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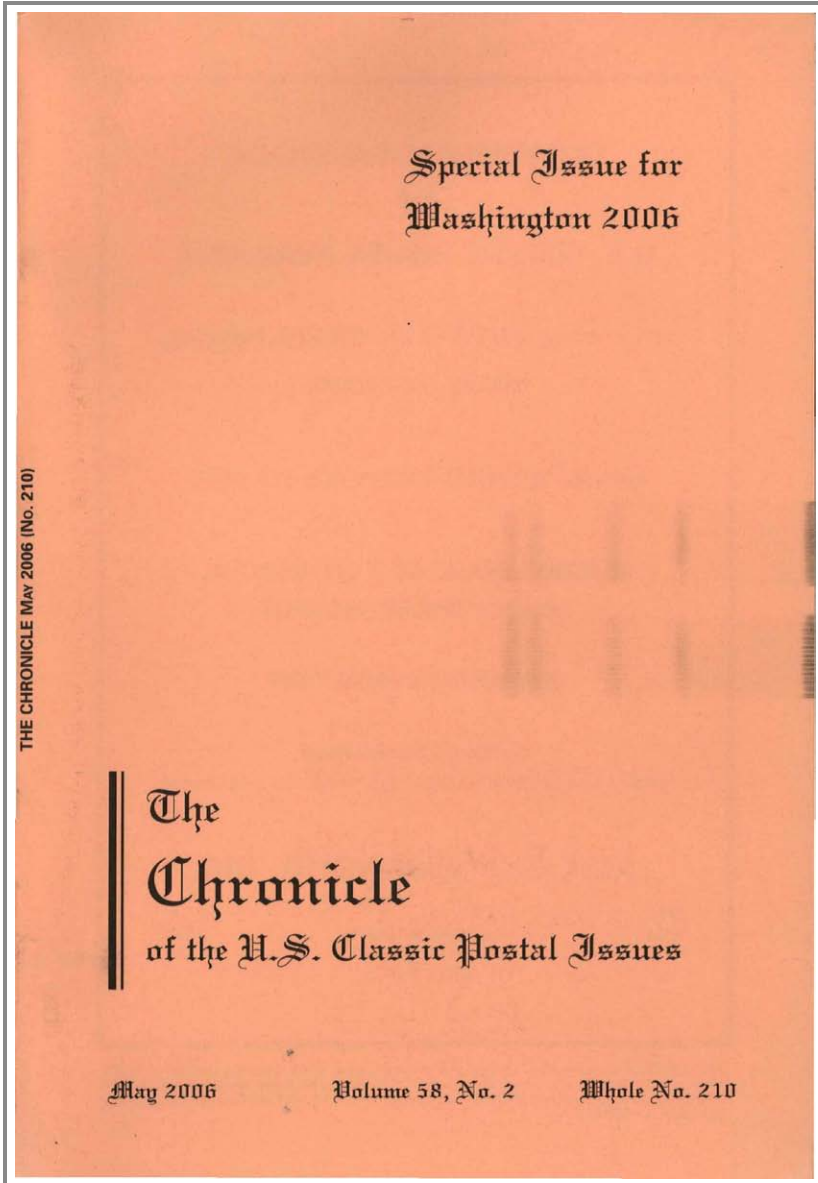


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been lot 399 in the Henry C. Gibson sale held by Philip H. Ward, Jr., on June 14-15, 1944. There was no photograph of the cover in the auction catalog, but in response to the first article, Dr. John L. Robertson told me that he owned the Gibson cover, which was then illustrated in *Chronicle* 193. This one was dated September 6, 1869 and franked with a strip of three 2¢ 1869 stamps. Again, the addressee was Duncan MacArthur.

I am pleased to report that a fourth cover has now appeared, this one franked with a 6¢ 1869 stamp. See Figure 1. That cover was lot 2186 in the auction held by Charles Firby on March 26, 2005, and was purchased by this writer. Like the others, it is addressed to Duncan MacArthur, c/o the Hudson Bay Company, in Montreal, Canada. It has a clear, black postmark showing Pembina, Dakota, dated August 23, 1870.

The stamp is tied with a black target cancel and on the reverse is a Montreal receiving mark showing September 3, 1870. This is the first cover to appear showing a 6¢ stamp paying this usage. The cover was submitted to the Philatelic Foundation and received a good certificate in August, 2005.

This now makes a total of four recorded covers franked with 1869 stamps reflecting the Red River B.N.A. mail service from Red River Settlement via the Pembina post office back into Canada. If any readers have additional covers featuring this unusual usage, I would be happy to further update this listing in a future *Chronicle*. ■

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