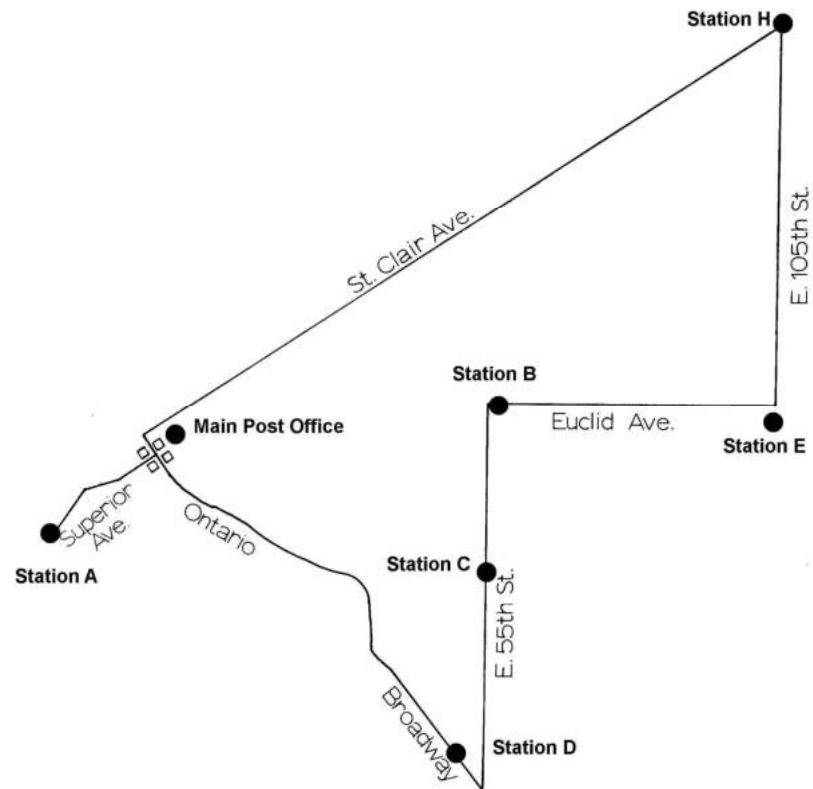


Cleveland's Streetcar Postal Route:

The Cleveland Circuit R.P.O., 1908-1919

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Route Map



A Street View



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Route Schedule, 1915

CLEVELAND CIRCUIT R. P. O.

Cleveland Ry. Co.—52.21 m's. Route 331,005, part.

Eastern Time	a	b	e	b		b		b	j	j	j	a
Jan. 18, 1915	1	2	2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9
East 3rd St. L	-----	3 00	-----	4 50	-----	Read	-----	12 20	-----	-----	-----	-----
Station A	-----	3 10	-----	5 00	-----	up.	-----	12 30	-----	-----	-----	-----
E't 3rd St { A	-----	3 15	-----	5 05	-----	-----	-----	12 40	-----	-----	-----	-----
L	1 25	3 15	4 55	5 05	-----	10 45	-----	12 42	2 00	3 50	6 00	9 05
105th St Depot	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Station H	-----	3 35	5 20	-----	-----	10 15	-----	-----	2 30	4 20	6 45	9 30
Station E	x1 45	3 50	5 30	-----	-----	10 00	-----	-----	2 40	4 30	7 00	9 50
Station B	1 35	4 00	5 40	5 20	-----	9 50	-----	1 00	2 55	4 45	7 15	10 05
Station C	2 00	4 10	5 50	5 30	-----	9 35	-----	1 10	3 05	5 00	7 25	10 20
Station D	2 10	4 15	6 00	5 40	-----	9 25	-----	1 20	3 15	5 10	7 35	10 30
East 3rd St. A	2 30	4 40	6 20	6 00	-----	9 05	-----	1 40	3 40	5 35	8 00	10 50

Trip 8.

Bost & Alb, tr 26	----- j	Cleveland
Clev & Cin, tr 25	----- j	"
Cleveland Term	----- j	"
N Y & Chi, tr 3	----- j	"
N Y & Chi, tr 10	----- j	"
N Y & Chi, tr 26	----- j	"

Trip 6.

N Y & Chi, tr 4	----- j	Cleveland
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Trip 7.

Cleveland Term	----- j	Cleveland
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The Car

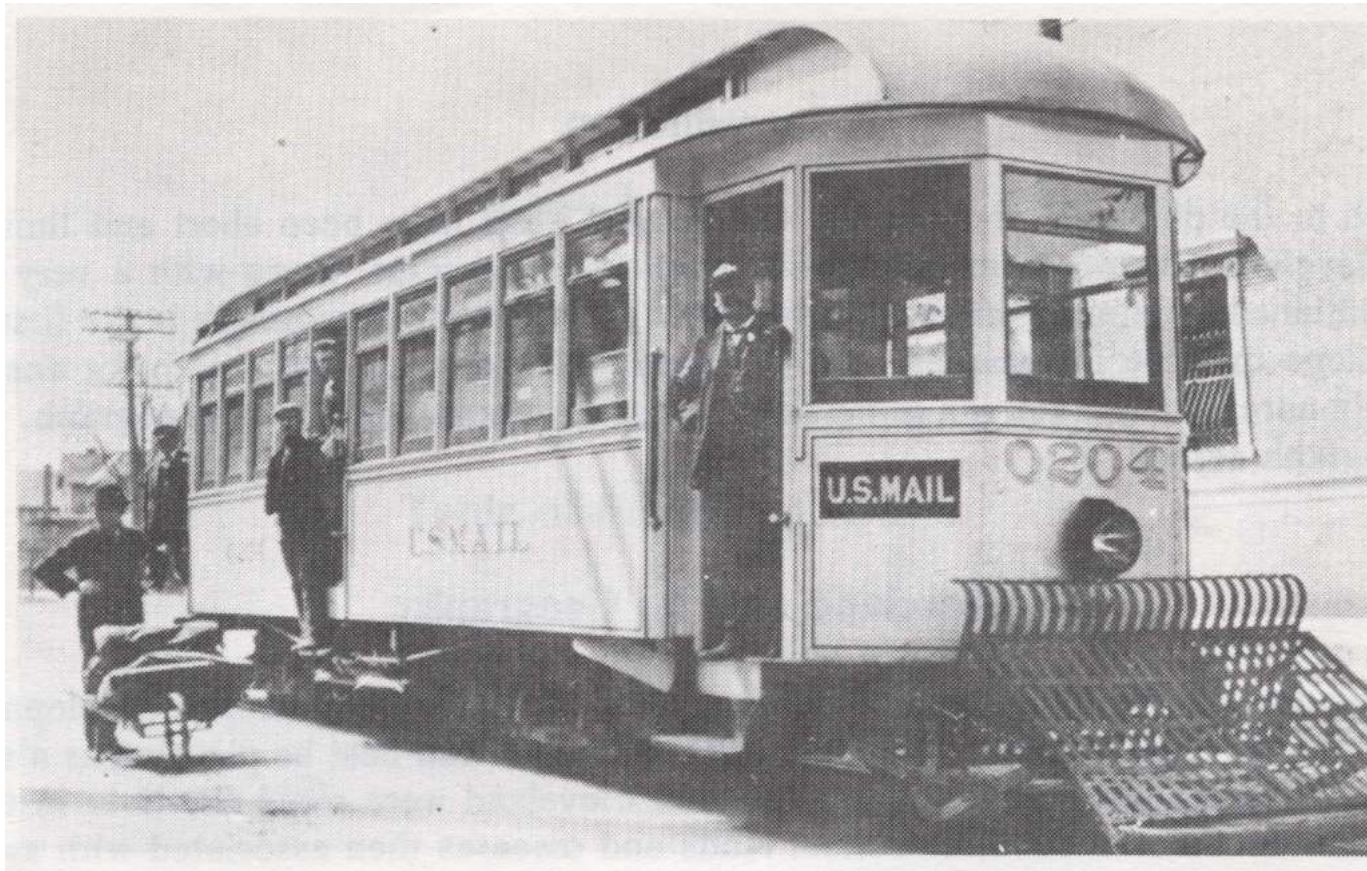
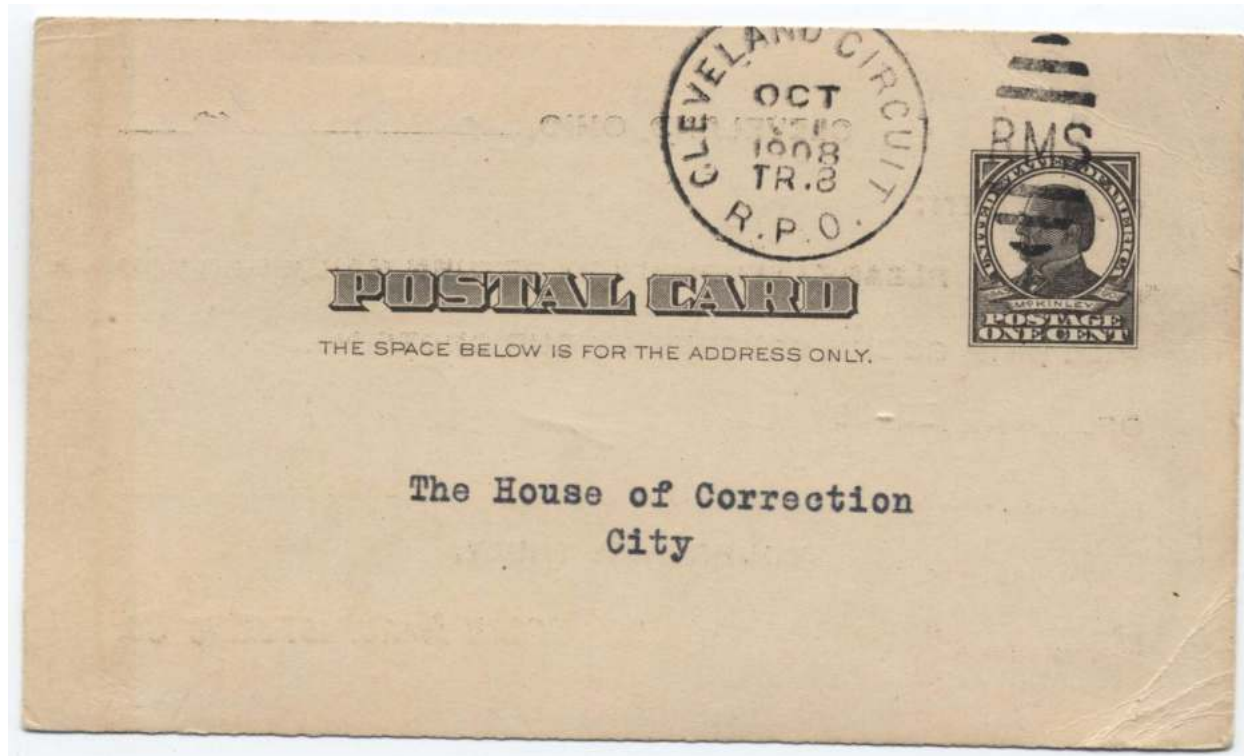


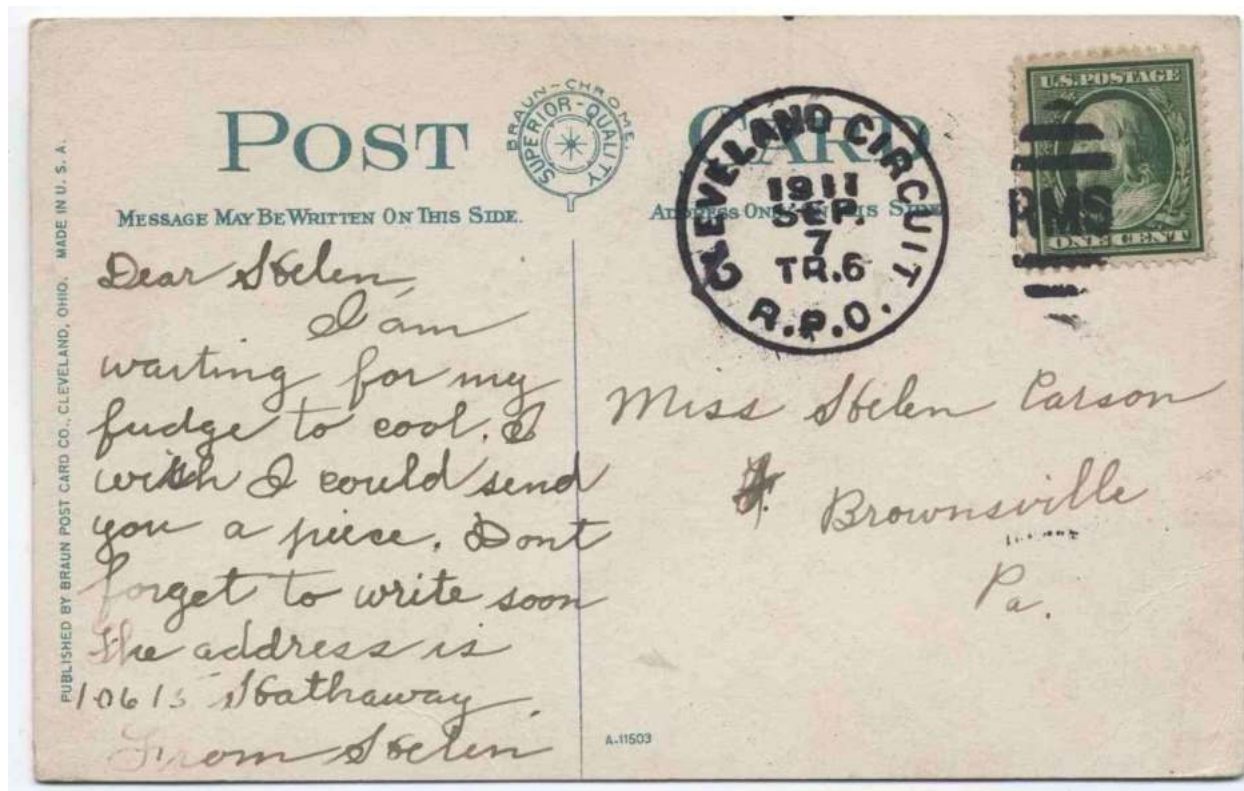
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The Handstamp – The First Year

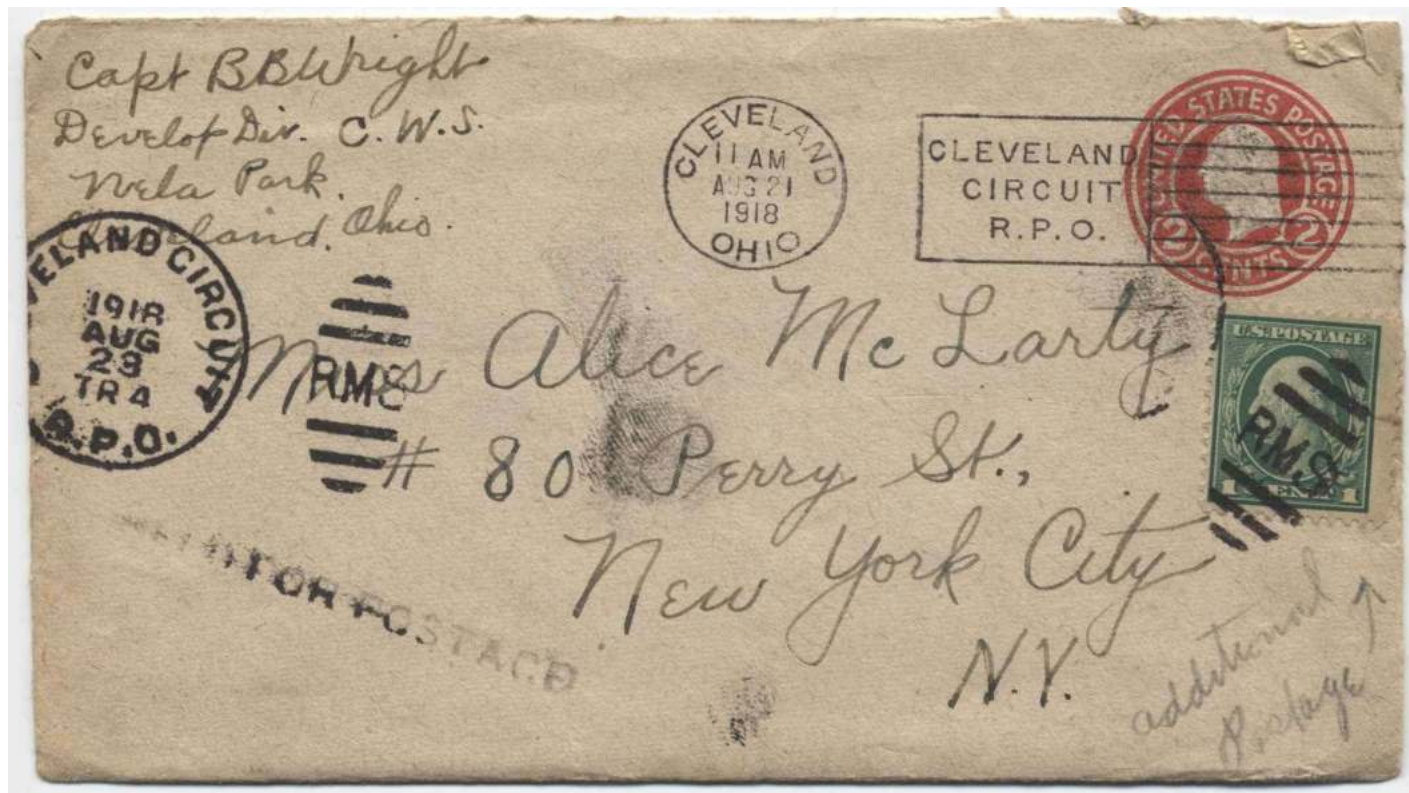


Year below date only reported during 1908

The Handstamp – Die 1



The Handstamp – Die 2



Handstamp Details

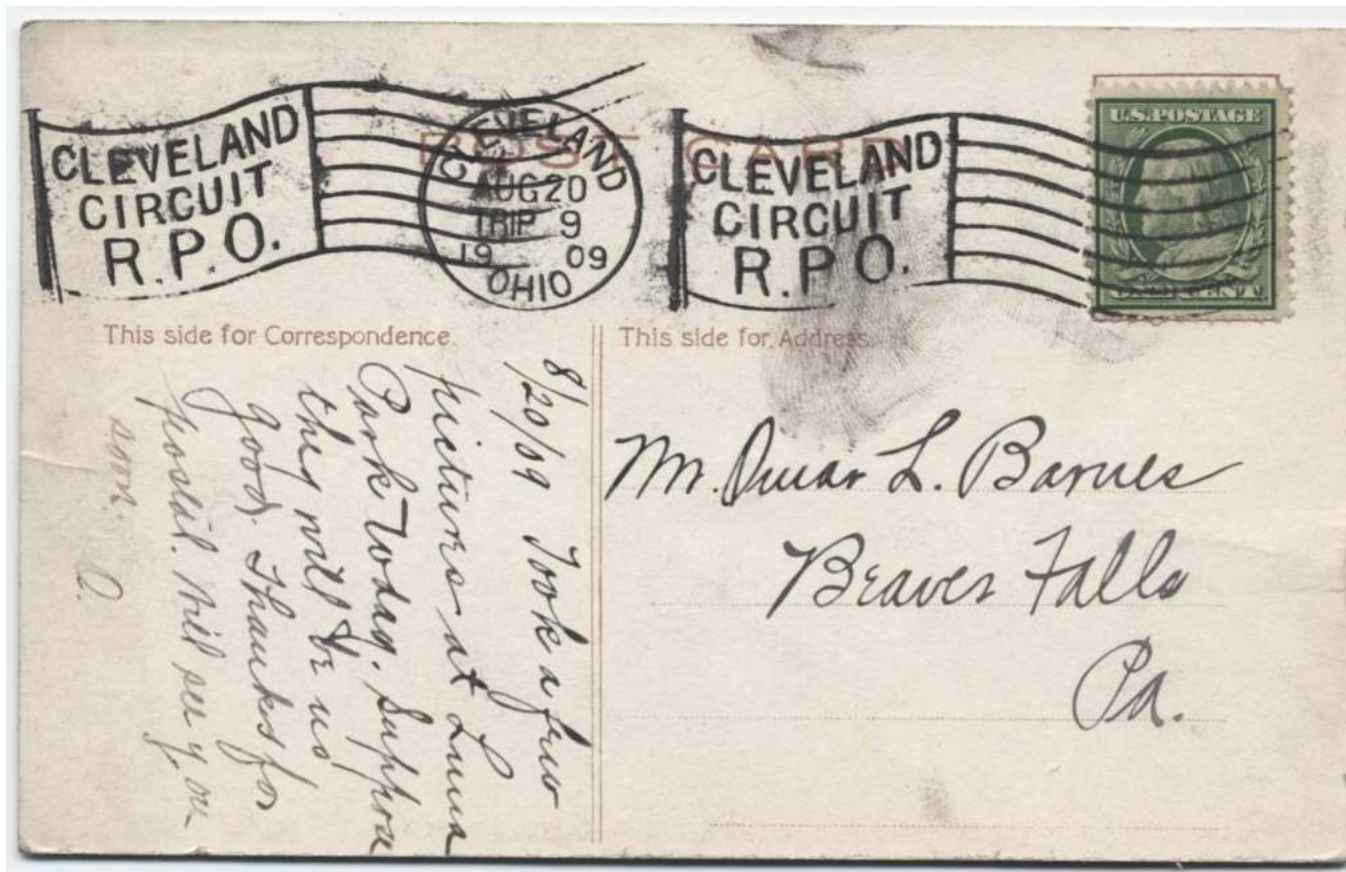
- Die 1
 - July 26, 1908 – 1916
- Die 2
 - 1916 - June 24, 1919
- Trips 2-10 reported
 - 4 and 10 most common
 - 3, 5 and 9 most difficult

American Flag Machine



Earliest reported marking from the Cleveland Circuit R.P.O.

American Flag Machine



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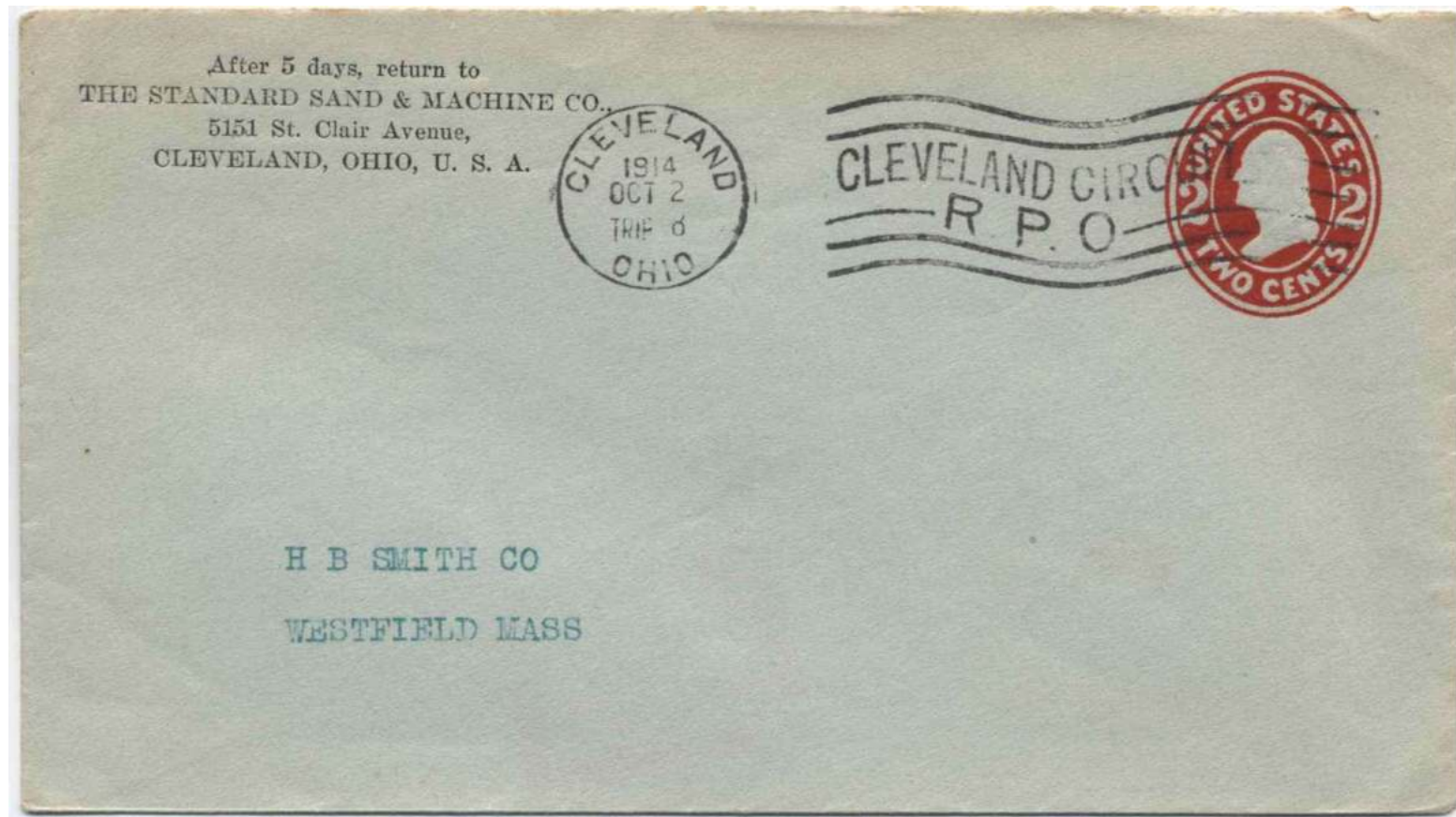
American Flag - Details

- April 4, 1908 – November 11, 1917
 - Possible overlap with Universal Model B machine
 - Exists killer-only
- Trips 2-10
 - Trips 4 and 9 most common
 - Trips 2, 3, 5, 10 are scarce

Universal Model B – Die 1



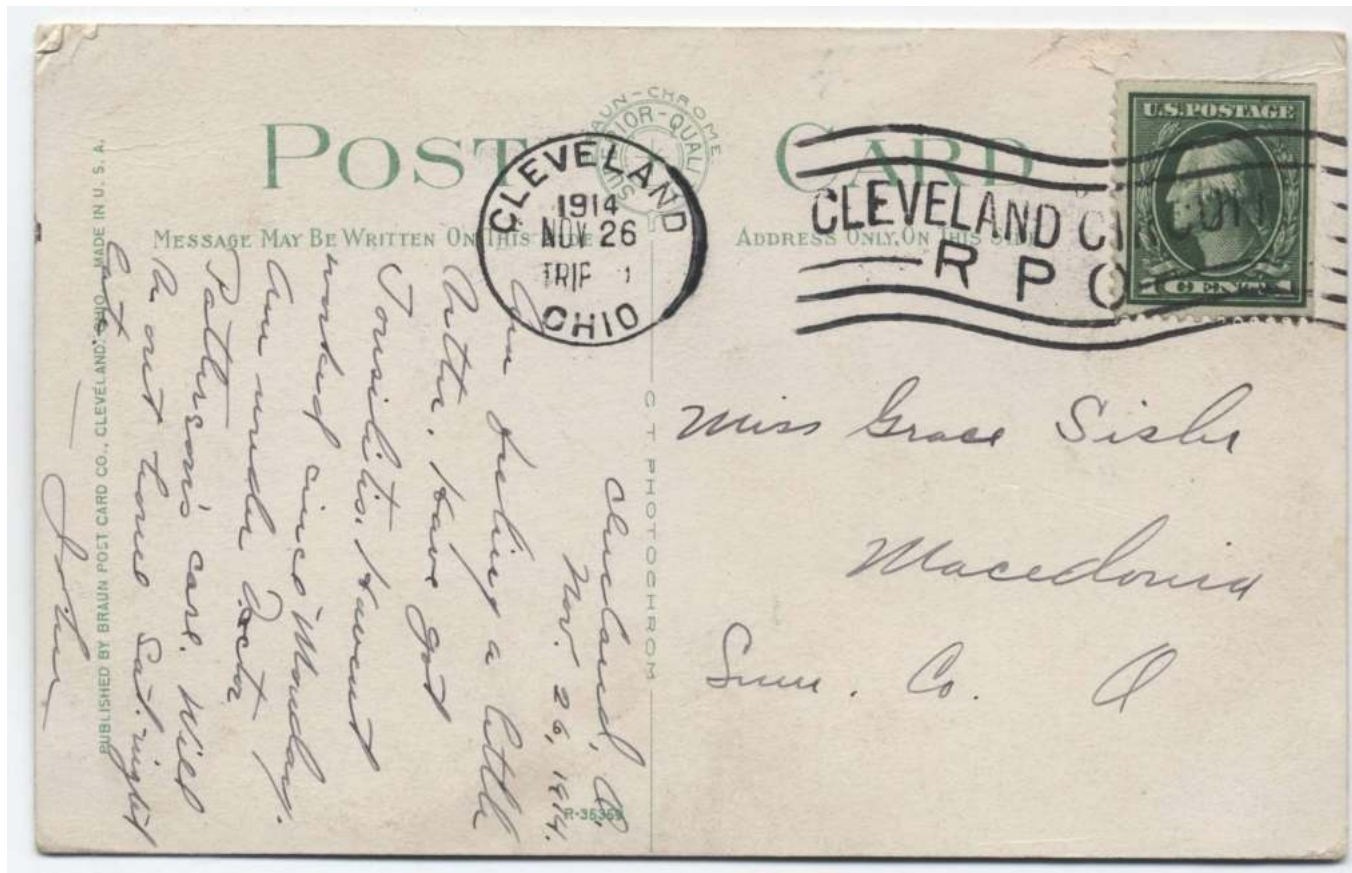
Universal Model B – Die 2



Universal Model B – Die 2



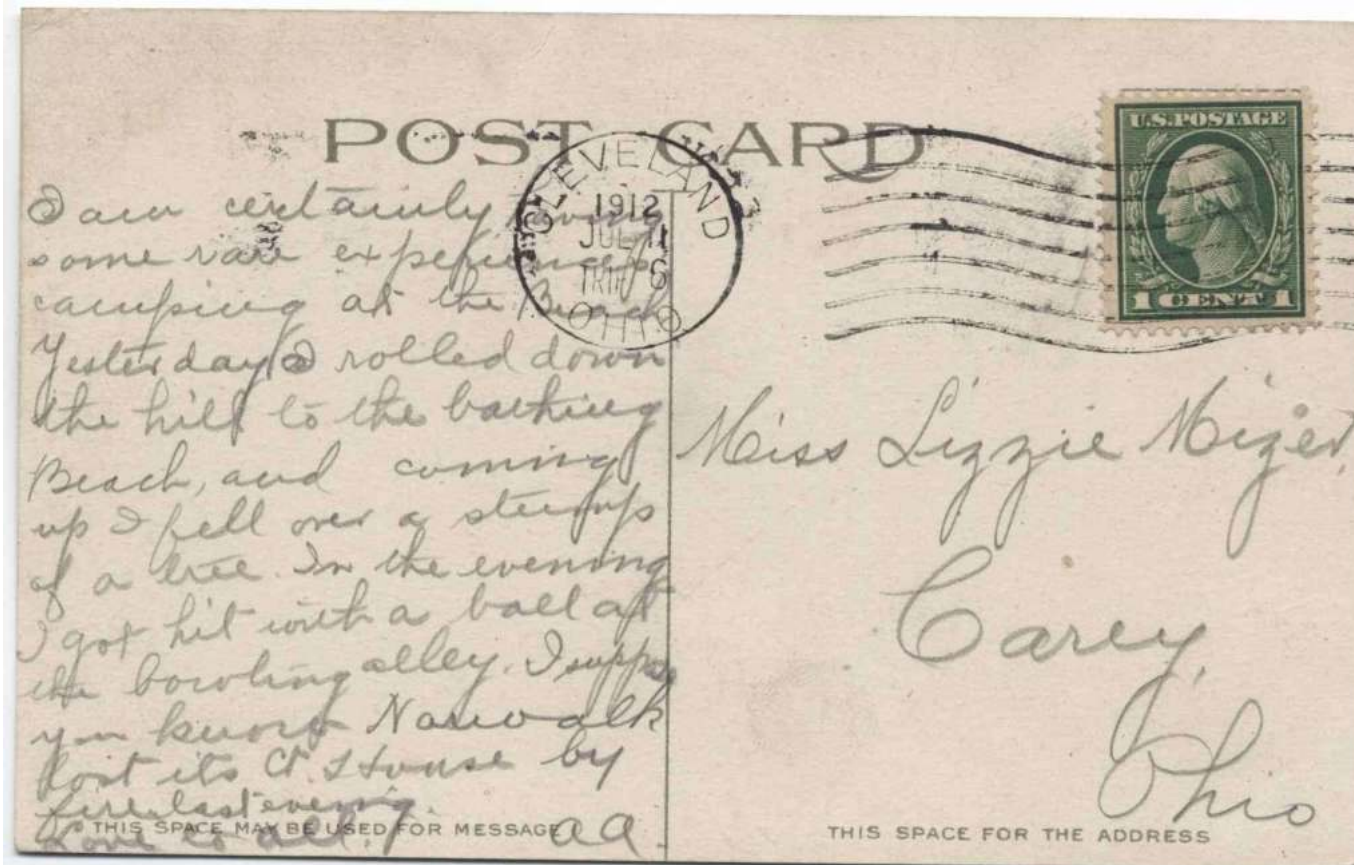
Universal Model B – Die 2 – Missing Periods



Universal Model B - Details

- Die 1
 - August 1, 1911 – September 9, 1914
 - Trips 1-2, 4-10
 - Trips 4 and 6 are the most common
 - Trips 1, 2 and 5 are scarce; Trip 10 is unreported
- Die 2
 - October 2, 1914 – July 17, 1917
 - Trips 1-2, 4-10
 - Trips 4 and 8 are the most common
 - Trips 1, 2, 5, 7 and 10 are scarce
 - Possible varieties with missing periods and damaged dial rim

Universal "Trip in Dial" - 1912



Universal "Trip in Dial" - 1914



Universal “Trip in Dial” Details

- Believed to be a Station B machine used on a temporary basis
- 1912 use: June 29 – July 20.
 - ~12 examples reported
- 1914 use: September 8 – October 1.
 - 4 examples reported

Universal Model D



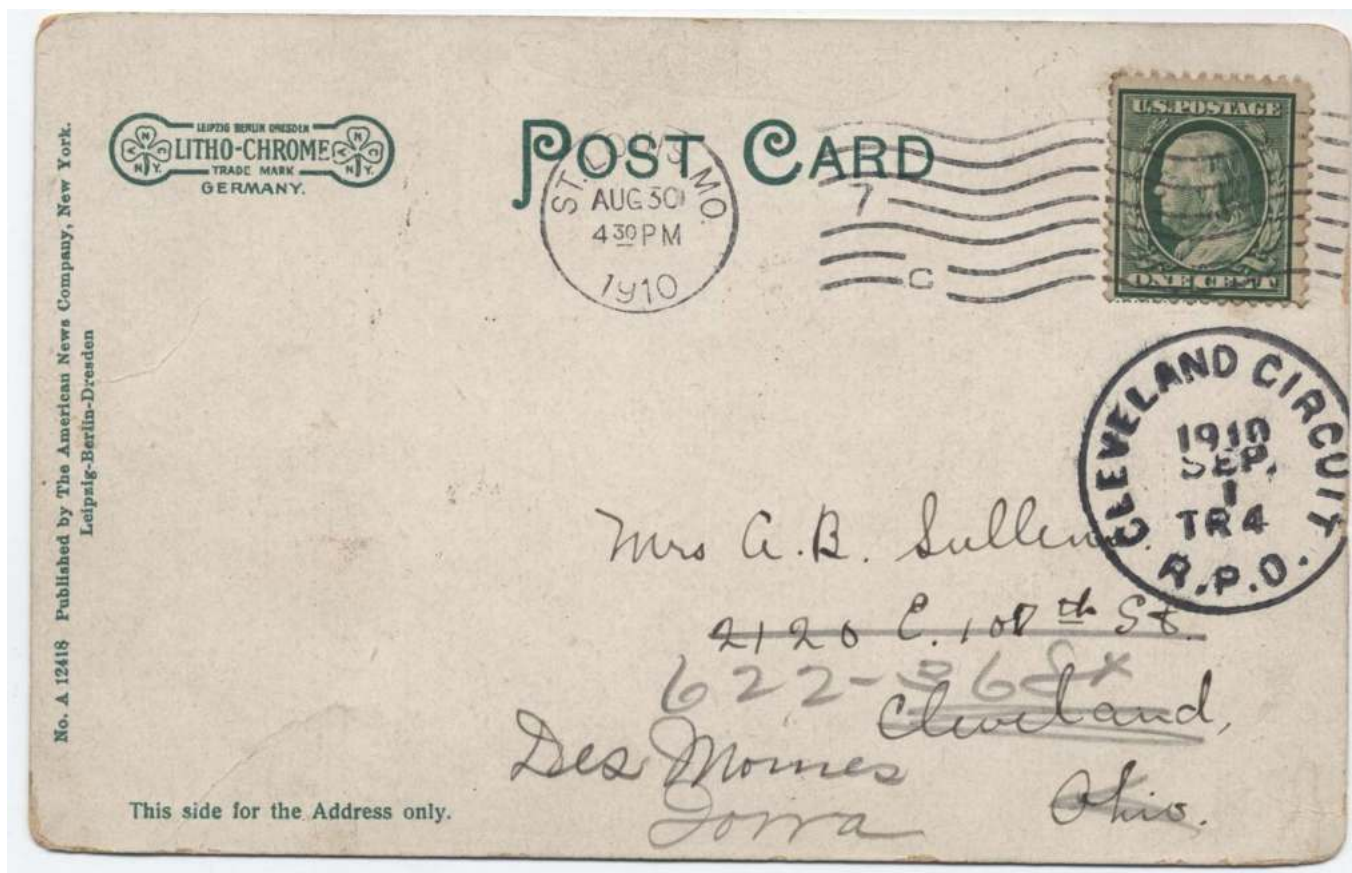
Universal Model D Details

- Features times instead of trips
- Exists killer-only
- June 25, 1917 – May 16, 1919
 - Possible overlap with Model B machine
 - Most examples from 11am or 4pm trips
 - Other times are scarce or unreported

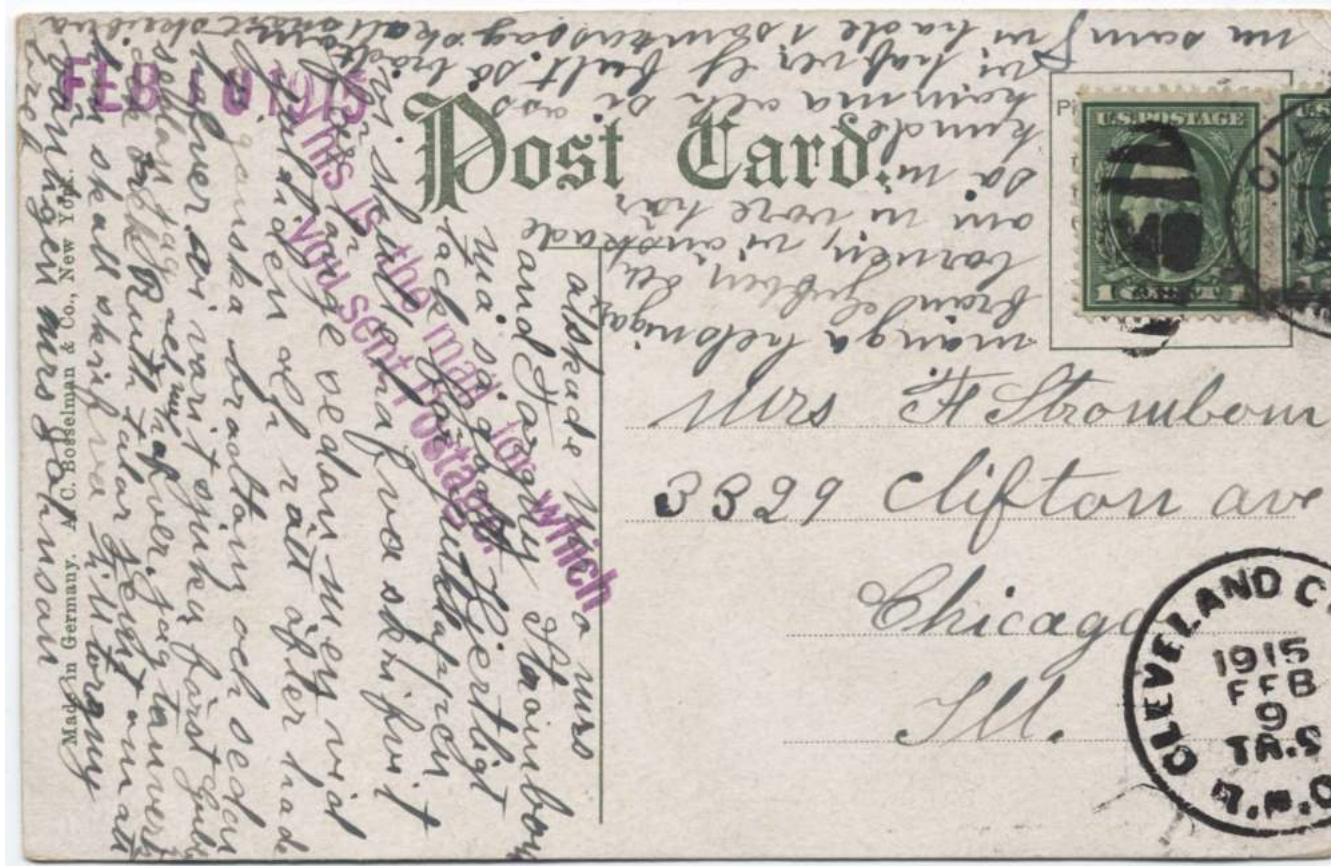
Use as Receiver



Forwarded Mail



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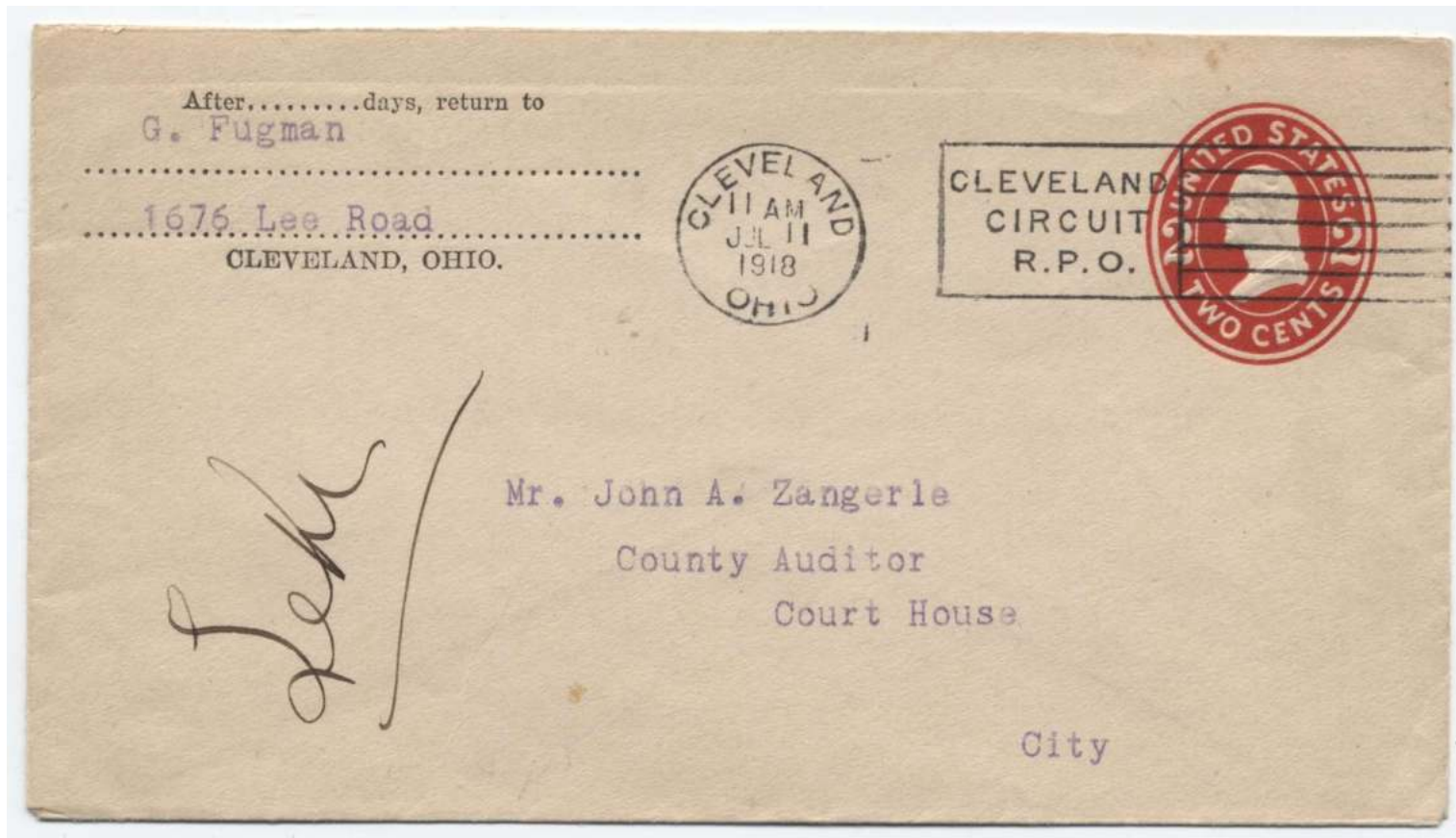
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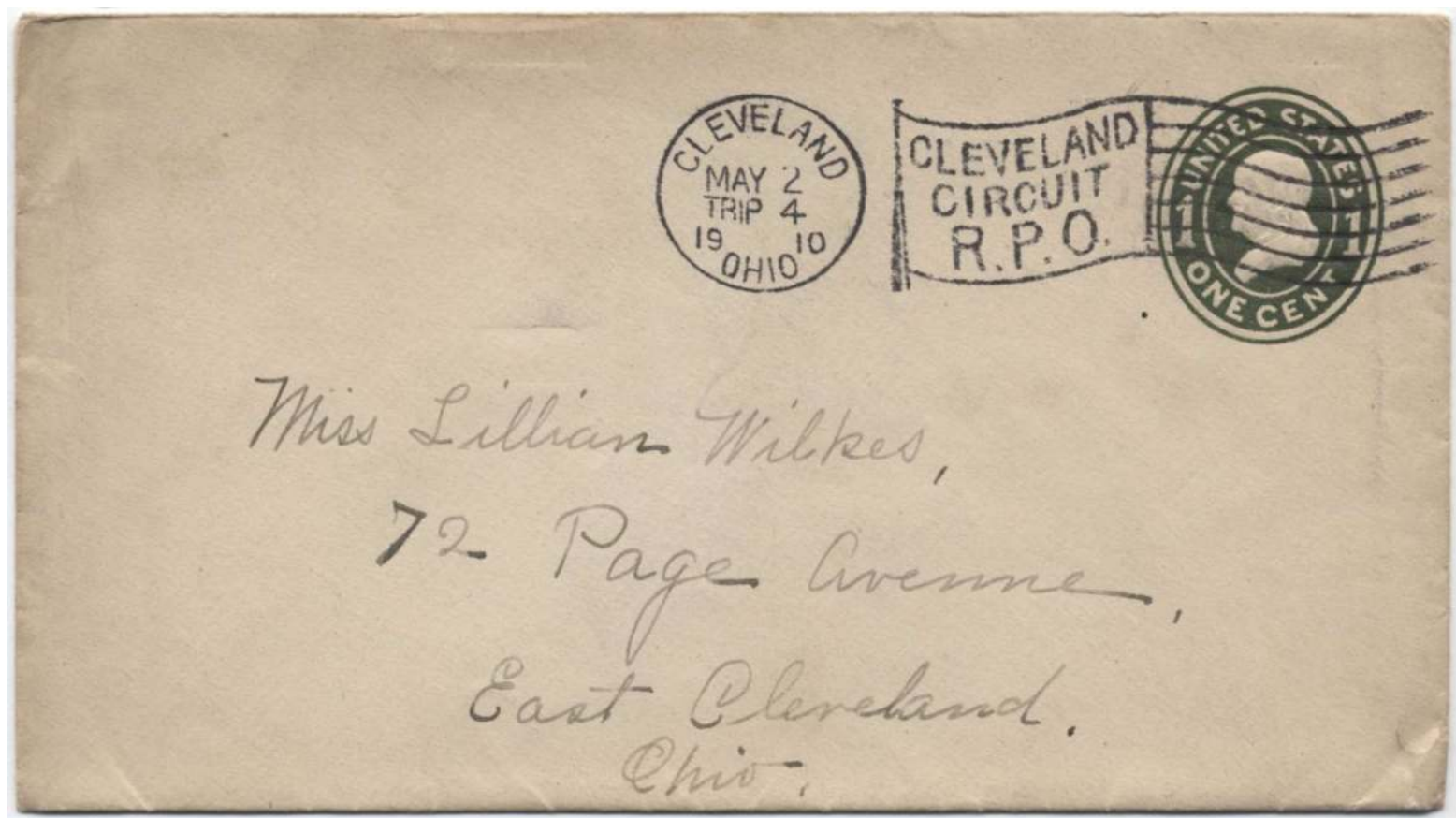
Special Delivery



Drop Rate



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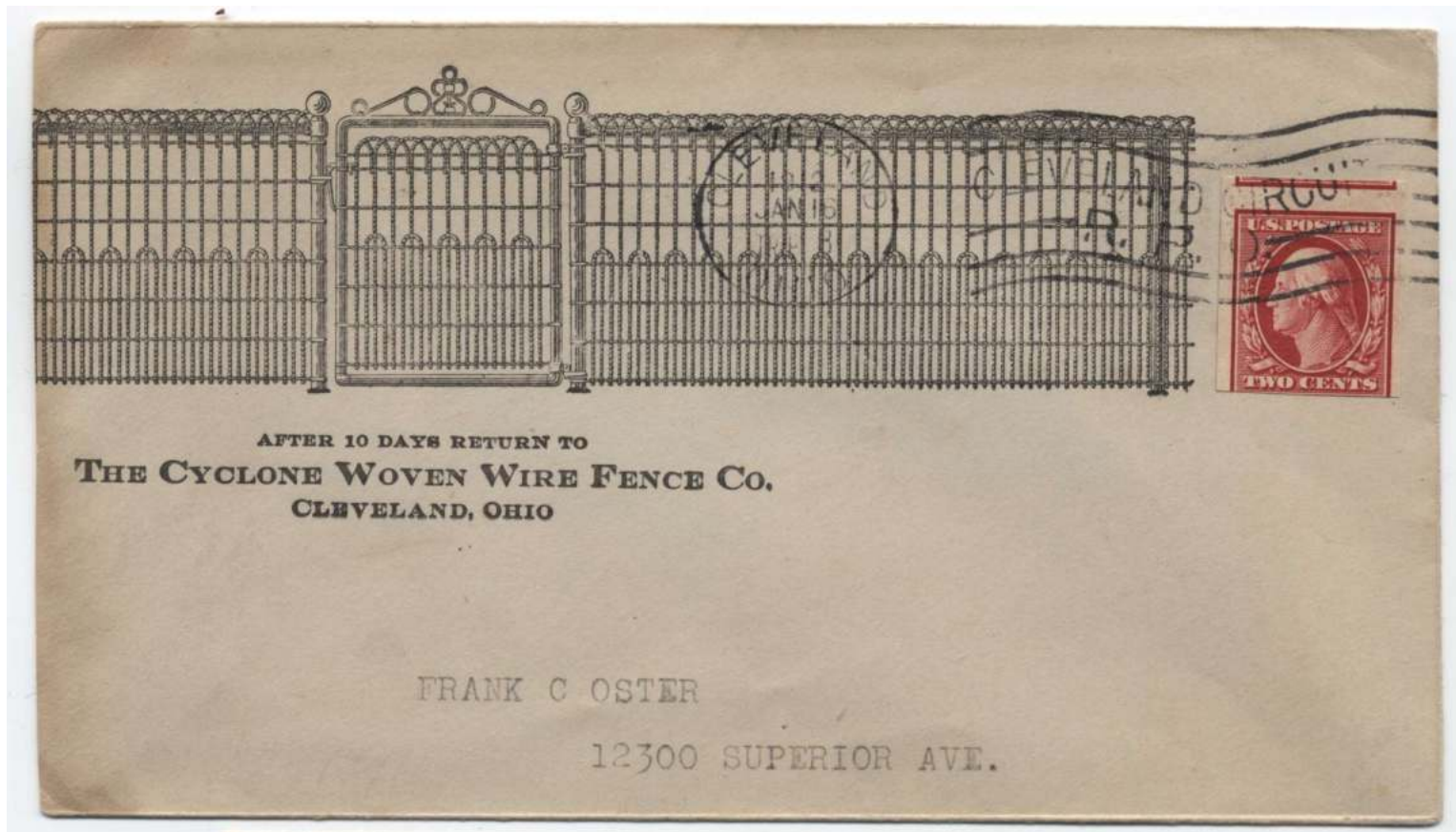
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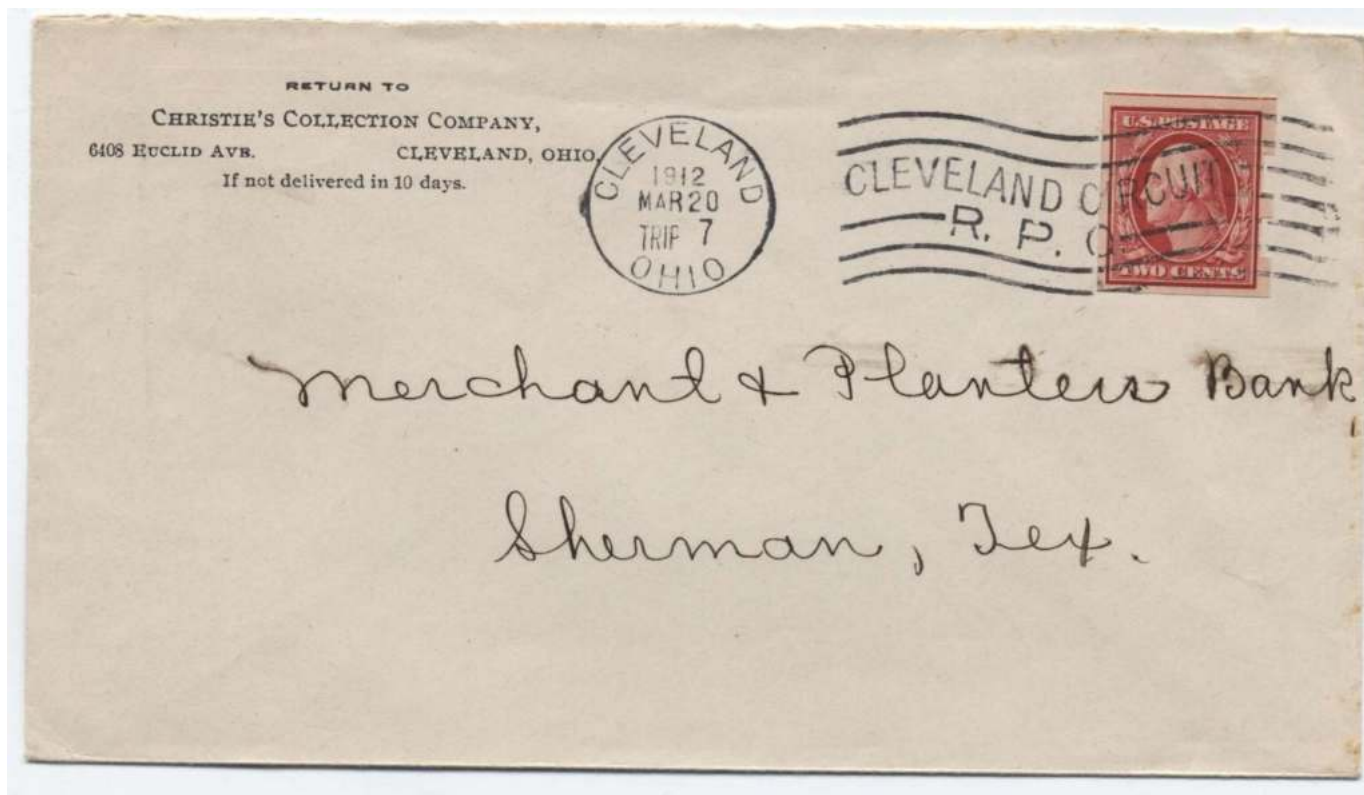
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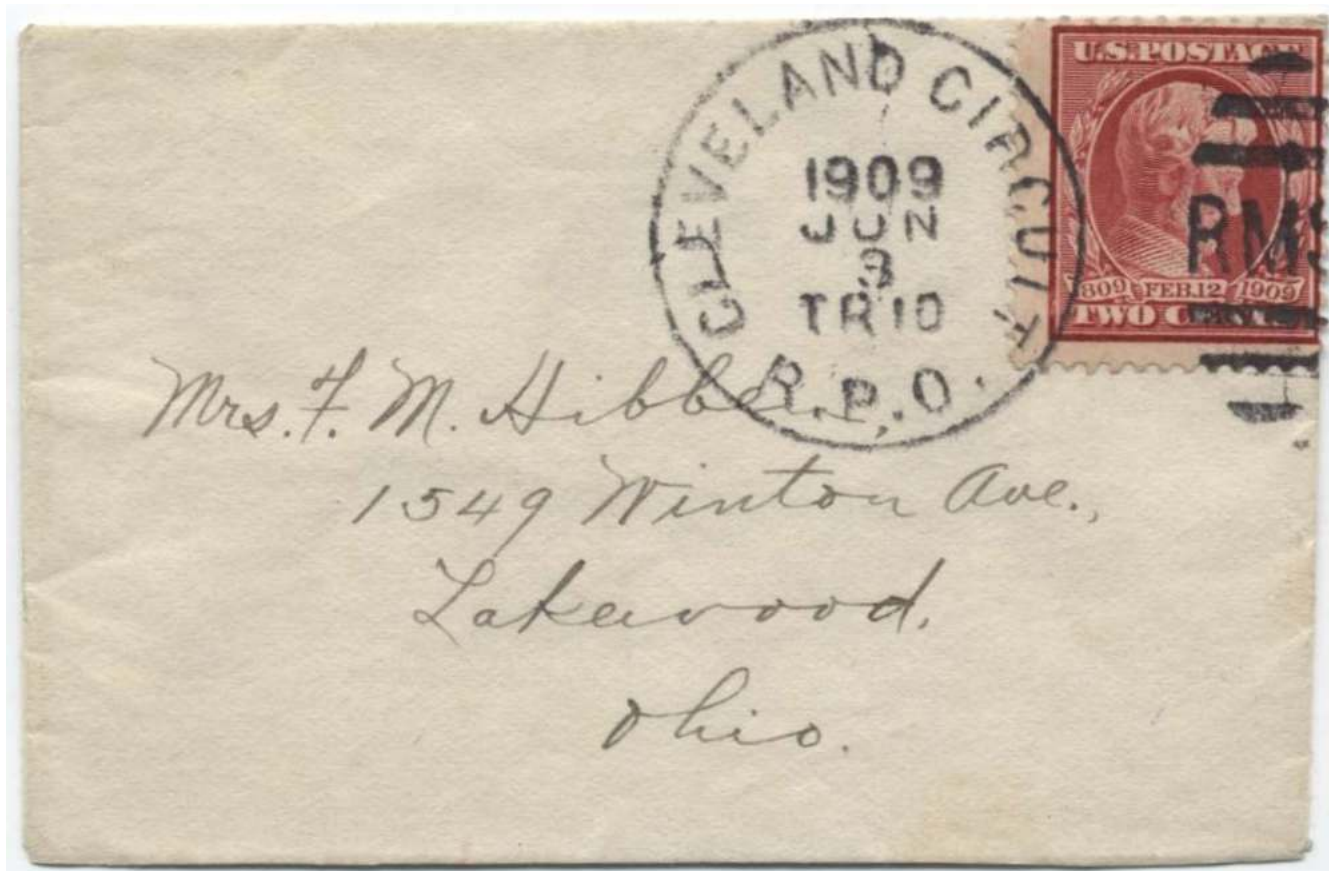
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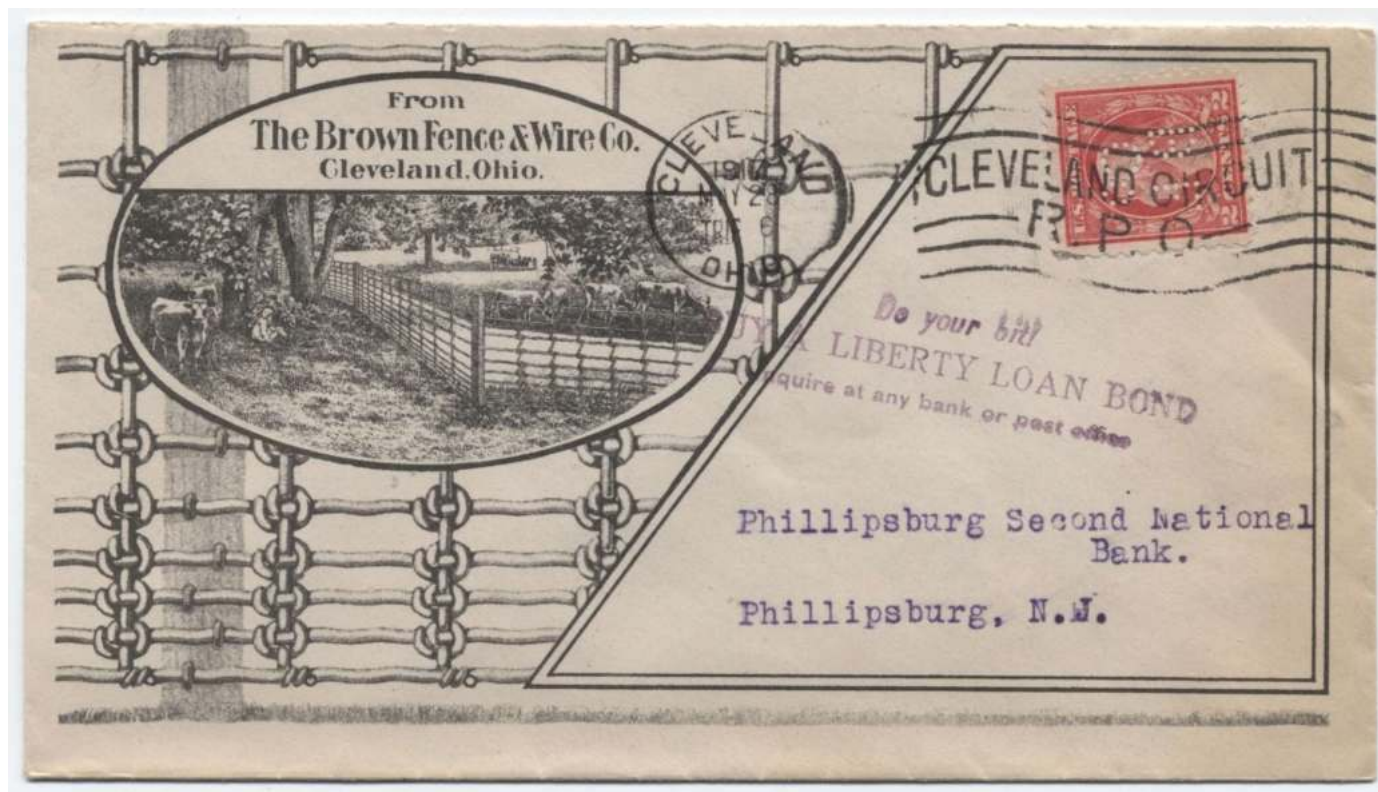
Coils



Commemoratives



Perfins



The End of the Cleveland Circuit R.P.O.



Latest machine use: May 16, 1919

Latest handstamp: June 24, 1919

Last Day of Service: August 4, 1919