

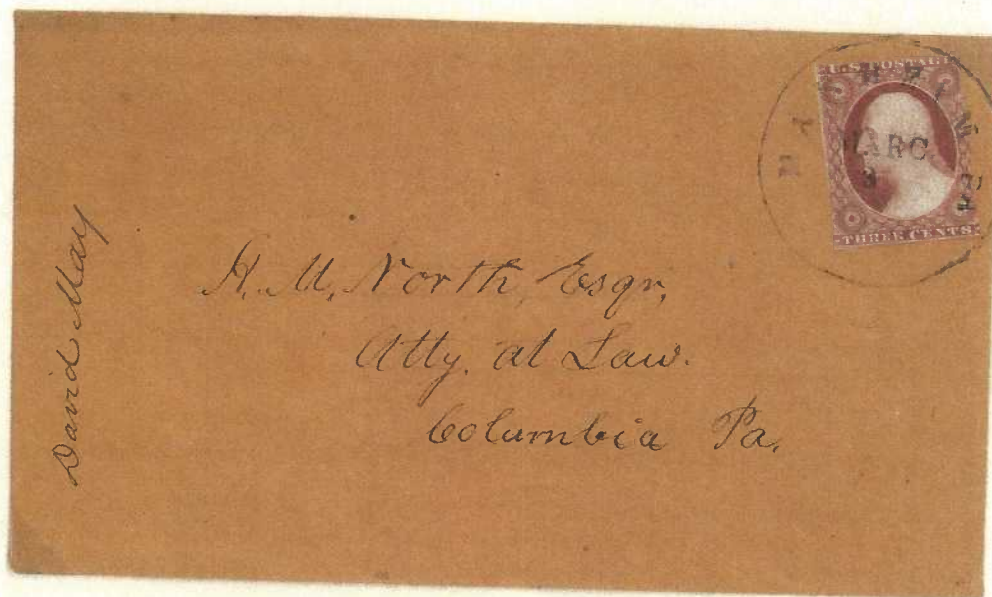
MANHIEM, PA

Post Office established 1815 to present

March 3, 1857

Note MARC for March

Term of Postmaster Andrew J. Eby



Act of 1855 3 cents per 1/2 oz.

November 25, (1864)



Act of 1863 - 3 cents - any distance

Manheim located on the route to Lebanon

MANOR, PA

October 6, (1841)

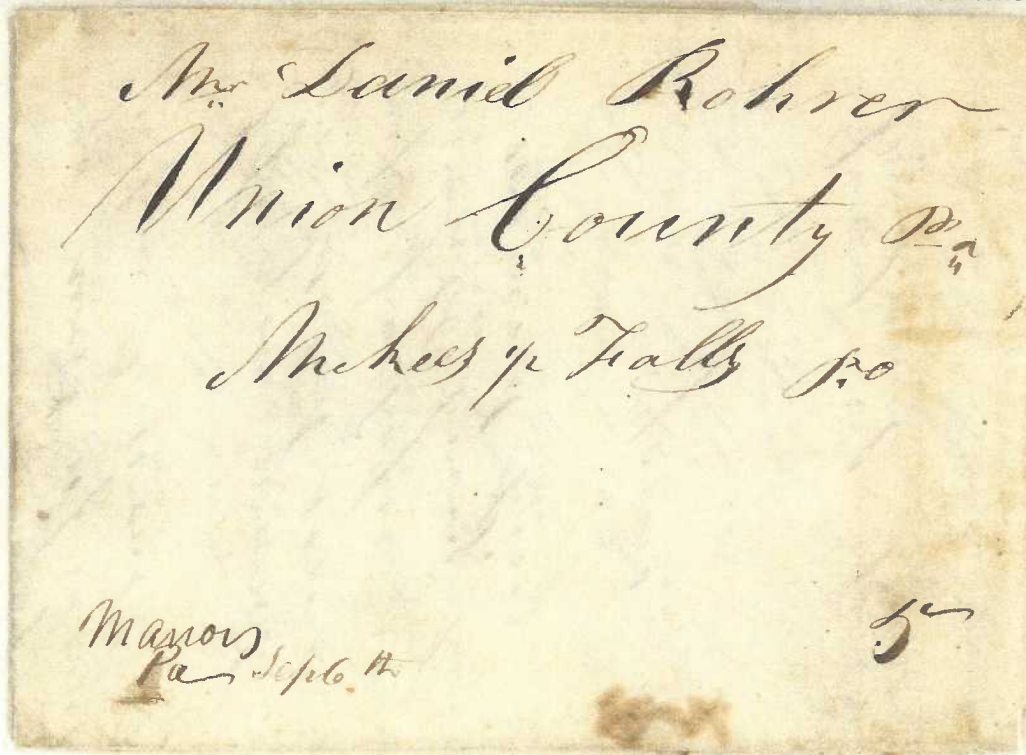
Post Office established 1828 to 1875
Became Washington Boro to present
Term of Postmaster George W. Gibbs



Act of 1825 - 150 to 400 miles - changed from 18 1/2 to 18 3/4 cents

September 6, (1848)

Term of Postmaster E. T. Houlthouse



Act of 1845 - 5 cents under 300 miles

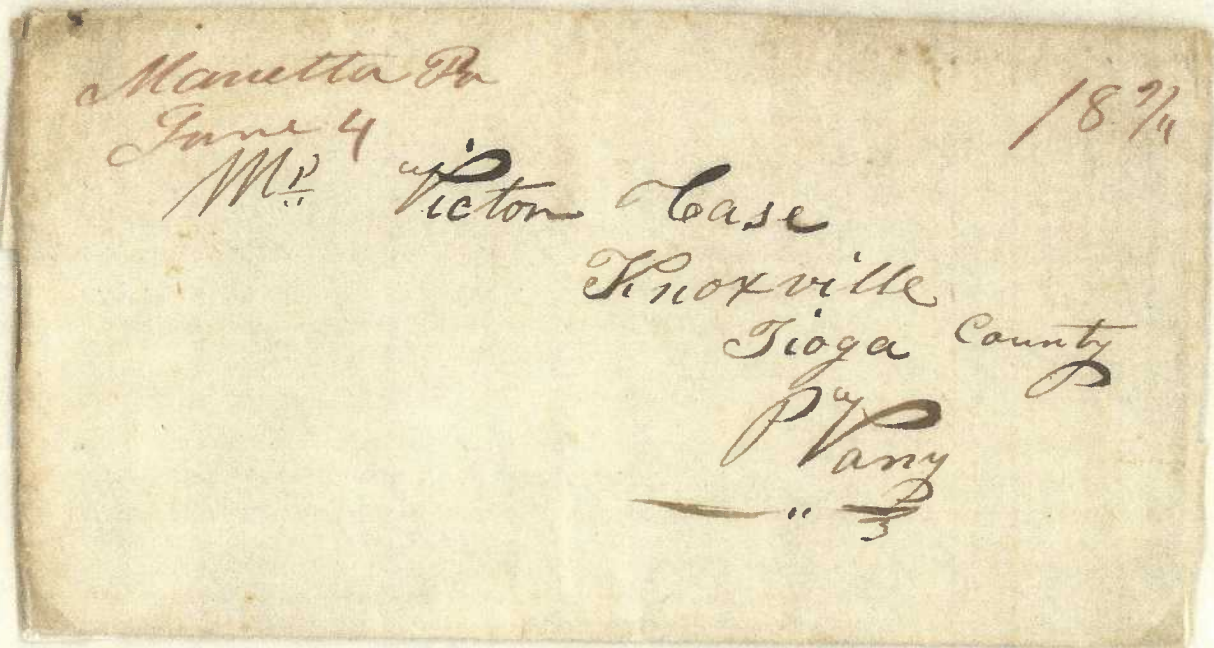
Manor was located along the Susquehanna River

MARIETTA, PA

Post Office established 1813 to present

June 4, (1832)

Term of Postmaster James A. Sterrit



Act of 1825 - 18 3/4 cents for 150 to 400 miles

April 1, (1836)

Term of Postmaster Jacob Glatz



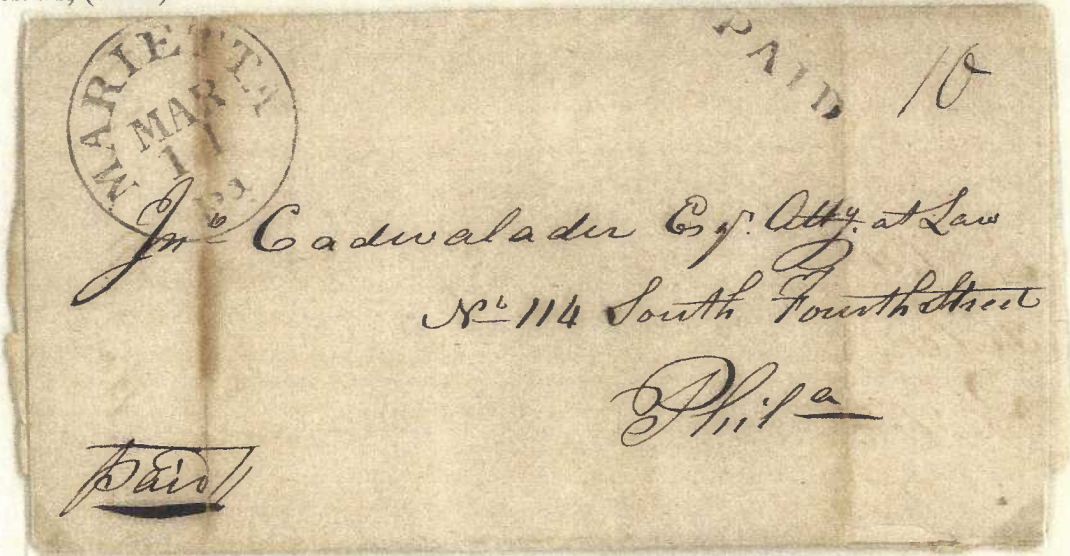
Act of 1825 - 12 1/2 cents - 80 to 150 miles

Marietta is along the Susquehanna River and on the route to Harrisburg

MARIETTA, PA

March 11, (1839)

Term of Postmaster Jacob Glatz



Act of 1816 - 30 to 80 miles = 10 cents. Paid by sender

June 1, 1846



Act of 1845 - Under 300 miles + 5 cents

February 25, ()



Act of 1851-After June 30, prepaid less than 3000 miles = 3 cents thus "PAID 3" marking

Marietta and the surrounding area had large Indian settlements

MASCOT, PA.

Post Office established 1890 to 1934

Service thereafter by Ronks P.O.

Jan. 12, 1894

2 cent Columbian envelope



Unable to find Joel Ressler in Pittsburg (Pittsburgh).
Assorted auxillary markings. Finally returned to sender.

Dec. 7, 1892

Registered Letter



Act of 1855 2 cents / oz. plus 10 cents registration fee

Mascot was located east of Lancaster on the Philadelphia-Lancaster Turnpike

MAYTOWN, PA.

Post Office established 1824 to present

Jan. 8, ()

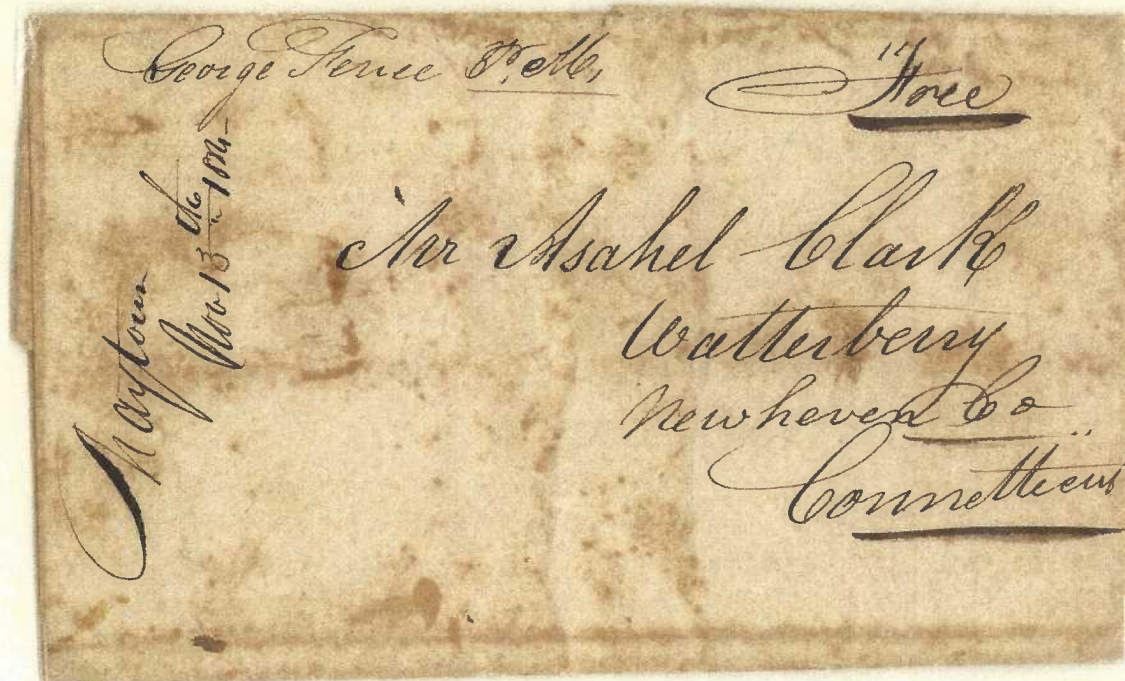
Term of Postmaster Robert S. Curry (1826-1828)



Postmaster Free Frank

Nov. 13, 1834

Term of Postmaster George Ferree (1824-26 and 1831-37)



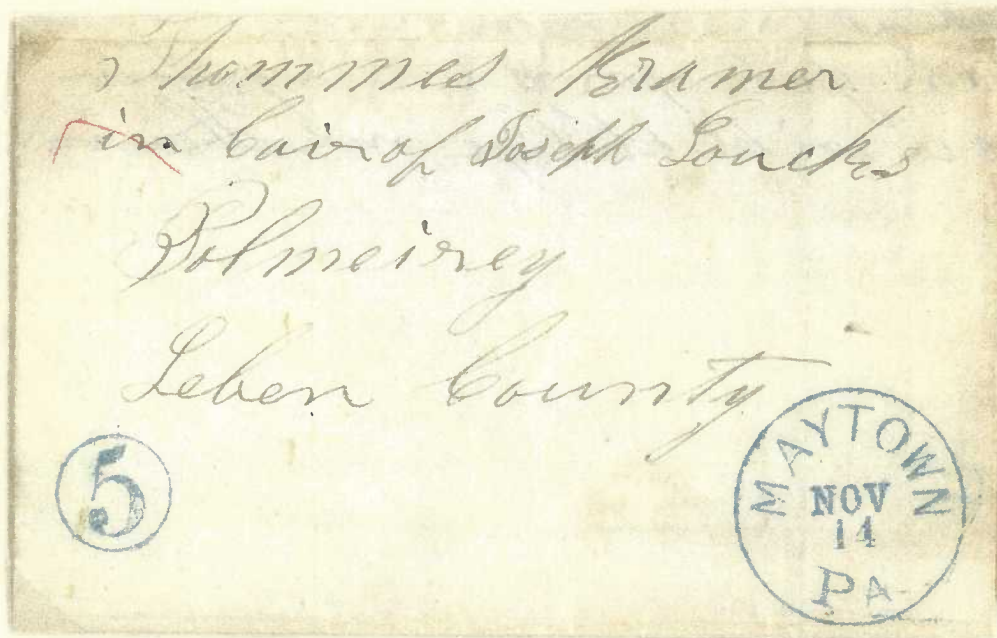
This letter informs a father that his son had died the previous night at Mr. Ferree's home. Apparently an employee. It reads in part: "Sir, I have to write you the mournful intelligence of your sons death. (Wm. E. Clark) who died at my house last night 3 minutes past ten o'clock without a struggle or groan, I had two very eminent physicians, who attended him, but the complaint baffled all their skill... for the last 24 hours ...he frequently spoke of you and asked for his sister...I shall have him buried in our grave yard attached to our church in our village. I have this moment sent off for Rev. Douglass, our minister to attend his funeral.

Yours Respectfully, George Ferree

MAYTOWN, PA

November 14, () 1845?

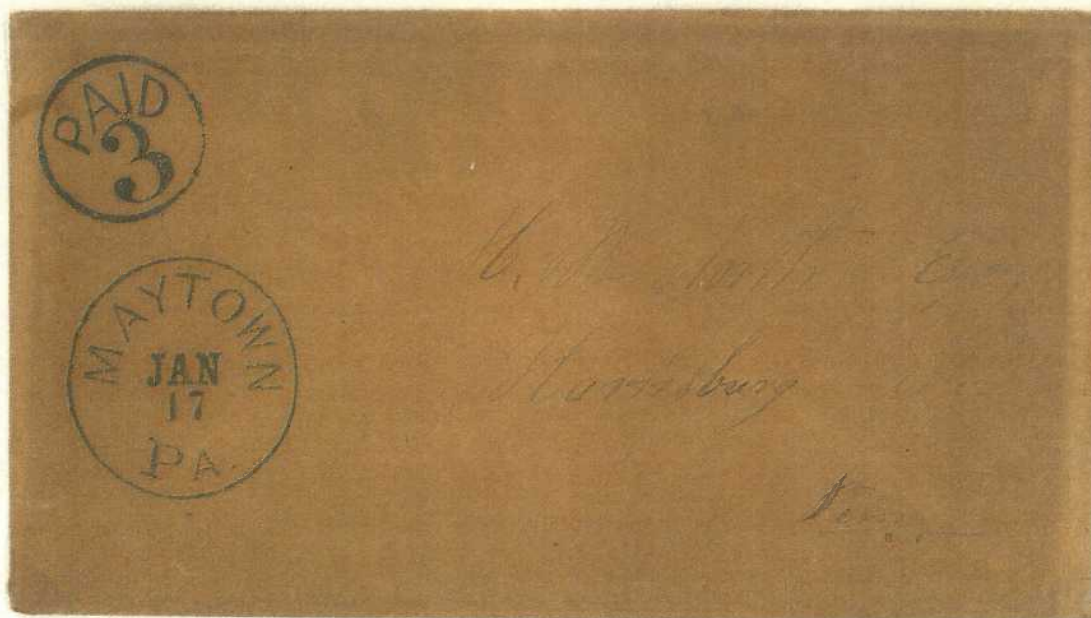
Term of Postmaster Peter Albright



Act of 1845 - 5 cents less than 300 miles

January 17, () year unknown - post 1851

Circular PAID 3



Act of 1851 - 3 cents prepaid per 1/2 oz.

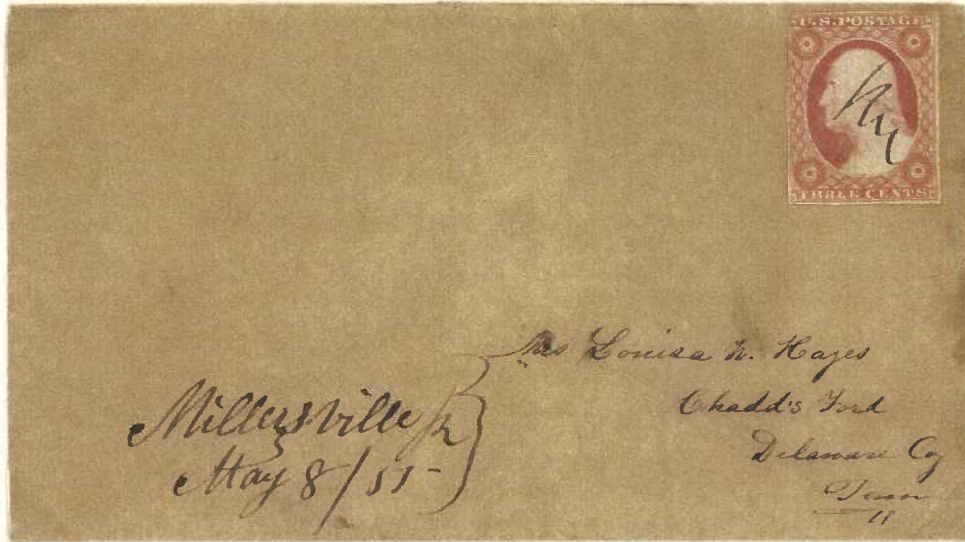
Maytown near Marietta enroute to Harrisburg

MILLERSVILLE, PA.

**Post Office established 1829 to present
From Millerstown 1823-1823**

May 8, 1855

Term of Postmaster Peter L. Lyne



Act of 1855 - 3 cents per 1/2 oz.

November 12, (1858)

Term of Postmaster Peter L. Lyne



Act of 1855 - 3 cents per 1/2 oz.

Millerstown and Millersville provided back road to Columbia and the Susquehanna.

MILLWAY, PA.

**Post Office established 1861 to 1855
Serviced from Lititz after 1855**

March 29, 1867



These two covers probably were written by a member of the postmasters family or it was a requirement to use purple ink and standard stationary when living in Millway

Oct. 4, 1869



Act of 1863

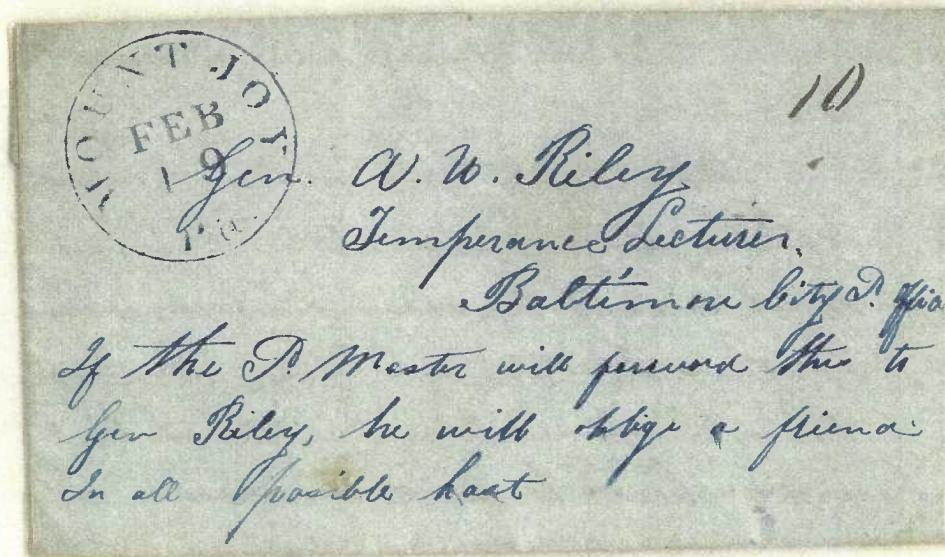
Millway was near Lititz

MOUNT JOY, PA.

Post Office established 1818 to present

February 19, (1845)

Term of Postmaster James Laird



Contents interesting - "your lectures have wound the people here into a fair excitement; and I think the result will be favorable to the temperance cause. The tavern keepers are almost standing on their heads."

Act of 1816 - 30 to 80 miles = 10 cents. Act changed March 1845 to 5 cents

April 30, (1850)

Term of Postmaster Thomas J. Dysart



Act of 1845 - 5 cents under 300 miles

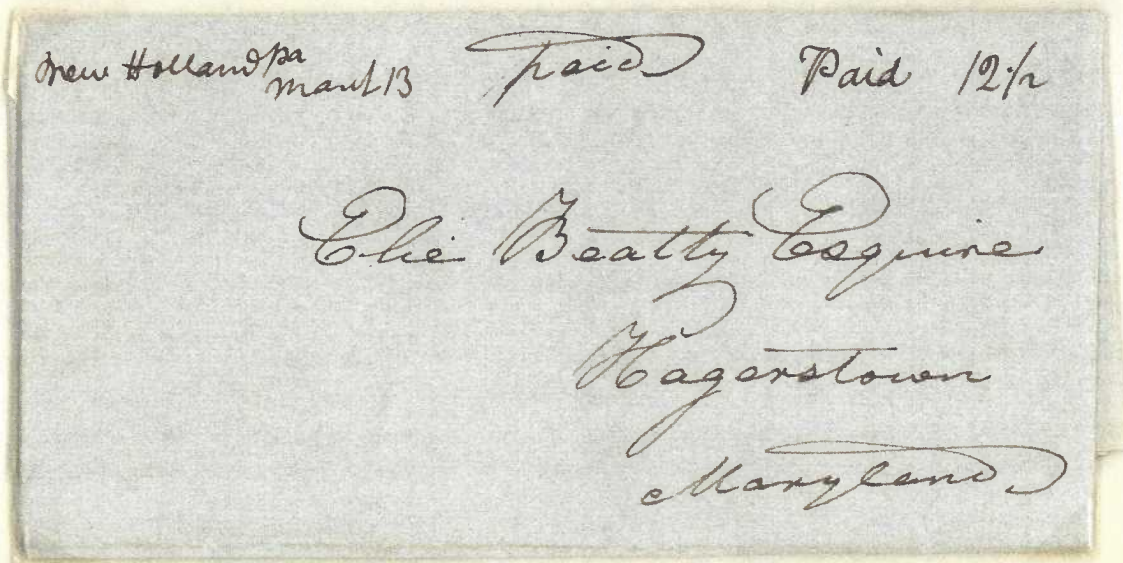
Mount Joy on route from Lancaster to Harrisburg

NEW HOLLAND, PA

Post Office established 1800 to present

March 13, (1840)

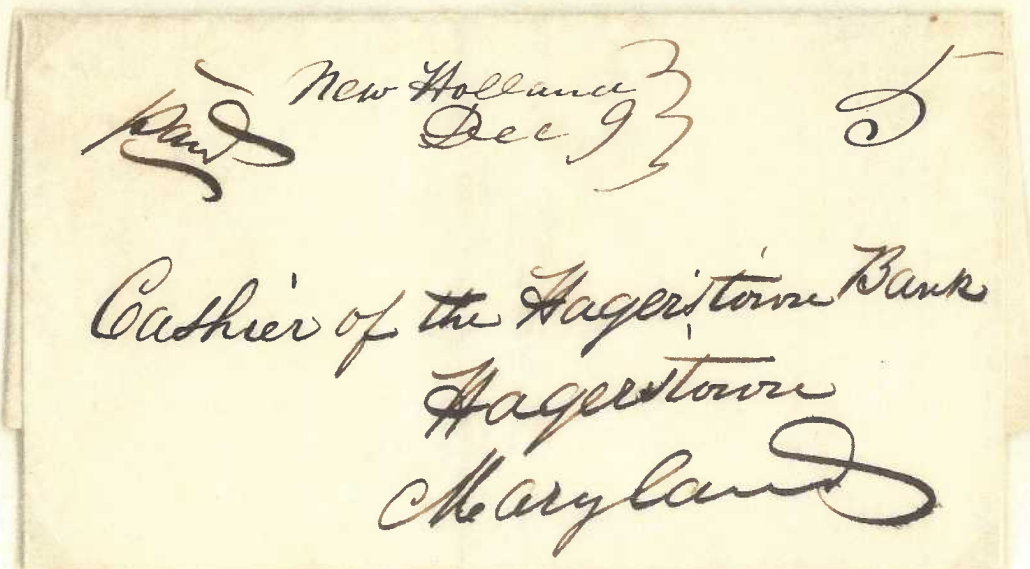
Term of Postmaster Henry Roland



Act of 1816 - 80 to 150 miles - 12 1/2 cents (Paid by sender)

December 9, (1846)

Term of Postmaster Hamilton Ayars



Act of 1845 - Less than 300 miles - 5 cents

The New Holland Turnpike was a link to Chester County

NEW HOLLAND, PA

February 28, (1849)

Term of Postmaster George W. Smith



Act of 1845 - Less than 3000 miles - 5 cents

November 11, (1850)

Term of Postmaster George W. Smith



Act of 1845 - 5 cent rate

March 6, ()

Date unknown - Postmark after 6/30/1851



Act of 1851 - After June 30, 1851 prepaid less than 3000 miles - 3 cents

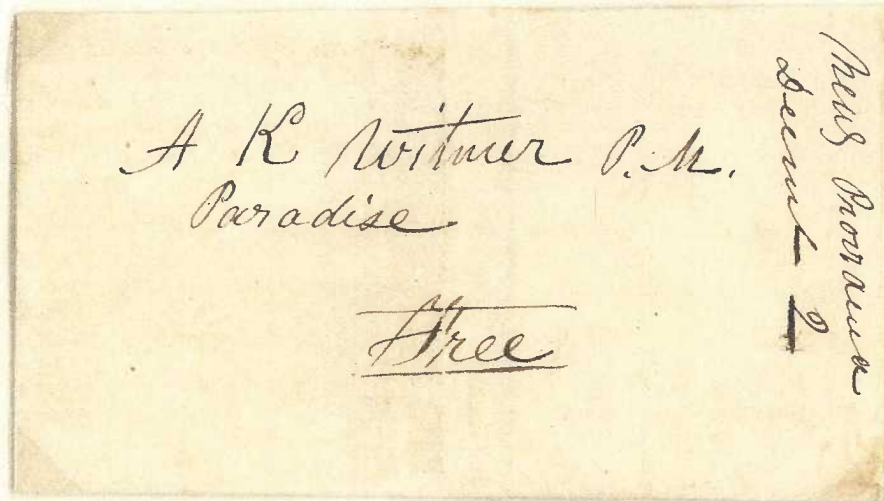
Red Postmark above known used in 1850, 1851 and 1854 - Black in 1851 and 1852

NEW PROVIDENCE, PA.

Post Office established 1825 to 1831
Then from 1837 to present

Dec. 2, 1841

Free Frank - Post Office business



May 11 () circa 1845

CDS and "5"



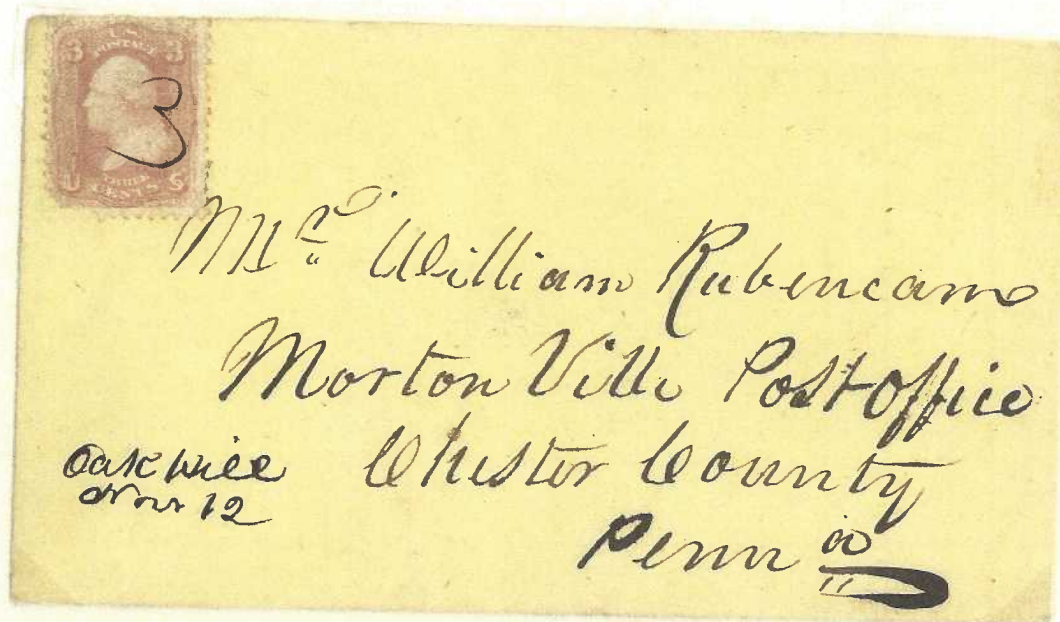
There were no restrictions on size of envelopes on early mail.
This small cover a great example of too little envelope for the postmark.

Act of 1845 - 5 cents under 300 miles

OAK HILL, PA

Post Office established 1836 to 1913
Became Oakhill from 1895 to 1907

November 12, ()



December 15, 1866



Act of 1863 - 3 cents per 1/2 oz.

*Late usage of manuscript townmark; however, many small towns
did not have the revenue to purchase handstamps.*

Oak Hill located in southern end of county near the Mason-Dixon Line

OLD LINE, PA.

Post Office established 1857 to 1903
Then serviced by Manheim post office

Feb. 13, 1891

Postmaster Samuel H. Fry



Inside Inscription



2 cent 1855 rate

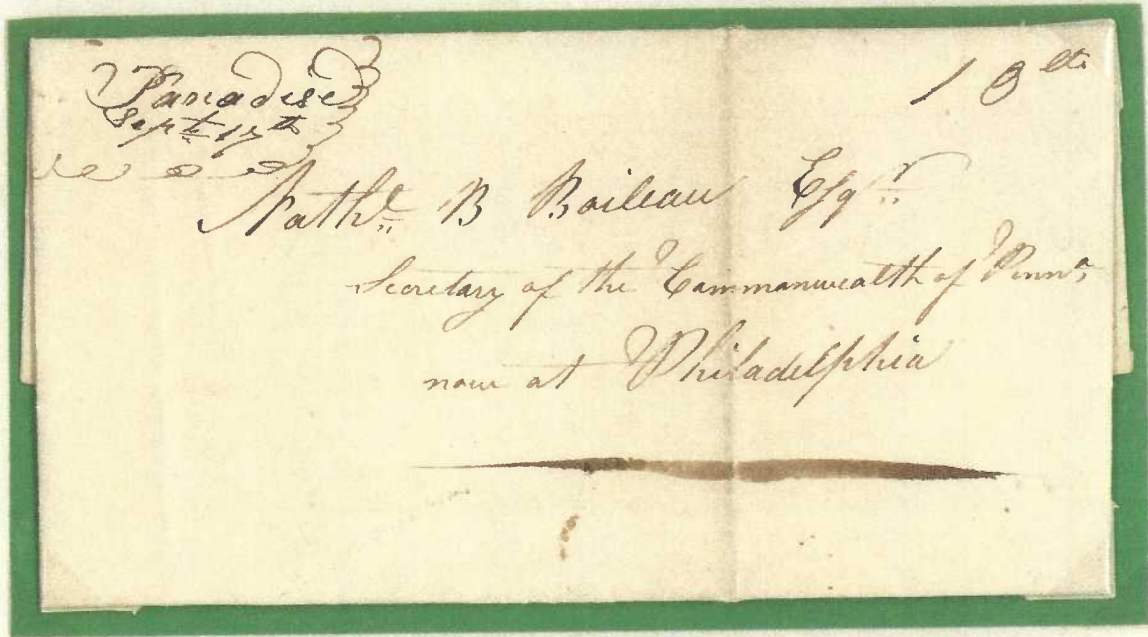
Old Line was located near Manheim, Pa.

PARADISE, PA.

Post Office established 1812 to present

September 17, 1814

Term of Postmaster David Witmer Jr.



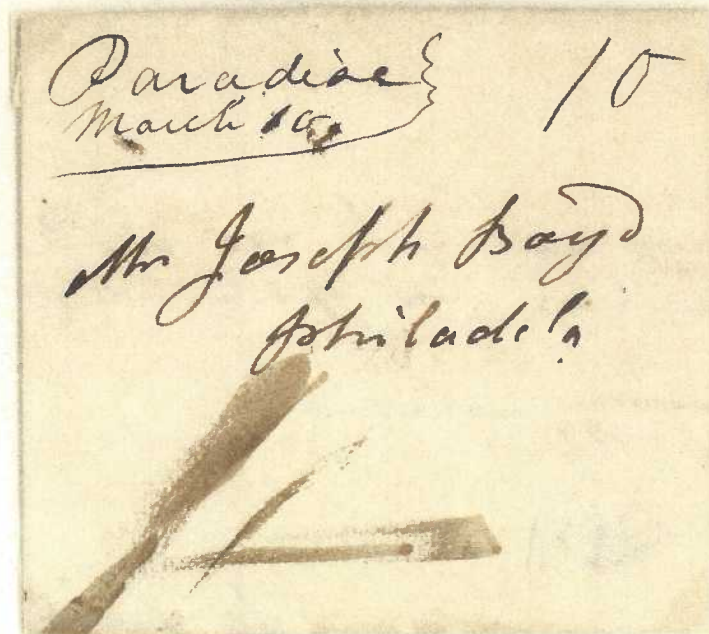
Letter to the Sec'y of the Commonwealth - "There is forming in my neighborhood a company of volunteer rifleman ready to march at any time if the State would furnish rifles at public expense, as was done for the Lancaster Rifleman, to those who do not have or are unable to furnish a rifle at their own expense..."

From: Nathl. Sample, Brig. Insp., 2nd Brigade, 1st Division.

Act of 1799 - 40 to 90 miles = 10 cents

March 10, (1822)

Term of Postmaster David Witmer Jr.



Act of 1816 - 30 to 80 miles = 10 cents

Paradise is on the former Lancaster-Philadelphia Turnpike

PARADISE, PA

December 28, (1832)

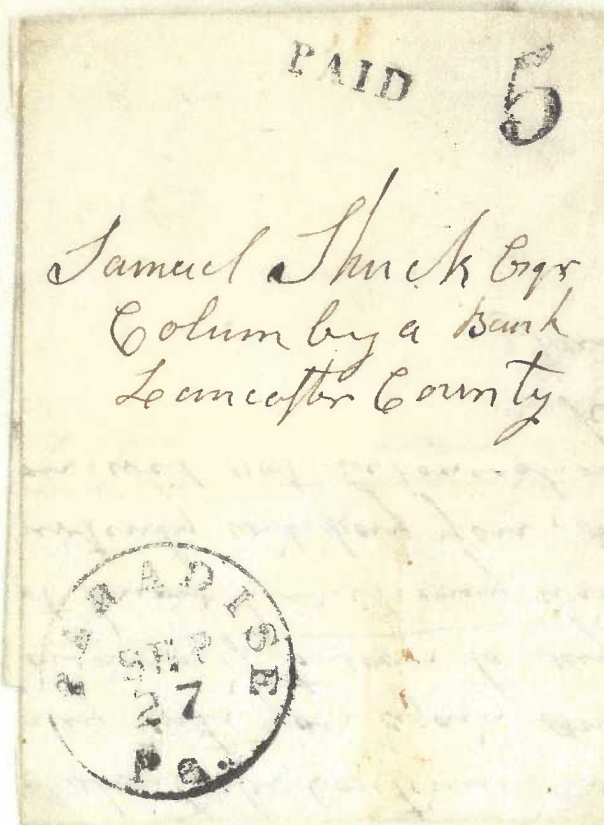
Term of Postmaster Adam K. Witmer



Act of 1816 - 30 - 80 miles = 10 cents

September 27, (1850)

Term of Postmaster Amos L. Witmer



Act of 1845 - 5 cents under 300 miles

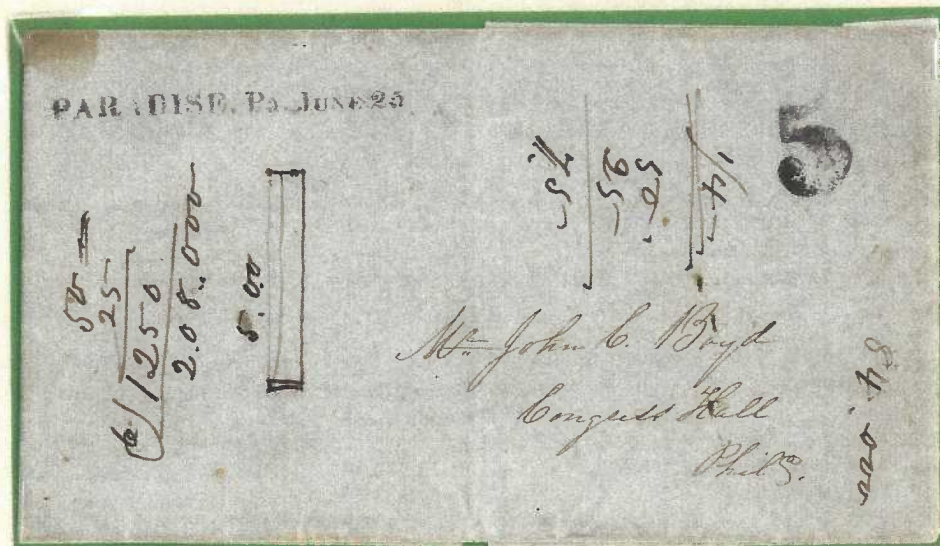
Note that the Postmaster was a Mr. Witmer for many years.

PARADISE, PA.

Post Office established 1812 to present

June 25, 1849

Term of Postmaster Amos L. Witmer



Only known copy of this straight line Paradise townmark

September 16, 1850

Term of Postmaster Amos L. Witmer



Paradise received 400 five cent and no ten cent of the 1847 issue
Only known copy

PENN, PA.

Established 1851 to Elm, Pa. 1906

July 26, ()

Manuscript "PENN 7/21/81"



Act of 1863 - 3 cents/ 1/2 oz.

Nov. 30, 1881

Circular county date stamp



Act 1863

Penn was near Elizabethtown, Pa.

PETER'S CREEK, PA.

Post Office established 1853 to 1892
To PETERSCREEK in 1897 to 1913

Jan. 7, 1864

Manuscript



Act of 1863 - 3 cents per 1/2 oz.

Nov. 25, 1885

CDS with Bullseye



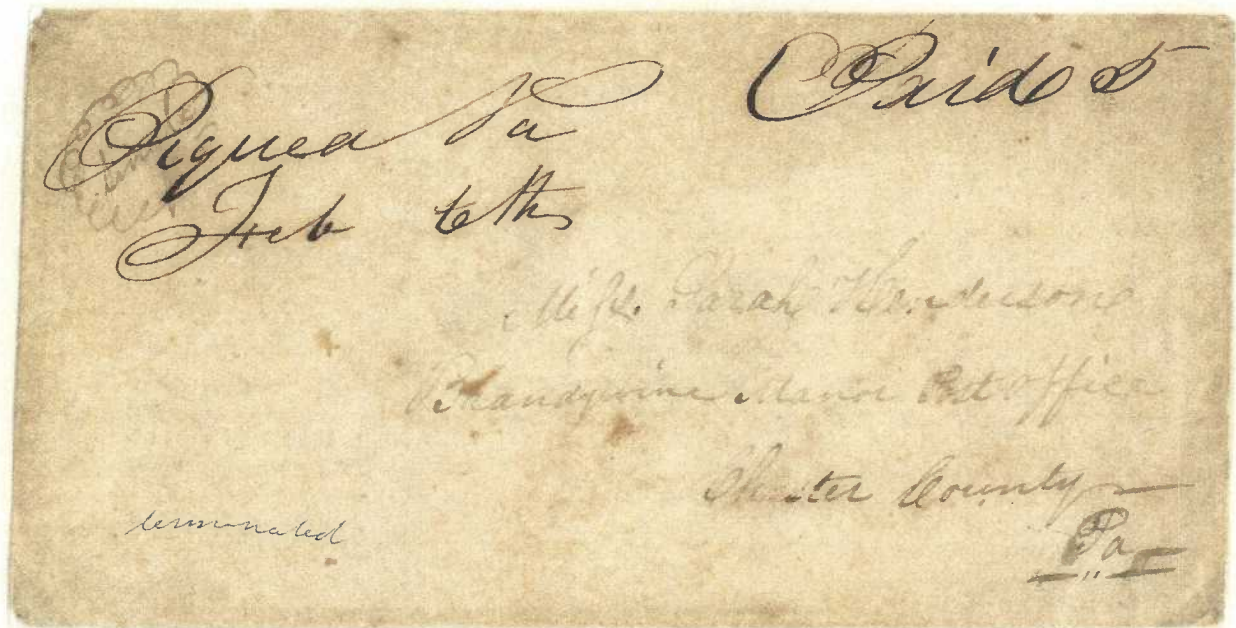
Act of 1885 - 2 cents/oz.

Located near York County in southern Lancaster County

PIQUEA, PA.

Post Office established 1828 to 1857
Changed to Pequea 1857 to 1913

February 6, () Post 1845 ?



Act of 1845 - 5 cents prepaid ? Approximate date based on rate

September 20, 1855

Term of Postmaster George W. Werntz



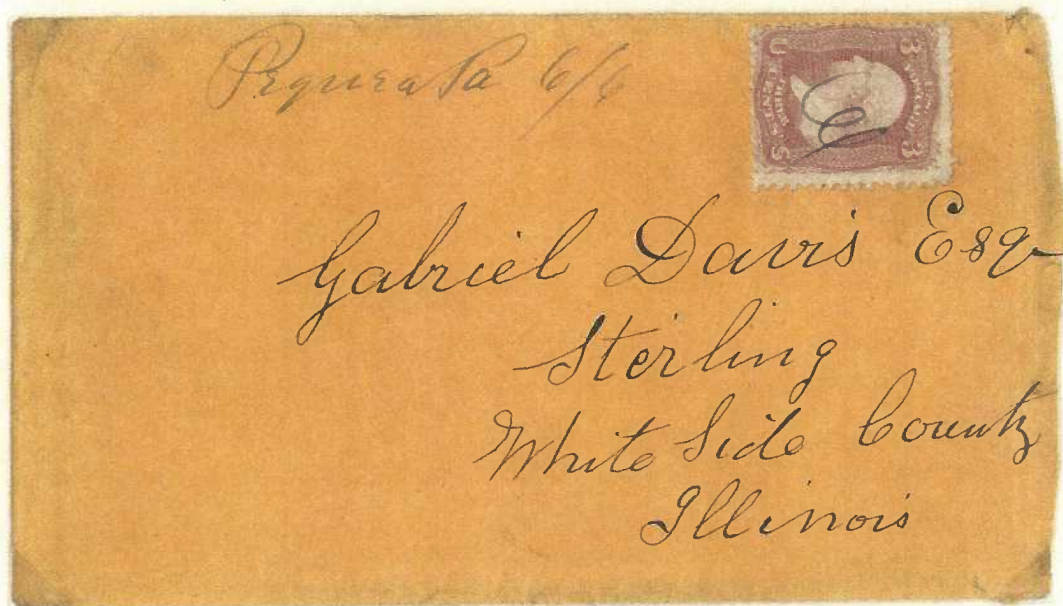
Act of 1855 - 3 cents per 1/2 oz.

Pequea was originally an Indian settlement

PEQUEA, PA.

**Post Office established 1857 to 1913
From Piqua**

June 6, () Post 1851



Act of 1855 - 3 cents - not over 3000 miles

December 16, 1885



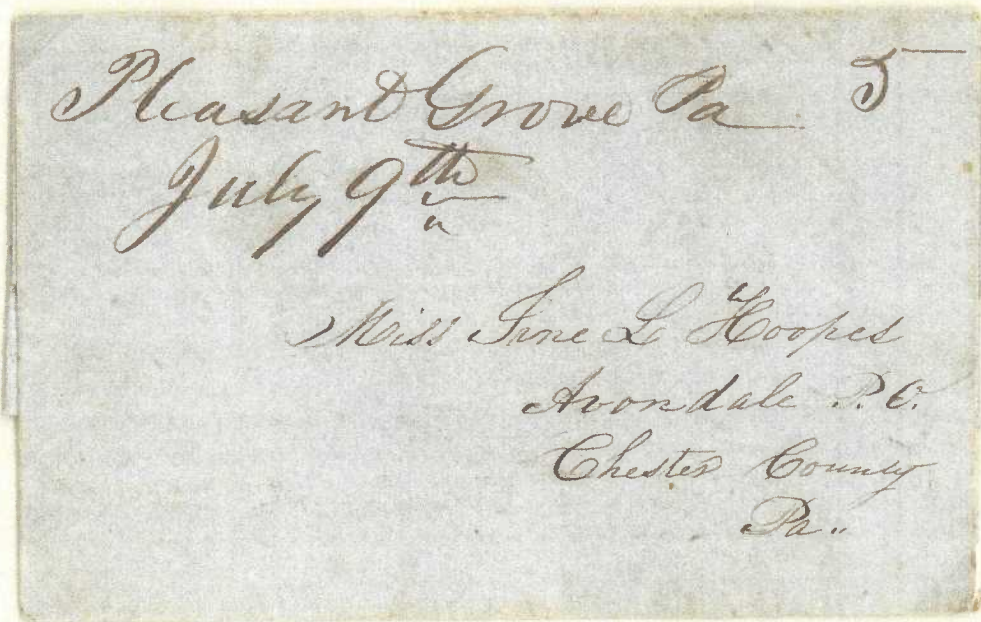
Act of 1863 - 2 cents any distance

PLEASANT GROVE, PA.

Post Office established 1841 to 1935
From Little Britain

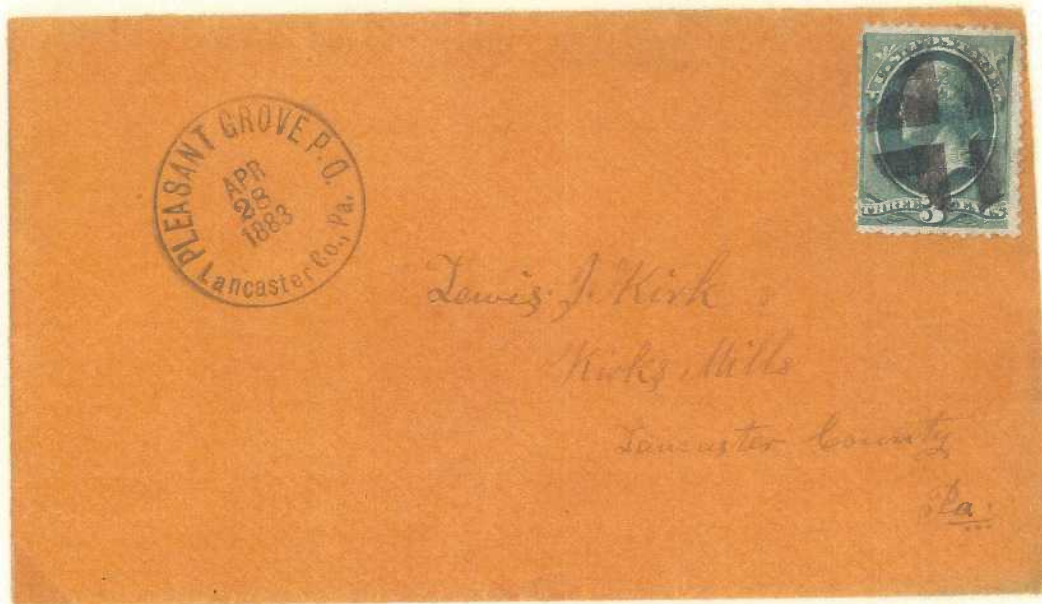
July 9, (1850)

Term of Postmaster Jeremiah B. Haines



Act of 1845 - 5 cents per 1/2 oz. prepaid or collect

April 28, 1883



Act of 1863 - 3 cents per 1/2 oz.

Pleasant Grove is in southern Lancaster County near the Chester County border

REAMSTOWN, PA.

Post Office established 1802 to present

July 26, ()

Unusual patriotic design



3 cent 1863 Rate

April 3, 1886

Magenta Negative Star



1 cent post card rate

Reamstown is between Lancaster and Reading, Pa.

REINHOLD'S STATION

Post Office established 1866 to 1894

Changed to REINHOLDS STATION to 1923

Nov. 17, () circa 1867

Postmaster Jesse Reinhold



Oct. 10, 1882

Double oval county date stamp



Act of 1863 3 cents/1/2 oz.

March (), 1889

Circular date stamp



REINHOLD'S STATION

Oct. 22, 1866

County circular date stamp



Act of 1883 - 2 cents/1/2 oz.

Aug. 6, 1886



Reinhold's Station (now Reinholds) is located north of Lancaster near Denver, Pa.

SAFE HARBOR, PA

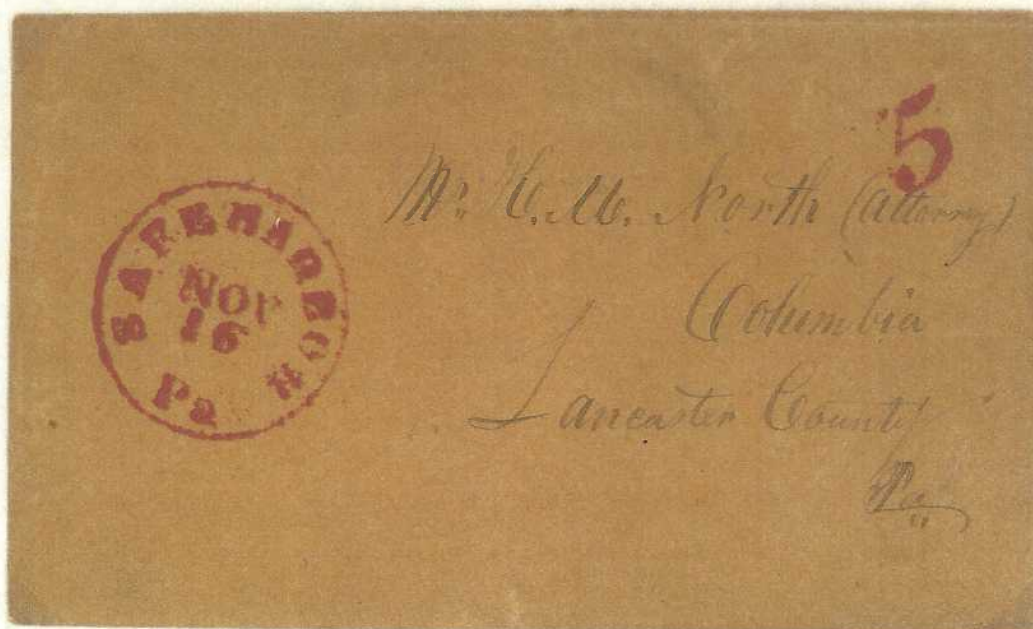
Post Office established 1836 to 1935

July 24, 1852



"PAID 3" Act of 1851 - Prepaid 3 cents - not exceeding 300 miles

November 16, 1852



Act of 1851 - Not prepaid - 5 cents

Safe Harbor lies on the Susquehanna River - Now site of dam between York & Lancaster

SCHOENECK, PA

Post Office established 1837 to 1973

November 30, 1850

Term of Postmaster James Kerling

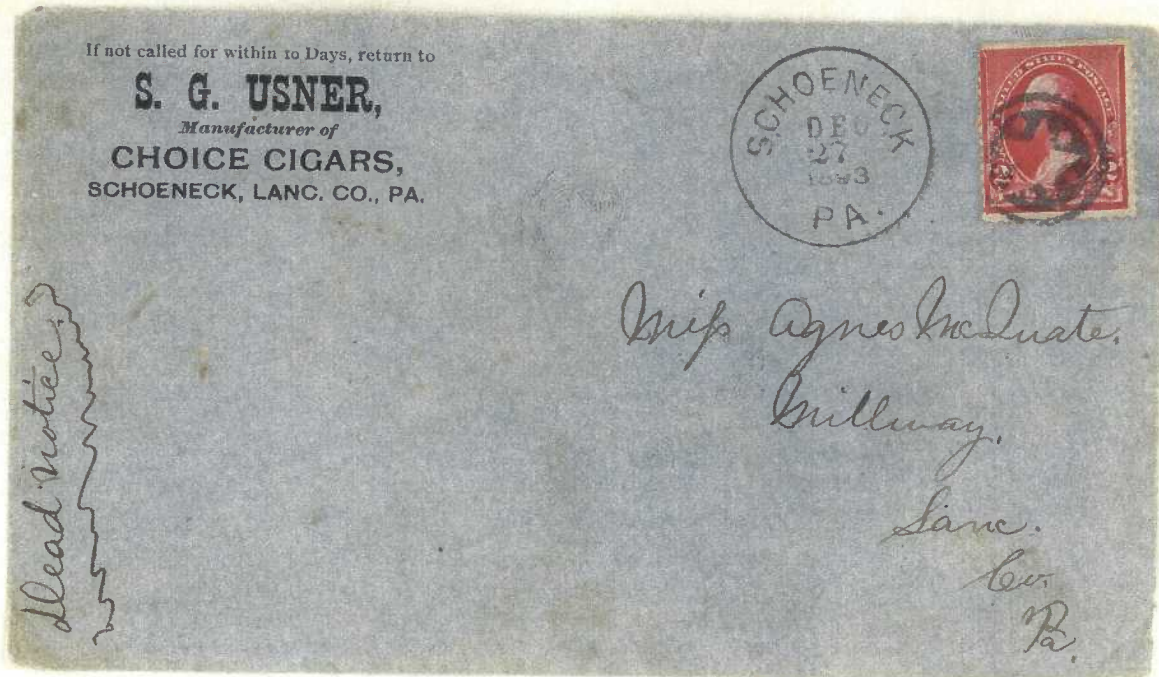


Act of 1845 - 5 cents prepaid or collect

This letter was sent from Schoeneck (manuscript lower left corner) to West Earl; however, West Earl did not have a post office from 1830 to 1854 and therefore the letter went to Goodville (manuscript at top) for delivery.

December 27, 1893

Star postmark



Act of 1855 - 2 cents per oz.

"Dead Notice" ???

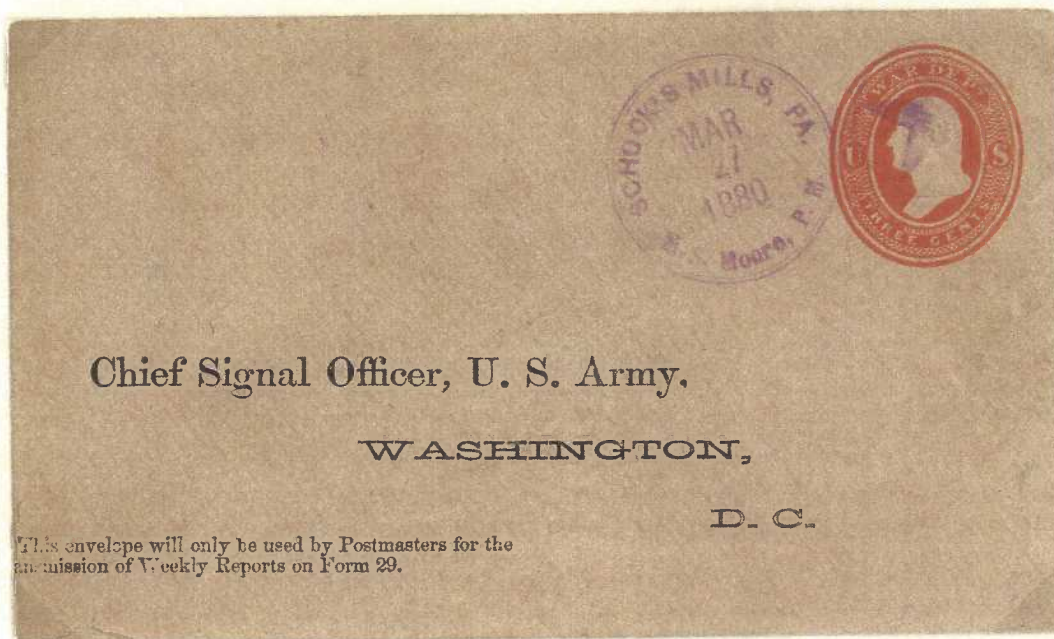
Schoeneck located on route to Reading

SCHOCK'S MILL, PA.

**Post Office established 1876 to 1892
Changed to Rowenna**

March 27, 1880

M.S. Moore, Postmaster



Act of 1863 - 3 cent rate - War Dept. envelope

Jan. 13, 1888

Magenta Registration marking



Act of 1885 - 2 cents plus 10 cents paid for registered mail

Schock's Mills was near Marietta, Pa.

SMYRNA, PA.

Post Office established 1853 to 1918
Serviced from Christiana

Sept. 23, 1884

Magenta oval with star postmark



Act of 1882 2 cents per 1/2 oz.

Sept. 5, 1884

Missent to Wilmington, De. not Vt.



Sent to Wilmington, Delaware instead of Vermont. Then sent to Washington, DC,
Finally backstamped at Brattleboro, Vermont on Sept. 8.

Smyrna was a small town east of Lancaster near Christiana.

SPRING GARDEN, PA.

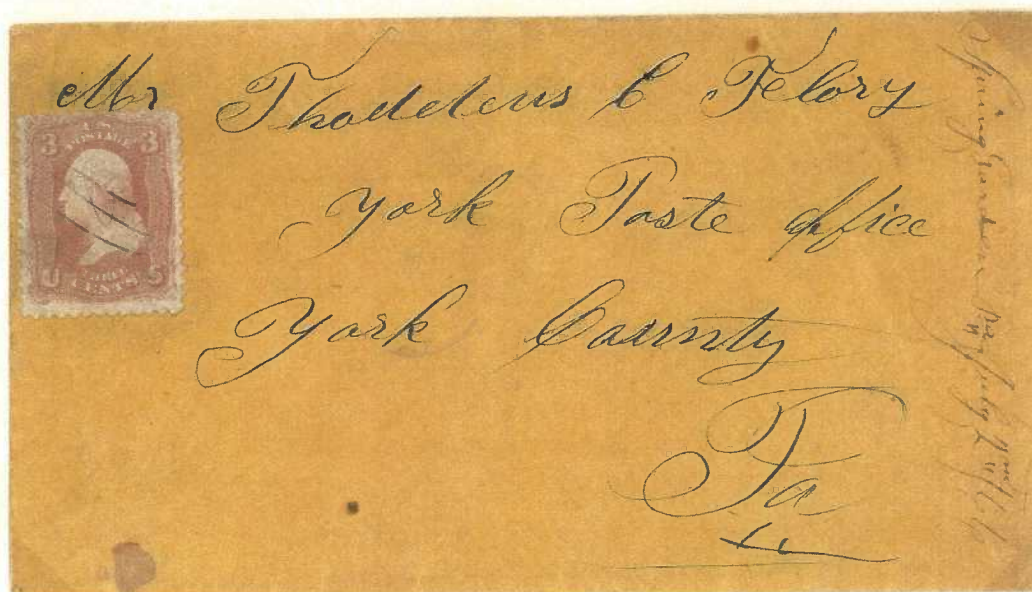
**Post Office established 1864 to 1882
To Florin after 1882**

May 29, 1866

Postmaster Samuel Hinney



July 2, 1866



Act of 1863 - 3 cents al U.S.

Spring Garden between Elizabethtown and Mount Joy

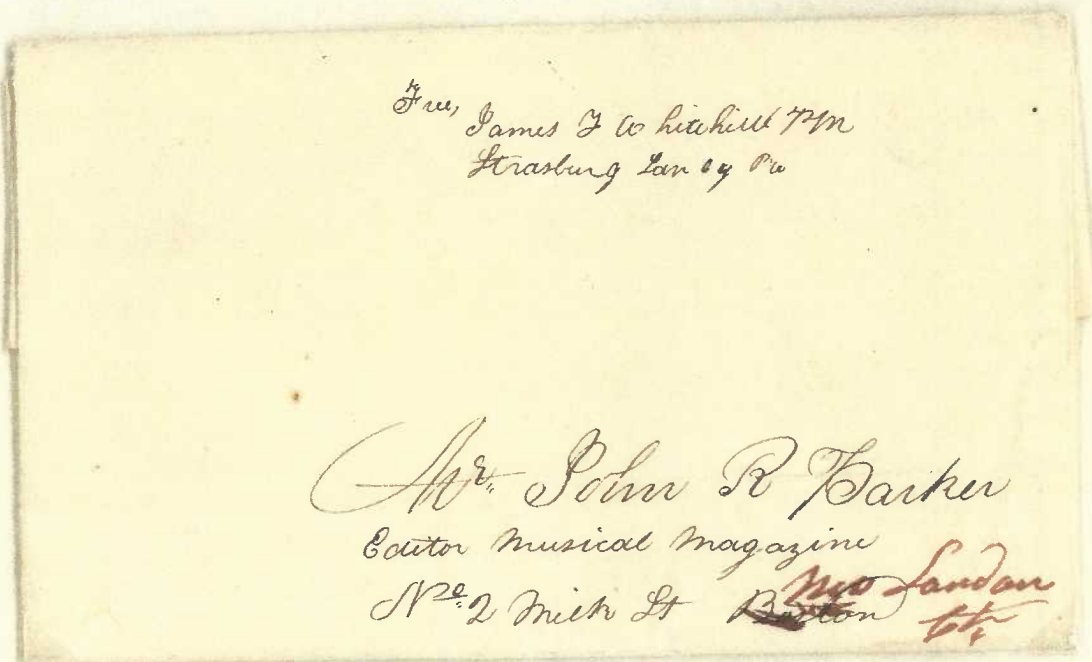
STRASBURG, PA.

Post Office established as Strasburgh 1804 to 1892

Changed to Strasburg in 1892 to present

August 14, ()

Term of Postmaster James E Whitehall



"FREE" Franked in Postmasters hand without date

August 21, ()

Term of Postmaster James E. Whitehill



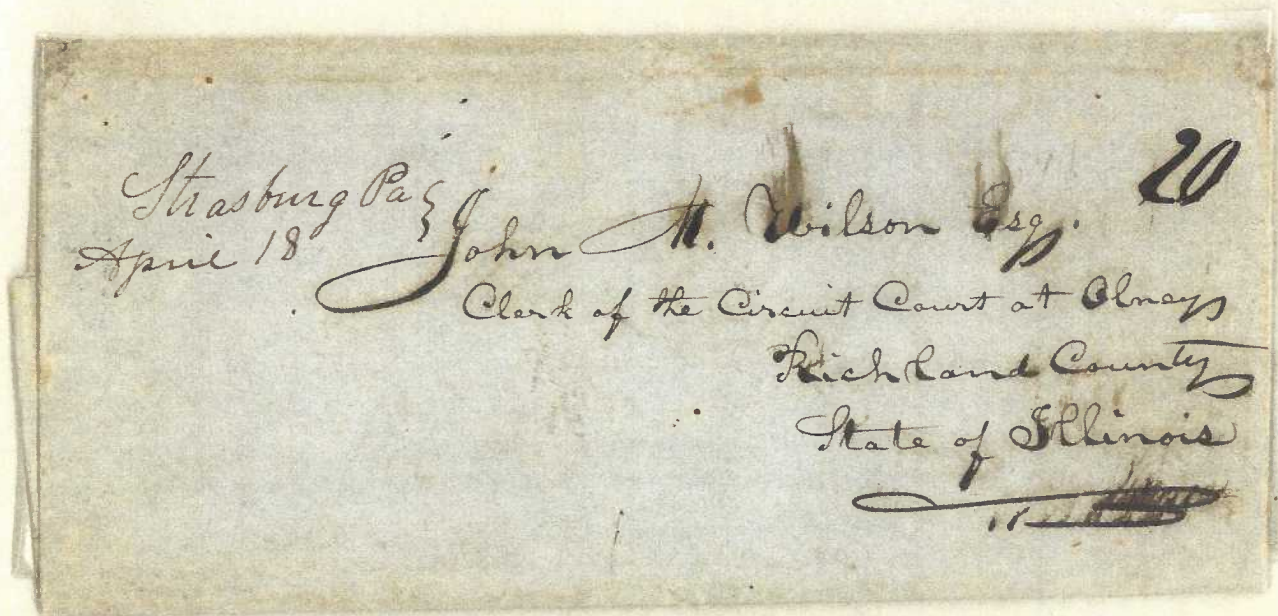
All known Free Franks of Postmaster Whitehill are without date

Strasburg near Philadelphia-Lancaster Turnpike and on a Lancaster to Gap back road

STRASBURG, PA

April 18, (1848)

Term of Postmaster Christian Menard



Act of 1845 - 10 cents per 1/2 oz. over 300 miles
This legal document over 1/2 oz. therefore 20 cents

September 9, (1850)



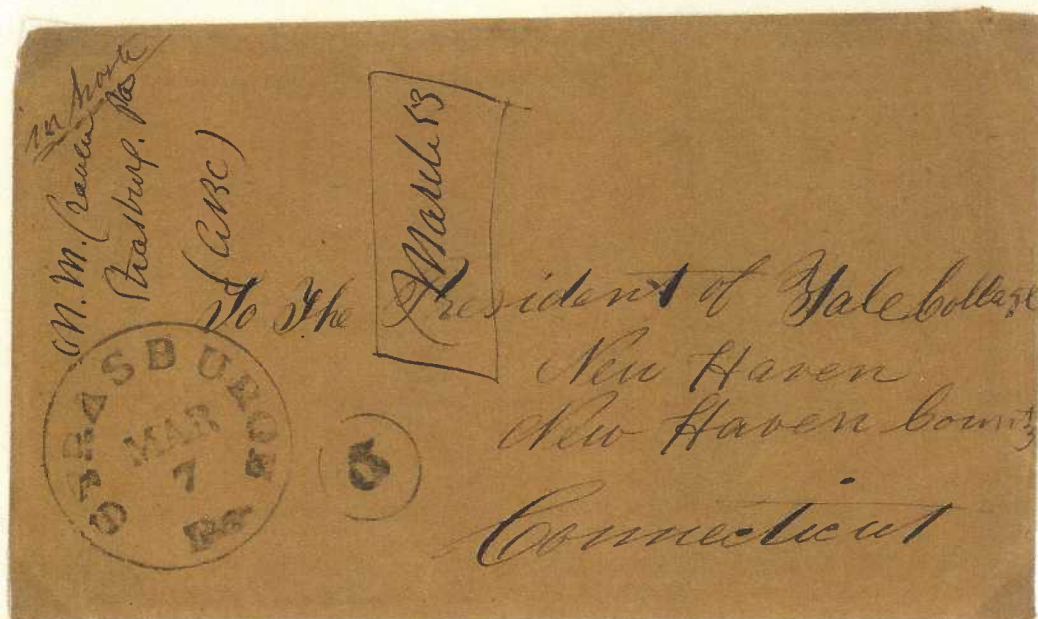
Act of 1845 - under 300 miles - 5 cents

Strasburgh and Strasburg were used interchangeably. Not always as town was named.

STRASBURG, PA.

March 7, (1853)

Strasburgh CDS and 5 cent rate marking

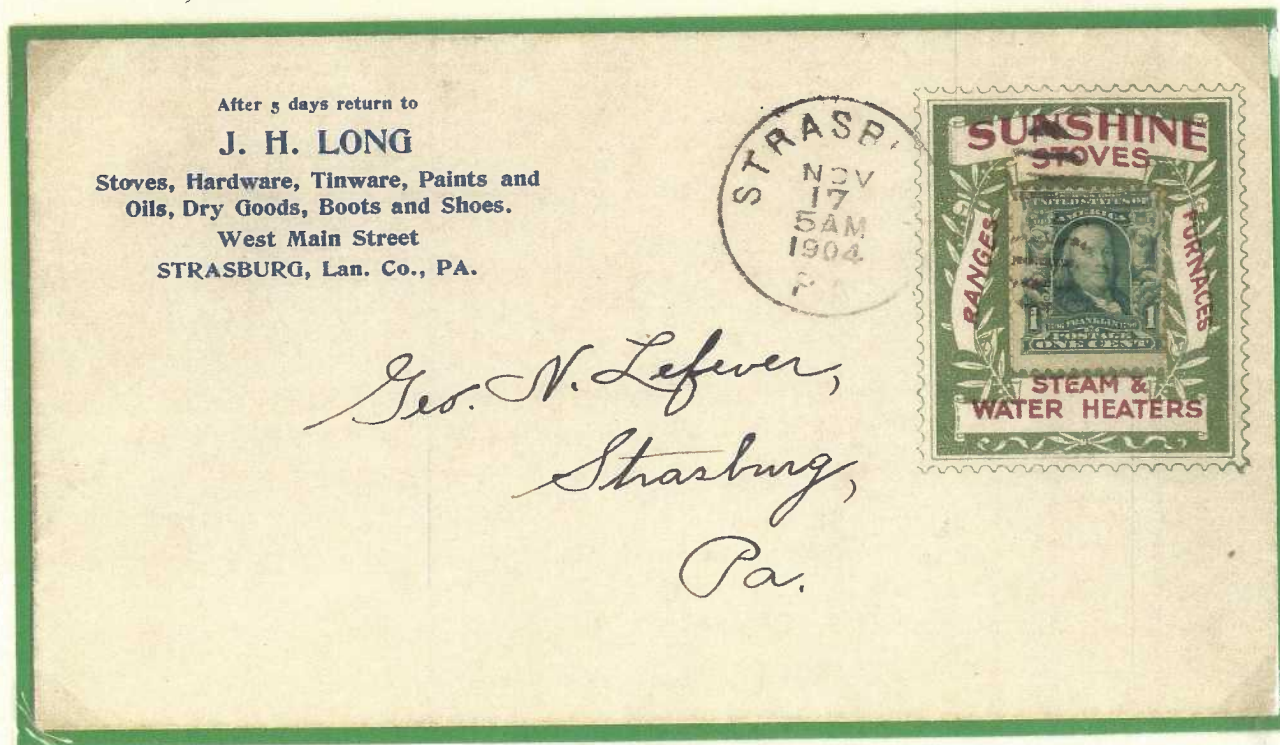


"To the President of Yale College"

Act of 1851 - to 3000 miles 5 cents if not prepaid

Nov. 17, 1904

1 cent drop rate



Advertising collar

Act of 1855 - Drop Rate

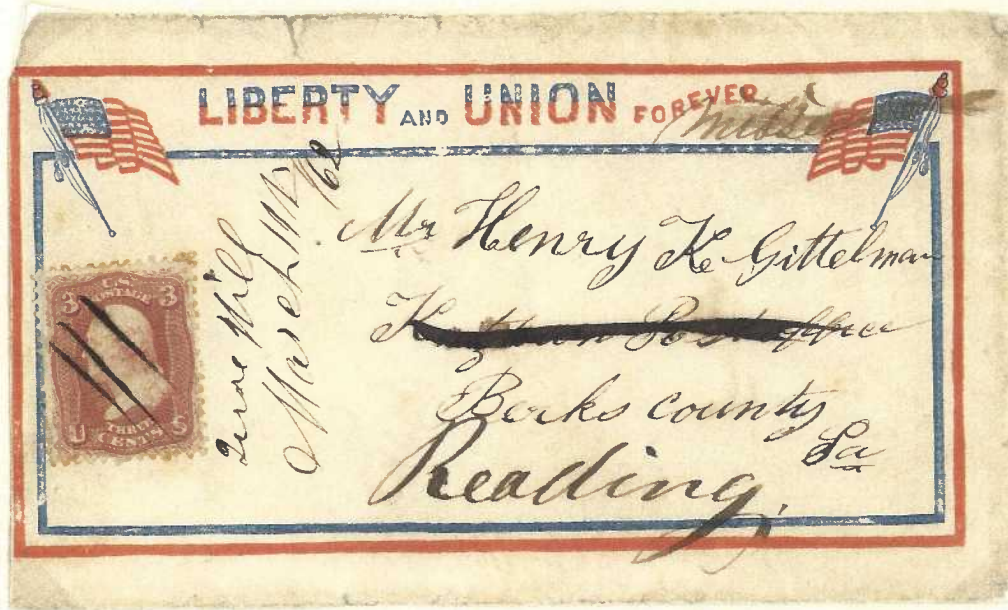
Strasburgh was the correct spelling 1827-1892

TERRE HILL, PA.

Post Office established 1850 to 1895
1905 to present

March 11, 1862

"Missent" notation top right



Missent to Kurtztown and forwarded to Reading, Pa.

July 31, 1885

Magenta county marking



Act of 1885 - 2 cents per oz.

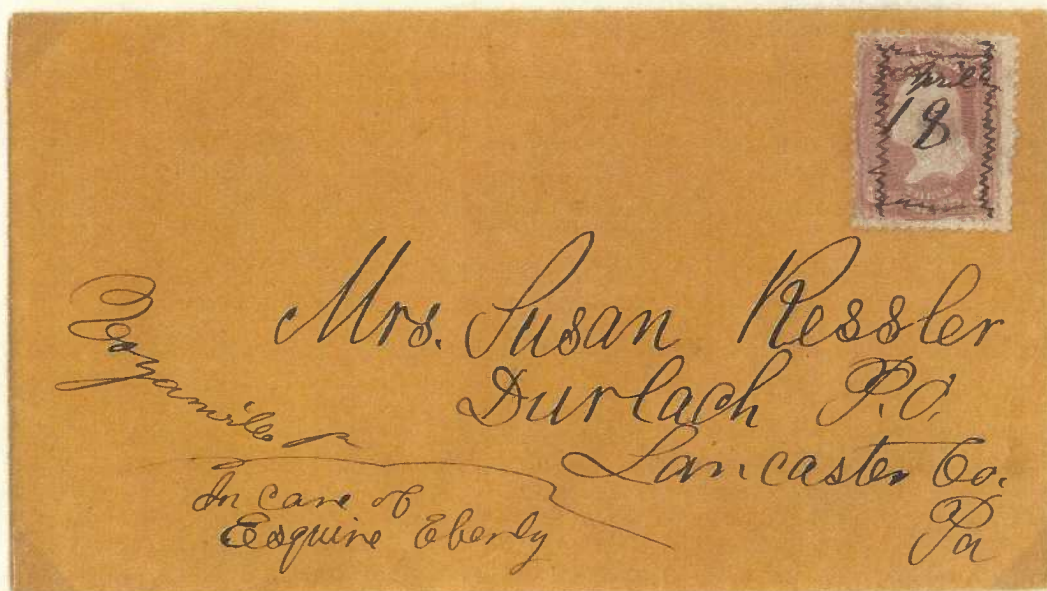
Terre hill located near New Holland, Pa.

VOGANSVILLE, PA.

**Post Office established 1851 to 1905
Changed to Voganville in 1905
Discontinued in 1934**

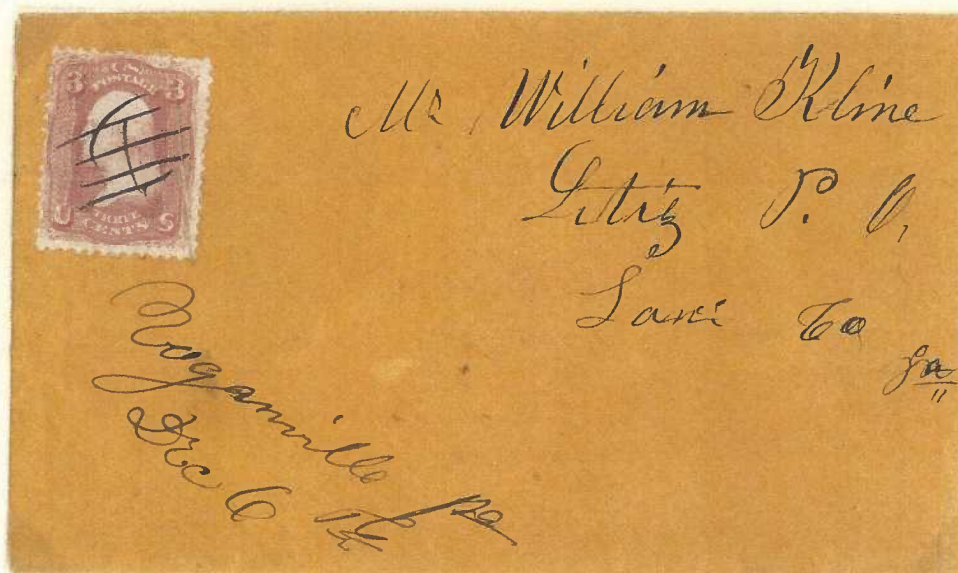
April 18, circa 1851

Neat, unique manuscript on stamp



Dec 6 circa 1861

Manuscript by same postmaster



Above stamps issued 1861. Late usage for manuscript markings.
Small post office - probably not enough revenue to obtain a stamper.

Located on Lancaster-New Holland Pike

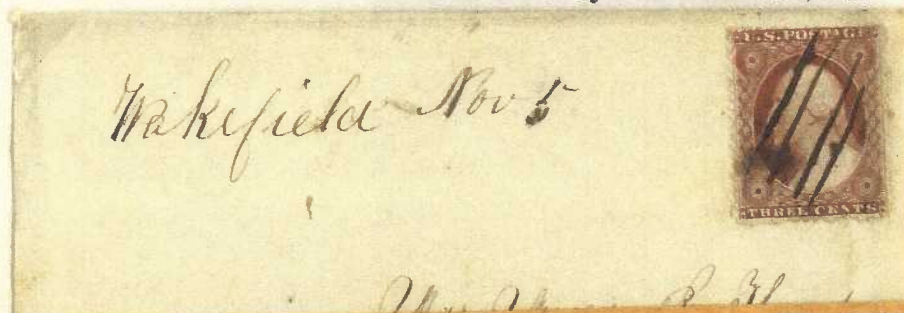
WAKEFIELD, PA.

Post Office established 1853 to 1916
Then serviced by Peach Bottom, Pa.

Nov. 5, 1858

3 cent rate

Act of 1858



Jan. 11, 1876

3 cent rate

Act of 1863



April 19, 1881

3 cent rate

Act of 1863



This 24 mm circular date stamp suffered from years of use until it became an "Oval on its side"

July 9, 1885

2 cent rate

Act of July 1, 1855



Wakefield is located in Southern Lancaster County near York County border

WEST EARL, PA

**Post Office established 1829 to 1830
Reinstated 1854 to 1893**

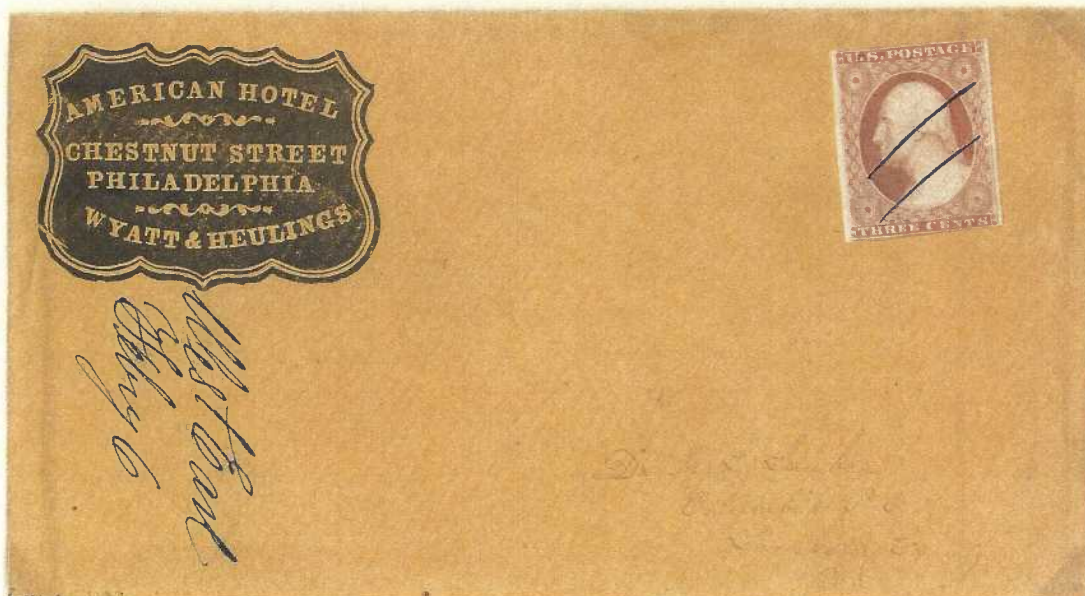
February 6, 1856



Act of 1855 - less than 3000 miles - 3 cents

July 16, 1860

*“ADVD 1 Ct” notation that addressee could not be found
advertised in newspaper.*



Act of 1855 - 3 cents

*Late usage of manuscript townmark - no doubt due to lack of funds since
post office was established late - had to purchase own handstamps.*

West Earl incorporated into Brownstown (on road to Reading)

WEST EARL, PA.

Established 1854

Changed to Brownstown in 1903

Jan. 3, 1857

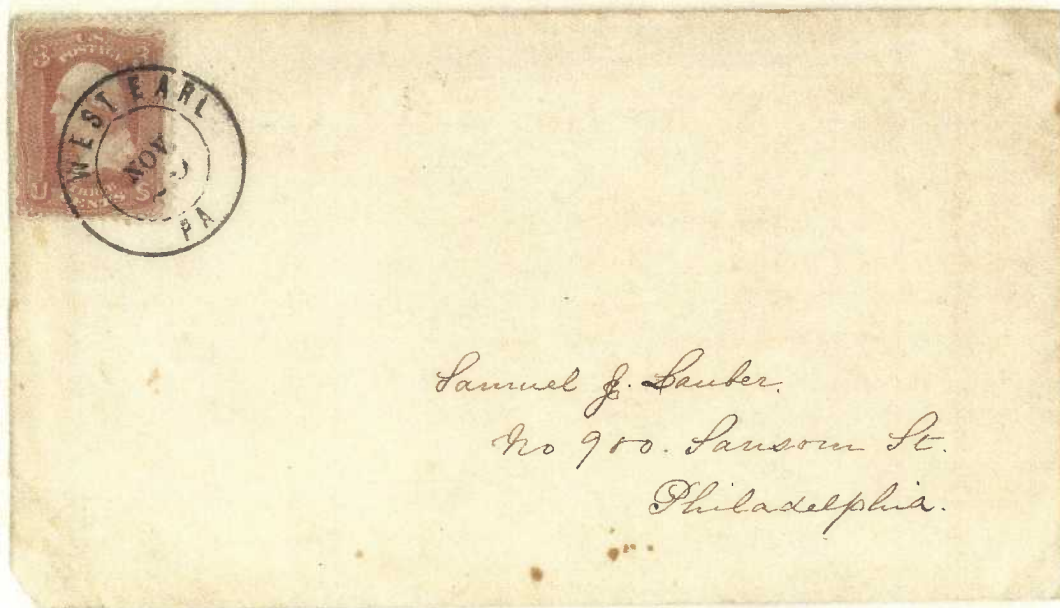
Late manuscript marking



Act of 1855 - 3 cents/1/2 oz. Prepayment required

Nov. 19, 1865

Circular date stamp



Act of 1863 - All U.S. 3 cents

West Earl was on the Reading-Lancaster Turnpike

WILLIAMSTOWN, PA

Post Office established 1819 to 1843

May 28, (1841)

Term of Postmaster Christian Hess



Act of 1816 - 80 to 150 miles - 12 1/2 cents
Paid by sender

August 3, (1841)

Term of Postmaster Christian Hess



"Free"- Post Office requesting information from Paradise Postmaster Witmer.

Williamstown was on the Lancaster-Philadelphia Turnpike - Absorbed into other towns