

3 Cent Issue of 1851—1857

Orange Brown Shades



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A 3 Cent orange brown paid the single letter rate from Pottsville, Pa. to Philadelphia on Mar. 12, 1852. Single letter rate is defined as a cover and contents weighing 1/2 ounce or less and traveling 3000 miles or less. If unpaid, the rate was 5 cents. Between July 1, 1851 and June 30, 1855 the rate over 3,000 miles was 6 cents if paid and 10 cents if unpaid. Later, over 3000 miles was increased to 10 cents.

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Major colors by year

1851 - Orange Brown



Pale to Deep

1852 - Brownish Carmine



Pale to Deep

1853 - Dull Red



Pale to Deep

1854 - Rose Red



Pale to Deep

1855 - Orange Red



Pale to Deep

1856 - Yellowish Rose Red



Pale to Deep

1856 - Brownish Carmine



Pale to Deep

1857 - Claret



Pale to Deep