

**PHILADELPHIA
HOTEL
HANDSTAMPS**

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Hotel Markings (1125-1149)

Hotel name markings are not postal markings, *per se*. Yet their use indicates that they have had an effect on the Post Office.

Hotels did not charge a fee for transporting mail matter to the Post office. No evidence suggests they profited except through courteous goodwill. Still, carrying them privately made them a form of competition against government mail carriage, for in providing the same service, they deprived the USPO of their collection fees.

Tradition and the *American Stampless Cover Catalog* lists them along with true postal markings, and so they are listed here also. The list of hotels providing this service (under various managements) is as follows (dates from *ASCC, D*):

Jones' Hotel, 1840-47
 Marshall House, 1841
 Columbia House, 1841-47, 1850
 Washington House, 223 Chestnut St., 1841-47
 Merchant's Hotel, 1842
 Franklin House, 105 Chestnut St., 1843-44, 1848
 Mansion House, 1843-44
 United States Hotel, 1846-49
 Barley Sheaf Hotel, 193 North 2nd St., 1851

For 20th century private hotel machine and hand-stamp markings, see the Hotel/Business Receiveds Section.

Hotel Listing

- 1125 JONES' HOTEL(.)/PH--A, Ov37x16
 Colors Combined
 ECU 1840 --/-- LKU 1847 5/5
 Blue ECU 1842 6/30-s LKU 1845 --/-- -wf.#340
 Black ECU 184x LKU 1847 5/5
- 1127a E.BADGER/MARSHALL HOUSE/PHILA Box
 53L41x21, B
 ECU 1841 --/--
- b S.BADGER/MARSHALL HOUSE/PHILA Box
 5L40x20, Blue
 ECU 1841 --/--
- 1129a COLUMBIA HOUSE (arc)/PH--A,
 Box 2L38-x16
 Blue ECU 184x
 Black ECU 1846 11/4 LKU 1847 1/26
 Combined colors:
 ECU 1841 --/-- LKU 1848 2/12-r

- b FERCLISON & BRO./COLUMBIA HOUSE/
 PH--A Ov38x17, B
 ECU 1850 --/--
- 1131a WASHINGTON HOUSE (arc)/223 CHESTNUT
 ST./PH--A Box 3L37x16,
 Blue ECU 1842 3/14-wf, #342
 Black ECU 1840 2/18 LKU 1844 7/24-s
 Combined colors:
 ECU 1840 2/18 LKU 1847 --/--
- b HARTWELL'S/WASHINGTON HOUSE(.)/
 PHILADA. Box 3L37x16, R
 ECU 1844 --/-- LKU 1849 1/10-r
- 1133 MERCHANT'S HOTEL/-N.W.BRIDGES-/PH--A,
 Ov44x28, Blue
 ECU 1842 12/29-r
- 1135a FRANKLIN HOUSE./No.105 Chestnut St./Phila
 52Lfancy 44x16, B
 ECU est 1848 --/--
- b FRANKLIN HOUSE (arc)/105/CHESTNUT ST./
 PHILADA.(arc) Ov34x15, B
 ECU 1848 --/--
- c SANDERSONS (arc)/FRANKLIN HOUSE./PH--A,
 Box 3L37x15, B
 ECU 1843 11/22 LKU 1844 --/--
- 1137 MANSION HOUSE (arc)/HEAD/PH--A.(arc)
 Box 3L28x17,
 Blue ECU 184x
 Black ECU 184x
 Combined colors:
 ECU 1843 --/-- LKU 1844 --/--
- 1139a M.POPE MITCHELL/UNITED STATES (arc)/
 HOTEL./PH--A, Box 4L45x20,
 Blue ECU 184x
 Red ECU 1846 8/30-s LKU 1848 7/27
 Combined colors:
 ECU 1846 8/30-s LKU 1849 --/--
- b UNITED STATES (arc)/HOTEL/REA/
 PHILADA. (arc) Box 4L27x22, R
 ECU 1842 8/24-s LKU 1845 1/16-r
- 1141 WATSON'S/Barley Sheaf/HOTEL/193 N.
 SECOND ST./Ph--a Box 5L40x26, B
 ECU 1851 --/--

JONES HOTEL
PHILADELPHIA.

E. B. ADGER
MARSHALL HOUSE
PHILA

960 Realistic

COLUMBIA HOUSE
PHILADELPHIA.

FERGUSON & BRO.
COLUMBIA HOUSE
PHILADELPHIA.

WASHINGTON HOUSE
223 CHESTNUT ST.
PHILADELPHIA.

HARTWELL'S
WASHINGTON HOUSE
PHILAD.

MERCHANTS HOTEL
H. W. BRIDGES
PHILADELPHIA.

FRANKLIN HOUSE
105
CHESNUT ST
PHILADELPHIA.

SANDERSON'S
FRANKLIN HOUSE
PHILADELPHIA.

MANSON HOUSE
HEAD
PHILADELPHIA.

M. POPE MITCHELL
UNITED STATES
HOTEL
PHILADELPHIA.

UNITED STATES
HOTEL
HEAD
PHILAD.

WATSON'S
Harley Sheaf
HOTEL
132 N. SECOND ST.,
Philadelphia



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Col. J. S. Shook
Co. Col. B. Co.
Columbia
Pa.

W. W. BRIDGES
HOTEL
PHILADELPHIA



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W. W. BRIDGES
HOTEL
PHILADELPHIA

MERCHANTS
HOTEL
A.F. CLASS.

Mr. James H. Johnston Jr.

Madisonville
E. Ky

Dec 18
1846



J.S. SEMON'S
Cigar & Periodical
EMPERIUM



Merchants Hotel, Philadelphia.
J. & W. C. McKibbin, Proprietors.



Mr John Kohler
Milroy
Whiffles Co
Pa

JONES' HOTEL.



Philadelphia, Oct 13th 1847

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Mr. Cummings

to BRIDGES & WEST.

<i>Washing</i>	<i>2 00</i>
<i>Cash pd bill</i>	<i>1 50</i>
<i>One Port</i>	<i>2 00</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>15 50</i>

Rec^d Payment \$ 22 00

for Bridges Wash

M. Smith



Miss^{rs} Mastin & Pepper
No. 4 N. Third St.
Philadelphia



Mr. Mastin
July 3
June 30 1874





SANDERS
FRANKLIN HOUSE
PHILADELPHIA.

Mrs S. P. Lee

care of F. P. Blair Esq

Washington,

D.C.

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FRANKLIN HOUSE
No 105, Chestnut St, Phil a.

Mrs S. P. Lee

(Care of J. P. Blair Esq)

Washington City

D. C.



FRANKLIN HOUSE.
No 105, Chestnut St, Phil a.







United States Hotel, Philadelphia.

C. J. Maclellan, Proprietor.

UNITED STATES
HOTEL.
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RBA
PHILAD^A

PHILADELPHIA
MAY
24
1877

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*Genl. Taylor Genl
Baltimore
Md*

UNITED STATES
HOTEL.
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RBA
PHILAD^A

PHILADELPHIA
DEC
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For

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UNITED STATES
HOTEL
PHILA
PAID

Count De Marnon

word at J. Q.

New York

Dec 15 1842

From
Jas. M. Howell
M.C.
Messrs. Concoran & Riggs
Washington City
D.C.

M. POPE MITCHELL
UNITED STATES
HOTEL,
PHILADELPHIA.

W.C.



No. 232

PHILADELPHIA

December 3 1883

The Philadelphia National Bank

Pay to E. Wood or ~~bearer~~ order

One hundred & twenty five Dollars

\$125#

E. Wood acting Cas
of R. D. Wood

Wm. F. Murphy & Sons, 508 Chestnut St. Phila.

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Messrs. Howland & Spinnwell
New York

MANSON HOUSE
LEAD
PHILADELPHIA.

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New York

MANSON HOUSE
LEAD
PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Oct 19 1888



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Mr Leonard

To WASHINGTON HOTEL, Dr.

JOHN TRACY, Proprietor,

Seventh and Chestnut Sts.

BILLS PAYABLE WEEKLY.

For 3 days Room

7 50

Reed sumner
John Tracy
1888



HARTWELL'S
WASHINGTON HOUSE
PHILAD^A

D. P. Fuller Esq
Greenwich St.
New York

HARTWELL'S
WASHINGTON HOUSE
PHILAD^A



N^o. 709 Chestnut Street,



PHILADELPHIA.

WASHINGTON HOUSE
CHA^s M. ALLMOND MANAGER.



WASHINGTON HOTEL

JOHN TRACY,
PROPRIETOR.

7th and Chestnut Streets,
PHILADELPHIA.



Ms. Cornell
225 N. 18th St.
Lutp



WASHINGTON HOTEL.



Pure Old Rye Whisky.

709 & 711 Chestnut St., Philada.
C. B. CREAMER,
Manager.



FERGUSON & BROTHER,

BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH STREETS.



Philadelphia April 28th 1851

Mr. Cannon

Co COLUMBIA HOUSE, Dr.



To, Lieut. D. Ruggles
No. 1. Army
Washington City,
Dist. of Columbia

18. July 21. 62



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COLUMBIA HOUSE
PHILADELPHIA.

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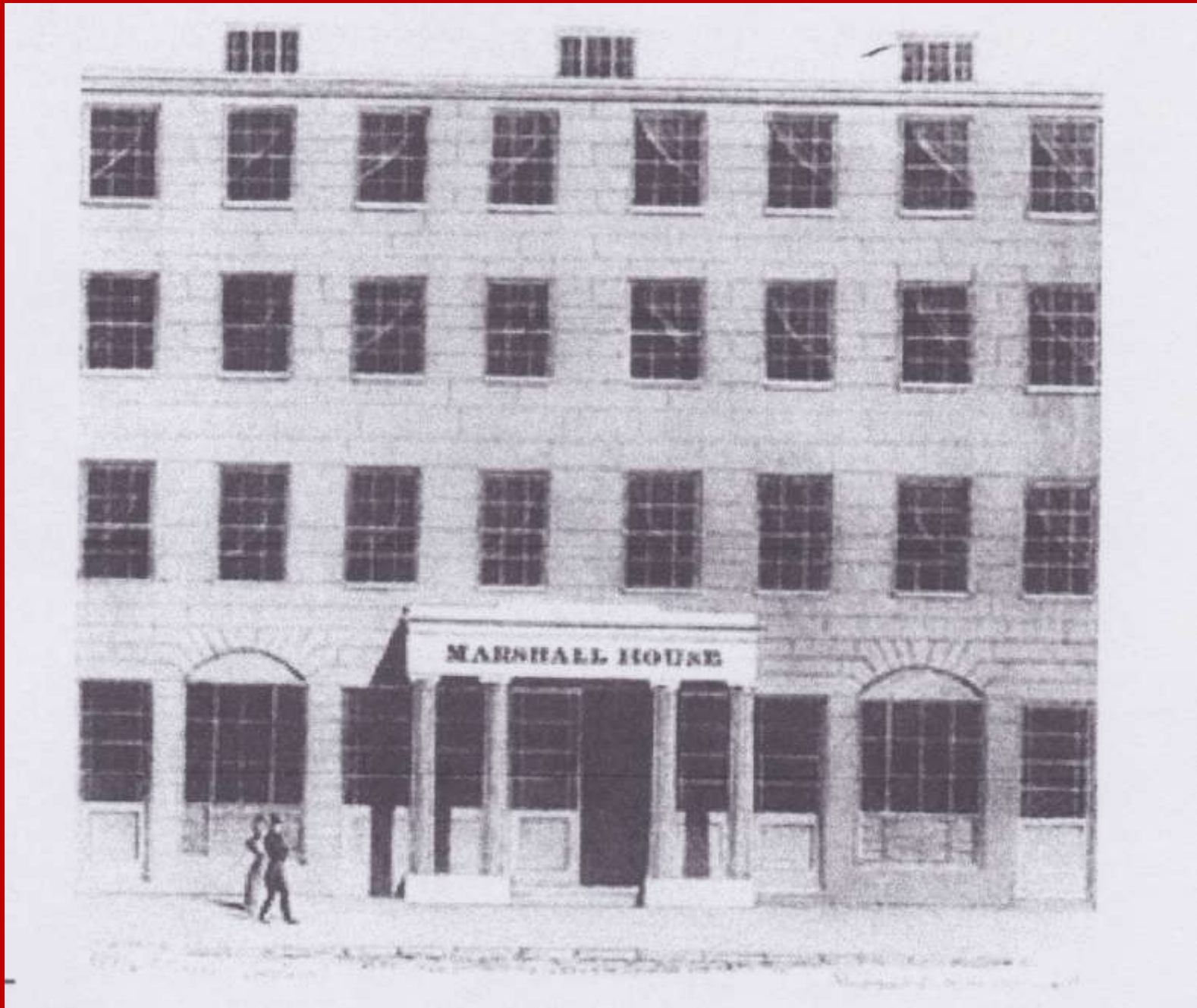
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Mass.



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Boston,
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MARSHALL HOUSE
< PHILA >

On Service



FREE

Brig. Genl. R. Jones
Adjutant General
Washington
D.C.

S. BADGER
MARSHALL HOUSE
< PHILA >

Bethany Pa
May 26

Wm E. Hamilton
Pa.

Chancy Thomas Esq
Banyville
Shohol Pa

WATSON'S
Barley Sheaf
HOTEL,
193 N. SECOND ST.,
Philad. Pa.

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Barley Sheaf Hotel,

257 & 259 North Second St.

PHILADELPHIA.

JOHN SMITH, Proprietor.

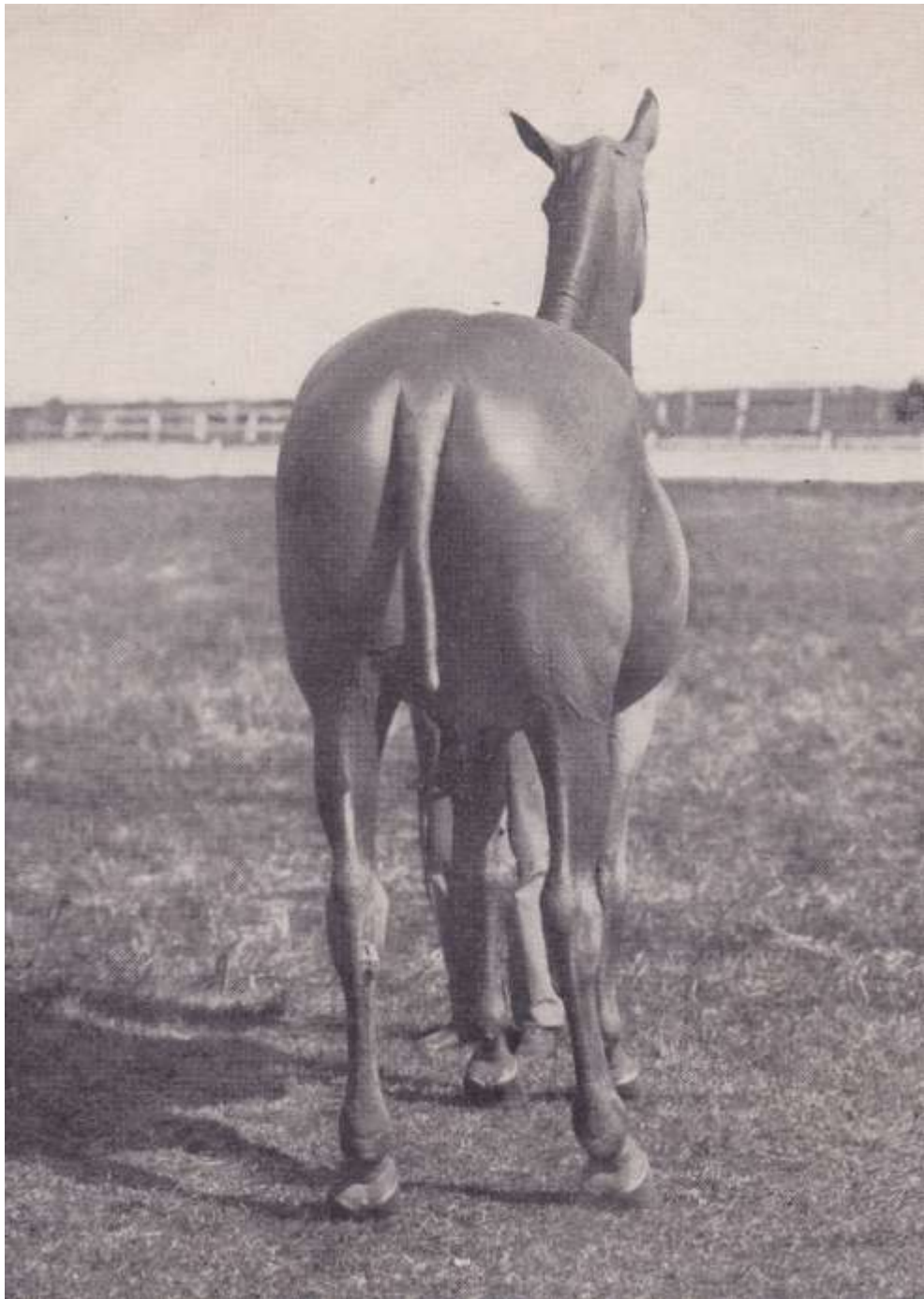
Terms \$1.00 to \$1.50 per Day.

Bar Attached.



*Miss Annie Wetzel
Kensington
Union*

*Co
Pa*



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