The History of Postcards

Mr. Hoering

The First Postcard Ever Created



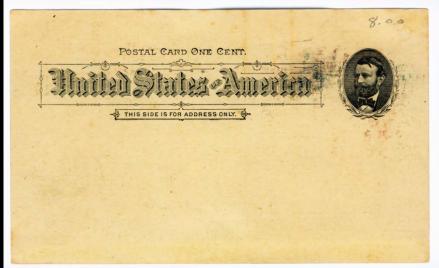
- Artist drawn card
- 8 x 5 inches
- Date stamped July 14th, 1840
- Addressed to Theodore Hook

 He probably created and posted the card to himself as a practical joke on the postal service, since the image is a caricature of workers in the post office.

Technically...

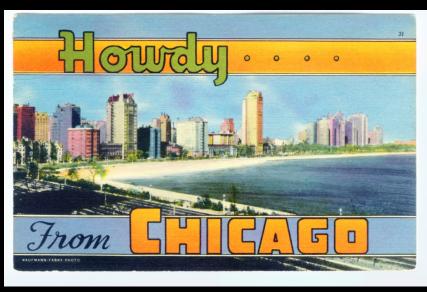
- A postcard or post card is a rectangular piece of thick paper or thin cardboard intended for writing and mailing without an envelope.
- Postcards were made because people were looking for an easier way to send quick notes.
- The first postcard to be printed as a souvenir in the United States was created in 1893 to advertise the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.





Chicago Postcards









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Fun Facts

- The United States Postal Service defines a postcard as:
 - Rectangular
 - At least 31/2 inches high
 × 5 inches long × 0.007
 inches thick
 - No more than 41/4
 inches high × 6 inches
 long × 0.016 inches
 thick.

 The study and collecting of postcards is termed deltiology.

