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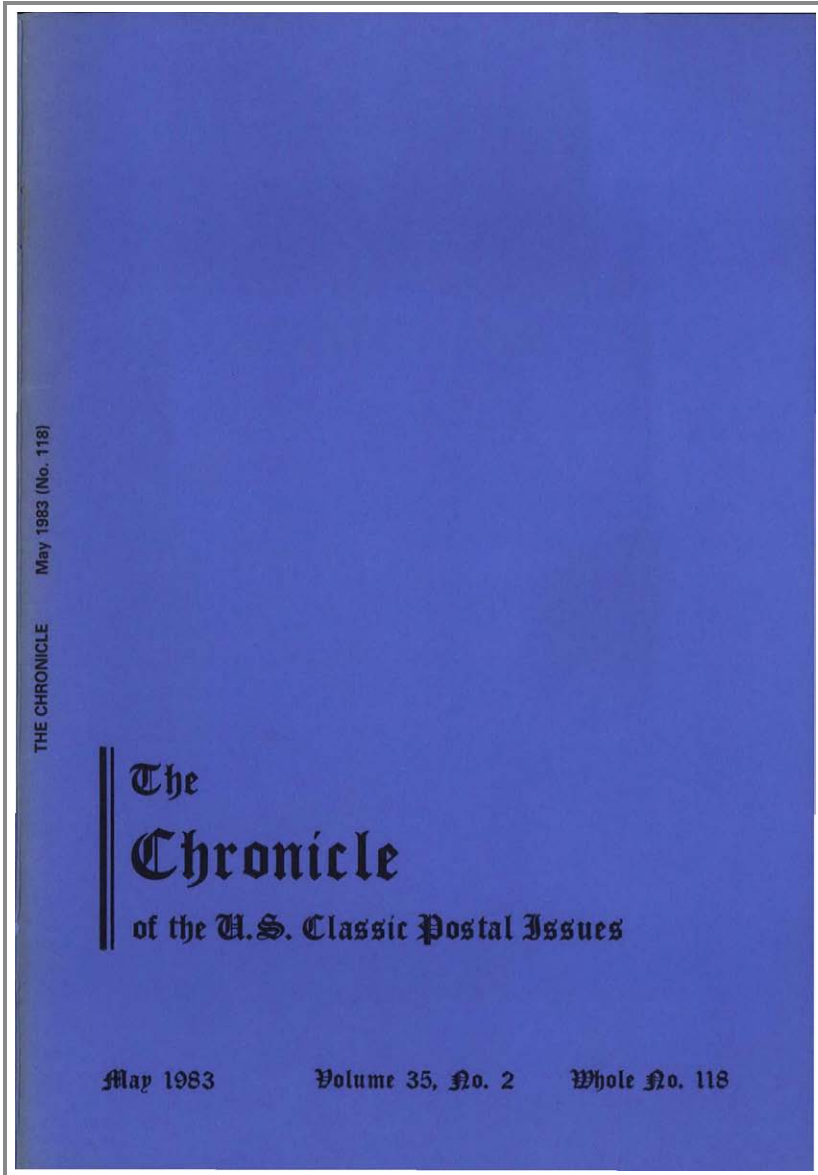


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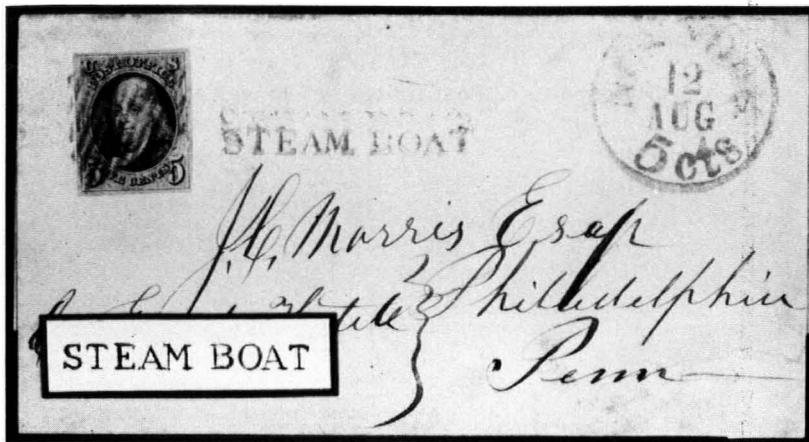


Figure 2. This letter entered the mail at New York having been carried there by a non-contract coastwise steamboat. It was forwarded to Philadelphia by rail. No '47 cover is known having a STEAMBOAT handstamp for letters entering the mail at Philadelphia.

and are so designated as well as having the postmark of the receiving post office. Covers for Philadelphia picked up by steam boats from the north were deposited at New York where they received the STEAM-BOAT handstamp and were forwarded by rail to Philadelphia. Any covers with a Philadelphia postmark and STEAM-BOAT probably were picked up by coastwise boat coming from the south. Such covers must be very rare and I'd like to see any STEAM-BOAT covers of the 1847 period with or without stamps to see if any such covers could exist. (Figure 2).

If these articles on Pennsylvania '47 covers prove popular, the same information will be given for Massachusetts, the state from which the third largest number of '47 covers is known to be extant.

TABLE II
1847 STAMPED COVERS
From 15 post offices not receiving
a supply from Washington

	<i>Known Covers</i>		<i>Known Covers</i>
Arlington Center*	(1-5¢ : 0-10¢)	Phoenixville	(1-5¢ : 0-10¢)
Blairsville	(1-5¢ : 0-10¢)	Pottstown	(2-5¢ : 0-10¢)
Carlisle	(1-5¢ : 0-10¢)	Salem	(0-5¢ : 1-10¢)
Chester	(2-5¢ : 0-10¢)	Salem Crossroads	(1-5¢ : 0-10¢)
Downington	(1-5¢ : 0-10¢)	Scrantonia	(1-5¢ : 0-10¢)
Easton	(3-5¢ : 0-10¢)	Springfield	(1-5¢ : 0-10¢)
Evansville*	(0-5¢ : 1-10¢)	Wrightsville	(1-5¢ : 0-10¢)
Germantown	(1-5¢ : 0-10¢)		

*Arlington Center and Evansville are probably in error; see text.

UPDATE OF NEW YORK STATE POSTMARKS

Since 1977 two additional New York postmarks have been reported. A 5¢ cover from Greenport, Long Island, has at last come to light. The Greenport post office ordered the 5¢ denomination several times for a total of 5,000 stamps. That no cover had survived was apparently explained by stamps purchased at the Greenport post office being handed to the route agent of the Long Island Rail Route so that they were cancelled with that popular postmark.

A 5¢ cover from Wappinger's Falls has also been reported. The Wappinger's Falls post office did not receive any stamps so this one is to be added to Table II.

I have seen both covers and believe they are genuine.