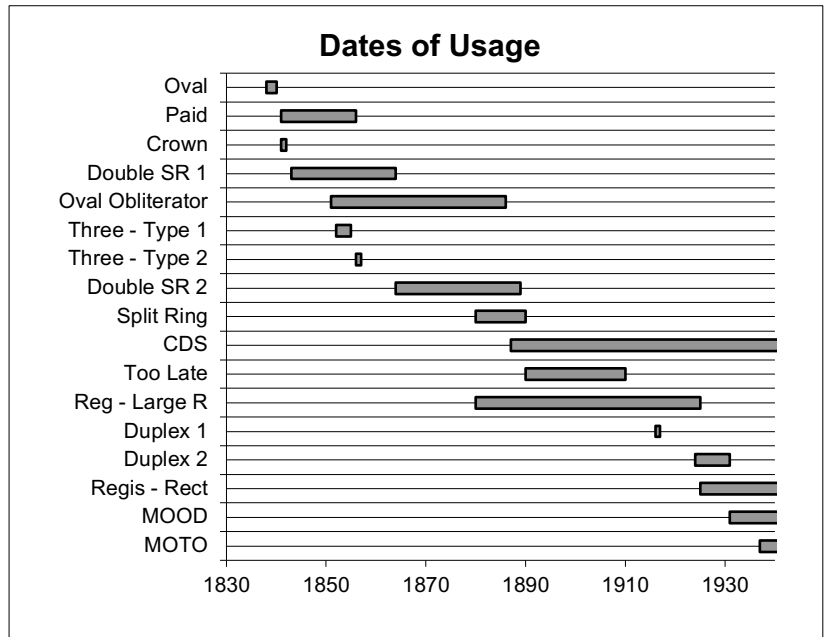


THE POSTAL MARKINGS OF GUYSBOROUGH, N.S. 1838-1937

This exhibit shows the postal markings used in Guysborough from the way office marking introduced in 1837 to the money order transfer office marking in 1937. The markings are arranged by type chronologically. The table below shows how long the postal markings shown in the exhibit were used.

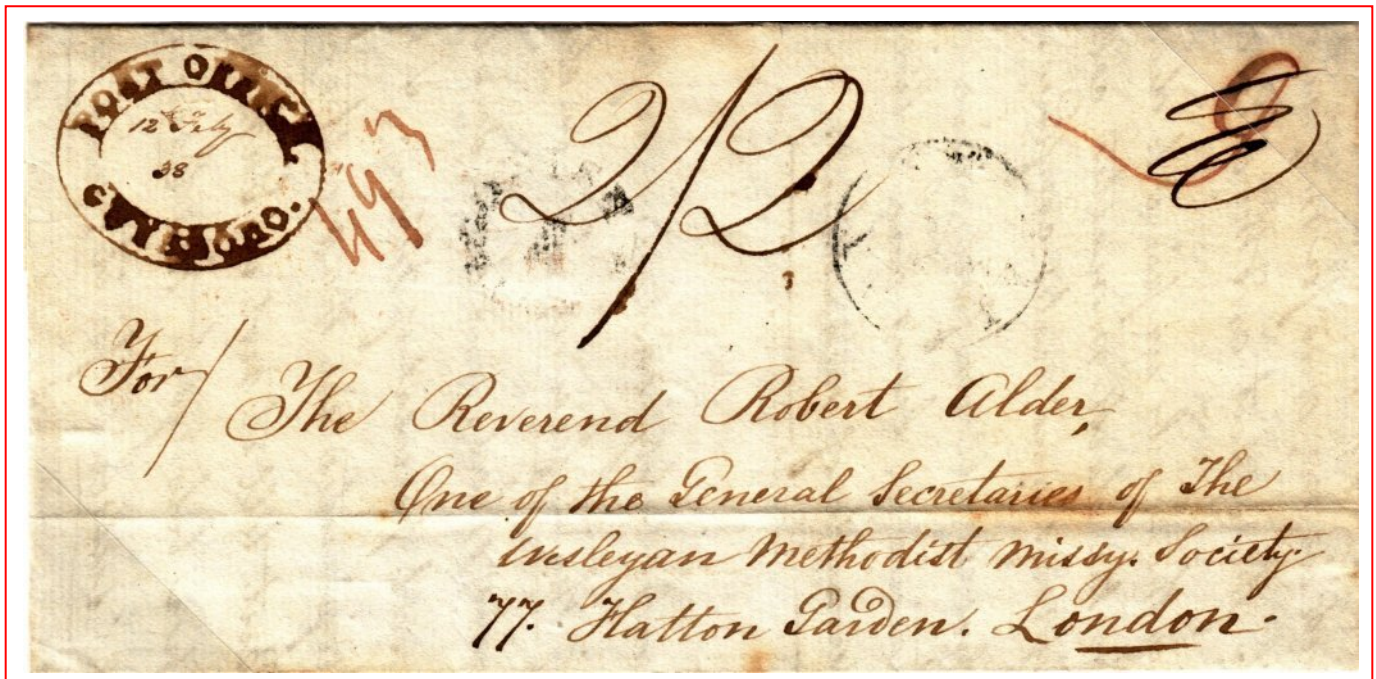
The Guysborough Post Office opened July 6, 1841. E. I. Cunningham, appointed in 1861, established the first packet service. The postmasters were merchant William G. Hadley (1887 – 1911), his widow, Elizabeth, (until 1918), daughter, Daisy Cunningham (until 1922) and Laurier Grant (until 1961). The post office served as a sorting and inspection office for 33 rural post offices in eastern Guysborough County.

Guysborough is in one of the most rural areas of Nova Scotia. It was never served by rail or air and relied on the fishery and farming as a way of living. Despite attempts to industrialize the area, the population of Guysborough village never surpassed 2,000 people.



WAY OFFICE POSTMARK (March 1837 - August 1840)

Appointed way office keeper in 1825, Robert Cutler (1784-1883), was a member of the Legislative Assembly and later the Legislative Council. It is thought that his political connections made Post Office Department officials look the other direction when he created the way office marking.



12 Feb 1838 to London
Fewer than 5 copies in private collections
25 Apr 1838 London arrival marking
9d prepaid rate corrected to 2sh 2d due

PAID POSTMARK (1842 - 1844)

Eighteen cancelling devices, including Guysborough, were sent from London to Halifax on 12 Nov 1841. Individual post offices did not receive the hammers before January 1842.



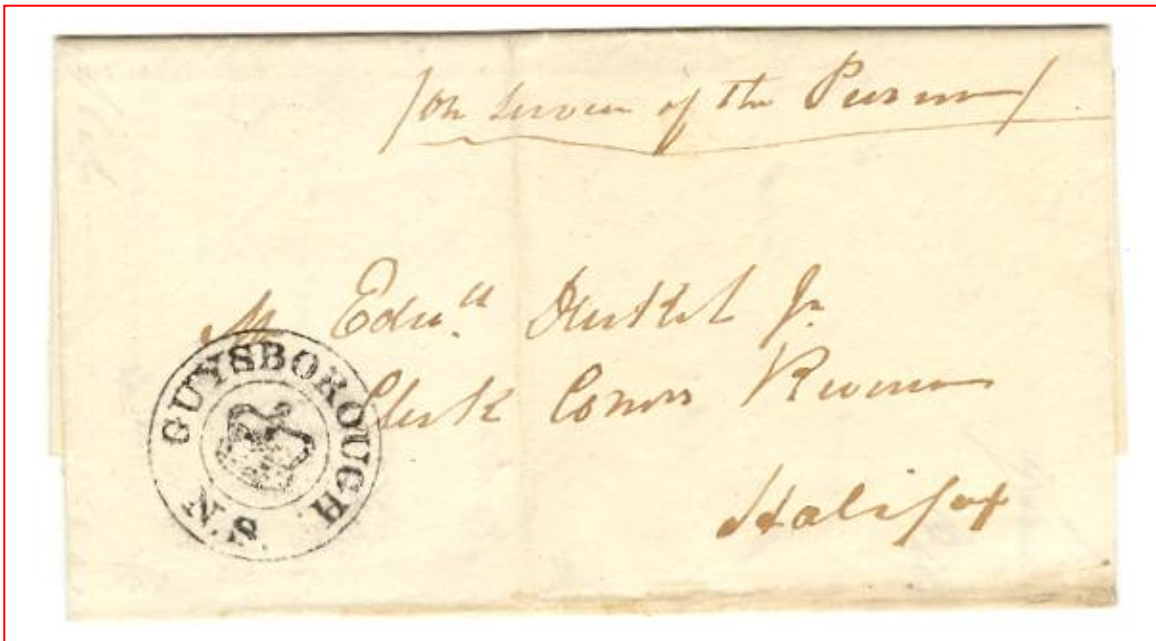
3 Feb 1844 to Halifax
Fewer than 25 copies in private collections
9 Feb 1844 Halifax dbl split ring on reverse
9d rate for 186 miles



2 July 1852 to Wallace Hbr, NS
Fewer than 25 copies in private collections
* Later use than previously reported *
3d provincial rate

DOUBLE CROWN CIRCLE POSTMARK (19 Feb 1842 - 20 Oct 1842)

Five Nova Scotia post offices used the Double Crown Circle between August 1841 until September 1842.



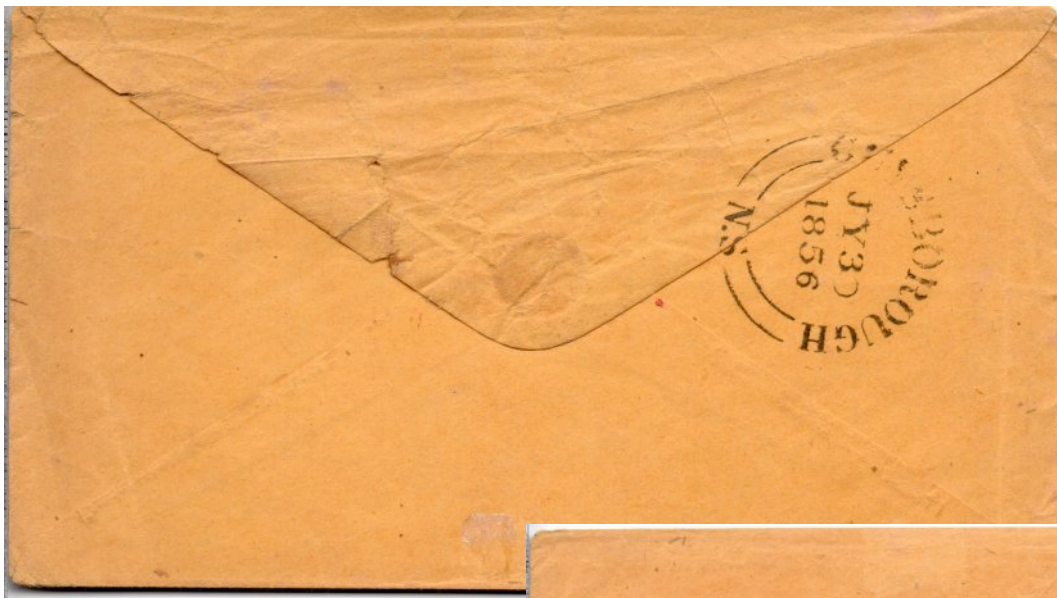
19 Sep 1842 to Halifax
Fewer than 5 copies in private collections
Free Frank Letter (abolished in 1844) "On Service of the Person".

DOUBLE SPLIT RING POSTMARK TYPE I (1843-1864)

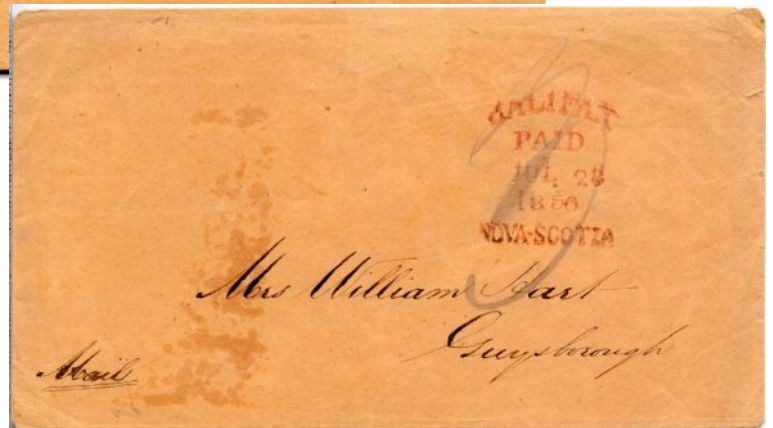
The earliest possible date of use for the double split ring postmark was February 23, 1843 since it was among the first sent from London on December 3, 1842.



7 Jun 1847 to Halifax
Pre-paid 1sh 6d adjusted to 9d
Diameter - 29.5mm

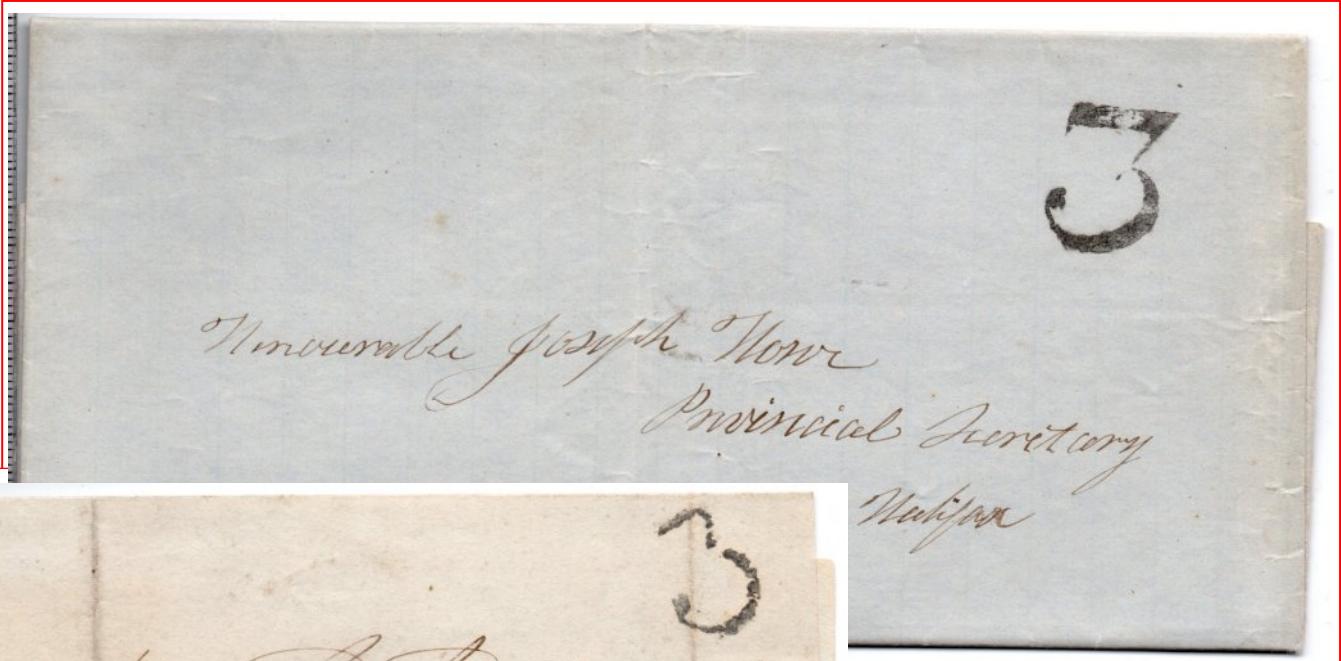


28 Jul 1856 to Guysborough
3d provincial rate



THREE PENCE RATE MARKINGS (1852 – 1857)

On July 6, 1851, the letter rate within Nova Scotia and overland to other Provinces was reduced to 3 pence per ½ oz.



22 Oct 1851 to Halifax

Fewer than 5 copies in private hands
Black ink indicating postage to be paid
Double split ring postmark on reverse

28 Dec 1857 to Halifax

Fewer than 5 copies in private hands
Black ink indicating postage to be paid
Double split ring postmark on reverse

OVAL BARRED OBLITERATOR (1851 – 1886)

22 Aug 1855 to Toronto
3 pence per ½ oz rate effective
Jul 6, 1851



22 Nov 1869 to Toronto

3¢ domestic letter rate
effective April 1, 1868

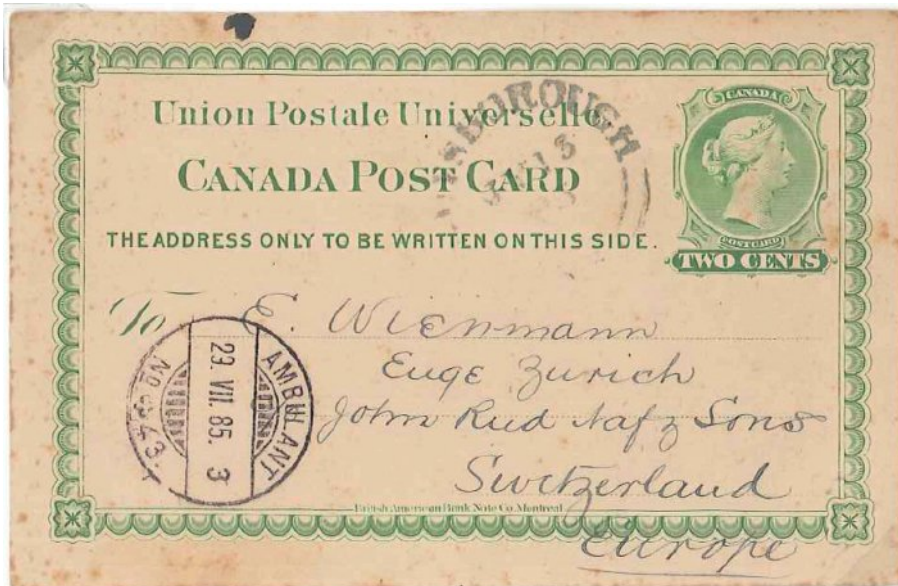
DOUBLE SPLIT RING POSTMARK TYPE II (1864-1889)

A second device was issued with a smaller diameter (28.5mm) and a shorter arc between N.S. and Guysborough.



5 Dec 1887 to Loch Harbour, North End
 Anti. Co, NS
 3¢ domestic letter rate +
 2¢ registry fee

1 Jun 1872 to Tracadie, Antigonish.
 County. NS
 3¢ domestic letter rate



13 Jul 1885 to Zurich, Switzerland
 29 Jul 1885 Swiss ambulant (TPO) #43 -
 Belfort-Basel line
 2¢ UPU postcard

DOUBLE SPLIT RING POSTMARK TYPE II (1864-1889)

Late Usages



6 Nov 1886 to Halifax

1¢ postcard rate effective 1 Jul 1875 – 15 Apr 1915)



West River Sheet Harbour,
Hfx. Co., NS 19 Sept 1889 to
Guysborough

21 Sept 1889 receiver
3¢ domestic letter rate



SPLIT RING POSTMARK (1880 – 1890)

Proofed March 25, 1880



No Obliterator

20 Jul 1882 to Halifax
1¢ domestic postcard w/ election results

Oval Obliterator

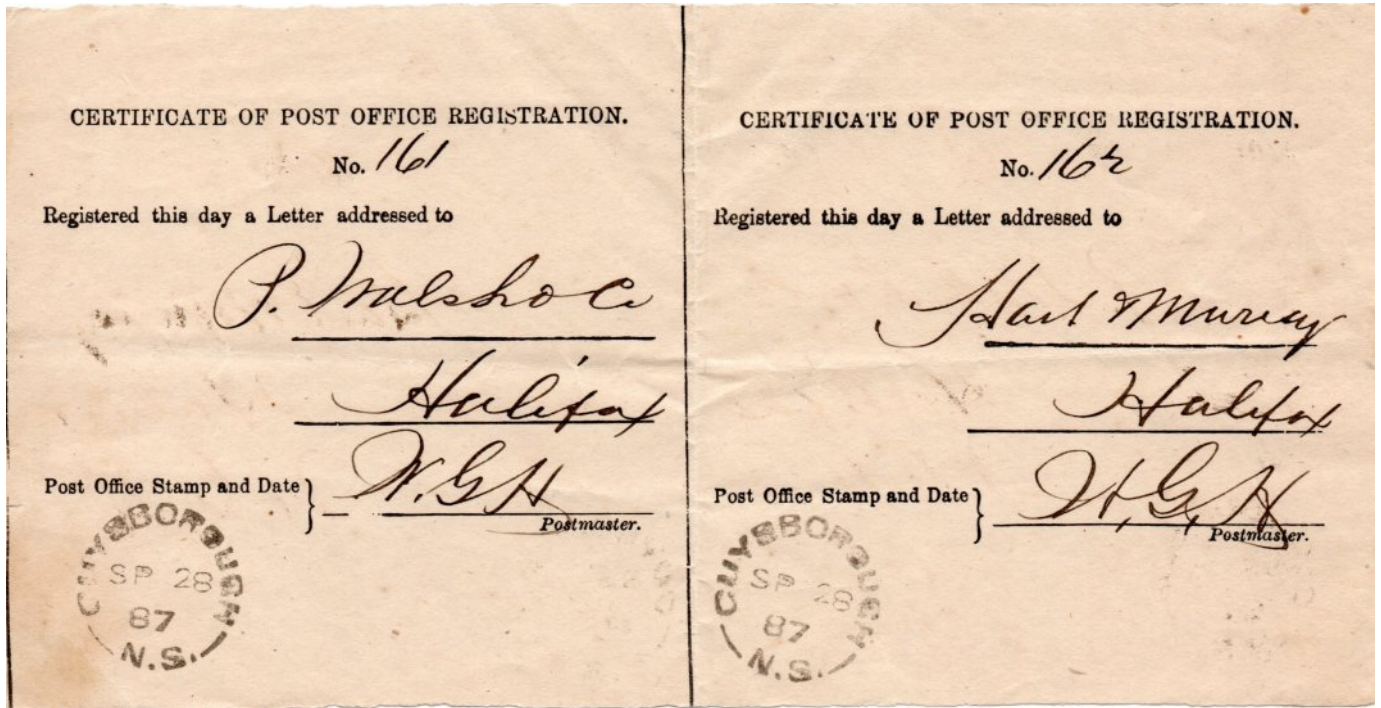
3 Apr 1883 to Halifax
4 Apr 1883 receiver
3¢ domestic letter rate



Cork Obliterator

Mourning cover 24 Nov 1885 to Halifax
25 Nov 1885 receiver
3¢ domestic letter rate

SPLIT RING POSTMARK (1880 – 1890)



28 Sep 1887; Receipt for Payment of Registration
 Initialed by Postmaster William G. Hadley

TOO LATE POSTMARK

Transit delayed by 3 days by missing Friday steamer to Canso.



13 Aug 1897 to Canso, Guys. Co., NS
 16 Aug 1897 receiver
 3¢ domestic letter rate

CIRCULAR DATE STAMP (1890 – 1937)

Between 1890 and 1934, no fewer than 7 different circular date stamps (CDS) were issued to Guysborough. Below is a comparison of the individual proof book impressions at approximately 75% size.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Diameter: 24mm March 2, 1890 No AM/PM Indistinct G tail Long arc Narrow N	Diameter: 25mm April 27, 1892 No AM/PM Indistinct G tail Long arc Narrow N	Diameter: 23mm June 6, 1892 AM/PM Indicia Indistinct G tail Medium arc Wide N	Diameter: 22mm Sept. 29, 1907 AM/PM Indicia Distinct G tail Medium arc Narrow N	Diameter: 23mm No Proof Date AM/PM Indicia Indistinct G tail Long arc Narrow N	Diameter: 23mm April 21, 1934 AM/PM Indicia Distinct G tail Short arc Narrow N	Diameter: 23mm Aug. 4, 1934 AM/PM Indicia Distinct G tail Medium arc Narrow N

Type A

29 Dec 1890 local use
1¢ domestic postcard rate



Type B

8 Jan 1897 to Arichat, Rich. Co., NS
11 Jan receiver and 9 Jan Cleveland
transit CDS on reverse
3¢ domestic letter rate

CIRCULAR DATE STAMP (1890 – 1937)



Type C

27 Sept 1899 to
Halifax

27 Sept Halifax
receiver

2¢ domestic letter rate
effective 1 Jan 1899

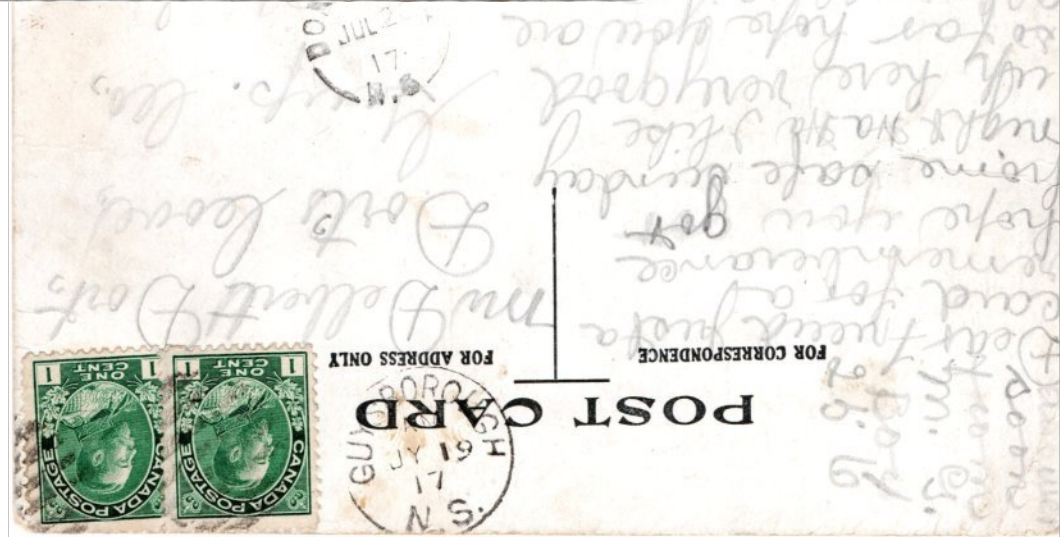
*Mr. A. H. Underwood
 C/o Rev. F. W. Underwood B.A.
 28 Allen Street
 Halifax N.S.*

Type D

19 Jul 1917 to Dort's Cove,
Guys. Co., NS

20 Jul 1917 receiver

2¢ postcard rate effective 15 Apr
1915



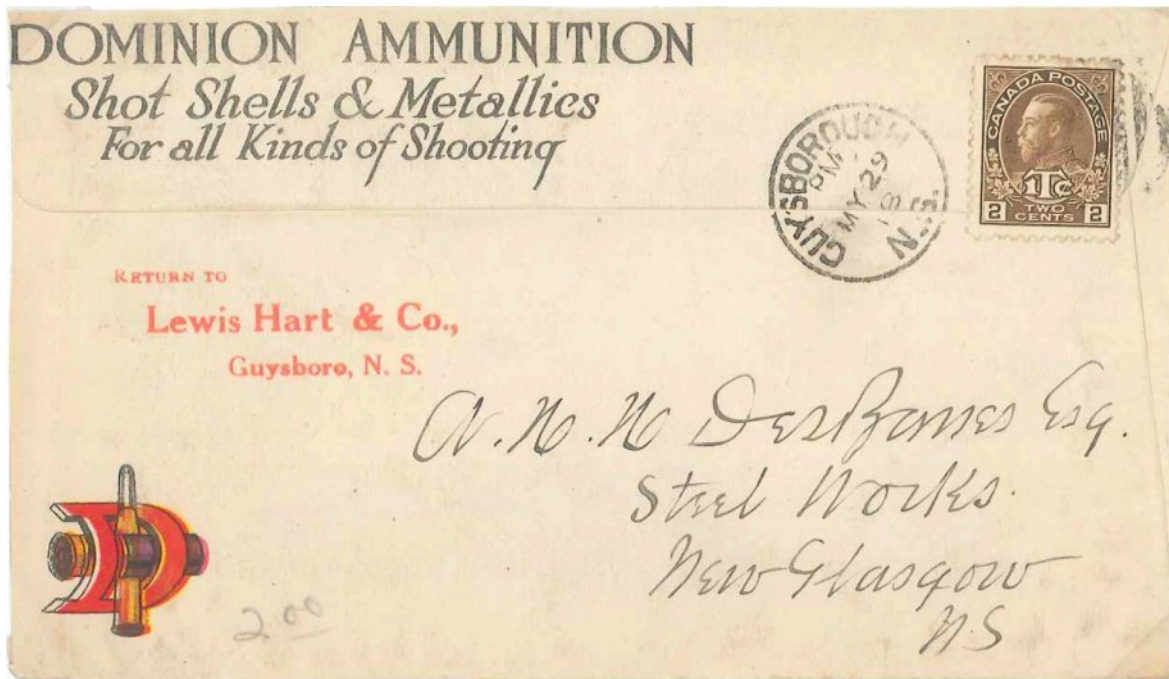
Post Office, Guysboro, N. S.



In 1902, construction started on
a large stone post office on the
banks of Guysborough Harbour,
which still houses the post
office.

CIRCULAR DATE STAMP (1890 – 1937)

Type E



29 May 1918 to New Glasgow Pict. Co., NS
 30 May 1918 Trenton receiver
 2¢ domestic letter rate + 1¢ War Tax effective 21 May 1915

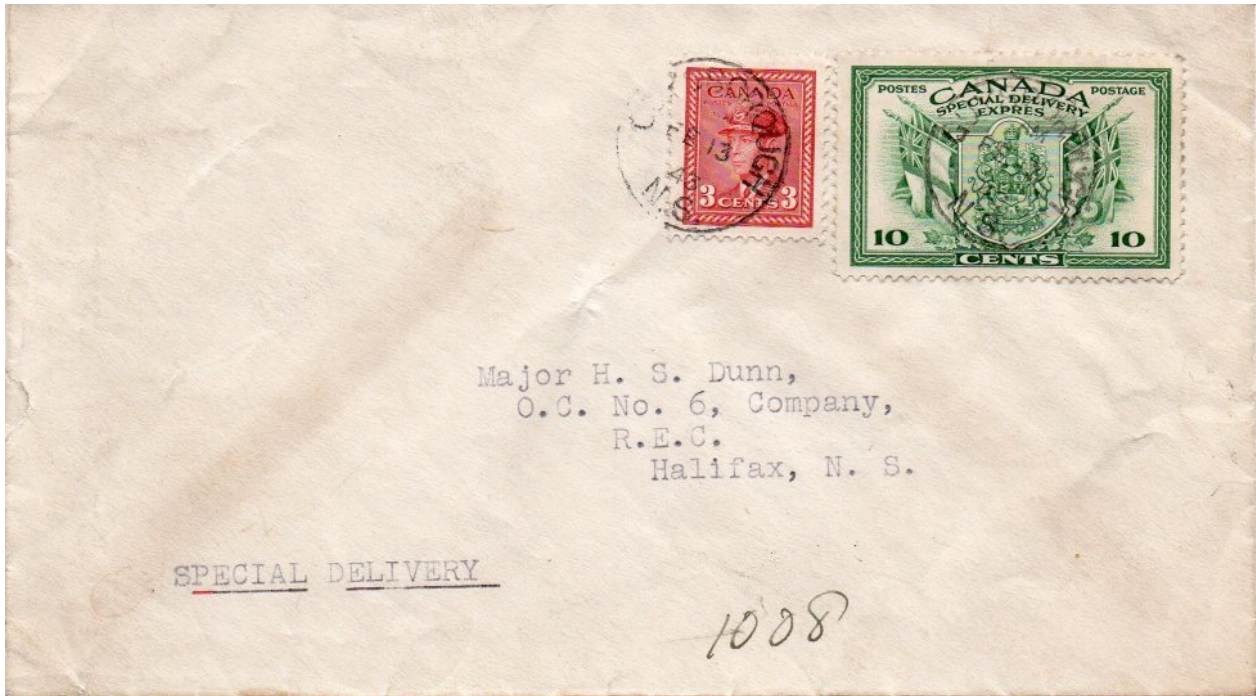
Type F



3 Feb 1937 Isaac's Harbour,
 Guys. Co., NS to
 Guysborough
 4 Feb 1937 receiver
 2¢ domestic letter rate + 1¢ War
 Tax effective 1 Jul 1931

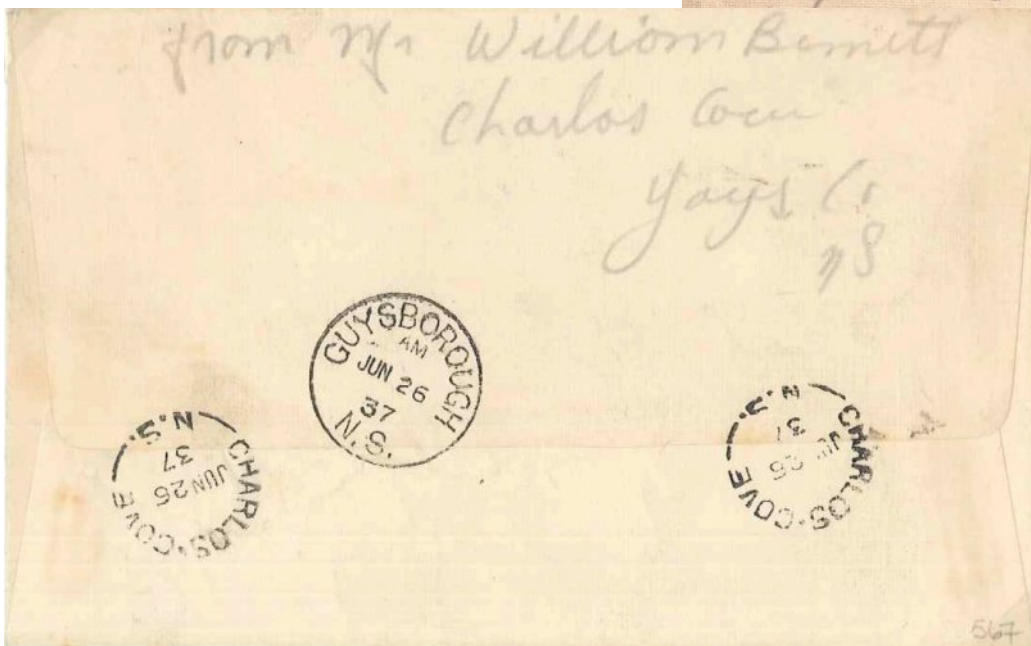
CIRCULAR DATE STAMP (1890 – 1937)

Type G



13 Feb 1943 to Halifax

13 Feb 1943 wartime mute receiver on reverse
3¢ domestic letter rate + 10¢ special delivery rate



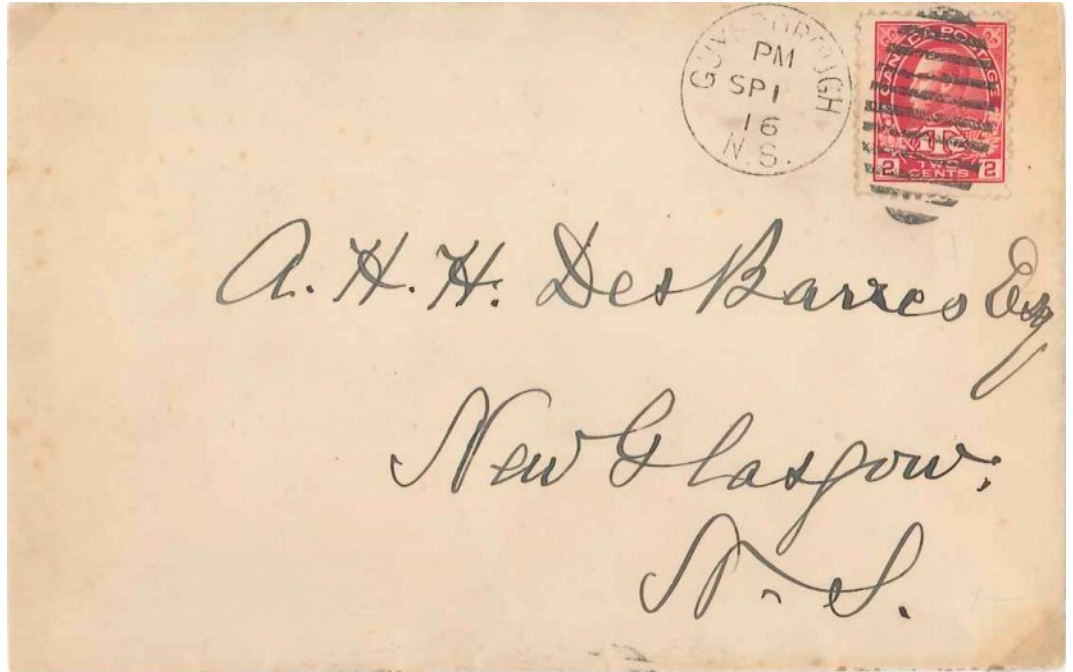
26 Jun 1937 Charlos Cove,
Guys. Co., NS to
Guysborough

26 Jun 1937 receiver
3¢ domestic letter rate + 10¢
registration fee

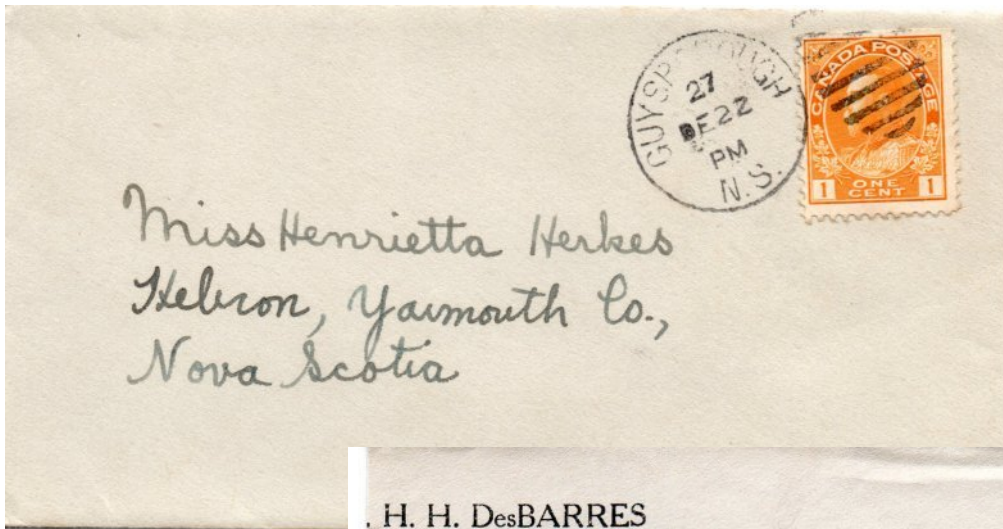
DUPLEX POSTMARK (1916 – 1934)

Type I – Only Known Use 1 Sept 1916; 31x17.5mm killer

1 Sept 1916 to New
Glasgow, Pict. Co., NS
2¢ domestic letter rate + 1¢
war tax

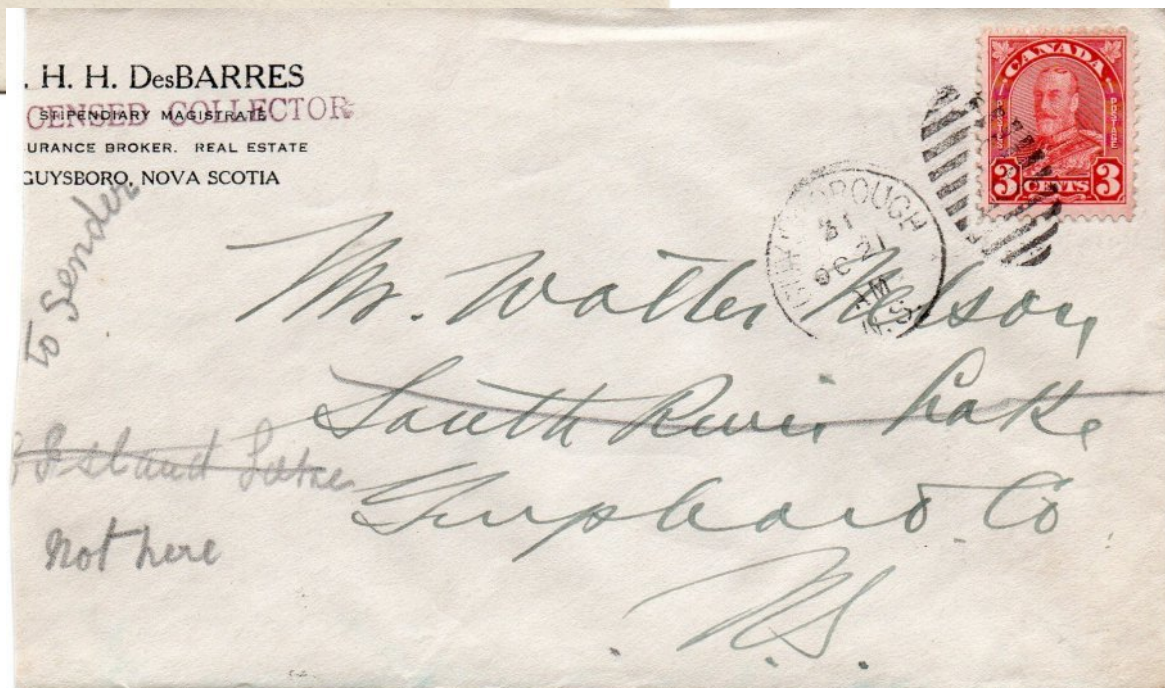


Type II – Proofed 2 Feb 1923; 26.5x15mm killer; all known examples have date/time marks reversed

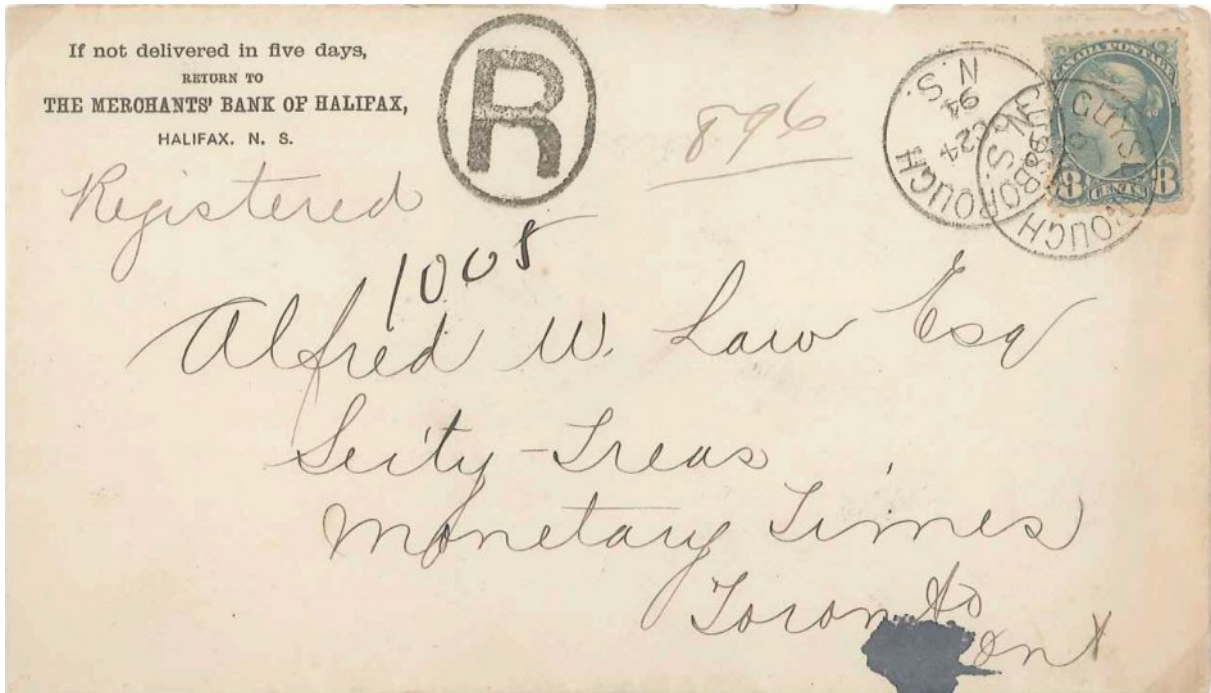


22 Dec 1927 to Hebron, NS
1¢ printed matter rate
for unsealed Christmas card

21 Oct 1931 to
South River Lake,
Guys. Co.
Latest known use
3¢ domestic letter rate



REGISTRATION MARKING (c. 1867 - 1925)



24 Oct 1894 to Toronto
Guysborough CDS Type B
New Glasgow & Point Tupper Railway; Halifax & Moncton mail car transit marks
27 Oct 1894 Toronto receiver
3¢ domestic letter rate + 5¢ registration fee effective 8 May 1889



17 Sept 1908 to South River Lake, Guys. Co., NS
Guysborough CDS Type B
Halifax & Sydney RPO; Antigonish transit marks
2¢ domestic letter rate + 5¢ registration fee effective 1 Jan 1899

REGISTRATION MARKING (Proof Date – November 1925)

2cm by 4.9cm

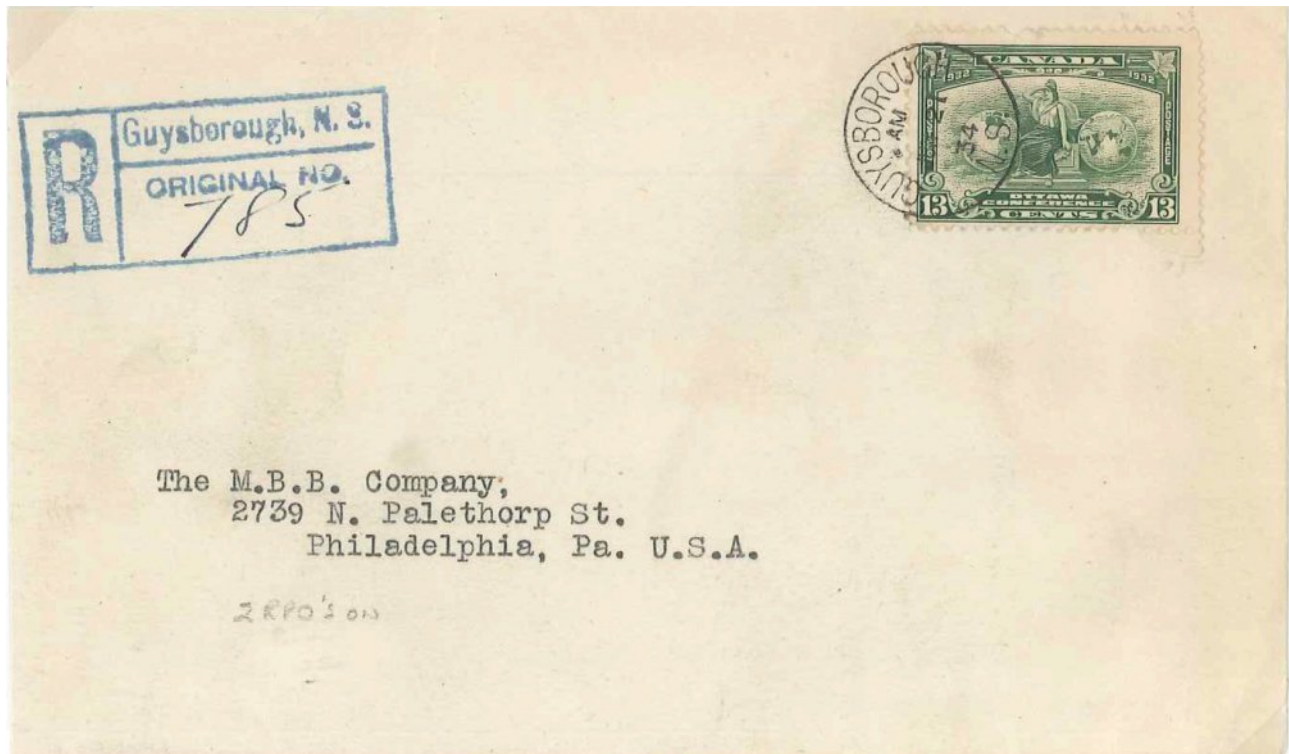


14 Dec 1929 to Antigonish, NS

Guysborough CDS Type C

Halifax & Sydney RPO transit marking; 16 Dec 1929 Antigonish receiver

2¢ domestic letter rate effective 1 Jul 1926 + 10¢ registration fee effective 15 Jul 1920



21 Jun 1934 to Philadelphia. PA

Guysborough CDS Type F

Sydney & Truro RPO; Halifax & Camp RPO; New York transit marks; 26 Jun 1934 Philadelphia receiver

3¢ domestic letter rate effective 1 Jul 1931 + 10¢ registration fee effective 15 Jul 1920

MONEY ORDER OFFICE DATER (MOOD) (Proof Date - April 1931)

Signature of Annuitant

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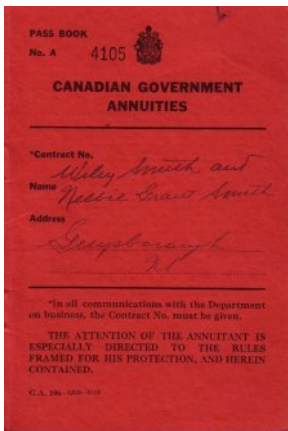
DATE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT OF PAYMENT		Officer's Signature	The Dated Stamp of the office to be affixed against each entry
	\$	cts.		
1935 Nov 30 th	2876	=	h.l.g.	

30 Nov 1935

Proper usage in Government Annuities Passbook for Postal Savings account
Blue ink typical of MOOD usage

MONEY ORDER TRANSFER OFFICE (MOTO) (Proof Date - 24 Mar 1937)

2.9cm x 2.2cm
Purple Ink typical of MOTO usage



Cover

Signature of Annuitant

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	\$	cts.		
1937 Mar 30 th	6476	80	h.l.g.	