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Front cover illustration: Two copies of a handbill announcing the new postal address for Mount Lebanon. To avoid confusion with the town of New Lebanon, the Shaker community was assigned its own post office with a distinct name. These handbills were found at the Western Reserve Historical Society, Shaker Collection. For more information see the article beginning on page 112.