

Census of the Official Envelopes of the Finance Bureau

Compiled by Francis J. Crown, Jr.

Introduction

These censuses include only those covers for which an image was available. Any cover for which no image was found is not included.

Although every effort is made to exclude fake items from the censuses, the inclusion of an item is not a guarantee of authenticity. An authentication service must make that determination.

The color images viewed on a computer screen may not be representative of the actual color.

A census is only as complete as the information available at the time it was compiled. There will always be another item to add to a census. It may not show up this week, or next month, or next year, but at some point, a new item will be discovered to add to the list.

These censuses are different from most censuses compiled in the past because each entry is accompanied by an image of the item, many in color, some in black and white and some only partial. While the image may not be of sufficient resolution or quality to determine a postmark date the features of the item provide the means to tell similar covers apart and to determine if an item is listed or new.

The following explain what is in each census:

Description and Notes illustrates the different types of Finance Bureau envelopes in the census. Additional information may be provided. Also included is a table that contains a count of the envelopes by type.

Census The components of each census are as follows:

Date: The date is obtained either by examination of an image or from descriptions in books, periodicals, exhibits or auction catalogs. Dates are given as "Illegible" when the postmark date cannot be read, as "Unknown" if the postmark is unknown, as "No Postmark" if there is no postmark, and as "Unused" if the envelope is not postally used.

Address: The full address is given as *written* on the cover with line breaks designated by a slash ("/"). In some cases, the address is taken from an auction description. In such cases the address is in brackets. In other cases, the spelling of a name (person or town) is so poor the correct spelling is given in brackets after the incorrectly spelled word.

Notes: Additional information on the envelope that may not be apparent in the illustration.

Provenance: Provenances are given if the envelope appeared in and was illustrated in a named collection sold at auction, in a book, periodical, an exhibit, or website. A table of all named collections and exhibits can be found in the Provenances Section.

Source: These are the sources of information about individual covers. Sources are given by an abbreviation. The abbreviation is followed by a certificate number for authentication services; a page number or date and page number, if a book or publication or exhibit; and the date, sale number (if known), and lot number, if an auction. If a bound sale has more than one sale number only, only the first sale is listed. When a public source is not available a private source is used. These are identified as "Private collection." Sources are listed in the following order: authentication services, books, journals, exhibits and auction catalogs. Within each group they are arranged in chronological sequence. Color images are indicated by an asterisk after the source. A table of source abbreviations can be found in the Source Abbreviation Section.

Census Number (CN): The number in brackets that follows the last listed source. This number can be useful in identify an individual cover or stamp, particularly for covers with the same date.

Version Number: From time-to-time corrections and additions will be made to the census. These are noted by the version number (v) following the date in the lower left corner of each page. The first census is v1.0 Corrections are indicated by an incremented sub number (v1.1). If a new item is added or an old one removed the basic version number is incremented (v2.0).

To aid the user each census is bookmarked in the left panel. Bookmarks are for the major imprint types only.

Description and Notes

Background

The Act of 13 May 1861 extended the franking privilege to the bureau chiefs and the auditor of the Post Office Department. Consequently, "Official Business" envelopes were printed for the different bureaus and the auditor.

The vast majority of the "official" envelopes were printed on US postal stationary (3c Nesbitt and 3c Star Die envelopes). How did the Confederate Post Office come into possession of a large quantity of US postal stationary?

On 13 May 1861 Postmaster Reagan issued his proclamation announcing the take over the postal service in the Confederate States on 1 June. The proclamation included instructions for all postmasters to render their final accounts for the period up the 31st day of May to the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C. With their accounts they were to submit "all postage stamps and stamped envelopes, remaining on hand, belonging to the Post Office Department of the United States." On 20 May Reagan issued Circular Letter No. 4 which amended the requirement to submit accounts to the Post Office Department in Washington, DC. Instead, they were instructed to retain all postal property in their possession and submit an inventory of same to the Chief of the Appointment Bureau. Thus, by late summer the Confederate Post Office Department had an accurate count of all items of US postage on hand. Realizing the postal stationary could be overprinted for post office use postmasters were directed to send their supplies to the Post Office Department in Richmond.

When were these envelopes were overprinted for official use? Use of printed official commercial envelopes are recorded as early as September 1861. But the earliest use found for overprinted US postal stationary is 1863!

This census of the official envelopes of the Finance Bureau does not follow the listing in the CSA Catalog. Instead, the envelope imprint types comprise the basic listing with the various envelope types and signatures listed under each imprint type. Where there is a CSA Catalog number corresponding to listings in the census they are given.

Historically these envelopes have not attracted much interest. As a result, until very recently when they were illustrated only the imprint area was shown. This makes it more difficult to identify individual covers.

Many of the envelopes have no year dates. In some cases, the year date was determined by using Peter W. W. Powell's *Confederate States of America Markings and Postal History of Richmond, Virginia* (Leonard H. Hartmann, 1987).

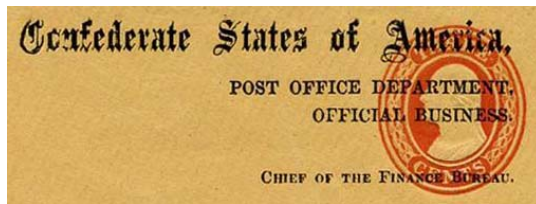
On the following pages the different types are illustrated and there is a table of the different types with a count of covers recorded.

The Imprint Types of the Finance Bureau

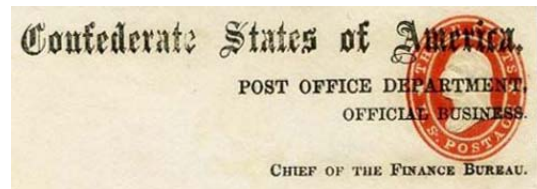
The top line of all imprints (Confederate States of America) is in an old English font in all types except E and F, which are in a Roman font.

The position of the words shift slightly in some of the imprint types. Thus, the position of “P” in “POST” relative to the line above may vary slightly within a given type. This is due to more than one printing of some of the imprint types. Also, within the same type some of the fonts may be heavier than others.

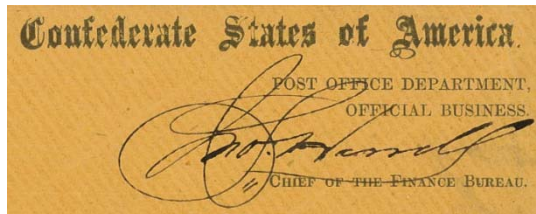
The major imprint types of the Finance Bureau are illustrated and explained below.



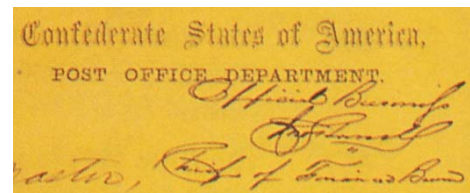
Type A – “P” of “POST” under “St” of “States” and “O” of “OFFICIAL” under “FF” of “OFFICIAL.”



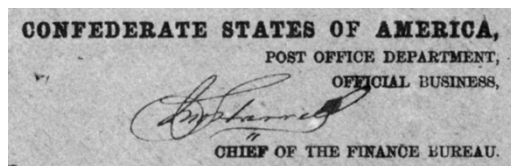
Type B – “P” of “POST” under “St” of “States” and “O” of “OFFICIAL” under “IC” of “OFFICIAL.”



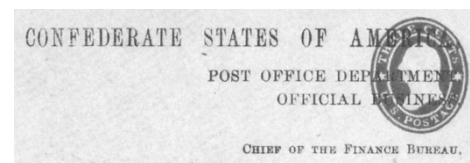
Type C – “P” of “POST” under “at” of “States.”



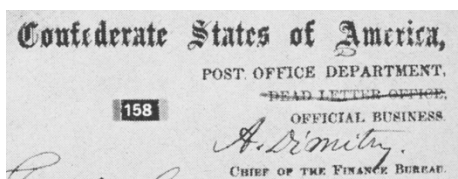
Type D – “P” of “POST” under “on” of “Confederate.” “Chief of Finance Bureau” handwritten.



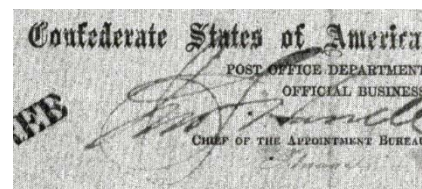
Type E – Top line Roman font, “P” of “POST” under “AT” of “STATES.”



Type F – Top line Roman font, “P” of “POST” under “ST” of “STATES.”



Type G – Use of Dead Letter Office envelope.



Type M – Use of Appointment Bureau envelope.

Types and Count of Finance Bureau Envelopes

Imprint Type	Envelope Type	Signed by	CSA Cat	Count
A	3c Nesbitt	Jno L Harrell	FIN-02a	8
		H St Geo Offutt		1
		B Fuller		4
		Unused		1
	3c Star Die	Jno L Harrell	FIN-02b	13
		A Dimitry		3
		H St Geo Offutt		1
		B Fuller		1
		Unsigned		3
		Unused		2
	Commercial	Jno L Harrell	FIN-02c	5
B	3c Nesbitt	Jno L Harrell	FIN-03a	1
		A Dimitry	FIN-04a	8
		Unused		1
	3c Star Die	Jno L Harrell	FIN-03c	7
		A Dimitry	FIN-04b	13
		B N Clements		2
		Unsigned		1
		Unused		2
	10c Nesbitt	Jno L Harrell	FIN-03b	1
	Commercial	Jno L Harrell		1
C				
	3c Nesbitt	Jno L Harrell	FIN-06a	5
	3c Star Die	Jno L Harrell	FIN-06c	4
	Commercial	Jno L Harrell	FIN-06d	3
		A Dimitry	FIN-07b	1
		J L Lancaster	FIN-05	3
D				
	Commercial (handwritten)	Jno L Harrell	FIN-01b	1
E				
	Commercial	Jno L Harrell	FIN-08b	1
		H St Geo Offutt		1
F	Commercial, DLO* added	Jno L Harrell	DLO-03	2
G	3c Star Die	Unused		1
X	Commercial, DLO* lined out	A Dimitry		1
X	Appointment Bureau	Jno L Harrell	FIN-09	1

* DLO – Dead Letter Office

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Imprint A on 3c Nesbitt Envelope - Signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-02a)

09 Oct 1863

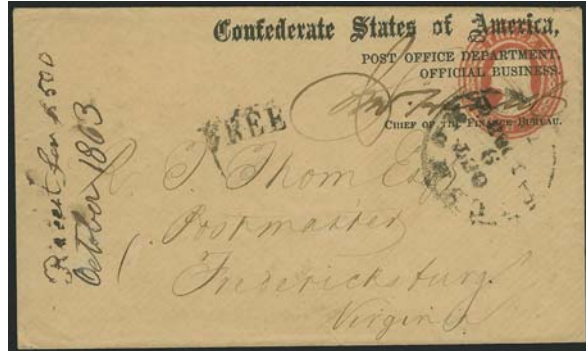
Address: R. T. Thom Esqr / Postmaster /
Fredericksburg / Virginia

Notes: October 1863 docket across left end
of envelope.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-17May1985(646)-808; RAS-
16Mar2006(907)-3046*. [005]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



23 Oct 1863

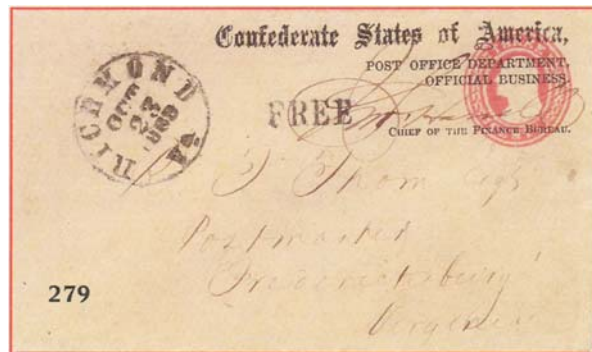
Address: R T Thom Esqr / Postmaster /
Fredericksburg / Virginia

Notes: None.

Provenance: Kohn, Birkinbine, Myerson.

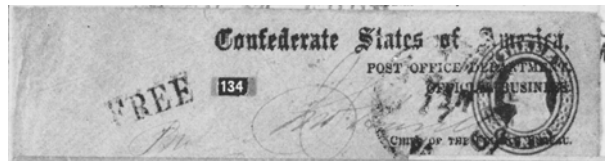
Source: JAF-10May1955-693; RAS-
29Oct197(382)-1589; RAS-
28Oct1997(795)-1357; AHA-
27Jun1998(4)-279*. [045]

Image Credit: American Historical Auctions



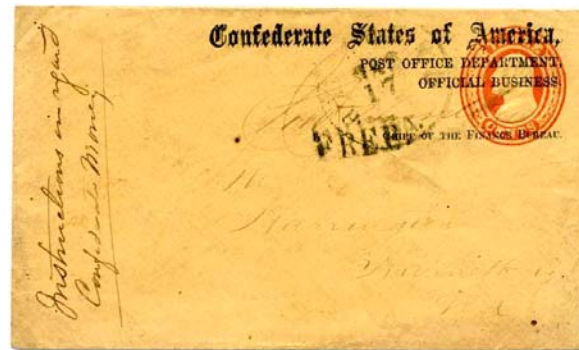
17 Mar [186-]

Address: Unknown
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-29Oct1949(48)-134; RAS-4May1955(179)-592; RAS-9Apr1997(787)-4305. [064]
Image Credit: John A Fox Auctions



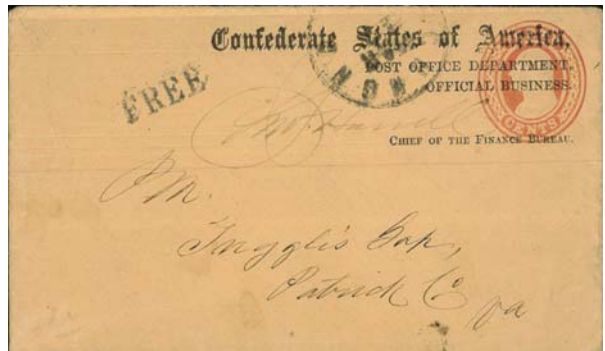
17 Mar [186-]

Address: PM / Harrington / Harnett Co / NC
Notes: Docket across left end of envelope.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: Private collection. [007]
Image Credit: Private collection



17 Mar [186-]

Address: PM / Tuggle's Gap / Patrick [Co / Va]
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RAS-27Apr1999(810)-2372; RAS-22May2018(1182)-507*. [019]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



17 Mar [186-]

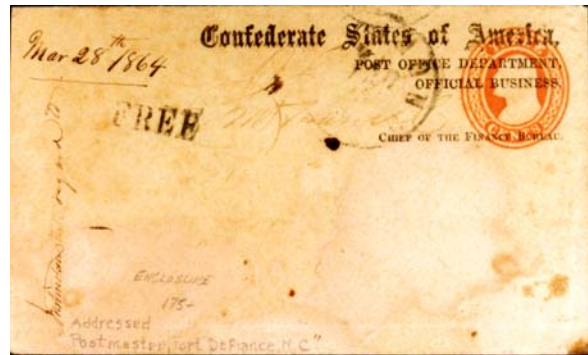
Address: [PM, Fort Defiance, N. C.]

Notes: None.

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Source: CWPAS-01485*; RGK-3Mar1990(64)-626*. [067]

Image Credit: Robert G Kaufmann Auctions



17 Mar [186-]

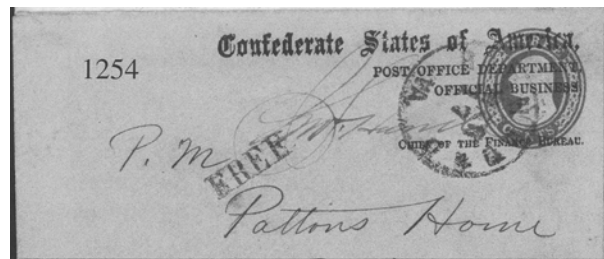
Address: P. M. / Pattons Home / [N C]

Notes: None.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: MB-20Jan2001(230)-1254. [080]

Image Credit: Matthew Bennett Auctions



17 Mar [186-]

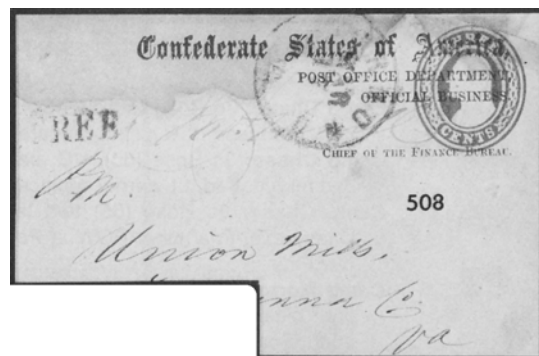
Address: PM, / Union Mills, / [Fluva]nna / Va

Notes: None.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: JWK-22Mar1980(62)-424; JWK-14Dec1985-508. [043]

Image Credit: John W Kaufmann Auctions



Imprint A on 3c Nesbitt Envelope - Signed by H St Geo Offutt

08 Sep [1864]

Address: Jams Calloway / C. S. Depository / Wilkesboro / N. C.

Notes: None.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: MB-20Jan2001(230)-1255; RAS-9Dec2008(966)-2722*. [024]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Imprint A on 3c Nesbitt Envelope - Signed by B Fuller

-- Aug [1863]]

Address: R T Thom Esqr / P M / Fredericksburg / [Va]

Notes: "OF THE FINANCE BUREAU" lined out and "Clerk P .O. D." handwritten below.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-17May1985(646)-806; MB-18Jan2006(299)-1919*. [060]

Image Credit: Matthew Bennett Auctions



10 Sep [1863]

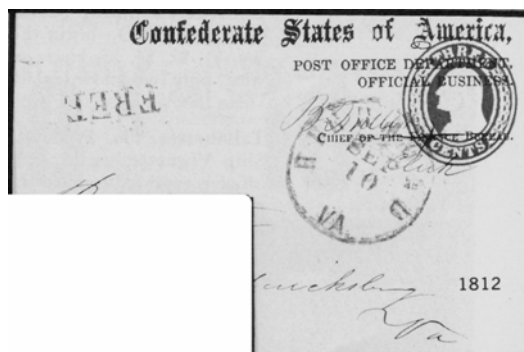
Address: [PM / Fred]ericksburg / Va

Notes: "OF THE FINANCE BUREAU" lined out and "Clerk" handwritten below.

Provenance: Weill Brothers.

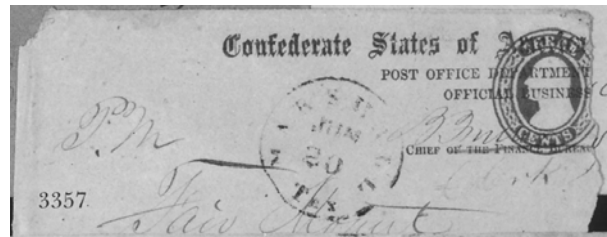
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1812. [055]

Image Credit: Christie's Auctions



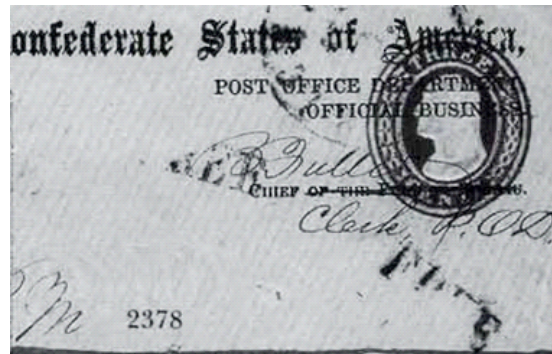
20 Jun [1864]

Address: P. M / Fair Mount
Notes: Postmarked "MARSAHLL / TEX". "OF THE FINANCE BUREAU" lined out and "Clerk" handwritten below.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RAS-11Dec1995(772)-3357. [083]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



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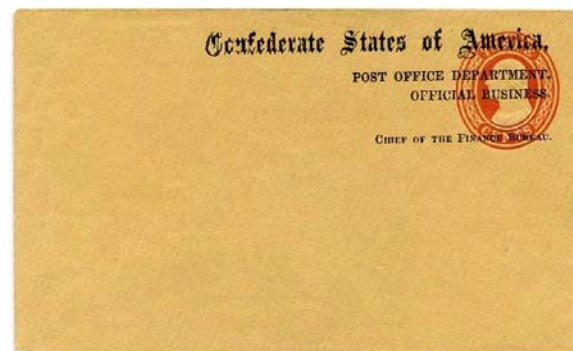
Address: [P] M / [Fredericksburg / Va]
Notes: "OF THE FINANCE BUREAU" lined out and "Clerk P. O. D." handwritten below.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RAS-27Apr1999(810)-2378. [057]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Imprint A on 3c Nesbitt Envelope - Unused

Unused

Address: None
Notes: None.
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1804; MB-18Jan2006(299)-1916*. [009]
Image Credit: Private collection



Imprint A on 3c Star Die Envelope - Signed by Jno C Harrell (FIN-02b)

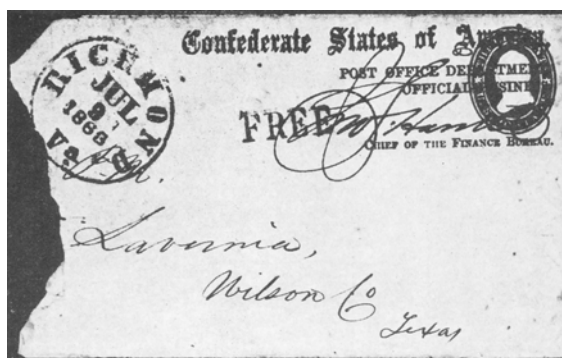
22 May 1863

Address: P. M. / McCulloch / ---
Notes: Blue Richmond postmark.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RGK-17Dec1988(56)-366*. [076]
Image Credit: Robert G Kaufmann Auctions



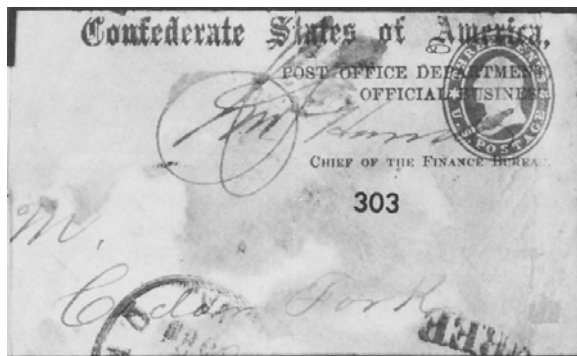
09 Jul 1863

Address: P. M. / Lavernia, / Wilson Co / Texas
Notes: Envelope torn on left side.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: TDPP-152. [084]
Image Credit: Texas The Drama of Its Postal Past (Alex L. ter Braake – book)



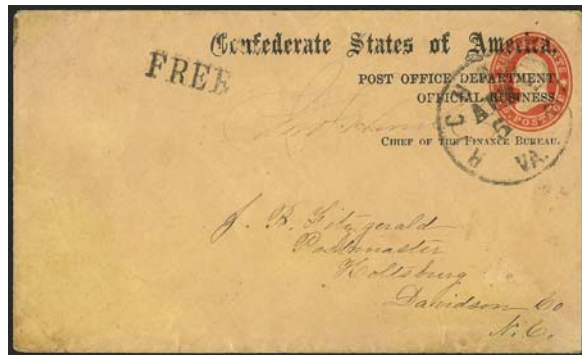
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Address: [P.] M. / Ceddar [Cedar] Fork / [Va.]
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RGK-15Jul1981(16)-303. [072]
Image Credit: Robert G Kaufmann Auctions



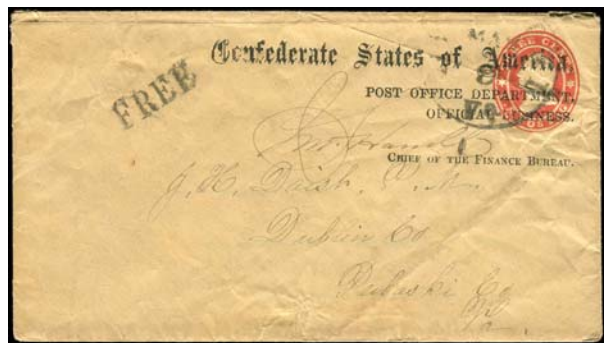
05 Apr [1864]

Address: J. B. Fitzgerald / Postmaster /
Holtsburg / Davidson Co / N. C.
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RAS-9Dec2008(966)-2723*. [021]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



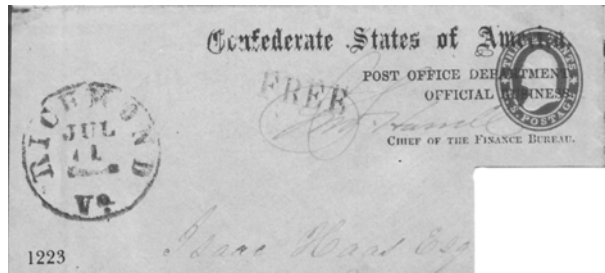
08 May [1864]

Address: J. H. Daist, P. M. / Dublin Co / Pulaski
Co / Va.
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Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RSA-3Jun2015(111)-3076*. [091]
Image Credit: Regency Superior Auctions



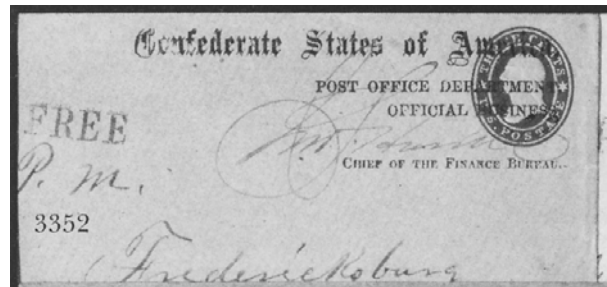
11 Jul [1864]

Address: Isaac Haas Esq P. M. / [Woodstock /
Va]
Notes: None.
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1795; RAS-
29Oct1993(753)-1223. [022]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



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Address: P. M. / Fredericksburg / [Va]
Notes: Docketed "1864." No postmark.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RAS-11Dec1993(772)-3352. [035]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



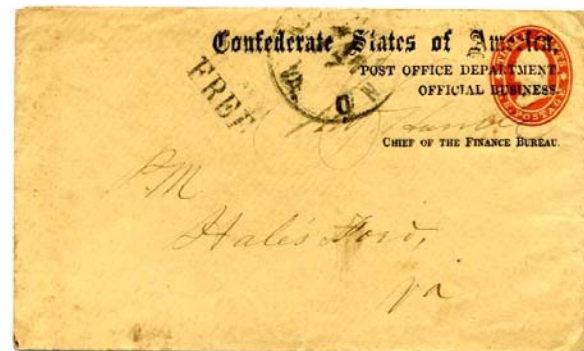
17 Mar [186-]

Address: P. M. / Chesnut Flat / Walker Co / Ga
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: APEX-182688. [088]
Image Credit: American Philatelic Expertizing Service



17 Mar [186-]

Address: PM / Hale's Ford / Va.
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-26Jan1955-1071. [039]
Image Credit: Private collection



-- Jun [186-]

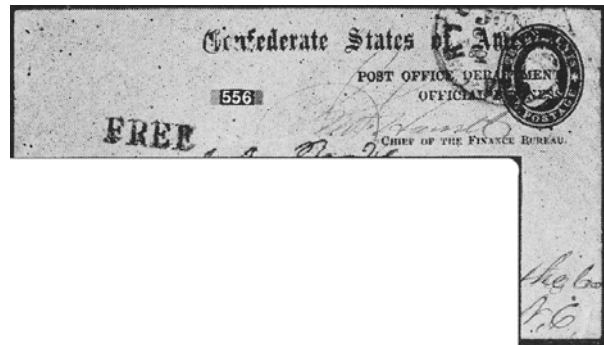
Address: -- / --he Co / N. C.

Notes: None.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: JAF-29Oct1949)-137; HRH-27Nov1956-556. [053]

Image Credit: H R Harmer Auctions (New York)



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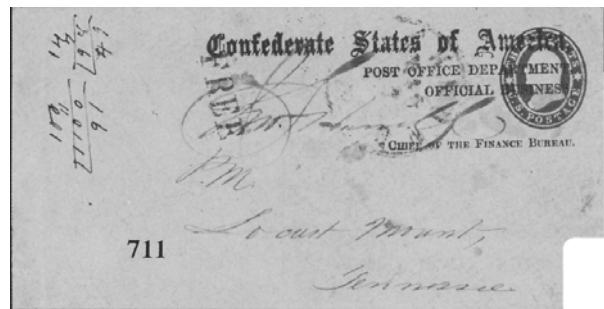
Address: PM / Locust Mount, / Tennessee

Notes: Notations at CL-UL.

Provenance: Hill.

Source: HRH-2Apr1964(1555)-1166; RCF-22Jan1993(51)-711. [033]

Image Credit: Robert C Frajola Auctions



8 Jul [186-]

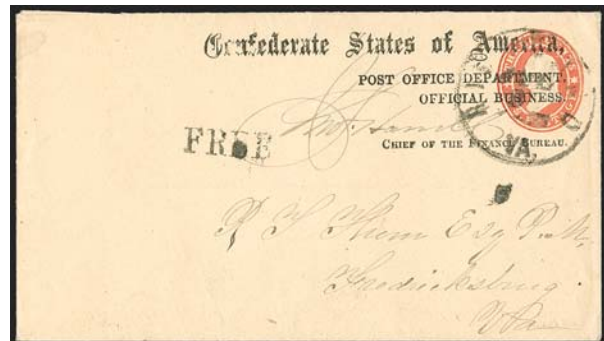
Address: R. T. Thom Esq P. M. / Fredericksburg / Va

Notes: None.

Provenance: Weill Brothers.

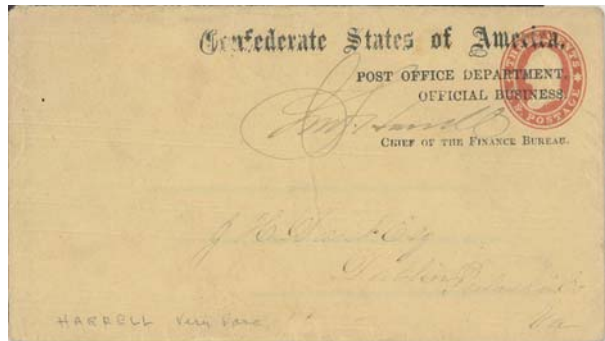
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Image Credit: Christie's Auctions



None

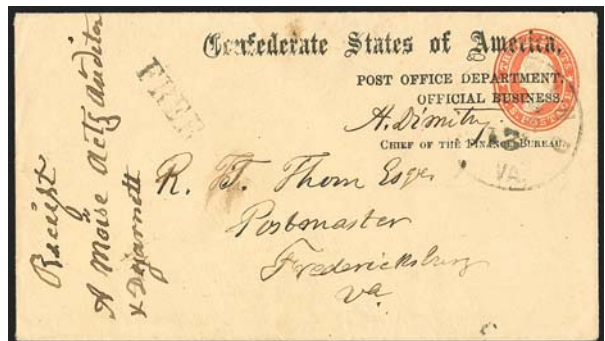
Address: J H Darst Esq / Dublin / Pulaski Co / Va
Notes: No postal markings. Envelope with patent lines.
Provenance: Wiseman.
Source: RAS-23Jun1971(397)-321; RAS-25Oct2018(1191)-2242*. [040]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Imprint A on 3c Star Die Envelope - Signed by Dimitry

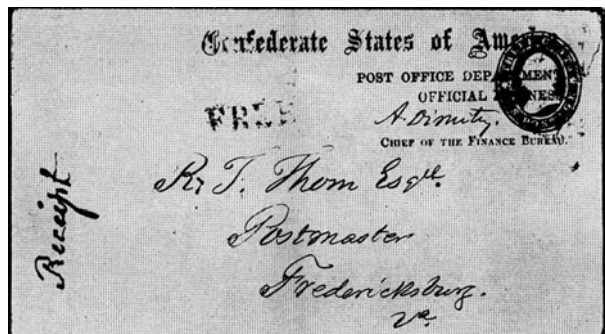
13 --- [186-]

Address: R. T. Thom Esqr / Postmaster / Fredericksburg / Va.
Notes: Docketing across left end of envelope.
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1803; RAS-3Mar2017(1151)-1807*. [011]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



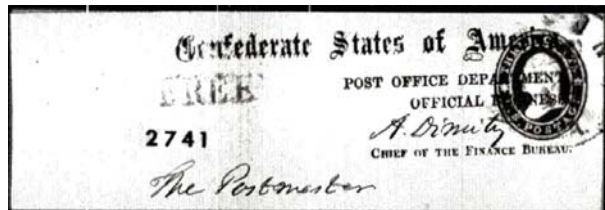
Illegible

Address: R. T. Thom Esqr. / Postmaster / Fredericksburg / Va.
Notes: Docketed "Receipt" at LL.
Provenance: Meroni.
Source: GOSS-2Feb1956(63:23)-725; JAF-20Mar1961-819. [034]
Image Credit: John A Fox Auctions



Illegible

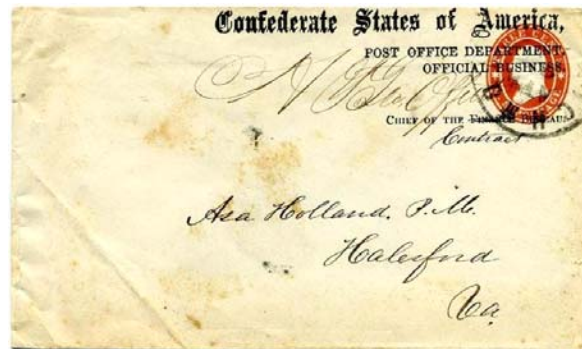
Address: The Postmaster / ---
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JWK-3Jun1978(44)-2741. [100]
Image Credit: John W Kaufmann Auctions



Imprint A on 3c Star Die Envelope - Signed by H St Geo Offutt

Illegible

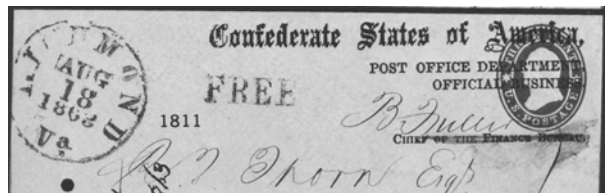
Address: Asa Holland P. M. / Halesford [Hale's Ford] / Va.
Notes: "FINANCE" lined out and "Contract" handwritten below.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-26Jan1955-1073. [079]
Image Credit: Private collection



Imprint A on 3c Star Die Envelope - Signed by B Fuller

18 Aug 1863

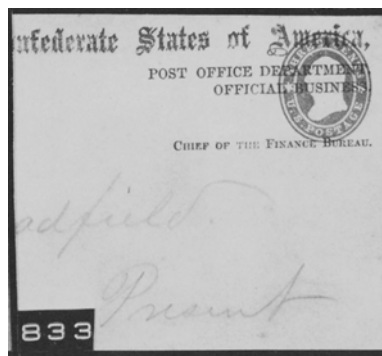
Address: R. M. Thorn Esqr / [Fredericksburg / Va]
Notes: "OF THE FINANCE BUREAU" lined out.
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1811. [056]
Image Credit: Christie's Auctions



Imprint A on 3c Star Die Envelope - Unsigned

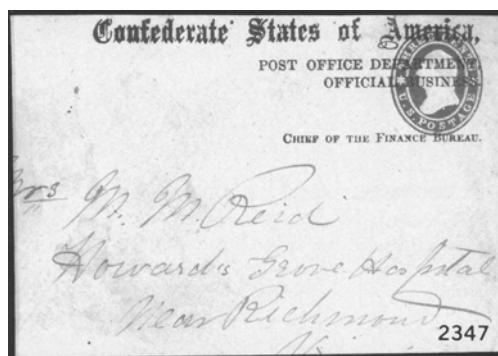
None

Address: [Br]adfield / Present
Notes: Carried outside the mails.
Provenance: Lemley.
Source: JWK-22Oct1977-833. [047]
Image Credit: John W Kaufmann Auctions



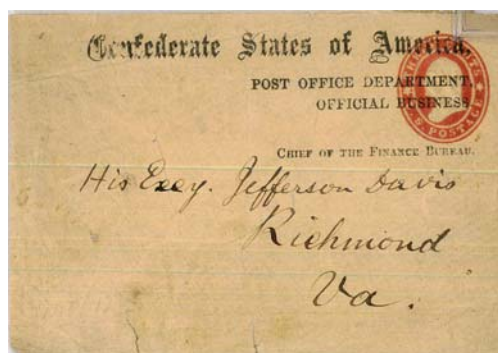
None

Address: Mrs. M. M. Reid / Howard's Grove Hospital / Near Richmond / Va
Notes: No postal markings.
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1802; CHR-14Mar1990-2349. [031]
Image Credit: Christie's Auctions



None

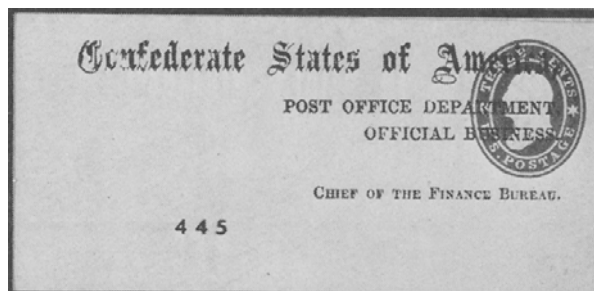
Address: His Excy. Jefferson Davis / Richmond / Va.
Notes: No postal markings. Carried outside the mails.
Provenance: Lemley.
Source: JWK-22Oct1977-832; RAS-25Oct2018(1191)-2442*. [046]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Imprint A on 3c Star Die Envelope - Unused

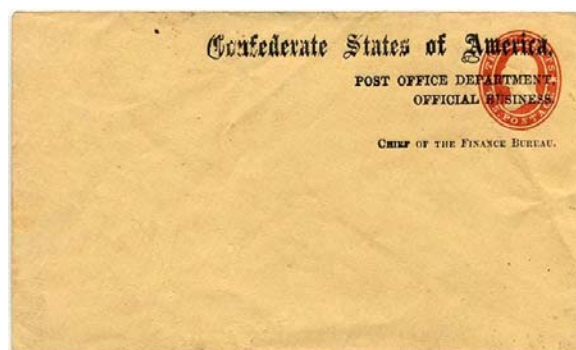
Unused

Address: None
Notes: None
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RGK-1979(6)-445. [066]
Image Credit: Robert G Kaufmann Auctions



Unused

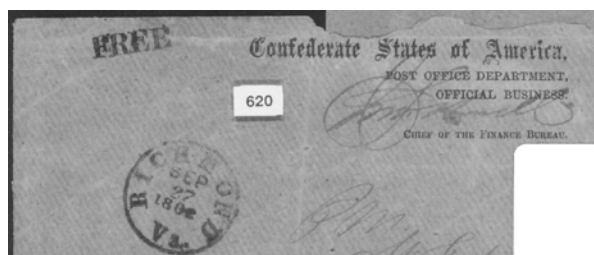
Address: None
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RGK-18Feb1982(19)-492; MB-18Jan2006(299)-1917*. [073]
Image Credit: Private collection



Imprint A on Commercial Envelope - Signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-02c)

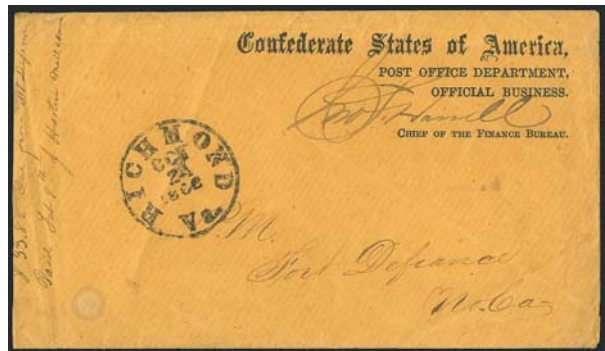
27 Sep 1862

Address: P M /
Notes: Top of envelope torn from UC to UR.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: DGP-5Dec1992(78)-620. [090]
Image Credit: David G Phillips Auctions



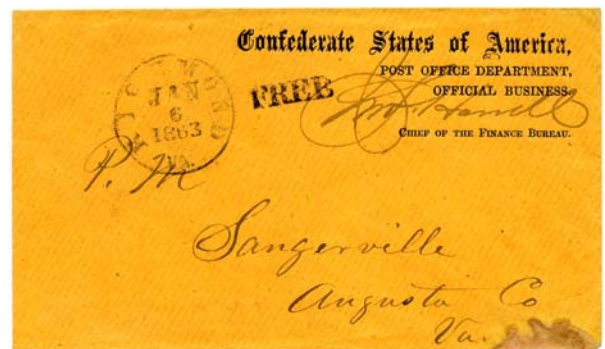
24 Oct 1862

Address: P. M. / Fort Defiance / No. Ca.
Notes: Docketing across left end of envelope.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JWK-22Oct1977-829; RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2064*. [044]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



06 Jan 1863

Address: P. M / Sangerville / August Co / Va.
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-15Dec1961(275)-347; JWK-28Feb1985(110) 473. [068]
Image Credit: Private collection



16 Oct 1863

Address: PM / Fredericksburg / Va.
Notes: Docketed "566 B" at UL.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RCF-22Jan1993(51)-715. [058]
Image Credit: Private collection



No postmark

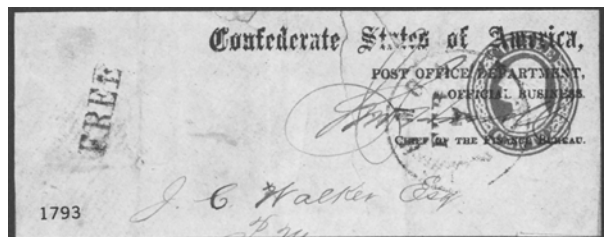
Address: P. M. / Franklin Springs / Franklin Co / Ga
Notes: No postal markings.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: Private collection. [059]
Image Credit: Private collection



Imprint B on 3c Nesbitt Envelope - Signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-03a)

7 Feb [186-]

Address: J. C. Walker Esq / P M / [Vernon Hill / Va]
Notes: None.
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1793. [018]
Image Credit: Christie's Auctions



Imprint B on 3c Nesbitt Envelope - Signed by A Dimitry (FIN-04a)

26 Jan [186-]

Address: P. M. / Harrington / N. C.
Notes: Harrington, NC, 14 Feb postmark at LL.
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1799; CHR-14Mar1990-2345; RGK-14Sep1990(69)-100*. [014]
Image Credit: Robert G Kaufmann Auctions



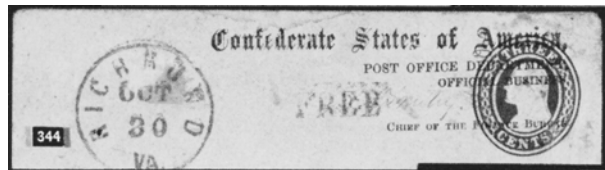
28 Oct [186-]

Address: P. M. / Hamburg / Shenandoah Co / Va
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: CHR-14Mar1990-2345; RCF-25Jan1991(45)-616. [052]
Image Credit: Robert C Frajola Auctions



30 Oct [186-]

Address: Unknown
Notes: None.
Provenance: None Recorded.
Source: JAF-15Dec1961(275)-344; CRL-18Mar1986-768. [070]
Image Credit: John A Fox Auctions



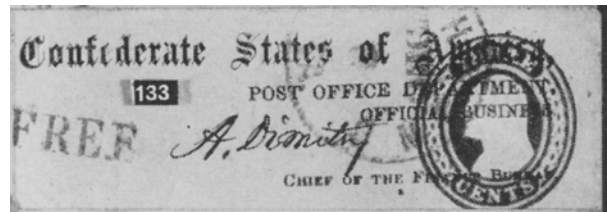
2 Nov [186-]

Address: [PM / Chancellorsville / Va]
Notes: None.
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1798. [030]
Image Credit: Christie's Auctions



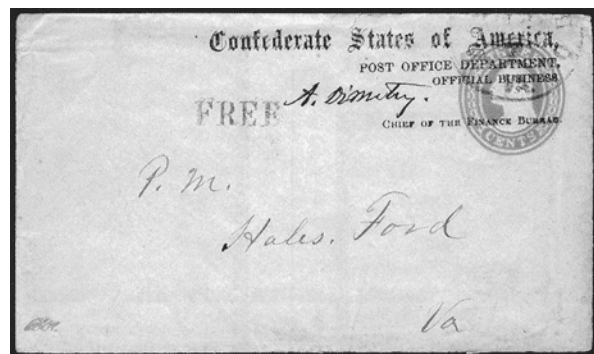
-- Dec [186-]

Address: Unknown
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-29Oct1949(48)-133. [063]
Image Credit: John A Fox Auctions



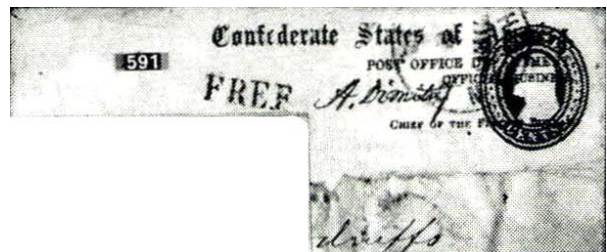
Illegible

Address: P. M. / Hales Ford
Notes: None.
Provenance: Muzzy.
Source: JAF-24May1955-276; HRH-21Apr1967(1764)-2247; SR-17Apr1999(7)-2645. [032]
Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions



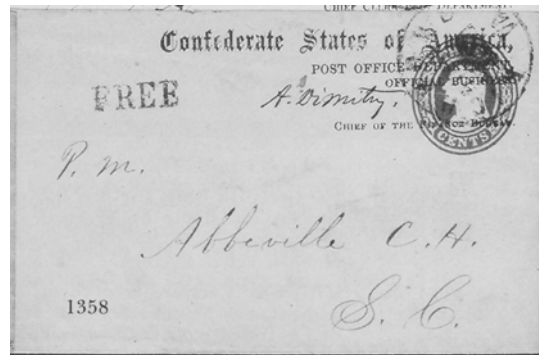
Illegible

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Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RAS-4May1955(179)-591. [097]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Illegible

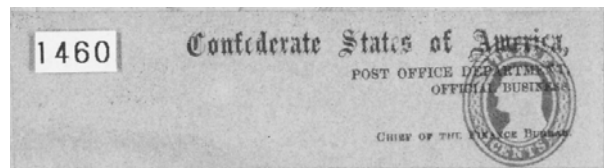
Address: P. M. / Abbeville C. H. / S. C.
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RAS-10Apr1997(787)-4305; RAS-6Mar2001(834)-1358. [037]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Imprint B on 3c Nesbitt Envelope - Unused

Unused

Address: NA
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: DGP-10Nov1995(92)-1460. [086]
Image Credit: David G Phillips Auctions



Imprint B on 3c Star Die Envelope - Signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-03c)

15 Jan [1864]

Address: PM / Pioneers Mills / Cabarras / NC
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RAS-7Jan1965(280)-478. [006]
Image Credit: Private collection



15 Jan [1864]

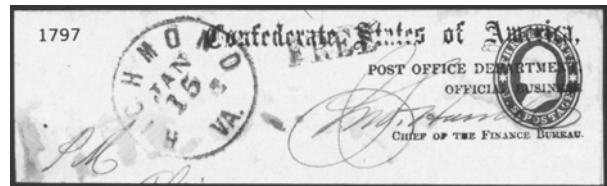
Address: P M / [Olin / NC]

Notes: None.

Provenance: Weill Brothers.

Source: JAF-29Oct1949)-135; CHR-13Oct1989-1797. [012]

Image Credit: Christie's Auctions



26 Jan [1864]

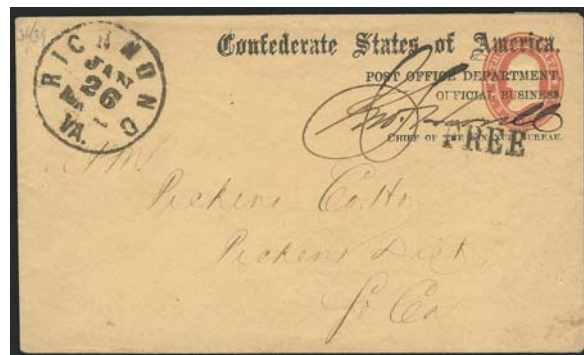
Address: PM / Pickens Co. Ho. / Pickens Dist / So Ca

Notes: None.

Provenance: Hall.

Source: RAS-17Dec2001(840)-527*. [013]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



26 Jan [1864]

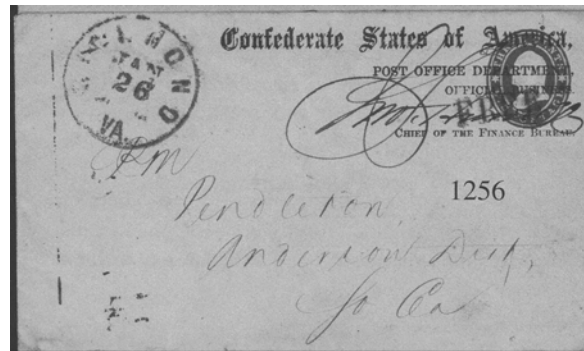
Address: P M / Pendleton, / Anderson Dist / So Ca

Notes: None.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: JWK-22Aug1986(126)-2273; MB-20Jan2001(230)-1256. [081]

Image Credit: Matthew Bennett Auctions



03 Feb [1864]

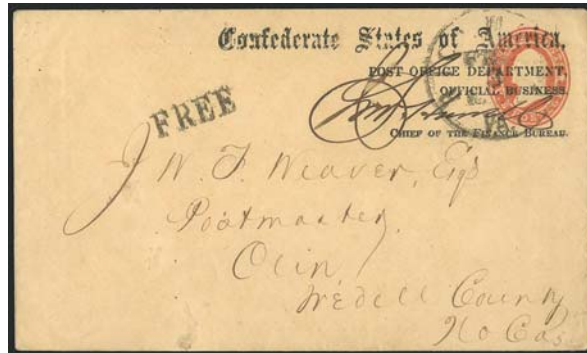
Address: J. W. F. Weaver, Esq / Postmaster, /
Olin, / Iredell County / No Ca

Notes: None.

Provenance: Wishnietsky.

Source: PF-546529; RAS-26Mar2014(1064)-
360*. [017]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



14 Jan [186-]

Address: Postmaster / Pickens C. H. / S. C.]

Notes: None.

Provenance: Caspary.

Source: HRH-8Oct1957(1114)-625; HRH-
5Dec1967(1802)-363. [051]

Image Credit: H R Harmer Auctions (New York)



15 Mar [186-]

Address: P. M. / Batesville / VA

Notes: Cover has tears.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private collection. [092]

Image Credit: Private collection



Imprint B on 3c Star Die Envelope - Signed by A Dimitry (FIN-04b)

28 Oct [1864]

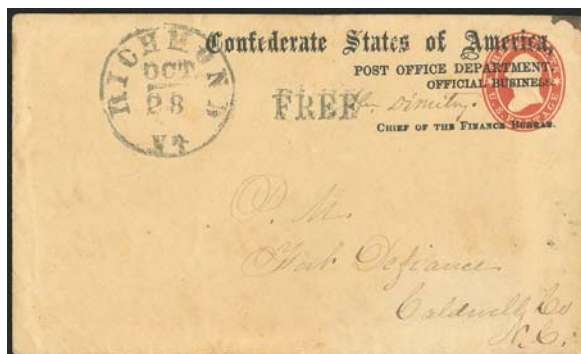
Address: P. M. / Fort Defiance /Caldwell / Co /
N/ C.

Notes: None.

Provenance: Brandon.

Source: RAS-20Nov2014(1087)-482*. [008]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



01 Nov [1864]

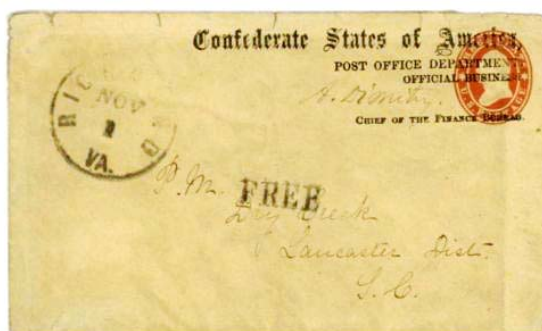
Address: P. M. / Dry Creek / Lancaster Dist. / S.
C.

Notes: None.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-27Apr1999(810)-2376; CHY-
4Oct2006-476. [027]

Image Credit: Cherrystone Auctions



3 Nov [1864]

Address: P. M. / Peters Creek / Stokes Co / N. C.

Notes: None.

Provenance: None recorded.

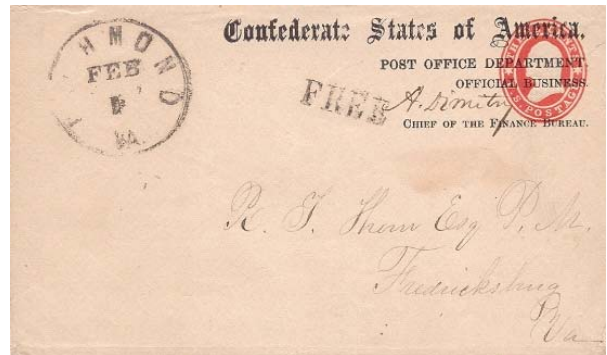
Source: Private collection. [093]

Image Credit: Private collection



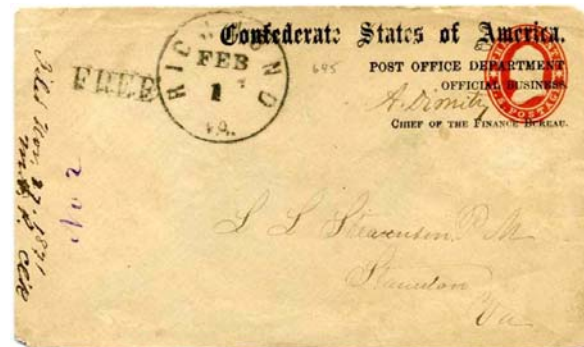
01 Feb [1865]

Address: R. T. Thom Esq P. M. / Fredericksburg / Va
Notes: None.
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1800. [015]
Image Credit: Private collection



01 Feb [1865]

Address: L. L. Stevenson P. M. / Staunton / Va
Notes: Docketing across left end of envelope.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-29Oct1949-130. [016]
Image Credit: Private collection



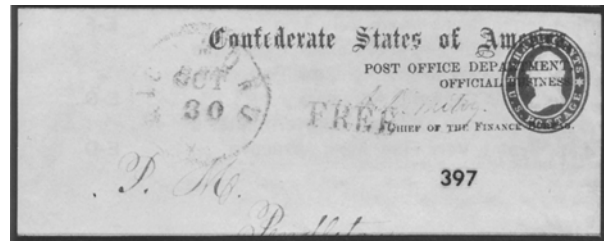
28 Oct [186-]

Address: P. M. /[Eagle Mills / NC]
Notes: None.
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: JAF-29Oct1949(48)-131; CHR-13Oct1989-1801. [025]
Image Credit: Christie's Auctions



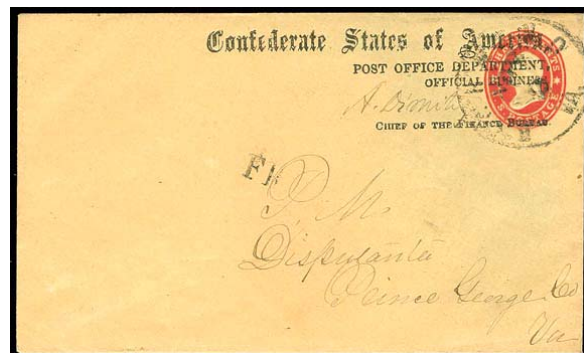
30 Oct [186-]

Address: P. M. / [Pendleton / SC]
Notes: None.
Provenance: Solomon.
Source: JWK-14Nov1981(78)-397; RAS-11Dec1993(772)-3353. [036]
Image Credit: John W Kaufmann Auctions



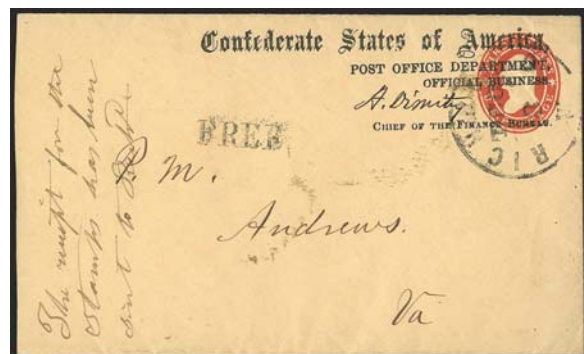
-- Nov [186-]

Address: P. M / Disputanta / Prince George Co / Va
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
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Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions



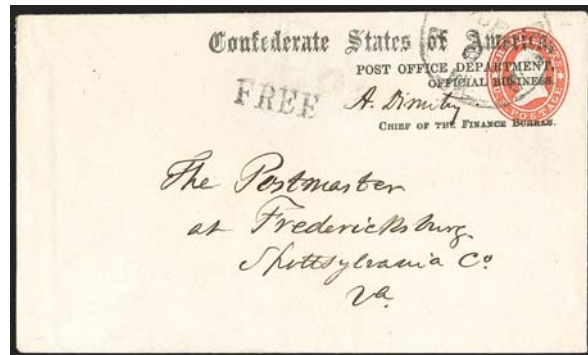
03 Dec [186-]

Address: P. M. / Andrews / Va
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: SR-17Apr1999(7)-2644; RAS-9Dec2008(966)-2721*. [029]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



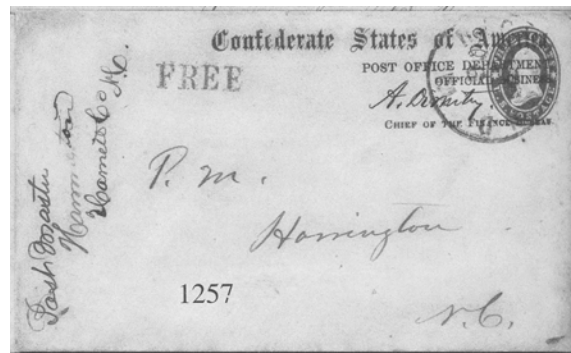
8 Dec [186-]

Address: The Postmaster / at Fredericksburg /
Spottsylvania Co. / Va.
Notes: Faint bleached spots.
Provenance: Rosenberg.
Source: JWK-13Jun1981(73)-1364; RGK-
14Sep1990(69)-102*; RAS-
22May2018(1182)-506*. [065]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



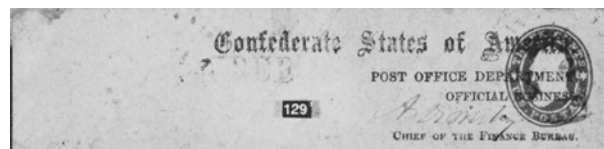
Illegible

Address: P. M. / Harrington / N. C.
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20Jan2001(230)-1257. [071]
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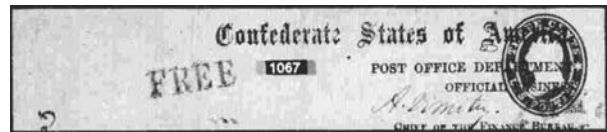
Illegible

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Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-29Oct1949(48)-129. [061]
Image Credit: John A Fox Auctions



Illegible

Address: Unknown
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Source: JAF-26Jan1955-1067. [094]
Image Credit: John A Fox Auctions



Imprint B on 3c Star Die Envelope - Signed by B N Clements

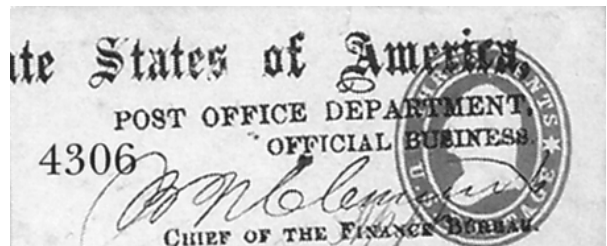
27 Oct [186-]

Address: P. M. /
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Image Credit: David G Phillips Auctions



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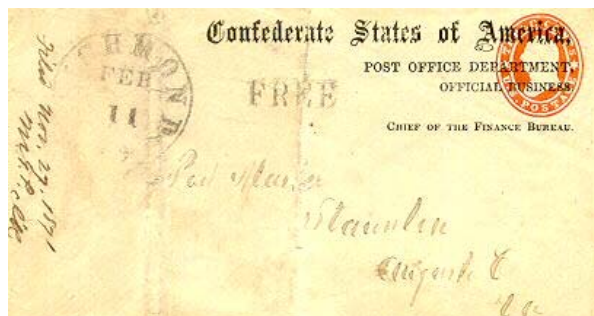
Address: [Troublesome / NC
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Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Imprint B on 3c Star Die Envelope - Unsigned

11 Feb [186-]

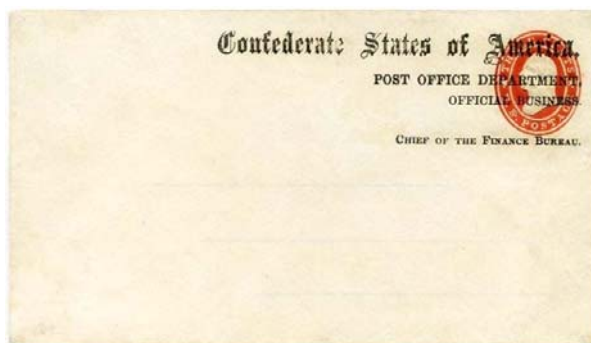
Address: Post Master / Staunton / Augusta Co
/ Va
Notes: Docketing across left end of envelope.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: Private collection. [010]
Image Credit: Private collection



Imprint B on 3c Star Die Envelope - Unused

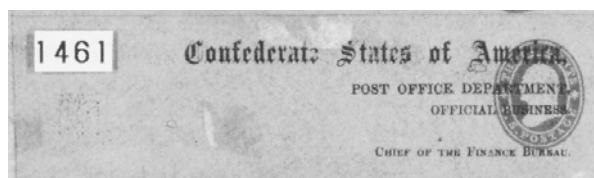
Unused

Address: NA
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: MB-299(18Jan2006)1917*. [078]
Image Credit: Private collection



Unused

Address: NA
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: DGP-10Nov1895(92)-1461. [087]
Image Credit: David G Phillips Auctions



Imprint B on 10c Nesbitt Envelope - Signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-03b)

13 Mar [1864]

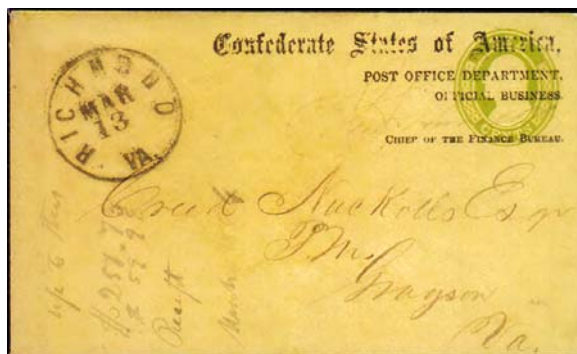
Address: Creed Nuckolls Esqr / P. M. / Grayson / Va.

Notes: Docketing at LL.

Provenance: Gallagher.

Source: RAS-9Jun1998(801)-753*; RAS-7Jun2008(958)-805*. [020]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Imprint B on Commercial Envelope - Signed by Jno L Harrell

Illegible

Address: PM / Harrington / Harnett Co / N C

Notes: None.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-22May2018(1182)-507*. [101]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Imprint C on 3c Nesbitt Envelope - Signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-06a)

06 Jan 1863

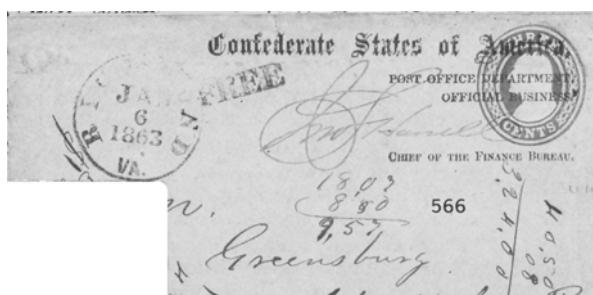
Address: --- / Greensburg / [St. Helena / La.]

Notes: Notations at center and CL.

Provenance: None recorded.

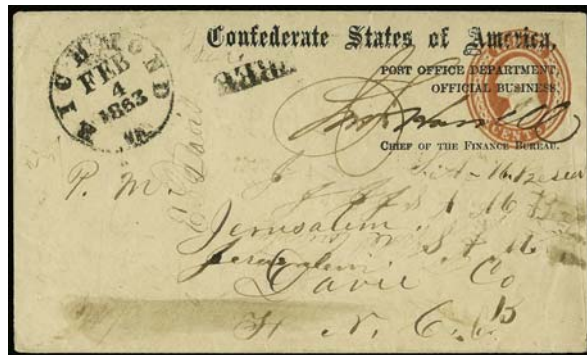
Source: RGK-16Nov1986(47)-566. [049]

Image Credit: Robert G Kaufmann Auctions



04 Feb 1863

Address: P. M. / Jerusalem / Davie Co / N. C.
Notes: Cover turned and used from Jerusalem, N. C.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-17Apr1950-841; CHR-13Oct1989-1794; RAS-28Apr2007(933)-1036*. [002]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



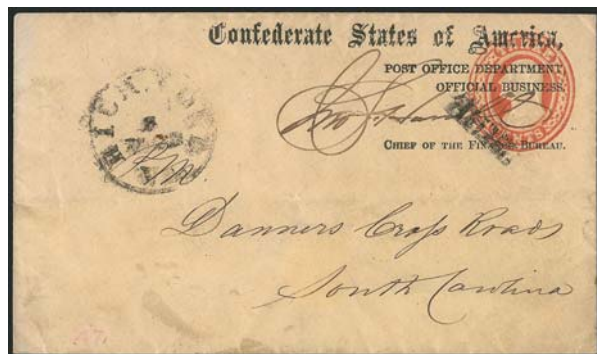
09 Feb 1863

Address: P. M. / Curdsville / Buckingham Co / Va
Notes: None.
Provenance: Boshswit.
Source: PF-459407*; CSACH-390*; RAS-27Sep2007(940)-551*; RAS-10Apr2008(954)-3380*. [003]
Image Credit: Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook (2012 - Kaufmann, Crown, and Palazolo)



08 Mar [186-]

Address: PM. / Danners Cross Roads / South Carolina
Notes: None.
Provenance: Mueller.
Source: BWB-14May1976(31)-691; RAS-27Jun2012(1026)-1950*. [038]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



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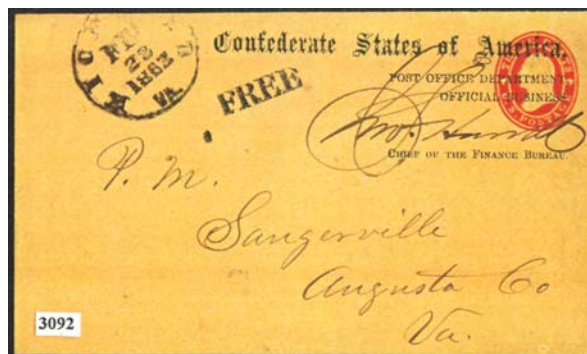
Address: P M / Star Place / Panola Co / [Miss.]
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RCF-25Jan1991(45)-614. [103]
Image Credit: Robert C Frajola Auctions



Imprint C on 3c Star Die Envelope - Signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-06c)

22 Feb 1863

Address: P. M. / Sangerville / Augusta Co / Va.
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: CWPAS-03092*. [082]
Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service



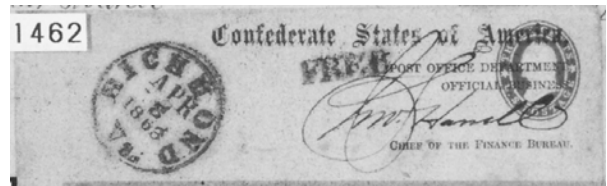
06 Mar 1863

Address: P. M. / Dandridge / Jefferson Co / Tennessee
Notes: Also signed by Offutt above "Confederate States."
Provenance: MacBride.
Source: STAM-19Mar1949(66:12)-499; JAF-20Oct1953-397; RAS-4May1955(179)-601. [004]
Image Credit: Stamps (journal)



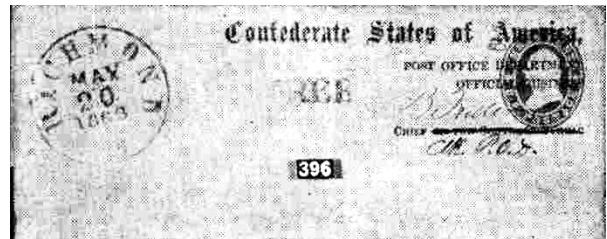
18 Apr 1863

Address: Unknown
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Source: SCRE-Jan1938(2:1)-Supl; DGP-10Nov1895(92)-1462. [041]
Image Credit: David G Phillips Auctions



20 May 1863

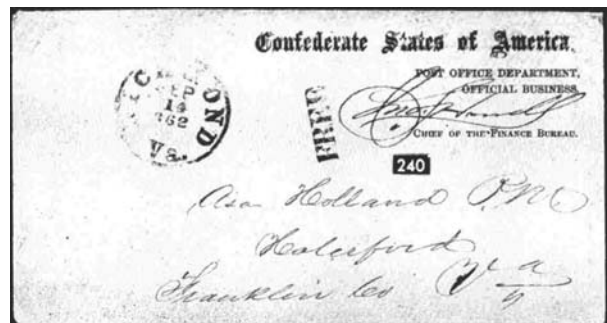
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Notes: "of the Finance Bureau" lined out and "Clk. P.O.D." handwritten below.
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Source: JAF-20Oct1953-396. [096]
Image Credit: John A Fox Auctions



Imprint C on Commercial Envelope - Signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-06d)

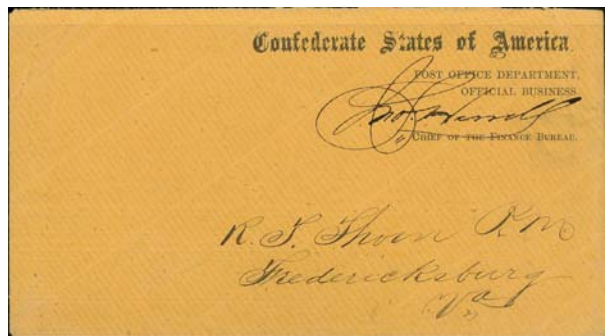
14 Sep 1862

Address: Asa Holland P. M. / Halesford / Franklin Co Va.
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-26Jan1955-1070, JAF-11Jan1963-240. [048]
Image Credit: John A Fox Auctions



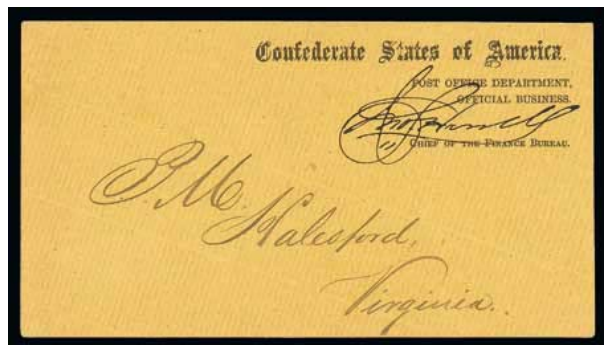
None

Address: [P. M., Fredericksburg, Va.]
Notes: No postal markings.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: CHR-22Oct1996-660; RAS-22May2018(1182)-507*. [074]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Unknown

Address: P. M. / Halesford / Virginia.
Notes: No postmark.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: MB-20Jan2001(230)-1253; MB-18Jan2006(299)-1915*. [077]
Image Credit: Matthew Bennett Auctions



Imprint C on Commercial Envelope - Signed by A Dimitry (FIN-07b)

14 -- [186-]

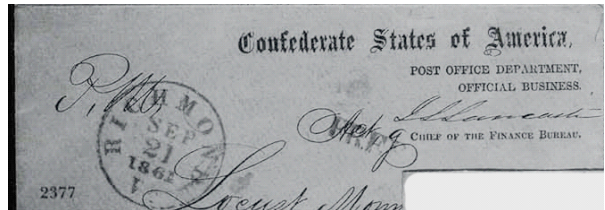
Address: PM / Grove Hill / Clarke Co / Ala
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: Private collection. [085]
Image Credit: Private collection



Imprint C on Commercial Envelope - Signed by J L Lancaster (FIN-05)

21 Sep 1861

Address: P. M. / Locust Moun[t, Tenn]
Notes: Handwritten "Actg" before "CHIEF."
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RAS-27 Apr 1999(810)-2377. [001]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions



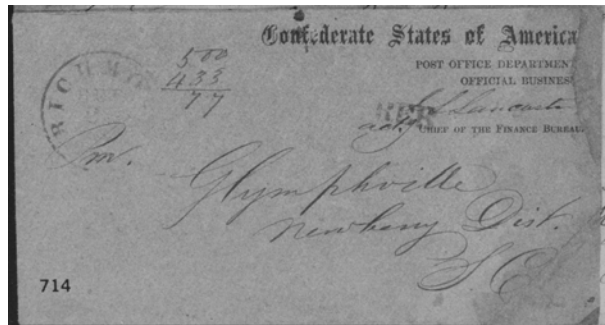
22 Sep [186-]

Address: Unknown.
Notes: Handwritten "Actg" before "CHIEF".
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-26Jan1955-1072; JAF-15Dec1961(275)-349. [069]
Image Credit: John A Fox Auctions



2- Sep [186-]

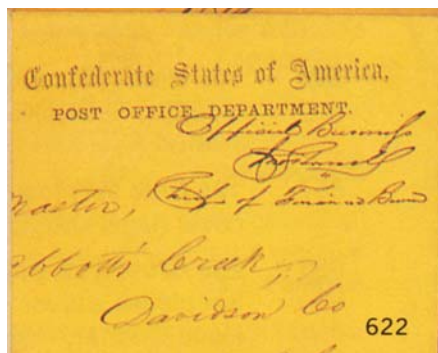
Address: Pm. / Glymphville / Newberry Dist. / S C
Notes: Handwritten "actg" before "CHIEF."
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RGK-3Jun1988(54)-714. [075]
Image Credit: Robert G Kaufmann Auctions



Imprint D on Commercial Envelope with handwritten "Chief of Finance Bureau" - Signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-01b)

22 Aug [1861]

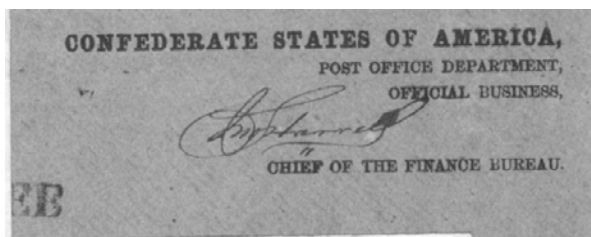
Address: Post Master, / Abbott's Creek, / Davidson Co / [N C]
Notes: Manuscript "Official Business" and "Chief Finance Bureau." Cover reduced into postmark.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: SCRE-Apr1938(2:2)-Supl; JAF-27Jan1949-836; RGK-3Mar1990(64)-622*. [042]
Image Credit: Robert G Kaufmann Auctions



Imprint E on Commercial Envelope - Signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-08b)

Unknown

Address: [Fredericksburg / Va.]
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: RGK-16Nov1986(47)-584. [050]
Image Credit: Robert G Kaufmann Auctions



Imprint E on Commercial Envelope - Signed by H St Geo Offutt

3 Aug 1861

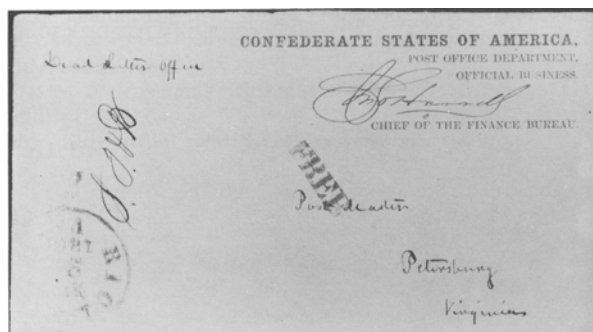
Address: His Excellency / J. G. Harris / Nashville / Tenn
Notes: "FINANCE BUREAU" lined out and "Contract" handwritten above.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JWK-22Aug1986(126)-2274. [095]
Image Credit: John W Kaufmann Auctions



Imprint E on Commercial Envelope with handwritten "Dead Letter Office" - Signed by Jno L Harrell (DLO-03)

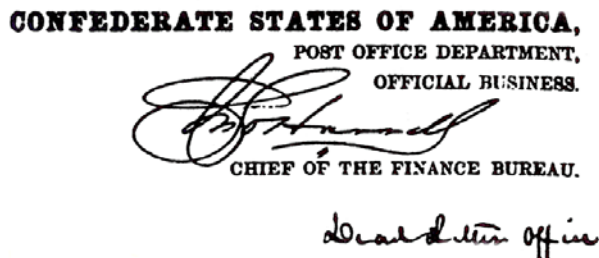
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Address: Postmaster / Petersburg / Virginia
Notes: "Dead Letter Office" handwritten at UL.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: CONP-Sep/Oct1998(43:5)-201. [062]
Image Credit: Confederate Philatelist (Journal)



Unknown

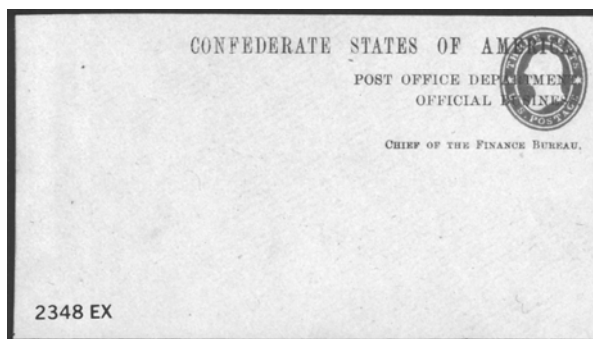
Address: Unknown
Notes: "Dead Letter Office" handwritten below "THE FINANCE BUREAU."
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: CSACH-390. [099]
Image Credit: Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook (2012 - Kaufmann, Crown, and Palazolo)



Imprint F on 3c Star Die Envelope - Unused

Unused

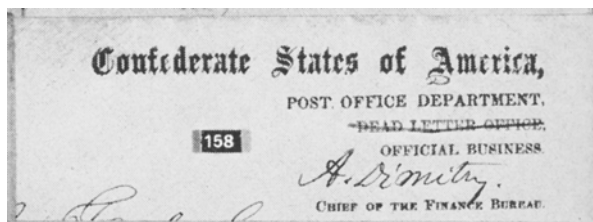
Address: NA
Notes: None.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: CHR-14Mar1990-2348. [054]
Image Credit: Christie's Auctions



Imprint of Dead Letter Office lined out and used by Finance Bureau - Signed by A Dimitry

Unknown

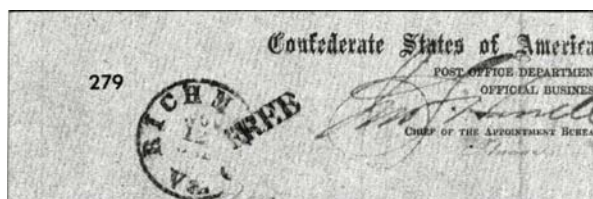
Address: Unknown
Notes: "DEAD LETTER OFFICE" lined out.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JAF-29Oct1949-158. [102]
Image Credit: John A Fox Auctions



Imprint of Appointment Bureau signed by Jno L Harrell (FIN-09)

12 Nov [186-]

Address: Unknown
Notes: "APPOINTMENT" lined out and
"Finance" handwritten below.
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: JWK-22Jun1984(104)-279. [098]
Image Credit: John W Kaufmann Auctions



Provenances

Provenances are given for named collections that were sold at auction, described in publications, or were in exhibits.

Birkinbine – [John Birkinbine] *Confederate States Stamps and Covers*, Sale 795 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 28 October 1997).

Boshwit – *The Buck Boshwit Collection of Confederate States Stamps and Covers*, Sale 940 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 27 September 2007).

Brandon – *The Brandon Collection of Confederate States Stamps and Postal History*, Sale 1087 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 20 November 2014).

Caspary – *The Alfred H. Caspary Collection Sale 10: Hawaiian Islands and General Issues of the Confederate States* Sale 1113 (H. R. Harmer (NY) Auctions, 8 October 1957).

Gallagher – *The D. Scott Gallaher Collection of Kentucky Postal History During the Civil War and Post-War Southern Expresses*, Sale 801 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 9 June 1998).

Hall – *The Hall Collection*, Sale 840 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 17 December 2001).

Hill – [John R. Hill, Jr.] *The Collection of Postmasters' Provisionals and General Issues of the Confederate States*, Sale 1555 (H. R. Harmer, NY, 2 April 1964; and *Confederate States Postmasters Provisionals* August 1996 (Exhibit on U. S. Philatelic Classics Society website).

Kohn – [David Kohn] *Confederate States Covers*, Sale 382 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 29 October 1970).

Lemley – *The Judge Harry J. Lemley Collection*, Sale 38 (John W. Kaufmann Auctions, 22 October 1977).

MacBride – *Van Dyk MacBride Collection of Confederate States* Sale 103 (John A. Fox Auctions, 20 October 1953).

Meroni – *The Charles F. Meroni Collection of Confederate States of America* Sale 258 (John A. Fox Auctions, 20 March 1961).

Mueller – *Harrie S. Mueller Collection*, Sale 31 (Bruce W. Ball Auctions, 14 May 1976).

Murphy – [William E. Murphy] *Confederate States Stamps and Covers*, Sale 795 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 29 October 1997).

Muzzy – [H. Gray Muzzy] *The SIPEX Gold-Silver Medal Collection of Confederate State Entires Comprising Postmasters' Provisionals and General Issues*, Sale 1764 (H. R. Harmer (NY) Auctions, 21 April 1967).

Myerson – *James P. Myerson Collection*, Sale 4 (American Historical Auctions, 27 June 1998).

Noe – *Stamps of the United States, British Colonies, and the "Noe" Collection of Confederate States* (Edson J. Fifield, 27 January 1960).

Rosenberg – *The Award-winning Collection of Arnold J. Rosenberg*, Sale 73 (John W. Kaufmann, 13 June 1981).

Solomon – *The General Jack Solomon Collection of Confederate Postal History*, Sale 78 (John W. Kaufmann Auctions, 14 November 1981).

Weatherly – [A. Earl Weatherly] *Confederate States of America*, Sale 420 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 20 October 1972).

Weill Brothers – [Raymond H. and Roger Weill] *Important Confederate States Stamps and Covers from the Weill Brother's Stock* (Christie's Auctions, 13 October 1989).

Wiseman – *Confederate States, the Robert W. Wiseman Collection*, Sale 397 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 23 June 1971).

Wishnietsky – *The Benjamin Wishnietsky Collection of Confederate States Postal History*, Sale 1064 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 26 February 2014).

Source Abbreviations

Sources are given in abbreviated format in the census. The list below includes the abbreviations used for books, authentication services, journals, auctions, and exhibits.

AHA – American Historical Auctions (auctions)
APEX – American Philatelic Expertizing Service
BWB – Bruce W. Ball (auctions)
CHR – Christie’s (auctions)
CHY – Cherrystone Auctions
CONP – *Confederate Philatelist* (journal)
CRL – Christie’s Robson Lowe (auctions – New York)
CSACH – *Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook of Stamps and Postal History* (Kaufmann, Crown, and Palazolo – book)
CWPAS – Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service (formerly Confederate Stamp Alliance Authentication Service)
DGP – David G. Phillips Co. (auctions)
EJF – Edson J. Fifield (auctions)
GOSS – Weekly Philatelic Gossip
HRH – H. R. Harmer, New York (auctions)
JAF – John A. Fox (auctions)
JWK – John W. Kaufmann (auctions)
MB – Matthew Bennett (auctions)
PF – Philatelic Foundation (authentication service)
RAS – Robert A. Siegel (auctions)
RCF – Robert C. Frajola (auctions)
RGK – Robert G. Kaufmann (auctions)
RSA – Regency-Superior Auctions
SCRE – *Stamp and Cover Collectors’ Review* (journal)
SR – Schuyler Rumsey (auctions)
STAM – *Stamps* (New York) (journal)
TDPP – *Texas The Drama of Its Postal Past* (Alex L. ter Braake – book)