



Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service

Application for Authentication

The following item(s) are enclosed for examination. Please describe the item(s) as completely as possible and include any other supporting documentation if present. For covers, also include enclosure(s), or copies of enclosure(s), if present.

	Scott No	Brief Description*	Previous Certificate Number and Service (CWPS, PF, APS, etc.) Attach copy	Declared Value**	Item Number (AS use only)
1				\$	
2				\$	
3				\$	
4				\$	
5				\$	
6				\$	
7				\$	
8				\$	

* Additional descriptive notes may be added on an attached sheet

** See "Valuation" on reverse

Name _____ Date _____

CWPS Member [] Member No _____ Non CWPS Member [] (Non CWPS members must submit fee with application)

Street or Post Office Box (for return delivery of items) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Both Scott catalog numbers and CSA catalog numbers will be used on the certificates.

I have read and agree to the conditions on the reverse governing the acceptance of items for authentication.

Applicant Signature _____ (Original signature only, not typed or stamped)

If applicant is under 18 years of age, the application must be countersigned by applicant's parent or guardian.

You will receive an acknowledgment of receipt.

Mail items and completed application to:

Stefan T. Jaronski
1173 Oakland Square
Blacksburg VA 24060
pmcspod@outlook.com (Send E-mail prior to shipment)

Send FEDEX shipments to:

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Conditions Governing the Acceptance of Items for Authentication

General

The Applicant ("Applicant") agrees to pay such fees as prescribed by the Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service (CWPAS) ("Service"). As used in this application, the term "Service" means the Authentication Service, the Civil War Philatelic Society, Inc. (CWPS), their officers, trustees, employees, members, committees, and consultants. Nonmembers of the CWPS must submit fee with application (see Authentication Service Fee Schedule). CWPS Members will be invoiced. **Only Confederate and Confederate related philatelic items accepted for authentication.**

The acceptance by the Service of a fee from the Applicant based on the Applicant's valuation of an item does not constitute the Service's agreement with that valuation for any other purpose including, without limitation, for the purpose of valuing the item after loss or damage.

The Service may decline to examine an item submitted by the Applicant or may issue a certificate ("Certificate") stating that the Service is not able to reach an opinion ("Opinion") with respect to the item. In such latter event, the Certificate may state that the Service declines to render an opinion ("No Opinion") with respect to the item.

In the event of a Certificate indicating "No Opinion," the Applicant agrees to pay the fee charged by the Service in connection with the processing of the item and the issuance of the Certificate.

The Applicant acknowledges that the Opinion or No Opinion statement of the Service reflected in the Certificate is a statement of opinion only and is not a warranty or guarantee by the Service of any kind whatsoever of that Opinion or No Opinion. The Service will take reasonable care to protect the item(s) while the item(s) is/are in its custody and control. Submission of an item to the Service shall be at the Applicant's sole risk of loss or damage to the item except in the event of gross negligence by the Service. In the event of a claim of loss of or damage to the item, the Applicant agrees to fully and promptly cooperate with the Service, its insurance carrier, and the United States Postal Service or other applicable carrier in connection with such claim.

The Applicant agrees that in furtherance of the educational purpose of the Service and in furtherance of the prevention and detection of spurious philatelic artifacts, without the payment of any fee or other charge to the Applicant, the Service may make such use of illustrations and/or scans of the item as it deems reasonably necessary or desirable for such purposes, including publication.

The Applicant may give a tax-deductible donation of such spurious material to the Service for future reference. In so doing, fees are canceled provided such donation is made within 60 days of the Certificate date without charge or other fee by the Service for such use.

Valuation

Insurance coverage will be for the declared value as stated by the Applicant.

Valuations at the Service's sole discretion may be adjusted by the Service under the following circumstances:

1. The declared value is significantly below the current Scott catalog value or market value.
2. Items not valued in a standard catalog of the Confederate States will be valued based on the best judgment of the Service.
3. If the item submitted is misidentified by the submitter, the declared value will be changed either higher or lower as necessary to reflect the value of the correctly identified item.
4. Items sold at auction within the last 90 days may have the value adjusted if necessary to include the amount of the buyer's premium.
5. If no valuation is stated by the Applicant, a valuation will be assigned by the Service.

I (Applicant) have read and understand the terms and conditions herein, including the limitations of liability with respect to the Service, and agree to be bound by them. My signature on the application confirms this understanding.

Effective September 1, 2026, the following new authentication fee schedule went into effect to offset the increasing costs of shipping and insurance incurred by the Authentication Service. Certificate fees remain the same, but an extra shipping charge must be added.

Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service Fee Schedule *

Stamps Off Cover – General Issue and Provisionals Singles or Multiples (Pairs, Strips, Blocks) Unused or Used	CWPS Members	Non-Members
Valued \$1 to \$249	\$40	\$50
Valued \$250 to \$499	\$45	\$60
Valued \$500 to \$999	\$60	\$75
Valued \$1,000 to \$2,499	\$95	\$110
Valued \$2,500+	\$150	\$175
*****	*****	*****
Postal History (Covers)	CWPS Members	Non-Members
Valued \$1 to \$499	\$55	\$70
Valued \$500 to \$999	\$70	\$85
Valued \$1,000 to \$2,499	\$100	\$120
Valued \$2,500 to \$4,999	\$160	\$185
Valued \$5,000 to \$9,999	\$275	\$325
Valued \$10,000+	\$450	\$550
*****	*****	*****
Express Service 30-Day Turn Around (in addition to regular fee)	CWPS Members	Non-Members
Valued \$1 to \$2,499	\$80	\$80
Valued \$2,500+	\$100	\$100
*****	*****	*****
Not Genuine Certificate	\$45	\$50
No Opinion Certificate	\$35	\$40
Item donated to the Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service Reference Collection within 60 days of date of certificate **	Fee Waived	Fee Waived

* It is necessary to add an additional **\$25.00** shipping fee to each application. Note the shipping charge is per application not per individual item as an application may contain up to eight items. Items returned to an address outside the United States are charged an additional \$55.00 (USPS Global Priority) or \$85.00 (USPS Global Express) for shipping.

** For donations, contact Stefan T. Jaronski at pmcspod@outlook.com