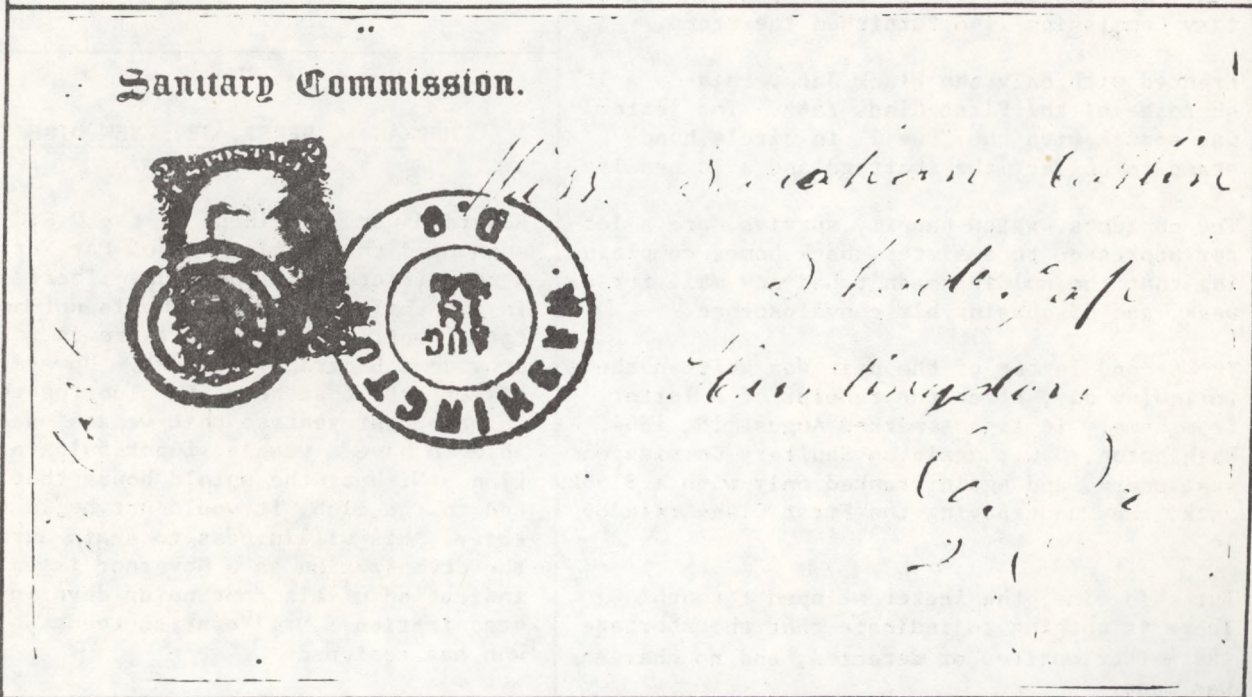
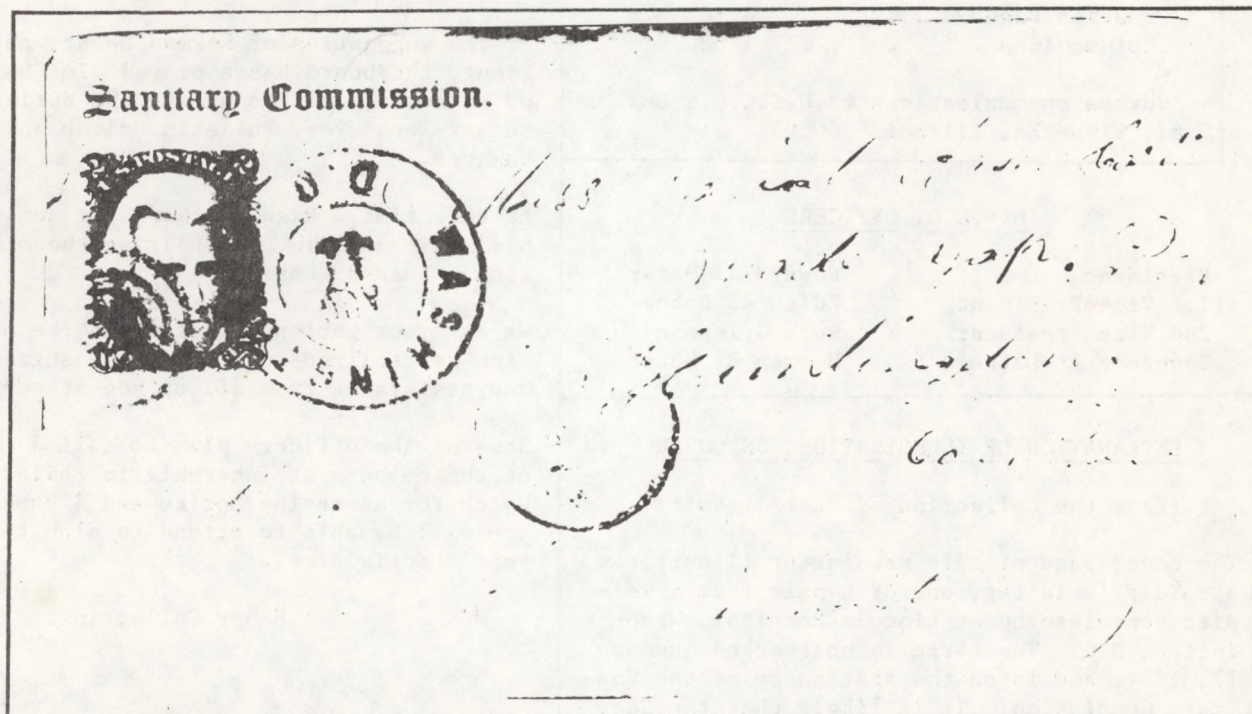




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EXPLANATION OF ILLUSTRATIONS ON COVER

(From the Collection of Paul J. Wolf)

The cover page of this newsletter illustrates a soldier's letter, one of a pair from a soldier convalescing at Lincoln Hospital, Washington, D.C. The first is postmarked August 17, 1864, and is on the stationery of the Sanitary Commission. It is likely that the Sanitary Commission also furnished the stamp.

Franked with only the Black Jack, this is a 1c shortage of the First Class rate. The letter was struck with the "Due 2" in circle handstamp to collect the shortage and a 1c penalty.

The contents, which happily survive, are a letter addressed to a sister, back home, complaining that the soldier hadn't had any mail for a week, and discussing his convalescence.

The second letter of the pair was written the following day, after the receipt of a letter from home. It is postmarked August 18, 1864, Washington, D.C., again on Sanitary Commission stationery, and again franked only with a Black Jack, thus underpaying the First Class rate by 1c.

But this time, the letter slipped through! There is nothing to indicate that the shortage was either noticed or detected, and no charge was made.

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

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 April 15, 1976

Dear Members:

Hello, to all of you from your newly-elected President.

With the death of Mr. Root and the resignation of Dan Stone, the new officers have been unable to communicate with you to keep you informed.

At the suggestion of Herman Herst, past-president, the board has approved Jim Challenger of Winnetka, Ill. to assume the duties of Secretary-Treasurer, Bulletin Editor and Circuit Manager.

At this time I wish to thank Pat Herst for his assistance in revitalizing the organization, "Thanks" Pat.

We ask your patience in getting the organization revitalized and we welcome suggestions and assistance from all of you at any time.

Some of the officers plan to call a meeting of the members at Interphil in Philadelphia. Watch for a meeting notice and I hope many of you will be able to attend to plan the coming year's activities.

Happy Collecting, Sincerely,

Howard Mader

HERMAN E. HERST, JR., NEW DIRECTOR

Howard Mader, President of the U.S.C.C. has announced the appointment of Pat Herst as a new director for the club. There is no one in the philatelic world who is not aware of Pat's contributions, and there is no need to provide a biography for Pat. However, it was his efforts that held the club together during the past year so that we are once again able to have a viable, functioning organization. Without the untold hours that he devoted to the club, it would not be in existence today. His willingness to again agree to help the organization as a Governor is only another indication of his continuing devotion to our organization. Mr. Herst succeeds Col. Bozarth, who has resigned.

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WHITHER THE U.S.C.C.? - AN EDITORIAL

From time to time space may be taken in this column for comments by the editor on various matters that presumably should be of interest to the members. With the revival of the club after a hiatus of about one year, it would seem to be an opportune time for the officers, directors and members to assess the operation and determine what is wanted from the organization in the future. However, we will not often take up this space with personal comments.

In the last issue comments were solicited from the members in regard to possible changes or additions in this newsletter. In regard to the suggestion of a "question corner" there seems to be unanimity from those members who responded in favor of this addition. Concerning the reprinting of prior articles the response was about 2 to 1 in favor of such reprints with admonitions from many as to the quality or scope of the reprint. Obviously reprints are going to interest only those persons who specialize in the areas about which the reprint is concerned, so that each such publication will have limited appeal. Consequently, it will be held in abeyance for the moment until we are more sure of the overall interests of the members.

More importantly, I believe that this is a time for self-analysis for the organization. In the last issue it was suggested that the group arrange for a meeting of Interphil. Five members expressed interest in such a meeting. The question raised is therefore -- should the U.S.C.C. make an attempt to set up national or local meetings? If attendance is to be limited, the cost would seem to outweigh the benefits.

Secondly, of importance would be the scope, mode, method or aim of this publication. A letter from a member recently received stated that the newsletter is "a lack-luster periodical". Is this attitude prevalent among the members? If so, what should be done to improve the content and scope? We are dependent upon the members for both material and ideas. We would appreciate comments in this regard.

Another letter suggests the retirement of all present circuits because it is "tired, old circuit material". It suggests that possibly it is time for the club to forsake the circuit method of mailings and move to an

auction format. At the present time 20 circuits are in circulation. Based upon the returns about 80% find material, and 20% select nothing. Are the 80% satisfied? Would they be more satisfied with an auction? However, it must be noted that our analysis of the basic material offered would seem to indicate too much would fall into low-priced covers and stamps which would not lend themselves to the auction format.

This analysis of the stamps and covers brings me to the final point. At the present moment there are some 244 member names on the rolls of the 28 different circuits. For all intents and purposes the stamps and covers in these circuits have been furnished by approximately 12 members. Can sales circuits or auctions be successful when less than 5% of the membership must submit material to meet the needs of 60%?

Through the years Charles Root continually wrote articles asking for more and better material for the circuits. We did the same in the last issue. Three members responded. Certainly each member could dig back into his duplicates or unwanted covers and find something sufficient to justify at least one submission each. If half of the members would make this extra effort, it would undoubtedly improve both the quality and interest in the circuits. It might even lead to a formation of more specialized circuits that would be of more interest to individual members.

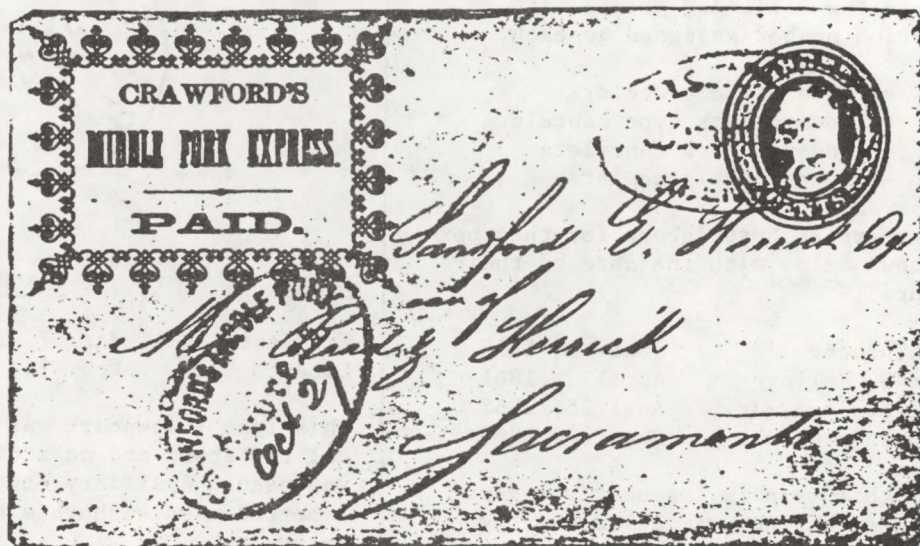
The purpose and scope of this club as defined in the by-laws starts as follows:

"Its purposes are to promote interest and knowledge of philately, primarily relating to cancellations used in the United States, among its members and the public generally -- through the encouragement of philatelic research -- through the exchange of information...through the preparation of philatelic literature and periodicals...with a view to enlarge and develop the cultural and historical aspect of philately..."

The officers and directors cannot and should not be any more than the conduit of the wishes of the members. Your wishes, your help and your cooperation are needed. We repeat in closing the title of this editorial "Whither the U.S.C.C.?", and await your comments.

The Pioneer Miner and The Pack Mule Express

Ernest A. Wiltsee



In this 1931 work Wiltsee intended to portray a phase of the early history of California, seven years after the discovery of gold, during which the U.S. postal service was practically useless throughout the interior of the state. This problem was remedied by the early express companies. The relation of these companies to the life of the mining regions and their share in the early history and progress of the state are related in this 160-page hardcover volume. While the history of each company is not given, a complete list of all companies known to the author is contained in the appendices along with a regional list containing express companies and the regional subdivisions in which they operated with dates of operation. Trask's Topographical Map of the Mineral Districts of California, 1853 has been printed separately for this Quarterman facsimile edition and has been inserted into a pocket in the back cover. In addition to the 18 covers illustrated in the original, this edition contains 33 new illustrations of representative covers which had been conveyed by the express company. This work should be of interest to postal historians, western cover collectors, and those interested in the early history of western states, especially California.

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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT

TOWNMARKS & CANCELS - USED IN THE 1860's

by Richard H. Parker

There were five general types of townmarks used by Brattleboro during the 1860's. There were many different killer cancels used in this period which were chiefly the responsibility of Daniel Kellogg, Jr.

This review study attempts to define the varieties used and their period of use. The Townmark Types were classified by Roman numerals I thru V. The killer cancels were subdivided into the following groups with an identification number assigned to each.

- "M" -- Metal type cancelers
- "C" -- Common cork type cancelers
- "UC" -- Unusual cork cancelers
- "FC" -- Fancy cork cancelers

The Postmasters at Brattleboro for this period are shown below with the date of their appointment.

Asher Spencer	June 3, 1858
George S. Kellogg	April 2, 1861
Daniel Kellogg, Jr.	Aug. 28, 1862
Renslure W. Clarke	Dec. 22, 1869

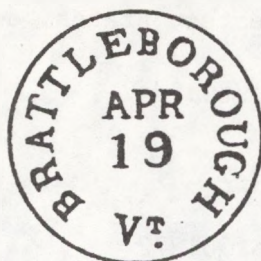
A study of this type is frequently never quite finished for new varieties usually show up. However, the basic period of use of many varieties have been partially identified as to the period of use. Several cancels have overlapping use. Some cancels appear to have been set aside and used again for a brief period. It also appears that more than one type of killer cancel was used at the same time. This study has been accomplished thru the assistance of the following VPS members.

Lloyd T. Hayward	Thomas B. McDevitt
Lowell S. Stanley	Dr. D. B. Johnstone
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TOWNMARKS USED IN THE 1860's

Type - I
Mar. 7, 1855
Feb. 24, 1862

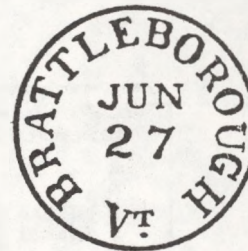


32 mm.
NORMALLY
BLACK

Type - II
Aug. 22, 1861
Jan. 17, 1866



26 & 13 mm.
BLACK &
BLUE



Type - I
Single Circle
32 mm.

<u>USAGE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>RED</u>
Earliest	Mar. 7, 1855	May 26, 1856
Latest	Feb. 24, 1862	

This Type I Townmark was normally used to cancel the stamp and no additional killer cancel was used. Auxiliary cancelers which have been reported used with this townmark are shown below.

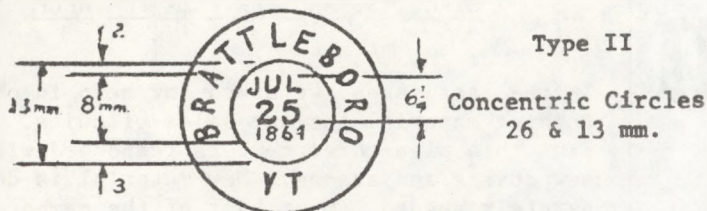


Black Arc Apr. 19 ?	Black 18x5 mm. Sept. 15 ?	Red 21x6 mm. May 26, 1856
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6 Bar Grid
Black
20 mm. circle
Jun. 3 (1861)
Feb. 24 (1862)

The Stampless catalog by E. N. Sampson lists this Type I Townmark as used in 1852. This early date was not reported in this study.



Type II

Concentric Circles
26 & 13 mm.

USAGE

BLACK

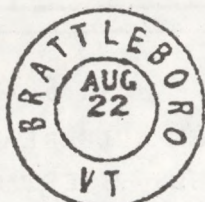
BLUE

Earliest	Aug. 22, 1861	Feb. 6, 1865
Latest	Jan. 12, 1865	Jan. 17, 1866

This Type II Townmark is distinguished by the three line logotype. The three varieties shown below were not confined to a particular period. It is the opinion of the writer that Type IIA & IIB were the results of careless operators.



Type II



Type IIA



Type IIB

One late usage of Type IIB cancel with a distinguished bar was reported used on Feb. 8, 1868. It is the writer's opinion that an old Type II canceler was reserected after Type IV usage, fitted with a slug in lieu of a date, and used as a spare canceler.

There were many different killer cancels used in this period with most of them made from cork. The following cancels are the ones reported used with Type II.



Type II
M-1
6 Bar Grid
Black
Jan. 1, 1862
Jul. 23, 1864

note:
#M-1 cancel saw periodic use over an extended period on Types-
I - Jun. 3, 1861
III - May 12, 1869



Type II
C-1
8 seg. cork
Blue ?
Jul. 13, 1863



Type II
C-2
8 seg. cork
Black
July 20, 1865



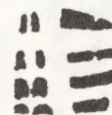
Type II
C-3
8 seg. cork
Black
Sept. 10, 1863



Type II
C-4
3-V seg. cork
Oct. 13, 1863
Jan. 4, 1864



Type II
C-5
Squared cork
Black
Jan. 16, 1864



Type II
C-6
Slotted cork
Black
Jan. 23, 1864



Type II
C-7
8 seg. cork
Black
Jan. 24, 1864



Type II
FC-1
Black
Neg. Star
Mar. 23, 1864
Apr. 25, 1864



Type II
FC-2
7 Pt. Star
Black
Jun. 11, 1864
Aug. 3, 1864



Type II
FC-8
Grid cork
Black
Aug. 29, 1863 ?
Aug. 7, 1864



Type II
FC-3
(HS-#939)
X-Road & Diamonds
Black
Sept. 6, ?
Sept. 7, 1864



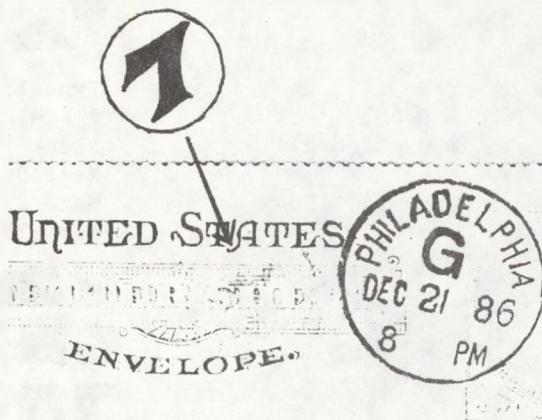
Type II
UC-1
Cross Roads
Black
Jan. 18, 1864
Jan. 12, 1865

This article will commence with additional examples of Type II in our next issue.

The Question Corner



Illustrated above is an interesting cancel from the collection of Maurice Grossman. It is in blue ink on a 3¢ green banknote. Can anyone decipher what it is? Mr. Grossman has notes of this same cancel dated February 15, 1878 also in blue used on UX5.



The used Grant letter sheet depicted above was furnished by Bob Summerell. Note the numeral "7" in a single line circle. Can anyone furnish information as to the purpose and commonness of this marking in general, any relation to the Grant Sheet in particular?

ANNUAL MEETING AT COMPEX

Howard Mader has tentatively announced plans for the annual meeting of the U.S.C.C. to be held in conjunction with Compex. Though a definite date has not yet been set, the plans call for trying to set up the meeting on Friday. Hopefully we will get more firm information to members soon, and hope that as many members as possible will arrange to attend.

CIRCUITS, ANOTHER PLEA FOR HELP

In the last issue, we asked for help in obtaining material for our sales circuits. From this plea three members responded with new covers and stamps. New material is desperately needed. Over half of the members take part in one or more circuits; certainly we would hope that more than three of these persons could respond to our request for new items. Help! Help!

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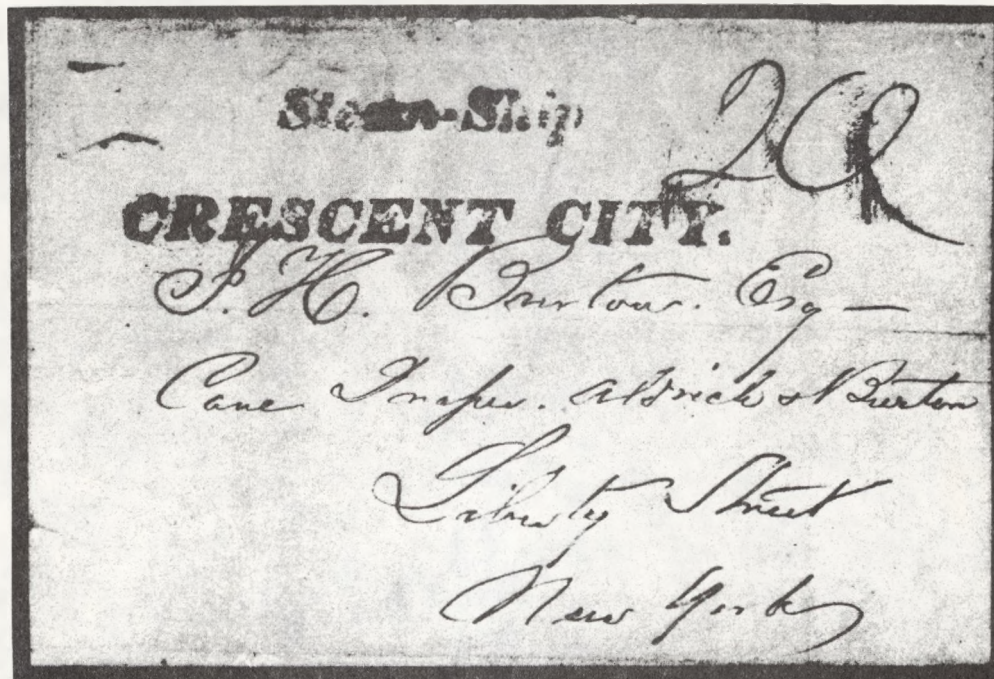
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Ernest A. Wiltsee



First published in 1938 in a limited edition of 500 copies, *Gold Rush Steamers of the Pacific* has long been regarded as a classic in its field. Based upon his studies of newspaper accounts, propaganda handstamps used by the steamship companies, and other sources, Wiltsee discusses all the ships to California from 1848 to 1869 in chronological order. Also covered in detail are the gold rush period of 1848, the inauguration of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, Law's line of Pacific steamers, the Empire City Line, and the three additional competing lines put into operation during 1850 and '51. The 17 plates illustrating steamships and important personalities included in the original work are printed as extremely fine halftones in this facsimile reproduction. 5 illustrations of steamships and scenes of San Francisco and Hawaii have also been added to this Quarterman edition.

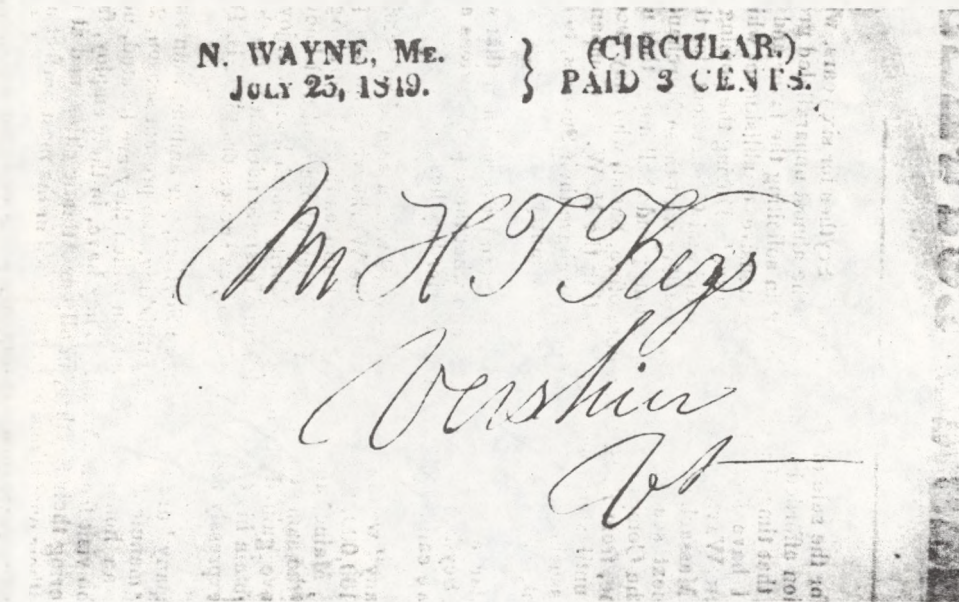
Also included in this 496-page Quarterman edition are the 35 covers illustrated in the original and approximately 90 new photographs of covers supplied for this edition by interested collectors. A foreword by Basil C. Pearce has also been added. This work is a valuable contribution to the early history of the United States and should be in the library of every collector, postal history student, steamship buff, and western history enthusiast.

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Although three decades have passed since the original publication of *Maine Postal History and Postmarks*, it remains the definitive work providing a study of Maine postal history from its earliest days with coverage of the early post office during the British administration, the Continental Congress and the federal period. All areas of postmarks (ovals, cross-border, fancy, etc.) are covered in depth with over 200 postmarks illustrated by line drawings and halftones and 19 covers illustrated. The last section contains the list of Maine post offices, over 2100, that have existed, or are supposed to have existed — a list seemingly unavailable elsewhere. Included in this 256-page hardcover volume are reprints of five other articles by Dow, Arthur Hecht, Paul Hannemann, and David L. Jarrett written since the publication of the original work. A new foreword by Joseph F. Antizzo has been added to the Quarterman edition along with photographs of 19 covers not contained in the original work. This work is a necessity for collectors, postal history students, and those interested in Colonial and Maine history.

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