

Section Two - Domestic

1 July 1851 - 30 June 1863

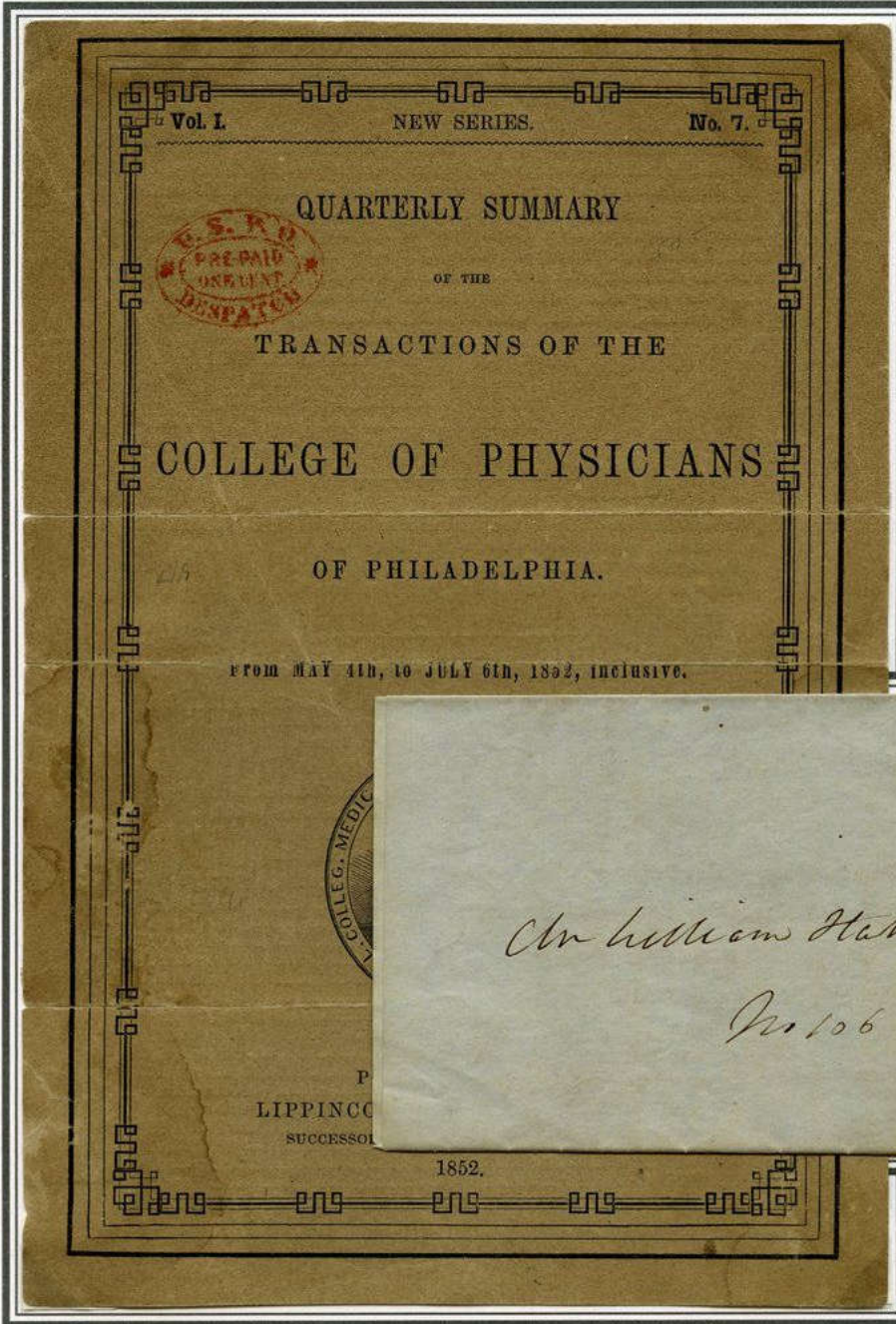
Printed Matter

U. S. P. O. Carrier Service

1851 Through The 1850's

Local Carrier Service Operated By The U. S. Post Office

Front cover of booklet



The U. S. post office operated carrier services in several of the large cities from the 1840's into the late 1860's. One of the most prominent was the service in Philadelphia, PA. The red oval marking on the catalog cover to the left was in use from November, 1851 well into 1852.

The eagle carrier stamps were issued by the post office in 1852 and used for several years.

Printed Circular



Philadelphia, PA
C. 1853

Philadelphia, PA

1852

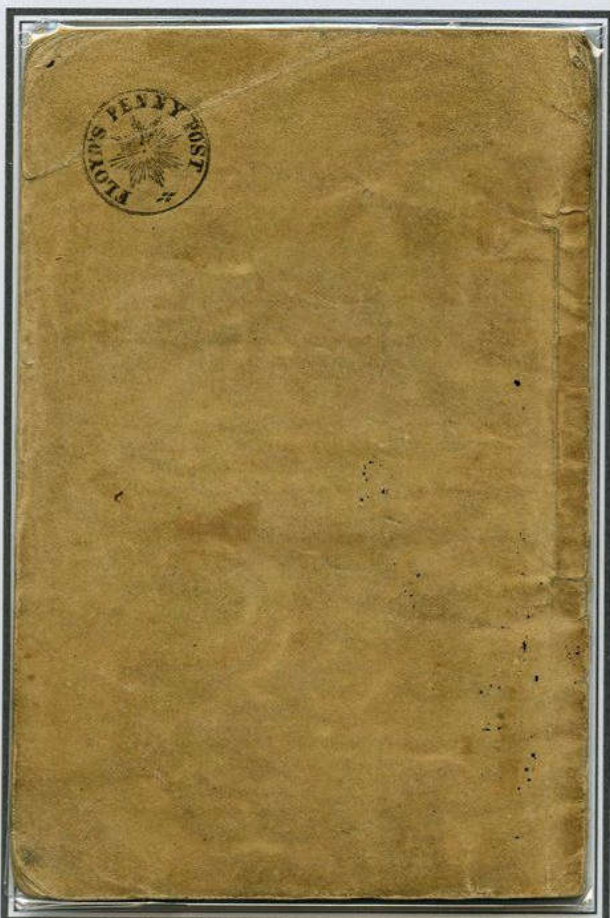
Local Post

Floyd's Penny Post - Chicago Zouave Pamphlet

Booklet of Plans And Organization - Col. E. E. Ellsworth, Chicago Zouave

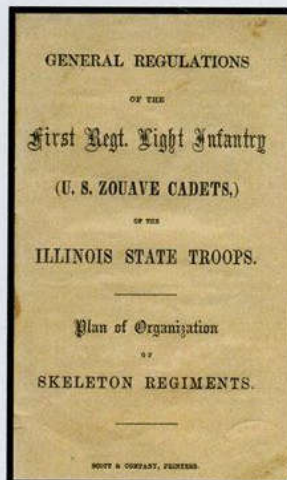
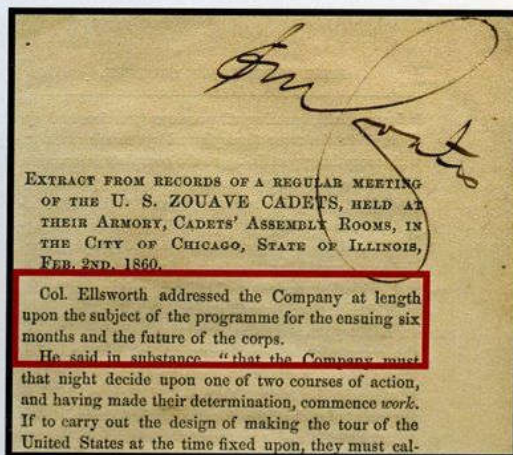
On May 25, 1861, the day after Virginia seceded, Colonel E. E. Ellsworth (see red box blow) led his men down the streets of Alexandria, Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington DC. While doing this, Ellsworth noticed a Confederate flag flying above the Marshall House Inn. He and four others quickly went up the stairs. Ellsworth cut down the flag and was on the way down the stairs when the tavern owner, James W. Jackson, killed him with a shotgun blast to the chest. Ellsworth became the first Union casualty of the Civil War.

This booklet, delivered by Floyd's Penny Post, is the personal copy of General Coates, commander of the First Regiment Light Infantry of the Illinois State Troops, better known as the Chicago of Zouaves. General Coates was Colonel Ellsworth's commanding officer on the day of Ellsworth's death.



Chicago, IL

February 1860



40% Reduction of the title page

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Circular And Newspaper
Precanceled Stamps

1857 and 1861

The user, with prior approval of the post office where the piece was mailed, applied ruled black ink lines to each stamp before the stamp was affixed to the piece of mail. This was most likely done to simplify and expedite handling at the post office.

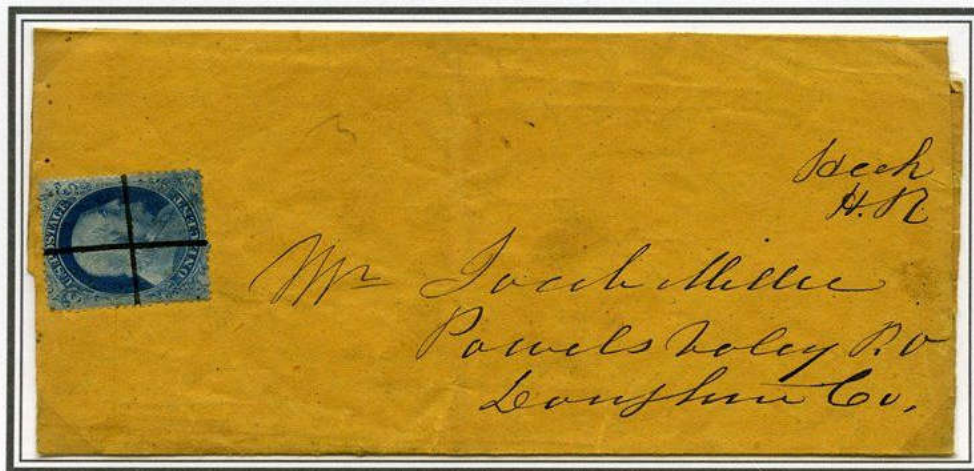


Glen's Falls to South Danby, NY

31 December 1857

Insurance company annual report with the stamp cancelled by ruled lines prior to affixing to the circular.

The stamp on this circular is the remarkable position 91L1L Type IV of the one cent 1851 stamps. There are three distinct entries that were made on the printing plate - the first one is inverted when compared to the second and third entries. The upside down image is clearly visible in the sheet margin to the left of the image of Franklin.



To Powells Valley, KY

C. 1861

School paper made into a wrapper for a newspaper.

Printed Circulars

Local Posts - Bloods In Philadelphia

1854 - 1855

Examples Of Different Printed Circulars Locally Delivered By Bloods City Post

Private mail delivery companies, which operated wholly within a single city, were known as local posts. Many different local posts operated in the major cities of the United States until outlawed in 1861.

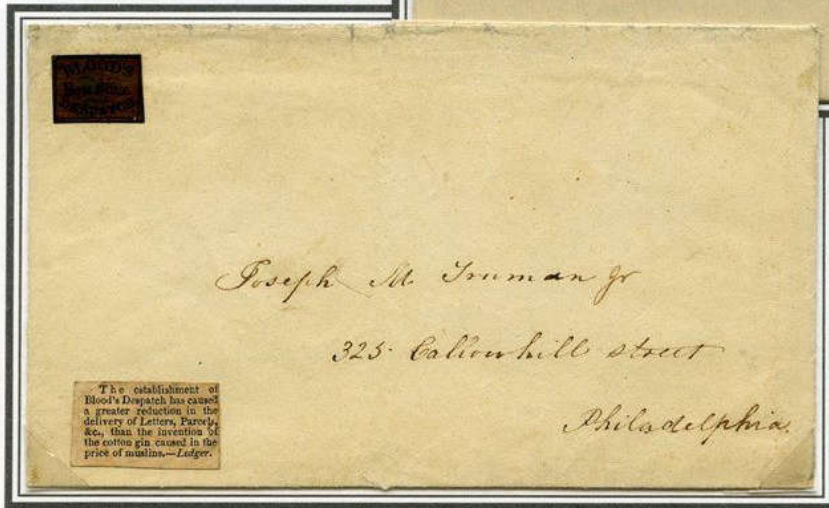
The local posts handled large amounts of printed matter and newspapers and were responsible, through competition, for keeping the postal rates for printed matter low.

One of the largest and best known local posts was Bloods Penny Post in Philadelphia, PA.

Philadelphia, PA
31 August 1859



Philadelphia, PA
13 December 1855



Philadelphia, PA

Unknown

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Printed Circular

Local Post - Metropolitan Express In New York

1856 - 1858

Examples Of Metropolitan Errand & Express Company Circulars Delivered Locally

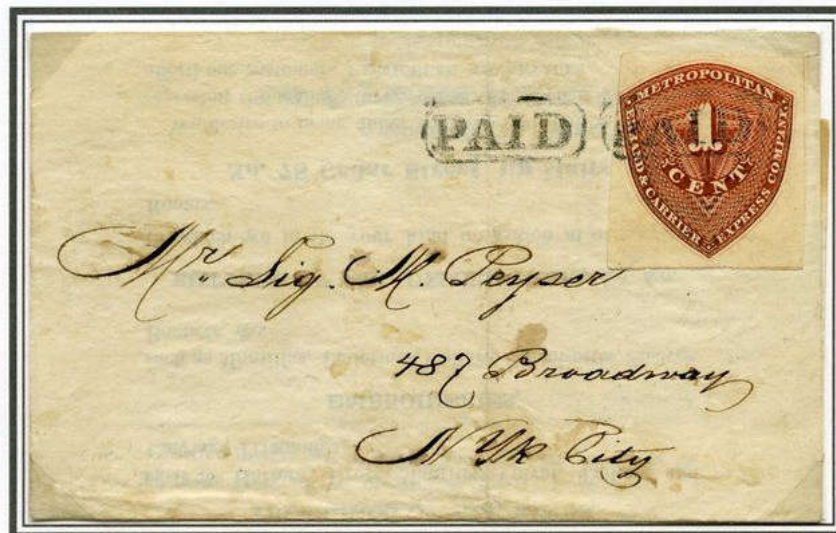


Two Cents

New York, NY

20 December (1856)

Seven examples recorded on cover.



One Cent

New York, NY

8 March 1858