

# MAINE



## “Official Business” State Departmental Offices Illustrated Covers 1860 - 1960

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# Maine: “Official Business” Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

## INTRODUCTION

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Although the use of an envelope to securely enclose a letter sent through the mails has been around for many centuries, it was not until the 1840s when several events occurred that brought them into widespread use in the United States. The first was the invention of manufacturing equipment which could mass produce the envelopes inexpensively, and the second was the change in how the United States Post Office Department calculated the way it charged for the postage to carry a letter through the mails. The early rates were based on the number of pieces of paper that made up the letter, and since the envelope was considered a separate sheet, the rate would automatically be doubled for a letter sent in an envelope. With the Postal Act of March 3, 1845, the rates were changed to be based on the weight of the letter rather than the number of pieces of paper comprising the mail piece. This law became effective on July 1, 1845.

By the early 1860s, several state governments had begun to produce decorative envelopes with an all-over background design for use in their “Official Business” correspondence. The typical design included some representation of the official state seal in the upper left corner, together with the name of the individual department or agency, either as part of the design with the seal or in the background of the entire envelope. As these envelopes were often printed in bright colors, they no doubt readily caught the attention of their recipients.

Eventually the local governments (county and city) began to emulate the state government, and some prepared illustrated envelopes for use in their departments and agencies.

The present monograph is an initial effort to document and illustrate these envelopes which were used at all offices within the current state. It is not intended to be complete in all respects, such as one might expect in a formal handbook or catalog but has been prepared to provide the reader with an introduction to a representative sample of the styles and varieties of envelopes that were used during this period, and perhaps educate the collecting community as to the possibilities that could exist in collecting them.

The initial section will include those envelopes used by the state agencies and departmental offices, which are typically located at the state capitol. The state departmental envelopes have been organized into an alphabetical order based on the agency or department name. These department names were not always consistent, as they evolved over time, and therefore, these are usually grouped by what the compiler believed was the most obvious choice. Within the envelopes from a specific agency or department, the envelopes are arranged in chronological order.

A second section was prepared to include envelopes from agencies and departments prepared for and used by the county and other local (city) governments. The organization of this section was arranged in alphabetical order by county, then by county seat, and finally by date, with any envelopes from a city office in the county to follow.

Only the illustration of front side of these envelopes has been included, unless there is some significant postal history element present on the reverse. When the envelope illustrated also included

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contents related to the purpose of the office, the contents, or at least the illustrated portion of the letterhead or billhead, were also included. As the search for relevant envelopes proceeded, other state and county documents with “interesting” billhead type illustrations were encountered, and because I found these interesting in terms of explaining the purpose for the use of these envelopes, they were included as well.

### THE FUTURE PLANS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The complete series of these monographs has been hosted on the Stamp Smarter website through the courtesy of Don Denman. These are not intended to be an active project of the original compiler, but the source documents (a simple Microsoft Word file) can be made available to other collectors who would be interested in taking responsibility to add new materials to them.

For the immediate future, the compiler solicits the contribution of digital scans that illustrate envelopes which are not present in these monographs, including those present but were used with different dates. Preference will be given to those envelopes with the all-over illustrations, and the state/local buildings and seals, and those used prior to 1920. Contributions of envelopes from any state will be welcome. It is requested that the submitted envelopes should be scanned at 300dpi and provided in the JPG format when possible. Images of envelopes created with a camera or iPhone are not really useful unless they are carefully focused and prepared with no angular distortion. If contributing more than a small number, please contact me to discuss options other than email.

All contributors will be acknowledged in the monograph(s) for which they submit examples unless requested otherwise. Any errors are the sole responsibility of the compiler, and please bring any errors found to my attention.

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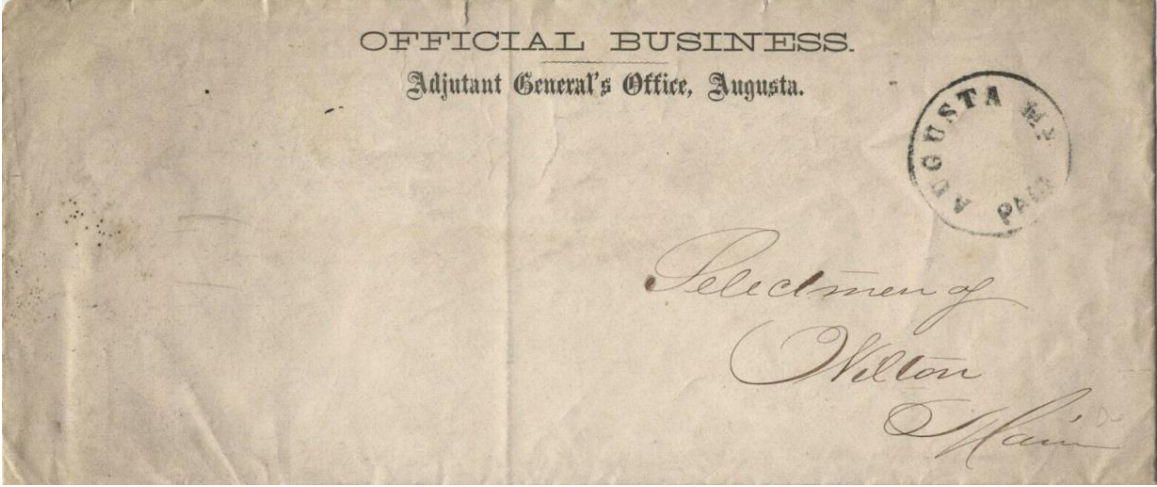
### Maine (State House) Capitol Building

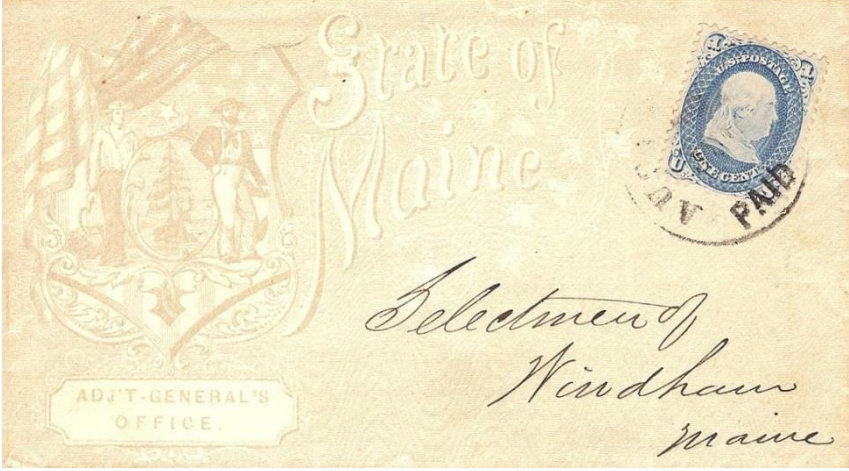
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Postcard image courtesy eBay seller 207surfdude, June 2021.

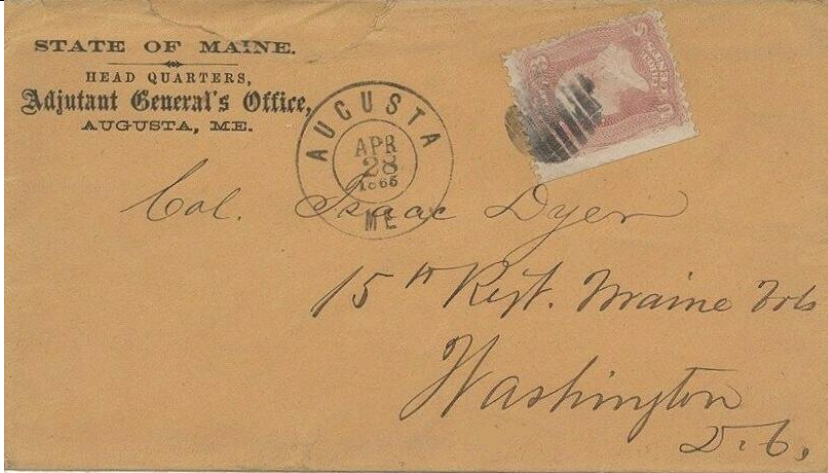
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<b>Dates:</b> ~1850s	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> “OFFICIAL BUSINESS / Adjutant General’s Office, Augusta.”			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller paperhistoryboy, May 2021.			
			

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> ~1862	<b>Color:</b> Pale gold	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> “ADJ’T-GENERAL’S / OFFICE”			
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<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of PhilaMercury Cover Census #8368, user ID suburban, May 2021.			
			

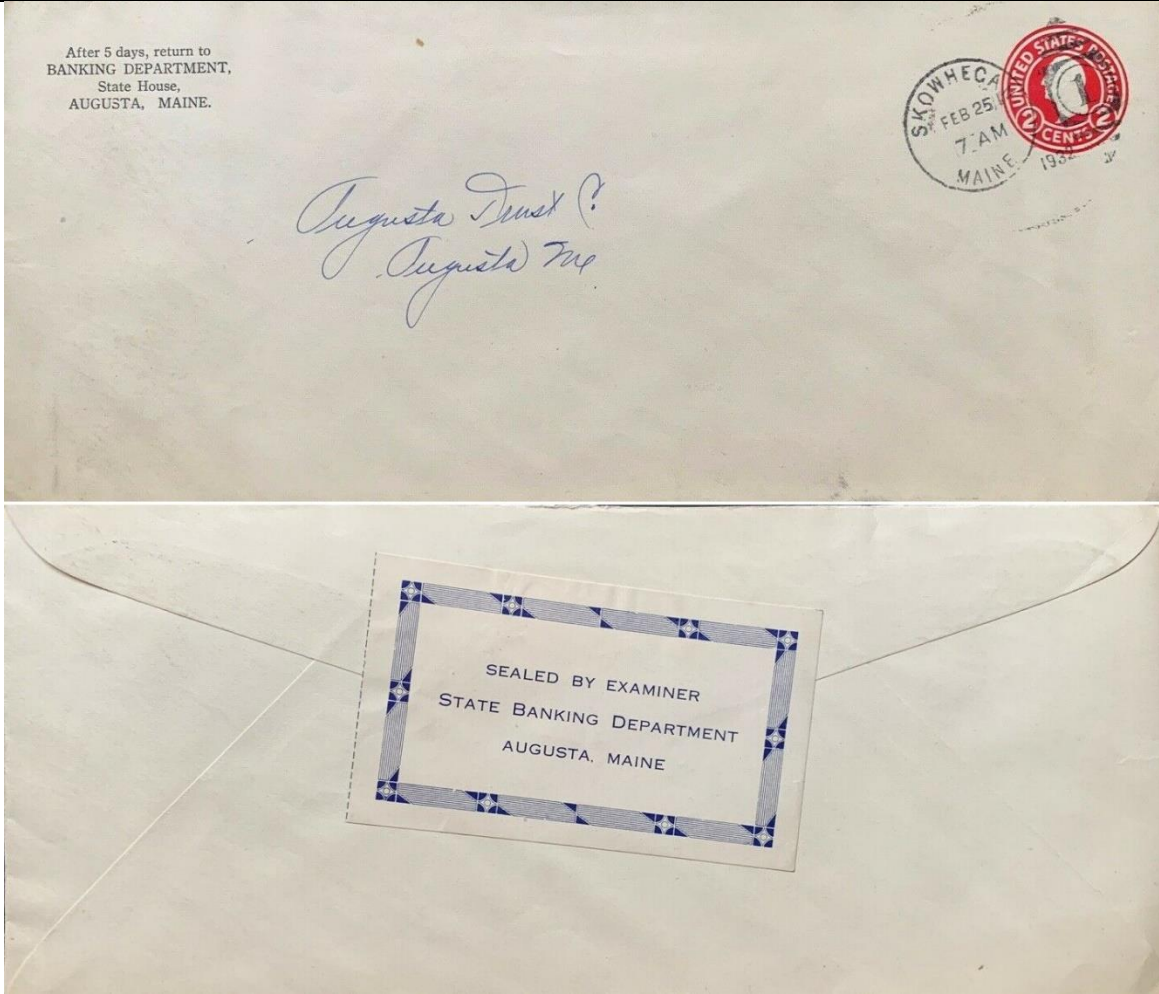
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<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 17 July 1862 – 1870s	<b>Color:</b> Gray	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "ADJ'T-GENERAL'S / OFFICE"			
<b>Notes:</b> "State of / Maine" in center.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of Philamercury Cover Census #26844, May 2021.			
			


<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 28 Apr 1865	<b>Color:</b> Black on gold	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "HEAD QUARTERS, / Adjutant General's Office,"			
<b>Notes:</b> "			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller yefzin, June 2021.			
			

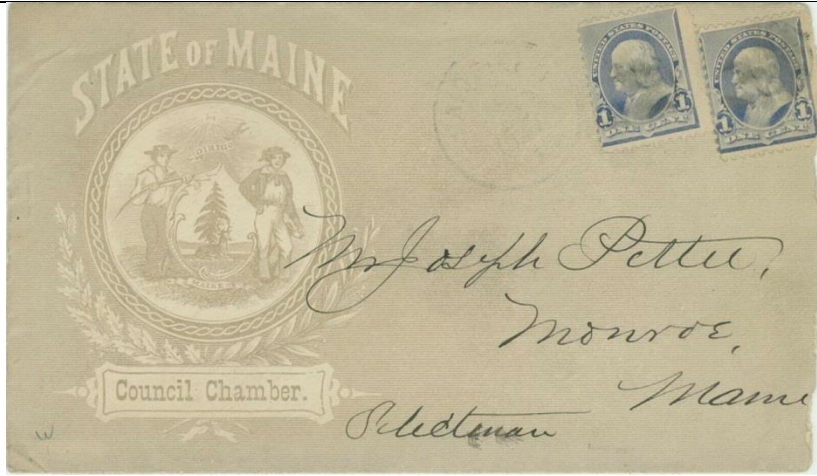
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<b>Dates:</b> 25 Feb 1932	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Legal	
<b>Office:</b> "BANKING DEPARTMENT, / State House,"			
<b>Notes:</b> With label on reverse from "STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT", in blue.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller tohncoverman, June 2021.			




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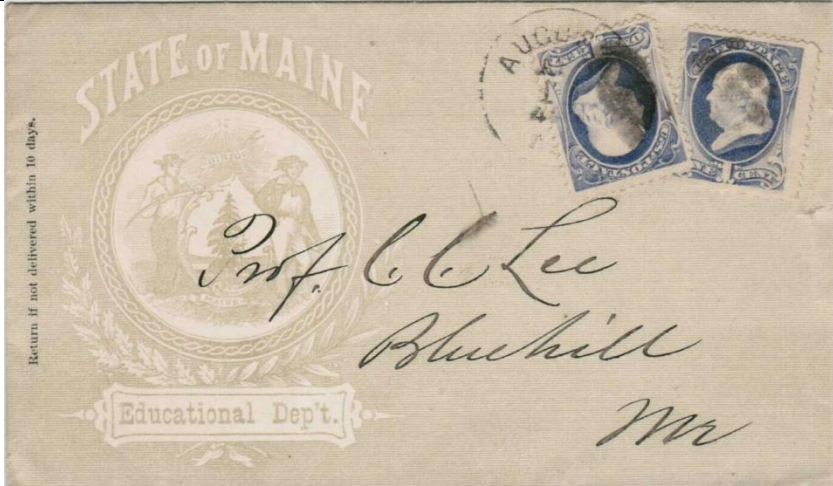
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<b>Office:</b> "COUNCIL / CHAMBER."			
<b>Notes:</b> "State of / Maine" in center.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> ~1880s-17 May 1895	<b>Color:</b> Gray-green	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
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<b>Notes:</b> "STATE OF MAINE" now above seal.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller philatelicphinds, June 2021.			
			



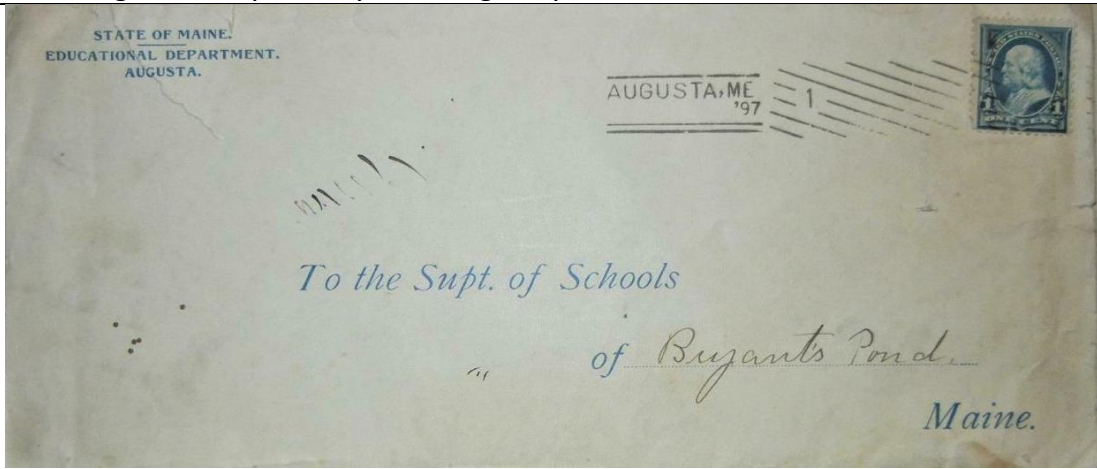
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<b>Dates:</b> 11 Mar ~1870s	<b>Color:</b> Gray	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "Educational Dep't."			
<b>Notes:</b> "STATE OF MAINE" above seal.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller postal38, April 2021.			
			

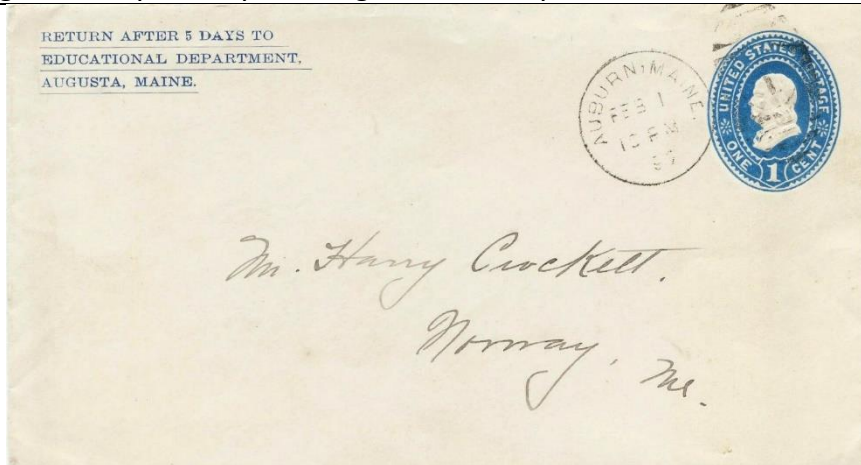
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<b>Dates:</b> ~1880s – 5 Apr 1893	<b>Color:</b> Light brown	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "Educational Dep't"			
<b>Notes:</b> "STATE OF MAINE" above seal. New Return statement vertically at left edge.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller postal38, April 2021.			
			

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<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> ~ 1897	<b>Color:</b> Blue		<b>Size:</b> Legal
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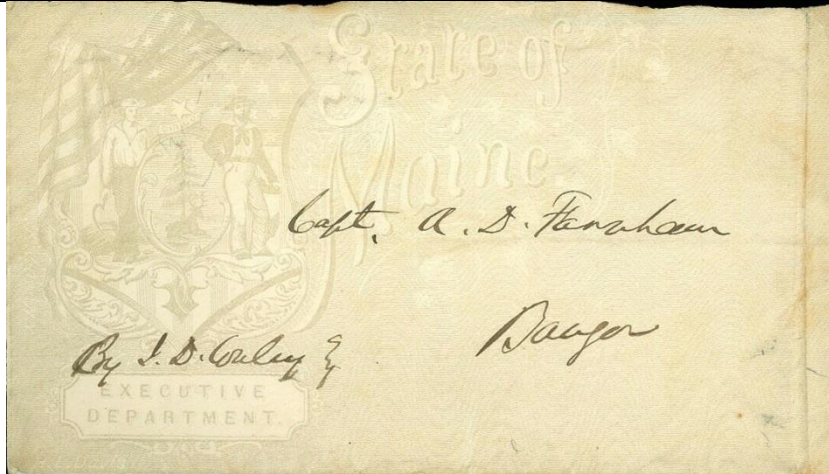


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<b>Dates:</b> 1 Feb 1897	<b>Color:</b> Blue		<b>Size:</b> Regular
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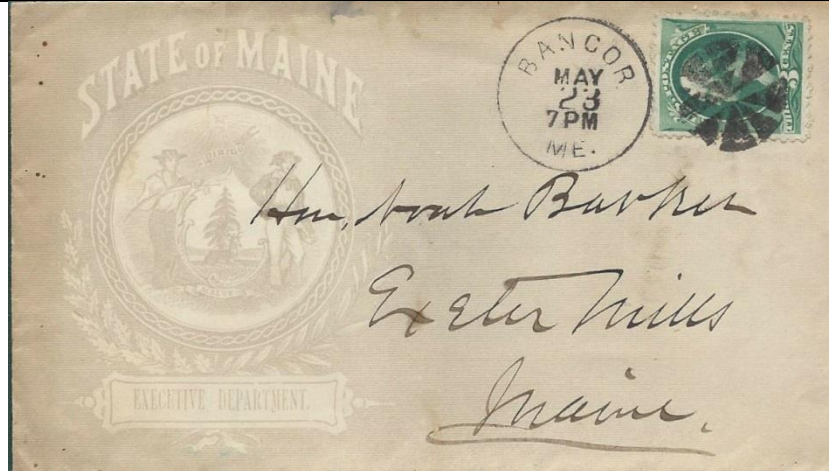


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<b>Dates:</b> ~1860s	<b>Color:</b> Gold-green	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "EXECUTIVE / DEPARTMENT"			
<b>Notes:</b> "State of / Maine" in center.			
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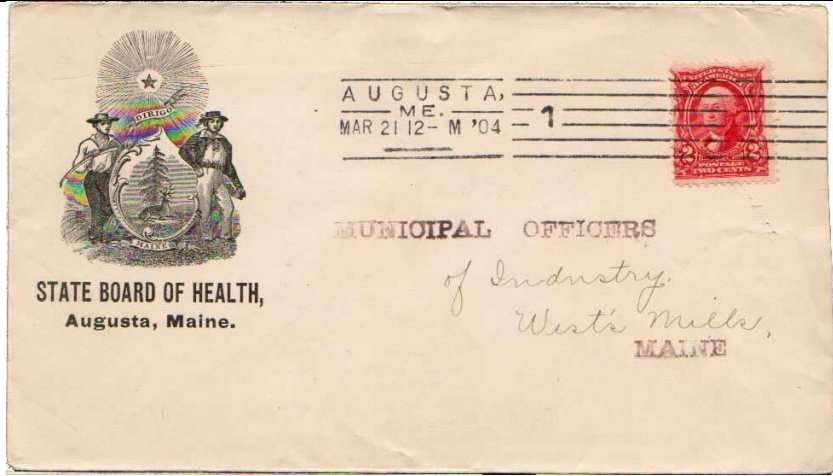


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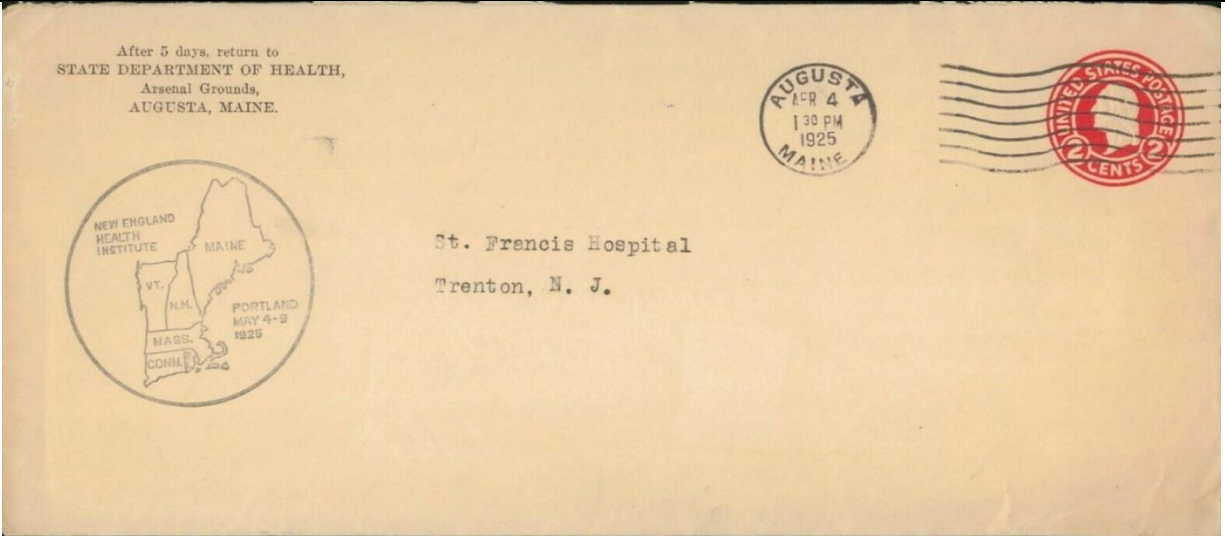


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<b>Dates:</b> 21 Mar 1912	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "STATE BOARD OF HEALTH"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of unknown eBay seller, June 2021.			



<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 4 Apr 1925	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Legal	
<b>Office:</b> "STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH"			
<b>Notes:</b> With rubberstamp from "NEW ENGLAND HEALTH INSTITUTE".			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller mayfairstamps, June 2021.			



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<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> ~1860-29 Feb 1864	<b>Color:</b> Gray		<b>Size:</b> Regular
<b>Office:</b> "State of Maine /HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES."			
<b>Notes:</b> The corner card is embossed.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, May 2021.			



Closeup of embossed corner



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<b>Dates:</b> ~1860-29 Feb 1864	<b>Color:</b> Gray		<b>Size:</b> Regular
<b>Office:</b> "HOUSE OF / Representatives."			
<b>Notes:</b> "State of / Maine" in center.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of John Becker, post on Stamp Community Family, Feb 28, 2016, URL = <a href="https://www.stampcommunity.org/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=48160">https://www.stampcommunity.org/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=48160</a>			



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<b>Dates:</b> ~1880s	<b>Color:</b> Gray	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "House of Representatives."			
<b>Notes:</b> "STATE OF MAINE" now above seal.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, June 2021.			



<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> ~Late 1880s	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES."			
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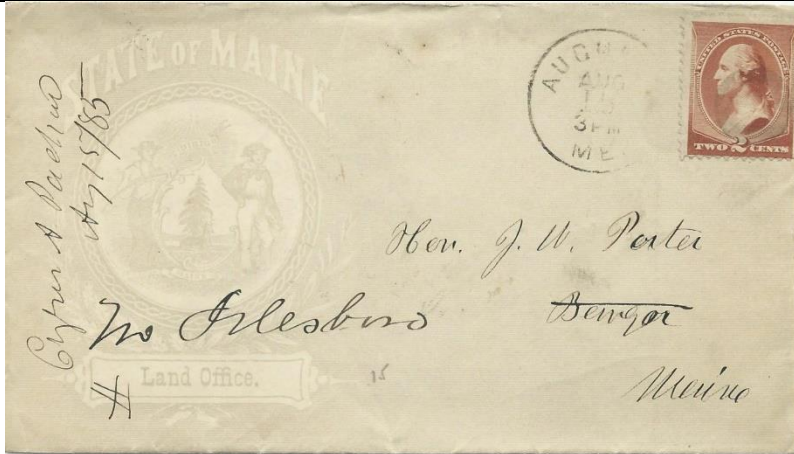


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<b>Dates:</b> 24 Feb 1902	<b>Color:</b> Blue	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "State of Maine / HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES."			
<b>Notes:</b> "STATE OF MAINE" now above seal.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, June 2021.			



<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 24 Feb 1890	<b>Color:</b> Gray	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "Insurance Department."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, June 2021.			



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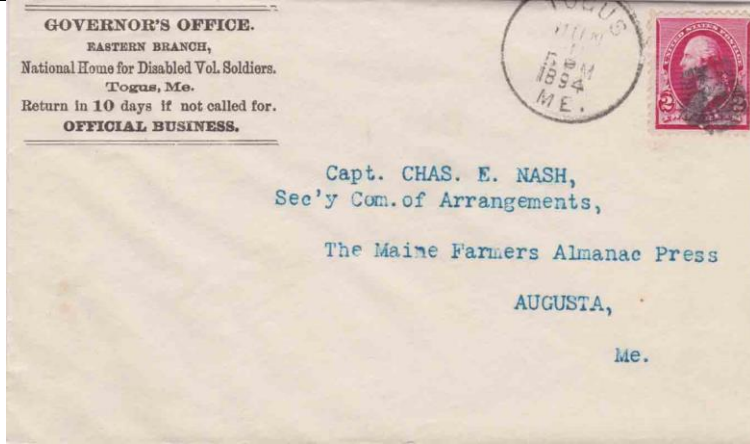
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<b>Dates:</b> 15 Aug 1885-1 Dec 1890	<b>Color:</b> Gray		<b>Size:</b> Regular
<b>Office:</b> "Land Office."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller suncoaststamps, June 2021.			

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 15 May 1896	<b>Color:</b> Green-gold		<b>Size:</b> Regular
<b>Office:</b> "LAND OFFICE."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller billsbargainstamps, June 2021.			



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<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Tegus
<b>Dates:</b> 1 June 1894	<b>Color:</b> Blue	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "GOVERNOR'S OFFICE / National Home for Disabled Vol. Soldiers."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of V F Thomas, Maine Postal History website, April 2021. (URL= <a href="http://www.vfthomas.com/Mainepostalhistory/KennebecCounty/Augustapostalhistoryhome.htm">http://www.vfthomas.com/Mainepostalhistory/KennebecCounty/Augustapostalhistoryhome.htm</a> )			

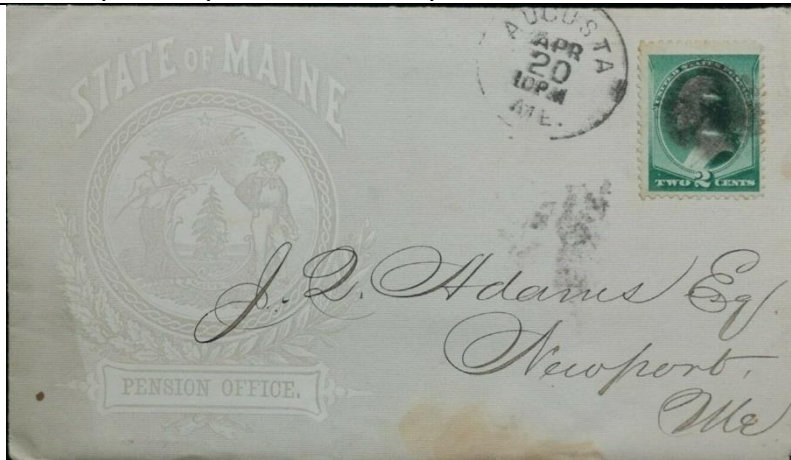


<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> ~27 June 1869	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "PENSION BUSINESS / AUGUSTA, ME."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller larrysellcovers, June 2021.			

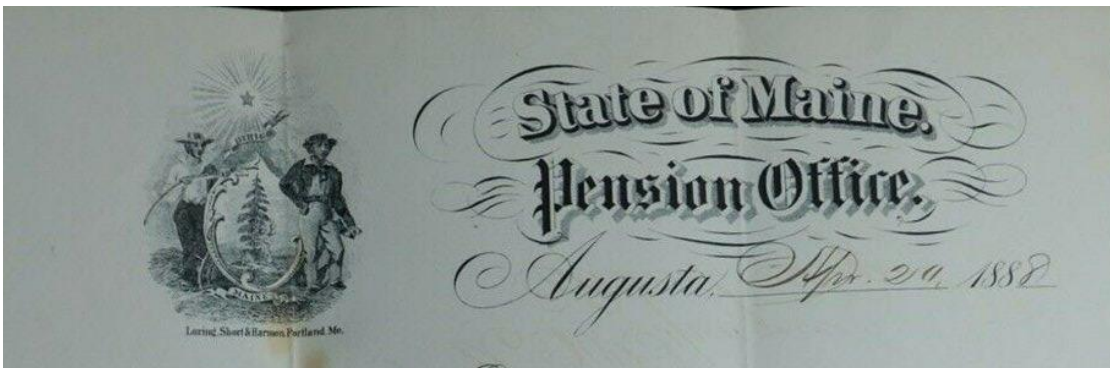


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<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 20 April 1888	<b>Color:</b> Gray	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "PENSION OFFICE."			
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<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, June 2021.			

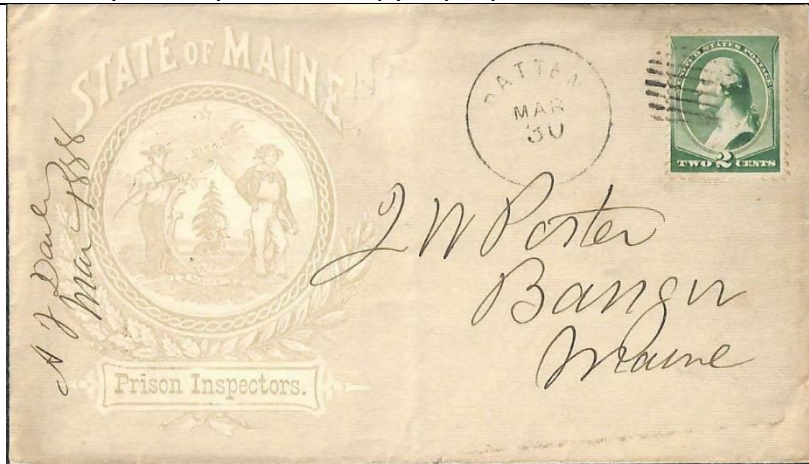


Letterhead from enclosure

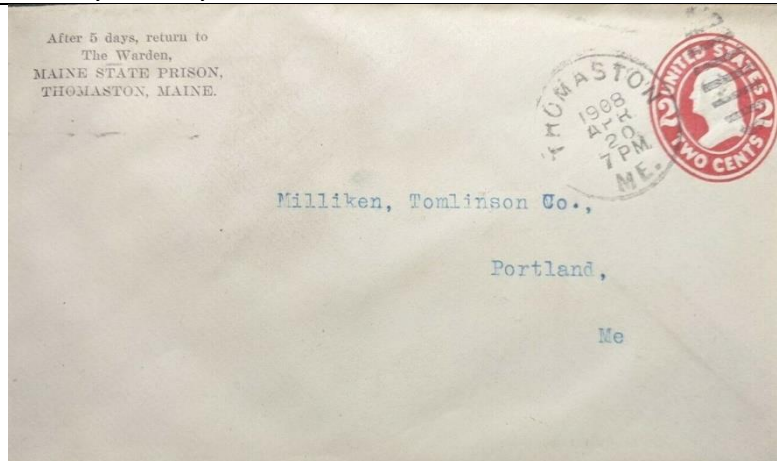


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<b>Dates:</b> 30 Mar 1888-21 April 1891	<b>Color:</b> Pale gold	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "Prison Inspectors."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			

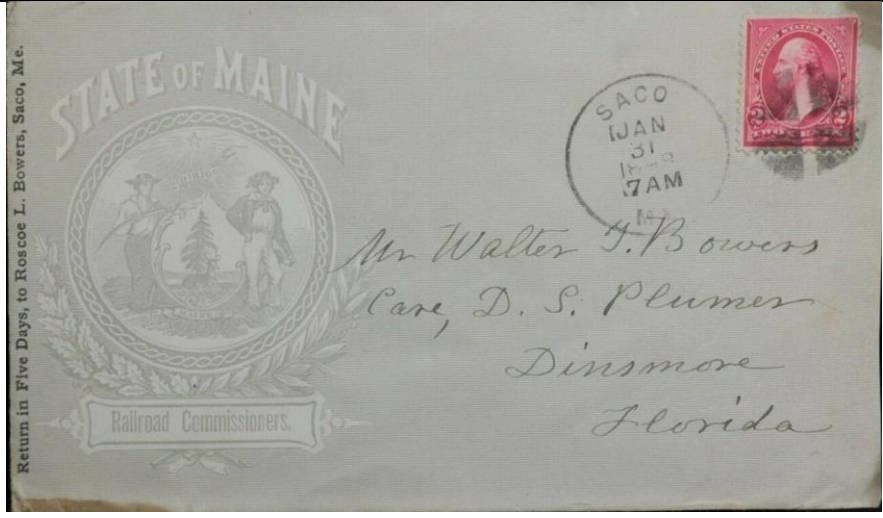


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<b>Dates:</b> 20 Apr 1908	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "MAINE STATE PRISON."			
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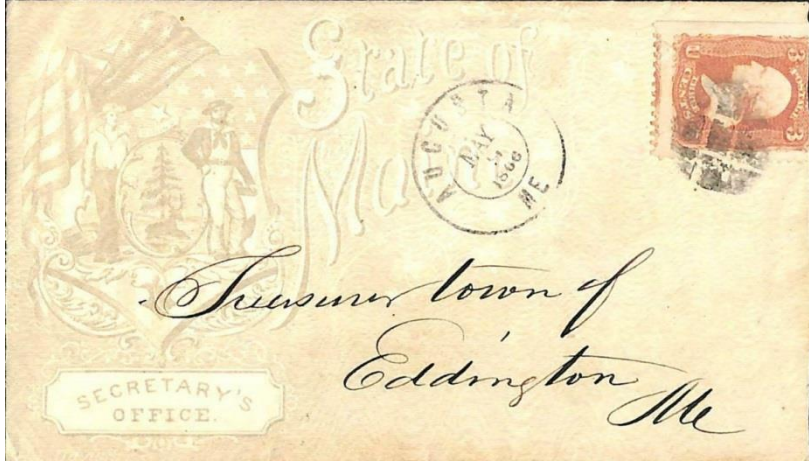
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<b>Dates:</b> 31 Jan ~1890s	<b>Color:</b> Gray	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "Railroad Commissioners."			
<b>Notes:</b> Return printed vertically at left edge.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, June 2021.			

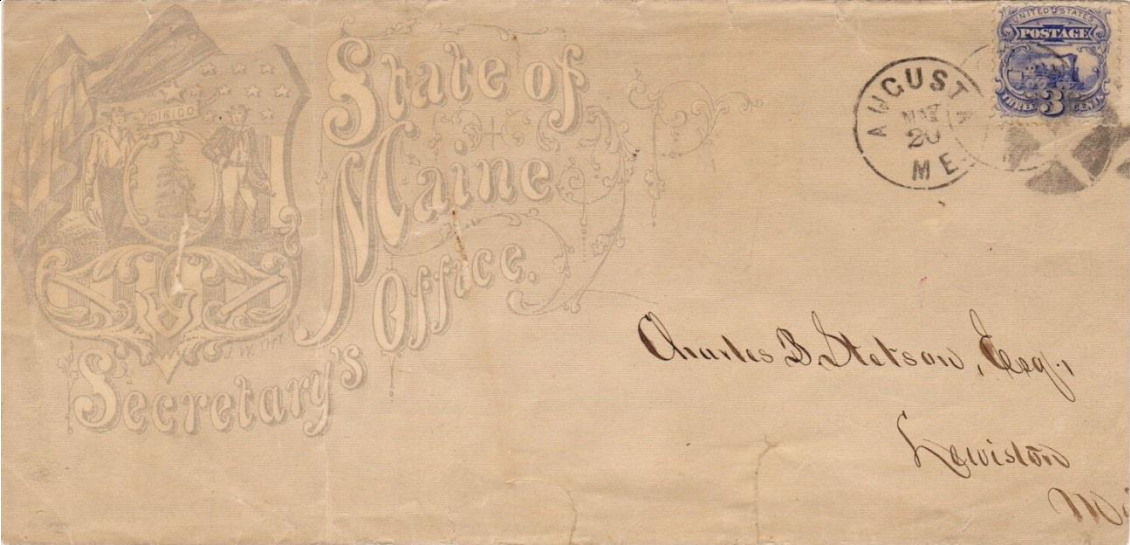


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<b>Dates:</b> 14 Feb 1864 - 9 May 1866	<b>Color:</b> Gold	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "SECRETARY'S / OFFICE" in arc.			
<b>Notes:</b> "State of / Maine" in center.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller billsbargainstamps, June 2021.			



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<b>Dates:</b> 9 May 1866	<b>Color:</b> Pale yellow	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "SECRETARY'S / OFFICE"			
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<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

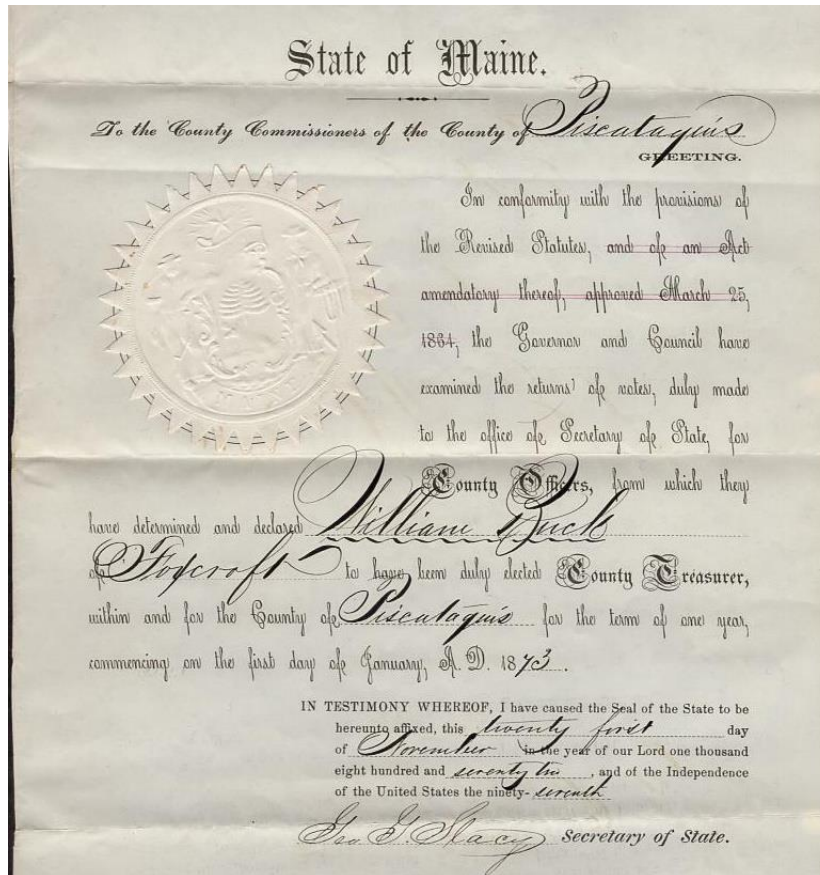
<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 20 May 1869/1870	<b>Color:</b> Rose-gray	<b>Size:</b> Legal	
<b>Office:</b> "SECRETARY'S / OFFICE"			
<b>Notes:</b> "State of / Maine" ; new design of lettering in center.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller hgitner, May 2021.			
			

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<b>Dates:</b> 10 Dec 1872	<b>Color:</b> Rose-gray	<b>Size:</b> Legal	
<b>Office:</b> "Secretary's Office"			
<b>Notes:</b> "STATE OF MAINE" with seal, the earlier design, also with contents.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller coversplus, June 2021.			

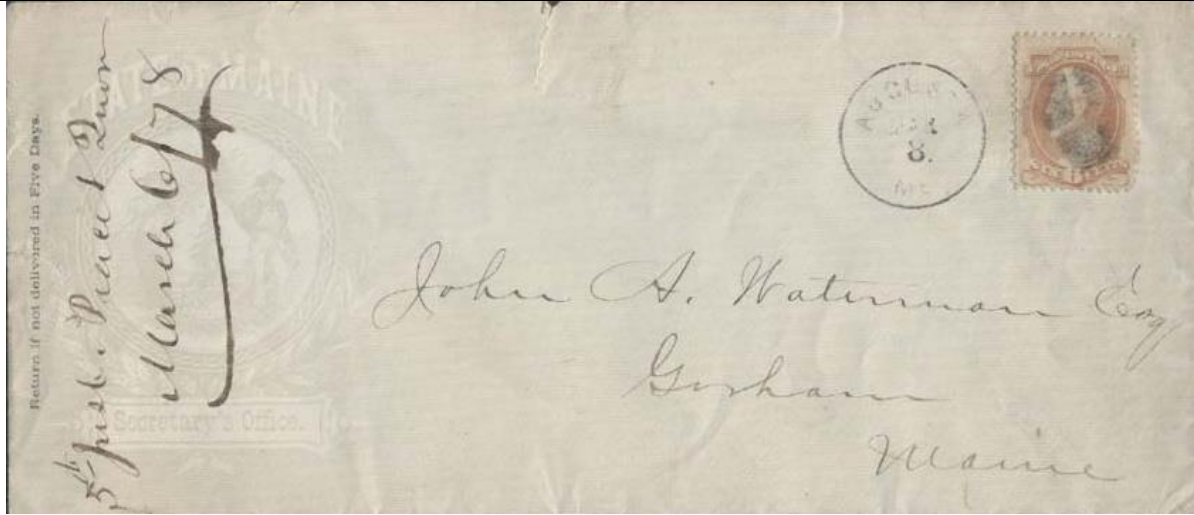


Enclosure

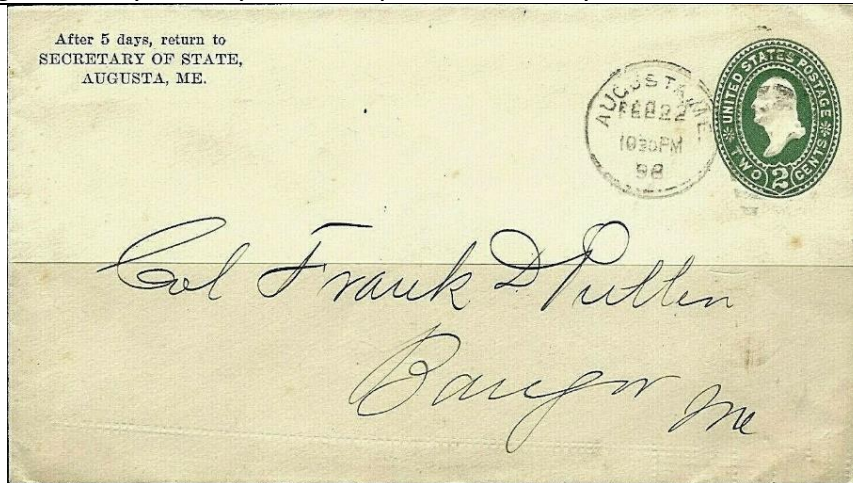


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<b>Dates:</b> 8 Mar 1878	<b>Color:</b> Rose-gray	<b>Size:</b> Legal	
<b>Office:</b> "Secretary's Office."			
<b>Notes:</b> "STATE OF MAINE", and new font used for "Secretary's Office". Return statement at left vertical edge.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of Phil Bansner's website, item#76073, June 2021.			

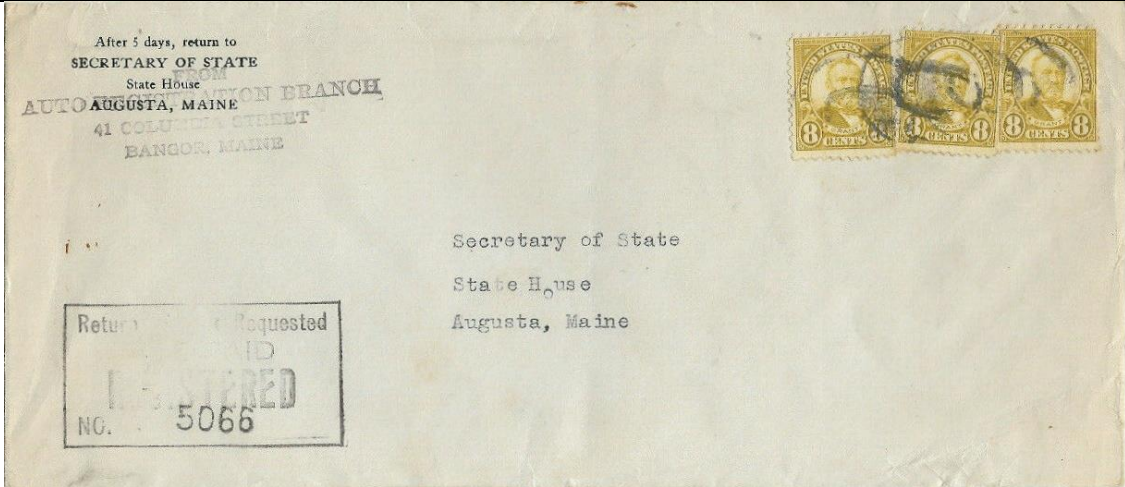


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<b>Dates:</b> 22 Feb 1898	<b>Color:</b> Blue	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "SECRETARY OF STATE,"			
<b>Notes:</b> Printed on 2 cent PSE.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller redporsche911, July 2021.			



# Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 15 Dec 1939	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "SECRETARY OF STATE / State House"			
<b>Notes:</b> With handstamp from "AUTO REGISTRATION BRANCH".			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller cantdog, June 2021.			

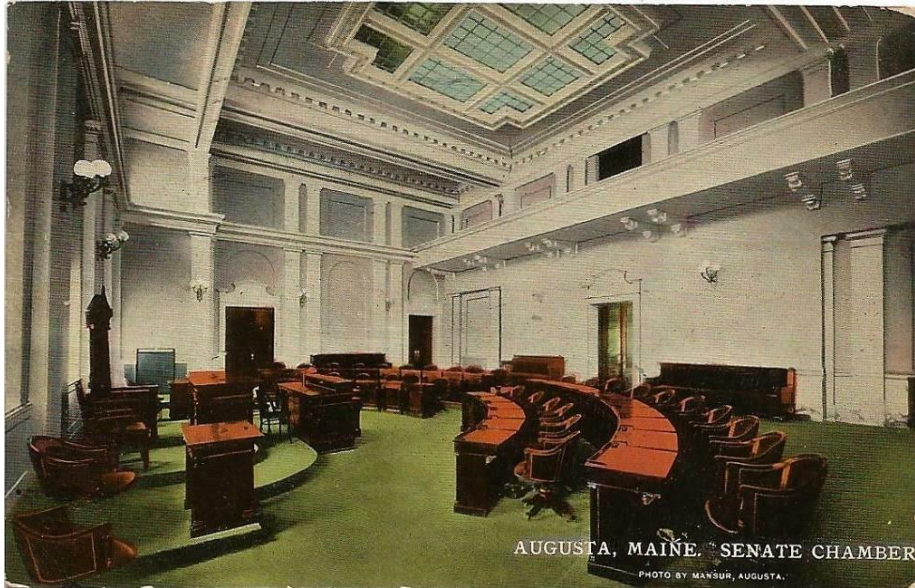




# Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

## Maine (State House) Capitol Building

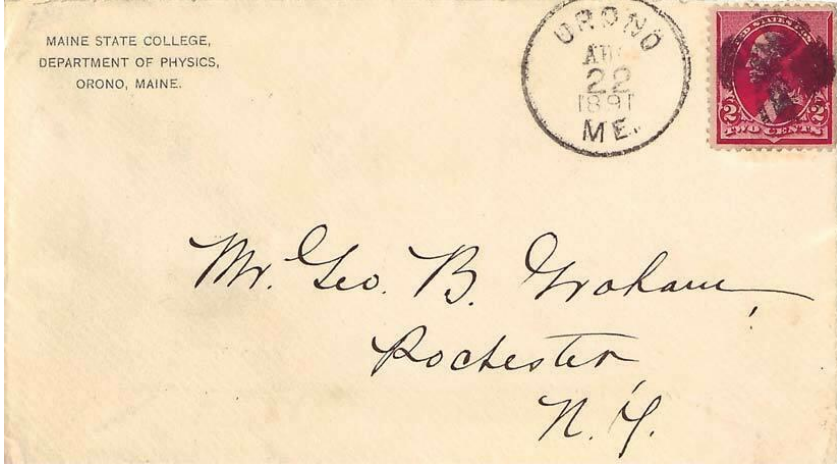
### The Senate Chamber, 1913

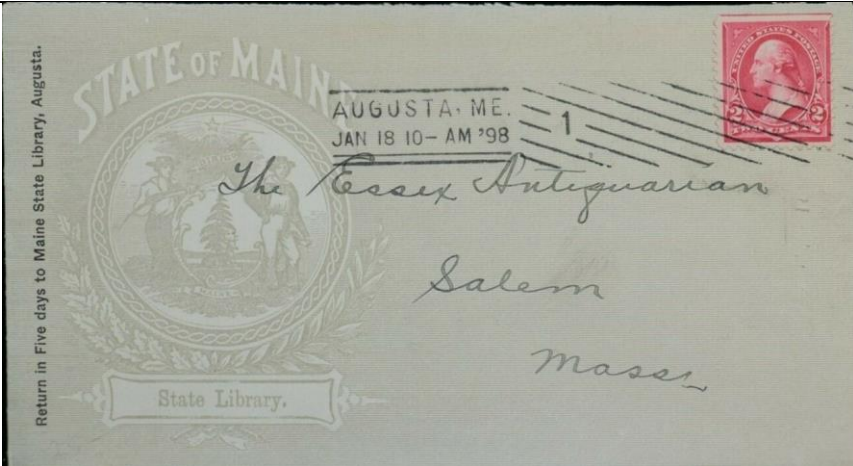


Postcard image courtesy eBay seller stemerdude, June 2021.

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<b>Dates:</b> 25 Mar 1864	<b>Color:</b> Gray	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "Senate Chamber"			
<b>Notes:</b> "State of / Maine" in center.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			

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<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Orono	<b>City:</b> Orono
<b>Dates:</b> 22 Aug 1891	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "MAINE STATE COLLEGE / DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
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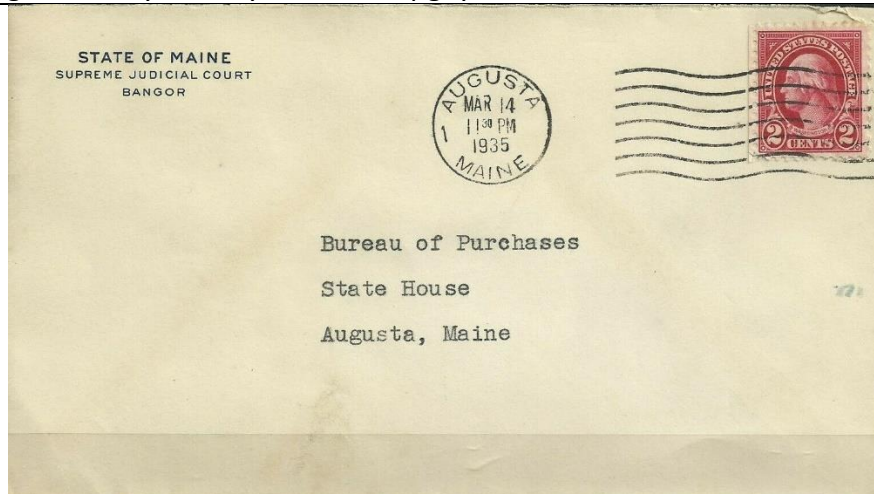
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<b>Dates:</b> 18 Jan 1898-16 May 1900	<b>Color:</b> Gray	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "State Library."			
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<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, June 2021.			
			

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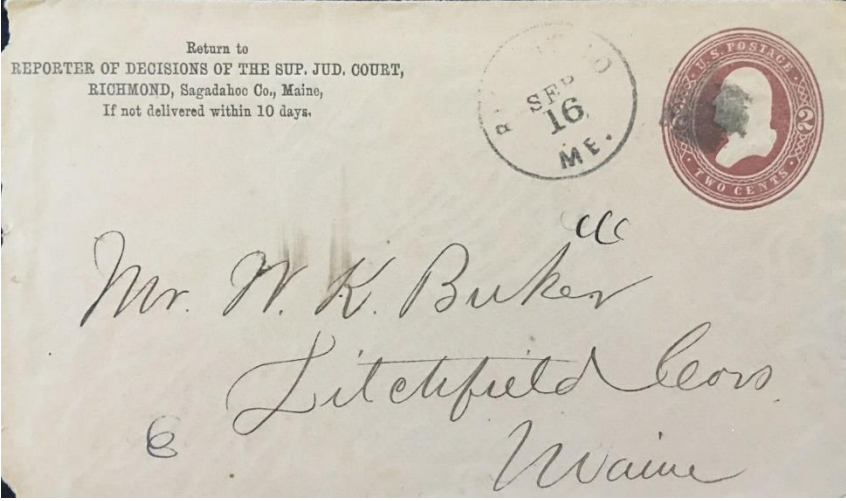
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<b>Dates:</b> 12 Nov 1890	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "State Valuation Commission"			
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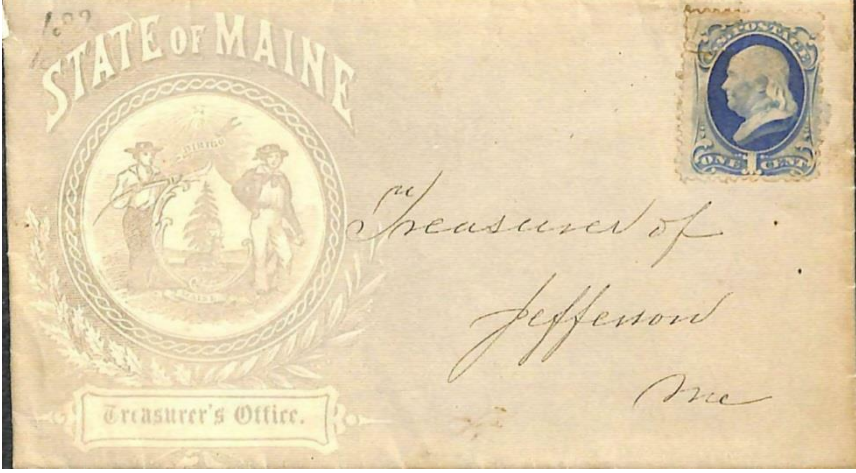


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<b>Dates:</b> 14 Mar 1935	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "STATE OF MAINE / SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT / BANGOR"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stampguy01, June 2021.			



## Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Sagadahoc	<b>City:</b> Richmond
<b>Dates:</b> 16 Sept ~1880s	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "REPORTER OF DECISIONS OF THE SUP. JUD. COURT,"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller empire_stamp_company, June 2021.			
			

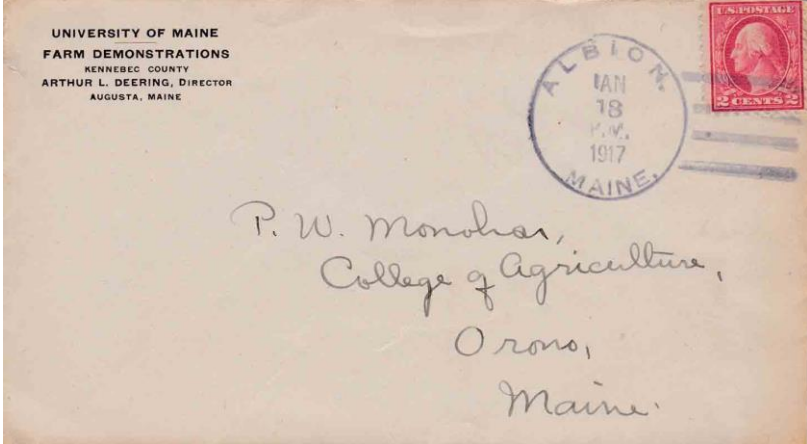
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<b>Dates:</b> ~1880s	<b>Color:</b> Gray	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
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<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

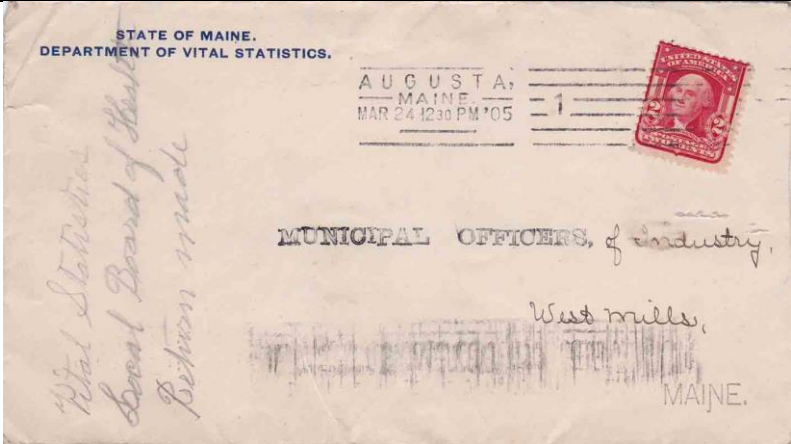
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<b>Dates:</b> ~1880s	<b>Color:</b> Gray		<b>Size:</b> Regular
<b>Office:</b> "Treasurer's Office."			
<b>Notes:</b> Return statement printed vertically at left; preprinted two lines: " <i>Treasurer of</i> " and " <i>Maine</i> ".			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 6 Oct 1893 – 6 Oct 1898	<b>Color:</b> Gray		<b>Size:</b> Regular
<b>Office:</b> "Treasurer's Office."			
<b>Notes:</b> Return statement printed vertically at left; two lines: " <i>Treasurer of</i> " and " <i>Maine</i> ", Pre-printed or maybe simply a rubber stamp.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, April 2021.			

## Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 18 Jan 1917	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "UNIVERSITY OF MAINE / FARM DEMONSTRATIONS."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of V F Thomas, Maine Postal History website, April 2021. (URL= <a href="http://www.vfthomas.com/Mainepostalhistory/KennebecCounty/Albionpostalhistoryhome.htm">http://www.vfthomas.com/Mainepostalhistory/KennebecCounty/Albionpostalhistoryhome.htm</a> )			
 <p>UNIVERSITY OF MAINE FARM DEMONSTRATIONS KENNEBEC COUNTY ARTHUR L. DEERING, DIRECTOR AUGUSTA, MAINE</p> <p>ALBION JAN 18 P.M. 1917 MAINE</p> <p>P. W. Monahan, College of Agriculture, Orono, Maine.</p>			

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 24 Mar 1905	<b>Color:</b> Blue	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "STATE OF MAINE / DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of V F Thomas, Maine Postal History website, April 2021. (URL= <a href="http://www.vfthomas.com/Mainepostalhistory/KennebecCounty/Augustapostalhistoryhome.htm">http://www.vfthomas.com/Mainepostalhistory/KennebecCounty/Augustapostalhistoryhome.htm</a> )			
 <p>STATE OF MAINE. DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS.</p> <p>AUGUSTA, MAINE MAR 24 12:30 PM '05</p> <p>MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, of Industry, West Mills, MAINE.</p> <p>Vital Statistics Local Board of Health Bibbton made</p>			

## **Part 2**

# **MAINE**

## **County & City Agencies “Official Business” Envelopes**

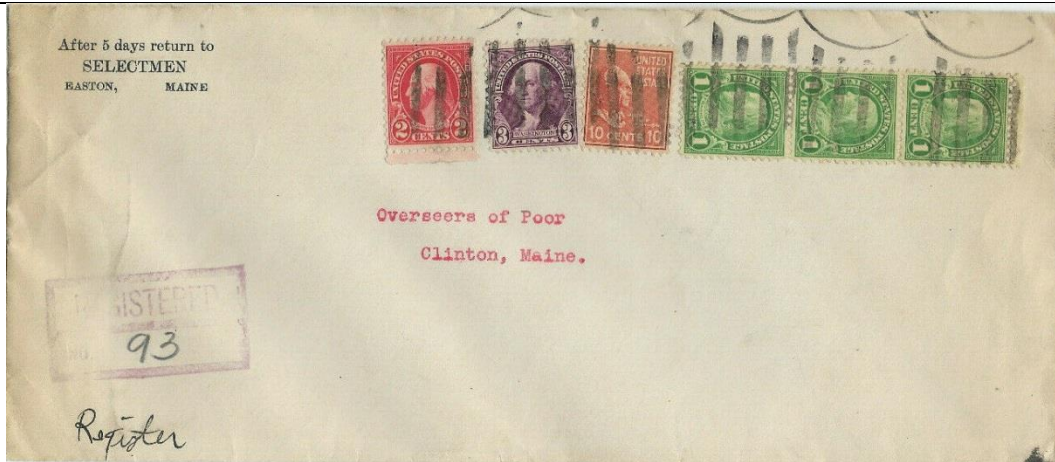
**Arranged by County and City**

# Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Androscoggin	<b>City:</b> Lewiston
<b>Dates:</b> 27 May 1901	<b>Color:</b> Red	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "Maine State Fair "			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, June 2021.			



<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Aroostook	<b>City:</b> Ashland
<b>Dates:</b> 14 Nov 1938	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Legal	
<b>Office:</b> "SELECTMEN / Easton, Maine,"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller cantdog, July 2021.			



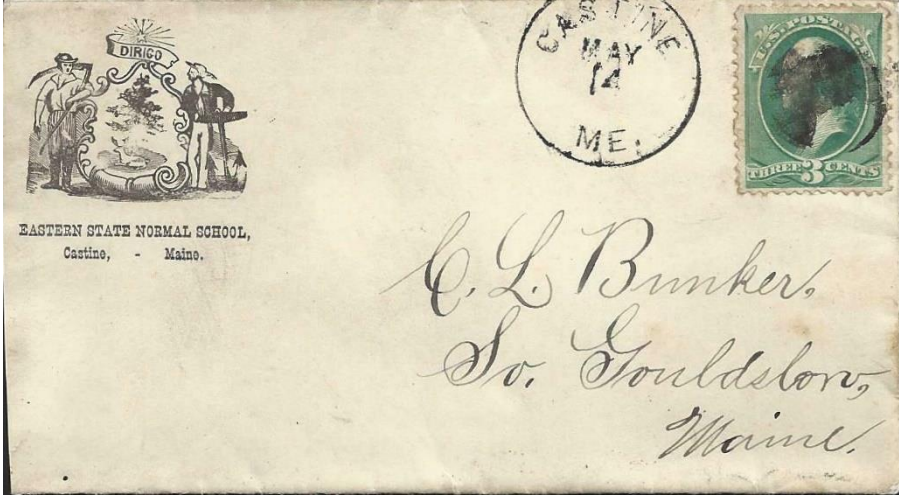



## Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Cumberland	<b>City:</b> Portland
<b>Dates:</b> 20 May 1915	<b>Color:</b> Blue	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "MAINE STATE / EXPOSITION / WOMAN'S EXHIBIT / COMMITTEE"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, June 2021.			

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Franklin	<b>City:</b> Phillips
<b>Dates:</b> ~1860s	<b>Color:</b> Black on gold	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "SEWARD DILL, / Sheriff of Franklin County,"			
<b>Notes:</b> Includes list of Sheriff deputies.			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller garykun, May 2021.			

## Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Hancock	<b>City:</b> Castine
<b>Dates:</b> 14 May ~1870s	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "EASTERN STATE NORMAL SCHOOL"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller halfmoon28a, June 2021.			
			

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Hancock	<b>City:</b> Castine
<b>Dates:</b> 14 May ~1870s	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "STATE NORMAL SCHOOL"			
<b>Notes:</b> Name is changed			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller halfmoon28a, June 2021.			
			

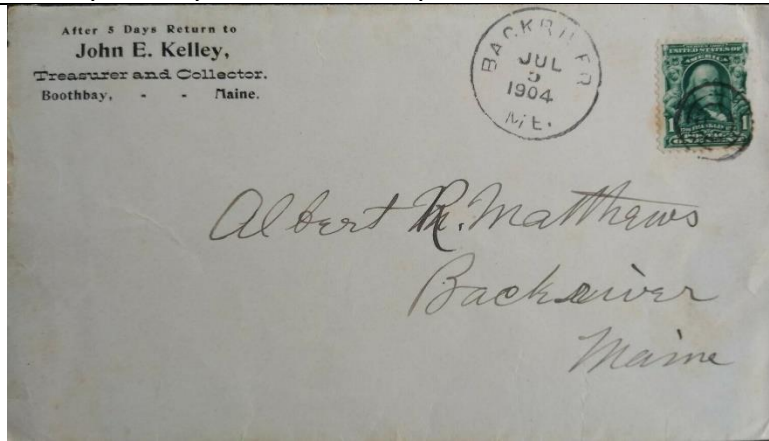
## Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Kennebec	<b>City:</b> Augusta
<b>Dates:</b> 9 May 1891	<b>Color:</b> Black on gold	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "PROBATE OFFICE,"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of V F Thomas, Maine Postal History website, April 2021. (URL= <a href="http://www.vfthomas.com/Mainepostalhistory/KennebecCounty/Augustapostalhistoryhome.htm">http://www.vfthomas.com/Mainepostalhistory/KennebecCounty/Augustapostalhistoryhome.htm</a> )			

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Knox	<b>City:</b> Rockland
<b>Dates:</b> 8 Mar 1934	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, June 2021.			

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<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Lincoln	<b>City:</b> Boothbay
<b>Dates:</b> 3 July 1904	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "JOHN E. KELLEY / Treasurer and Collector."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, June 2021.			



## Enclosure

PLEASE PRESENT THIS BILL WHEN YOU SETTLE.

**Town of Boothbay, Maine.**

*Mr. Albert R. Matthews*

Your State, County and Town Tax for the Year of 1904 is as follows:

Poll .....	\$ 300	Discount .....	\$ 96
Real Estate .....	1386		
Personal Estate .....	237		
<b>Total Tax .....</b>	<b>1923</b>	<b>Total Balance .....</b>	<b>1827</b>

Settled as above,  
*John E. Kelley* Collector.

**RATE OF TAXATION:**  
 \$19.80 on \$1000.

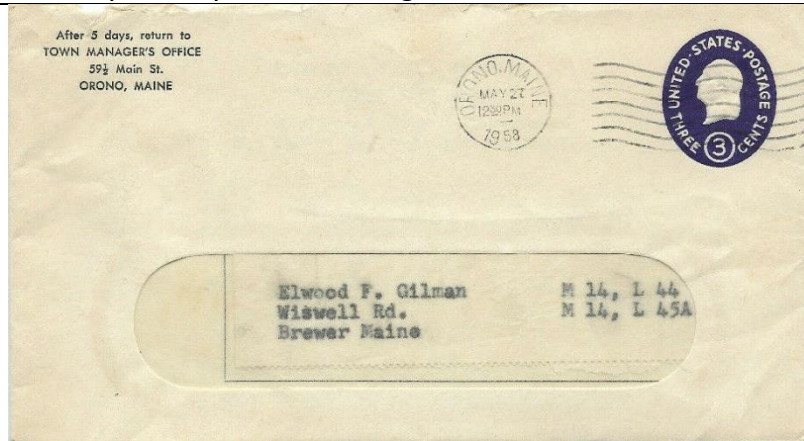
**SPECIAL NOTICE.** By a vote of the town at the last annual meeting, a discount will be allowed those who voluntarily pay their taxes to the Treasurer, as follows:  
 If paid on or before Aug. 15, 5 per cent; Nov. 1, 3 per cent Dec. 1, 2 per cent.

And all taxes remaining unpaid on the 15th day of December, 1904, the collector shall proceed to collect according to the Statute made and provided.

JOHN E. KELLEY, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

# Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Orono	<b>City:</b> Orono
<b>Dates:</b> 27 May 1958	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller cantdog, June 2021.			



## Enclosure

Dear Taxpayer:  
The Town of Orono is desirous of having a snapshot of all of the homes in Orono for use on its property valuation cards. We presently have many of them, however, our files do not include most of the newer homes nor some of the older ones.  
We are trying to obtain the number of the Book and Page in which deeds to Orono properties are recorded in the Penobscot Registry of Deeds in Bangor.  
If you have not already given us a snapshot of your property or the reference to your deed, we would greatly appreciate your sending these to us or bringing them in to our office.  
Thank you

Very truly yours  
Orono, Board of Assessors

**Town of Orono, Maine**  
**TAX BILL FOR 1958**  
Rate of Taxation: \$33.00 Per \$1,000 Valuation  
**YOUR COUNTY AND TOWN TAX FOR 1958 IS DUE**

All Property Taxes are due and payable on or before the first day of June, 1958 and interest at the rate of 6% will be charged on all Taxes not paid before September 1, 1958.  
The Collector's sworn duty is to collect all taxes, interest, etc., and he has no authority to change an assessment or reduce or exempt any tax. If the tax remains unpaid after eight months from date of commitment, action of debt will be brought by the collector of said tax against the person to whom the tax is assessed.


TAXPAYER'S NAME & ADDRESS	ASSESSOR'S MAP			TAXES		TOTAL
	SHEET	SEC.	LOT	REAL ESTATE	PERSONAL	
Elwood F. Gilman Wiswell Rd. Brewer Maine	M 14,	L 44		2.75	2.16	4.91
	M 14,	L 45A		64.17	66.93	66.93

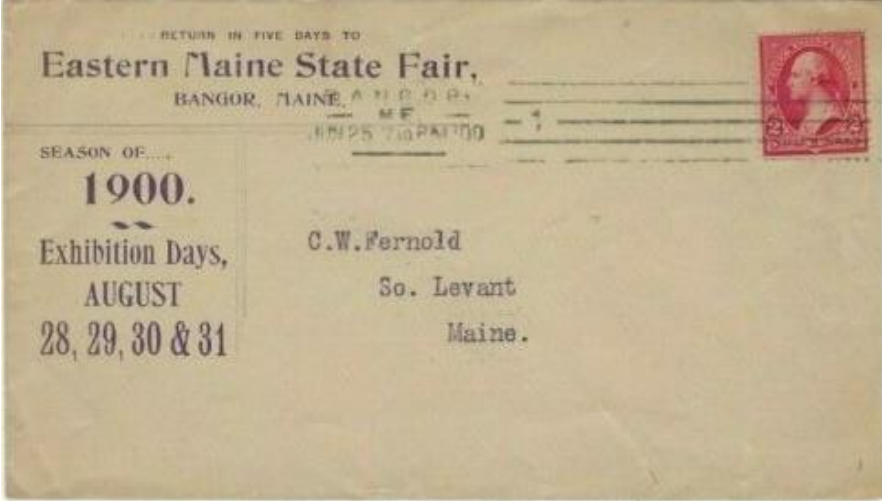
Received Payment ..... 195  
Thank You.  
**RONALD W. CLIFFORD, Collector**

**ASSESSORS**  
Spofford H. Kimball, A. K. Gardner, Basil D. Eaton,  
Elmer M. Sewall, Donald H. DeGrasse  
Payments may be made either by mail or at the Town Office

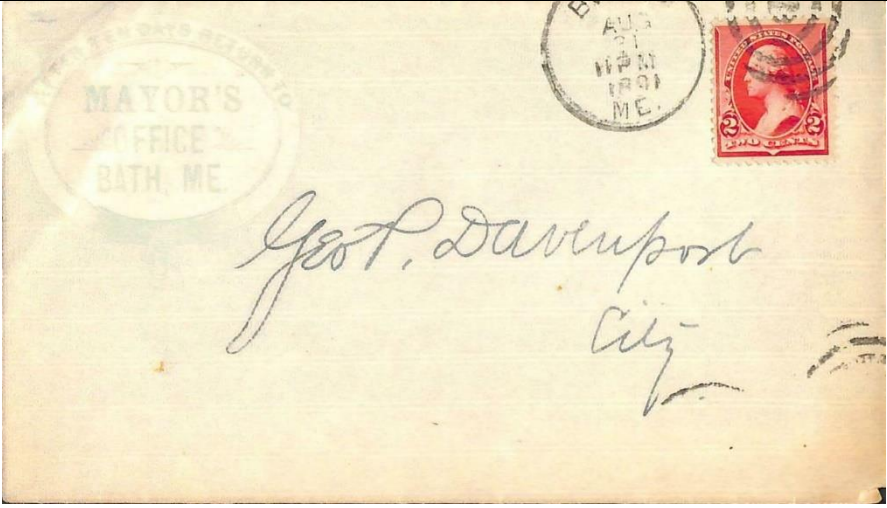
Bring This Bill With You Or Mail Stamped Envelope For Receipt  
PENOBSCOT TOWNS, OLD TOWN, MAINE

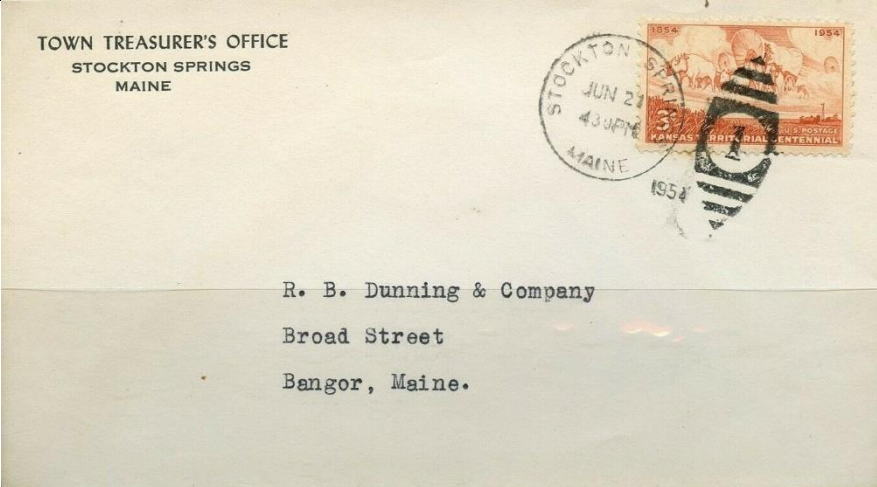
## Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Penobscot	<b>City:</b> Bangor
<b>Dates:</b> 2 Aug 1892-8 Sep 1898	<b>Color:</b> Gold	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "CITY OF BANGOR / City Clerk's Office."			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller cantdog, June 2021.			
			

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Penobscot	<b>City:</b> Bangor
<b>Dates:</b> 25 June 1900	<b>Color:</b> Purple	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "Eastern Maine State Fair"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller goodcovers1, June 2021.			
			

## Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Sagadahoc	<b>City:</b> Bath
<b>Dates:</b> 21 Aug 1891	<b>Color:</b> Pale yellow	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "MAYOR'S / OFFICE / BATH, ME"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

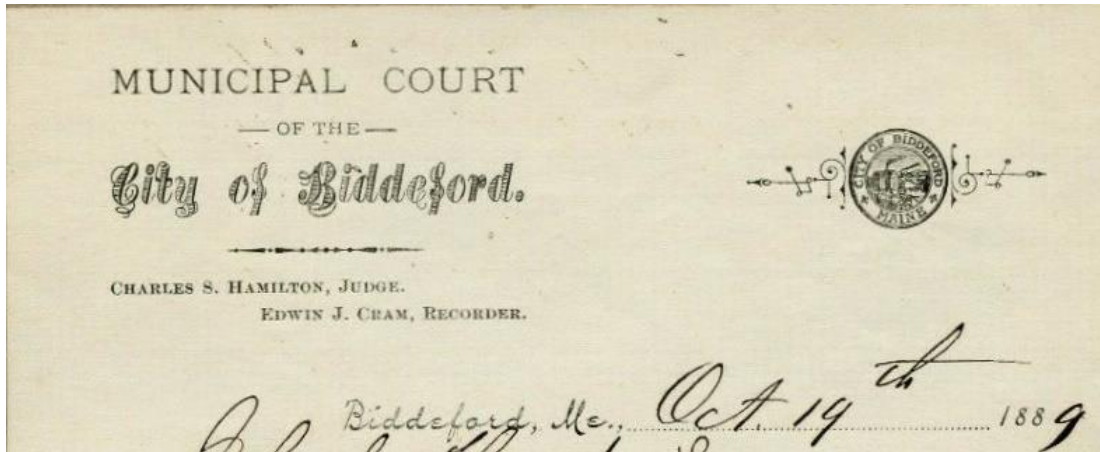
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<b>Dates:</b> 21 June 1954	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "TOWN TREASURER'S OFFICE,"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller kwacz, June 2021.			
			

# Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> York	<b>City:</b> Biddeford
<b>Dates:</b> 19 Oct ~1880s	<b>Color:</b> Pale green	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "MUNICIPAL COURT / CITY OF BIDDEFORD. OFFICE,"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller 920bas, June 2021.			



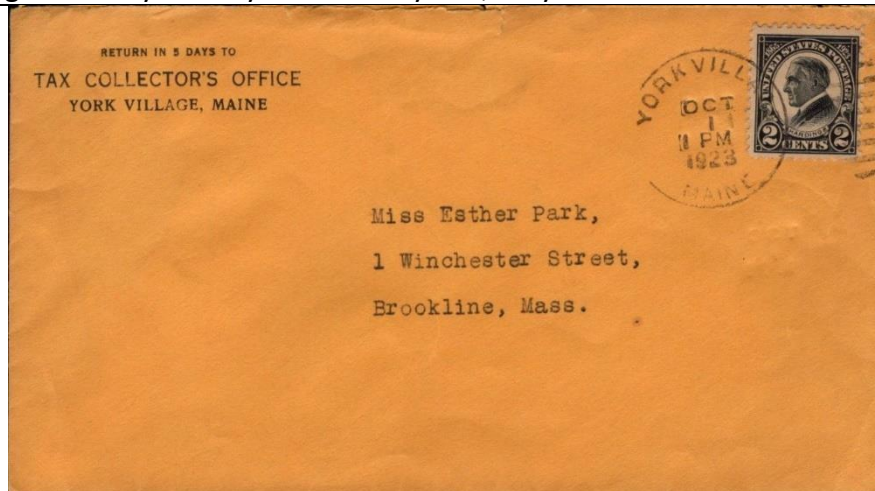
Enclosure – Letterhead





## Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Waldo	<b>City:</b> York Village
<b>Dates:</b> 1 Oct 1923	<b>Color:</b> Black on gold	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller brainyeros, May 2021.			



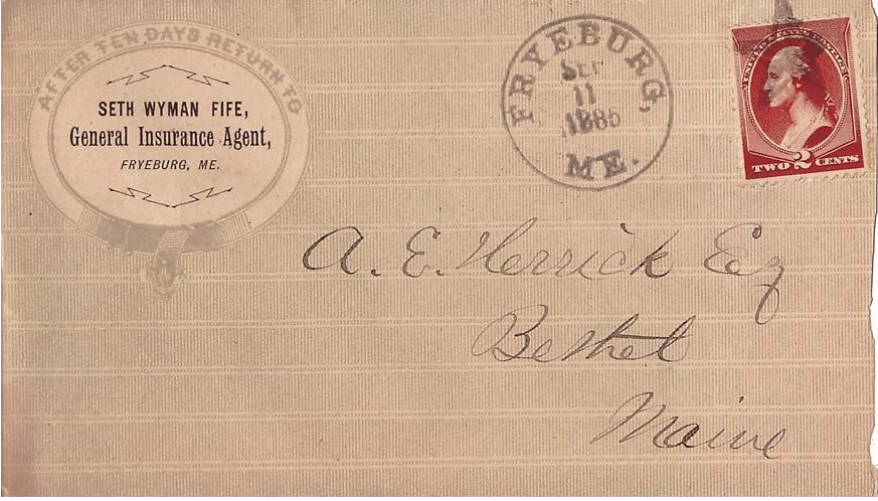
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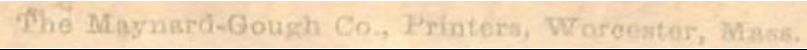
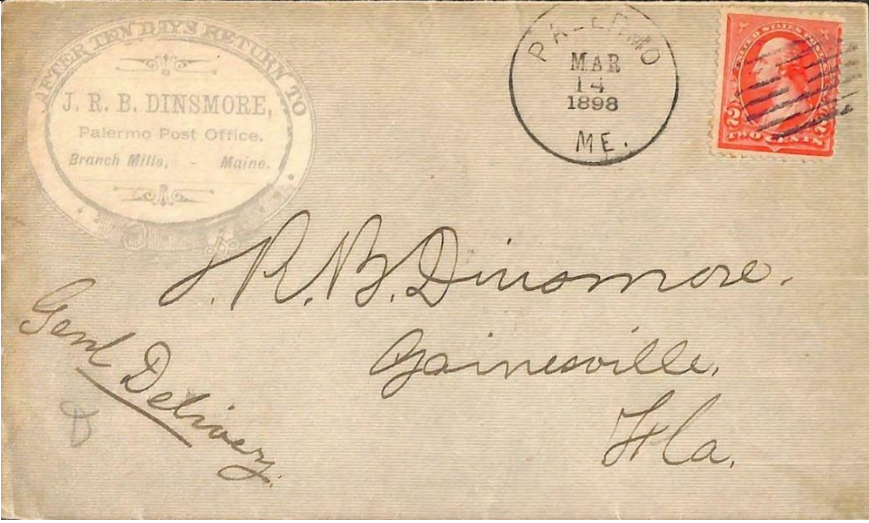
# **MAINE**

## **Private Business’s Using designs similar to the “Official Business” Envelopes**

**Arranged by County and City**

## Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Oxford	<b>City:</b> Fryeburg
<b>Dates:</b> 11 Sept 1886	<b>Color:</b> Brown	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "SETH WYMAN FIFE, General Insurance Agent,"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, June 2021.			
			

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Waldo	<b>City:</b> Branch Mills
<b>Dates:</b> 11 Sept 1886	<b>Color:</b> Brown	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "SETH WYMAN FIFE, General Insurance Agent,"			
<b>Notes:</b> Printers imprint on flap: "The Maynard-Gough Co., Printers, Worcester, Mass."			
			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, June 2021.			
			

# **Part 4**

# **MAINE**

## **Federal Department & Agency Envelopes**

## **Used within the State**

**Arranged by County and City**

## Maine: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

<b>ID:</b>	<b>State:</b> Maine	<b>County:</b> Unknown	<b>City:</b> Unknown
<b>Dates:</b> ~1880s	<b>Color:</b> Black	<b>Size:</b> Regular	
<b>Office:</b> "United States Internal Revenue, / Collector's Office, 4th District, Maine"			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Source:</b> Image courtesy of eBay seller paperhistory, June 2021.			
