

MOURNING COVERS

PRE-1850s



The earliest recorded covers date from around 1820 while this showing starts with 1832. After a timid start use of Mourning Covers grew rapidly and by 1850 were established in Western Europe and North America. Peak usage was around 1900, but with World War I and the Great Depression their use tapered off so that today they have become a rarity, except in Western Europe.

This exhibit traces the changes in size, style and character of Mourning Covers from pre-1850s to post-2000s.

1850s



Sent unpaid (not uncommon for foreign mail). 19 cents credit for British packet mail Liverpool to Philadelphia

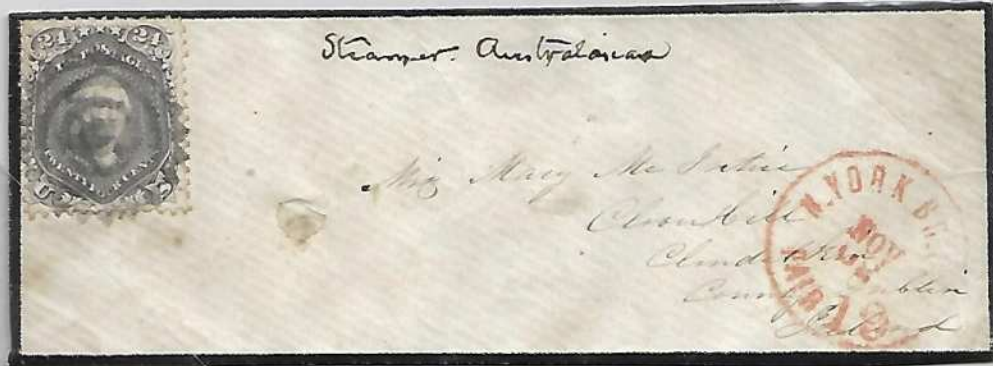
Boston to Washington, DC – 1852. American internal rate of 3 cents.



British internal rate of 2 pence.



1860s



By Steamer "AustralAsiana" to Dublin



Discounted postage of two cents for local delivery



Paid in full (Franco) from German Confederation in 1869

1870s



A Malta ship letter
of 1863 to
Constantinople.
Charged 4 pence
Postage

From Tasmania to
Sandhurst (British Military
College) in England



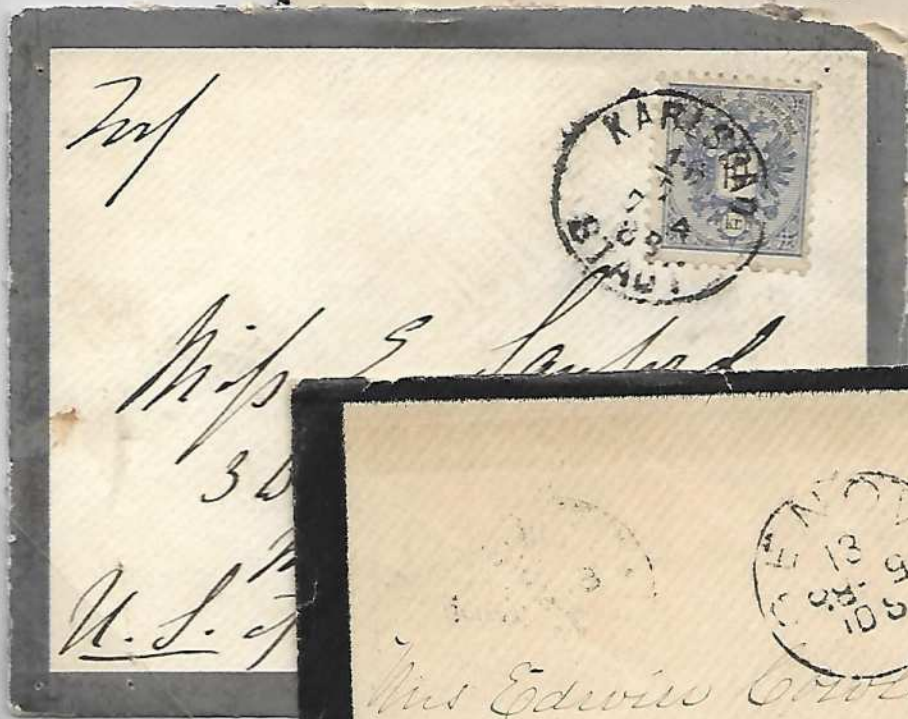
An unusual corner
only Mourning band

1880s

Russia to
Germany 1886



Austria to
America 1884



From Italy
To America 1889



1890s

Domestic
United States
2 cents

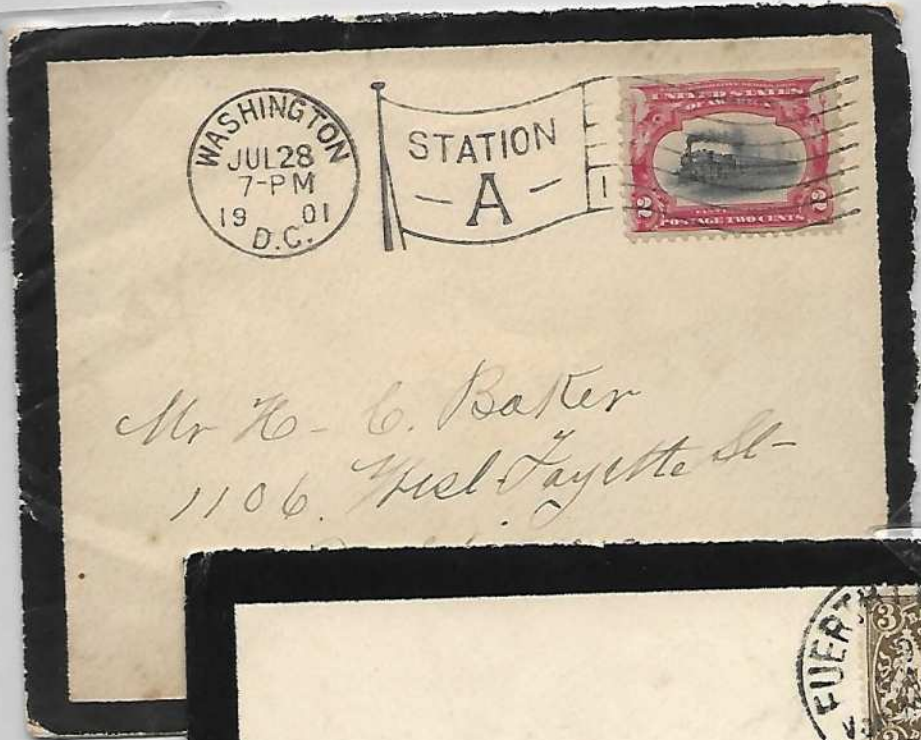


Overseas
South Africa to
England.
2 pence



Foreign
Netherlands to
Great Britain.
At 12-1/2 cents

1900s



American
Commemorative

Mr W. C. Baker
1106 West Fayette St.



Bavarian
Definitive

From Mr. Fran
Berthold Kaufmann



American
Special
Delivery

Miss Emily L. Leutchen
36 West 11th St
City

1910s



From
Switzerland
to France.
Ordinary Postage

*La Comtesse de Bellaigue
108 rue du Bac*



From
Switzerland
to France.
With 1915
Censor tape.

*Messieurs les Directeurs de la
Banque d'Alsace et de Lorraine
Louvain P. G. Basle*

Germany, underpaid
with Swiss
Postage Due



*familie
Führerbuch
Basel
Petersgasse 15.*

1920s

Older
"Germania"
Issue



Familie

A. Heiler, Stationsmeister



Newer
"Notables"
Series stamp



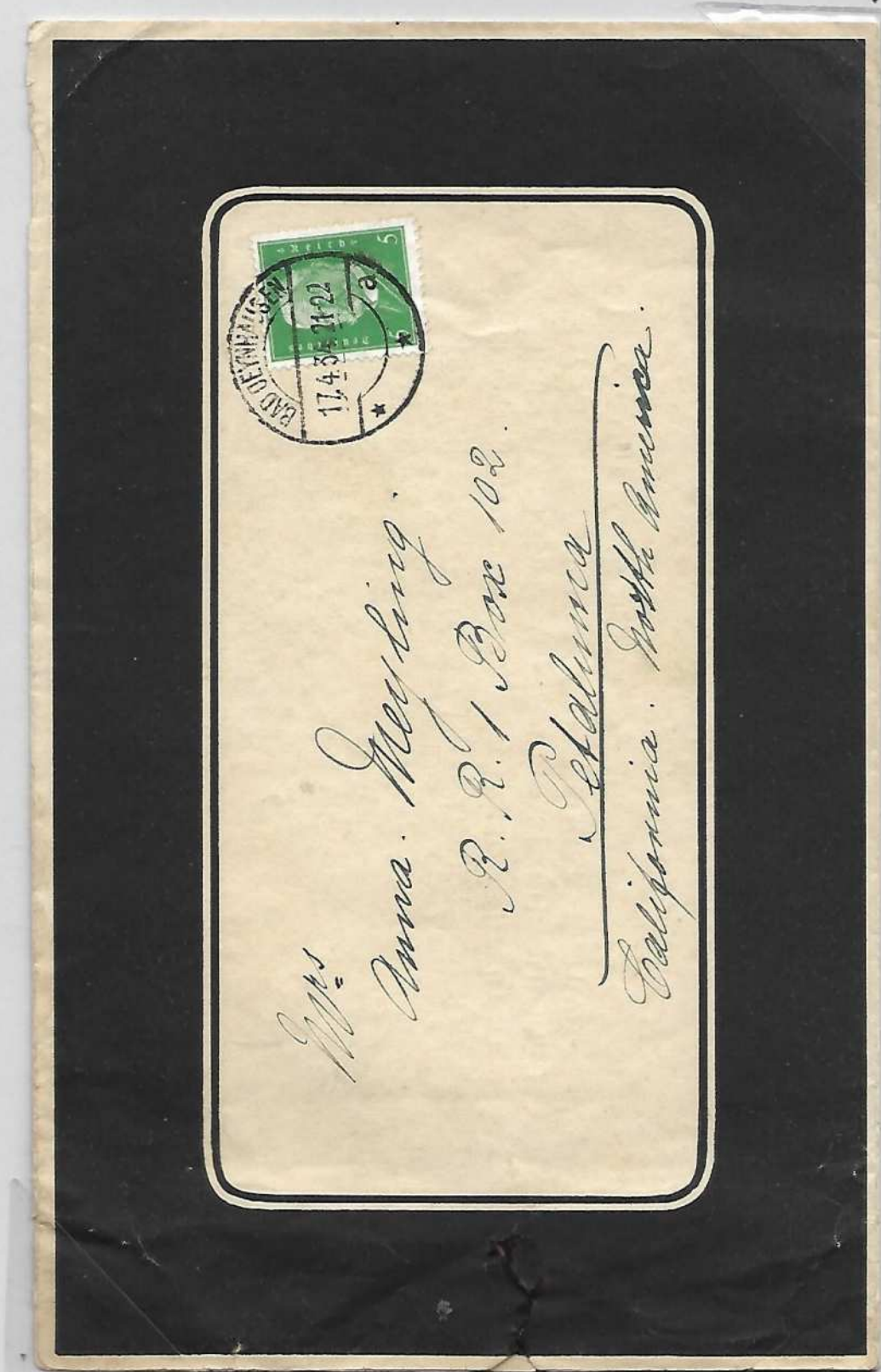
Familie

*Alois Heiler
Stationsmeister*

*Burladingen Hohenzollern
Amt Heddingen*

To the Stationmaster
in the "Hohenzollern"
District

1930s



Unusually large mourning cover with broad border.

1940s



From

Malermeister Lovik u. Frau,

(14) Lignaringer

WWII
Third
Reich



Mr

Victor Carr

107. Xeniastr

English

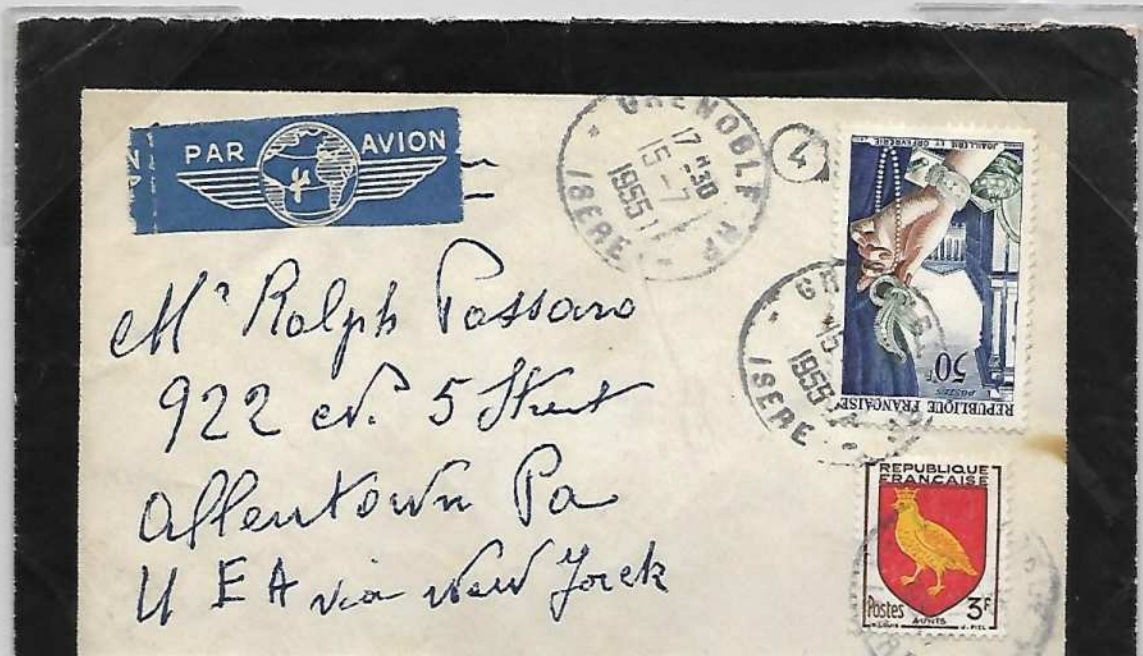
Washington

20. D.C.

U.S.A.

Post
WWII
Allied
Occupation

1950s



1959
France to
Canada
Airmail for
3.5 francs



1954 France to Canada – oversize cover for 6.0 francs

1960s



From France to Germany
Using a commemorative stamp

1970s

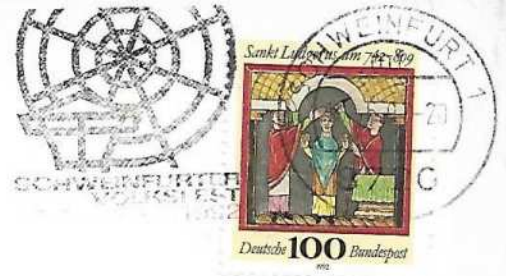
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Herrn und Frau
Günst und Waltraud Lorch
Gosheimes Straße 22
7480 Sigmaringen

Unsealed letter rate
With semi-postal stamp

1980s/1990s



Free
Madelweid Loch
Gehäusstr. 22
7480 Sigmaringen

Traditional black borders



Modern
grey
borders

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