

Washington and Franklin Coils

1910 Issue Perf-8.5

The intent of this exhibit is to show one phase in the development government issued coils. The production of coils was an ongoing experiment by the Bureau to keep pace with the development of stamp affixing and vending machines. The major change made with this issue was the perforation gauge. The Bureau changed from perf-12 to 8.5 to solve the breakage problem encountered during production. The 8.5 gauge perforations were only available in coil format which created collector interest in coils for the first time.

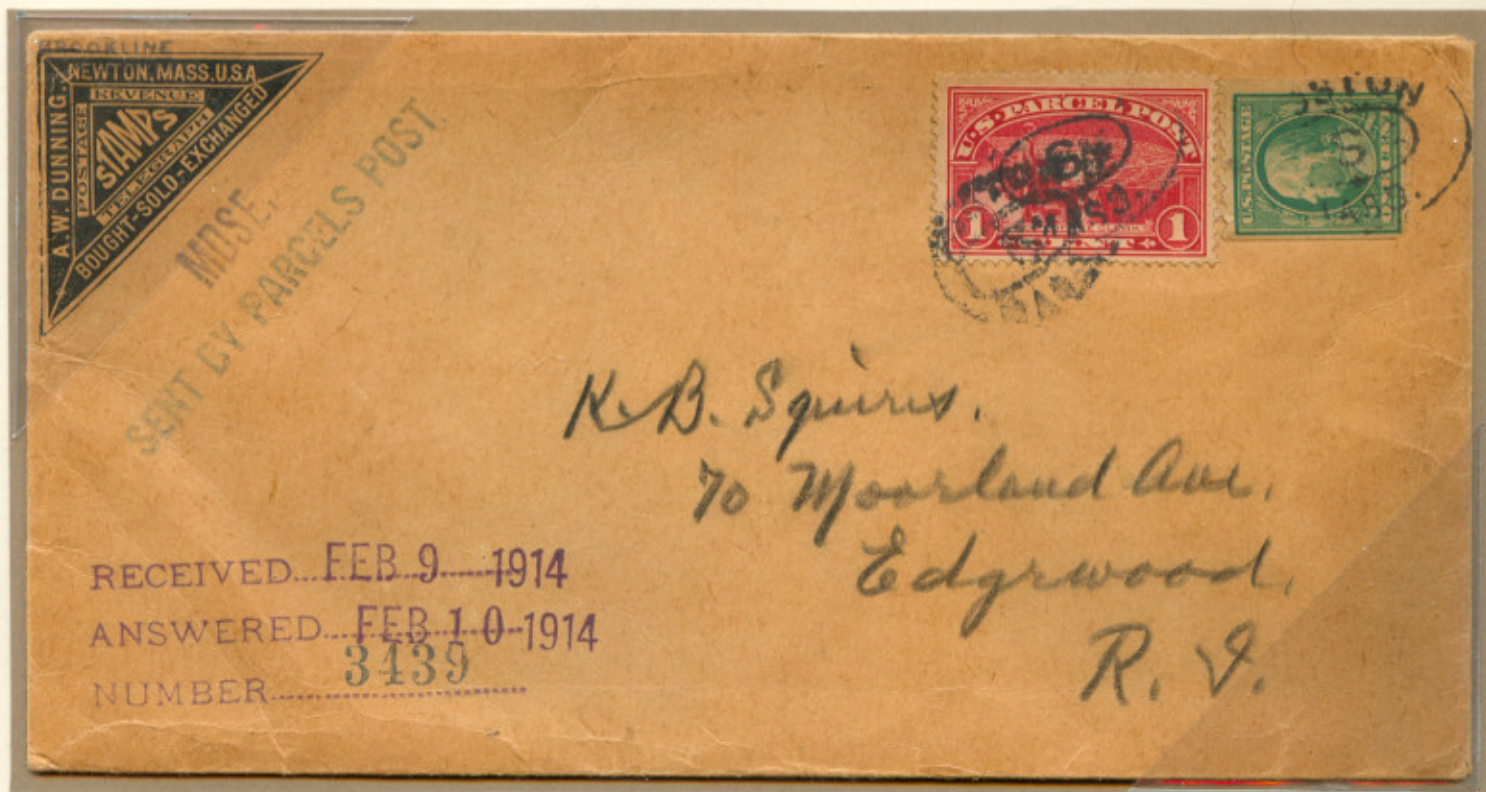
Key items are matted in deep red

1910 Postal Usages

- 1 cent: First class post cards, domestic & treaty Third class single piece
- 2 cent: First class domestic letters
First class post cards, treaty & UPU
- 3 cent: Fourth class merchandise
- 4 cent: First class letters double weight
- 5 cent: First class letters UPU rate



The 1910 perf-8.5 coils consisted of five values.



Fourth class parcel post, 1 cent per ounce up to 4 ounces independent of distance.