Flag Cancels

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Unites States Flag Cancels

American Postal Machine Company
1894-1941
And others...
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- US Machine cancels – 1847-1870, 1870-1894
- 1894 an important year
- Overwhelming increase in mail flow
- Technology changes – industrial age
- Many innovators, inventors, and companies
- Hand and machine power
- Political procurement
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• American Postal Machine Company
• Boston based – 445 varieties in Boston alone
• State of the art in 1894 – however...
• Completely phased out by 1941
• National distribution – 3198 towns, 6968 vars
• Detailed USPD records
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- Collecting flag cancels
- Slow start – 1920’s postal history
- 1930’s depression style collecting – write ins
- Frederick Langford
- The Bible – FCE 4 editions
- New finds and not founds
- Ratings and valuations
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- Typical FCE state entry – Delaware

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(The above is used only in Oct., Nov., Dec., 1909)
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• Cancel = dial + canceller (killer)
• Interchangeable dials
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- A flag cancel must have STARS or STAFF or BOTH
- This is NOT considered a flag cancel
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- Canceller = field, in box + stripes
- Staff, halyard
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- The minimal APCM flag cancel
- 1894 first year EKU is October 31
- No halyard, no staff, incomplete stripes
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• Diespace: machine id’s and zones
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- Involute
- Ovate
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- Slogans

- Stations
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- Railway terminals and RMS
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- Rochester NY Streetcars!
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- Error flags – no year and redundant year
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• Indian Territory (pre-1908 Oklahoma)
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- Military – AEF and US bases
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• Ships
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- Possessions
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- Classic handstamps
- – not APMC
- RFD
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- Classic
- Handstamps
- From NY
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• Modern – not APMC
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• I collect them !!!!!!!!
• Charlie Adrion