

The Postal History of Lititz, Pennsylvania

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LITITZ 1756 - 1956

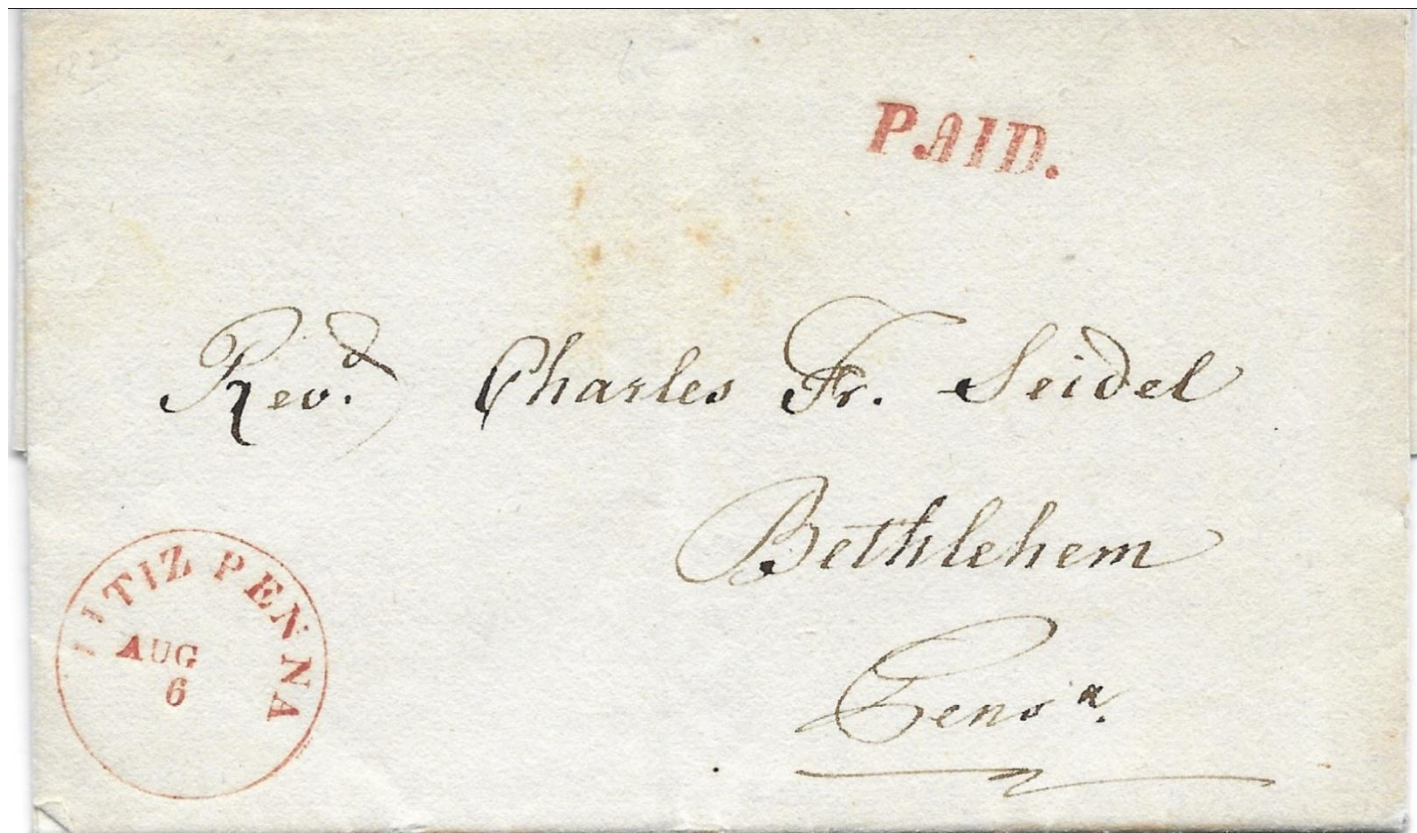


Founded in 1756 as a closed Moravian community

Post Office established in 1806

Postal markings differ from normal

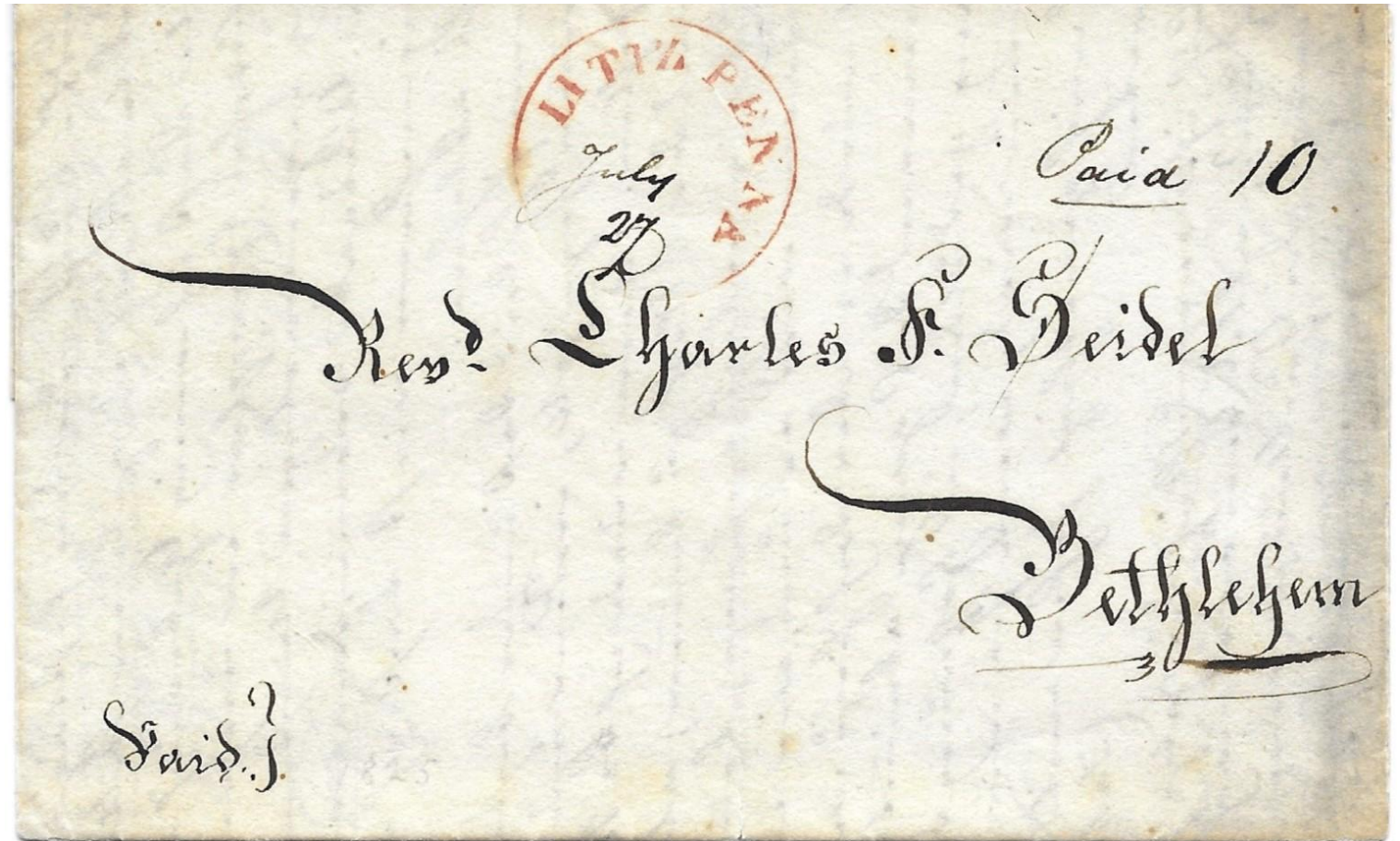
August 6, 1822
Type 1 CDS in red (6
known)
Red *printed* date is
unique
Earliest recorded date.
Christian Hall PM
(2/1/1806 – 2/14/1830)



July 27, 1824
Type 1 CDS in
Red.
Red manuscript
date is unique.



July 27, 1825
Type 1 CDS
in red.
Black
manuscript
date.



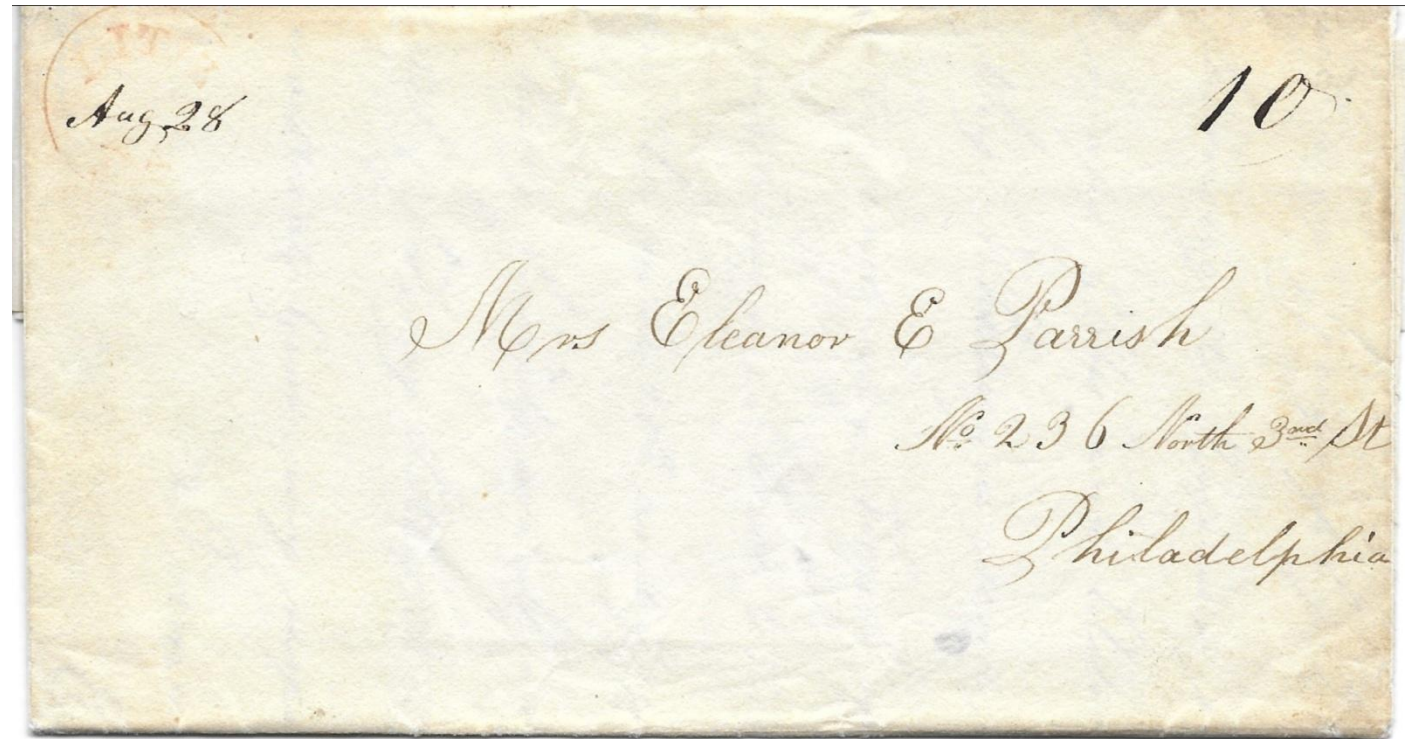
January 30, 1827
Type 1 CDS in
red.
Black manuscript
date.
Latest recorded
date.



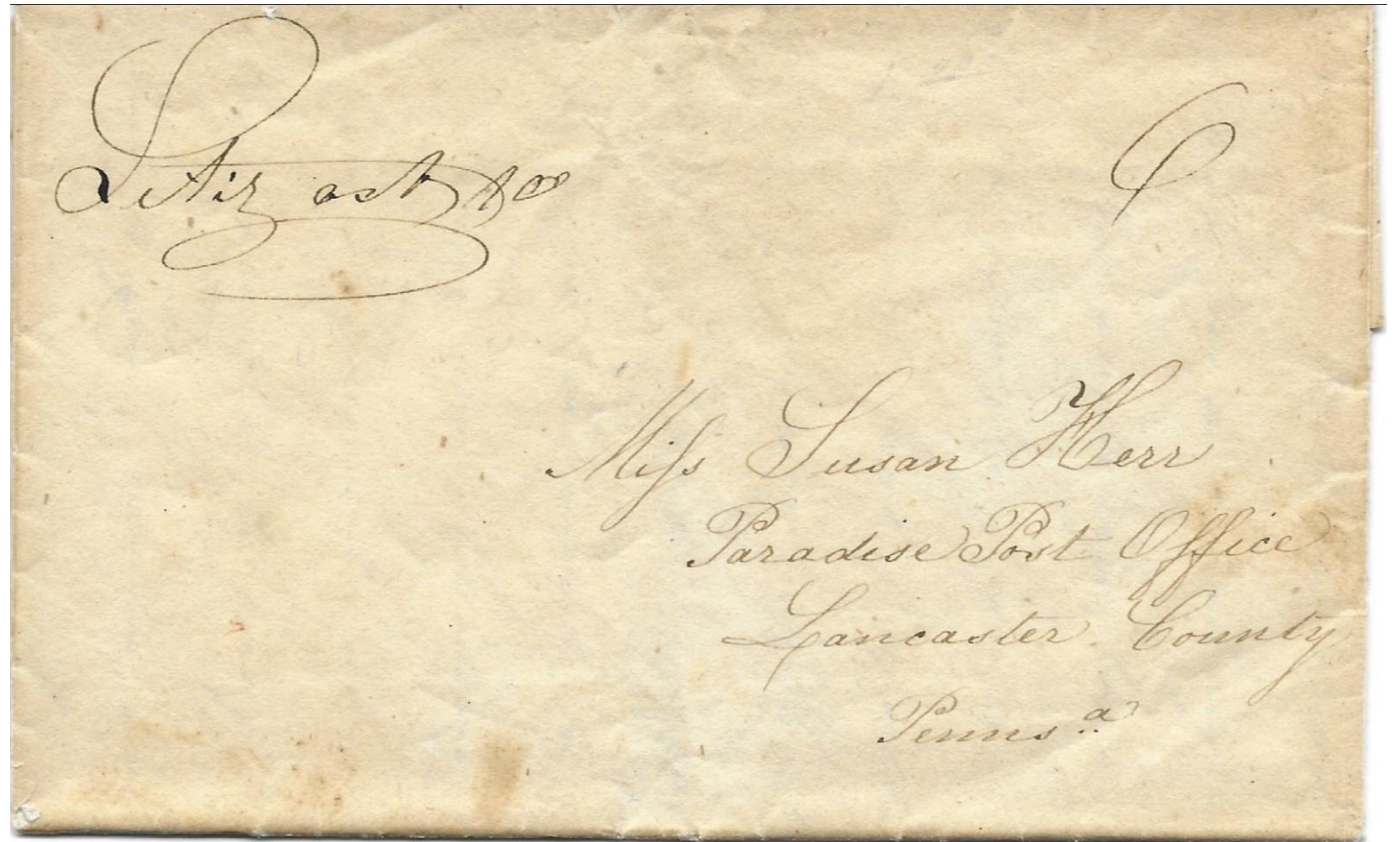
August 28, 1830
Type 2 CDS in
red.

Black manuscript
date.

Only recorded
copy.



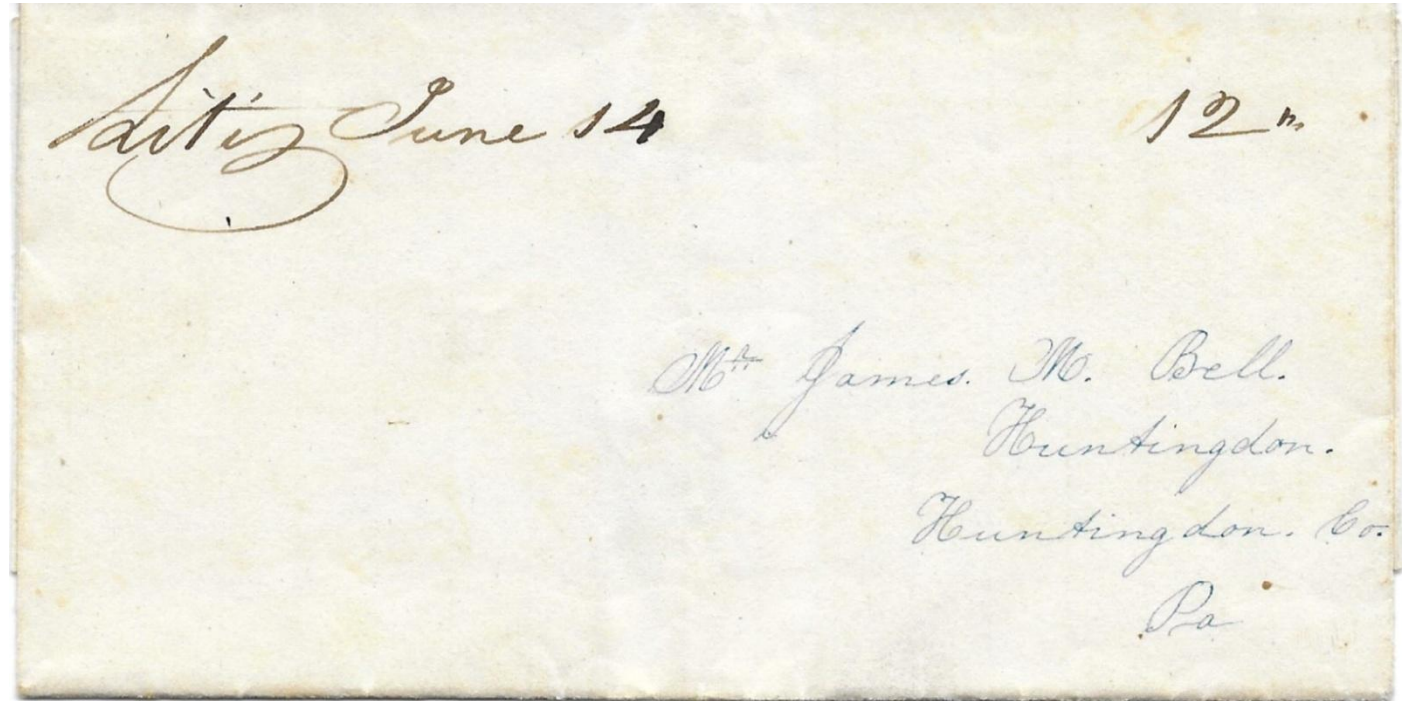
October 10, 1832
Type 1 manuscript,
Style 1 (4 known)
In use from
10/10/1832 –
6/6/1845.
Earliest recorded
use.
Frederick Zitsman
PM (2/15/1830 –
4/17/1849)



June 6, 1845
Type 1
manuscript,
Style 1
Latest recorded
use.
The start of it
all!



June 14, 1845
Type 1 manuscript,
Style 2.
Ten known.
Two weeks before
the rate change to
5 cents.



October 22,
1846
Type 1
manuscript,
Style 2.

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Mr Bernhe. E. v. Schweinitz
Bethlehem
Northampton County
Penn

November 5,
1846
Type 1
manuscript,
Style 2.

Letter No 5

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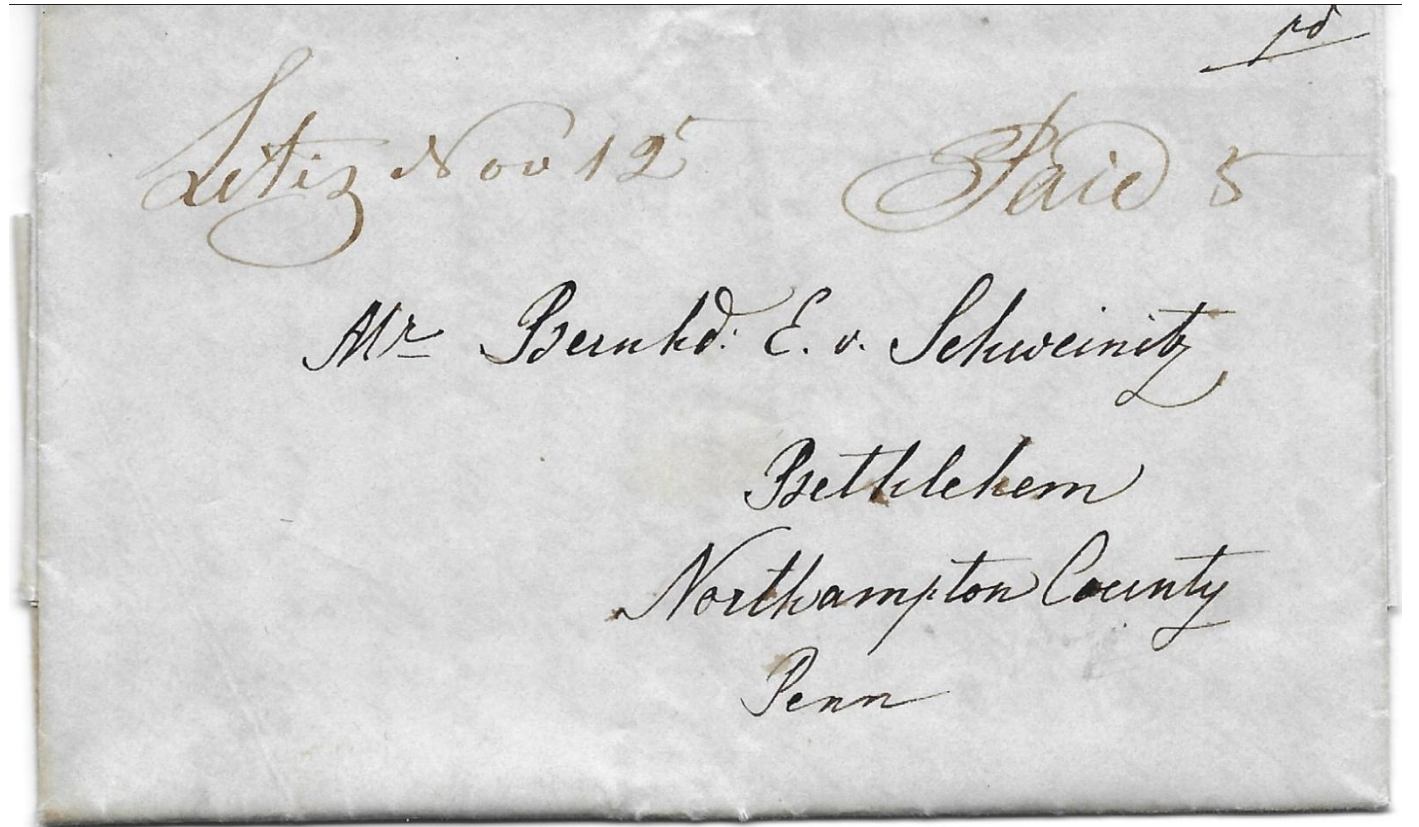
Mr. Bernhd. E. de Schweinitz

Bethlehem

Northampton County

Penn

November
12, 1846
Type 1
manuscript,
Style 2.

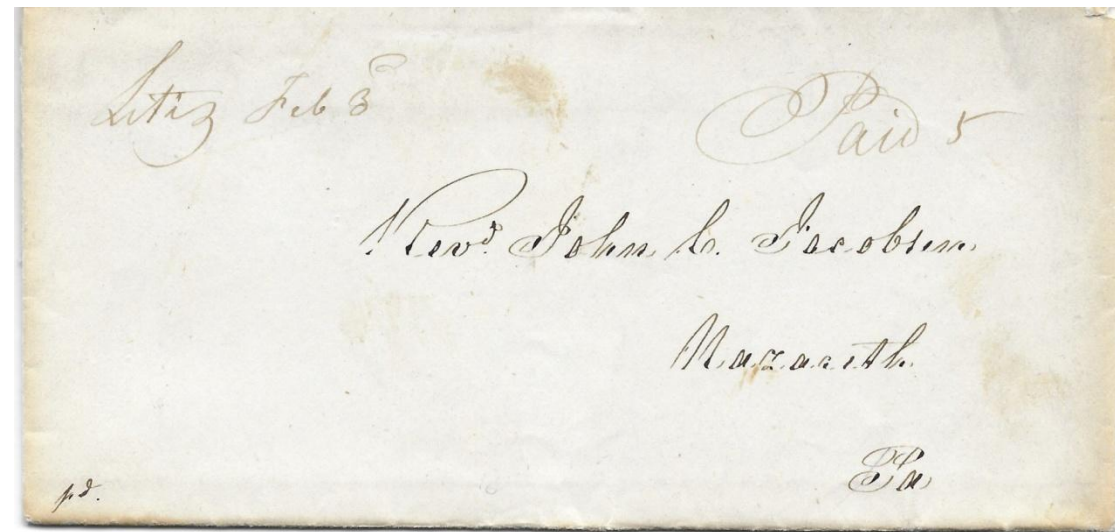


September 9, 1848
Type 1 manuscript,
Style 2.
Note that this is four
covers all to same
person in Bethlehem,
Pa. (All in German!)

Sept 9 Paid 5[¢]
Mr Bernhard E. Schweinitz
Nazareth
Northampton County
Penn

1848

February 3, 1849
Type 1, manuscript,
Style 2.
Latest recorded date.



Sept 30th 1827

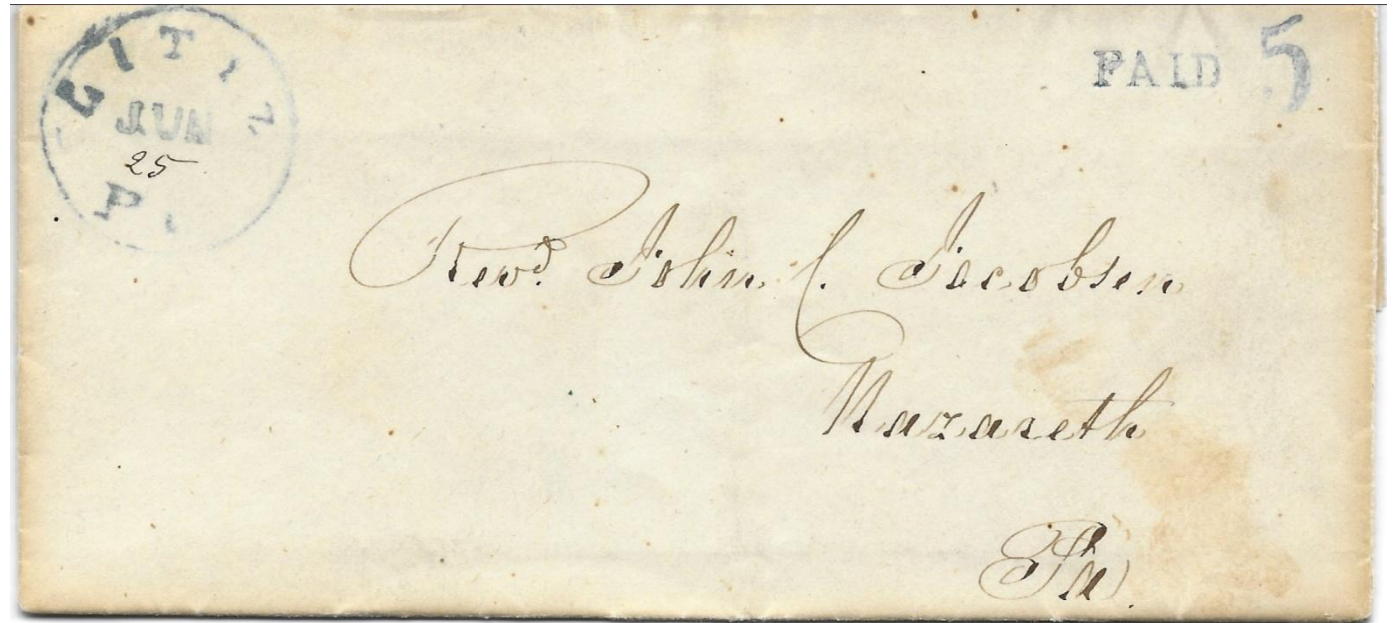
Worshipfull Sir and Brother,

I hereby beg leave to answer your request Dated Jan 18th, concerning the returns from our Lodge last year. I will state you the reason for the Delay, of sending on the same. The former Treasurer who at the same time acted as Secretary for last year, Did not appear in proper time to make out his returns. The Lodge has given him notice three times to come forward and make out his returns, which has not been done by him. Neither is the Standing Committee able to make out ~~the~~ the returns according to his Books. The Books as well as the Minutes have been kept very improper and incorrect, so much so, that no one can rightly know who is Dr or Cr but the Treasurer himself. Neither is there a copy to show how many Members there were belonging to the Lodge last year, or for the years 1825. This is the reason for the Delay of the returns, and we must earnestly beg your indulgence, and faithfully promise to send on the same, as soon as it lies in our power so to do.

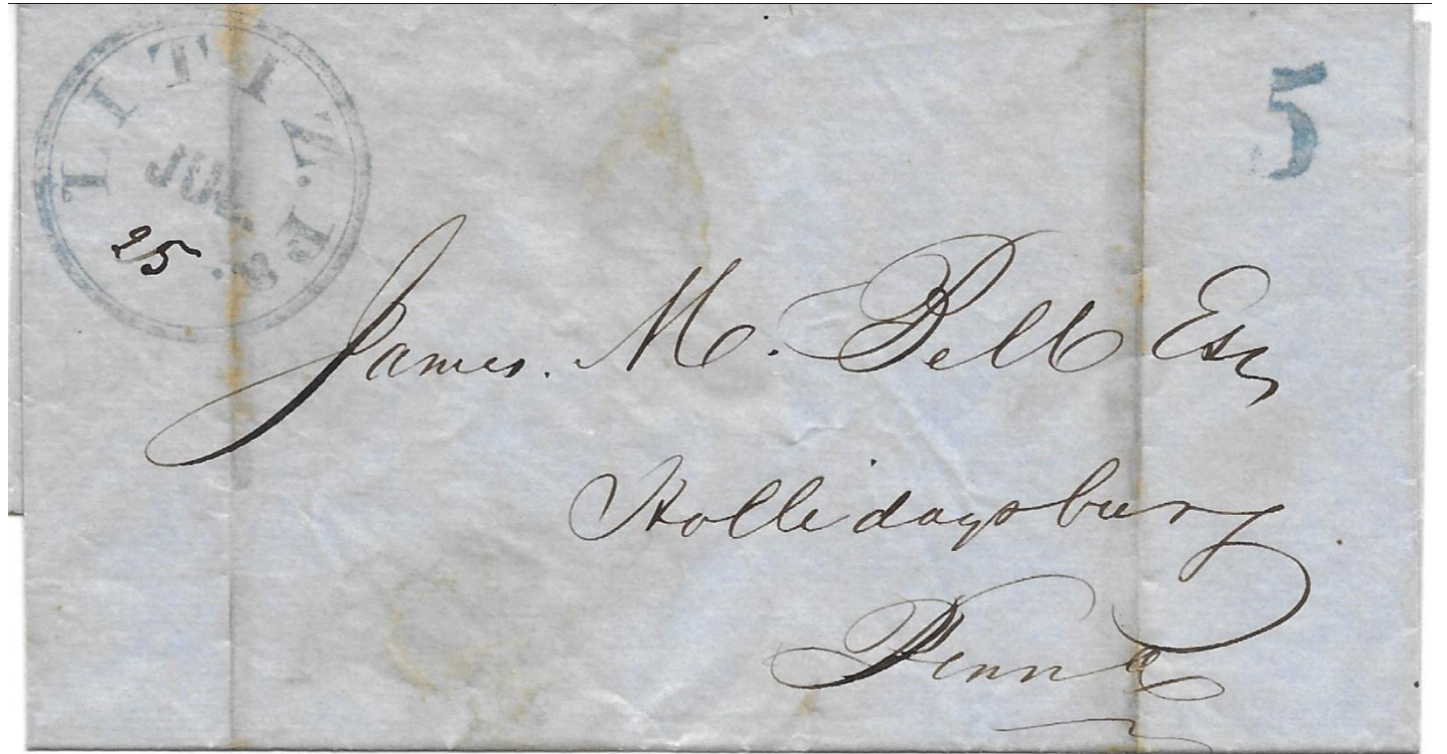
I Remain yours, Very Respectfully, And fraternally.
Worshipfull Sir and Brother, your most
Obedient Servant

Frederick A. Fitzgibbon
Secy of Ephrata Lodge
18th Feb

June 25, 1849
Type 3 CDS in blue;
printed and manuscript
date.
One of only two known.
Jacob Greider PM
(4/18/1849 – 6/10.1853)



July 25, 1849
Type 4 double-ring
CDS in blue; printed
and manuscript date.
One of five known.
Earliest recorded
date.



July 26,
1849
Type 4
CDS



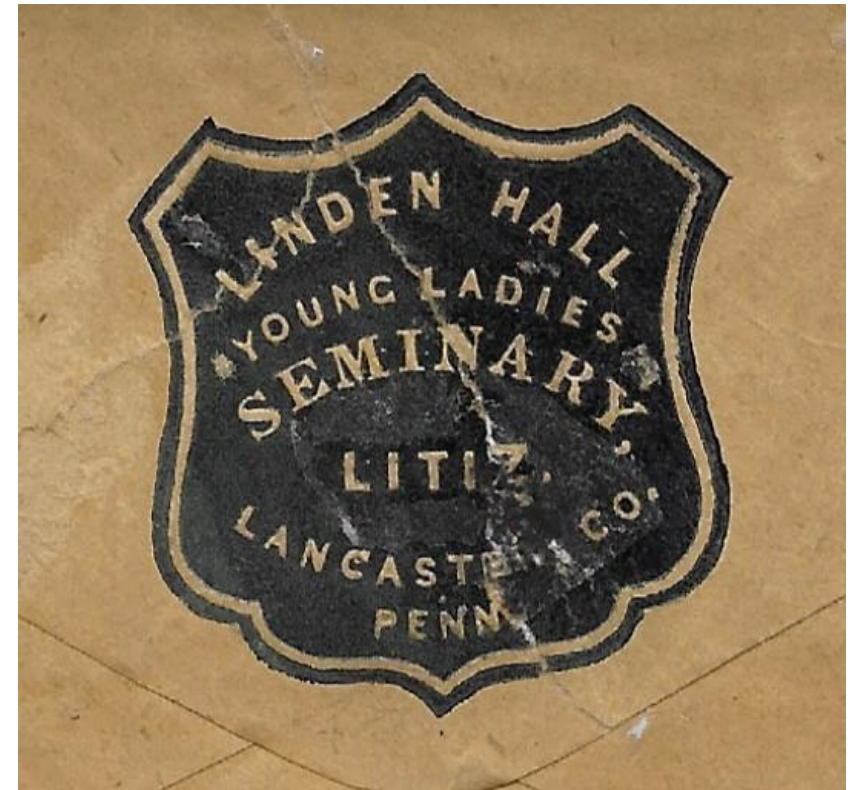
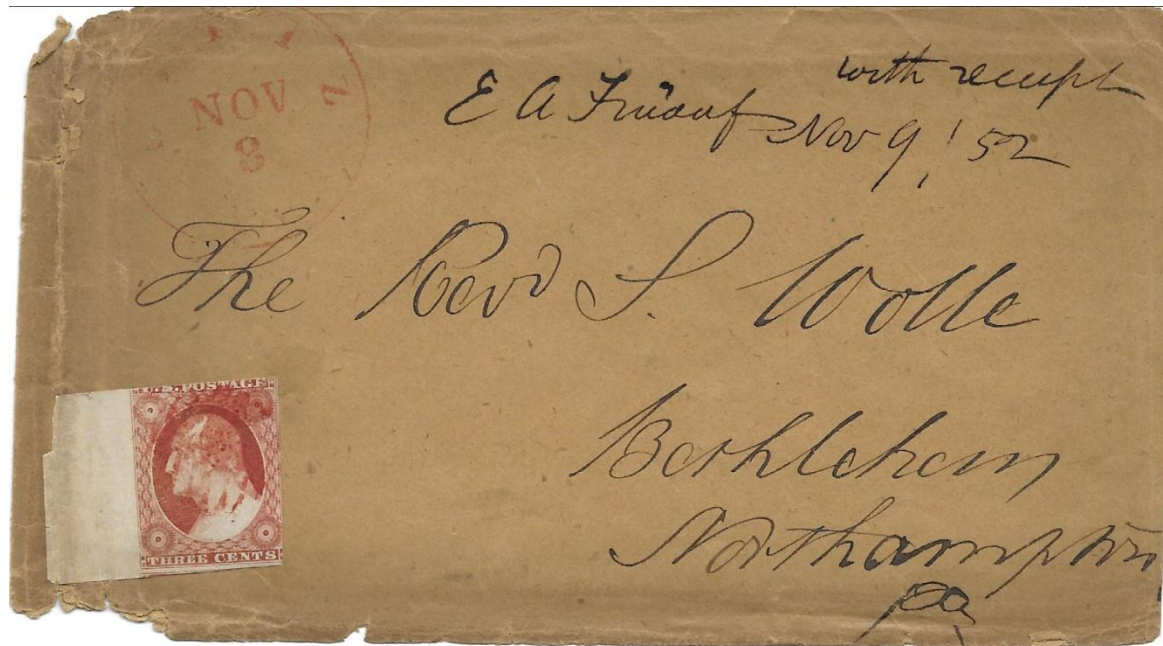
October 15,
1849
Type 4
CDS.
Only in use
for five
months.



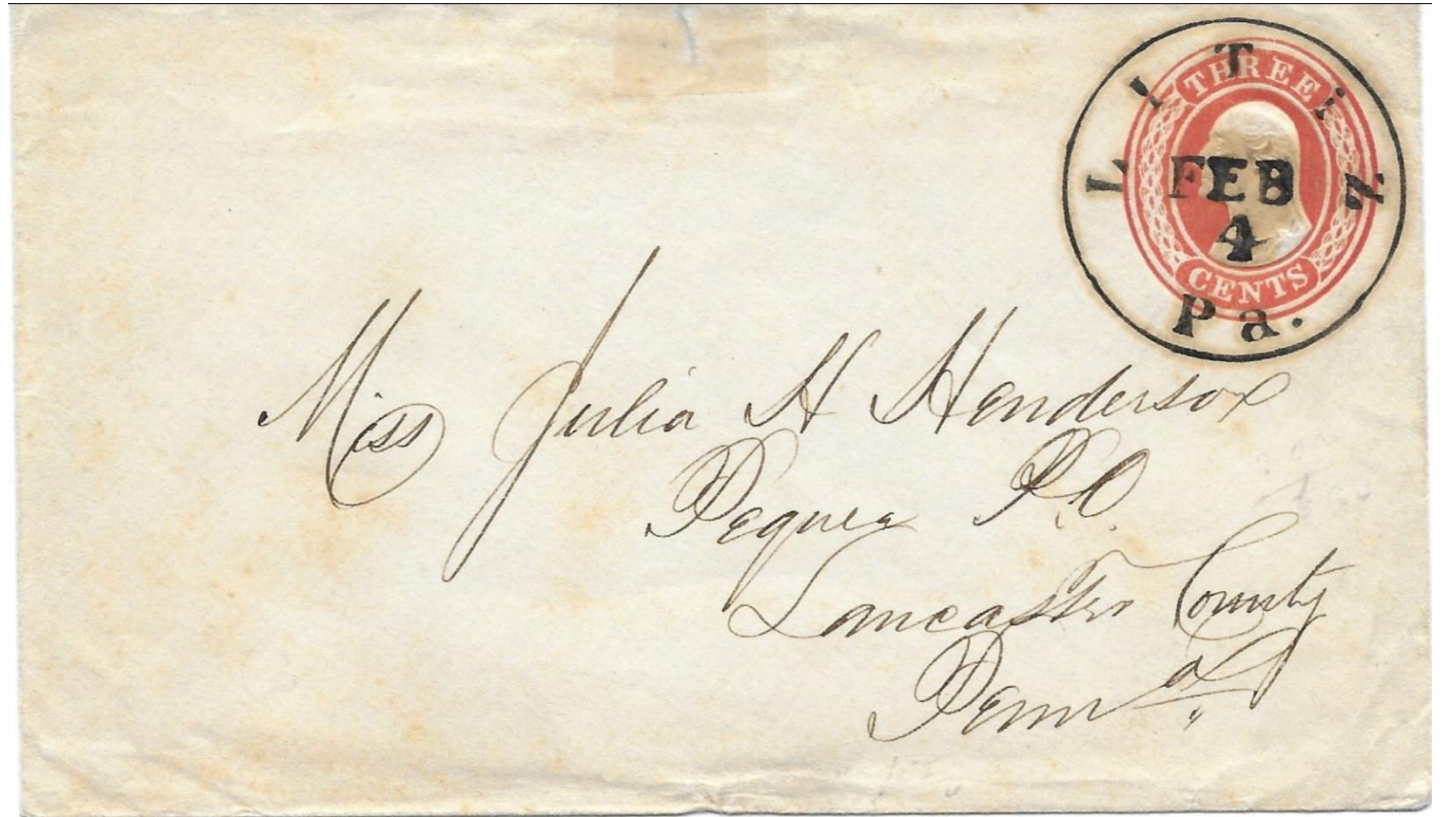
May 9, 1850
My pride and joy!
Blue Type 5 CDS; date now
totally printed.
Blue CDS known 1850-51;
black 1855-59 and red in
1852.
Lititz received 200 5-cent
1847s. This is one of two
known on cover.



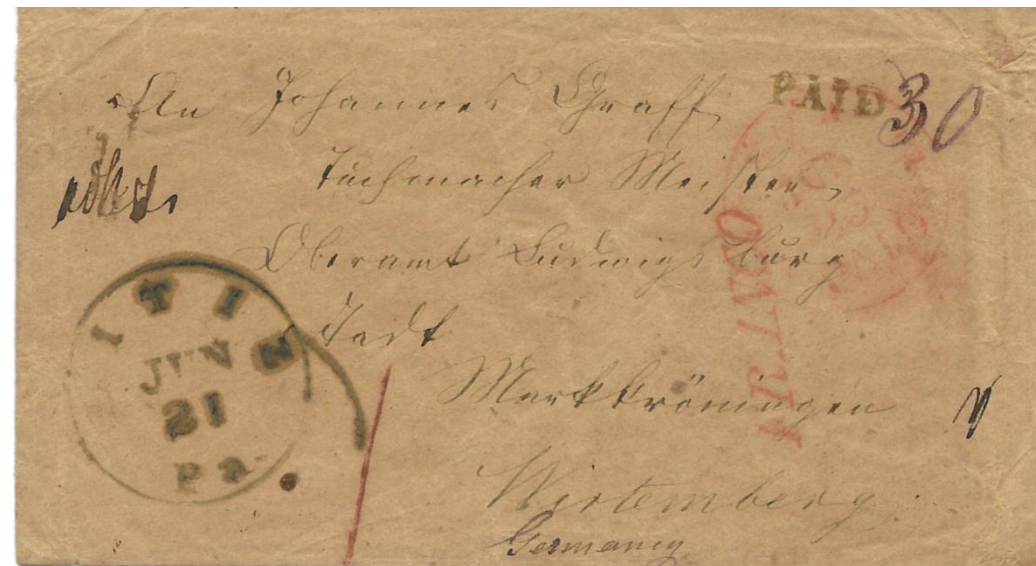
November 8, 1852
Type 5 CDS in red; unique.
At right, rear of the envelope.



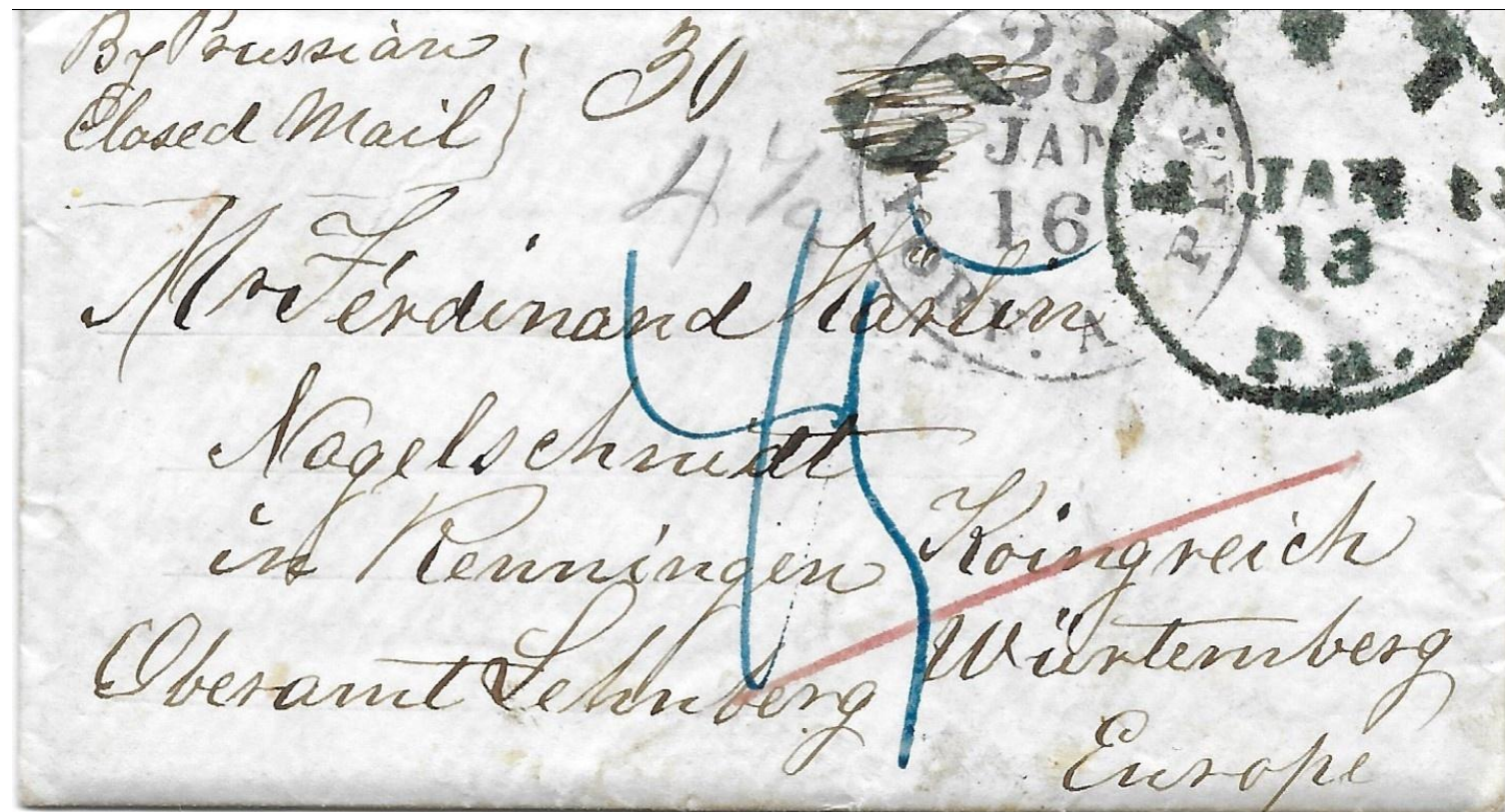
February 4, 1855
Type 5 CDS in
black on a 3—
cent Nesbitt.
Daniel Kreider
PM (6/11/1853 -
?)



June 21, 1853
Type 5 CDS to
Wurttemberg,
Germany



January 13,
1854
Type 5 CDS
to
Wurtemberg,
Germany



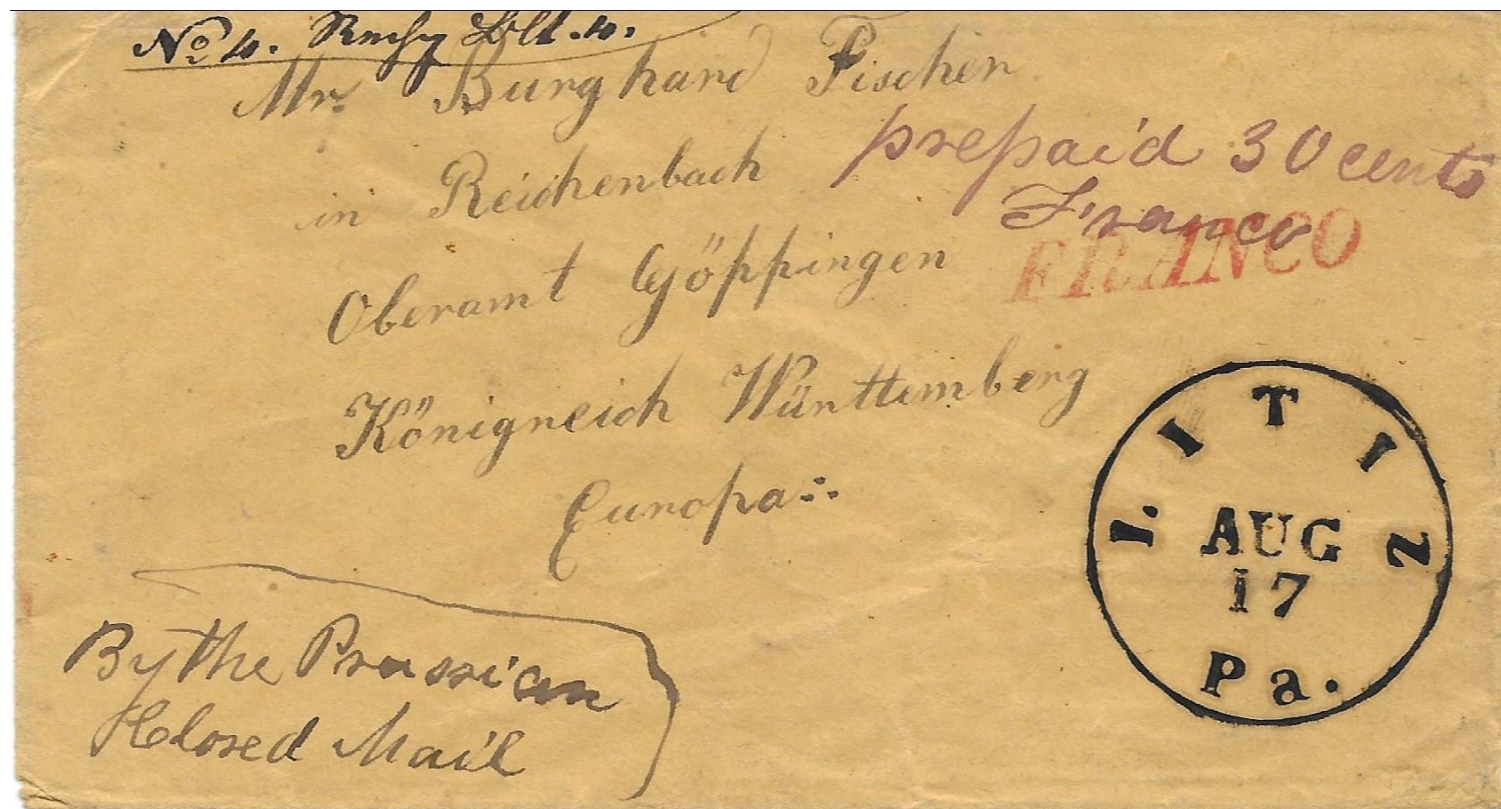
September 8, 1853
Type 5 CDS to
Wurttemberg,
Germany.
Hand stamped 5 in
Lititz. Rate was 30-
cents!



May 8, 1854
Type 5 CDS
to
Wurttemberg,
Germany

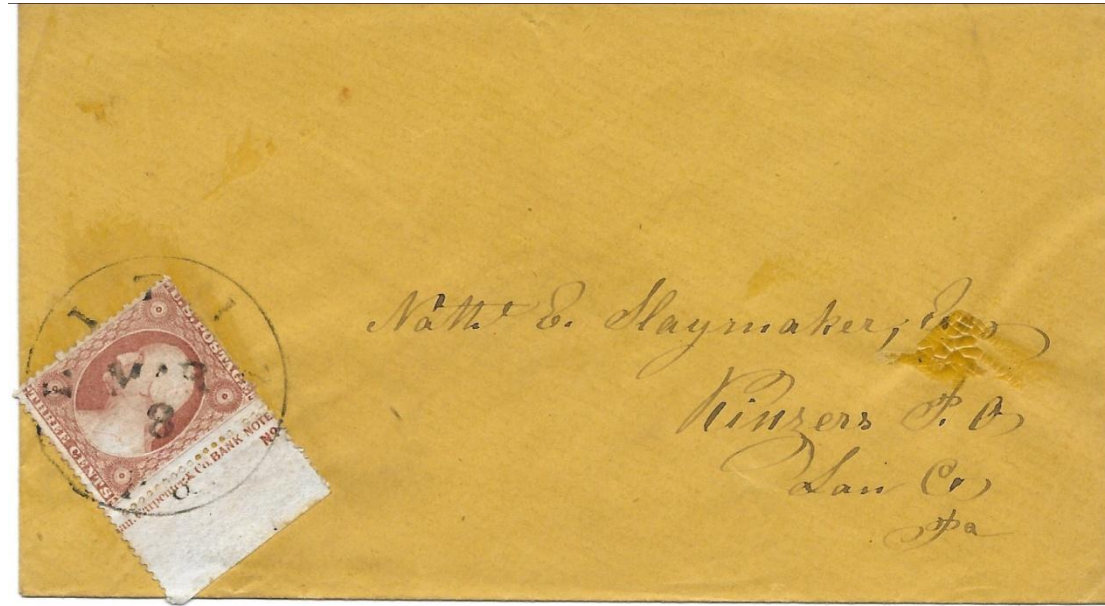


August 17,
1855
Type 5 CDS
to
Wurttemberg,
Germany.



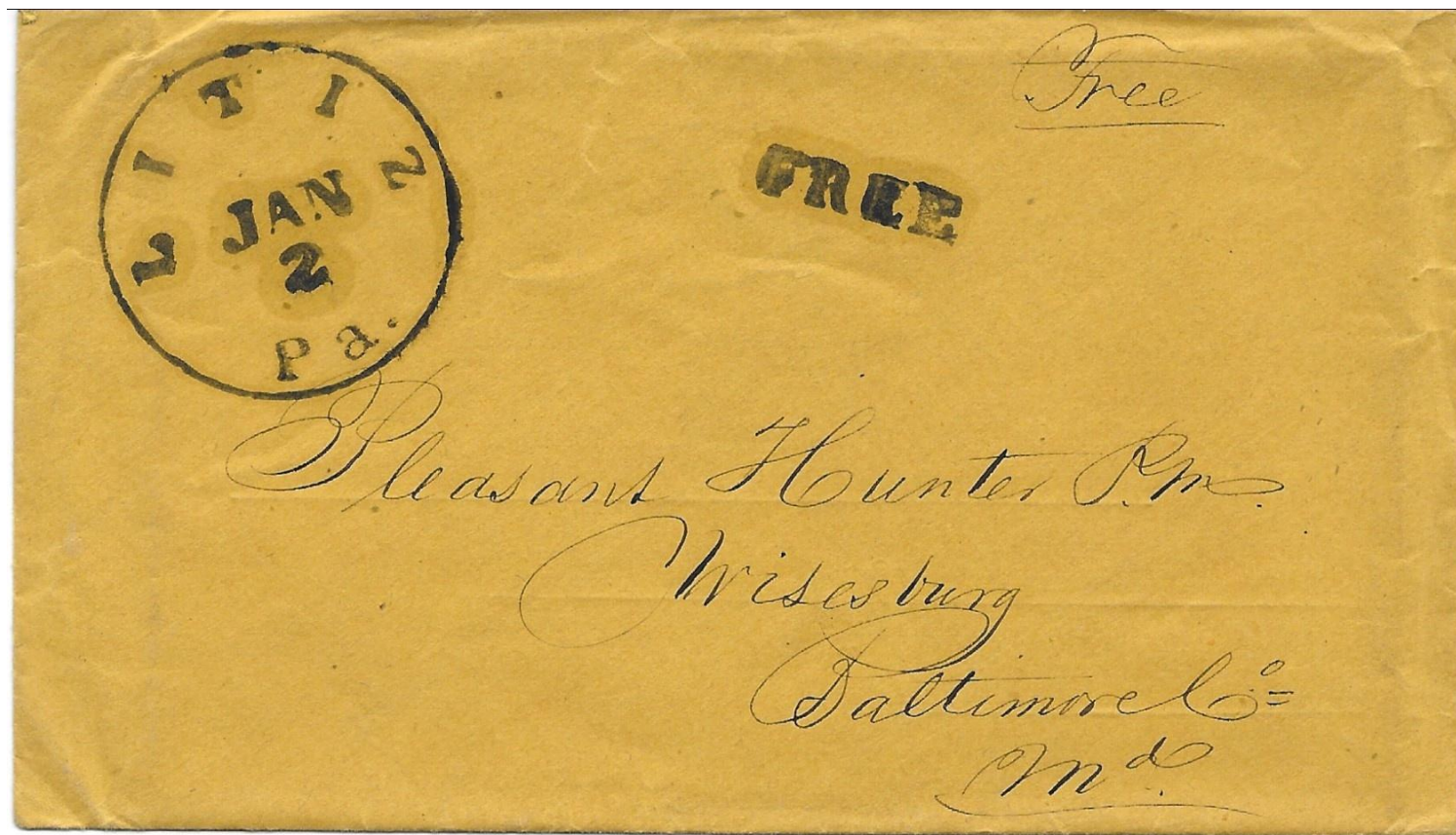
September 7,
1857
Type 5 CDS
(blue) to
Baltimore with
1LB8 Baltimore
carrier stamp.





March 8, 1858
Type 5 CDS to Kinzers, Pa.
Note partial imprint of Toppan, Carpenter & Co. Bank Note Co. in selvage.

January 2, 1859
Type 5 CDS to Wiseberg,
Md. PM. Hand stamped
FREE.
Makes one wonder why?
I have three such covers
all to same addressee.
Remember the name!



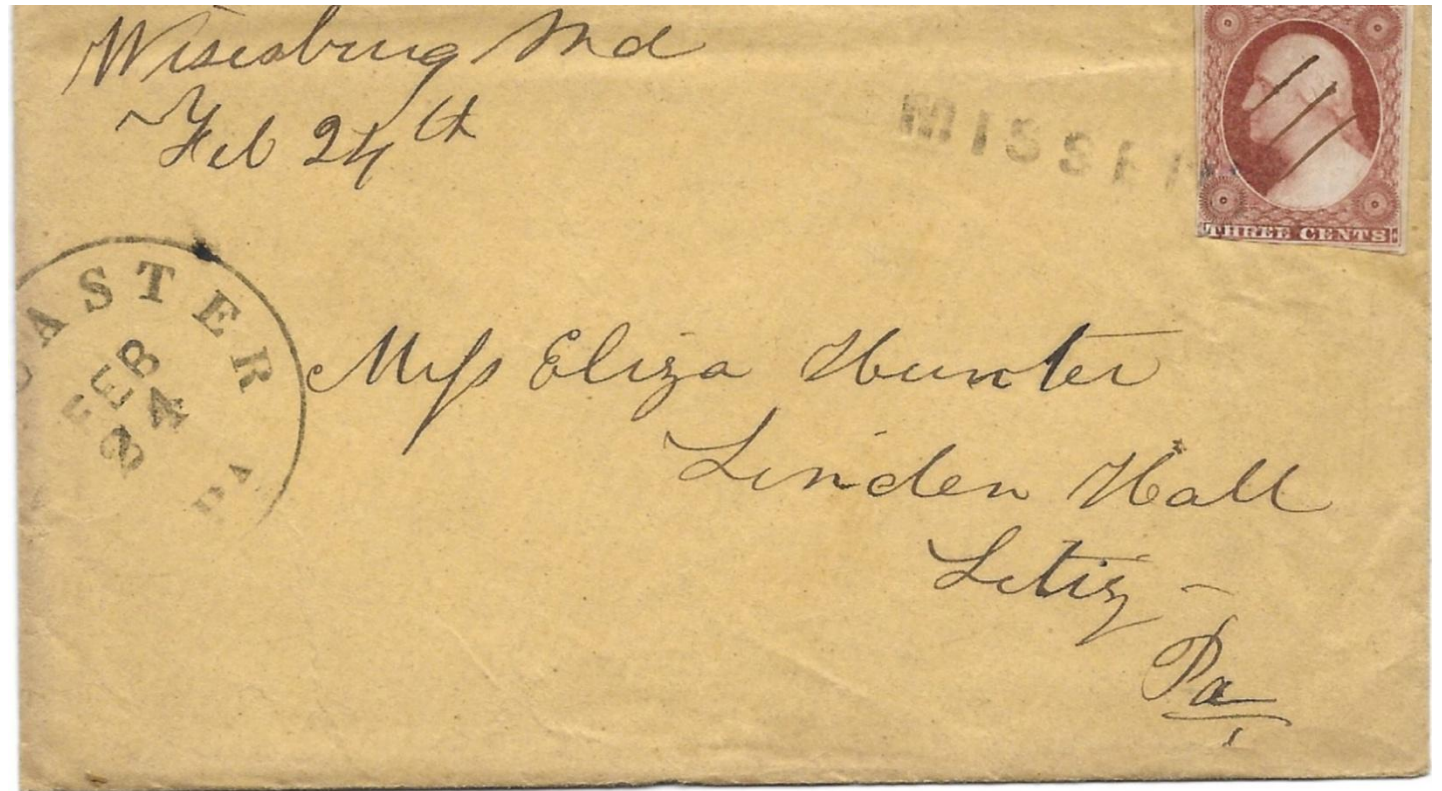
Linden Hall December 31st 1859

Pleasant Hunter Esqr
Dear Sir!

Yours of yesterday, enclosing check on
"Chesapeake Bank" for Ninety one ²⁵/₁₀₀ \$, in full
for Miss Eliza's bill for the last Term - is to hand -
and demands my acknowledgement. - You will accept
my thanks for the promptness of your remittance. The
am't has been placed to the credit of your daughter.

With kind regards to you all
Yours Truly
Wm. F. Peck,

February 24, 1857
Letter from Wiseberg,
Md. To Eliza Hunter
from mom!
Mystery solved. The
girl's dad was PM of
Wiseberg, Md.



April 27, 1874
New CDS type.
ERD not known.
My earliest is
December 8, 1869.
My latest of
previous type is
1864.

A. B. Reidenbach,
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
AND
Notary Public,
LITIZ, PA.

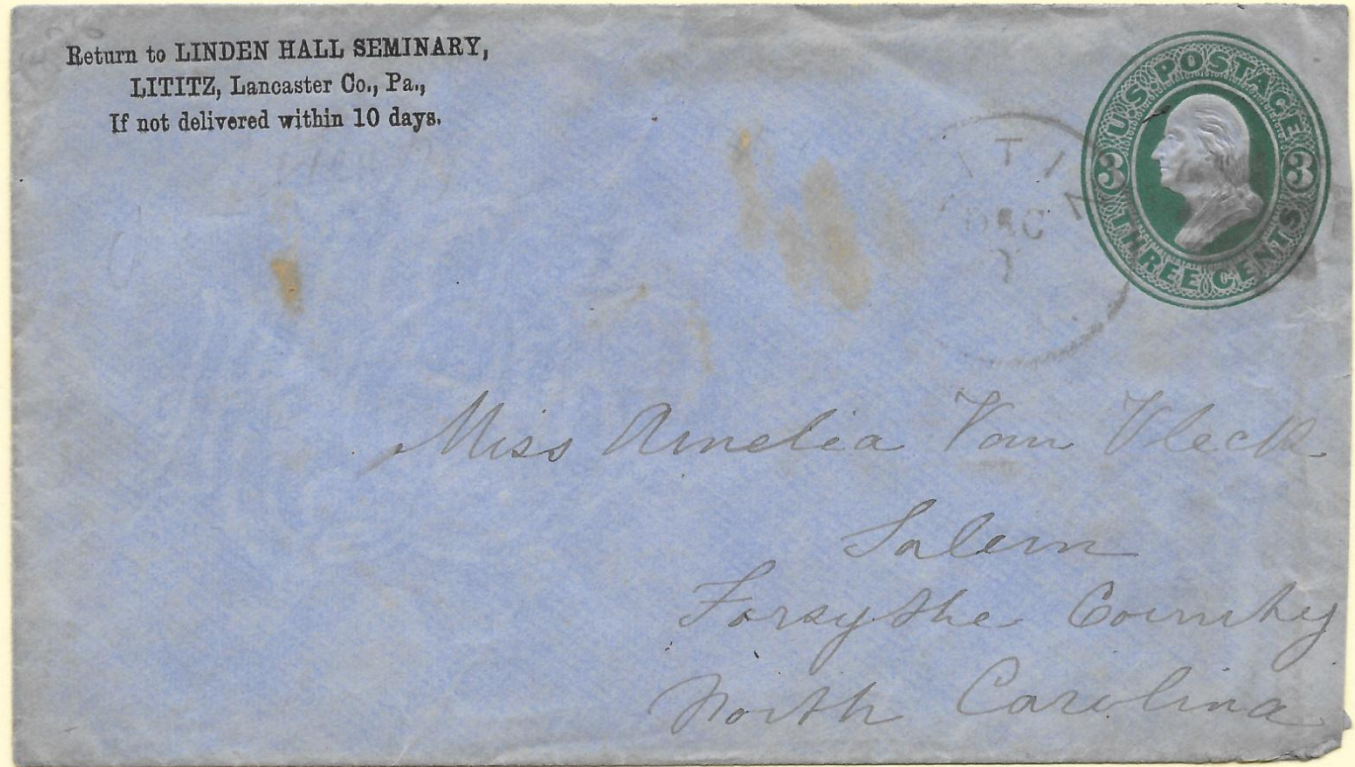


Nathl. E. Slaymaker, Esq.,
Kinzers,
Lancaster County,
Pa.

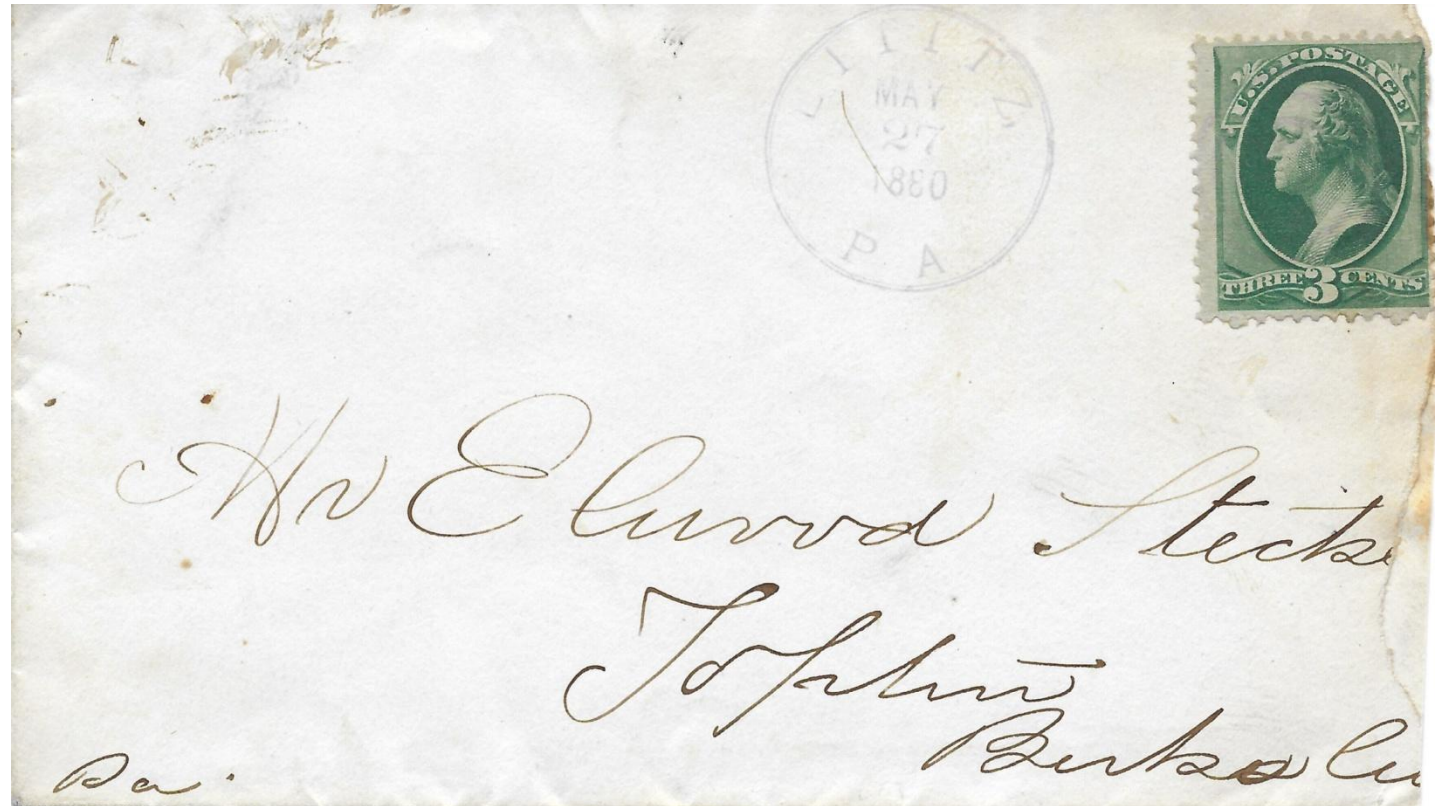
February 4,
1876
Lititz Academy
Note Litiz and
Lititz spellings.



December 9, 1878
Linden Hall
Seminary
Founded in 1746,
ten years prior to
founding of Lititz.
Note Litiz and Lititz
spellings.



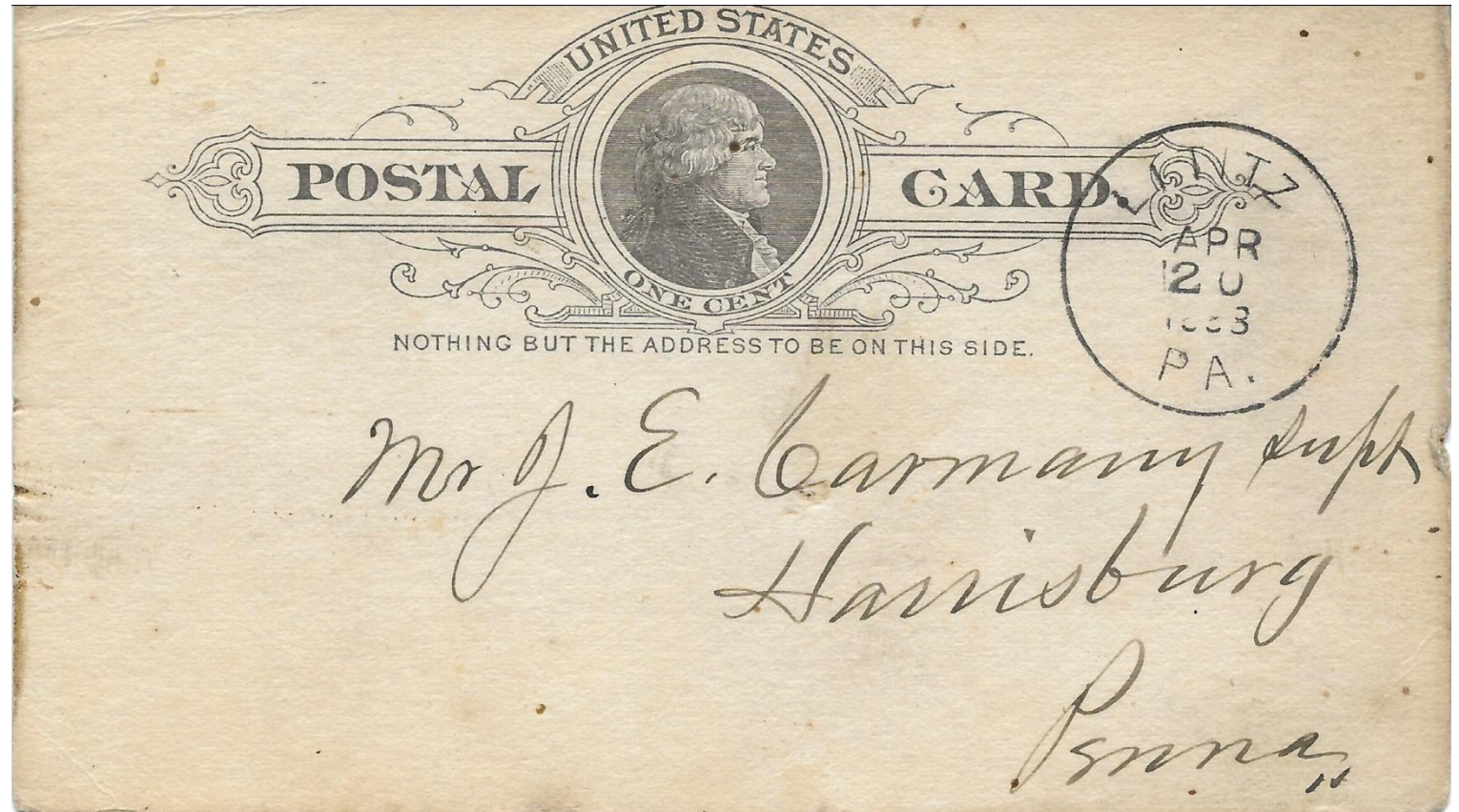
May 27, 1880
Violet CDS. I have
another in June 1880.
Next is in 1882, different
CDS and in black.
P.O. name changed to
Lititz, Feb. 1, 1880.



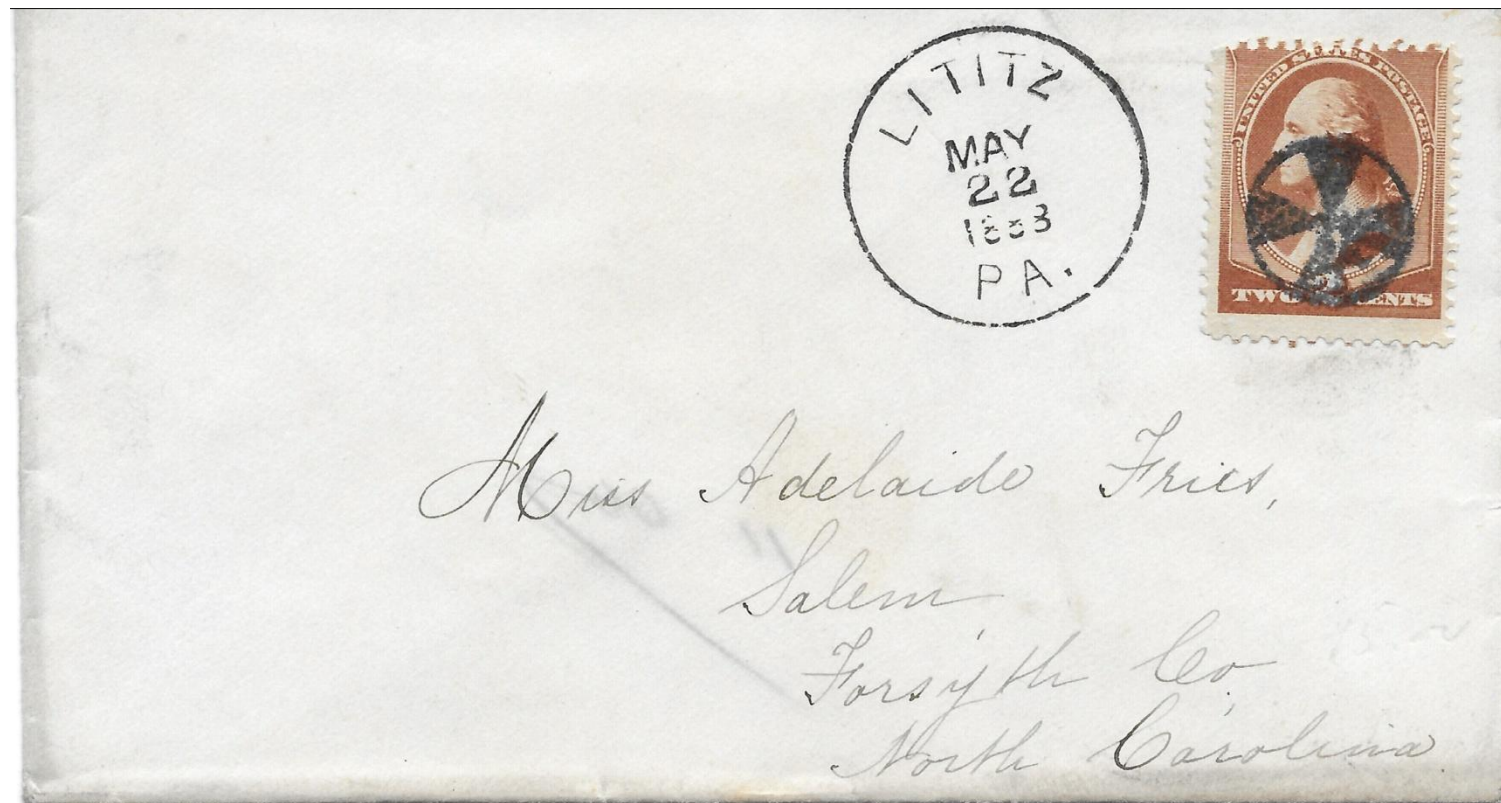
July 12, 1882
New cancel, a
duplex.
In use until
1888.



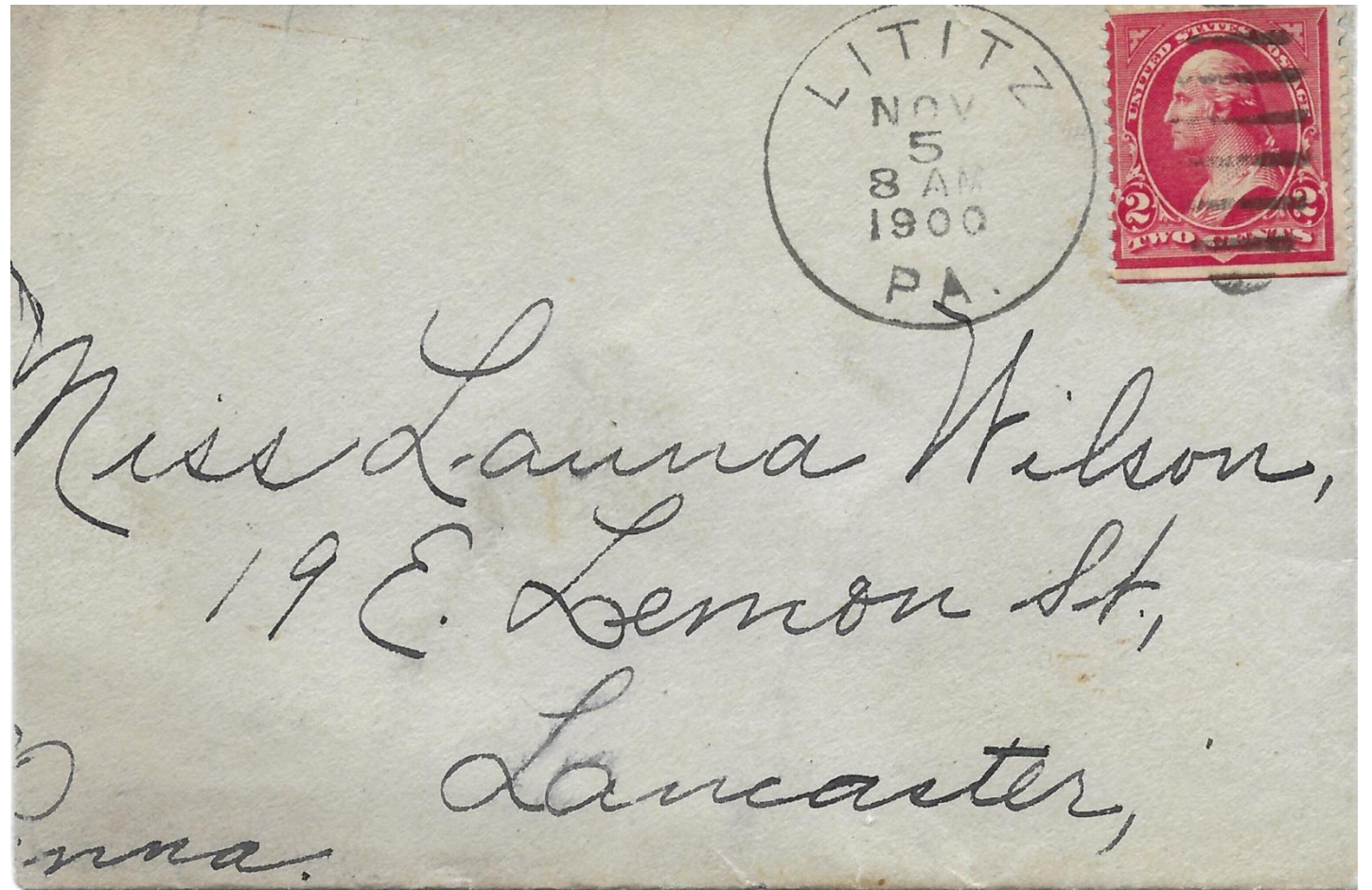
April 20, 1888
New CDS, no
duplex.
In use until 1889
when a smudge
killer was added.



May 22, 1888
Same CDS, a
month later.
Pinwheel
killer added in
Salem, NC.



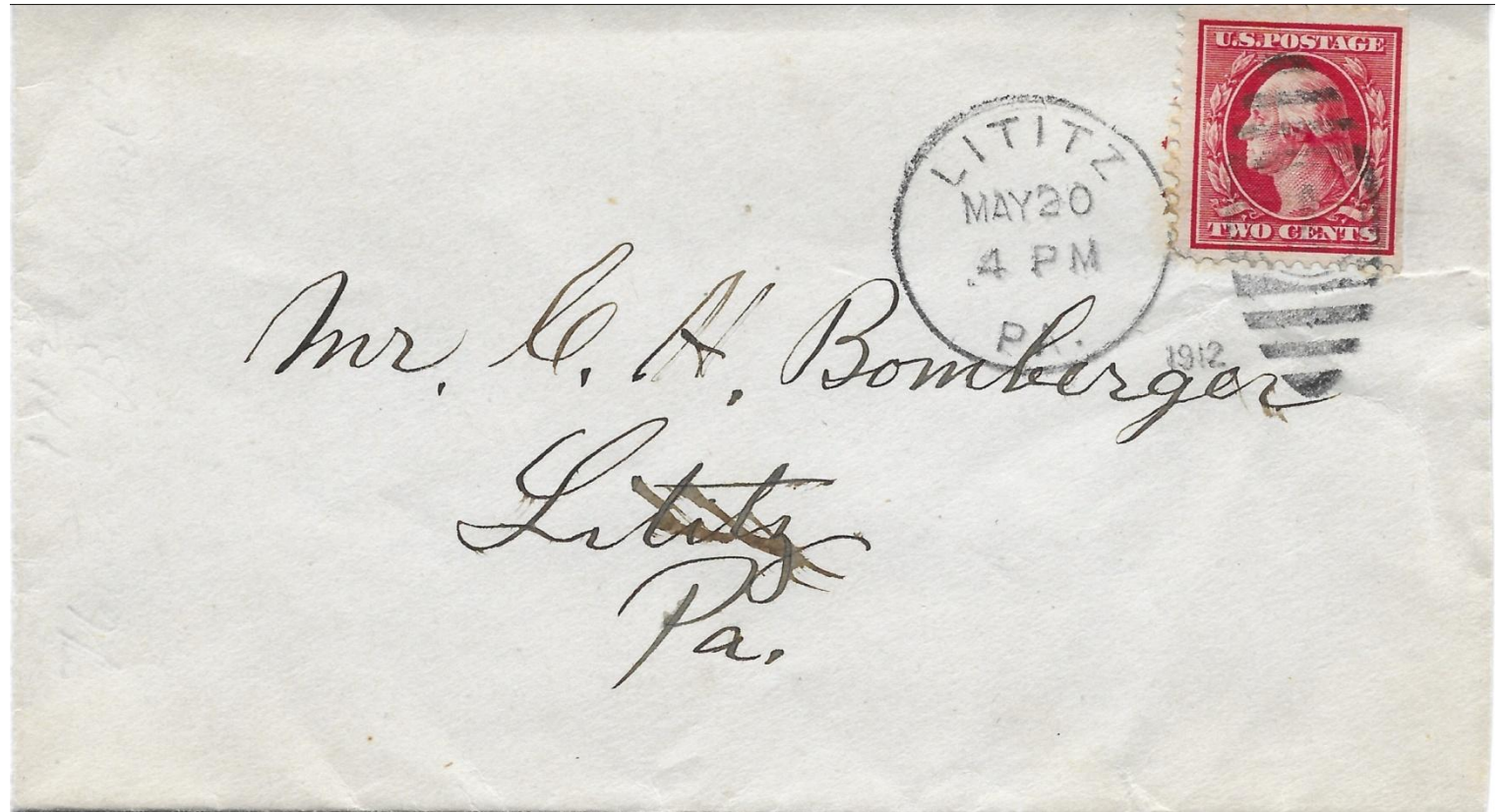
November 5,
1900
New duplex,
includes time.
In use until
1911.



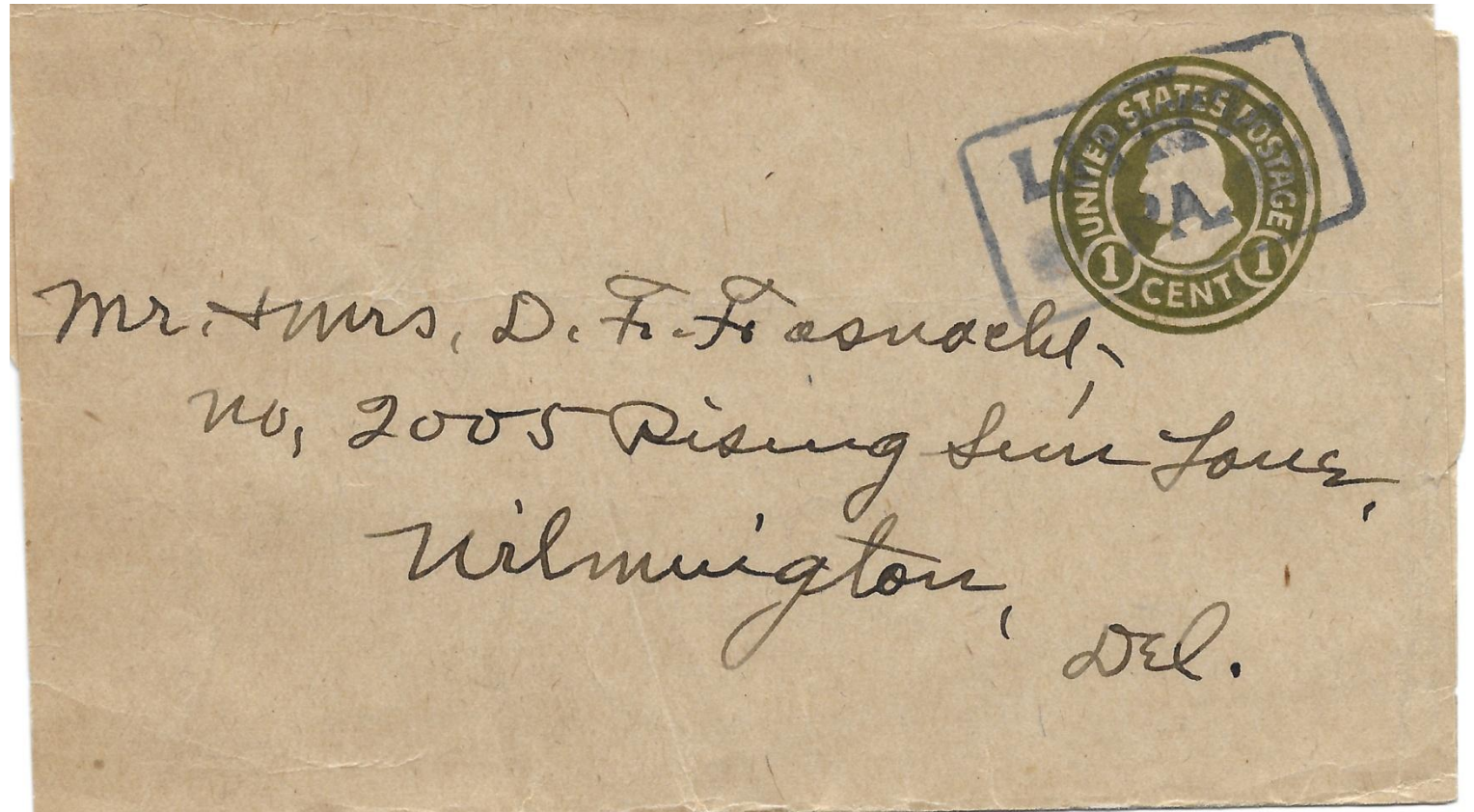
December 10,
1901
R.F.D. cancel.
I have #1 and
#3 in bars.



May 20, 1912
New duplex
with 26.5 mm
circle.
In use until
1931.



1920s
Lititz, Pa. parcel
cancel used as a
killer on this
wrapper.
Scott #?



1920s

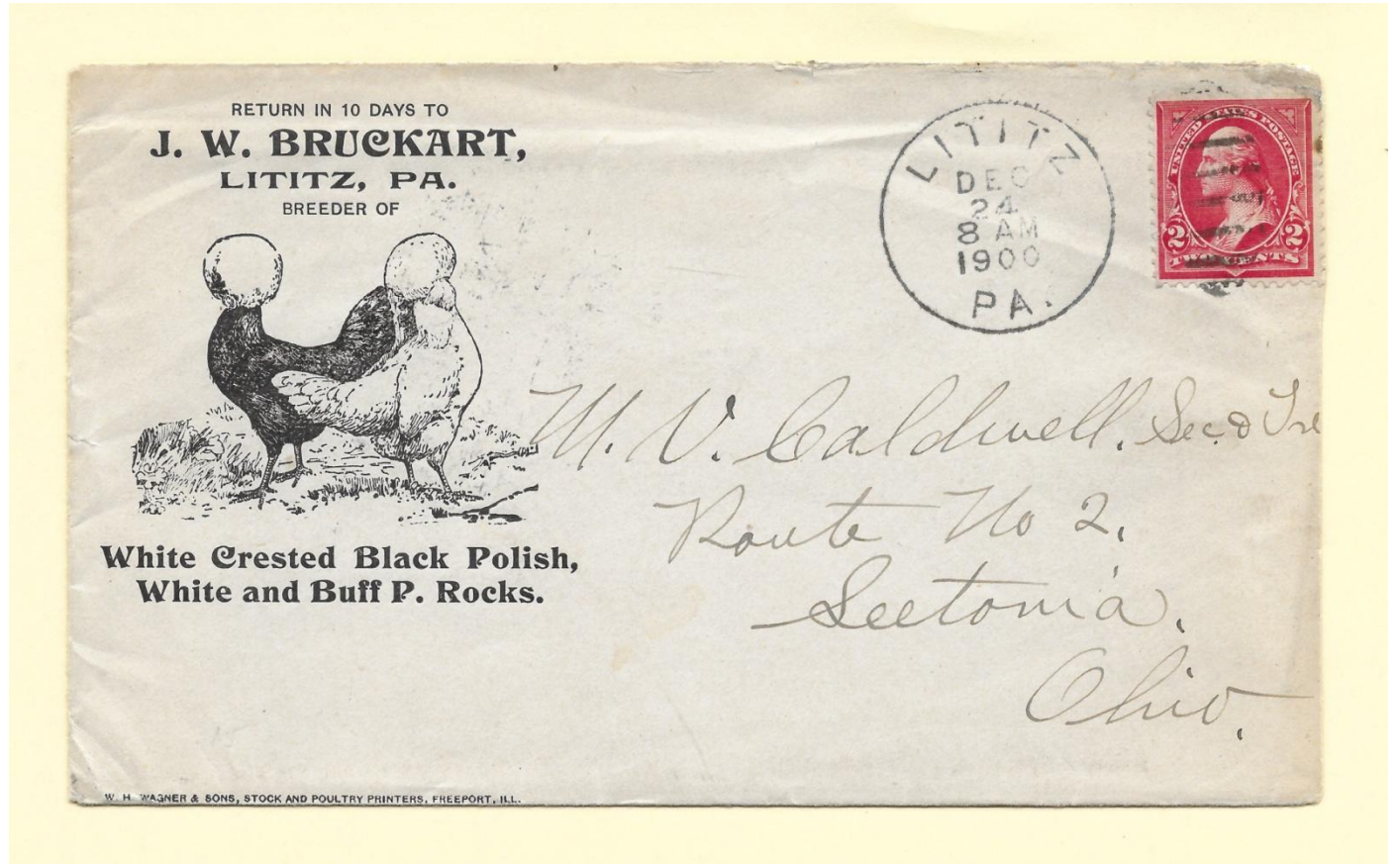
Bureau precancel on a
pair of Nathan Hale ½-
cent.

Meeting notice for the
Lancaster Stamp Club!

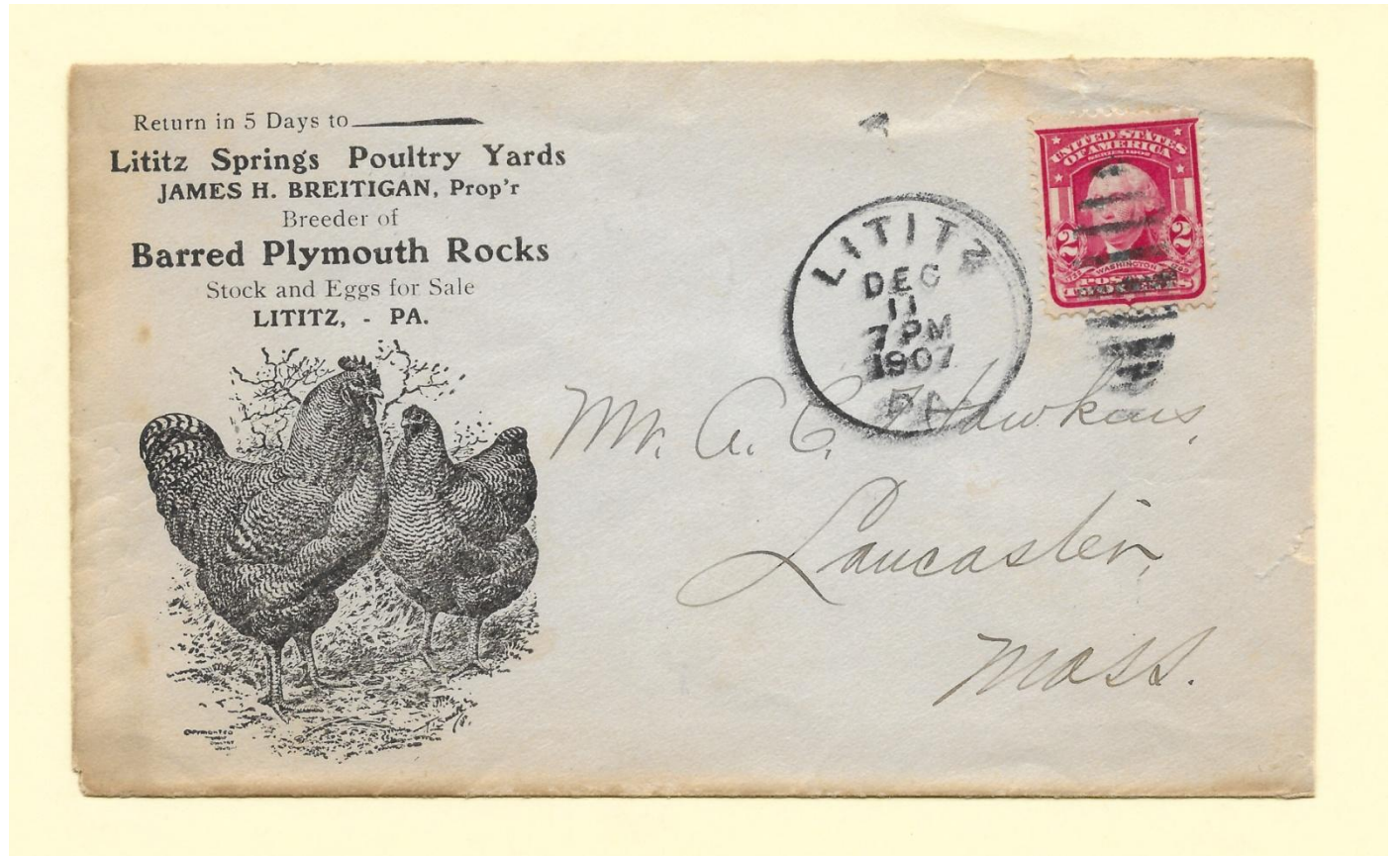
Machine cancels
followed ca. 1928.



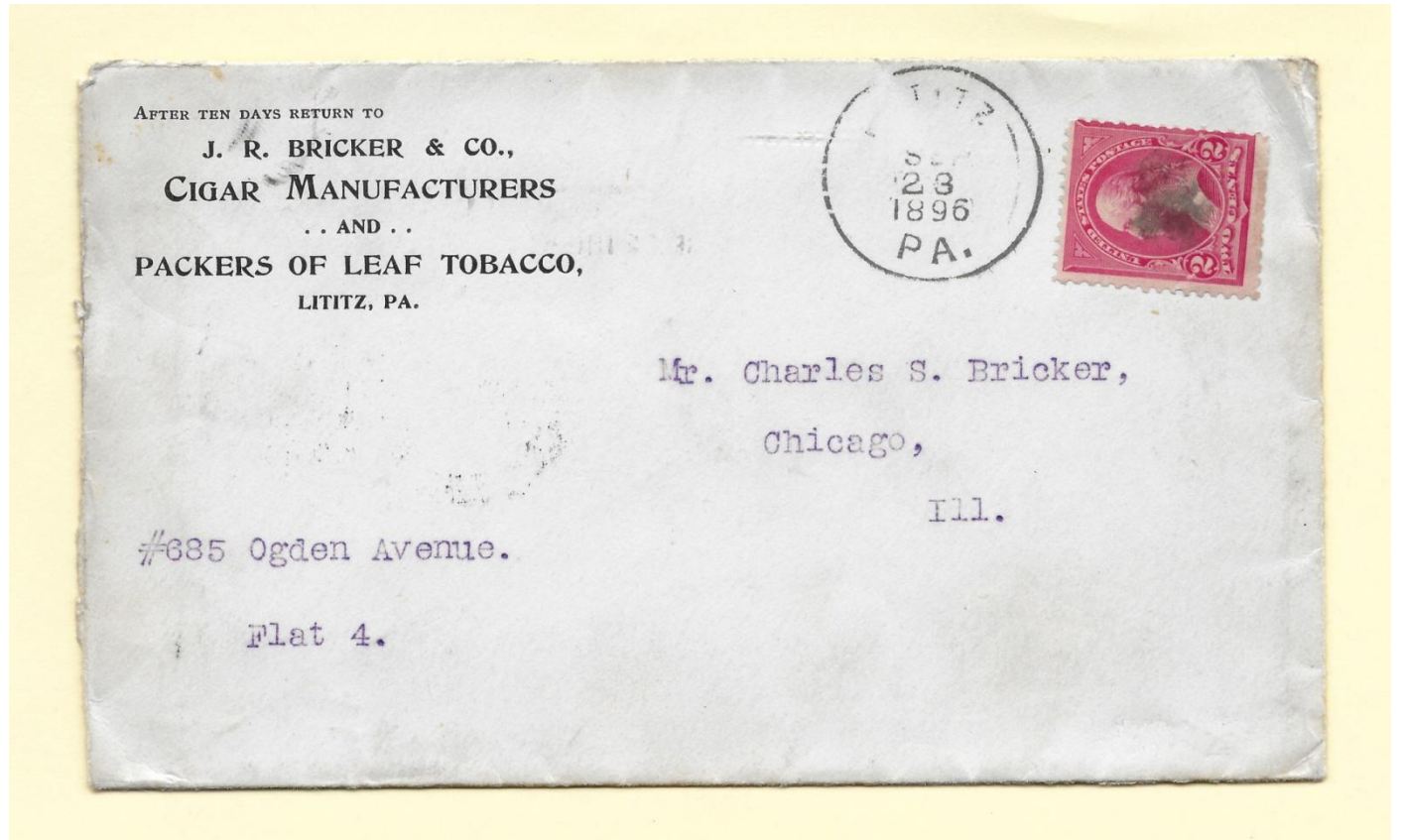
Lititz
advertising
covers.
J.W. Bruckart
poultry.



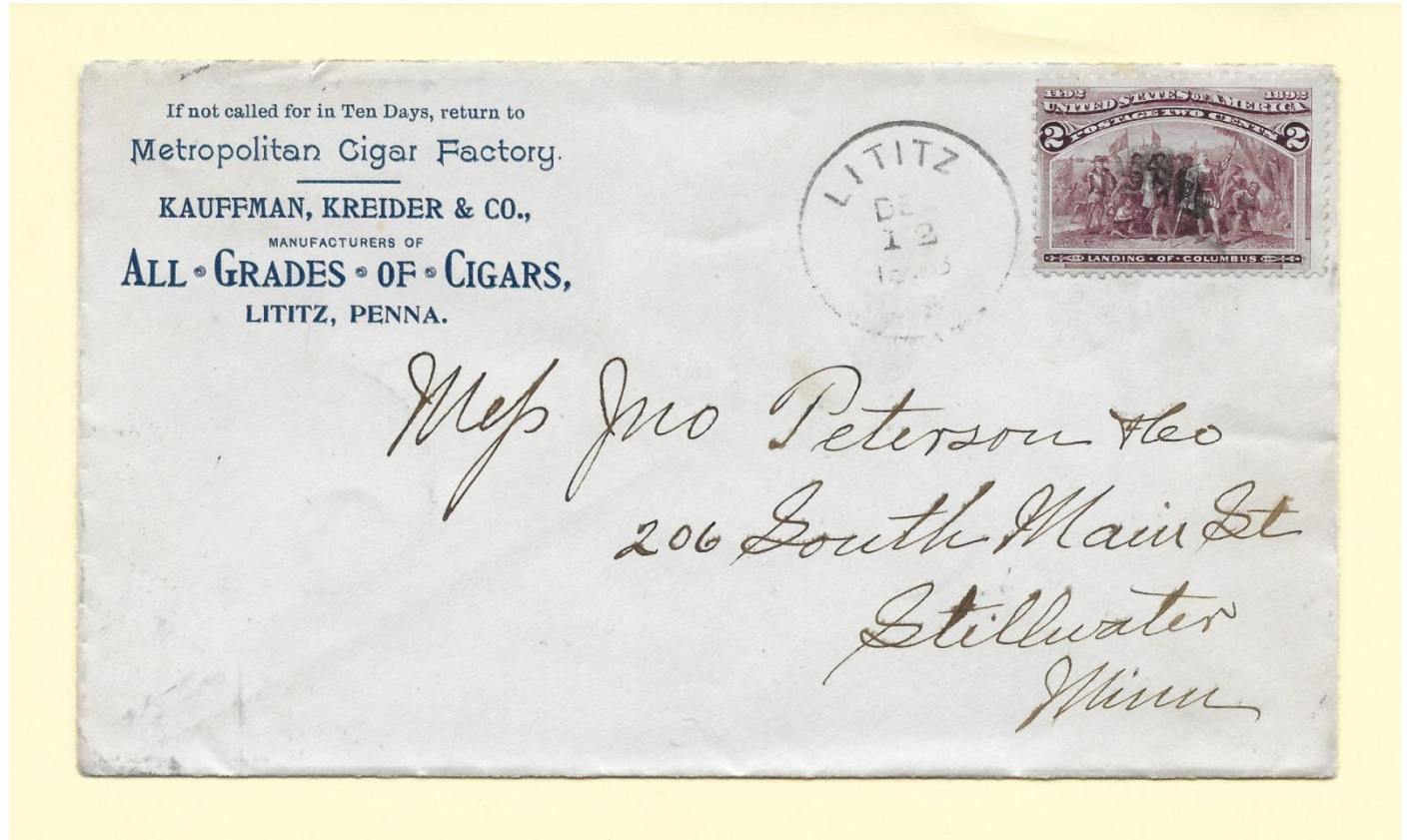
Lititz Springs Poultry Yards



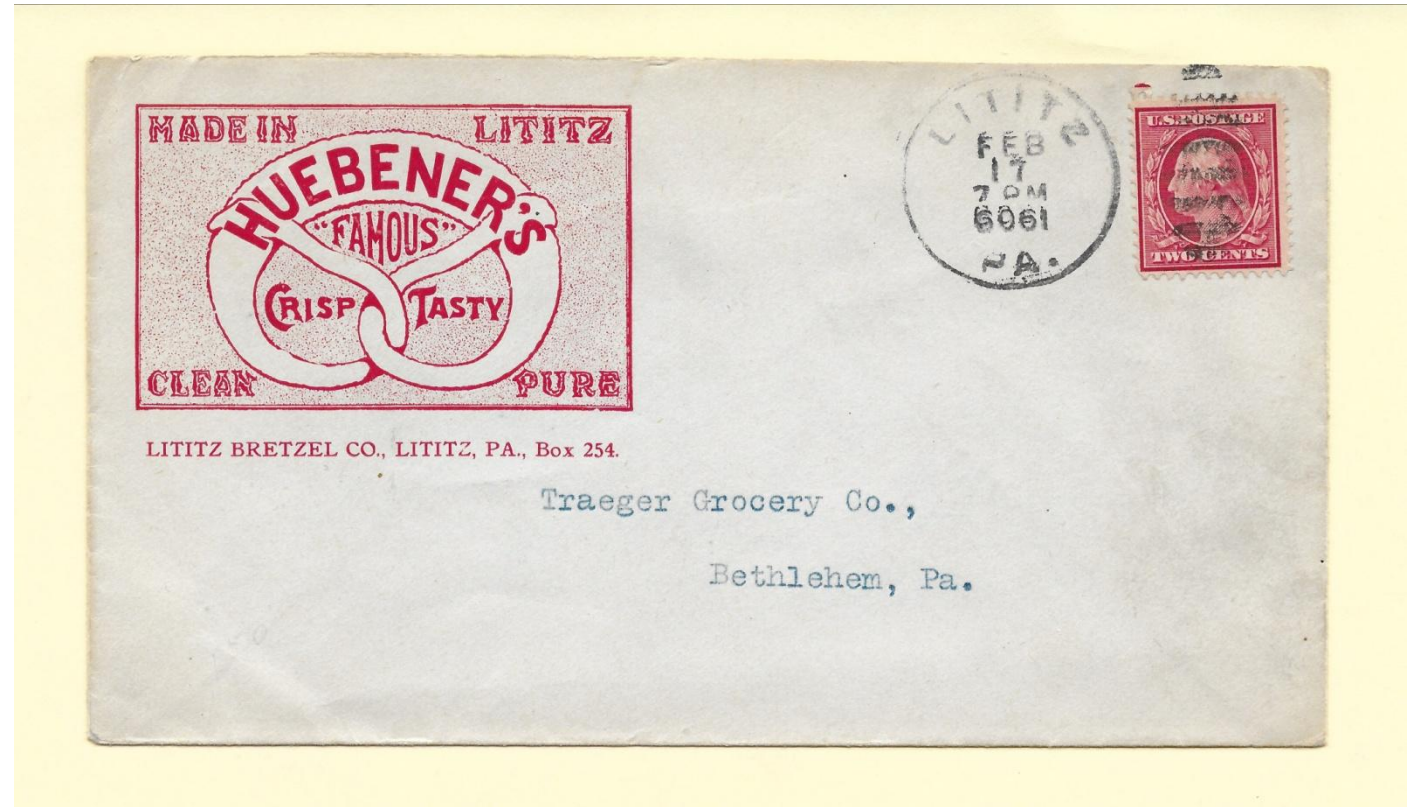
J. R. Bricker Cigar manufacturing



Metropolitan
Cigar Factory
Brand may
still be in
existence!



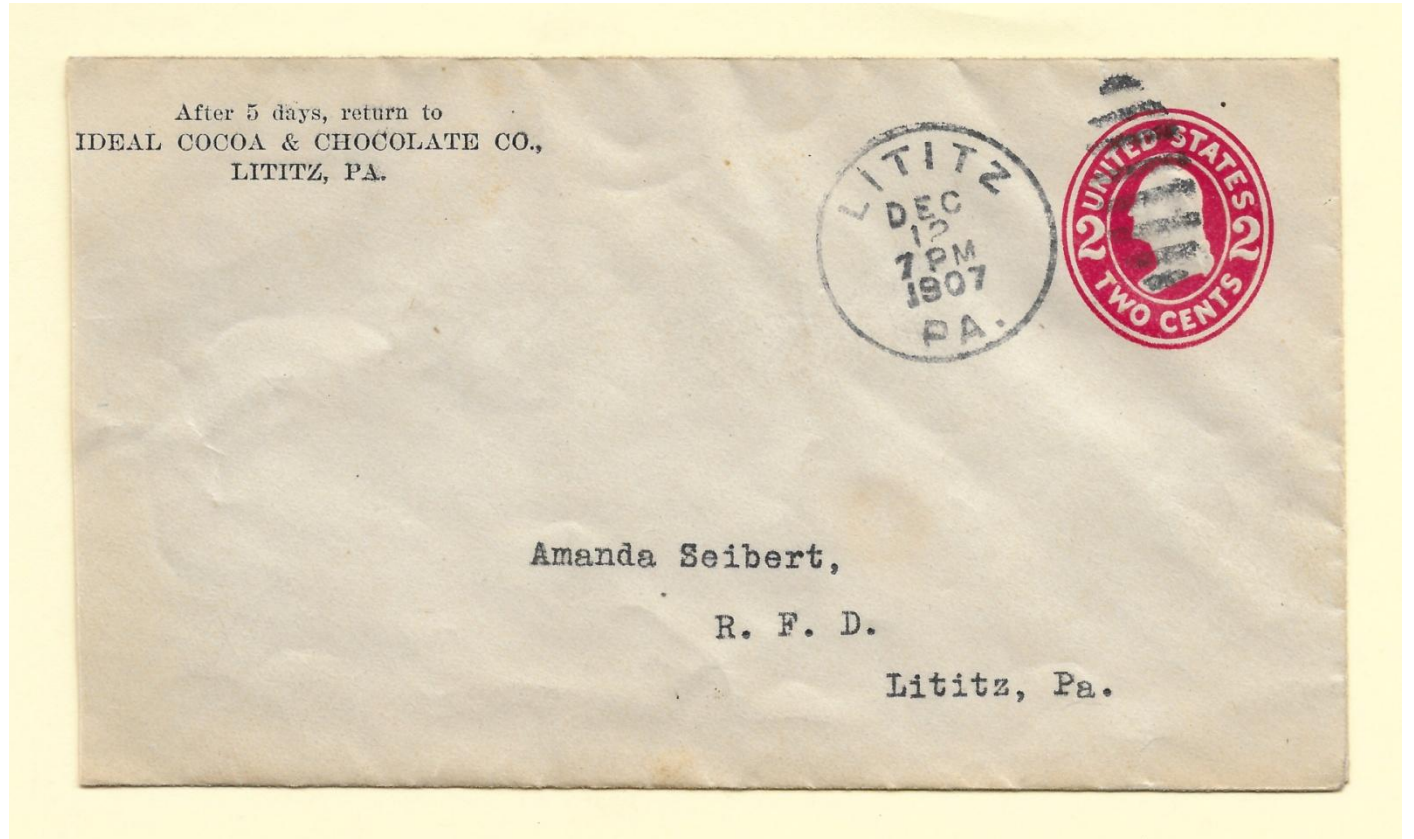
Pretzels – a
Lancaster
County staple!
Huebener's
Bretzels –
extinct.



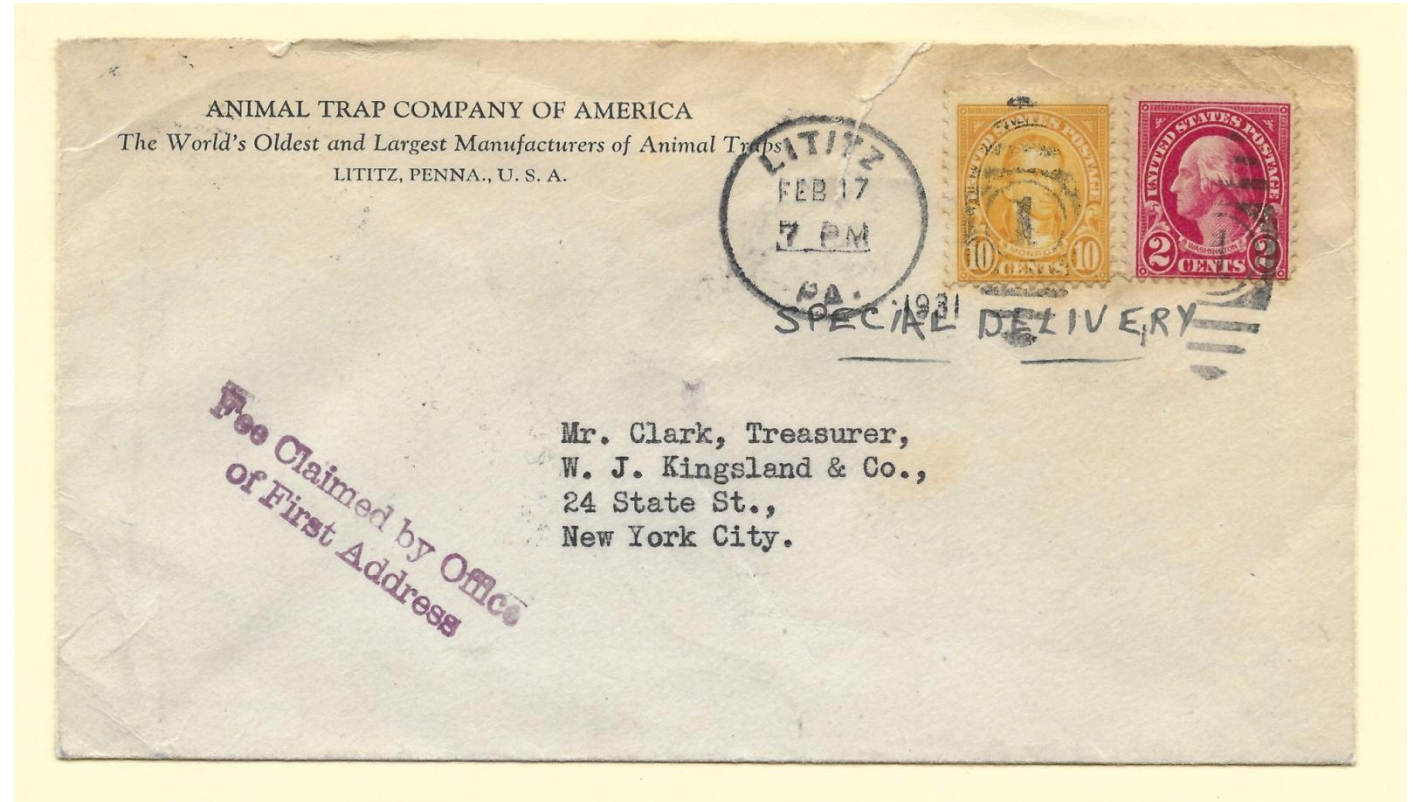
The Pretzel
Town.
Lititz
Bicentennial
cover.



Ideal Cocoa and
Chocolate Co.
Forerunner to
Wilbur-Suchard and
Wilbur Buds.
Started in 1899 as
Kendig
Manufacturing Co.



Animal Trap Company
of America.
Started life as J.M.
Mast Manufacturing
Co.
Became Woodstream
Corp. sometime after
this 1931 cover.
In operation today.



THE END!

Thanks for your attention.

Questions?