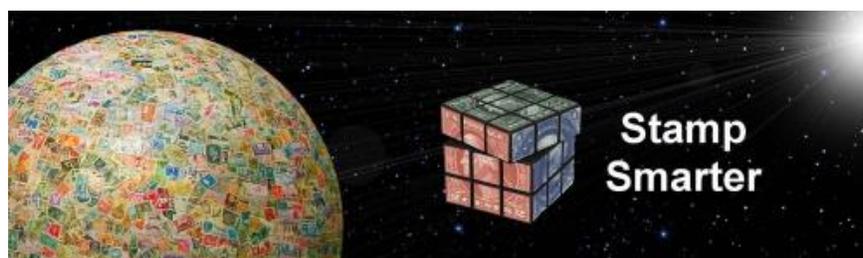


NEW YORK



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

Compiled by Mike Ludeman



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INTRODUCTION

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.

The compiler of this monograph has been a collector of these illustrated all-over “Official Business” envelopes prepared for the state of Texas for several years. These styles of covers were used both by departments and agencies of the state government, located in Austin, Texas, as well as at the seats of many county governments across the state. Those used by the state offices began in the early 1870s, and their use by these offices had declined by the beginning of the 20th century. Similar covers used at the county level began by the late 1870s, and some counties continued to use these into the 1920s and 1930s.

While recently compiling the two monographs based on the collection of the Texas covers, there appeared on eBay a large group (about 250) of these illustrated “Official Business” envelopes which had been used by departments and agencies from several dozen states. Fascinated to see such a large selection of these envelopes at one time, the concept to create a series of monographs to illustrate these types of envelopes for the other states was formed. The group of envelopes from eBay was “harvested”, and eBay and other sources were examined to locate additional envelopes, which were also preserved.

About the same time, a thread was posted on the Stamp Community Family stamp collecting forum in April 2021, in which the original poster asked whether there was any form of reference for these types of envelopes. This thread can be found at:

https://www.stampcommunity.org/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=76574&whichpage=1&

Since I had now had access to images for several hundred of these types of envelopes, and I had already been working on the construction of a monograph for my Texas materials, I decided to expand that effort and create some similar (but very preliminary) monographs for each of the various states for which I had at least a single example.

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ORGANIZATION

The original monographs were intended to focus only on those “Official Business” envelopes with the full all-over designs in the background, but as I began to examine and organize the covers present in my Texas collections, I discovered that there were a number of equally “interesting” envelopes, which had also been used by these departmental offices, either concurrently with, or subsequent to the appearance of the envelopes with the all-over illustrated designs.

These alternate designs can be roughly grouped in the following categories:

- (a) Envelopes with an illustration of the state capitol building or county courthouse,
- (b) Envelopes with an illustration of the state or county seal,
- (c) Envelopes with an ornate printed corner card, and
- (d) Those envelopes with a conventional corner card with the department or agency name.

The original scope was now expanded to include most envelopes encountered of the first three categories which were used before 1920. The goal was to try and be complete in their inclusion. Because of the larger quantity of official business envelopes with corners in this fourth category, these were included only when the compiler thought they might be useful to show the timing of the transition of the other styles of covers to the plain standard design, or to illustrate unusual department or agency names. Obviously, not all combinations were necessarily present or included in the monographs. In addition, the period of use to be included was expanded from the early years of the twentieth century up into the post-World War 2 period, and occasionally even further into the modern period. Readers not interested in the more modern material may easily skip over it.

The monographs which have been prepared in this series were not intended to be complete in all respects, such as one might expect in a formal handbook or catalog, but have 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.

Although these all-over illustrated “Official Business” departmental envelopes for Texas were compiled into separate monographs for the state and county office envelopes, it was elected to combine these groups into a single monograph for the other states. These monographs will generally have several sections. 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 department, they have been grouped in chronological order to the extent possible.

Unfortunately, the “chronological order” goal presented some difficulties. Most mail sent prior to 1890 did not have the year date present in the post office date stamp, and in the absence of any

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sender or addressee docketing, an “educated” guess had to be made based on the postage stamp present.

The most common departmental names encountered included the following (obviously not a complete list): Adjutant General’s Office, Attorney General’s Office, Department of Agriculture, various Courts: Civil, Criminal, Appeals, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Education (also called Public Instruction), General Assembly, General Land Office, State Library, House of Representatives, Legislature, Senate, Department of State, Supreme Court, and Treasurer’s Office.

A second section was prepared to include envelopes from agencies and departments prepared for and used by the county and other local (city) governments. However, due to the limited scope of the search for covers, not all the states included in this monograph series had examples of these county offices represented. 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. When present, these envelopes were generally represented by the following departments: Assessor or Tax Assessor or Tax Collector, Comptroller’s Office, County and District Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, and County Treasurer, although others are possible as well.

Schools and colleges presented a small dilemma, and an effort was made to include only those envelopes prepared for public, tax supported, schools. However, most schools identified with “Normal” as part of their name have been included, even though this was a common term used with private schools during the 19th century. The compiler apologizes for any confusion this brings to the monographs.

While examining these envelopes from a few states (especially Texas), examples of similar envelopes used by private businesses were encountered that used the same basic design templates. In some instances, these have been included in a separate section.

In the original plan, only a few examples of these all-over “Official Business” envelopes were observed which had been printed for use by the Congress in Washington, DC, and a separate monograph has been prepared for those. There was no intention to include envelopes with illustrations or corner cards from other offices of the many federal government’s departments and agencies which had major offices located within the state. However, after encountering a few “interesting” envelopes and corner cards, it was decided to include a few of these, with the criteria that they would have the post office name within the state imprinted on the envelope, and would typically not include the myriad of common “penalty” envelopes which are present in the thousands for some departments. As a result, the reader will find that the level of representation of these types of official business envelopes to vary considerably from state to state.

The origin or printing source of these envelopes is not well documented. Only a small number of envelopes examined had any form of printer’s imprint, and it is believed that many of the envelopes used by state governments were prepared by either a state printing department, or by annual contracts to private printers within the state. A careful examination of many examples of similarly appearing envelopes used over a sequence of years often reveals variations that would indicate that new lithographic plates were probably prepared, which could have been the result of an old plate wearing

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out or a change in the printing company. A review of the monograph for Ohio will present some preliminary analysis by the compiler along these lines.

The printing of the county and other local office envelopes appears – at least within Texas – to be the result of several large stationery printing firms who sold these designs to the local governments. It is suspected that the transition from these more colorful designs to the traditional corner cards seen after 1920 was the result of local printing businesses wanting this sort of business to be made available to their local businesses, and not outside firms.

The representation of these envelopes found in the several dozen monographs in this series is quite diverse. A few states: Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas, are now represented by a significant number of examples, often the result of early contributions from collectors who are state “specialists”, and who kindly volunteered to contribute scans of their material for inclusion. Other states, particularly those found in the southern and western areas of the United States, have only few examples recorded and included at the present time. This diversity should not be interpreted as an absence or scarcity of envelopes from those states, but more of an artifact of the method by which the data was collected by the compiler. Additionally, many states have no covers or very few examples of covers reported from the county offices, and the same consideration applies. Texas has by far the largest number of these county office envelopes included, which may be because there are 254 distinct counties in Texas, or simply an artifact of my having collected these for many years, but it also appears that several printing/publishing firms had aggressive marketing efforts to sell these types of envelopes at the county government level in Texas.

Each envelope illustrated will have a header section like the one shown here.

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 “**Dates:**” field will generally be limited to the year of use, and when two identical covers are known from different years, a range may be provided. The exact dates for covers used prior to 1890 are often missing from postal markings found on the envelopes, and they are then estimated based on the stamp used. As the base postage rate changed from 3 cents to 2 cents on Oct 1, 1883, this date is often entered simply as “Before Oct 1, 1883” or “After Oct 1, 1883” when no other information is available.
- c.) The “**Size:**” field will be provided in inches, i.e., 6.25” x 3.75”, when the actual cover can be examined and measured, but when acquired from other sources, will usually be noted as “Small”, “Regular” (close to the 6.25” x 3.75” size), or “Large” (equivalent to our current legal size No. 10 envelopes).

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- d.) The “**Color:**” field will be approximate, as many colors seen online are not truly representative, and subject to fading.
- e.) The “**Office:**” field will include the name of the departmental or agency office as it appears on the envelope. As the departmental name may change over time, covers with alternative departmental names will generally be included following the earliest version of the department name.
- f.) The “**Notes:**” field will include any unique information about the envelope, and also about the printer’s imprint, when present. If not mentioned, there was no imprint, or the reverse of the cover was not available.
- g.) The “**Source:**” field will identify the source of the cover, generally either as “Author’s collection”, a contributor’s collection, or an eBay seller’s listing.

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 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, I began to include these 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 digitals scans that illustrate covers not present in these monographs, including those 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 covers should be scanned at 300dpi and provided in the JPG format when possible. If contributing more than a small number, please contact me to discuss options other than email.

Contributors will be acknowledged in the monograph(s) for which they submit examples. Please bring any errors found to my attention.

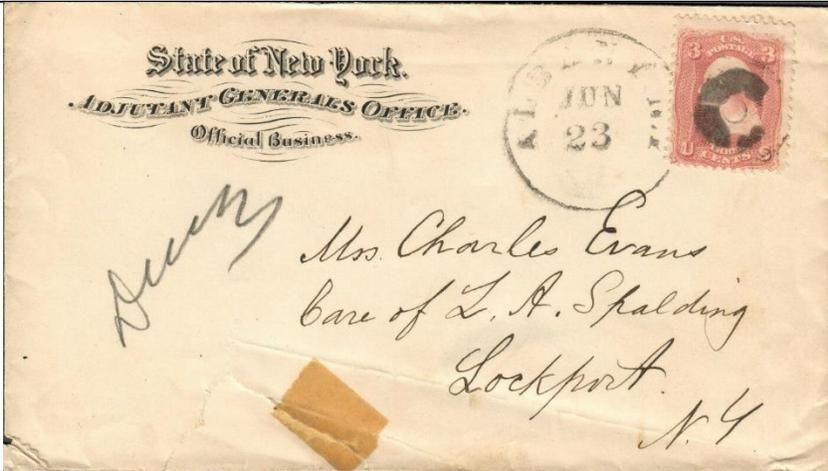
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June 2021

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ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s	Color: Rose		Size: Regular
Office: No department specified, with state seal.			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, May 2021			
			

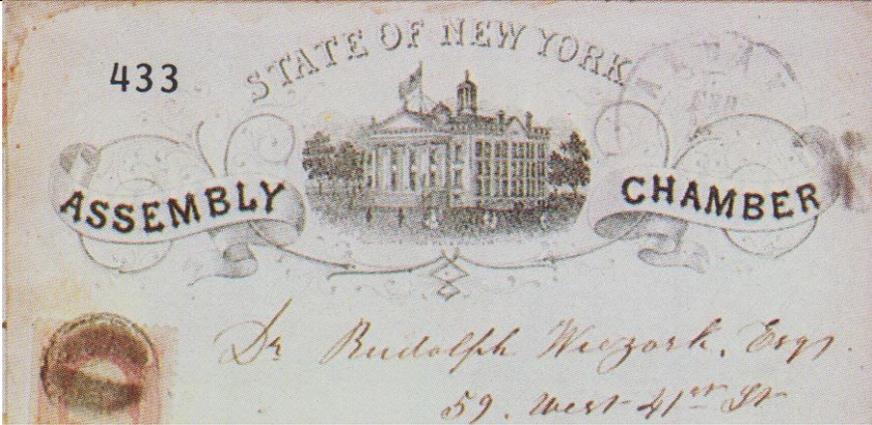
ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s	Color: Gray		Size: Regular
Office: Corner card: "Adjutant General's Office"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller suncoaststamps, May 2021			
			

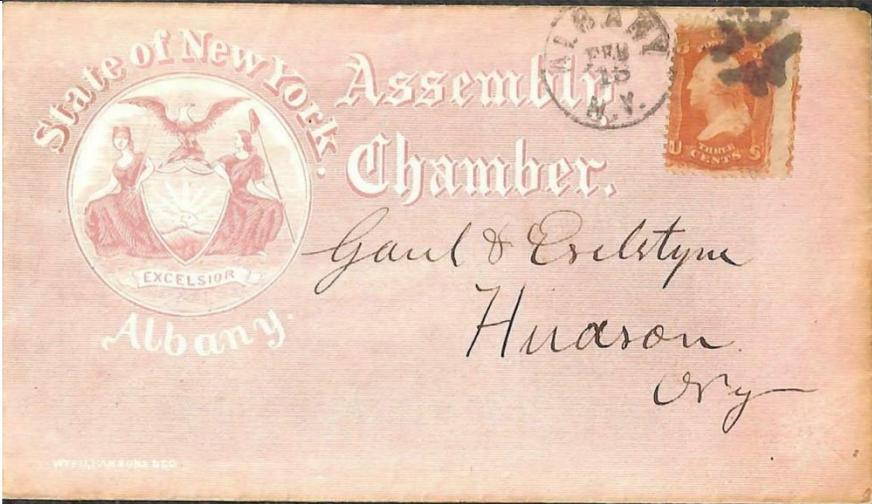
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 21 May 1861		Color: Pale yellow	Size: Regular
Office: "ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			
			

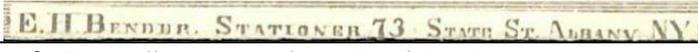
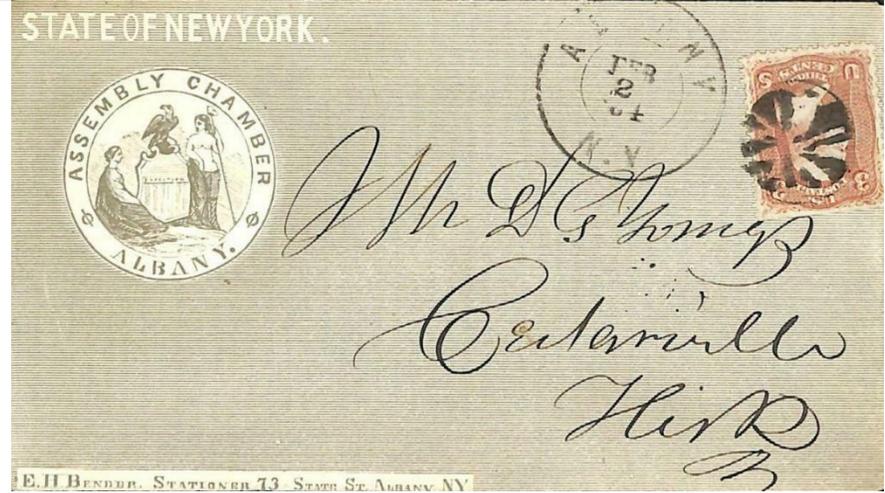
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Dates: ~1860s		Color: Gray	Size: Legal
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Notes:			
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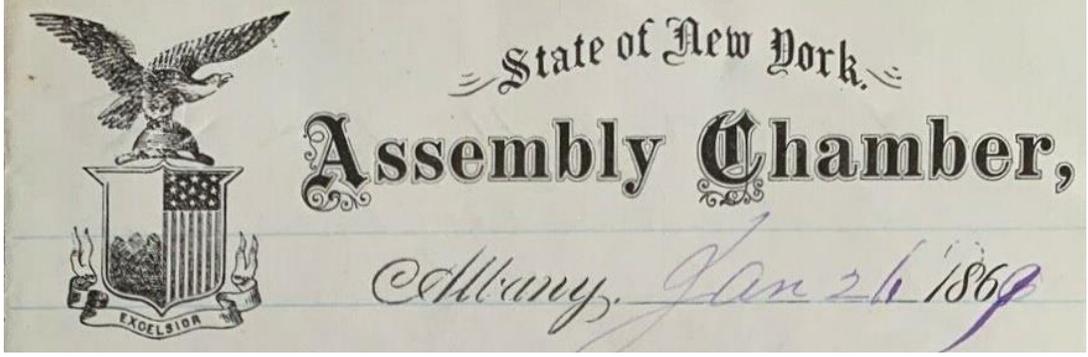
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "STATE OF NEW YORK / ASSEMBLY CHAMBER"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of "American Illustrated Cover Catalog", David G. Phillips, 1982, lot 433.			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s		Color: Pink	Size: Regular
Office: "Assembly / Chamber"			
Notes: Printer imprint present, but illegible, probably "WEED, PARSONS & CO."			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			
			

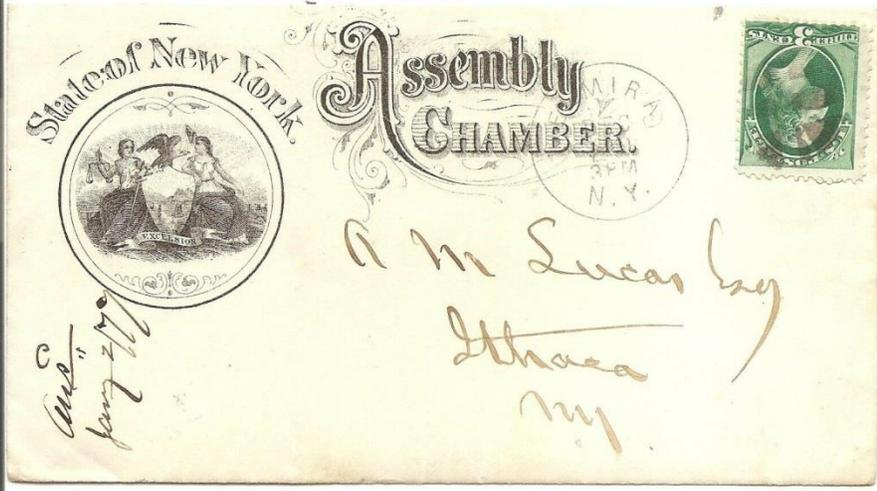
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 2 Feb 1864		Color: Gray	Size: Regular
Office: "ASSEMBLY CHAMBER"			
Notes: Print imprint for "E. H. BENDER STATIONER 73 STATE ST ALBANY NY".			
			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 26 Jan 1869		Color: Black	Size: NA
Office: "Assembly / Chamber"			
Notes: Letterhead			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller tohncoverman, June, May 2021			
			

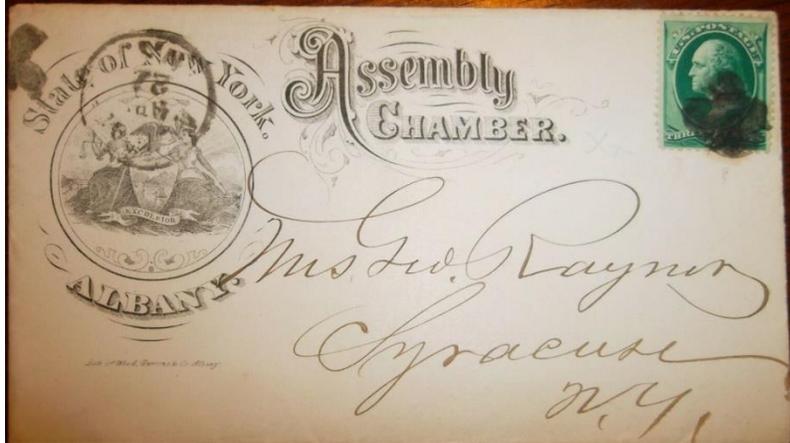
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ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 28 Mar 1871	Color: Pink		Size: Regular
Office: "Assembly / Chamber"			
Notes: Printer's imprint horizontally lower left corner, "WEED, PARSONS & CO." Black shading in seal.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller weiszcovers, May 2021			
			

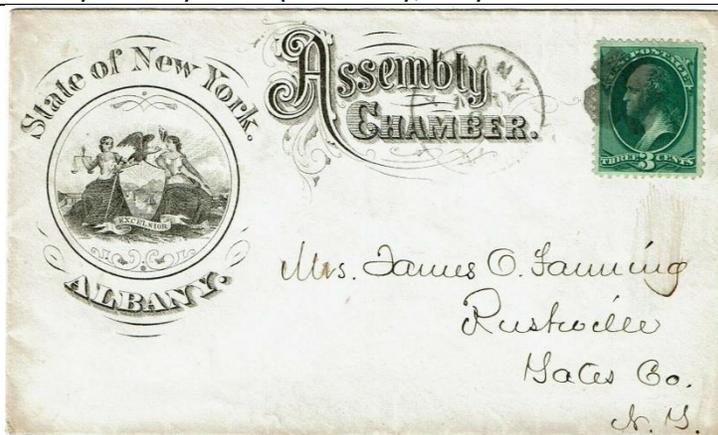
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Dates: 26 Dec 1876	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "Assembly / Chamber"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller Stampless, June 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Brown on tan		Size: Regular
Office: "Assembly / Chamber"			
Notes: "ALBANY" below Seal. Printer's imprint below seal: "Lith of Weed, Parsons & Co., Albany".			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller jackofalltrades, May 2021			

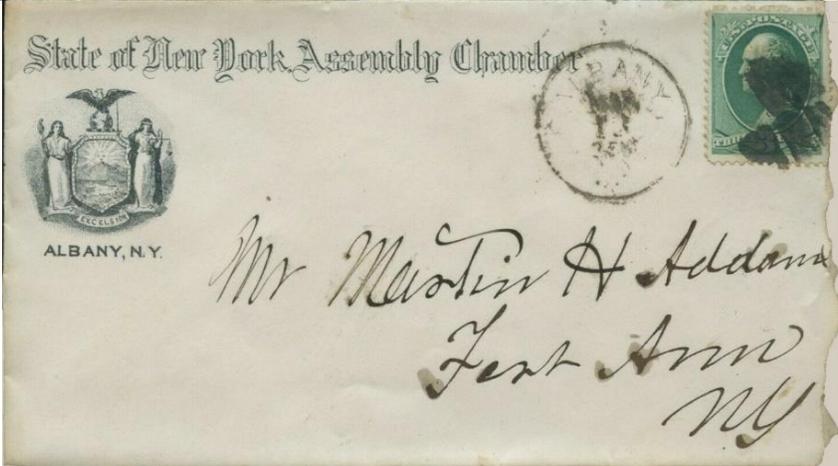


ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Black on white		Size: Regular
Office: "Assembly / Chamber"			
Notes: As previous, without printer's imprint.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller petamarty, May 2021			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates:	Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Blue	Size: Regular
Office: "Assembly / Chamber"			
Notes: Oval corner, with "Belt" design.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller tohncoverman, May 2021			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates:	Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Black-green	Size: Regular
Office: "State of New York Assembly Chamber"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covermuseumannex, May 2021			
			

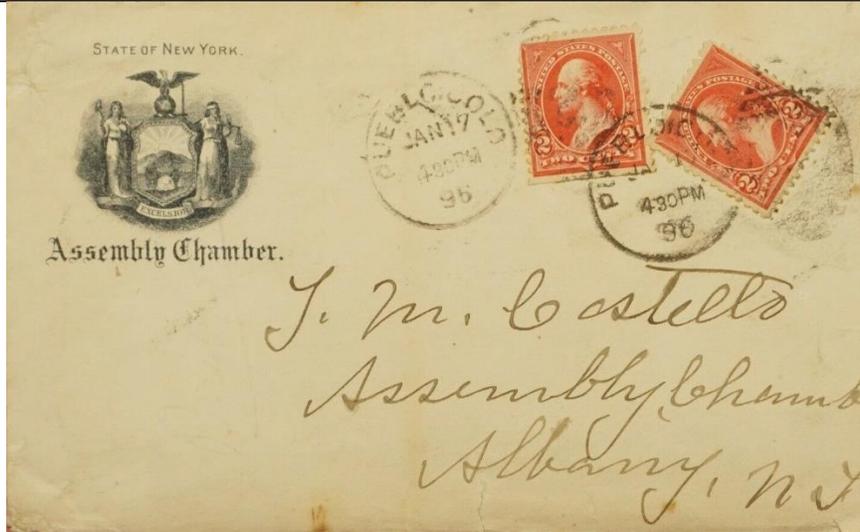
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 5 June 1885	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "State of New York Assembly Chamber" above seal.			
Notes: Similar to previous entry, but without "ALBANY, N.Y." below seal'			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller m.esmaili, June 2021			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 4 June 1886	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "State of New York Assembly Chamber" above seal.			
Notes: Similar to previous entry, background shading in seal is darker than 1885 example.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller mrfancycancel, May 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 1896 - 1897	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "Assembly Chamber" below seal.			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, June 2021			



ID:	State: NY	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 14 Aug ~1860s	Color: Red on gold		Size: Regular
Office: "JOVENILE ASYLUM"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy Jerry Login's collection, June 2021.			



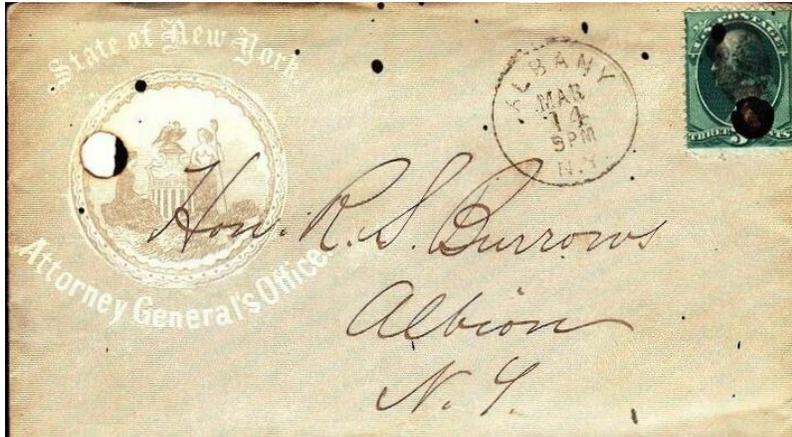
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 31 Jan 1895		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "New York City Asylums for the Insane / WARD'S ISLAND."			
Notes: Large pointing hand, Return to Writer.			
Source: Image courtesy Jerry Login's collection, June 2021.			

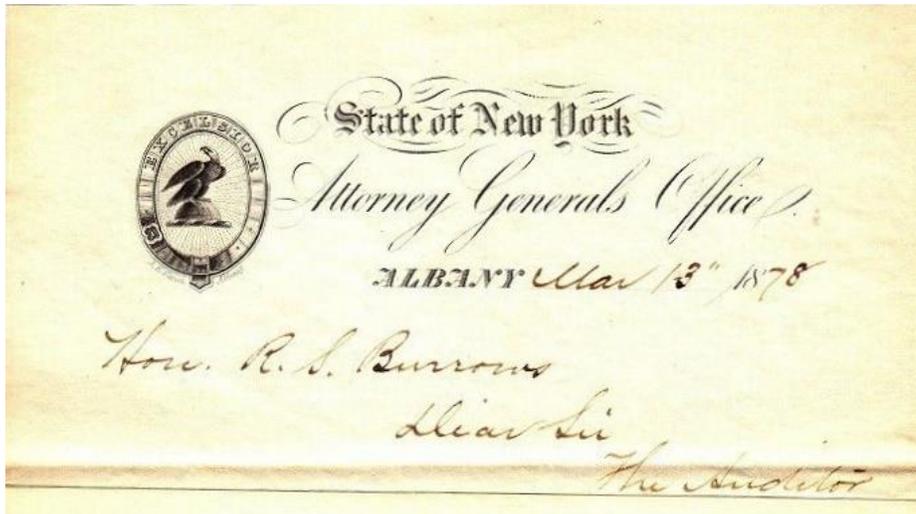


New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 13 Mar 1878		Color: Brown	Size: Regular
Office: "Attorney General's Office"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller jacsulenti, May 2021			



Letterhead



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ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 31 July 1902	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: Corner card: "Attorney General's Office"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller halfmoon28a, May 2021			

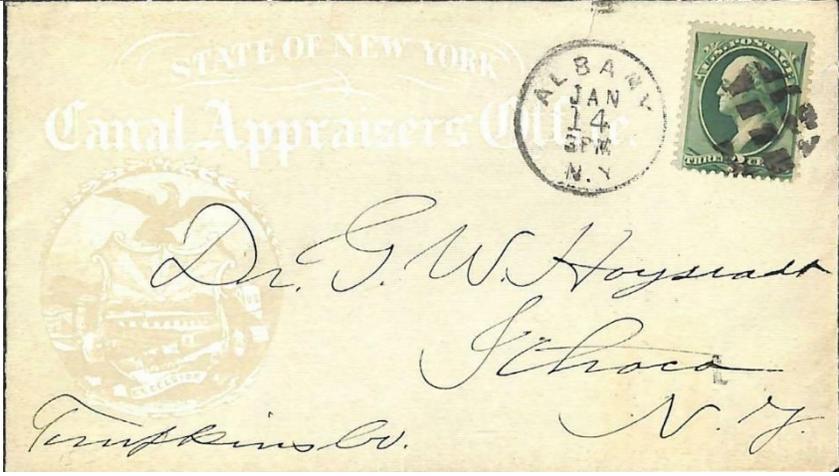


ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s	Color: Yellow		Size: Regular
Office: "BANK DEPARTMENT" in seal.			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 28 Mar 1863		Color: Orange	Size: Regular
Office: "Bank Department"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			
			

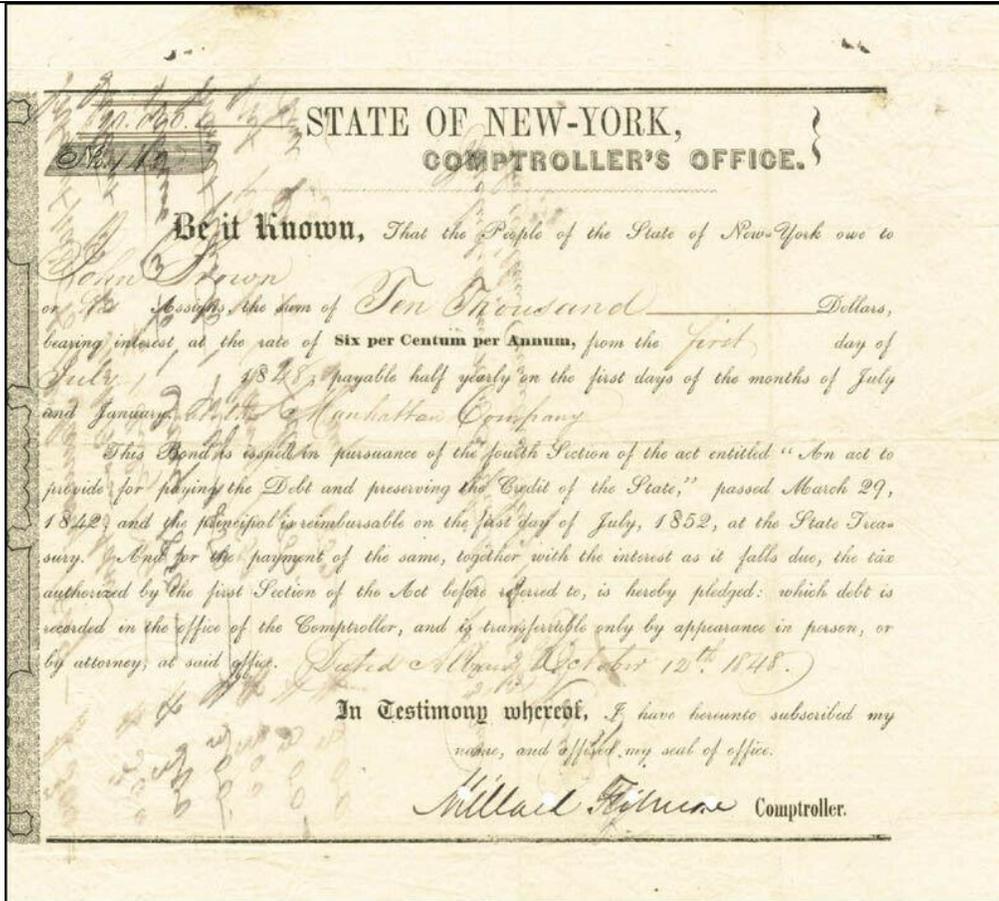
ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Before 1 Aug 1883		Color: Pale yellow	Size: Regular
Office: "Canal Appraisers Office"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Before 1 Aug 1883	Color: Unknown		Size: Regular
Office: "Canal Commission Office"			
Notes: Photocopy			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			
			

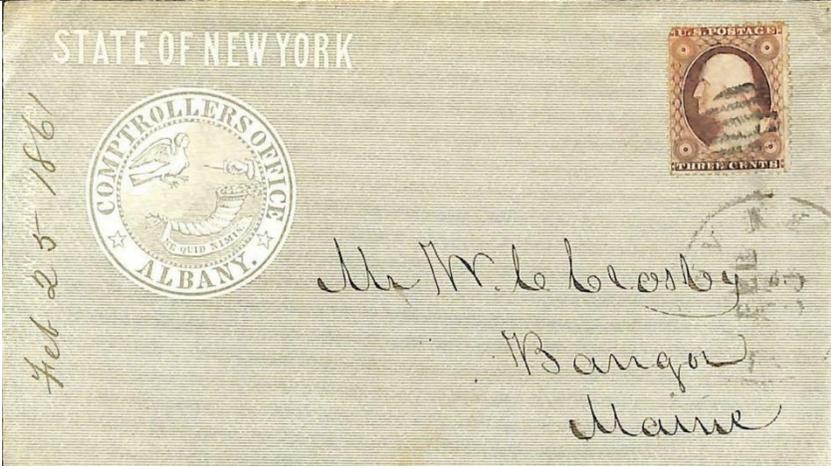
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ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 12 Oct 1848		Color: Black on cream	Size:
Office: "STATE OF NEW YORK / COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE."			
Notes: Document for a Bond, signed by future President of the US, Millard Fillmore. He served			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller historydirect, June 2021			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 1867		Color: Black on gray	Size: Regular
Office: Corner card: "Comptroller's Office."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of Phil Bansner website, May 2021			
			

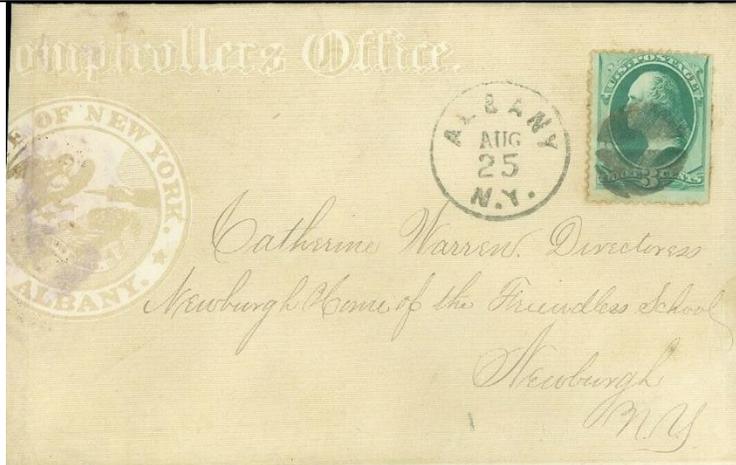
ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 25 Feb 1861		Color: Gray-green	Size: Regular
Office: "COMPTROLLERS OFFICE." in seal ring.			
Notes: Open star in seal ring.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			
			

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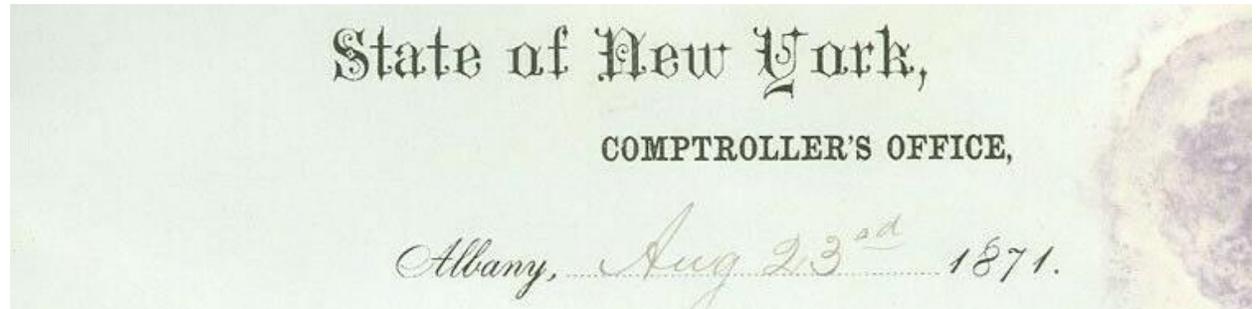
ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s-Early 1870	Color: Pink		Size: Regular
Office: "Comptroller's Office."			
Notes: Solid star in seal ring.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller larrysellcovers, May 2021			

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ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 23 Aug 1871	Color: Yellow		Size: Regular
Office: "Comptroller's Office."			
Notes: Solid star in seal ring. With enclosure.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller larrysellcovers, May 2021			

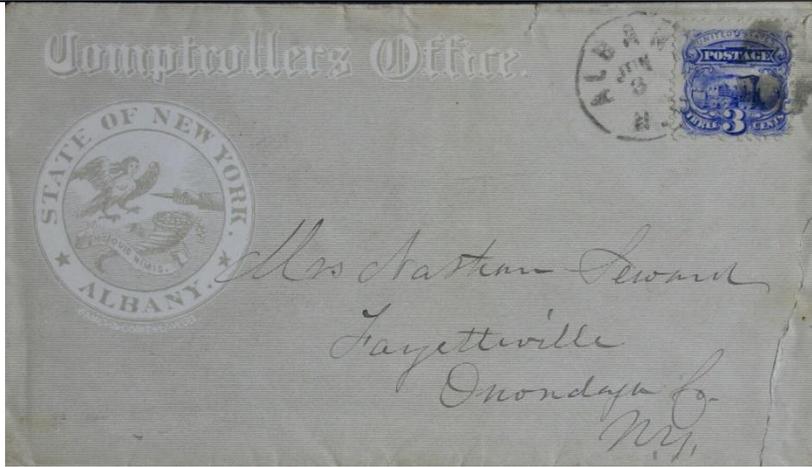


Letterhead

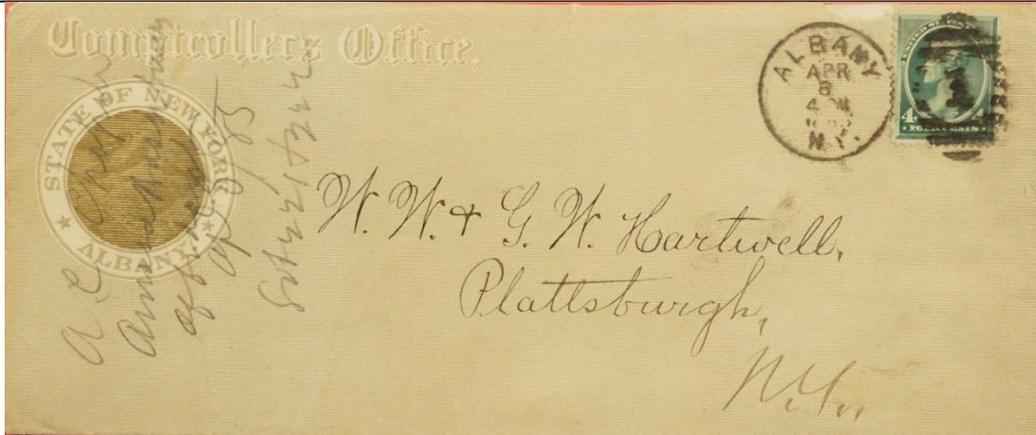


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ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~Early 1870s	Color: Gray		Size: Regular
Office: "Comptroller's Office."			
Notes: Solid star in seal ring.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller paperpoohba, May 2021			

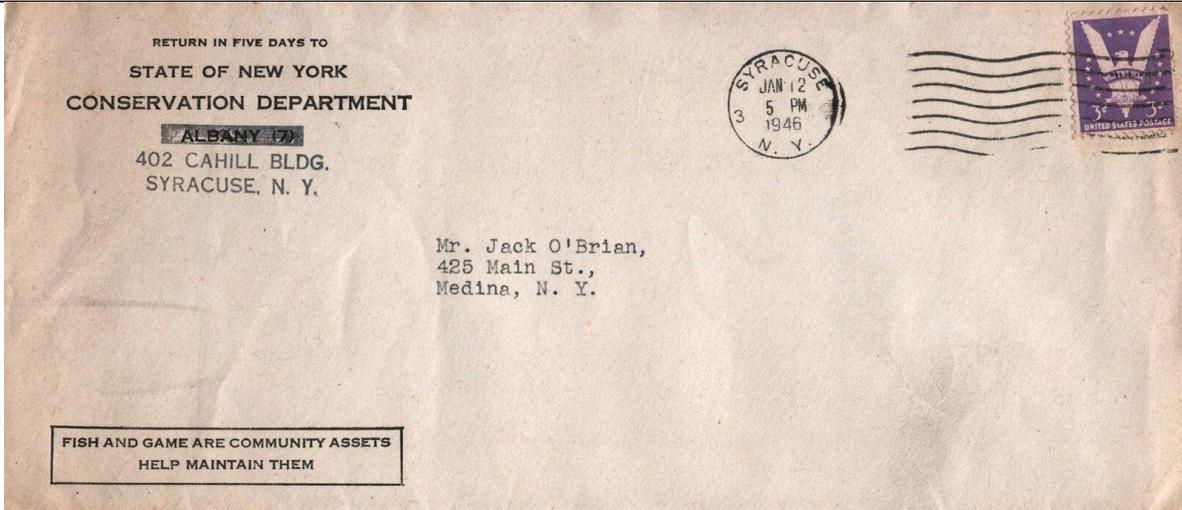


ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Yellow		Size: Legal
Office: "Comptroller's Office."			
Notes: Solid star in seal ring.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, May 2021			



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ID:	State: NY	County: Onondaga	City: Syracuse
Dates: 12 Jan 1946	Color: Black	Size: Legal	
Office: "CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of unknown seller, June 2021			



ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 1868	Color: Orange	Size: Regular	
Office: "Constitutional Conbention"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			



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ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "ENGINEER & SURVEYOR'S OFFICE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			



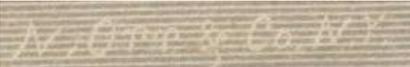
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Dates: ~1860s – 1870s		Color: Tan	Size: Regular
Office: "Groton Aqueduct Department"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

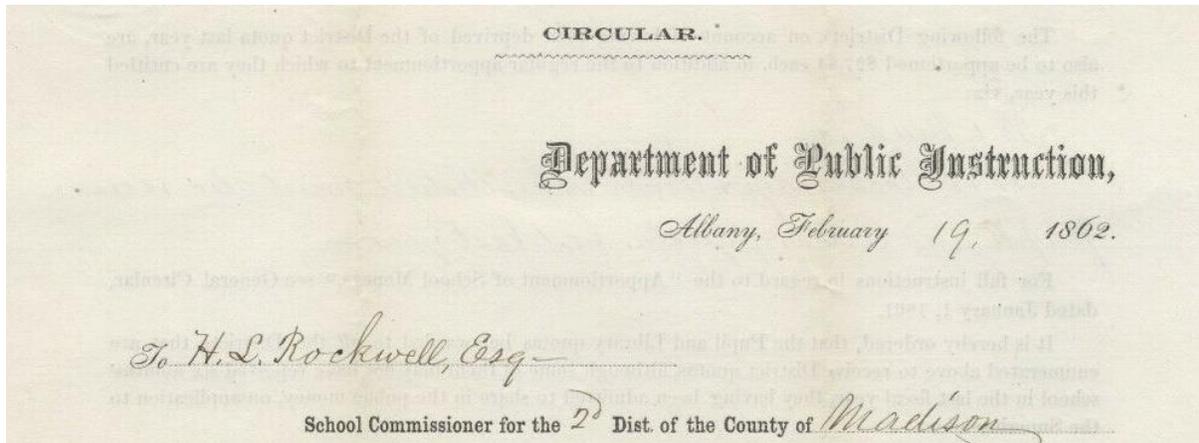
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Dates: ~1860s	Color: Tan		Size: Regular
Office: "Inspector General's Office"			
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Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

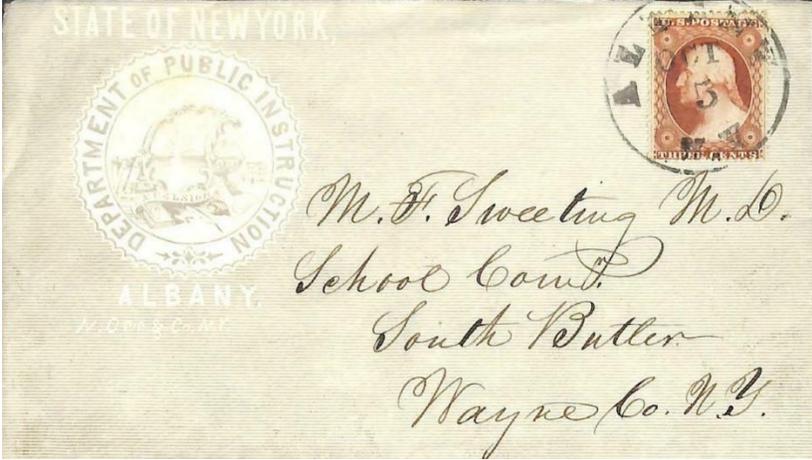
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Dates: 19 Feb 1862		Color: Brown	Size: Regular
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Notes: Print imprint "N. Orr & Co., N. Y".			
			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller paperhistory, April 2021			

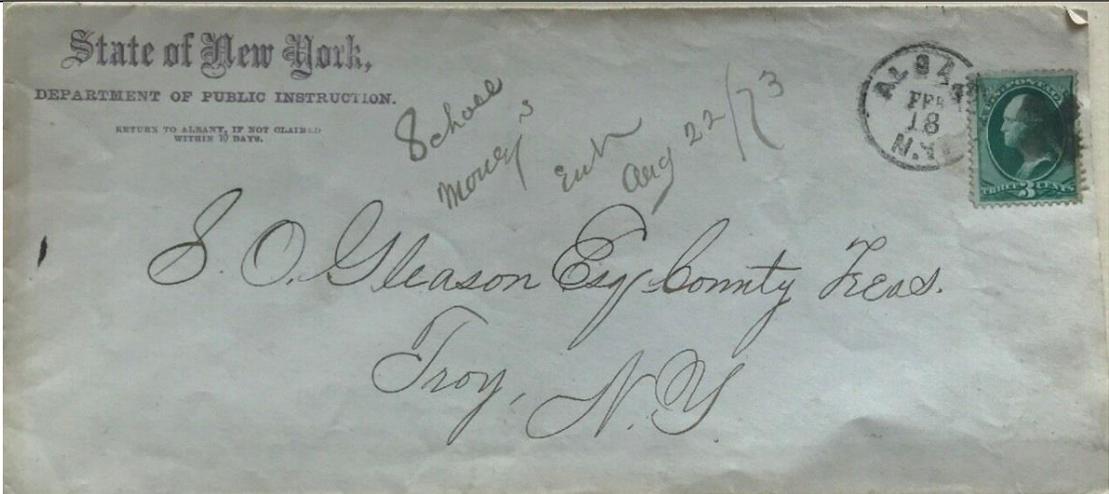


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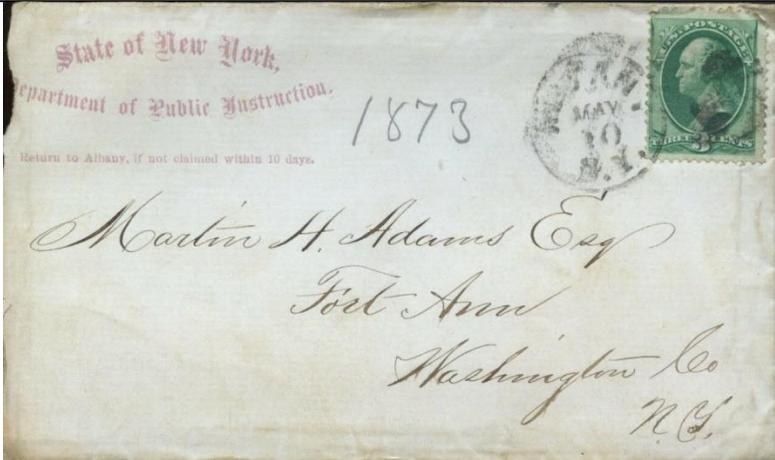


New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

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Dates: ~1860s	Color: Pale yellow		Size: Regular
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Notes: Print imprint "N. Orr & Co., N. Y".			
			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			
			

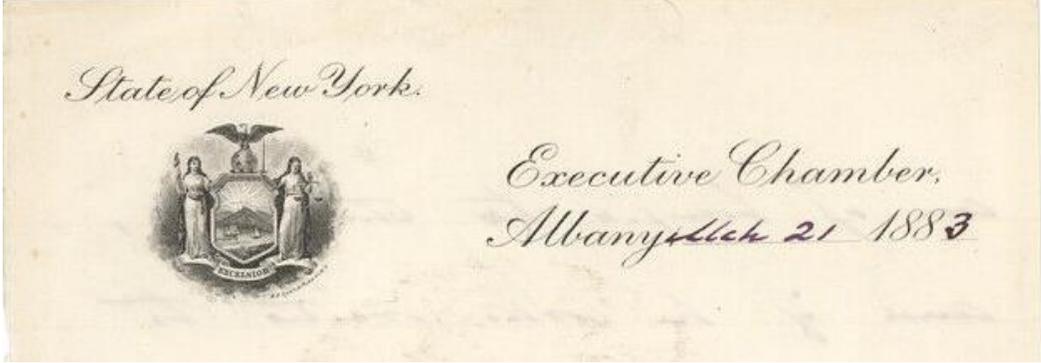
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Dates: 18 Feb 1873	Color: Black		Size: Legal
Office: "State of New York / DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller outkick-the-coverage, June 2021			
			

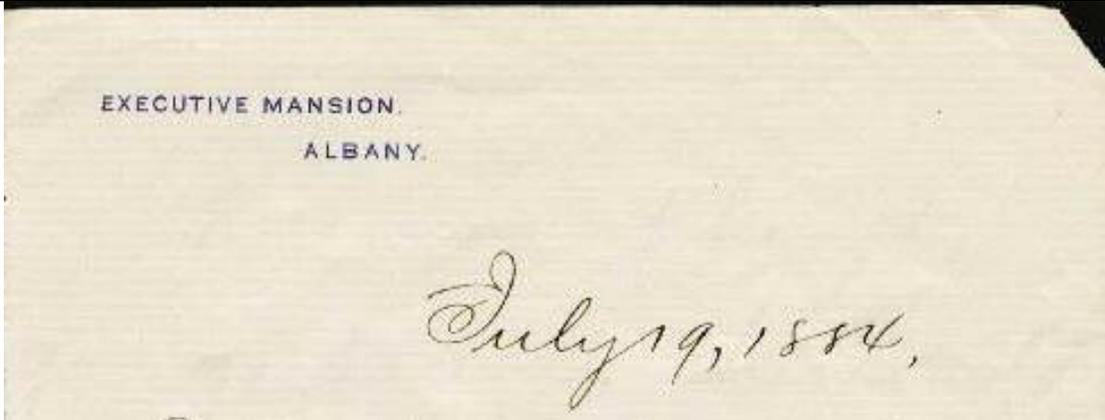
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

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Dates: 10 May 1873		Color: Pale yellow	Size: Regular
Office: "State of New York / Department of Public Instruction"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covermuseumannex, April 2021			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 10 Nov 1886		Color:	Size: Regular
Office: "STATE OF NEW YORK / Department of Public Instruction"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller halfmoon28a, April 2021			
			

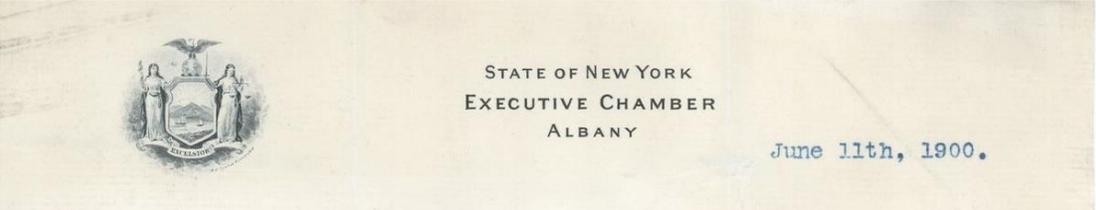
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates:	March – Sept 1883	Color: Pale yellow	Size: Regular
Office:	<i>"Executive Chamber"</i>		
Notes:	Letterhead used by the Governor's office (no corresponding envelope recorded).		
Source:	Image courtesy of eBay seller shafrancolectables, June 2021		
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates:	19 July 1884	Color: Blue	Size: Regular
Office:	"EXECUTIVE MANSION / ALBANY"		
Notes:	Letterhead used by the Governor's office (no corresponding envelope recorded).		
Source:	Image courtesy of eBay seller historydirect, June 2021		
			

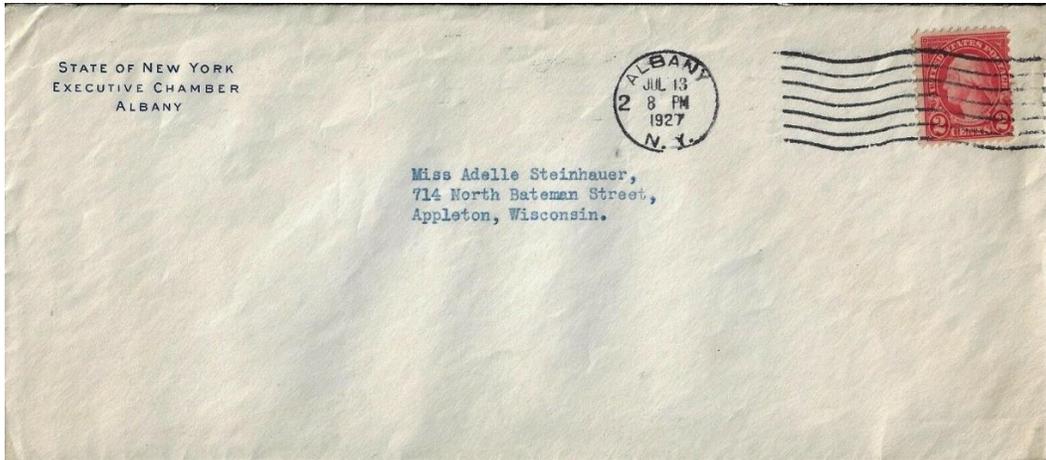
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

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Dates: 28 Sept 1886?	Color: Blue		Size: Regular
Office: "STATE OF NEW YORK / EXECUTIVE CHAMBER / ALBANY"			
Notes			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller historydirect, June 2021			
			

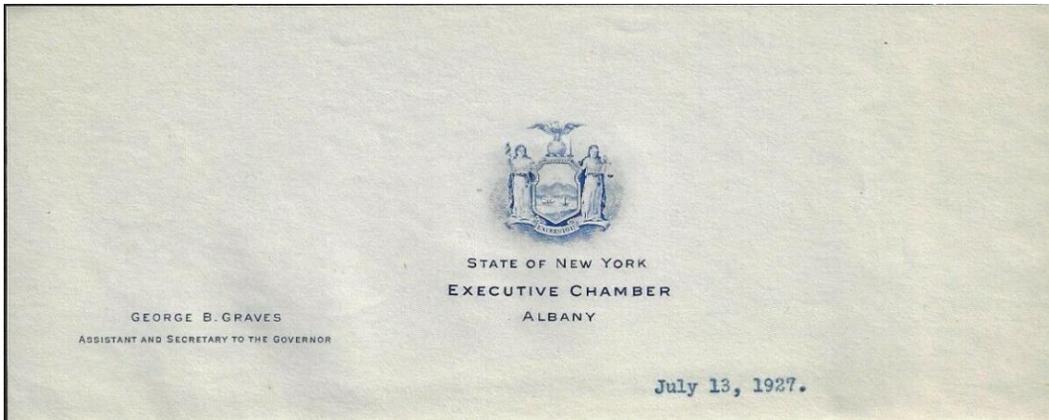
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Dates: 11 April 1900	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "STATE OF NEW YORK / EXECUTIVE CHAMBER / ALBANY"			
Notes: Two different letterheads used by Governor Theodore Roosevelt in 1900.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller historydirect, June 2021 (top), and seller eBay seller ricksauctions (bottom).			
 <p style="text-align: center;">With State Seal</p> 			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

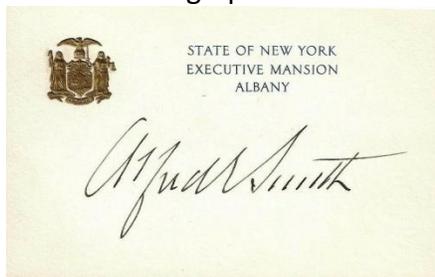
ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 13 July 1927	Color: Blue		Size: Legal
Office: "STATE OF NEW YORK / EXECUTIVE CHAMBER / ALBANY"			
Notes: Governor Al Smith served between Jan 1, 1923 and Dec 31, 1928			
Source: Images courtesy of eBay seller jeneezirish35, from autograph collection of Adelle Steinhauer, May 2021.			



Letterhead with state seal



Autograph Card

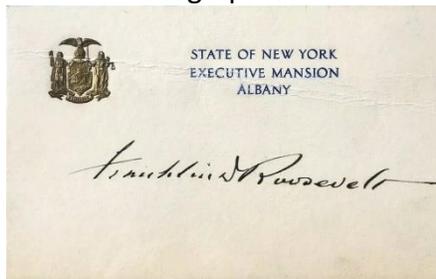


New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

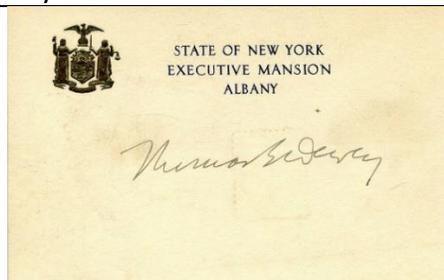
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Dates: 28 Dec 1931	Color: Blue		Size: Legal
Office: "STATE OF NEW YORK / EXECUTIVE CHAMBER / ALBANY" "STATE OF NEW YORK / EXECUTIVE MANSION / ALBANY"			
Notes: Governor Franklin D Roosevelt served between Jan 1, 1929 and his election as President of the United States in 1932.			
Source: Image of letterhead courtesy of eBay seller cbuch29jc, June 2021; card from eBay seller abjr61, June 2021.			



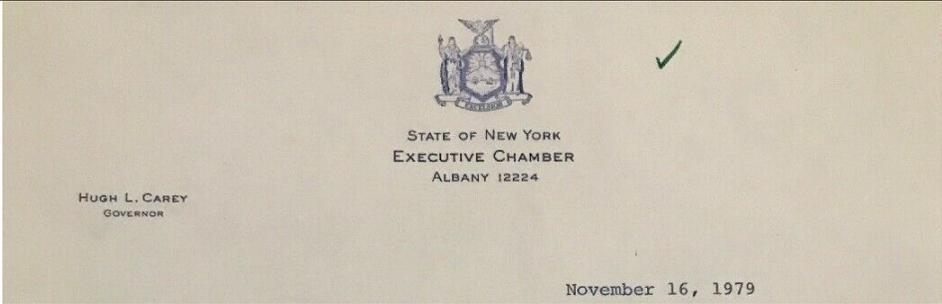
Autograph Card

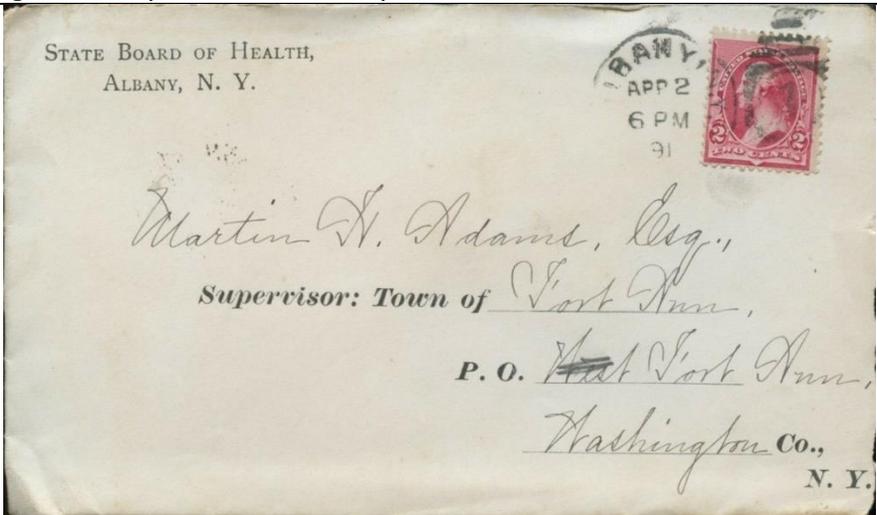


ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Between 1943-1954.	Color: Blue		Size: Legal
Office: "STATE OF NEW YORK / EXECUTIVE MANSION / ALBANY"			
Notes: Autograph card. Governor Thomas Dewey served between Jan 1, 1943 and Dec 31, 1954.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller charlotte-street-collectibles, June 2021.			

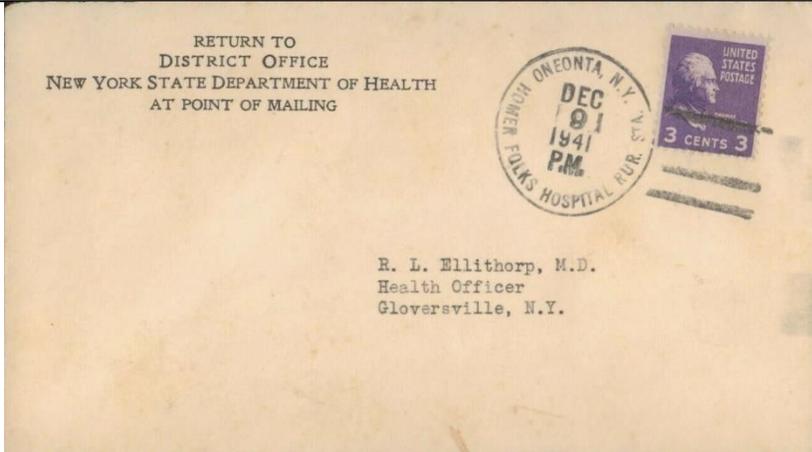


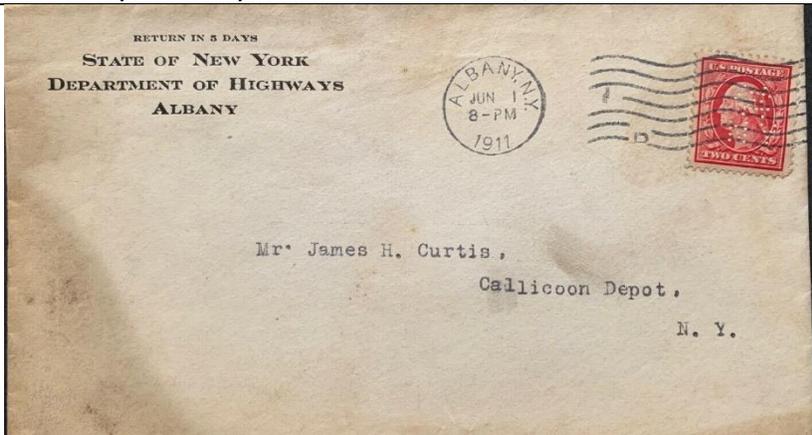
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 16 Nov 1979	Color: Blue		Size: Legal
Office: "STATE OF NEW YORK / EXECUTIVE CHAMBER / ALBANY 12224"			
Notes: Governor Hugh L Carey served between Jan 1, 1975 and Dec 31, 1982			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller shafrancolectables, June 2021.			
			

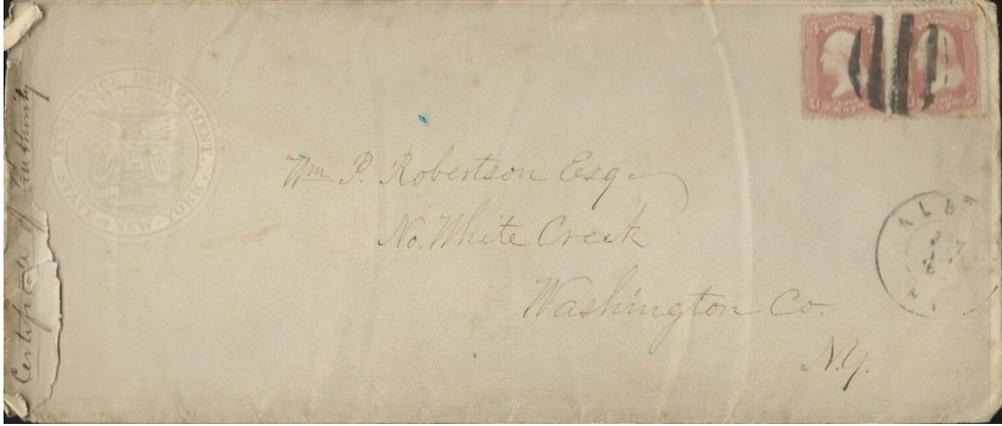
ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 2 Apr 1891	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "STATE BOARD OF HEALTH"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of unknown eBay seller, June 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Otsego	City: Oneonta
Dates: 29 Dec 1941	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "DISTRICT OFFICE / NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller mayfairstamps, June 2021.			
 <p style="text-align: center;">RETURN TO DISTRICT OFFICE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AT POINT OF MAILING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R. L. Ellithorp, M.D. Health Officer Gloversville, N.Y.</p>			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 1 June 1911	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "STATE BOARD OF HIGHWAYS"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller tohncoverman, June 2021.			
 <p style="text-align: center;">RETURN IN 5 DAYS STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS ALBANY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. James H. Curtis, Callicoon Depot, N. Y.</p>			

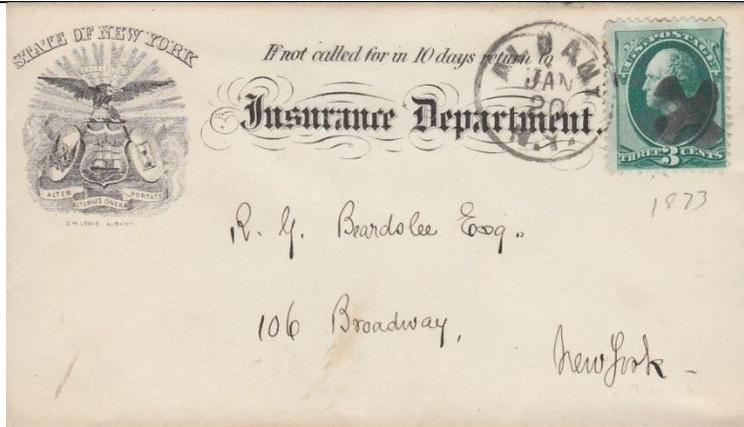
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s		Color: ?	Size: Regular
Office: "INSURANCE DEPARTMENT" in the seal.			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller civil_war_photos, June 2021			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 4 Sept ~1869		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "Insurance Department"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller suncoaststamps, June 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

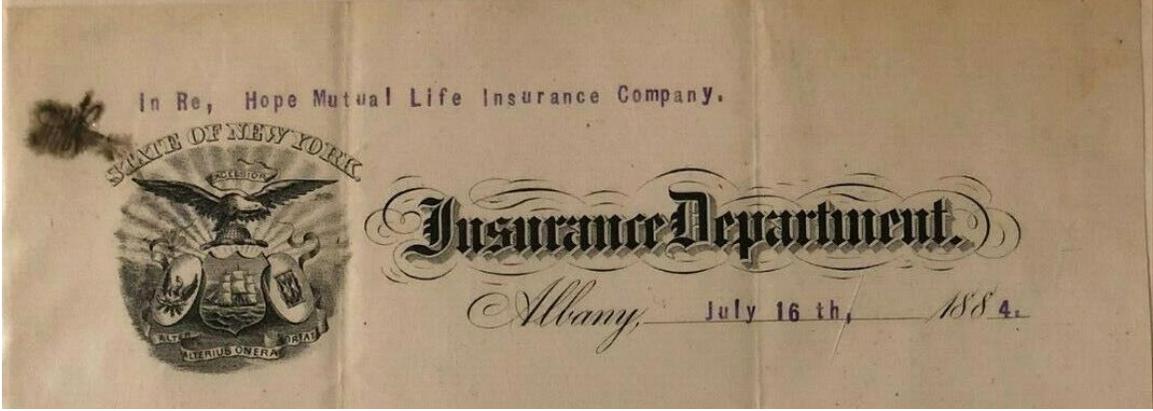
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Dates: 20 Jan ~1873	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "Insurance Department"			
Notes: Printer's imprint for "G. W. LEWIS, ALBANY" below seal.			
			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller eliseot, June 2021			



ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 10 Nov ~1880s	Color: Black		Size: Legal
Office: "Insurance Department"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of unknown eBay seller, June 2021			



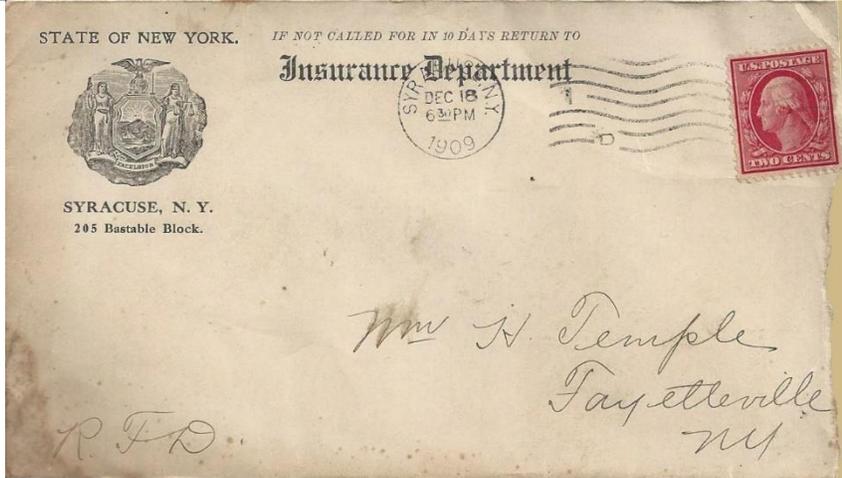
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Dates: 16 July 1884		Color: Black	Size: NA
Office: "Insurance Department" to right of seal.			
Notes: Letterhead			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller bchasey, June 2021			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 1898		Color: Black on cream	Size: Regular
Office: "Insurance Department" to right of seal.			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covermuseumannex, April 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Onondaga	City: Syracuse
Dates: 1898		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "Insurance Department" to right of seal.			
Notes: From an office in Syracuse, New York.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller halfmoon28a, June 2021			



ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 15 Jan 1941		Color: Black on cream	Size: Regular
Office: "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS"			
Notes: Registered letter.			
Source: Image courtesy of unknown eBay seller, June 2021			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "STATE OF NEW YORK / SENATE CHAMBER"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of "American Illustrated Cover Catalog", David G. Phillips, 1982, lot 432.			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 15 May ~1860s		Color: Yellow	Size: Regular
Office: "SENATE CHAMBER / ALBANY"			
Notes: Seal same color as background.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller ssuncoaststamps, June 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1873	Color: Yellow		Size: Regular
Office: "Senate Chamber / ALBANY"			
Notes: Seal same color as background.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1873	Color: Pale gold		Size: Regular
Office: "Senate Chamber / ALBANY."			
Notes: "ALBANY" now positioned below the "Senate Chamber" text. Seal now in black.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			

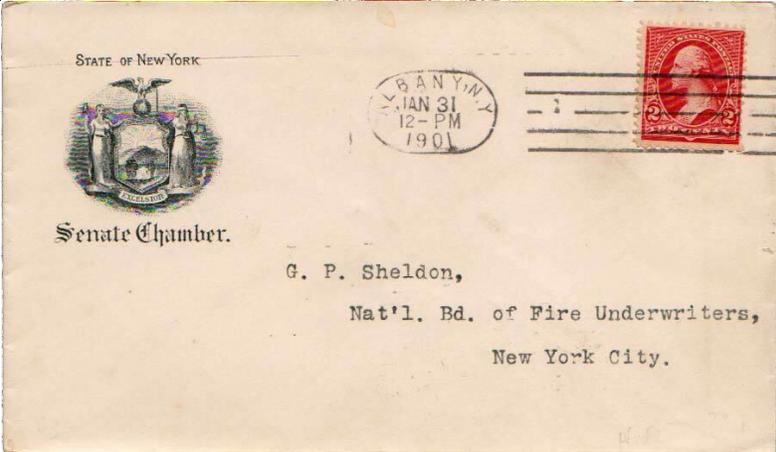
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1873	Color: Pink		Size: Regular
Office: "Senate / Chamber"			
Notes: "Albany" now below seal.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller northstamp, April 2021			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 17 Feb 1886	Color: Black on tan		Size: Regular
Office: "SENATE CHAMBER / STATE OF NEW YORK"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller mjaffe, April 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 24 Feb 1897		Color: Black	Size: Legal
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Notes: Special delivery cover, forwarded as special delivery.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller rkmatta, Philamercury cover census #27973.			
			

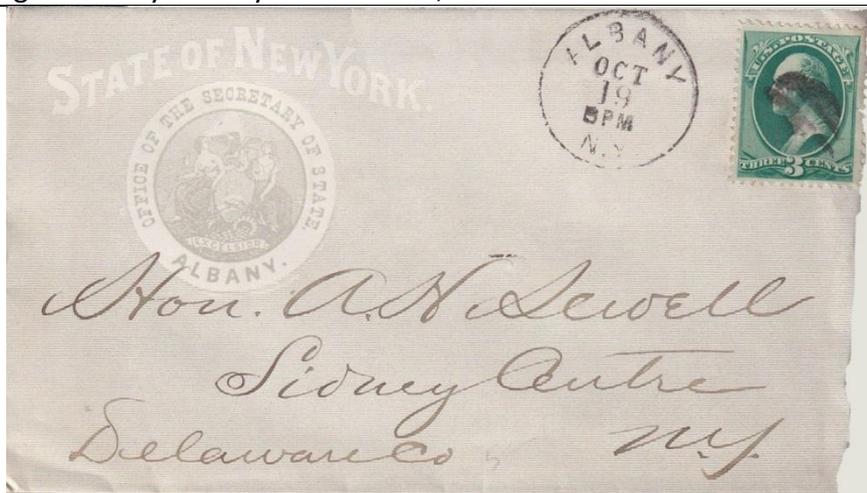
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Dates: 31 Jan 1901		Color: Black on cream	Size: Regular
Office: "Senate Chamber"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of unknown eBay seller, May 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s	Color: Brown	Size: Regular	
Office: "OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE"			
Notes: Seal is a vertical oval.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			



ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Gray	Size: Regular	
Office: "OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE"			
Notes: Seal is now circular.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller eliseot, June 2021			

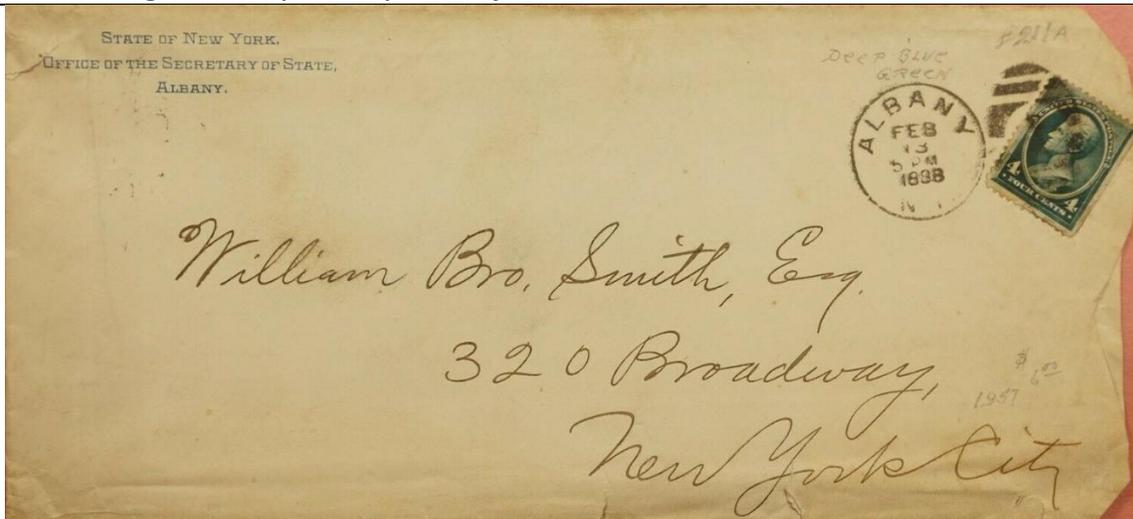


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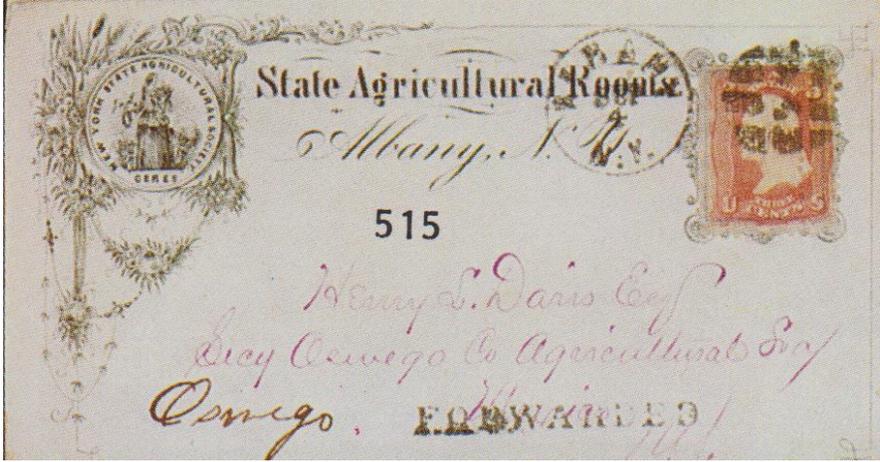
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Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883		Color: Yellow	Size: Regular
Office: "OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE"			
Notes: Seal is now circular.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			



ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 13 Feb 1898		Color: Blue	Size: LEqual
Office: "OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, June 2021			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 4 Nov ~1860s		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "State Agricultural Society"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of "American Illustrated Cover Catalog", David G. Phillips, 1982, lot 515.			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Franklin	City: Axton
Dates: 9 Apr 1902		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "New York State College of Forestry"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, June 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Erie	City: Buffalo
Dates: 21 Nov ~1900s		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, NY"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of Stamp Community Forum, gslaten, post on June 2, 2019.			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 21 Nov ~1900s		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "State Normal School / CORTLAND, NY"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covercrazy2, May 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 10 Mar ~1880s		Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, FREDONIA, N.Y."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, June 2021			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1887		Color: Brown	Size: Regular
Office: "Supreme Court / New York"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, May 2021			

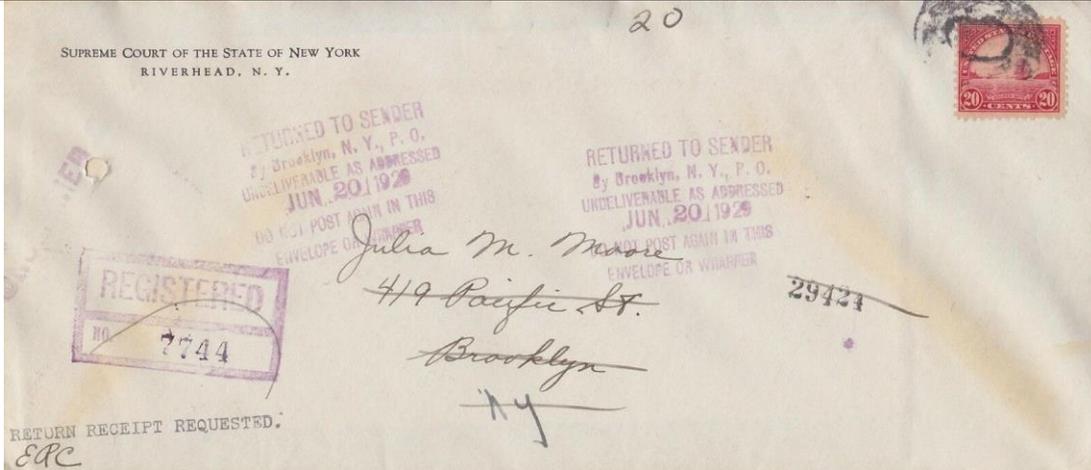
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

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Dates:	14 Sept ~1864	Color: Black	Size: Regular
Office: "SUPREME COURT / STATE OF NEW YORK"			
Notes: Mailed from Schnectady, NY.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller tohncovermant, May 2021			

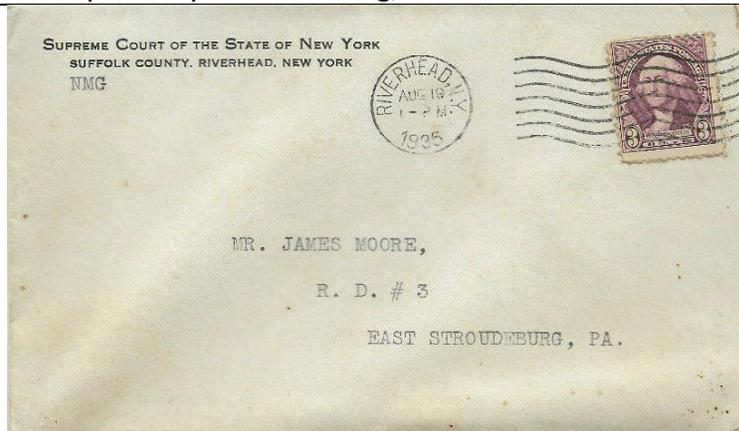
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Dates:	Unknown	Color: Brown	Size: Regular
Office: "SUPREME COURT / STATE OF NEW YORK"			
Notes: Similar to previous entry, different ink.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller eliseot, May 2021			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

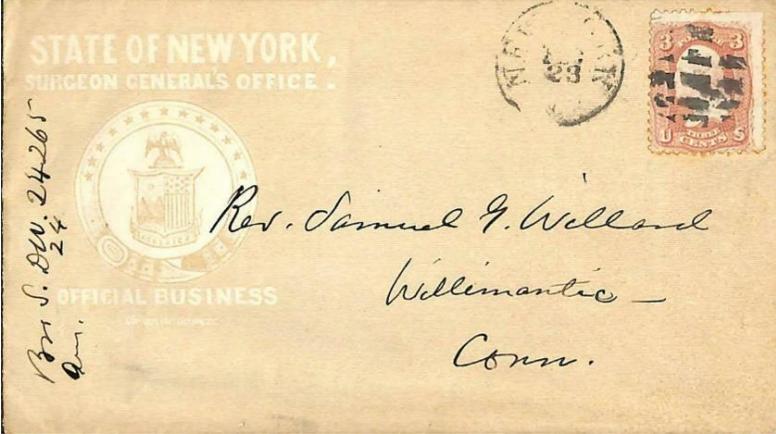
ID:	State: NY	County: Suffolk	City: Riverhead
Dates: 1929	Color: Black		Size: Legal
Office: "SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / RIVERHEAD, N. Y."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller dave-katz, May 2021			



ID:	State: NY	County: Suffolk	City: Riverhead
Dates: 19 Aug 1935	Color: Black		Size: Legal
Office: "SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / SUFFOLK COUNTY, RIVERHEAD, NEW YORK"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cantdog, June 2021			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: ~1860s		Color: Peach	Size: Regular
Office: "SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, May 2021			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 6 Mar 1891		Color: Peach	Size: Regular
Office: "Surrogate's Court"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, May 2021			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: NY	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 15 May 1923		Color: Yellow	Size: European
Office: "STATE TAX DEPARTMENT / MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller paperhistory, June 2021			
			

ID:	State: NY	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: 17 Nov 1858 ?		Color: Yellow	Size: Regular
Office: "TREASURER'S OFFICE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021			
			

Part 2

NEW YORK

County & City Agencies “Official Business” Envelopes

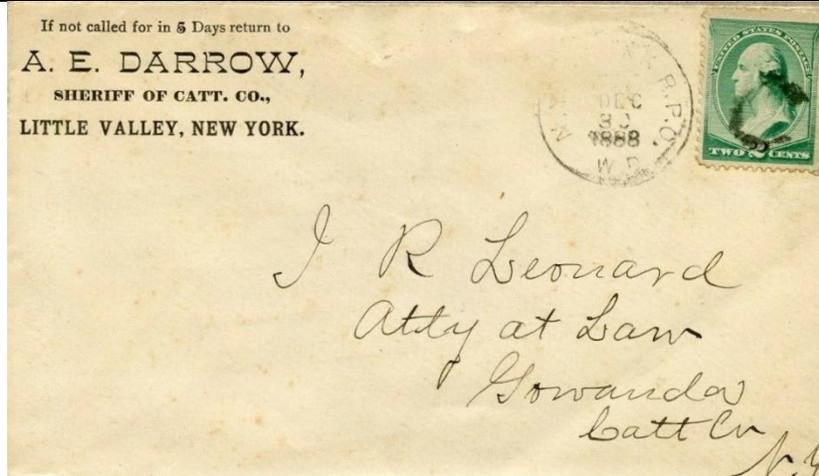
Arranged by County and City

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: After Aug 1, 1883	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "City of Albany / ASSESSOR's OFFICE / <i>City Building</i> "			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, May1 2021.			



ID:	State: New York	County: Cattaraugus	City: Little Valley
Dates: 30 Dec 1888	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "A. E. DARROW, / SHERIFF OF CATT. CO.,"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller 920bas, May 2021.			

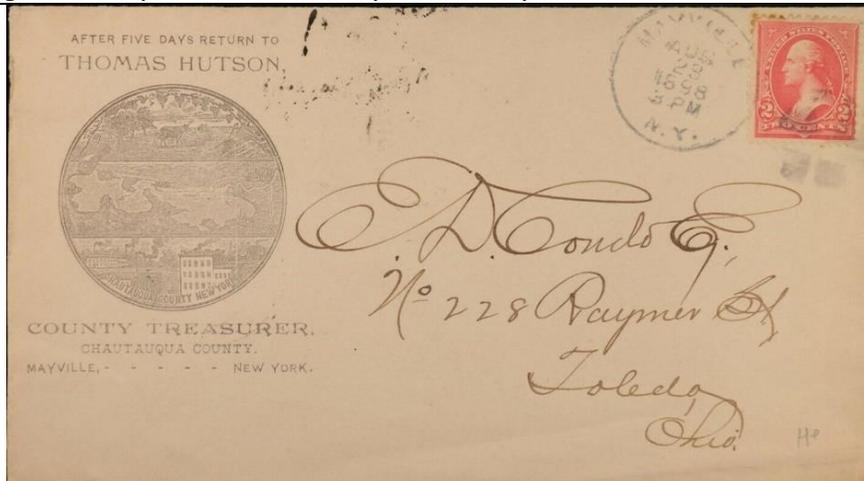


New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Chautauqua	City: Little Valley
Dates: 28 Dec 1907	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "EDGAR W. CURTIS / Supervisor Town of Cherry Creek "			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller 920bas, May 2021.			



ID:	State: New York	County: Chautauqua	City: Mayville
Dates: 23 Aug 1898	Color: Black on brown	Size: Regular	
Office: "THOMAS HUTSON / COUNTY TREASURER "			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of unknown eBay seller, May 2021.			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Erie	City: Buffalo
Dates: After Aug 1, 1883	Color: Yellow	Size: Regular	
Office: "COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER / CITY & COUNTY HALL"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboys, May 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: Erie	City: Buffalo
Dates: ~1890s	Color: Gold	Size: Regular	
Office: "District Attorney's Office / City and County Hall. "			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, May 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

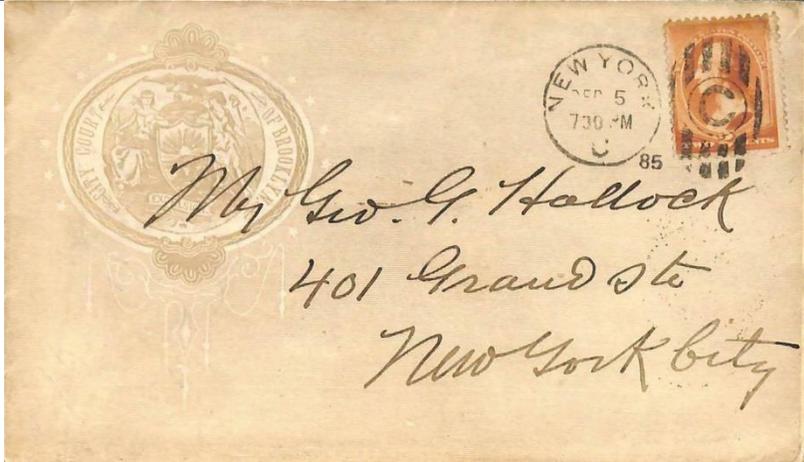
ID:	State: New York	County: Erie	City: Buffalo
Dates: Before Oct 1, 1883	Color: Black	Size: Legal	
Office: "CITY OF BUFFALO. / Mayor's Office."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller calloohcallay11 May 2021.			



ID:	State: New York	County: Kings	City: Brooklyn
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Yellow	Size: Regular	
Office: "CITY COURT / OF BROOKLYN"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, May 2021.			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Kings	City: Brooklyn
Dates: ~15 Jan 1898	Color: Yellow	Size: Regular	
Office: "CITY COURT / OF BROOKLYN" in seal.			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, May 2021.			
			

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ID:	State: New York	County: Kings	City: Brooklyn
Dates: 31 May 1884	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Department of Collection"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller drwhostamps, June 2021.			
			

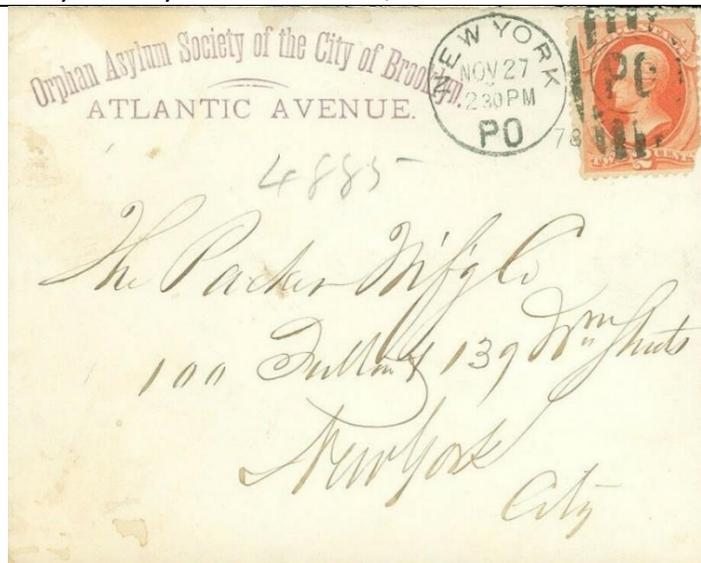
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New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Kings	City: Brooklyn
Dates: ~15 Jan 1898	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Department of Collection"			
Notes: Ornaments in design different from those used in 1884.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, May 2021.			

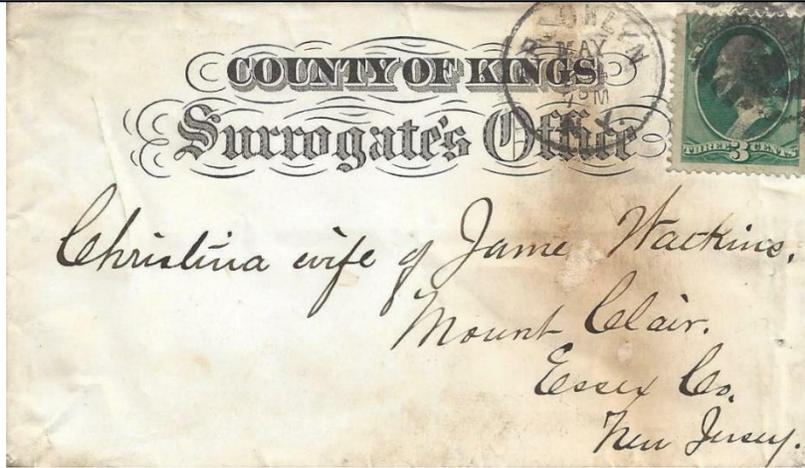


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Dates: 27 Nov 1878	Color: Violet	Size: Regular	
Office: "Orphan Asylum Society of the City of Brooklyn"			
Notes:			
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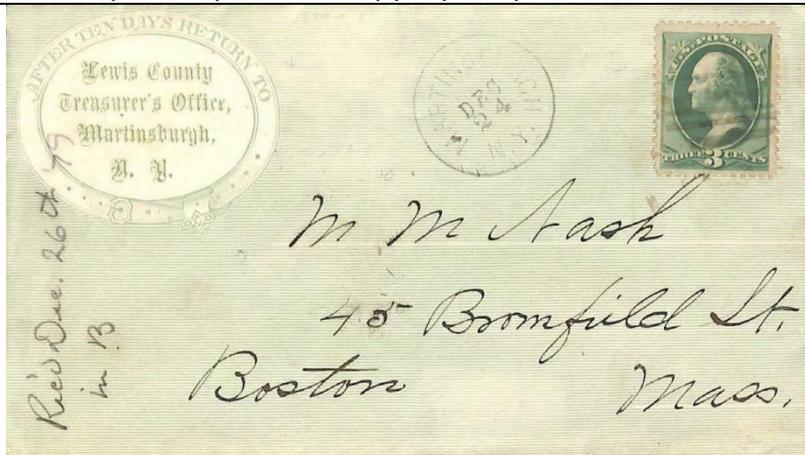


New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Kings	City: Brooklyn
Dates: ~May 1890s	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Surrogate's Office"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller halfmoon28a, May 2021.			

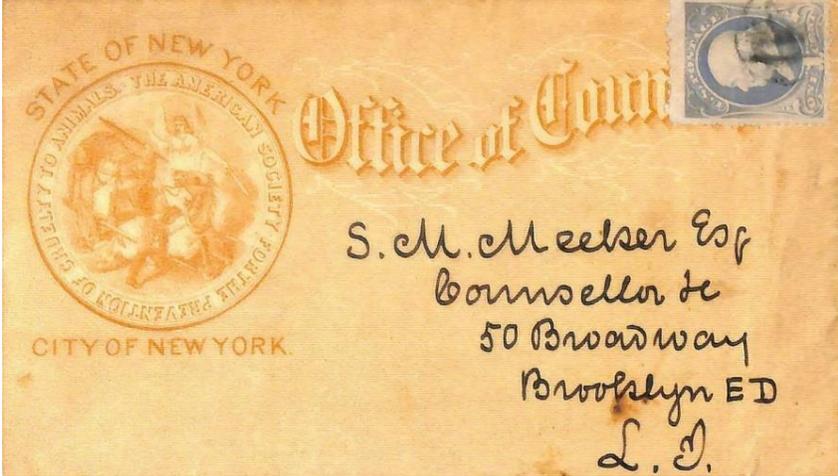


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Dates: 1890s	Color: Pale green	Size: Regular	
Office: "Lewis County / Treasurer's Office"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, May 2021.			

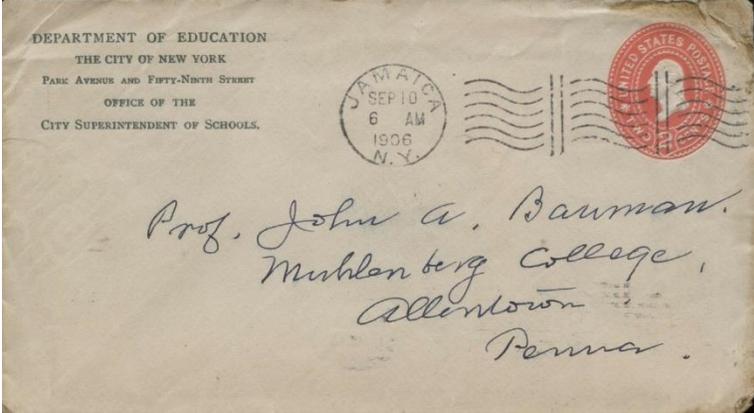


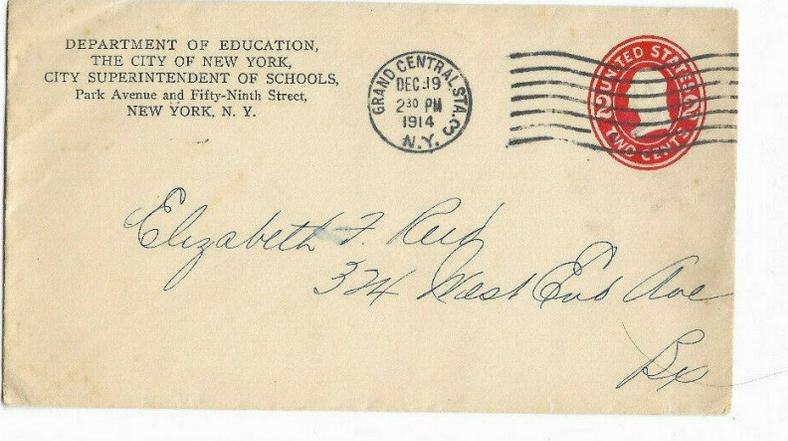
New York: “Official Business” Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 1923	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: “CITY OF NEW YORK / OFFICE OF THE CHAMBERLAIN”			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller paperhistory, June 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: ~1880s	Color: Gold	Size: Regular	
Office: “Office of Commerce”, and in the seal: “THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CREULTY TO ANIMALS”			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION / THE CITY OF NEW YORK"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covermuseumannex, April 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 19 Dec 1914	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION / THE CITY OF NEW YORK"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cantdog, May 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 19 Oct 1918	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Hunter College of the City of New York"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller mrfancycancel, May 2021.			
			

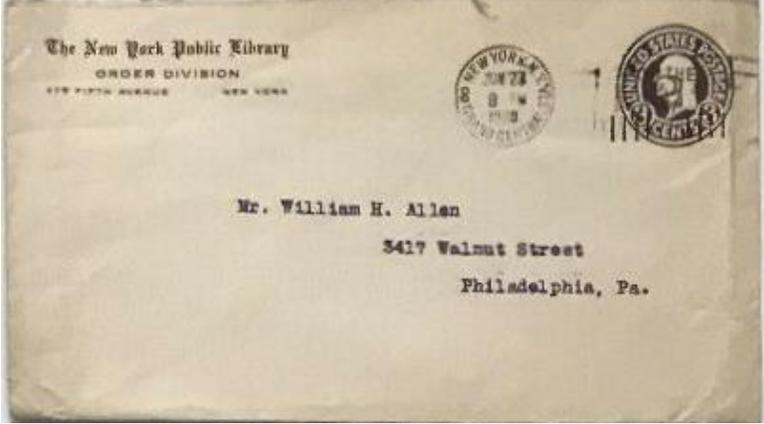
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Dates: ~1860s	Color: Gray	Size: Regular	
Office: "DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE / COMPTROLLERS OFFICE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of Phil Bansner website, #68410, May 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

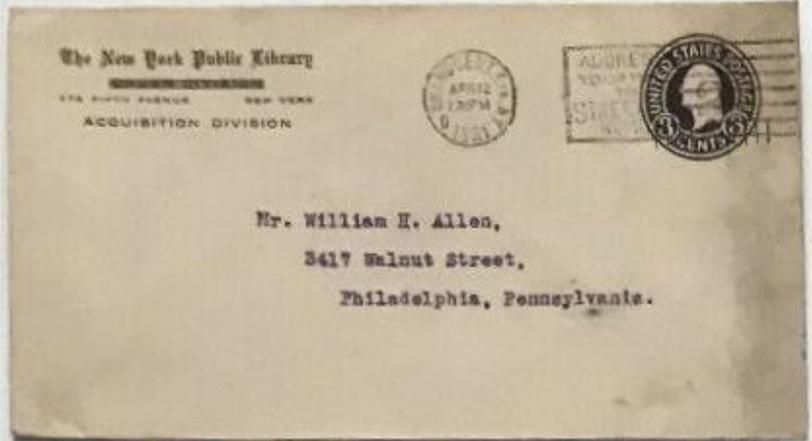
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Dates: ~1860s	Color: Brown	Size: Regular	
Office: "DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE / COMPTROLLERS OFFICE."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: ~1870s	Color: Violet	Size: Regular	
Office: "DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE / COMPTROLLERS OFFICE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller billsbargainstamps, May 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
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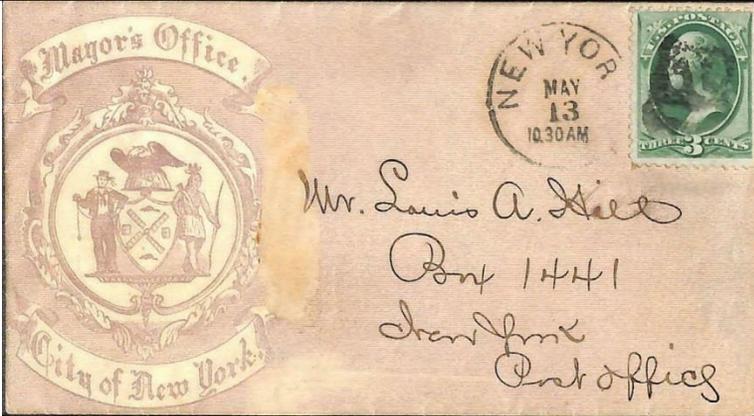
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Dates: ~1921	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
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Notes: "ACQUISITION DIVISION" added and old "ORDER DIVISION" blacked out.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller paperhistory, April 2021.			
			

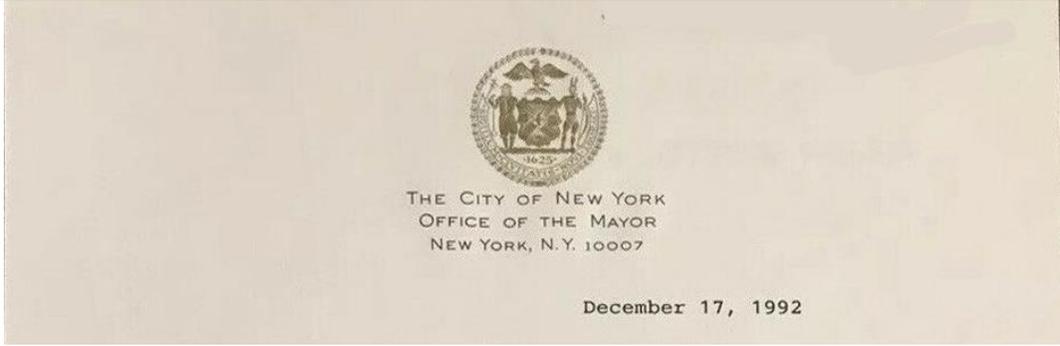
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New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Tan	Size: Regular	
Office: "THE MARINE COURT / OF THE /CITY OF NEW YORK"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Rose	Size: Regular	
Office: "Mayor's Office / City of New York"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

New York: “Official Business” Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 17 Dec 1992	Color: Brown	Size: Regular	
Office: “THE CITY OF NEW YORK / OFFICE OF THE MAYOR”			
Notes: Used during term of May David N. Dinkins, served 1990-1993.			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller shafroncollectables, April 2021.			
			

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ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: ~1880s	Color: Pale green	Size: Regular	
Office: “POLICE / DEPARTMENT / OF NEW YORK”			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

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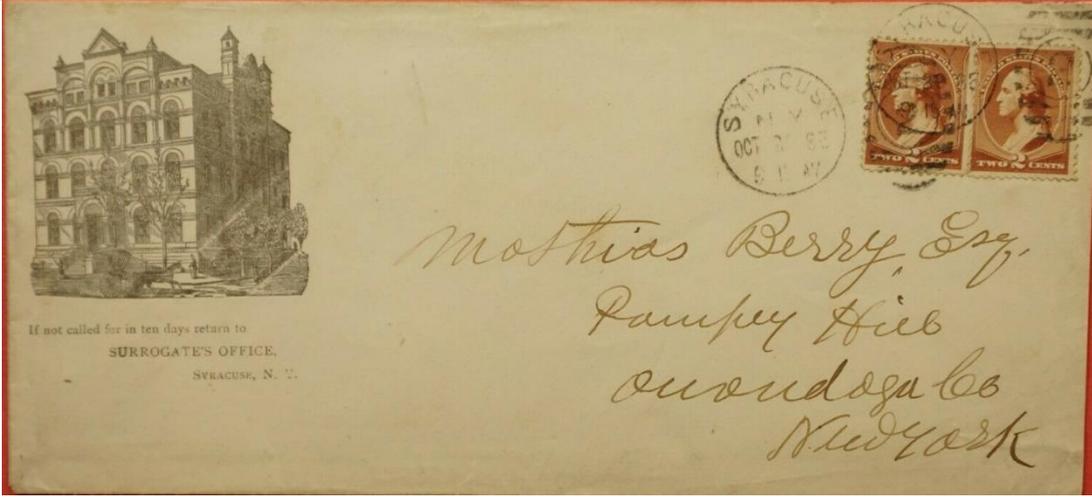
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

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Dates: 19 Feb 1886	Color: Pale green	Size: Regular	
Office: "OFFICE OF / RECEIVER OF TAXES / CITY OF NEW YORK"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 18 Mar 1879	Color: Gray	Size: Regular	
Office: "Surrogates Office / New York County"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, May 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Oneida	City: Utica
Dates: 8 June 1900	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "THE ONEIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY / FOUNDED 1876."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller calloohcallay11, May 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: Onondaga	City: Syracuse
Dates: 8 Oct 1885	Color: Black	Size: Legal	
Office: "SURROGATE'S OFFICE," below building.			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller cjmce1, May 2021.			
			

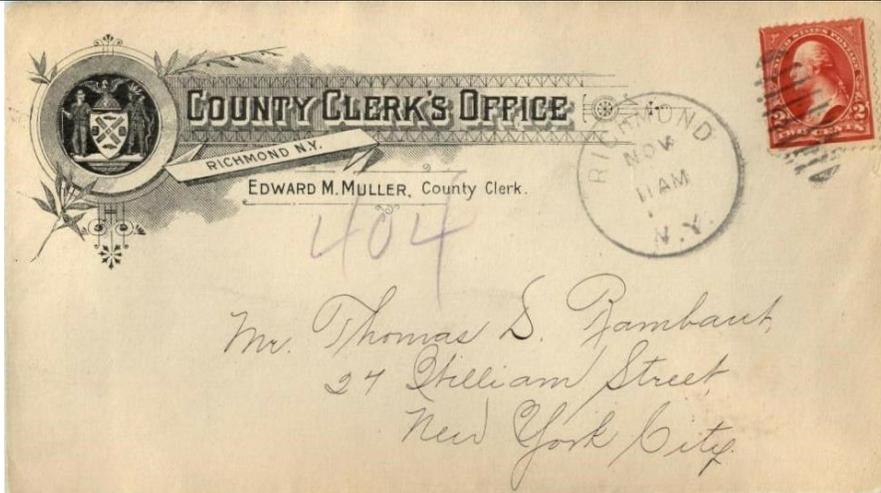
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Ontario	City: Geneva
Dates: 28 Dec 1900	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "CHAS. E. PURDY, RECORDER "			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, May 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: Otsego	City: Cooperstown
Dates: ~ 1880s	Color: Pale yellow	Size: Regular	
Office: "OTSEGO CO. CLERK'S OFFICE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

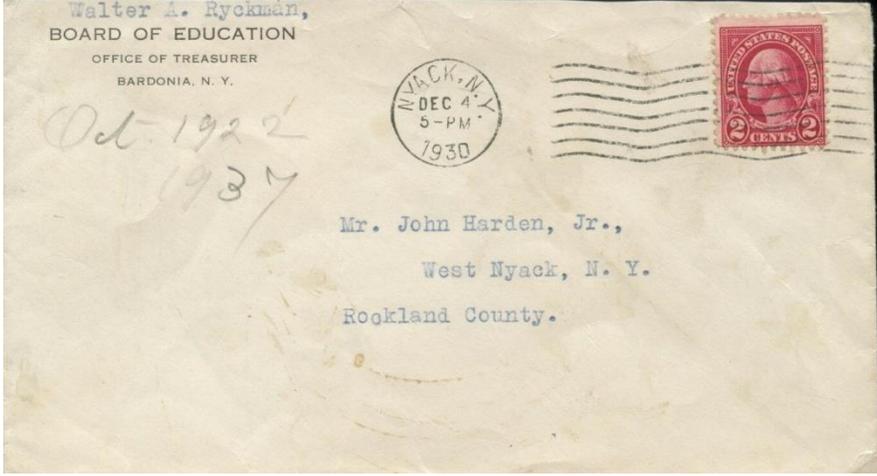
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Dates: ~ 1910s	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller rka, May 2021.			



ID:	State: New York	County: Richmond	City: Rossville
Dates: ~ 1863-07-29	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "Sheriff's Office"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of dwsnow, Philamercury cover census #27383. May 2021.			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Rockland	City: Bardonia
Dates: 4 Dec 1930	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "BOARD OF EDUCATION / OFFICE OF TREASURER"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of ebay seller covermuseumannex, May 2021.			
			

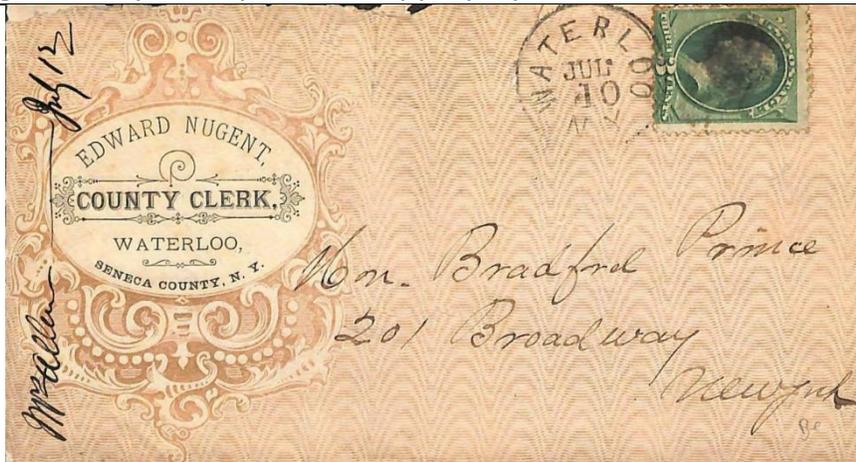
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Dates: 7 Jan 1873	Color: Green	Size: Regular	
Office: "J. W. HORTON, / County Clerk"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Saratoga	City: Saratoga Springs
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Pale Orange	Size: Regular	
Office: "R. H. PETERS, / SURROGATE"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			

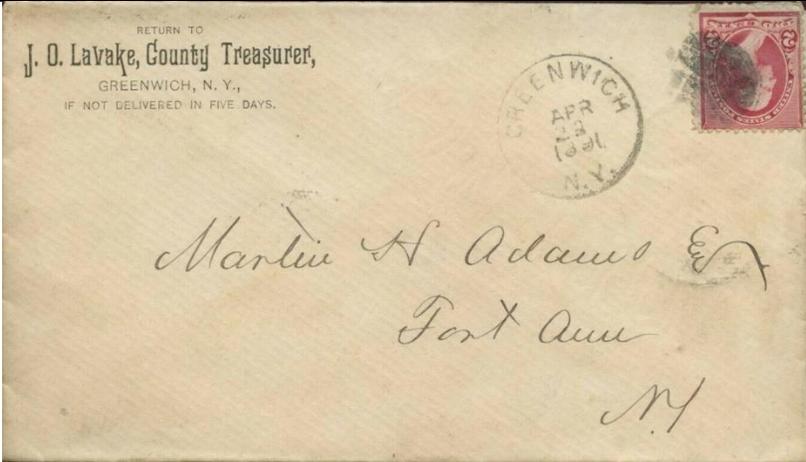


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Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Orange	Size: Regular	
Office: "EDWARD NUGENT, / COUNTY CLERK"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			



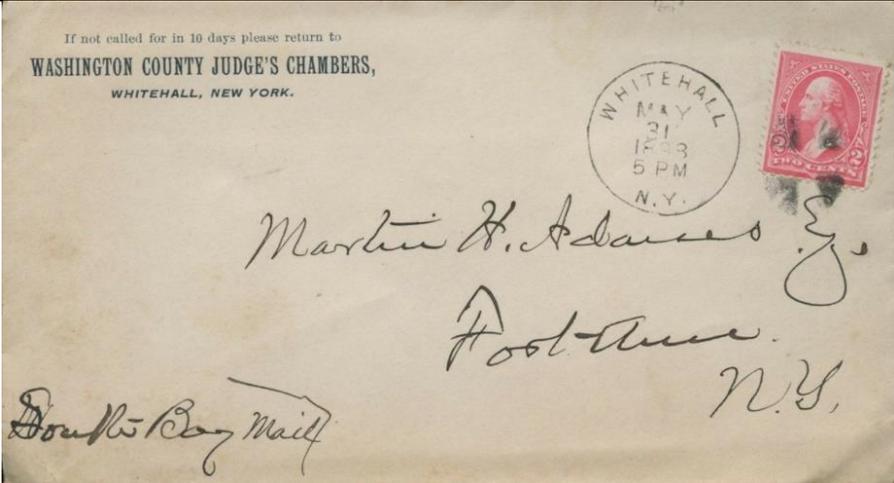
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Sullivan	City: Barryville
Dates: 31 July 1920	Color: Blue on tan	Size: Regular	
Office: "Frederick J. Lewis / District Superintendent of Schools"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller goldpathstamp, April 2021.			
			

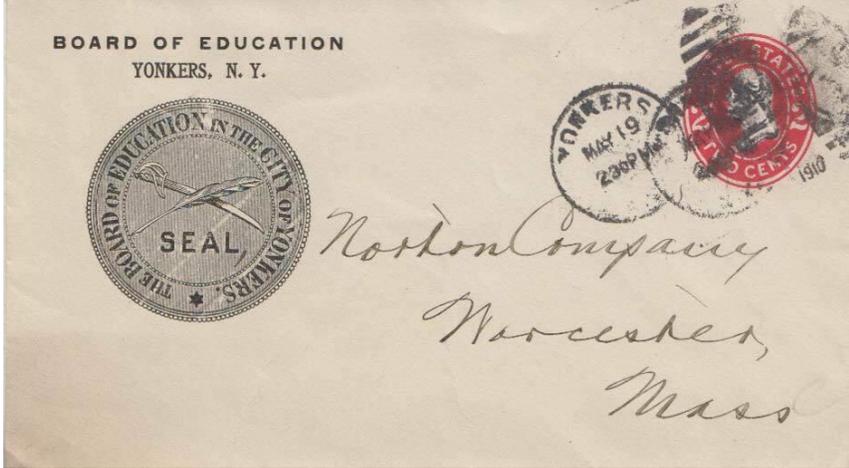
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Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covermuseumannex, May 2021.			
			

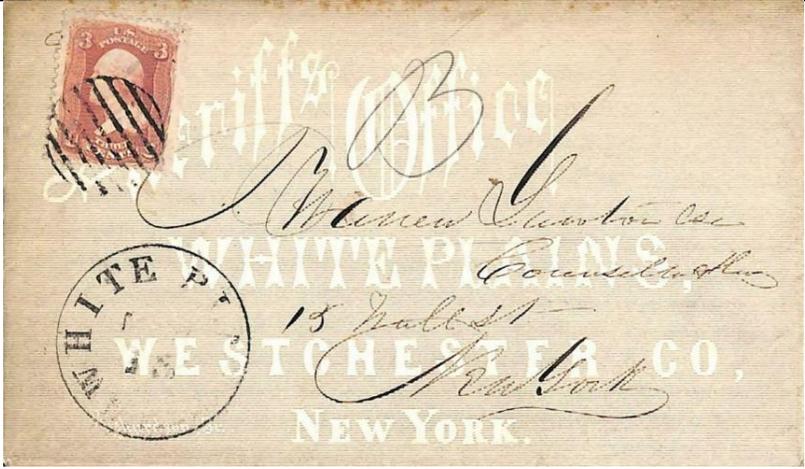
New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Washington	City: Hartford
Dates: Before Aug 1, 1883	Color: Black on tan	Size: Regular	
Office: " <i>Washington Co. Treasurer's Office, / J. M. NORTHROP, Treas.,</i> "			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covermuseumannex, May 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: Washington	City: Whitehall
Dates: 31 May 1898	Color: Black on tan	Size: Regular	
Office: " WASHINGTON COUNTY JUDGE'S CHAMBERS, "			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller covermuseumannex, May 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Westchester	City: Yonkers
Dates: 19 May 1910	Color: Black on gray	Size: Regular	
Office: "Board of Education"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, May 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: Westchester	City: White Plains
Dates: ~1860s	Color: Tan	Size: Regular	
Office: "Sheriff's Office / WHITE PLAINS,"			
Notes: Printer's imprint on verso: "M.SPEDON & BAKER, Manufacturers, 29 Beakman St., N.Y."			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Westchester	City: Yonkers
Dates: 7 Aug 1905	Color: Gold	Size: Regular	
Office: "Board of Water Commissioners"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

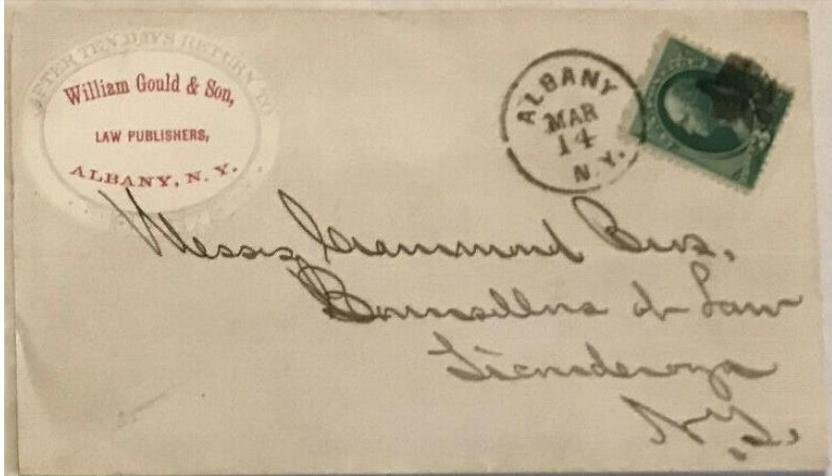
Part 3

NEW YORK

Private Businesses Using designs similar to the “Official Business” Envelopes

Arranged by County and City

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: Albany	City: Albany
Dates: Before Oct 1, 1883	Color: Red on gray	Size: Regular	
Office: "William Gould & Son / LAW PUBLISHERS"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller paperhistory, June 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: Genesee	City: Batavia
Dates: 28 Apr 1879	Color: Green	Size: Regular	
Office: "BANGS & HINSDALE / ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stamps-plus, May 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 25 July 1876	Color: Yellow	Size: Regular	
Office: "LOCK BOX / No. 688 / New York Post-office"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller stampyboy, April 2021.			
			

Part 4

NEW YORK

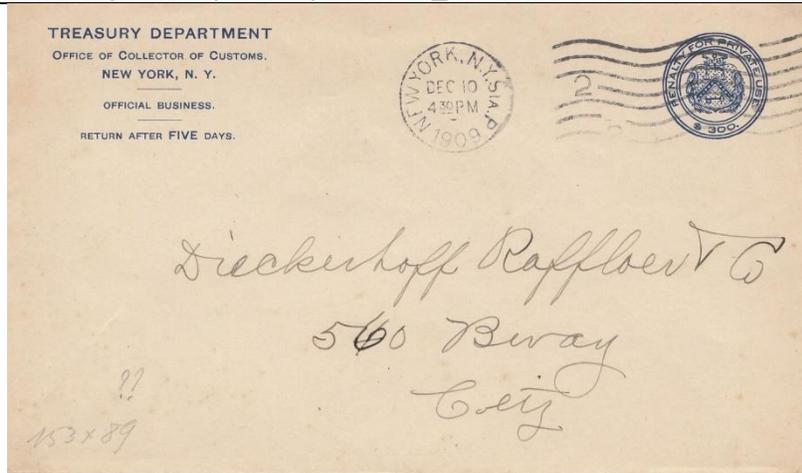
Federal Department & Agency Envelopes

Used within the State

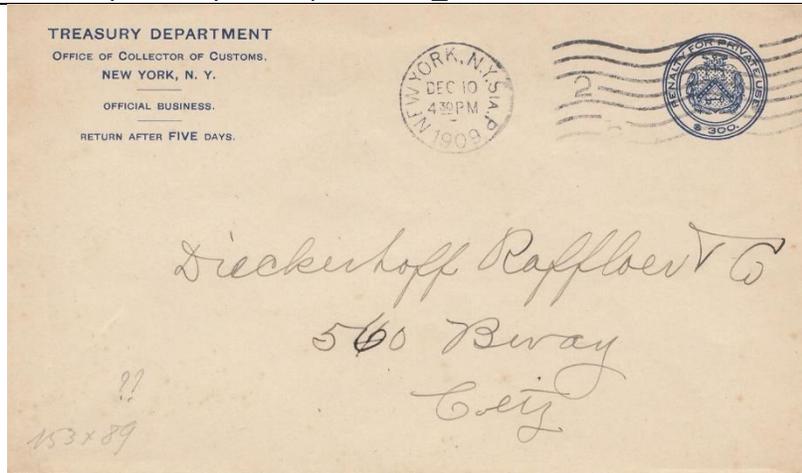
Arranged by County and City

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

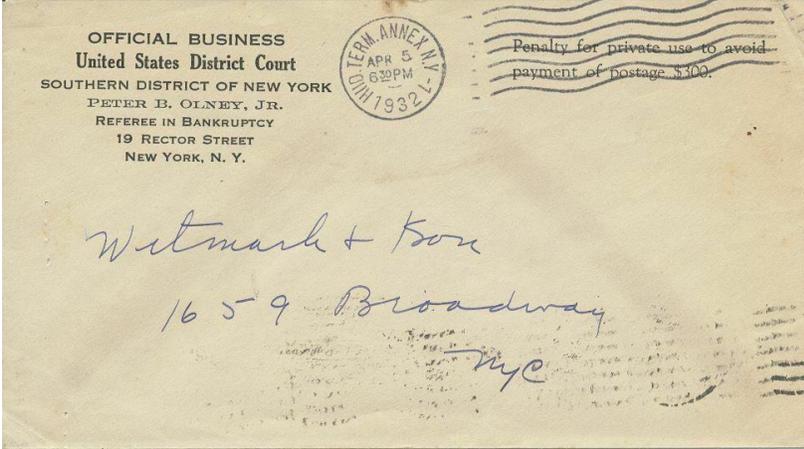
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Dates: 10 Dec 1909	Color: Blue	Size: Regular	
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Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller philarena_1, June 2021.			

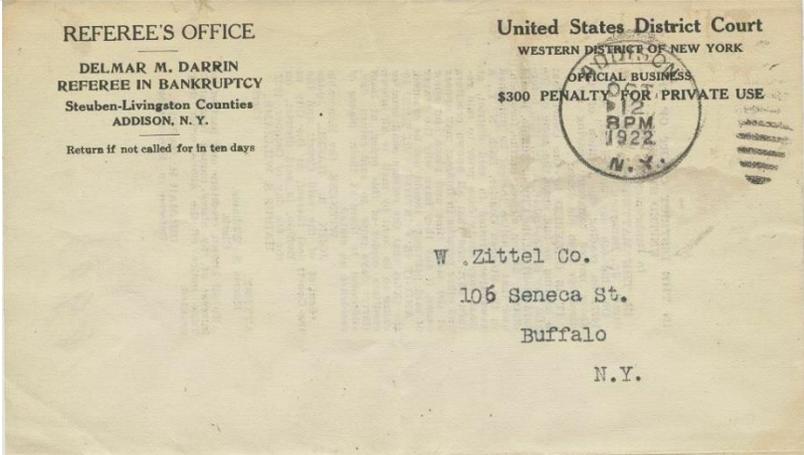


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Office: "OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS. / PORT OF NEW YORK, N.Y."			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller philarena_1, June 2021.			



New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 5 Apr 1932	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "United States District Court / SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller postalhistorystore, June 2021.			
			

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 12 Oct 1922	Color: Black	Size: Regular	
Office: "REFEREE'S OFFICE / WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller postalhistorystore, June 2021.			
			

New York: "Official Business" Illustrated Covers and Corner Cards

ID:	State: New York	County: New York	City: New York
Dates: 12 June 1942	Color: Black		Size: Regular
Office: "DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S.A. / DISPATCH AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES"			
Notes:			
Source: Image courtesy of eBay seller zuluwar24, June 2021.			

