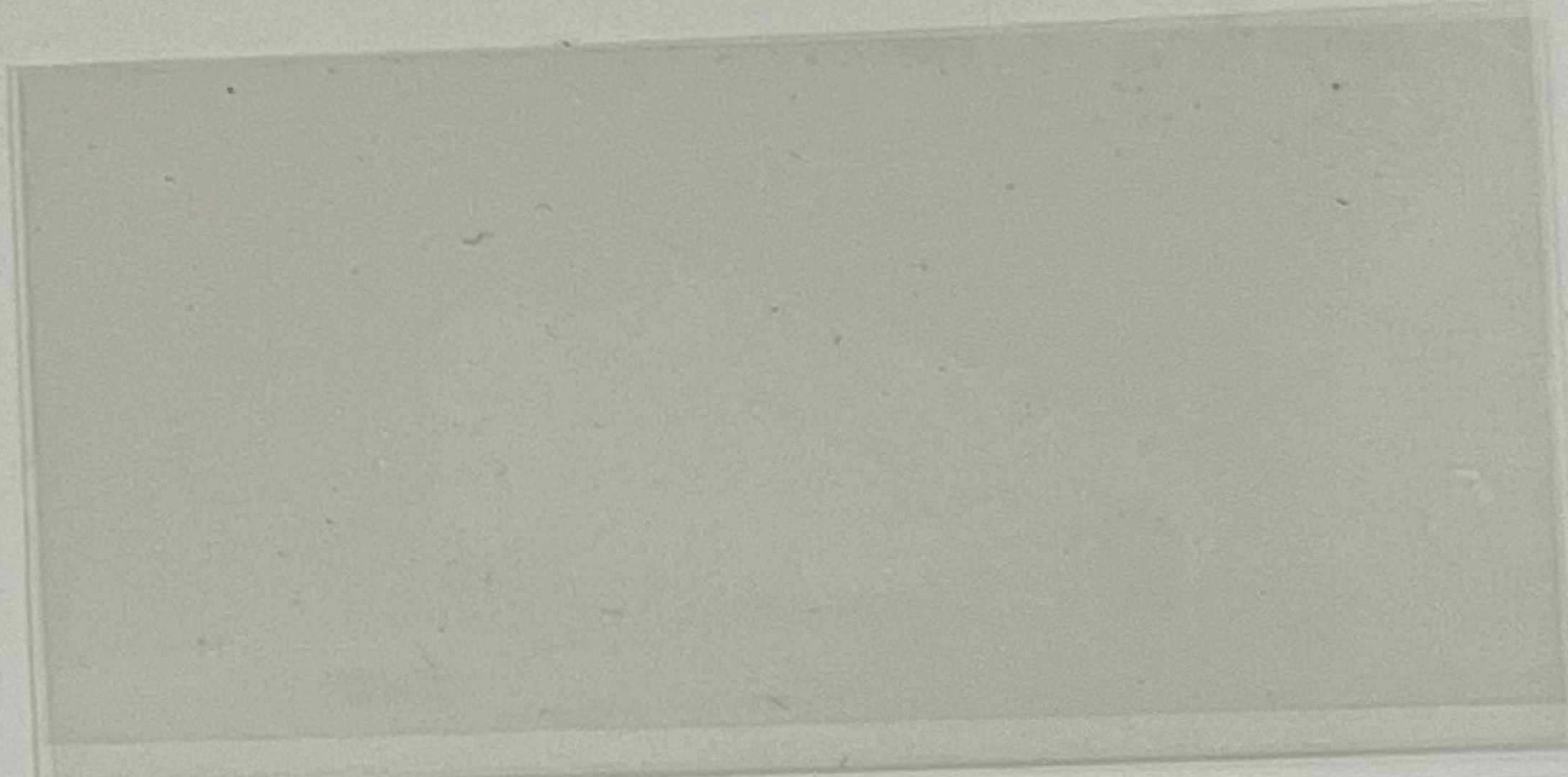


PICTORIALS – ANIMALS



Fox Head Grand Rapids, MI 1881 Card



Kicking Mule Port Townsend, WA 1886 rubber cancel. Used in 5 towns; in this one from July 1880 to February 7, 1887 1885 card

PICTORIALS – HORSE HEADS

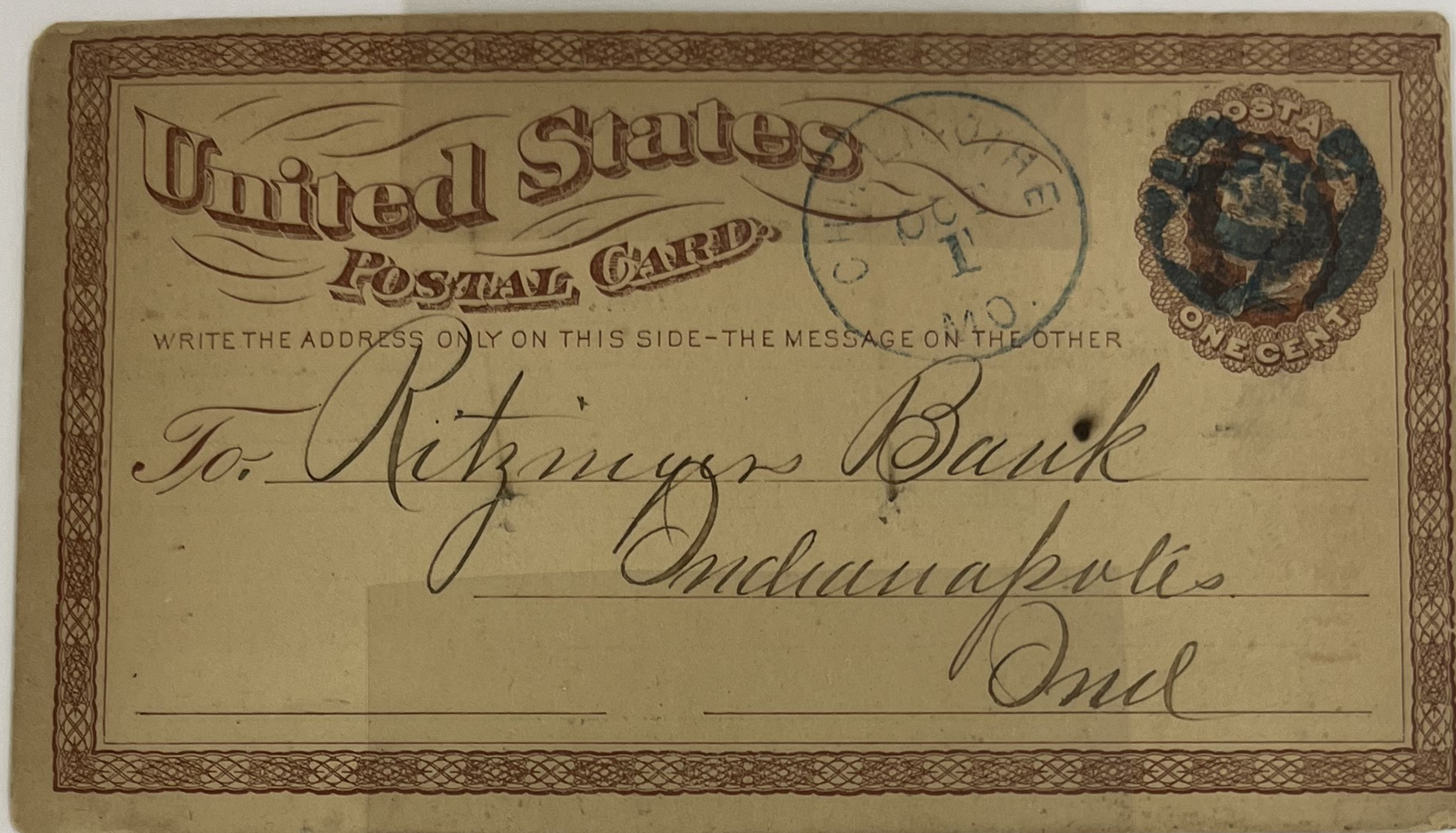


Ravenna, OH 1873 card, small watermark



Northampton, MA 1881 card

MASKS

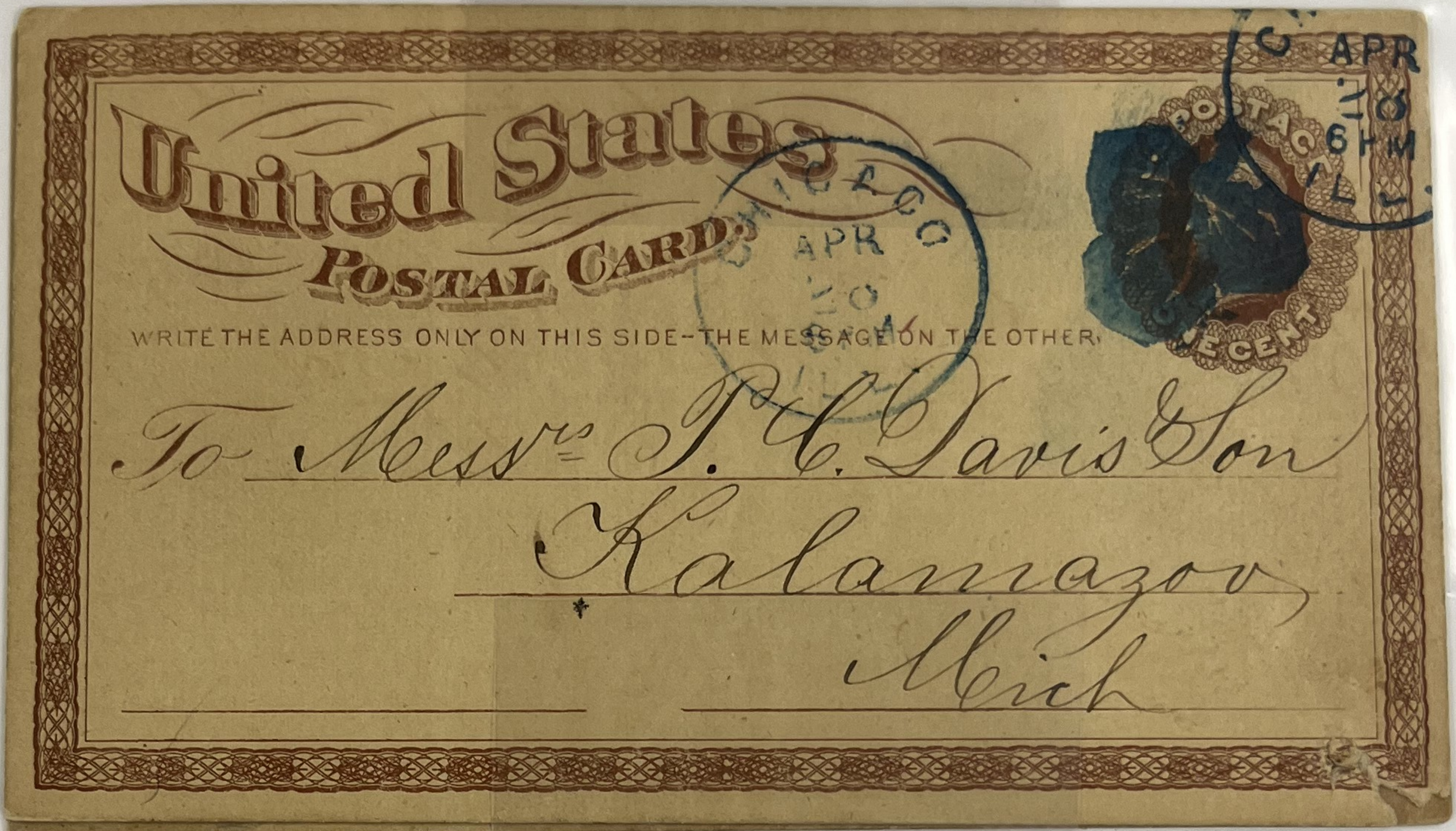


Chillicothe, MO
1874 Cancel
1875 Card
Top of head is
On right side



Canton, IL
Unknown cancel date. Earlier than in Cole Book (JO-106) which is stated as 1880 or 1881
1875 Card

PICTORIALS – CLOVER



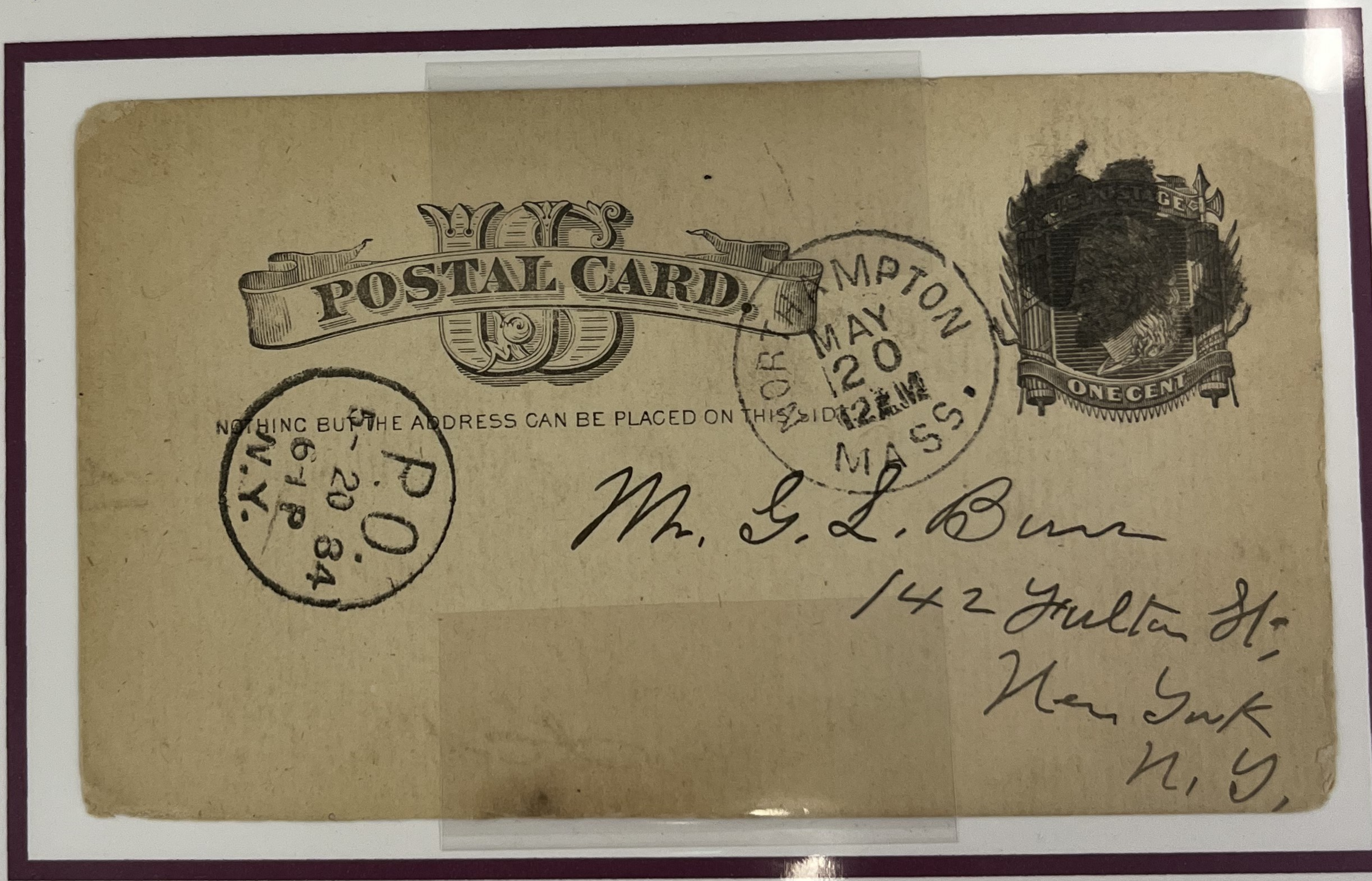
Chicago, IL 1874 cancel 1873 card, small watermark



Pittsburgh, PA 1873 card, small watermark

The top card above is commercial.

PICTORIALS - SWAN



Northampton, MA

1884 Cancel

Much sharper than other swan cancels. Not duplexed.

1881 Card

PICTORIALS

SKULL AND CROSSBONES



Waverly, NY 1883 cancel 1881 card

Greenfield MA 1886? cancel 1885 card

UNLISTED POSTAL CARDS



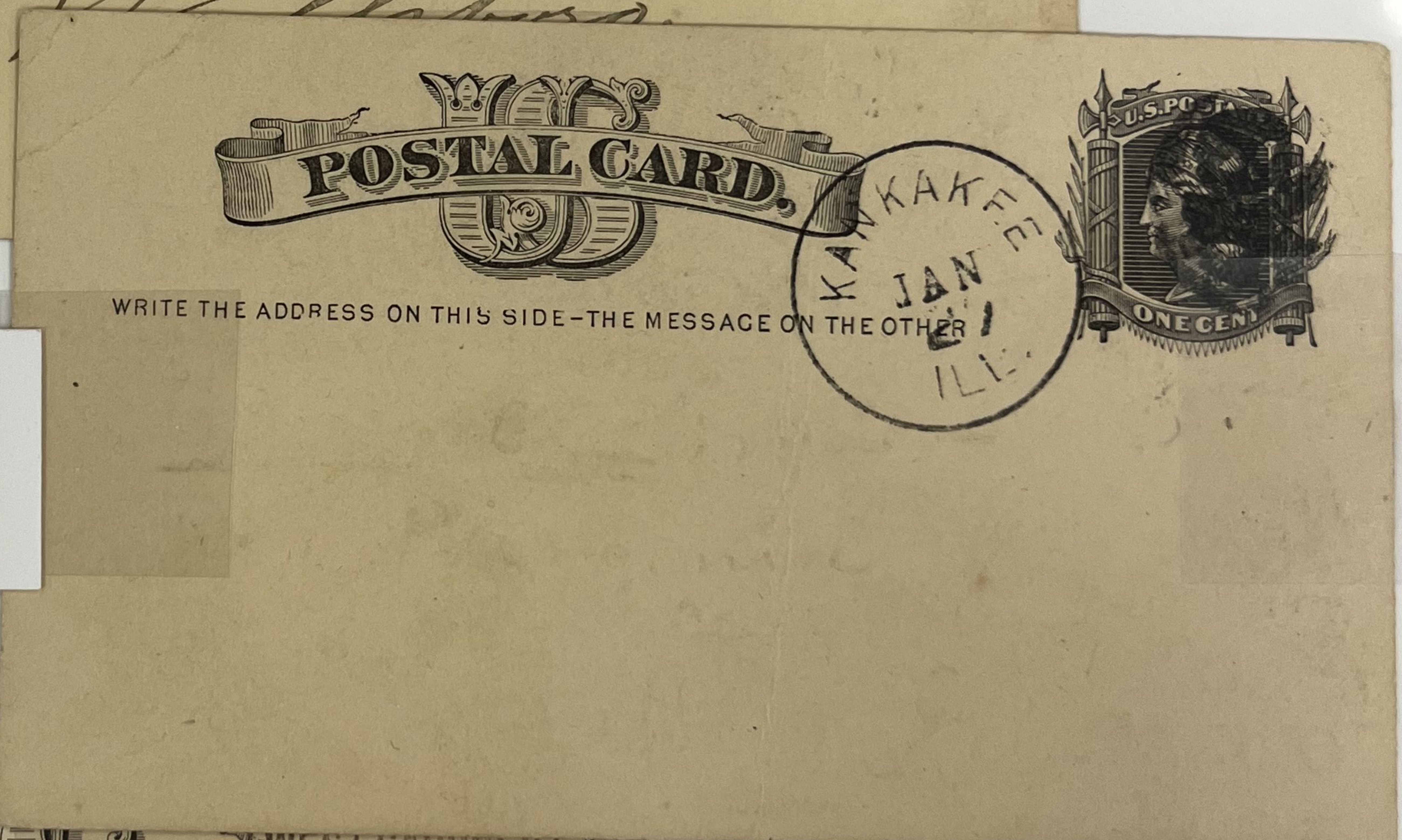
Greenfields, MA
1875 VT

PICTORIALS

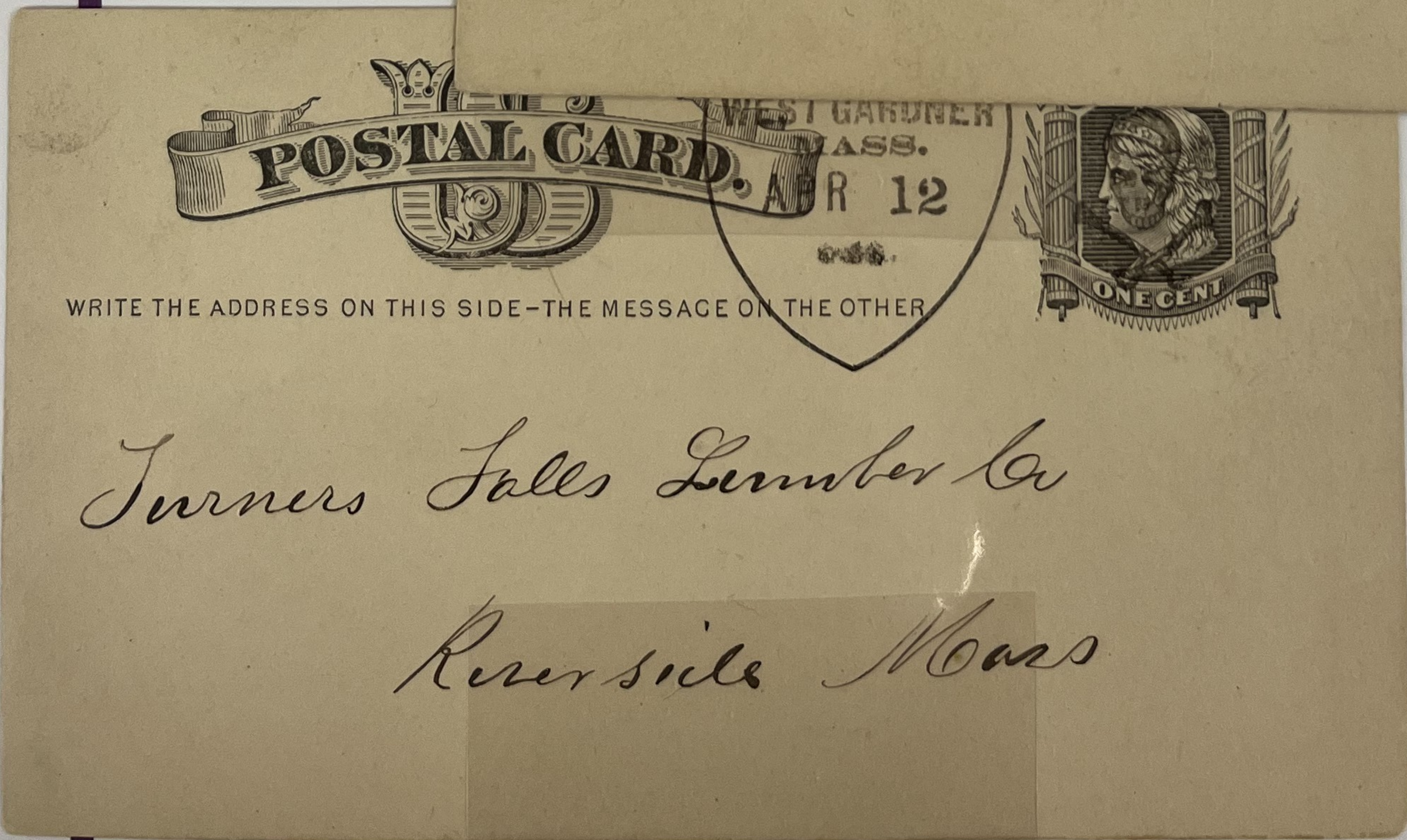
SKULL AND CROSSBONES



Coleville, PA
1881 cancel
1875 card

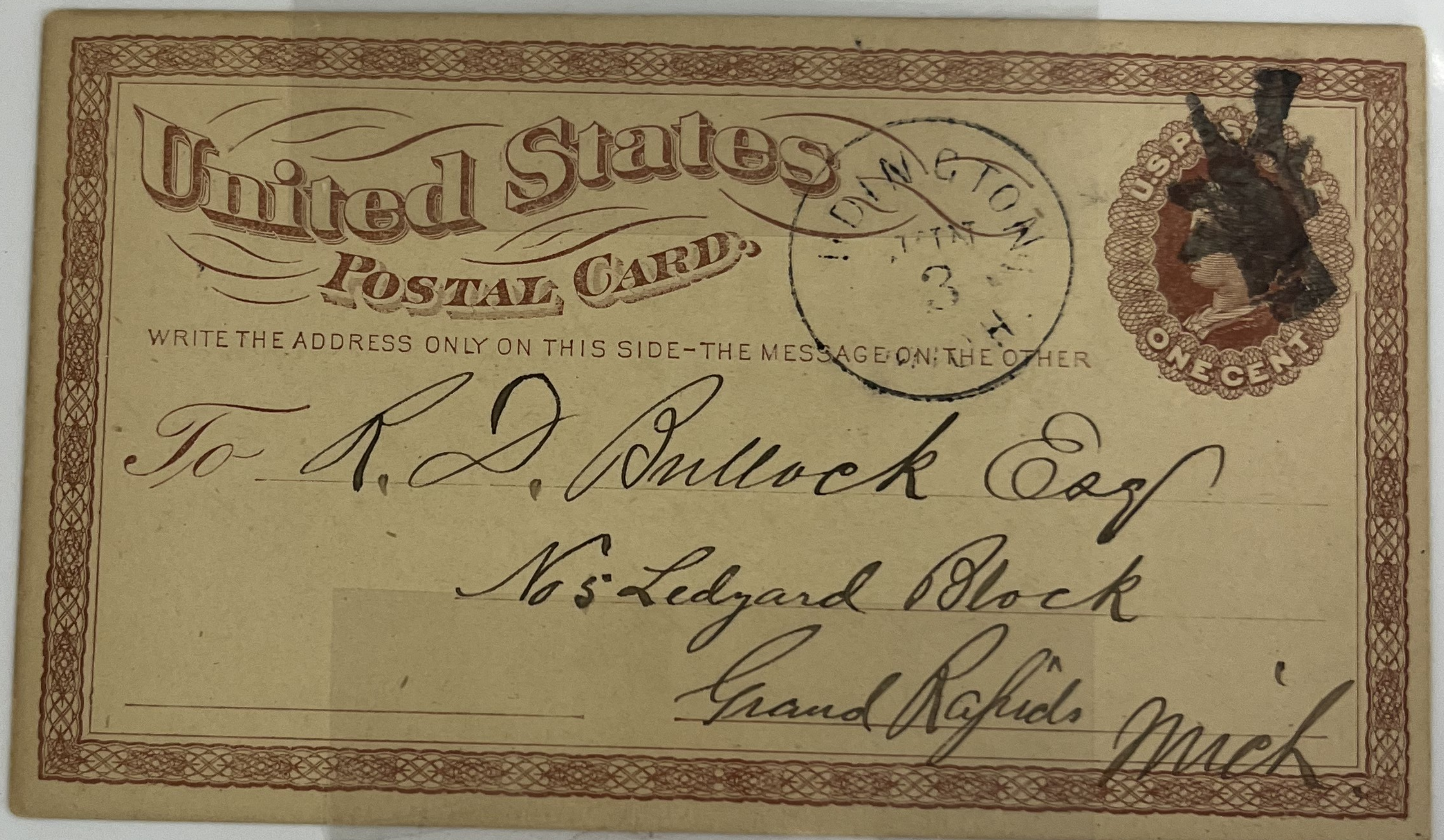


Kankakee, IL
1889 cancel
875 card



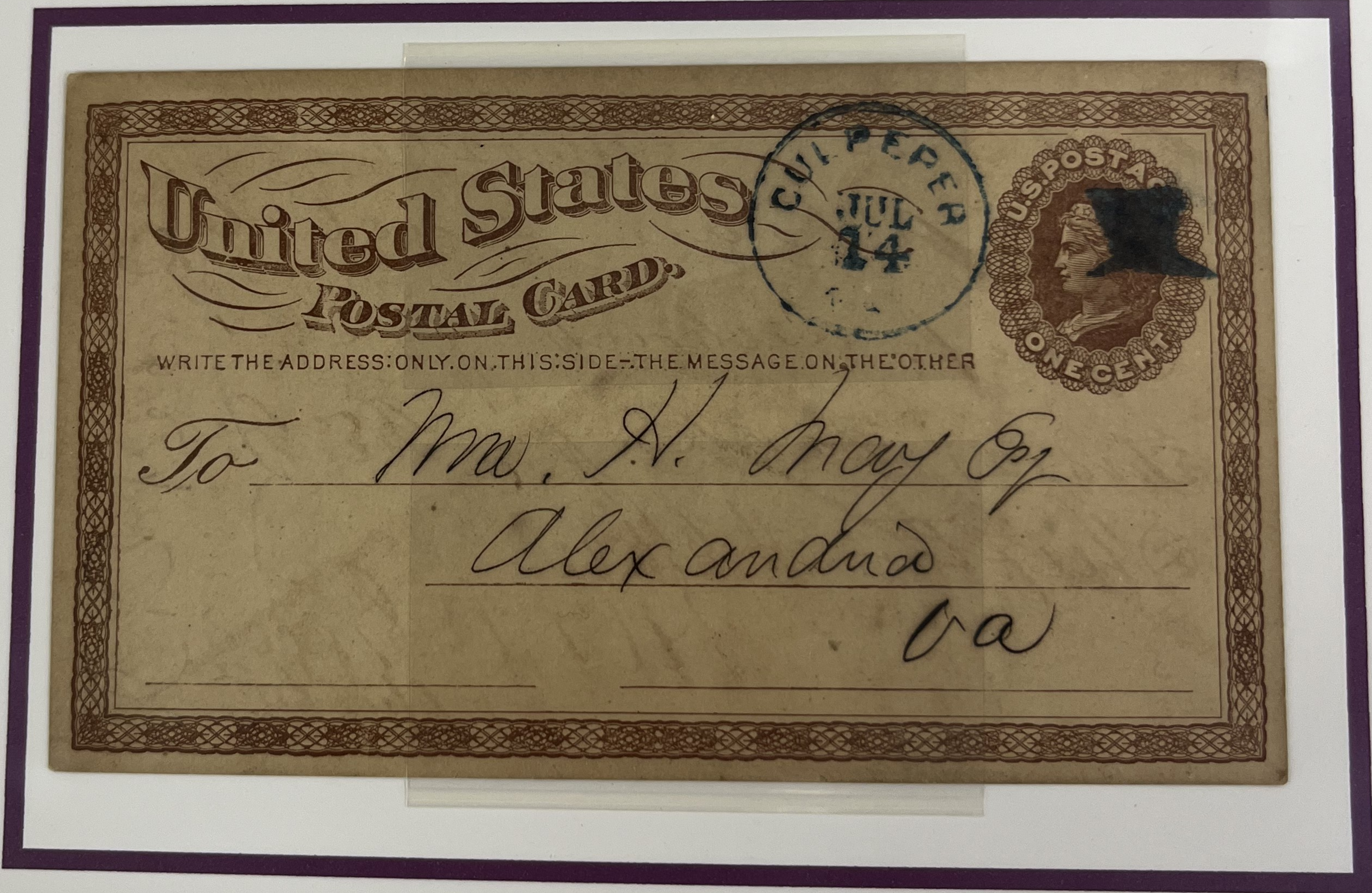
West Gardiner, MA
1889 cancel
1875 Card
Shield produced
commercially, skull
handmade

PICTORIALS – MASK



Ludington, IO
1876 Cancel
1873 Card
Rare

PICTORIALS - HAT



Culpepper, VA
1873 commercial cancel
1873 card. Small watermark

PICTORIALS - BELLS



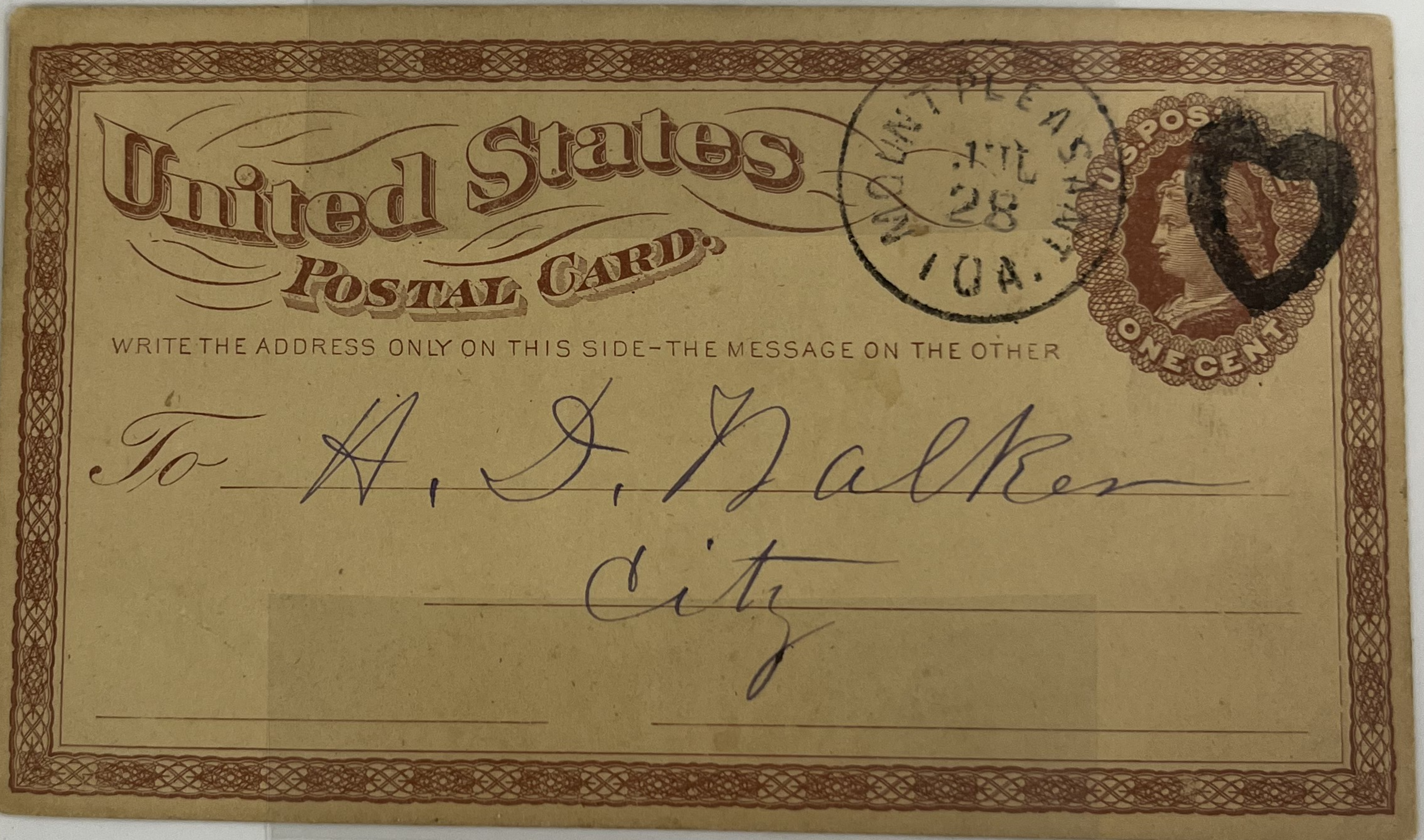
Concord, NH Negative 76 in Bell 1876 cancel 1875 card 100th anniversary of Independence



Enfield Center, NH 1876 cancel 1875 card

The two cards above are commercial.

PICTORIAL - MISCELLANEOUS



Mt. Pleasant, IO
1875 Cancel
1873 Card
Rare

FANCY CANCELLATIONS
ON 19TH CENTURY U.S. POSTAL CARDS

EXHIBIT ORGANIZATION: This exhibit shows all major types of fancy cancels on U.S. postal cards that do not bear additional stamps. (Cards sent to Europe are excluded.) They are mainly from the 1870s and 1880s. **Scarce cards are shown within a purple frame.**

OBJECTIVE: It is impossible for this exhibit or any collection of cards (or stamps) to be complete. They were used all over the country for almost 20 years. The objective has been to put together a balanced overview of the field, including some that show a high degree of scarcity.

HISTORY: Cancellations are obliterations on stamps or postal stationary to prevent their reuse. The first U.S. governmental postal cards were issued in 1873 and the earliest fancy cancellations on cards date from that year. Machine cancellations started to replace fancy cancels in 1876, and very few fancy cancels are known on cards after the early 1890s.

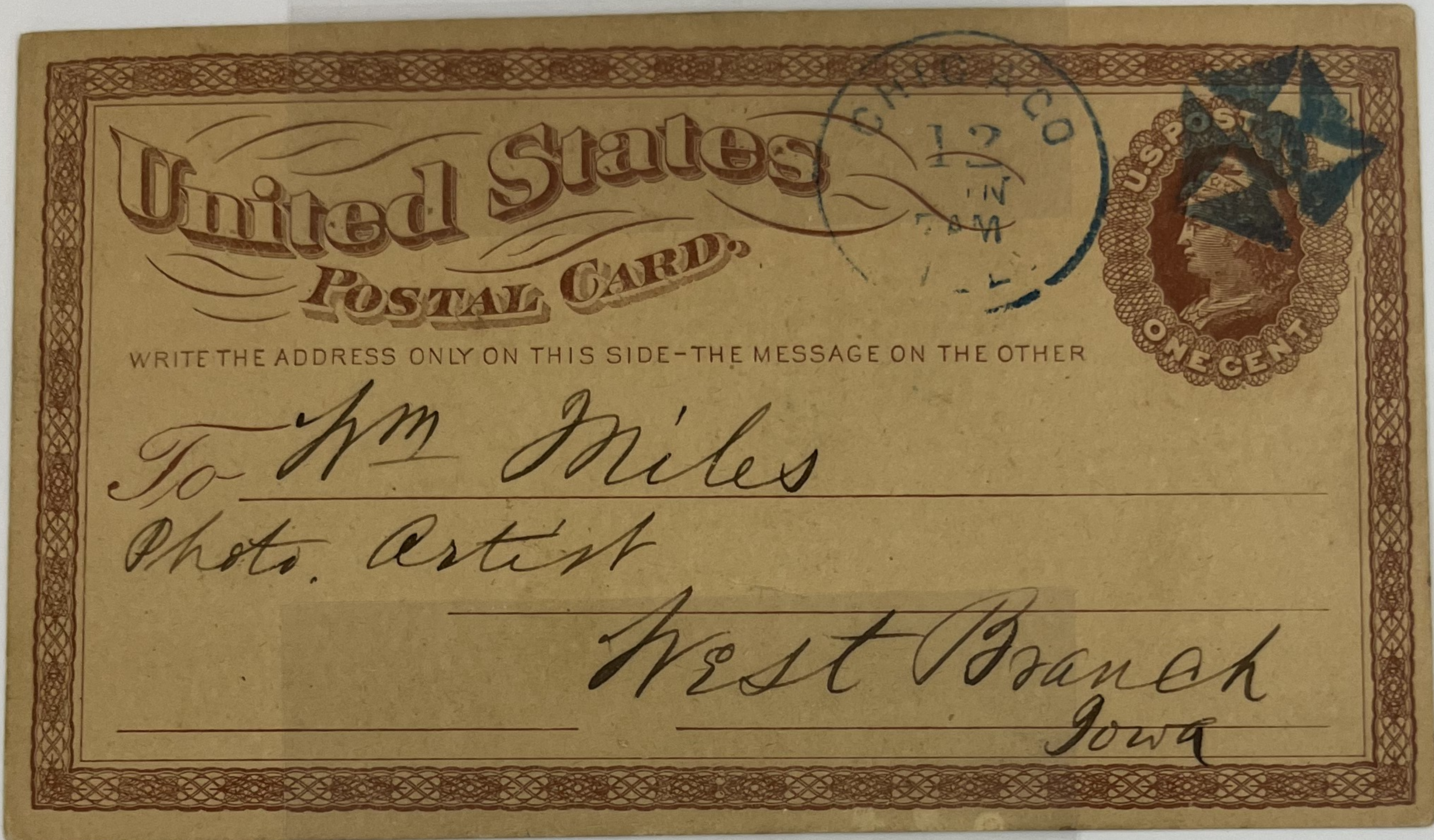
The date for a fancy cancel on a stamp may not be known, but it is usually evident on a postal card. The length of time that a cancel was used is not generally known. Some cards are dated by the message written on their back.

Before the advent of cards, the Post Office Department became worried about lightly cancelled stamps that could be cleaned and reused. In 1860 it forbade using a town-date (or rating) marking to cancel a stamp, and required that a separate mark ("killer") be placed on the stamp. This mark consisted of a simple grid or ink blob. At some point an enterprising clerk could have noticed that the blob resembled something else such as an animal, or he could have decided to carve a clever-looking killer from wood or cork. Fancy cancels grew from that time in geographic use and diversity. It must be recognized that the line between "fancy" cancels and a mere blob of ink can be extremely fine, and recognizing some fancy cancels takes a great deal of imagination.

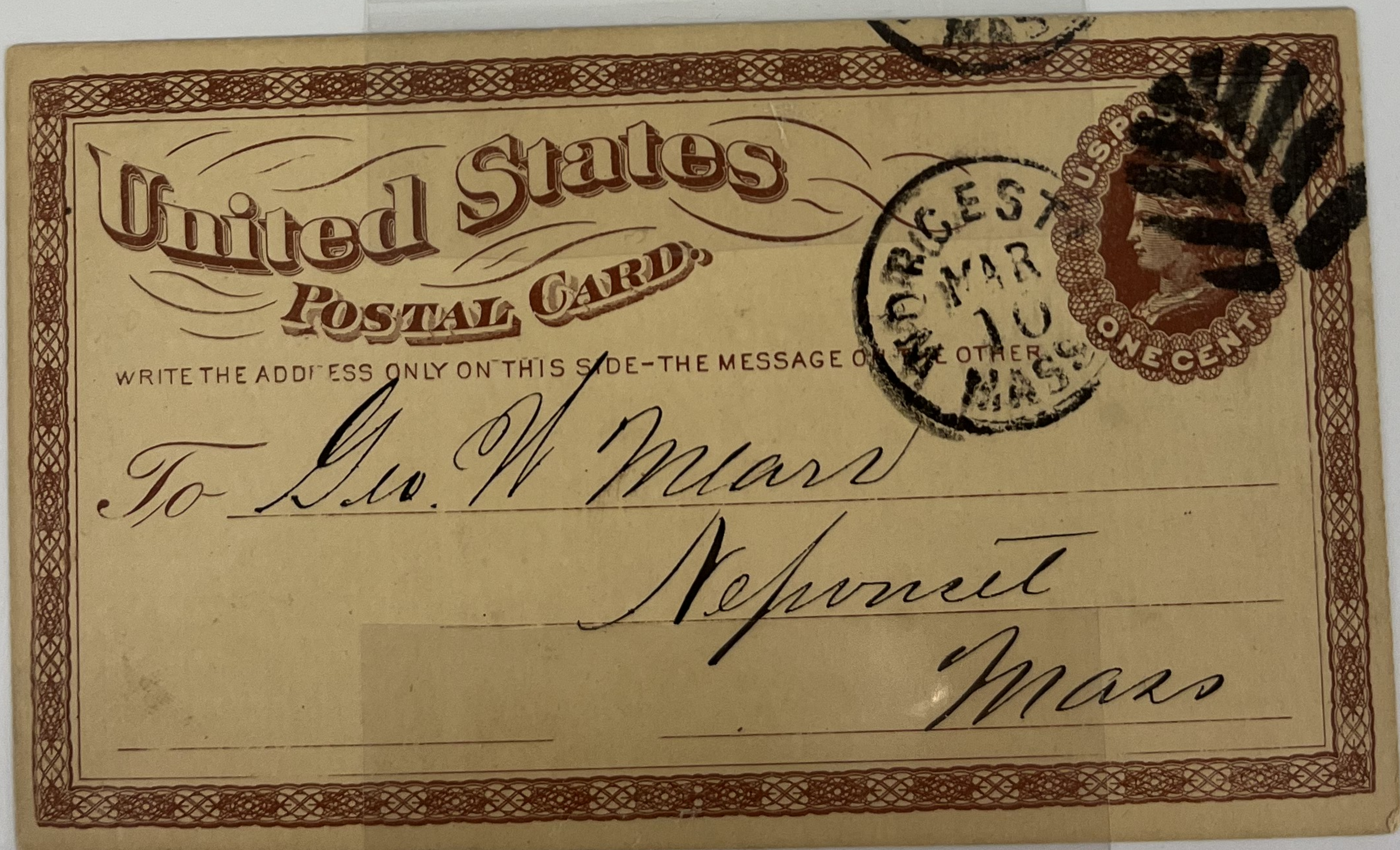
COLORS: Most cancels are struck in black ink. Chicago was known for blue cancellations in the early 1870s. Red and purple cancels from other places are occasionally seen. In May of 1882 the postal laws were changed to require black permanent printing ink.

PICTORIALS

STAR IN CIRCLE AND LEAF

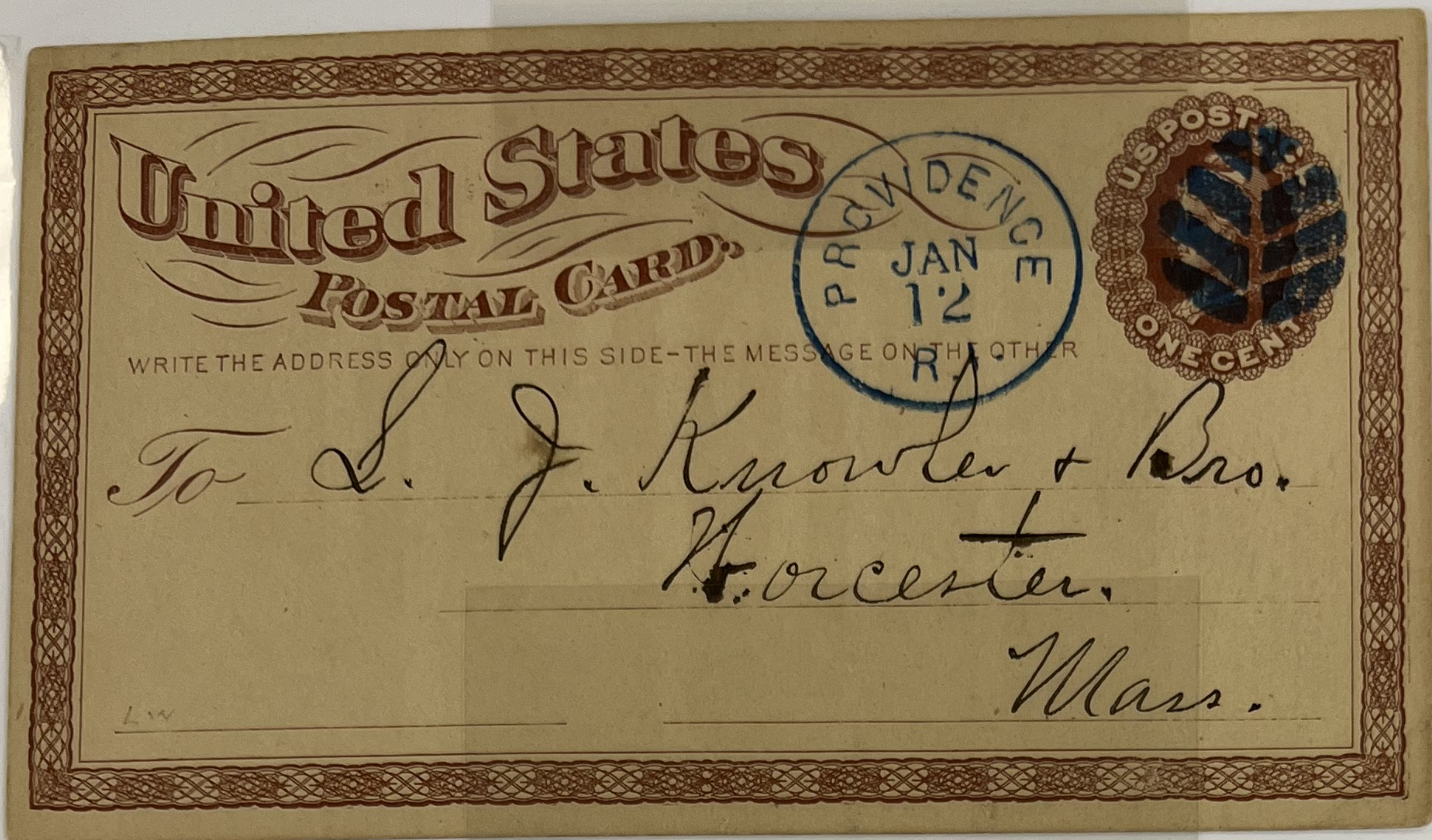


Chicago, IL
1874 Cancel
First Issue Card

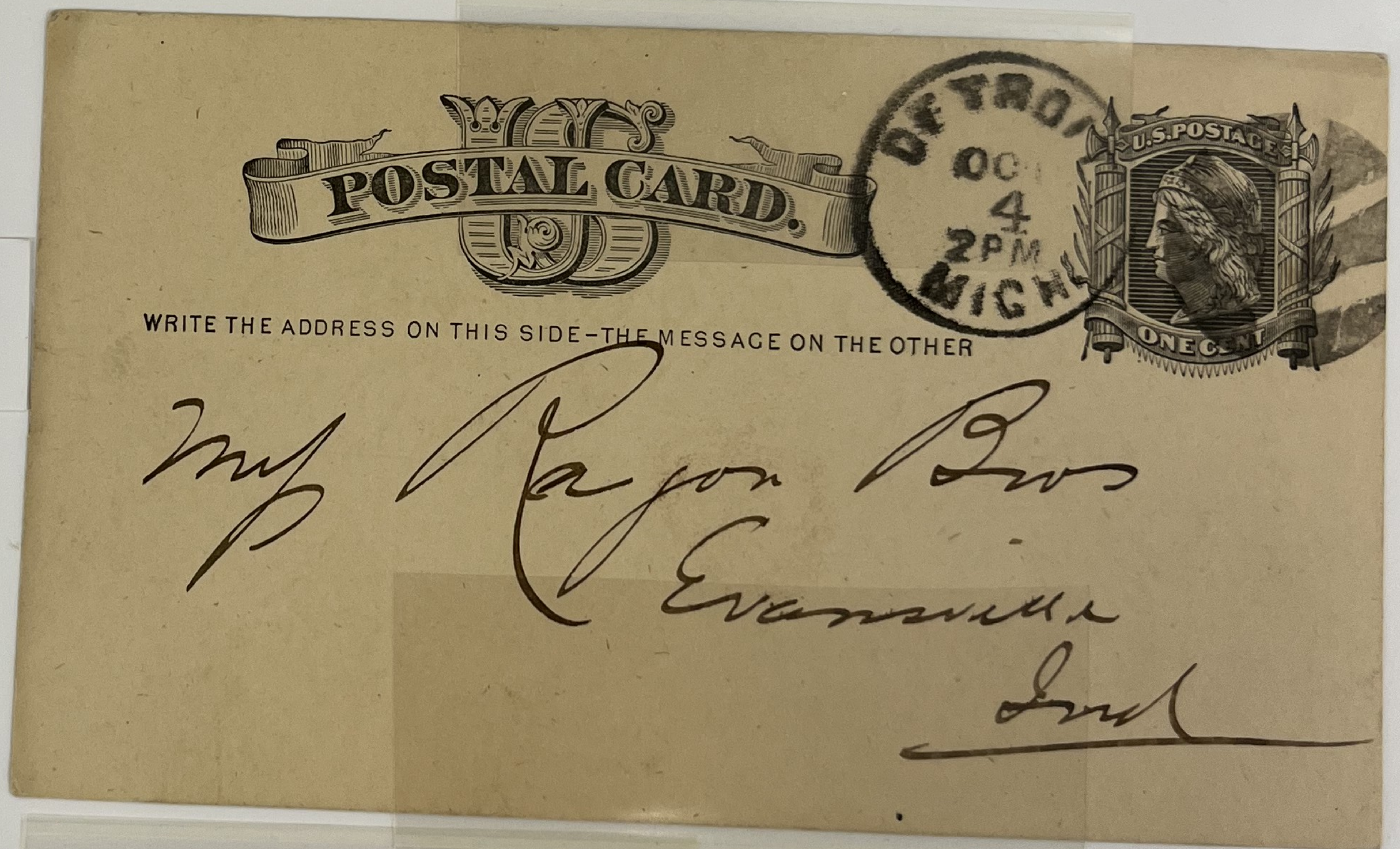


Leaf
Worcester, MA
1873 Card
1875 Cancel

PICTORIALS - LEAVES



Providence, RI
1875 Cancel
1873 Card, Large Watermark

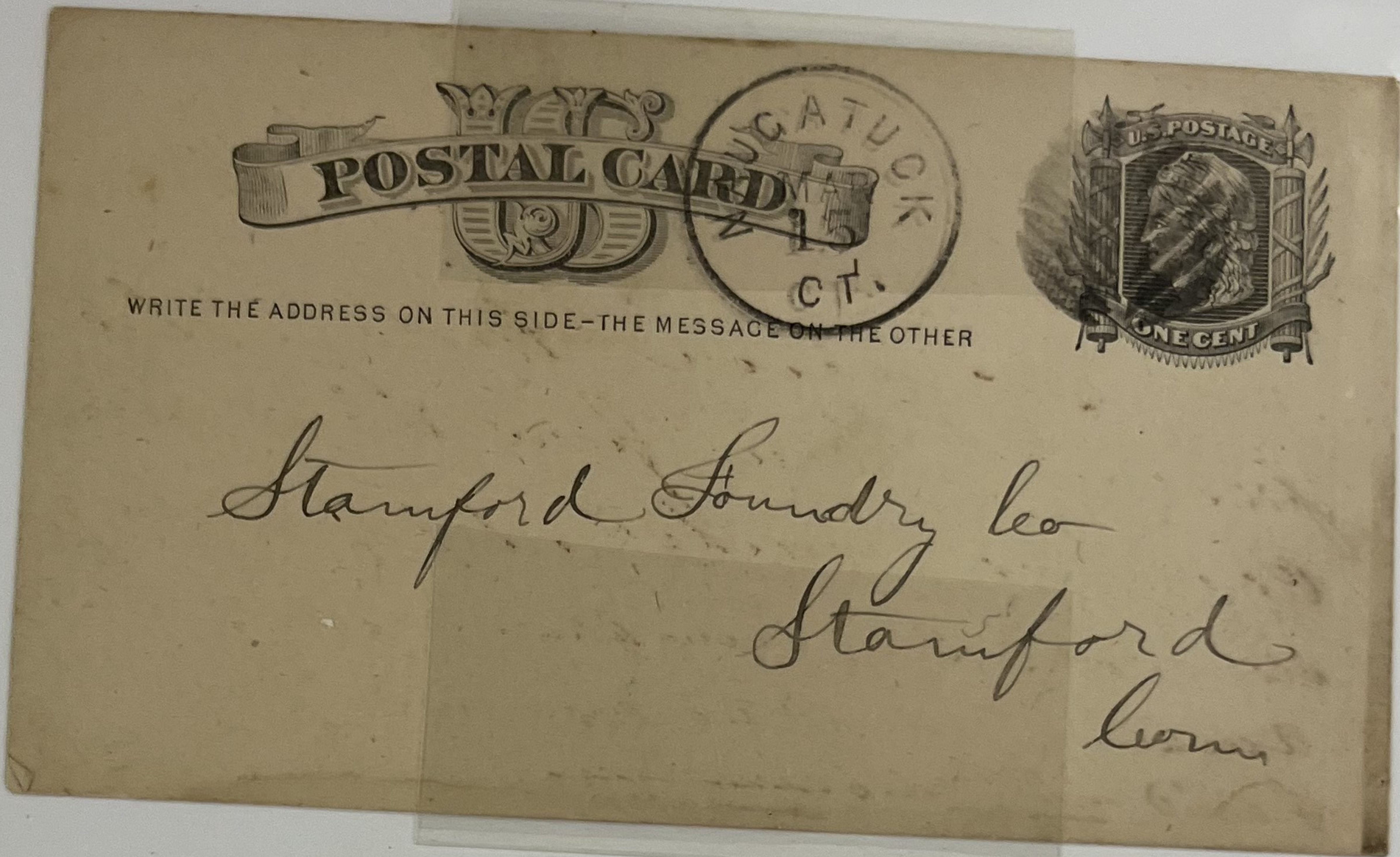


Detroit, MI
1878 Cancel
1985 Card



Fredonia, CT
1877 Cancel
1875 Card

LEAVES

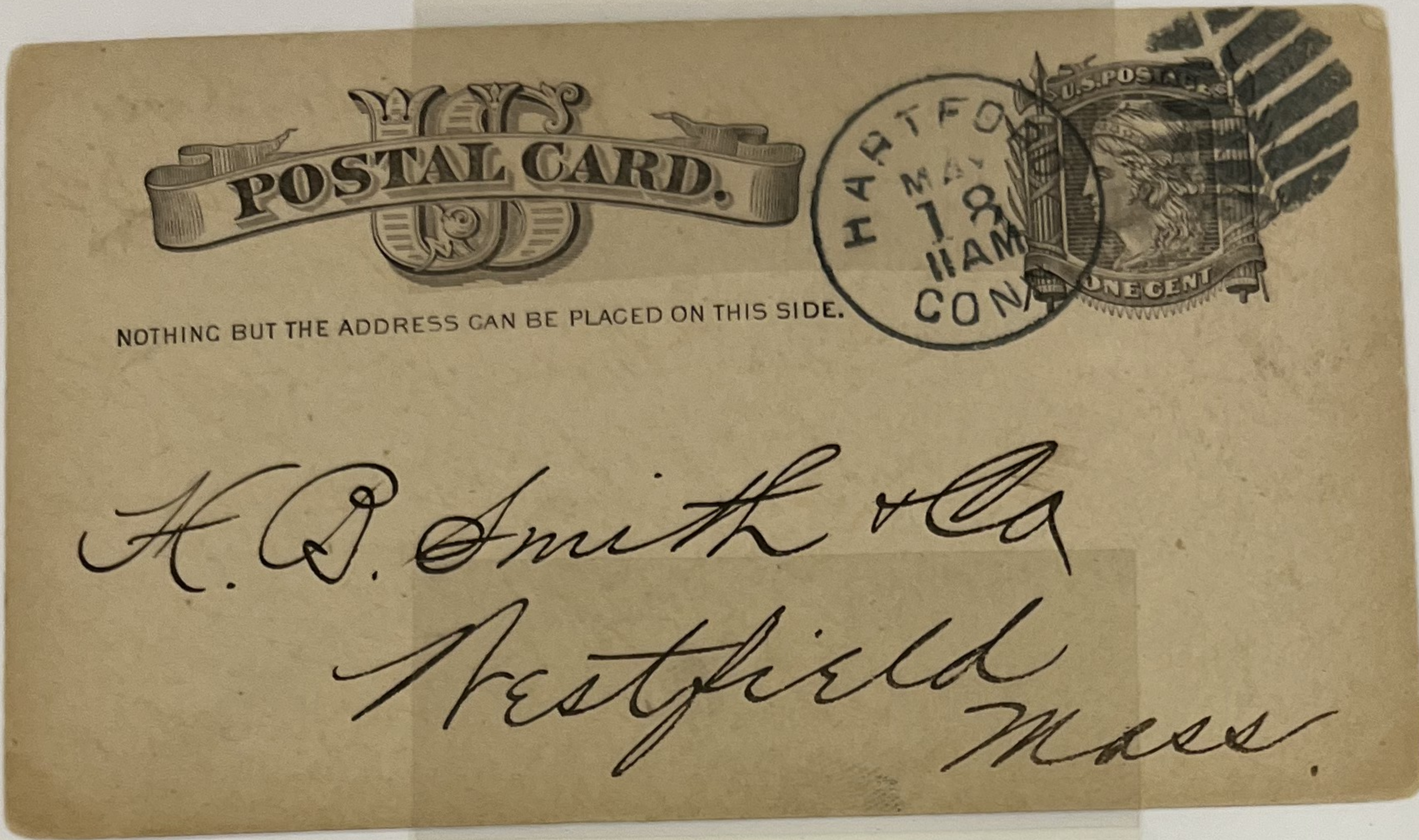


Naugatuck, CT 1878 cancel 1875 card



Springfield, MA 1882 cancel 1881 card

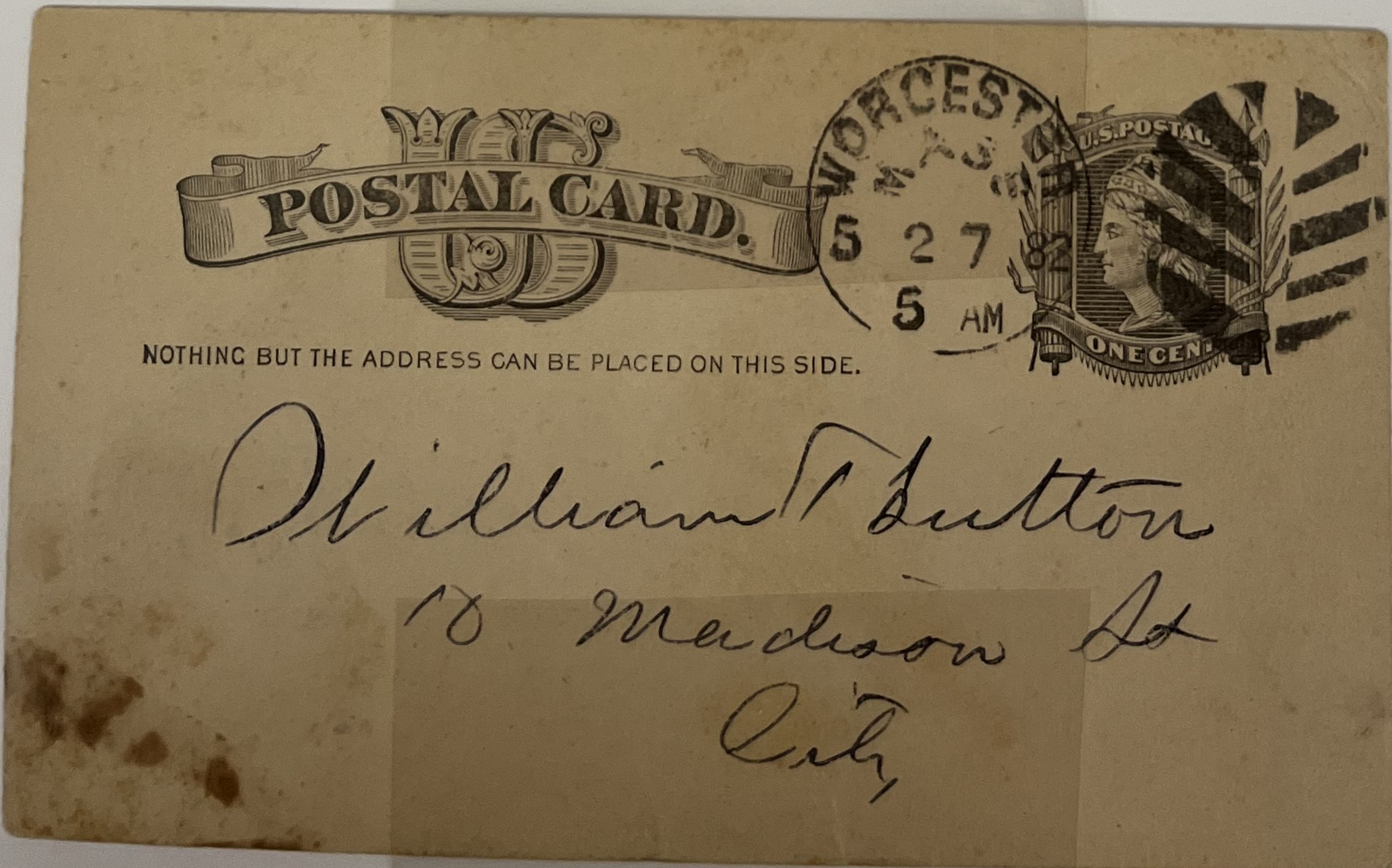
PICTORIALS - LEAVES



Hartford, CT
1882 Cancel
1881 Card

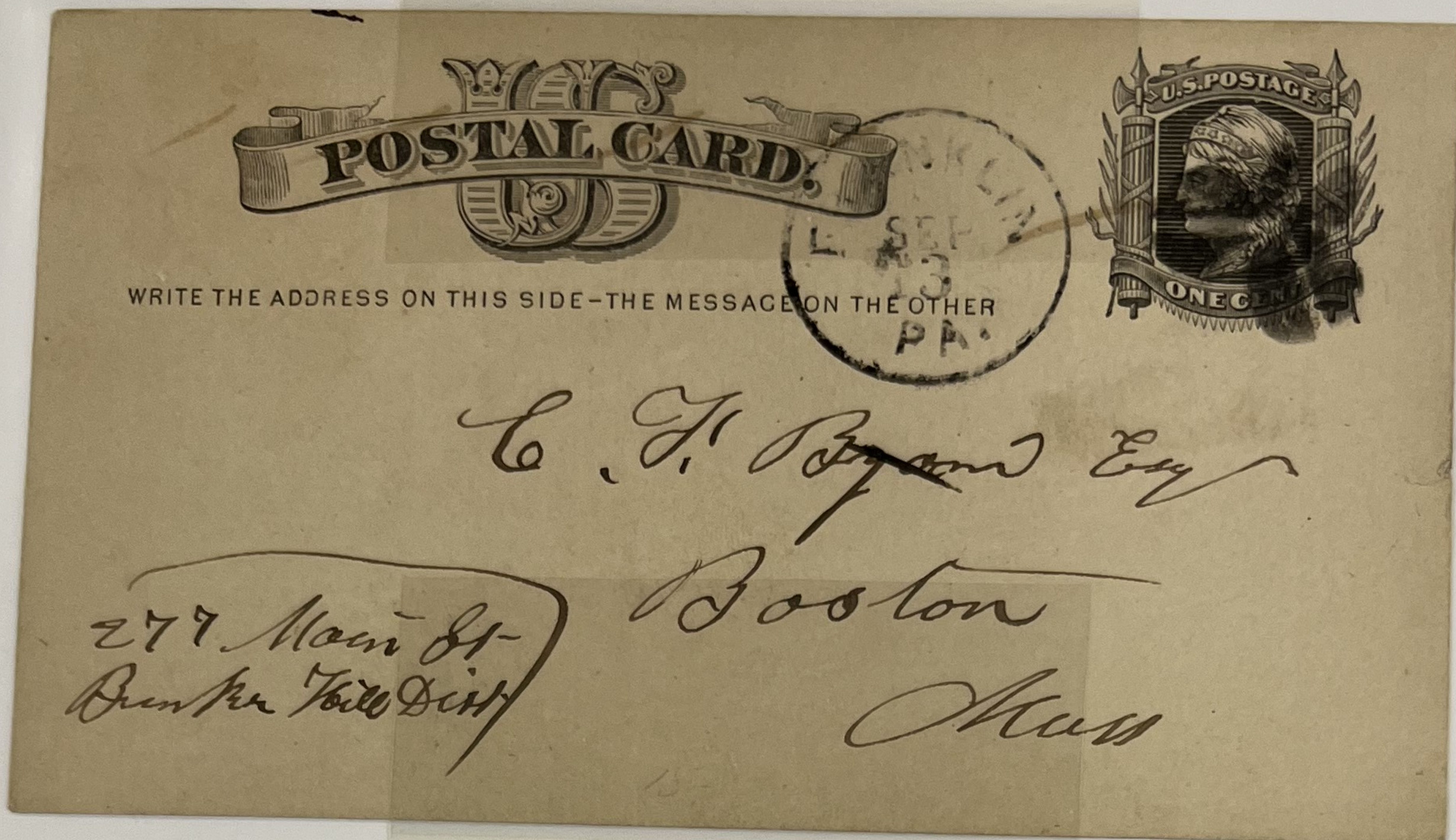


Honey Locust, TX
1883 Cancel
1981 Card



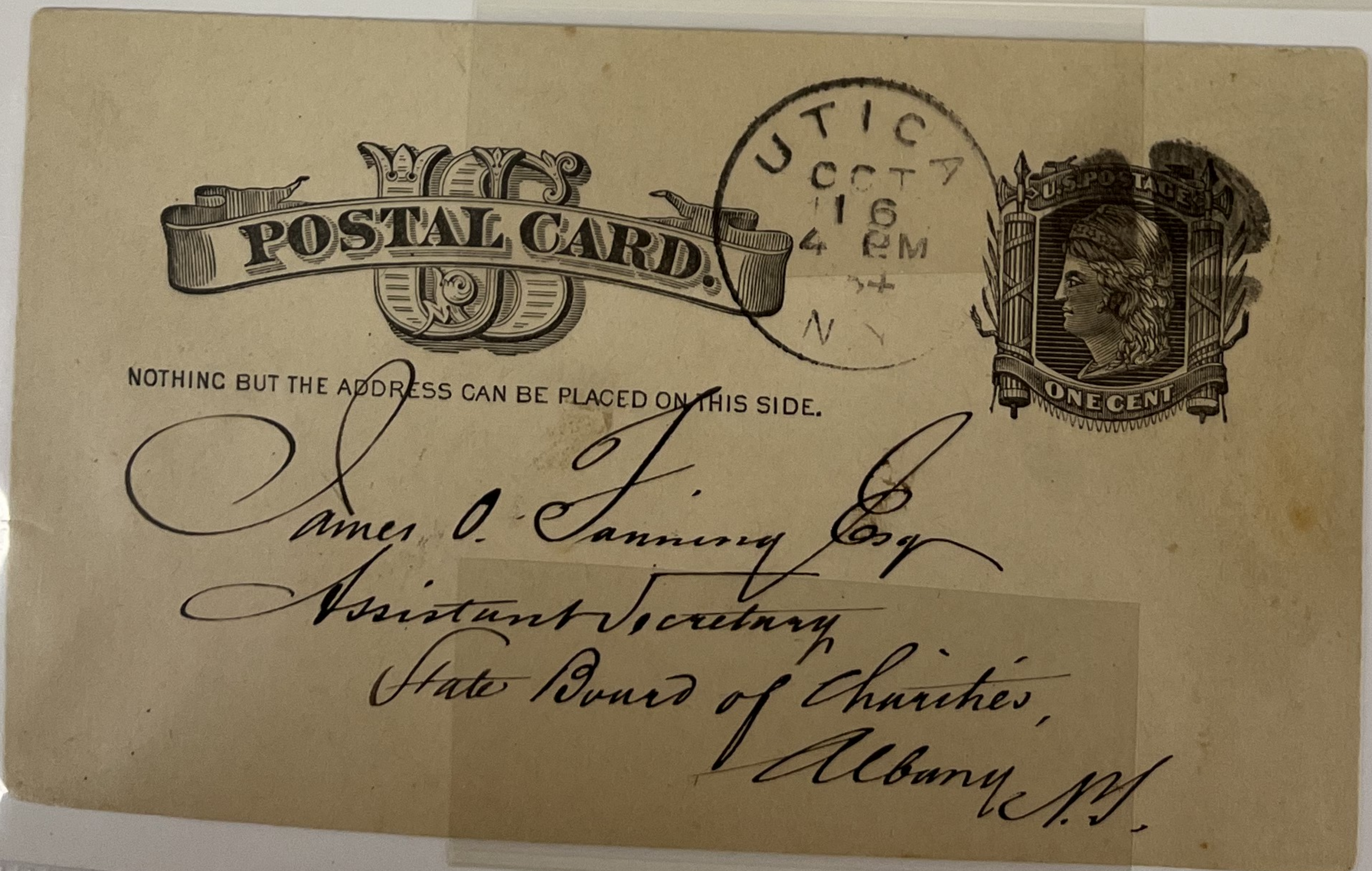
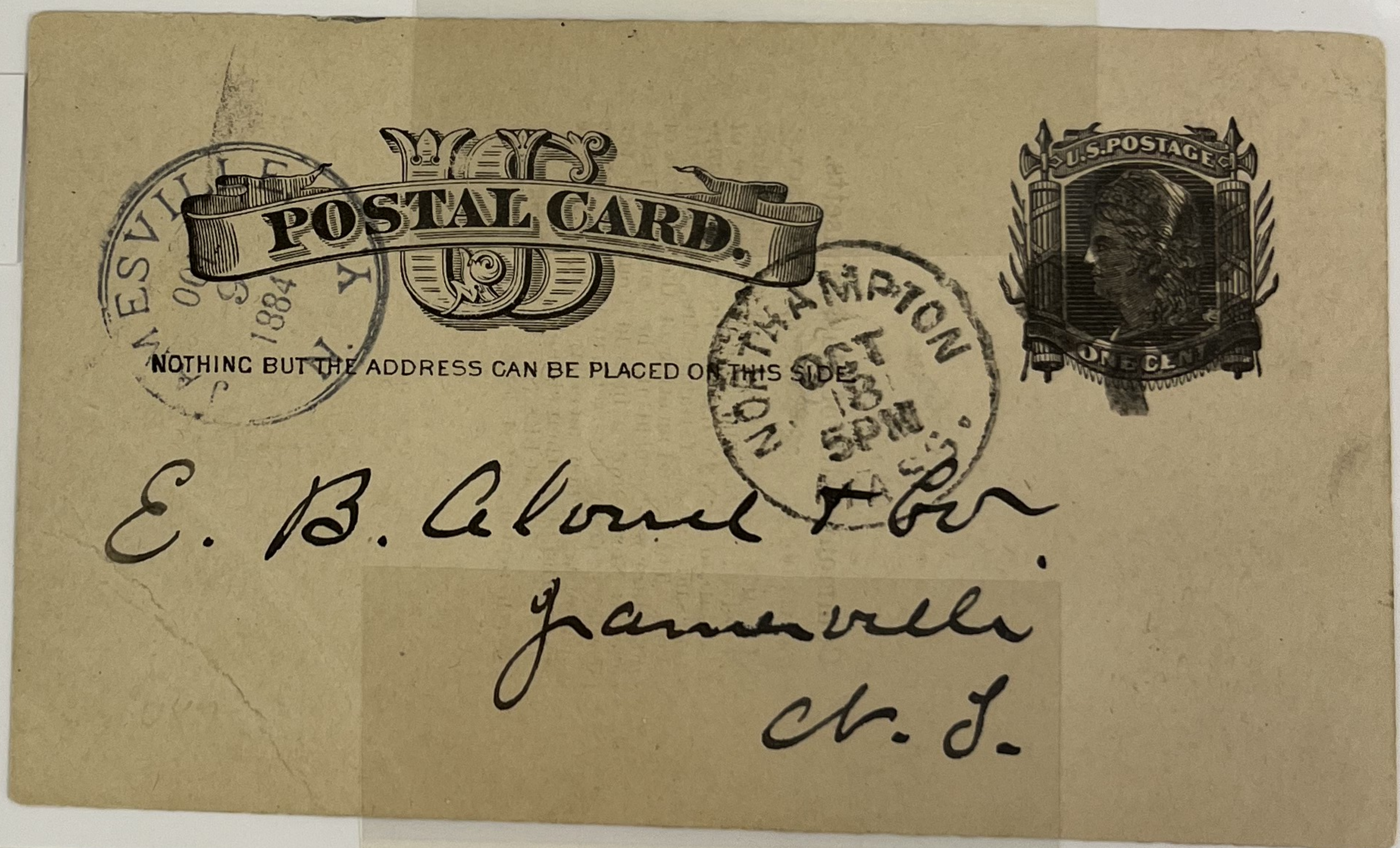
Worcester, MA
1882 Cancel
1881 Card

PICTORIALS - CLOVERS



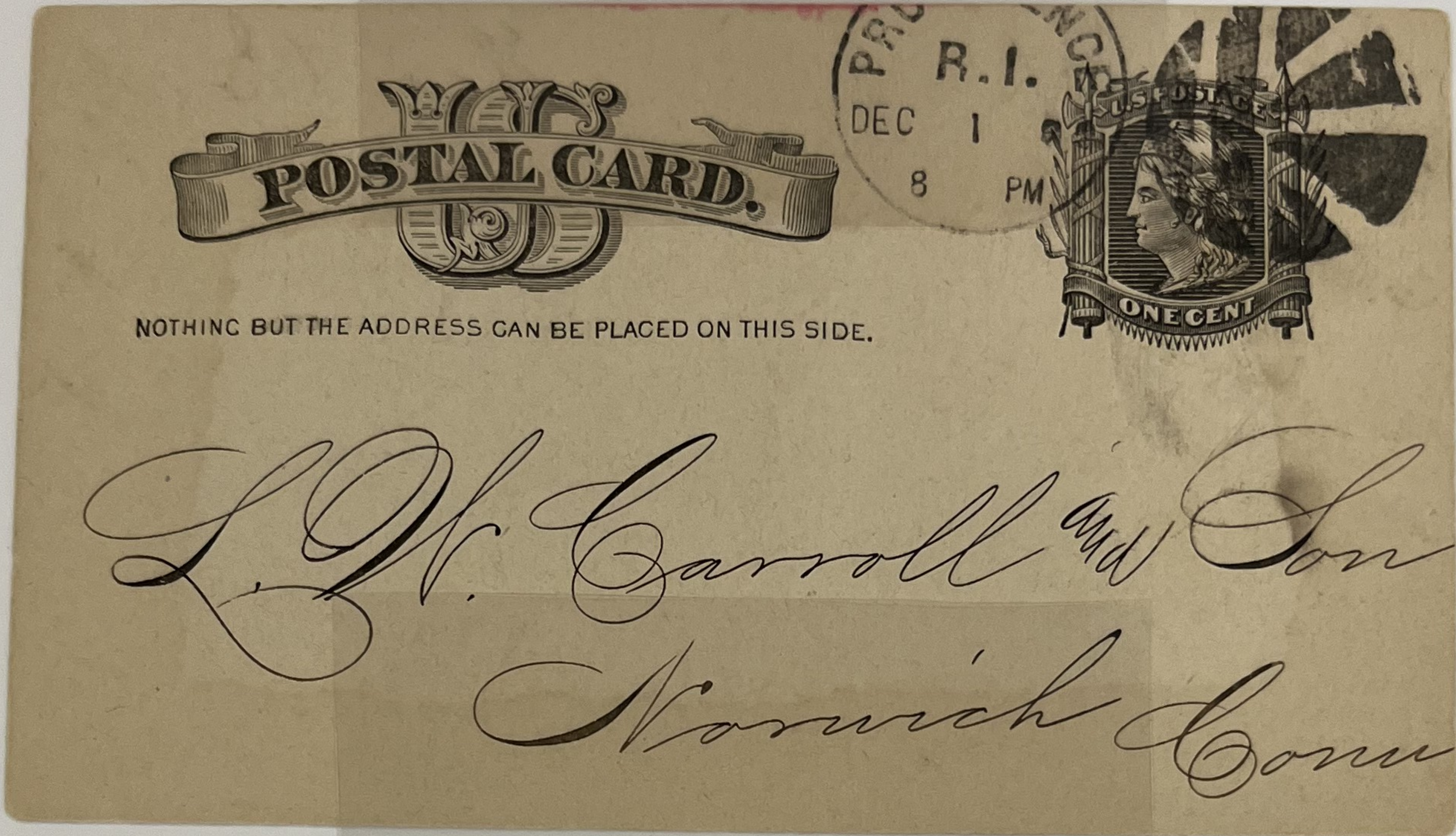
Franklin, PA
1875 Cancel
1875 Card

Northampton, MA
1884 Cancel
1981 Card



Utica, NY
1884 Cancel
1875 Card

PICTORIALS – SHIELDS

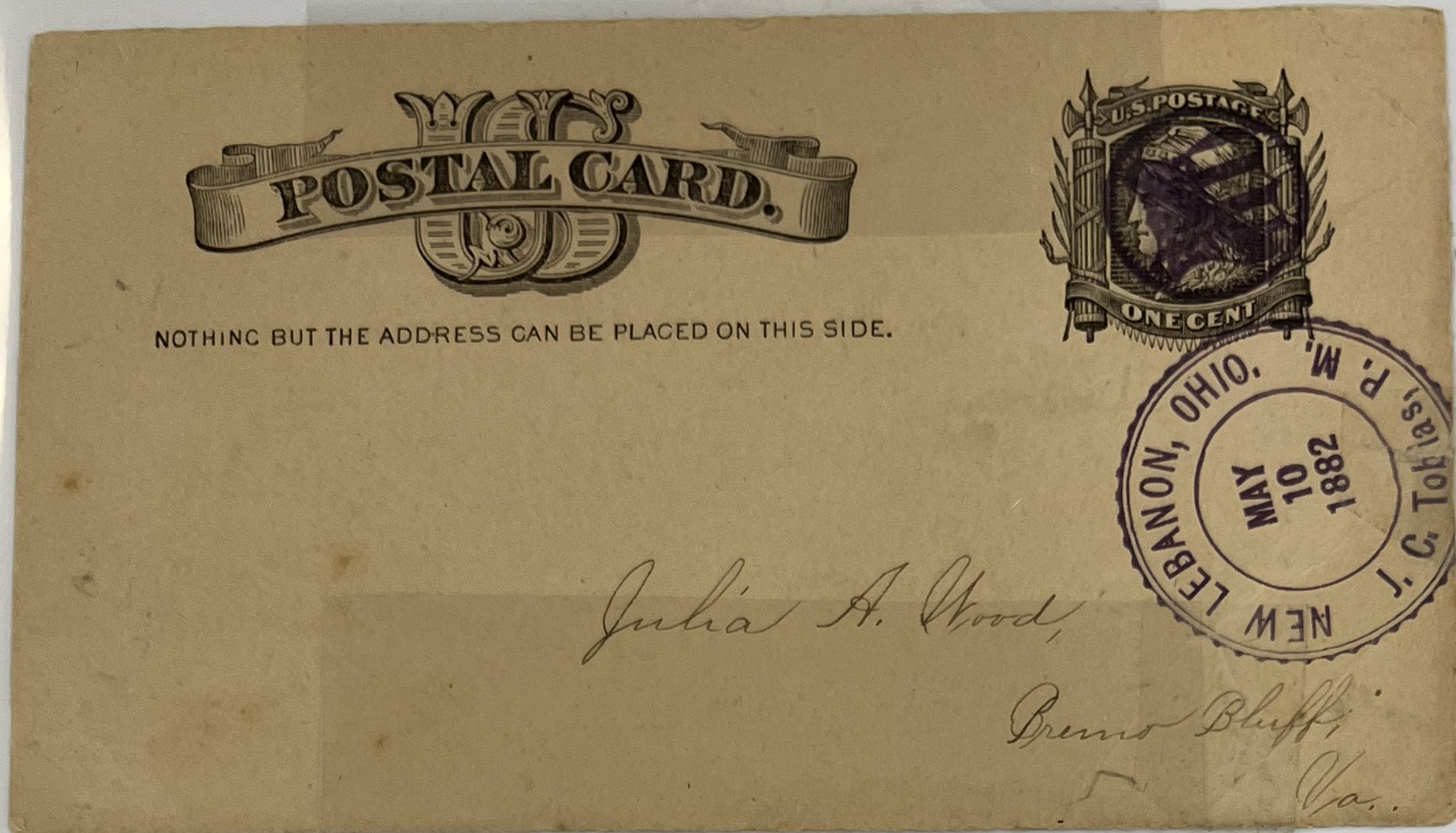


Providence, RI
1882 Cancel
1881 Card

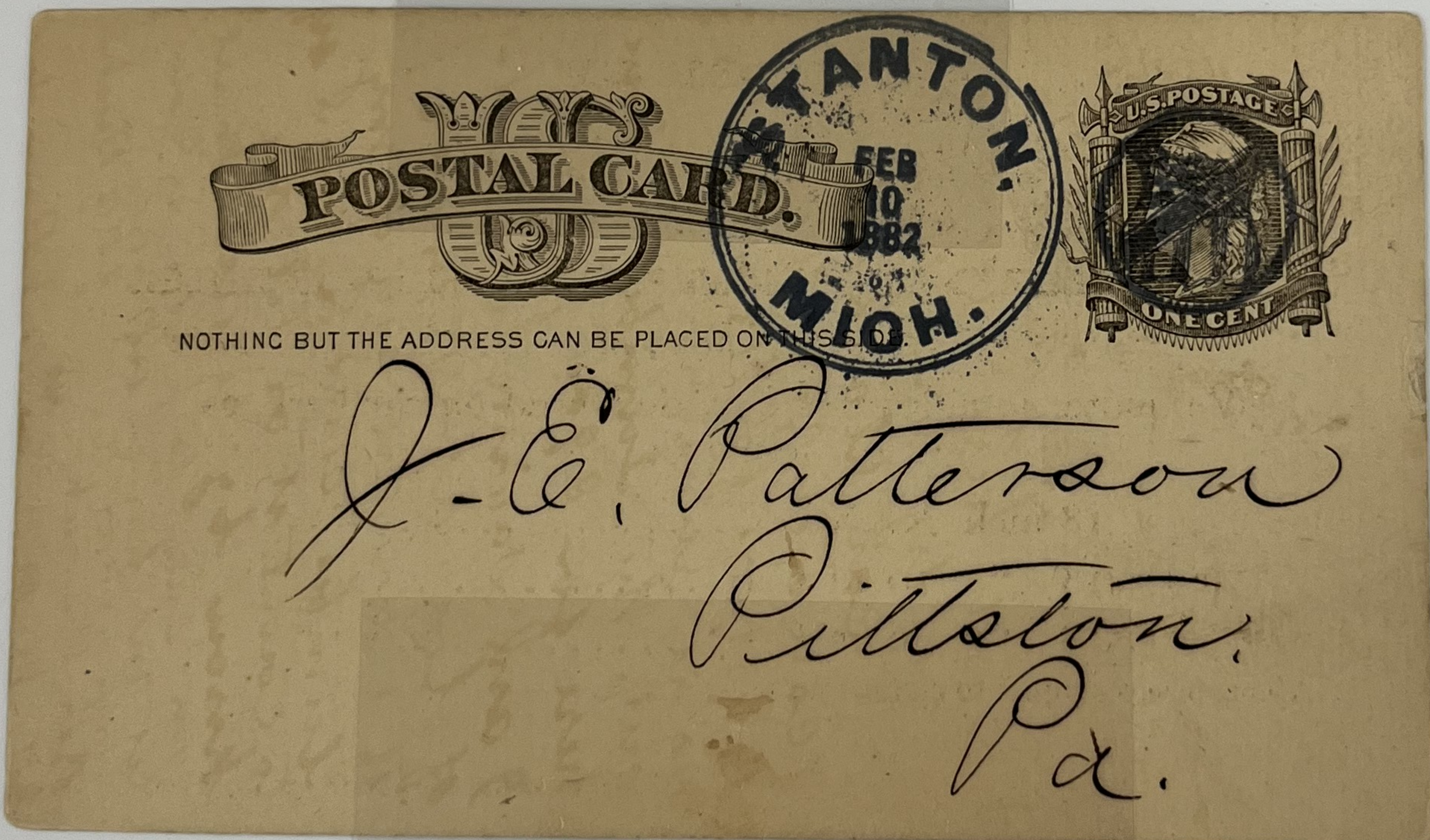


Mt. Morris, IL
1886 Cancel
1885 Card
Commercial cancel

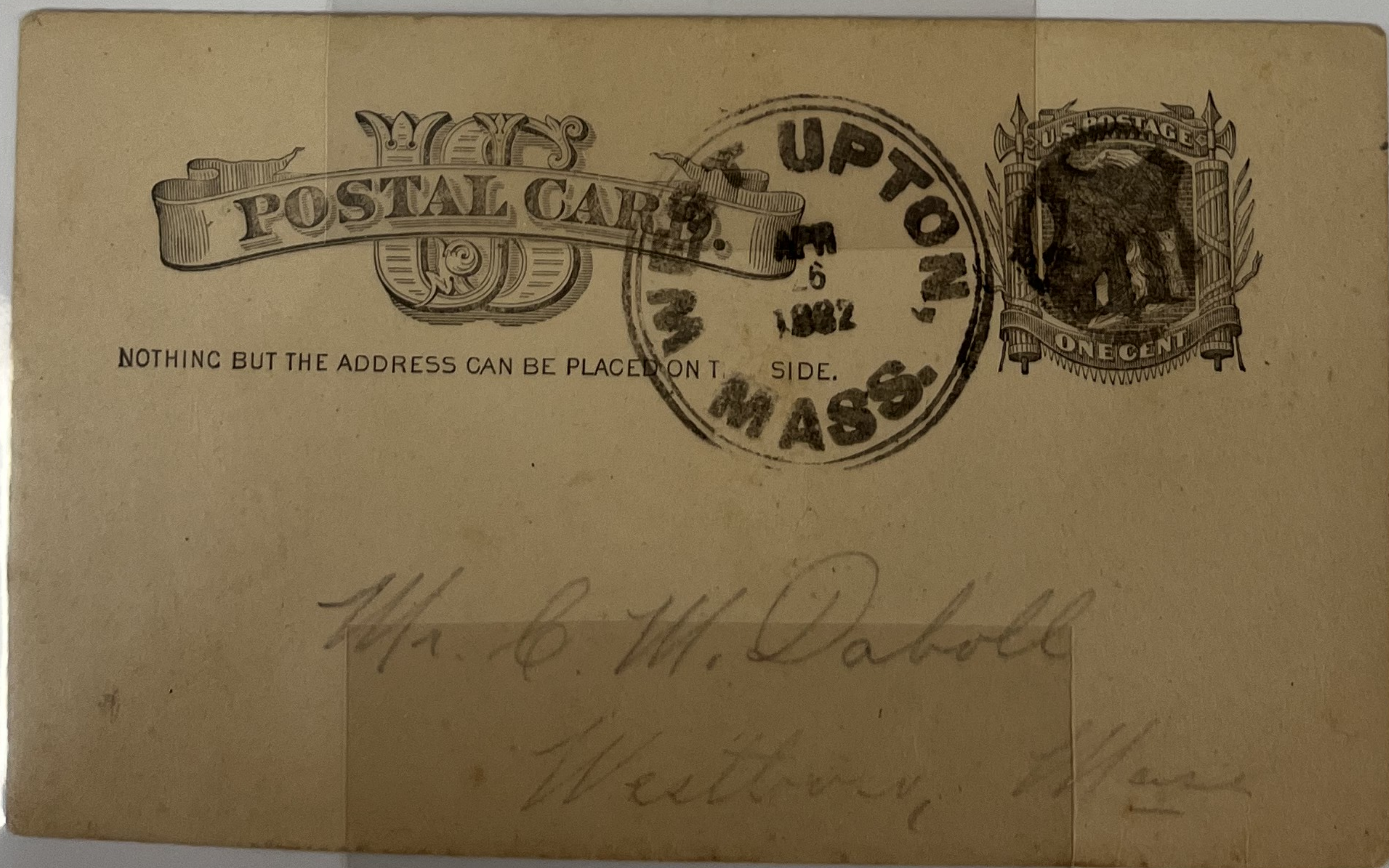
PICTORIALS – SHIELDS



New Lebanon, OH
1882 Cancel
1881 Card
Commercially
used cancel

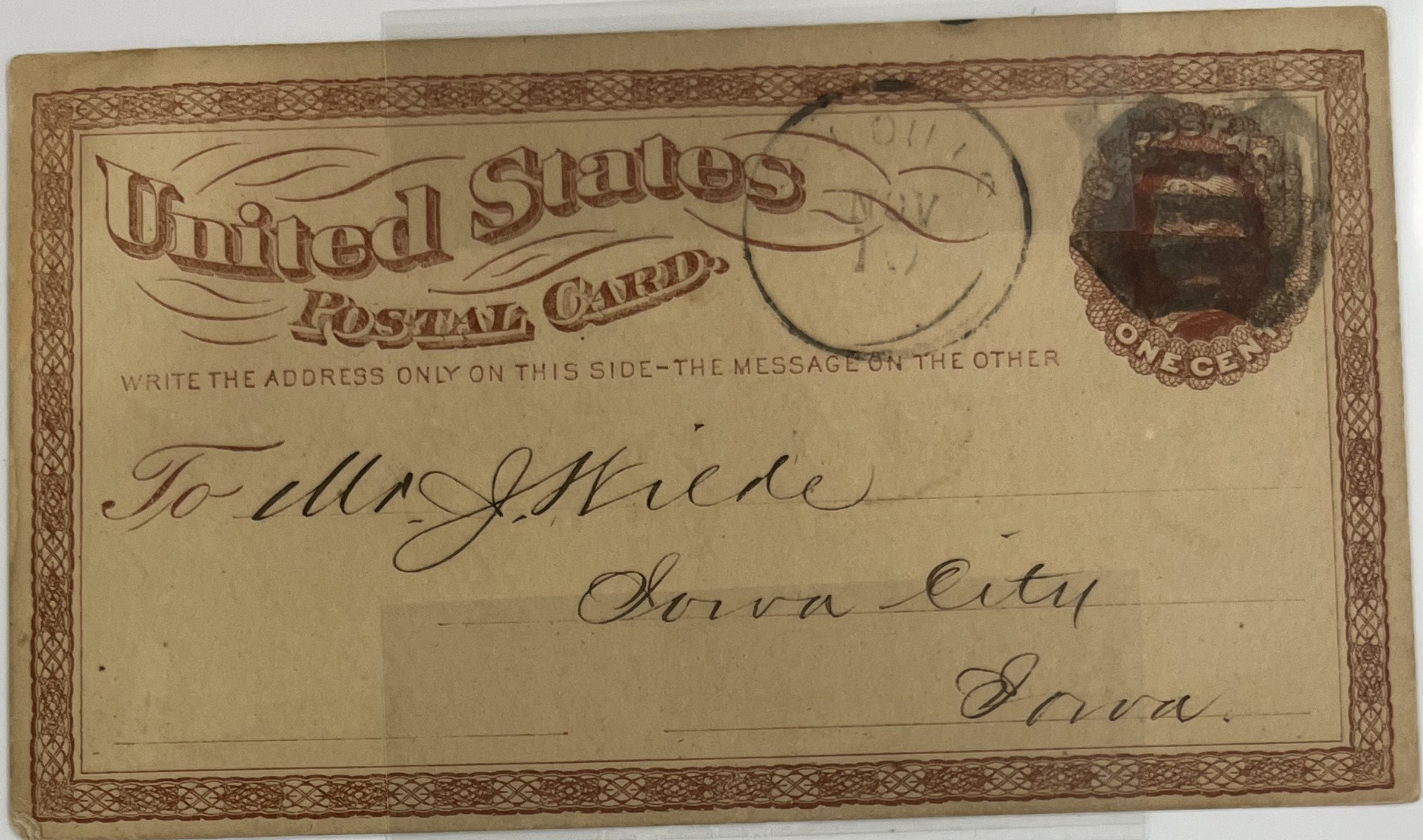


Stanton, MI
1882 Cancel
1881 Card
Commercially
used cancel



West Upton, MA
1882 cancel
1881 card
Commercially
used cancel

PICTORIALS - SHIELDS

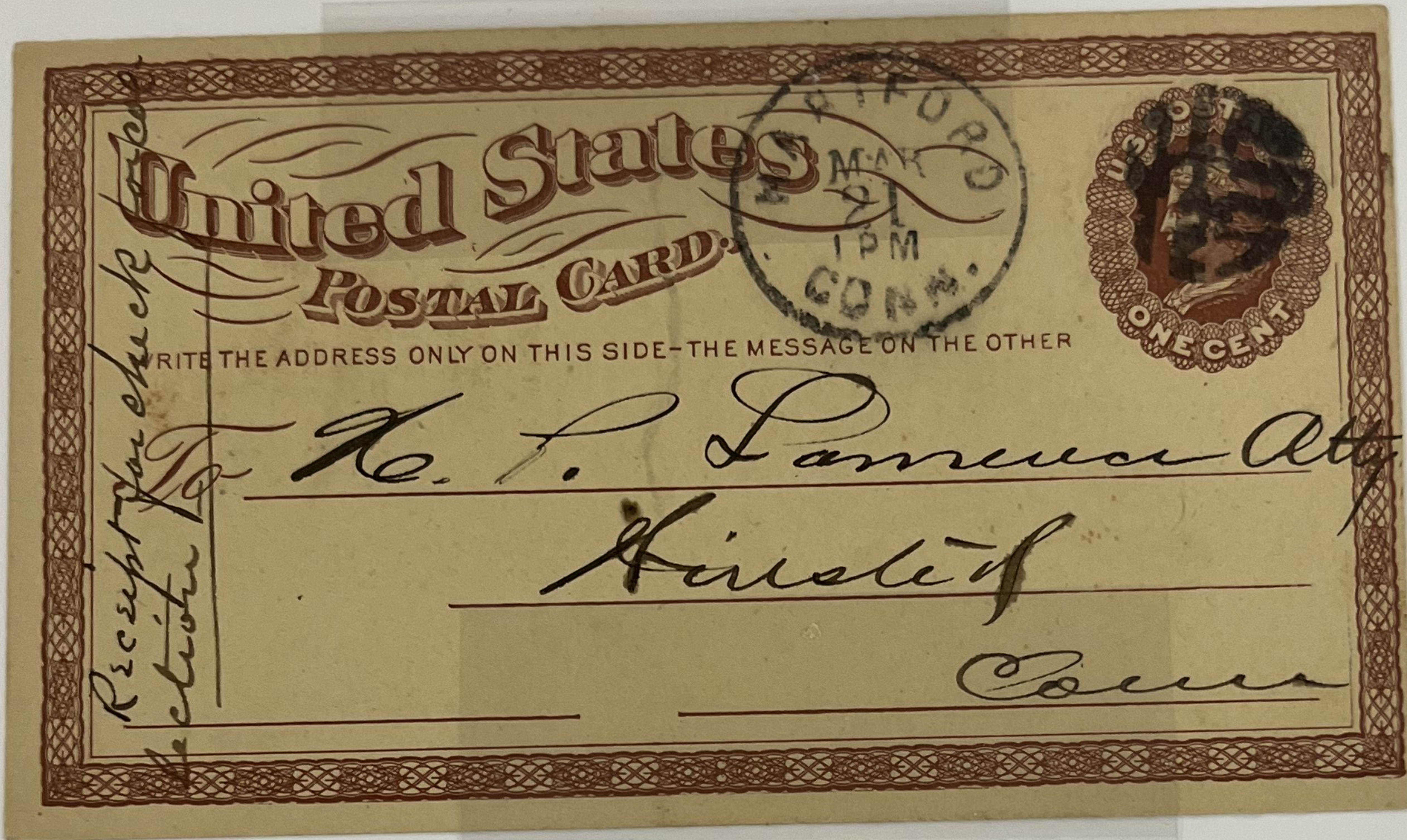


St. Louis, MO
1873 Cancel
1873 Card
Large watermark
Ex. Charles Fricke



St. Joseph, MO
1874 Cancel
1873 Card
Large Watermark
Ex. Charles Fricke

PICTORIALS – SHIELDS



Eagle on Shield
Hartford, CT
1877 Cancel
1873 Card Small
watermark
Eagle's head at left

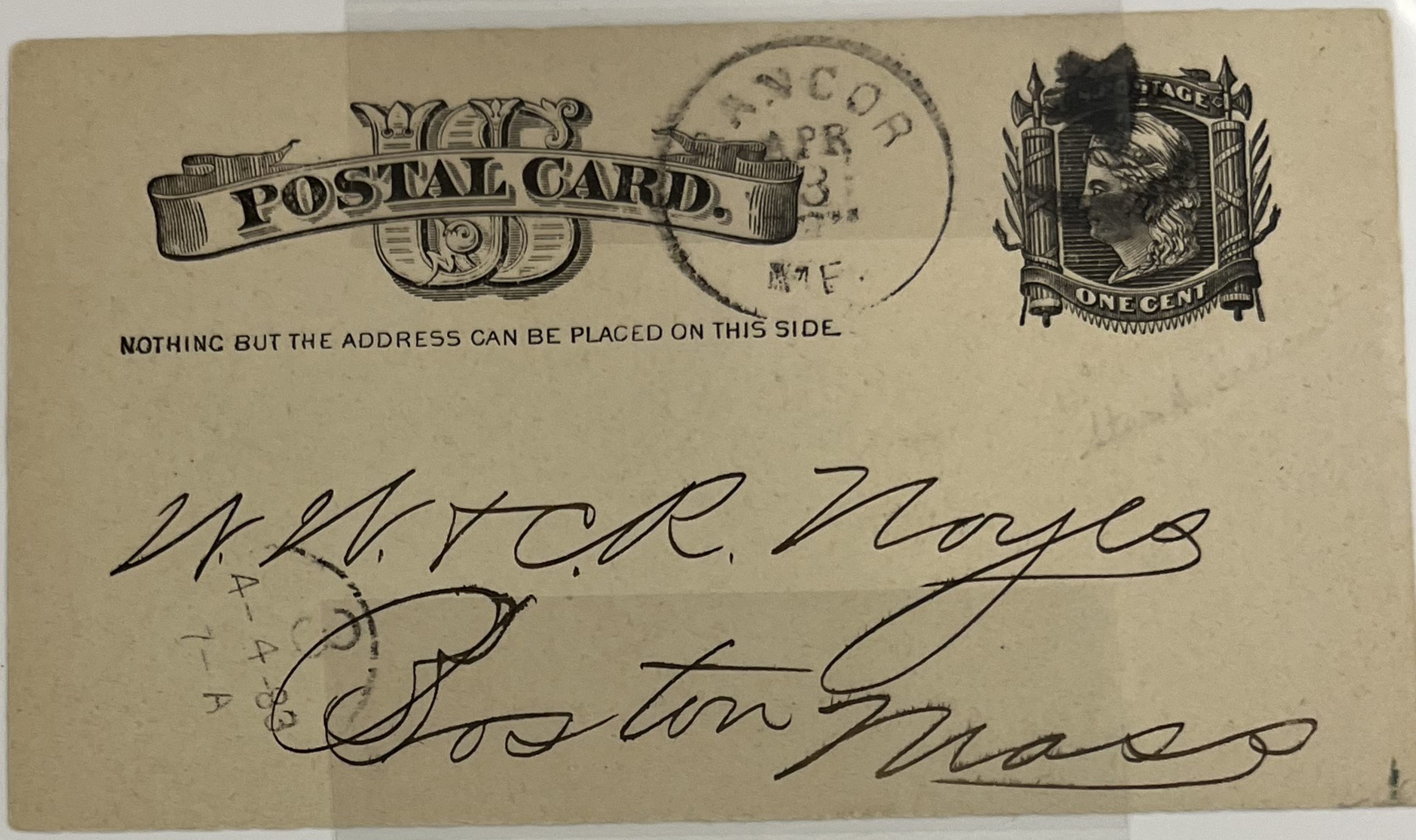
Worcester, MA
1880 Cancel
1875 Card
Cancel used April
21 - July 30, 1890



PICTORIALS

STARS AND CRESCENTS

Bangor, ME
1883 Cancel
1881 Card



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

W. W. & C. R. Noyes
Boston Mass



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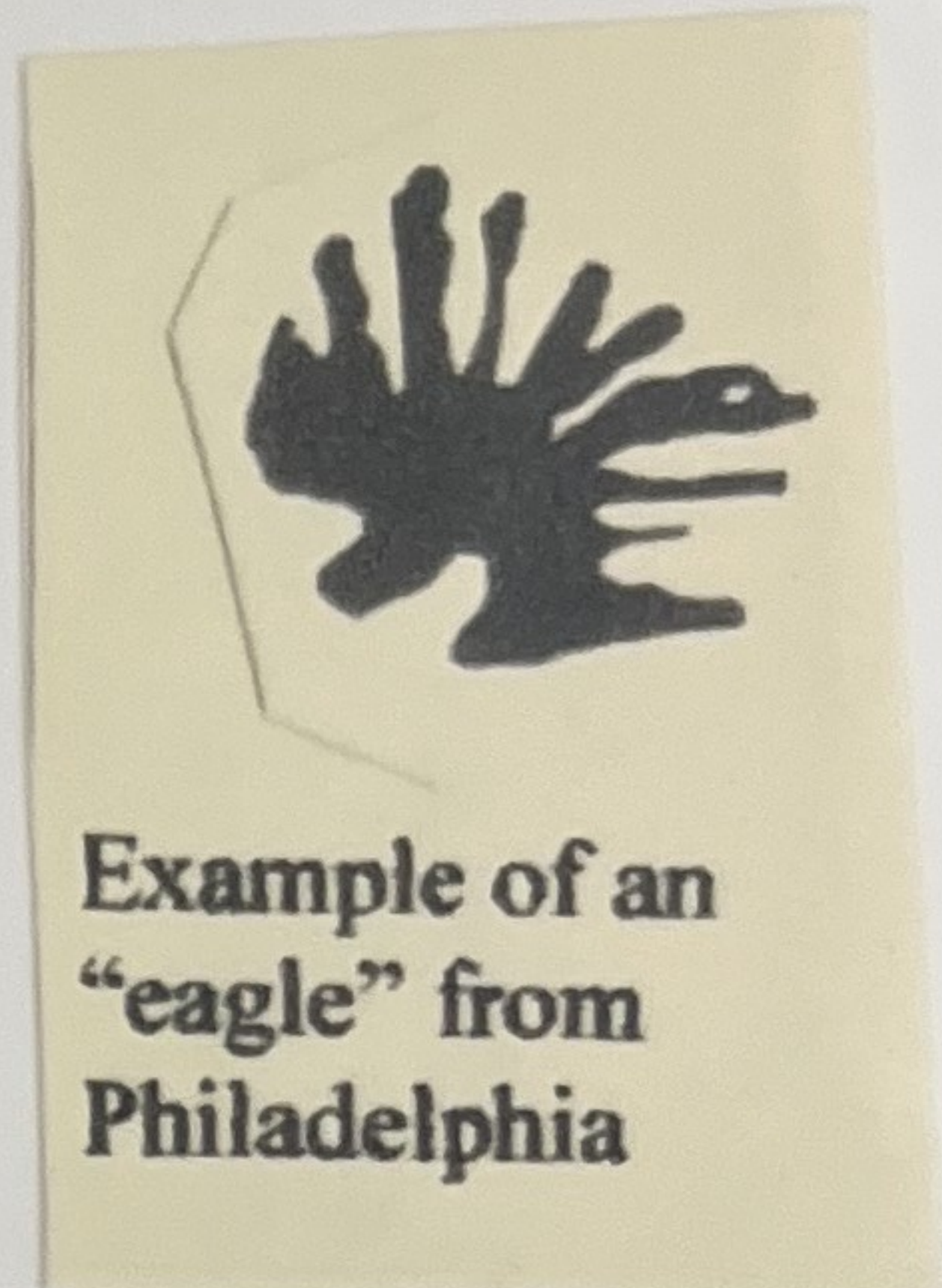
E. L. Abercrombie
Florence
Mass

Northampton, MA
1885 Cancel
1881 Card
An "N" lies below
the star.

BIRDS

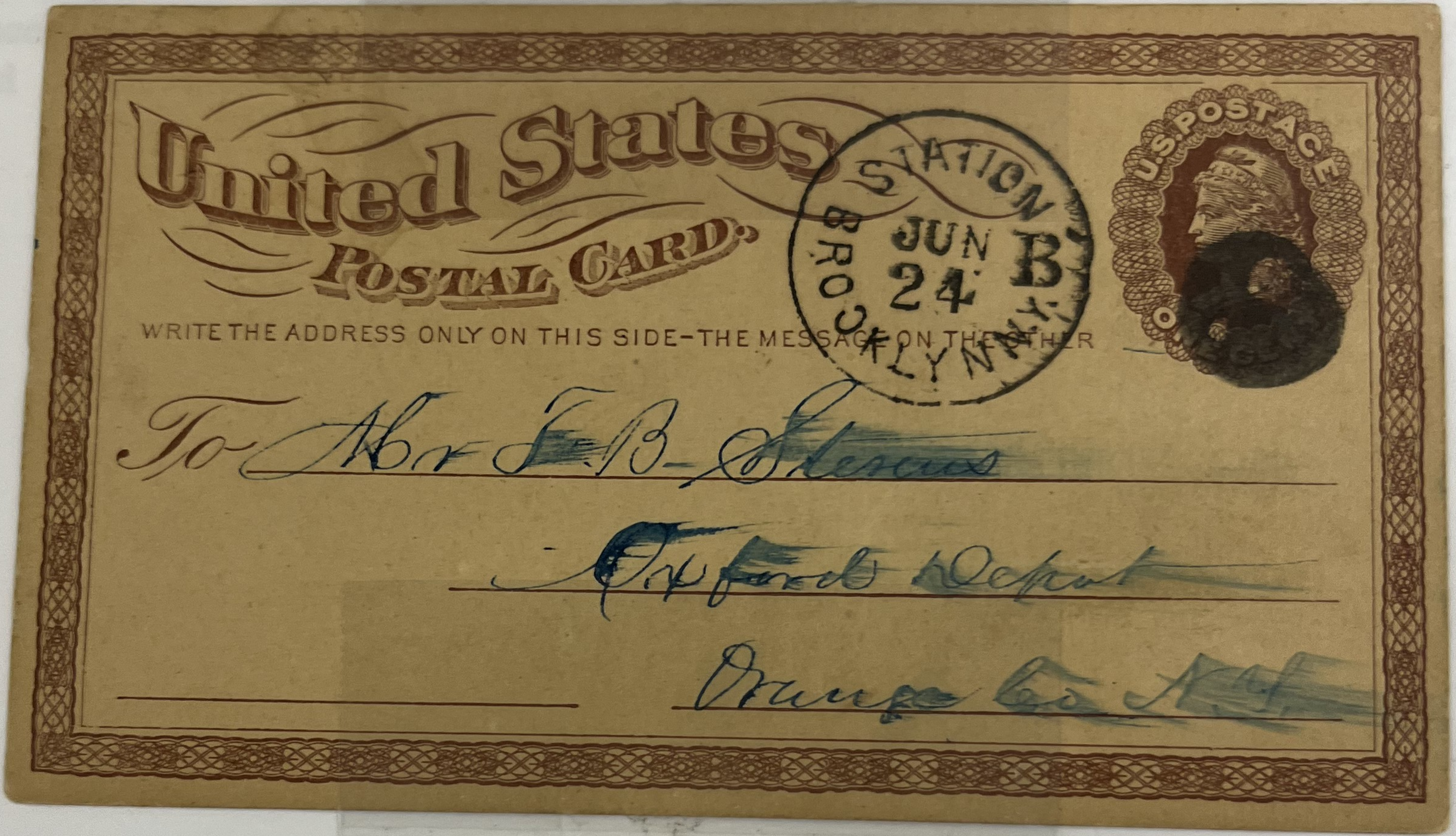


Blue Bird
Galveston, TX
1876 Cancel
1875 Card
Tail Missing on Cancel



Bird
Pittsburgh, PA
1884 Cancel
1881 Card

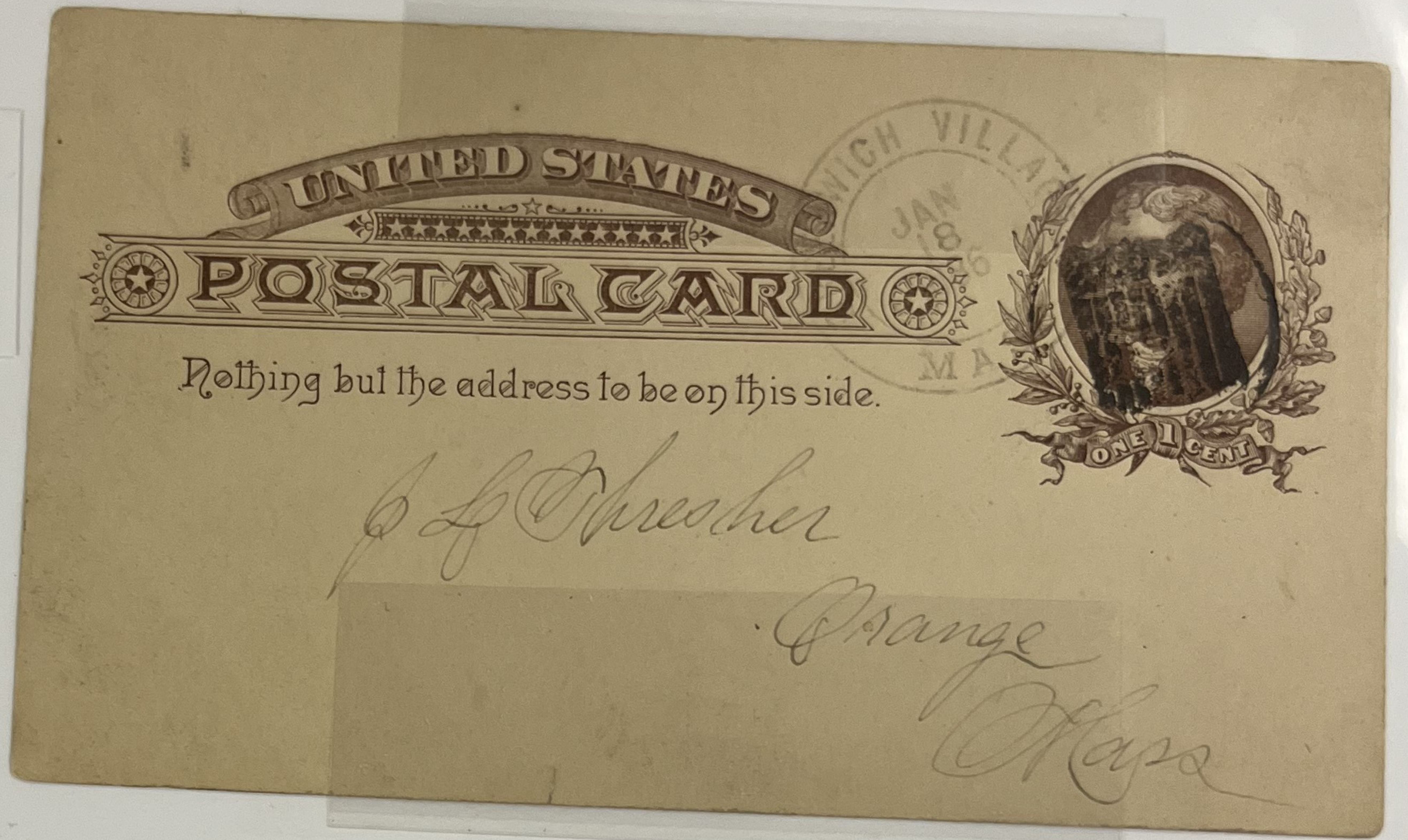
PICTORIALS – PUMPKINHEADS



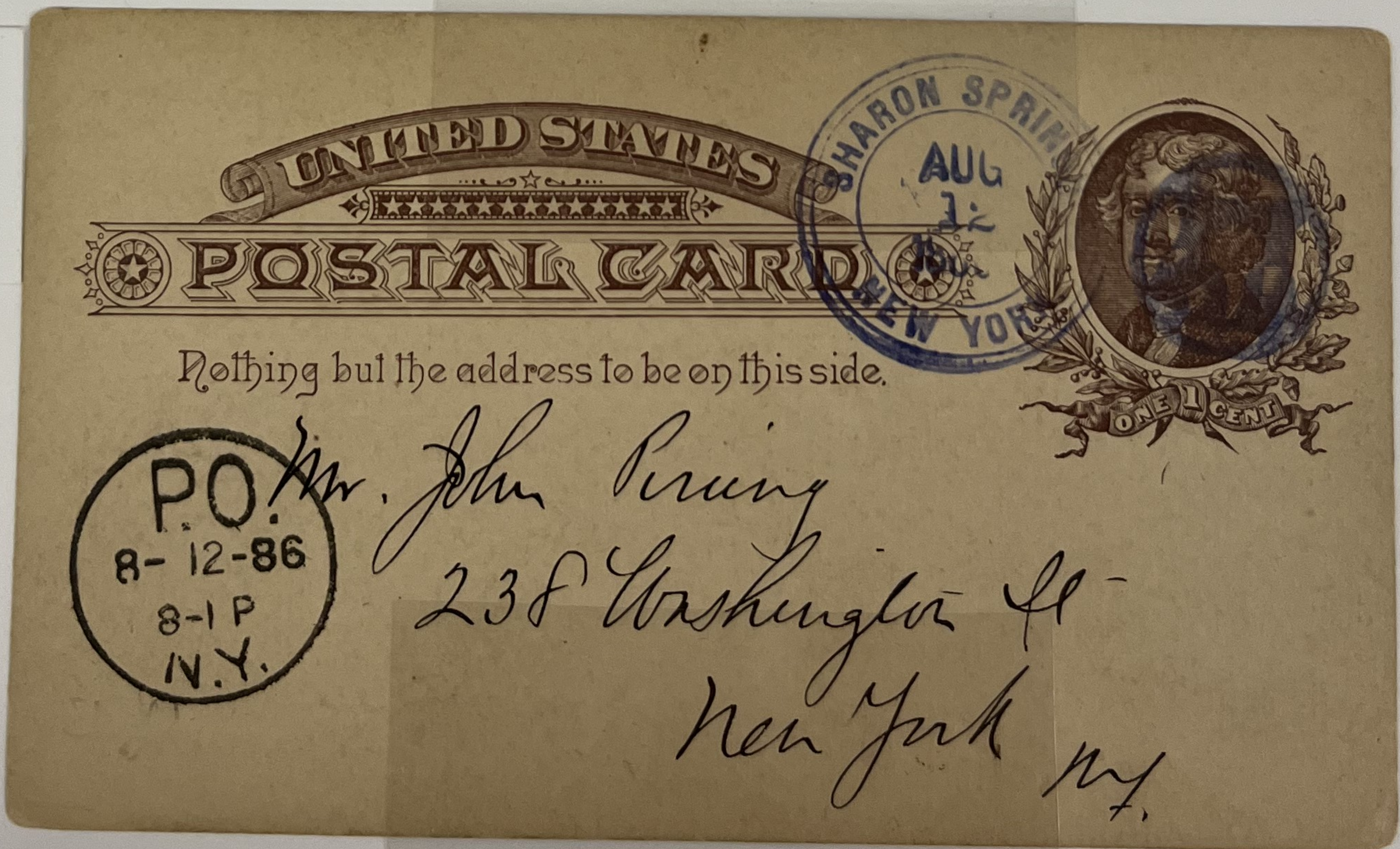
Brooklyn Station, NY
1874 Cancel
1873 Card
Small Watermark

SHIELDS

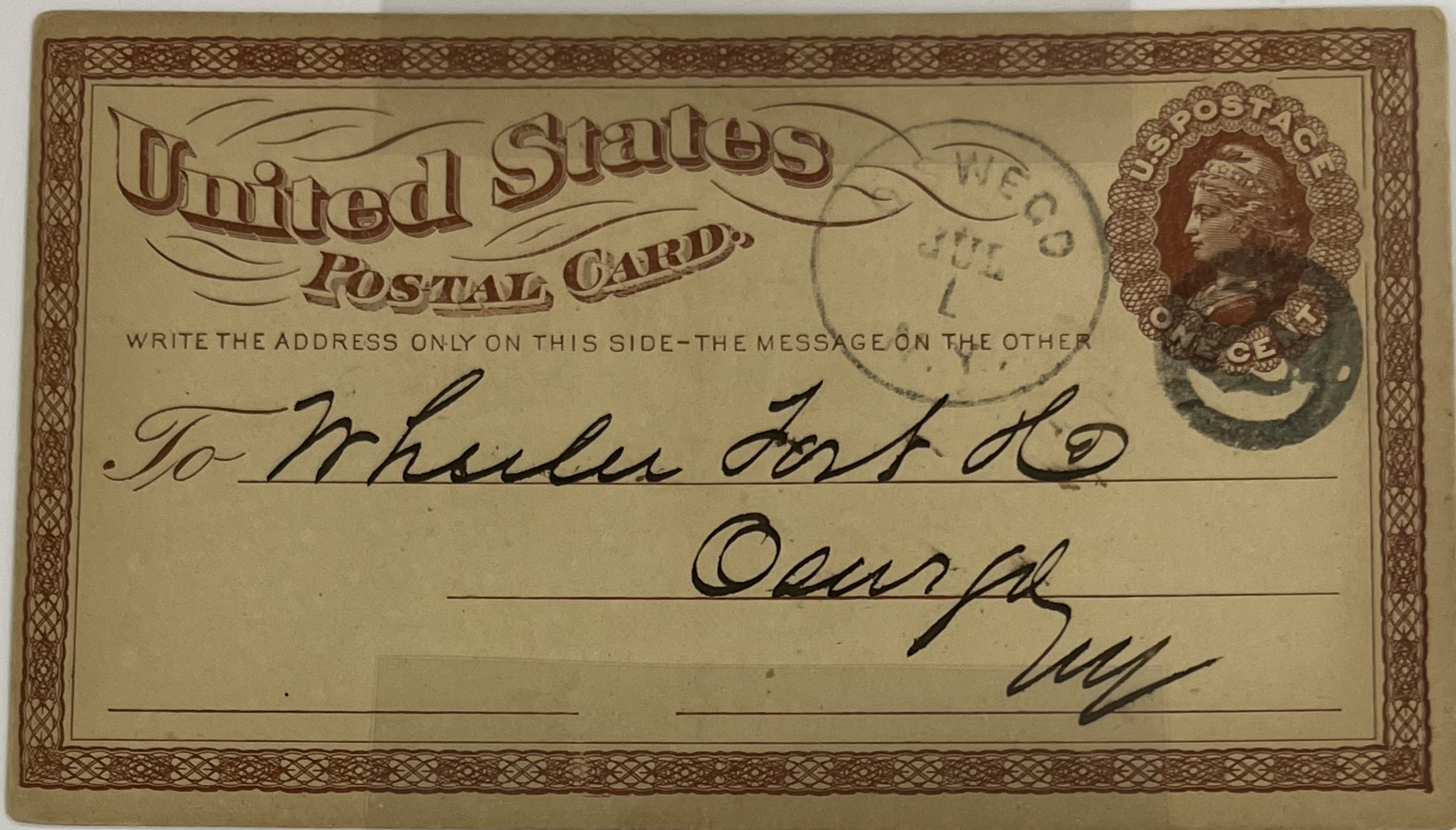
Norwich Village, MA
1886 Cancel
1885 Card



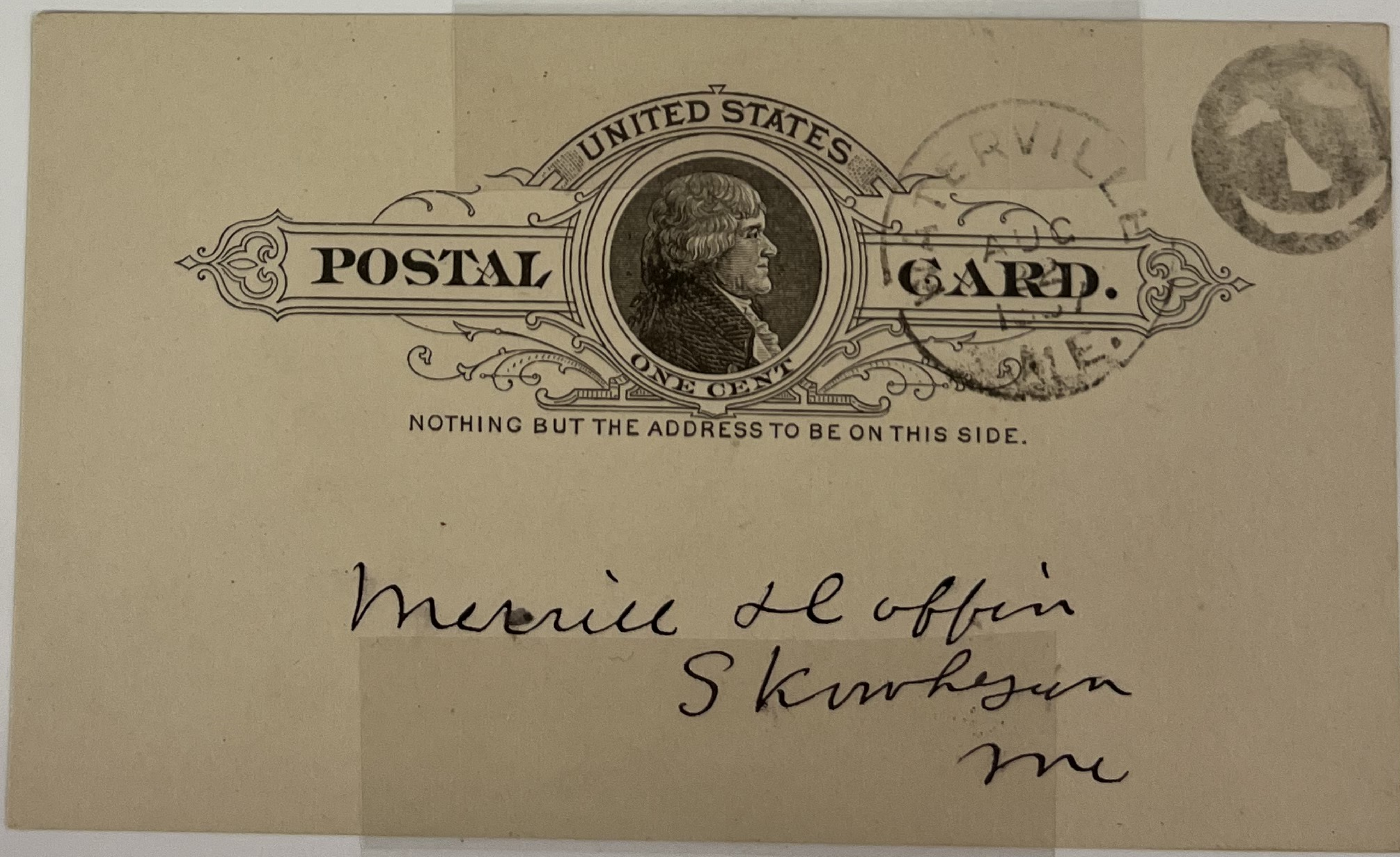
Sharon Springs, NY
1886 Cancel
1885 Card
Commercial Cancel



PICTORIALS – PUMPKINHEADS

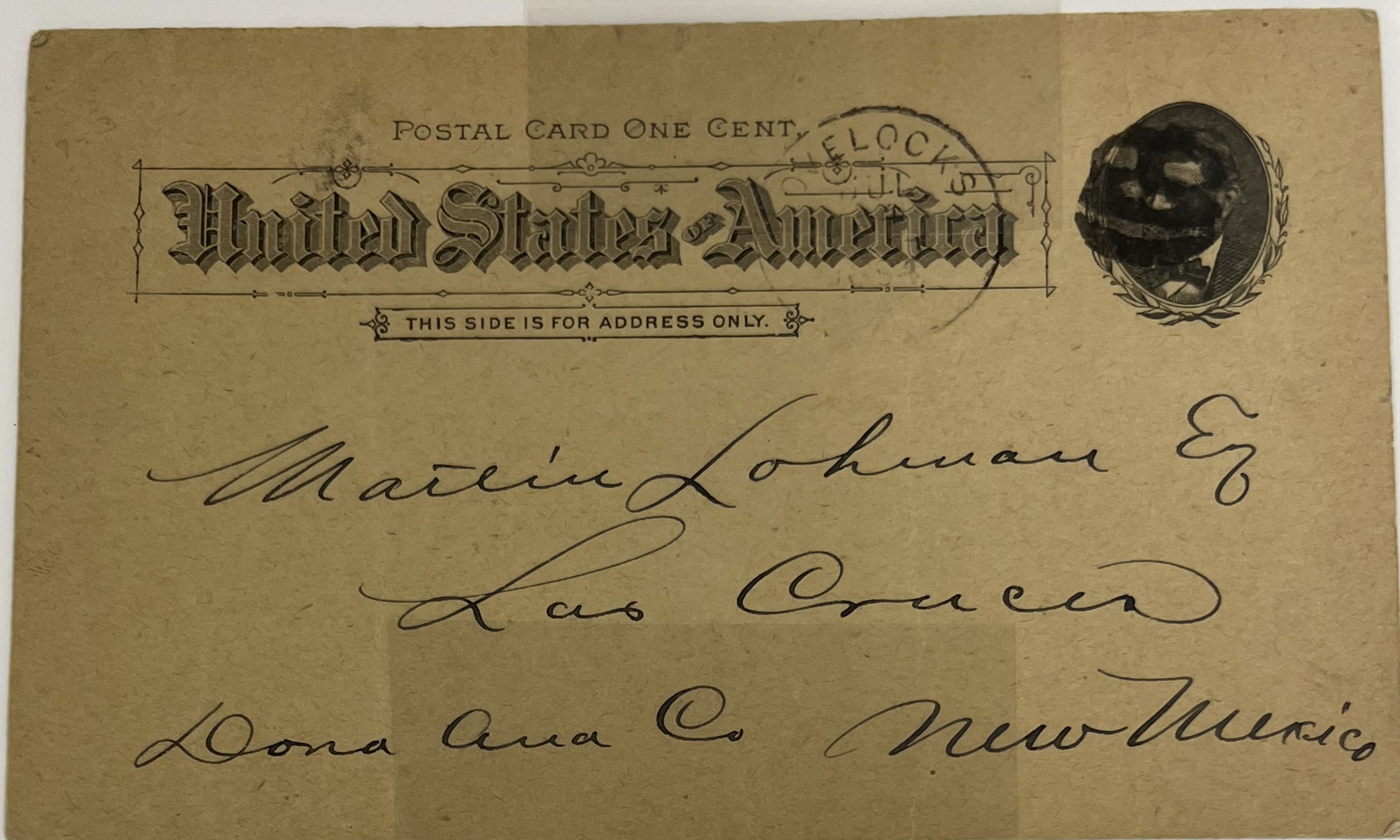


Oswego, NY
1873 Cancel
1873 Card
Small Watermark

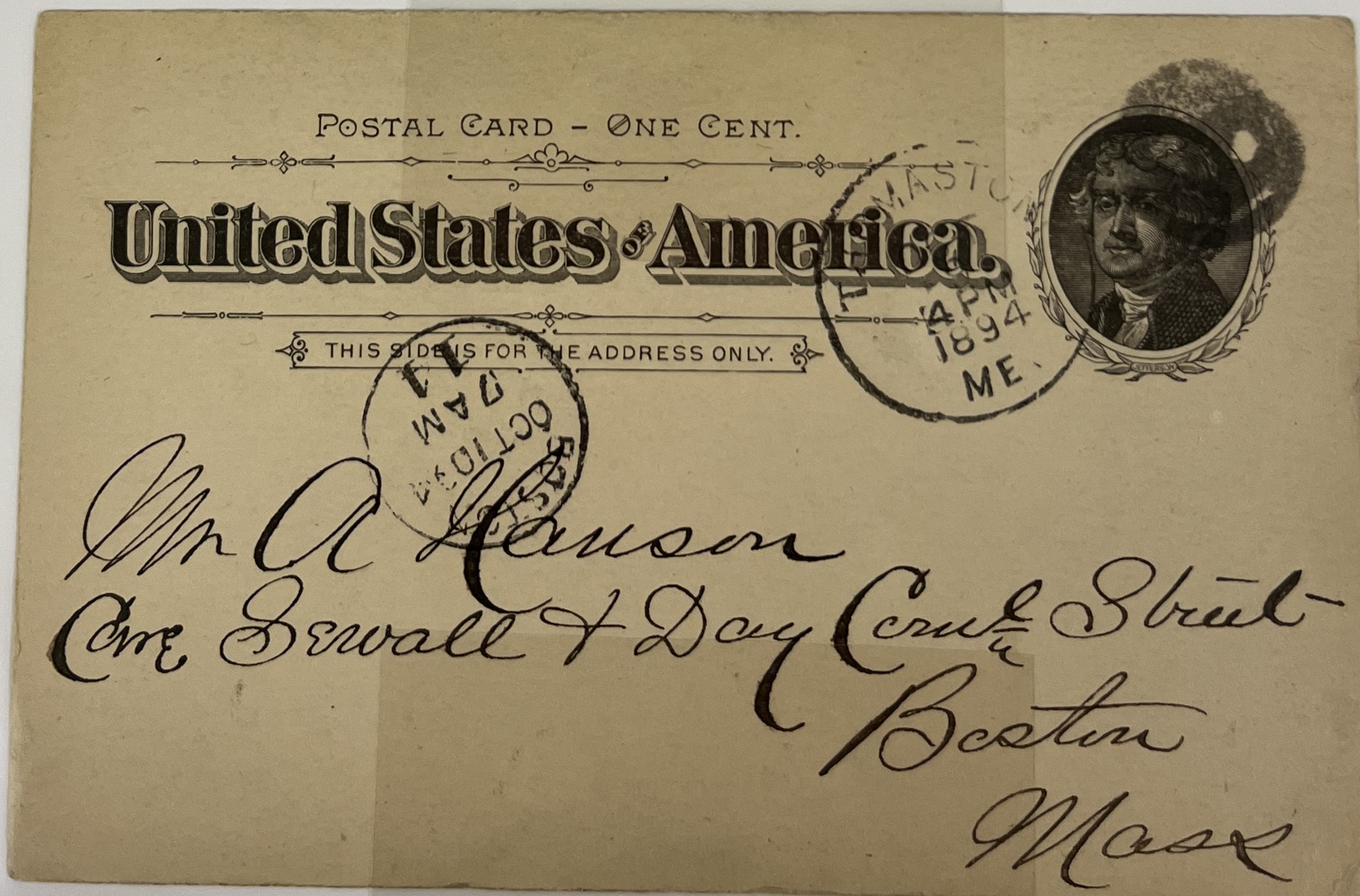


Waterville, ME
Aug. 22, 1886
1886 Card
Next to last day of service for this card

PICTORIALS - PUMPKINHEADS

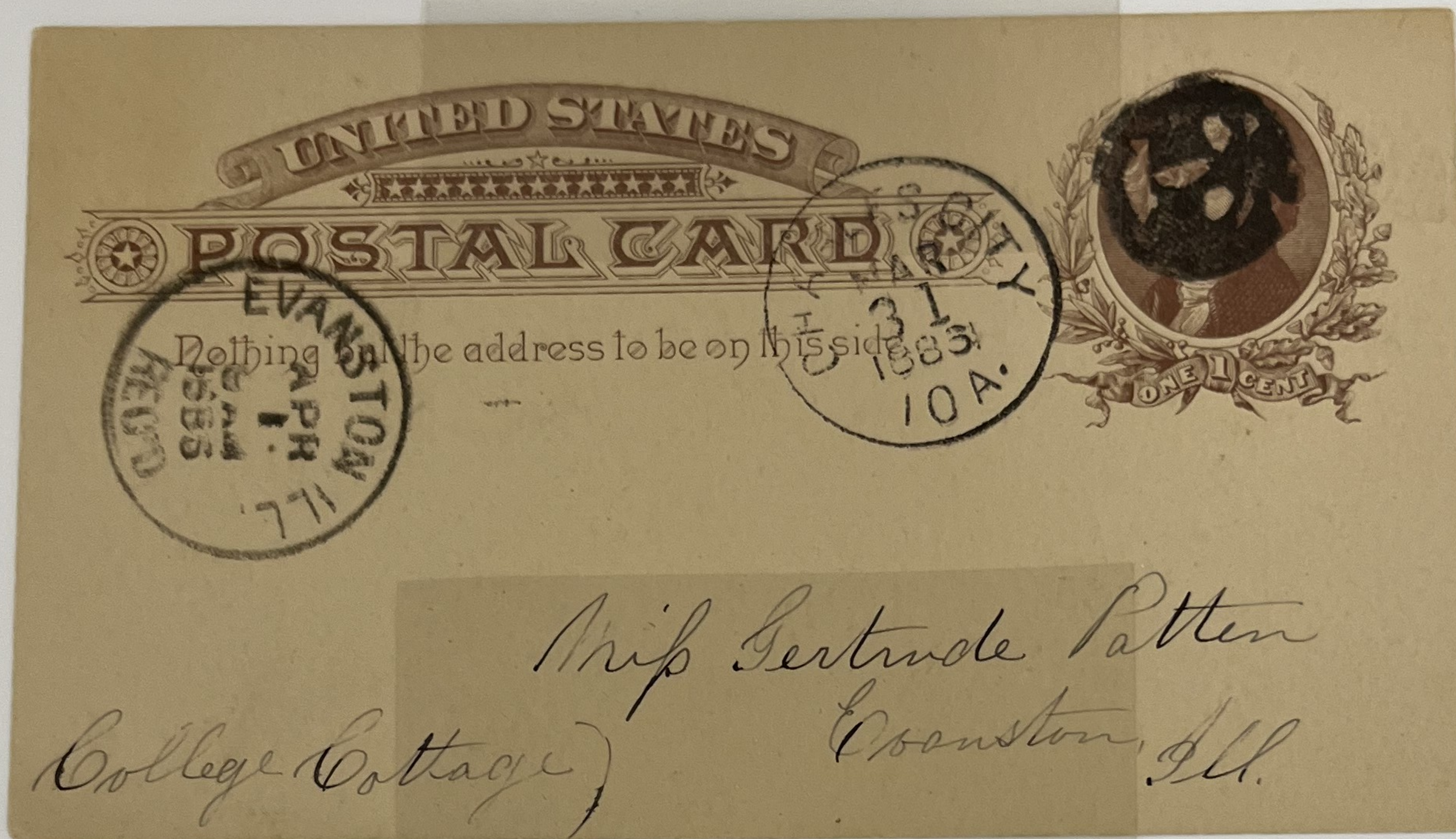


Wheelocks, NV
1894 Cancel
1893 Card

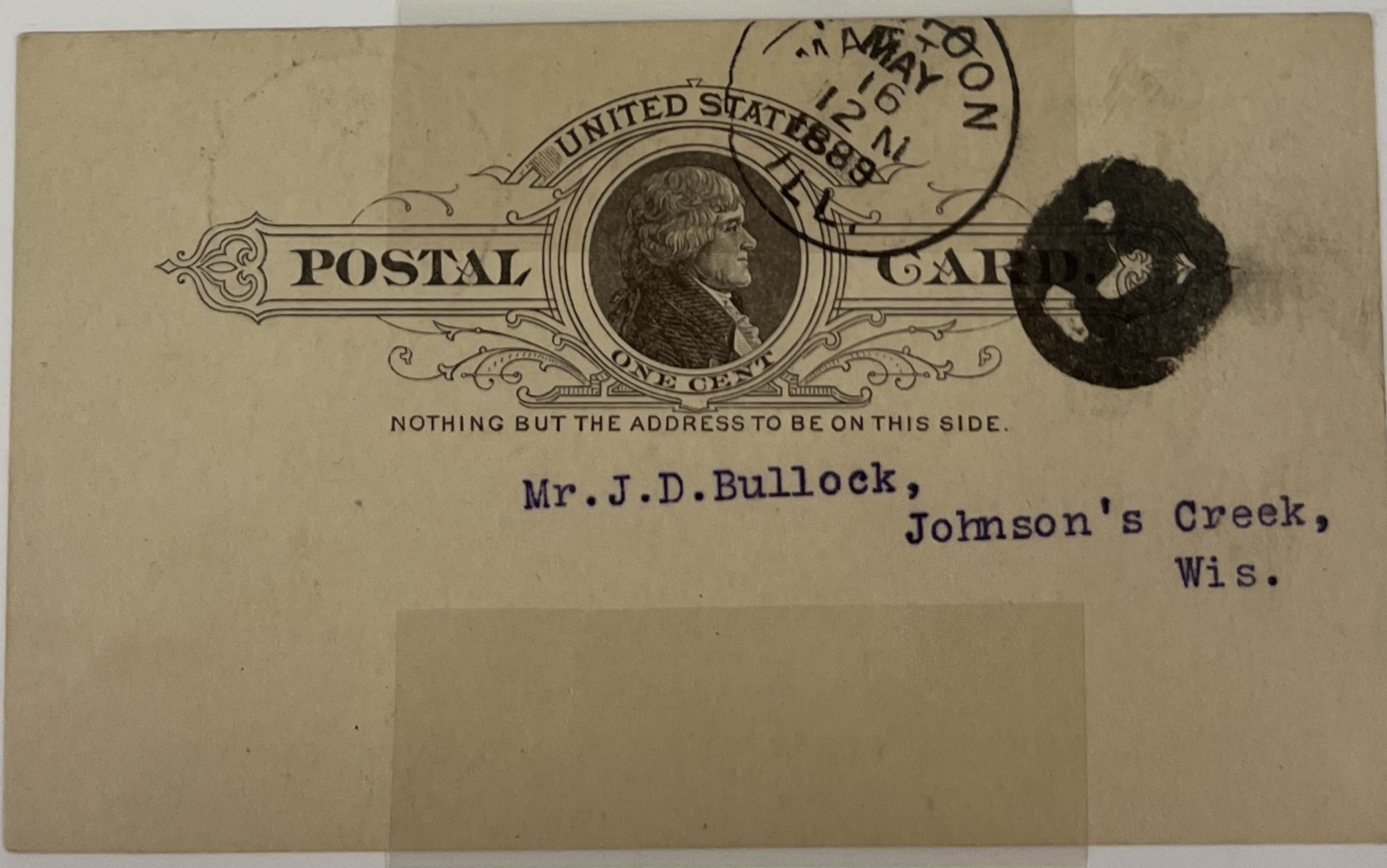


Thomaston, ME
1894 Cancel
1894 Card

PICTORIALS – PUMPKINHEADS

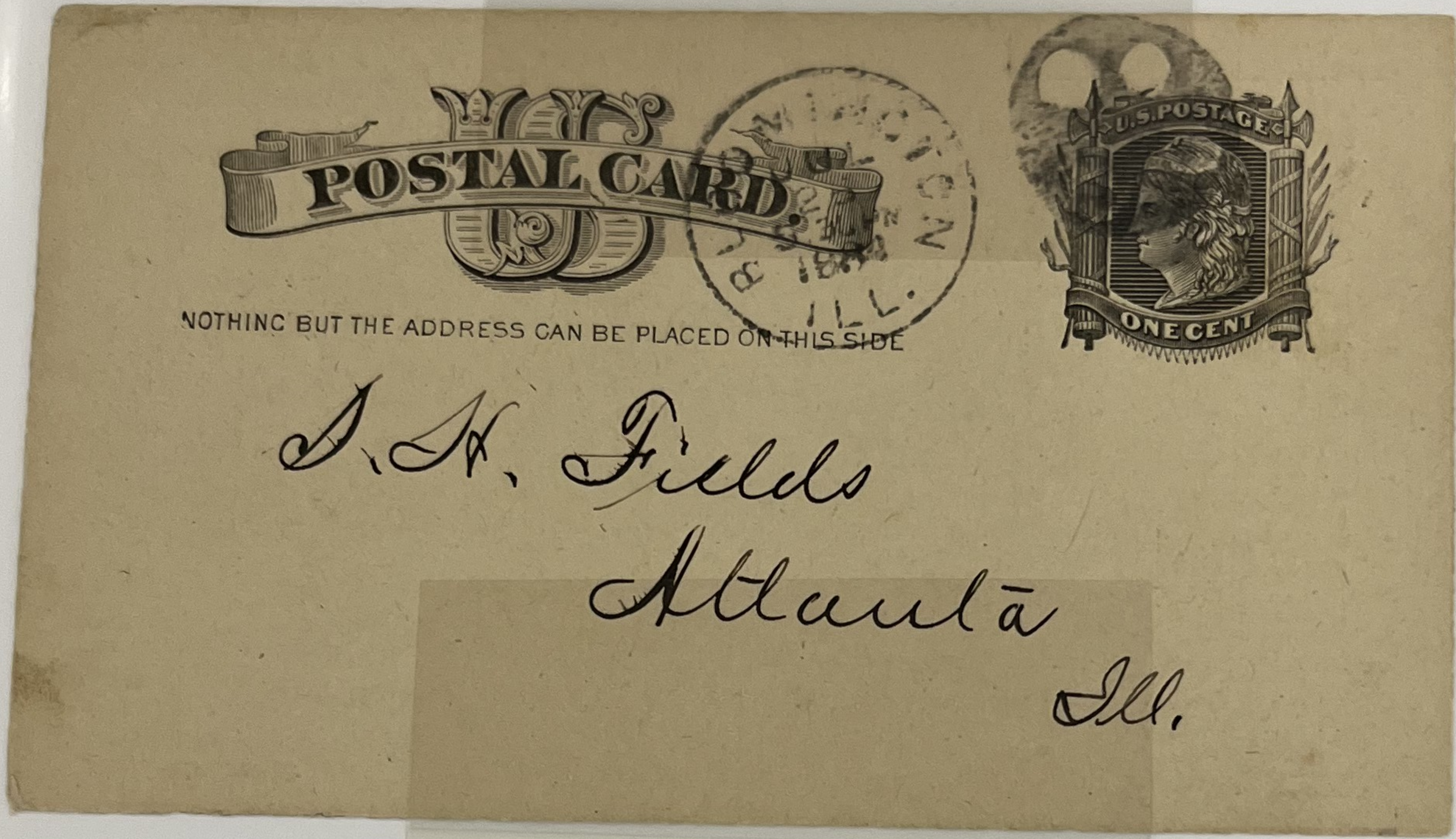


Cedar City, IO
1886 Cancel
1885 Card

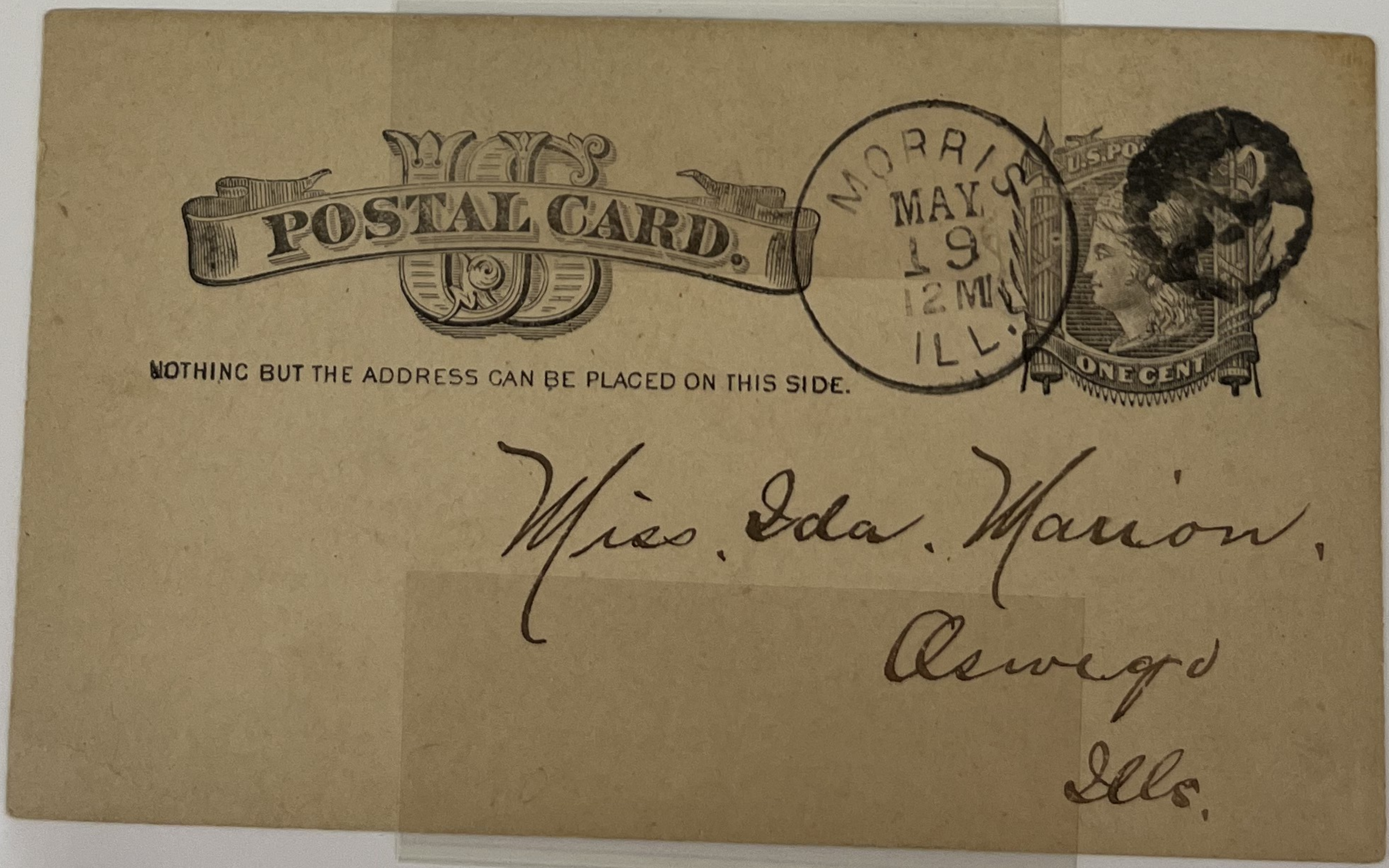


Mattoon, IL
1889 Cancel
1886 Card

PICTORIALS - PUMPKINHEADS



Bloomington, IL
1884 Cancel
1881 Card



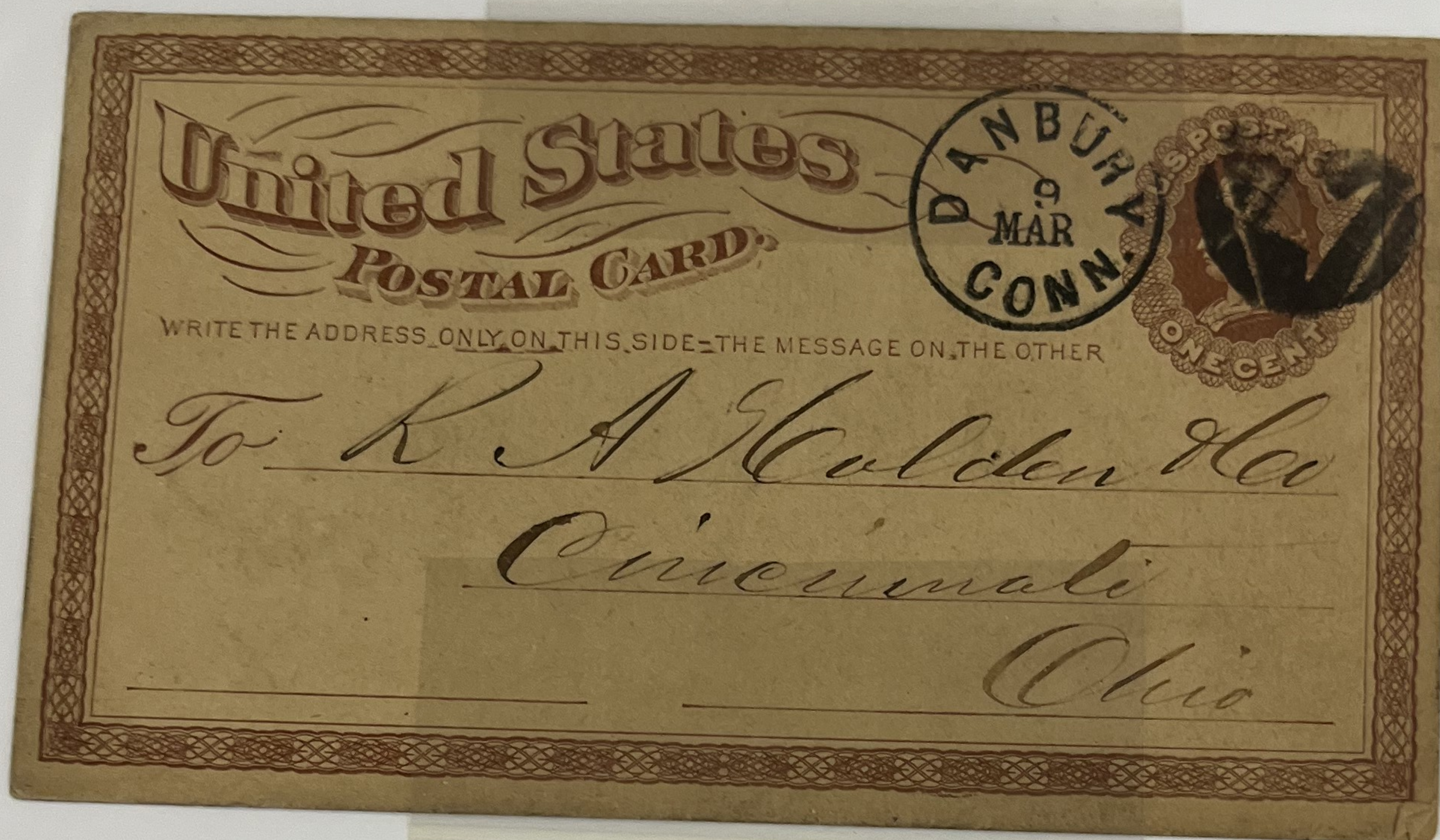
Morris, IL
1882 Cancel
1881 Card

4 DIAMOND SQUARES



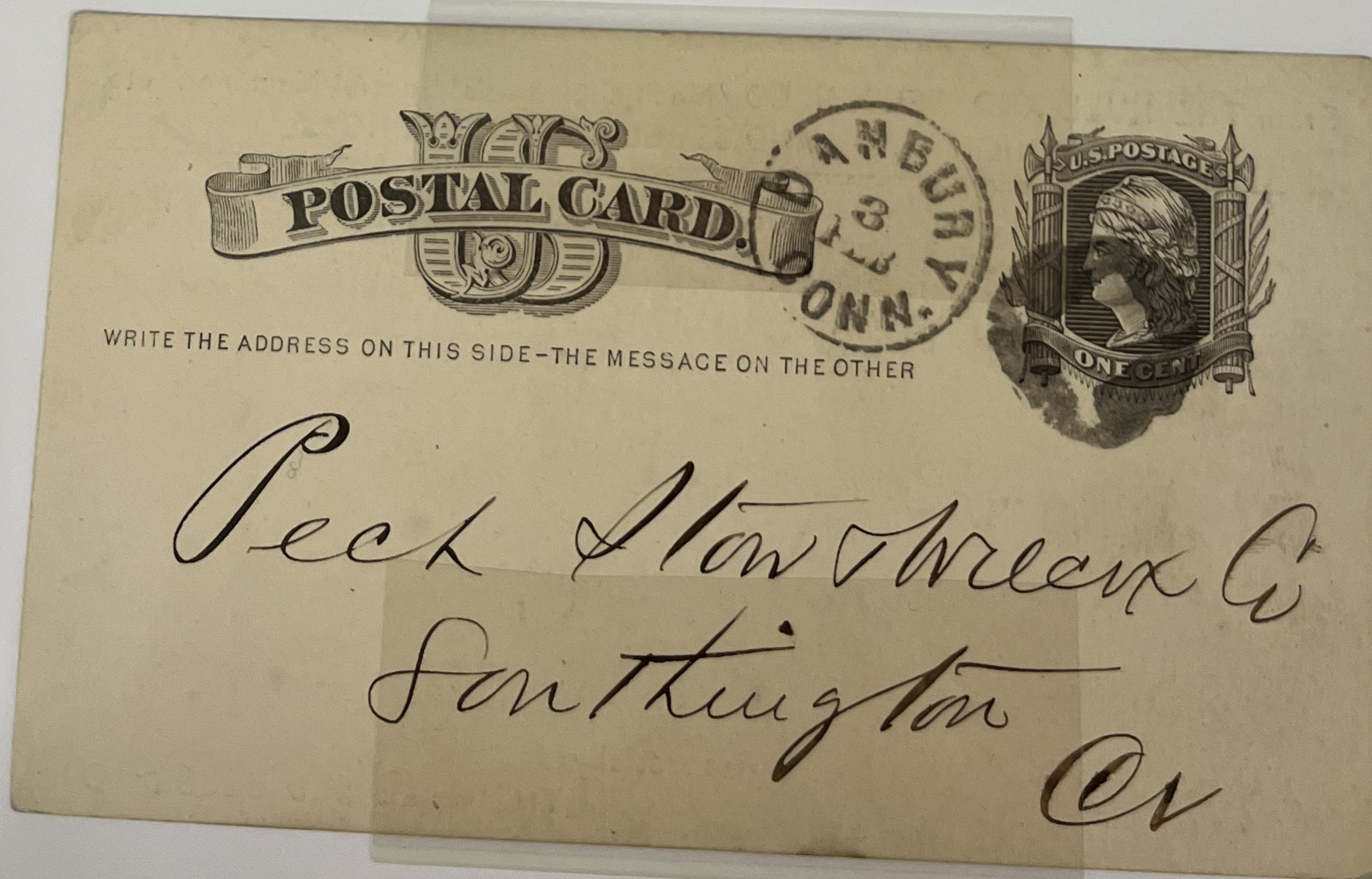
San Francisco, CA
1878 Cancel
Bank deposit (on reverse)
Rare

PICTORIALS - HAT



Danbury, CT
1874 Cancel
1873 Card Small
watermark
Cole HA-10

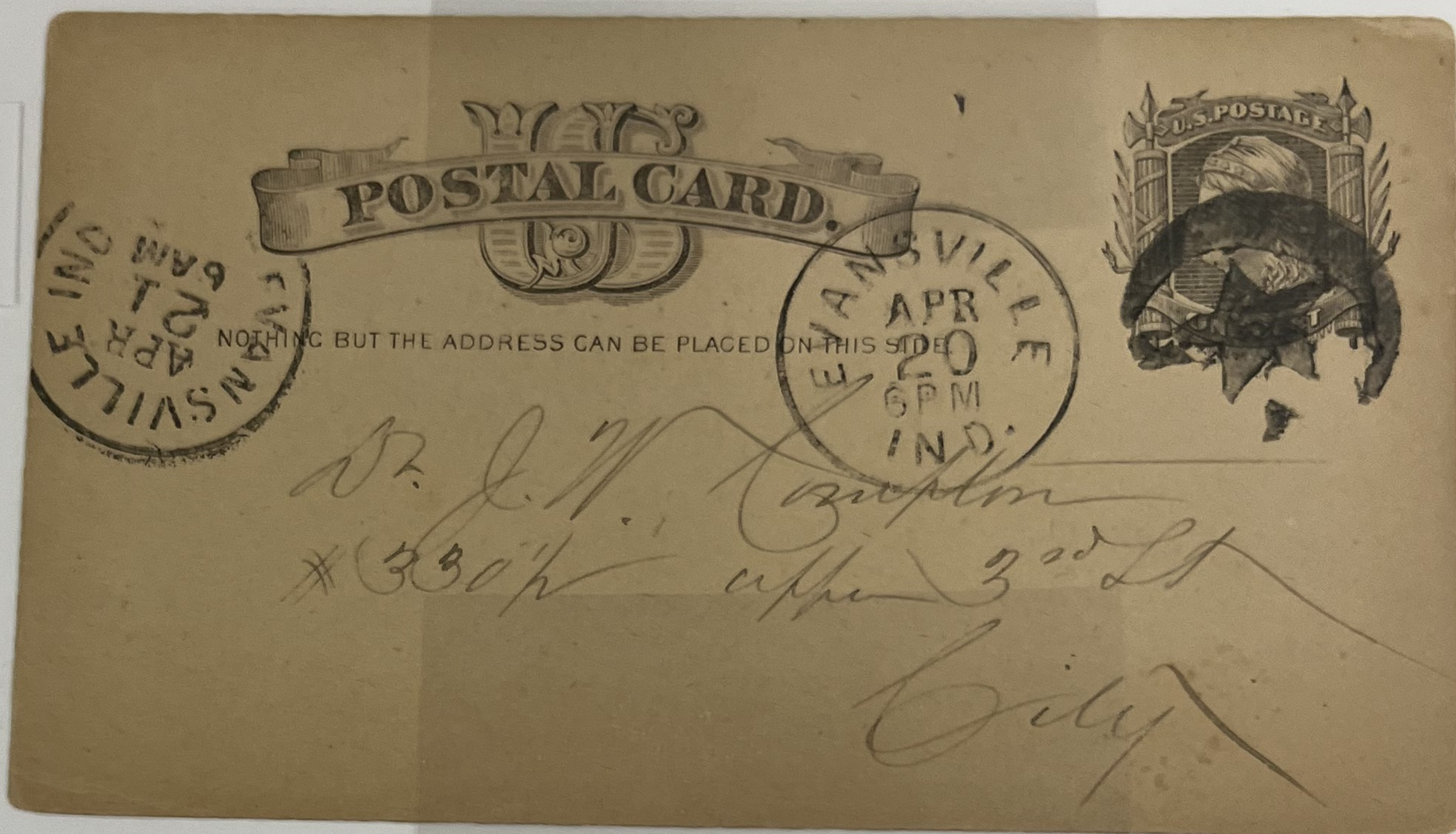
Danbury was a city where hats were made and had 13 different hat cancels in the 1870s and 1880s.



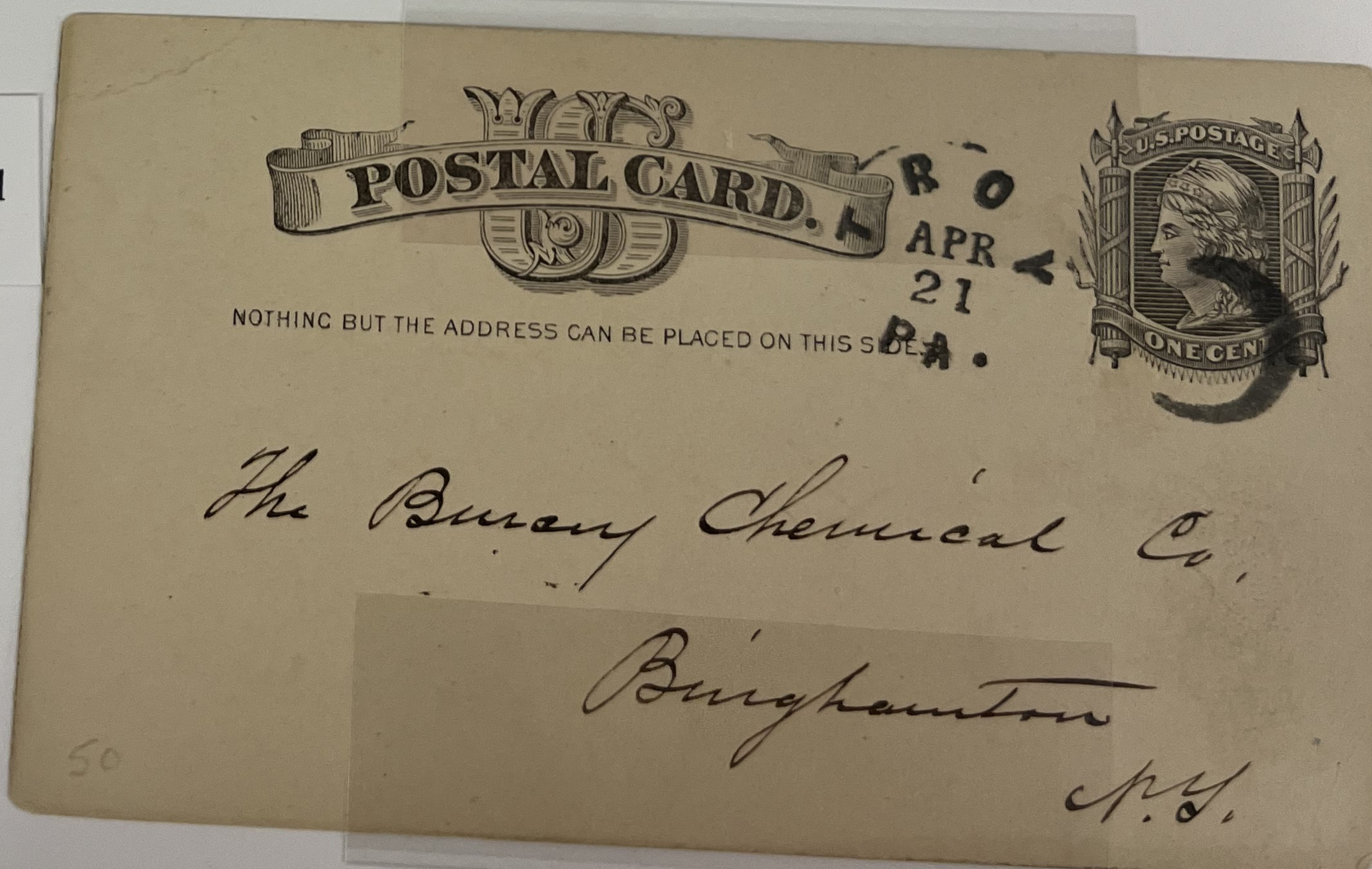
Danbury, CT
1876 Cancel
187Card

PICTORIALS – STAR AND CRESCENT

Evansville, IN
1882 Cancel
1881 Card



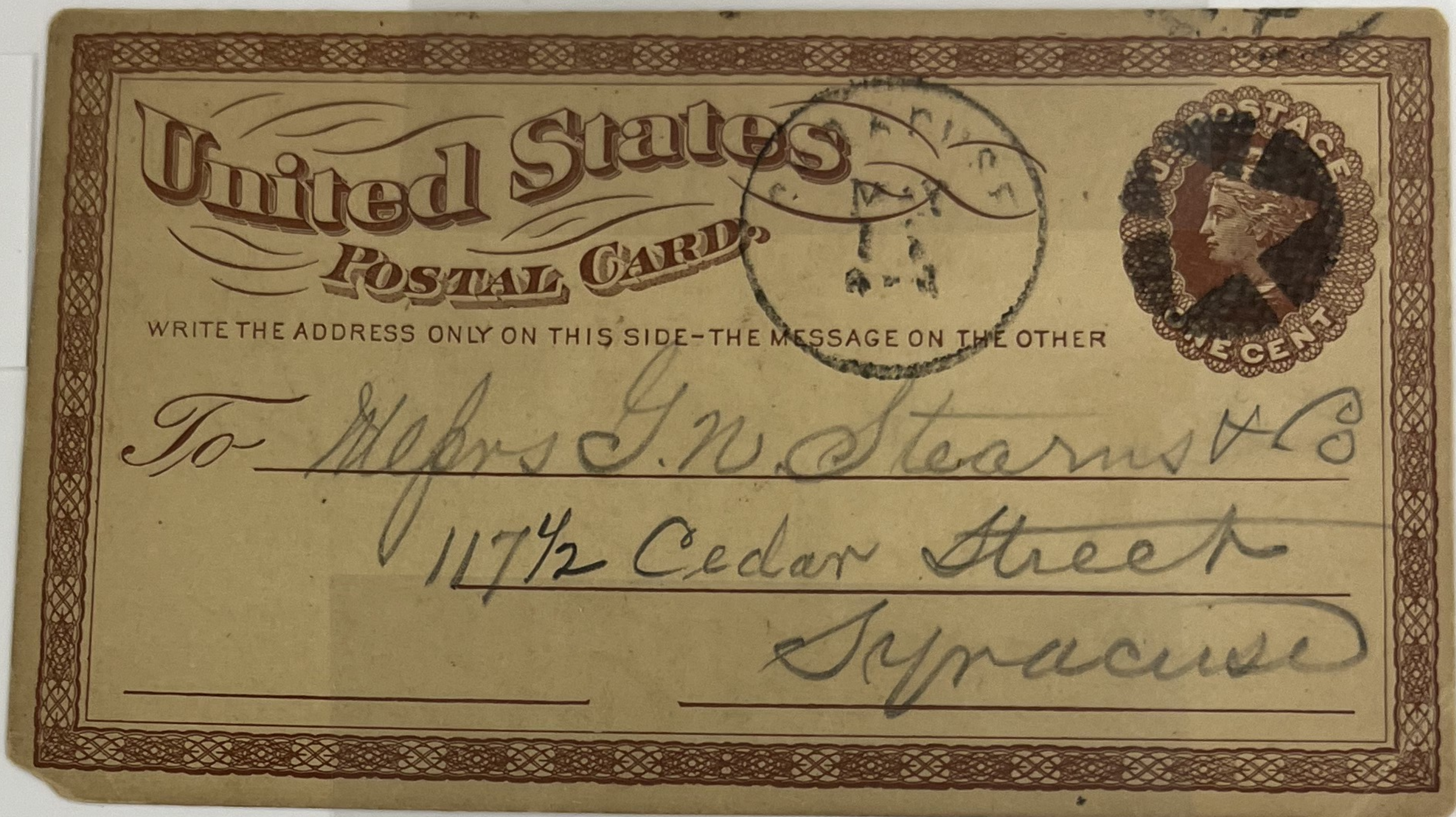
Troy, PA
1883 Cancel
1881 Card



PICTORIALS

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Masonic Trowel
Syracuse, NY
1875 Cancel
1873 Card
Small watermark



United States
POSTAL CARD

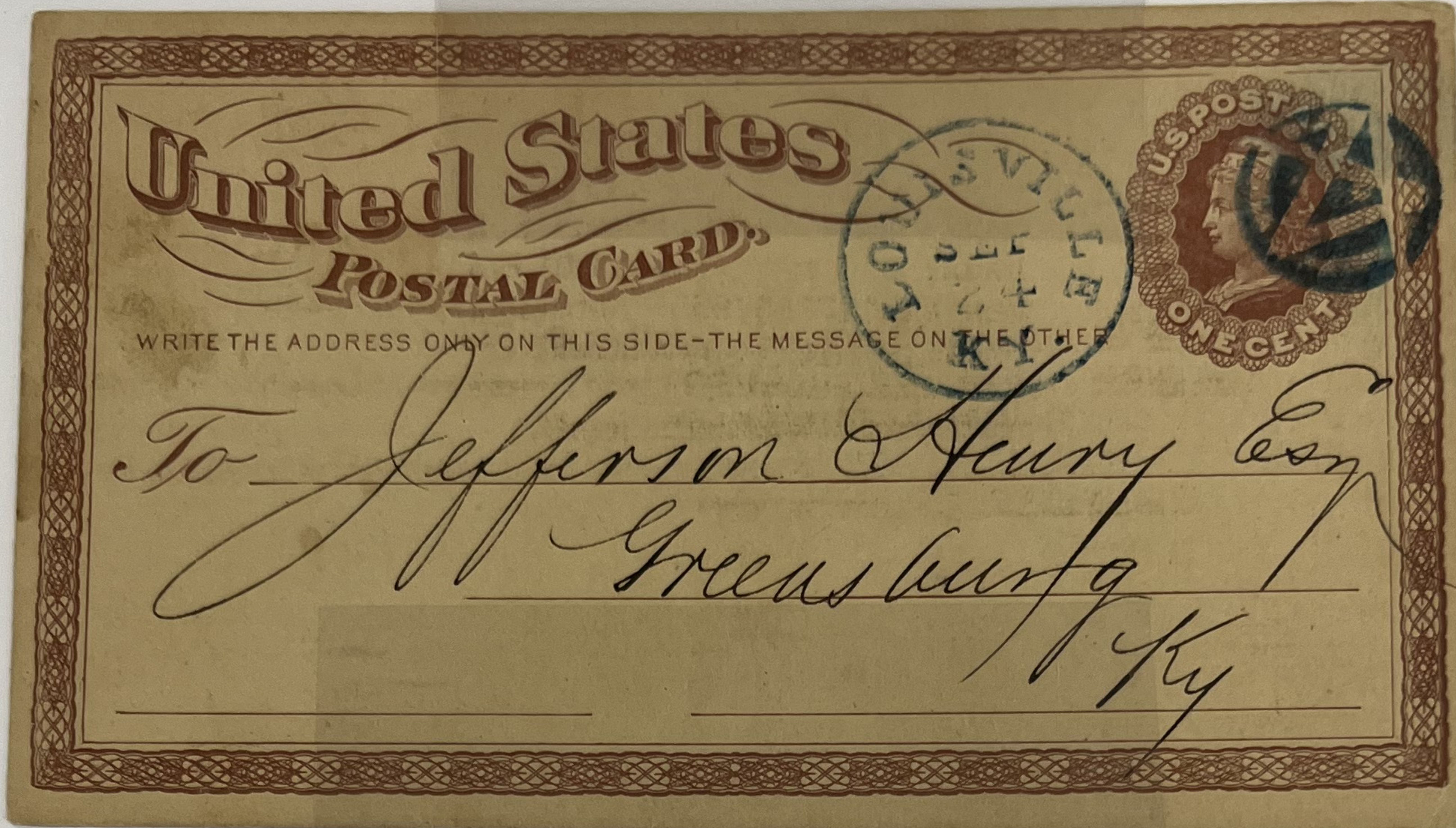
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To Singer Sewing Machine Co.
New York.
34 Union Sq.

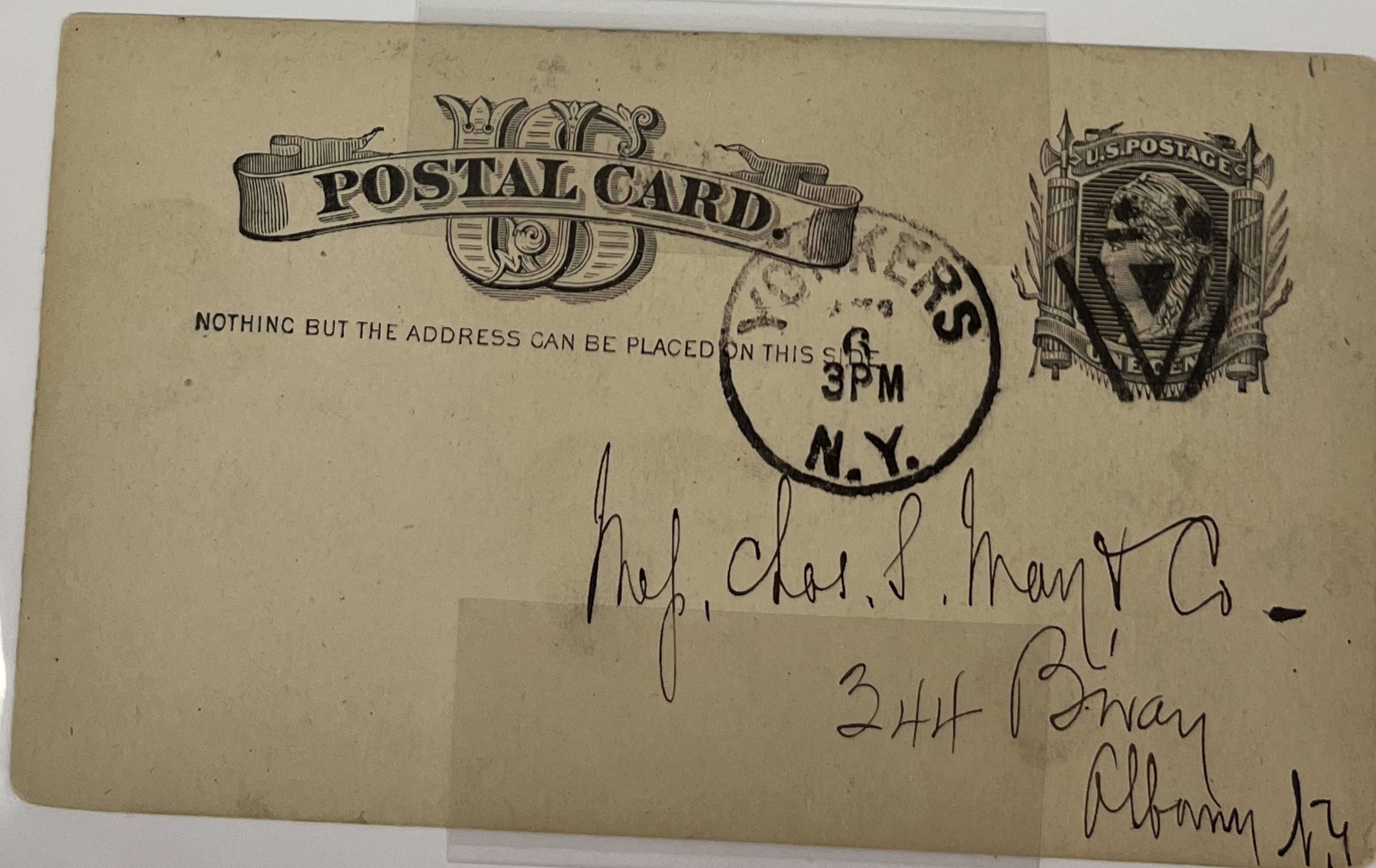
Masonic Compass
Syracuse, NY
1875 Cancel
1873 Card
Small watermark

PICTORIALS

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

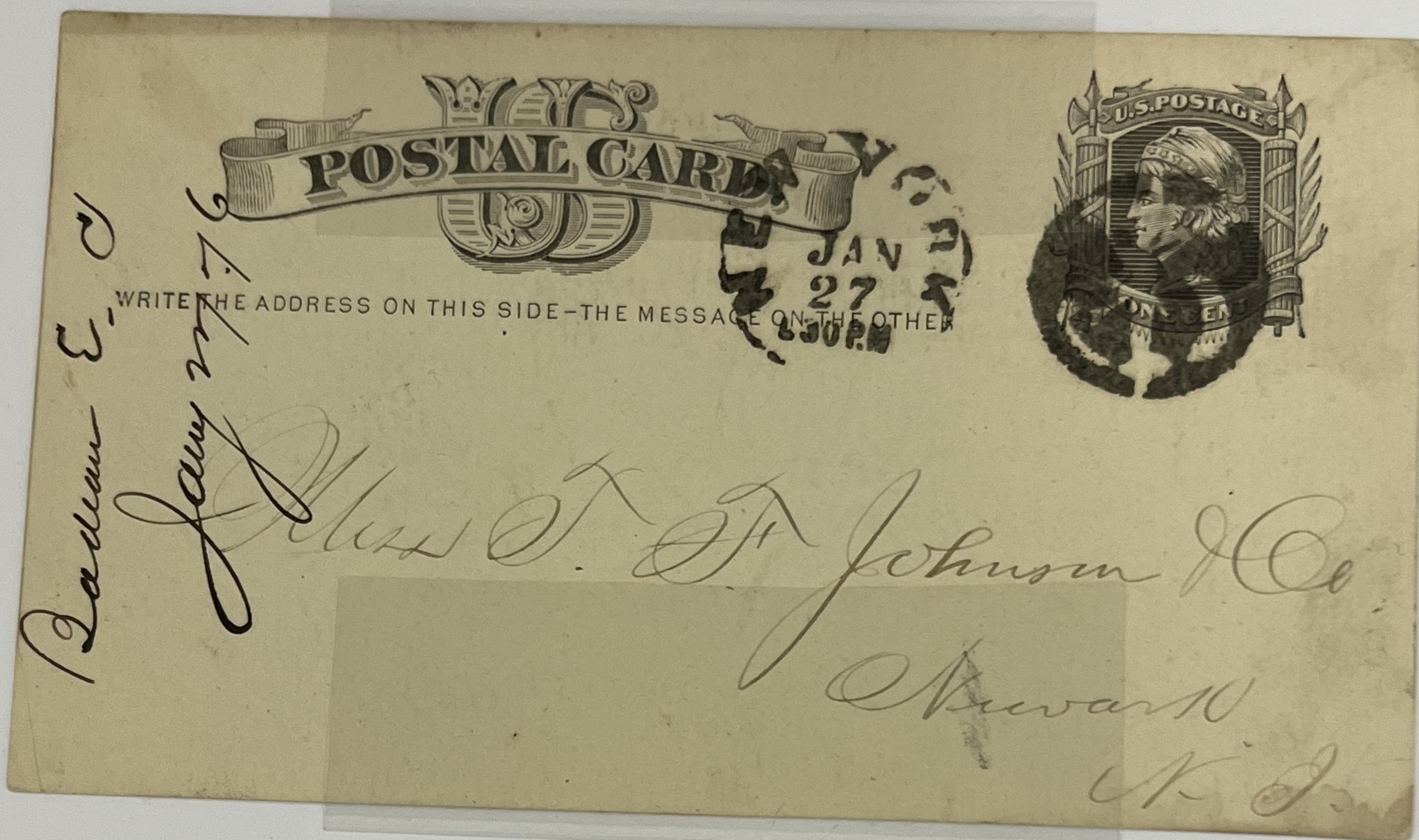



Masonic Compass
Louisville, KY
1875 Cancel
1873 Card
Small watermark

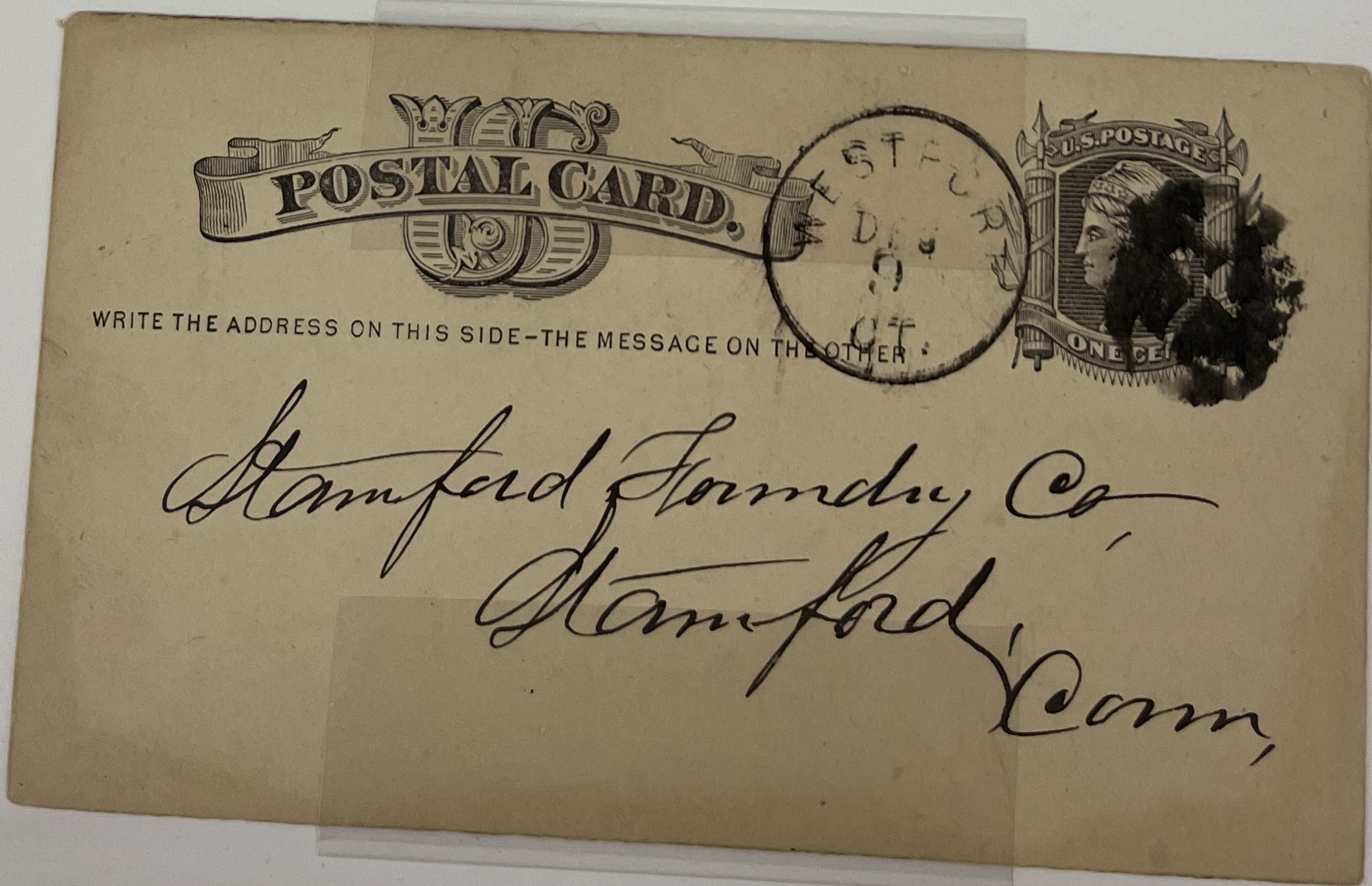


Keystone
Yonkers, NY
1884 Cancel
1875 Card

PICTORIALS - MISCELLANEOUS

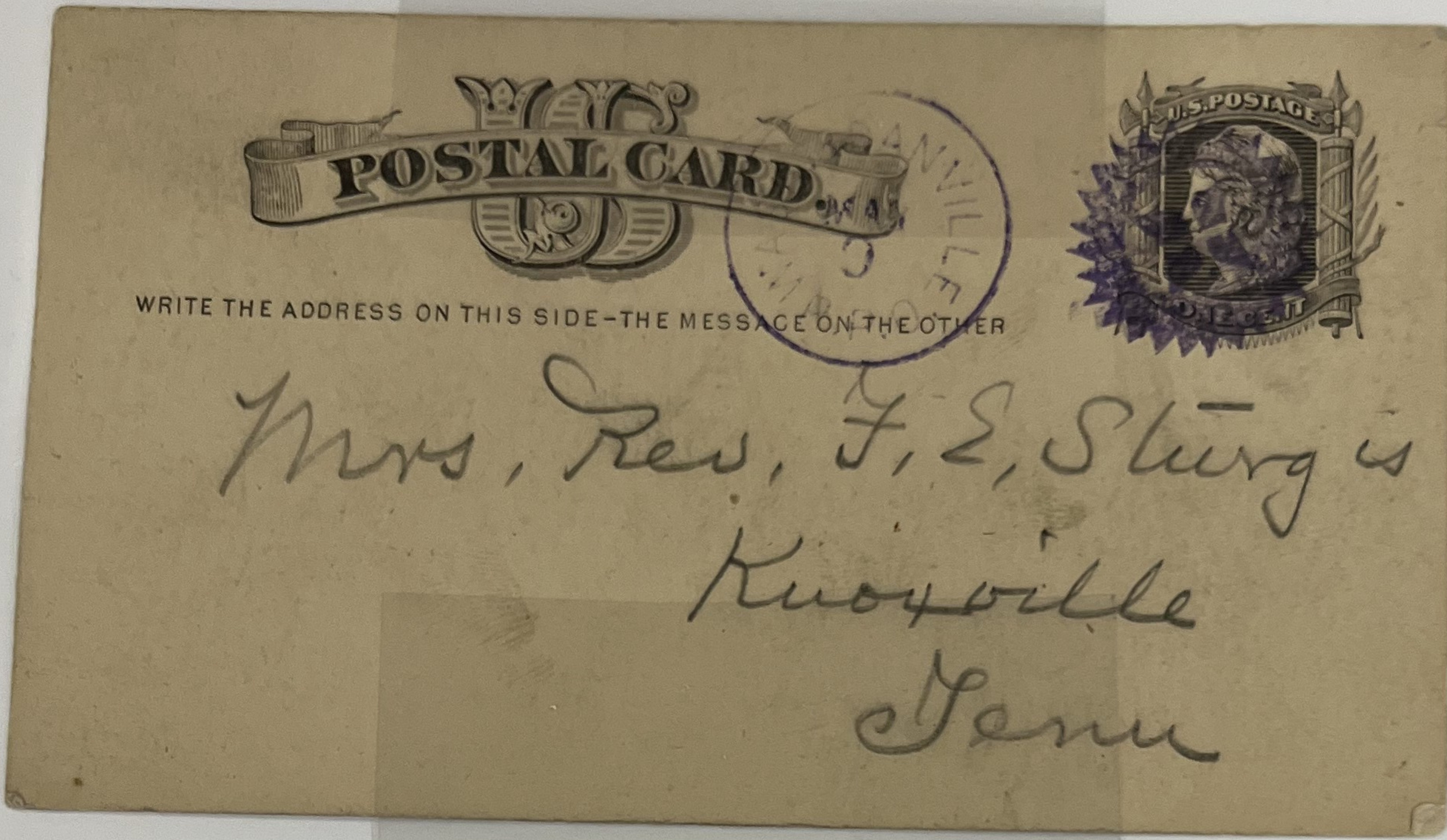



Anchor
New York, NY
1876
1875 Card



Anchor
Westport, CT
1873 Card
1880 Cancel

PICTORIALS - MISCELLANEOUS



Compass
Wash & Danville RPO
1875 Card



Negative Arrow
Rogers Park, IL
1890 Cancel
1886 Card



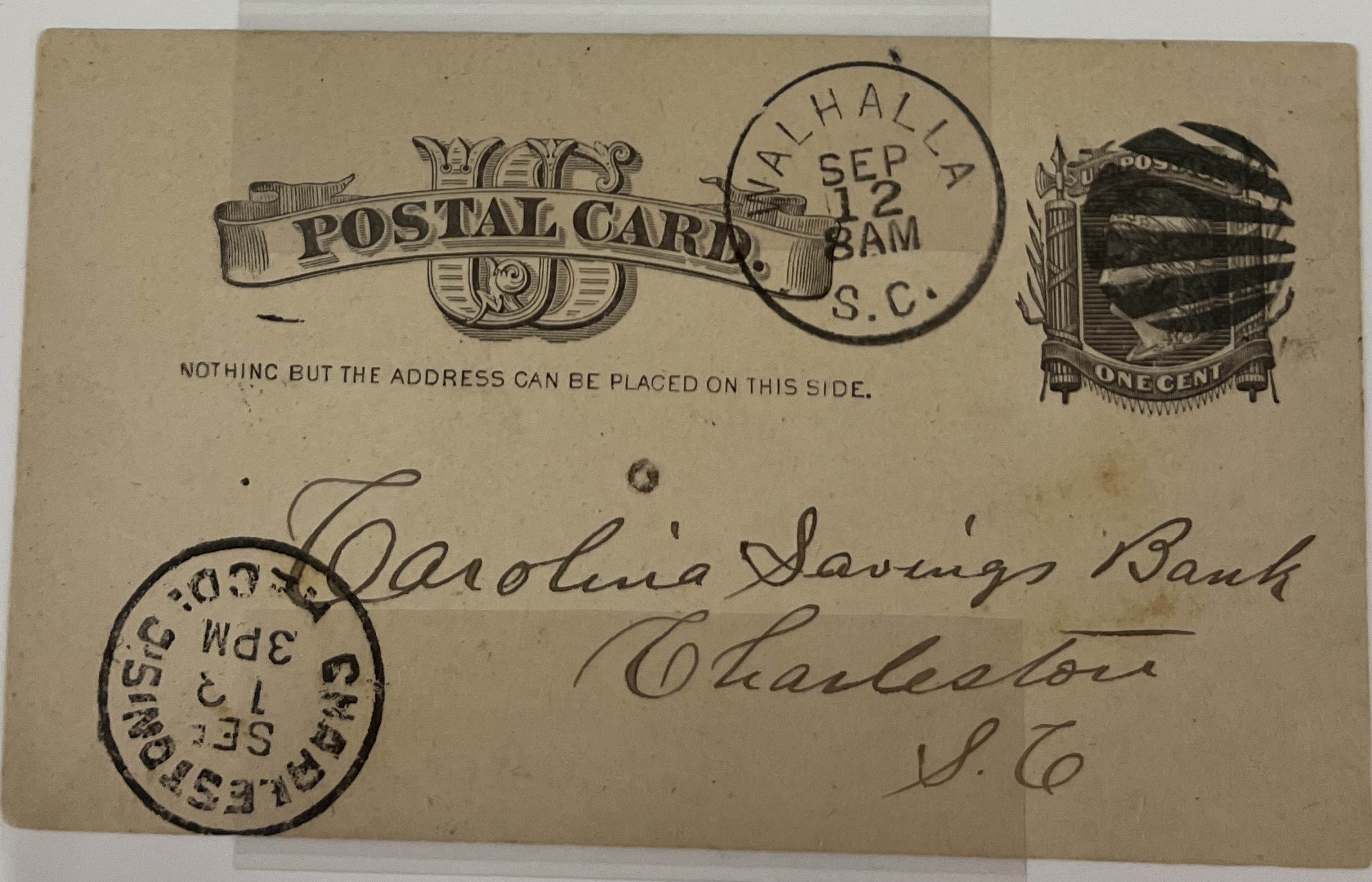
Bow Tie
Savannah, GA
1875 Cancel
1875 Card



1883 in Figure
Holyoke, MA
1883 Cancel
1880 Card

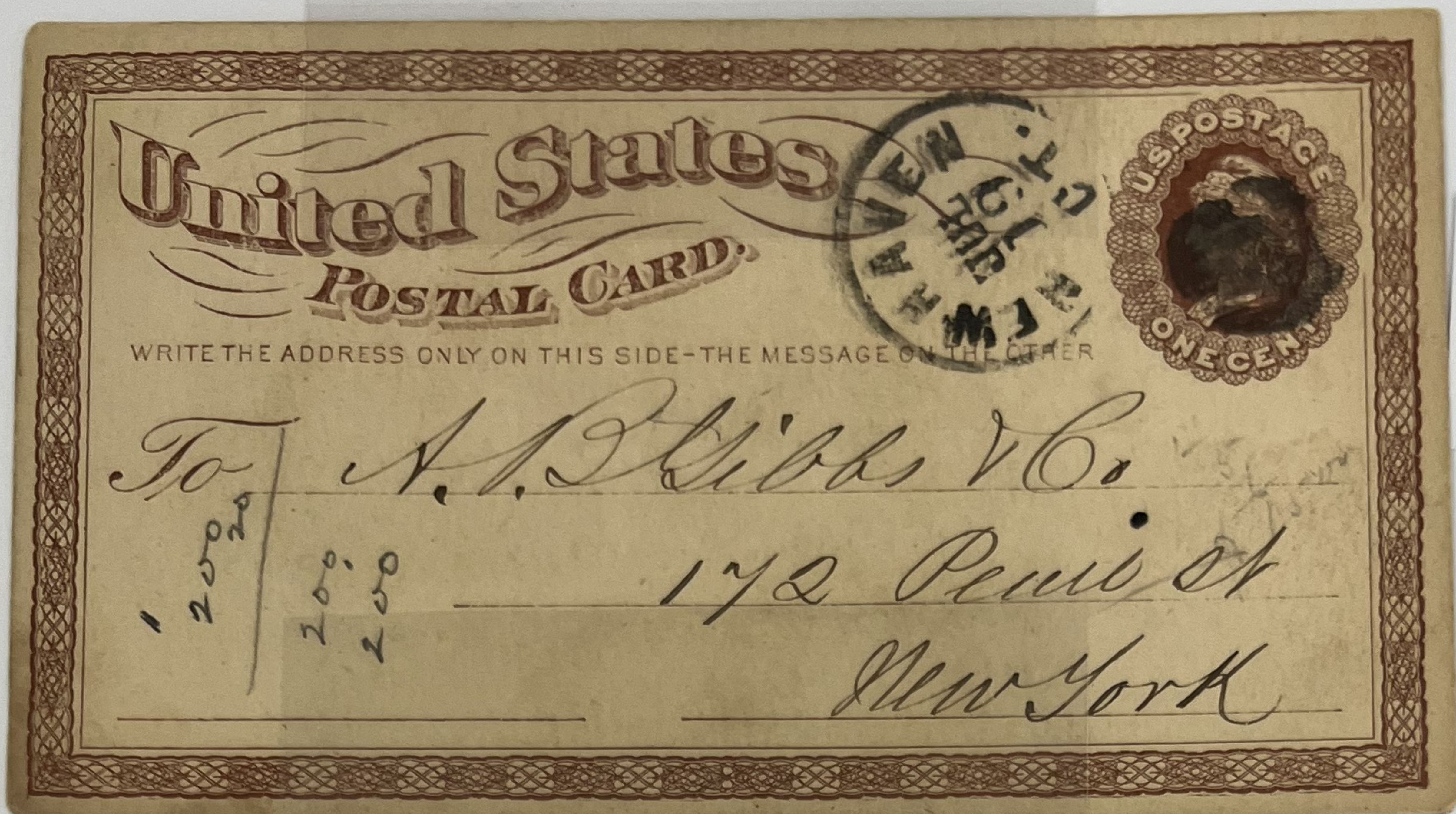
PICTORIALS – MISCELLANEOUS

Smiling Face
Tilton, NH
Cancel date unknown
1875 Card
Face is upside down



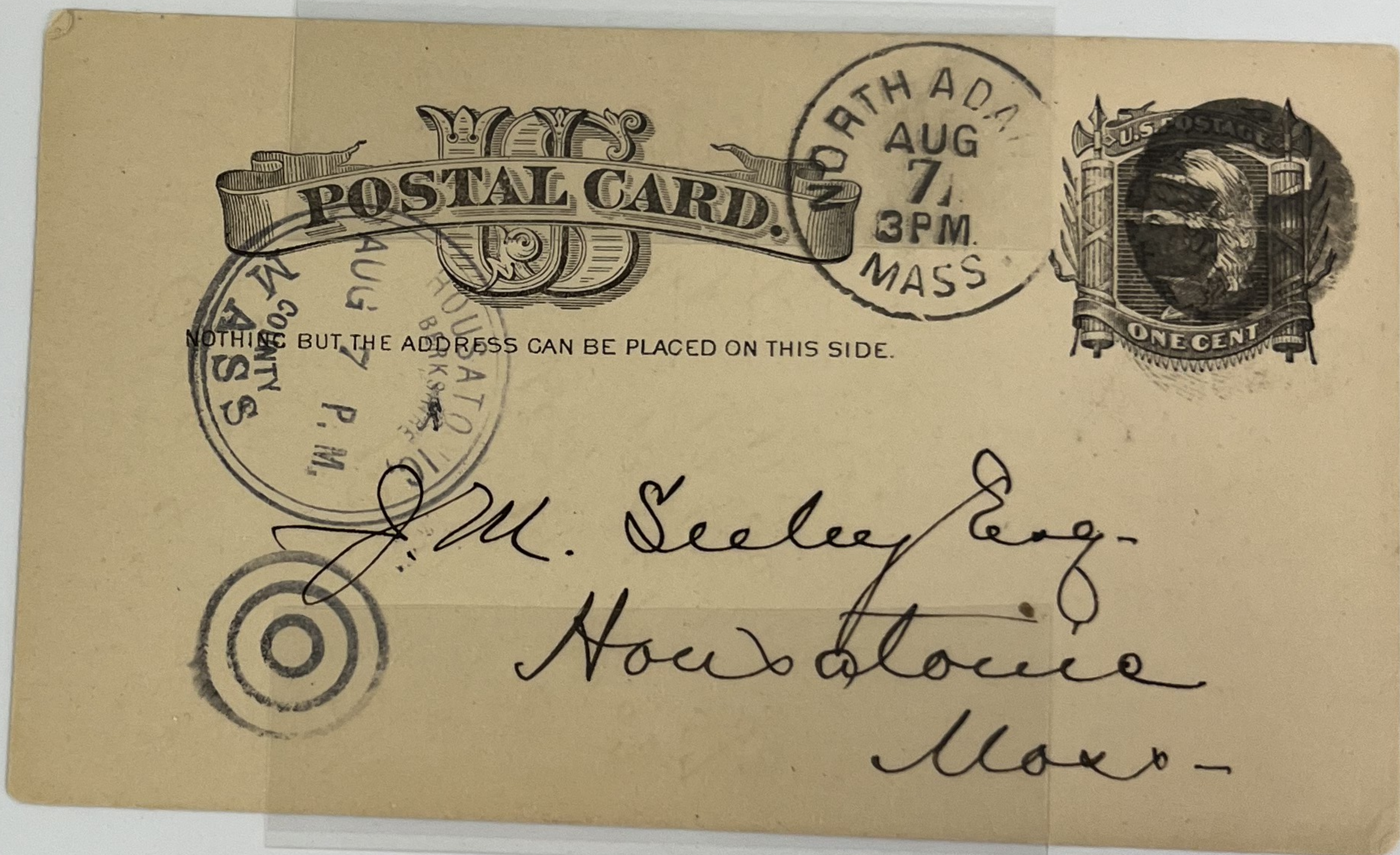
Seashell
Walhalla, SC
1884 Cancel
1881 Card

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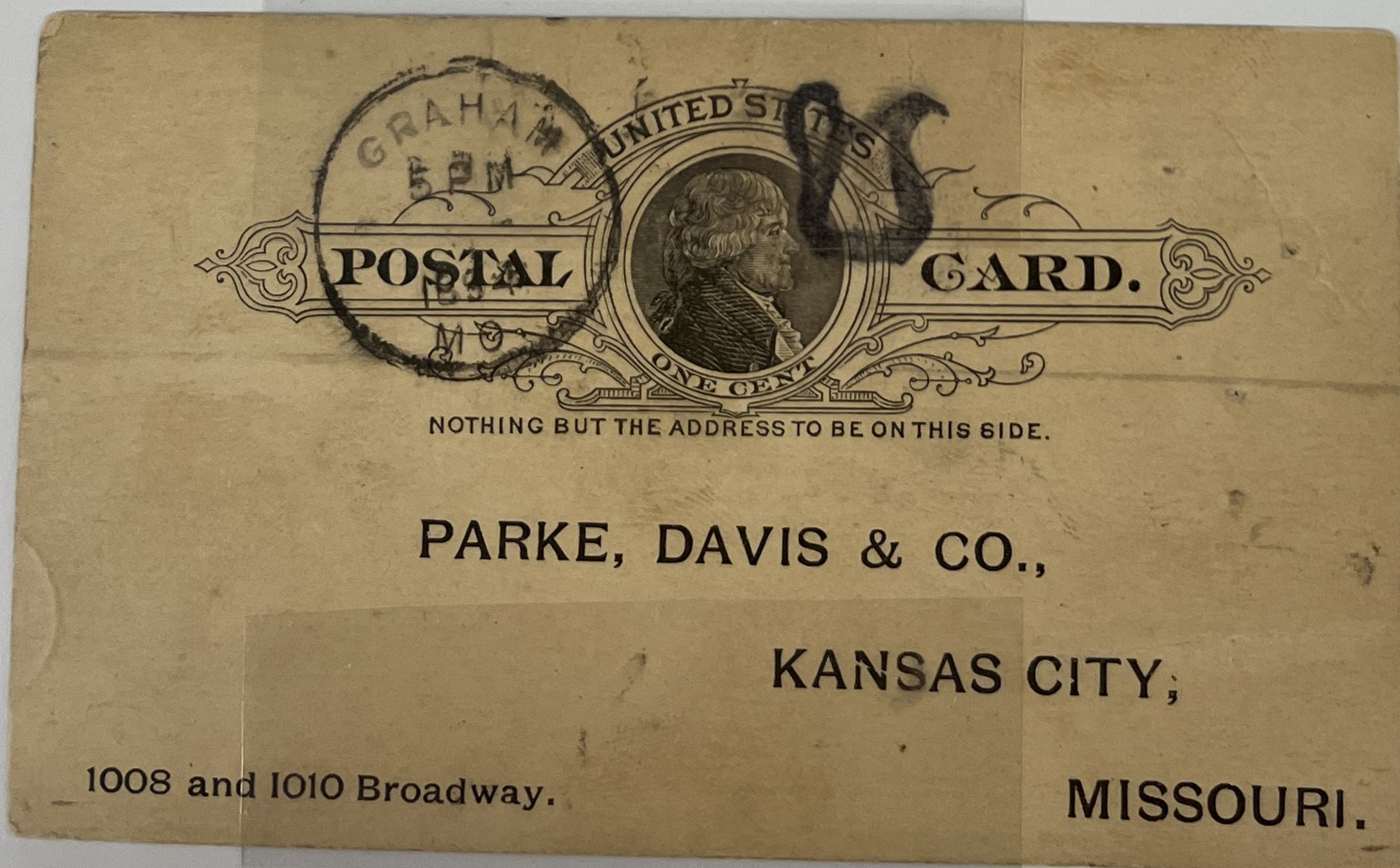


Bell, dress, or ink blob?
Unknown date of cancel
1973 card, small watermark

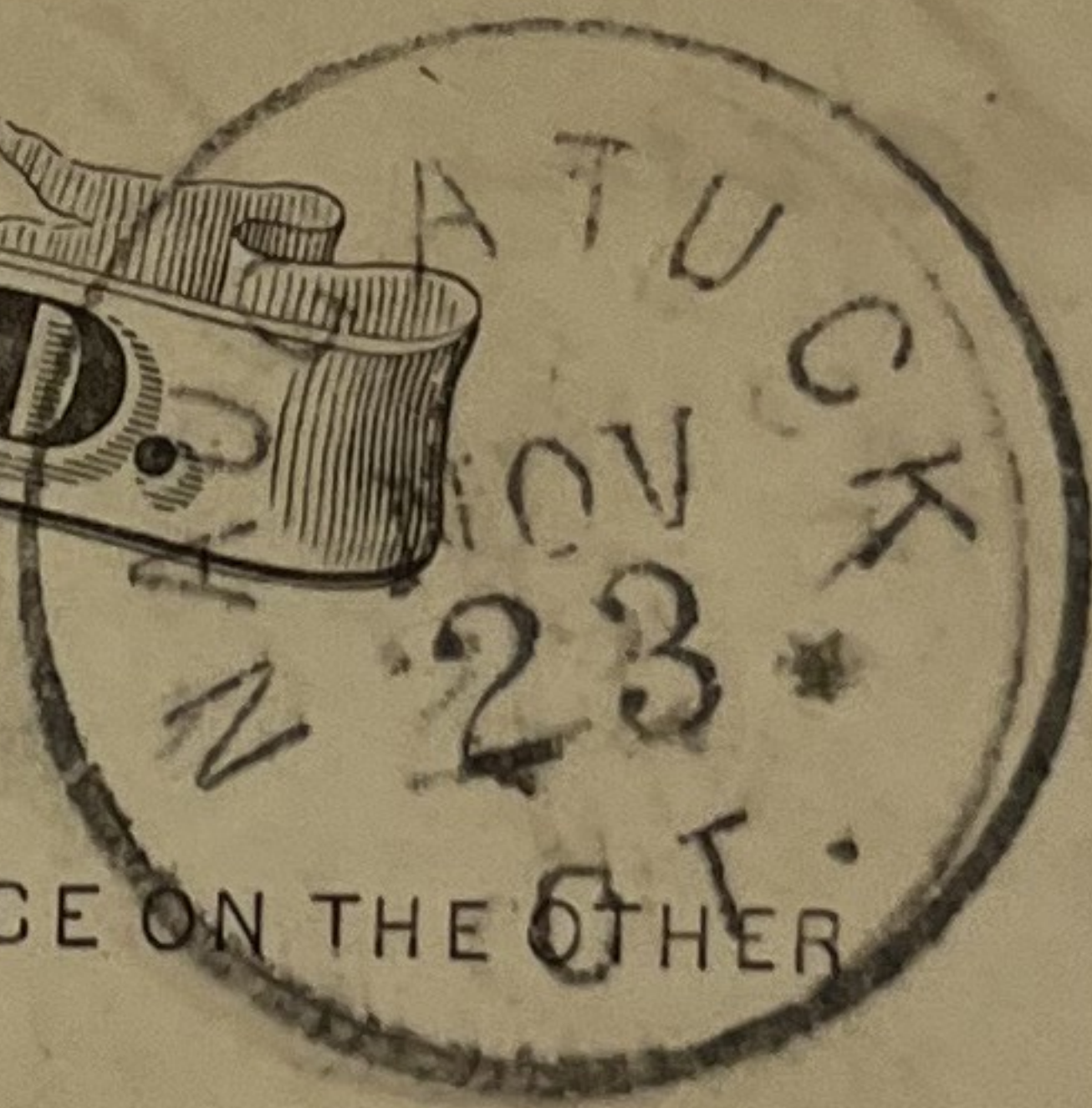
Ax and spike?
1882 cancel
1881 card



FAKE Pitcher
Graham, MO
1894?
1886 card



POSTAL CARD



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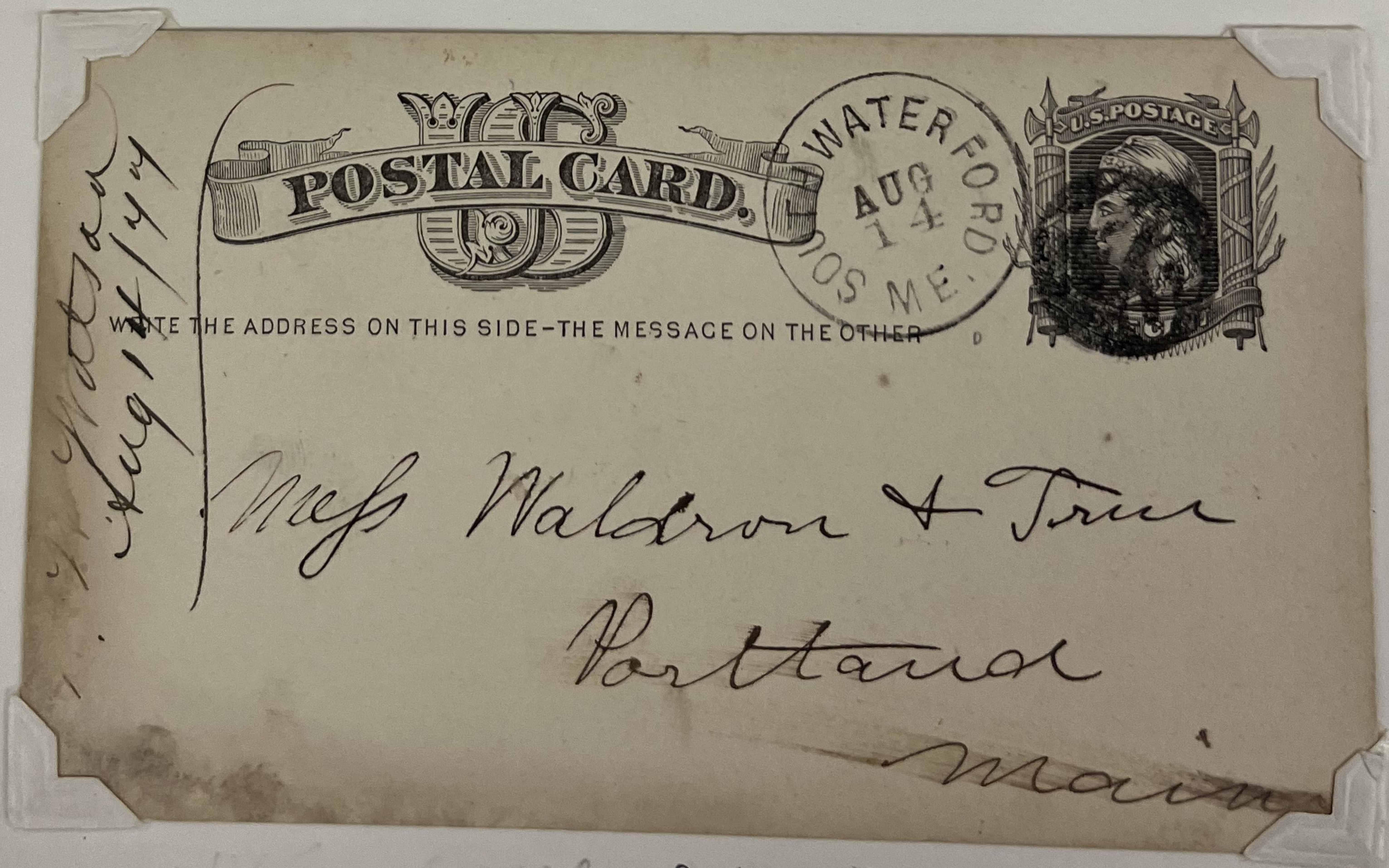
Stamford Laundry Co
Stamford
Conn.



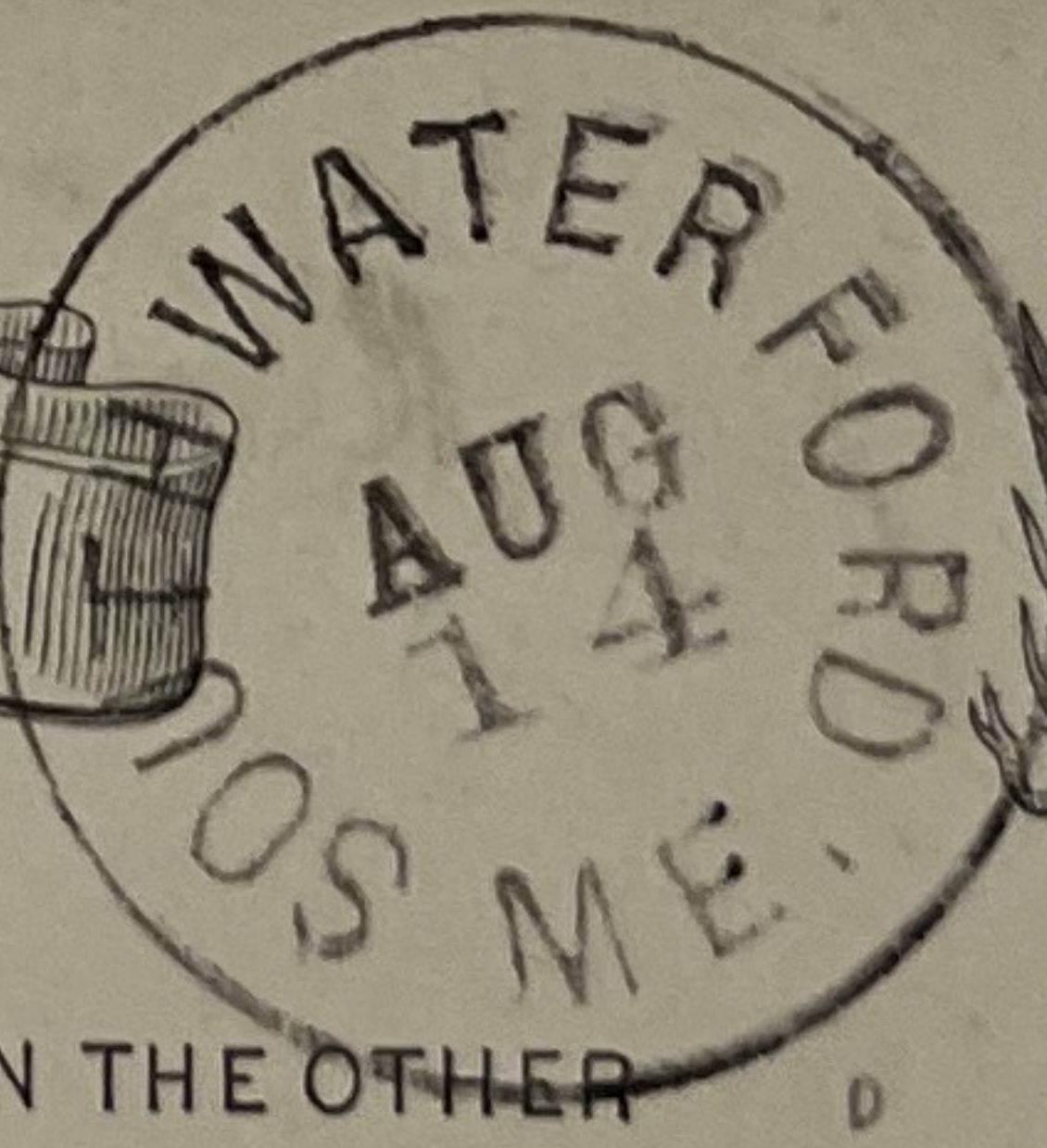
Nothing but the address to be on this side.

European Card Co
Birmingham
Conn

05 Duplicate 05



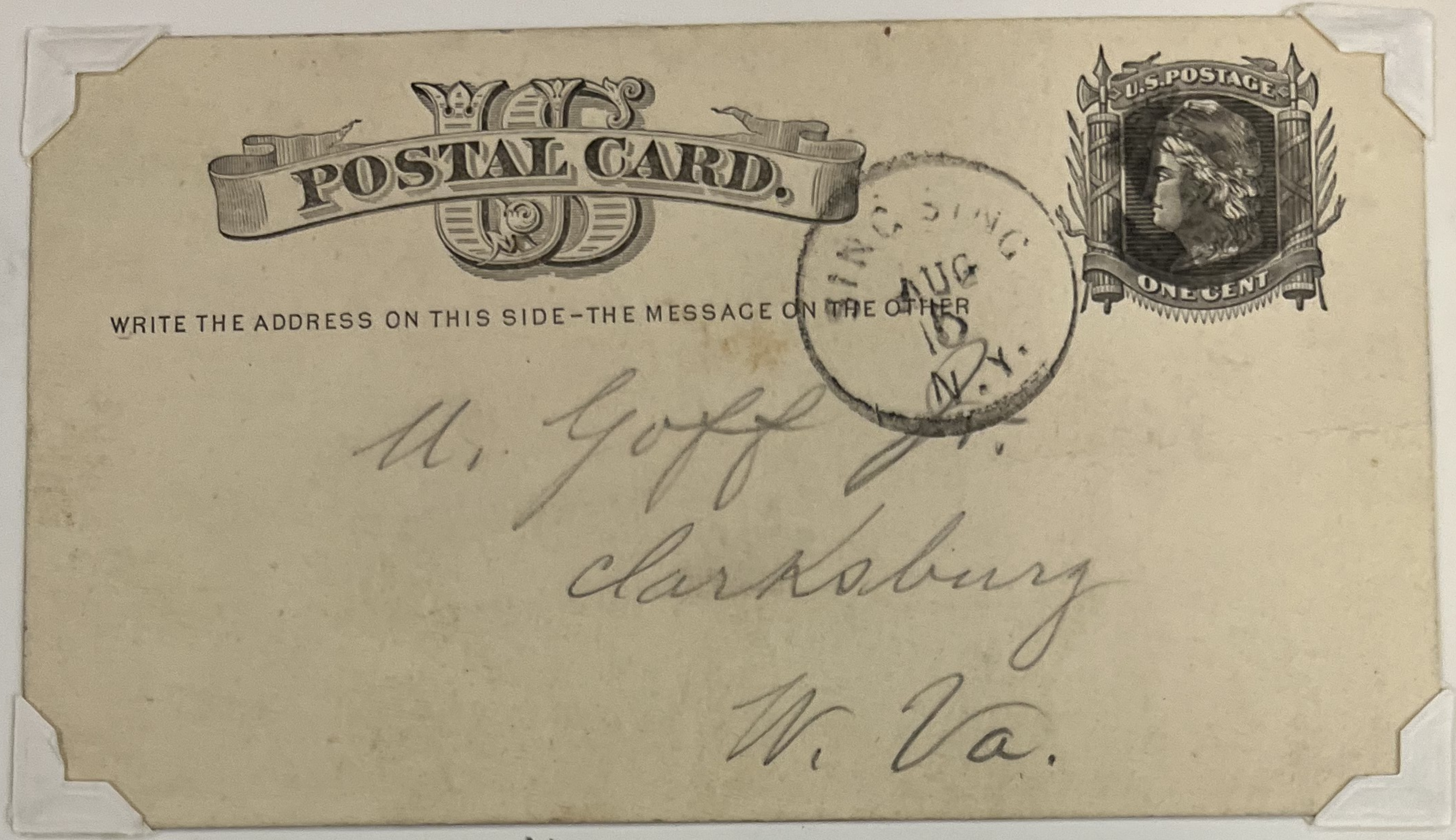
Waldron
August 14/44



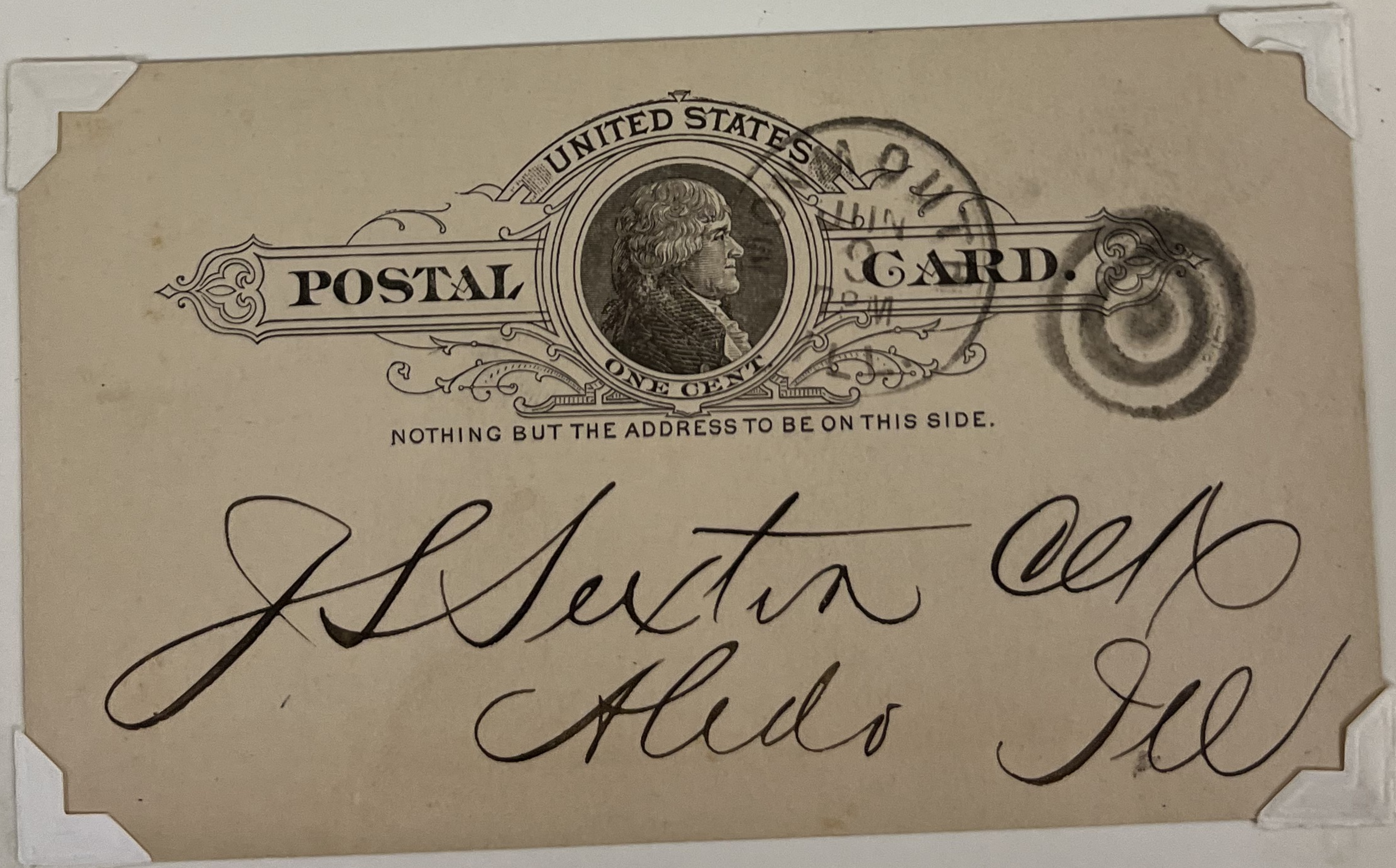
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Mess Waldron & True
Portland
Main

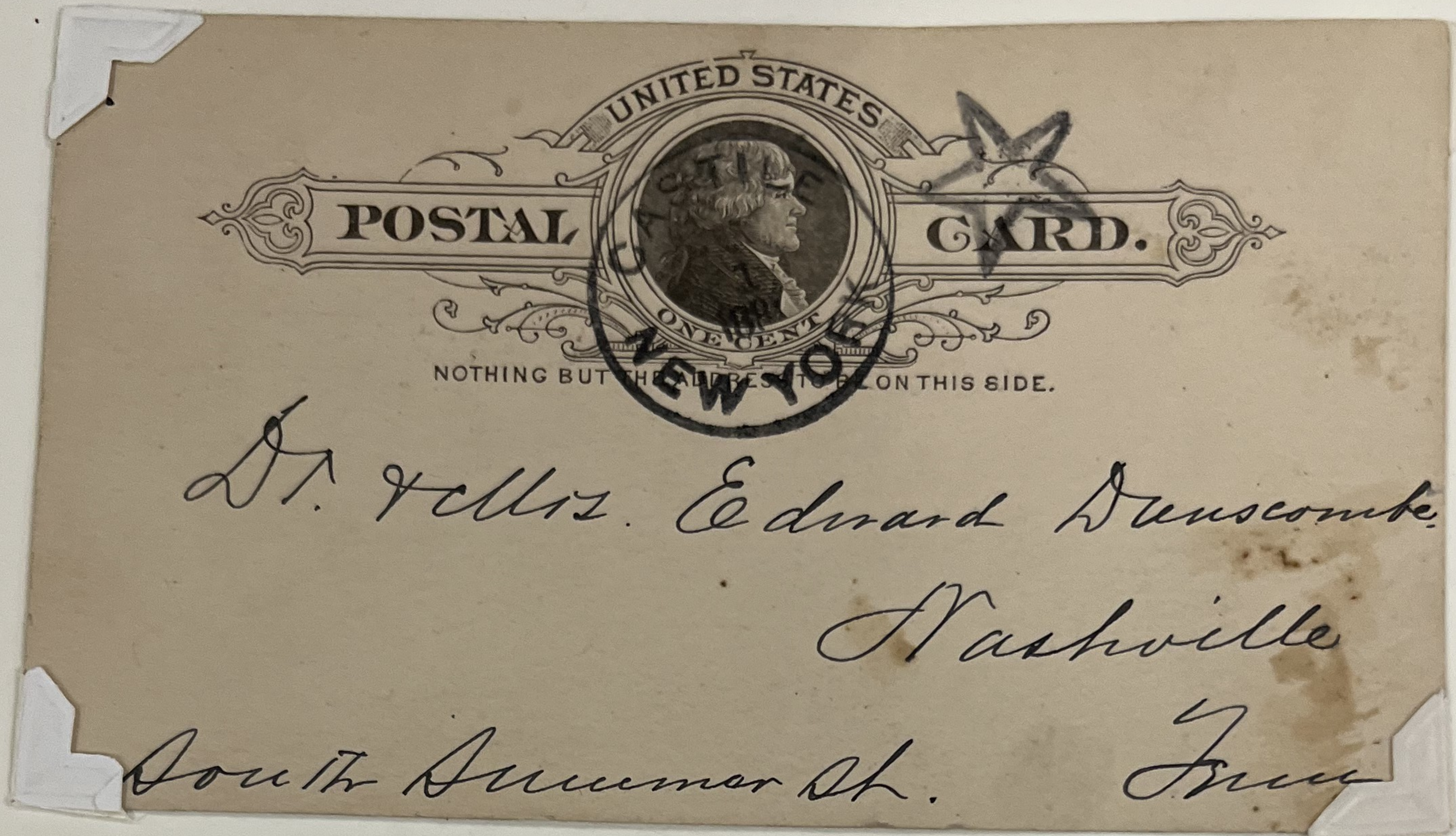
05 Duplicate SW



neg N7



Fouled Anchor. Similar to NY FM.



Star. ~~1875 Card. Painesville, OH~~
OK Palatine

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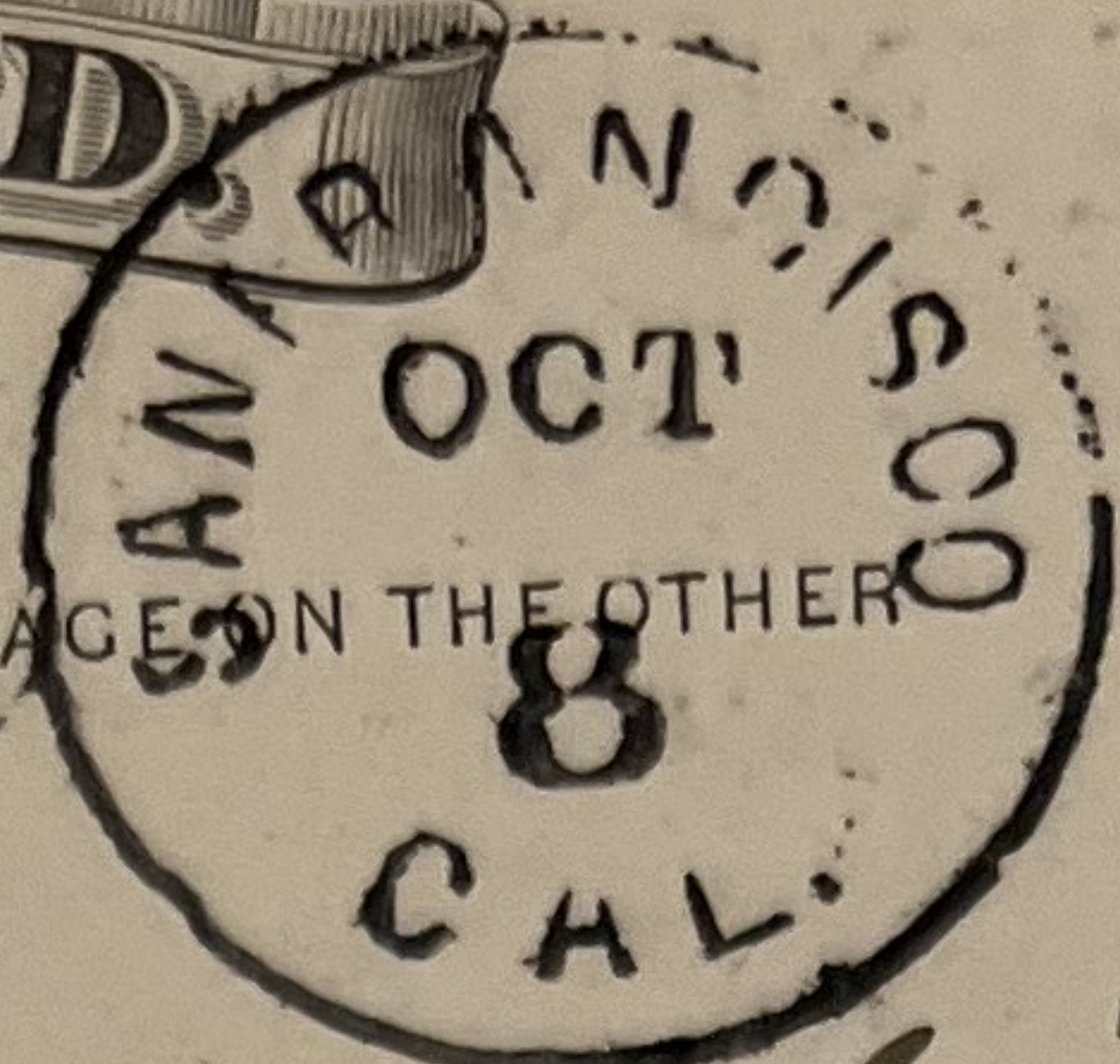


Star. ~~1886 Card. Williamsport, MD~~

In German

POSTAL CARD

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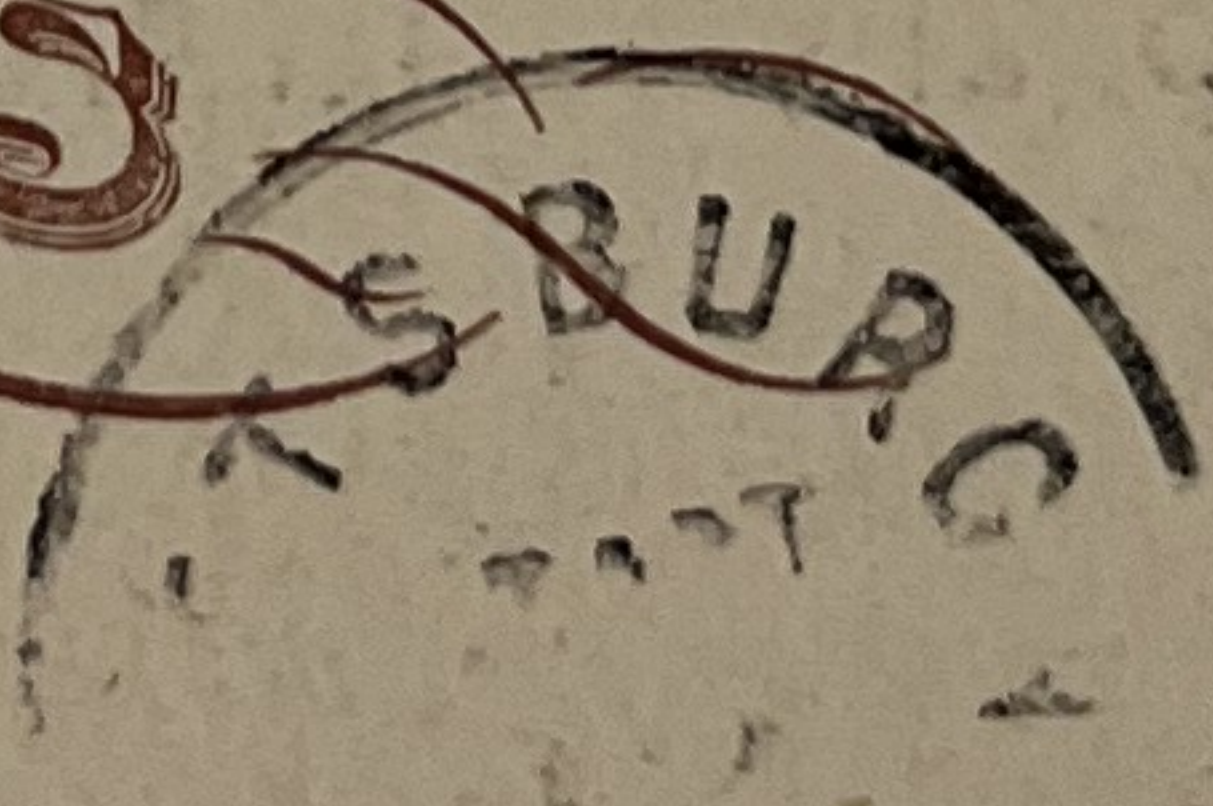


Miss L. H. Hershfield Bro
Helena
Montana

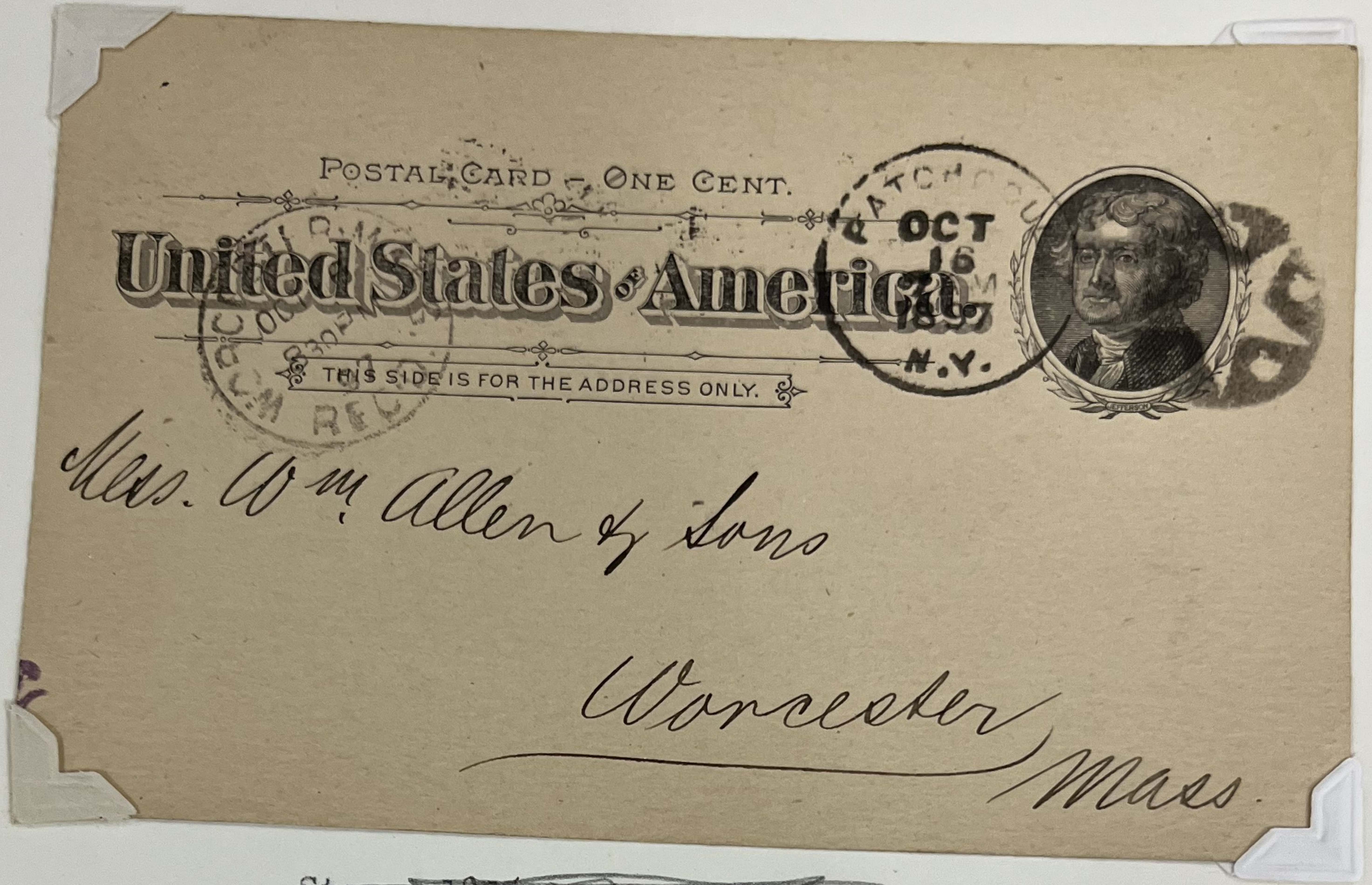
~~Hot Springs AR~~
~~Montana~~ Territorial

United States
POSTAL CARD

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To E. J. Baker
Cleveland
Ohio



POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

United States of America



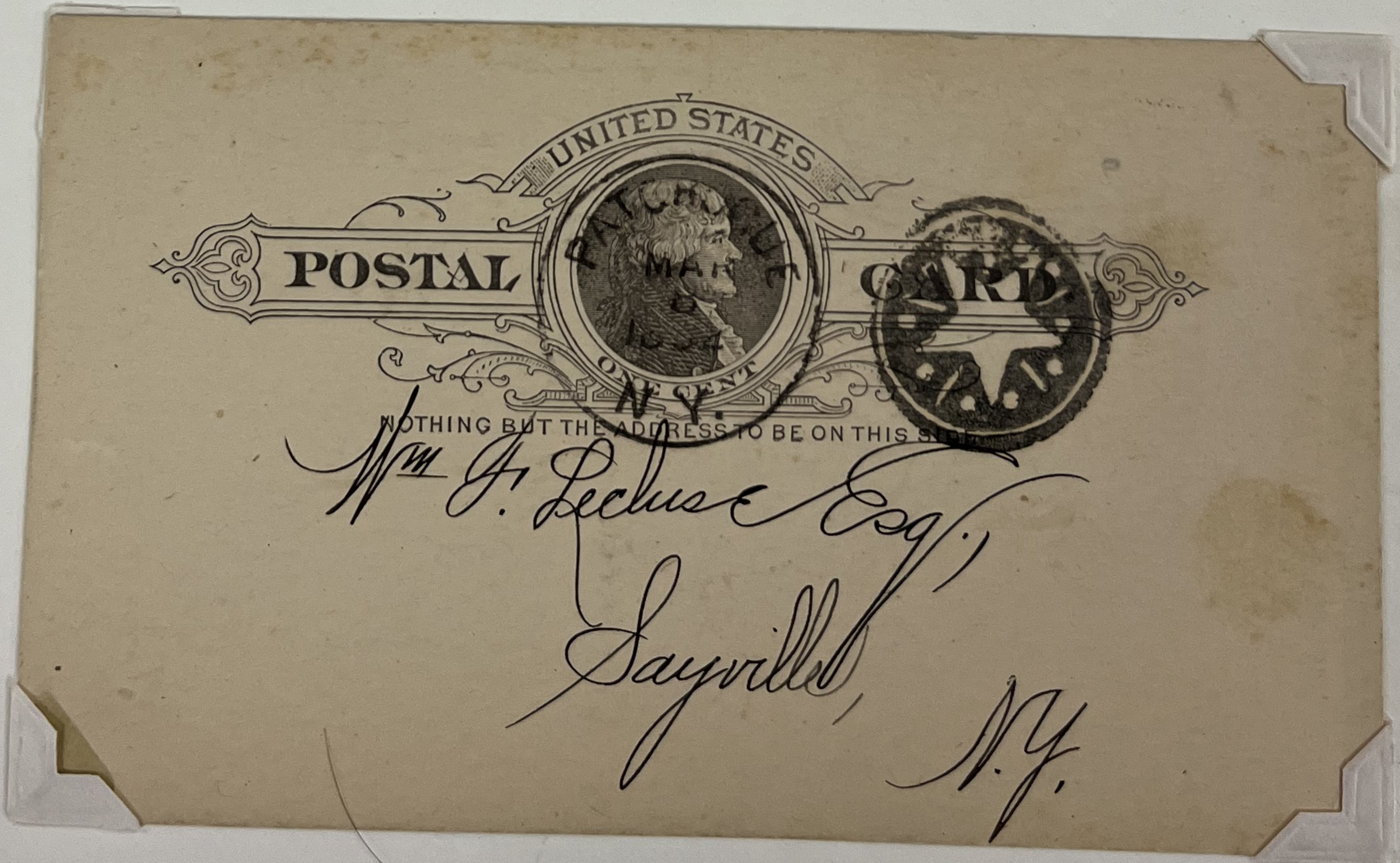
THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mrs. Wm Allen & Sons

Worcester, Mass.

Star. 1875 Card. Wellington, OH

Spencer's Collection



UNITED STATES

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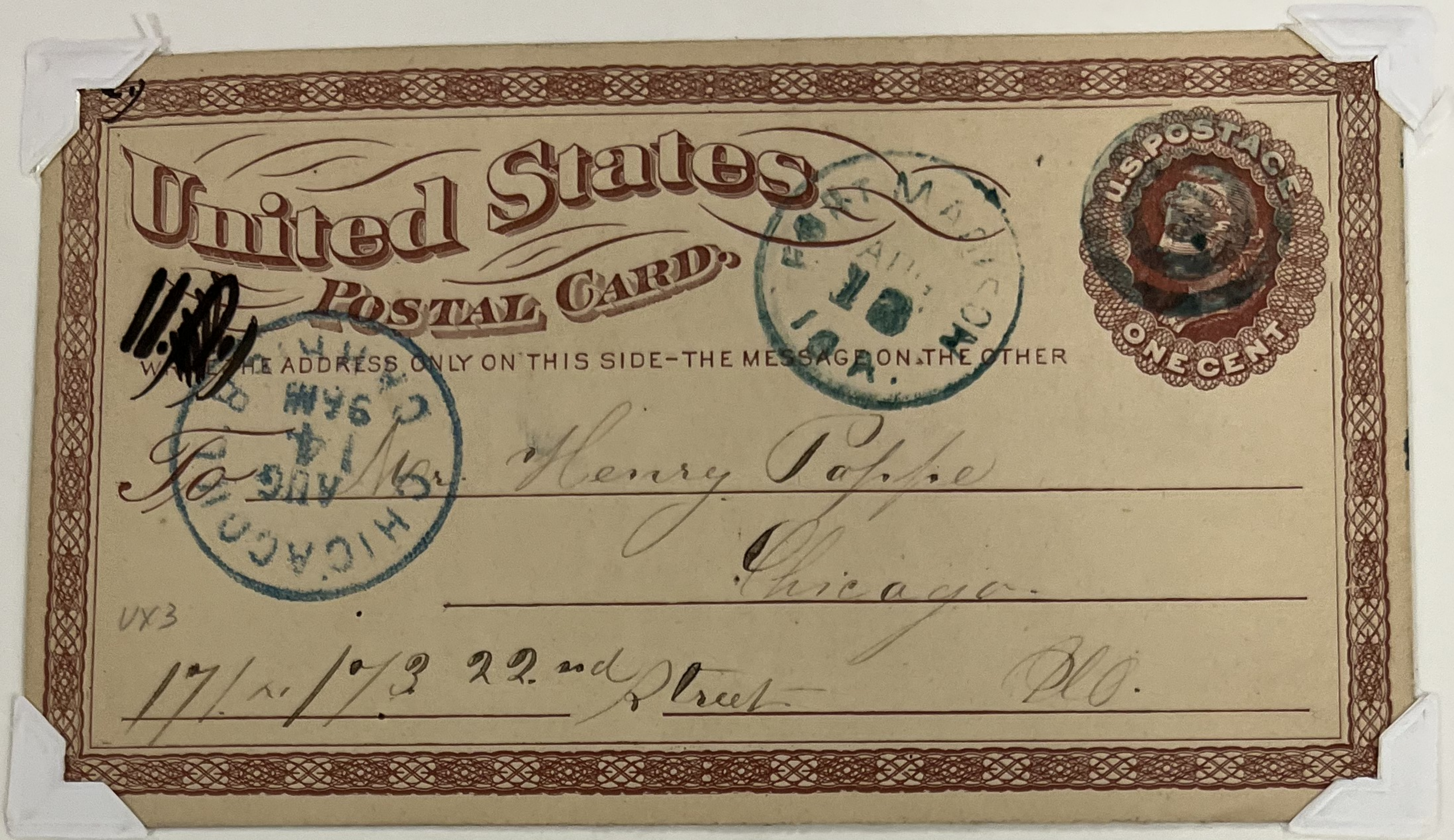
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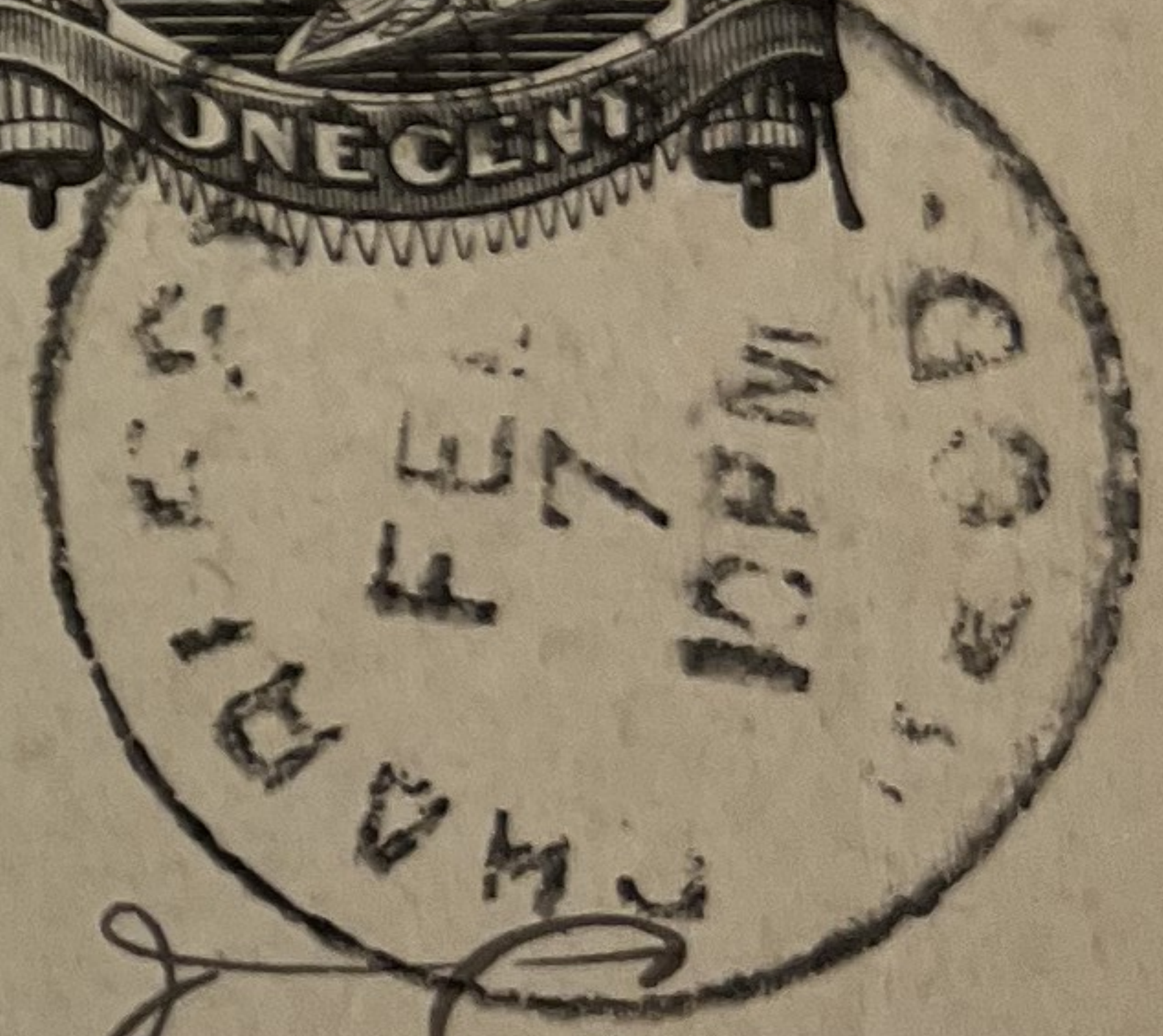
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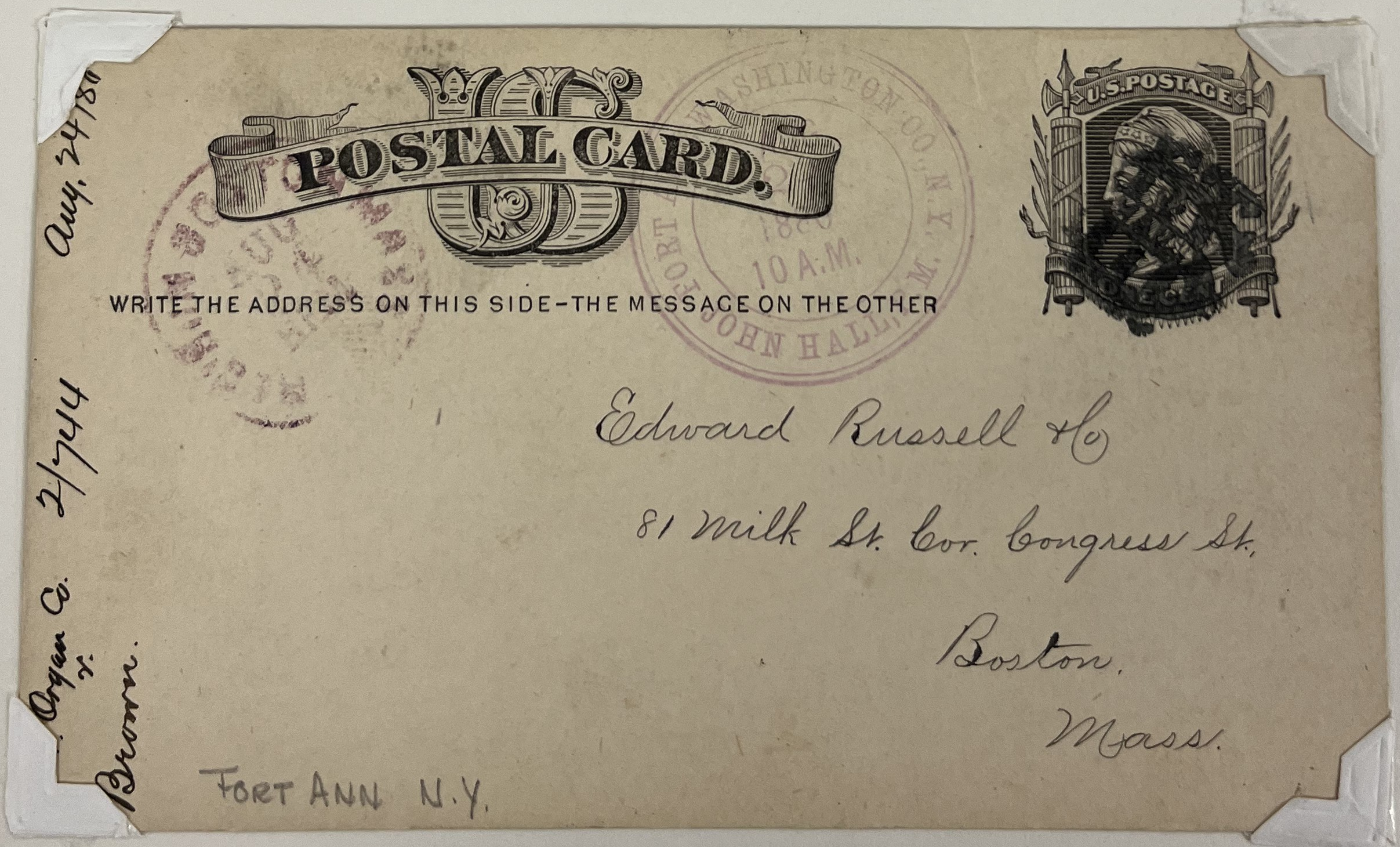
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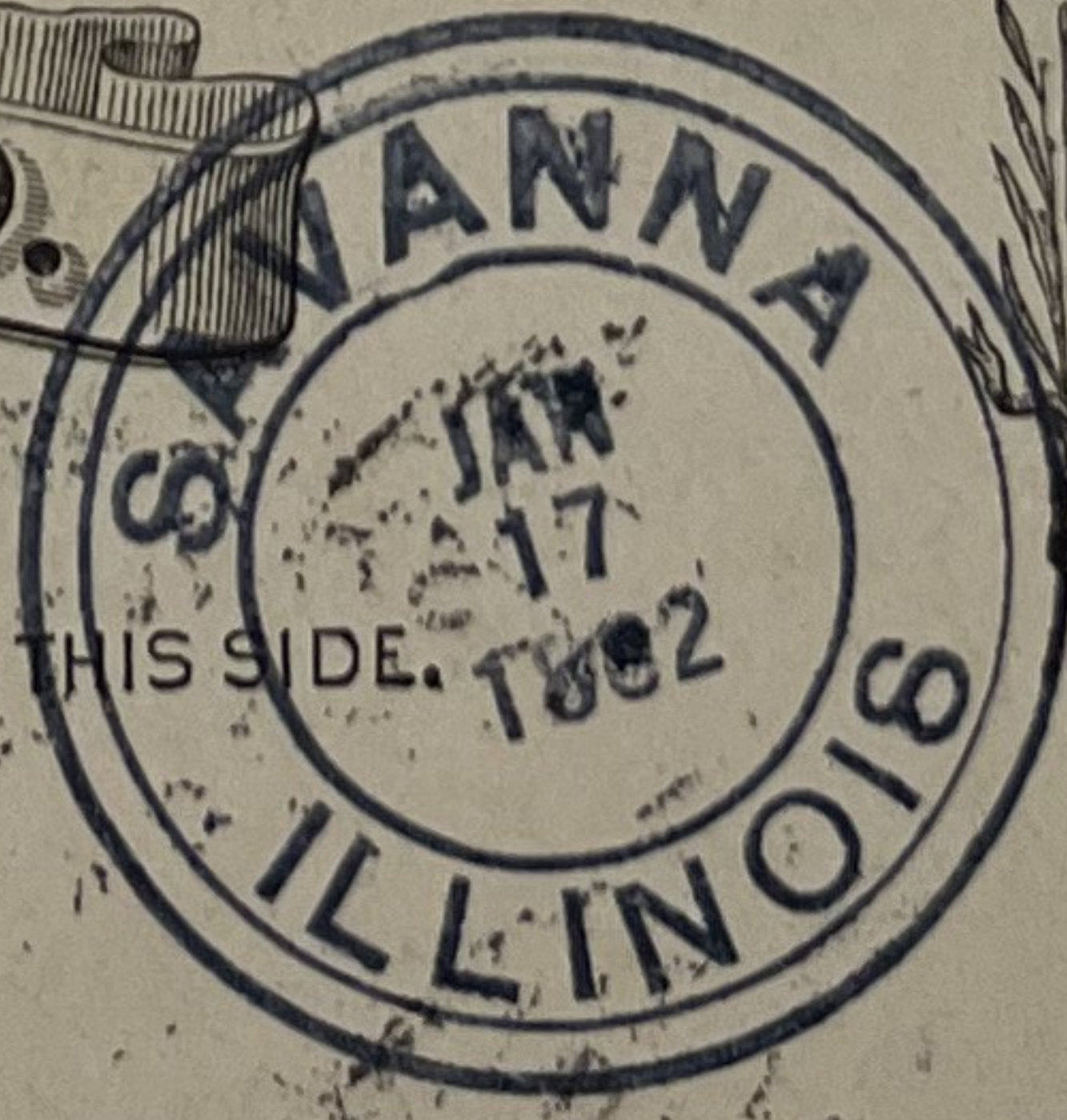
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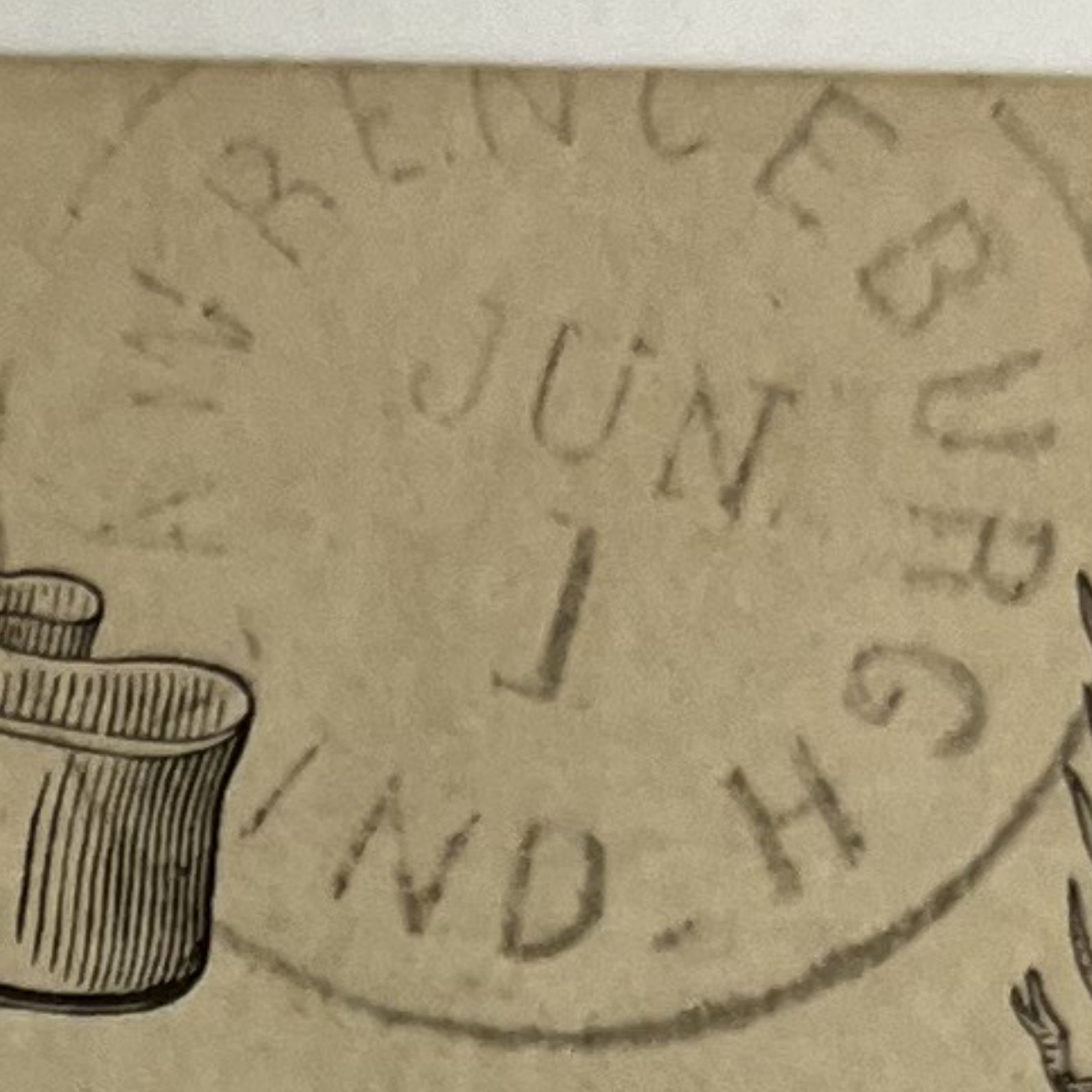


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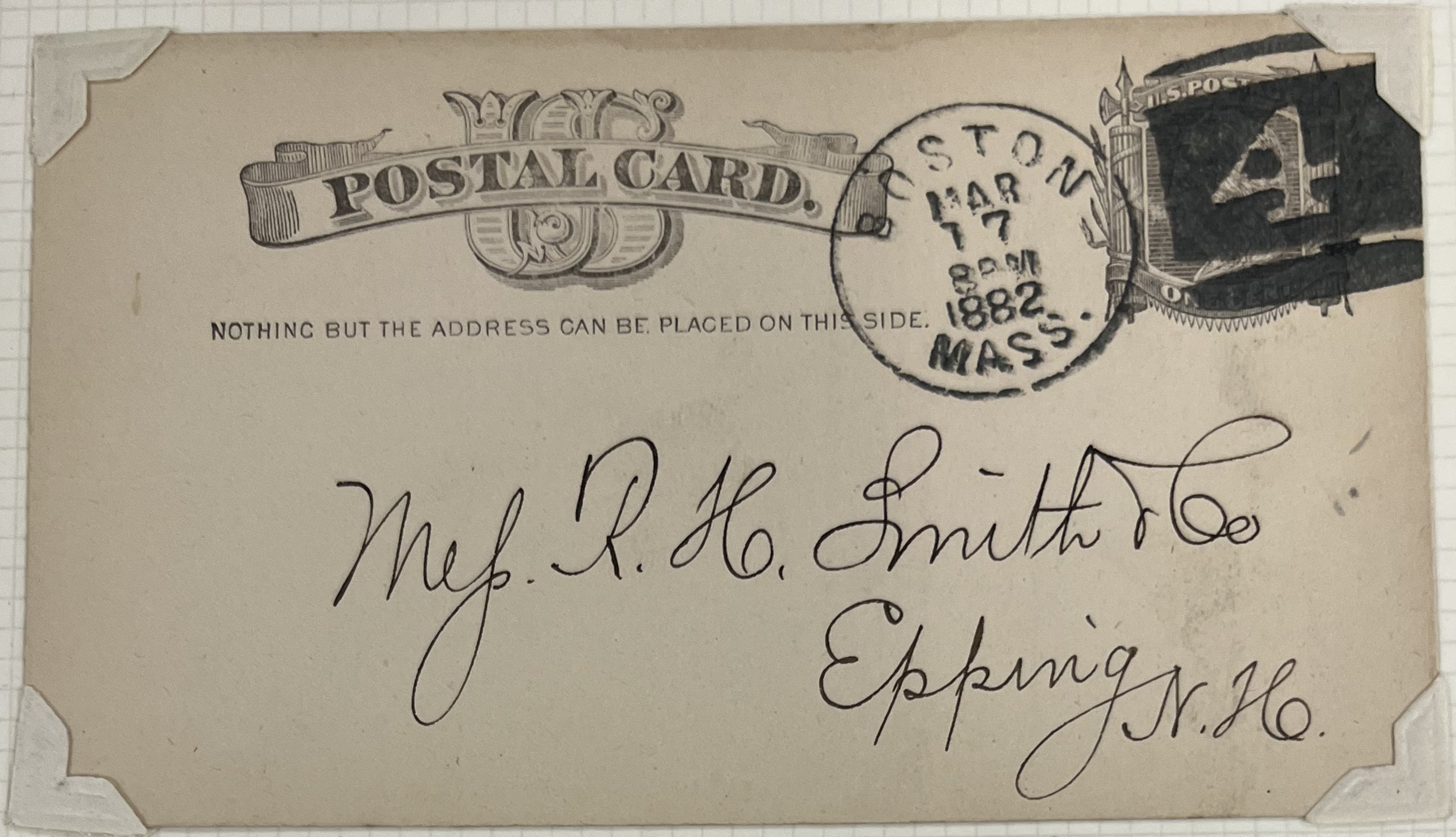


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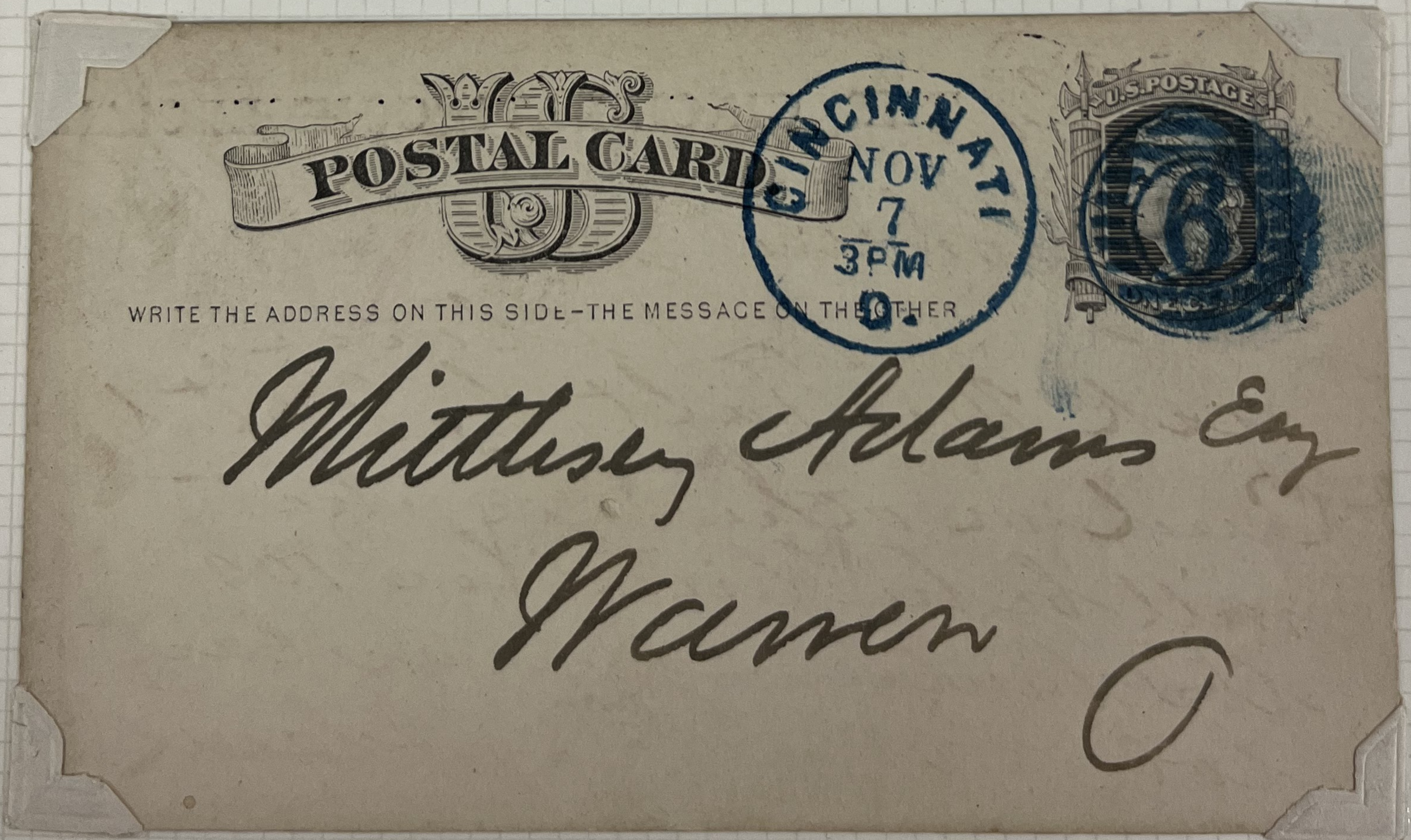
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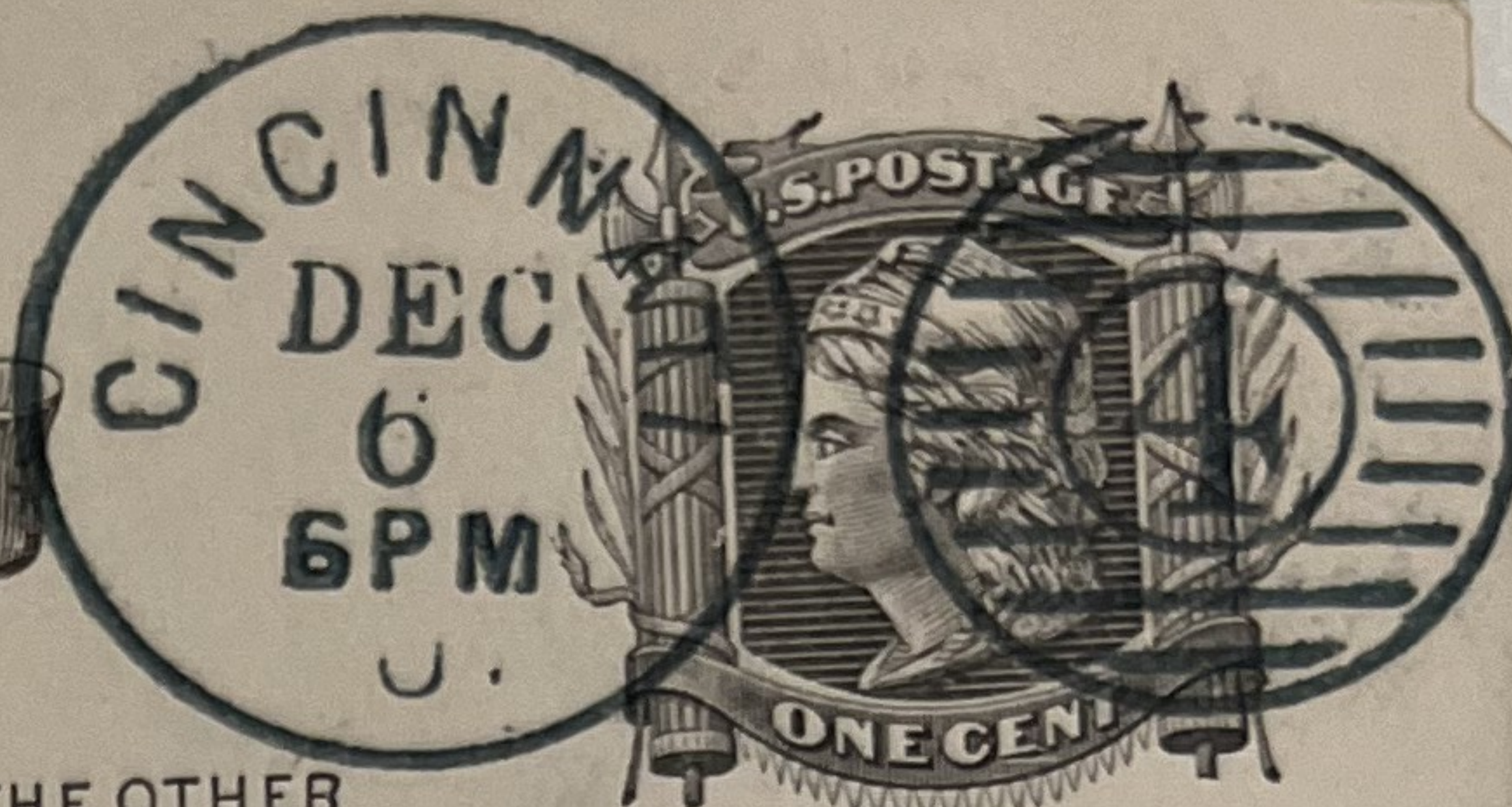


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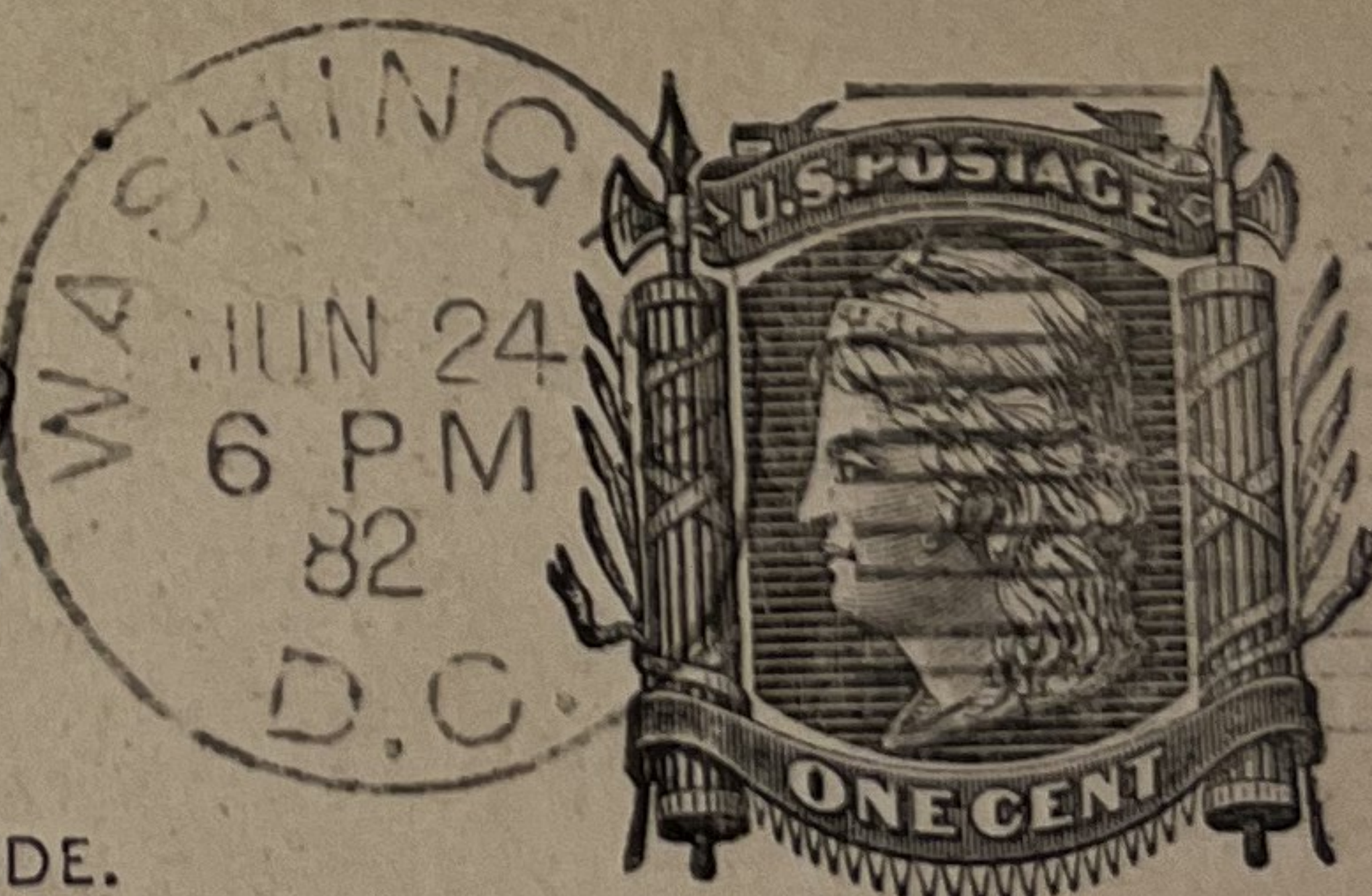


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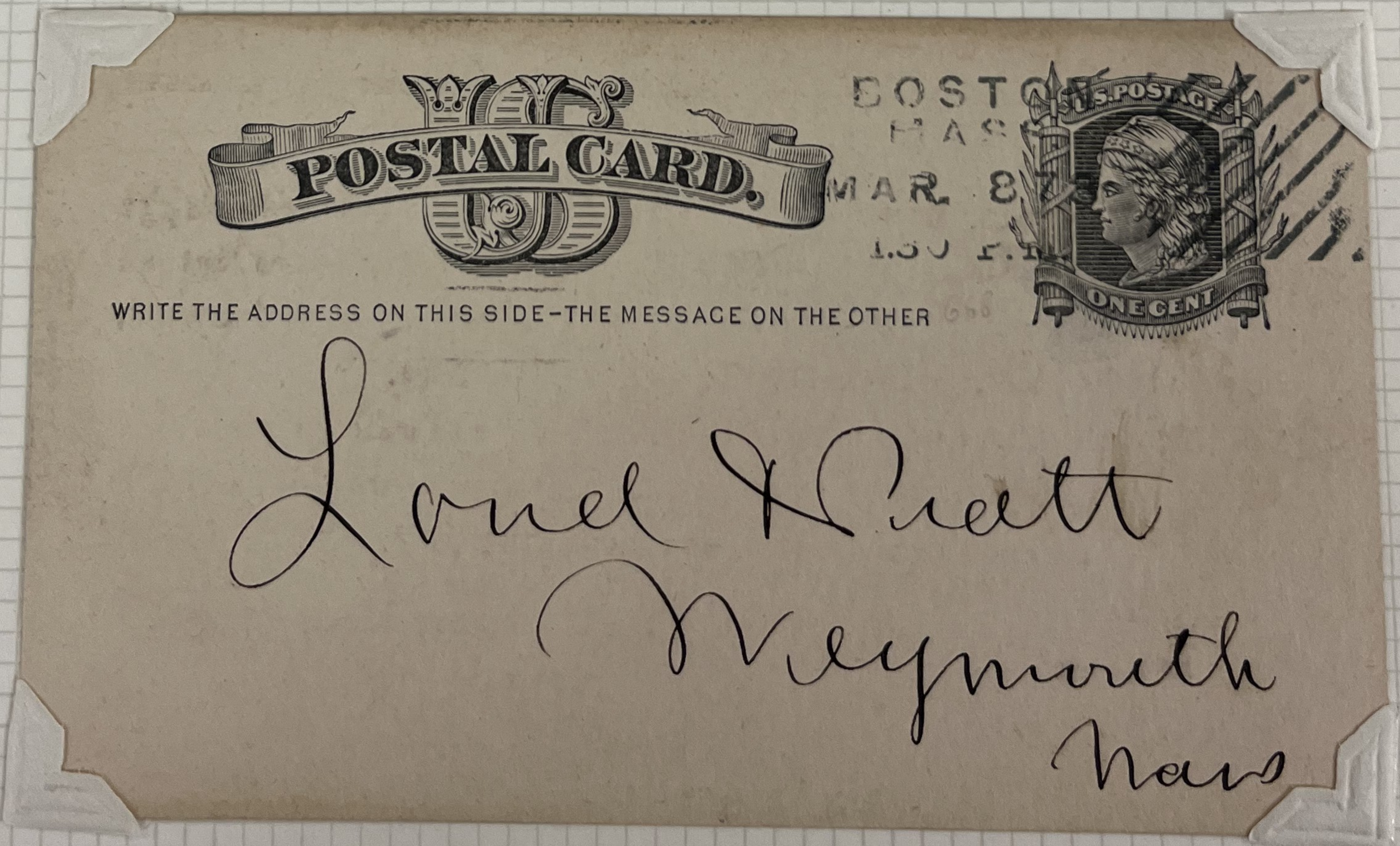


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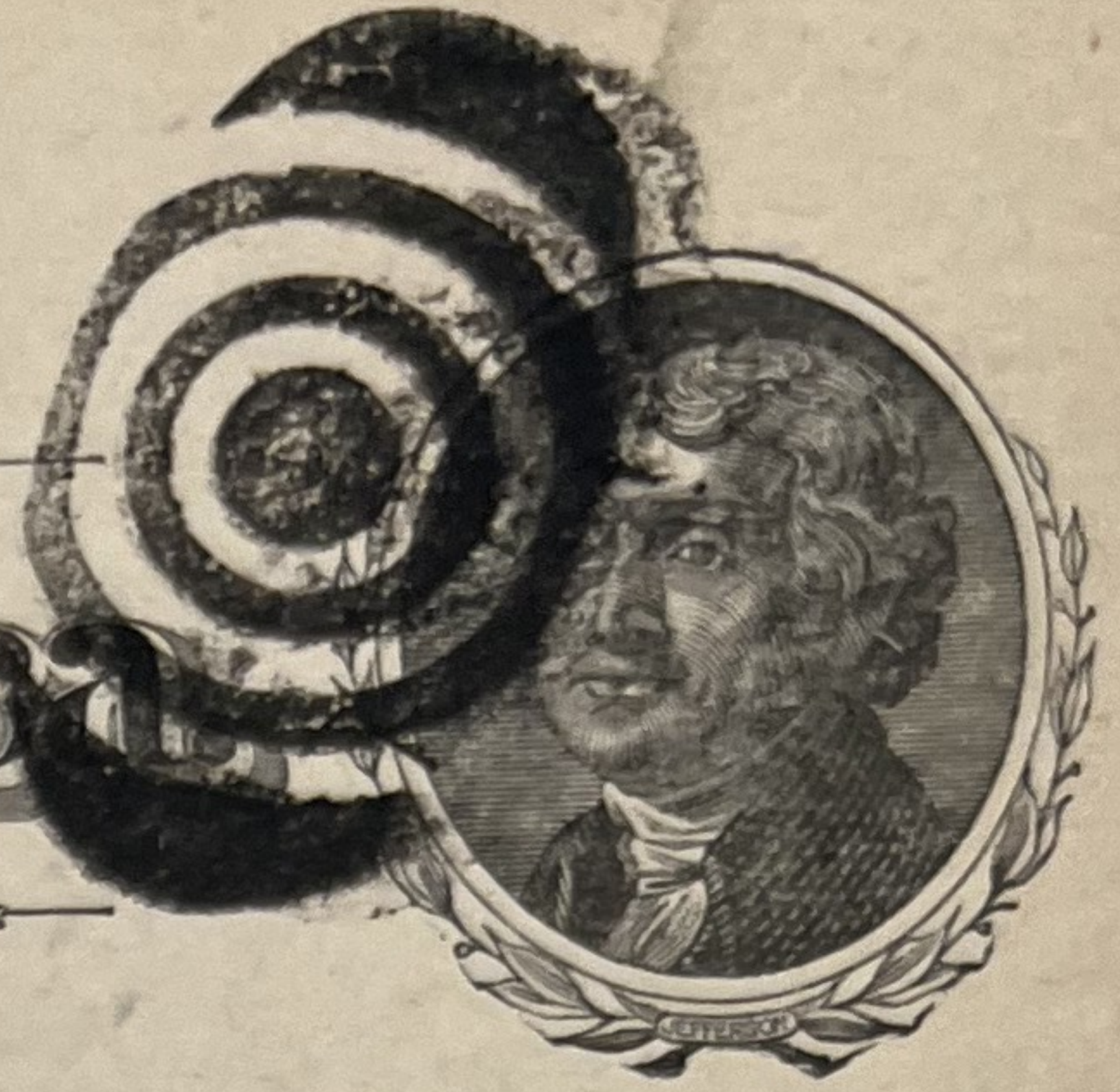
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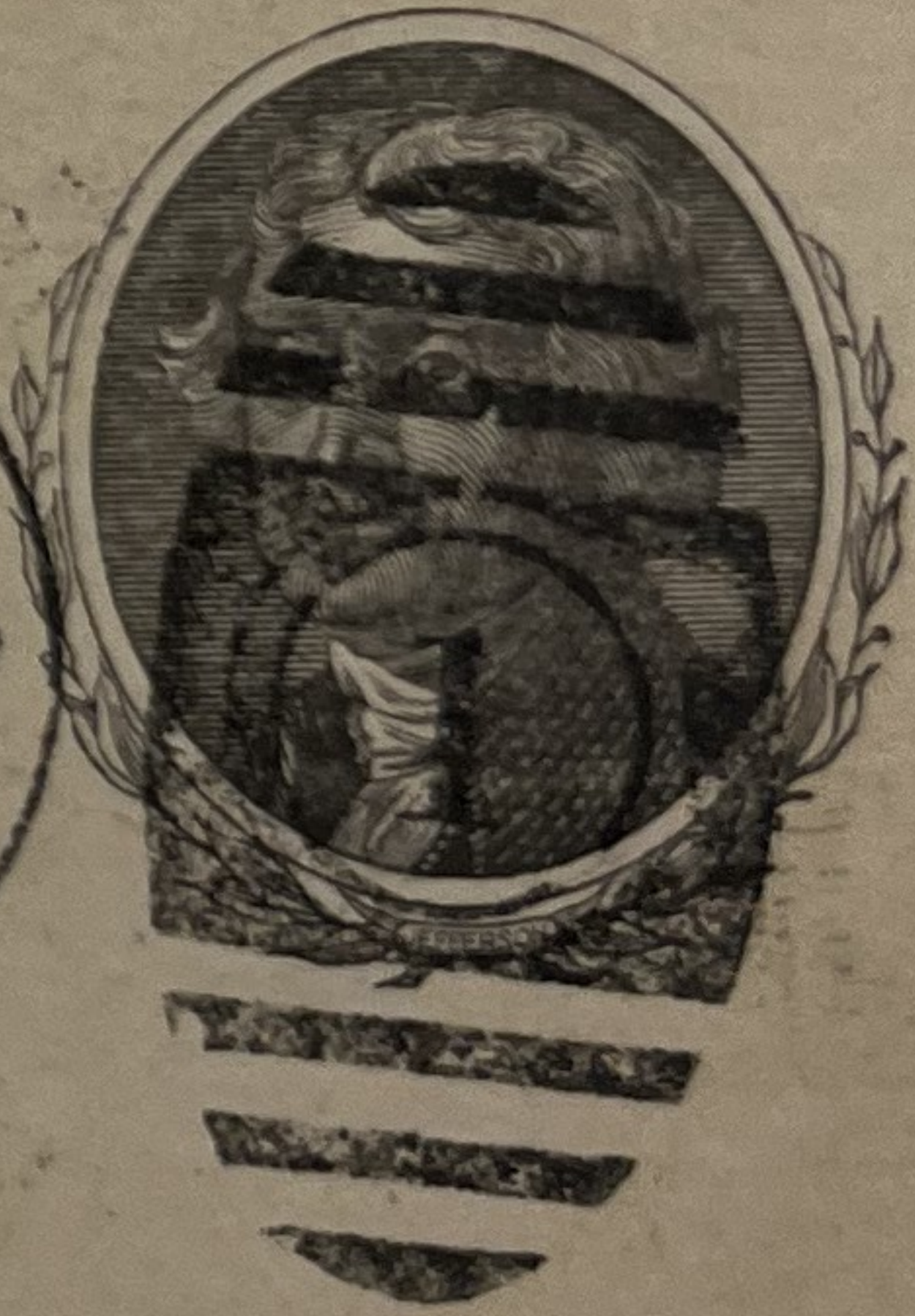
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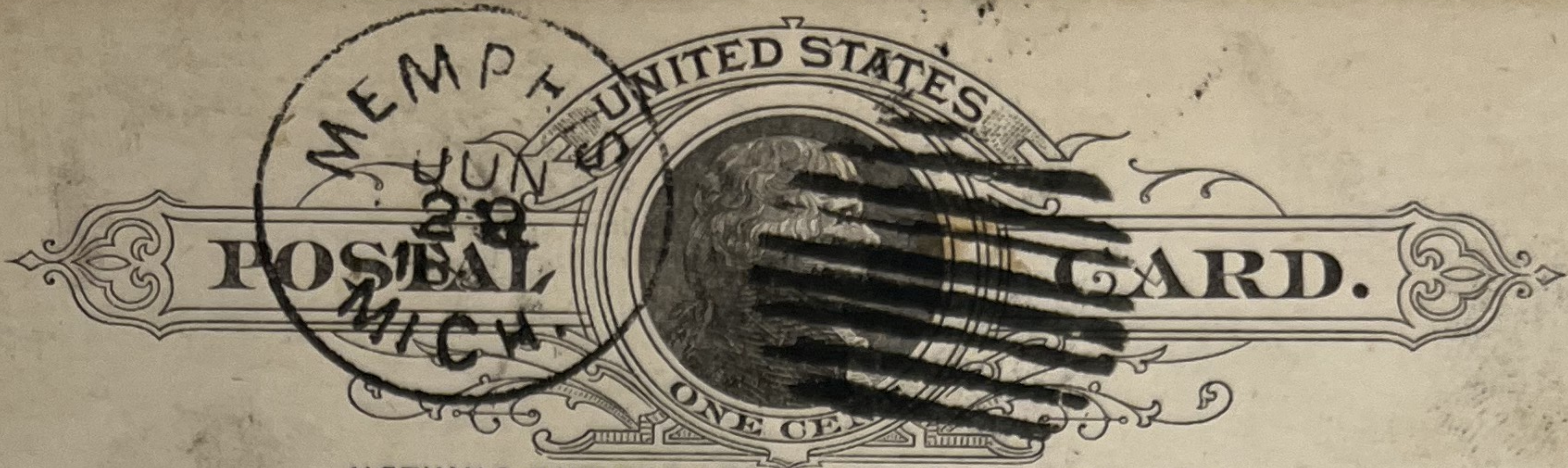
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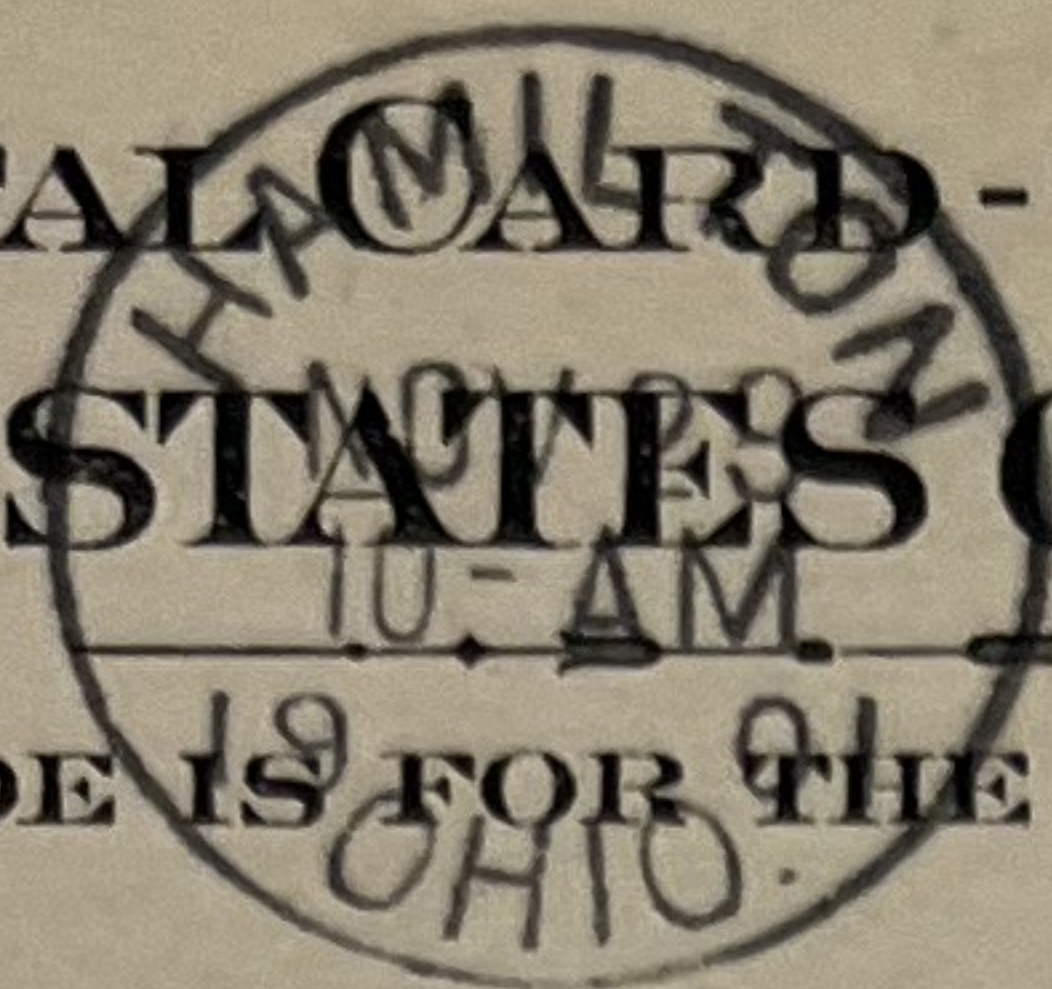
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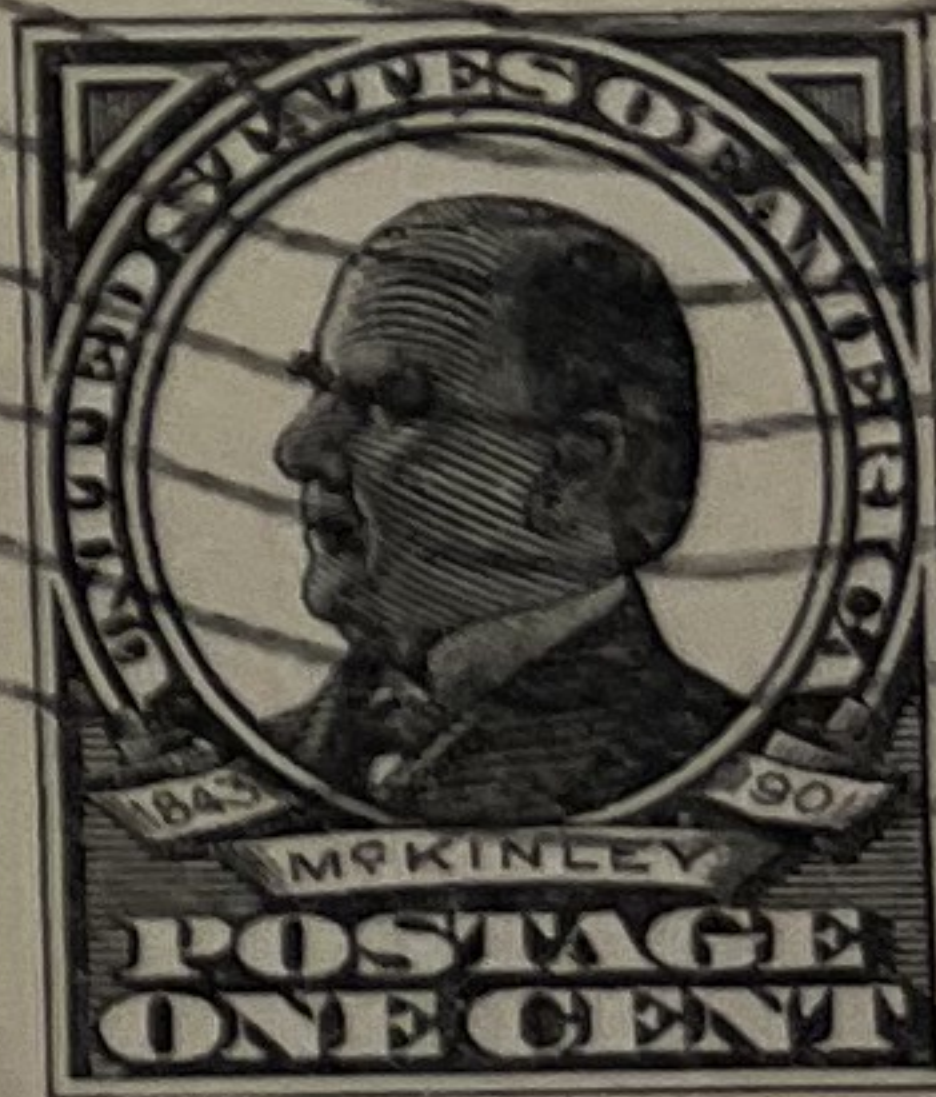
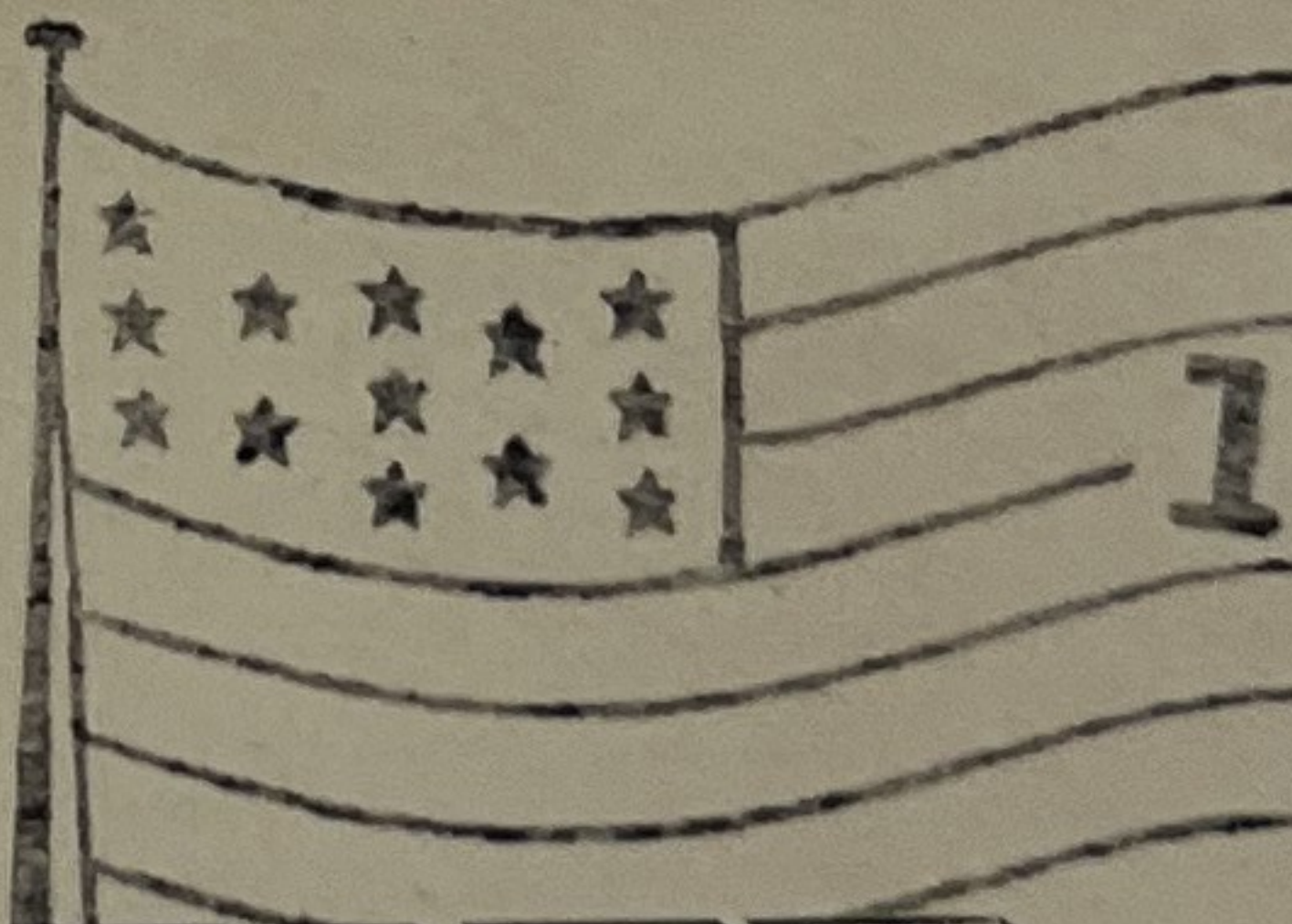
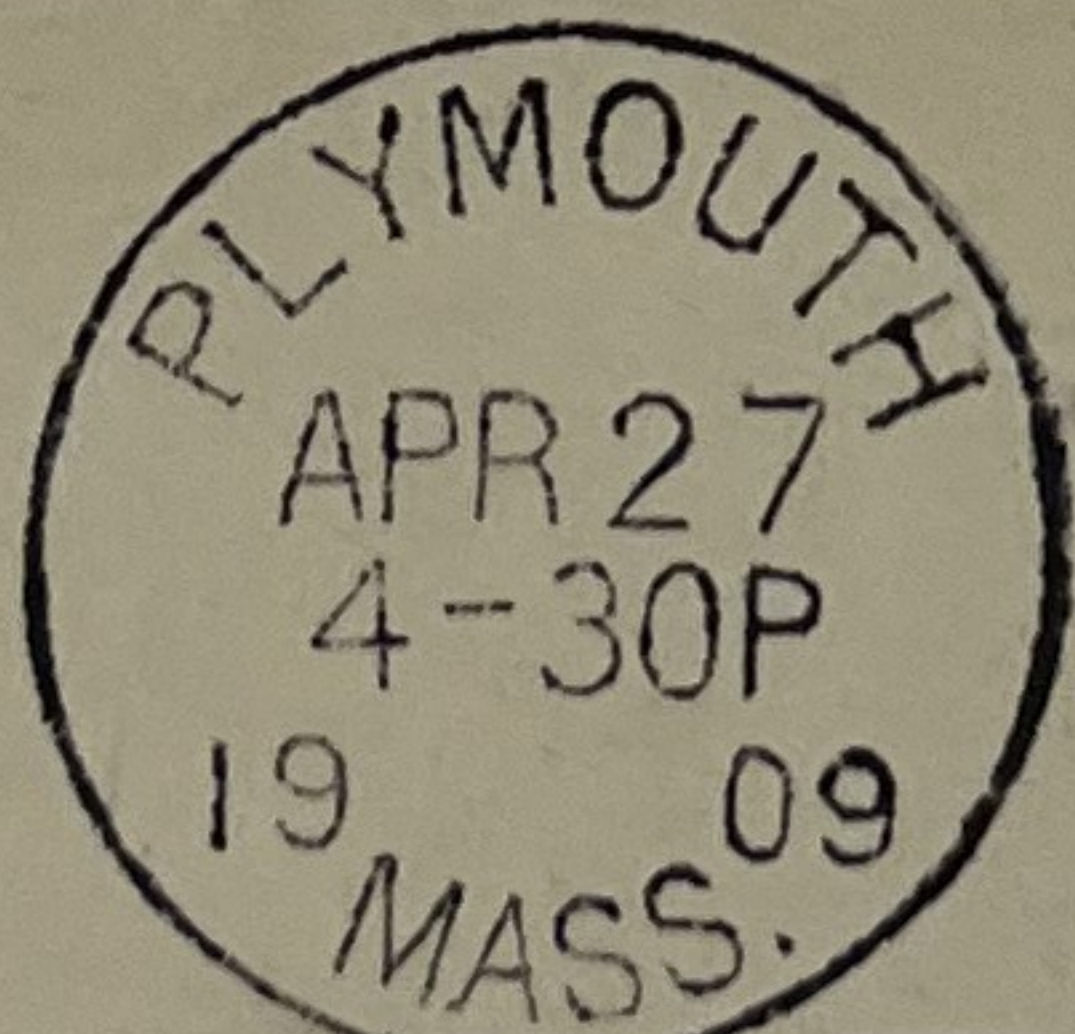
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