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WELLS, FARGO & CO. EXPRESS "TOWN" CANCELLATIONS ON CIVIL WAR REVENUE STAMPS

H. P. Shellabear, ARA #8

For some time it has been my hope that one of our revenue collectors would list the Express companies' cancellations on the Civil War revenue stamps. Perhaps such a listing has appeared in the past, though I have not been able to find any reference to such an article. So, to stir up interest in a small part of this field, I have listed the "town" cancellations of the Wells, Fargo & Co. express cancellations, as found in my collection. There must be many more in other collections, which can be added later.

(Unless otherwise stated, the lettering is commercial Gothic, and the dating modern Roman.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Columbia

1. Blue cancel, single ellipse 38x27mm

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

FEB 21

COLUMBIA

2c Bank check orange

Oroville

1. Blue cancel, single ellipse 38x27mm

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

OCT 26

OROVILLE

2c Bank check blue imperforate

2c Bank check blue with an 8c
California State Tax stamp
(on piece of document)

Sacramento

1. Blue cancel, double ellipse 37x28 & 25x16mm.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

FEB 16

SAC. CITY.

2c Bank check orange

2. Blue cancel, double circle 38x21mm.

.WELLS, FARGO & CO.

DEC 15

SACRAMENTO

2c Bank check orange

3. Black cancel, double circle 22x13.5 mm.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

MAY

20

1865

SACRAMENTO.

2c Bank check orange

San Francisco

1. Black cancel, double circle 21x13.5 mm.

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WELLS, FARGO & CO.

JAN

3

1865

S. F.

2c Bank check blue

2c Bank check orange

2. Black cancel, double circle 22x13.5 mm.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

JUN

5

1866

SAN FRANCISCO

2c Bank check orange

Sonora

1. Blue cancel, single ellipse 38x27mm

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

DEC 15

SONORA

2c Bank check orange

50c Passage ticket

Stockton

1. Black cancel, double circle 22x14mm

WELLS, FARGO & CO. (Roman type)

JUN

27

1865

STOCKTON

2c Bank check orange

Yreka

1. Manuscript cancel 4 lines vertically.

Wells, Fargo & Co.

Yreka

January

4. 66

2c Bank check orange

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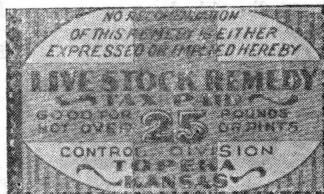
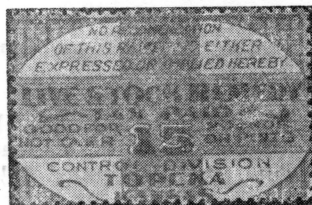
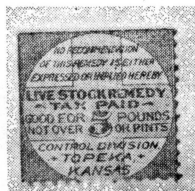
LR2	10 lbs. slate	.25	LR11	5 lbs. carmine	.50
	a.	1.00		a. vertical pair imperforate	RRR
	b.	1.00		between	RRR
	c. no lines in "R" of "OR"	RRR		b. red	RRR
	at bottom	RRR	LR12	15 lbs. yellow orange	1.00
LR3	15 lbs. brownish yellow	.50			
	a.	1.00			
	b.	1.00	1920?	"FEED CONTROL OFFICE"--	
	c. yellow, roul. 4, "O"	RRR		three lines of small type across	
	not corrected	RRR		top of large circle and white	
LR4	20 lbs. brown	.25		shaded "5" in bottom center of	
	a.	2.00		cross. Reads: "FEED CONTROL	
	b.	2.00		OFFICE/MANHATTAN,/KAN-	
LR5	25 lbs. green	.25		SAS" below cross, etc. Perfor-	
	a.	2.00		ated 12½.	
	b.	2.00	LR13	5 lbs. carmine	Unique?
	c. rouletted 4, mark like "T"	RRR			
	between "LIVE" and	RRR			
	"STOCK"	RRR			
LR6	30 lbs. dim purple	.25			
	a.	1.00			
	b.	1.00			

1913. SAME BUT PERFORATED 12.
(Also "O" of "STOCK" not
corrected.)

LR7	5 lbs. red (shades)	.75
LR8	15 lbs. yellow orange	5.00
LR9	20 lbs. brown	RRRR
LR10	25 lbs. blue green	5.00

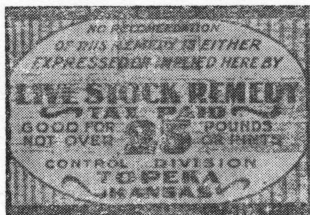
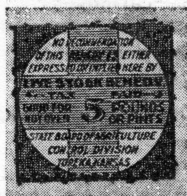


1915? RE-ENGRAVED. 5 LBS.—thin-
ner letters and horizontal lines
in cross. 15 LBS.—smaller let-
ters, read "STOCK" and line in
front of Kansas has been elim-
inated. Perf. 12.



1925. "CONTROL DIVISION" ABOVE
"TOPEKA/KANSAS" (In bot-
tom two lines.) Perforated 12½.

LR14	5 lbs. carmine	.50
	a. red	R
LR15	15 lbs. lemon yellow	RRR
LR16	25 lbs. green	RRR?



19287 SIMILAR BUT "HERE BY" IN TWO WORDS—on 5 and 25 lbs. (5 lbs. and 10 lbs. have "TOPEKA, KANSAS" in one line, etc. and 25 lbs. has lined shading around "25" instead of white, etc.) Perforated 12½.

LR17 5 lbs. scarlet RR?
LR18 10 lbs. black RR?
LR19 25 lbs. green RRR?

19327 PHOTO-OFFSET COPIES OF LAST SET. Rouletted 6½. (Some show photo of perforations also.)

LR19 5 lbs. carmine .05
a. carmine red .25
LR20 10 lbs. black .25
LR21 25 lbs. green .50
a. worn plate, many broken and missing lines. 1.00

FEED
(Inspection)
Discontinued 19547



(21x21mm.)



(25 lbs. 42x27mm.)

1913. "EXPERIMENT STATION" Reads MANHATTAN, KANSAS or KANS. Rouletted 4¼. 2½ and 5 handstamped.

F1 2½ lbs. viol. on 10 lbs. blue RRR
F2 5 lbs. violet on 10 lbs. blue RR
F3 10 lbs. blue 5.00
F4 25 lbs. black 3.00

1913. SAME BUT PERFORATED 12. F5 10 lbs. blue (no period after "KANS") 1.50

F6 10 lbs. blue, diagonal lines in corners .25

a. 10 lbs. indigo blue, left border is quite clear of large circle, wide border between stamps (2mm instead of 1½mm), etc. RRR

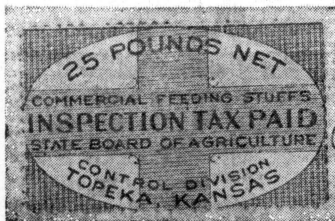
F7 25 lbs. grey to black 2.00
a. slate blue RRR?

19—? NO WHITE SHADING AROUND ORNAMENTS BELOW "FOR", etc.

F8 25 lbs. deep violet blue .25



(8½ and 10 lbs., 21x21mm.)



(All others, 42x27 mm.)

1925 "CONTROL DIVISION/TOPEKA, KANSAS" in bottom lines, etc. Perforated 12½.

F9	8 1/3 lbs. carmine (shades)	.05
	a. red	—
	b. old rose	—
F10	10 lbs. light blue (double border)	.05
F11	25 lbs. black (no triangles in cross)	.50
	a. bluish black	—



1928? TRIANGLES ADDED IN CROSS. Perforated 12½.

F12	25 lbs. black	Unique?
F15	100 lbs. carmine, free form triangles and large "00" in "100" (shades)	2.50
F16	100 lbs. rose red (shades)	.25
	a. horizontal lines largely missing	RR?
	b. lined background filled in with lighter shade of same color	RR?

1938? PHOTO-OFFSET COPIES OF LAST DESIGN FOR EACH VALUE. Two values added. Rouletted 6¾.

F17	25 lbs. black	.10
F18	50 lbs. green	.50
F19	80 lbs. dark blue	1.00
F20	100 lbs. carmine (shades)	.10
	a. orange red	.25

FERTILIZER

(Inspection)

(Discontinued 1956?)



(5 lbs. only, 21x21mm.)

(All others, 42x27mm.)

1925. NO TRIANGLES ON CROSS. Perforated 12. Read "TOPEKA, KANSAS"

FE1	5 lbs. light green (shades)	—
FE2	25 lbs. light brown	.75
FE3	100 lbs. blue	RR



1937? RE-ENGRAVED. 5 LB.—ball at tail of "5". OTHER VALUES—triangles added in cross. (5 lb. stamp also has second "F" which runs off of cross, "HERE BY" is in two words, and outline of cross touches large circle. Also wide line between stamps.) Perforated 12.

FE4	5 lbs. dark green	RRRR
	a. green	—
FE5	25 lbs. brown (shades)	.25
	a. yellowish brown	—
FE6	100 lbs. light blue	RRR?

1941. PHOTO-OFFSET COPY OF LAST SET. Rouletted 6¾.

FE7	5 lbs. green	.05
FE8	25 lbs. brown	?
FE9	100 lbs. blue (halftone print)	1.00

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NEVADA (Territory & State)

Carson

1. Black cancel, double circle 22x14mm

WELLS, FARGO & C^o

NOV

21

1865

CARSON

2c Bank check orange

2c Bank check orange with a Nevada State Tax stamp (on a piece of document)

5c Express

Gold Hill

1. Black cancel, single ellipse 38x27mm

WELLS, FARGO & C^o

JUN 27

GOLD HILL, N. T.

2c Bank check orange

2c Bank check orange with a 2c Nevada State Tax stamp on piece of a draft.

(NEVADA TERRITORY admitted to STATEHOOD Oct. 31, 1864.)

2. Black cancel, double circle 22x13.5 mm.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

JUL

15

1865

GOLD HILL, NEV.

2c Bank check orange

Hamilton

1. Blue cancel, double ellipse 31x23 & 22x14mm.

WELLS, FARGO & C^o

JUN

2

1865

HAMILTON

only on a 5c Nevada State Tax stamp to date.

Virginia City

1. Black cancel, double circle 22x13.5 mm.

WELLS, FARGO & C^o

JAN

23

1866

VIRGINIA CITY.

2c Bank check orange

5c Certificate part perforate

Unidentified

1. Black cancel, double circle 38x35mm

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EXPRESS

??? (only part of 1 letter on stamp)

5c Express imperforate

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- 966 Barr, Robert C.
967 Baldwin, Harold T.

Applications Received

Dunham, J. H., Jr., Eureka Specialty Printing Co., 530 Electric Street, Scranton 9, Penn., by J. A. Norton. Mr. Dunham's firm specializes in the printing of all types of stamps.

James, Elmo A., 507 South 8th St., Fort Pierce, Fla. 33451, by J. S. Bobo. U.S.I.R., used only.

Magee, John W., 1364 New York Ave., Apt. 2B, Brooklyn 3, N. Y., by J. A. Norton. U. S., State and Foreign revenues — non-Scott listed material.

Ward, Mrs. Diane K., 33 Prince Royal Passage, Corte Madera, Calif., by J. A. Norton. Russian revenues, Imperial & Soviet—Russian Republics.

Rook, William G., Sr., 411 W. Maple St., Wildwood, N. J. 08260, by Honer E. Webb. U.S.I.R., specializing in 1862-1872 types—U.S. revenues on document.

Parkinson, Marvin E., P. O. Box 128, San Bernardino, Calif., by Abe Hochman. California State and German revenues only.

Markovits, Robert L., Box 431, Middletown, N. Y. 10941, by Fred E. Starr. Plate numbers on U.S.I.R. especially R153-5 and 159-60.

Cox, Mrs. Betty Jane, 126 Concord St., El Segundo, Calif., by Arthur J. Mongan. U. S. Beer Stamps—Mexican revenues.

Westvedt, G. A., Hawley, Minn., by George W. Linn. Latin American revenues, especially Peru and Mexico.

Dropped for non-payment of dues

- 734 Allen, Milton E.
897 Blais, Elie N.
505 Bonser, Raymond K.
390 Buckholz, Mrs. Martha V.
263 Cole, A. C.
794 Crevatin, Ermanno
868 Damm, Arthur A.

- 708 Draeseke, Carl
465 Franklin, Ransom R.
584 Giokaris, D. James
576 Graham, Victor E.
750 Haglund, George W.
935 Jacobs, Edward J.
930 Janson, Esbjorn
903 Jotautas, Anthony, Jr.
503 Kauffman, Lisle E.
867 Klimpke, Edmund W.
729 Kruger, Hilliard
869 Kuhlmann, Henry (Ill.)
784 Lloyd, Arthur E., III
441 Long, Elmer R.
923 Martorell, Frederick R.
686 Mettee, Bradley T. J., Jr.
819 Meyers, Dr. Hubert C.
780 Olander, Dr. Harald K.
411 Poore, Rev. Elwood S.
339 Reed, Charles A.
946 St. Laurent, John C.
599 Siegel, Robert A.
809 Simpson, Robert C.
933 Snyder, James H.
658 Solow, Robert
488 Stecker, Charles B.
833 Stewart, John D.
75 Swift, Herbert A.
826 Torres, Joag
398 Vanderbilt, Clifford M.
926 Van Horn, Joseph O.
775 Wilson, George W.
719 Wilson, Shade
934 Wyne, Philip W.

Membership Summary

Previous membership total	372
New members	2
Dropped for non-payment of dues	41
Current membership total	333

SWISS MUNICIPAL REVENUE CATALOGUE

The library of the ARA has recently received through the courtesy of Mr. Carlo Buttafava, ARA #438, a copy of the Catalogue de Timbres Municipaux Suisses as compiled by Mr. G. Schaufelberger. Mr. Schaufelberger died before he completed this work and it is the intention of Mr. Buttafava to complete it with the notes he has inherited from the late Mr. Schaufelberger and his own collection of these issues.

This catalogue will be item #171 in the ARA library

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

It has been suggested that it might be of interest to many of our members if short biographies of the membership were run from time to time, giving the collecting field and interest of the various members so all could become better acquainted.

If there is such an interest and some of the biographical notes are submitted, we will be glad to initiate such a column in a future issue.

Your attention is also directed to the note about the projected new column which one of our members has offered to assist with. The cooperation of the membership would be appreciated, I am sure, by Mr. Nicholson.

The editor will again spend about two months from about the 20th of June to the middle of August in Worcester, Massachusetts. It is hoped that this will be the last summer for full time attendance there. When details are complete, information concerning the temporary address there and other details will be mentioned here.

NEW COLUMN

It is proposed to inaugurate a new column in *The American Revenuer*. Mr. Drew A. Nicholson, ARA #762, has offered his services and will handle it. Its purpose will be to serve as a means of identification for items that are unfamiliar and not catalogued. Any member having items which he wishes to submit for this column

should send them directly to Mr. Nicholson at Sheffield Apts., Pawling, New York, 12564.

REVENUE STAMPS USED AS POSTAGE DUE

Howard B. Beaumont, ARA #247

Stanley Merkel has shown me two copies of the P. O. Department Form 3582a, Postage Due Bill, on each of which revenue stamps have been used as postage dues.

Both bills were issued in November 1963 by the Truxton Circle Station of the Washington, D. C., post-office.

One bill, for eighteen cents, carries a 3c (R656) and a 5c (R653) of the 1954 issue together with a single of R733, the 10c commemorative revenue. The second bill is for seventy-eight cents and carries the same stamps, a single 3c and 5c plus an irregular block of seven of the 10c commemorative. All stamps are cancelled and tied to the bills by double ovals.

DR. LIONEL HARTLEY RECOVERING FROM HIP INJURY

Dr. Hartley was transferred to the Highwood Convalescent Home in Norwalk, Conn., February 27th, to recuperate. He plans to be home the day after Easter and is coming along fine and recovering rapidly. No doubt he would be glad to hear from any of his friends.

—John S. Bobo

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