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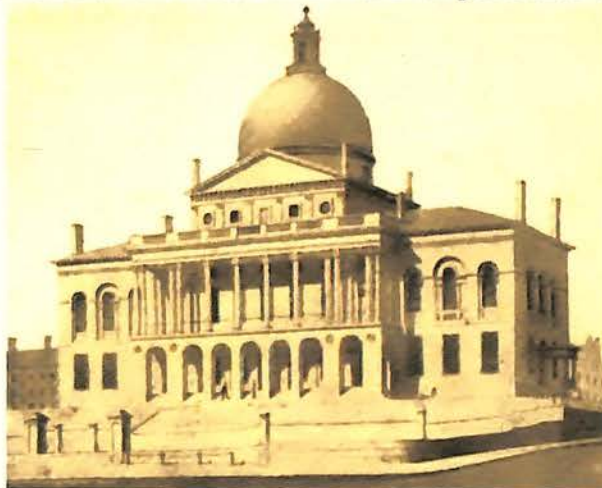
STAMPLESS COVERS POSTAL USES BEFORE POSTAGE STAMPS

PRESIDENCY OF JOHN ADAMS
1797 ~ 1801



Boston MA letter dated "Boston May 21, 1800", and marked 23 MA, Boston, 8 Cent rate (31-60 Miles) to Pembroke. Correct spelling is **Pembroke**, one in MA (56 Miles) and one in NH (67 Miles) Based on the postage rate, the destination is Pembroke, MA (10c if Pembroke NH).

Boston was one of the world's wealthiest international seaports after the Revolutionary War.



The New Massachusetts State House ~ Boston 1798

Design of Charles Bulfinch of Boston (1763-1844), America's first architect.
On the site of John Hancock's home on Beacon Hill, replacing The Old State House of 1713.

In 1818 Bulfinch became Architect of the U.S. Capitol & designed the Capitol's original low center dome (replaced by the current high dome in 1862).

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PRESIDENCY OF THOMAS JEFFERSON
1801 ~ 1809



Philadelphia (PA) Nov 17, 1808 20 Cent rate (301-500 Miles) to Boston (MA)
Boston and Philadelphia were major international seaports after the Revolutionary War.



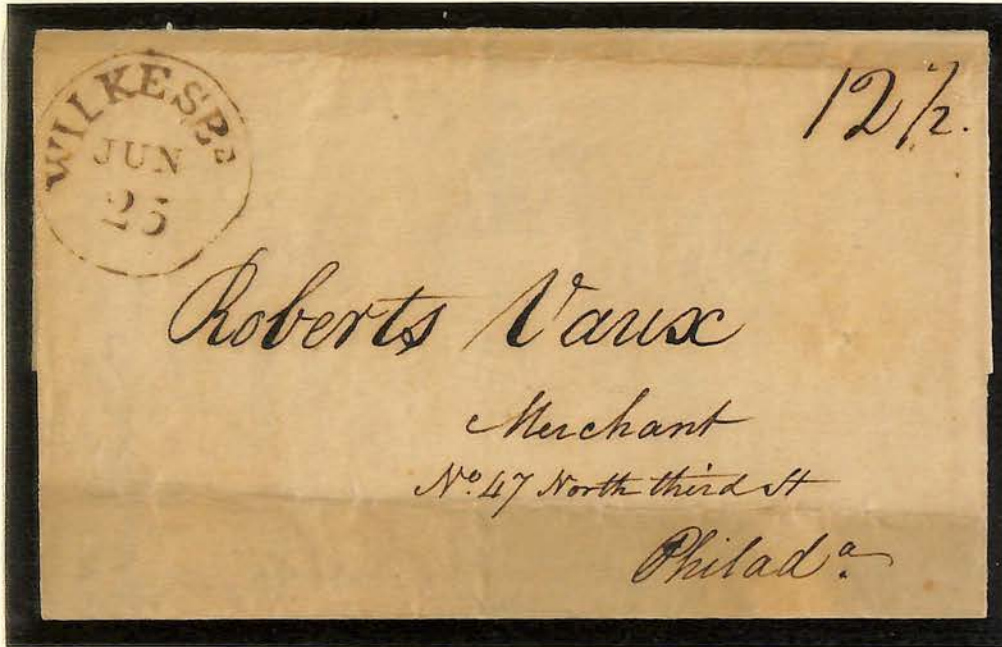
The Old Pennsylvania State House ~ Philadelphia 1799

Independence Hall name adopted during visit of Gen'l Lafayette 1824
American Declaration of Independence (1776) & U.S. Constitution (1787) adopted here.
"Birthplace of the United States", built 1732-51, exterior clock 1753, steeple 1749 removed
in 1781 leaving capped tower in 1799 view until the current landmark steeple was built in 1828.

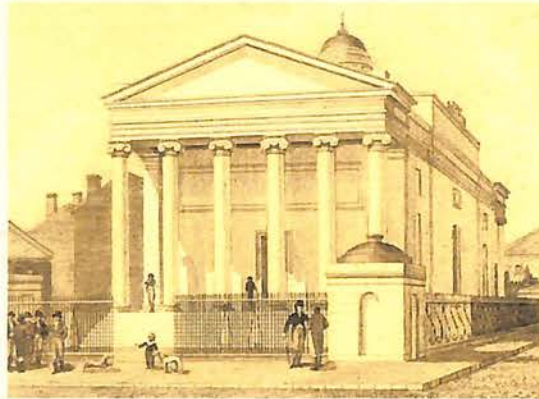
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PRESIDENCY OF JAMES MADISON
1809 ~ 1817



Wilkes-Barre (PA) June 25 (1810) 12 ½ Cents rate (91-150 Miles) to Philadelphia.
Wilkes-Barre, in northern PA, was incorporated in 1806 & grew due to coal mining.
Philadelphia was a mercantile and banking center for the region



Bank of Pennsylvania ~ Philadelphia 1801

Designed by Benjamin Latrobe, now known as the

“Father of American Architecture” for his work in the new nation.

This was the first “Greek Revival” style building in the United States.

Appointed by his friend President Jefferson as Superintendent for building the United States Capitol until the War of 1812. At the end of the War, he was appointed Architect of the Capitol by President Madison in 1815 for its reconstruction. He resigned in 1817 and was succeeded in 1818 by Charles Bulfinch of Boston, a friend of President Monroe.

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PRESIDENCY OF MARTIN Van BUREN
1837 ~ 1841



Boston (MA) Mar 15, 1840 18 ½ Cent rate (150-400 Miles) to Dutchess County (NY).
Boston bookseller's bill for law books for lawyer in town of Pine Plain, near Kingston, NY.



Faneuil Hall (1742) and Quincy Market (1826) ~ Boston 1830
Boston became a city in 1822 & commerce had outgrown colonial Faneuil Hall.
Mayor Quincy authorized filling in part of the wharf area next to Faneuil Hall
to build a new and larger market for the growing population of Boston City.

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PRESIDENCY OF WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON
March 4 ~ 1841 ~ April 4



New Orleans (MA) Mar 30, 1841 50 Cent rate (Over 400 Miles, Double Weight)
“Freight List of the Ship Antioch Capt’n J. Wescott from New Orleans to Havre [France]”
March 29, 1841 enclosed in letter of March 30, 1841, both from New Orleans
to merchants in Castine, Maine, an important shipping port until the Civil War.



United States Mint (1838) ~ New Orleans

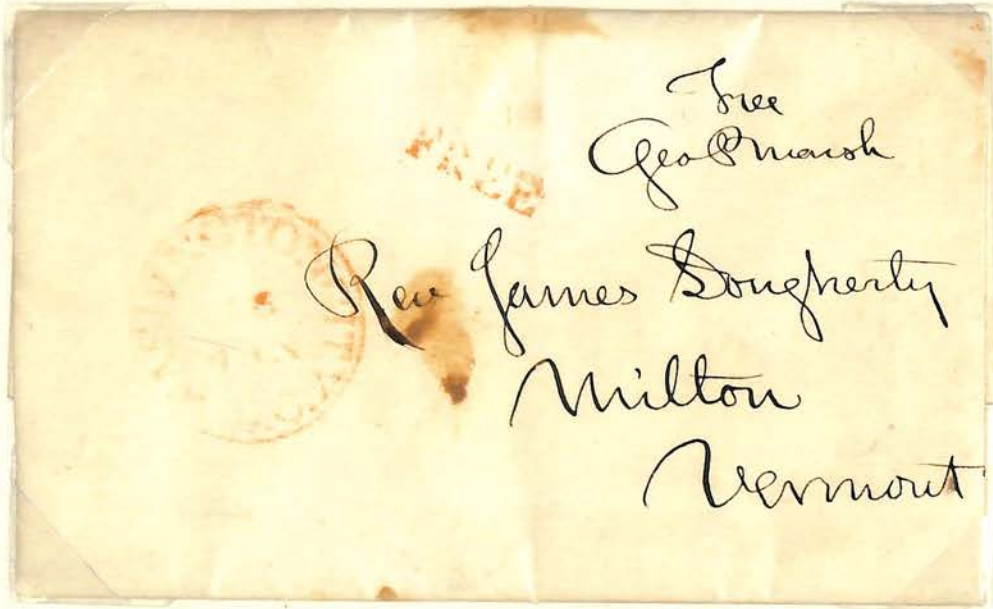
Established by President Jackson as a branch of the US Mint at Philadelphia,

New Orleans was the 3rd largest city in the U.S. in 1840 behind New York & Baltimore.
It was the #1 U.S. port for foreign trade as the port for the Mississippi River states.
U.S. Mint 1838-1861, CSA Mint 1861, U.S. Mint 1879-1909.

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STAMPLESS COVERS POSTAL USE BEFORE POSTAGE STAMPS

PRESIDENCY OF JOHN TYLER
April 4, 1841 ~ March 4, 1845



Washington City, D.C. Jan 16, 1845 FREE Frank to Milton, VT
"Free Geo P. Marsh" & stamped FREE
Member of Congress 1843-1849 (VT 3rd Congressional District 1803-1880)

Born in Woodstock VT 1801, studied law in Burlington, VT & admitted 1825.
He practiced law in Burlington until elected to Congress in 1842 serving to 1849
when appointed by President Taylor as Minister to the Ottoman Empire 1849.

Returned to VT 1854, commissioner to rebuild current VT statehouse 1857.

President Lincoln appointed him as first Minister to Kingdom of Italy 1861.

First American environmentalist, book *Man & Nature* 1864.

The Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park in Woodstock Vt recognizes his work.

He died in the Kingdom of Italy in 1882, age 81, while still serving as Minister.



Geo. P. Marsh c. 1845



The U.S. Capitol, 1846

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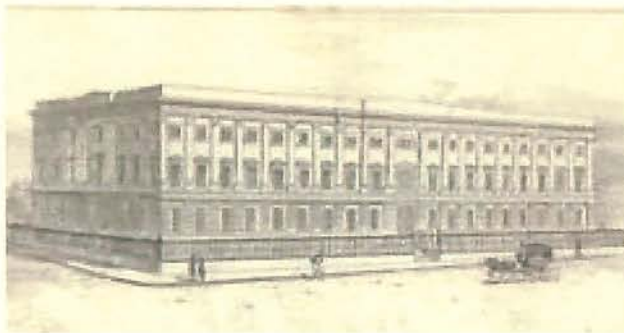
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PRESIDENCY OF JAMES K. POLK
1845 ~ March 4 ~ 1849



Washington City, D.C. Oct. 7, 1845 5 Cent rate (<300 Miles) to Columbia, PA
President Polk approved the Post Office use of Postage Stamps 1847

Polk expanded United States territory in the West:
Divided the Oregon Country at 49th parallel by threat of war with Britain,
He went to war with Mexico resulting in annexation of lands for
California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico & Texas.



General Post Office
Washington City, D.C. 1845

General Post Office for this letter

NO NEW STAMPS

PRESIDENCY OF ZACHARY TAYLOR
1849 ~ July 9, 1850



Covington KY Feb. 27, 1850 10 Cent rate (>300 Miles) to New Orleans, LA
No new stamps issued under President Taylor. The private printing contract for
Scott #1 or #2 lasted four years until June 30, 1851. However, when stamps
were unavailable, the Postmaster reverted to stampless cover procedures, as here.

Covington KY was an important port city on the Ohio River opposite Cincinnati Ohio.
This cover was sent by riverboat down the Ohio & Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans.
New Orleans was the third largest US port city and largest not on the Atlantic Ocean.

U.S. Postmaster General was Jacob Collamer of Vermont, a later ally of A. Lincoln.



U.S. Mint 1838 by Strickland



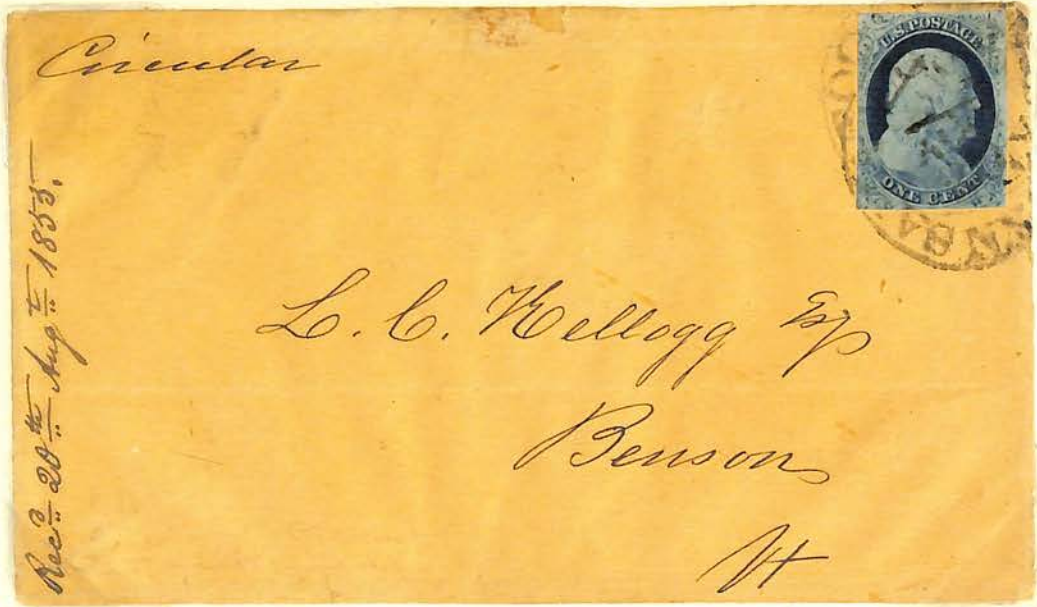
New U.S. Customs House being built 1848

United States buildings in New Orleans Louisiana

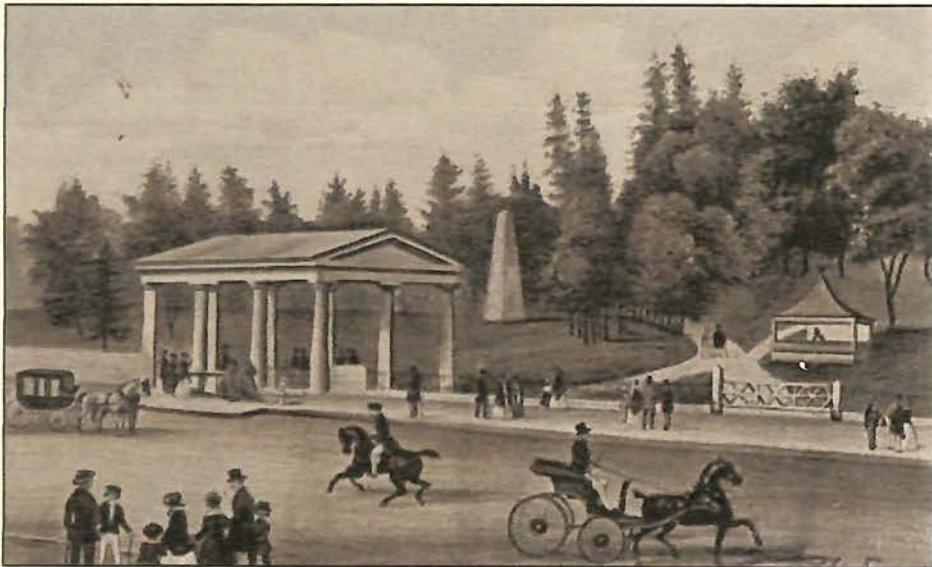
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1851 POSTAGE STAMP SERIES 1856
SECOND GENERAL ISSUE
POSTAL USES

PRESIDENCY OF FRANKLIN PIERCE 1853 - 1857



#7 1c Saratoga Springs, NY [Rec'd Aug, 20 1855]
Circular Rate to Benson (Rutland County) Vermont



Congress Spring 1826 - 1860
Saratoga Springs, NY

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1851 POSTAGE STAMP SERIES 1856
SECOND GENERAL ISSUE
POSTAL USES

PRESIDENCY OF FRANKLIN PIERCE 1853 - 1857



#9 1c Washington DC Jan. 30, 1857
Circular Rate



THE GENERAL POST-OFFICE.

< #11 (1855) Winooski Falls VT Apr 3 1856 / 1857

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1857 POSTAGE STAMP SERIES POSTAL USES

PRESIDENCY OF JAMES BUCHANAN 1857 – 1861

BOSTON, MASS. 1857-60

The hub of Industry, Mercantile, & Transportation for New England
in the years leading up to the election of 1860 & the Civil War 1861-65.



B & M RR Haymarket Sq. 1845 B & Providence RR, Park Sq 1834 Customs House, Long Wharf 1837-47

Boston was a major port creating large customs revenue for the US and leading to the building of seven railroads into the city, each with its own depot. Boston was also the center of the Abolitionist Movement to end black slavery in the US, creating a backlash in the South. This sectional strife intensified from 1857 as free states & slave states hardened their positions and set the stage for the fierce sectional national division in the 1860 Presidential Election. Northern economic, industrial, financial & transport superiority in areas such as Boston provided a great advantage to the Union forces in the oncoming Civil War.



#26A 3c First Class Letter rate postmarked Boston Mass, May 31
Type IV (Non-continuous frame line), earliest known use July 11, 1857
Thus, this postmark year is limited to 1858-1861. Replaced by
National Bank Note issues (#63 – 71) of August 1861.

1861 POSTAGE STAMP SERIES
POSTAL USE

PRESIDENCY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN 1861 ~ 1865



San Francisco, California 1862

Founded in 1776 by the Spanish, ruled by Spain until 1821,
Mexico 1821-1848, then ceded to United States.
The Gold Rush of 1849 brought 25,000 prospectors & merchants.
Incorporated as a City in 1850 when California became a State.



#68 San Francisco CAL Mar 23, 1862

1869 POSTAGE STAMP SERIES
PRESIDENCY OF ULYSSES S. GRANT 1869 - 1877

FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS



Town Hall 1852 Fitchburg MA and new 1870 Worcester County Court House

Massachusetts industrial growth included paper mills and heavy industry. Fitchburg mills powered by the Nashua River led to building the Fitchburg RR in 1845 linking Fitchburg with Boston. The town grew, doubling in population to 5,120 by 1850 (Town Hall 1853) and to 11,260 by 1870 (County Courthouse).



#112 1 Cent for local drop Letter Rate (non-carrier)

Postmarked Fitchburg MA Jul 12 [1869]

#112, earliest date, April 1, 1869, used for only ONE year.

#112 replaced by 1c Banknote #134 (grill) April 9, 1870 &

#145 (1c Banknote - no grill) earliest date used May 7, 1870.

In 1869, Fitchburg was still small enough that the town name was sufficient for the mail to get to the addressee, Miss Ellen L. Smith.

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1870 POSTAGE STAMP SERIES

PRESIDENCY OF U. S. GRANT 1869 - 1877



#146 (May 1870) 2 Cents Local Carrier Post Office

“Washington, D.C. Local Nov 30” postmark

Return address in ink: 129 E. Capitol St

Pencil note: “N. Sargent, 30 Nov 1873”

His term as Congressman began December 1, 1873

Had been Vice-President of the Confederate States 1861-1865



CSA #11



USA #148



CSA #6*

NATHAN SARGENT, No. 310.

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1870 POSTAGE STAMP SERIES 1875 ISSUE POSTAL USE

PRESIDENCY OF RUTHERFORD B. HAYES 1877 – 1881



#179 5c Postmarked New York, NY forwarding agent mark Jun 15, 1878
“S.S. ‘Germanic’ v. Queenstown” [Ireland, UK, now Cobh Ireland]
“Swiss closed mail” and addressed to Zurich Switzerland

Inside pen note “1878 New York, 14 Juni [and] R 26 Juni”
Backstamped Zurich 26 VI 78 [Jun 26, 1878]



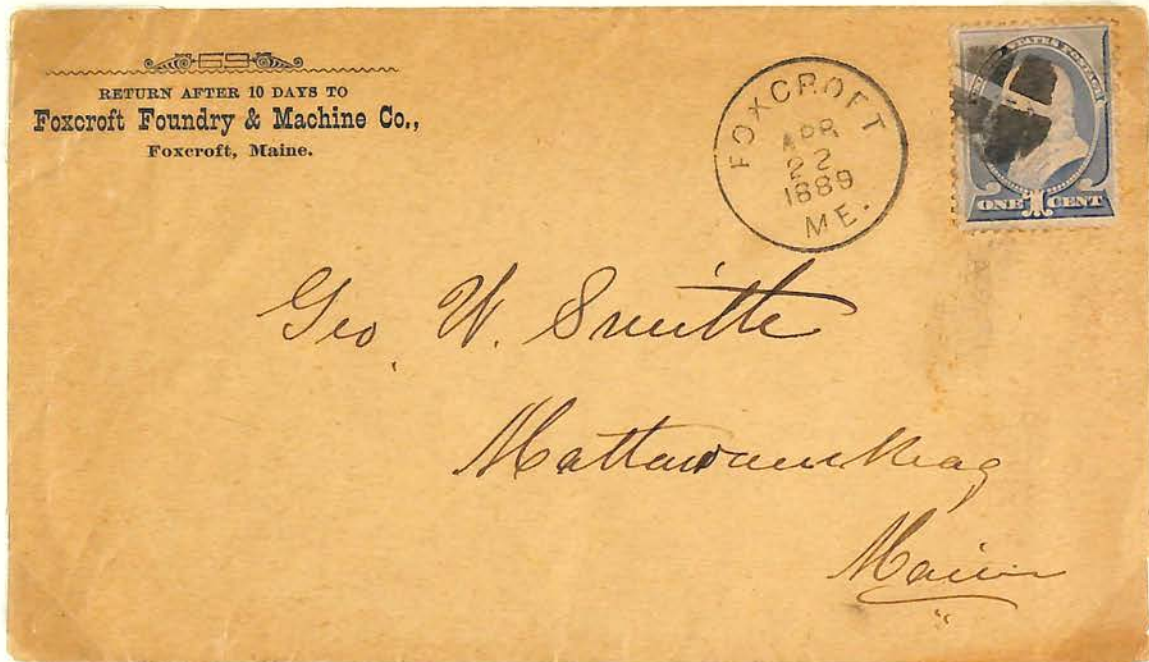
SS Germanic 1874-1894 of the White Star Line, rigging removed 1895

Built in 1874 by Harland & Wolff of Belfast Ireland UK [built *RMS Titanic* 1912]
Fastest Trans-Atlantic ship 1875 – 77 but she was eclipsed by more modern ships in the
1880s as speed and comfort became the focus of ocean liners, such as *Majestic* 1889.

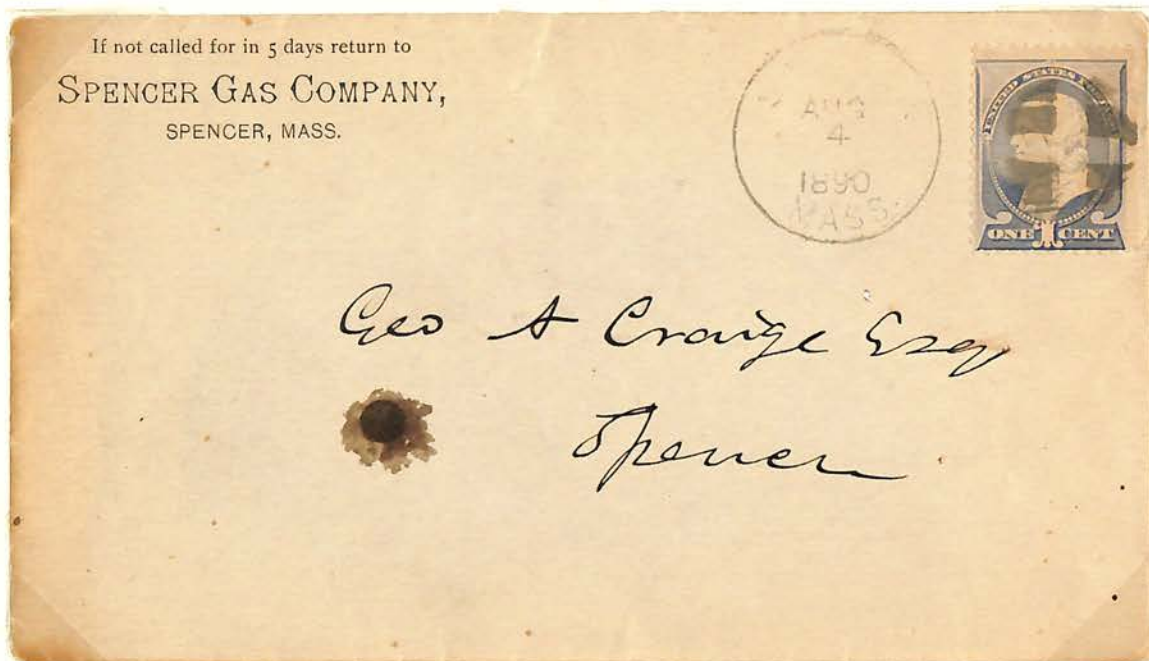
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1870 POSTAGE STAMP SERIES
1887 NEW DESIGN ~ POSTAL USE

PRESIDENCY OF BENJAMIN HARRISON 1889 - 1893



#212 1c New Design Ben Franklin for 3rd Class unsealed letter rate
Postmarked Foxcroft ME Apr. 22, 1889



#212 1c New Design, Drop Rate
Postmarked Spencer Mass Aug 4, 1890 for Spencer address.