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

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Iowa: “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. This occurred as the result of the Postal Act of March 3, 1845, when rates were changed to consider the weight of the letter rather than the number of sheets 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 agency and departmental offices, which are typically located at the state capitol. The state department 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

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 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

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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.

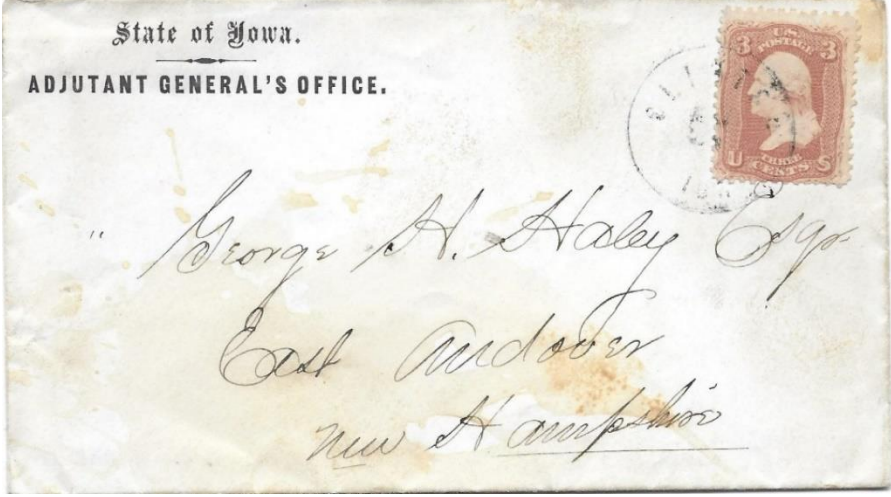
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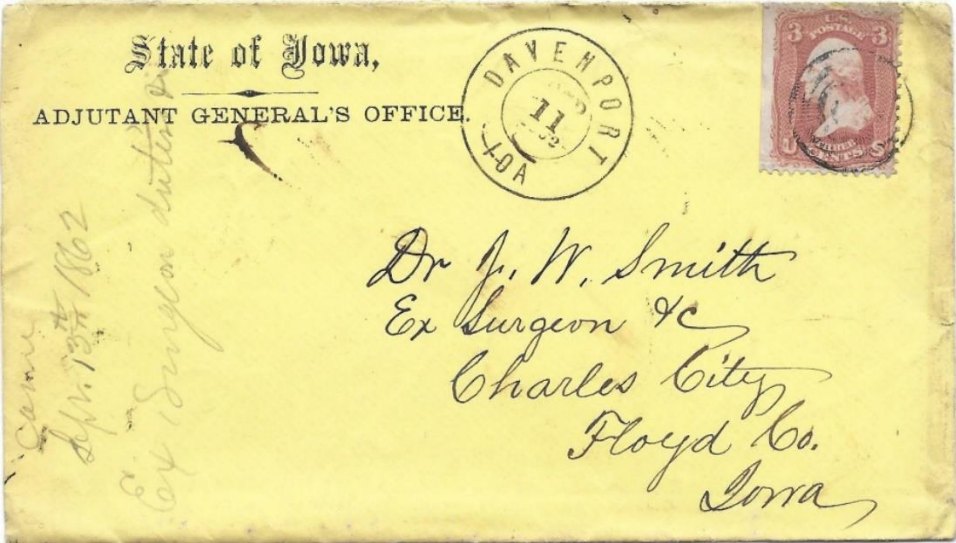
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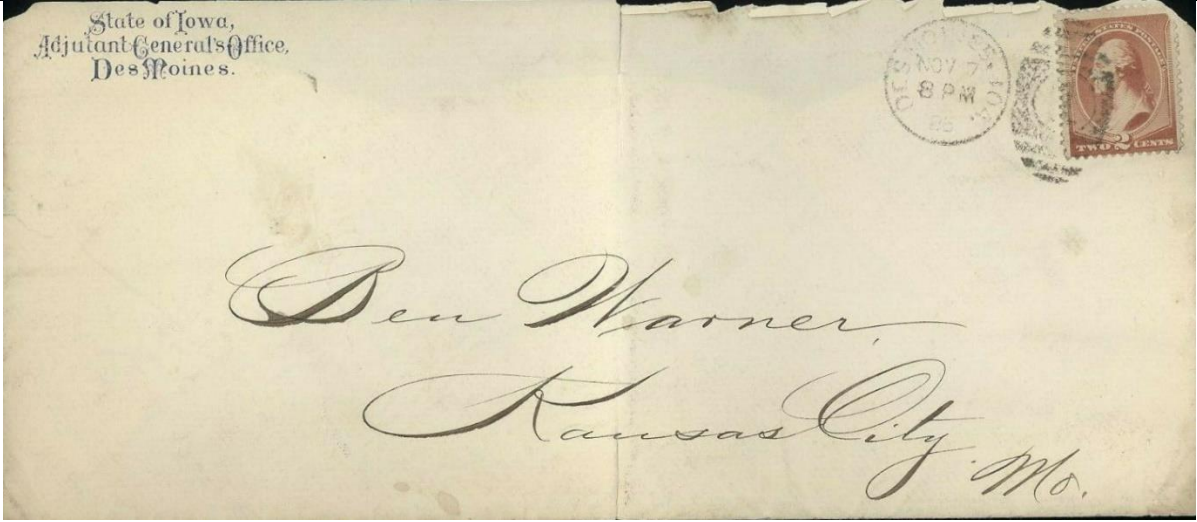
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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: ~1860s	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "State of Iowa / ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE."			
Notes: Mailed from Clinton, IA.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 11 Sept 1862	Color: Black on yellow	Size: Regular	
Office: "State of Iowa / ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE."			
Notes: Mailed from Davenport, IA.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 7 Nov 1885	Color: Blue	Size: Legal	
Office: "State of Iowa, / Adjutant General's Office, / Des Moines."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the eBay seller pikpurple, July 2021.			
			

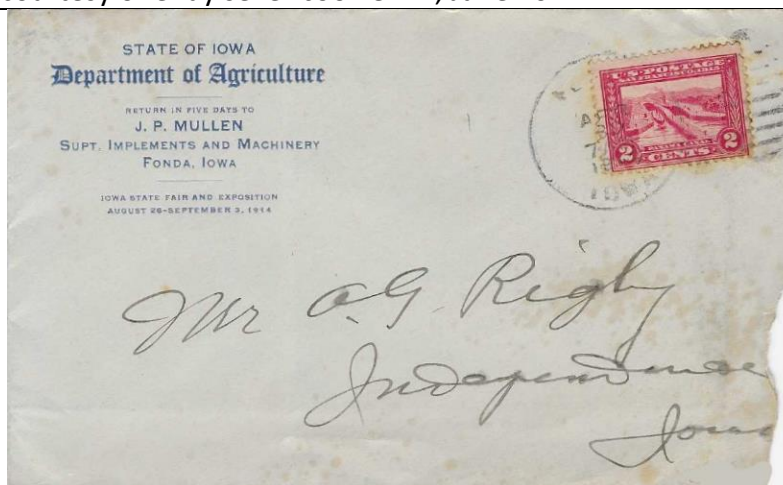
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 10 Feb 1942	Color: Blue	Size: Regular	
Office: "ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL / DEPARTMENT OF IOWA, G.A.R."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller ephemrand, May 2021.			
			

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 27 Aug 1903	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "State of Iowa / Department of Agriculture"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, June 2021.			

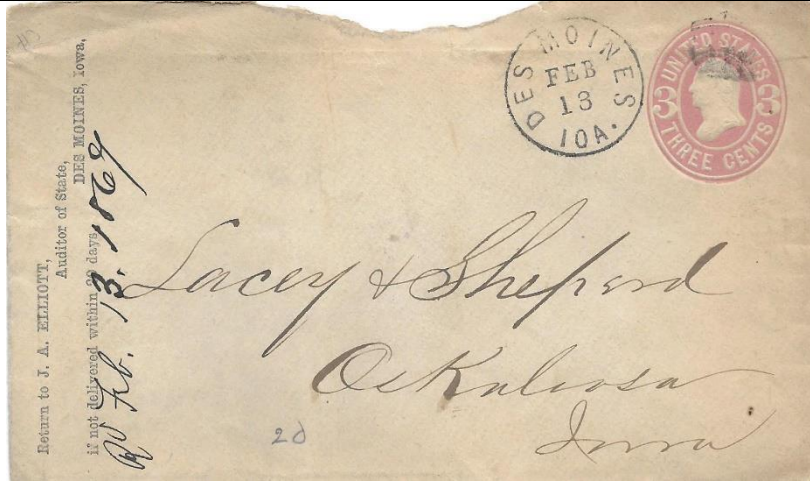


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Pocahontas	City: Fonda
Dates: ~1910	Color: Blue	Size: Regular	
Office: "Department of Agriculture / J.P. MULLEN / SUPT. IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cookie427, June 2021.			

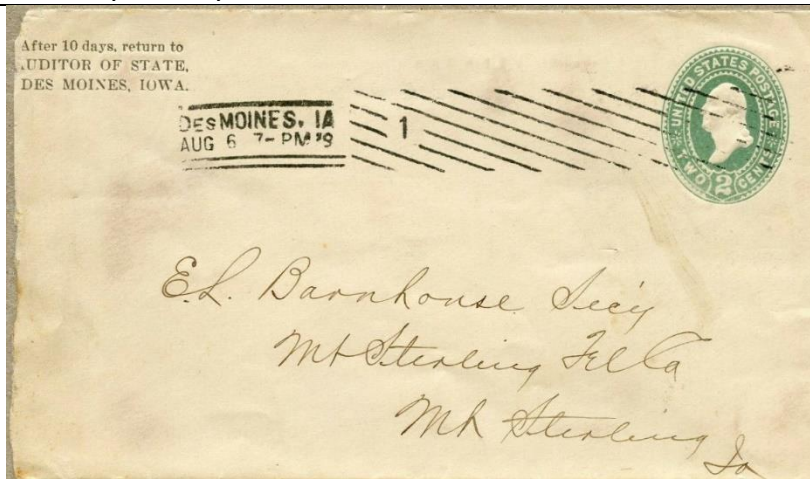


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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 13 Feb 1869	Color: Black on buff	Size: Regular	
Office: "J. A. ELLIOTT, / Auditor of State,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			




ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 6 Aug 1899	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "AUDITOR OF STATE,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller 920bas, June 2021.			



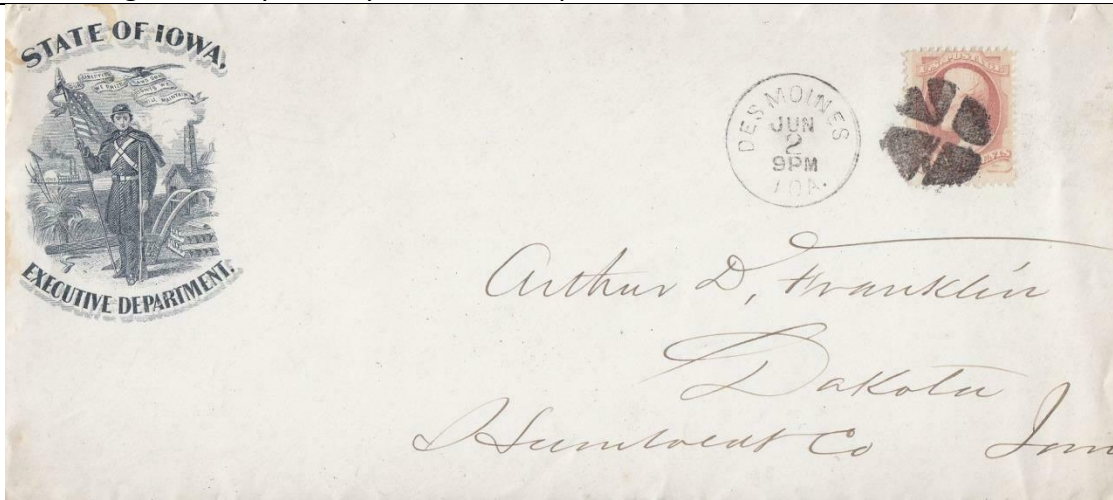
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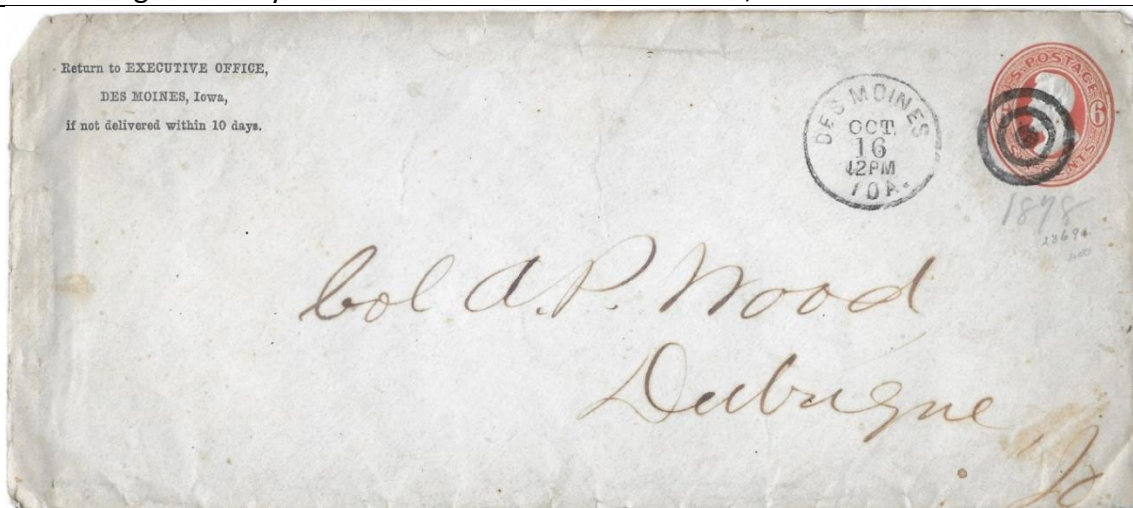
Dates: 9 Nov 1937	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular
Office: "AUDITOR OF STATE / STATE CAPITOL"		
Notes: Special Delivery letter.		
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.		
		

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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 2 June ~1860s	Color: Black	Size: Legal	
Office: "EXECUTIVE EPARTMENT."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller dkstampman, June 2021.			

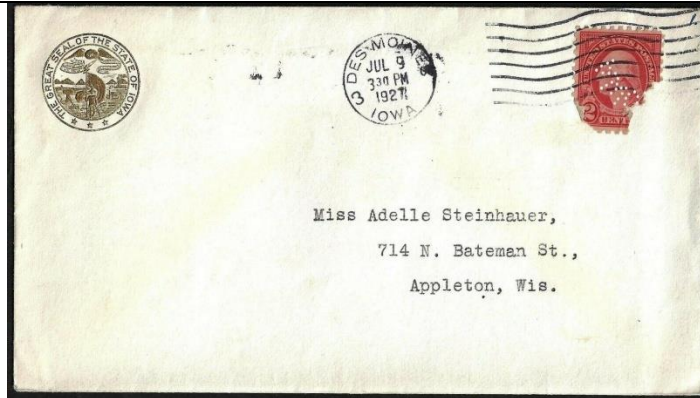


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Office: "EXECUTIVE OFFICE"			
Notes:			
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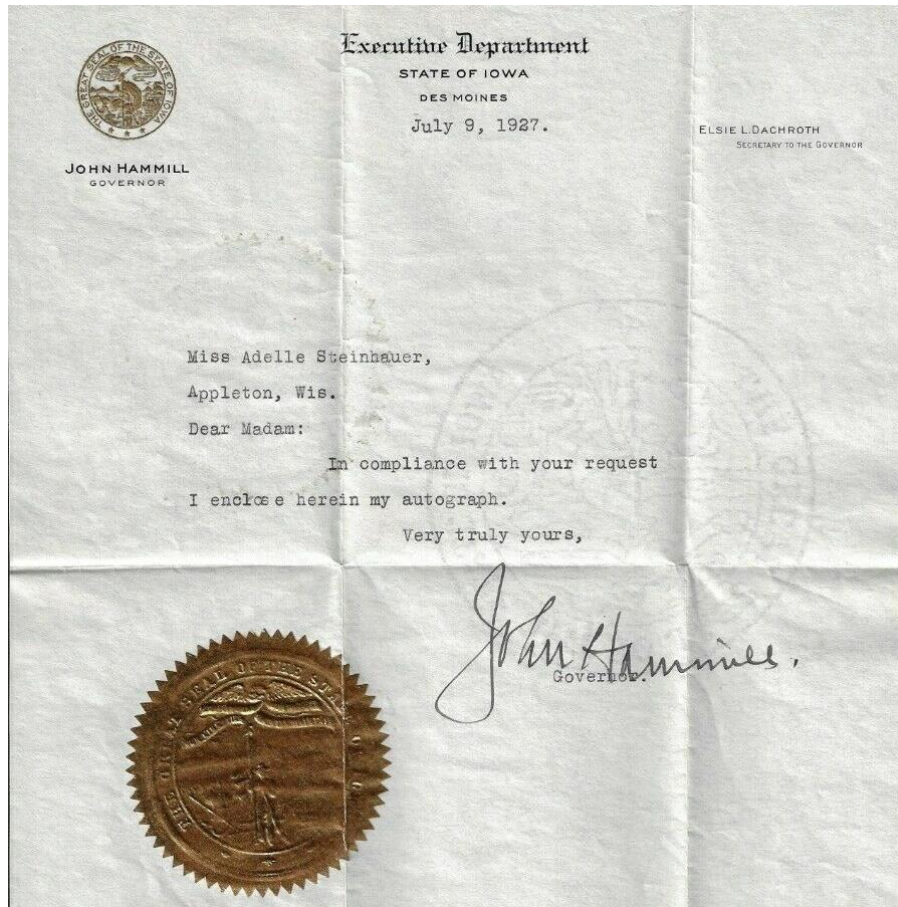


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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 9 July 1927	Color: Black & gold	Size: Regular	
Office: Executive Department/Governor's Office, but no imprint on envelope.			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller jeneezirish35, from the Adelle Steinhauer autograph collection, May 2021.			



Letterhead & Gold Embossed Seal

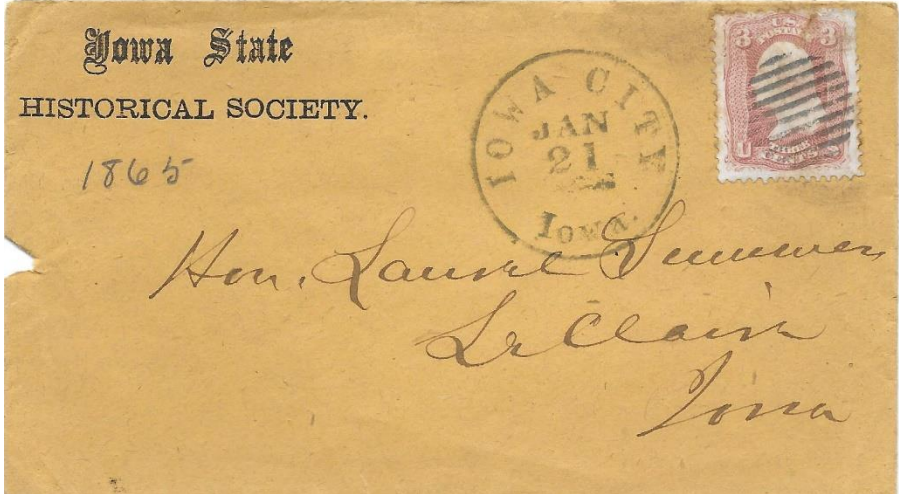


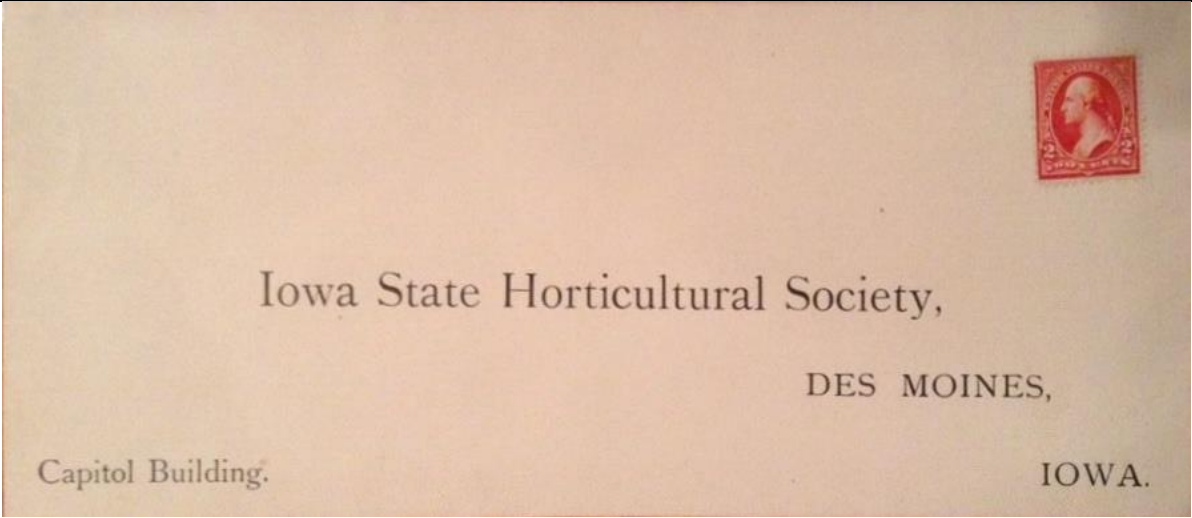
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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 23 Apr 1881	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "STATE BOARD OF HEALTH"			
Notes: State Seal on backflap			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			



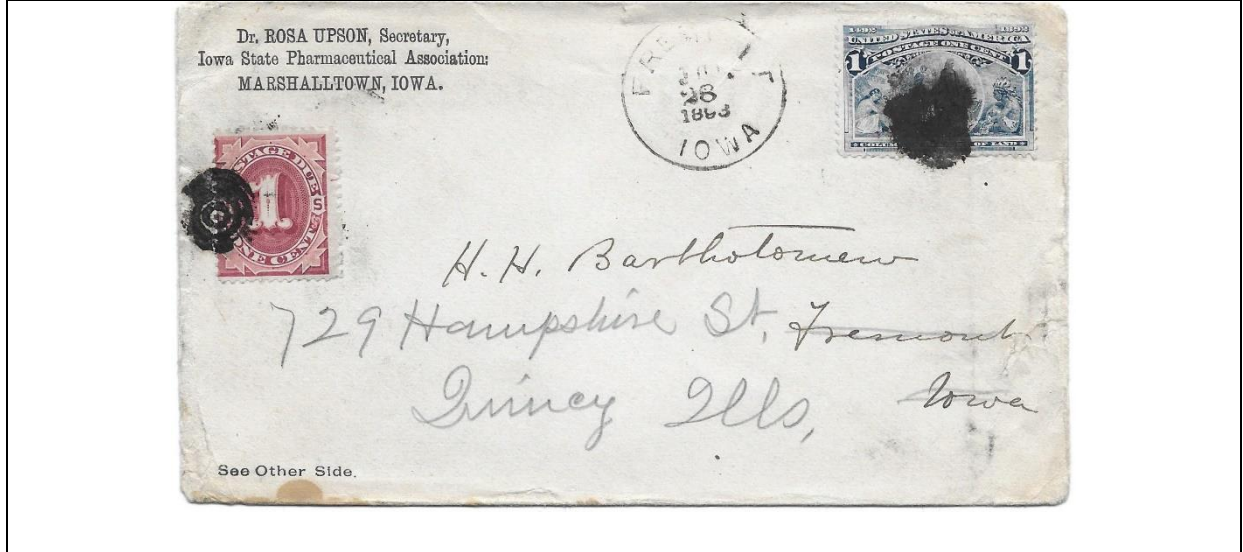
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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 21 Jan 1865	Color: Black on gold	Size: Regular	
Office: "Iowa State / HISTORICAL SOCIETY"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

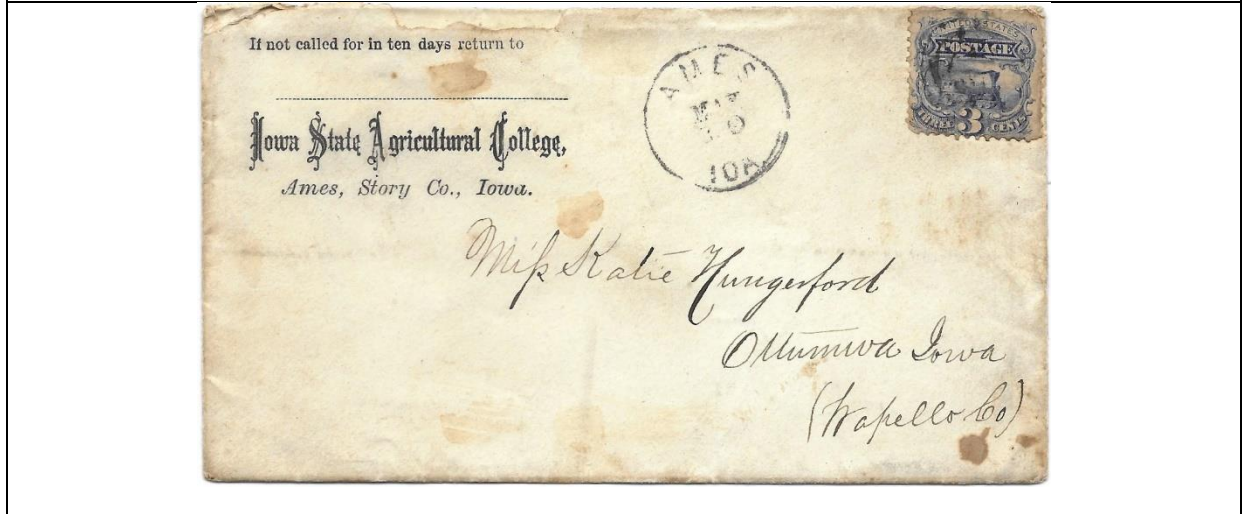
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: ~1910s	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Iowa State Horticultural Society"			
Notes: Unused return envelope.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller boomer40070, June 2021.			
			

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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Marshall	City: Marshalltown
Dates: 28 June 1898	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Dr. ROSA UPSON, Secretary, / Iowa State Pharmaceutical Association."			
Notes: Once cent franking, with once cent postage due stamp.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

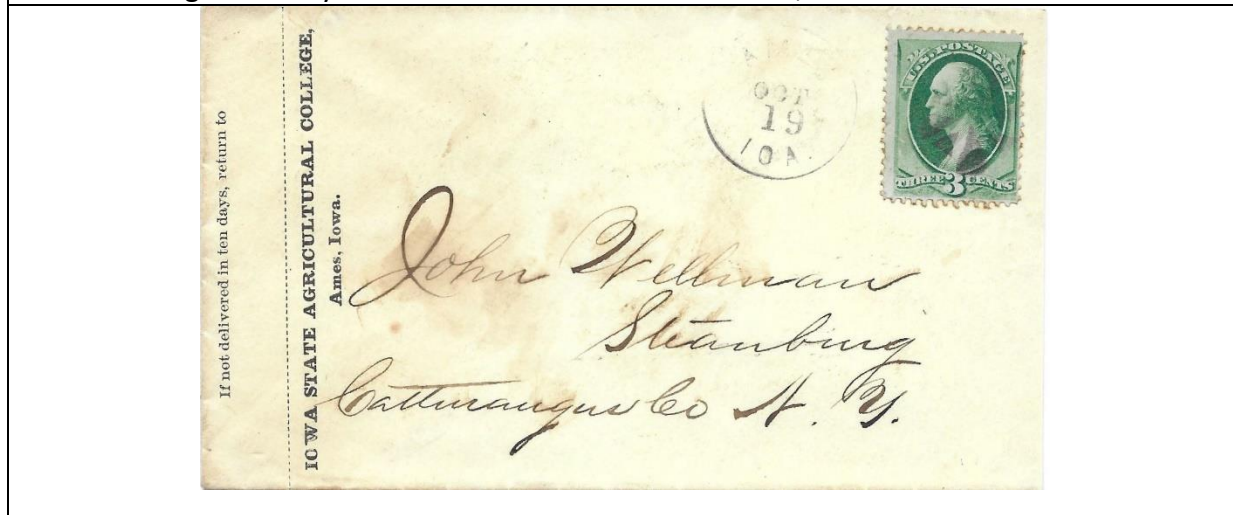


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Story	City: Ames
Dates: 10 May ~1870	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "Iowa State Agricultural College"			
Notes: Founded in 1858, and coeducational from the start, Iowa State became the nation's first Land Grant Institution when the Iowa legislature accepted the provisions of the 1852 Morrill Act on Sept. 11, 1862, making it the first state in the nation to do so.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

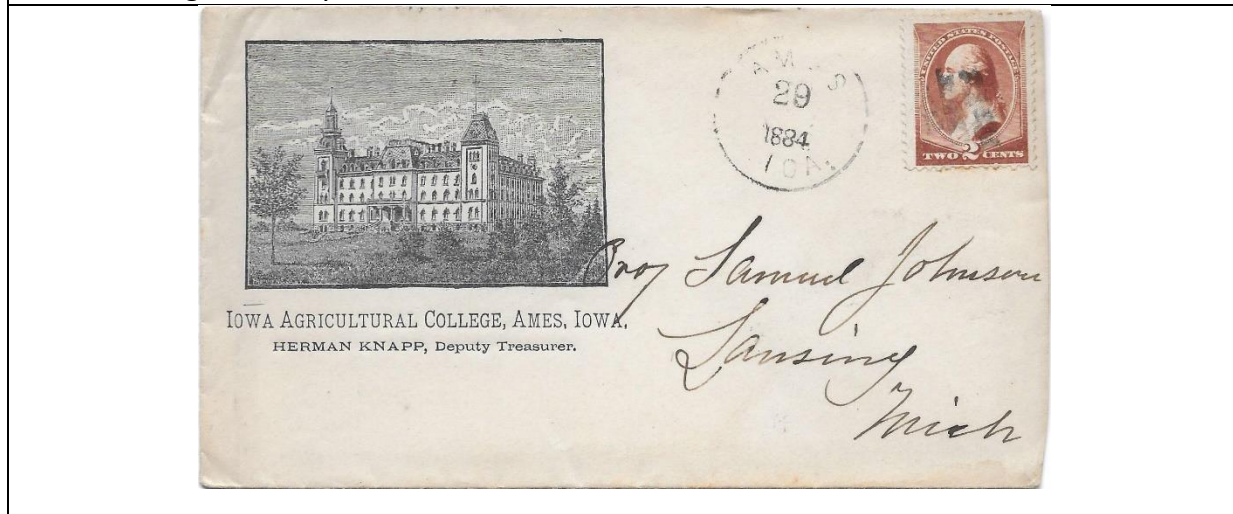


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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Story	City: Ames
Dates: Before Oct 1, 1883	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "IOWA STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

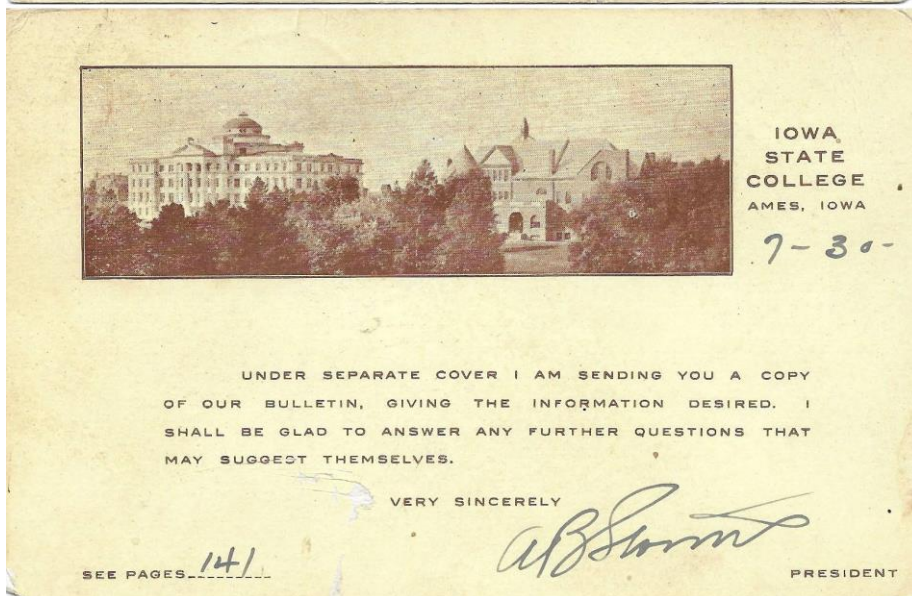
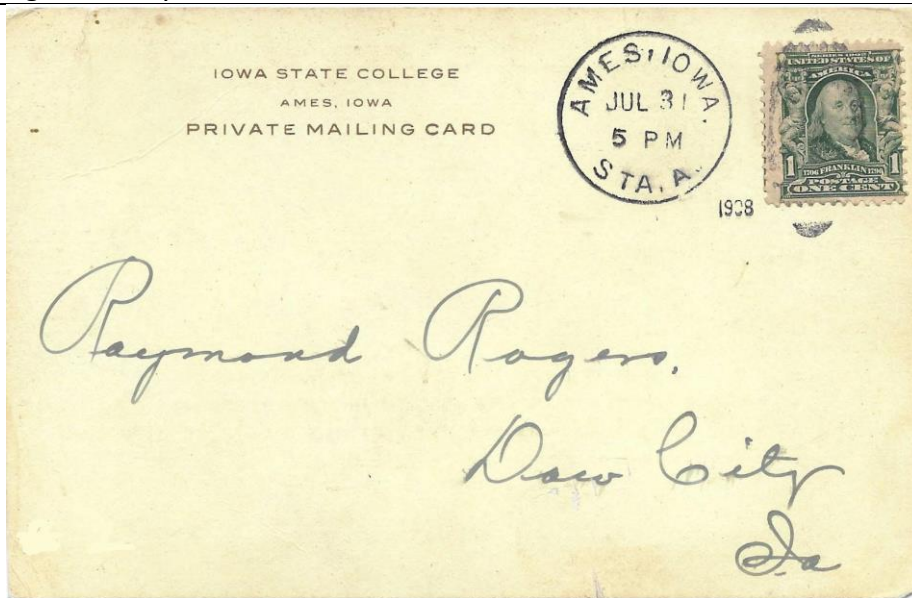


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Story	City: Ames
Dates: 29 ??? 1884	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "IOWA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, AMES, IOWA / HERMAN KNAPP, Deputy Treasurer."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			



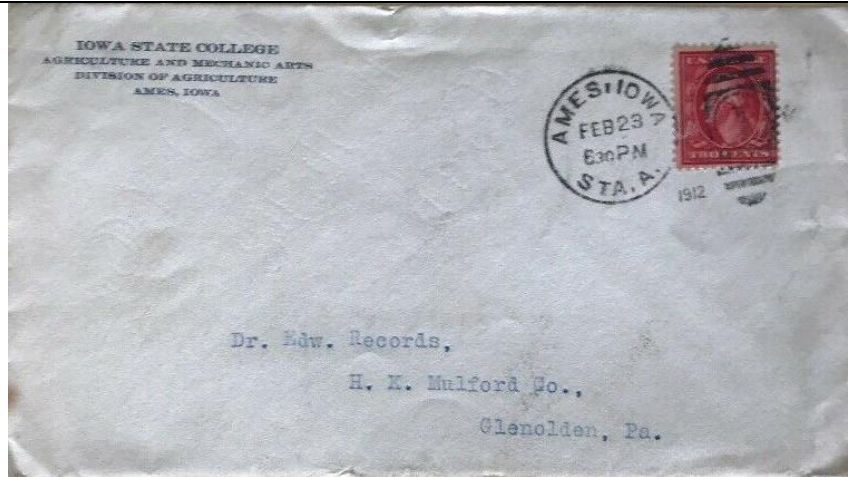
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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Story	City: Ames
Dates: 31 July 1908	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "IOWA STATE COLLEGE"			
Notes: A private mailing card with illustration on the reverse.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

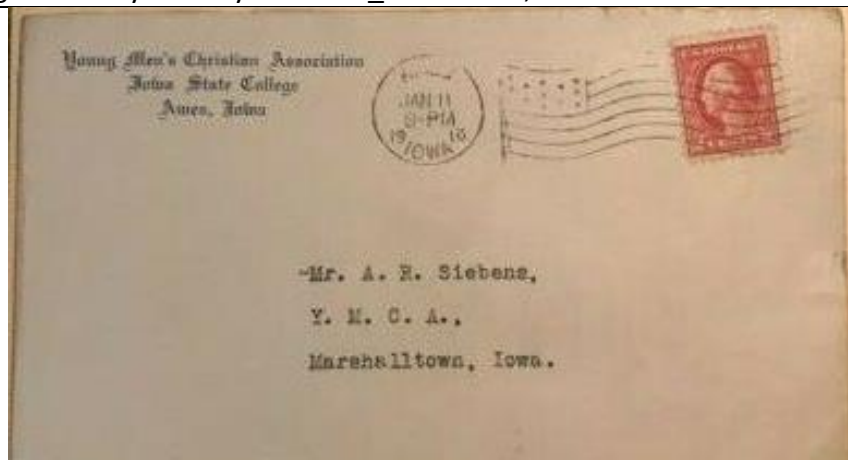


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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Story	City: Ames
Dates: 23 Feb 1912	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "IOWA STATE COLLEGE / AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS / DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller calloohcallay11, June 2021.			



ID:	State: Iowa	County: Story	City: Ames
Dates: 11 Jan 1913	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Young Men's Christian Association / Iowa State College"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller wc_auctioneer, June 2021.			



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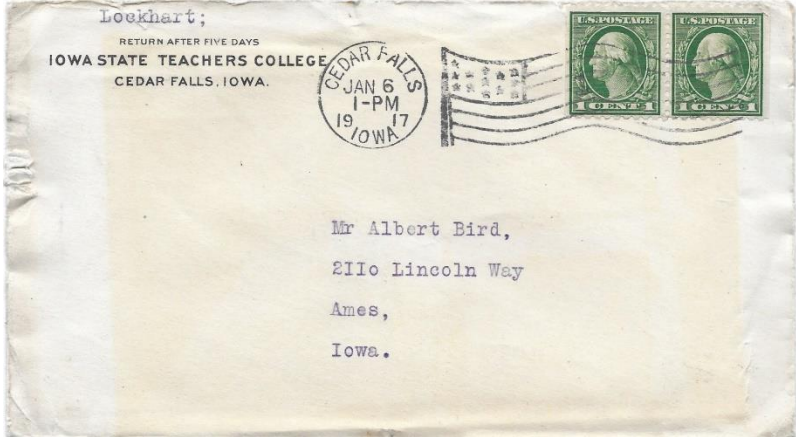
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Black Hawk	City: Cedar Falls
Dates: 18 Jun 1890	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "State Normal School"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

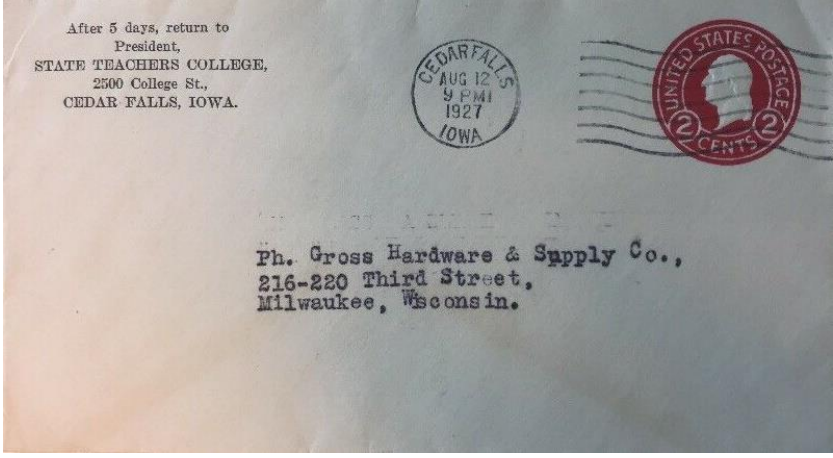


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Black Hawk	City: Cedar Falls
Dates: 10 Oct 1909	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "Iowa State Teachers College"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			



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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Black Hawk	City: Cedar Falls
Dates: 6 Jan 1917	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "IOWA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

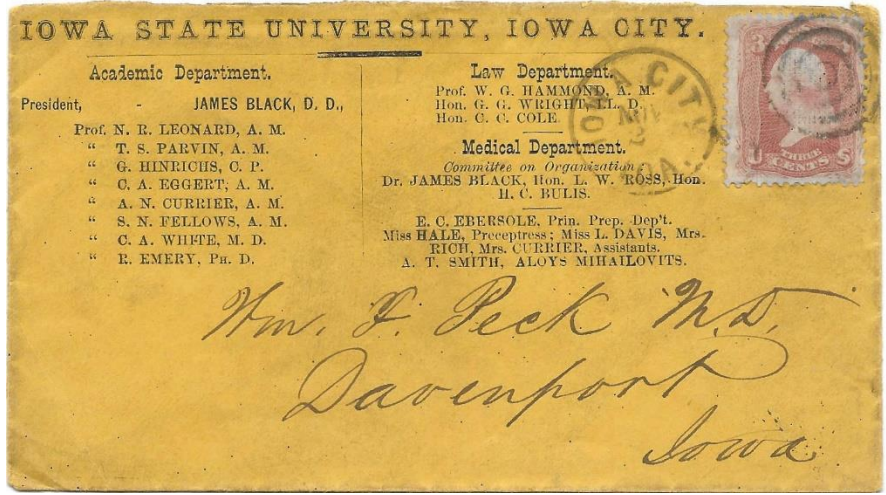
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Black Hawk	City: Cedar Falls
Dates: 12 Aug 1927	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller calloohcallay11, May 2021.			
			

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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 5 July ~1860s	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "WM. G. HAMMOND / Principal of Law Department State University"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

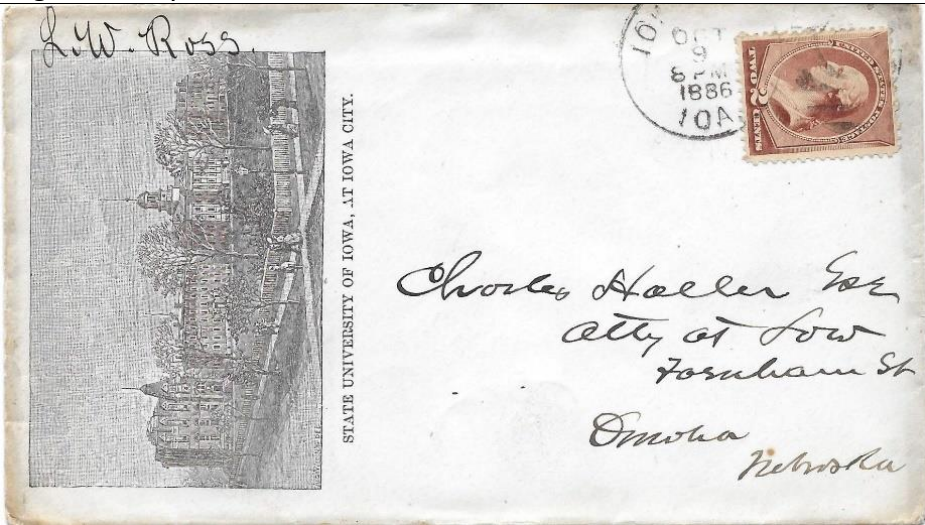


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: Late 1860s	Color: Black on gold	Size: Regular	
Office: "IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, IOWA CITY"			
Notes: Includes a list of the faculty members.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			





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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 18 Feb 1884	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

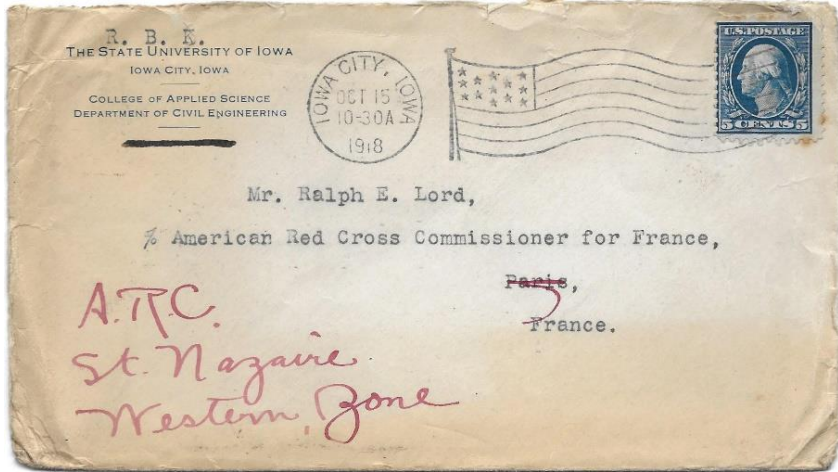
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 9 Oct 1886	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, AT IOWA CITY"			
Notes: Same building, text is expanded.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 6 May 1905	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "H. F. Wickham / University of Iowa / Iowa City"			
Notes: Wickham was an Entomologist.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

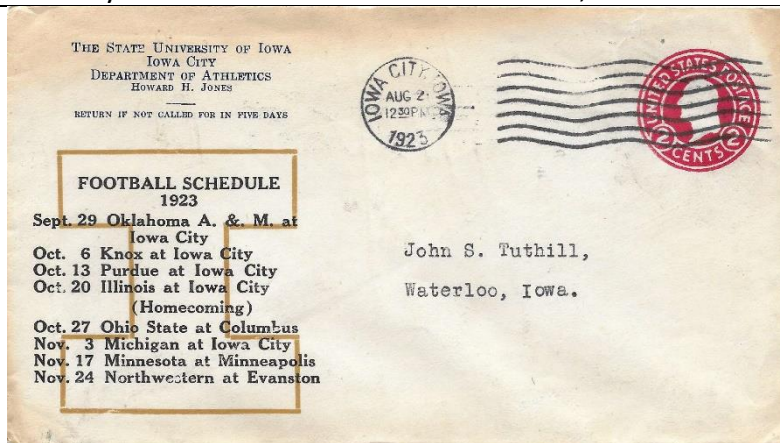
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 12 Jan 1918	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA / COLLEGE OF MEDICINE / DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 15 Oct 1918	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA / DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 15 Oct 1918	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA / DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

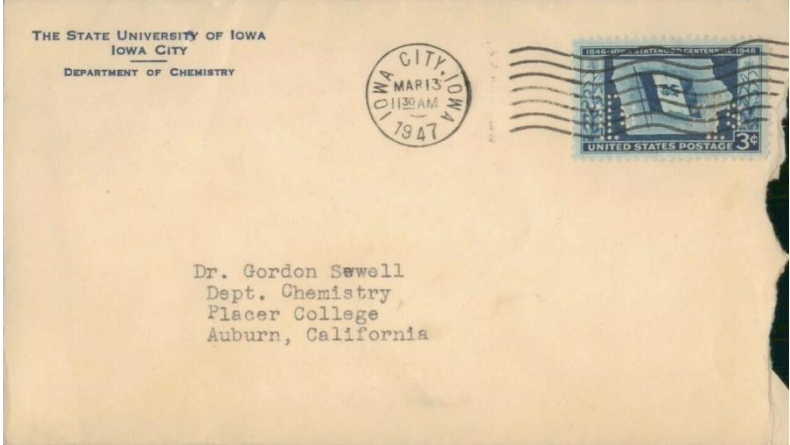


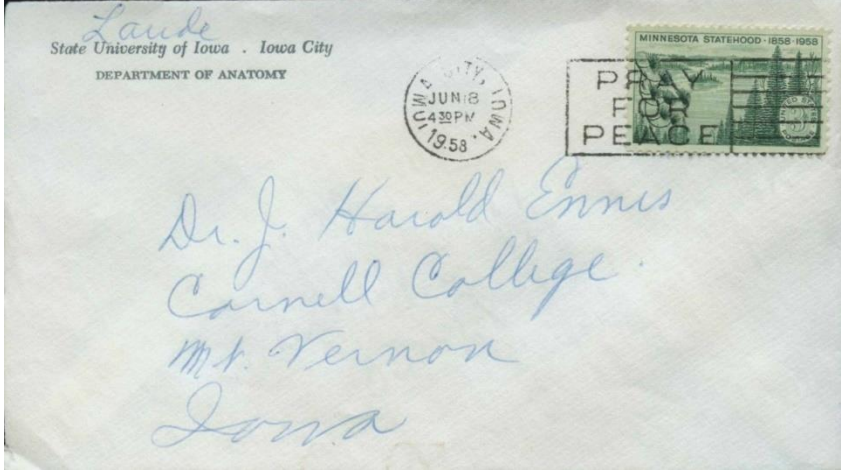
For the sports-minded, here are the results of these games.

Date	Opponent [#]	Rank [#]	Site	TV	Result
September 29	Oklahoma A&M *		Iowa Field • Iowa City, IA		W 20-0
October 6	Knox *		Iowa Field • Iowa City, IA		W 44-3
October 13	at Purdue		Iowa Field • Iowa City, IA		W 7-0
October 20	Illinois †		Iowa Field • Iowa City, IA		L 6-9
October 27	at Ohio State		Ohio Stadium • Columbus, OH		W 20-0
November 3	Michigan		Iowa Field • Iowa City, IA		L 3-9
November 17	at Minnesota		Northrop Field • Minneapolis, MN		L 7-20
November 24	at Northwestern		Northwestern Field • Evanston, IL		W 17-14

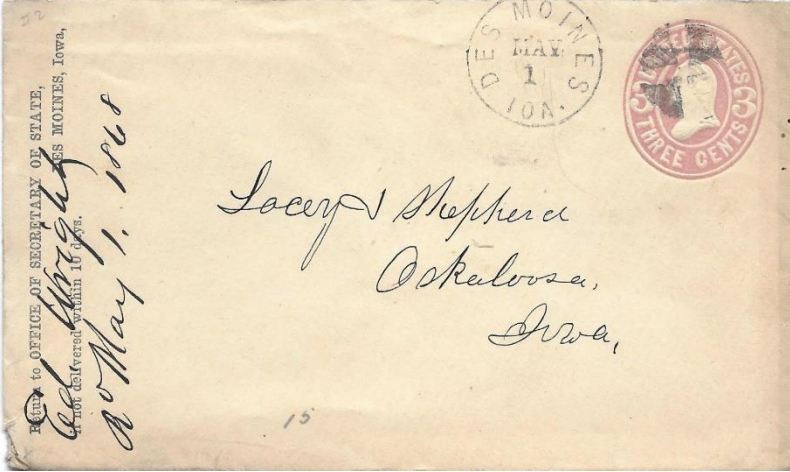
*Non-conference game. † Homecoming. [#]Rankings from [AP Poll](#).


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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 1 Mar 1947	Color: Blue	Size: Regular	
Office: "THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA / DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller mayfairstamps, June 2021.			
			


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 68 June 1958	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: " <i>State University of Iowa</i> / DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of unknown eBay, no date.			
			

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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 1 May 1868	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,"			
Notes: Similar cover dated 13 May 1868.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

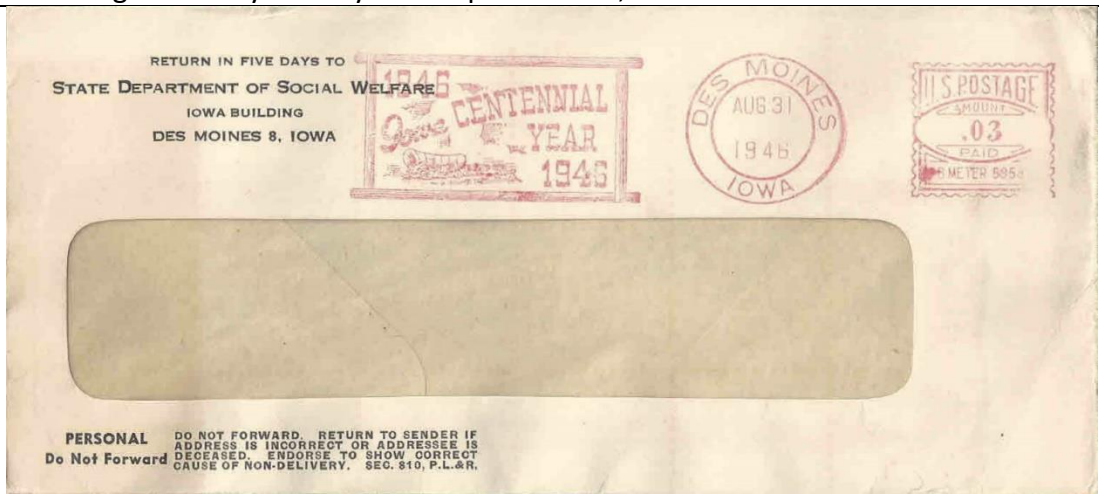
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Dates: 13 Aug ~1860s	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "SENATE CHAMBER,"			
Notes:			
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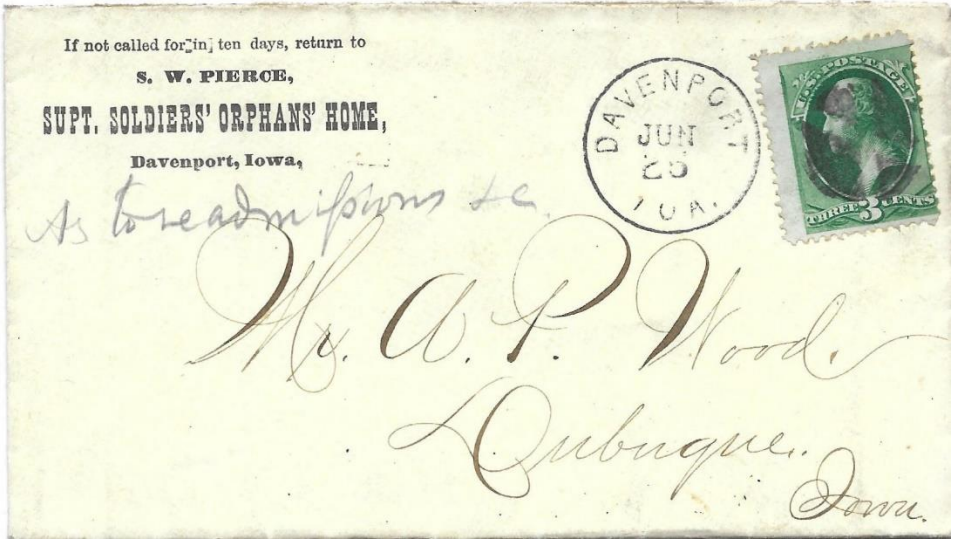
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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 20 April 1898	Color: Blue on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "TWENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY / SENATE CHAMBER,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Van Buren	City: Douds Leando
Dates: 4 May 1904	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "JAMES ELERICK / Second Senatorial District"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

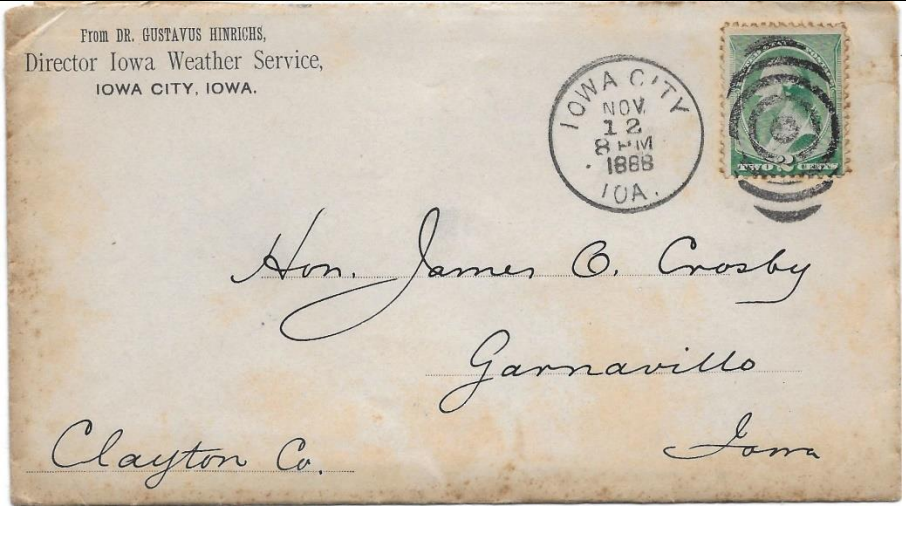
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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 31 Aug 1946	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller ephemerand, June 2021.			
			

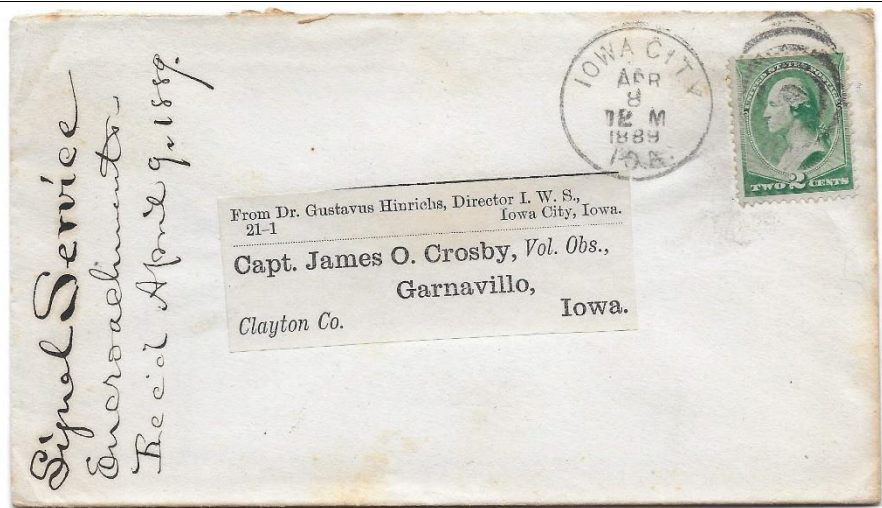
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Scott	City: Davenport
Dates: Before 1 Oct 1883	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "S. W. PIERCE, SUPT. SOLDIER'S ORPHAN'S HOME"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 12 Nov 1888	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "DR. GUSTAV HINRICHS, Director Iowa Weather Service"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			



ID:	State: Iowa	County: Johnson	City: Iowa City
Dates: 8 April 1889 to 24 May 1890	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "DR. GUSTAV HINRICHS, Director I. W. S."			
Notes: Return address/corner card printed on paste-down label.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			



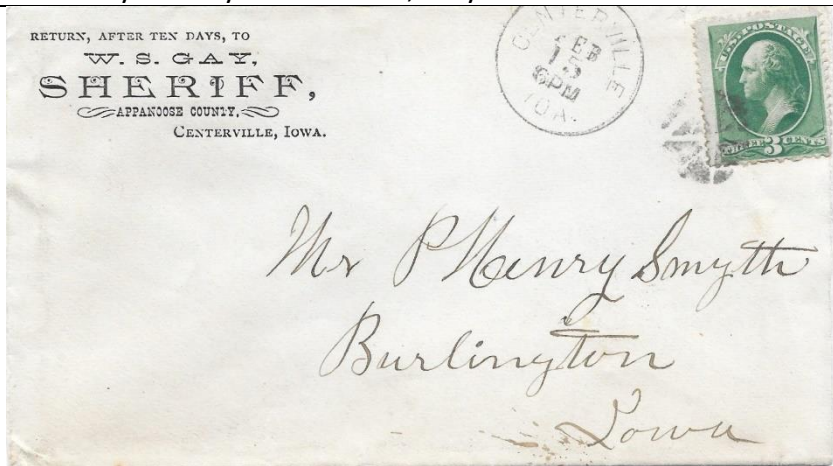
Part 2


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County and City Offices “Official Business” Envelopes

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Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Appanoose	City: Centerville
Dates: Before Oct 1, 1883	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "W. S. GAY / SHERIFF / APPANOOSE COUNTY,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller newall, May 2021.			
			

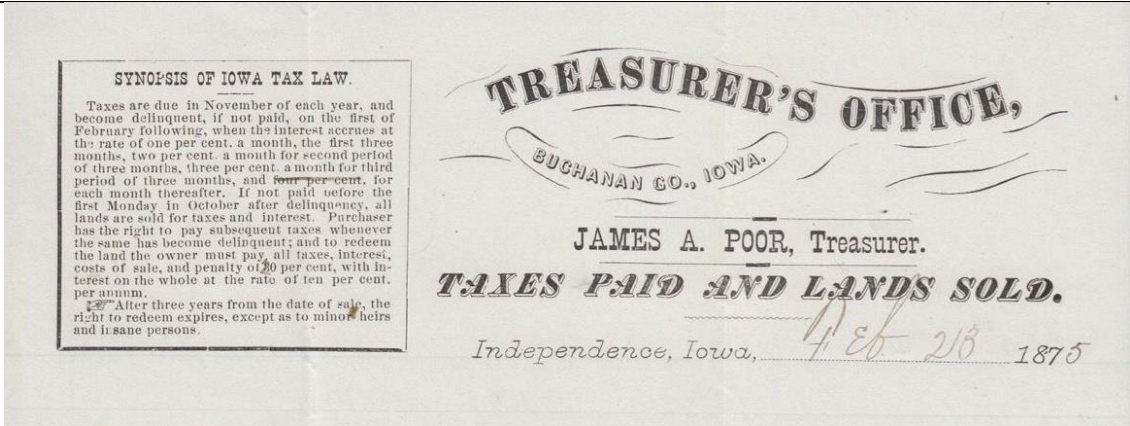
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Benton	City: Vinton
Dates: 4 Aug 1896 – 2 Sep 1896	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Treasurer Benton County"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Bremer	City: Waverly
Dates:	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "H S. HOOVER, / County Surveyor, Real Estate Agent and Notary Public / WAVERLY, Iowa"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

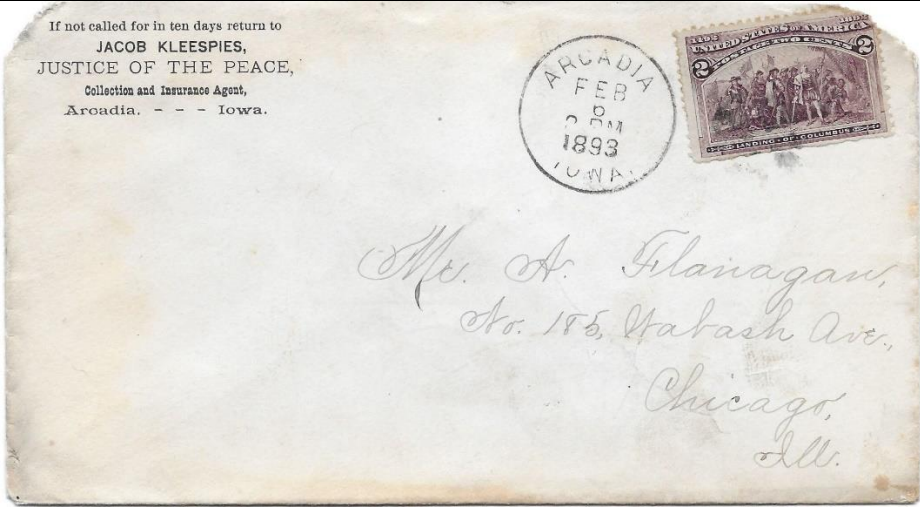


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Buchanan	City: Independence
Dates: 23 Feb 1875	Color: Black		Size:
Office: "TREASURER'S OFFICE"			
Notes: Letterhead from Treasurer's Office of Buchanan County.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller eliseot, April 2021.			



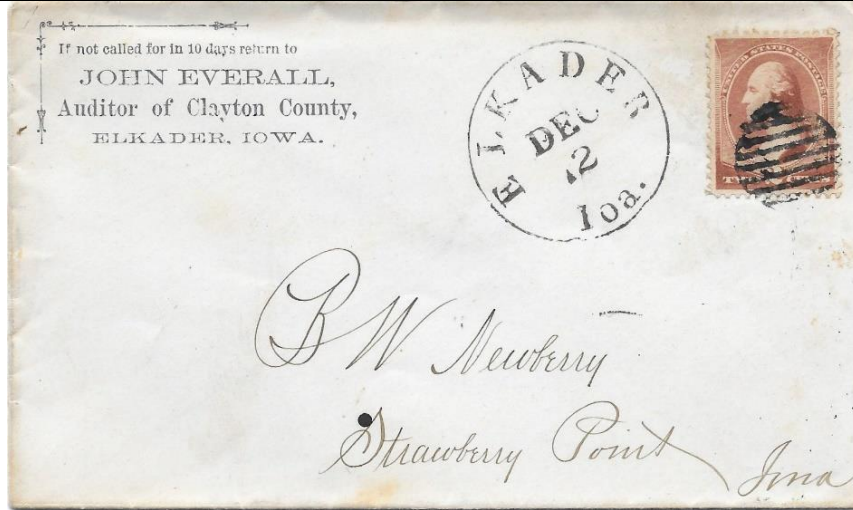
Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Carroll	City: Carrollton
Dates: 21 Mar 1868	Color: Black on gold	Size: Regular	
Office: "W. H. PRICE / CLERK DISTRICT COURT,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
 <p>The image shows a yellowish-tan letter cover with a red 2-cent stamp in the top right corner. The stamp features a portrait of George Washington. Handwritten in the top right is "Carroll City Iowa" and "March". The return address is printed: "W. H. PRICE, CLERK DISTRICT COURT, Land, Tax-Paying and COLLECTING AGENT, Carrollton, Carroll Co., Iowa." The recipient's address is handwritten: "George W Stafford Esq, Crawfordsville, Indiana". The number "68" is written in the bottom left corner.</p>			

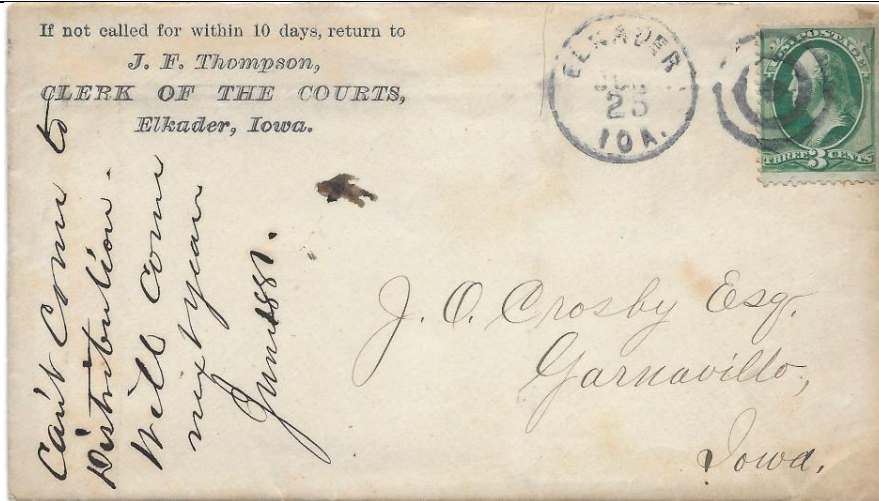
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Carroll	City: Arcadia
Dates: 8 Feb 1893	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "JACOB KLEESPIES, / JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
 <p>The image shows a light-colored letter cover with a circular postmark from Arcadia, Iowa, dated Feb 8 PM 1893. A 2-cent stamp is in the top right corner, featuring a group of people and the text "1893 UNITED STATES POSTAGE" and "THE MONUMENT OF COLUMBUS 1892". The return address is printed: "JACOB KLEESPIES, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, Collection and Insurance Agent, Arcadia. - - - Iowa." The recipient's address is handwritten: "Mr. A. Flanagan, No. 185, Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill."</p>			

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Clayton	City: Elkader
Dates: 20 Dec 1888	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "JOHN EVERALL, / Auditor of Clayton County,"			
Notes:			
Source: : Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

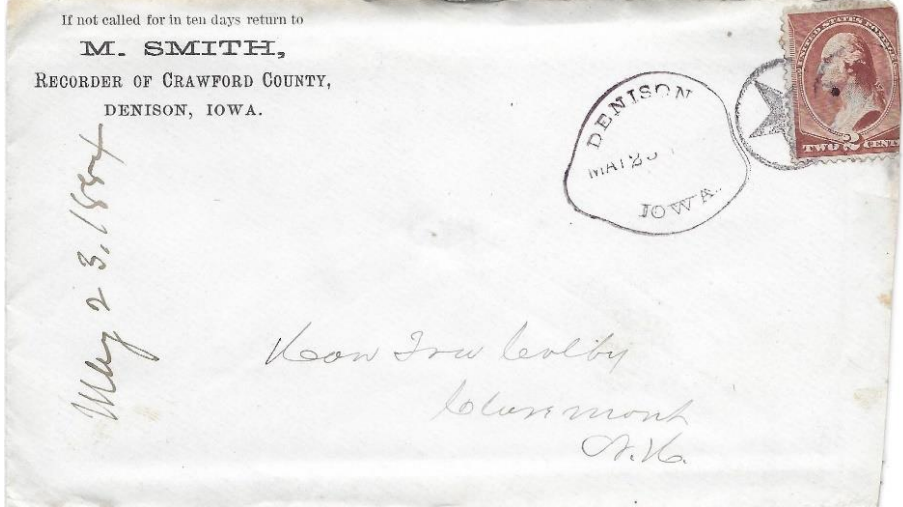


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Clayton	City: Elkader
Dates: Before Oct 1, 1883	Color: Black on cream	Size: Regular	
Office: "J. F. Thompson, / CLERK OF THE COURTS,"			
Notes:			
Source: : Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

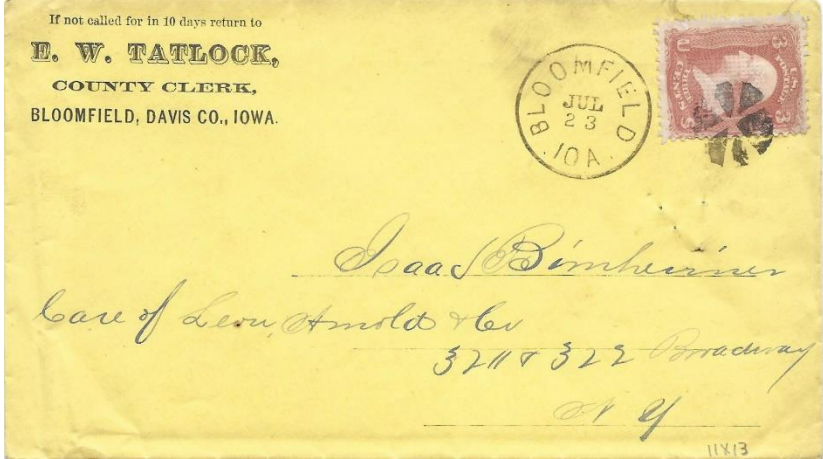


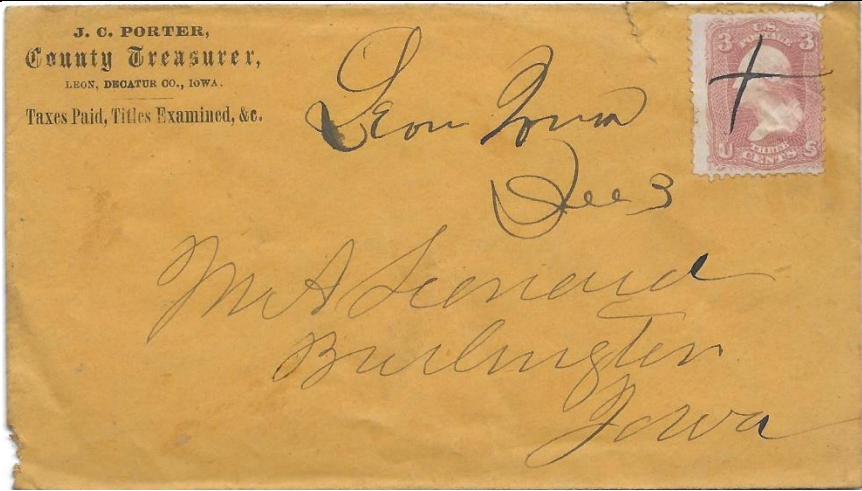
Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Chickasaw	City: New Hampton
Dates: 20 Dec 1888	Color: Blue on Buff	Size: Regular	
Office: "J. J. GRINNELL & CO., / Official Court Stenographers,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, April 2021.			
 <p>The image shows a light-colored envelope with blue printed text and a central illustration of a stenograph. The text includes: "After Ten Days Return to J. J. GRINNELL & CO., Official Court Stenographers, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, McGregor, - Iowa." A circular postmark from New Hampton, Iowa, dated Dec 20, 1888, is visible. A green 2-cent stamp is affixed in the top right corner. The recipient's address is "Hon. J. O. Crosby, Garnavillo, Iowa." A handwritten note on the left side reads: "Asking assistance for Al. Lawrence to be Judge."</p>			

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Crawford	City: Denison
Dates: 23 May 1884	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "M. SMITH / RECORDER OF CRAWFORD COUNTY,"			
Notes:			
Source: : Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
 <p>The image shows a light-colored envelope with black printed text and a central illustration of a recorder. The text includes: "If not called for in ten days return to M. SMITH, RECORDER OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, DENISON, IOWA." A circular postmark from Denison, Iowa, dated May 23, 1884, is visible. A red 2-cent stamp is affixed in the top right corner. The recipient's address is "Keosauqua Iowa Keosauqua Iowa". A handwritten note on the left side reads: "May 23, 1884".</p>			

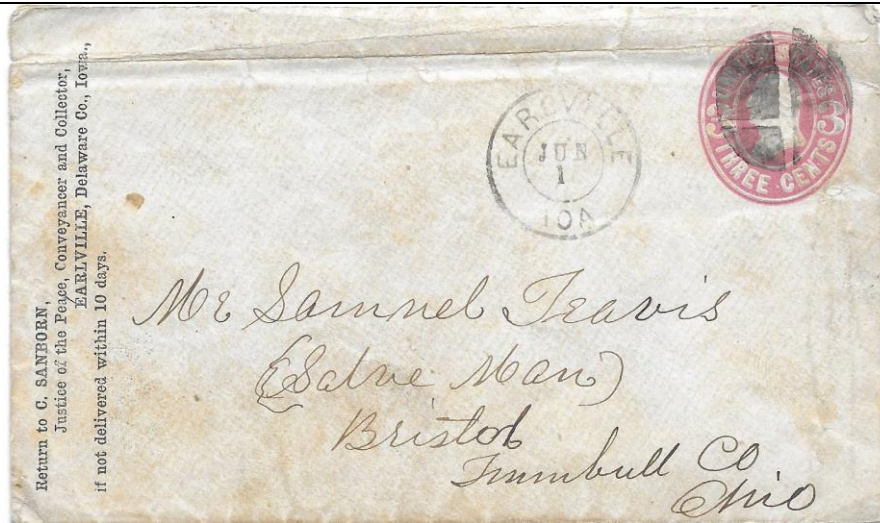
Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Davis	City: Bloomfield
Dates: 23 July 1860s	Color: Black on yellow	Size: Regular	
Office: "E. W. TATLOCK, / COUNTY CLERK."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

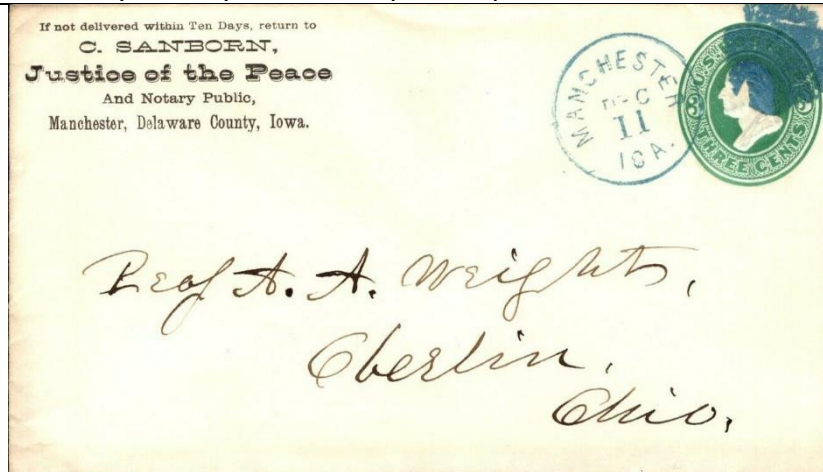
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Decatur	City: Leon
Dates: ~ 1860s	Color: Black on gold	Size: Regular	
Office: "J.C. PORTER, / County Treasurer,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

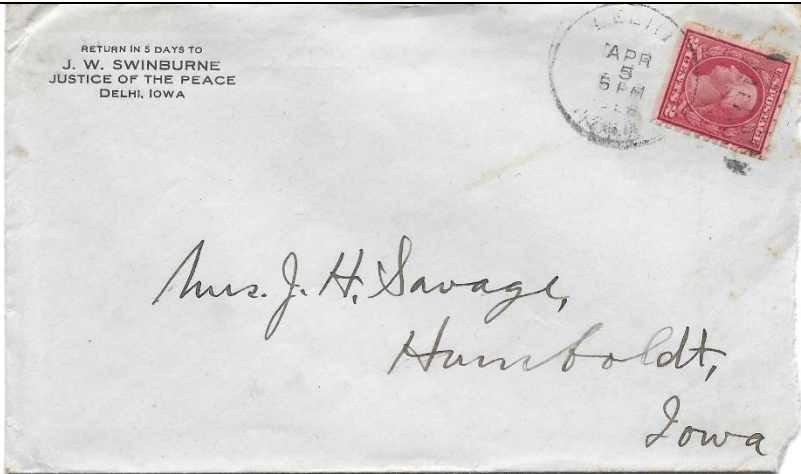
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Decatur	City: Earlville
Dates: 1 June ~1860s	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "C. SANBORN, / Justice of the Peace, Conveyancer and Collector, "			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			




ID:	State: Iowa	County: Delaware	City: Manchester
Dates: Before Oct 1, 1883	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "C. SANBORN, / Justice of the Peace / and Notary Public, "			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller brainyeros, April 2021.			

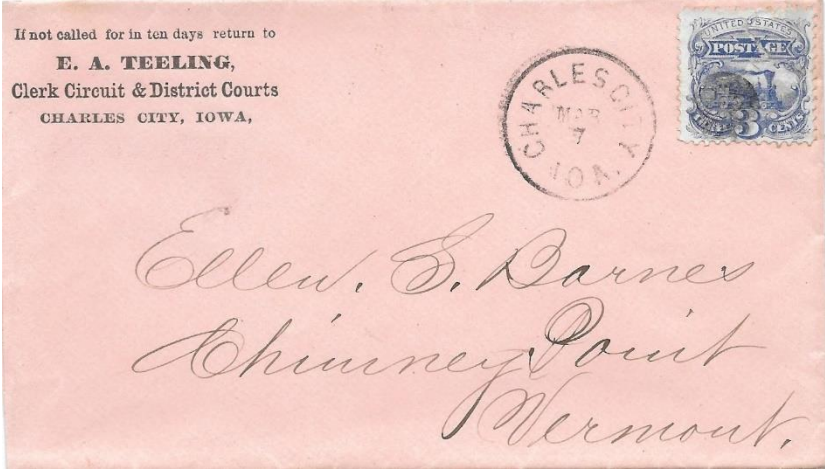



Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Delaware	City: Manchester
Dates: 5 April ~1908	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "J. W. SWINBURNE / JUSTICE OF THE PEACE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

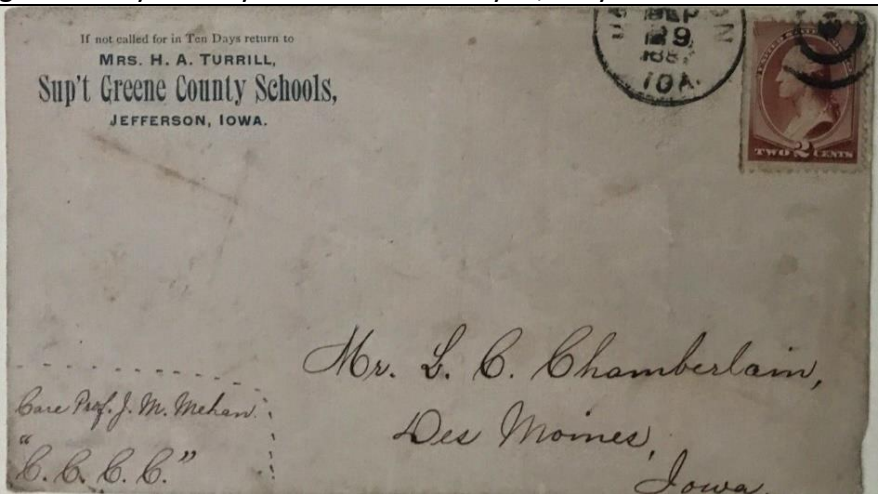
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Des Moines	City: Burlington
Dates: 9 July 1879	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "JOHN PAISLEY, / COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT / OF SCHOOLS"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

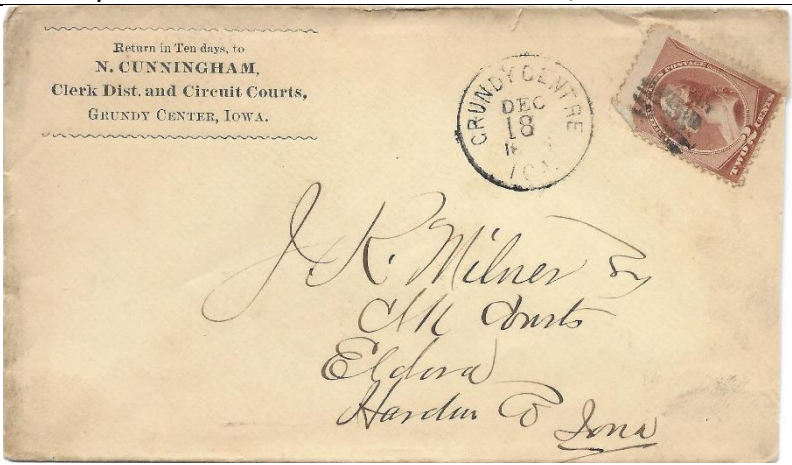
Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Floyd	City: Charles City
Dates: 7 Mar ~1870	Color: Black on rose	Size: Regular	
Office: "E. A. TEELING / Clerk Circuit & District Courts"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
 <p>If not called for in ten days return to E. A. TEELING, Clerk Circuit & District Courts CHARLES CITY, IOWA,</p> <p>Ellen S. Barnes Chimney Point Vermont,</p>			

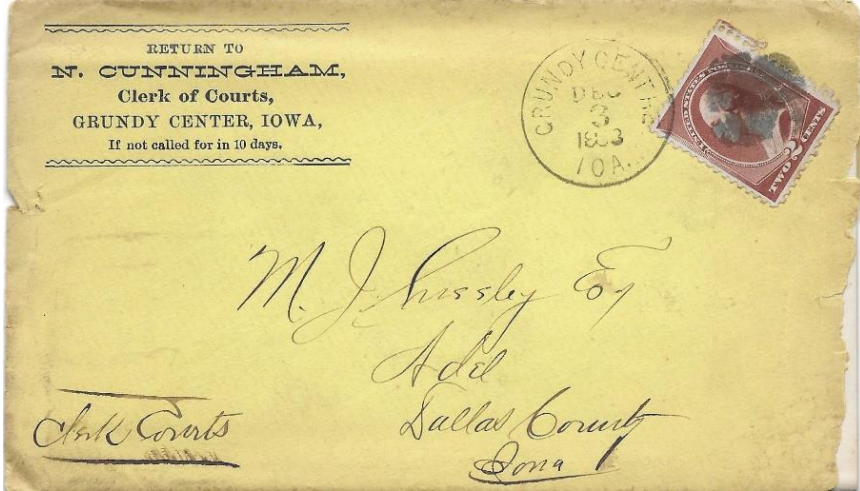
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Floyd	City: Charles City
Dates: 3 Oct 1941	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Senior High School / OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller trade-price-stamps, June 2021.			
 <p>Senior High School OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHARLES CITY, IOWA</p> <p>Wetmore Declamation Bureau 1631 South Paxton Street Sioux City, Iowa</p>			

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Greene	City: Jefferson
Dates: 9 Sep 1887	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Mrs. H. A. TURRILL, / Sup't Green County Schools,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller calloohcallay11, May 2021.			
			

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Grundy	City: Grundy Center
Dates: 18 Dec ~1880s	Color: Black on tan	Size: Regular	
Office: "N. CUNNINGHAM, / Clerk Dist. And Circuit Courts,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Grundy	City: Grundy Center
Dates: 3 Dec 1883	Color: Black on yellow	Size: Regular	
Office: "N. CUNNINGHAM, / Clerk of Courts,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

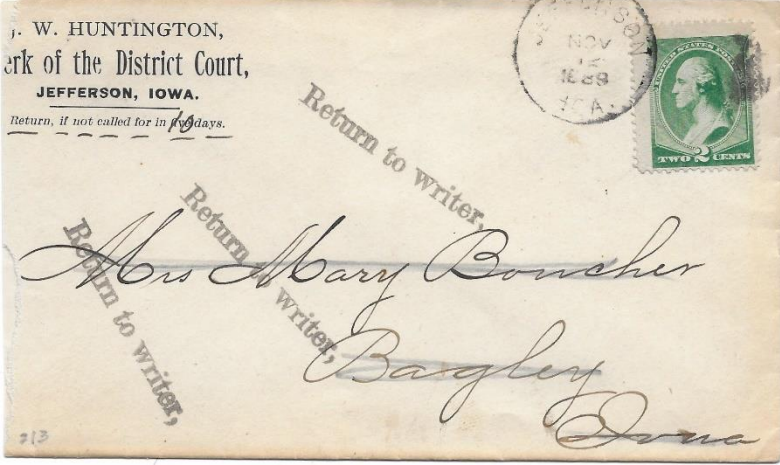
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Hancock	City: Upper Grove
Dates: 10 July ~1869	Color: Black on orange	Size: Regular	
Office: "Recorder and Treasurer of / HANCOCK COUNTY"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

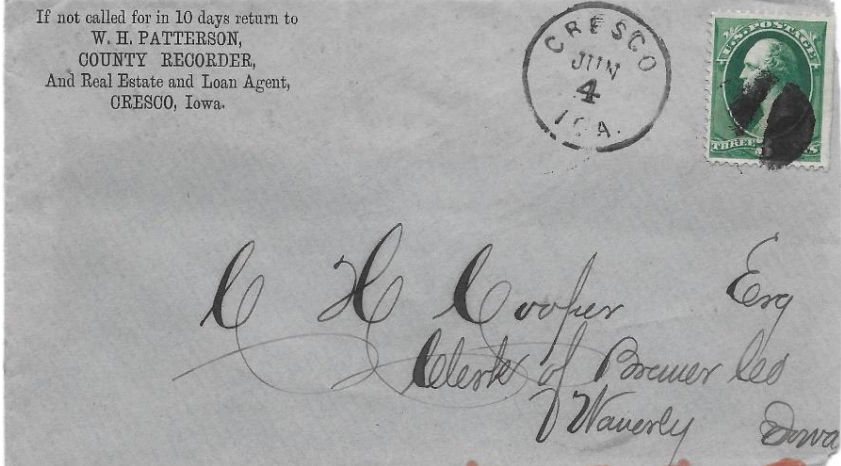
Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Hardin	City: Eldora
Dates: 12 Sept ~1870s	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "H. G. FULLER, COUNTY SUP'T."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Hardin	City: Eldora
Dates: 30 Jan ~1910s	Color: Black	Size: Legal	
Office: "CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller bellesite, May 2021.			

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Howard	City: Jefferson
Dates: 12 Nov 1888	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "J. W. HUNTINGTON / Clerk of the District Court"			
Notes: Undelivered, with 3 strikes "Return to writer" auxiliary.			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

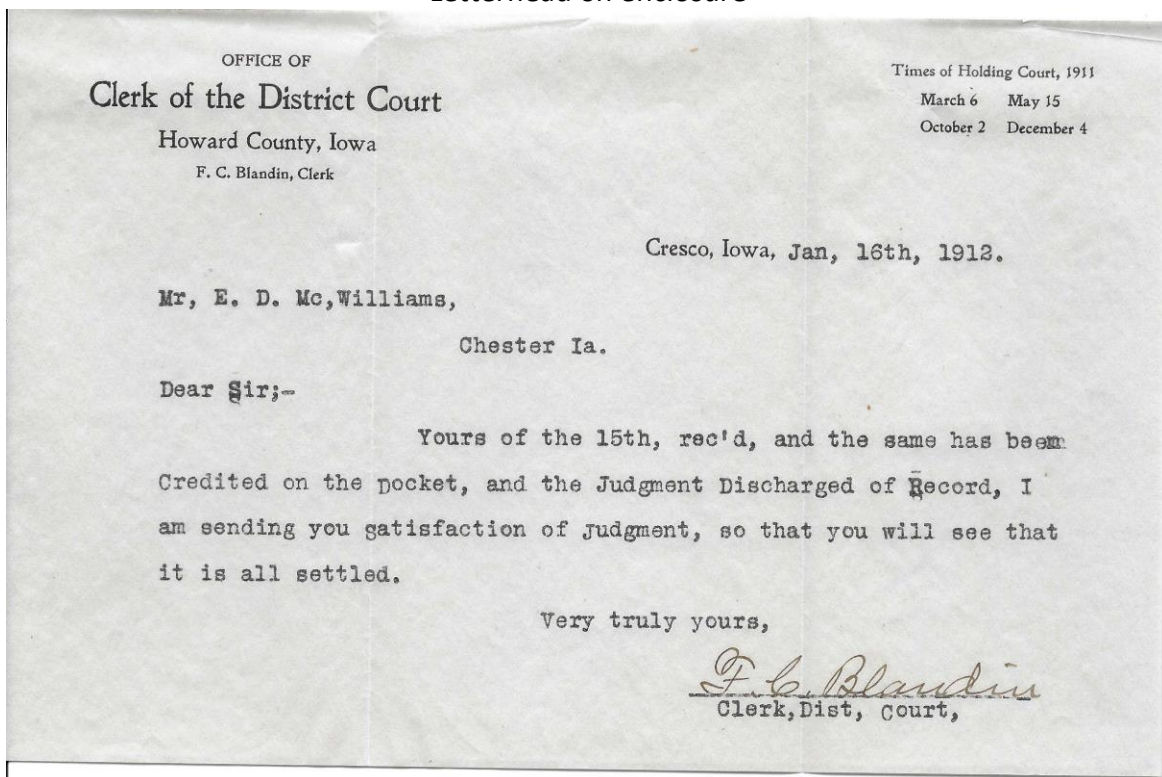
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Howard	City: Jefferson
Dates: Before Oct 1, 1883	Color: Black on gray	Size: Regular	
Office: "W. H. PATTERSON / COUNTY RECORDER"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

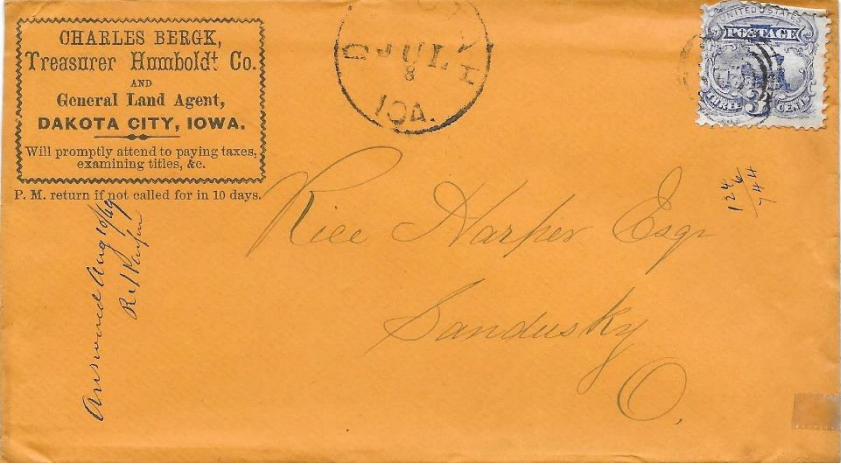
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Howard	City: Cresco
Dates: 17 Jan 1908	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "CLERK / DISTRICT COURT"			
Notes: All over with photographs of buildings			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

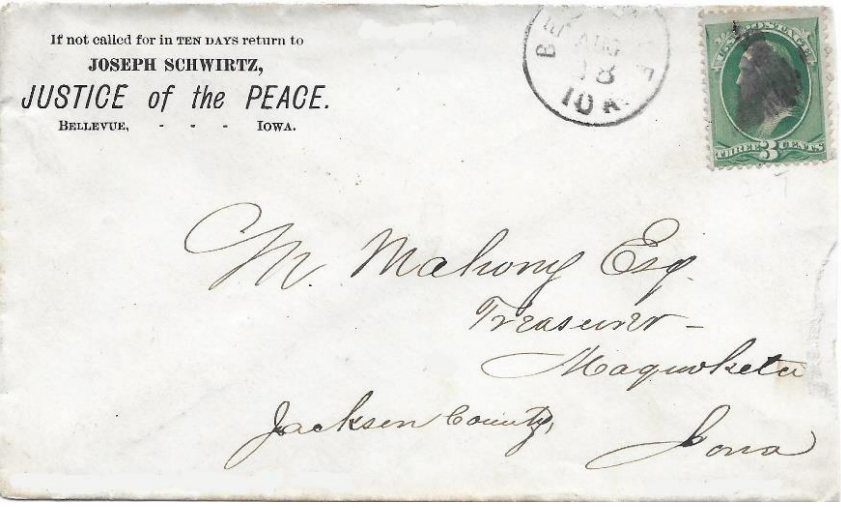


Letterhead on enclosure



Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Humboldt	City: Dakota City
Dates: 8 July 1869	Color: Black on Gold	Size: Regular	
Office: "CHARLES BERGK, / Treasurer Humboldt Co."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Jackson	City: Bellevue
Dates: Before 1 Oct 1883	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "JOSEPH SCHWIRTZ / JUSTICE OF THE PEACE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Jefferson	City: Fairfield
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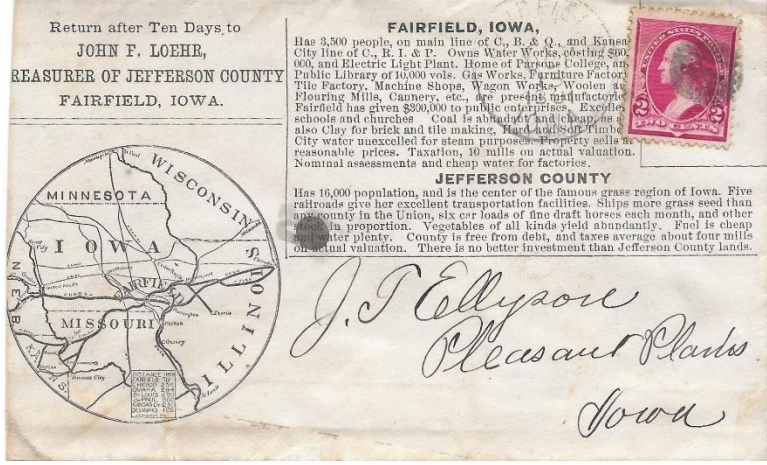
Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

Dates: ~ 1891 **Color:** Black **Size:** Regular

Office: "JOHN F. LOEHR / TREASURER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY"

Notes:

Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.



ID: **State:** Iowa **County:** Johnson **City:** Iowa City

Dates: 23 Mar 1887 **Color:** Black on White **Size:** Regular


Office: "S. H. FAIRALL, / JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT / EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT."


Notes:

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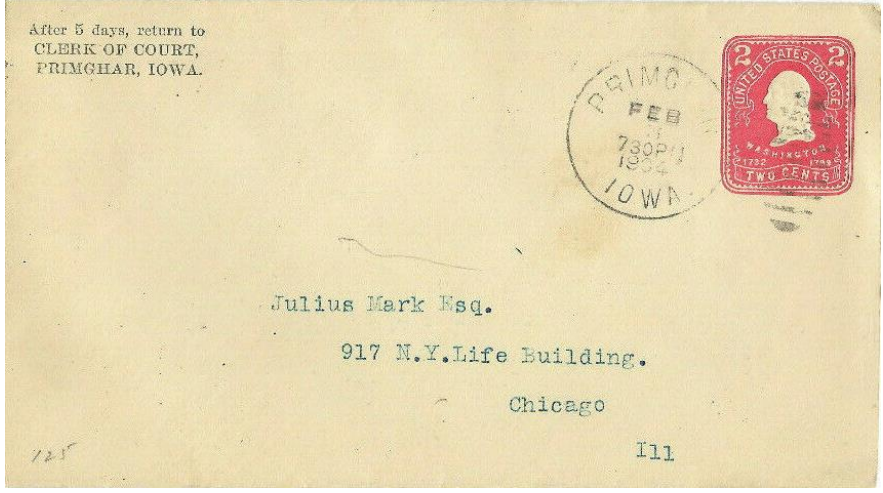


Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Linn	City: Lisbon
Dates: 13 Oct 1888	Color: Blue on buff	Size: Regular	
Office: "J. R. WETHERELL / NOTARY PUBLIC / JUSTICE OF THE PEACE & COLLECTOR"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Linn	City: Marion
Dates: 7 Apr ~1869	Color: Black on gold	Size: Regular	
Office: "R. T. WILSON, Treasurer, Linn County,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: O'Brien	City: Primghar
Dates: 3 Feb 1904	Color: Black on lemon	Size: Regular	
Office: "CLERK OF COURT"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cantdog, May 2021.			
			

ID:	State: Iowa	County: O'Brien	City: Sheldon
Dates: ~ Sept 1895	Color: Rose on cream	Size: Regular	
Office: "SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

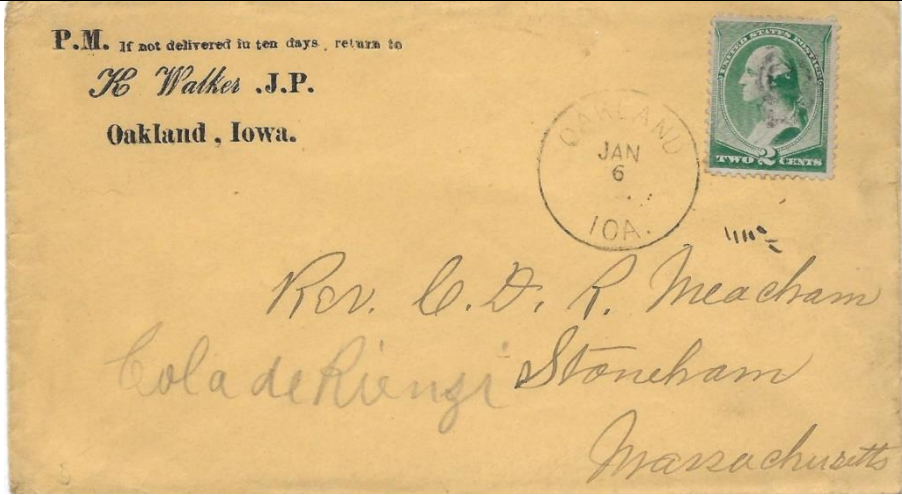
Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Page	City: Clarinda
Dates: Before Oct 1, 1883	Color: Black on gold	Size: Regular	
Office: "W. M. ALEXANDER, / COUNTY AUDITOR"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller oldcrow74, May 2021.			

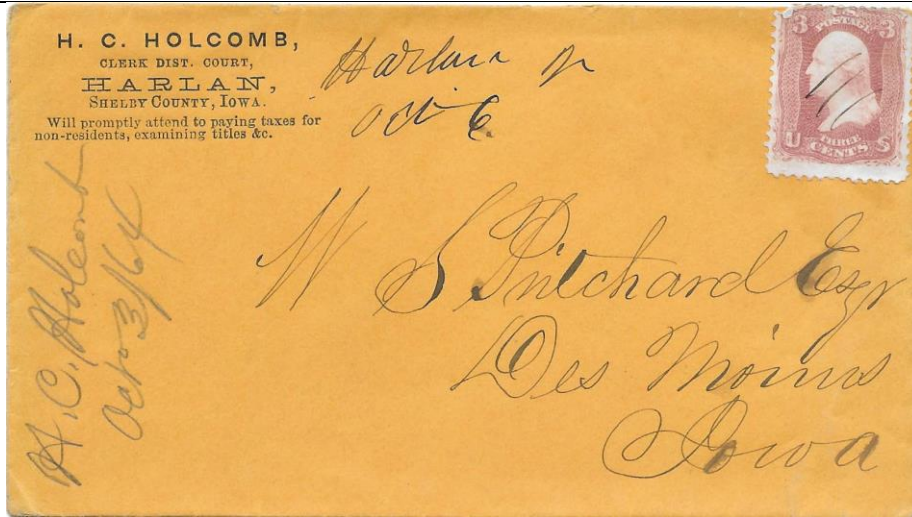
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Pocahontas	City: Pocahontas Center
Dates: 22 May 1882	Color: Black on yellow	Size: Regular	
Office: "W. D. McEwan, / TREASURER POCAHONTAS CO.,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Pottawattamie	City: Oakland
Dates: After Oct 1, 1883	Color: Black on gold		Size: Regular
Office: "H. Walker .J.P."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

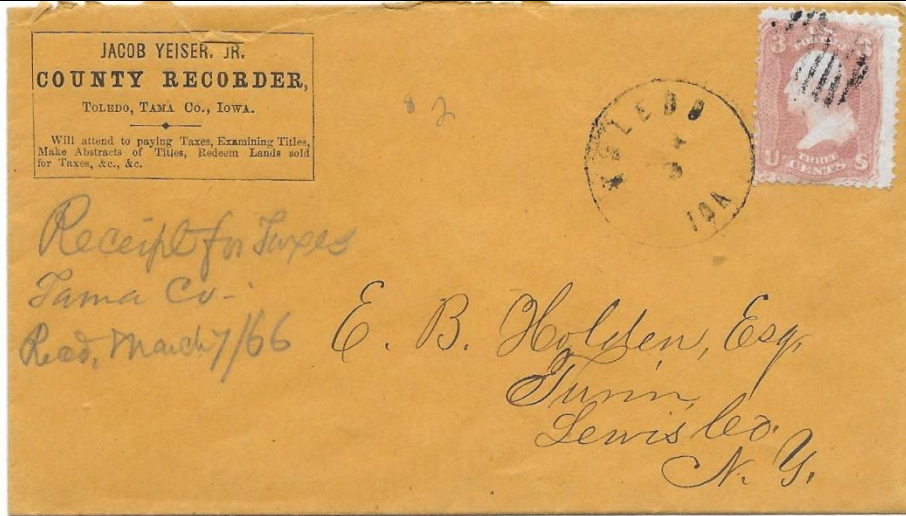


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Shelby	City: Harland
Dates: 6 Oct ~1860s	Color: Black on gold		Size: Regular
Office: "H. C. HOLCOMB, / CLERK DIST. COURT,"			
Notes:			
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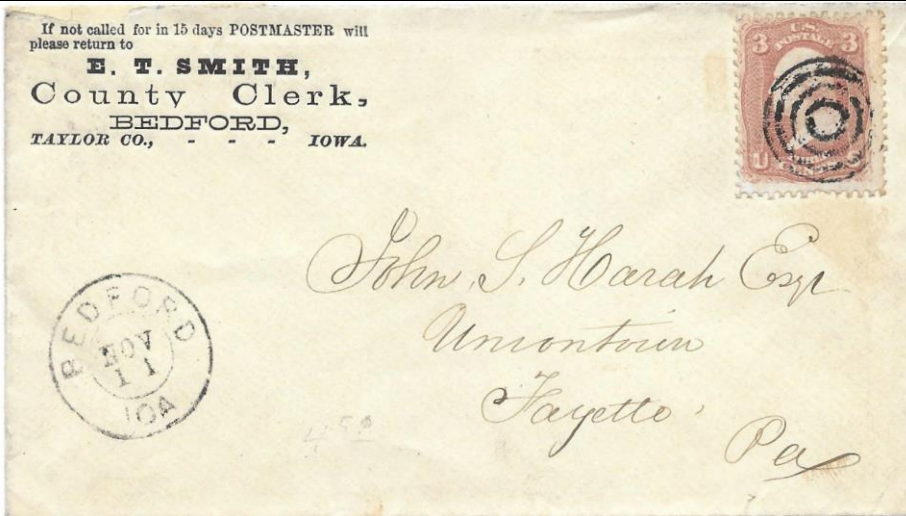


Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Tama	City: Toledo
Dates: 3 Mar 1866	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "JACOB YEISER, JR. / COUNTY RECORDER,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

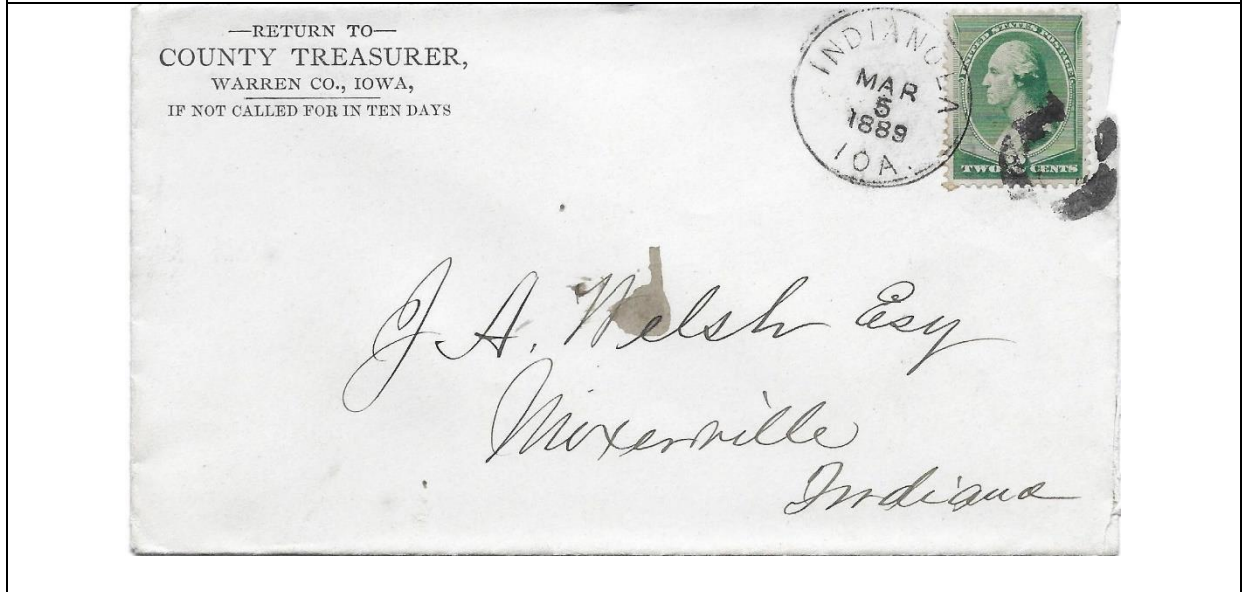


ID:	State: Iowa	County: Taylor	City: Bedford
Dates: 11 Nov ~1860s	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "E. T. SMITH / County Clerk,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

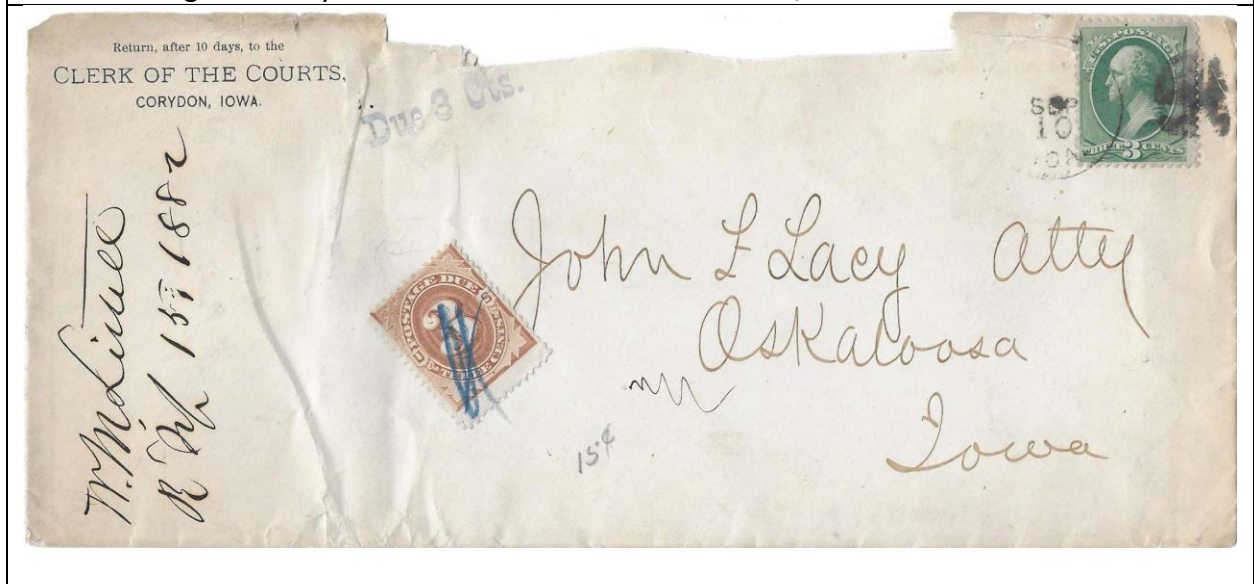


Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Warren	City: Indianola
Dates: 5 Mar 1889	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "COUNTY TREASURER, / WARREN Co., IOWA,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			



ID:	State: Iowa	County: Wayne	City: Corydon
Dates: 10 Sept 1882	Color: Black	Size: Legal	
Office: "CLERK OF THE COURTS."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			



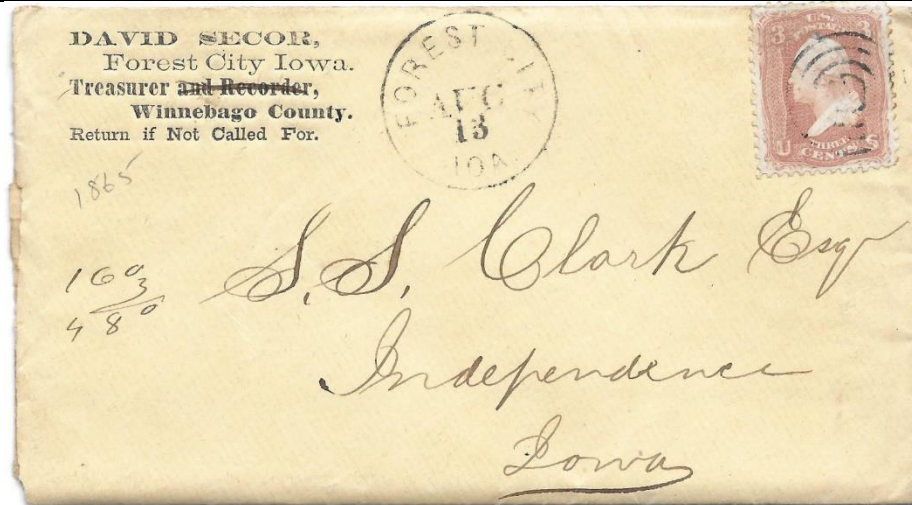
Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Webster	City: Fort Dodge
Dates: 29 Oct 1907	Color: Black on white		Size: Regular
Office: "PETER HADLEY / TREASURER WEBSTER COUNTY"			
Notes: Registered cover, with pointing hand "Return to Writer", also USPOD Official Seals on reverse.			
Source: Image courtesy eBay seller Americanstampshop, May 2021.			

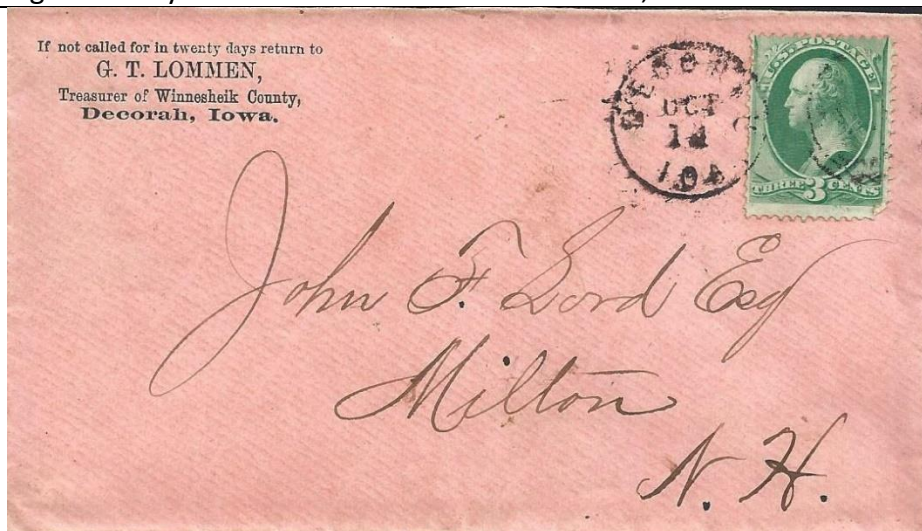


Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Winnebago	City: Forest City
Dates: 13 Aug 1865	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "DAVID SECOR, / Treasurer and Recorder,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			



ID:	State: Iowa	County: Winnesheik	City: Decorah
Dates: Before Oct 1, 1883	Color: Black on rose	Size: Regular	
Office: "G. T. LOMMEN, / Treasurer of Winnesheik County"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			




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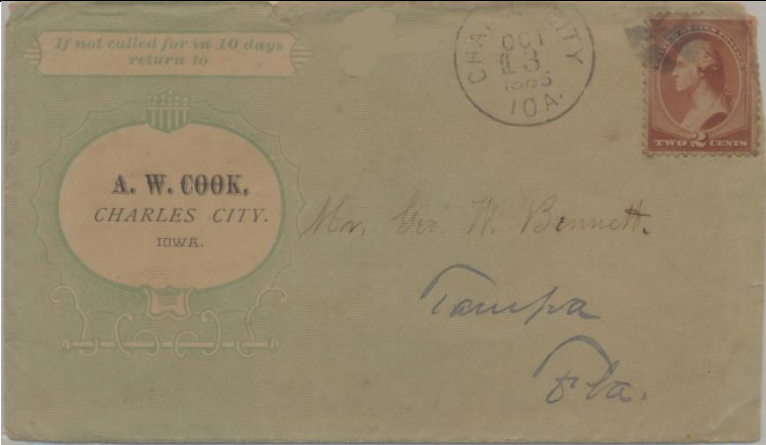
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Private Business’s Using designs similar to the “Official Business” Envelopes

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Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Clayton	City: Elkader
Dates: Before Oct 1, 1883	Color: Gray		Size: Regular
Office: "MURDOCK & LARKIN, / Attorneys at Law,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, April 2021.			
			

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Floyd	City: Charles City
Dates: 13 Oct 1885	Color: Green		Size: Regular
Office: "A. W. COOK, / CHARLES CITY, / IOWA."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy eBay seller yefzin, June 2021.			
			

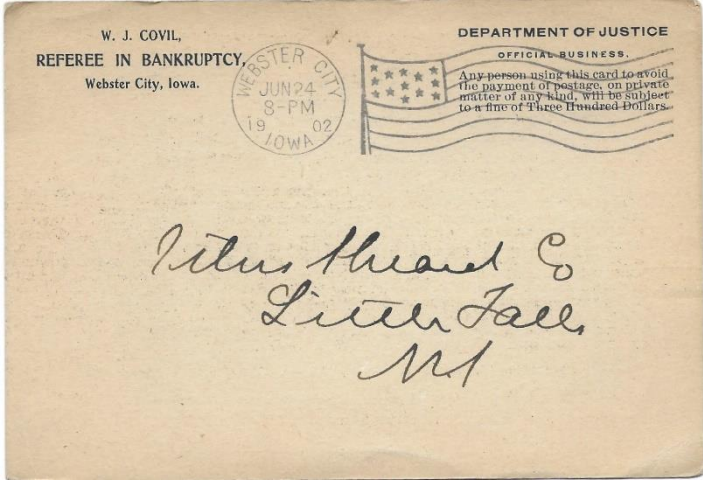
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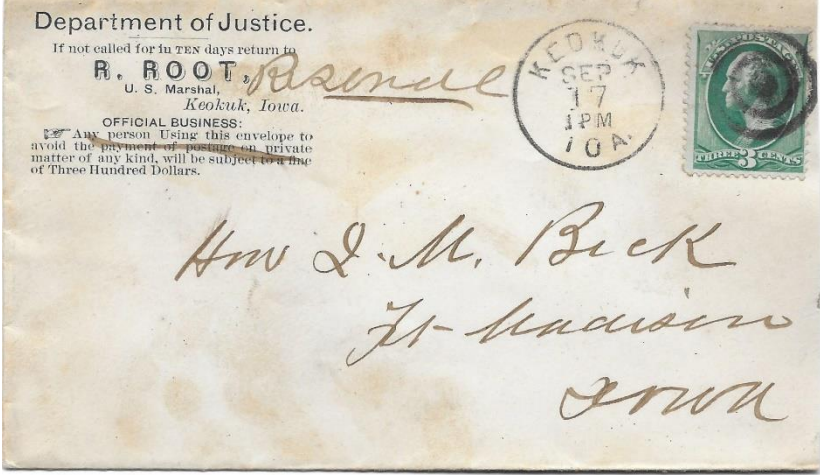
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Federal Offices “Official Business” Envelopes [Used in Iowa]

Arranged by County and City

Iowa: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: Iowa	County: Hamilton	City: Webster City
Dates: 24 June 1902	Color: Black on tan		Size: Postal Card
Office: "W. J. COVIL / REFEREE IN BANKRUPTCY"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

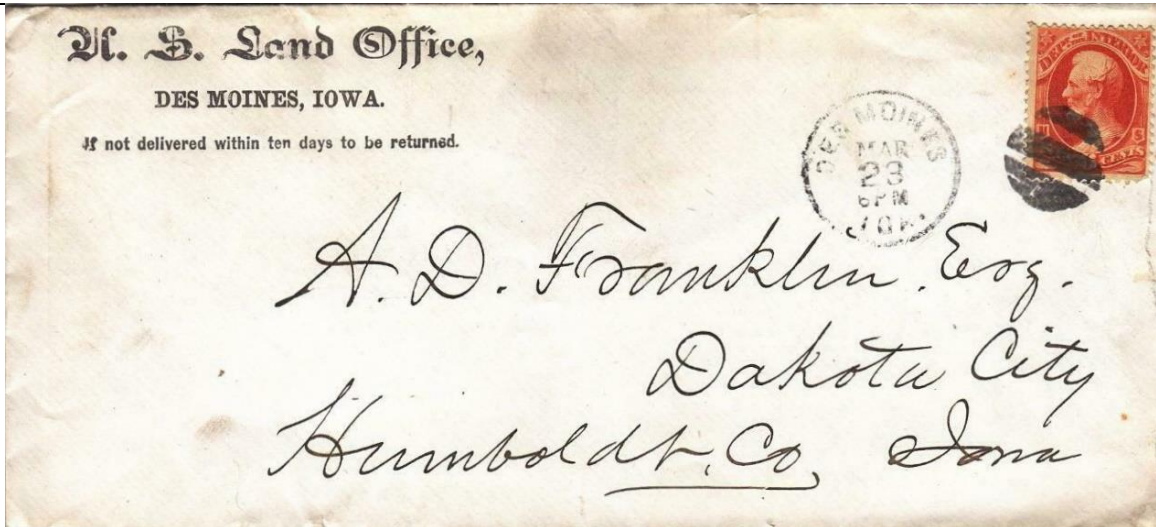
ID:	State: Iowa	County: Lee	City: Keokuk
Dates: Before 1 Oct 1883	Color: Black on cream		Size: Regular
Office: "R. ROOT / U. S. Marshal"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			
			

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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Lee	City: Keokuk
Dates: Before 1 Oct 1883	Color: Black on white	Size: Regular	
Office: "W. T. RANKIN, / Assistant United States Attorney"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			



ID:	State: Iowa	County: Polk	City: Des Moines
Dates: 23 March 1870s	Color: Black on white	Size: Legal	
Office: "U. S. Land Office,"			
Notes: Franked with 6 cent Department of Interior official stamp.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller dkstampman, June 2021.			



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ID:	State: Iowa	County: Muscatine	City: Muscatine
Dates: 6 Jan 1865	Color: Black on white		Size: Legal
Office: "Treasury Department, / Third Auditor's Office."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of the Jim Petersen Iowa collection, June 2021.			

