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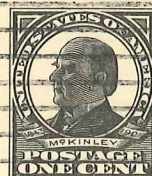
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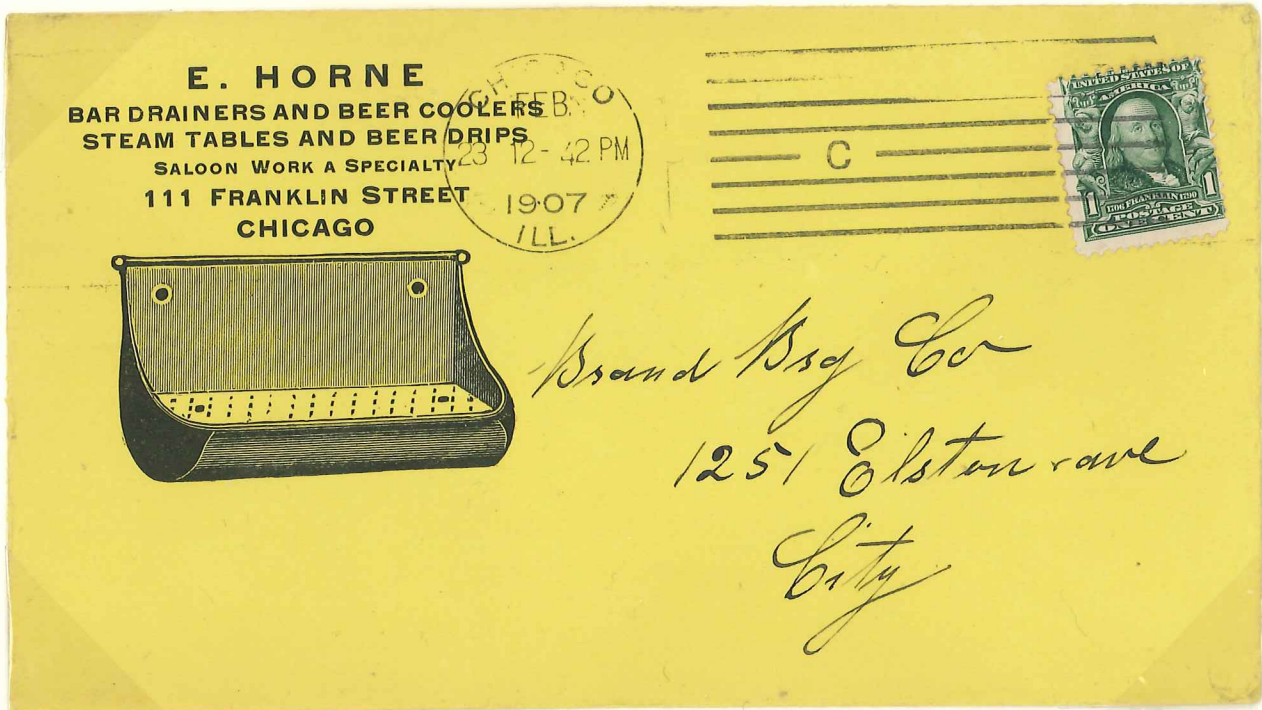
Virgil M. Brand,

1251 Elston Ave.,

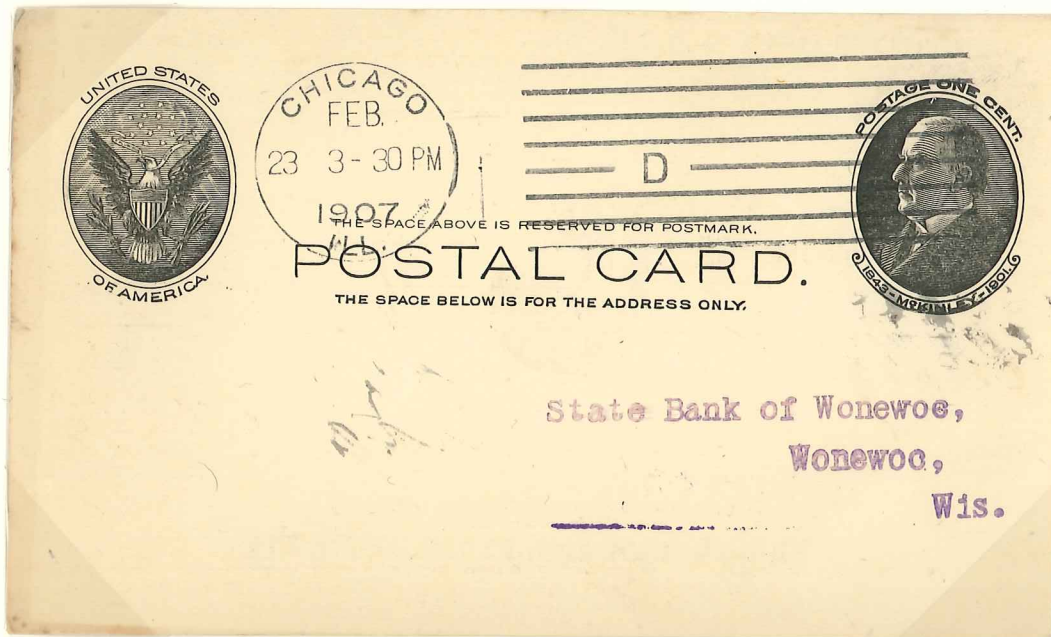
Chicago, Ill.

A series of postal cards showing advancing minutes indicative of a working clock. The month slug was omitted for these postmarks but they are from the second dial used in 1908 in Springfield. This dial has a reported use from Aug. 20 through Oct. 2, 1908. The only 17 within that span is Sept. 17.

The final machine for the contract year ending June 30, 1907 was installed in Chicago.
Additional Chicago machines would soon follow.



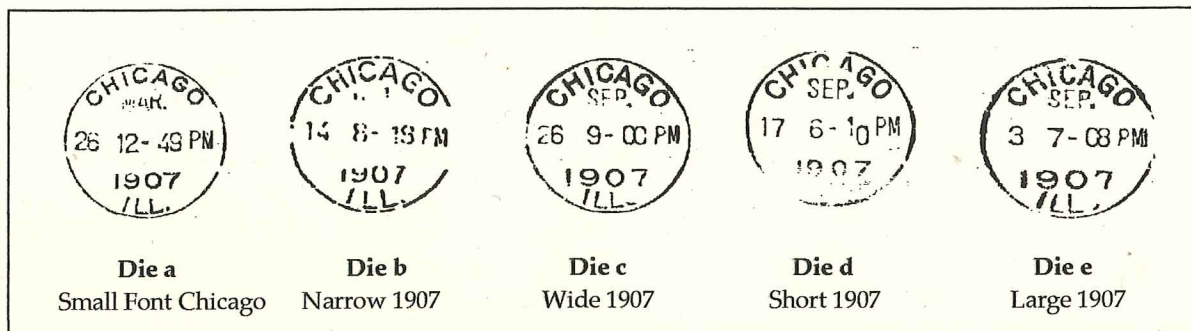
Note the working clock and 12:42 postmark time.



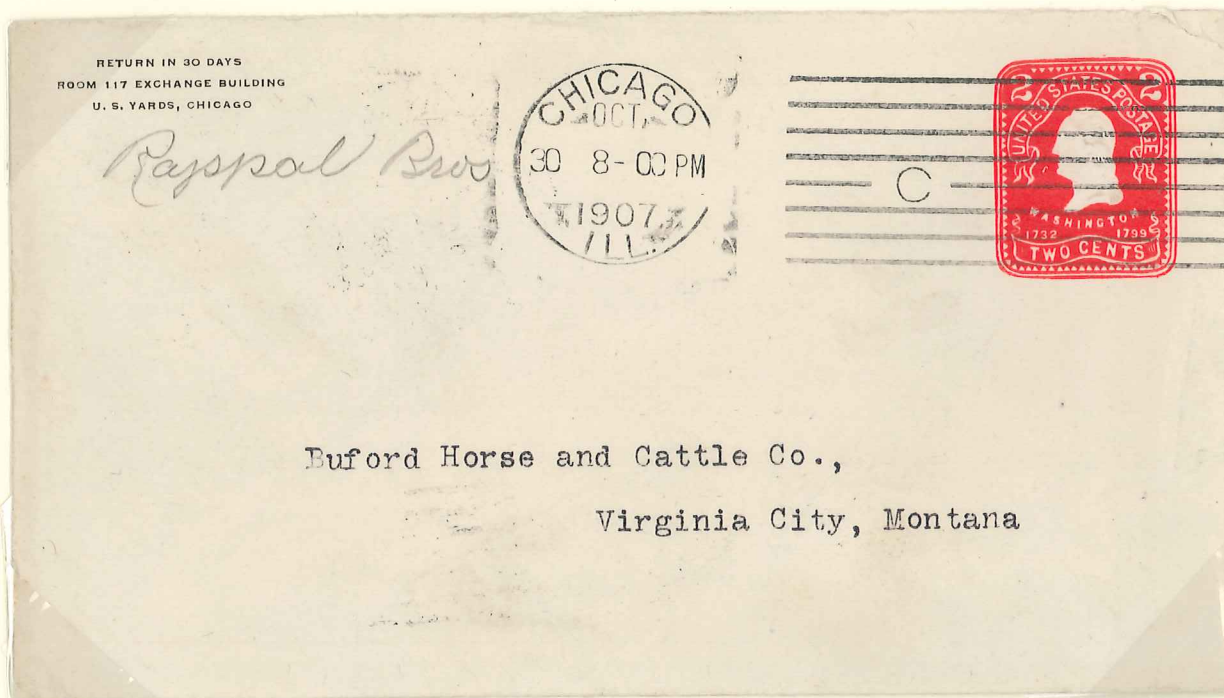
Canceled on the same date at 3:30 PM less than three hours later.
The service letter has been changed to a D.

Business began picking up with the next contract year starting July 1, 1907. Additional machines were installed in Chicago. Five different dials were used in Chicago, commonly referred to by a letter designation, as shown in the following Table. At least three machines were required to cover these dates likely used.

Dial	ERU	LRU
a	2/11/1907	6/21/1907
b	7/24/1907	11/22/1907
c	9/11/1907	11/30/1907
d	9/17/1907	11/6/1907
e	8/31/1907	9/6/1907



One way to differentiate these dials is to look closely at the way that the 1907 lines up with the ILL. In particular look at the angle of the upright portions of both L's and where they would intersect with 1907 if extended upwards.



It appears that first machine was fitted with a new dial in late July. This b dial has a narrow 1907. Note the very large circular 'C' service letter used with this dial.

Time Marking Machine Co.

Leased Machines – A Postmarks

Two additional machines were used in Chicago starting in the fall of 1907.

RETURN IN 5 DAYS TO
ALWART BROS. COAL CO.
165 WEST WEBSTER AVE.,
CHICAGO.



Dial c
Wide 1907

V. Brand Brewing Co.,

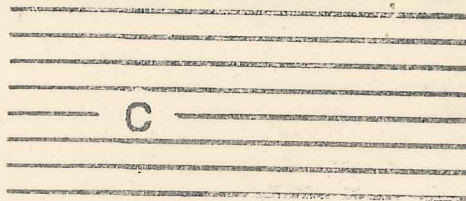
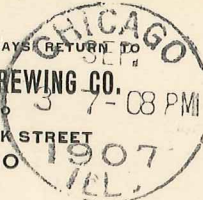


Dial d
Small 1907

THE SPACE ABOVE IS RESERVED FOR POSTMARK.
POSTAL CARD.
THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Brand Brg. Co.,

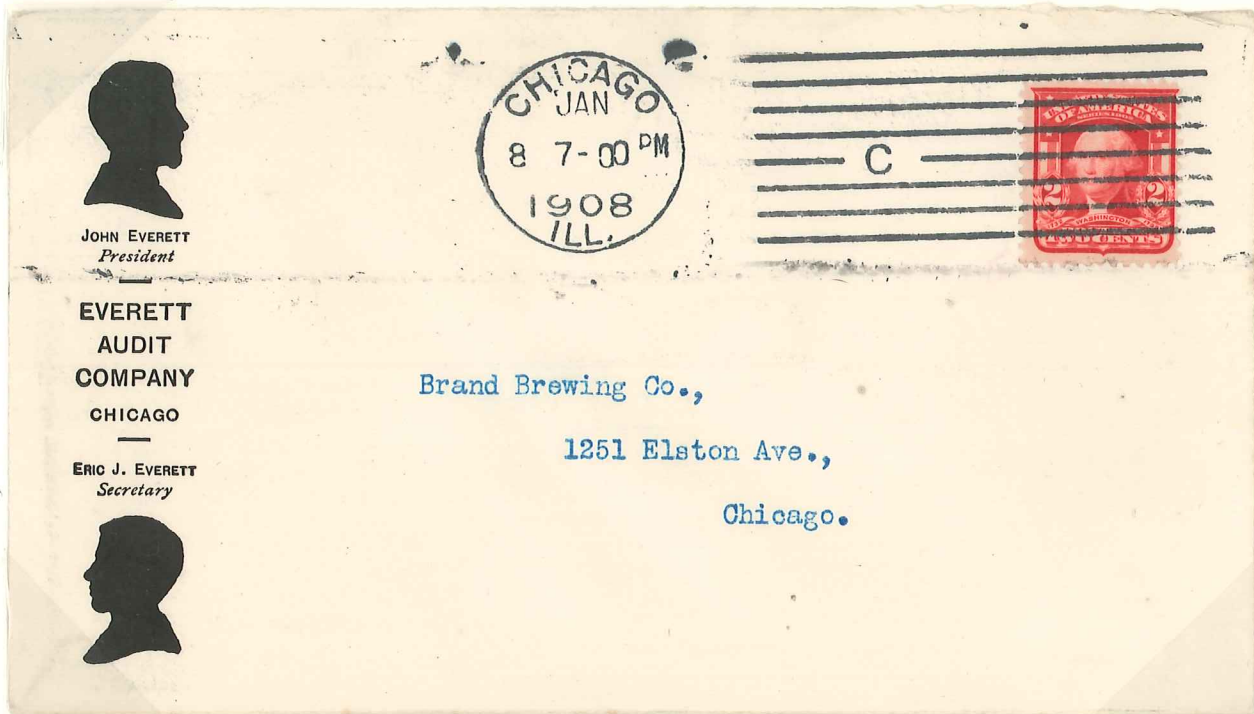
IF NOT DELIVERED IN 5 DAYS RETURN TO
UNITED STATES BREWING CO.
OF CHICAGO
686-706 SEDGWICK STREET
CHICAGO



Dial e
Large 1907

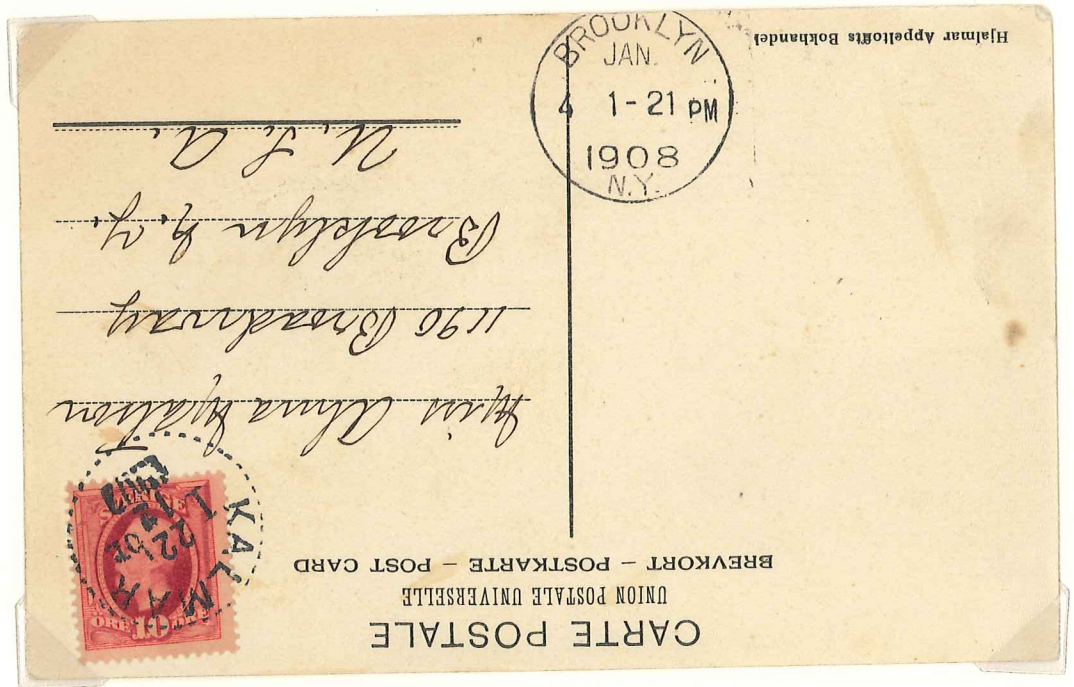
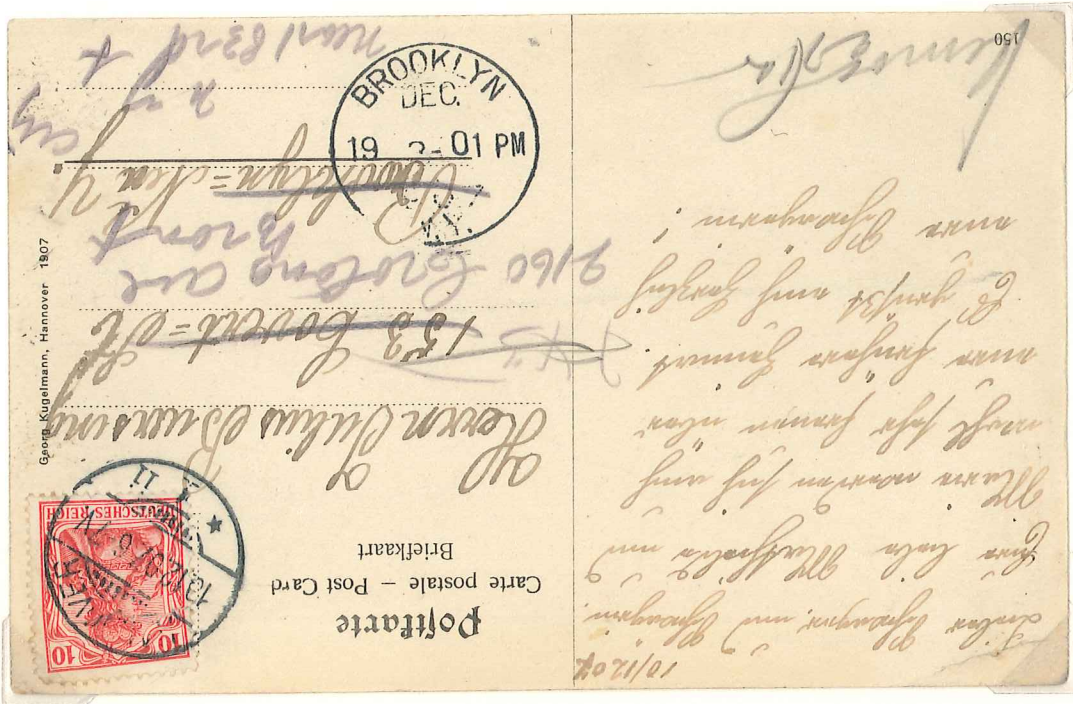
*J. M. Brand
1251 Elston Ave
Chicago*

The 'e' dial was actually known used before the 'c' and 'd' dials it was probably discovered after the designations had already been made for the other machines. Because of its short use period it is likely that it is from a test.



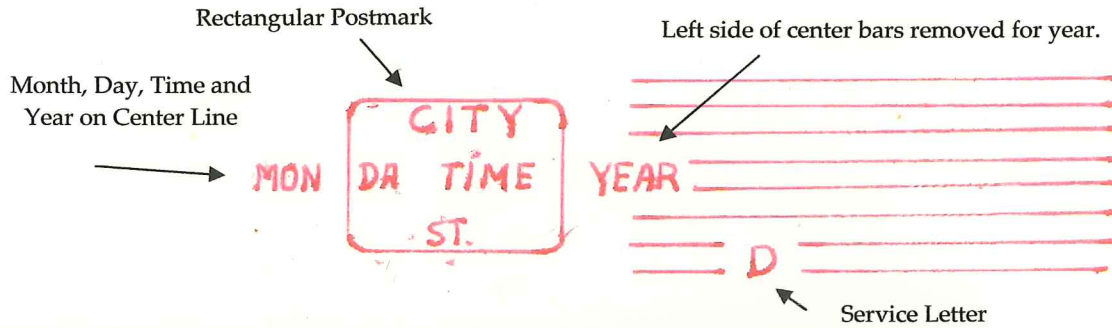
The A-102 type postmarks appear for one day in January of 1908.

Because of the scarcity of examples and the fact that both reported examples are from the same date, it is likely from a test.

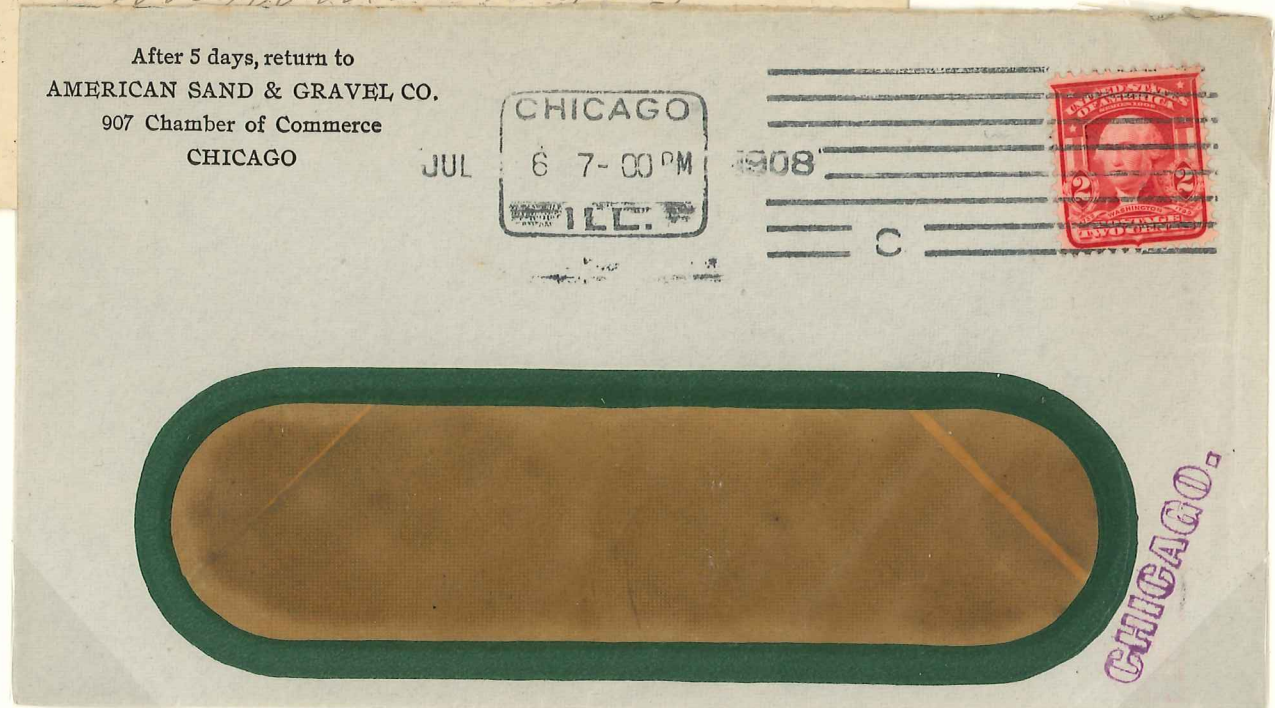


Brooklyn, NY also received one of the early machines but is not known to have used it to cancel mail. Rather it was used to impress a dial only receiving mark in 1907 and 1908 on incoming mail.

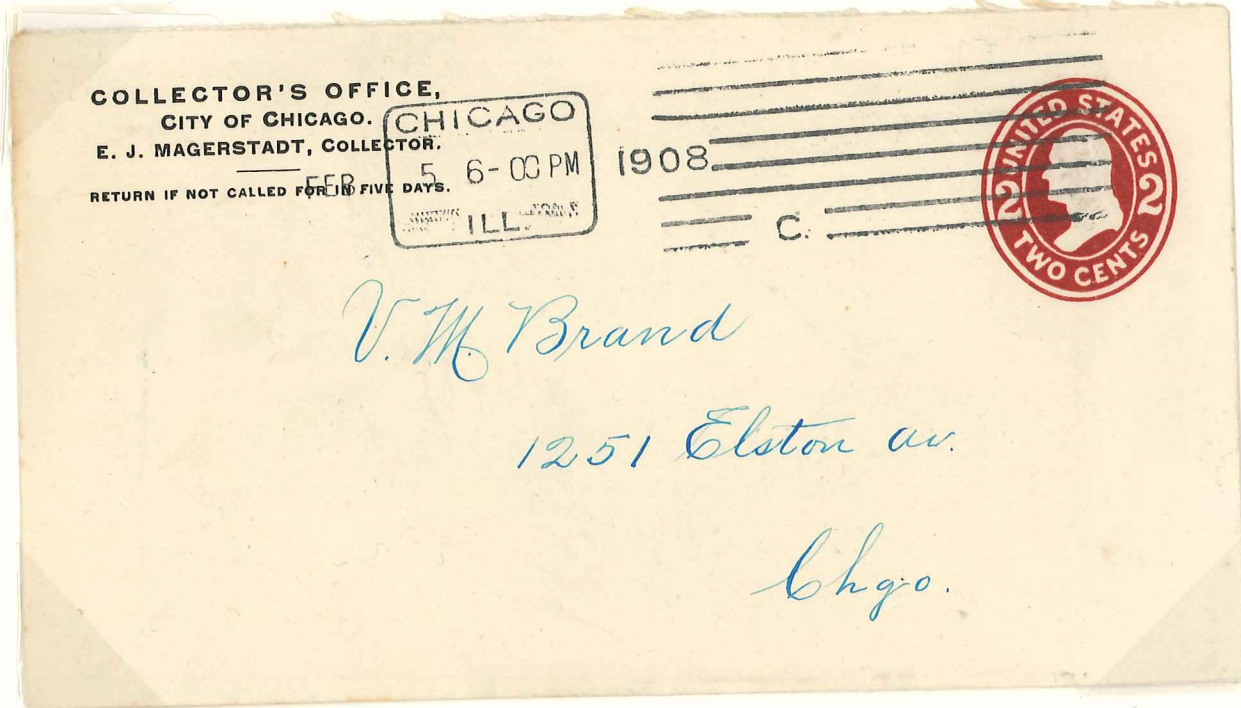
In late 1907 the TMM Co introduced a machine which impressed rectangular postmarks having the month and year outside the rectangle. This external month and year would be a feature of later TMM and BFC postmarks. With a removable year in the killer bars the dials did not need to be replaced at the beginning of a new year. These postmarks are identified as B postmarks and were always used with a 111 killer. Five different rectangular dies are known to have been used in Chicago.



Die	ERU	LRU
a	11/27/1907	2/4/1908
a	7/1/1908	7/15/1908
b	2/26/1908	6/30/1908
c	2/5/1908	6/26/1908
d	3/10/1908	6/19/1908
e	7/1/1908	7/15/1908



The a die variety had a very long leg on the second L in ILL.
 Introduced on Nov. 27, 1907, it was used until Feb. 4, 1908.
 After a brief absence this die was re-used from July 1, through July 9, 1908.



The b die had flattened oval letters in Chicago. Used from Feb. 26, 1908 until June 30, 1908.



The c die with had a narrow ILL along with round lettering in CHICAGO.

Room 1021, Schiffer Building,
CHICAGO, ILL.

CHICAGO
APR 20 7-00 PM 1908
ILL.



Mr. Virgil M. Brand,

Elston Ave. and Snow St.,

Care of Brand Brewing Co.

Chicago.

The d die has a very upright O in Chicago. The upright of the first L in ILL., if extended, would bisect the second C in Chicago.

CHICAGO
JUL 8 5-30 PM
ILL.

1908



COLUMBIA CONSERVE Co.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

CHICAGO
JUL 9 8-00 PM
ILL.

1908



*Miss Gussie Patterson,
#2332 Central Ave.,
Indianapolis
Ind.*

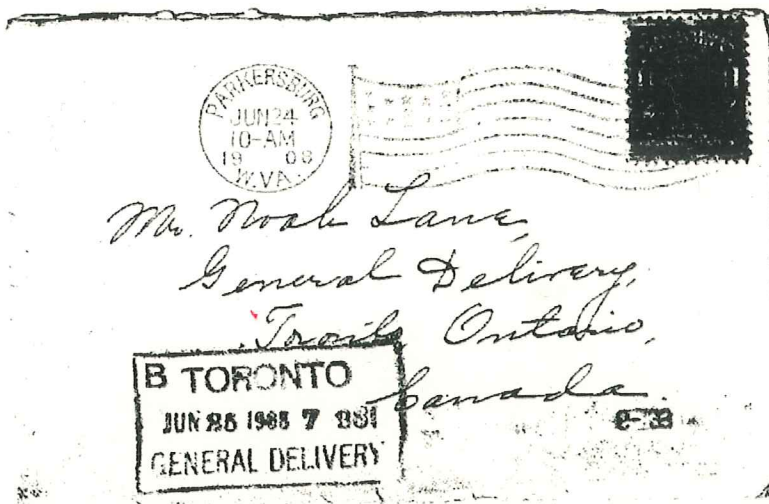
Not #1

The e die introduced is distinguishable based on shape and spacing of letters in CHICAGO and width of ILL.
The last die was also only used in July 1908 and postmarks occasionally had with a serifed 1 in 1908.

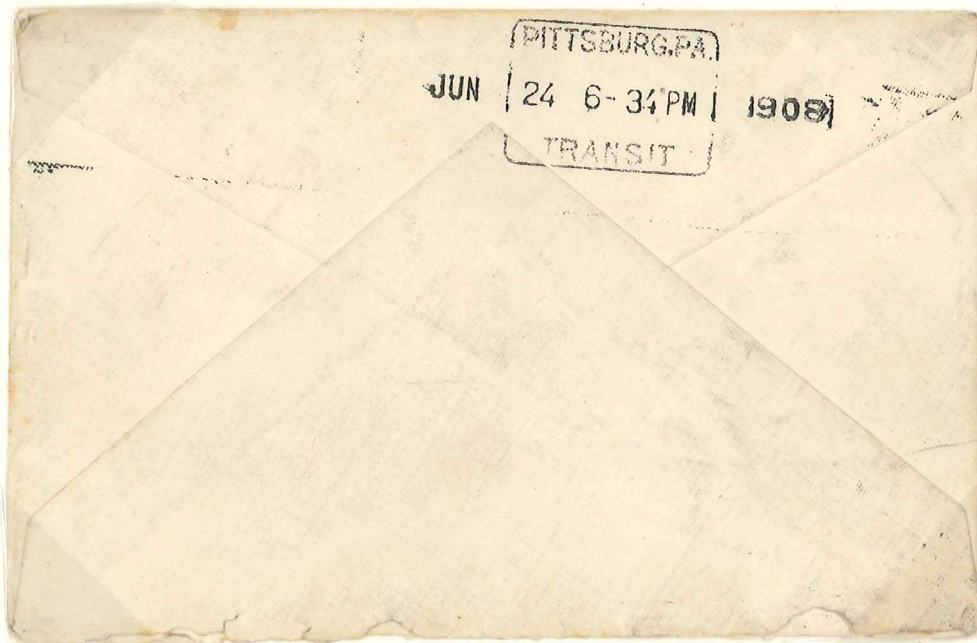
Time Marking Machine Co.

Leased Machines – B Postmarks

A machine impressing a rectangular TRANSIT postmark without killer was used in Pittsburg, PA, the only city known to have used a TMM Co transit postmark. They must have felt these transit markings important since they ultimately used three different TMM Co. transit markings.

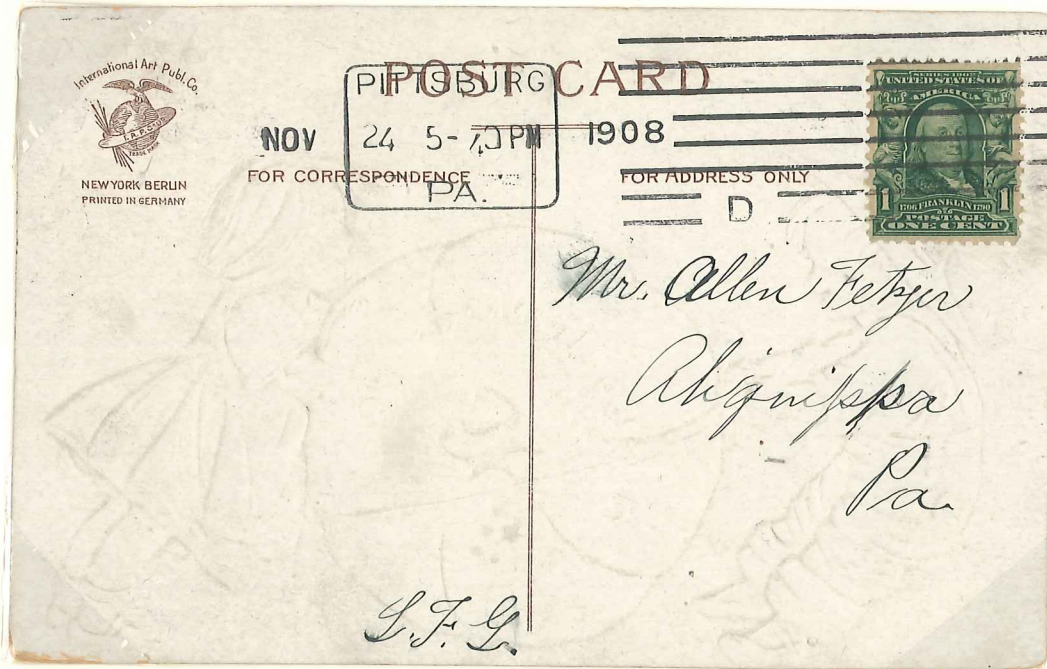


Scan of front (reduced 70%)



Transit postmark on cover mailed in Parkersburg, WV to Toronto, Canada.

Note that the top line reads Pittsburgh, PA.



A B-111 postmark was used very briefly in Pittsburgh. This is not the same postmark die as was used for the transit which was introduced over a year earlier. Only two copies are known both from the same date. It is likely that one of the B machines was moved to Pittsburg from Chicago.

Note that the top of the dial reads Pittsburg with Pa at the base of the rectangle.

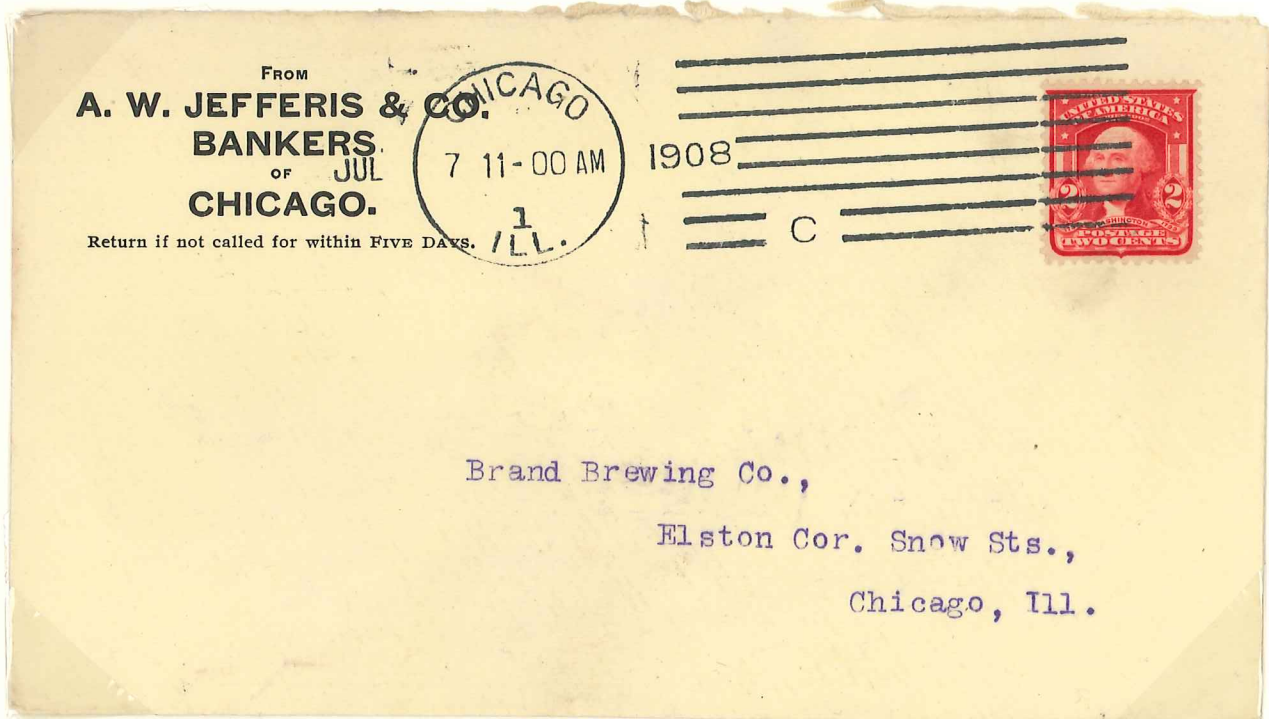
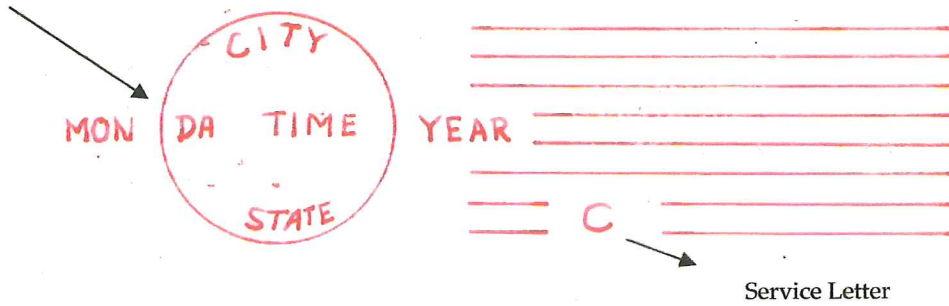
Time Marking Machine Co.

Leased Machines - C Postmarks

The Chicago rectangular postmarks were replaced with a new postmark starting with the USPOD contract which began on July 1, 1908. These continued with the month and year being located outside of the dial. The machine number was inserted in to the dial above the state. Chicago initially used a dial designated as a Ca which contained a machine number above the state at the bottom of the dial. The Chicago machines are not known with a working clock.

This killer design was the first of a variety of related killers having the center bars indented for the year. The bottom two bars contained a displace for the service letter. This killer design is referred to as a 111, also used with the rectangular postmarks..

Month, Day, Time and Year on same line



Ca-111, Machine #1



310 TRADERS BUILDING
CHICAGO



RETURN IN 6 DAYS TO
VILAS BROTHERS
PAINTS, OILS AND VARNISHES
227-229 FIFTH AVENUE
CHICAGO

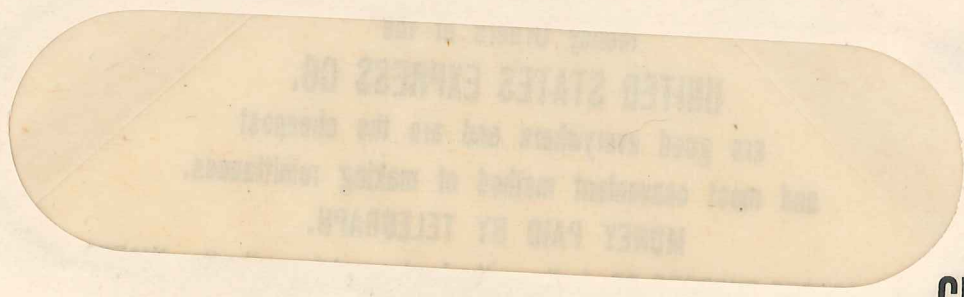


You can pay this bill at
any Office of The
United States Express Co.
MAIN OFFICE:
87, 89 & 91 Washington Street.



Return to WM. J. McCourt,
Superintendent of Water.

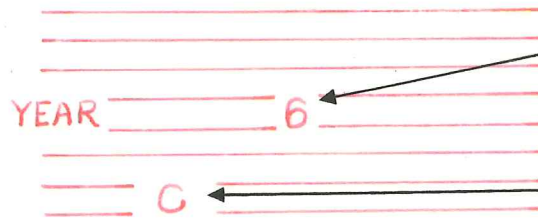
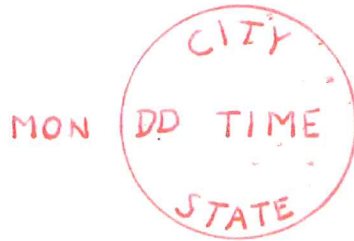
OWNER OR OCCUPANT.



CHICAGO

This 111 killer was modified by inserting a space in the center of the two center bars for the machine number which was removed from the dial. The bottom two bars still contained a diespace for the service letter. This killer design is referred to as a 112. Fourteen machines impressing this postmark were used in Chicago and 7 in other cities.

C-112



Machine Number

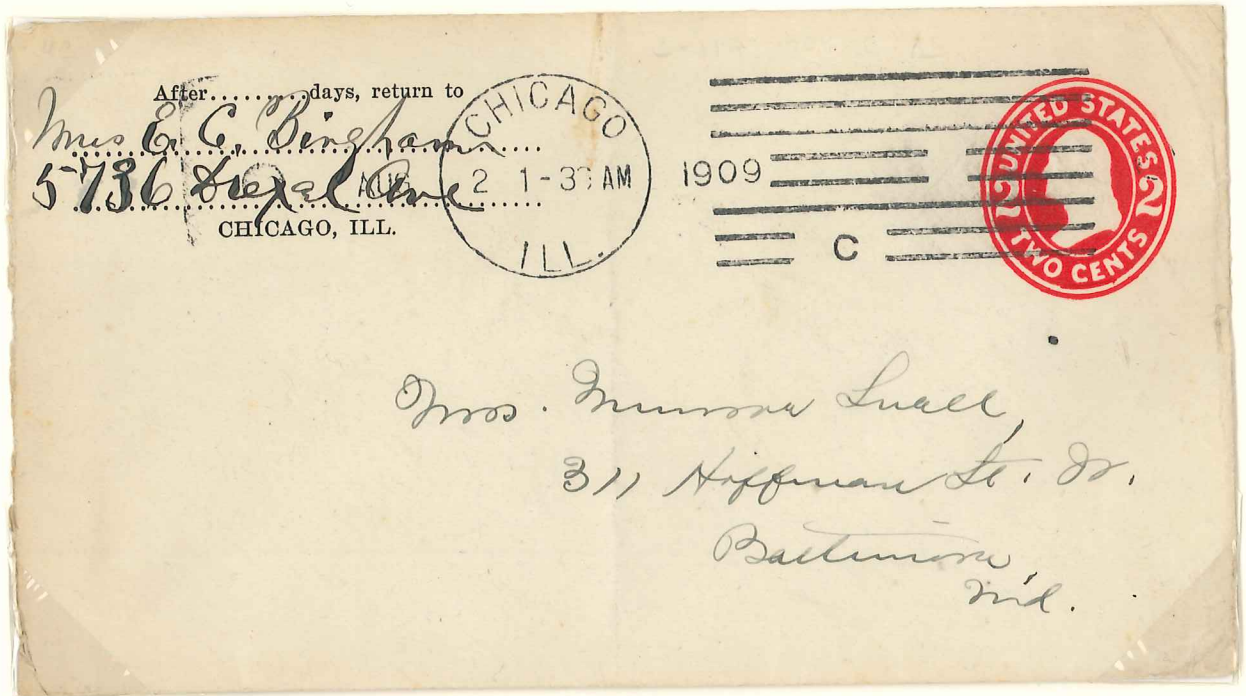
Service Mark

After 10 days, return to
W. H. SALISBURY & CO.,
166 & 168 Wabash Av.,
CHICAGO, ILL.

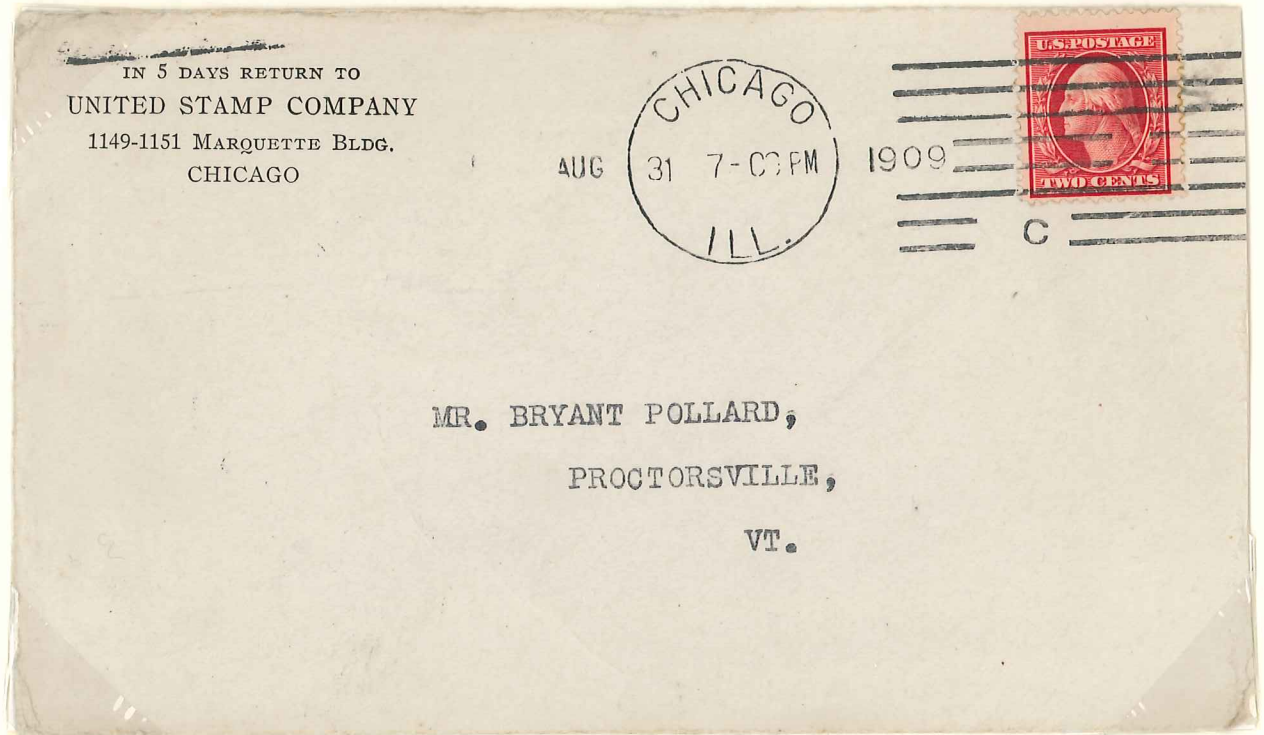


Virgil M. Brand,
Elston Ave. & Snow St.
City.

Circular Dial

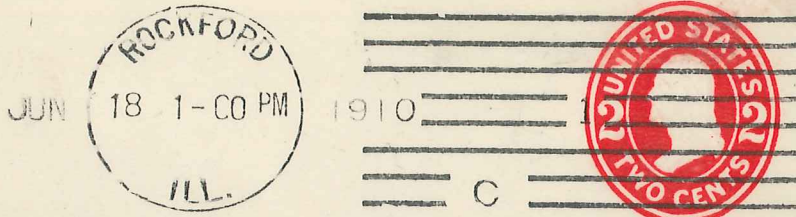


Dial Dented



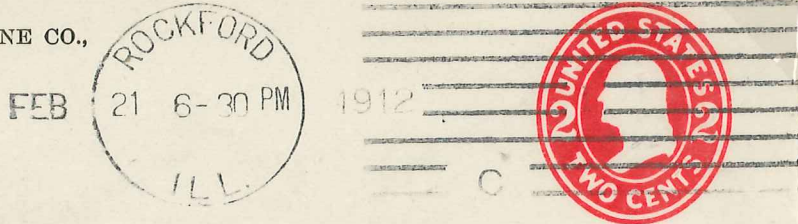
C-112 type postmarks are known from Chicago having a blank die space.
 Early usages have an undamaged circular dial, later examples show a dent above the A in Chicago.

After 10 days, return to
THE H. C. MARSH CO.,
ROCKFORD, ILL.



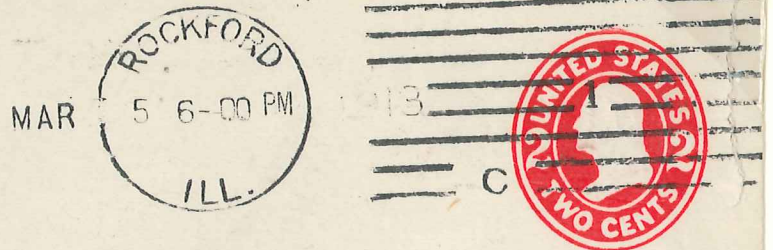
Norton Company

After 10 days, return to
INGERSOLL MILLING MACHINE CO.,
ROCKFORD, ILL.



Norton Co.

After five days, return to
ROCKFORD BELTING CO.,
ROCKFORD, ILL.



Brand Brewing Co.,
2530 Elston Ave.
Chicago
Ill.

Rockford, IL also used a C-112 postmark on machine #1.
Even though there was no need to change the dials with the new year they did use three different dials.
From the known dates (shown below) b and c may have been changed on the new year.

Die	ERU	LRU
a	3/31/1909	11/27/1911
b	2/21/1912	11/14/1912
c	1/13/1913	3/19/1913