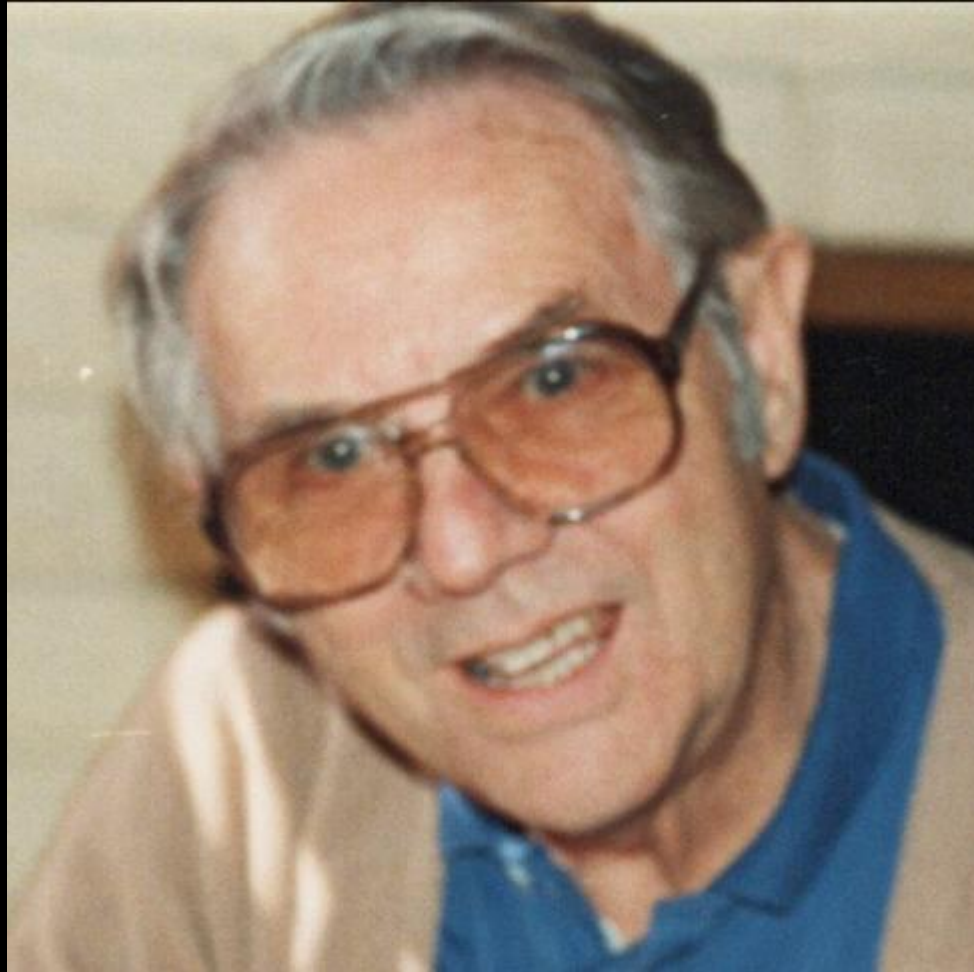


Fancy That!

by Bill Gallagher





Charles H. Estelle

Cancellation Device = Obliterator = Killer

Holdovers from the stampless period

Pen

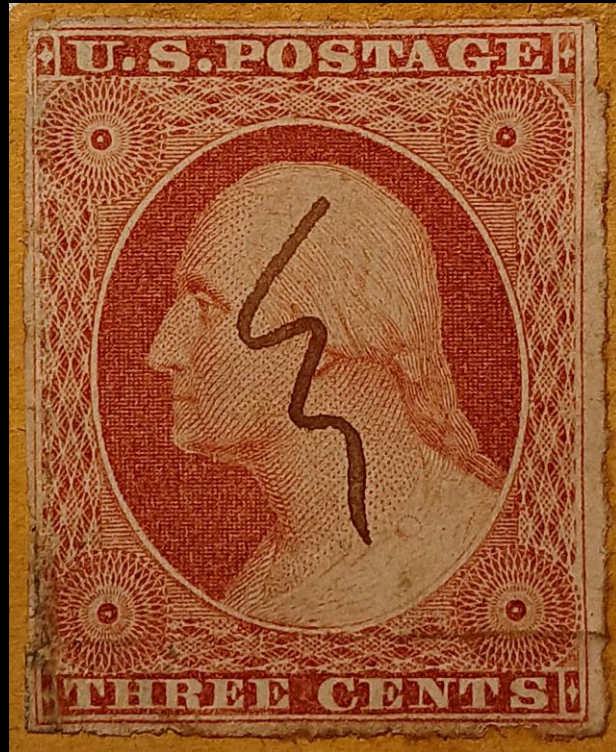
Handstamps

Circular Date Handstamps (CDS)

Rate & Way Handstamps

Early Cancellers - Manuscript

The 1st postal regulation regarding the cancellation of postage stamps called for a pen stroke in black ink.



#10 w/ Pen Cancel

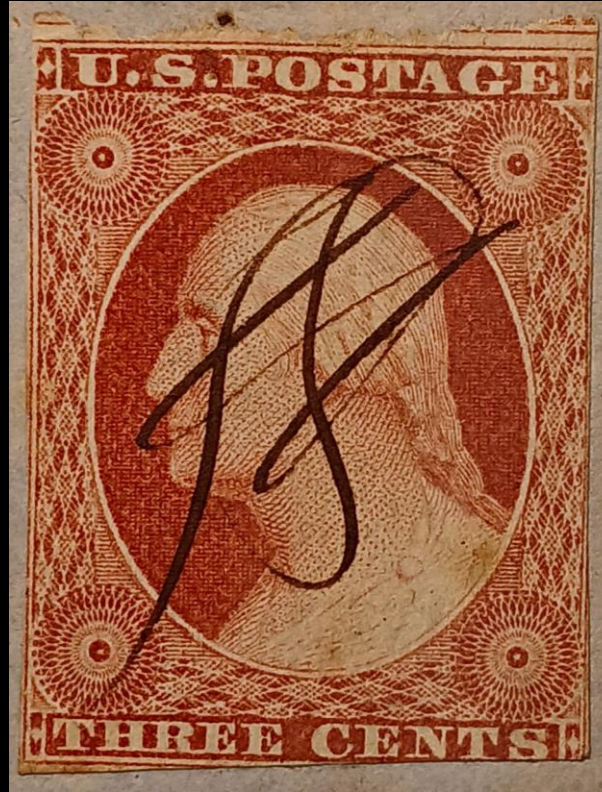


#68 w/ Two stroke pen cancel

Cancel - Manuscript



#147 w/ Multi Stroke
pen cancel



#11A w/ Initials
pen cancel



#65 w/ Signature
pen cancel

Handstamps Target Obliterator



HAND STAMPS!

POST-OFFICE MARKING STAMPS!

Delivered by mail, at the following prices:



- | | |
|---|--------|
| No. 1. Circular office stamp with date changes and screw, complete, | \$1.25 |
| No. 2. Same with year blocks. | \$1.65 |
| No. 3. Same, brass bound, with do. | \$2.00 |
| No. 4. Same, with cancellor attached, | \$3.00 |

HAMMER STAMP.—To those who prefer it, I can furnish Miller's patent hammer stamp, with office stamp and date changes on one face, and cancellor on the other. Sent by mail for \$2.50. Brass bound.

Post-office Business, Free, Dating Stamps, and names of postmasters and post-offices in straight lines, each - - - SIXTY CENTS
Paid, Free, Advertised, Registered, Forwarded, Missent, Due 3, and all kinds of rating stamps, cancelling, black ink, and Pad. each - - - - - THIRTY CENTS

Full directions for use sent with all stamps, including how to make the ink and pad. Every and any style of stamp made to order, warranted to do good service many years if used with ordinary care per directions sent with them.

STAMPS for Books, Clothes, Business Cards, Envelopes, Fac simile Signatures, Merchants, Railroads, Banks, everybody.

Also, SEALS for Private Initials, Notaries, Commissioners, Societies, Corporations, &c., Sent by Mail.

WOOD CUTS OR WOOD ENGRAVING for all sorts of things and all sorts of uses.

FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE STAMPS delivered by mail Three to Five Dollars.

REVENUE STAMP CANCELLORS, with dates, ink and pad complete in a box, sent by mail for Five Dollars.— same without box ink or pad \$3.

E. S. ZEVELY.

CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND.


See inside, second and third pages.

Handstamps

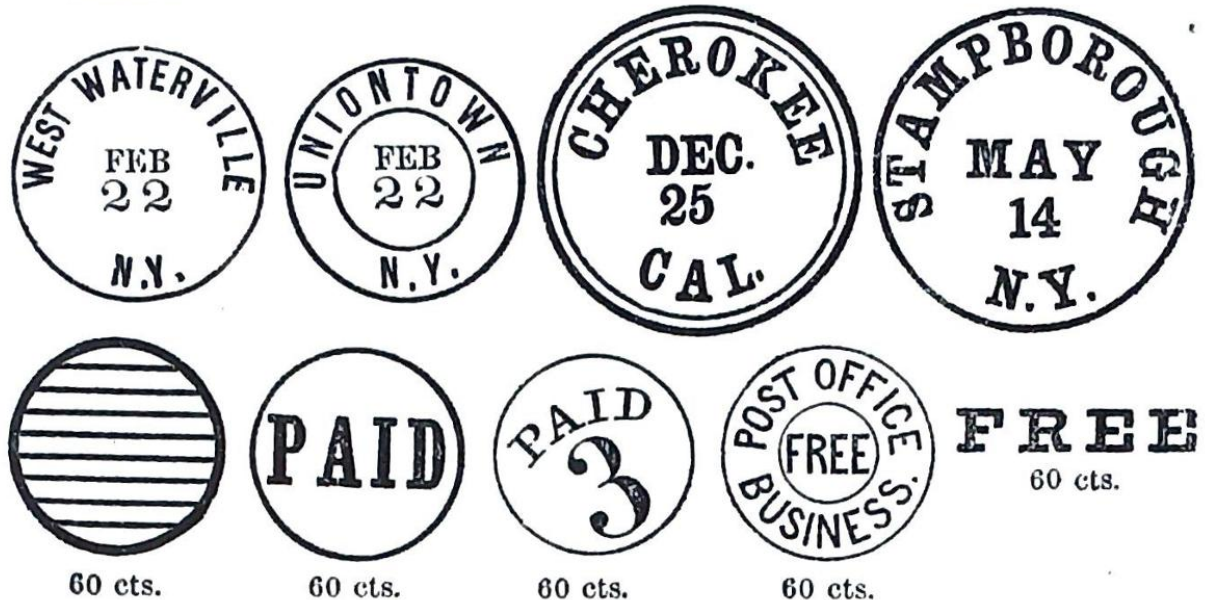
Grid
Obliterotor

IMPROVED BRASS-BOUND RATING STAMPS.

Improved Brass-Bound Stamp, with change of dates and months, - \$2 50
Buckskin Ball and Cushion, - - - - - 25
Box of Black Ink, - - - - - 25

 N. B.—When the year is wanted in, it is 50 cents extra.

We can insure this as the prettiest and most durable Stamp ever made. We can refer to Postmasters who have had our Stamps in use six years. We guarantee to furnish as perfect a Stamp, in letter and style, as the specimen impression on this circular.



POSTMASTER'S NAME AND NAME OF OFFICE. We furnish a beautiful Stamp.

POSTMASTER'S NAME at 75 CENTS.
NAME OF OFFICE at 75 CENTS.

The Postal Service provided handstamps for their high-volume post offices. A study of the fiscal year ending in 1853 showed that 15% of the post offices in the state of New Jersey qualified for free handstamps. They were responsible for 74% of the mail processed in the state.

****** Low volume POs had to purchase their own handstamps or cancel with pen strokes.

Cancel - Rate, Paid & Way



#65 w/ 5 Cent
Rate Cancel



11A w/ Paid Cancel
Boston, Mass.



11A w/ Steamboat
Way Cancel

Cancel - Circular Date Stamp



#11 A w/ CDS cancel
Lyons, NY



#11A w/ CDS cancel
?



#24 w/ CDS cancel
Charleston, S. C.

1860 postal regulations prohibit the use of
Circular Date Stamps as cancellation.

Hard to read

Light cancel = Possible reuse

Lots of Targets & Grids

Cancel - Targets



#65 w/ Brown
4 Ring Target



#158 w/ Blue
4 Ring Target



#114 w/ Red
4 Ring Target

Cancel - Targets



#184 w/ Blue
3 Ring Target



#207 w/ Large
5 Ring Target



#209 w/ Small
6 Ring Target

Cancel - Target



#65



#65

Segmented 4 Ring Targets

Cancel - Grids



#65 w/ 7 Bar Grid



#65 w/ 10 bar Grid



#114 w/ 4 Bar Grid

Definition: Fancy Cancel

- I collect what strikes my fancy.

Dr. Hubert Skinner

- A marking or design derived from an image in the mind of its originator.

Clyde Jennings

Fancy Cancel - Letters & Numbers



#183 w/
Negative "C" in Circle



#183 w/
Negative "4" in Octagon



#183 w/
"13" in Rings

Fancy Cancel - Ellipse



#210 w/ "JDV" in Ellipse
Blairstown, NJ.



#183 w/ "PO" in Ellipse
New York, NY

Some cancels, like the government-furnished 4-ring target killers used in the mid-19th century, probably would be considered a fancy cancel if there weren't so many of them. So, the term "fancy cancel" implies not only something pleasing to the eye but something very unusual if not unique.

Jennings

Fancy Cancel - Carved Cork / Wood



#145

Full Cork



#65

1/2 Cork



#65

1/4 Cork

Fancy Cancel - Carved Cork / Wood



#65

1/8 Cork



#65



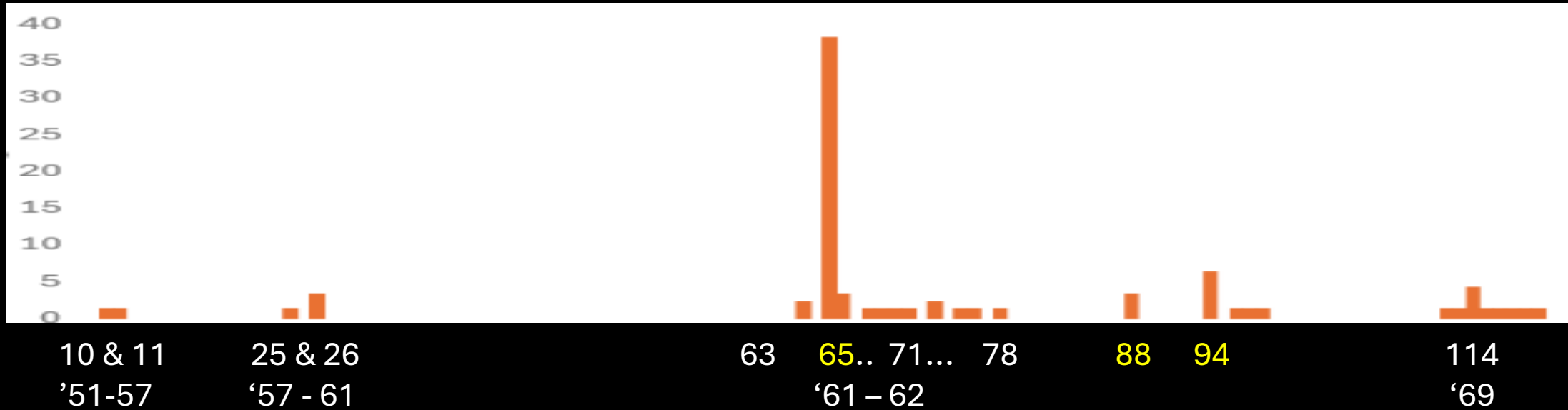
#147



#147

Segmented Cork

Where To Find Them



Stamp # 1 through #122

Ref: Skinner / Eno
Herst / Sampson
Whitfield



136

'70

147

158

'73

178

'75

183

'79

184

207

'81

209

'87

213

220

'90

231 - 245

'93



134
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182
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187
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178
183



219D
220



231

{----- Large Banknotes -----}

Stamp #'s 134 - 245
Ref: J. Cole
Whitfield

Rating / Value

“19th Century United States Fancy Cancellations” by Herst / Sampson

A,	B,	C,	D,	E,	F,	G,	H,	I,	J	
1	5	10	20	30	40	50	75	100	100+	*(1963 \$'s)*

E-Bay, Hip-Stamp, Auctions, Facebook Fancy Cancel page.

“Cancellations and Killers of the Banknote Era” by James Cole

-1,	1,	1+,	-2,	2,	2+,	-3,	3,	3+	-4
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Common

Scarce

Rare

Elite

Corks	Numbers	Star	Jack O Lantern	Shield
Targets	Letters	Radials	Anchors	Patriotic
Grids	Ellipse	Crosses	Masonic	NYFM
Crossroads	Geometric designs	Flora		

Animals	Waterbury's
Faces	Eagles
Dogs	Figures
Insects	

Valuation:

Stamp

- Rarity
- Soundness
 - Centering
 - Condition
- Varieties

+

Cancel

=

Total Value

- Rarity of Cancel
- Eye Appeal
- Quality of “Strike”
 - Percent (%) of cancel shown
 - Clarity of “strike”
 - Position SOTN / SON

Fancy Cancel - Stars



#147
Solid Star



#210
Shaded Star



#239
Hollow Star

Fancy Cancel - Stars



#65 w/
Negative Star in Circle



#207 w/
Blue Star in Circle



#178 w/
Solid Star in Circle

Fancy Cancel - Segmented Stars



#210 w/ Purple
Star in Star



#35 w/ Segmented
Star with Hole



#184 w/
Segmented Star

Fancy Cancel - Maltese Crosses



#210



#157



#212

Fancy Cancel - Crossroads



#158



#158



#94

Fancy Cancel - Radials



#65 w/
Circle of Wedges



#94 w/
Rosette



#65 w/
Cog Wheel

Fancy Cancel - Geometric Designs



#94 w/ Segmented
Parallelogram



#65 w/ Segmented
Square



#65 w/ Segmented
Rectangle

Fancy Cancel - Geometric Designs



#178 w/
Cog Wheel



#220 w/
1/4 Cork in Circle



#220 w/
Geometric Design

Fancy Cancel - Geometric Designs



#178 w/
Geometric Design



#71 w/
Hexagons



#116 w/
Geometric Design

Fancy Cancel – Geometric Design



#69



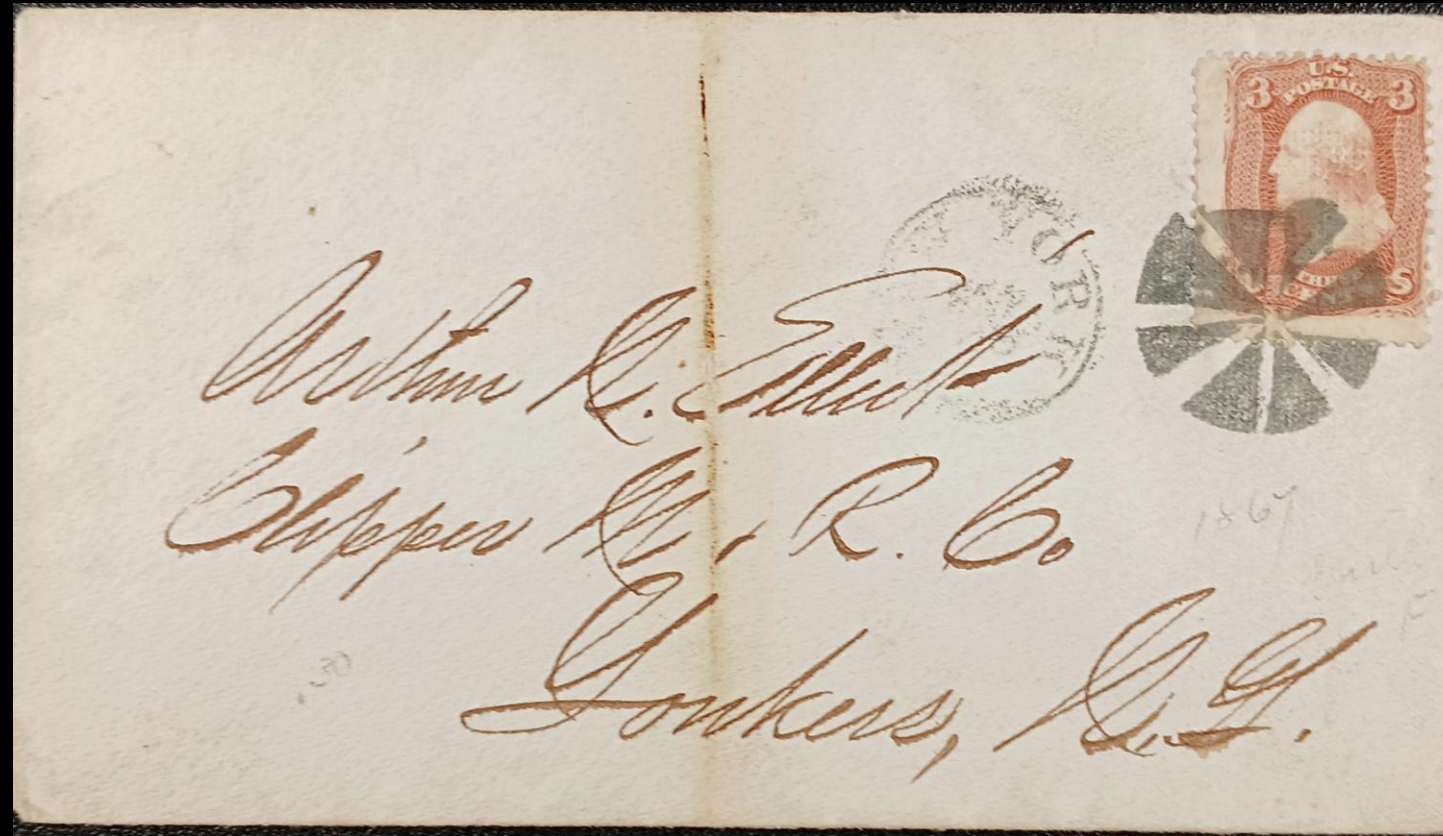
#65



#78b

San Francisco Cog Wheels

Cancel Identification



#65 w/ Circle of Wedges
New York, NY.

Fancy Cover?



Three #63 w/ two Target Duplex
Madison, Wis. JUN 5, 1863

Fancy Cover!!



#183 & U227 w/ Heart
Cadillac, Mich. AUG 7, 1884



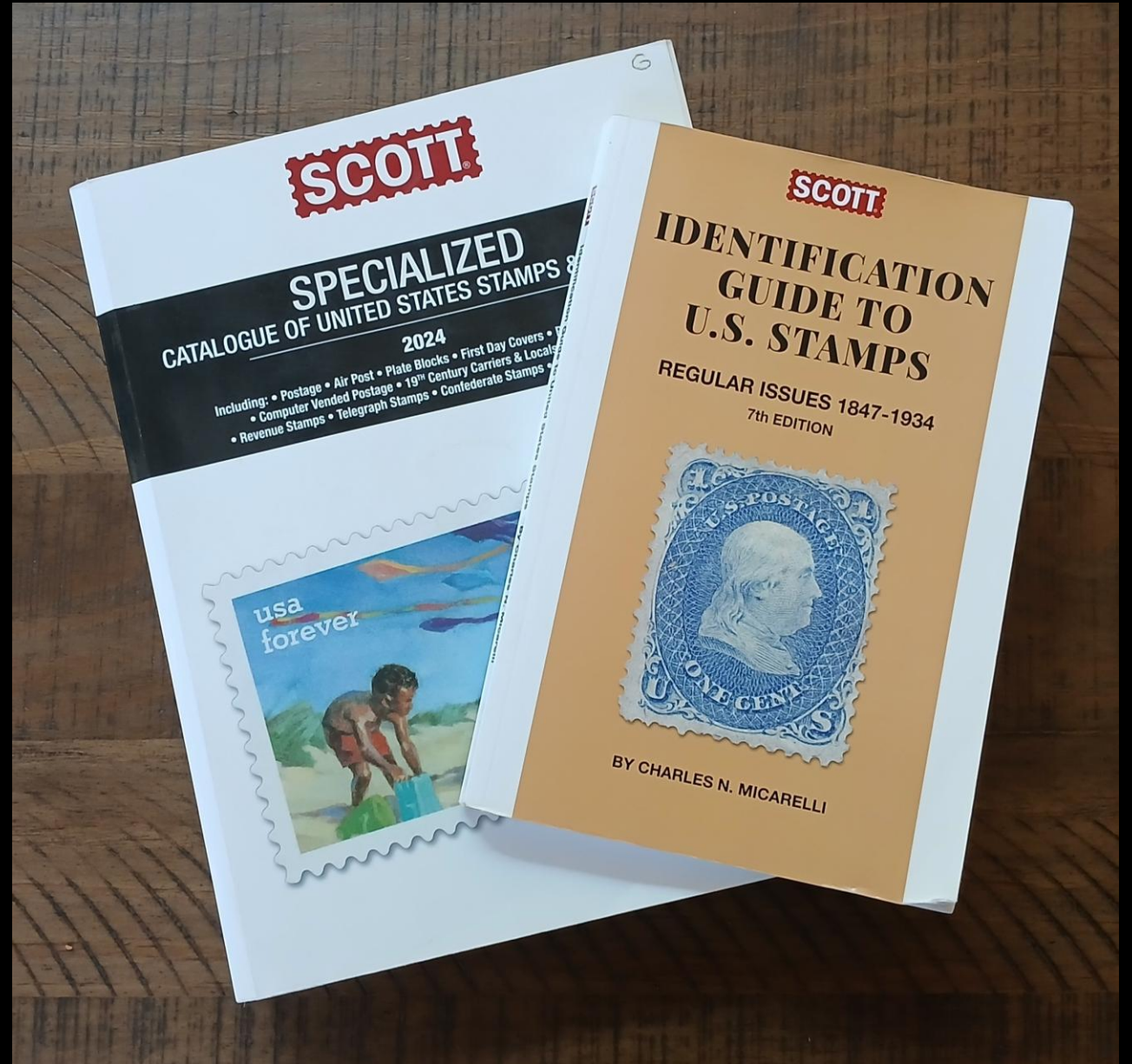
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Tools

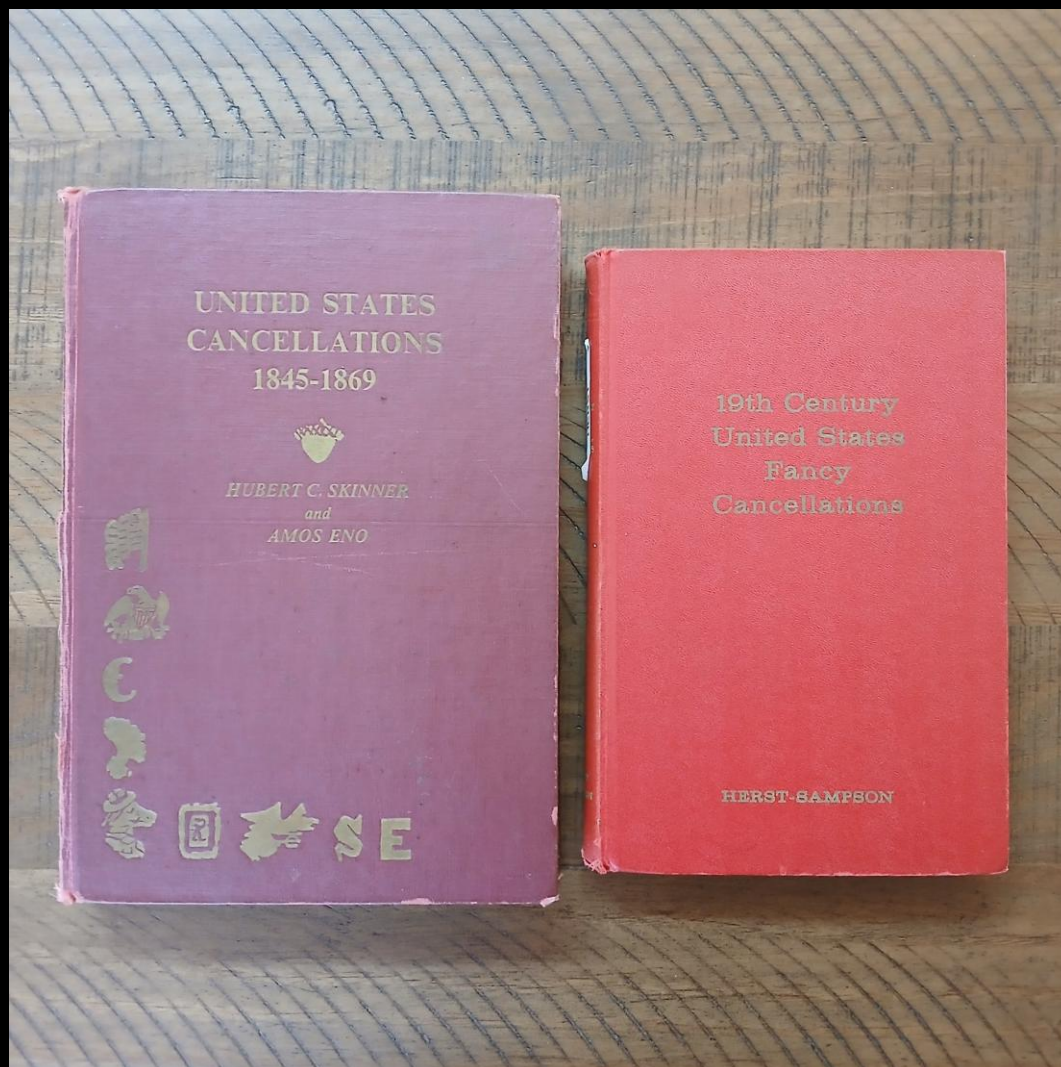














Stamp Identification

- Stamp #
- Date of Issue
- Varieties / EFO's



Cancel Identification



 <p>ST-D 37 1861 New York, New York</p>	<p><i>one point short</i></p>  <p>ST-D 38 1867 Mobile, Alabama</p>	 <p>ST-D 39 1861 Pittsfield, Massachusetts</p>	 <p>ST-D 40 1867</p>
 <p>ST-D 41 1857 Downieville, California</p>	 <p>ST-D 42 1857-61 Downieville, California</p>	 <p>ST-D 43 1861 Williamsburgh, Massachusetts</p>	 <p>ST-D 44 1861 Somerville, New York (?)</p>
 <p>ST-D 45 1861-67 Windsor, New York blue</p>	 <p>ST-D 46 1861 West Falmouth, Massachusetts</p>	 <p>ST-D 47 1861</p>	 <p>SD-T 48 1861</p>



#35 w/ Segmented Star
Downieville, Ca.

Postmark Reveal.com



- 57 different “looks” on this stamp

Fancy Cancel - Fronds



#158 w/ Frond



#156 w/ Frond

Fancy Cancel - Patriotic Shields



#65 w/ Shield in Circle
New York, NY



#158 w/ Shield
Worcester, Mass

Fancy Cancel - Patriotic Eagles



#65 w/ Eagle & Shield
Cory, PA.



#65 w/ Eagle & Shield
Cambridge, Mass.

Fancy Cancel - Patriotic



#159 w/ "US"
Ashland, OR



#159 w/ Negative
"US" Shelby, Ohio

Fancy Cancel - Patriotic



#65 w/ Union Star
In Pentagon



#156 w/ Negative "76"
So. Orange, NJ

Fancy Cancel - Animals



#085 w/ Kicking Mule
Port Townsend, Wash.



#158 w/ Squirrel
?

Fancy Cancel - Faces



#149 w/ Sun Face
St. Louis, Mo.



#147 w/ Devil Mask
New York, NY.

Fancy Cancels – Halloween?

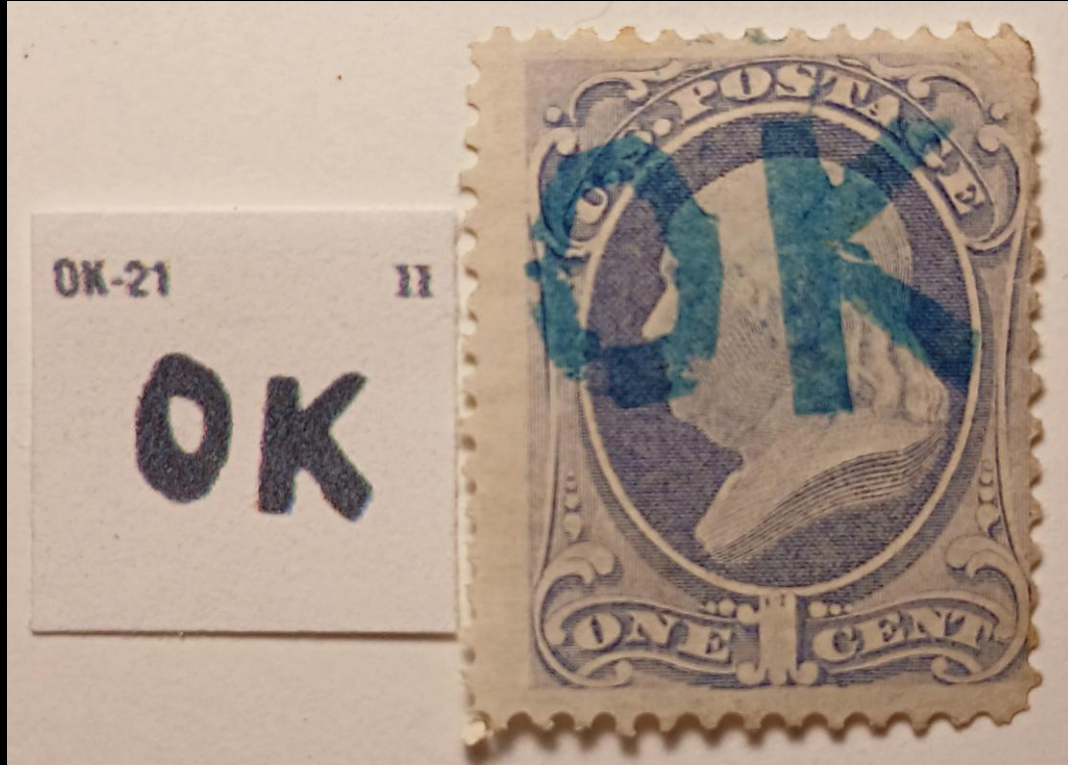


#251 w/ Jack-O-Lantern
Boston, Mass.

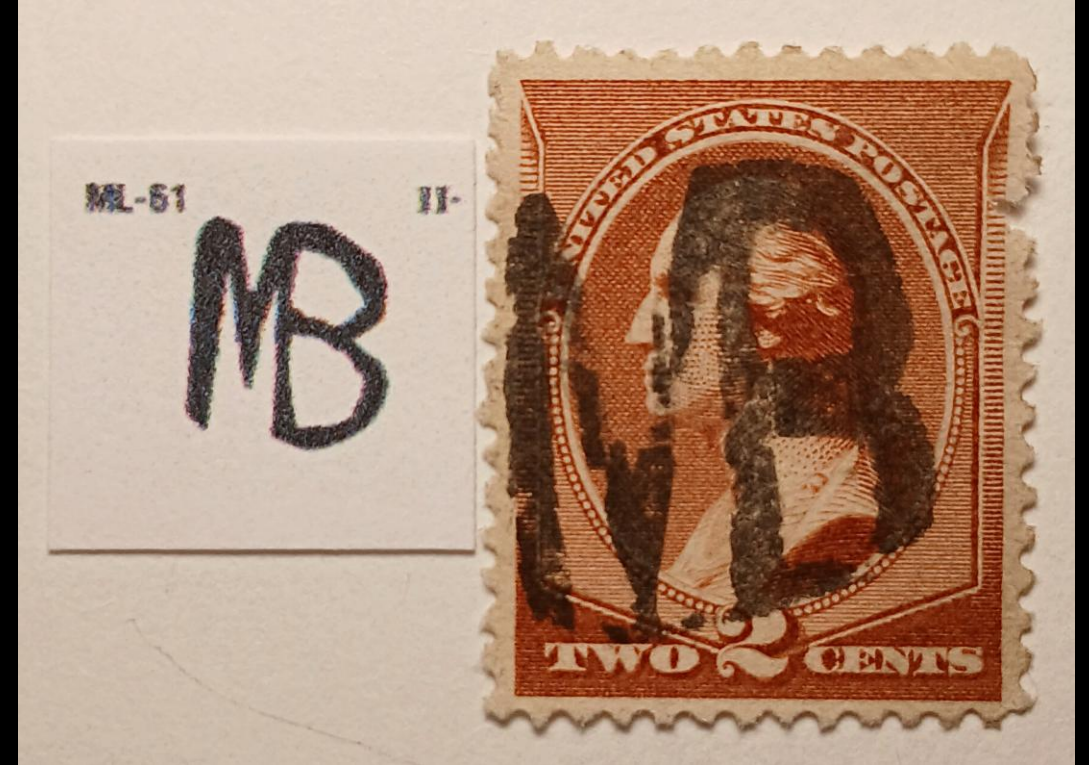


#183 w/ Wheel of Fortune
(1100+ PO's)

Fancy Cancel - Words / Letters



#156 w/ Blue "OK"
Quincy, Mass.



#210 w/ "MB"
Mystic Bridge, Conn

Fancy Cancellals - Objects



#65 w/ Negative
Anchor in Circle



#94 w/ Blue Acorn
Piqua, Ohio

Fancy Cancel New York City Foreign Mail 1870 - 1878

Ref: The Foreign Mail Cancellations
of New York City
By William R. Wiess

- 245+ Cancellations



Fancy Cancel - New York City Foreign Mail



#159 w/ ST-8P11



#160 w/ ST-MP1

Fancy Cancel - New York City Foreign Mail



#149 w/ GE-C1



#153 w/ GE-EN6

Waterbury Cancells

Waterbury, Conn.

John W. Hill – Postal Clerk

Ref: The Waterbury Cancellations
by Paul C. Rohloff

- 275+ cancellations



#112 w/ Running Chicken

Fancy Cancel - Waterbury's



#158 w/ Flower and Leaves on a Stem, F-1
Waterbury, Conn.



#112 w/ Small Bee, A-14
Waterbury Conn.

Waterbury's



#65 w/
Man with Hat



#65 w/
Duck on Water



#65 w/
Man Smoking Pipe

Waterbury's



#114 w/ Rose



#65 w/ Elm Leaf



#114 w/ Pumpkin





New Orleans, La.



New Orleans, La.



New York City, N.Y.

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