

#### This started it all



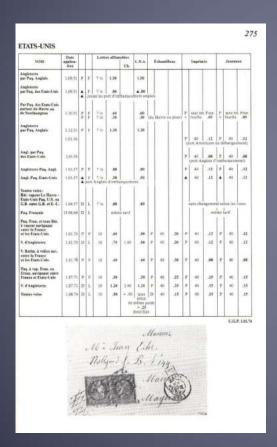
- Showed up in a French auction
- Algiers to New Orleans, April 1, 1873
- Transit markings in London, New York

### More details



- All stamps canceled "5005"
- Pre-printed envelope from U.S. consulate
- > Boxed red "PD"
- Routing request at upper left

#### The rate source



- > Alexandre, et al., rate book
- Section is rates to foreign destinations, pre-UPU
- > 1873 is close to the bottom

### How I read the rate

Transport E method	Effective Date				paid ers	LNA		Samples			Printed Matter			Newspapers			
Paq. à vap. Fran. ou Etran. naviguant entre France et Etats-Unis	1.07.71	P	F	10	.50		.50	P	40	.25	P	40	.15	P	40	.15	
V. d'Angleterre	1.07.71	D	L	10	1.20	2.40	1.20	P	40	.25	P	40	.15	P	40	.15	
Toutes voies	1.08.74	D	L	10	.50	+ .50 taxe lettre de même p + .25 droit fix			40	.15	P	40	.15	P	40	.15	

- > Only rate that makes sense
- > Even multiples of 1fr20

## Back to the markings

- » Both London and New York marks indicate full prepayment
- > Of course no reference to actual rate





# Check the stamps again

- > Obvious(?) problem?
- > Less obvious problem?



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> Stamps on the back flap aren't tied!



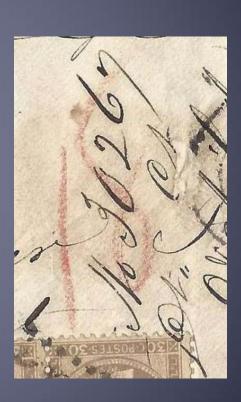
- > At least it looks like front of envelope
- > Rate still inexplicable 15fr90?



### The final clues



- > One more stamp not tied
- > Red crayon accounting mark

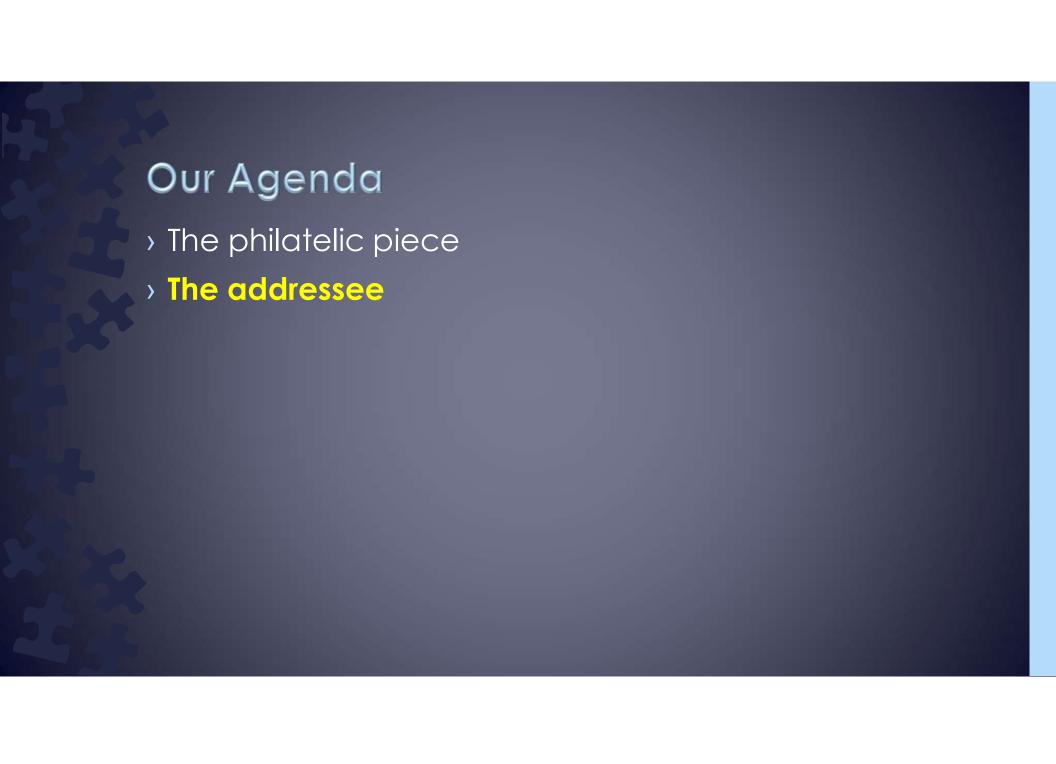


### Back to the front

- > Ignore that stamp, rate is 15fr60, divisible by 1fr20
- > 13<sup>th</sup> weight step, 120<wt<130 grams

Thank you, Jeff Bohn, for getting this right!







- > Practicing attorney and property owner in New Orleans
- > Very little web info about him
- Had a son, also attorney, who probably handled the matter in the envelope



- > Tissot's son has lots of web info available
- > Dwayne Littauer helped find info about case
- > Further searches have been dead end

> Questions?