

Confederate States of America 1861-1865

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1861 - 1865

Stamps and covers illustrating the changing types of postal service beginning with independent statehood. Included are some unusual usages.

The following pages show:

- I. Independent statehood, with first and last day covers.
- II. Confederate usage of United States stamps, postal stationery and handstamped paid.
- III. Transition period, including "Southn. Letter Unpaid" to France.
- IV. Express mail, including earliest Confederate usage, and express and postal service combinations.
- V. Handstamped paid, including four which are the only recorded examples, one on valentine cover.
- VI. Soldiers' due letters.
- VII. Postmasters' provisional envelopes and stamps on cover, including two 2¢ values and a newly discovered blockade run cover via Memphis, Tenn.
- VIII. General issues, unused and used, including an unused "frame line" with sheet margin and original gum.
- IX. General issues on cover, including a 10¢ rose with imprint and 2¢ brown-red strip of five on semi-official cover.
- X. Other usages, such as blockade, Trans-Mississippi Express, and a Mexico to Confederate Texas cover with postal markings of both countries.
- XI. Prisoner-of-war and flag-of-truce covers, including the only recorded cover from Ft. Columbus Prison, N. Y. and a valentine cover to a prisoner-of-war.

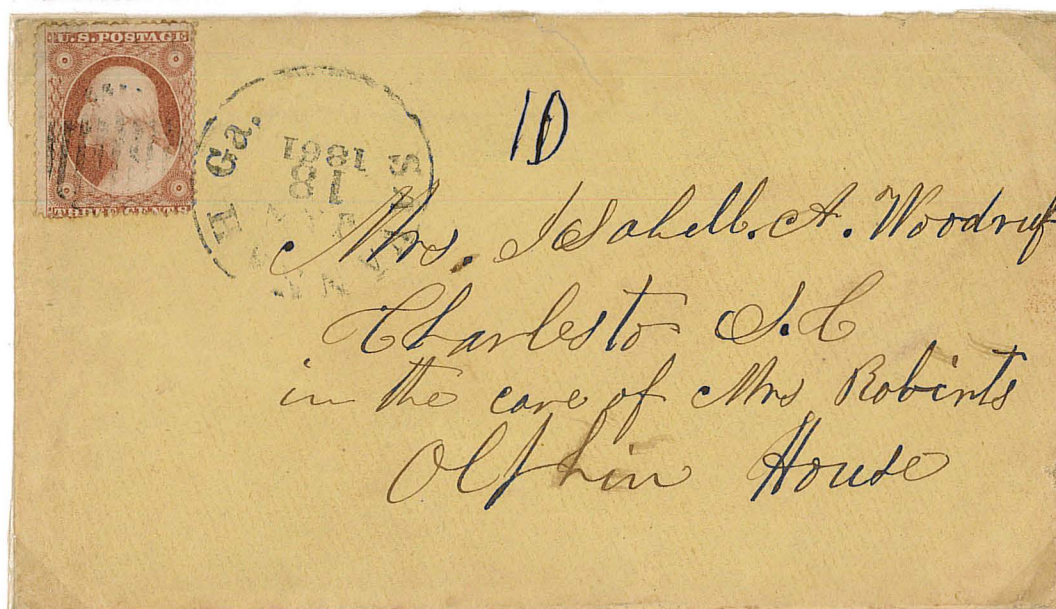
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INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD. FIRST DAY COVERS.



Mobile, Ala., Jan. 11, 1861, the day that Alabama seceded. This is the only reported first day cover of the Independent State of Alabama.

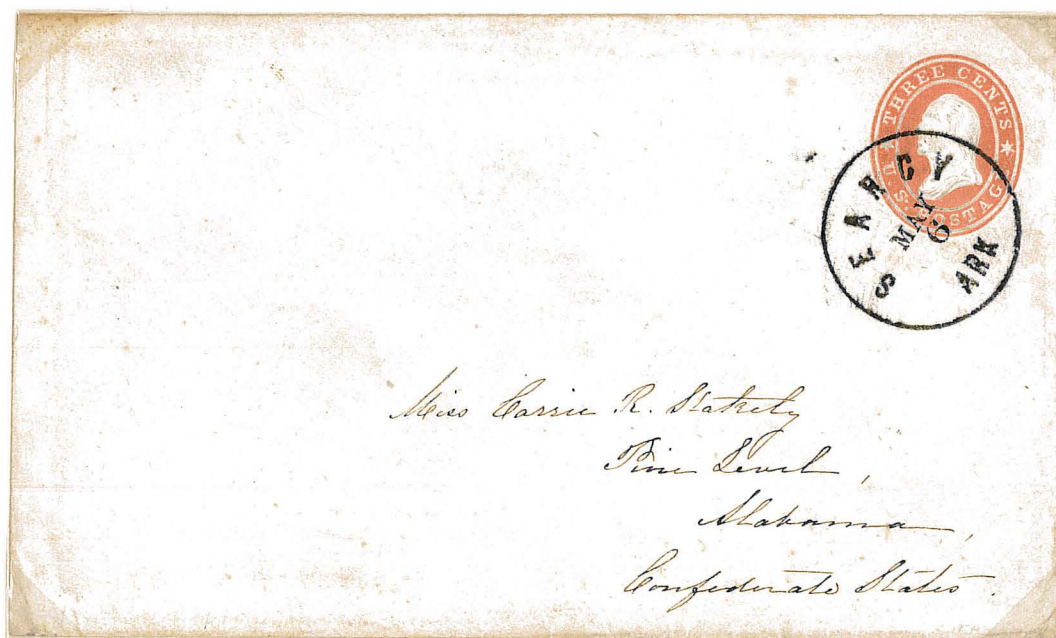


Savannah, Ga., Jan. 18, 1861, the day that Georgia seceded. This is the only reported first day cover of the Independent State of Georgia.

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1861

ARKANSAS INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD. FIRST DAY COVER.



May 6, (1861). Postmarked at Searcy, Ark. on the day Arkansas seceded from the United States. Arkansas joined the Confederate States on May 18, 1861.

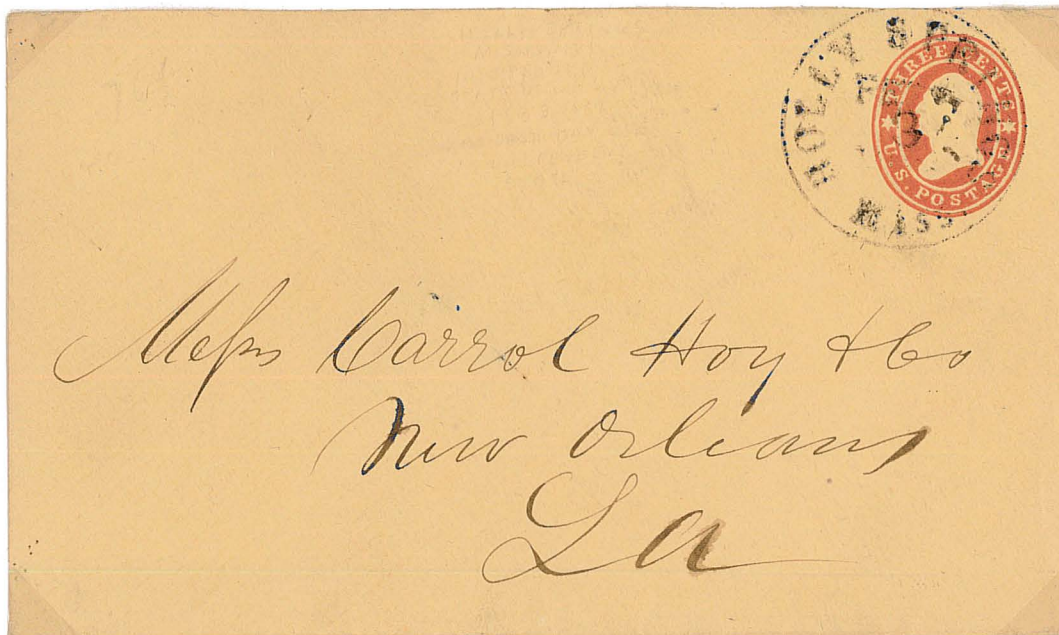
One other first day cover has been reported from this state.

U. S. 3¢ Star Die envelopes were issued in August 1860. They were demonetized in the South on June 1, 1861 and in the North before the end of 1861.

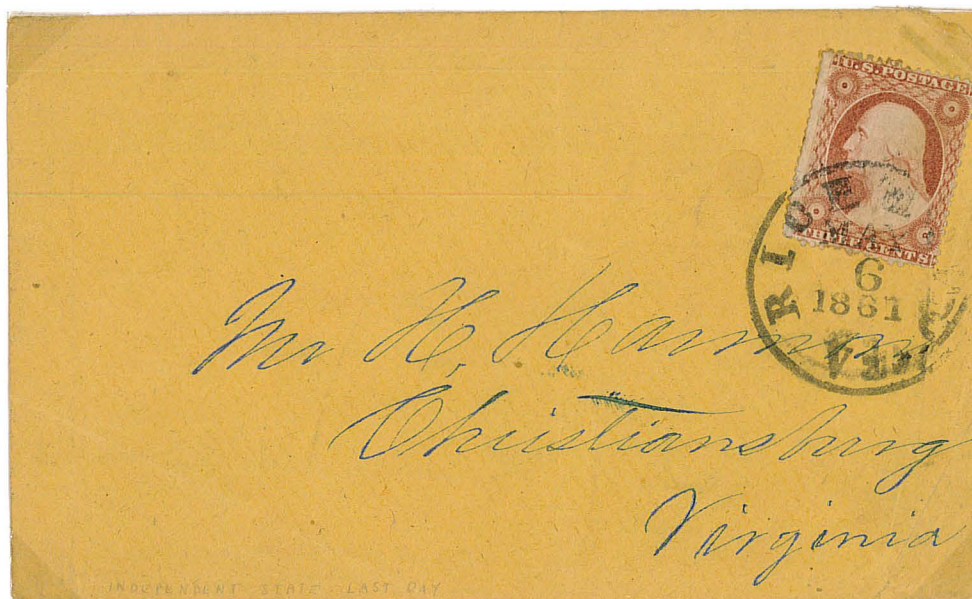
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INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD. LAST DAY COVERS.



February 3, 1861. Postmarked at Holly Springs, Independent State of Mississippi, on the day before Mississippi joined the Confederate States.

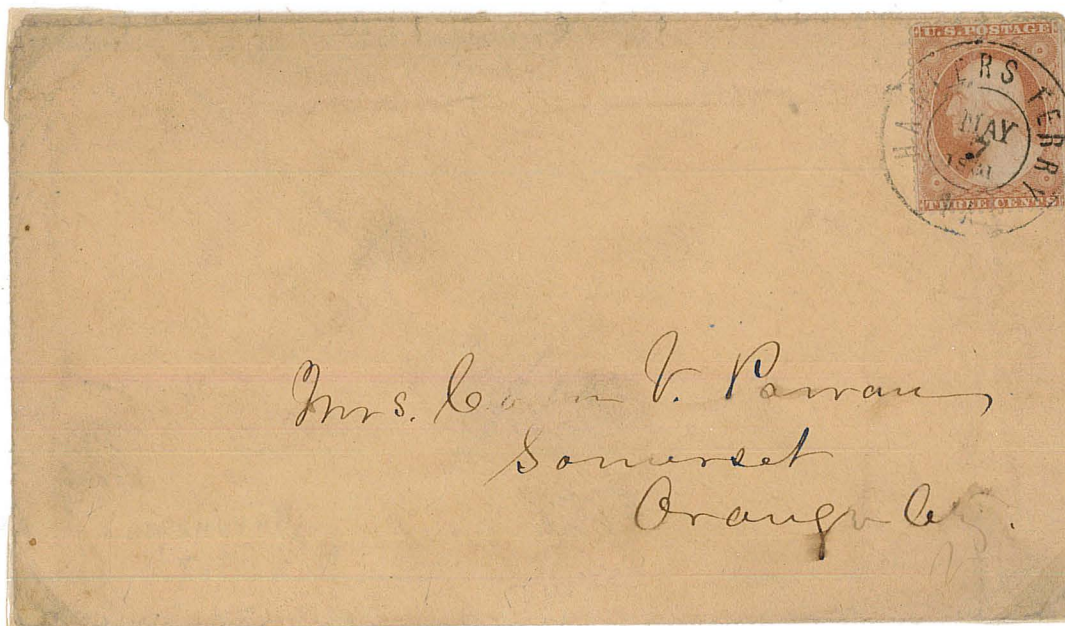


May 6, 1861. Postmarked at Richmond, Independent State of Virginia, on the day before Virginia joined the Confederate States.

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May 7, 1861

FIRST DAY OF VIRGINIA AS A CONFEDERATE STATE



The cover was mailed at Harper's Ferry, Jefferson County, Virginia on the day that Virginia Joined the Confederacy.

Jefferson County joined the Union State of West Virginia in November, 1863.

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IE USAGE OF UNITED STATES STAMPS



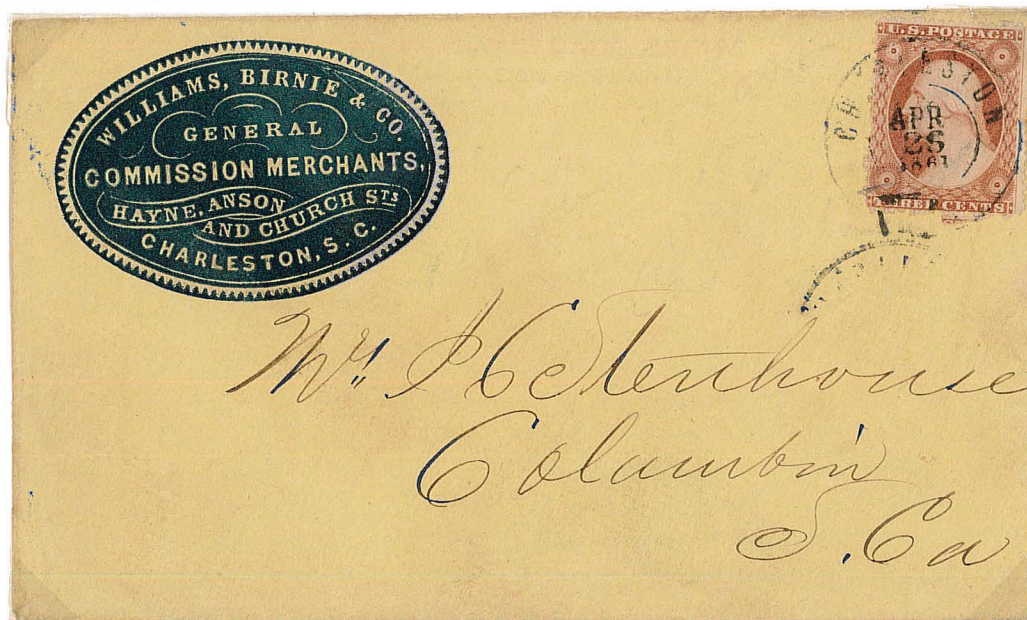
urrent dated Feb. 8, 1861 from Savannah, Ga.



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CONFEDERATE USAGE OF U. S. STAMPS.



U. S. 3¢ stamp used at Charleston, S. C. on cover with a commission merchant's corner card.



U. S. 3¢ stamp used at Charleston, S. C. on patriotic cover illustrating the first Confederate flag design.

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CONFEDERATE USAGE OF UNITED STATES STAMPS



New Orleans, La. Mar. 26, 1861, on cover to France.
Backstamps



Folded letter dated Feb. 27, 1861 from New Orleans, La. to Havana, Cuba. Backstamp



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CONFEDERATE USAGE OF U. S. 30¢ STAMP



The 30¢ stamp paid double rate on March 16, 1861 from New Orleans, La. to France. The cover was carried by British packet with direct service from Boston to Calais, France.

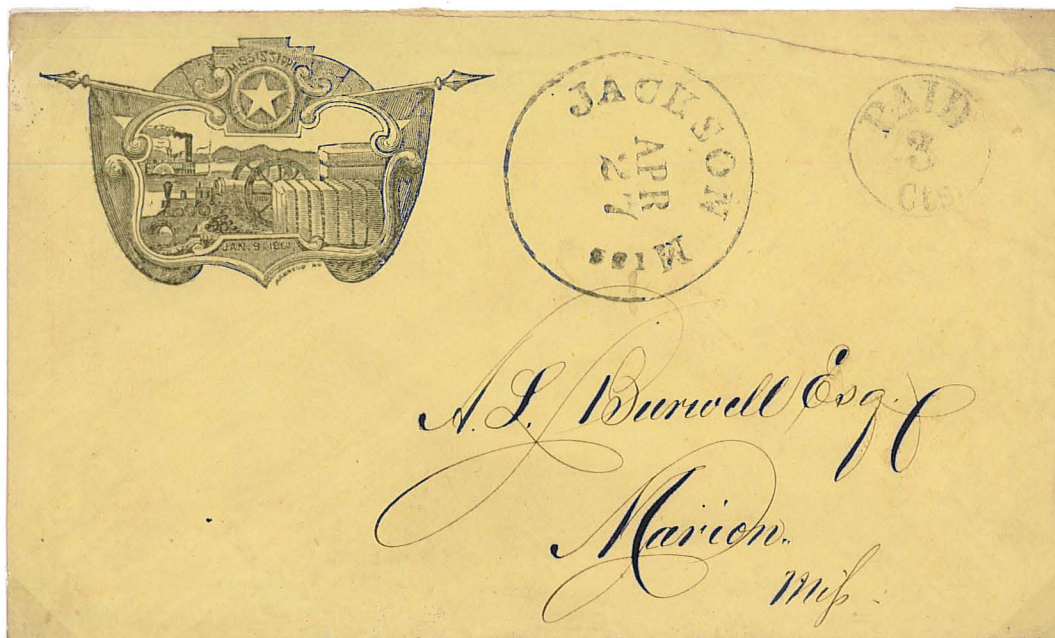
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CONFEDERATE USAGE. PATRIOTIC DESIGNS.



U. S. 3¢ envelope postmarked at Mobile, Ala. and adorned with die-cut seal of patriotic shield design.



Handstamped "PAID / 3 / Cts." in circle at Jackson, Miss. on cover with Confederate State Seal design of Mississippi.

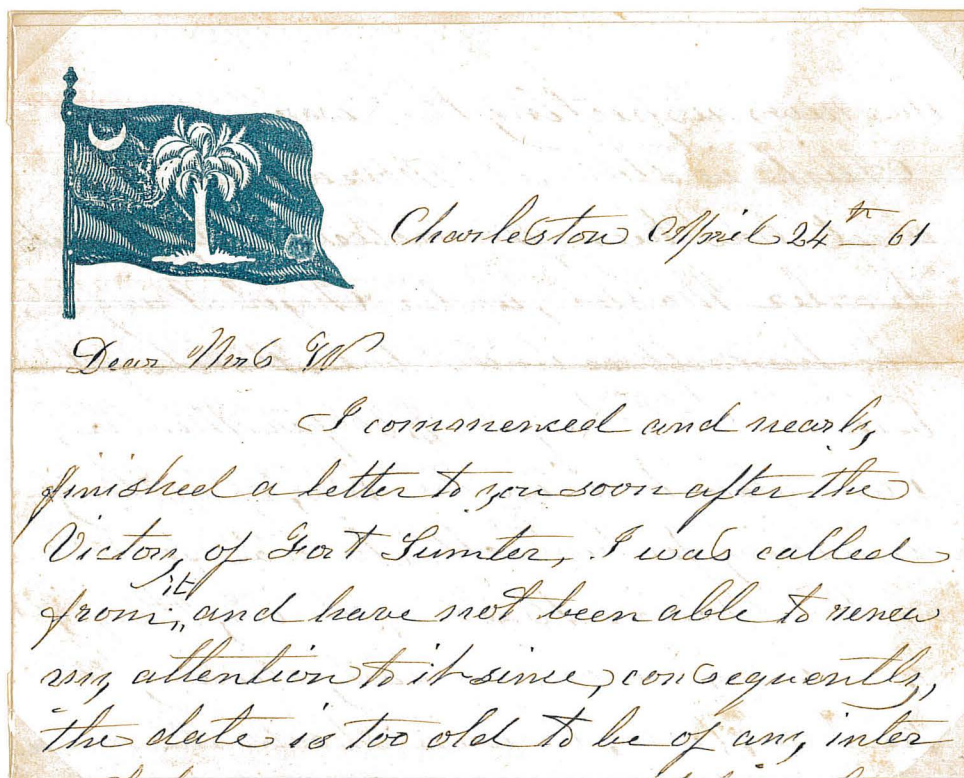
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CONFEDERATE USAGE OF UNITED STATES STAMP.



United States 3¢ stamp used in Charleston, S. C., April 26, 1861. South Carolina became a member of the Confederate States on February 4, 1861.



Lettersheet enclosure with patriotic design of Palmetto State (S. C.) flag. The letter begins, "I commenced and nearly finished a letter to you soon after the Victory of Fort Sumter."

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PACKET BOAT COVER WITH "WAY" MARKING.



WAY



Packet "Gen'l Hodges" handstamp on Feb. 10, 1861 cover. "WAY" and New Orleans, La. town postmark applied on arrival, six days after Confederate statehood.

"General Hodges" operated on the Red, Ouachita and lower Mississippi Rivers in 1861. She later stayed on the upper Red River and was not captured until the end of the war.

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CALIFORNIA TO VIRGINIA

Mormon Island, Cal. to South Boston, Va. (C.S.A.)



The 10¢ Star Die envelope was in use about one year before it was demonetized in the Fall of 1861.

The cover was mailed when Virginia was an independent state and arrived after Virginia joined the Confederate States.

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May 28, 1861

ILLEGAL DELIVERY TO THE CONFEDERATE STATES



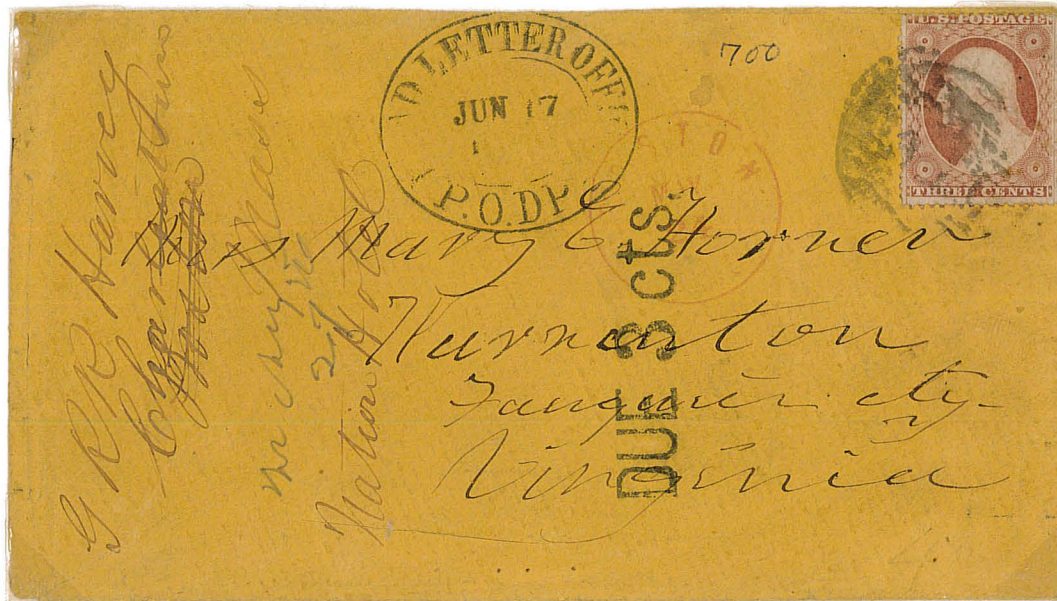
U. S. Postmaster General Montgomery Blair ordered suspension of mail delivery to the "Seceded States" as of May 28, 1861. On that day this Star Die cover, addressed to the seceded State of Louisiana, was postmarked at Boston, Mass. The Boston Post Office disobeyed Blair's order by placing the cover in the regular mail instead of forwarding it to the Dead Letter Office.

It is probable that the cover traveled by way of the Memphis route, which remained open during the first part of June. It was found with other covers of earlier dates and same address in New Orleans, La.

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May - June, 1861

UNDELIVERED MAIL



DUE 3 cts

This cover was mailed at Boston, Mass. for transmission to Hurnenton, Va. The cover could not be delivered; mail service to that part of Virginia had been discontinued because of wartime conditions.

The cover was sent to the Dead Letter Office in Washington, D. C., where it was opened, examined and returned to the sender. Postage due of three cents was charged.

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7-STAR OVERALL FLAG COVER



U. S. 3¢ stamp postmarked Kansas, Mo., used in a border state to express Confederate sentiment.

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"SOUTH. LETTER UNPAID" TO FRANCE

SOUTH. LETTER
UNPAID.



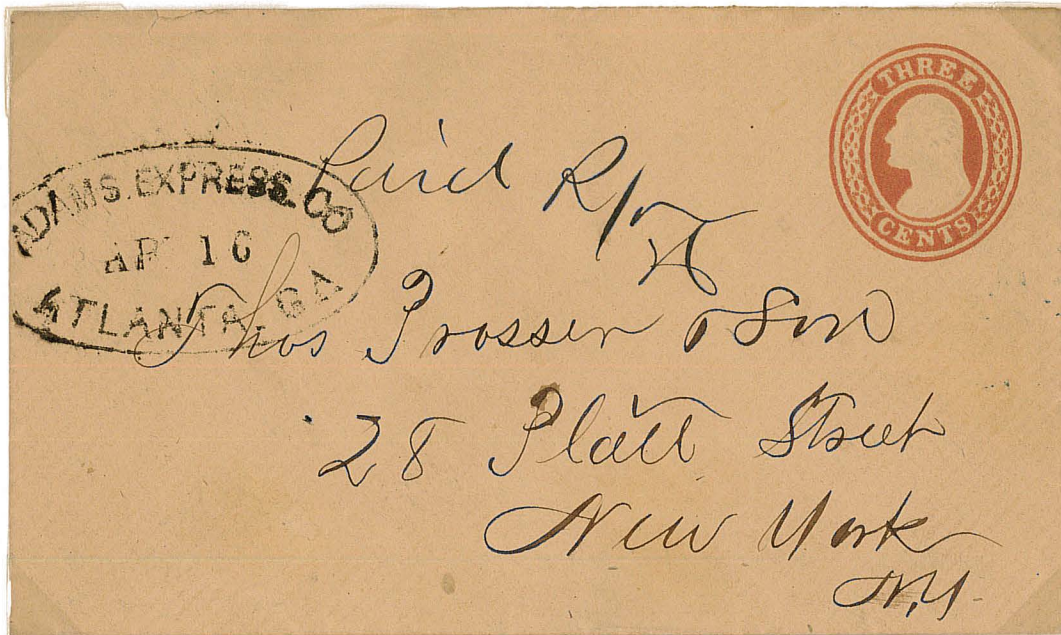
New Orleans, La. to Paris, France. Dated June 10 at New Orleans, with 15¢ in stamps for United States to France rate. U. S. stamps from the South were not accepted after June 1, so the cover was rated "Due 15" at Louisville, Ky. Carried unpaid by American packet, via England, to France as indicated by New York and French exchange office markings. Large "8" for 8 decimes due from the addressee.

One other similar cover reported.

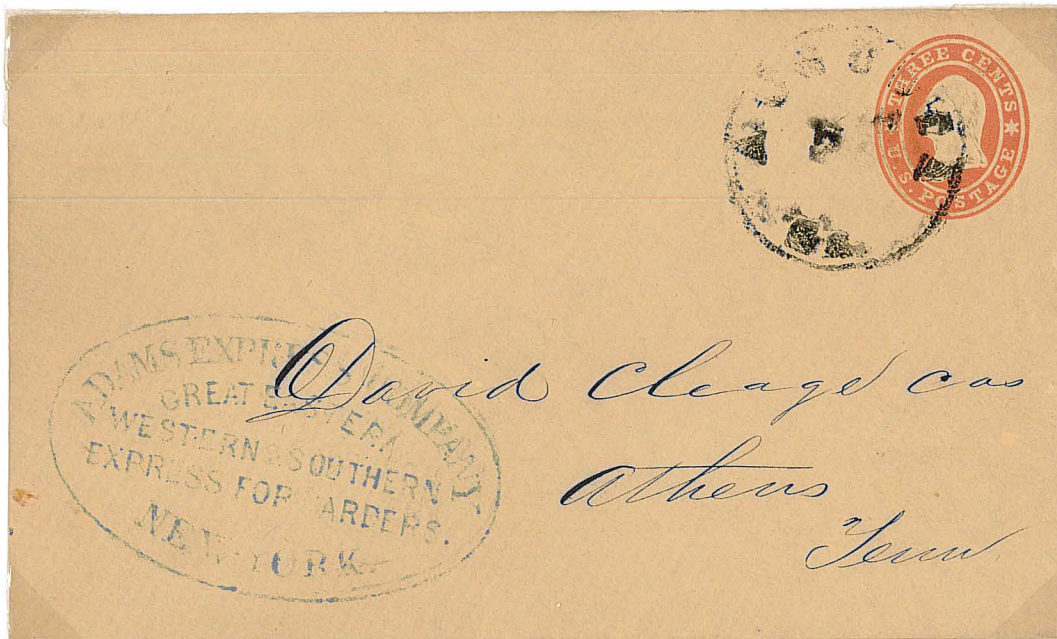
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EARLY ADAMS EXPRESS COVERS (Before June 1861)



April 16, (1861). Earliest reported from Atlanta, Ga. Carried from Atlanta to New York City entirely by express.



This cover was carried south by express from New York City to Augusta, Ga. where it was mailed at the post office. Then it traveled northwest by regular mail to Athens, Tenn.

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ACROSS THE LINES BY ADAMS EXPRESS



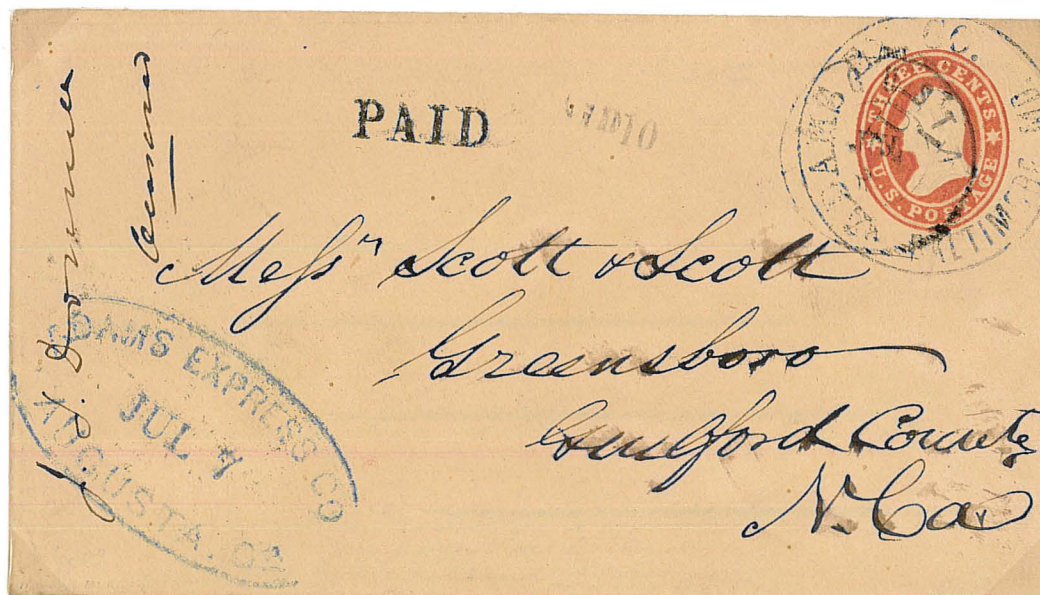
This cover was carried across the lines from Louisville, Ky. to Nashville, Tenn. by express. Adams Express mailed it at the Nashville post office, where it received the handstamped "PAID 10" and blue town postmark dated Aug. 14, 1861. It was postmarked again on Aug. 15, 1861 and traveled by regular mail to New Orleans, La.

Normal express route.

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ACROSS THE LINES BY ADAMS EXPRESS CO.



This cover was carried south from Adams Express Baltimore, Md. office (large circle) to its Augusta, Ga. office (blue oval). The following day it was mailed at the Augusta post office (small double-circle postmark and handstamped "PAID 10"). Then it traveled by regular mail to Greensboro, N. C.

Uncommon route.

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AMERICAN LETTER EXPRESS CO.



This cover was carried across the lines from the South by express and by regular United States mail beyond.

The cover arrived at the American Letter Express office in Louisville, Ky. on July 9, 1861 and mailed at the post office on the following day.

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ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY - SOUTHERN EXPRESS



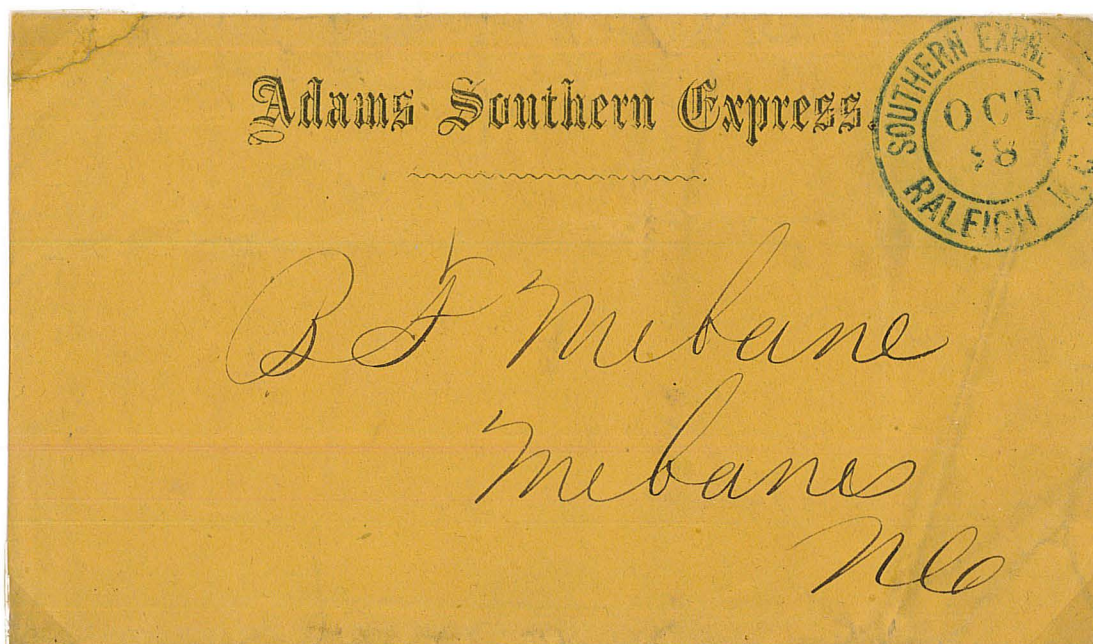
Soon after the first seven states seceded Adams Express Co. renamed its southern operation "Southern Express."

The cover, which was carried outside the mail, shows both names. It was used in Virginia after formation of the Confederate States, but before Virginia seceded.

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1861

SOUTHERN EXPRESS CO.



Circular date stamp of Southern Express Co. Raleigh, N. C. office on printed Adams Southern Express envelope.

This cover was carried only by express.

This is the only recorded example.

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MAILS SUSPENDED



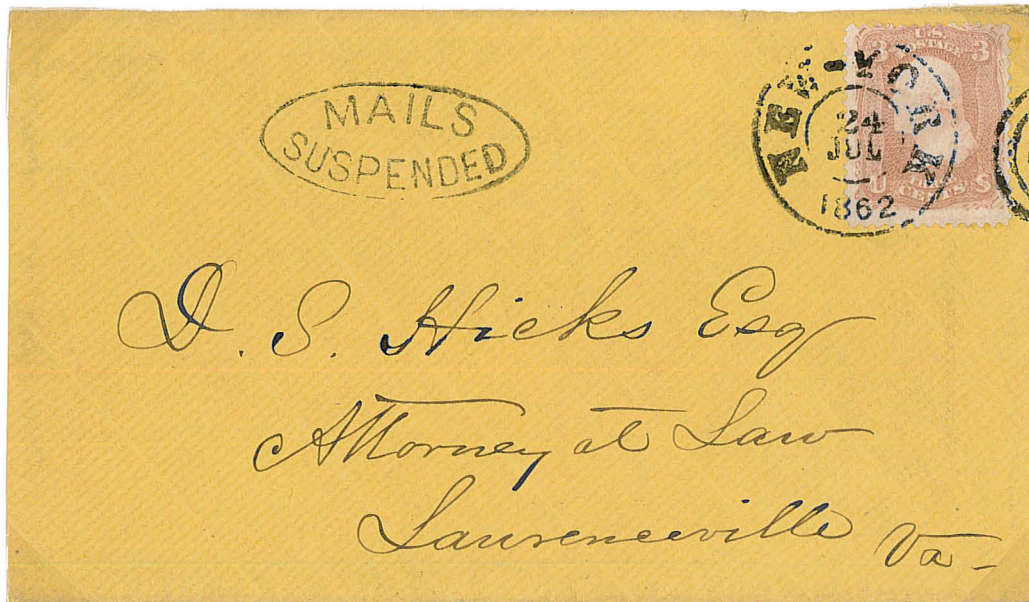
From Old Point Comfort, Va., addressed to Hartwell, Ga.
Mailed May 19 and backstamped June 28, 1862 at Nashville, Ten.



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MAILS SUSPENDED



From New York, N. Y., addressed to Lawrenceville, Va. Early use of black oval "MAILS SUSPENDED," which was applied at the Dead Letter Office.



From New York, N. Y., addressed to Confederate General John H. Cocke, Bremo, Va. Blue oval "MAILS SUSPENDED" applied in 1864 or 1865.

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1862

LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS HANDSTAMPED PAID



Typeset handstamp.

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FLORIDA HANDSTAMPED PAIDS



Pensacola, Fla. "PAID 5" to Moulton, Ala.

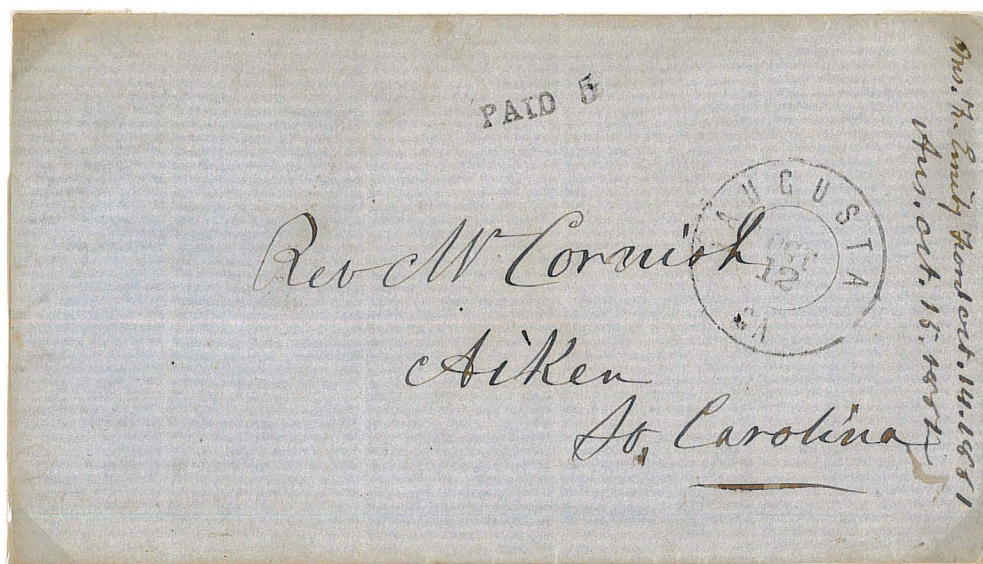


Warrington, Fla. "PAID 5" to Jackson, Miss.

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GEORGIA HANDSTAMPED PAIDS



Augusta, Ga. typeset "PAID 5" on folded letter.



Macon, Ga. handstamped "PAID" and "5" on patriotic cover.

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COLUMBUS, KENTUCKY HANDSTAMPED PAID



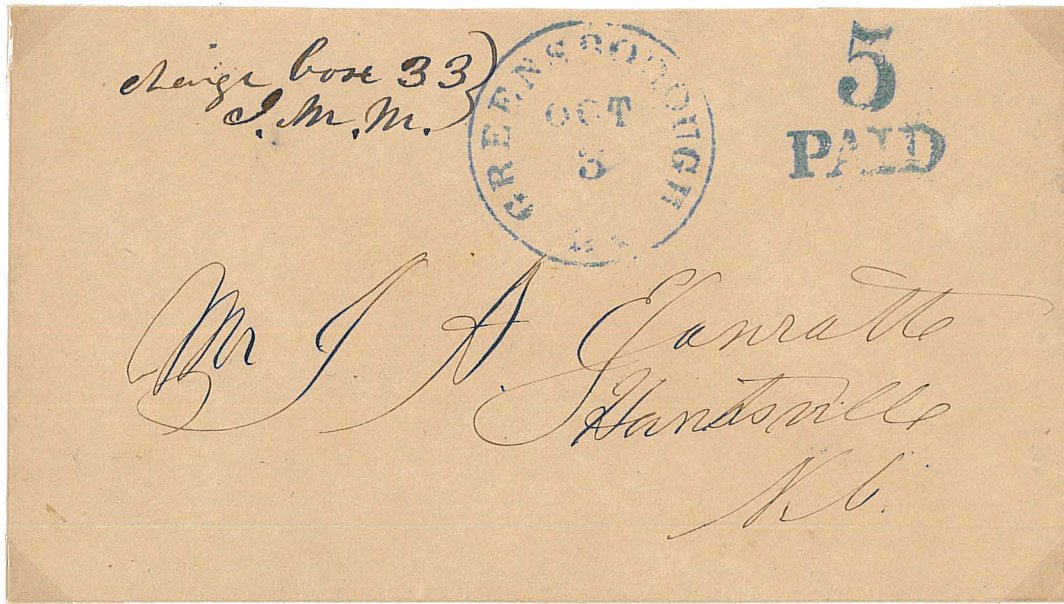
5¢ rate in manuscript at upper right.

This cover represents Confederate occupation of Union territory when a small part of Kentucky was occupied from September 1861 to February 1862.

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1861 - 1862

NORTH CAROLINA HANDSTAMPED PAIDS



Greensborough, N. C. "5 PAID" to Huntsville, N. C. Oct. 3, (1861). 5¢ rate for under 500 miles.

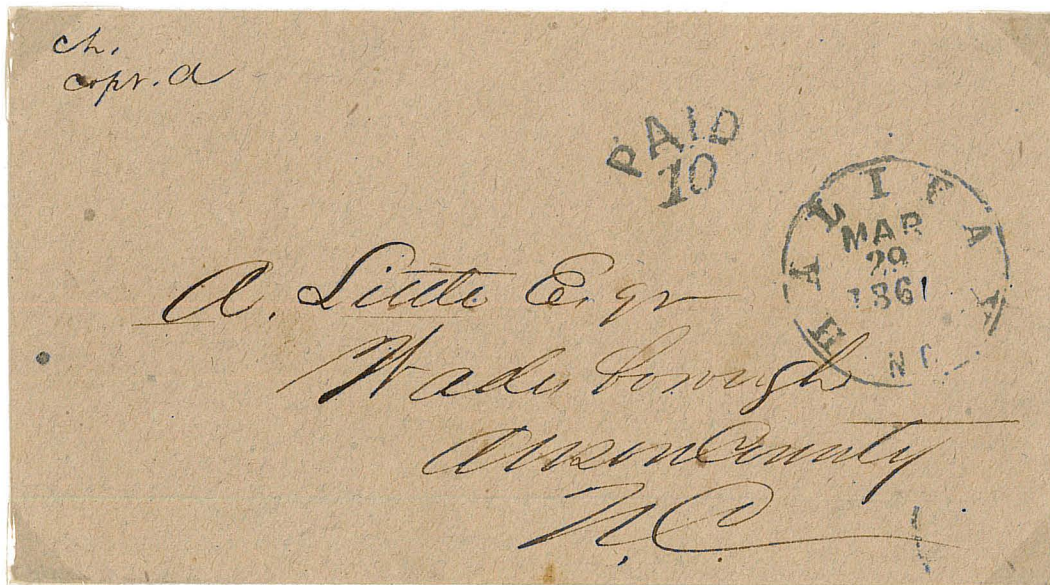


Rocky Mount, N. C. "PAID 10" to Joyner's Depot, N. C. Folded letter dated Sept. 8, 1862. 10¢ rate became effective July 1, 1862.

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NORTH CAROLINA PAIDS



Halifax, N. C. handstamped "PAID / 10."

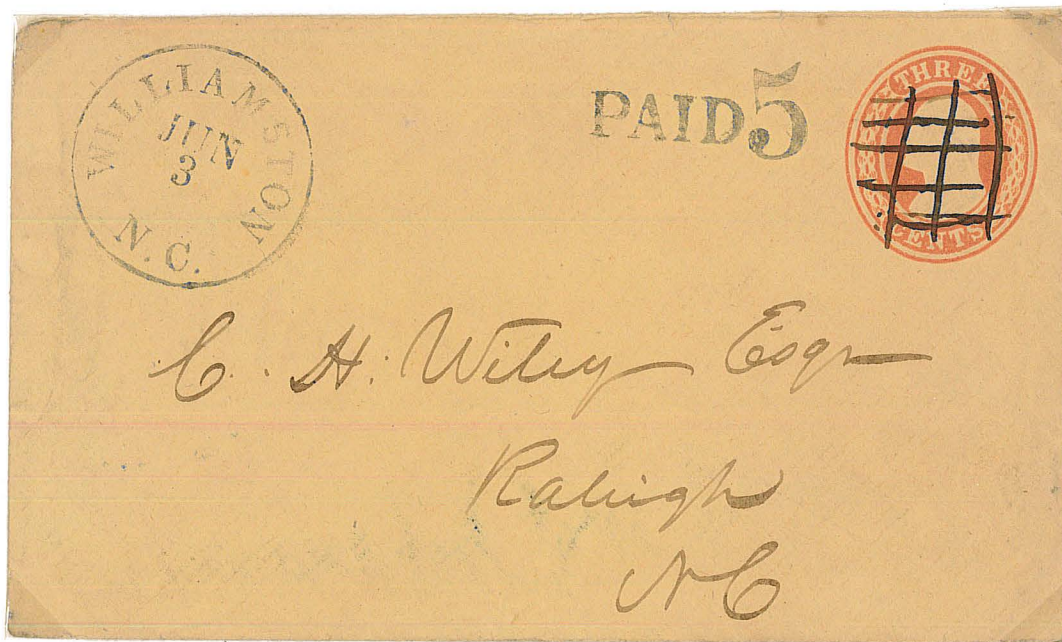


Mebaneville, N. C. postmark in blue and "Paid 5" rate in manuscript on cover with 10-star flag design. P. F. Cert.

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WILLIAMSTON, N. C. HANDSTAMPED PAID



"PAID 5" on invalidated United States 3¢ Nesbitt envelope.

This is the only recorded cover.

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1861

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. HANDSTAMPED PAID ON COLLEGE COVER



5¢ rate in manuscript. University of North Carolina over-
all design. Enclosure from a student at the university.

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1863

MAGNOLIA, N. C. HANDSTAMPED PAID ON VALENTINE COVER.



Valentine cover mailed at Magnolia, N. C. on Feb. 13, (1863) to Raleigh, N. C., and forwarded to Huntsville, N. C. Postage of 10¢ paid at Magnolia by handstamped "PAID" and manuscript "10." The Raleigh post office applied blue "FORWARDED" and "DUE 10" for collection from addressee.

This is the only recorded handstamped "PAID" from Magnolia, N. C.

The valentine which was enclosed is on the following album page.



THE HAPPY HUSBAND.

Now, Master Dishclout, there are you,
Following up your business true;
And boys and girls in gladness shout—
See how his wife drives him about.
Paltry fed, living midst the slobber.
Dirty, idling, rascal jobber;
Wring it out, without a doubt,
Even so is wrung thy snout

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SOUTH CAROLINA HANDSTAMPED PAIDS.



Graham's Turn Out, S. C. "PAID 5" on cover to Aiken, S. C.

This is the only recorded example.



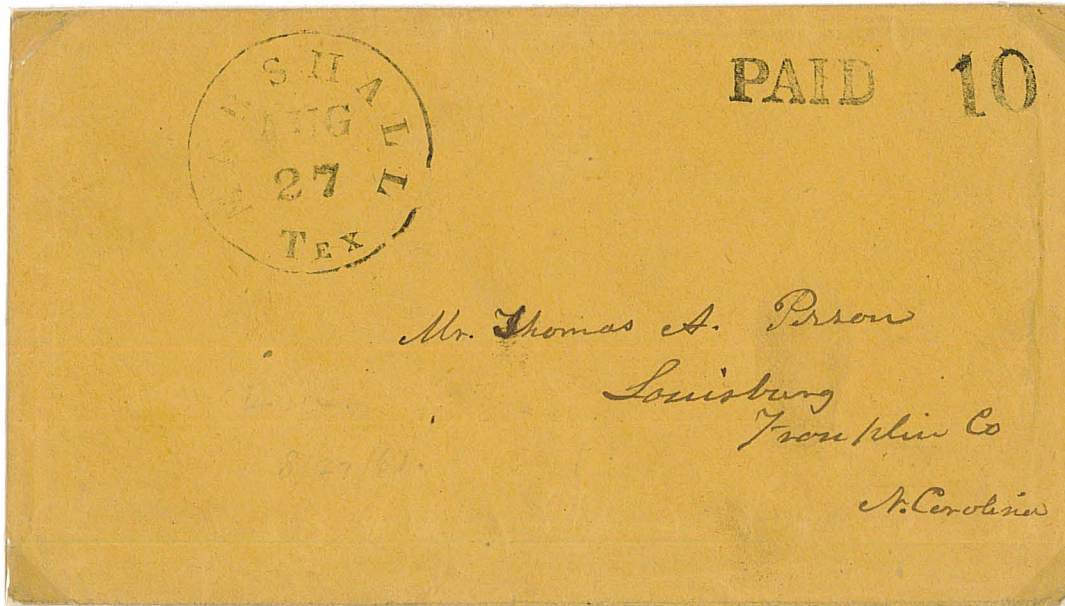
Winnsborough, S. C. "PAID 5" (Dietz Type II) on cover to Pocatigo, S. C.

Patriotic 11-star flag design made by adding four small stars to earlier seven-star flag.

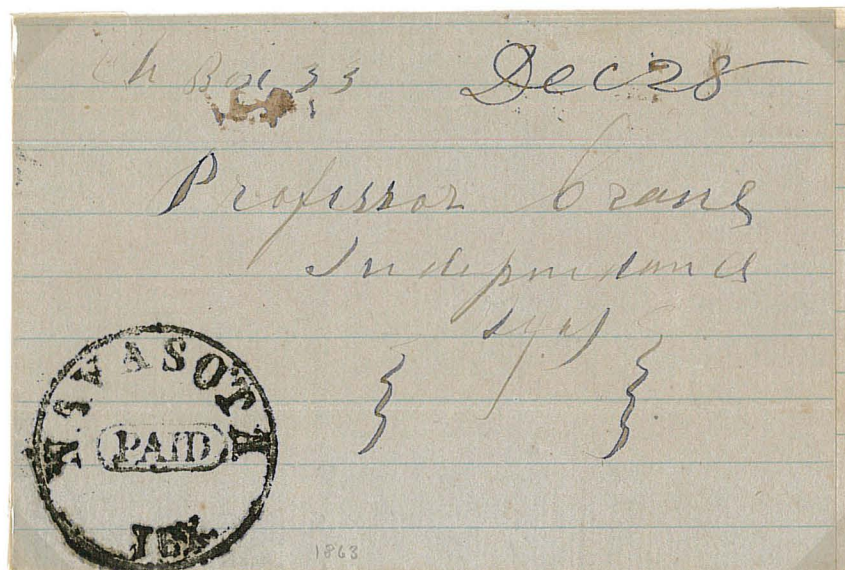
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1861 - 1863

TEXAS HANDSTAMPED PAIDS



Marshall, Tex. "PAID 10." 10¢ letter rate for over 500 miles to North Carolina. 1861 letter enclosed.

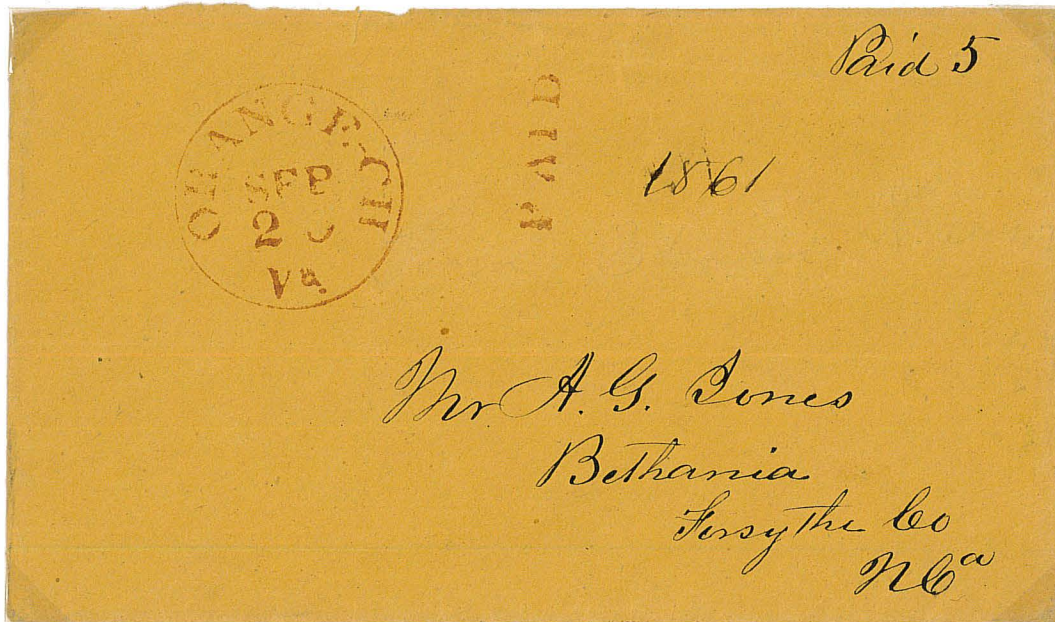


Navasota, Tex. "PAID" on 1863 folded letter. 10¢ rate not designated, but understood, as single letter rate was 10¢ for any distance in 1863.

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VIRGINIA HANDSTAMPED PAIDS



Orange Court House, Va. postmark and "PAID," both in brownish orange, on cover to Bethania, N. C.



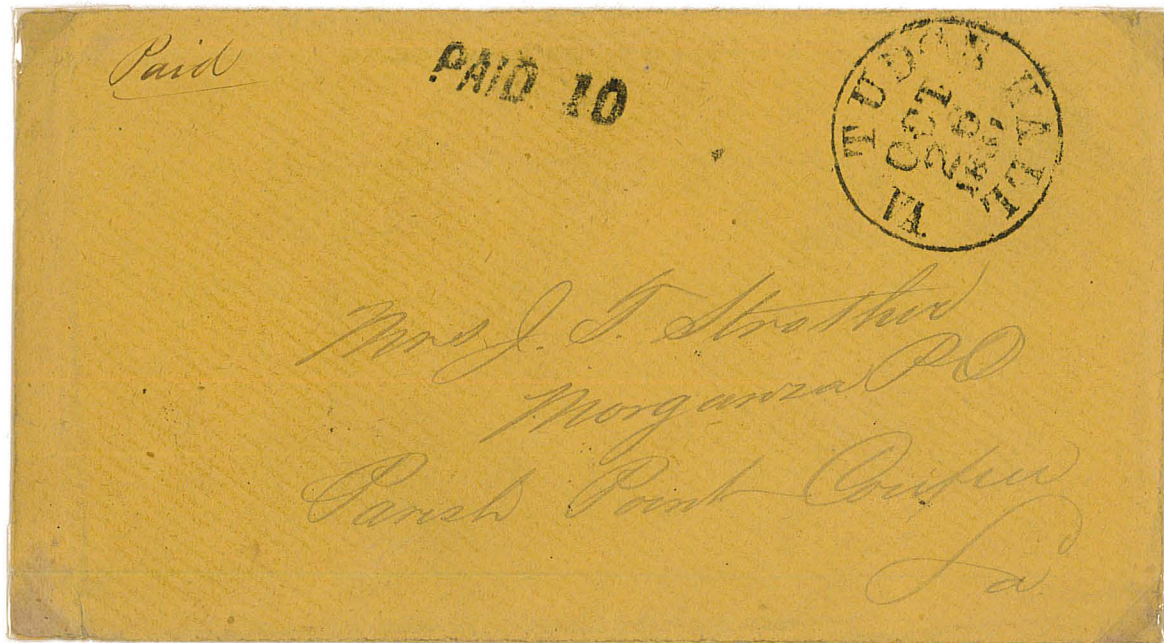
Randolph-Macon College, Va. postmark and unusual hand-stamped "PAID / 5 / C S A" on cover with blue embossed college inscription on back flap.



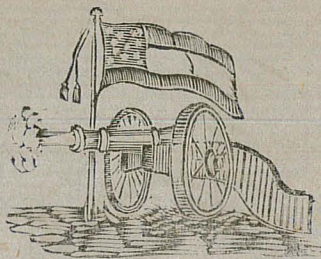
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TUDOR HALL, VA. HANDSTAMPED PAID



"PAID 10" of Tudor Hall, Va., post office of the Army of Northern Virginia. Soldier's letter enclosed.



Sold by J. W. Randolph, Richmond.

"Stand firmly by your cannon,
Let ball and grape-shot fly,
And trust in God and Davis,
But keep your powder dry."

Confederate States of America,

Camp Hallins Oct 25th

1861.

My dear Sister

Your letter of 12th came to hand yesterday & gave great pleasure to us to know that all at home were in good health. & so Nina has got down at last. we'll make good use of her. but take precious good care of her & Dan. How I would like to see them.

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1862

SOLDIERS' DUE LETTERS. DIFFERENT RATES.



"DUE 5" on March 1862 soldier's letter from Richmond, Va. to Hallsboro, Va. The 5¢ rate for distances up to 500 miles remained in effect until June 30, 1862.



"DUE 10" on soldier's letter from Culpeper Court House, Va. to McLeansville, N. C. The 10¢ rate for any distance went into effect on July 1, 1862.

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DUE COVER FROM MEMBER OF CONGRESS



Endorsed by "John A. Gilmer, M. C." at Richmond, Va. and rated "DUE 10." Used in 1863 or later.

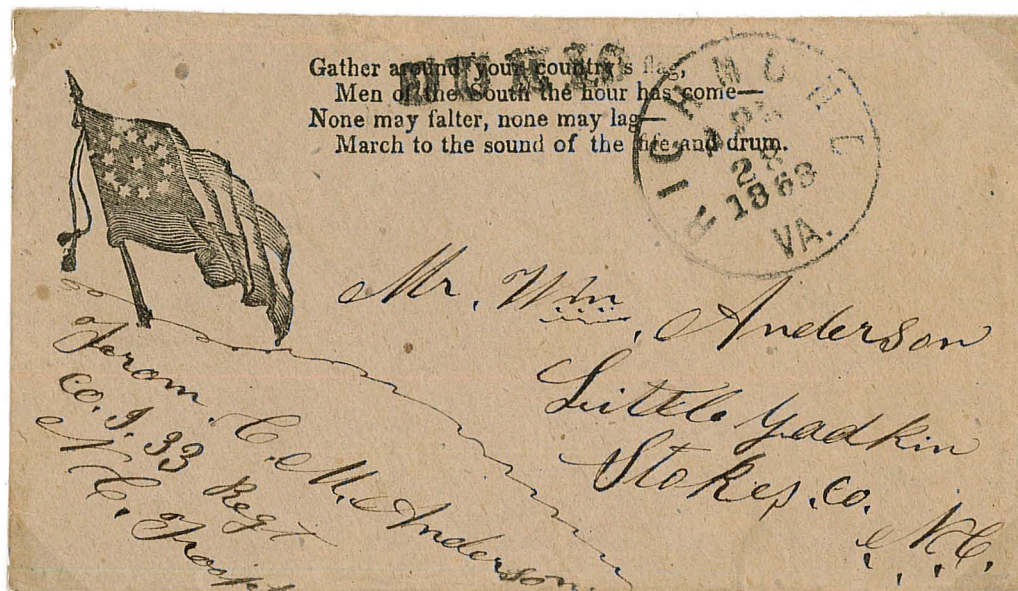
The Postal Bill of July 27, 1861 gave a congressman the privilege of sending mail postage due, provided the envelope was endorsed with his official signature.

The envelope is watermarked with large ornate crown and post horn.

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SOLDIER'S DUE LETTER WITH PATRIOTIC DESIGN.

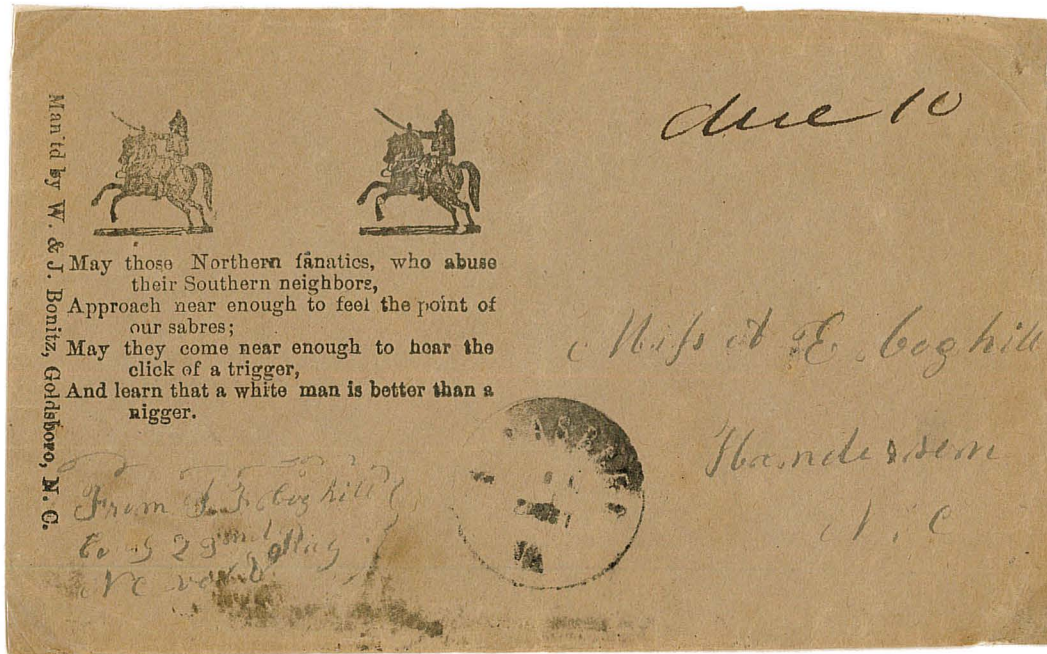


Camp Near Fredricksburg ^{Va.}
Dear Father & Apr The 18. 1868
Mother I this morning
with pleasure seat my self to let
know I am well hoping this may
d you all well I will tell you
news that can be relied upon
John, L. Fulk recieved a letter
in Charles, Fulk he is in Philadel
a going to School & they say
mom is there with him though I
under stood whether Fulk wrote
ing a honest king are knot but

Letter from a soldier of North Carolina Troops enclosed. It was written in a camp near Fredricksburg, Va. and describes U. S. Army observation balloon across the lines, "We can see them every day in there balloon...viewing...us."

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SOLDIERS' DUE LETTERS



North Carolina soldier's letter from Strasburg, Va. with manuscript "due 10." Soldier's name and military organization endorsement, as required.



Letter from soldier in Gen. J. E. B. Stuart's Signal Corps. Green Lynchburg, Va. postmark and "DUE 10."

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DUE COVER FROM ARMY OF TENNESSEE



"DUE/10" and "10" applied in the field on soldier's mail.

The "DUE/10" was originally used at Chattanooga, Tenn.

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1862

GREENVILLE & COLUMBIA RAILROAD



Railroad postmark and "5" (due) used on April 21, (1862).

Illustration in Dietz catalog taken from this cover.

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ABINGDON, VA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5¢ value impressed at upper left. The form was made with printer's wavy brass rule for frame and with type for center.

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ATHENS, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL STAMPS



5¢ purple, pair containing both types. Purple stamps were used Sept. 1861 - Jan. 1862. P. F. Certificate.

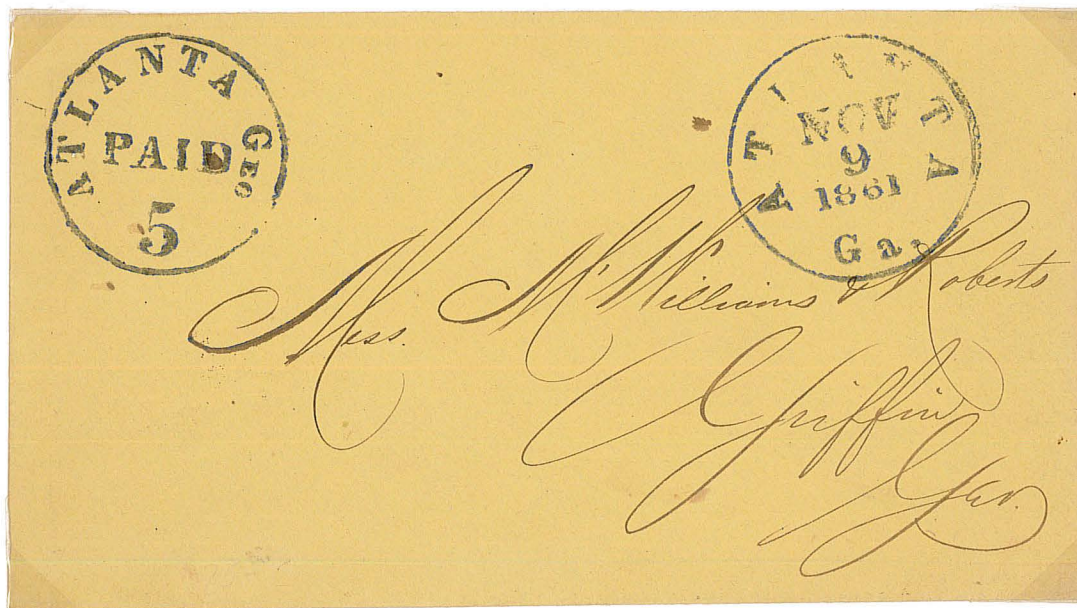


5¢ red. Red stamps were used March - April 1862. Seven covers known. Only college cover.

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ATLANTA, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPES.



5¢ Postmaster's Provisional handstamp Type I at upper left.



10¢ Postmaster's Provisional handstamp Type II at upper left.

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BATON ROUGE, LA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL STAMP.



5¢ green and carmine, Type I, typeset and printed in local newspaper plant. Position no. 1 in sheet of ten.

Late usage - February 1862.

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CHAPEL HILL, N. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.

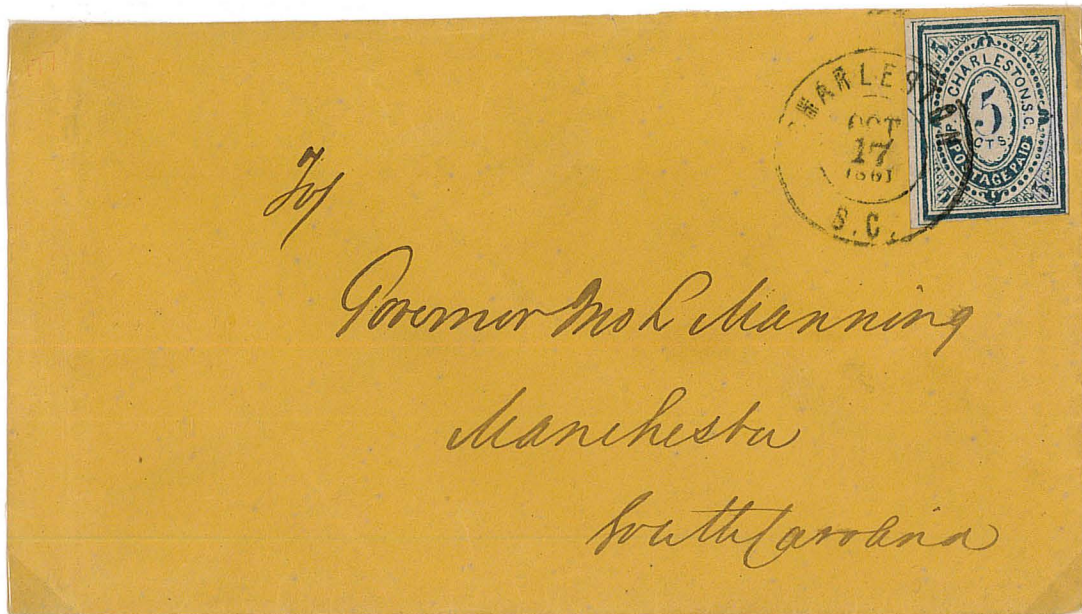


Provisional at upper right made by double handstamps, the first impression from the office canceler with "5" in the center, and the second impression from "PAID" handstamp.

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CHARLESTON, S. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS



Lithographed 5¢ blue adhesive on cover to Manchester, S. C.



Postmaster's provisional 5¢ envelope. The design resembles the central portion of the adhesive.

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COLUMBIA, S. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.



5¢ blue oval woodcut design. Letters show doubling, which occurred during application. Embossed corner card of textile merchant under postmark.

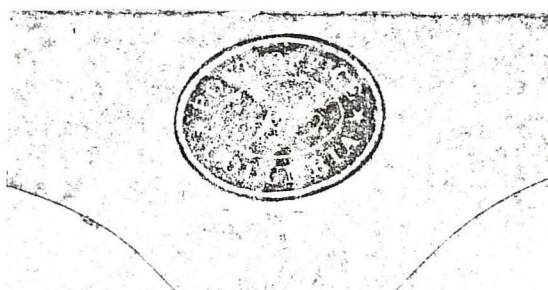
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COLUMBIA, S. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5¢ blue handstamped rate. Oval post office seal on back.



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COLUMBUS, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.

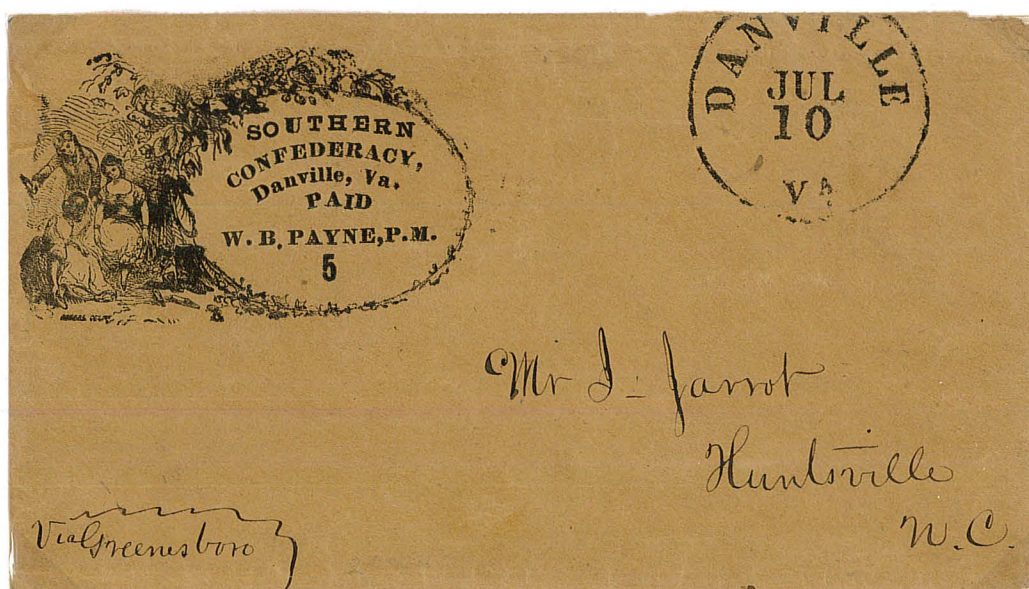


5¢ blue handstamped provisional. The black Columbus, Ga. postmark is Type I, "Ga." at bottom of circle. This is one of two recorded provisionals with Type I postmark.

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DANVILLE, VA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.

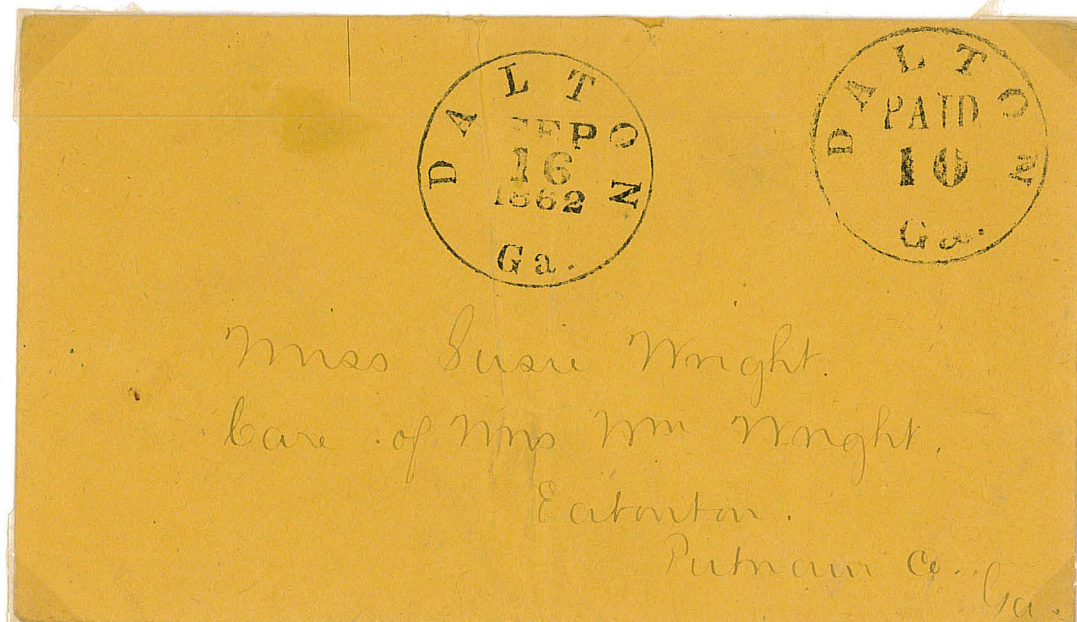
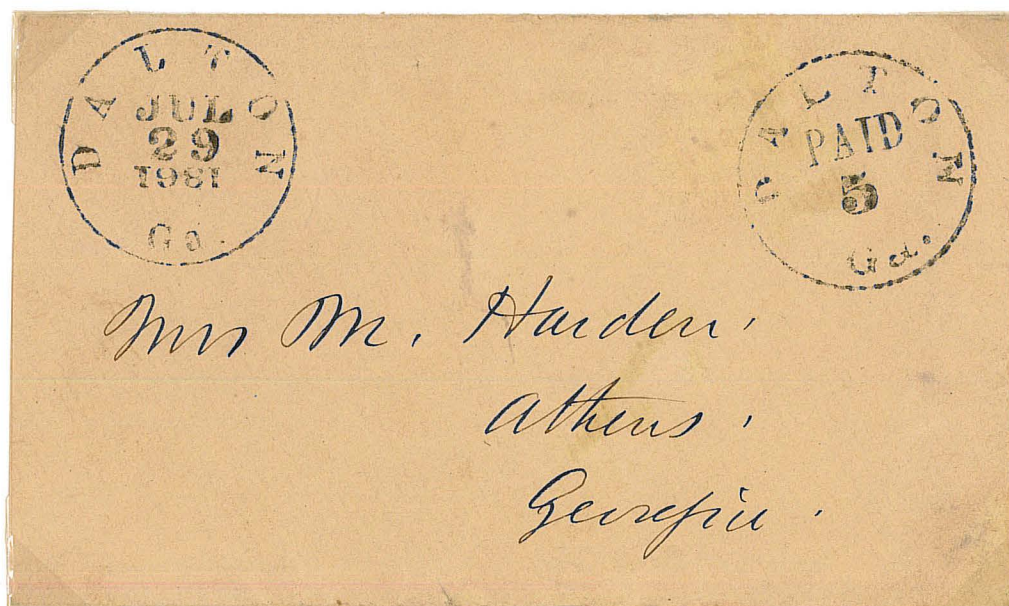


5¢ black on dark buff paper, Type IB, "SOUTHERN" curved.
Typographed at local newspaper job-office.

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DALTON, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPES



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1861

FREDERICKSBURG, VA. 5¢ BLUE



Typeset. Position No. 1 of top pane.

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1861

GALVESTON, TEXAS POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL TO U. S. A.



Galveston, Texas 10¢ Postmaster's Provisional envelope. The ornate handstamped design ties the United States 3¢ stamp of the 1857 issue on cover to Granville, Ohio.

The provisional handstamps ("10" was applied separately) paid Confederate postage. The United States 3¢ stamp probably was affixed to pay United States postage, and in early June 1861, when the cover reached the North, the stamp was accepted for postage.

The 1860 year date in the postmark is incorrect. Galveston postmarks of the period had "1860" in the logo instead of the correct 1861 year date.

Earliest known use of Galveston 10¢ Postmaster Provisional.

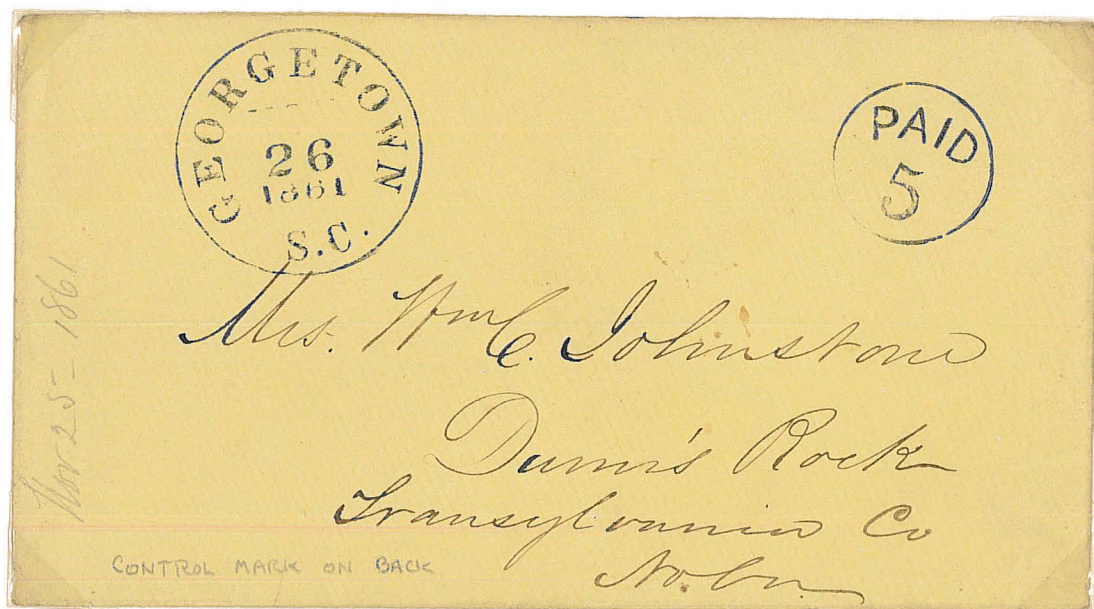
Philatelic Foundation Certificate.

Only known combination usage.

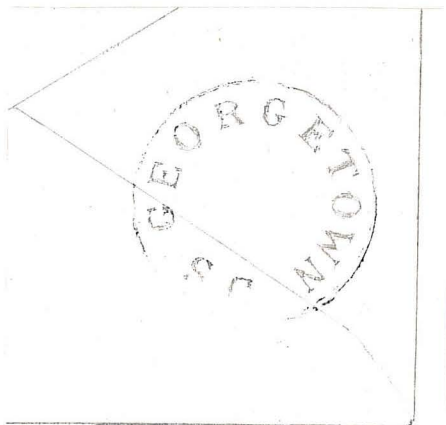
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

GEORGETOWN, S. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5¢ handstamp. Circular control on back.



CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

HOUSTON, TEX. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5 ¢ red revalued "10," paying 10 ¢ rate for distance over 500 miles.

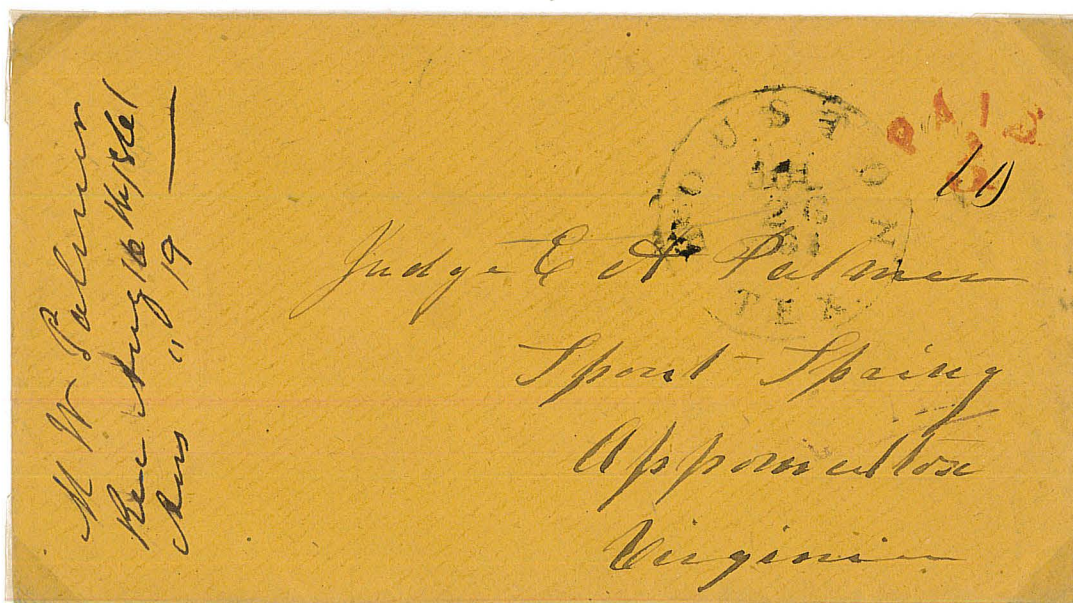
One other has been reported. P. F. Certificate.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

HOUSTON, TEXAS

POSSIBLE POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5¢ red revalued "10," paying 10¢ rate for distance over 500 miles. "PAID/5" made from altered prewar "PAID/3."

This is the only reported example. Unknown without "10."

Compare with cover from same correspondence on previous page. Houston Handstamped Paid's are in black.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

HARRISBURGH, TEX. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.



Unused postmaster's provisional envelope. Dietz Confederate Catalog lists as such and shows existence of used covers. Although not listed by Scott, this unused example is proof of provisional status.

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1861

JACKSON, MISS. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5¢ Dietz Type I, woodcut handstamp.

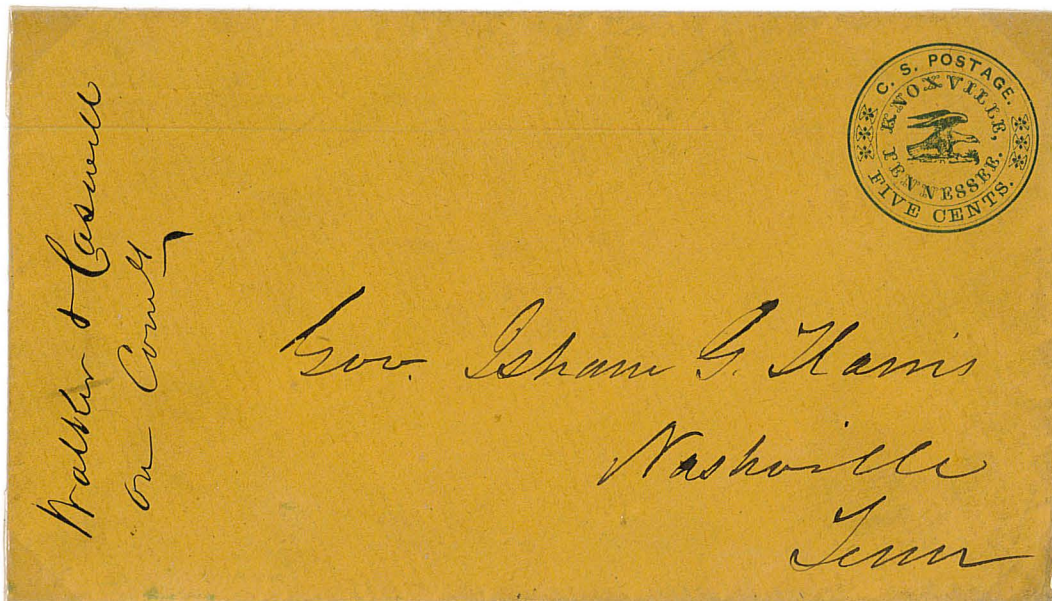
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

KNOXVILLE, TENN. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPES



5¢ blue on white. As usual, without postmark. P. F. Cert.

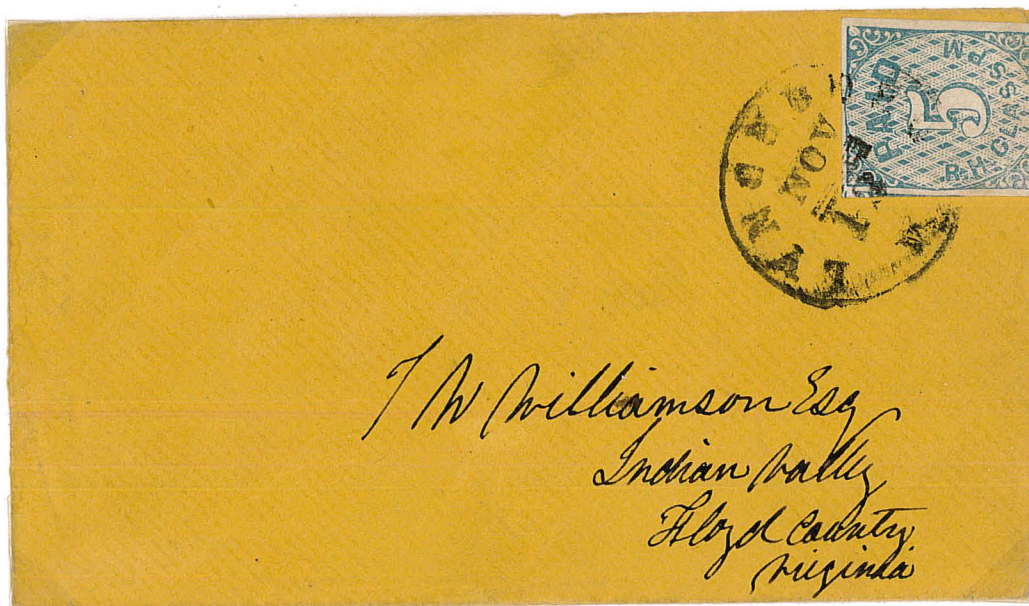


5¢ blue on orange. To Governor Isham G. Harris.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

LYNCHBURG, VA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL STAMP.



5¢ blue stamp of Postmaster R. H. Glass. Printed from
stereotype plate made from woodcut.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

MACON, GA. 5¢ POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL

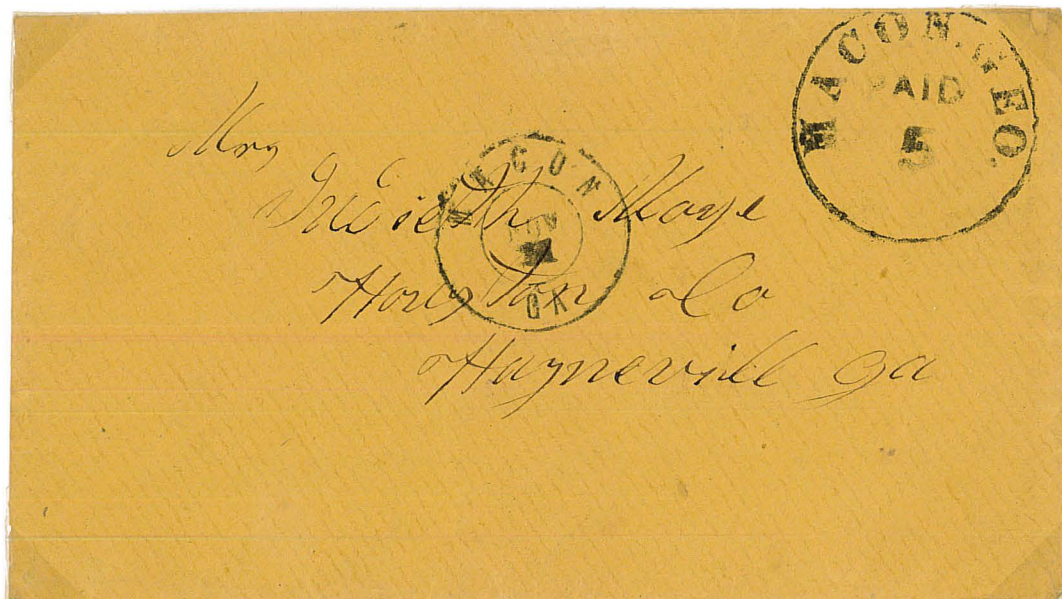


Dietz Type II. Plate variety - comma after "Office."

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1861

MACON, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE

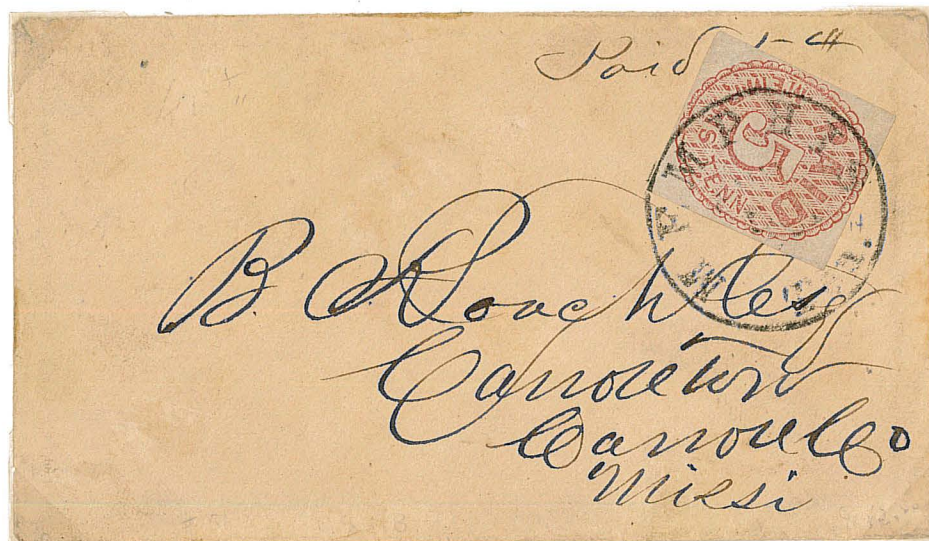


5¢ handstamp made from office canceler.

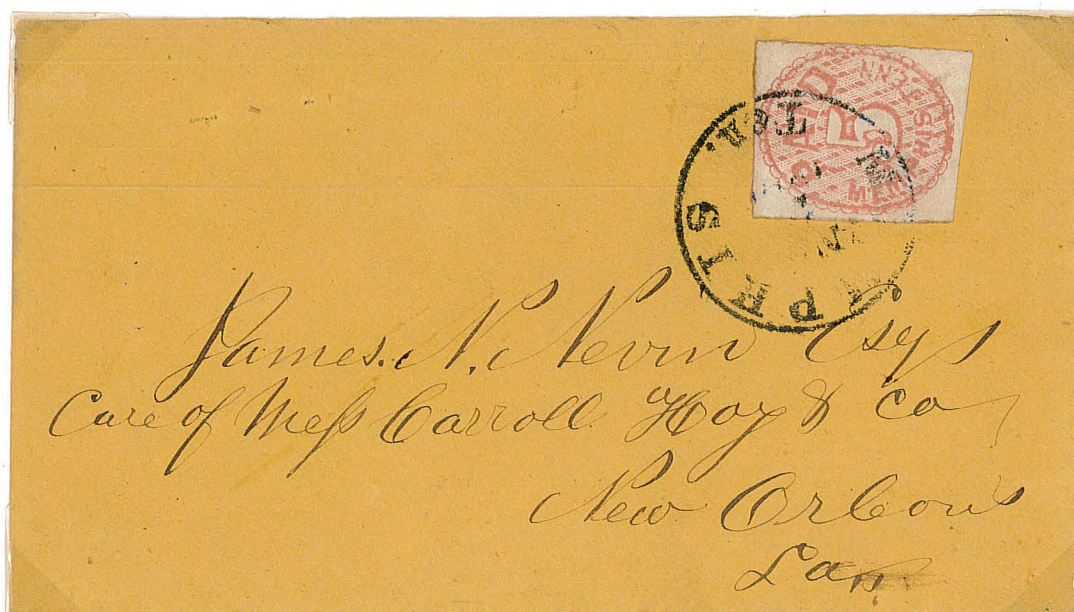
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

MEMPHIS, TENN. 5¢ POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL



5¢ red, clear impression, on thin paper.



5¢ rose, average impression, on thicker wove paper.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

MEMPHIS, TENN. 5¢ RED ON BLOCKADE-RUN COVER



Folded letter from Rotterdam, The Netherlands (Aug. 8, 1861) to Richmond, Va. The letter ran the blockade and arrived at Memphis, Tenn. where two 5¢ postmaster's provisional stamps were added (Sep. 2, 1861) for transmission to Richmond by regular Confederate mail. The letter had another folded letter enclosed - see the following page.

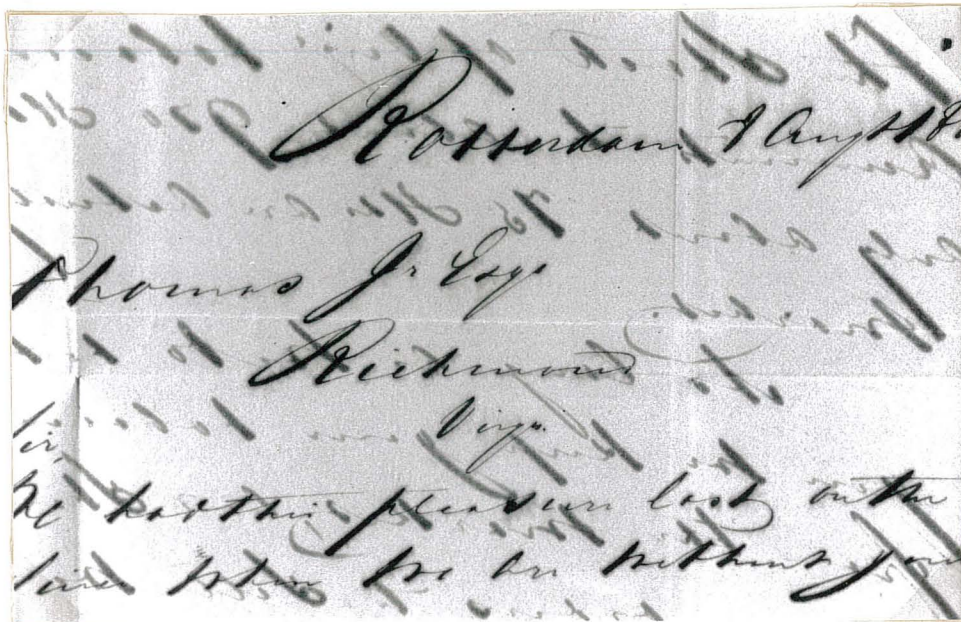
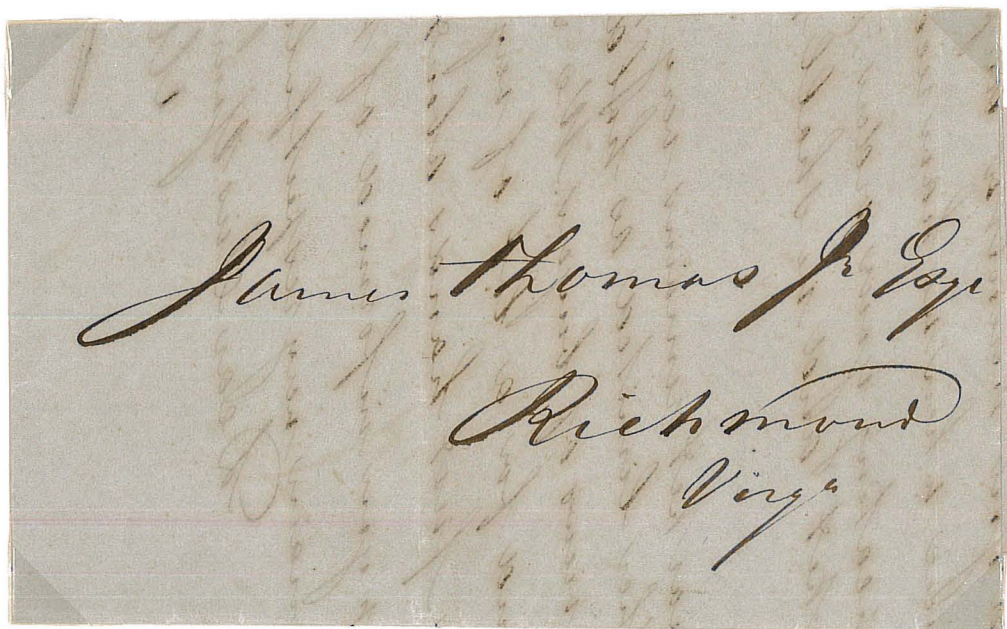


Photo showing Rotterdam origin of folded letter above.

ENCLOSURE FROM BLOCKADE-RUN COVER VIA MEMPHIS



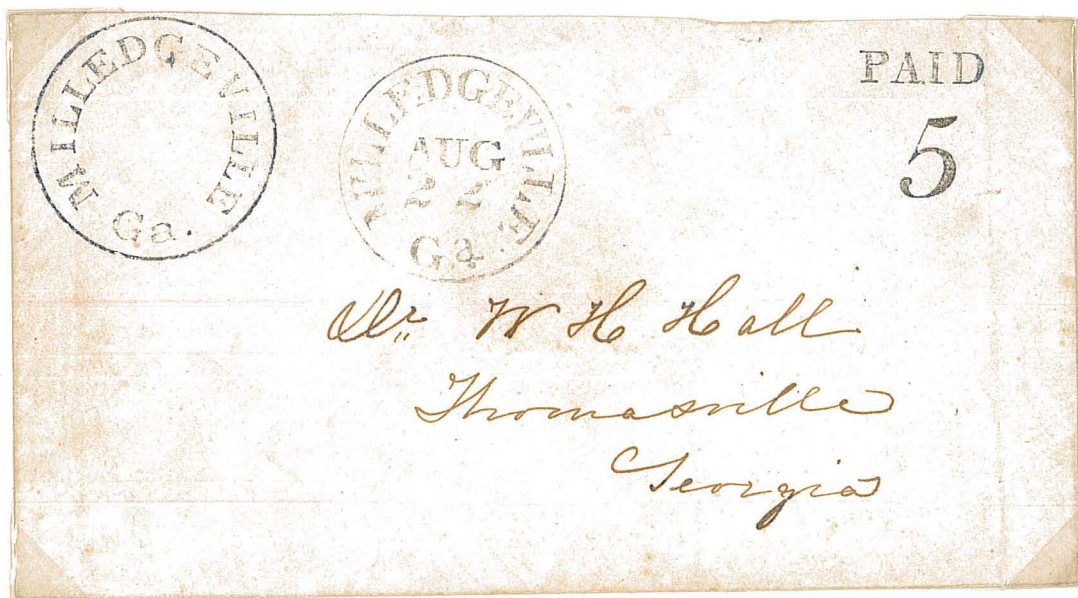
Separate folded letter enclosed, a "duplicate" of an earlier letter mailed from Rotterdam on June 13, 1861 and considered possibly lost or captured. Both inner and outer letters concern tobacco business.

The folded letter on the previous page is the only reported blockade-run cover with postmaster's provisional franking.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE

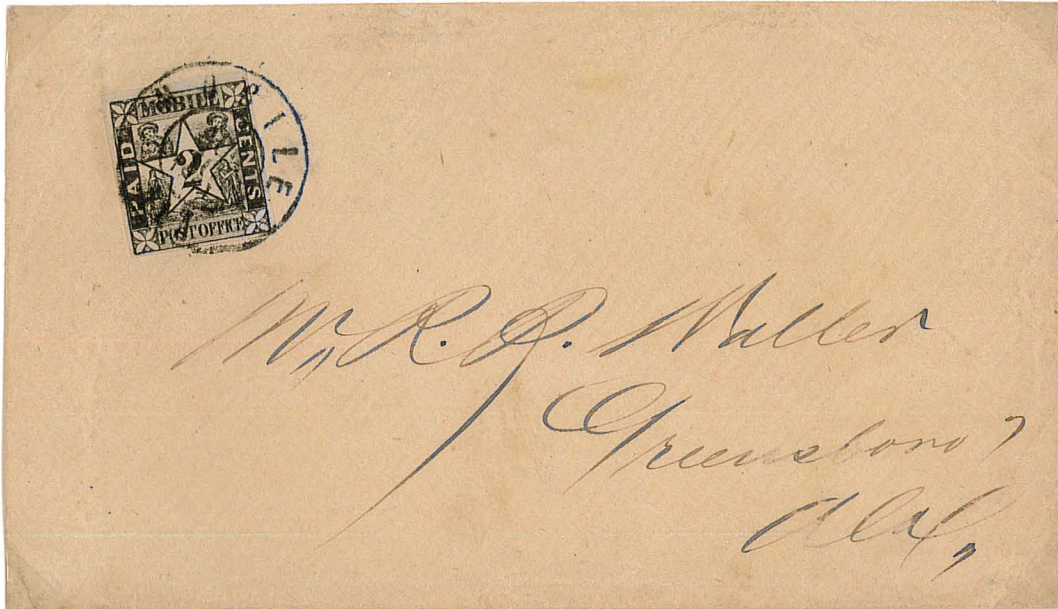


Circular control at top left corner.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

MOBILE, ALA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS.



Two cent stamp to pay unsealed printed circular rate.



Five cent stamp to pay letter rate under 500 miles. Overweight, so "Due 5¢."

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

MONTGOMERY, ALA. PROVISIONAL



5¢ red handstamped value of Postmaster Thomas Welsh.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

NASHVILLE, TENN. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL STAMPS



5¢ brick red. Stereotype from woodcut. Postmarked on July 30, 1861. A. P. S. Certificate.



5¢ violet brown. Postmarked on October 12, 1861.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

NASHVILLE, TENN. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.



"NASHVILLE . T . / PAID / 5," blue postmaster's provisional handstamp at upper right, on cover to Marion, Ala. Blue Nashville, Ten. postmark dated Jul. 9, 1861 in center.

The enclosure, which is on the following album page, is a printed form letter dated July 3, 1861, the day after Tennessee was admitted to the Confederate States.

The letter reads in part:

"...we now propose to accept in payment of our claims the notes of reputable Banks of any of the Confederate States, at par until the 15th of August 1861.

"As the Messrs Cochran are not citizens of the United States, but subjects of Great Britain and our Mr. Thompson is a citizen of Tennessee; the law suspending payment of debts due to the citizens of the Northern States does not of course apply to our claims."

Nashville July 3rd 1861

Dear Sirs

A few days ago we issued a Circular announcing that we had opened a stock of goods in this city

As this movement may be misconstrued by some, we now wish to state distinctly that we intend to establish a House permanently in the Confederate States and design to import direct this Fall if practicable. But we cannot do this unless our Customers make an effort to pay us their past due paper; and to facilitate this, we now propose to accept in payment of our claims the notes of reputable Banks of any of the Confederate States, at par until the 15th of August 1861.

As the Messrs Cochran are not citizens of the United States, but subjects of Great Britain and our Mr. Thompson is a citizen of Tennessee; the law suspending payment of debts due to citizens of the Northern States does not of course apply to our claims

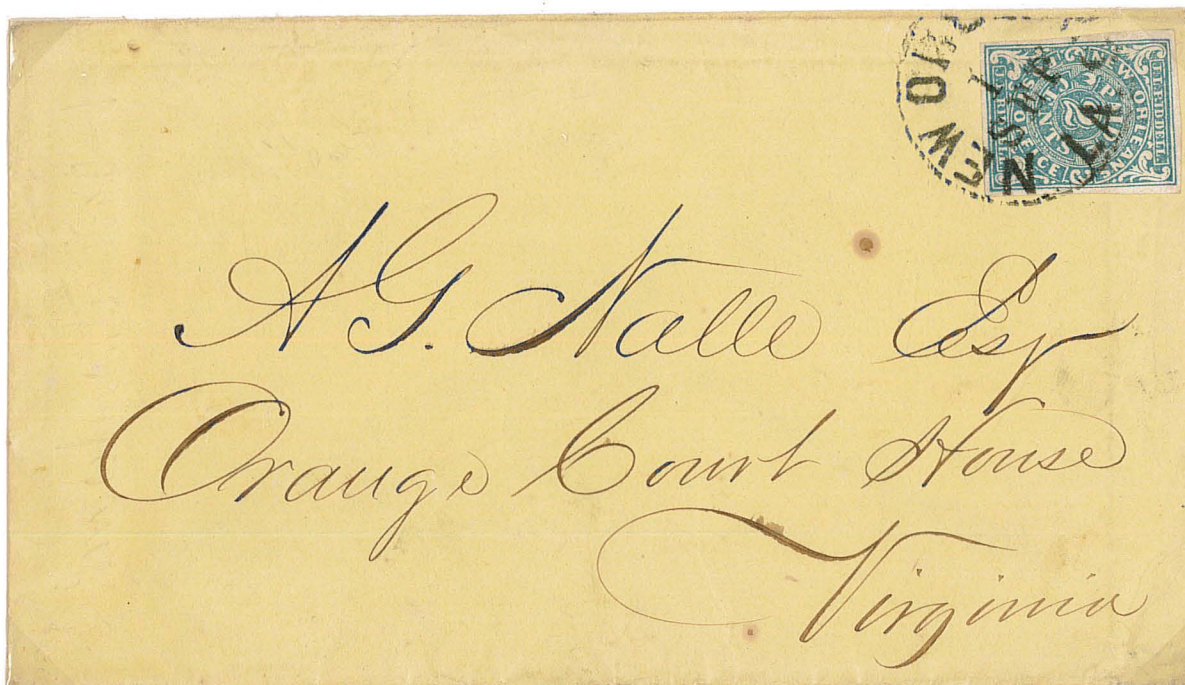
Very truly yours

Cochran & Co

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

NEW ORLEANS, LA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL STAMPS.



2¢ blue paying circular rate on unsealed cover.



5¢ brown on white paper. First printing.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

NEW ORLEANS, LA. 5¢ BROWN ON BLuish PAPER



Single on cover with patriotic flag design.

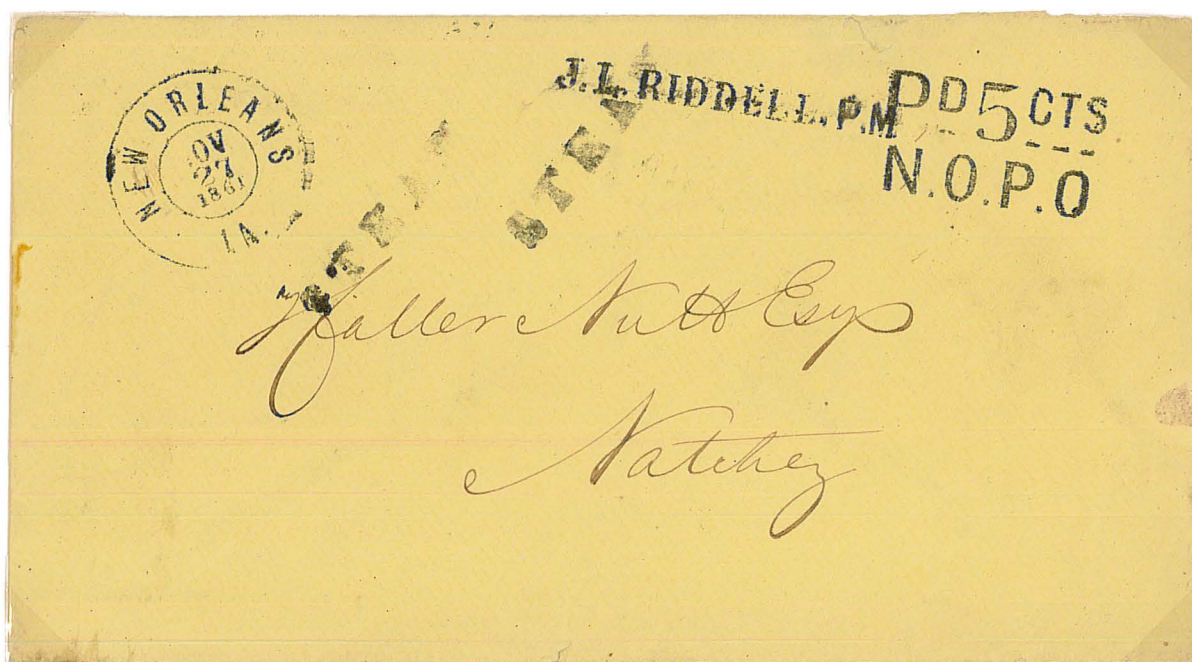


Pair paying 10¢ letter rate over 500 miles, New Orleans La. to Lynchburg, Va.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

NEW ORLEANS, LA. POSTMASTER'S HANDSTAMPS



5¢ rate special design and postmaster's name handstamped at New Orleans river post office on cover carried by steamboat to Natchez, Miss.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

PETERSBURG, VA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL STAMP.



5¢ red, typeset. Position no. 2 in sheet of ten. Used in 1862.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

RALEIGH, N. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS.



Envelope with Postmaster's Provisional 5¢ red handstamp at upper right. Blue Raleigh, N. C. postmark.



Letter sheet with same 5¢ red handstamp. Letter datelined "Asylum, Oct. 21, 1861."

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

SALEM, N. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPES.



Type I addressed to Gen. S. F. Patterson of Patterson, N. C. via Salisbury.



Type II addressed to Congressman R. Punyear in Richmond, Va.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

STATESVILLE, N. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5 ¢ woodcut handstamp.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

TALBOTTON, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



Provisional made by handstamping "TALBOTTON GA / PAID" in large circle. Figure of value "5" added later before selling to post office patrons. Note different impression of numeral.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

THOMASVILLE, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5¢ circular typeset design impressed at upper right.

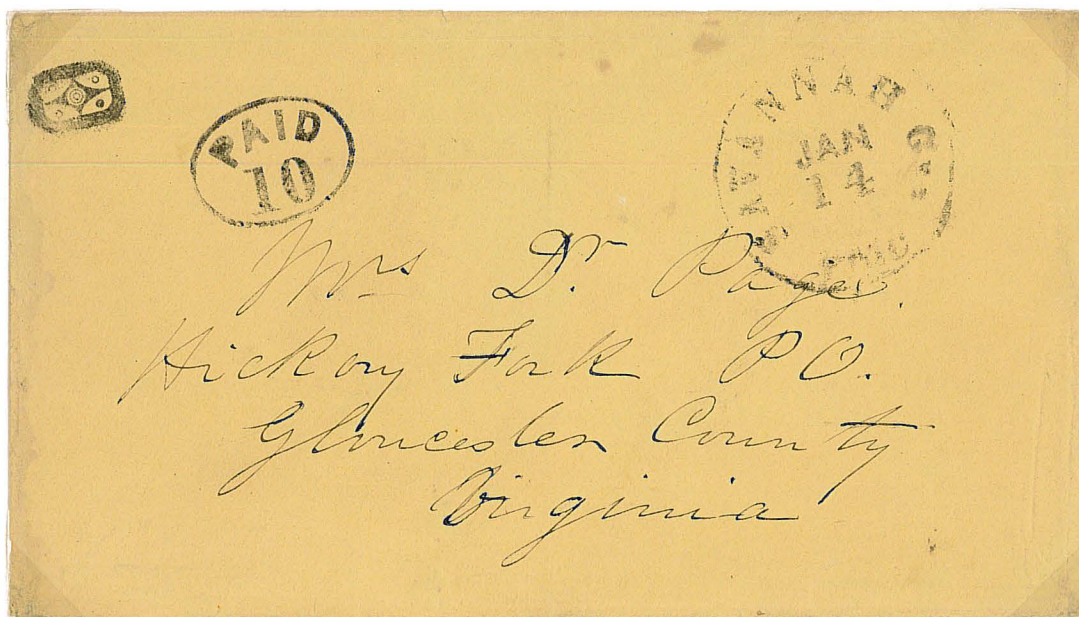
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1861 - 62

SAVANNAH, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPES



5 ¢ envelope with octagonal control mark.

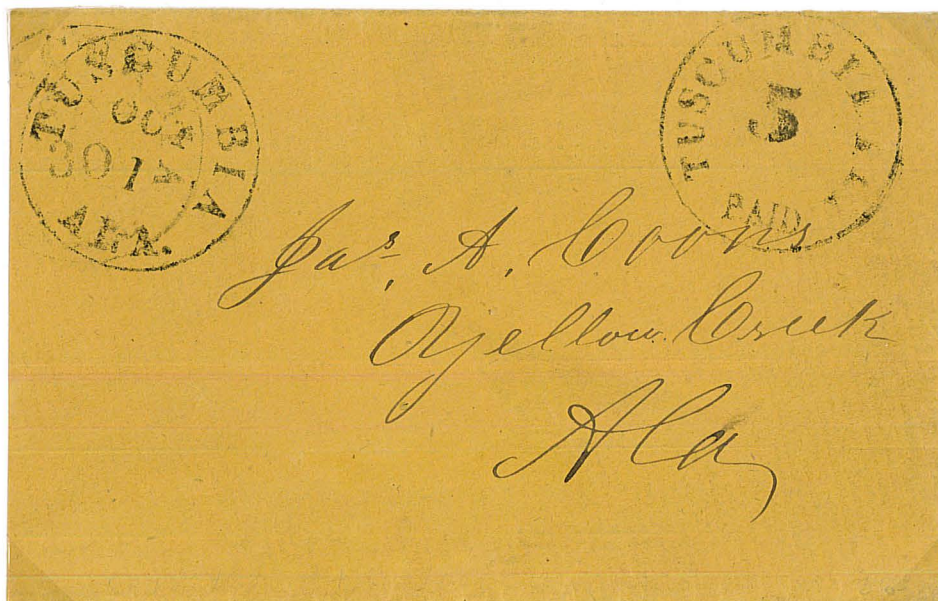


10 ¢ envelope with control mark. Prewar postmark used in 1862.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

TUSCUMBIA, ALA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5¢ black provisional handstamp at upper right.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1861

Portrait of President Jefferson Davis. Lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig of Richmond, Va. No better way of printing was available in the South in 1861. Earliest known use is on October 16, 1861.

Stone A or B



Stone 1



Stone 2



Pos. 21
Spur UL



Pos. 38



Pos. 3



Pos. 16



Stone 1 - Gutter Pair
Decherd, N & C R R

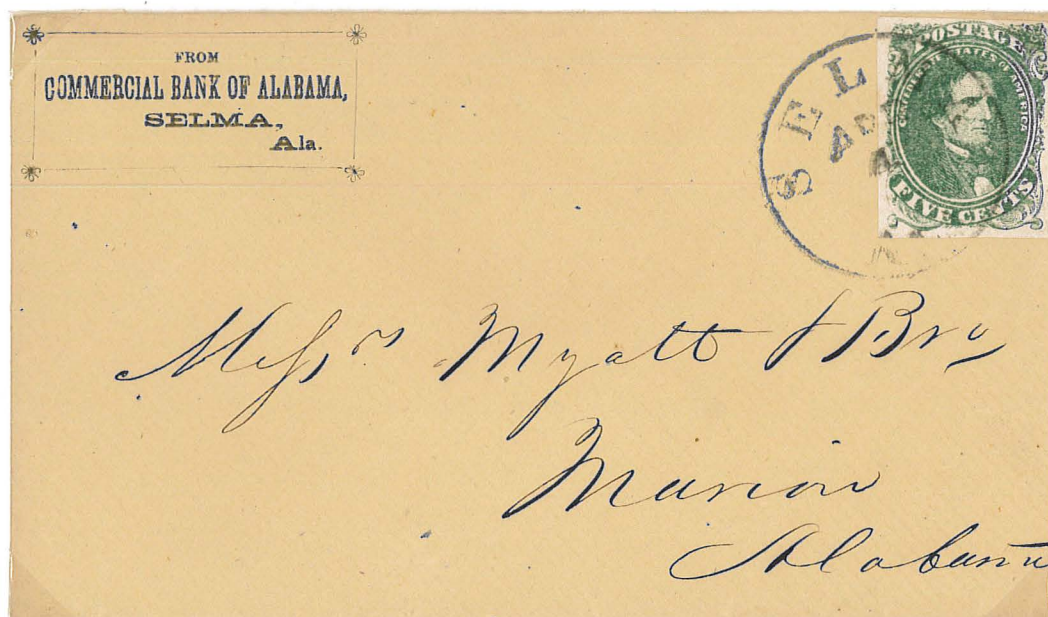
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

5¢ GREEN LITHOGRAPHED



5¢ olive green, Stone A or B, used at Tudor Hall, Va.

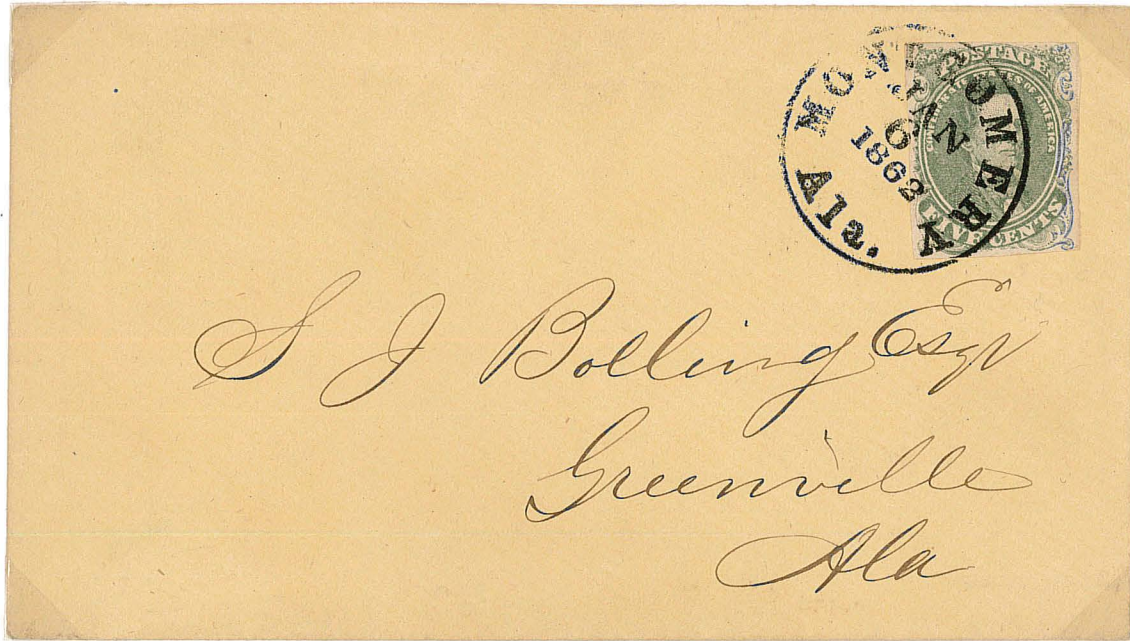


5¢ green, Stone 1, used at Selma, Ala. Bank corner card.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

LITHOGRAPHED 5¢ GREEN STONE 1.



5¢ olive green from Montgomery, Alabama.



5¢ deep green from Pensacola, Florida, April 17, 1862, three weeks before its capture by Federal forces.

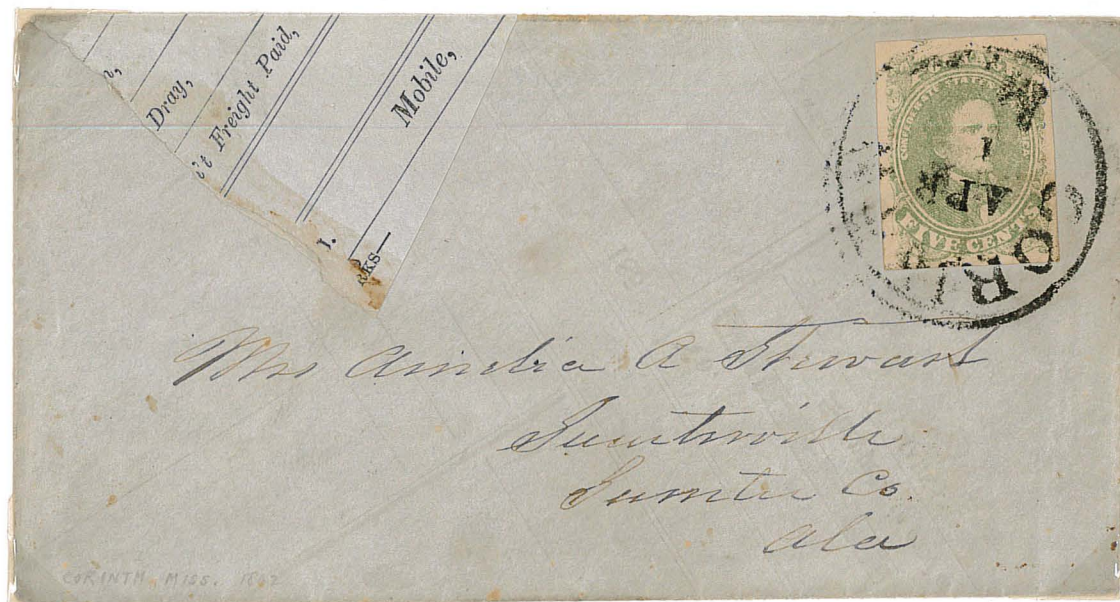
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

5¢ GREEN. LITHOGRAPHED BY HOYER & LUDWIG.



5¢ olive green, used at Tudor Hall, Va. on Dec. 3, 1861, on envelope of war-time paper with patriotic flag design.



5¢ green, used at Corinth, Miss. on April 1, (1862), on adversary cover made from printed freight form.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

5¢ GREEN USED ON POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.



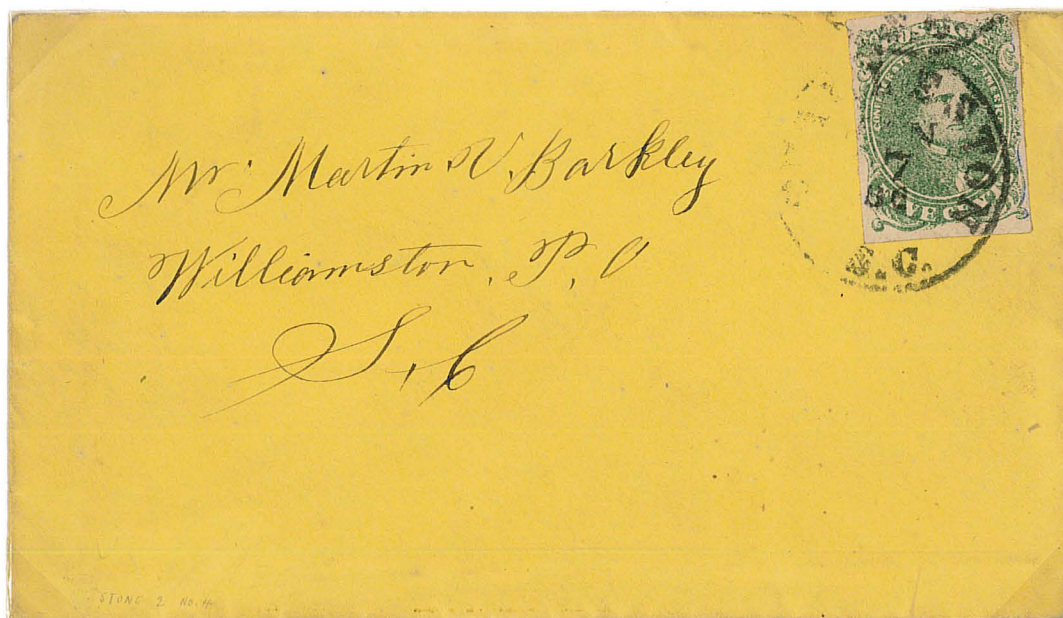
5¢ green used May 21, 1862 over Columbia, S. C. postmaster's provisional envelope. The stamp has been moved to reveal the provisional design underneath.

Illustrated envelope of Columbia Female College.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

5¢ GREEN LITHOGRAPHED STONE 2



5¢ green (Stone 2, Pos. 4) from Charleston, S. C. to Williamston, S. C.



5¢ green pair (Stone 2, Pos. 17-18) from Richmond, Va. to Greensboro, Ala., paying 10¢ letter rate for distance over 500 miles.

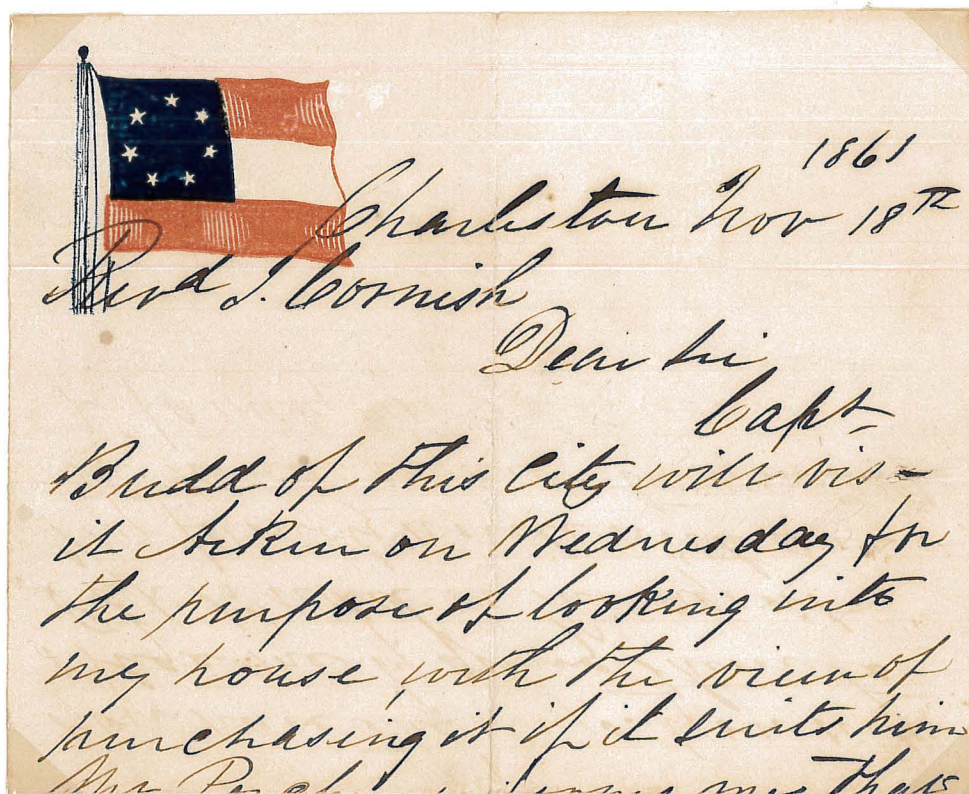
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861 - 1862

PATRIOTIC FLAG DESIGN TYPE B-15.



5¢ green, Stone 2 Pos. 4. 1862 use from Charleston, S. C.



Letter sheet used in 1861 from Charleston, S. C.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1861

Portrait of Thomas Jefferson. Lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig of Richmond, Va. Earliest known use November 8, 1861.

Fine Impressions



Normal Impressions



Malformed Star UL
Scratch on Stone



"FEN"
Small Acid Flaw T

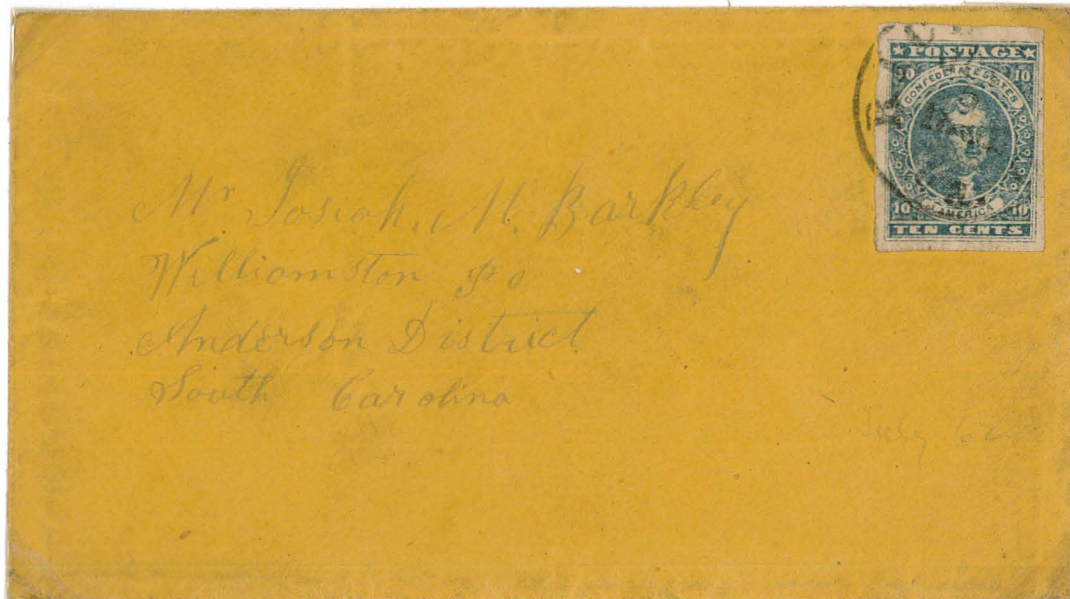


Pos. 32, 33, 42, 43

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861

10¢ LITHOGRAPHED. HOYER & LUDWIG PRINTING.



10¢ dark blue, Hoyer & Ludwig printing, from Richmond Va. to Williamson, S. C.

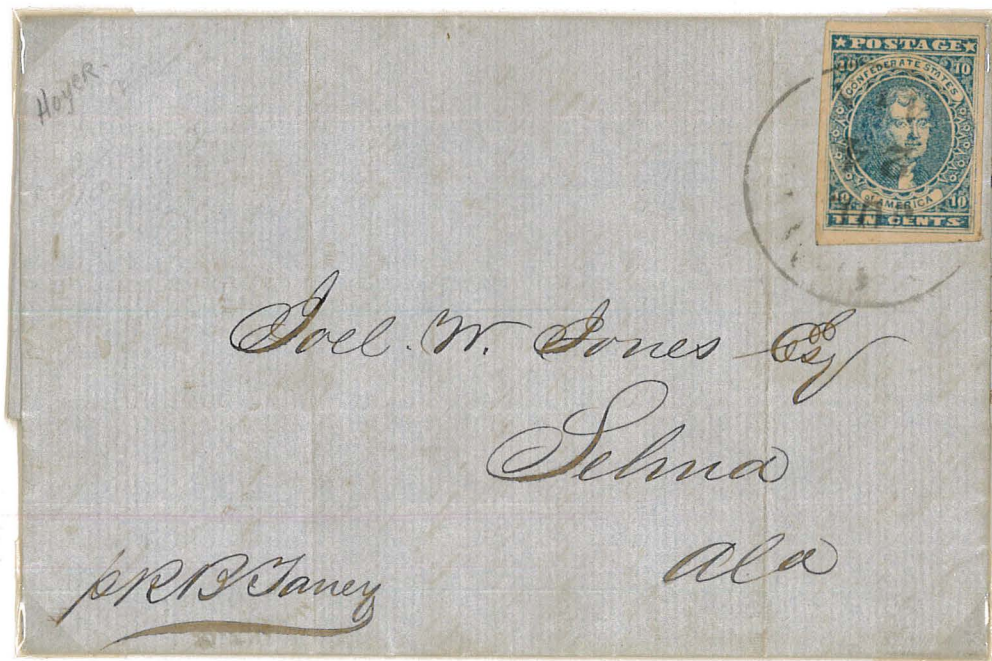


10¢ dark blue, Hoyer & Ludwig printing used over 3¢ star die, from Montgomery, Ala. The stamp has been moved to reveal the embossed envelope stamp underneath. This cover was mailed on April 18, 1862 to an army officer in Norfolk, Va. three weeks before Norfolk was given up by Confederate forces.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

HOYER & LUDWIG 10¢ BLUE ON STEAMBOAT COVER



10¢ blue, clear impression, on folded letter datelined, "Mobile, Ala., July 21, 1862." Stamp cancelled at Selma, Ala. July 24. Cover carried by Steamboat "R. B. Taney," named after Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, who wrote pro-Southern decision in Dred Scott case.

The letter concerns business, politics and war news.

"....all Regiments here are going immediately to Chattanooga, orders having been received by Telegraph at midnight."

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

10¢ BLUE USED ON POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.



10¢ Hoyer & Ludwig printing used Jan. 28, 1862 over Milledgeville, Ga. postmaster's provisional envelope, addressed to Vice President A. H. Stephens. The stamp has been moved to reveal the "PAID 5" underneath.

Provisional handstamped control in circle at upper left.

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GENERAL ISSUES

1862

Portrait of Thomas Jefferson. Lithographed by the firm of J. T. Paterson & Co. of Augusta, Ga. Earliest known use July 25, 1862. Two stones were made, the poorer one called Stone Y.

Paterson Printing



N. & C. R. R.



Malformed "O"
in Postage

Stone Y

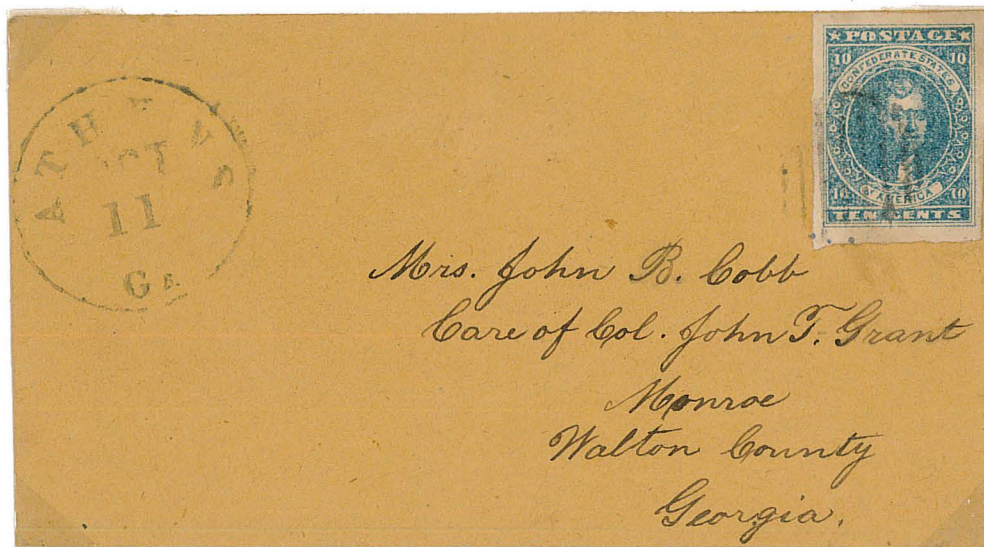


Characteristic White Flaw
at Left of Jefferson's Head

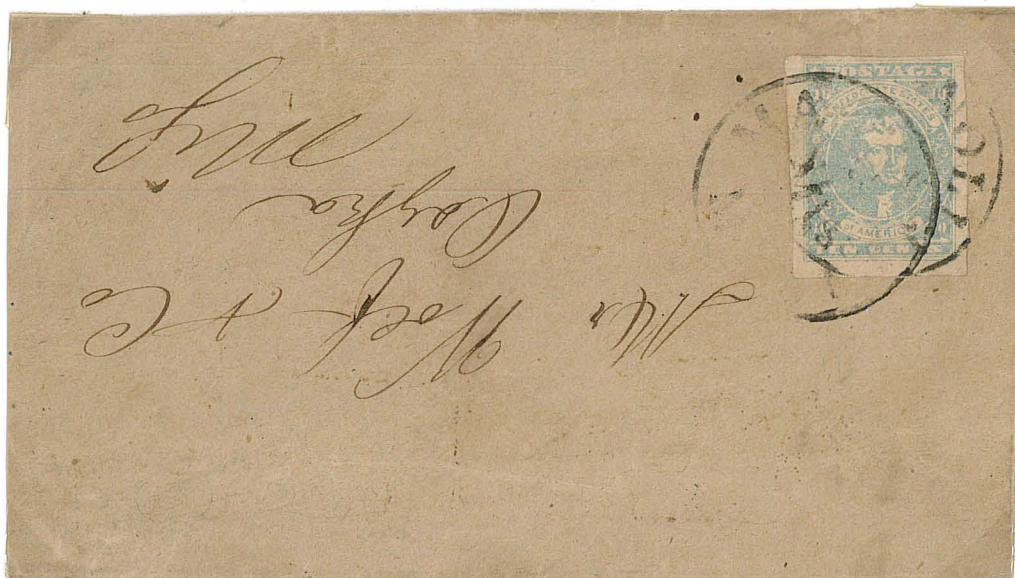
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

10¢ BLUE LITHOGRAPHED. PATERSON PRINTINGS.



10¢ blue printed by J. T. Paterson & Co., canceled by grid of Athens, Ga.



10¢ light milky blue, Stone Y, printed by J. T. Paterson & Co., used at Magnolia, Miss.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

10¢ PATERSON PRINTINGS ON WALLPAPER COVERS.



Violet and blue wallpaper cover from Richmond, Va.



Brown and tan wallpaper cover, unevenly hand-folded, from Culpeper Court House, Va.

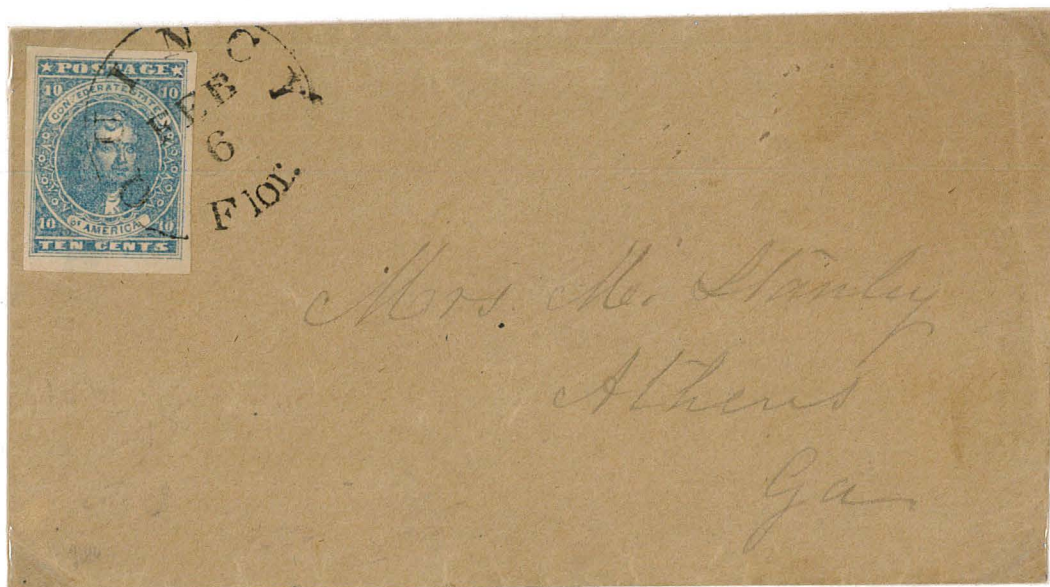
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

10¢ BLUE PATERSON PRINTINGS



10¢ light blue on yellow enameled wallpaper cover from Lynchburg, Va.



10¢ blue from Quincy, Florida.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1862

Portrait of Andrew Jackson. Lithographed by the firm of Hoyer & Ludwig of Richmond, Va. Issued to prepay 2¢ drop letter and circular rates. Earliest known use March 21, 1862.



Mobile, Ala.



Pos. 31 - Knot UL
Fort Gaines, Ga.



CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

LITHOGRAPHED 2¢ GREEN USED ON DROP LETTER.



2¢ green postmarked at Charleston, S. C. on home-made drop letter made from printed receipt form.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

2¢ GREEN



2¢ green strip of five used from Fayetteville, N. C. to pay
10¢ letter rate.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1862

Portrait of Jefferson Davis. Color changed from green to blue. Lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig. Earliest known use March 4, 1862.

Stone 2



Pos. 6



Pos. 14



Pos. 24



Pos. 47



"Plate 2." Pos. 43, 44, 3, 4

Two "plates" were made from Stone 2 transfers. "Plate 2" can be identified only by position of gutter pairs between panes or between 50-subject transfers, as in this block.

Stone 2



Pos. 40

Thin hard paper

Stone 3



Pos. 39



CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

LITHOGRAPHED 5¢ BLUE



5¢ blue on cover from Fayetteville, N. C. to Fort Fisher, N. C. Fort Fisher protected blockade runners using the port of Wilmington, N. C.



5¢ blue on home-made cover from Lynchburg, Virginia.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

LITHOGRAPHED 5¢ BLUE. ADVERTISING COVER.



Stamp lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig, Richmond, Va.

Advertisement on back of cover shows 12 different varieties of printer's type and printer's imprint "WISE, PR."

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

LITHOGRAPHED 5¢ BLUE USED OVER HANDSTAMPED PAID.



5¢ blue used from Mobile, Ala. over brown handstamped "PAID" in circle with manuscript "5." The stamp has been moved to disclose the "PAID 5" underneath. This is the only recorded example of this type. C. S. A. Cert.

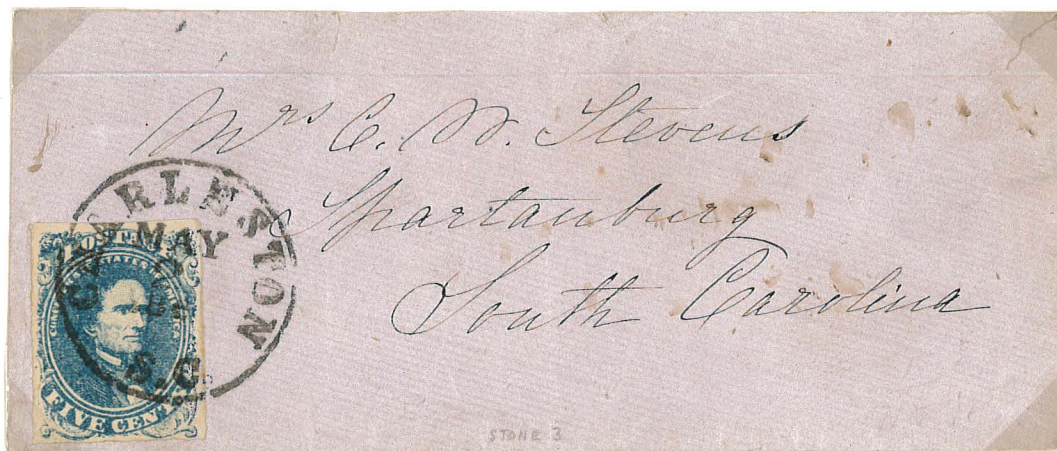
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

LITHOGRAPHED 5¢ BLUE STONE 3



5¢ light milky blue, clear impression, used at Staunton, Va.



5¢ deep blue, clear impression, used at Charleston, S. C.

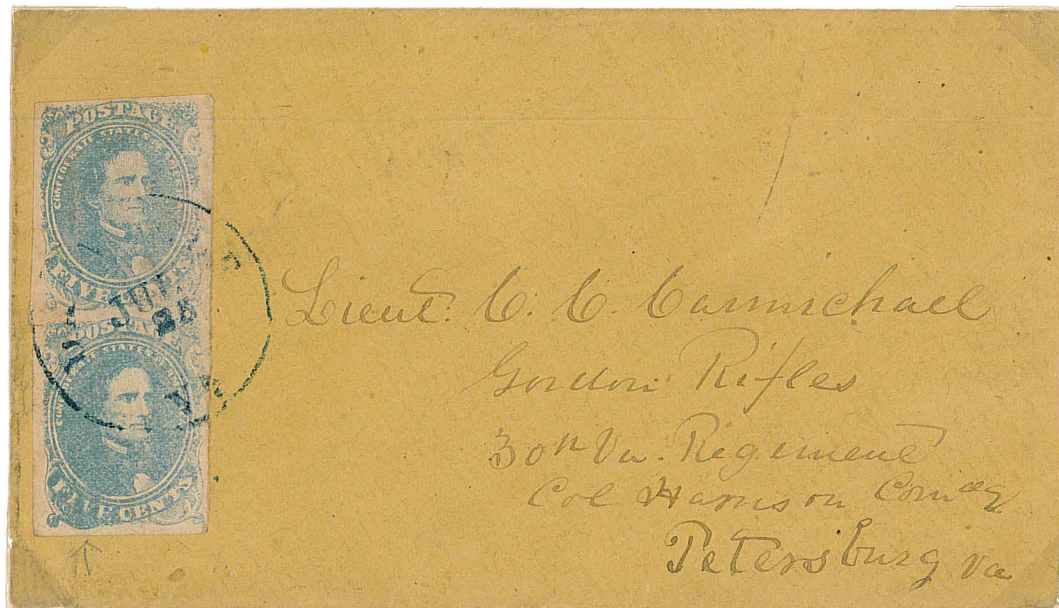
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

5 ¢ LITHOGRAPHED MILKY BLUE, STONE 3



Wallpaper cover.



Positions 20 and 30. From Danville, Va.

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GENERAL ISSUES

1862

Portrait of Thomas Jefferson. Color changed from blue to rose. Lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig. Earliest known use March 10, 1862.



Three of the Many Known Shades



Malformed
Star UR

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

10 ¢ ROSE



Corinth, Miss. to Batesville, Ark.



Richmond, Va. to Macon, Ga.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

LITHOGRAPHED 10¢ ROSE



"RICHMOND, VA." partial imprint from right pane. 10¢ rate for double weight letter under 500 miles, postmarked on June 30, 1862, the last day of the old rate.



10¢ rose used at Little Rock, Arkansas.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

10 ¢ CARMINE



10 ¢ carmine on Albany, Ga. folded letter to Governor Joseph E. Brown of Georgia.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1862

Portrait of Jefferson Davis. Typographed by De La Rue & Co. in London, England. These stamps were delivered to the Confederate States by blockade runner. Earliest known use is April 16, 1862. Fine clear impressions.



CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

5¢ TYPOGRAPHED, LONDON PRINTING. SINGLES ON COVER.



5¢ letter rate for under 500 miles. Charleston, S. C.,
June 1, 1862.

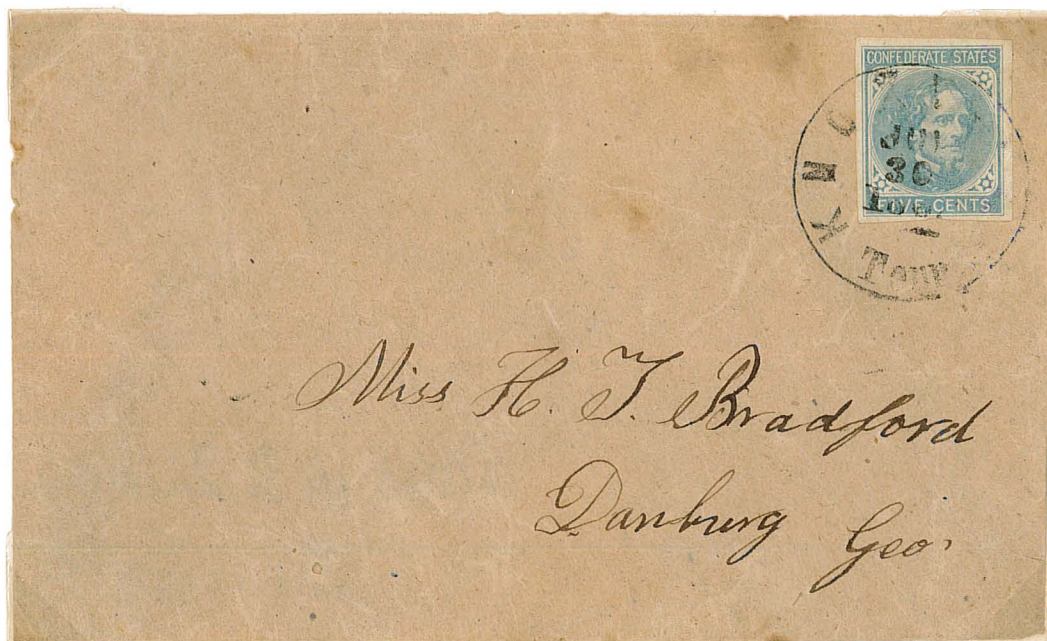


5¢ letter rate from Greenville, N. C., June 7, 1862.
Rate increased to 10¢ on July 1, 1862.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

5¢ TYPOGRAPHED, LONDON PRINTING



Single on cover from Knoxville, Tenn., postmarked June 30, 1862, the last day of the 5¢ letter rate.



Single on cover from Charleston, S. C. used in 1863 or later, underpaying the 10¢ letter rate. "5" due. Cover made from a printed form.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

5¢ LIGHT BLUE TYPOGRAPHED. LONDON PRINTING.



Pair used at Raleigh, N. C. on adversity cover made from a turned Nesbitt 3¢ envelope.



Pair used at Richmond, Va. on semi-official Treasury Department envelope.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

MIXED FRANKING



5¢ green, Stone 1, and 5¢ light blue, London printing, used at Richmond, Va. 5¢ green is variety "white shirtfront."



5¢ deep blue, Stone 3, and 5¢ light blue, London printing, used at Franklin Depot, Va.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1862

Portrait of Jefferson Davis. Printed by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Va. from plate made in London, England by De La Rue & Co. The plate consisted of 400 stamps in four panes of 100 each. Printed on thin English paper and on thicker Local paper. Earliest known use August 15, 1862.

Thin English Paper



Thick Local Paper



Gutter Between Panes

"White Necktie" Variety
Pos. No. 30 UR Pane

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

5¢ BLUE TYPOGRAPHED, RICHMOND PRINTING.



Pair, with grid cancellations, used at Flat Rock, N. C.



Pair used at Covington, Ga. and addressed to a Member of Congress, Richmond, Va.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862 - 63

5¢ TYPOGRAPHED, RICHMOND PRINTINGS



5¢ light blue on imported De La Rue paper, pair used at Charleston, S. C.



5¢ cobalt blue on local paper, pair used at Richmond, Va.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

5¢ TYPOGRAPHED, RICHMOND PRINTING.



Wax seal used under center of 5¢ pair to affix to cover at Camden, S. C. Some stamps were poorly gummed.



5¢ blue paying part of 10¢ letter rate at Atlanta, Ga. 5¢ due from addressee.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

ADVERSITY COVERS. USE OF U. S. STAR DIE ENVELOPES.



5¢ typographed, Richmond printing, used over U. S. 3¢ Star Die at Sumter, S. C. One of the stamps has been moved to disclose the red embossed stamp underneath.



5¢ typographed, pair of Richmond printing, used on U. S. 3¢ Star Die envelope which has been turned for re-use at Darlington Court House, S. C. Originally used from Charleston, S. C. The embossed stamp can be seen at upper left.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862-63

5 ¢ TYPOGRAPHED, RICHMOND PRINTINGS



5 ¢ blue on De La Rue paper. Signature of Congressman M. R. H. Gamete on cover for identification.



5 ¢ blue, poor impression with filled-in lines, on local paper. Used at Macon, Ga.

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1862

5¢ TYPOGRAPHED, LONDON PRINTING



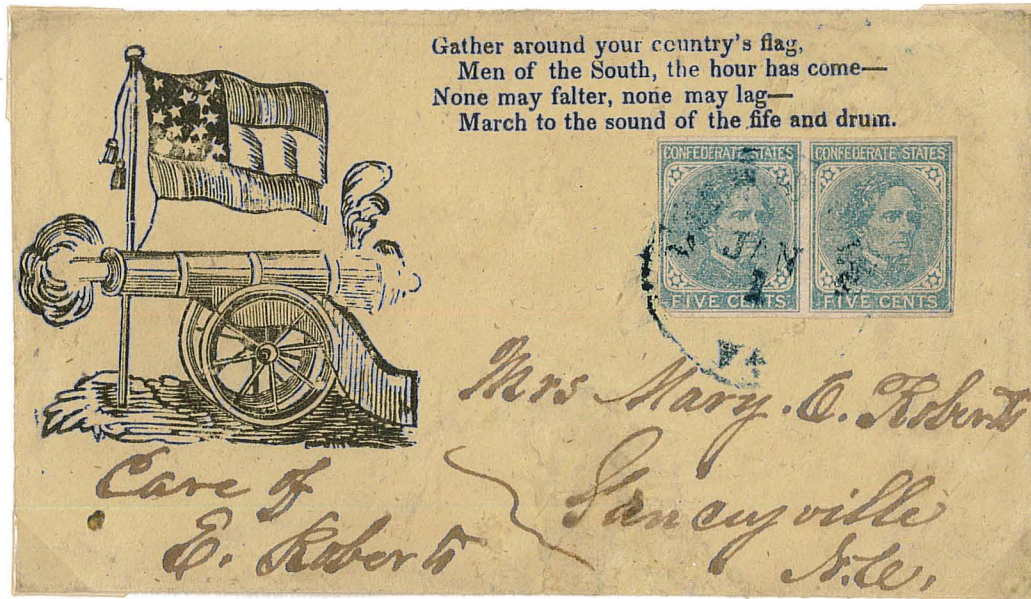
Pair postmarked Warrington, Fla. after Union occupation in April 1862. The Warrington postmaster carried the old datestamp to Pollard, Ala. and set up a post office there using the Warrington canceler.

Cover made from printed bank form.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

5¢ TYPOGRAPHED, RICHMOND PRINTING



Pair on patriotic cover from Danville, Va.



Single, overpaying 2¢ drop letter rate from Georgetown S.C. The folded letter is addressed to Waccamaw, S.C., a suburb serviced by the Georgetown Post Office.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

MIXED FRANKING



10¢ blue lithographed, Paterson printing, and pair of 5¢ typographed, Richmond printing, used at Tullahoma, Tenn. 20¢ rate for letter over 1/2 ounce to 1 ounce.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1863

Portrait of Andrew Jackson. Engraved by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Va. Earliest known use April 8, 1863.



Atlanta, Ga.



Milledgeville, Ga.



Pos. 1 and 2 in Right Pane
Pos. 1 Double Transfer T and B

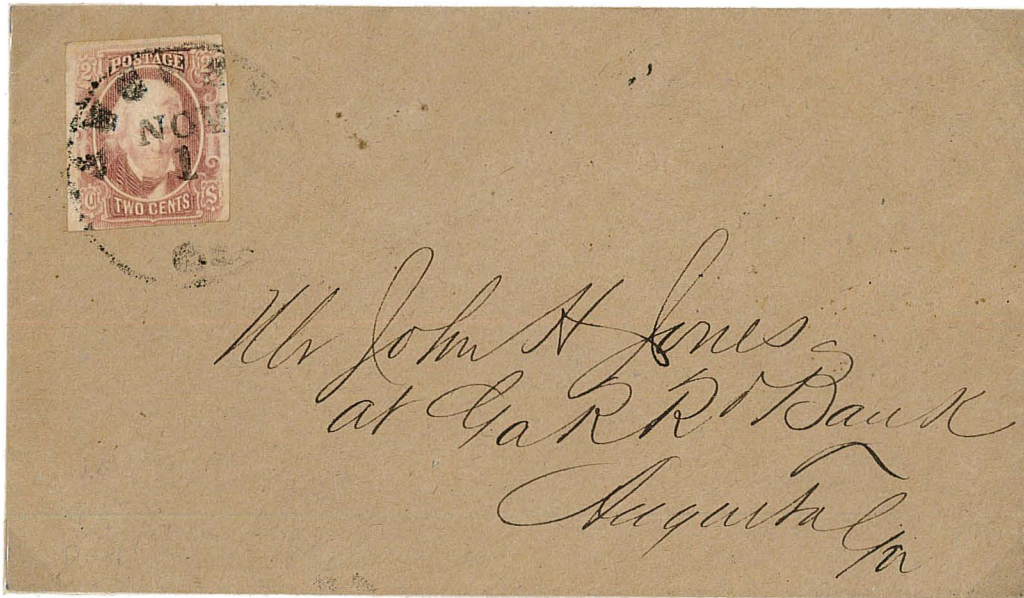


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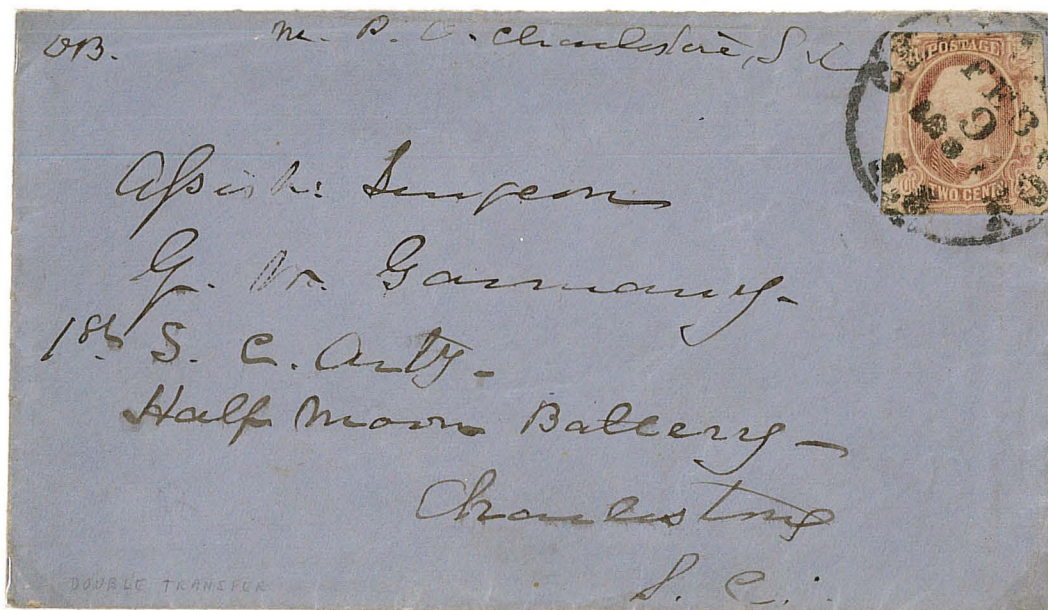
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

2¢ BROWN RED ON DROP LETTERS



2¢ brown red on Augusta, Georgia drop letter.

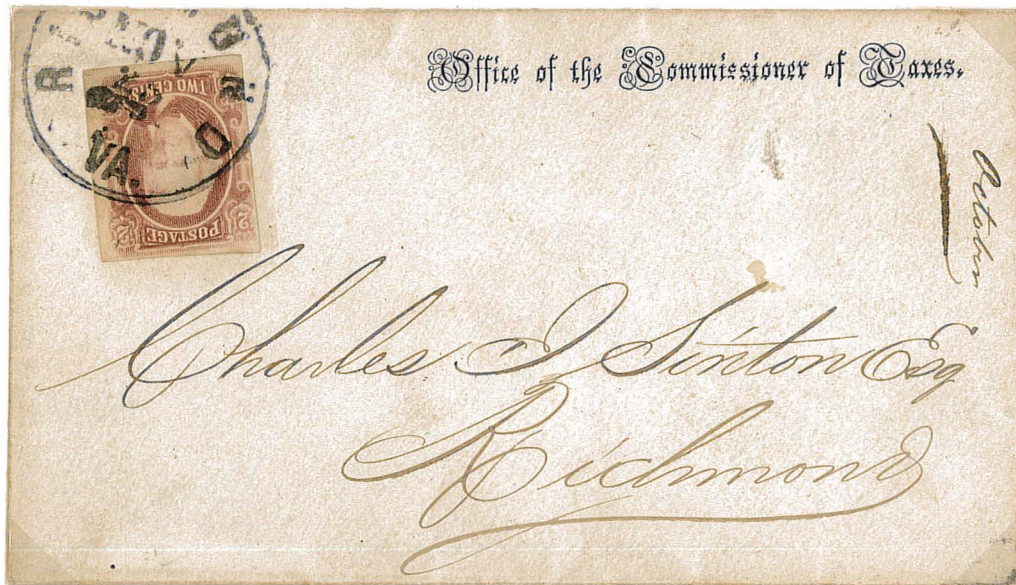


2¢ brown red, variety double transfer in "TWO CENTS," on Charleston, S. C. drop letter to 1st South Carolina Artillery, Half Moon Battery. Marked "O B" (Official Business) at upper left.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

ENGRAVED 2¢ BROWN RED ON SEMI-OFFICIAL COVERS.



Drop letter. "Office of the Commissioner of Taxes."



Strip of five paying 10¢ letter rate. "Headquarter's Reserve, N. C. / OFFICIAL BUSINESS."

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1863

Portrait of Jefferson Davis. Engraved by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Va. Earliest known use April 18, 1863. Frame line between stamps.



Pos. No. 51



Curved Line Above
POSTAGE Recut



B Ornaments and Hor.
Lines Under Bust Recut



Pos. No. 7

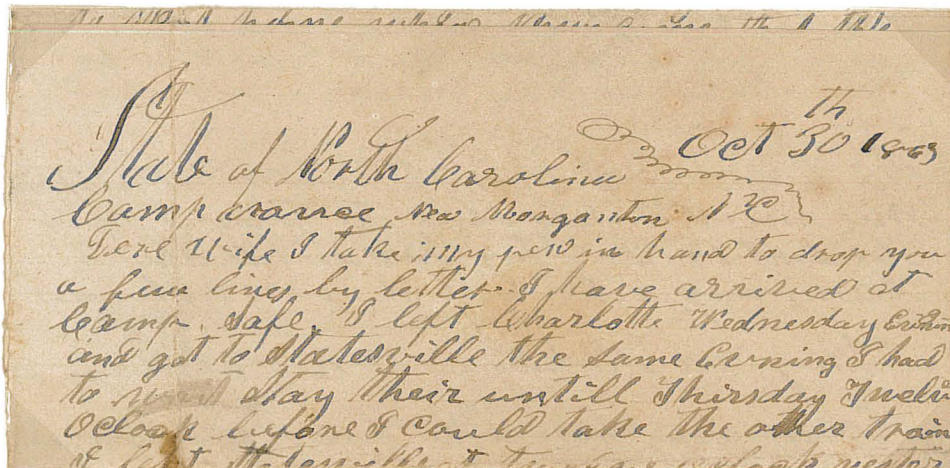
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

"FRAME LINE" ON COVER FROM CONFEDERATE SOLDIER



10¢ bright milky blue with four frame lines postmarked at Salisbury, N. C. on Nov. 1, (1863). The stamp has transfer roll flaw under bust repaired by recutting.

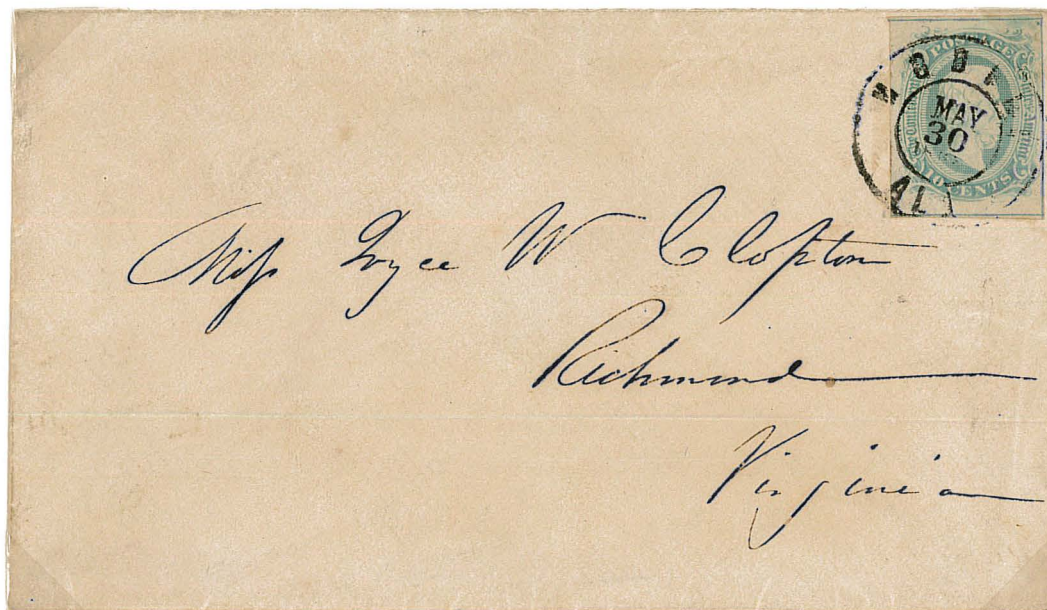


Soldier's letter from Camp Vance enclosed. The letter tells about camp life and hunting down of deserters.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

"FRAME LINE" ON ENVELOPE THAT RAN THE BLOCKADE



10¢ blue with three complete frame lines on cover from Mobile, Ala. Curved lines at top and bottom of stamp recut.

CKINSON & Co.
1862

Tracing of envelope watermark. This envelope was made by the English firm Dickinson & Co. in 1862. It was imported from England and entered the Confederate States by blockade runner.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1863

Portrait of Jefferson Davis. The value spelled out "TEN."
Engraved by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Va. Earliest known
use April 23, 1863.



D. T. in
"TEN CENTS"



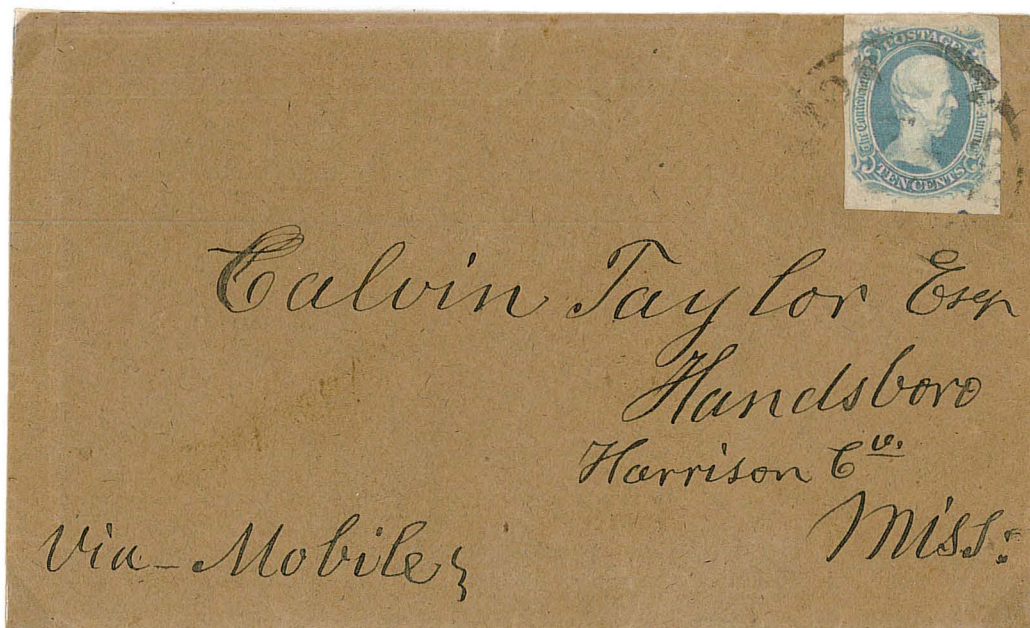
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

"TEN" CENTS BLUE ENGRAVED



Embossed lady's cover from Staunton, Va. The stamp has clear double transfer in "TEN CENTS."



Cover of wartime paper from a Mississippi town to Handsboro, Miss. "via Mobile (Ala.)." The cover probably traveled by boat from Mobile on its way to Handsboro.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

"TEN" CENTS ENGRAVED WITH RAILROAD CANCELLATION.



Oval postmark of the Wartrace, Tenn. R. R. Station on the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad.



Tracing (improved) of postmark.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1863

Portrait of Jefferson Davis. Die I engraved by John Archer of Archer & Daly, Richmond, Va. Earliest known use April 21, 1863. Two plates made. Printed in many shades of blue.

Die I



"PAID 10" of
Patterson, N. C.

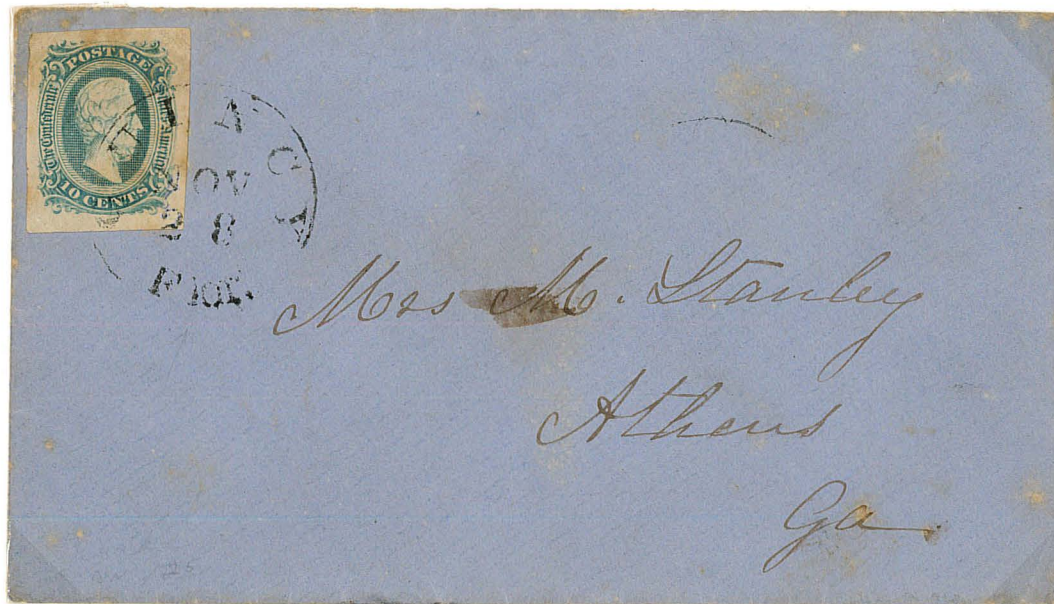


A small number of sheets were perforated 12 1/2 experimentally by postal officials. They were sold for postal use.

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1863

10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE I



10¢ blue used at Quincy, Florida.



10¢ milky blue, pair used at Greenville, North Carolina.

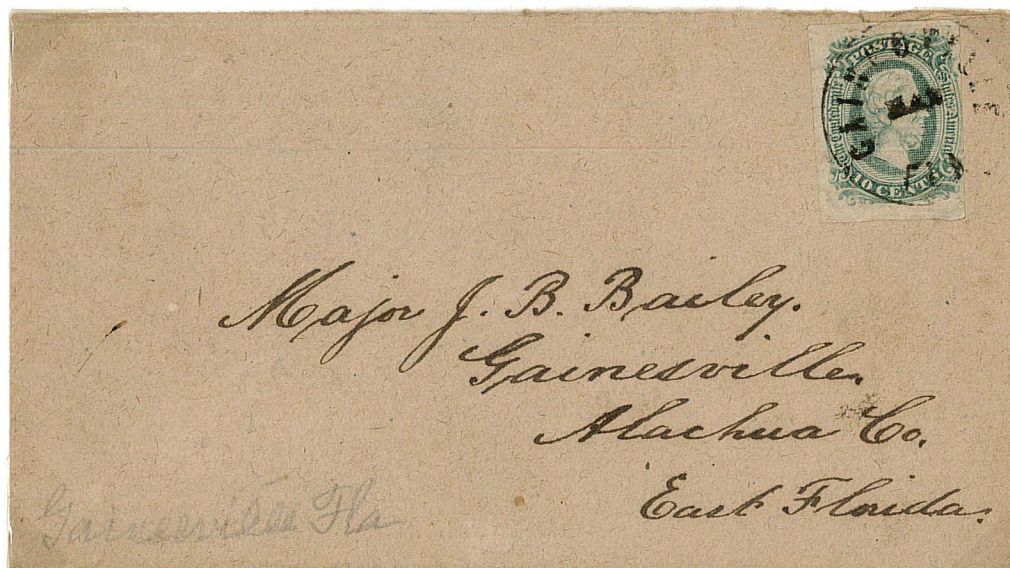
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

10 ¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE I, ARCHER & DALY PRINTINGS.



10 ¢ milky blue, first printing, from Morgantown, N. C.

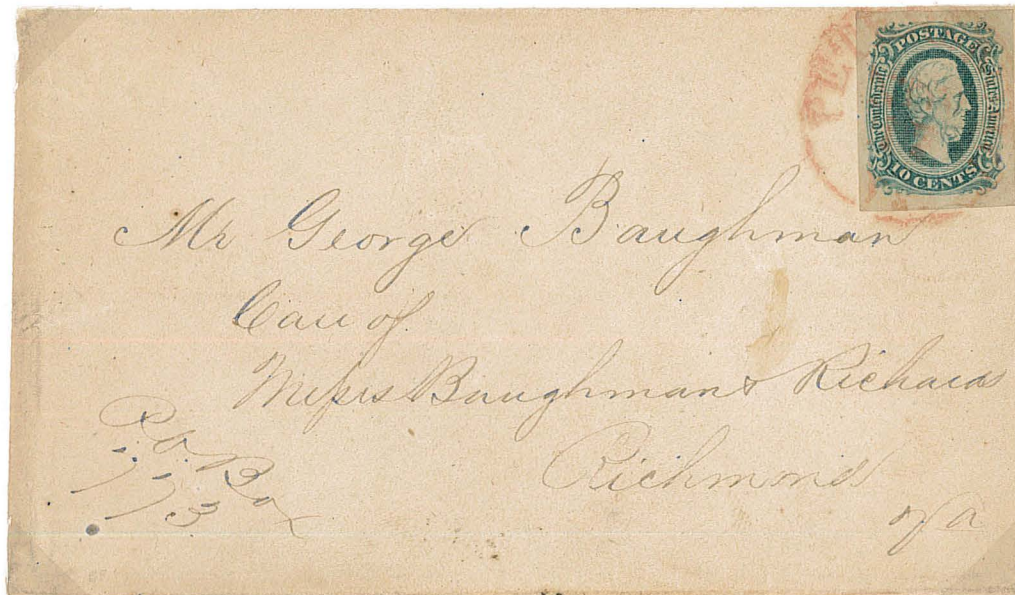


10 ¢ greenish blue on overpaid drop letter at Gainesville, Fla.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

10¢ ENGRAVED TYPE I. COLORED POSTMARKS.



Red Petersburg, Va. postmark.



Orange Taylorsville, Va. postmark.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863-64

10 ¢ ENGRAVED TYPE I



10 ¢ stamp overpaying 2 ¢ rate for printed circular. Folded circular of religious society.



10 ¢ stamp canceled by handstamped "X." Army imprint of "HEADQUARTERS, CAMP ORDNANCE SECTION, COLUMBIA, S. C., OFFICIAL BUSINESS."

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864 or 1865

ALABAMA RIVER PACKET BOAT



Cover carried by Steamer "Reindeer" on the Alabama River to Cahaba, Ala. The 10¢ dark blue stamp, Keatinge & Ball printing, was cancelled by Cahaba, Ala. postmark when received.

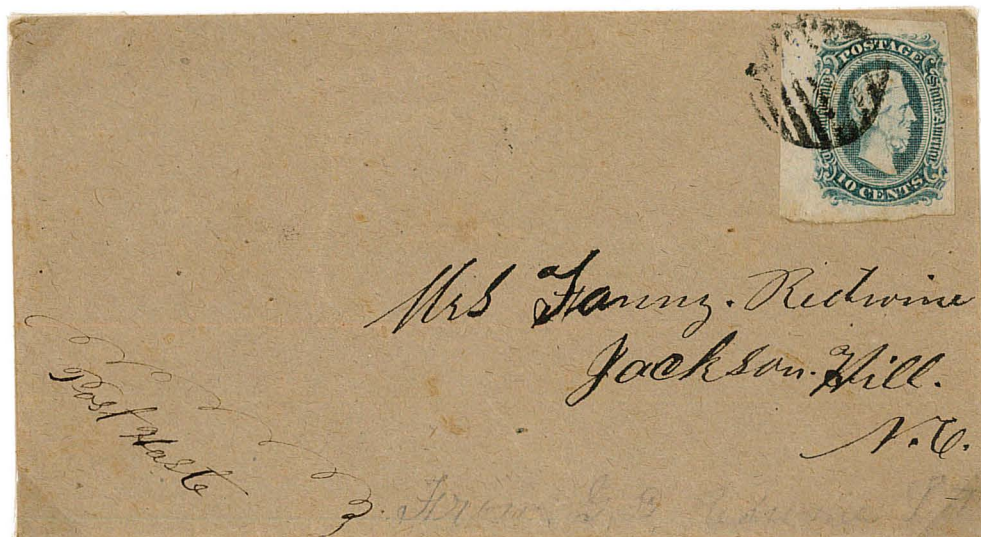
Cahaba is an obsolete town which was located where the Cahaba River flows into the Alabama River.

The cover is made from a printed Mobile steamboat form.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE I USED IN ARMY CAMPS.



10¢ dark blue canceled by 7-bar grid, used in combat zone by Army of Northern Virginia.



10¢ greenish blue canceled by target, used in combat zone by Army of Northern Virginia.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1863

Portrait of Jefferson Davis. Die II engraved by Frederick Halpin of Archer & Daly, Richmond, Va. Plates Nos. 3 and 4. Earliest known use May 1, 1863. Printed in many shades of blue.

Die II



A small number of sheets were perforated $12\frac{1}{2}$ experimentally by postal officials. They were sold for postal use.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

10¢ ENGRAVED. ARCHER & DALY PRINTINGS.



10¢ blue Type I, large margins, used at Charleston, S. C. on adversary cover made from a court form.



10¢ milky blue Type II canceled an unusual Jackson, Miss. postmark of June 27, (1863) on cover to Jackson, Miss. The town of Jackson was in Federal hands May 14, 1863 and again July 17-23, 1863. Some specialists believe that this is not an overpaid drop letter, but rather a cover postmarked with a canceler traveling with Confederate troops. C.S.A. Certificate.

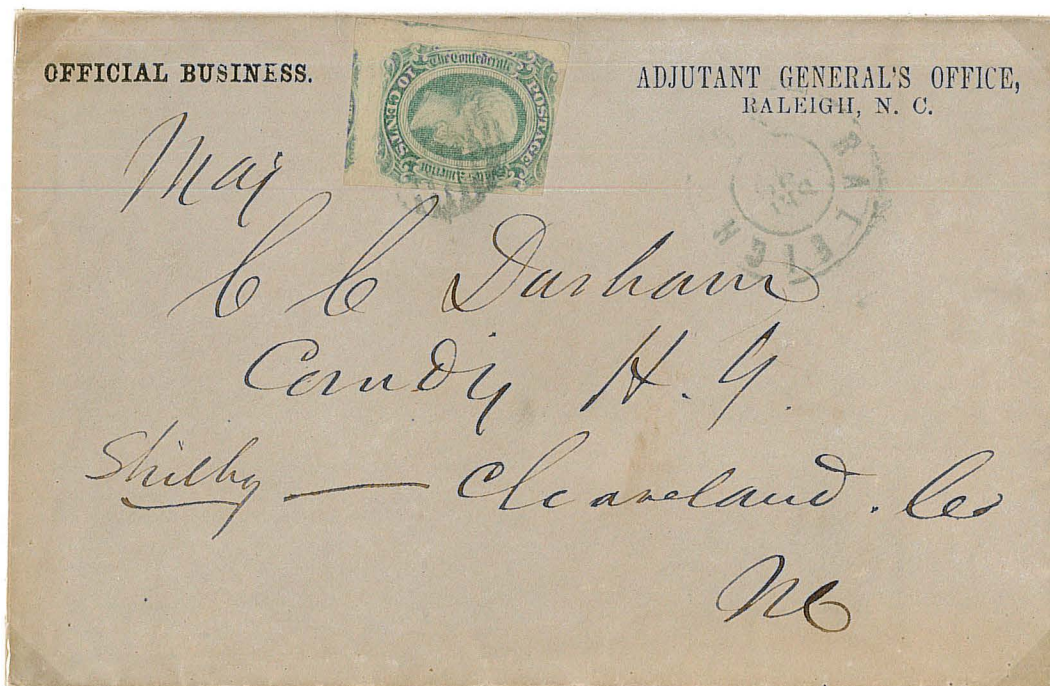
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE II



10¢ milky blue on cover from Tuscaloosa, Ala. Illustrated advertisement of "Warrior Works."



10¢ greenish blue on semi-official cover from Raleigh, N. C.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED ON WALLPAPER COVERS.



Multicolored floral design. 10¢ Type I from Columbia, S. C.

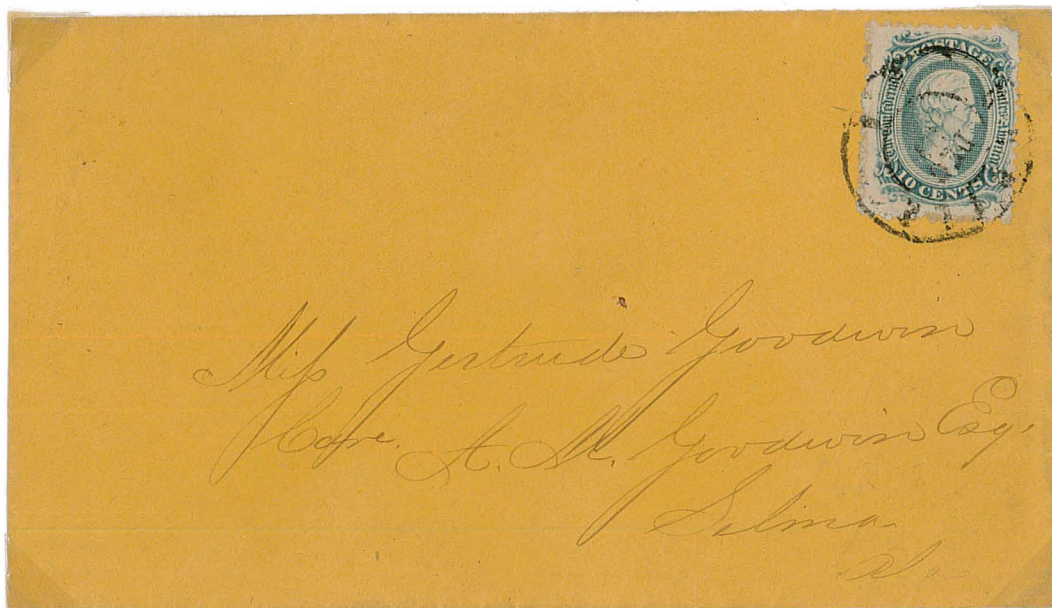


Floral design. 10¢ Type II from Nelson's Station, Va.

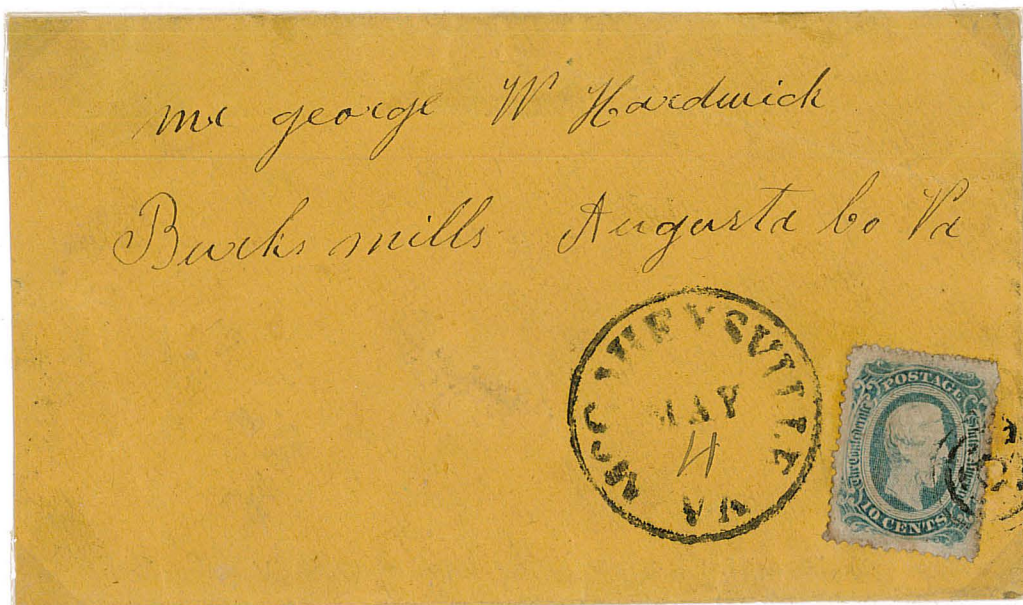
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

PERFORATED EXPERIMENTALLY BY POSTAL OFFICIALS.



Type I. Postmarked at Mobile, Ala. P. F. Cert.



Type II. Cancelled target at McGaheysville, Va.

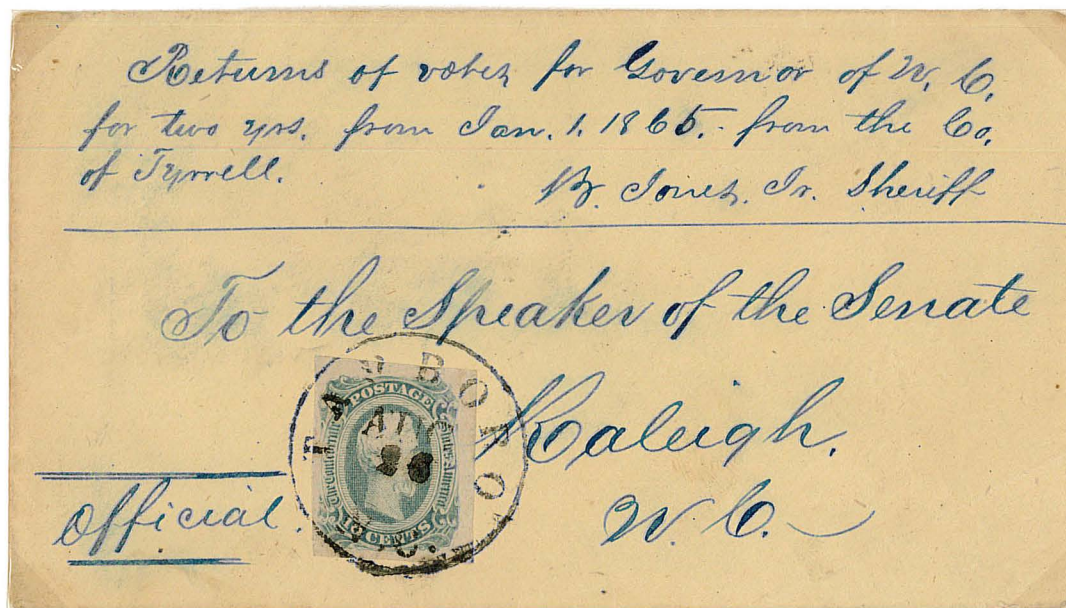
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864-65

10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE II



10¢ blue from Anderson, Texas. Home-made cover from Galveston port form.



10¢ blue from Tarboro, N. C. Official cover to the Speaker of the Senate, Raleigh, N. C.

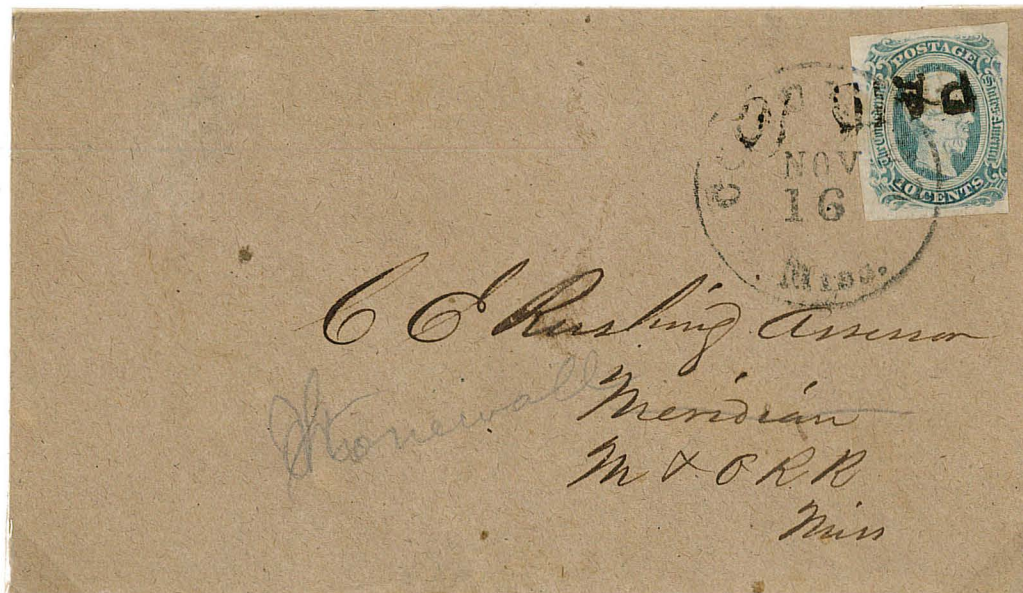
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE II



10¢ milky blue Type II from Covington, Ga. to an agent in the Commissary Service of Confederate Army at Athens, Ga.



10¢ blue Type II from Columbus, Miss. to Meridian, Miss. and forwarded to Stonewall, Miss. Handstamped "PAID 10" at upper right was applied at Meridian and paid the forwarding charge. Only reported "PAID 10" from Meridian, Miss.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

ADVERSITY COVERS



10¢ blue Type II on turned cover from Durham's Station, N. C. Inside is a pair of 5¢ typographed, Richmond printing, from Charleston, S. C. to Durham's Station, N. C.



10¢ blue Types I and II on turned cover. Each side was postmarked at Gainesville, Ala. and addressed to Camp Buckner, Talladega, Alabama.

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GENERAL ISSUES

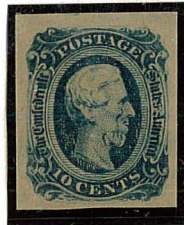
1864

Printed by Keatinge & Ball of Columbia, S. C. with engraved plates previously used by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Va. The earliest known use December 4, 1864. Poorer quality printings.

Die I



Die II



Gutter Between Panes

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

10 ¢ ENGRAVED. KEATINGE & BALL PRINTINGS.



10 ¢ deep blue Type II used at Sumter, S. C. on overpaid drop letter.



10 ¢ deep blue Type II used at Newmarket, Va. on envelope of war-time paper.

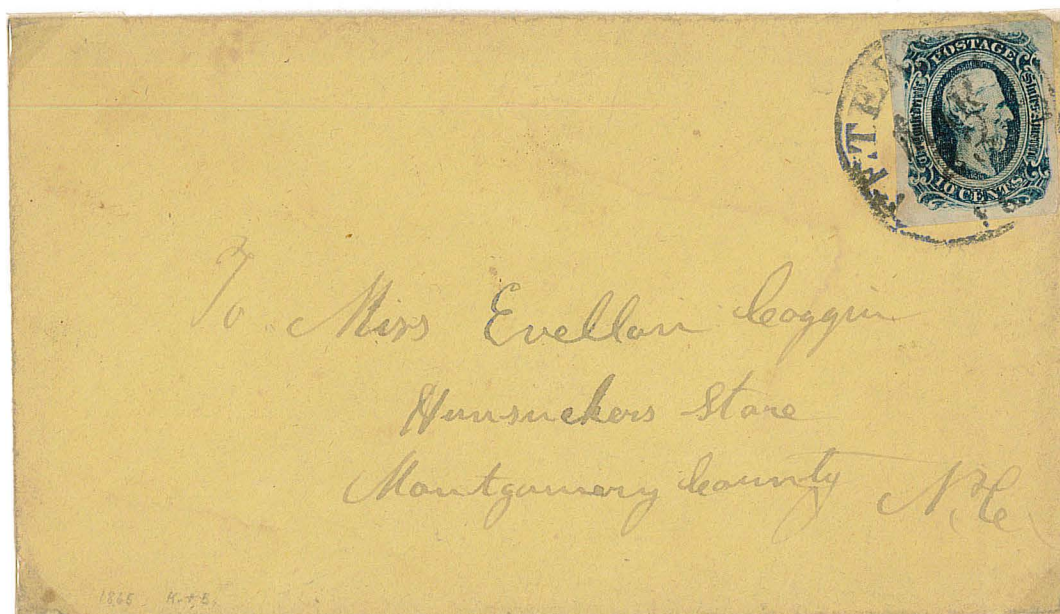
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

KEATINGE & BALL



10¢ deep blue Type II postmarked at Charleston, S. C. on Nov. 8, 1864 and addressed to "Keating Ball Esq." The fine impression of the stamp resembles Archer & Daly printings. The color of the stamp and brownish gum suggests Keatinge & Ball printing.

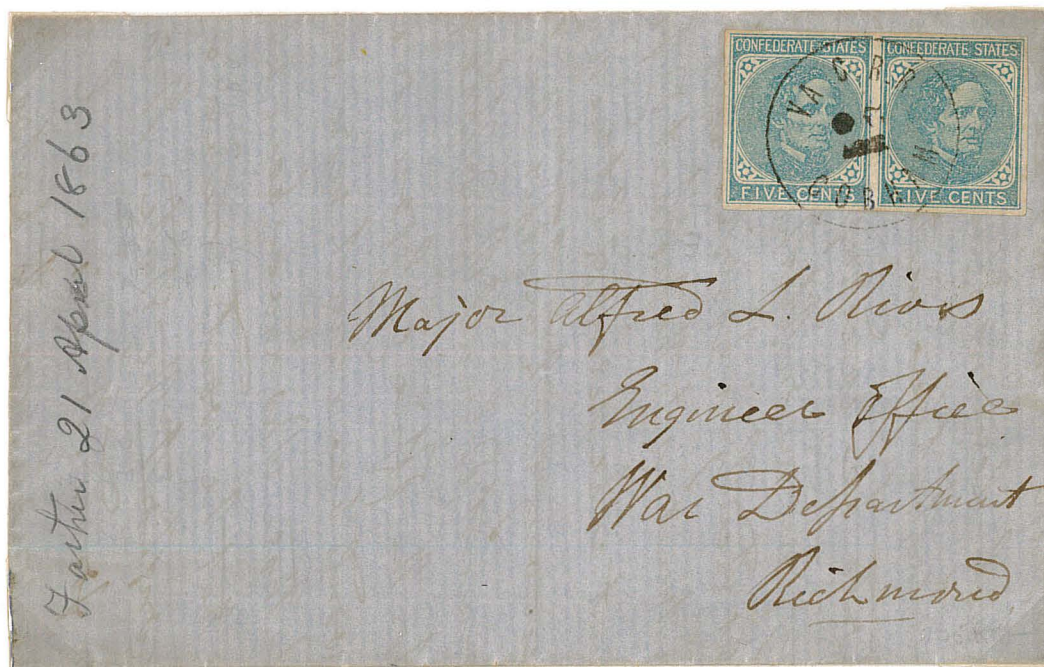


10¢ deep blue Type II postmarked at Petersburg, Va. on Mar. 23, (1865) and addressed to Hunsuckers Store, Montgomery County, N. C. The stamp shows deep color and poor impression of a Keatinge & Ball printing.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

RAILROAD POSTMARKS



Virginia Central Railroad, Cobham Station.



Virginia & Tennessee Railroad, Bristol Station.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL ISSUES

1863

Portrait of George Washington. Engraved by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Va. Earliest known use July 1, 1863.



Gutter Between Panes



Thin Paper



Nacogdoches, Tex.
Pmk. P. F. Cert.



Double Transfer in "20"
Pos. 35 R at LC

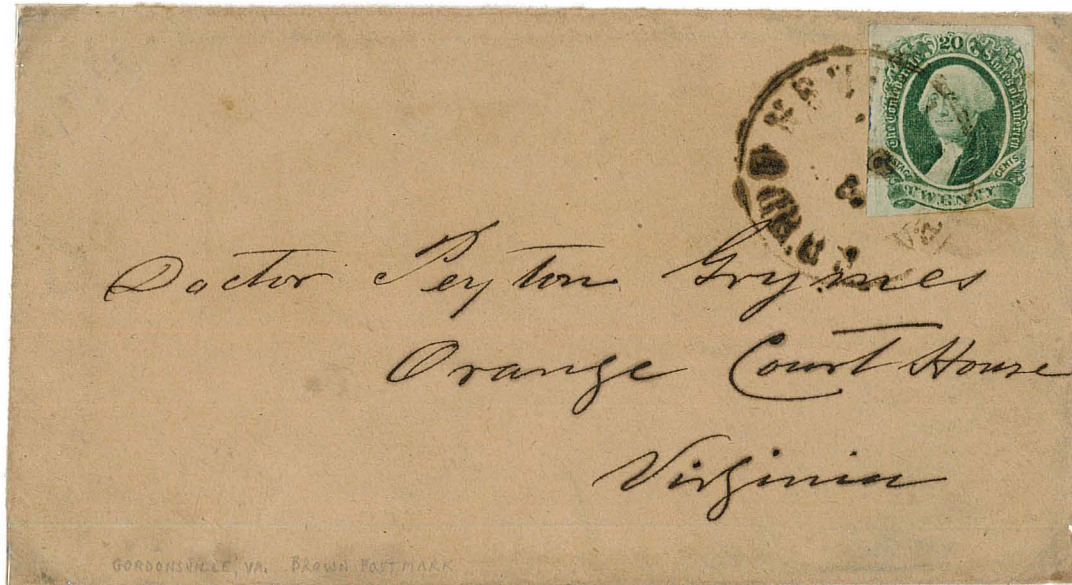


Atlanta, Ga. Postmarks

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863-64

20 ¢ GREEN



Gordonsville, Virginia brown postmark.



Diagonal half used as 10 ¢ from Charleston, S. C. When supplies of 10 ¢ stamps became exhausted, halves of 20 ¢ stamps were used. P. F. Certificate.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

20¢ BISECT ON SELMA, ALA. QUARTERMASTER'S COVER



Quartermaster's Office,

Selma, Ala., Oct 30 1864

Maj Connelley & Anna Lamburn

After returning back from Maj I did not have time to fulfill my promise that I made to you sporting with you. as you know I promise to write to you and this is the first opportunity I have had but you must not suppose or conclude because I have not written to you that I have forgotten you for I have not more will I ever do so while my head

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PREPARED - NOT ISSUED

1862

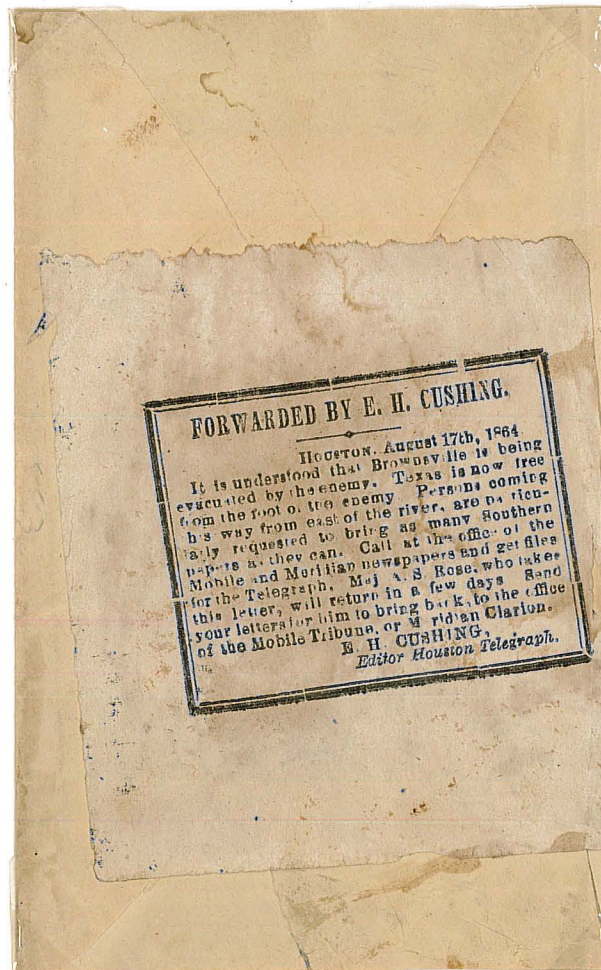
Portrait of John C. Calhoun. Typographed by De La Rue & Co. of London, England. The stamps were delivered to the Confederate States by blockade runner. They were not issued for postal use.



CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

CUSHING TRANS-MISSISSIPPI EXPRESS MAIL



E. H. Cushing dated label, Dietz Type IV, on back of cover from Houston, Texas to 5th Reg. Tex. Vol., Longstreet's Corps, Richmond, Va. 20¢ green stamp attached on face but not post-marked as the cover was carried the entire route by Cushing courier. Cushing's fee in 1864 was \$5.00 per letter, the last of several increases.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

BLOCKADE-RUN COVER



"SHIP" handstamped on blockade-run folded letter at Wilmington, N. C., port of entry. Manuscript "12" rate includes 2¢ due for ship's captain and 10¢ due for Confederate postage.

The letter, written in London on June 23, 1863, arrived at Wilmington on December 7th. It discusses tobacco shipment, blockade-breaking, purchase of Confederate bonds and the death of General Jackson.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

BLOCKADE-RUN COVER



"STEAM-SHIP" in oval, handstamped on blockade-run cover at Charleston, S. C., port of entry. Manuscript "12" represents 2¢ due for ship's captain plus 10¢ due for Confederate postage.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

BLOCKADE-RUN COVER ENTERING CHARLESTON, S. C.



This cover ran the blockade from a West Indies port. The manuscript "12" represents 2¢ due for ship's captain and 10¢ due for Confederate postage.

The envelope has embossed manufacturer's name on a back flap, "HENRY RODRIGUES . MAKER . 42 . PICCADILLY."

Following normal procedure, the letter was removed from its original envelope and enclosed in this cover before delivery to the blockade runner.

Enclosure on following album page.

ENCLOSURE OF BLOCKADE-RUN COVER INTO CHARLESTON.

Rev. J. H. Combs } 62 Pike Street
 Aiken } New York
 South Carolina } August 19th 1864
 My dear friend and Brother in Christ
 I this morning received a letter from
 Dunlin dated Key West July 21st 64 - he had
 been taken prisoner whilst on a visit to
 some neighbors, ^{by some federal troops} a mile from his home, whose
 family all advised ^{him} to remain
 he did so, and was made prisoner, I hope
 he will have the right mind to come on
 now, I have written him to that effect - and
 also telling him by no means to sell one
 word of it to the world.

This letter, written in New York City on Aug. 19, 1864, was received in Charleston, S. C. on Dec. 3, 1864. It was written to a minister and begins:

"I this morning received a letter from Dunlin dated Key West July 21st 64 - he had been taken prisoner whilst on a visit to some neighbors, by some federal soldiers ..."

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1865

AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Addressed to Blockade-Runner



Folded cover postmarked February 27, 1865 at Aguascalientes. To José San Roman, a well-known blockade-runner.

Two reales orange stamp of the fourth period overprinted consignment no. 20-1865, sub-consignment no. 11-1865 and sub-office "AGUASCALIENTES."

Docketing on flap:

*Homeo Henry Co.
Aguas Calientes
Feb 26 de 1865*

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1863 or 1864

MEXICO TO TEXAS COVER



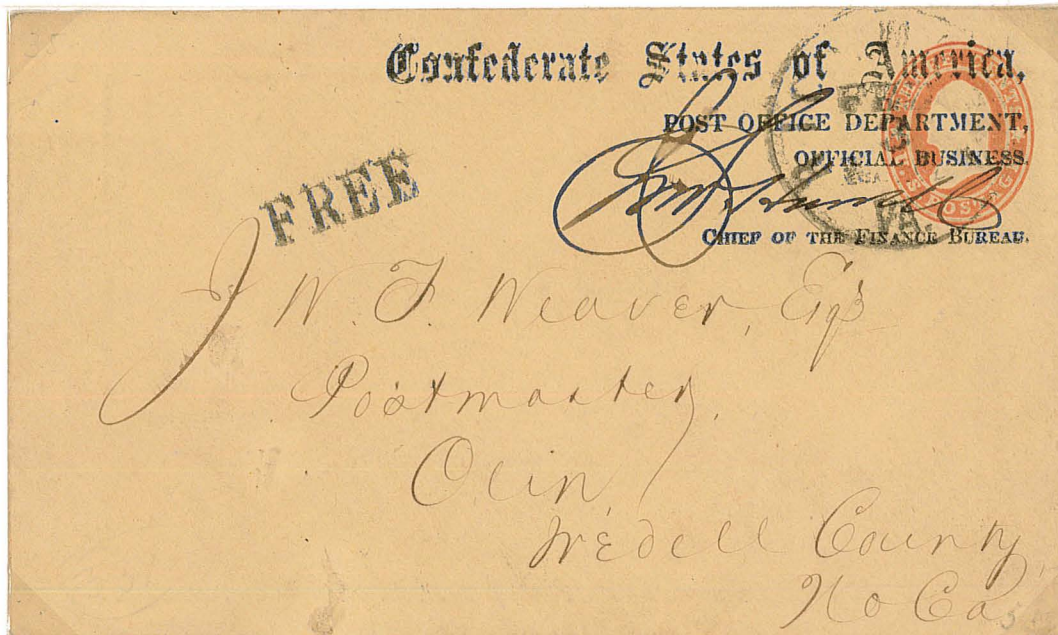
This cover, mailed in Mexico, has the June 10 Matamoros postmark and "FRANCO," signifying Mexican postage paid. It was carried by a forwarding agent from Mexico to Concrete, Texas. There, on July 1st it was placed in the regular mail, where the Confederate 10¢ stamp was canceled.

One other similar cover is known.

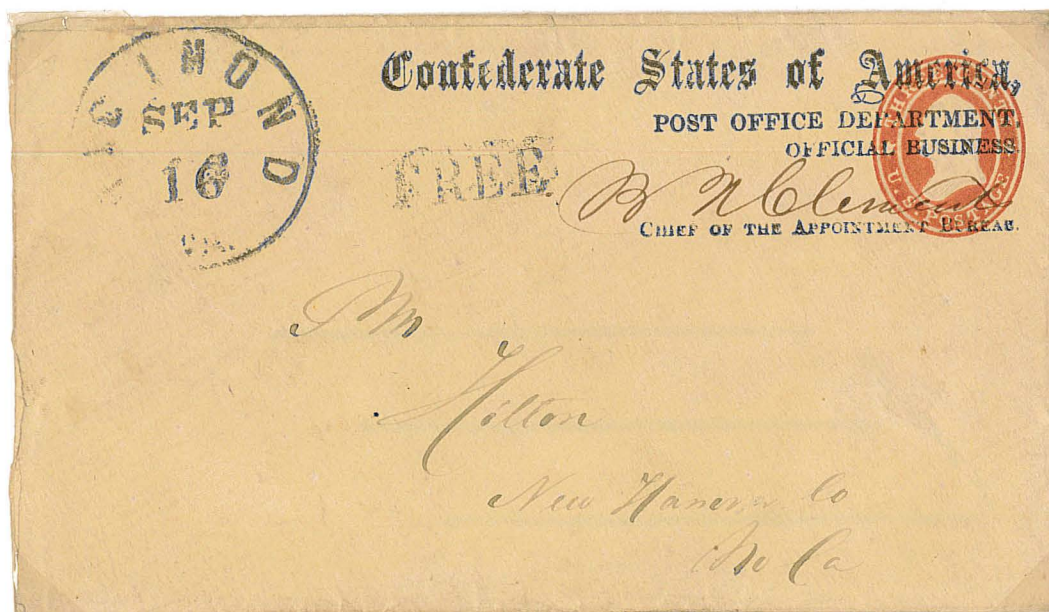
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861 - 63

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL COVERS.



Signature of Jno. L. Harrell, Chief of the Finance Bureau.
Post Office Department imprint on U. S. Star Die envelope.
Sent free on official business.



Signature of B. N. Clements, Chief of the Appointment Bureau. Only high officials of the Post Office Department had the free franking privilege, used for official business only.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

H. St. Geo. Offutt, Chief of Contract Bureau

Confederate States of America.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

CONTRACT BUREAU,

Richmond,

June 12 1863

W. S. Webb Esq. C. M.
Hilltop, N. C.

Sir,
Having received your letter
of the 4th inst. I send you herewith a copy of the
act of Congress on the subject to which you allude.
Respectfully,
H. St. Geo. Offutt
Chief of the Contract Bureau.

"... I send you herewith a copy of an Act of Congress ..."

See next album page for copy of Act.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Act of Congress, April 14, 1863

AN ACT

To exempt Contractors for carrying the Mails of the Confederate States and the Drivers of Post Coaches and Hacks from Military Service.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, that the contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States shall be exempt from the performance of military duty in the armies of the Confederate States, from and after the passage of this act, during the time they are such contractors: provided, that no more than one contractor shall be exempt on any route, and that no more than one member of any firm of contractors shall be exempt, and no contractor on any route of less than ten miles in length, and on which the mail is carried on horse, shall be exempt under this act; and if one or more members of any such firm be exempt from age or other cause from the performance of military duty, the other member, or members of such firm, shall not be exempt by this act on account of being mail contractors: and provided further, that no person to whom a contract for carrying the mails may be transferred, with the consent of the Post Office Department, after the passage of this act, shall be exempt from military service on that account.

SEC. 2. That drivers of post coaches and hacks for carrying the mails on all routes where the weight of the mails requires that they should be carried in coaches or hacks, shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States from and after the passage of this act, so long as they continue to be employed as such drivers: provided, the contractor by whom any such driver is employed, shall take and subscribe an oath to be furnished to the enrolling officer, that the weight of the mails on his route requires the use of coaches or hacks for their conveyance, and that he has not a greater number of drivers employed in his service than are indispensable to enable him to fulfill his contract for carrying the mails, and that he will not, while a contractor, employ a greater number of drivers than may be indispensably necessary for that purpose; and that he will give notice to the enrolling officer when any such driver ceases to be in his employment.

APPROVED April 14, 1863.

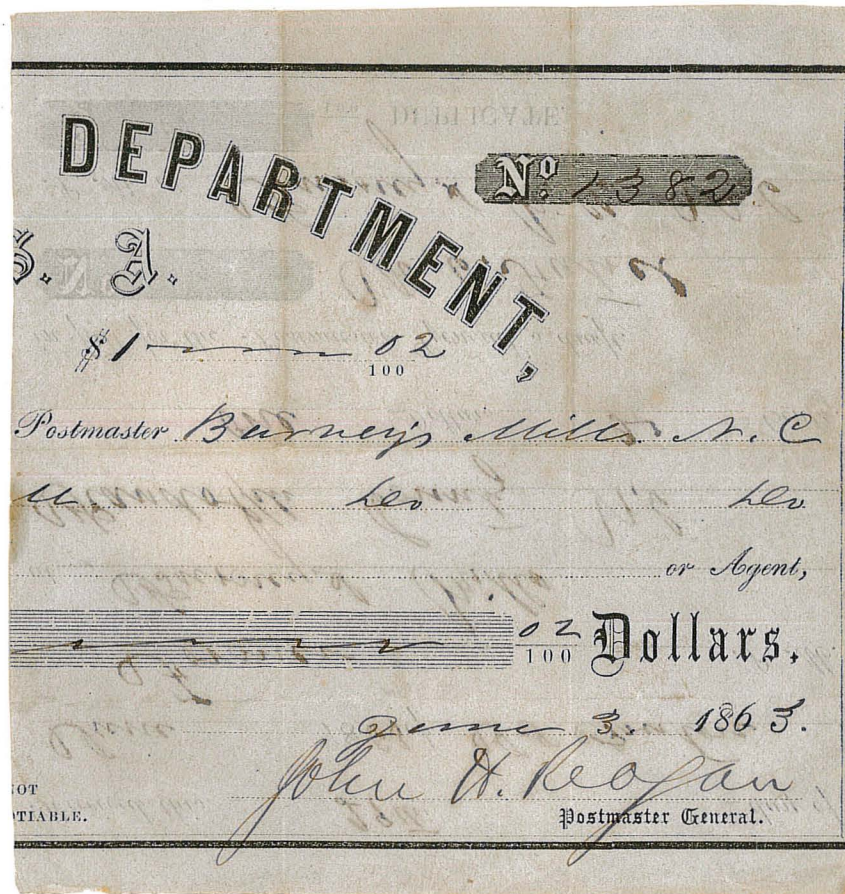
Mail contractors and drivers of post coaches exempt from military duty.

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1863

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

John H. Regan, Postmaster General

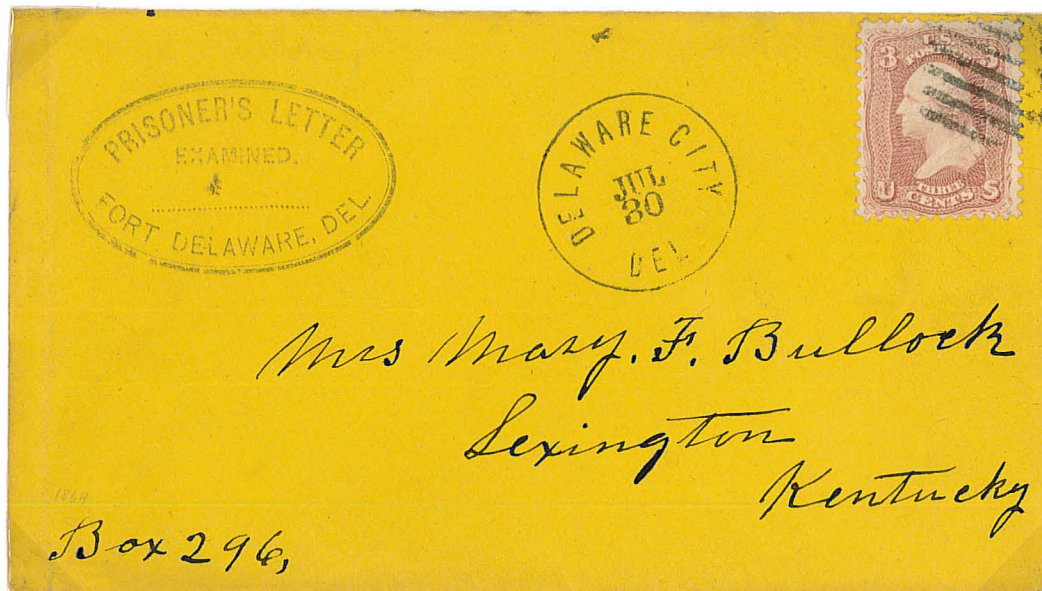


Part of draft signed by John H. Regan. Reverse has half of duplex receipt; other half was returned to Regan.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

FEDERAL PRISON HANDSTAMPS



Fort Delaware, Delaware. Cover from a prisoner of war.



Johnson's Island, Sandusky, Ohio. Examined by "F. W. R." Cover to a prisoner of war.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

ACROSS-THE-LINES COVER FROM ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



"Care of Robert Ould, Agt. of Exchange, Richmond, Va., April 29th 1863, St. Louis, Mo.," endorsement on left side of cover.

This unsealed cover was enclosed in an outer envelope at St. Louis, Mo. and crossed the lines by flag of truce. It was removed from the outer envelope at Richmond, Va., where the 10¢ stamp was canceled and the cover forwarded to addressee in North Carolina.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

P.O.W. COVER FROM FORT COLUMBUS VIA NORFOLK, VA.



Prisoner of War cover to Georgia from Fort Columbus, N.Y. Prison on Governors Island in New York Harbor. Col. Charles H. Olmstead of Georgia mailed this cover to his wife while he was confined at the prison in April 1862 (Official Records II; 3 pp 500, 522-23).

This is the only recorded P.O.W. cover from Fort Columbus Prison.

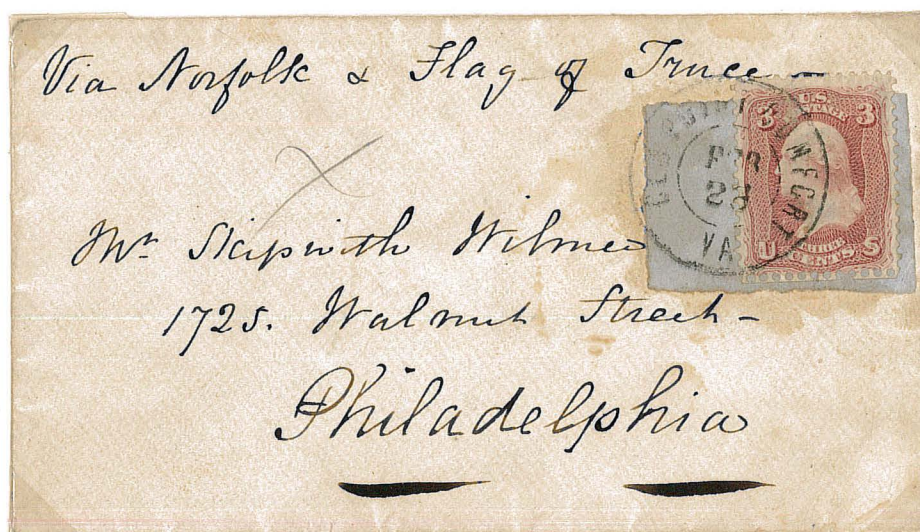
The first official Prisoner of War mail between the United States and the Confederate States passed through Norfolk, Va. in the South under Flag of Truce. The Norfolk route was in use only six months because Norfolk was occupied by Federal forces in early May 1862. United States postage was paid by the 3¢ stamp. The blue "10" indicates Confederate postage due of ten cents.

This is the last known P.O.W. cover to pass through the Norfolk, Va. route.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1862

FLAG OF TRUCE VIA NORFOLK, VA.



This cover traveled the first official Flag of Truce route, Norfolk, Va. in the South to Old Point Comfort, Va. in the North.

The unsealed cover was enclosed in an outer envelope that was mailed in the Confederate States to Norfolk, Va. To pay for United States postage, a half dime was attached to the inner envelope under the small strip of blue paper.

After traveling by Flag of Truce boat from Norfolk to Old Point Comfort, the outer envelope was discarded and the coin removed. A U. S. 3¢ stamp was attached and the cover forwarded to Philadelphia. When the blue paper is lifted, the impression of the removed coin can be seen.

Norfolk, Va. was captured in May 1862 and the route was discontinued.



1864

3 U.S. POSTAGE
 U. S. GENTLEMAN

LOOK OUT
 LOOK OUT
 LOOK OUT

Anderson
 Littlefield
 & P. O. Post Marshal
 Littlefield
 Stokes, Co.
 N.C.

Co. J. 1st Regt. N.Y.

Point Lookout Md
Jan the 5. 1864

Dear Father & Mother I
with pleasure take my pen
in hand to let you know
that I am well hoping this

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1864

FLAG OF TRUCE COVER TO JOHNSON'S ISLAND, OHIO



From "Olin, N. C., Sep. 6th, 1864" (manuscript postmark),
"Care of Hon. Robt Ould, Commissioner of Exchange, Richmond,
Va.," to a Prisoner of War.

At City Point, near Richmond, Va., the cover was placed on
Flag of Truce boat, which carried it to Old Point Comfort, Va.
Then, it was forwarded to Johnson's Island, Ohio.

Examined on arrival at the prison by "G. S. B."

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

FLAG OF TRUCE COVER FROM FORT McHENRY



From a Prisoner of War at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Md.
Inscribed "Through Comd'g Officer at Fortress Monroe ..."

This cover traveled from Baltimore to Fortress Monroe at Old Point Comfort, Va. Then, by Flag of Truce boat to City Point, near Richmond. The Confederate stamp was canceled at Richmond, Va. and the cover forwarded to Little's Mills, N. C.

Examined at Fort McHenry by Prison Adjutant Lt. Wiard.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

FLAG OF TRUCE COVER FROM FORT DELAWARE

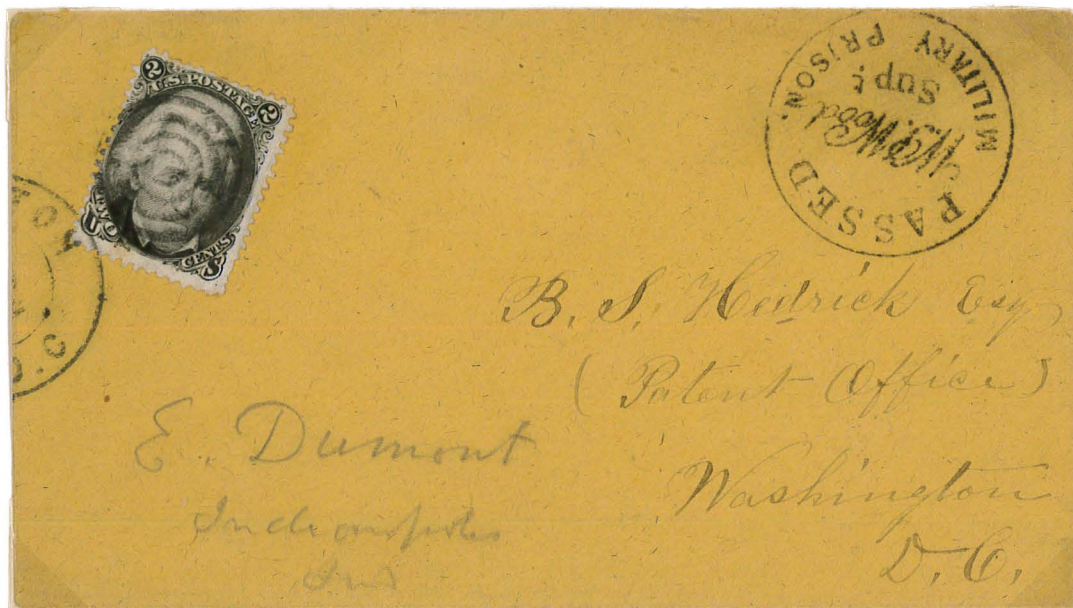


This cover traveled from Delaware City, Del. to Fortress Monroe at Old Point Comfort, Va. Then, by Flag of Truce boat to City Point, near Richmond. The Confederate stamp was canceled at Richmond, Va. and the cover forwarded to Fishersville, Va.

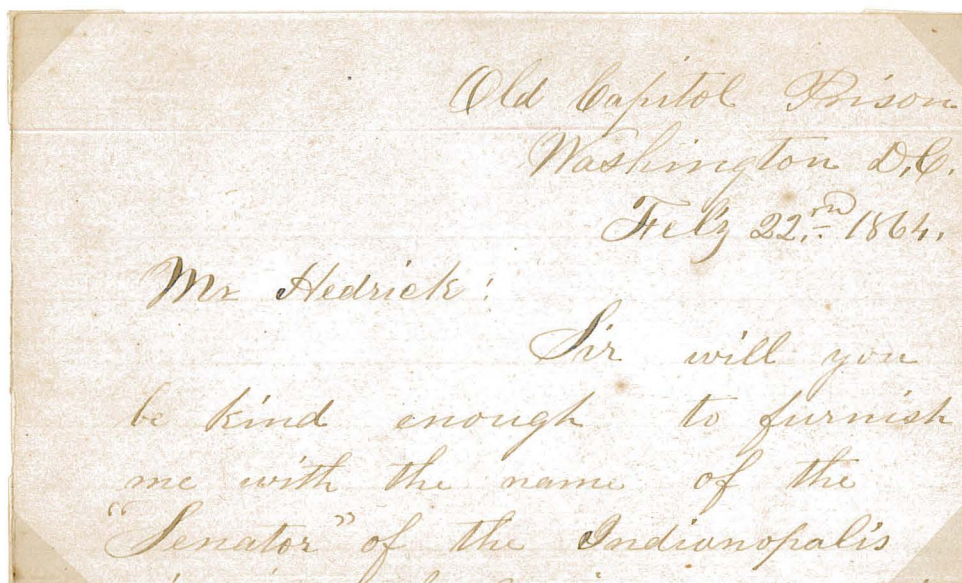
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1864

PRISONER OF WAR COVER FROM OLD CAPITOL PRISON



2 ¢ Black Jack on drop letter from Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D. C. Circular handstamp of Prison Supt. W. P. Wood.



Prisoner's letter of N. B. Robbins of Randolph, N. C. enclosed, seeking help in getting a release from prison.

One other similar Black Jack cover is recorded.

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1865

VALENTINE COVER TO POINT LOOKOUT PRISON, MD.



Howell's "The Bruised Heart" envelope sent "Via Flag truce" to a prisoner of war at Point Lookout, Md., in care of Major Brady (Provost Marshal). Censor's initial "B" at left of the stamps.

Printed in Ohio in 1864, the envelope was mailed in North Carolina with pair of 5¢ blue stamps and traveled via Old Point Comfort, Va., where a U. S. 3¢ stamp was attached over the Confederate stamps. The letter probably was not received as the prison clerk's notes in red say, "Jan. 25, 1865 / From wife / No. Ca. / Dead."

Illustrated on Page 102 in "Civil War Prisons and Their Covers" by Earl Antrim.

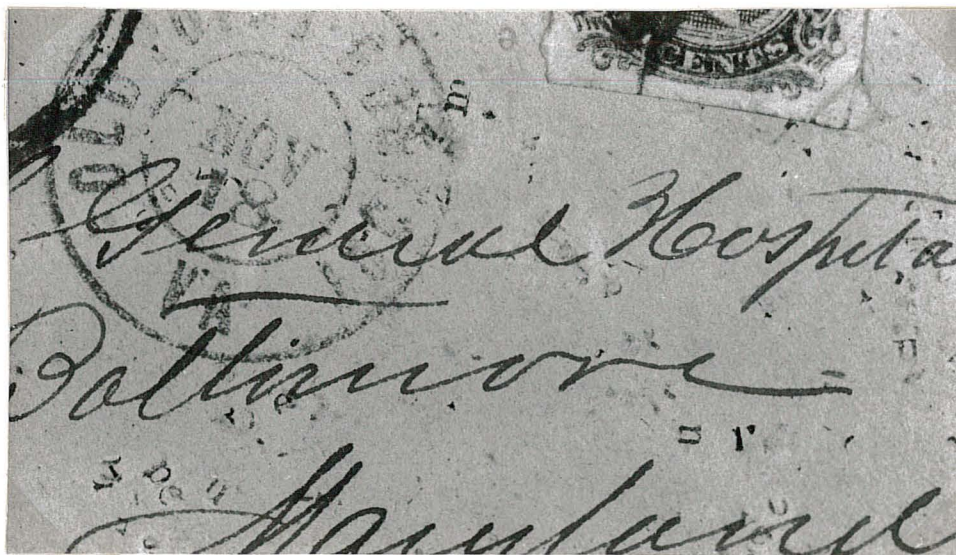
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1863 or 1864

ACROSS THE LINES COVER. ENVELOPE OF RECYCLED PAPER.



Durham's (Durham's Station), N. C. to Baltimore, Md. via Richmond, Va. and Old Point Comfort, Va. This cover crossed the lines between Richmond and Old Point Comfort, probably by Flag of Truce Boat "New York." Postage was paid by Confederate and United States stamps.



Photographic enlargement showing printed letters from recycled paper both on the surface and beneath the surface of the paper. Contemporary technology was not capable of removing printing ink; therefore, printed paper was very rarely recycled.

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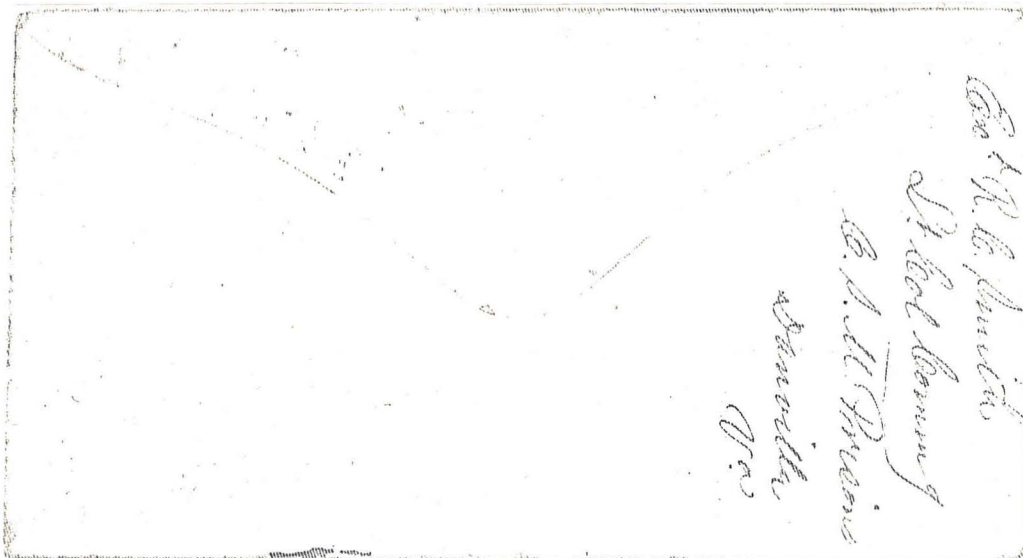
1865

C. S. MILITARY PRISON, DANVILLE, VA.

Cover from Capt. D. Tarbell



"Per Flag of Truce via James River, Va."



Examined by R. C. Smith, Lt. Colonel Commanding,
Confederate States Military Prisons, Danville, Va.

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1865

C. S. MILITARY PRISON, DANVILLE, VA.

Letter from Capt. D. Tarbell



C. S. Military Prison
Danville Va. Jan. 10/1865

My dear Mary:-

I hope my long silence has not led you to imagine for one moment that I have forgotten all. — What I say in this letter must be confined to narrow limits. I am still a prisoner and confined in the Danville Military Prison. There are at present four hundred and eight on two floors of this building. There are upwards of thirty in the Hospital. We have considered it very healthy.

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1864 - 65

DANVILLE, VA. C. S. MILITARY PRISON LIBERATED

P.O.W. Capt. D. Tarbell to W. Willoughby

"Military Prisoner"
Danville Va
Nov. 12" 1864
W Willoughby, Alex, Va
Dear Sir
I have been a prisoner
since Sept. 21st 64 - Am now at Danville
My health is good. & am fully able
Very truly your friend
D. Tarbell
Capt. C.S.A.

Prisoner's letter of Nov. 12, 1864 asking to be exchanged.



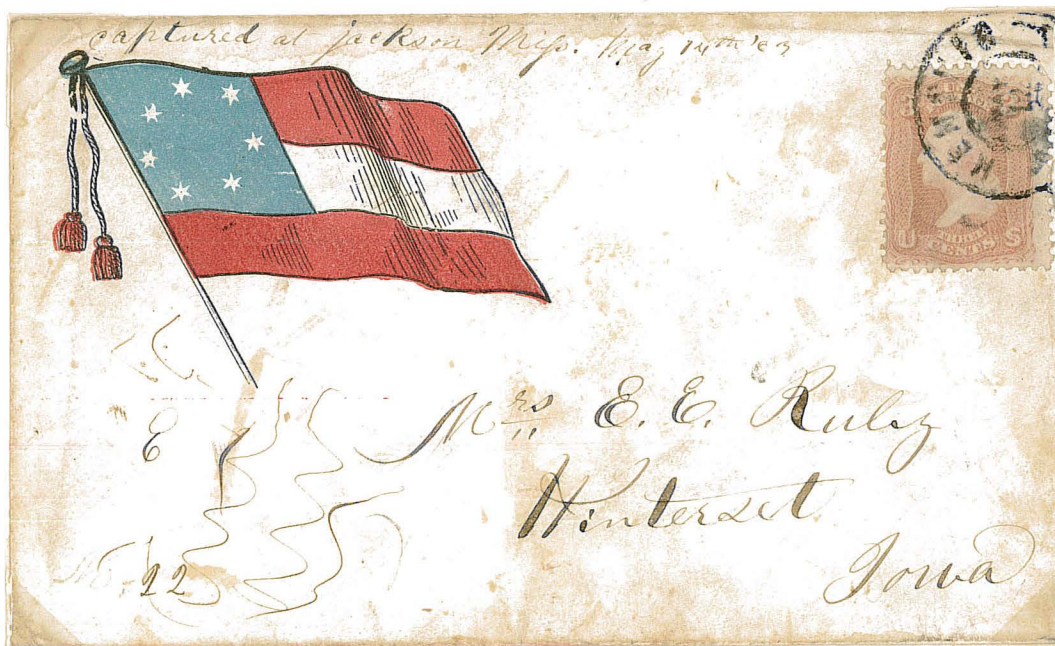
After Union take-over: The cover traveled via Old Point Comfort, Va. (June 17, 1865) as did the earlier prisoner's letters. Endorsed, "Examined, R. C. Smith, Lt. Col. Comdg." Confederate Lt. Col. Smith was kept temporarily in command and was assigned to censor mail. Stamps show 1¢ overpayment of 3¢ rate.

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1864

U. S. USAGE OF CONFEDERATE PATRIOTIC

Memphis, Tenn. (Union occupation) to Hinterset, Iowa.



Written at top, "Captured at Jackson, Miss., May 14th, '63." Jackson fell to Union forces on that day.

This flag design has been reported on one other cover. The other cover was used in the Confederate States.