



POSTAL MARKINGS

1837-1874

Purpose: Review postal markings and rates used by Toledo's post office January 7, 1837, when Toledo officially was incorporated, and 1874 when use of a duplex canceling device began with a CDS and target killer in one device.

Background: January 7, 1837 Toledo was officially incorporated as an "Ohio" city. July 1836 Toledo's Post Office was established, however mail during this period might be addressed Toledo, Ohio or Michigan. Covers from this era are known as "Toledo Strip" covers as Michigan and Ohio both laid claim to the area. This exhibit begins after dispute was settled and all postal markings were "Ohio".



From	To	From	To
New Bedford	Toledo	Toledo	Columbus
Miles	Rate	Miles	Rate
768	25	141	12 1/2

Type 1 Black 29mm CDS w/4mm letters.

**January 8, 1837
earliest known Toledo Postmark
after Toledo incorporated
January 7, 1837.**

Posted New Bedford, Mass, letter arrived Toledo, while addressee was in Columbus.

Toledo forwarded to Columbus and added 12 1/2 cents postage

Several bios of sender or addressee of letters will be seen. Individuals are singled out due to post office connections not community standing.

Exhibit Highlights

- ◆ Earliest known Toledo postmark after incorporation.
- ◆ Earliest known use "PAID" hand stamp at Toledo Office
- ◆ Copy of letter from PM Emory Potter to Postmaster General clarifying location and status of Toledo office.
- ◆ Earliest known use of a "FORWD" stamp from Toledo.
- ◆ Earliest known application of "FREE"
- ◆ One of four know covers postmarked Toledo franked with an 1847 5 cent Franklin.
- ◆ Two of five known covers postmarked Toledo and franked with an 1847 10 cent Washington.
- ◆ 1 of four James Valentine, British propaganda envelopes of 1850's known to be used in US. Postmarked Toledo

Toledo postal markings known prior to mandatory pre payment March 3, 1855



Exhibit Plan

- Chart of Toledo postal markings used prior to mandatory pre-payment March 3, 1855.
- Exhibit will run by year 1837 through 1874 with changes in operations noted on appropriate page.
- Small chart of postal markings at beginning of each year showing marking type and color.
- Census information on 1847 issues sent to Toledo.
- Examples of covers from each year 1837-1874 showing markings and colors
- Examples of fancy cancels used at Toledo.
- Some examples will have short Bio on cover author or addressee.

Chart of CDS markings from Toledo
1837 to 1874

Type	CDS @ 33%	Size
Type 1 29mm-5mm Letters period after city & state Date (Mo. & Day only)		Type 2 31mm - 5mm Letters 3mm Date (Mo. & Day only)
Type 2a 31mm-5mm Letters - 3mm (hio) No period after city Date (Mo. & Day only)		Type 3 32mm-5mm Letters State indicated by (O.) Date (Mo. & Day only)
Type 3a 32mm - 4mm Year Date 5mm Letters & Date (Mo. & Day only) State indicated by (O.)		Type 4 26mm w/3.5mm letters- 14mm Inner circle w/date (Mo. & Day only) State indicated by (O.)
Type 4a 26mmw/3.5mm Letters - 14mm Inner circle w/date (M,D, Y) State indicated by (O)		Type 5 28mm-4mm Letters V State indicated by (O.) Date (Mo. & Day only)
Type 5a 28mm-4mm Letters State (O) no period Date (Mo. & Day only)		Type 6 27mm-3.5mm Letters State indicated by (O.) Date (Mo. & Day only) Time in 3mm letters

From	To
Toledo	Columbus
Miles	Rate
141	12 1/2

January 20, 1837, 13 days after Incorporation.
Type 1 black 29mm CDS and black rate marking.

Letter to J Purdy in Columbus mentions Joseph Williams as a reference.
(Williams bio on page 6)



From	To
Toledo	Mansfield
Miles	Rate
118	12 1/2

Toledo was surrounded by "**Great Black Swamp**"
In spring swamp was impassible, so
eastbound mail was routed south around swamp.
In winter eastbound mail could pass over frozen ground.

Type 1 CDS dated March 5th, 1837
w/ black rate markings.



NOTE RATE CORRECTION:

Toledo Post Office figured rate around swamp.
Apparently swamp was sufficiently frozen and passage possible.
Rate lowered at destination.
Thus "Overcharged 6 1/4."

From	To
Toledo	Mt Vernon
Miles	Rate
138	12 1/2

April 1837 Toledo Post Office changed ink color of Type 1 (CDS) from black to red.
Both April 1837 covers reflect that change.

Rate should have been 12 1/2 for 138 miles so the letter must have been routed around Great Black Swamp.



Also seen is a "PAID" hand stamp

Earliest known use of a "PAID" hand stamp at Toledo Office.

From	To
Toledo	New York
Miles	Rate
561	25

April 23, 1837 red Type 1 CDS
And rate for over 400 miles.



From	To
Toledo	Kalamazoo
Miles	Rate
140	12 1/2

Richard Mott, Toledo Realtor to "Register of Deeds" Kalamazoo County, MI May 13, 1837.

Type 1 CDS and "PAID" handstamp used however, no rate is reflected.



About the Writer of the letter above.

Richard Mott:

- Came to Toledo 1836 from New York City
- Assisted in building first railroad in Toledo
- Toledo's 6th Mayor 1845-1846
- US Representative from Ohio's 5th District 1855-1859
- Advocate for woman suffrage



Information and picture from Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Mott



From	To
Toledo	Cincinnati
Miles	Rate
202	18 3/4

Type 1 CDS and 18 3/4 cents rate on this June 8, 1837 letter to Cincinnati paid 151 to 400 miles

Although officially an "Ohio" Post Office July 26th 1836, and re-founded as an "Ohio" city January 7, 1837, letter below dated July 27, 1837 shows confusion in Post Office Department as to exactly where Toledo, Ohio office was located.

Toledo Ohio June 27, 1837

Hon Amos Kendall

Post Master General

Sir,

In answer to your inquiry as to the location of our Post Office, I have to say that the name is Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio. It is situated in the tract No one, of the twelve mile square reservation at the foot of the Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie.

It is situated on the west bank of the Maumee River. It is laid down on all former maps as Monroe County Michigan but in the late settlement of the boundary line by Congress it now falls into Ohio and is seven miles south of the new line. The nearest Post Office North is Erie, Monroe Co, Mich 10 miles distant. northeast is Manhattan, 3 miles, west is Tremainsville 3 miles—South is Maumee 10 miles. The three last mentioned are all in Lucas Co. Ohio

Very Respectfully

Emery D. Potter

PM

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Emery Davis Potter (October 7, 1804 – February 12, 1896)

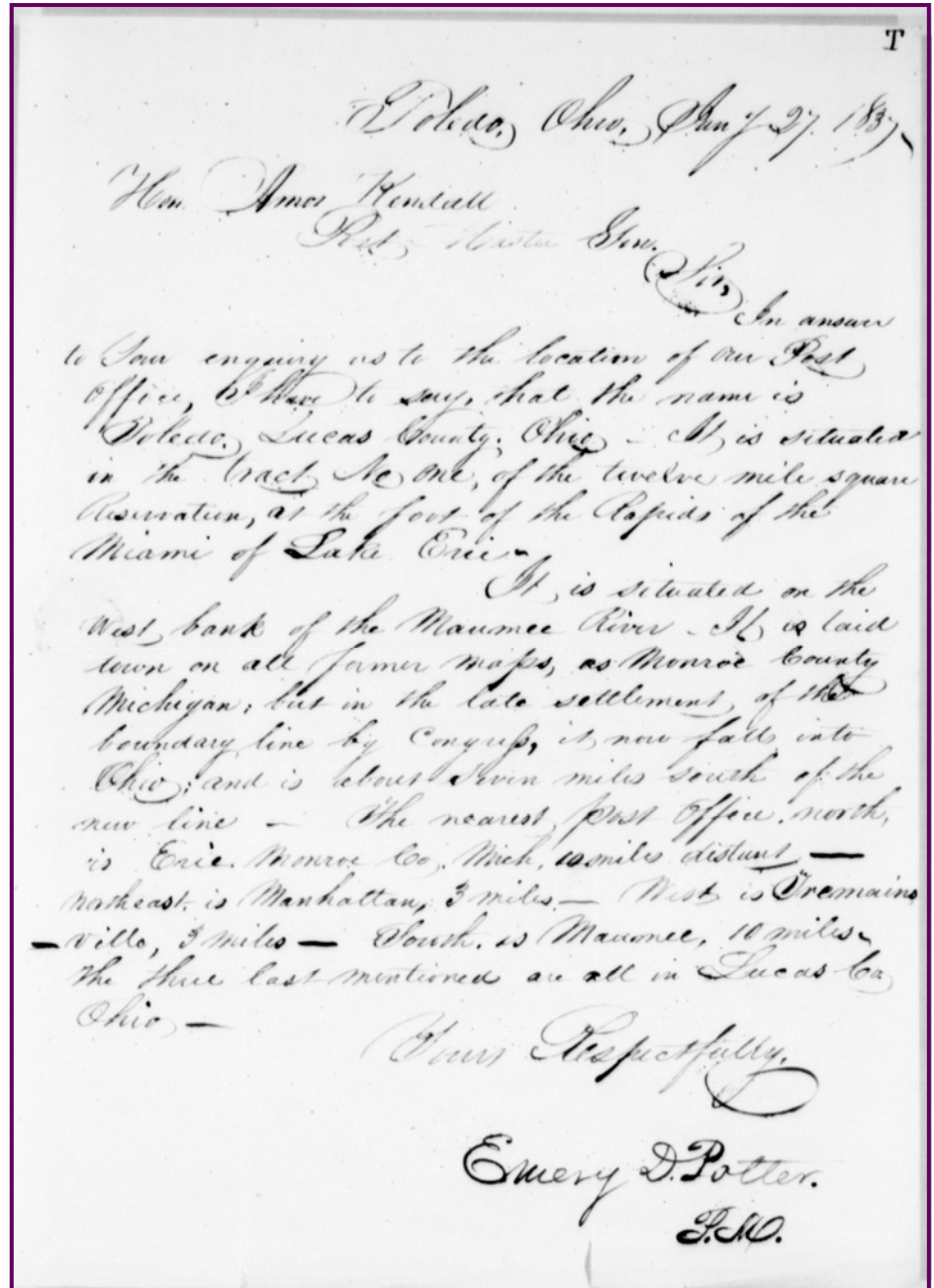
- Born Providence, Rhode Island, Died Toledo, Ohio
- Studied law Cooperstown, New York
- Moved Toledo, Ohio 1834
- Opened first law office
- 2nd Toledo Postmaster 07/25/1836-04/23/1839
- Judge of circuit court northern counties of Ohio.
- Elected to Twenty-eighth Congress
- Mayor of Toledo 1846-1848.
- Member State house of representatives 1848-1850.

- Elected to the Thirty-first Congress Chairman Committee on Post Office and Post Roads
- City solicitor 1861 and 1862.
- Member Board of Education 1864 and 1865
- State senate 1874-1876 and served as president.
- Retired from active practice in 1880.



Very Truly
Emery D. Potter

Information and picture from Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emery_D._Potter





From	To
Toledo	Tecumseh
Miles	Rate
43.5	10

June 23rd, cover to Tecumseh, Michigan appears rated 6 cents for up to 30 mi. then changed to 10 cents for actual 31 to 80 miles.

Type 1 red CDS

From	To
Toledo	Toledo
Miles	Rate
0	1

Red Type 1 CDS with 4 mm date. Size would change July 1837. Act of March 3, 1825 set rate for a drop letter at 1 cent.



About Addressee:

Joseph Rickelson Williams (November 14, 1808 – June 15, 1861)

- ◆ Born Taunton, Massachusetts
- ◆ Graduated from Harvard in 1831 with distinguished honors.
- ◆ Moved to Toledo served as the agent for New England Company seeking land investments
- ◆ 1839 moved to Constantine, Michigan invested in construction/operation of flour mills, and was postmaster
- ◆ Member of Michigan constitutional convention of 1850
- ◆ 1853 returned to Toledo purchased Toledo Blade

- ◆ 1856, Williams sold paper assumed duties as first President of Agricultural College of State of Michigan First Land-Grant Institution to be established in U.S and now Michigan State University.
- ◆ 1860 Elected to Michigan Senate
- ◆ 1861 President pro tempore senate
- ◆ 1861 14th Michigan Lieutenant Governor
- ◆ 1861 Reorganization Act of 1861. Mandated Agricultural College return to a four-year curriculum



From	To
Toledo	Constantine
Miles	Rate
135	12 1/2

July 24th, 1837 cover displays Type 2 CDS
Increase to 31mm and change to smaller 3mm date..

NOTE: Letter appears overcharged 6 1/4 cents



From	To
Toledo	Urbana
Miles	Rate
112	12 1/2

October 19th, 1837 cover to Urbana, OH displays a Type 2 CDS red "PAID" hand stamp.
Handstamp 7mm high , almost 1 1/2 mm shorter than prior examples.
Difference may be wearing of the serif on "P"



Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1838	Red	Black	Red

From	To
Columbus	Toledo
Miles	Rate
141	12 1/2

From	To
Toledo	Mt Vernon
Miles	Rate
138	12 1/2

Posted February 7, 1838 Columbus, letter arrived Toledo February 11th .
addressee was in Mt Vernon, OH.

Toledo Post Office corrected address, applied a Type 2a CDS, added a manuscript "Forwarded" and added the 25 cent rate for delivery to Mt. Vernon.

Original 50 cent rate would indicate a quadruple letter. Unclear why forward was only 25 cents at Toledo unless pages were removed before forwarding.



From	To
Toledo	N Bloomfield
Miles	Rate
162	18 3/4

March 4th, 1838 Type 2a red CDS
w/black 18 3/4 cent rate marking.



From	To
Toledo	Constantine
Miles	Rate
135	12 1/2

July 7th, 1838 cover exhibits Type 2a
CDS in red and black 12 1/2 cent
rate marking.



From	To	From	To
Toledo	Chicago	Chicago	Lockport, IL
Miles	Rate	Miles	Rate
243	18 3/4	34	10

August 18th, 1838 cover
w/ red Type 2a CDS
a red "PAID" handstamp showing
18 3/4 cent rate
to Chicago was prepaid.

Chicago forwarded to
Lockport New York with a new rate
applied and "PAID" crossed off.

**Note smaller 5 X 22mm
"Paid" handstamp
than seen previously**

From	To
Toledo	New Bedford
Miles	Rate
768	25

**December 4, 1838 cover displays Type 2a 32mm CDS
5mm letters for "Toledo" and Date and 3mm letters in Ohio.**
Sent to New Bedford, Massachusetts, black 25 indicates rate
for over 400 miles.



Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1839	Red	Black	Red
Jul 1839	Red	Blue	Red

April 23rd, 1839 Joseph B Gardner became Toledo's 2nd Postmaster.

From	To
Toledo	Washington DC
Miles	Rate
467	25

June 17, 1839 cover shows red **PAID** 19mm X 7mm w/4mm letters
indicating a 25 cent rate (black manuscript) has been paid.
Type 2a CDS also seen.



22mm X 4mm "FREE" handstamp is crossed out. **EKU of this "FREE" handstamp** Type 2a CDS in red and Blue 18 3/4 cent rate to Mt. Vernon



From	To
Toledo	Mt Vernon
Miles	Rate
138	12 1/2

Routed around swamp.

December 11, 1839 cover has Type 3 red CDS blue 12 1/2 cent rate.

Letter written in Buffalo mailed in Toledo.

From	To
Toledo	Constantine
Miles	Rate
135	12 1/2



1840 Toledo Postal Markings

Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1840	Red	Blue	Red
Sep 1840	Red	Red	Red

January 16, 1840 cover displays Type 2a CDS blue 18 3/4 cent rate marking to Mt. Vernon, O
Rate info same as top cover.



From	To
Toledo	Cleveland
Miles	Rate
116	12 1/2

Type 2a CDS and blue 12 1/2 cent rate mark to Cleveland/ Sherriff Cuyahoga Co.

Item is a subpoena for a Washington Beebee. 22mm x 5mm red **PAID** shows postage has been pre-paid.

From	To
New York	Toledo
Miles	Rate
561	25

August 18th, 1840 cover to Bank of Adrian, handled at Toledo .

Earliest known use of a red "FORWD" from this office.

Stamp is 24mm x 5mm w/3mm"D" and Type 2a CDS
Blue manuscript 10 applied for rate between 31 and 80 miles
and added to prior 25 cent rate for total of 35 cents.

Note six days of travel time from New York City to Toledo.

From	To
Toledo	Adrian
Miles	Rate
38.7	10



From	To
Toledo	Norwalk
Miles	Rate
68.5	10

November 1st, 1840 letter to Norwalk, OH displays Type 2a CDS
red manuscript 10 rate between 31 and 80 miles.



Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1841			

January 27, 1841 to Mt Vernon, OH
 Type 2a CDS w/red 25 cent rate paid a *two page letter*

From	To
Toledo	Mt Vernon
Miles	Rate
138	12 1/2 x 2

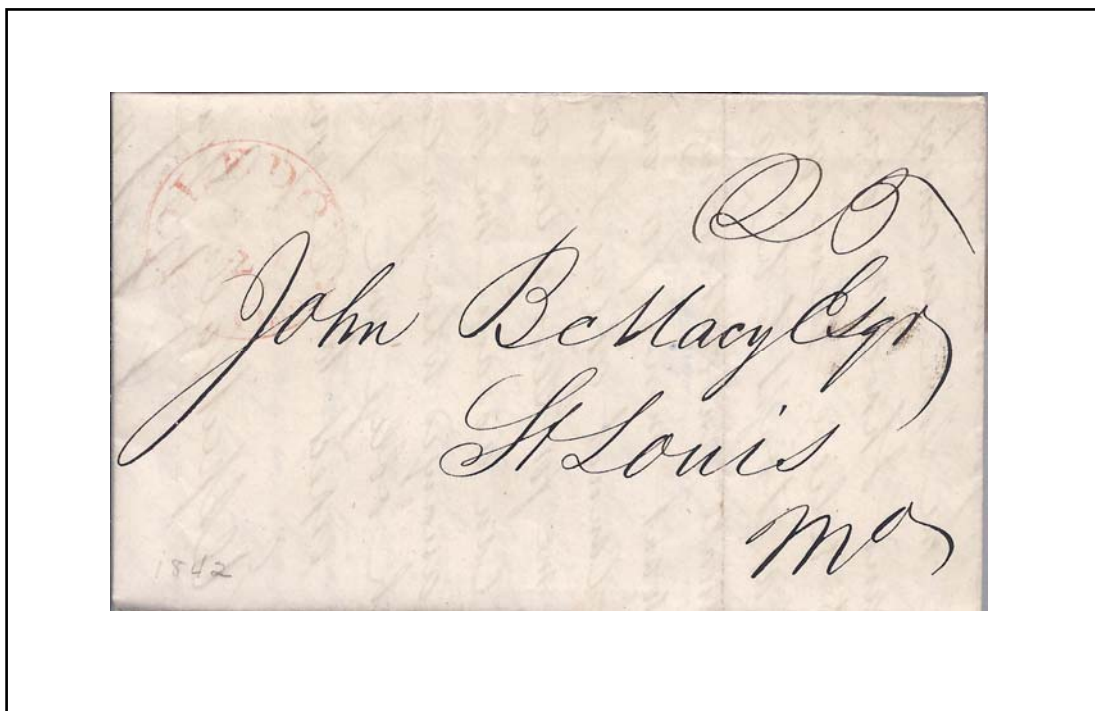


October 19th, 1841 Andrew Palmer took over as Postmaster at Toledo.

Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1842			

January 22, 1842 letter to St Louis displays a Type 2a CDS
 and change in rate marking color red to black.

From	To
Toledo	St Louis
Miles	Rate
492	25





Dec 20, 1841 and May 27, 1843 covers to, Joseph Williams, Postmaster—Constantine, MI.

Postmasters enjoyed “Free” privileges for mail to or from for personal or business mail.

First displays Type 2a red CDS and manuscript “Free” frank.

Sender, Charles W. Hill utilizing free privileges of Williams. Writer inquiring on renting property from Williams.

1843 cover with a blue Type 2a CDS and red manuscript “FREE”. Richard Mott is contacting Williams concerning legal action against him.

Richard Mott was in real estate at time of letter but later was Toledo mayor and US Representative. Apparently he was using Williams’ “FREE” postmaster privilege.

Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1843	Blue	Red	Blue
Jan 1844	Blue	Black	Blue
Nov 1844	Blue	Black	Red



June 1st, 1844
 Postmaster Andrew Palmer used his franking privileges w/blue 23mm x 4mm “FREE” Handstamp along w/Type2a CDS Business letter to Buffalo, New York

From	To
Toledo	Dayton
Miles	Rate
150	18 3/4

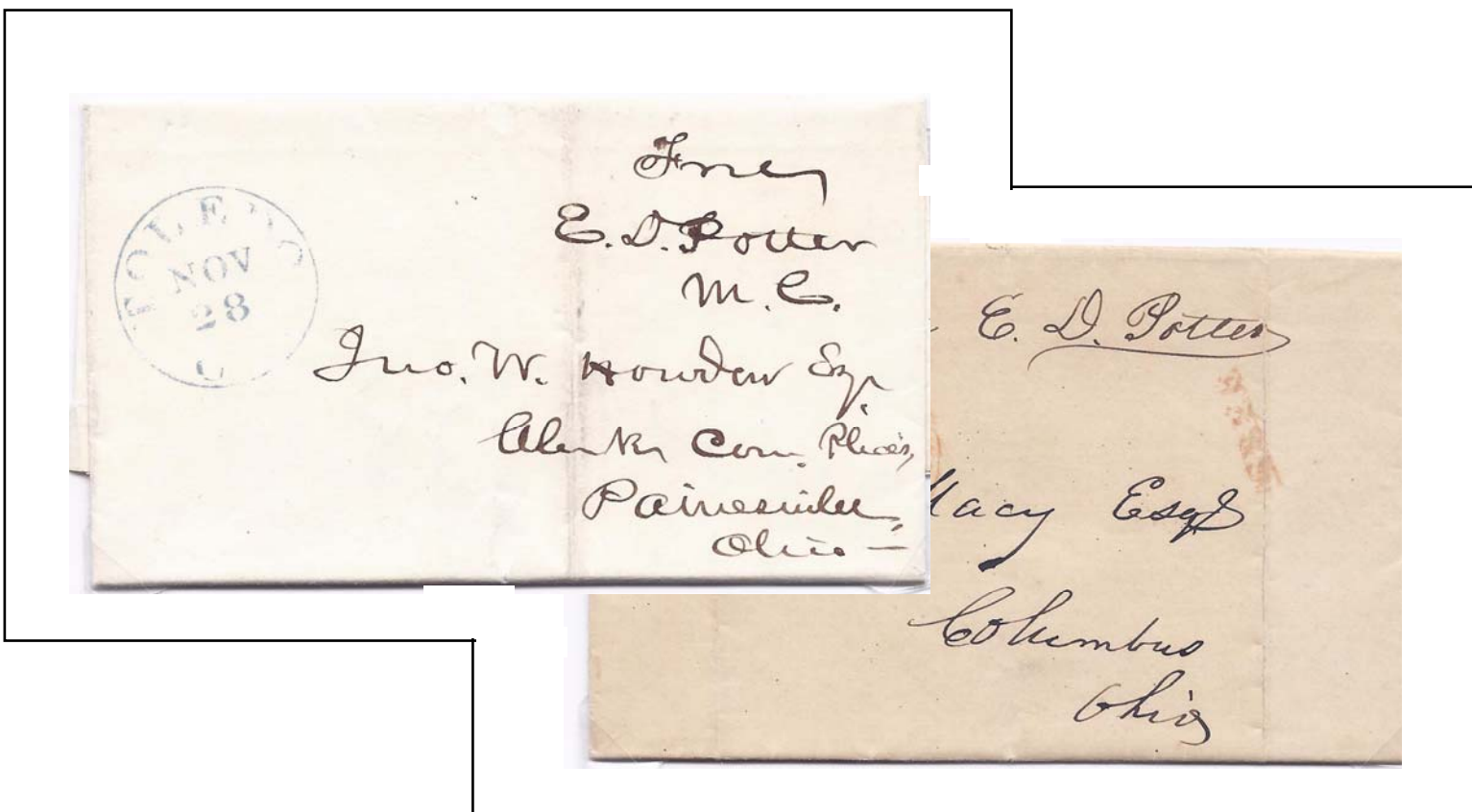
March 31, 1844 cover shows Toledo's change to blue ink for Type 2a CDS. Rate continues in black ink

18 3/4 rate for a single page letter 151 to 400 miles



Emery D. Potter, Toledo's first Postmaster, served from July 25th, 1836 to April 22nd, 1839. Elected congress in 1842 he served 1843 to 1845. Covers are free franks of time in congress.

1st example posted in Toledo in 1844 because of blue ink on Type 2a CDS.
2nd was posted from Washington D.C.



Blue **PAID** boxed 6 mm by 19 mm boxed paid first appeared in July of 1844.

From	To
Toledo	Buffalo
Miles	Rate
308	18 3/4

July 6 and August 16th, 1844 covers shows **PAID** marking not seen before. Covers sport a Type 2a 32mm blue CDS with large date and rates in black



From	To
Toledo	Detroit
Miles	Rate
58.1	10

From	To
Toledo	Columbus
Miles	Rate
141	12 1/2 X 4

November 16th, 1844 cover blue Type 2a CDS and quadruple rate



Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
Jan 1845	Red	Black	Red
Jul 1845	Red	Red	Red
Aug 1845	Blue	Blue	Blue

Toledo Office has changed back to red ink.
 Apr 1845 letter w/Type 2a CDS one of last before rate change of July 1st. Rate calculated right unclear why additional charge applied.

From	To
Toledo	Lockport, IL
Miles	Rate
255	18 3/4



June 26th, 1845 Truman C. Everts becomes Toledo Post Office's 4th Postmaster.

July 27, 1845 cover shows new single rate of July 1, 1845. 5 cents up to 300 miles 10 cents above 300 miles



Note use of 12mm "5" for rate opposed to manuscript.

5 cent hand stamp first used in Toledo with new rate. This style "5" was used about 1 1/2 years.

Both show Type 2a CDS

From	To
Toledo	Defiance
Miles	Rate
58.3	5

Originally to Treasurer of Williams County, Bryan, Oh. October 13, 1845 cover readdressed to Defiance County, newly formed March 4, 1845. Here we see the 1845 style "5" along with the boxed PAID

Toledo changed from red to blue ink between end of July and mid October 1845.



Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1846			

From	To
Toledo	Ogdensburg
Miles	Rate
510	10

February 13, 1846 to Ogdensburg, New York displays Type 2a CDS
10 cent rate shown with a **blue 17mm x 14mm boxed "10"** **10** w/numbers at 9mm.

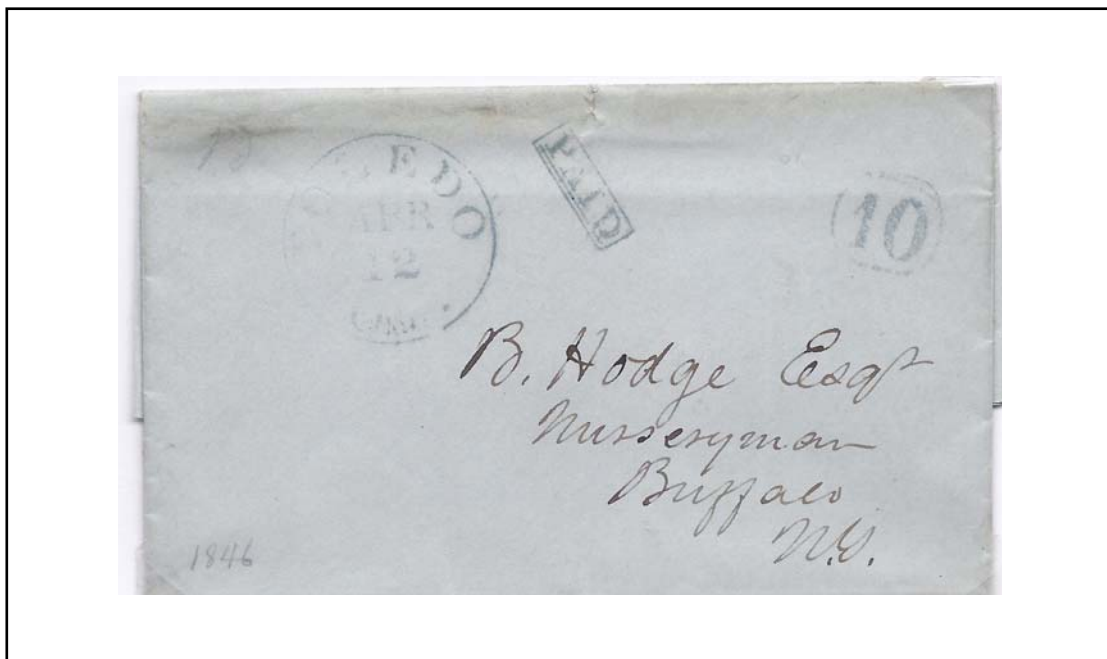
Also seen boxed **PAID** indicating prepayment by sender.



From	To
Toledo	Buffalo
Miles	Rate
308	10

April 12th 1846 letter to Buffalo shows Type 2 a CDS "Boxed 10" **10** first seen with July 1st, 1845 rate change. 10 cent rate is for over 300 miles.

The boxed paid is also displayed **PAID**



Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1847			

**BEGINNING IN JULY 1847 TWO TYPES OF PAYMENT WERE AVAILABLE.
PAYMENTS WERE INDICATED BY ADHESIVE OR HANDSTAMP.**

Pre-payment by adhesive had been available for several months but author of these 1847 letters sent them collect as witnessed by "5" and "10" cent rate stamps that accompany a Type 2a CDS.

In 1847 Toledo Post Office changed style of "5" used in rate hand stamp.

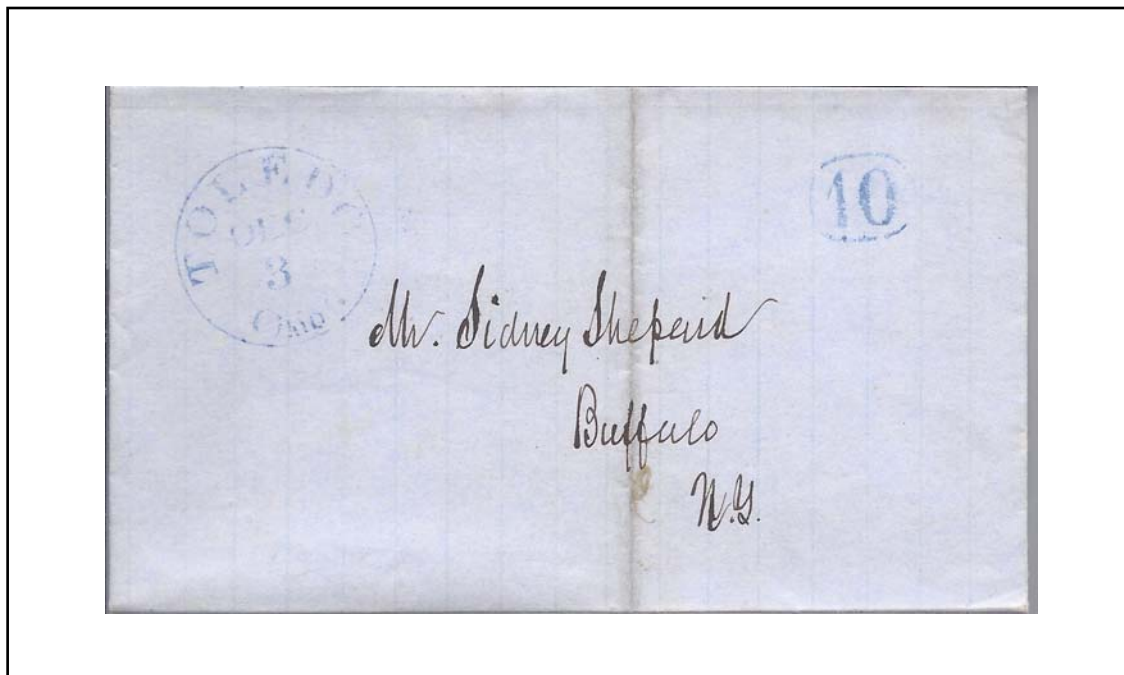
From	To
Toledo	Norwalk
Miles	Rate
65.5	12 1/2



Letter to Buffalo shows 10 cent rate for over 300 miles.

Blue "Boxed 10" **10** was first seen in conjunction with July 1st, 1845 rate change.

From	To
Toledo	Buffalo
Miles	Rate
308	10



From	To
Toledo	Columbus
Miles	Rate
141	5

July 1st, 1847 United States Post Office began issuing adhesive postage for pre-payment of postal rates.

Toledo Post office received 1,600 5 cent stamps.

Four covers are known bearing 5 cent Franklin postmarked Toledo.

Five cent Franklin posted December 23rd, 1847 paying rate to Columbus, Ohio for letter traveling under 300 miles.

**With use of adhesive postage came the need cancel the stamp.
A 19mm circular "jail bar" killer with seven horizontal lines used with Type 2a CDS .**



Toledo Post office received 1,200 of new 10 cent stamps.

Five covers known bearing 10 cent Washington postmarked Toledo.

Type 2a CDS and 19mm killer used here.

From	To
Toledo	Mohawk NY
Miles	Rate
509	10

July 7th, 1848 to Mohawk, New York a little over one year after issue.



Posted December 5th, 1850 final destination was Buffalo, New York.

Type 2a CDS and 19mm killer used here.

Letter dealt with grain futures and current price of oats.

From	To
Toledo	Buffalo NY
Miles	Rate
308	10



From	To
Toledo	Norwalk
Miles	Rate
65.5	5

Below are two examples of 1847 "5" hand stamp

1st a 12mm x 8mm "5" with the Type2a CDS On July 3, 1847
Both posted to same person in Norwalk, Ohio Not prepaid.



November 21, 1847 blue "5" seen here
is different style from above being only 9mm by 8mm.
Type 2a CDS also used.



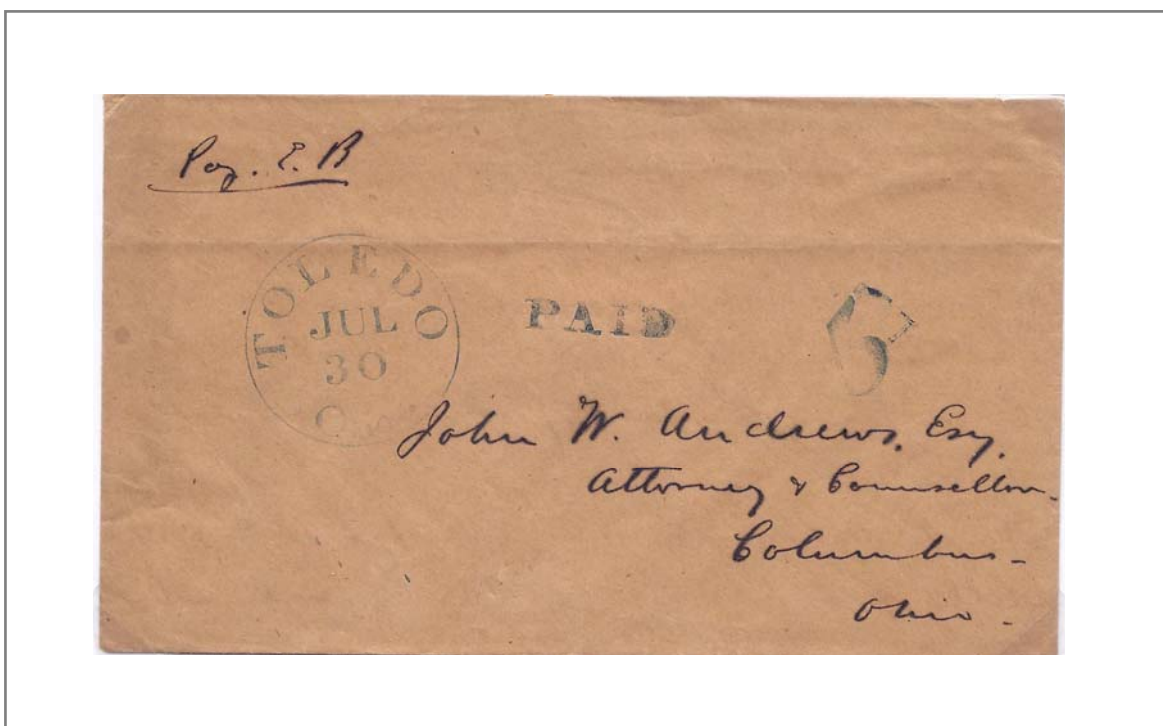
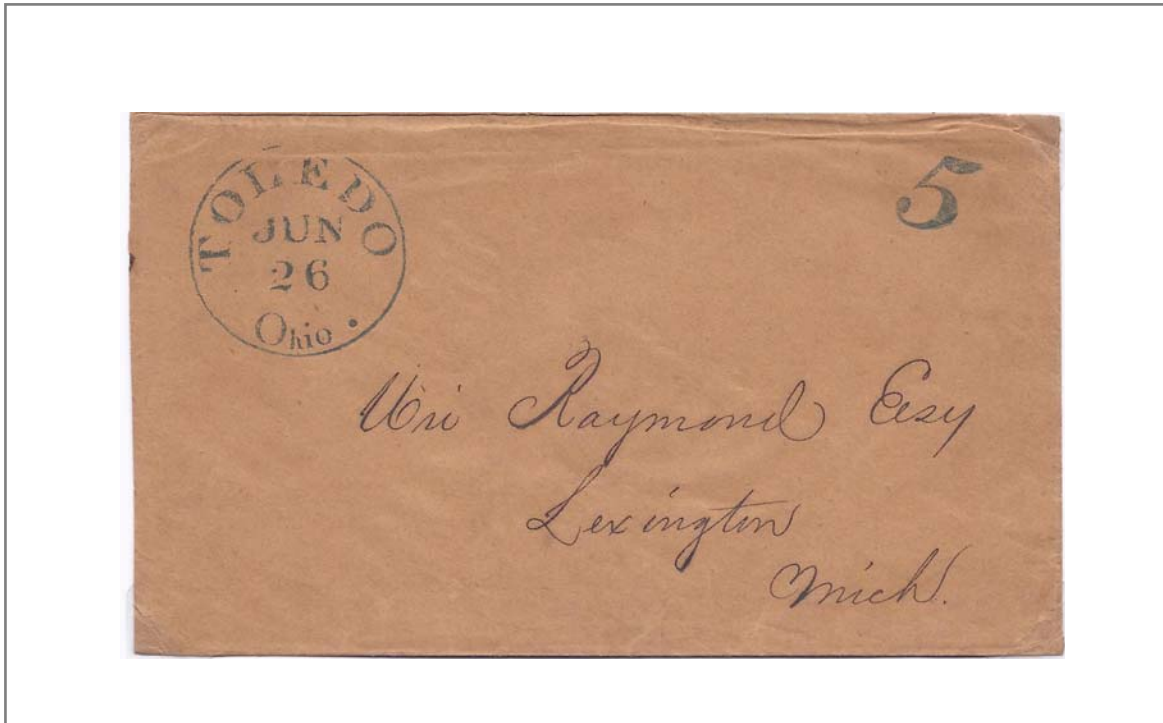
Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1848			

June 26th, and July 30th, covers sport Type 2a CDS of Toledo.

A 9mm by 14mm "5" that indicates a mailing in 1848.

Adhesives issued but not compulsorily so clerk used hand stamps to register rate for letter.

Unboxed "**PAID**" on July 30th, letter used at Toledo office to show pre-payment instead of applying a 5 cent adhesive.



Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1849			

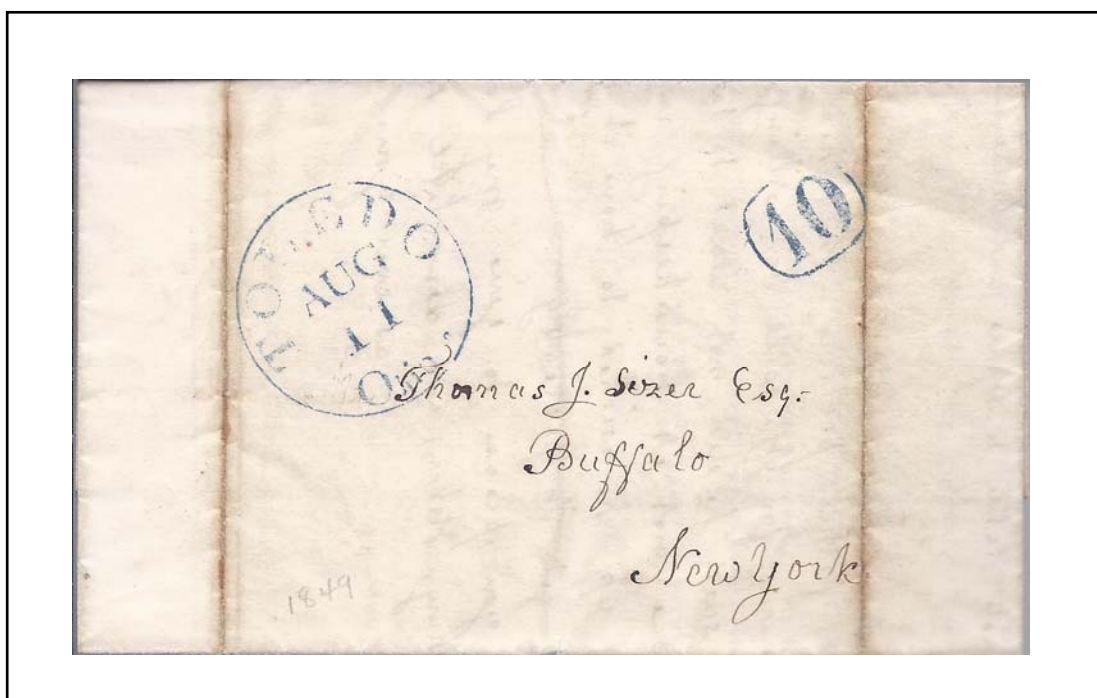
From	To
Toledo	Oswego, NY
Miles	Rate
453	10

May 14, 1849 cover to Oswego, N. Y. stamped with blue "10" for collection in Oswego.
"10" is unusual as it was used in 1843—1844 and replaced with a boxed "10" in 1845.
 It is accompanied by Type 2a CDS.



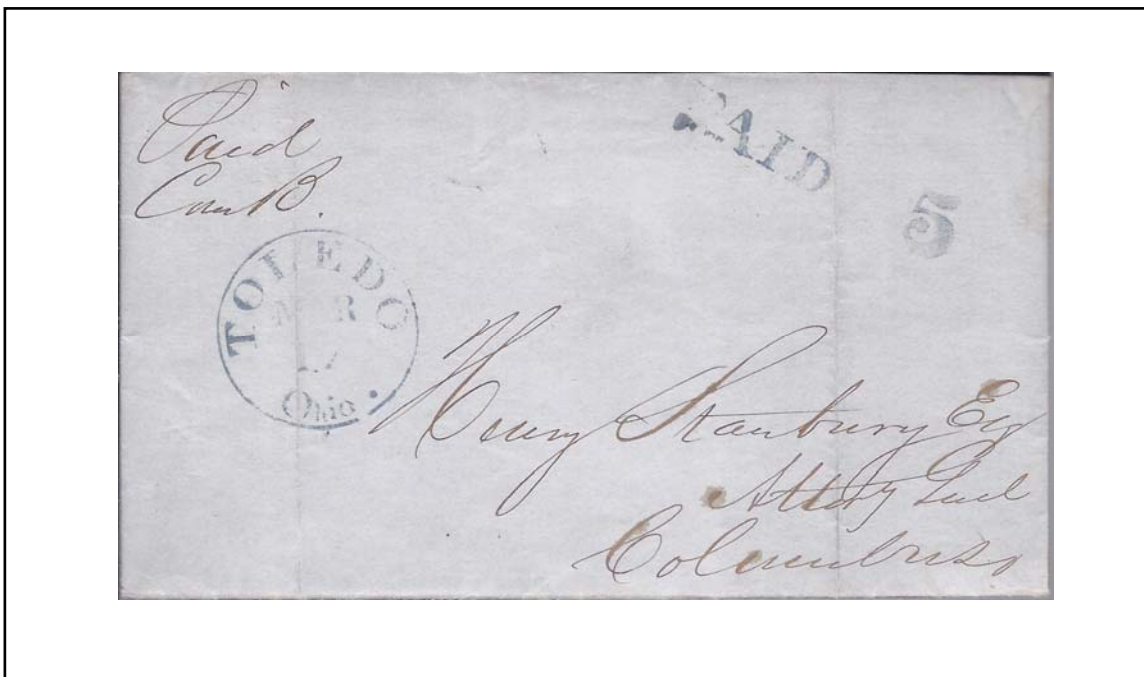
Israel Titus becomes Postmaster On July 9th, 1849.
Hezekiah D. Mason becomes Postmaster August 9th, 1849

August 11, 1849 bears Type 2a CDS and blue **10** "boxed 10" handstamp in use after 1845 use to indicate postage due. Also seen is a Type 2a CDS



Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1849			

From	To
Toledo	Columbus
Miles	Rate
141	5

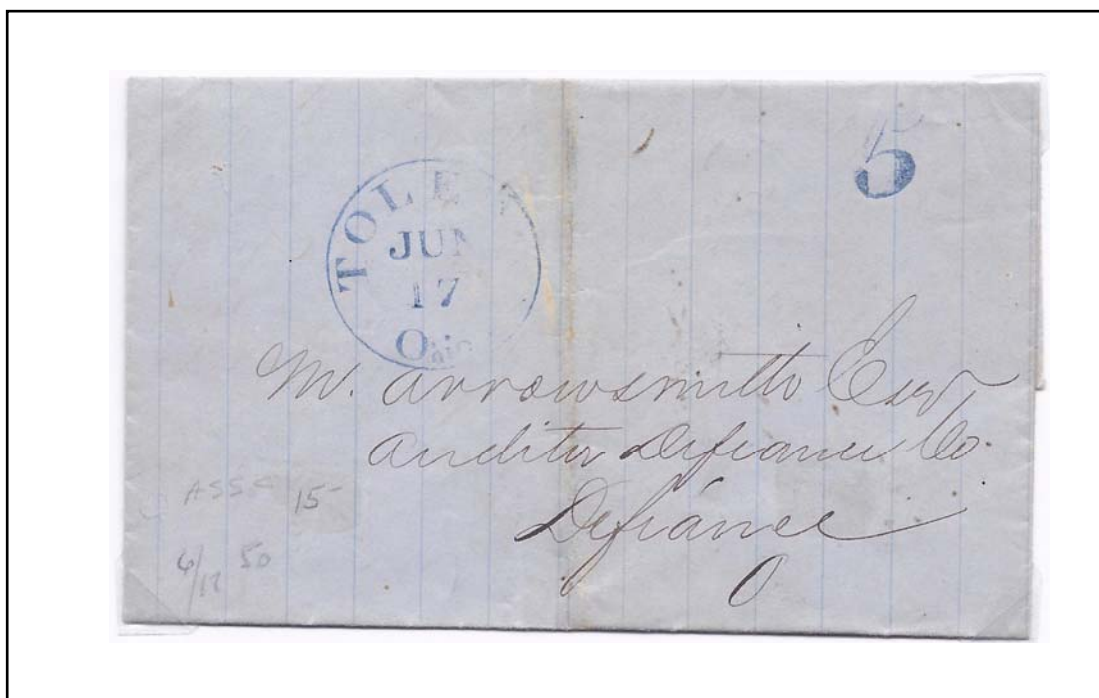


March 5, 1849 cover to Columbus, O. has a Type 2a CDS and a **blue 7.5mm by 12mm "5"** and a blue "PAID".

Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
Jan 1850			
Jul 1850			
Oct 1850			

From	To
Toledo	Defiance
Miles	Rate
58.3	5

June 17, 1850 Type 2a Toledo CDS
 Note 1848 style blue "5" stamp still in use to indicate rate.



From	To
Toledo	Cleveland
Miles	Rate
116	5

1850 cover to Cleveland displays use of blue ink for Type 2a CDS, **5** Rate, and **PAID** stamp.

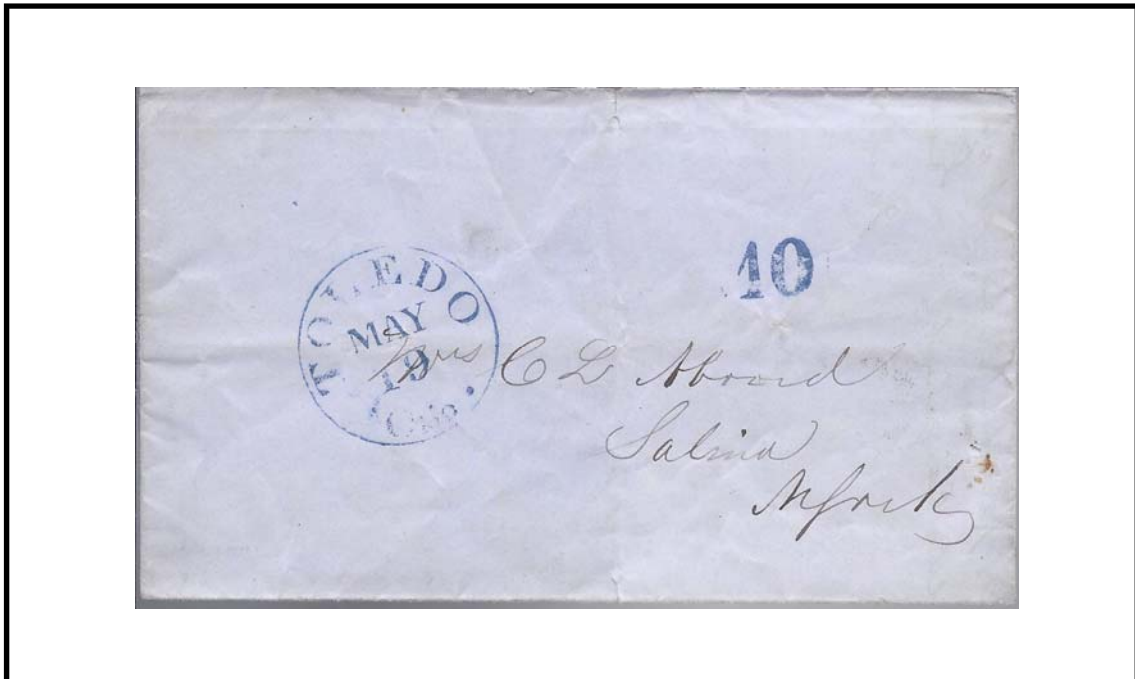
Five cents pays rate for 1/2 oz up to 300 miles



1850 cover to Salina, NY displays use of blue ink for Type 2a CDS and **10** rate marking.

Ten cents rate for more than 300 miles to be collected from addressee.

From	To
Toledo	Salina, NY
Miles	Rate
446	10



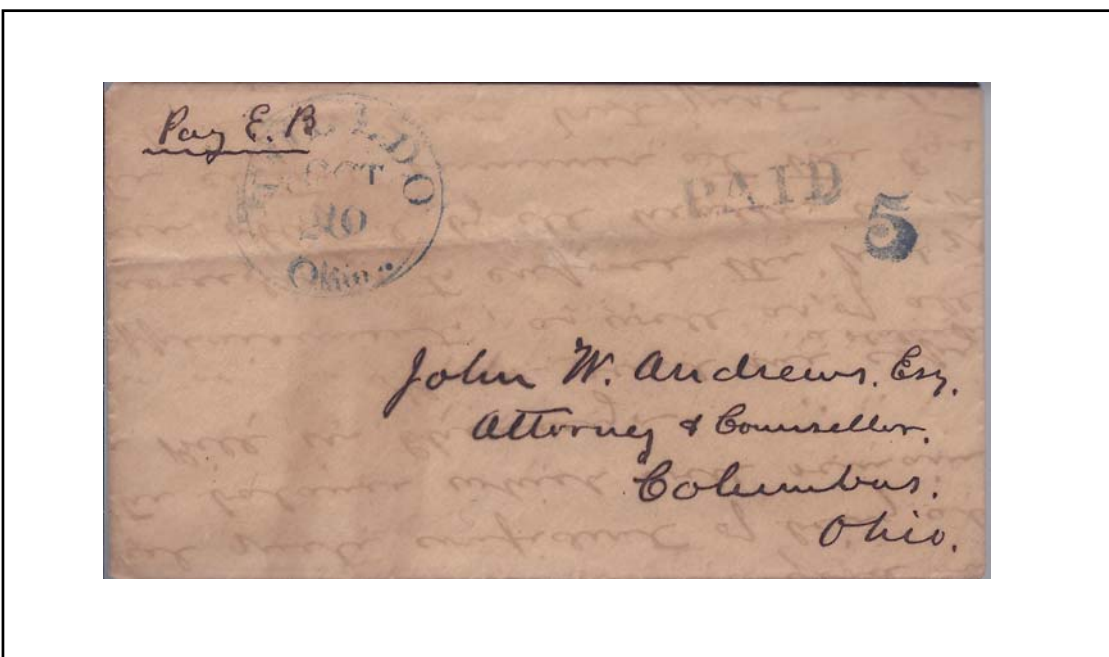
From	To
Toledo	Cleveland
Miles	Rate
116	5



Between June 17, (prior cover) and October 10 ink color changed to black for a short period evidenced by Type 2a CDS and **5** on this Sep 17, cover to Cleveland.

Also note new style 9mm by 13mm black "5"

From	To
Toledo	Columbus
Miles	Rate
141	5



Toledo changed ink back to blue evidenced by Type 2a CDS, **PAID**, and **5** on October 10, letter to Columbus.

From	To
Toledo	Oswego, NY
Miles	Rate
455	10

October 21, 1850 Toledo had returned to Boxed 10 **10** Used in 1846 as seen on this letter to Oswego, NY. Also seen are a Type2a CDS and blue **PAID**



Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1851			

July 1st, 1851 postal rates changed.
Earlier rates were eliminated and a single rate of 3 cent
for 1/2 oz up to 3000 miles was introduced.

From	To
Toledo	Monroe, Mi
Miles	Rate
21.3	3



3 cent Washington stamp used
to pay rate to
Monroe, Michigan.

New 18mm circular 7 bar killer
used along with Type 2a CDS.

1 cent stamp issued July 1851 for drop letters or unsealed circulars.

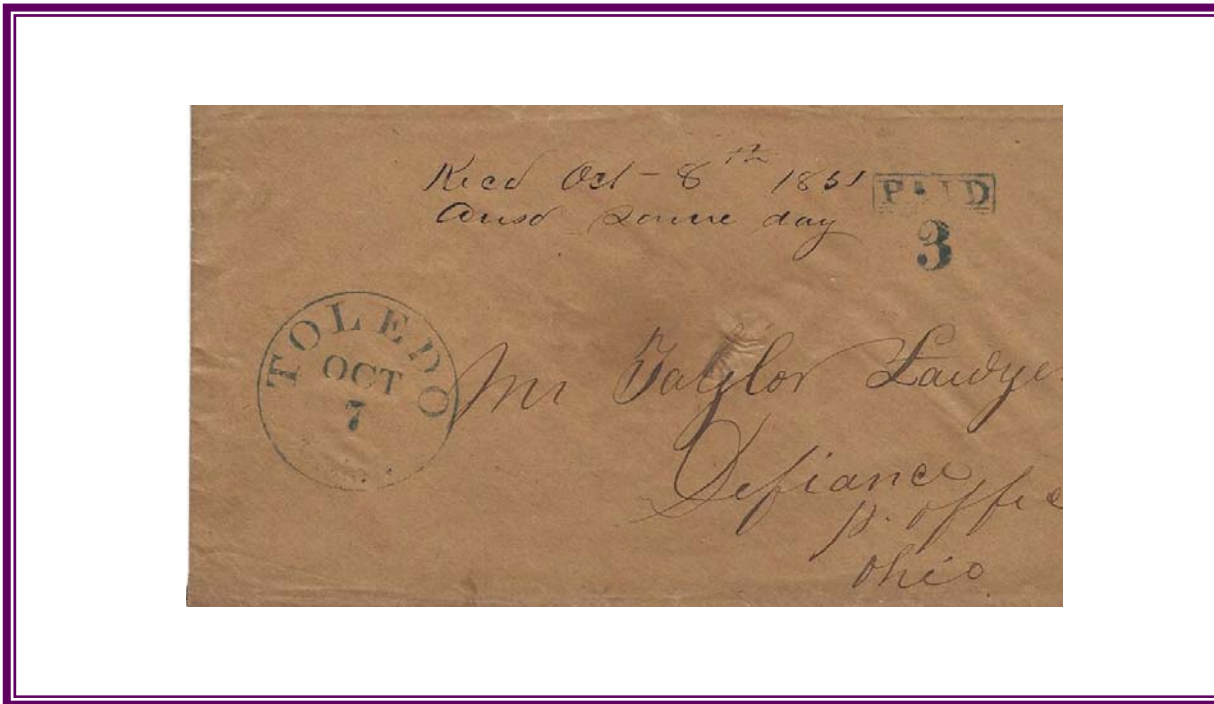
August 31st cover sports three 1 cent stamps for 3 cent rate to St. Josephs Indiana.

From	To
Toledo	St Joseph, In
Miles	Rate
165	3

Stamps are canceled
with a new Type 3 CDS
and no killer used.
NOTE: Between July 30
and Aug 31 Ohio be-
came O. in CDS



Cover mailed October 7, 1851
 Type 2a CDS is used w/19mm X 7mm boxed "PAID" w/4mm letters
 and 9mm "3" previously unseen from Toledo Office.



From	To
Toledo	Defiance
Miles	Rate
58.3	3



From	To
Toledo	Oswego, NY
Miles	Rate
141	3

Both covers here show a blue Type 2a CDS.



October 1851 saw brief use of fancy cancels by Post Office.

Posted October 13, 1851 and October 20, 1851 these cover sport fancy 19mm killer of 8 "Hearts" pointing inward.

Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
1852			

From	To
Toledo	Oberlin
Miles	Rate
89.4	3



Kingsbury House began operation in 1852.
1852 cover sporting a 3 cent 1851 Washington is
black pen cancelled with no CDS.

From	To
Toledo	Columbus
Miles	Rate
141	3

Sent from Toledo to Columbus on May 19, 1852 shown are
Type 2a CDS w/**19mm round killer appears w/4 vertical and
4 horizontal cuts.**



**On April 6th 1853 John Hunt became Toledo Postmaster
First postmaster in new building.**

Date	CDS Color	Rate Color	Marking Color
Jan 1853			
Sep 1853			

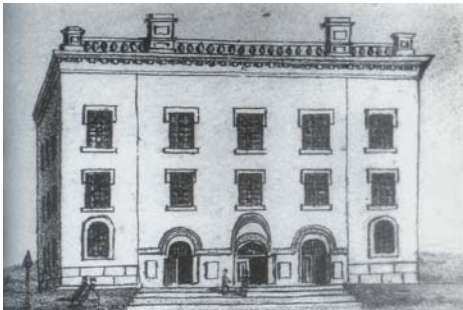
From	To
Toledo	Columbus
Miles	Rate
116	3

April 9, 1853 letter continued use of 1848 type 12mm "5" indicates letter was sent collect under 3000 miles. Also shows Type 2a CDS

Letter to attorney in Cleveland concerning a bad check.



1853 Toledo Post Office moved into new main office (above) located on Madison Ave. & St. Clair. Was Toledo's first government building housing several government offices.



During the 1850's the Toledo Post Office used blue ink for their cancelation of postal items.

From	To
Toledo	Columbus
Miles	Rate
116	3



Dated September 26th, 1853 shows change use of black ink with the Type 2a CDS and 5 rate stamp.

During time period post office would have been moving in to their new facilities.

Universal Penny Post

In 1850's an idea for a universal "Penny Post" began in England. Thought was if US can deliver a letter anywhere in country for 3 cents, Great Britain should be able to send a letter anywhere in commonwealth for a penny.

Ocean penny postage was advocated vociferously on both sides of Atlantic by American Elihu Burritt who had offices in London.

Pictorial letterheads were known in 1830s. Mulready envelopes in 1840s began design embellishing entire envelope. Designs championed causes like brotherhood, anti-slavery, trade, temperance, and peace.

James Valentine of Dundee (UK) designed and engraved elaborate propaganda and pictorial envelopes.

His workshop produced most of the British designs used in US.

ONE OF FOUR VALENTINE COVERS KNOWN USED IN UNITED STATES.

1. 13 March 1853 Toledo – Lebanon OH (this example)

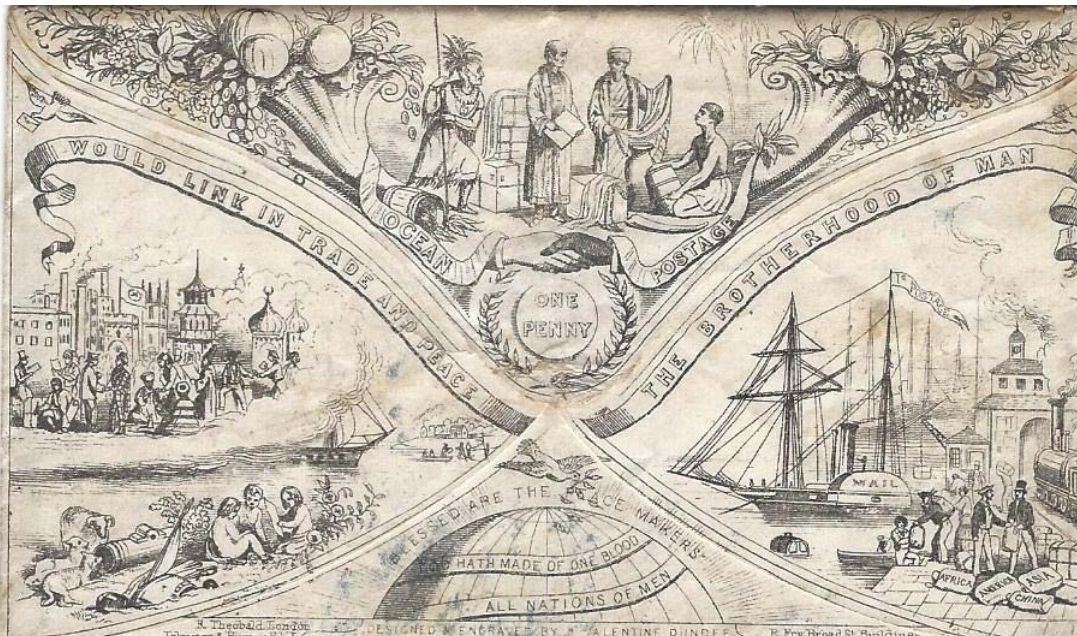
- 2. 12 October 1854 Farmington, OH to Syracuse NY w/circular Paid 3 handstamp (sold S Rumsey March 11, 2014, (Lot 1148)
- 3. February 1, 1855 Springfield IL to Jacksonville, KY with 3c Dull Red (Belongs to Richard Hobbs in UK)
- 4. March 28, 1859 Coleraine to Canada w/1855-57 6d Lilac (Rob McLennan-Smith Collection, (bought Spink Oct 28, 2006, Lot 245)

From	To
Toledo	Lebanon
Miles	Rate
176	3

Type 2a 32mm CDS accompanied by blue 19mm circular "Paid 3" w/an 11mm "3" and 4mm letters barely visible center of right edge on cover.



Reverse enlarged to 125%. Design promotes "Ocean Penny Post"



Act of March 3, 1855 required prepayment for domestic mail.

Date	CDS Color	Killer Color	Marking Color
1855	Blue	Blue	Blue
1856	Blue	Blue	Blue

First two covers display 19mm circular "PAID 3" stamp used in Toledo during 1855 - 1856 to show prepayment.

Also seen is a Type 2c CDS

As adhesives were available often it was easier to hand stamp rate than take time to apply adhesive stamps?



From	To
Toledo	Detroit, MI
Miles	Rate
58.1	3


From	To
Toledo	Salina, NY
Miles	Rate
446	3



From	To
Toledo	White Pigeon, MI
Miles	Rate
123	3

Embossed corner card of C. Bronson Manufacturing, postmarked Toledo, September 19, 1855.

Type 2a CDS

3 cent Washington adhesive shows prepayment of postage canceled by a circular 7 bar killer.  circular "PAID 3" also present.

Was "PAID 3" applied at posting with adhesive applied later or was it a double rate letter?

Date	CDS Color	Killer Color	Marking Color
1857			

In 1857 Toledo Post Office discontinued using a "killer" in addition to CDS. CDS alone was used to cancel stamp.



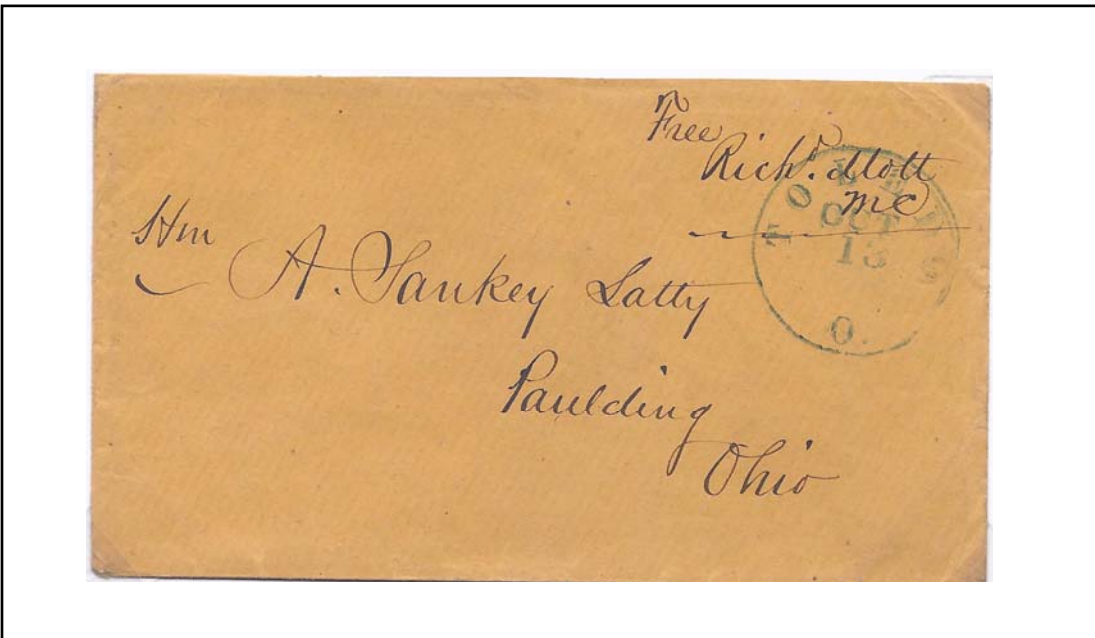
From	To
Toledo	Martin
Miles	Rate
34.5	3

For a period in 1857 Toledo's CDS contained a 4mm year date as seen in this May 9, 1857 Type 3a CDS

Sep 16 cover shows Type 3 CDS



From	To
Toledo	Philadelphia, PA
Miles	Rate
532	3



Sent from Toledo to Paulding, Ohio October 13th posted in 1857 or 1858 as witnessed by O. in Type 3 CDS. "Free Frank" is of Richard Mott, Toledo realtor, former Mayor and member of congress.

From	To
Toledo	Paulding
Miles	Rate
75.6	3

From	To
Toledo	Northampton, MA
Miles	Rate
679	3

Type 2a CDS used to cancel these examples of 1st stamped envelopes, by George F. Nesbitt & Co. of New York City, from mid 1850's. Note envelopes canceled with CDS not a killer which began in 1857.



From	To
Toledo	Buffalo, NY
Miles	Rate
308	3

Both letters traveled less than 3,000 miles so only 3 cents postage is due.



Date	CDS Color	Killer Color	Marking Color
1861			
1862			

From	To
Toledo	Sacramento, Ca
Miles	Rate
2,270	10

10 cent 1855 issue used to pre pay postage to Sacramento California.

Act of February 27, 1861 changed rates to 10 cents postage for any letter conveyed by mail from any point in United States east of Rocky Mountains to any State or Territory on Pacific and vice versa.

(Act of 1855 had required 3 cents postage for letters traveling up to 3,000 miles. As Sacramento is 2,270 miles from Toledo 10 cent postage was not necessary 1855 - 1861.)

Stamp demonetized in September 1861 so it can only be a May 15, 1861 usage.

Stamp cancelled w/Type2a CDS not a killer



March 27th, 1861 Toledo Post Office was assigned a new postmaster in person of George Walbridge.

May 16th, 1861 Edward P. Bassett took over Toledo Office as Postmaster.

August 1861 new stamps were distributed with orders postmasters should offer to exchange old stamps for new for a period of six days after giving "public notice."

After six-day period, old stamps were not recognized. Postmasters could accept letters with old stamps, from other post offices, until set dates, ranging from September 10 in the East, to November 1 in the Far West. (Later dates extended two months.) Large Eastern cities were exchanging stamps third week of August, remote offices did not start until November. General confusion, and exhaustion of new stamp supply led to old stamps being accepted after demonetization. Surviving covers are rare.

Posted Toledo cover displays single 1857
1 cent stamp paying circular rate in effect.

From	To
Toledo	Buel, MI
Miles	Rate
142	3



**Cancelation is Type 4
26mm double oval CDS
w/14mm inner circle.
3mm date in center.
Outer circle "Toledo O." is
also in 3mm letters.
First appeared in mid 1861.
While date in CDS unknown
believe is use began prior to
Mid September when stamp
was demonetized.**

From	To
Toledo	Cincinnati
Miles	Rate
202	3

**Stamped envelope
w/Type 4 CDS of
October 8, 1861 is
demonetized piece
therefore shows
"DUE 3 cts" hand stamp
added for collection
in Cincinnati.**



Date	CDS Color	Killer Color	Marking Color
1862			

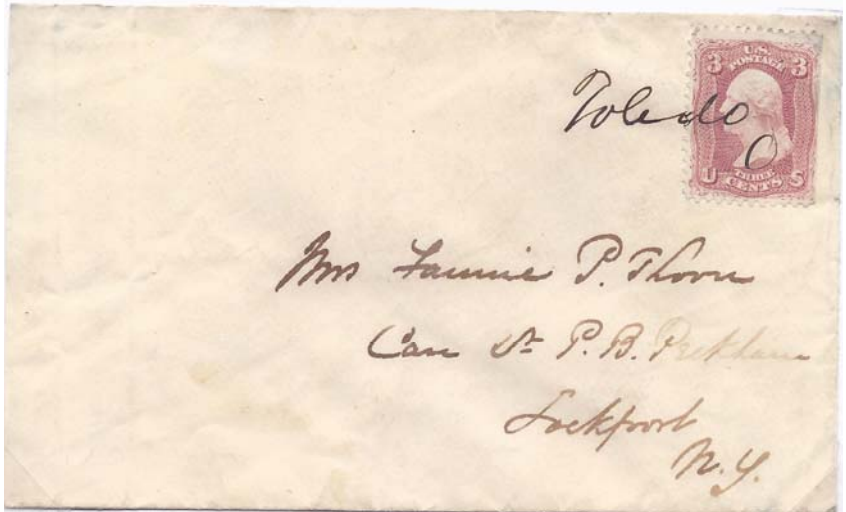
From	To
Toledo	Logansport, IN
Miles	Rate
180	3



1862 independent killer Returned.
 Type 4 26 mm CDS in use w/**19mm circular "jail bar" killer w/seven horizontal lines first seen in 1847.**

Cover sports embossed corner card of Toledo & Wabash Railway

From	To
Toledo	Lockport, NY
Miles	Rate
328	3



1860s cover to Lockport, NY shows unusual Toledo, Ohio manuscript cancel and no other postal markings.

Date	CDS Color	Killer Color	Marking Color
1863			

From	To
Toledo	Lapeer, MI
Miles	Rate
129	3



Letter in cover dates it to 1863. Type 4 26 mm still in use but **killer has changed to 19mm circular "Target" killer w/4 rings.**

Date	CDS Color	Killer Color	Marking Color
1864			

From	To
Toledo	Pittsburgh, PA
Miles	Rate
232	3

Posted Toledo July 23, 1864.

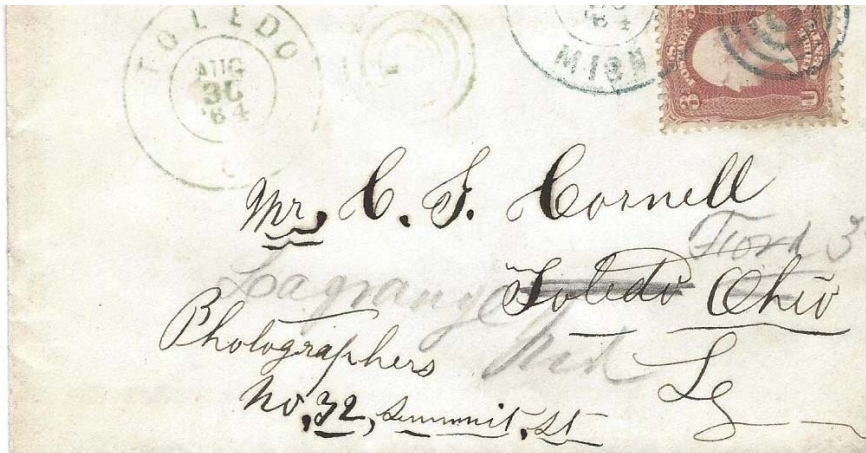
Of interest: Stamp cancelled with Type 4 CDS though target type killer seen below began use a year earlier.



From	To
Toledo	Lagrange, IN
Miles	Rate
122	3

Toledo Type 4a CDS and killer appear green, however, are discolored blue.

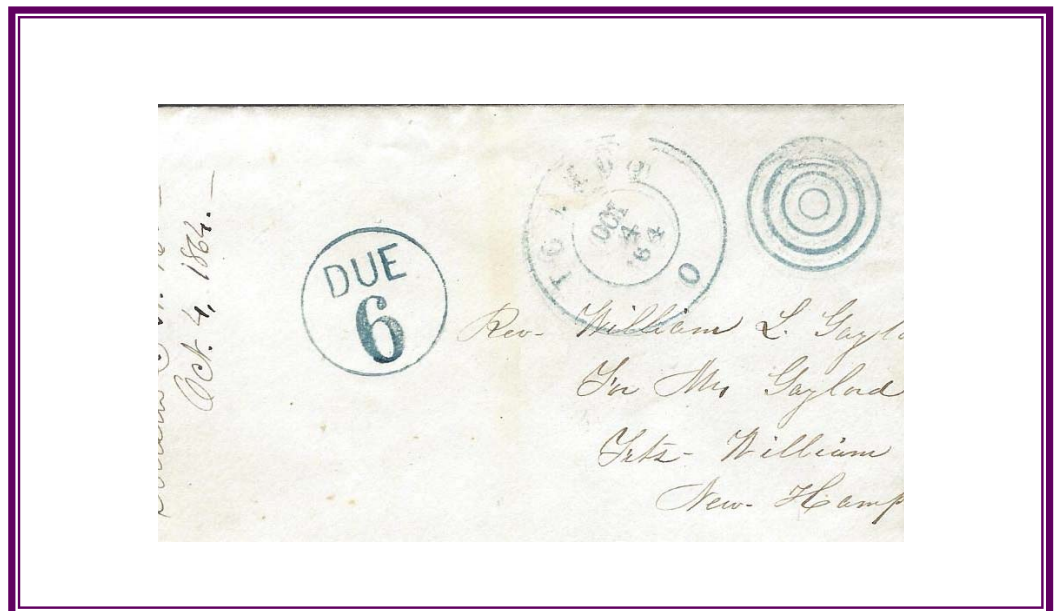
Manuscript "Forwd 3c" can be seen below name. Cover sent on to Lagrange, IN.



From	To
Toledo	Mt William, NH
Miles	Rate
725	3 X 2

Type 4a CDS and target killer applied but no adhesive .

Blue 21mm circular "Due 6" is only use of this stamp exhibitor has seen. Letters are 5mm and "6" is 10mm



From	To
Toledo	Ligonier, IN
Miles	Rate
126	3

Arriving Toledo from Ligonier, IN December 17, 1864,
 (Note year date added to center ring of the double oval CDS.)
 addressee, no longer in Toledo

Clerk applied a 45mm by 18mm **“FORWARDED 3”** hand stamp with 4mm letters and 12mm “3”, (so additional fee could be collected) corrected address, and sent letter on its way.



Date	CDS Color	Killer Color	Marking Color
1865			

Demson Steele became Postmaster 05/11/1865

From	To
Toledo	Wellerville, OH
Miles	Rate
82.1	3

Canceled January 25, 1865 with Type 4a CDS w/date and target killer.



Date	CDS Color	Killer Color	Marking Color
1866-1869			
1870-1874			

Albert G. Clak replaced Steel as Postmaster 08/20/1866
Alexander Reed became Postmaster 04/16/1867 finishing out decade.

Covers on next several pages originated in Toledo during late 1860's and early 1870's.

A variety of "Fancy Cancels" accompanying new Type 5 23 mm CDS w/4mm letters and return to "O." are seen.



Postmarked January 31,
Killer is broken circle with "T" in middle
 w/Type 5 23 mm CDS

From	To
Toledo	Orange, NJ
Miles	Rate
547	3

July 9 Type 5 CDS and **killer w/ 7mm center block w/ negative X and 1/2 ovals on all four sides for 20mm width**

From	To
Toledo	Orange, NJ
Miles	Rate
547	3



From	To
Toledo	Martin
Miles	Rate
13.7	3

Postmarked June 24,
Killer is cross or four arrow heads pointing to center
 seen w/Type 5 CDS



From	To
Toledo	La Porte, IN
Miles	Rate
184	3

December 19, **Negative "T"** killer carved from a solid block accompanies Type 5 CDS.

From	To
Toledo	Chardon
Miles	Rate
144	3



Chardon, Ohio postmarked December 26, 1866. Killer is a **19mm propeller w/Type 5 CDS**. I.O.O.F. Lodge, Lodge, No. 038, in Toledo was in operation until October 3, 2009.

From	To	Postmarked
Toledo	Shaucks	April 23, killer is
Miles	Rate	20mm negative cross is killer w/
108	3	Type 5 CDS



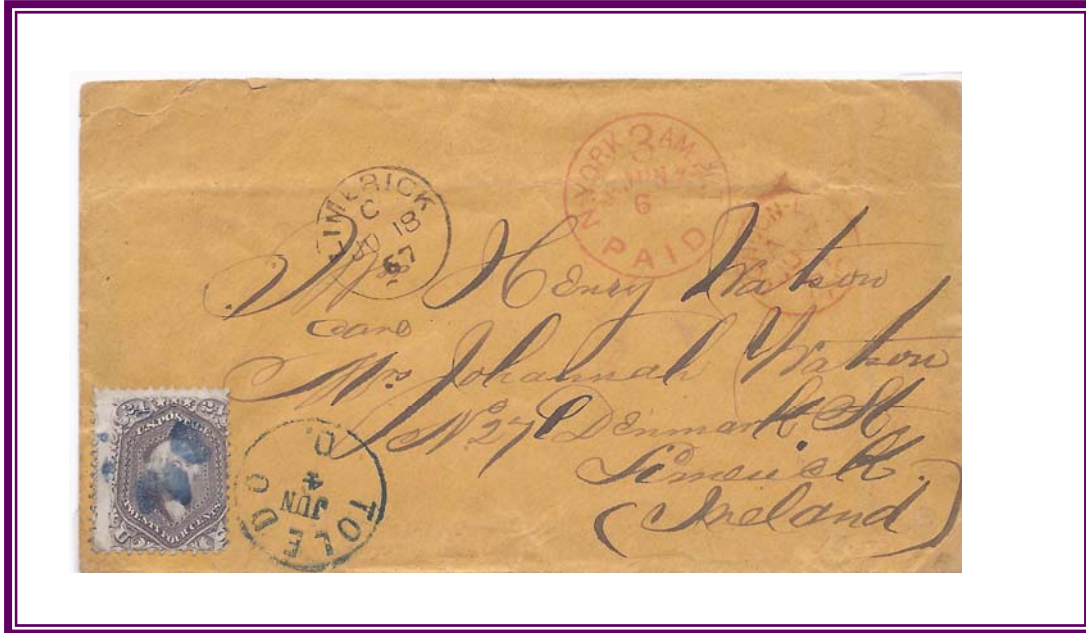
From	To
Toledo	St Johns, MI
Miles	Rate
138	3

Dated October 31, killer is **15mm Maltese cross**. Type 5 CDS used.



From	To
Toledo	Limerick Ire. By London, UK
Miles	Rate
4,246	24

Postmarked June 4, 1867 to Ireland arrived 14 days after mailed.
Fancy 16mm killer of 4 arrowheads pointing center
 w/ Type 5 23mm CDS.
 (Pre payment to Ireland was optional at the time)



Of Note:
 Red 25mm NY receiving mark

Red 19mm London receiving mark.

Black 21mm Limerick receiving mark

From	To
Toledo	London, UK
Miles	Rate
3,798	24

Postmarked December 2, 1867 a fancy 18mm killer "fan blade".
Note the "2" is upside down in Type 5 - 23mm CDS.
 Letter is to a U S Naval officer aboard the USS Saratoga.
 24 cent stamp paid the rate to England in effect at that time.
 (Pre payment to England optional at time)



Of Note:
 Red 25mm NY receiving mark

Red 24mm London receiving mark.

Red 38mm x 26mm stamp from US Postal Agency, London Dated Dec 18, 1867

From	To
Toledo	Pepperell, MA
Miles	Rate
787	3

Fancy cancels continued into the 1870's and early 1871.

August 6 Type 5a CDS is accompanied by a partial Toledo "Shoe Fly" killer 18mm wide and 24mm high. Rare Marking.



Example of complete Shoo Fly marking Lot 282 from Robert Siegle Auction 1048 June 25, 2013

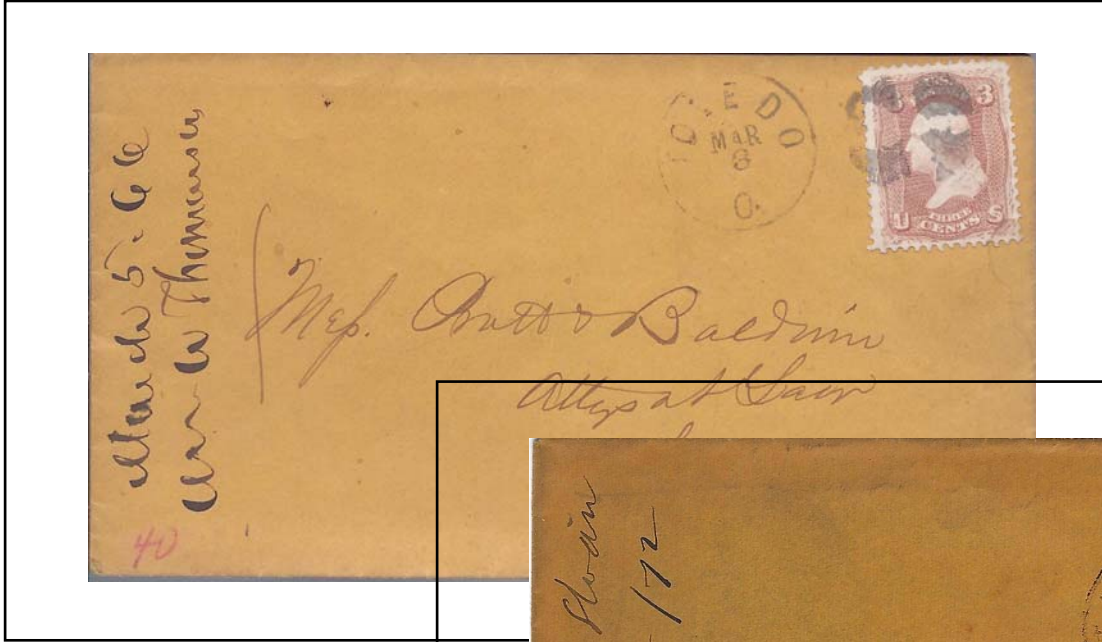
December 9, 1871 cover shows example of "Toledo Apple" 18mm high and 16mm wide fancy Cancel w/CDS Type 5a 28mm.

From	To
Toledo	Newburyport, MA
Miles	Rate
787	3



Type 5 CDS accompanies a cut cork killer on this 3 cent Washington is a 20mm ♣ "Club" from a deck of cards.

From	To
Toledo	Logansport, IN
Miles	Rate
180	3



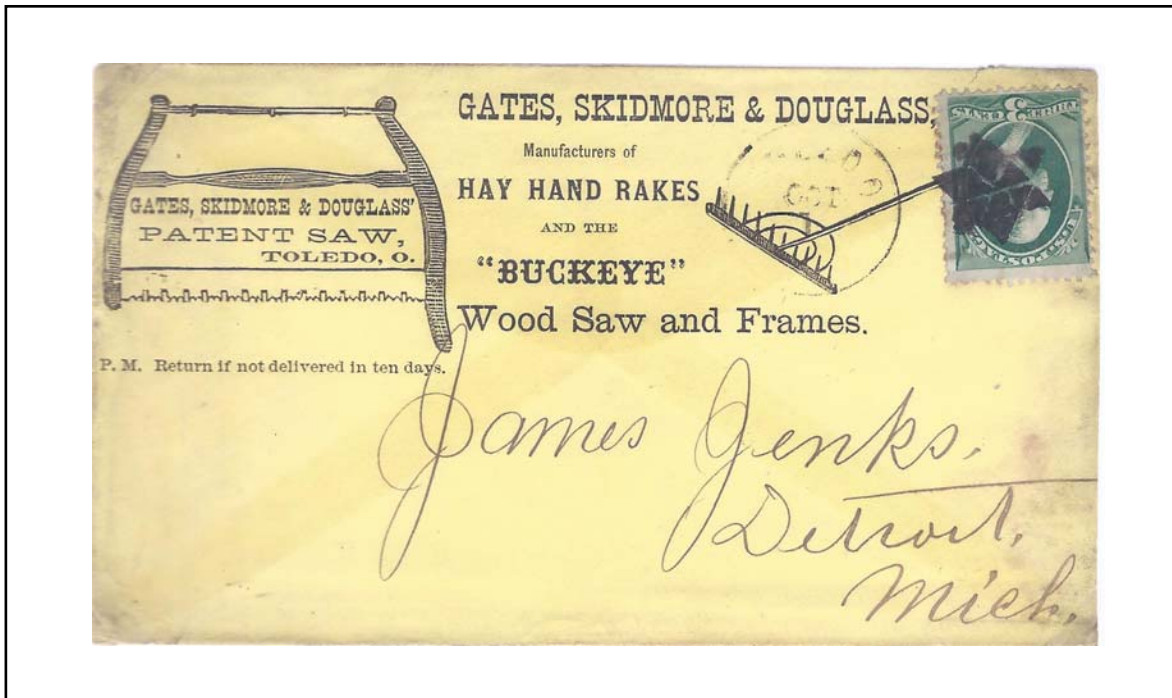
From	To
Toledo	Sandusky
Miles	Rate
53.8	3

Type 5 CDS accompanies a cut cork killer on this 3 cent Washington is a 20mm ♣ "Club" from a deck of cards.



3 cent Washington was issued at the end of March 1870 this October 1st cover may be from 1870.

From	To
Toledo	Detroit, MI
Miles	Rate
58.1	3



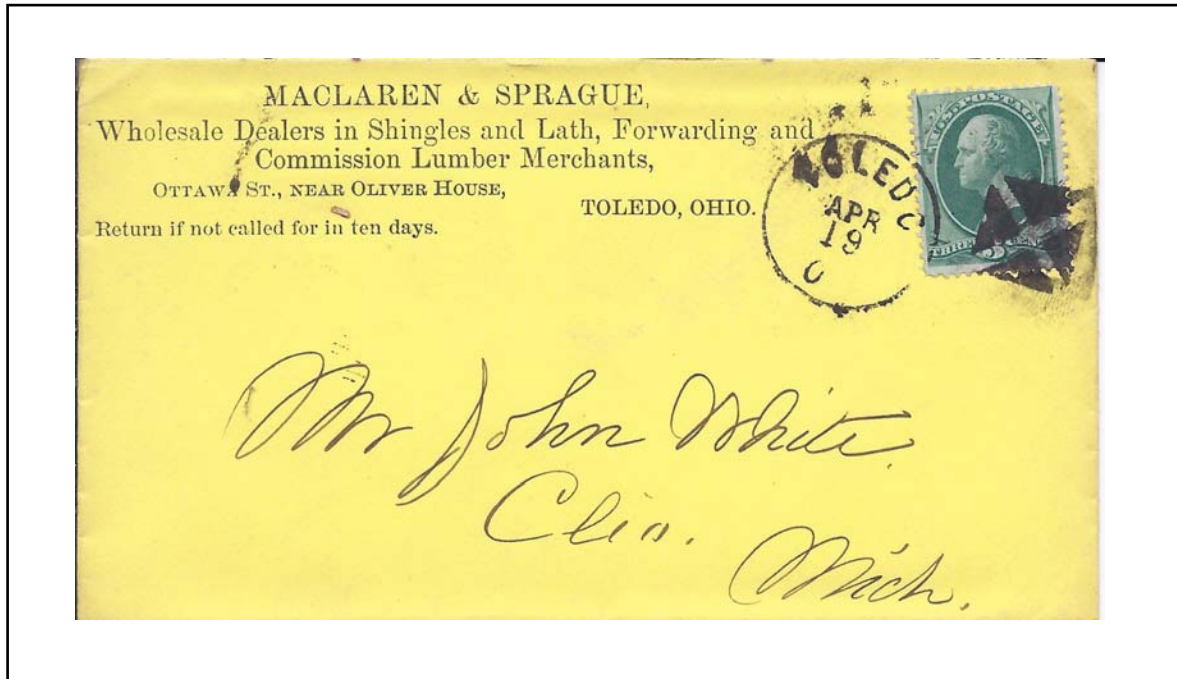
18mm 6 point star



used as killer along with Type 5 or 5a CDS

From	To
Toledo	Clio, MI
Miles	Rate
120	3

Issued in March 1870, 3 cent Washington stamp is canceled with a **15mm square w/"Negative X" or 4 triangles pointing inward** and sports a Type 5a CDS.



From	To
Toledo	Keene
Miles	Rate
151	3

3 cent Washington was issued at end of March 1870 so this March 1st cover is probably from 1871.

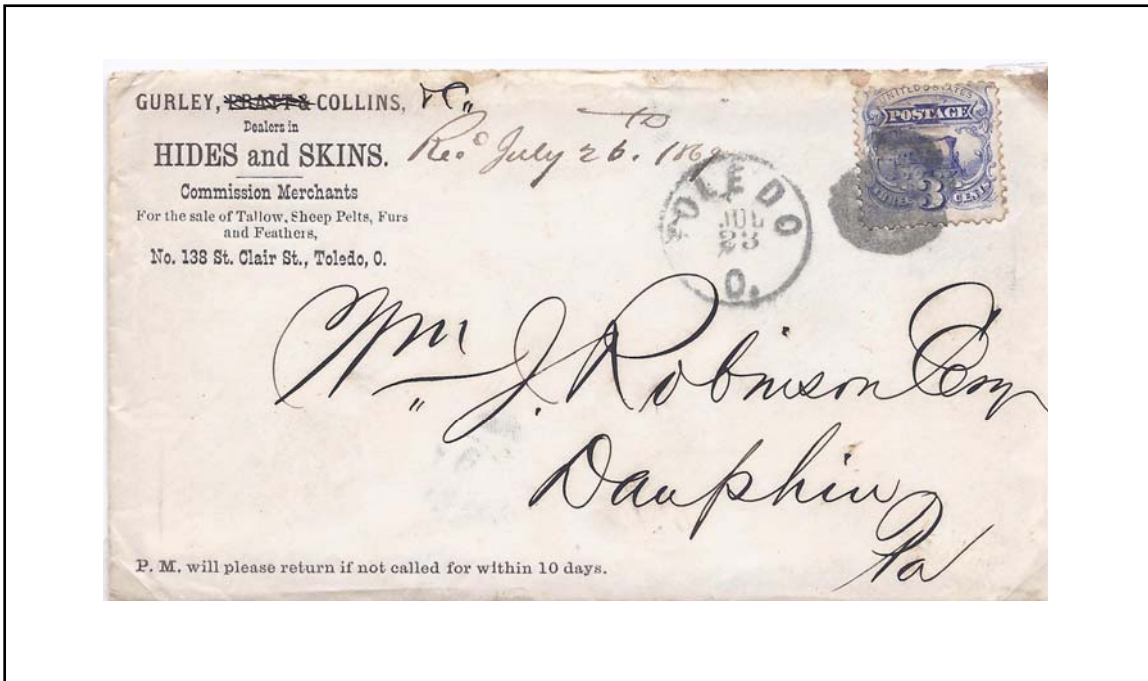
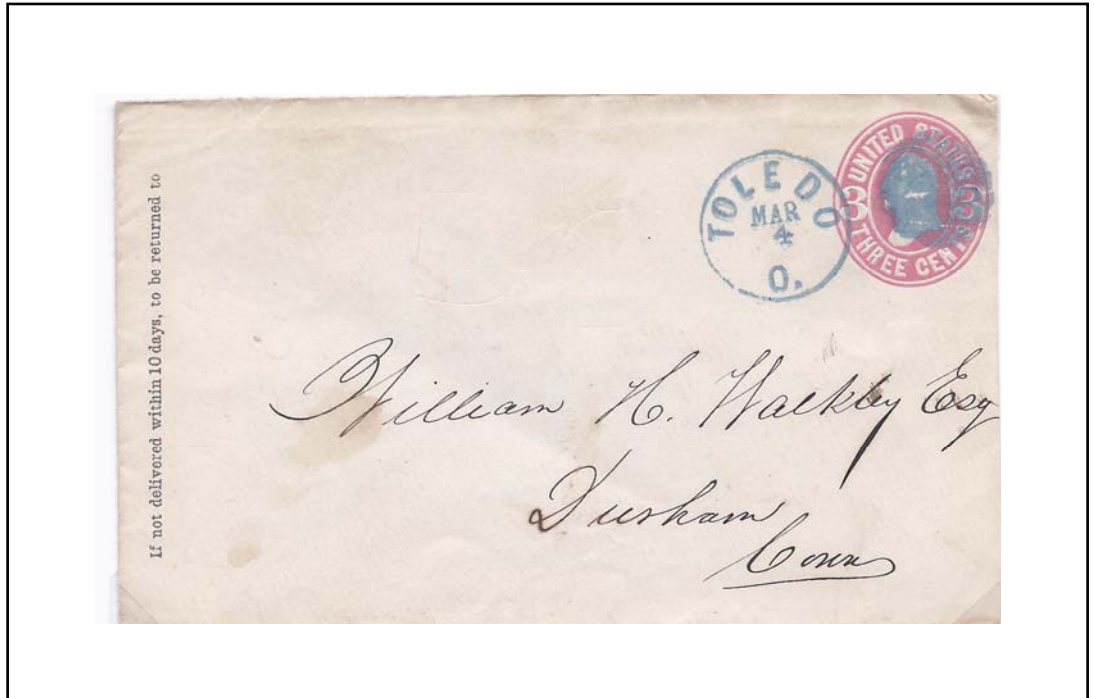
A 15mm square has a "6 point star" cut into it as killer.

With (O) missing at bottom, this 28mm CDS can not be identified as Type 5 or 5a



1869 covers show Type 5 CDS with plain cork killer cork killer.
1865 stamped envelope.

From	To
Toledo	Durham, CN
Miles	Rate
656	3



From	To
Toledo	Dauphin, PA
Miles	Rate
420	3

3 cent 1869 pictorial EKU is Mar 27th so this is early use 4 months after issue.

While 3 cent 1869 covers are not scarce, according to *"The 1869 Issue on Cover"* by Jonathan Rose and Richard Sterling an article by R.H. Stever states 6.801% of 3cent 1869 stamps were sold in Ohio. They also estimate 11,833 surviving covers from Ohio. Based on Toledo's population at the time approximately 90 surviving covers could be estimated from Toledo.

Beginning in 1875 Toledo's Post Office began using a Duplex hand canceling device, eliminating a need for two separate motions. This also eliminated need use of individual fancy killers.



Duplex consisted of a Type 6 27mm CDS w/3mm letters, 5mm date, and 3mm time. Killer was a 22 mm circle with two inner circles.

From	To
Toledo	Cornish Flat, NH
Miles	Rate
703	3

From	To
Toledo	Blissfield, MI
Miles	Rate
24.6	3

1873 1 cent banknote and 1875 2 cent banknote used to make up 3 cent rate.

Note target over CDS on 1 cent Duplex forced a double stamp.



From	To
Toledo	Bucyrus
Miles	Rate
92.1	3

Corner of Bostwick, Braun & Co. Toledo hardware company for over 100 years