

THE PARIS STAR CANCELLATION

1852 TO END MARCH 1876

The Paris Star cancellation can be found on:-

- 1849 first Ceres issue (beginning 1852)
- 1852 Presidency issue
- 1853-1870 Napoleon III Empire issues
- 1870- end March 1876 Siege and 3rd republic Ceres issues

Louis Napoleon Bonaparte was elected President of the new 2nd Republic in 1848. After further social upheaval, he had the backing to mount a successful coup d'état on 2 Dec 1851; many were attracted to the regime by the Bonaparte legend and the restoration of the Empire. Most important postally were the increasing volume of postal communication and the introduction of postage stamps on 1 Jan 1849.

On 1 Jan 1852, a circular about cancellations, issued by the Administration to all postmasters, instructed that the Paris Central Post Office (also known as Bureau J.J. Rousseau) would not have a number or a letter in a "lozenge", but would use an obliteration in the form of a six-pointed star of dots. This design was to last for nearly 25 years and was expanded to serve 39 other bureaux in the central Paris commercial district.

This exhibit shows:-

- (pge. 1) a special roulette of "stars", used in Bureau J.J. Rousseau
- (pge. 2) a complete collection of Paris "stars" on stamp
- (pge. 3) Paris cancellations for France – first issue.
- (pge. 4) the Paris "star" for Bureau Central-Bureau J.J. Rousseau
- (pages 5 6 7 8) a selection of five bureaux with "numbers in a star" 1863-1876

(Note, items of especial interest will be indicated by a brown border rather than a green).



SG 67

25-9-55, roulette of stars(R), PARIS 12(60)12,
in red: Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris. To Mortagne (Orne)

References:-

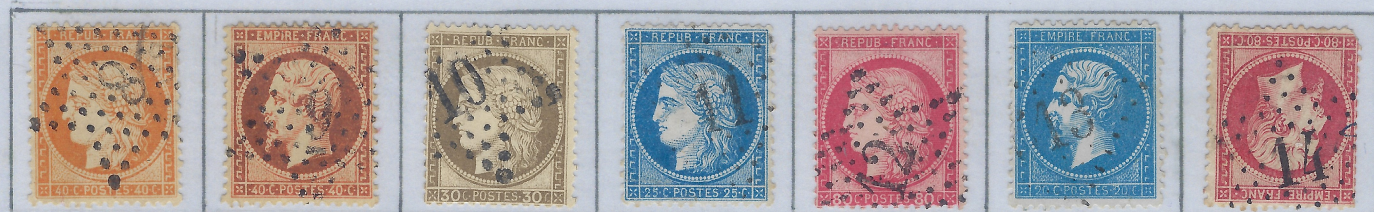
- French Philatelic Facts - Brainerd Kremer - 1950
- Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue - Part 6 - France - 1993
- Yvert & Tellier: Timbres de France - Tome 1 - 2017
- eBay: www.postalhistorian.com/exhibition/paris-star (2022)

THE PARIS STAR CANCELLATION - WITH A NUMBER

JULY 1863 TO END MARCH 1876



Pl. de la Bourse	R. Bourdaloue R. St. Lazare R. Milton	Pl. de la Madeleine	R. St. Cécile R. d'Enghien	Bt. St. Martin R. de Bondy Bt. Magenta	Sénat Pal. du Luxembourg	R. des Vieilles-Haudriettes
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R. d'Antin	R. du Faub. St. Honoré R. Montaigne	Petite Rue du Bac R. Dupin R. du Cherche-Midi	R. de l'Echelle R. St. Honoré Pl. du Théâtre Français	Bt. Beaumarchais	Hôtel de Ville R. de la Tacherie	R. du Faub. St. Martin R. de Strasbourg
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R. Mazarin R. Bonaparte	R. Neuve-Bourg l'Abbé R. de Palestro R. de Turbigo	R. Tirechappe R. du Pont-Neuf	R. de Londres R. d'Amsterdam	R. d'Angoulême du Temple Bt. Richard-Lenoir	R. St. Dominique-St Germaine
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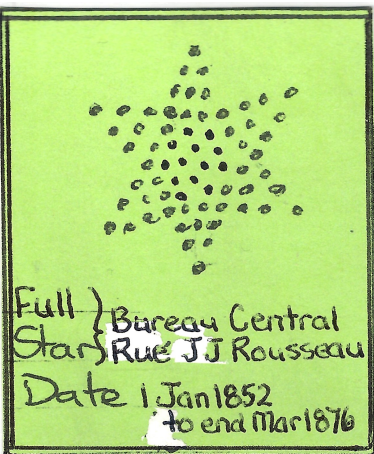
R. St. Antoine	R. St. Nicolas d'Antin R. de Helder R. Taitbout	R. du Faub. St. Antoine R. Aligne	R. de Clery	R. de la Harpe R. Serpente	Gare du Nord
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R. St. Dominique-Gros-Caillois Gros-Caillois	R. du Cardinal Lemoine	R. Mouffetard R. Pascal R. Monge	Bt. Mazas	Corps Législatif R. de Bourgogne	R. de la Ste. Chapelle Quai des Orfèvres	Gare D'Orléans Bt. de l'Hôpital
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R. de Chailiot Ave Josephine	Minist. des Finances R. de Luxembourg	Bt. de Prince Eugène Bt. Voltaire	Bt. Malesherbes	R. des Ecluses R. des Feuillantines	St. Martin	(Full Star of Dots) Bureau J.J. Rousseau Bureau Central.
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BUREAU CENTRAL
(RUE JJ ROUSSEAU) 1 JAN 1852 to end Mar 1876
(On 1 Jan 1852 was authorised to use the unique obliteration - a star of dots.)



26-9-53?, grill cancellation, PARIS PL DE LA BOURSE SG1.

PD, on piece. The grille cancellation was used throughout France until superseded by the ◊ numeral cancel, 1-1-1852. The grill was used later, in Paris, on local mail, as probably here. This usage is exceptionally rare on stamps of the first issue.¹



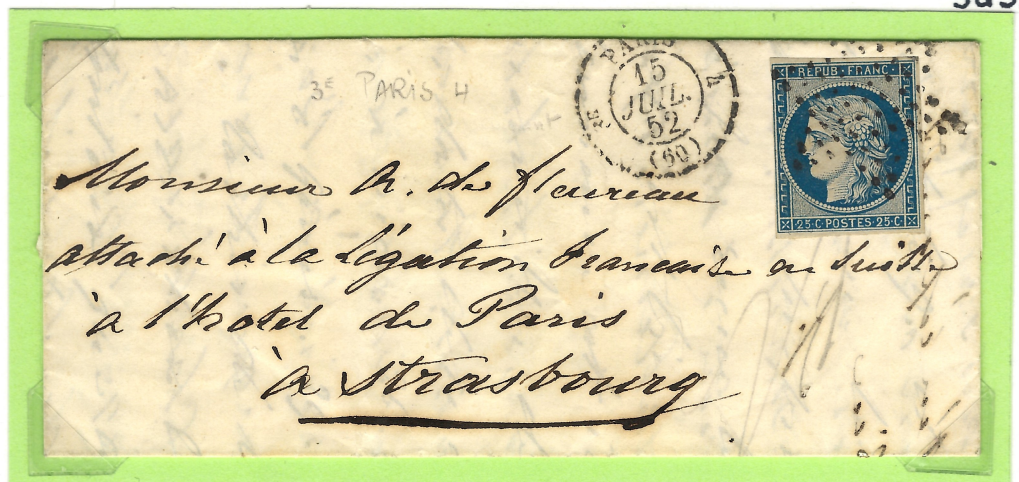
6-7-53 (back stamp), full star in dots, no date stamp, Paris for Paris, To 303 Faubourg St Antoine.

As of 1 July 1853, the rate for prepaid letters was reduced from 15c to 10c (but unpaid letters charged 15c)

SG2.

Also the 15c green stamp (SG2.) was declared obsolete². The Cover above was processed and posted 5 days after this date.

SG3.



15-7-52, full star in dots, to Strasbourg (Bas-Rhin 67)
(PARIS 3^E (60) 4)

1. French Philatelic Facts pge 47, D1

2. The same (above) pge 70 3rd paragraph.

Nb. The names:- la légation française, en Suisse
à l'Hotel de Paris
à Strasbourg !

BUREAU CENTRAL
(RUE J.J. ROUSSEAU)

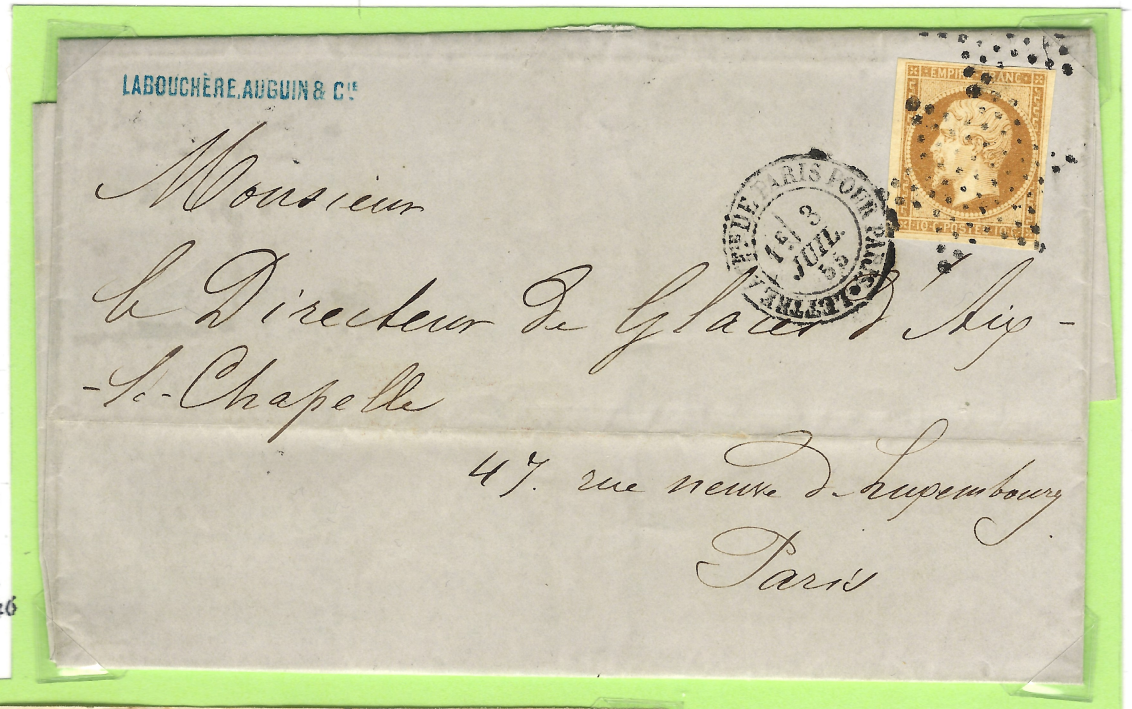
1 JAN 1852 to end Mar 1876



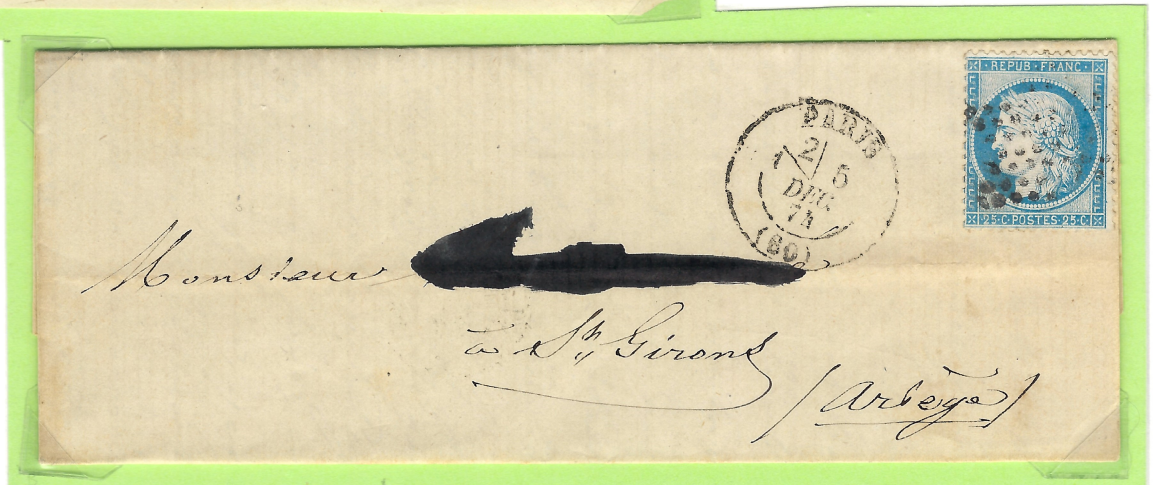
Full
Star Bureau Central
Rue JJ Rousseau
Date 1-Jan 1852 -
to end Mar 1876

3-7-55, full star in dots,
LETTRE AFFTE PARIS POUR
PARIS.
To Rue neuve de Luxembourg
Paris.
(Cancel: Paris for Paris)

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SG46



31-1-69, full star in dots,
CHARGÉ. N° 138, PARIS
(A tracking stamp in red,
registered, containing valuables),
to Vauveantes(?), Cognac
←→→→→
2x SG 114



5-12-74, full star in dots, 1², PARIS (60), to St. Girons, Ariège
SG. 199 b.

PLACE DE LA BOURSE

Star in use from July 1863 to end March 1876



Star No: - 1
Date July 1863
to end Mar 1876



25-10-72, Star 1, PARIS PLACE DE LA BOURSE, to Montagne (Orne)
Nb. mixed franking SG 116, SG 140



1-6-64, Star full, PARIS PLACE DE LA BOURSE, to Turin, Italy
boxed **PD** (for mail exiting France) SG.99



E1 in octagon - Levée exceptionnelle
(mailed - for a fee - after mail closed)

SG.95



SG.116

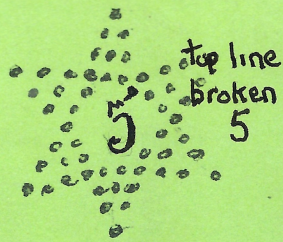


Star 1

SG.131



SG.89



Star No: - 5

BT ST Martin Jul 63 - Jul 65

R. de Bondy Aug 65 - Sep 72

BT Magenta Sep 72 - Mar 76

BT ST MARTIN

R. DE BONDY

BT MAGENTA

- July 1863 to July 1865

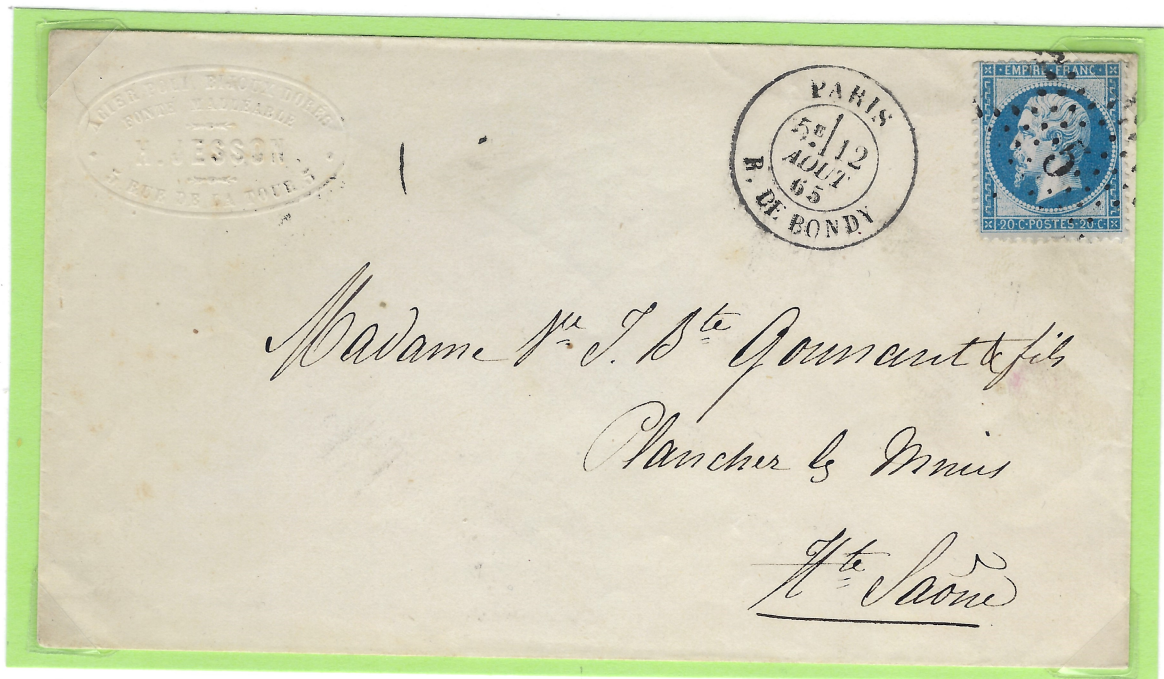
- Aug 1865 to Sep 1872

- Sep 1872 to end Mar 1876



broken 5

17-6-65, Star 5, PARIS BT ST MARTIN, to Lorette-le-Boisage (Seine-et-Marne)



12-8-65, PARIS R. DE BONDY (Star 5), to Plancher-les-Mines (Hte Saône)



22-6-73, Star 5, BT MAGENTA,

on piece

RUE DU FAUBOURG-ST HONORE July 1863 to May 1867

R. MONTAIGNE

June 1867 to end Mar 1876



Star No. - 9

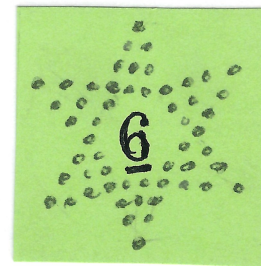
R. du Faubg-St Honore

Jul. 1863 - May 1867

R. Montaigne Jun 67 - Mar 1876



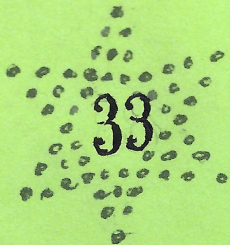
8-8-65, Star 9, R. DU FAUBG-ST HONORE, to Rue Gréby Paris



Example of Star No. 6
4-3-68, Star 6, PARIS SENAT,
Paris for Paris,
Boulevard Haussmann.

A selection of orientation indicators





Star No: -33

Gare d'Orleans July 63 - 1871
Bt de l'hôpital 1871 - Mar 1876

GARE D'ORLEANS

Jul. 1863 to 1868

BOULV. DE L'HÔPITAL

1868 to Mar 1876



25-9-66, Star 33
PARIS GARE
D'ORLEANS
(fragment)

16-2-66, Star 33, PARIS GARE
D'ORLEANS
to Albi, Tarn 77



RUE DE CHAILLOT
AVE. JOSEPHINE

July 1863 to 1868

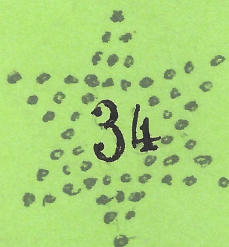
1868 to Mar 1876



31-1-68, Star 34, PARIS R. DE CHAILLOT

3 (PD)

to Louisiana (America) - via Queenstown!!
back: SFB: - monogram of widow of
George Bradford.



Star No: -34

Rde Chaillot Jul 63 - 1866
Avenue Josephine 66 - Mar 1876