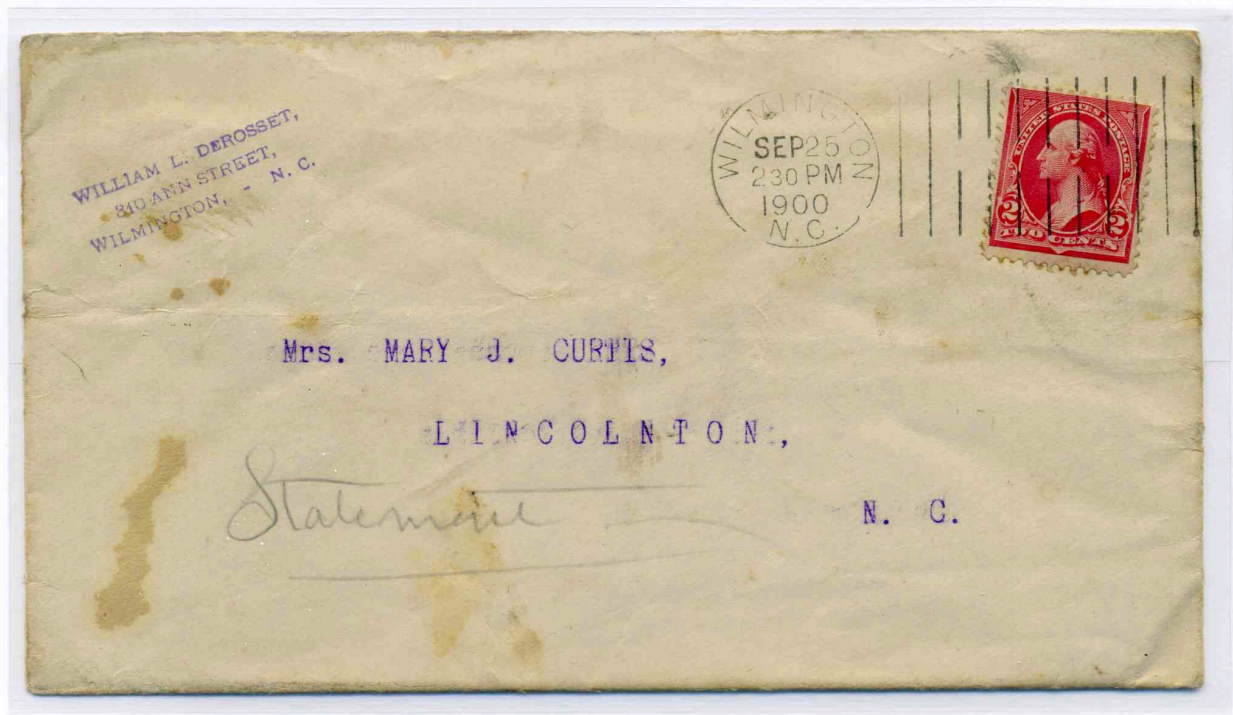


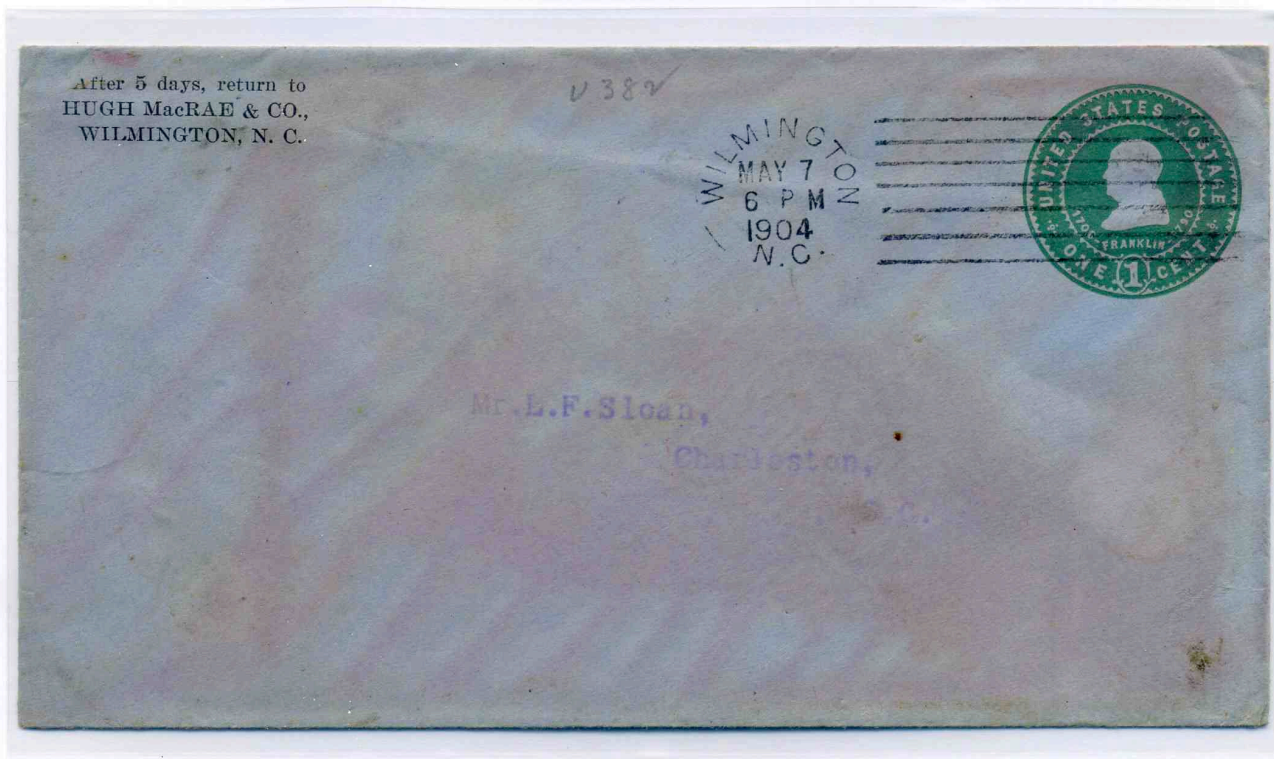
Barr Fyke

The Barr Fyke is one of the least known used in North Carolina of the early postage canceling machines. The machine was conceived by John Barr, a railroad mail clerk from Kansas City, Missouri in 1895. In 1896, Barr entered into business with an attorney, Charles Fyke, and formed the Barr Fyke Machine Company. Information is unavailable on the number of machines issued or the total use of this machine. Wilmington, however, was the only North Carolina city to use this machine type.



**Wilmington, NC, September 25, 1900**

Type C4-1 dial, type 121a cancel. Barr Fyke used in Wilmington from April 1899 until March 1902. This type had 15 vertical bars, six of which were split in the middle.



Wilmington, NC, May 7, 1904

Type C4-1 dial, type 122 cancel. Used in Wilmington from June 1902 until May 1904. The cancel has seven horizontal bars.



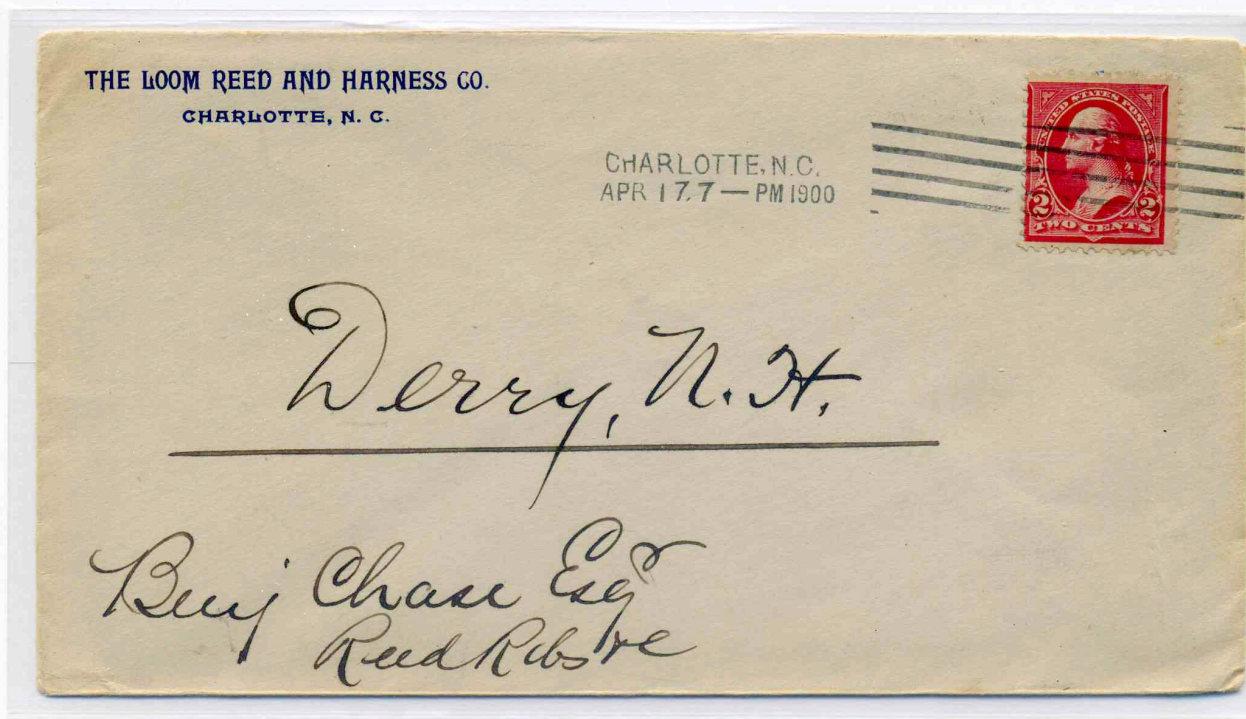
Wilmington, NC, April 26, 1905

Type C4-3 dial, type 122 cancel.  
Used in Wilmington from January 1905 until April 1905.

## Hampden

William R. Landfear, the owner of William R. Landfear and Company with manufacturing facilities in Hartford, Connecticut, was a specialist in developing and manufacturing printing machines for the thread and yarn industry. In 1890, Landfear set to work designing a canceling machine. On July 22, 1891, he filed his first patent on his first machine. No known cancels have survived from this machine. In 1896, Landfear once again approached the Postmaster General with the request to test a new machine. At this point the Hampden Company did not exist.

In late 1897, Landfear was awarded a contract for the lease of ten machines. By June 1899, 522 machines were under lease, nine of which were of the Hampden type. By November 20, 1899, Charlotte had received its Hampden machine. Quality must have been an issue as most machines lasted only a few months. Charlotte is the only North Carolina city to use a Hampden machine.



**Charlotte, NC, April 17, 1900**

Type B 8 Hampden cancel used in Charlotte from 1899 until 1901.



Charlotte, NC, April 17, 1900

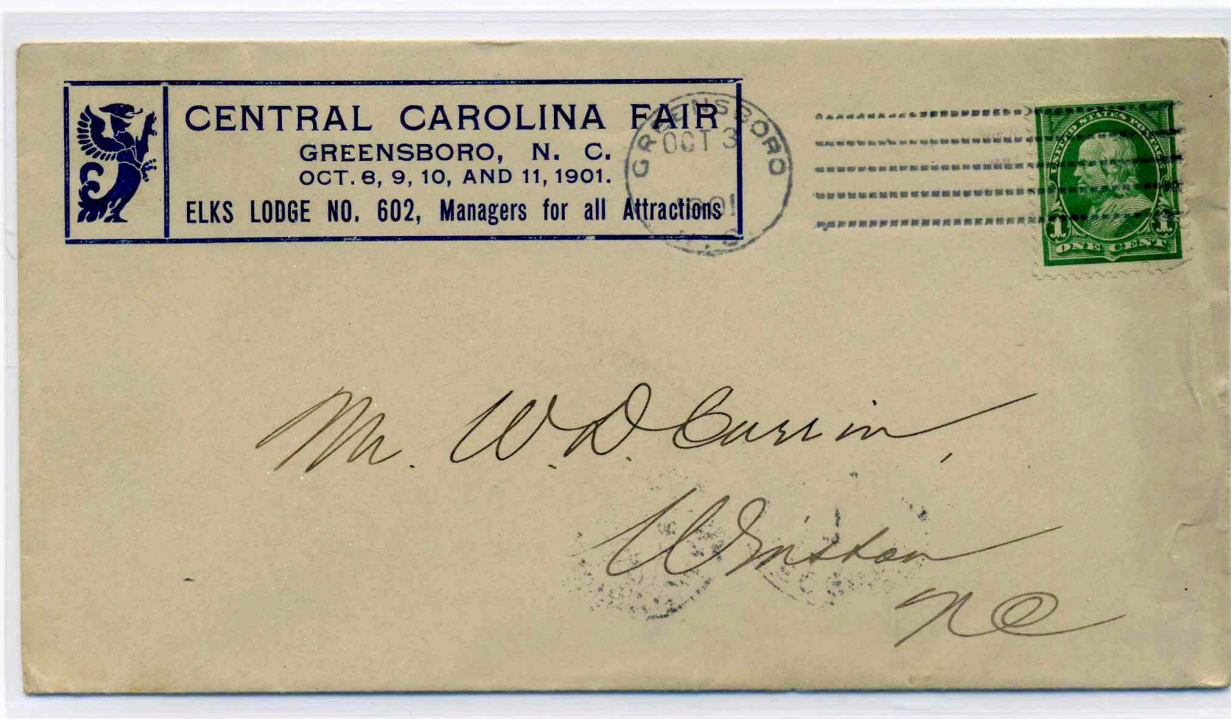
Charlotte, NC, May 11, 1900

Charlotte, NC, August 15, 1901

Three Type B 8 Hampden cancels.

The latter is the latest known use of the machine in Charlotte.

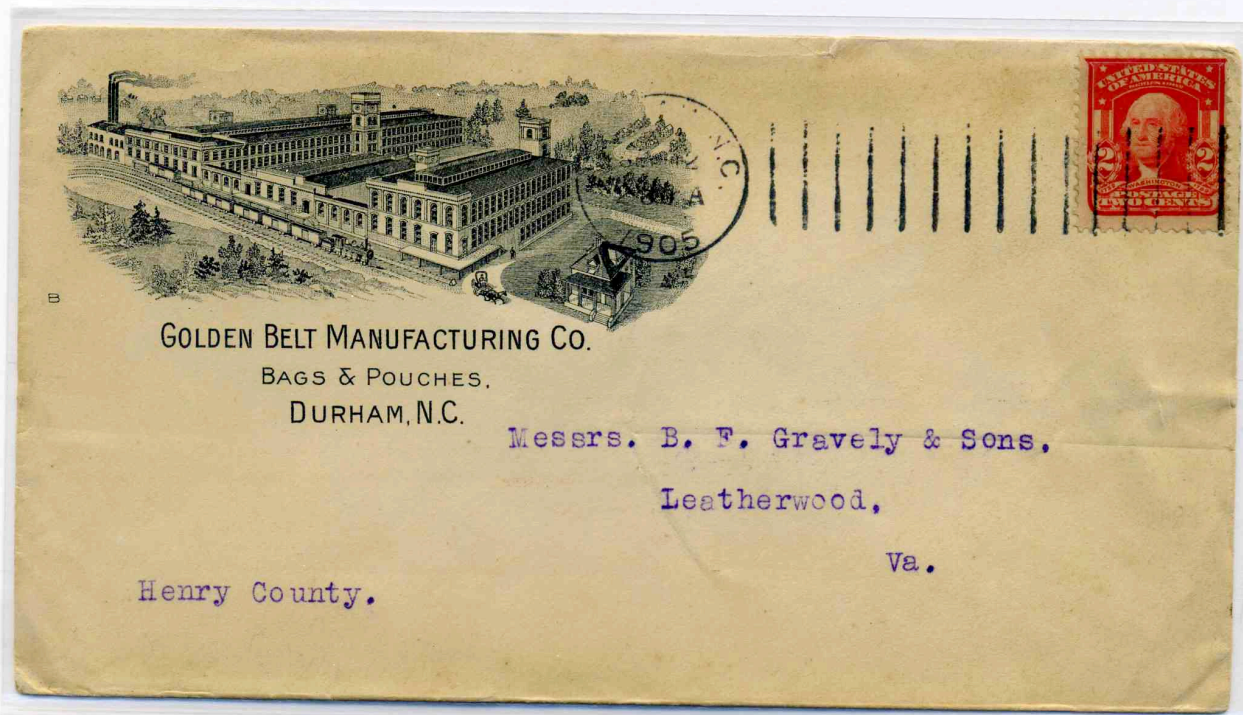
Willard D. Doremus of Washington, DC was listed as a jeweler in the 1877 business directory of Washington. By 1890 when cancelling machines were becoming popular, he had been issued three patents for his cancelling machine. In December 1899, Mr. Doremus fulfilled his first order of machines to the Bayonne, NJ post office. About a dozen towns received the machines in January. He continued to supply machines through 1903. After 1903 no new machines were delivered. However, he serviced the machines until 1933 when the Depression put the company out of business. It is estimated a total of 600 machines were produced and 1,400 different postal cancellations are recorded. Durham and Greensboro received the first machine in 1901. The last use in the state was Wallace in 1924. Four different dials were used within the state.



**Greensboro, NC, October 3, 1901**

Type C cancel, used in Greensboro from 1901 until 1902 when it was most likely moved to High Point.

Doremus



**Durham, NC, September 12, 1905**

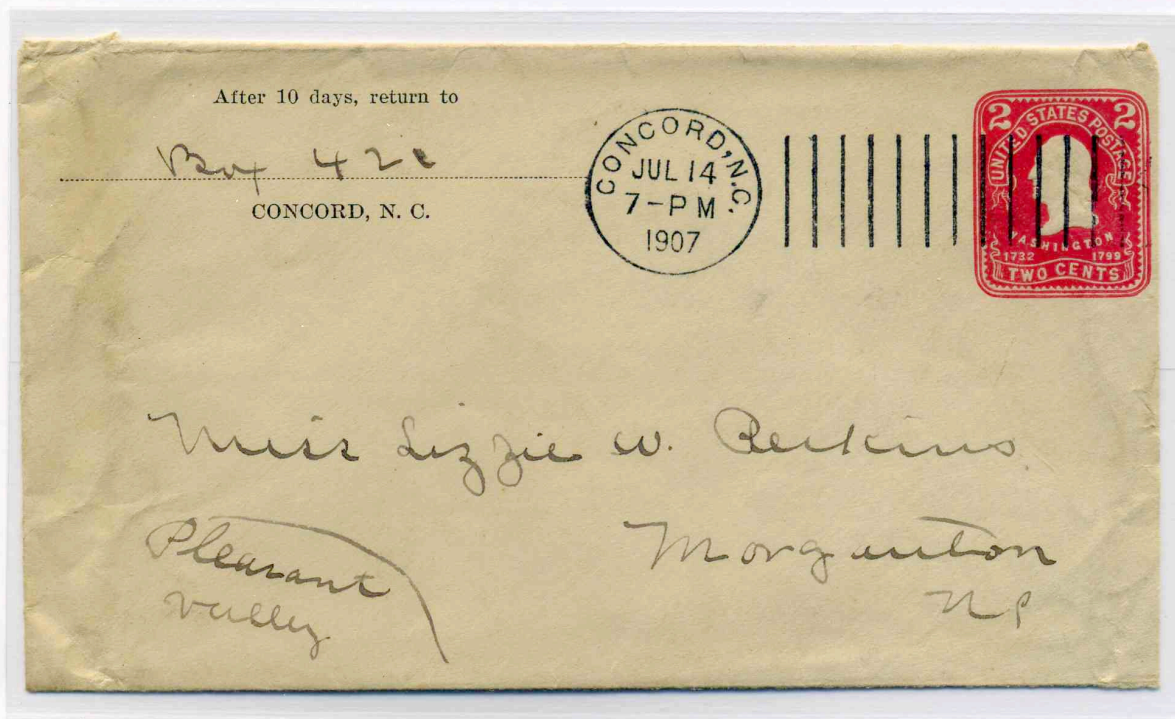
Type D cancel used in Durham from 1903 until 1906.

This machine was most likely moved to Kinston. Note curved date at bottom of dial.



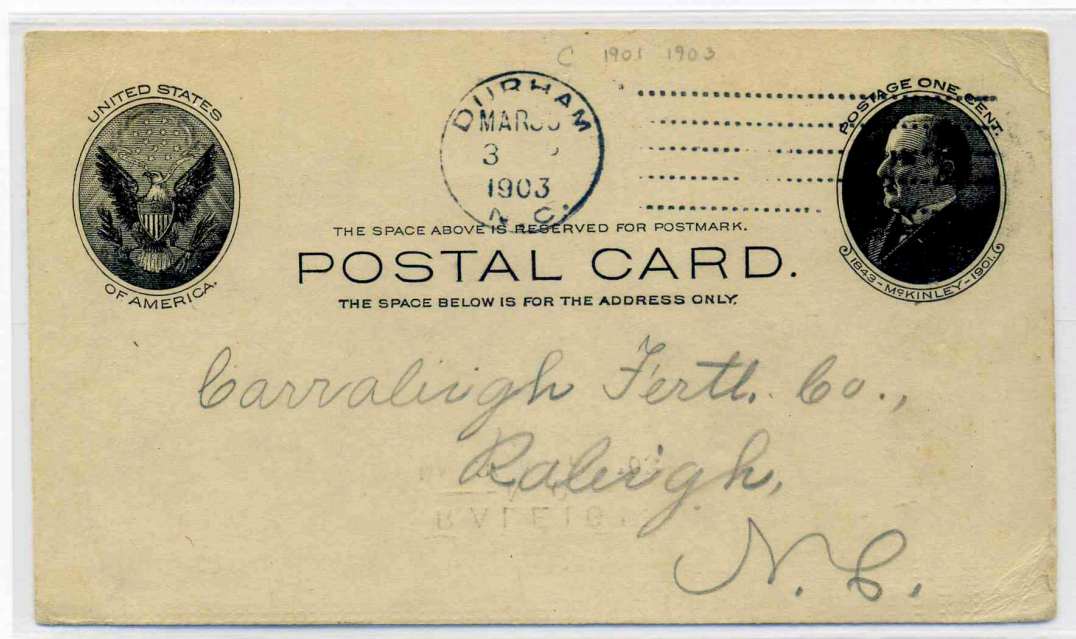
**Hendersonville, NC, September 26, 1912**

Type E cancel used in Hendersonville from 1909 until 1914.



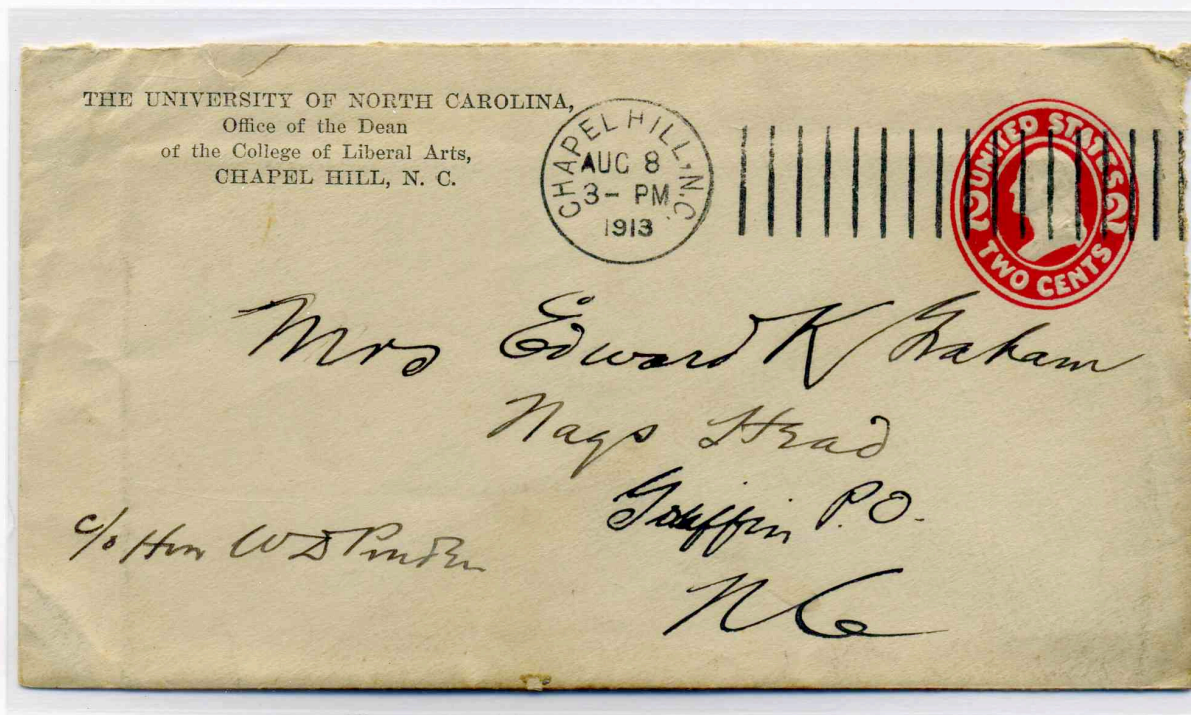
**Concord, NC, July 14, 1907**

Type E cancel. 15 MM high bars. The type E cancel is recorded in 491 U.S. cities. Last used in Concord in 1913.

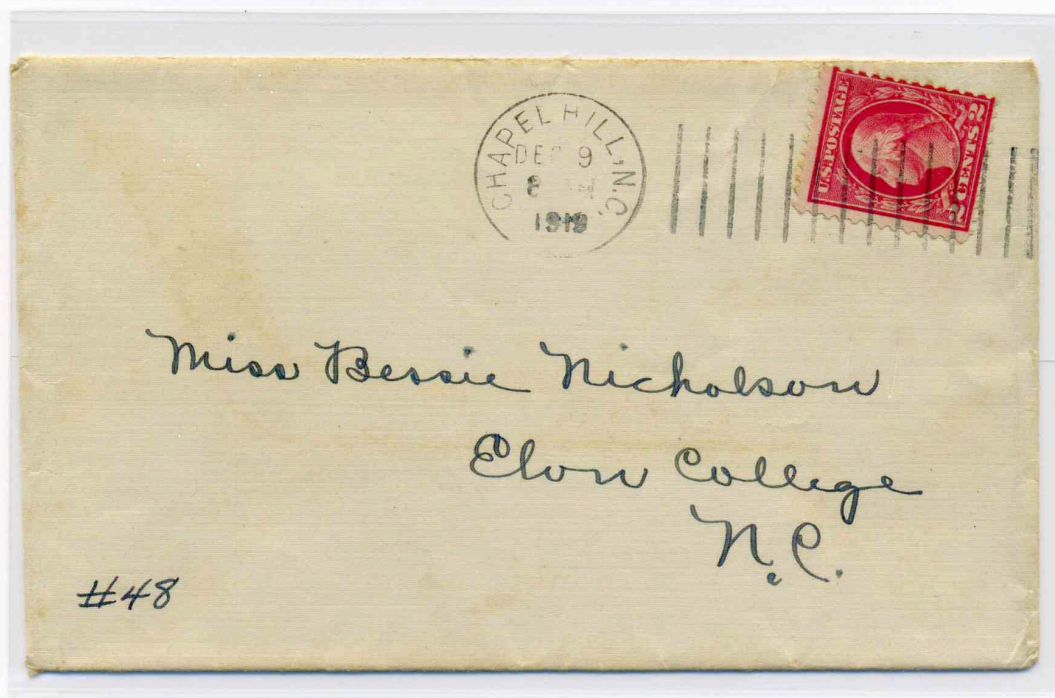


**Durham, NC, March 30, 1903**

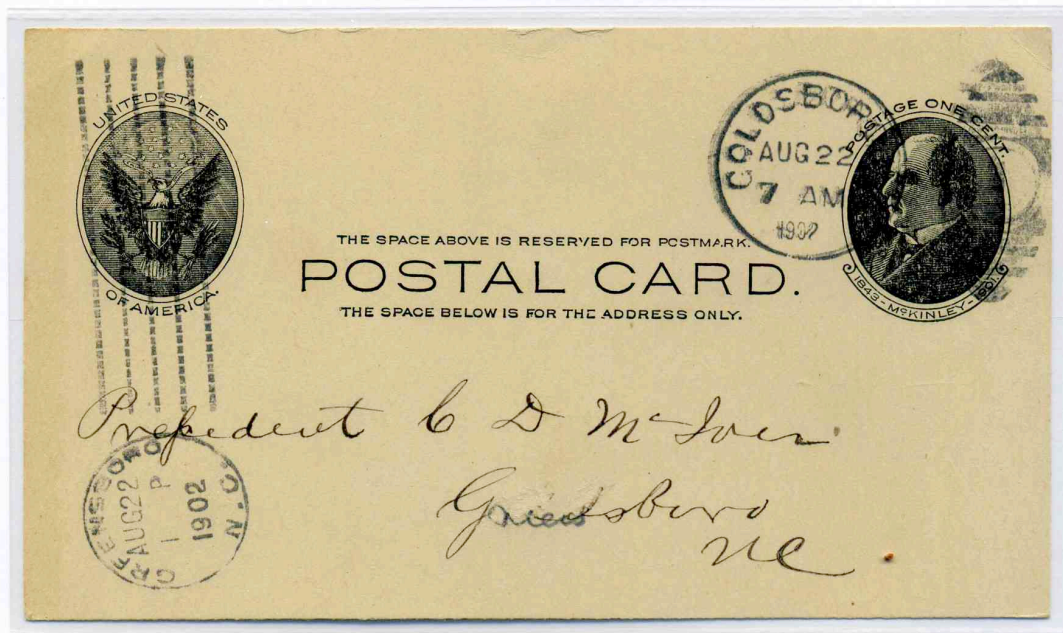
Type C cancel used in Durham from 1901 until 1903. This type was used in 128 U.S. cities. Note straight line date.



Chapel Hill, NC, August 8, 1913  
Type E cancel used in Chapel Hill from 1909 until 1919.

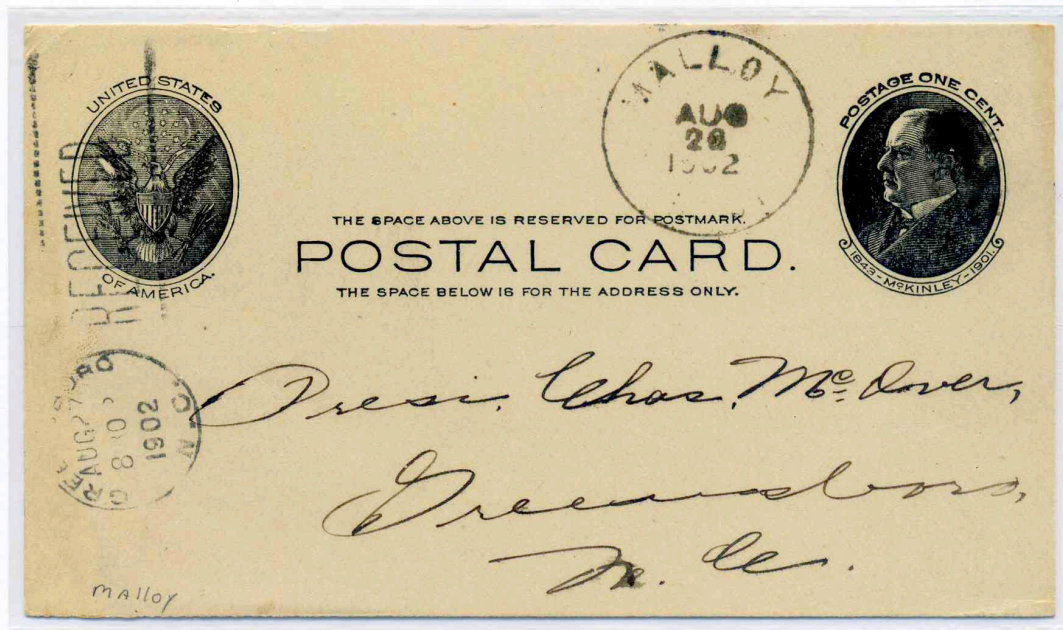


Chapel Hill, NC, December 9, 1919  
Type E cancel. The above is the latest known use of  
Doremus machine in Chapel Hill.



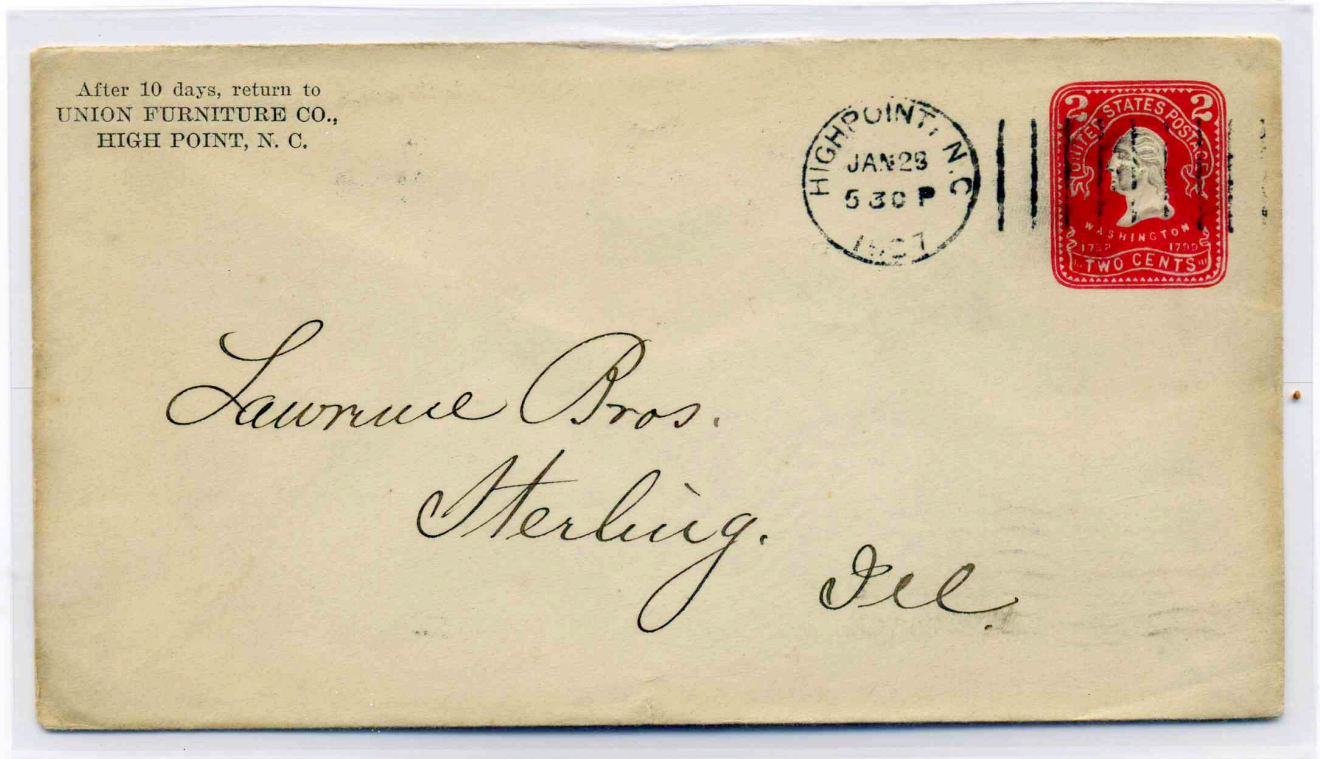
**Greensboro, NC, August 22, 1902**

Type C cancel used as receiving mark. With their regular cancel, each city received a receiving marking. Only two North Carolina cities are known to have used this. This is an example of the regular cancel used as receiving marking.

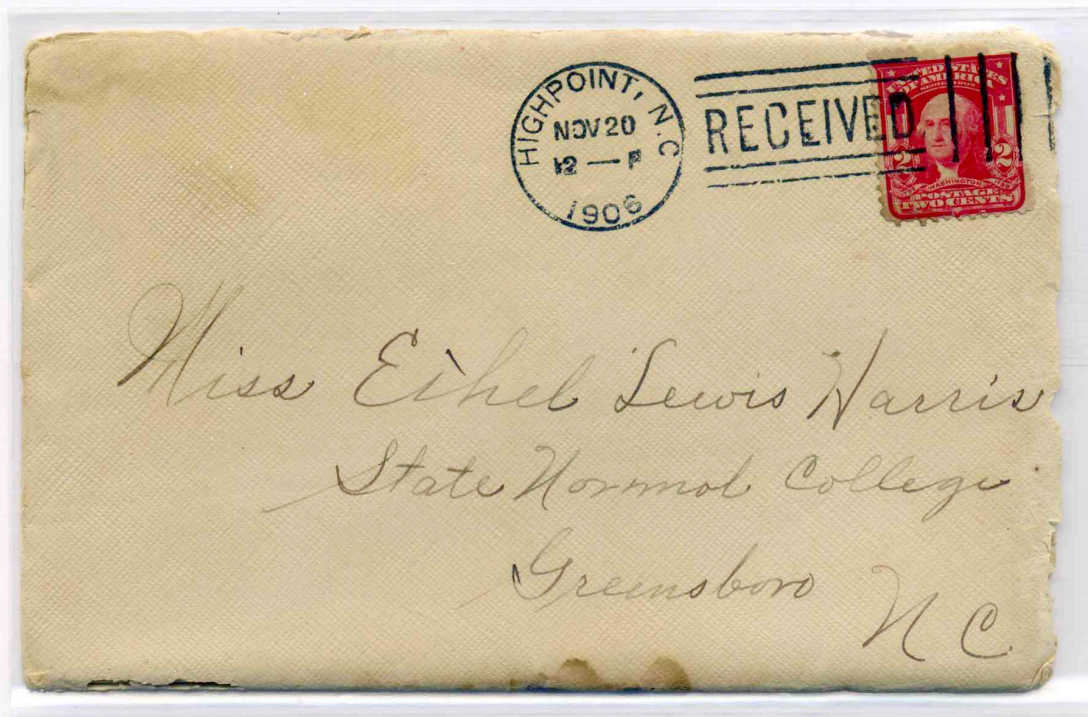


**Greensboro, NC, August 27, 1902**

Type 5 cancel. One of the two known North Carolina receiving markings.



High Point, NC, January 29, 1907  
Type D cancel used from 1903 until 1907.



High Point, NC, November 20, 1906  
Type 10 receiving marking used to cancel outgoing mail.  
This Type 10 receiving marking was used with most Type D cancels.  
The above is the only recorded example of this marking used in the state.