

-Stampless Covers-

Bridgewater
Feb. 11th

W. Crafts P. M.
Hill

Mrs. Minerva Marvin
Greenfield
Erie County
Pennsylvania

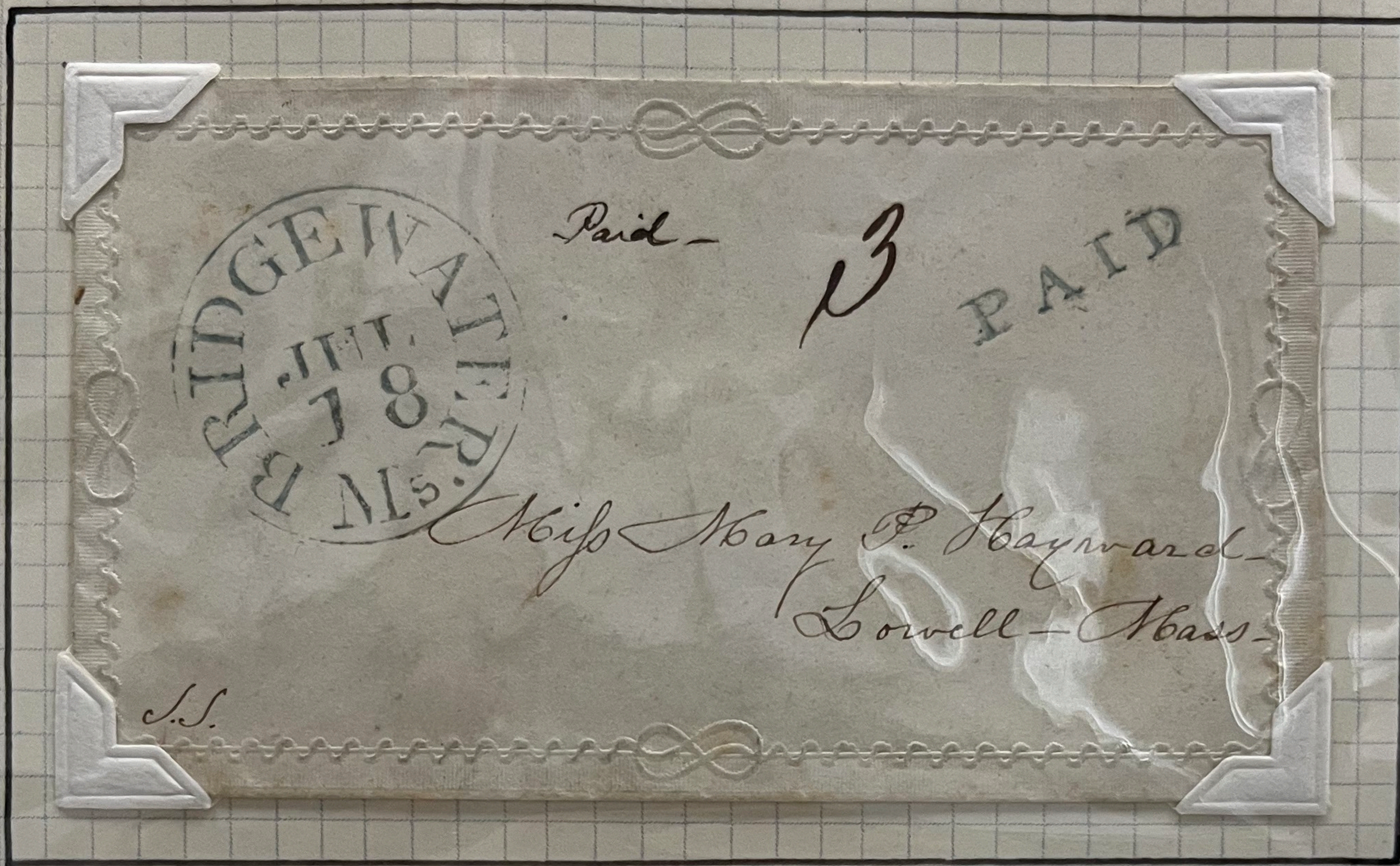
Manuscript Bridgewater (Mass.) dated Feb. 11 (1818) used with a FREE and frank of the Postmaster- W. Crafts. May be Bridgewater PENN. ?

Wm. W. 3 Paid Paid
July 17

Allen Danforth Esq.
Plymouth
Mass

Manuscript Bridgewater, Mass. dated July 17 (1843) with pen PAID 6 for under 30 miles distance.

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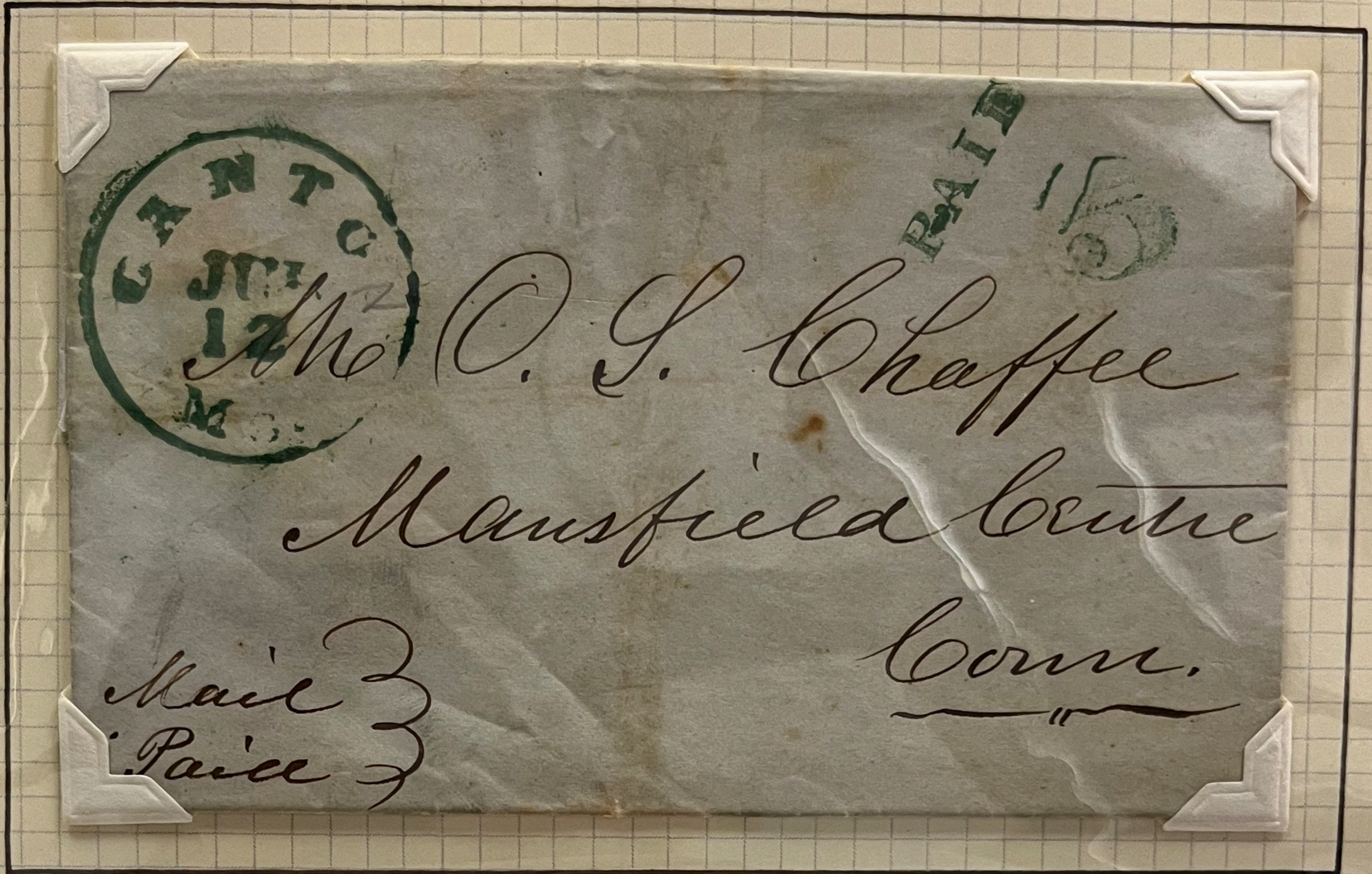


A fancy "Ladies" covers from **Bridgewater, Mass.** dated July 18 (1851-54) with straight line **PAID** and pen "3". The 30 mm. town marking is in bluish-green.



Bold 30 mm. red **Bridgewater, Mass.** dated Nov. 21 (1851-54) used with a matching circled **PAID 3** marking.

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Green 33 mm. Canton, Mass. dated July 12 (1850) used with a matching PAID and " 5 ".



Red 33 mm. Canton, Mass. dated December 21 (before 1851) used with a red "5" and green PAID marking. Very Unusual. This was around Christmas so maybe this was why the use of red and green on the same cover.

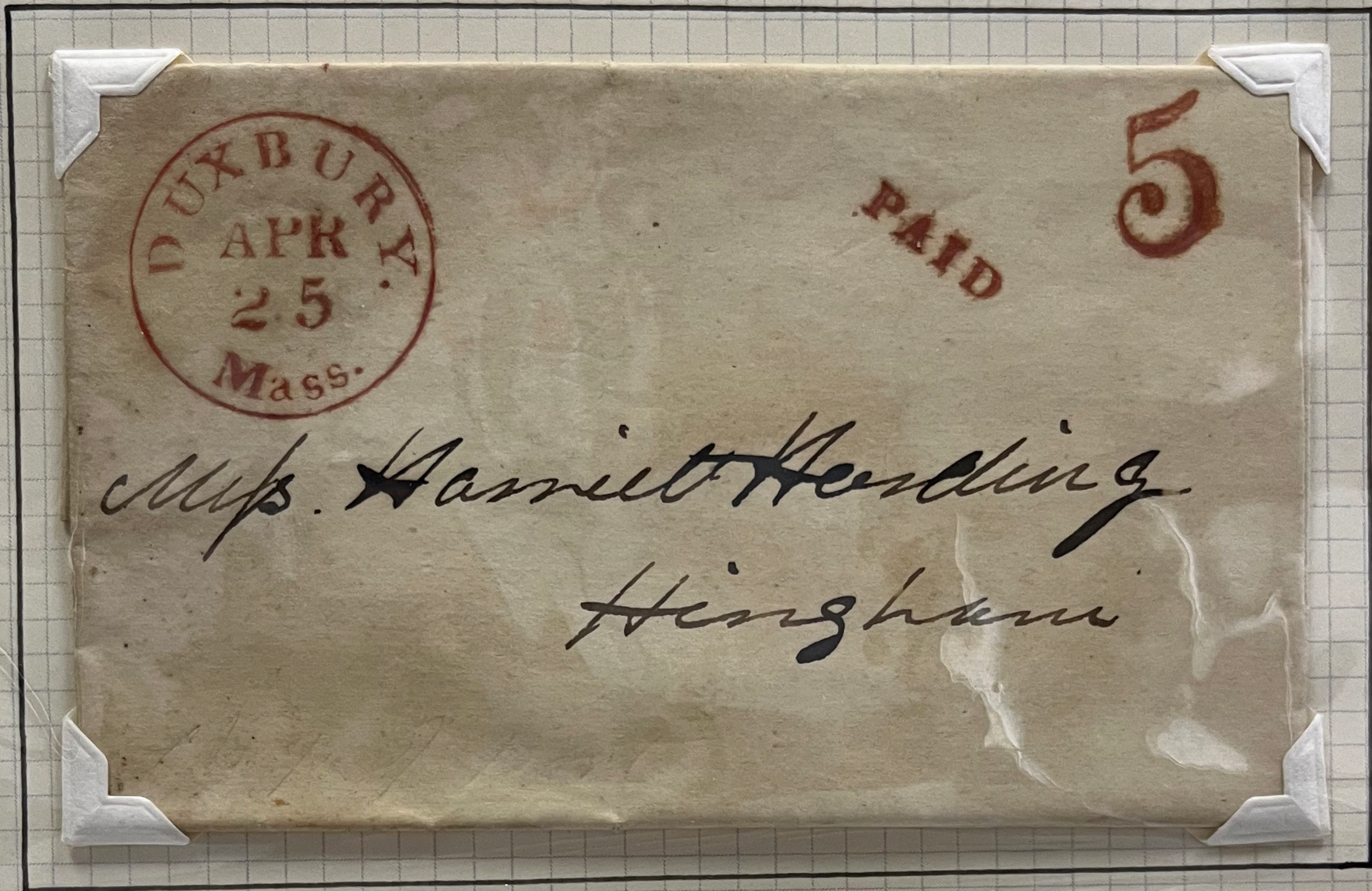
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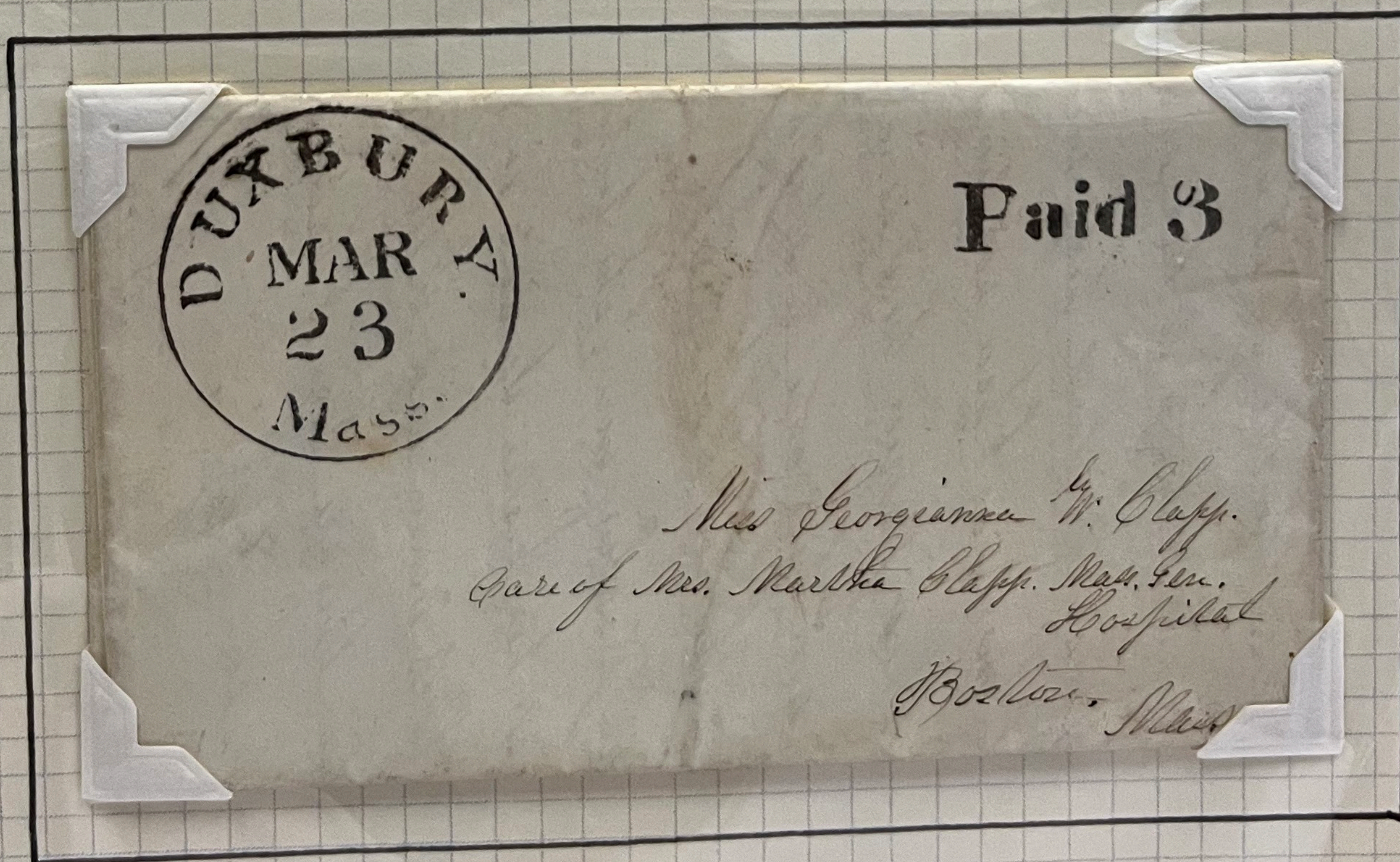
Duxbury, Massachusetts dated August 1-(1851-1856) The year is unknown but must be after July 1, 1851 because that is when the three cent rate went into effect.

This cover was **MISSENT** to **NEW HAVEN, CONN.** so a pen cancel of missent was added and a black town marking of New Haven dated August 2 was also added. This cover was then forwarded to Hartford, Conn., its proper destination.

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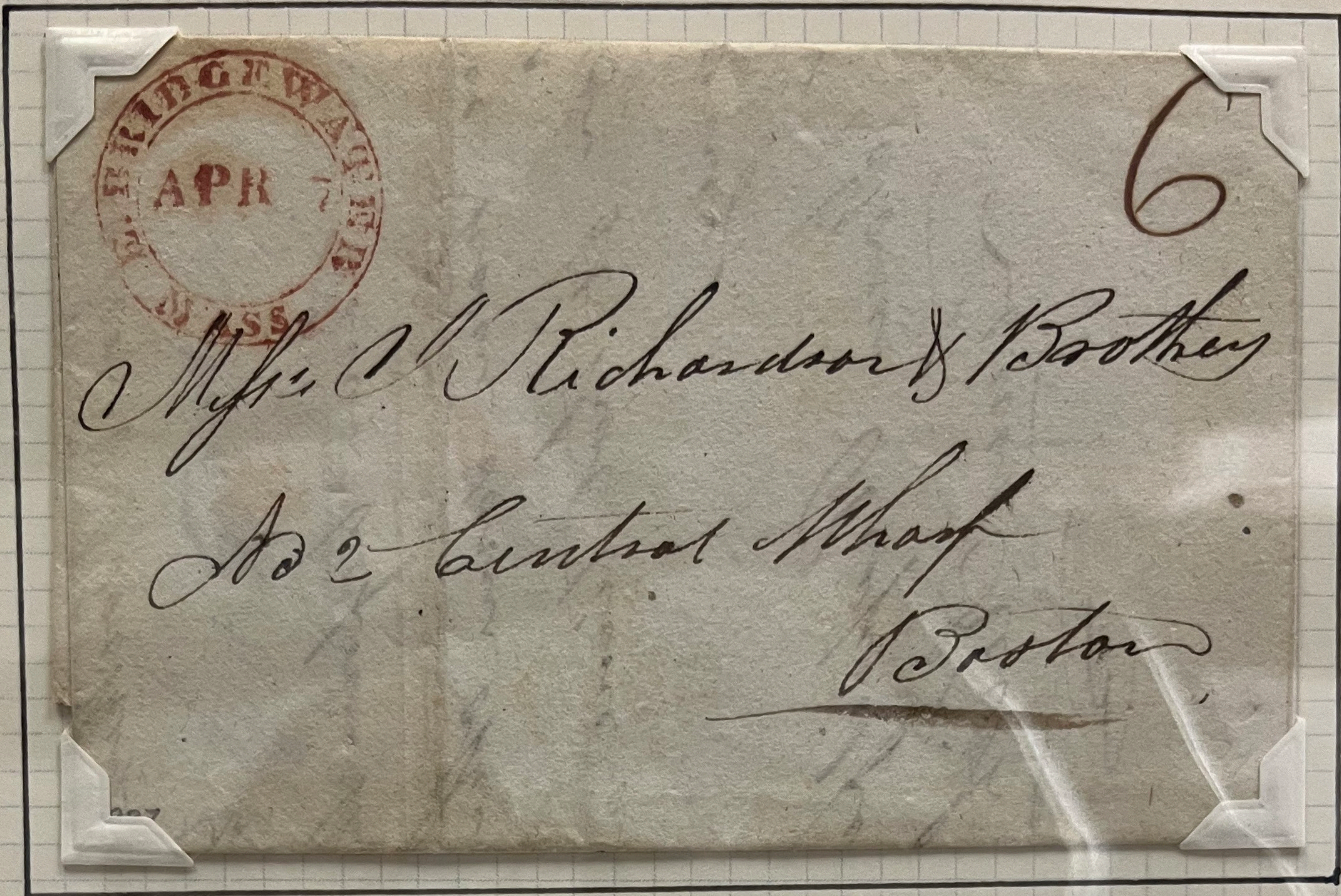


Red 30 mm. **Duxbury, Mass.** used with matching **PAID** and " 5 " dated April 25 (1846).



30 mm. **Duxbury, Mass.** dated March 23 (1853) used with a straight line **PAID 3** marking.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS



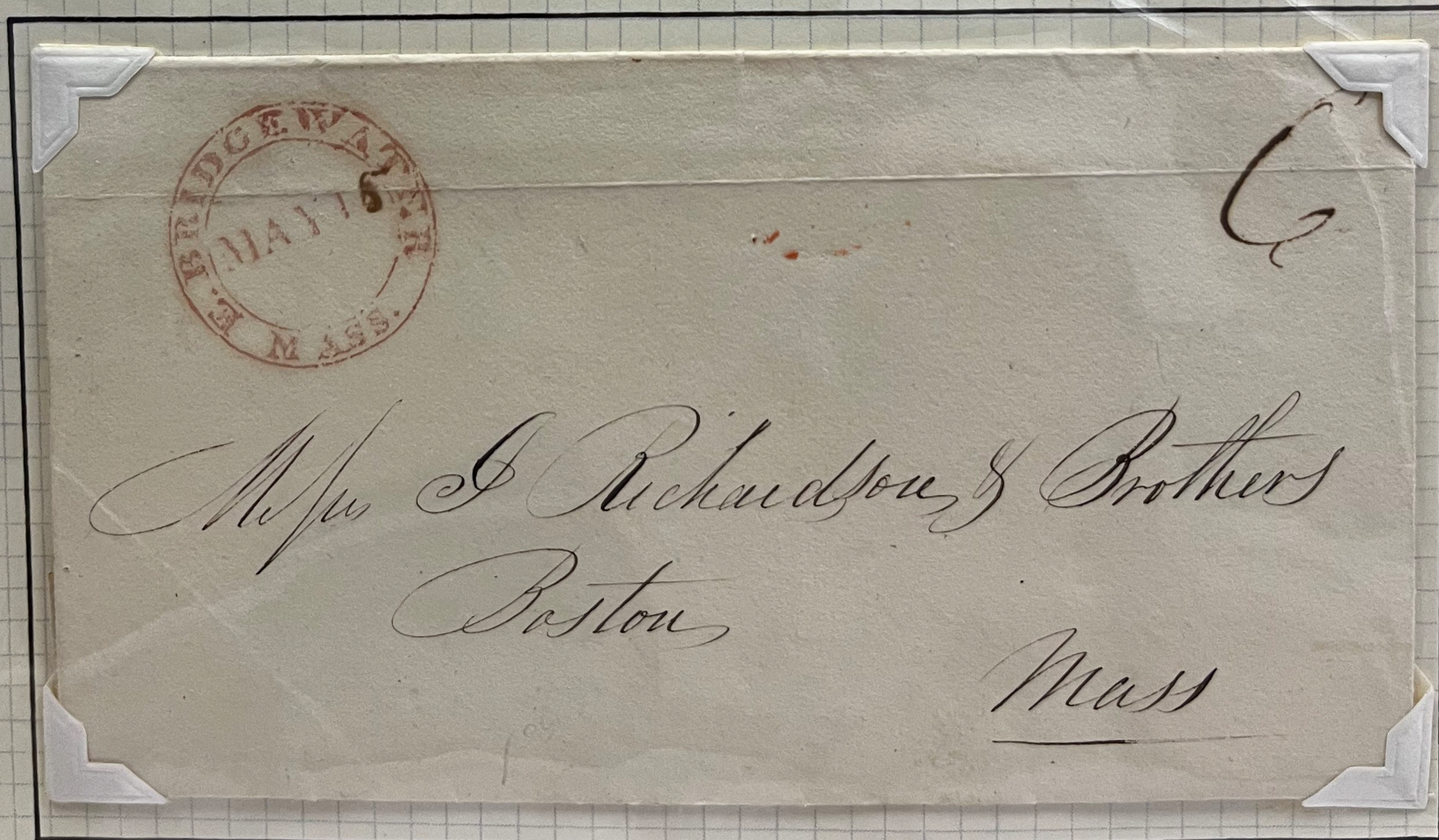
Stampless cover from East Bridgewater, Massachusetts in double ring in red dated April 7, 1827 with pen 6 (cents) sent to Boston.



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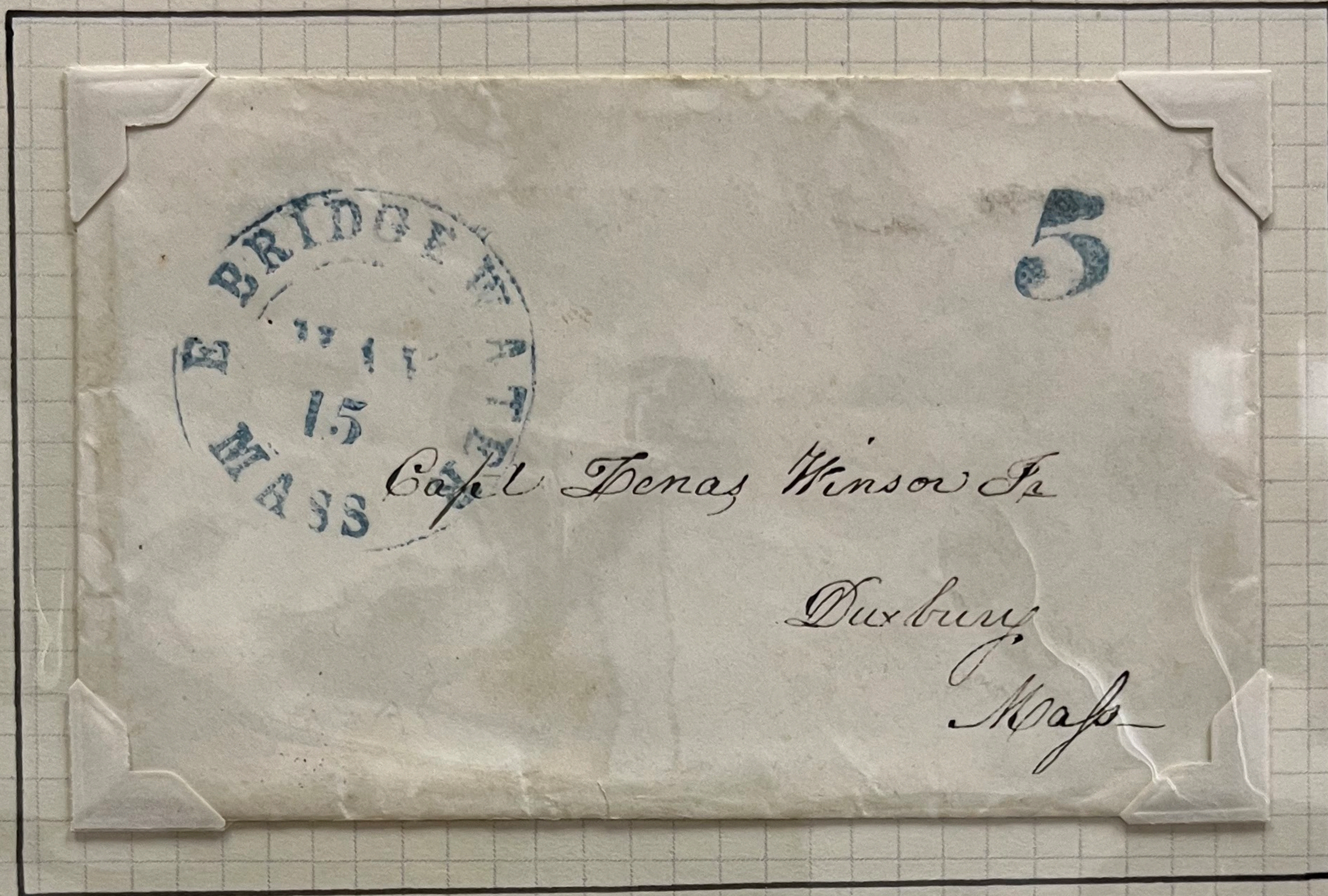


Ringless Red East Bridgewater, Mass. dated October 25 (1837) with red PAID and pen rate of 6 cts.

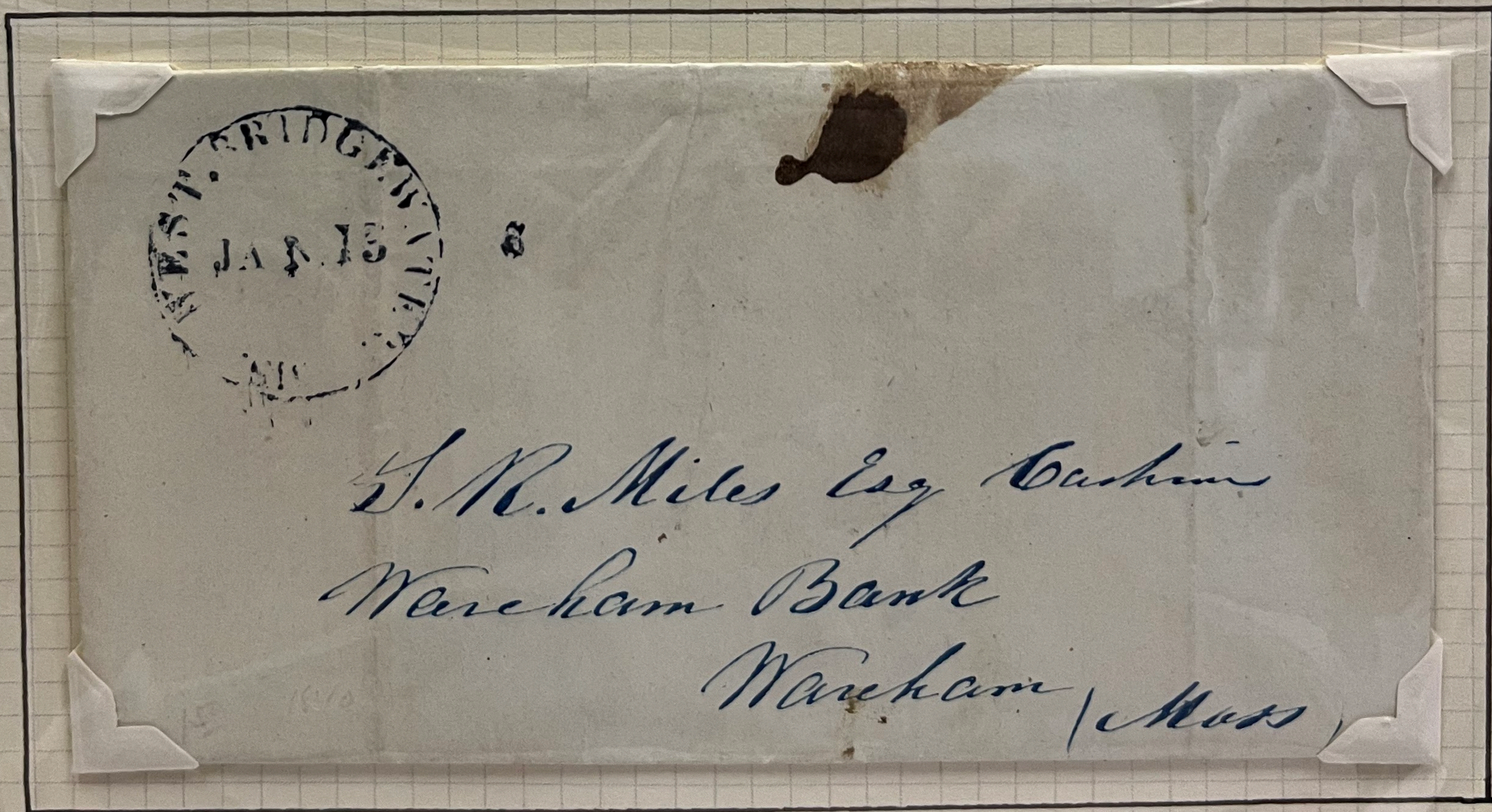


Red East Bridgewater, Mass. dated May 15 (1828) with inner circle around the date.

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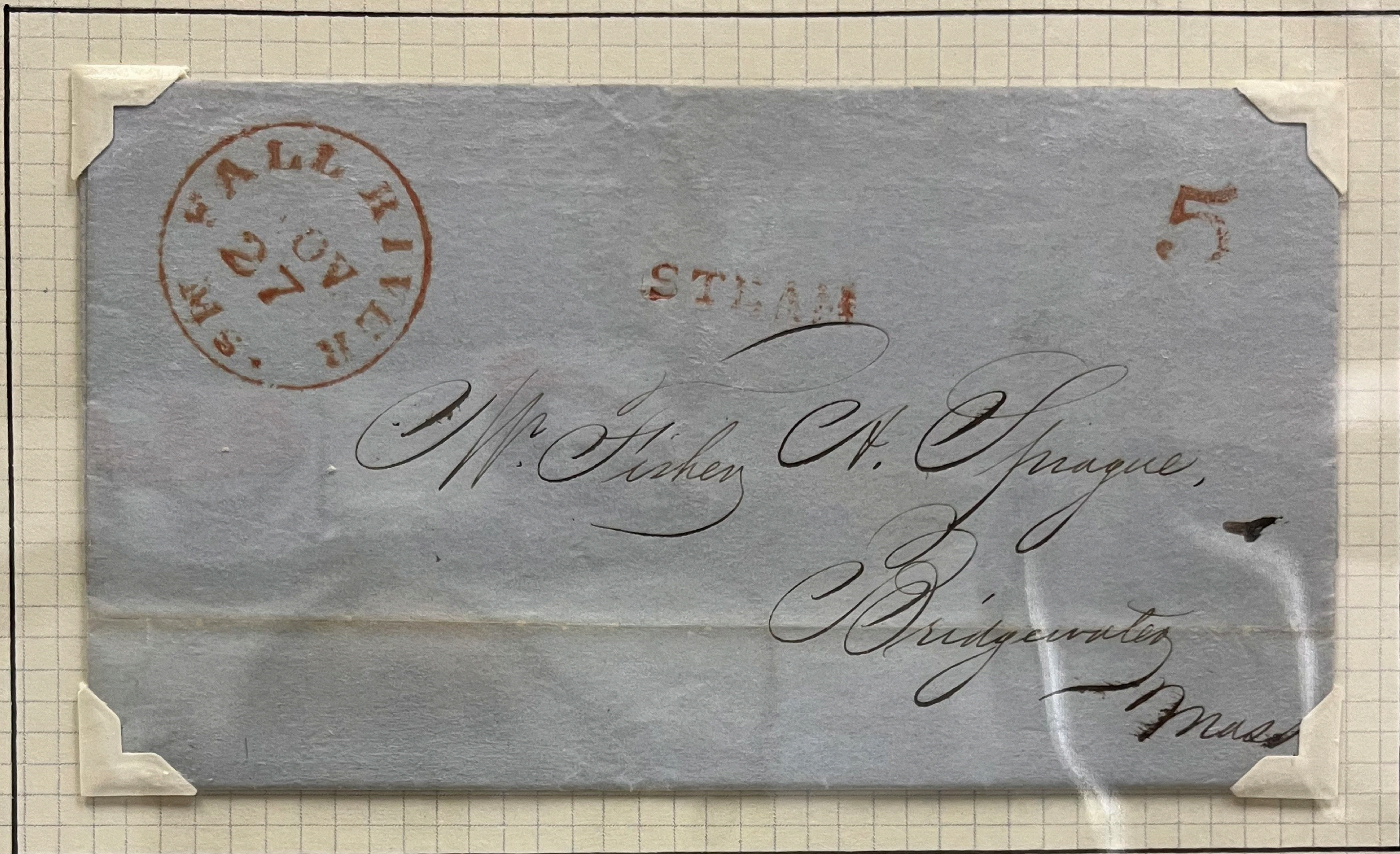


31 mm. blue **East Bridgewater, Mass.** dated May 15 (1846-51) used with matching blue " 5 " on a collect stampless cover.

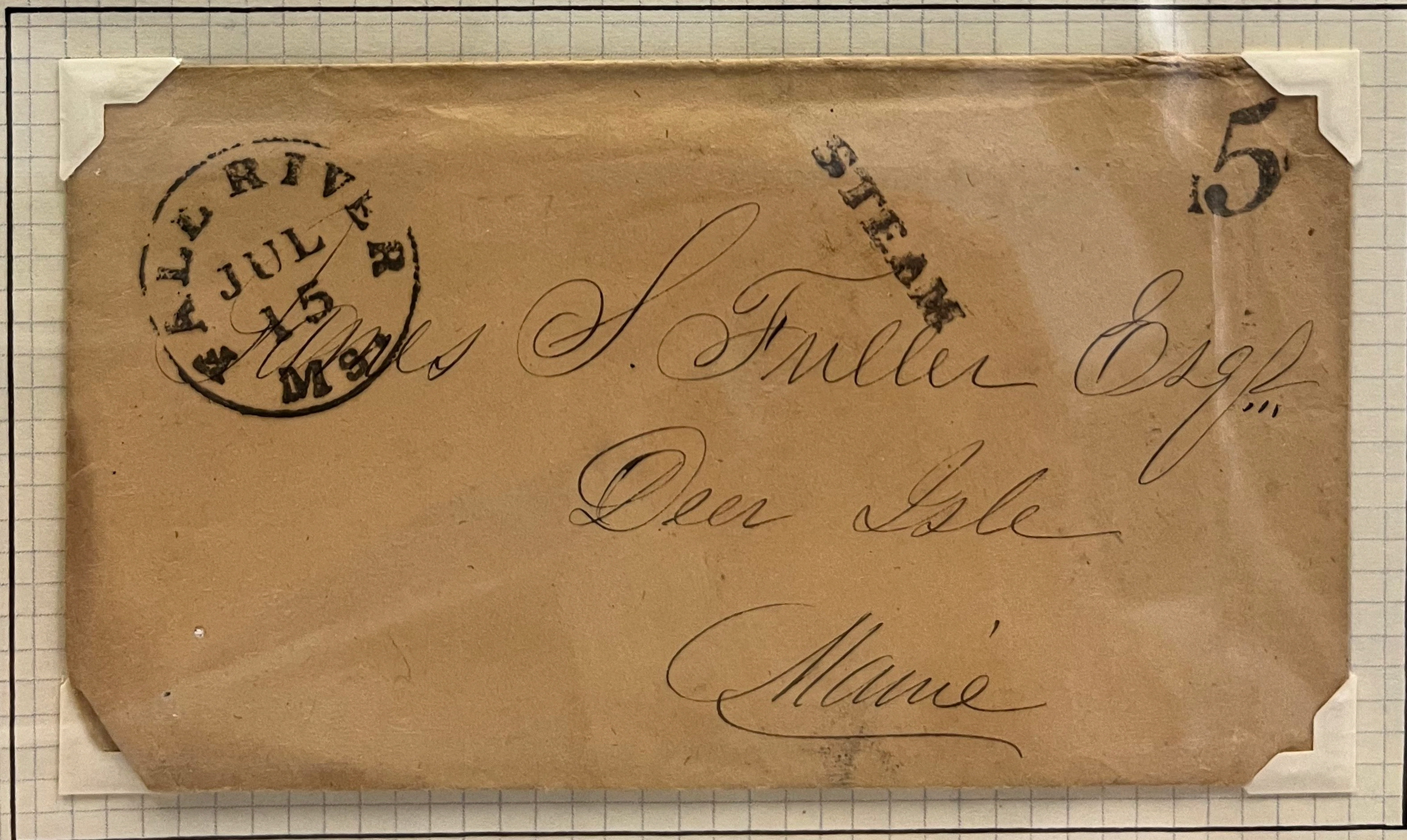


Blue 30 mm. attached rate town marking from **West Bridgewater, Mass.** dated Jan. 13 (1840) with rate of 6¢ for under 30 miles. The Attached Rate town marking was the Patent of Asa White of Templeton, Mass.

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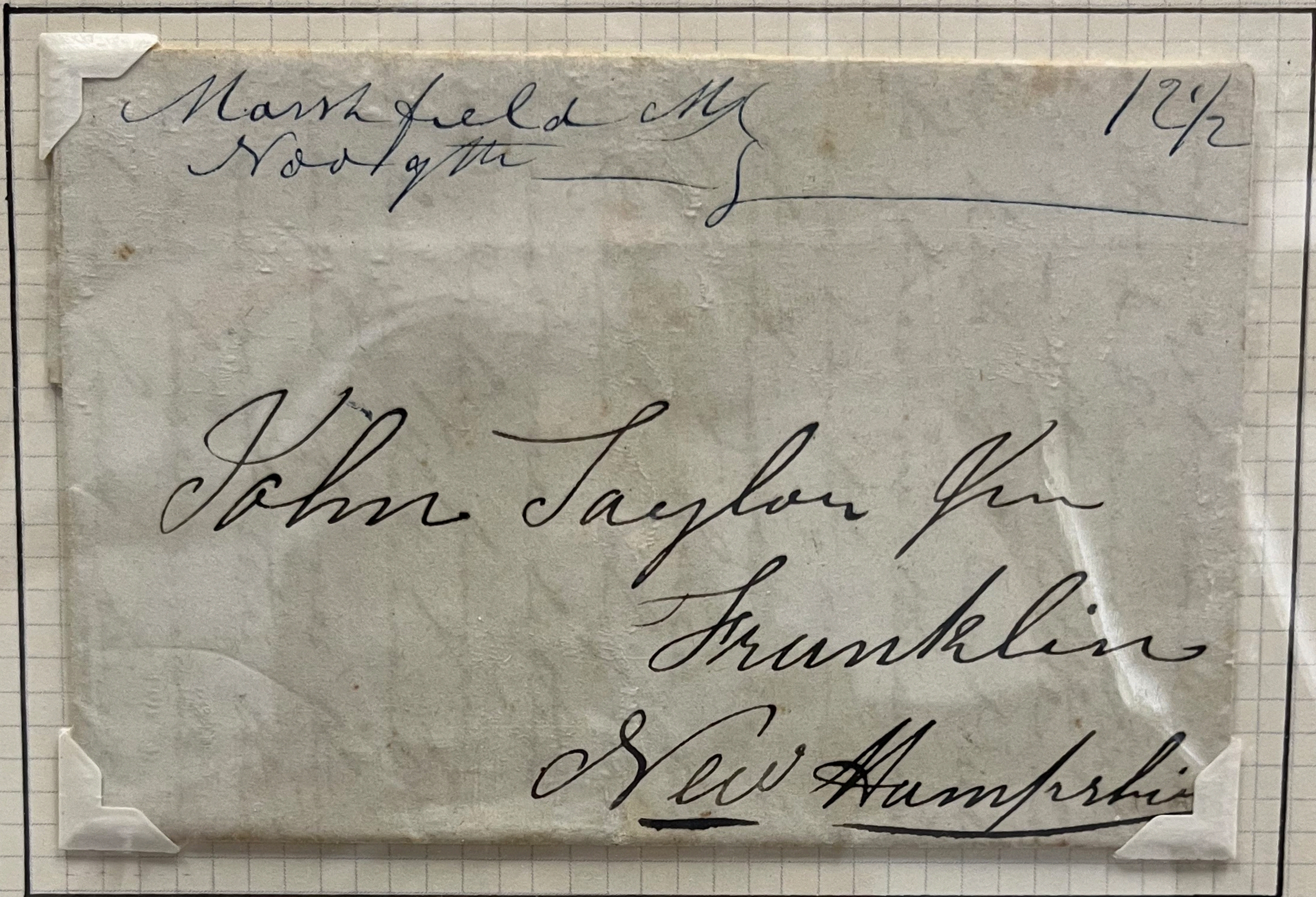


A stampless cover from **Fall River, Massachusetts** in red dated November 27, 1848 with **STEAM** and "5" also in red sent to **Bridgewater, Massachusetts**.

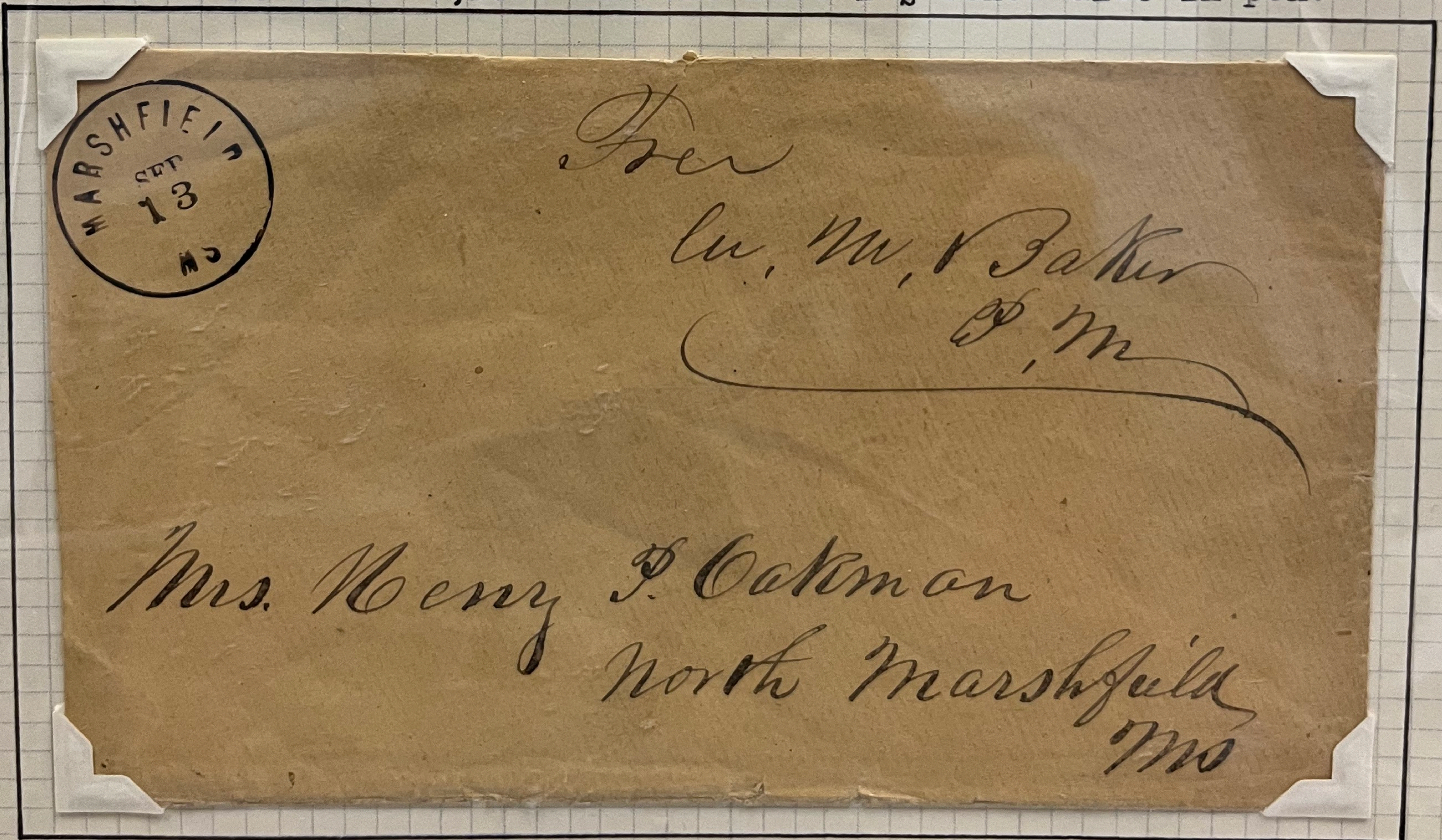


Another stampless cover from **Fall River, Massachusetts** plus **STEAM** and "5" with all markings in black. The date was July 15, 1851. This cover was sent to Maine.

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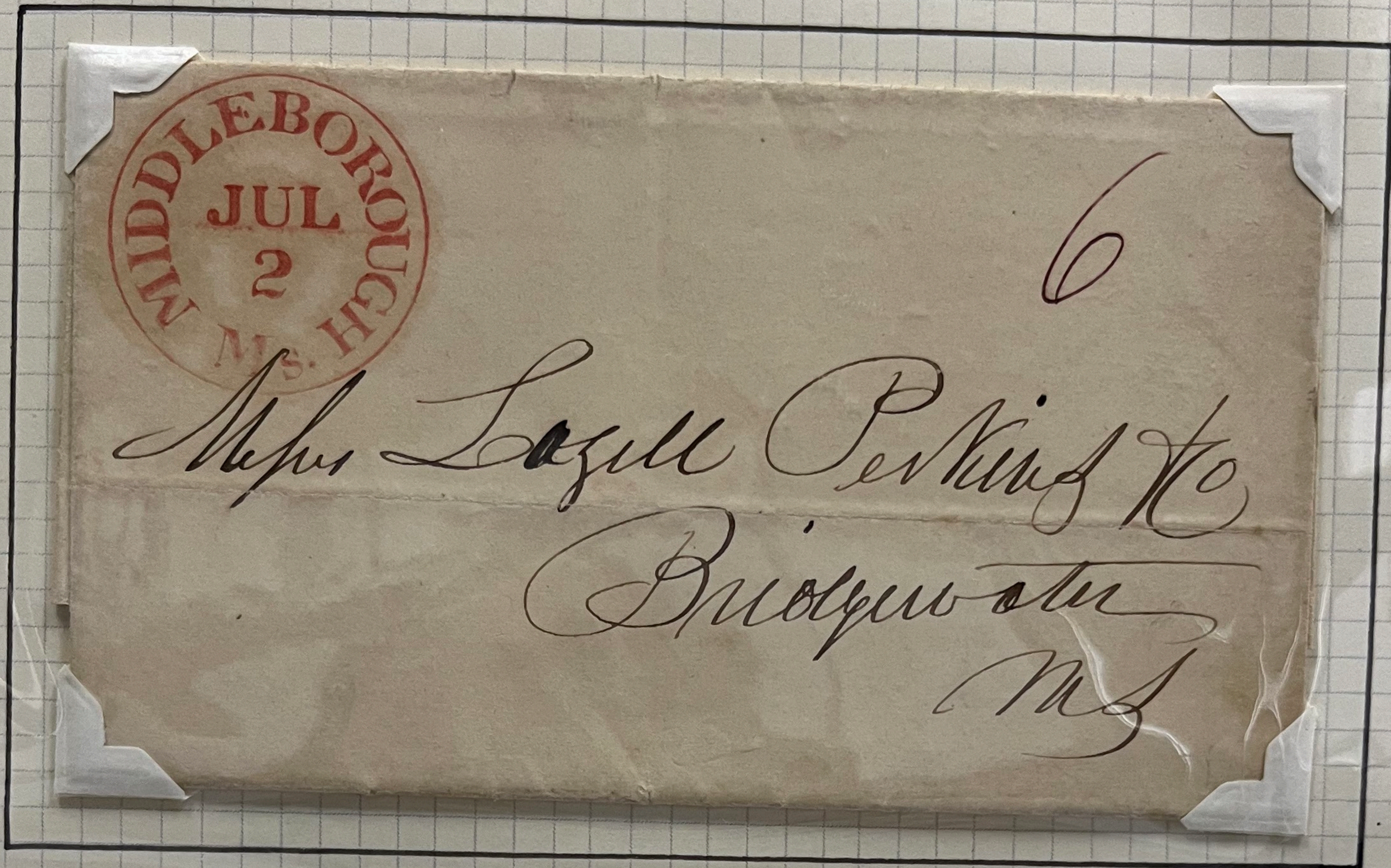


A stampless cover from **Marshfield, Massachusetts** in pen dated November 7, 1839 and the rate $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents also in pen.



A stampless cover from **Marshfield, Massachusetts** dated September 13 with a pen FREE and Postmaster's name-Baker, sent to North Marshfield, Massachusetts.

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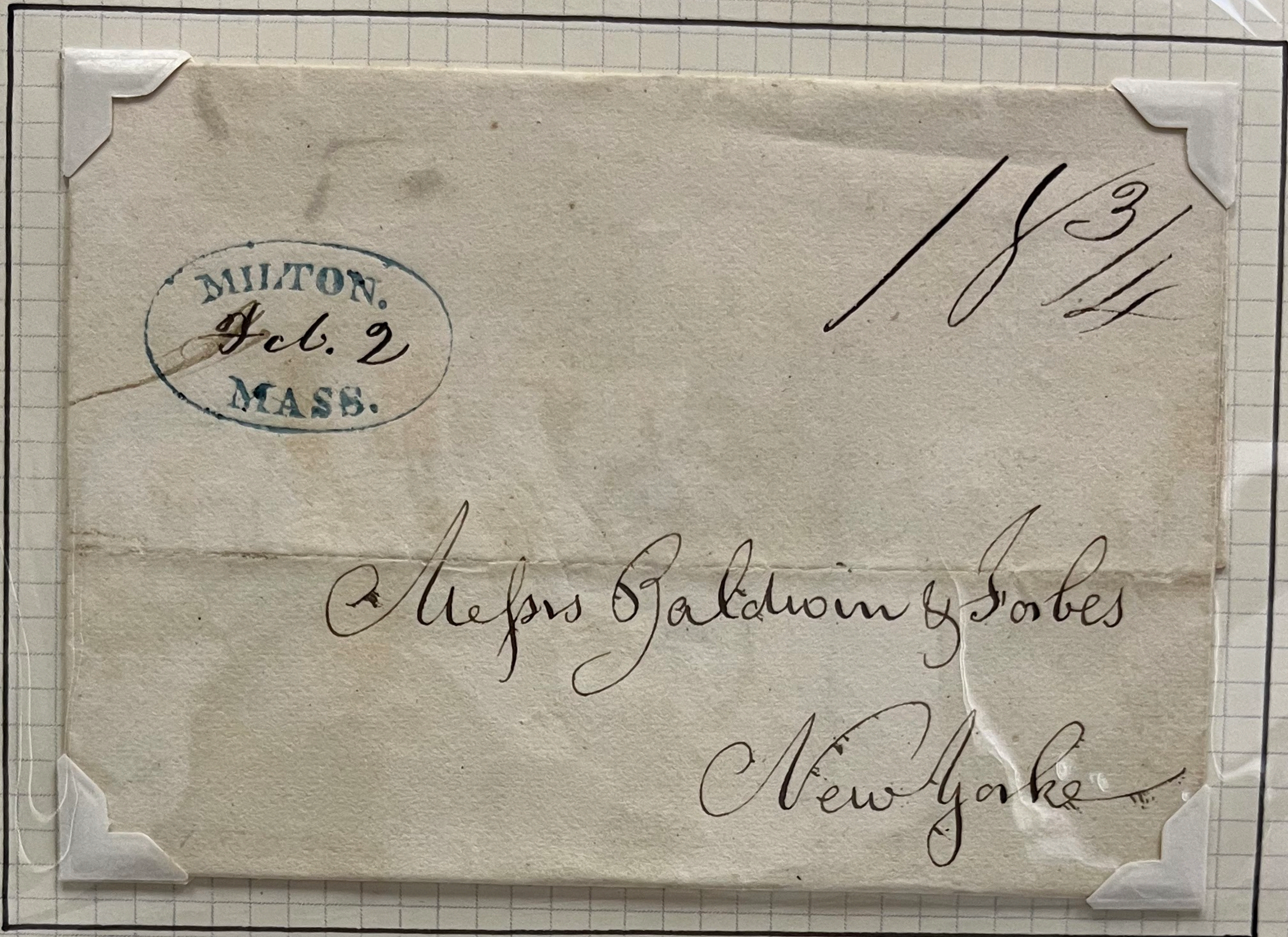


Red 31 mm. Middleborough, Mass. dated July 2 (1840) on a collect folded letter to Bridgewater with a rate of 6 cents for under 30 miles of distance.

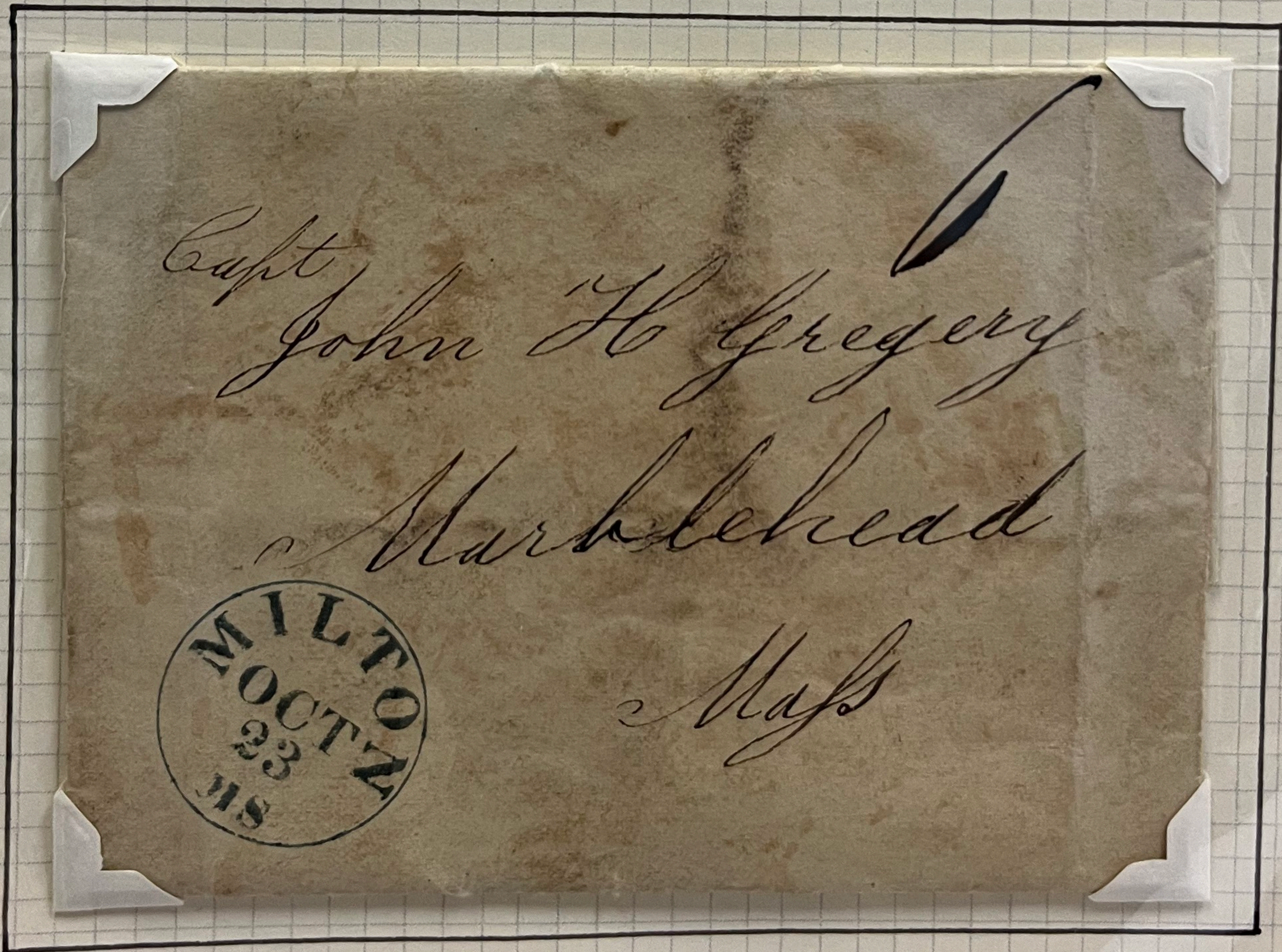


Blue-Green 31 mm. Middleborough, Mass. dated October 1 (1840-44) with matching PAID and pen rate 6 for under 30 mi.

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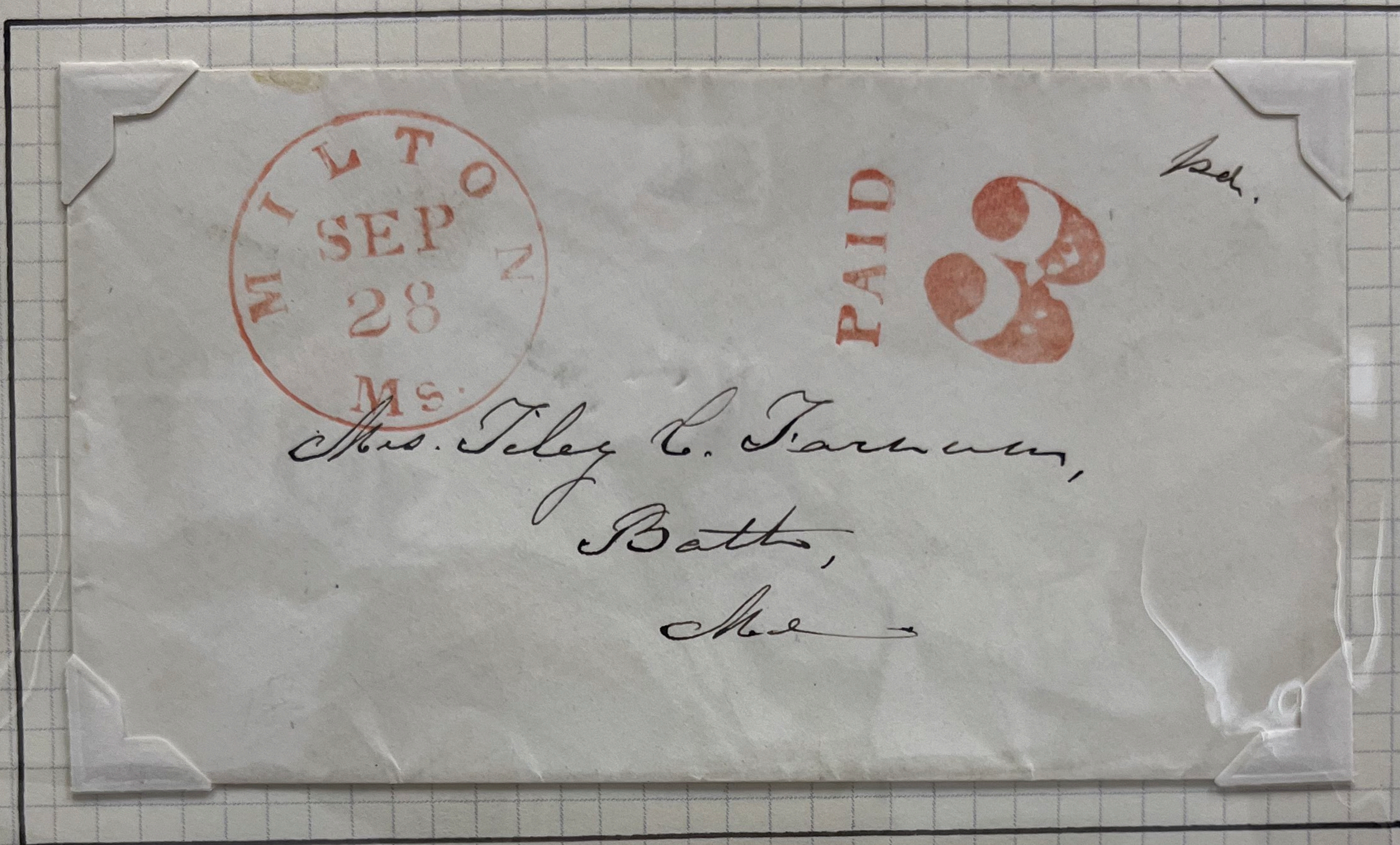


Blue 19 x 31 mm. **Milton, Mass.** oval postmark with pen date of Feb. 2 (1829) on a collect folded letter with 18 3/4 ¢ rate for 150-400 miles.

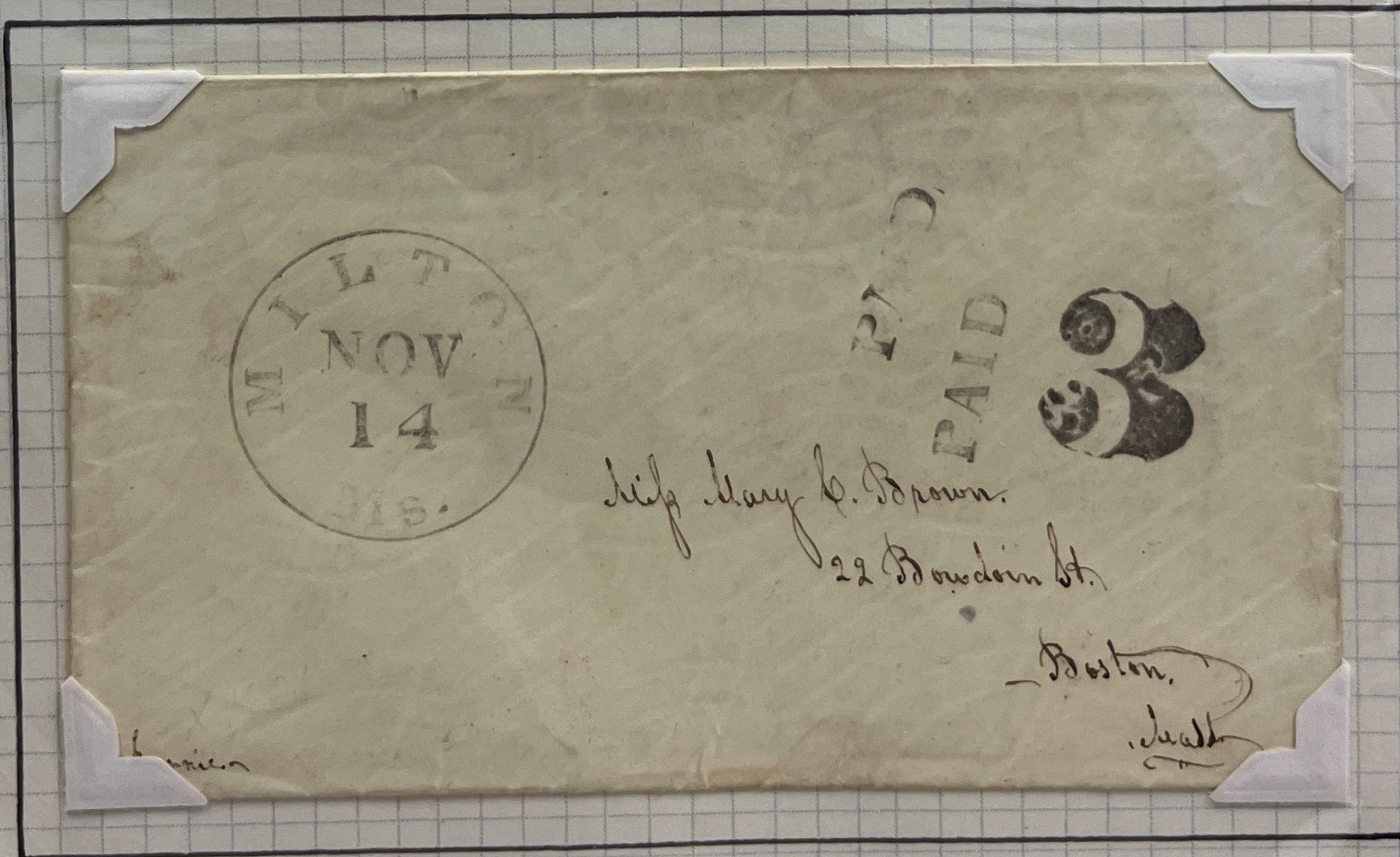


Green 27 mm. **Milton, Mass.** dated October 23 (1833) on a collect folded letter with 6 cent rate for under 30 miles.

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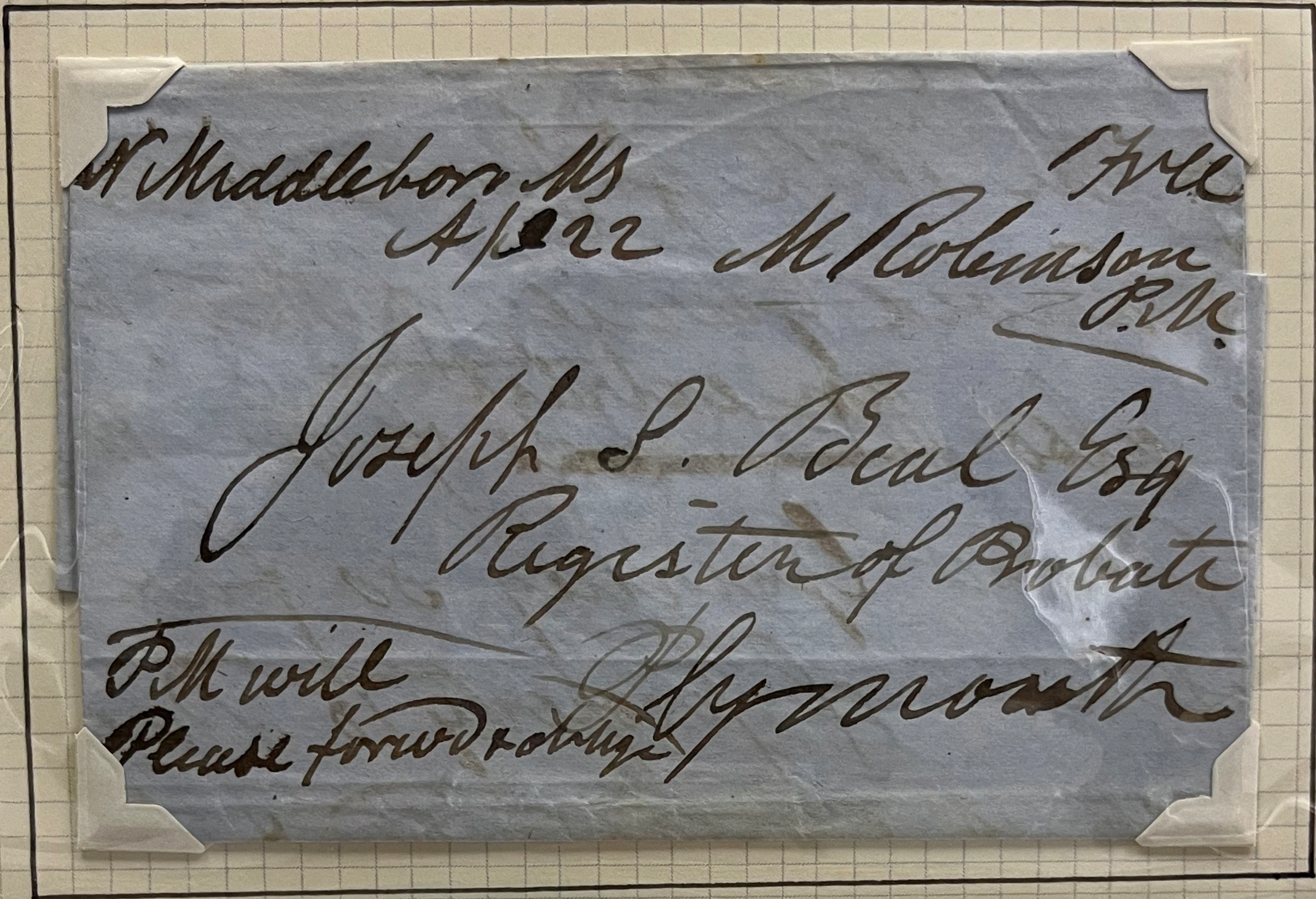


Red 29 mm. **Milton, Mass.** dated Sept. 28 (1851-54) used with matching red PAID and " 3 ".

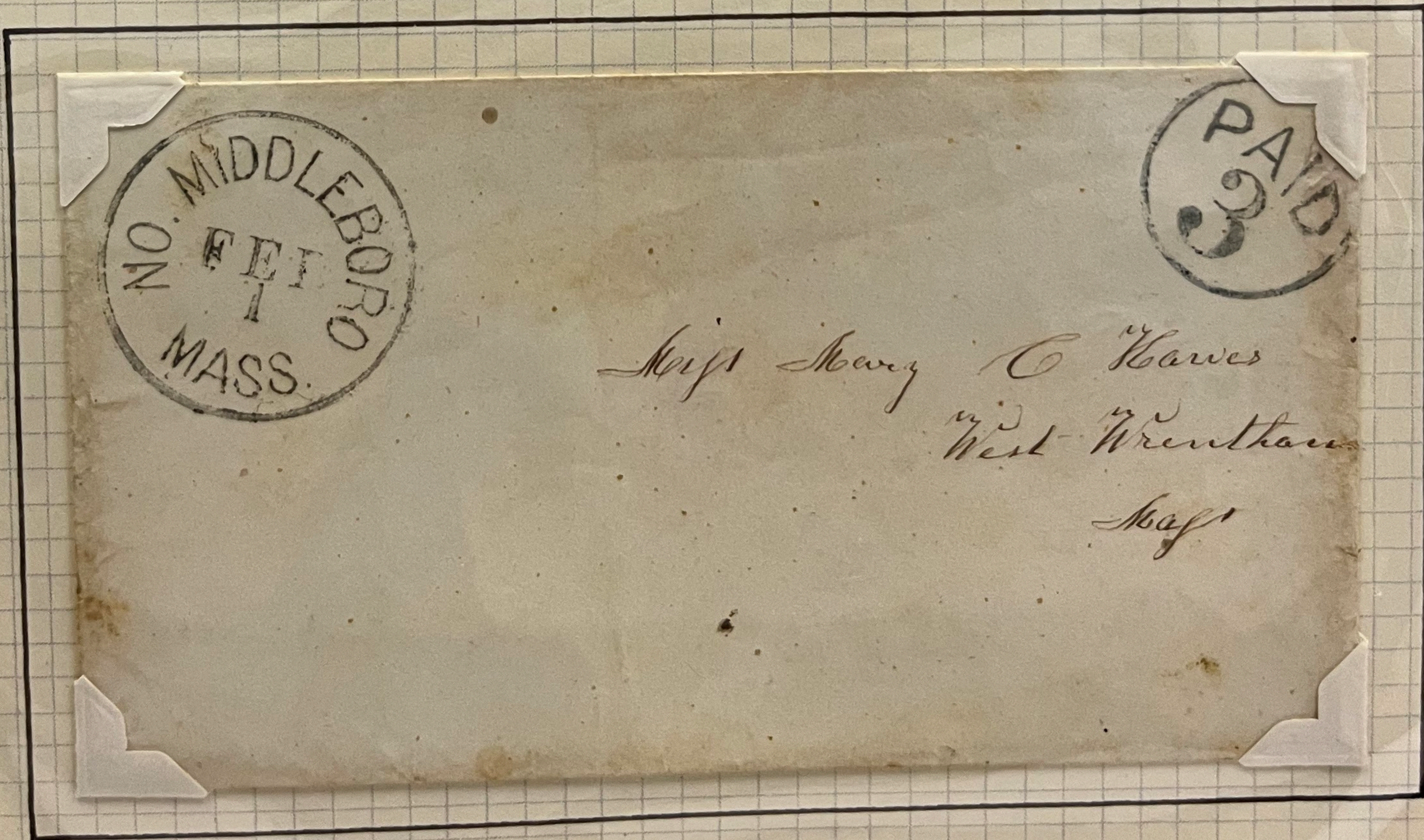


Black 29 mm. **Milton, Mass.** dated Nov. 14 (1851-54) used with matching **PAID** and large " 3 ".

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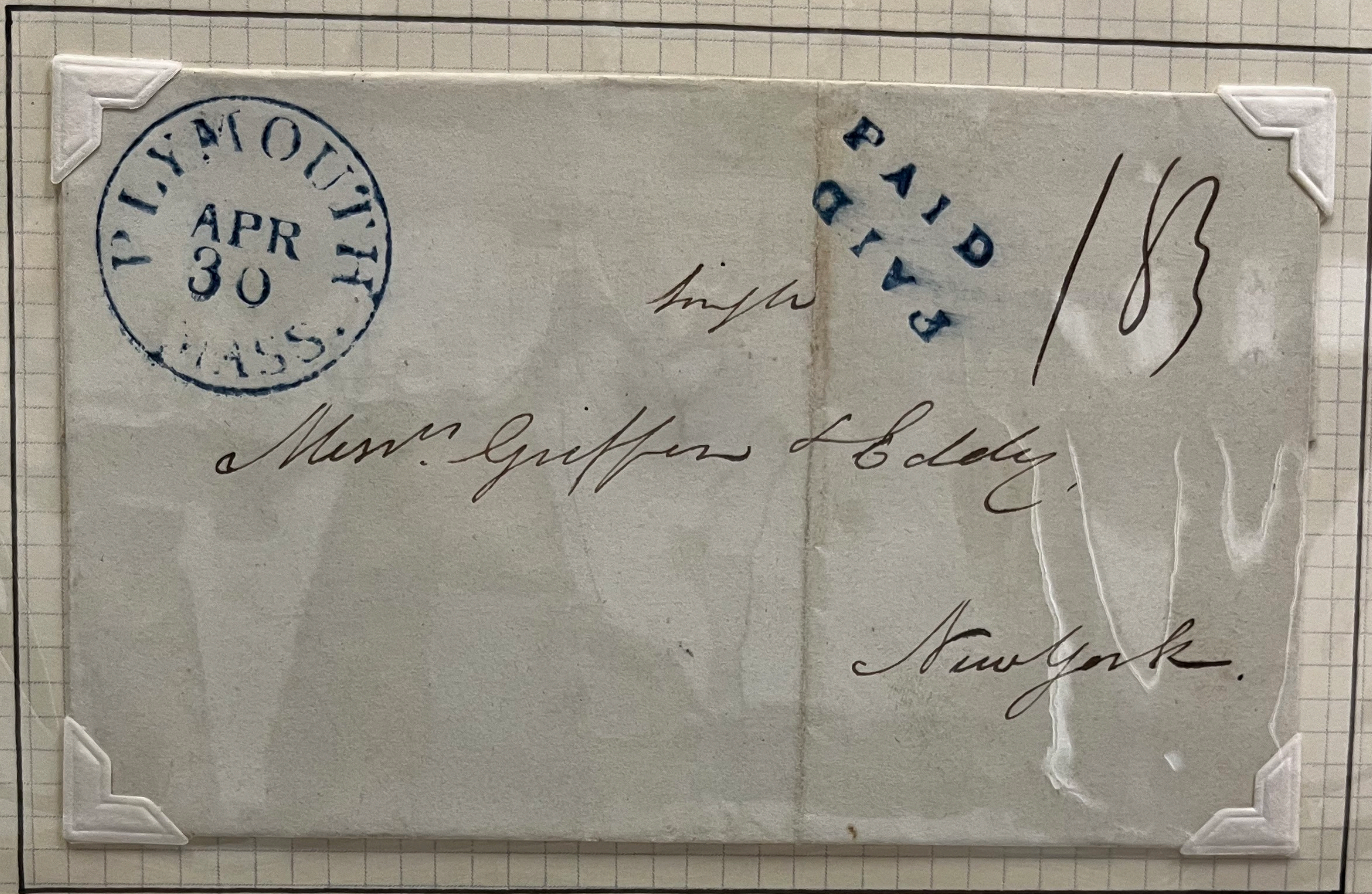


Manuscript N (orth) Middleboro, Mass. dated April 22 (1854) with FREE and Postmaster's name as Free Frank- M. Robinson PM.

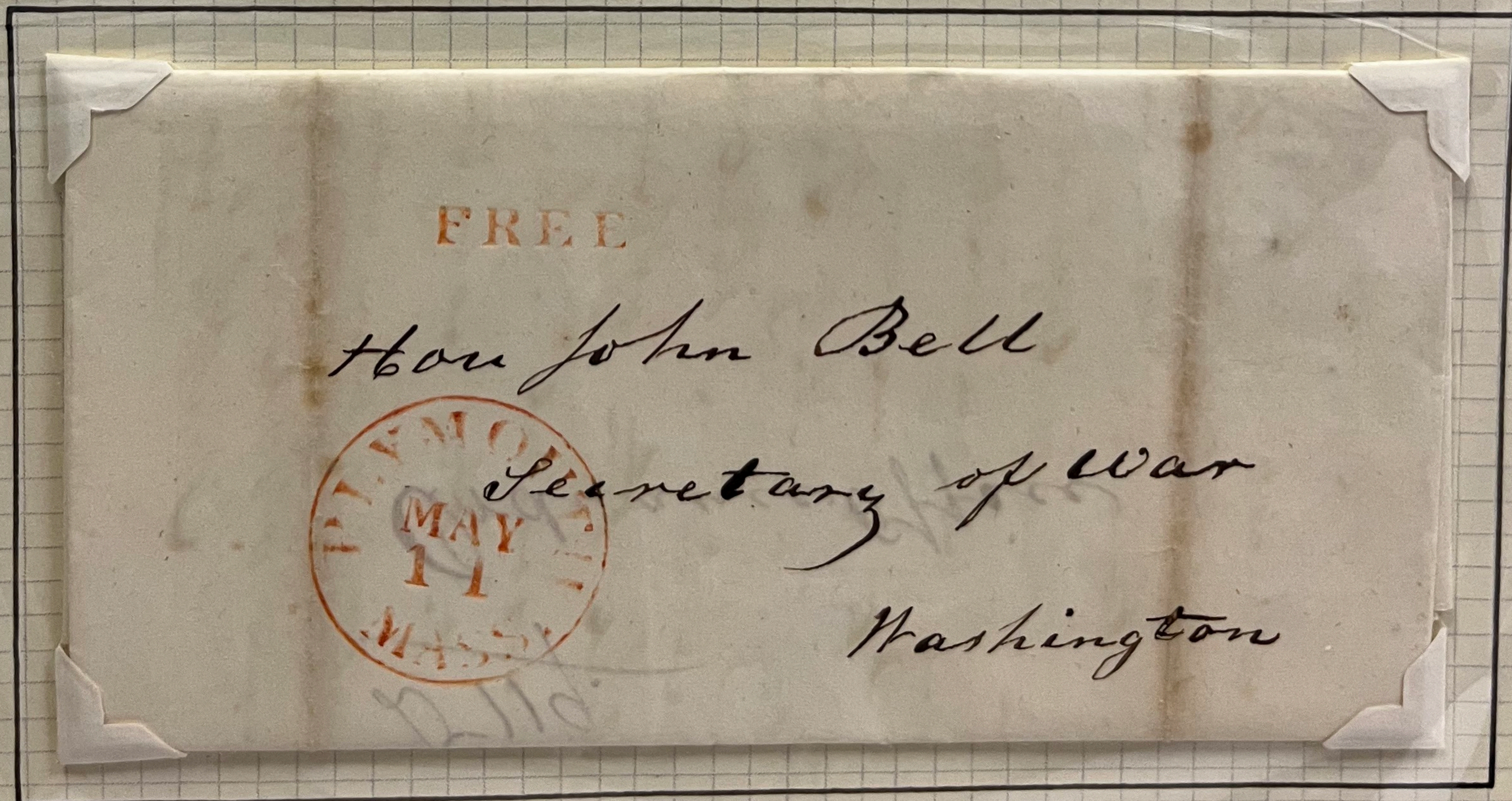


30 mm. No. (rth) Middleboro, Mass. dated Feb. 1 (1852-55) with matching circled PAID 3.

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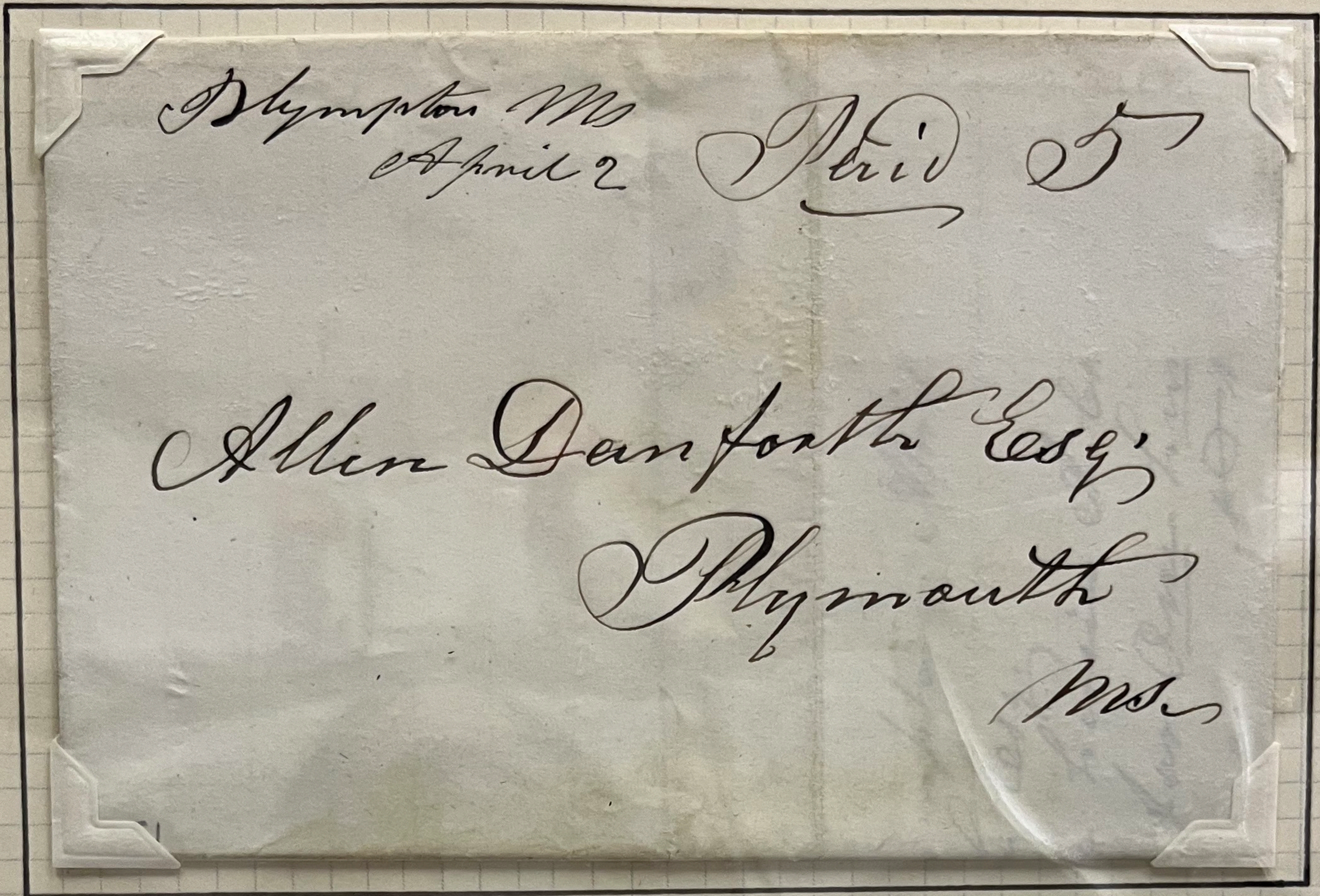


Blue 30 mm. **Plymouth, Mass.** with matching blue double struck **PAID** and pen rate of **18 3/4 ¢** for 150-400 miles. The date was April 30 (1835).

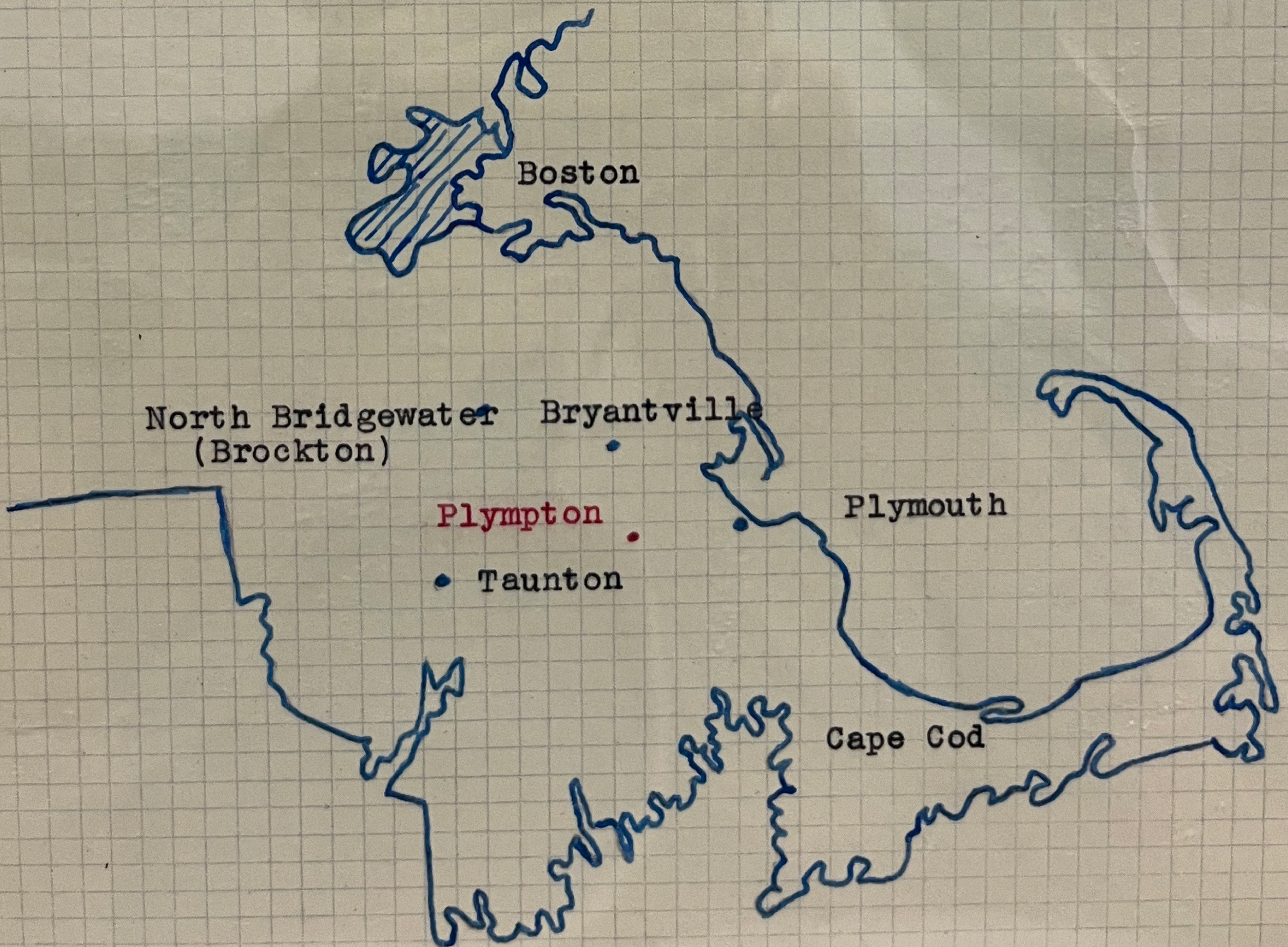


Orange-Red 30 mm. **Plymouth, Mass.** dated May 11 (1841) with matching **FREE**. This folded letter was sent to **John Bell** the secretary of War.

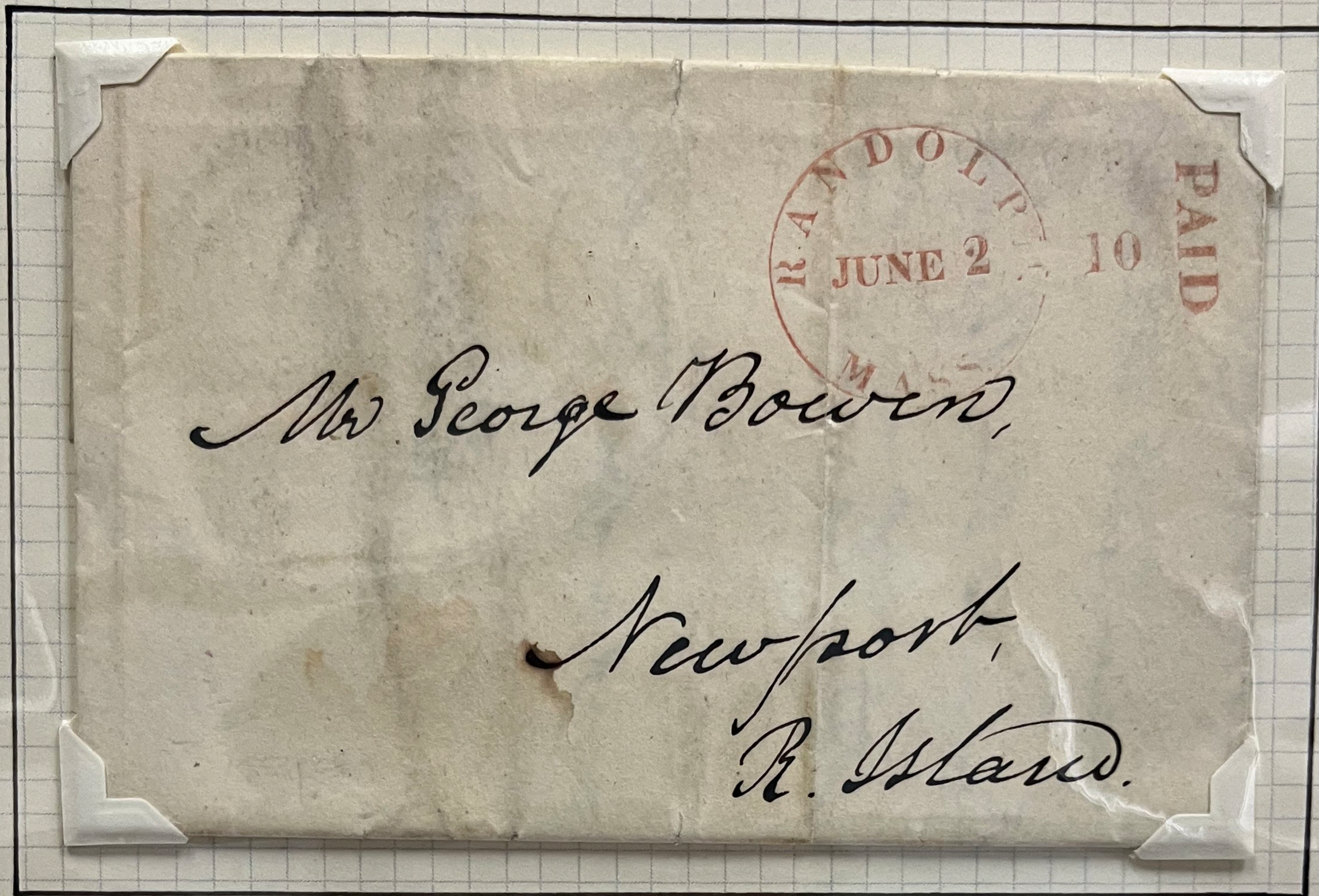
PLYMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS



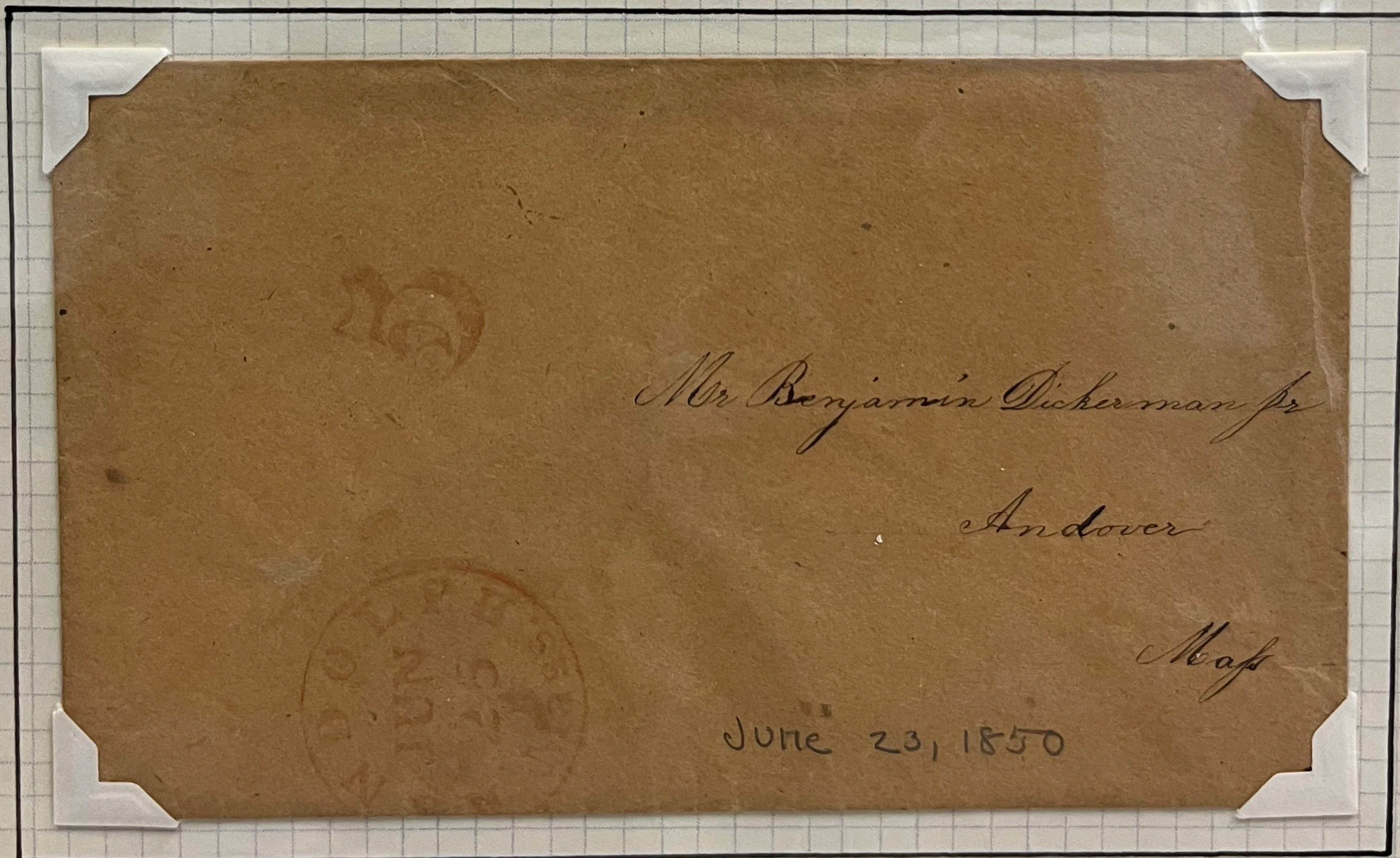
Stampless cover from Plympton, Massachusetts in pen dated April 2, 1851 with pen Paid 5 sent to Plymouth, Massachusetts. The three cent rate began July 1, 1851 so that is the reason for this five cent rate.



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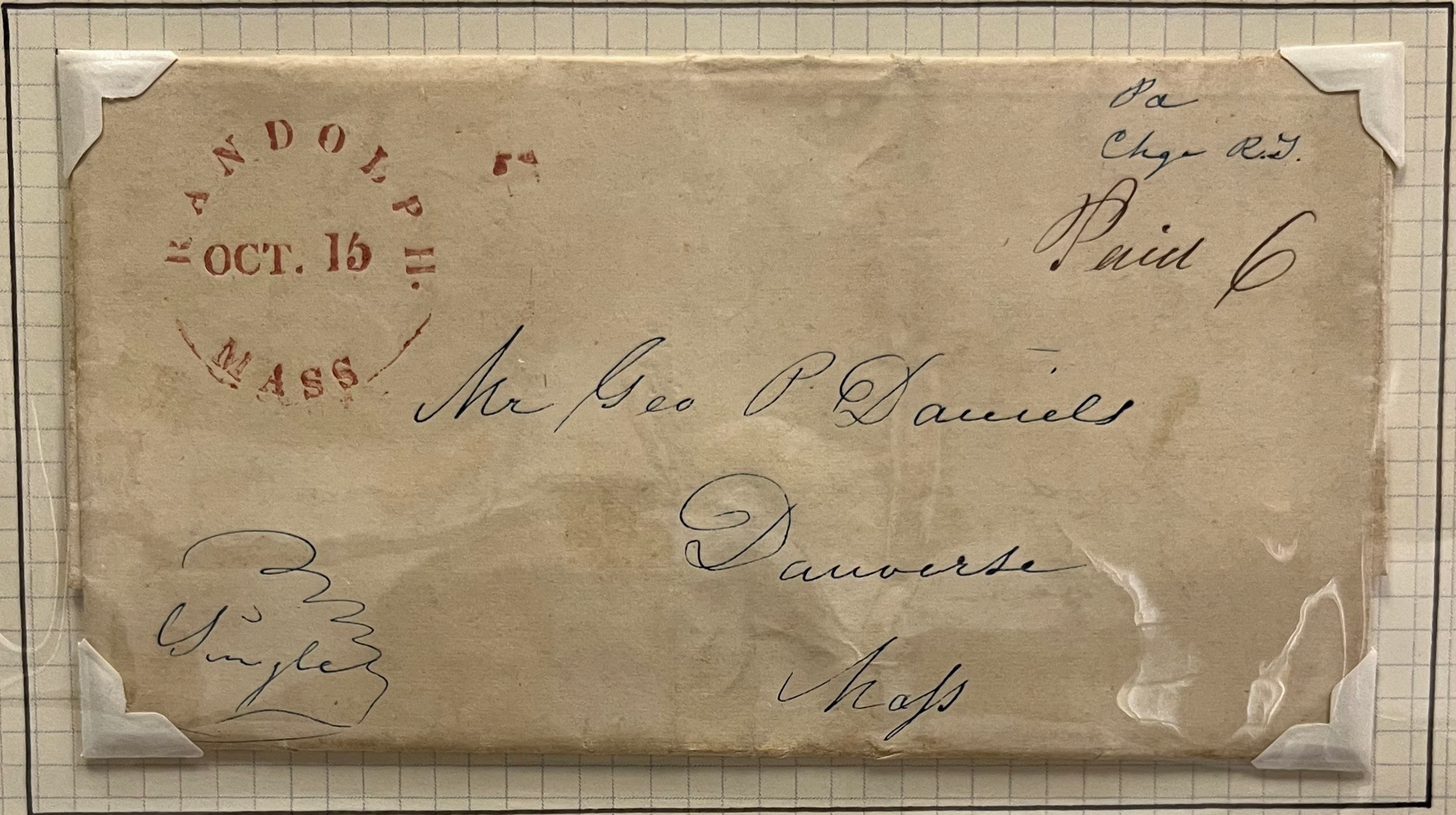


Red **Randolph, Mass.** dated June 2 (1832) with the rate (10 Cts.) and PAID attached as part of the town marking applied as one from one device. This type of town plus rate marking is called an Attached Rate Postmark.

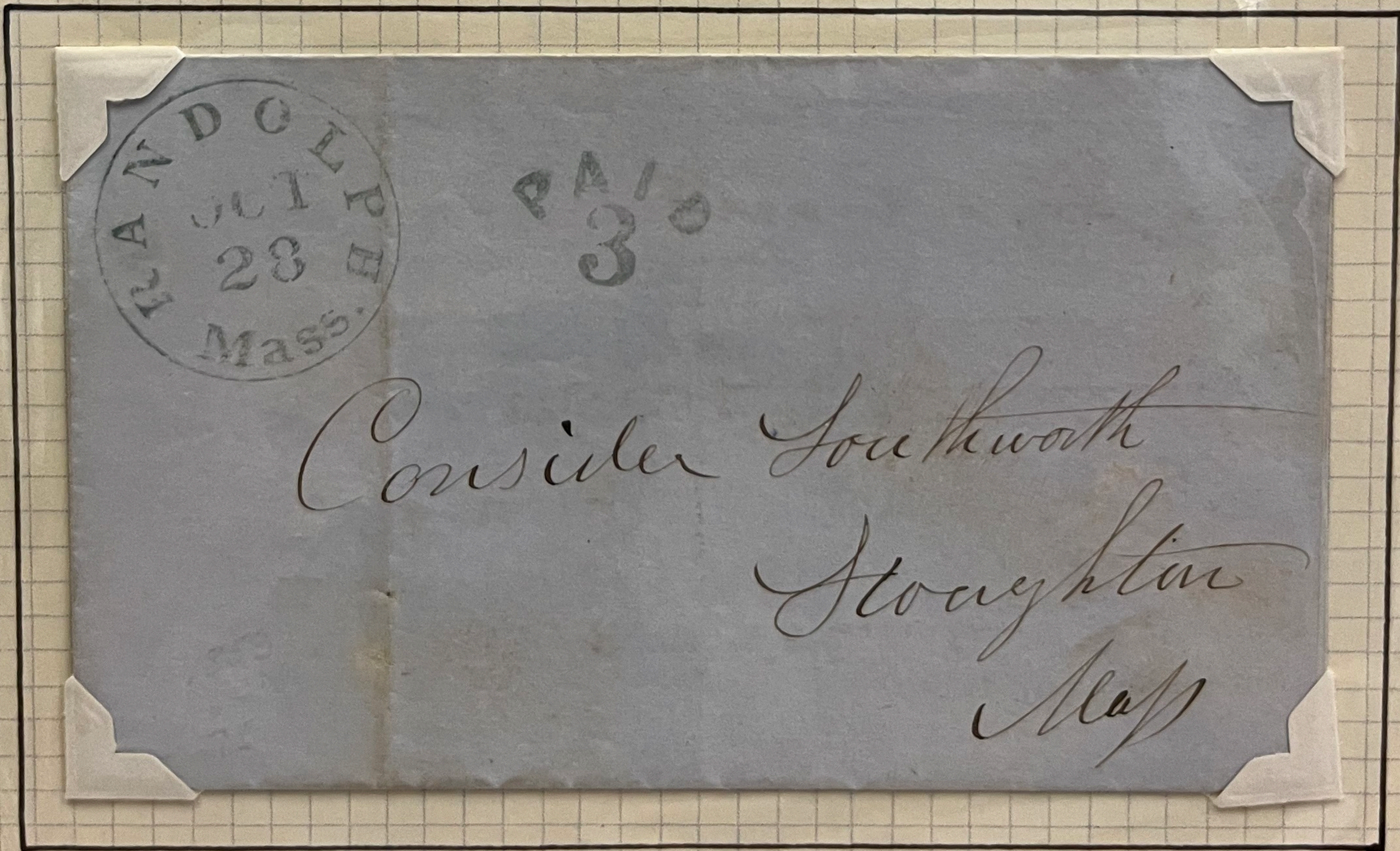


Red **Randolph, Mass.** dated June 25 (1850) used with a large hollow shaded " 5 " cancel on this collect stampless cover.

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Red Randolph, Mass. dated October 15 (1840). This town marking is an Attached Rate type from the Patent of Asa White of Templeton, Mass. The rate did not ink well, so the rate was written in pen PAID 6.

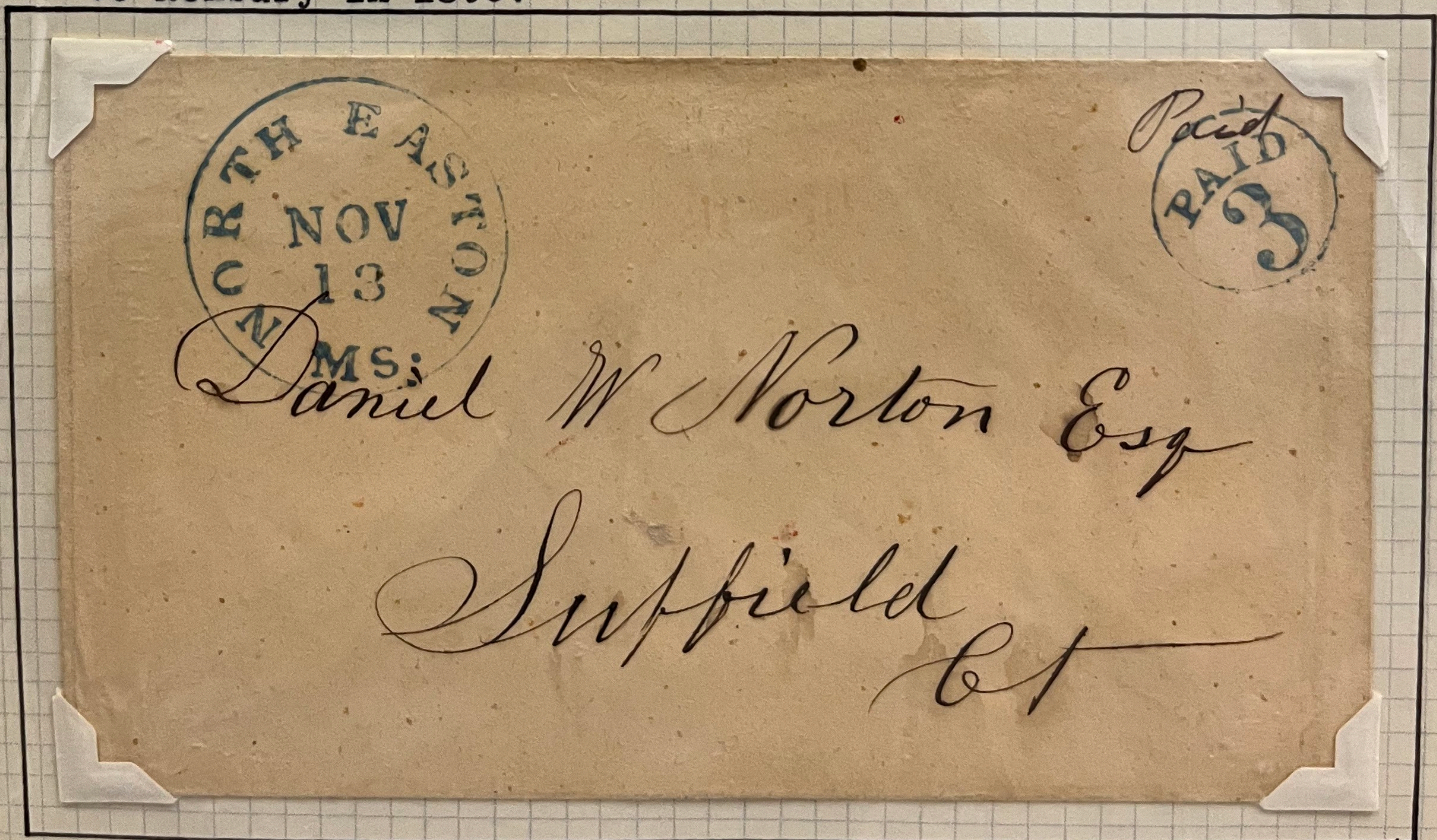


Blue 30 mm. Randolph, Mass. dated October 28 (1853) used with blue arced PAID 3.

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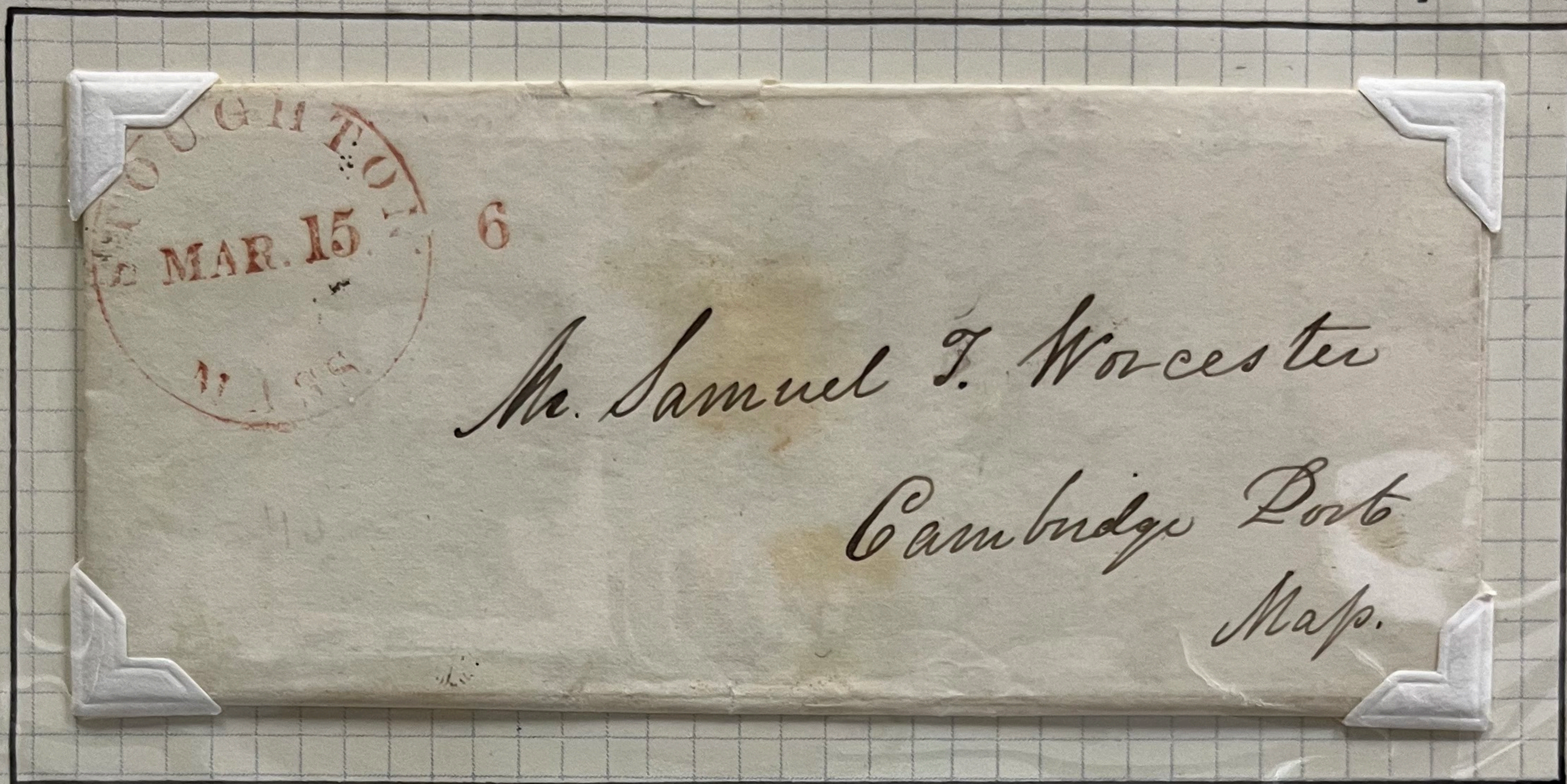
A 30mm. **South Easton, Massachusetts** in orange dated April 24, 1852 with orange PAID and 3cts. within town. The letter was from the thread company of E. J. W. Morse & Co. who moved to Roxbury in 1893.



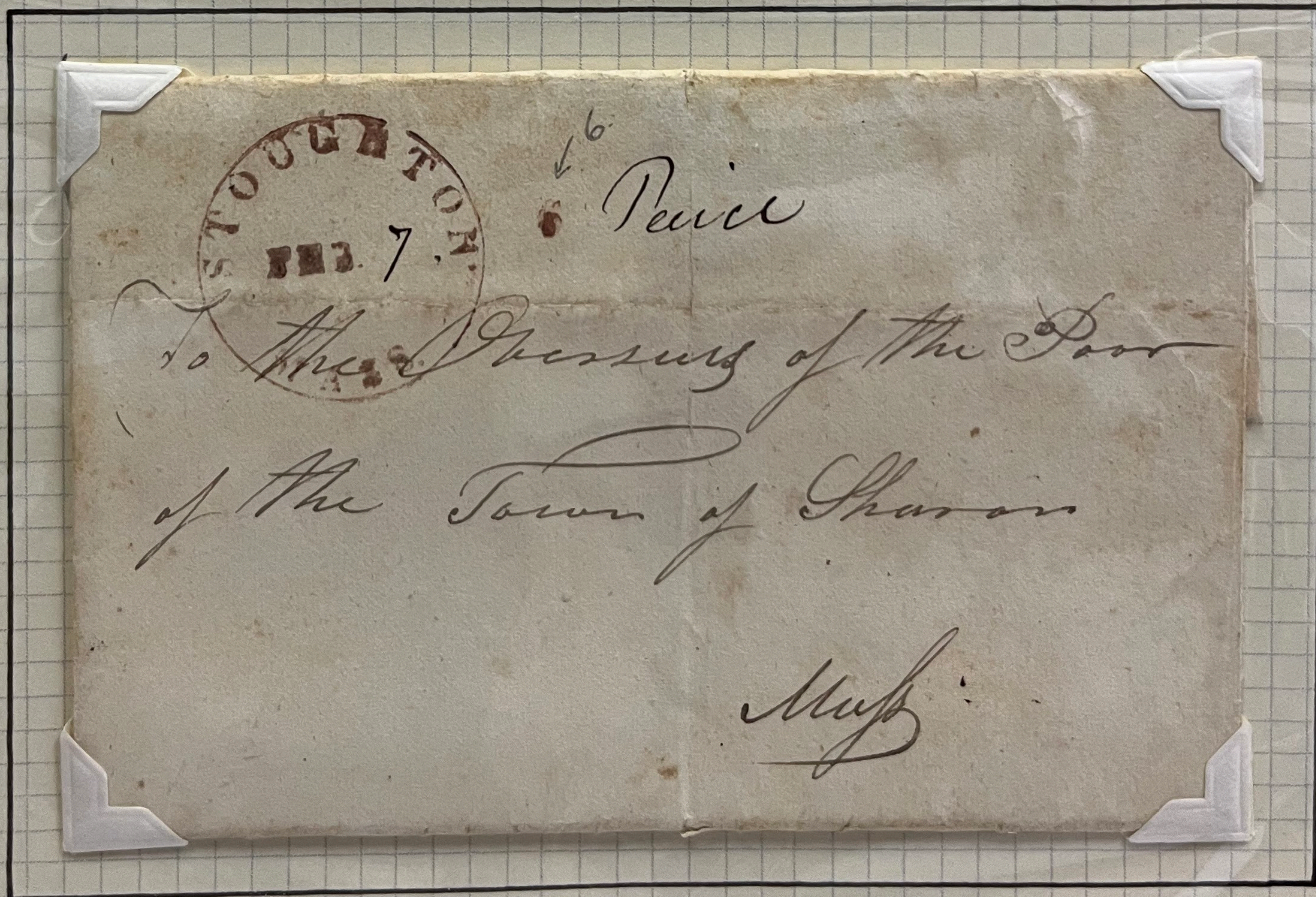
A 35mm. **North Easton, Massachusetts** in blue dated November 13 with blue 20mm. PAID 3 in circle.

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Attached Rate town marking from the Patent of Asa White of Templeton, Mass.



Red 30 mm. **Stoughton, Mass.** dated March 15 (1832) with attached rate of " 6 " cents on a collect folded stampless letter.



Blackish-red 30 mm. **Stoughton, Mass.** dated Feb. 7 (1837) with attached rate of " 6 " cents on a **PAID** letter, in pen. The rate of 6 cents was for under 30 miles distance.

-Fall River, Massachusetts-

Troy, ^{Ms} Nov. 17, free. W. B. Canady P.M.

Nicholas Peck Esq.

Protop R. I.

A very rare stampless cover from Troy, Massachusetts dated November 17 (1832) used with a FREE frank of the Postmaster- William B. Canady. Troy was part of Fall River and had a post office from 1811 to 1813 and again from 1816 to 1834. Rarity #9.



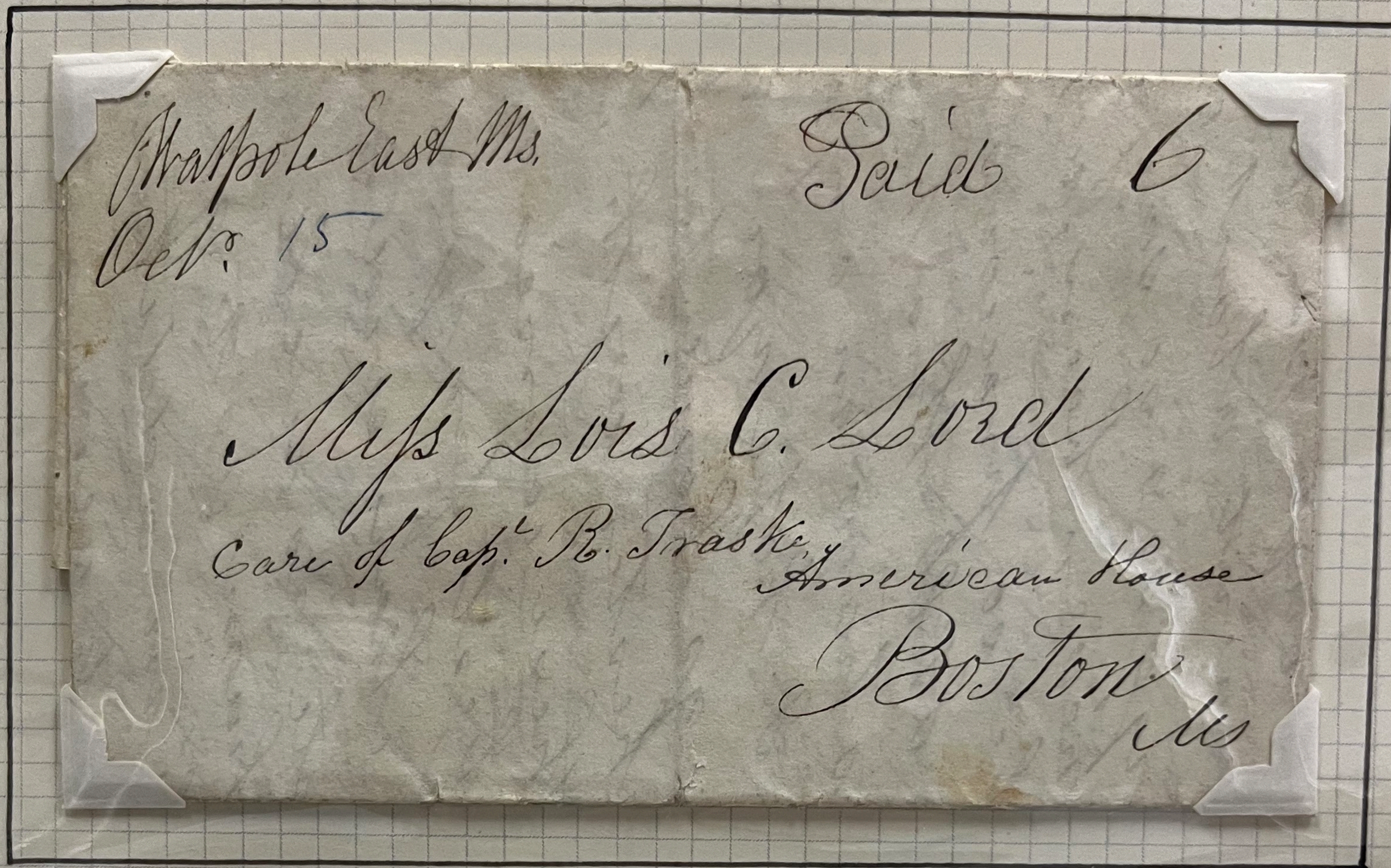
FREE

C. B. Vickery P.M.

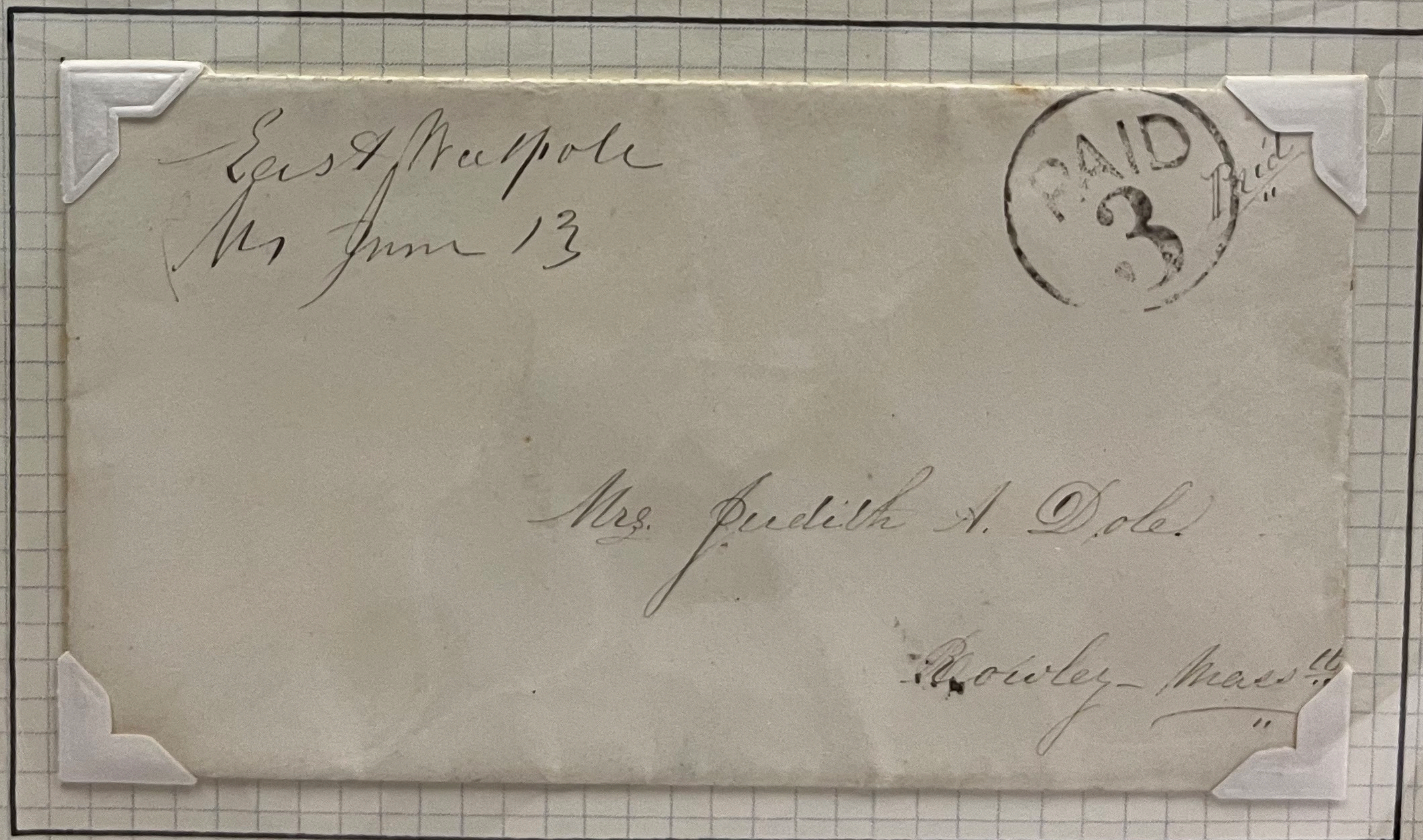
Mr. G. Shepley Esq.
Washington City
D.C.

Red Fall River, Mass. dated December 20 (1843) used with a red straight line Free and free frank of the postmaster- C. B. Vickery. (Caleb B. Vickery postmaster 1836 to 1849)

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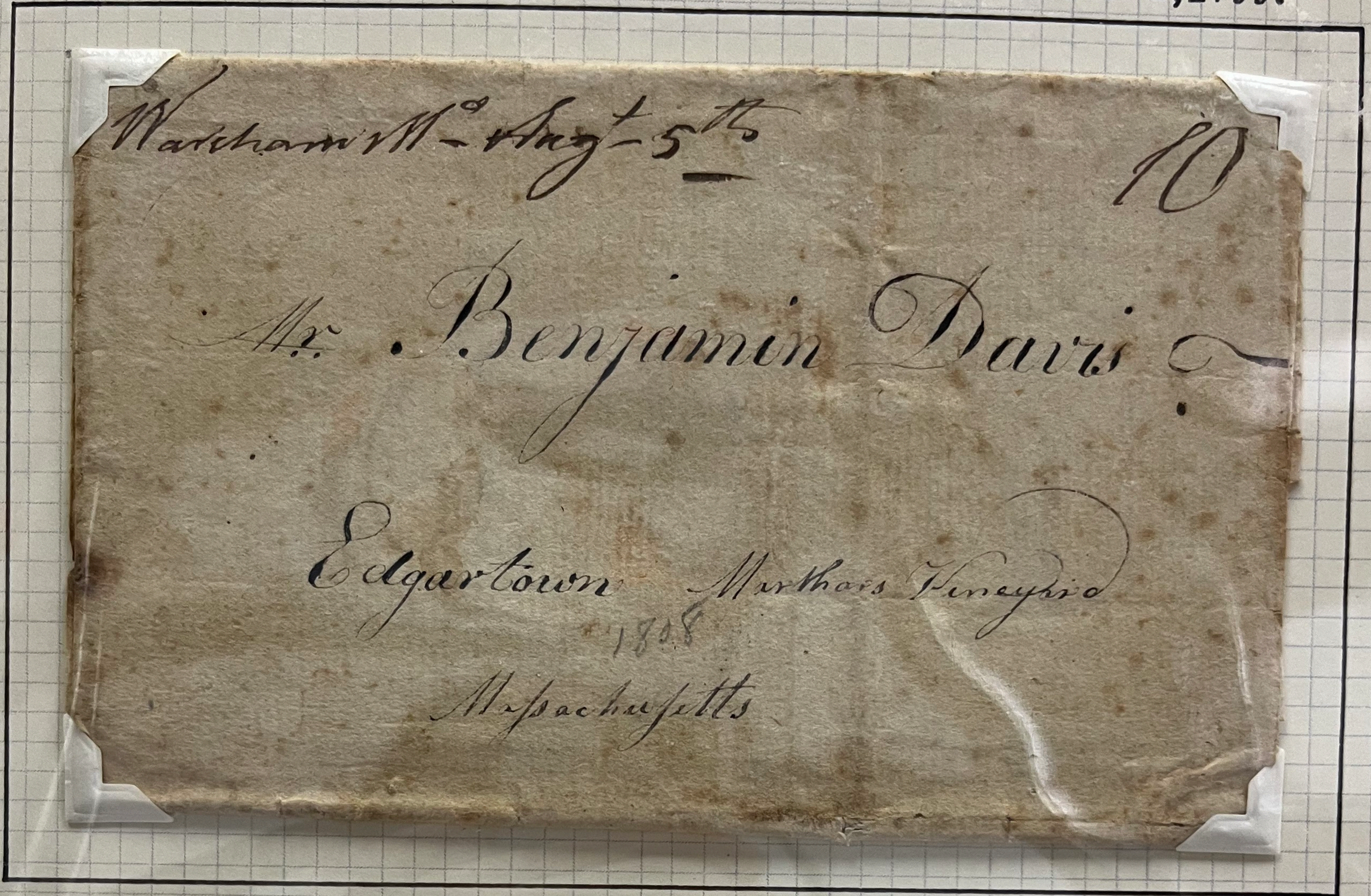
A very rare manuscript Walpole East, Mass. dated Oct. 15 (1839) with pen **PAID** and " 6 " for under 30 miles distance. Rarity # 9.



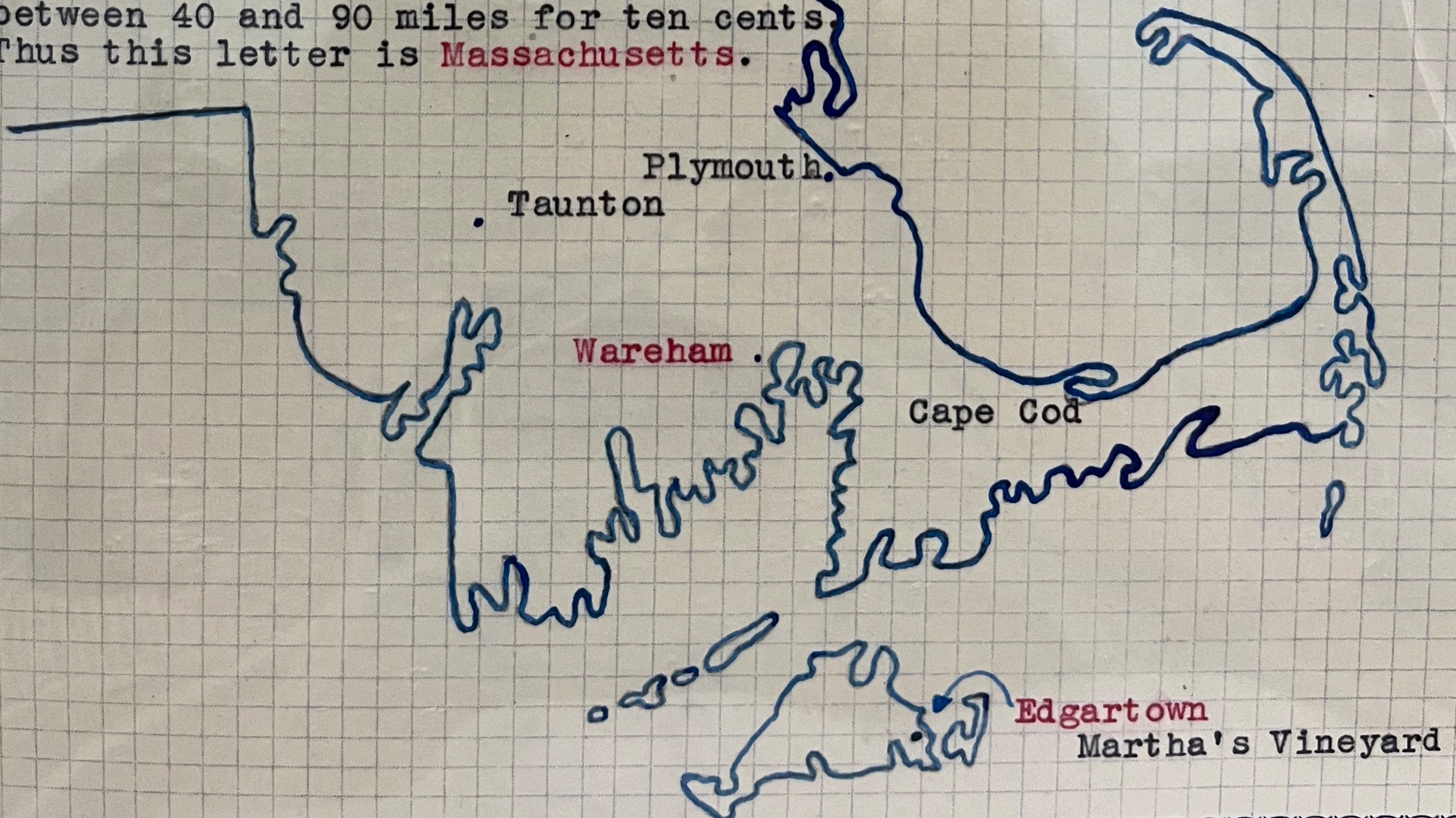
Manuscript East Walpole, Mass. dated June 13 (1852-54) with a circled **PAID 3** handstamped cancel.

-WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS-

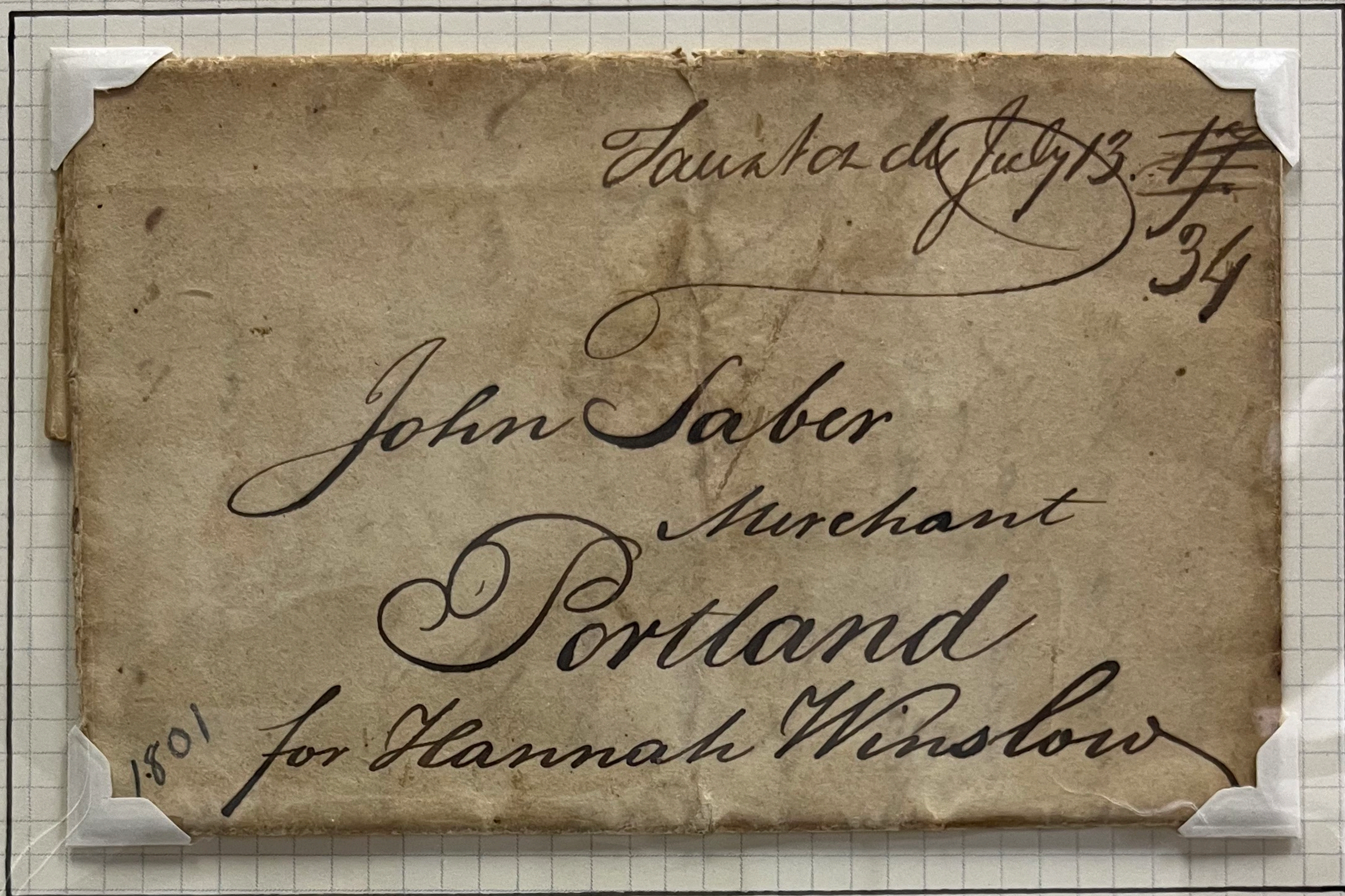
Postal Rates for ten cents-40 to 90 miles Act of March 2, 1799.



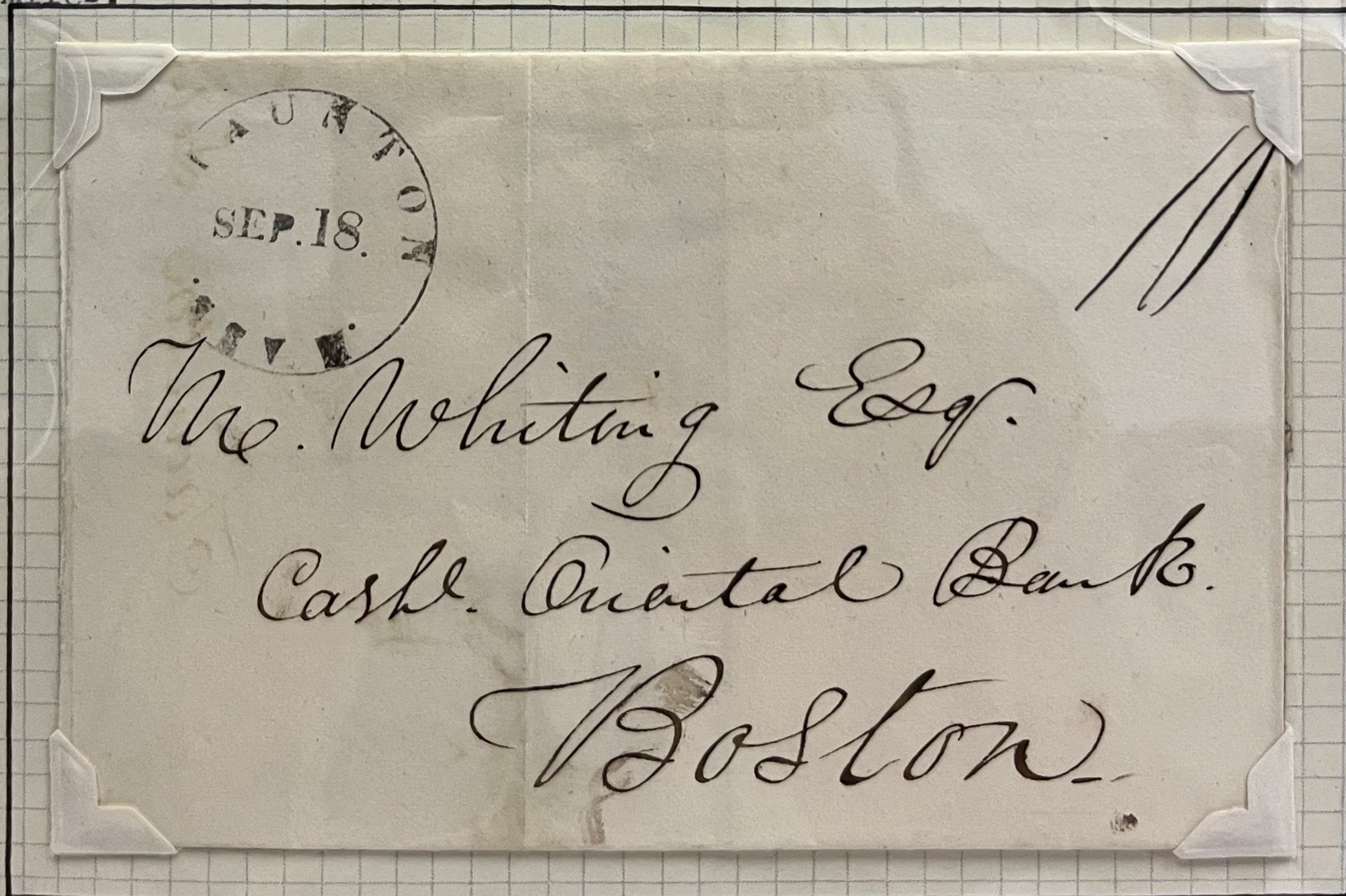
A very old, August 5 (1808), stampless cover from Wareham, Massachusetts sent to Edgartown, Massachusetts in Martha's Vineyard. This cover started at Denmark July 2, 1808, but was mailed at Wareham in the United States. All markings are in pen, common for the period. After Wareham is M and an a or d. By checking the postal rates for the times, a letter could be sent between 40 and 90 miles for ten cents. Thus this letter is Massachusetts.



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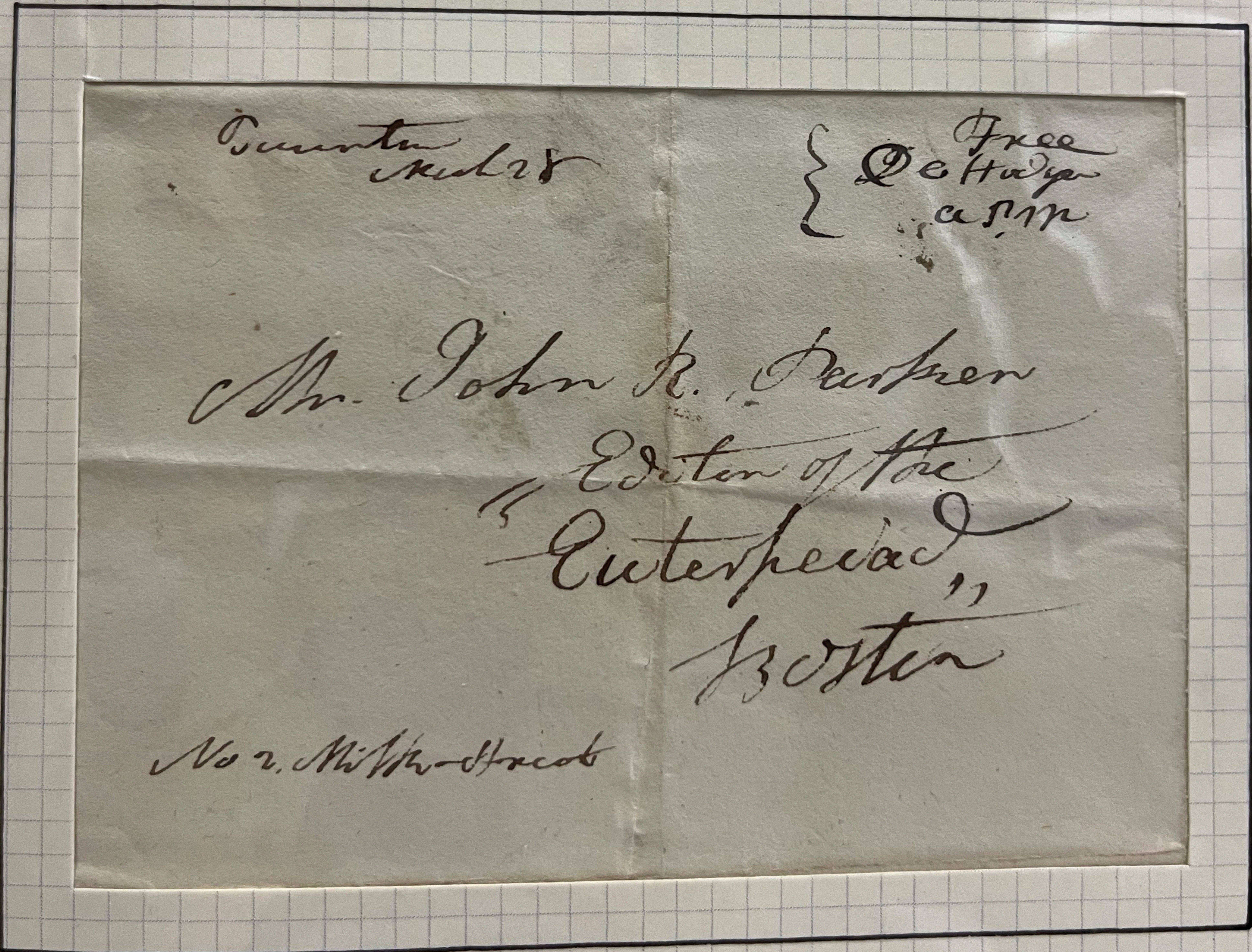


Manuscript Taunton, Mass. dated July 13 (1801) with a 34 ¢ rate to Portland which was part of Massachusetts at that time. Today Portland is in Maine. The 34¢ rate was double weight for 150-300 miles.



30 mm. Taunton, Mass. attached rate postmark from the Asa White Patent without the attached rate and with Mass. inverted. The date was Sept. 18 (1832) with the rate of 10¢ written in pen.

A folded stampless cover with pen cancel **Taunton (Massachusetts)**,
March 28, and **FREE** D. E. Hodges, A PM (assistant postmaster). The
letter inside was written very poorly by D. Hodges for **James L. Hodges**
postmaster of **Taunton, Massachusetts** from 1810-1826.



Taunton
March 28

Free
D. E. Hodges
A PM

Mr. John R. Parker

Editor of the
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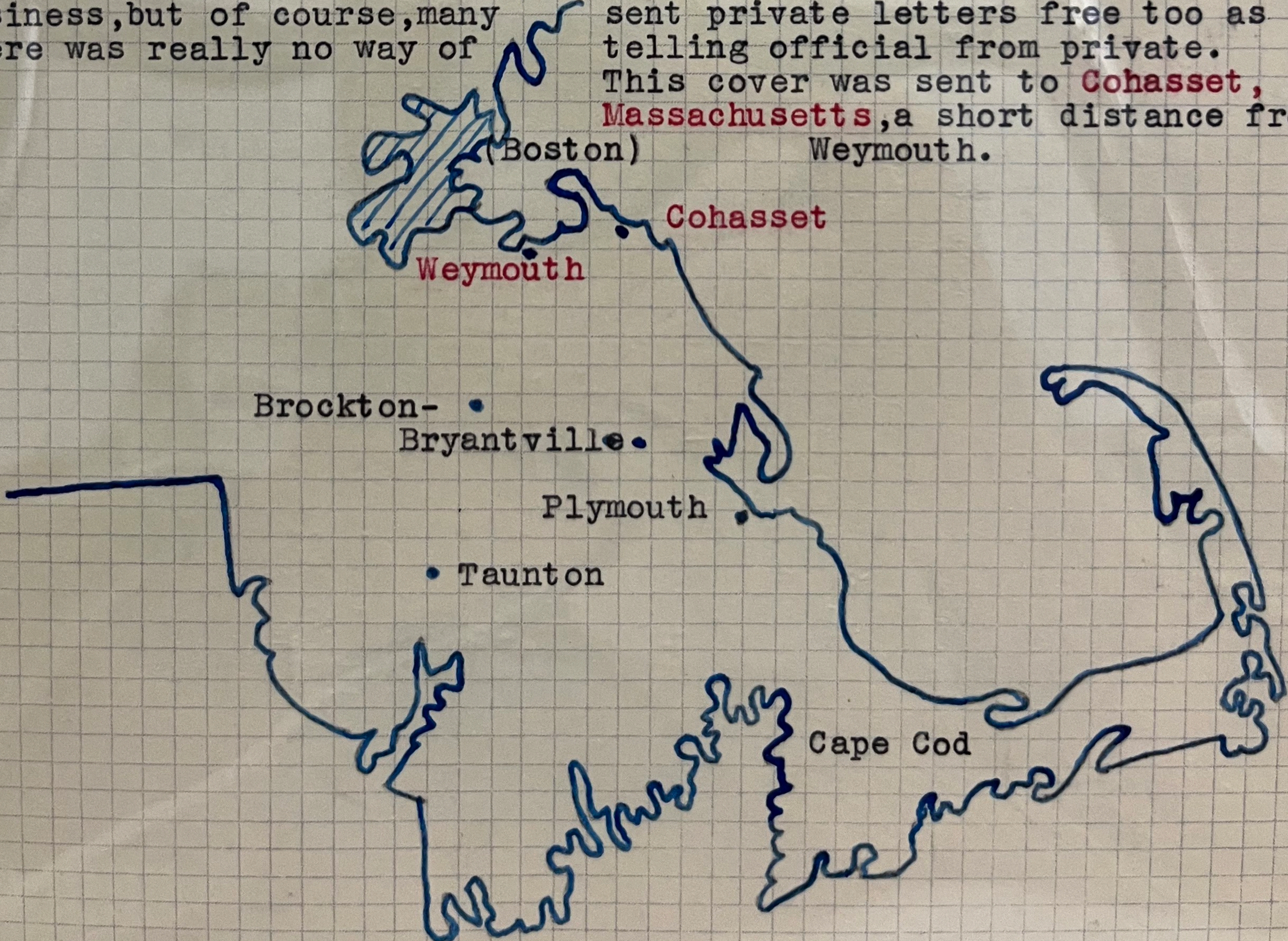
Boston

No 2. North Street

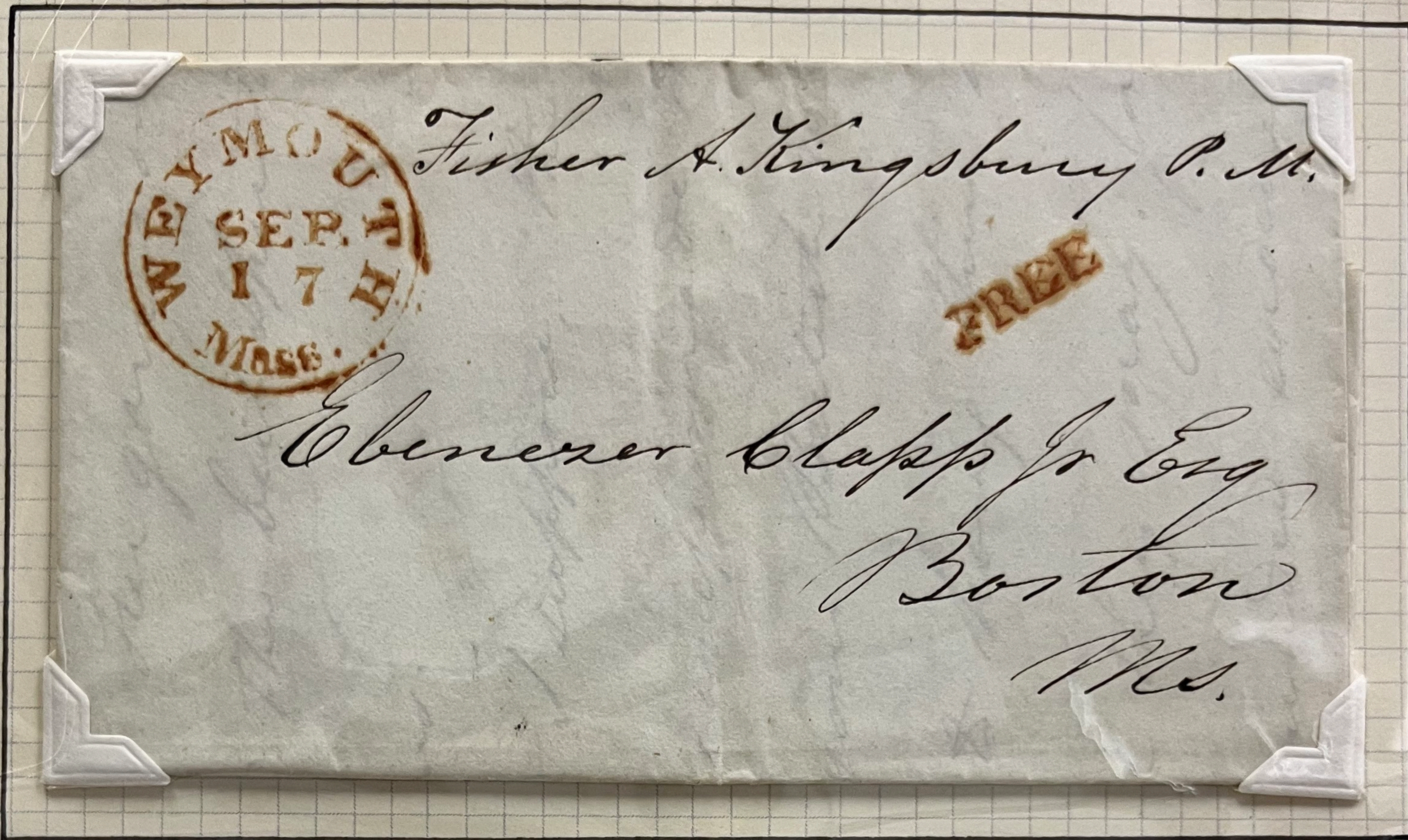
-WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS-



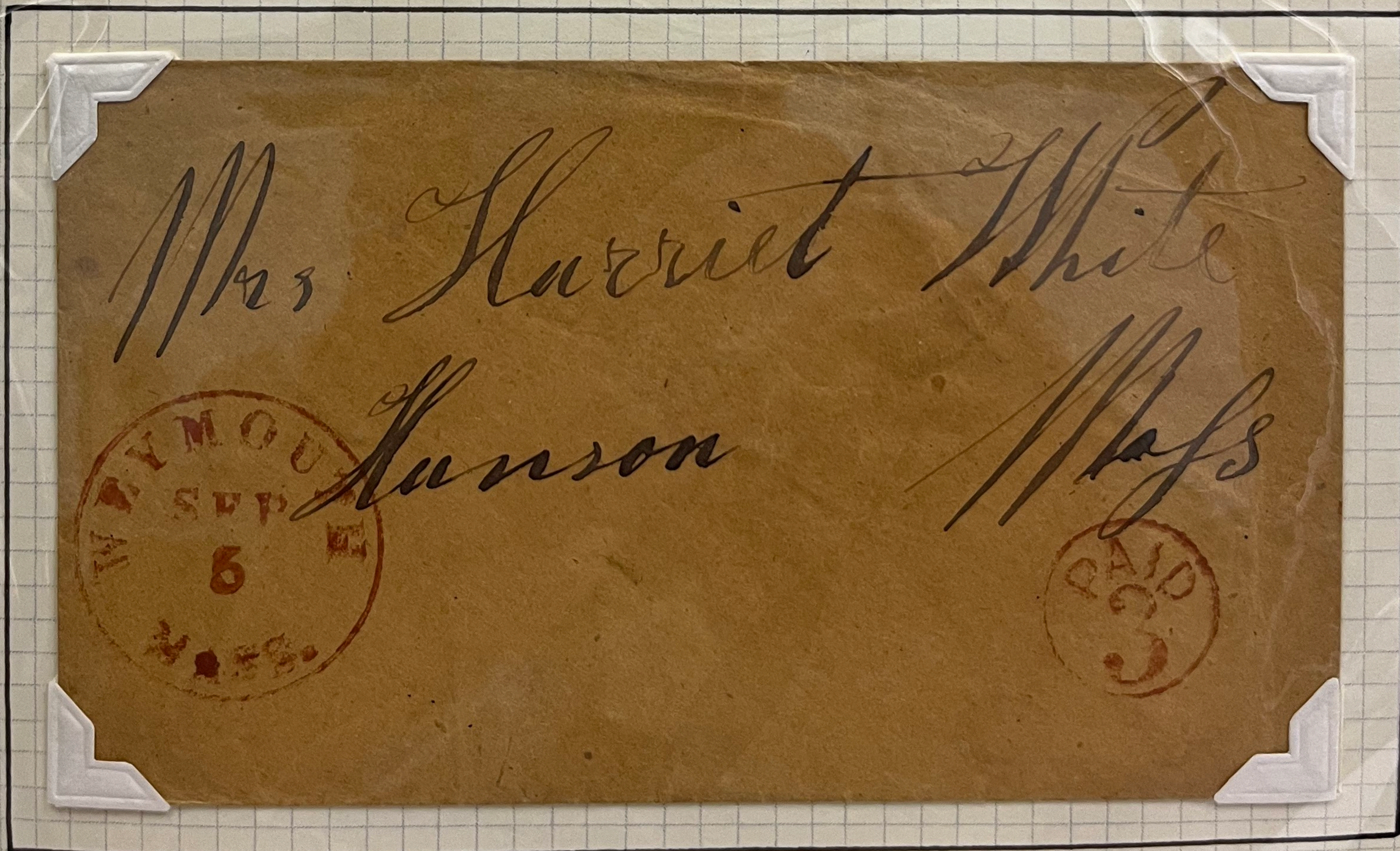
A stampless cover from **Weymouth, Massachusetts** in red ink dated April 5, year unknown. This cover was sent from the Postmaster whose name was **Fisher A. Kingsbury**, so the letter went **FREE** as Postmasters of the day had free mail privileges on official business, but of course, many sent private letters free too as there was really no way of telling official from private. This cover was sent to **Cohasset, Massachusetts**, a short distance from Weymouth.



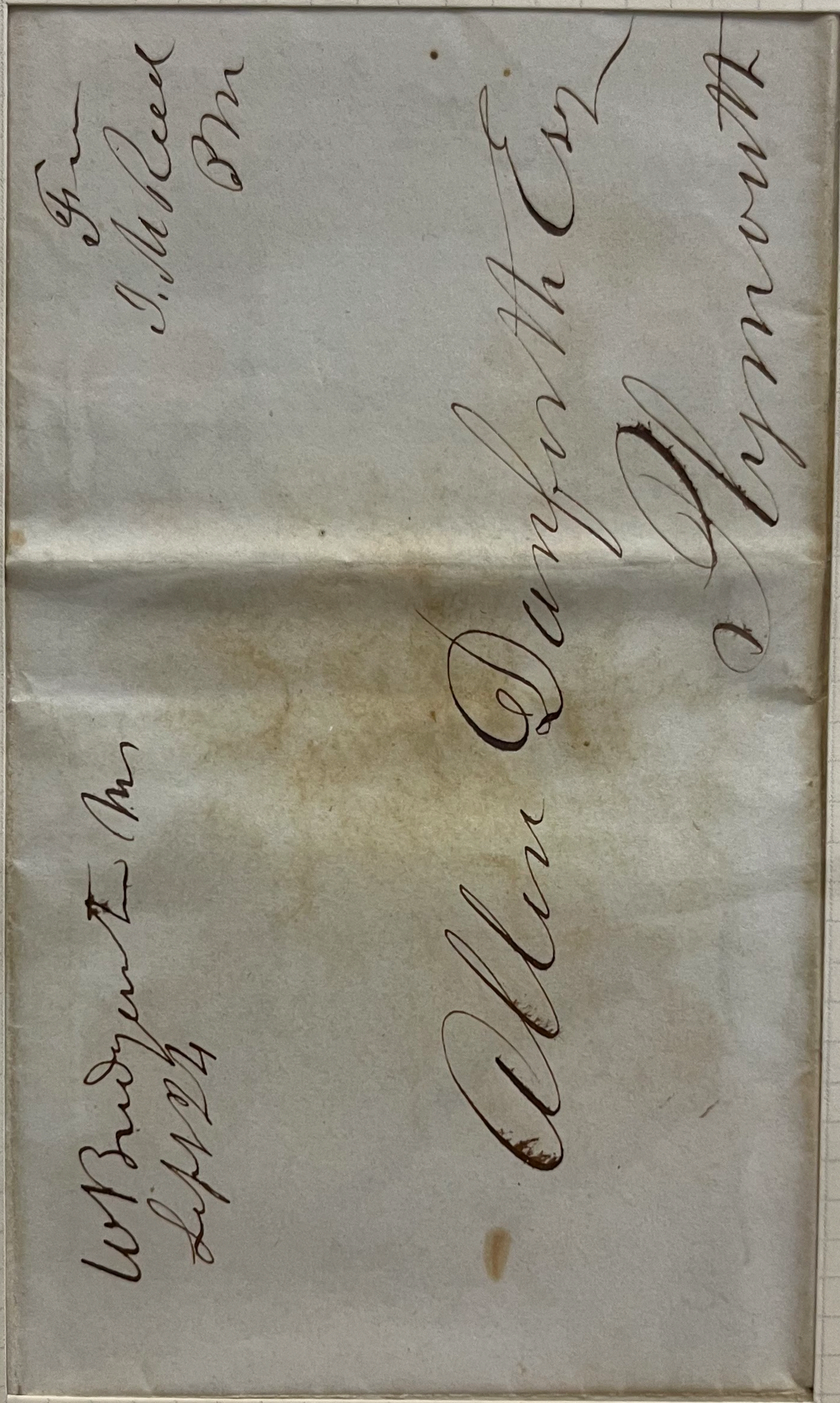
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Red Weymouth, Mass. dated September 17 (1840) used with a red FREE and signature of the Postmaster- Fisher A. Kingsbury. The Weymouth marking measures 30 mm.



Red Weymouth, Mass. 32 mm. dated September 5 (1851-54) used with a matching circled PAID 3 cancel.

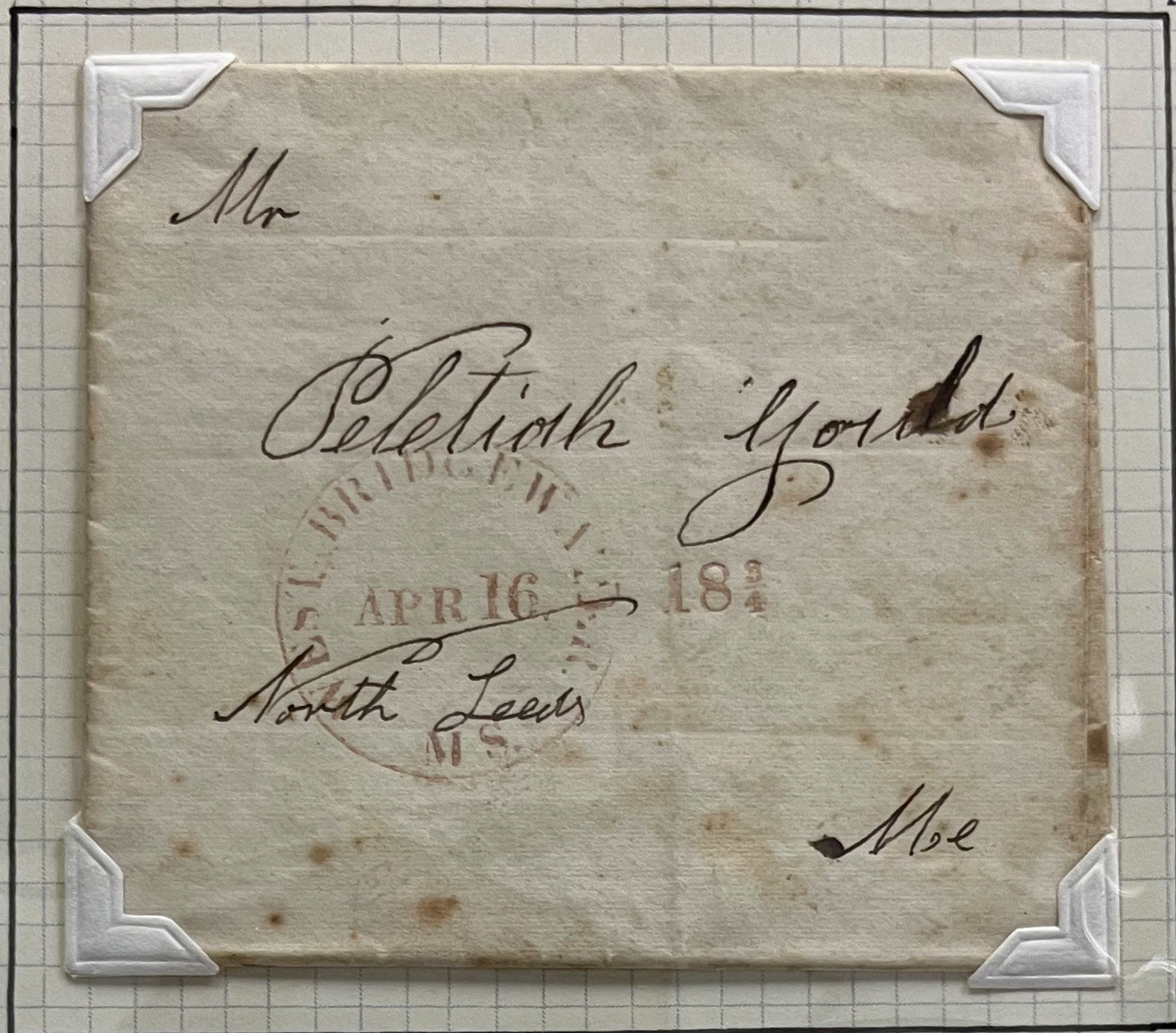


A folded stampless letter from **West Bridgewater, Massachusetts** dated September 24, 1842. The letter was sent **FREE** to **Plymouth, Mass.**, by the Postmaster of **West Bridgewater- J. (John) M. Reed.**

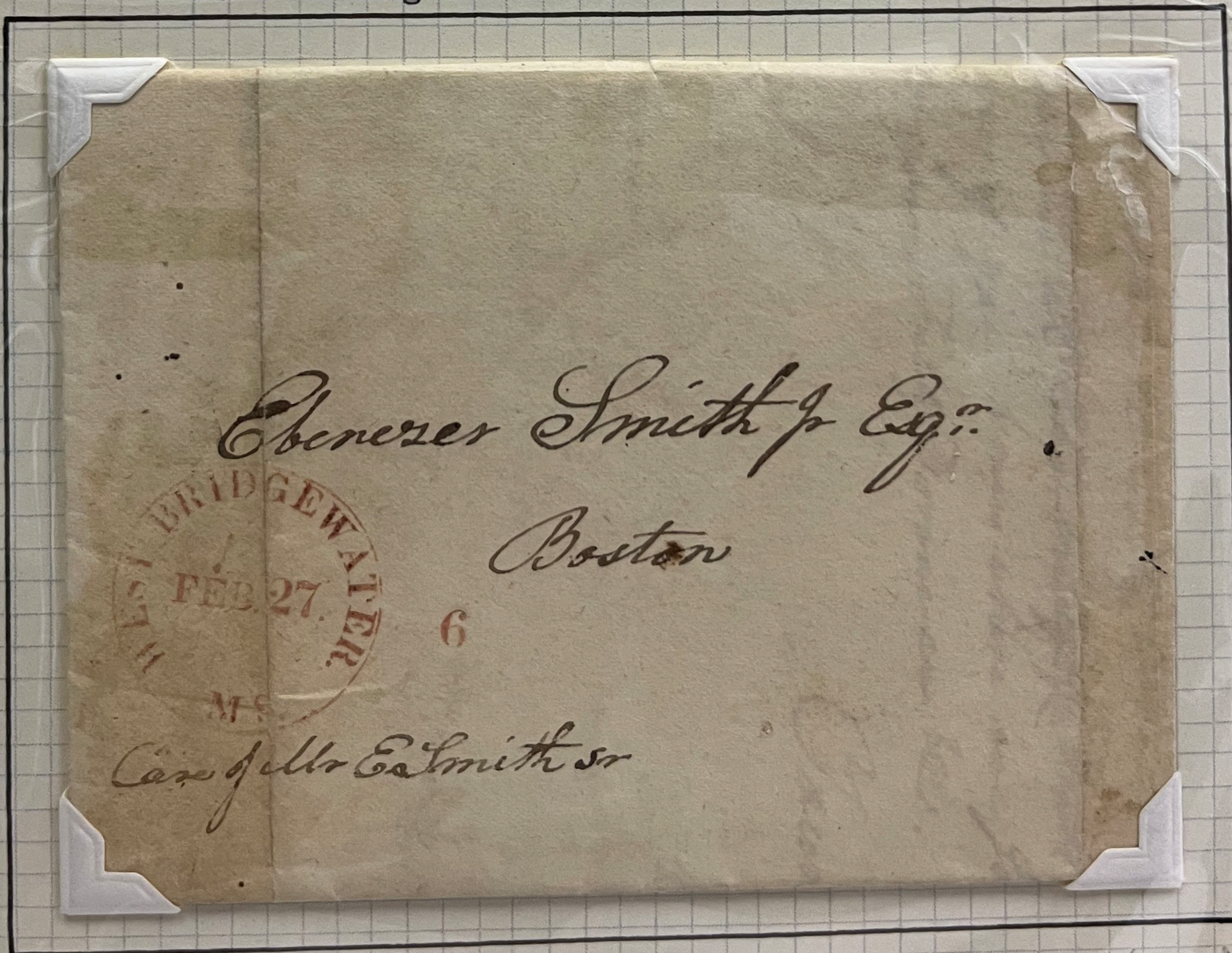
The letter is on the other side of this page and is copied on a following page.

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Attached Rate town marking from the Patent of Asa White of Templeton, Mass.



30 mm. West Bridgewater, Mass. in red dated April 16 (1832). The red 18 3/4 is part of the town marking and is called an "Attached Rate".

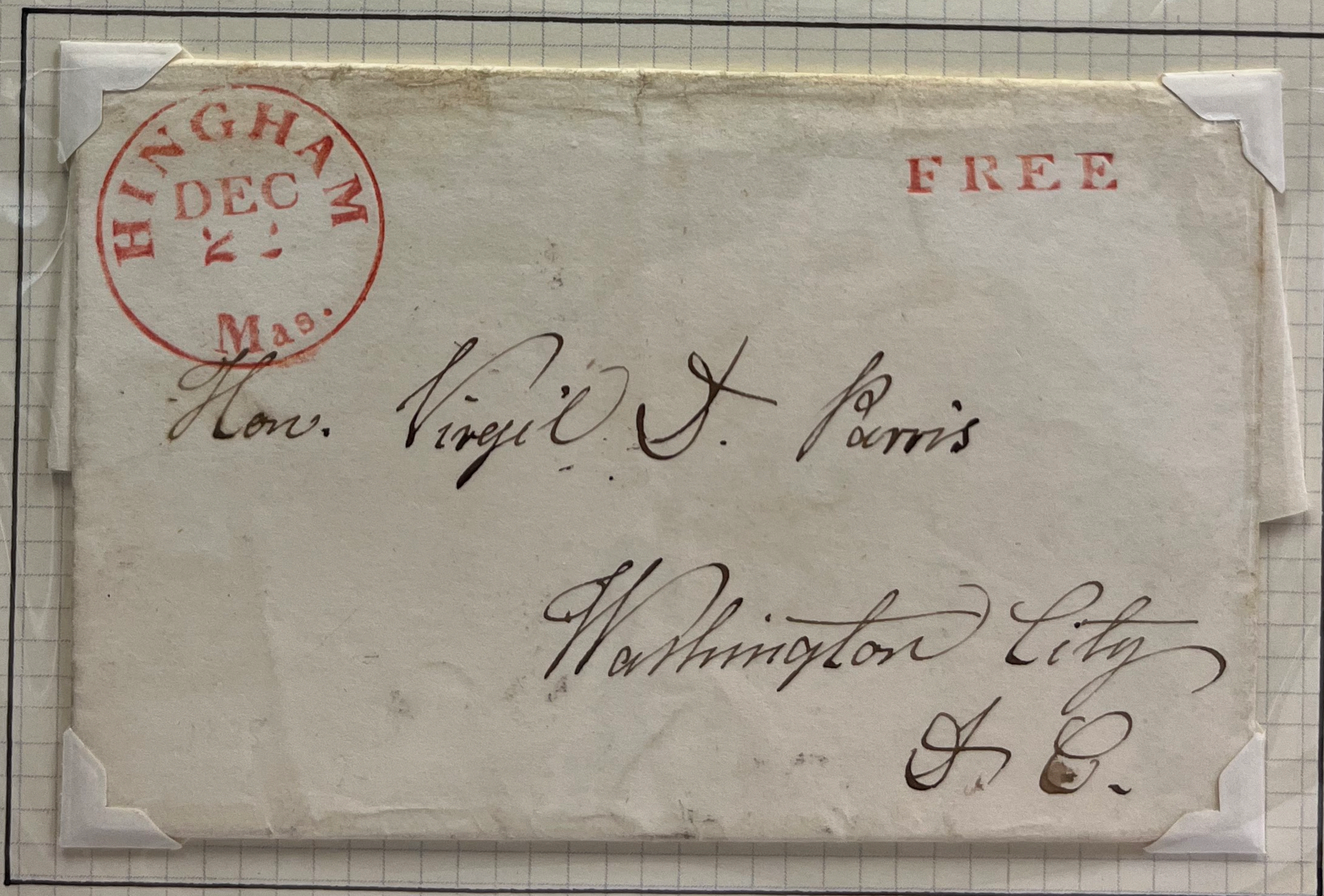


30 mm. red West Bridgewater, Mass. dated Feb. 27 (1832) with attached rate of 6 cents for under 30 miles.

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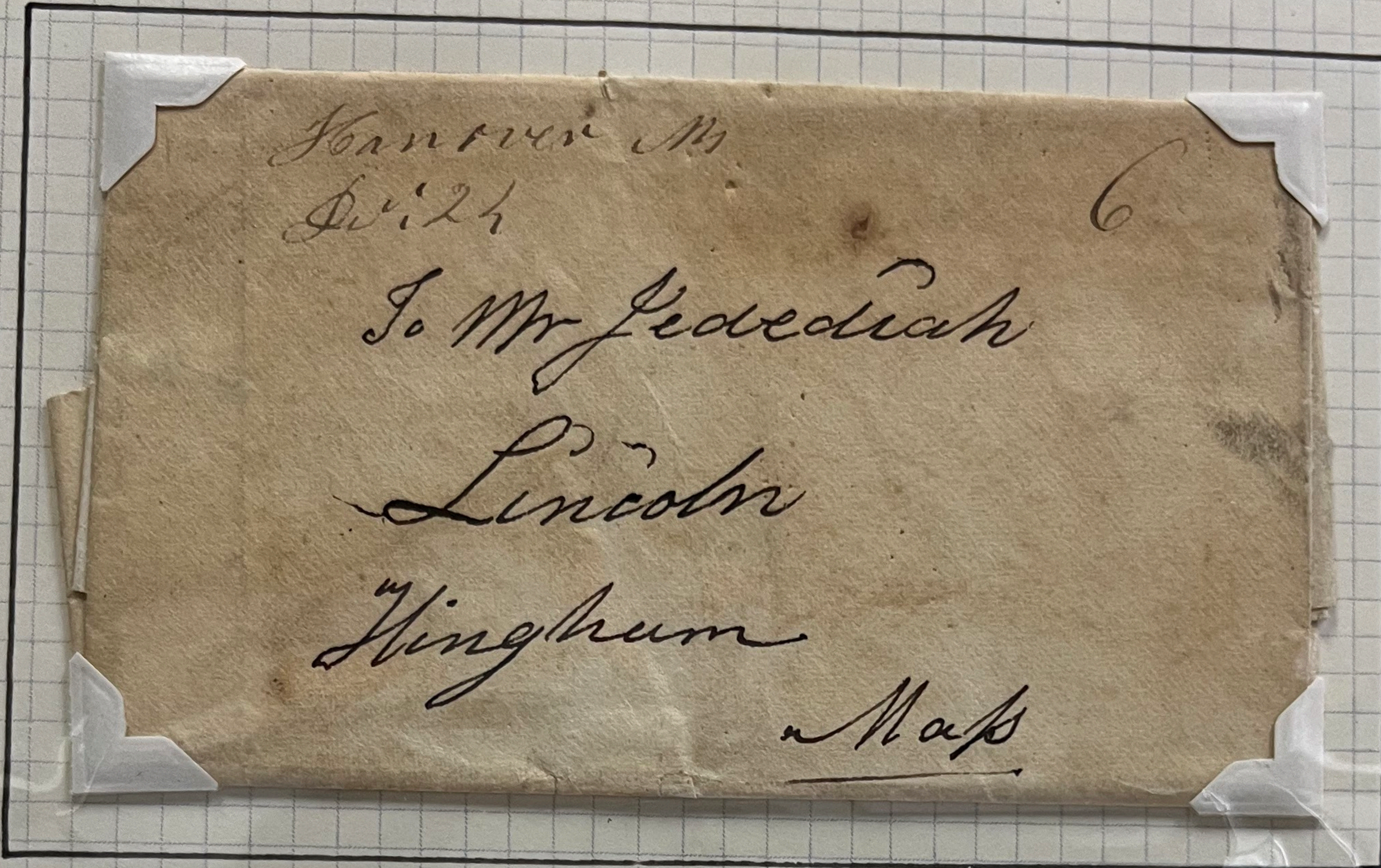


Red 30 mm. **Hingham, Mass.** dated August 11, 1838 used with red **FREE** and Postmaster's name of **Thomas Loud** as a FREE Frank.

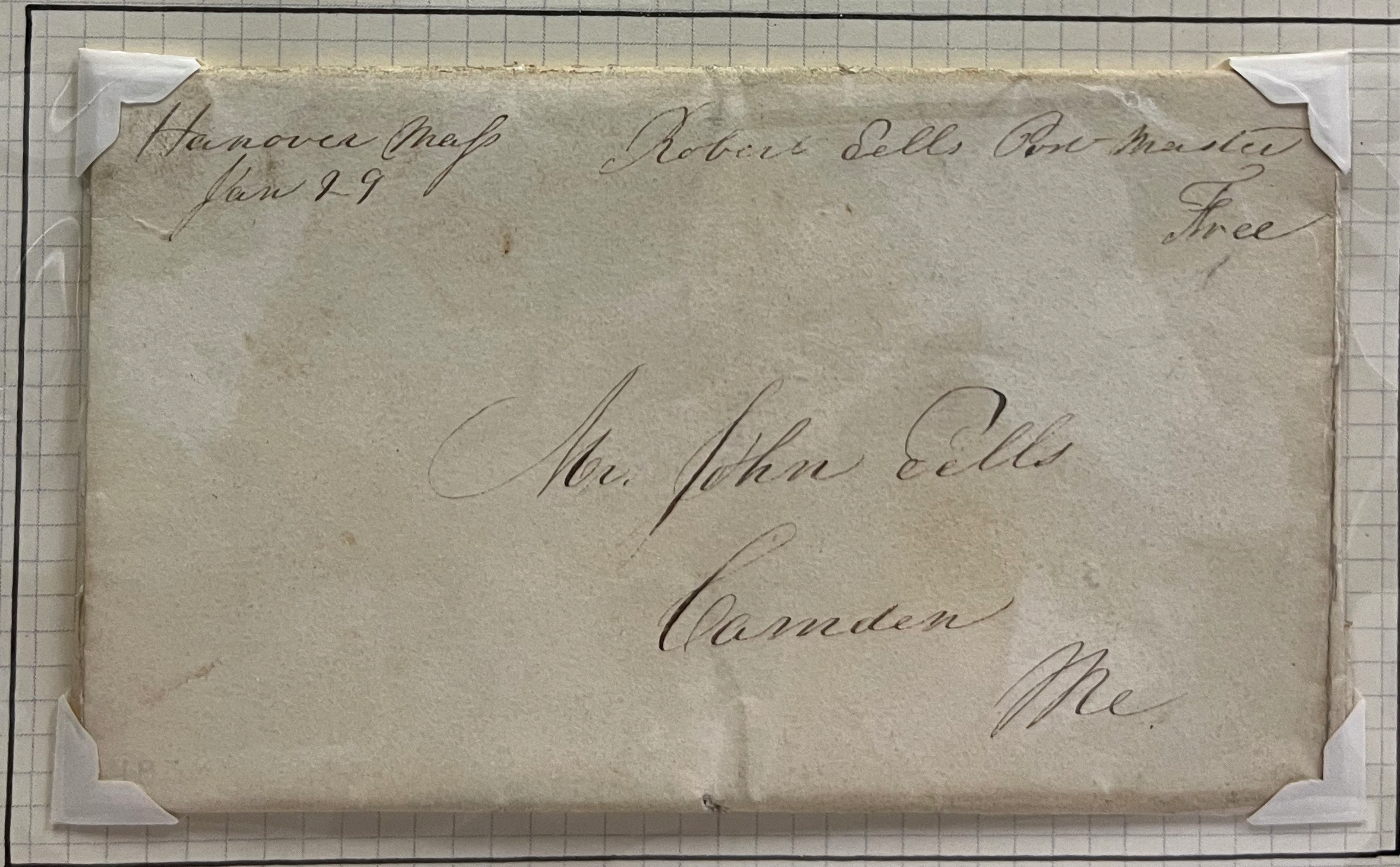


Red 30 mm. **Hingham, Mass.** dated December 22 (1838) used with red **FREE** on a folded letter from **Thomas Loud**, Postmaster of **Hingham**.

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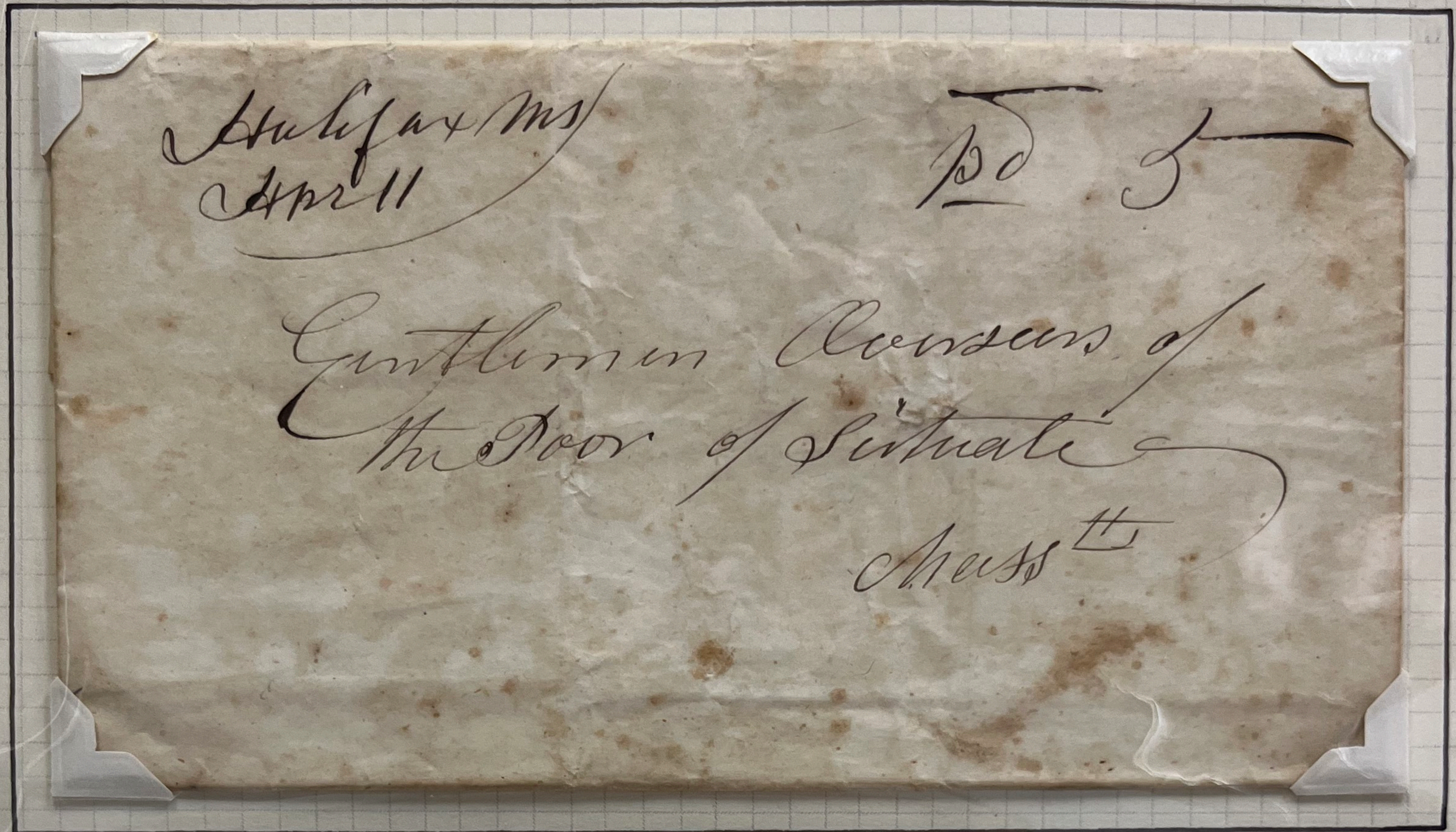


Manuscript **Hanover, Mass.** dated December 24 (1832) with pen " 6 " on a collect folded letter for not over 30 miles distance.

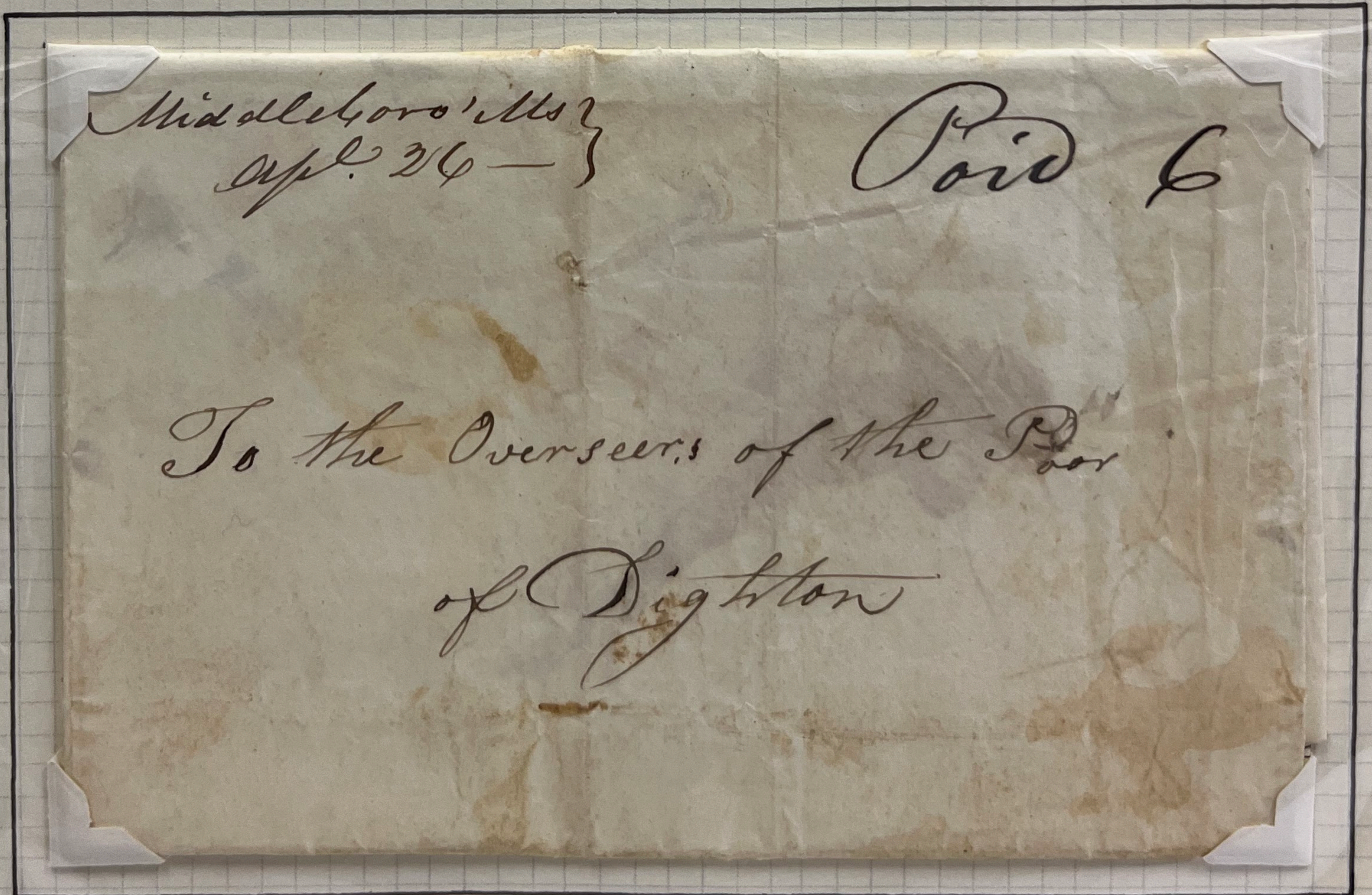


Manuscript **Hanover, Mass.** dated June 29 (1836) with a FREE Frank of the Postmaster Robert Pells ?

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Manuscript **Halifax, Mass.** dated April 11 (1848) with **PAID 5** also in pen.



Manuscript **Middleboro', Mass.** dated April 26 (1831) with **PAID 6** sent to **Dighton**.

-HISTORY OF BROCKTON-



A stampless cover from **Abington, Massachusetts**, 30 mm. in diameter, dated August 27, 1855 and arced PAID 3 on fancy "Ladies" cover.

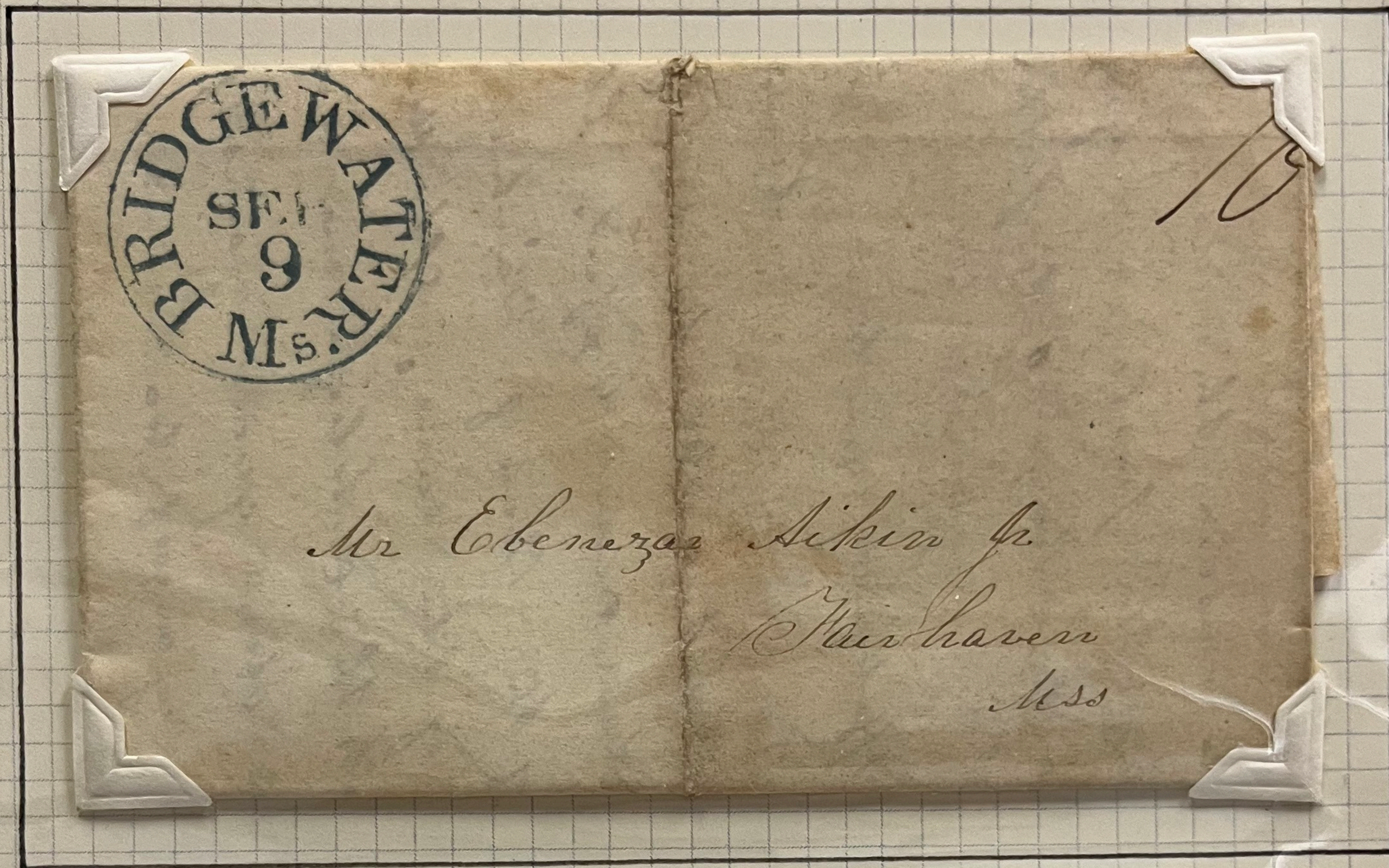
This cover was sent to Mrs. Ira Copeland of West Bridgewater, Massachusetts. She was the wife of the man who gave **Brockton** its name. Ira Copeland suggested "Brockton" because he heard a railway conductor say the name on route to Detroit. Brockton was a province in Ontario, part of Toronto, Canada. Brockton was named after Sir Isaac Brock (1769-1812) soldier and lieutenant-governor of Canada.

Three names were considered in March 1874. They were **Brockton, Allerton, and Avon**. Brockton was selected by vote of 1080 to 1491. Other names considered before 1874 were: Winslow, Standish, Madison, Gaston, Alden, Montello, Pyrola, Oriole, Langdon, Aberdale, Norwood, Stanton and Ambury. February 18, 1871, Standish was approved but later Stanton was decided. Finally in 1874 Brockton was approved.

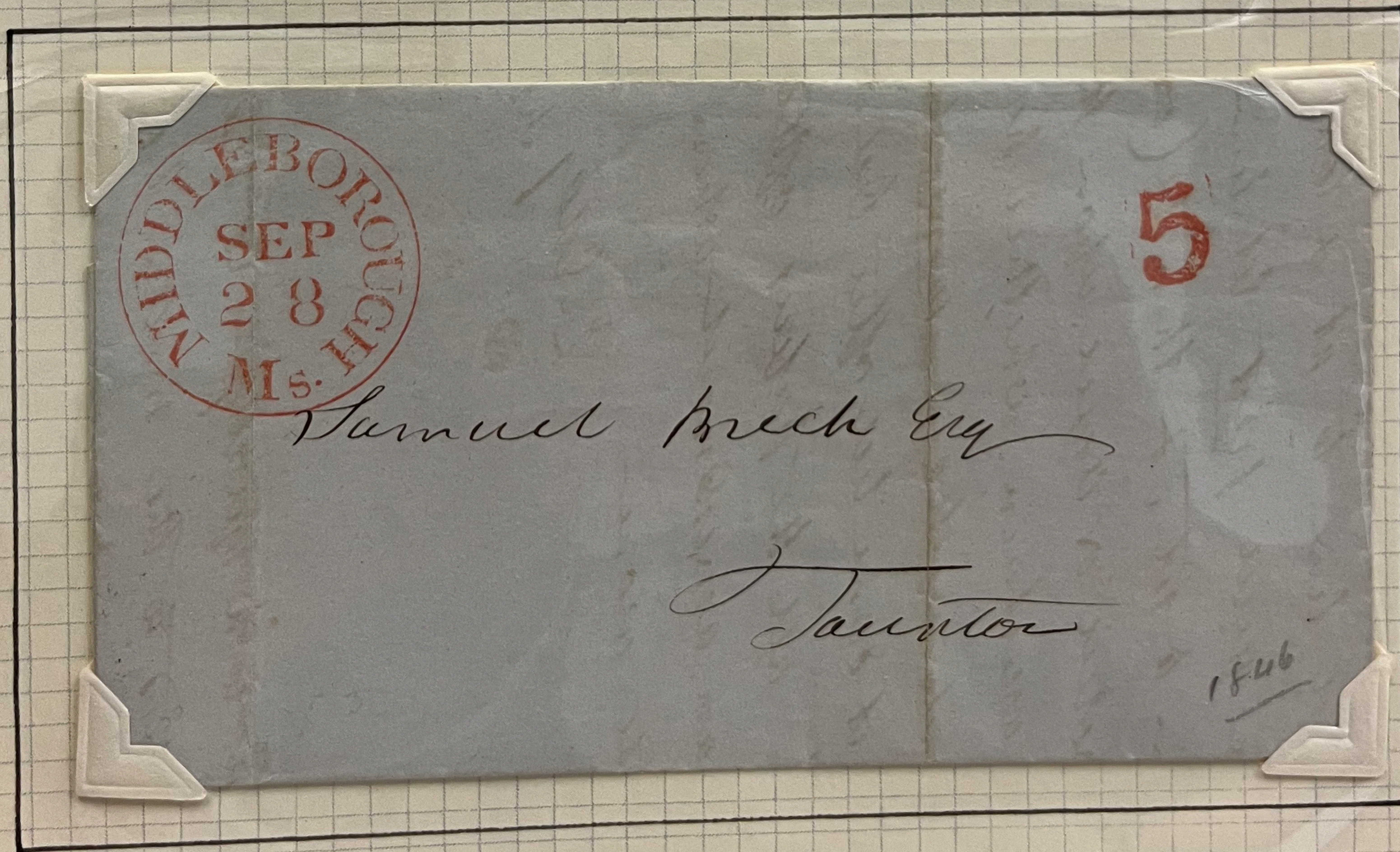
Population of North Bridgewater (1821-1874) and Brockton, Massachusetts.

Town July 4, 1821-1480
1860's (Civil War)-6,584
1870-8,007
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1960-72,813

-Local Towns-

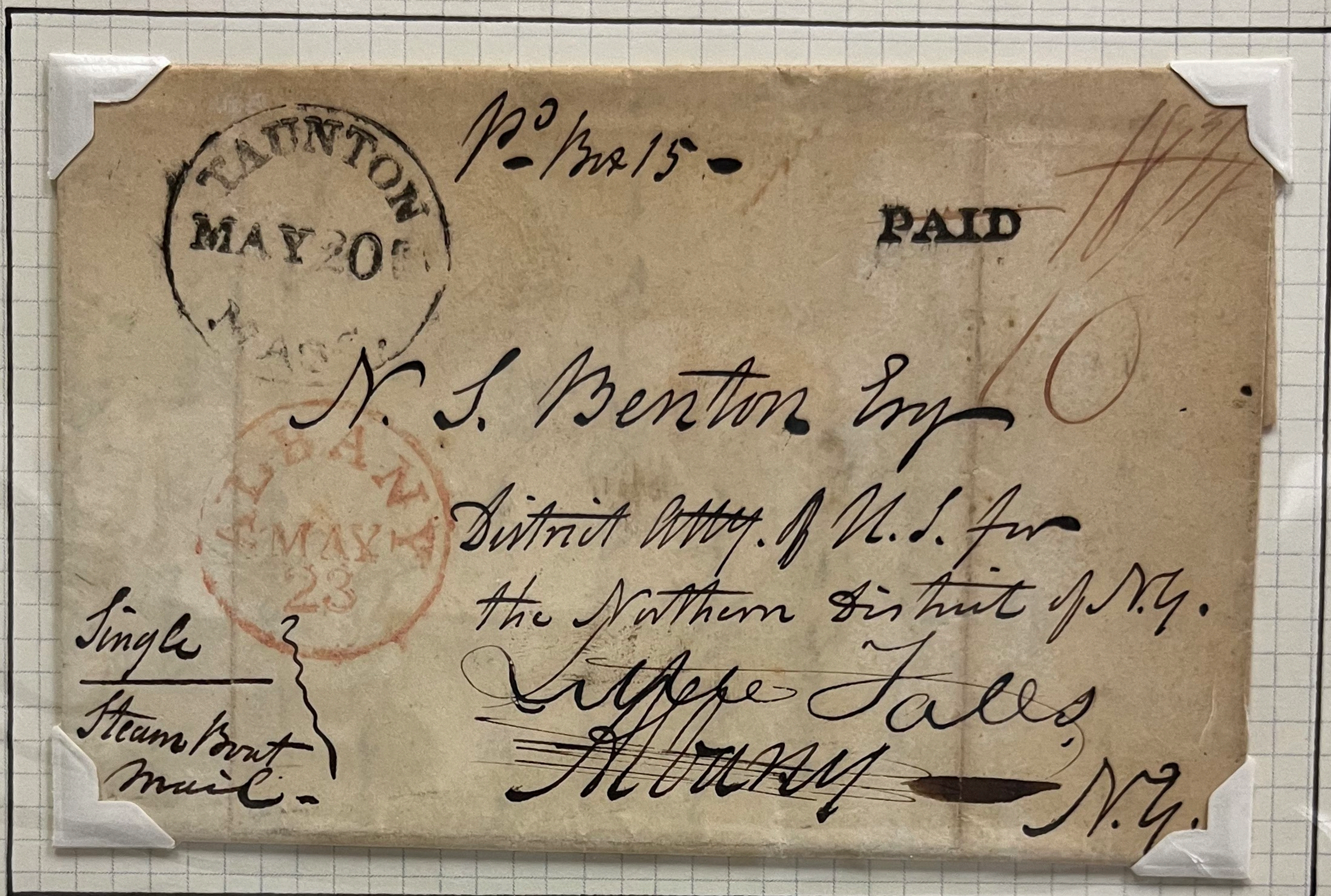


Stampless cover from **Bridgewater, Mass.** in blue dated Sep. 9 (1843) on a collect cover.

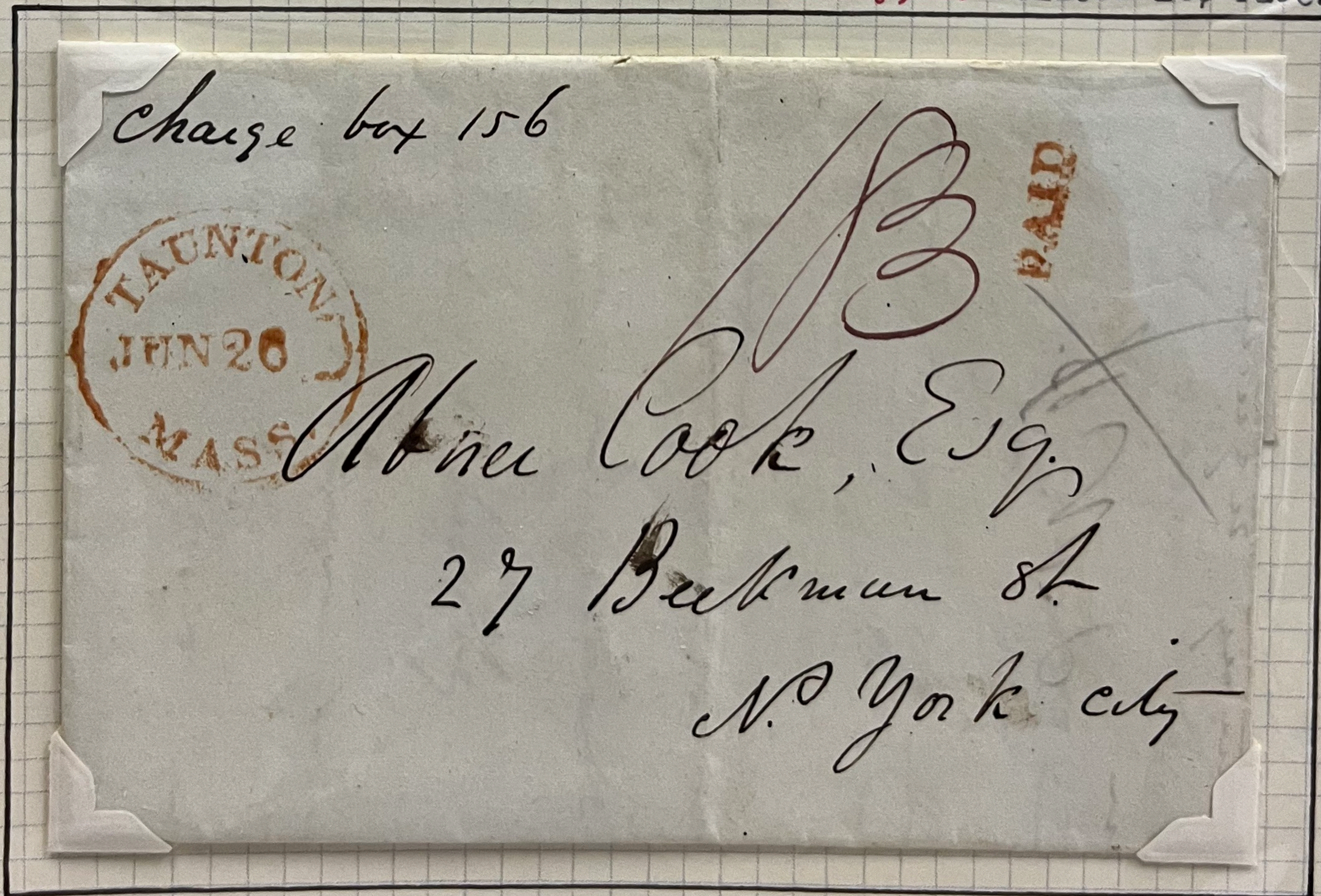


Stampless cover from **Middleborough, Mass.** dated Sep. 28 (1846) with "5" all in red.

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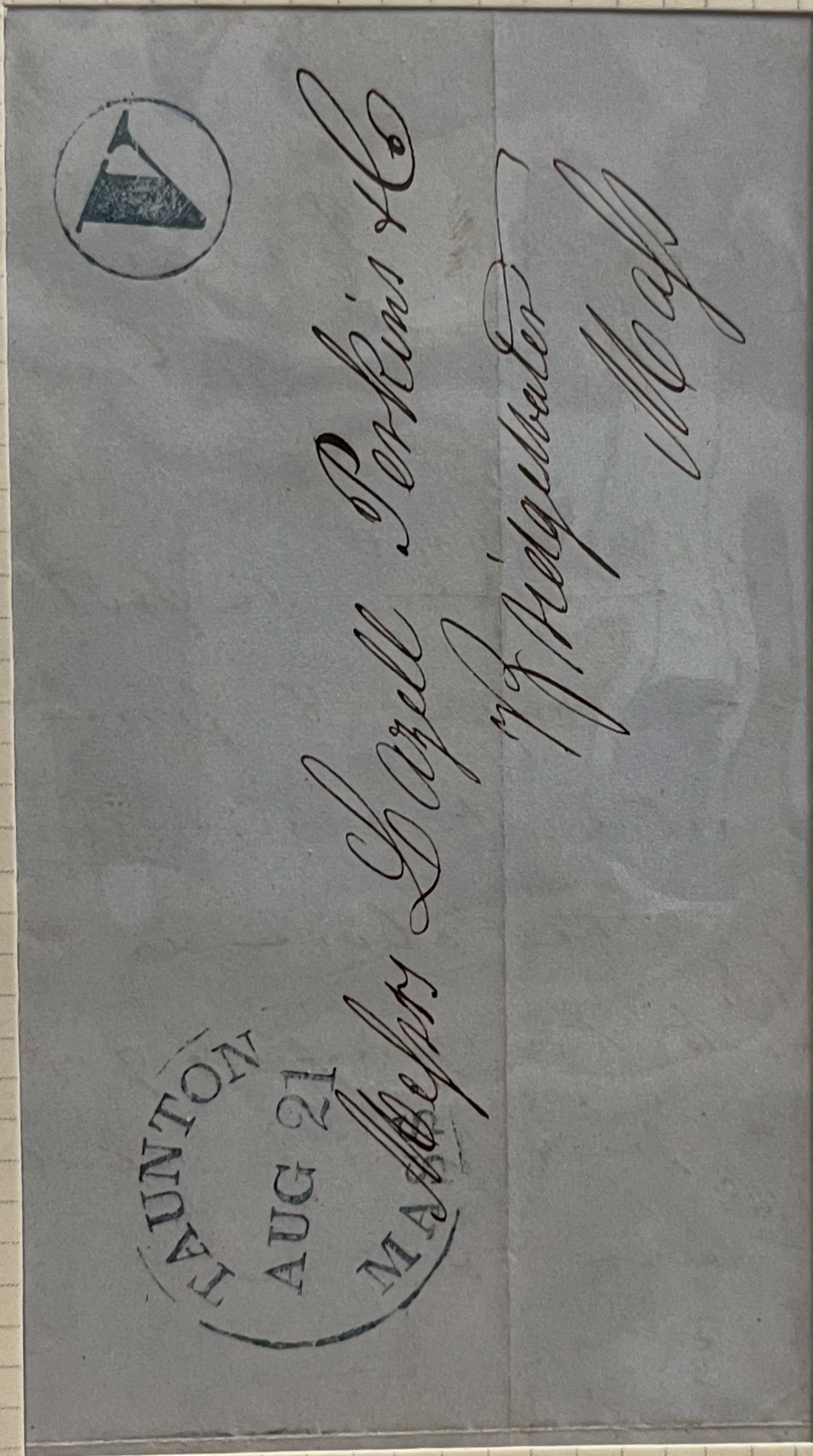


Black 30 mm. Taunton, Mass. dated May 20 (1835) used with black PAID and red rate of 18 3/4 for 150-400 miles. This letter was forwarded from Albany, NY. collect 10¢ rate.



Red 30 mm. Taunton, Mass. dated June 26 (mid 1830's) with matching red PAID and 18 3/4 ¢ rate for 150-400 miles.

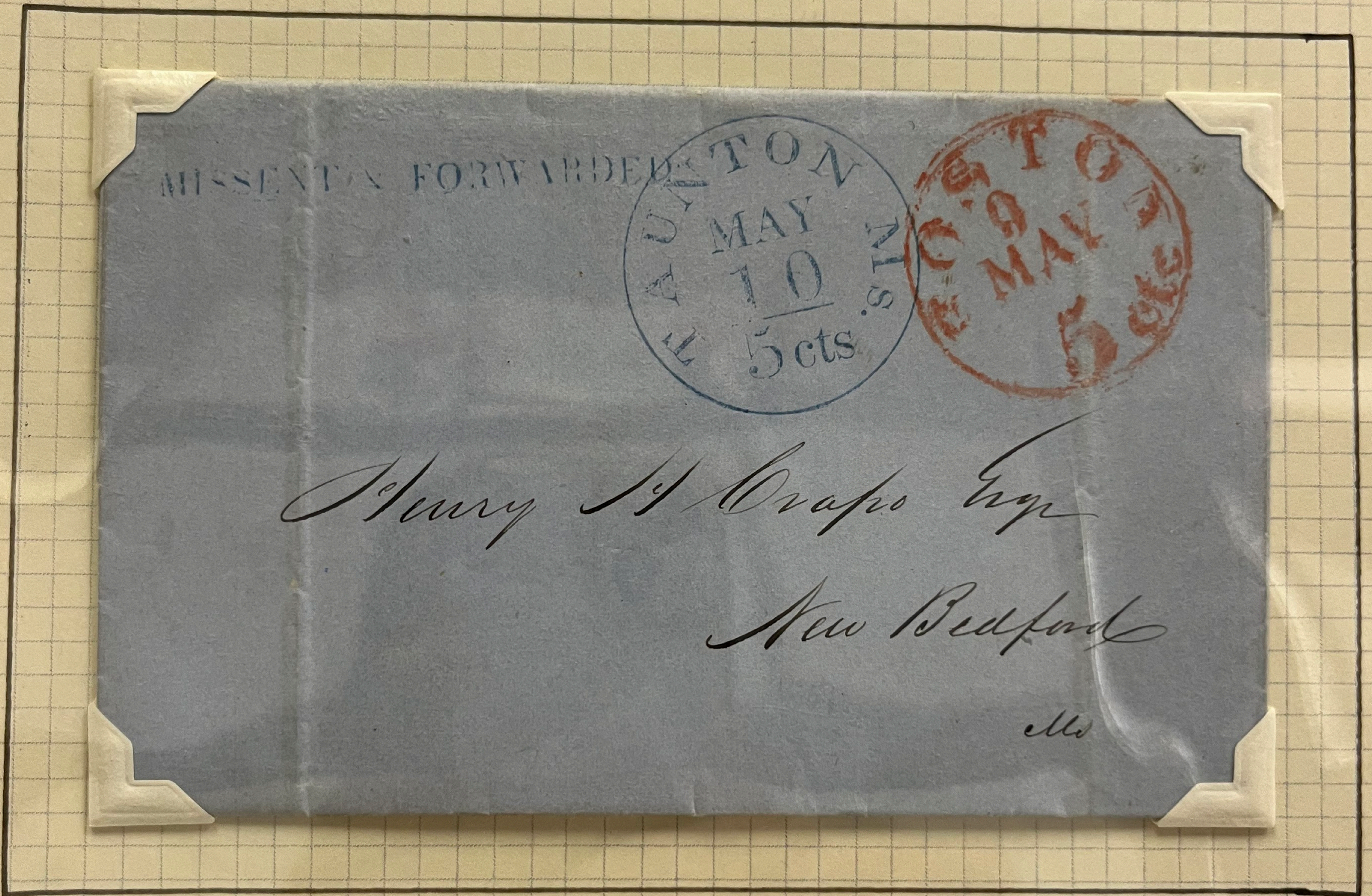
-TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS-



Blue 30 mm. Taunton, Massachusetts dated August 21 (1848) with a Roman Numeral V in a circle for 5 cents.

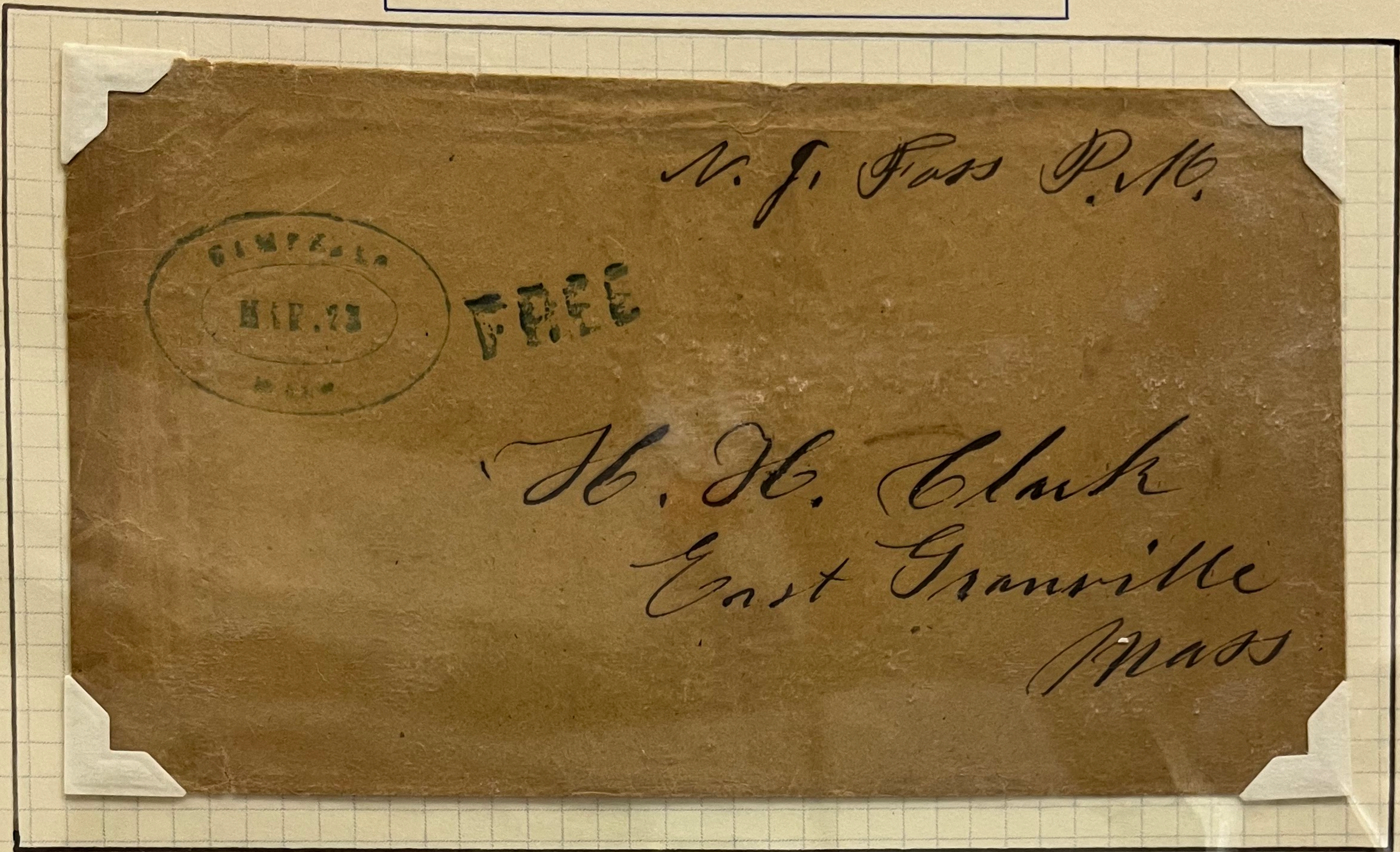
This folded letter was sent to the Lazell, Perkins & Company Iron Foundry at Bridgewater, Mass. The letter was from the Taunton Locomotive Manufacturing Company with Willard W. Fairbanks as agent and treasurer. The Taunton Locomotive Works was one of the first of its kind in New England. The business started in 1846 and by 1883, their line included the Huber Printing Press.

-TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS-



Red Boston, Massachusetts stampless cover dated May 9, 1851, with 5 cts. within town, indicating five cents to be collected when delivered. This cover was then MISSENT by mistake to Taunton, Massachusetts. There it received a blue marking dated May 10 (1851) 5 cts. within town plus a very choice blue straight line MISSENT & FORWARDED. After that, the cover was sent to its proper destination i.e. New Bedford, Massachusetts.

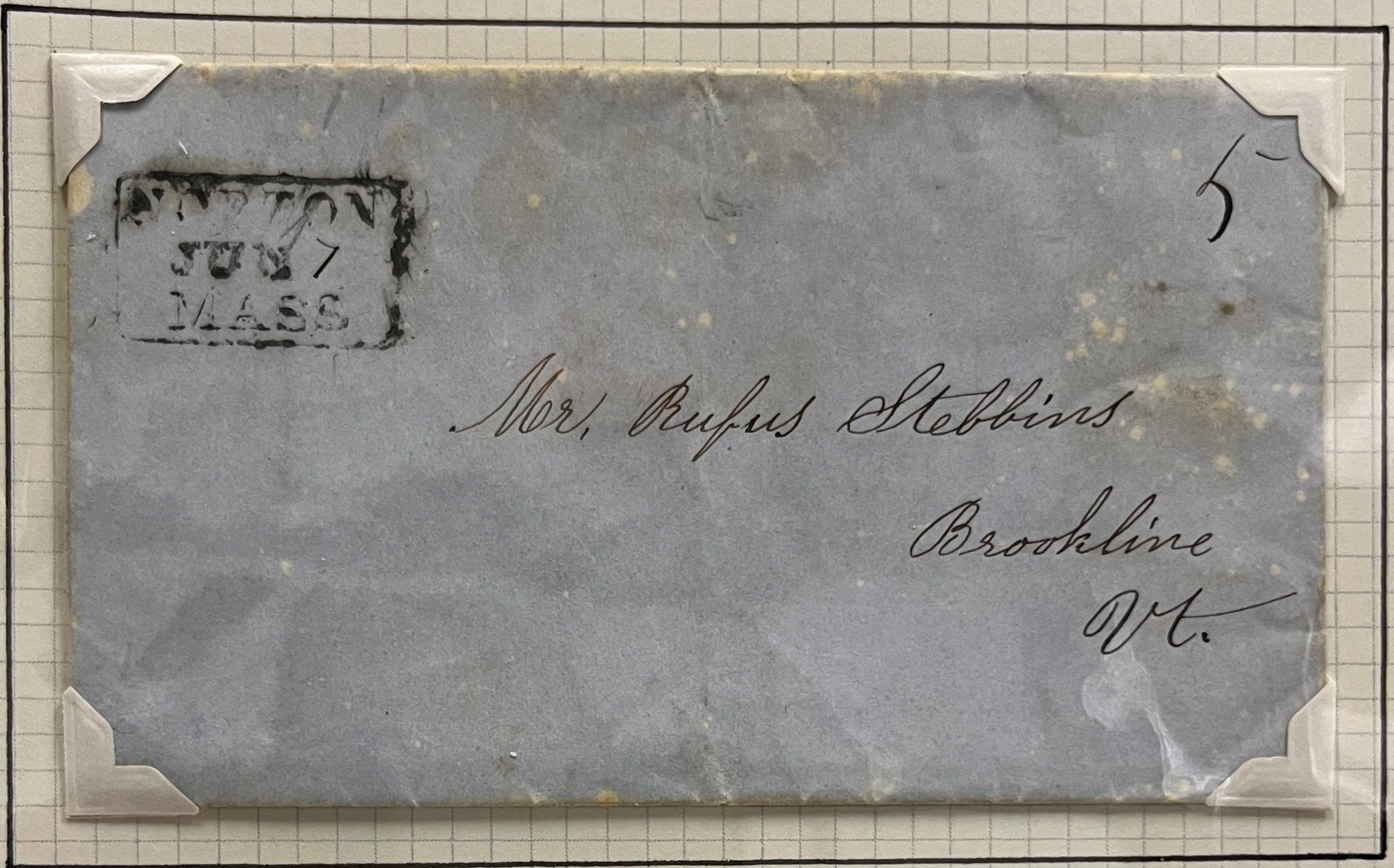
-CAMPELLO, MASSACHUSETTS-



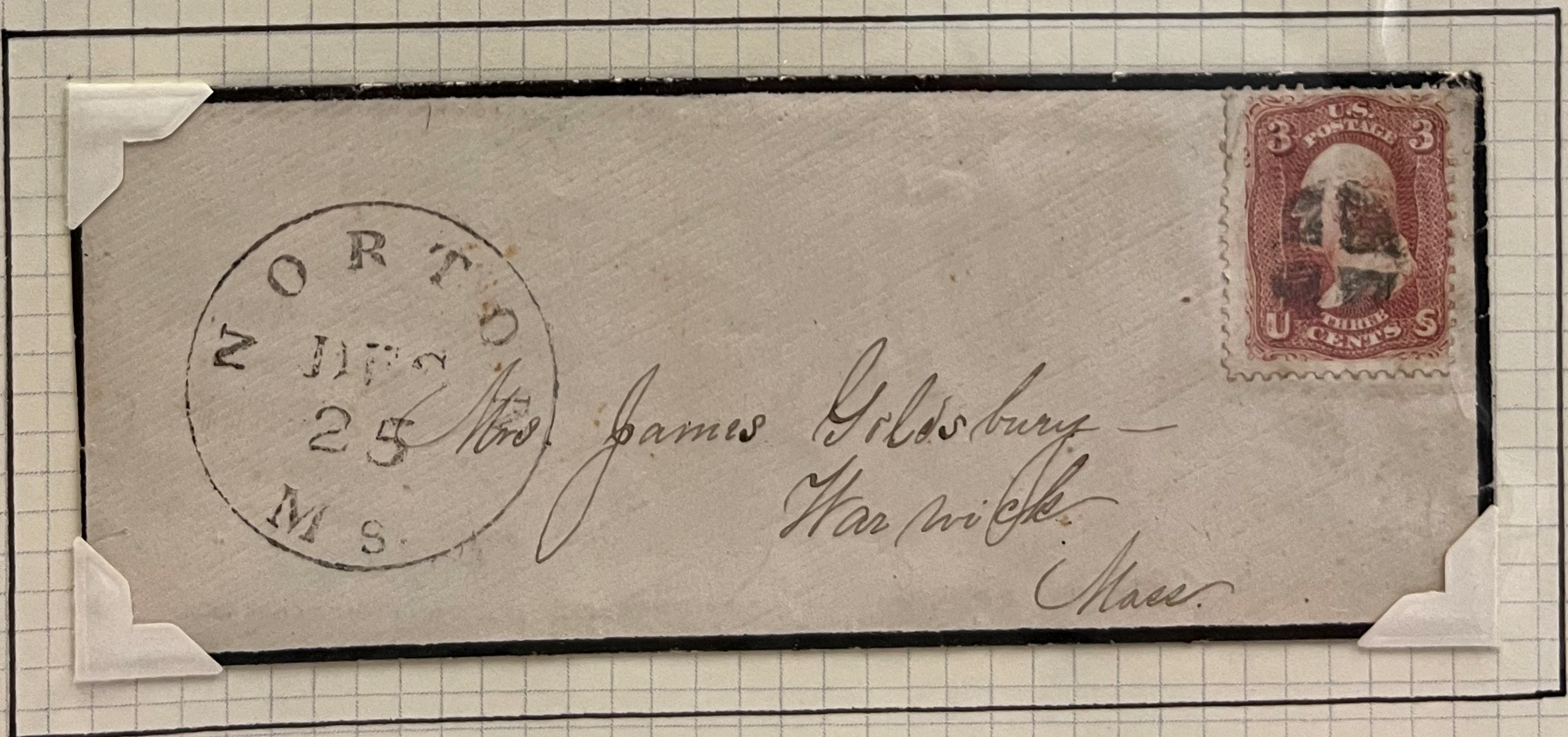
A stampless cover, dated March 23, 1854, with a RARE GREEN Oval cancel, 33 x 22 mm., from Campello, Massachusetts. The FREE frank has the signature of the first Postmaster-Nelson J. Foss. The Campello Post Office started on February 12, 1850. Mr. Foss resigned as Postmaster in 1872. He was an invalid for a number of years.

Campello March 23 1854
H. H. Clark Esq
Dear Sir
Mr Wm A. Packard is now
in East Kingston N. H.
Yours truly
N. J. Foss P.M.
Campello Mass

-Norton, Massachusetts-



A very scarce boxed Norton, Massachusetts dated June 7 (1848).



#65- A Christmas dated Three Cent 1861 Issue from Norton, Massachusetts on a "Mourning Cover".