

**Southern Classics:  
The General Issues of the Confederate States of America**

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# SOUTHERN CLASSICS

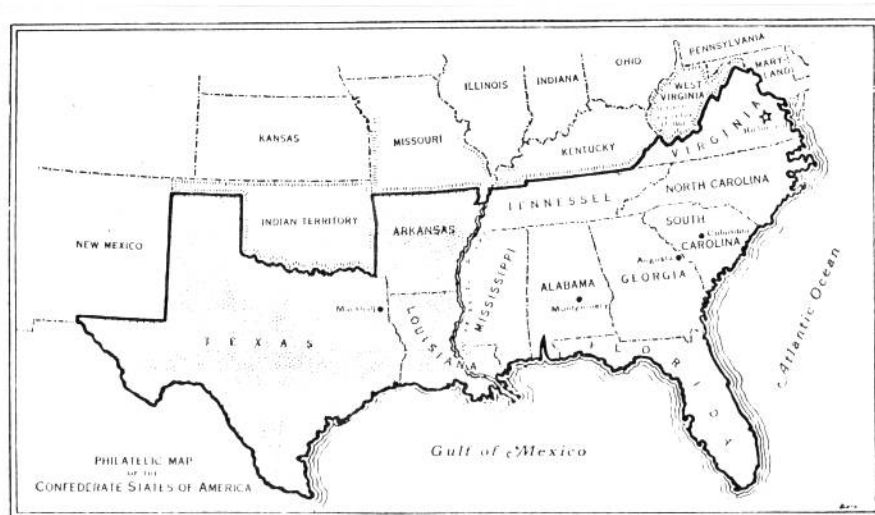
## THE GENERAL ISSUES OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

The Confederate States of America Post Office Department during its brief existence issued fourteen different stamps using five different contractors for their production. Stamps were produced using Lithography, Typography and Line Engraving. The lack of supplies, equipment, and experienced personnel resulted in a wide range of printing quality and many color shades.

This exhibit, which is traditional in form, presents the stamps in their order of issue and includes Progressive Die, Trial Color, Finished Die and Plate Proofs wherever possible, along with both unused and used stamps and covers. Also shown are some of the many color shades, plate/printing varieties and colored cancels available.

Covers are shown which illustrate Basic rates, Multiple rates, Adversity uses Military Field cancels, Patriotic Envelopes, Smuggled mail, Louisiana Relief Committee mail, Hand Carried Blockade, and Prisoner of War mail. Semi-Official mail, Official mail, (The only covers in this exhibit without stamps) Inland Waterway uses, Private Express mail and Trans-Mississippi Express mail, are also shown along with Overpaid, Underpaid, Missent, Advertised, Held For Postage Postage, Forwarded, Valentines, Mourning Covers, Railroad Cancels and College Cancels.

### Philatelic Map of The Confederate States



## 1861 Five Cents Green

**The first stamp issued by the Confederate Government.  
used to Pay the one half ounce under 500 mile rate of five cents**

**Lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig, Richmond, Virginia**

**Proof**



**Plate proof  
on wove paper**

**Issued stamps**

**Unused examples from the three printing stones**



**Stone A/B**



**Stone 1**



**Stone 2**



**Dry Print  
(Printers Waste)**

## 1861 Five Cent Green

Unused multiples



Stone A/B



Block of eighteen  
Stone 2



## 1861 Five Cent Green

### Used examples and varieties



Stone A/B



Stone 1



Stone 2

### The two major types of New Orleans, La. Cancels

#### Single Circle CDS



Montgomery, Ala.

#### Double Circle CDS



Charleston, S. C.



### Printing Varieties



Acid Flaw



White Tie

## 1861 Five Cent Green

### Colored cancels



Blue Target



Blue Grid



Blue Town (Columbia, S. C.)



Red Grid



Red Paid



Red-Orange Town (Smithfield, Va.)

## 1861 Five Cents Green

Used multiples



Montgomery, Ala. Apr. 14, 1862



Richmond, Va. Nov. ( ), 1861



Mobile, Ala. Feb. 8, 1862

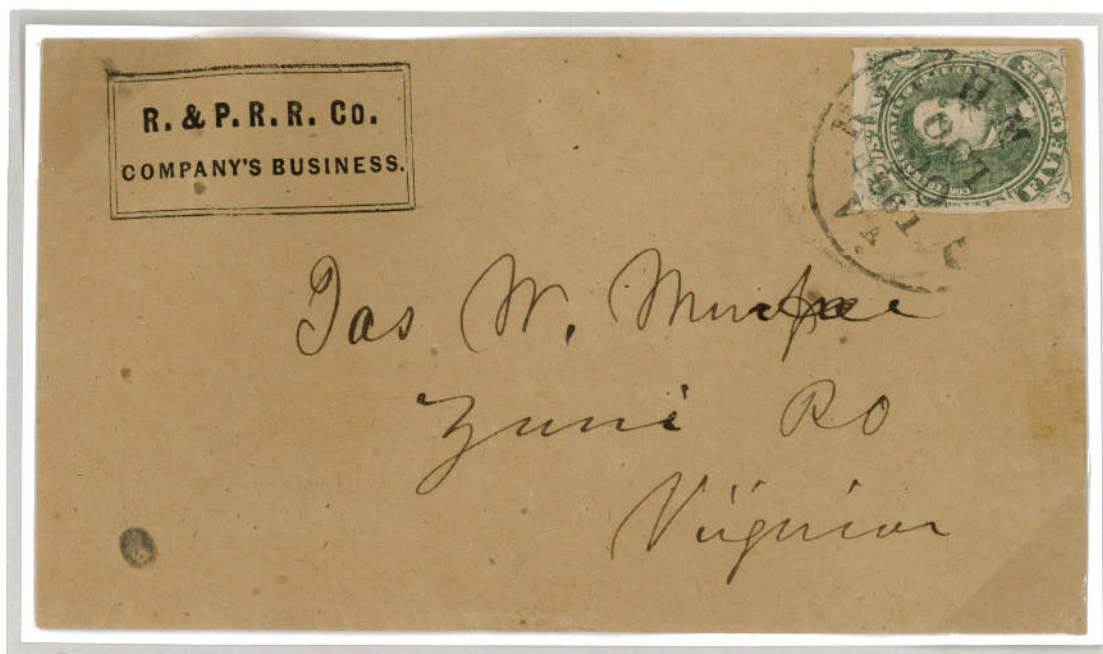


New Orleans, La. Feb. 7, (1862)



## 1861 Five Cent Green

Single Rate (5 cents per half ounce) for letters traveling under 500 miles  
prior to July 1, 1862



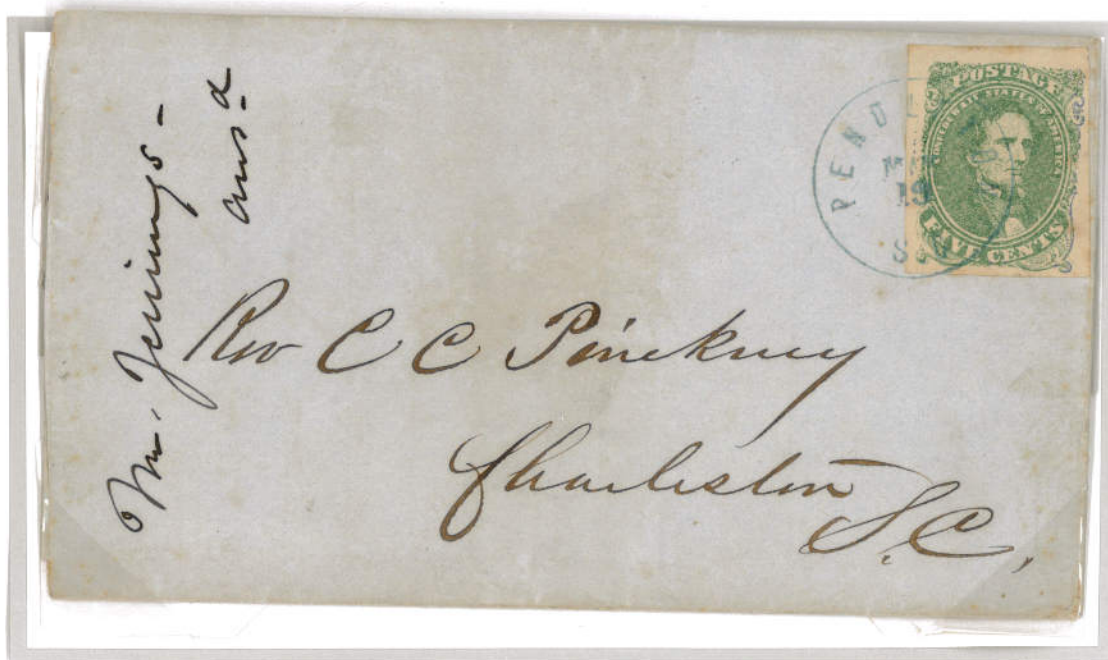
Richmond, Va. Oct. 30, 1861 to Zuni, Va.  
Richmond & Petersburg R.R. corner card



Petersburg, Va. Dec. 1, (1861) to Danville, Va.  
Use of Pre-war Canceler before removal of '5 cts'  
Blue town cancel

## 1861 Five Cents Green

Single rate (5 Cents per half ounce) for letters traveling under 500 miles  
prior to July 1, 1862



Pendleton, S.C. to Charleston, S.C.  
Blue town cancel



Memphis, Tenn. to Bayou LaChute, La.



## 1861 Five Cent Green

Single rate ( 5 cents per half ounce) for letters traveling under 500 miles  
prior to July 1, 1862



Nashville, Tenn. to Abington, Va.  
Blue town cancel



Little Rock, Ark. to Spring Hill, Texas

## 1861 Five Cents Green

**Pre Printed Prices Current Circular dated Feb 16, 1862, with an added hand written note.**

**Without the added hand written note, this folded circular  
Would have been eligible for the Two Cent circular rate.**

Messrs Cummins, Edwards & Co  
Memphis  
Tenn.

[illegible]

**New Orleans, La. Feb, 16, (1862) to Memphis, Tenn.**



## 1861 Five Cent Green

Pair of Five Cent Stamps Paying the basic rate of  
10 Cents per Half Ounce for letters traveling over 500 miles  
prior to July 1, 1862

EARLIEST KNOWN USE ON COVER



Richmond, Va. Oct. 17, 1861 to Cartersville, Georgia



Montgomery, Ala. Nov. 24, 1861 To Manassas Junction, Va.

## 1861 Five Cent Green

Single rate (10 cents per half ounce) for letters traveling over 500 miles  
prior to July 1, 1862



Yorktown, Va. to Athens, Ga.



Gordonsville, Va. to Woodruffs, S.C.



1861 Five Cent Green

Block of four  
paying 4 times  
the single rate  
for distances  
under 500 miles

Columbus, Miss.  
to  
Jackson, Miss.



## 1861 Ten Cents Blue

Used to pay the one half ounce over 500 mile rate  
Lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig

### Proof



Plate Proof  
on wove paper

### Issued Stamps



## 1861 Ten Cents Blue

Hoyer & Ludwig Printing

Used examples



Atlanta Ga.



Yorktown Va.



Tudor Hall Va.

Colored cancels



Alexandria, La.  
Red town cancel



Southern Express  
Red cancel



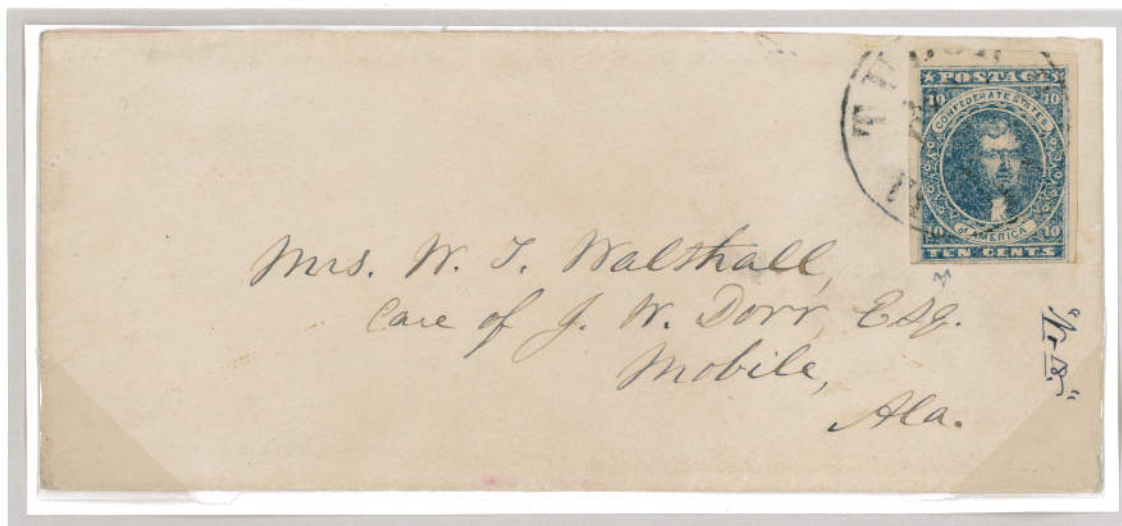
Raleigh N.C.  
Blue town cancel



Columbia S.C.  
Blue town cancel

**1861 Ten Cents Blue**

**Hoyer & Ludwig Printing**



**Tudor Hall, Va. to Mobile, Ala.**



**Liberty, Va. to Glenwood, Va.**

## 1861 Ten Cents Blue

Patterson Printing

Trial Color Proof



Black  
on wove paper

Issued Stamps



Gutter Strip of four



## 1861 Ten Cents Blue

### Patterson Printing

#### Used examples



Mobile, Ala.



Little Rock, Ark.

#### Blue town cancel



Charlotte C.H., Va.

#### Stone Y



Columbia, S.C.



Charleston, S.C.



Staunton, Va.



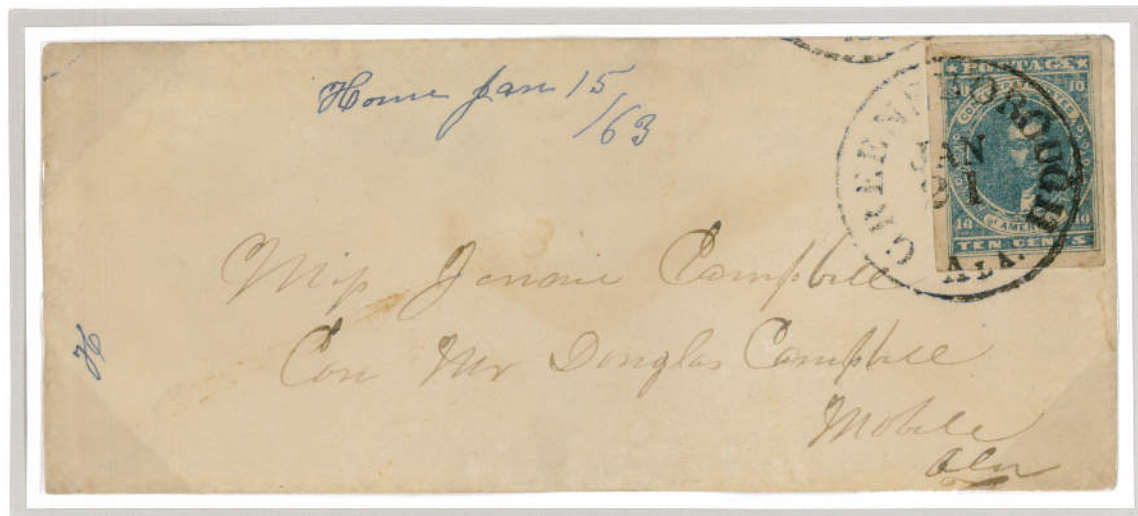
1861 Ten Cents Blue

Patterson Printing

Manuscript Semi Official Use



Greensborough, N.C. to Salem, N.C.  
Red town cancel



Greensborough, Ala to Mobile, Ala.

1861 Ten Cents Blue

Patterson Printing

Stone Y



Columbia, S. C. to Newberry C. H., S. C.  
Blue town cancel



Lynchburg, Va. to Georgia  
Blue town cancel



**1861 Ten Cent Blue**

**Patterson Printing**

**Double rate combination use**

**1861 ten cent  
Patterson print  
used in combination  
with a Type I 1863  
10 cents blue  
Archer & Daly  
print, paying the  
double rate to  
Liberty Hill, N.C.**



## 1862 Two Cent Green

### Unused examples



Light Green



Dark Green



### Used examples



Augusta, Ga.



Richmond, Va. Jan 24, 1862



Blue town cancel

## 1862 Two Cent Green

### Two Cent Drop Letter Rate

A Drop Letter was defined as originating from and being delivered to the same city/town



Savannah, Georgia to Savannah, Georgia

### Strip of Five paying the Ten Cent letter Rate



Montgomery, Texas (Mar 1) to Washington, Washington Co. Texas

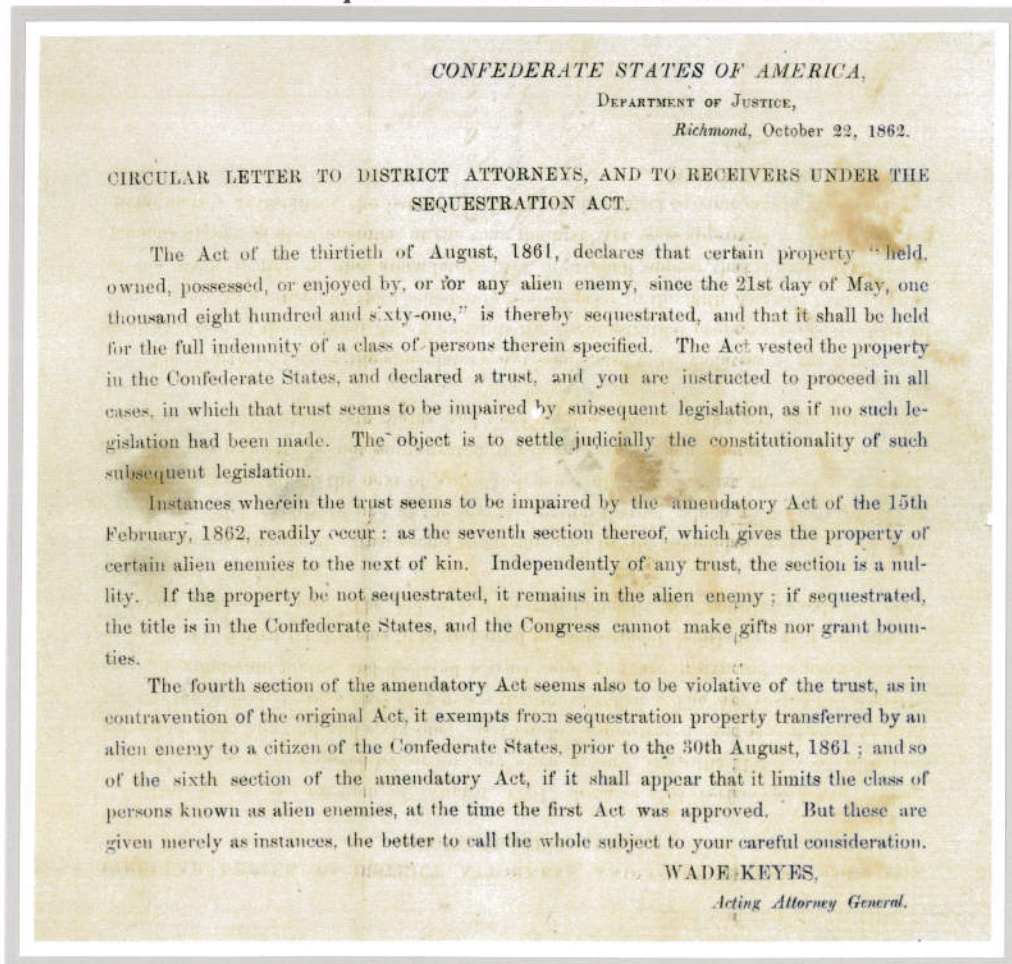


1862 Two Cent Green  
Circular



Richmond Va. Nov. 1, 1862 to Macon, Ga.

Reduced photo copy of Circular Showing the Pre - Printed content  
Which qualifies it for the 2 Cent Circular Rate



# 1862 Five Cents Blue

## Stone 2

### Unused Examples





## 1862 Five Cent Blue

Hoyer & Ludwig Printing

Unused examples

Stone 2 Gutter Block





## 1862 Five Cent Blue

### Stone 2

#### Used Examples



**Richmond, Va.**



**Atlanta, Ga.**

### Blue Cancel



**Charlotte C.H., Va.**

# 1862 Five Cent Blue

Printed Circular with added hand written note

The addition of a hand written note to this circular changed the rate from the two cent pre-printed circular rate to the five cents letter rate for distances under 500 miles.



*Super Commission Edward Ho*  
*Memphis*  
*Tenn.*

Statement of Cotton.			
Hand, September 1, 1861, bales.	1018	Stock on hand, September 1, 1861, bales.	1018
At week.	2175	Arrived past week.	33942
Previously.	30357	Arrived previously.	1021
At week.	43180	Exported past week.	0000
Previously.	14572	Exported previously.	0004
Statement of Tobacco.			
Hand, September 1, 1861, bales.	1018	Stock on hand, September 1, 1861, bales.	1018
At week.	2175	Arrived past week.	33942
Previously.	30357	Arrived previously.	1021
At week.	43180	Exported past week.	0000
Previously.	14572	Exported previously.	0004

New Orleans, La. to Memphis, Tenn.

## 1862 Five Cent Blue

Last day of the Five Cent per Half Ounce rate for distances under 500 miles  
June 30, 1862



Danville, Va. to Lynchburg, Va.

First Day of the 10 Cents per Half Ounce regardless of distance  
July 1, 1862



Newberry C.H. S.C. to Martins Depot, S.C.

This letter marked Due 5 because of a Five Cent Underpayment of the new rate



## 1862 Five Cent Blue

Uniform 10 Cent rate regardless of distance traveled  
After June 30, 1862



Richmond, Va. to Pittsylvania C.H., Va.



Petersburg, Va. to Palmer Springs, Va.  
Blue town cancel

# **1862 Five Cent Blue** **Stone 3**

## **Unused examples**



**Light Blue**



**Blue**



## **Used Examples**



**Greenville, Tenn.**



**Milky Blue  
Shade**



**Blue Grid**

**Milky Blue  
Shade**



**1862 Five Cent Blue  
Stone 3**

**EARLIEST KNOWN USE**

**Single stamp paying the five cents per half oz. rate for distances of up to 500 miles.  
Prior to July 1, 1862**



**Suffolk, Va. to Marion C.H., S.C.**

**Pair of stamps from stone 3 paying the ten cent rate  
After July 1, 1862**



**Mobile, Ala. to Marion Station, Miss**



# 1862 Ten Cent Rose

## Unused Examples



Imprint strip of four



Mt. Carmel S.C.



Harrisonburg, Va.



Hazlehurst, Miss.

## Used Examples

## Colored cancels



Carmine Shade



Blue



Red

1863 TEN Cent Blue



Richmond, Va. May 2, 1863 to Sangersville, Va.



Pair paying 20 cent rate for over one half ounce weight  
Adams Run S.C. Spartsnburg C.H. S.C.



1862 10 Cent Rose

Single Stamp  
(Letter Rate for Under One Half Ounce)



Selma, Ala. (JUL 21) To Mobile, Ala.

Pair  
(Letter Rate for Over One Half Ounce but Under 1 Ounce)



Newbern, Va. July 31, (1862) to Richmond, Va.  
Blue town cancel



**1862 Ten Cent Rose**

**Selma, Ala. to Mobile, Ala.**



**Richmond, Va. to Lexington Va.**

**1862 Five Cent Blue  
London (De La Rue) Printing**

**Progressive Die Essays and Proofs**

**Progressive Die Essays on Glazed Card  
cut to size**



**Early State**



**Intermediate State**



**Advanced State**

**Black Progressive Die Essays on full size glazed card**

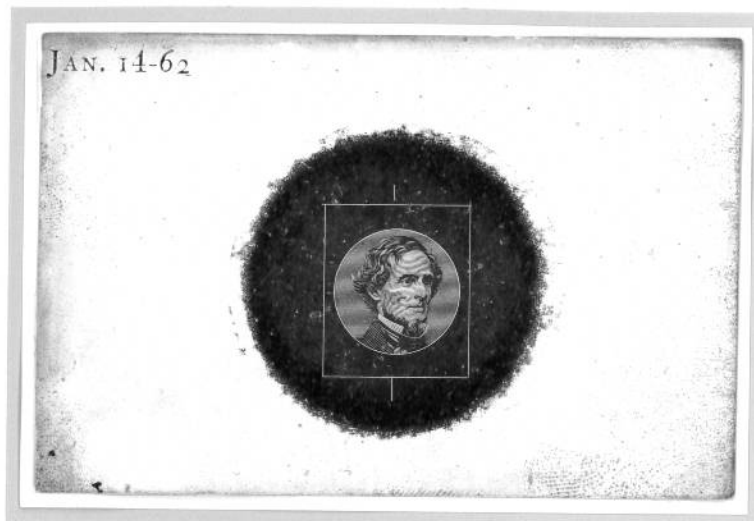


**Intermediate-Advanced State of Vignette Design**



**Advanced State (Nearly Complete) Vignette Design**

**1862 Five Cent Blue  
London (De La Rue) Printing  
Black Progressive Die Essays on full size glazed card**



**Complete Vignette Design**



**Completed Stamp Design before Striking**

**Trial Color Die Proof in Black**





**1862 Five Cent Blue  
London (De La Rue) Printing**

**Trial Color Die Proof**



**Pink**

**Trial Color Die Proof**



**Blue**

**Trial Color Die Proof**



**Black  
on card**

**Trial Color Plate Proof**



**Black  
on wove paper  
(Discovery copy)**

**Trial Color Plate Proof**



**Grey Blue  
on stamp paper**

**1862 Five Cent Blue  
London (De La Rue) Printing**

**Unused examples**



**Dark Blue**



**Blue**



**Upper Left sheet margin bock of four**



**Sheet Margin copy  
With De La Rue  
Accountancy Marking**

# 1862 Five Cent Blue London (De La Rue) Printing

## Used examples



## Colored Cancellations





1862 Five Cent Blue  
London (De La Rue) Printing

Five Cent Single Rate for distances under 500 miles Prior to July 1, 1862



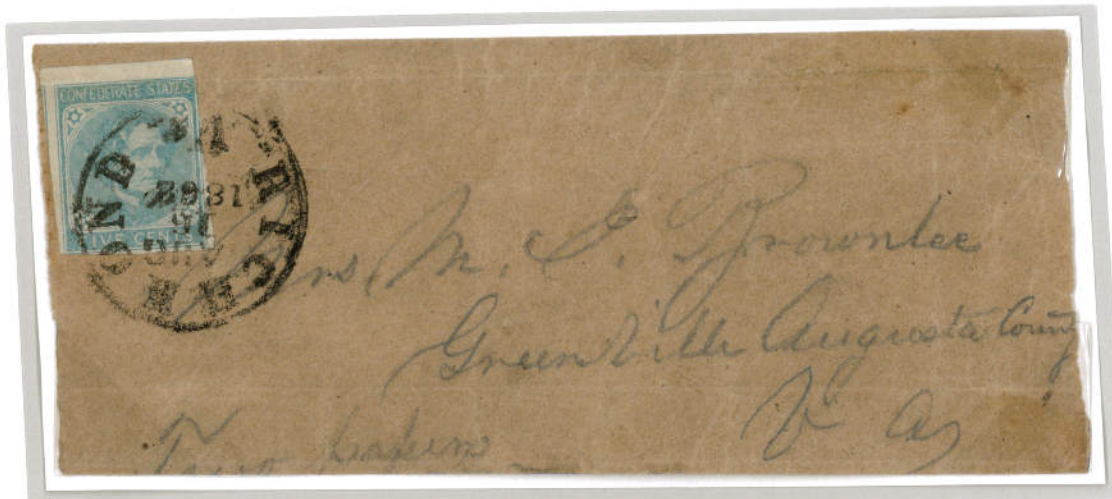
Montgomery, Ala. to Abbeville, Ala.



Mobile, Ala. to Livingston, Ala.

**1862 Five Cent Blue  
London (De La Rue) Printing**

**Two Cent Circular/Newspaper Rate  
one cent over payment for two papers**



**Richmond, Va. to Greenville, Augusta County Va.**

**Over Paid Drop Letter  
three cent over payment of the two cent drop letter rate**



**Richmond, Va. to Richmond Va.**



**1862 Five Cent Blue  
London (De La Rue) Printing**

**Ten Cents per Half Oz. Rate for distances over 500 miles Prior to July 1, 1862**



**Richmond, Va. to Level Land, S.C.**



**Richmond, Va. to Greenville, Ala.**



**1862 Five Cent Blue  
London (De La Rue) Printing**

**LAST DAY OF THE FIVE CENT RATE  
June 30, 1862**



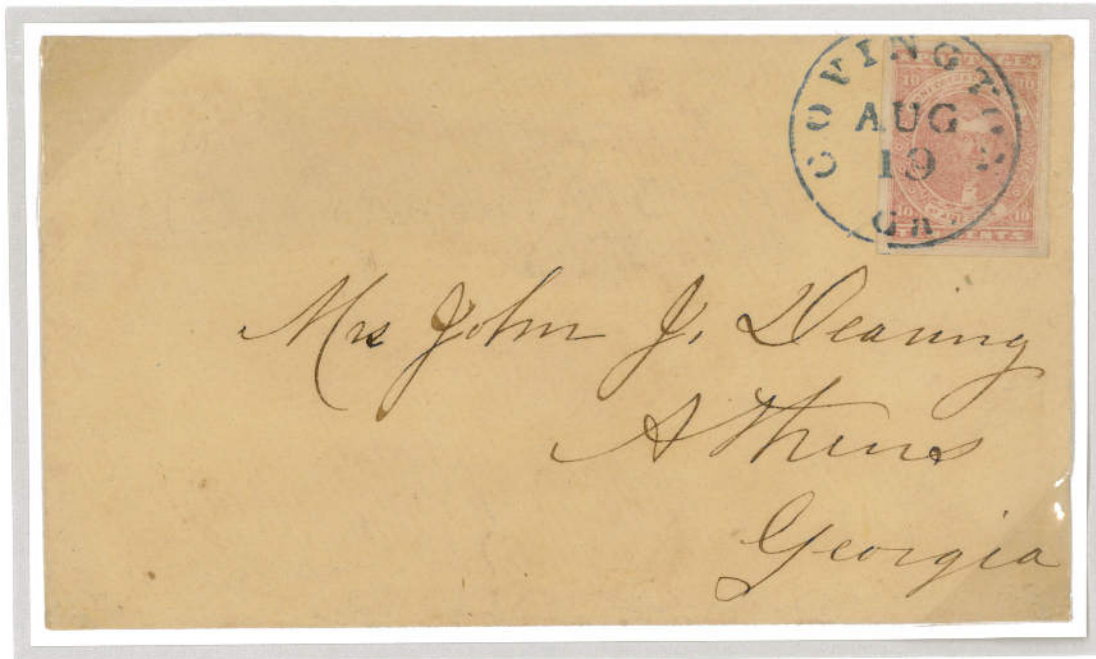
**Danville, Va. to Richmond, Va.  
Single Five Cent Blue London Print stamp paying the Five Cent per Half Ounce under 500 mile rate  
on the Last Day of use for this rate.**

**FIRST DAY OF THE UNIFORM TEN CENT RATE.  
On July 1, 1862 a uniform rate of Ten Cents per Half Ounce regardless of  
the distance traveled was established.**

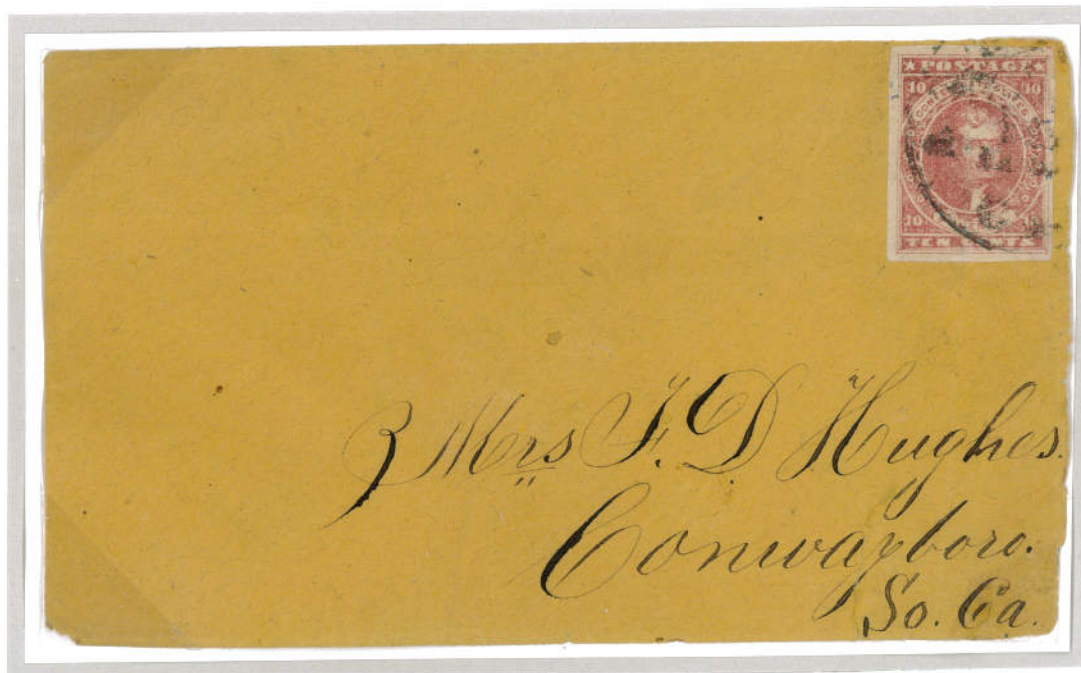


**July 1, 1862  
Charleston, S.C. to Aiken, Barnwell District, S.C.  
Single Five Cent Blue London Print stamp underpaying the new Ten Cent rate. This letter  
was accepted and sent at the old five cent rate either in error, or as having been deposited  
at the Post Office the previous day (June 30) and was deemed eligible for the old rate.**

1862 Ten Cent Rose



Covington, Ga. (AUG. 19) to Athens, Ga.  
Used after the rate change of July 1, 1862  
(Ten Cente per Half Ounce regardless of distance traveled)



Carmine Shade

Atlanta, Ga. to (NOV 15, 1862) Conwayboro, S.C.

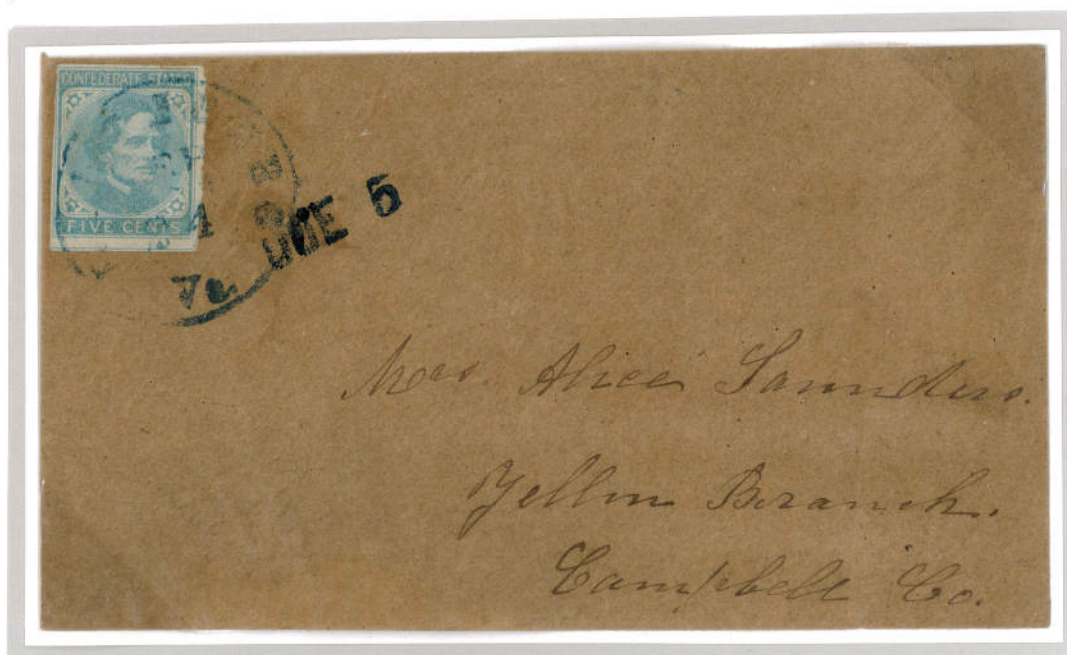


**1862 Five Cent Blue  
London (De La Rue) Printing**

**Single stamp under paying the 10 Cent Rate after June 30, 1862  
(Rated Due 5 to correct the defficiency)**



**Charleston, S. C. to Greenville, N. C.**



**Lynchburg, Va. to Yellow Branch, Campbell Co. Va.  
Blue town cancel**



# 1862 Five Cent Blue Local (Richmond) Printing

## Trial Color Plate Proofs



**Carmine  
On wove paper**



**Carmine  
On thin card**

## Issued Stamps



**Printed on London Paper  
with local gum**



**Gutter block**

**1862 Five Cent Blue  
Local (Richmond) Printing**

**Constant Printing Varieties**



**Scratched plate**



**White tie**

**Printing anomalies**



**Short inked plate**



**Dry print**

**Ink spots**



**1862 Five Cent Blue  
Local (Richmond) Printing  
Used examples**



**Richmond, Va.**



**Richmond, Va.  
(Cobalt Shade)**

**Estell Springs N & C R.R.**



**Richmond, Va.**

**Colored Cancels**

**Green**



**Raleigh, N.C.**

**Blue**



**Lynchburg, Va.**

**Brown**



**Midlothian, Va.**

**Red**



**Alexandria, La.**

**Violet**



**Lynchburg, Va.**



**1862 Five Cent Blue  
Local (Richmond) Printing**

**Used Multiples**



**Charleston, S.C.**



**Columbia, S.C.**



**Richmond, Va.**



**Richmond, Va.**

**1862 Five Cent Blue  
Local (Richmond) Printing**

**EARLIEST RECORDED USE ON COVER  
August 15, 1862**



**Richmond, Va. to Chattanooga, Tenn.**

**Cobalt Shade**



**Savannah, Ga. to Richmond, Va.**

**1862 Five Cent Blue  
Local (Richmond) Printing**

**Over Paid Drop Letter  
Three cent overpayment of the two cent drop letter rate**



**Petersburg, Va. to Petersburg, Va.  
Blue town cancel**



**Columbia, S. C. to Marion C. H., S. C.  
Blue town cancel**



**1862 Five Cent Blue  
Local (Richmond) Printing**

**Richmond Mute Cancels**



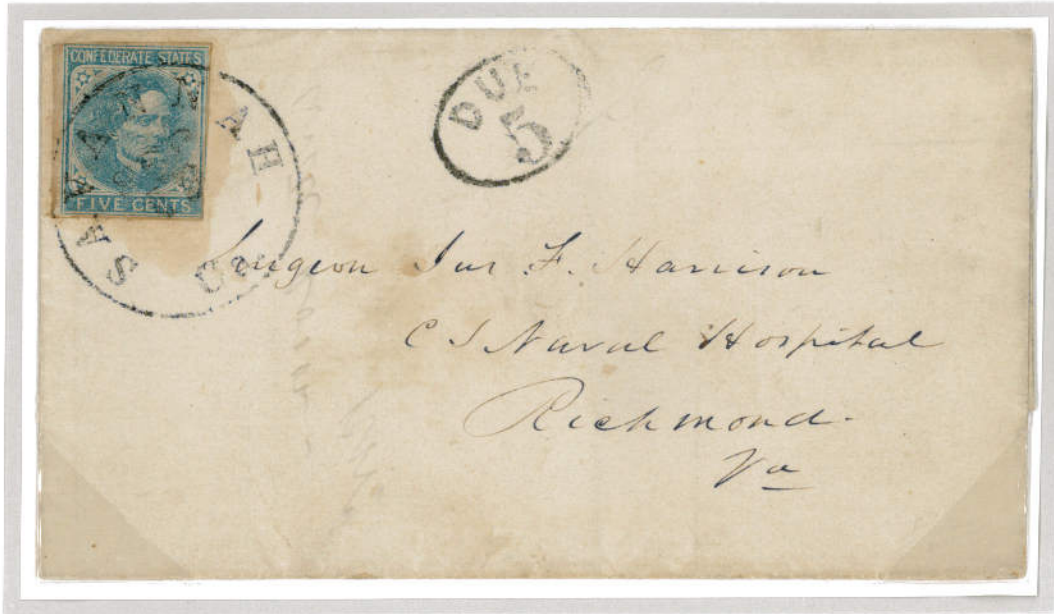
**Richmond, Va. to Palmetto, Ga.**



**Richmond, Va. to Dry Pond, N.C.**

**1862 Five Cent Blue  
Local (Richmond) Printing**

**Five Cent underpayment of the Ten Cent rate.  
Hand stamped DUE 5 with the oval due marking of Savannah, Ga.**



**Savannah, Ga. to Richmond, Va.**

**Underpaid double rate letter  
Hand stamped (10) to show a ten cent underpayment of the double rate.**



**Charleston, S.C. to Greenville, S.C.**

## 1863 Two Cent Brown Red

### Trial Color Proof



Black on wove paper

### Issued Stamps



Brown Red



Pale Rose Red



Gutter Block of Eight



## 1863 Two Cent Brown Red

### Used examples



Typical town cancel  
Charleston, S.C.

### Two Cent circular/newspaper rate



Richmond, Va.

### Colored cancels

#### Red



Greensborough, N.C.

#### Blue

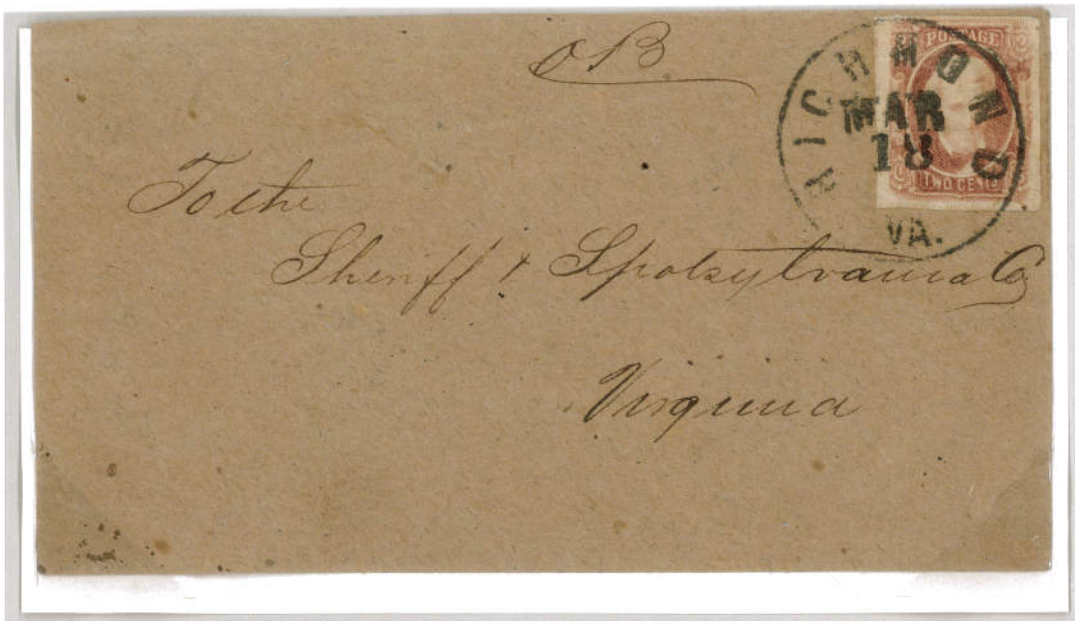


Greensborough, N.C.

## 1863 Two Cent Brown Red

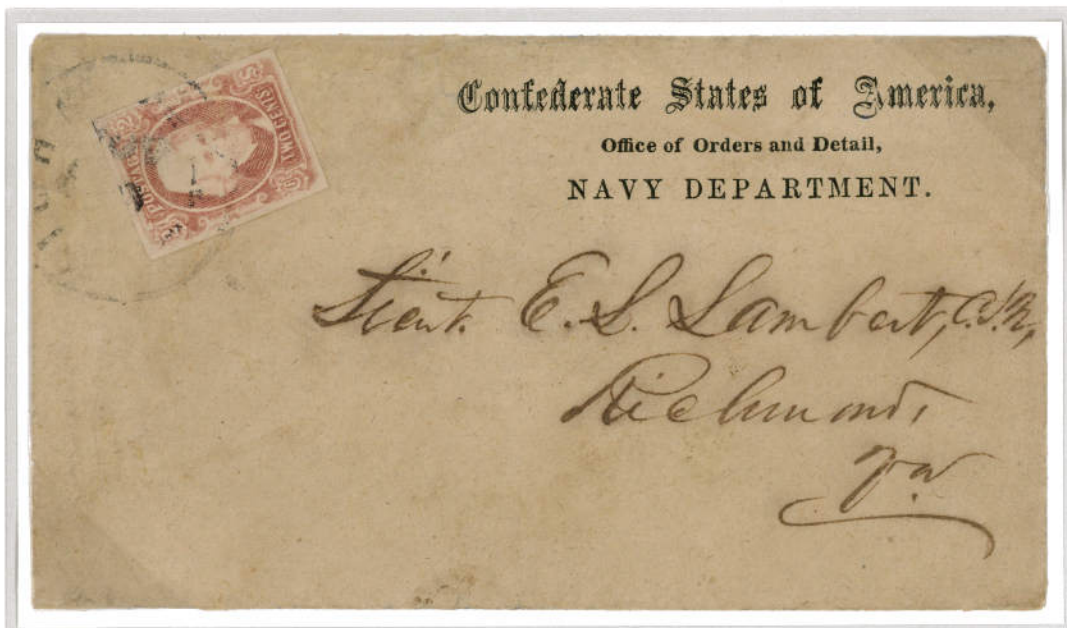
### Manuscript Semi Official Use

Unsealed homemade envelope, using a single stamp to pay the two cent circular rate to the Sheriff of Spotsylvania, Va.



Richmond, Va. to Spotsylvania, Va.

CSA Navy Department envelope  
Semi Official use of two cent drop letter rate



Richmond, Va. to Richmond, Va.

## 1863 Two Cent Brown Red

Strip of five of the two cent stamps used to make up the ten cent rate



Columbia, S.C, to James Island, S.C.  
Blue town cancel



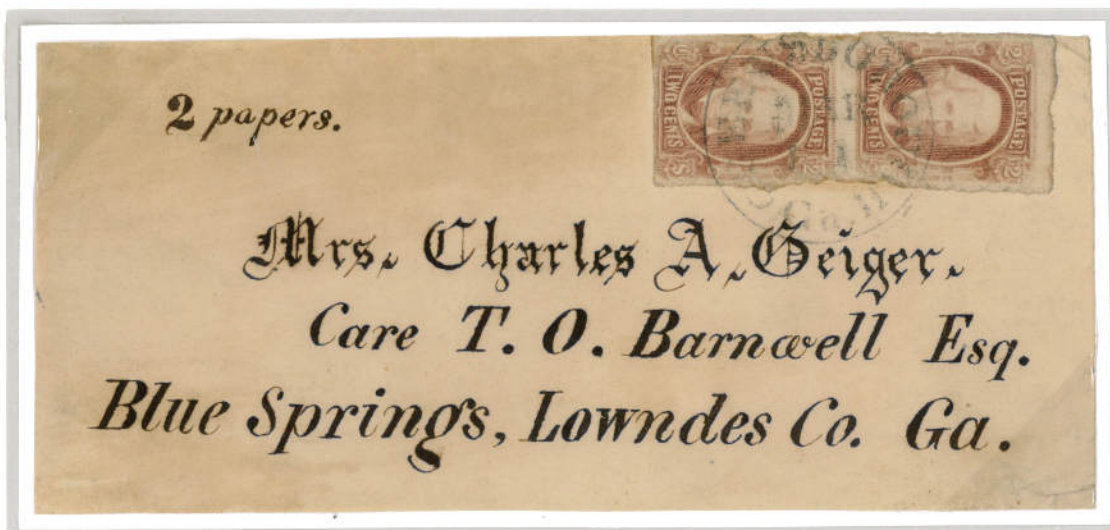
1863 Two Cent Brown Red

Locally used wrapper  
Two cent circular rate



Chester C.H., S.C. to Chester C.H., S.C.

Wrapper  
Double circular rate (four cents) for 2 papers



Greensborough, Ga. to Blue Springs, Lowndes Co. Ga.

## 1863 10 Cent Blue "Frame Line"

### Unused Examples



**Blue**



**Greenish Blue**



**Strip of Three**  
one of a very few unused multiples  
to survive

### Used examples



**Mobile, Ala.**  
**All Four Frame Lines Complete**



**Mobile, Ala**  
**Horiz. Pair**

1862 Five Cent Blue  
London (De La Rue) Printing

Pair paying the Single Rate after June 30, 1862



Richmond Va. Aug 16 1863 to Petersburg, Va.

Double rate  
Two Pair paying the Double Rate after June 30, 1862



Savannah, Ga. (Mar 6 \_\_\_\_ ) to Charleston, S.C.



# 1863 TEN Cents Blue

## Unused examples



## Used examples



Variety  
Bruised Plate  
(Lower LH Margin)



## Colored cancels



Blue cancel  
Glade Springs Depot, Va.



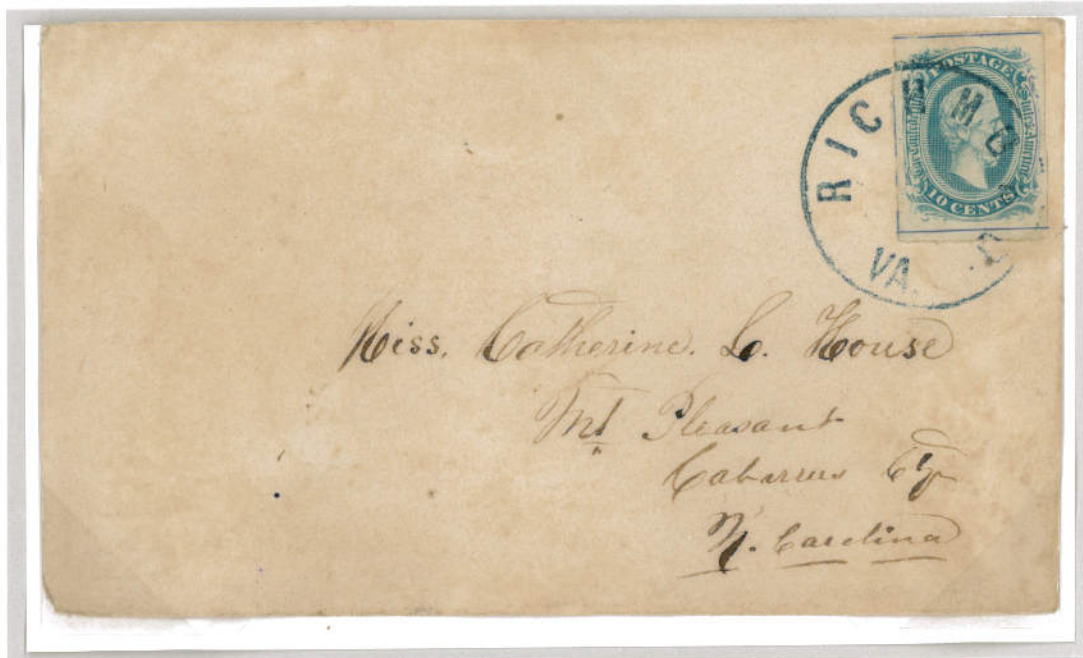
Red cancel

## 1863 10 Cent Blue "Frame line"

Richmond Va. Mute Cancel (no Month, Day, or Year logo)

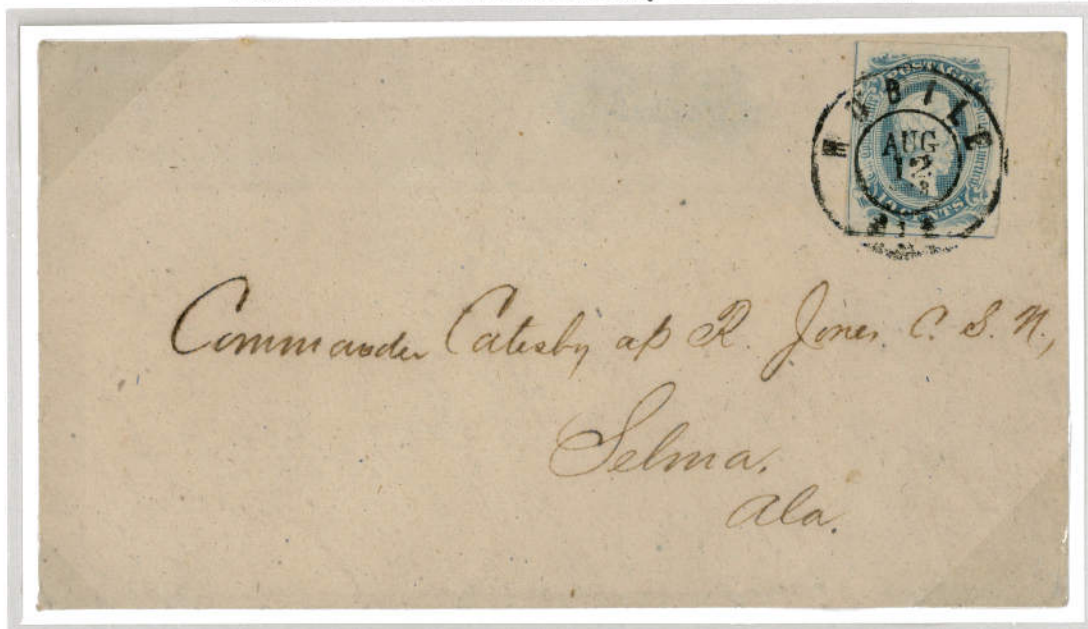
Blue ink was used for a short time in May of 1863.

This cancel is usually found on soldiers letters.



Richmond, Va. to Mt. Pleasant, Va.

Addressed to Commander Catesby A. P. R. Jones CSN



Commander Catesby A.P.R. Jones was the Commander of the Confederate ram Virginia (Merrimac) during the Battle of Hampton Roads on March 9, 1862. This was the first battle between two ironclad vessels.

# 1863 10 Cent Blue Type I

Unused examples and multiples



**RH Stamp**  
**Short Transfer At Top**



**Gutter Block of Four**



**Imprint Block**



# 1863 10 Cent Blue Type I

## Used Examples

Used over  
U.S. 3 Cent  
Star Die

**Fancy Star**



**Tuscalousa, Ala.**



**Mayesville, S.C.**

**R.R. Cancel**



**(Estelle) Springs  
N & C R.R.**



**Bridgewater, Va.**



**Taladaga, Ala.**



**Richmond, Va.**



**Pollard, Ala.**

**1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type I  
Used Examples**



**Shreveport, La.**



**Pittsylvania C.H., Va.**



**Georgetown, S.C.**



**Richmond, Va.**



**Martinsville, Va.**



**Big Island, Va.**

**Colored Cancels**

**Red**



**Green**



**Lynchburg, Va.**

**Violet**



**Lynchburg, Va.**

**Blue**



**Richmond, Va.**

**Red Brown**



1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type I

Double Rate



Macon, Ga. to Mobile, Ala.

Double Rate



Montgomery, Ala. to Marietta, Ga.



1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type I

Forwarded Mail rated Due 10



Staunton, Va. to Charleston, S.C.  
Then forwarded to Cedar Springs, S.C.



Columbia, S. C. to Columbia, S. C.  
Forwarded to Greenville C. H., S. C.

**1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type II**

**Proof**



**One of two recorded copies**

**Unused Examples**



**Gutter Block**



# 1863 10 Cent Blue Type II

## Used Examples



**Raleigh, N.C.**



**Taladaga, Ala.**



**Oxford, N.C.**



**Enfield, N.C.**



**Willmington, N.C.**



**Charleston, S.C.**



**Cheraw, S.C.**



**1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type II**

**Military Field Cancels**

**Army of Tenn.**



**Hand Carved  
woodblock**

**Army of No. Va.**



**Target**

**Modified canceler  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Sep 8, 1863 to Dec. 1863**



**Colored cancels**

**Red**



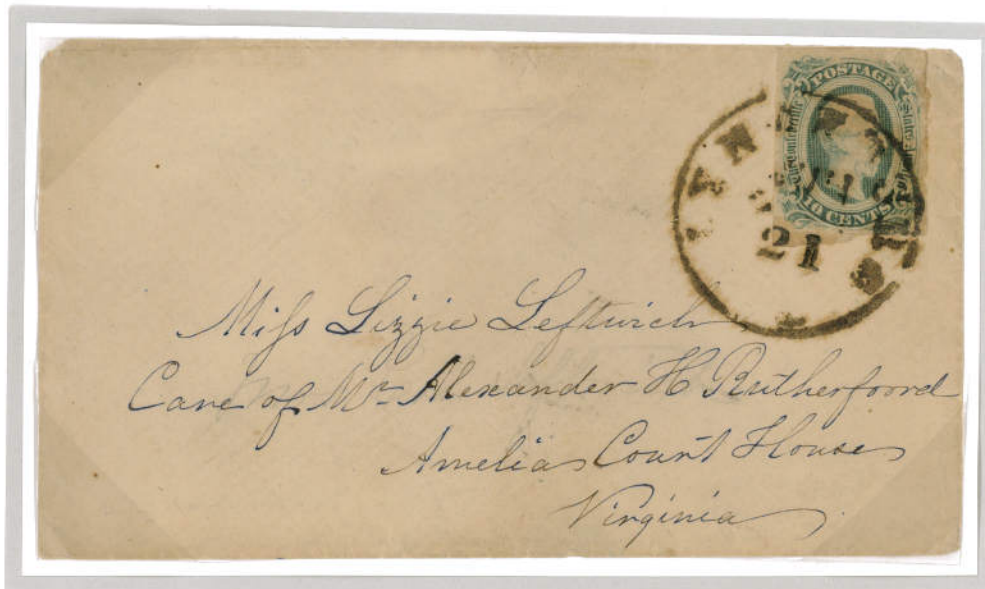
**Blue**



**Brown**



**1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type II**



**Lynchburg, Va. to Amelia Court House, Va.  
Brown town cancel**

**Overpaid Drop Letter**



**Richmond, Va. to Richmond, Va.**

1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type II

Double Rate



Blakley, Ga. to Albany, Ga.

Double Rate



Thomasville, Ga. To Breckenridge's Division (Army of) Tenn.



1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type II

Multiple Rate



Five times the basic rate of 10 cents per one half Ounce  
Bridgewater, Va. to Staunton, Va.

Delayed Mail



This letter was captured by Federal forces and held for examination.  
After examination the letter was sent on for delivery.  
The letter was in transit from Nov. 1, 1864 to Feb. 1, 1865

Wytheville, Va. to Natural Bridge, Rockbridge Co. Va.

# 1863 10 Cent Blue Type I

Keating & Ball Printing

Unused examples



Chilled Plate



Overheated Plate

Used examples



Raliegh, N.C



Petersburgh, Va.



Raliegh, N.C.



1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type I

Keating & Ball Printing



Petersburg, Va. to Cedar Brush, Davidson County S.C.

Overpaid Drop Letter and Manuscript Semi Official use.  
(Eight cent overpayment of the two cent drop letter rate)



Richmond, Va. to Richmond, Va.



**1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type II**

**Keating & Ball Printing**

**Unused examples**



**Gutter block**

**Used examples**



**Blue town Cancel**



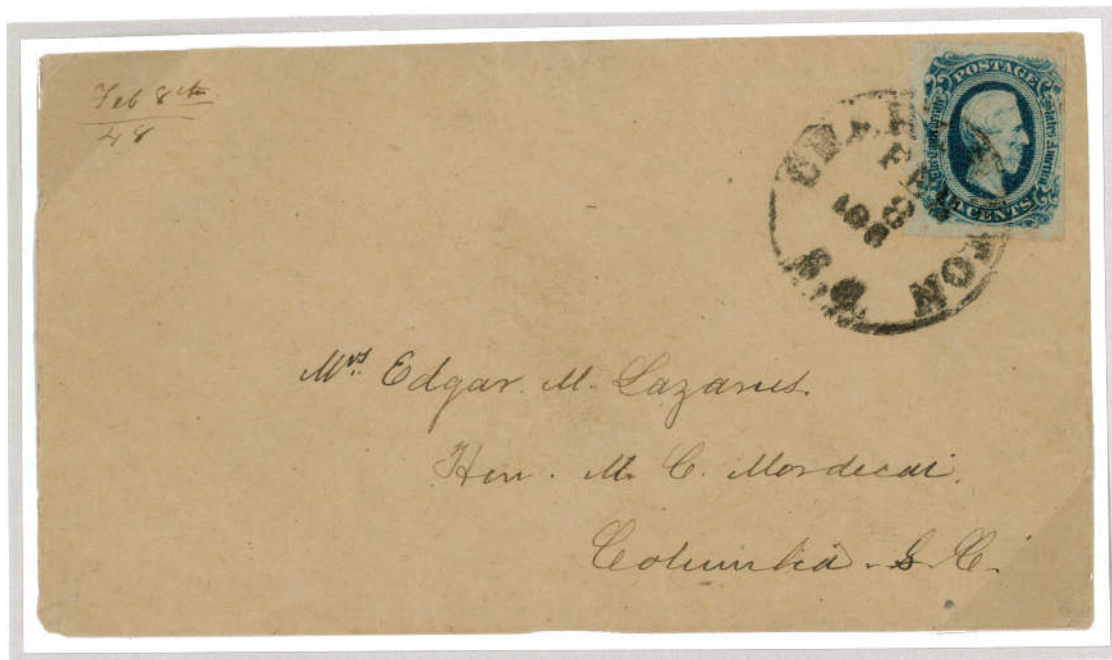
**Red Brown town  
cancel**



**Red Grid**

**1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type II**

**Keating & Ball Printing**



**Charleston, S.C. FEB 8 (1865) to Columbia, S.C.**

**Double Rate**



**Charleston, S.C. to Columbia, S.C.**

**1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type II**

**Keating & Ball Printing**



**Tuskegee, Ala. to Watkinsville, Ga.  
Blue town cancel**

**LATE USE**

**Used May 6, 1865 twenty seven days after the surrender at Appomattox, C.H. Va.**



**Staunton, Va. to Stuarts Draft, Va.**



# 1863 Twenty Cent Green

## Proofs

**Trial Color Proof  
(Red Brown)**

**Plate Proof**

## Issued Stamps

## Color shades



**Dark Green**



**Green**



**Blue Green**



**Light Green**

## Blocks



**Lower Right Hand Sheet margin**



**Unevenly inked plate**

## 1863 Twenty Cent Green

Unused multiples

Imprint block



The Plate imprint was present on the initial printing, but was removed from later printings.

Gutter block of eight



# **1863 Twenty Cent Green** Used examples



**Augusta, Ga.**



**Columbia, S.C.**



**Third day of use  
(June 3, 1863)**

## **Bisected stamp used to pay the ten cent rate**



**Savannah, Ga.**

## **Strip of three used from Richmond, Va.**



**Blue Cancel**

**Red Cancel**



**Glade Springs Depot, Va.**



**Greensborough**



# 1863 Twenty Cent Green



Richmond, Va. (~~FEB 31~~, 1864) to Columbus, Ga.  
Double weight letter (weight greater than 1 ounce)



Bisected 20 cent stamp to pay the 10 cent rate  
Bisecting a stamp to get the 'correct rate' was not legal, but was commonly accepted.  
Selma, Ala. (NOV \_\_, 1864) to Talladega, Ala.  
Turned (Reused Envelope)

**1863 Twenty Cent Green**



**Petersburg, Va. Jan. 3, (1865) to Raleigh, N.C.**

**Petersburg, Va. Used black ink on their cancellers from Dec. 1864 until Petersburg  
Fell to Union forces on April 2, 1865.**

## 1863 One Cent Orange

### Preliminary Essay in Black



### Vignette design and outline of Frame

### Trial Color Die Proof in Black



### Die Proof on Glazed Card





## 1863 One Cent Orange

### Proofs

#### Combination Die Proof



**1862 Five Cent Blue and 1863 One Cent Orange**  
**Both designs on a 79 mm by 129 mm Glazed Card**  
**Only Recorded Example**

#### Plate Proof



**Trial Color – Brownish Orange**  
**(Differs slightly from the final color)**

## 1863 One Cent Orange

The two primary color shades



Orange



Dark Orange



Upper Right Sheet Margin Block

**These stamps were designed, printed and delivered to The Confederate Post Office Department by Thomas De La Rue & Co. Ltd. London, England but they were never placed on sale or used.**

**1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type I**

**Experimental Government Perforations**

**Unused**



**Strip showing partial plate imprint**

**Used examples**



**Red town cancel**





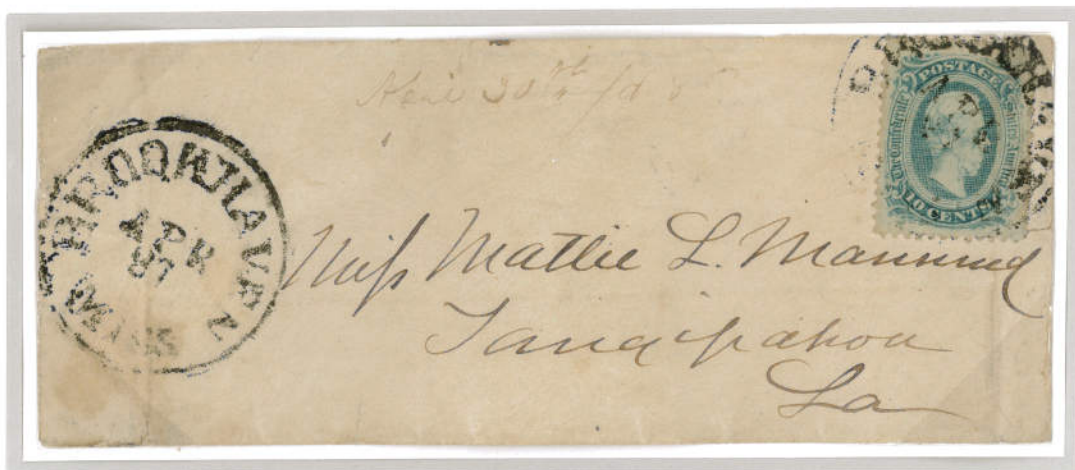
1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type I

Experimental Government Perforations

Army of Tennessee Military Field Cancel  
Seven bar grid with rim



Army of Tennessee field cancel to Madison, Ga.



Brookhaven, Miss. to Tangipahoa, La.  
(inverted date in canceler)

**1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type II**

**Experimental Government Perforations**

**Unused examples**



**Block of six showing partial plate imprint**

**Used example**



1863 10 Cent Blue  
Type II

Experimental Government Perforations



Demopolis, Ala. to Summerfield, Ala.



Demopolis, Ala. to Charlottesville, Albermarle, Co. Va.



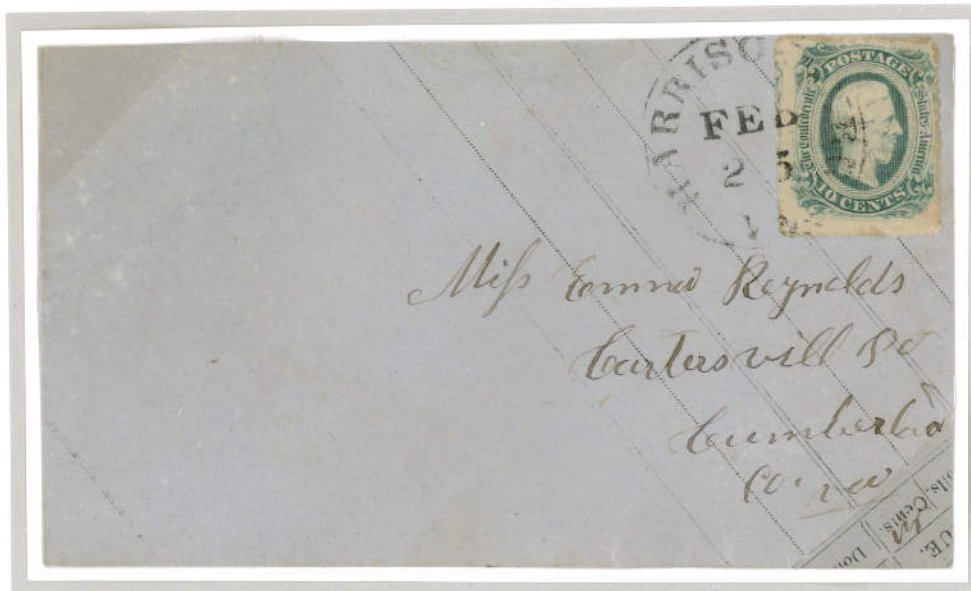
## Privately Perforated Uses

Privately perforated Stamps are known from a small number of Confederate Post Offices. In most cases it is believed that these perforations were applied in very limited quantities by local postmasters for their own use.



**Baton Rouge La. Roulette Postmaster's Private Perforation**  
Baton Rouge, La. (FEB 16) to Buffalo, Miss.

**Harrisonburg, Va.**



**(Postmaster's Private Perforation)**  
Harrisonburg, Va. (Feb 25) to Cartersville P.O. Cumberland Co., Va.

## Inland Waterway Uses



Hand stamp, STEAM  
Via Natchez, Miss. to Monmouth, near Natchez, Miss.



Hand stamp, STEAM BOAT  
Via Montgomery, Ala. to Brandon, Miss.

Steam and/or Steamboat hand stamps indicate that the mail was picked up along the way by an inland waterway or coastal steamer or steamboat. The hand stamps and town cancels were applied at the next Post Office and the mail was placed in the regular postal delivery system and it continued on to its destination via. normal overland routes.



## Trans-Mississippi Express Mail

The Express Mail Rate of 40 Cents per Half Oz was established for mail between the Eastern & Western parts of the C.S.A.. With the fall of Vicksburg, Miss. this Express Mail very rapidly became an important if not critical communication link between the now divided Confederacy.

EAST TO WEST



To Waco (Village), Texas Via. Jackson Miss. By Express

WEST TO EAST



To Capt. L. J. Telman Co. E 4<sup>th</sup> Texas reg. Vol. Inf. Gregg's Brigade Longstreet's Corps  
Richmond, Virginia Via. Shreveport, La.



## Auxiliary Uses

### Forwarded Mail

Five Cent blue 1862 lithographed Stamp used to pay forwarding fee.



Basic postage paid by a hand stamp PAID 5  
Original destination was Fort Caswell  
Forwarded destination was Tawboro N. C.

Solder's letter from 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Inf. Cleborne's Division  
Forwarded without the required forwarding charge



Basic postage paid from Mansfield La. To Victoria Victoria Co., Texas.  
Forwarded to Port La Vaca, Texas

## Private Express Mail

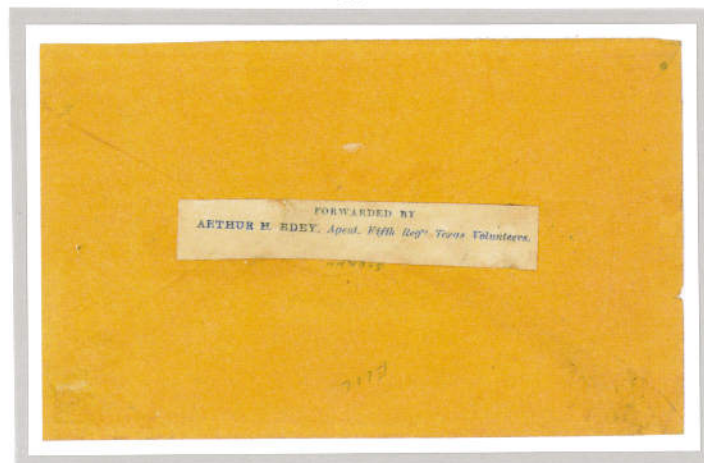
### Arthur E. Edey Express

This express service carried mail from the Fifth Reg. Texas Volunteers for which it was an agent, across the Mississippi river to various locations in Texas where they were placed in the regular Confederate Mails for delivery in Texas. Edey's Express service operated for a very short time (June, 1862 to October, 1862) and very few covers have survived. Most recorded covers bear either two of the 5 Cent De La Rue Typographs or a single copy of a 10 Cent Lithograph. The Label signifying that express service was provided by Edey's Express is usually found on the back of the envelope.



By Edey Express Courier to Hempstead, Texas where it was placed in The CSA mail for delivery to Columbus, Texas. Two of the 5 Cent De La Rue Typographs pays the postage.

Photo copy (reduced)



Reverse side of envelope showing Edey Express Label.



## LOUISIANA RELIEF COMMITTEE AT MOBILE

From June 1863 to Sep. 1864 a group of Citizens in New Orleans La. and Mobile Ala. operated in secret to process and smuggle mail out of New Orleans, La. to Mobile Ala. The mail was then placed in the Confederate mails for delivery. Mail which traveled By this route is readily identified by the manuscript notations on either the front or the back of the envelope indicating that it was handled by the Louisiana Relief Committee at Mobile. Very few of these endorsed covers have survived.

### Drop Letter



This Mourning Letter was smuggled from New Orleans La. to Mobile Ala. by The Louisiana Relief Committee at Mobile and put into the mail as a Drop Letter for local delivery. The Endorsement of the Louisiana Relief Committee is shown on the cover front in its short form. (La. Com.)

A single 2 Cent Red Brown stamp pays the Drop Letter Rate



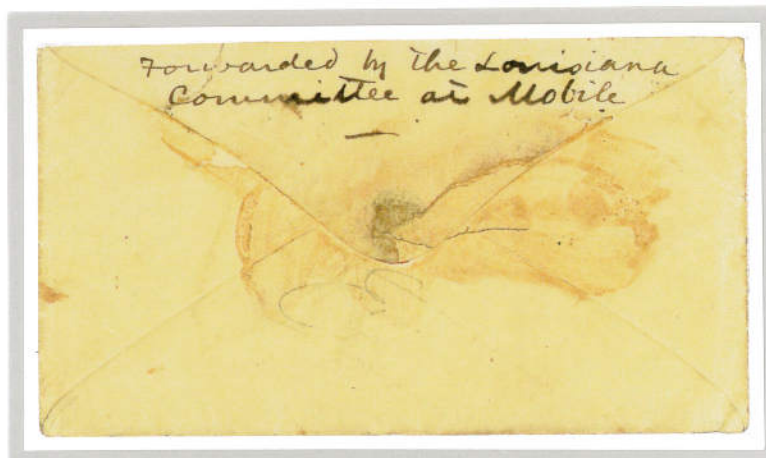
## LOUISIANA RELIEF COMMITTEE AT MOBILE

**'Forwarded by The Louisiana Relief Committee at Mobile'**



Received outside the mail, (smuggled out of New Orleans) endorsed by The Committee and placed in the Confederate Mail at Mobile Ala. for delivery to Montgomery, Ala. The 10 Cent Type I issue of 1863 pays the postage of 10 Cents per half ounce regardless of the distance traveled.

**Photo copy (reduced)**



**Reverse side of envelope showing endorsement  
(Forwarded by The Louisiana Committee at Mobile)**

## Smuggled Mail

Folded Letter dated New Orleans, La. June 24, 1864



**SMUGGLED** out of New Orleans and traveled overland to Mobile, Ala. where this letter entered the Confederate mail, was canceled and delivered as a Drop Letter.

**Hand Carried BLOCKADE LETTER** smuggled out of New Orleans.



**New Orleans, La. to Augusta, Ga.**

This letter was **SMUGGLED** out of New Orleans, La. on a Union vessel to Havana, Cuba where it was given to a Confederate agent, and was hand carried on a Confederate Blockade Runner to Charleston, S.C. When the letter arrived in Charleston it was placed in the Confederate Mails to Augusta, Ga. where on its' arrival it was rated "DUE 5" and delivered to the addressee.



## Patriotic Envelope Uses

### Eleven Star Flag with Verse



Franklin Depot, Va. to Speedwell, Va.  
Blue town cancel

### Captured Union Patriotic envelope



Richmond, Va. to Cobham Depot, Va.



## Patriotic Envelope Uses

### 10 Star Flag in Color



Fredericksburg, Va. to Lenoir, Caldwell Co. N.C.

### Eleven Star Flag with Verse



Raleigh, N.C. to Waughtown, N.C.

## Auxiliary Markings HELD FOR POSTAGE

This letter was received at the Richmond Post Office without pre-paid postage. it was hand stamped **HELD FOR POSTAGE** and stayed at the office until the postage was paid. (NOV 22) It then entered the mails for delivery to its destination.

The **HELD FOR POSTAGE** hand stamp is a seldom seen CSA use of a Pre-War P.O. Marking



Richmond, Va. to Fredericksburg, Va.

**MISSENT** hand stamp of Wilmington, N.C. indicating that this letter was received at the wrong location, and sent on to its destination with no additional charge because the mistake was made by the Post Office, not the sender.



Greensborough, N.C. **MISSENT** to Wilmington, N.C. and then, on to Wilmington, S.C.  
Red town cancel



## Auxiliary Markings

✓  
Straight line Blue FORWARDED hands stamp and Raleigh N.C. cancel  
and a manuscript 5 (DUE) to pay the forwarding fee.



Salem N.C. to Raleigh, N.C. then forwarded to Gibsons (Store), N.C.

Boxed FORWARDED hand stamp and Lexington, Va. Cancel  
with a manuscript 10 (DUE) to pay the forwarding fee.



Lynchburg, Va. to Lexington, Va. then forwarded to Vernon Hill, Va.



## Auxiliary Markings

Advertised Cover  
Notched Advertised Hand Stamp of Richmond Va.



Petersburg, Va. To Richmond, Va.  
Back stamped Richmond, Va. Nov. 17

## Flag of Truce Mail

Flag of Truce interior envelope bearing a single five cent Local (Richmond Printing) stamp.

This letter entered the CSA Mail at Richmond Va. where it was received as a three cent overpayment of the two cent drop letter rate. The letter was canceled APR 24 it was not called for and was ADVERTISED as indicated by the Richmond, Va.

Apr. 29 cancel and hand stamp on the back of the envelope.

The absence of any examination marking or POW notation indicates a civilian origin.

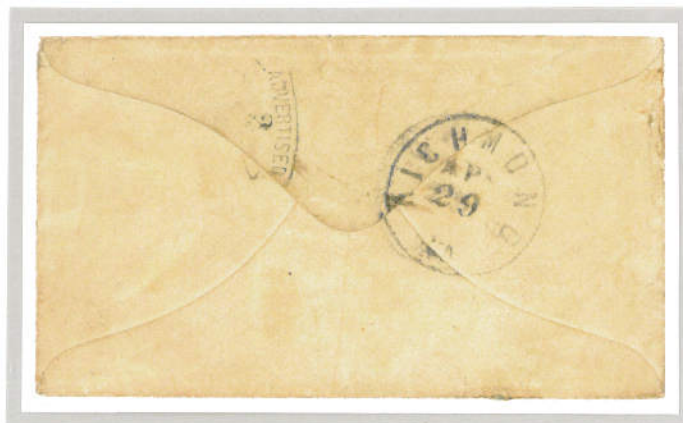


Unknown Origin via. Flag of Truce to Richmond, Va. (APR 24)

### PHOTOCOPY

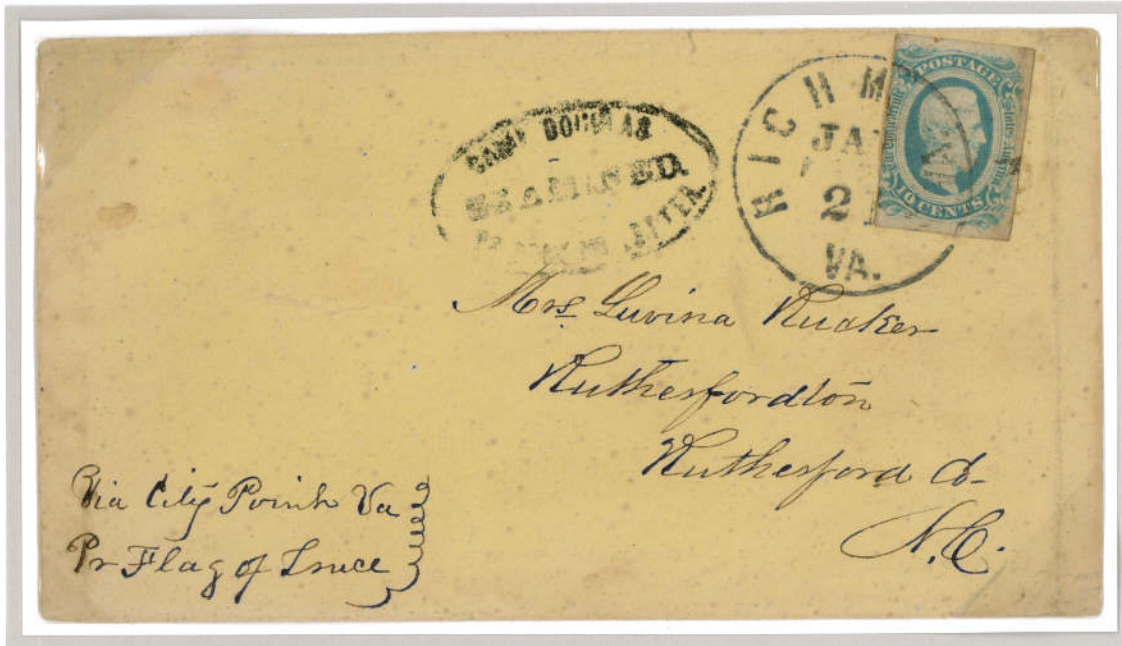
Envelope back, showing

Richmond, Va. Apr. 29 Cancel and ADVERTISED hand stamp



## Prisoner of war Letters

### Inner envelope from a POW at Camp Douglas, Illinois



Via. City Point Va. per Flag of Truce to Richmond, Va.  
for delivery to Rutherfordton, Rutherford Co. N.C.

### Double franked POW envelope from a prisoner at Fort Delaware.



Flag of Truce Via. Fortress Monroe, thru Delaware City, Del. to Richmond, Va.  
for delivery to Pleasant Hill, Ga.



## Military Field Cancels

### Army of Tennessee

The Chattanooga, Tenn. town canceler with year logo removed was used as a military field cancel after the evacuation of Chattanooga on Sep. 8, 1863



to Pleasant Lane, S.C.

**Manuscript Chickamauga, Tenn. Cancel**  
Forerunner to the wood block Army of Tenn., and Chickamauga Cancel



to Washington, Ga.

## Military Field Cancells

Army of Tennessee

Wood block canceler

ARMY  
OF  
TENN



to Mt. Jefferson, Chambers County Ala.

Seven bar grid with rim



to Columbus, Ga.

# Military Field Cancels

## Army of Northern Virginia

### Seven bar rimless grid



to Paineville P.O. Amelia County, Va.

### Ten bar rimless grid



to McFarlands Lunenburg, Va.



## Military Field Cancels

### Army of Northern Virginia

#### Four ring target



to Lewis Fork P.O. Wilkes County, N.C.

#### Seven bar grid with rim

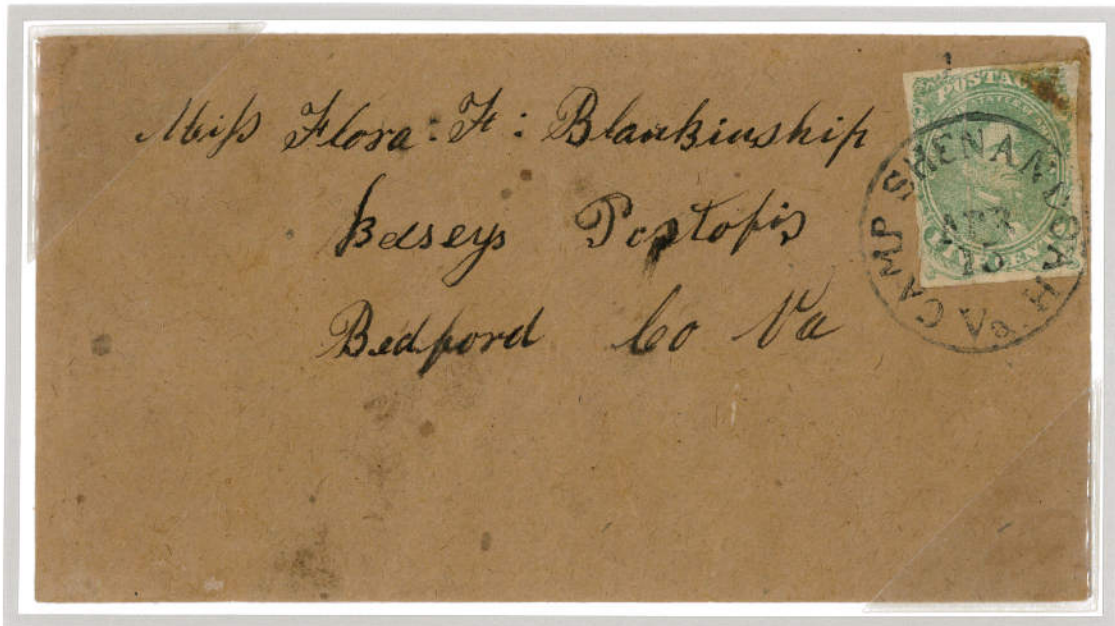


to Talladega, Ala.

## CAMP SHENANDOAH, VIRGINIA

### Military Camp Postmark

A post Office for the military was established at Camp Shenandoah, Virginia (about 20 miles northwest of Staunton, Virginia) in early April of 1862. The Camp ceased operation on April 20, 1862 when it was abandoned. Both postmarked and manuscript canceled mail is known from this camp. The total number of covers recorded from Camp Shenandoah of both types is Seven.

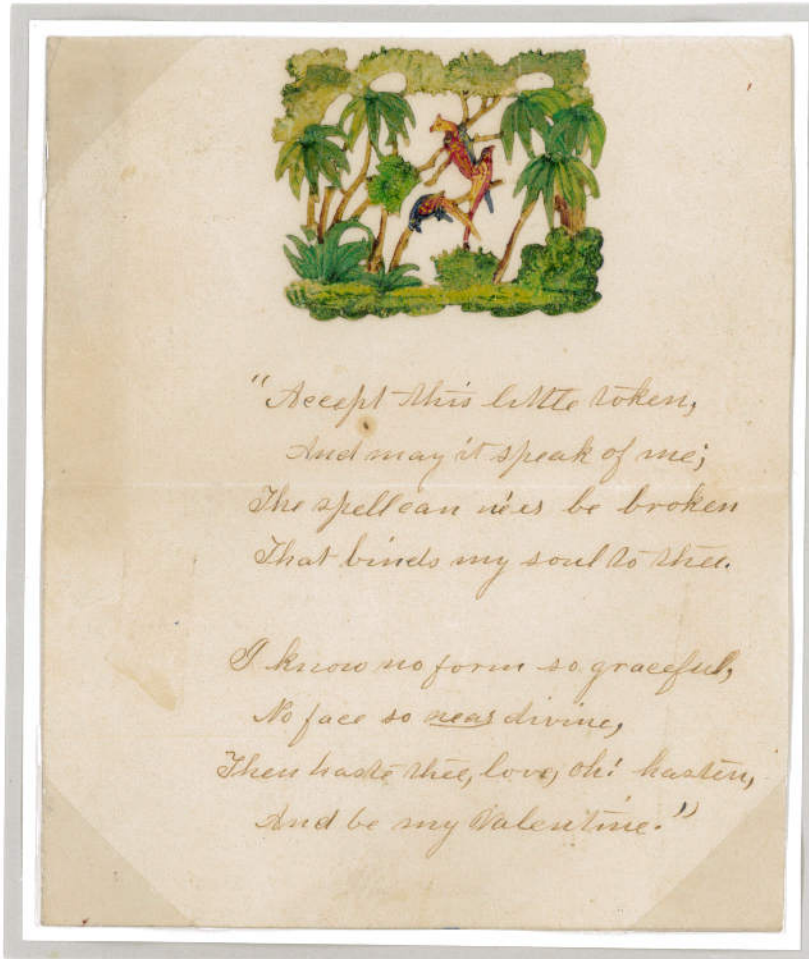


Camp Shenandoah, Virginia April 15, (1862) to Bedford County, Virginia

A single 5 Cent Green Lithograph of 1861 pre-pays the 5 cents per half ounce rate for letters traveling less than 500 miles.

## Valentine

From the date of issue of the first Confederate postage stamps in October of 1861, until the end of the war in 1865 there were only 4 Valentines days.



Richmond, Va. Feb. 13, 1863 to Mocksville, N.C.



# Valentine

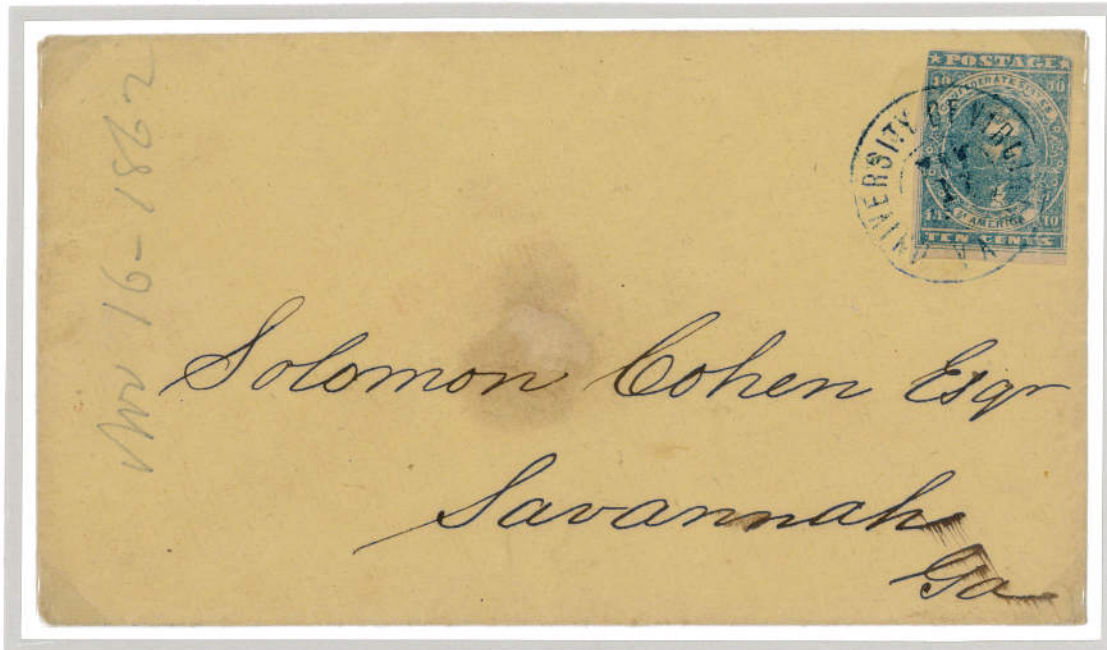


Emory, Va. Feb. 13, (1864) to Carters Depot, Tenn.  
Blue town cancel



**College Mail**

**University of Virginia**



**University of Virginia to Savannah, Ga.  
Blue cancel**

**Trinity College  
(Predecessor of present day Duke University)**



**Trinity College to Army of Northern Virginia**

## Railroad Mail

Wartrace (Station) N & C R. R.



To Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bristol (Station) V. & T. R. R.



To Starrsville, Ga.



## Mourning Covers



Mobile, Ala.  
to  
Flat Rock,  
Henderson, Co. N.C.

Tallahassee, Fla.  
to  
Raleigh, N.C.



Thomasville, Ga.  
to  
Charlottesville, Va.

## Adversity Uses

### Wallpaper envelopes



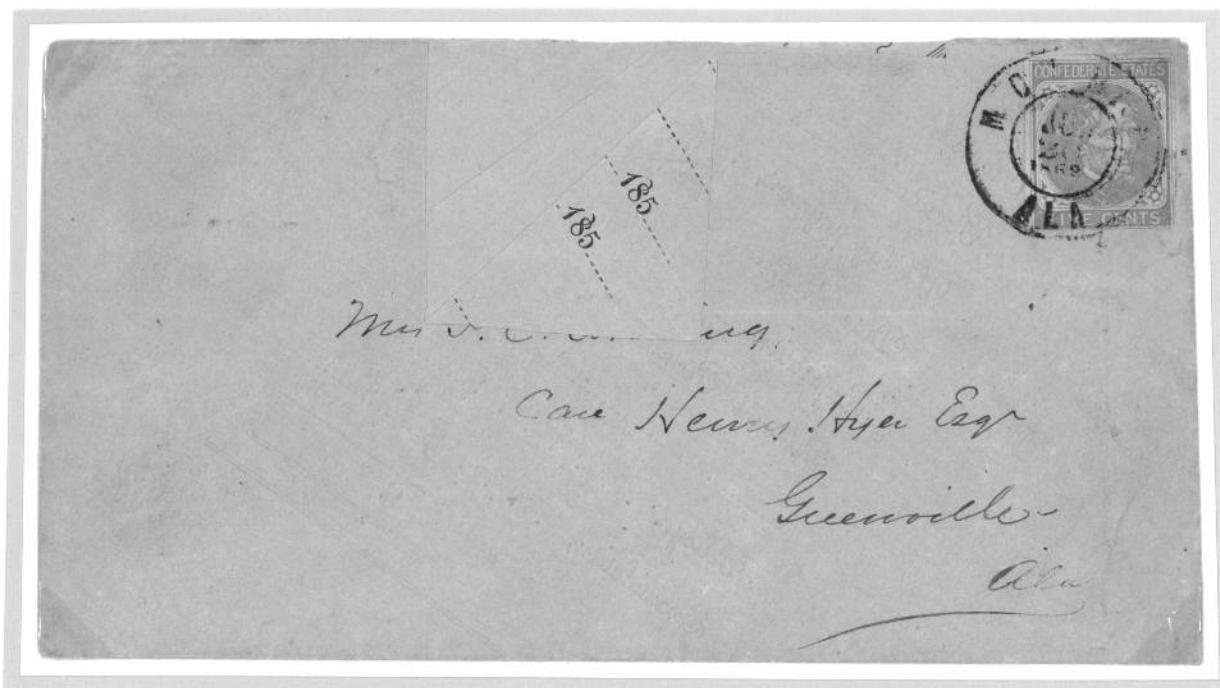
Charleston, S.C. to Spartanburg, S.C.



Savannah, Ga. to Adams Run, S.C.

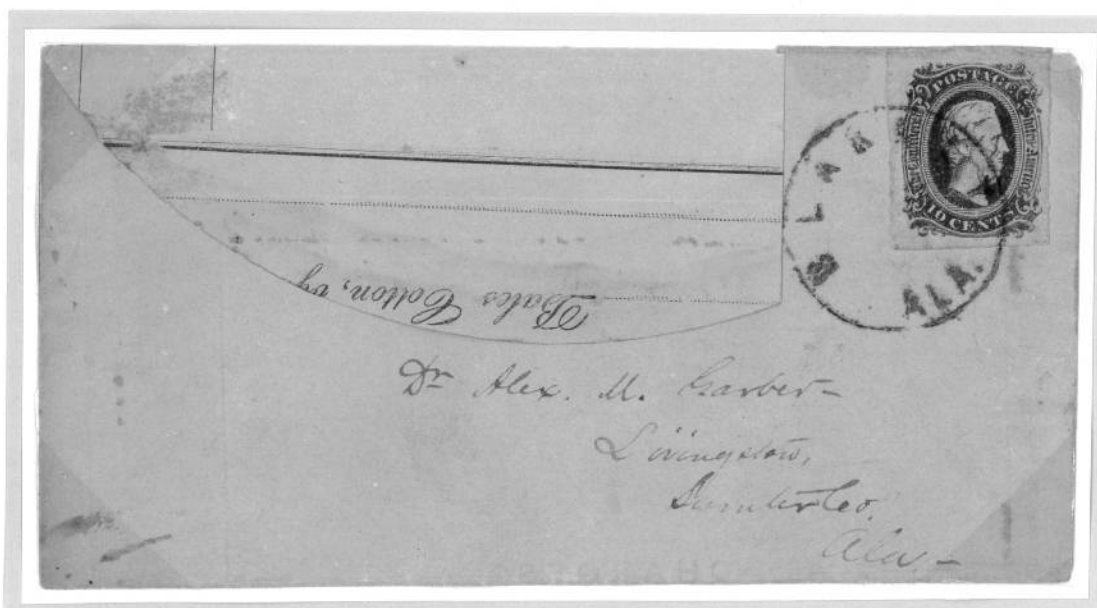
## Adversity Uses

### Envelope made from a pre-war Insurance Form



Mobile, Ala. to Greenville, Ala.

### Envelope made from a cotton invoice form

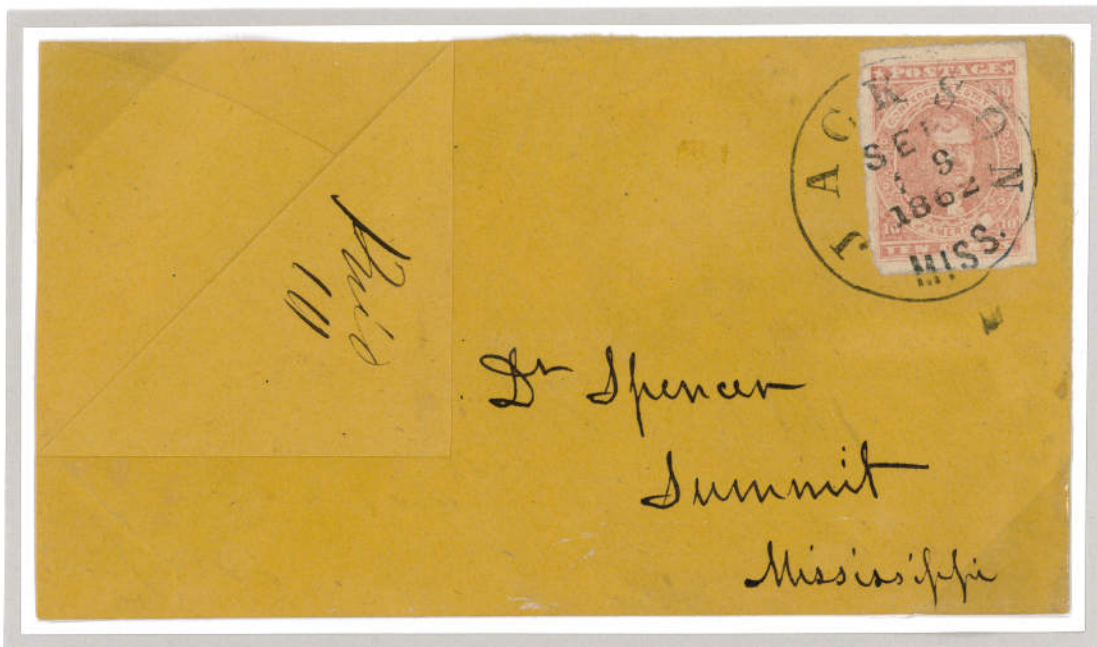


Blakely, Ala. to Livingston, Ala.



## Adversity Uses

### Turned (reused) envelopes



**First Use: Summit, Miss. to Jackson, Miss. (Manuscript Paid 10)**

**Second Use: Jackson, Miss. To Summit, Miss. (10 Cent Rose Adhesive SEP 19, 1862)**



**First Use: Richmond, Va. to Mechum's River, Va. (20 Cent Green Adhesive JUL 29 1863)**

**Second Use: Mechum's River, Va. to Richmond, Va. (10 Cent Blue Type 1 Adhesive Aug 1)**

**Note: The first Use contents apparently exceeded One Half Oz. While  
The second Use contents apparently were under One Half Oz.**

## Adversity Uses

### Turned (reused) envelopes



**First Use: Liberty, Va. to Richmond, Va.  
Second Use: Richmond, Va. to Liberty, Va.**

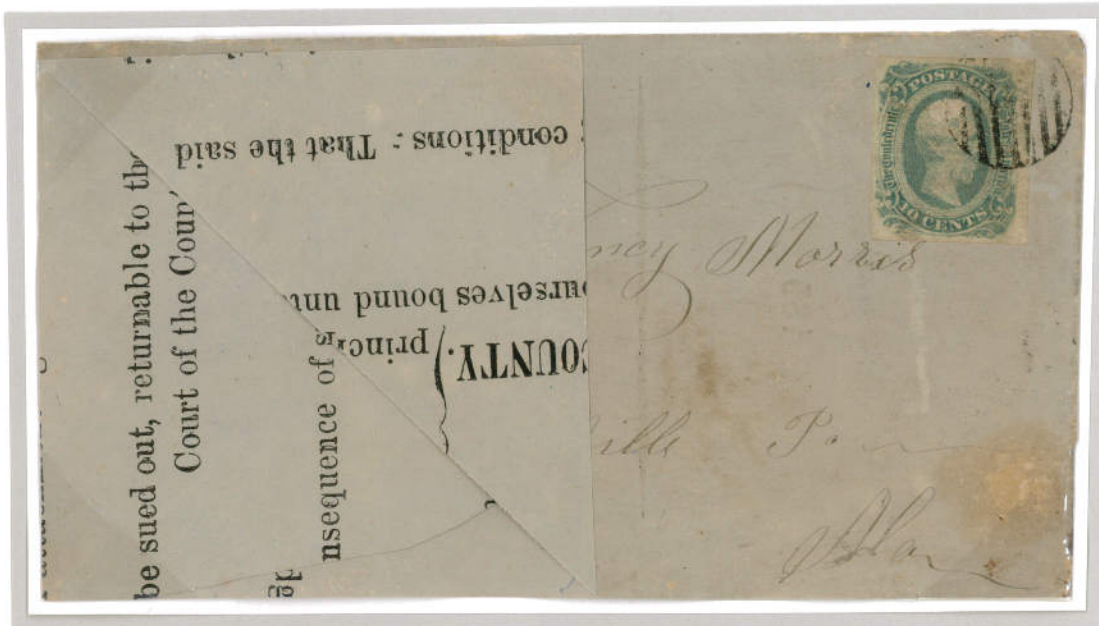


**First Use: Columbia, S.C. to Salem, N.C.  
Second Use: Salem, N.C. to Hillsboro, N.C.**



## Adversity Uses

### Envelope made from a legal form



Army of Tenn. grid cancel to Bellsville, Ala.

### Refolded commercial envelope

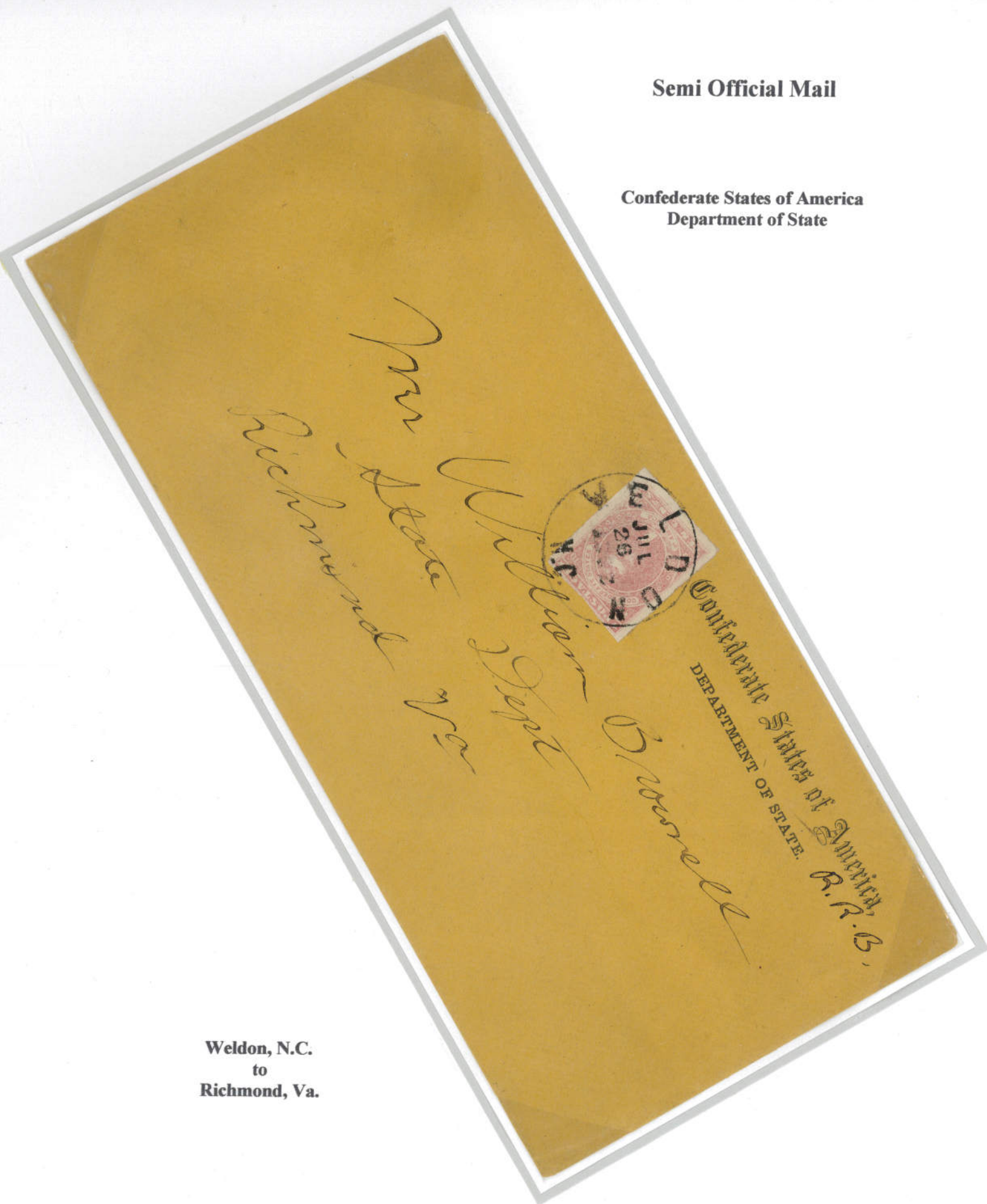


Savannah, Ga. to Athens, Ga.



**Semi Official Mail**

**Confederate States of America  
Department of State**



**Weldon, N.C.  
to  
Richmond, Va.**

Semi Official Mail

State of Georgia  
Adjutant and Inspector General's Office  
Ordnance Bureau

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.



STATE OF GEORGIA.  
Adjutant and Inspector General's Office.  
ORDNANCE BUREAU.

X

Milledgeville, Ga.  
to  
Stovall's Brigade  
Army of Tenn.  
in  
Georgia



## Official Mail

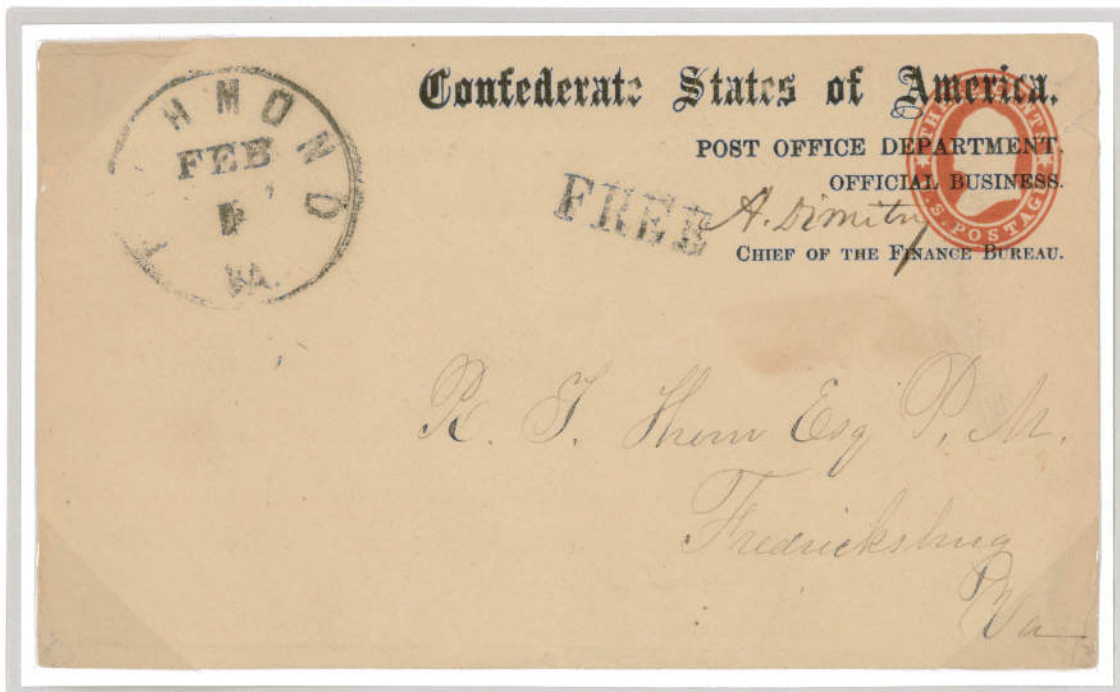
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Post Office Department Official Business, Contract Bureau  
Signed by: H. St. Geo. Offutt



FREE, Richmond, Va. to Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania Co. Va.

Post Office Department Official Business, Finance Bureau  
Signed by: A. Dimitry



FREE, Richmond, Va. to Fredericksburg, Va.



**Official Mail**

**Post Office Department,  
Dead Letter Office,  
Official Business**

**Signed by  
Jno. L. Harrell**

**Chief of the Finance Bureau**

**FREE  
Richmond, Va.  
to  
P.M.  
Acworth  
Ga.**



**Official Mail**

**Auditor's Office P.O.D.  
Official Business  
FREE**

**Signed by**

**B. Baker  
Auditor**

**Postmaster,**



**AUDITOR'S OFFICE. P. O. D.  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
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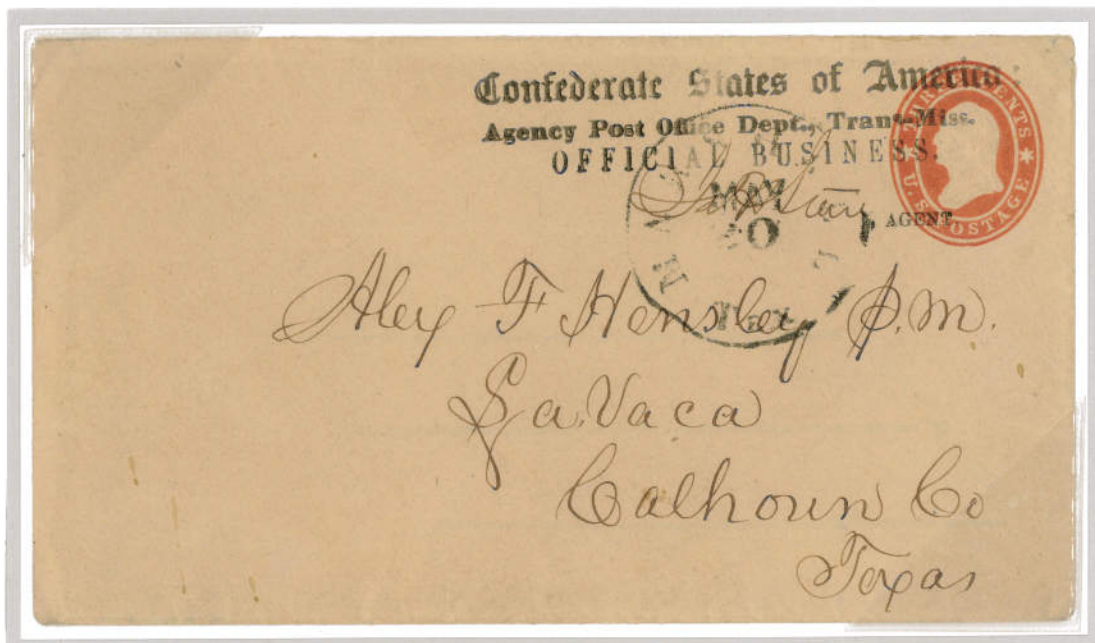
*B. Baker*  
**Auditor.**

*Acworth  
Cobb  
Ga*

**Richmond, Va.  
To  
Postmaster  
Acworth  
Cobb (County)  
Ga.**

## Official Mail

Agency Post Office Dept., Trans-Miss.  
Signed by: Jas. H. Starr



Marshall Texas May 20,(1863)to Port Lavaca, Calhoun Co. Texas

With the threat of the fall of Vicksburg Miss. And Port Hudson, La. the Confederate States Government authorized the creation of the Trans Mississippi Express mails in early May of 1863. The rate was set at 40 cents per half ounce. With the fall of Vicksburg, Mississippi and Port Hudson, La. The Confederacy was split and control of the Mississippi river was lost. The Trans-Mississippi mail became vital As a primary communication link between the Eastern & Western Parts of the Confederate States.