

Pure Adulteration



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This 1890's cartoon from the Rural New Yorker left little doubt as to how its editors viewed oleomargarine.¹ Like "cotton-seed-oil-lard" (shortening) and "glucose" (dextrose or corn sugar), oleomargarine was considered a factory-made imitation of a natural food which threatened the livelihood of the traditional farmer.

Manufacturer of Oleomargarine

MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, JULY, 1942	MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, AUG., 1942
MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, SEPT., 1942	MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, OCT., 1942
MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, NOV., 1942	MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, DEC., 1942
MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, JAN., 1943	MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, FEB., 1943
MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, MAR., 1943	MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, APR., 1943
MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, MAY, 1943	MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE, JUNE, 1943

\$600	SPECIAL TAX	21
UNITED STATES	STAMP	INTERNAL REVENUE
THIS STAMP EXPIRES JUNE 30, 1943 THIS STAMP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE ON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BUSINESS ISSUED FOR THE PERIOD REPRESENTED BY THE COUPONS		
MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE		
UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, CONTROL OR ADDRESS, NOTIFY COLLECTOR IMMEDIATELY <i>Issued by the Collector for the _____ District of _____</i>		
SOUTHERN MARGARINE COMPANY INC MFG-0 NEW BUNCOMBE RD GREENVILLE SC JUL 1942 21 7/11/42		
KEEP THIS STAMP POSTED		

Required Label

OLEOMARGARINE

FORM 219

FACTORY NO. 6, 1ST DISTRICT, STATE OF ILLINOIS

NOTICE:- THE MANUFACTURER OF OLEOMARGARINE HEREIN CONTAINED HAS COMPLIED WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW, EVERY PERSON IS CAUTIONED NOT TO USE EITHER THIS PACKAGE AGAIN FOR OLEOMARGARINE OR THE STAMP THEREON AGAIN, NOR TO REMOVE THE CONTENTS OF THIS PACKAGE WITHOUT DESTROYING SAID STAMP, UNDER THE PENALTY PROVIDED BY LAW IN SUCH CASES.

**U. S. INSPECTED AND PASSED
BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ESTABLISHMENT NO. 413**

1886 Oleomargarine – 4¢ per pound



Exporting free of tax



Coloring in oleomargarine



Annual Occupational Tax Wholesale Dealer in [Colored] Oleomargarine

WHOLESALE DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, APR., 1950

WHOLESALE DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, MAY, 1950

WHOLESALE DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, JUNE, 1950

\$480 **SPECIAL TAX** **659**
UNITED STATES **STAMP** **INTERNAL REVENUE**

THIS STAMP EXPIRES JUNE 30, 1950
THIS STAMP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE ON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BUSINESS
ISSUED FOR THE PERIOD REPRESENTED BY THE COUPONS

WHOLESALE DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE

UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, CONTROL OR ADDRESS, NOTIFY COLLECTOR IMMEDIATELY
Issued by the Collector for the MASS *District of*

LEWIS BEEF CO
GOLDBERG LOUIS & BERNARD
385 LIBERTY ST
SPRINGFIELD MASS

WDCO
APR 1950
659
4/13/50 A

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Annual Occupational Tax Wholesale Dealer in Uncolored Oleomargarine

WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, JULY, 1944	WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, AUG., 1944
WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, SEPT., 1944	WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, OCT., 1944
WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, NOV., 1944	WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, DEC., 1944
WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, JAN., 1945	WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, FEB., 1945
WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, MAR., 1945	WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, APR., 1945
WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, MAY, 1945	WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNC. OLEOMARGARINE, JUNE, 1945

\$200	SPECIAL TAX STAMP	710
UNITED STATES	INTERNAL REVENUE	
THIS STAMP EXPIRES JUNE 30, 1945 THIS STAMP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE ON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BUSINESS ISSUED FOR THE PERIOD REPRESENTED BY THE COUPONS		
WHOLESALE DEALER IN UNCOLORED OLEOMARGARINE		
UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, CONTROL OR ADDRESS, NOTIFY COLLECTOR IMMEDIATELY		
<i>Issued by the Collector for the District of</i>		
THE GLIDDEN CO DURKEE FAMOUS FOODS ST MARY S & ONTARIO NORWALK OHIO		WDUO DIV JULY 1944 710 7/6/44
KEEP THIS STAMP POSTED		

Annual Occupational Tax Retail Dealer in [Colored] Oleomargarine

RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, SEPT., 1948	RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, AUG., 1948
RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, NOV., 1948	RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, OCT., 1948
RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, JAN., 1949	RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, DEC., 1948
RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, MAR., 1949	RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, FEB., 1949
RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, MAY, 1949	RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, APR., 1949
	RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE, JUNE, 1949

\$48	SPECIAL TAX	4115
UNITED STATES	STAMP	INTERNAL REVENUE
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RETAIL DEALER IN OLEOMARGARINE		
UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, CONTROL OR ADDRESS, NOTIFY COLLECTOR IMMEDIATELY		
Issued by the Collector for the <u>INDIANA</u> District of <u>AUG 25 1948</u>		
WADE JAMES C 10TH & MAIN STS JONESBORO IND		RDCO AUG 48 4115 8/25/48
KEEP THIS STAMP POSTED		

Annual Occupational Tax Retail Dealer in Uncolored Oleomargarine



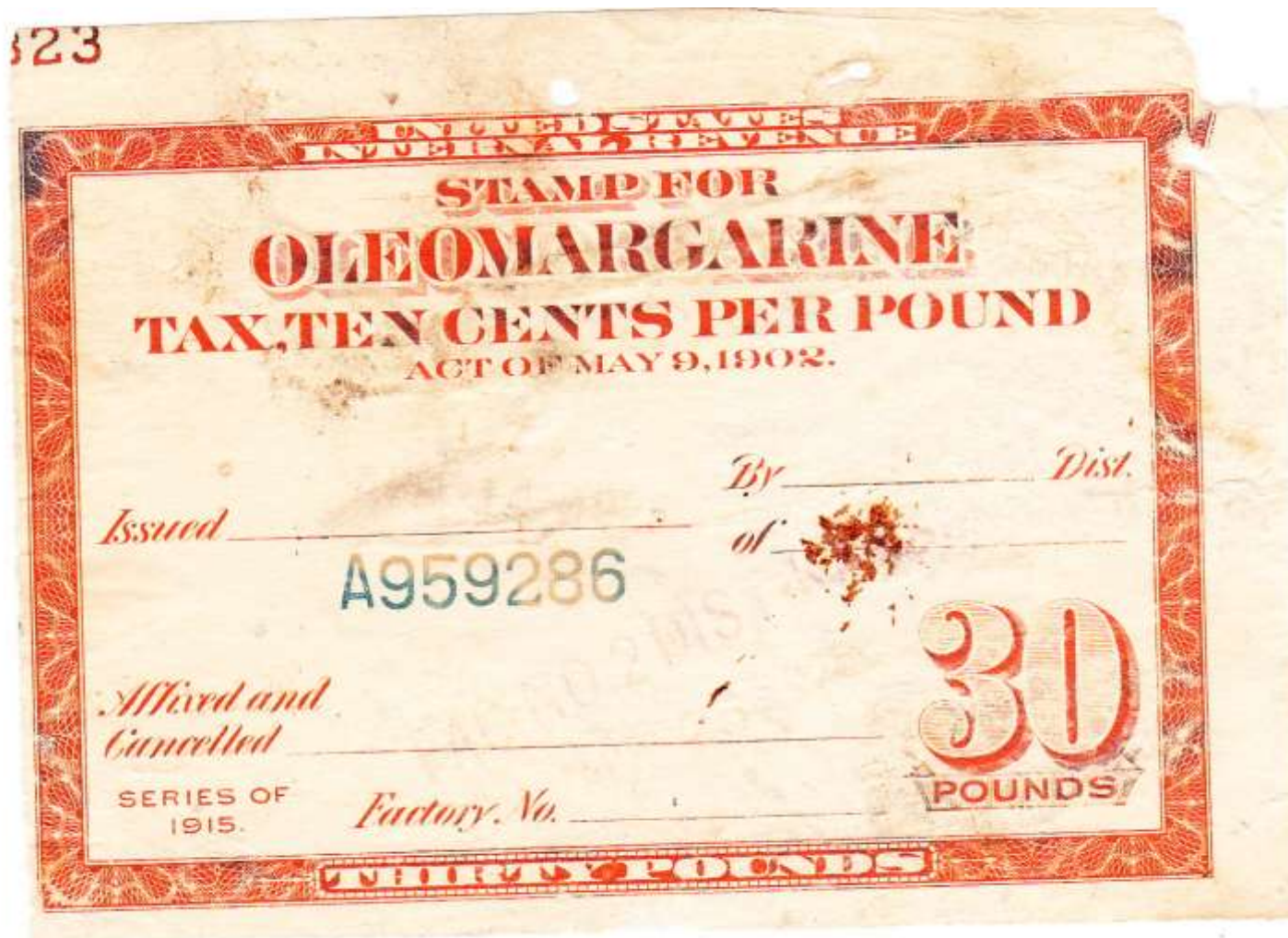
1902 Uncolored 1/4¢ per pound



1916 Uncolored 1/4¢ per pound



1916 Colored Oleo 10¢ per pound



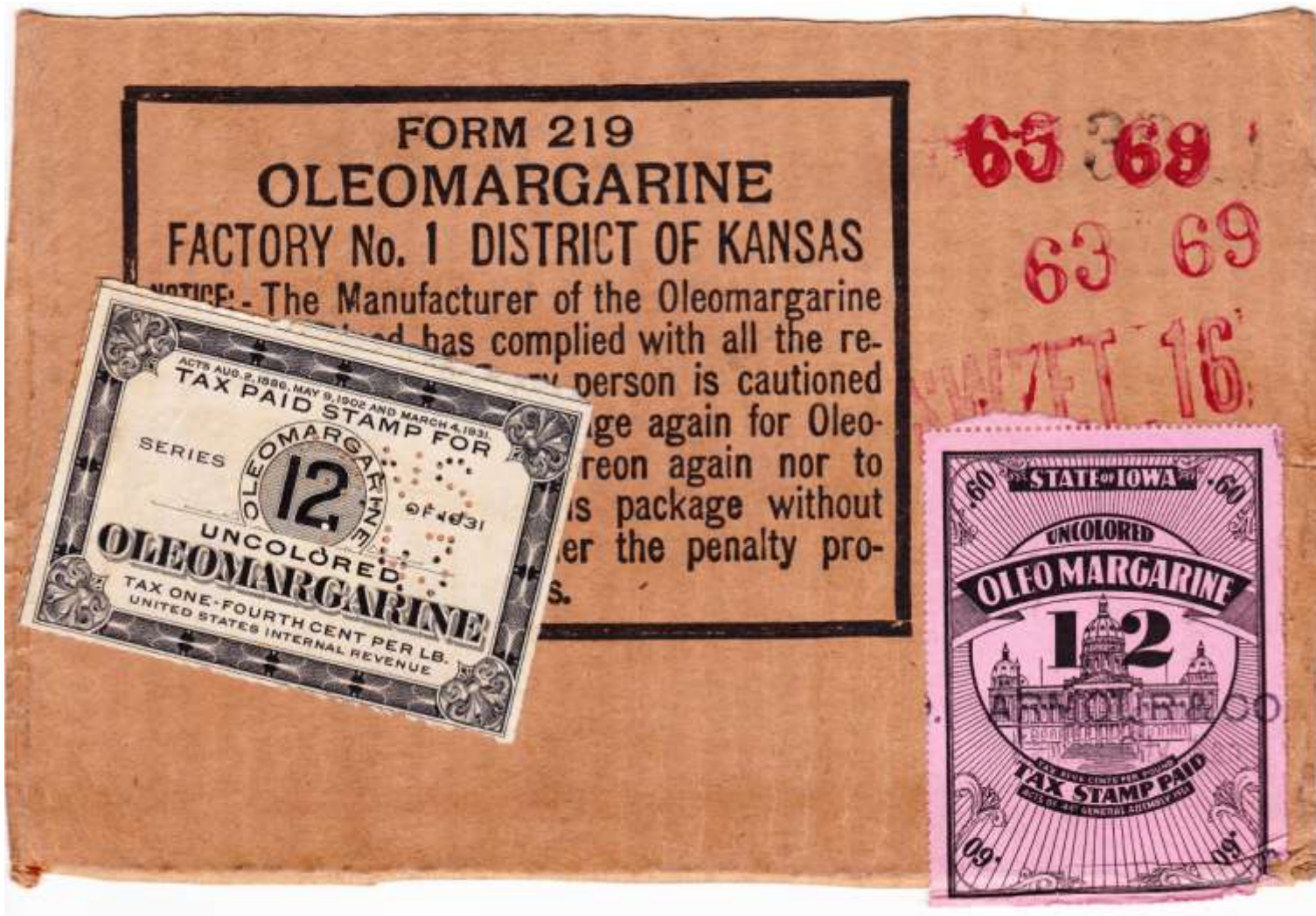
Oleomargarine:
smaller and simpler tax stamps



Protecting instate industry: taxing imported fats



Both state and federal taxes



Restraint of Interstate Commerce



Minnesota: another case stamp



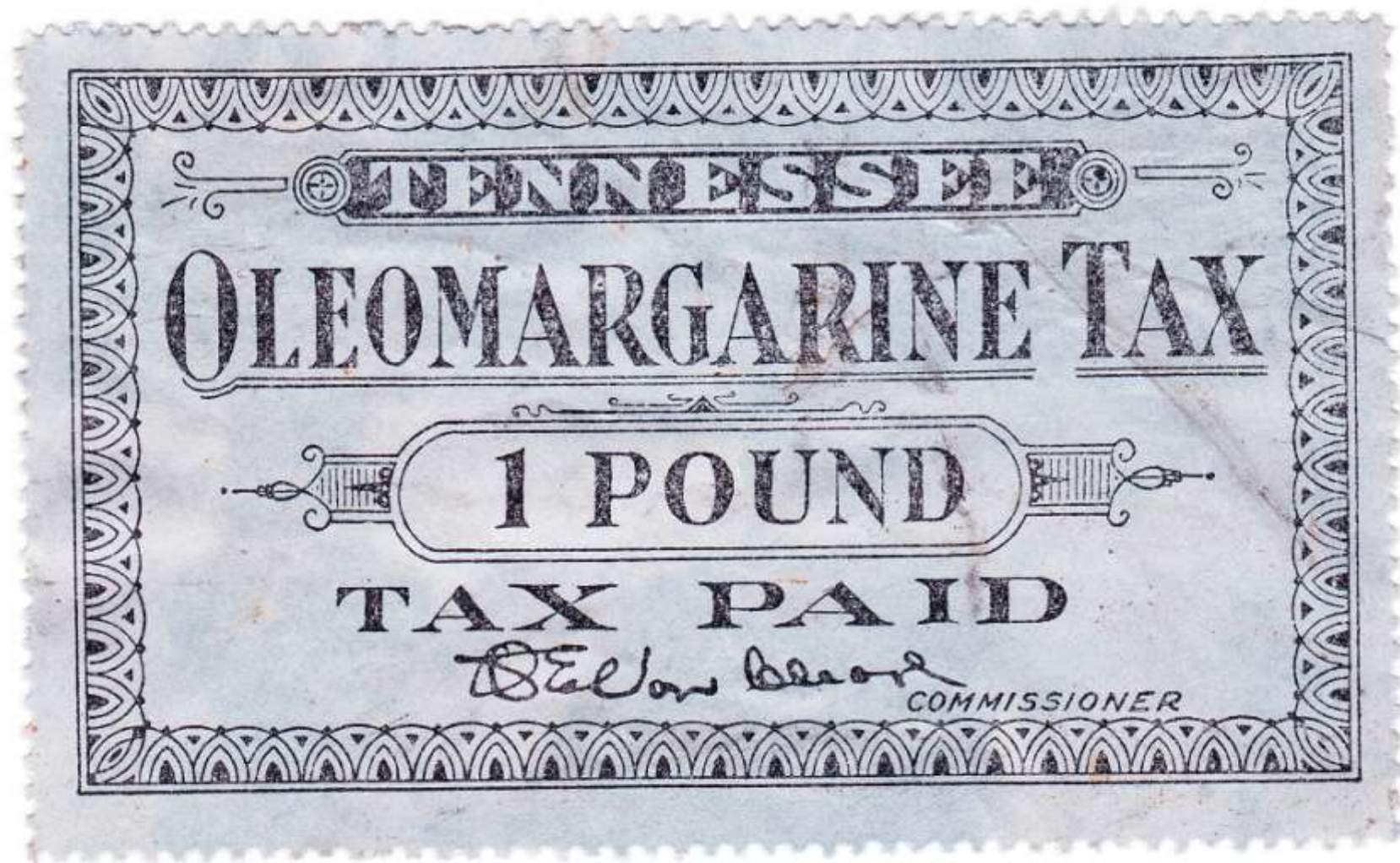
South Dakota: skepticism about manufactured foods



South Dakota: more skepticism



Tennessee



Utah:
first package stamp, then case stamps



Utah:
first package stamp, then case stamps



Process Butter: Package Label

Factory No. 1.

District of Colorado.

The manufacturer of the

PROCESS BUTTER

Herein contained has complied with all the requirements of the law and the regulations authorized thereby. Every person is cautioned not to use again, either this package for Process Butter or tax stamp thereon, or to remove the contents of this package without destroying said stamp, under penalty provided by law in such cases.

Process Butter: Manufacturer

MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, JULY, 1944	MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, AUG, 1944
MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, SEPT., 1944	MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, OCT., 1944
MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, NOV., 1944	MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, DEC., 1944
MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, JAN., 1945	MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, FEB., 1945
MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, MAR., 1945	MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, APR., 1945
MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, MAY, 1945	MNFR. OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER, JUNE, 1945

\$50	SPECIAL TAX	11
UNITED STATES	STAMP	INTERNAL REVENUE
THIS STAMP EXPIRES JUNE 30, 1945 THIS STAMP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE ON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BUSINESS ISSUED FOR THE PERIOD REPRESENTED BY THE COUPONS		
MANUFACTURER OF PROCESS OR RENOVATED BUTTER		
UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, CONTROL OR ADDRESS, NOTIFY COLLECTOR IMMEDIATELY <i>Issued by the Collector for the District of</i> <u>MARYLAND</u>		
HANOVER FOOD PRODUCTS CO ADELBERG - ISAAC 217 S HANOVER ST BALTO 1 MD		MFR OF PROCESS BUTTER JUL 1944 11
REDEMPTION STAMP POSTED		

Process or RENOVATED Butter



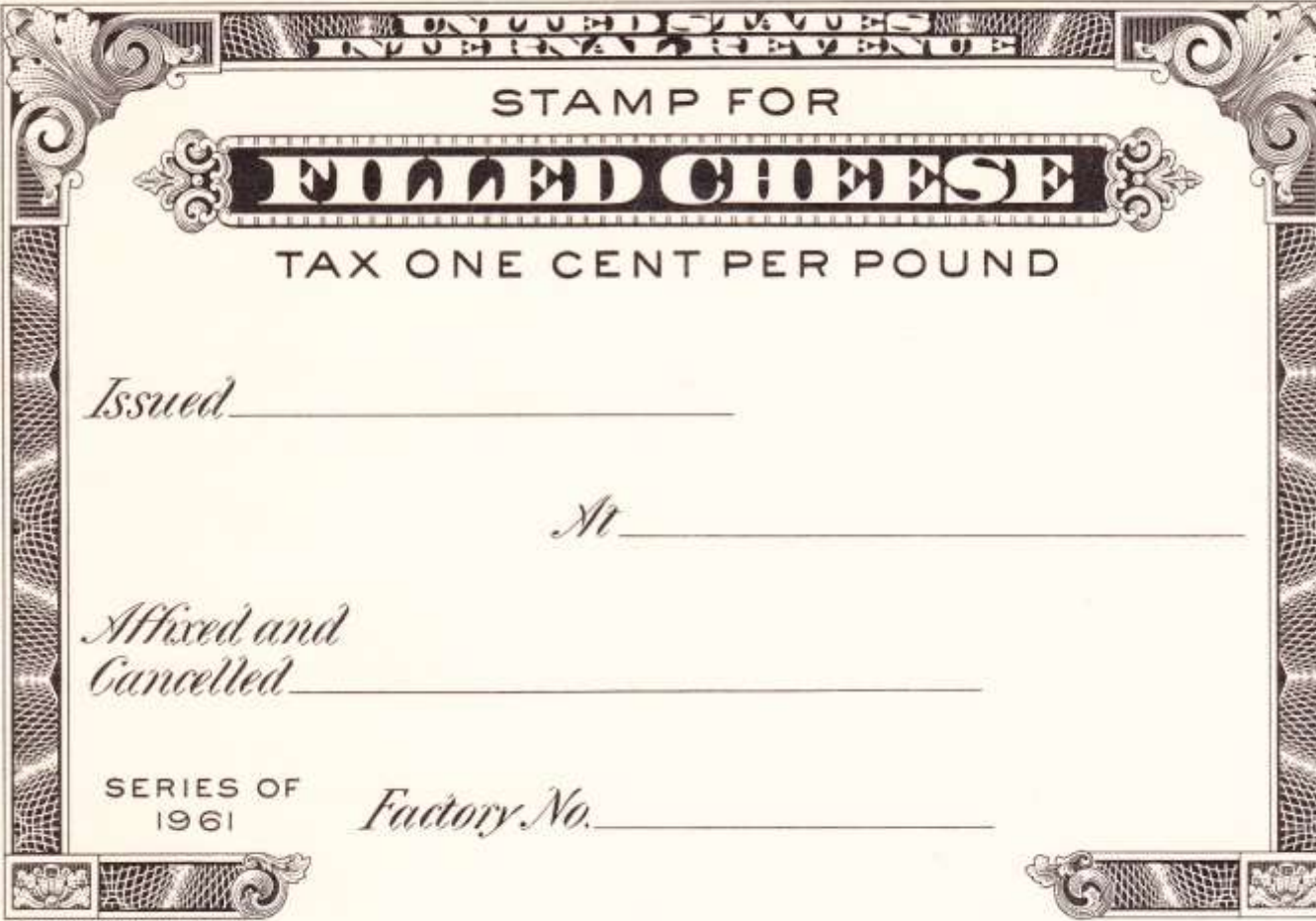
Process Butter: Drop the RENOVATED



Filled Cheese



Filled Cheese: Undenominated



STAMP FOR

FILLED CHEESE

TAX ONE CENT PER POUND

Issued _____

At _____

*Affixed and
Cancelled* _____

SERIES OF
1961

Factory No. _____

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING, LITHO.

Mixed Flour: Package Label

FORM "W"

FOR MIXED FLOUR.

FACTORY NO 1.

DISTRICT STATE OF COLORADO.

NOTICE.—The manufacturer of the mixed Flour herein contained, has complied with all the requirements of the law. Every person is cautioned not to use either this package again or the stamp thereon again, nor to remove the contents of this package without destroying said stamp, under the penalty provided by law in such cases.

Mixed Flour: Temporary Typographed Stamp



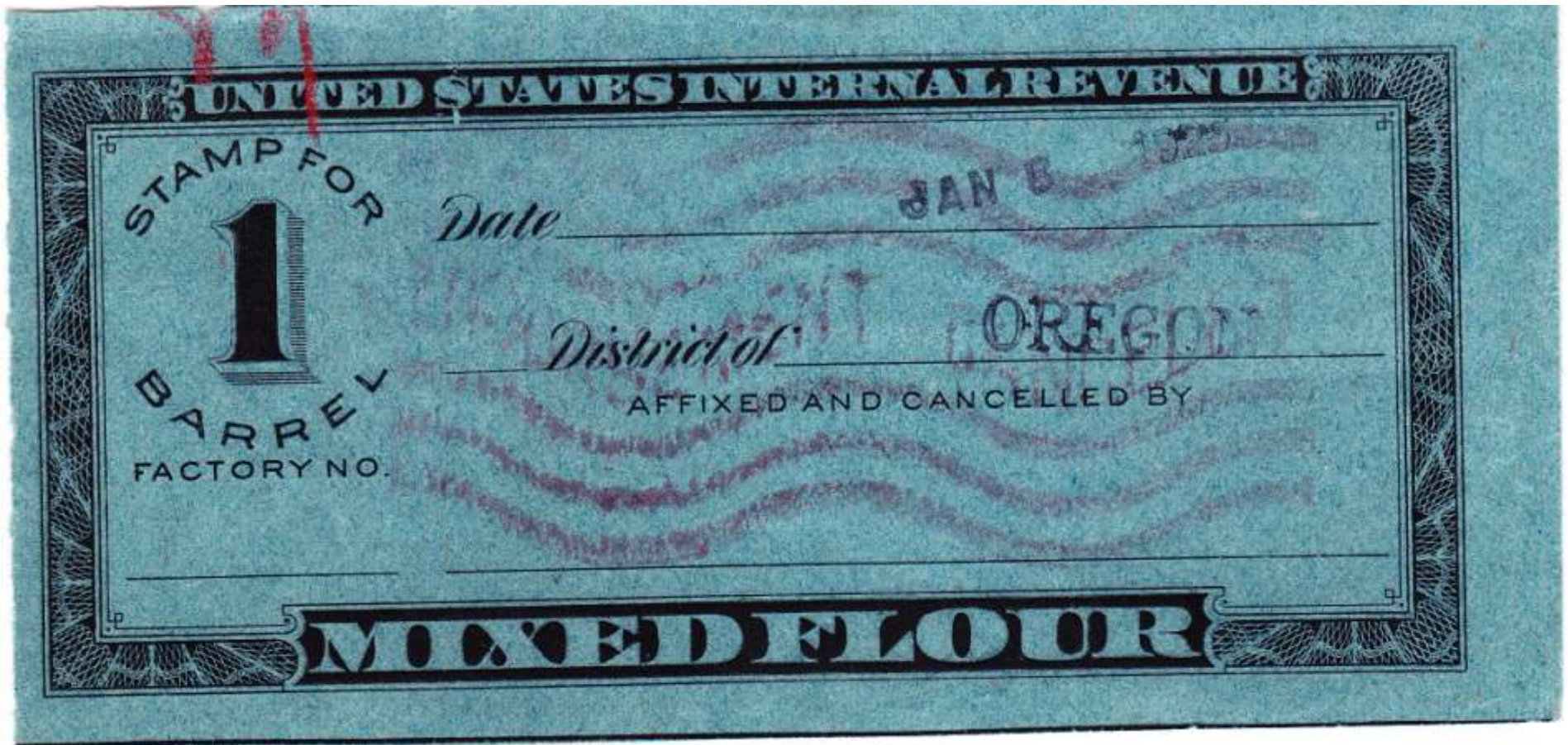
Mixed Flour: Permanent Engraved Stamp



Mixed Flour: Simplified Design



Mixed Flour: One Barrel



Beyond Food

Florida Fertilizer 1889



Animal Food Florida 1905



Beyond Food

Florida Peat and Humus 1935

