

U.S. Private Perforations

Attleboro Stamp Company (circa 1909-1910)

The Attleboro Stamp Company was based in Attleboro, Massachusetts and owned by F. Percy Collingwood. In July of 1909 the company built a stamp affixing machine that moistened the envelope instead of the stamp. This was different from other affixing machines.

The Company had made its own machine to perforate and affix stamps in order to mail its Monthly Bargain List and its new philatelic journal, The Attleboro Philatelist.

In August, 1909 they also used their machine for mailing their Monthly Bargain List. In September, 1909 the company used the same machine for mailing the first issue of The Attleboro Philatelist which consisted of 8 pages.

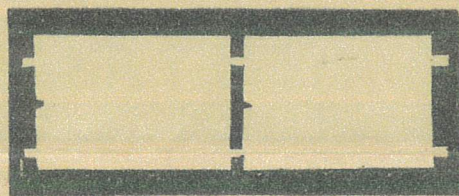
The front and back pages are shown here. There are various ads from stamp dealers in this publication.

The Attleboro Philatelist.

VOL. I

ATTLEBORO, MASS., SEPTEMBER, 1909

NO. 1



New Machine Perforation

The perforation, illustrated above, which has been in use by The Attleboro Stamp Co., during the past month, and in mailing this first number of The Attleboro Philatelist, has created considerable interest among those collecting the varieties of private perforations, therefore an explanation may be received with favor by our readers.

During July the Attleboro Stamp Co. gave orders for a stamp affixing machine that would affix stamps to the envelopes used in sending the Monthly Bargain List, issued by them at that time. It was first used in mailing the August number of the above named List and has been in use by them since that date. It has also been used in mailing this first number of The Attleboro Philatelist.

This machine, unlike some others in affixing the stamp, does not moisten the stamp, but instead, gives the portion of the envelope, on which the stamp is to be placed, a positive wetting, which insures the stamp becoming more surely affixed. This will also be found to have the same effect in affixing the stamps in the usual way by licking the envelope instead of the stamp, and is practised by many in preference, particularly by those who are haunted with the idea that germs exist in the stamps and gum, from handling by the employees of the P. O. Department.

It will be noticed in the illustration that a very small V is shown at one end of each stamp. This is so placed as to hold the stamp when it is being torn from the adjoining stamp, and will always be found at the bottom. Those having stamps used, will find, that in

some instances, the two legs, which form the connection, are nearly, if not entirely, detached, this being caused by the tearing.

In some cases, the perforation will be found to have cut the design, which is almost impossible to overcome, owing to the variation of the spaces between the stamps, caused by an uneven shrinkage of the paper, during the process of gumming.

The stamps are secured from the Department in rolls of 500, attached endwise, imperforate. The rolls are constructed from the ordinary sheets of 400 stamps, the sheets being cut horizontally, or vertically, as the case may be, and attached by moistening the gum of one strip, and joining it to the front or printed side of the next strip. The strips contain 20 stamps each.

Hudson-Fulton Commemorative

A new 2c stamp is to be issued September 20th, to commemorate the Hudson-Fulton celebration to be held in New York Sept 25th to Oct. 9th. The stamp is oblong shape, about 7-8 by 1 3-8 inches in size. The design includes the inscription, "Hudson Fulton Celebration," at the top, with the dates, 1609 and 1909, immediately below on either side. Below this in a curved line, are the words, "U. S. Postage." At the bottom, on each side, is an Arabic numeral 2, with the words, "Two Cents" in a panel between the figures. In the center is engraved a picture showing the palisades of the Hudson in the background, with the Half Moon sailing up the river and the Clermont steaming in the opposite direction. In the foreground is an Indian in a canoe, and in the distance another canoe containing four Indians. The stamp will be printed in the usual color and will be issued in sheets of 60 stamps each. They will not be issued in book form. There will be no issue of envelopes, newspaper wrappers or envelopes to commemorate the event.

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THE ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST.

FREE PRIZES

Over **\$55.00** Cat.

Value of good desirable stamps given as prizes to the ones
securing the largest number of yearly
subscriptions to

"THE ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST"

before December 10, 1909

Subscription Price, 25c. Canada and Foreign 40c
EIGHT PRIZES

1st prize consists of 600 stamps with a cat. value of over \$20.00. Given to the one securing the largest number of subscriptions to THE ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST before Dec. 10, 1909.

2d prize consists of 400 stamps with a cat. value of over \$15.00. Given to the one securing the second largest number of subscriptions to THE ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST before Dec. 10, 1909.

3d prize consists of 200 stamps with a cat. value of over \$7.00. Given to the one securing the third largest number of subscriptions to THE ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST before Dec. 10, 1909.

5 prizes of 100 stamps each with a cat. value of over \$3.00 each, will be given to the five next highest.

Send in YOUR subscription, which will count as 5 if you desire to enter the contest.

Now Get Busy

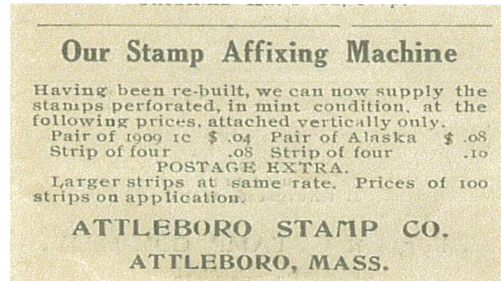
Sample Copies Free

Address —

F. Percy Collingwood
Attleboro, Mass.

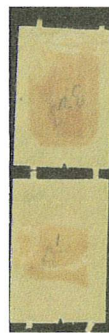
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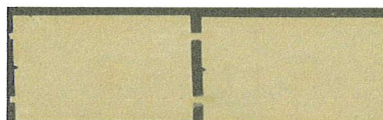
In addition there was an ad by Frank B. Eldredge, a stamp dealer from Attleboro. He is also mentioned in the section for advertising in the publication. Not only is there a cover sent to him, but he had correspondence with George Howard about the Attleboro stamps produced and the Collingwood estate.

In the April 15, 1912 issue of the Philatelic Gazette, Collingwood stated that because of "repeated requests for copies in mint condition I had a change made whereby unused copies in strips might be had perforated".



As seen above, the horizontal perforation on vertical coils are: Oblong slot: 13 mm wide, 1.5 to 1.8 mm high, connecting strips 1.1 to 1.3 mm wide "v" notch appears mostly at the bottom of the stamp.

The "v" notch was used to hold the stamp in place to allow better tearing from the next stamp.



As seen above the vertical perforation on horizontal coils are:
Oblong slot: 13 mm high, 1.5 to 1.8 mm wide, connecting strips 1.1 to 1.3 mm wide
"v" notch appears mostly at the right of the stamp

Almost all examples for both perforations show either a slanting down from left to right on the horizontal perforation and a slanting down toward the left from top to bottom on the vertical perforation.

Collingwood sold The Attleboro Philatelic publication to C.P. De Kay at the end of 1910 and that was merged into The Stamp Journal.

The Attleboro perforation was first produced in 1909 which was the same time period as the other manufacturers of private perforations, such as, Schermack Mailing Machine Co., Brinkerhoff Stamp Machine Co., United States Automatic Vending Co., John V. Farwell Co. and Mail-O-Meter Machine Co.

The other producers were first listed in the Scott catalog beginning in 1935. Scott Stamp Catalog did not list the Attleboro perforation until 1991 even though George Howard was trying to do that in the 1940's.

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Attleboro Stamp Company

Issue of 1908-1909

One of the characteristics that sometimes appears from the Attleboro Stamp Company's stamp production is an angling or slanting on the stamp edge from the perforation cut.

Either the lower left stamp edge across the width of the stamp is slanting downward or upward.

This can usually be seen by the naked eye but sometimes there is very slight slanting.

A second feature of the production is the "v" notched on each stamp, usually on the bottom of a vertical stamp, pair or strip and on the right side of a horizontal stamp, pair or strip.

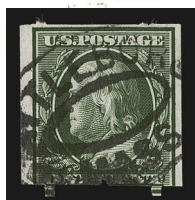
Top Slant Left to Right Up
Bottom Slant Left to Right Down



Top No Slant
Bottom Slant Left to Right Down



No Slants



Attleboro, MA

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Both Slants



Attleboro, MA

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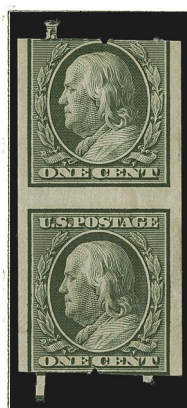
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Attleboro Stamp Company *Issue of 1908-1909*

Slant Left to Right Down



Extra Perforation



Imperforated
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Slant Left to Right Down



Guideline Pair
e



Pasteup Pair

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Attleboro Stamp Company
Issue of 1908-1909

Normal Slant Left to Right Down

Unusal Slant Left to Right Up



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~~Pasteup Strip~~



Pasteup Strip
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Attleboro Stamp Company
Issue of 1908-1909



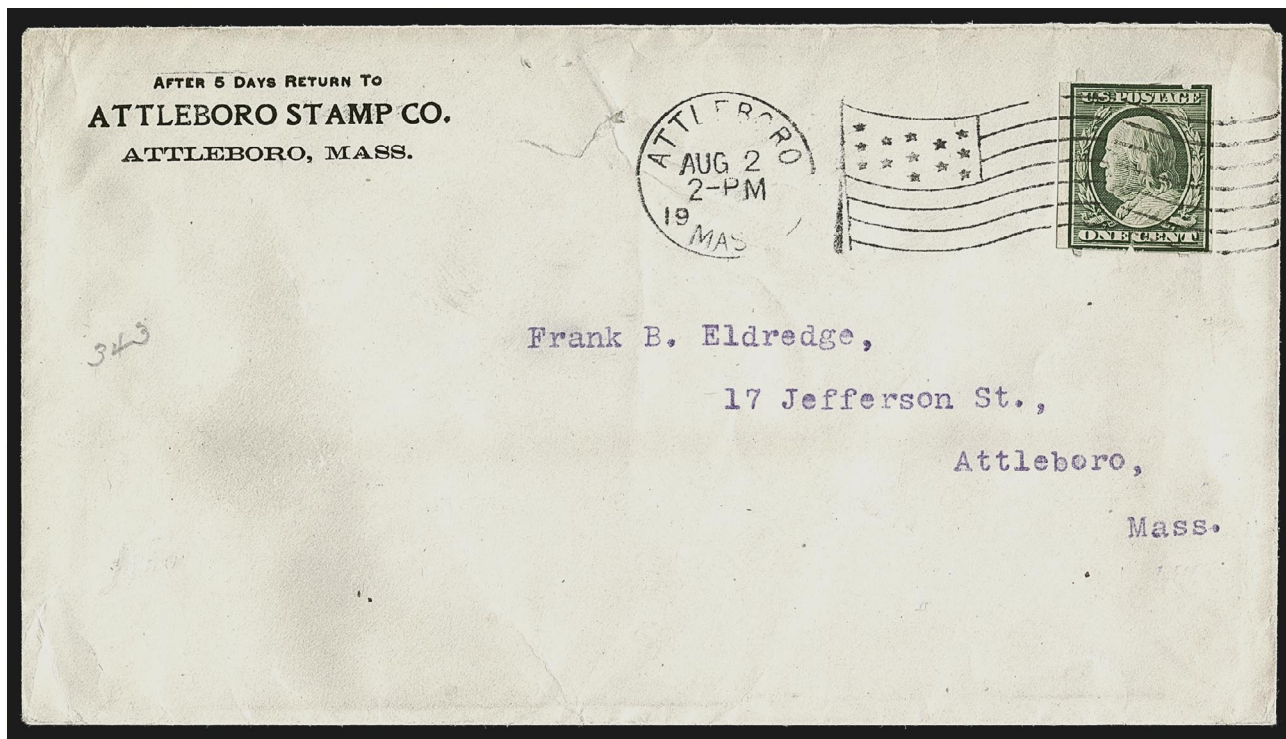
Guideline Strip

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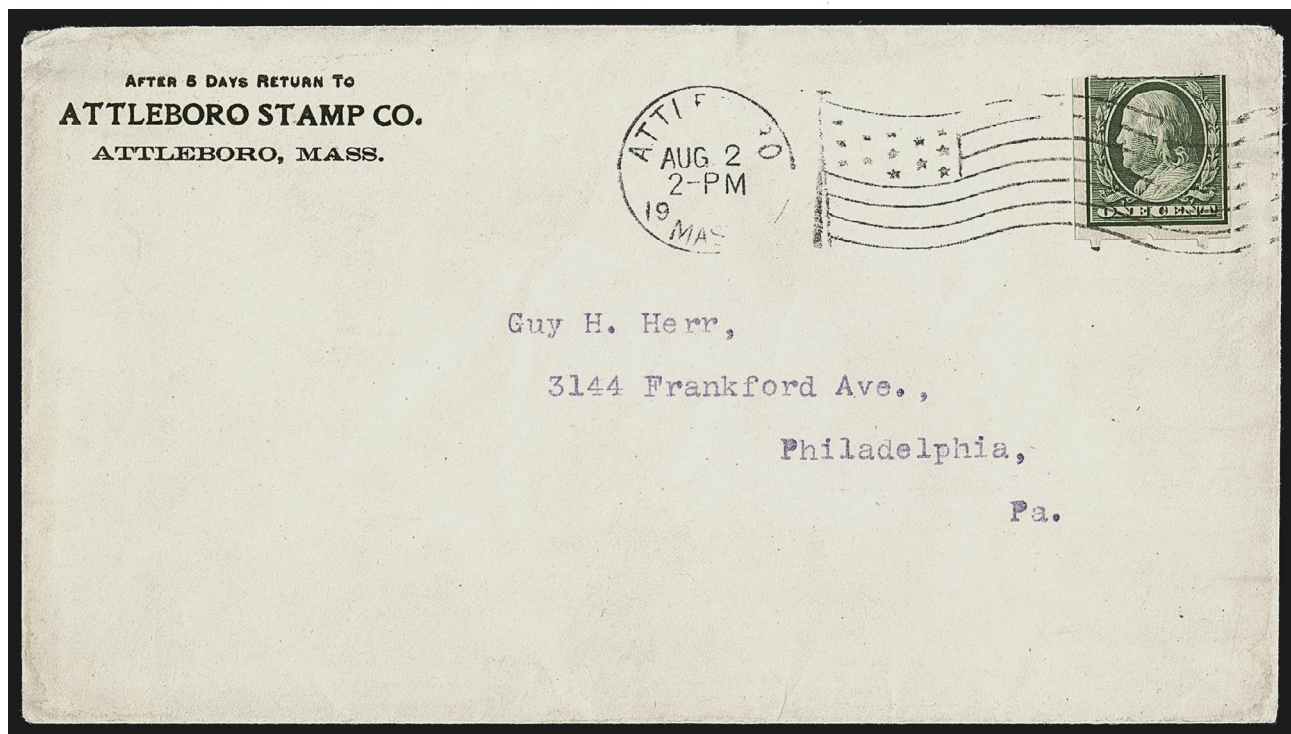
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Issue of 1908-1909

Possible First Day of Usage



Attleboro, MA to Attleboro, MA
August 2, 1909

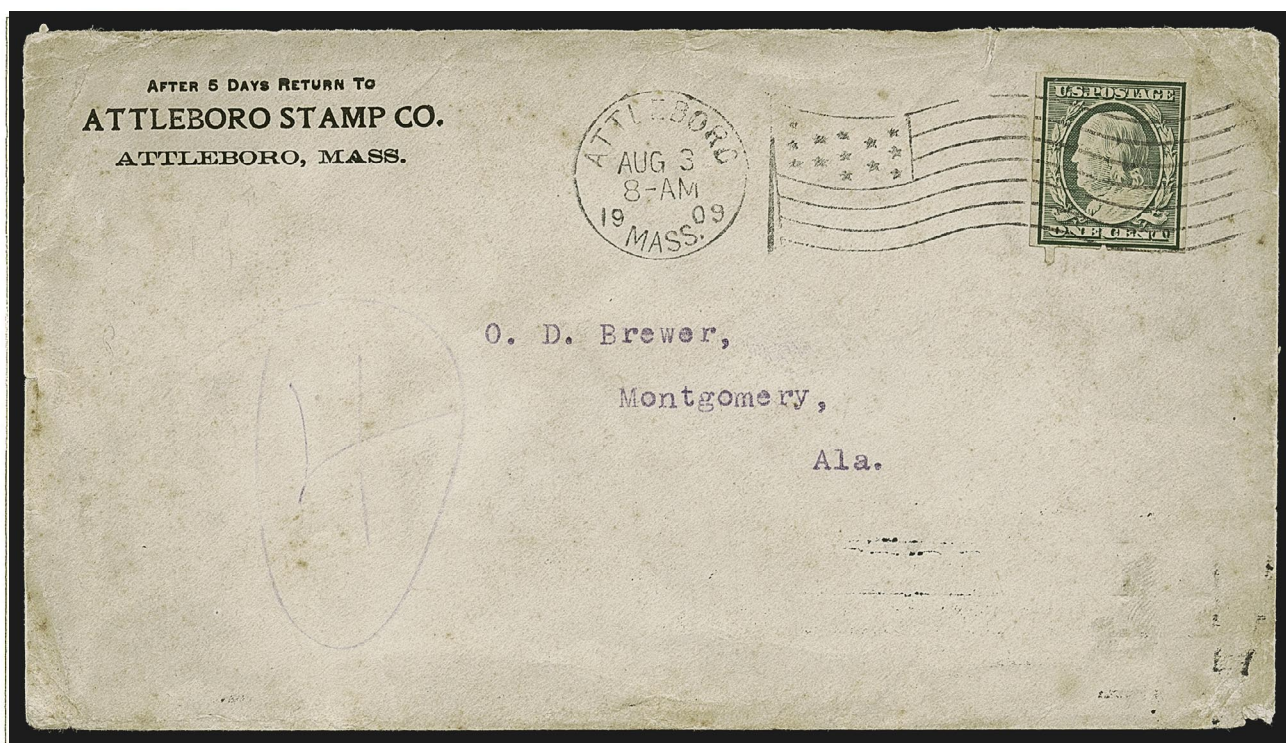


Attleboro, MA to Philadelphia, PA
August 2, 1909

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Issue of 1908-1909



Attleboro, MA to Montgomery, AL
August 3, 1909
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Issue of 1908-1909

Part of Attleboro Mailer



Attleboro, MA
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Wrapper for The Attleboro Philatelist
Attleboro, MA to Winchendon, MA
Backstamp February 19, 1910

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Attleboro Stamp Company
Issue of 1908-1909

Only Known Example



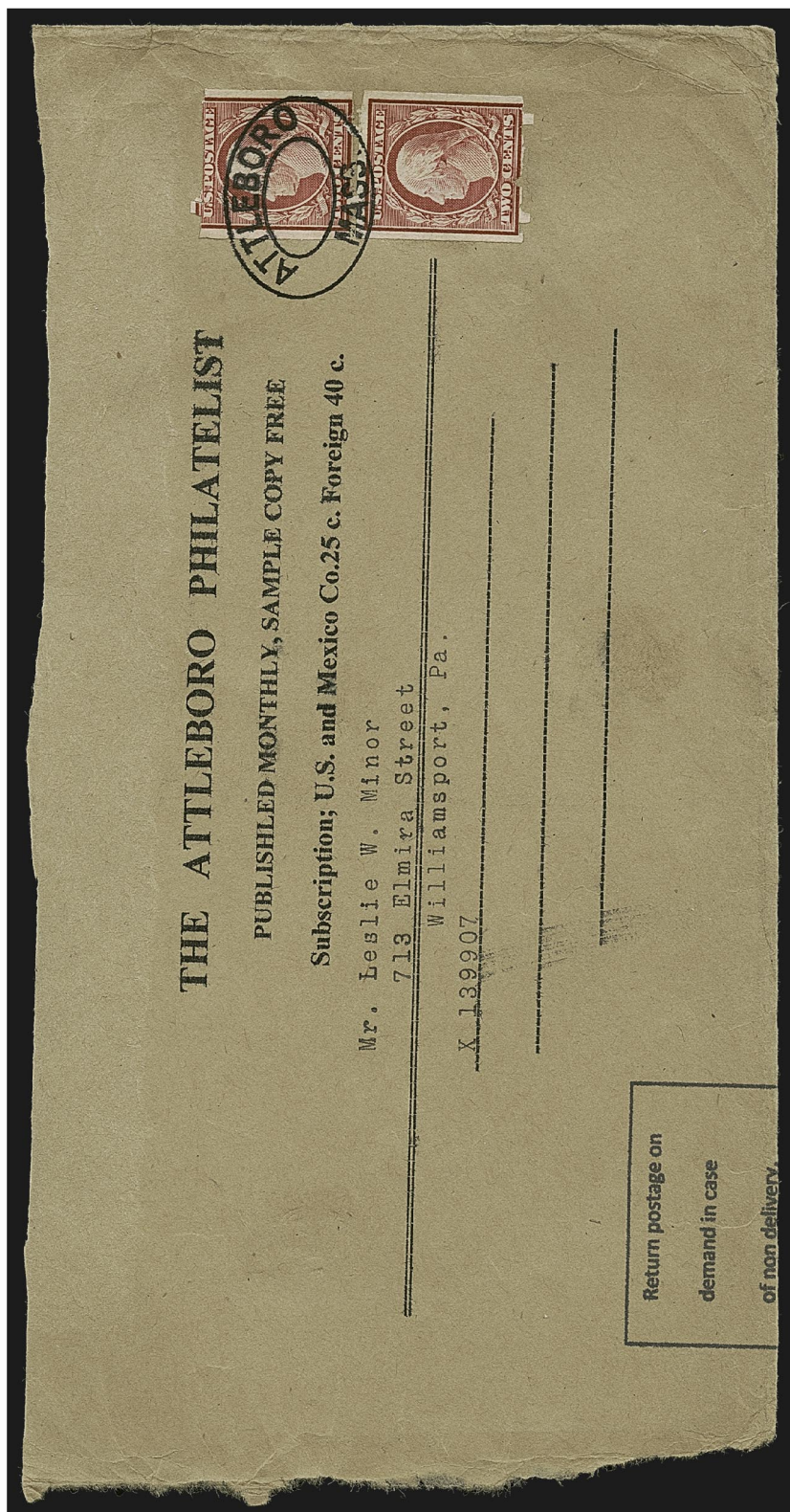
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Attleboro Stamp Company

Issue of 1908-1909

Only Known Example Used



Pair on part wrapper of The Attleboro Philatelist

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Attleboro Stamp Company

Issue of 1909

Normal Slant Top to Bottom Left



Attleboro, MA
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Slant Top to Bottom Left



Guideline Pair
Attleboro, MA
e



e



(ex-Grinin)



Pasteup Pair
e



Guideline Pair
e

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Attleboro Stamp Company

Issue of 1909

Slant Top to Bottom Left



Strip
e

Slant Top to Bottom Left



Guideline Strip
(ex-Grunin)
Noted in Howard, p30

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Attleboro Stamp Company

Issue of 1909



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ex-Belasco



Pasteup Strip

Plate Number 5249 under tab

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Guideline Strip

Combination of issues with private perforations

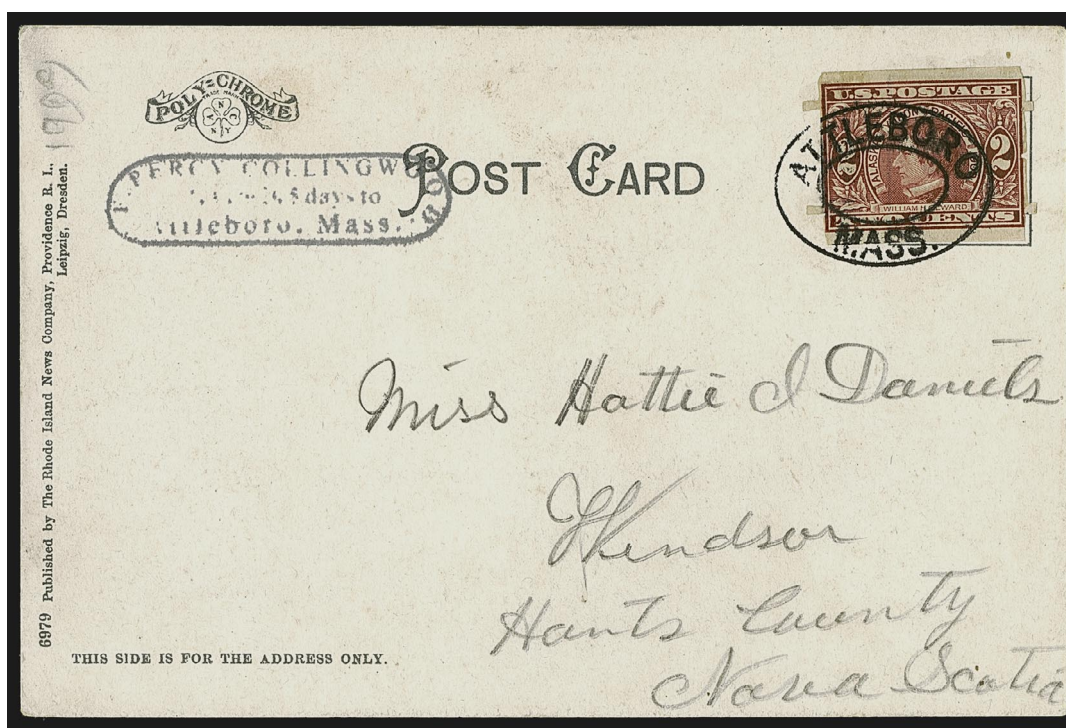


Single and 1¢ issue of 1908-1909 with Attleboro Perforations

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Issue of 1909

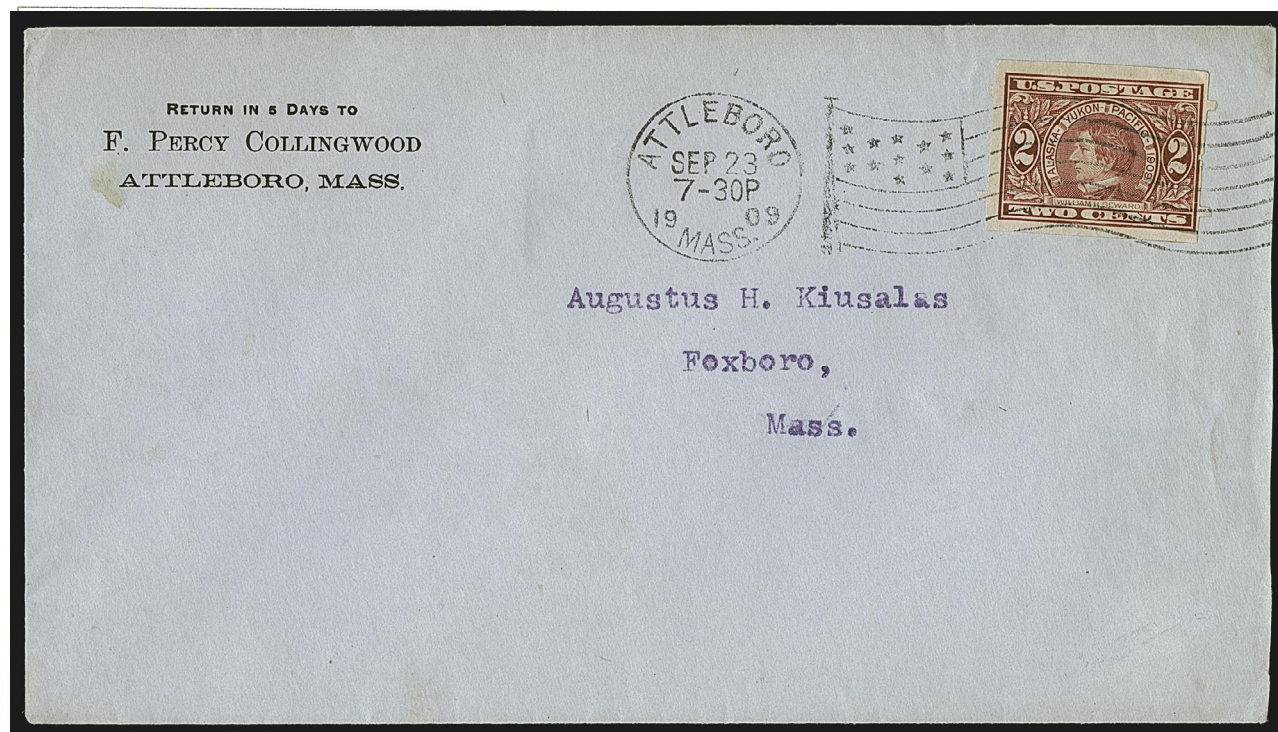


Attleboro, MA to Windsor, Nova Scotia, Canada

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Attleboro Stamp Company

Issue of 1909



Attleboro, MA to Foxboro, MA
September 23, 1909



Single with 1¢ and 2¢ regular issue of 1908-1909 and 13¢ regular issue of 1902-1903
Attleboro, MA to Nylstroom, Transvaal, South Africa
January 24, 1910