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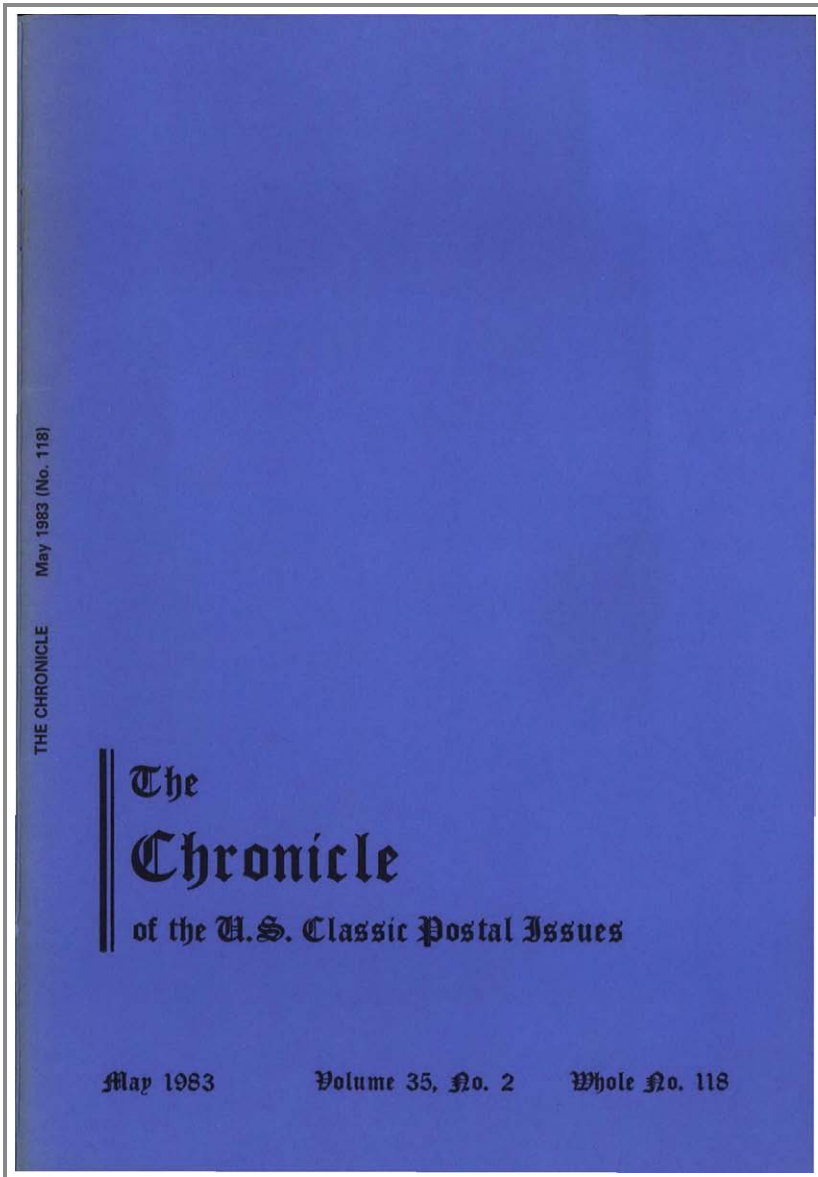


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cover the founding of Salt Lake City and the establishment of the post office there, the Woodson contract, the Brigham Young Express Company, the Mormon War and Utah's part in the Civil War. It ends with the arrival of the Union Pacific Railroad, which closed the pioneer period.

While the author does not attempt to show postal markings used at Salt Lake City or illustrate covers used to or from that town, this is an authoritative source for the historical background that produced them.

Thomas J. Alexander

FIVE CENT PLATE ONE DOUBLE TRANSFER

STANLEY M. PILLER

To date no one has recorded any double transfer from this plate. While recently re-arranging my stock, I discovered the double transfer shown on Figure A. This is position 40R1, determined from the partial imprint at right.

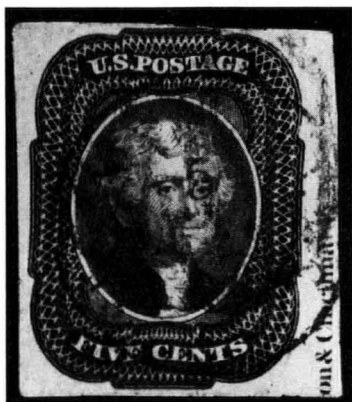


Figure A.



Figure B.

Both stamps show a double transfer in FIVE CENTS.

The doubling appears as a line of color at the bottom of the diagonal stroke of the N of CENTS. That this is consistent is proved by Figure B, a perforated example of the same position. Here, the doubling is fainter as a result of wear. There are other evidences of the double transfer throughout the words FIVE CENTS, which unfortunately do not show well in the photographs.

GASPORT, NEW YORK, FLAG OBLITERATOR

Dr. James W. Milgram reports the newly discovered flag obliterator shown here. There is no docketing or enclosure to show whether this is an 1860 or 1861 usage.

