

THE JOYS OF POSTAL HISTORY

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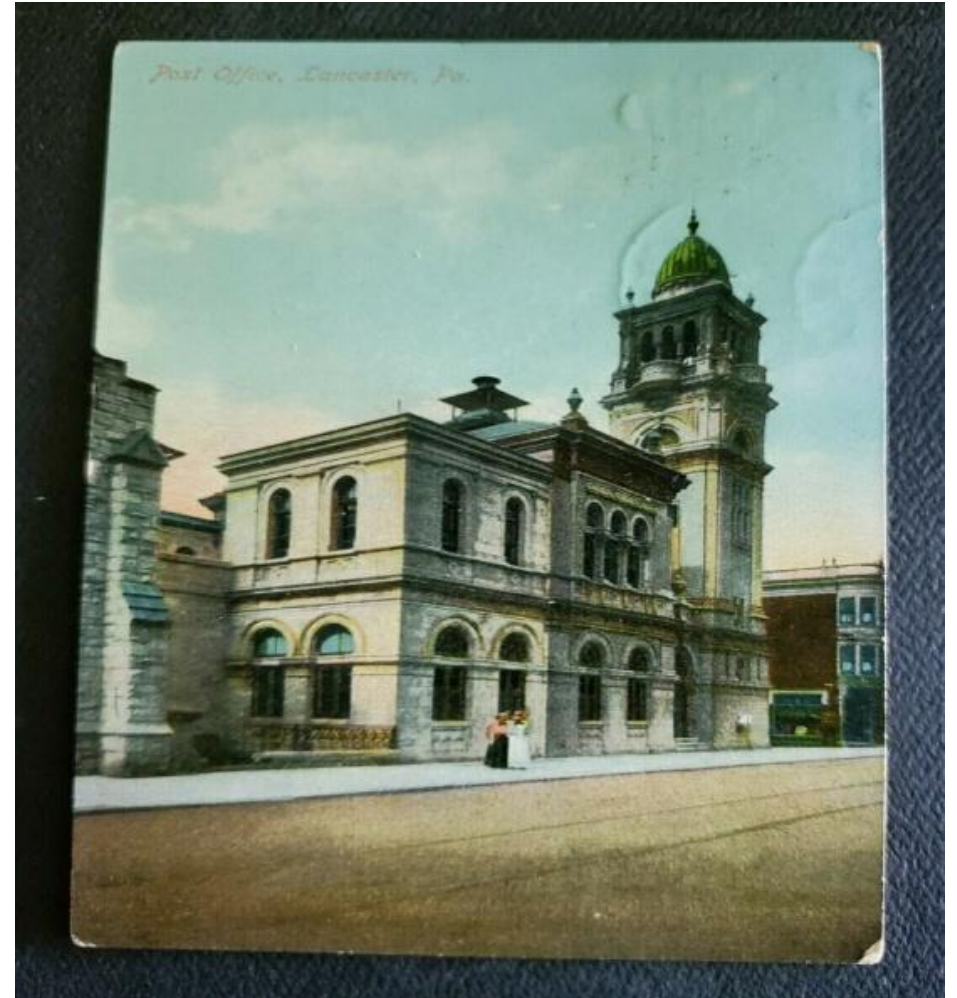
FOR THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY
OF LANCASTER COUNTY (PA)

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WHAT WE WILL DISCUSS THIS EVENING

- Thank you for this invite to talk about my favorite philatelic subjects.
- I will cover an assortment of Postal History concepts/ideas using covers.
- Please ask questions and I will attempt to answer them (or I will make up answers).




FROM A 17-CENT RATE EXHIBIT

12 Double Rate for 2 Pages
Addressed by Aaron Burr


War of 1812

Albany New York 1814; 27mm black town postmark used from 1810 to 1815; only known in black; distance to New York City - 132 miles therefore overcharge of 4 ½-cents

BURR KILLS HAMILTON. --Vice-President Burr, who had consented to be a candidate for the presidency in 1801 against Jefferson, had never been forgiven by his party, and had ever since been a political outcast. His friends in New York, however, nominated him for governor and tried to get the support of the Federalists, but Hamilton sought to prevent this. After Burr was defeated he challenged Hamilton to a duel (July, 1804) and killed him.



LOCATION OF ALBANY




August 24-25, 1814


The British burn Washington, D.C. and Madison flees the White House.

Addressee: A foot-powered dental drill invented by **John Greenwood** (1760-1819).

Machias, Washington County, Maine 1813 Manuscript town postmark; to Hallowell, Kennebec County, ME, a distance of 166 miles



LOCATION OF WASH. COUNTY, MAINE



Maine became a state in **1820**, seven years after letter was posted from the "**District of Maine**"

POSTAL HISTORY IS NOT JUST STAMPLESS COVERS!!!!!!!



\$1.00 RATE COVERS...

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\$1.00 Rate ~~4~~xrate, over 400 miles >>

Philadelphia Pennsylvania to Columbus Ohio
1824; 411 miles
Rate per the Act of April 1816; effective May 1, 1816

PHIL 25mm CDS
Known from 1816 to 1834

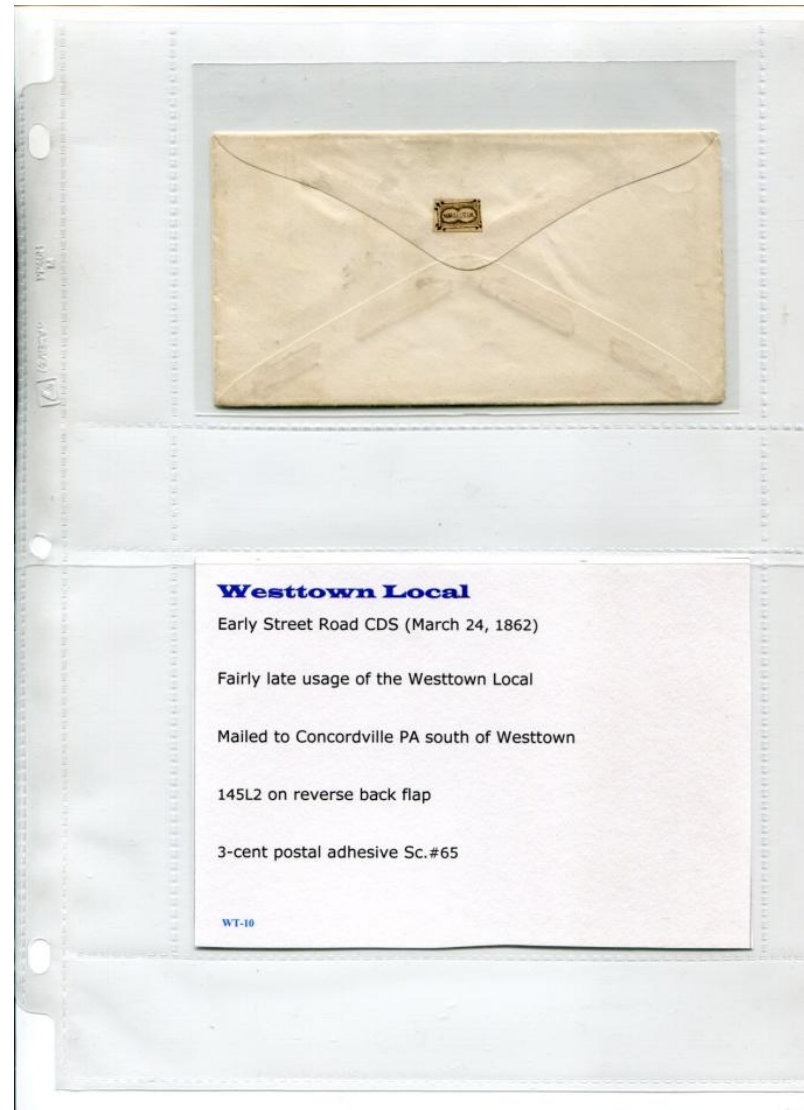


Savannah Georgia to Philadelphia Pennsylvania ^
1825; 636 miles

2 PAID hand stamps + ms *Paid*
Long arc inside bottom CDS
30mm known only in black or red from 1816 to 1826.

All mileages shown in this exhibit are "as the crow flies".

THE FAMOUS WESTTOWN PA LOCAL



LEBANON, PA OVAL CANCEL...

1.8 Lebanon

Oval postmarked & Free Franking - Postmaster - 75 miles to Philadelphia

Rate: Free Frank - Postmaster (P. M.)

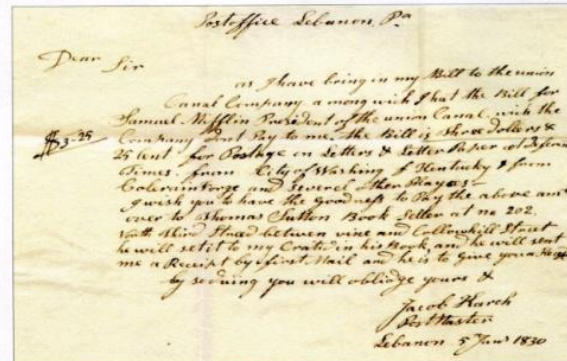
Date: January 1830

Franking privilege is a perk which grants an elected official the right to send mail through the postal system for **free**, often simply by signing his or her name where the postage stamp or rate marking would normally be placed. Postmasters had the free franking privilege and could both send and receive mail free. The received mail was ostensibly either on post office business or their private business.

Markings: Blue oval (irregular shape type)



Jacob Karch Sr., born - Germany, 1740's, was 1st Postmaster - Lebanon, Pa. He died in October 1819. His son **Jacob Jr.** then was appointed P.M. He died in September 1834. His wife Catherine then became Postmaster till 1845. **Karch family conducted this Post Office for 50 plus years.**



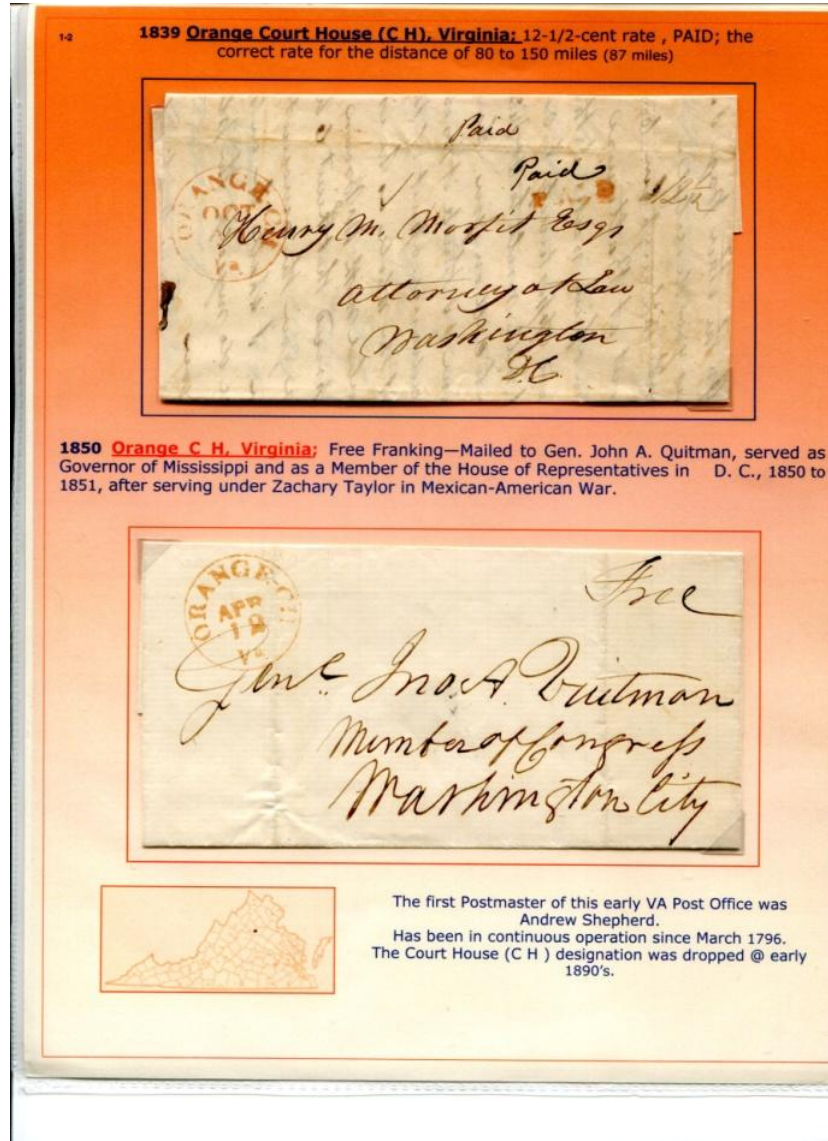
REDUCED SCAN OF CONTENTS - THIS 1830 LETTER - SIGNED BY THE 2ND LEBANON POSTMASTER

Reason for this letter: An invoice for payment to the Postmaster

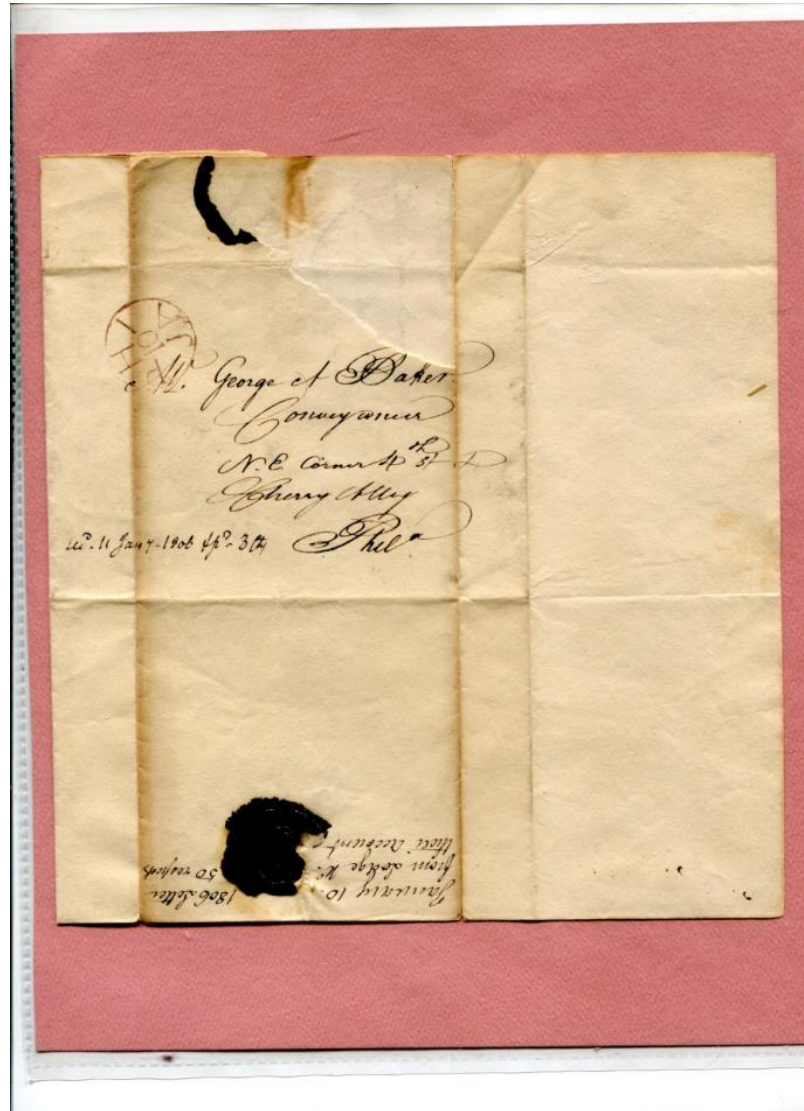
SO, WHERE IS NORTH LIBERTY PA?



SURE... WHY NOT ORANGE?



1806 PHILADELPHIA COVER



POSTCARD EXHIBITING... ALSO POSTAL HISTORY

19 **1909 Divided Back, Unknown publisher**
"Tubular Cream Separators"

POST CARD

The space may be used for correspondence.

Demonstration Day
A demonstration of the practical, money-making advantages of the Sharples Tubular Cream Separators will be made at our place of business, on
Milk will be skimmed at
A. M. and P. M.
You can have the machine explained to you any time between 8 A. M. and 9 P. M. It will be worth money to you to see what these machines will do. COME.

THE SHARPLES SEPARATOR COMPANY
CHICAGO, ILL., TORONTO, ONT.
WEST CHESTER, PA.
TUBULAR CREAM SEPARATORS

@1912, Greystone Hall Gardens; published by  F. W. Woolworth Co.

"Greystone Hall Gardens," Sharples Mansion,
West Chester, Pa.



EXHIBITING REVENUES - ALWAYS A CHALLENGE

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2-Cents, Blue; Playing Cards; 1st Issue - Internal Revenue Stamps
Single stamp


Photographer: E. Woodward & Co.

Perforated stamp: Engraved, perf.12; printed by Butler & Carpenter, Philadelphia PA

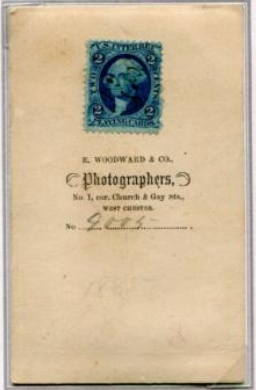
Manuscript cancel

Dated: Dec '65

Vignette style photograph
not seen often

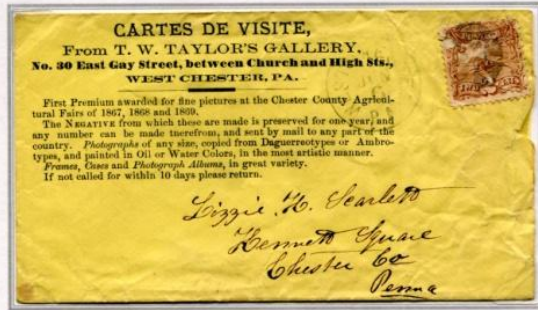


Scan shown at 75% of actual



To date: 17 West Chester PA photographers have been identified having produced CDV's: Samuel Fisher; Eber Woodward; Duval & West; C. Alfred Garrett; Shrieves & Battin; Battin & Finney; A. A. Anderson; Charles Duval; F. McCutcheon; R. T. West; Odiorne & Shrieves; J. S. Beecher; Thomas W. Taylor; Edward Pyle; R. B. Mulford; R. M. J. Reed; & E. Smedley.

Only recorded CDV mailing cover from West Chester; apropos "Post Rider" postage stamp tied by smallish CDS

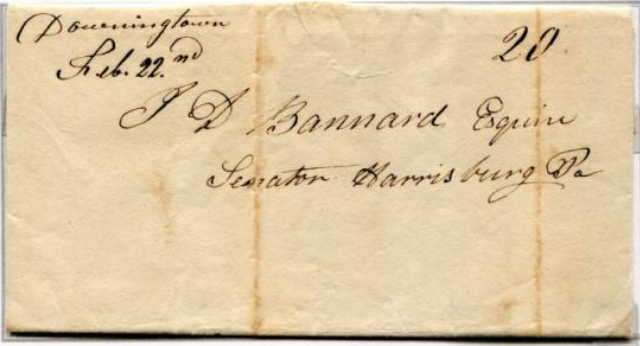


LANCASTER, PA - RAILROAD EXHIBIT

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Downingtown, PA - [Mile # 123] Only-Sundays Eastbound; RR Operational: @1854 **1st P. O. opened in 1796**

To State Senator I.D. Barnard **1821 stampless folded letter**



Downingtown
Feb. 21. 1821
J. D. Barnard Esquire
Senator Harrisburg Pa


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The first P. O. in Chester County, PA

Downingtown to Harrisburg PA


Dated Feb. 21, 1821

20-cent rate reflects the two pages & the short distance



Lancaster, PA - [Mile # 159] RR Operational: 1834 **1st P. O. opened in 1775**

1808 stampless folded letter




Mr. John Bried
Merchant - Derrstown
Pennsylvania

12 1/2

12-1/2-cent rate for 90 to 150 miles per the Act of March 2, 1799

Dated Dec. 19, 1808

Lancaster to Derrstown PA



The *Broadway Limited* has its beginnings dating back to 1912 when the train known as the *Pennsylvania Special*, which had been operating between New York City and Chicago since 1902.

SOME "SERIOUS" COVERS...

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Pre-U. S. P. O. Rate Periods
Carlisle Pa to Philadelphia 1775
American Continental Congress

Hand-carried letter;
thirteen years prior
to the opening of the
Carlisle P. O.

108 actual miles

"Forerunner" of
the statehood period
beginning in 1792

Mailed
June 12, 1775

American Continen-
tal Congress period
1775 to 1792

120% scan of
inside docketing >

Carlisle June 12th 1775.

Philadelphia to New York City single 1790
U. S. Congress Act of 1788

16
S.E.

18
Sth

Mr. Pedeck
No. 69 Wall Street
New York

Philadelphia Sept 16 1790
P. Pedeck

16
S.E.

1 dwt, 8 gr
rate for the
60 to 100
miles
distance

**"Fore
runner"**

Mailed
September
16, 1790

Congress
Act
effective
April 5, 1788

Franklin's Mark— black circle postmark 16mm

MAILED TO LANCASTER...

Act of 1799
Carlisle Pa to Lancaster Pa

Rate period effective March 2, 1799 to February 1, 1815

10-cent single 40 to 90 mi.



PAID hand stamp marking - red - measures 15 x 5mm

10-cents rate for
40 to 90 miles

earlier than listed
in ASCC (EKU)

red-dotted CDS
with no "P" for PA.
known
1803 to 1825.

Mailed
December 5, 1802

cds measures 27mm

Wilkes-Barre Pa to Easton Pa

10-cent single 40 to 90 mi.



10-cent single sheet rate
40 to 90 miles

Paid

Manuscript postmark

Mailed
December 19, 1806

AND MAILED FROM LANCASTER PA... THANK YOU FOR LISTENING...

THE SWEET SIXTEEN~ EARLIEST POST OFFICES OF PENNSYLVANIA

JOINING THE UNION ON DECEMBER 12, 1787 PENNSYLVANIA ALREADY HAD 6 OPERATING POST OFFICES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH. NEARING THE END OF 1792 SIXTEEN (16) WERE OPERATIONAL. THIS EXHIBIT PROVIDES A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THOSE EARLY POST OFFICES THOUGH THE COVERS POSTED FROM THOSE "sweet sixteen." EACH PAGE IN THIS DISPLAY HONORS ONE OF THE *sixteen* IN ORDER OF INITIALIZING POSTAL OPERATIONS BY YEAR. THE COVER(S) SHOWN ARE THE EARLIEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT ACQUIRED TO DATE BUT RECOGNIZES THE PROCESS IS ONGOING AND THE THIRTY 30-YEAR HUNT CONTINUES TO BE EXHILARATING.

AN ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO PRESENT COVERS THAT SHOW INTERESTING AND VARIED POSTAL MARKINGS, RATES, ROUTES, & DESTINATIONS FOR THE ERA COVERED. PENNSYLVANIA WITH BEN FRANKLIN'S CREATION OF THE MODERN POST OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA PROVIDES ONE WITH A NATURAL STARTING POINT FOR COLLECTING AND STUDYING PA POSTAL HISTORY.

LANCASTER

CIRCLE TOWN RED POSTMARK (28MM) WITH 25-CENT RATE

THE LANCASTER P. O. OPENED IN 1775 AS DID PHILADELPHIA, BRISTOL, CHESTER, & YORK

FOLDED LETTER DATED 1805...THE DISTANCE TO HUNTINGDON (TOWN) WAS 129 MILES SO THE 25-CENT RATE IN MANUSCRIPT IS CORRECT FOR THE TWO (2) PAGE LETTER AND THE 90 TO 150 MILES PER THE ACT OF 1799.



THE FIRST POSTMASTER WAS MR. SAMUEL TURBETT. LANCASTER P.O. IN LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. IS STILL OPERATING 117 MILES FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.