# POSTAL HISTORY RESEARCH RESOURCES

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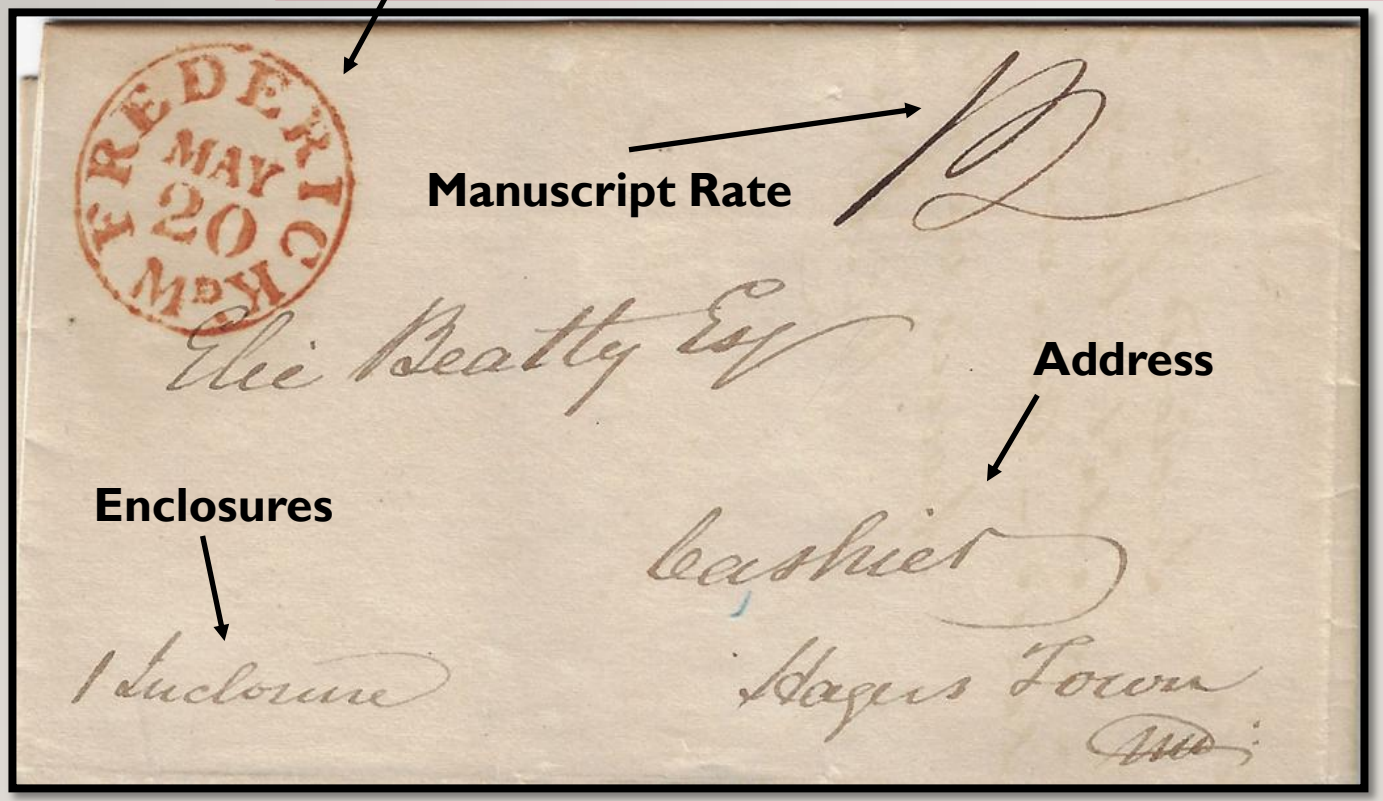
***Frederick to Hagerstown***
*Less than 30 miles - Double rate - 6 x 2 = 12 cents*

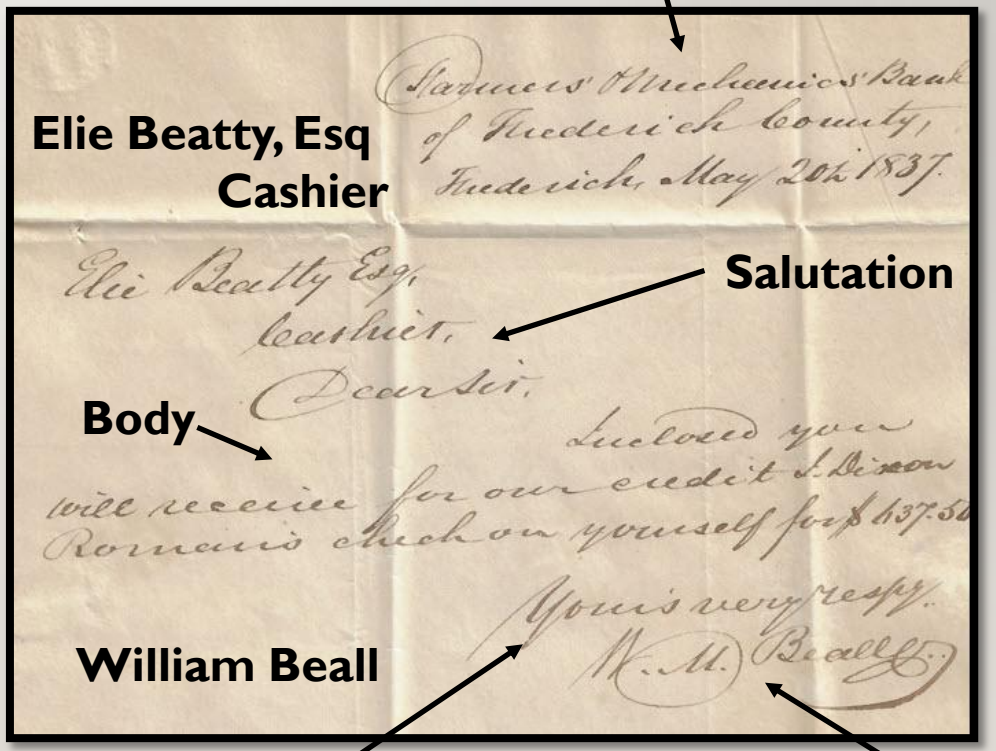
**Quaker**
First Month
Thee/thou/friend

**Heading**
Farmers and Mechanics Bank of
Frederick County – May 20, 1837

# *STAMPLESS FOLDED LETTER*

**Postmark**




**Elie Beatty, Esq**
**Cashier**

**Salutation**

**Body**

**William Beall**

**Complimentary close**

**Signature**

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*Philadelphia, PA – Boston, MA – Charlestown, MA*

*February 2, 1849*

*Dr G.R.B. Horner, U.S.N.*
*Frigate Savannah*

PHILADA P^A
FEB 2
10
Clarke 81a

BOSTON
FEB 5
ASCC 216

FORWARDED

20
10
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Frigate Savannah

~~Boston~~
Charlestown.

From brother ?
Phil^a Feb 2^nd 1849
Rec^d " 6 "

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Dr G.R.B. Horner U.S.N.
Frigate Savannah
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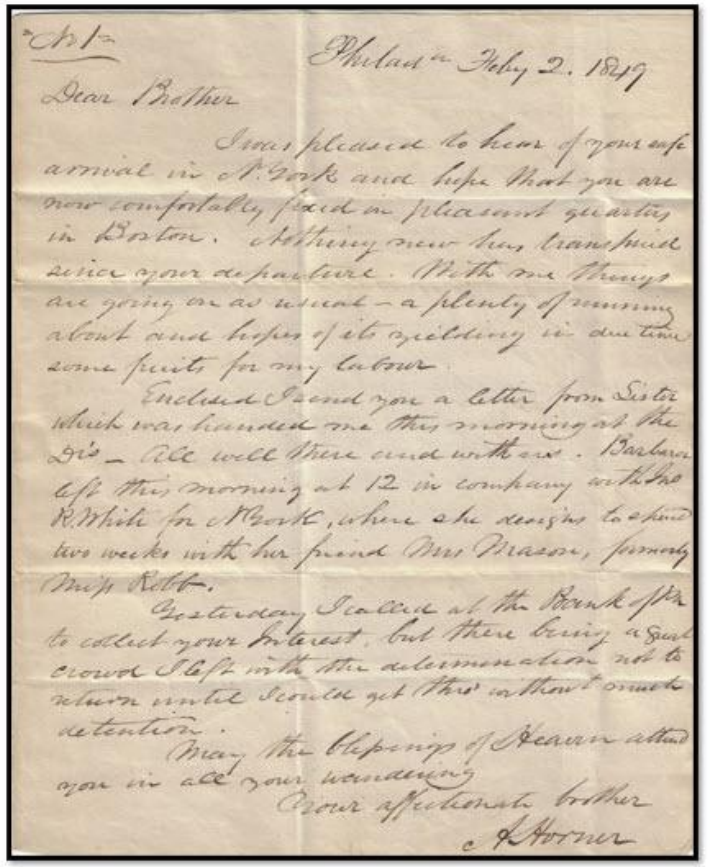
Charlestown.



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Philad^a Feby 2. 1849

Dear Brother

I was pleased to hear of your safe arrival in N York and hope that you are now comfortably found in pleasant quarters in Boston. Nothing new has transpired since your departure. With me things are going on as usual – a plenty of mourning about and hopes of its yielding in due time some fruits for my labour.

Enclosed I send you a letter from Sister which was handed me this morning at the Drs – All well there and with us. Barbara left this morning at 12 in company with the R White for N York, where she designs to spend two weeks with her friend Mrs Mason, formerly Miss Robb.

Yesterday I called at the Bank of Pa to collect your Interest, but there being a great crowd I left with the determination not to return until I could get this without much detention.

May the blessings of Heaven attend you in all your wanderings

Your affectionate brother

C Horner

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Gustavus Richard Brown Horner, born at Warrenton, Virginia, June 18, 1804, son of William Horner, of Maryland, and Mary, his wife, daughter of Col. William Edmonds, of Fauquier county, who commanded a regiment in the revolutionary war. He attended Rev. William Williamson's high school near Middleburg, and the Warrenton Academy, and afterwards graduated in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He was assistant surgeon on the United States ship Macedonian for two and a half years and was then transferred to the Brandywine for six months. He then was sent to the sloop-of-war John Adams, was promoted to surgeon, and for three years cruised in the Mediterranean sea, and he made a second cruise of four years on the frigate United States. He was then on shore duty until 1841, and went to Brazil on the Delaware, remaining until 1843 as fleet surgeon, and was then sent again to the Mediterranean. In 1844 as fleet surgeon on the frigate Savannah, he went to California, remaining eighteen months, then coming home in 1850 by way of Panama. In 1856-58 he was fleet surgeon on the Wabash. In 1861 he went as fleet surgeon to the flag frigate Colorado, of the Gulf blockading squadron; in 1862 was transferred to the flag-ship Niagara, and later to the San Jacinto, and then to the St. Lawrence, remaining until 1863. He was then on duty at the marine rendezvous at Philadelphia until 1866, when he was placed on the retired list, at the head of the list of navy medical directors. He married Mary Agnes Teresa, daughter of Dr. Charles Byrne, of Jacksonville, Florida.

# USS *Savannah* (1842)

The second **USS *Savannah*** was a frigate in the United States Navy. She was named after the city of Savannah, Georgia.

*Savannah* was begun in 1820 at the New York Navy Yard, but she remained on the stocks until 5 May 1842, when she was launched. She was one of nine frigates to be built from a prototype design by naval architect William Doughty.

*Savannah*, with Captain Andrew Fitzhugh in command, joined the Pacific Squadron as flagship in 1844. As the prospect of war with Mexico became imminent, the Squadron moved into position off the California coast. On 7 July 1846, the Squadron captured Monterey without firing a shot. On 8 September 1847, *Savannah* returned to New York for repairs.

She served as flagship for the Pacific Squadron again from 1849–52. Repairs at Norfolk, Virginia took her into 1853, and on 9 August of that year, she sailed for a three-year cruise on the Brazil Station. In November 1856 she was inactivated, and in 1857, razeed, or reduced to a 24 gun sloop of war. She then served as flagship for the Home Squadron on the east coast of Mexico during 1859 and 1860.

USS *Savannah*, USS *Saratoga* and two charted steamers fought the small Battle of Anton Lizardo in 1860. Two armed Mexican vessels were captured by the Americans after they were deemed pirates by the Mexican government.

With the outbreak of the American Civil War in 1861, *Savannah* was deployed off the coast of Georgia, where she shared in the capture of two Confederate prizes, the schooner, *E. J. Waterman*, and the ship, *Cheshire*. On 11 February 1862, *Savannah* was taken out of active service and placed in use as an instruction and practice ship at the United States Naval Academy.

While in service as a practice ship, one of *Savannah's* commanding officers, Captain Edward Gabriel André Barrett, wrote and published two texts, still available at present, known for rapid education of voluntary officers: "NAVAL HOWITZER"[1] and "GUNNERY INSTRUCTIONS" [2]

In 1870, after conducting her last training cruise to England and France, she was laid up at the Norfolk Navy Yard. She remained there until sold to E. Stannard and Company of Westbrook, Connecticut, in 1883.

| History | |
|---|---|
| United States | |
| **Name** | *Savannah* |
| **Builder** | New York Navy Yard |
| **Laid down** | 1820 |
| **Launched** | 5 May 1842 |
| **Decommissioned** | 11 February 1862 |
| **Out of service** | 1870 |
| **Fate** | Sold, 1883 |
| **Notes** | Razeed to sloop of war in 1857 |
| **General characteristics** | |
| **Class and type** | Brandywine |
| **Type** | Frigate |
| **Tonnage** | 1726 |
| **Beam** | 47 ft (14 m) |
| **Depth of hold** | 22 ft 8 in (6.91 m) |
| **Propulsion** | Sail |
| **Complement** | 480 officers and enlisted |
| **Armament** | 4 × 8 in (200 mm) shell guns<br>28 × 32-pounder guns<br>22 × 42-pounder carronades |

# Stamped Envelope

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*New York, NY - Philadelphia*

*April 20, 1883*

*Miss B. Rare*

C. E. HARTUNG & Co.
IMPORTERS OF
**HUMAN HAIR**

CANNOT BE FOUND

NEW YORK
APR 20
11 AM
A 83

Not at Murrow

May 8

RETURNED TO WRITER

P. O.
5-8-83
2-1P
N.Y.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.
APR
20
5 PM
RECD.

**Letter returned**
**By Carrier** because
the addressee could
not be found.

A
5-8-83
3-1P
N.Y.

# RESEARCH RESOURCES

- City Directories
- Facebook
- Genealogical Societies
- Google Books
- Google Search
- Libraries
- Newspapers
- Philatelic Literature
- Philatelic Organizations
- Philatelic Websites
- Postal Museums
- State Historical Societies
- State Postal History Societies
- US Post Office

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# RATES FOR DOMESTIC LETTERS, 1815-1863

| Effective Date | Distance | Postage, in Cents |
|---|---|---|
| February 1, 1815 | all distances | 50 percent increase (revenue for War of 1812) |
| April 1, 1816 | all distances | increase repealed |
| May 1, 1816 | not over 30 miles<br>over 30 and not exceeding 80 miles<br>80 and not exceeding 150 miles<br>150 and not exceeding 400 miles<br>over 400 miles | 6<br>10<br>12.5<br>18.5 *<br>25 |
| July 1, 1845 | not over 300 miles<br>over 300 miles | 5<br>10 |
| July 1, 1851 | not over 3,000 miles<br>over 3,000 miles | 3 if prepaid, 5 if not prepaid<br>6 if prepaid, 10 if not prepaid |
| April 1, 1855 | not over 3,000 miles<br>over 3,000 miles | 3 (prepayment required)<br>10 (prepayment required) |

* increased to 18.75 by the Act of March 3, 1825

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# POSTAL RATES

- Postage Rates and Historical Statistics
- Postage Rates – 1792 – 1863
- Postage Rates – Since 1863
- Postage Rates – 1789 - 1930

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# POSTAL ROUTES

- U.S. Contract Mail Routes by Water - Feldman
- U.S Contract Mail Routes by Railroad - Feldman
- The First Four Decades of U.S. Rail Road Contract Mails - Feldman
- Covers and Letters
- Across the Oceans – Laakso
- Atlantic Mail Routes From And To Americas
- Transatlantic Packet Mail Between The USA and France: 1840-1875 - Walske
- History of the Railway Mail Service – 1885
- The Fast Mail
- The Paths of Inland Commerce – 1920
- The Official Guide of the Railways and Steam Navigation Lines of the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico and Cuba – 1910
- North Atlantic Mail Sailings - 1840-75
- Analyzing Transatlantic Covers - Winter

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# MOVING THE MAIL

- Moving The Mail
- Steamboats
- Mail by Rail
- Star Routes
- Overland Mail
- Pony Express
- Carrying of Mail on Star Routes
- Airmail: A Brief History
- Airmail History in Pictures, 1918–1928
- Airmail Pilot William C. Hopson
- Airmail Route Maps, 1918–1955
- Airmail Pilots Employed by the POD

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# POSTAL MARKINGS

- American Stampless Cover Catalog
- American Air Mail Catalog
- Fraudulent Postal Markings
- City and State Postal History
- Washington, DC Postal Markings
  - Volume 1
  - Volume 2
- Postal Markings - Konwiser
- A Catalog of Philadelphia Postmarks – Clarke
  - Volume 1
  - Volume 2
  - Volume 3
- Maryland Postal History - Kendall
- Postal Markings of Maryland – Powers
- Postmarks and Cancellations
- Post Mark Collectors Club

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# FACEBOOK

- Postal History - Covers and Stationery
- Classic Postal History Collectors Club
- US Stamps And Postal History To 1940
- Postal History & Postmark
- US Naval Postal History
- Postal History Society of Canada
- The Postal History Society – GB
- US Philatelic Postal Markings - Route Agents, RRs, Ships, Advertising & Etc.
- US Stamps for Advanced Collectors ~ 1847 – 1938
- US Stampless Covers

# CLUBS AND FEDERATIONS

- Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs
- Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs
- Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs
- Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs
- Western Cover Society
- SESCAL
- Post Mark Collectors Club
- Mid-Atlantic Federation of Postal History Societies

# GENEALOGICAL

- RootsWeb Genealogical Societies
- FamilySearch U.S. Genealogical Societies
- National Genealogical Society
- AncestralFindings.com
- Genealogy Trails
- Genealogy Bank

# GENERAL SEARCH LINKS

- Internet Archive
- National Archives Home
- National Archives Founders Online
- National Archives Locations
- Library of Congress
- American Antiquarian Society
- Frajola's Board for Philatelists
- Google Books
- Biographical Directory of the US Congress
- Postal History Sunday
- Wynning History
- Library of Congress Panoramic Maps
- David Rumsey Map Collection
- The Stamp Forum

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# LIBRARIES

- American Philatelic Research Library
- Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library
- San Diego County Philatelic Library
- Western Philatelic Library
- Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library
- Library Company of Philadelphia
- Robert A Mason Digital Library

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# NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Newspapers.com
- GenealogyBank
- Ancestry.com
- Early US History
- Florida Historical Quarterly
- Niles Register
- British Newspaper Archive
- Newspaper Archive
- American Annual Register
- Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper

# PHILATELIC LITERATURE

- La Posta
- Linn's Stamp News
- Leonard H. Hartman Books
  - State Postal History
- Phil Bansner Books
- Stamp News Now
- Stamp News Online
- Florida Stampless Postal History
- USPCS Electronic Library
- USPCS Chronicle
- State Postal History books by John L. Kay and Chester M. Smith

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# PHILATELIC ORGANIZATIONS

- American Philatelic Society
- US Philatelic Classics Society
- Philatelic Foundation
- Collectors Club of New York
- Collectors Club of Chicago
- American Air Mail Society
- American Stamp Dealers Association
- ASDA Societies and Clubs
- Assoc of Philatelic Exhibitors
- United States Stamp Society
- Chicago Philatelic Society
- Philatelic Society of Lancaster County
- Military Postal History Society
- Postal History Society of Canada
- Carriers and Locals Society

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# PHILATELIC WEBSITES

- American Philatelic Congress
- Philatelic Foundation
- H. R. Harmer Auctions
- Siegel Auctions
- Rumsey Auctions
- eBay
- Hipstamp
- Kelleher Auctions
- Stamp Auction Network
- Cherrystone Auctions
- Jim Forte Postal History
- Stamp Collector's Quarterly
- Richard Frajola
- StampPlating
- United States Mail and Post Office Assistant

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# MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

- National Postal Museum
- Spellman Museum
- Smithsonian Research Guide
- The Museum of Postal History
- Florida Postal Museum
- United States Postal Museum
- Museums USA
- American Philosophical Society
- U. S. Historical Societies and Museums
- National Postmark Museum
- Maryland Center for History

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# STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETIES

- Pennsylvania
- Empire State (NY)
- Pacific Northwest
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Alaska
- Arizona and New Mexico
- Arkansas
- North Carolina
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- North and South Dakota
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Ohio
- Rhode Island
- Texas
- Indiana

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# US POST OFFICE

- Resources for Stamp Collecting
- US Postmaster General Reports
- Sources of Historical Information
- US Post Offices
- Postmaster Finder
- Postal History
- Postage Rates – 1792 – 1863
- Postage Rates – Since 1863
- Records of the Post Office Department
- An American History
- Story of our Post Office – 1893
- Moving The Mail
- Ben Franklin's Ledgers

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# RESOURCES

- RetroReveal
- Bublup.com – Email me for my link
- Genealogy Trails History Group
- American Election Returns 1787-1825
- USPCS Resource Center
- PSLC Electronic Library
- ESPHS Electronic Library
- Omeka.net
- The Swedish Tiger – Stamp Identifier
- Stamps of the World
- McElroy's Philadelphia Directories 1856 – 1866
- The Revolutionary City (Philadelphia)
- Lost History
- StampSmarter

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Elie Beatty Hagerstown Bank Correspondence

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SCRAP No. 81-022-00
10¢ 1845 Baltimore Postmaster's Provisional

ANALYST: Patricia Stilwell Walker
REVIEWER: Van Koppersmith
PUBLISHED: November 1998 Issue of The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues

DESCRIPTION: A folded letter...

**Tags:** Baltimore, elie beatty, FAKE, Hagerstown, Rate=10

## 18421118_Martinsburg_VA

Martinsburg VA double circle double letter under 30 mile rate

**Tags:** double, elie beatty, farley, Hagerstown, martinsburg, rate=12, WV

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