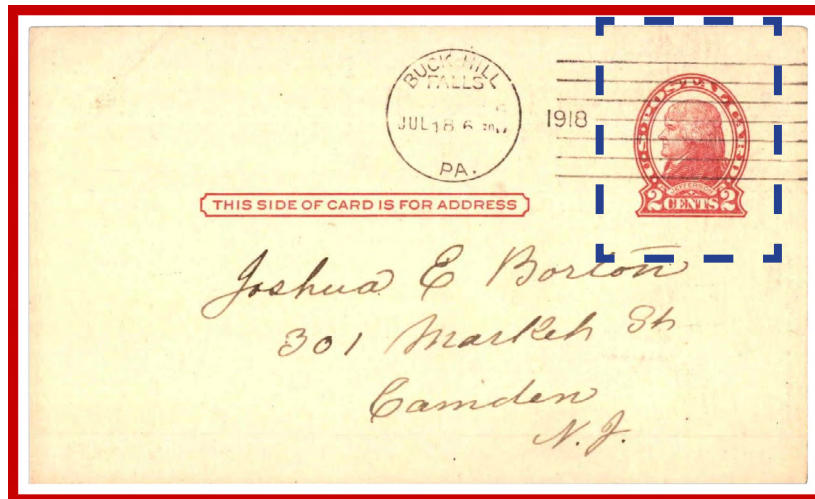


Thomas Jefferson Fakes It!

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) was a president, statesman and a naturalist with a keen interest in prehistoric life (fossils) and archaeological objects. His support for mapping expeditions to find historical artifacts and fossils is unparalleled by any other president.



Dashed area cut out to paste on envelope

Normal use of Jefferson 2¢ card

(reduced size scan)

Postal card indicia are valid for postal cards they are printed on. When indicia on a card is mistakenly not canceled, it could be cut out and pasted onto a mailable item. This un-sanctioned practice is found as frugal mailers used the postage they had to mail letters.



Jefferson card cut-out used on first class letter

Local letter within Buffalo, New York, 4 June, 1928 used a 2¢ Thomas Jefferson postal card indicia cutout to pay postage. Postal personnel caught the attempt and assessed the letter 2¢ postage due (manuscript). A precanceled postage due stamp of Buffalo, N.Y. was applied to indicate the missing postage was paid.