

# FLORIDA REGISTERED COVERS 1845 - 1911

At the New York, General Post Office, Registry Division

## Part V - Other Florida Registered Covers with Examiner Markings

Collecting registered mail is an area deserving of more research. I have only touched the surface of what is available in Florida. This is Part V of the five-part census: Part I – Early Statehood Covers 1845-1857, Part II – Florida Towns with Registered Mail 1858-1911, Part III – Florida Registry Exchange Labels 1883-1911, and Part IV – Florida Towns with New York and San Francisco Registry Exchange Labels.

The "letter" type examiner markings were in service for 19 years at the New York, General Post Office, Registry Division. They were part of their internal check on incoming registered mail to ensure they were properly sealed, before processing them for delivery to their final destination (domestic or foreign). They went through many design changes along with adding additional letters to cover for new employees. Some of the processing marks unique to these post offices may have been assigned to specific work stations within the registry division. There were smaller nine letter alphabetic handstamps used between 1884 and 1902: “**B, C, D, E, H, L, O, S, and U.**”<sup>1</sup>

The decades after 1857 saw more registered covers as more Florida post offices were established. Russell and Evelyn Ryle’s book *Registered U.S.A. – The Handling of Valuable First-Class Mail by the U.S.P.O. Rates, Markings, Delivery Restrictions, and Processing Procedures* would be a good starting point to review the types of handstamps that were available.

For questions about the markings on a registered cover, I recommend contacting the **Registered Mail Study Group** at <https://www.usstamps.org/committees/registered-mail-study-group/>.

If you have a Florida registered cover between 1845 to 1911 for the census found on our website [www.fphsonline.com](http://www.fphsonline.com), please send me a scan (tlera4178@gmail.com)

The covers below are courtesy of William (Courtesy of William Youngerman), Phil Eschbach, Deane (Courtesy of Deane Briggs) and the *Florida Postal History Journal*, eBay, and WorthPoint and have either a New York, N.Y. or San Francisco, Cal. International Registry Exchange Label.<sup>2</sup>

As a note, WorthPoint partners with a diverse group of auction houses and online marketplaces [www.worthpoint.com](http://www.worthpoint.com).

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Figure 1. Caryville Fla. 12.18.1894, on reverse examiner's handstamp B. (Courtesy of William Youngerman)



Figure 2. Chattahoochee Fla. 04.10.1890, on reverse examiner's handstamp C. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

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Figure 3. Citronelle Fla. 12.01.1896, on reverse examiner's handstamp O. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

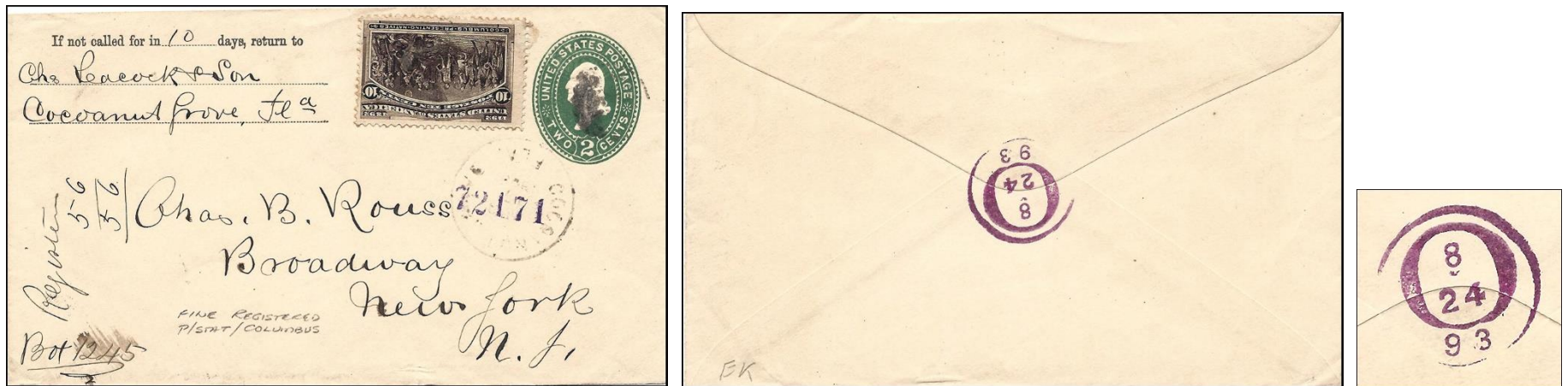


Figure 4. Coconut Grove Fla. 08.27.1893, on reverse examiner's handstamp O. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

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Figure 5. Conway Fla. 01.26.1894. on reverse examiner's handstamp O. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Figure 6. DeFuniak Springs Fla. 03.15.1893, on reverse examiner's handstamp O. (Courtesy of WorthPoint)

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Figure 7. Drayton Island Fla. 05.10.1899, on reverse examiner's handstamp C. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Figure 8. Everglade Fla. 07.11.1899, on reverse examiner's handstamp U. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

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Figure 9. **Evinston Fla.** 04.09.1890 Manuscript, on reserve examiner's handstamp **U**. (Courtesy of Phil Eschbach)

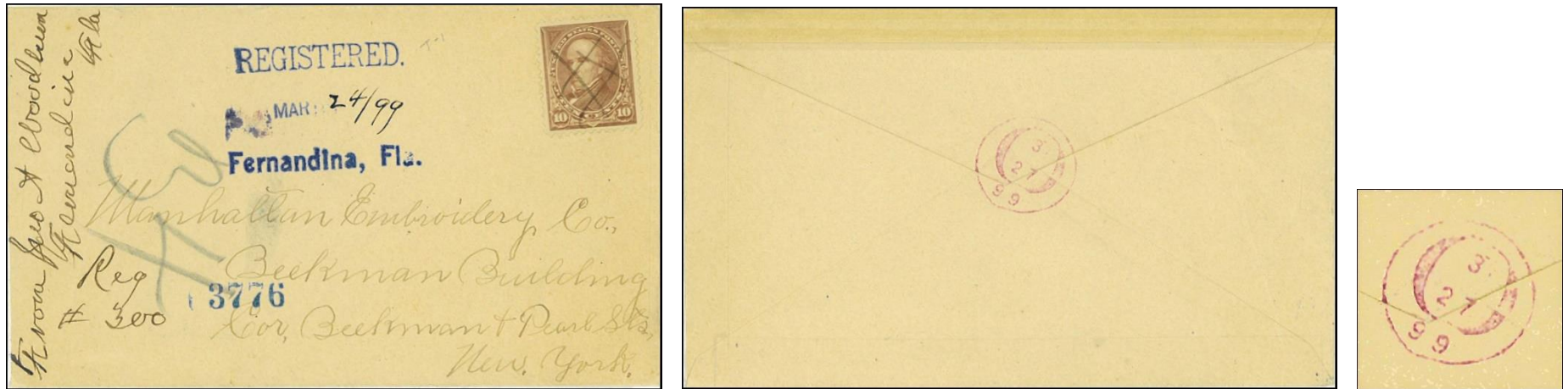


Figure 10. **Fernandina Fla.** 03.24.1899. on reverse examiner's handstamp **O**. (Courtesy of William Youngerman)

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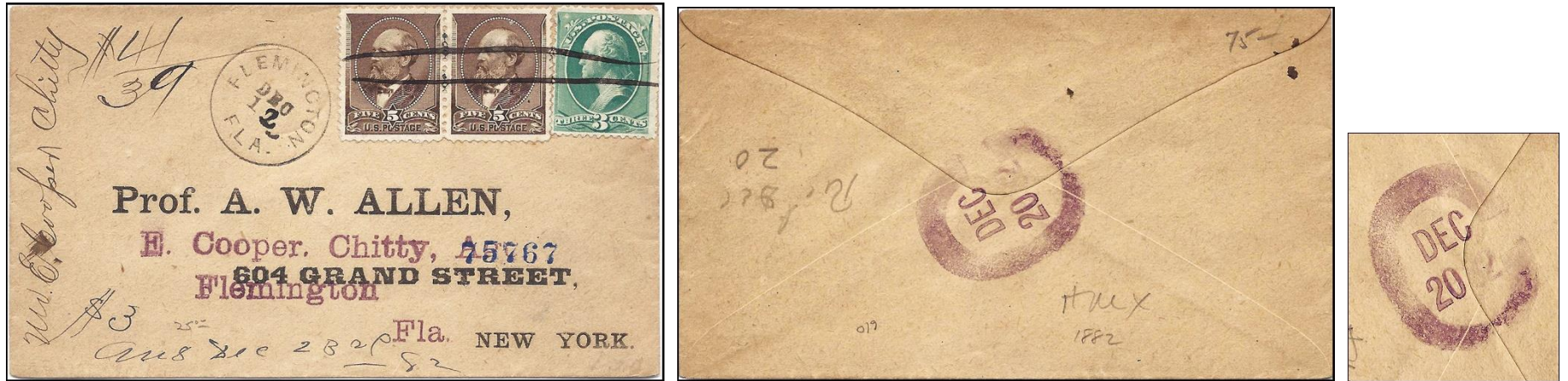


Figure 11. **Flemington Fla.** 12.12.82. on reverse examiner's New York Oval C. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

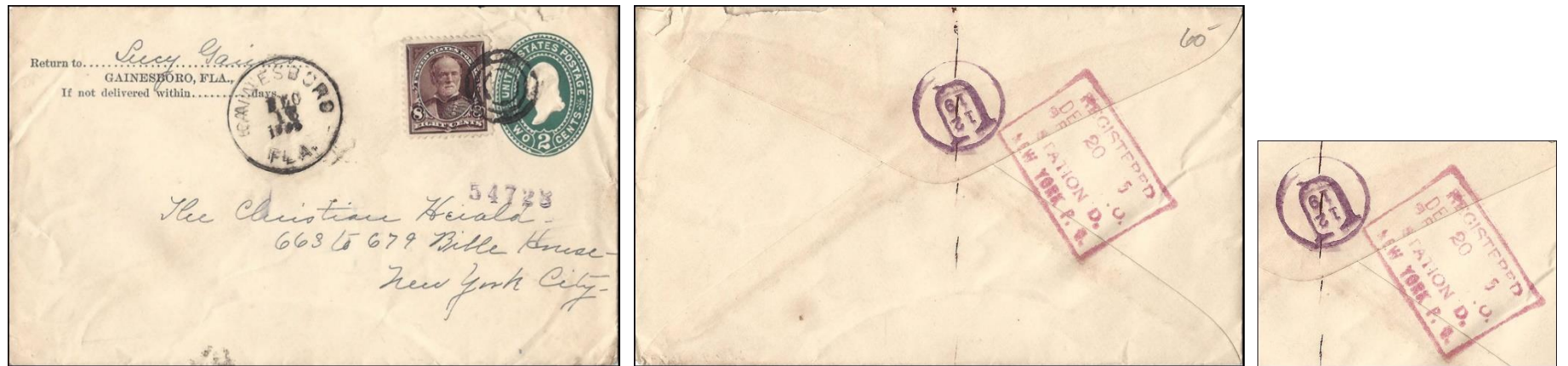


Figure 12. **Gainesboro Fla.** 12.17.1895, on reverse examiner's handstamp U. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

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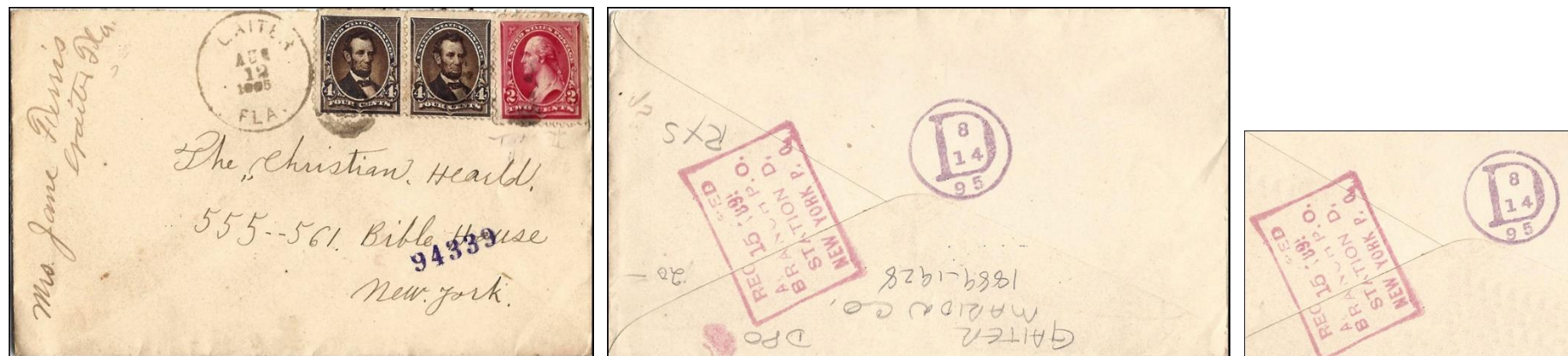


Figure 13. **Gaiter Fla.** 08.12.1895, on reverse examiner's handstamp **D**. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Figure 14. **Grandin Fla.**, 12.09.1898, on reverse examiner's handstamp **C**. (Courtesy of Phil Eschbach)



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Figure 15. Jacksonville Fla Registry Division 10.24.1899, on reverse examiner's handstamp B. (Courtesy of WorthPoint)

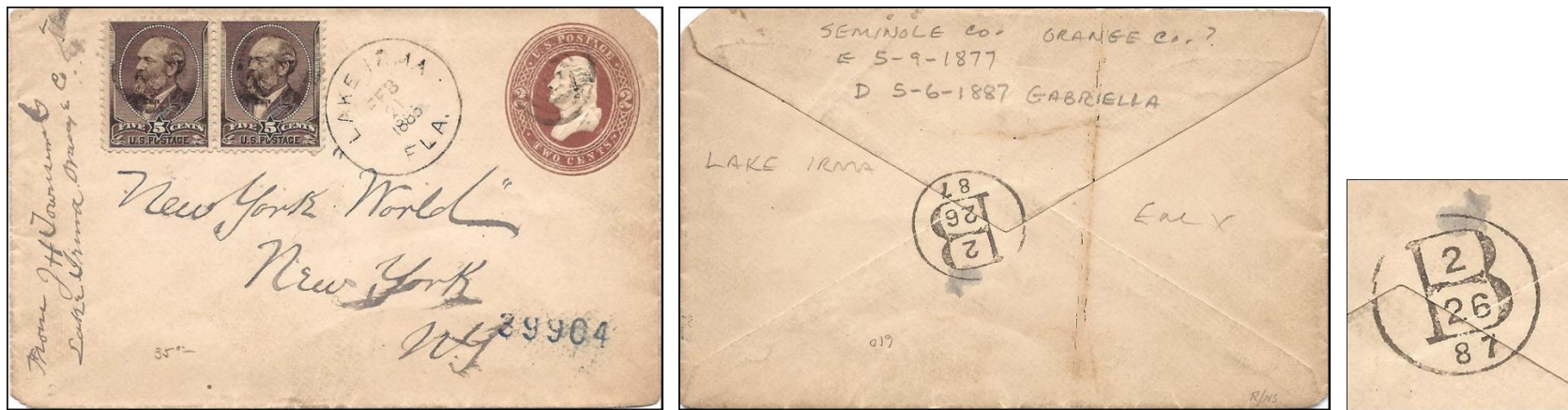


Figure 16. Lake Irma Fla. 02.21.1886, on reverse examiner's handstamp B. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

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Figure 17. Merritt, Fla. 04.27.1899, on reverse examiner's handstamp B. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Figure 18. Messina Fla, 11.24.1896, on reverse examiner's handstamp S. (Courtesy of William Youngerman)

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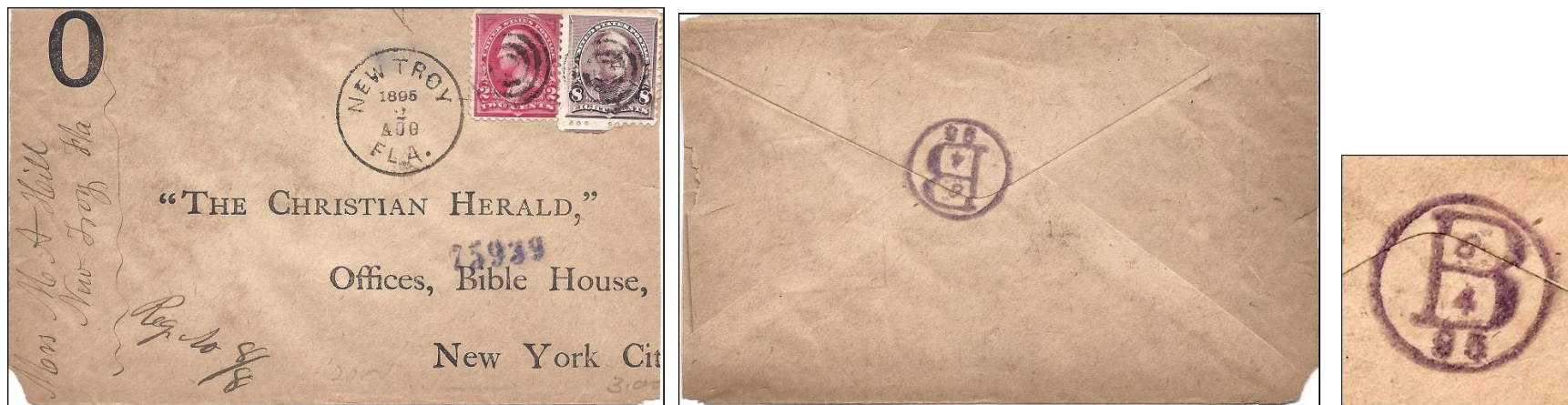


Figure 19. New Troy Fla., 08.02.1895, Date slug inverted, on reverse examiner's handstamp **B**. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Figure 20. Ocala FLA. 10.29.1883, on reverse examiner's handstamp **U**. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

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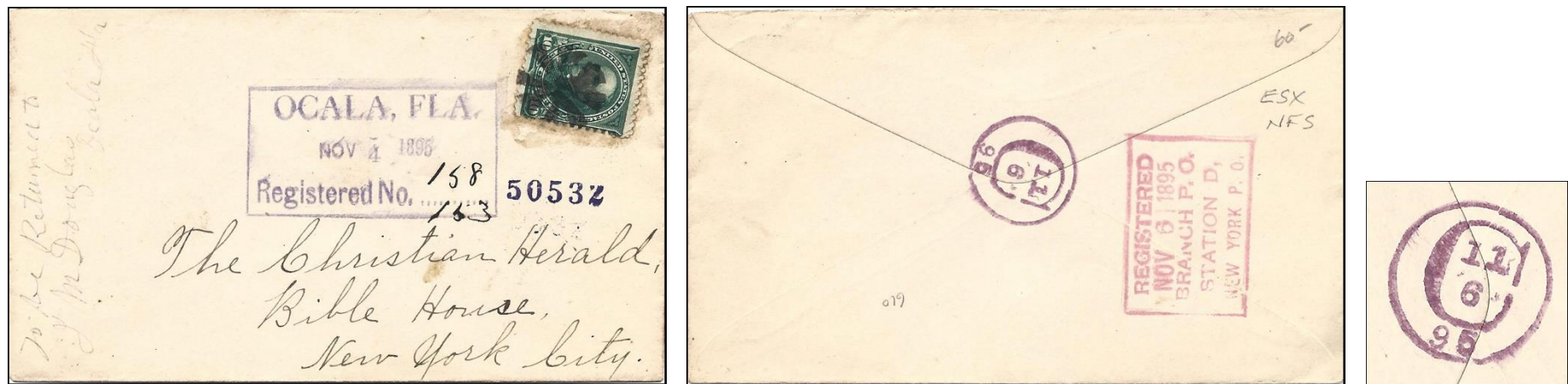


Figure 21. **Ocala Fla.** 11.04.1895, on reverse examiner's handstamp C. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Figure 22. **Ocala Fla.** 01.06.1902, on reverse examiner's handstamp C. (Courtest of eBay)

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Figure 23. **Picolata, Fla., 04.03.1890**, on reverse flap missing with partial examiner's handstamp U. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Figure 24. **Pinelevel Fla. 07.26.1886**, on reverse examiner's handstamp C. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

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Figure 25. **Planter Fla.**, 11.XX.1896, on reverse examiner's handstamp **O** and Branch PO Station **D** (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Figure 26. **Rockbluff Fla.** 02.11.1899. on reverse examiner's handstamp **D**. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

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Figure 27. Rowland Fla., 10.09.1895, on reverse examiner's handstamp S. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Figure 28. St. Augustine Fla. 01.17.1884, on reverse examiner's handstamp C. (Courtesy of WorthPoint)

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Figure 29. Upsala Fla., 10.03.1895, on reverse examiner's handstamp U. (Courtesy of William Youngerman)

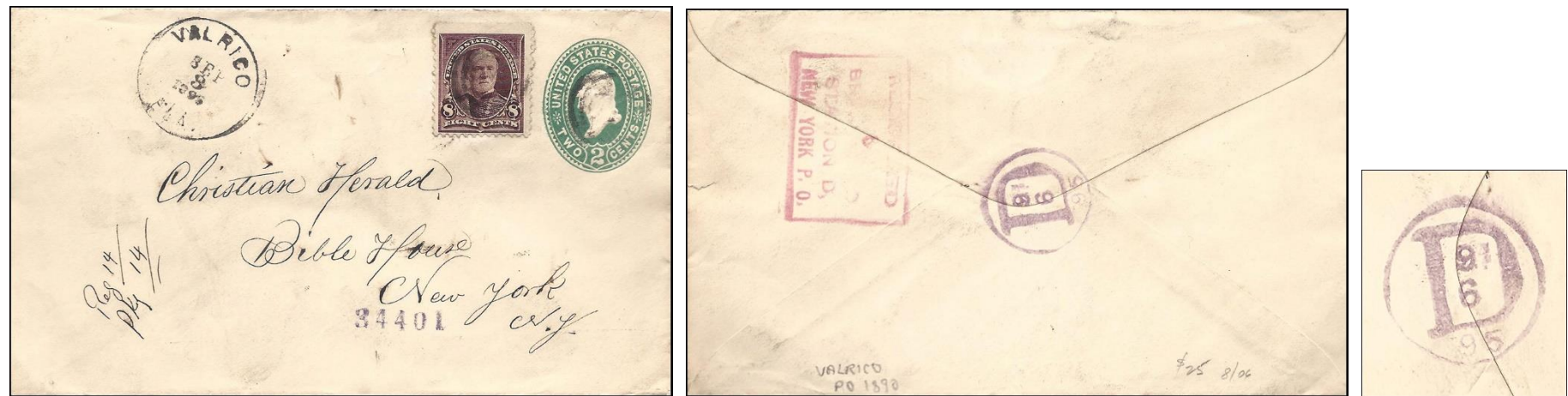


Figure 30. Valrico Fla., 09.08.1895, on reverse examiner's handstamp D. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



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Figure 31. **West Lake Fla.**, 12.01.1898 on reverse Branch PO Station D and examiner's handstamp U. (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Figure 32. **Windsor Fla.** 10.25.1898, on reverse examiner's handstamp C. (Courtesy of William Youngerman)

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Figure 33. Zellwood Fla. 04.09.1890, on reverse examiner's handstamp U. (Courtesy of WorthPoint)

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<b>Summary of Florida Registered Covers with Examiner Markings</b>						
	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Postmark</b>	<b>Examiner, OP &amp; Type</b>	<b>PO Open</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1	Caryville	Washington	12.18.1894	B - 12.21.94 Type 6	1883 - OP	Y
2	Citronella	Citrus	12.01.1896	O - 12.03.96 Type 13	1886 - 1936	B
3	Chattahoochee	Gadsden	04.10.1890	C - 4.15.90 Type 7	1834 - OP	B
4	Cocoanut Grove	Dade	08.27.1893	O - 8.28.93 Type 11	1873/1922	B
5	Conway	Orange	01.26.1894	O - 2.2.94 Type 17	1884 - 1907	B
6	DeFuniak Springs	Walton	03.15.1893	O - 3.19.93 Type 17	1885 - OP	WP
7	Drayton Island	Putnam	05.10.1899	C - 5.12.99 Type 11	1876 - 1944	B
8	Everglade	Collier	07.11.1899	U - 1.17.99 Type 5	1893 - 1925	B
9	Evinston	Alachua	04.08.1890	U - 4.12.90 Type 5	1882 - OP	E
10	Fernandina	Nassau	03.24.1899	O - 3.27.99 Type 17	1821 - 1952	B
11	Flemington	Marion	12.12.1882	C - Dec 20 82 Type 2	1847 - 1910	Y
12	Gainesboro	Orange	12.17.1895	U - 12.19.95 Type 5	1886 - 1913	B
13	Gaiter	Marion	08.12.1895	D - 8.14.95 Type 12	1889 - 1928	B
14	Grandin	Putnam	12.09.1898	C - 12.11.98 Type 11	1888 - OP	E
15	Jacksonville	Duval	10.24.1899	B - 10.26.99 Type 6	1824 - OP	WP
16	Lake Irma	Seminole	02.21.1886	B - 2.26.87 Type 6	1877 - 1887	B
17	Merritt	Brevard	04.27.1899	B - 4.29.99 Type 6	1884 - 1935	B
18	Messina	Lake	11.24.1896	S - 11.27.96 Type 22	1885 - 1918	Y
19	New Troy	Lafayette	08.02.1895	B - 8.4.95 Type 6	1860 - 1960	B
20	Ocala	Marion	10.29.1883	U - Nov 3 83 Type 4	1847 - OP	B
21	Ocala	Marion	11.04.1895	C - 11.6.95 Type 7	1847 - OP	B
22	Ocala	Marion	01.06.1902	C - 1.8.1902 Type 15	1847 - OP	eBay
23	Picolata	St. Johns	04.03.1890	U - 4.7.90 Type 5	1843 - 1916	B
24	Pinelevel	DeSoto	07.26.1886	C - 8.2.86 Type 7	1871 - 1928	B
25	Planter	Monroe	11.XX.1896	O - 11.29.96 Type 17	1891 - 1903	B
26	Rockbluff	Liberty	02.11.1899	D - 2.18.99 Type 12	1867 - 1959	B
27	Rowland	Suwannee	10.09.1895	S - 10.11.95 Type 18	1880 - 1899	B
28	Upsala	Seminole	10.03.1895	U - 10.5.95 Type 5	1884 - 1908	Y
29	St. Augustine	St. Johns	01.22.1884	C - 2.23.84 - Type 7	1821 - OP	WP

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30	Valrico	Hillsboro	09.08.1895	D - 9.8.95 Type 12	1890 - OP	B
31	West Lake	Hamilton	12.01.1898	U - 12.5.98 Type 9	1891 - 1917	B
32	Windsor	Alachua	10.25.1895	C - 10.27.98 Type 11	1884 - 1942	Y
33	Zellwood	Orange	04.09.1890	U - 4.13.90 Type 5	1877 - OP	WP
			Owners: B - Briggs; E - Eschbach; Y - Youngerman; WP - WorthPoint			
			See Barr Citation for Types			

<sup>1</sup> Barr, Jere. Hess. 1952. 1882-1902 Registered 'Letter' Marks of New York City and Some Collateral Information. *American Philatelic Congress Book* 18: 69-75; Russell and Evelyn Ryle, 2009. *Registered U.S.A. – The Handling of Valuable First-Class Mail by the U.S.P.O. Rates, Markings, Delivery Restrictions, and Processing Procedures*, Ryle Publications, Ellettsville IN: p. 81. Accessed May 20, 2004 [https://stampsmarter.org/features/NYReg\\_Book.html](https://stampsmarter.org/features/NYReg_Book.html).

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