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25¢ Fractional Currency 1st Series 1st issue postage currency with perforated edge, much more rare than later varieties with straight edge. Excellent condition without monogram. At the outbreak of the Civil War, public confidence in currency fell and the general

populous began to hoard coins. Consequently, a practice arose whereby consumers pasted unused postage stamps to a card and used them for currency, having the same trade value as the value of the unused stamps. The federal government issued this series of Postal Currency, depicting a series of stamps pasted to one note in response to that trend. This example is in excellent condition, showing image of five layered stamps bearing engraving of a 5 cent U.S. stamp in brown ink on sepia colored paper.



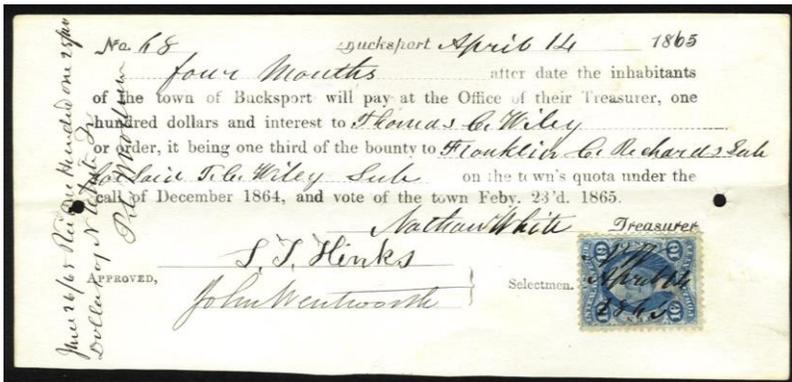
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Encased Postage Stamp - Ayer's Sarsaparilla One cent postage stamp encased in brass case, once coated with silver, with mica cover.

In an attempt to overcome the shortage of coin which existed during the Civil War, local merchants issued uncanceled postage stamps encased in brass holders with their imprint on the reverse. Rare and very uncommon to see one retaining original stamp and mica cover in excellent condition. Brass is untouched, especially on reverse rim verifying originality of contents.

Stamp is a blue, one cent Ben Franklin image, on reverse is "Ayer's Sarsaparilla To Purify The Blood" with patent information below. These were a rare and unpopular item for the merchants due to cost of production. The merchant spent 1 cent for the stamp and 1 - 2 cents for brass case, making a 3 cent cost for an item that only offers 1 cent in change to customers.



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\$50

Bounty certificate issued from township of Bucksport (Mass??) as i.o.u. for money to be paid to Thomas C. Wiley who entered the service in place of Franklin C. Richards, a draftee from the township. Signatures of Nathaniel White

(Treasurer) and two selectmen, L. T. Hinks and John Wentworth appear at bottom, along with a 10 cent revenue stamp which has date of issuance hand written across the face. Date of issuance on first is April 14, 1865 (Date of assassination of Abraham Lincoln).