

SHARP.
50

RETURN IN TEN DAYS TO
The Security Storage & Commission Co.
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.



REGISTERED
NO. ~~20071~~

773

UNCLAIMED

16686

Hugh McCartney,

c/o Lincoln County Bank.

Caliente, Nev.

(Registered return receipt demanded)



5168

REGISTERED
5168

Mr. C. D. Crocker,
Maritzburg, Natal,
P.O. Box 301. South Africa.

Registered

5168

546

Registered

Return Receipt Demanded

FROM James Grassie
671 N. Clark St.
Chicago Ill.



REGISTERED
NO. 83308

OVER
25-

ΜΕΓΑ ΒΙΒΛΙΟΠΩΛΕΙΟΝ

ATLAS

25 MADISON ST.,

28978

NEW YORK.

Αποστείλατε τὰς παραγγελίας σας διὰ
ἀποδείκνυει ἐνός τοῦ παρόντος γραμματίου.

60

3x Rate
100.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



REGISTERED



5165

29872

The Kentucky Engraving Co.,
Louisville, Ky.

REGISTERED

5165

FRANK P. BROWN CO.,
325 Washington St.,
BOSTON, MASS.

REGISTERED
NO. 14788



136 1/6

Henry J. Rack,
General Post Office,
Paramaribo,
Surinam.

Dutch Guinea

South America



After ³⁰ days, return to
THE MERCHANTS & FARMERS BANK,
CLAXTON, GA.

Return Receipt Requested

REGISTERED
NO. 225

2707



2702

Heinr. M. P. Pinkes, Exporter,
Hamburg 36 (Germany)

REGISTERED

STAR
75⁰⁰
75

Return to
R.W. Conner
PO Box 131
Petersburg, Va.

REGISTERED
NO 3182



HERBERT L. FLINT

5710

CLEVELAND

Return receipt demanded

409 SUPERIOR AVE. N. W.

OHIO
U. S. A.

CLAIM DEPARTMENT.

REGISTERED
NO 42408



GEORGE S. DANA,

Secretary and Treasurer,

The Commercial Travelers

Mutual Accident Association

OF AMERICA.

Box 123.

51363

UTICA, N. Y.

Although the Ten Cent Registry stamp was intended solely for use on Registered mail, Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock did not prohibit the use of regular United States postage stamps to prepay the Registered mail fee. This is illustrated by this advertising cover from Philadelphia, Pa. mailed on December 1, 1911, the first day of the Registry Stamp. This usage, from a major post office, confirms that the special Registry issue was superfluous.



Combination cover, Ten Cent Registry Stamp and two cent value of Pan-American Exposition Issue on cover dated October 8, 1915. From New York, New York to Wilmington, Delaware.



Mr. H. E. Kaighn
#2600 Harrison St.
Wilmington
Delaware

65713

Receipt Demanded.

7015



Covers showing unusual stamps other than the current one and two cent Washington and two cent stamped envelope variety are the exception; the postal clerk took whatever stamps were easiest for them and applied them to the covers. Top, first class postage rate of two cents is prepaid with two one cent values of the Panama Pacific Exposition issue. Below, the rate is prepaid with two one cent values of the Jamestown Exposition issue. Note the cover is from the Economist Stamp Company on Nassau Street and is addressed to Eugene Klein, a noted Philadelphia stamp dealer.



Double Weighted First Class

Registered covers usually have the single rate of first class postage prepaid, double weighted first class covers are nice to own.



From
Joe B. Slocum
152 Prospect Park W,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

RTT



By
To Postmaster at Los Angeles:
If this letter should reach
you in time for delivery during
business hours, please deliver

(Business address)
at 533 Citizens Natl
Bank Bldg* J.B.S.

Mr. George E. Van Gynsling,
Home address 2429 Adams Place,
Los Angeles, California 14740



A much sought after combination is the Registry Stamp used with a Special Delivery Stamp. This cover, with an E-8, was mailed from Brooklyn, New York, July 23, 1912 to Los Angeles where it was received on July 27th. Note the instruction "To Postmaster at Los Angeles: If this letter should reach you in time for delivery during business hours, please deliver at business address 533 Citizens National Bank Building. Special Delivery provided for immediate delivery, between 7 A.M. and midnight, at any post office.

Department of the Interior,
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

Wilmington, N. C.
POSTMASTER: Return
if unclaimed (P. L. and R. Secs. 670)

Cont 10/3/82

REC-STERED
91214

*Johnston
of Johnston*

F. D. Case Company

Princeton N.J.

2061



The free franking privilege available to members of Congress and the Executive Departments did not include registry fees, so these had to be prepaid by stamps. The Department of the Interior Penalty Frank did not include the registration fee so the registry stamp was added.

019388
Department of the Interior.
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.

Los Angeles, Cal. Return Receipt Requested

POSTMASTER: Return after 30 days,
if unclaimed (P. L. and R. Sec. 670)



The Chemical Mfg. Co., of California,
836 Union Oil Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.

OCT 4 - 1913



87272

F1
60.00

Department of the Interior.
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
BUFFALO, Wyoming.

REGISTERED



Jean Gariador,

Buffalo,

Wyoming.

Deliver only to addressee or order.
POSTMASTER: Return after 30 days,
if unclaimed (P. L. and R. Sec. 670)
Receipt demanded.

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Combination covers are interesting and unusual. Covers showing registry and parcel post stamps are among the most difficult to find since the registry stamp had been formally withdrawn prior to July 1, 1913, the date when parcel post stamps could be used to prepay first class mail rates.



Parcel Post Combination Cover. Coffman, West Virginia (February 23, 1914) to Richmond, Virginia.

Parcel Post Combination Cover. Two cent Parcel Post stamp used to pay first class rate (August 25, 1913) from Dallas, Maine to Cleveland, Ohio.



10, 1914) from Welona, Alabama to Lebanon, Ohio.



Registration stamp tied together with Parcel Post 15¢ value and 1¢ regular postage to large part of envelope front by Washington, Ga. box cancel on registered cover.

Canada Usage



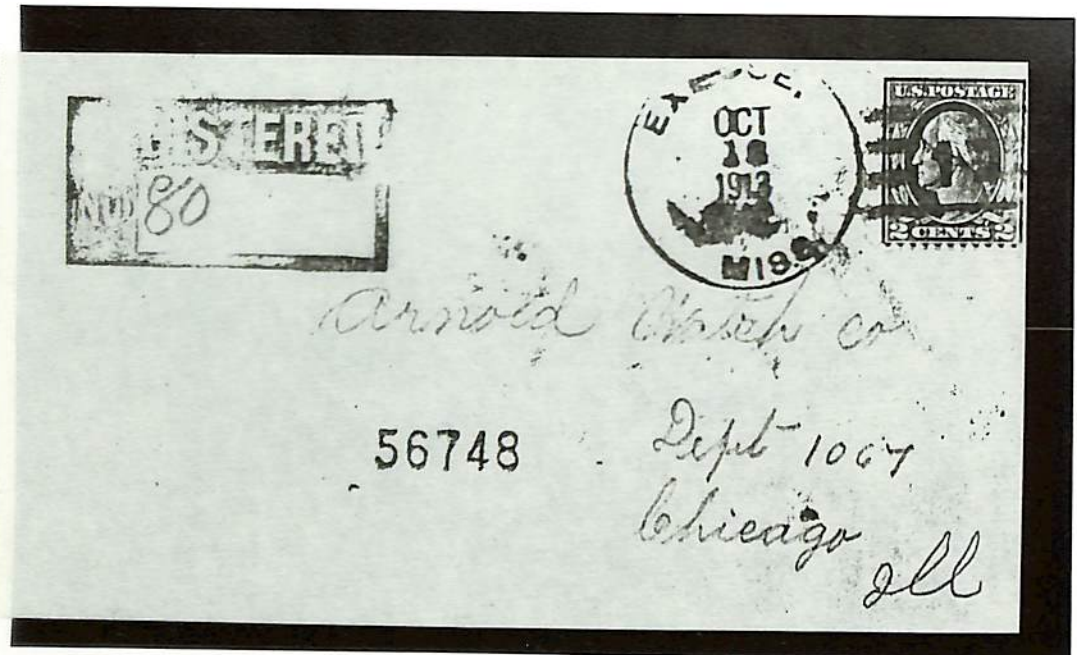
Double weighted first-class from Caseville, Michigan to Amherst-
berg, Ontario, dated New Years Day, January 1, 1913. The trip,
via Detroit took three days (above). A cover retrieved from King-
ston, Ontario. It was mailed from Schenectady, New York on Feb-
ruary 7, 1914 and arrived in Kingston exactly one week later via
Buffalo and Toronto (below).



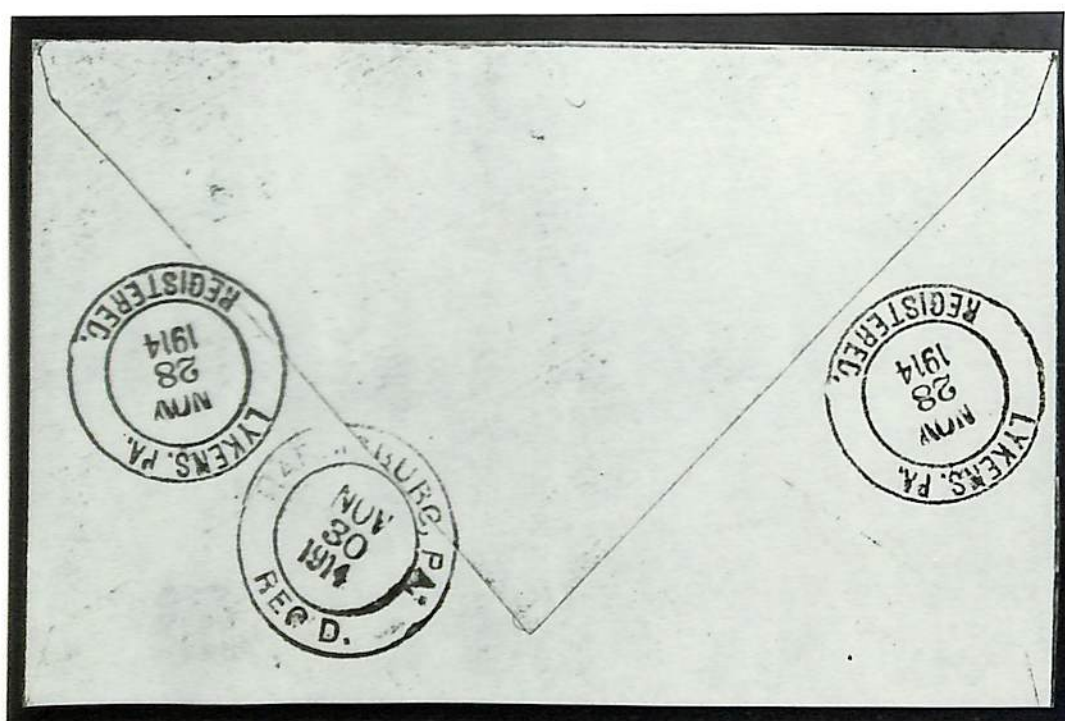
The 10¢ Registry Stamp used with a 2¢ Regular Issue of 1912 on a cover dated May 6, 1913. One day earlier, on May 5, 1913, Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson ordered the use of the special registry stamp discontinued when the supply on hand was exhausted. The corner card is from H. F. Dunkhorst, an old-time Washington, D.C. dealer in U.S. and foreign postage stamps.



The 10¢ registry fee was usually paid to protect the contents of an envelope. The sender of this letter placed the stamp over the flaps to make sure the letter was not tampered with while in transit. It is backstamped with the town and date stamp from Expose, Mississippi.



The postal laws and regulations stated that "a legible impression of the postmarking stamp shall be placed twice on the back of each letter and other sealed articles... The postmark shall not be placed on the face of first class registered mail." This rule was not strictly followed as evidenced by this cover from Lykens, Pennsylvania to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which, in addition to the two postmarks by the originating post office on the back, contains the town registry postmark on the front as well.



PERFINS

Perfins were authorized on May 8, 1909 and were therefore in use during the currency of the Registry Stamp. However, on cover examples of this stamp are extremely rare. This is an example used by the A. J. Deer Co. Ltd. of Hornell, New York on August 18, 1913 on an Advertising Cover.



Charlotte Philatelic Society

UNITED STATES
THE 10¢ REGISTRY STAMP OF 1911



"Not registered, insufficient return address" and "Found in Ordinary Mail" markings, probably applied at San Antonio, Texas, graphically illustrates the reason for the early demise of the Registry stamp. Registered mail must be presented for recording at a post office window, but with this stamp the public sometimes mistakenly dropped mail intended for registration in the letter slots or boxes, thus losing the protective service intended.

This is the only 10¢ Registry Stamp postage due cover that I have ever observed. The pencil notation "Reg" was probably applied at Linn, Kansas. The manuscript "Due 2¢" was probably added by a postal clerk at the Cleveland, Ohio post office where it was noted that the envelope was overweight and short-paid by two cents. The postage due stamp, which had been pen canceled in advance, was added in Cleveland, denoting the amount to be collected from the addressee.



A nice hotel corner card of the Kahler House on a cover sent from Redwood Falls, Minnesota to St. Paul, December 5, 1912. The hotel has long been gone, but a well-known hotel chain bearing the family name is presently being run by the grandson of the owner of the Kahler House. The postmaster of Redwood Falls in 1912 was A. E. King. The population was 1,666.



FROM *S. Culler*
92 Purchase St.
New Bedford, Mass.



NO. 4283

ΜΕΓΑ ΒΙΒΛΙΟΠΩΛΕΙΟΝ



ATLAS

25 MADISON ST.,
NEW YORK. 52611

Ἀποστέλλει τὴν παραγγελίαν σας δι' ἐφοδιαστικῶν ἐπιτελῶν τοῦ παρόντος γραμμάτου.

Greek Advertising - In September, 1912, the Rompapa Travel Agency (1) represented itself as the "largest and best organized travel agency in America." (2) It offered "tickets for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class accommodations with all the comforts and with all companies at practical prices." (3) It provided "express for your trunks," (4) and requested that people "write so we can make reservations for you" (5) and "hotel accommodations." (6). It offered "free information." (7) The front left of the envelope reading vertically states, "Send your order for your protection in the enclosed envelope." Hence, the need for registry service to protect the contents.

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟΝ 480 ORCHARD

ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟΝ ΡΟΜΠΑΠΑ

ΤΟ ΜΕΓΑΛΥΤΕΡΟΝ ΚΑΙ ΤΕΛΕΙΟΣ ΕΞΕΤΑΝΟΜΕΝΟΝ
ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

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ΓΡΑΨΑΤΕ ΜΑΣ ΝΑ ΣΑΣ ΚΡΕΤΤΕΡΟΜΕΝ ΘΕΣΕΙΣ

ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΑΙ ΔΙΑΔΟΧΑΙ ΛΑΩΡΕΑΝ

25 MADISON ST., NEW YORK.

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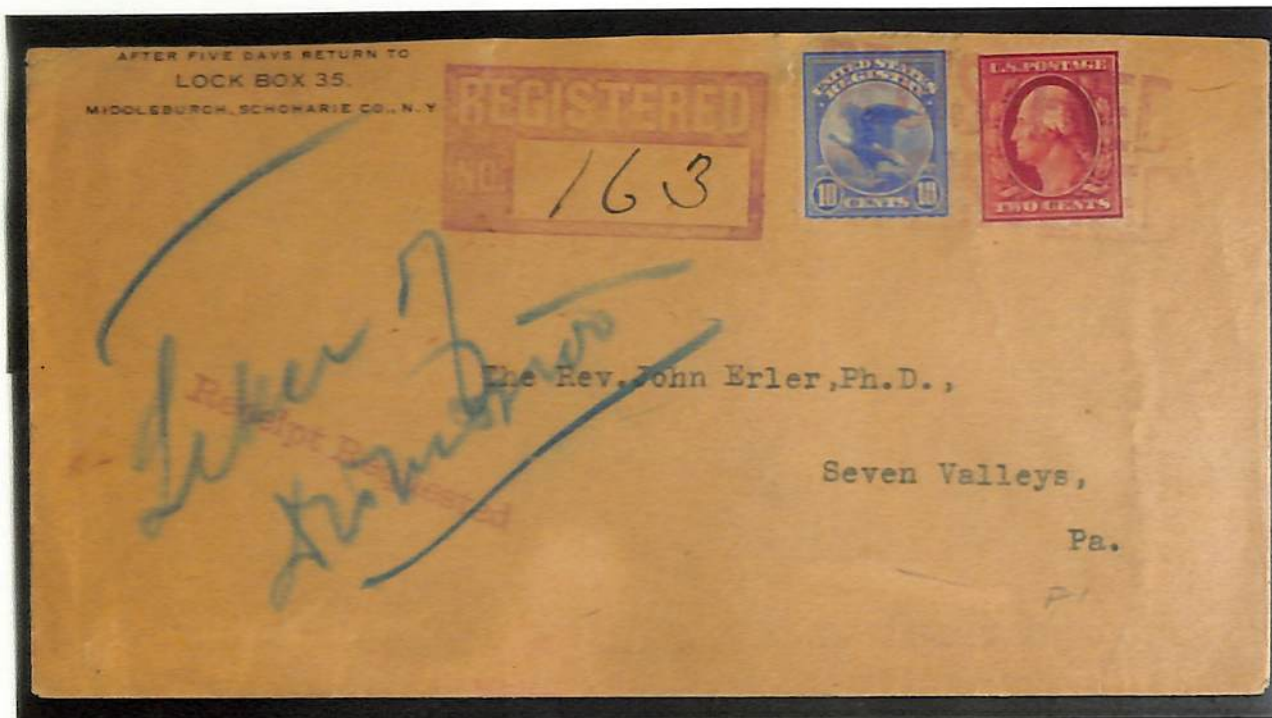
Registration stamp used on overall advertising cover, "Miami-Montreal Highway" used by the firm of J. K. Dorn, Real Estate and Insurance, Miami, Florida July 17, 1912.



Double weighted first-class letter addressed to the Numismatic Bank, Fort Worth, Texas from Green Lake, Calhoun County, Texas June 23, 1915. The cover is backstamped Houston Vicinity & San Antonio Railway Post Office indicating transportation by railroad.



Although there was no charge for providing a return receipt in 1911, there were several markings which indicated that such service was desired; for instance, depending upon the degree of politeness of the postmaster who ordered the handstamp, some said RETURN RECEIPT requested; desired; required; or demanded.



Advertising cover from the company of Litten & Roberts, Stocks, Bonds, and Mortgages, Rock Island, Illinois, dated May 6, 1916. It is addressed to August Dietz Jr. the noted Confederate States postal history specialist.



REGISTERED
NO. 7709

Station of Boston
Grove Hall Station
Mrs. H. G. S. Stephens.
84 Greenwood St.
Dorchester
73343
Massachusetts

From Stephens,
U.S.S. Michigan
Care Postmaster,
New York.



Backstamp

During the currency of this stamp most ships did not have Registry facilities and covers mailed on board ships are most spectacular items. This cover was mailed on board the U.S.S. Missouri. Covers from the U.S.S. Michigan and the U.S.S. Wyoming have been noted as well.

Used multiples are not possible from a registry rate point of view but were sometimes used in lieu of regular postage as on this wrapper from The Postage Stamp Company, San Francisco, California to Camden, New Jersey, in August, 1912.



U. S. REGISTERED PACKAGE

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

PREPARED AND DISPATCHED IN THIS MANNER BY PERMITS



INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTMASTERS: The use of this Envelope does not require a separate registration of matter mailed elsewhere than at Washington, D. C., except in the cases specially provided for as per the regulations of the Post Office Department, August 13, 1909, Postal Guide. No return receipt will be furnished for mail registered under cover of this Envelope, unless the sender indorses this package "Return receipt demanded." This Envelope is not to be separated from its enclosures. It must be delivered intact without opening.

IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 30 DAYS
PLEASE RETURN TO
ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL,
ROCK ISLAND, ILL.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REG. No. 9253

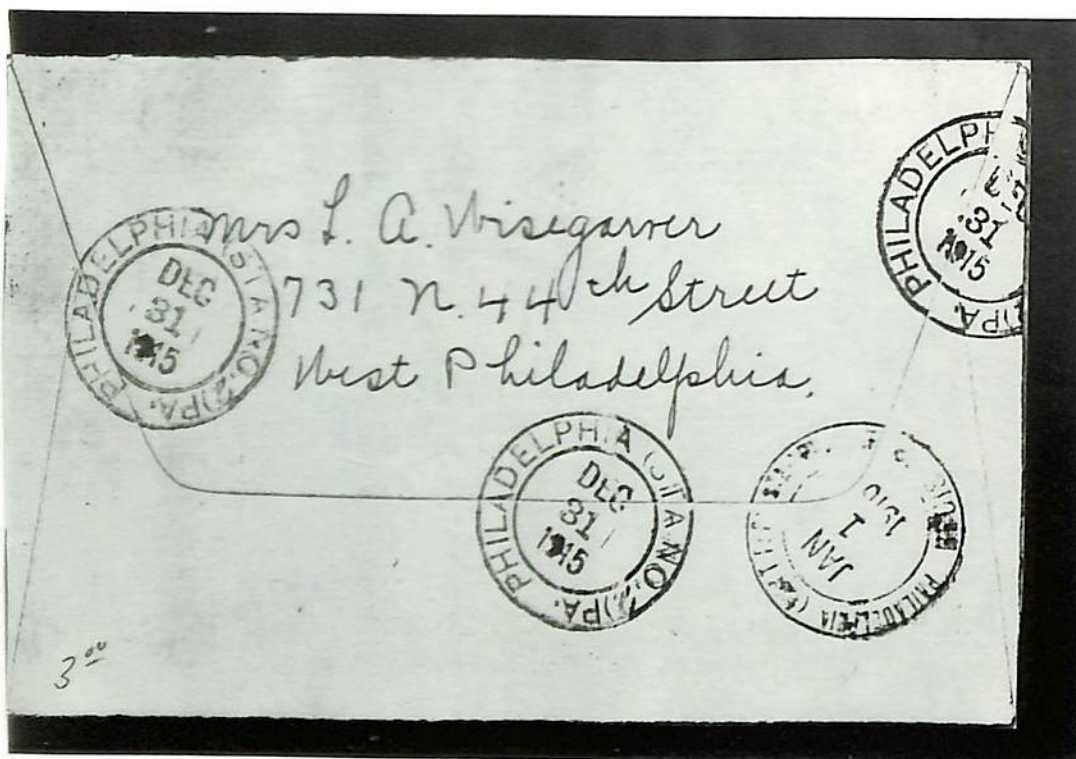
Request Return Receipt.
(EVERY POSTMASTER AND POSTAL CLERK WHO HANDLES THIS REGISTERED PACKAGE MUST OBTAIN A RECEIPT FOR IT, IN PROPER FORM.)

Via. The Ordnance Officer,
Fort Shafter,
Honolulu, H.T.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

Registered Package, Rock Island Arsenal to Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 11, 1915

New Years Day Cover, mailed December 31, 1915 in Philadelphia, Pa.
Received and backstamped the following day January 1, 1916.



Although very few copies with boardwalk margins are known, relatively few copies of this stamp have been found where the perforations cut into the design. Note the cover below from Tabby, Utah.



Target cancel used by Station Number 13, Oakland, California,
November 29, 1913 to Portland, Oregon.



This cover bears an unusual rectangular boxed handstamp struck in violet ink, with the description reading, "REGISTERED, / NOV 7 1912 / FOX LAKE, WIS. The cover also bears two strikes of a straight-line registered handstamp. It bears this same handstamp, struck three times, on the reverse. The Registry Stamp is tied by a clear strike of the Fox Lake circular time and date stamp.



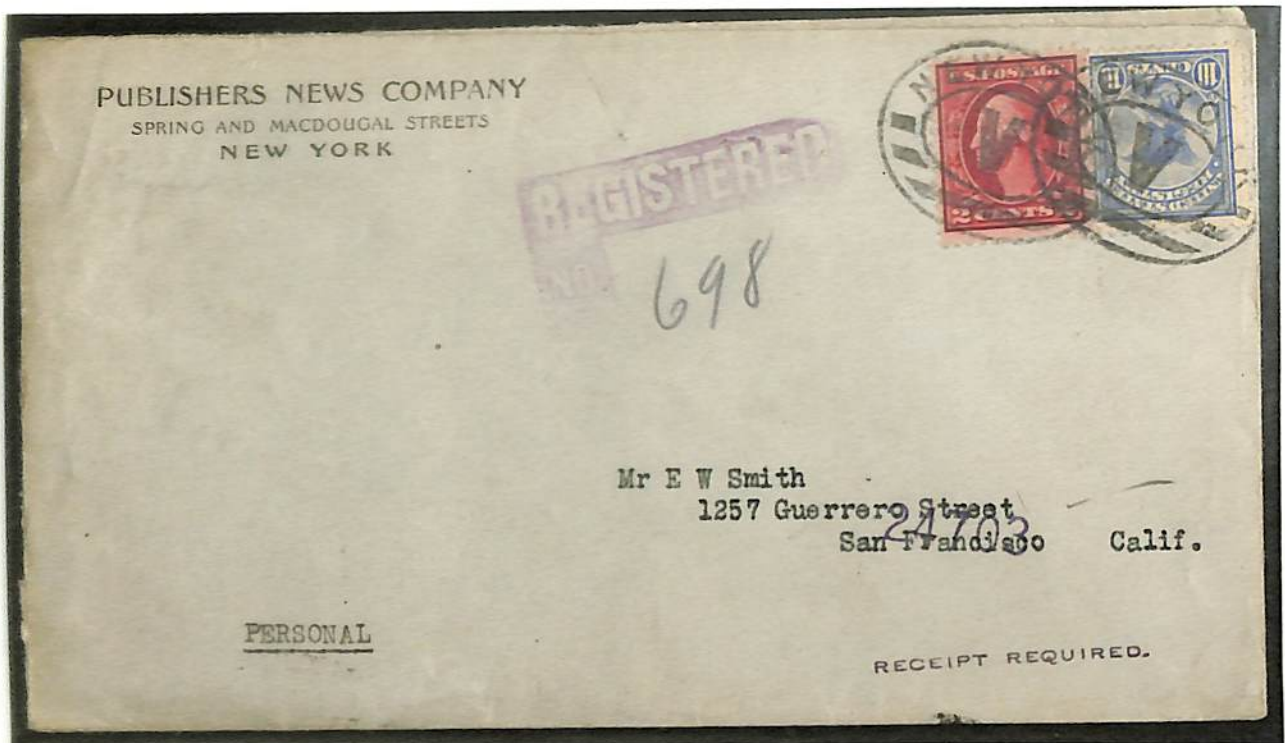
Directory Markings

This cover, with the attractive corner card of Jno J. Nolan, Borough Secretary, Farrell, Pennsylvania, is stamped "Unclaimed" "Return to Writer." It was mailed on March 17, 1913 and returned on April 4, 1913, as reflected by the Farrell, Pa. back-stamps. Directory markings are rarely found on registered covers from this period.





Receipt Desired: A commercial cover from the Hotel Kinney, Cuba, New York (June 9, 1915) to Northampton, Massachusetts.



Receipt Required: Cover from Station V, New York, New York (July 9, 1913) to San Francisco, California.

Directory markings are not often found on registered covers since people were generally quite careful about putting an extra 10¢--big money in 1911--on a letter to someone unknown. Illustrated is a cover marked "Unclaimed," and "Return to Writer." This letter was mailed from Los Angeles, California to Oakland, California on April 9, 1913 with the sender's notation "Please Forward" in manuscript. The Oakland Post Office received the letter on April 10, 1913, but was unable to locate the addressee. The additional markings, "Second Notice April 14, 1913," and "3rd Notice April 30, 1913" bear witness to their fruitless efforts. The letter was accordingly returned to Los Angeles on May 11, 1913, as evidenced by the backstamp from that city.



This philatelic cover, backstamped March 1, 1912, may be an early attempt at a first day cover. In 1912, there were no first day of sale announcements. The cover contains the first five values of the Regular Issue of 1912, Scott numbers 405, 406, 414, 416, and 418. The Scott listed date of issue for all of these except 416 is February 12, 1912. The date for 416 is January 11, 1912. It would not be too surprising if Whitney, a Washington, D. C. stamp dealer, had connections at the post office and was tipped about the arrival of the new issues which, of course, were printed in Washington. It is possible that someone at the special delivery unit stamped it "For Special Delivery" to use up some of the surplus postage, although there are no other special delivery markings on the cover. The rubber stamp was made up for internal use in connection with the dispatch of registered specials rather than for regular window use. The registry service would ensure a backstamp thus verifying the date the cover passed through the mail.



On May 5, 1913, Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson who had replaced Hitchcock in March of that year ordered the use of the registry stamp discontinued when the supply on hand was exhausted. Although the supply of this stamp was virtually depleted by 1921, late philatelic uses can be found. Illustrated here are two covers showing uses after the stamp was officially withdrawn. Since the stamp was never demonetized, it was and still is valid for use.



This cover, dated January 8, 1913, is addressed to Hon. Woodrow Wilson, then Governor of the State of New Jersey. Wilson was elected President in November, 1912 and assumed office on March 4, 1913.



20th Century United States Fancy Cancellation

In the latter part of 1928, fancy cancellations of intriguing design began to appear on the face of envelopes. These ranged from geometric designs such as stars and crosses to intricately carved faces, flowers, animals, boats, bugs and airplanes. They were used to bring attention to national holidays, town names, local industry and special events. Although these devices were never authorized, they were used to cancel postally carried mail until August, 1934 when the Post Office ended their use. This example, from Airport Station, Oakland, California is dated June 7, 1930, and is appropriately backstamped. This is a particularly late and unusual usage of the registry stamp.



Dr. Wheeler,
#1919- N. 8 St,
Phila, Pa,

R 10 86 R



Wm B. Adams
Lancaster Pa
R.D. 7

67000
(Return
Card
Request)