

## Chapter 8: Lawrence & Cohen

**I**n 1864, after four years using the name Lawrence, Cohen & Co., (See previous chapter) and the death of Lewis Cohen, the company once again changed its name, this time to Lawrence & Cohen. Its final name change occurred when the company merged with two other manufacturers and became the New York Consolidated Card Co. (See later chapter)

A modified L.C.& Co. cancel (where the “& Co.” and the month were removed) (Table 8-1) began to appear on First Issue stamps in 1864. The L.&C. cancel (Table 8-2) has yet to be found on a wrapper, but the initials and date match the time frame that Lawrence & Cohen were selling cards. The L.&C. cancel was for use on the 3¢ and higher tax stamps while the L.C. cancel covered the lower values.

**Table 8-1: Lawrence & Cohen cancels - Type 1**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>L. C.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1864.</b></p>	Year	Value	Stamp inscription
	1864.	1¢	Proprietary
	1864.	1¢	Proprietary (double)
	1864.	2¢	Playing Cards (blue)*
	1864.	2¢ (red)	Playing Cards (blue)
	1864.	2¢	Proprietary (blue)
	1864.	10¢	Proprietary

\* Image of this stamp and cancel can be seen on the Rail Road Cards wrapper in A History of Playing Cards by Catherine Hargrave, p. 332.

**Table 8-2: Lawrence & Cohen cancels - Type 2**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>L. &amp; C.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1864.</b></p>	Year	Value	Stamp inscription
	1864.	3¢	Playing Cards
	1864.	3¢	Proprietary
	1864.	3¢ (blue)	Proprietary
	1864.	4¢	Inland Exchange
	1864.	4¢	Playing Cards
	1864.	4¢	Proprietary
	1864.	5¢	Inland Exchange
	1864.	5¢	Playing Cards
	1864.	10¢	Bill of Lading
	1864.	10¢	Certificate
	1864.	10¢	Inland Exchange
	1864.	10¢	Proprietary