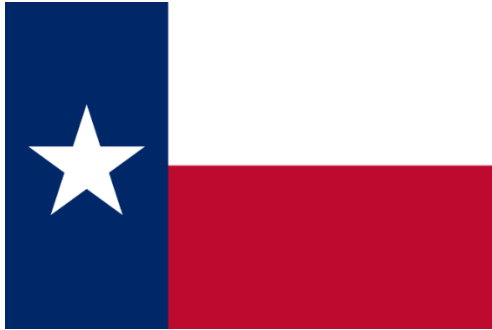


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Illustrated Covers

Courthouse

County Departmental Offices

1860 - 1920

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TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

INTRODUCTION

The present monograph should be considered as a “working paper in progress” rather than a complete study of the subject of illustrated envelopes used by the state and county departments which are represented by the monograph.

The compiler has collected the envelopes of this type for the many state departmental offices and county departmental offices which were used in Texas for much of the past decade. When similar covers were encountered from other states, primarily in eBay listings, an effort was made to “harvest” the images of these covers, and these were then preserved for some future use. A related series of similar studies is being prepared. The covers which appear here are primarily from my personal collection, but some are from the archives of “harvested” covers. Credit to the source is given in those instances where I properly recorded where I found it.

These covers were printed and distributed and sold by several different printing companies. The most prolific of these was **Clarke & Coates**, located in Galveston, Texas, which later used the imprint of **Robert Clarke & Co.**, also located in Galveston.

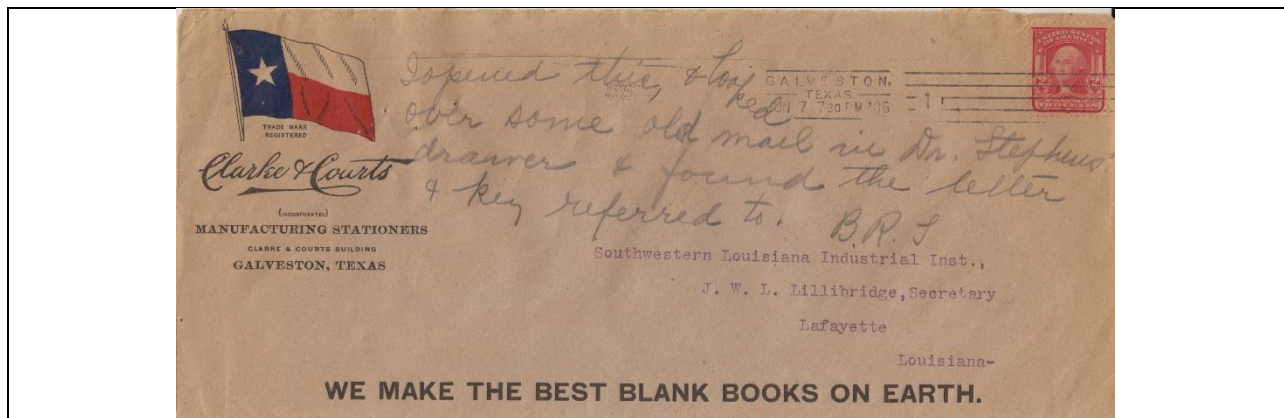


Figure 1. An illustrated cover from Clarke & Coates Stationers, dated June 7, 1906. Clarke & Coates was a major supplier of the illustrated envelopes used by many Texas county courthouse offices and departments. Image at 75%. Author’s collection

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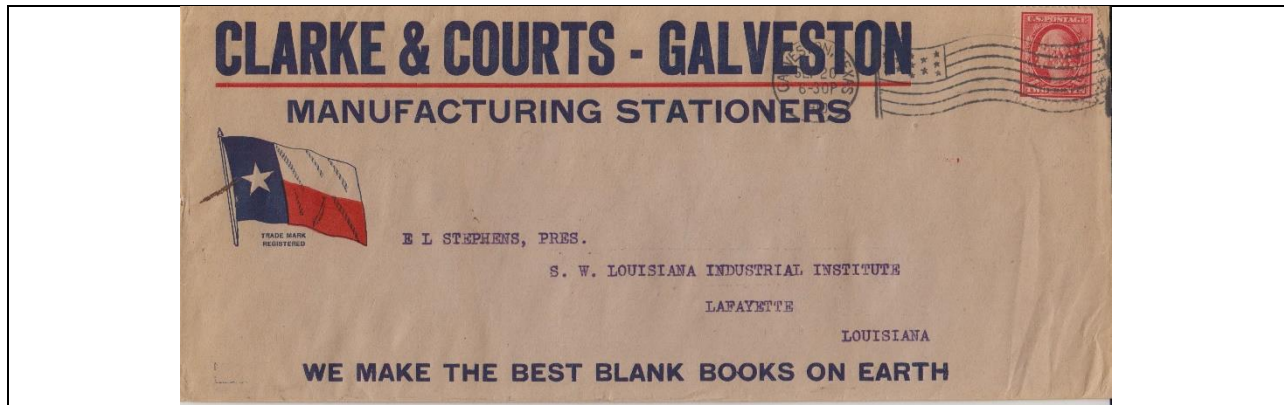


Figure 2. Another illustrated cover from Clarke & Coates Stationers, dated Sept 20, 1910. Image at 75%. Author's collection.

A small number of these covers have been seen with an imprint of **Geo. D. Barnard & Co., St. Louis, Mo.**



Figure 3. An illustrated envelope used by the George D. Barnard Stationery Company of St. Louis, with an illustration of the company headquarters on the reverse. Image from eBay.

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The basic design used for most of the Texas courthouse covers consisted of a five-pointed shaded star in the center of the envelope, which is surrounded by a wreath, and looks similar to the state seal of Texas. At the upper left corner is an ornate corner card design, which has been recorded in three basic shapes: oval, rectangular, and circular. There appear to be many different variations of the oval design, especially in the lettering used in the "AFTER TEN DAYS RETURN TO" printed statement at the top of the oval. The corner typically includes the official's name, office, county, and post office name, but there is no apparent pattern for the layout of these elements, and a wide variety of font types and arrangement of the words have been encountered. It appears that the printer's catalog which would have been used to place the order must have given the customer considerable flexibility in choosing how he wanted his information to appear.

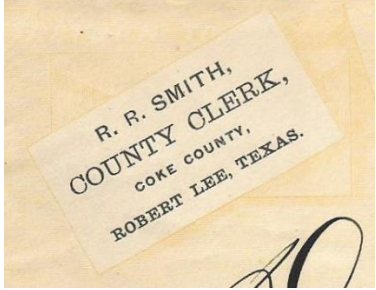

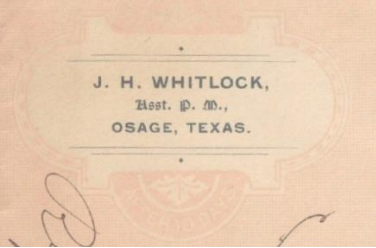

A preliminary summary of the different styles of corners are shown in the tables on the accompanying pages. No effort has been made at present to try and make a detailed classification of the corner card designs.

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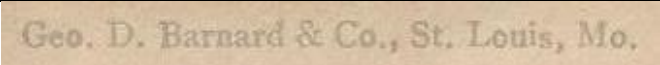
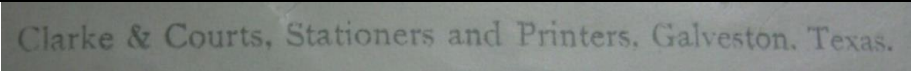
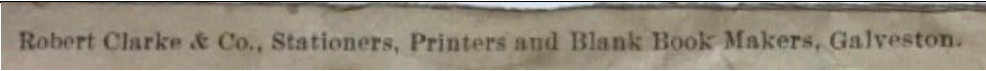
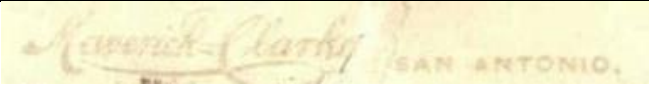
Table 1 Oval Corner Card designs			
Type	Dates	Imprint	Design
Oval1 Thick Letters in Oval		Barn1	
Oval2 Thin Letters in Oval	- 1932		
Oval3 Thin Letters in Oval - Tail on "N" and "R"			
Oval4 No shading bottom left ring		Barn1	

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Table 2
Box Corner Card Designs

Type	Dates	Imprint	Design
<p>Box1</p> <p>Star in Wreath</p>			
<p>Box2</p> <p>Floral</p> <p>Both with Wreath & Star</p> <p>and No Wreath & Star</p>			
<p>Box 3</p>			
<p>Box 4</p> <p>No floral design</p>			

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Table 2 Stationer's Imprints on Reverse		
Type	Dates	Imprint
Barn1	1887 - 1898	
C&C1	1892-1912	
Clark1	1894	
MC1	1900s	

The covers are organized alphabetically by county. In most instances, the location of the office is at the county seat and courthouse. An exception is found occasionally for covers from an office of the Justice of the Peace or County Commissioner, which list a town name other than the county seat. Within the county, the covers are organized by name of the office, and then chronologically when multiple examples are present with slightly different text layouts.

Each cover illustrated will have a header section with the following information provided.

ID:	State:	County:	City:
Dates:		Color:	Size:
Office:			
Notes:			
Source:			

The fields are generally self-explanatory, but some comments are in order.

- a.) The **ID:** field is reserved for future use should it become practical to assign some form of classification to the different types of covers.
- b.) The entry in the **Dates:** field will generally be limited to the year, and when two identical covers are known from different years, a range may be provided.
- c.) The **Size:** field will be provided in inches, i.e., 6.25" x 3.75", when the actual cover can be examined, but more often will be noted as "Small", "Regular (appears to be

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equivalent to the current No. 6 size envelope, which is 6.5" x 3.675" size), or "Large" (equivalent to our current legal size No. 10 envelopes).

- d.) The **Color:** field will be approximate, as many colors seen online are not truly representative.
- e.) The **Office:** field will include the name of the departmental office as it appears on the envelope. As the departmental name may change over time, covers with alternative departmental names (or office holder's names) will generally be included following the earliest version of the department name.
- f.) The **Notes:** field will include information about the printer's imprint, when present. If not mentioned, there was no imprint, or the reverse of the cover was not available

Only the front of the covers will be included in the illustrations unless there is some significant postal history element on the reverse. When the cover included contents related to the purpose of the cover and office, the contents, or at least the illustrated part of the letterhead is also shown.

The original intention was to limit the scope of these monographs to those with the conventional all-over illustrations. Several of the Texas counties apparently chose to have local printers prepare illustrated envelopes with the design of the county courthouse, and after some reflection, it was decided to include these covers as well. In a few instances, a cover from a county office with only the standard return corner card has been included. These were added when their presence might be helpful to identify the timeframe for the transition from the use of the all-over illustrated covers to another format, or in a few instances, simply because they were available.

A few of these covers also included the original contents. When the contents were related to the departmental office, and included illustrated stationery or designs, they were also included.

A few covers with these designs have been encountered which were printed for use by private individuals or businesses, usually a law firm or land/real estate agency. These are included in the **Appendix A** at the end of the monograph.

A second monograph has been prepared for similar illustrated covers used by officials in the various departments of the Texas state government located in Austin, Texas. This study is also available from the author upon request.

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The compiler is open to suggestions as to other data that might be collected and included in these monographs. Examples of covers not shown, or used with different dates are also requested. Similar projects are underway for this type of illustrated covers from other states. It is requested that the submitted covers should be scanned at 300dpi and in the JPG format.

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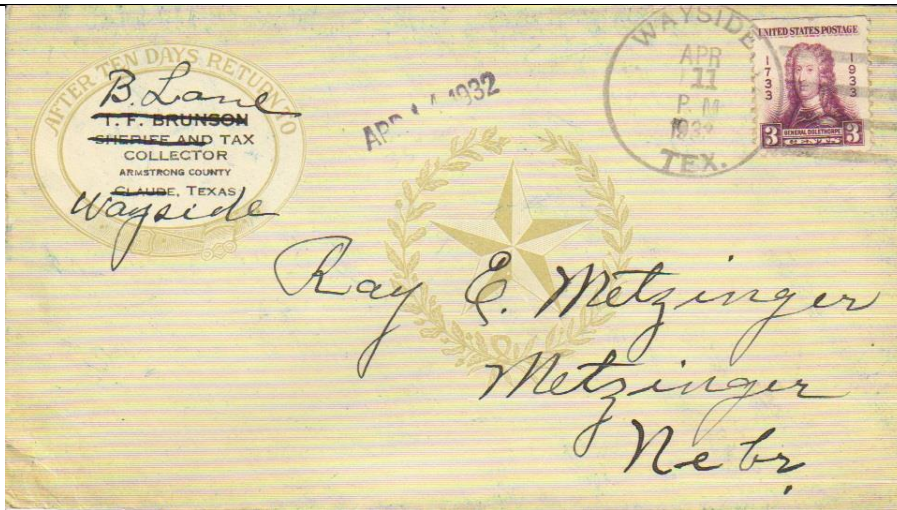
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ID:	State: TX	County: Anderson	City: Palestine
Dates: 16 Feb 1912		Color: Black	Size: ~8.0 x 4.0
Office: Bank check used by "The Treasurer of the County of Anderson".			
Notes:			
Source: Image Courtesy of ebay seller pilot-mjap, May 2021			

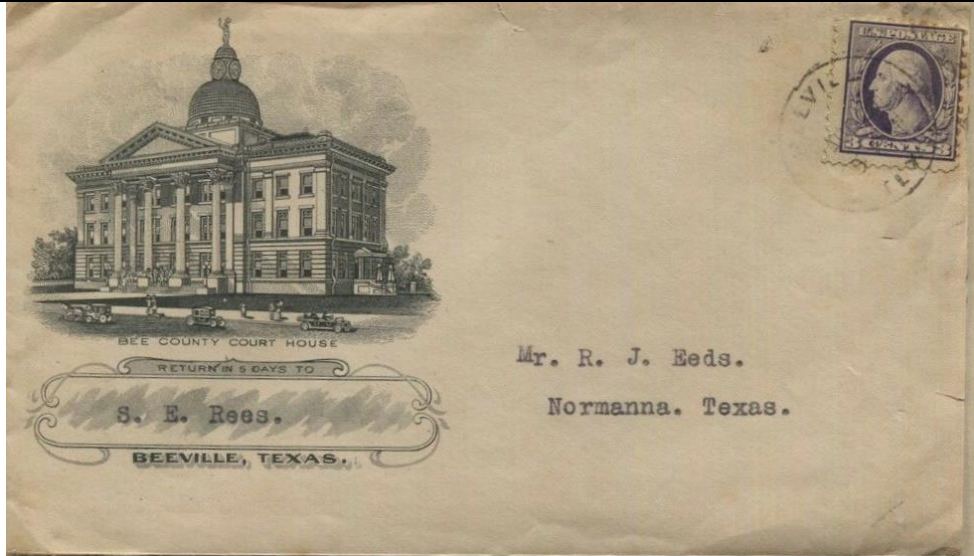


ID:	State: TX	County: Armstrong	City: Wayside
Dates: 11 Apr 1932		Color: Gold	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "T. F. Brunson/Sheriff and Tax Collector", struck out and "B. Lane" added. City changed from "CLAUDE" to "Wayside" in manuscript. Not sure if this is an official use or personal. This is the latest recorded and reported use for this type of cover.			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			

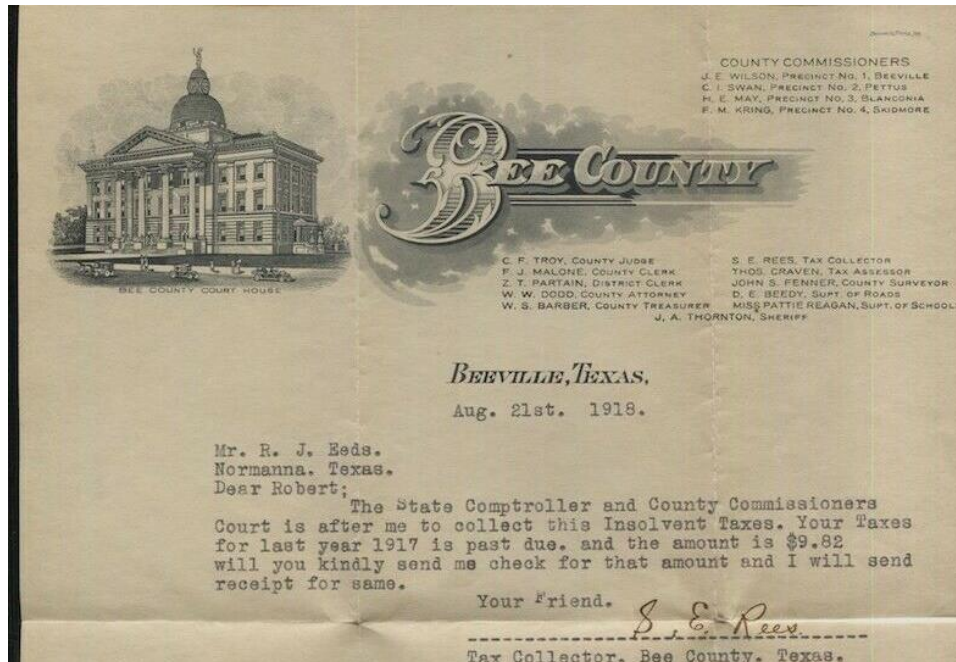


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ID:	State: TX	County: Bee	City: Beeville
Dates: 21 Aug 1918		Color: Gray-green	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "S. E. Rees" is typed in, Tax Collector.			
Notes: No office was identified, but the accompanying insert with an illustrated letterhead is from the Tax Collector.			
Source: Author's collection			



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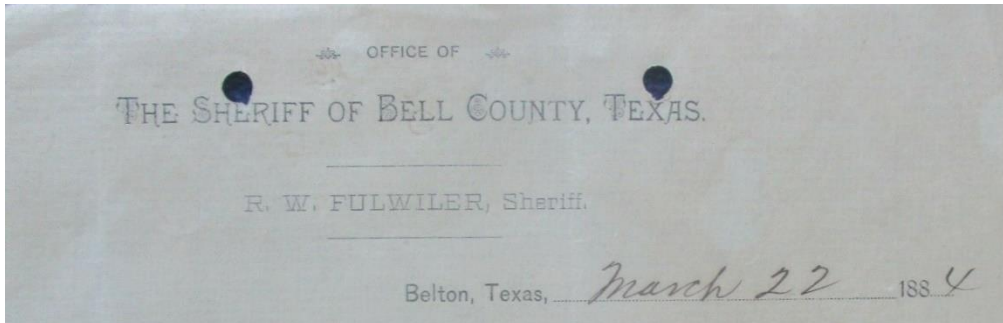


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ID:	State: TX	County: Bell	City: Bellton
Dates: 22 Mar 1884		Color: Black	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: None identified.			
Notes: Unused envelope. No office identified, but the accompanying insert was a letterhead from the Sheriff (May not have been original with the cover.)			
Source: image courtesy of eBay seller godrules60, May 2021.			



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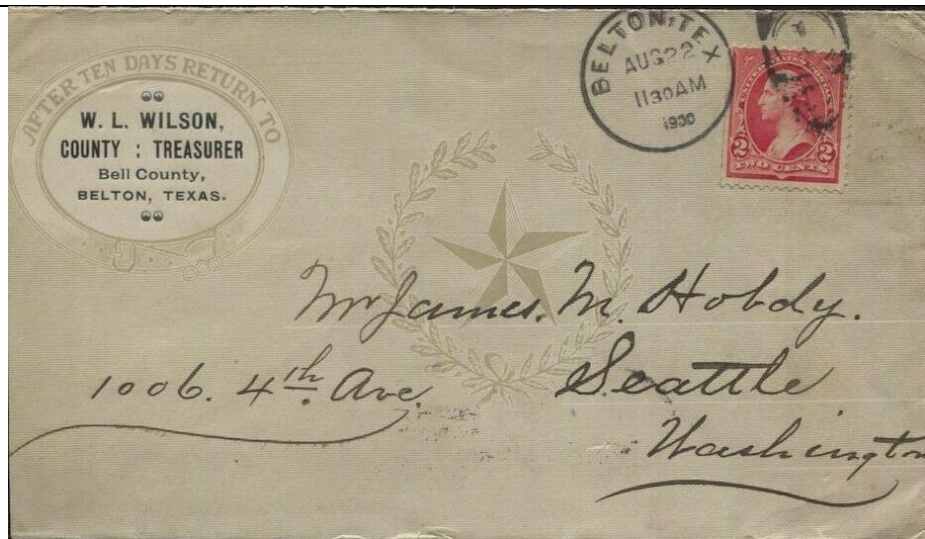


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ID:	State: TX	County: Bell	City: Belton
Dates: 2 Feb 1888		Color: Blue	Size: Legal size
Office: "S. A. SPARKS – SHERIFF".			
Notes: Envelope damaged, stamp removed. Same cut of courthouse seen in 1884 entry above.			
Source: image courtesy of unknown eBay seller, May 2021.			

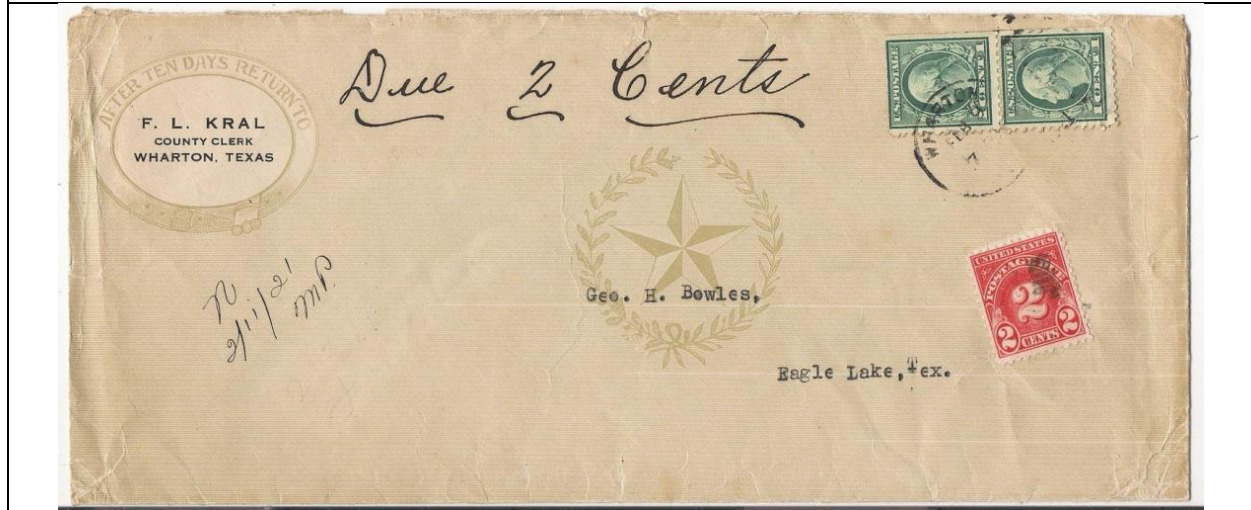


ID:	State: TX	County: Bell	City: Belton
Dates: 22 Aug 1900		Color: Gray-green	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "W. L. WILSON – COUNTY : TREASURER"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			

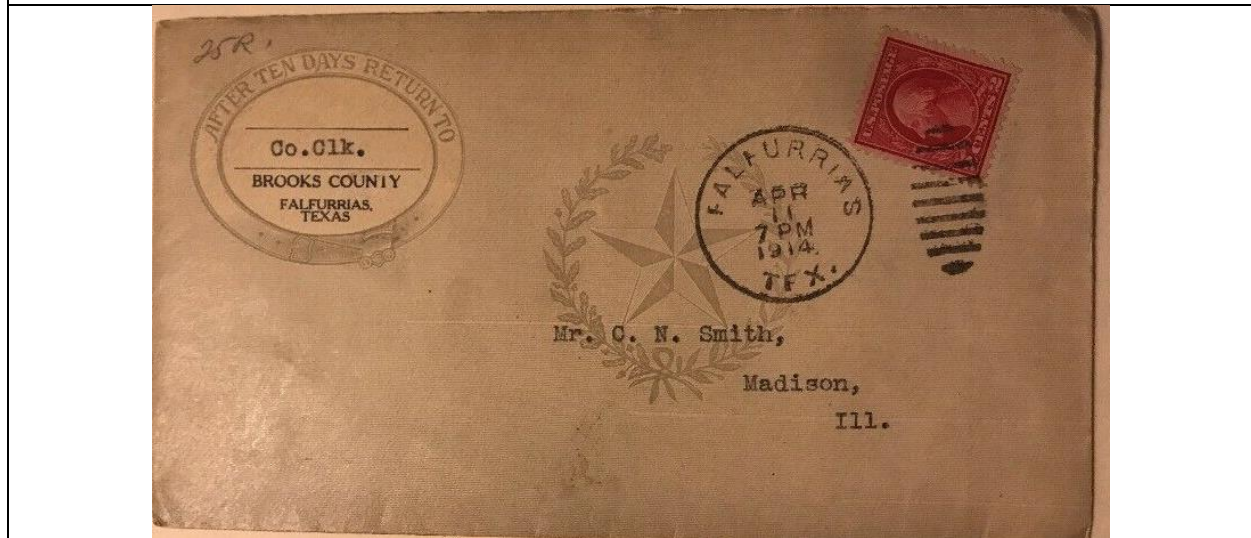


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ID:	State: TX	County: Brazoria	City: Wharton
Dates: ?? Feb 1921		Color: Gold	Size: 8.5" x 4.25"
Office: "F. L. KRAL - COUNTY CLERK", postage due			
Notes: Cover "Due 2 Cents" in manuscript, with 2 cent postage due stamp.			
Source: Unknown			

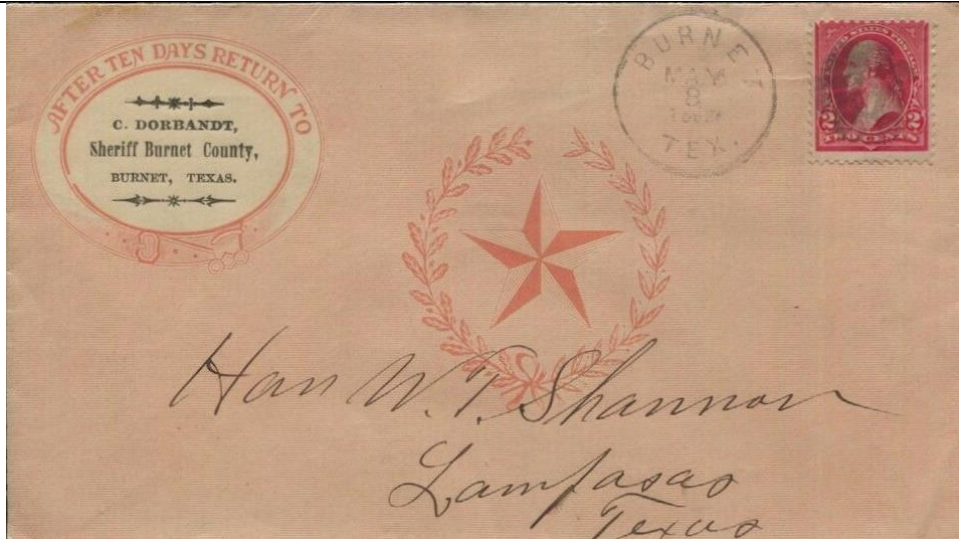


ID:	State: TX	County: Brooks	City: Falfurrias
Dates: 11 Apr 1914		Color: Gray-brown?	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "C. Clk." Added with typewriter			
Notes:			
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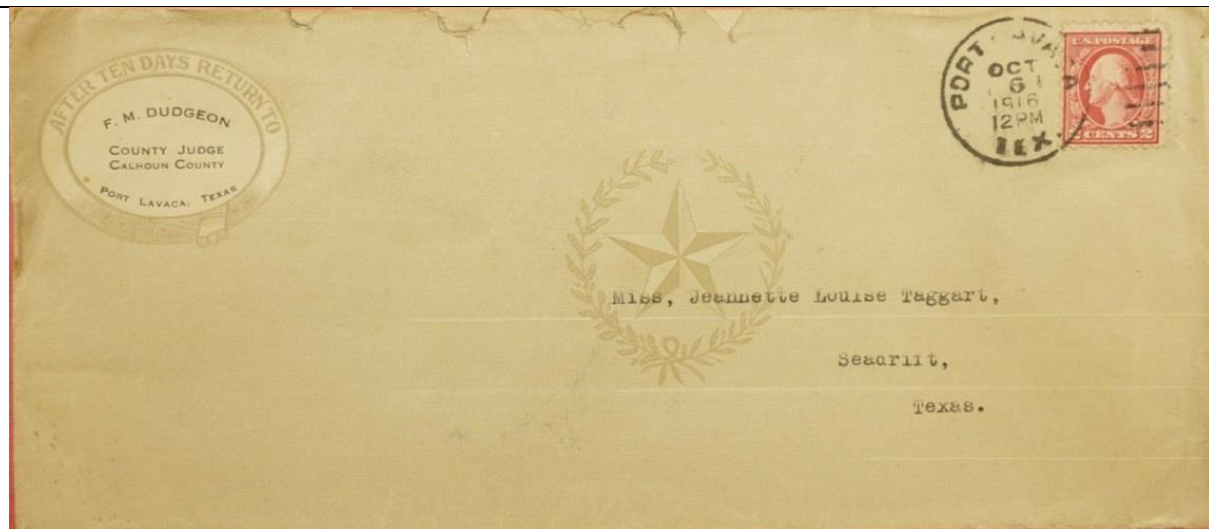


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ID:	State: TX	County: Burnet	City: Burnet
Dates: 8 May 1886		Color: Pink	Size: 8.5" x 4.25"
Office: "C. DORBANDT, - Sheriff Burnet County."			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection.			



ID:	State: TX	County: Calhoun	City: Port Lavaca
Dates: 6 Oct 1912		Color: Gray-green	Size: 9.0" x 4.25"
Office: "F. M. DUDGEON / COUNTY JUDGE"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection.			



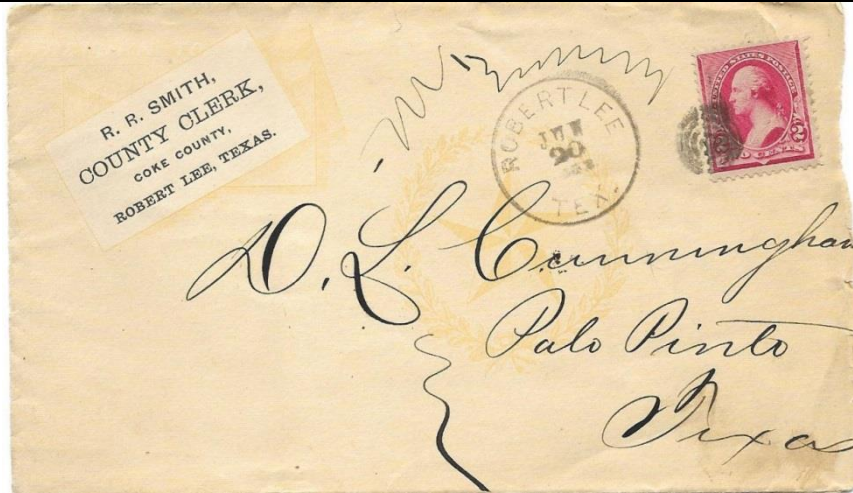
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ID:	State: TX	County: Cherokee	City: Rusk
Dates: 8 Mar 1894	Color: Green?		Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "JOHN B. REAGAN – SHERIFF"			
Notes: Printer's imprint "Robert Clarke & Co., Stationers, Printers and Blank Book Makers, Galveston."			
Source: Image courtesy eBay seller denigb5, May 2019			



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ID:	State: TX	County: Coke	City: Robert Lee
Dates: 20 June 1892		Color: Yellow	Size: 6.5" x 3.675"
Office: "R. R. SMITH – COUNTY CLERK".			
Notes: With an insert, which has a printer's imprint for "Clarke & Coates Stationers, Printers, Lithographers, Galveston".			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller pretterhofer, July 2017.			



Insert

A 189—Notice to Appear Before Board of Equalization—Class 1* Clarke & Coates, Stationers, Printers, Lithographers, Galveston.

To *Robert Lee Coke* TEXAS *June 18 1892*

To *D. L. Cunningham*

Coke You are hereby notified to be and appear before the Board of Equalization of *Robert Lee* County, Texas, to be holden in the town of *Robert Lee* in said County and State, at the Court House thereof, on *11* day of *July* A. D. 1892, then and there to show cause why the valuation of the property rendered for taxation by you for *yourself & others for the year 1892* should not be raised by said Board.

Done by order of the Commissioners' Court of *Coke* County, Texas.

WITNESS my hand officially, *June 18* A. D. 1892

R. Reinhuth County Clerk,
Coke County, Texas.

Palo Pinto

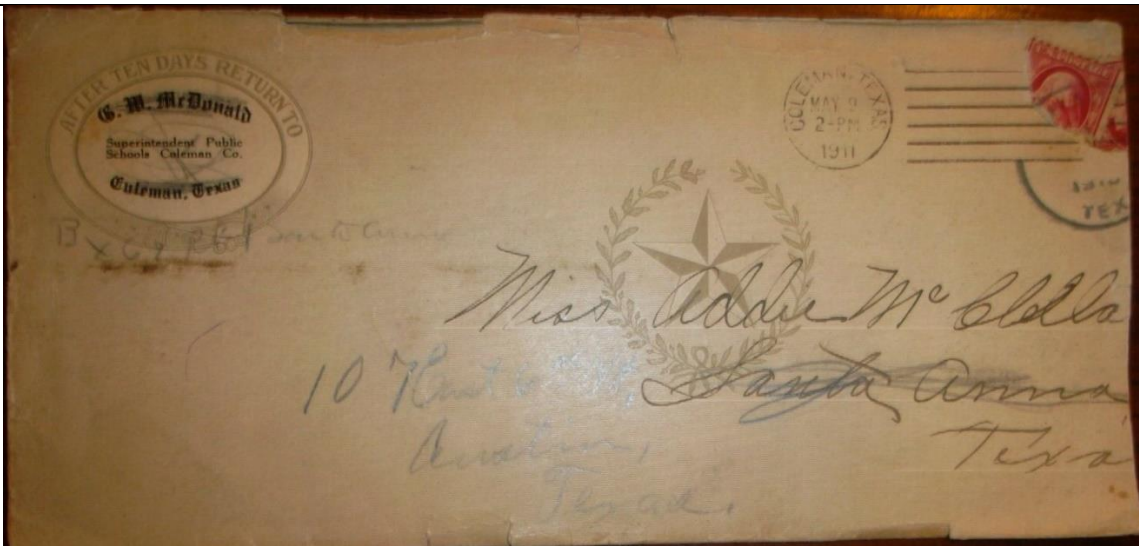
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ID:	State: TX	County: Coleman	City: Coleman
Dates: 1 Feb 1892		Color: Gray	Size: 6Regular
Office: “?? PITMAN – DISTRICT CLERK”			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy unknown eBay seller, June 2020.			

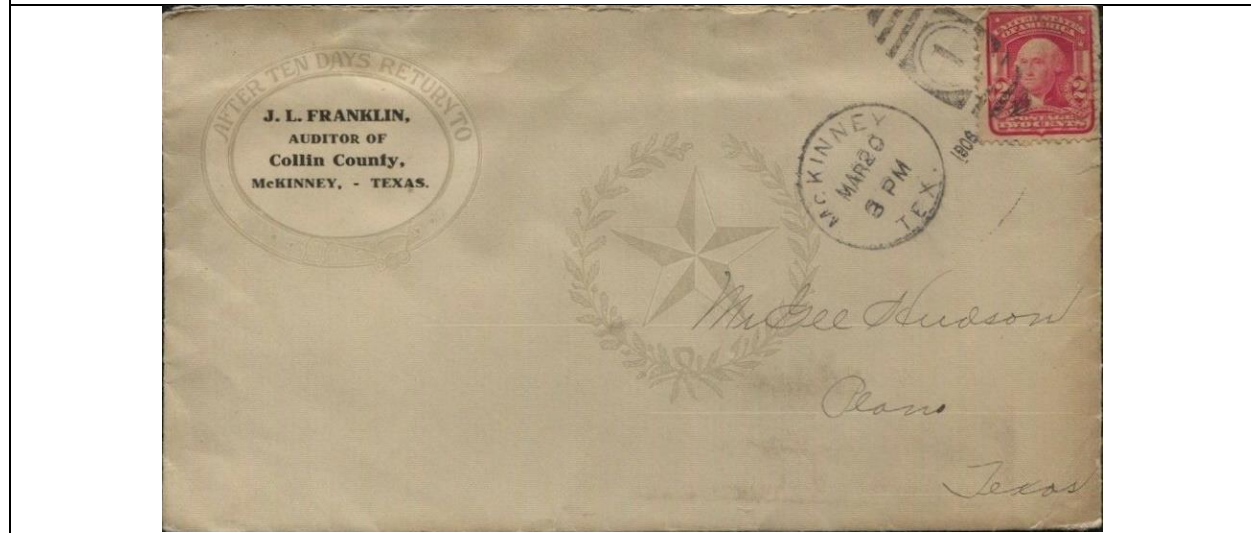


ID:	State: TX	County: Coleman	City: Coleman
Dates: 6 Oct 1912		Color: Tan	Size: 9.0" x 4.25"
Office: “G. W. McDonald – Superintendent of Public Schools”			
Notes: “G. W. McDonald” struck out in pencil.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller jackofalltrades01, May 2021			

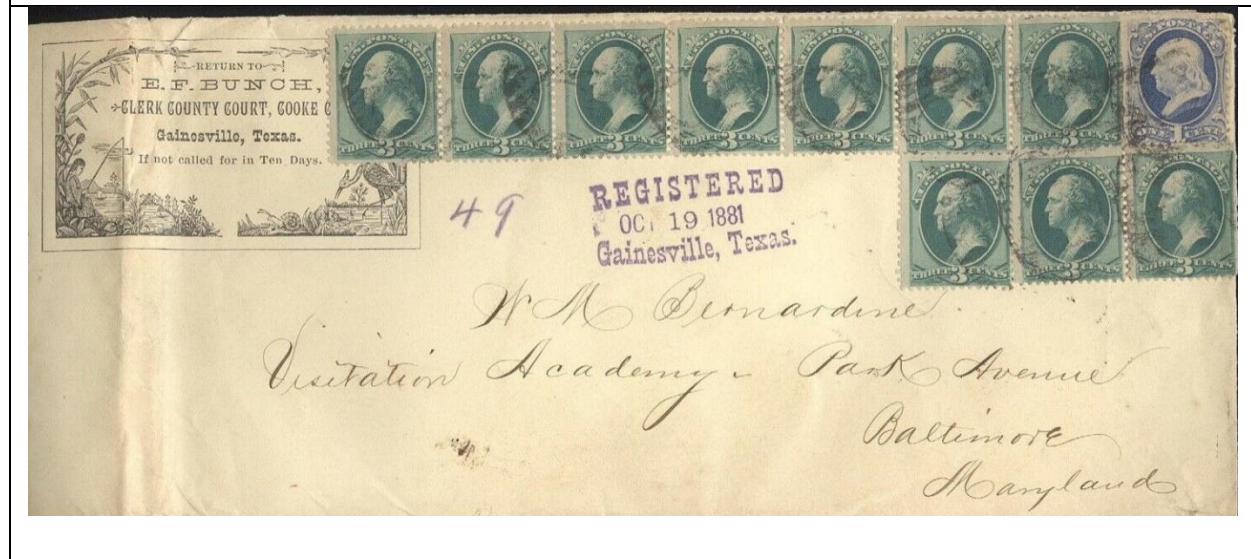


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ID:	State: TX	County: Collin	City: McKinney
Dates: 20 Mar 1906		Color: Tan	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "J. L. FRANKLIN – AUDITOR OF - Collin County"			
Notes :			
Source: Author's collection			

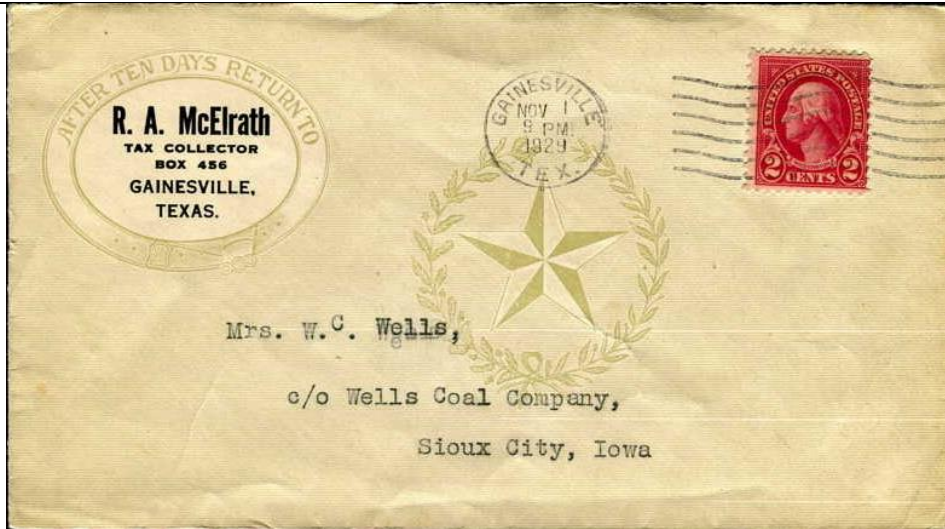


ID:	State: TX	County: Cooke	City: Gainesville
Dates: 19 Oct 1881		Color: Black on cream	Size: 9.5" x 4.0"
Office: "E. F. BUNCH – CLERK COUNTY COURT"			
Notes: Registered Use.			
Source: Author's collection.			



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ID:	State: TX	County: Cooke	City: Gainesville
Dates: 1 Nov. 1929		Color: Yellow	Size: Regular
Office: "R. A. McElrath – TAX COLLECTOR"			
Notes: Late use.			
Source: Image courtesy Downeast Auctions#302 Lot 1187.			



ID:	State: TX	County: Dallas	City: Dallas
Dates: 21 Jan 1897		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "J. H. STEWART – DISTRICT CLERK"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection.			

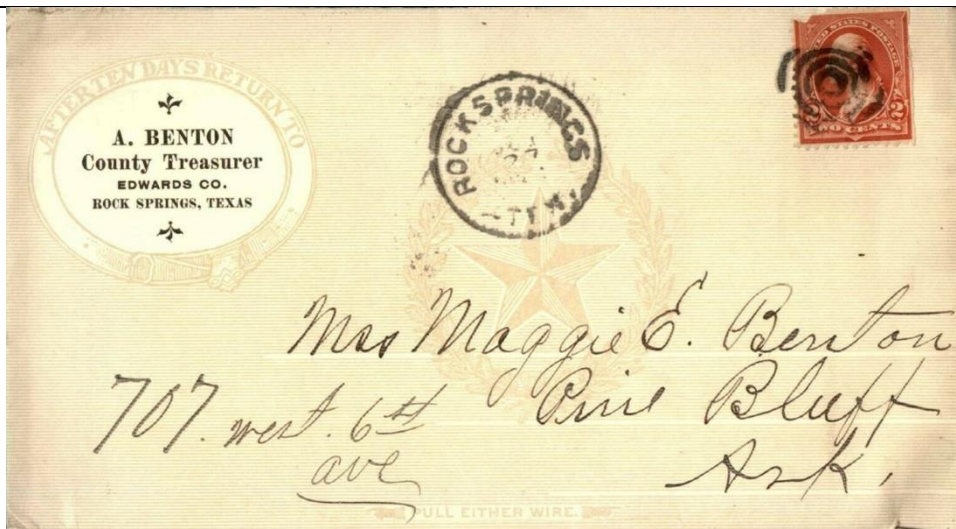


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ID:	State: TX	County: Denton	City: Denton
Dates: 26 Sept 1898		Color: Gold	Size: Regular
Office: "SAM McKELVEY – COUNTY ASSESSOR"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection.			



ID:	State: TX	County: Edwards	City: Rocksprings
Dates: 27 Oct 1902		Color: Yellow	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "A. Benton – County Treasurer"			
Notes: Printer's imprint " <i>Maverick=Clarke</i> SAN ANTONIO.". Patent envelope with "PULL EITHER WIRE" at bottom.			
Source: Author's collection.			



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ID:	State: TX	County: Ellis	City: Waxahachie
Dates: 15 Jan 1890		Color: Rose	Size: 6.25" x 3.625
Office: "JOE P. COOPER – DISTRICT CLERK"			
Notes: Clarke & Coates imprint on reverse.			
<i>Clarke & Coates Stationery and Printing Galveston Texas</i>			
Source: Author's collection			

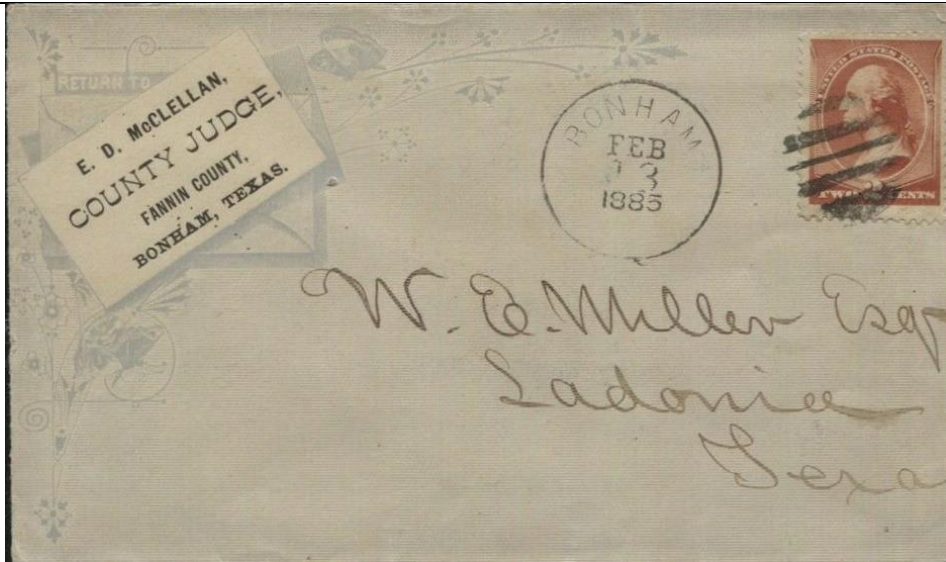


ID:	State: TX	County: Ellis	City: Waxahachie
Dates: 4 Nov. 1919		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "GEO. F. SMITH – TAX COLLECTOR"			
Notes: With "R.F.D." and "TEXAS" preprinted at bottom of envelope.			
Source: Image courtesy eBay seller trvx7, April 2015			



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ID:	State: TX	County: Fannin	City: Bonham
Dates: 13 Feb 1885	Color: Blue-gray		Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "E. D. McCLELLAN – COUNTY JUDGE"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			



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ID:	State: TX	County: Fayette	City: La Grange
Dates: 1 July 1885		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "C. H. STEINMAN – TAX ASSESSOR"			
Notes: With letterhead from contents.			
Source: Image courtesy eBay seller mrfancycancel, Jan 2021			

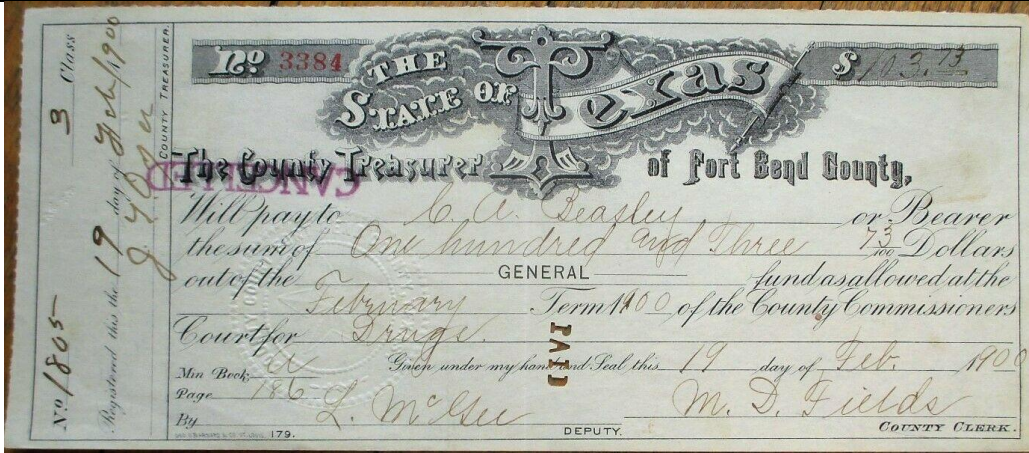


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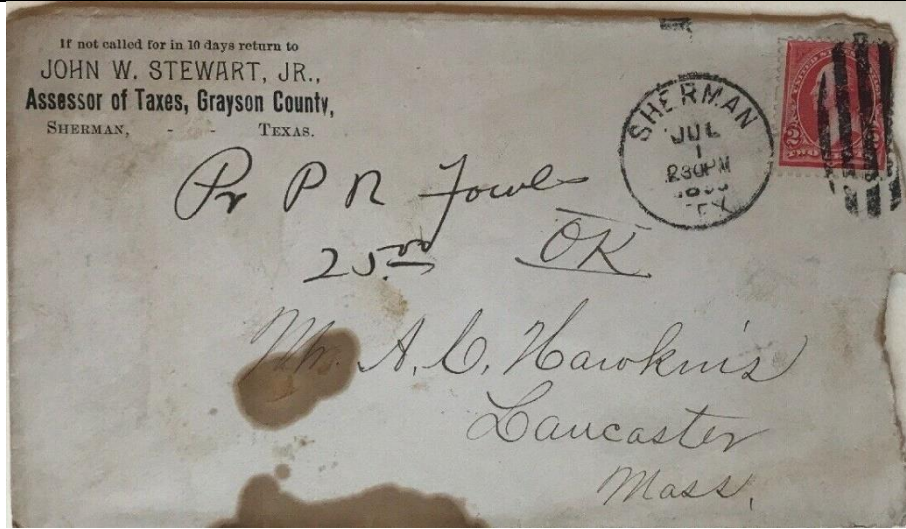
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ID:	State: TX	County: Fort Bend	City: Richmond
Dates: 2 Feb 1900		Color: Gray	Size: ~ 8.0" x 4.0"
Office: Check used by "The County Treasurer of Fort Bend County"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy eBay seller gold-coast, May 2021			



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ID:	State: TX	County: Grayson	City: Sherman
Dates: 1 July 1885		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "JOHN W. STEWART, JR. – Assessor of Taxes, Grayson County"			
Notes: Traditional corner card.			
Source: Image courtesy eBay seller calloohcalley, May 2021			



ID:	State: TX	County: Gregg	City: Longview
Dates: 2 Feb 1896		Color: Gold	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "T. E. NEWELL – County Clerk."			
Notes: Printer imprint, Geo D. Barnard & Co., St. Louis, Mo.			



Source: Author's collection

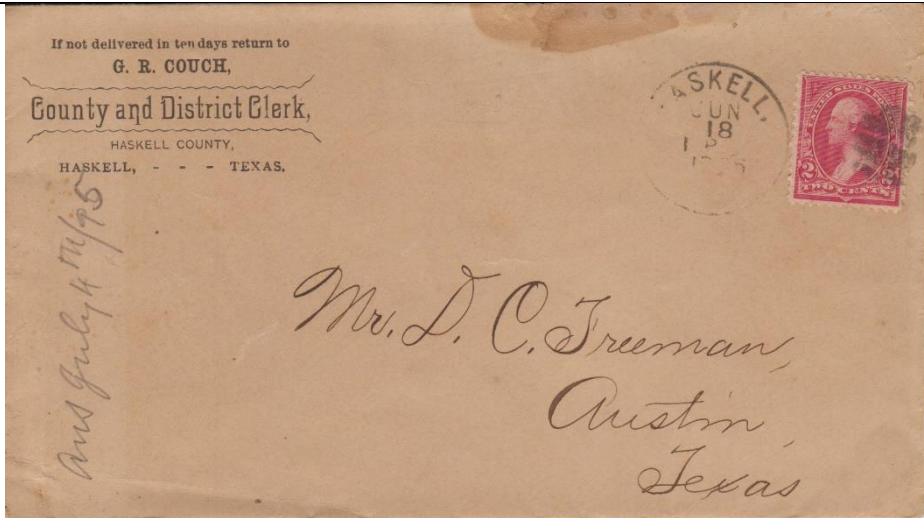


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ID:	State: TX	County: Guadalupe	City: Seguin
Dates: 4 Feb 1909		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "Wm. Fritz – COUNTY TREASURER"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller rare-attic-treasurers, Dec 2016.			



ID:	State: TX	County: Haskell	City: Haskell
Dates: 18 Jun 1895		Color: Black on Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "G. R. CROUCH – County & District Clerk".			
Notes: Traditional corner card.			
Source: Author's collection			

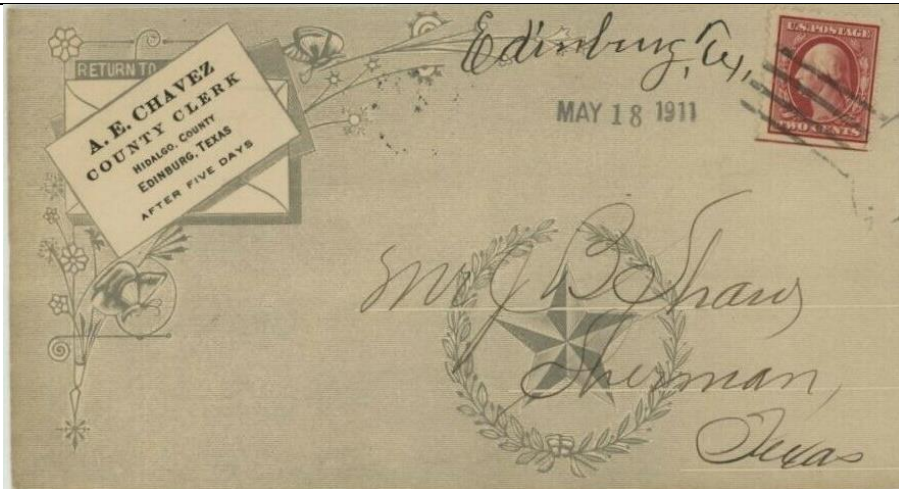


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ID:	State: TX	County: Henderson	City: Athens
Dates: 4 Jan 1908		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "JEROME DAVIS – COUNTY TREASURER".			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			

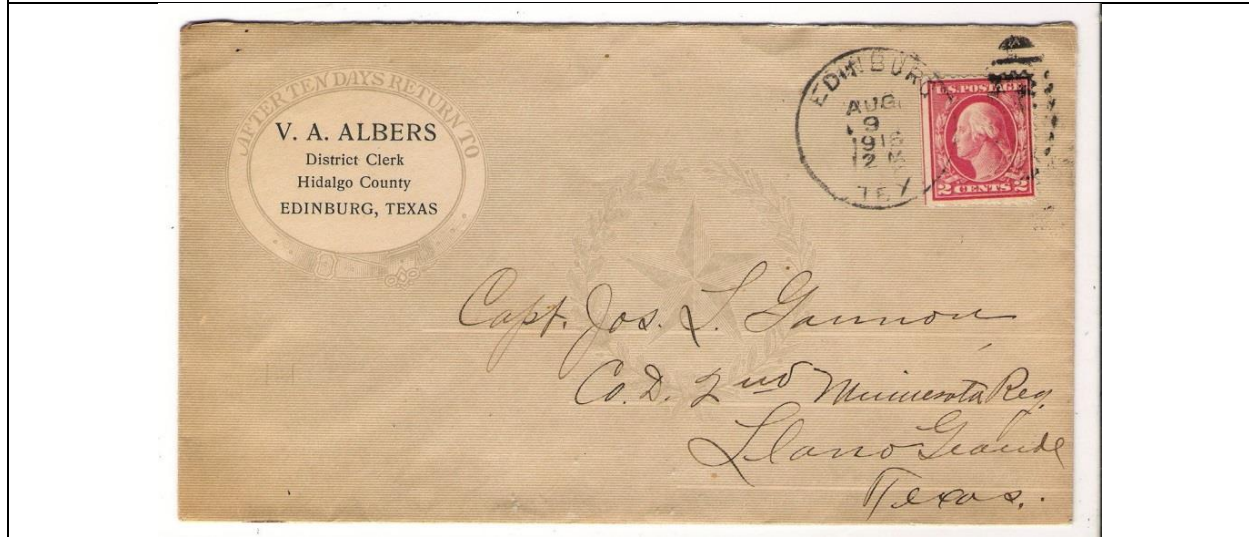


ID:	State: TX	County: Hidalgo	City: Edinburg
Dates: 18 May 1911		Color: Gray	Size: 6.5" x 3/5"
Office: "A. E. CHAVEZ – COUNTY CLERK."			
Notes:			
Source: Author's Collection			

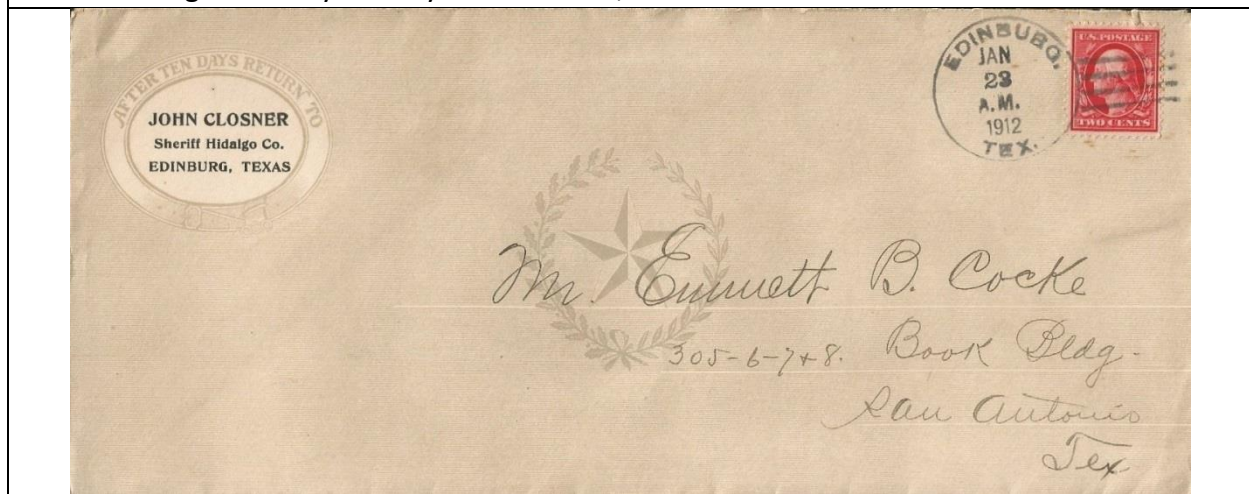


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ID:	State: TX	County: Hidalgo	City: Edinburg
Dates: 2 Feb 1916		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "V. A. ALBERS – DISTRICT CLERK".			
Notes:			
Source: Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller clintnix, Mar 2020.			



ID:	State: TX	County: Hidalgo	City: Edinburg
Dates: 23 Jan 1912		Color: Tan	Size: Legal
Office: "JOHN CLOSNER – Sheriff Hidalgo Co."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller clintnix, Mar 2020.			



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ID:	State: TX	County: Hidalgo	City: Edinburg
Dates: 21 Jan 1915		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "J. R. ALAMIA – TAX COLLECTOR".			
Notes: Return address in a san-serif font. Insert is Tax bill for 1914.			
Source: Author's collection			



Insert

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Nº 1358 STATE AND COUNTY TAX RECEIPT FOR 1914

Office of Tax Collector, Hidalgo County, Edinburg, Texas.

Received of Jennie M. Killough 191.....
 \$..... in payment of State and County Taxes for the year 1914 on personal property and the following described real estate in HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, assessed against Jennie M. Killough as shown on Roll 6 Page 11 Line 40

Abst. No.	Cert. No.	Sur. No.	ORIGINAL GRANTEE	No. of Acres	CITY OR TOWN	No. of Lot	No. of Block	Division	Value	TAXES	
					Edinburg	11	1234		100	State Taxes.....\$	38
										State and School Poll.....	
										Penalty.....	57
										County Ad Valorem.....	
										County Special.....	
										County Special.....	
										County Poll.....	
										District School #10.....	50
										Penalty.....	
										Total.....\$	145
									Value of Personal Property		
									Total Value	100	

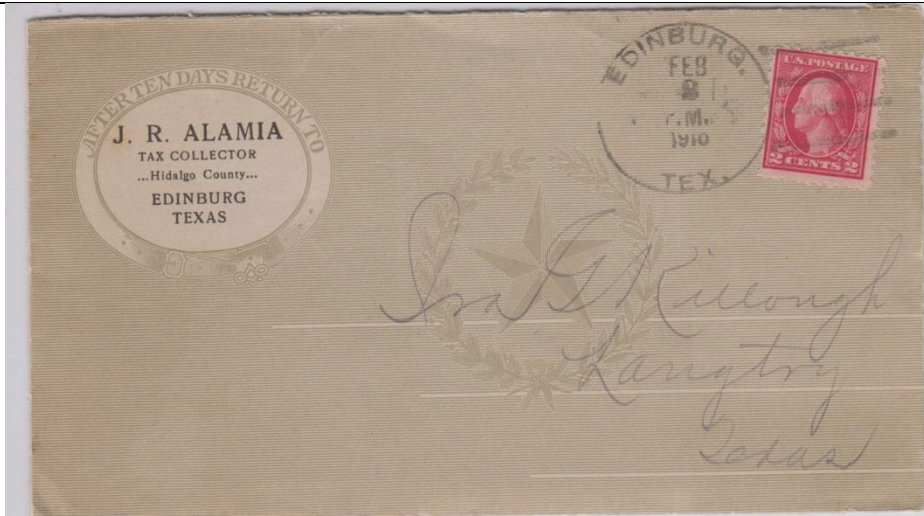
Received payment 1208 191.....
 By J. Alamia Deputy Tax Collector, Hidalgo County, Texas.

THIS RECEIPT IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR OR DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1ST, 1915.

R. L. STICK, PRINTING, BOOKBINDING, AUSTIN 1982-114-3411 Books

TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Hidalgo	City: Edinburg
Dates: 2 Feb 1916 to 19 Feb 1918		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "J. R. ALAMIA – TAX COLLECTOR".			
Notes: Another variant, different serifed font used in return address.			
Source: Author's collection			

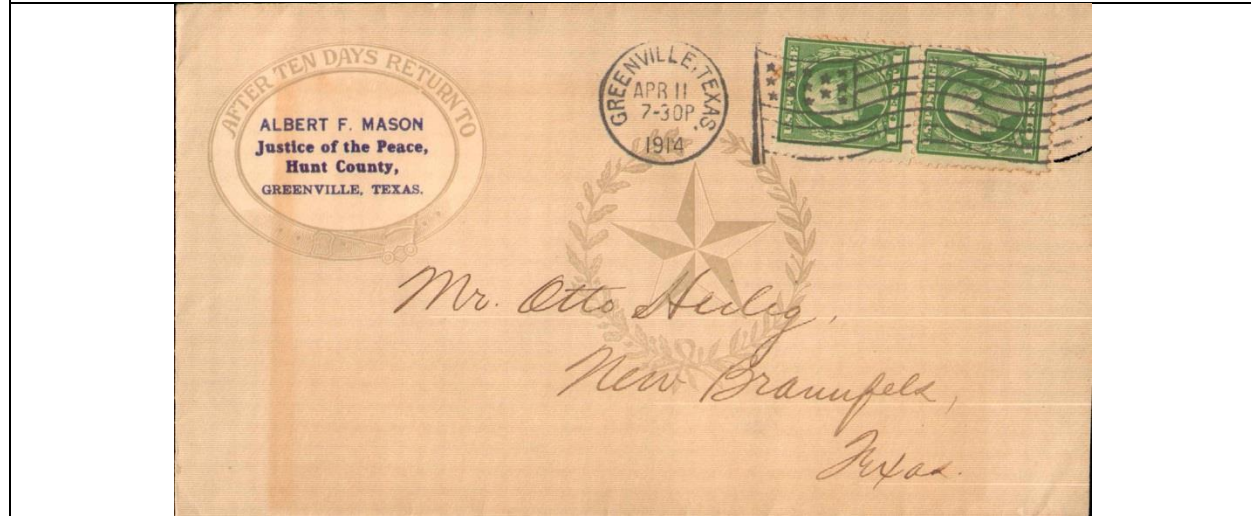


ID:	State: TX	County: Hunt	City: Greenville
Dates: ~1913		Color: Green	Size: Regular
Office: "ALBERT F. MASON – Justice of the Peace".			
Notes: With magenta "Due 2 Cents", and 2 cent postage due stamp.			
Source: Author's collection.			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Hunt	City: Greenville
Dates: 11 Apr 1914		Color: Gold	Size: Regular
Office: "ALBERT F. MASON – Justice of the Peace".			
Notes: Same design but later printing in different color.			
Source: Image courtesy unknown eBay seller			

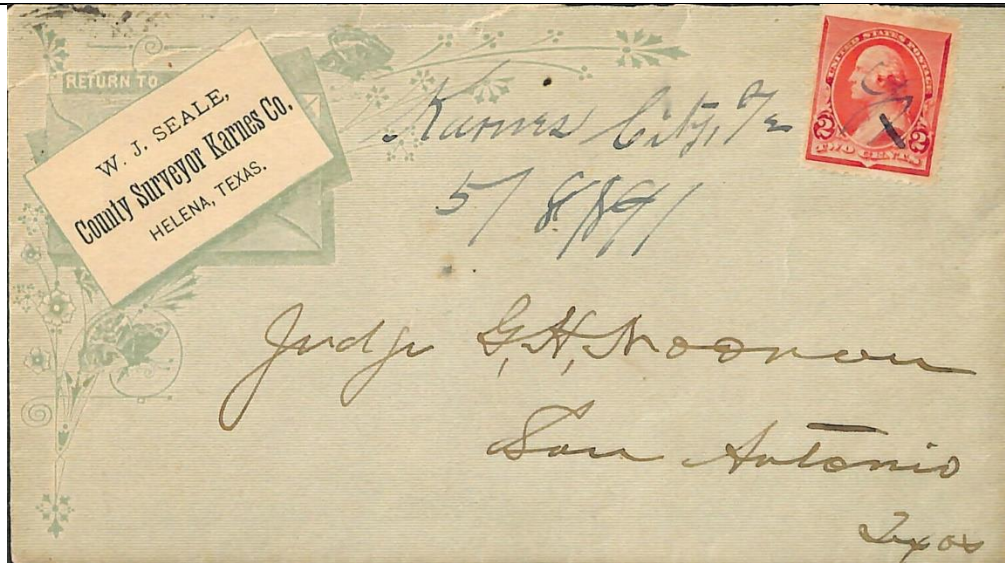


TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

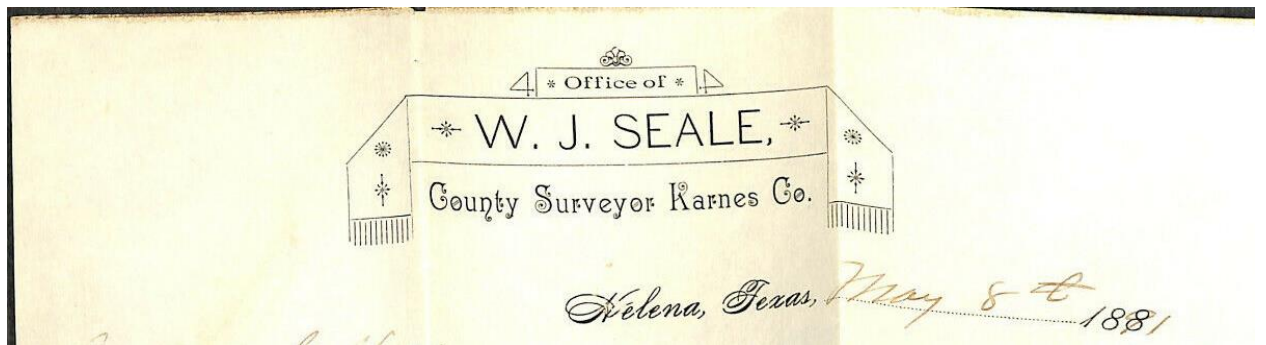
ID:	State: TX	County: Karnes	City: Helena
Dates: 8 May 1891		Color: Green	Size: Regular
Office: "W. J. SEALE – County Surveyor Karnes Co".			
Notes: Mailed from Karnes City, post office docketed in manuscript. Inset included letterheads, shown here cropped. Printer imprint for "Geo. D. Barnard, St. Louis, Mo."			



Source: Author's collection.

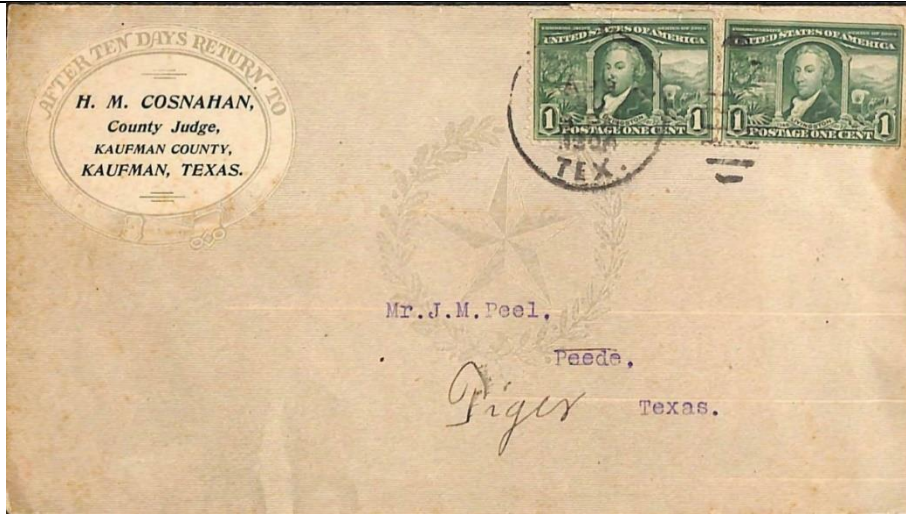


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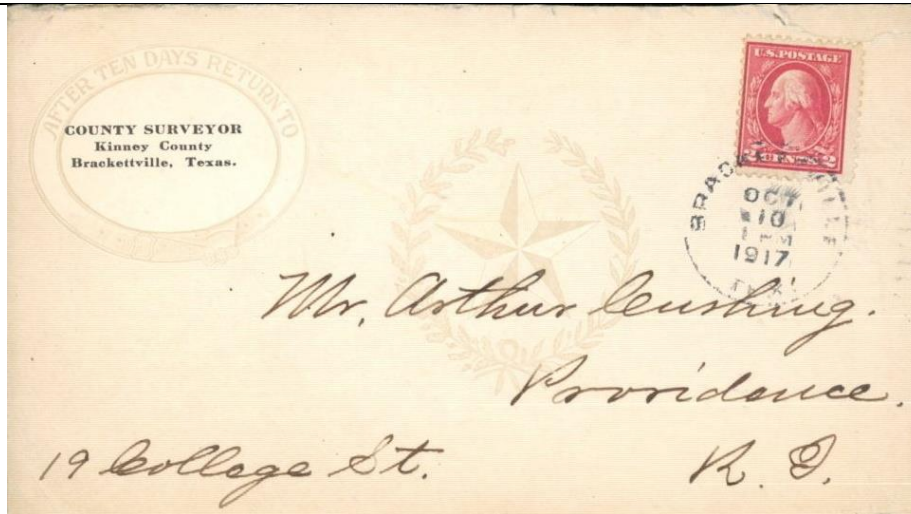


TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Kaufman	City: Kaufman
Dates: 10 Aug 1904		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "H. M. COSNAGAN - County Judge".			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			

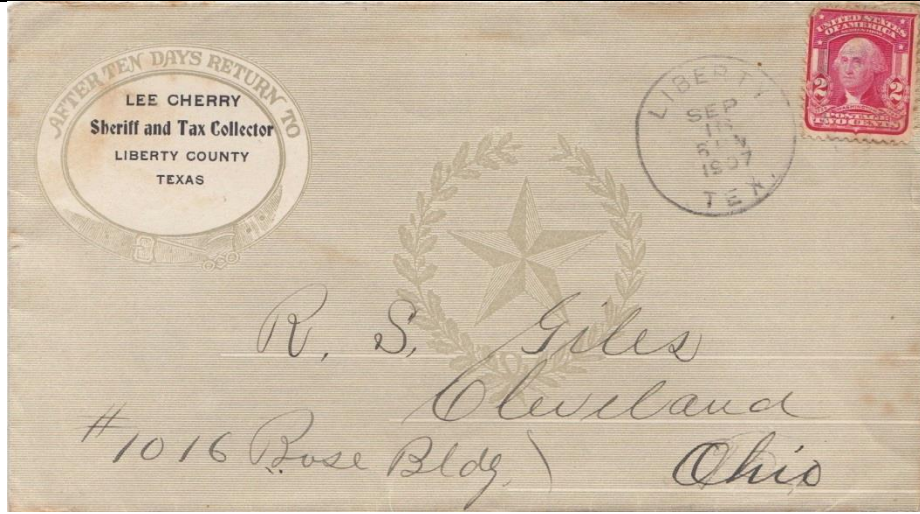


ID:	State: TX	County: Kinney	City: Bracketville
Dates: 10 Oct 1917		Color: Peach	Size: Regular
Office: "COUNTY SURVEYOR". No name of official included.			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller deh3, Jan 2016.			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Liberty	City: Liberty
Dates: 11 Sept 1907		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "LEE CHERRY – Sheriff and Tax Collector".			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller genstore, Jan 2016.			

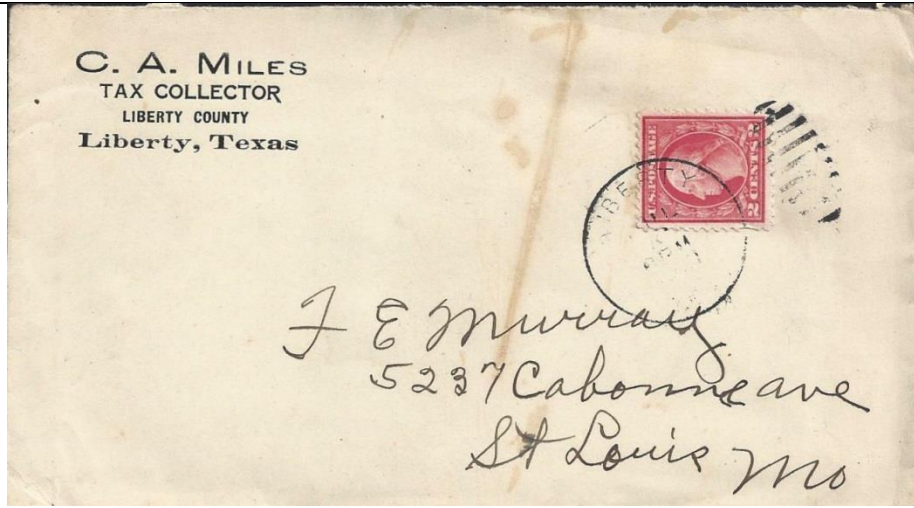


ID:	State: TX	County: Liberty	City: Liberty
Dates: 4 Jan 1909		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "LEE CHERRY – Sheriff and Tax Collector".			
Notes: Different corner card. Printer's imprint for "Clarke & Coates, Stationers and Printers, Galveston, Texas". Clarke & Courts, Stationers and Printers, Galveston, Texas,			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller civil_war-photos, May 2019..			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Liberty	City: Liberty
Dates: ?? July 1917		Color: Black on cream	Size: Regular
Office: "C. A. MILES – TAX COLLECTOR".			
Notes: Now using the normal 4-line corner card.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller halfmoon28a, May 2021			



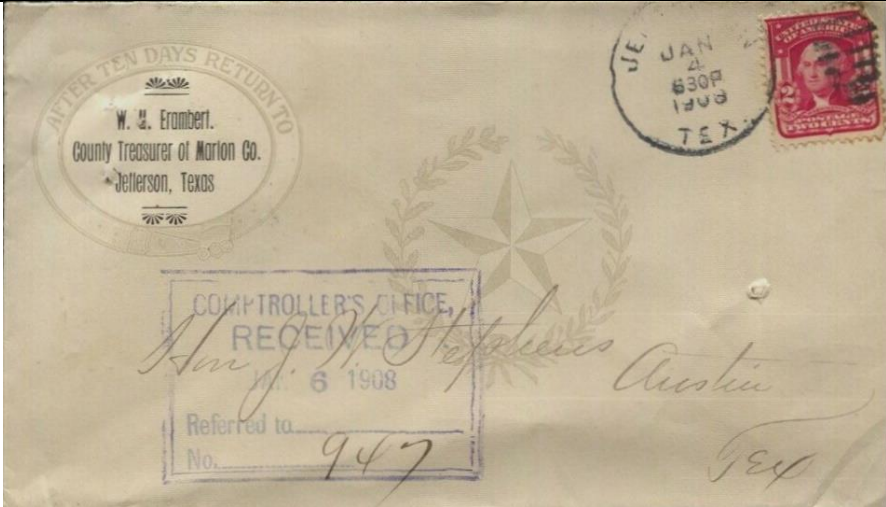
ID:	State: TX	County: Limestone	City: Groesbeck
Dates: 29 Oct 1892		Color: Brown	Size: Regular
Office: "W. P. BROWN – County Clerk".			
Notes: Printer's imprint for "Geo. D. Barnard & Co., St. Louis, Mo."			

Geo. D. Barnard & Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Source: Author's collection

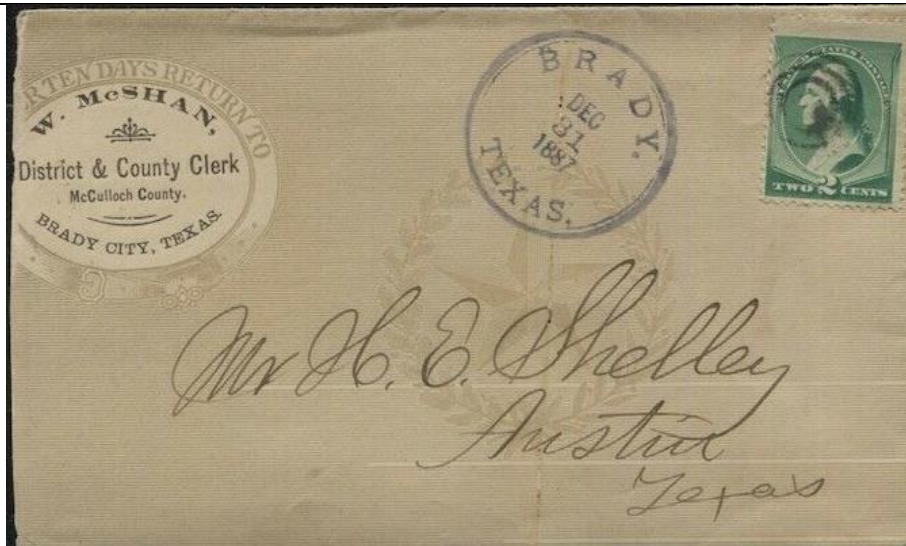


TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Marion	City: Jefferson
Dates: 4 Jan 1908		Color: Gray-green	Size: Regular
Office: "W. M. Erambert – County Treasurer of Marion County".			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			
 <p>The image shows the back of a letter with several stamps and markings. At the top left is a circular return address stamp: "AFTER TEN DAYS RETURN TO W. M. Erambert, County Treasurer of Marion Co., Jefferson, Texas". To the right is a circular postmark: "JE. JAN 4 930P 1908 TEX." and a red postage stamp featuring a portrait of a woman. In the center is a large, faint star emblem. At the bottom center is a rectangular stamp: "COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, RECEIVED Jan 6 1908". To the right of this stamp is handwritten text: "Austin" and "Pep". At the bottom left of the rectangular stamp, it says "Referred to No. 947".</p>			

TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: McCulloch	City: Brady
Dates: 2 Oct 1887 to 31 Dec 1887		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "W. McSHAN – District & County Clerk". With receipt. Printer's imprint "Geo. D. Barnard & Co., St. Louis, Mo."			
Notes: The 2 Oct 1887 envelope appears to be a light tan in the digital scan, but may be the same color as the one illustrated.			
Source: Author's collection.			



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FORM 1.

Office of **COLLECTOR OF TAXES,**
McCulloch County.

No. 168

Received of H. E. Shelley and C. M. Shelley
the following amounts, in payment of State, School
and County Taxes for the year 1887, on personal
property and the following described real estate:

LANDS				TOWN LOTS.		
Abst. No.	Certif't No.	Survey No.	ORIGINAL GRANTEE.	No. of Acres	Vol. No.	Block No. Out Lot No.
496	270	788	Meyer	3.20		
494	821	794	Heinrich	3.20		
495	821	793	" "	3.20		
46	364	1054	Beckwith	3.20		
1220	829	867	Wastkopf	3.20		
1462	"	866	gubbe J.	3.20		
1463	824	865	" "	3.20		
18	472	1414	Anders. W.	3.20		

TAXES:
State ad Valorem \$ 9 60
School ad Valorem 4 80
County Tax 17 28
Revenue and School Poll ...
County Poll

Total \$ 31.68

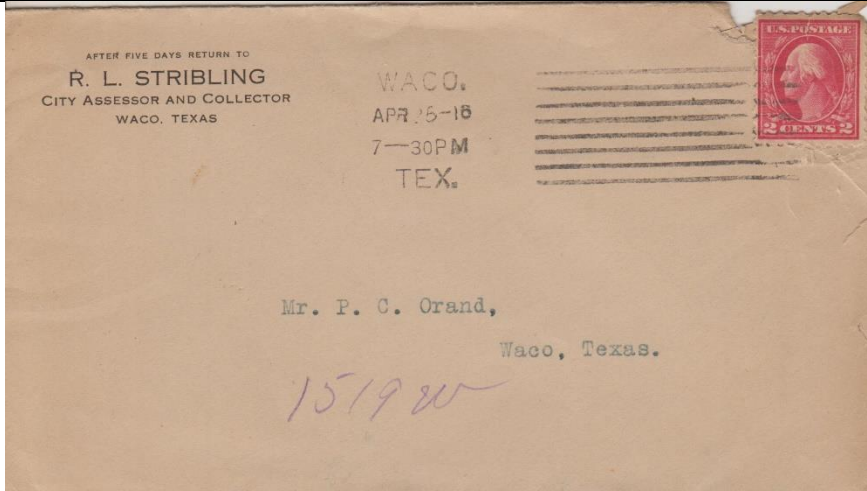
Total value of property assessed: \$ 38.40

Brady Texas, Dec 30 1887. F. J. Miller Collector.

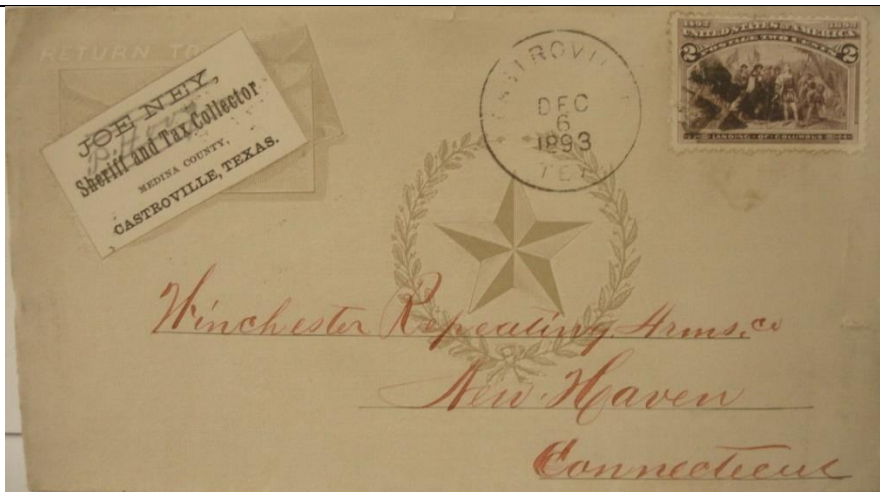
Eugene Von Boeckmann, Book and Job Printer, Austin, Texas.

TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: McLennan	City: Waco
Dates: 15 Apr 1918		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "R. L. STRIBLING – CITY ASSESSOR and COLLECTOR"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection.			

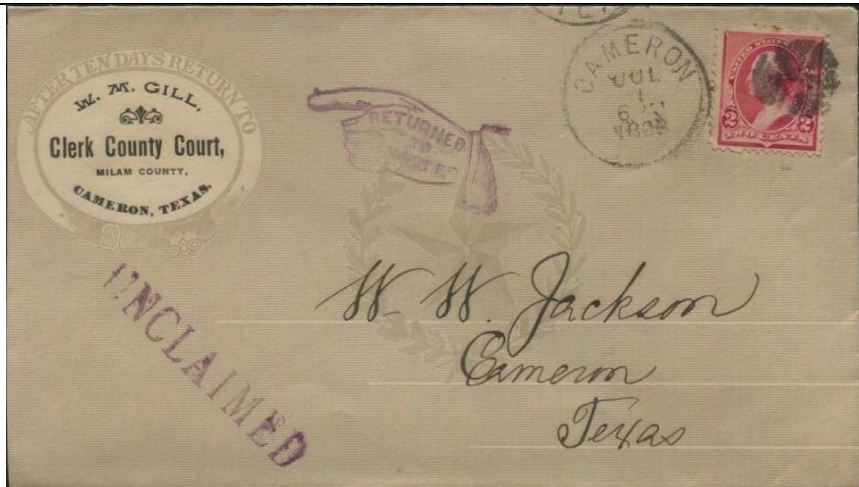


ID:	State: TX	County: Medina	City: Castroville
Dates: 4 Jan 1908		Color: Brown	Size: Regular
Office: "JOE NEY – Sheriff and Tax Collector", with JOE NEY struck out and "P. Hovey" added in pencil.			
Notes: Printer's imprint: "Clarke & Coates, Stationers and Printers, Galveston, Texas".			
Source: Image courtesy unknown eBay seller.			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Milam	City: Cameron
Dates: 1 July 1893		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "W. M. GILL – Clerk County Court".			
Notes: "UNCLAIMED" and "Pointing hand "Returned to Writer". : Printer's imprint: "Geo. D. Barnard & Co., St. Louis, Mo." Geo. D. Barnard & Co., St. Louis, Mo.			
Source: Author's collection.			



ID:	State: TX	County: Montague	City: Montague
Dates: 27 Dec 1902		Color: Rose	Size: Regular
Office: "W. G. Bralley – Tax Collector".			
Notes: Printer's imprint: "Clarke & Coates, Stationers and Printers, Galveston, Texas".			
Source: Author's collection.			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Moore	City: Dumas
Dates: 18 Oct 1892		Color: Green	Size: Regular
Office: Unknown. Personal use, with stamps obscuring office name.			
Notes: Printer's imprint: "Clarke & Coates, Stationers and Printers, Galveston, Texas". Clarke & Courts Stationers and Printers, Galveston, Texas.			
Source: Author's collection.			

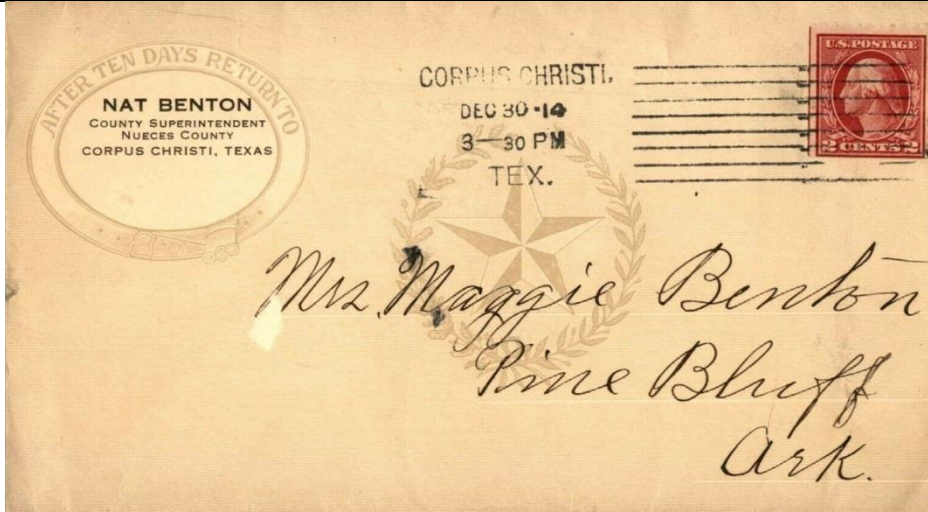


ID:	State: TX	County: Moore	City: Dumas
Dates: 28 Nov 1892		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: Unknown. Personal use, with stamps obscuring office name.			
Notes: Different corner with flowers; No star and wreath in center. Same correspondence as previous entry. Printer's imprint: "Clarke & Coates, Stationers and Printers, Galveston, Texas". Clarke & Courts Stationers and Printers, Galveston, Texas.			
Source: Author's collection.			

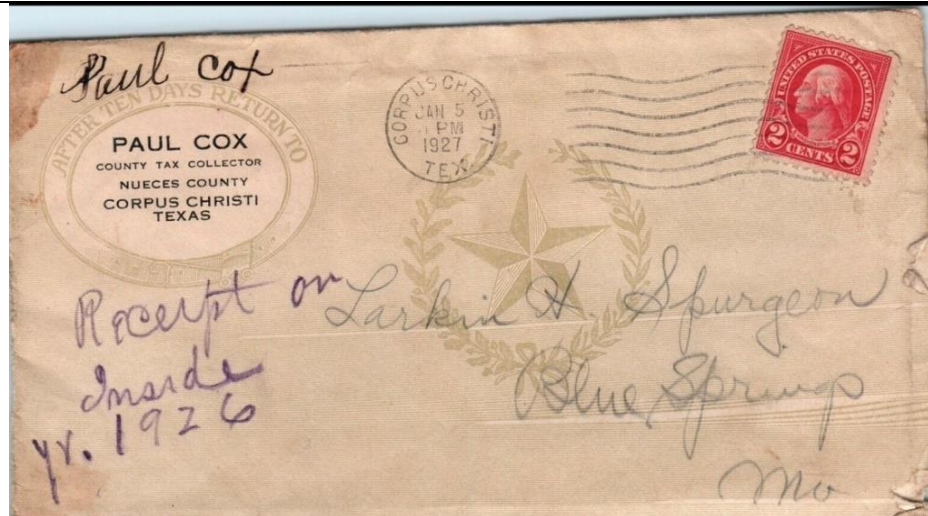


TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Nueces	City: Corpus Christi
Dates: 30 Dec 1914		Color: Gold	Size: Regular
Office: "NAT BENTON – COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT".			
Notes: Personal correspondence.			
Source: Author's collection.			



ID:	State: TX	County: Nueces	City: Corpus Christi
Dates: 5 Jan 1927		Color: Rose	Size: Regular
Office: "PAUL COX – COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy unknown eBay seller, Apr 2019.			

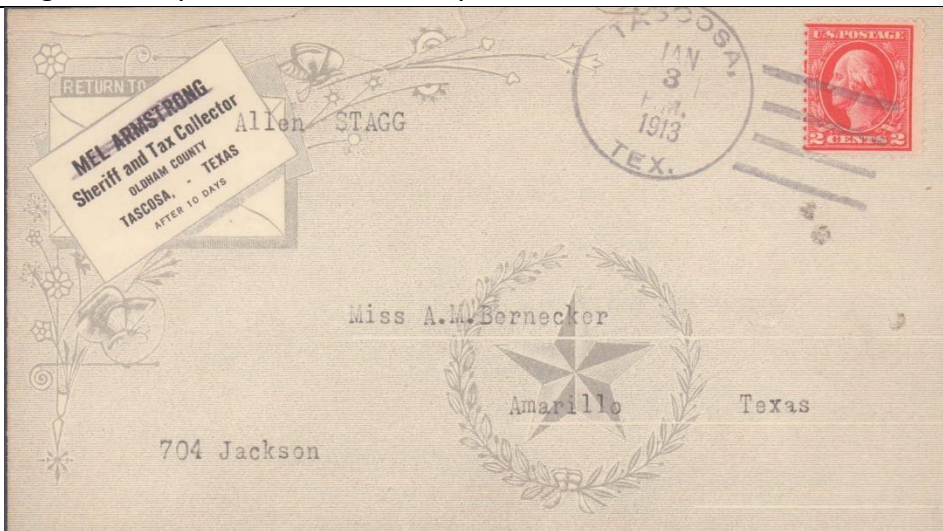


TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Oldham	City: Tascosa
Dates: 21 July 1912 – 23 Dec 1912		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "MEL ARMSTRONG – Sheriff and Tax Collector".			
Notes: Printer's imprint: "Clarke & Coates, Stationers and Printers, Galveston, Texas".			
Source: Author's collection.			

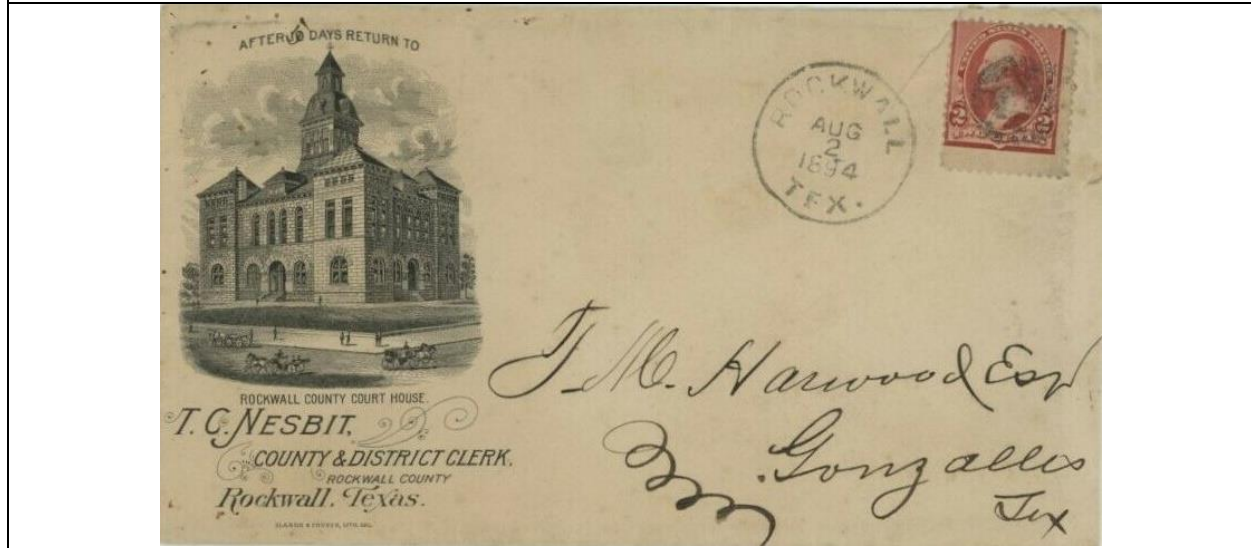


ID:	State: TX	County: Oldham	City: Tascosa
Dates: 3 Jan 1913		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "MEL ARMSTRONG – Sheriff and Tax Collector", with " MEL ARMSTRONG " struck out and "Allen STAGG" typed in.			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of Tom Stewart, May 2021.			

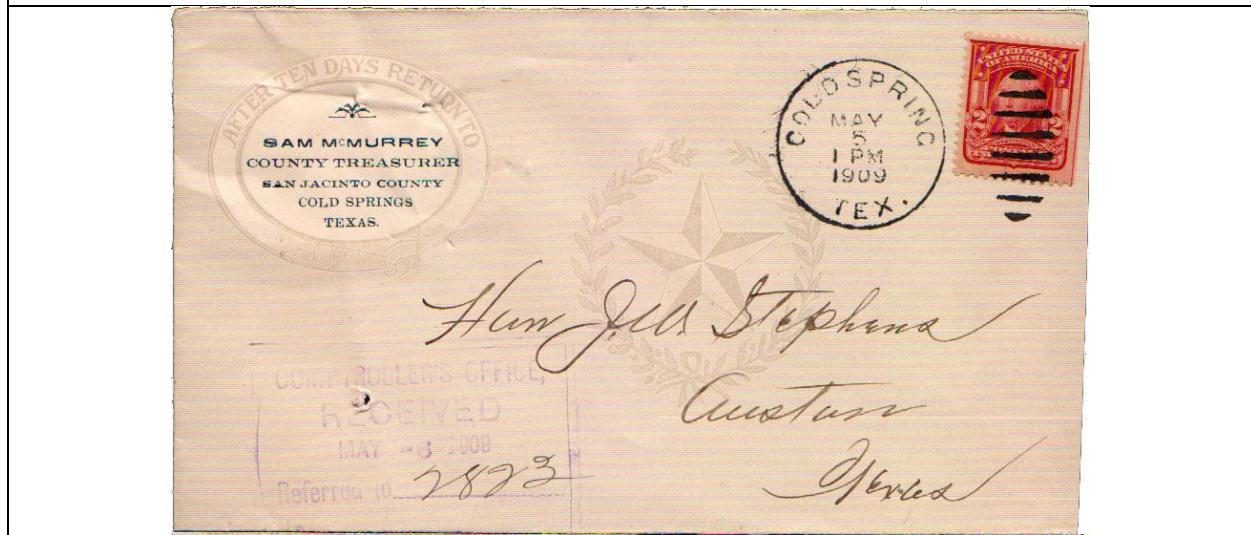


TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Rockwall	City: Rockwall
Dates: 2 Aug 1892		Color: Black on tan	Size: Regular
Office: "T. C. NESBITT – COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK".			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection.			



ID:	State: TX	County: San Jacinto	City: Cold Springs
Dates: 5 May 1909		Color: Rose	Size: Regular
Office: "SAM McMURREY – COUNTY TREASURER".			
Notes: Printer's imprint: "Clarke & Coates, Stationers and Printers, Galveston, Texas".			
Source: Author's collection.			

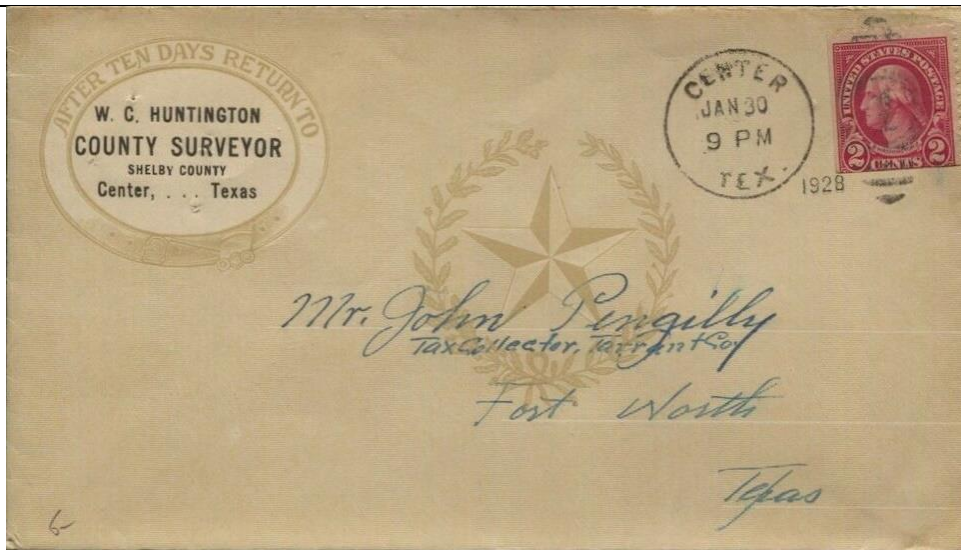


TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: San Jacinto	City: Point Blank
Dates: 23 Nov 1912		Color: Rose	Size: Regular
Office: "J. H. COUNTS – County Commissioner, Prec. No. 4, -- and Justice of the Peace."			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			

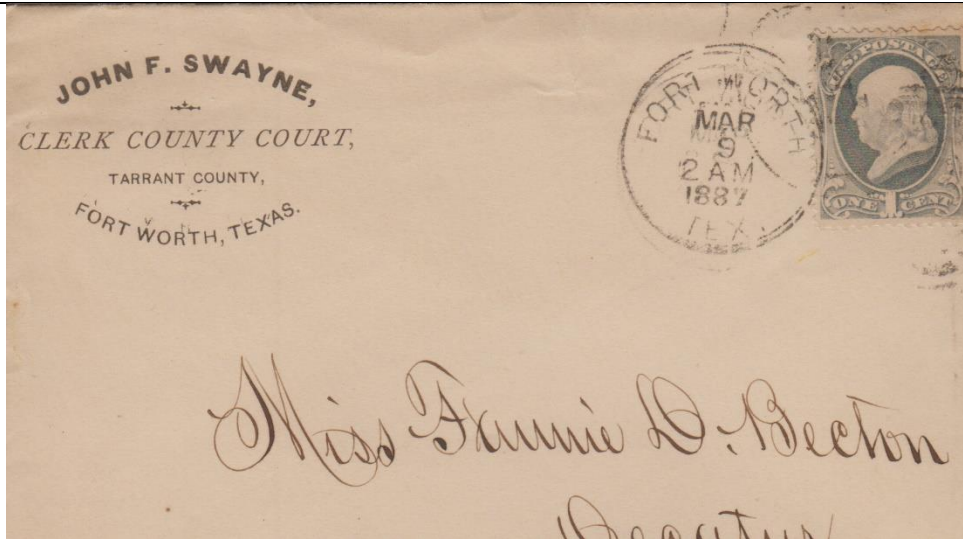


ID:	State: TX	County: Shelby	City: Center
Dates: 30 Jan 1928		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "W. C. HUNTINGTON – COUNTY SURVEYOR"			
Notes: Late use.			
Source: Author's collection			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Tarrant	City: Fort Worth
Dates: 9 Mar 1887		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "JOHN F. SWAYNE – CLERK COUNTY COURT"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Tarrant	City: Fort Worth
Dates: 3 Oct 1919		Color: Yellow on Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "MARVIN SCOTT – TAX COLLECTOR"			
Notes: Ornate corner card and Courthouse in yellow.			
Source: Author's collection			



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MARVIN SCOTT, COLLECTOR

PLEASE PRESERVE THIS STATEMENT AND RETURN WHEN REMITTANCE IS MADE

Office of TAX COLLECTOR OF TARRANT COUNTY
Fort Worth, Texas, _____ 191__

mail to J.W. Stitt 709 1/2 Main St.

In compliance with your request, the following information relative to property described is furnished from the records of this office:

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS

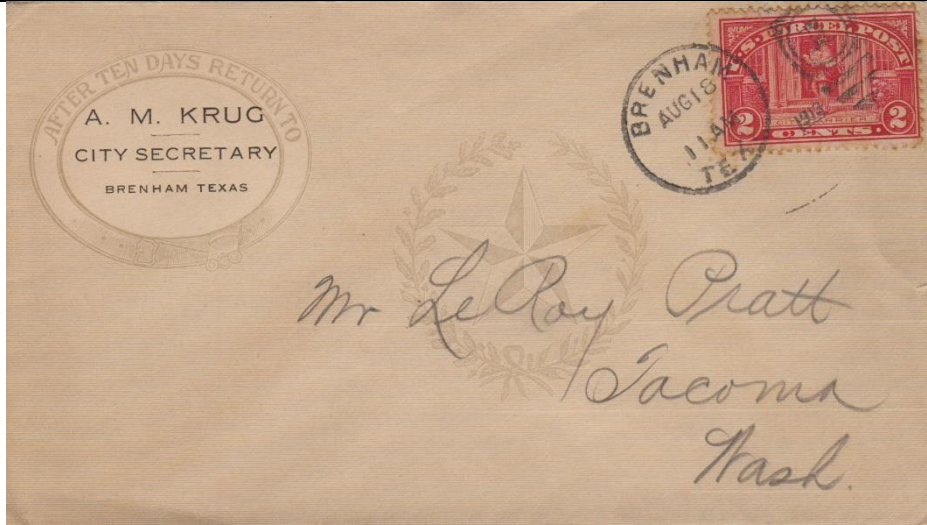
ABSTRACT No.	Tract No.	No. Acres	ORIGINAL GRANTEE	CITY OR TOWN	No. Lot	Block	ADDITION
					6th 12 14		Tickney

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

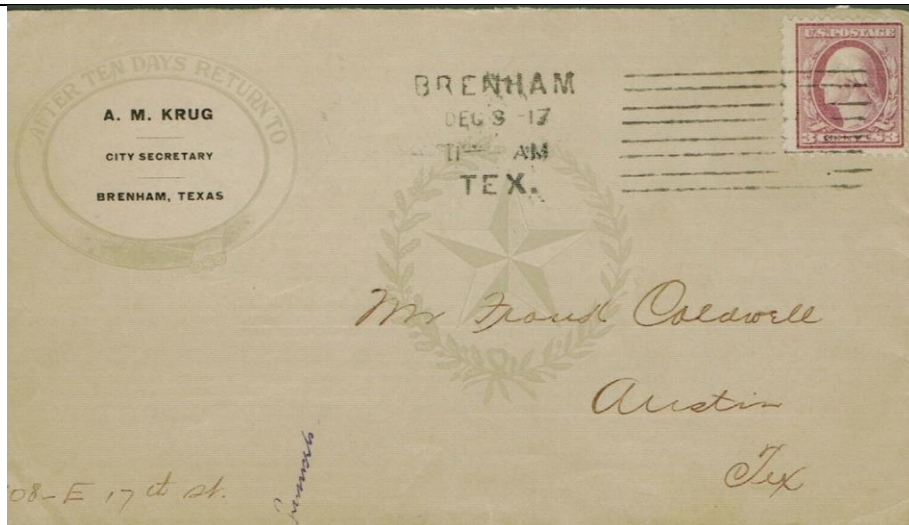
YEAR	TO WHOM ASSESSED	STATE TAX			COUNTY TAX	LEVEE TAX	No. Dist.	DISTRICT SCHOOL	Redemption Fees	Advertising
		Ad Valorem	School	Confederate Pension						
1918	<i>E. J. Brock</i>	150	100	25	250			100		
		21	14	00	49			25		
1917	✓	195	100	25	300			756		
		21	14	00	49			59		

TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Washington	City: Brenham
Dates: 18 Aug 1917		Color: Tan	Size: 6.5" x 3.625"
Office: "A. M. KRUG – CITY SECRETARY"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			



ID:	State: TX	County: Washington	City: Brenham
Dates: 17 Dec 1917		Color: Green	Size: 6.5" x 3.625"
Office: "A. M. KRUG – CITY SECRETARY"			
Notes: Different font used in return corner card			
Source: Author's collection			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Washington	City: Brenham
Dates: 10 Apr 1920		Color: Green	Size: 6.5" x 3.625"
Office: "A. M. KRUG – CITY SECRETARY"			
Notes: Similar to previous entry, but registered letter with unusual straight line "BRENHAM, TEXAS" cancellation on stamps, front and reverse. Envelope appears to be different color, but this may be due to fading.			
Source: Author's collection			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Washington	City: Brenham
Dates: 23 Nov 1912		Color: Rose	Size: Regular
Office: "A. M. Krug -- DISTRICT CLERK"			
Notes: The only recorded cover sent registered to a foreign destination.			
Source: Author's collection			

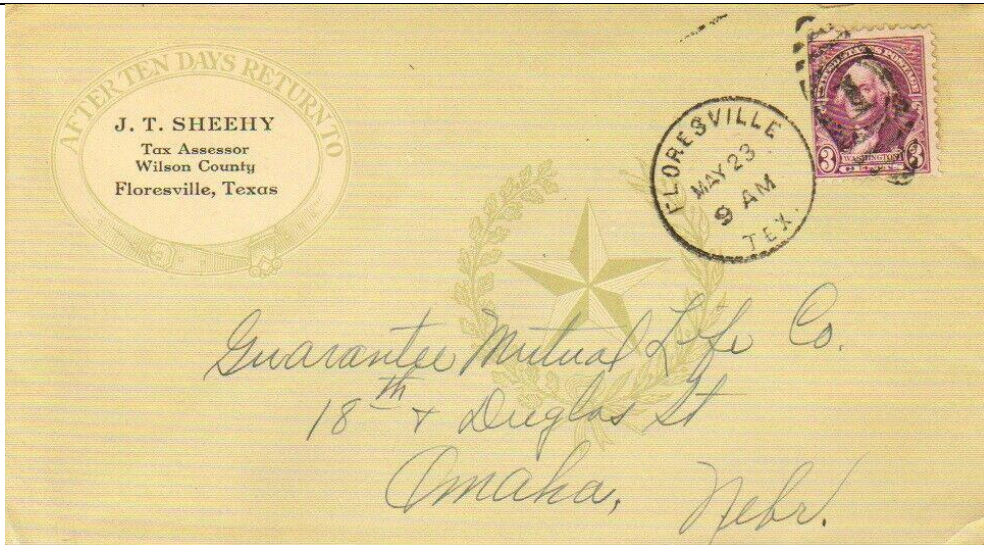


TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Wilbarger	City: Vernon
Dates: 4 Feb 1909		Color: Rose	Size: Regular
Office: "J. J. PEPPER – Treasurer Wilbarger County"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection.			

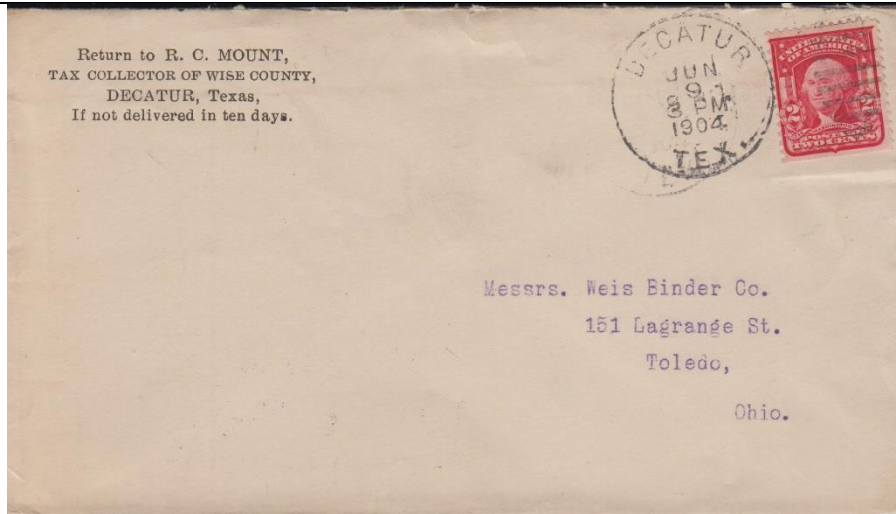


ID:	State: TX	County: Wilson	City: Floresville
Dates: 17 Dec 1917		Color: Green-gold	Size: Regular
Office: "J. T. SHEEHY -- Tax Assessor"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			

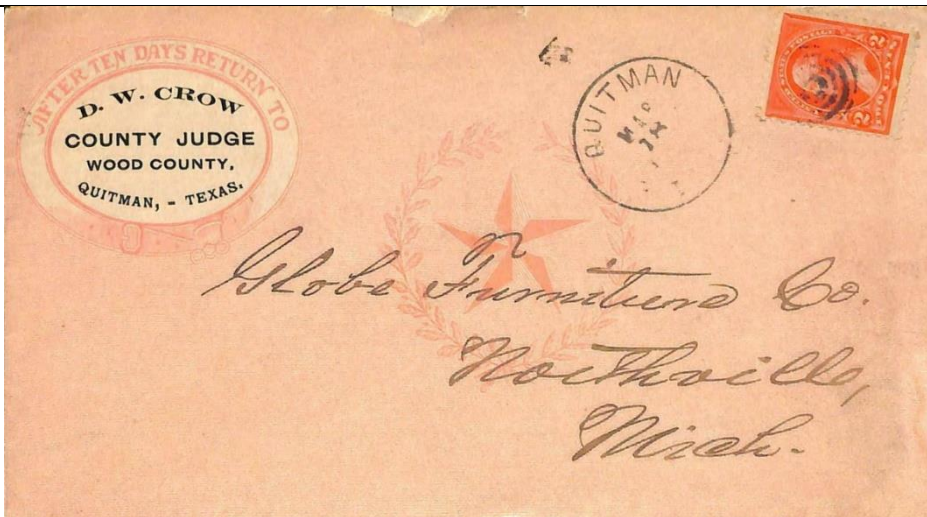


TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Wise	City: Decatur
Dates: 9 June 1904		Color: Cream	Size: Regular
Office: "R. C. MOUNT – TAX COLLECTOR OF WISE COUNTY"			
Notes: Traditional corner card.			
Source: Author's collection			



ID:	State: TX	County: Wood	City: Quitman
Dates: 18 Mar 1895		Color: Rose	Size: Regular
Office: "D. W. CROW – COUNTY JUDGE"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection.			

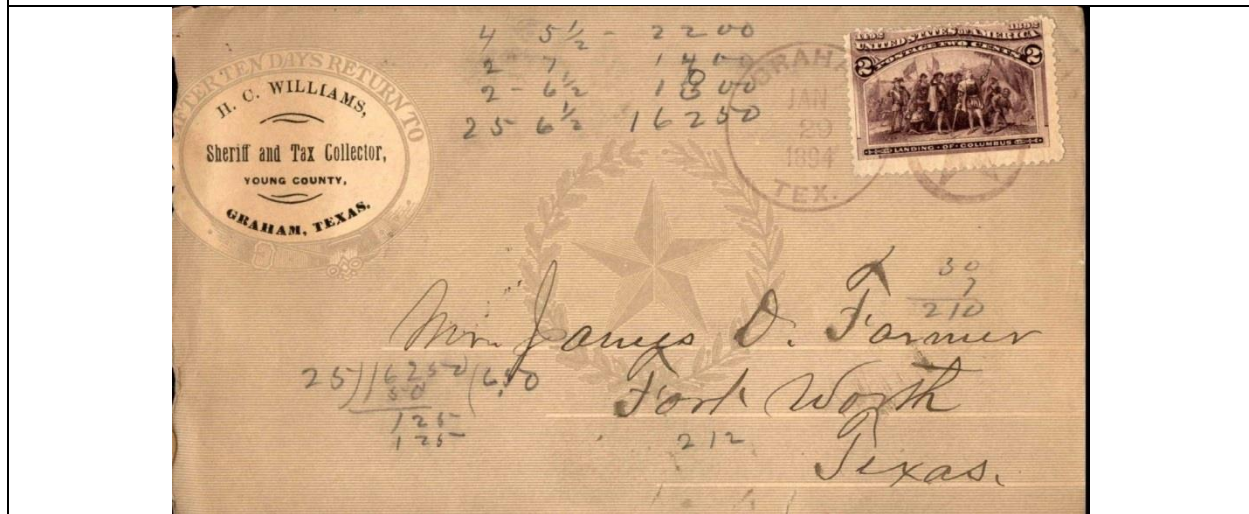


TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Wood	City: Quitman
Dates: 11 Oct 1893		Color: Rose	Size: Regular
Office: "S. S. MOORE – TAX ASSESSOR"			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection.			



ID:	State: TX	County: Young	City: Graham
Dates: 29 Jan 1894		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "H. C. WILLIAMS – Sheriff and Tax Collector"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller mayfair99, June 2016.			



APPENDIX A

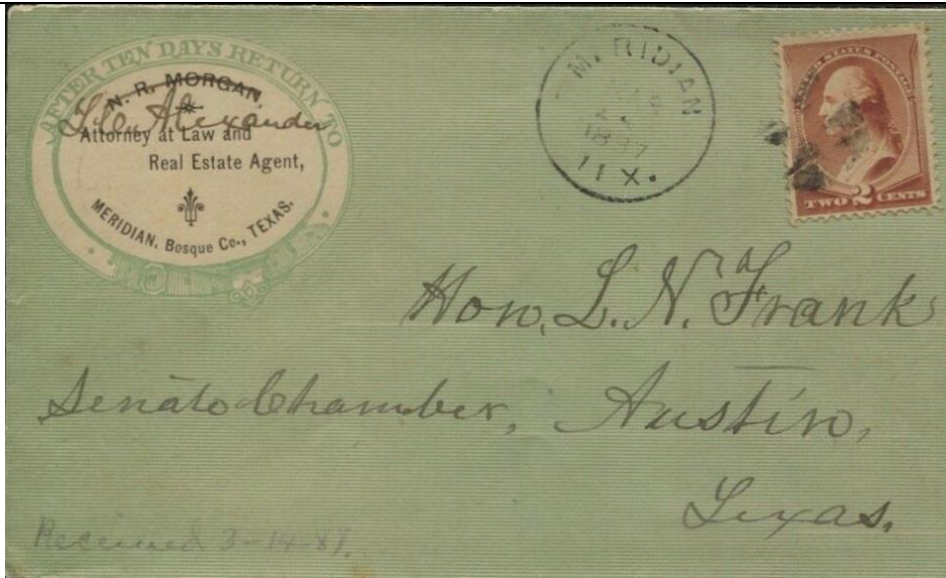
Using Similar Covers

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Private Business

TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Bosque	City: Meridian
Dates: ~12 Mar 1887		Color: Green	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "N. R. MORGAN", struck out and "Glenn Alexander" added in manuscript. "Attorney at Law and / Real Estate Agent".			
Notes:			
Source: Author's collection			



ID:	State: TX	County: Hood	City: Granbury
Dates: 24 Mar 1887		Color: Gray-green	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "Cooper & Estes – Att'ys at Law"			
Notes: No star and wreath in center of cover.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller drwhostamps, May 2021.			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Colorado	City: Osage
Dates: 9 June 1895		Color: Pink	Size: 6.5" x 4.0"
Office: "J. H. WHITLOCK – Asst. p. p."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, June 2015.			



ID:	State: TX	County: Jack	City: Jacksboro
Dates: ~July 1902		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "E. W. NICHOLSON – ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR".			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller drwhostamps, May 2021.			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Kimble	City: Junction City
Dates: 10 Oct 1917		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "W. A. WILLIAMSON – Attorney at Law – AND LAND AGENT".			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of Tom Stewart, World Stamp Company, Apr 2021.			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Panola	City: Carthage
Dates: 31 Dec 1903		Color: Gold	Size:
Office: "Thos. F. Hull - Law, Land, Abstracts"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, June 2015.			

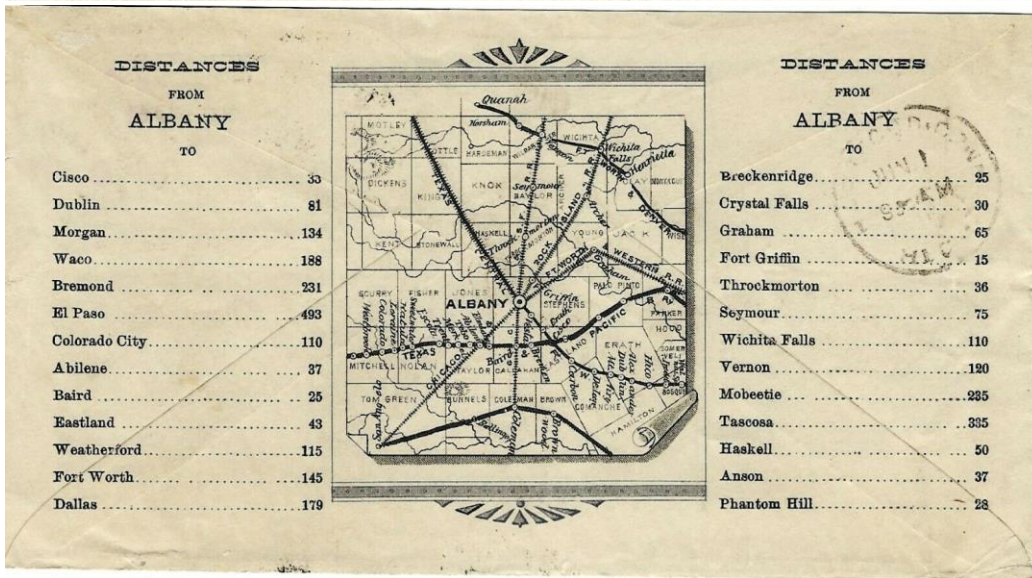


ID:	State: TX	County: Panola	City: Carthage
Dates: 28 Jan 1909		Color: Green	Size: Regular
Office: "Thos. F. Hull - Law, Land, and - Abstracts"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, Nov 2020.			



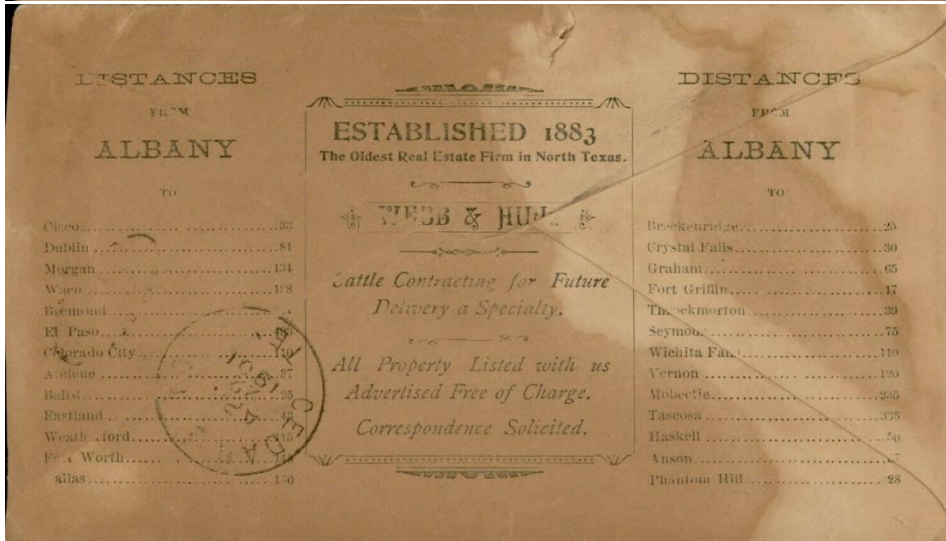
TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Shackelford	City: Albany
Dates: 29 May 1897		Color: Black on cream	Size: Regular
Office: "WEBB & HILL – LAND, LIVESTOCK, LOAN, COLLECTING AND – INSURANCE AGENTS."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller Bluebonnetexpress, May 2021.			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Shackelford	City: Albany
Dates: 29 May 1897		Color: Black on tan	Size: Regular
Office: "WEBB & HALL – LAND, LIVESTOCK, LOAN, COLLECTING AND – INSURANCE AGENTS."			
Notes: Similar to previous entry, but entirely different advertisement on reverse.			
Source: Author's collection..			



TEXAS County Courthouse Office Illustrated Covers

ID:	State: TX	County: Walker	City: Huntsville
Dates: 15 Nov 1876		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "Abercrombie & Gore – ATTORNEYS AT LAW"			
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