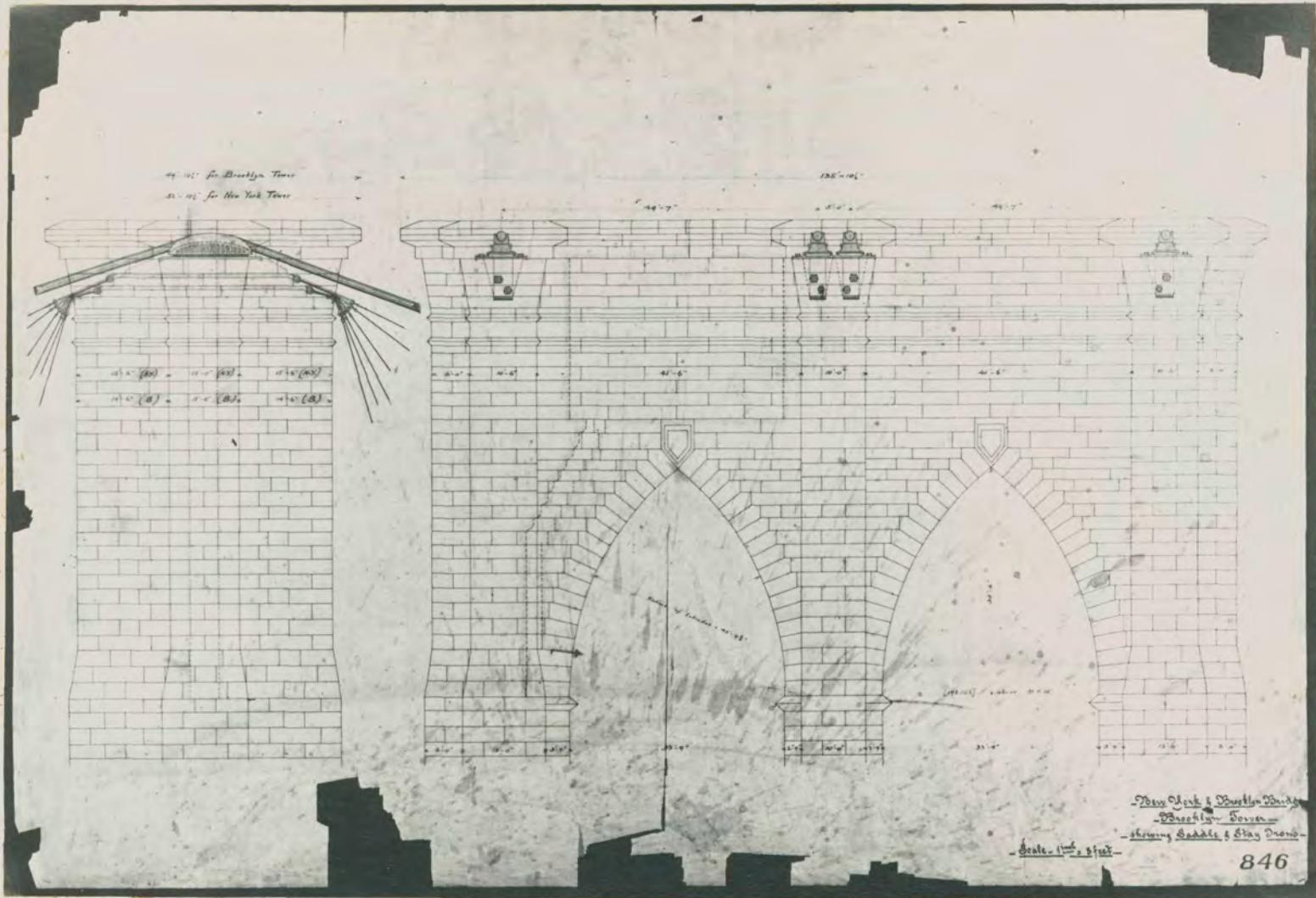


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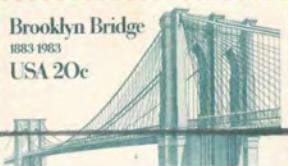
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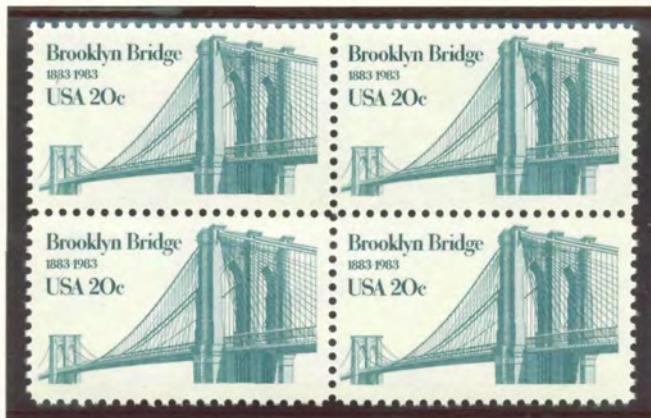
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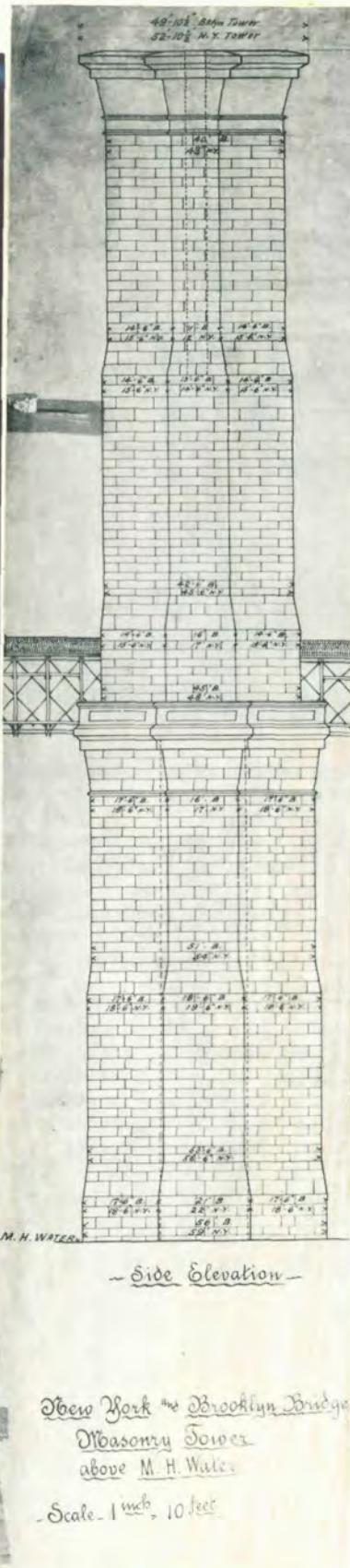


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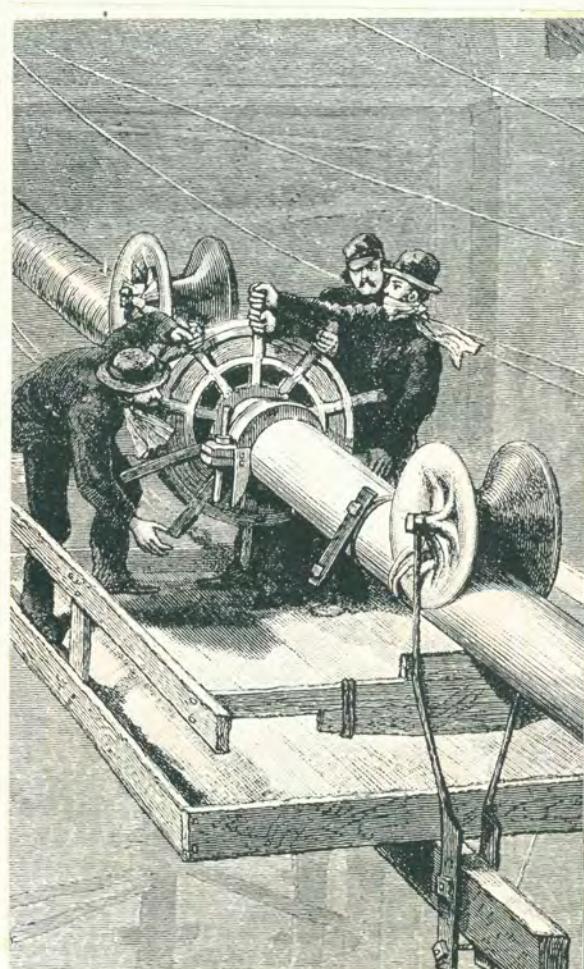
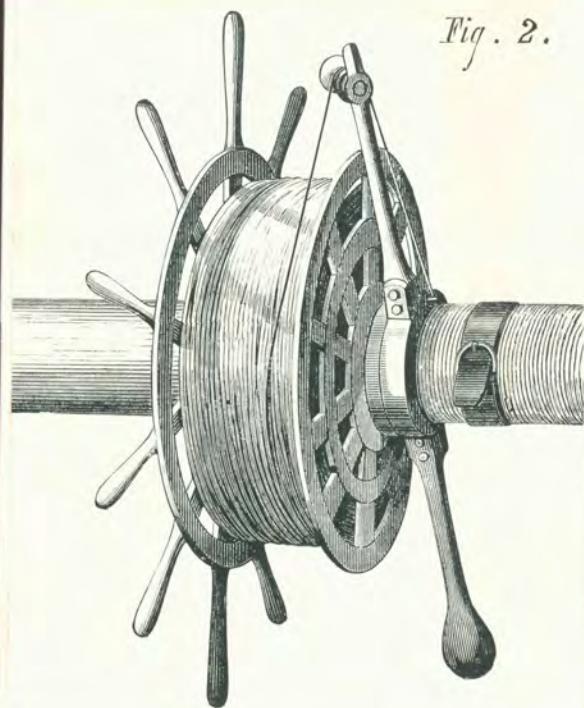
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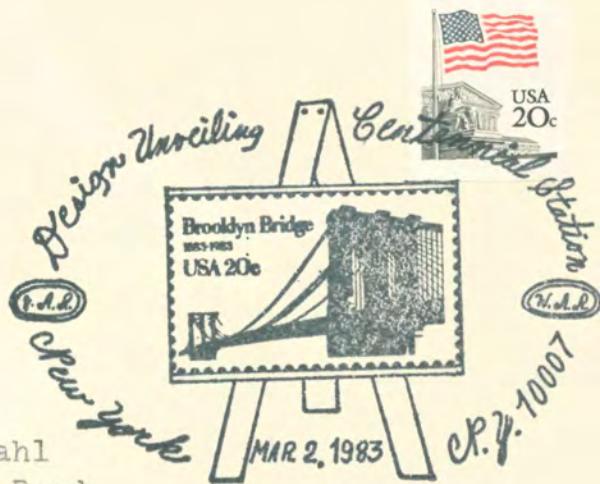


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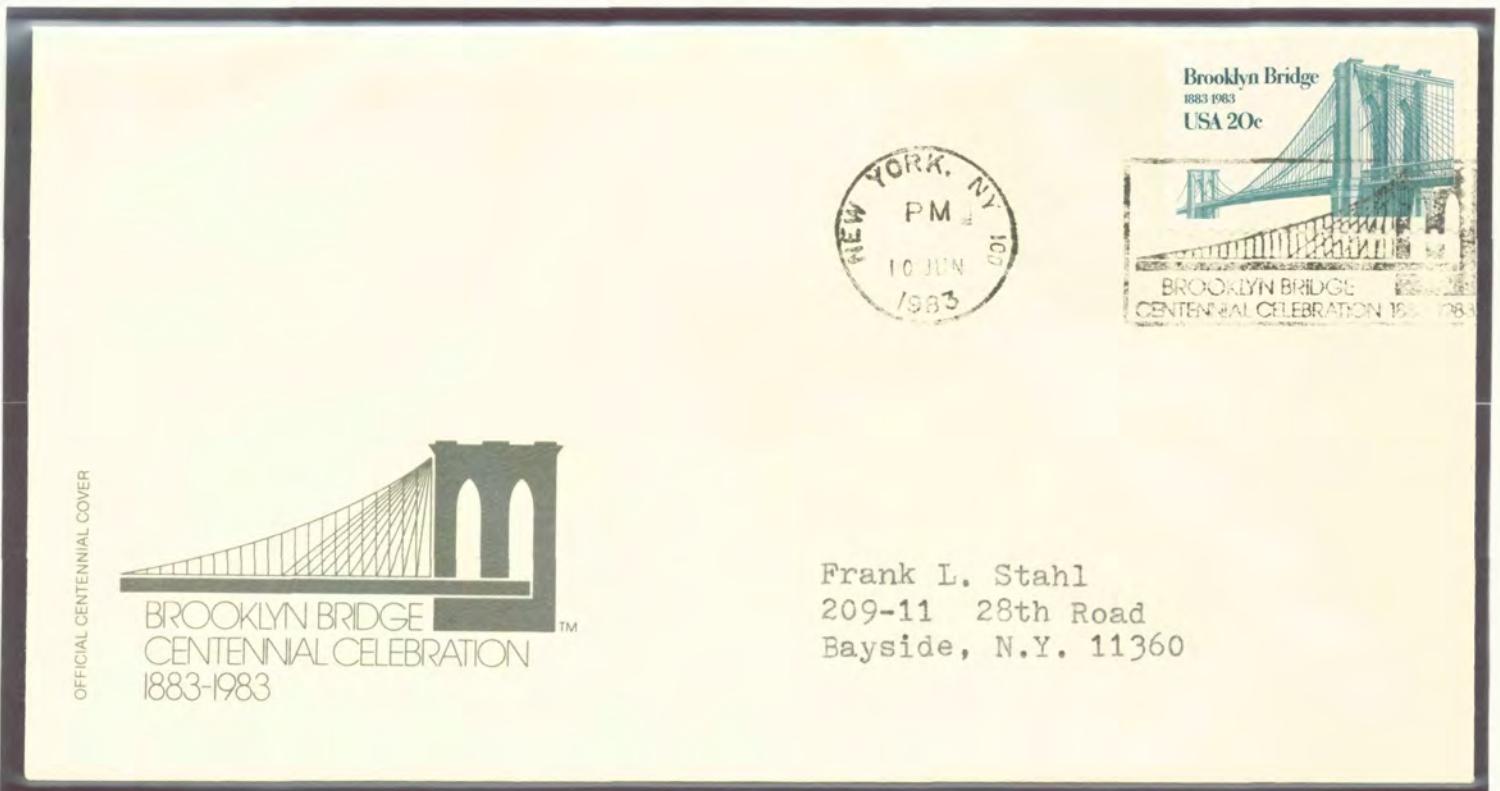
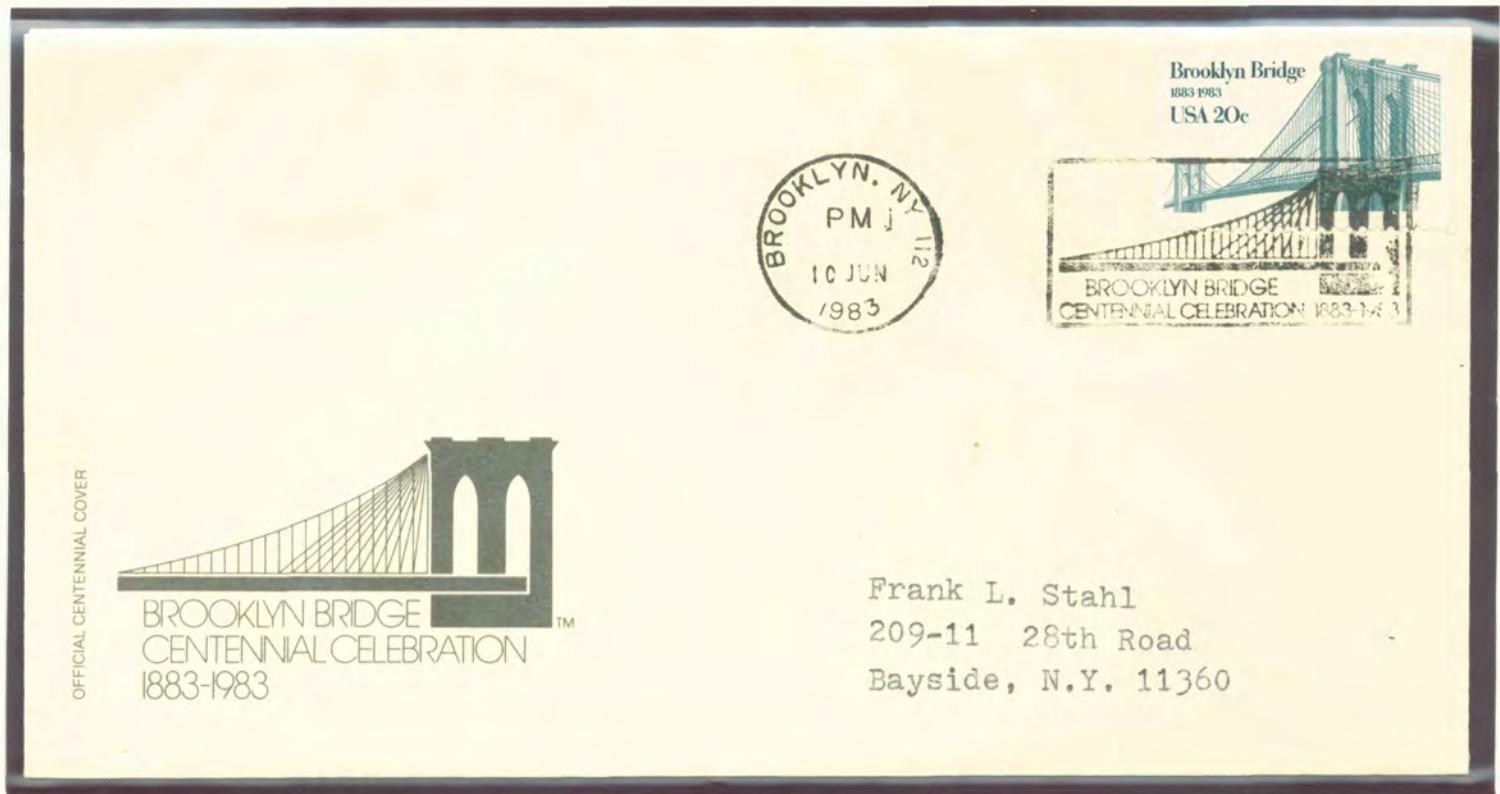
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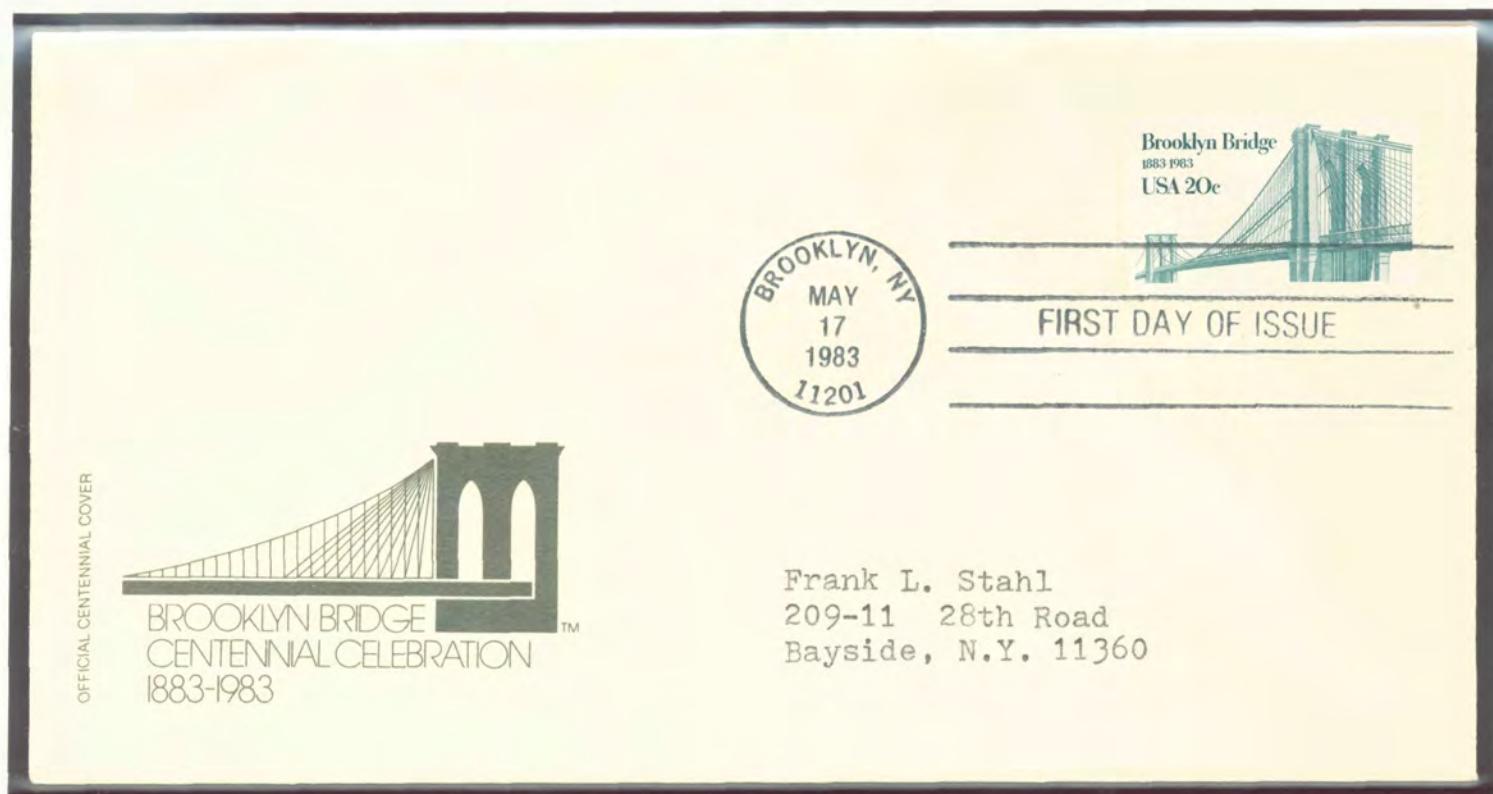
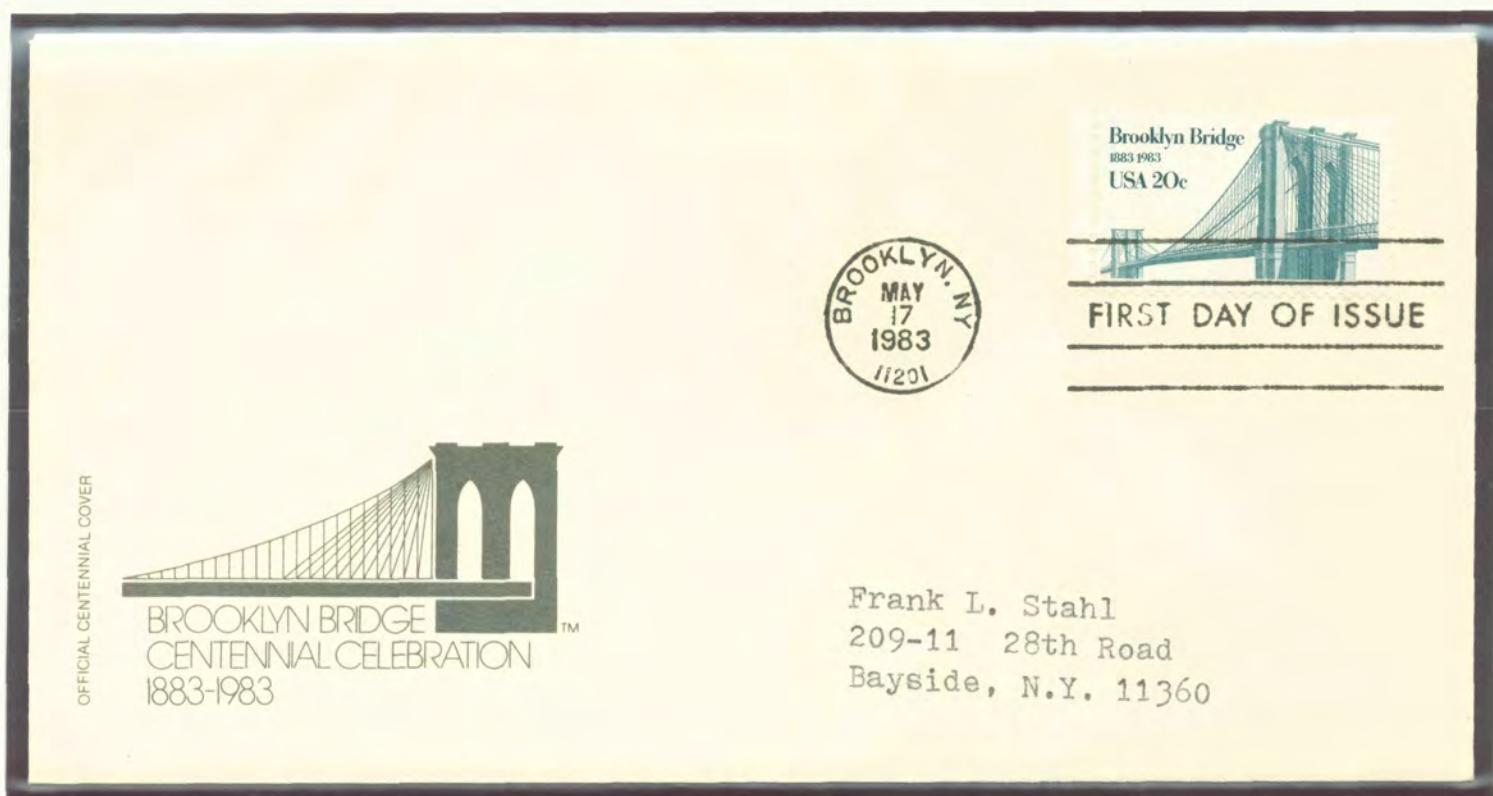
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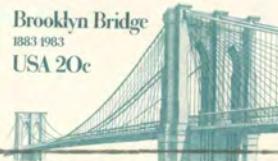
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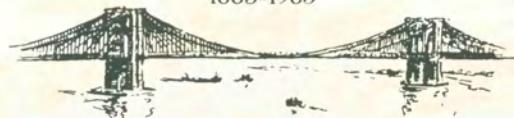


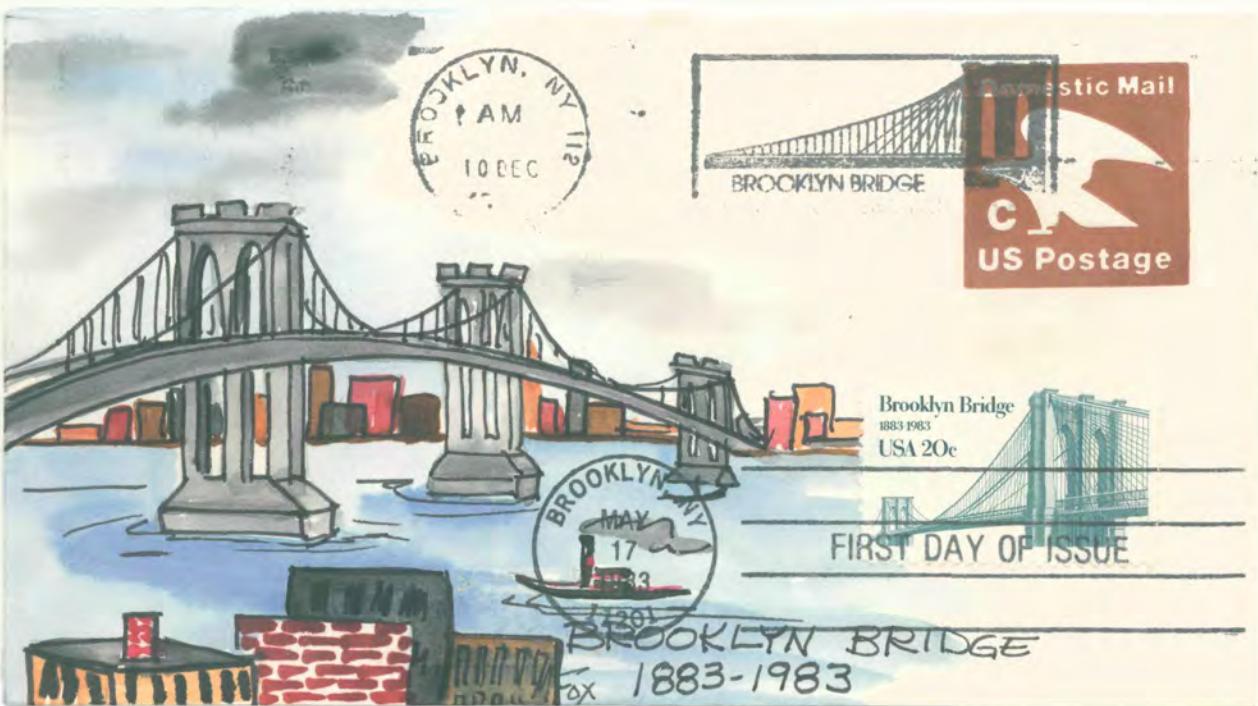
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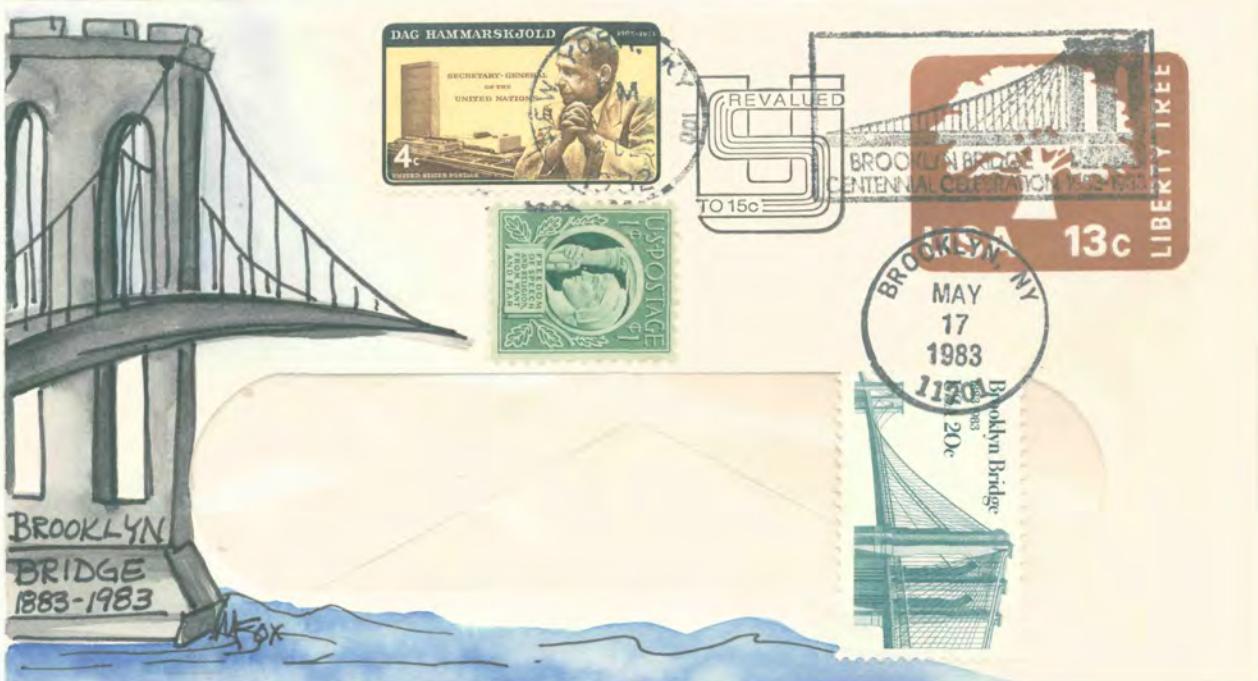
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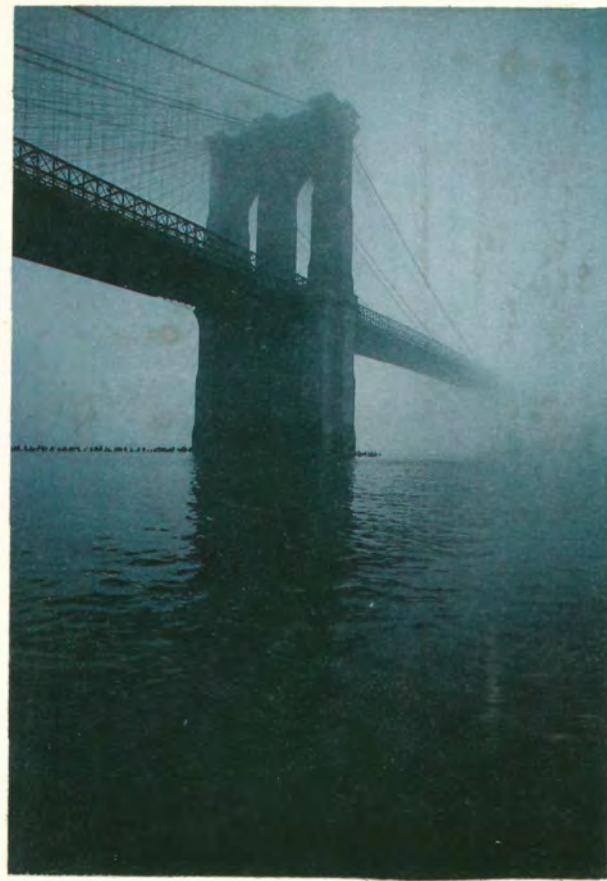
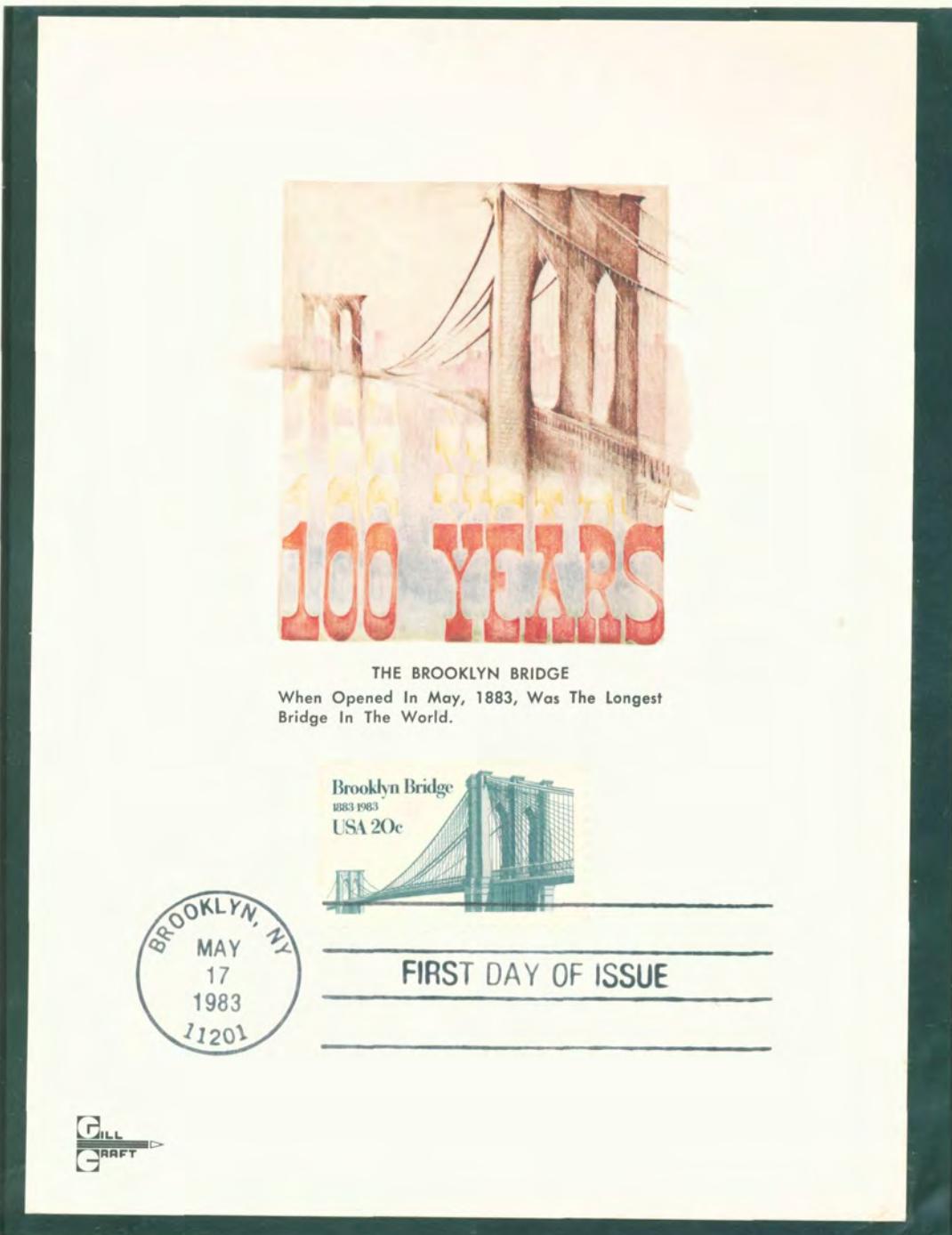
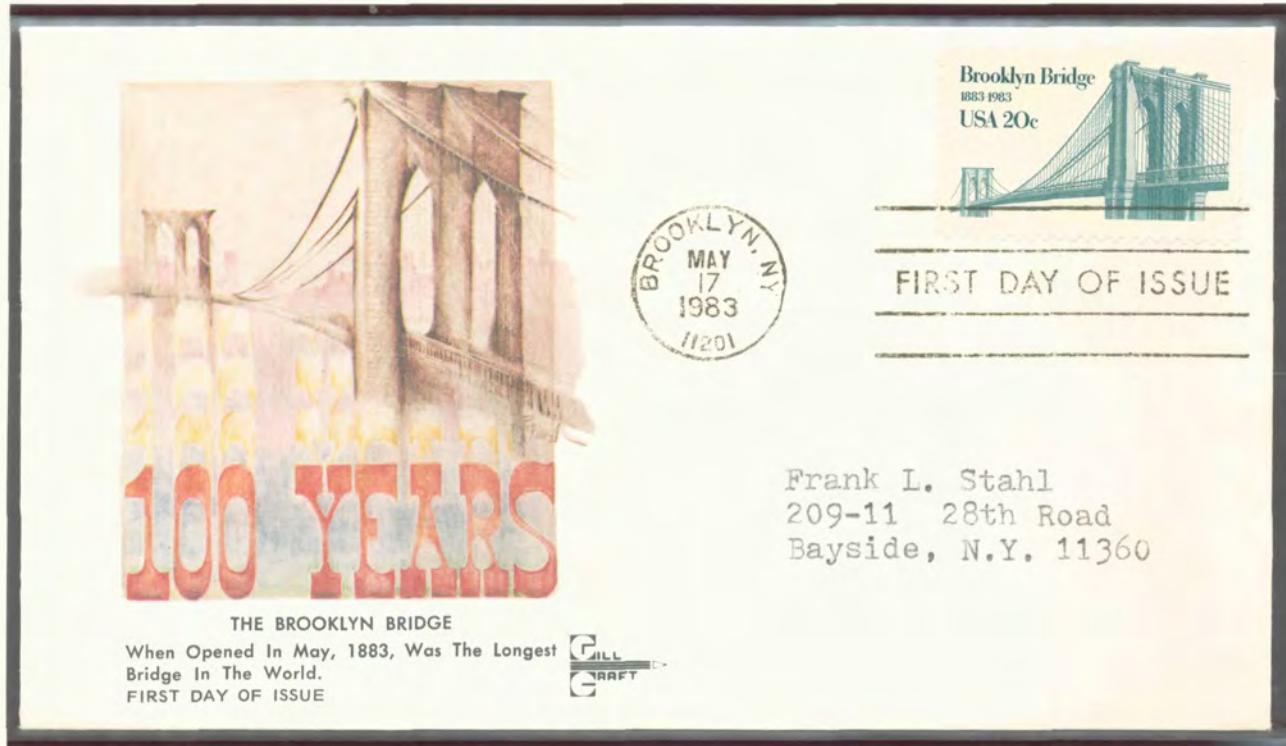




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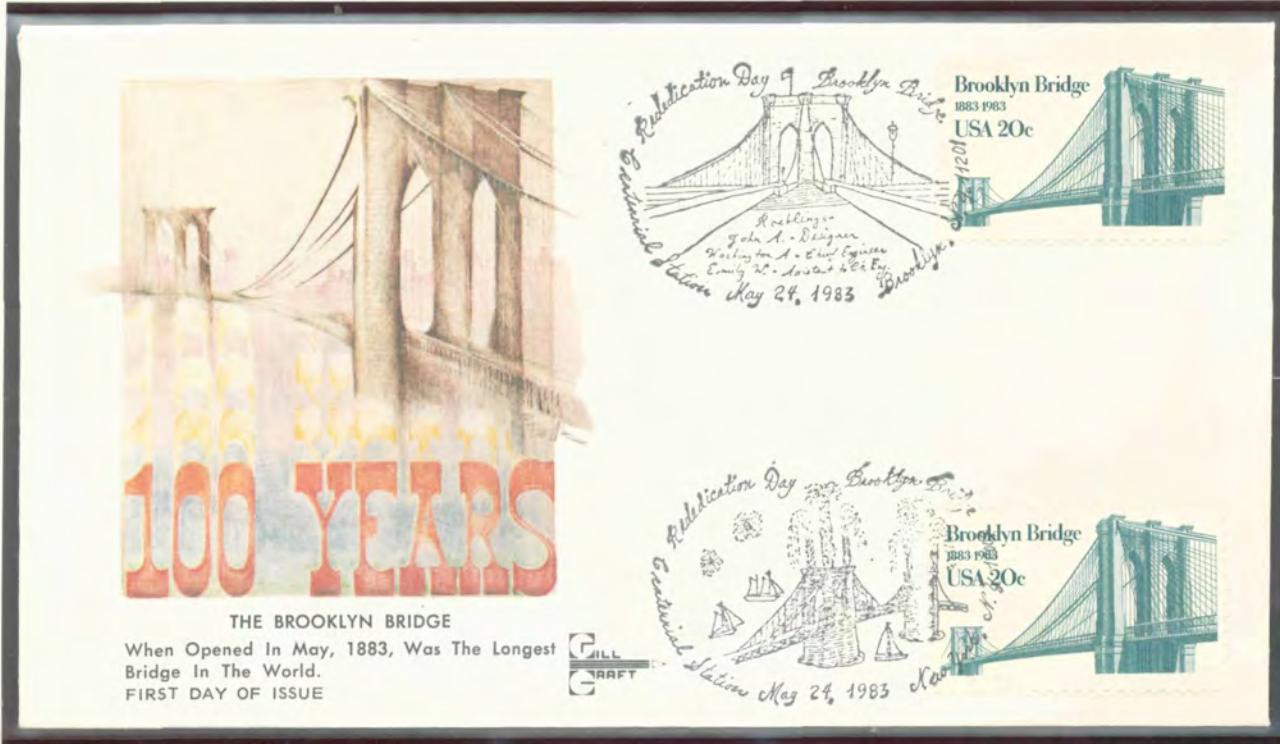
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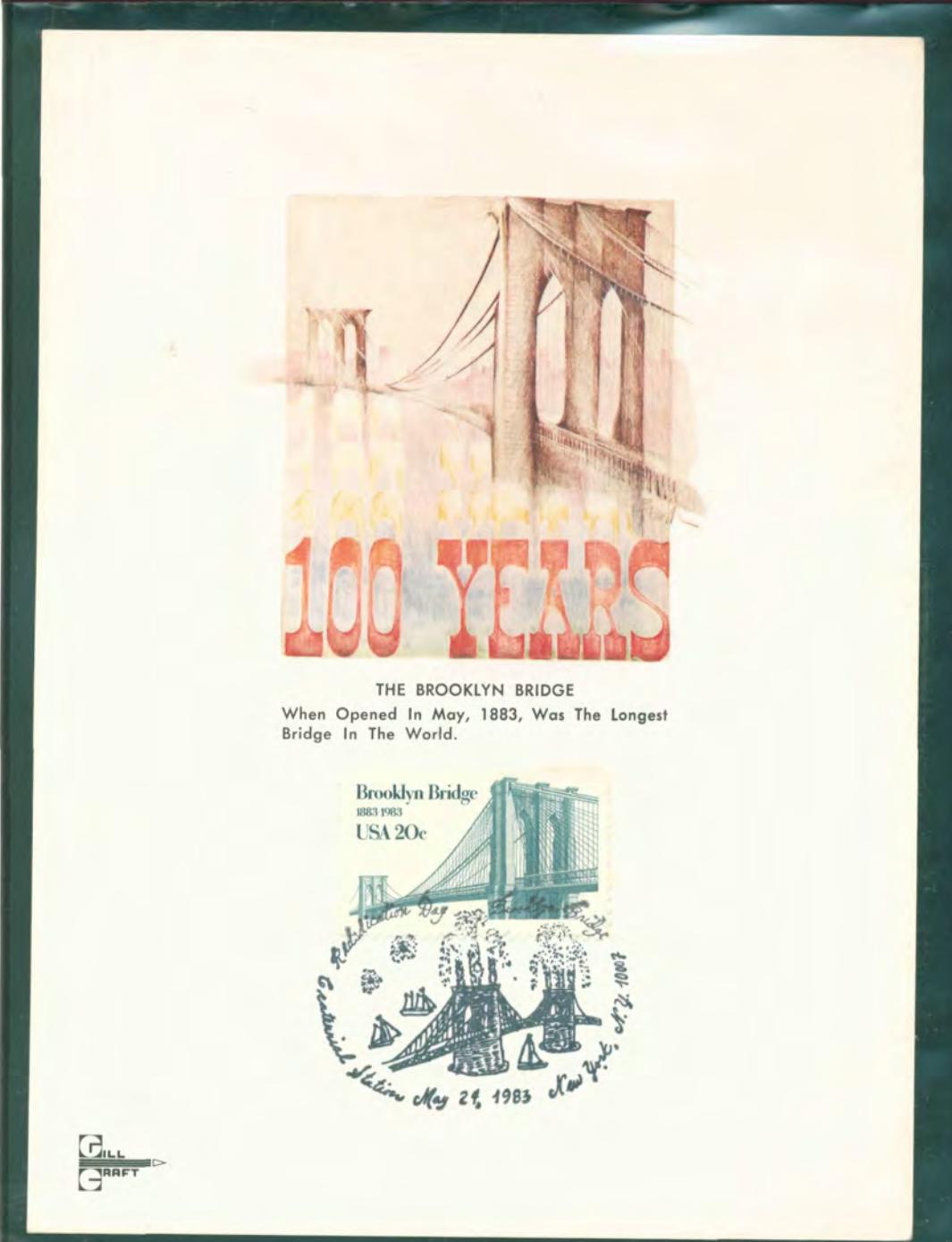


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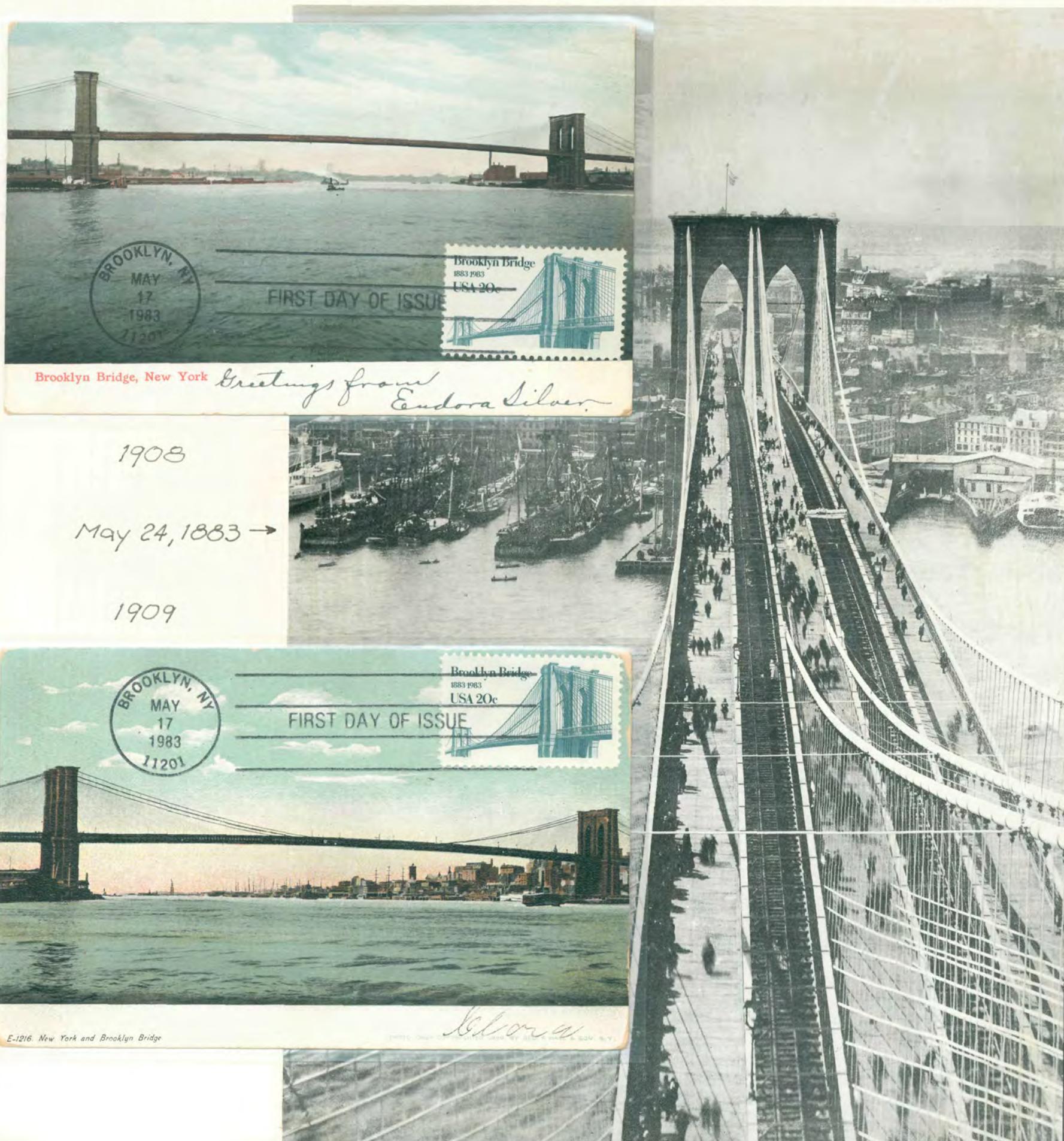
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The design of a 20-cent commemorative stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Brooklyn Bridge was unveiled in the Common Council Chambers of New York City Hall on March 2. The stamp design was unveiled by George Shuman, District Manager/Postmaster of New York City. Assisting him in unveiling the design was Richard G. Perry, Chairman, 1983 Brooklyn Bridge Centennial Commission, Inc. Among the other participants were Andrew J. Stein, Borough President of Manhattan; Howard Golden, Borough President of Brooklyn; and Carol Bellamy, Common Council President, City of New York. The Brooklyn Bridge stamp will be issued at the Brooklyn Borough Hall on May 17.

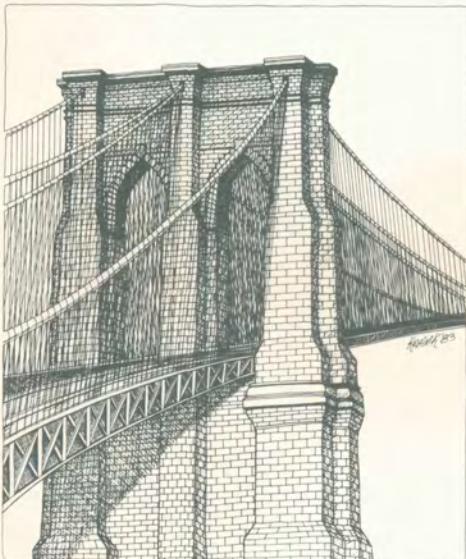
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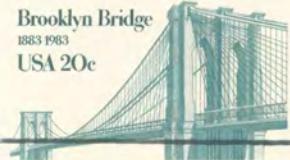
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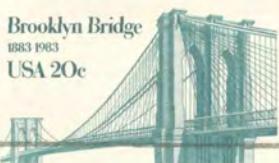
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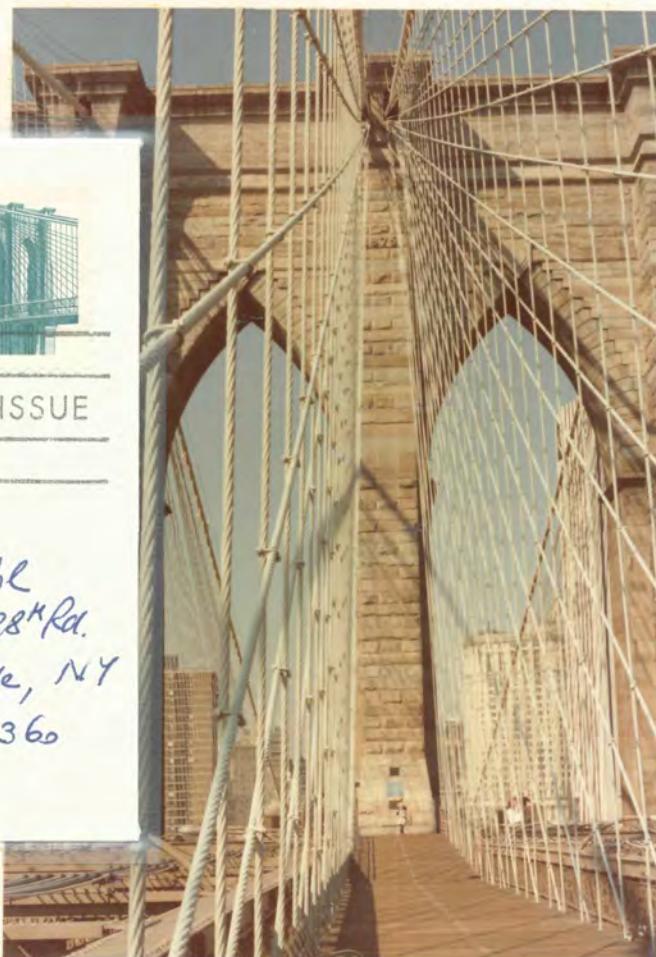


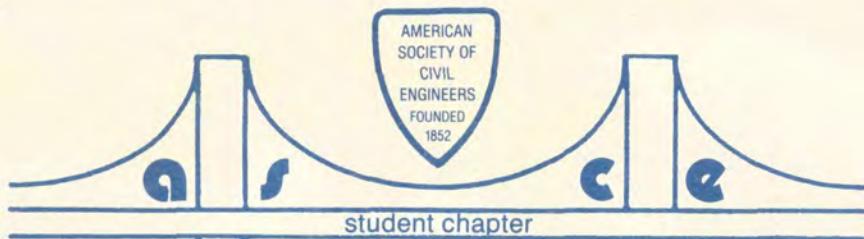
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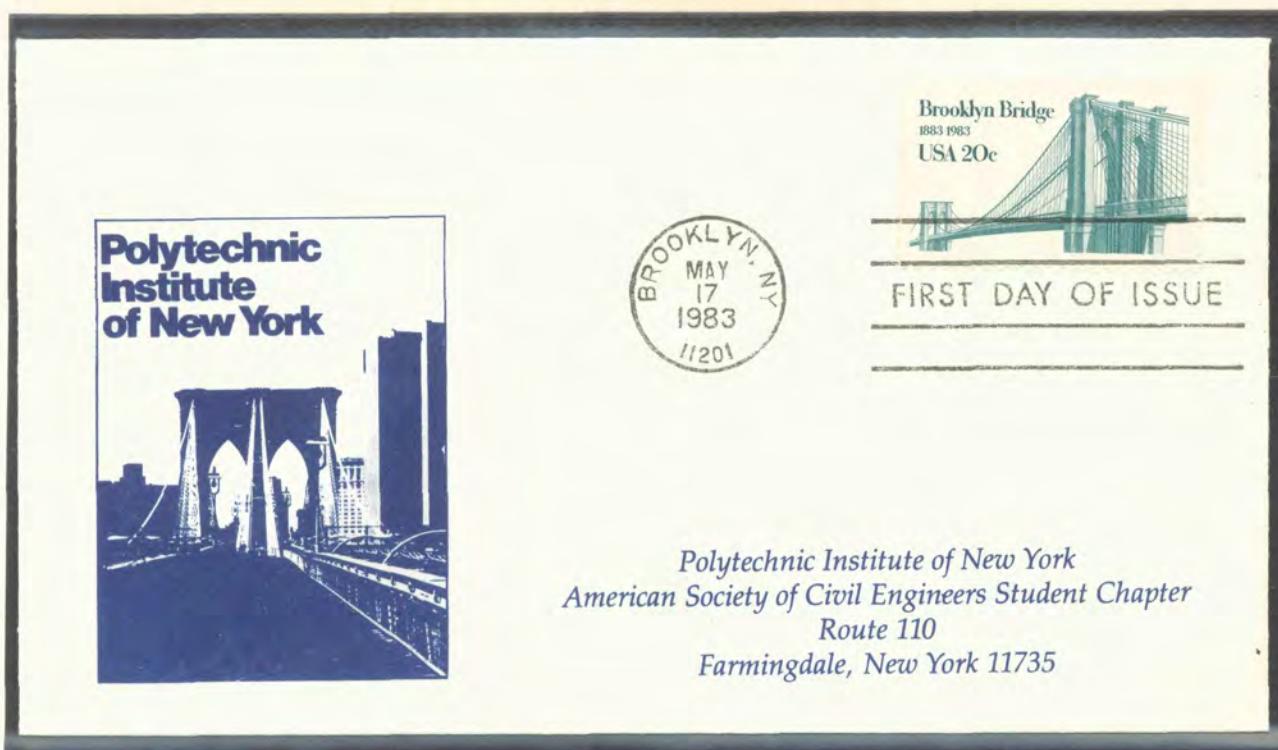
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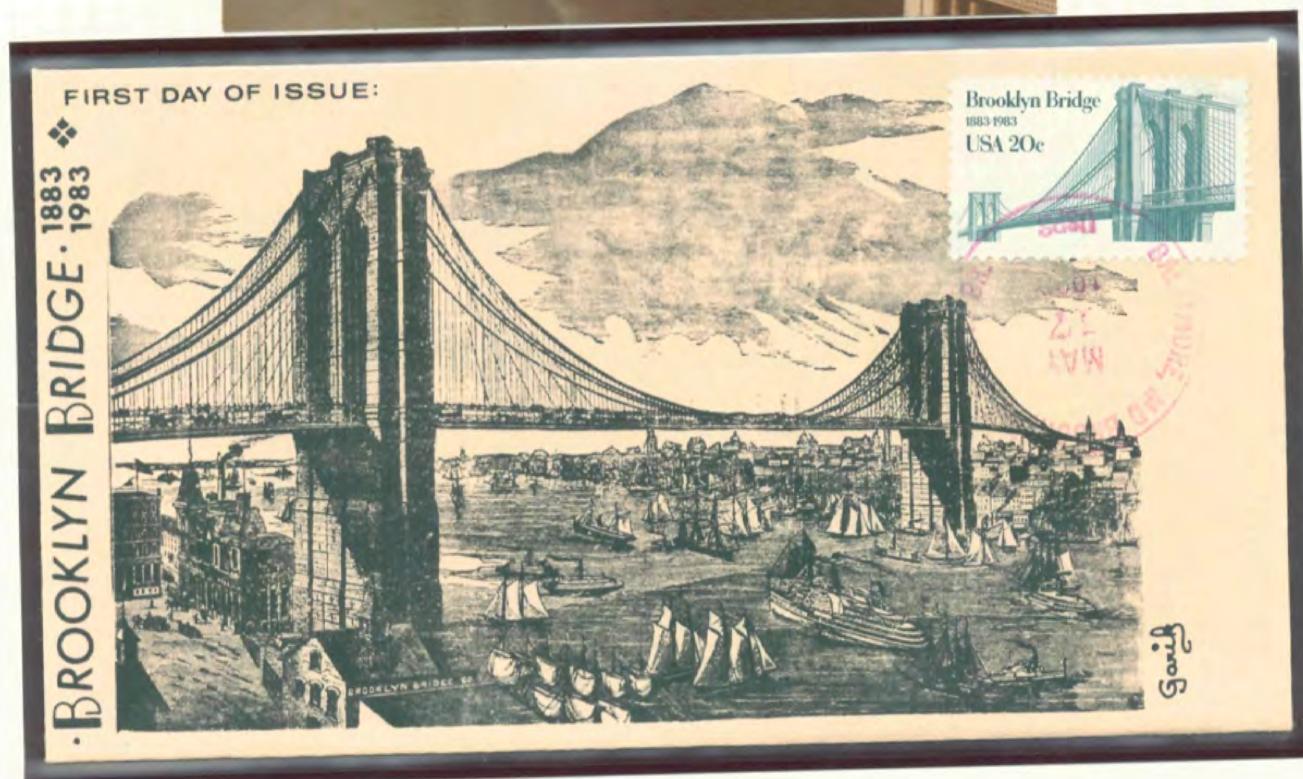
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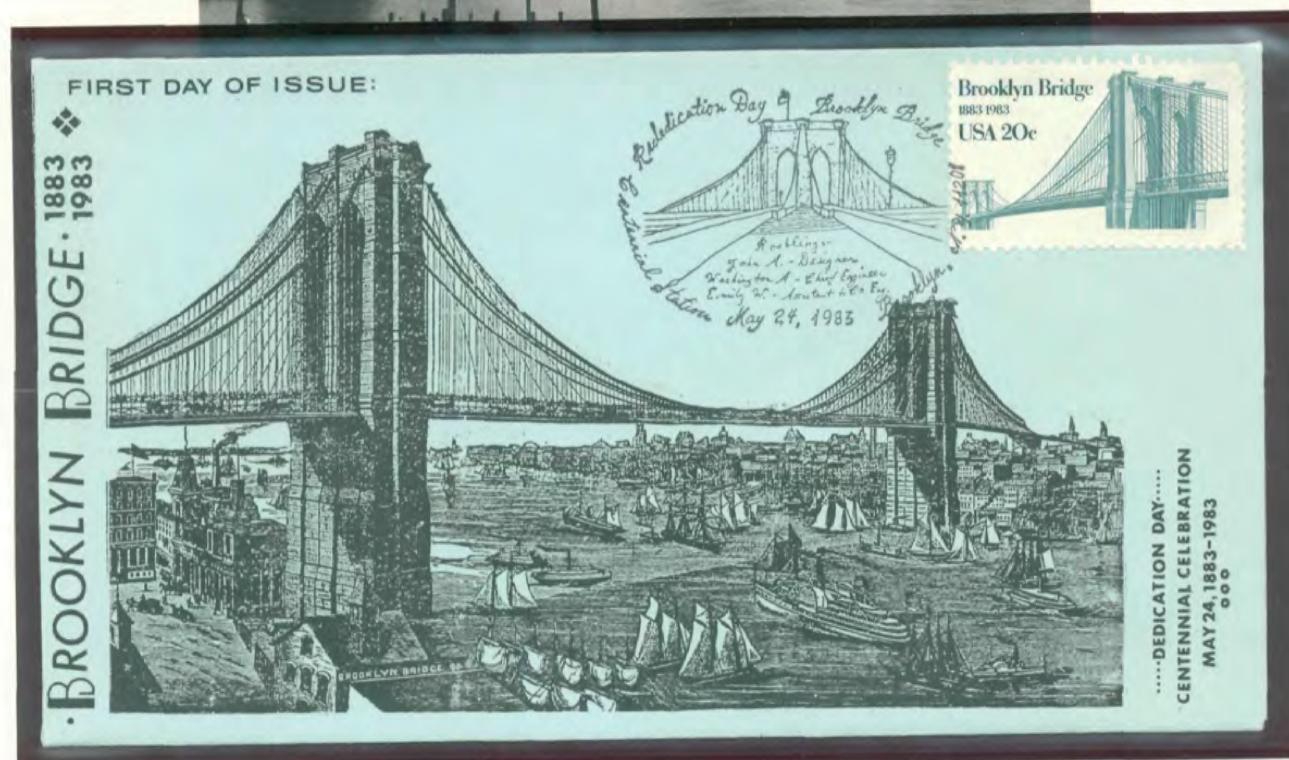
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## Centennial Celebration

The Centennial Celebration of the Brooklyn Bridge in 1983 is a unique opportunity to stimulate worldwide public interest in and awareness of the engineering and aesthetic genius embodied by this national historic landmark. It is also an opportunity to salute the people, neighborhoods, institutions and organizations which make up New York City today.

Through the initiative of Mayor Edward I. Koch, Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden and Manhattan Borough President Andrew J. Stein, the Brooklyn Bridge Centennial Commission was formed to plan the celebration, which will be a six-month series of events throughout New York City. The Commission expects to draw on a broad spectrum of participants, including colleges, museums, parks, performing arts, community and professional organizations, small businesses and large corporations.

The Brooklyn Bridge was dedicated on May 24, 1883, named "The People's Day" for the occasion. By foot, carriage, wagon and boat, people came to gather on both sides of the East River for the momentous event. President Chester A. Arthur headed the list of dignitaries who took part in the ceremonies. He was joined by Governor Grover Cleveland; the Mayor of New York, Franklin Edson; and Mayor of Brooklyn, Seth Low, among others. Parades in New York and Brooklyn, bands, speeches, banners and receptions were part of the day-long festivities, which culminated in a spectacular hour-long fireworks display.

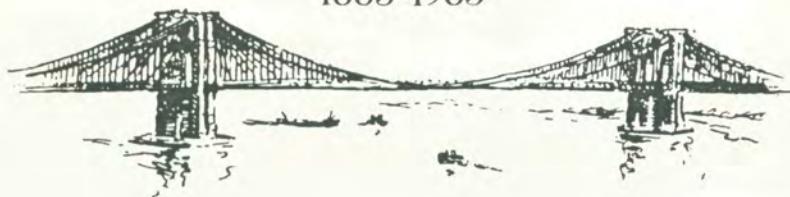
John A. Roebling, the designer of the Bridge, did not live to see his masterpiece finished. After his death, his son, Washington, supervised construction. When Washington became an invalid several years before the Bridge was completed, his wife Emily acted as the principal contact and liaison on all aspects of the work.

The Bridge, the world's longest suspension span when it opened, measures slightly more than a mile. The first bridge ever to use steel in its construction, it took fourteen years to build. The predominant immigrant groups of the period—Irish, Italian and German—comprised the bulk of the labor force.

The completion of the Bridge required tremendous cooperation among people in government, business, engineering and labor, and represented the fulfillment of their hopes and aspirations.

In 1983, through the combined efforts of government, business and the people of New York City, the Centennial Celebration will pay tribute to human endeavor and achievement, symbolized so magnificently by the Brooklyn Bridge.

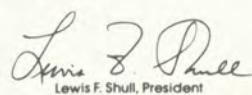
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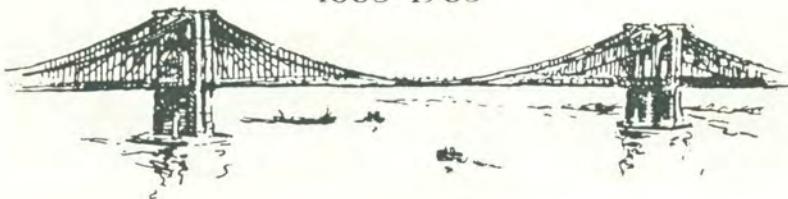
  
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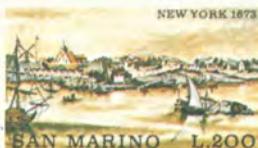
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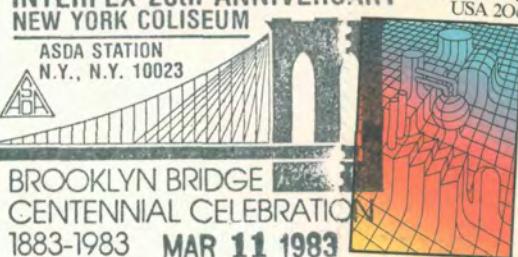
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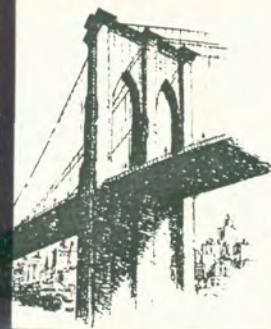
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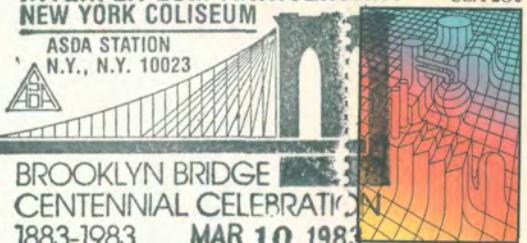
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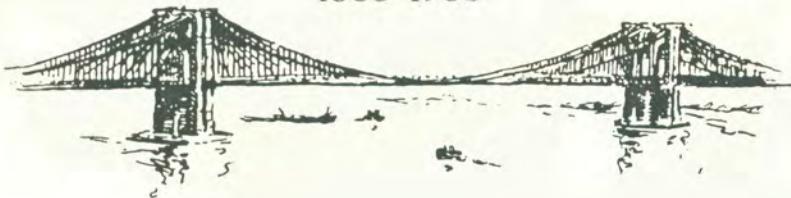
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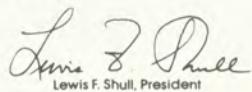
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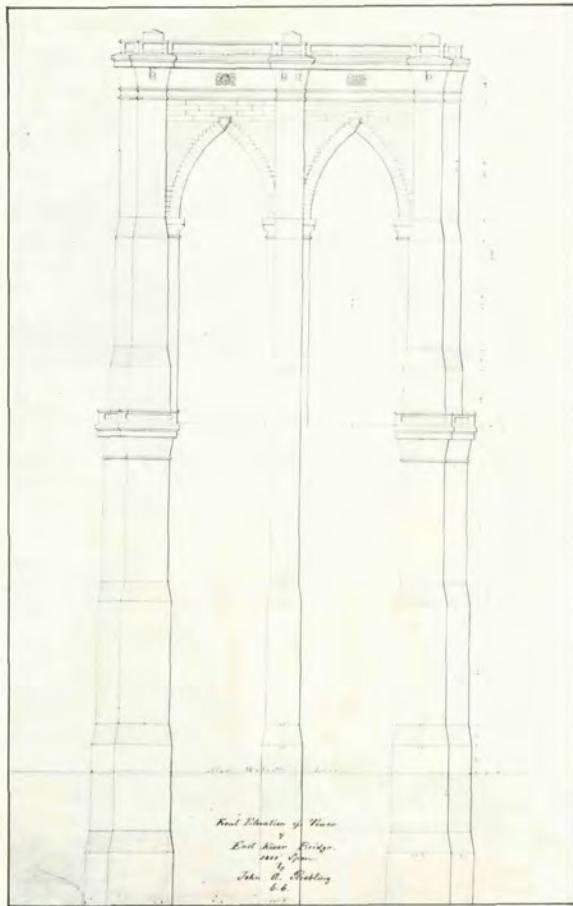


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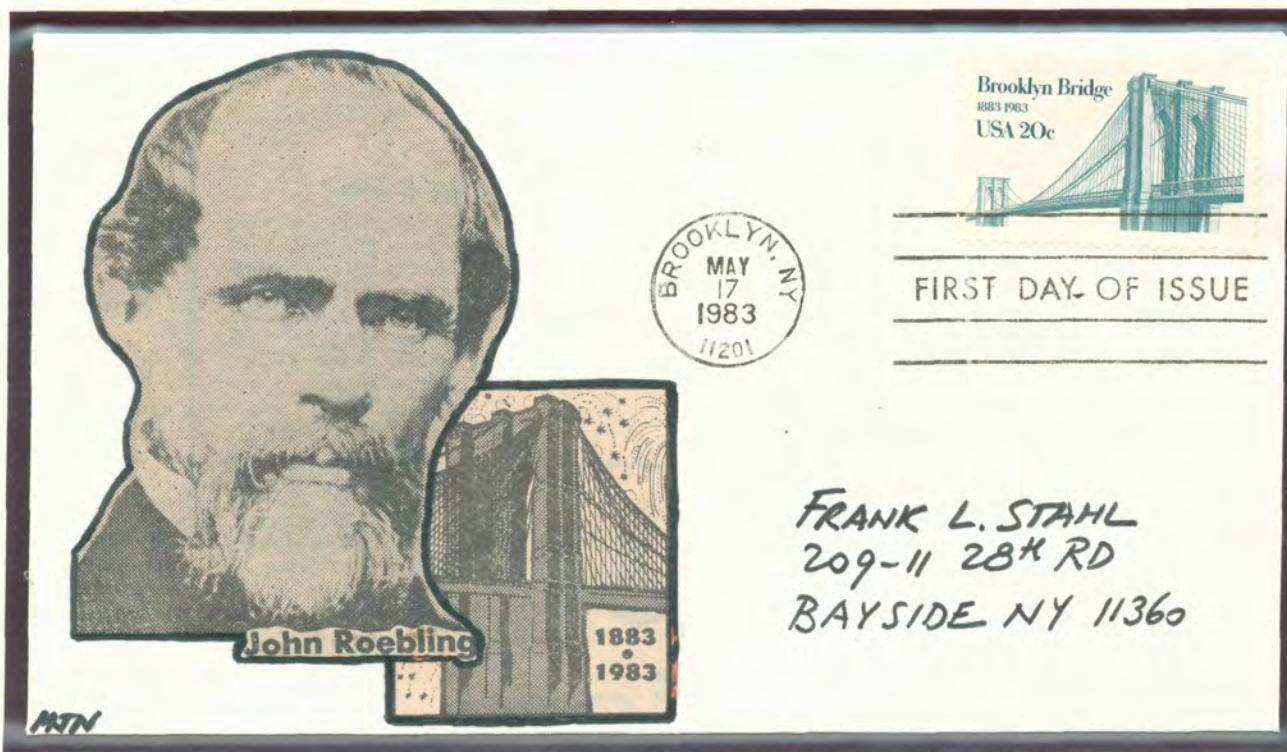
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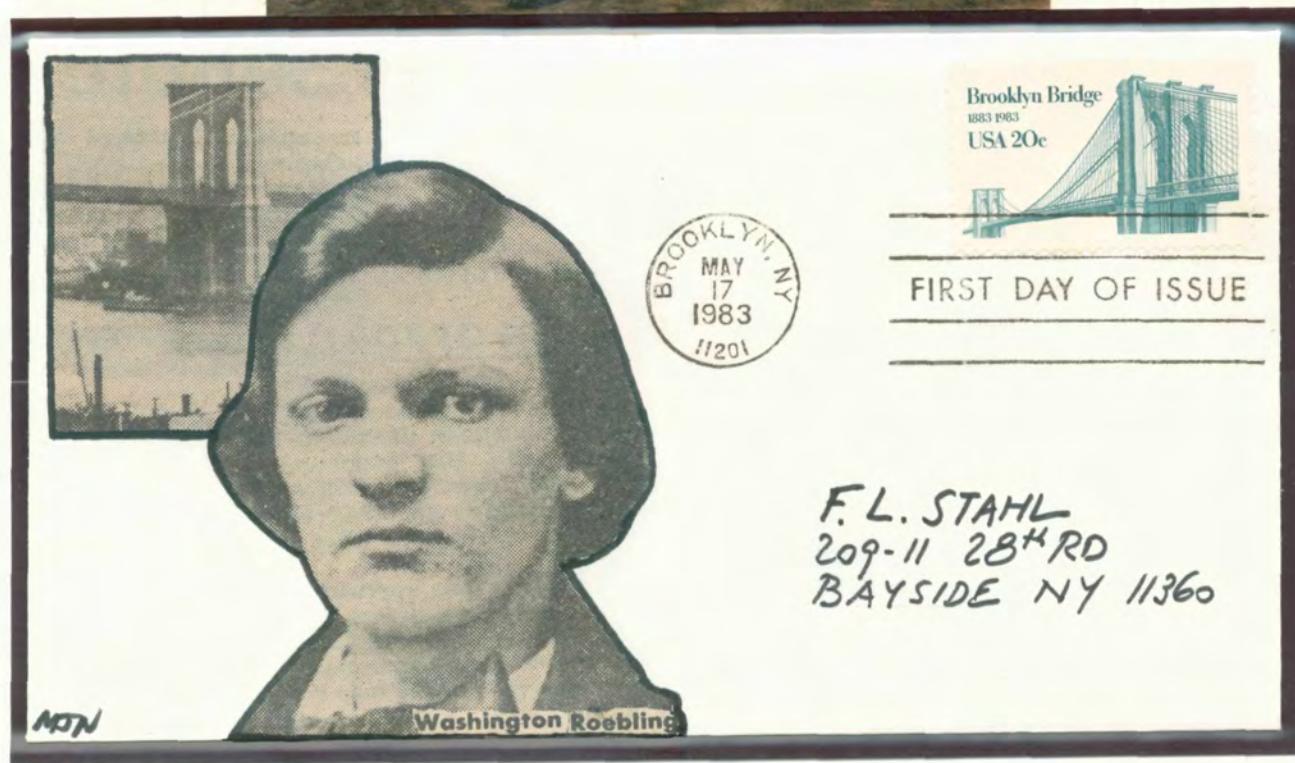
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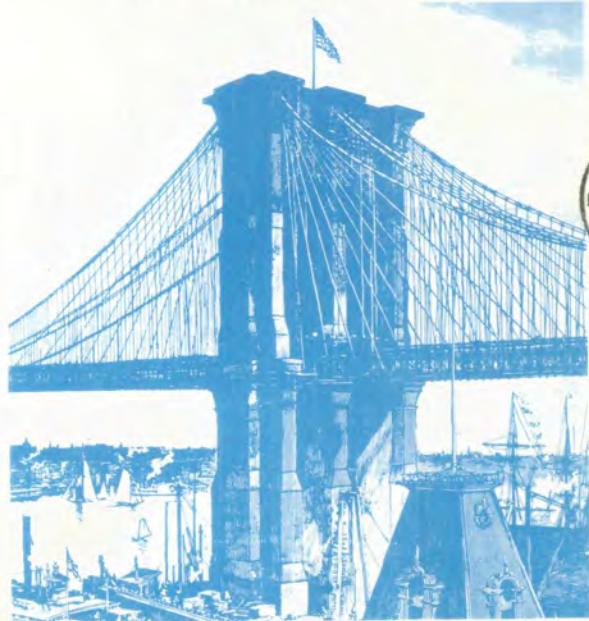


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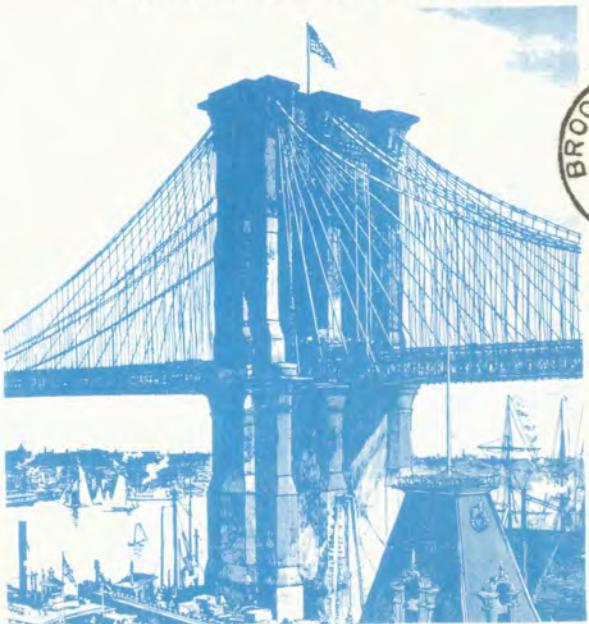
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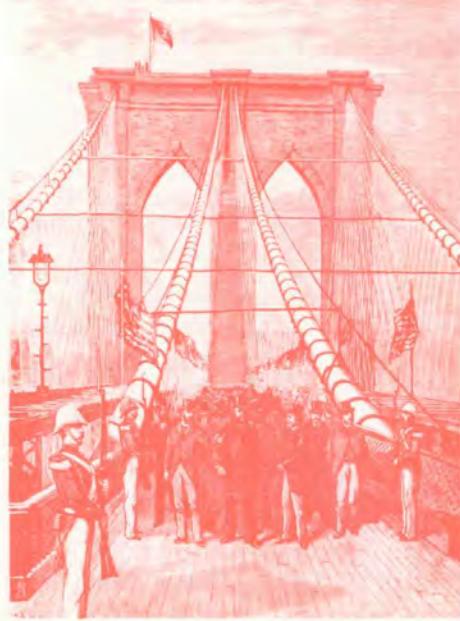
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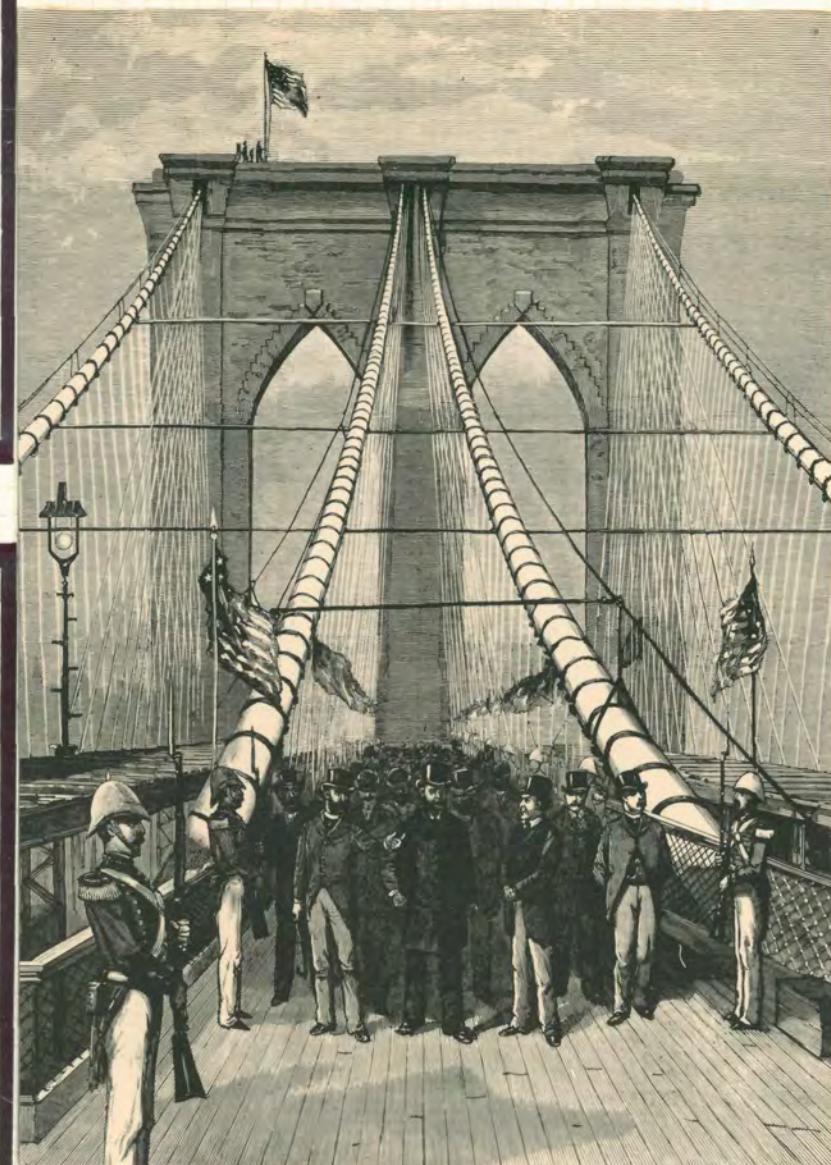
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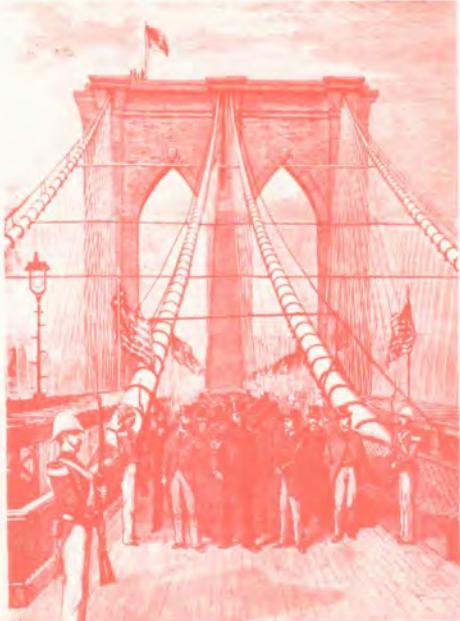
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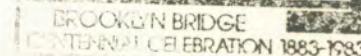
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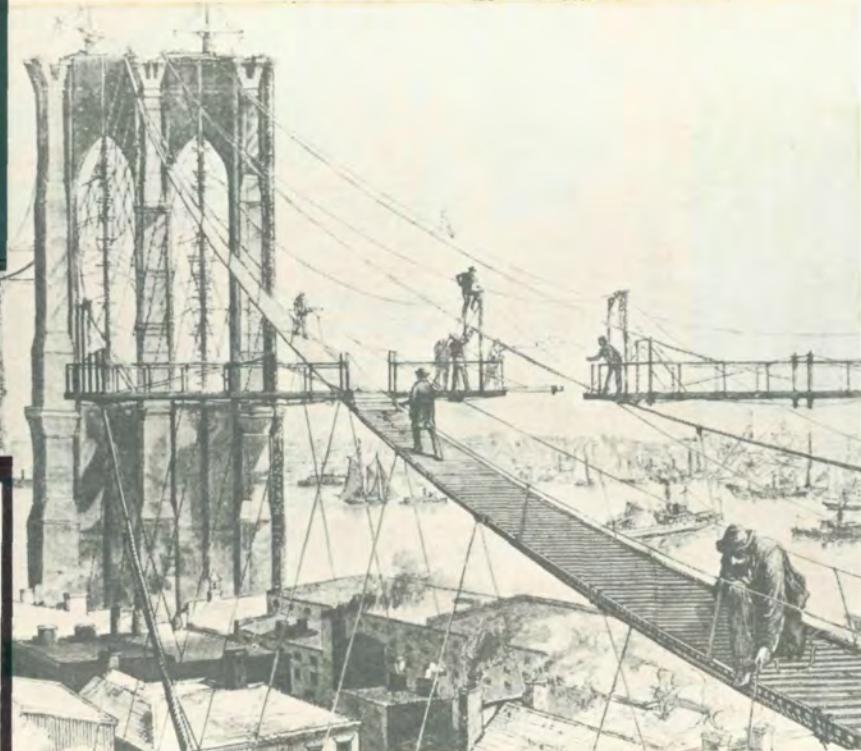


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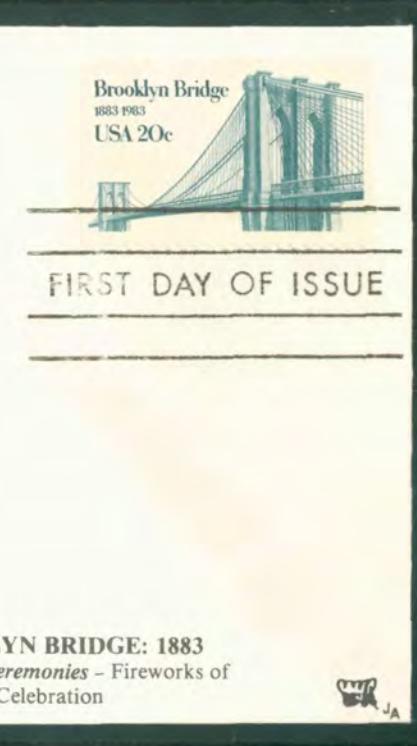


Francis H. Schell  
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Promenade in Mid-air: The  
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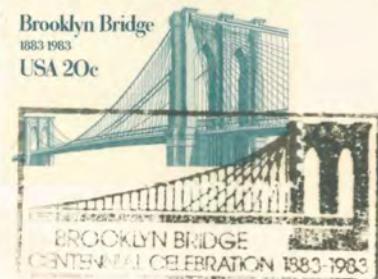
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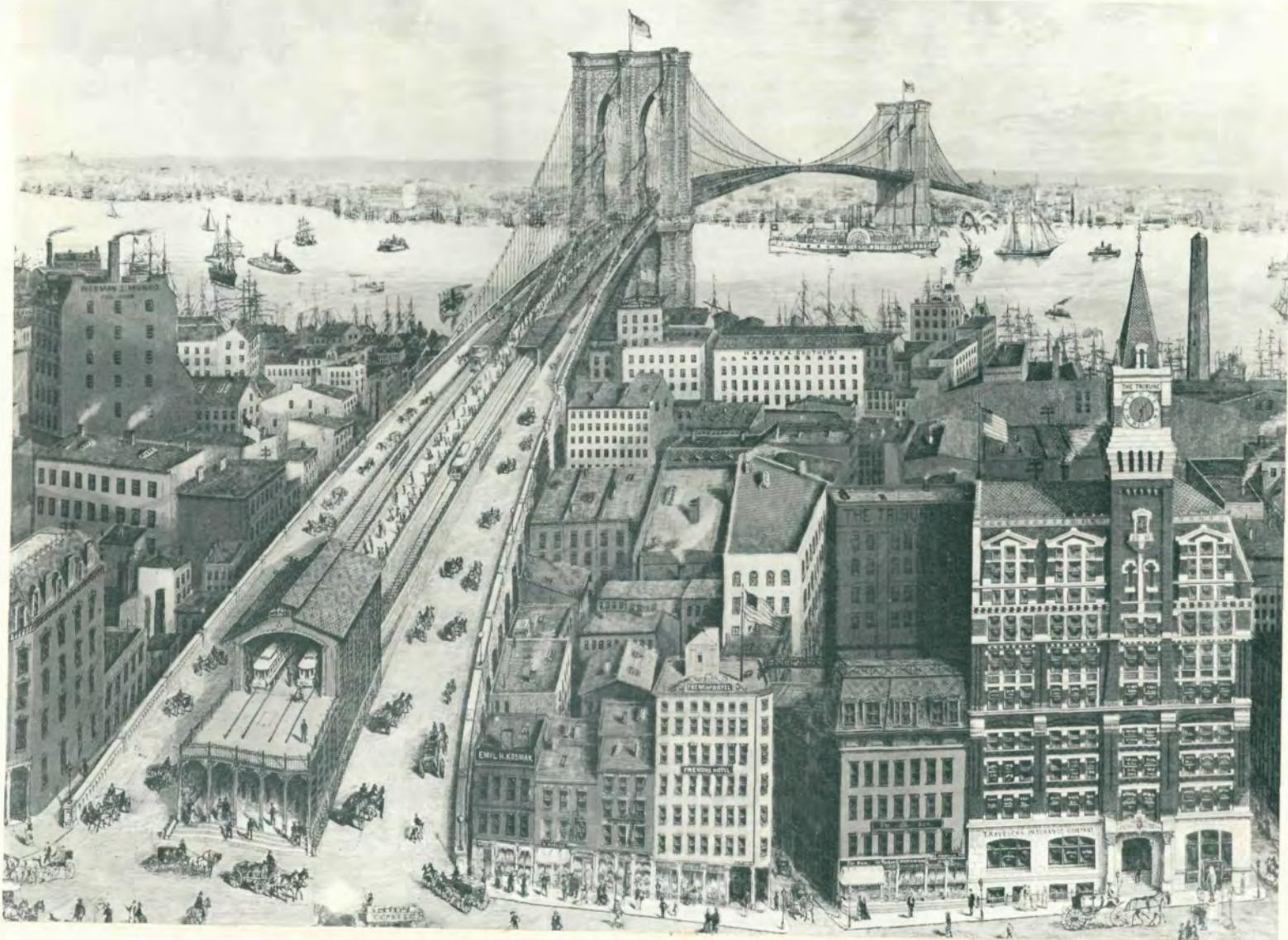


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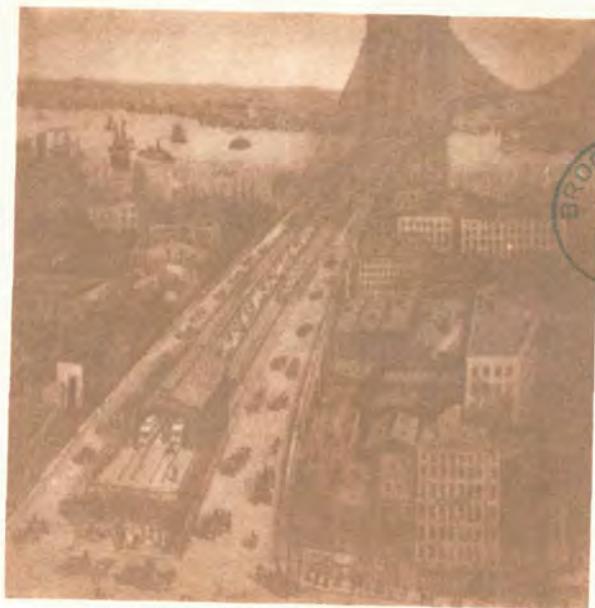


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*Opening Ceremonies - Fireworks of  
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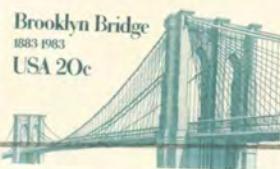


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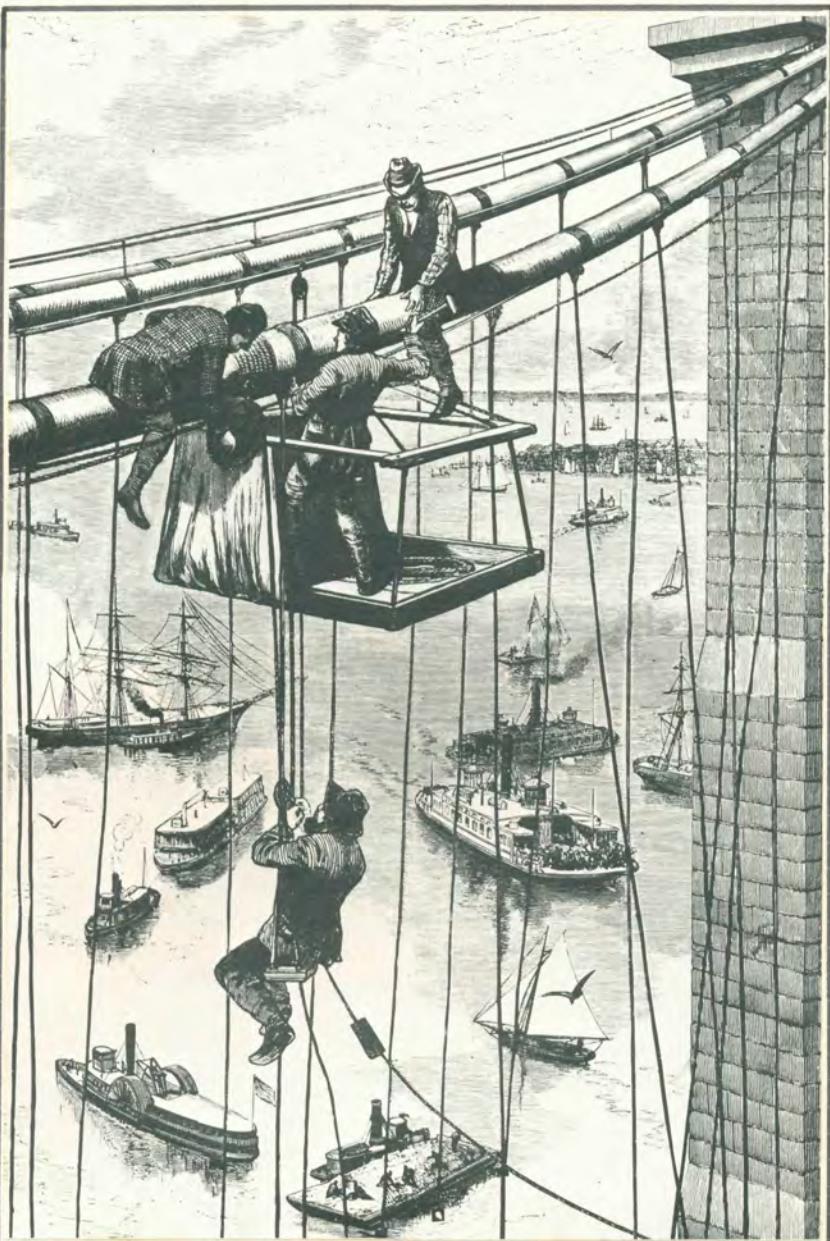


The BROOKLYN BRIDGE as it  
looked 100 years ago. View shows  
Bridge from Manhattan entrance.

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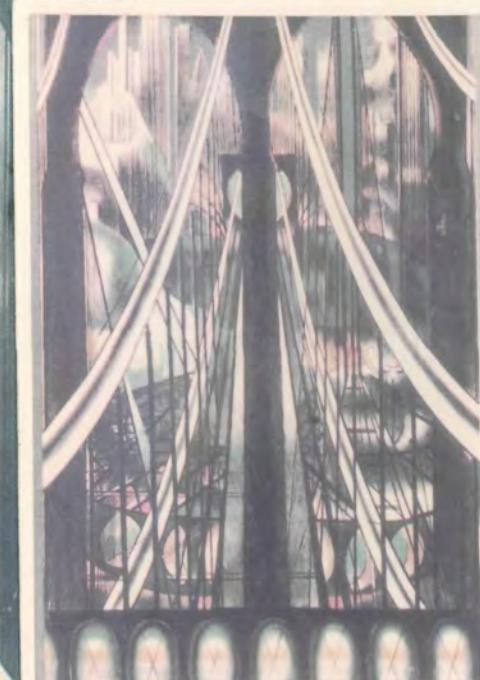


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Attachment of steel-rope  
suspenders from cables n.d.  
*Harper's Weekly*

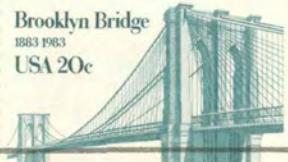
Men moving with monkey-like  
agility attached five-inch-wide iron  
bands with sockets to the cables;  
from these were hung the  
suspenders. As E. Frank  
Farrington told a reporter after his  
historic trip across the river on the  
traveler rope, "no man can be a  
bridge builder who must educate  
his nerves."





Joseph Stella  
The Bridge 1920-22  
panel #5 of the series  
*The Voice of the City of  
New York Interpreted*  
Oil and tempera on canvas  
224.1 × 137.2 cm. (88⅓ × 54 in.)  
Collection:  
Newark Museum, New Jersey  
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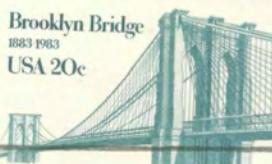
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Georgia O'Keeffe  
Brooklyn Bridge 1949  
Oil on Masonite  
121.8 × 91.0 cm. (47<sup>15</sup>/<sub>16</sub> × 35<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in.)  
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*The Brooklyn Museum, New York*  
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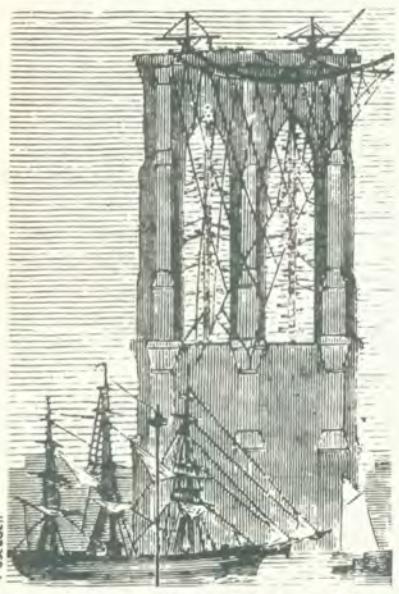
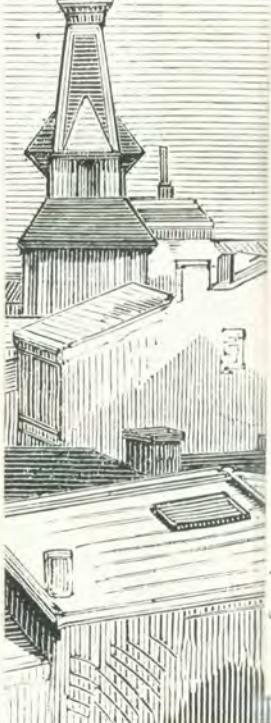


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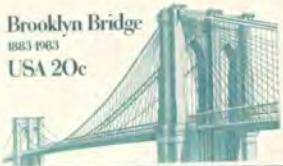
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Roebling's Brooklyn Bridge

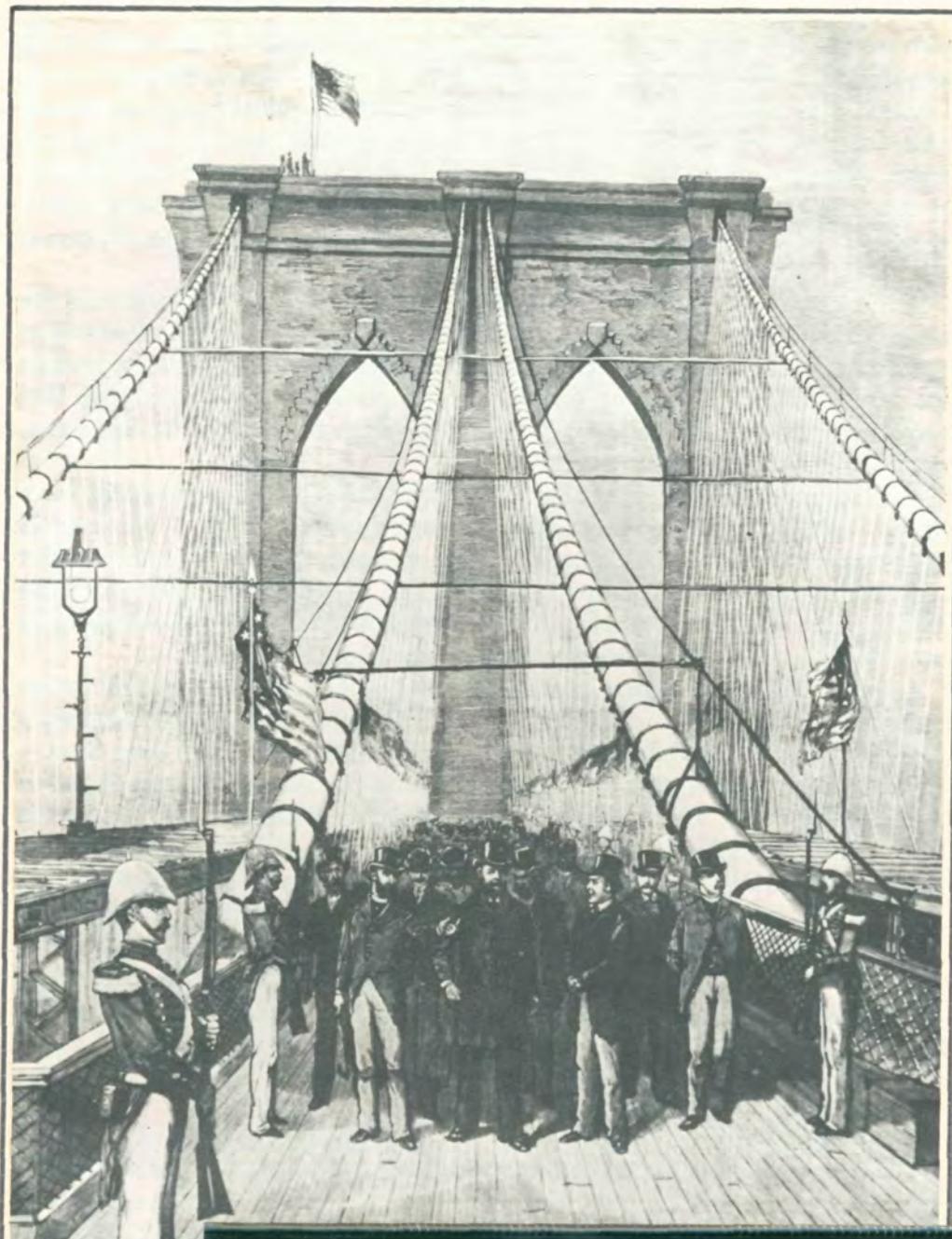


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President Chester A. Arthur during his ceremonial march across the Bridge from New York to Brooklyn. *Harper's Weekly*.

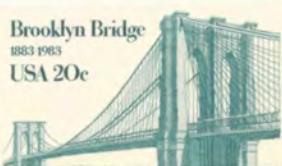


PRESIDENT ARTHUR OPENING  
THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

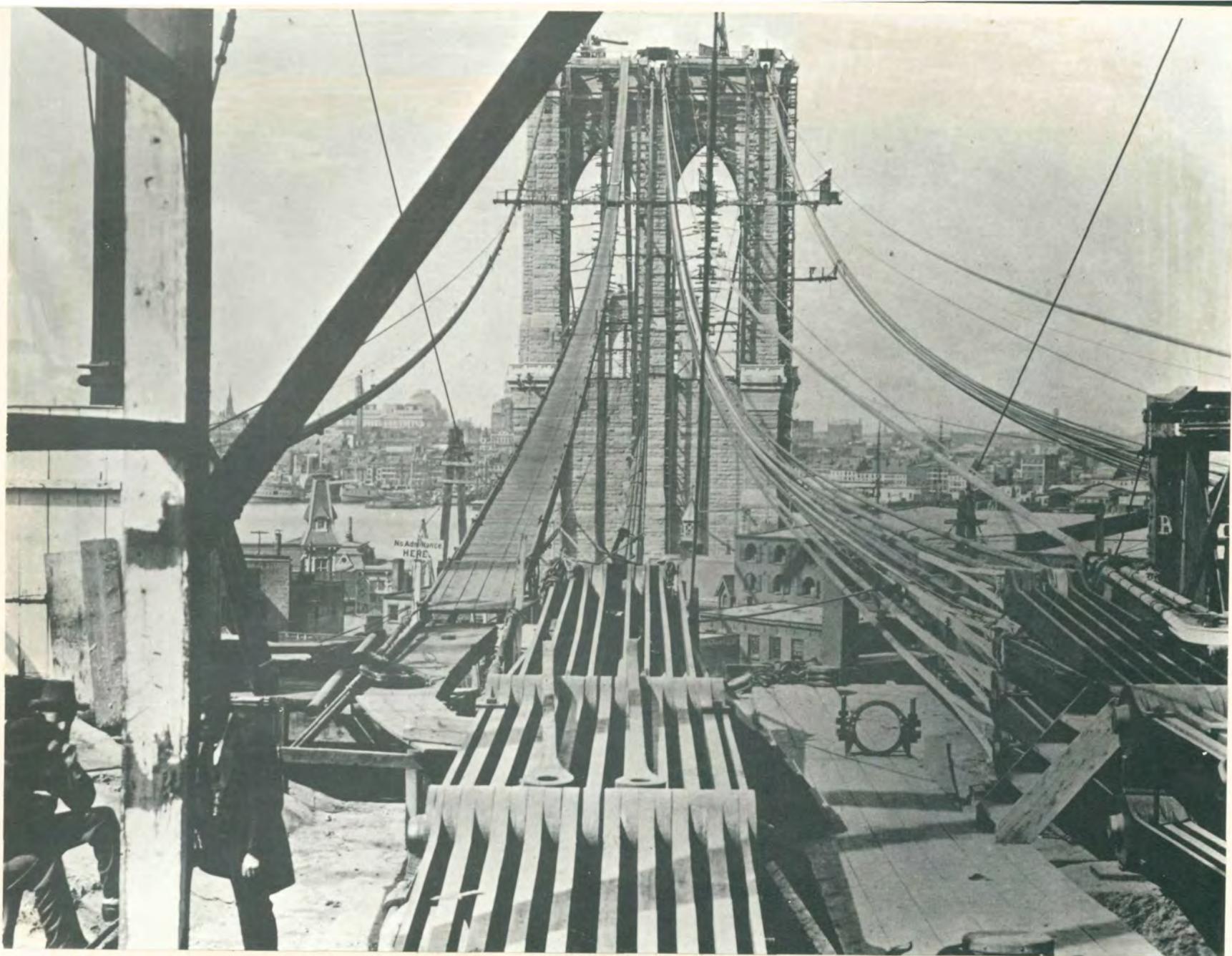


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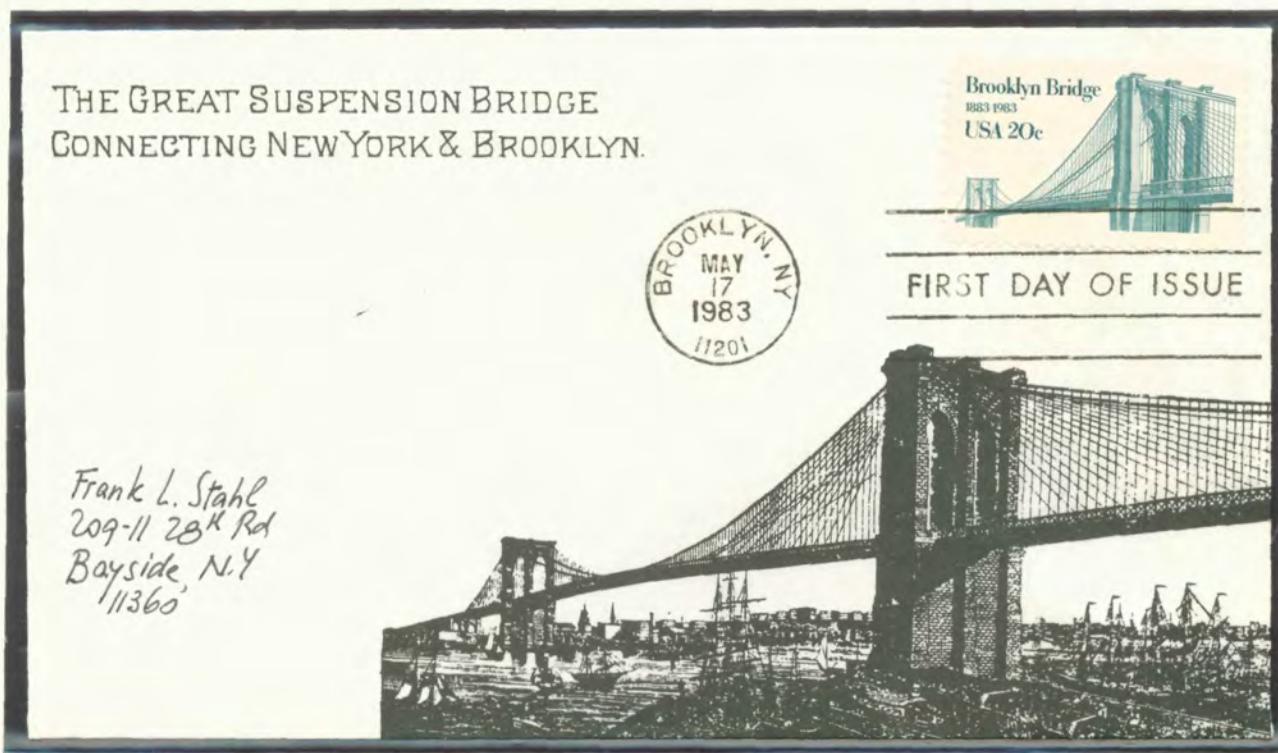
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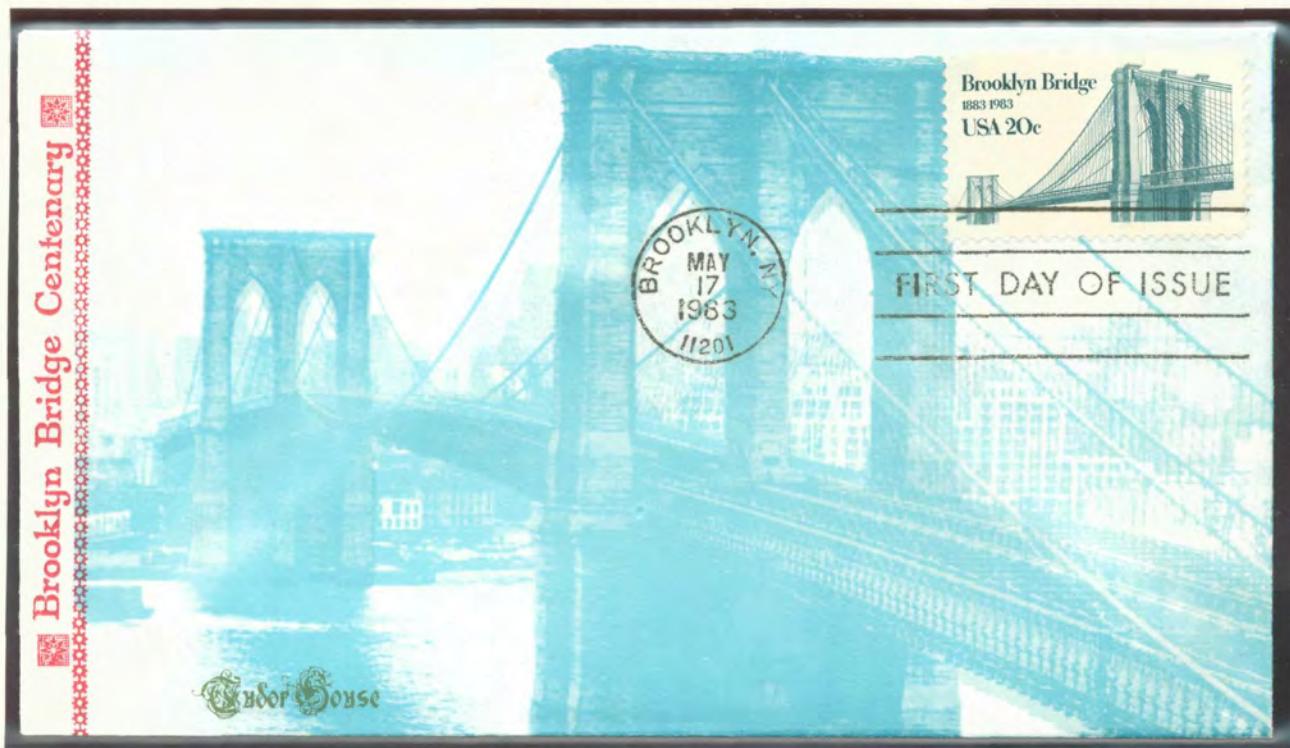
THE GREAT EAST RIVER SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

CONNECTING THE CITIES OF NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN

VIEW FROM BROOKLYN LOOKING WEST

Currier and Ives  
The Great East River  
Suspension Bridge circa 1883  
Color lithograph  
87.6 x 53.4 cm. (34½ x 21 in.)  
Collection: The Long Island  
Historical Society, New York

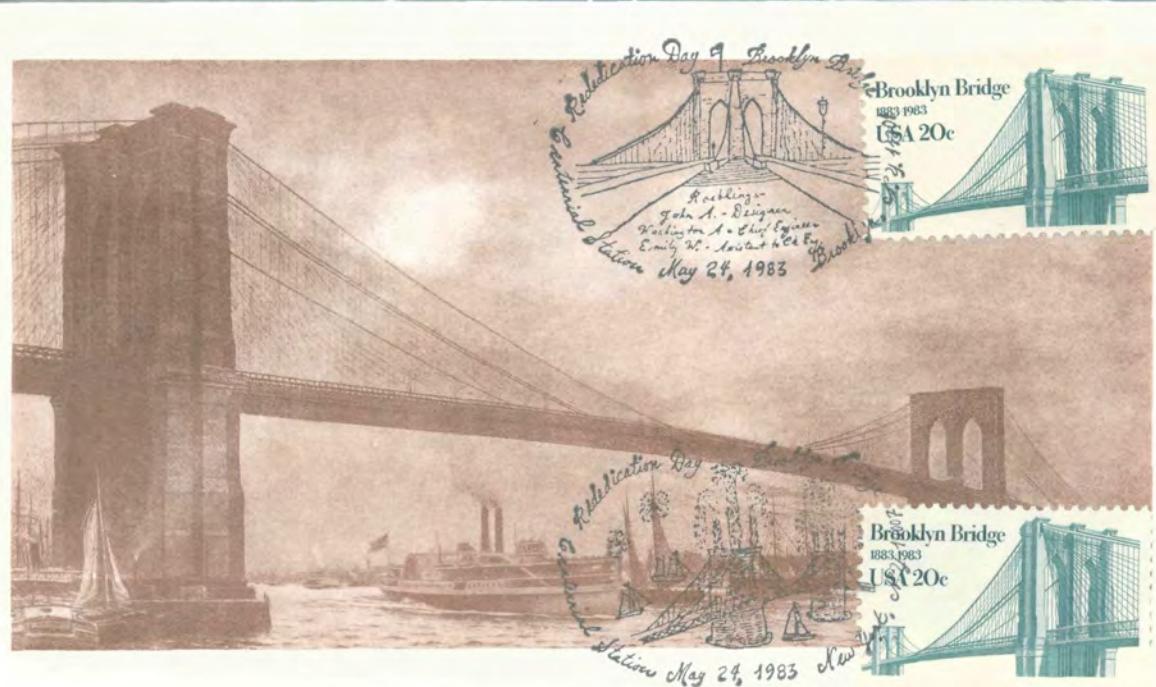
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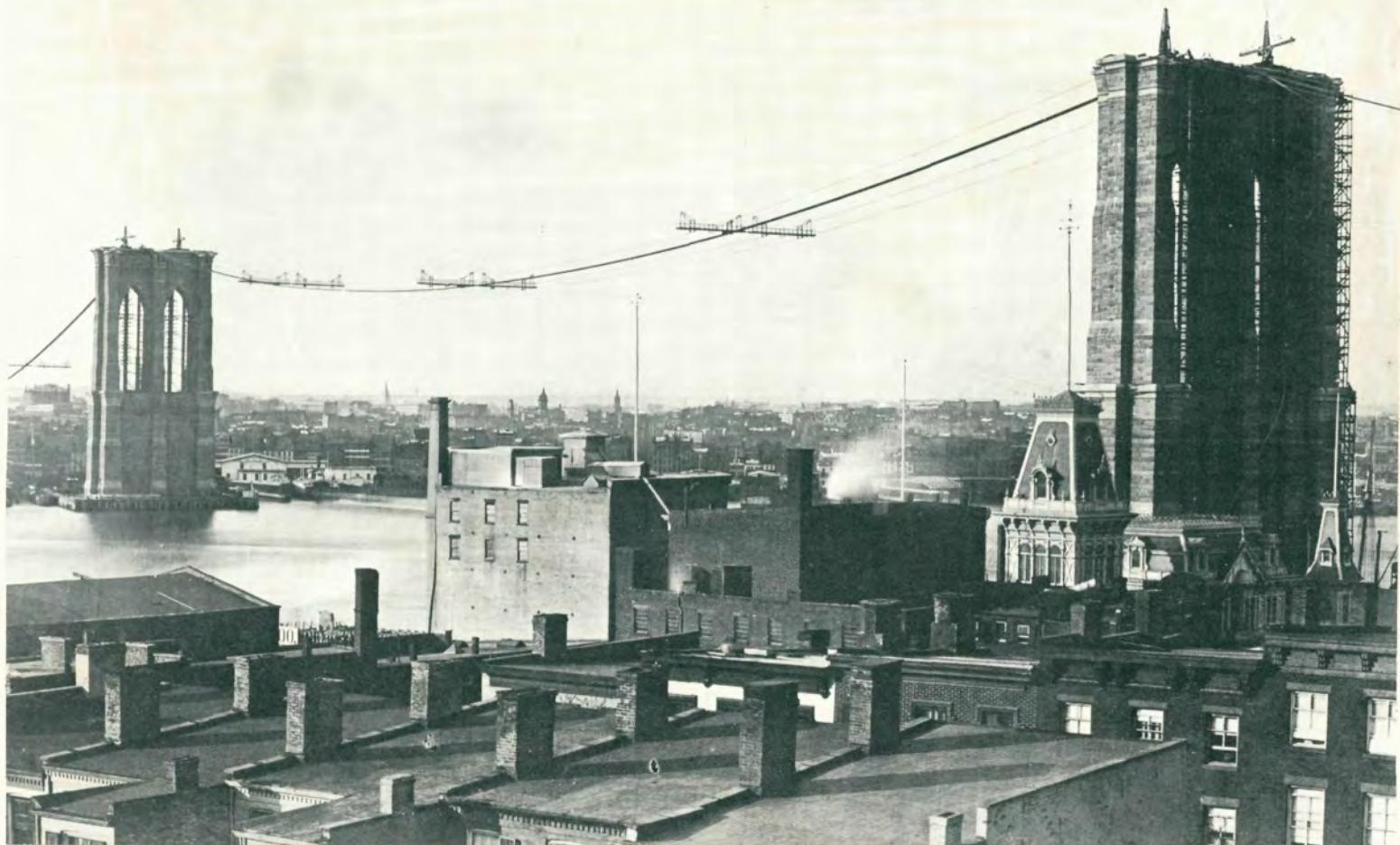
View towards Manhattan →  
ca. 1880



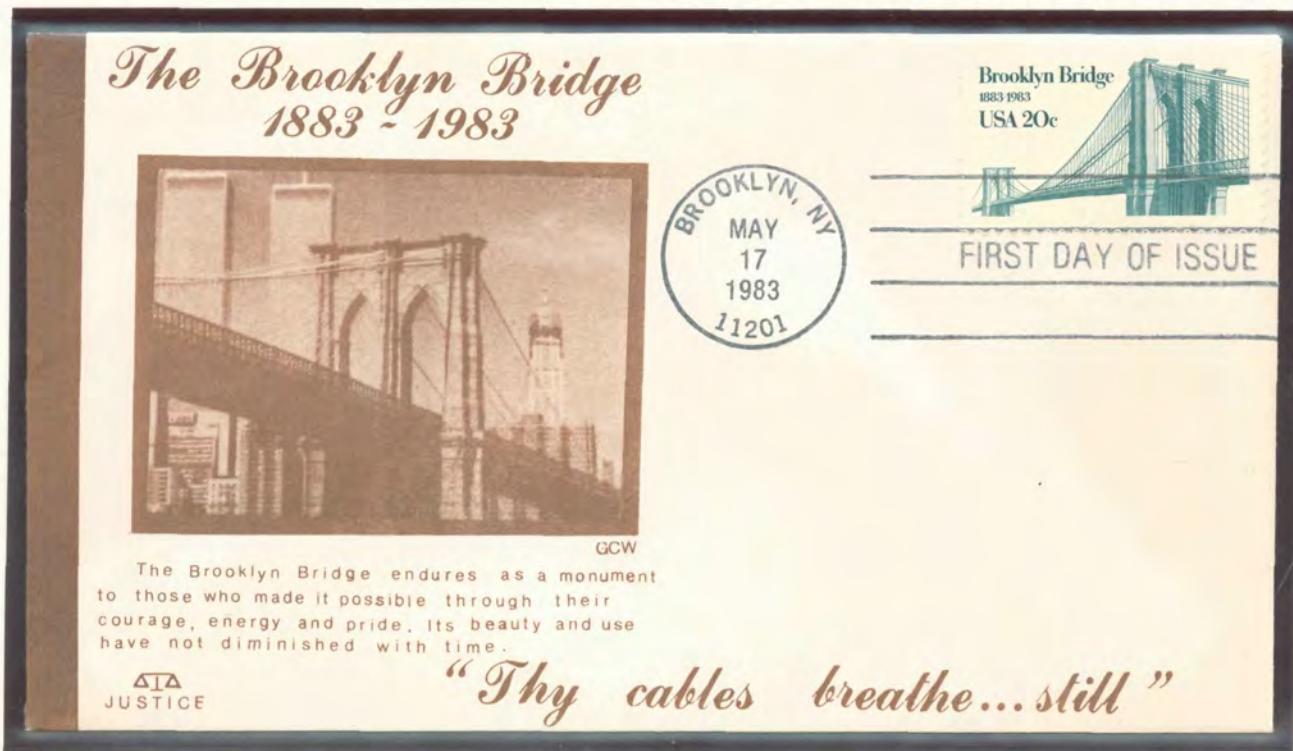
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"This part I call the elevated promenade, because its principal use will be to allow people of leisure, and old and young invalids, to promenade over the bridge on fine days, in order to enjoy the beautiful views and the pure air. I need not state that in a crowded commercial city, such a promenade will be of incalculable value."

John A. Roebling

- The Brooklyn Bridge -

Built by John A. Roebling, Washington A. Roebling,  
Emily Warren Roebling and countless others

Opened to the public May 24, 1883

Total length of bridge - 5989 feet

Height of bridge in center of river span - 135 feet

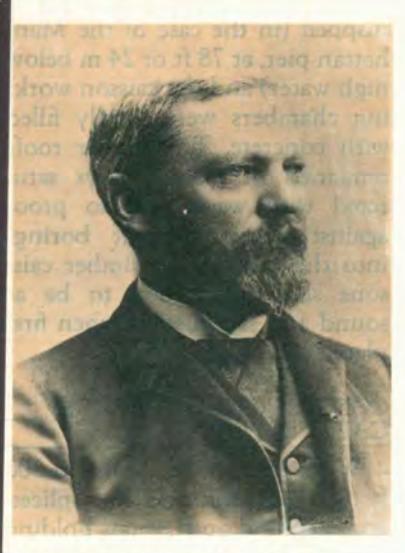
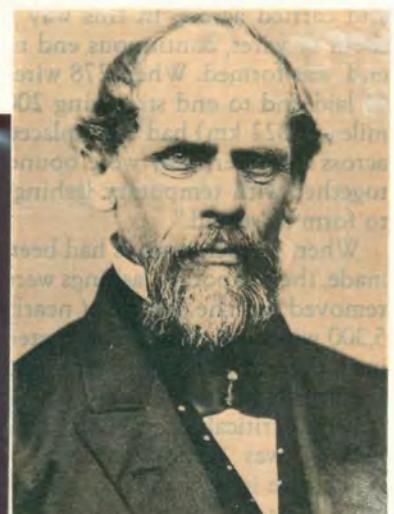
Height of towers above high water - 276 1/2 feet

Width of arches - 33 3/4 feet

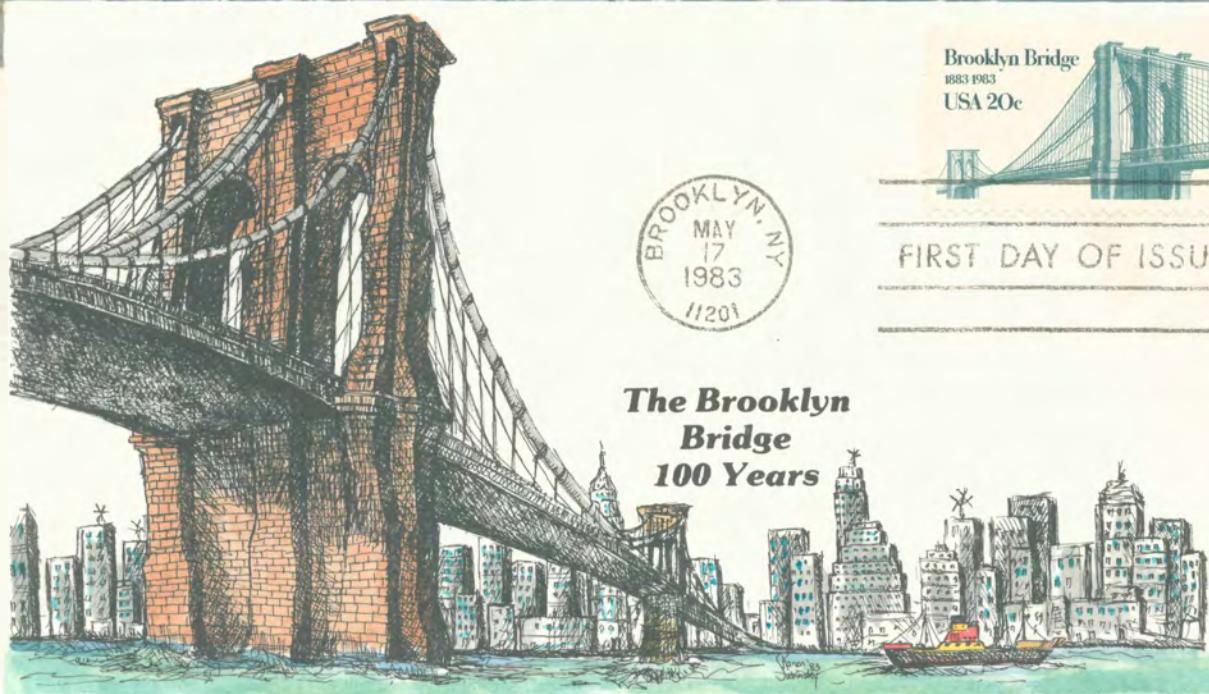
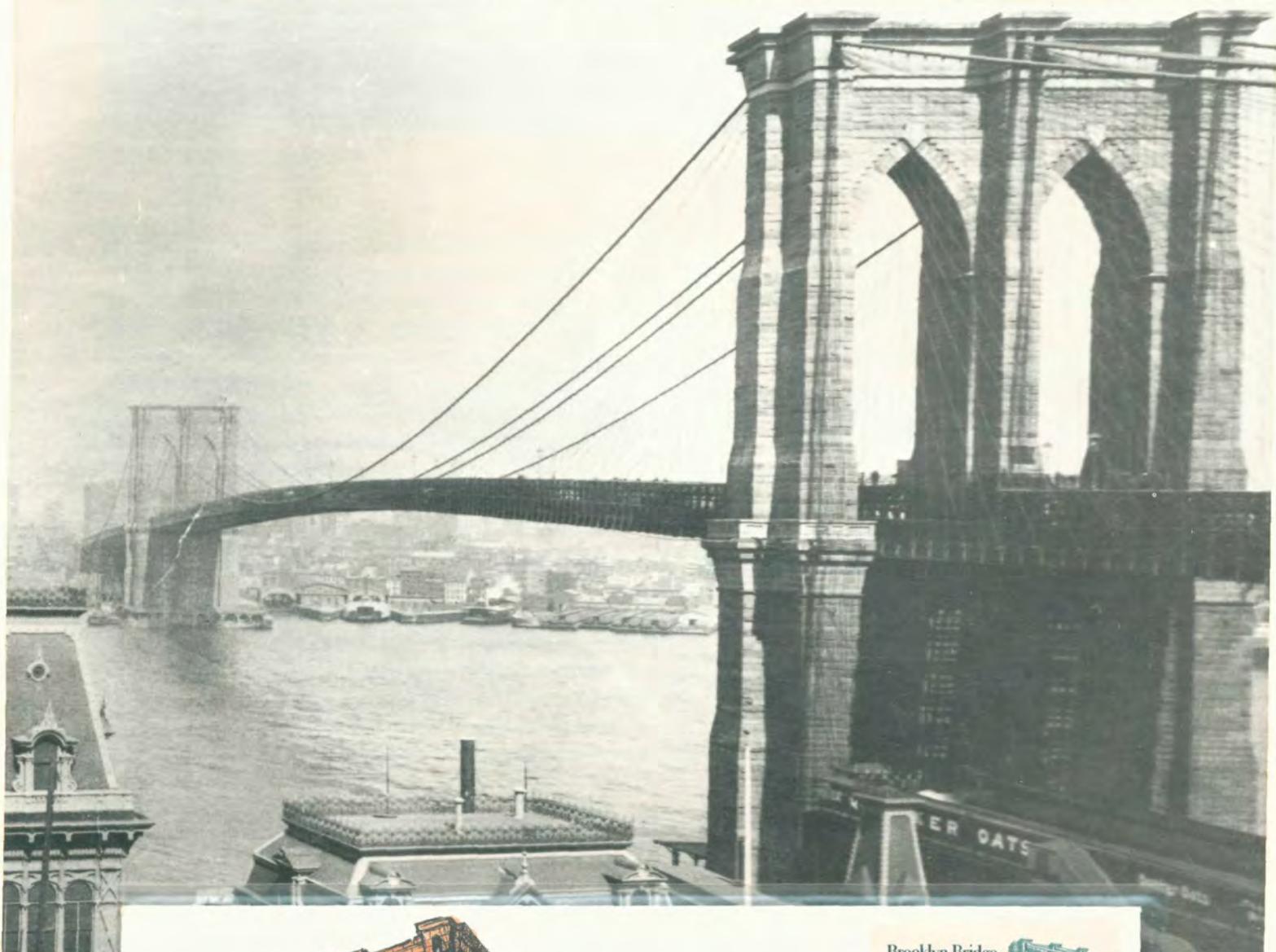
Width of elevated promenade - 15 feet, 7 inches

Height of promenade above roadway - 11 1/2 feet

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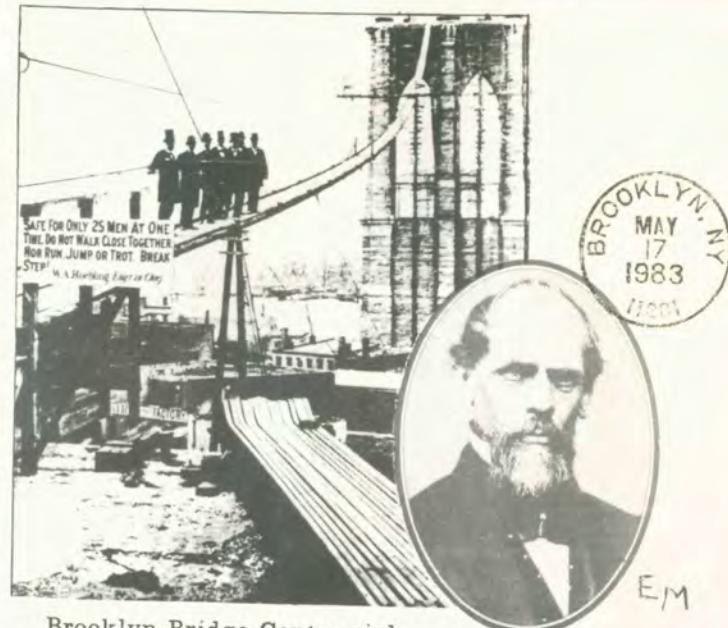


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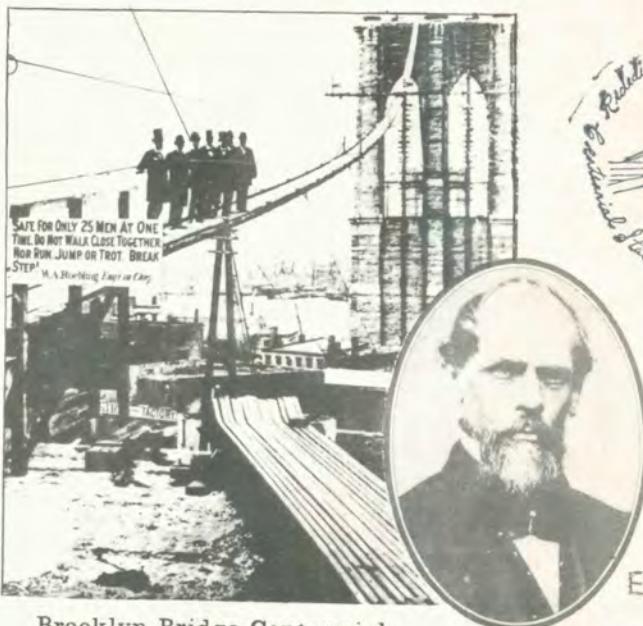
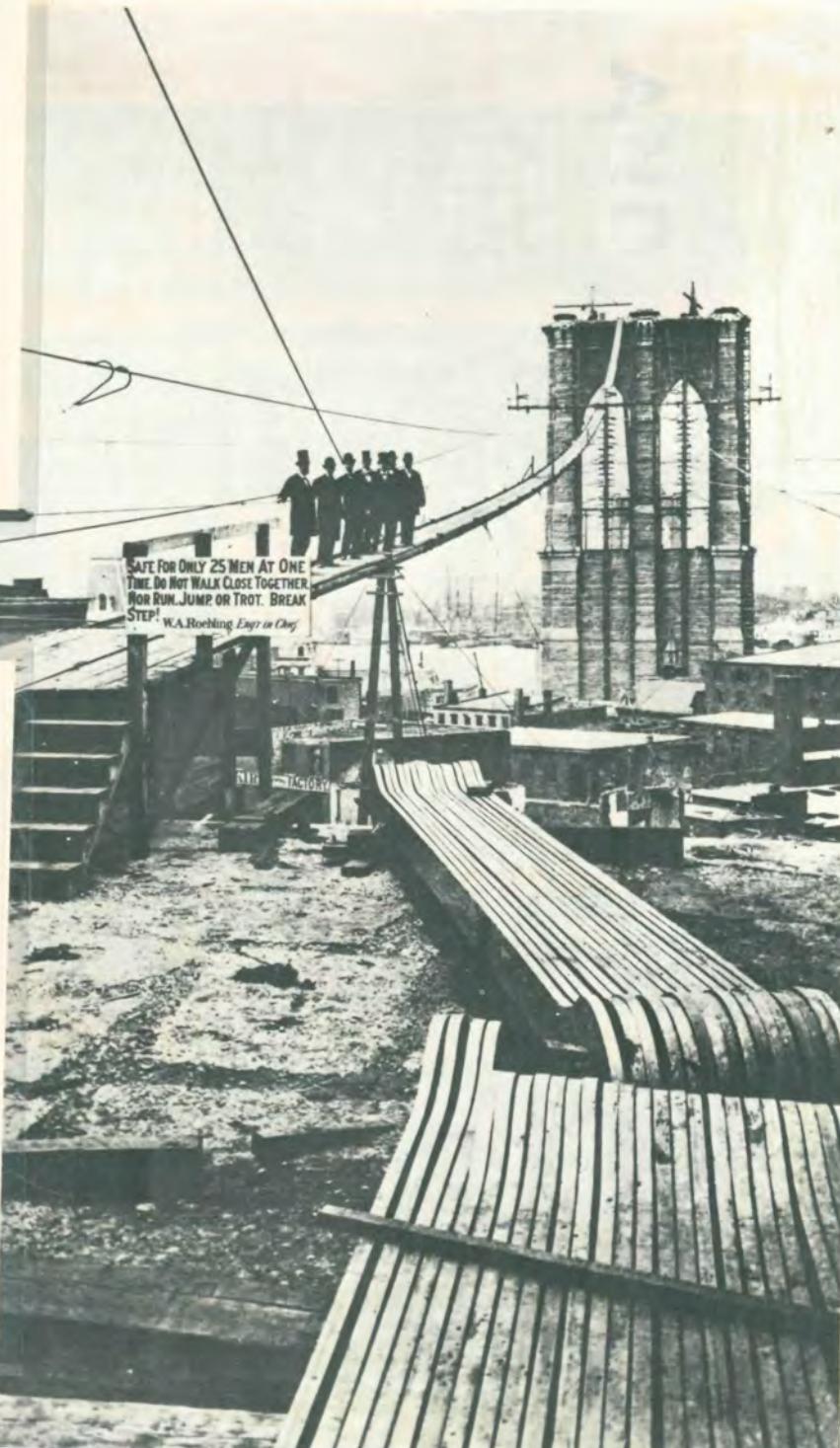
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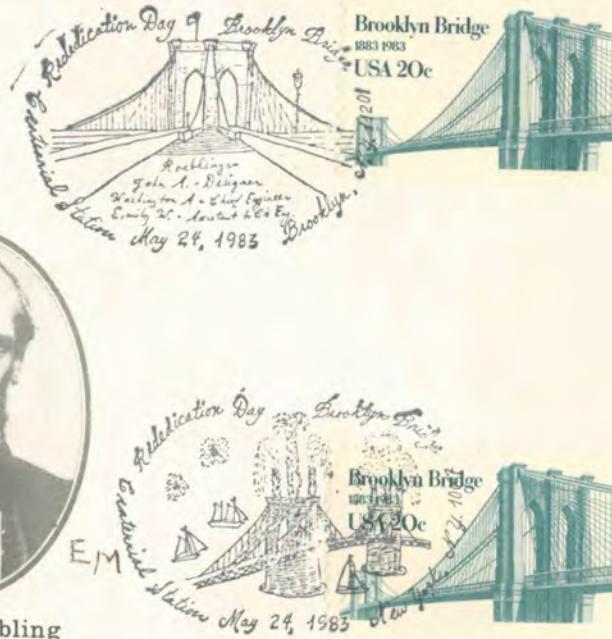
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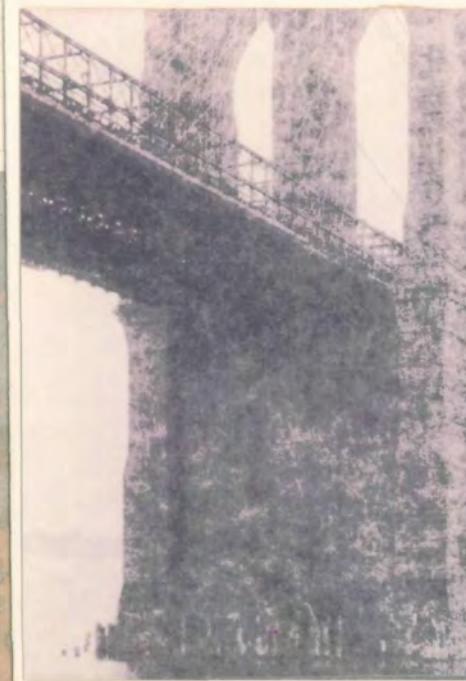


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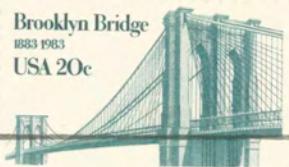
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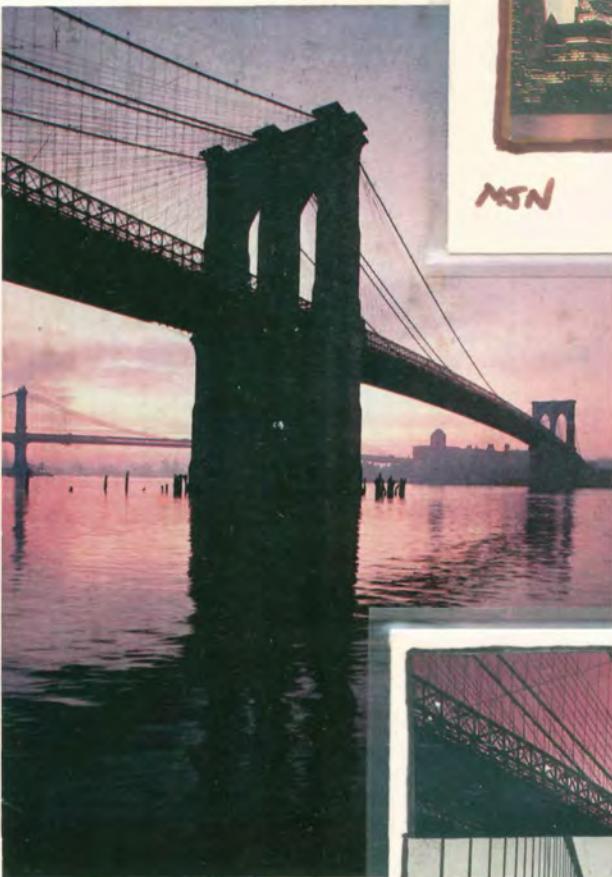


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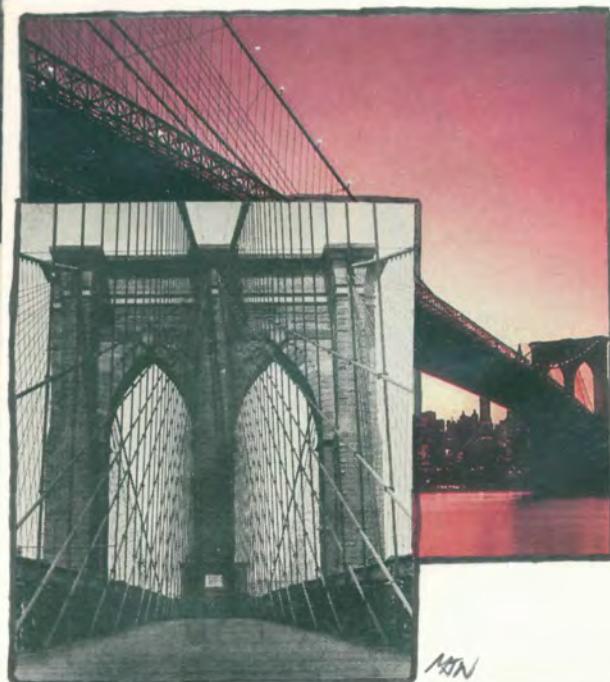
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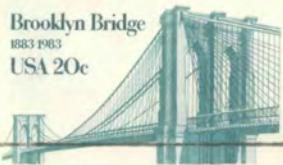
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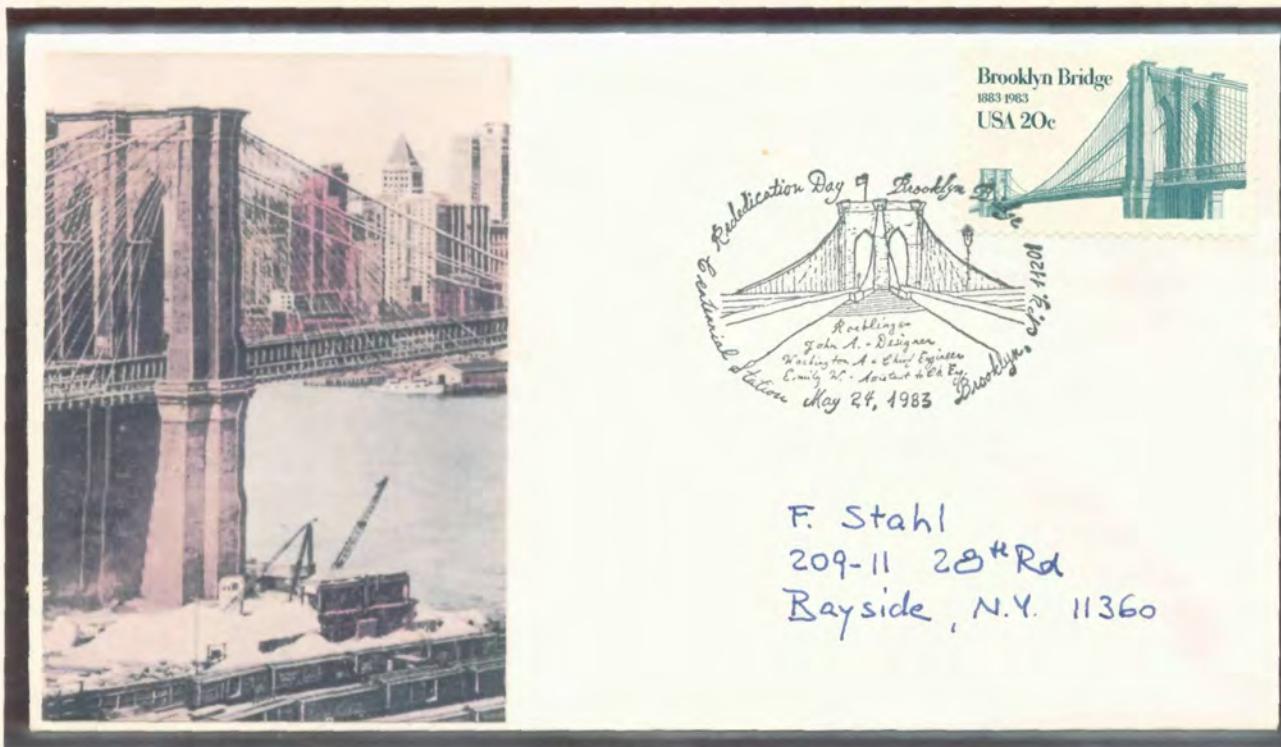
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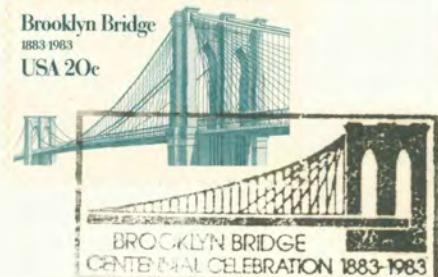


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