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### In Memoriam

#### Sandford M. Arnold

The passing of Sandford M. (Sandy) Arnold in December leaves another void in the list of early members of this Society.

A generous and considerate collector, he was thoroughly knowledgeable in the area of the U.S. Classics, especially in the realm of the carriers and locals. He won many national and international awards and was a "regular" at most important meetings of stamp collectors here and abroad. His studies in St. Louis postal history resulted in a book that he with others published in 1956.

Sandy, who was 81 at the time of his death, was surely one of the best known and respected—one might also say beloved—philatelists of our day. Any listing of his memberships and honors would be long and recognized by the many who called him "friend" and who will miss him greatly.

Robert L. D. Davidson

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

A thoughtful and provocative letter by Cal Hahn on Scott's U.S. Specialized Catalog policy starts off the guest section, where further articles in Phil Wall's series on the  $5\phi$  N.Y. also appear. Other sections continue past features, including Bill Herzog's discussions on 1861 shades and grills; Panama and Cunard sailing lists; and Duane Garrett's account of 1847 domestic rates, this time showing some spectacular covers to and from California. Michael Laurence, concluding his discussion of the  $10\phi$  transpacific rate, illustrates the restoration of a missing  $2\phi$  1869 to a Hioga cover—a philatelic miracle as remarkable as the reunion of the Pembina twins.

New subjects introduced include a colonial period letter from Fort Chartres described by Dick Graham; a  $3\phi$  1855 oddity presented by "Doc" Seron; and Ken Gilbart's analysis of some unusual territorial covers from Utah and Nevada. In the Bank Note section Barbara Wallace demonstrates an intriguing philatelic connection with Chicago social history. Allan Radin has contributed an account of an atypically marked PCM cover, as well as a corrected table of Aachen FRANCO markings. Walter Hubbard calls attention to some puzzling markings and practices associated with unpaid closed mails from California to Britain.

Because of time pressures and technical problems, the Cover Corner could not be included in this issue. Look for complete answers to the November problem covers in the May *Chronicle*.

#### COMMENTS ON THE SCOTT SPECIALIZED CATALOG: A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Susan,

Jan. 2, 1981

Recent comments in *Chronicle* relative to Scott have aroused my innate curiosity, and as one of the 31 individuals listed in the *Specialized* as having helped, I feel an obligation to try and understand Scott policy and interpret it. Thus, I asked Scott and give below my understanding of the situation.

First it should be recognized that Scott is a business with bottom-line responsibility to generate a profit. Reforms and changes must fit within that criterion. Generally, *Chronicle* readers have been far better than the average collector in recognizing this as a limit.

Second, it would be appropriate for *Chronicle* readers to examine the comments on catalogs published by Edward Mueller (after talking them over with Herbert Bloch) in the *Mercury Stamp Journal*. Both famed experts, these men are perhaps the most knowledgeable ever to set down their thoughts on catalog reform. A very important series of articles on catalogs ran from February 1947 through February 1948 in the *MSJ*. I would also draw attention to such items as the one in February 1958, pg. 212 on shades. The entire run of the *MSJ*, however, is filled with information that will broaden the perspective of U.S. classic collectors although the publication is devoted almost exclusively to foreign stamps.

With these two preliminary observations out of the way, I'll focus on specific comments.

Color: Herzog finds the "elimination" of the black brown shade on #76 and #95 puzzling, because both are known. Actually, it has not been eliminated but rationalized in accord with the need to slim the catalog. The rationale is similar to that discussed in the MSJ for other stamps. Originally there were two listings, a brown shade and the black brown; additionally, there were tints of dark brown and pale brown. Today, the dark brown and black brown have been combined into a major subnumber on the belief that the black brown is a close value to the dark brown. It is possible the decision could have been reversed and the black brown made the subnumber and dark brown eliminated, however, it is the more common color. The pale was sufficiently different in value from the brown to stay as a tint although it could eventually be eliminated, in the slimming process.

In other words the dark brown is no longer recognized as a substantially different tint of brown but as a separate shade closely related to the black brown and more common so that it took the "a" number. For classic color specialists there will always be values and chroma that are not cataloged and the list will grow over the years.

*Price/Rarity Ratio:* Levi asks for the pricing rationale on the 1855-7  $10\phi$  greens noting that prices don't follow plate rarity ratios. Despite the plate breakdown on II vs. III, it is the perception of the catalogers at Scott that more III's appear on the market than II's which accounts for the change Levi noted beginning in 1969. To change this perception a statistical study over a substantial time span would be needed to demonstrate that more III's than III's are on the market. It would have to separate these data for #15, 16 and #32, 33.

On the other hand, Levi has made a point on the Type I and IV ratio which will probably be adjusted in future editions. The perceptions of quantity that have prevailed to date may have been misleading due to the comparative rarity of the material and its infrequent sale.

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Papers: Past questions have been raised about paper varieties such as the  $3\phi$  1869 on gray paper and the gray paper variety of the New York provisional. In the latter case, it is merely a question of convenience as to when a gray paper listing will be incorporated. The current massive computerization of the catalog has presented several problems in adjusting the Provisional listings. Both Phil Wall and I have been working with Scott to make changes. The principle of change here has been accepted.

In regard to the  $3\phi$  1869, the question is a more technical one, for paper stock differed by that date. The problem is what caused the gray paper variety? If it was truly a separate stock, a listing would probably be acceptable. However, as long as the possibility exists that the gray may have resulted from deterioration, *e.g.*, pollution in the printing paper warehouse or some other "changeling" cause, notice of the gray paper is unlikely to be made. Are there any paper chemists out there who can work with the 1869 Issue group on this?

Renumbering Changes: A number of proposals to rationalize by renumbering in the  $1\neq$  blues of 1851-7 and the  $3\neq$  1851-7 issues have been made. Further, a proposal is afoot to expand the Confederate listings from 14 to 17, while Lynn Warm has noted that at least one Bureau Issue item apparently does not exist. Scott is extremely resistant to catalog changes that involve renumberings of items that have been in the catalog for years. Collectors and dealers have memorized the numbering system as it is and stocks are filed against Scott numbers so that renumbering involves substantial changes. The traumatic experience of the last major renumbering makes future renumberings except in minor areas or very recent material unlikely, particularly if the renumbering affects other numbers.

In this light, it might be possible to shift the definitions of #10, #11, #25, #26, #26a to more closely fit Tom Alexander's research, but to add a number in the series or to convert 26a into a whole number is outside the boundary of present possibilities.

A similar problem arises with the elimination of numbers that would require renumbering of subsequent items or leave gaps. For example, the August shades really belong in the back of the book. However, the gap created by eliminating major numbers 55-62 as well as the financial considerations of those who own examples and who would lose when value dropped to back of the book levels appears too formidable to be overcome at present.

I hope the above gives clues as to the approach needed and the likelihood of success of various proposals to change the catalog. The more realistic the proposed changes are in terms of cataloging imperatives the more likely the changes are to be made.

Calvet M. Hahn

#### NEW YORK POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS ON SALE JULY 14, 1845 PHILIP T. WALL

In recent years the Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps has shown in various editions both July 14 and July 15, 1845, as the first day of sale of the  $5\phi$  New York Provisional. The date has been changed from time to time as various bits of new information have been discovered. In the current (1980) edition the statement is made, "Earliest known use: July 15, 1845." To the best of my knowledge this statement is factually correct notwithstanding a story by Harry L. Lindquist that appeared in the November 30, 1940, issue of Stamps. Mr. Lindquist wrote about the discovery of a large lot of 1847 covers that had been acquired by Stephen C. Lyon of Providence, Rhode Island. Lyon had shown the lot to Lindquist who in turn had written the story of their find. The first sentence on page 294 of the above mentioned issue of Stamps reads as follows: "Mr. Lyon also had with him, although not a part of the same find, an interesting cover with a New York Postmaster Provisional dated July 14, 1845, the first day this stamp was placed on sale." Presumably Lindquist meant postmarked when he used the phrase "dated July 14, 1845."

In recent years I have contacted leading dealers in New Orleans, New York, Nyack, and other cities who were active in 1940, and none of them can recall such a cover's being discovered then or being exhibited or sold at auction in the past 40 years. It is possible that the cover in question could have been mailed in 1846 as the year date would not have been shown in the postmark and may not have been written in the date line of the letter itself.

On page 8 of the February 1978 *Chronicle* (Whole Number 97) I stated it is believed the first stamps were not placed on sale until Monday, July 14, 1845, and the earliest covers known to me are dated (postmarked) July 15, 1845. Recently information has been brought to my attention that shows the stamps were definitely on sale July 14, 1845, but the question as to when the stamps were first placed on sale is still not resolved.

Calvet M. Hahn of New York has sent me a copy of an article written by John K. Tiffany of St. Louis that appeared in the October 20, 1874, issue of *The American Journal of Philately* which Mr. Hahn recently discovered in some seldom used files in the library of the Collectors Club of New York. The Tiffany article is based on that writer's research of the July 1845 issues of the *New York Express*, a leading newspaper of the 1840s. He first discusses editorials dated July 7 and July 8 and then continues: "in the Express of the 14th of July, 1845 we have another editorial as follows:--" (reproduced as Figure 1).

POST-OFFICE STANTS.—We would call the attention of merchants, and indeed all who pay postage, to the advertisement of the postmaster, who offers to sell stamps of the value of five cents each for the prepayment of letters. This is the cost of the postage under 300 miles. The stamps should be generally adopted as they will give additional facilities to business men, and save them time in making change. The postmaster will receive nothing for his trouble and his stamps, beyond the profit from *lost* stamps. The disposition of the postmaster to make the new system popular, merits the thanks of our citizens

#### Figure 1. Editorial from "New York Express," July 14, 1845.

Tiffany continues: "The advertisement referred to is as follows, in the same paper and date:—" (shown as Figure 2).

#### Post-office, New York, July 14th, 1845.

The public is respectfully informed that the undersigned has caused to be prepared stamps for the prepayment of postage, made for five cents each, which will be sold in parcels of five and upwards. To prevent counterfeits, they will be sold only at this office and the branch office. The public may, therefore, be assured that any stamps which may be offered for sale at any place other than the two post-offices are spurious, and will not be considered as prepayment.

[Evening papers please copy.]

(Signed) ROBERT H. MOBRIS, P. M.

#### Figure 2. Post Office notice dated July 14,1845.

Tiffany goes on to write he has looked thoroughly through other New York papers of this date (presumably he means July 1845) and has found no other articles on this subject. Tiffany was a thorough student and was considered the leading authority on United States stamps until John Luff arrived on the philatelic scene just before the turn of the century. I see no reason to question the accuracy of the statements contained in his article.

It is well known that the first shipment of stamps was received by the New York Post Office on Saturday, July 12, but the time of their arrival that day is not known. While Saturday was a full work day for most people in the 1845-47 period, and the New York Post Office was then open for business 11 hours each Saturday and for a short while on Sundays, it has always seemed logical to me that Postmaster Morris would have waited until the first full business day of the following week-Monday the 14th of July-to place the stamps on sale. However, since no covers bearing 9X1 have been recorded as being postmarked July 14 (with the possible exception of the cover mentioned in the Lindquist article referred to earlier) and several covers are known postmarked July 15, it appeared that for some reason sale of the stamps had been delayed until Tuesday the 15th. Therefore I had previously stated in the *Chronicle* that July 15 should be considered the first day of issue and covers postmarked that day are first day covers. Now I find I was mistaken when I wrote the earlier article.

We now know the stamps were definitely on sale July 14, but it is possible some were sold as early as July 12 or 13. The earliest known documented covers are postmarked July 15, but it is entirely possible there may be covers postmarked as early as July 12. If any readers have a  $5 \notin$  New York cover postmarked July 12, 13 or 14 (the year date will not show in the postmark) I urge them to try to ascertain if the use was 1845. If they have such a cover it is very rare, and I would like to know about it so that it may be written up in a future issue of the *Chronicle*.

#### TWO COVERS BEARING UNSIGNED PAIRS OF THE NEW YORK POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL

#### PHILIP T. WALL

On page 153 of the August 1980 *Chronicle* (No. 107) I wrote ". . . there is no record of a 9Xld (without initials) cover having two or more stamps." As a result of this article, two such covers have recently been reported to me.

Figure A. Pair without initials used to New Orleans.

Leonard S. Sheriff of New York informs me that at the H. R. Harmer, Inc., sale held January 19, 1971, he purchased lot 1 (Figure A) which is a horizontal pair of 9Xld on cover addressed to New Orleans. The stamps are



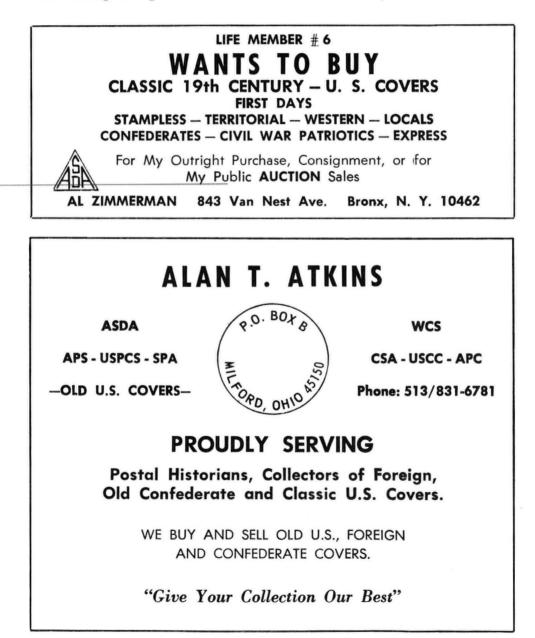
Figure B. Pair without initials on cover to Cincinnati.

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from positions 32-33. Mr. Sheriff advises that the letter is undated and there is nothing in the contents of the correspondence to indicate the year of use. It is my guess this letter was mailed in 1846 since by April of 1847 most of the stamps on mail leaving New York were cancelled by square red grids. Another Route Agent reports that lot 146 (Figure B) in the sale held

Another Route Agent reports that lot 146 (Figure B) in the sale held by Ursula Philatelix Auctions, Inc., on November 21, 1980, was a second cover bearing a horizontal pair of 9Xld. This cover is from the well-known Wayne correspondence to Cincinnati and is postmarked April 22 (1846). At one time it was in the last U.S. collection formed by Sir Nicholas Waterhouse of England and was lot 10 when this collection was sold on June 27, 1955, by H. R. Harmer, Ltd.

I would appreciate my readers' advising me of any other covers that might exist bearing multiples of 9Xld.



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#### THE PRESTAMP AND STAMPLESS PERIOD KENNETH R. DE LISLE, Editor

#### COLONIAL PERIOD; A FORT CHARTRES TO KASKASKIA TRADER LETTER OF 1770 RICHARD B. GRAHAM

In United States postal history, there are very few areas from which a few covers are not known with dates preceding those sent under the auspices of an organized postal system. While these are not catalogueable as bearing known and recognized postmarks (and such letters will usually not carry any indication of any fees paid, except for those carried by express companies), they still have their points of interest and make an excellent exhibit as a forerunner to territorial collections.

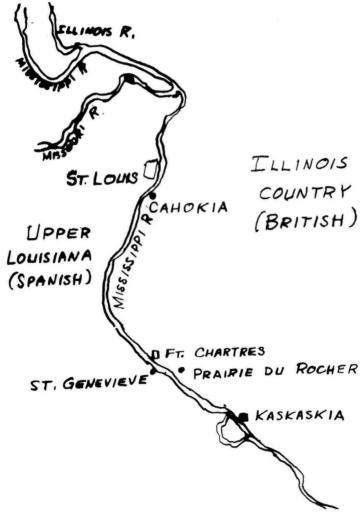


Figure 1. Sketch map showing the French posts on the Mississippi in the midwest, which became British after the French and Indian War.

The French and Indian War was concluded by the Treaty of Paris of 1763, relinquishing the French possessions in Canada and, presumably, in the rest of North America, to the British. The treaty also awarded Louisiana to Spain.

The British promptly moved to assume control of those forts and posts in Canada and in the midwest of what is now the United States. However, the French apparently did not consider the treaty extended to concede their posts on the Mississippi and in the Illinois country, retaining Kaskaskia, Cahokia, and Fort Chartres in what is now Illinois, and Vincennes further east. These were not relinquished to the British until 1765, and even then the British did little to assume control of the conceded areas. In fact, they did not even bother to appoint English commandants for the former French posts in the west, retaining de Rocheblave, the former French commander of Kaskaskia in command there until he was finally "retired" by the capture of the post by George Rogers Clark of Virginia in 1778.

The disinterest of the British was illustrated by a ban on settlers' penetrating beyond the Allegheny Mountains prior to 1769. Since settlers were prohibited, no postal system was needed other than by the military, who furnished their own on a rather desultory basis. The major interest of the English in the area was by the Colonial Indian traders, who soon pre-empted the old French posts in the area. These posts, Kaskaskia (an Indian derived name), Cahokia, Vincennes, Prairie du Rocher (or "Rochiere"), and Fort Chartres had all been established by the French prior to 1730, as part of the French movement from Canada down the Mississippi to New Orleans.

Our sketch map, Figure 1, shows the approximate location of these posts on the Mississippi. Kaskaskia was a settlement established about 1700, with a fort built some years later; Fort Chartres was built in 1720 as part of a defense line built along the Mississippi by the French, and Cahokia was founded by French missionaries in 1699.



Figure 2. Cover of Trader Letter from Fort Chartres in 1770.

The cover illustrated with these notes is a trader letter, entirely in English, and sent from Fort Chartres to Kaskaskia in October 1770. The contents are also illustrated, consisting of trade goods probably intended to be sold to the French inhabitants of Kaskaskia rather than to trade to the Indians. The list of merchandise sent includes items such as "calping (scalping?)" knives, cloth and clothing. The writer was one John Finley, as he signs himself, but we have been unable to learn (considering colonial period spelling of names not infallible) if this was the same John Finlay who explored into Kentucky before Daniel Boone.

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Figure 3. Content of cover of Figure 2; first page.

As was noted, communications such as this sometimes may be found to exist from a frontier post before regular mail service was established or needed. However, no Fort Chartres covers of U.S. vintage can exist, as the fort was abandoned in the 1770s.

A few other items have been seen from the Illinois country, including a few that crossed the river into what was Spanish territory before 1804. At least one of those shows some evidence of having been handled by an organized if unofficial mail service.

The area was totally cut off from the east coast, but a fair degree of trade and commercial traffic was maintained down the river and the settlements were far more refined, even by 1770, than many of the U.S. frontier towns of many years later.

In the years after the Revolution, the rapid settlement and statehood of

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Figure 3A. Content of cover of Figure 2; second page.

Kentucky and its trade down the Mississippi produced much of the motive for the purchase of Louisiana in 1804. The greatly detached trading and commercial outposts of the settlements on the Mississippi also probably were the reason for the rapid extension of the first mail system (1794) into the North West Territory to reach to the Mississippi by 1800 and into St. Louis by 1804.

More on the subject of mail service into Kaskaskia and the pioneer towns will appear in subsequent issues of the *Chronicle*.

#### POSTPAID WITHDRAWN SHIP LETTERS-FURTHER NOTES

Several readers questioned some of the ports listed in the article in *Chronicle* 106:86, in particular, Glasgow, Devenport (*recte* Devonport), Plymouth, and Ramsgate. These notes are intended to correct the record.

The original list was derived from an article by Stanley B. Ashbrook which

appeared in the Nov. 10, 1951, issue of *Stamps*. Ashbrook indicated that the ports named were based on records made by Alan W. Robertson and personally communicated to Ashbrook. However, when Robertson published his *Maritime Postal History of the British Isles* in 1956 (with later supplements to 1961), he did not include the four ports mentioned above. The assumption is that he was unable to verify the existence of handstamps from them. He did include Dartmouth, Poole, and St. Ives among ports from which Withdrawn Ship Letter markings are known.

The listing for Glasgow should be corrected to Port Glasgow; a cover with this marking appeared in a 1970 auction. Port Glasgow, near Greenock, is some 20 miles downriver from the city of Glasgow and was established because shallowness and difficulty of navigation made the Clyde inaccessible to oceangoing vessels. Not until the second half of the 19th century did gradual improvements enable large ships to reach Glasgow itself.

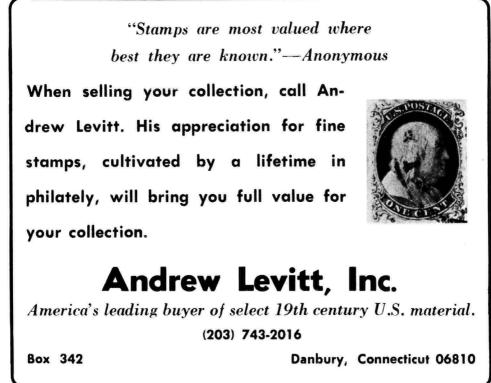
Charless Hahn has pointed out that Devonport did not appear in postal markings until 1825, being known as Plymouth Dock before then, so that no Withdrawn Ship Letter handstamp can exist from Devonport.

As Calvet M. Hahn states in his article in the SPA Journal for October 1980, two additional examples have turned up in a recent Robson Lowe find of correspondence to Madeira. These are Falmouth and Portsmouth. The current record of ports using the marking, as listed by Hahn, is as follows: Bristol, Dartmouth, Falmouth, Greenock, Liverpool, London, Margate, Poole, Port Glasgow, Portsmouth, Queensborough, and St. Ives. The last two are known only on piece (not postally used), not on cover.

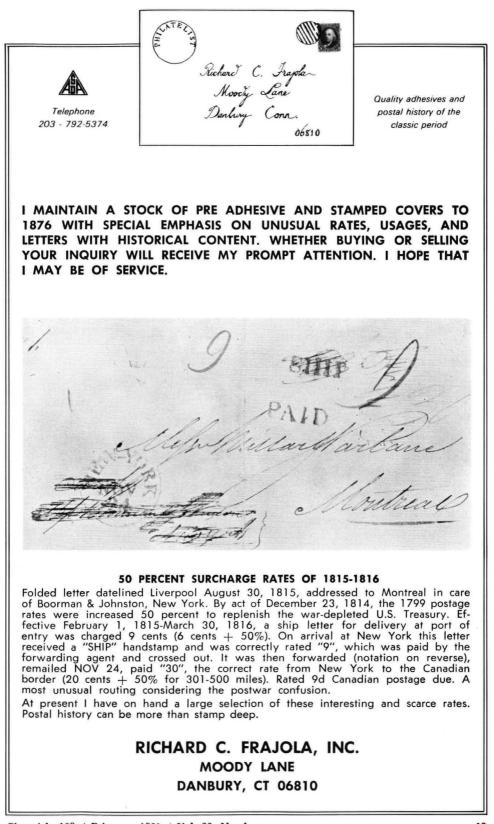
It should be noted that some illustrations in the philatelic press showing 'PAYD" with "Y" in place of "I" are not substantiated by actual covers and are apparently the product of an overactive imagination.

Reports of covers with examples from Plymouth or Ramsgate or any port not on the current record would be appreciated.

Susan M. McDonald



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#### THE 1847-51 PERIOD CREIGHTON C. HART, Editor

#### DOMESTIC POSTAL RATES FOR THE 1847 ISSUE PERIOD: PART II DUANE B. GARRETT, R. A. 1614

This is the second of a three article series dealing with the basic domestic postal rates applicable to the United States 1847 issue. The first article, which appeared in the November 1980 *Chronicle*, dealt with the  $5\phi$  and  $10\phi$  rates and multiples thereof; this will examine the "California" rates and the third will cover the remaining rates such as those applicable to drop letters and way uses.

No chapter in the history of the 1847 issue is more exciting to me than the use of these stamps on correspondence with California. To a fourth generation San Franciscan and great great grandson of one of the earliest California pioneers, such covers stir visions of gold rush steamers, mining camps, merchant princes and the Barbary Coast. Such fantasies aside, these "philatelic '49ers" possess more than sufficient glamour due to the great distance travelled and the high postage rates.

By the Act of March 3, 1847 (9 Stat. 200-202) ". . . letters to or from Astoria, or any other place on the Pacific coast, within the territory of the United States, shall pay forty cents postage" (per half-ounce). California did not become United States territory until it was ceded by Mexico under the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo of February 2, 1848 (proclaimed July 4, 1848). By the Act of August 14, 1848 (9 Stat. 320) the  $40\phi$  per half-ounce rate was made applicable to letters to and from California and letters conveyed from one place to another within California were charged with  $12/\phi$  postage.



Figure 1. Four 10¢ singles from New York, N.Y., to Stockton, California, October 10, 1850. The stamps are cancelled by the red seven-bar grid cancel. The matching red postmark is a New York "Ocean Mail" marking (Photo by Richard Wolffers, Inc.).

These high rates anticipated that these letters would in all probability be carried from the eastern half of the country via Panama to California by a U.S. steamship. In fact, the  $40\phi$  rate could be viewed as a combination of the  $10\phi$  "over 300 mile" domestic rate and the  $30\phi$  "via Panama" rate (Act of March 3, 1847: 9 Stat. 200-202). Figure 1 is a typical example of the  $40\phi$ half-ounce or less rate to California. It was paid by four  $10\phi$  single stamps and travelled from New York City to Stockton, California, a central valley town virtually in the shadows of the gold fields. Of the ten recorded covers

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Figure 2. Strip of five and strip of three of the 10¢ from New York, N.Y., to San Francisco, California. This cover bears the highest franking of any domestically used 1847 issue cover. (Photo by Richard Wolffers, Inc.). to California bearing 1847 issue stamps, all but two are 40¢ rate covers paid by four 10¢ stamps.

Figure 2 is the gem of 1847 covers to California. This February 7, 1850, folded letter is franked with strips of five and three of the  $10\phi$  paying the double  $40\phi$  rate from New York City to San Francisco. The stamps are tied to the cover by a series of red "PAID" cancellations. The cover is addressed to the pioneer mercantile firm, Macondray & Co. Four  $40\phi$  rate covers survive from this correspondence and a San Francisco street still bears the name of this firm. This is the only recorded example of the  $80\phi$  rate and the highest franking on a domestically used cover bearing the 1847 issue. This cover now reposes in my collection, having once again made the long trek from New York City to San Francisco.

No 1847 issue stamps were sent to any California post office by the Post Office Department. Nevertheless, one 1847 cover is known to have originated



Figure 3. Strip of four of the 10¢ from San Francisco, California, to New York, N.Y. The stamps were cancelled by a red "PAID" cancel and a series of crossed manuscript line. (Photo by Richard Wolffers, Inc.). Chronicle 109 / February 1981 / Vol. 33, No. 1 21

in California paying the  $40\phi$  rate to the eastern United States. This January 1, 1851, cover is illustrated as Figure 3, a folded letter from San Francisco to the famous firm of Howland & Aspinwall in New York City. The supply of  $10\phi$  stamps was undoubtedly carried or mailed to California either from the east or Panama where the U.S. Mail Agent had a supply of  $10\phi$  stamps available.

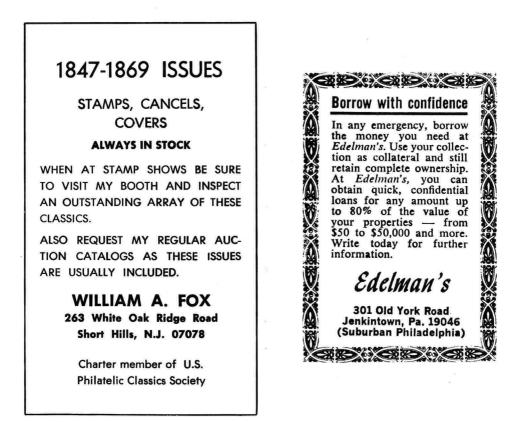
One  $5\phi$  cover is known to California that illustrates both the  $40\phi$  rate (only partially paid by a  $5\phi$  pair and treated erroneously as totally unpaid) and the 12% $\phi$  intra-California rate (charged as a "forwarding fee" from Culloma in the gold fields to San Francisco). This cover, which originated in New York City, was lot 23 in Robert A. Siegel, Inc.'s 1979 "Rarity Sale" held on April 4, 1979.

A cover from Montreal, August 14, 1850, to San Francisco, California, and bearing two pairs of the  $5\phi$ , was sold as lot 1 in the J. N. Sissons (Toronto) sale of August 9, 1972.

For the record, the Seybold Collection once contained a  $5\phi$  cover with eight stamps, including a block of six that was recorded as originating in California. I have been informed by several knowledgeable specialists that the stamps were removed from this cover many decades ago. If this is so it is as heart-breaking for philately as any '49ers' tale of woe.

#### CLEVELAND MEETING PLAN TO ATTEND

U.S.P.C.S. annual meeting during Garfield-Perry March Party March 13-15. It will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 12, at Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Ave., Liz Pope will speak on Memphis postal history. Details from Bob Toth at (216) 237-6977.





#### THE 1851-61 PERIOD

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DAVID T. BEALS III, Assoc. Editor

U. S. POSTAL MARKINGS: 1851-1861						
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	Straight	Line, Oval	& Fancy	Townma	rks	
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		Del	aware			
Odessa	G		L24-20	-	R. L. D. Davidson. Blue.	
		Ken	tucky			
Owensboro	H		L7-16	_	E. C. Hyers	
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Presque Isle	1		L11-23	-	T. J. Alexander	
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Letters under the heading "Tracing Number" identify a new tracing on the accompanying plate. Numbers under this heading identify the tracing number of a previously reported marking in USPM.

#### FOR THE RECORD: AN 1855 EFO

#### Z. SERON, M.D.

Illustrated primarily for specialists in the early U.S. classics, an 1851  $3\phi$  Type I imperforate Scott's # 11, is shown tied to a folded notice of a note default from a notary public in Hartford, Conn. The letter is dated "Nov 2" (1855).

When the clerk in the notary's office cut the stamp from its imperforate sheet, he very neatly and accurately cut off the top panel, "U.S.POSTAGE", but left the same panel from the adjoining bottom stamp intact. So now we show # 11, with *two* panels at the bottom, and none at top!



Cover from Hartford in 1855 with 3¢ 1851 oddity.

The folded note is addressed to Middletown, Conn. The stamp is cancelled by a fuzzy "HARTFORD,CT." townmark. On one of the flaps of the note is an endorsement of the amount and date; there are no other markings. The stamp defies my ability to plate its position or identify the plating. Both panels at the bottom are completely intact, clearly defining it as Type I. Comments are invited by the author at 3553 N. Orchard St., Fresno, Cal. 93726.

#### NEW YORK TO PANAMA SHIP SAILINGS

#### STANLEY B. ASHBROOK

(Continued from Chronicle 108:242)

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 12, 1849. FOR SAN FRANCISCO, per A-1 Ship Venice, having immediate despatch. F. & D. Fowler, 86 West St.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 20, 1849. FOR SAN FRANCISCO, per ship Vandalia having immediate despatch. F. & D. Fowler, 86 West St.

#### New York to Chagres Mail Ship Sailings-1850

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 19th, 1849. FOR KINGSTON JAMAICA. per S.S. Empire City on Wed. Jan. 2nd, 1850, with stop at Port Royal in Jamaica on her passage to Chagres to land passengers. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

ONLY DIRECT LINE FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Dec. 14, 1849, U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Jan. 2, 1850-S.S. Empire City for Chagres with U.S. Mails, connecting with Pac. Steamer of Feb. 1st.

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 8, 1850. NOTICE: Shippers per Steamer Carolina will please send in their bills of lading at the office of P.M.S.S. Co. before 10:30 o'clock this morning, otherwise the ship will be cleared without regard to them. 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 10, 1850. Lount & Co.'s Calif. Express. From all the principal cities in the U.S. to S.F., Sacramento City, Stockton, and all parts of the gold mines by every steamer, in charge of a special messenger. Refer to Messrs. Howland & Chase, Wilson & Slanson, Geo. Mc-Bride Esq., W. H. Howland Esq., W. C. Wetmore, Esq., New York. Ruggles Nourse & Mason, Esq., J. Kittridge & Co., J.J. Jarvis, Esq., S.H. Williams, Esq., Boston. Office at 88 B'way, cor. Wall St. Proprietors W.R. Lount of Charleston, Geo. W. Beach of New York, J.W. Wadleigh of S.F. and H.O. Adams of Boston.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 20, 1849. Calif. through tickets at reduced rates. U.S.M.S.S. Ohio on Jan. 12th, 3 P.M., connecting at Panama with S.S. Isthmus in Feb. M.O. Roberts, 118 West St.

FOR HAVANA, NEW ORLEANS & CHAGRES. U.S.M. S.S. Ohio to leave on Jan. 12th, 1850, 3 P.M., connecting with Jan. steamers from Panama. Passengers transferred at Havana to S.S. Falcon.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 18, 1849. FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA CHAGRES. S.S. Cherokee is the only steamer running direct to Chagres on 14th of Jan. 1850, 3 P.M., connecting with the U.S.P.M. steamers from Panama to S.F.

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 5, 1850. Calif. Express. The first monthly messenger of Gregory's Calif. Express, will leave in the Steamer Cherokee on the 14th of Jan. The undersigned who has just returned from the mines will take charge of, and personally deliver a limited number of small parcels or packages at S.F., Sacramento City and the mines and take payment therefor on delivery in Calif. Joseph W. Gregory, 69 Pearl St. N.B. The messengers by this Express will leave N.Y. on the 14th and S.F. on the 15th of each month.

(N.Y. Herald, Jan. 15, 1850 article torn) N.Y. Herald, Jan. 15, 1850. Notice to passengers by the S.S. Cherokee for Chagres. The Cherokee is unavoidably detained until Thurs. 17th inst. at 4 o'clock on account of some necessary repairs. Passengers holding tickets will receive payment of their board bills incurred during the detention by presenting the same at the Capt.'s office on board. Howland & Aspinwall, 54 & 55 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 15, 1850. The new and splendid S.S. Georgia for Calif. via Chagres. The U.S.M.S.S. Co. will despatch on the 28th of Jan. from the pier foot of Warren St., N.R., the new and spacious S.S. Georgia for Havana, New Orleans, Chagres, touching off the bar at Charleston & Savannah. The Georgia has double engines of 1000 horse power and the arrangements for passengers are such as cannot fail to give satisfaction. [Data on surgeon etc. eliminated]. Passengers for Calif. can procure through tickets to sail from Panama on the S.S. Isthmus at the following reduced prices. For freight or passage apply to M.O. Roberts 118 Wall St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Jan. 15, 1850. Calif.-Notice to shippers via the Isthmus of Panama. Shippers of goods destined for Calif. or the west coast, via the Isthmus and directed to Messrs. Zachrisson, Nelson & Co., of Panama or their agents at Chagres, are hereby notified that all charges for forwarding etc., have to be prepaid at New York to Ernest Zachrisson, 87 Wall St. cor. Water St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Feb. 6, 1850. Mails for Calif., N.Y. Post Office, Feb. 2, 1850–A mail will be made up at this office on the 7th inst., closing at 12 M; to be despatched by the Steamer *Empire City*. Postage on single letters to Chagres 20 cents; to Panama 30 cents, both of which must be prepaid. To Calif. 40 cents, which may be prepaid or not. Transient newspaper must be prepaid 3 cents each. Wm. V. Brady, P.M.

N.Y. *Herald*, Feb. 7, 1850. Mails for Calif. Post Office N.Y., Feb. 2, 1850. A mail will be made up at this office on Thurs. 7th inst., closing at 2 P.M. to be despatched by the Steamer *Philadelphia*. [Postage as in previous notice.]

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 7, 1850. NEWS: The S.S. Empire City arrived at this port at half past 11 o'clock last night. She left Chagres at 5 o'clock P.M. Sat. January 26th, and reached Kingston, Jamaica on Tues. at 2 o'clock P.M. After taking her coals and stores, she sailed for N.Y. on the 30th ult., at about 2 o'clock P.M.

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 30th, 1850. For San Francisco, Via Rio Janeiro, Valparaiso & Panama, on Tuesday 5th Feb. The S.S. New Orleans, J.D. Woods, Com., 1100 tons burthen, will leave for S.F. direct via Rio Janeiro, Valparaiso & Panama from Pier #2, N.R., at one o'clock. Apply for freight or passage to J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way. [Data on accommodations & fare eliminated].

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 30, 1850. Only through ticket line for S.F., via Chagres, direct, and the U.S.M. steamers on the Pacific on Thurs. 7th Feb. Fare reduced. For Calif. via Chagres. The new splendid U.S.M. S.S. *Philadelphia*, 1,100 tons burthen, will leave for Chagres direct, from Pier #4, N.R., on Thurs. 7th Feb. at 3 o'clock, P.M. The *Philadelphia* and *Cherokee* are the only steamers running direct to Chagres in connection with the U.S.P.M. steamers from Panama to S.F. Passengers by the *Philadelphia* will find comforts and accommodations unsurpassed by any other steamer and will be sure to connect with the U.S.M. Steamer of Mar. at Panama, and have preference over all others. For freight or passage, apply to M.O. Roberts, 118 West St. [Data on fare etc. eliminated].

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 30, 1850. For Calif. via Chagres. The new and splendid S.S. Ohio, Jas. F. Schenck, U.S.N. Comdr. The United States Mail Steamship Co. will despatch the Ohio on Wed., the 13th of Feb., at 3 o'clock P.M., from her pier foot of Warren St., N.R., for Havana, New Orleans & Chagres, touching off the bar at Charleston & Savannah. The super accommodations on the Ohio and her thoroughly tested double engines of 1,000 horse power, give passengers an assurance of safety and speed not to be felt on inferior vessels running with a single engine. An experienced surgeon is attached to the vesscl. Through tickets to S.F. can be secured on application at office of Co. Rates of passage from N.Y. to Chagres; State room berth-\$100, Standee berth, \$80, Steerage-\$50, Rates, Panama to S.F.; State room-\$250,

Standee-\$150, Steerage-. Passengers to Chagres will board on shore during the coaling of the vessel at New Orleans, 3 days. Rates of passage Havana to New Orleans; State Room-\$70-\$75, Standee berth forward cabin-\$55.-\$60., Steerage & forward bed & Board-\$25.-\$25. Freight to Chagres must be prepaid and all bills of lading must be signed on board the ship. For freight or passage apply to M.O. Roberts, 118 West St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Feb. 1, 1850. The U.S.M.S.S. Co. Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of this Co., that an election will be held at the office of Messrs. Brown Bros. & Co., at 59 Wall St., in this city on the 12th of Feb., next, between the hours of 12 M and 2 P.M. for the purpose of choosing five directors of their company for one year, hereafter. The subscriptions for the stock of the above Co. not yet being completed, the books will remain open at the above place till the 12th inst.

N.Y. *Herald*, Feb. 13, 1850. The departure of the Steamer *Cherokee* will be unavoidably delayed until Sat. 16th inst., at 3 o'clock from her Pier 4, N.R. Passengers are requested to have their baggage on board the day previous. Howland & Aspinwall, 51 South St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Feb. 14, 1850. Letter Bags for S.F., by Steamer *Cherokee* will close at the office of the Atlas, 111 Nassau St., on Sat. next at 2 o'clock. A special messenger will leave the Atlas Office who will proceed immediately to S.F. by the *Tennessee* on the other side. Small parcels of ten pounds or under will be received as above. Letters to S.F. only 30 cents.

FOR CALIF., NEW ORLEANS & CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Feb. 14, 1850, U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Feb. 28, 1850, 3 P.M., S.S. Falcon for above ports.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 9, 1850. NEWS: The U.S.M. Steamer Georgia has arrived from Chagres with 8 days later intelligence from that place and two weeks later intelligence from Calif, than that published in the N.Y. Herald yesterday. The Georgia sailed from her anchorage at Chagres on the 27th of Feb., at half past 4 P.M., and anchored in Havana in 3 days & 14 hrs. She was detained in Havana, 36 hours, coaling and left her anchorage at Havana on Mon. evening at 6 o'clock. She arrived at the bar of N.Y. last evening at 7 o'clock making her run in 96 hrs. The Georgia doubled Cape Hatteras in 60 hrs., after leaving Havana. The distance from Havana to Hatteras is one thousand and sixty miles. This is the most remarkable run on record, and but for the heavy N.W. gales which the ship encountered after passing Hatteras, she would have run to New York in 3 days & ninc hours.

N.Y. *Herald*, Mar. 12, 1850. Calif. Mails—Post Office N.Y., Mar. 11th, 1850. The regular mail for Calif. will be made up at this office on Wed. the 13th inst., closing at 2 P.M. to be forwarded per U.S.M. Steamer *Georgia*. Wm. Brady, Postmaster.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Mar. 4, 1850, U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Mar. 13, 1850, 3 P.M., S.S. Georgia for Havana, New Orleans & Chagres via S.S. Falcon from Havana to New Orleans. The public are informed that the books for steerage tickets for the month of May are now open. From Panama to S.F. application should be made immediately. The undersigned will despatch the following steamers to run regularly and direct to S.F. The new and elegant S.S. Isthmus, Republic, Antelope, Columbus. Apply to M.O. Roberts, 118 West St.

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 28, 1850. Gregory's Calif. Express. Special messengers with through tickets to S.F. will leave for this express by the Steamers Falcon on 28th inst. and Cherokee 15th Mar. as usual, with small parcels, packages and messages for all parts of Calif. Delivered by proprietor in person. Jno. C. Thompson, 69 Pearl St. N.Y. Herald, Feb. 26, 1850. Through Line for S.F. Via Chagres, The Steamer Cherokee will

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 26, 1850. Through Line for S.F. Via Chagres, The Steamer Cherokee will sail from Pier 4, N.R., for Chagres on Fri. Mar. 15, at 3 o'clock precisely. Passengers will place their baggage on board the day previous. For passage or freight apply to Howland & Aspin-wall, 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 7, 1850. Empire City Line for S.F. Via Chagres. The new and splendid S.S. *Empire City*, 2,000 tons burthen, J.D. Wilson, Comdr. will sail from her Pier 2, N.R., for Chagres direct, on Mar. 15th at 3 o'clock. Apply to J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 13, 1850. Gregory's Calif. Express. Special messengers for this express will leave by the Steamers *Empire City & Cherokee* on the 15th inst., with packages, parcels & messages for all parts of Calif. John C. Thompson, 69 Pearl St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 17, 1850. Empire City Lino-The books for through tickets to S.F. to leave per S.S. Empire City in May are now open. Early application is necessary to secure berths. For passage only. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 28, 1850. The S.S. Philadelphia will succeed the Cherokee, leaving on Sat. 23rd at 4 o'clock. Passengers will place their baggage on board the day previous. Apply to Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 27, 1850. Through Line for S.F., Via Chagres. The new and favorite S.S. Cherokee, 1,300 tons, Capt. H. Windle, the *Philadelphia*, 1,100 tons, Capt. J.Y. Nicholson, form the only direct line between N.Y. and Chagres, and in connection with the U.S.M. Steam Packets in the Pacific, a semi-monthly line through to S.F. Reduced rates of fare to Chagres.

	Cherokee	Philadelphia
After saloon state room	\$125	\$125
Forward saloon D	100	100
Lower cabin	90	

All the above dine at same table and have privilege of the saloon. Freight to Chagres 70 cents per foot. Expenses on the Isthmus are borne by the passengers. For freight & passage apply to Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

PAC. MAILS S.S. CO. The U.S.M. Steam Packets Panama 1,087 tons, Capt. David W. Barley; Oregon 1,099 tons, Capt. Carlisle P. Patterson; California 1,050 tons, Capt. Thomas A. Budd; Tennessee 1,300 tons, Capt. Geo. A. Cole; Carolina 600 tons; Unicorn 600 tons, are intended to form a semi-monthly line between Panama and ports in Calif. [Data on what passengers are furnished etc.] All passengers will be alowed space for personal baggage to the extent of 250 lbs., weight, not exceeding in measurements ten cubic feet. Packages should not exceed 125 lbs. weight for mule carriage. Passage from Panama to San Blas or Mazatlan; Cabin \$125., Steerage \$100.; San Diego, Cabin \$250., Steerage \$125.; San Francisco, Cabin \$300., Steerage \$100. Apply at office of Company, 54 South St.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Mar. 14, 1850, U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Mar. 28, 1850. S.S. Ohio for New Orleans via Havana. Passengers will be transferred at Havana to S.S. Falcon for Chagres, proceeding without delay. [This Ad concluded with the following:] The undersigned will despatch the following steamers to run regularly to S.F. The new S.S. Isthmus, S.S. Antelope, S.S. Republic, and S.S. Columbus. Apply to M.O. Roberts, 118 West St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 17, 1850. Through line for S.F. via Chagres direct. S.S. Philadelphia to sail on Mar. 28th, 4 P.M. precisely. Apply to Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, April 1, 1850. Gregory's Calif. Express to be despatched by Steamer Ohio 28th and Crescent City 1st of April. J. C. Thompson, Agents.

NEWS: The splendid S.S. Crescent City arrived yesterday afternoon from Chagres, whence she sailed on the 13th inst., at 4 P.M., and Kingston, Jamaica, whence she sailed on the 18th inst., at 2 P.M. The Crescent City made the run from New Orleans to Chagres in 6 days, and thence to Kingston in 2 days.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 28, 1850. Empire City Line for S.F. Via Chagres, by S.S. Crescent City, to leave on Apr. 1st, 3 P.M., Pier 2, N.R., J. Howard & Son.

N.Y. Herald, Notice April 1, 1850. S.S. Crescent City will sail this afternoon at 3 o'clock precisely. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Apr. 14, 1850. Gregory's Calif. Express being conveyed by Steamers Cherokee & Georgia 13th and Empire City 15th inst. Jno. C. Thompson, 69 Pearl St.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Mar. 31, 1850, U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Apr. 13, 1850. S.S. Georgia for New Orleans & Havana, connecting with regular steamers of this company from Chagres.

N.Y. Herald, Apr. 5, 1850. S.S. Cherokee will leave for Chagres direct on Sat. April 15th at 3 o'clock. Apply Howland & Aspinwall, 54 So. St.

N.Y. Herald, Apr. 12, 1850, Empire City Line for S.F. direct Via Chagres per S.S. Empire City on the 15th of April, 3 o'clock. Apply for passage to J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Apr. 28, 1850. Gregory's Calif. Express by Steamer Ohio 27th Apr., Crescent City May 1st & Philadelphia May 4th. Apply at office, 69 Pearl St.

THROUGH LINE TO CALIF. VIA CHAGRES WITH U.S. MAIL. N.Y. Herald, Apr. 16, 1850, U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Apr. 27, 1850, 3 P.M., S.S. Ohio Via S.S. Falcon at Havana to Chagres.

N.Y. Herald, Apr. 10, 1850, FOR CALIF. A through ticket for Steamer Crescent City from N.Y. May 1st to connect with Sarah Sands to leave Panama about the 20th of May. Apply to No 5, Platt St.

N.Y. Herald, April 16, 1850. Empire City Line for S.F. Via Chagres by S.S. Crescent City to sail on May 1st, 3 P.M. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Apr. 17, 1850. Through Line for S.F. Via Chagres direct, per S.S. Philadelphia on May 4th, 4 P.M. Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, May 10, 1850. Gregory's Calif. Express by Steamers Georgia & Cherokee 13th of May and Empire City the 15th of May.

N.Y. *Herald*, May 1, 1850. Through Line to Calif. Via Chagres carrying the U.S. Mails. Mon. May 13th at 3 P.M. the S.S. *Georgia* will be despatched as above with the Gov't Mails for the West Indies and the Pacific. The books are now open for passage to Charleston, Savannah, Havana, New Orleans & Chagres, and for through tickets to S.F. [data on tickets, surgeon &

accommodations eliminated]. Passengers for New Orleans are transferred at Havana to S.S. Falcon and proceed to New Orleans from Havana [eliminated rates on freight etc.] M.O. Roberts, 118 West St.

N.Y. Herald, May 8, 1850. Through Line for S.F. Via Chagres direct, per S.S. Cherokee to sail for Chagres May 13th, 3 P.M. Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, May 3, 1850. Empire City Line for S.F. per S.S. Empire City to sail for Chagres May 15th 3 P.M. J. Howard & Son.

N.Y. Herald, May 10, 1850. Empire City Line for S.F. Via Chagres direct, per S.S. Empire City on or about the 20th of May, 3 P.M. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

Gregory's Calif. Express to go by S.S. Empire City on 20th of May. Agent Thompson & Hitch-cock.

Adams & Co's Package Express per Steamer Empire City for Chagres direct. 16 & 18 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, May 21, 1850. Gregory's Calif. Express by Steamer Empire City on the 22nd inst. [This is obviously a change of sailing date from the 20th.]

N.Y. Herald, May 22, 1850. NOTICE: Gives sailing date positively as of this day for *Empire* City, at 3 P.M.

N.Y. Herald, May 11, 1850. NEWS: U.S.M.S.S. Co. The books of subscriptions to the Capital Stock of the U.S.M.S.S. Co., to the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars, will be opened on Tues. the 15th day of May, at the Merchants Exchange Bank in the City of New York, and the two ensuing days from 12 o'clock M. to 2 P.M. George Law, Marshall O. Roberts, James Van Nostrand, Commissioner. New York May 3, 1850. [PLEASE NOTE: Although it said "Tues. May 15" this date actually falls on Wednesday, whereas Tuesday is the 14th of

#### May.]

Through Line to Calif. via Chagres carrying the U.S. Mails, N.Y. Herald, May 14, 1850, U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-May 28, 1850, 3 P.M. S.S. Ohio via S.S. Falcon from Havana direct to Chagres.

Gregory's Calif. Express by each of the Steamers Ohio & Crescent City to sail on the 28th inst. and 1st of June respectively. Apply to Thompson & Hitchcock, Agents, 149 Pearl St.

[PLEASE NOTE. From May 20th to May 31st, all front sheets are torn off this paper, so you must make allowance for date discrepancies if any.]

N.Y. Herald, May 23, 1850. Empire City Line for S.F. via Chagres direct. Per S.S. Crescent City to sail from Pier 2, N.R., June 1st. Apply to Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, May 31, 1850. NEWS: Calif. letters—Post Office, N.Y. May 30, 1850. The statement in several of the morning papers that letters for Calif. deposited in the Post Office would not be taken by the *Crescent City*, is entirely unauthorized. All letters deposited in this office marked to go per *Crescent City* will be forwarded by that steamer. The mail for that steamer will close at 2 P.M. on June 1st. Wm. V. Brady, Postmaster.

N.Y. Herald, June 11, 1850. Empire City Line lists on this same date the same steamer Crescent City to leave for Chagres direct, on same date of departure.

THROUGH LINE TO CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, May 31, 1850., U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-June 13, 1850, 3 P.M. S.S. Georgia with Gov't Mails via S.S. Falcon from Havana to New Orleans.

N.Y. Herald, May 23, 1850. Through Line for S.F. via Chagres by S.S. Philadelphia to leave Pier 4, N.R., June 13th, 3 P.M. Apply to Howland & Aspinwall, 54 & 55 South St.

N.Y. Herald, June 7th, 1850. REMOVAL NOTICE U.S.M.S.S. Co. (S.S. Ohio, Georgia, Falcon) have removed their office to cor. of Warren & West St. N.R. Georgia leaves for Chagres direct, June 13, at 3 P.M., foot of Warren St. M.O. Roberts. The N.Y. Herald Tribune, Journal of Commerce, Courier, Enquirer and Express please copy.

#### [Pages of N.Y. Herald June 10th and 12th are missing.]

N.Y. Herald, June 20, 1850. THROUGH LINE TO CALIF. The U.S.M.S.S. Co., between New York, Havana, New Orleans & Chagres touching off Charleston and Savannah to land and receive passengers and mails. Office at 177 West St., cor. Warren St. The S.S. Ohio, Capt. James Schenck, U.S.N., 3000 tons; Georgia, Capt. David Porter, U.S.N., 3000 tons: Falcon, Capt. H.J. Hartsteine, U.S.N., 1,000 tons. All vessels of this Co. have double engines and best construction and accommodations. The S.S. Ohio will sail on her regular day, Fri. June 28th, 3 P.M. from Pier foot of Warren St. The passengers by the Ohio to Chagres will be transferred at Havana to the Falcon and proceed direct from Havana to Chagres. Freight to New Orleans 25 cents per cubic foot. Specie to Havana half percent. For freight or passage apply to office, corner, West & Warren St. M.O. Roberts. [Eliminated data on rates and passage].

N.Y. Herald, June 11, 1850. FOR KINGSTON JAMAICA. The well known S.S. Crescent City, Capt. Charles Stoddard will leave for Kingston from her Pier 2 N.R., on Mon. July 1st, 3 P.M. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, June 19, 1850. (Wed.) THROUGH LINE FOR S.F. VIA CHAGRES. S.S. Cherokee will leave her Pier 4 N.R., for Chagres direct, on July 8th, 3 P.M. Passengers are requested to have baggage on board the Sat. previous.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, July 3, 1850. U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-July 13, 1850, 3 P.M., S.S. Georgia with U.S. Mails, touching at Charleston, Savannah, Havana, New Orleans & Chagres, through passage to San Francisco.

Through Line for S.F., via Chagres direct. The splendid S.S. Philadelphia will leave July 13, 3 P.M. Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, July 16, 1850. For Calif. Via Chagres, on July 27th, 3 P.M. by U.S.M. S.S. Ohio with Gov't Mail, for West Indies and Calif. The books are now open and passage can be secured on application at office of U.S.M.S.S. Co., 177 West St. via S.S. Falcon from Havana to Chagres.

N.Y. Herald, July 28, 1850. Gregory's Calif. Express to go per Crescent City, August 1st. Thompson & Hitchcock, 149 Pearl St.

N.Y. Herald, July [30?], 1850. For S.F., via Chagres. On Aug. 1st per S.S. Crescent City succeeded by Empire City on Aug. 13th.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 3, 1850. U.S.M.S.S. Co. Through passage to Calif. The public will be gratified to learn that the U.S.M.S.S. Co., are enabled to announce that their arrangements are now complete for sending passengers through from N.Y. to S.F. and back. In the first attempts of this Co., to meet the wants of travel to Calif. by providing ships on the Pacific, in connection with their ships from N.Y. to Chagres, they were prevailed upon at the urgent solicitation of the great number then desirous to go out to sell the tickets for through passage from Panama in advance for their ships then going round. This was done from a desire to accommodate those who could procure passages in no other quarter, and by which whatever might be the detention, they would reach S.F. sooner than by any other line. Unforeseen difficulties, and the prevalence of fever at Rio de Janeiro at the time, prevented their ships from reaching Panama as soon as was anticipated, and caused detention at the Isthmus, which was increased by the impatience of passengers in going forward, against the advice of the Co. at an earlier day than the ships could possibly reach Panama. These interruptions are now all removed. Three of the four ships of the Co. intended for the Pacific service; *Georgia*, Capt. Porter, U.S.N., *Ohio*, Capt. Schenck, U.S.N., *Falcon*, Capt. Hartstein, U.S.N. The connection between the two lines will be carefully and regularly kept up, so that no delay beyond the usual stay of the ship in port at Panama will arise. The large size, well known speed, and superior accommodations of their N.Y. and Chagres Line and the speed and accommodations of the ships of their Pacific Line, offer the most certain, rapid and pleasant through passage to Calif. The *Georgia* leaves Aug. 13th, 3 P.M. H. O. Roberts, cor. Warren & West St.

N.Y. Herald, July 14, 1850. Through Line for S.F. via Chagres direct, by S.S. Cherokee to sail on Aug. 13th. Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, July 25, 1850. Through Line for S.F., via Chagres direct. S.S. Cherokee will leave for Chagres on Aug. 13, 3 P.M., S.S. Philadelphia will succeed the Cherokee and sail Aug. 17th, 3 P.M. Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 8, 1850. Special Express for Calif. E.B. Sutton & Co. 84 Wall St. will despatch a confidential messenger by the Steamer *Cherokee* on the 13th inst., with letters & packages for Chagres, Panama, S.F., Stockton & Sacramento City. By this conveyance, letters will be received one or two days in advance of the mail delivery. Terms reasonable. E.B. Sutton, 84 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 5, 1850. Empire City Line for Chagres direct, by splendid S.S. Empire City to leave for Chagres on Aug. 13th, 3 P.M. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way. NOTE: The above boat is also listed to go to Kingston, Jamaica, leaving same date, by same line.

[PLEASE NOTE. Date of Aug. 16 was missing in New York Herald.]

N.Y. *Herald*, Aug. 19, 1850. CALIF. MAILS-CHANGE OF DAYS. Post Office, N.Y., Aug. 17, 1850. Notice is hereby given that the days of sailing of the U.S.M. steamers for Calif. are changed to the 11th and 26th of each month instead of the 13th and 28th. The next regular mail will be despatched per *Ohio* on the 26th of Aug. Wm. V. Brady, Postmaster.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 15, 1850. U.S.M.S.S. Co. Change in the day of sailing to Mon. Aug. 26th at 3 P.M. from the pier at the foot of Warren St., of the U.S.M. S.S. Ohio, Jas. F. Schenck, U.S. Commander. The splendid S.S. will sail as above with the Gov't mails for the West Indies and Calif. The arrangements for the transportation of passengers to S.F. without delay on the Isthmus, being now complete, the Company are prepared to issue through tickets to

all classes at reduced rate of passage. The books for the Ohio on the 26th inst., are now open and tickets through can be obtained at following prices—[this data eliminated] Freight to New Orleans 25 cents per cubic foot [and more data on freight eliminated]. Apply at office, 177 West St., M.O. Roberts.

N.Y. *Herald*, Aug. 8, 1850. In consequence of stress of weather in the severe storm of July 16th, the departure of S.S. *Philadelphia* on her next voyage to Chagres will be delayed until Wed. Aug. 28th, 3 P.M. The S.S. *Carolina* will be detained at Panama until the arrival of her passengers at that place.

N.Y. *Herald*, Aug. 21, 1850. Through Line for S.F. via Chagres direct, and by the U.S.M. steamers on the Pacific. The splendid S.S. *Philadelphia*, Robt. H. Pearson, Com., will leave her dock, Pier #2, N.R., for Chagres direct, on Wed. Aug. 28th, at 3 o'clock. Passengers must have their baggage on board the day previous. Apply to Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 20, 1850. For Calif. & Oregon. The fine new double engine S.S. Columbia will be despatched for S.F., Calif. & Astoria, Oregon on Mon. Sept. 2nd. P.M.S.S. Co., 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 8, 1850. The S.S. Crescent City will succeed the Empire City and leave on Mon. Sept. 2nd. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 14, 1850. Empire City Line-Through ticket to S.F., via Chagres, per S.S. Crescent City to leave for Chagres on Mon. Sept. 2nd, at 3 P.M. Apply to J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 26, 1850. Empire City Line-Through tickets to S.F. via Chagres. The splendid S.S. Empire City will leave her dock, Pier 2 N.R. for Chagres on Sept. 10th, 3 P.M. [data on fare etc. eliminated] J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 4, 1850. The U.S. & Calif. Express will despatch the next express for S.F. on Sept. 10, per Steamer *Empire City*, connecting with the *Northerner* from Panama, Sept. 25th. This is the only express company, between N.Y. & S.F. thoroughly organized on the Isthmus, having hotels, warehouses, at Chagres, Cruces, Gorgona & Panama, with their own boats on the river, thereby requiring no special messengers who generally retard rather than expedite goods, between Chagres & Panama. [directions about goods to be packed & custom house clearance etc. obtained free of charge.] H. B. Miller Co., 2 Wall St. Proprietors Harndens Express.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 28, 1850. For Calif. via Chagres without detention at Panama. The U.S.M.S.S. Co. will despatch the splendid S.S. Georgia on Wed. Sept. 11th, at 3 o'clock P.M. from the pier foot of Warren St., N.R., with the Gov't mails and passengers for S.F. and intermediate ports. The connection at Panama will be carefully kept up so as to prevent any detention beyond the usual stay in port. The books are now open and passage can be secured at following rates. [eliminated] To secure freight or passage apply at office of company, 177 West St. cor. of Warren, M.O. Roberts.

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 6, 1850. Through Line for S.F. by U.S.M. steamers on the Pacific. S.S. Cherokee to leave for Chagres Sept. 13th, 3 P.M. Howland & Aspinwall, 54 & 55 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 8, 1850. Through Line for S.F., via Chagres direct, and by the U.S.M. steamer on the Pacific. The splendid S.S. Cherokee, Windle, Com., will leave Pier 4, N.R., on Sept. 13th, 3 P.M. The Cherokee & Philadelphia are the only steamers running direct, to Chagres, in connection with the U.S.M. steamers from Panama to S.F. Passengers by the Cherokee will find comforts and accommodations unsurpassed by any other steamer and will be sure to connect with the favorite S.S. Oregon at Panama. Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Sept. 14, 1850., U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Sept. 26th, 1850, 3 P.M. S.S. Ohio, connecting at Panama with steamers to S.F.

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 12, 1850. Empire City Line-Through tickets for S.F. via Chagres, by S.S. Crescent City to sail on Sept. 28th. Apply to J. Howard & Son.

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 14, 1850. Through Line for S.F. Direct, and by the U.S.M. steamers on the Pacific, on Sat. Sept. 28th. The splendid S.S. *Philadelphia*, R.H. Pearson, Cmd., will leave her dock, Pier 4, N.R., for Chagres direct on Sept. 28th at 3 o'clock. The *Philadelphia & Cherokee* are the only steamers running direct to Chagres in connection with the U.S. Pacific Mail steamers from Panama, to S.F. Passengers by the *Philadelphia* will connect at Panama with the splendid S.S. *Tennessee*. Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 25, 1850. Through Line for Calif. & Oregon via Chagres Direct. The new and favorite S.S. Cherokee, 1,300 tons, Capt. H. Windle, and Philadelphia, 1,100 tons, Capt. R.H. Pearson, form the direct line between N.Y. and Chagres, and in connection with the U.S.M. Steam Packets on the Pacific—a semi-monthly line through to S.F. and a monthly line through to Oregon. They leave N.Y. about the 13th & 28th of each month. [data on fares to Chagres etc. eliminated] Howland & Aspinwall, 54 South St.

P.M.S.S. Co. The U.S.M. Steam Packets: Oregon 1,099 tons. Capt. C.E. Patterson, Panama 1,087 tons Capt. D.G. Bailey, California 1050 tons, Capt. T.A. Budd, Tennessee 1300 tons, Capt. G.A. Cole, Carolina 600 tons, Capt. R.L. Whiting, Unicorn 600 tons, Capt. J.Y. Nichelson. From a semi-monthly line between Panama and ports in Calif. and a monthly between S.F. & Oregon. Passengers are furnished beddings, but not wines & liquors, etc. Passage from San Blas or Mazatlan; Cabin \$225., Steerage \$100. Passage from Panama to San Diego; Cabin \$250., Steerage \$125. Passage from Panama to S.F.; Cabin \$300., Steerage \$150. Apply 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 15, 1850. Gregory's Calif. Package Express per Steamer Crescent City on Sept. 28th.

N.Y. *Herald*, Oct. 1850. U.S. Mails for Calif. Post Office, N.Y., Oct. 9, 1850. The regular mail for Calif., Chagres, Panama, etc., per U.S.M. Steamer *Georgia* will be made up at this office on Fri. the 11th inst., closing at 2 P.M. Letters to Chagres 20 cents, to Panama 30 cents, both of which must be prepaid. Wm. Brady, Postmaster.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Sept. 28, 1850., U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Oct. 11, 1850, 3 P.M. S.S. Georgia with mails, connecting at Panama with Steamers to S.F.

THROUGH LINE FOR CALIF. & OREGON. N.Y. Herald, Oct. 2, 1850, U.S.M.S.S. Co. Departure date-Oct. 12, 1850, 3 P.M. S.S. Cherokee, connecting at Panama with regular mail packet of Nov., S.S. California for S.F.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 1, 1850. Empire City Line. Through tickets to S.F., via Chagres by S.S. Empire City to leave on Oct. 12th. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 9, 1850. S.S. Columbia will be despatched for S.F., Calif. & Astoria, Oregon on Sat. Oct. 12th. Apply to P.M.S.S. Co., 54 South St.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Oct. 13, 1850, U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Oct. 26, 1850, 3 P.M. S.S. Ohio for Chagres.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 16, 1850. Empire City Line through tickets to S.F., via Chagres direct, by S.S. Crescent City to leave Oct. 28th, 3 P.M. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Nov. 1, 1850. P.M.S.S. Co. The public are informed that under the arrangements of this Co., steamers inspected and approved by the Navy Dept. and carrying the U.S. Mails will continue to leave Panama & S.F. on the first and 15th day of each month, unless detained by unavoidable accident or non-arrival of the mails at Panama. The steamers of the 1st of the month will touch at Acapulco, [up to here this part is identical with the very first ad, as of July 1, 1851 (?)], San Blas, Mazatlan, San Diego & Monterey. The steamers of the 15th of the month will touch at Acapulco, but at no other Mexican ports. The new S.S. Columbia will ply regularly, after her arrival in the Pacific, between S.F. and ports in Oregon, awaiting at the former port the arrival of mails and passengers from Panama, and returning without delay with mails and passengers for the following steamer from San Francisco. A regular line of propellers will be kept up for the transmission of freight and transient passengers between Panama & S.F. The connection in the Atlantic will be maintained by the steamships *Empire City*, leaving N.Y. on the 13th and *Cherokee* leaving N.Y. on the 28th of each month for Chagres. A third boat will also be kept in N.Y. as a spare steamer. The new S.S. Calibbean & Philadelphia will form a direct line between New Orleans & Chagres, leaving at such periods as will ensure as little detention as possible on the Isthmus and forming with the Pacific steamships a through line to and from New Orleans and ports in Mexico, Calif. & Oregon. Through tickets for any month can be secured on application to the Co., 54 So. St. N.Y. Applications for passage from New Orleans should be made to Armstrong, Laurason [?] & Co.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Oct. 27, 1850., U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Nov. 11, 1850, 3 P.M. S.S. Georgia for Chagres via S.S. Pacific from Havana to New Orleans.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 30, 1850. Rates of Fare reduced. Empire City Line to S.F. via Chagres by S.S. Empire City on Nov. 13th, 3 P.M. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Nov. 13, 1850., U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Nov. 26, 1850. S.S. Ohio, connecting with S.S. Pacific in Havana.

N.Y. Herald, Nov. 26th, 1850. Post Office Information. Mails for the U.S.M. Steamer Ohio will be made up at this office on Tues. 26th inst., closing at 2 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: On Nov. 19th & Nov. 23rd, the Gregory's Calif. Express and the U.S. & Calif. Express Co., respectively list their goods to be shipped by S.S. *Cherokee* on Nov. 25th [not 28th] Both entries were correctly copied from the N.Y. *Herald*.

N.Y. Herald, Nov. 14, 1850. Fares reduced. Through Line for S.F., via Chagres direct, by the U.S.M. steamers on the Pacific. S.S. *Cherokee* to sail for Chagres Nov. 28, 3 P.M., connecting with S.S. *Tennessee*. Howland & Aspinwall.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 5, 1850. Steamers Georgia on Dec. 11th and Crescent City on Dec. 13th, will connect from Panama with Mail Steamer Calif. for S.F., Jan. 1st.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Nov. 29, 1850., U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Dec. 11, 1850, 3 P.M., S.S. Georgia.

N.Y. Herald, Nov. 27, 1850. Empire City Line connecting with the U.S.P.M. steamer at Panama. Through tickets to S.F. via Chagres, on Dec. 13th, 3 P.M., by S.S. Crescent City. J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

FOR CALIF. VIA CHAGRES. N.Y. Herald, Dec. 14, 1850, U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Dec. 26, 1850. S.S. Ohio via S.S. Falcon from Havana.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 15, 1850. Through Line to California for Chagres direct via Havana. The U.S.M.S.S. Co. will despatch as above the splendid double engine S.S. Falcon, H.J. Hartstein, U.S. Com., on Thurs. Dec. 26th, at 3 o'clock P.M., from the pier foot of Warren St., N.R. Freight etc. Cabin \$100. Steerage \$50.—To Havana; Cabin \$90. Steerage \$25. The Falcon will connect with one of the Pacific steamers of this line and passengers having through tickets will not be delayed at Panama beyond the usual stay in port. Passage from Panama to S.F.; Cabin \$300. Steerage \$150. The Falcon has just been thoroughly overhauled. She is furnished with new boilers, and has a new saloon and state room deck. Her cabins are newly furnished throughout and her accommodations for passengers are now equal to those of any other steamer afloat. For freight or passage apply at office of Co., 177 West St. cor. Warren St., M.O. Roberts.

N.Y. Herald, ---- U.S.M.S.S. Co., Departure date-Dec. 28, 1850, 3 P.M. S.S. Cherokee, connecting at Panama with S.S. California, leaving on or about Jan. 15th, 1851.

NEWS: N.Y. Herald, Dec. 29, 1850-Norfolk, Dec. 26.

The S.S. Ohio, of N.Y., just anchored in this Harbor, on Wed. morning, our steam was up, anchors weighed and all the passengers consisting of more than 300 in number, anxious to start for N.Y., among them were ladies from New Orleans & Havana. The steamer had proceeded a few yards on her way when a violent jolt was felt over the whole vessel, as though striking against some heavy substance in the water. At once the engines were stopped, for an accident had occurred. Something had broken about the machinery and on examination it proved to be the bursting of a cylinder head of the starboard engine, which rendered it useless until repaired; it required several hours of cooling of water and metal before the extent of damage could be ascertained but when the exact state of affairs was known, it was pronounced impossible to repair the damaged engine before reaching N.Y. Capt. Schenck however after mature consultation determined to proceed to sea.

#### Independent Ships to Chagres and Direct to San Francisco From New York

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 1, 1850. Steamship from Panama for S.F., Calif. The new and substantial S.S. West Point built in N.Y. last year expressly for the Pacific trade, will leave Panama as above about the 5th of Mar. and can accommodate a few more cabin passengers who should leave N.Y. by the 13th inst. William L. Youle at E.K. Collins, 74 South St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Feb. 2, 1850 (Wed.) For Chagres or Porto Bello (12 miles below). The fine fast sailing coppered Bark *Ella*, 360 tons burthen, two years old will sail as above on Sat. or Mon. next. Apply, Pillsbury & Sanford, 39 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 28, 1850. Steamship West Point will leave Panama for S.F. about the 5th of April. Wm. L. Youle, 74 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 20, 1850. S.S. West Point from Panama to S.F., Calif. The above steamer will leave Panama about the 15th of Apr., expected to make passage in 15 days. Wm. Youle at E.K. Collins, 74 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 6, 1850. Passage from Panama to S.F. S.S. New World. Tickets for passage in the above ship which will leave Panama on the 1st of Apr. may be had on application at the office of Messrs. Moses Taylor & Co., 44 South St. The New World will accommodate a large number of passengers and from her great speed it is confidently believed will make the passage in from ten to twelve days. W.H. Brown.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 9, 1850. For S.F., Calif. via Straits of Magellan & Panama, stopping at Rio Janiero & Valparaiso. The new and elegant S.S. *Republic* will be dispatched as above on Thurs. Mar. 21st, at 3 o'clock P.M., from pier at the foot of Warren St., N.R., for the Pacific Ocean. Her accommodations are unsurpassed by any steamer afloat, having double oscillating engines of great power and super workmanship. Her burthen is 1,200 tons and expected to make the run in 70 days. Apply to M.O. Roberts, 118 West St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 10, 1850. [Change of sailing date] For San Francisco, Calif. via Straits of Magellan & Panama, stopping at Rio Janeiro & Valparaiso. S.S. Republic will be dispatched Mar. 25th, 3 P.M.

CHANGE OF SAILING DATE FOR Republic-N.Y. Herald, Mar. 27, 1850. NOTICE: The sailing of the S.S. Republic for S.F. is postponed to Mon. next, April 1st.

N.Y. Herald, Apr. 11, 1850 (Thurs.) Notice to passengers S.S. Republic for Calif. They must

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be on board on Sat. morning, 13th inst., by 11 o'clock. The Republic will sail at 12 o'clock precisely. M.O. Roberts.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 10, 1850. For S.F., Calif. via the Straits of Magellan, touching at Rio Janeiro, Valparaiso & Panama. The superior fast sailing S.S. General Warren will be dispatched from N.Y. for the above ports on April 4th. The General Warren has 2 powerful engines and for strength of construction and sea going qualities is unsurpassed. She has 500 tons burthen. Passengers by this steamer will avoid the sickly months on the Isthmus and arrive at S.F. as early as by any through conveyance now obtainable. The Commodore Preble will succeed the General Warren and sail May 1st. Apply to Agents Dole & Co., 63 Front St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 31, 1850. Steamer General Warren to leave on April 10th for San Francisco.

CHANGE OF SAILING DATE-N.Y. Herald, Apr. 5, 1850. The sailing of the Steamer General Warren for S.F. is postponed till Sat. Apr. 13th. Dole & Co.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 27, 1850. For San Francisco via Rio de Janeiro, Valparaiso & Panama. The splendid S.S. Northerner, 1,300 tons burthen, will leave for S.F. via Straits of Magellan on Thurs. Apr. 4th at 3 o'clock from Pier No. 2, N.R., Apply to J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 1, 1850. Panama to S.F. in the splendid S.S. Northerner. First cabin \$300., Second cabin (upper) \$200., second cabin (lower) same table as upper, \$150. Apply to J. Howard & Son, 34 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 30, 1850. Tri-monthly Line for Calif. via Chagres, Wed. Apr. 10th, lying at Pier 9, E.R. The splendid coppered & copper fastened Clipper Bark Bogota, Thomas, Master, will positively sail as above on her regular day. The vessel has made one of the quickest passages to Chagres on record and having been a regular packet, hence to Carthagena, a neighboring port, Capt. Thomas has an advantageous experience for the passage. Passengers will do well to examine this vessel before determining to go otherwise. For freight or passage at reduced rates apply to Russel & Norton, 31 Old Slip Office of Chagres sailing packets or to Livingston, Wells & Co.'s Express., 10 Wall St. This is the only line that has despatched a succession of sailing vessels all of which are first class, fast sailors, and commanded by experienced men. In connection with this line, the subscribers are prepared to sell tickets for passage from Panama to S.F., per first class vessels, price of passage \$135. The splendid fast sailing Brig Oceola will succeed the Bogota and sail on the 20th April, her regular day.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 10, 1850. S.F. & Mazatlan Steam Packet. The new elegant S.S. Gold Hunter, Capt. Couillard, will commence to run regularly, between San Francisco, Mazatlan and San Blas, touching at Monterey, San Pedro & San Diego, leaving S.F. Mon. of July next, arriving at Mazathan & San Blas, regularly every 24 days from the date of her first arrival. The Gold Hunter, from her light draught, can go into the inner harbor of Mazatlan for the convenience of passengers & after they are landed will proceed to San Blas, remaining only a sufficient time for passengers to land and embark, and return to Mazatlan. This steamship is only 6 months old, has proved to be an excellent sea boat, in regards to speed and safety is equal to any steamer in the Pacific Ocean. She is insured at the lowest rates in the best offices in N.Y. The establishment of a steamship on this route will ensure to travelers who are about to leave the U.S. and Mexico for Calif. a safe regular & expeditious means of conveyance from the western coast. San Francisco May 30, 1850. Simmons, Hutchinson & Co. S.F. Mott, Talbot Co. Mazatlan.

N.Y. Herald, Apr. 12, 1850. Tri-monthly Line for Chagres and through to S.F. First vessel sails Sat. April 20th. Goes to the town with all her cargo. The splendid coppered & copper fastened Bark *Nacoocha* will sail as above on her regular day. Passengers are invited to examine this vessel before engaging to go otherwise. For freight or passage apply to Russel & Norton, 31 Old Slip.

CHANGE OF SAILING DATE for N.Y. *Herald*, Apr. 18. Bark *Nacoochee* [note different spelling this time, whereas before it was "Nacoocha"] to leave on Apr. 25th. In connection with this line first class sailing vessels will be despatched from Panama to S.F. and through tickets may be had on application at this office. [Data on rates eliminated.]

N.Y. Herald, Apr. 25, 1850. Through Line for Calif. via Chagres in Brig John French, to sail May 8th. Russell & Norton.

N.Y. Herald, May 9, 1850. For S.F., Benicia & Sacramento City, via Rio de Janeiro, Valparaiso & Panama. To leave Philadelphia in June. S.S. Constitution will sail as above. For freight or passage apply to Ward & Price, 40 Wall St. [Please note date of May 17th re same vessel].

N.Y. Herald, May 17, 1850. For S.F., Benicia & Sacramento City, via Rio de Janeiro, Valparaiso & Panama to clear early in June. The splendid S.S. Constitution will sail as above. Ward & Price, 40 Wall St. [As per notice of May 9th, N.Y. Herald—This vessel was to sail from Philadelphia, but on this date no mention from which port was made.]

N.Y. Herald, June 6th, 1850. NOTICE: Shippers of goods per Constitution for S.F. are requested to hand in their application in the course of the present week to Ward & Price, 40 Wall St. The Constitution will sail on the 15th inst.

N.Y. *Herald*, June 16, 1850. The S.S. *Constitution* is now loading at Philadelphia and will sail for San Francisco, Benicia & Sacramento City on Sat. 22nd inst. Goods destined for the *Constitution* will be sent to Phila. free of expense to the shippers and are requested to hand in their receipt of the Camden & Amboy R.R. and Transportation Co. on or before Wed. next the 19th.

CHANGE OF SAILING DATE for June 22, 1850. S.S. Constitution to sail on the 25th inst.

N.Y. Herald, Nov. 11, 1850. TO CALIFORNIANS-Important reduction in the price of passage from Panama to S.F. The new and splendid double engine S.S. Constitution, S. Biset, U.S.N. Cmd., will leave Panama for S.F. on the 15th of Dec., next, to meet the steamers of the 26th and 28th inst. The Constitution was built under the same superintendence as the Caroline and the Union, whose admirable accommodations and sailing qualities are well known. Apply to Ward & Price, 40 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Nov. 30, 1850. Steamer Constitution will leave from Panama about Dec. 20th, for S.F.

N.Y. to S.F., via Chagres. N.Y. Herald, May 15, 1850., Tri-monthly Line, Departure date-May 20th, 1850. (Mon.) Brig Alfonzo. [No other information given.]

N.Y. Herald, May 22, 1850. For S.F. per S.S. General Zachary Taylor to leave Peck Slip for above port on the 27th inst., via Grenada, Pernambuco, Rio Janeiro, Montevideo, Valparaiso & Panama. Apply to Jos. T. Martin, 37 South St.

N.Y. Herald, June 29, 1850. The S.S. General Zachary Taylor for Calif. via Panama, on her route now, is expected to reach Panama about the 15th of August. Joseph Martin, 37 South St.

N.Y. Herald, May 25, 1850. N.Y. & S.F. sailing packets via Chagres for June 1st by splendid fast sailing Brig Empire. Russell & Norton, 31 Old Slip.

N.Y. Herald, May 25, 1850. Passage from Panama to S.F. by the A-1 Steamer Goliah, expecting to leave for S.F. by the 1st of Aug. next. Wm. H. Furman, 87 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 26, 1850. For S.F. by Steamer Wm. J. Pease from Panama to S.F., leaving on or about the 15th of May. Apply to Stanton & Spicer, 86 West St.

N.Y. Herald, June 27, 1850. Through Line for S.F., Calif. by Steam & sailing packets, via Chagres and Panama. The time through by this line is about 15 days, no expense in debarking or embarking to passengers. Apply to Herdle & Wright, 130 Cedar St.

N.Y. Herald, July 8, 1850. Through Line for S.F., Calif. by steam and sailing vessels. To leave for Chagres on July 13th. N.Y. Herald, July 17, says will leave for Chagres on July 27th. & July 16th, N.Y. Herald says will leave on July 18th. [the name of boat not given]

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 5, 1850. Steamer for San Francisco, Calif. by A-1 new and fast double engine steamship Union, to leave Oct. 1st, touching at Rio Janeiro, Valparaiso & Panama. E. Zachrisson & Co., 87 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald. Oct. 1, 1850, S.S. Union will leave for S.F. via Rio Janeiro, Valparaiso & Panama on or about 15th Oct. E. Zachrisson & Co., 87 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 23, 1850. CHANGE OF SAILING DATE: S.S. Union to sail on 28th inst.

N.Y. Herald, Nov. 23, 1850. For Chagres direct on Monday, Dec. 2nd, by superior fast sailing double engine, screw steamer Ontario. H. Holdrege, Jr., 93 Wall St.

#### New York to Nicaragua-1850

FOR SAN JUAN DE NICARAGUA. [Date ?] The fast sailing coppered and copper fastened schooner *enterprise* will sail 13th inst., F. & D. Fowler, 86 West St.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 17, 1850. For Havana, San Juan & Chagres. The new double engine S.S. Prometheus, E. L. Pinklepaugh, Commander, will leave N.Y. for the above ports, from Pier 2, N.R., on Dec. 25th, 4 P.M. [Freight & passage rates eliminated.] Apply to D.B. Allen, 9 Battery Pl.

CHANGE OF SAILING DATE for Prometheus to leave on Dec. 26th instead of 25th.

#### Clipper Ships New York to San Francisco Via Cape Horn-1850

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, N.Y. Herald, Dec. 22, 1849, Dispatch Line, Departure date-Immediate despatch, Clipper Ship John Q. Adams.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 23, 1849. FOR SACRAMENTO CITY. Brig Lowell will sail as above. Apply on board foot of Dover St. or I.B. Gager, 120 Wall St. [Please note: this ad is as was in the paper, giving no specific date]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO & SACRAMENTO CITY, CALIF. "Old Line" to sail in a few days Brig Lowell. Apply to J.R. Gager, 120 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 22, 1849 FOR SACRAMENTO CITY, CAL. DISPATCH LINE. Clipper Bark Sea Gull is now loading at Pier No. 12 N.R. Apply to E. Sutton, 84 Wall St.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. N.Y. Herald, Dec. 23, 1849. To leave on the 20th of Jan. 1850-A-1 Packet Ship Saratoga. James Smith, 116 Wall St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Jan. 17, 1850. FOR SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. The elegant Clipper Ship Saratoga will be dispatched for the above port on the 25th of Jan. having a great part of her cargo engaged. Slate, Gardiner Howell, 114 South St. or James Smith & Son, 116 West St. As per notice of Jan. 23, 1850, N.Y. *Herald*, Clipper Ship Saratoga will be dispatched for S.F. on Feb. 1st.

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 6, 1850. Passage only-For S.F., Calif. The splendid fast sailing live oak built ship Virginian has all her cargo on board and will sail on the 12th inst. Apply on board foot of Wall St. or to E.W. Kimball & Co., 92 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 16, 1850. For Pernambuco. Passage only. The favorably known & commodious Bark *Isabelito Hyne* will sail tomorrow (Thurs) for Pernambuco whence communication with Rio Janeiro is constant both by steamers and sailing vessels. Allen & Paxson, 131 Front St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Jan. 23, 1850. For Calif. Regular Packet Line. Freight and passengers for S.F. can be taken in first class vessels at lowest rates. F. & D. Fowler, 86 West St. An A-1 Clipper built Canton ship will be dispatched in fifteen days.

N.Y. *Herald*, Jan. 23, 1850. For San Francisco, Calif. The splendid fast sailing newly coppered Ship *Albania* having a large part of her cargo engaged will have the same prompt dispatch as the other vessels heretofore loaded by the subscriber. For freight only (it being intended to proceed direct) Apply to H. Holdrege Jr. 93 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 7, 1850. For San Francisco by Ship Albania to sail this week. H. Holdrege Jr., 93 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 25, 1850. For San Francisco, Calif. Merchant's Line. The A-1 new Clipper Ship Telassar will sail in a few days; for freight apply on board Pier 38 E.R., or James W. Elwell, 57 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 25, New York built A-No. 1 Ship Christiana will meet with dispatch. [no date given] Apply to Boyd & Hincken, 88 Wall St. or Jas. W. Elwell, 57 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Jan. 26, 1850. For Calif. Direct. Dispatch Line. Clipper Ship Wisconsin at Pier 26 E.R. This is one of the fine Liverpool packets and is well known as a fleet sailor. A few bales, boxes etc., can be taken. Shippers desiring to meet the high prices of the S.F. market will find this a favorable opportunity. E.B. Sutton & Co., 84 Wall St. or John Ogden, 116 Wall St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Jan. 30, 1850. For Calif. direct. The splendid packet Ship *Sheridan* having been withdrawn from the Liverpool Line and thoroughly overhauled and recoppered, will be despatched immediately for S.F. under the command of Capt. Geo. B. Cornish, and it is intended that she will go direct to Calif., without stopping on either side of the Cape, thus avoiding the great delay which frequently occurs from that cause. For freight, apply as well as passage, to Spofford & Tileston & Co., 48 South St. [Data on cabin, state room etc., eliminated]

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 4, 1850. For Calif.-Dispatch Line. Clipper ship Wisconsin will positively sail for S.F. direct on Mon. 18th; nothing can be taken after Sat. 16th. E.R. Sutton & Co., 84 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 9, 1850. For San Francisco, Calif. The new and splendid Schooner Yacht Betty Bliss, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged will sail on the 20th inst., preceeding direct for the above port without any intermediate stoppings. Apply to James Bishop & Co., 3 Beaver St.

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 13, 1850. Immediate despatch by A-1 Canton Ship Howqua. Apply to F. & D. Fowler, 86 West St. cor Albany St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 1, 1850. Regular Packet Line for San Francisco. The A-No. 1 Canton Ship Howqua will sail on the 6th inst. F. & D. Fowler, 86 West St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 7, 1850. The A-1 Packet Ship St. Patrick now loading at Pier 8, N.R., will succeed the Howqua [which was scheduled to sail on the 6th of Mar.] H. D. Fowler, 86 West St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Feb. 25, 1850. For Calif. Dispatch Line. Fine Ship *Hindoo*, Miller, Master, is loading at Pier 26 East Side Peck Slip, E.R. Shippers will hurry down their freight as there will be no delay. E.B. Sutton, 84 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 29, 1850. Ship Hindoo for Calif. to sail Mar. 30, at 10 o'clock from Pier 26 E.R., E.B. Sutton & Co., 84 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 10, 1850. Old Line-For San Francisco to sail with despatch. The splendid fast sailing A-1 Liverpool Packet Ship St. Patrick, 1,000 tons burthen, is now loading. Apply to David Ogden, 66 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 22, 1850. Schooner Yacht, Betty Bliss will sail for S.F., Calif. on the 26th inst. James Bishop, 3 Beaver St. New York Herald, Feb. 26, Betty Bliss to sail in a few days.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 5, 1850. For Calif. by new Yacht Schooner Betty Bliss, to sail 9th inst. James Bishop & Co., 3 Beaver St.

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 16, 1850. For Calif.-Dispatch Line. New Ship Realm, Stevens, Master, at Pier 11, N.R. Shippers please send balance of freight at once, none taken after Sat. 23rd, inst. Fine ship Hindoo will follow and have the usual despatch. E.B. Sutton, 84 Wall St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Feb. 19, 1850. For San Francisco-Regular Line. The fine newly coppered, very fast sailing ship *Massachusetts*, Pier 6, E.R., can take the bulk of 500 bbls., if offered immediately. The celebrated clipper ship *Rome*, Capt. Mason, Pier 5 E.R., having three fourth of her cargo engaged will follow with quick despatch. Apply to Isaac T. Smith, 101 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 19, 1850. For Sacramento City, Calif. The beautiful light fast sailing bark Onyx, at Pier 14 E.R., will sail in a few days. The clipper bark T.J. Southard having a large part of her cargo engaged will have good despatch. Apply to Isaac T. Smith.

N.Y. *Herald*, Feb. 21, 1850. Passage to San Francisco by way of Montevideo and Valparaiso. By Bark *Patriot* lying at James Slip, sailing on Sun. 24th, in the morning. Apply to Captain on board.

N.Y. Herald, Feb. 21, 1850. Steamboat Paddle Wheel by Wm. A. Crocker ready for trial today between hours of 12 M and 3 P.M., if weather is unfavorable, the first fair day.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 5, 1850. For S.F., 7th inst., by new Clipper Bark Elizabeth. Apply to E. Goodwin & Bro., 153 South St. or Jas. Smith & Son, 116 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 8, 1850. For S.F., Calif. by fast sailing Clipper Bark *Elizabeth* to sail on 9th inst. E. Goodwin & Bro., 153 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 5, 1850. For S.F., Calif. by new Clipper Bark Hiero, now loading and having immediate dispatch. Apply to Holdrege Jr., 93 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 12, 1850. The fine packet ship Sheridan will sail on the 16th inst. Spofford, Tileston & Co., 48 South St.

N.Y. *Herald*, Mar. 17, 1850. Despatch Line. First vessel. The new, fast sailing Brig N.C. *Ely*; Pike, Master, will sail as above on Mar. 21st. for freight or passage apply to Russel & Norton, 31 Old Slip, Office of the Chagres Packets.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 19, 1850. DISPATCH LINE. Ship Lady Arabella, Glover, Master, is now loading at Pier 10, N.R. Particular attention is requested to the very comfortable arrangements for passengers. A limited number only will be taken. E.B. Sutton & Co., 84 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, April 10, 1850. Passengers per ship Lady Arabella for S.F. will please be on board at Pier No 10 N.R. on Mon. the 15th inst. 12 M. E.B. Sutton & Co., 84 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 20, 1850. For S.F. Regular Packet Line by Clipper Ship Rome to sail in a few days. Isaac T. Smith, 101 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 28, 1850. For S.F. direct by fast sailing Clipper Ship Sea Witch to sail about the 5th of April. Apply to Howland & Aspinwall 54 South St.

N.Y. Herald, April 13, 1850. Ship Sea Witch for S.F. The steamer United States will leave White Hall Slip at 8 o'clock this morning to convey passengers aboard the above ship.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 29, 1850. Semi-monthly Line-Fare reduced. The new packet Joseph Henry will sail on Wed. Apr. 10th. This vessel is but six months old and a very fast sailer. Capt. Morgan is an old experienced Comdr., having been long employed in the Gulf trade. Those about to proceed to the Gold Regions will find it greatly to their advantage to examine the accommodations as they will find them equal to any other mode of conveyance, and rates of passage much lower. Being in the regular line, she will sail punctual to her day. Price of passage to Chagres; Cabin \$50. Second Cabin \$30. For freight apply to Olney & Sessions, 61 South St. or N.L. McCready & Co., 36 South St. A first class vessel will succeed the above and sail on her regular day, the 25th of Apr. Passengers by this line can secure a through passage to S.F. without detention, and at a very low rate.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 30, 1850. For Calif. Dispatch Line per Ship Element at Pier 6 N.R., to have quick despatch. E.B. Sutton & Co., 84 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, April 15, 1850. For Calif.-Dispatch Line, by fast sailing ship *Element* to sail in a few days. E.B. Sutton & Co., 84 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Mar. 31, 1850. Packet Ship Victoria for S.F. to sail on April 2nd. J. Belknap Smith, 88 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, April 1, 1850. The Brig Sophia for S.F. and Sacramento City. [No departure date given.] Thos. L. Braynard, 81 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, May 8, 1850. For S.F. and Sacramento City by the Brig Sophia to sail soon. Thomas L. Braynard, 81 Wall St.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. N.Y. Herald, Apr. 16, 1850, Despatch Line, Departure date-Immediate despatch, Clipper Ship Carrington. [No other information given.]

FOR SACRAMENTO CITY, CALIF. N.Y. Herald, April 17, 1850, Despatch Line, Departure date-On or about Apr. 20. Brig China [with other information].

N.Y. Herald, April 29, 1850. For S.F. per Clipper Ship Nisida Stewart which has immediate despatch. H. Holdrege, Jr., 93 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, May 1, 1850. Regular Packet Line will despatch shortly per Ship Haidee for Calif. Apply to Isaac T. Smith, 101 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, May 25, 1850. Packet Ship Haidee will (weather continuing fair) sail positively 1st of June. Isaac T. Smith.

N.Y. Herald, May 8, 1850. For S.F. First vessel. Dispatch Line, Fast sailing ship Great Britain having a large portion of her cargo engaged and now going on board at Pier No 6, N.R. will have quick dispatch for the above port. The sailing qualities of this vessel is well known, having just returned from China in 96 days. Immediate application should be made for balance of cargo. Shippers wishing to avoid delay, will find it much to their interest to observe the dispatch given by this line. Freight taken at low rates. E.B. Sutton, 84 Wall St.

For San Francisco & Sacramento City. N.Y. Herald, May 19, 1850. By Baltimore Clipper built Schooner La Bella Francisca. Apply to F. & D. Fowler, 86 West St.

N.Y. Herald, May 31, 1850. Schooner La Bella Francisca will positively sail on 10th of June for Sacramento City. F. & D. Fowler, 86 West St.

N.Y. Herald, June 8, 1850. CHANGE SAILING DATE: Schooner La Bella Francisca will positively sail on the 12th inst.

N.Y. Herald, May 19, 1850. For San Francisco with Dispatch by Ship Talbot, to have immediate dispatch. Apply on board at Pier 7 N.R., or John Ogdon, 116 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, July 19, 1850. For San Francisco by Canton Packet Ship Clarendon to sail soon. Hunter, 80 B'way.

N.Y. Herald, July 24, 1850. For S.F. by new Ship White Squall to sail in a few days. Booth & Edgar, 95 Front St.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 30, 1850. The Ship White Squall to sail soon. Booth & Edgar, 95 Front St.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 13, 1850. For Calif. Dispatch Line. The very fast sailing new and newly coppered Ship Mary & Adeline, is loading at Pier 5 N.R. The most comfortable arrangements are provided for families, some of which are already engaged. Immediate application will be necessary for passage and balance of cargo. E.B. Sutton & Co., 84 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Aug. 18, 1850. For S.F. The Ship Heber, Capt. J.W. Patterson will be despatched immediately for the above port direct. The ship is engaged regularly in the China trade, and having more than half her cargo engaged and going on board, shippers may rely on her sailing soon. Booth & Edgar, 95 Front St.

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N.Y. Herald, Sept. 7, 1850. For S.F. direct, by Bark E. Corning, to have prompt despatch. Apply to H. B. Corning, 74 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 8, 1850. For S.F. by double engine Bark rigged S.S. Fanny, will be despatched on or about 1st of October. Apply to Ward & Price, 40 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Sept. 16, 1850. For S.F. First Vessel. The favorite Clipper Ship Helena will have immediate dispatch. Nath'l L. & Geo. Griswold, 71 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 6, 1850. Clipper Ship Helena will receive freight for a few days at Pier 18 E.R. and have quick despatch, full or not full. Nath'l L & G. Griswold, 71 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 6, 1850. For S.F. direct by Baltimore Clipper Bark Southerner, for immediate despatch. Apply on board at Pine St. Wharf to Everett & Brown, 68 South St. or Isaac T. Smith, 101 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 10, 1850. For S.F. direct, by new clipper ship Sea Nymph having prompt dispatch. Apply to Aymar & Co., 34 South St. [name indistinct].

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 18, 1850. For S.F.-Dispatch Line. By A-1 Ship Uriel, to sail soon. E.B. Sutton & Co., 84 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 20, 1850. For S.F. by Clipper built Bark Guilford having immediate despatch. John Osborn, 111 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 23, 1850. Guilford will sail in a couple of weeks for Sacramento City, Calif.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 7, 1850. For Sacramento City direct by Clipper Bark Guilford at any early day, will receive no goods after Dec. 11th. John & Rob. Osborn, 111 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 12, 1850. To clear positively on Mon. 16th inst., Clipper Bark Guilford.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. N.Y. Herald, Oct. 22, 1850. Despatch Line, Departure date-in a few days Packet Ship Washington Irving.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 22, 1850. San Francisco by A-1 new Clipper Ship Audubon to sail soon. J. W. Elwell, 57 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Oct. 28, 1850. For San Francisco by S.S. Bothnia to sail in a few days. Isaac T. Smith, 101 Wall St.

N.Y. Herald, Nov. 14, 1850. Packet Ship Bothnia will sail on Nov. 19th, for San Francisco.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 10, 1850. For San Francisco on Dec. 20th, by Ship Seth Sprague. Booth & Edgar, 95 Front St.

CHANGE OF SAILING DATE FOR Seth Sprague on Dec. 21st, instead of 20th.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 10, 1850. For San Francisco direct by new Clipper Ship Eclipse, to be despatched immediately. Booth & Edgar.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 21, 1850. To Californians. The best and cheapest way of getting to San Francisco is by S.S. Prometo to sail this month. Apply to Brain & Mountain, 104 South St.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 21, 1850. For San Francisco Direct, by Clipper Bark Delawarian to leave in a few days. F. & D. Fowler, 86 West St.

N.Y. Herald, Dec. 27, 1850. For San Francisco, Calif., by Clipper Ship Ino to be ready for freight on Jan. 5th, 1851. Gurdon S. Coit, 106 Wall St.

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THE 1861-69 PERIOD **RICHARD B. GRAHAM, Editor** WILLIAM K. HERZOG, Assoc. Editor

#### EARLIEST KNOWN USE OF 24 RED LILAC AND POSSIBLE EARLIEST KNOWN USE OF 24¢ BROWN LILAC

#### WILLIAM K. HERZOG

The 24¢ red lilacs and brown lilacs appeared in early 1862, following the 24d violets, gravish lilacs, and steel blues of 1861. Through the courtesy of Edward C. Lawrence (R. A. 708), we now are able to illustrate the earliest known use of the 24¢ red lilac (Scott 70), and a "possible" new earliest known use of the 24¢ brown lilac (Scott 70a).

Figure 1 illustrates a cover mailed from New York City to Reading, England, on January 7, 1862. The  $24\phi$  red lilac paid the 24 cents per ½ ounce British rate. A somewhat-indistinct red "N. YORK BR. PKT. PAID 19, JAN. 7" on the front and black "E. READING, JA. 20, 62" on the back indicate the cover was carried by the Cunarder Niagara from Boston on January 8, 1862.

Figure 1. A 24¢ red lilac used on cover mailed on January 7, 1862. This is the earliest known use for the stamp. Courtesy of Edward C. Lawrence.

The earliest date of use for the 24¢ red lilac is January 7, 1862,<sup>1,2</sup> making Figure 1 the earliest known use. It was issued P. F. certificate No. 36378 as a genuine Scott 70, red lilac, genuinely used on cover. Another example of the 24¢ red lilac used on cover to England on January 7, 1862, from New York City was contained in the Theodore Gore collection.<sup>3</sup> It bore the same New York marking and grid cancel as Figure 1. Can anyone report additional January 7, 1862 examples?

Figure 2 illustrates a cover mailed from Susquehannah Depo, Pa., to London, England, on February 5, with a  $24\phi$  brown lilac paying the postage. This cover was issued P. F. certificate No. 38694 as a genuine Scott 70a, brown lilac, genuinely used on cover. The red "3" was applied at New York City.<sup>4</sup> The only other marking is the red "LONDON E.C. PAID, FE. 21, 62." The "2" of the "62" has a rather strange appearance which, unfortunately, casts

<sup>1.</sup> Stanley B. Ashbrook, Ashbrook Special Service No. 17 (Aug. 1, 1952), p. 114.

Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps 1980, p. 20.
 H. R. Harmer, Inc. sales 1358-9 (April 17-8, 1961), lot 536.
 Simpson's U. S. Postal Markings 1851-61, Second Edition 1979, pp. 288-9 (Figure 13).

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Figure 2. A 24¢ brown lilac used on cover mailed on February 5, (1862?). If it definitely was mailed in 1862, this is a new earliest known use for the stamp. Courtesy of Edward C. Lawrence.

some doubt on the 1862 use. The earliest known use of the  $24\phi$  brown lilac is February 11, 1862;<sup>5</sup> consequently, if the cover in Figure 2 was used in 1862, it would be a new earliest known use.

Three possible mail ships (Am. Pkts.) sailed on February 8, 1862: City of Washington (Inman) and Bavaria (HAPAG) from New York City, and Anglo-Saxon (Allan) from Portland, Me. The New York applied "3" eliminates Anglo-Saxon, and the February 22 arrival at Cowes eliminates Bavaria.<sup>6</sup> City of Washington arrived at Queenstown on February 20 (a.m.) and Liverpool on February 21.<sup>7</sup> According to Walter Hubbard, the Inman line was under strict orders to land the London mails at Queenstown unless prevented by bad weather, or some other emergency, from calling there. Therefore, if anyone can show us another cover, with any franking and not necessarily the 24¢ brown lilac, that bears a London Paid marking of February 21, 1862, this would establish that the cover in Figure 2 could have been carried by City of Washington on February 8, 1862. Although this would not eliminate all of the doubt concerning the strange appearing "2", it would greatly enhance the probability of a new earliest known use.

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#### THE EARLY $3 \not \in$ GRILL SHADES

#### WILLIAM K. HERZOG

The earliest grilled  $3\phi$  stamps ("A" and "C" of late 1867, "D" and "Z" of early 1868, and the first "E" and "F") come in a flat, dull shade which appears quite washed out. The  $3\phi$  "C", "D", and "Z" grills appear uniformly washed out, but the  $3\phi$  "A" grills seem to run from washed out to a fuller-inked, but still dull shade. The later  $3\phi$  "E" and "F" grills, from mid-1868 into 1869, tend to red and orange, and appear well inked and much richer. The orange tending  $3\phi$  stamps seem to be peculiar to the grilled stamps. These later grilled  $3\phi$  shades provide quite a contrast to the earlier ones.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>5.</sup> Ashbrook, op. cit.

<sup>6.</sup> Per private communication from Walter Hubbard, who quoted extracts from The Times and Lloyds List for February of 1862.

<sup>1.</sup> The washed-out appearing grilled  $3\phi$  stamps usually come on thicker paper (approximately .0028 and up); conversely, the red and orange-tending  $3\phi$  grilled stamps come on thinner paper (approximately .0020-.0027). The early shade snaps very hard, and the later shades snap very flimsy. The *Scott Catalogue* lists these later  $3\phi$  grilled shades as on "Very Thin Paper."

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Figure 1. Two 3¢ 1861s in the washed-out shade mailed in October and April of 1867.

The ungrilled  $3\phi$  stamps of 1867 into 1868 seem to come in the same washedout shade as the earliest grilled  $3\phi$  stamps. Figure 1 illustrates two uses of the  $3\phi$  1861 in the washed-out shade which were mailed in October and April of 1867. It seems highly probable that both the ungrilled and grilled  $3\phi$  stamps of late 1867 into early 1868 came from the same printing.



Figure 2. Two 3¢ "A" grills and a 3¢ 1861, all in the washed-out shade, used on an 1867 forwarded cover.

Figure 2 shows a cover mailed from Little Rock, Ark., to Memphis, Tenn., on Aug. 23, (1867). A pair of  $3\phi$  "A" grills probably overpaid the single rate of 3 cents per ½ ounce. The cover was forwarded from Memphis to South Amboy, N. J., on Sep. 1, (1867). A single  $3\phi$  1861 stamp paid the forwarding charge. All three stamps are in the typical washed-out shade of the period. This particular combination franking with the "A" grill stamps is extremely unusual and desirable.<sup>2</sup>

Figure 3 illustrates a cover mailed from Great Barrington, Mass., to New York, N. Y., on July 18, (1868), with a  $3\phi$  "D" grill (P. F. certified, No. 10,817) paying the postage. It was forwarded from New York City to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on July 20, (1868), with a  $3\phi$  "F" grill paying the forwarding charge.

<sup>2.</sup> Covers such as this (not very pretty, but extremely unusual) separate the advanced philatelic specialist from the condition conscious accumulator. The former would treasure such a cover, while the latter wouldn't even want it.

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Figure 3. A 3¢ "D" grill in the washed-out shade and a 3¢ "F" grill in the well-inked, red-tending shade used on an 1868 forwarded cover.

The  $3\phi$  "D" grill is in the washed-out shade, and the  $3\phi$  "F" grill is in the richer, red-tending shade. This truly fascinating cover shows the striking contrast between the early and later 3¢ grilled shades. Figure 4 is a nice example of an early 3¢ "E" grill in the washed-out shade.

It was mailed on May 11, (1868), from Coldwater, Mich.



Figure 4. A 3¢ "E" grill in the washed-out shade mailed on May 11, (1868).

Here is a word to the wise! Anytime you are offered a points-down  $3\phi$ grilled stamp on cover where the stamp is in the washed-out shade (probably mailed in early 1868), check the grill very closely if the stamp is offered as the "F" grill. More often than not, the stamp actually will be the "E" grill, and occasionally will be the much more valuable "D" or "Z" grill. In just this manner your writer acquired the current second earliest known use of the 3¢ "D" grill for \$4.00 (the cover catalogs \$300.00). Obviously, a little knowledge can help beat today's high prices.

#### UTAH AND NEVADA-SOME TERRITORIAL USES OF THE 10¢ 1861 ISSUE **KENNETH D. GILBART**

A collector who desires to remain anonymous has kindly permitted this contributor to photograph three covers showing unusual Utah and Nevada Territorial usages. A bit of historical perspective is in order to appreciate the unusual features of these covers. Utah became a territory on September 9, 1850, and included all but the southern tip of present day Nevada. Nevada Territory was separated from Utah Territory on March 2, 1861. Carson City, the capital of Nevada, was founded by a group of miners returning east from California in 1851. It is named after the famous early frontiersman, Kit Carson, and was

at one time or another a Pony Express station, Wells Fargo station, and a station on the Overland Mail route. The Carson City post office was established November 19, 1858, and remained part of Utah Territory until Nevada Territory was created on March 2, 1861.

Figure 1. From Carson City, Nevada Territory (although the postmark reads "U.T." for "Utah Territory") in May 1862. Nevada Territory was cut from Utah Territory before the 1861 stamps were issued.

The cover in Figure 1 shows a "CARSON CITY/MAY-27/U.T" cds along with a  $10\phi$  type II paying the single letter rate to St. Louis, Mo. A pencil notation indicates an 1862 use. As the  $10\phi$  stamp was first issued in August of 1861, the "UT" postmark on this cover is more than a year outdated as it should have shown Carson City, Nevada Territory, rather than "UT."

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Figure 2. "VIRGINIA CITY/UTAH" with a 10¢ 1861 stamp, proving the cover to have been of Nevada Territorial origin. The 10¢ "over the Rockies" rate went out of existence before Nevada became a state in October 1864.

The cover in Figure 2 is similar to the above one in that the blue balloon "VIRGINIA CITY/NOV 28/UTAH (T)" cds is used almost nine months after Virginia City became part of Nevada Territory. Why these townmarks were not changed to denote Nevada Territory rather than Utah Territory is conjecture. Could it be the postmaster's indifference? Or the effect of the Civil War farther east? The cover in Figure 3 is the most interesting of all. It has a great many things going for it. First, it bears, at the left, a manuscript endorsement to be returned to the sender at Promontory Point, Utah. Utah Territory covers to Canada surely aren't that common. Secondly, it is postmarked with a rather faint but sharply defined Union Pacific Railroad route agent marking of March 21, 1869. (Towle-Meyer 932-A-2; a tracing is included with the illustration in case the marking does not show clearly on the cover.) Lastly, the cover is a Wells, Fargo printed frank on a  $3\notin$  U.S. stamped envelope.



Figure 3. Carried by Wells, Fargo from Promontory Point, Utah Territory, to the Union Pacific Railroad, then under construction westward, March 1869. The inset shows a tracing of the Route Agent c.d.s. applied aboard the Union Pacific, where the cover was placed in the U.S. mails for transmission to Canada.

All these factors are of considerable interest. Promontory Point, on May 10, 1869, just 50 days after this cover entered the mails, was to be the site of the ceremony marking the meeting of the Central and Union Pacific Railroads that completed the first U.S. transcontinental railroad. It was there that the famous golden spike was driven (although Leland Stanford missed the spike on his first swing) to be reported by telegraph across the country as the most famous railroad event ever, symbolically linking the continental United States.

The fact the cover originated at Promontory Point probably indicates a connection with the events of some weeks later. The Wells, Fargo printed frank on the  $3\phi$  government stamped envelope and the cover's Union Pacific Route Agent marking indicate the cover was carried by Wells, Fargo eastward to meet the railroad, where the cover was placed in the U.S. mails. Since the meeting point of the railroads wasn't established until in April and the two railroads were laying steel as rapidly as possible (at \$32,000 per mile subsidy each wished to build as much of the trackage it could), just how far east from Promontory Point the Union Pacific end of steel was on March 21, 1869, is a good question. Wells, Fargo could then have had to transport the mails well into Wyoming to deliver them to the Post Office Department Route Agent aboard the trains, but the gap was narrowing rapidly.

The  $3\phi$  U.S. government stamped envelope was, of course, used by Wells, Fargo for their printed franks in compliance with the laws specifying that all domestic letters carried outside the mails be sent in such envelopes of the proper denomination for the service rendered.

The ten cents stamp paid the cross border postage to Toronto, Canada, where the cover is addressed. (The old  $15\phi$  transcontinental cross border rate had been reduced to  $10\phi$  in 1864).

Any of the different features of this cover-origin and carriage to the rail-

road; the association with the meeting of the two segments of the transcontinental railroad, and being a cross border cover from Utah territory—would have been sufficient to have made this cover quite interesting. In combination, they probably place this cover in a class by itself.

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#### PACIFIC COAST TO ACROSS THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Ken Gilbart's article describing the three  $10\phi$  1861 covers from the Utah-Nevada area, of much interest in itself, also has another aspect worth some discussion. This is the question of the  $10\phi$  rate from inland states west of the Rocky Mountains and addressed to the east.

When the new rates effective July 1, 1851, were established, prepaid letter rates were based upon a distance of 3,000 miles in transit. Rates were, as is well known,  $3\phi$  for not over 3,000 miles and  $6\phi$  for more than that, for prepaid single rate letters. For unpaid letters, rates were  $5\phi$  and  $10\phi$ , based upon the same distance structure. On April 1, 1855, prepayment of domestic letters was absolutely required and the rate for more than 3,000 miles transit was raised to  $10\phi$  per single letter. For both of these periods, covers to or from west of the Rockies or the Pacific Coast, addressed across the mountains and conveyed overland less than 3,000 miles were rated at  $3\phi$ . Such a cover, sent from St. Louis to San Francisco, is shown on page 327 of the revised edition of Simpson's USPM.

The 3,000 mile distance as a concept for rating mail was eliminated by the act passed February 12, 1861, presumably becoming effective on May 1st of that year by issuance of a pamphlet listing the provisions of the new act and adding instructions for their use. By that act, the distance concept was replaced by a provision requiring  $10\phi$  as the rate of "letter postage between any State or Territory east of the Rocky Mountains and any State or Territory on the Pacific." From a literal interpretation of this language, it would seem the  $10\phi$  rate would no longer apply to mail to or from those states and territories inland from the Pacific, but west of the Rocky Mountains. "On the Pacific" would seem to apply only to the states of California and Oregon and to Washington Territory mails, relative to mails across the mountains to or from the east.

Actually, such was not the case; the interpretation seemed to be that any letters sent over the Rocky Mountains were subject to 10d postage. This is aptly illustrated by both Figures 1 and 2 of Mr. Gilbart's article. Whether we consider them from Nevada or Utah, neither is from the "Pacific." Noting that the 3,000 mile provision had been eliminated in 1861, the fact that the one cover went only from Carson City to St. Louis is unimportant, but in the same vein, had either cover travelled only from Utah or Nevada to Denver, it is presumed the 10¢ rate would still have applied. Since the majority of the more or less "local" mails in the west were carried by express companies, the question may be academic, but who, reading these notes, can report the 10dacross the Rockies" rated cover that travelled the shortest distance? It should be noted that the act effective on July 1, 1863, eliminated the 10¢ rate across the Rockies, so the possibility for covers carried under it is limited to the period May 1, 1861, to July 1, 1863. During 1861, the  $10\phi$  1857 stamps were in use for most of the year, being succeeded by the new issue in August but the old stamps probably still being used in some remote portions of the west until after the first of the year. Therefore, most of the "across the Rockies" covers will bear the 1861 stamps, but those bearing the stamps of the previous issue will also be in good supply.

Figure 4 shows a cover mailed from Austin, Nevada, after the act effective July 1, 1863, reduced the rate to  $3\phi$  per half ounce on covers sent anywhere in the United States. Nevada became a state on 31 October, 1864, after only

Figure 4. From Austin, Nevada, year unknown. May be territorial use if used in 1864; statehood for any later year.

about three and one half years as a territory, so territorial covers should be decidedly scarce and covers showing the  $3\phi$  rate in the 15 months Nevada was a territory after July 1, 1863, are probably quite rare. Proof or even evidence of territorial usage is necessary. The cover of

Proof or even evidence of territorial usage is necessary. The cover of Figure 4 is without year date, but the relatively pale shade of the  $3\phi$  stamp, found mostly used after 1864, seems to proclaim the cover is early statehood vintage. While Chase-Cabeen lists the marking as territorial, Austin having been established just prior to statehood, the 1867 U.S. Register lists the Austin postmaster, Robert Allen, as having received \$3200 compensation for the four quarters ending June 30, 1867. This was the highest compensation for any Nevada postmaster of the period, and the figure greatly enhances the probability of the cover of Figure 4 having been mailed after statehood.

The purpose of these notes is to observe that while  $10\phi$  rated Nevada covers with 1861 stamps are territorial and may be from the "across the Rockies" period, Nevada covers bearing  $3\phi$  1861 stamps may be either territorial or statehood, and may be from the periods when the "across the Rockies" rate was in effect, from the territorial period after July 1, 1863, or from the statehood period.

#### Richard B. Graham

**Review: Postal Laws and Regulations of the United States, 1852.** Reprint edition. Published by Theron Wierenga, P. O. Box 2007, Holland, Michigan 49423. Over 330 pages of material, \$45.00 from publisher.

Like most mid 19th century *P.L.* & *R.s.*, the 1852 version is divided into separate sections covering laws and regulations, and the index is still another section, all separately paginated. The data contained in this particular issue are of a great deal of importance to the U.S. postal historian, since it covers nearly all the types of services of interest for the period. This includes ship, steamboat, British treaty foreign mails, free franking, and most of the other postal procedures responsible for the more attractive postal history covers of the era.

However, this volume includes two other major sections of much importance. Both stem from the fact that the particular volume of the 1852 *P.L.*  $\mathcal{L}$  *R.* from which the reprint was taken once belonged to Horatio King, a career official with the Post Office Department for the years prior to the Civil War. As a clerk, he handled the foreign mail desk, but later was First Assistant Post-

master General, for 1854 until his appointment as Postmaster General to finish out the final months of the Buchanan administration. While he was on the foreign mail desk, from 1852-4, he used his 1852 *P.L.* & R. as a scrapbook, pasting into it some 75 pages worth of clippings of orders, announcements, many from newspapers, so that the edition became a thorough documentation of the foreign mail history for those years. All this, including King's manuscript notes have been reproduced with the reprint edition exactly as King left them.

Also reproduced is a 16 page supplement to the *P.L.*  $\mathcal{C}$  *R.*, required to make available a new postal act passed while the 1852 *P.L.*  $\mathcal{C}$  *R.* was being printed. While mostly about printed matter, such items are included as an authorization for the Postmaster General to contract for mails to be carried to and from Halifax by steamer, or to the lowest bidder, and for steamboat mails between certain cities of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

However, it is the foreign mail announcements that will probably be of the most interest to *Chronicle* readers. For those scholars who own copies of the U.S. Mail & Post Office Assistant, the notes of Horatio King, from 1852-1860, fill in the foreign mail rate changes and route revisions in about the same manner as the U.S.M. & P.O.A. did in the 1860s. The specialists will undoubtedly cull a great many items of interest from those pages in the 1852 reprint edition.

A minor criticism may be made in that the King notes are on pages without page numbers, which makes references in articles and letters difficult. The writer has, in fact, applied "C" (for "Clipping") numbers to those pages without other page designations.

The book is nicely printed by offset, and is bound in a substantial library quality buckram, to match the rest of the *P.L.*  $\mathcal{C}$  *R*. series being reprinted by Mr. Wierenga.

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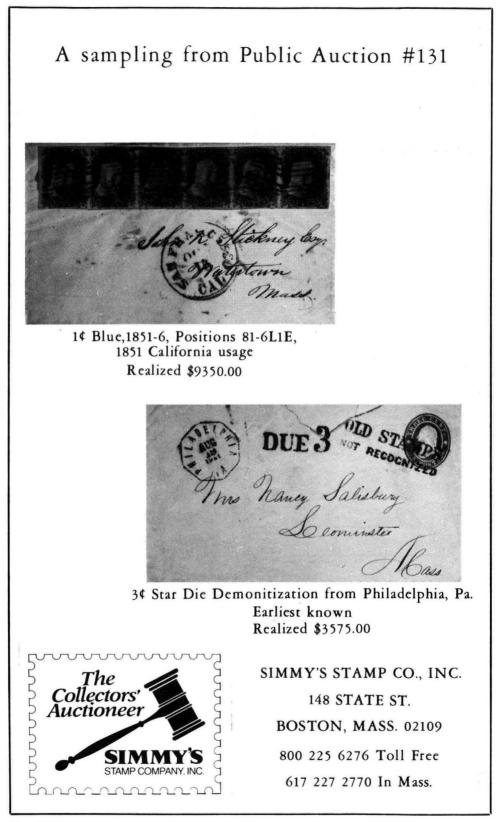


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#### THE 1869 PERIOD MICHAEL LAURENCE, Editor

#### THE 10¢ TRANSPACIFIC RATES: PART FIVE MICHAEL LAURENCE INTRODUCTION

This section has previously contained articles about the U.S. transpacific mails at the  $10\phi$  rate, discussing covers to and from China, Japan, and Hawaii, as well as covers to Australia and New Zealand.<sup>1</sup> We had hoped, for this concluding installment on the  $10\phi$  transpacific covers, to be able to announce a vast amount of new information, material, and insights, all brought to light by the publication of the previous articles.

by the publication of the previous articles. However, reality hasn't been that kind. Not too much new has turned up. We have a few more  $10\phi$  1869 covers from Shanghai to report; we have some good news about the Juhring cover from Hiogo to Canada; and we have a lonely but very interesting cover showing transpacific carriage to Singapore. To this cover we turn first, since the rating and routing it represents complete our discussion of the U.S. transpacific mails at the  $10\phi$  rate.

#### 10¢ TRANSPACIFIC RATE TO SINGAPORE

The U.S.-Hong Kong postal convention of  $1867^2$  expanded the range of the  $10\phi$  transpacific rate to include the treaty ports of Canton, Amoy, Swatow, and Foochow. The following year a U.S.-British convention extended the range of the rate even further—through the Straits Settlements, around India, all the way west to Aden, at the bottom of the Arabian Peninsula. This was the U.S.-British postal convention signed at Washington 28 July 1868 and effective 1 November 1868.<sup>3</sup> It provided for an exchange of mails—via San Francisco and Hong Kong—between the U.S., the British Straits Settlements, and the British East Indies. In effect, the  $10\phi$  transpacific rate, which had earlier reached Hong Kong and the treaty ports, was extended to all ports east of Suez regularly served by the fortnightly British P&O mail steamers. This included Singapore, Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, and Aden. Commencing with the November 1868 issue, the U.S. Mail began listing a  $10\phi$  per half ounce rate "via San Francisco to Aden, the British East Indies, and Singapore.

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Figure 1. 10¢ 1869 on cover from Detroit to Singapore, then forwarded back to Hong Kong, under terms of the U.S.British postal convention of 1868.

While the  $10\phi$  rate to these destinations continued until U.P.U., covers showing the rate are uncommon. Respecting covers bearing the 1869 stamps, we record just one cover carried via British mails beyond Hong Kong under the terms of the 1868 treaty.

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<sup>1.</sup> Chronicle 100:270-273; 101:42-52; 102:128-133; 104:266-271.

<sup>2.</sup> Chronicle 100:271.

This is the cover illustrated as Figure 1, a small envelope posted at Detroit on 4 July 1870, originally addressed to a U.S. naval officer on board the U.S. Ship *Colorado*, "care of the U.S. Consul, Singapore, East India". The cover, franked with a  $10\phi$  1869 stamp, bears a magenta San Francisco PAID ALL marking dated AUG 1. On 1 August 1870 the PMSS *Great Republic* departed San Francisco for Yokohama and Hong Kong.<sup>4</sup>

While the cover in Figure 1 shows no Hong Kong markings, no doubt it entered the British mails there, to travel without further charge, per the terms of the 1868 treaty, on the P&O mail steamer from Hong Kong to Singapore. The cover bears a circular Singapore backstamp, in the British style, dated SP 22 70. The cover was then "forwarded by U.S. Consul, Singapore" back to Hong Kong, presumably on the next P&O steamer in the opposite direction, and according to docketing on the reverse finally reached its well-travelled recipient in Shanghai on 24 October 1870. Thus, the cover availed itself of the terms of the treaty in both directions.

The U.S.S. *Colorado* to which this cover is addressed should not be confused with the P.M.S.S. sidewheeler of the same name. The Navy *Colorado*, a blockader during the Civil War, was sent out to Asia in 1870 and participated in the U.S. invasion of Korea on 10 June 1871—what Dick Graham calls the first Korean War.

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via San Francisco.		
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" KNIPPLER & CO. HIDGO (JAPAN)"		an Marken

FROG TURNS PRINCE

Figure 2. 10¢ 1869 plus three 2¢ 1869 on cover from Hiogo, Japan, to Quebec. This cover was previously illustrated in Chronicle 98, without the bottom 2¢ stamp, which was recently reunited with the cover.

In Chronicle 98, our Canada-oriented issue timed to coincide with CAPEX, the 1978 international stamp show at Toronto, I provided an article on  $10\phi$ 1869 covers to and from Canada. One of the covers illustrated and discussed there was from Hiogo, Japan, to Quebec, bearing two  $2\phi$  1869 stamps and a  $10\phi$  1869, just tied by the well-known Hiogo double circle. This was what Ashbrook would have called a combination rate cover $-10\phi$  transpacific and  $6\phi$  U.S.-to-Canada. A  $2\phi$  1869 stamp was obviously missing from this cover, as I discussed. At the time I wrote, the cover had not been seen for more than 30 years and I speculated (erroneously) that it reposed in Japan.

As seems frequently to happen, hardly had the ink dried on the CAPEX Chronicle before contrary information appeared. The first section of the John Juhring collection, auctioned by Sotheby Parke Bernet at CAPEX, contained this very cover. Almost incredibly, the sale also contained the missing  $2\phi$  1869 stamp, though the two were not remarried until sometime afterwards. It seems that Juhring had owned both the cover and the missing stamp without ever

<sup>4.</sup> Chronicle 101:43.

realizing that the two belonged together. Stamp and cover had been separated for at least three decades, since the cover had been illustrated, lacking the stamp, in *Pat Paragraphs* in 1948.

For those who are interested in such things, the cover was lot 795 in the Juhring CAPEX sale and the stamp was lot 369. The reassembled cover, shown as Figure 2, has a recent Foundation certificate stating that all four stamps were originally used on this envelope. The tiniest of ties (at left on the lowest stamp, which is the one that had been missing) plus the distinctive centering of the stamp itself, make the mating undeniable. Elliott Coulter is the proud owner of the cover, and he credits sharp-eyed dealer Richard Frajola with spotting the missing stamp elsewhere in the catalog. The most astonishing thing about this reunion is that Juhring, who must have known his cover was missing a  $2\phi$  1869 stamp (Elliott Perry had pointed this out in 1948), never realized that the missing stamp reposed elsewhere in his own voluminous collection.

I'm sure I'm not the only collector who owns a cover or two from which a stamp is missing. Like frogs, they await the magic kiss that will transform them back into princes. For all of us who wait and look, endlessly hoping that the missing stamp might someday turn up, it's encouraging to learn that the transmogrifying kiss occasionally occurs. It's more sobering to think that the stamp we have sought so avidly might actually be buried somewhere in our own collection.

#### CONCLUSION

We now record 47  $10\phi$  1869 covers used at the U.S. consular post office at Shanghai. The earliest use of  $10\phi$  1869 at Shanghai is 20 November 1869. The latest use is 19 February 1873. Covers bearing  $10\phi$  1869 to China are considerably less common; we record 12 of them. We show 19 covers from Japan, nine to Japan. And we show seven covers from Hawaii and only two to Hawaii. Generally speaking,  $10\phi$  1869 covers to a transpacific destination are scarcer than covers from the same destination.

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## THE GREAT LAKE MICHIGAN BOTTLE EXPRESS

#### BARBARA J. WALLACE

It is a chilly November morning in 1886 as a man, strolling along a sandy beach, chances upon a bottle lying in the sand. Approaching it he sees that it contains a paper. Perhaps a message from a shipwrecked unfortunate? His pulse quickens as he opens the vessel and removes its contents, still damp from their arduous journey across the sea.

He reads the letter which we suppose went something like this: To the finder: Please fill in the enclosed postal card and return it to the undersigned by mail. In consideration of your assistance, we shall send you a reward by return of post. Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation. The Drainage and Water Supply Commission of Chicago, Rudolph Hering, Chief Engineer.

Such may have been the scenario surrounding the postal card shown in Figure 1, the reverse of which is Figure 2. All that remains is the response card itself though the rest may be inferred with reasonable confidence from it and the few other such cards which have survived. Why, you may wonder, was this organization floating bottles on Lake Michigan? Let us consider the historical context and antecedents.



Figure 1. Postal card found in "Bottle Float."

Chicago had difficulties with drinking water supply since its earliest days. In 1839 the citizens of Chicago obtained their water from wells or bought it from peddlars who brought it around in barrels two or three times a week. The Hydraulic Company had been chartered in January 1836 but remained inactive for a considerable time thereafter. Speaking of the early water supply, a resident noted that it came with "piscatorial offerings of a very diminutive character." In 1854 the first large pumping station was built in which same year Chicago suffered from a cholera epidemic in which over 1400 people died—some 2 percent of the population. The correct inference that the water supply was being contaminated by wastes from the city was made and the formidable task of building a water intake "crib" some two miles into the lake was undertaken. This was connected by a five foot tunnel six feet beneath the lake bed to convey the water to the Chicago Ave. pumping station. Completed in 1867, the "crib" is shown in an 1866 view in Figure 3. Though the crib was a great engineering success, providing the intake for Chicago's water

BOTTLE FLOAT; No. 53 Series Oct S. D. When Found, Date, Mounder 14 Time, 11. 30. a. M. Where Found, (describe locality fully.) 150 yard. math of Muskegon harbour Name of Finder, George Morency Address, Muskegon Life Savi

Figure 2. Message side of Figure 1.

until the completion of the "4 mile" crib in 1891, occasional storms still caused dangerous amounts of waste to enter the system. The magnitude of the hazard may be contemplated in light of the fact that Chicago's stock yards and other industries routinely dumped their untreated waste into the river which flowed directly into Lake Michigan. Such were the "good old days" in Chicago.

As Chicago's population grew (1880 pop. was 503,185) so did the waste problem. A search for a final remedy for these dangers started, with early investigations as to the prospects for reversing the flow of the Chicago River beginning in 1885.

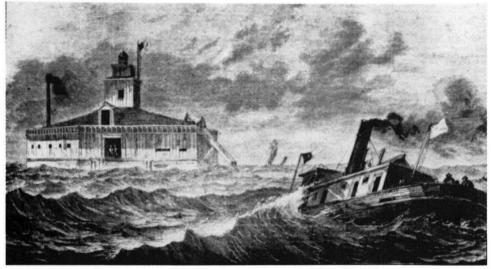


Figure 3. Chicago intake crib under construction in 1866.

From all indications, these "Bottle Floats" were for the purpose of charting currents in Lake Michigan. Where they were launched is not entirely clear but some have the pencil notation "crib" suggesting that this may have been one point of origin. Two of five examples observed which bear that notation travelled to Michigan before being found, the others landed in the Chicago area. In most cases, no exact date of launching is given on the card, however one (Float #5) shows a date of Nov. 5 with a recovery date of Nov. 28, "about 15 miles north of St. Joseph, Mich." postmarked "Covert, Mich."

All examples observed were apparently launched in the period of August through November 1886.

An analysis of 16 cards, which we estimate to be about 80 to 90 percent of the surviving examples, shows the following:

Returned by post from Michigan	9
Returned by post from Illinois	2
As above under cover	1
Returned by post from Indiana	1
Returned in person	3

Several of the cards are more or less dogeared and some are stained. The two with Chicago postmarks were both recovered at sea by "Captain John Jurgen" of the Chicago Towing Company, found one hour apart on the same day. All cards are Scott catalog number UX 8 with the printed address shown in Figure 1.

Just how much these cards proved to the researchers at the Commission is not known, however the proportion which were carried eastward must have encouraged the ultimately successful plan of reversing the direction of flow of the Chicago River. This project was begun Sept. 3, 1892 (the Chicago death rate from typhoid reaching 174 per 100,000 people in 1891) and completed Jan. 2, 1900. Various extensions of the channel were completed later.

Thus concluded an extraordinary letter-in-a-bottle episode which, though not resulting in a rescue from a desert island, led to the saving of untold thousands of lives and the healthy growth of our second largest city.

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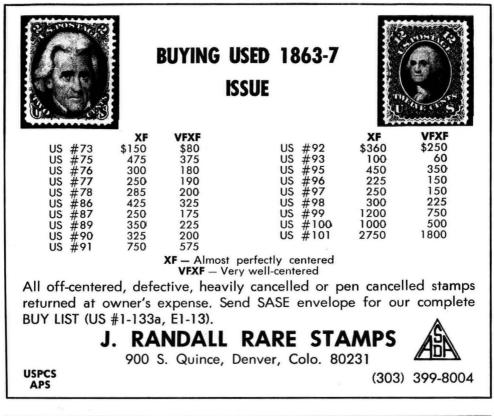
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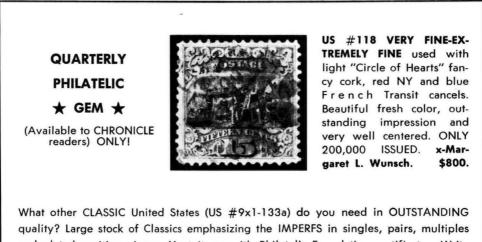
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#### CLOSED MAILS FROM CALIFORNIA TO GREAT BRITAIN 1849-1860 WALTER HUBBARD

As Article 5<sup>1</sup> of the Anglo-American Convention-Communications by Post of 15th December 1848 was primarily concerned with the transit of Closed Mails between Great Britain and the North American Provinces through United States territory, the two handstamps associated with it—ART-5/BR.PKT and ART-5/U.S.PKT—would not appear to have much significance for the collector of covers between the United States and Europe. They are, however, as Alan Robertson pointed out,<sup>2</sup> occasionally found on unpaid letters from California which had crossed the United States and the Atlantic in closed bags. Robertson records these marks as known from 1849 to 1860, struck in green or black and usually on the reverse.

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Figure 1. Cover from Grass Valley, Cal., to Scotland in 1853. The stamps were disregarded and the en-tire postage of  $1/2y_2(29\varepsilon)$  collected from addressee.

The cover illustrated was posted at Grass Valley, Cal.,<sup>3</sup> on 24 May 1853. It arrived at Liverpool on 10 July and was delivered at Perth on the following day. The sender, and perhaps the Post Office at Grass Valley, apparently thought that the United States inland postage of 6 cents had to be prepaid but the British, in collecting ls.2<sup>k</sup>d. (29 cents) from the addressee, correctly ignored this part payment. It will be noted that there is no U.S. Exchange Office mark. The handstamps on the front are in black, those on the reverse in green. Asia, of the Cunard Line, sailed from Boston on 29 June and arrived at Liverpool on 10 July and presumably this cover was carried by her.<sup>4</sup>

The United States Postmaster General's Annual Reports for the fiscal

1. "Art.V. The United States engage to grant the United Kingdom the transit in Closed Mails through the Territory of the United States of correspondence and newspapers from the United Kingdom to the British North American Provinces and from those Provinces to the United Kingdom at the rate of inland postage to be charged under this Convention for letters and newspapers between the United Kingdom and the United States. A British Officer shall be permitted to accompany the closed bags during transit." *Public Records Office: F.O. 93 8/20.* 2. Alan Robertson: *Maritime Postal History of the British Isles*, Liverpool E167.

3. Stanley B. Ashbrook: The United States One Cent Stamp of 1851-1857; see Vol. II plate 53B for similar strike.

4. The Chronicle: 95:198.

Figure 2. Reverse of cover, showing Liverpool arrival postmark and handstamp ART-5/BR. PKT.

years from 30 June 1853 to 30 June 1864<sup>5</sup> show that the Closed Mails from California totalled some 68,000 ounces in these twelve years. Almost exactly half of this total was carried by the Cunard Line whilst the rest was distributed over the other major shipping companies. Incidentally, a Closed Mail cover from California carried by the Allan Line in the twelve months ending 30 June 1861 would be a considerable rarity, as in that fiscal year the Allan Line received compensation for only 4½ ounces for mail carried on this route.

Would any members who have unreported examples or information about the instructions to Western Postmasters regarding the use of these handstamps, please send details to either of the Associate Editors.

5. The Postmaster General's Annual Reports for the Fiscal Years 1853-1864 (Wierenga Reprints).

#### CORRIGENDA-AACHEN FRANCO MARKINGS ON PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL

#### ALLAN RADIN

For the record, revisions must be made to the table published in *Chronicle* 106:130. Accordingly a revised table of earliest and latest known uses follows.

#### AACHEN FRANCO MARKINGS ON PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL

			Earliest		Latest			
Large FRANCO (M)		22	Jan	18531	7	Sep	18552	
Small FRANCO (N)		26	Dec	1854	22	Aug	1855	
Boxed FRANCO (O) <sup>3</sup>		28	Dec	1853	19	Jan	1855	
Boxed AACHEN (date) /FRANCO	red	29	Apr	1854	10	May	18644	
	magenta	26	Jul	1864	15	Oct	1864	
	black <sup>5</sup>	17	Feb	1865				
	blue	1	Feb	1865	11	Aug	1867	

1. On cover illustrated by George E. Hargest, *Chronicle* 62:84. "Earliest" date of 24 Jan 1853 he listed in *Chronicle* 76:221 is believed to be a typographical error.

2. On cover shown by Richard F. Winter (RA 1564), unfortunately without dated backstamp. Arbitrarily assigned date 16 days later than New York exchange office marking, for conveyance by *Baltic* of the Collins Line.

3. Only two seen to date.

4. Revised date published by Hargest, *Chronicle* 78:125, and previously overlooked by the author, an embarrassing and inexcusable oversight brought to his attention by associate editor Walter Hubbard.

5. Only one seen to date; the use of black ink is presumed an error.

## HAMBURG PACKET MARKING ON PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL

It is no doubt unnecessary to remind the reader that the designation of the packet service contained in the familiar U.S. exchange office markings applied to foreign mail in the treaty period was for accounting purposes. It may be less superfluous to remark that the designation "American Packet" applied not only to those of U.S. registry but also to those of foreign registry providing sea conveyance under contract or arrangement with the U.S. Post Office Department (USPOD).



1861 unpaid PCM cover with "30/N. YORK HAMB. PKT." marking.

As is well known, conveyance of Prussian closed mail (PCM) between the U.S. and England was aboard American or British packets. Logically, therefore, one should never expect to find any but "AM. PKT." or "BR. PKT." markings on PCM. "What, never?–Well, hardly ever."



Reverse of "HAMB. PKT." cover.

The Hamburg-Amerikanische Paketfahrt Aktien-Gesellschaft (Hamburg-American or HAPAG line) was from time to time under contract with the

USPOD for transport of mail between the U.S. and England; westbound PCM and other mails were picked upon calls at Plymouth.

A peculiar situation thus existed in the U.S. exchange office: in its main transport of mail from Hamburg a HAPAG liner was "Hamburg Packet" while for mail transported from Plymouth it was "American Packet." Different markings had to be applied to mail arriving at the same time, unloaded from the same packet. Understandably, mistakes were inevitable. The unpaid 1861 westbound cover illustrated here is marked "HAMB. PKT." instead of "AM. PKT." Of course, the applied marking in black still served the essential purpose of showing  $30\phi$  postage due.

Considering the large volume of mail transported, this should not be a unique example of a misapplied "HAMB. PKT." marking.

#### THE CUNARD LINE'S MAIL PACKETS ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC 1870-1875 WALTER HUBBARD AND CLIFFORD L. FRIEND

(Continued from Chronicle 108:282)

1874 (	Cont.)									
PD LP	QT		ARR	PACKET		PD		ARR QT	or LP	NOTES
14 do	15	NY		(M) JAVA		NY 1 Apr*		10 Apr	(1500)	
17 do	18	В	1 Apr			B 4 Apr		14 Apr		
21 do		NY	3 do (			NY 8 Apr*		17 Apr		
24 do	25	В	9 do			B 11 Apr (?)		21 Apr		
28 do		NY				NY 15 Apr*		25 Apr		
31 do 1	l Apr	NY	14 do (		Sat	NY 18 Apr		30 Apr	(0200)	no mails from NY
2 Apr	3	B	17 do	SAMARIA		B 18 Apr (21)	)	1 May		
4 do	5	NY		(M) RUSSIA		NY 22 Apr*		1 May	(2100)	
7 do	8	NY	19 do	(M) CHINA	Sat	NY 25 Apr		5 May		
9 do		B	22 do	HECLA		B 25 Apr (28)	)	8 May		
11 do	12	NY	24 do	(M) CALABRIA		NY 29 Apr*		9 May	(0250)	
14 do	15	В	27 do	(M) BATAVIA		B 2 May		12 May	(0930)	
18 do	19	NY		(M) SCOTIA		NY 6 May*		15 May		
16 do	17	В	29 do	MARATHON		B 5 May		15 May		
21 do	22	NY	3 May	(M) ALGERIA	Sat	NY 9 May		18 May		no mails from NY
23 do	24	В	7 do	OLYMPUS		B 9 May (12	2)	23 May	(1540)	
25 do		NY		(M) CUBA		NY 13 May*		23 May		
28 do		NY		(M) JAVA SIBERIA (M) ABYSSINIA	Sat	NY 16 May		26 May		no mails from NY
30 do		В		SIBERIA		B 16 May (19		29 May		
2 May		NY		()		NY 20 May*		30 May		
5 do		NY		(M) ATLAS	Sat	NY 23 May		2 Jun	(1445)	
7 do		B		SAMARIA		B 23 May		2 Jun	(2015)	
9 do		NY		(M) RUSSIA	Cat	NY 27 May*		5 Jun	(1800) $(1100)$	no mails from NY
12 do 14 do		NY B		(M) CHINA HECLA	Sat	NY 30 May B 30 May		9 Jun 9 Jun	(1600)	
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16 do		NY		(M) CALABRIA		NY 3 Jun*		13 Jun		
19 do		NY		(M) PARTHIA	Sat	NY 6 Jun		16 Jun		
21 do	22		1 Jun	MARATHON		B 6 Jun (?)		19 Jun		
23 do		NY		(M) SCOTIA	C	NY 10 Jun*		19 Jun	(1850)	11. C
26 do		NY		(M) ALGERIA	Sat	NY 13 Jun		23 Jun	(0600)	no mails from NY
28 do		B		OLYMPUS		B 13 Jun		27 Jun		
30 do		NY B		(M) CUBA	Cat	NY 17 Jun* NY 20 Jun		27 Jun 30 Jun	(1000) $(1100)$	no mails from NY
2 Jun	3	Б	15 00	(M) BATAVIA NO SAILING	Sat	B 20 Jun		50 Jun	(1100)	
6 do	7	NY	17 do	(M) ABYSSINIA		NY 24 Jun*		3 Jul	(2100)	
9 do	10			(M) SIBERIA		B 27 Jun		8 Jul	(0130)	see note 34
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34. End of Fiscal Year 1874.

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18 do	19 NY 28	do (M)	RUSSIA		Aug*	14 Aug		0.5
21 do 23 do	22 NY 31	do (M)	JAVA		Aug	17 Aug		see note 35
25 do 25 do	- B 5 26 NY 6	Aug do (M)	SARAGOSSA CALABRIA	NV 19	3 Aug 2 Aug*	18 Aug 22 Aug		F/V and L/V
28 do	29 B 9	do(M)	PARTHIA		Aug	25 Aug		
1 Aug	2 NY 12	do (M)	SCOTIA	NY 19	9 Aug*	28 Aug		
4 do	5 B 16	do(M)	ALGERIA	Sat NY 22		1 Sep	(1300)	see note 35
8 do	9 NY 19		NO SAILING		2 Aug 5 Aug*	r C	(0700)	E /V
11 do	12 B 22	do (M) do (M)	BOTHNIA BATAVIA		) Aug	5 Sep 8 Sep		F/V
15 do	16 NY 25	do (M)	ABYSSINIA	NY	2 Sep	LP 12	Sep	
18 do	19 NY 29	do (M)	CHINA		Sep	15 Sep		see note 35
20 do	21 B 31	do	SAMARIA	B S	5 Sep (8)	18 Sep		
22 do 25 do	23 NY 1 26 NY 5	Sep (M) do (M)	RUSSIA JAVA	NY 9 Sat NY 12	9 Sep	18 Sep LP 23		no mails from NY
27 do	28 B 8		ATLAS		2 Sep (15)	LP 27		no mans from rer
29 do	30 NY 10	do (M)	CUBA	NY 10		27 Sep	1	
1 Sep	2 NY 12	do (M)	PARTHIA	Sat NY 19	) Sep	29 Sep	(0600)	no mails from NY
3 do	4 B 15	do	MARATHON	B 19	9 Sep (22)	2 Oct	(0340)	
5 do 8 do	6 NY 16 9 NY 20	do(M) do(M)	SCOTIA CALABRIA	Sat NY 26	3 Sep*	4 Oct 6 Oct	(1200) (1230)	no mails from NY
10 do	11 B 22	do (M)	HECLA		6 Sep (29)	9 Oct		no mans from 141
12 do	13 NY 22	do (M)	ALGERIA	NY 3	0 Sep	9 Oct	(1400)	
15 do	16 NY 27	do (M)	BATAVIA	Sat NY 3		14 Oct		no mails from NY
17 do 19 do	18 B 28	do	SIBERIA		3 Oct (6)	16 Oct		
19 do 22 do	20 NY 29 23 NY 4	do (M) Oct (M)	ABYSSINIA CHINA	Sat NY 10	7 Oct*	17 Oct 20 Oct		no mails from NY
24 do	26 B 7	do	SAMARIA		0 Oct (13)	23 Oct		
26 do	27 NY 7	do (M)	RUSSIA	NY 1	4 Oct*	23 Oct	(0600)	
29 do	30 NY 10	do(M)	JAVA	Sat NY 12		26 Oct	(	no mails from NY
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10 do	11 NY 23	do(M)	CUBA	NY 2	8 Oct	6 Nov	(2050)	
13 do	14 NY 25	do(M)	CALABRIA	Sat NY 31		10 Nov		no mails from NY
15 do	16 B 28	do	HECLA		1 Oct (3 Nov)		. ,	
17 do	18 NY 29	do (M)	ALGERIA		4 Nov*	14 Nov		1 C NW
20 do	21 NY 2	Nov (M)	BATAVIA	Sat NY		18 Nov	(0500)	no mails from NY; see note 36
			NO SAILING		7 Nov		1000	
24 do	25 NY 4	do(M)	ABYSSINIA		1 Nov	20 Nov		
27 do	28 B 7 Nov NY 11	do (M) do (M)	CHINA RUSSIA		4 Nov 8 Nov*	24 Nov 27 Nov		
3 Nov	4 B 15	do(M)	SAMARIA		1 Nov	30 Nov		
7 do	8 NY 17	do(M)	JAVA		5 Nov		(1840)	
10 do	11 B 23	do (M)	SIBERIA	В 2	8 Nov	LP 10	Dec	
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21 do	25 B 7	do(M)	HECLA		2 Dec		(1200) (1345)	
28 do	29 NY 9	do (M)	ABYSSINIA		6 Dec*	25 Dec	(1915)	
1 Dec	2 B 12	do (M)	CHINA		9 Dec	29 Dec	(0930)	
5 do	6 NY 17	do(M)	RUSSIA		3 Dec*	LP 2		
8 do 12 do	9 B 22 13 NY 23	do(M) do(M)	SAMARIA JAVA		6 Dec 0 Dec*	5 Jan LP 9	(0930) Ian	
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35. On arrival at Queenstown, mails were reported as being landed. Not confirmed. 36. The Cunard service from Liverpool on Tuesdays and New York on Saturdays ceased with this voyage.

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PD LP	QT ARR	PACKET	PD	ARR QT or LP	NOTES
15 do	16 B 29 do (1	M) SIBERIA	PD B 2 Jan NY 6 Jan* B 9 Jan (12) NY 13 Jan B 16 Jan (?) NY 20 Jan* (23) B 23 Jan NY 27 Jan B 30 Jan (4 Feb)	LP 15 Jan	
19 do	20 NY 2 Jan (1	M) CUBA	NY 6 Jan*	16 Jan (0200)	
22 do 26 do	23 B 8 do (1 27 NY 9 do (1	M) MAKATHON	B 9 Jan (12) NY 13 Jan	LP 23 Jan LP 28 Jan	
29 do	30  B  14  do(1)	M) HECLA	B 16 Jan (?)	26 Jan (0800)	
2 Jan	3 NY 19 do (1	M) PARTHIA	NY 20 Jan* (23)	2 Feb (0800)	see note 37
5 do	6 B 20 do (1	M) CHINA	B 23 Jan	1 Feb (1800)	
9 do 12 do	10 NY 22 do (1 13 B 29 do (1	M) KUSSIA M) SAMARIA	NY 27 Jan B 30 Jap (4 Feb)	LP 6 FeD 14 Feb (1400)	
14 00	15 D 25 UU(1	() SAMARIA	b 50 Jan (4 Peb)	14 100 (1100)	
16 do	17 NY 30 do (1	M) JAVA	NY 3 Feb*	13 Feb (0800)	
19 do	21 B 4 Feb (1	A) SIBERIA	B 6 Feb (?)	21 Feb (1215)	
23 do 26 do	24 NY 6 do (1 27 B 9 do (1	M) CUBA	NY 10 Feb	20 Feb (0400) 23 Feb (0200)	
30 do	31 NY 12 do (1	M) ABYSSINIA	NY 17 Feb*	28 Feb (2400)	
2 Feb	3 B 16 do (1	M) MARATHON	B 20 Feb	3 Mar (1100)	
	7 NY 19 do (1	M) PARTHIA	NY 24 Feb (27)	10 Mar (0230)	see note 38
9 do	10 B 23 do(1)	M) HECLA	NY 3 Feb* B 6 Feb (?) NY 10 Feb B 13 Feb NY 17 Feb* B 20 Feb NY 24 Feb (27) B 27 Feb	11 Mar (1100)	
13 do	14 NY 25 do (1	ALGERIA	NY 3 Mar* B 6 Mar NY 10 Mar B 13 Mar NY 17 Mar* B 20 Mar NY 24 Mar B 27 Mar NY 31 Mar*	14 Mar (0900)	
16 do	17 B 27 do (1	M) CHINA	B 6 Mar	15 Mar (2030)	
20 do	21 NY 4 Mar (1	M) JAVA	NY 10 Mar	19 Mar (1400)	
23 do 27 do	24 B 7 do (1 28 NY 10 do (1	M) SAMAKIA	B 13 Mar NY 17 Mar*	23  Mar (1730) 26 Mar (1400)	
2 Mar	3 B 14 do (1	M) SIBERIA	B 20 Mar	1  Apr (0030)	
6 do	7 NY 20 do (1	M) ABYSSINIA	NY 24 Mar	2 Apr (2015)	
9 do	10 B 22 do (1 14 NY 24 do (1	M) MARATHON	B 27 Mar	6 Apr (0700)	
13 do	14 NY 24 do (1	(ALABRIA	NI 51 Mar*	11 Apr (1210)	
16 do	17 B 28 do (1	M) ATLAS	B 3 Apr	13 Apr (1600)	
20 do	21 NY 31 do (1	M) ALGERIA	NY 7 Apr*	17 Apr (2010)	
23 do	24 B 4 Apr (1	M) HECLA	B 10 Apr	20 Apr (2300)	
27 do 30 do	28 NY 6 do (1 31 B 12 do (1	M) SAMARIA	B 17 Apr*	24  Apr (1200) 28  Apr (0040)	
3 Apr	4 NY 14 do (1 7 B 17 do (1	A) RUSSIA	NY 21 Apr*	30  Apr (1200)	
		M) PARTHIA	B 24 Apr	3 May (1830)	
10 do	11 NY 20 do (N	A) BOTHNIA	B 3 Apr NY 7 Apr* B 10 Apr NY 14 Apr* B 17 Apr* NY 21 Apr* B 24 Apr NY 28 Apr*	7 May (1940)	
13 do	14 B 24 do (1	A ABYSSINIA	Sat NY 1 May B 1 May NY 5 May* B 8 May NY 12 May* Sat NY 15 May B 15 May NY 19 May* B 22 May NY 26 May B 29 May	10 May (1300)	no mails from NY
	×.	NO SAILING	B 1 May	, ( ,	
17 do	18 NY 30 do (1	(I) CUBA	NY 5 May*	16 May (1500)	L/V
20 do 24 do	21 B 2 May (1 25 NY 6 do (1	A) BATAVIA	B 8 May NV 19 May*	18 May (0615) 21 May (1600)	
27 do	28 B 8 do(1)	M) ALGERIA	Sat NY 15 May	24 May (1600)	no mails from NY
1097 - 14 H		NO SAILING	B 15 May	, 、 ,	
	2 NY 13 do (1	M) SCYTHIA	NY 19 May*	28 May (1440)	$\mathbf{F}/\mathbf{V}$
4 do 8 do	5 B 15 do (1 9 NY 18 do (1	M) RUSSIA	NY 26 May	4  Jun (0400)	
11 do	9 NY 18 do (1 12 B 22 do (1	M) PARTHIA	B 29 May	7 Jun (2200)	
15 do	16 NY 26 do (1	M) BOTHNIA	NY 2 Jun*	11 Jun (1915)	
22 do	23 NY 2 Jun (1	M) ABYSSINIA	B 5 Jun NY 9 Jun	18 Jun (2300)	
25 do	26 B 5 do (1		B 12 Jun	21 Jun (2100)	
29 do	30 NY 9 do (1		NY 16 Jun*	26 Jun (0100)	
1 June	2 B 12 do (1 6 NY 15 do (1		B 19 Jun NY 23 Jun	28 Jun (2100) 2 Jul (0730)	
5 do 8 do	9 B 21 do(1)		B 26 Jun	2 Jul (0730) 6 Jul (1630)	
12 do	13 NY 24 do (1		NY 30 Jun*	9 Jul (2030)	see note 39
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19 do 22 do	23 B 3 Jul (1		B 10 Jul	20 Jul (1210)	
26 do	27 NY 7 do (1		NY 14 Jul*	24 Jul (1500)	
29 do	30 B 10 do (1	M) BATAVIA	B 17 Jul	27 Jul (0900)	
3 Jul	4 NY 16 do ()	M) ALGERIA	NY 21 Jul	31 Jul (0640)	
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87. PARTHIA arrived too late at New York to sail on 20 January. She left 3 days late and probably carried no mail from New York.
38. PARTHIA's departure from New York was delayed for 3 days by repair work. She sailed on 27 February and probably carried no mail from New York.
39. End of Fiscal Year 1875.

1875 (Cont.)				
PD LP QT ARR	PACKET	PD	ARR QT or LP	NOTES
6 do 7 B 17 do (M		B 24 Jul	3 Aug (1340)	
10  do $11 -$	SCYTHIA	<i>D</i> 21 Jui	- (1010)	see note 40
13 do 14 B 23 do (M		Sat NY 31 Jul	10 Aug (1613)	do
	NO SAILING	B 31 Jul		
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17 do 18 NY 27 do (M	RUSSIA	NY 4 Aug	13 Aug (1330)	
20 do 21 B 30 do (M	PARTHIA	B 7 Aug	17 Aug (0620)	
24 do 25 NY 3 Aug (M	BOTHNIA	NY 11 Aug*	20 Aug (1640)	
27 do 28 B 7 do (M	) ATLAS	B 14 Aug	24 Aug (1000)	
31 do 1 Aug NY 11 do (M		NY 18 Aug*	28 Aug (0350)	
3 Aug 4 B 14 do (M	) BATAVIA	B 21 Aug	31 Aug (0710)	
7 do 8 NY 18 do (M	) ALGERIA	NY 25 Aug*	4 Sep (0220)	
10 do 11 B 22 do (M	) MARATHON	B 28 Aug	17 Aug (0620) 20 Aug (1640) 24 Aug (1000) 28 Aug (0350) 31 Aug (0710) 4 Sep (0220) 7 Sep (0500)	
14 do 15 NY 24 do (M	) SCYTHIA	NY 1 Sep*	11 Sep (0015)	
17 do 18 B 28 do (M		B 4 Sep	13 Sep (1730)	
21 do 22 NY 31 do (M		NV 8 Sep*	17 Sep (1300)	
24  do $26  B 4  Sep(M$		B 11 Sep	LP 22 Sep	
28 do 29 NY 7 do (M	BOTHNIA	NY 15 Sep*	25  Sep (1430)	
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18 do 19 NY 28 do (M		NY 6 Oct	15 Oct (1000)	
21 do 22 B 3 Oct (M		B 9 Oct	19 Oct (0800)	
25 do 26 NY 7 do (M		NY 13 Oct*	22 Oct (2115)	
28 do 29 B 10 do (M		B 16 Oct	26 Oct (0200)	
2 Oct 3 NY 13 do (M		NY 20 Oct	29 Oct (1230)	
5 do 6 B 18 do (M		B 23 Oct	29 Oct (1230) 3 Nov (0730) 6 Nov (0800)	
9 do 10 NY 22 do (M		NY 27 Oct*	6 Nov (0800)	
12 do 13 B 24 do (M	) BATAVIA	B 30 Oct	9 Nov (0800)	
16 do 17 NY 29 do (M	) ALGERIA	NY 3 Nov	14 Nov (1750)	
19 do 20 B 2 Nov (M		B 6 Nov	17  Nov  (0815)	
23 do 24 NY 3 do (M		NY 10 Nov*	19 Nov (0730)	
26 do 27 B 6 do (M		B 13 Nov	23 Nov (0830)	see note 41
30 do 31 NY 11 do (M		NY 17 Nov	26 Nov (1540)	
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9 do 10 B 22 do (M	) MARATHON	B 27 Nov	7 Dec (0920)	
13 do 14 NY 26 do (M		NY 1 Dec	11 Dec (0630)	
16 do 17 B 28 do (M		B 4 Dec	14 Dec (0730)	
20 do 21 NY 4 Dec (M		NY 8 Dec	18 Dec (0615)	
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40. SCYTHIA struck a submerged object (thought to be a whale) off Ballycotton and returned to Queenstown. Her mails, intended for New York, were taken to Boston by CHINA in addition to her own. CHINA went on to New York and sailed from there on 31 July. She carried no mails from New York.

41. SALIER (North German Lloyd) was detained at Southampton for repairs and CHINA carried her mails to Boston. On her return trip, CHINA took off 13 cabin passengers and the mails from AMERIQUE (French Line) which had broken her shaft and was proceeding under sail to Havre. AMERIQUE had sailed from New York on 13 November (Salles vol.IV, p.238). 42. SIBERIA sailed 2 days late from Liverpool with her own and the mails salvaged from DEUTSCHLAND (North German Lloyd) which had foundered on the Goodwin Sands on 6 December.

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**Review: United States Cancellations, 1845-1869.** By Hubert C. Skinner and Amos Eno. Published 1980 by American Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 800, State College, Pa. 16801. Clothbound, 362 pages,  $5\%'' \times 9\%''$  printed areas; over 4,000 tracings of postmarks and nearly 150 cover illustrations. Regular edition, \$25.00 (A.P.S. members \$20.00) and deluxe edition (details not given), \$50.00 from publisher.

The subject of this book, which is really a catalog, is the fancy cancels on the first four major issues of U.S. postage stamps. A few fancy postmarks from the era prior to 1847 are also included, and a subtitle on the title page indicates the inclusion of "Unusual and Representative Markings." Just the same, the great thrust of this catalog is a compilation of the collectible postal markings, mostly fancy killers, found on loose postage stamps and covers of the 1847, 1851-57, 1861 (and grills) and 1869 stamp periods.

The major problem in putting together a catalog such as this, where the markings on loose stamps are not self identifying as to origin, is to organize the catalog so that any fancy designs can be readily located. Obviously, such organization has to be based upon a classification system for the designs. Unfortunately, not all fancy designs will be identified in the same terms by all collectors, but if a collector with a loose stamp bearing a fancy design of an unidentified post office is to identify the office, his term for the design must agree with that of the catalogers or he has a problem. Otherwise, looking through some 4,000 listings of markings can be somewhat onerous.

The authors have made a carefully organized detailed approach to the problem. The fancy cancellations are grouped into ten categories of design, with subcategories to organize those sections. An eleventh section includes postal markings, mostly unusual origin markings sometimes found used to cancel stamps.

A detailed table of contents breaks these down in such a way that the user with a cancel to identify and who turns to the table first won't have much trouble. Where listings fit into more than one section, they are listed in all such sections.

The arrangement of the markings ranges from the most simple, such as grids and targets, to the more complex or more popular subjects. Major categories are as follows:

Section I-Simple designs (grids, etc.). II-Geometrics. III-Crosses and crossroads. IV-Stars. (These first four sections do not attempt to show all possible listings, but are representative.) V-Pictorial Designs (this section includes a great many of the Waterbury and other very popular designs). VI-Patriotic Designs (flags, shields, etc.). VII-Fraternal Groups (masonic designs, etc.). VIII-Patent (and similar) cancels. IX-Numerals and dates. X-Letters and Compound Letters. XI-Postal Markings, and this section is also only representative of those origin markings that might be found as cancels on stamps. The section makes no attempt to explain the markings, but only identifies them.

The introductory portion of the book explains the classifications of the listings and contains a short history of the development of collecting of fancy cancellations. It also includes short sections on forged fancy cancels, more in the order of a warning than in detail, although a list of markings known to have been faked is included.

An extremely useful feature is an index appended; this lists all the markings of the book by "State and City" (really by post office) or, in a few cases, by other categories when appropriate. This section permits the collector with a cover-town of origin known and with an apparent fancy killer-to quickly find the cancel or, perhaps, learn that it is a new listing.

The subject of fancy cancels, probably more than any other philatelic area, is quite difficult to catalog to everyone's satisfaction. This reviewer, who didn't receive his copy until the book had appeared elsewhere, heard a good many comments about alleged inaccuracies, omissions, inclusion of material not really pertinent (such as the material in the postmark section XI), and because the book doesn't include either rarity factors or prices.

Of these comments, the only valid criticism this reviewer cares to make is that the "years of usage" listings in the postmark section No. XI do indicate that an improved method for listing those years of use would be desirable. The authors use mixed criteria—the years of the various stamp issues upon which the markings may be found, plus, from covers, actual years of use seen. For the purely fancy cancels, the indication of the stamp issues is quite adequate. But for the postmark section, particularly where certain origin markings are concerned, the listings are often incorrect, or perhaps muddled a bit and therefore misleading. As an example, this reviewer has recorded Banks' Division markings of all the types for years. Of the five known markings, only three are listed. This includes two of the three "G.B.D." types, both listed as "Initials or monograms," when they are actually origin markings rather than just killers. The fact that all the "G.B.D." types are known on covers bearing the 1857 stamps was not noted, although it has been written up in several places. One of the two recorded round markings was shown (the other round marking is quite similar, so listing of only the one type is acceptable in a section of "representative" markings), but the dates of use, shown as "1861-63" are misleading. Actually, the round Banks' Division markings were only in use from the spring of 1862 until the end of October of that year, as indicated by the dates of over a hundred covers recorded by the writer. If the listing "1861-63" is taken as meaning the marking is known on the issues of 1861 and 1863, the listing is incorrect for the latter issue. If it means the marking was in use, 1861-63, such is also not true. Similar detailed criticisms could be made of a relatively high percentage of the markings in the "Postal Markings" section.

The reviewer's comments are probably trivial, especially to those who collect fancy cancels and odd markings on loose stamps, or with little interest in the meaning of the markings. It is this latter group for whom this type of catalog is really intended. Nevertheless, it is hoped that any subsequent printings will see the problems in this section corrected.

Returning to the other criticisms noted by others, of presumed omissions or inclusions, this reviewer feels that some of these comments were made without having read the authors' introductory material. The fact remains that any authors have the right to include or omit what they feel to be appropriate. In this case, the book has been carefully planned in detail and certainly suits the purpose for which it is intended—to have a usable compendium of U.S. fancy cancellations available—very well indeed. This has been a lifetime project with Mr. Eno, and the contributions of Hubert Skinner (whose presence as co-author is fully justified) and Richard Sine (who did the index) are also

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This book covers the general field of Texas postal history although it is not intended as a catalog and does not list or reproduce Texas postal markings. The reader is referred to the *American Stampless Cover Catalog* for this information.

The first 12 chapters seem directed to beginning or intermediate collectors. The successive stampless periods in Texas are reviewed and types of available material described, with price ranges indicated. Collections by town, county, etc., and of discontinued post offices are discussed next, with comments contributed by Bill Emery and Gordon Hyatt. Topics covered in subsequent chapters are Confederate material from Texas, covers categorized by stamp issue, advertising covers, unusual covers, Texas forts, postal markings, centennial covers, building a collection, and some recommended literature (most classifications with prices shown). Nearly all the cover varieties discussed are well illustrated by fine representative examples reproduced life size or larger.

The remainder of the book-about 180 pages-provides listings of Texas post offices 1846-1930. The first is alphabetical with county and opening and closing dates given, the second alphabetical by counties, and a final short list is of offices that may not have been put into operation. The information in these listings is obviously valuable to any collector of Texas postal history, whether beginning or advanced.

The author will furnish pricing updates to buyers who provide addresses, but I feel the emphasis on specific dollar amounts detracts from the overall usefulness of the book. Price ranges could have been shown tabularly in one or two pages as an appendix, and the considerable space gained used for more details on covers and markings, thereby widening the book's appeal.

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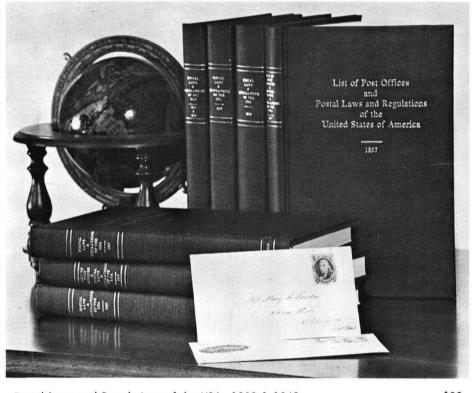
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