

The Marcophily of Hudson, New York, 1793 - 1919

The purpose of this exhibit is to trace the evolution of the various postmarks and postal markings (and their combinations) used in Hudson beginning in 1793.

Hudson, named to commemorate Henry Hudson's first landing on the shores of the upper river, became the first city chartered after American independence, eventually becoming incorporated on April 22, 1785. By 1786, with a population of about 1500, Hudson had several wharves, four large warehouses, shops, barns and a distillery. The presence of twenty-five sea-going vessels made Hudson a major port that included a thriving whaling industry. To meet the burgeoning population's need for reliable mail service the Hudson Post Office came into being on June 12, 1792.



Straight Line Postmark "Hudson," 25 x 4mm with comma. Typeset.
1793 Discovery Copy that surfaced in 2011; previous records none earlier than 1794.
Earliest Known Use.