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In 1860, the present City of Corry was not much more than a stand of trees amidst a swamp. In the next couple years, however, with the crossing of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad and the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad there, the second largest town in the County grew up. Oil had been discovered only a few miles away at Titusville, adding to the boom. The post office was established in December 1861.



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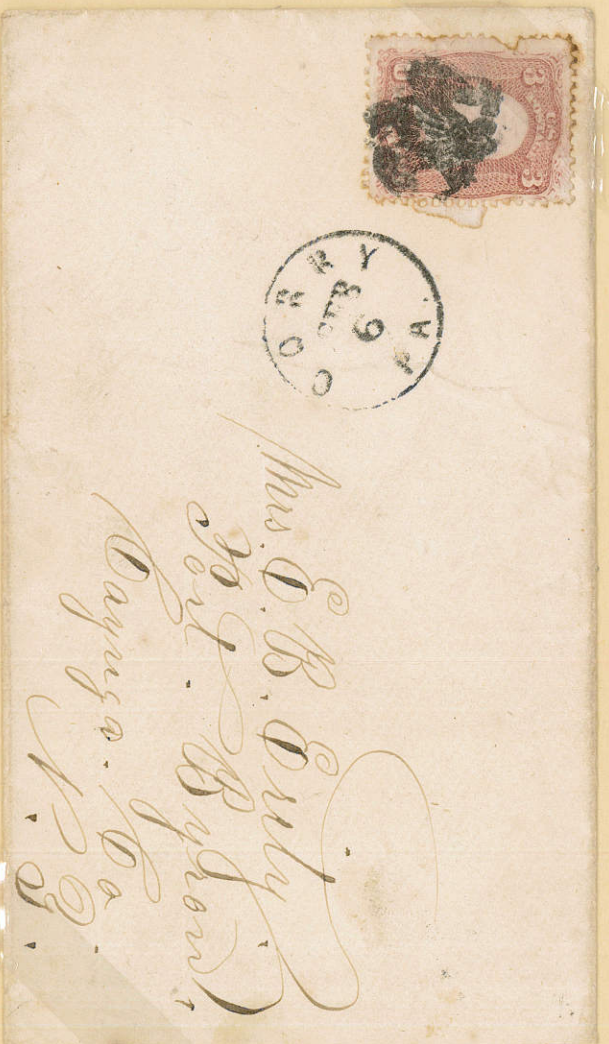


A very clear Eagle holding a sheaf of arrows cancels this embossed corner card of a hardware dealer on Main Street, Corry. Although there is no enclosure and no date on the cover, it is probably from the post-Civil War era. The stamp is an 1861 Washington.

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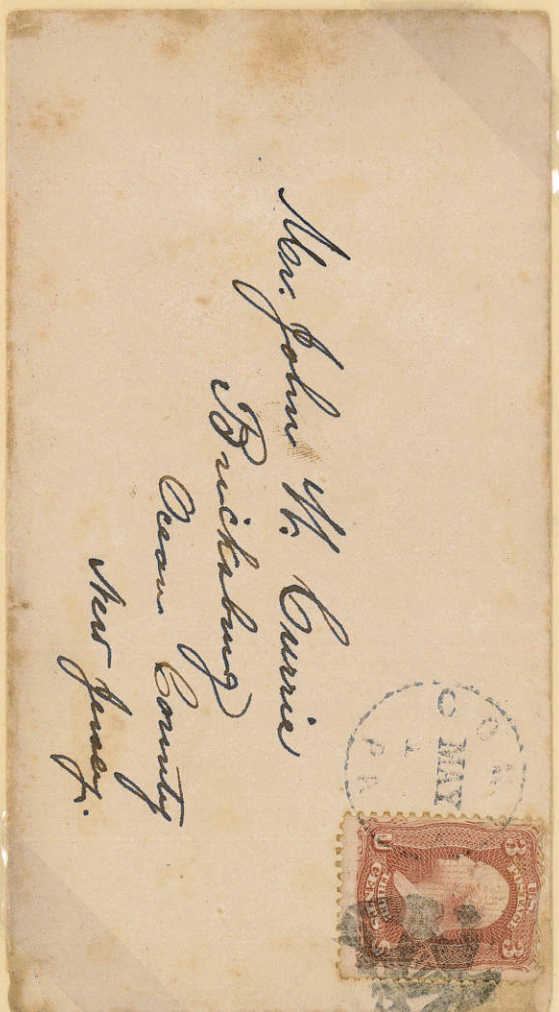
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Here is another type of Eagle, addressed to New York State.
For some reason, the Postmaster often cancelled these 3¢ 1861
issue stamps upside-down.



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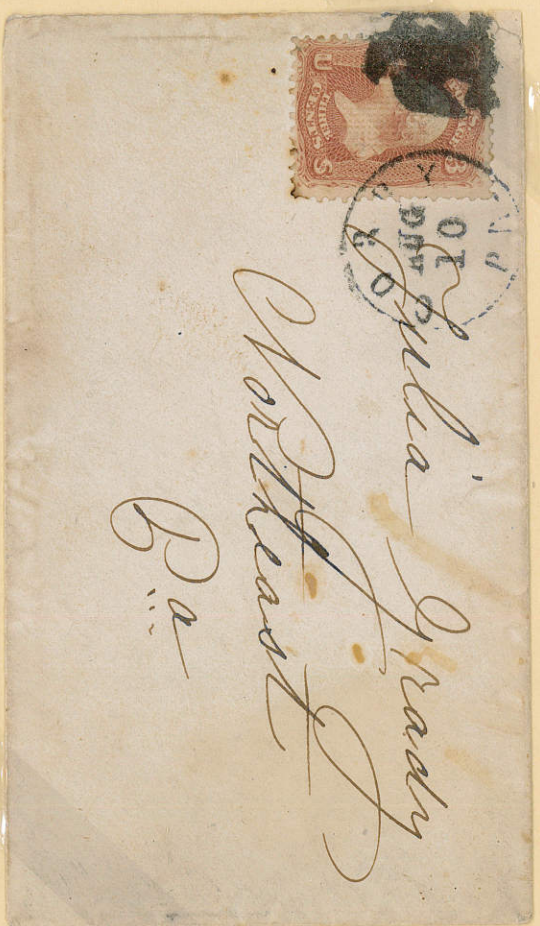
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Here is another grilled issue of the 1861 Washington addressed to Brickburg(h), New Jersey. This office was changed to Lakewood, NJ in 1880.

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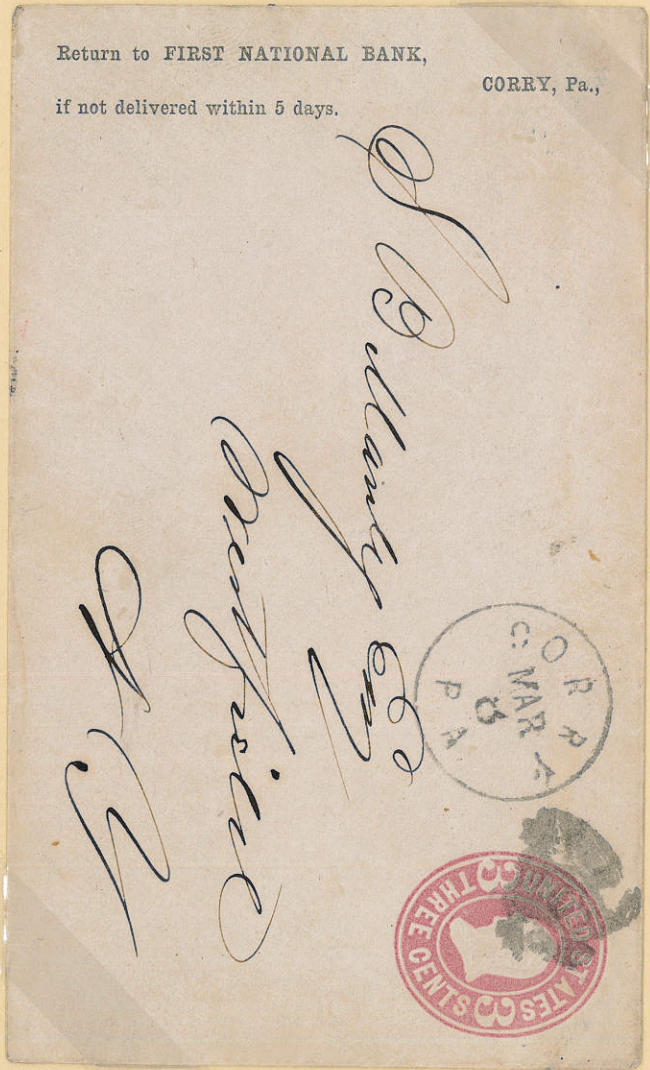


This cover was addressed inside the County itself - to North East. Note that this is a grilled stamp of the 1861 Washington issue, and is again cancelled upside-down.



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The fancy cancels known as "Eagles" can be attributed to James Guy Foreman, the Postmaster from December 1862 to February 1877. When he began to use his cancels is unknown, but it was probably sometime in the period just after the end of the Civil War.

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Another type of "Eagle" is shown here on an 1864-issue Nesbitt envelope.