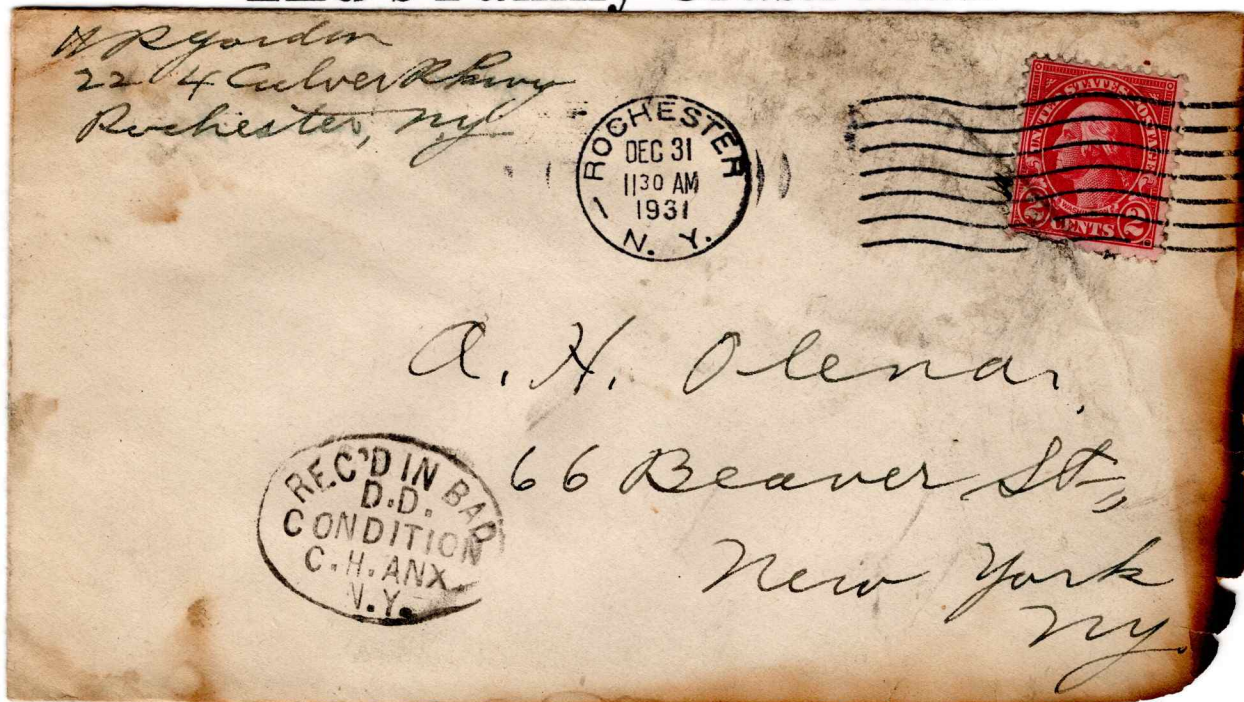


# □ Ed's Family Crash Mail



The generic term for most varieties of damaged mail is "Crash Mail." This includes those items damaged by trauma, fire, water, and/or a combination of such. When mail is salvageable and includes a delivery address, the USPOD makes every effort to see that it is delivered. Auxiliary markings are included either by a rubber stamp (often made in haste) or an attached label made expressly for this situation. **The 1931 cover on top** ↑ was mailed to stamp dealer AH Olena (1890-1937) in NY, NY. There is evidence of a fire, though the stamp is intact. There is no explanation as to the source of the damage such as a railroad fire.

**The 1905 bottom cover** ↓ was mailed to the stamp dealer's parents 26 years earlier at their place of business on Vessey St., NY, NY. This also is fire damaged, but the stamp is missing, perhaps it floated off as the burning mail car was doused with water. There is an attached dated label stating the source of the damage. In this case the NYC PM advised the cover's recipient that the Chicago cover was involved in the train wreck of the 20th Century Limited in Mentor, OH, 21st June 1905. Since their fifteen year old son, Alfred, was a stamp collector, they probably passed it on to him for his collection.

