

America Postal Machine Company

The earliest recorded APMC flag cancel is dated October 31, 1894 from Boston, MA. In total, there are 7,575 catalogued flag cancels. North Carolina has 78 different cities and 103 different varieties recorded. The earliest known North Carolina flag cancel is Winston, December 21, 1898. By 1925, there had been 69 different flag varieties recorded in the state. Throughout their use in North Carolina, there were only two types of postmark dials, type A and type B, used with three different flag cancel dies. Type 14 being the most common and type 38 used in two cities. The third flag die used in Rocky Mount, was a type 4 ovate, used for 26 months in 1906-1908. The latest known flag cancel use in the state is 1939 from Elon College.



Winston, NC, January 9, 1899

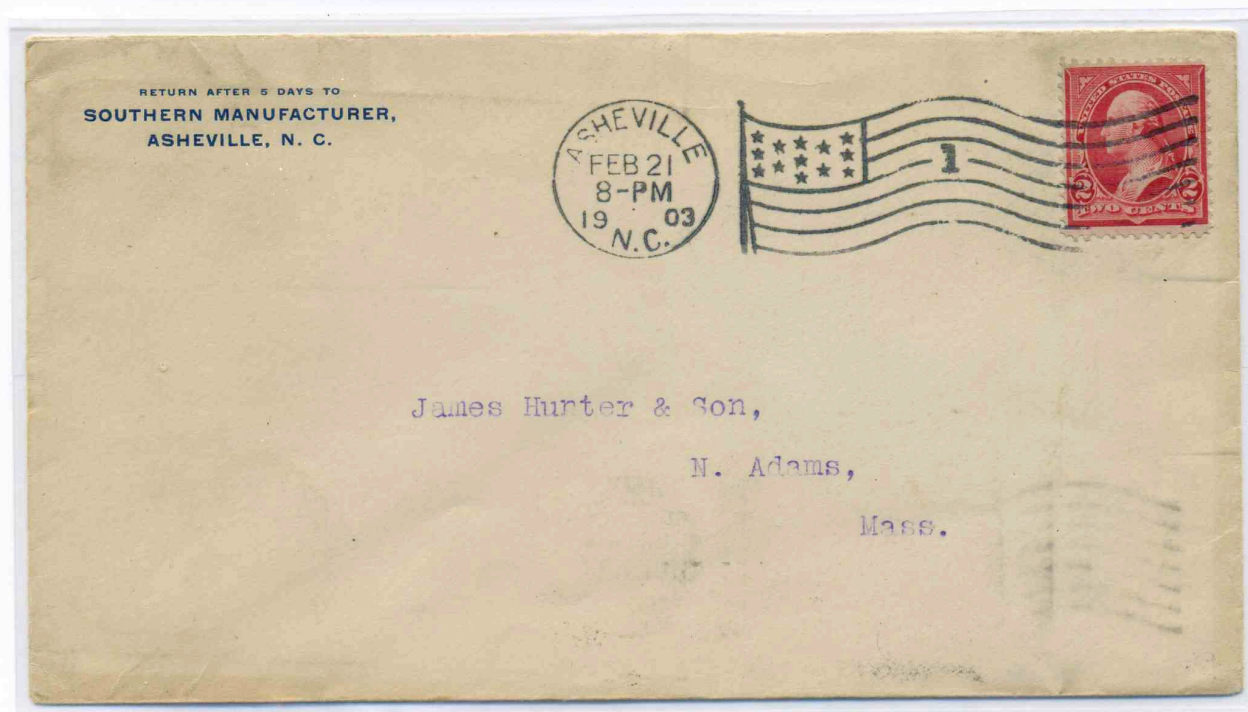
Type B dial showing split 1899 date within the dial. This machine was first placed in service in late December 1898. The year date in all flag dials were fixed and had to be replaced each year.



Asheville, NC, February 19, 1900

Type B dial type 14 flag with 1 in flag.

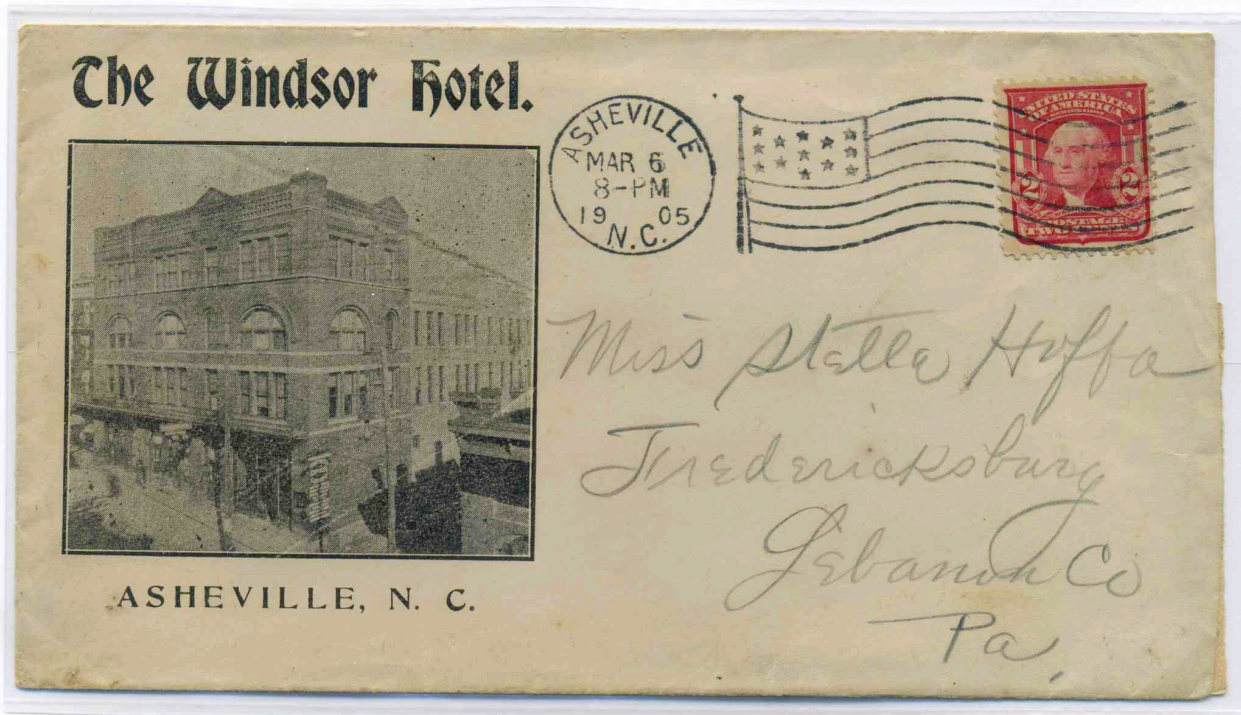
Asheville had six different flag cancels, more than any other North Carolina city.



Asheville, NC, February 21, 1903

Type B dial, type 14 flag with 1 in cancel.

The above type was used from 1899 until 1903.



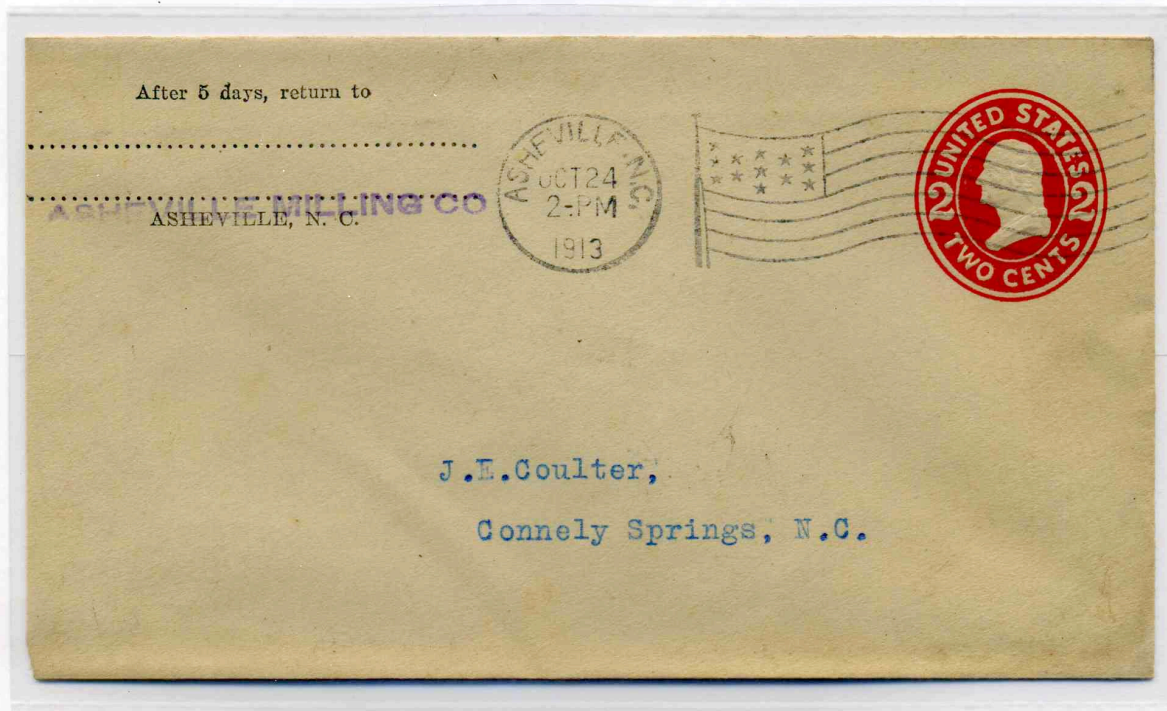
Asheville, NC, March 6, 1905

Type B dial, type 14 flag. No number slot within flag.
In use from 1903 until 1906.



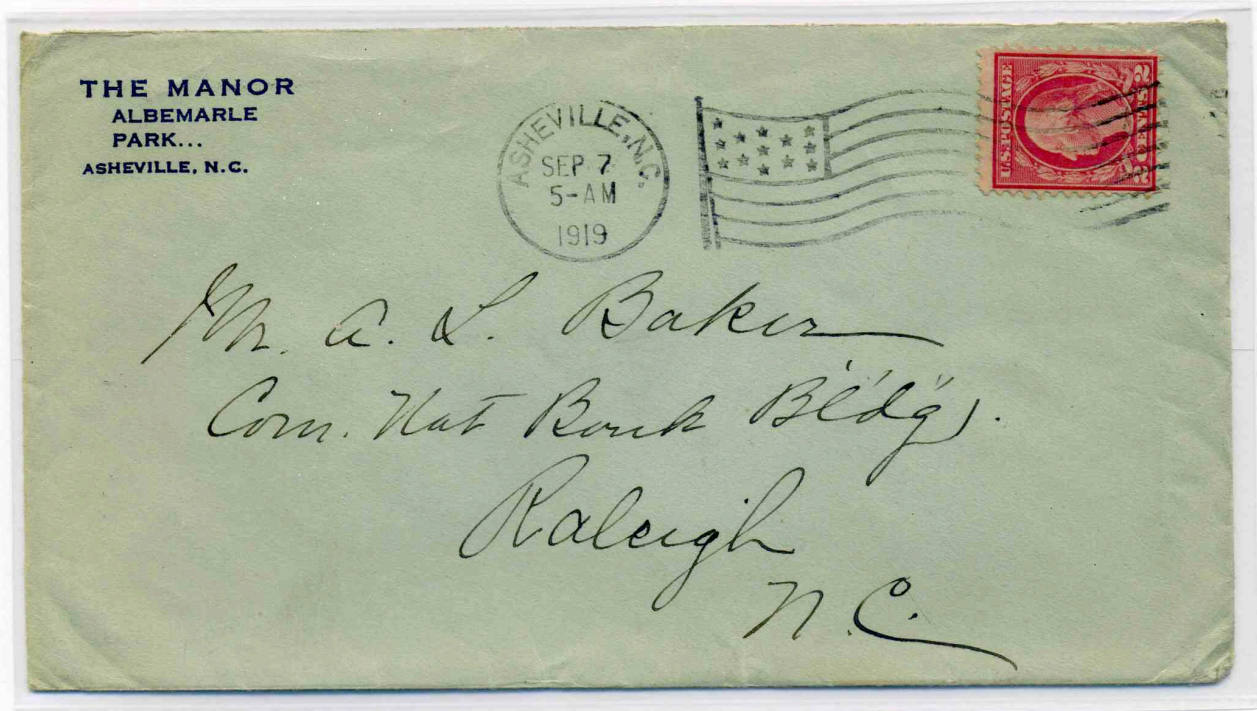
Asheville, NC, April 22, 1907

Type B dial, type 14 flag with blank spot where number had been.
In use from 1905 until 1909.



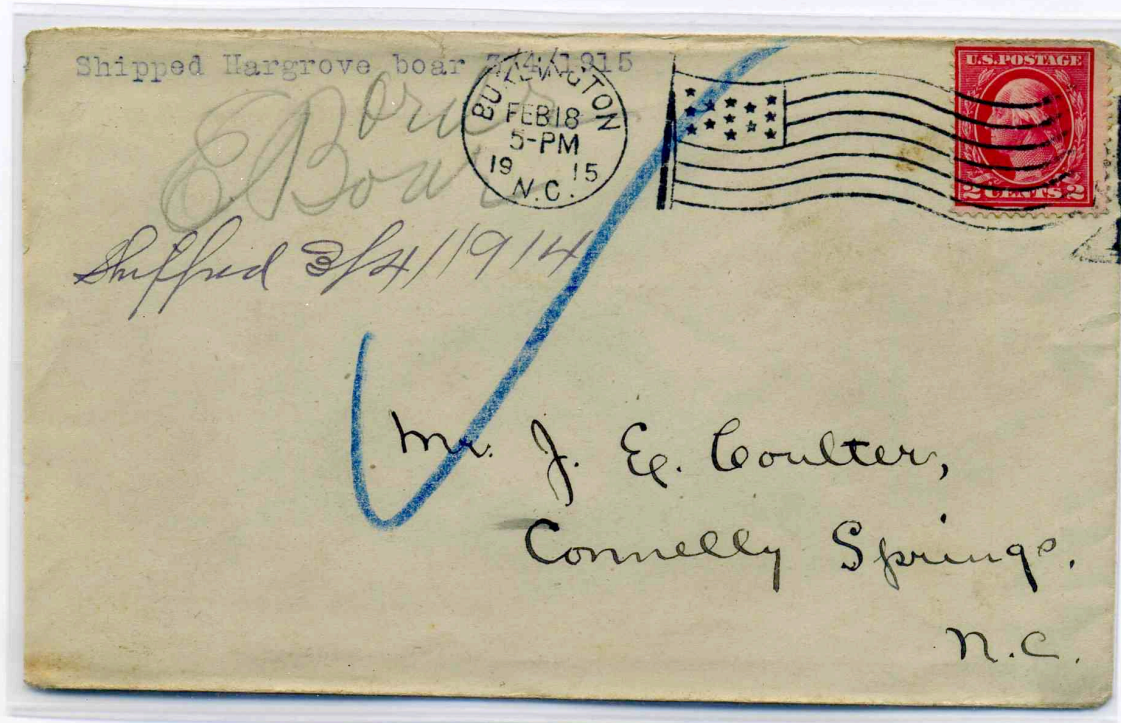
Asheville, NC, October 24, 1913

Type A dial, type 14 flag. Beginning in 1910, Asheville used a new dial with the year at the bottom of the CDS. This was in use until 1914.

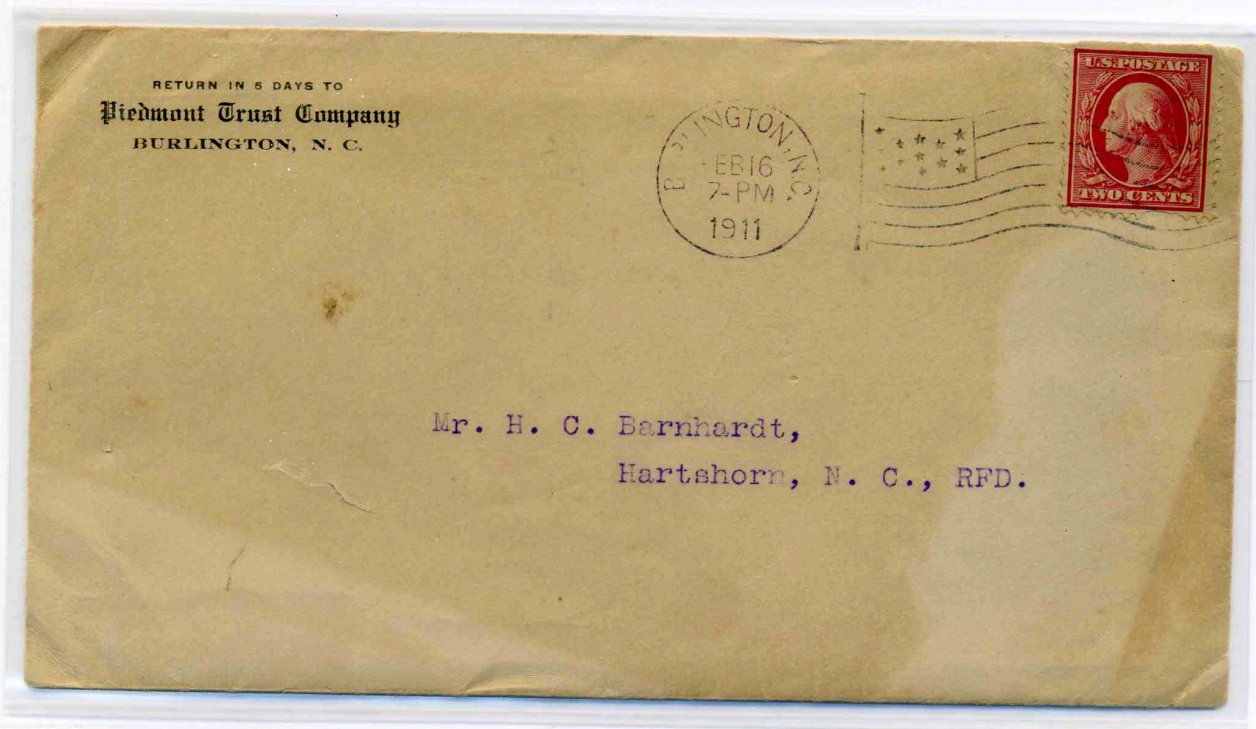


Asheville, NC, September 7, 1919

Type A dial, type 14 flag. In 1914 a new flag die was added to the Asheville flag cancel machine. It would be used until 1919.



Burlington, NC, February 18, 1915
Type B dial, type 14 flag used from 1908 until 1917.



Burlington, NC, February 16, 1911
Type A dial, type 14 flag used from 1909 until 1921.



Fayetteville, NC, June 14, 1911

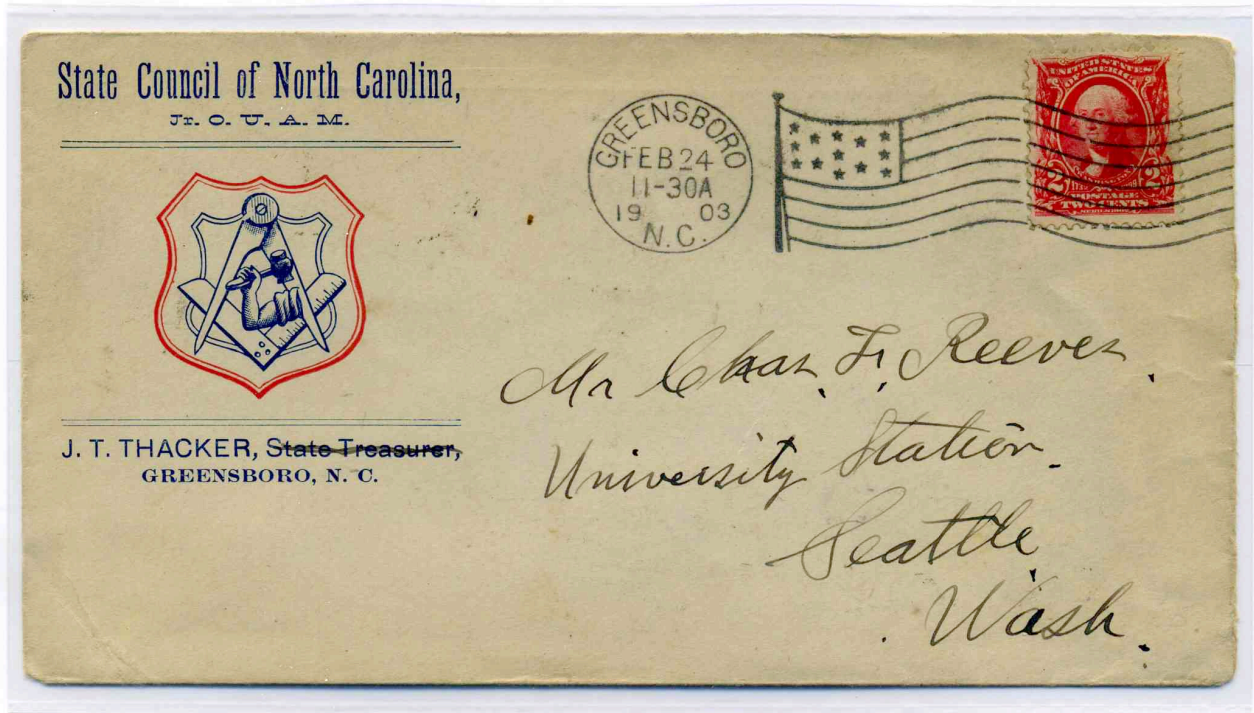
Type A dial, type 14 flag with 1 in flag. In use from 1909 until 1911.



Fayetteville, NC, February 4, 1919

Type A dial, type 14 flag with no number in flag. In use from 1917 until 1921.
A three cent war rate cover.

American Flag



Greensboro, NC, February 24, 1903
Type B dial, type 14 flag used from 1903 until 1909.



Greensboro, NC, November 3, 1909
Type B dial, type 14 flag.