

Iowa Wheel of Fortune Cancellation

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This article details those towns using the Wheel of Fortune postmark that I have identified for the state of Iowa.

In the November 2005 U.S. Cancellation Club News issue, Arthur Beane announced a project to produce a monograph on the Wheel of Fortune cancels. I've taken up the task to complete this monograph.

Here is where you can help... by providing any additional covers that I have not identified and forward photo scans of these Covers to me at stonywoods840@gmail.com . Duplicates would also be appreciated.

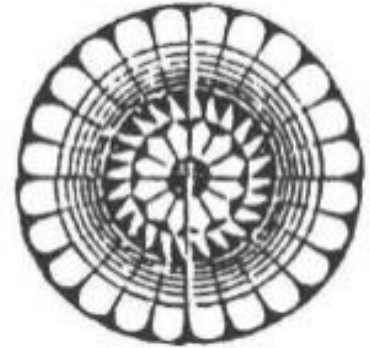


Fig. 1

In 1880 the F.P. Hammond Co. of Aurora, Illinois, introduced the canceller (Fig. 1). Today this fancy rubber canceller is called **Wheel of Fortune (WOF)**. The highly detailed stamper was made possible with the invention of vulcanized rubber. The Peerless Vulcanizer shown on the 1898 cover below (Fig. 2) may have been the type of machine to make the Wheel of Fortune device.

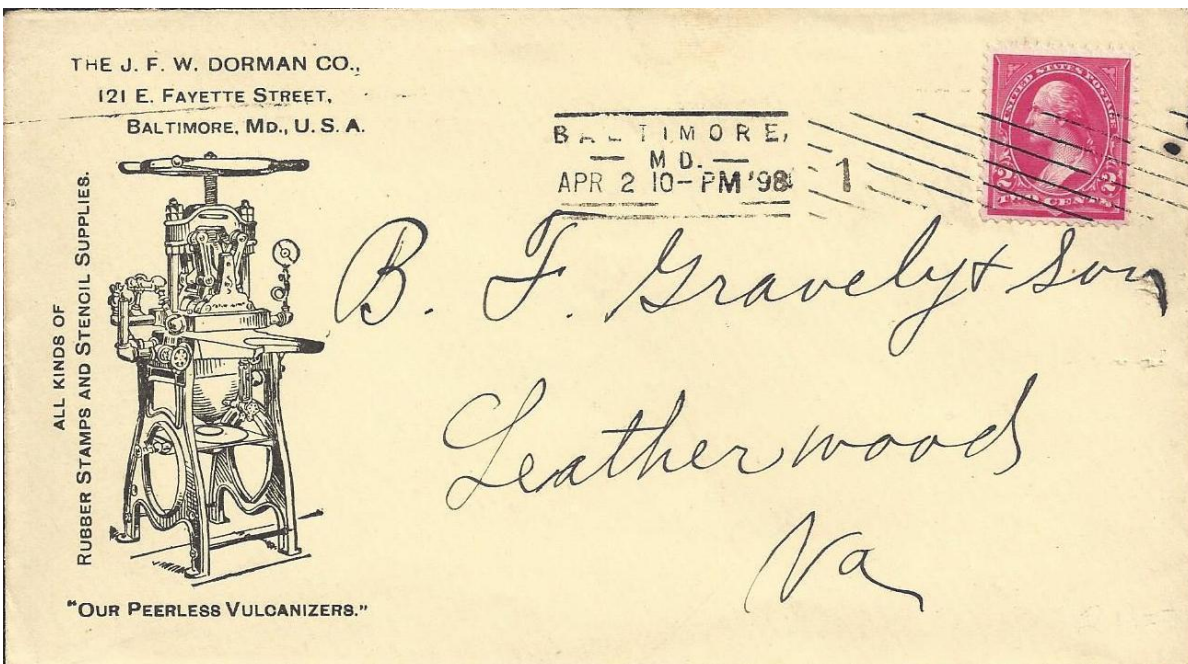


Fig. 2

The first advertisement for the WOF appeared in the January 1881 U.S. Official Postal Guide (Fig. 3). Although this ad depicts postmarks dating in the 1870's, the earliest WOF postmark found to date is February 26, 1880 from New Lisbon, Wisconsin. Iowa has many covers dated in 1880-- the earliest is dated April 19, 1880 from Angona, Iowa (Fig.4).

(Note: In the advertisement under "Best Offer", this Cancellor and kit cost \$3.00.)

" WHEEL OF FORTUNE "

No. 529.

POST OFFICE SUPPLIES


ESTABLISHED 1872.


WE ARE HEADQUARTERS

For the most complete line of articles used by P. M.'s and their Clerks.


Engraved Letter Headings,
 " Note Headings,
 Stamp Ribbons (all colors),
 Money Order Daters,
 Post-Office Daters,
 Registered Letter Daters,
 Received Daters,
 Patent Inking Pads,
 P. O. Canceling Ink (*by Express*),
 P. O. Rubber Canceling Corks,
 Twine Cutters,
 Steel and Rubber Stamp Racks,
 Coin Detectors,
 Paper Weights,
 Letter and Package Scales,
 Check Protectors,
 Gem Type Case,

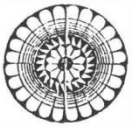
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THE BEST OFFER YET.

One RUBBER P. O. Dater and Cancellor, Ink Powder, and Pads, Dates for ten years in Walnut case with tweezers, and all the single line stamps needed in a Post Office, this style type: **UNCLAIMED**
 By mail, postage paid, on receipt of price, \$3.00.

PROOFS FROM POSTMASTERS.

Your Quarterly Record received, and I like it very much. Jous Cecil, P. M., California, Md.
 The \$5 Quilt ordered by me was duly received this evening. They are all A No. 1 articles, and give entire satisfaction. — JAS. S. HARING, P. M., Orangeburg, N. Y.
 The Rubber Stamps, Note and Bill Heads, came to hand all right and meet with favor with those who have examined them, for cheapness, neatness, and durability. — T. W. LITTLE, P. M., Picture Rocks, Pa.
 I have been using one of your Stamps and Pads for the last year and it gives satisfaction. — W. S. BOWEN, P. M., Sheffield, Iowa.
 I received my Note and Letter Heads, Dater, etc., all O. K. Am satisfied with your job. It far exceeds my expectations. Wm J. KING, P. M., Maxwell, Mo.
 The Dater received, and I am well pleased with it. — CHAS. COON, P. M., Albion, Idaho.
 Your Box Record received, and is all O. K. — J. W. FROW, P. M., Fort Madison, Iowa.
 The Pads ordered came to-day. I am very much pleased with them. — ED. S. MENARD, P. M., St. Genevieve, Mo.

Illustrated Catalogue of Post Office Supplies sent free to Postmasters only. For samples of Note and Letter Headings send 6 cts. Address
F. P. HAMMOND & CO., Aurora Illinois.

Fig. 3

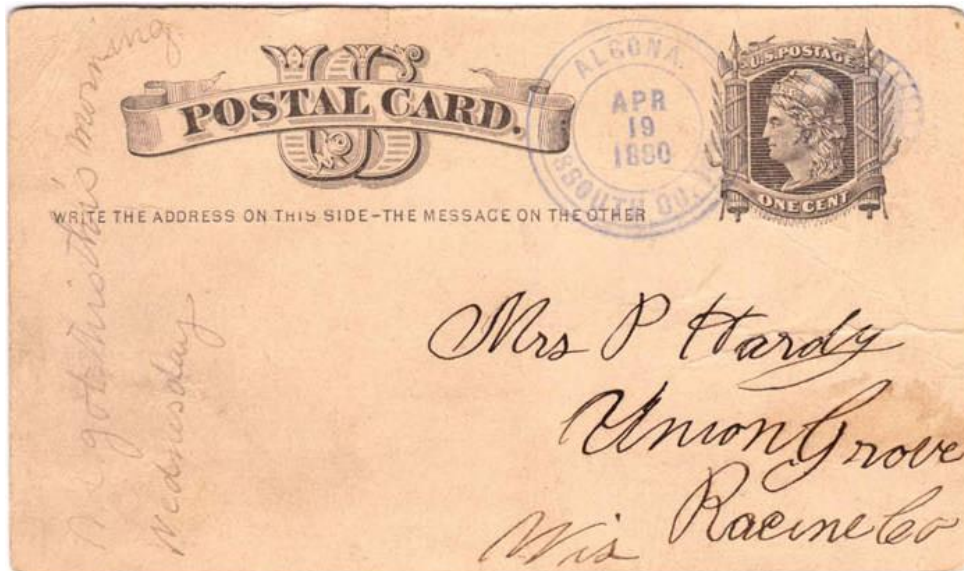


Fig. 4

Algona Iowa (Kossouth Co.) Apr 19, 1880

I show the seven different cancellations found on WOF covers (Fig. 5)--six duplex and one with only the WOF die, coupled with many different circular date stamps as shown in the Deloit, Iowa cover (Fig. 6).

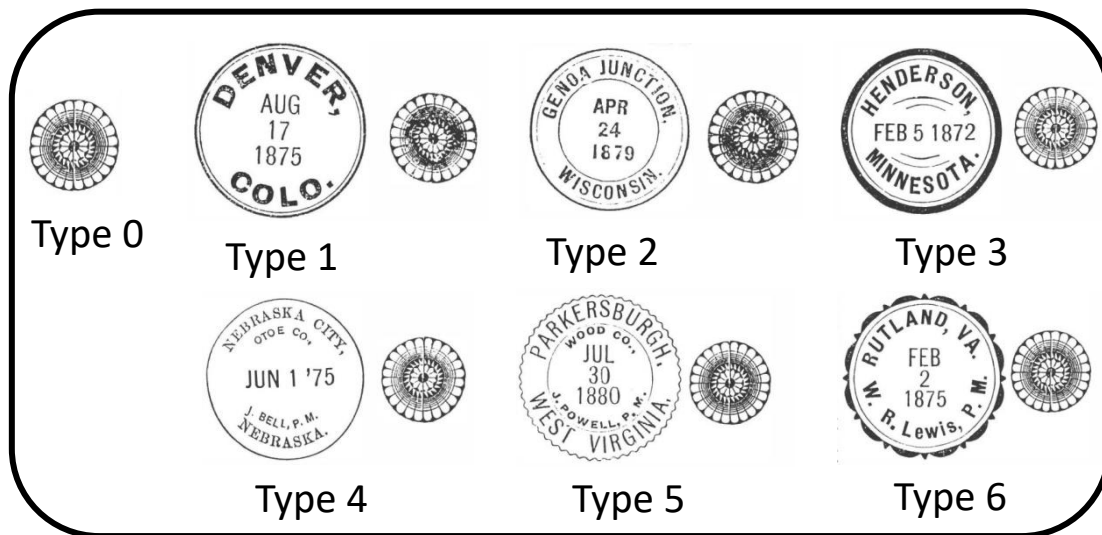


Fig. 5



Fig. 6

Deloit Iowa (Crawford Co) Mar 17, 1886

The 1995 book "Cancellations and Killers of the Banknote Era 1870-1894" by James M. Cole listed a total of 353 US towns using the WOF cancel; for Iowa he listed ten towns. Also the Kelleher Auction of the 2011 Arthur Beane sale had 41 Iowa WOF covers listed. To date, 47 different Iowa towns have been identified (Fig. 7). Some of these Wheel of Fortune Postmark covers follow this article.

Reference:

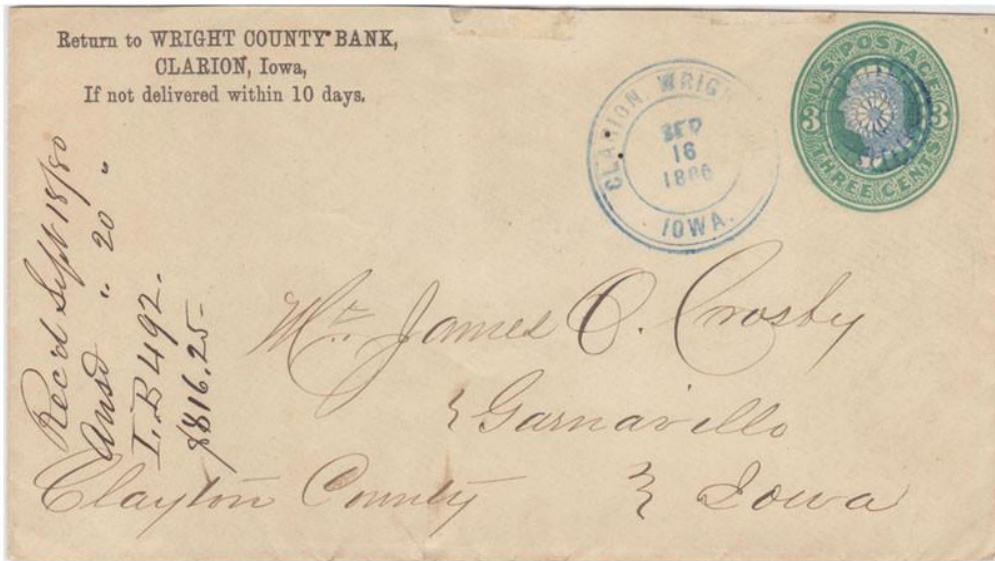
Cancellations and Killers of the Banknote Era 1870-1894 James M Cole

US Cancellation Club News

Kelleher Auctions sale #623 January 14, 2011 Arthur Beane

count	Town	Photo	Usage		Postmark Includes		--	Cover	pop	date
			Range	type	County		Date			
1	Algona ***	p	1880-84	2	Kossouth County (spelling)	Co	80-4-19	1359	1880	
	Algona	p	1880-84	2	Kossouth County (spelling)	Co	80-8-28			
	Algona	p	1880-84	2	Kossouth County (spelling)	Co	84-3-7			
2	Allison **	p	1885	1	Butler County		85-6-17	463	1900	
3	Anamosa **	p	1882	2	Jones County		82-3-14	2083	1880	
4	Avoca **				Pottawattamie County			1627	1900	
5	Belmond **				Jackson County			803	1890	
6	Britt ***				Hancock County			345	1880	
7	Clarion ***	p	1880-5	2	Wright County	Co	85-4-2	147	1880	
	Clarion	p		2	Wright County	Co	80-7-28			
	Clarion	p		2	Wright County	Co	80-9-16			
	Clarion	p		2	Wright County	Co	84-10-20			
8	Colo **	p	1887		Story County		87-2-28	296	1880	
9	Concord **				Hancock County			unk		
	Conwa (y)	p	1882	0	Taylor County	PM	82-6-13			
10	Conwa (y) **	p	1882	0	Taylor County	PM	82-10-13	423	1880	
11	Dakota ** (City)				Humboldt County			248	1880	
12	Deloit	p	1886	0	Crawford County	Co	86-3-17	unk		
	Deloit	p		0	Crawford County	Co	86-10-25			
13	Dow City ***		1894	0	Crawford County		94-5-18	291	1880	
	Dow City	p	1894	0	Crawford County		xx-9-20			
14	Emerson ***		1886		Mills County		86-4-5	456	1880	
15	Emmetsburgh **	p	1880	2	Palo Alto County		80-11-2	879	1880	
	Emmetsburgh	p	1880	2	Palo Alto County	Co	80-8-14			
16	Earlham	p	1881	1	Madison County		81-12-31			
17	Farragut **				Fremont County			380	1880	
18	Henderson **				Mills County			201	1890	
19	High Lake **				Emmet County			unk		
20	Humboldt **	p	1882	2	Humboldt County		82-1-17	606	1880	
21	Ida Grove **				Ida County			759	1880	
22	Kent **				Union County			DPO	2003	
23	Lacey ***		1882		Mahaska County		82-6-6	unk		
24	Little Sioux **	p	1883	2	Harrison County		83-8-29	369	1880	
25	Marne **	p	1881	3	Cass County		81-8-11	410	1900	
26	Meriden **				Cherokee County			241	1890	
27	Miles **	p	1884	0	Jackson County		84-12-15	385	1890	
28	Montour **				Tama County			457	1880	
29	Mooreville **				Tama County			DPO	1900	
30	Packwood **				Jefferson County			284	1900	
31	Panora	p	1888	2	Guthrie County		88-2-13	795	1880	
32	Quigley **	p	1884	1	Clinton County		84-3-29	DPO		
33	Richmond **				Washington County			DPO		
34	Rolfe **				Pocahontas County			529	1890	
35	Rudd **				Floyd County			170	1880	
36	St Ansgar ***				Mitchell County			552	1880	
37	Schaller **	p	1888	2	Sac County		88-11-10	333	1890	
38	Spencer ***	p	1882	0	Clay County		82-5-14	824	1890	
39	Sperry **				Des Moines County					
40	Stanwood **	p	1883-7	1	Cedar County		83-12-24	254	1880	
	Stanwood	p	1883-7	1	Cedar County		87-10-17			
41	Sully	p	1883	2	Jasper County		83-8-21	282	1910	
42	Tabor	p	1882-3	1	Fremont County	Co	82-2-10	320	1880	
	Tabor ***	p	1882-3	1	Fremont County	Co	82-4-15			
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	Tabor	p	1882-3	1	Fremont County	Co	82-8-10			
	Tabor	p	1882-3	1	Fremont County	Co	83-12-11			
43	Tilton *				Poweshiek County			DPO	1931	
44	Troy **	p	1884	2	Davis County	Co	84-5-5	DPO		
45	Wall Lake	p	1881	1	Sac County		81-6-23	208	1880	
46	Wapello **	p	1885	5	Louisa County	PM	85-12-29	928	1880	
	Wapello	p	1885	5	Louisa County	PM	xx-10-26			
47	Waterville **				Allamakee County			183	1920	
	* Cole list ** 2011 Beane sale									

Fig. 7



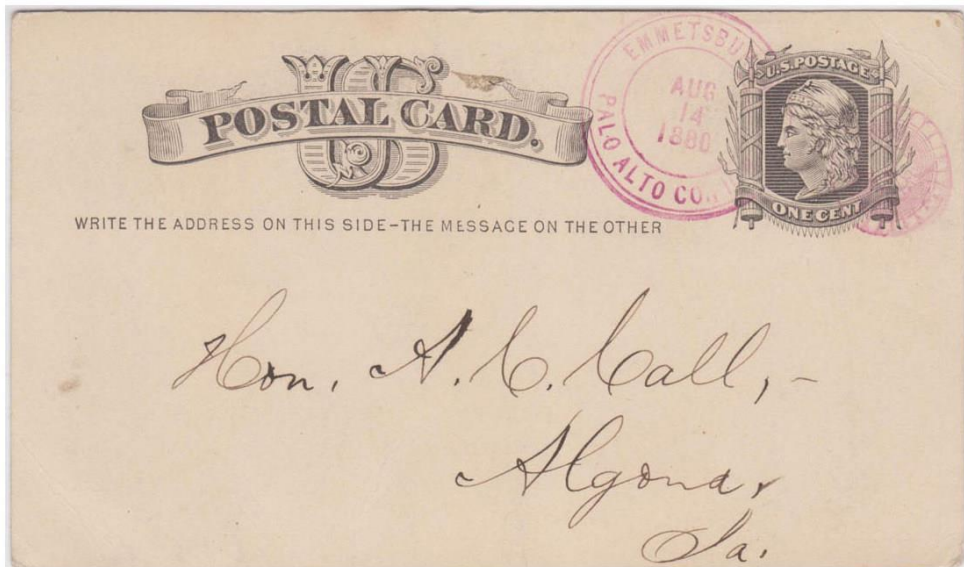
Clarion Iowa (Wright Co.) Sep 16, 1886



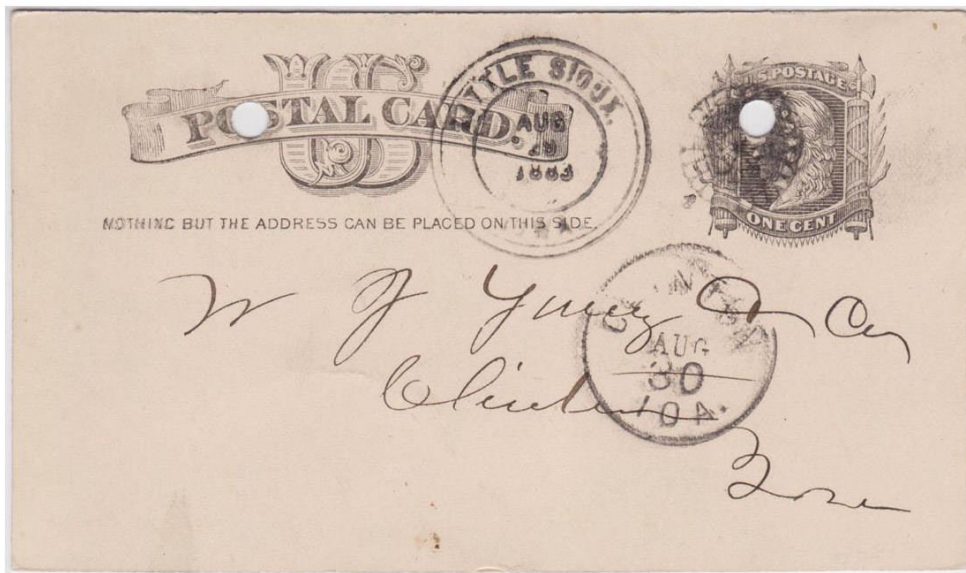
Colo Iowa Feb 28, 1887



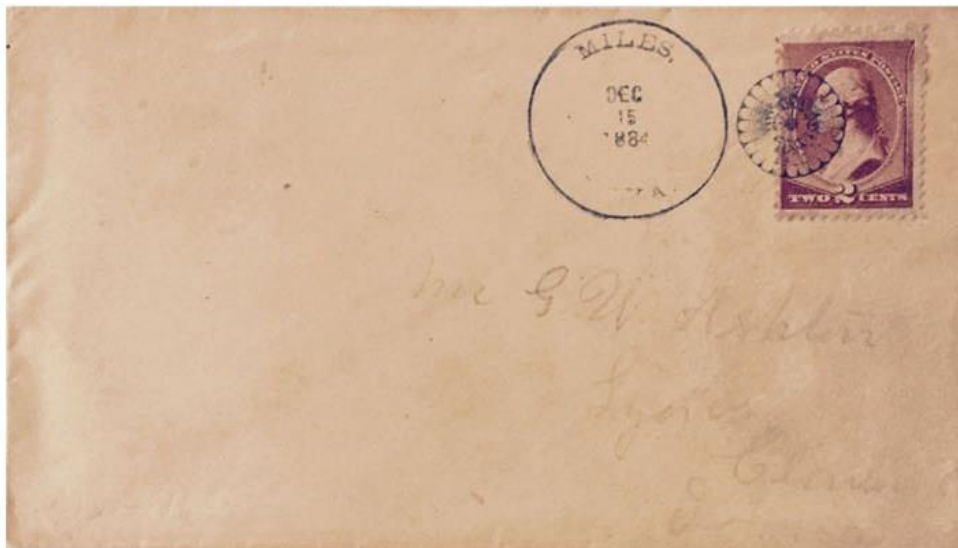
Earlham Iowa Dec 31, 1881



**Emmetsburg Iowa Aug 14, 1880
(Palo Alto Co)**



Little Sioux Iowa Aug 28, 1883



Miles Iowa Dec 15, 1884



Panora Iowa Feb 13, 1888



Schaller Iowa Nov 10, 1888



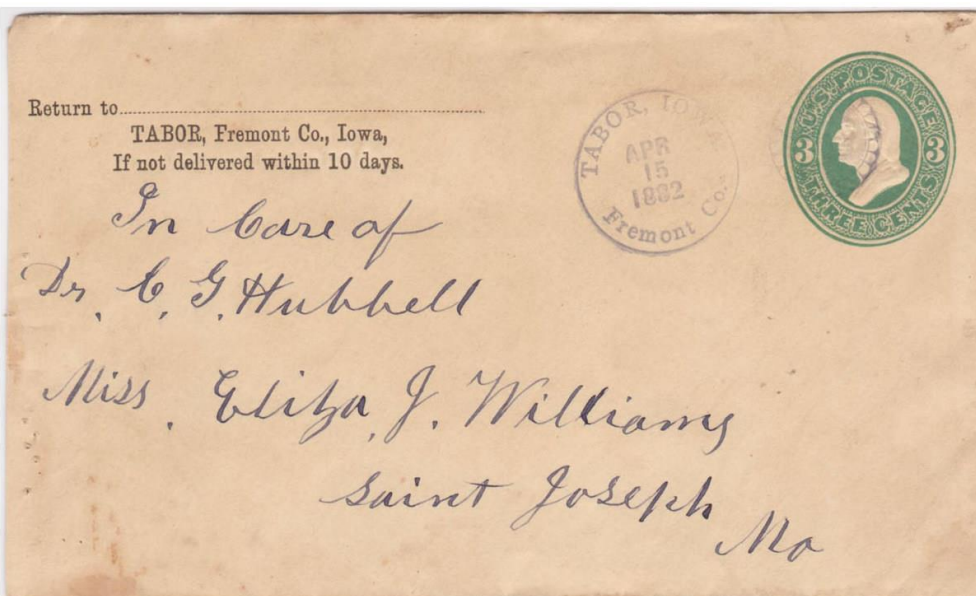
Spencer Iowa May 14, 1889



Stanwood Iowa Oct 17, 1887



Sully Iowa Aug 21, 1883

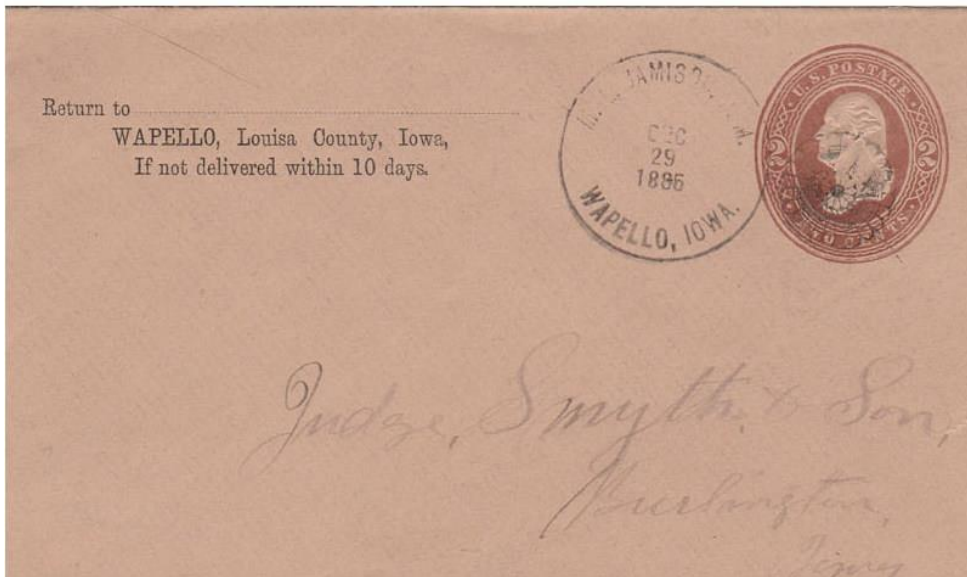


Tabor Iowa(Fremont Co) Apr 15, 1882





Troy Iowa (Davis Co) May 5, 1884



**Wapello Iowa Dec 29, 1886
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