

U.S. Special Perforations Kansas City Roulette



Margin Block

William C. Michaels and Wilson D Wood, both stamp collectors from Kansas City, Missouri, heard about the stamps being rouletted and went to the Post Office to try to buy some.

They became so involved that they produced affidavits for people to verify that the stamps were genuine Kansas City roulettes.

This margin block of 6 has a note in the margin that this was one of Michael's items purchased and dated when purchased.

When it was eventually sold it included a note from Gordon Torrey stating that "George Brett told him that this was the first K.C. Roulette that he ever could bring himself to sign off on."

It should be noted that the left margin does not exhibit any perforations.

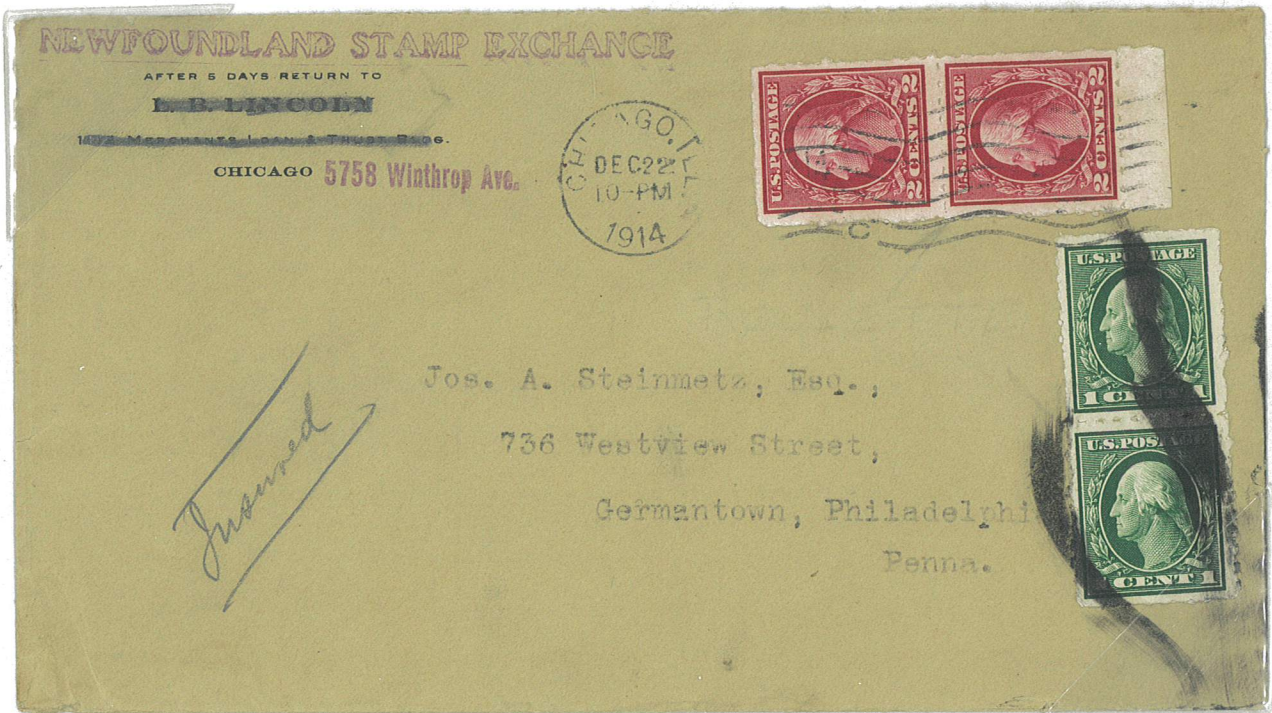
Based on the block's date, 1/5/15, this may have at the end time of the rouletting, which started in earnest in December of 1914.

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Newfoundland Stamp Exchange was one of the few stamp companies to have obtained copies of the roulette stamps.

They sold them through Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News on January 23, 1915.

These were sold with the affidavit that they were purchased in Kansas City.



Pair of the 1¢ and Margin Pair of the 2¢
Stamp Dealer to a Stamp Collector
December 22, 1914
Chicago, IL to Philadelphia, PA

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1¢ Underpaid
Insured Letter Rate was 5¢ for \$25 and Postal Rate of 2¢

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Imperforated Two Vertical Rows



Plate Numbr Block of 9
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**Gummed Side of Block show the initials of Elmer R. Waters and Wilson D. Wood
as noted in the Notary Document**



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Both the 1¢ and the 2¢ Kansas City rouletted stamps came after the surplus imported sheets were process by the Postal Clecks.

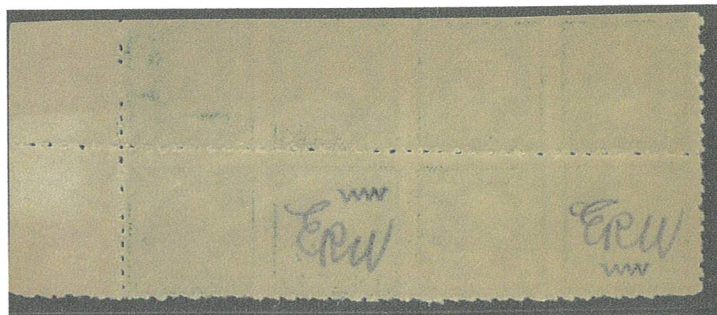
As can be clearly seen on this and the next page that the middle vertical rows were never rouletted.

Imperforated Three Vertical Rows



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Vertical Line Block



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2¢ Letter Rate

Earliest Known Rouletted Mail



Pair

June 13, 1913

Kansas City, MO to Golden, CO

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Margin Single on a 1¢ Entire Issue of 1903

December 7, 1914

Topeka, KS to Philadelphia, PA

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Kansas City Roulette

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

Elmer R. Waters, of lawful age, being duly sworn, on his oath says that on January 8th, 1915, he purchased at the stamp selling windows of the Post Office in Kansas City, Missouri, one pane of One Hundred stamps of the One Cent current issue, now known as "The Kansas City Roulettes". The clerk refused to sell affiant more than one pane, stating that the Postal Authorities had instructed them to sell only one sheet to each customer. Affiant then arranged to have fourteen more sheets purchased by his friends, making total number of fifteen sheets purchased.

Affiant further states that as a guarantee of genuineness and for the purpose of identification, he has affixed his initials "E.R.W." to one stamp of each block of four of Twelve Hundred Ninety-six copies of the stamps purchased in the manner described above, this being done in the presence of Wilson D. Wood.

Elmer R Waters

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of November, 1919.

Mabel Heuerman
Notary Public

My commission expires March 27, 1922.

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

Wilson D. Wood, of lawful age, being duly sworn, on his oath says that above affiant, Elmer R. Waters, in his presence, affixed his initials to the stamps as described above, and to attest said initials the affiant herein has affixed this character (WW) to one stamp of each block of four so initialed.

Wilson D. Wood

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of November, 1919.

Mabel Heuerman
Notary Public

My commission expires March 27, 1922.

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M. O. CANFIELD, of lawful age, being duly sworn, on his oath says that the two blocks of stamps attached hereto were rouletted in the Kansas City Post Office and purchased over the counter from same during the time their sale was authorized by the Post Office Department at Washington.



Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 4th day of August, 1919.

My commission expires
March 27th, 1922.

M. O. Canfield
Nabel Weckmann
Notary Public in and for said
County and State

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Arrow Blocks



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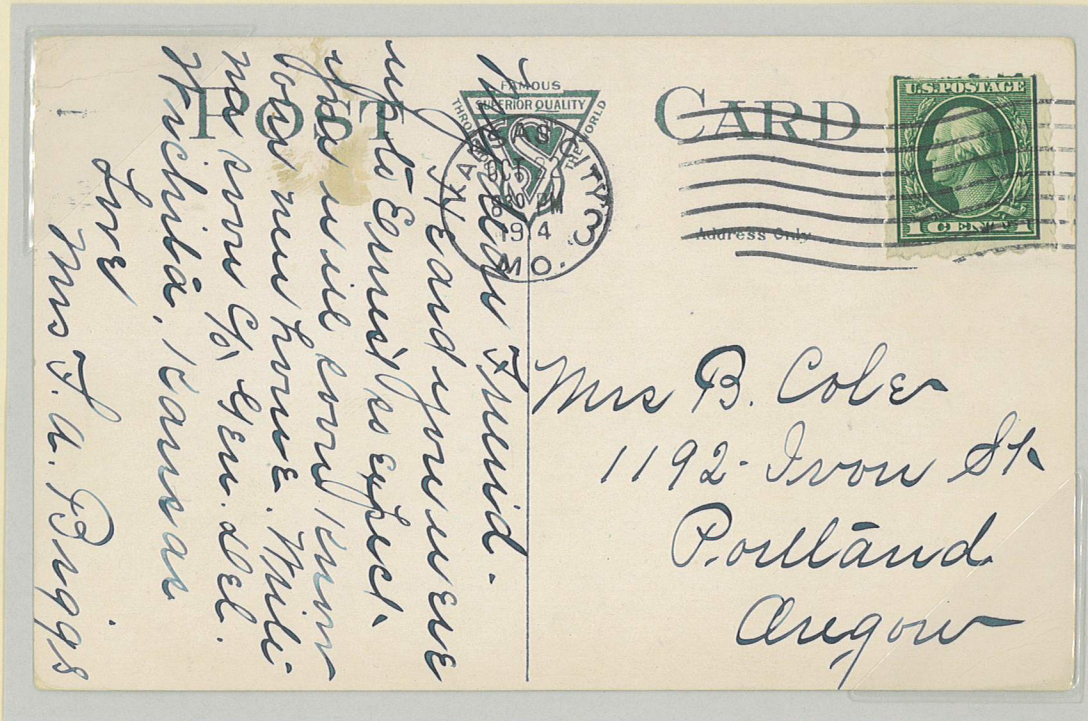
Plate Number Positions



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1¢ Post Card Rate

Earliest Known Usage on Post Card



October 22, 1914

Kansas City, MO to Portland, OR

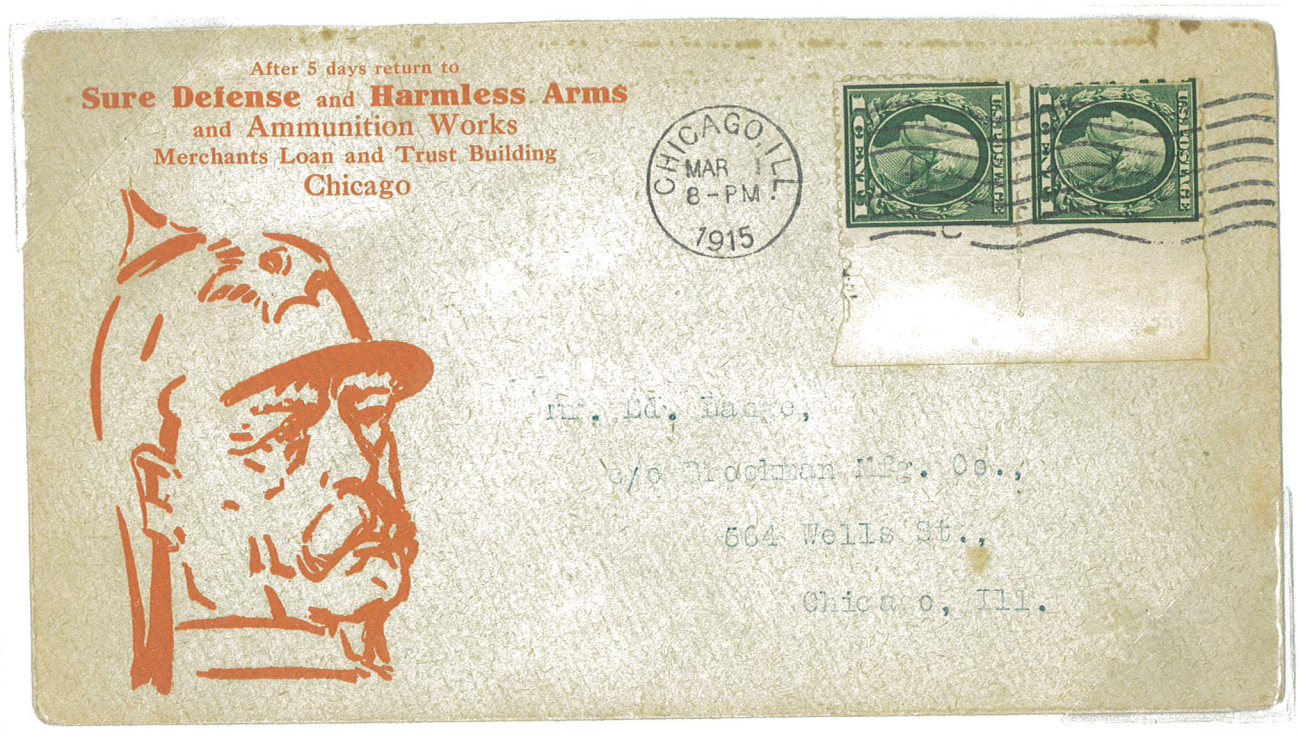


December 7, 1914

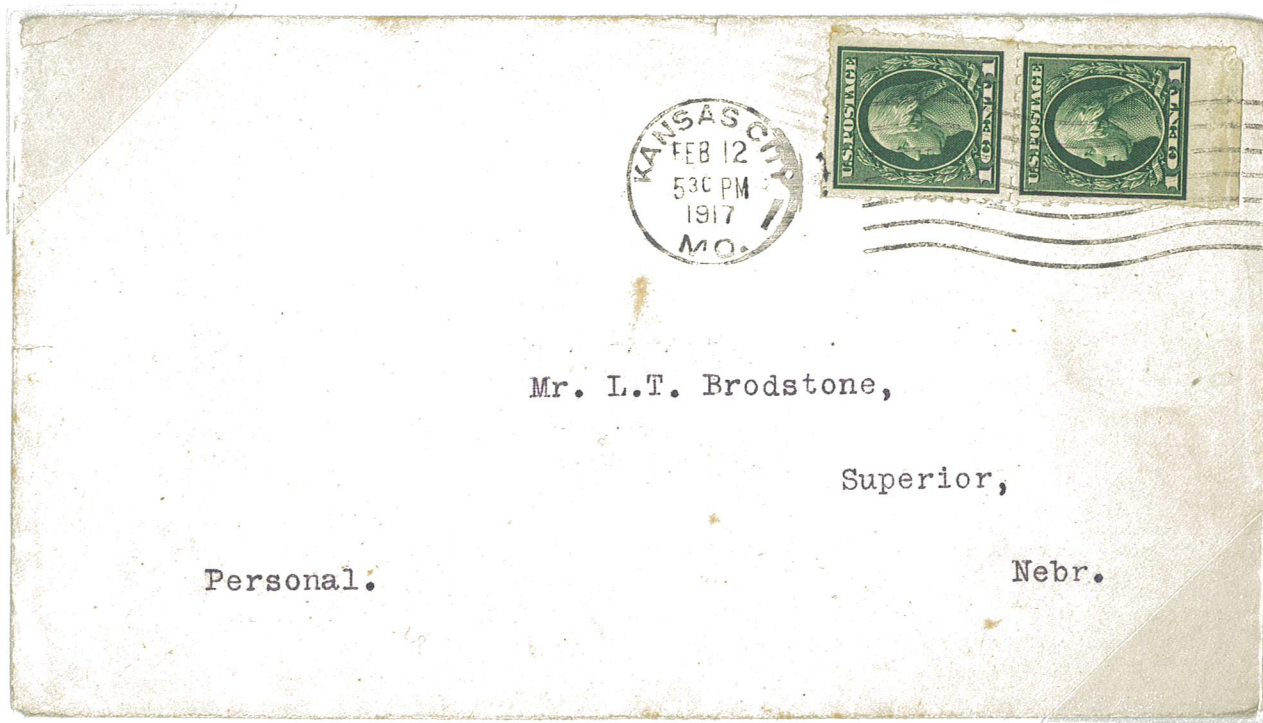
Kansas City, MO to Mount Zion, IL

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Margin Pair
March 1, 1915
Chicago, IL to Chicago, IL



Pair with Margin
February 12, 1917
Kansas City, MO to Superior, NE

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Roulette Variations

Rouletted into the Margins



Rouletted Up To Margins

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Matched Set Of Plate Blocks



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Mr. J.B. Jones,

Kansas City, Mo.



Vertical Line Block of 4
on a 2¢ Entire Issue of 1907-1916
December 10, 1914
Kansas City, MO to Kansas City, MO

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Both Issues Together



1¢ Block of 4 and 2¢ Horizontal Line Block of 4
January 11, 1915
Kansas City, MO to Washington DC

12¢ for 10¢ Registered and Return Receipt Fee and 2¢ for Letter Rate

U.S. Special Perforations Kansas City Roulette

Both Issues Together



1¢ and 2¢ singles with a 10¢ Issue of 1917-1919

May 26, 1919

Topeka, KS to Holyoke, MA

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13¢ for 10¢ Registered Fee and 3¢ War Letter Rate