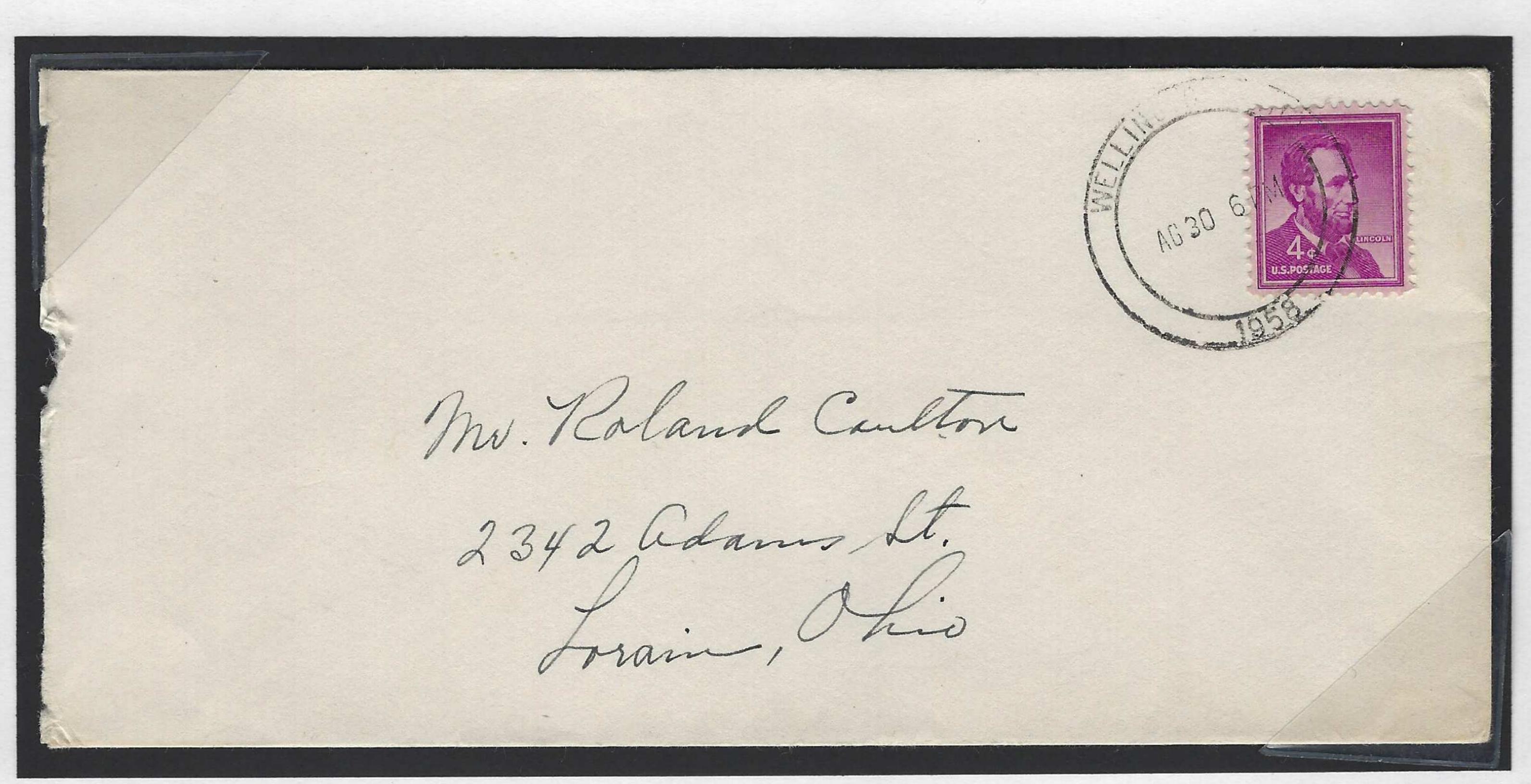
Rural Free Delivery Carrier Marking In use 1900s



The unusual aspect of this postmark is the red ink used by the carrier to postmark this card July 30, 1910. The carrier also used a pencil to cancel the stamp.

35 millimeter double circle date stamp
In use 1950s and beyond



5. Machine Cancels



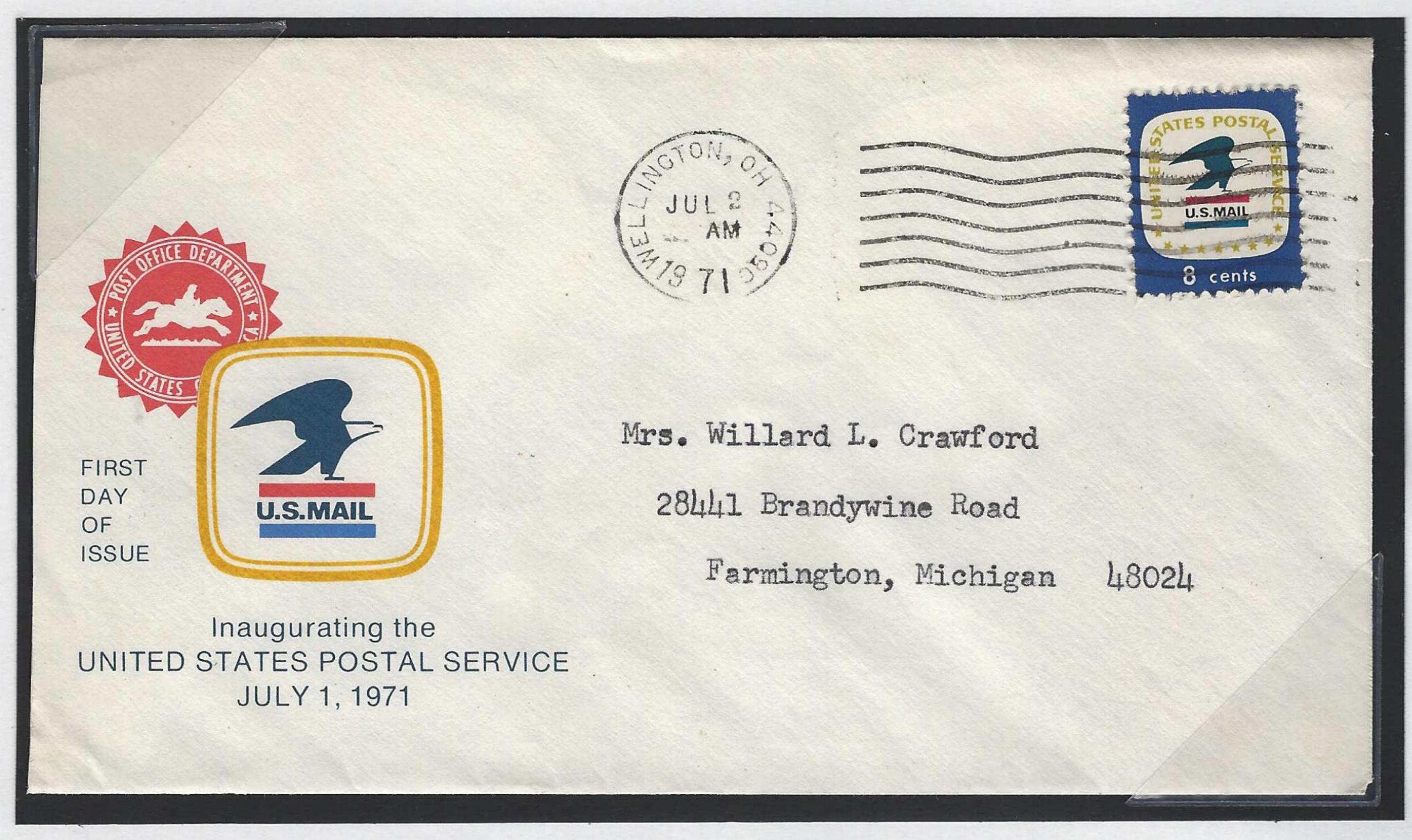
This postmark is Type A14 of he popular American flag postmark of the American Flag Machine Co. was in use from 1923 to 1927, according to "A History of Postmarking Machines in Ohio" by Bart Billings, published in 1982.



This widely used International machine cancel was used for many years in the middle of the 20th century.



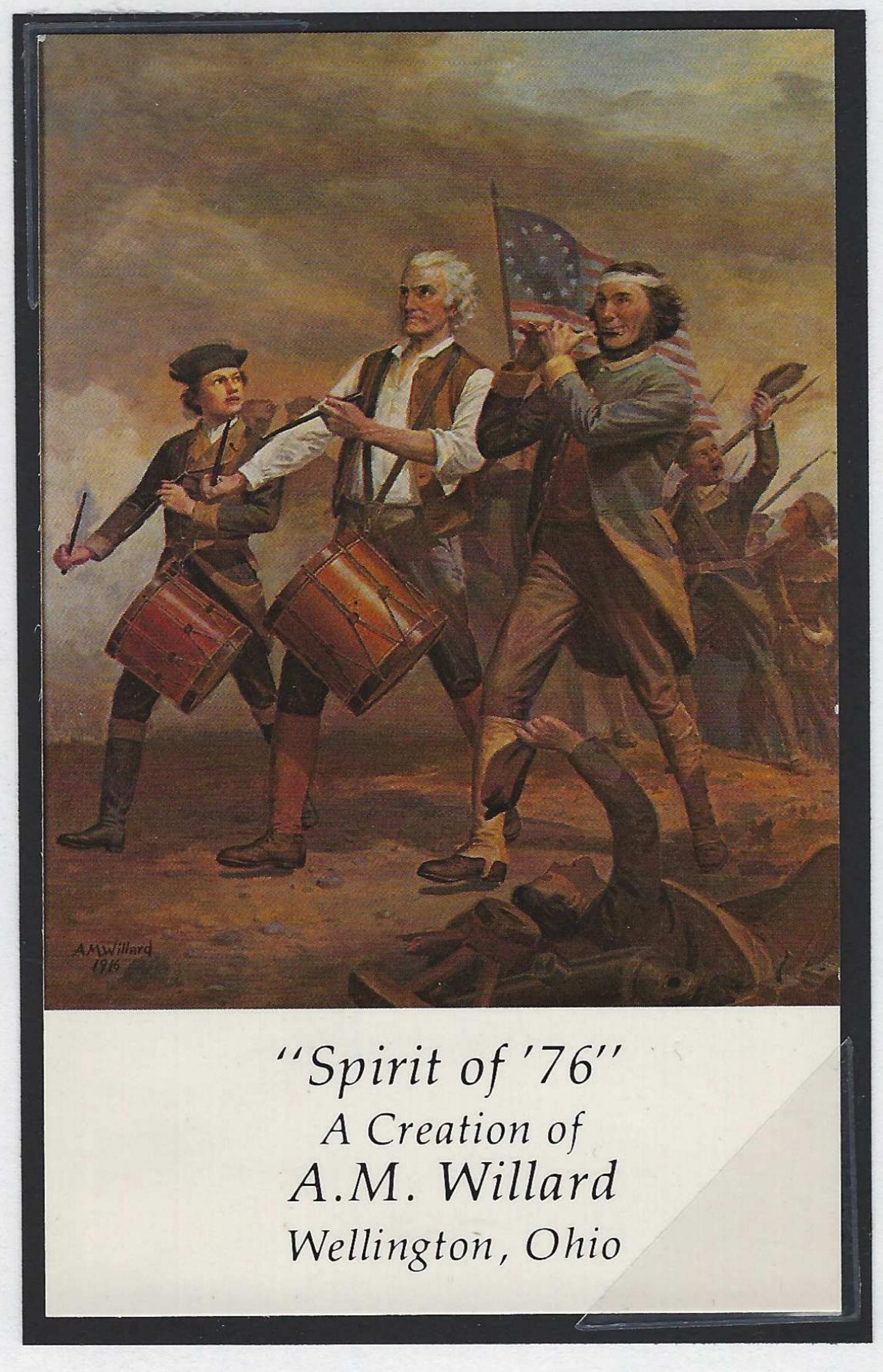
The same postmark was used on most mail, including the reduced rate of 1 1/2 cent for this unsealed correspondence.



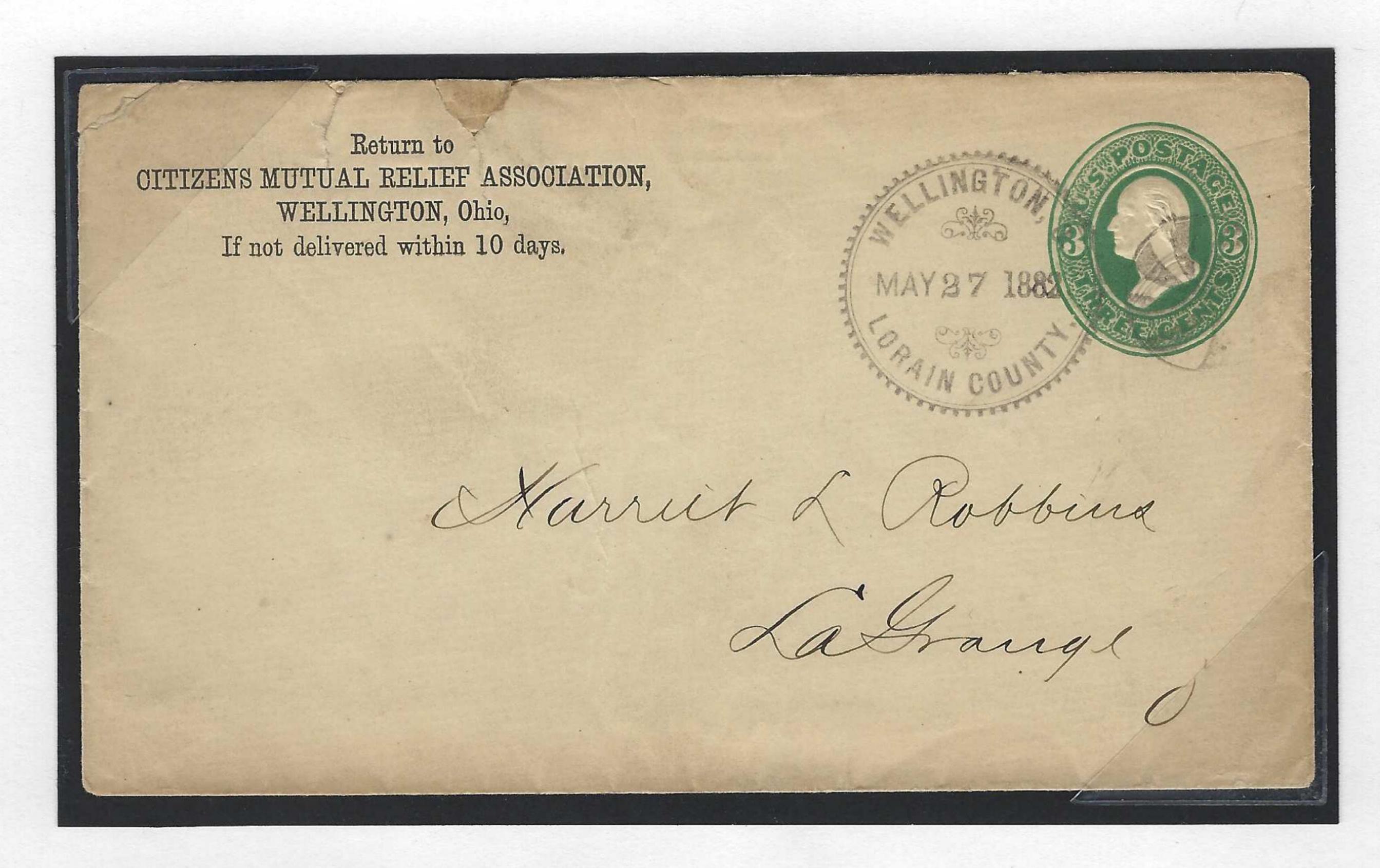
A later version of the Universal machine cancel has a smaller font and zip code as shown in this example from July 2, 1971, the day after the U.S. Post Office Department became the U.S. Postal Service.

6. Advertising & Commercial Covers

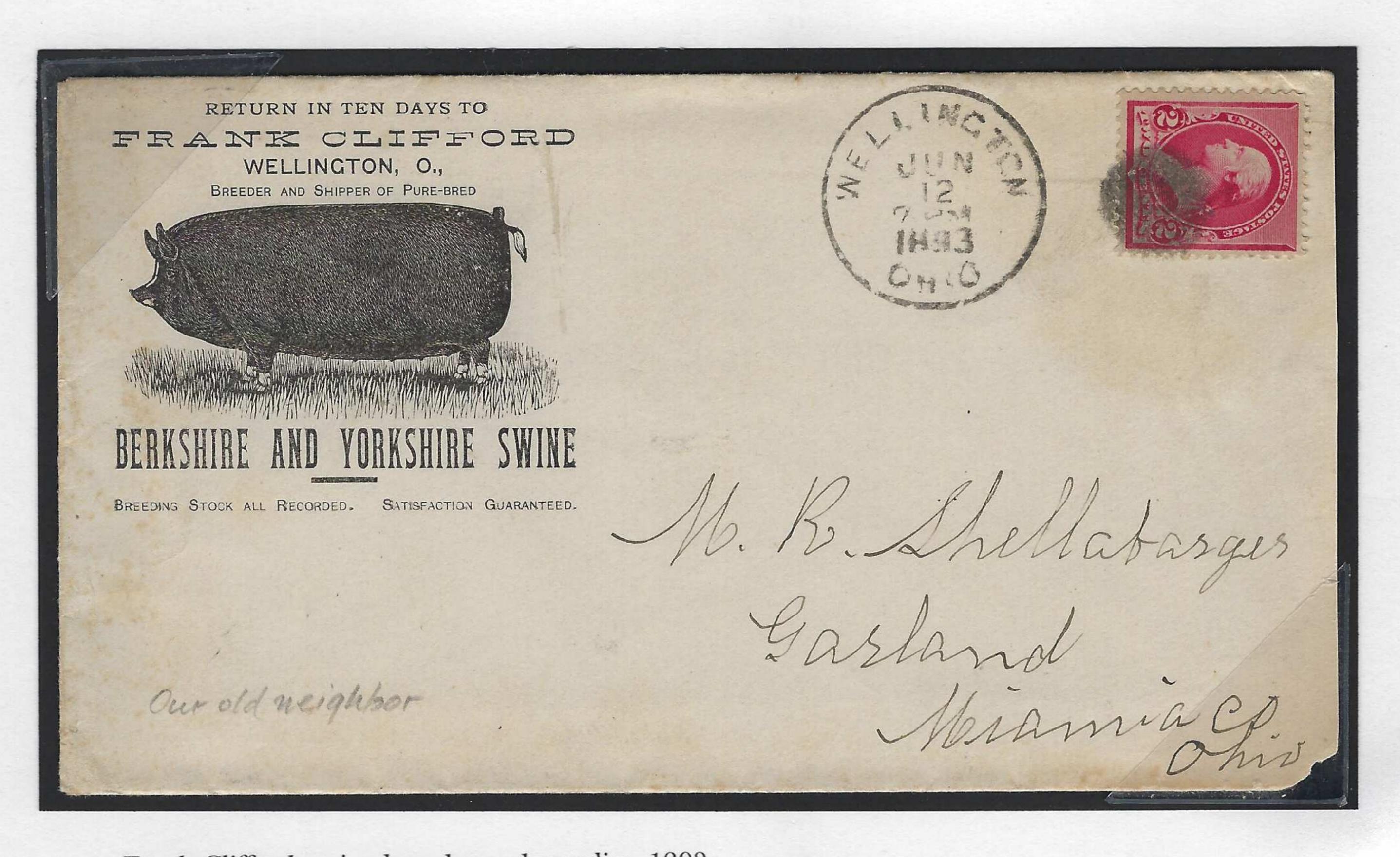




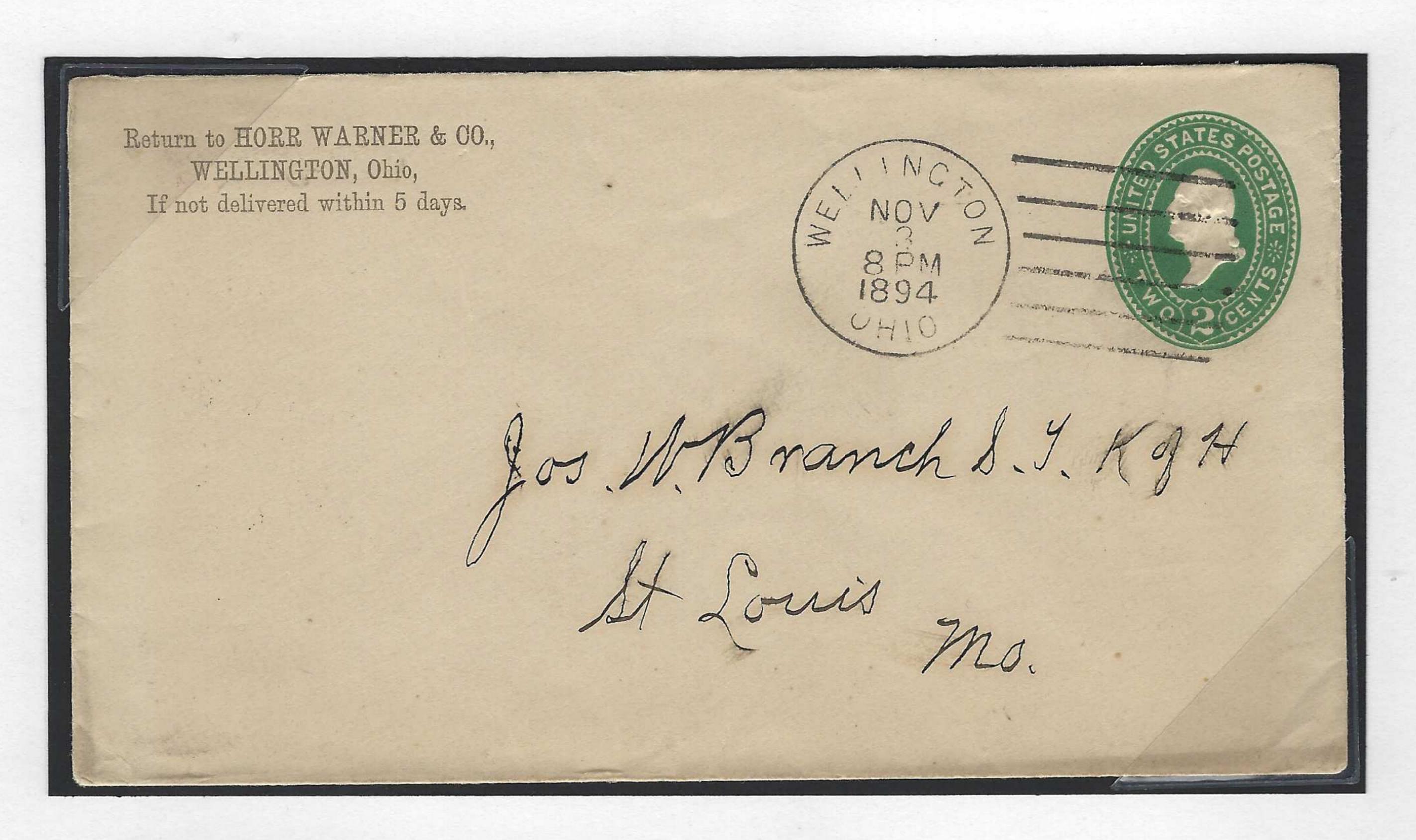
Postmark in blue on this 1850s commercial cover from E.S. Tripp Co., which manufactured carriages, buggies, wagons and other forms of transportation. Mailed to Reedstown, Huron County, Ohio. The company hired a young Archibald M. Willard, who later became a well-known American painter, to paint landscapes on its products. Willard's best known work was "Spirit of '76," which became an icon for the U.S. centennial in 1876.



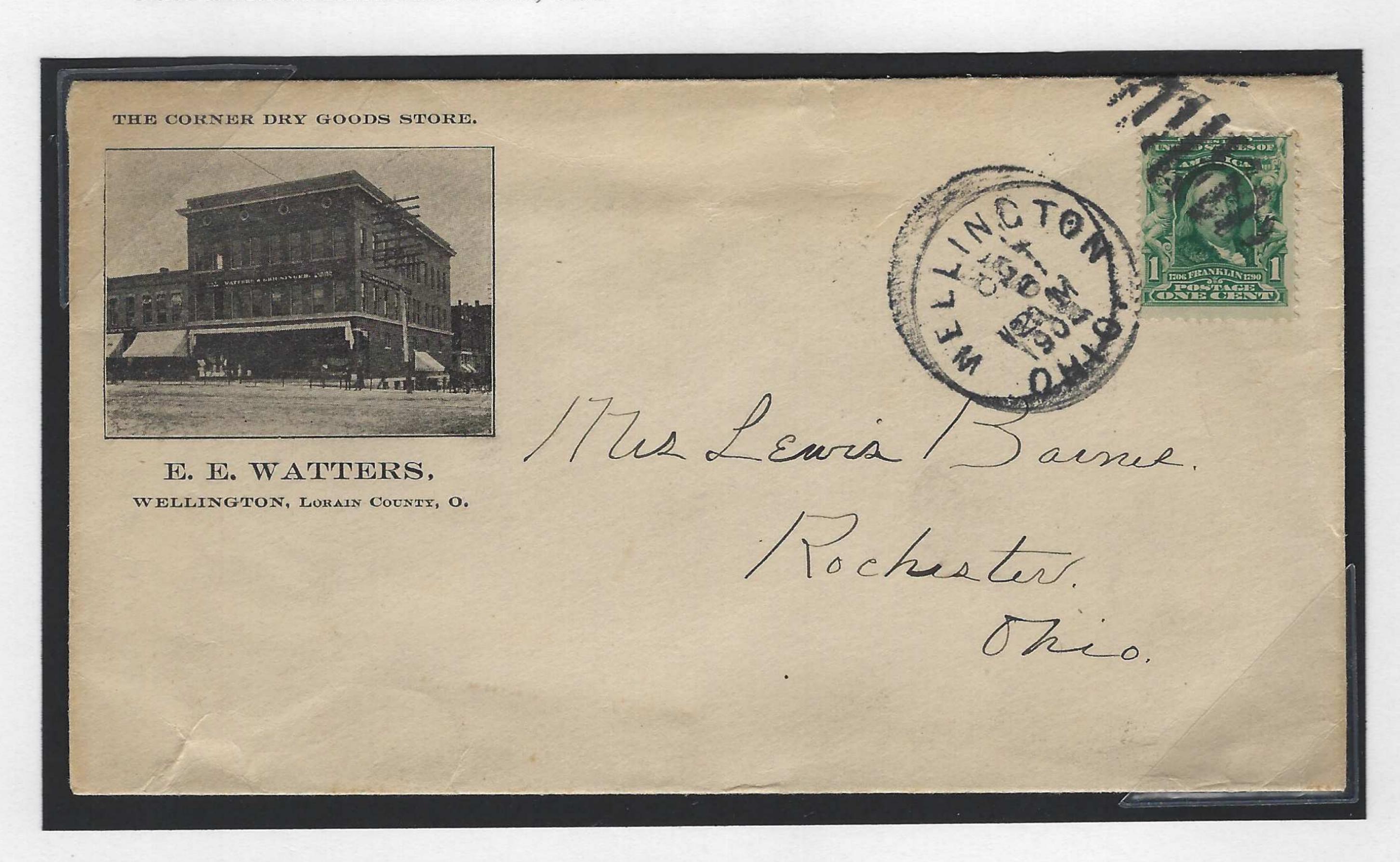
Citizens Mutual Relief Association, 1882



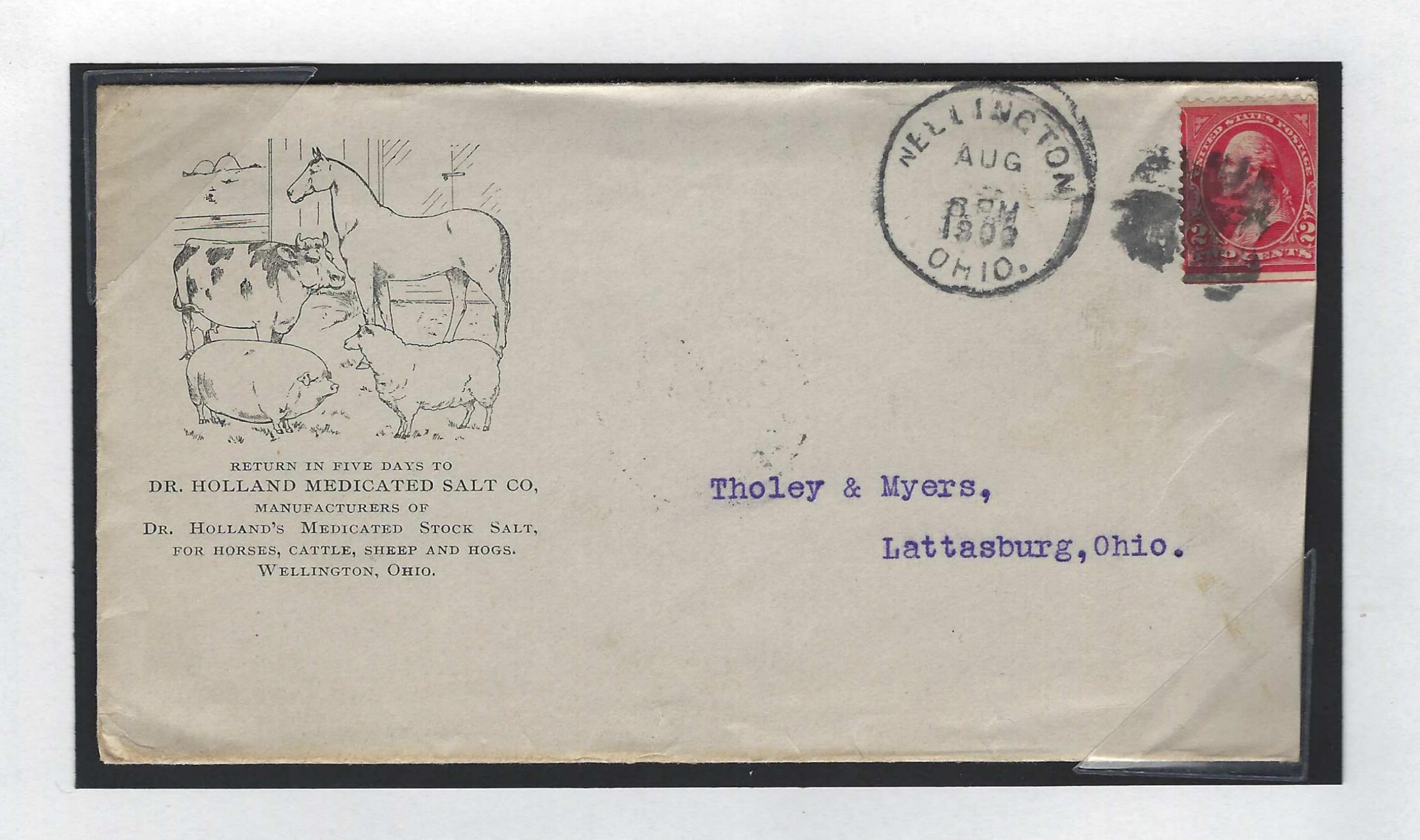
Frank Clifford, swine breeder and supplier, 1893

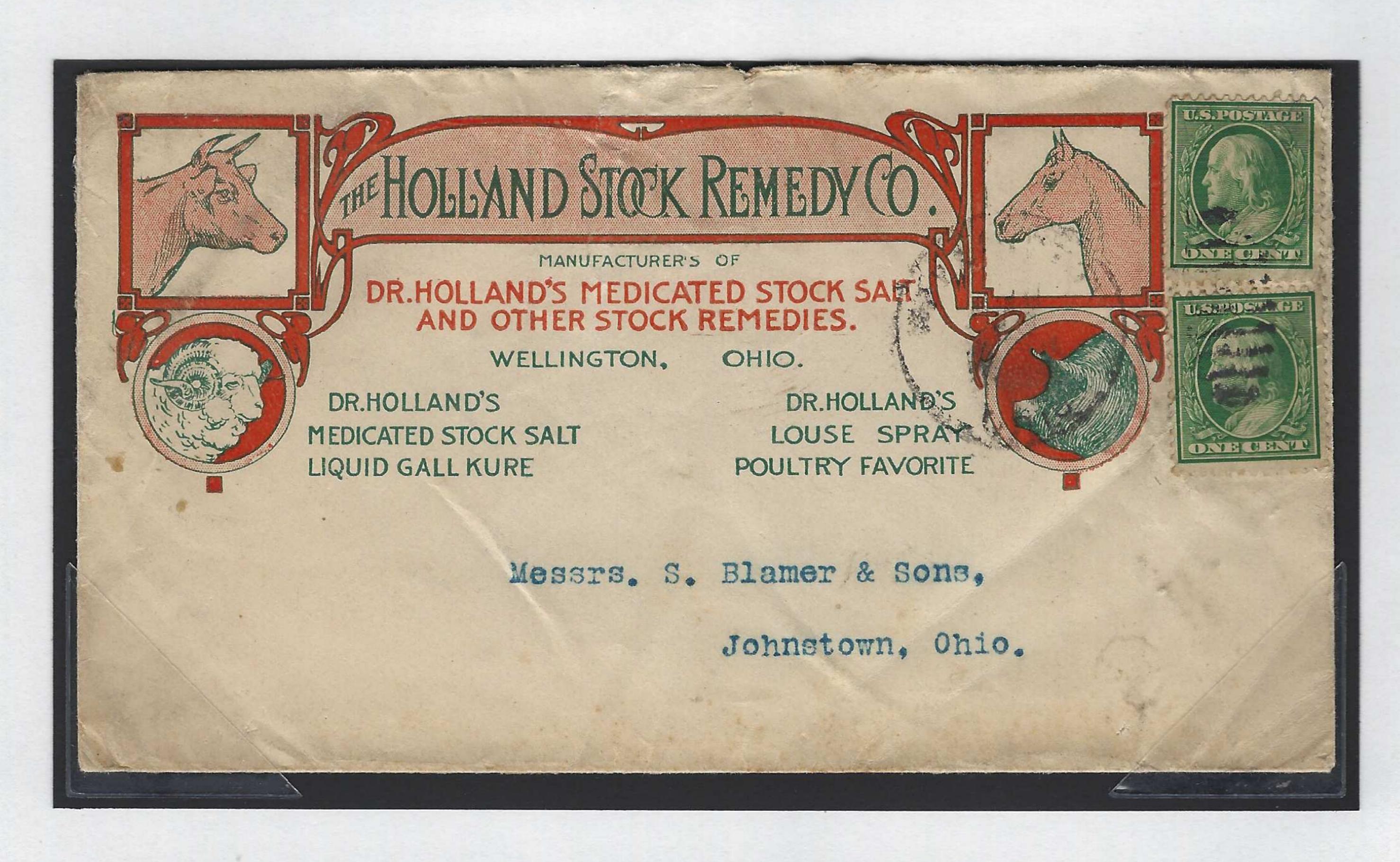


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Dr. Holland Medicated Salt Co., 1903 became Holland Stock Remedy Co. later in the first decade of the 20th century.



Turner Brothers, 1941; BeViers, 1941; Wellington Plumbing & Supply, 1942; A.J. Weber and Son, 1943

