Cleveland’s Streetcar Postal Route:
The Cleveland Circuit R.P.O., 1908-1919

Ohio Postal History Society
March 25, 2017
Route Map
A Street View

Photo courtesy Douglas and Nancy Clark
## Route Schedule, 1915

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

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The Car

Photo courtesy Doug and Nancy Clark
The Handstamp – The First Year

Year below date only reported during 1908
Dear Helen,

I am waiting for my fudge to cool. I wish I could send you a piece. Don't forget to write soon.

The address is:
106 15 36th Avenue
Brownsville
Pa.

From Helen
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

Oops!
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

July 1912

Post card

Yesterday I rolled down the hill to the backing beach, and coming up I fell over a stump of a tree. In the evening I got hit with a ball at the bowling alley. Does any know of Nannie at Fort in C. House by

Gerry

Miss Lizzie Keger

Ohio
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
Forwarded Mail
Postage Due

A Merry X'm

Happy New Year!

Mrs. M. Graham

Mrs. LaBarge

10 Pratt Ave., East 95

Cleveland, Ohio
Postage Due
Special Delivery
Drop Rate
Miss Lillian Wilkes,
72 Page Avenue,
East Cleveland,
Ohio.
Foreign Destinations
Foreign Destinations
Coils
Commemoratives
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