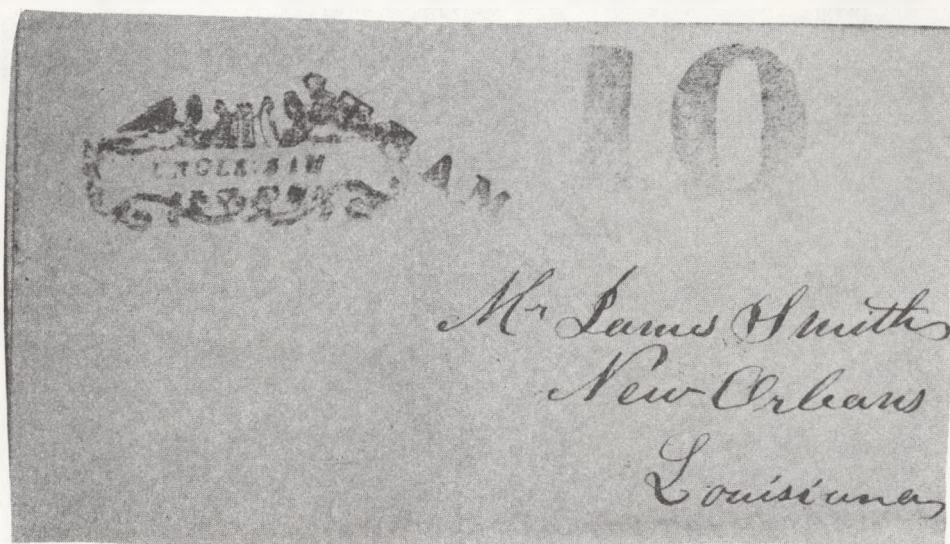
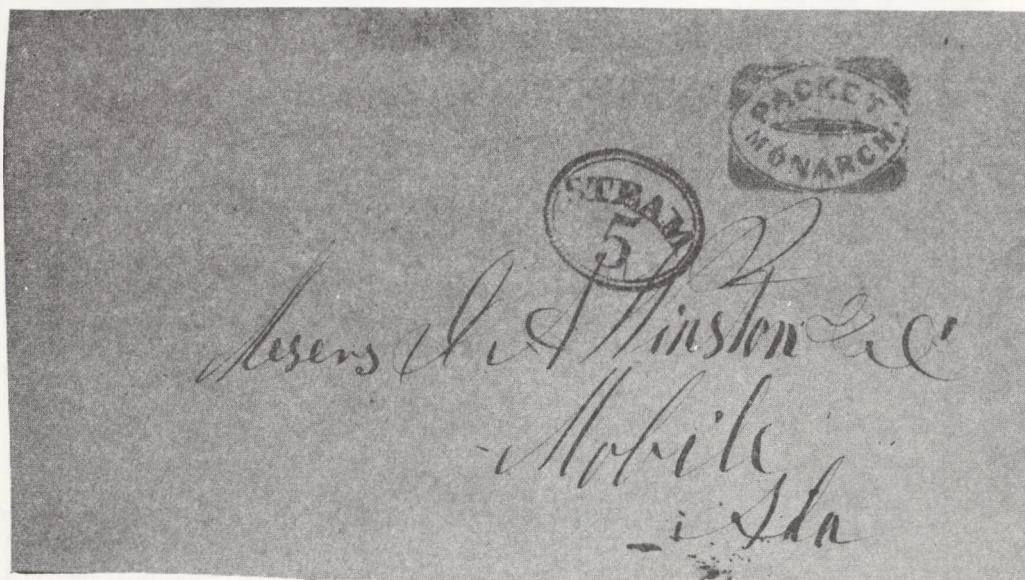




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LIBRARY

#PM-13 has been assigned to the 1973 publi-
cation, "THE CANADIAN FLAG CANCEL HANDBOOK, 1896-
1973" - 92 pages, a gift from Ted Kilish (#741)
which we acknowledged in the last issue of the NEWS.
Also we have received a copy of "BOSTON
POSTMARKS TO 1890" a gift of the publishers, the
Quarterman Publications Inc. and also a copy of
THE POSTAL HISTORIAN'S NOTEBOOK, Part I from the
co-author, Kenneth F. Olson (#102).

BARRY MACHINE CANCELS
SUPPLEMENT NO. 2

Supplement No. 2, including changes and
additions for the Barry Handbook by Funk & Bond
that we published in 1972, is now printed and
ready for distribution. A copy will be mailed
postpaid upon receipt of 35¢. U.S. stamps accept-
able. This Supplement illustrates three previous-
ly unknown types of Barry cancels, contains addi-
tional information about the Barry Postal Supply
Co. and their experimental installations; also
explanation of the two styles of Baltimore can-
cels in early use.

The Plaque in appreciation of my services
to the Club which was approved at the meeting in
Chicago in October, has arrived and I wish to
take this opportunity to thank the members for
it. Beautifully and tastefully executed it is
now one of my valued possessions.

(signed) Charles D. Root.

As suggested at the Chicago meeting the
Roger Cotting material has been sent to Mr.
Hubert Skinner(#632). Mr. Skinner is enthusiastic
about the work already done and feels it is worth
while to continue with it. Offers to help in
finishing it have come in response to the request
in the November NEWS. These have been sent to Mr.
Skinner.

Mrs. Root and your Editor wish to thank all
of you who so thoughtfully sent Holiday Greetings.

At the 36th annual convention of the PENIN-
SULAR PHILATELIC SOCIETY held last April in
Saginaw, Mich. the USCC Certificate was awarded
to Mr. Mark Anderson for "WELLS FARGO COVERS THE
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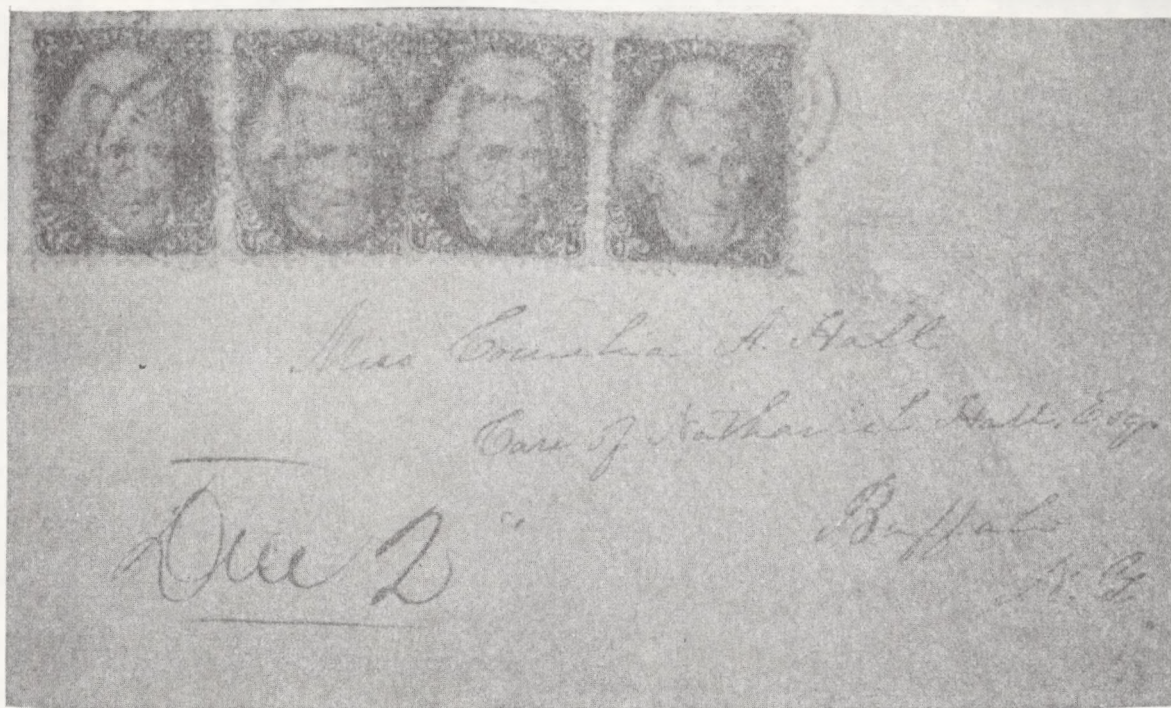
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The Cover illustrated on Page 56 is from
the collection of Warren C. Bower (#751). Note
the unusual arrangement in the Postmark and the
rather interesting letter. Mr. Bower welcomes
your comments.



An interesting cover franked with two pairs of Black Jacks, without grill, totalling 8¢, and marked "Due 2" in manuscript. Addressed to Buffalo, N. Y., but the townmark, unfortunately, is not readable. About the only letter clearly visible in the CDS is the letter "U."

There are two possible explanations of this odd rate. Firstly, it is possible that this is a Buffalo Drop Letter, which does not seem very likely, as the envelope is fully addressed, including the State name, N. Y. This has not been the usual practice in addressing local letters, most of them are merely marked "City." If it were a Drop letter, it would have to be a 5x rate, (over 2½ ounces, not over 3 ounces,) 4 rates paid (8¢); one rate (2¢) due, as marked.

The second hypothesis is that it is a First Class letter, from some other place of origin, 1¢ underpaid for a triple rate, (over 1 ounce, not over 1½ ounces.) The Postmaster rated it as 2¢ due, 1¢ for the shortage and 1¢ as penalty. It was legal, but not common, for a penalty to be charged on a multiple-rate cover, only slightly underpaid.

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The Cover shown on the front page of the July 1974 issue still provokes comment. Perry Sapperstein (#349) writes that in some cases a charge was made for advertising usually 2¢. He expresses ignorance as to when, where or why.

PATRONIZE THE "NEWS" ADVERTISERS IN 1975

BOSTON POSTMARKS TO 1890

by

Maurice C. Blake & Wilbur W. Davis

As advertised in the September 1974 issue of the NEWS this book has been reprinted. Since the USCC Library owns a loose-leaf copy of the original and since this is an exact copy many of you know how complete this one must be. Originally published in 1949 it includes a postal history of Boston from earliest Colonial times through the Bank Note period. Wilbur W. Davis, considered the most knowledgeable student of Boston Postal Markings, was one of the founders of USCC and very helpful during our early years. The thousands of illustrations and the authentic discussions are contained in a bound book of nearly 400 pages. It is available for \$30.00 postpaid from Quarterman Publications Inc., 5 So. Union St., Lawrence, Mass. 01816
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The Scandinavian Collectors Club has awarded the Carl E. Pelander Award for outstanding service to Frederick A. Profos (#1104). Mr. Profos also holds an honorary Life Membership in S.C.C.

We wish to give all possible publicity to the activities of the local Clubs to which our members belong but all too often announcements arrive too late for our current issue and the next issue will be too late to do any good. If you wish us to announce coming shows or meetings please get the notice to us at least three months in advance.

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COLLECTION BELONGS TO A. M. GAUMER (#909).

THE MACHINE MARKINGS ATTRIBUTED TO PALMER

For many years machine postmark specialists hunted for examples of the use of the Palmer postmarking machine.

Certainly until 1966 the possible existence of a Palmer type machine was accepted but no evidence was forthcoming to substantiate the use of such a machine at any Post Office.

However, in 1966 member Bob Payne documented in the Club News (Vol. 8. No. 2 March 1966), the results of his painstaking researches and illustrated for the first time what he believed to be a Palmer Machine cancellation. (Fig. 1.)

The basis of this belief was quite substantial:

- * Fig. 1 had every appearance of a machine cancel.
- * April 21, 1876 preceeded any known date of use of a Leavitt machine in New York and by a substantial time period, use of a Leavitt circular postmark type.
- * In the Post Office archives in Washington is a letter dated March 30, 1876 from Postmaster General Marshall Jewell to Mr. T.B. Palmer of Schultsville, N.Y. authorizing him to furnish the Post Office Department with ten postmarking, stamping and cancel printing machines of the same kind as the one exhibited in the Department on the 29th inst. but of perfect mechanical construction and with such improvements as may suggest themselves for which Mr. Palmer was to be paid \$100.00 each on their delivery and acceptance. Each machine was to be furnished with a full outfit of dates including year, month, day and hour blocks. Palmer was further directed to construct machines for use in the following cities: New York (2), Albany (1), Washington (1), Philadelphia (2), Hartford (1), Boston (2) Cleveland (1).
- * A patent filed by T.G. Palmer and H.F. Clark of Schultsville and Poughkeepsie, N.Y. respectively on March 10, 1875 was granted on March 16, 1875 in respect of "new and useful Improvements in Rotary Printing Presses for Dating Letters, Cancelling Post Office Stamps upon letters and for other like purposes" (Patent 160.947)
- * A further patent was filed on March 18th, 1876 by the same two inventors for "new and useful Improvements in Machines for Cancelling Postage-Stamps and Post-marking Letters" (This patent was subsequently granted on Sept. 26th, 1876 - Patent No. 182, 698)
- * An article appeared in the "Daily Union" Newspaper of New York City on Friday April 14, 1876 entitled, "Stamping Letters by Machinery", which stated thus:

"The smartest Post Office clerk can cancel only 160 stamps per minute and a New Yorker has now invented a machine that will do the stamping at the rate of 400 a minute, provided of course, that the stamps are all in the upper right hand corner....."

In short, Palmer had patented a machine. He lived in New York. The Post Office had authorized the delivery of 10 machines, one of which was for use in New York. A local and contemporary newspaper confirmed the actual use of a postmarking

machine in New York invented by a New Yorker and there were no other known inventors in the field that fitted the bill.

This substantial evidence to support the proposition that Fig. 1. was an impression from a Palmer machine was furthermore reinforced by its similarity to the postmark used on mail carried by the celebrated speed-record, trans-continental express from New York to San Francisco on June 1st, 1876, known as the "Jarrett & Palmer" postmark on account of the promotional annular ring around the datestamp (Fig. 2).

In his article Bob gave a fascinating account of this centennial year, trans-continental railroad publicity stunt arranged by New York theatre managers Jarrett and Harry D. Palmer and also highlighted the remarkable coincidence of the family name - Palmer.

Was Palmer the theatre manager related to Palmer the postmark machine inventor?

To date no one has managed to establish this relationship and in the light of recent findings it is really not important any longer, for the markings of Fig. 1 and 2 were not made by a Palmer machine but by a Myers machine!!

Frederick Myers of New York City, New York, filed an application for a patent on Jan. 21st, 1876 for his invention of a "Machine for Cancelling Stamps and Postmarking Letters." His request was granted on March 21st, 1876 (Patent No. 175, 140).

Figure 3 is a simplified sketch of the side view of the Myers machine whilst Figure 4 is the same but more detailed side view as actually illustrated in the Patent specification.

For a detailed understanding of how the machine works the student needs to study the complete specification but the following extracts are worthy of note.

"A represents a pile or batch of letters to be cancelled and postmarked, for which they are first arranged by the attendant with the stamped side uppermost and the stamps at the right hand end, and then placed in the holder B on the follower C with the feed roller D against which they are continuously moved as the pile diminished, and are slightly pressed by the weighted lever E.

The feed roller D is geared to the printing roller J K so as to run in unison with them to which the letters are delivered from the feed rollers by means of a pair of carrier rollers M, N.

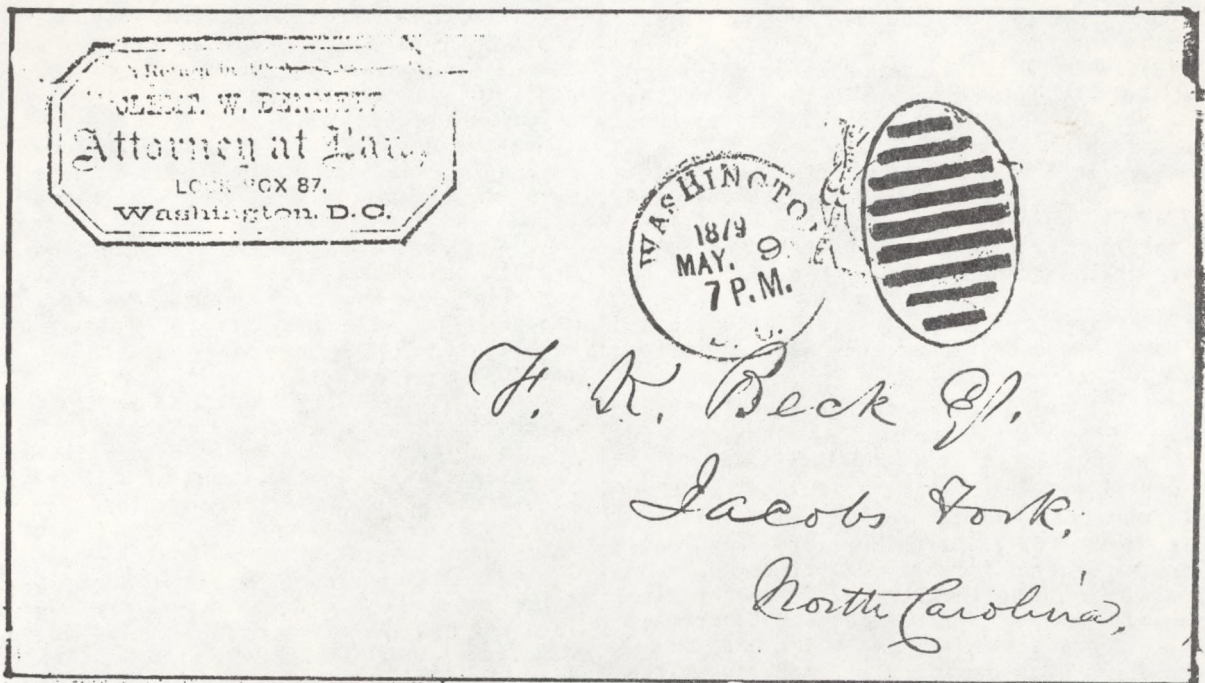
Every time the points a' of the sectional bands b' of the roller D which are armed with little teeth, rubber or any suitable friction material, come forward to the pile they catch a letter on its upper surface and push it forward.... the letter being started from said stop gages by points a' of the toothed or friction bands of roller D will on coming to the printing rollers be presented to the dies thereof so that the stamp of the letters will unerringly receive the impression of the cancelling die, provided the stamp is located in the usual position on the upper right hand or lower left hand corner of the letter.

.....From the printing-rollers the letters may be delivered by the spout Z to one of the receptacles of a revolving hopper...."

It is interesting to compare this extract with the full article which appeared in the New York "Daily Union" as quoted by Bob Payne in his article: --

To be continued.

Next installment will contain illustrations.



PLEASE RETURN THIS WITH YOUR REPLY.

Office of C. W. BENNETT,
Attorney,

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