PFC#155988 "Genuine."
Sep 19 1856 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Centered downward and very slightly to left. Apparently scissor separated on all sides. Perfs intact at bottom and mostly on left. Position 67 L 2L. [C-03-512, C-03-515, and C-03-517 are apparently to same addressee.]	Messrs. Gray & Knight Attor. At Law Hopkinsville Kentucky	C-03-515■ ----- PFC#093897 "Genuine perforation variety on this cover with Chicago postmark, but is not listed Chicago perforation variety. "

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number ----- Expertization (if known)
Oct 2 1856 Docketing: "Sept 30 1856" [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered to left, showing trace of stamp at right. Corner card. Not plated, but apparently Plate 2L or 3. <div style="text-align: center;">Ellithorpe, Kline & Bradley Carriage Manufacturers Corner of Randolph & Morgan Sts, West Chicago Hacks, Coaches, Phaetons, Barouches, Omnibuses, Family Carriages, Top and open Buggies, all made of the best New England timber. <i>ALL WORK WARRANTED.</i></div>	Mr. Cyrus D. Avery Iowa City Iowa	C-03-516 ----- Chase PFC#086532 "Genuine."
Oct 9 1856 [Norona A-8]	Used, On cover. Well centered. Contains letter dealing with land futures. Writer's signature almost illegible, but possibly James Larmon, a real estate agent located in same building as Swift. [C-03-512, C-03-515, and C-03-517 are apparently to same addressee. C-03-512 and C-03-517 are in same handwriting.]	J. B. Knight, Esqr. Hopkinsville Kentucky	C-03-517
Oct 9 1856 [Norona A-8]	Used, On cover. Centered slightly upward and very slightly to left, showing adjacent stamps at bottom and right. Several "blind" perfs at right and left. Corner card, with shield. Position 61 R 2L. <div style="text-align: center;">American House, Chicago, Ill. CHURCH & BISSELL, Proprietors. Corner of Lake St. and Wabash Avenue. Nearest Hotel to Ill. Central, St. Louis, Detroit and Cincinnati Depots.</div>	Mrs. T.S. Lanwyck[?] Care of Fox & Polhemus Corner Beaver & Broad Sts. New York	C-03-541
Oct 27 1856 [Norona A-9]	Used, On cover. Centered upward.	... Esq... Bridge... Hampshire [Addressee only partially visible on photostat]	C-03-518

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
Dec 2 1856 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered to lower left, showing adjacent stamp at right and top. Shows a number of "blind" perfs. Stamp at upper left corner of envelope. Not plated, but possibly Plate 5L. [C-03-508, C-03-511, C-03-519, C-03-520, and C-03-523 were apparently written by the same clerk from Swift's bank, based on handwriting comparison with C-03-520. C-03-508, C-03-511, C-03-519 have same addressee.]	Isaac W. White, Esq. Pokeepsie Dutches Co. N.Y.	C-03-519
Dec 16 1856 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Well centered. Position 24 L 6. Corner card. From R.K. SWIFT, BROTHER & JOHNSTON BANKERS, Chicago, Ill. [C-03-508, C-03-511, C-03-519, C-03-520, and C-03-523 were apparently written by the same clerk from Swift's bank, based on handwriting comparison with C-03-520.]	Edward White Washington Dutches Co. N.Y. [At lower left:] Care Jarvis Congdon	C-03-520 PFC#043793 "Genuine, canceled Dec. 16, 1856."
Dec 17 1856 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered to left. Stamp at upper left of cover. Small tear, added corner perf. Not plated, but possibly Plate 5L, B relief.	Miss Mary Rogers Care of Octavias T. Rogers Esq. Milton Railway Mass.	C-03-521
Jan 8 1857 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Well centered. Scissor cut on four sides, shows full perfs at left and bottom. Perfs are cut off at top and right. Position 83 L 3.	Mr. Martin J. Gleason Brimfield, Hampden Co. Massachusetts	C-03-522 Chase Ashbrook Philatelic Research Laboratories, Inc.

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
Jan 12 1857 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Well centered. Apparently scissor cut at left and right. Not plated, but possibly Plate 7 (or Plate 6), A relief. [C-03-508, C-03-511, C-03-519, C-03-520, and C-03-523 were apparently written by the same clerk from Swift's bank, based on handwriting comparison with C-03-520.]	Hiram Reed Esq. Marcellus NYork	C-03-523 ----- PFC#039918 "Genuine."
Jan 21 1857 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered to right slightly. Torn or roughly separated at upper and bottom left. Not plated, but possibly Plate 2L or 3.	D.C. Smith, Esq. Shelbyville Shelby Co. Ill.	C-03-524 ----- PFC#125871 "Genuine usage with defects in the stamp."
Jan 22 1857 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Well centered. Pair. This is the only known multiple of Three Cent Chicago Perf. Closed tear and inked figures drawn on face of cover. Position 86-87 L 3.	James M. Bates Esq. Broker &c. No. 60 Wall St., New York	C-03-525 ----- PFC#024137 "Decline Opinion." PFC#035335 "Genuine."
Jan 23 1857 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered slightly up and very slightly to right. Upper right corner torn or clipped off, but expertly repaired and not mentioned in certificate. Position 67 L 3. Blue embossed corner card. O. Kendall's Steam Bakery Cor. Dearborn & Washington Sts. Chicago, ILLS. Manufacturer of Every Variety of Superior Crackers & Pilot Bread.	Mr. Jas O'Gray? Boston Mass.	C-03-526 ----- Chase PFC#061414 "Genuine"
Jan 29 1857 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Centered downward and to left, showing adjacent stamp at top and right. Not plated but apparently Plate 2L, 3, or 5L.	Walter G. Warren Esq. Whitehall New York	C-03-527 ----- PFC #Unknown
Rosedale, Wis. Jan 31	Used, On Cover. Centered to right and downward. Stamp has sheet margin on right. Right perforations are intact, apparently due to scissor separation. One of two items postmarked from other than Chicago. Not plated but apparently Plate 2L, 3, or 5L.	Mrs. Isaac Cundall West Killingly Conn.	C-03-528 ----- Chase

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
Feb 4 1857 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered to right. Corner Card not visible in photostat. Cover described as "repaired."	...Hartann? Co.... [Not fully visible in photostat]	C-03-529
Feb 4 1857 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered slightly downward. Straight edge or scissor cut at bottom. Pencil docketing on front at top middle of cover. R.K. Swift & Co., Feb. 10th?, 1857 [C-03-510 and C-03-530 have same addressee.]	Mr. Joab L. Cliff Skaneateles Onondago Co. New York	C-03-530
Feb 5 1857 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Centered to left. Position 21L3. Embossed Corner Card. F.B. Gardner & Co. Lumber Dealers South Wells St. Chicago Ill.	Hon. David Wells, Jr. M.C. Washington D.C.	C-03-531 PFC#111854 "Genuine."
Feb 11 1857 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered to left. Scissor cut at right. Position 82 L 3.	Mr. A.O. Shur Chesterville Morrow Co. Ohio	C-03-532 Chase Ashbrook
Feb 27 1857 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Centered slightly to lower right. Chicago Perf. on an embossed 3 cent stamped envelope, U10. Not plated, but possibly Plate 6 or 7.	Asa Bacon, Esq. New Haven, Conn. [In pencil at upper left of cover:] F.D.	C-03-533 PFC#121255 "Genuine usage of the Scott #11 with unofficial Chicago perforations."

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
Mar 3 1857 Townmark not legible.	Used, On Cover. Centered very slightly downward.	Messrs. Albert? & Bickford, Esq. Pecham? Vermont [Faint and not fully legible]	C-03-534
Mar 9 1857 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered to left, showing adjacent stamp at right. Position 49 R 3. Corner card, with Imprint. W. Eaves. American Hotel A.F. Pearson Toronto, C.W.	Miss Grace Doolittle Care Mr. Wm. Doolittle Utica N York	C-03-535 ----- PFC#183189 "Genuine"
Mar 10 1857 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Centered very slightly to left. Not plated, but apparently Plate 2L, 3 or 5L, B relief. Hotel corner Card. Sherman House Dodge & Longley Proprietors Cor. Clark & Randolph Sts. Opp. The Court House Chicago, ILL. [C-03-509 and C-03-536 are both from Sherman House, but showing different proprietors.]	Mr. Theo Borden Care of Philada, Insurance Co. No. 44 Walnut St. Pa.	C-03-536 ----- PFC#099324 "Genuine."
Mar 17 1857 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered to right. Intact perfs at right due to scissor separation. Tear at right of cover.	... L. Sheldon ...Otoe City [Nebraska Territory addressee, not fully visible in photostat]	C-03-537

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
Apr 2 1857 Chase notation says "Letter headed Apr 1, 1857" [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Well centered. Scissor cut at right and bottom right, so perfs largely intact. Position 24 R 3. A portion of a letter remains, signed: "Your aff' cus J.H. Dwight." [I do not know if this partial letter belongs in this envelope]	Miss Mary E. Read Marshall Mich	C-03-538 Chase PFC#174734 "Genuine."
Apr 11 1857 [Norona A-8]	Used, On Cover. Centered to lower right, with adjacent stamp showing at top. Tiny piece of stamp missing at right side. [C-03-507 and C-03-539 have same addressee and same handwriting.]	Mr. A.C. Squier Columbia South Carolina	C-03-539 Sloane
Apr 24 1857 [Norona A-9]	Used, On Cover. Centered very slightly downward. Not plated, but possibly Plate 2L or 3. Corner card. E.S. Wells Manufacturer of & Dealer in Ladies & Gents' Boots & Shoes of All Styles Wholesale & Retail 147 Randolph St. Under Metropolitan Hall Chicago.	Dr. J.M. Wieting Indianapolis Ind.	C-03-540 PFC#242284 "Genuine."

Three Cent Chicago Perfs
Off Cover, Used

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			----- Expertization (if known)
Date not visible.	Used, Off Cover. Centered to lower right, showing part of stamps at top, left, and bottom. Scissor separation at top and at bottom. Perfs at bottom are intact. Position 69 L 3.	NA	C-03-101 ----- Philatelic Research Laboratories, Inc.
Date not visible.	Used, Off Cover. Centered to upper right, showing adjacent stamps at left and bottom. Intact perfs at right, from separation of left and right panes along centerline. Position 40 L 7.	NA	C-03-102 ----- PFC#071222 "The stamp, with creasing and a natural paper fold, has genuine Chicago Unofficial perforations."
Date not visible.	Used, Off Cover. Centered to left and down. Shows adjacent stamp at top, and trace of stamp at right. Position 53 L 3.	NA	C-03-201 ----- PFC#107667 "Genuine, with closed tear in center."
Date not visible. Pen cancel.	Used, Off Cover. Centered to left. Shows adjacent stamp at right, and trace of stamp at top. Probably position 46 L 3.	NA	C-03-202 ----- PFC#063468 "Genuine, tiny defect at top."
Date not legible.	Used, Off Cover. Centered slightly to left, slightly downward. Shows adjacent stamp at top and trace at right. Position 66 R 4.	NA	C-03-204 ----- PFC#027629 "Perforations genuine, but decline opinion as to month and year date."
Date not visible.	Used, Off Cover. Well centered, but upper right corner torn off. Position 77 L 7.	NA	C-03-301 ----- PFC#080913 "Genuine with a defective top right corner."
Date not legible.	Used, Off Cover. Centered very slightly downward. Not plated, but apparently Plate 2L, 3, or 5L, A relief.	NA	C-03-302

Date, Cancel	Description, Plate Position, Comments	Addressee	Reference Number
			Expertization (if known)
Date not visible.	Used, Off Cover. Centered upward. Shows adjacent stamp at bottom. Position 45 L 3.	NA	C-03-303 ----- Ashbrook
Aug	Used, Off Cover. Centered downward. Scissor cuts into design at upper right corner and right side, as well as at top. Not plated, but appears to be Plate 6 or 7, A relief.	NA	C-03-304 ----- PFC#162340 "Genuine with unofficial Chicago perforations, stamp trimmed at top and right."
Sep 20	Used, Off Cover. Centered downward, showing adjacent stamp at top. Position 87 L 2L.	NA	C-03-305 ----- PFC#310620 "Genuine, ...with a pulled perforation at bottom center."
Oct 9 1856	Used, Off Cover. On piece. Well centered. Shows adjacent stamp at bottom. Scissor cut on bottom and top. Intact perfs at bottom. Position 87 L 2L.	NA	C-03-306 ----- PFC#037718 "Genuine."
Oct 15	Used, Off Cover. Centered upward, showing trace stamp at bottom. Position 27 L 5L.	NA	C-03-307 ----- PFC#040145 "Genuine, slightly defective." PFC#099060 "Genuine, with small thin spot."
Nov?	Used, Off Cover. Centered to right and slightly downward. Shows adjacent stamp at top. Position 67 R 7.	NA	C-03-104 ----- PFC#114282 "Genuine."
Nov	Used, Off Cover. Centered to upper right, showing part of adjacent stamps at left and bottom. Not plated, but probably Plate 5L, B relief.	NA	C-03-105 ----- PFC#068680 "Genuine."
Nov 9? 1856	Used, Off Cover. Centered to right. Bottom perfs intact, due to scissor separation. Not plated, but probably Plate 6 or 7, B relief.	NA	C-03-106 ----- Philatelic Research Laboratories, Inc.

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			----- Expertization (if known)
1857 "7" just visible.	Used, Off Cover. Centered lower right. Shows adjacent stamp at top and left. Not plated, but apparently Plate 6 or 7, B relief.	NA	C-03-107
1857 "57" just visible.	Used, Off Cover. Centered to left. Apparently scissor cut at top and bottom. Three or four perfs at lower right torn off. Not plated but apparently Plate 2L, 3 or 5L.	NA	C-03-205 ----- PSE#022869 "Genuine."
Jan 5 1857	Used, Off Cover. Centered downward, showing stamp at top. Upper right corner torn or clipped off. Position 85 L 3. [Subsequent to PFC, this stamp has been removed and apparently treated with peroxide to remove oxidation]	NA	C-03-308 ----- PFC#241494 "Genuine with partial strike of Chicago Jan. 5, 1857, Ill. Postmark; stamp heavily oxidized, small tears."
Jan 7 1857	Used, Off Cover. Centered to right. Position 15 R 7.	NA	C-03-108
Jan xx 1857	Used, Off Cover. On piece. Well centered, showing substantial portion of stamp at right and some at left and above. Scissor cut showing intact perfs on three sides. Position 35 L 3.	NA	C-03-309 ----- PFC#070111 "Genuine."
Jan 1x 1857	Used, Off Cover. Centered slightly downward. Scissor separated at bottom, showing intact perfs and adjacent stamp. Position 58 L 3.	NA	C-03-310 ----- PFC#215585 "Genuine."
Jan 21, 1857 [Norona Type A-8]	Used, Off cover. On piece. Centered slightly to right, showing trace of adjacent stamp at bottom. Straight edge at left due to scissor separation. Most perfs at top are missing.	NA	C-03-109

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			Expertization (if known)
Jan 23 1857 [Norona Type A-8]	Used, Off Cover. On piece. Centered to left, and upward. Probably position 74 L 3.	NA	C-03-206 PFC#027213 "Genuine with unofficial Chicago perforations tied by Chicago perforations tied by Chicago, Ill. cancellation on piece."
Feb 2, 1857 [Norona Type A-8]	Used, Off Cover. Centered to right. Most perfs at top have been scissor separated. Position 40 L 3.	NA	C-03-110 APES#098191 "Genuine, trimmed at top, corner perf crease."
Apr xx 1857	Used, Off Cover. Centered upward and to right. Trace of adjacent stamp at bottom. Position 48 L 7.	NA	C-03-111 PFC#189049 "Genuine with corner creases at top."
Apr 15 1857	Used, Off Cover. Well centered, with left sheet margin. Intact perfs at left, as left selvage not removed. Position 21 R 7.	NA	C-03-311 PFC#086489 "Genuine." APES#031873 "Genuine."
May ?4	Used, Off Cover. Centered to upper left. Top perf holes intact, due to scissor separation. Position 20 R 2L	NA	C-03-203 Chase
May 6 1857 "7" just visible.	Used, Off Cover. Well centered. Not plated, but probably Plate 2L or 3, B relief.	NA	C-03-312 Philatelic Research Laboratories, Inc.

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Items previously expertized as "Not genuine" or items which warrant careful reconsideration

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			Expertization (if known)
Date not visible.	Used, Off Cover. Centered to right, and downward, showing adjacent stamp at top. Position 98 L 7.	NA	C-03-901 ----- PFC#015294 "Decline Opinion." APES#076731 "Altered, used, ...with fake perfs added to resemble private perfs. These are not the unofficial Chicago Perfs."
Jun 5	Used, Off Cover. Centered slightly to top and to left. Trace of stamp at right.	NA	C-03-902 ----- PFC#090563 "Not genuine"

Reference numbering system: Each stamp is assigned a reference number in the format: C-aa-xxx where:

C=Chicago Perforation

aa=denomination of stamp (for example: 03=3 cent stamp)

xxx=sequential reference number

-0xx is used for unused stamps

-1xx is used for off cover stamps, centered to right

-2xx is used for off cover stamps, centered to left

-3xx is used for off cover stamps well centered horizontally

-5xx is for on cover stamps

-9xx is used for stamps which have been declared "not genuine."

(Should these 9xx opinions later be changed, the reference number will be reassigned.)

■ = Recommend examination or reexamination by an expert committee