

US City Despatch Post  
Stampless Folded Letter  
1842-1846



This folded letter, dated July 31, 1843 is stamped by the United States City Despatch Post with a red circular 1843 handstamp.

The United States Post Office bought Greig's City Despatch Post and on August 16, 1842 and began operation as the United States City Despatch Post. Alexander M Greig was appointed an official U. S. letter carrier.

Hale & Company  
1842-1845



**September 19, 1844, Hale & Co stampless cover.** A red oval Hale & Co. handstamped cancellation "FORWARDED by HALE & CO. from PHILADELPHIA.", on a folded letter addressed to Dr. C. T. Collins, 472 Willet Street, New York, with large red "PAID" handstamp on the front of the folded letter.



Swarts' City Dispatch Post  
New York, N.Y.  
1847-1857



Swarts' stampless cover with a red oval hand stamp from "SWARTS' B POST OFFICE N.Y. CHATHAM SQUARE" and a red circular handstamp "NEW YORK 25 JAN 5cts." on a folded business letter, dated May 25, 1848.

This post was established on January 15, 1847 by Aron Swarts, who had been employed at the U.S. Post Office at 6 Chatham Square. The U.S. branch closed and Swarts opened the next day in the same building. He called his service a "Branch Post Office". In early 1849, Swarts acquired the Bouton's City Dispatch Post. In about March of 1856 Swarts sold this business to Benjamin Lockwood.

The postmarks of Swarts' Post Office are often found on stampless covers, as this post carried large quantities of mail without using adhesive stamps.

Adams & Co., San Francisco  
Local Handstamped Cover 1853



U.S. 1853 local handstamped cover with a bluish green Adams Company Express, San Francisco circular hand stamp cancel, 'SAN FRANCISCO ADAMS & CO., SAN FRANCISCO/JUN 28" Folded letter cover dated 1853.

Adams & Co. was started in September, 1849, operating only on the pacific coast, until 1854.