

**Listed Varieties of the
Confederate States 5¢ Blue Typographed Stamps**

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Purpose and Scope: This exhibit presents stamps and covers depicting varieties of the Confederate States 5c blue typographed stamps printed by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Virginia.

Background: These stamps were printed from a single printing plate prepared by Thomas De La Rue & Co. in London, England, and transferred to Richmond. When the printing plate arrived in Richmond, it was accompanied by a supply of high-quality paper and ink. The initial stamps printed in Richmond were of high quality and had minimal variances to the stamps printed in London. After the initial supplies of paper and ink from London were exhausted, they were replaced with locally sourced paper and inks. This change in materials and the continuous use of a single printing plate resulted in a reduced level of quality and introduced numerous varieties.

Treatment: This exhibit documents the varieties listed in the 2012 *Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook of Stamps and Postal History (CSA)* and the 2026 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers (Scott)*. The table below identifies the varieties and indicates where they appear within the exhibit. It includes the CSA catalog number which identifies the paper as London Paper (L) or the local Richmond Paper (R). The varieties are organized into three groups based on the factors that contributed to their production.

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Print Execution Varieties – result of print set-up / processing		
Brass Rules	L-v2, R-v4	15
Printed on both sides	L-v6, R-v5	16

An effort was made to include items that represent uncommon uses based on the cover type or the specific cancels applied. Items of particular interest are boxed in red.

Plated Variety: White Tie (Position 30 UR)

The "White-Tie" variety is limited to a single position on a full sheet of 400 stamps. The variety occurs on "Position 30" of the Upper Right Pane. It is believed to have been caused by a blow from a metal instrument damaging the electrotype below the printing surface. Once this damage occurred, all future printings from the plate featured what has been labeled as the "White Tie" variety. This is one of the most easily recognized and collectible printing varieties of this stamp.



Portion of Upper Right Pane (7-L-v1)



Upper Right Stamp (7-R-v1)
Wilmington, NC



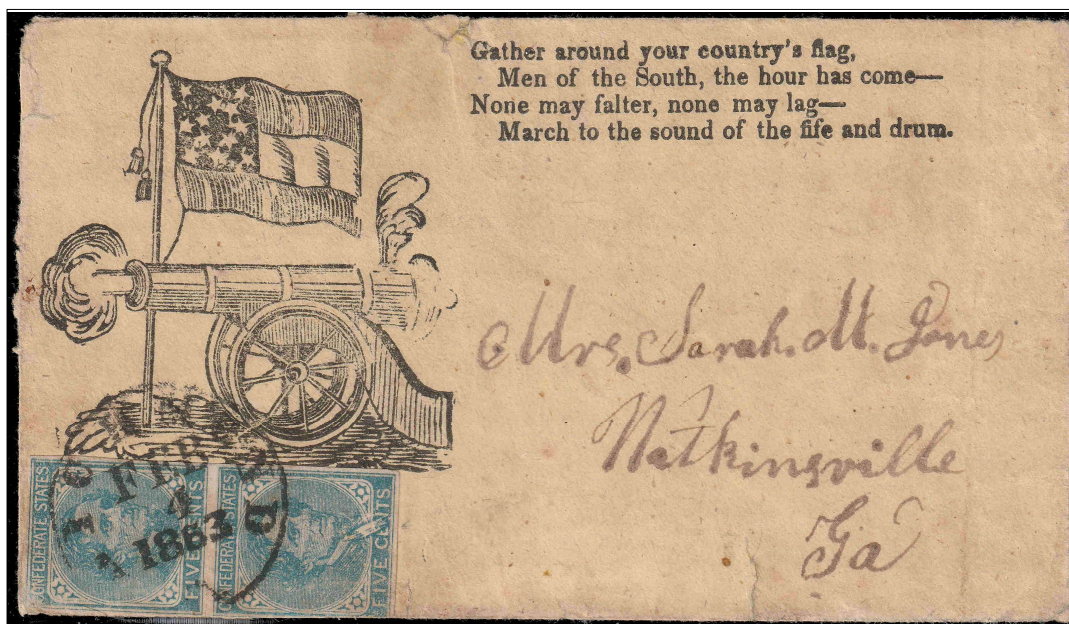
(7-R-v1)
Richmond, VA



Right Stamp (7-L-v1)
Talcott, VA

Plated Variety: White Tie (Position 30 UR)

These "White-Tie" examples represent uses on a Patriotic cover and a Railroad cover.

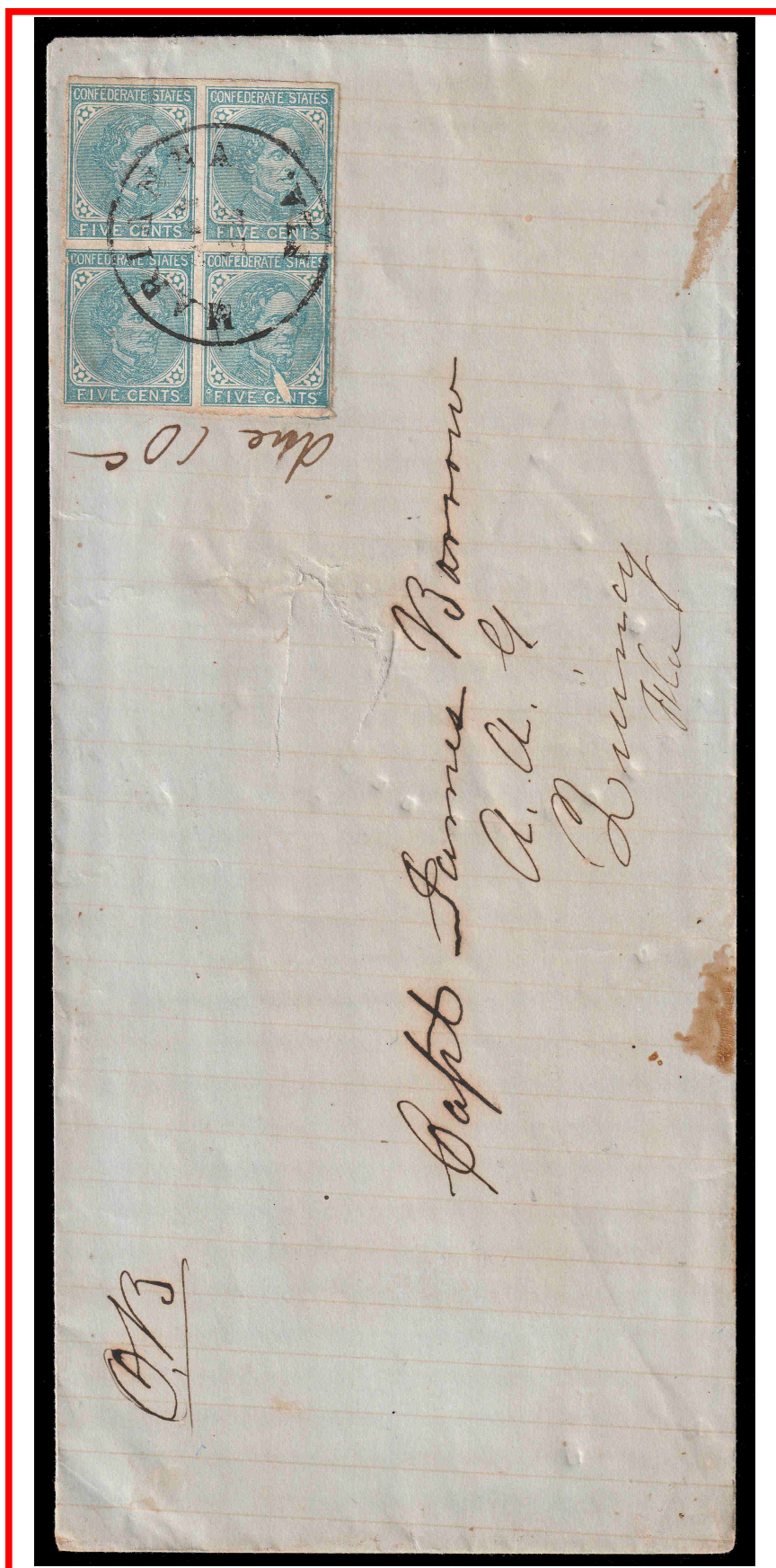


Bottom Stamp (7-R-v1)
Patriotic Cover (CN-1C / Verse 12)
Early Use - Richmond, VA Feb 4, 1863 (CSA Cert)



Right Stamp (7-R-v1)
Railroad Cover - Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad - Wartrace, N. & C. R. R., May 9, 1863

Plated Variety: White Tie (Position 30 UR)



**Bottom Right Stamp
(7-R-v1)**

Adversity use on Lined
Ledger Paper
Official Business
Marianna, FL

**Only recorded use of
White Tie variety
used in Florida in the
Deane Briggs Census**

Plated Variety: White Tie (Position 30 UR)



**Bottom Strip of 5
Right Stamp
White Tie
Wilmington, NC**

Top Sheet Margin
Block of 20

**Siegel Auctions reported
this as the largest
recorded multiple of CSA 7
on cover
(PF Cert)**

Plated Variety: Scratched Plate (Position 31 UL)

The "Scratched Plate" variety is a less prominent plated variety and is often overlooked. It shows a fine white line traveling from the upper righthand star through the portrait to the bottom of the stamp. This occurs only on Position 31 in the Upper Left pane.



(7-R-v6)
Enlarged Image at Right



Right Side



(7-R-v6)
Goodson, VA
Enlarged Image at Right



Right Side



Left Stamp
Right Side



Left Stamp (7-R-v6)
Athens, TN August 8, 1863
Enlarged Image at Left



Left Stamp (7-R-v6)
Greensborough, AL May 20
Enlarged Image at Right



Left Stamp
Right Side

Transient Variety: Filled-In Frame on 1 Side

The “Filled-In Frame on 1 Side” variety is a transient variety that occurs on 28 positions. These positions are located along the outer edges of each pane. This variety is associated with plate wear, which caused the ink to fill in the frame along the edges of the stamp.

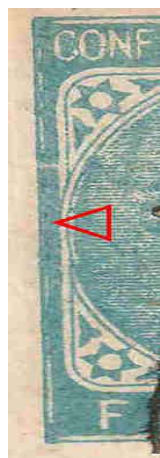


Top Stamp - Unfilled Frame



Bottom Stamp - Filled Frame

Bottom Stamp - Frame filled at Bottom (7-R-v2)
Pre-war Charleston, SC Cancel (29mm)
Enlarged Images at Right



Right Stamp
Filled Frame

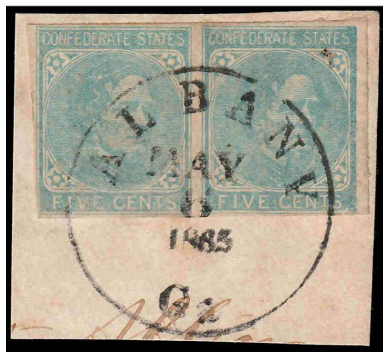


Left Stamp of Pair - Frame filled at Left (7-R-v2)

Adversity Use - Turned Cover
First use CSA #13 Lynchburg, VA
Second use Pair CSA #7 Charlottesville, VA
Enlarged Image at Left

Transient Variety: Filled-in Frame on 1 Side

Examples featuring interesting uses including a very late use (May 1865) and a pair used on a Semi-Official cover which is the listing entry in the CSA catalog.



Right Stamp - Frame filled at Right (7-R-v2)
Albany, GA May 1865 (CSA Cert)
Late Use
Enlarged Image at Right



Right Stamp
Filled Frame



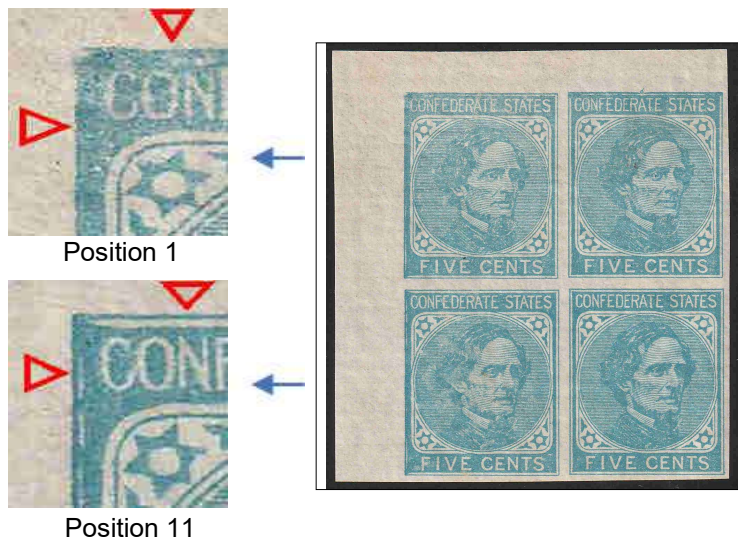
Right Stamp
Filled Frame



Stamps Inverted - Right Stamp - Frame filled at Right (7-R-v2)
Semi-Official North Carolina State Imprint "Adjutant General's Office, Raleigh N.C."
Listing entry illustrated in the CSA Catalog (S-NC-13).
Missing the "O" in "(O)FFICIAL BUSINESS"

Transient Variety: Filled-In Frames on 2 Sides

The "Filled-In Frame Lines on 2 Sides" variety is limited to 4 positions located at the corners of each pane. This includes Positions 1, 10, 91 and 100.

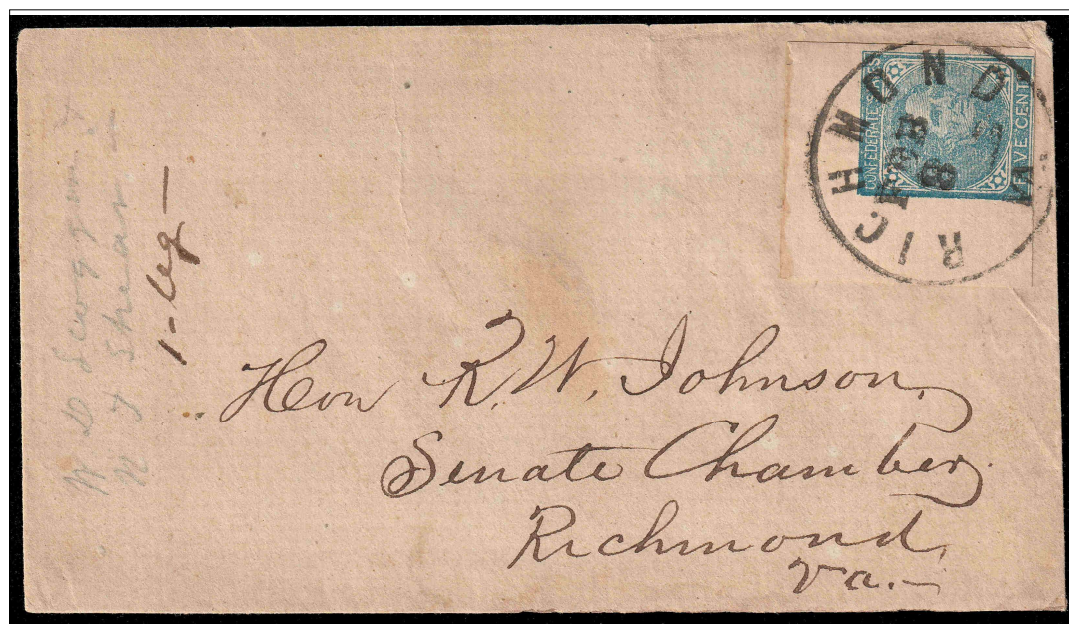


Upper Left Stamp - Frames filled Left and Top (7-L-v5)

compare with

Lower Left Stamp - Frame filled Left Only (7-L-v4)

Enlarged Images at Left



Position 1

Frame filled at Left and Top (7-R-v3)

Overpaid Drop Rate

Richmond, VA

Enlarged Image at Right

Transient Variety: Filled-In Frames on 2 Sides

Examples featuring stamps from the Top Left (Position 1), the Top Right (Position 10) and a cover showing the Bottom Left (Position 91).



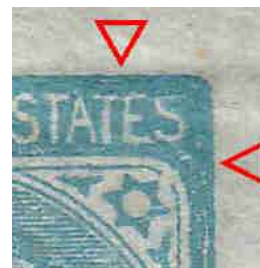
Left Stamp
Position 1



Left Stamp - Frames filled at **Left and Top** (7-R-v3)
Savannah, GA Paid
Top Left Position on Pane



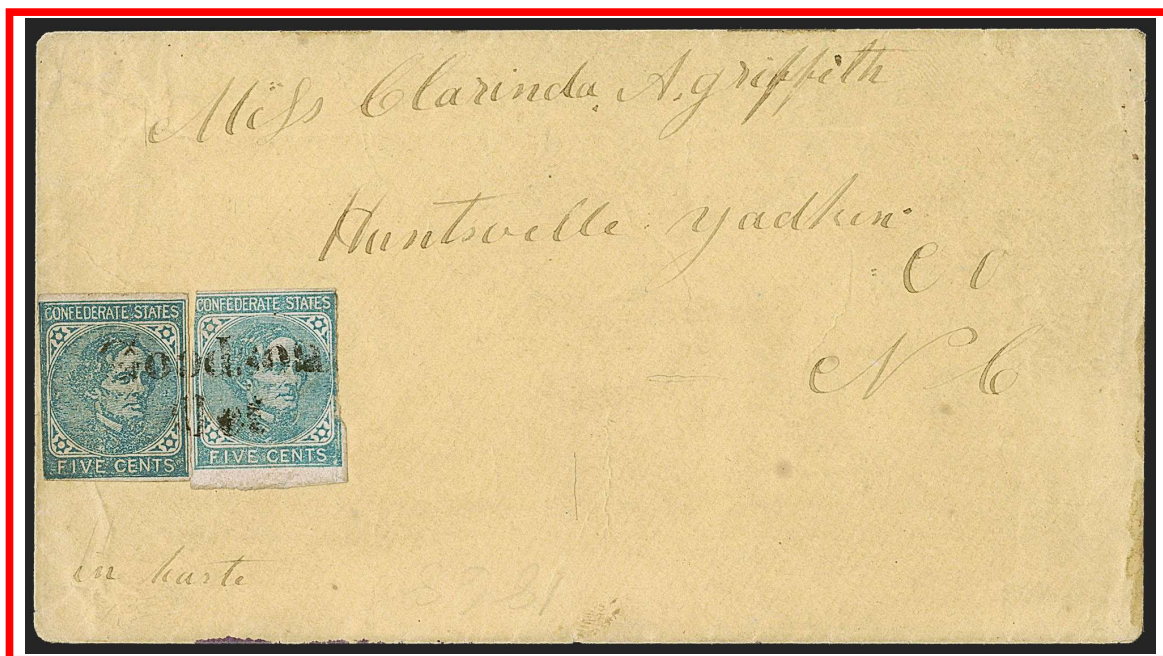
Right Stamp - Frames filled at **Right and Top** (7-L-v5)
Top Right Position on Pane



Right Stamp
Position 10



Left Stamp
Position 91



Left Stamp - Frame filled at **Left and Bottom** (7-R-v3)
"Goodson Oct" straightline cancel (CSA Catalog - SL-03B)
Only 4 covers recorded with this postmark in Frank Crown CWPS Census
Unique with this stamp and variety

Transient Variety: **Various Inking Anomalies**

This transient variety includes a range of inking anomalies which are not permanent and can occur on any position. They represent small specks of ink temporarily adhering to the plate. These spots of color are often surrounded by a small white area forming a circle around the object.



Circle Lower Left



(7-L-v7)
Enlarged Image at Left



Right Stamp (7-R-v7)
Richmond, VA
Enlarged Image at Right



Right Stamp
Circle at Top of Head



Left Stamp
"N" and "T" Joined



Ink anomaly on both stamps (7-R-v7)
Red Petersburg, VA
Enlarged Images at Left and Right



Right Stamp
Circle at back of head



Bottom Left Stamp
Ink Anomaly



Bottom Left Stamp (7-L-v7)
Enlarged Image at Left

Transient Variety: Various Inking Anomalies

The first example below illustrates an inking variety occurring within the tablet of the design, rather than in the portrait area. The two lower examples illustrate the “**Pop-Eye**” variety, which is characterized by a complete white circle surrounding the eye. This variety can occur around either the left or right eye, as shown below.



(7-R-v7)

Enlarged Image at Right



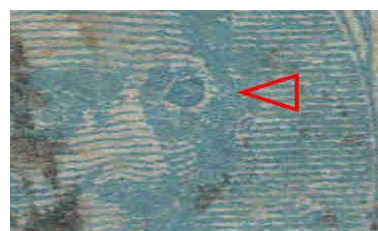
Small Circle in "V" of Five



Upper Right Stamp (7-R-v7)

Richmond, VA

Enlarged Image at Right



Upper Right Stamp
Pop-Eye Variety
Left Eye



Right Stamp (7-R-v7)

Russellville, TN - Balloon Cancel

Enlarged Image at Right



Right Stamp
Pop-Eye Variety
Right Eye

Transient Variety: Portion of Bottom not Printed

The "Portion of Bottom not Printed" variety is different enough to have a unique listing in the CSA catalog but it is still considered a transient variety. The exact cause of this variety is not clear and this has not been tied to any specific position.



(7-R-v8)
Columbia, SC
Enlarged Image at Right



Portion of Bottom not Printed



Right Stamp (7-R-v8)
Green Cancel Saltville, VA
Enlarged Image at Right



Right Stamp
Portion of Bottom not Printed



Left Stamp (7-R-v8)
Savannah, GA Paid 10 Mar (1863)
PFCert



Left Stamp
Portion of Bottom not Printed

Transient Variety: Portion of Bottom not Printed

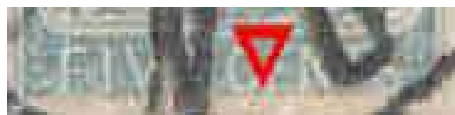
Examples featuring pairs with varying combinations of this variety.



Bottom Stamp (7-R-v8)
Richmond, VA APR 1863
Enlarged Image at Right



Top Stamp - Complete Printing at Bottom



Bottom Stamp - Portion of Bottom not Printed



Left Stamp - Complete Printing at Bottom
Right Stamp - Portion of Bottom not Printed



Right Stamp (7-L-v7)
Louisa CH, VA 2 FEB (CWPAS Cert)
Enlarged Image at Left



Both Stamops
Portion of Bottom not Printed



Both Stamps (7-R-v8)
Balloon Cancel (36MM) - Newton, GA

Print Execution Variety: Brass Rules

The "Brass Rules" variety shows fine parallel lines of color in the margins above the top and below the bottom rows, as well as to the right and left of the side rows. This is the result of the printer surrounding the plates with strips of Brass Rule. This was done in order to relieve the pressure (and wear) on the outer rows of the stamps.



Brass Rules (7-L-v2)
Enlarged Image at Right



Brass Rules at Top



Circle on Shoulder



Brass Rule at Top (7-L-v2)
Enlarged Image at Right
and

Transient Variety circle on shoulder (7-L-v7)
Enlarged Image at Left



Brass Rule at Top



Right Stamp Brass Rules at Right (7-R-v4)
Flag of Truce

CSA Catalog listed as NR (None Recorded)
Enlarged Image at Right



Right Stamp
Brass Rule at Right

Print Execution Variety: Printed on Both Sides

The "Printed on Both Sides" variety is associated with the printing process itself and is not the result of specific plate damage or inking issues. These stamps would normally be considered "printers waste" and be discarded. These specific examples were not removed prior to distribution and were postally used.



(7-R-v-5)
Illustrated in Dietz 1929 Book
Enlarged Image at Right



Reverse at 200%
Well Centered



(7-R-v5)
Unidentified Cancel
Enlarged Image at Right



Reverse at 200%
Split Image

Summary

The stamps in this exhibit feature imperfections that were the result of adverse conditions faced in the South during the Civil War. These conditions included poor quality inks and paper, the continuous use of a single printing plate, and print set-up and processing related issues.

Certain varieties are recurring and have been tied to specific plate positions. Other varieties are transient in nature and occur randomly. The items in this exhibit were chosen based on providing a clear example of the variety with an additional emphasis on interesting uses or postal markings.