

EARLIEST REGISTRATION HANDSTAMP TYPE

Beginning in 1865, a handstamp was applied to mail when it was registered.



First handstamp type. Used in the Philippines between 1865-1883. Applied only at the Manila post office.

EARLIEST KNOWN USE OF STAMPED AND REGISTERED MAIL FROM THE MARIANA ISLANDS

This cover is one of four covers known of the earliest stamped and registered mail of the Spanish Mariana Islands – all dated September 28, 1877. The Mariana Islands were postally administered by the Spanish Philippines at that time. All mail between the Mariana Islands and Manila was posted at the interior rate. On Mariana Islands mail, the “CERTIF” marking was applied at the Manila post office.



1877 Mariana Islands to Manila single-weight interior registered letter showing a combination of earlier postal issues with different monetary units.