

KENTUCKY DURING THE CIVIL WAR

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THIS EXHIBIT SHOWS MAIL SENT TO AND FROM KENTUCKY IN THE YEARS 1861 TO 1866 WITH EMPHASIS ON CONFEDERATE USAGES AND EXPRESS LETTERS, WITH ROUTES AND RATES NOTED. THEY WILL BE SHOWN IN THIS ORDER:

CONFEDERATE PATRIOTICS USED IN 1861

MAIL BETWEEN NORTH & SOUTH IN 1861

"SOUTHERN LETTER UNPAID", "MAILS SUSPENDED"

EXPRESS MAIL - ADAMS, AMERICAN LETTER; WHITESIDE; WELLS, FARGO

STEAMBOAT COVER FROM KENTUCKY

CONFEDERATE P.O.s IN KY: (W TO E) HICKMAN, COLUMBUS, HOPKINSVILLE, RUSSELLVILLE, MARION, CAVE CITY, GLASGOW, WOODBURY, ELIZABETHTOWN, BOWLING GREEN, ZOLLIFFER

FLAG-OF-TRUCE MAIL

PRISONER-OF-WAR LETTERS

BRAGG'S INVASION, 1862

KIRBY SMITH'S INVASION, 1863

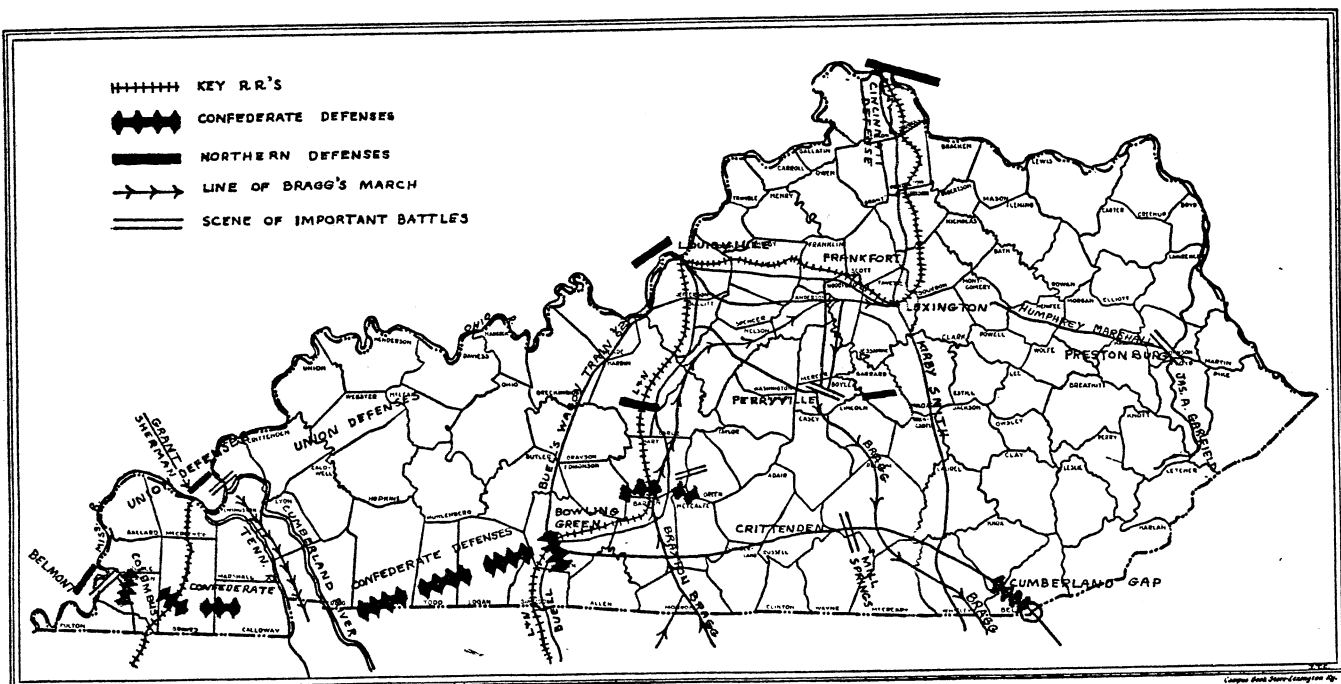
REOCCUPIED TOWNS, WITH POSTOFFICES REOPENED

UNION RECRUITING CAMP

POSTWAR EXPRESSES

EPILOGUE

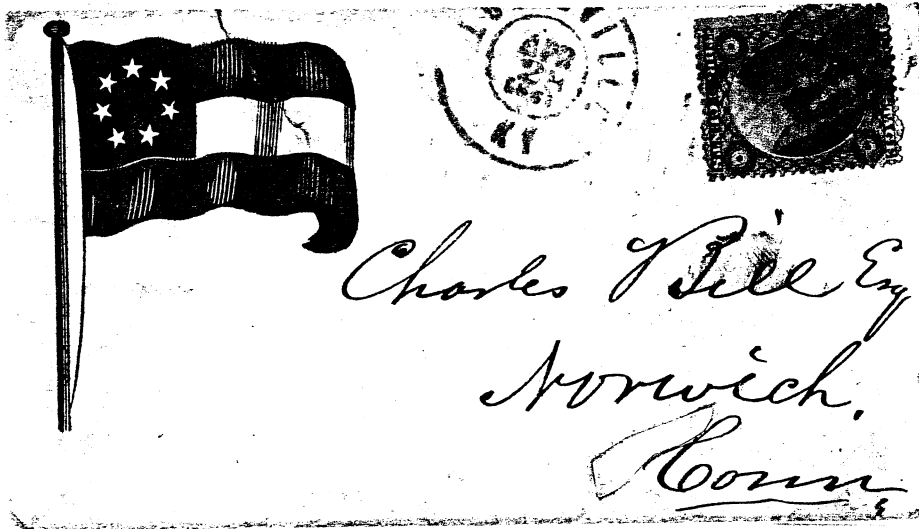
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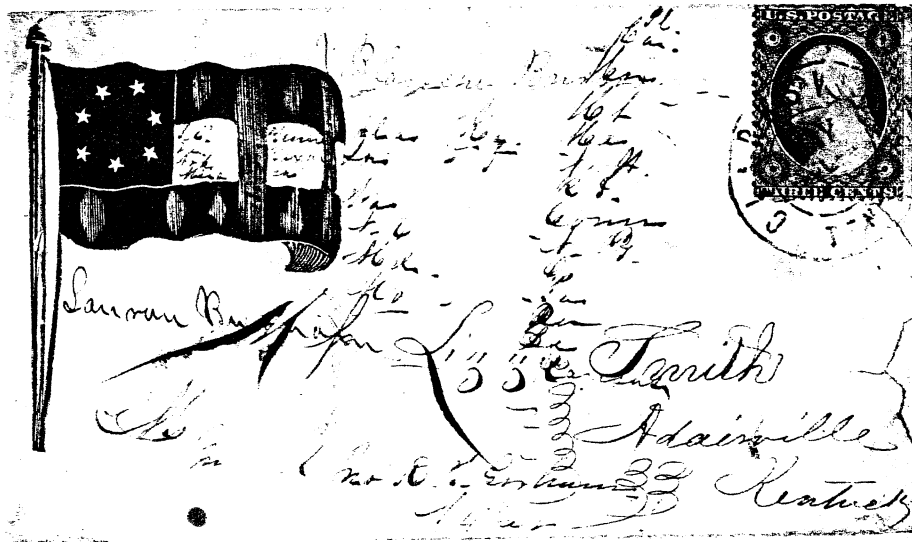
Campaigns of the Civil War in Kentucky

CONFEDERATE PATRIOTICS

(SEVEN STAR)

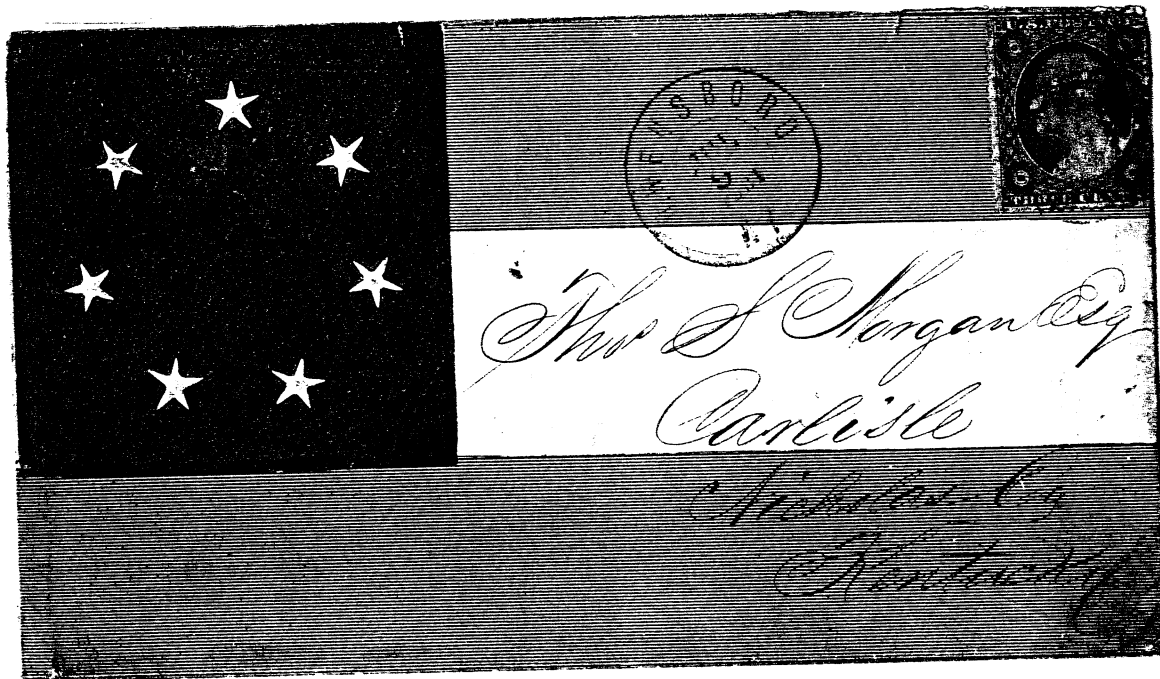


FROM LOUISVILLE, KY. 28 APR. 1861 MOST PEOPLE IN THAT CITY WERE PRO-UNION, AND SENTIMENTS SHOWN BY USE OF PATRIOTIC ENVELOPES COULD CAUSE HARASSMENT BY AUTHORITIES AND NEIGHBORS.

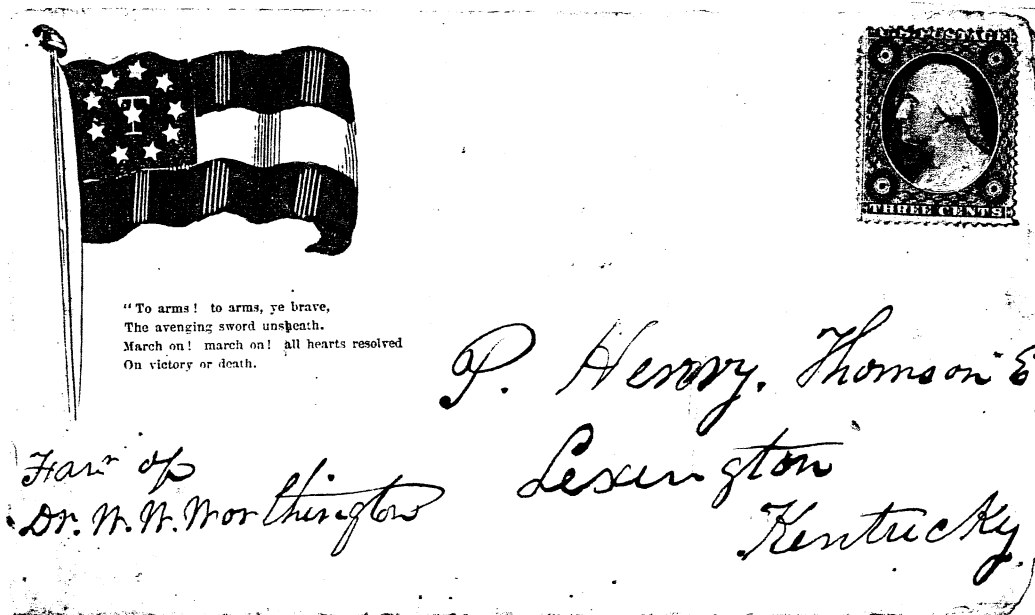


FROM CLARKSVILLE, TENN. 20 MAY 1861, TO ADAIRVILLE, KY. (PRO-SOUTH AREA) TWO WEEKS BEFORE SUCH MAIL PROHIBITED. AN EIGHTH STAR WAS ADDED BY HAND, BUT THIS WAS VIRGINIA, 7 MAY. TENN. & KY. WERE LISTED TO LEFT AS SOUTHERN, AND THE YANKEE STATES TO RIGHT. FEELINGS WERE STRONG!

CONFEDERATE PATRIOTIC USED IN KENTUCKY



FROM OWENSBORO IN DAVIESS COUNTY 9 JULY 1861 TO CARLISLE
IN NICHOLAS COUNTY, BOTH PRO-SOUTHERN. SOME U.S. POSTOFFICES
IN THIS REGION CLOSED BRIEFLY IN AUG. DUE TO SUSPECTED DISLOYALTY
OF POSTMASTERS, AND REOPENED ONLY WHEN GRANT MOVED FROM CAIRO, ILL.
INTO KENTUCKY IN EARLY SEPT.

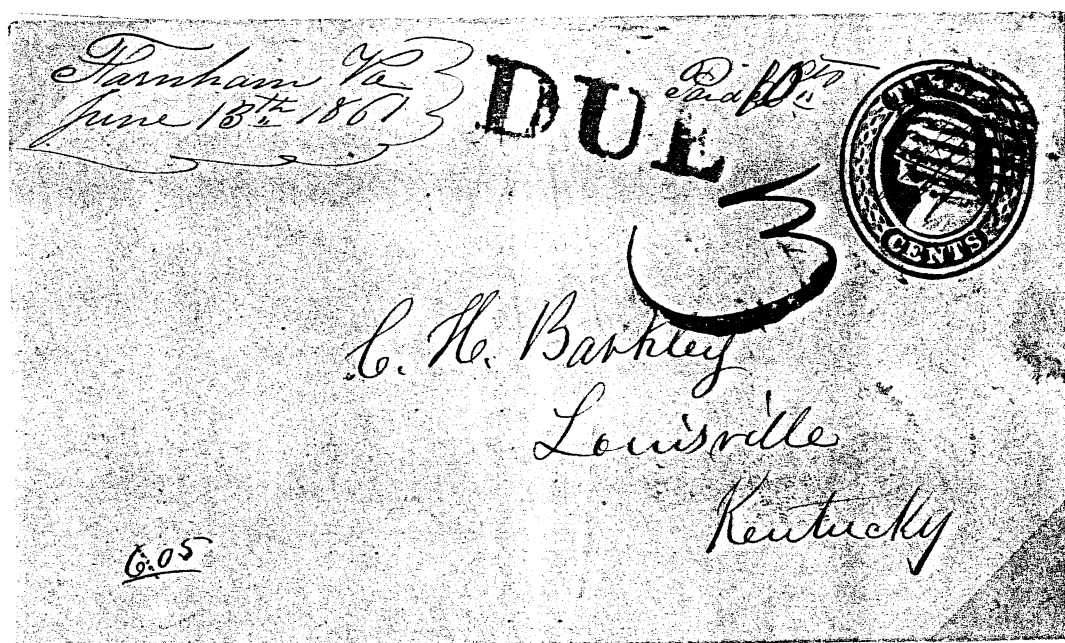


THIS PATRIOTIC, DIETZ B-40, SHOWS THE TENTH STAR FOR TENN. IN ERROR AS NO. CAROLINA WAS TENTH, 27 MAY 1861, AND TENN. WAS ELEVENTH, 3 JULY. THUS DATE OF USE IS APRIL OR EARLY MAY 1861. IT WAS CARRIED BY HAND, POSSIBLY TO AVOID THE SNOOPING AND SPYING (SOME MAIL WAS OPENED IN POSTOFFICES) DURING THAT HEATED PERIOD. LEXINGTON HAD MANY PRO-SOUTHERNERS, INCLUDING JOHN HUNT MORGAN AND HIS FRIENDS.



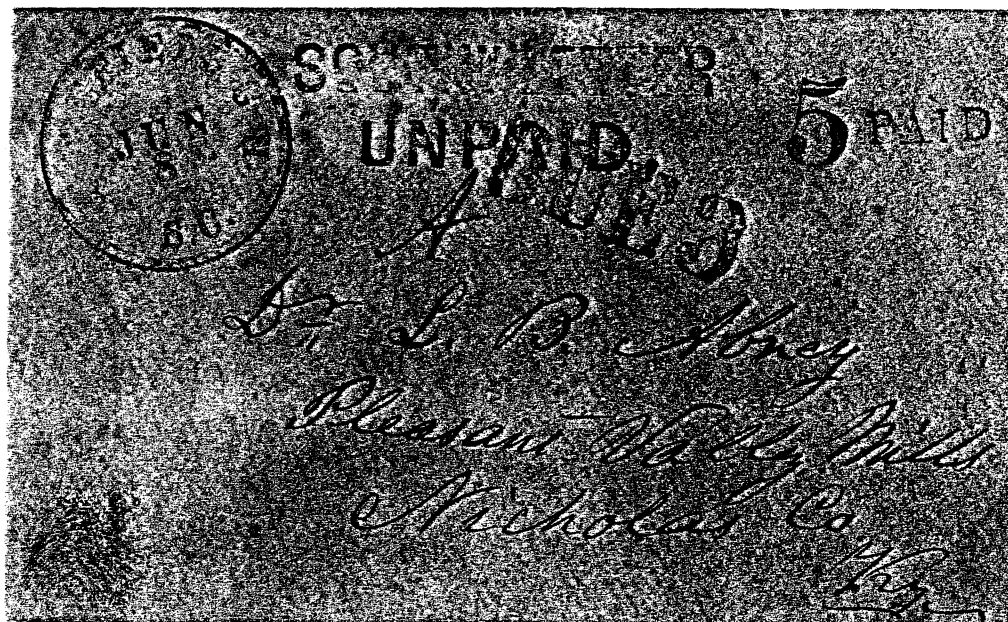
FROM SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY 4 MAY (1861) WITH 3¢ U.S. POSTAGE
PAID. AT FORT UNION, VIRGINIA IT WAS FORWARDED TO CHARLOTTSVILLE,
VIRGINIA AND FIRST RATED "PAID 3", CHANGED TO "PAID 5" (SAME INK)
ANTICIPATING THE 5¢ CONFEDERATE RATE. SIMILAR COVERS WITH 3¢ U.S.
POSTAGE AND 5¢ C.S.A. POSTAGE ARE KNOWN AND FROM VIRGINIA AND TENNESSEE
IN MAY AND JUNE 1861.

TO



IN SPITE OF MAIL CUTOFF BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AT END OF MAY, SENDERS CONTINUED TO TRY, AND AMAZINGLY SOME LETTERS GOT THROUGH. THIS ONE WAS PUT INTO THE MAILS AT FARNHAM, VIRGINIA IN RICHMOND COUNTY ALONG THE POTOMAC RIVER. IT WAS FIRST RATED "PAID 3" BUT CHANGED TO "PAID 10" AS THE C.S.A. TOOK OVER THE MAILS 1 JUNE 1861. THE U.S. 3¢ ENVELOPE DID NOT COUNT AS IT HAD BEEN DEMONITIZED. THE LARGE "DUE 3" WAS APPLIED AT LOUISVILLE, TYPICAL OF MAIL FROM NASHVILLE, TENN. THAT THIS CIVILIAN LETTER WAS PASSED IS AMAZING. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT AN EXPRESS CO. HANDLED IT, AND UNLIKELY.

"SOUTHERN LETTER UNPAID" MARKING



"SOUTHERN LETTER UNPAID" MARKING APPLIED AT LOUISVILLE, KY. MID-JUNE 1861 BY HARRIED CLERKS. LETTERS HAD PILED UP BECAUSE OF A U.S. P.O.D. EDICT OF 28 MAY SUSPENDING POSTAL SERVICE AFTER 31 MAY. THE HANDSTAMPED "PAID 5" IS OF EDGEFIELD C.H., SO. CAROLINA, IN THE C.S.A.



LOUISVILLE, KY. CONTINUED USING THE SAME "DUE 3" AFTER THE OCCUPATION OF NASHVILLE, TENN. ON 23 FEB., 1862. THE UNION SOLDIERS OF BUELL'S ARMY INUNDATED THE P.O. THERE WITH A MOUNTAIN OF MAIL WHICH WAS MOVED NORTH ON THE REOPENED L&N R.R. TO LOUISVILLE FOR PROCESSING.

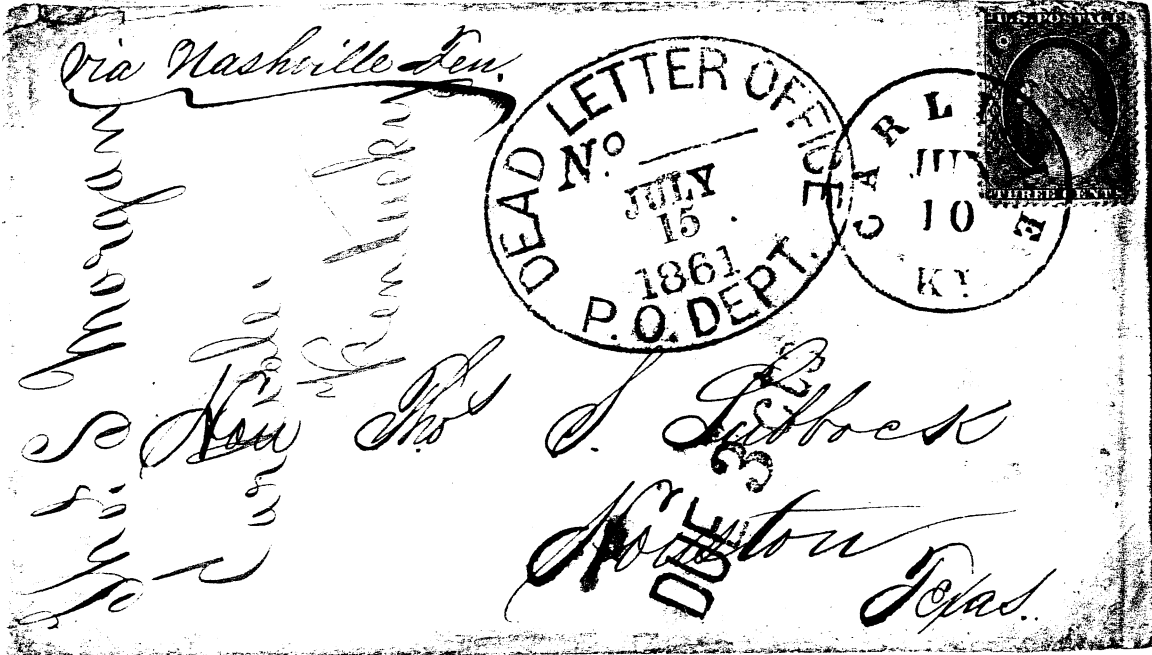
"MAILS SUSPENDED" MARKING



FROM FLEMINGSBURG, FLEMING COUNTY, KY. IN U.S. TO BOWLING GREEN,
CAROLINE COUNTY VA. IN C.S.A. ROUTING NOT EXPLAINED, BUT FLAG-OF-TRUCE
TREATMENT MAY HAVE BEEN HOPED FOR. IT DID NOT CROSS THE LINES.
NO DATE ON COVER AND NO ENCLOSURE; BUT PROBABLE YEAR OF USE 1863
BASED ON STAMP COLOR. THE "MAIL SUSPENDED" MARKING APPLIED AT
WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM WHERE IT WAS RETURNED TO THE SENDER.

KENTUCKY TO CONFEDERATE TEXAS

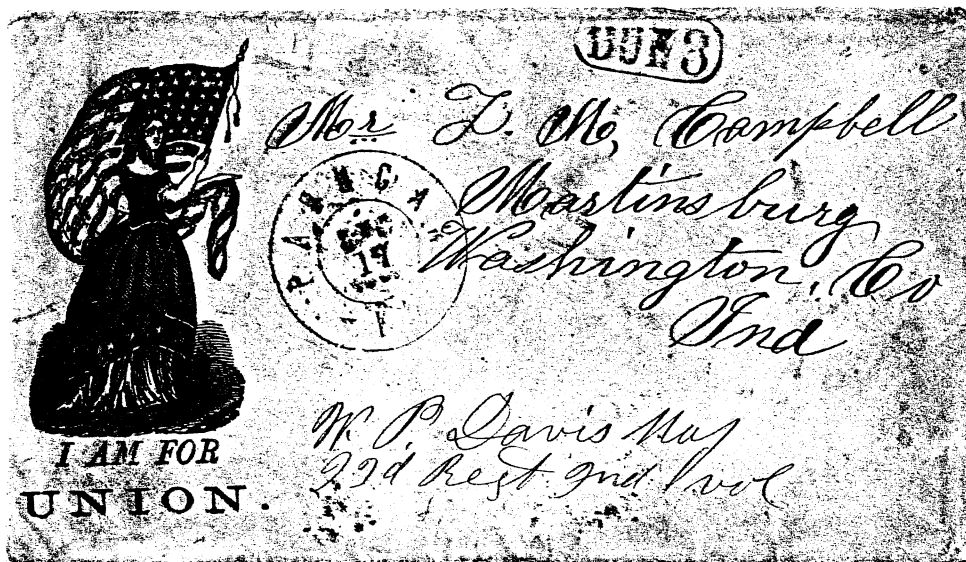
JUNE 1861



SENT 10 JUNE FROM CARLISLE, NICHOLAS COUNTY, KENTUCKY TO THE CONFEDERATE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, THOMAS LUBBOCK, AT HOUSTON. HE DID NOT RECEIVE THIS LETTER, WHICH WAS INTERCEPTED, PROBABLY AT LOUISVILLE, AND SENT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE THE LARGE OVAL D.L.O. MARKING WAS APPLIED. IT WAS OPENED THERE, SENDER'S NAME DETERMINED (WRITTEN AT LEFT END) AND LETTER RETURNED TO HIM "DUE 3¢". 26,711 SUCH LETTERS WERE SENT BACK IN 1861. THIS D.L.O. MARKING WAS THE PREDECESSOR OF THE MORE-SOUGHT-AFTER "MAILS SUSPENDED" ONE. NO CONFEDERATE D.L.O. COVERS ARE KNOWN FROM OR TO KENTUCKY.



THE POST OFFICE AT PADUCAH, KY. WAS CLOSED BY THE U.S.P.O.D. BY ORDER 30 AUG. 1861 DUE TO DISLOYALTY. THIS COVER IS PROOF. IT CAME UP THE RIVER FROM TEXAS, THEN IN THE C.S.A., AND WAS PUT IN THE PADUCAH P.O. ON AUG. 29, FROM THE MARKINGS, THERE WAS AN UNCERTAINTY AS TO THE RATE. ON 30 AUG., 1861, IT WAS SENT UP THE OHIO RIVER TO BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY, MORE-OR-LESS IN UNION CONTROL, SO THE P.M. OPTED FOR 3¢ DUE.



PADUCAH WAS OCCUPIED BY U.S. GEN'L GRANT ON 5 SEPT. 1861, SO IT'S PERIOD AS A "CONFEDERATE" P.O. WAS 5 DAYS. FROM THEN ON IT WAS IN FIRM UNION CONTROL.



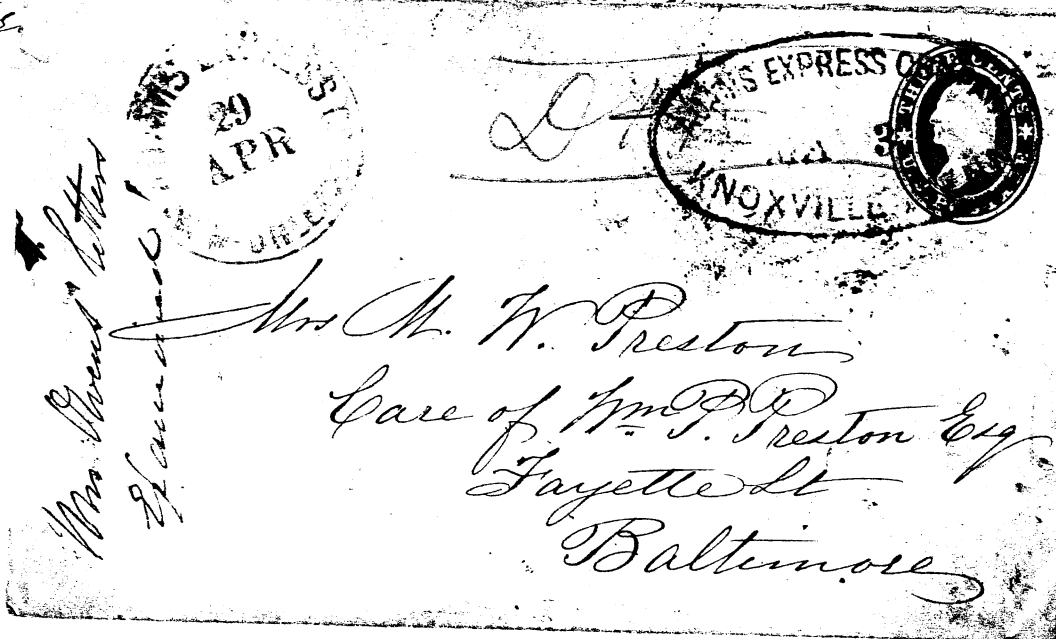
St Charles Hotel

New Orleans April 28th 1861

My Dear Mrs Preston,

Your very welcome letter should have been answered long ago, had I not expected that, instead of writing, I should soon enjoy the still greater pleasure of seeing, and talking with you.

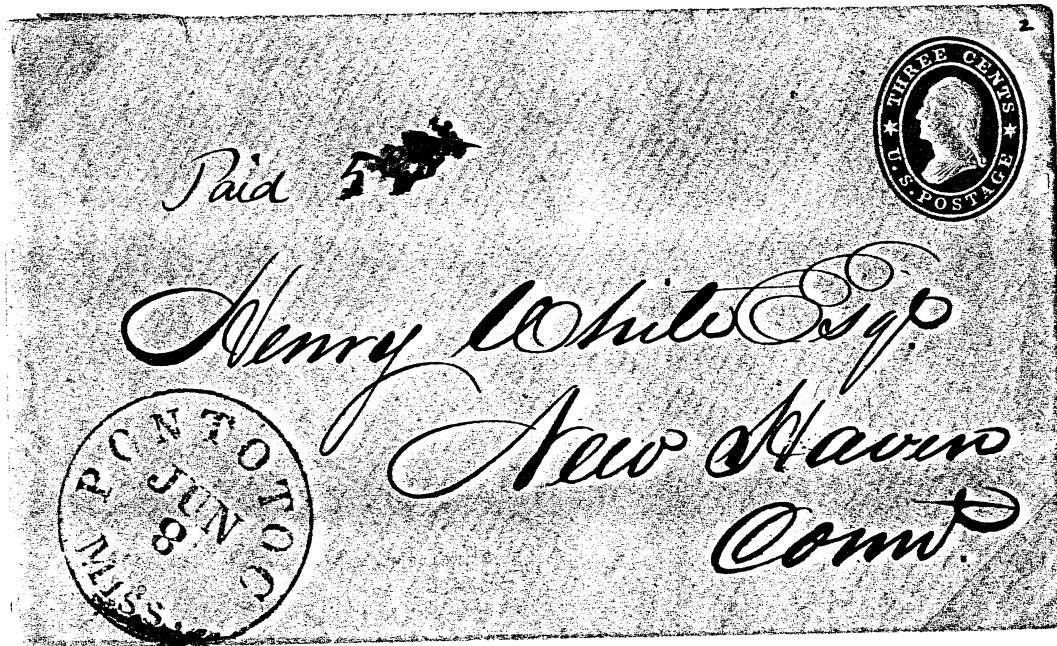
Three weeks ago I made preparations for my departure, and since that time I have been in daily waiting for circumstances to go.



SENT FROM NEW ORLEANS 29 APRIL (1861), TO KNOXVILLE, TENN. 3 MAY, PROBABLY INTO KENTUCKY, AND DELIVERED IN BALTIMORE BY AGENT, AVOIDING U.S. MAIL SYSTEM AND POSSIBLE CENSORING OR SNOOPING (SENDER, MRS. OWENS WAS WIFE OF IMPORTANT SOUTHERN SYMPATHIZER). MEDALLION SHOWS JEFFERSON DAVIS. PENCIL MARKING PROBABLY "DUE 4 BITS" AS LETTER, WITH ENCLOSURES, DBL. WT.

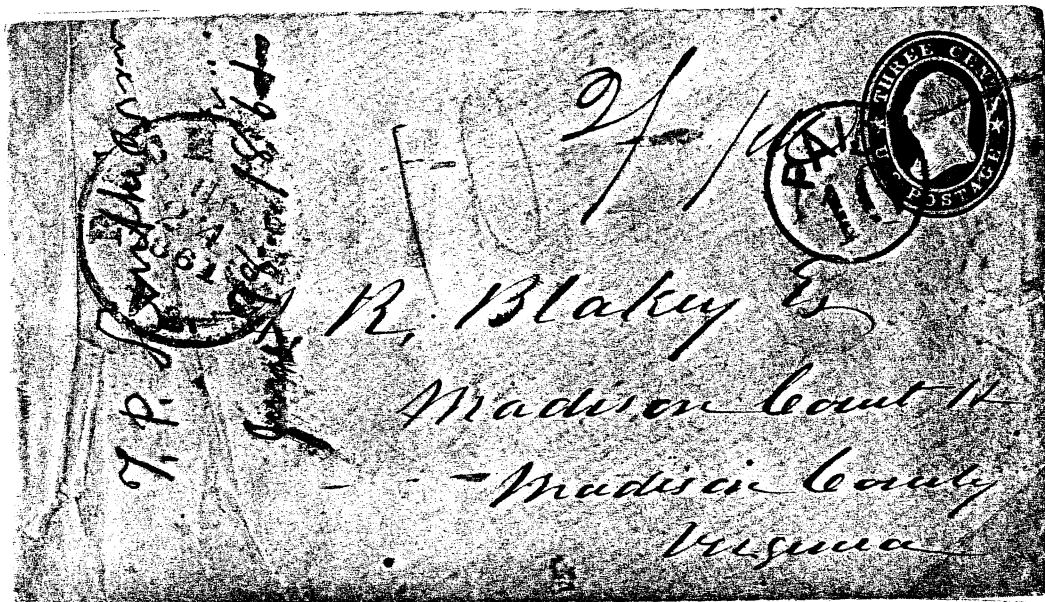
EXPRESS COMPANY MAIL, SOUTH TO NORTH

JUNE 1861



THIS PLAIN COVER, ex - MACBRIDE AND ex - ROSER, IS THE EARLIEST KNOWN EXPRESS CO. LETTER. THE REGULAR MAILS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH CEASED AT THE END OF MAY 1861. FIRST ADAMS EXPRESS, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER (7 JUNE) AMERICAN LETTER EXPRESS, CARRIED MAIL BETWEEN LOUISVILLE, KY. AND NASHVILLE, TENN. FORTUNATELY, AND FOR PROOF, THERE ARE ENCLOSURES. THE LETTER IS DATED 7 JUNE 1861, AND IS DOCKETED AS HAVING BEEN RECEIVED 13 JUNE 1861 AND ANSWERED 14 JUNE. ALSO ENCLOSED WAS A CHECK FOR \$477 DATED 17 APRIL 1861. THE PONTOTOC, MISS. "PAID 5¢" IN ADDITIONAL PROOF, PAYING THE CONFEDERATE 5¢ POSTAGE TO NASHVILLE. FROM THERE COULD HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY EITHER ADAMS OR AMERICAN LETTER, AND WAS MAILED TO CONN. IN OUTER ENVELOPE (THE 3¢ STAR DIE NOT VALID) FROM LOUISVILLE, WITH ABOUT 3 DAYS TRANSIT TIME.

ADAMS EXPRESS CO.
BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY
JUNE 1861



LETTER FROM BARDSTOWN, SOUTH BY RAIL TO NASHVILLE (NOT VIA LOUISVILLE)
AND BY RAIL TO RICHMOND, VA. MAILED 24 JUNE WITH 10¢ CONFEDERATE
POSTAGE PAID BY EXPRESS CO. AGENT. SENDER PAID TWO BITS, SO PROFIT
15¢.

Bardstown June 18 1861
R. Blakely Esq
Madison Co. Va.

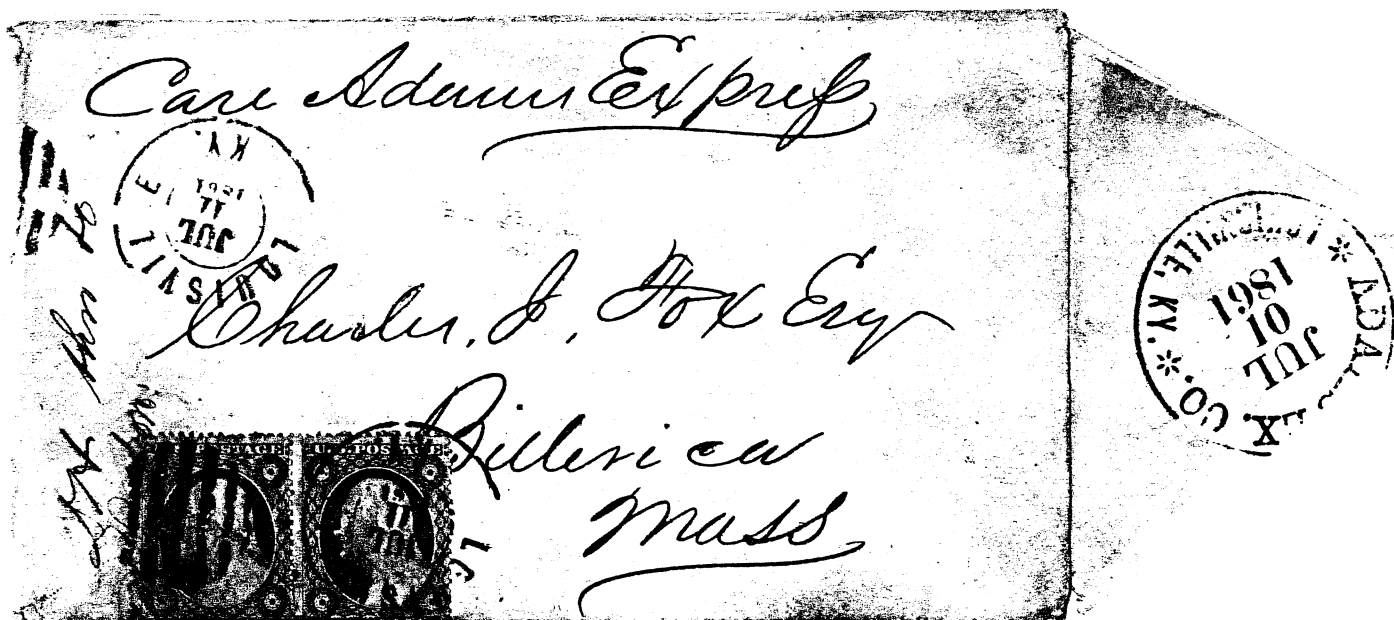
HEADING OF LETTER



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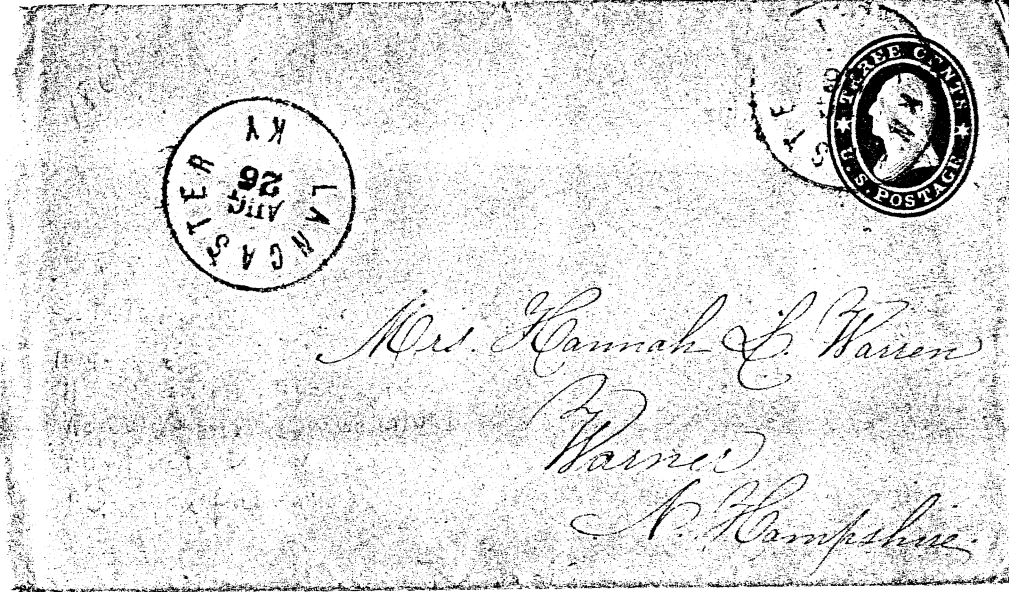
DOUBLE WT. FROM RICHMOND, VA. 12 JULY "PAID 20" CONFEDERATE
POSTAGE TO NASHVILLE, TO LOUISVILLE, ARRIVING 16 JULY. PUT IN U.S.
MAILS THERE 20 JULY WITH QUADRUPLE POSTAGE (4x3¢) ADAMS EXPRESS CO.
MARKING AT UPPER LEFT. TWO BITS PAID (50¢).



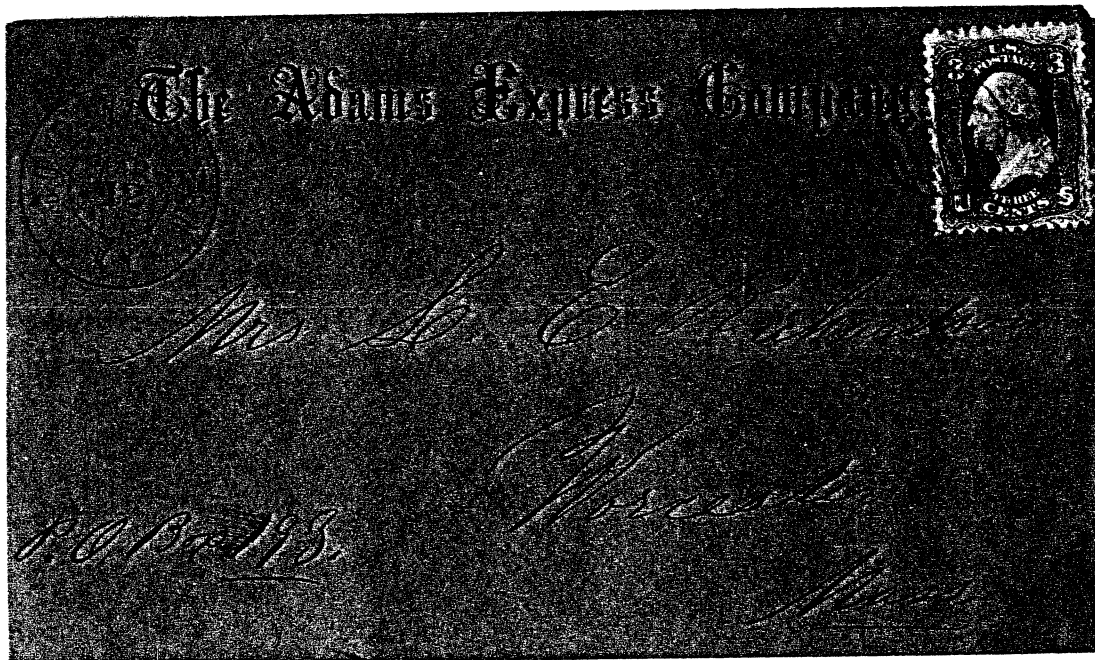
INNER ENVELOPE FROM UNKNOWN SOUTHERN CITY THROUGH NASHVILLE
ARRIVING AT ADAMS EXPRESS LOUISVILLE OFFICE 10 JULY AND PUT IN U.S.
MAILS THERE THE NEXT DAY.

Hendersonville Aug 18. 61
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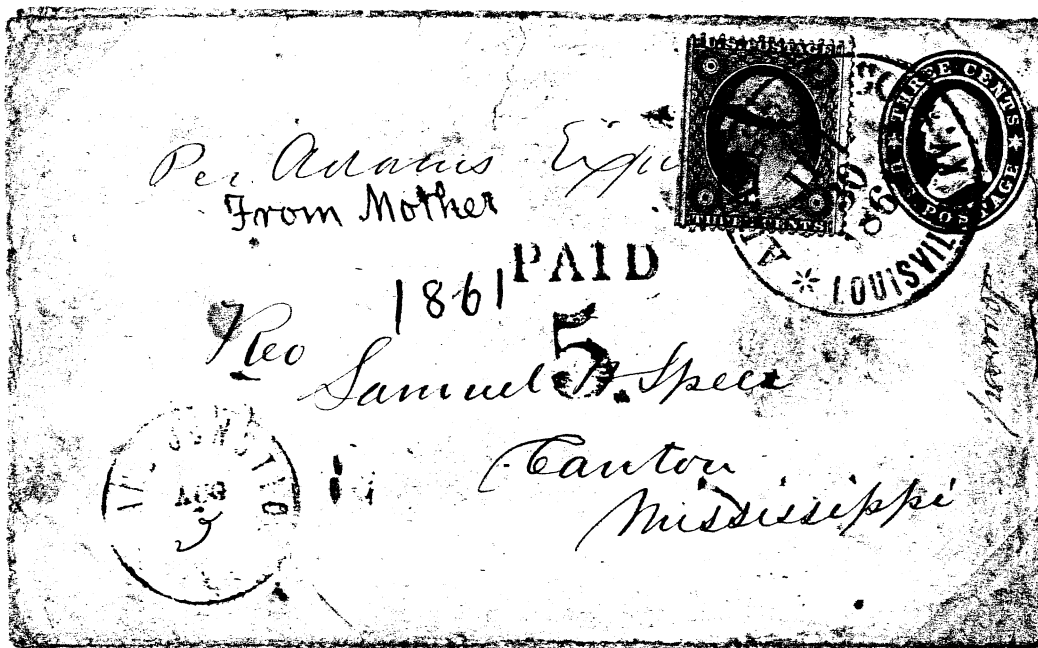
Dear Mother
in the morning, especially in the Southern States
and that he has very lately stopped all
communication between North & South
even our last ray of light he has extin-
guished, the Letter Express Company. You



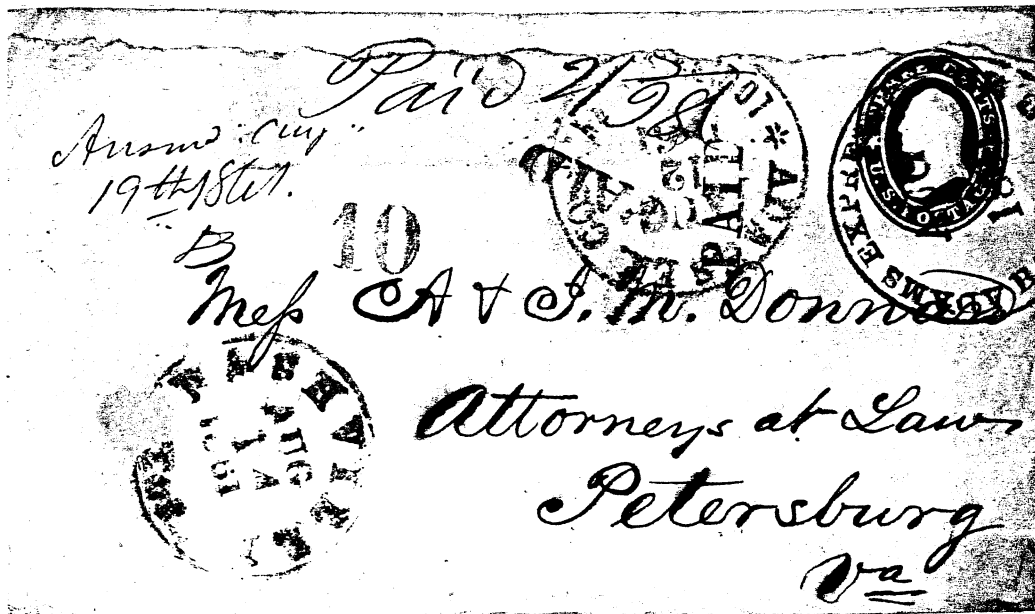
BLAIR'S ORDER OF 26 AUG. 1861 FORBID EXPRESS CO. CARRYING OF MAIL,
 AND WAS ANTICIPATED BY SENDER OF THIS LETTER FROM TENN. HAND CARRIED
 INTO KY. BY AGENT OR FRIEND.



EARLY LETTER FROM REOCCUPIED BOWLING GREEN 12 MARCH 1862. MAY HAVE BEEN
 CARRIED COVERTLY FROM TENN. IN VIOLATION OF U.S. P.O.D. EDICT, AS ADAMS
 (SOUTHERN EXPRESS) ADVERTISED IN SOUTHERN PAPERS IT COULD GET MAIL THROUGH.



FROM LONDON, ENGLAND IN AN OUTER ENVELOPE, THIS INNER ONE CARRIED FROM LOUISVILLE 30 JULY 1861 TO GRAND JUNCTION, TENN. WHERE C.S.A. HANDSTAMPED "PAID 5" APPLIED FOR SINGLE WT. AT LOUISVILLE WAS TREATED AS DBL. WT., $\frac{1}{2}$ TO 1OZ.



FROM BALTIMORE 9 AUG. 1861 BY AGENT TO LOUISVILLE 12 AUG. MAILED FROM NASHVILLE 14 AUG. WITH 10¢ PAYING CONFEDERATE POSTAGE FOR OVER 500 MILES BACK EAST TO PETERSBURG, VA.

ADAMS EXPRESS CO. NORTH TO SOUTH

JUNE 1861



FROM LOUISVILLE TO NASHVILLE TO KNOXVILLE, ARRIVING 19 JUNE. THEN
VIA RAIL TO VIRGINIA. DELIVERED BY AGENT TO PETERSBURG, AVOIDING
C.S.A. POSTAL SYSTEM, THUS SAVING ADAMS EXPRESS CO. 5¢. TWO BITS
PAID.

THIS WAS THE ONLY
ONE KNOWN EXAMPLE
KNOWN TO DIETZ OR
SHENFIELD. NO OTHER
HAS BEEN FOUND.



EX-CH. ROSER

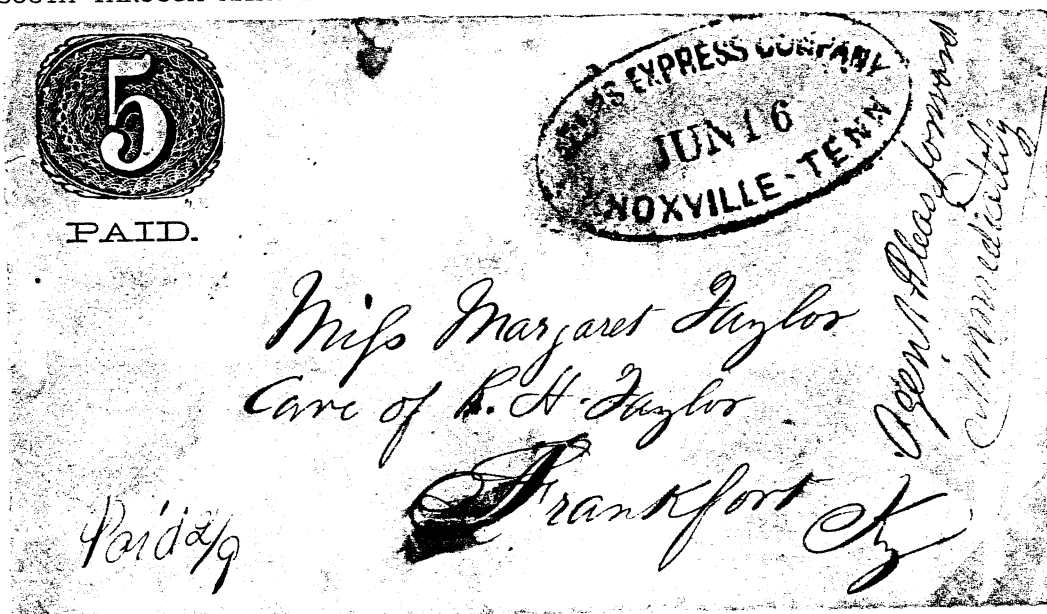
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THE CONFEDERATE PROVISIONAL (6XU5) OF ATLANTA, GOERGIA ON A
COVER CARRIED BY AGENTS THROUGH NASHVILLE TO LOUISVILLE, ARRIVING
17 AUG. 1861. PUT INTO U.S. POST OFFICE THERE NEXT DAY. THE
SOUTHERN SENDER ADDRESSED THE LETTER TO "OHIO, U.S.". NOTE
THE TRANSITION IN NAME ADAMS SOUTHERN EXPRESS IN AUG., 1861.



ADAMS WAS THE LARGES AND MOST AGGRESSIVE (HAVING ABSORBED HARDEN'S) EXPRESS CO. SERVING THE SOUTH. THIS PRE-WAR CORNER CARD GIVES THEIR LOUISVILLE ADDRESS. USING THE L&N R.R., THOUSANDS OF LETTERS WERE SENT SOUTH THROUGH NASHVILLE.



A JUNE DATED ADAMS COVER, FROM LYNCHBURG, VA. (52XU2 PROVISIONAL) TO KNOXVILLE, TENN., OVAL DATED 16 JUNE (1861), PROBABLE ROUTING FROM THERE TO NASHVILLE, THEN LOUISVILLE, TO FRANKFORT VIA AGENT(S) BY-PASSING THE U.S. MAIL SYSTEM.

AUGUST 1861

THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

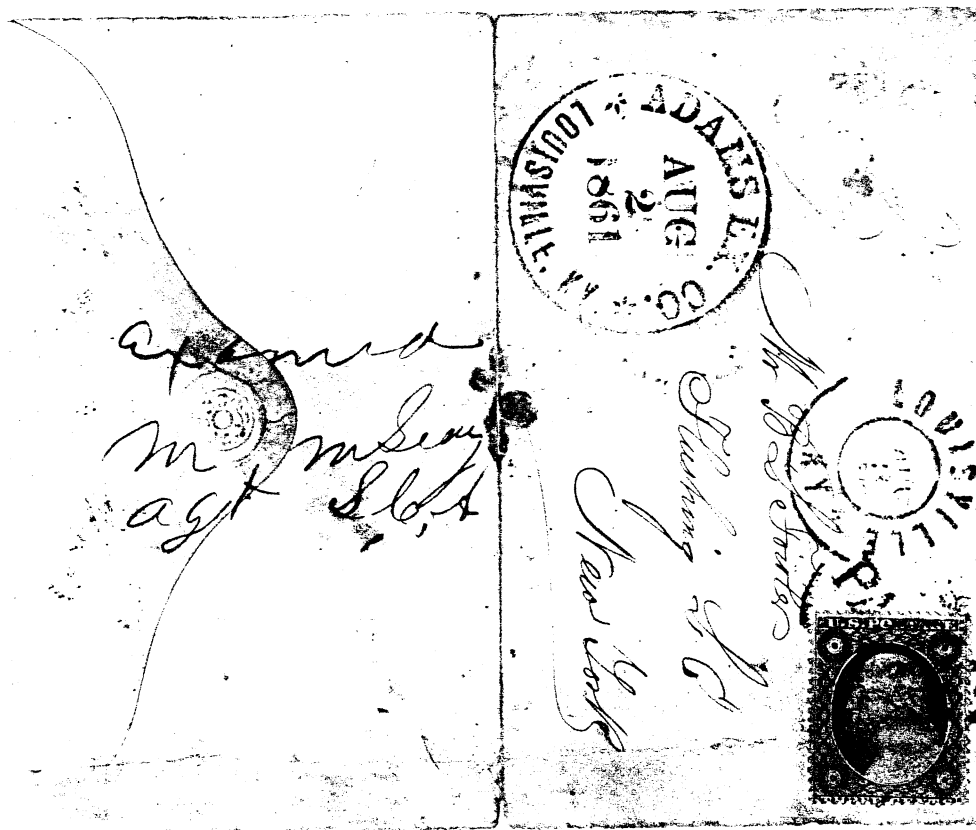
S. A. JONES, AGENT,
LOUISVILLE, KY.,

Will forward letters to the Confederate States when the following directions are observed:

Enclose each letter in a U. S. GOVERNMENT ENVELOPE—an ordinary envelope with a stamp affixed **will not answer**. The Company will forward AND DELIVER at any point where it has an office, or will mail as near as possible to the point of address, paying Confederate postage, for a fee of 25 cents.

The rate here given is for letters not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. in weight; each $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. being charged 3 cents by U. S. Government, and 25 cents by the Express Company.

THE LABEL ENCLOSED BY THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.

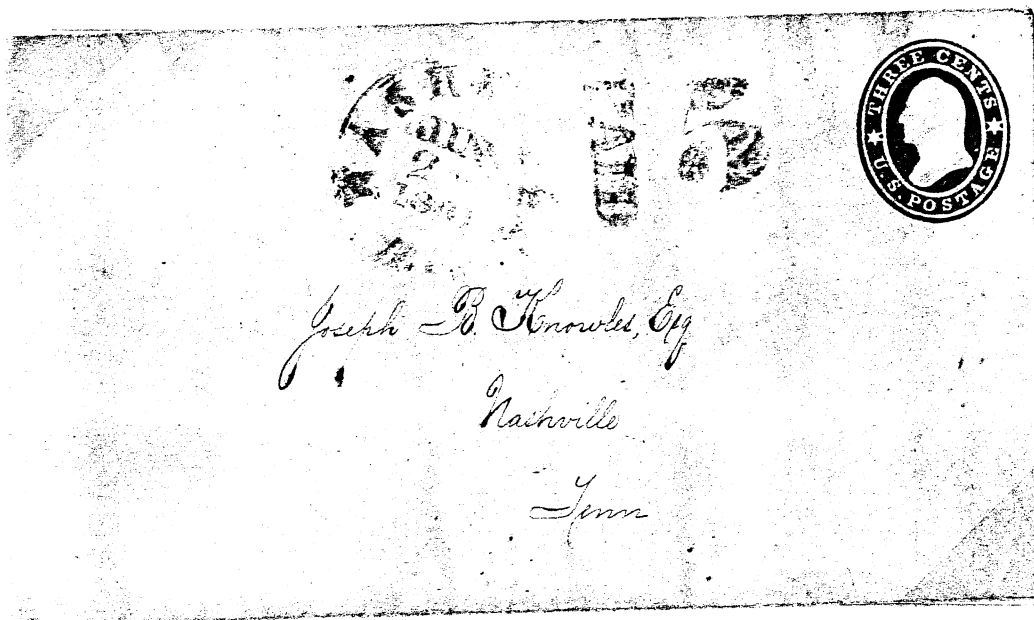


FROM SOMEPLACE IN THE SOUTH (SEE "PAID" UNDER STAMP) TO NASHVILLE, THEN TO LOUISVILLE VIA AGENT, AND N.Y. BY MAIL. NOTE THE CONFEDERATE EXAMINERS MARKING, CENSORED AT NASHVILLE.

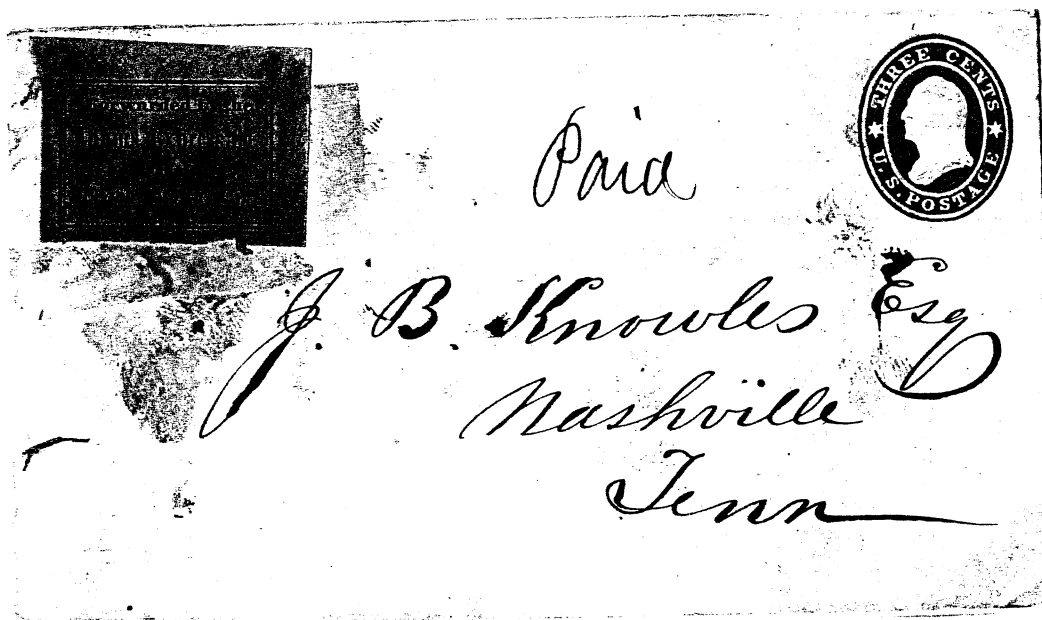
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Mr. Lewis Johnson
{in Hospital} Fort Snelling
Minn.

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A LETTER FROM KNOWLES' DAUGHTER (HANDWRITING) IN WARREN, R.I. ENCLOSED IN OUTER ENVELOPE TO EXPRESS CO. IN LOUISVILLE. FROM THERE TO NASHVILLE WHERE "PAID 5" APPLIED 29 JUNE 1861. OVERPAID BY 3¢, AS DROP LETTER RATE COULD HAVE BEEN USED, BUT EXAMPLES OF 2¢ C.S.A. RATE AT NASHVILLE ARE UNKNOWN.



FROM ELIZABETHTOWN, NORTHERN LIMIT OF CONFED. CONTROL IN CENTRAL KY. IN FALL OF 1861. THIS COVER MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED AFTER 28 AUG. 1861, COVERTLY. THE "PAID" IS FOR 25¢ ADAMS CHARGE. NEVER IN U.S. OR CONFED. P.O. SAVING ADAMS 5¢.

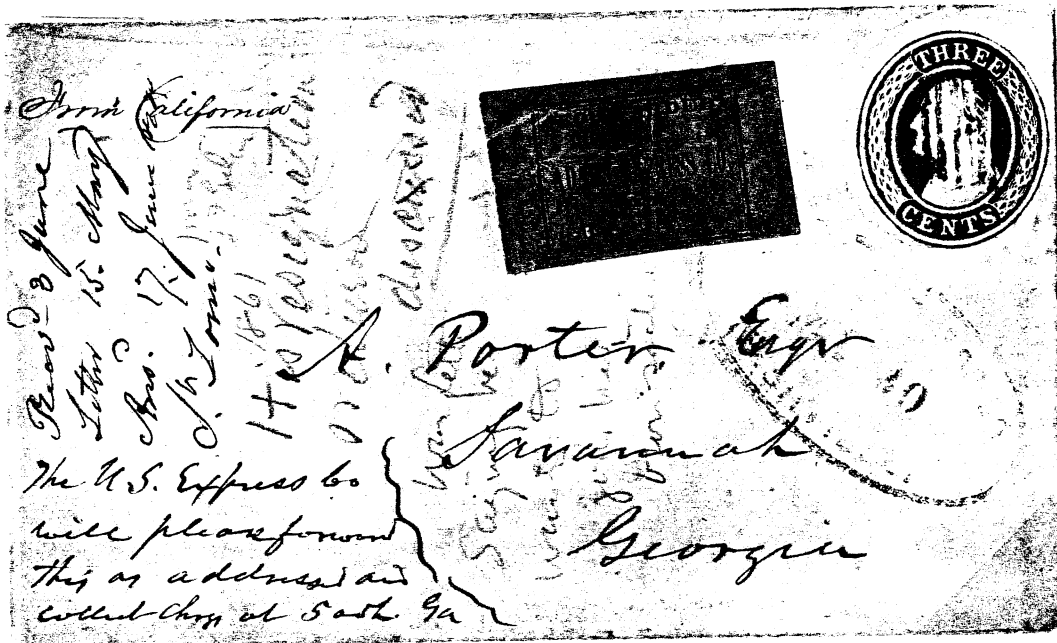
WELLS, FARGO & Co. EXPRESS INTO CONFEDERACY
FROM CALIF. AUGUST 1861



THIS IS ONE OF FOUR KNOWN COVERS WITH A WELLS, FARGO & Co. 10¢ STAMPED ENVELOPE USED INTO THE SOUTH IN 1861. ANALYSIS BY CLINTON M^CGEE, AND OTHERS, INCLUDING THIS WRITER IS THAT THE MAIL WENT FROM SAN FRANCISCO, VIA PANAMA TO NEW YORK, AND FROM THERE TO LOUISVILLE AND THEN TO NASHVILLE. THREE COVERS HAD S.F., CALIF. MARKINGS; ONE (SENT IN APRIL 1861) HAD A NEW YORK CDS; THIS IS ONLY ONE WITH A LOUISVILLE MARKING, AND THUS IN THIS KENTUCKY EXHIBIT. THE NASHVILLE CDS IS 6 OR 8 AUGUST. THE HANDSTAMPED "PAID 10" MARKING APPLIED AT NASHVILLE COVERED CONFED. POSTAGE TO MOBILE, ALABAMA.

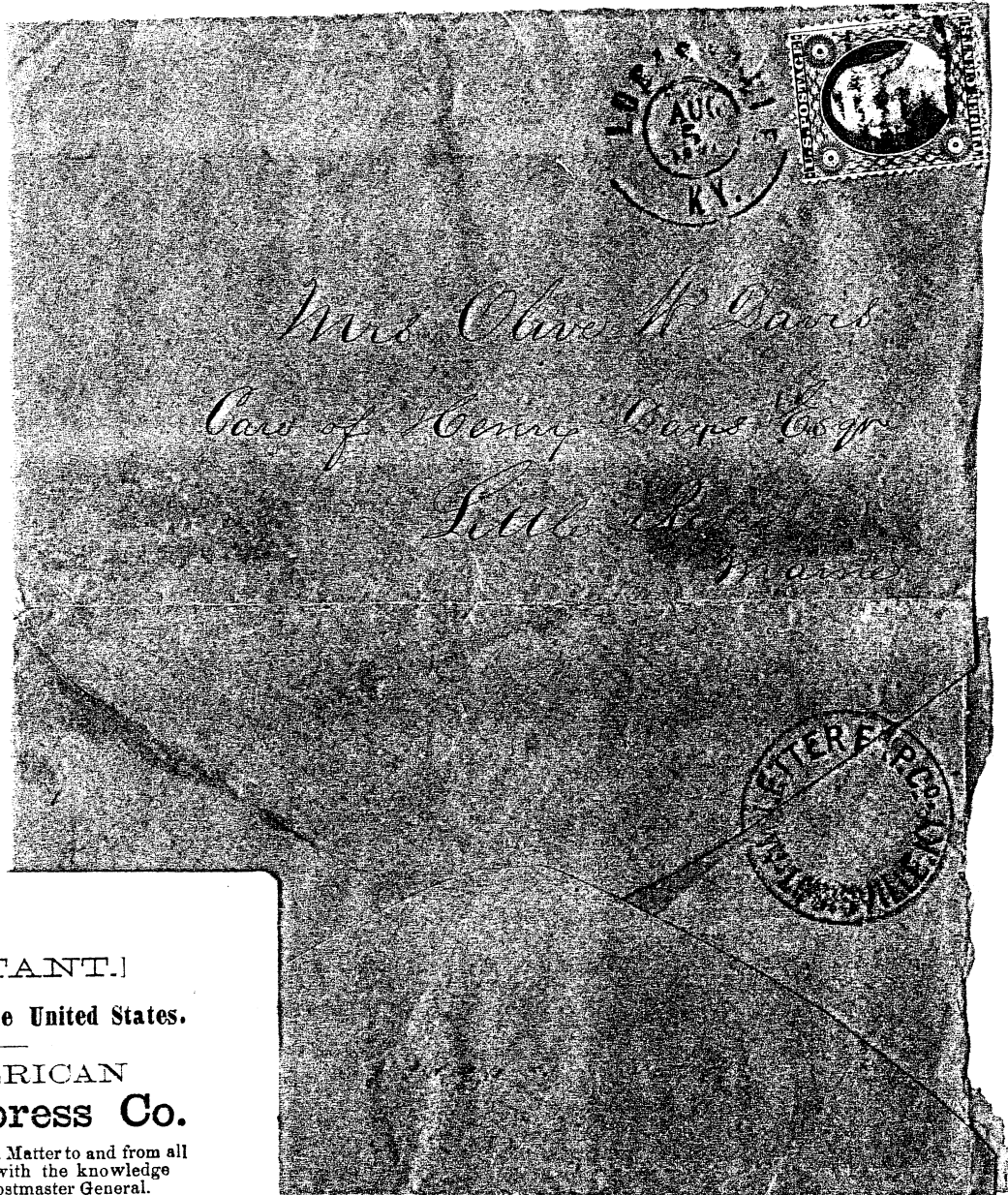


THE EXISTENCE OF THIS EXPRESS WAS KNOWN FROM NEWSPAPER ADS, AND PROOF HAS BEEN SOUGHT FOR 100 YEARS. THIS RECENTLY UNEARTHED COVER IS THE ONLY KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THE LABEL. THIS FAMILY BUSINESS CARRIED MAIL AND CONTRABAND GOODS (HARDWARE, MEDICINE ETC.) IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 1861, ACCORDING TO INTERVIEW BY THIS EXHIBITOR WITH DESCENDENTS AND RECENT VISIT TO FRANKLIN, KY. WHICH IS JUST NORTH OF THE TENN. STATE LINE. THE "B. WHITESIDES" ON THE LABEL WAS BERRY WHITESIDES, WHO WITH HIS NEPHEW "M.D. WHITESIDE" (MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE WHITESIDE) RAN THE EXPRESS CO. BOTH NAME SPELLINGS, WITH "S" AND WITHOUT, WERE USED BY VARIOUS FAMILY MEMBERS. THIS COVER CAME FROM NEW ORLEANS WITH 10¢ CONFED. POSTAGE (NOTE "10" IN PENCIL) PAID AT N.O., TO NASHVILLE WHERE WHITESIDE GOT IT AND TOOK TO THE U.S. P.O. AT LOUISVILLE, WHERE IT WAS RATED "DUE 3" AND THE 3¢ '57 STAMP NOT RECOGNIZED, PER BLAIR'S ORDER OF 26 MAY.



THIS IS A MYSTERIOUS COVER, WITH NO SIMILAR ONE KNOWN, AND FOR WHICH EXPLANATION WAS DIFFICULT FOR PREVIOUS OWNERS. TO START, THE NESBITT ENVELOPE, 3¢ FOR USE UNDER 3000 MILES, MEANS USAGE 1861 OR EARLIER. THE ADDRESSEE, A. PORTER, WAS PROBABLY ANDREW PORTER WHO GRADUATED WEST POINT IN 1854, AND WAS STATIONED AT FORT PULASKI IN 1861. IF THE LETTER CAME FROM CALIFORNIA AS ANNOTATED, IT COULD NOT BE SAN FRANCISCO, AS 10¢ WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED AND TRANSIT TIME (SENT 15 MAY, RECEIVED 8 JUNE) NOT ENOUGH. POSSIBLE PLACE FROM WHICH SENT, SINCE FROM ONE MILITARY ("HIS RESIGNATION") PERSON TO ANOTHER, WAS FT. YUMA, CALIF. FROM THERE BY COURIER TO ST. LOUIS WHERE U.S. EXPRESS CO. (WHICH DID NOT OPERATE THEN IN THE WEST) GAVE LETTER TO ADAMS EXPRESS, WHO DID GO SOUTH IN 1861. FROM THERE TO LOUISVILLE, TO NASHVILLE (OVAL, 30 MAY) AND TO SAVANNAH, GEORGIA WITH TWO BITS DUE, SHOWN IN BLUE CRAYON. DOCKETING HELPS EXPLAIN THIS INTERESTING ITEM.

SOUTH TO
NORTH
AUGUST 1861



[IMPORTANT.]

To the People of the United States.

THE AMERICAN
Letter Express Co.

Transmits Letters and Printed Matter to and from all points North and South, with the knowledge and approbation of the Postmaster General.

DIRECTIONS:

(LETTERS GOING SOUTH.)

Enclose and direct each letter to your correspondent in a U. S. stamped envelope, (a stamp or stamps stuck on a common envelope will not do,) put that letter in another envelope, and direct on this outside envelope to

American Letter Express Co.
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Enclosing in the outside envelope when the letter is to go to any point in the Southern States

Under 500 miles from Nashville, Tenn., 15 cts.
Over 500 " " " 20 cts.

Be particular about distances, and make the enclosure to the Company in money, stamps will not answer. This will prepay all expenses to its destination.

The rates here given are for letters not exceeding half-ounce in weight: double, treble, &c. letters must have an additional amount enclosed in proportion to weight.

PRINTED MATTER.

For single newspapers enclose the Company 10 cents.

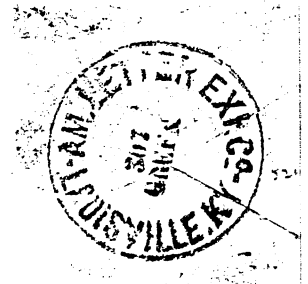
N. B. All letters accompanied with an insufficient amount to prepay to their destination are liable to be sent to the dead-letter office.

MARKING SHOWN ABOVE USED ALSO WITH DATE
SLUGS CANCELLING STAMPED ENVELOPES, OR
WITH SLUG WITH LOUISVILLE ADDRESS
"307 GREEN" (STREET), AND WITH OWNERS
NAMES, OR WITH NO SLUGS, AS SHOWN HERE.

TABLE SHOWN TO LEFT WAS ENCLOSED IN
SOME COVERS, OR GLUED TO BACKS OF
ENVELOPES.

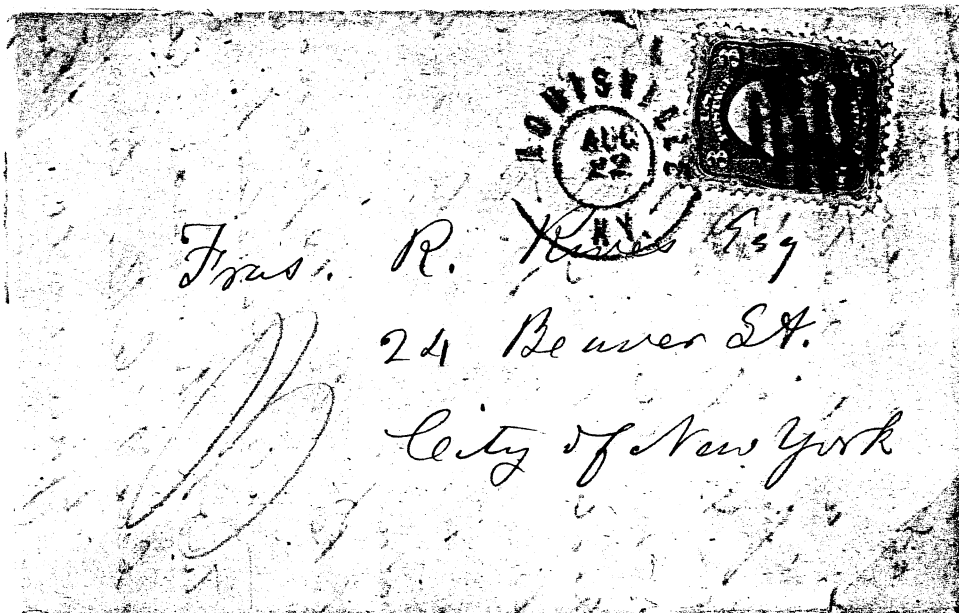
AMERICAN LETTER EXPRESS COMPANY

SOUTH TO NORTH, AUGUST 1861



MARKING ON
BACK

COVER FROM NASHVILLE TO LOUISVILLE TO SOMERSET (IN S.E. KY.), A TRIANGULAR PATH. NEWELL HAD BEEN U.S. POSTMASTER AT CUMBERLAND GAP. USE OF 3¢ '57 2 AUG. NOTE 3¢ '61 USED SAME MONTH ON LETTER BELOW



FOLDED LETTER FROM CHARLOTTSVILLE, VA. 10 AUG. 1861. "I DO NOT LIKE THE ESPIONAGE OF ADAM'S EXPRESS, THEREFORE USE AMERICAN LETTER EXPRESS CO., OF LOUISVILLE, KY. AM ENCLOSING 15¢ FOR THEIR CHARGE." HE WAS 10¢ SHORT. THIS INNER ENVELOPE WAS SENT FROM LOUISVILLE 22 AUG. (1861).

AMERICAN LETTER EXPRESS COMPANY

NORTH TO SOUTH



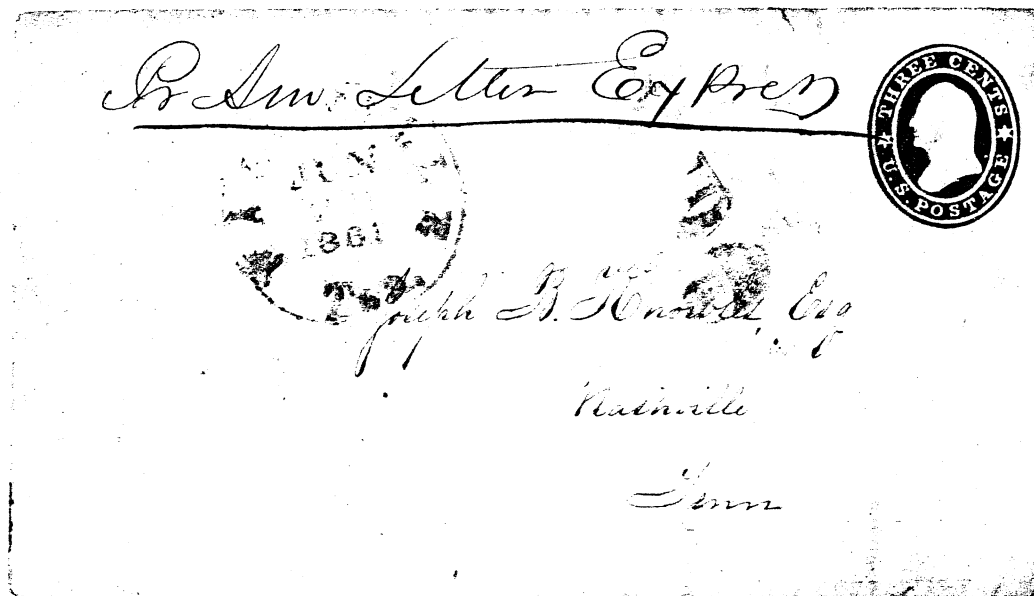
FROM LOUISVILLE 10 JULY 1861 (EARLY USE OF DATED MARKER) TO NASHVILLE WHERE "PAID 5" MARKING (61XU1) APPLIED 13 JULY COVERING CONFEDERATE POSTAGE TO ARK.



FROM ST. LOUIS 8 AUG. 1861 IN OUTER ENVELOPE TO LOUISVILLE. FROM THERE TO NASHVILLE CONFED. P.O., WHERE AMER. EXPRESS CO. OFFICE WAS LOCATED, AND HANDSTAMPED "PAID 10" APPLIED COVERING OVER 500 MILES TO MILLWOOD, VIRGINIA.

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MAIL NORTH TO SOUTH, 1861

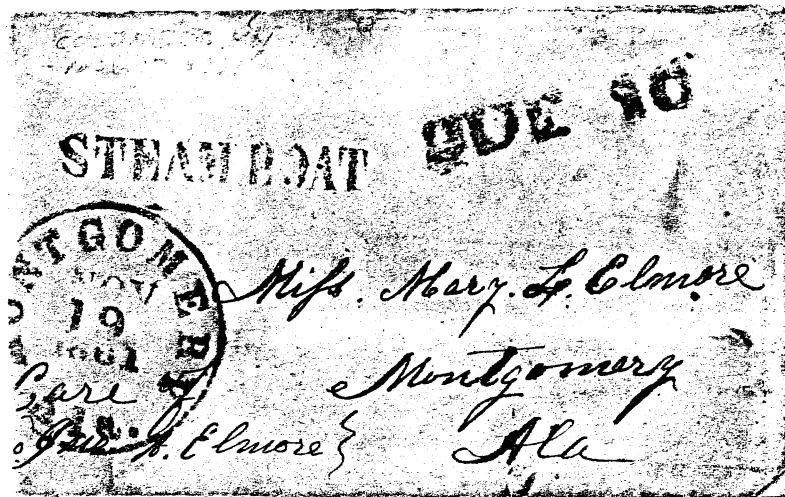


AN EARLY LETTER, BEFORE MARKING DEVICE SHOWN BELOW WAS MADE. INNER ENVELOPE SENT TO NASHVILLE AND PUT IN C.S.A. P.O. THERE 20 JUNE 1861, "PAID 5". OUTER ENVELOPE CAME FROM WARREN, R.I.

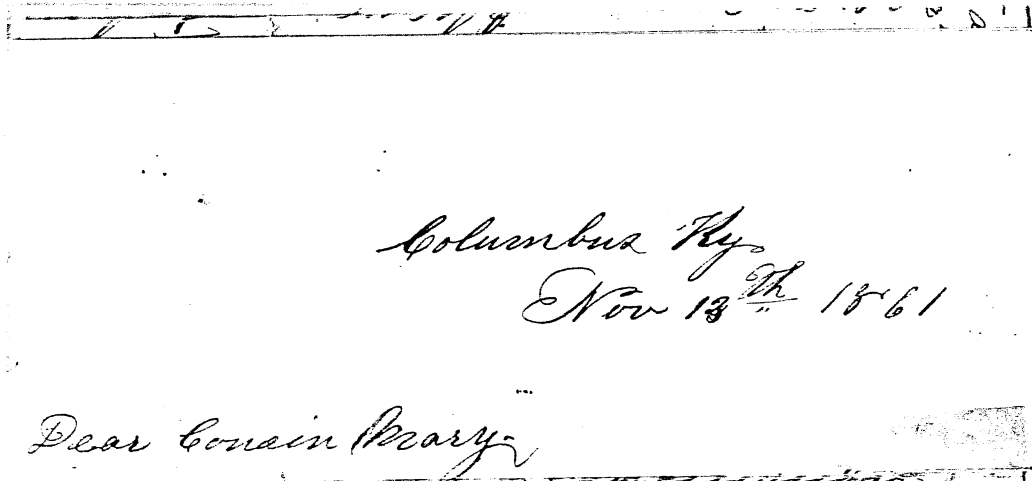


ADDRESS IN LOUISVILLE AT CENTER

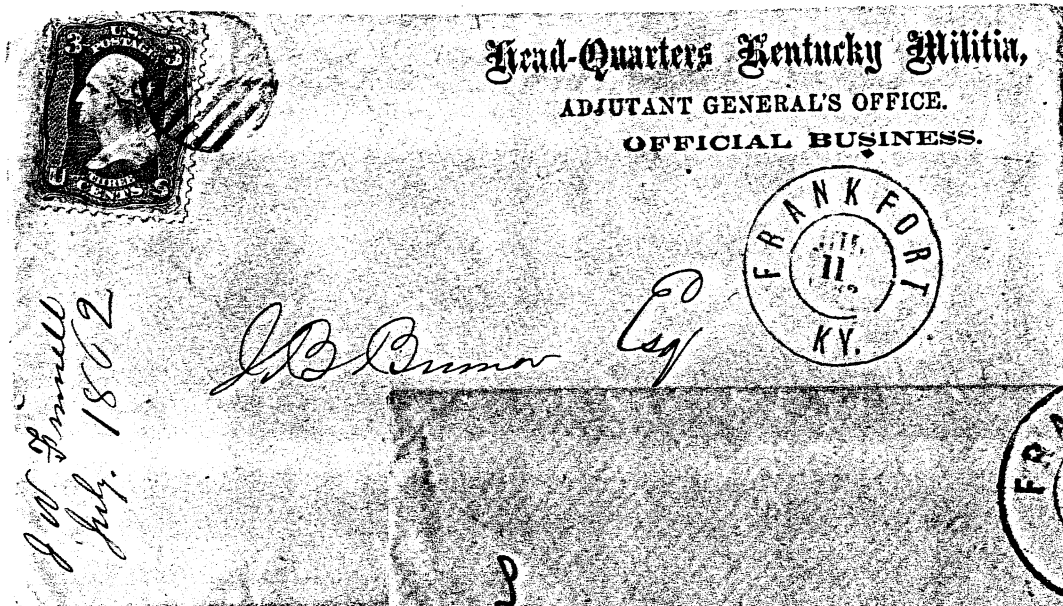
A LATE LETTER THROUGH LOUISVILLE TO NASHVILLE, FROM THERE VIA CONFED. MAIL SYSTEM TO VIRGINIA, WITH "PAID 10" COVERING SINGLE WT. LETTER OVER 500 MILES (MEASURED BY RAIL). AMER. LETTER EXPRESS CARRIER WAS ARRESTED IN LOUISVILLE 30 AUG. FOR VIOLATING EDICT.



PROBABLY CARRIED PRIVATELY FROM COLUMBUS AND GIVEN TO A BOAT CAPTAIN,
PERHAPS ON THE ALABAMA RIVER. INTO MONTGOMERY, ALA. 19 NOV. 1861 WHERE
ALL THREE MARKINGS APPLIED. RECIPIENT PAID 10¢ TO THE C.S.A. POSTOFFICE
AT MONTGOMERY. STEAMBOAT CAPTAIN MAY HAVE GOTTEN 2¢ IN COIN FROM CARRIER.

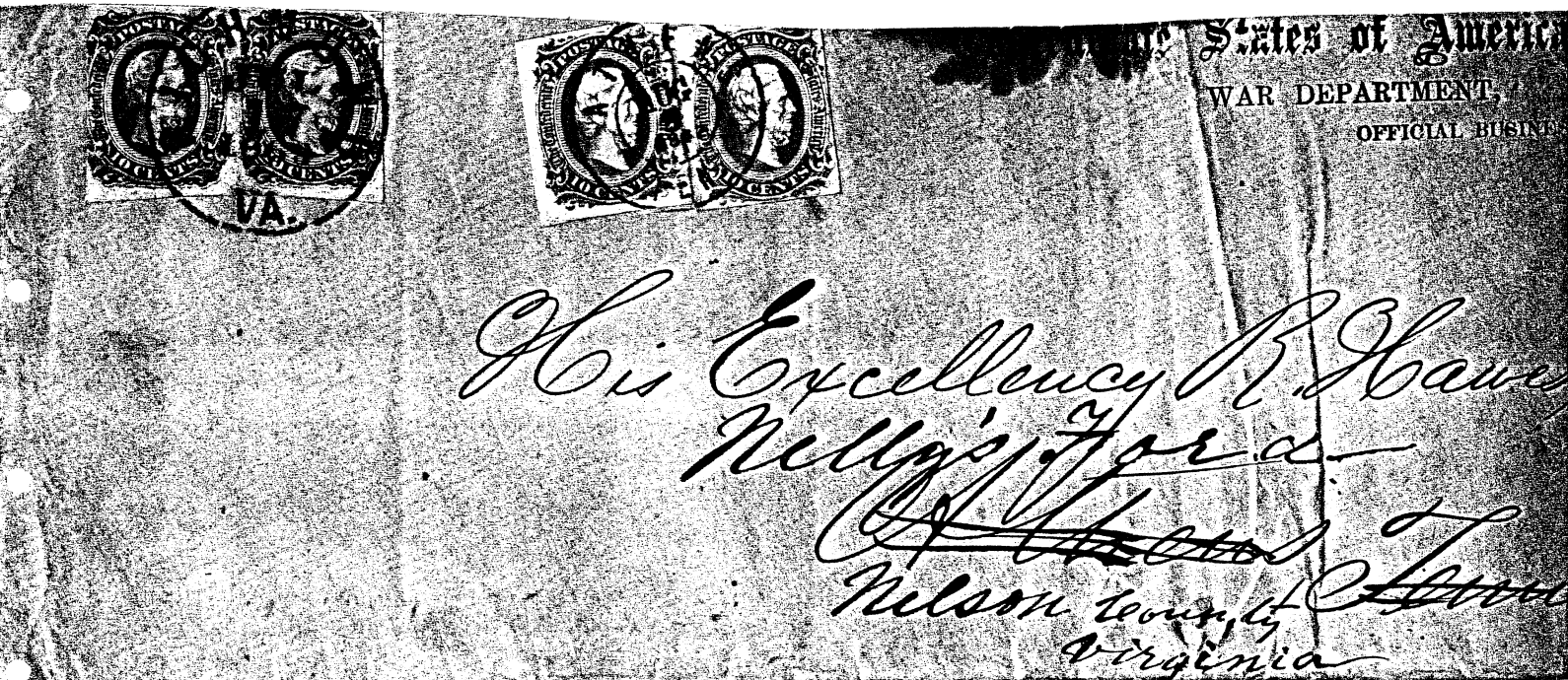
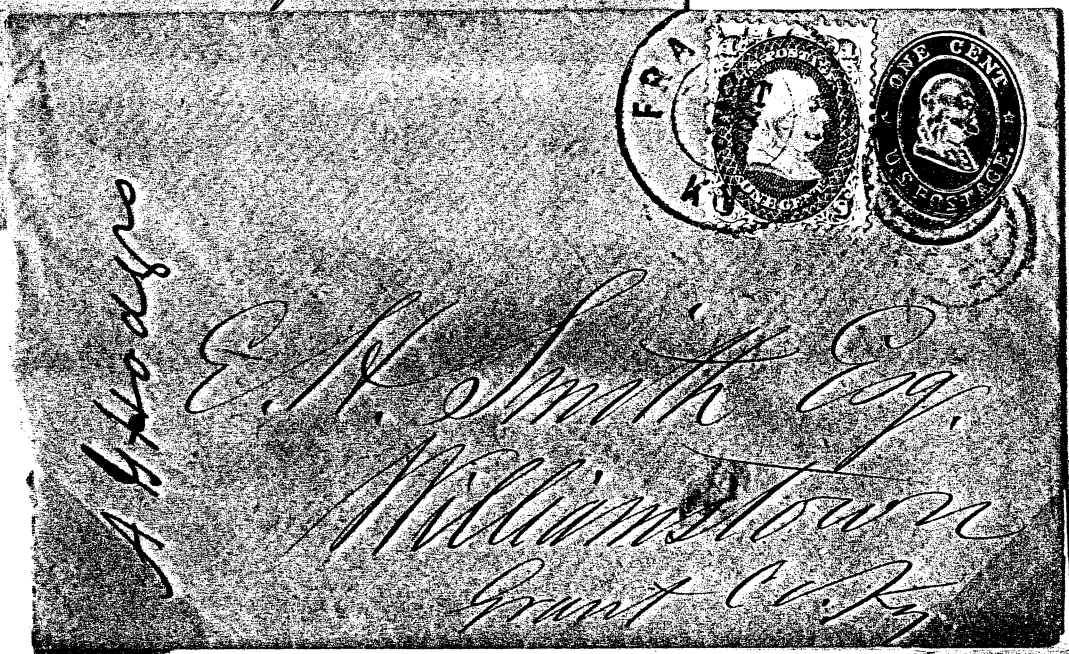


HEADING OF LETTER WRITTEN 13 NOV. 1861 FROM DOCKETING WAS RECEIVED
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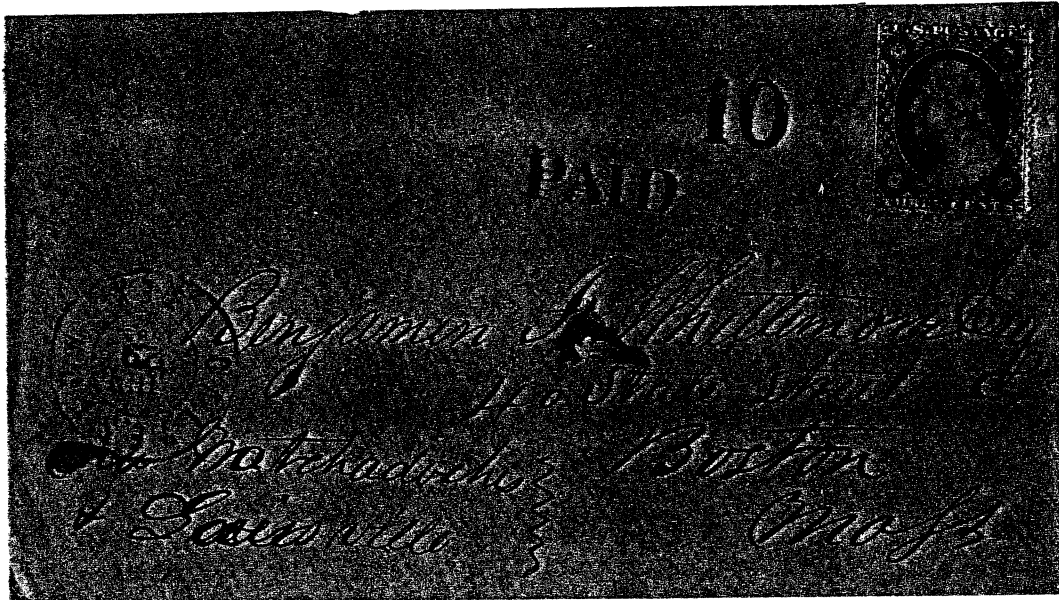


U.S. CDS IN 1862
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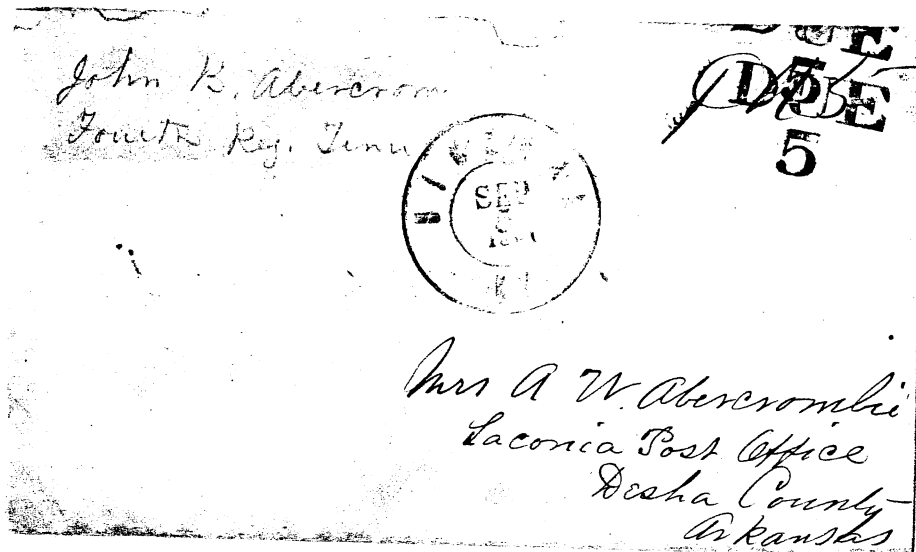
U.S. CDS IN 1863
2¢ PRINTED MATTER
RATE.



RICHARD HAWES WAS INAUGURATED SECOND GOVERNOR OF CONFED. KY. ON 4 OCT. 1862, AT FRANKFORT, THE TOWN HAVING BEEN OCCUPIED BY BRAGG'S ARMY. GOV. HAWES WAS IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY AND THIS FORWARDED LETTER WAS TO HIM. HE SURVIVED THE WAR.



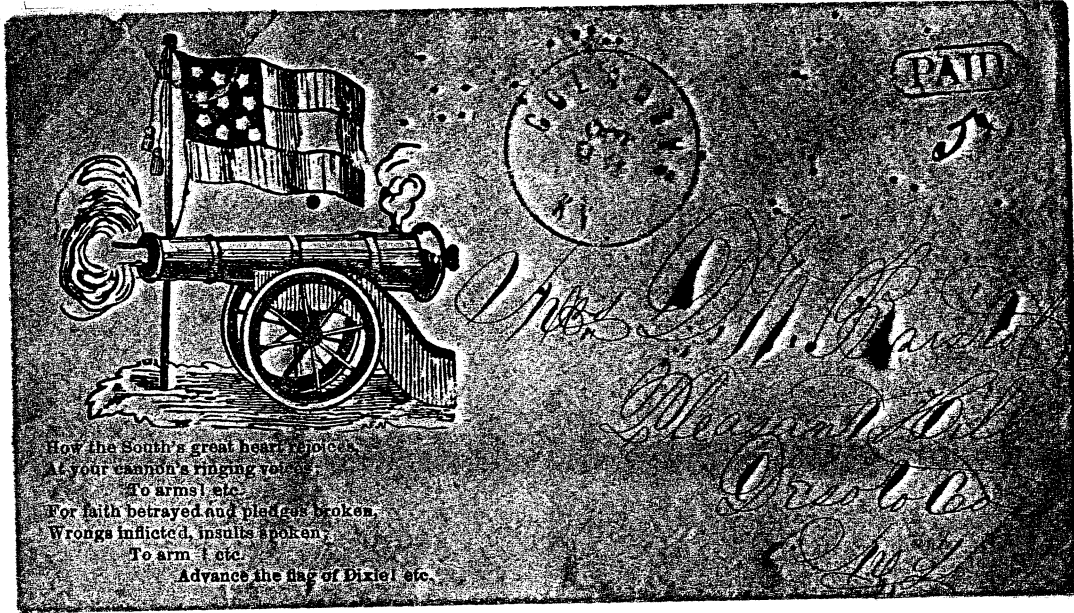
FROM GALVESTION, TEXAS JUNE, 1862 TO BOSTON, MASS., WITH SENDERS
 NOTATION "VIA NATCHITOCHES (LA.) & LOUISVILLE (KY.)". THE TOWN
 IN LOUISIANA WAS NEAR FT. JESSUP, ARK. FROM THERE ACROSS TENN. WOULD
 HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE, BUT NASHVILLE WAS OCCUPIED BY UNION SOLDIERS.
 EXPRESS COMPANIES WERE STILL OPERATING, AS SHOWN BY ADS IN SOUTHERN
 NEWSPAPERS, BUT COVERTLY--- AS MAIL CARRYING FROM THE SOUTH WAS
 FORBIDDEN AFTER AUG. 1861 BY THE U.S., BUT NOT BY THE C.S.A.
 THIS LETTER MADE IT, PER DOCKETING AT LEFT, APPARENTLY SENT IN AN
 OUTER ENVELOPE, SINCE THE U.S. 3¢ '57 STAMP HAD BEEN DEMONITIZED.



EARLIEST KNOWN COVER FROM A CONFEDERATE P.O. IN KY..... 5 SEPT. 1861.
 RATED AT HICKMAN "PAID 5" IN MS., AS SENDER THOUGHT WT. WAS UNDER $\frac{1}{2}$ OZ.;
 BUT AT MEMPHIS THE WT. WAS FOUND TO BE OVER $\frac{1}{2}$ OZ. AND UNDER 1 OZ. SO
 "DUE 5" WAS STRUCK.



HICKMAN WAS LOCATED 8 MILES NORTH OF TENNESSEE BORDER. IT WAS ENTERED
 IN THE MORNING OF 3 SEPT. 1861 BY GENERAL PILLOW'S C.S.A. ARMY. THE
 POSTMASTER WAS A CONFEDERATE SYMPATHIZER, AND USED HIS U.S. CIRCULAR
 DATED STAMPER BUT LACKED 5¢ OR 10¢ MARKERS, SO MANUSCRIPT "PD5" APPLIED,
 THE CONFEDERATE RATE FOR UNDER 500 MILES. VERY FEW COVERS (3) ARE KNOWN
 FROM HICKMAN, AS THE CONFEDERATE TROOPS MOVED NORTH AND EAST THAT WEEK.

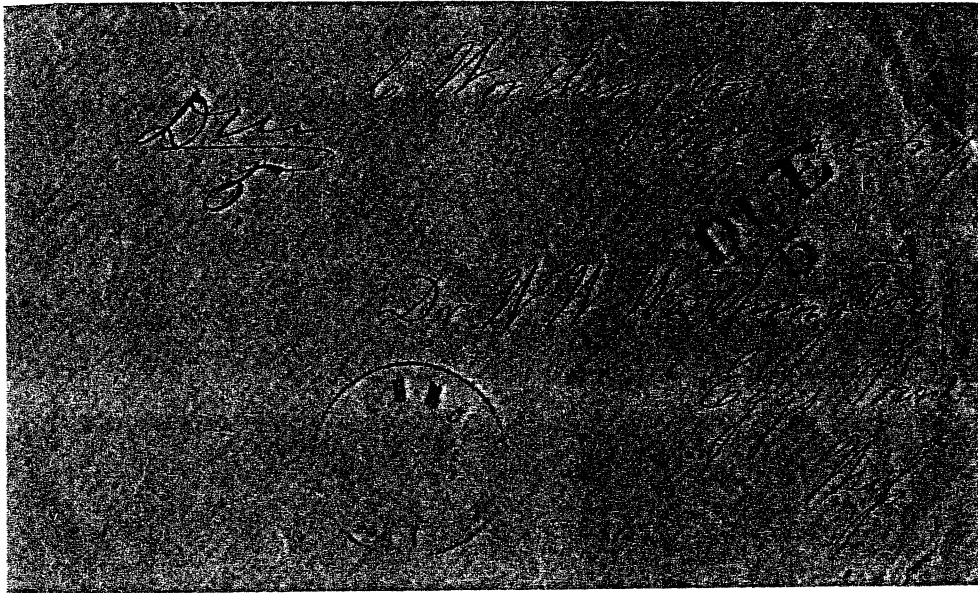


COLUMBUS WAS ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, 20 MILES NORTH OF THE TENN.-KY. BORDER. IT WAS THE TERMINUS OF THE MOBILE & OHIO RR, AND THUS VERY IMPORTANT. THE CONFEDERATE TROOPS ENTERED COLUMBUS LATE 3 SEPT. 1861. THE POSTMASTER WAS PRO-SOUTH AND CONTINUED TO USE HIS U.S. MARKERS, BUT DID NOT HAVE "5" OR "10". THIS PATRIOTIC COVER WAS SENT 23 OCT. 1861 AND PAID 5¢ FOR A LETTER UNDER ½ OZ. AND DISTANCE UNDER 500 MILES TO MISS.

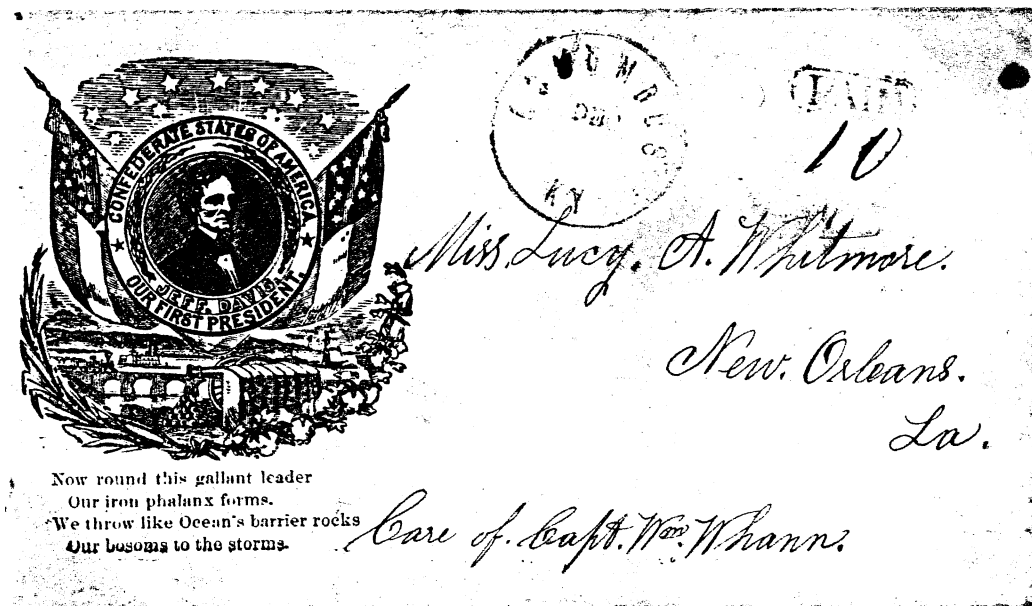
COLUMBUS



A COVER SENT IN OCT. 1861 AND (HOPEFULLY) RATED "DUE 5" AT COLUMBUS, BUT THE CONVEDERATE DISTRUBUTION OFFICE AT MEMPHIS, TENN. RERATED IT AT 20¢ FOR WEIGHT OF $\frac{1}{2}$ TO 1OZ. AND DISTANCE OVER 500 MILES. THIS IS THE ONLY 20¢ COVER KNOWN FROM A C.S.A. POSTOFFICE IN KENTUCKY.

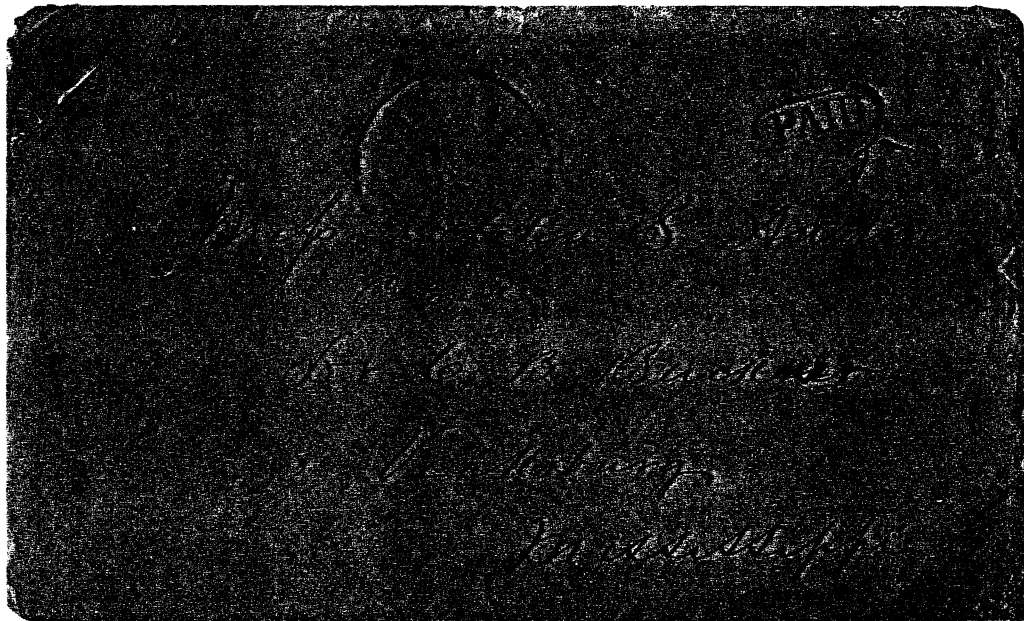


A SURVEY BY MORRIS EVERETT GIVES ABOUT 30 C.S.A. COVERS FROM COLUMBUS. MORE THAN HALF HAVE A POORLY-STRUCK CDS, SUCH AS THIS ONE. THE "DUE 5" WAS APPLIED AT MEMPHIS.

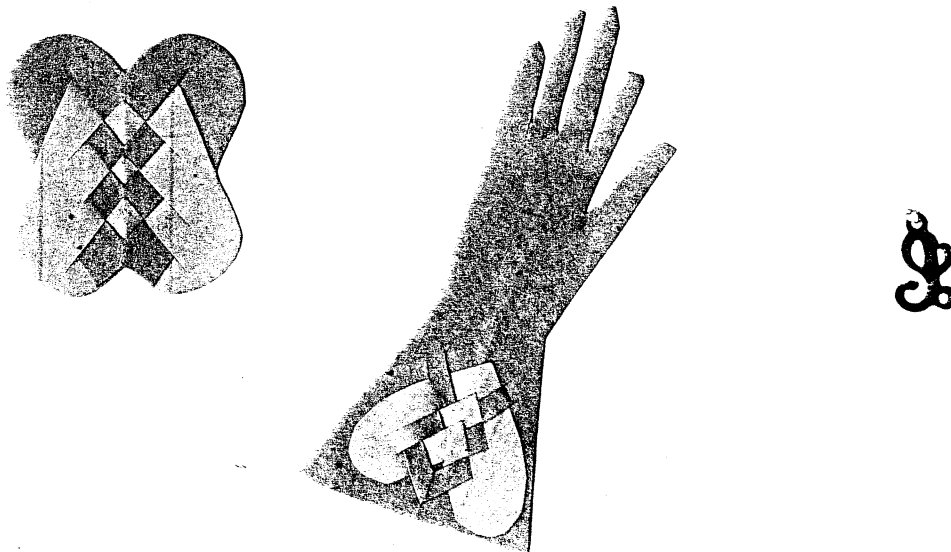


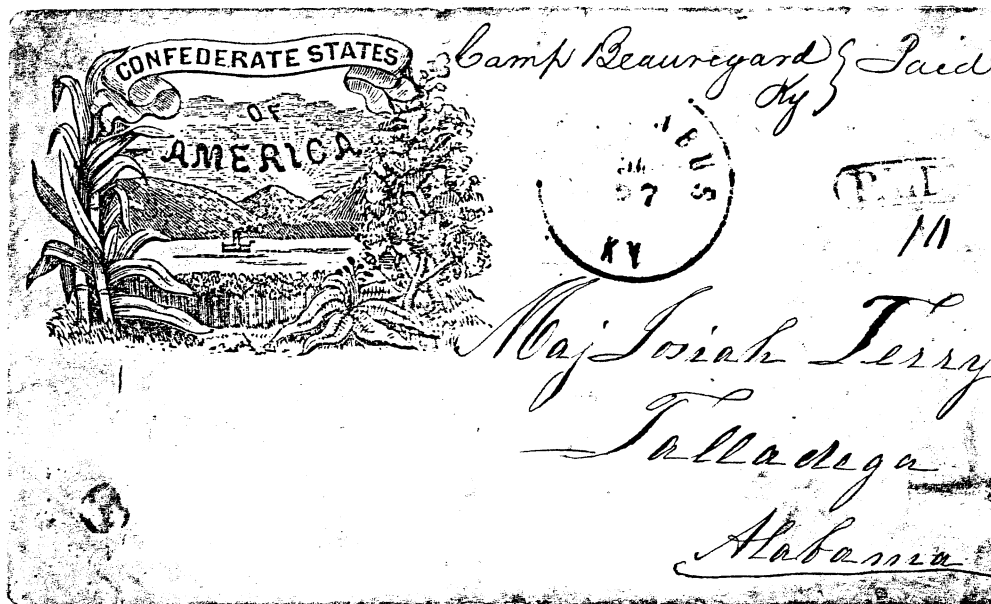
A PATRIOTIC SENT IN DEC. 1861 TO NEW ORLEANS WITH 10¢ PAID CORRECTLY FOR DISTANCE AND WT. UNDER $\frac{1}{2}$ OZ. MEMPHIS AGREED, SO NO MARKINGS.

VALENTINE FROM COLUMBUS, KENTUCKY

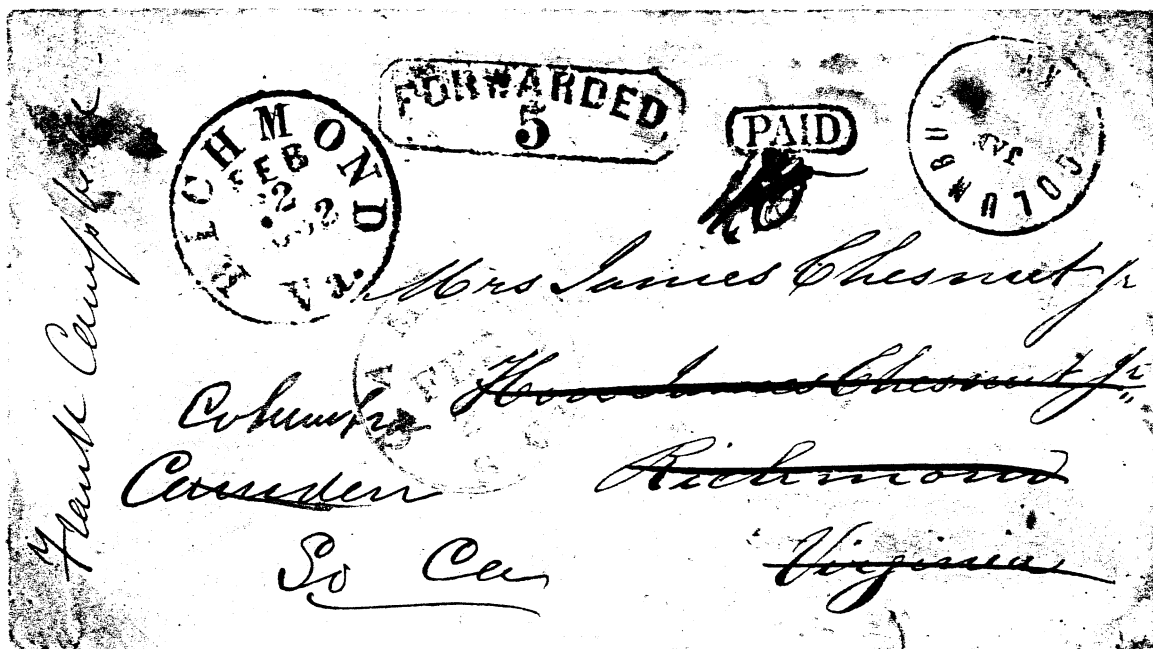


SENT 8 FEB. 1862 FROM A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER TO MISS LETITIA AUSTIN AT VICKSBURG, MISS. WITH 5¢ CORRECTLY PAID. ENCLOSED WERE THE ITEMS SHOWN BELOW, PAPER HEARTS HANDMADE, AND AN "L" FOR HER NAME. THIS IS THE LATEST COVER KNOWN FROM COLUMBUS, WHICH WAS EVACUATED THAT MONTH.



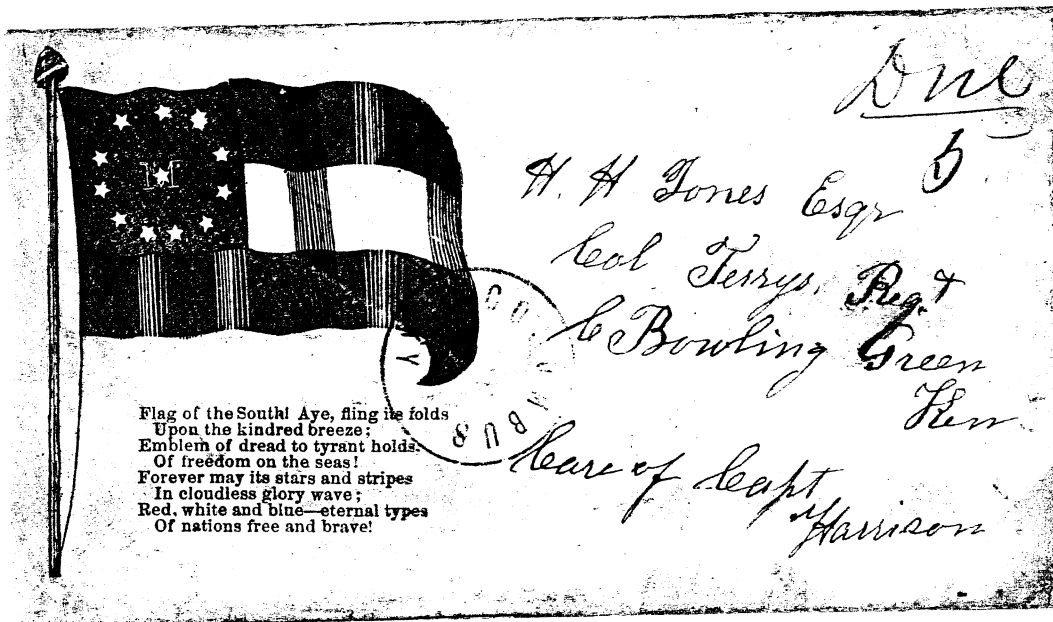


PATRIOTIC SENT IN JAN. 1862 TO ALA. AND CORRECTLY RATED AT 10¢ DUE TO DISTANCE (BY RAIL) OF OVER 500 MILES.



A WELL-STRUCK COLUMBUS CDS OF JAN. (1862) ORIGINALLY RATED AT COLUMBUS P.O. TO 10¢ FOR DISTANCE OF OVER 500 MILES. FORWARDED FROM RICHMOND, VA. COLUMBIA, S.C. FOR 5¢, SINCE UNDER 500 MILES.

COLUMBUS TO BOWLING GREEN

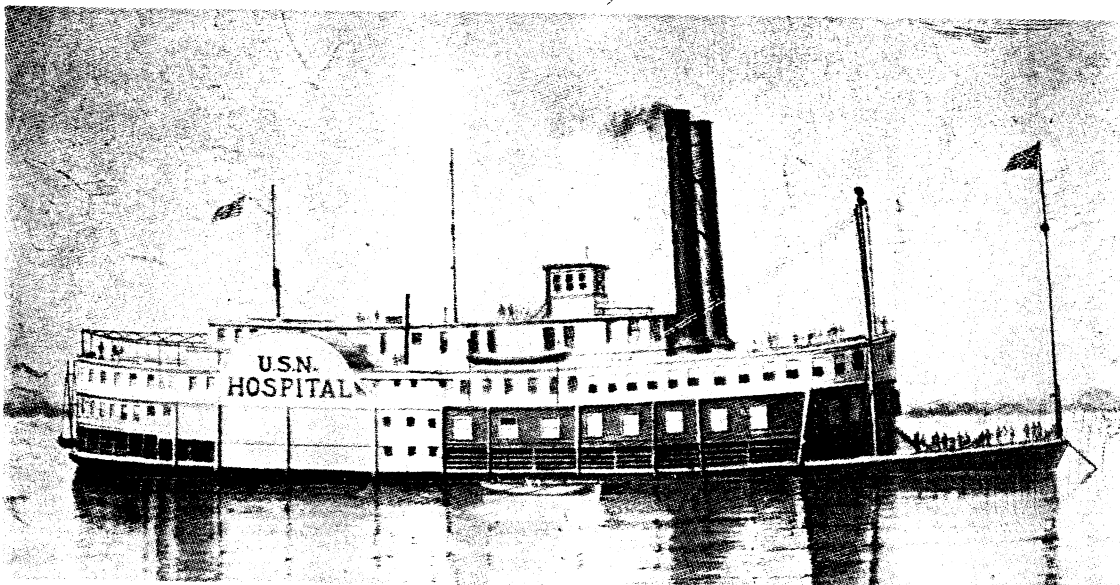


THE ONLY KNOWN PATRIOTIC USED FROM ONE CONFEDERATE P.O. IN KENTUCKY TO ANOTHER. SENT IN DECEMBER 1861 BY RAIL SOUTH TO UNION CITY, TENNESSEE; EAST BY RAIL TO CLARKSVILLE, AND NORTH TO BOWLING GREEN. TOTAL BY RAIL ABOUT 150 MILES, SO 5¢ CORRECT. THE PATRIOTIC HAS 11 STARS PLUS 1 WITH "M" IN THE MIDDLE FOR MISSOURI, WHICH WAS TO BE THE TWELFTH CSA. STATE. KENTUCKY WAS TO BE THE LAST, THIRTEENTH.

COLUMBUS, C.S.A. STEAMER "RED ROVER"

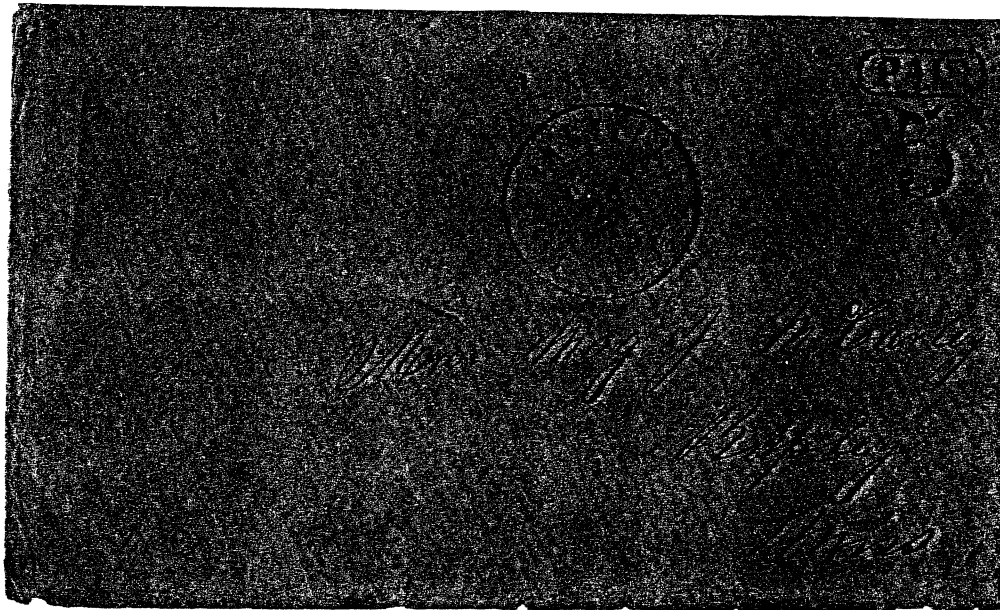


COLUMBUS, KY. CDS KILLING SCOTT #2; ONE OF THE 3 KNOWN USAGES OF THIS STAMP IN KENTUCKY. THE "RED ROVER" WAS CAPTURED 7 NOV. 1861 BY CONFEDERATES WHO LOST IT TO FEDERAL FORCES MARCH 1862. THE 10¢ PAID IN FEB. 1862 COVERED THE DISTANCE OF OVER 500 MILES.



AFTER RECAPTURE, THE "RED ROVER" WAS USED BY THE FEDERAL NAVY AS A FLOATING HOSPITAL, FOLLOWING THE ACTION UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR.

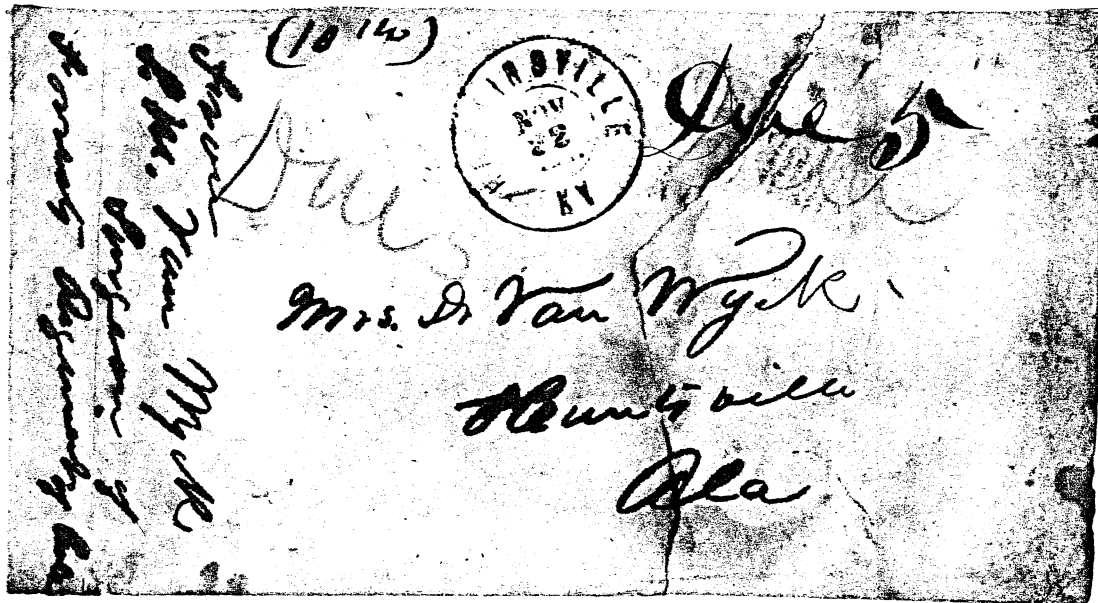
HOPKINSVILLE - CONFEDERATE HANDSTAMPED PAIDS
(ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLES - BASIS OF CATALOG LISTING)



THIS "PAID 5" WAS SENT 27 DEC. 1861. THE PRO-SOUTH POSTMASTER USED HIS U.S. CDS, AND LUCKILY HAD MARKERS FOR C.S.A. RATES.



THIS "PAID 10" WAS SENT 23 JAN. 1862 ALTHOUGH A NEW YEAR SLUG WAS NOT AVAILABLE. DISTANCE TO VA. BY RAIL, SOUTH FROM NASHVILLE, WAS WELL OVER 500 MILES. HOPKINSVILLE WAS EVACUATED AROUND 20 FEB. 1862.



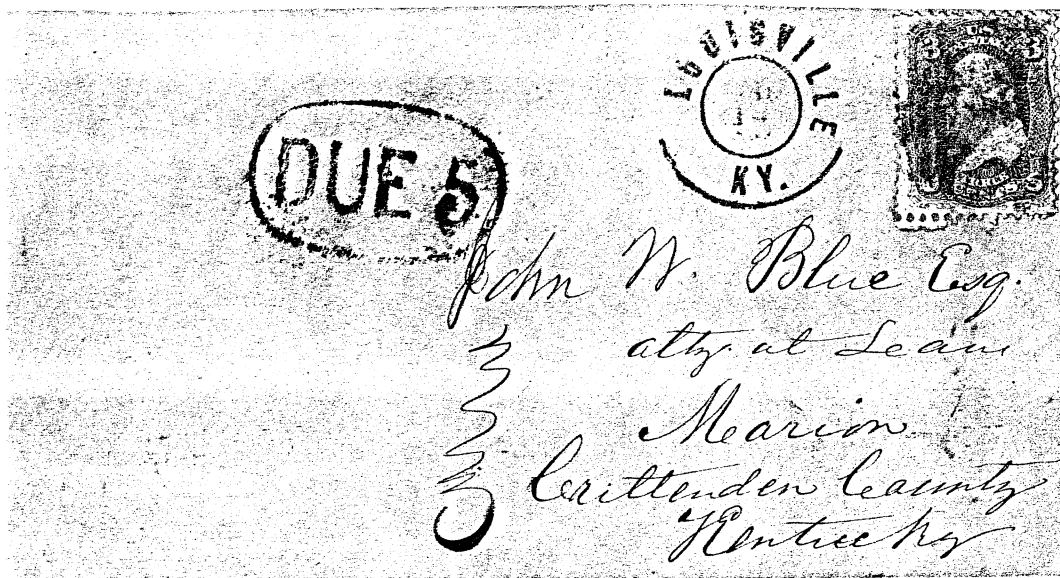
ALTHOUGH HOPKINSVILLE WAS OCCUPIED IN SEPT. 1861, THIS LETTER POSTMARKED 22 NOV. 1861 IS THE EARLIEST KNOWN COVER, FROM A SURGEON IN CONFEDERATE COL. NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST'S CAVALRY WHO CONTROLLED THE AREA. IT WAS RATED "DUE 5" IN INK AT HOPKINSVILLE BY THE SENDER, AND THE P.O. AGREED, WITH THE RATE RESTATED IN BLUE CRAYON. PROBABLE ROUTING WAS THROUGH NASHVILLE, THAN SOUTH TO ALABAMA. HOPKINSVILLE WAS ON A LINE BETWEEN COLUMBUS AND BOWLING GREEN, AND IMPORTANT TO CONFEDERATE DEFENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

RUSSELLVILLE, LOGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

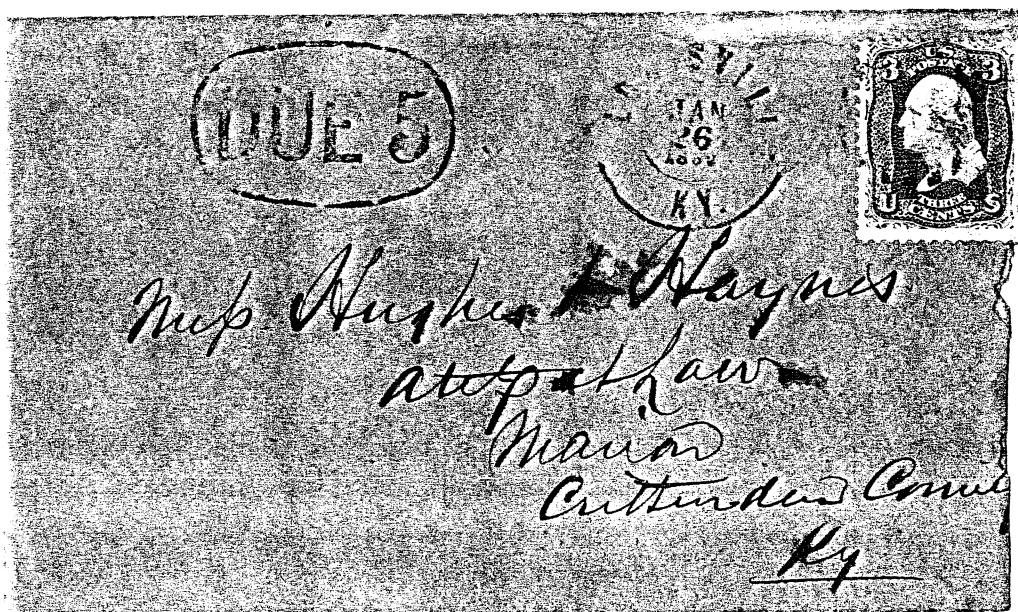


ONLY RECORDED RUSSELLVILLE, KY. C.S.A. COVER, DATED 27 JAN.(1862). TOWN WAS ON THE MEMPHIS, CLARKSVILLE, & LOUISVILLE R.R. THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER WAS CONTROLLED BY FEDERAL FORCES, SO THE SENDER SUGGESTED A ROUTING BY RAIL ALL THE WAY TO NEW ORLEANS AND THEN BACK UP THE RIVER. THE BLACK "DUE 10" WAS STRUCK AT MEMPHIS, SO THE COVER DID TRAVEL OVER 500 MILES. RUSSELLVILLE WAS THE SITE OF THE FIRST CONFED. CONVENTION OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVT. OF KY., HELD 18 - 25 NOV. 1861. MAIL FROM OCT. - DEC. 1861 SHOULD EXIST BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCOVERED.

MARION, CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

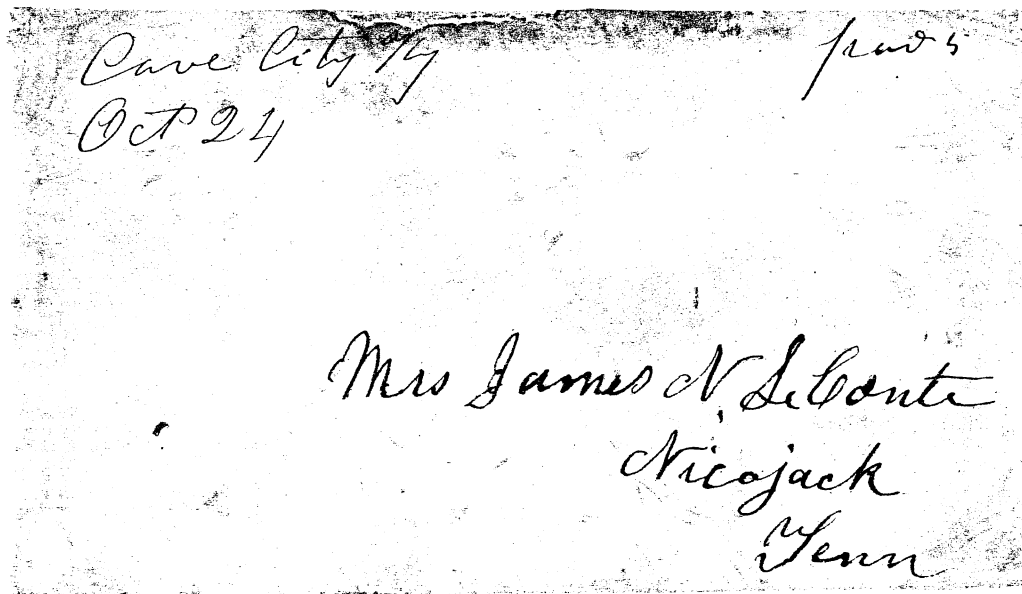


MARION, KY. WAS THE MOST NORTHERN CITY IN KENTUCKY DURING THE CIVIL WAR TO USE CONFEDERATE POSTAL MARKINGS. THIS COVER WAS SENT ON 19 JAN., 1862 FROM LOUISVILLE THROUGH AN AREA IN FLUX, AND 5¢ WAS COLLECTED IN CASH AT MARION FOR THE CONFEDERATE POSTAL SYSTEM.

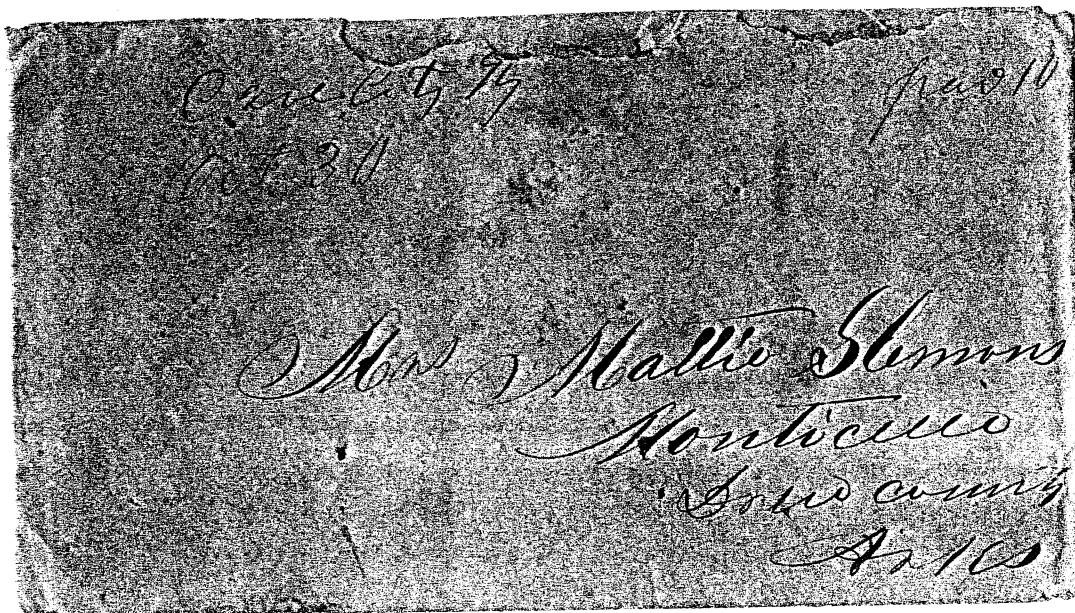


HERE IS THE OTHER COVER KNOWN SENT A WEEK LATER WITH 5¢ DUE. THE TOWN AND SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE WAS OCCUPIED BY C.S.A. TROOPS UNDER COL. NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST. THEY LEFT FOR THEIR ILL-FATED RENDEZVOUS AT FT. DONELSON SOON AFTER THIS PLAYING POSTMASTER. THESE TWO COVERS ARE BASIS OF CATALOG LISTING.

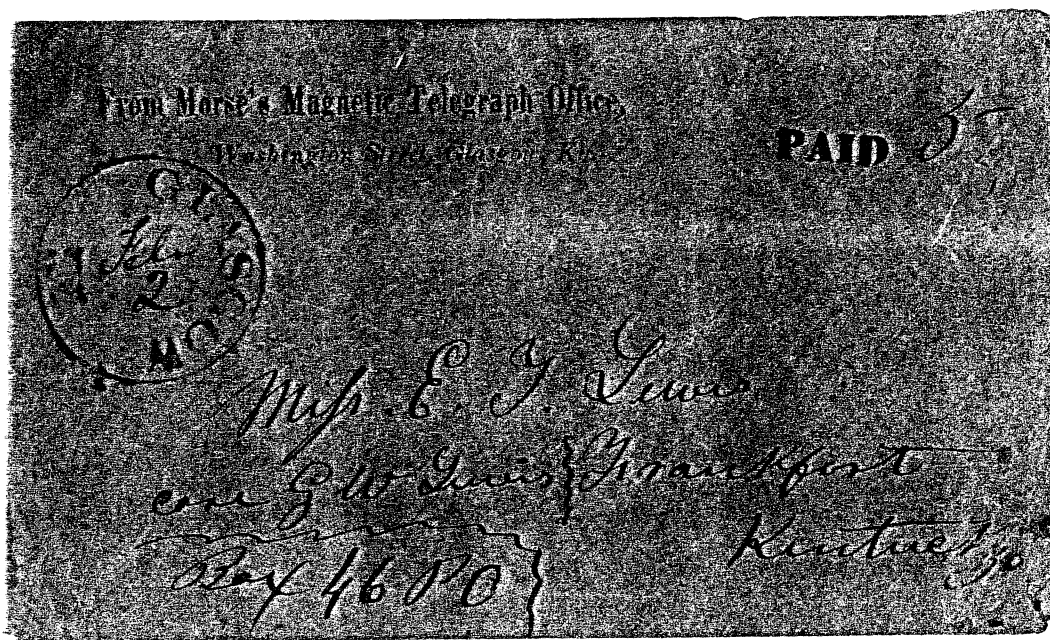
CAVE CITY, BARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY



CAVE CITY, IS ABOUT 4 MILES SOUTH OF GREEN RIVER, NEAR MAMOTH CAVE, COVETED AS A SOURCE OF BAT DROPPINGS FOR GUNPOWDER MAKING. IT WAS IMPORTANT ALSO AS THE L & N RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER THE GREEN RIVER WAS NEARBY.

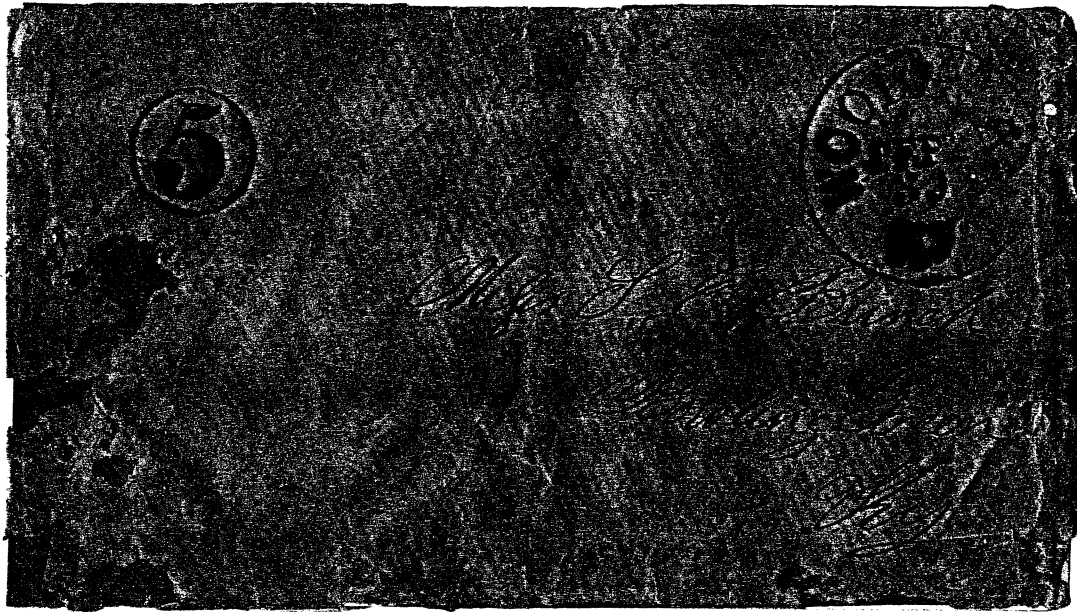


THE "PAID 5" SHOWN ABOVE, AND THIS "PAID 10" ARE ON THE ONLY KNOWN COVERS FROM THE C.S.A. P.O. AT CAVE CITY, AND THUS BASIS FOR CATALOG LISTING.

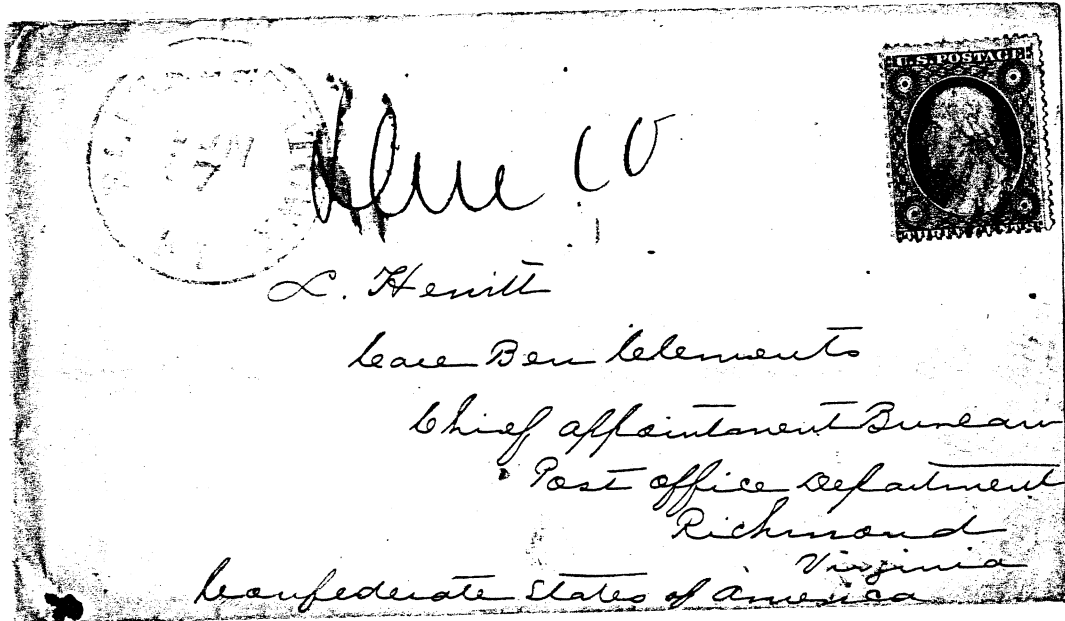


COVER DATED 2 FEB. (1862) BUT WITHOUT ENCLOSURE DIFFICULT TO PROVE YEAR. GLASGOW WAS IN CONFEDERATE CONTROLLED AREA, NOT FAR FROM BOWLING GREEN, AND FRANKFORT WAS OCCUPIED BY CONFEDERATES IN 1862, BUT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THERE WAS A CONFEDERATE P.O. AT FRANKFORT. NEVERTHELESS, THIS WELL-KNOWN COVER, HAS LONG BEEN ACCEPTED AS A C.S.A. USAGE, AND IS BASIS FOR LISTING IN 1959 DIETZ, THE NEW DIETZ, AND OTHERS. 5¢ WOULD HAVE BEEN CORRECT CONFEDERATE RATE.

WOODBURY, BUTLER COUNTY, KENTUCKY
(AT JUNCTION OF BARREN AND GREEN RIVERS)

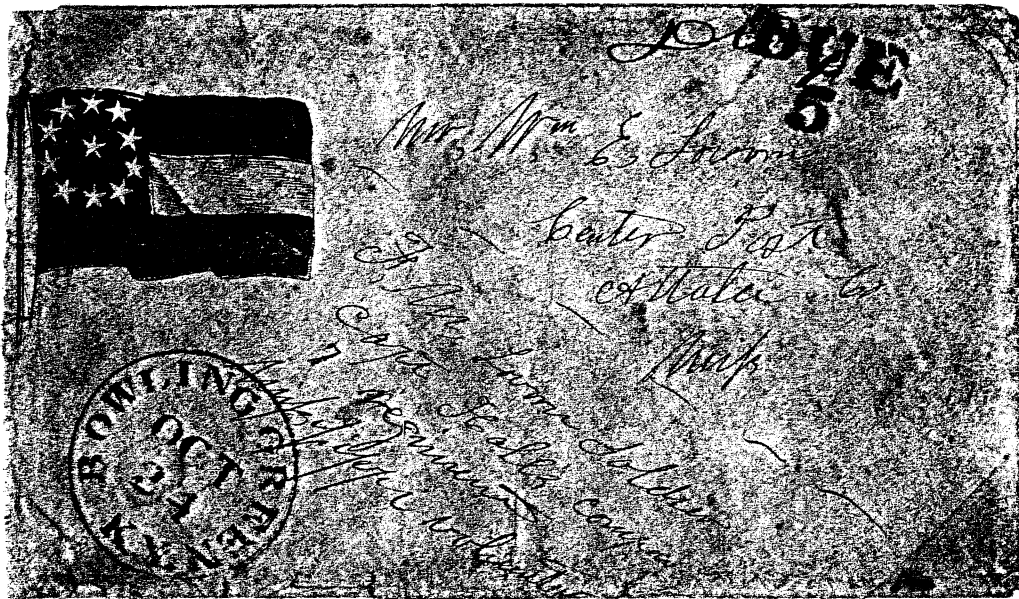


THE ONLY KNOWN COVER FROM CONFEDERATE HELD WOODBURY, ON SOUTH BANK
OF GREEN RIVER, WITH UNION FORCES ON THE NORTHERN SIDE. LETTER DATED
"1861" SAYS TRAINS STOPPED RUNNING TO BOWLING GREEN. RATED (DUE) 5 TO
NEARBY BOWLING GREEN. THIS COVER IS BASIS FOR LISTING IN THE CATALOGS.

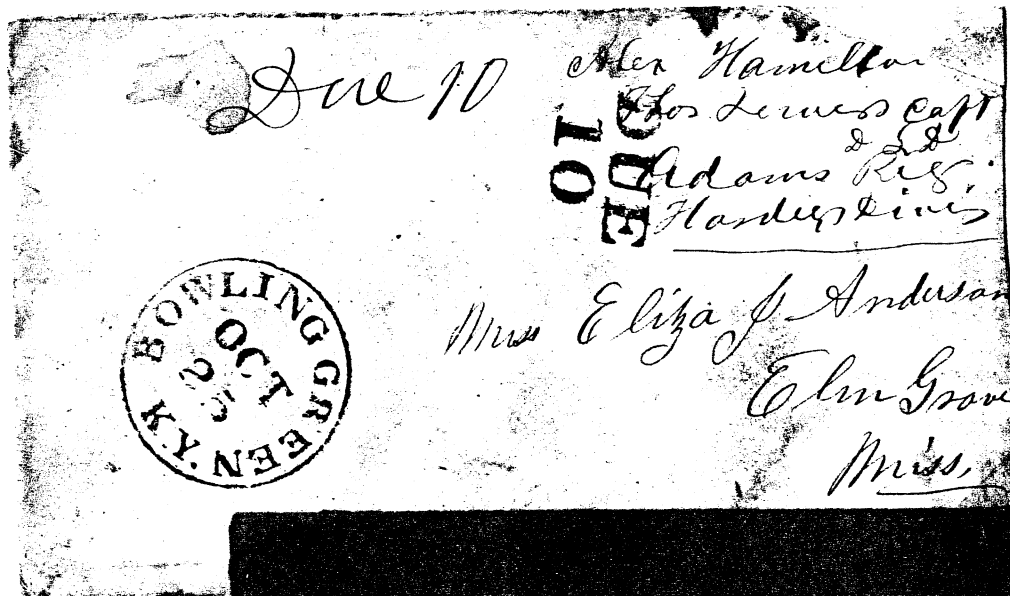


A LETTER MAILED 17 JUNE (1861) FROM MIDDLE KENTUCKY THAT MADE IT TO RICHMOND, VA. IN SPITE OF EDICT PROHIBITING MAIL AFTER 31 MAY 1861. THAT PART OF KY. AND SOUTHWARD WAS PRO-SOUTH, SO THE LETTER WAS NOT STOPPED. THE CONFEDERATE RATE WAS 19¢ FOR OVER 500 MILES, SO THIS WAS RATED "DUE 10". THE 3¢ '57 U.S. STAMP DIDN'T COUNT, BUT WAS CANCELLED ANYHOW. INTERESTING ADDRESS; PERHAPS THE KENTUCKIAN WAS ASKING TO BECOME A C.S.A. POSTMASTER. THIS UNIQUE COVER IS BASIS OF CATALOG LISTINGS FOR ELIZABETHTOWN AS A C.S.A. P.O.

BOWLING GREEN, WARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

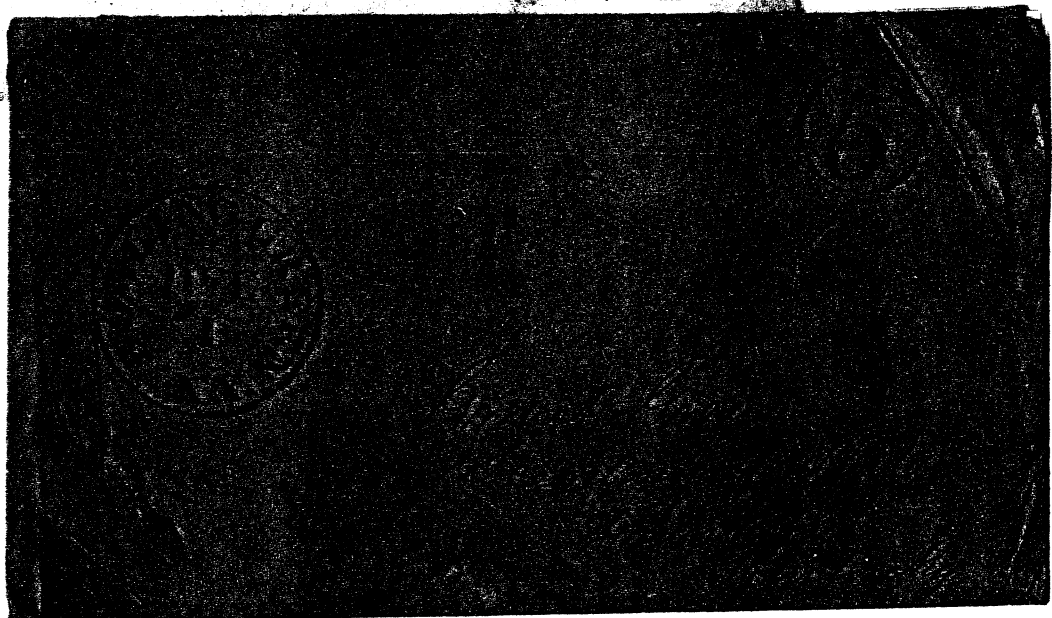


ALTHOUGH OCCUPIED IN SEPT. 1861, THE EARLIEST MAIL KNOWN IS IN OCT. THIS WAS SENT "DUE 5" IN MS. AND RATE RESTATED AT MEMPHIS BY BLACK MARKER

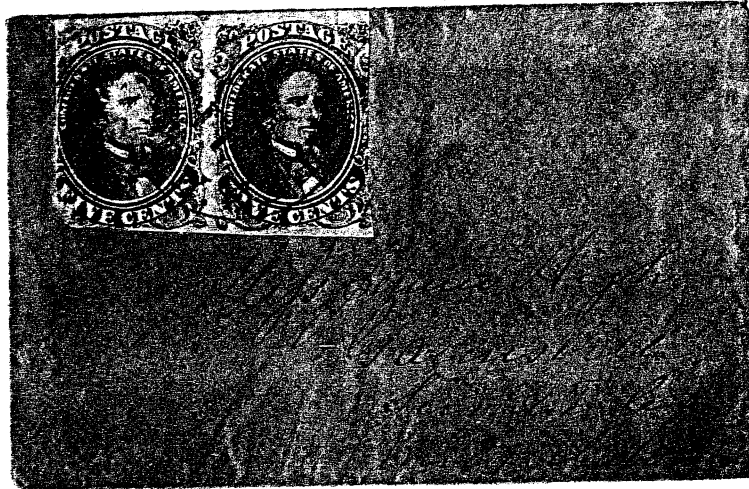


SIMILAR COVER, SENT NEXT DAY, BUT BETWEEN $\frac{1}{2}$ - 10Z. SO RATE 10¢. NOTE CLEAR, STRONG CDS. WITH USE IT DETERIORATEI

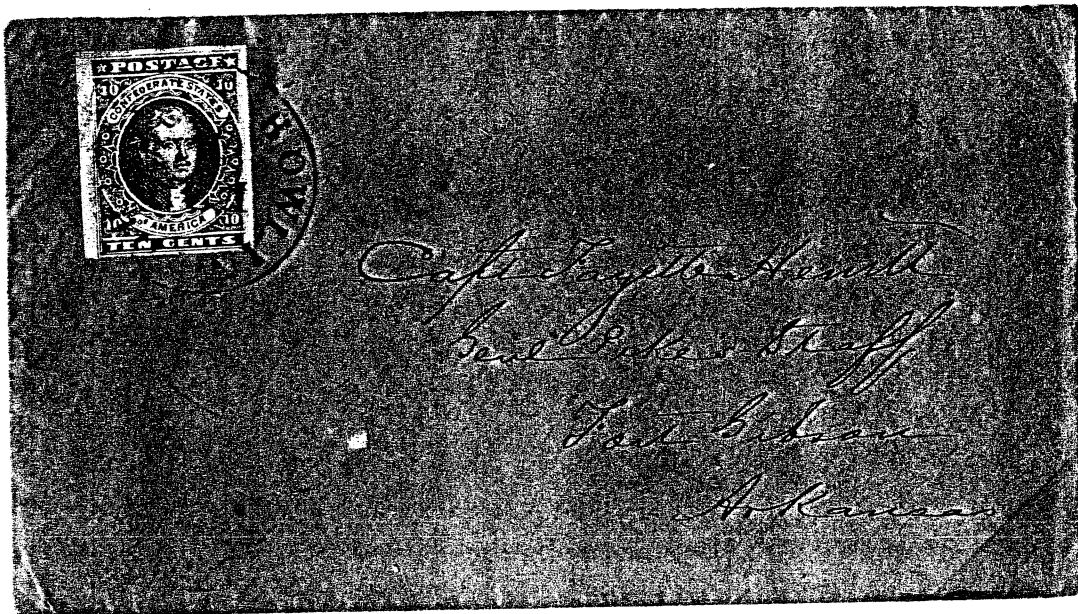
THE CDS MARKER OF 1851 WAS USED BY CONFED. POSTAL CLERKS AT BOWLING GREEN A DECADE LATER. NOTE PERIODS AFTER "K" AND "Y".



BOWLING GREEN

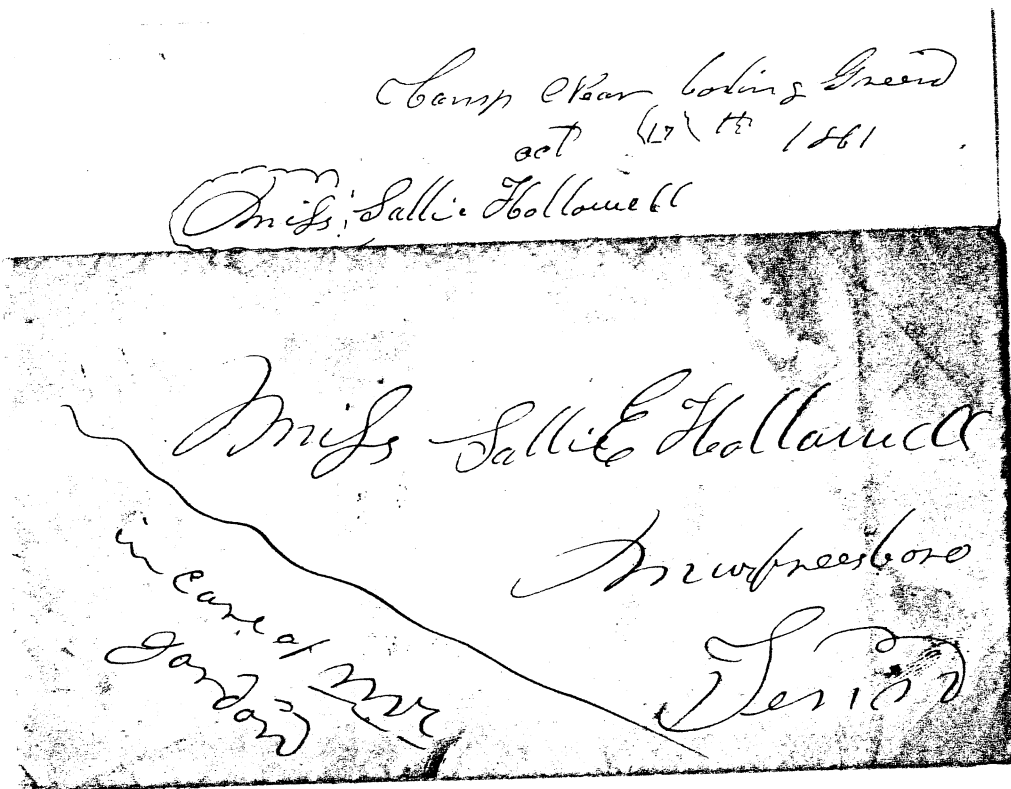


ALTHOUGH THE FIRST STAMPS OF THE C.S.A. WERE LITHOGRAPHED IN SEPT. 1861, THEY DID NOT REACH BOWLING GREEN UNTIL DEC. THIS COVER BEARS A PAIR OF SC. #1, DULL GREEN, STONE 1 OR 2, CANCELLED WITH 11 DEC. CDS.



THIS COVER BEARS THE ONLY KNOWN SC. #2 (HOYER AND LUDWIG PRINTING) FROM BOWLING GREEN. THE CDS IS DATED 7 DEC. (1861).

BOWLING GREEN



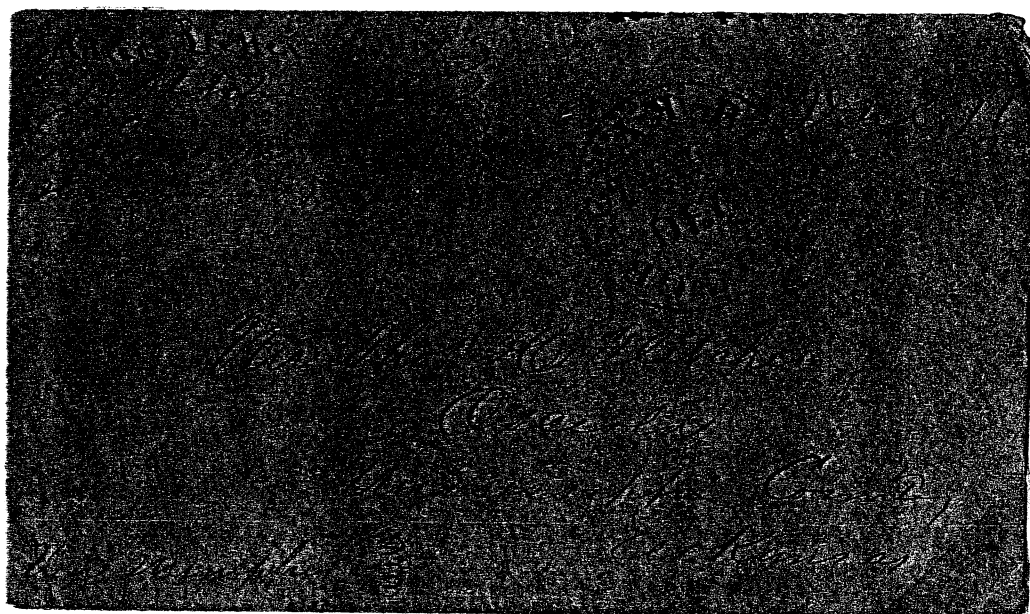
LETTER WRITTEN 17 OCT. 1861, EARLIEST KNOWN, AND CARRIED BY HAND TO TENN. POSSIBLE THE C.S.A. P.O. AT BOWLING GREEN NOT OPEN UNTIL FOLLOWING WEEK.



FROM BOWLING GREEN 20 JAN. (1862) WITH LONG TWO PAGE LETTER, RESULTING IN WT. $\frac{1}{2}$ TO 1OZ. AND RATING OF " DUE 10 " STRUCK AT MEMPHIS. DISTANCE AT LOWER LEFT, WOULD HAVE MADE HOPEFUL " DUE 5 " CORRECT, BUT THE C.S.A. CLERKS AT MEMPHIS WERE WATCHFUL.

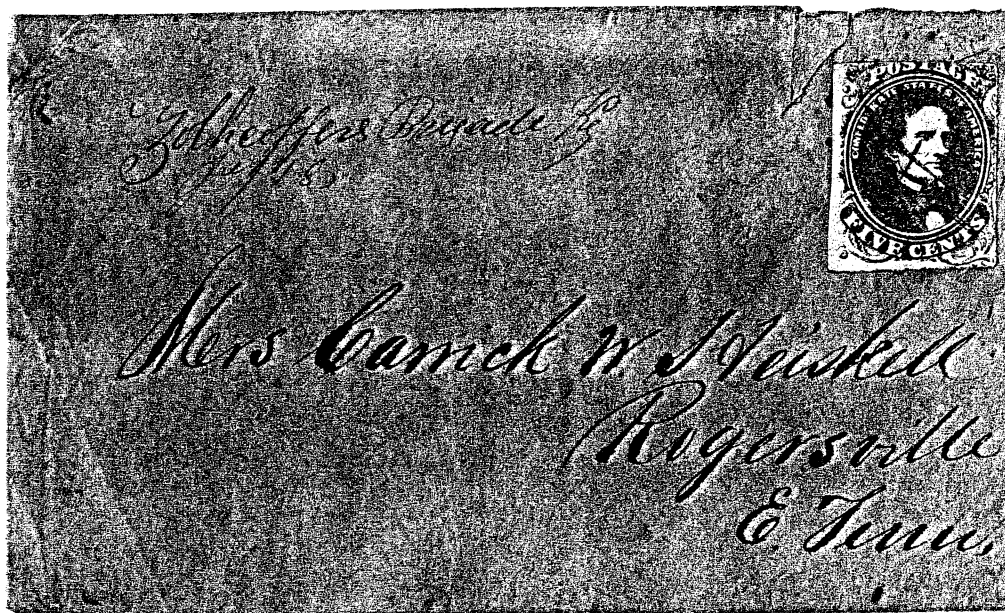


HANDSTAMPED "PAID 10" FROM BOWLING GREEN 21 JAN. (1862). THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN FULL RATING MARKER USED FROM BOWLING GREEN AND BASIS FOR LISTING IN CATALOGS.



MANUSCRIPT "DUE 10" FOR DOUBLE WT., FROM BOWLING GREEN 13 DEC.(1861) SHOWING DATE SLUGS INSERTED INTO MARKER WITH MONTH UPSIDE-DOWN. THE SLUGS ARE KNOWN ROTATED 90 DEGREES ALSO.

ZOLLIFFER'S BRIGADE, KENTUCKY
(OPERATED NEAR CUMBERLAND GAP)

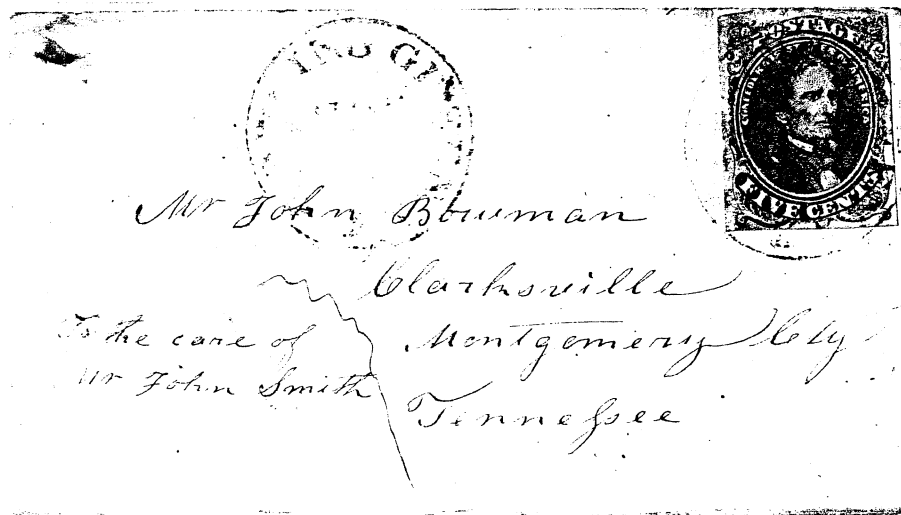


"ZOLLIFFER'S BRIGADE, KY." IS THE MILITARY POSTMARK ON THIS COVER SENT 18 JAN. 1862 FROM NANCY, KY. CONFEDERATE GEN'L FELIX K. ZOLLIFFER WAS KILLED THE NEXT DAY AT THE BATTLE OF MILLS SPRINGS.

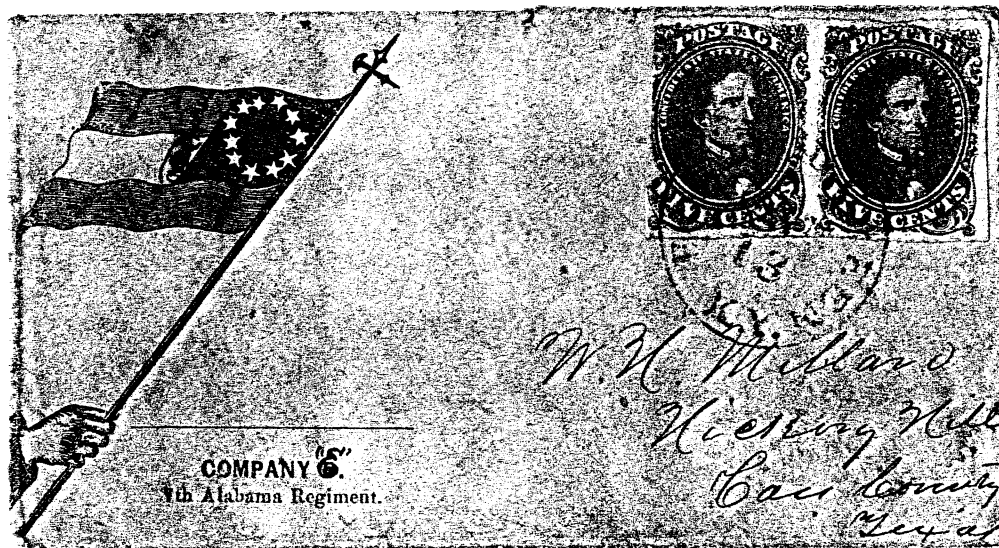


AFTER HIS DEATH, THE TOWN OF UNION DEPOT, SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENN. WAS RENAMED ZOLLIFFER IN HIS HONOR AND WAS AN ACTIVE CONFEDERATE PCST OFFICE UNTIL 1864. WOLF COUNTY IN EASTERN KY. WAS RENAMED ZOLLIFFER COUNTY BY THE CONFED. PROV. GOV'T OF KY.

BOWLING GREEN

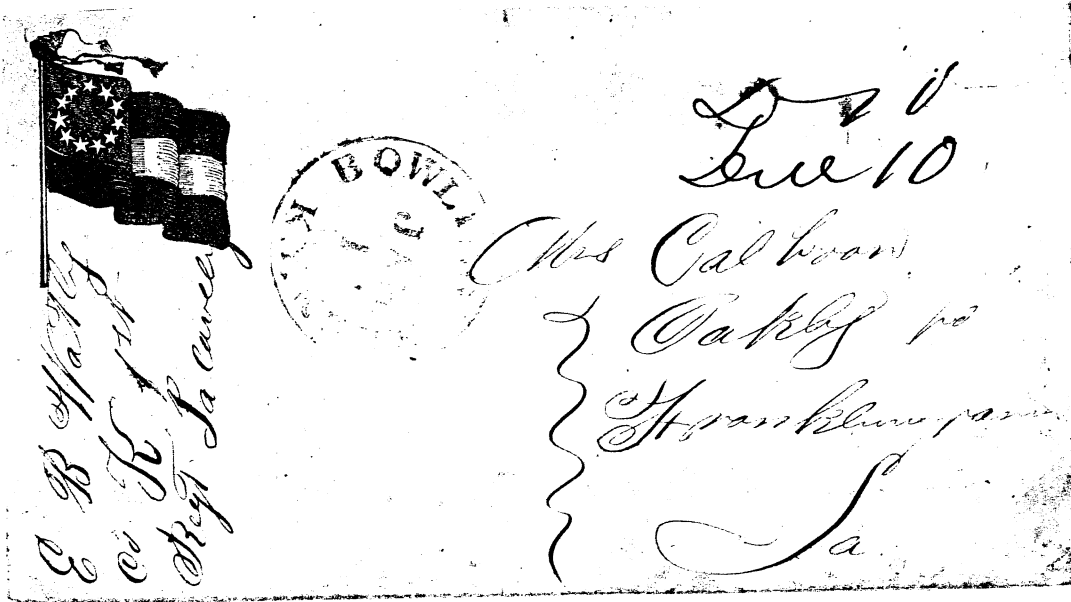


HEAVY USE CAUSED PROBLEMS WITH THE 10 YEAR OLD MARKER AND THIS CDS IS NEARLY ILLEGIBLE. IT IS BOWLING GREEN, AND CAN BE DATED (JAN. 1862) FROM KISS ON BACK.



A FEW COVERS WITH PAIRS OF #1 EXIST USED FROM BOWLING GREEN, AND THIS IS ONE OF THE MORE COLORFUL ONES. THE RATE TO TEXAS WAS 10¢ BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE OVER 500 MILES. DATE IS 13 JAN. (1862) AND THIS LATE CDS IS ONE OF THE FEW LEGIBLE ONES.

BOWLING GREEN



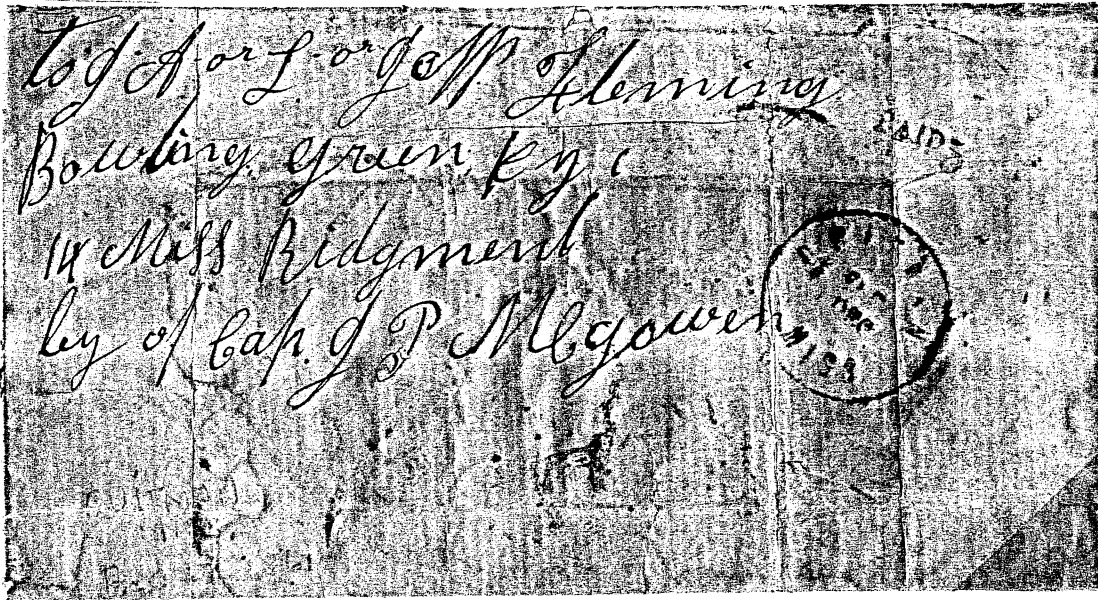
MANY STRIKES OF THE BOWLING GREEN, KY CDS ARE INCOMPLETE AS ON THIS ELEVEN STAR PATRIOTIC SENT TO LA. 1 JAN. 1862 (NEW YEARS DAY!) RATED "DUE 10" DUE TO DISTANCE, BY BOTH THE SENDER AND THE P.O.



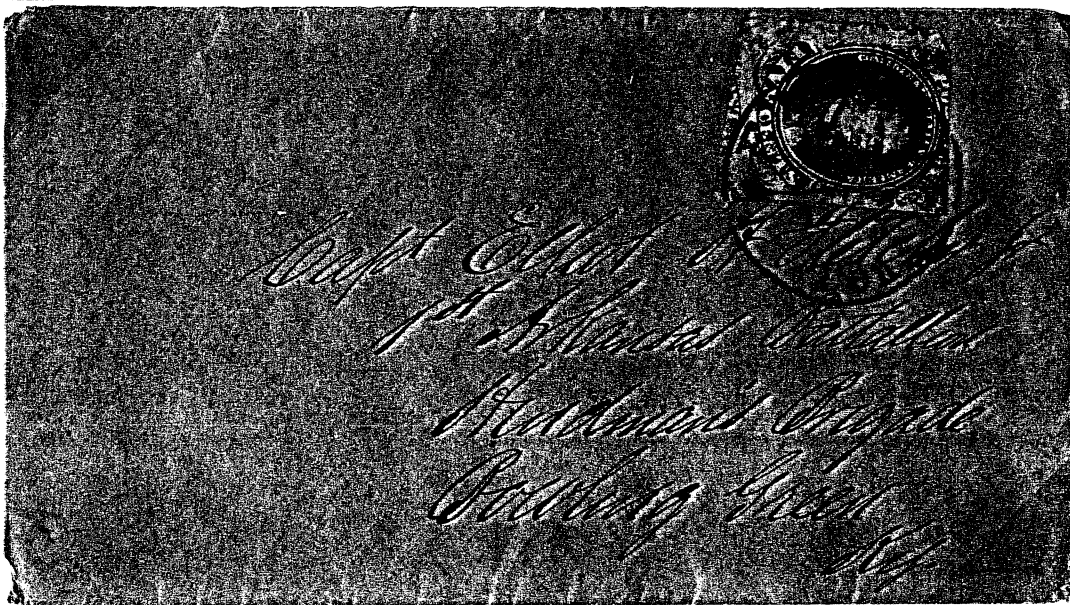
BOWLING GREEN, THE CAPITAL OF CONFEDERATE KENTUCKY, WAS EVACUATED 14 FEB. 1862. THIS IS THE LATEST COVER KNOWN, DATED 11 FEB. THE CDS IS DIFFERENT THAN ONES USED OCT. - JAN.

MAIL INTO CONFEDERATE KENTUCKY

(TO BOWLING GREEN)



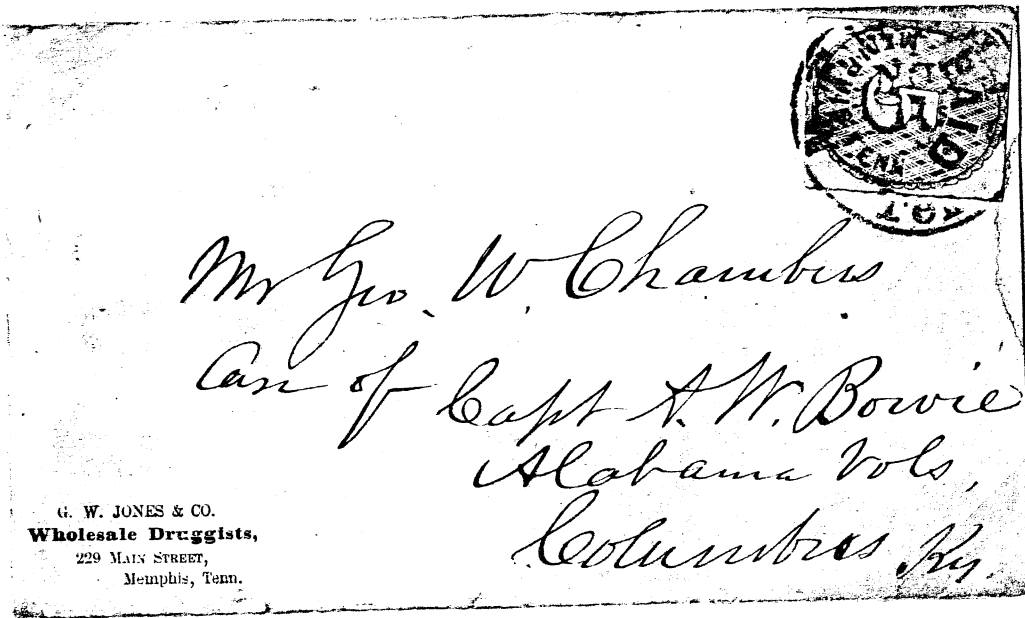
FROM QUITMAN, MISS. 27 DEC. (1861) WITH HANDSTAMPED "PAID 5"
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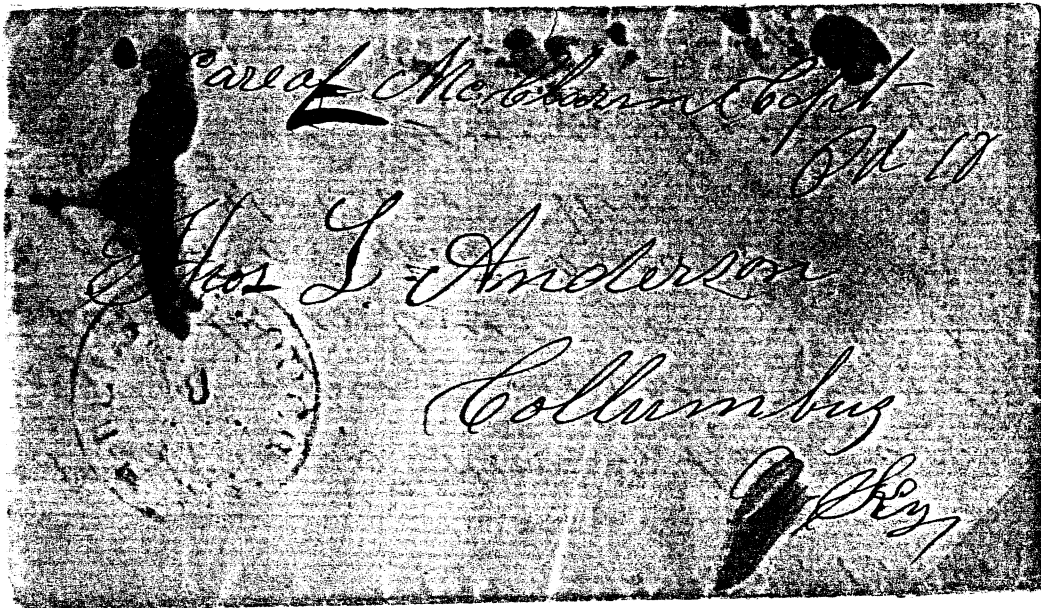
FROM MEMPHIS 2 JAN. 1862 WITH SC #1, CUT FROM SHEET WITH KNIFE,
SHOWING PORTIONS OF TWO OTHER STAMPS.

MAIL INTO CONFEDERATE KENTUCKY

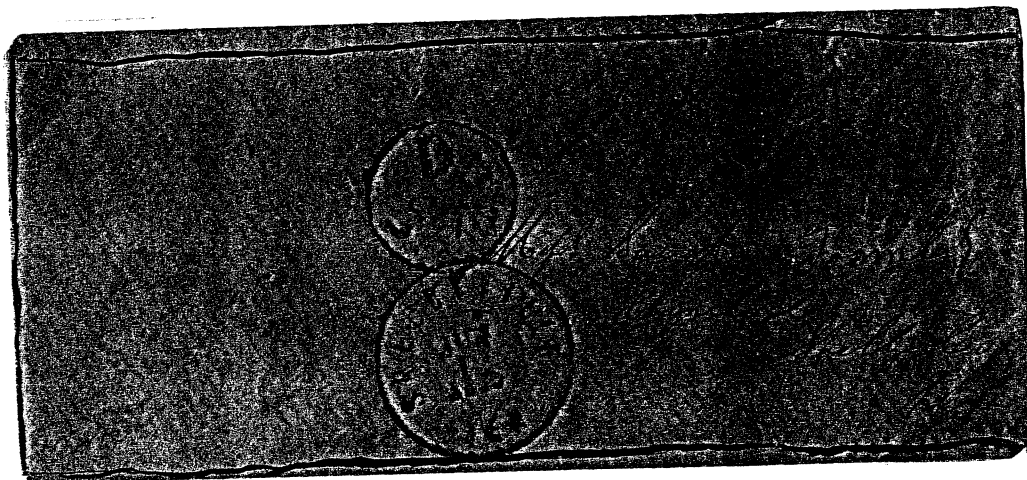
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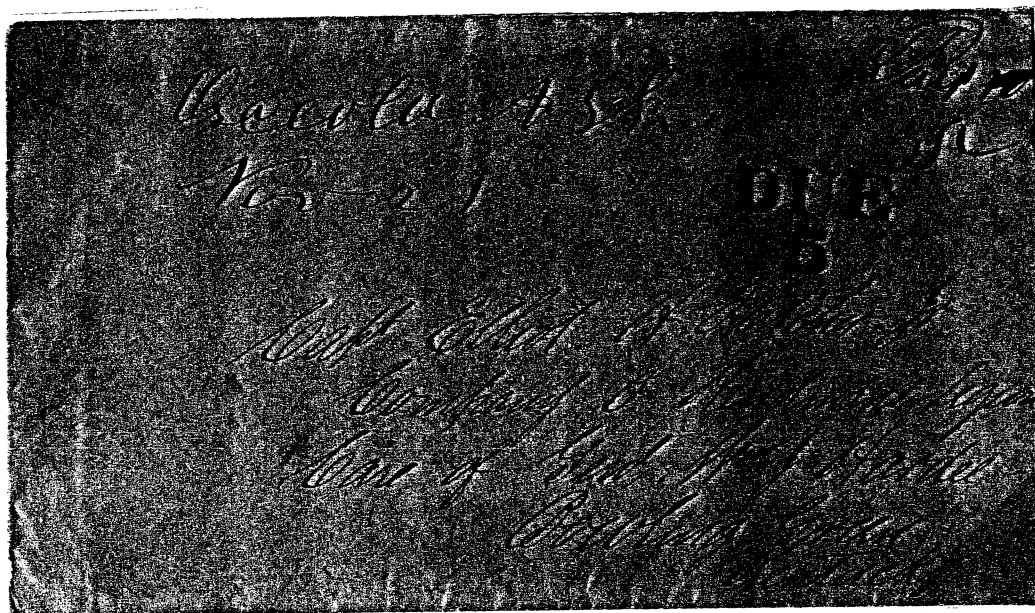
SENT 10 NOV. 1861 FROM MEMPHIS, WITH CDS TYING 5¢ PROVISIONAL.
POSSIBLY TO A SUTLER. MCST MAIL WAS TO SOLDIERS.



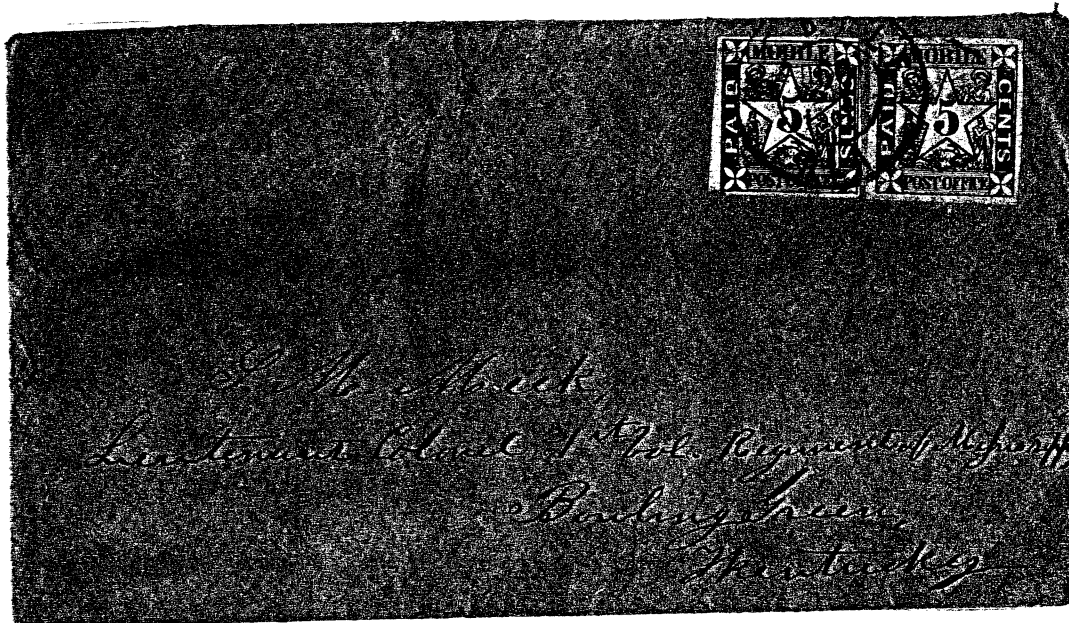
FROM WALTERSBOROUGH, SO. CAR. 15 JAN. 1862 WHOSE CDS IN RED
AT LOWER LEFT. DUE TO DISTANCE, OVER 500 MILES, SENT "PAID 10".



MOURNING COVER FROM SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE TO CLAY VILLAGE, SHELBY COUNTY, KY. (NEAR FRANKFORT) SENT IN JUNE 1862, DUE 5, WITH LITTLE CHANCE OF DELIVERY.



FROM OSCEOLA, ARK., 21 NOV. (1861), TO BOWLING GREEN KY. ORIGINALLY RATED AT 10¢, RERATED TO "PAID 5" AT SENDING P.O. AND RATED BACK TO 10¢ AT MEMPHIS P.O. WHERE "DUE 5" MARKING STRUCK. PROBABLY BORDERLINE DBL.WT.

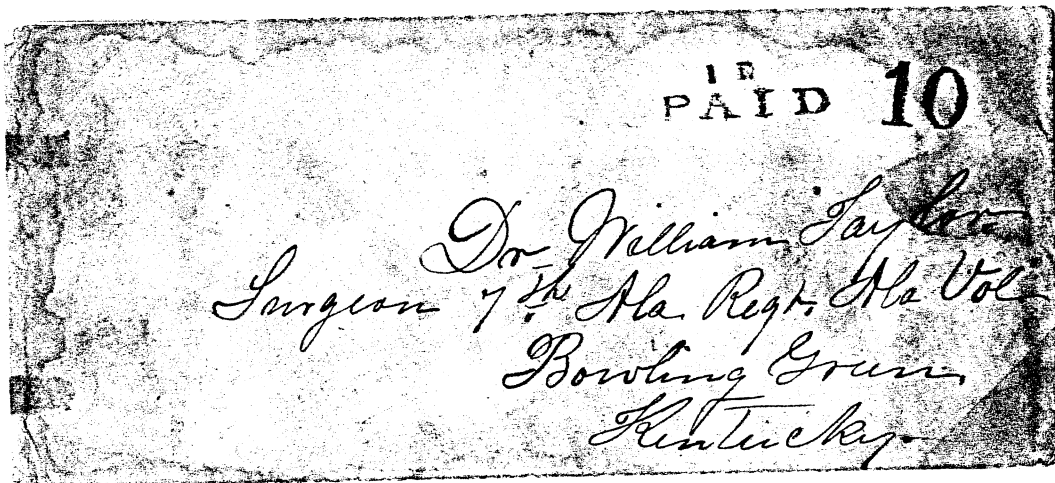


LETTER SENT DEC. 1861 FROM MOBILE, ALABAMA BEARING TWO 5¢ PROVISIONAL STAMPS, PAYING 10¢ RATE FOR OVER 500 MILES BY RAIL VIA MEMPHIS TO BOWLING GREEN.

MAIL INTO CONFEDERATE KENTUCKY

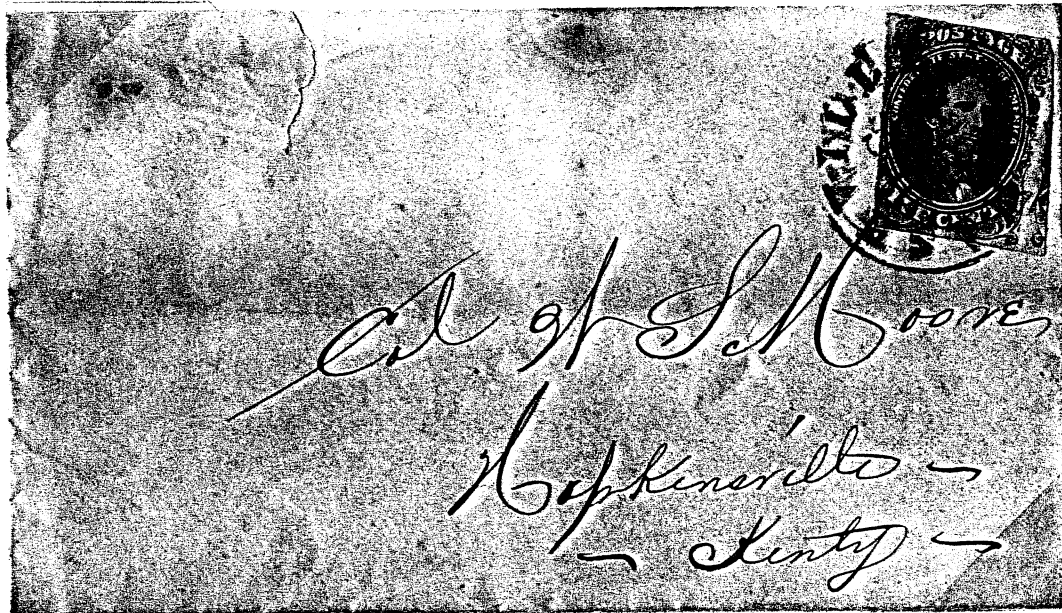


FROM OSCEOLA, ARK. 6 DEC? (1861) RATED AT "PAID 5" FOR SINGLE WT.,
RATING NOT QUESTIONED AT MEMPHIS ON WAY TO BOWLING GREEN BY RAIL.



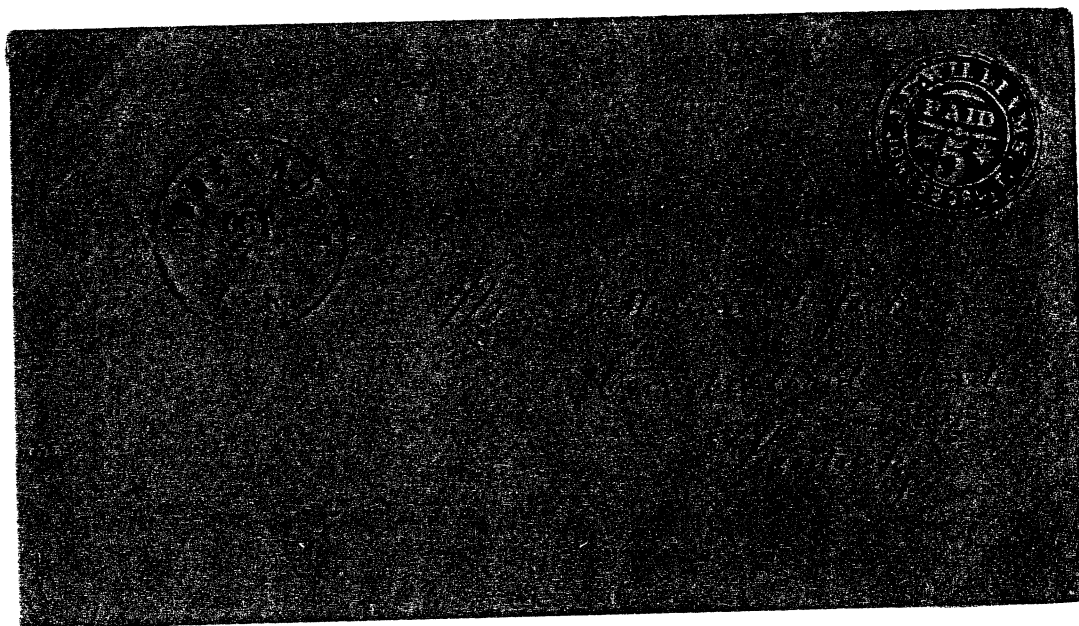
A LETTER FROM TALLEDEGA, ALABAMA WITH PROVISIONAL "PAID 10"
MARKING. "I E" STAND FOR ISSAC ESTELL, THE POSTMASTER AT
TELLEDEGA. UNDATED, BUT PROBABLY ARRIVED AT BOWLING GREEN IN OCT. 1861.

MAIL INTO CONFEDERATE KENTUCKY
(TO HOPKINSVILLE)



THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN LETTER TO HOPKINSVILLE WHERE THE PROVISIONAL
CONFEDERATE GOVERNMENT OF KY. HELD ITS SESSIONS IN THE FALL OF 1861.
SENT FROM NASHVILLE 7 DEC. 1861 WITH BLUE CDS TYING GREEN SC#1, 5¢.

MAIL INTO CONFEDERATE KENTUCKY
(CUMBERLAND FORD, BELL COUNTY, KY.)

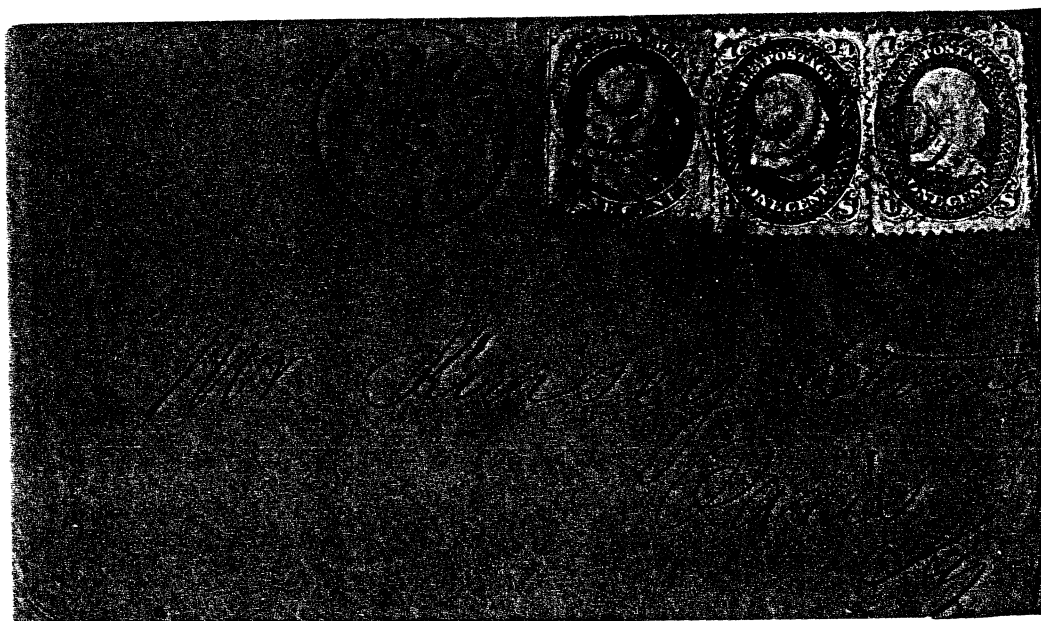


THIS WELL-STRUCK PROVISIONAL (45XU1) OF JONESBORO, TENNESSEE
WAS USED IN OCT. 1861 ON A LETTER TO CUMBERLAND FORD, KY. CLOSE
TO CUMBERLAND GAP, TENN. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE CONFEDERATE
POSTMASTER AT CUMBERLAND GAP HANDLED THE MAIL OF BOTH THE GAP AND
THE FORD.

FLAG-OF-TRUCE MAIL TO KENTUCKY
(DEMONITIZED STAMPS)

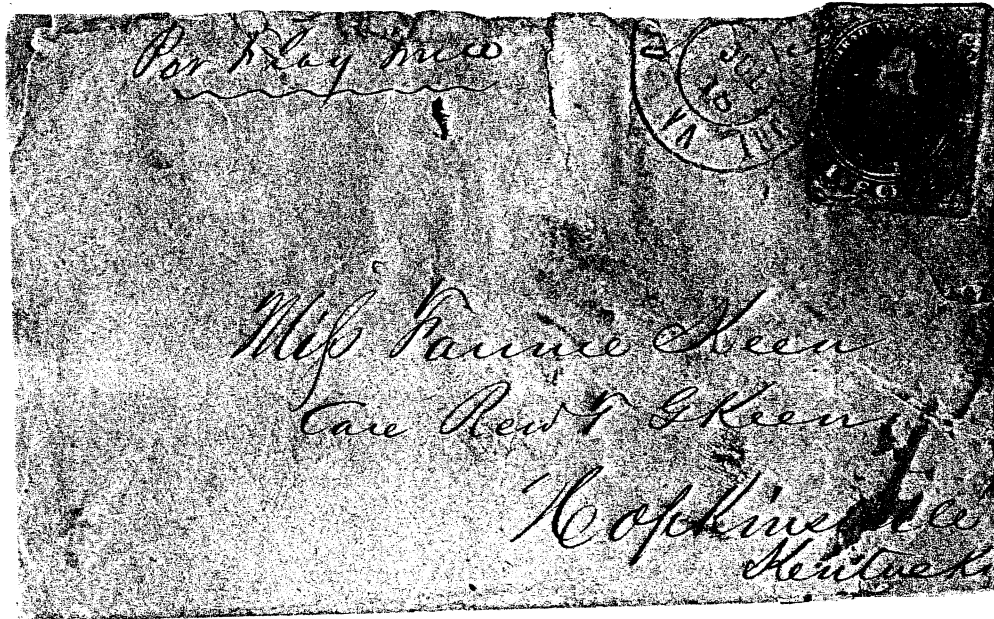


THIS FLAG-OF-TRUCE COVER ORIGINATED AT DALTON, GEORGIA 1 DEC. 1863 FROM A KENTUCKIAN IN THE FAMED CONFEDERATE "ORPHANS BRIGADE" IN WINTER CAMP THERE, AND PASSED THROUGH AT OLD POINT COMFORT IN VA.

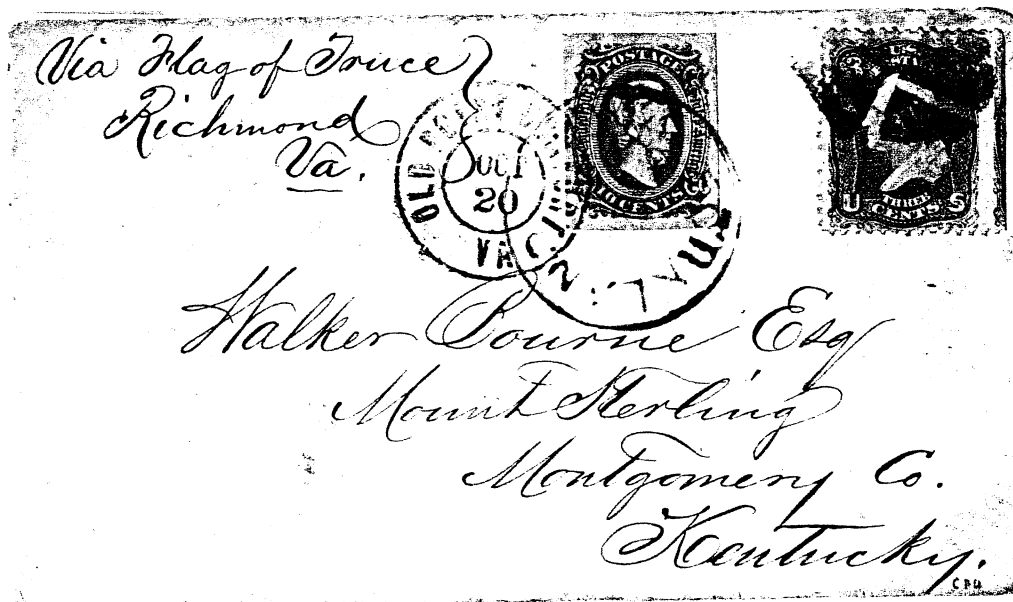


THIS COVER CAME FROM MIDWAY ON THE RAILROAD BETWEEN LEXINGTON AND FRANKFORT IN 1863. JOSEPH HOLT OF KY. REPORTEDLY TOLD HIS REPLACEMENT POSTMASTER M. BLAIR TO TAKE IT EASY ON THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY. SOME DEMONITIZED U.S. STAMPS WERE ACCEPTED BY POSTMASTERS IN KENTUCKY.

FLAG-OF-TRUCE MAIL TO KENTUCKY



THE AUDACITY OF CONFEDERATE GEN'L JOHN HUNT MORGAN IN RAIDING KY. AND OHIO TERRIFIED THE NORTH. HERE ONE OF HIS MEN IS WRITING TO HIS SISTER AT HOPKINSVILLE IN 1862. THIS FLAG-OF-TRUCE COVER IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF U.S. POSTAGE HAVING BEEN PAID.



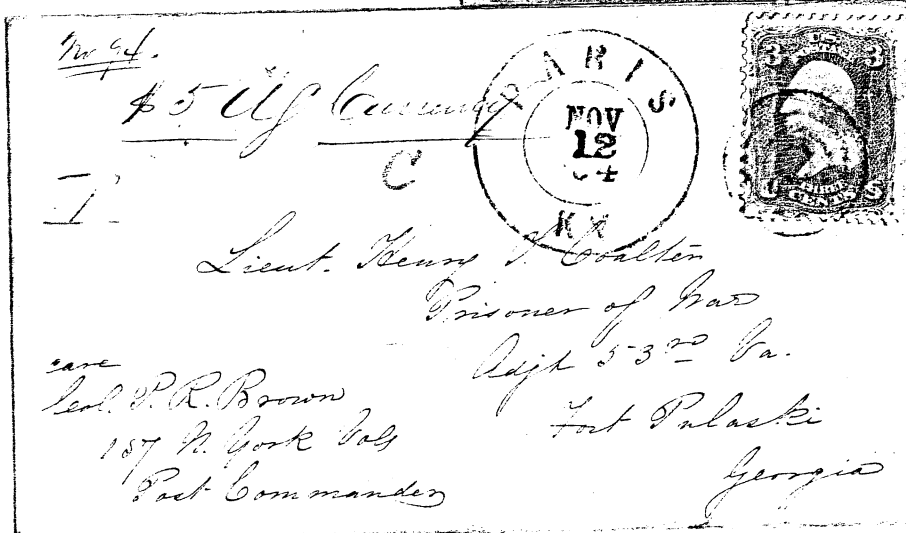
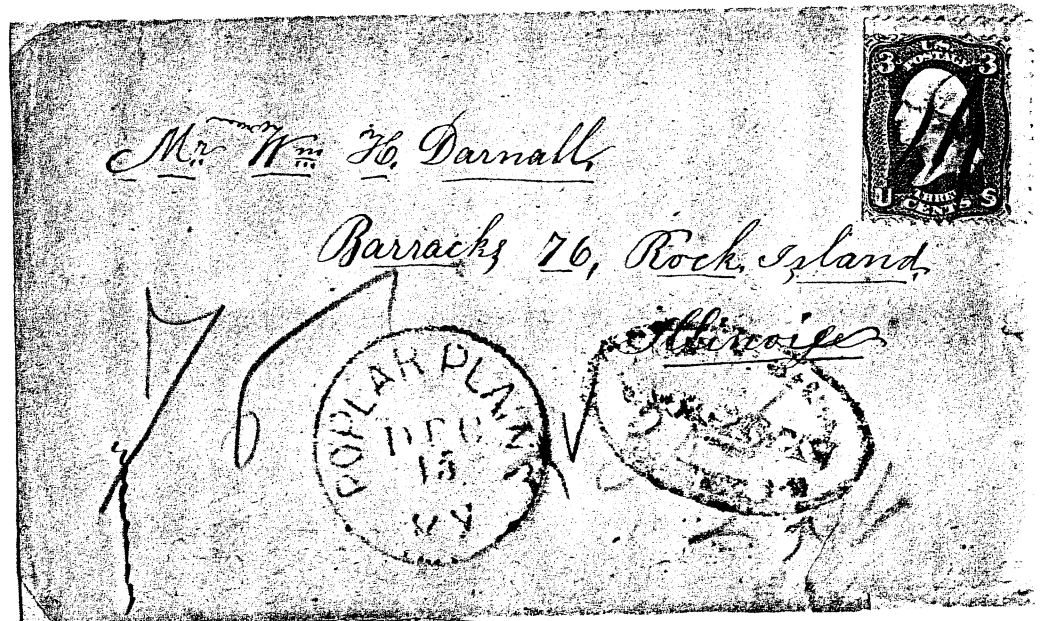
FROM FORKLAND, ALA. IN 1863, THROUGH OLD POINT COMFORT, VA. 20 OCT. POSSIBLY CIVILIAN MAIL. USUALLY GOOD CONDITION WITH BOTH C.S.A. AND U.S. STAMPS PROPERLY CANCELLED AND TIED (CUT CORK TYPICAL OF OLD PT. COMFORT).

PRISONERS OF WAR
CONFEDERATE KENTUCKIANS

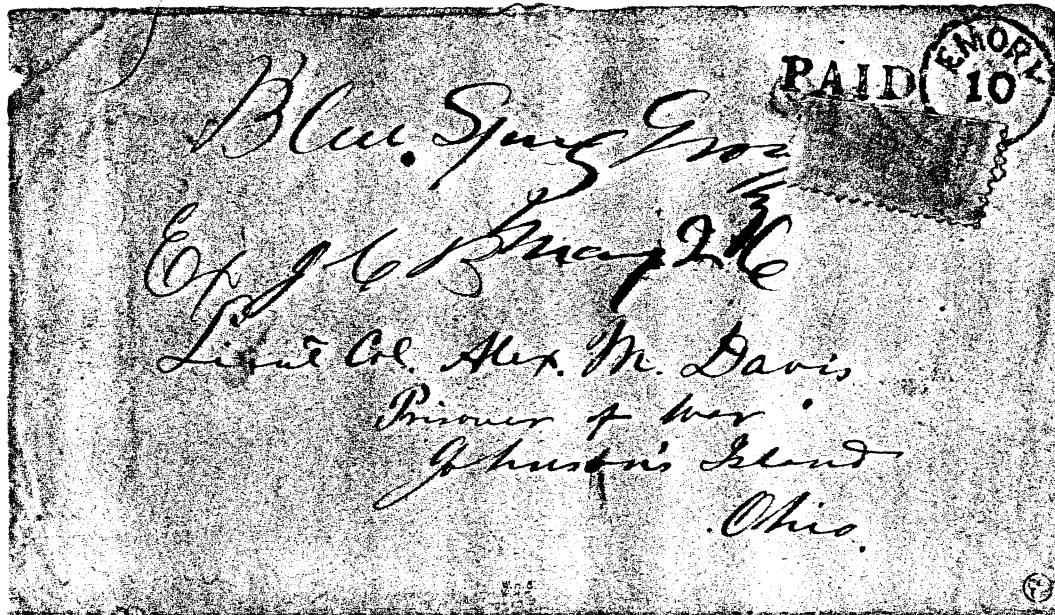


FROM ONE OF MORGAN'S RAIDERS CAPTURED AT THE OHIO RIVER AND IN PRISON AT ALLEGHENY PENITENTIARY NEAR PITTSBURGH, PA., OCT. 1863.

FROM POPLAR PLAINS, KY. IN 1862 OR 1863 TO ROCK ISLAND BARRACKS WHERE BLUE OVAL EXAMINER'S MARK APPLIED. THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF KENTUCKIANS IN NORTHERN PRISONS AND MANY COVERS EXIST.



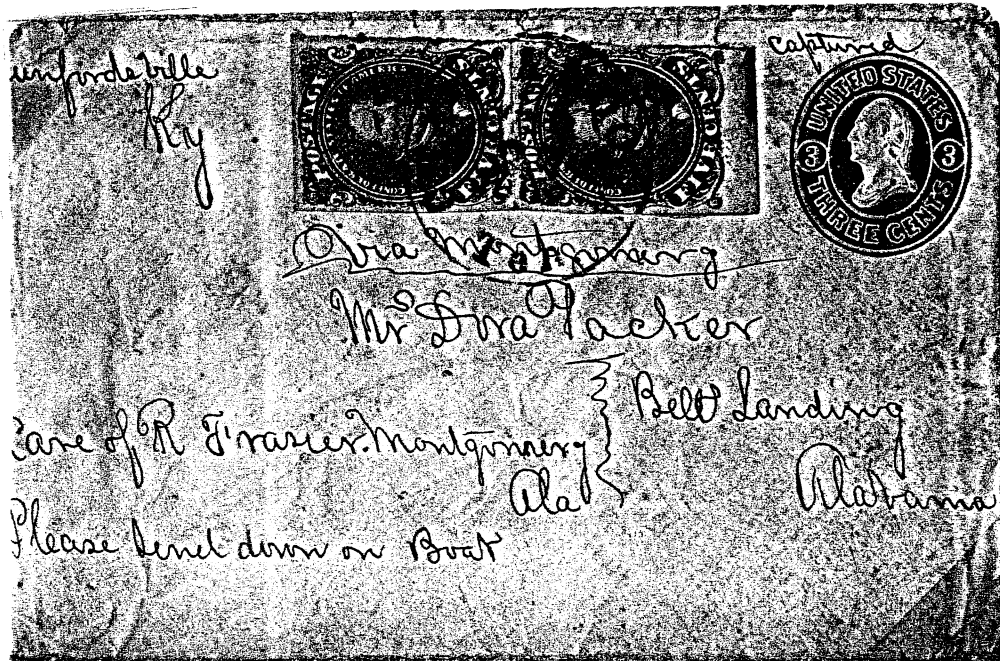
FROM PARIS, KY. IN 1864 TO A CONFEDERATE PRISONER HELD AT FORT PULASKI, GEORGIA, WHICH HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY FEDERAL FORCES IN 1862. THUS 3¢ POSTAGE SUFFICED.



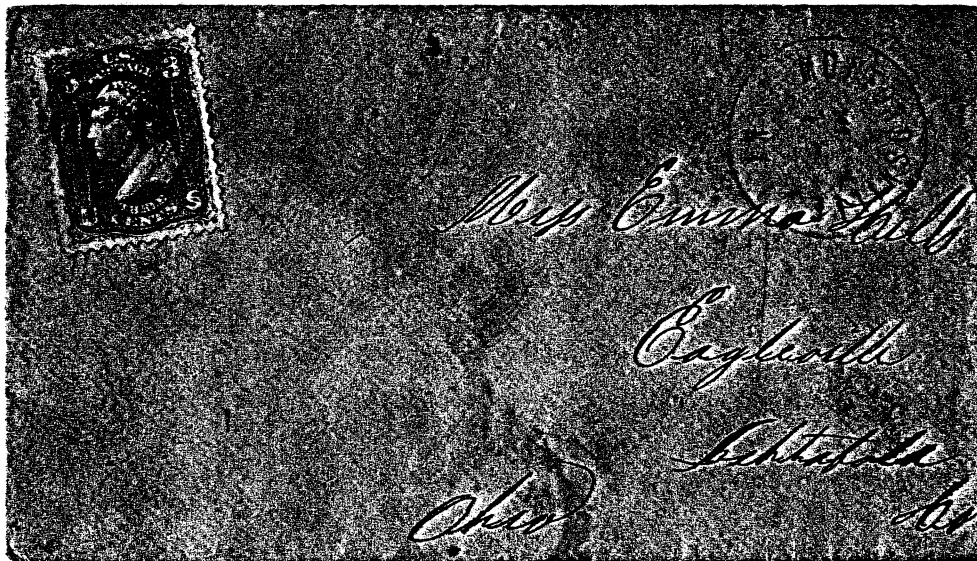
Emory Va May 11th/65
 Col. Alex. M. Davis

Dear Brother - I have an opportunity this morning of sending a letter to Knoxville by Mr. Hardy. We have had no mail communications here since before the fall of Richmond. Have been anxiously looking for you home every day but regret to learn that the exchange of prisoners has been suspended. We are all well and have suffered no more than the Whiskey Lick

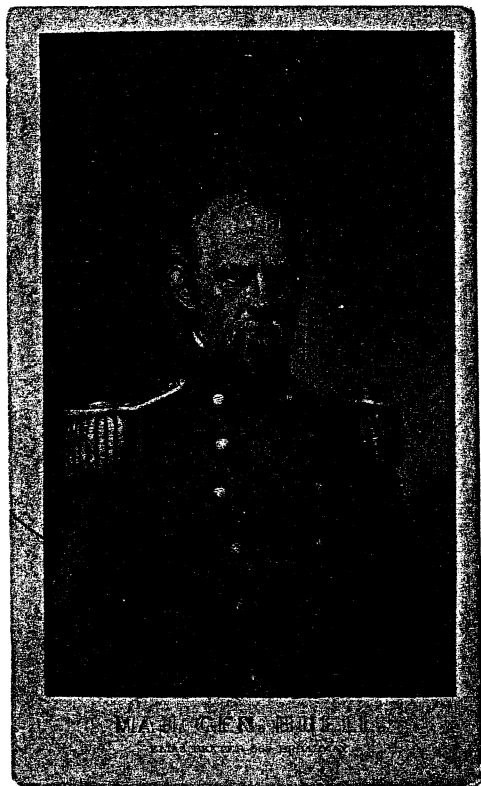
FROM EMORY, VA. WITH UNUSED PROVISIONAL, 24XU2, OVER WHICH WAS PUT A 3¢ 1861 U.S. STAMP AT BLUE SPRING GROVE, KENTUCKY, IN BARREN COUNTY, NORTH OF NASHVILLE. IT WAS CARRIED TO KNOXVILLE, AND CONTINUED OUT OF THE MAILS TO THE TINY PLACE OF BLUE SPRING GROVE, FROM WHICH THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED CIVIL WAR PERIOD LETTER. IT WAS MAILED FROM THERE 26 MAY 1865 TO JOHNSON'S ISLAND, OHIO.



MUNFORDSVILLE, KY, WAS OCCUPIED BY CONFEDERATE FORCES IN SEPT. 1861 AND ABANDONED IN FEB. 1862. IT WAS REOCCUPIED BRIEFLY ON 16 SEPT. 1862 AND THIS LETTER WAS SENT FROM THERE BY MILITARY MAIL CARRIER. IT ENTERED THE REGULAR C.S.A. POSTAL SYSTEM AT CHATTANOOGA ON 27 SEPT., 10¢ POSTAGE PAID IN STAMPS BY SENDER ON CAPTURED U.S. ENVELOPE.



MUNFORDSVILLE WAS ON THE L&N RR JUST NORTH OF BOWLING GREEN. ALTHOUGH RAIDERS WERE ACTIVE IN THE AREA, THE FEDERAL P.O. THERE WAS REOPENED BY 1863.



CARLOS BUELL WAS GENERAL IN
COMMAND OF THE UNION ARMY IN
KENTUCKY.

Head-Quarters Army of Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 22, 1862.

GENERAL ORDER)

No. 17.)

SOLDIERS!—

Intelligence has reached me that the rebel hordes who are now ravaging the fair land of Kentucky are advancing to attack this city.

We will give them a bloody-welcome! Let every man feel the importance of the occasion, and do his whole duty!

A little patience and energy is all that is required. Be attentive to the commands of your officers. Keep steady in your ranks, and fire coolly and with aim, and victory *will* attend us.

Officers will set an example to their soldiers of resolution, patience and endurance; and make good, by their bearing, their pretensions to the rank which their several States have conferred on them.

Fellow-soldiers! shoulder to shoulder we will meet the enemy, and rival on the plains of Louisville the glory won by our fellow-soldiers at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Pea Ridge, and other memorable fields of honor.

W. NELSON, Major General Commanding.

Sept 27 Sept 1862

CONFEDERATE GENERAL BRAXTON BRAGG INVADED KY. FROM
CENTRAL TENN. FEINTED AT LOUISVILLE AND WENT TO
FRANKFORT.

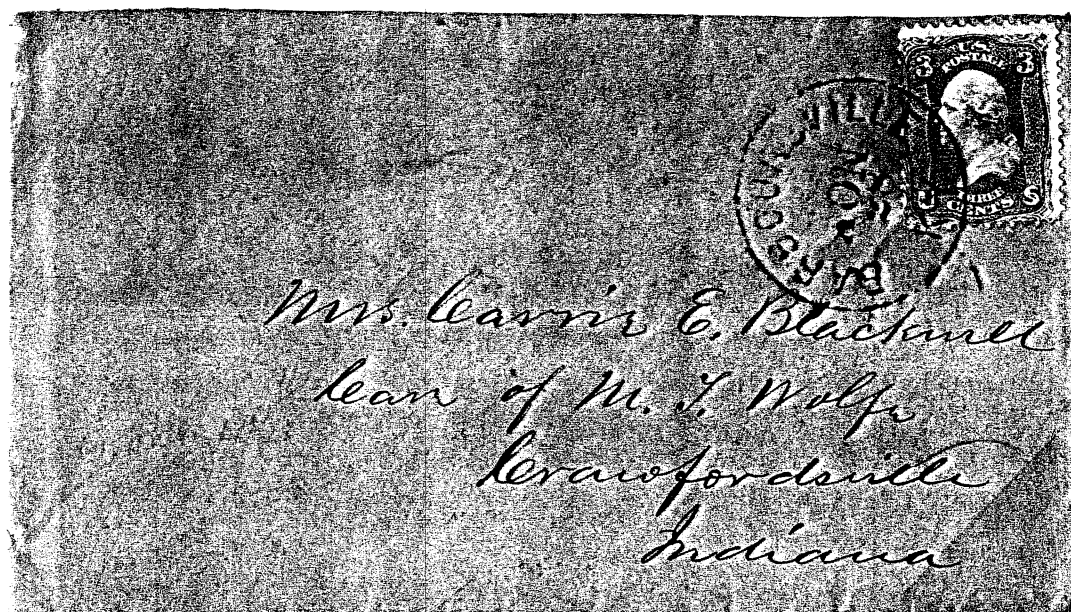


BUELL LEFT NASHVILLE AND PURSUED BRAGG, CATCHING HIM AT PERRYVILLE, KY. IN OCT.
WHERE A BLOODY BATTLE ENSUED. BRAGG THEN RETREATED TO EASTERN TENN.

THE CONFEDERATES MOVED
THROUGH CUMBERLAND GAP
NORTH TO NEARBY
BARBOURSVILLE, KY. THE
CUMBERLAND P.O. WAS CLOSED.

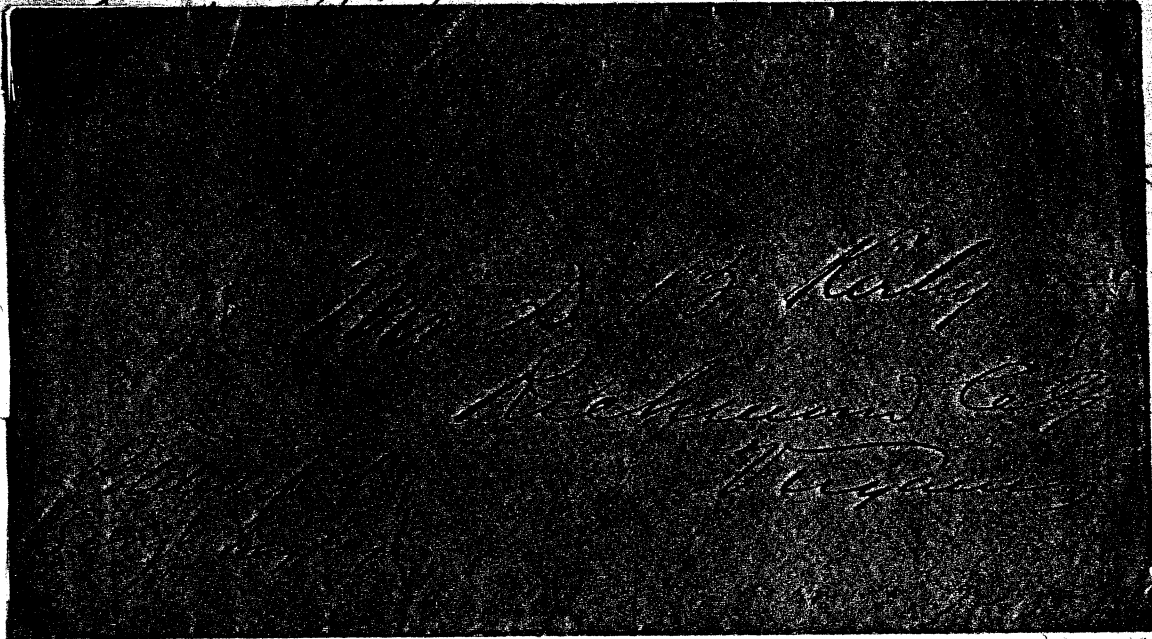


APRIL 1863, JUST BEFORE THE
CONFEDERATES MOVED IN. THE
P.O. AT BARBOURSVILLE WAS
CLOSED AND THIS DISTINCTIVE
BALLOON CANCELLER LOST.



WITH RETREAT OF THE CONFEDERATES, THE U.S. P.O. AT BARBOURSVILLE WAS
REOPENED, WITH NEW CANCELLER.

*Had Day for Dr
July 7. 1863*



WRITTEN AT LONDON, KY. 7 JULY 1863 AND CARRIED BY CONFEDERATE MILITARY PERSONNEL TO RICHMOND, VA.



CONFEDERATE TROOPS PASSED THROUGH RICHMOND, KY. IN JULY HEADED NORTH TO LEXINGTON. THEY RETREATED IN AUGUST AND THE U.S. POSTOFFICE AT RICHMOND, KY. QUICKLY REOPENED TO HANDLE MAIL OF THE PURSUING YANKEES.

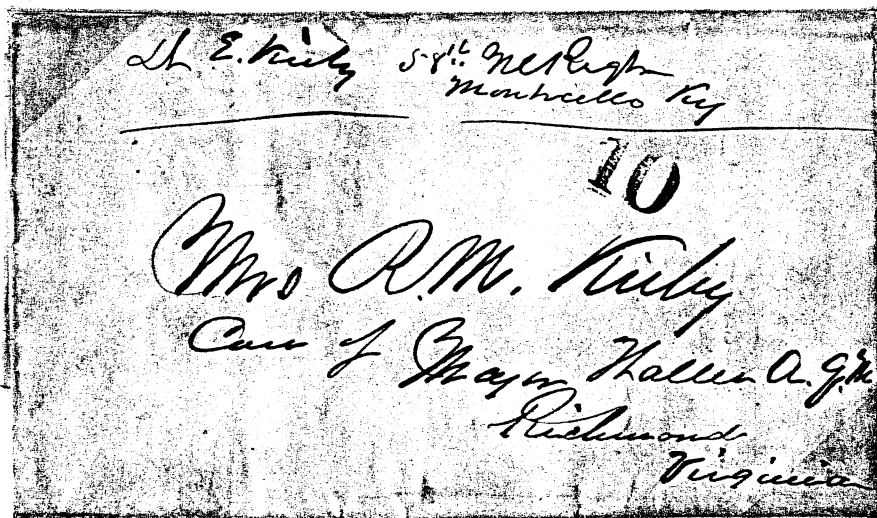
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE OHIO, }
CINCINNATI, OHIO, *July 31, 1863.* }

General Order, No. 120.]

Whereas, the State of Kentucky is invaded by a rebel force, with the avowed intention of over-awing the Judges of Elections, of intimidating the loyal voters, keeping them from the polls, and forcing the election of disloyal candidates, at the election on the 3d of August; and whereas, the military power of the Government is the only force that can defeat this attempt, the State of Kentucky is hereby

DECLARED UNDER MARTIAL LAW,

CONFEDERATE GENERAL, KIRBY SMITH, HAD LEFT STRONGHOLDS IN EA. TENN. IN THE SPRING OF 1863 AND MOVED INTO KY. PROGRESS WAS SLOW BECAUSE OF RUGGED TERRAIN.

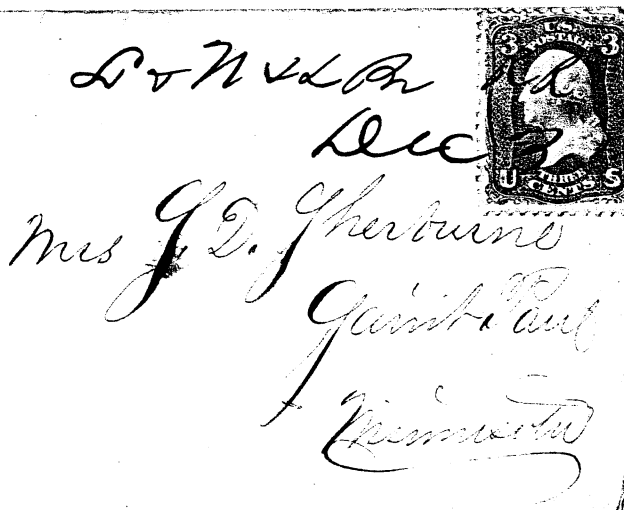
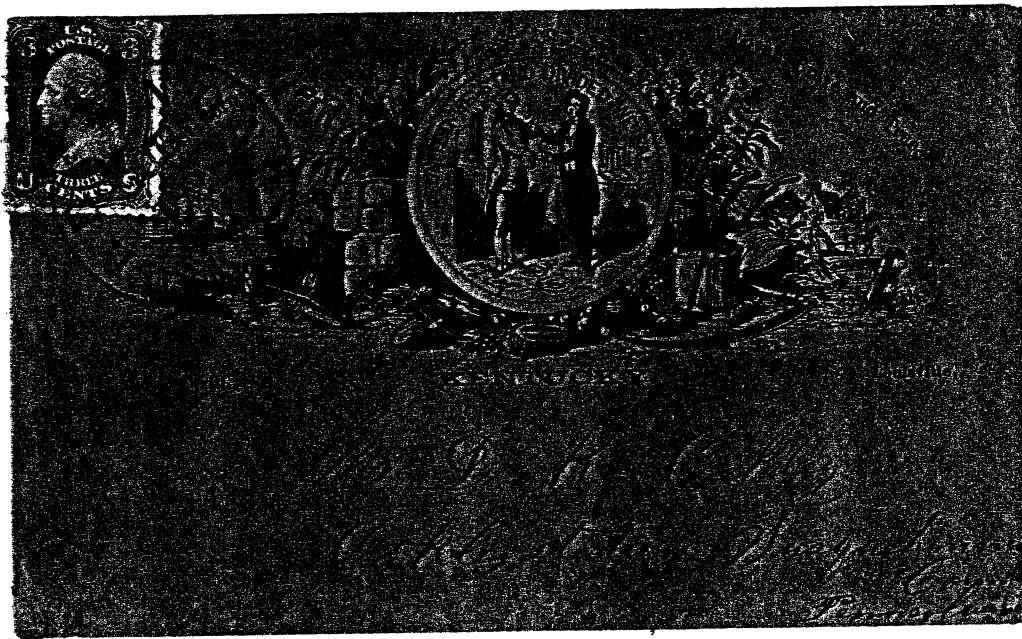


CONFEDERATE MILITARY COURIERS CARRIED MAIL FROM THE INVADERS BACK TO THE SOUTH. THIS FOLDED LETTER WRITTEN 21 MAY 1863 AND SENT FROM MONTICELLO, KY. NW OF CUMBERLAND GAP. THE (DUE) 10 MARKING WAS APPLIED AT TAZEWELL, TENN. TO COVER C.S.A. POSTAGE TO RICHMOND, VA.

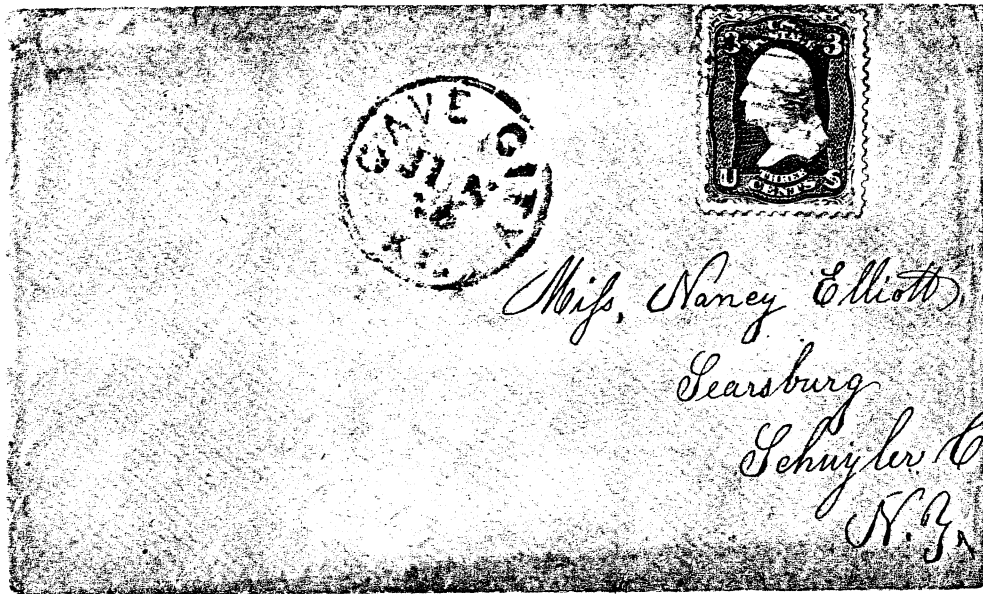
REOCCUPIED ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY



HERE IS A SELDOM SEEN PATRIOTIC, WALCOTT 1754, USED FROM ELIZABETHTOWN 14 OCT. (1861) SENT BY A U.S. SOLDIER "DUE 3".



AT NEARBY LEBANON AND LEBANON JUNCTION OF L&N RR FEDERAL TROOPS MASSED LATE IN 1861 FOR THE MOVE SOUTH FEB. 1862.

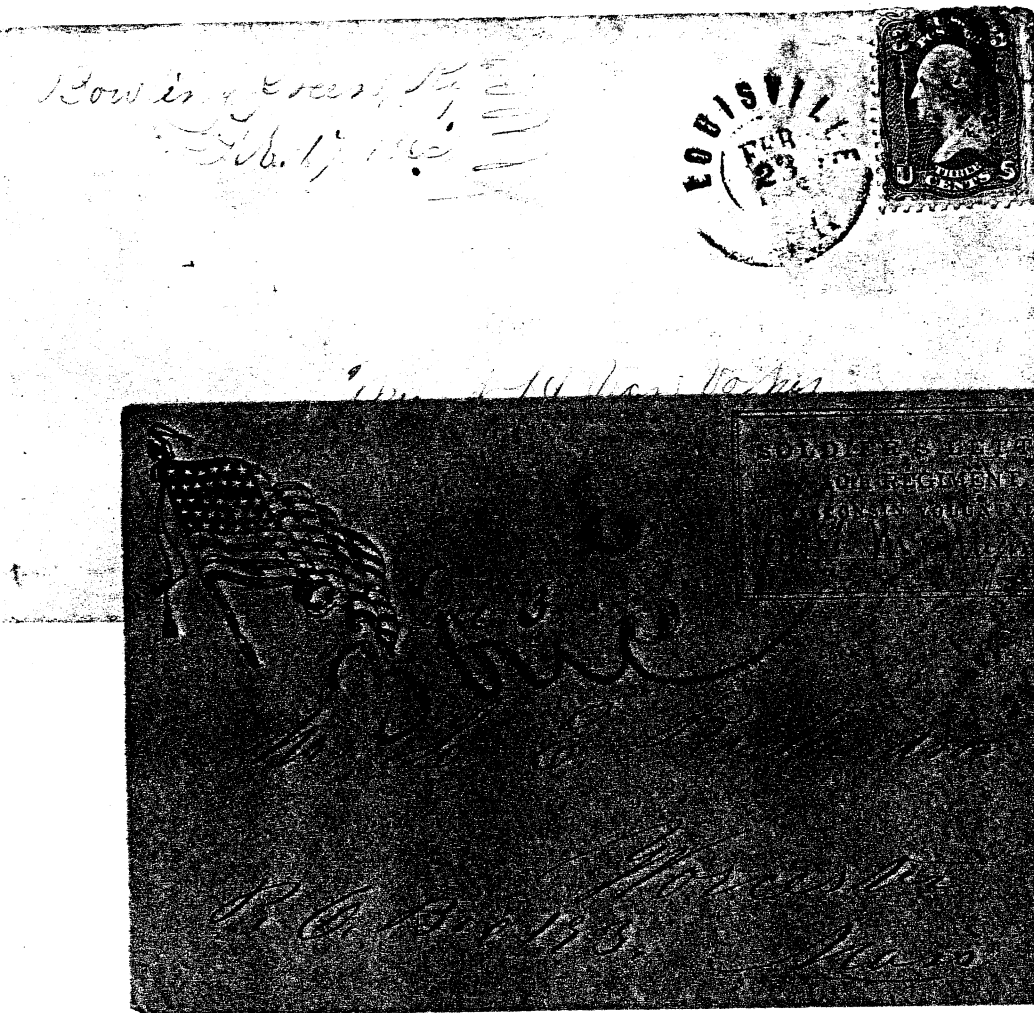


CAVE CITY WAS IMPORTANT PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE NITRE FROM BATS WAS AVAILABLE NEARBY, AND WORTH ABOUT \$1 PER LB. HERE IS THE CDS OF THE U.S. POSTMASTER AFTER REOCCUPATION IN 1862.



CAVE CITY, KY. IS NORTH OF BOWLING GREEN AND WAS HELD BY CONFEDERATE FORCES UNTIL FEB. 1862, WITH THREE C.S.A. COVERS KNOWN. UNION FORCES GUARDING THE L&N THERE PURCHASED PATRIOTICS FROM SETTLERS AFTER REOPENING THE RAILROAD IN MARCH. THIS CARICATURE, WALCOTT 1942, CAN BE VIEWED UPSIDEDOWN.

REOCCUPIED BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY



CONFEDERATES EVACUATED
WITHOUT A FIGHT 14 FEB.
1862. THIS IS THE
EARLIEST KNOWN
REOCCUPATION MARKING:
"17 FEB. 1862" IN
MANUSCRIPT.



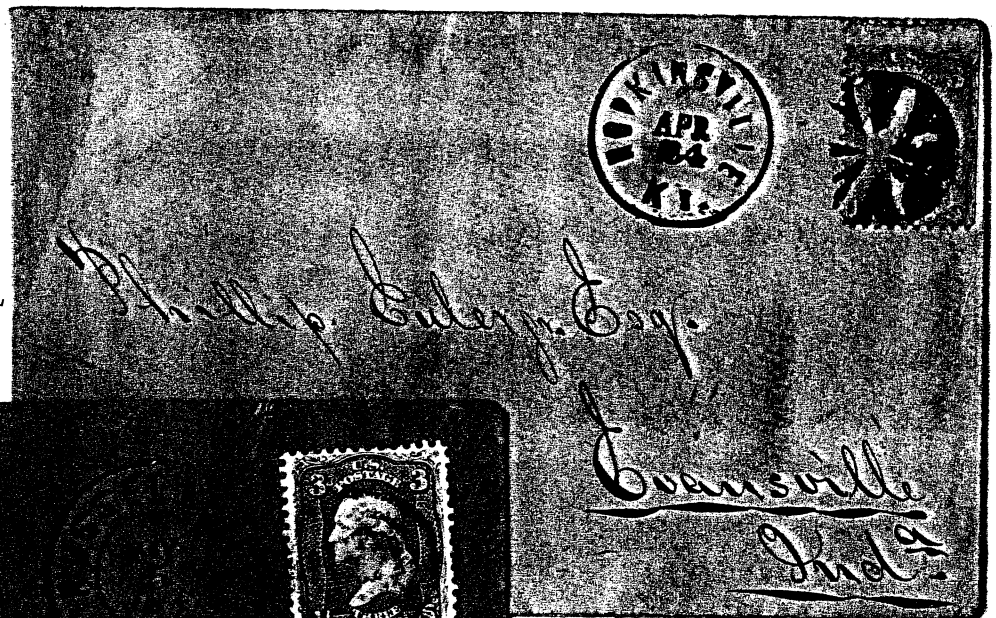
THE EARLIEST U.S. POSTAL MARKING IS THIS DATED "1 MARCH 1862".



BOWLING GREEN HAD BEEN THE FIRST CONFED. CAPITAL OF KY., AND LARGEST
FORTIFICATION. UNION TROOPS FILLED THE TOWN AND SENT MUCH MAIL, AS
THIS IN MAY 1863.

REOCCUPIED KENTUCKY TOWNS THAT HAD BEEN CONFEDERATE POSTOFFICES

HOPKINSVILLE WAS EVACUATED
LATE FEB. 1862 AND THE U.S.
POSTOFFICE NOT REOPENED UNTIL
1864 .



A SIMILAR SITUATION EXISTED
AT NEARBY RUSSELLVILLE. THE
AREA WAS STRONGLY PRO-SOUTH.



GLASGOW, NEAR THE L&N RR, WAS REOPENED WHEN NEARBY BOWLING GREEN WAS
RECAPTURED 14 FEB. 1862. HERE IS A PATRIOTIC USED IN 1863.

REOCCUPIED KENTUCKY TOWNS THAT HAD BEEN CONFEDERATE POSTOFFICES



HICKMAN, KENTUCKY U.S. P.O. REOPENED MONTHS AFTER REOCCUPATION
MARCH 1862. THIS COVER DATED AUG. 1863.

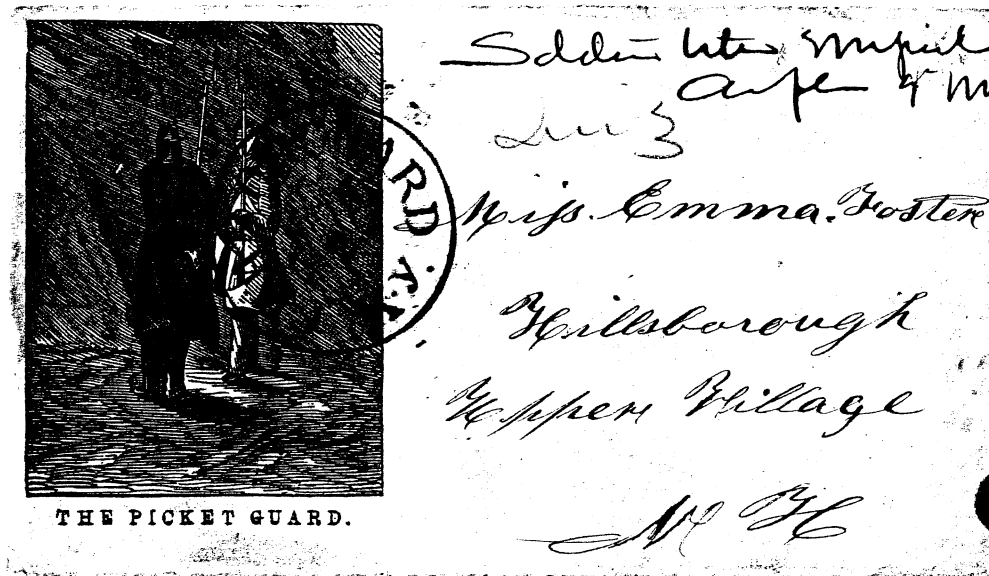


CONFEDERATES
ABANDONED COLUMBUS,
KY. BY END OF FEB.
1862.

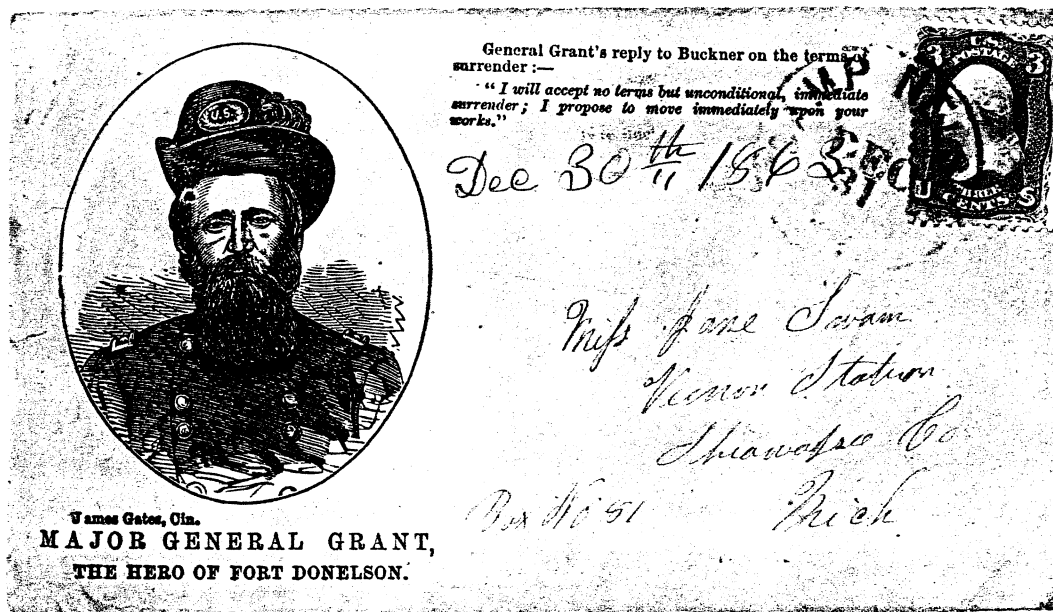
HERE ARE TWO UNION
PATRIOTICS USED LATER
IN 1862.



UNION RECRUITING CAMP IN KENTUCKY

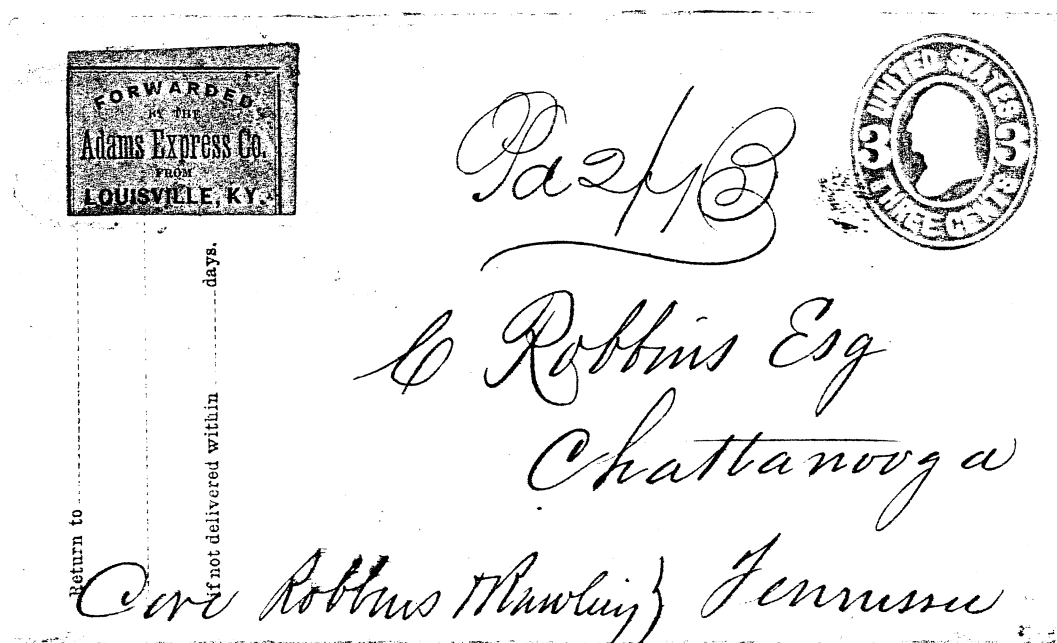


UNION RECRUITING CAMP DICK ROBINSON WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1861 BY LT. WM. NELSON 20 MILES SOUTH OF LEXINGTON. THERE BEING NO P.O. THERE, MUCH OF THE SOLDIERS' MAIL WAS HANDLED AT NEARBY CRAB ORCHARD, AS THIS PATRIOTIC SENT IN 1862. CONFEDERATE RECRUITING CAMPS WERE IN TENN.

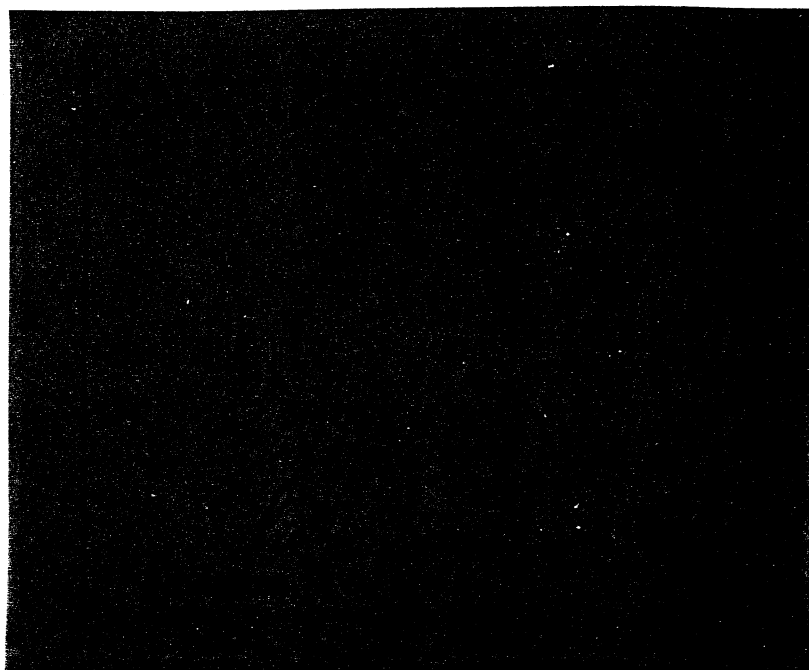


NELSON, THEN A GENERAL, WAS KILLED BY A DISGRUNTLED FELLOW OFFICER AT LOUISVILLE, AND CAMP DICK ROBINSON WAS RENAMED CAMP NELSON IN HIS HONOR. IT HAD A CDS USED ON THIS COVER 31 DEC. 1863. THIS SMALL PLACE ON THE KENTUCKY RIVER WAS AN OPERATING U.S. POST OFFICE FOR 100 YEARS. IT IS NOW CLOSED.

POSTWAR EXPRESS MAIL



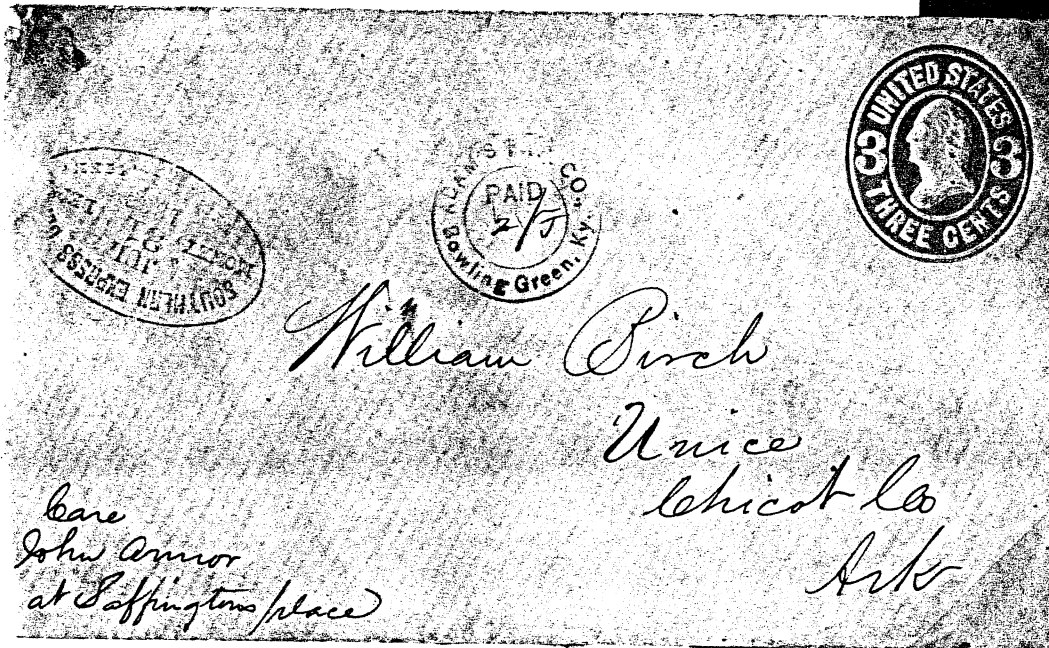
ADAMS EXPRESS CO. LABEL ON COVER WITH TWO BITS PAID AT LOUISVILLE. SENT IN 1864 OR 1865 IN U59 ENVELOPE INTENDED RECIPIENT AT CHATTANOOGA DID NOT CLAIM THE LETTER, SO IT WAS EVENTUALLY SENT TO MEMPHIS.



LABEL FROM THE THIRD GATHERING - MEMPHIS TENN.

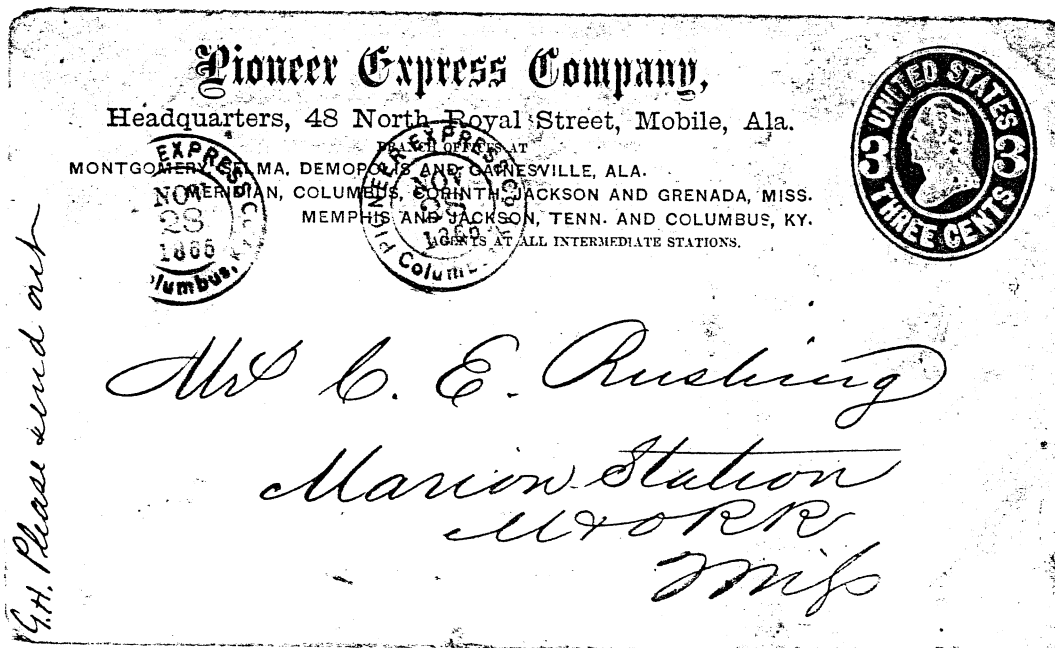
10 AUG., 1869

POSTWAR EXPRESS MAIL



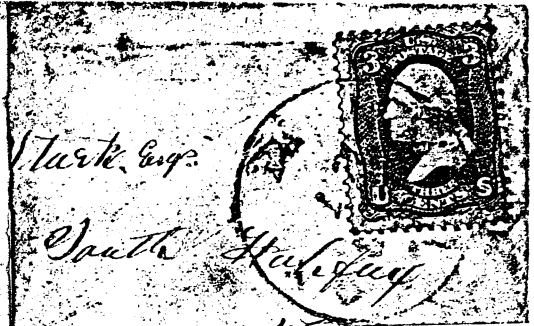
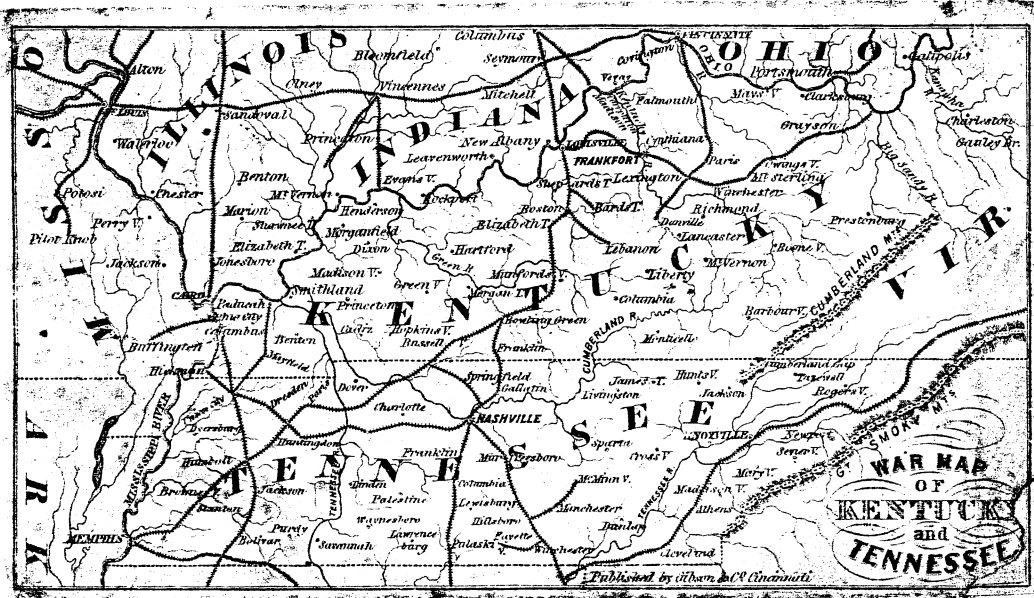
LABEL FROM THE
 SECOND GATHERING.
 MEMPHIS TENN.
 10 JUNE 1869

MAILS WERE STILL NOT RELIABLE IN THE SOUTH FOR SEVERAL YEARS AFTER THE WAR, WITH SOME POST OFFICES STILL NOT REOPENED. THE OVAL TRANSIT MARKING DATED 1866 IS SOUTHERN EXPRESS Co. NASHVILLE. THE ORIGINATING ADAMS EXPRESS OFFICE WAS BOWLING GREEN WHERE 2 BITS WAS PAID; ADAMS OWNED SOUTHERN.



A POSTWAR COMPETITOR OF ADAMS WAS THE PIONEER EXPRESS Co. THIS IS THE UNLISTED MARKING OF THEIR COLUMBUS KY. OFFICE, 1865.

STAMP ON BACK



CANCELLED "MATTSON",
CRITTENDEN COUNTY,
KENTUCKY

EPILOGUE

COVERS IN THIS EXHIBIT HAVE BEEN GATHERED OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS FROM HOLDINGS OF ANTRIM, ASHEROOK, ATKINS, CHASE, COLSON, DIETZ, KIMMEL, KNAPP, MacBRIDE, MALPASS, RAY, ROSER, SHENFIELD AND WEILL, PLUS SOME ORIGINAL FINDS. ALL OF THE KNOWN CONFEDERATE MARKINGS, INCLUDING MANUSCRIPT ONES, ARE INCLUDED; AND SEVERAL ARE THE ONLY KNOWN EXAMPLES, AND BASIS FOR CATALOG LISTINGS. SOURCES FOR DATA USED ARE THE DIETZ CATALOGS OF 1929, 1959, AND 1986, HART SURVEY, EVERETT SURVEY, BLACK'S BOOK ON RRS AND SOME NON-PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS. ORIGINAL RESEARCH HAS BEEN DONE AT KNOXVILLE, NASHVILLE, CUMBERLAND GAP, LEXINGTON, LOUISVILLE, AND RECENTLY AT FRANKLIN, KY. STUDYING THE WHITESIDE EXPRESS CO. THE SEARCH CONTINUES, FOR CONFEDERATE MAIL FROM CADIZ, ADAIRVILLE, EDDYVILLE, AND ALLENSVILLE, WHICH SHOULD HAVE HAD C.S.A. POSTOFFICES, BUT FROM WHICH MAIL HAS NOT YET BEEN FOUND.

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