



**THE U.S. PHARMACY STAMP WAS INTRODUCED ON NOVEMBER 10, 1972. THE STAMP BEARS THE WORD “PHARMACY” AGAINST A BLACK BACKGROUND. THE STAMP ALSO CONTAINS A YELLOW MORTAR AND PESTLE AND TWO MEDICATION BOTTLES. IT IS AN 8-CENT STAMP.**

**THE STAMP HONORS THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE THE PHARMACY PROFESSION. IT HAS ADORNED A PLETHORA OF ITEMS INCLUDING: KEYCHAINS, PLAQUES, MUGS, AND EVEN BELT BUCKLES. NO OTHER STAMP HAS BEEN ADMIRER AS MUCH THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY.**

**WHEN A NEW U.S. POSTAGE STAMP IS FIRST INTRODUCED, A CEREMONY IS HELD IN A PARTICULAR CITY ON A PARTICULAR DAY. THE PHARMACY STAMP WAS INTRODUCED IN CINCINNATI, OHIO AT THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.**

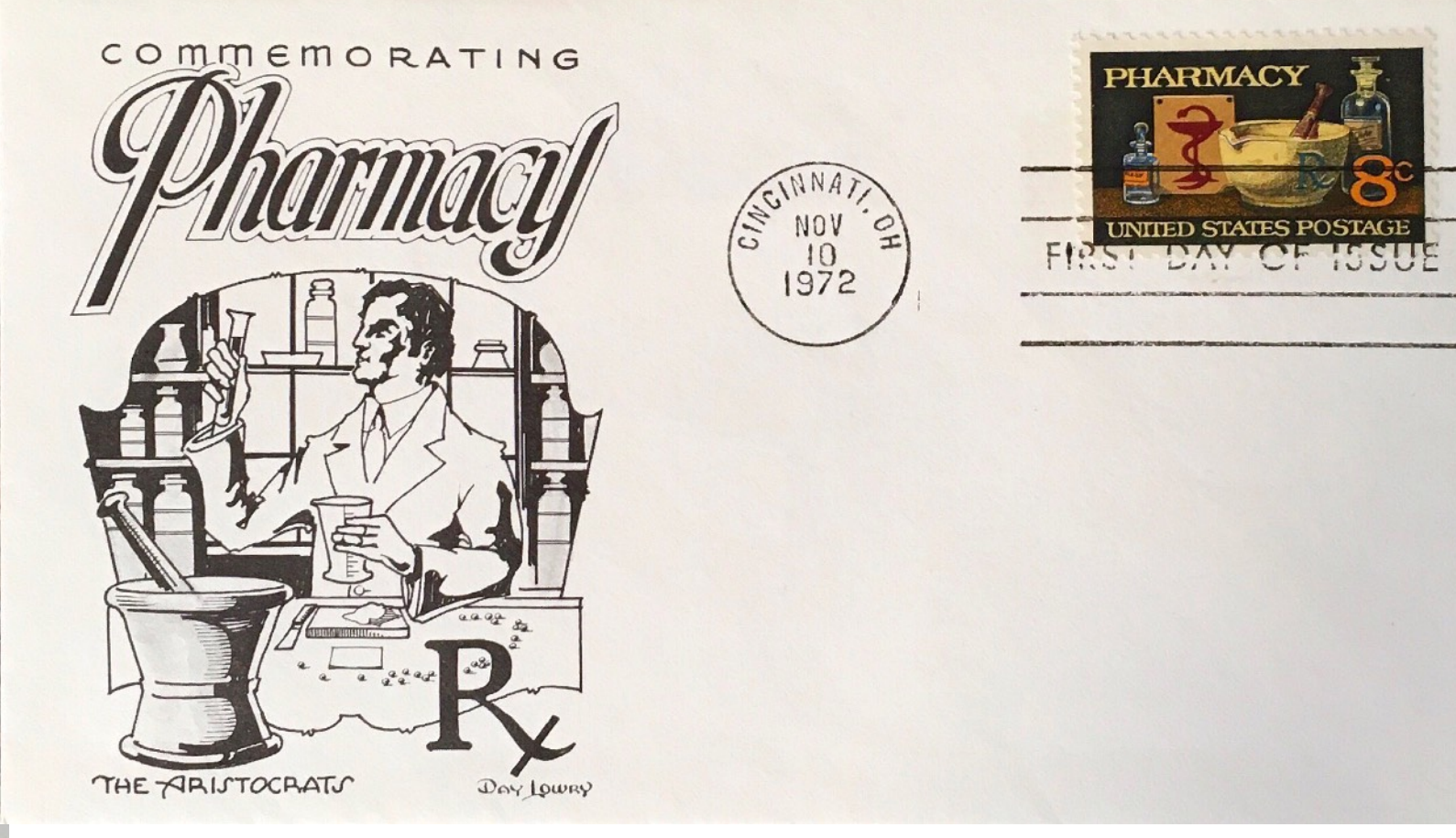
**AT THAT TIME, MANY STAMP COMPANIES, PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES, AND INDIVIDUALS DESIGNED PICTORIAL ENVELOPES TO WHICH THEY AFFIXED THE PHARMACY STAMP. THESE COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPES OR FIRST DAY COVERS (FDCS) HAD THE STAMP POSTMARKED WITH THE SPECIAL “FIRST DAY OF ISSUE CANCELLATION.**

**MY COLLECTION HAS BEEN EXHIBITED AT STAMP SHOWS AND LOCAL LIBRARIES; PRESENTED (TWICE) AT THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACIST CONVENTION; AND DISPLAYED AT THE NEW ORLEANS PHARMACY MUSEUM IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.**

**THE CAPTIONS BENEATH THE FDCS ARE COURTESY OF PHARMACY HISTORIAN, GEORGE GRIFFENHAGEN. MR. GRIFFENHAGEN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY START IN COLLECTING PHARMACY STAMP FDCS AND SUPPLIED ME WITH MUCH ASSISTANCE AND MATERIALS THROUGH THE YEARS.**



**ANDERSON HISTORICAL FIRST DAY COVERS WITH CACHET PRINTED IN BOTH BLACK AND PURPLE BY PIONEER DESIGNER C. STEPHEN ANDERSON.**



**ARISTOCRAT CACHETS (WILRENS COVER SERVICE) OF RICHMOND VA FOUNDED 1936 PRODUCED THIS BLACK CACHET DESIGNED BY DAN LOWRY.**



**ARTOPAGES, OPERATED BY JIM NOVOTNY OF BOWLING GREEN, OH FEATURED THE CACHETS OF PIONEER DESIGNER ALTON A. WEIGEL.**



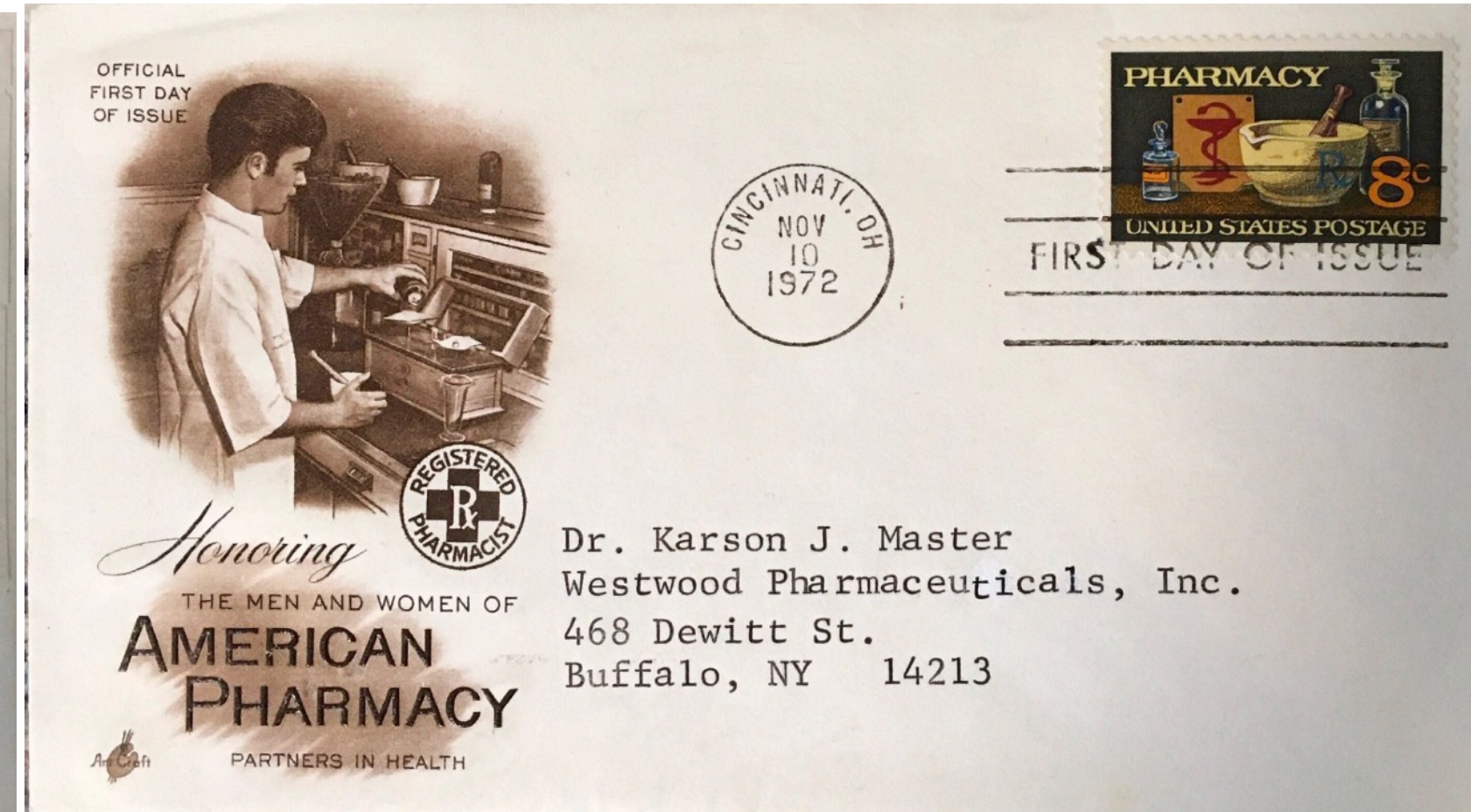
**ARTMASTER WITH C.A. ZOELLER OF LOUISVILLE KY AT THE HELM HAD PRODUCED QUALITY FDCS, INCLUDING THIS BLACK CACHET.**



**SCHERING CORP. CREATED THEIR OWN CACHET WHICH WAS PRINTED IN SEPIA BY ARTCRAFT. SCHERING USED THE SAME ILLUSTRATION ON A LARGE SOUVENIR PLAQUE.**



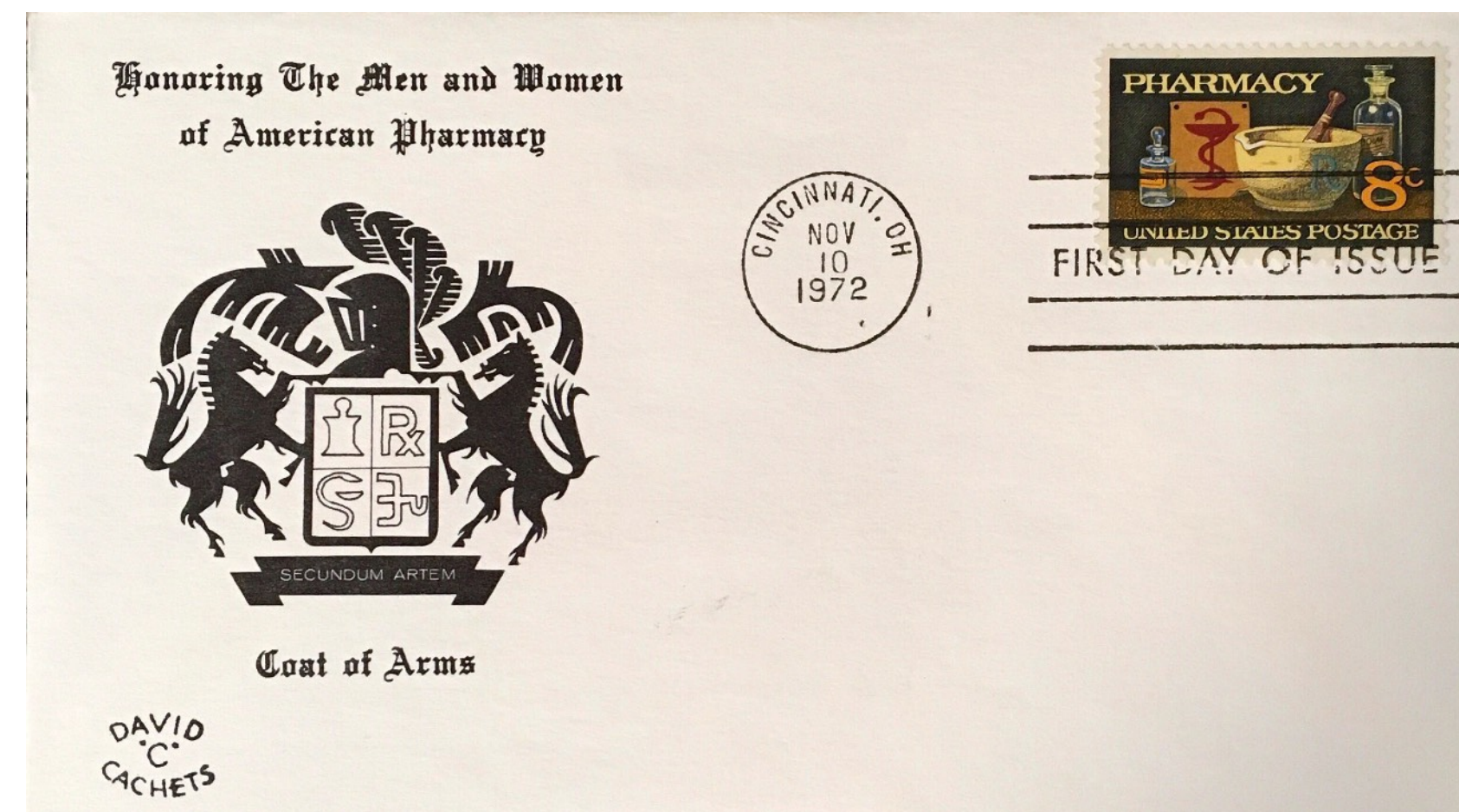
**ORTHO PHARMACEUTICAL CORP. CREATED THIS ORANGE AND BLACK CACHET FOR THEIR FDC.**



**ARTCRAFT, WASHINGTON, PRESS, MAPLEWOOD, NJ, FOUNDED BY LEO AUGUST WITH HIS BROTHER, PHARMACIST SAMUEL AUGUST PRODUCED THIS CACHET.**

**ICI AMERICA INC. USED THE ARTCRAFT CACHET PRINTED IN BROWN WITH INSERT SIGNED BY W.K. ABBOTT, MARKETING MANAGER, PHARMACEUTICALS AND COSMETICS.**

**DRUG TOPICS ADAPTED THE ARTCRAFT CACHET PRINTED IN BLUE FOR THEIR FDC OF THE PHARMACY STAMP**



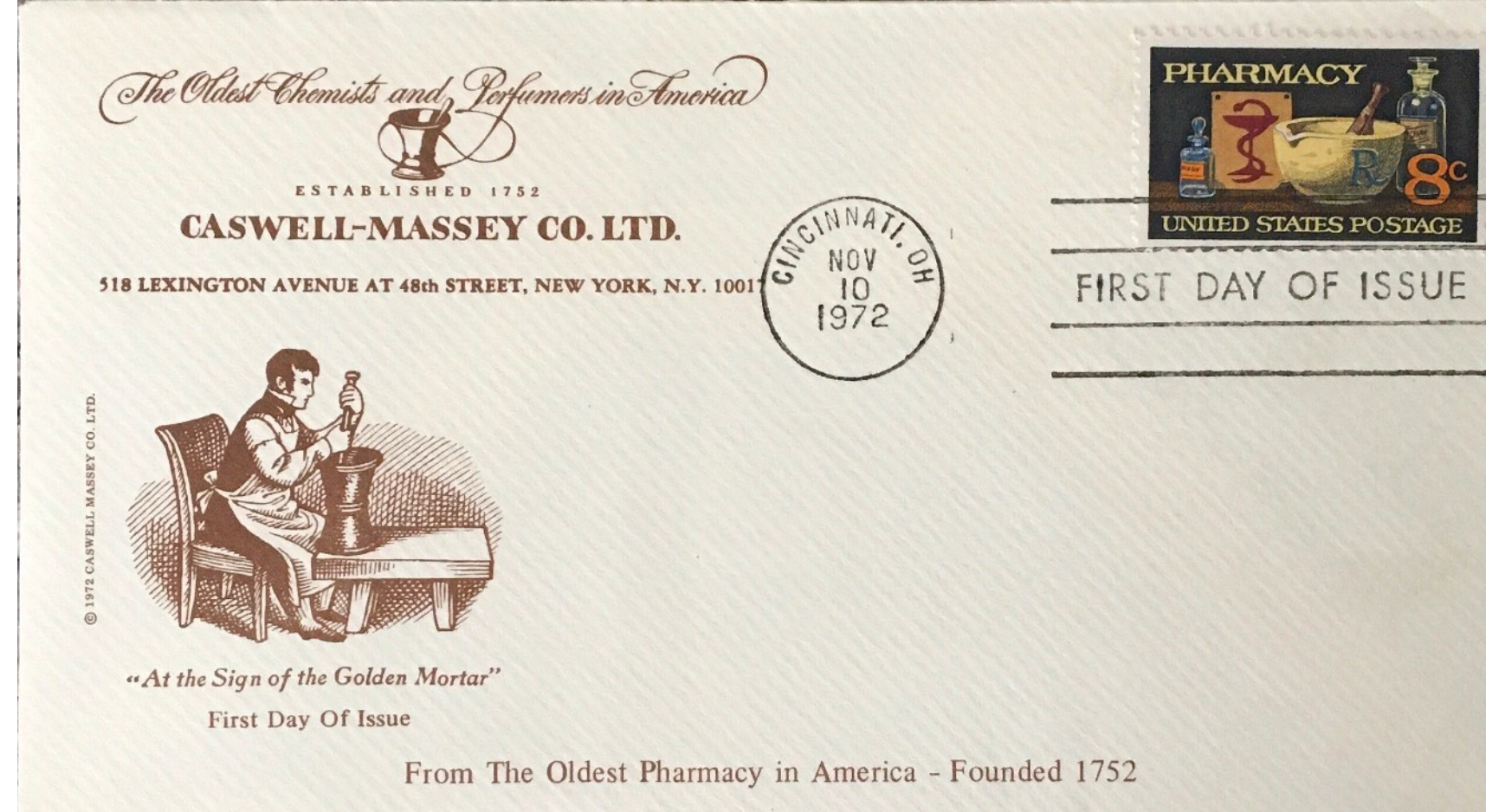
**PHARMACY TIMES HAD STEVAN DOHANOS CREATE A SPECIAL CACHET ENTITLED "PHARMACY MEMORABILIA". INSERT SIGNED BY IRVING RUBIN, EDITOR.**

**DAVID "C" CACHETS OFFERED AN ALTERNATE PRINTED CACHET WHICH WAS HAND COLORED BY DAVID PRITCHARD, JR.**

**DAVID "C" CACHETS OPERATED BY DAVID PRITCHARD, JR. OF FOR THOMAS, KY SELECTED THE PHARMACY COAT OF ARMS AS THE BLACK PRINTED CACHET.**



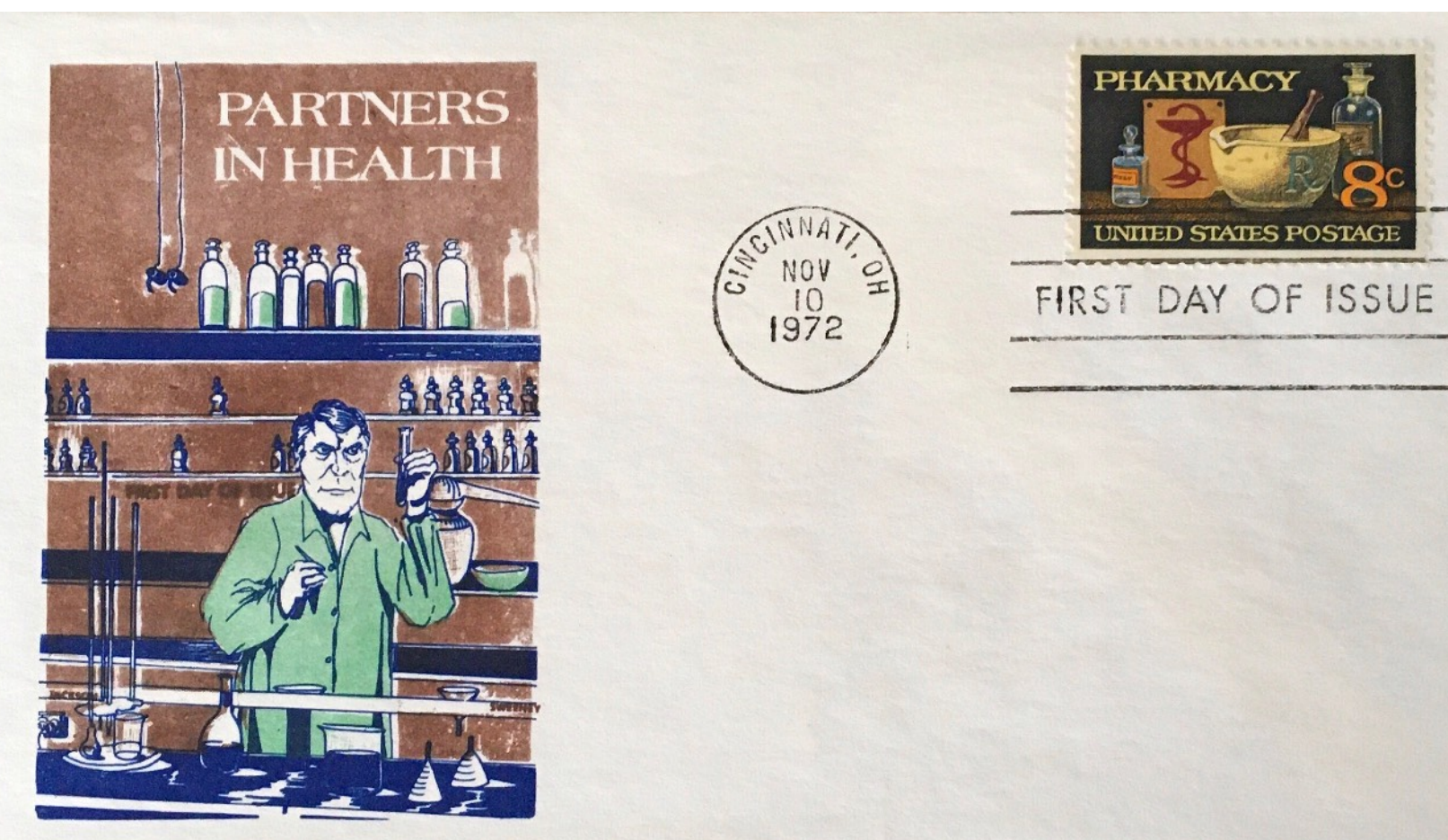
**ELLIS ANIMATED COVERS OFFERED A HUMOROUS APPROACH WITH A MULTICOLOR CACHET BY RICHARD ELLIS OF MOUNTAIN TERRACE, WA.**



**CASWELL-MASSEY CO. PRODUCED THIS SEPIA CACHET ON IVORY COVER DESCRIBING THEMSELVES AS "THE OLDEST PHARMACY IN AMERICA."**



**OVERSEAS MAILERS OF HICKSVILLE, NY FEATURED THE BROWN, GREEN, AND BLUE JACKSON CACHET PLUS AN AUXILIARY RED CACHET FROM CASWELL-MASSEY OF NEW YORK.**



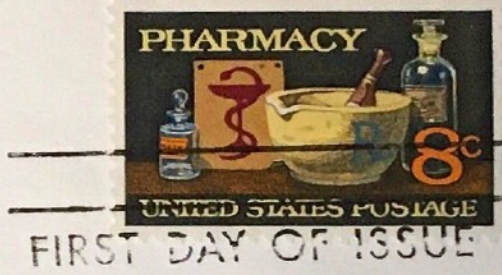
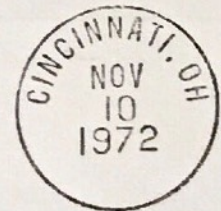
**JACKSON COVER SERVICE OF PLAINFIELD, NJ PROVIDED THIS BROWN, GREEN, AND BLUE CACHET INSCRIBED JACKSON SWEENEY FIRST DAY OF ISSUE.**



**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHAIN STORE DRUG STORES PREPARED THIS BLACK AND TAN CACHET "HONORING PHARMACY".**

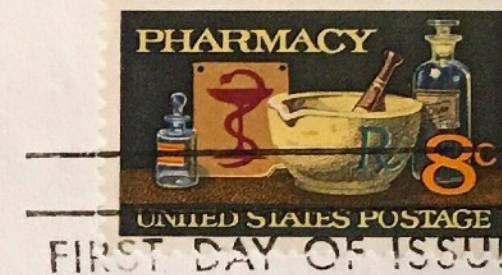
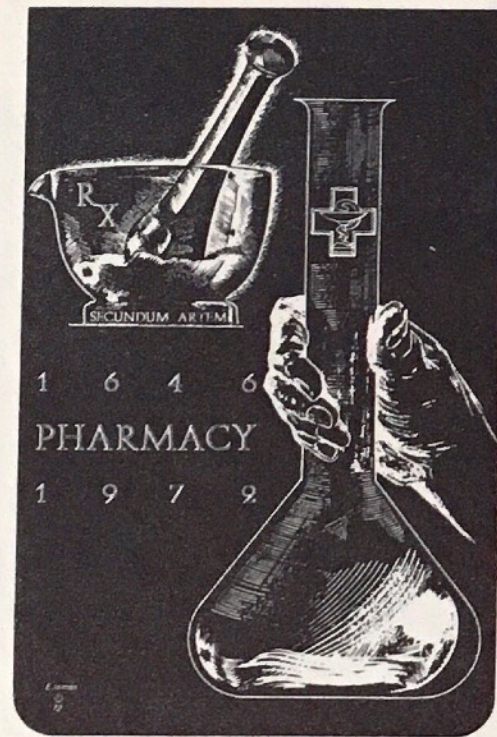


**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS DEVELOPED THIS BROWN CACHET FROM PARKE-DAVIS.**



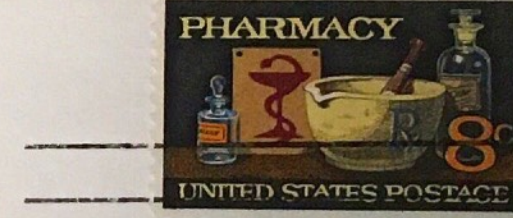
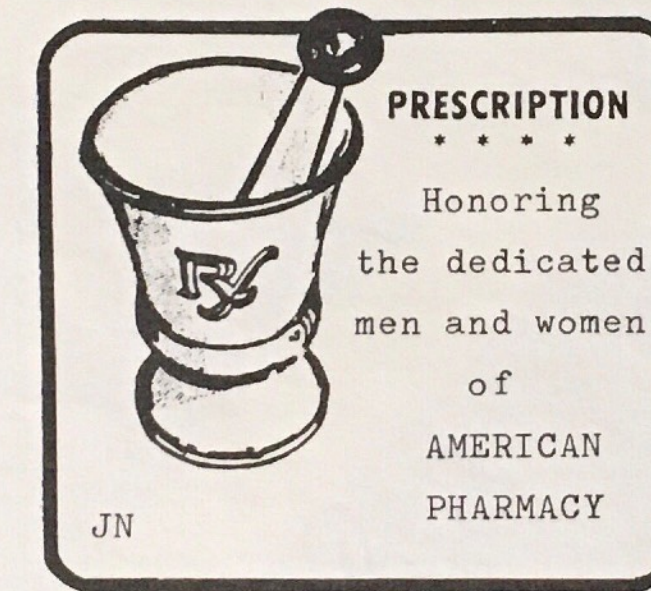
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**COLONIAL CACHET BY ROBERT F. RINSE OF WARREN, MI CREATED THIS BLACK, TAN, AND ORANGE CACHET.**



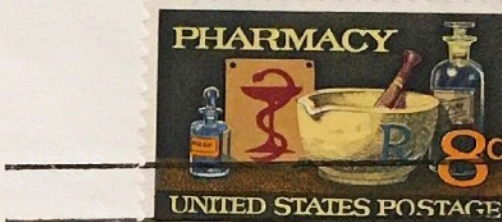
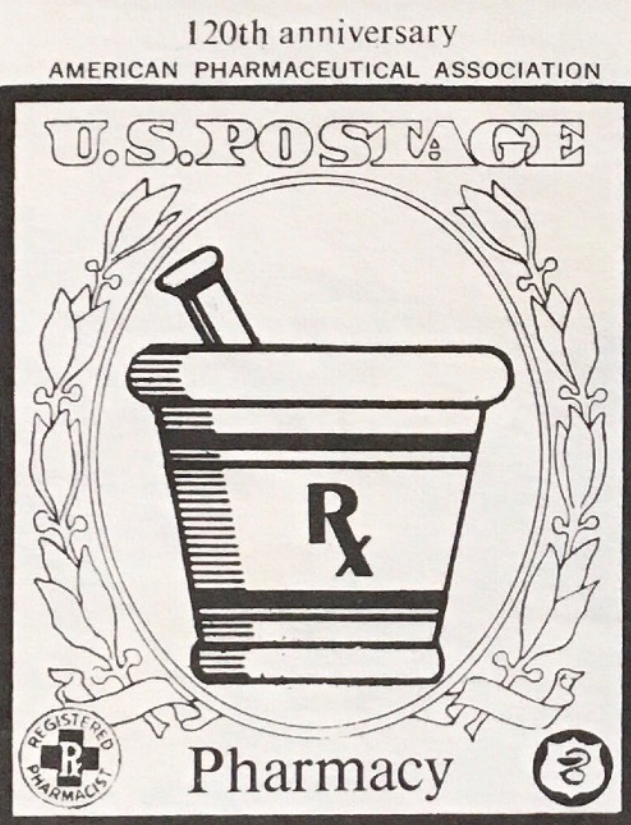
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**HAMILTON COUNTY PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, CINCINNATI OH ISSUED THIS BLACK CACHET DESIGNED BY E. INMAN. IT CREDITS WILLIAM DAVIES AS OPENING THE FIRST AMERICAN PHARMACY IN BOSTON.**



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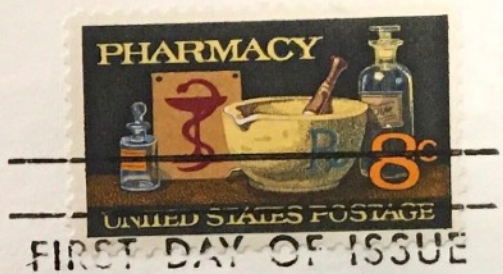
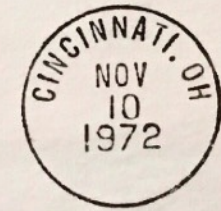
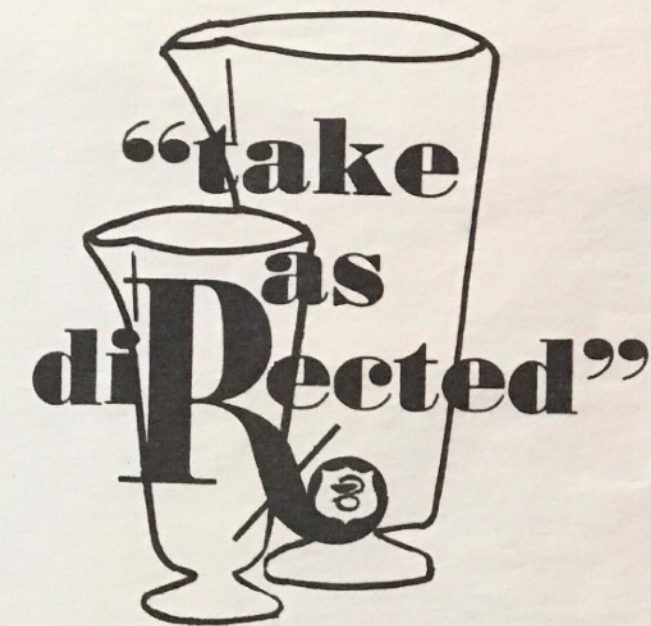
**JN CACHETS OPERATED BY CHARLES E. NICKLIN OF MUNCIE, IN PROMOTED THIS BLACK CACHET VIA THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION JOURNAL**



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**JN CACHETS ADDED A SECOND BLACK CACHET RECOGNIZING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.**

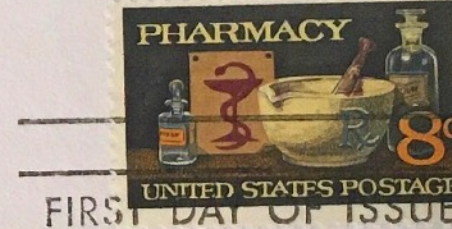
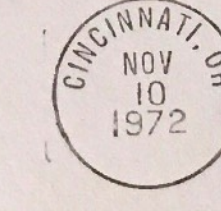
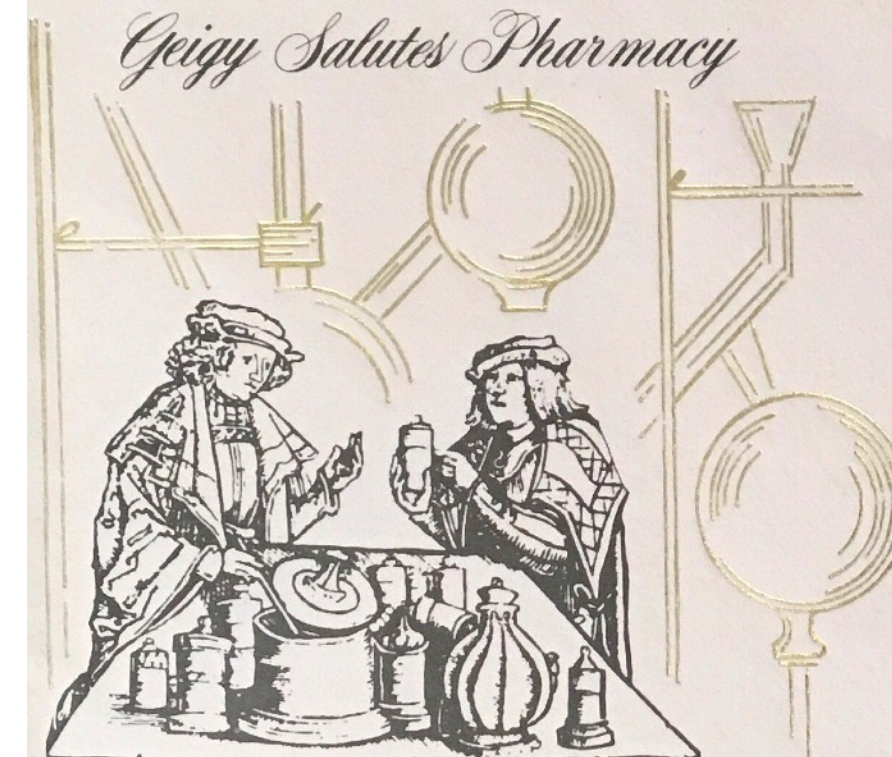
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JN First Day Cover

**JN CACHETS OFFERED A THIRD BLACK CACHET WITH THE APHA LOGO.**



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**GEIGY PHARMACEUTICALS USED THIS BLACK AND GOLD CACHET FOR THEIR FDC WITH INSERT SIGNED BY JACK SHOTSBERGER, VP, MARKETING.**



**FLEETWOOD OF CHEYENNE, WY PRODUCED THIS ENGRAVED BLACK AND GREEN COVER. THE SAME COVER WAS ALSO MADE WITH A SILVER OR BRONZE MEDALLION.**



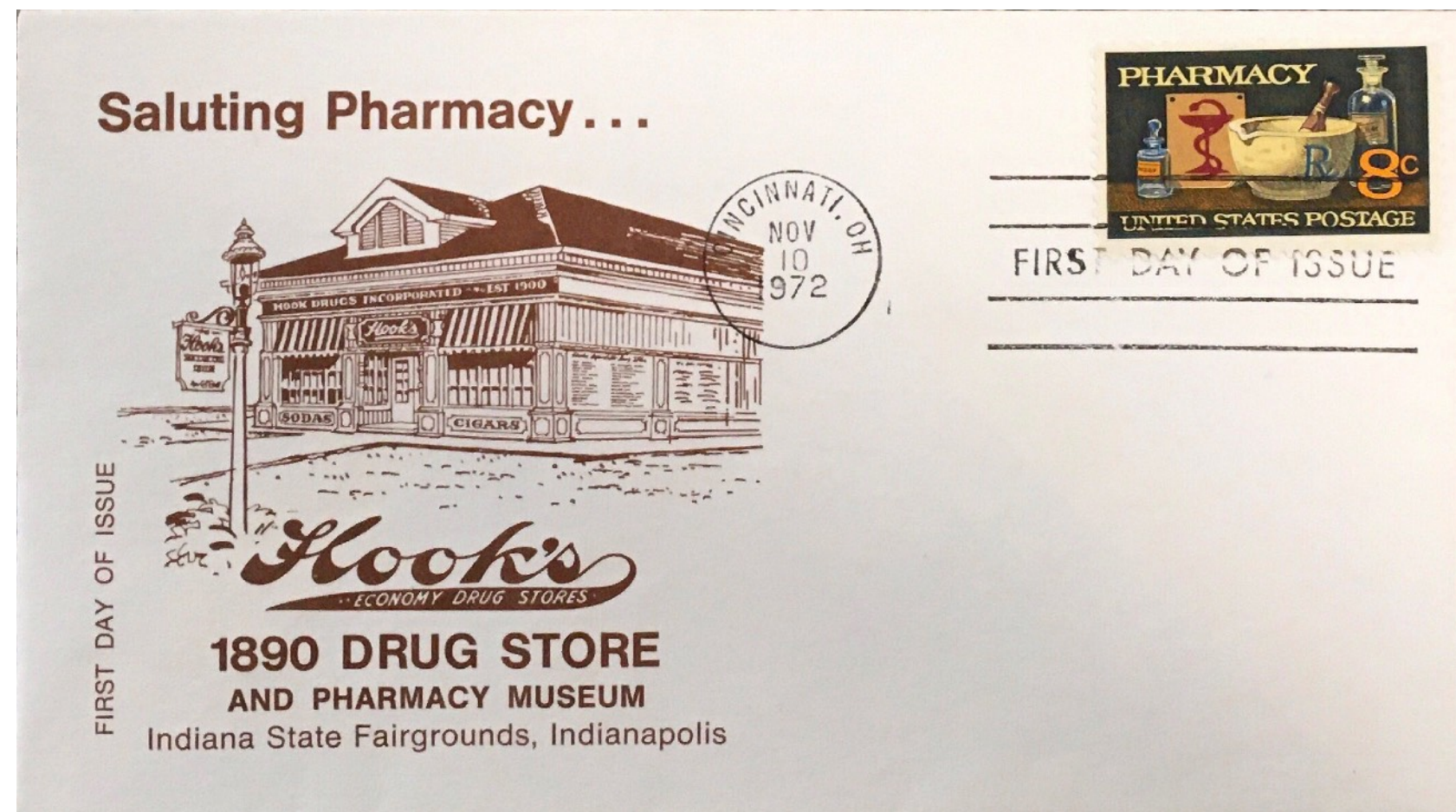
**BAZAAR CACHETS LAUNCHED BY HERB BENJAMIN OF WEST NEWTON, MA PRODUCED THIS BLACK, SEPIA, AND ORANGE CACHET.**



**HOUSE OF FARNHAM IS AMERICA'S OLDEST STEEL DIE ENGRAVED FDC PRODUCER. THIS RED AND BLUE CACHET WAS DESIGNED BY RALPH ZIMMERMAN.**



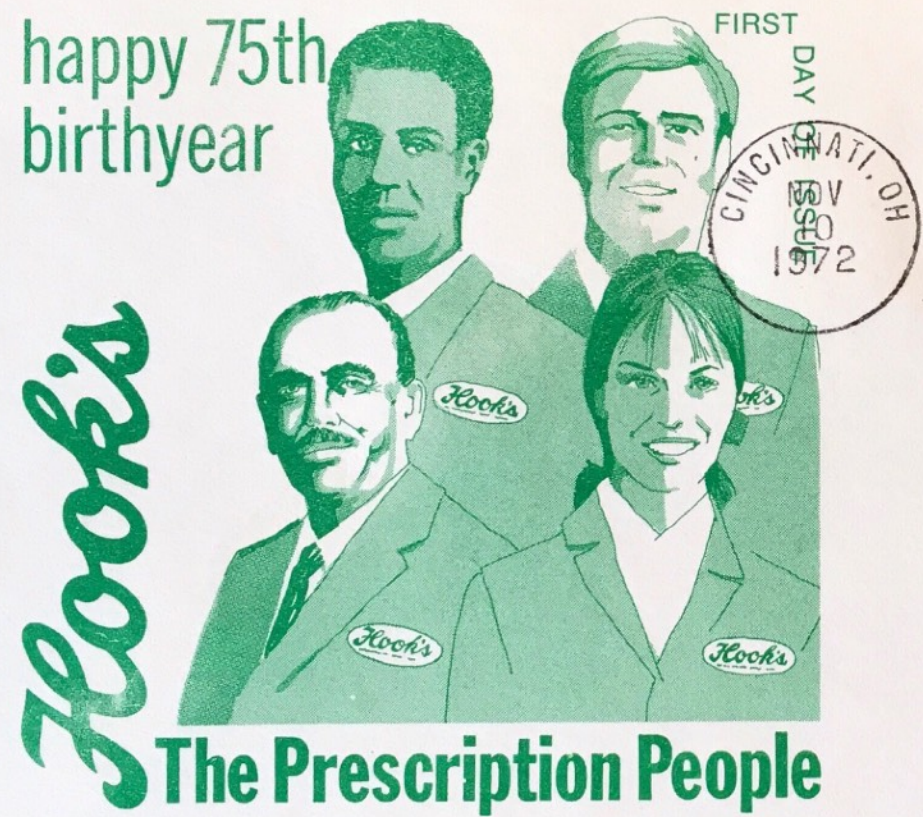
**ELI LILLY AND COMPANY USED THIS BLACK, BURNT ORANGE, AND BLUE CACHET TO HONOR THE PROFESSION OF PHARMACY.**



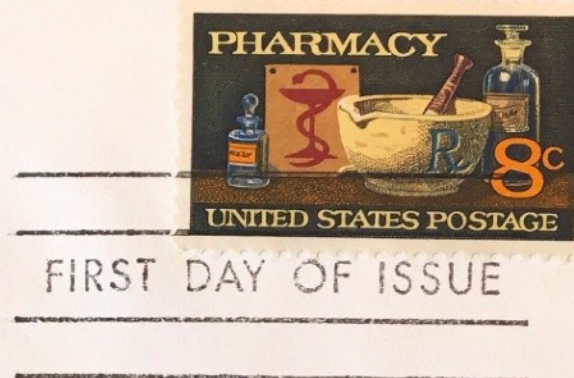
**HOOK'S 1890 DRUG STORE AND PHARMACY MUSEUM IS FEATURED ON THIS BROWN CACHET "SALUTING PHARMACY. THE MUSEUM IS LOCATED ON THE INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS.**



**HOOK'S DRUG STORES OF INDIANAPOLIS IN ISSUED A BROWN CACHET WHICH RECORDS THE FIRST PHARMACY FOUNDED IN 1900.**



**HOOK'S DRUG STORES ADDED THIS GREEN CACHET RECOGNIZING THE CHAIN'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY.**

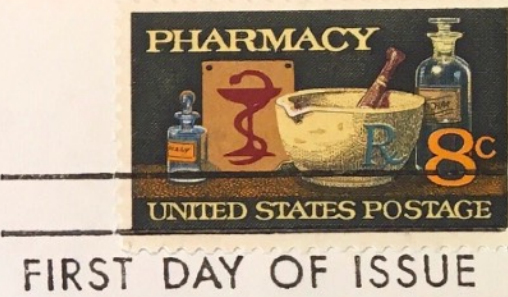
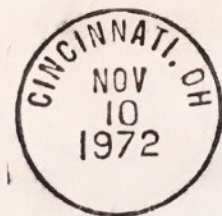


**COVER CRAFT CACHETS OF PATTERSON, NJ CREATED THIS RED, BLUE, AND BLACK CACHET WITH AN INSERT DESCRIBING THE SYMBOLS OF THE PHARMACY STAMP.**



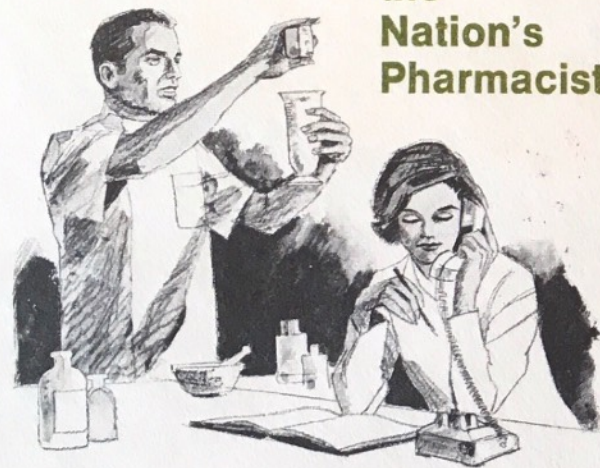
**UNKNOWN GREEN, ORANGE, AND VIOLET CACHET HAND DRAWN ON AN AIR MAIL ENVELOPE.**

HONORING THE  
PROFESSION OF PHARMACY  
FIRST CITY OF ISSUE  
CINCINNATI, OHIO



**AMERICAN DRUGGISTS' INSURANCE CO. OF CINCINNATI, OH PRODUCED THIS BLACK CACHET WITH BLUE EAGLE AND INSERT.**

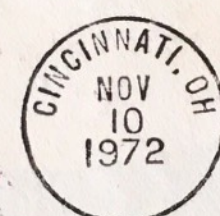
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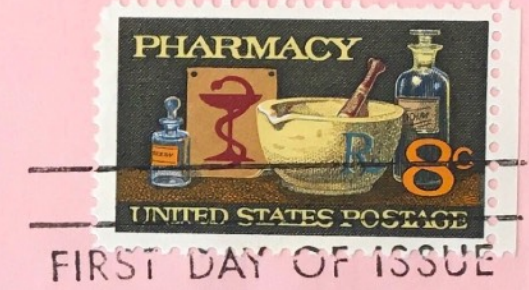
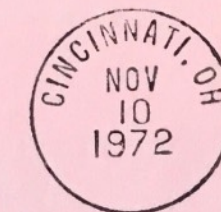
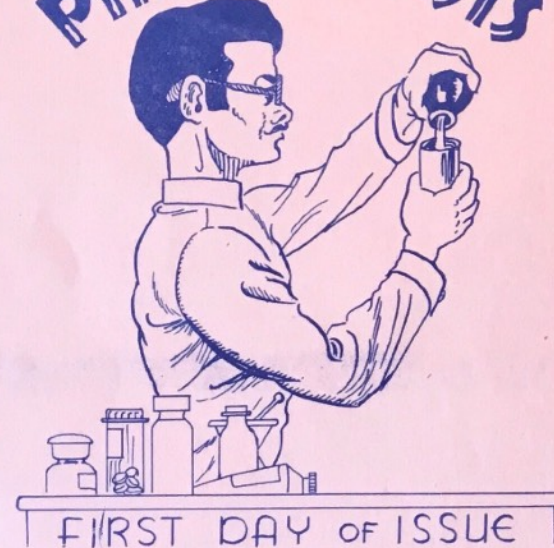
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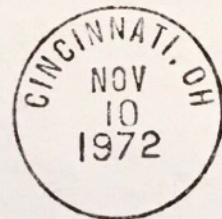
**AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION'S "OFFICIAL CACHET" IN BLACK AND GREEN WAS DESIGNED BY BERNARD SANDERS.**

HONORING AMERICA'S  
PHARMACISTS



**KOLOR KOVER, NORMAN THOMAS OF JACKSON, MI, OBTAINED THE SERVICES OF HIRIAM I. SWINDALL TO CREATE THIS CACHET PRINTED IN BLUE ON BOTH WHITE AND PINK COVERS.**

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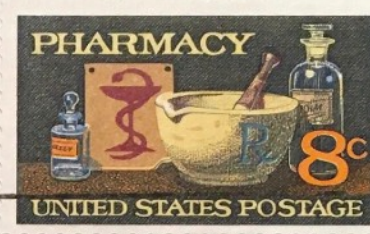
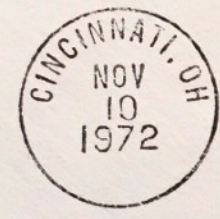


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Honoring the more than 100,000 Registered Pharmacists who fill over two billion prescriptions annually, keeping America in good health.

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**LORSTAN CACHETS OF STRATFORD, CT OFFERED THIS BLACK ENGRAVED WITH BLUE PRINTING CACHET.**

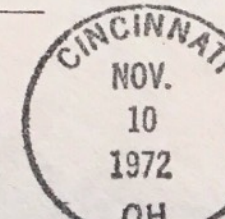
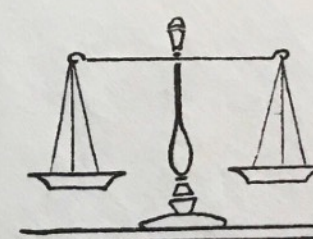


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**MARG. THE TRADE NAME OF EDMUND J. SHEA OF WELLESLEY, MA OPERATING AS SHEA ADVERTISING FEATURED DUO TONE CACHETS SUCH AS THIS ONE.**

120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Pharmaceutical Association



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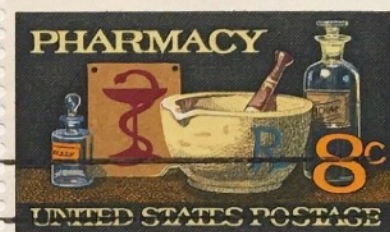
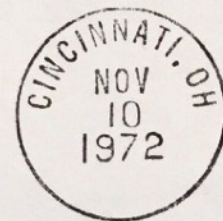
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A TRIBUTE  
to the  
**NATION'S  
PHARMACISTS**

CLIFFS COVERS

**CLIFF'S COVERS, OPERATED BY CLIFFORD ELLIOT OF SYCAMORE, IL HAD MARTHA FAY DESIGN THIS BLACK CACHET.**

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PHARMACY STAMP

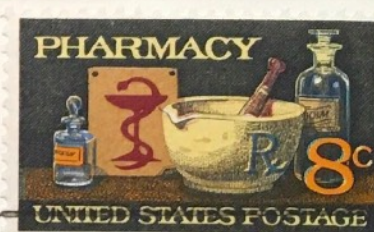
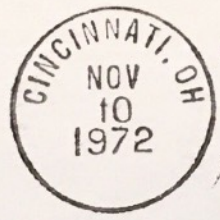
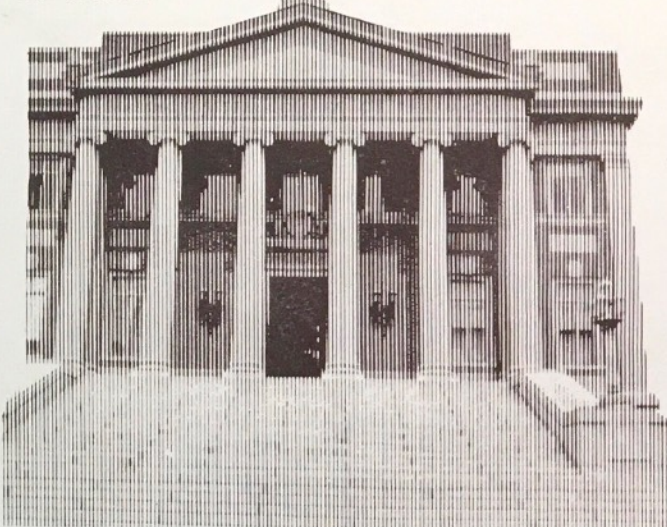


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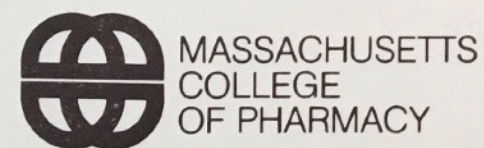
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**MOTOR CITY STAMP & COVER CLUB FDC WAS PREPARED BY MAURICE L. OUELLETTE OF ALLEN PARK, MI. THE CACHET IS BURNT ORANGE.**

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MASSACHUSETTS  
COLLEGE  
OF PHARMACY  
SESQUICENTENNIAL 1823/1973

**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY'S BACK CACHET OBSERVES THE BEGINNING OF THEIR SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR.**

SALUTING NORTH DAKOTA'S PHARMACISTS



SUDRO HALL

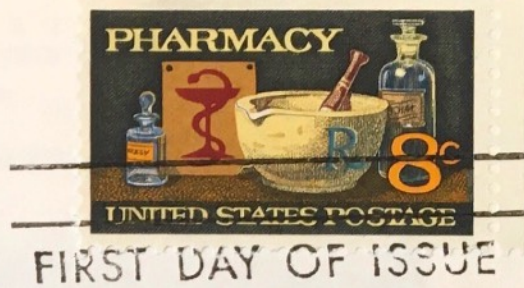
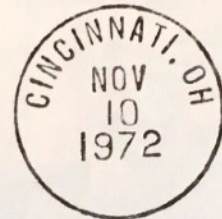


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NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

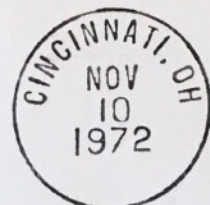
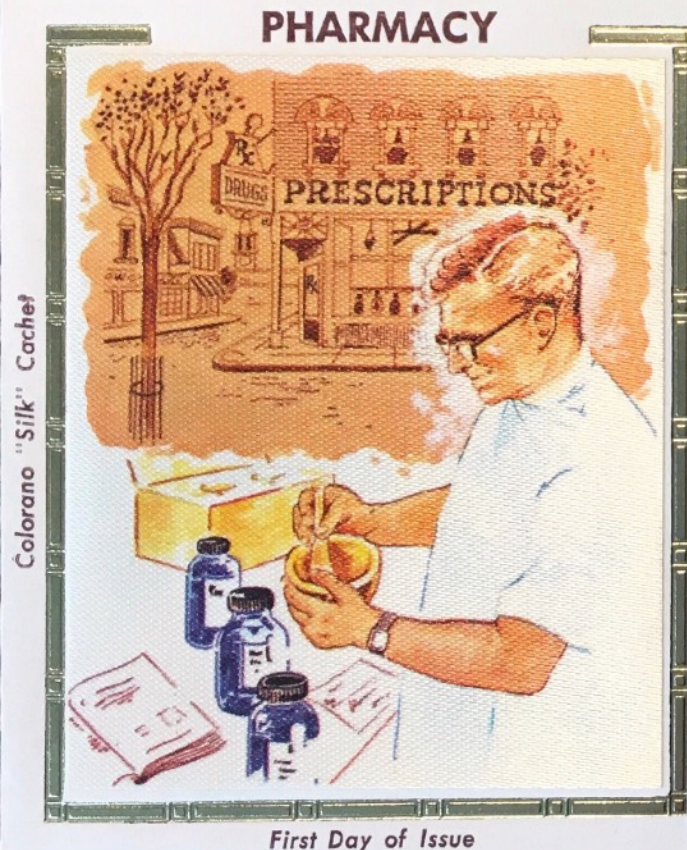
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**NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY'S BLACK CACHET WAS DEVELOPED BY THE FARGO- MOORHEAD STAMP CLUB.**



McDOWELL APOTHECARY SHOP  
DANVILLE, KENTUCKY  
1795-1972  
First Drug Store West Of The  
Allegheny Mountains

**GEORGE W. GRINDER OF DANVILLE, KY HAD THIS BLACK CACHET OF THE MCDOWELL APOTHECARY SHOP.**



**COLORADO "SILK" CACHET LAUNCHED A NEW ERA IN FDC COLLECTING WHEN RAY NOVAK OF BELLROSE, NY APPLIED MULTICOLOR SILK CACHETS TO COVERS.**

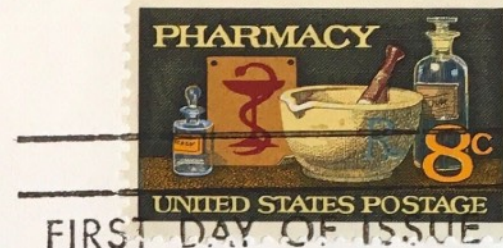
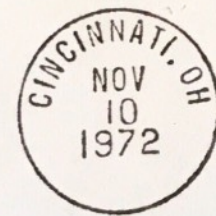
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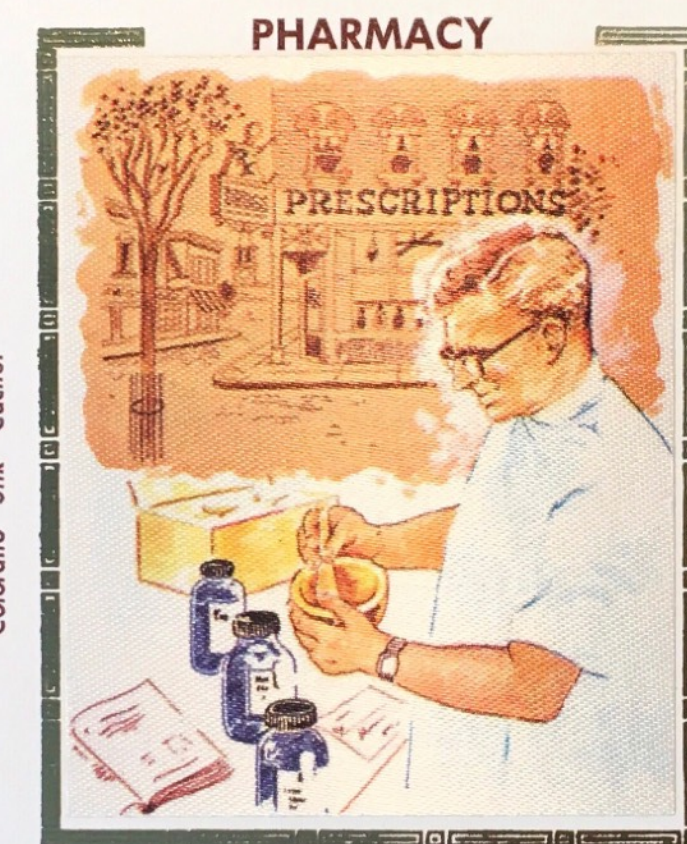
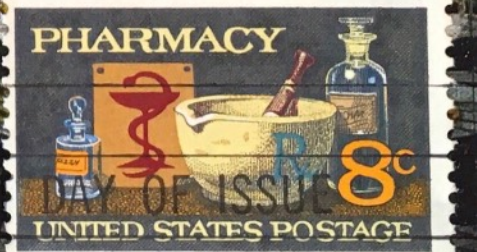
The Men and Women of Pharmacy



**TRI-STATE COVER SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI, OH FEATURED THIS GREEN AND RED CACHET PREPARED BY RALPH A. WEIL.**



INTERIOR OF THE A. SPIEGEL DRUG STORE MILWAUKEE, WIS.



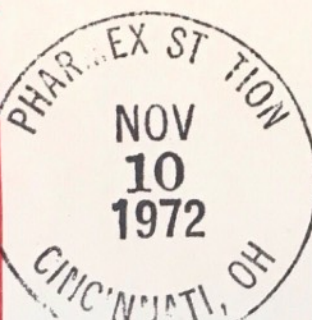
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**COLORADO "SILK" CACHETS ALSO ISSUED AN FDC AS AS 3 1/4" BY 5 1/2" CARD.**

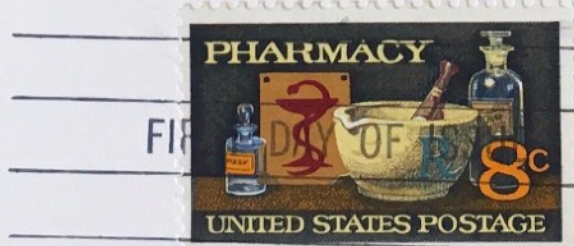
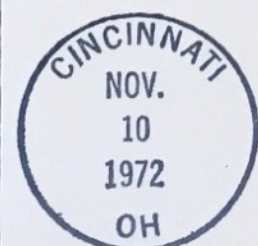
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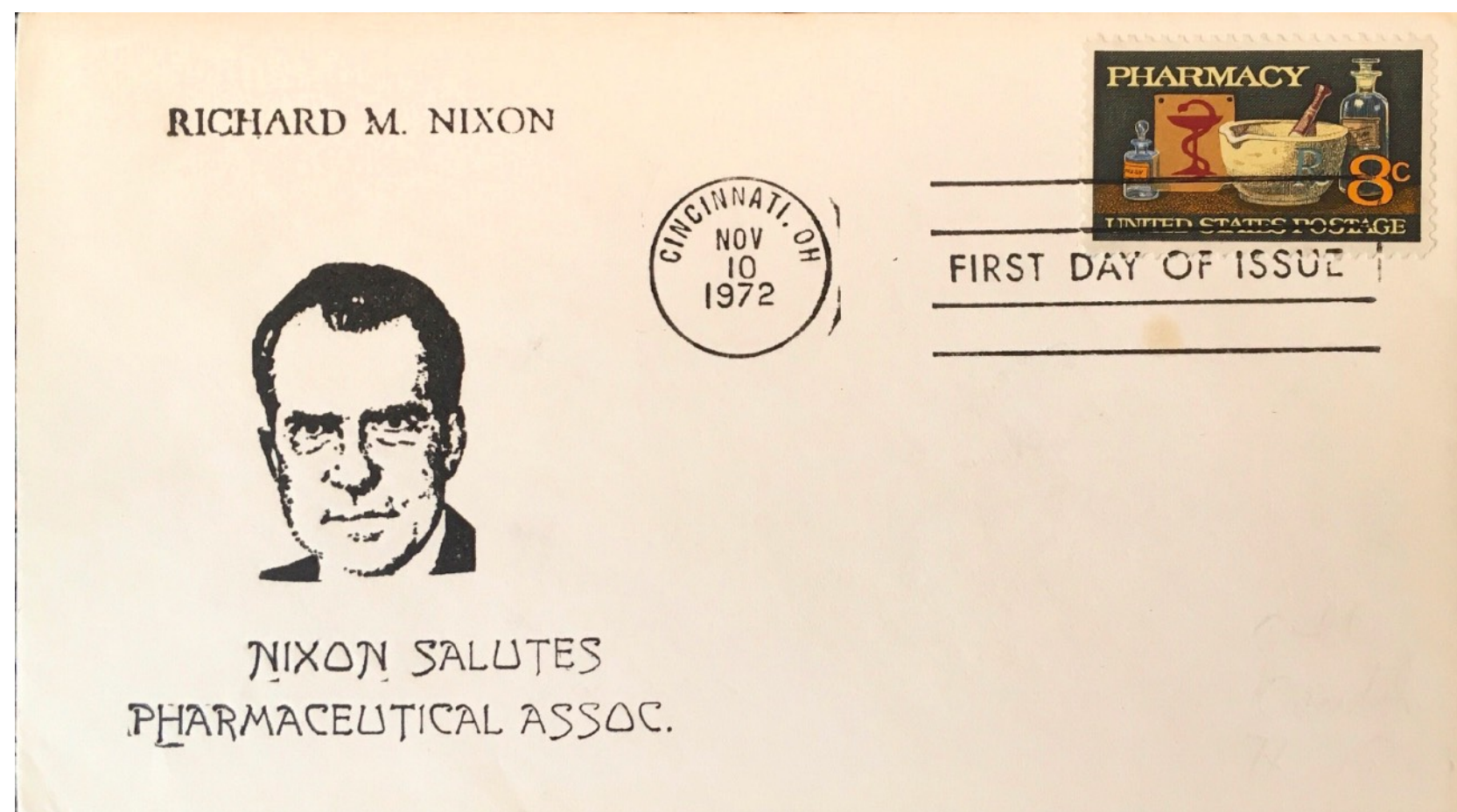


First All-Pharmacy  
Philatelic Exhibit

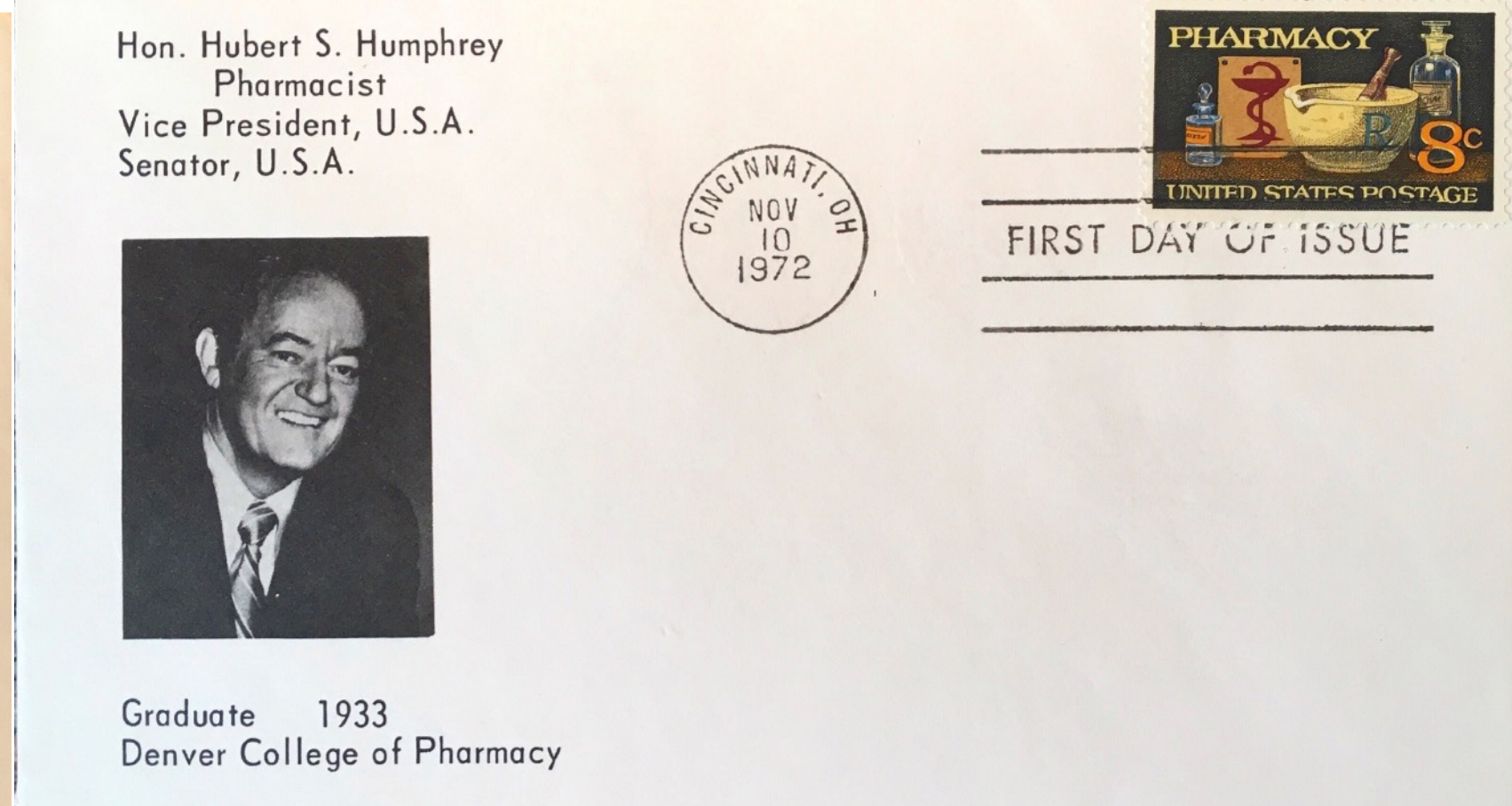


**THIS RED CACHET RECEIVED A SPECIAL "PHARMEX STATION" CANCELLATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRST ALL-PHARMACY PHILATELIC EXHIBIT.**

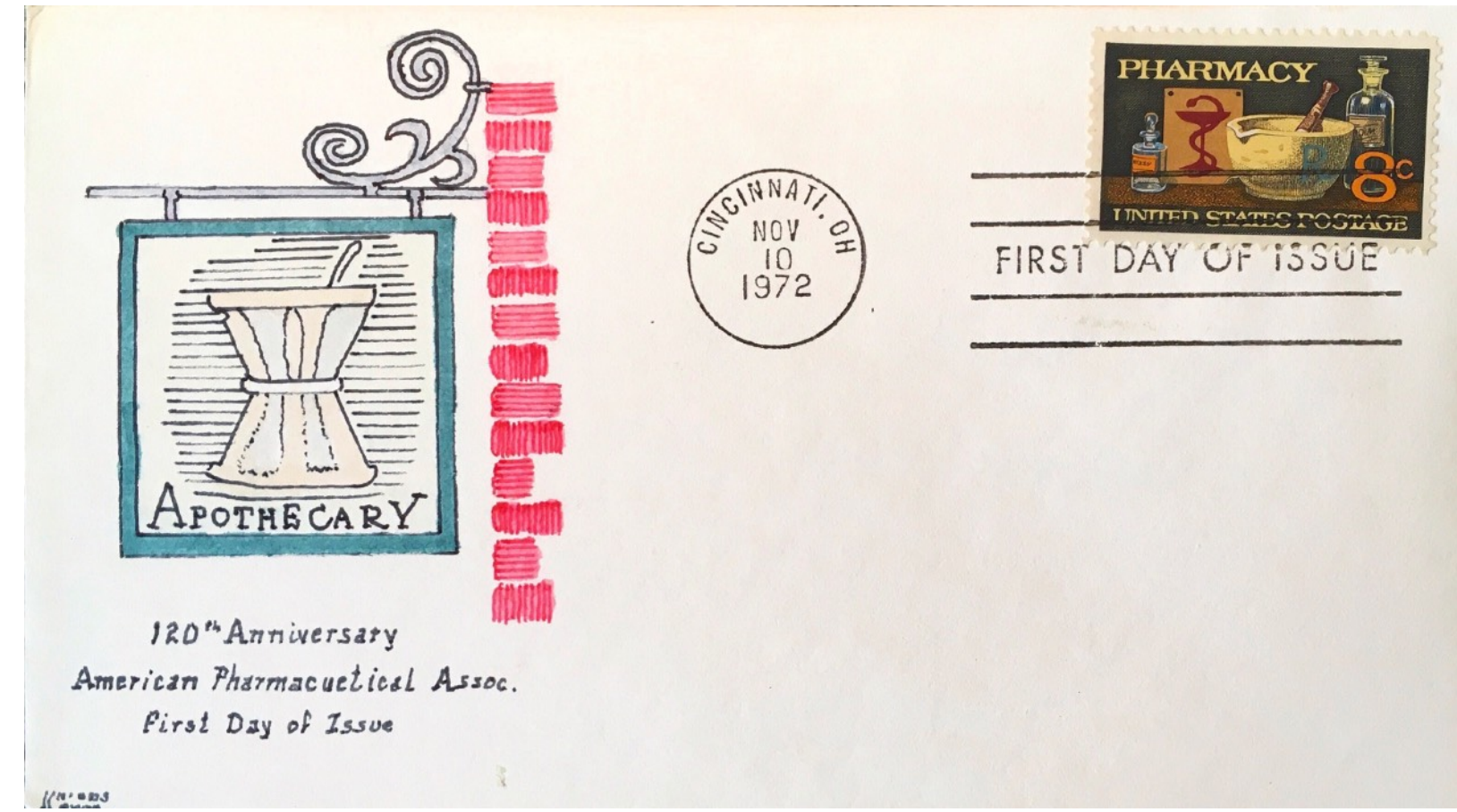




**GEORGE H. GOLDEN OF CANTON, TX PREPARED THIS BLACK CACHET HAVING RICHARD M. NIXON SALUTING THE (AMERICAN) PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.**



**ANDREW T. CAVACOS OF BALTIMORE, MD, PREPARED THIS BLACK PRINTED CACHET INCORRECTLY IDENTIFYING HUBERT H. HUMPHREY AS HUBERT S.**



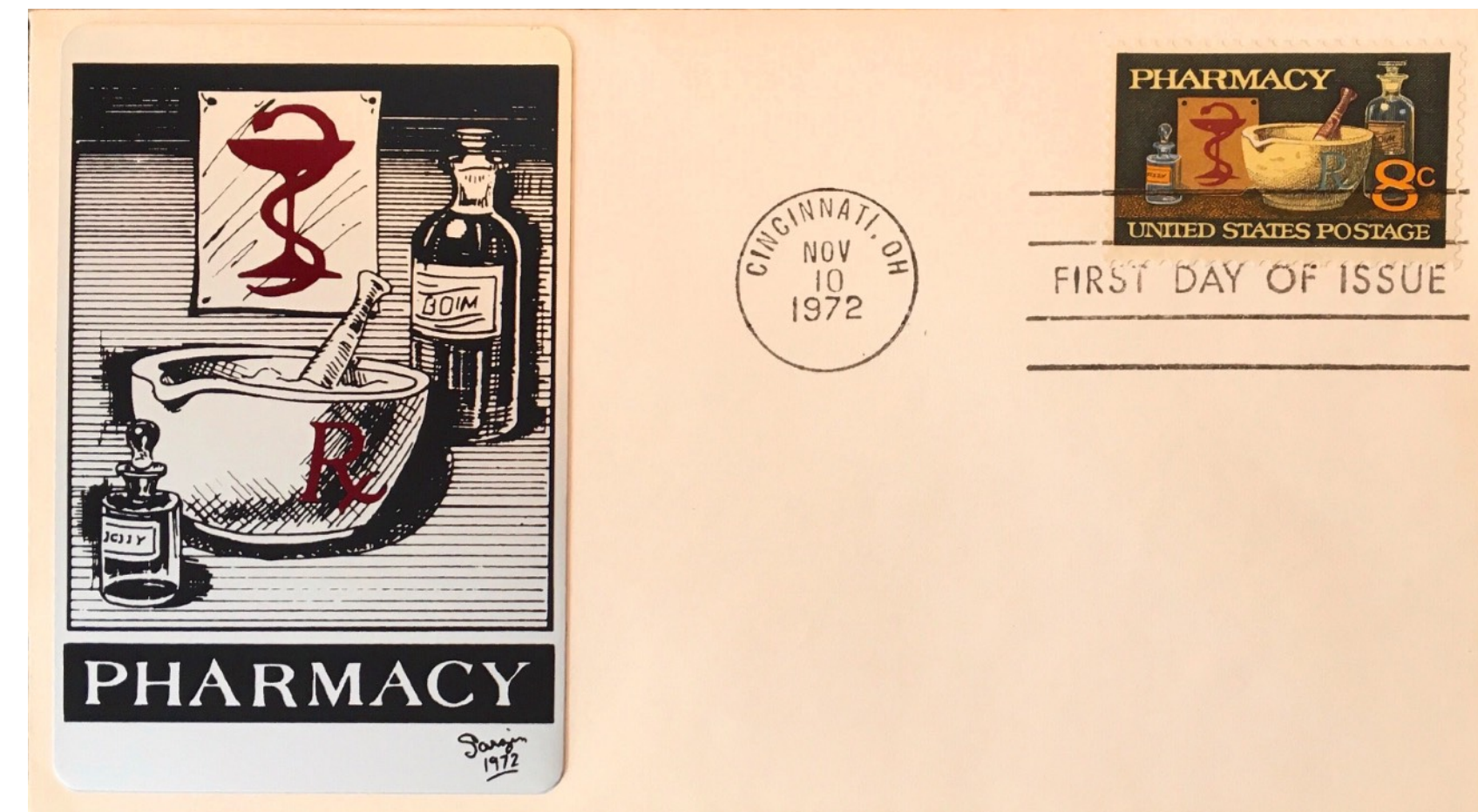
**KEN KRIBBS OF KRIBBS'S KOVERS, JEKYLL ISLAND, GA, PRODUCED THIS HAND DRAWN CACHET HONORING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.**



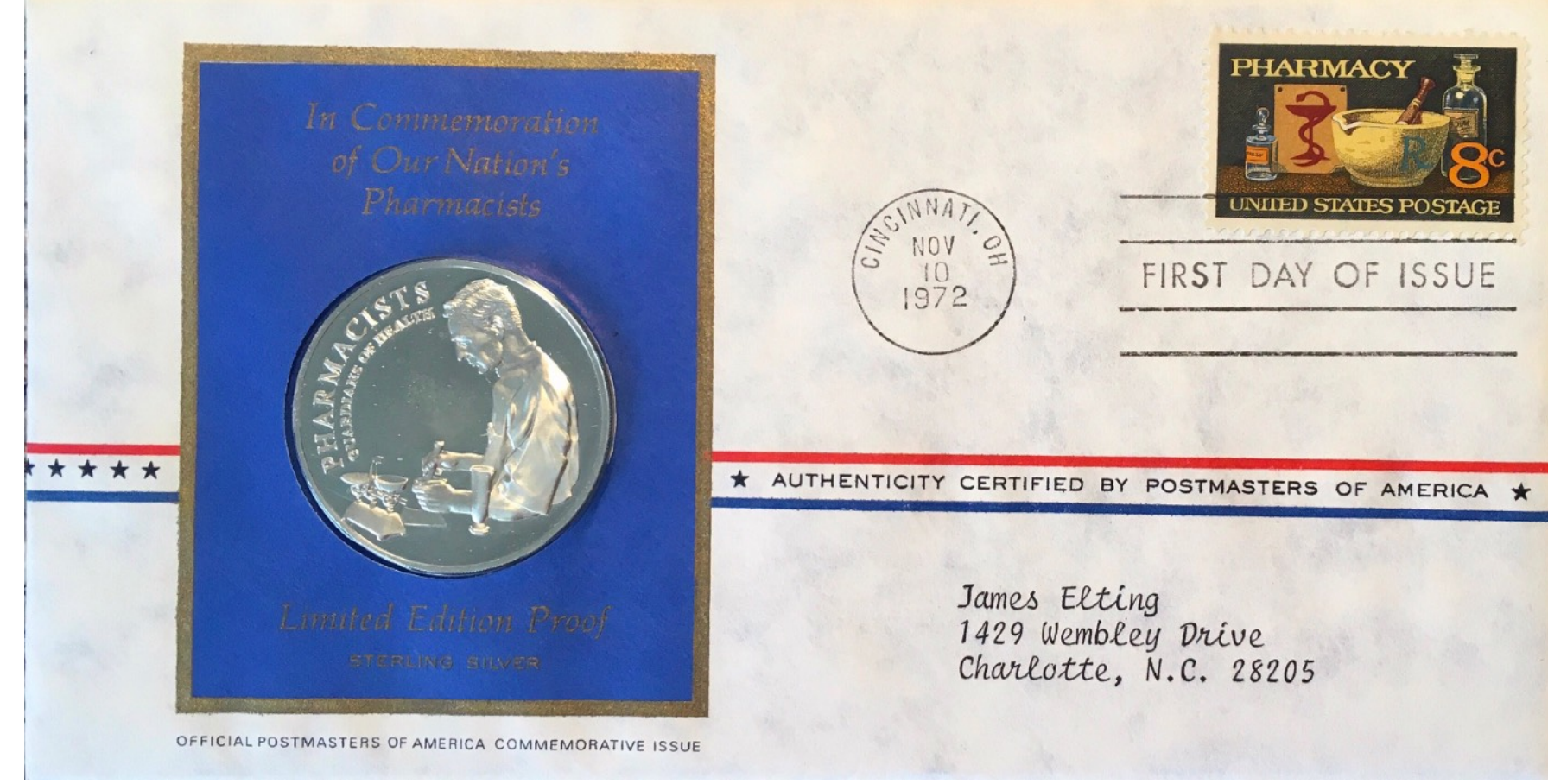
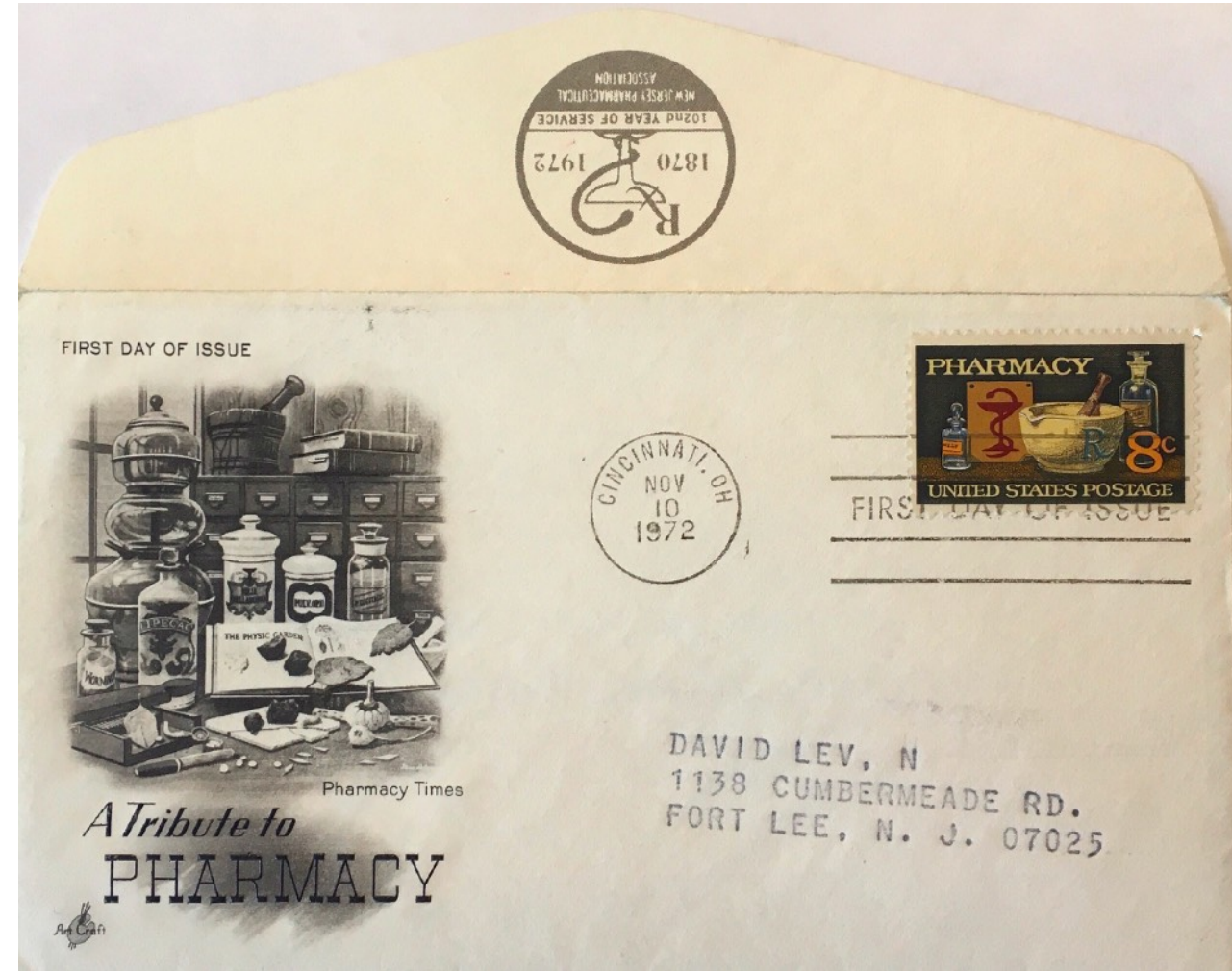
**FRANK J. ULRICH OF SUN CITY, CA PRODUCED THIS YELLOW, ORANGE, AND BLUE HAND DRAWN CACHET.**



**ROSS FOIL CACHETS PRODUCED BY ROSS WETREICH OF LONG ISLAND, NY FEATURED A METALLIC FOIL CACHET.**



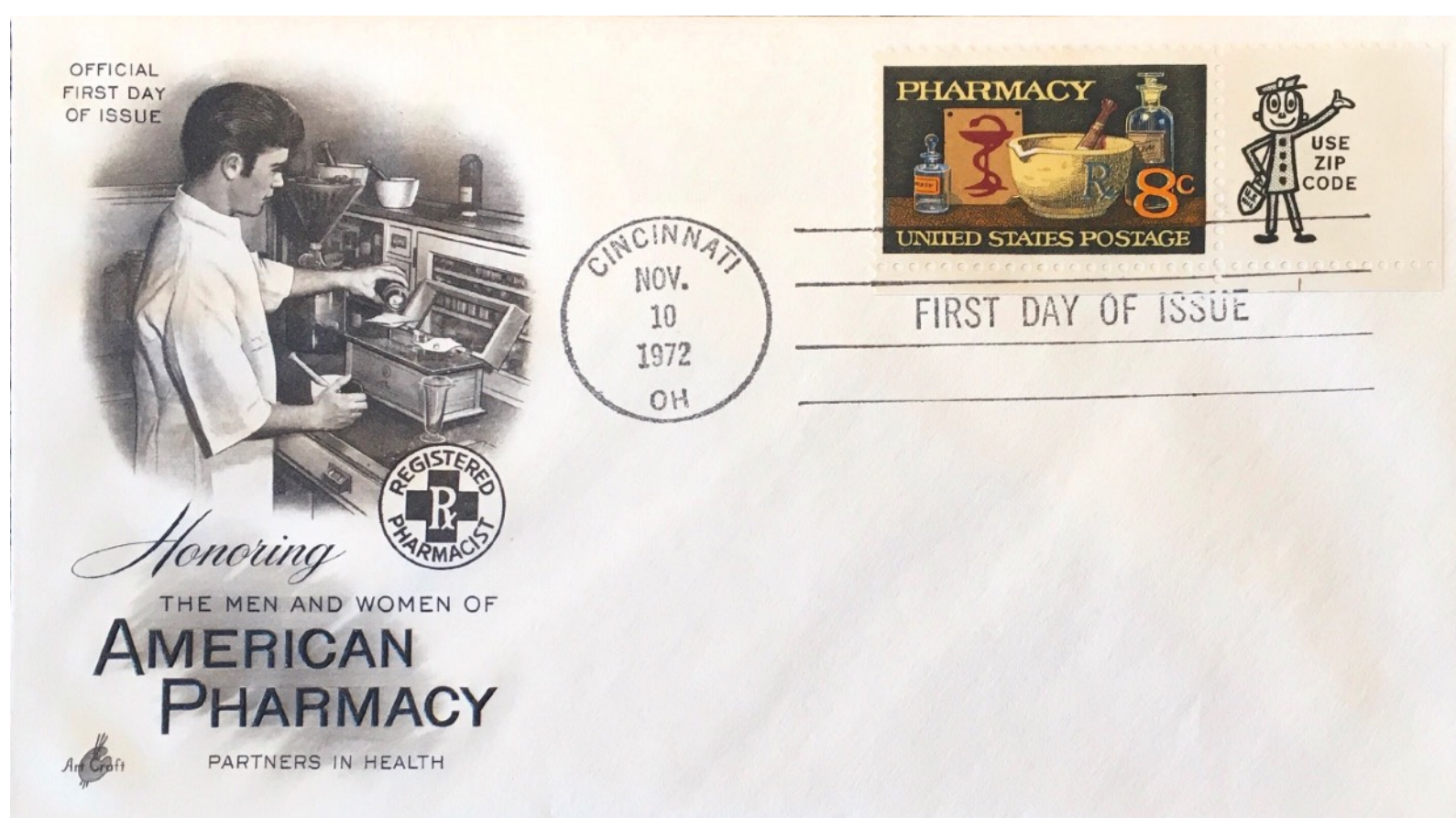
**SARZIN METALLIC CREATED BY CLYDE J. SARZIN OFFERED THIS BLACK AND RED METALLIC CACHET.**



**SOUTHERN COMMEMORATIVE SOCIETY OF BIRMINGHAM, AL OFFERED THESE UNIQUE PHILATELIC COVERS WITH SILVER (ABOVE) OR BRONZE (BELOW) MEDALLIONS AS WELL AS SIX DIFFERENT APOTHECARY WEIGHTS. THE CACHETS ARE PRINTED IN BLACK, BLUE AND RED.**

**NEW JERSEY PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION USED BLACK ARTCRAFT "PHARMACY TIMES" CACHET WITH OWN LOGO ON BACK FLAP.**

**POSTMASTERS OF AMERICAN CACHET INCLUDED STERLING SILVER MEDALLION SCULPTURED BY NORMAN NEMETH AND MINTED BY THE FRANKLIN MINT.**

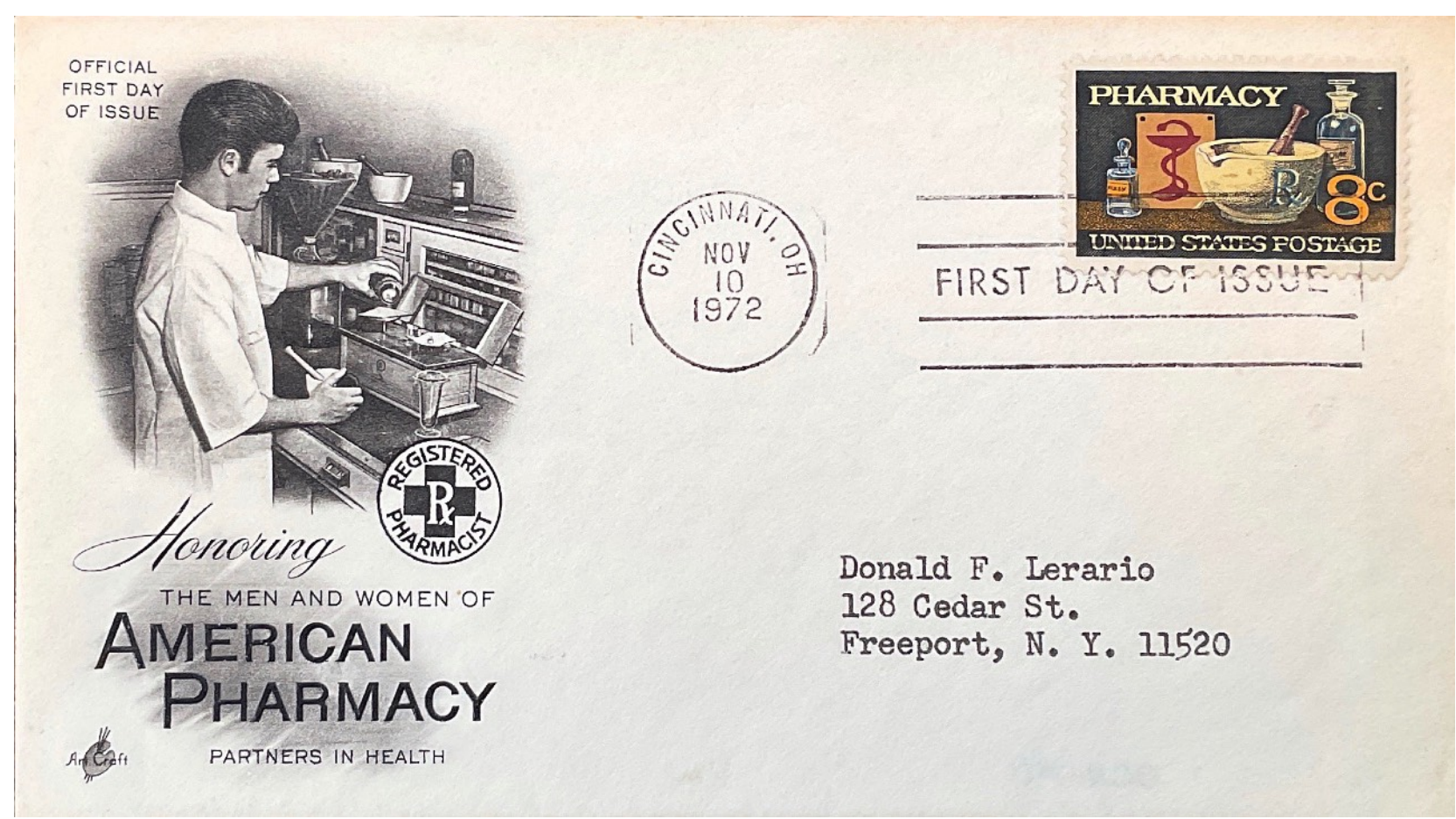


**ARTCRAFT/MR. ZIP FDC PREPARED USING THE PHARMACY STAMP ADJACENT TO THE MR. ZIP IMAGE FROM A SHEET OF PHARMACY STAMPS.**

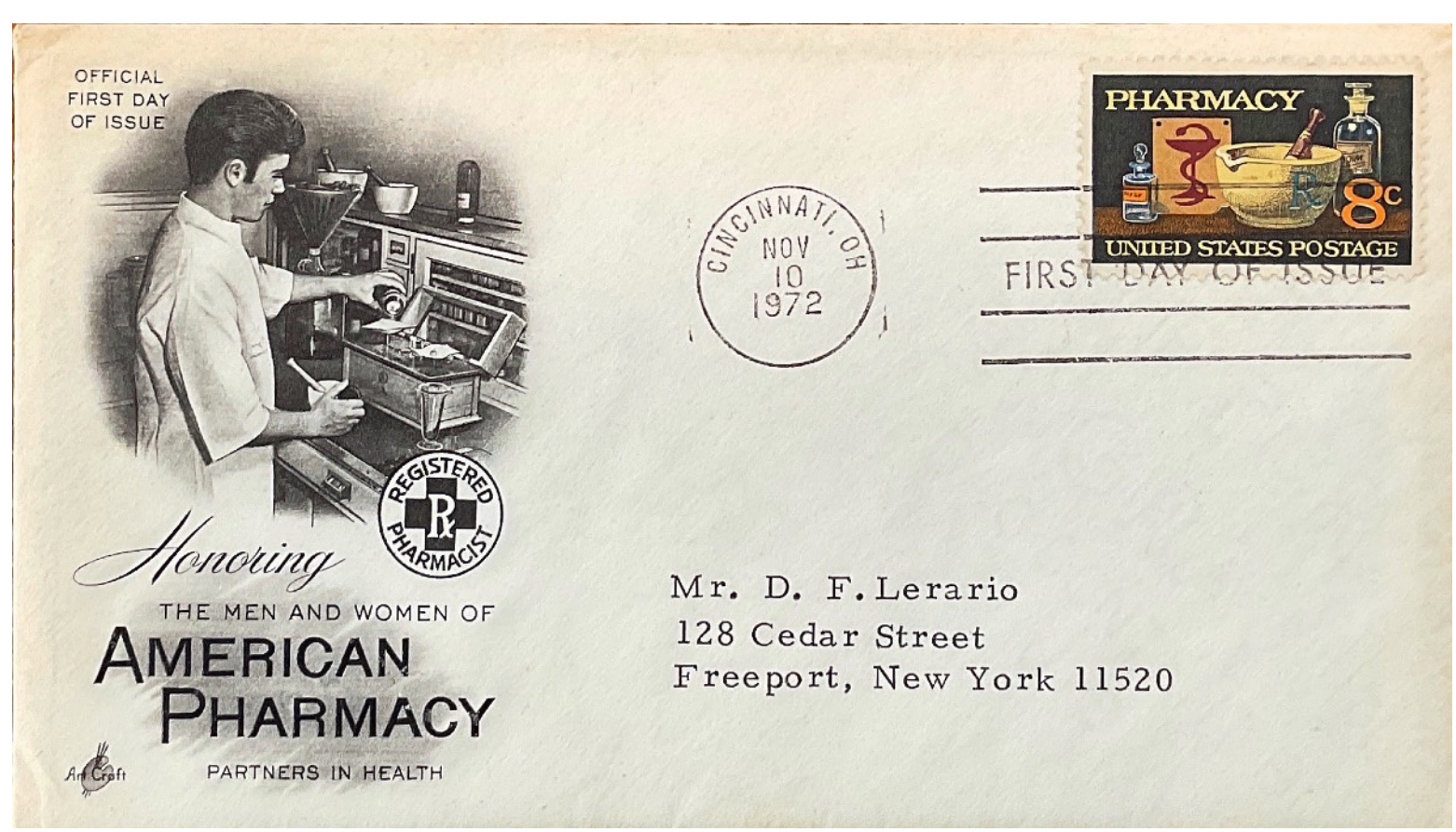
**ARTCRAFT FDC USED SEVERAL U.S. STAMPS TO PRODUCE THIS. MULTIPLE COMBINATION CACHET OF THE PHARMACY STAMP.**



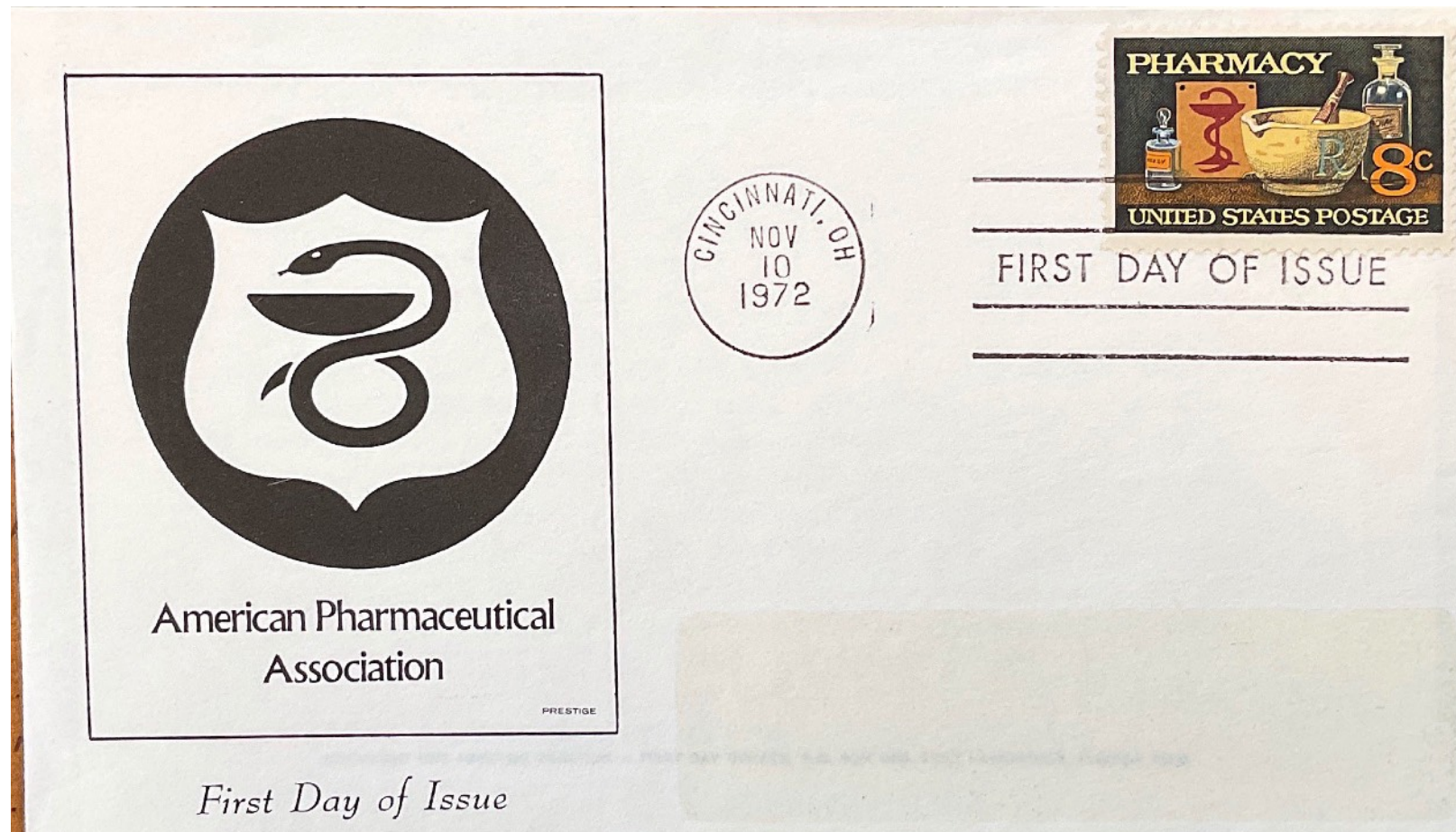
**THIS COMBO FDC WAS PREPARED BY ADDING SEVERAL FOREIGN MEDICAL STAMPS TO AN ARTCRAFT CACHET.**



**PHILIPS ROXANE SENT THIS ARTCRAFT FDC TO PHARMACISTS WITH AN INSERT FROM ROXANE'S PRESIDENT, GERALD C. WOJTA.**



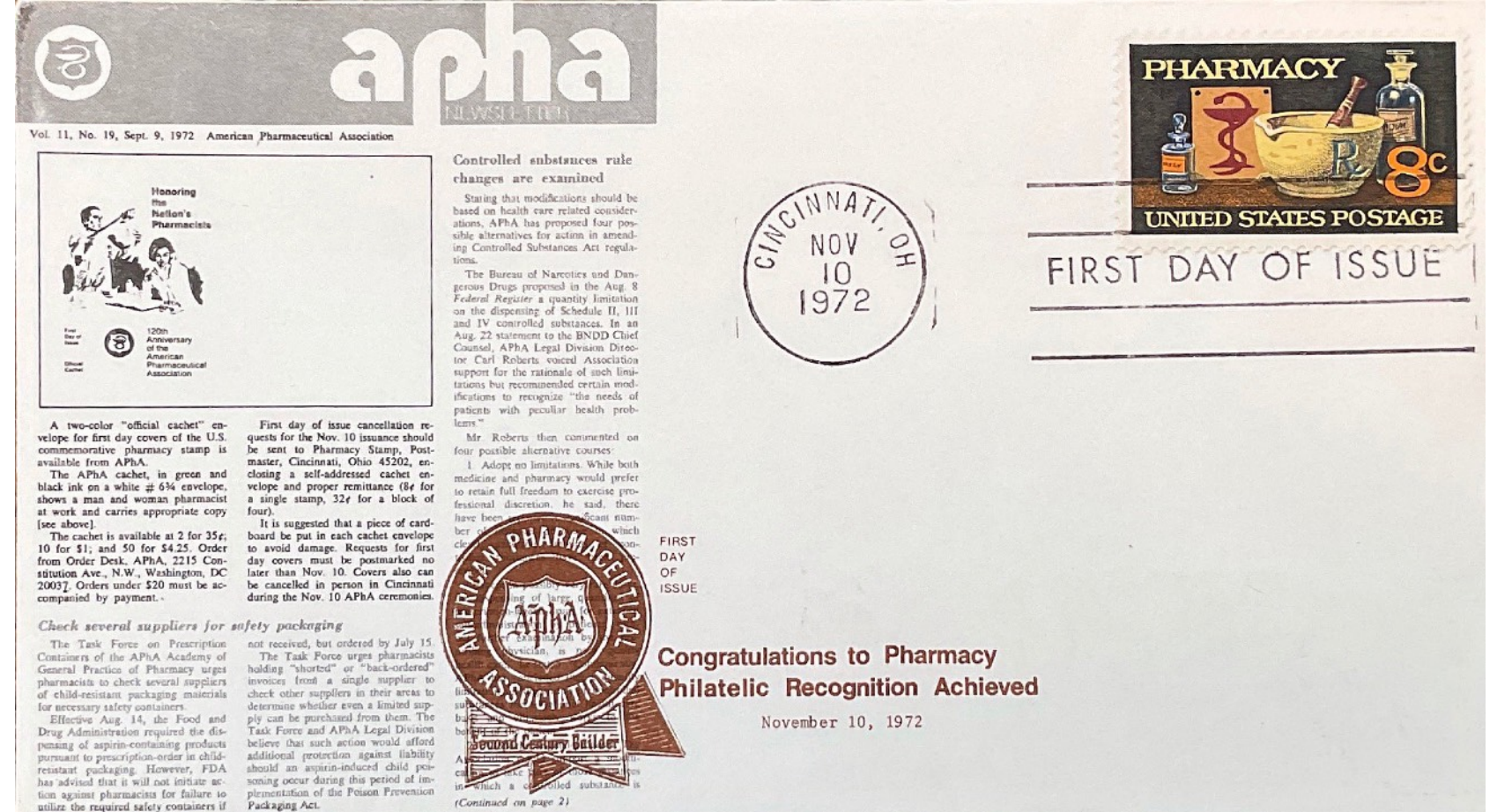
**ARTCRAFT FDC, USED BY CIBA-GEIGY, CONTAINS AN INSERT BY JED L. MENS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SALES.**



**PRESTIGE FDCS OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FL PREPARED THIS CACHET IN BLACK FOR THE CENTURY CLUB OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE**



**A FIRST DAY COVER IN BLUE BEARING THE LOGOS OF SEVERAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES.**



**THIS FIRST DAY COVER REPRODUCES THE APHA PAGE WHICH CONGRATULATES PHARMACY UPON PHILATELIC RECOGNITION.**

**SOUTHERN COMMEMORATIVE SOCIETY OF BIRMINGHAM, AL OFFERED THESE UNIQUE PHILATELIC COVERS WITH A...**



**HALF-SCRUPLE APOTHECARY WEIGHT.**



**ONE-SCRUPLE APOTHECARY WEIGHT.**



**TWO-SCRUPLE APOTHECARY WEIGHT.**



**HALF-DRAM APOTHECARY WEIGHT.**



**ONE-DRAM APOTHECARY WEIGHT.**



**TWO-DRAM APOTHECARY WEIGHT.**

**THE PHARMACY STAMP ITSELF IS NOT WITHOUT ITS SHARE OF ERRORS. THE MOST NOTABLE ERROR IS THE DELETION OF THE BLUE AND ORANGE COLOR. THERE ARE MANY UNLISTED PERFORATION AND COLOR SHIFT ERRORS. WITH THE ACTUAL STAMP ON THE RIGHT FOR COMPARISON, THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THESE ERRORS.**

PERFORATION ERROR

Vertical Perforation Shift...no discoloration error.



PERFORATION ERROR

Horizontal Perforation Shift...no discoloration error.



DISCOLORATION ERROR

Vertical Shift of some colors resulting in discoloration...no perforation error.



DISCOLORATION ERROR

Horizontal Shift of some colors resulting in discoloration...no perforation error.



DISCOLORATION AND PERFORATION ERROR

Vertical Shift of some colors and Vertical Perforation Shift.



DISCOLORATION AND PERFORATION ERROR

Horizontal Shift of some colors and Horizontal Perforation Shift.





**THE ABOVE CACHET BY TOM FOUST OF MCCOMB, OH WAS DRAWN EXCLUSIVELY FOR ME AND NUMBERED ACCORDINGLY ON THE REVERSE SIDE. I BECAME FAMILIAR WITH TOM FOUST AND HIS WORK AFTER HE DREW A SPECIAL FDC ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF MY DAUGHTER.**

**THE CAPTIONS BENEATH THESE CACHETS ARE COURTESY OF GEORGE GRIFFENHAGEN. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY START IN COLLECTING PHARMACY STAMP FDCS AND HAS SUPPLIED ME WITH MUCH ASSISTANCE AND MATERIALS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.**

**FINALLY, SHOULD ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING MY COLLECTION OR SHOULD ANYONE KNOW OF OTHER PHARMACY STAMP FIRST DAY COVERS, PLEASE CONTACT: DANIEL SHIFRIN, R.P., EMAIL: [RPDANNY627@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RPDANNY627@GMAIL.COM). PHONE: 908-202-0448**