Stamp Cancellations at a Rural Post Office in the 1940’s

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Postmark Records of a 4\textsuperscript{th} class PO

“As a check on the correctness and legibility of the postmarking, the postal regulations require the postmaster to make an impression of the postmark on an office record every time any change is made in the die.”

--Roper (1916)
Fondis, Colo. 1895-1954
CONTENTS: MERCHANDISE
FOURTH CLASS MAIL

Postmaster: This parcel may be opened for postal inspection if necessary.

C. N. TRIPP,   FONDIS, COLO.
Postmark records 1920’s, 1930’s

1920, #=6;
1921, #=22;

1931, #=5
1941, #=116
1942, #=230
1943, #=213
1944, #=263
1945, #=246

1953, #=16
1954, #=5
To Denver
Change in postmarking stamp, 1941
Actual times of the arrival and dispatch of mail and identity of carrier
Mail carrier could not meet appointed rounds
Problems with the arrival and departure of mail
AM and PM postage (before and after mail dispatch)
Cancelled postage
Daily Cancellations at Fondis, Colo.
(pop = 380, households = 58)
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<th>Average Daily Revenue</th>
<th>Standard Deviation</th>
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<td>1941-45</td>
<td>.879</td>
<td>.634</td>
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<td>December</td>
<td>1.712</td>
<td>1.337</td>
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<td>Jan - Nov</td>
<td>.777</td>
<td>.375</td>
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## COUNT OF STAMP STOCK

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<tr>
<th>DENOMINATION</th>
<th>NUMBER</th>
<th>VALUE</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 cent ordinary</td>
<td>4.5-4</td>
<td>4.40</td>
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<td>2 cent</td>
<td>588.7</td>
<td>4.17</td>
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<td>3 cent</td>
<td>1.1</td>
<td>2.3</td>
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<td>5 cent</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>4.70</td>
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<tr>
<td>10 cent</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>6.10</td>
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<td>1 cent postage due</td>
<td>14.8</td>
<td>13.43</td>
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<td>5 cent</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.2</td>
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<td>10 cent spec. del.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<td>1 cent postal cards</td>
<td>31.6</td>
<td>3.16</td>
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<td>1 cent books</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8.16</td>
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<td>2 cent</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>0.60</td>
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<td>2 cent env. No. 5</td>
<td>3.73</td>
<td>8.11</td>
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<td>2 cent env. No. 9</td>
<td>3.95</td>
<td>9.04</td>
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Total value of stock on hand, 6.665.6
Postage Frequency at Fondis, Colo.

Number Cancelled 1941-45

Postage Paid

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Postage Paid
Fondis Post Office and patrons

- District 8
- County Roads
- State land
- Houses (58)
- Post Office
- 4.5 distance to Post Office
Average Travel Cost Per Transaction = $0.3824

Average Travel Cost Per Day = $1.03

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<th>Number of households</th>
<th>Average distance to PO, miles</th>
<th>Average round trip, miles</th>
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<td>58</td>
<td>4.78</td>
<td>9.56</td>
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Demand for Postal Service

Revenue = $0.837

Consumers' Surplus = $1.03

Price

$0.31

Quantity, Number Of Transactions Per Day

2.7

Elasticity = 0.4

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Revenue = $0.837
Business on Holidays and during storms.
Mail carrier notes

[Images of mail markings with dates and time stamps]
Jesse (Tripp) drove extra mileage without extra pay, then when returned to regular, tried deducting pay for same milage, also he carried long while, months, I believe, before getting check. At another time, Denver carriers time changed twice from contract, My scraps of paper, huh?

--Mary Tripp