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Collecting Precancels

Definition: Precancel

A stamp is called a “precancel” when it has printed on it prior to being given to the post office a cancellation that provides the name of the city and state, and usually a black bar above and one below the city and state. Here are examples of precanceled stamps.



To make things confusing, the city and state sometimes are not always printed – sometimes just bars, wavy lines, or some other type of cancelation.

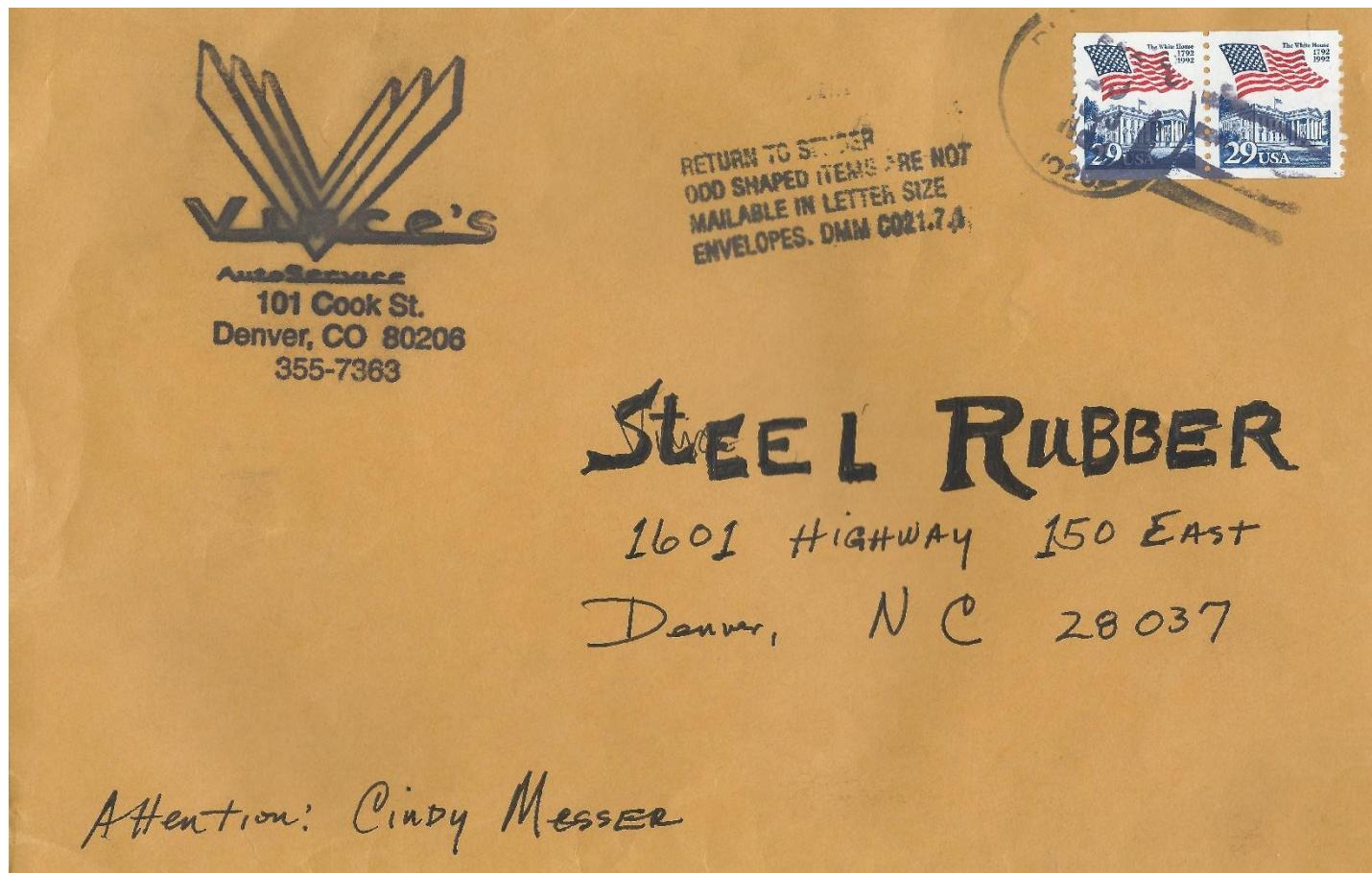
Here is an article submitted by Robert Mis. It first appeared in *Meekel's Weekly*, January 13, 1906. Yep, that's over 110 years ago! The article's title is *Jim Easy – Third Series No. 5* byline W. H. Adams

Dear Bill:-

Did you ever hear of a Hawaiian Missionary stamp? Answer: "No." Well. They're worth all the way from plenty up and bring good prices from the collectors who are able to raise enough dough to pay for them. [Ed note: Scott 2016 Catalogue values these four stamps, used, at \$348,000.00] They have about as much personal beauty as a trading stamp and are even more crude in design, being simply a case of bum type-setting on a plain back-ground. Their production has always seemed an easy way of getting the coin to the stamp counterfeiter and on this account I have always taken the side-track when I ran into them in the past, having a well-founded suspicion that my information on the subject was several degrees too small to enable me to pass judgment on their genuineness. Generally, when a collector gets a chance to buy one, he puts it through the 42nd degree before letting loose of his trusty dollars; in other words he sends it to some professor in the East who has made it a life study of the job of picking out the bad ones and gets him to write his little autograph on the back of the stamp, the consideration being 50¢ to \$2.00 according to the reputation of the professor. If the stamp is doubtful, the professor refuses to write. If the stamp bears a reputable autograph, it is good forever after, regardless of any cruel things that some other professor may say about it. I ought to be kicked

for it, but I now have two beautiful copies of Hawaiian Missionaries which I am unable to get anyone to write on. It happened as follows. A couple days ago an old fellow drifted into my office who had "Sea Dog" written all over him. His clothes were built too loose all over, he walked like a side-wheel steamer in a heavy sea, his face was the color of an Autumn sunset and he wore heavy brass rings in his ears. He told me that he had been a sailor for some sixty-odd years and he looked the part. He fished out a greasy old envelope, from which he extracted the two Hawaiian antiques mentioned above. He said he had secured them in Honolulu at the time of their issue and understood that they were worth at least \$25.00 now. I bit like a hungry catfish. It looked like several hundred dollars easy coin and the haste with which I slipped into a loan shark's office next to mine and got that \$25.00 was something shameful. As soon as the sailor lad was out of sight I closed up the office and started for the office of a millionaire sausage maker who buys every high-priced stamp that comes to town. It took just one glance for him to discover that I had handed myself a good, still jolt. Stamps were both counterfeits and when he pointed out that even the paper was the wrong color I felt like a plugged nickel that had just been refused by a blind man. Am too sore at myself to write more now. JIM.

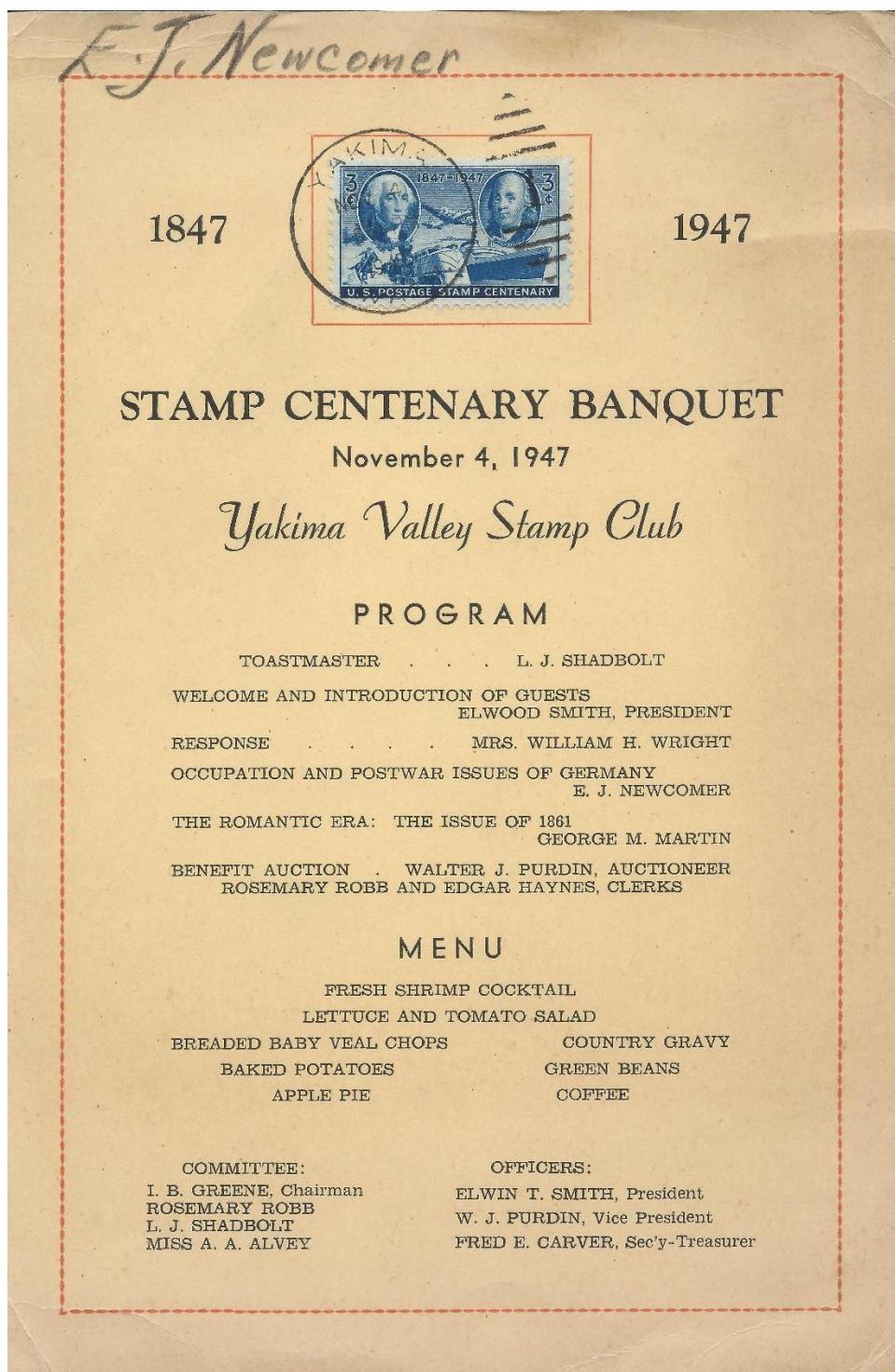
Ever try to mail something that is an unusual size? Here is an example of the Post Office returning to sender something that they could tell was an unusual size, even though it was inside an envelope.



The postmark is hard to read. It is probably around 1992-93. The two coil stamps are Scott Catalogue number 2609 featuring the US flag flying over the White House.

Every once in a while I run across something that has a special meaning to me. I was born on November 4, 1948. This banquet was held exactly one year earlier, in commemoration of the 100th year of postage stamps in the United States. The name E.J. Newcomer is written at the top.

According to APS he never has been a member, but the Chairman of the event, I.B. Greene probably is Mr. Inslee B. Greene of Yakima, Washington who joined the American Philatelic Society 12 years after this banquet. He was APS member, number 038212. Unfortunately, he passed away in 2003.



NY 2016. If you have not yet made plans to go, you should seriously think about it. This will probably be the most interesting stamp show ever. Maybe for all time. Those stamp collecting folks located in the NY area have really outdone themselves to put together a really spectacular show. There will be exhibits from all over the world, societies, countries, and stamp dealers and collectors of every stripe. Plus there will be 5 (five !!) auctions. Plus, it is in New York City. Lots of stuff to do for non-stamp collecting spouses and family members, too. Even if you have been to NYC before, you cannot have seen it all. May 28 to June 4, 2016 – Jacob Javits Center.

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