

POST OFFICE, ST. PAUL, MINN.,

Mailbag Division.

July 11th, 1892.

Respectfully returned to
James J. Hill Esq
Pres Great Northern Ry
City

Your attention is
invited to statement
of the P.M. at New York,
upon the second
inquiry to search
for letter herein
referred to.

Has letter subsequently
been returned?

Henry A. Lister

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Postmaster.

Supt. of Mails.

RETURN ALL PAPERS.

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(N. Y., 107 L. Ed. 4—20,000.)

NEW YORK POST OFFICE, N. Y.
Inquiry Department for Missing and Dead Letters.

19519 July 9, 92.

Respectfully returned to the

Postmaster St. Paul, Minn.

Attention is invited to the statement of Supt. Branch F, this office.

Cornelius Van Cott, Postmaster.

H.

Branch P. O. Sta. S.

JUL 7. 1892 189

Respectfully returned
to Supt. Dunning. ^{Dr.}
Dunning has been made
for the letter at 319
5th and thorough
search has made made
thro' our record but no
trace of the letter has been
found. Addressee states
it has not yet been rec'd.

J. L. EATON,

Supt.

(N. Y., 107 L. Ed. 4—20,000.)

NEW YORK POST OFFICE, N. Y.
Inquiry Department for Missing and Dead Letters.

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July 6th, 1892.

respectfully referred to the

Superintendent "F"

further investigation. Attention is invited to the statement
Postmaster, St. Paul, Minn.

Cornelius Van Cott, Postmaster.

H.

R.

June 30th, 1892.

Respectfully returned to
Postmaster

New York N.Y.

Was inquiry made
at 319 Fifth Ave?

it was intended
for 391 ("Ruland")

Kindly make a
~~thorough~~ investigation
as letter was of
some importance

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Henry A. Carter

Supt. of Mails.

RETURN ALL PAPERS.

Postmaster.

N.

If a letter, describe
a Packet, describe
state true value.

Post Office, New York, N. Y.,

EXECUTIVE DIVISION,

Office of Inquiry for Missing and Dead Letters,

June 25/92

Respectfully returned with the information that no trace has up to this date been found here of the subject of this inquiry, and the addressee reports it still undelivered.

C. H. [Signature]

Postmaster at

St. Paul, Minn.

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INQUIRIES SENT TO

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INQUIRY DEPARTMENT.

NO RECORD AS—

Attesting Initials
of Searcher.

- Fictitious
- Refused
- Unclaimed
- Advertised to D. L. O.
- Hotel
- Unaddressed
- Misdirected
- Held for Postage
- A "Card" Package
- Foreign "Short Paid"
- Contrary to Regulations
- Unmailable

GEN. DELIVERY.

- Advertised
- Held on Gen'l Delivery
- Unpaid
- On Carrier's "Log"
- At "Blind Reader's" Desk

REMARKS.

June 14
Respectfully referred to the post-
master at New York

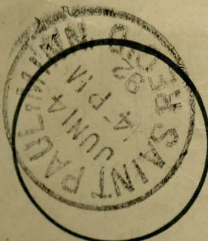
W. Lee
who will please furnish this office
with any information he has or
may obtain concerning the matter
referred to in the papers accompany-
ing this.

Henry A. Castle
~~WILLIAM LEE,~~
Postmaster.

No

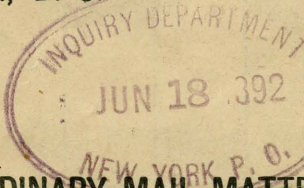
Please return all papers with reply.

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Affix here post office dating stamp as date of report by Postmaster.

POSTMASTERS SHOULD FORWARD THIS
FORM CAREFULLY FILLED OUT TO
"CHIEF POST OFFICE INSPECTOR,
WASHINGTON, D. C."



POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,
ORDER No. 2. WASHINGTON, D. C., January 3, 1891.

Section 699, Postal Laws and Regulations, edition of 1887, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 699. "To report lost mail matter, domestic and foreign, registered and ordinary, and all complaints relating thereto."

Postmasters and other postal officials must report without delay to the Chief Post Office Inspector on "Form 1510," or by other detailed statement when said form is not applicable, every complaint made to them, or which comes to their knowledge, of loss, damage, delay, wrong delivery, non-delivery or improper treatment by postal employees of any article of mail matter, registered, ordinary, or parcel post, whether for delivery in the United States or transmitted therefrom for delivery in any foreign country, and the delay, improper treatment or loss of any mail matter in transit across the territory of the United States from one foreign country to another. This shall include all cases in which it is necessary to trace any article of mail matter to determine whether the same has been delivered or not, and also, all cases where some form of return receipt is required which has not been received. Similar report on said form or other detailed statement must be made to him of all losses or damage to mail matter, foreign or domestic, forwarded in bags or in bulk, and injured or destroyed in transit, by fire or water, or by the wreckage or burning of cars or of steamships, or by other accidents; and also of all cases relating to mail matter dispatched to or from the United States which may be made the subject of bulletins of verification issued by an exchange office on account of alleged loss, or of the damaged condition of said mail matter.

All cases of the rifling, robbery or burning of mail, or post offices or postal cars, or any extraordinary loss or destruction of mail matter, as well as any accident or depredation of consequence requiring the immediate attention of Inspectors in Charge of Divisions, must be promptly reported as above set forth to the Chief Post Office Inspector and also to the Inspector in Charge of the proper Division.

The reports under this section by the Railway Mail Service, shall be made through the respective Division Superintendents of that service.

JOHN WANAMAKER, Postmaster General.

REPORT ON REGISTERED OR ORDINARY MAIL MATTER, DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN.

ure of the complaint—loss, rifling, wrong delivery, non-regularity?

Letter

ORDINARY (or Parcel Post)

ND HOUR, if known)

letter or packet sent? Give street address.

7, and State where it was foreign country, give, Post and State.)

What office was it directed? (If including street and number, other cases give office, and State.)

If a Packet, describe CONTENTS minutely, and state true value.

If a letter, describe CONTENTS with precision. Give number and particulars of issue of draft or money order. If money, state amount correctly, and the denomination of bills. (The sender should be prepared to make oath on this point, if necessary.)

Was it deposited in the POST OFFICE or in a STREET LETTER-BOX?

Are you sure that the letter or packet was properly post paid?

At what hour, over what route, and in what manner by due course of mail would the letter or packet have been forwarded?

If Registered, give number of letter, and number of Registered Package Envelope in which it was inclosed, and state how mailed, whether "direct," or to a distributing post office. If the latter, to what office?

Whose receipt is held for the R. P. E.?

If a Foreign Registered letter, state to what United States Exchange office forwarded, and date and registered letter number under which it was acknowledged.

If a Parcel Post Packet, to what United States Exchange office was it forwarded; and by what route?

Name and address of the person making this complaint, and date when made.

Has previous inquiry been made on this subject? If so, when and how?

Non delivery
Letter.

Ordinary

April 16th 1892 - between 3 + 6 O'clock P.M.

James J. Hill.

Room 57, Great Northern Railway Bldg.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Minnesota

"Ruland"

No. 319, Fifth Ave. New York, N.Y.

Remittance advise, also draft No. 90306, issued by First National Bank, St. Paul, upon National Bank of the Republic New York, for \$43.75

Deposited in the mailing Room, G.N. Ry Bldg.

Yes

At 8 - P.M. - C.M. + St. P. Ry. with regular mail.

No. of Letter

No. of R. P. E.

Should have been addressed to "Ruland" No. 319, Fifth Ave.

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REMARKS OR EXPLANATION BY POSTMASTER.

BRIEF.

(To be filled by Postmaster.)

Date of mailing, _____

At _____

Sender, _____

Addressed, _____

Letter or Packet, _____

Registered or Ordinary, _____

Date of Report by Postmaster, _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTMASTERS.

- (1) This form (1510) has been adopted for universal use, and will be supplied on application to all postmasters. It should be filled in every particular precisely as indicated. It should show name and exact local or street address of sender and addressee, name of post office of mailing and destination, with county (or province) and State, an accurate description of contents, and whether letter or packet, ORDINARY, REGISTERED, or PARCEL POST.
- (2) If this form is filled by the complainant (sender or addressee) the postmaster should examine it carefully to see that it is complete in all details called for; and should then add the particulars of treatment at his office of the mail matter involved, affix his office stamp as the date of the report, and fill the "BRIEF" on the outside of this form.
- (3) As regards responsibility for losses through the mails, it is proper that postmasters call attention to section 1039, P. L. and R., 1887, as follows:
"Sec. 1039. *Registry System Authorized.*—For the greater security of valuable mail matter, the Postmaster General may establish a uniform system of registration. But the Post Office Department or its revenue shall not be liable for the loss of any mail matter on account of its having been registered." (R. S. 3926.)

and answer the queries on the reverse of this form in space {two.} {one.} If you learn of any errors in above statement, please correct, or if you can supply any omissions do so.

Address your reply to "INQUIRY DEPARTMENT,
POST OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY."

Very respectfully,

acknowledged receipt he holds for the same, and whether it was forwarded by Through Registered Pouch or otherwise. If the R. P. E. has been acknowledged received, the registered letter number of acknowledgment for the article under inquiry should be added.

(5) Where foreign inquiry appears desirable, the postmaster should obtain from the sender (or addressee, as the case may be) the accurate foreign address to be used; or if it cannot be clearly written in English, a fac simile should be obtained on an envelope or slip of paper. This applies particularly to information as to present address of sender or addressee in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, or Russia.

(6) CONTENTS.—The senders of registered letters should be informed that the Department expects a definite and true description of contents, and where money or negotiable papers are involved the sender should be prepared to furnish a positive and authentic statement, and to make affidavit as to the amount involved if called upon; otherwise the Department will not be justified in entertaining the complaint of loss, or making efforts to recover the amount.

(9) CONTENTS.—A minute description of contents is indispensable for purposes of identification in domestic or foreign Dead Letter Offices, and for this reason the peculiar or distinctive features must be pointed out; for instance, if the letter contained check or draft, the date and number of its issue, and name of the bank should be furnished; if money is inclosed, the particular kind, the denomination of bills, and other exact description must be given, if possible. As regards PARCELS, the contents, such as gloves, handkerchiefs or other articles of merchandise, rings, lockets, brooches, earrings, watches or chains, and other articles of jewelry, knives, silver ware, etc., etc., the particular marks, numbers, initials, monograms, the quality, texture, color or make should be described; if books or music, the titles should be given; if photographs, the name of the photographer should be furnished if possible, and the size mentioned, whether small or cabinet size, etc.

(10) Where covers are received without contents the postmaster should request the addressee to furnish the name and exact address of the supposed sender, and such description of the probable contents as can be given. The cover should be preserved and attached to the report, Form 1510.

of sender and addressee, with their exact

stated to have concern should add to his statement of issue or payment or repayment, and what steps should be taken to avoid any delay in obtaining

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Post Office, New York, N. Y.,

OFFICE OF INQUIRY FOR MISSING AND DEAD LETTERS,

Room 14, Second Floor, P. O. Building,

J.H.D.
Please cause search to be made for a letter
containing *draft*.

said to have been mailed at *St. Paul, Minn.*
by *James J. Hill*

on the *16* day of *April*
addressed to *Portland*

319 Fifth Ave.
Should be 39 Fifth Ave.
New York City

and answer the queries on the reverse of this form in
space { *two.* } If you learn of any errors in above state-
 { *one.* } ment, please correct, or if you can supply any omissions
do so.

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WILLIAM VAN COTT

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be furnished; if money is inclosed, the
the denomination of the

Post Office at

B. P. S. F.

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To the Postmaster at New York, N. Y.

Has it been held?

SPACE ONE.

Does the sender verify the particulars given?

Is there any record of it as undelivered or forwarded?

SPACE TWO.

to record

Has it been received by the addressee?

not recd.

REMARKS.

Trans 356.

J. L. EATON

Postmaster.



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