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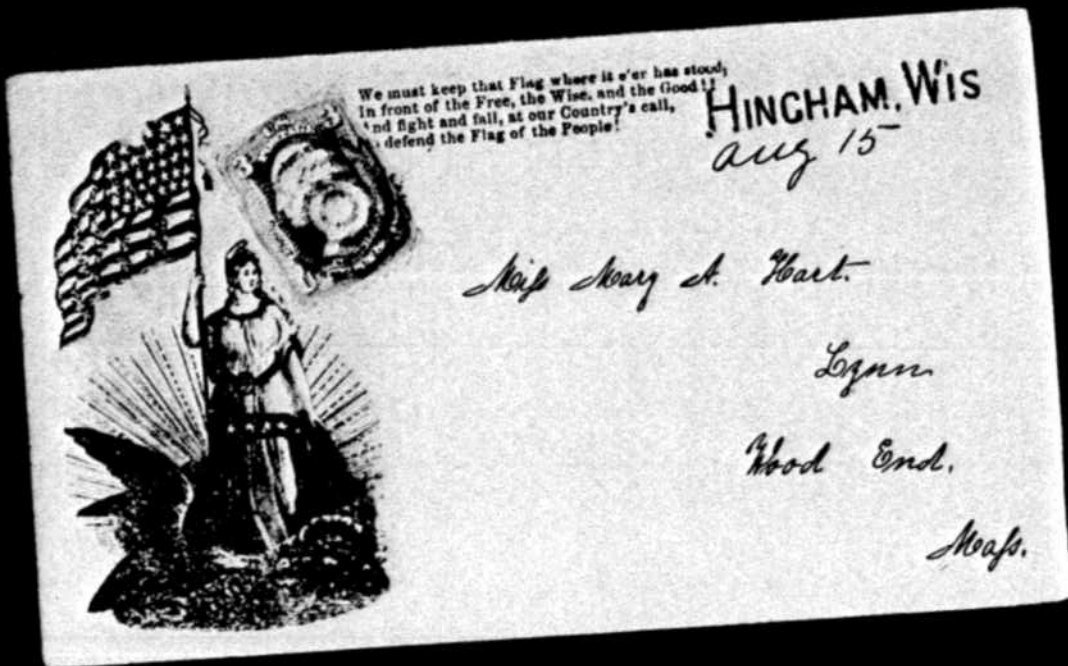


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STRAIGHT LINE
POSTMARKS
of
WISCONSIN

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STRAIGHT LINE POSTMARKS OF WISCONSIN

The record is divided into three broad groups:

1. The Stampless Covers. To about 1856.
2. Subsidiary and Emergency Postmarks. 1856 to current date.
3. Machine Cancellations with town name in straight line.
Approximately from 1896 to 1920.

Not included in this record are the registry markings of which numerous early forms exist in straight line arrangement, nor the straight line R. F. D. handstamps.

GROUP 1. STAMPLESS. To about 1856. These are the regular handstamps of the period used for postmarking all outgoing mail. In some instances typical markings of this period were used some years longer and are found on stamped covers. See Lisbon, Hingham and Rolling Prairie.

**PLOVER
WIS
FEB 7**

NEW DIGGINGS DEC 8

**ROLLING PRAIRIE WIS
Jan. 58**

NEW DIGGINGS WT

Fort Winnebago - M. T.

NEW GLARUS,

RIPON, JAN 7

GREEN BAY, W. T.

Wis.

24 Feb 1857

LISBON, WIS. APRIL. 6

WASHINGTON, W. T.

LEGEND:	DATE	DIMENSIONS <small>m.m.</small>	COLOR	REMARKS
Fort Winnebago, M.T.	1834	36½ x 3	Black	In Mich. Terr. at this date. C.C.Chase (Am. Phil.)
FOUNTAIN, WIS.	1855	30 x 2	Black	R.F.Chambers report from O'Donahue collection.
	1857	27 x 2	Black	R.F.Chambers report from W.G.Ogden collection.
				(Known with both domestic and foreign ratings.)
GREEN BAY, W.T.	1836; 37; 39	41 x 3	Red	Many copies known.
HINGHAM, WIS.	Various	36 x 6	Black	2 stampless; four with U.S. #65 known. Frontispiece from Van Handel collection.
LISBON, WIS.	1852	43 x 3	Black	Dated. With #33 on cover. Collections of A.R.Rowell and R.F.Chambers.
NEW DIGGINGS	1845	28 x 2½	Black	Dated. R.F.Chambers collection.
NEW DIGGINGS W T	1846	33 x 2½	Black	C.C.Chase (Amer.Phil.)
				NEW DIGGINGS, W.T. also is known in arc form with slant serif letters. NEW DIGGINS -- The name thus spelled and reported by previous compilers is believed to be a typographical error. The Committee has traced back and found no evidence that authentic specimens exist.
NEW GLARUS, Wis.	1851	46 x 11	Black	Backstamp on folded letter. Segnitz collection.
PLOVER WIS.	1849; 51	17 x 7 in 22 x 17 box	Red	Dated. Chambers, Segnitz, and others.
RIPON,	1853	19 x 4	Black	Dated. Chambers collection.
ROLLING PRAIRIE WIS.	1858	47 x 7 in 50 x 11 box	Black	Year dated. With 10¢ of 1855. Shown by Ashbrook in his "Ten Cent of 1855-57" p. 76 and 82.
WASHINGTON, W.T.	1838	49 x 3	Red	C.C.Chase (Amer. Phil.)

"Dated" means that the month (and sometimes the date) in movable type appears as part of the marking; "Year dated" means that the year is also part of the stamped marking.

This listing has drawn freely on previous compilers: R.F.Chambers in Vol. 1. of the Cyclopaedia of U.S.Postmarks and Postal History; H.M.Konwiser's U.S.Stampless Cover Catalog (S.G.Rich, publisher); C.C.Chase and R.McP.Cabeen "The First 100 Years of U.S.Territorial Postmarks" in the American Philatelist. Revisions and corrections by the Committee based on Wisconsin collections and recent research.

GROUP 2. SUBSIDIARY and EMERGENCY Postmarks. 1856 to current date. Straight Line markings mostly of rubber type, sometimes made from a movable alphabet. They were either
 a) Not intended for cancelling mail but so applied in default of an existing canceller or through carelessness or haste, - or
 b) Used more or less regularly in small offices that were without a more permanent form of device.

**College Camp
Wis.**

Bassett Wisc.

ELO, WIS.

Listed are only examples known on ordinary letter-size mail. Many similar postmarks are very common on parcel post and on larger envelopes containing printed matter; they are not here considered. The few shown are representative of many more that may be found. Completeness of listing cannot ever be approached.

Bassett Wisc.	approx. 1930	31 x 3½ italic	Black	Used on Sec. 562 P.L.&R. mail instead of the usual precancel.
College Camp Wis.	approx. 1933	31 x 13 in 35 x 19 box	Black	On 1½¢ rate circular mail.
ELO, WIS.	1880	32 x 4	Black	On contemporary postcard with ms. date: 8-2-80

GROUP 3. MACHINE CANCELLATIONS with town name in straight line. Four different makes of machines were used, between about 1896 and 1920, with the straight line arrangement. They are grouped by manufacturers; the Columbia is sub-divided into two obvious types.

HAMPDEN. Type F.
The Hampden (Landfear) Stamp
Cancelling Machine Co.,
Holyoke, Mass.

Appleton, Wis. 1900-01.
Merrill, Wis. 1902-03.

APPLETON WIS.
FEB 12 10 30 PM 1900

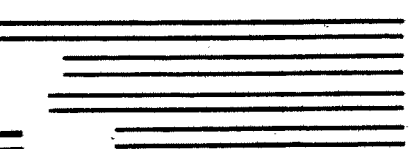
MERRILL, WIS.
MAY 19 9 30 AM 1902



PNEUMATIC.
The Pneumatic Cancelling
Machine Co., Indianapolis,
Ind.

Madison, Wis. 1901-02.

MADISON, WIS.
JUL 10 5 30 PM 01



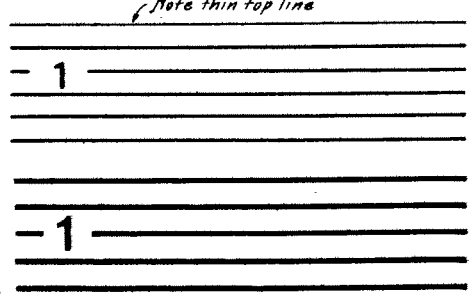
BARRY.
Barry Postal Supply Co.,
Oswego, N. Y.
An extremely wide variety
exists in style of Barry
postmarks. Even with only
three Wisconsin offices
represented, the variation
is evident.

Milwaukee, Wis. 1896-7-8.
Racine, Wis. 1900.
Superior, Wis. 1904.

SUPERIOR,
WIS.
MAY 10 11- AM '04

RACINE,
WIS.
MAR 13 12 30 PM '00

Note thin top line



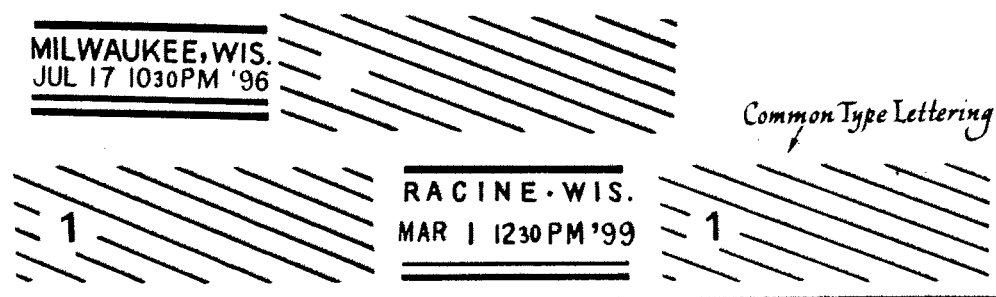
MILWAUKEE, WIS.
JUL 17 10 30 PM '96

*Early Type
Lettering*

Common Type Lettering

RACINE, WIS.
OCT 5 7 30 AM '97

RACINE · WIS.
MAR 1 12 30 PM '99



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COLUMBIA.

The Columbia Postal Supply
Co., Silver Creek, N. Y.

Type K-6. Six horizontal bars in
the killer, arranged in three
pairs.

Milwaukee, Wis. Sta. A. 1911-12.
Racine, Wis. 1910.
Racine, Wis. Cooper Sta. 1911: 1917

RACINE, WIS.

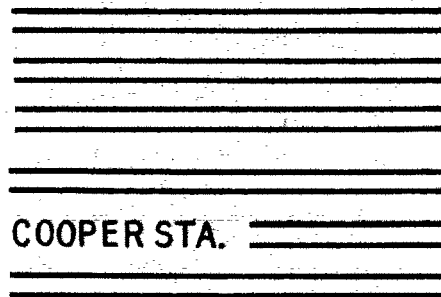
AUG 3-10

6 PM

RACINE, WIS.

6-30PM

JAN 30-17



Type K-8. Eight horizontal bars
in the killer, evenly spaced.

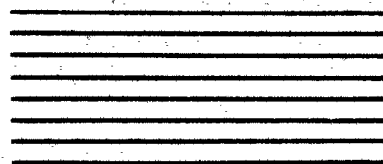
This type was widely used in
Wisconsin: the offices of use and
years seen are presented in the
table.

APPLETON

MAY 17-16

2--PM

WIS.

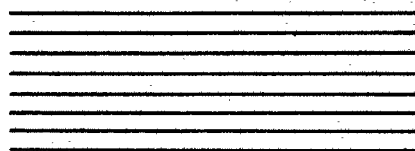


MILWAUKEE, WIS.

APR 21-16

5--PM

STATION, A



Columbia K-8 Table:

Year: 19--	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
APPLETON			13	14	15	16		18	
EAU CLAIRE						16			also known undated.
FOND DU LAC						16	17	18	
FORT ATKINSON							17		
JANESVILLE				14	15	16	17	18	
KENOSHA				14	15	16			
MADISON				14	15	16	17	18	
MARINETTE				14					
MARSHFIELD					15				
MILWAUKEE, STA. A.			13	14					
STA. C.				14	15				
STA. D.		12	13						
NEENAH				14		16			
STEVENS POINT				14		16	17		
SUPERIOR				14					

Listed are only those years that have actually been checked by Committee members; it is quite certain that the skipped dates exist and probable that many offices used the machine earlier or later than shown.

All examples in Groups 2 and 3 are from Wisconsin collections. The Committee welcomes the report of additional data on any of the foregoing groups or on any item of Wisconsin Postal Markings.

JOIN THE WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY PROJECT and aid this interesting historical work. Write to the secretary for information and the necessary blanks.....

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Price of this bulletin 15¢ each.