

Bvt. Brig. Gen. Reuben Delavan Mussey
(Private) Mil. Sec'y to President Johnson, Apr.-Nov. 1865

From the President of the United States.

R. D. Mussey
Mil. Sec.

FRONT

Miss Susaner Bishop
P.O. Box 2627
Philadelphia Pa

The content, headed "Executive Office, Washington, D.C.," and dated June 19, 1865, acknowledges and thanks the addressee for a portrait (of Abraham Lincoln?) sent to Andrew Johnson. It is signed "R. D. Massey, Mil. Sec."

Reuben Delavan Massey, born in New Hampshire in 1833, was a son of Reuben Dimond Massey, a famous surgeon. Young Massey graduated from Dartmouth in 1854, wrote for newspapers such as the Cincinnati Gazette, and read law. He also entered politics as an organizer of the Republican "Wideawakes" in 1860.

Massey was in Washington when the Civil War opened and was appointed on May 14, 1861 as a Captain of the 19th Regular Army U.S. Infantry. He served as a recruiting officer and, from October, 1861 - November, 1862, served in the field. Appointed as Commissary of Recruiting for the 21st Army Corps. In September, 1863, he was made organizer of colored troops under General Lorenzo Thomas. According to Gen. Thomas, Mussey was the first Regular Army officer to ask to organize colored troops and also the first to suggest colored troops be organized as "U.S. Colored" rather than as state troops.

While in command of the 100th U.S. Colored Infantry at Nashville in 1864, he declined to be part of a parade to which his regiment was not invited. This event brought him to Andrew Johnson's attention, and, as Mussey was in Washington at the time of Lincoln's assassination, Johnson asked him to become his military secretary, as which Mussey served from April to November, 1865. He resigned from the Regular Army in 1866 and established a Washington law practice.

HENRY DEARBORN
SECRETARY OF WAR

1801



Henry Dearborn (1751-1829). He was a veteran of both the Revolution and the War of 1812. He was a member of both the Third and Fourth Congresses (1793-1797). President Thomas Jefferson appointed him Secretary of War; he served in that post from 1801 to 1809.

This cover entered the mail at Washington on May 25, 1801. The docket on the back says: "Respecting the division of goods for Indian treaties."

ROBERT MORROW, Major & A.A.G.
Detailed as Assistant Private Secretary to President Johnson

From the President of the United States.



R. Morrow
Major & A.A.G.
Private Secretary.

R. Patterson, Esq
1300 Locust Street
Philadelphia
Penna

JOEL POINSETT

Secretary of War

14 March, 1837 - 4 March, 1841

WILLIAM GORDON

BOUNTY LAND CLERK

Department of War

Bounty Land Office



W. Gordon
FREE

Isaac Riddle Esq^r

Bedford
N. Hampshire

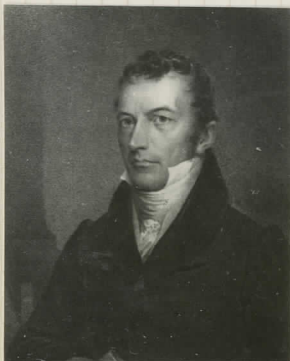
Enclosed letter, not datelined or signed and written in the third person, advises the addressee that the name of one Sanders has not been found upon the rolls of either the 45th or the 4th Regiments (War of 1812, presumably), so no claim for western lands can be submitted. From the style and color of the postmark, and the dates of Poinsett's service, the cover was sent on 16 November, 1839 or 1840.

Gordon's signature as Bounty Land senior clerk, which post he held as early as 1833, is not a frank, as his post did not possess the privilege. Rather, his signature verified the cover was on official business, so that a War Department official with the privilege - in this case, Secretary of War Poinsett - could frank the cover without having to ask any questions.

Poinsett, from South Carolina, also franked as M.C., 4 March 1821 - 7 March 1825, when he became Minister to Mexico.

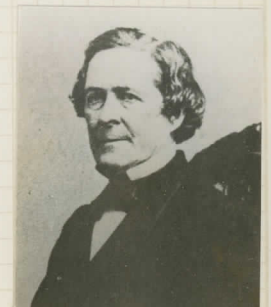
At his return, he introduced the flower named after him, the *POINSETTIA*, into the United States.

William Gordon franked as Chief Clerk of the Quartermaster Dept, after 1863.



JOEL P. POINSETT
J. M. Poinsett

William A. Gordon

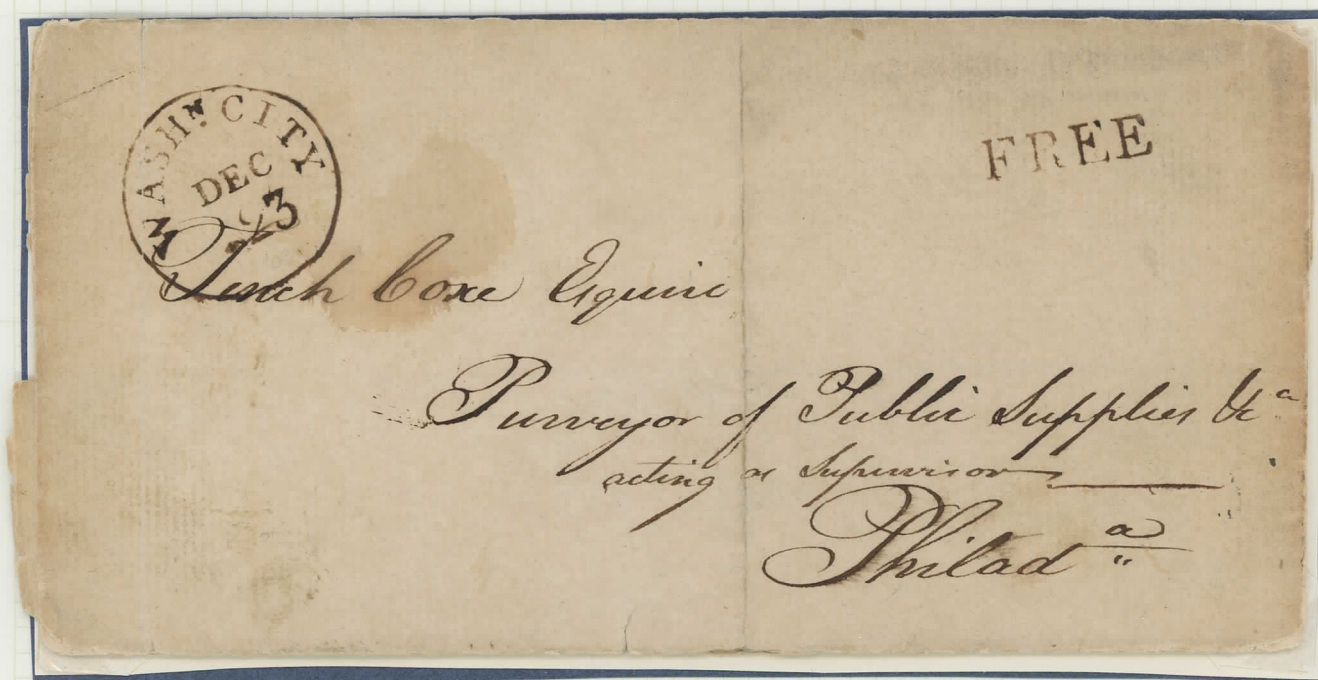


WILLIAM SIMMONS
WAR DEPARTMENT
ACCOUNTANTS OFFICE
1801



Dated September 22, 1801, this letter describes steps being taken to render the recipient's accounts acceptable under the law, despite its many flaws.

TENCH COXE
PURVEYOR OF THE PUBLIC SUPPLIES
1803



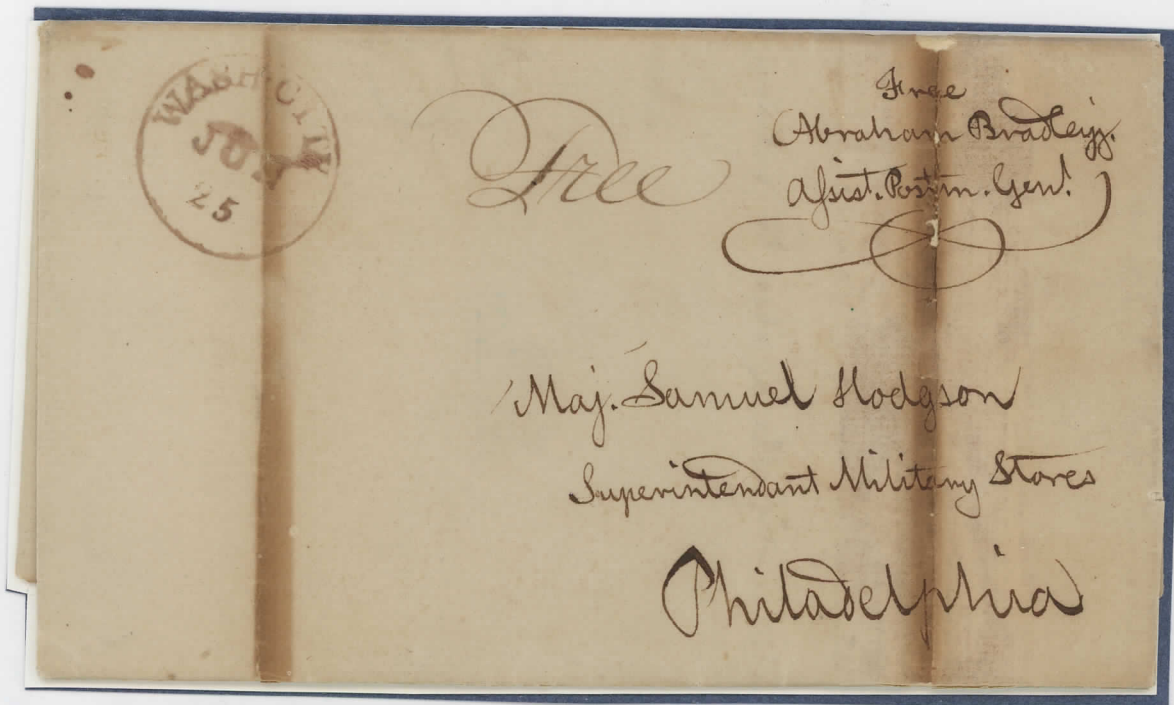
This cover to Coxe in Philadelphia entered the mails at Washington on December 23, 1803. It bears the second Washington handstamp townmark with a new spelling of the city's name.

Coxe (1755-1824) was originally a British loyalist at the beginning of the Revolution, but in 1788 became a member of the Continental Congress. At first he was a Federalist but later supported Thomas Jefferson, who as President appointed him as Purveyor of Public Supplies. He served in that office from 1803 to 1812.

WASHINGTON CITY

1800

WASHINGTON CITY



Joseph Habersham was appointed Postmaster General by George Washington in 1795 and continued in that office until 1801. When the executive departments were preparing to move from Philadelphia to the new capital city of Washington, Habersham left his post and moved back to his native Georgia. He left Abraham Bradley, Jr., his First Assistant Postmaster General, in charge of the Department.

This letter to the Superintendent of Military Stores in Philadelphia was franked by Bradley and deposited in the Washington post office on June 25, 1800, after the Post Office Department had moved to the new city.

When he became President, Thomas Jefferson persuaded Habersham to resign as Postmaster General, offering to make him the Treasurer of the United States, a post he later declined. He then became the President of the Bank of the United States in Savannah.

City of Washington.
War Department June 19. 1800.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 14th Inst^{ce} requesting leave of absence for four or five weeks.

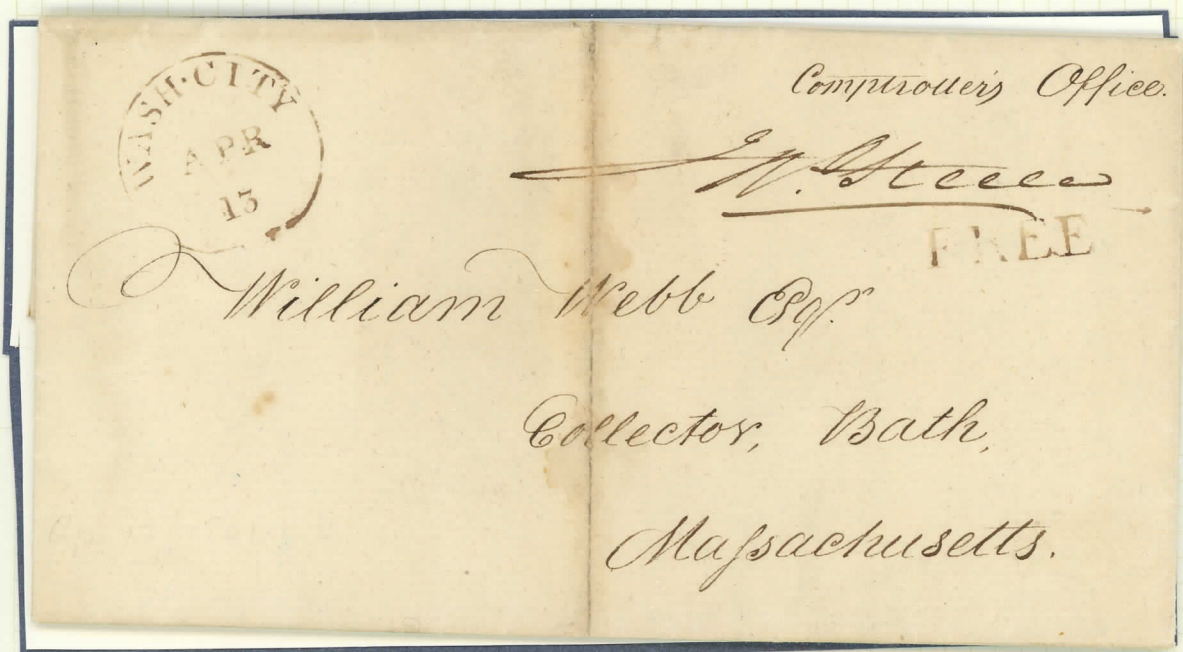
I am willing to accord the Indulgence for the time required, provided your arrangements for the progress of the Business of your Office are such as to satisfy you that the public Interest will not in any wise suffer by your absence. Should you find it convenient to return to your duties before the expiration of the time allowed, I trust you will feel it incumbent upon you so to do.

I am, Sir,

Your most obed. Serv^t
Saml. Dexter

Caleb Swan Esq. P.M.G.

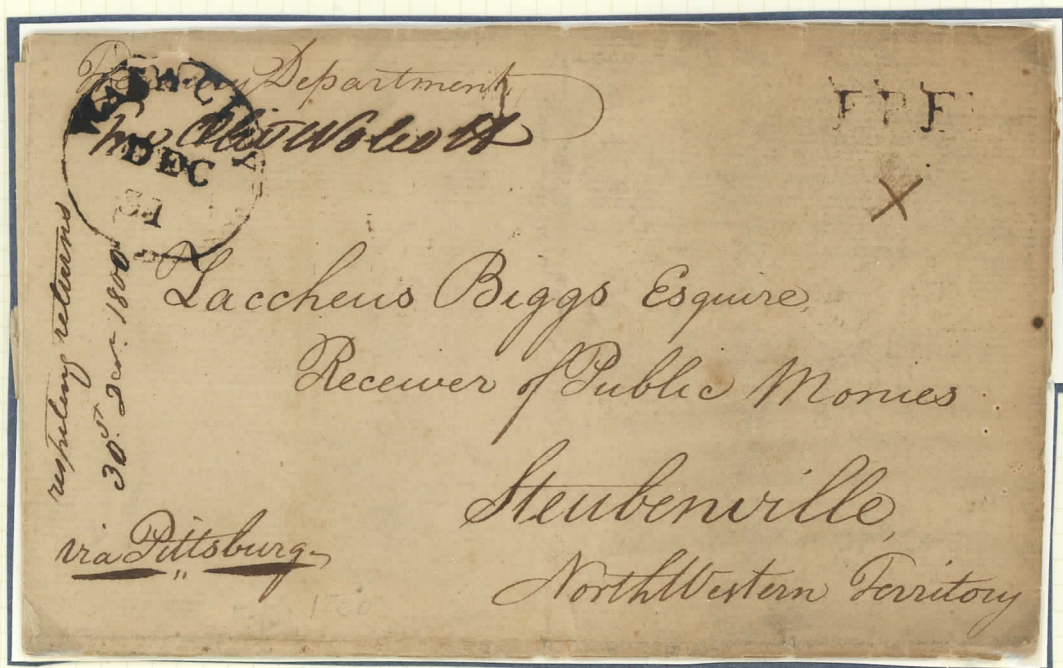
JOHN W. STEELE
COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY
1801



A letter franked by John W. Steele, Comptroller of the Treasury, to Bath, Massachusetts (now Maine). It acknowledged the receipt of quarterly accounts from the collector at Bath. The cover entered the mail at Washington on April 13, 1801.

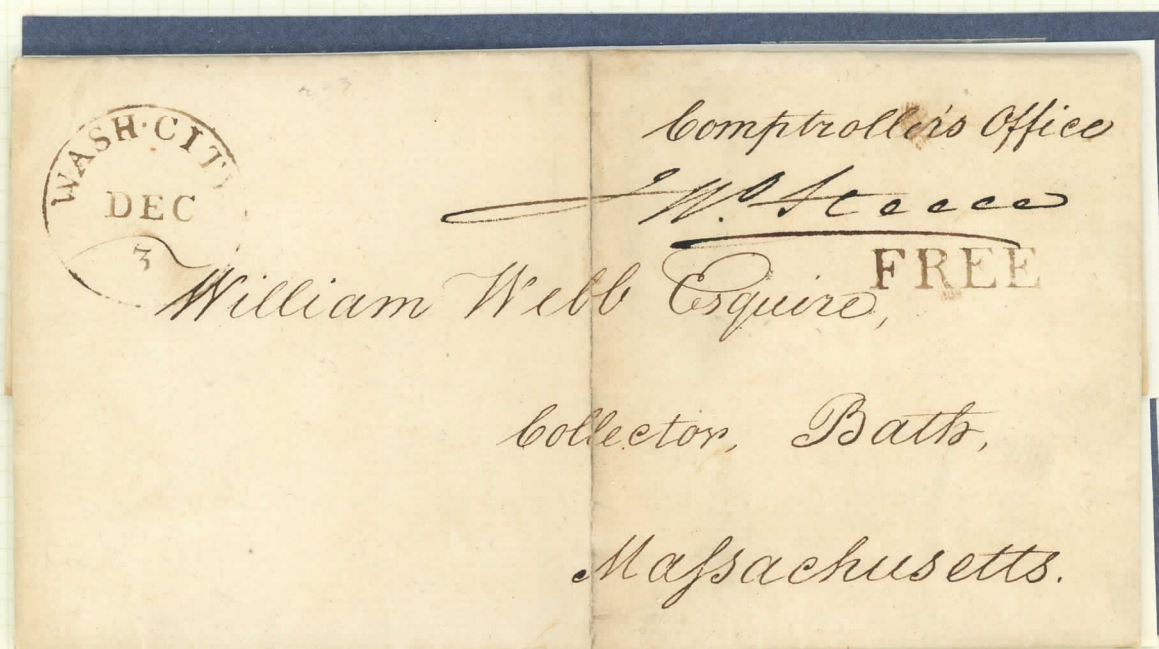
OLIVER WOLCOTT
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

1800



Wolcott sent this letter to the Receiver of Public Monies at Steubenville, Northwest Territory, on December 30, 1800. It entered the mail at Washington on the following day. It was directed to go by way of Pittsburg(h). Ohio did not become a state until two years later.

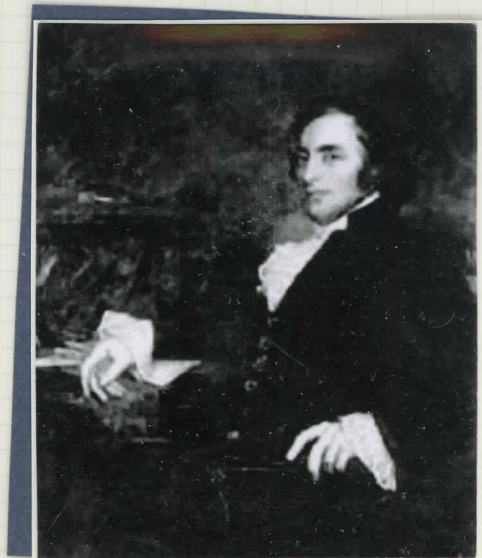
JOHN W. STEELE
COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY
1800



Franked by John W. Steele, who had been appointed Comptroller of the Treasury by President George Washington in 1796. He served in that office until 1802.

The cover entered the mail at Washington on December 3, 1800, addressed to Bath. At that time Bath was in the District of Maine, a part of Massachusetts. Maine did not become a separate state until 1820.

OLIVER WOLCOTT, JR.
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
1800



Oliver Wolcott (1760-1833) was the second Secretary of the Treasury, succeeding Alexander Hamilton in that position. Wolcott served in that office under Presidents George Washington and John Adams, from 1795 to December, 1800. The letter entered the mail at Washington on September 15, 1800.

F. L. Dept.
Robt. Johnston

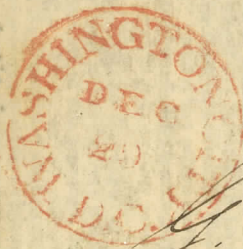
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Post Office
Department

Post Office Department,



~~Postmaster,~~

G. F. A. Hill Esq.
North Chatham
Columbia Co.

1841

January 28, 1827

Washington City, D.C.

FREE Frank of

JOHN RANDOLPH of Roanoke

(folded letter see
other side)

free
J. Randolph

FREE

J. Robinson

Petersburg
Virginia



Washington Jan. 28. 1827.

Dear Sir

Your letter by your younger son was received the day before yesterday. It takes very much from my regret at my inability to further his views in visiting this place that I feel a firm & deep conviction that in so doing I should be doing him any thing rather than a benefit: that at the expiration of the term at West Point he would find himself without a profession & unfitted for useful occupation in life.

Present my best remembrance to all your good family & be assured that I have never entertained towards you or them other feelings than those of unforgotten regard.

Yours truly

J. R. Roush.

Dr. R. B. Roush.

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1857 FREE FRANK—Chief Clerk of the P.O. Dept.

The Post Office Department, with from one to three Assistant Postmaster General, did not always have a Chief Clerk, per section who occasionally served as Postmaster General to frank mail.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Official Business.

Post Office Department,
INSPECTION OFFICE,
May 22^d 1857.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Official Business.



POSTMASTER AT *East Baedwin,*
Cumberland Co. Me.

Postmaster
Washington
May 22 1857
Frank 189
Comm. July 1 1857

*Route No. 129 East Baedwin to
Denmark 35 miles
Service to begin 1st July*

John Oakford
Chief Clerk.

| CHIEF CLERKS OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT | | |
|--|-------|-----------------|
| Name | State | Tenure |
| Andrew Coyle | PA | 1819-1827(?) |
| Obadiah B. Brown | N.J. | 1829-1834 |
| P.S. Loughborough | KY | 1835 |
| John S. Marron | GA | 1837 |
| William H. Dundas | VA | 1846-1851 |
| John Oakford | PA | 1853 |
| Benjamin F. Clements | TN | 1859-March 1861 |

John Oakford, 6th Chief Clerk of the Post Office Department (1853-59), folded letter and postmarked in black WASHINGTON CITY D. C./ MAY 23 1857/ FREE.

1845-54 FREE FRANK- 10th & 12th the 2nd Ass't P.M.G.



William J. Brown, 10th the Second Assistant Postmaster General (1845-49), folded letter with hand stamped POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT/ Official Business and postmarked in red WASHINGTON CITY D. C./ NOV 29 (1845).



THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTERS GENERAL

| Name | State | Appointed |
|--------------------|--------|------------|
| Seth Pease | CT | 1810 |
| Phineas Bradley | CT | 1818 |
| Selah R. Hobbie | N.Y. | 1829 |
| Robert Johnston | PA | 1836 |
| Philo C. Fuller | N.Y. | 1841 |
| John A. Bryan | OH | October 1 |
| J. W. Tyson | PA (?) | 1843 |
| N. M. Miller | VA | 1844 |
| William Medill | OH | 1845 |
| William J. Brown | IN | 1845 |
| Fitz Henry Warren | IA | 1849 |
| William H. Dundas* | VA | 1852 |
| George W. McLellan | MA | March 1861 |

William H. Dundas, 12th the Second Assistant Postmaster General (1852-61), folded letter with hand stamped POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT/ Official Business and postmarked in black WASHINGTON D. C./ AUG 23 (1854).

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1866 FREE FRANK 12th the 1st Asst PMG

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE,

Sept. 15, 1866.

SIR:

As required by the 2d section of the act approved July 1, 1864, to establish salaries for Postmasters and for other purposes, the Postmaster General has reviewed the returns from your office, assigned said office to the *5th* class, and fixed the salary of the Postmaster at \$ *22*, from 1st July, 1866.

The amount of this salary has been fixed in conformity with the requirements of the law, in even hundreds or tens of dollars, according to its class.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

St. John B. L. Skinner

1st Assist. P. M. General.

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PMG
1866-9

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE.

Post Office Department,
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.



Ally W. Randall
Last salary of
P.M.
Bridgeport
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THE ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, 1789-1810
(FIRST ASSISTANT PMG, 1810-1873)

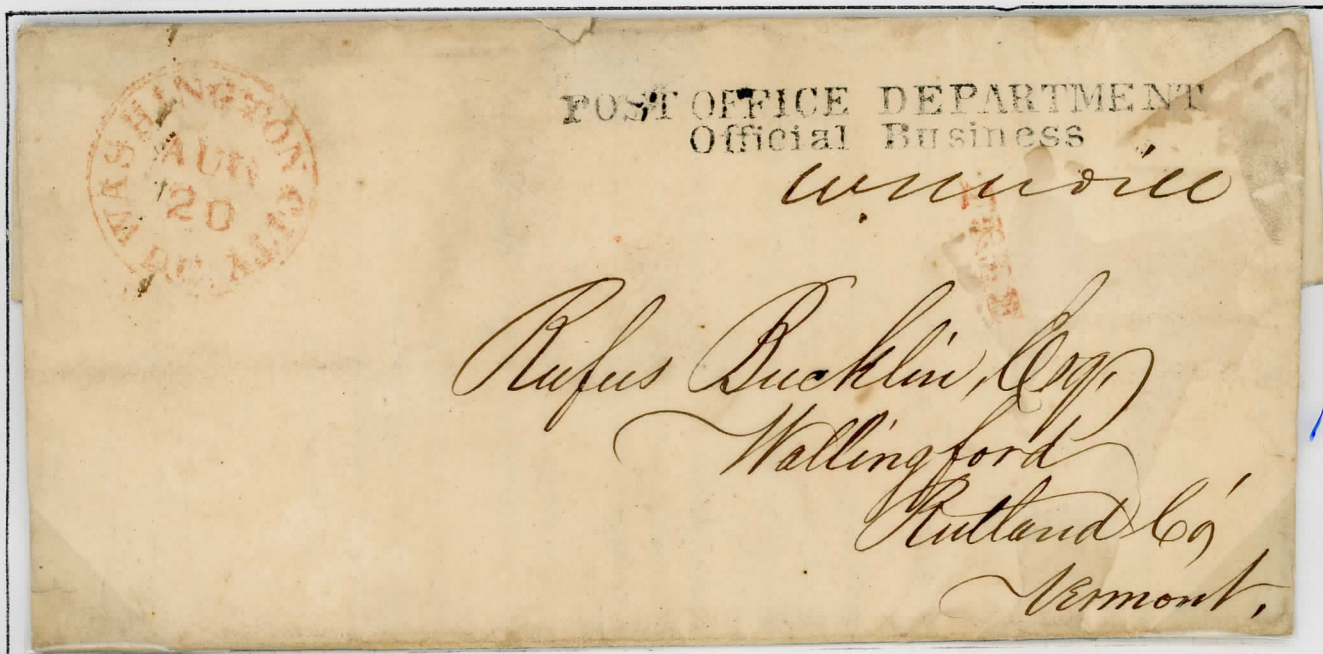
| Name | State | Appointed |
|------------------------|----------|---------------|
| James Bryson | ? | 1/28/1782 |
| Jonathan Burrall | N.Y. | 1789 |
| Charles Burrall | N.Y. (?) | 1791 |
| Abraham Bradley, Jr. | CT | 1800 |
| Charles K. Gardner | N.J. | 1829 |
| Selah R. Hobbie | N.Y. | 1836 |
| Solomon D. Jacobs | TN | 1851 |
| Selah R. Hobbie* | N.Y. | 1853 |
| Horatio King | ME | 1854 |
| John A. Kasson | IA | March 1861 |
| Alexander W. Randall | WI | November 1862 |
| St. John B. L. Skinner | N.Y. | 8/27/1866 |
| George Earle | MD | March 1869 |

St. John B. L. Skinner, 12th the First Assistant Postmaster General (1866-69), free frank official mail of the Post Office Department postmarked in black 21 SEPT/ WASHINGTON, D.C./ FREE.

1839-45 FREE FRANK-4th&9th the 2nd Ass't P.M.G.



Robert Johnston, 4th Second Assistant General (1836-40), folded letter free frank postmarked in red circle WASHINGTON CITY D. C./ AUG 13 (1839), and hand stamped in red FREE..



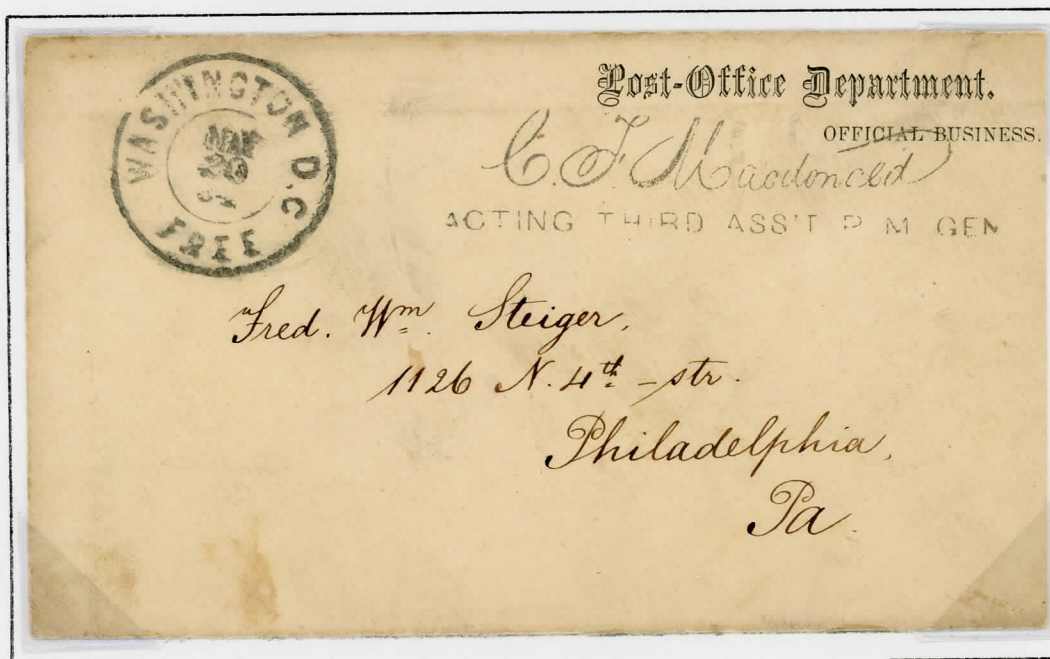
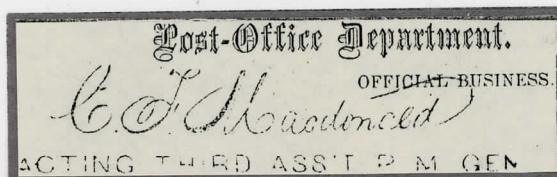
William Medill, 9th Second Assistant Postmaster General (1845), folded letter with hand stamped POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT/ Official Business, free franking, postmarked in red WASHINGTON CITY D. C./ AUG 20 (1845), and hand stamped in red FREE..

THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTERS GENERAL, 1810-1873

| Name | State | Appointed |
|------------------|--------|--------------|
| Seth Pease | CT | 1810 |
| Phineas Bradley | CT | 1818 |
| Selah R. Hobbie | N.Y. | 1829 |
| Robert Johnston | PA | 1836 |
| Philo C. Fuller | N.Y. | 1841 |
| John A. Bryan | OH | October 1842 |
| J. W. Tyson | PA (?) | 1843 |
| N. M. Miller | VA | 1844 |
| William Medill | OH | 1845 |
| William J. Brown | IN | 1845 |

1864 FREE FRANK - 7th Chief Clerk in the 3rd Ass't PMG Office

Imprint;
Post-Office Department./ OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
Hand stamped;
C. F. McDonald, ACTING THIRD ASS'T P. M. GEN.



C. F. McDonald, 7th Chief Clerk in the Third Assistant Postmaster General's Office (1861-August 1864) corner, and postmarked in black WASHINGTON D. C./ MAY 20 (18)64/ FREE.

The name of Chief Clerk in the Offices of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Assistant Postmaster General's show a strange interrelationship of names seemingly switching from one to other every few years.

| CHIEF CLERKS IN THE 3RD ASS'T PMG'S OFFICE | | |
|--|-------|------------------|
| Name | State | Tenure |
| Robert Johnston | PA | 1836 |
| Joseph Perry | MA | 1837-1839 |
| Thomas B. Addison | MD | 1841-1843 |
| Samuel Beach | CT | 1845 |
| Nicholas Halter | ? | 1847 |
| Thomas Trott | CT | 1849-1851 |
| None - | | 1853-1861 |
| C. F. McDonald | MA | 1861-August 1864 |
| William M. Ireland | PA | August 1864-1873 |

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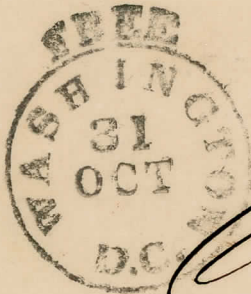
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1851 FREE FRANK - 17th P.M.G.

Post Office Department
Oct. 31. 1851.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
~~Official Business~~



C. W. Sanger &
Waterville
Maine

N. K. Hall

C. W. Sanger, Esq.

THE POSTMASTERS GENERAL

Under the Continental Congress:

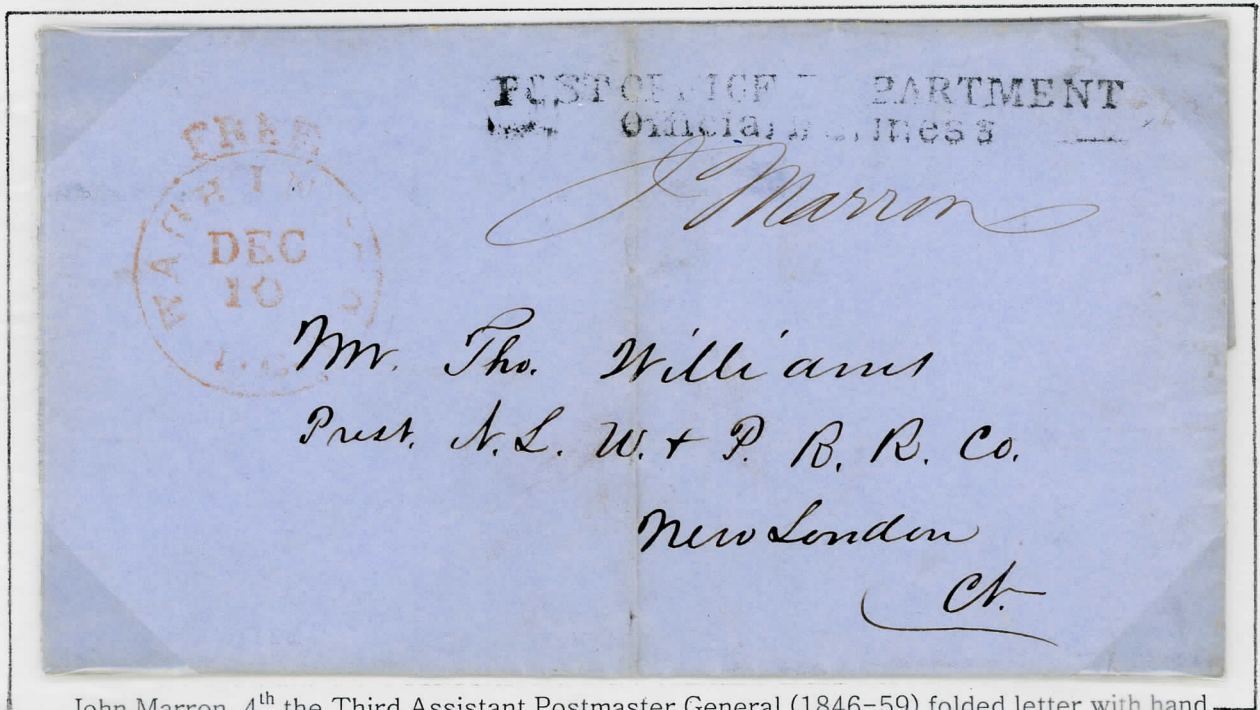
| Name | State | Took Office | TENURE | Left Office |
|-------------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| Benjamin Franklin | PA | 7/26/1775 | | |
| Richard Bache | PA | 11/7/1776 | | |
| Ebenezer Hazard | N.Y. | 1/28/1782 | | |

Under the Federal Constitution:

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|----------------------|------|------------|-----------|--|
| Samuel Osgood | MA | 9/26/1789 | | |
| Timothy Pickering | PA | 8/19/1791 | | |
| Joseph Habersham | GA | 2/25/1795 | | |
| Gideon Granger | CT | 11/28/1801 | | |
| Return J. Meigs, Jr. | OH | 4/11/1814 | | |
| John McLean | OH | 7/1/1823 | | |
| William T. Barry* | KY | 4/6/1829 | | |
| Amos Kendall | KY | 5/1/1835 | | |
| John M. Niles | CT | 5/16/1840 | | |
| Francis Granger | N.Y. | 3/8/1841 | 9/13/1841 | |
| Chas. A. Wickliffe | KY | 10/13/1841 | | |
| Cave Johnson | TN | 3/6/1845 | | |
| Jacob Collamer | VT | 3/8/1849 | | |
| Nathan K. Hall | N.Y. | 7/23/1850 | | |
| Samuel D. Hubbard | CT | 9/14/1852 | | |

Nathan K. Hall, 17th Postmaster General (1850-52), the letter free franking and postmarked in black WASHINGTON D. C./ 31 OCT (1860)/ FREE and hand stamped in black POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

1850-60 FREE FRANK- 4th & 5th the 3rd Ass't P.M.G.



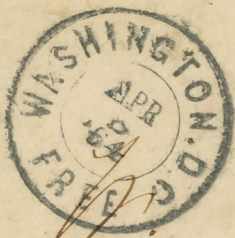
John Marron, 4th the Third Assistant Postmaster General (1846-59) folded letter with hand stamped POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT/ Official Business and postmarked in red WASHINGTON CITY D. C./ DEC 10 (1850)/ FREE. A Third Assistant Postmaster General's post to handle finance was created by law in 1836.



A. N. Zevely, 5th the Third Assistant Postmaster General (1859-69) folded letter with imprinted POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT/ Official Business and postmarked in black WASHINGTON CITY D. C./ DEC 10 (1860)/ FREE.

THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTERS GENERAL, 1836-1873

| Name | State | Appointed |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|
| Daniel Coleman | N.C. | 1836 |
| John S. Skinner | MD | 1841 |
| N.M. Miller | VA | 1845 |
| John Marron* | GA | 1846 |
| A.N. Zevely | N.C. | 1859 |

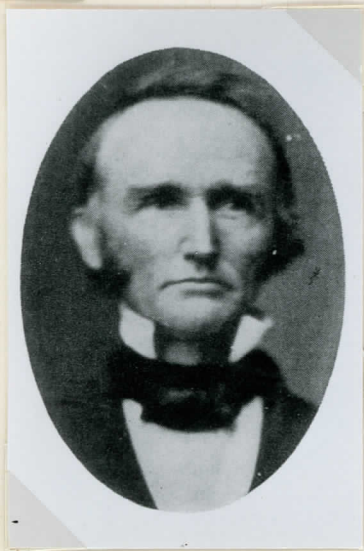


W. Blair ppg.

C. Fowler

Durham Centre
Conn.

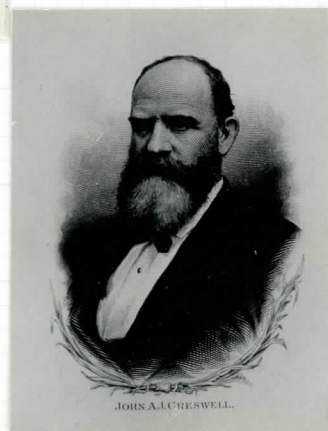
ture of Montgomery Blair - Presented to me by Prof W.C. Fowler
is Mich. Taintor - Wethersfield May 20th, 1871. } of Durham, Conn.





Sept 1861

Nov 1863



Wm J. Creswell
N.Y.

A. T. Goodman Esq
P.O. Drawn 284
Cleveland
Ohio

ALEXANDER W. RANDALL

AS PMG - JULY 1866 - MAR 1869

Post Office Department,
Official Business.



Randellian Towle, Esq.
Freedom,
Carroll Co.
N.H.



A. W. RANDALL COY OF WIS.

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF THE INTERIOR

The office of Assistant Secretary of the Interior was created by an act of Congress of March 20, 1862, and John P. Usher of Indiana was appointed to the post the same day.

| ASSISTANT SECRETARY | STATE APP'T FROM | TENURE | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| | | ENTERED OFFICE | LEFT OFFICE | |
| John P. Usher | Indiana | 20 Mar. 1862 | 8 Jan 1863 | 60.00 |
| William T. Otto | Indiana | 1863 | 1869 | 35.00 |
| Gen. Benj. R. Bowen | Ohio | 1871 | 1873+ | ----- |

FRANKS OF CHIEF CLERKS OF THE DEPT OF THE INTERIOR

| NAME | STATE APP'T FROM | TENURE | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| | | ENTERED OFFICE | LAST DATE | |
| Daniel C. Goddard | Ohio | 1851 | | 25.00 |
| George C. Whiting | VA | 1853 | 1855 | 15.00 |
| ✓ Moses Kelley | N.H. | 1857 | 1859 | ----- |
| Watton J. Smith | IND. | 1861 | | ----- |
| ✓ H. Kilbourn | IND. | 1863 | Vacant, 1865 | ----- |
| John C. Cox | ILL. | 1867 | | 20.00 |
| ✓ George T. Metcalf | Ohio | 1869 | | ----- |
| ✓ Ashton S.H. White* | N.H. | Sep 1869 | | 20.00 |
| John S. Delano | Ohio | 1871 | | ----- |
| William C. Morrill | N.H. | 1873 | | ----- |

* Acting Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

This non-cabinet rank department was created by an act of Congress in April, 1867, and was finally added to the Department of the Interior as the Office of Education in 1870.

COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

| NAME | STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED | TENURE DATES OF SERVICE | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Henry Barnard | Conn. | Apr., 1867 | 1870 ----- |
| John Eaton, Jr. | Tenn. | 1870 | After 1873 ----- |

CHIEF CLERK, OFFICE OF EDUCATION

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------|------|------------|
| Edward D. Neill | Minn. | 1867 | ----- |
| Charles Warren | ILL | 1869 | 1873 ----- |

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

This Office of the Interior Department was apparently charged with maintenance and architectural planning and construction of new buildings, although the latter function was probably handled by the Treasury Dep. Bureau of Construction, 1859-61.

COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

| NAME | STATE | TENURE DATES OF SERVICE | |
|--------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Benjamin B. French | N.H. | 1853 | ----- |
| John B. Blake | VA | 1855 | 1857 ----- |
| Benjamin B. French | N.H. | 1861 | 1867 \$40.00 |

Office abolished and function transferred to Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, in 1867.

No Chief Clerks are listed as such in the U.S. Registers for the years when this office was in operation.

AS ACTING CHIEF CLERK, DEPT. of the INTERIOR

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
A. J. White
Acting Chief Clerk.

W. D. Yale Esq.
Houseville.
Lewis Co. N. Y.

September 6, (1869?)

Department of the Interior,
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

William

Chief Clerk.



Gilbert K. Fox Esq.
Clerk U.S. Dist. Court,
Philadelphia
Penn^a

THE U.S. PENSION OFFICE - COMMISSIONERS OF PENSIONS

The U.S. Pension Office was transferred intact from the War Department to the Interior Department when that department was formed in 1849.

Many of the Commissioners' franks of the 1860's are with handstamped or printed facsimile signatures, and such should be discounted from the prices listed, accordingly. A few of the Commissioners' official envelopes, although legal size, have elaborate printed designs with official seal style designs as part of the franking legend, and prices for such are double or more the prices shown.

FRANKS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF PENSIONS

| NAME | STATE (APP'TED FROM) | TENURE | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| ✓ ^{James?} J. L. Edwards | Virginia | incumbent, 1849 | \$20.00 |
| ✓ J. E. Heath | Virginia | 1851 | 15.00 |
| ✓ Loren P. Waldo | Connecticut | 17 March 1853 - Jan 10, 1856 | 15.00 |
| ✓ Josiah Minot | New Hampshire | 1855/6 | 15.00 |
| ✓ George C. Whiting | Virginia | 1856 | 15.00 |
| ✓ Joseph H. Barrett | Ohio | 1861 | 15.00 |
| ✓ Chris Cox | | 1868 | ----- |
| ✓ H. Van Aernam | New York | 1 May 1869 - 31 May 1871 | 15.00 |
| ✓ J. H. Baker | Minnesota | 1871 | ----- |

CHIEF CLERKS OF THE PENSION OFFICE, DEPT OF THE INTERIOR

| NAME | STATE, APP'T FROM | TENURE | |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| ✓ James G. Berrett | Maryland | incumbent, 1849 | ----- |
| ✓ French S. Evans | Virginia | 1851 | ----- |
| Samuel Cole | New York | 1853 | ----- |
| John Robb | D.C. | 1859 | ----- |
| William Helmich* | Ohio | 3 May, 1861 - 31 Jan. 1865 | 12.50 |
| Thomas Pearson | New Hampshire | 1865 | ----- |
| ✓ James A. Morgan | Ohio | 1867 | ----- |
| ✓ Constant F. Trivett | New York | 1869 - | ----- |
| George W. Johnes | Ohio | 1871 | ----- |
| ✓ Constant F. Trivett C. W. Seaton | | 1873 | ----- |

* Helmich's franks on Civil War soldiers' letters are as ex-Congressman, stemming from his right, as an ex-Congressman, to frank until the beginning of the next session of Congress, in this case, December, 1861.

Department of the Interior,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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Chief Clerk.

Acton J. Meigs, Esq.
U.S. Supreme Court D.C.

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Oct. 19, 1872
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Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., May 15th 1871

Sir:

The application of Gilbert Tompkins
for Survivors pension, No. 1495, under act of
February 14, 1871, has been received and filed in this office

You are respectfully informed that such testimony as you may be
able to furnish in support of the allegations made in the declaration will
receive such consideration, in the examination of said claim, as its
importance may warrant.

Very respectfully,

H. Bauckerman

Commissioner.

D. W. Esmond Esq

Newburgh

Orange Co

N. Y.

N. B.—In all communications addressed to this Office relative to your claim, the number of claim, and the act under which you
have applied, must be given as furnished above.



(No. 20.)

WAR OF 1812.

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12th, 1871

Sir:

A certificate of * Original pension,
No. 4325, has been this day issued to Gilbert Tompkins
a † Survivor of war of 1812, P. O. address Cornwall
Orange County, State of N. York
upon which Ten dollars (\$10) attorney's
fees are due, and will be paid to you by the Pension Agent
at New York

J. A. Baker

Commissioner.

D. W. Esmond

Newburgh.

Orange Co.
N. Y.

* Fill with original or increase, as requisite.

† Fill with survivor or widow, as requisite.

Pension Office, Official Business,

Commissioner.

By

Heath

J. Hinch.

*East
New Haven
Ill*



COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS

LOREN P. WALDO
of Connecticut
1853-1855

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Pension Office, Official Business

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Order P. 18.672
May 27/55
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PENSION OFFICE,

March 29 1855.

Sir:

The claim of *Peter P. Snickerbaker*
No. *22812* for Bounty Land under the act of 3d
March, 1855, has been received, and will be attended to in
its turn.

As it must be some weeks before we can commence issuing
warrants under this act, it is respectfully requested that the appli-
cant will wait a reasonable time before making application to
know what has been done in relation to the claim. All
applications will be disposed of as fast as the nature of the
business will admit, and immediate notice given to the parties, or
their agents.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

L. P. WALDO,

Commissioner.

Messrs Flag & Albion
Bloomington
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JOSEPH H. BARRETT (OHIO)
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS



Joseph H. Barrett,
Commissioner

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W. B. Barrett
Salem
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James Barrett
N. S. Whitcomb Case
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Official Business
J. S. Edwards
Commr. of Pensions

A. W. Acheson. Esq

Washington
Pennsylvania



Pension Office, Official Business.

J. S. Edwards Commissioner.
By *F. S. Evans*

William Nicholson, Esq
161 Coates Street,
Philadelphia,
Pa

Franked "By French S. Evans." [Chief Clerk].

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension Office, Official Business
Commissioner.

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Pension Office, Official Business.

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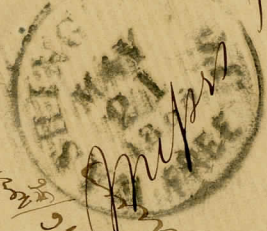
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COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
LOREN P. WALDO, of Connecticut

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension Office, Official Business,

L. P. Waldo
Commissioner

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Recd. Nov 17 - 1855

(CIRCULAR R.)

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1855.

PENSION OFFICE,

Nov 12, 1855.

Sir:

The Bounty Land claim of George W. Crutcher filed under the act of 3d March, 1855, for service rendered under Captain Sumner has been examined. As it is shown by documents in possession of the government, that the forces of which Captain Sumner company furnished a part were not raised by any State or Territory; and as the benefits of the above, and all other Bounty Land acts, extend only to those who were called into service by the authorities of a STATE or TERRITORY, and have been paid for the same by the United States, or who have served in some one of the several wars in which this country has been engaged since 1790, said claim cannot be allowed.

Very respectfully,

Robinson & Flegg.

J. MINOT,
Commissioner.

Bloomington

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(CIRCULAR A.)

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1855.

PENSION OFFICE,

Dec 27 1856.

SIR:

The application of

George W. Butcher

for bounty land under the act of 3d March, 1855, No. 57862 has been

~~examined, and the claim suspended.~~ *rejected*

Service is alleged to have been rendered in

1st Reg U.S. Dragoon

As claimant was a regular soldier

The Auditor reports:

I engaged in no war service, his claim is rejected

The claim is, therefore, suspended for other evidence of the service alleged.

If there is any roll, discharge, or other record evidence of such service, it must be furnished. But if there be none, parol evidence will be received instead. In such cases the positive testimony of at least two witnesses who were in the same service, or in a situation to know the facts about which they testify, will be required; and the witnesses in their affidavits must state *particularly* the facts and circumstances of the claimant's service, and their means of knowledge concerning the same.

Robinson & Plagg,

Bloomington

Ill.

Respectfully, &c.,

J. MINOT,

Commissioner.

N. B.—Endorse the words "Additional evidence" upon the envelope of all papers addressed to this office upon business already before it, and the number to which they refer, upon the papers.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
JOSIAH MINOT of New Hampshire

Minot served
in 1855

The enclosures are form letters, pertaining to bounty land claims made under an act of Congress of 1855. The act awarded lands to former soldiers who had served in wars with troops of the states or territories volunteering for the wars.

The letter also notes that two Patrick Sullivans, one of whom was making a claim, had been in the same company and enclosed a form to be filled out, asking →

Department of the Interior,
Pension Office, Official Business.
Minot

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for 13 items
of information,
as occupation,
height, color of eyes,
"When and where last
heard from" to describe
and identify the claimant.

WASHINGTON, SEP 29, 1855.



Patrick Sullivan
New York
Sep 19 490



Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, 185 .

Sir:

In order that the Records may be satisfactorily examined in relation to named in your letter you are requested, as far as practicable, to fill up the following blank spaces, and return this paper to this office:

1st. Whether an Enlisted Soldier or a Volunteer?

2d. When did he enlist?

3d. Where did he enlist?

4th. By whom was he enlisted?

5th. In what State born?

6th. In what County or Town?

7th. Age when enlisted?

8th. Occupation?

9th. Height?

10th. Color of eyes?

11th. Color of hair?

12th. Complexion?

13th. When and where last heard from?

Very respectfully,

Adjutant General.

To

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
GEORGE C. WHITING of Virginia

Whiting served
1856-61

Department of the Interior,
Pension Office, Official Business.

W. C. Whiting

Robinson & Glagg

Blomington Ill.

Messrs

*Mr. Jacoby
Cincinnati
Kearney St.*

*20/77
Henry Jacoby*

B. F. Flake, Peoria Co. Ill.

(CIRCULAR A.)

ACTS OF MARCH 3, 1855, AND MAY 14, 1856.

PENSION OFFICE,

Jan 2 1857.

SIR:

The application of

Henry Jacoby

for Bounty Land under the acts of March 3, 1855, and May 14, 1856, No. 185422 has been examined, and the claim suspended.

Service is alleged to have been rendered in

Capt Fletcher Co.

The Auditor reports:

no rolls of said Co.

The claim is, therefore, suspended for other evidence of service, which must be of the nature of record evidence, if any exist—such, for instance, as a discharge, the muster or pay rolls in any public office in the State in which the service was rendered, a contemporaneous entry of any kind made by a person whose duty it was to notice and register the fact, the records of any town, or any accredited history, &c. If parol testimony be offered, it must be that of at least two credible witnesses who were in the same service, or in a situation to know the facts about which they testify; and they must state *particularly and fully* all the facts and circumstances within their knowledge or recollection concerning the claimant's service, giving the names of all the officers and men known to have served in the same company with the claimant, where and how it was raised, what service it performed, when and where disbanded, &c.; and if they have themselves applied for or received bounty land, they must state the Nos. of their claims or of the warrants received by them, or the dates, and whence their claims were filed, respectively. If the claimant's services have been paid for, he should state when, where, and by whom paid, and declare, under oath, that he is unable to procure any such record evidence as the office requires, or only such as he may furnish.

When such additional evidence shall have been received, the claim will be re-examined.

The discharge forwarded is of no value unless well authenticated. ^{Respectfully,} Yours obedient servant,
the service performed shall be proven to have been paid for by the United States —

GEO. C. WHITING,

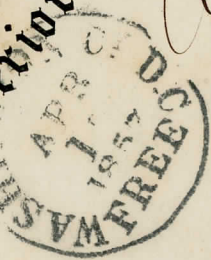
Commissioner

Robinson & Flagg,

Bloomington. Ill.

N. B.—In transmitting to the Office papers having reference to a bounty land claim pending before it, endorse on the envelope the words "additional evidence," and on the papers themselves the name and No. of the claim to which they refer.

Interior Department,
Pension Office, Official Business.



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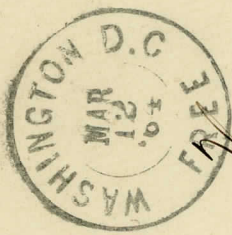
James M. Hutton, New York

Pension Office,
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Joseph H. Barnett

Edw. S. I. Davis
March 11. 1864
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Mr. John S. Marshall, M.C.,
470-7th Street,
Albany



Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,
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Discharge & Release
of Prisoners.

Isaac B. Anderson
Carl Gustafson
Chum
1865
Aug. 29.

Wm. H. Barrett

J. B. Redding
New Castle
Ind. and



CHRIS. C. COX, COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
1868

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on cover sent Aug 5, (1868).

(Facsimile franking signatures
were banned by an act of
Congress effective Mar, 1869)

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Chris. C. Cox
Commissioner.



A. S. Cassidy
Newburg, N.Y.

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Mr. Benjamin Smith - Rhode
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HENRY VAN AERNAM, M.D.
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS
1 May, 1869 - 31 May, 1871

of New York

Van Aernam, an M.D., was Surgeon of the 144th New York Volunteer Regiment in the Civil War, serving 1862-64.

He was born in Onondaga Co., 1819 and died in Cattaraugus Co., 1894.

He could have franked as an M.C., 39th and 40th Congresses, 4 Mar 1865 - 3 Mar. 1869.

After serving as Commissioner of Pensions, 1869-71, he served two more terms in Congress, 1879-1883, during which he could have franked printed speeches, etc.

Department of the Interior
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
H. Van Aernam
Commissioner

E. B. Tate Jr., Esq.,
Elberton,
Georgia



An enclosed letter, originally sent to the Sec'y of the Interior, has a docketing style reply datelined.

"Pension Office / June 30, 1870."

The letter, from the "Ordinary's Office, Elberton, Elberton Co., Ga., June 24, 1870" requests that an 84 yr old War of 1812 Captain be placed on the Gov't Pension Rolls in accordance with an act of Congress which passed the House of Representatives on 28 May, 1870. Forms and instructions were requested.

The endorsed reply was that the act was not yet law and no instructions could be sent.

Postmarked "Washington, D.C. / FREE / JUL 12 (1870)."

Addressed to E. B. Tate ("Ordinary, Elberton Co.), Elberton, Georgia.

J. H. BAKER, COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS, 1871-3

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

J. H. Baker
Commissioner.

W Esmond
Newburg Ny



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Oct 27, 1871

Mrs. J. Esmond
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Formville

JAMES G. BERRET
Chief Clerk, Pension
Office, 1849-51

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Pension Office, Official Business.

By

Commissioner.

J. H. Edwards

Mr. John Bell

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Sandusky

Ohio.

JAMES A. MORGAN (Ohio), Chief Clerk, Pension Office,
1867-?, as Acting Commissioner
of Pensions.

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James A. Morgan
Acting Commissioner.

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Newburgh

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as Acting COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS

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C. W. Seaton
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Charles S. Lawrence Esq
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Orange Co
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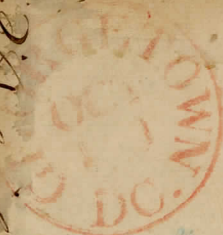
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J. Chas. Foss
In Livingston
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From Mail Depredations Clerk Samuel B. Beach (Copy) to Postmaster,
Wilton, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Sept. 20, 1843.

