



Why Collect Postal History?

Don Tocher U.S Classics

United States Stamps and Postal History



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- The “Dimensions” of Stamp Collecting
- Statistics on collector interests from my client database
- The “Dimensions” of Cover Collecting
- Examples of interesting covers in various categories
- Observations & Conclusions
- Q & A

Dimensions: Stamp Collecting

- Country or Geo-Political, Topical, etc.
 - Type (Postage, Airmail, Revenues, etc.)
 - Vintage (Classics, 20th Cent., Modern, etc.)
 - Condition (Gem, Fine, Average, etc.)
 - Mint
 - Unused
 - Used – markings (color, fancy, towns, etc.)

Client Database (2600, 95% in USA)

- Issues: Stampless, 1851-57, Prexy, B.o.B. - 232
- States: Everyone of them & combos - 881
- Military: C-War, WWI, POW - 111
- Foreign Mail: Stampless-Mod, Air, etc.- 33
- Markings: Aux, Fancy, Exchange - 73
- Advertising: Subjects – you name it! - 89
- Events: Patriotics, Expos, Flights, etc. - 60
- Foreign Covers - 67
- U.S. Stamps only - 190

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FIRST DAY



Kindly ask
correspondent
delivery zone number
in your address

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Mrs. Vera Batton,
6714 Montgall,
K. C., Mo.



Geo W. Twomey
45 Rue de France
Tientsin,
China.



Ralph Sherwin

R. F. D. #1, DOVER, N. H.

#812, precancelled, 3rd, Class

Annual Reports

of the

TOWN OF ROLLINSFORD

and

Village of Salmon Falls



For the Financial Year Ending

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DECEMBER 31, 1955

Why is this Interesting?





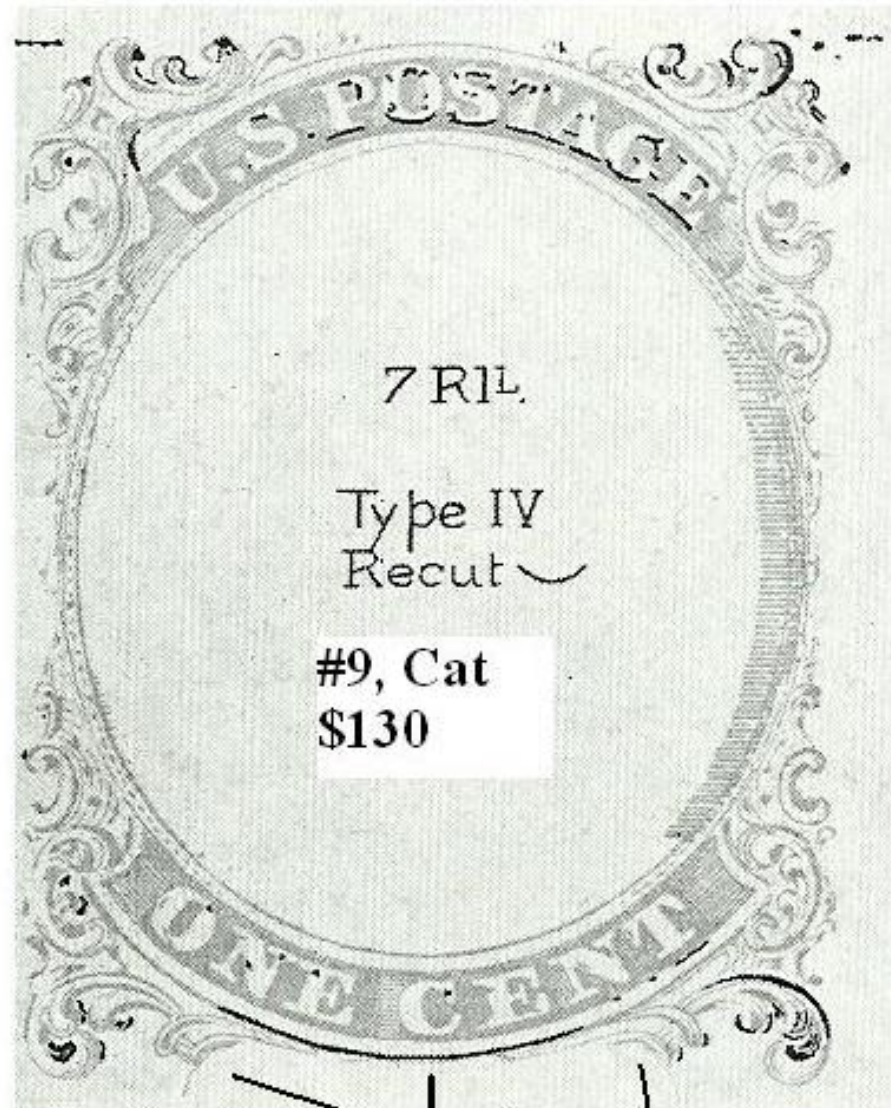
- Mixed issues (8ct '02, 1ct Louisiana, etc.)
- The 1917 pair?
- In Feb, 1919, 1st class - 3ct, registry - 10ct
- Here we have 13ct or 16ct! - Which?

**Russia, #78
block, #109
"American
Red Cross
Siberia"
1915. VF.**



Knowledge of stamps
is a necessary part
of cover collecting

- Proper Evaluation
- For Fun



recut

no scrolls

1Ct. 1851s

Each plate had 200 subjects

	Plate 1-early	Plate 1 - late	Plate 2	Plate 3	Plate 4
#5 - # on Plate	1	-	-	-	-
<i>Scott Used</i>	\$ 55,000.00				
#7 - # on Plate	160	1	198	200	20
<i>Scott Used</i>	\$ 160.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,100.00
#9 - # on Plate	-	199	-	-	-
<i>Scott Used</i>		\$ 130.00			
Plate:					
Relative Scarcity	3rd	5th	4th	1st	2nd

advertiso.



*Walter Cary
New Orleans
La.*



(4R1L) New Orleans, La. Drop letter. May 29, 1857

One cent 1851 - Type II
Position 4R1L - This was the
only position that was not rec'd
on plate one late - This stamp shows
A very fine example

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MAY 29 1857

The Post master at Worcester
will forward this letter as
soon as possible

Paid 1/2

M. Adin Ayres

Worcester

Bennington
Oct 24

The Post master at Worcester
will forward this letter as
soon as possible

1817

Brooklyn, PA, 1st day of "5ct" not prepaid. Jul 1, 1851.

Brooklyn - Pa 5
July 1
Elisha J. Allen Esq.
Bedford
New London County
Conn

Newtonville Brooklyn June 29th 1851.

**Brunswick, ME, Feb 5 (1851) to USS Saratoga, docketed :
Rec'd Hong Kong Feb 9, 1852, via "US Naval Lyceum"**

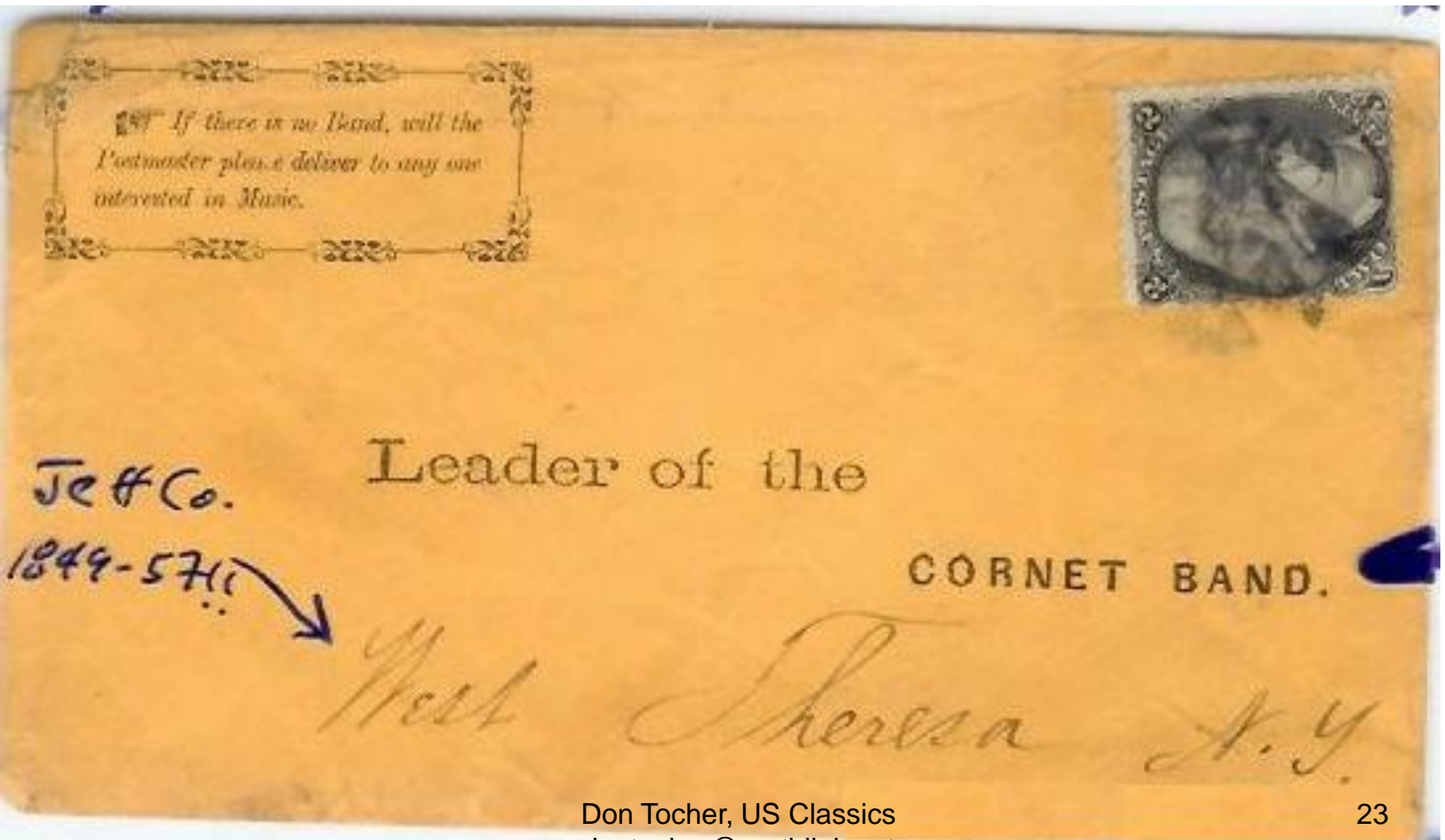


1860 Gold Miner's Letter



Long Bay, Feb 29, 1860
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2ct Circular (junk mail)



1889, Keene, NH Ad



Q & A

Commercial

Philatelic Show 2006

May 5-7,

Boxborough, MA

Holiday Inn, I-95, Exit 28

Fri: 11- 6; Sat: 10 - 5

Sun: 10 - 4