

FLORIDA STAMPLESS COVERS  
TERRITORIAL PERIOD 1822-1845  
EARLY STATEHOOD PERIOD 1845-1857

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### TERRITORIAL PERIOD 1822-1845 EARLY STATEHOOD PERIOD 1845-1857

Illustrated are handstamped postmarks, rates, paid and free markings, and colors used by the Postmasters of this new addition to the United States during its first 35 years.

Towns are grouped into categories denoting their main reason for importance during the period:

TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

SEAPORT TOWNS

TERRITORIAL & STATE CAPITAL

RIVER TOWNS

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

All Florida towns of the period were small; none larger than a few thousand people even by 1860. Many smaller towns, having manuscript markings only, are not included in this exhibit.

Some towns had just one handstamp and used it for only a few years during the entire period. Two or more covers are included for the more interesting towns and for those with a variety of markings.

Most of the covers shown are Territorial (those dated before March, 1845).

Many of the covers shown are from discontinued post offices.

Year-dates and other facts used to describe the covers are taken from the letter contents.

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

PENSACOLA

TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Postmark design used 1821-23

PENSACOLA

Black only color recorded

Aug. 19.

Used during Military Government period  
and first year of Territorial period

Office opened in 1821

PENSACOLA  
Aug. 19.

Mr. Job Chase Jun.  
Harwich  
Mass.  
Mail

1822 Cover: Unpaid 25 rate to Massachusetts (over 400 miles)

The August 19 date is just a few months after  
Florida became a Territory (March 30, 1822)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

PENSACOLA  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY

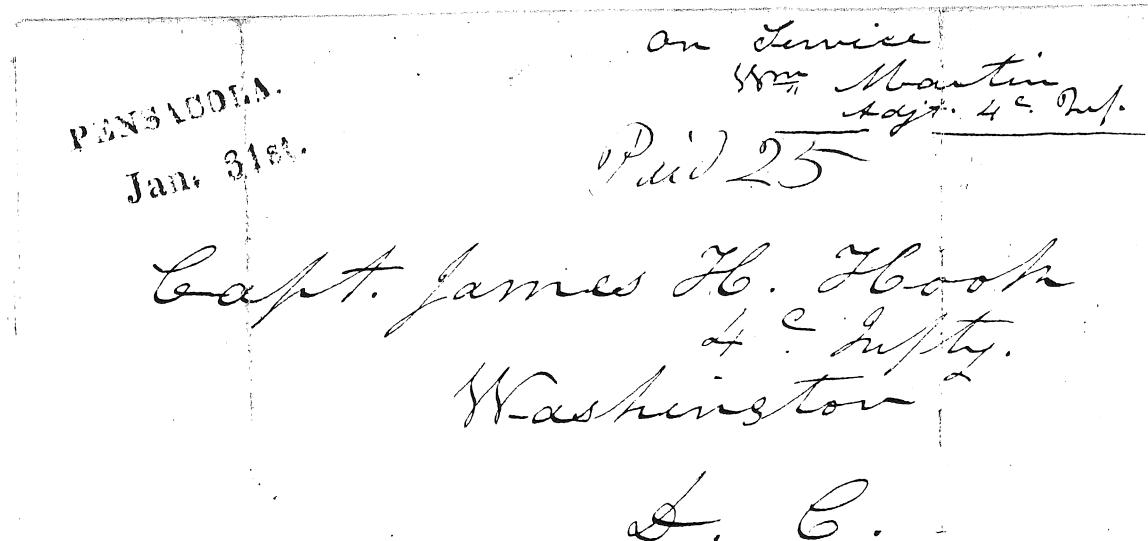
Slightly different from the previous  
postmark:

PENSACOLA.

Final "A" is different and is  
followed by a period

Jan. 31st.

Day date is followed by "st"



1823 Cover: Paid 25 rate to Washington (over 400 miles)

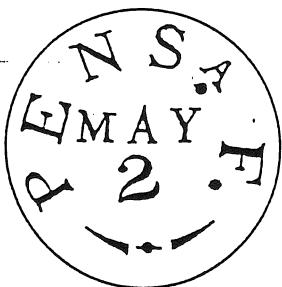
Military letter between members of the 4th US  
Infantry, one of the regiments occupying the  
new Territory

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

PENSACOLA

TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

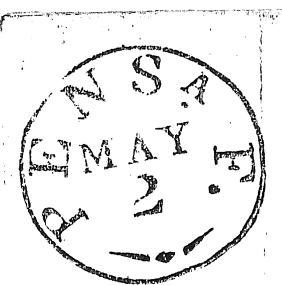


Postmark design used 1827-38

Black, red, and blue colors recorded

Decorative device is unusual in Florida

Only use of single letter "F"



1832

on Service Sept. 24. 1832



Major Gen.  
Tho. J. Jones  
Dr. W. Gen.  
City of Washington

1832

1831 Cover: Unpaid 18 3/4 rate to Tallahassee (150-400 miles)

1832 Cover: Military letter datelined Key West

Carried by ship to Pensacola where it entered the  
mail and was carried free

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

PENSACOLA

TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

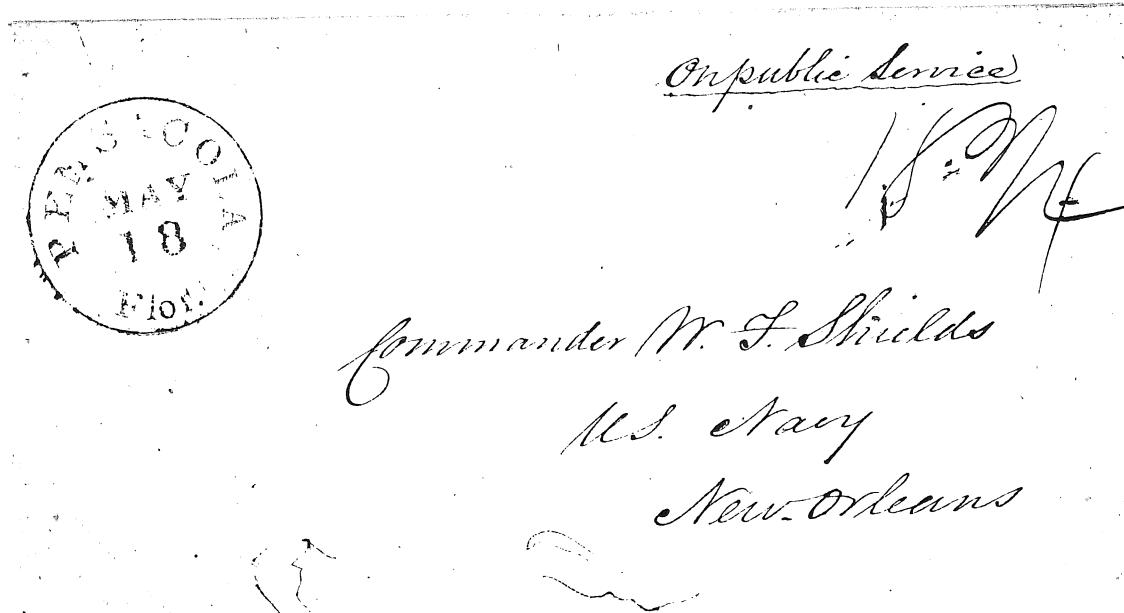
ESCAMBIA COUNTY



Postmark design used 1834-52

Black and red recorded

Change to more common "Flor."



1842 Cover: Unpaid 18 3/4 rate to New Orleans (150-400 miles)

Military letter between two Navy Commanders during  
the Second Seminole War

No handstamped rate markings are recorded for Pensacola during  
the Stampless period

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ST. AUGUSTINE

TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

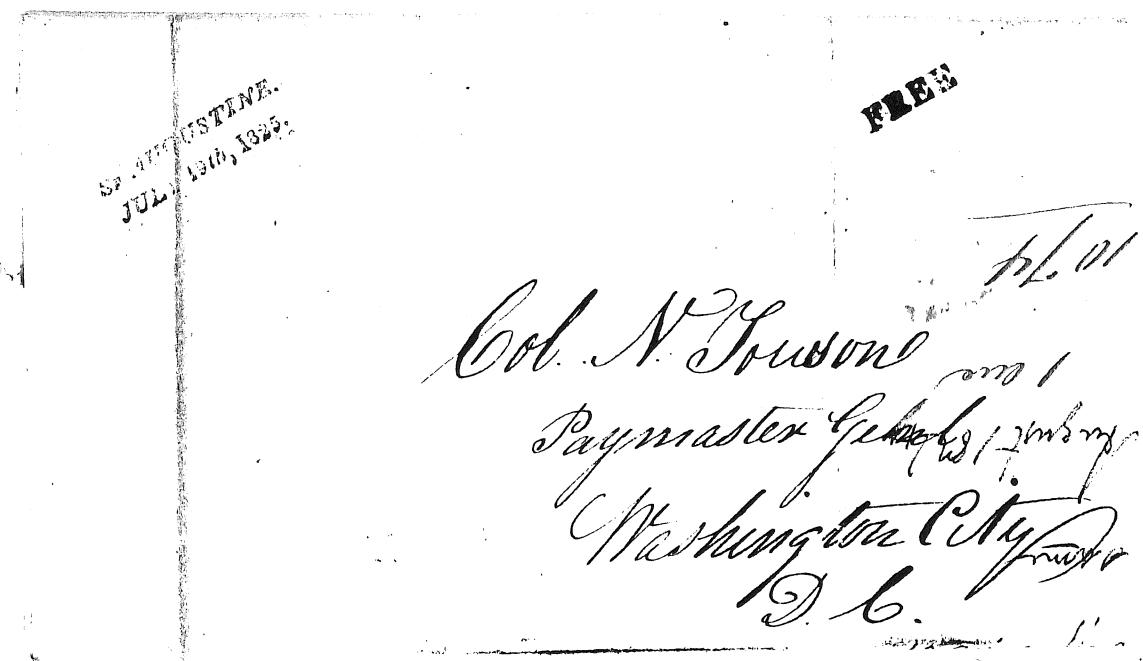
Postmark design used 1822-25

Black only color recorded

ST AUGUSTINE,  
JULY 19<sup>th</sup>, 1825.

Very early inclusion of year date  
in postmark

Office opened in 1821



1825 Cover: Military letter sent free to Washington

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ST. AUGUSTINE

TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Postmark design used 1822-35

Black and red color recorded

East Florida (E. FLO) was common  
designation for towns east of the  
Suwannee River



Or public service

D. G. T. S. Joseph  
D. W. G. M.  
Washington

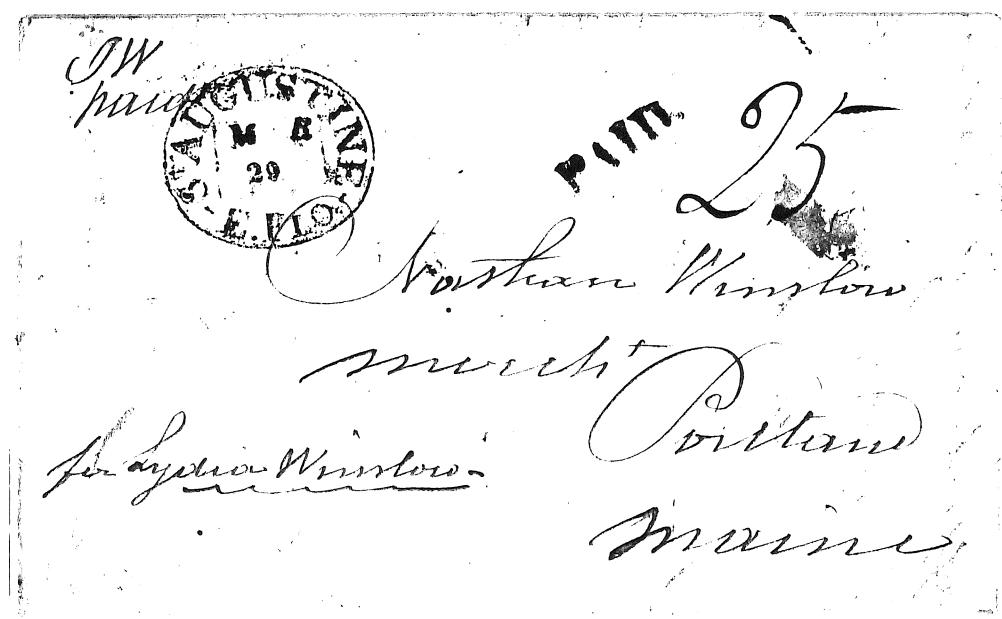
1827 Cover: Military letter sent free to Washington

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ST. AUGUSTINE

TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

ST. JOHNS COUNTY



1832 Cover: Paid 25 rate to Maine (over 400 miles)

Early example of a prepaid letter

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ST. AUGUSTINE

TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

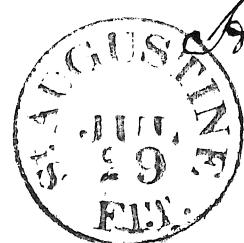
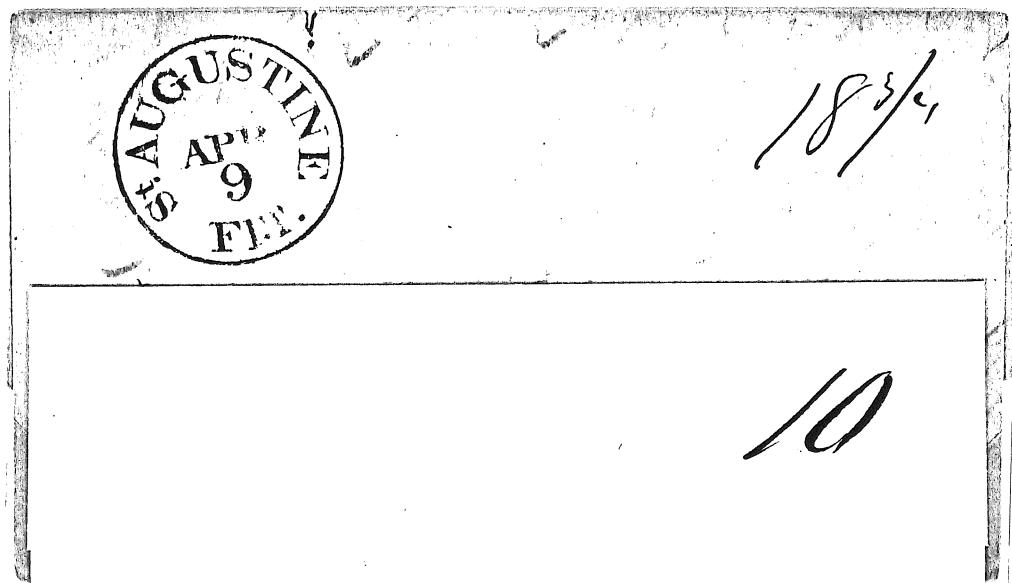
ST. JOHNS COUNTY



Postmark design used 1835-54

Black, red, and blue colors known

"Fl.T." is one of several abbreviations  
for Florida Territory



Henry W. Bonner Esq.  
Charleston  
S. C.

1844 Cover: Unpaid 18 3/4 rate to Georgia (150-400 miles)

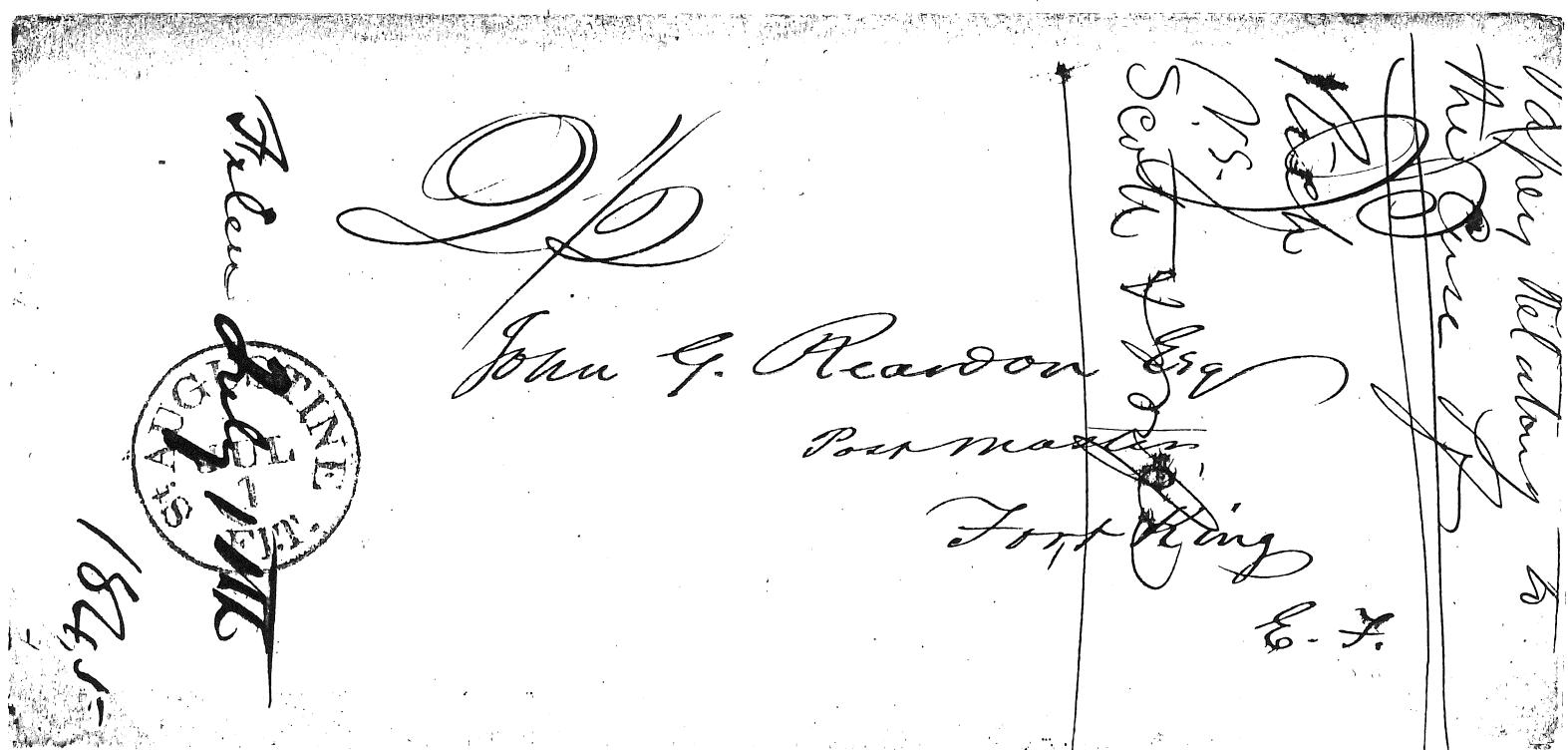
1845 Cover: Unpaid 10 rate to South Carolina (over 300 miles),  
under rate change of July 1, 1845

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ST. AUGUSTINE

TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

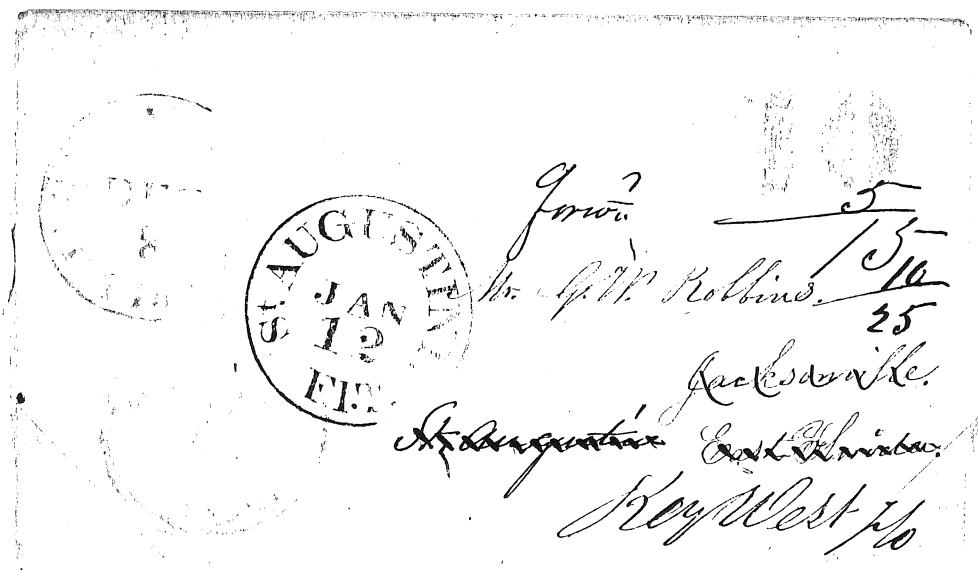


1845 Cover: First day of new rates

2 1/2 ounces at the rate of 5 cents per 1/2 ounce  
for the short distance to Fort King (now Ocala)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
TOWNS IN ORIGINAL TERRITORY

ST. AUGUSTINE  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY



1846 Cover: Twice forwarded letter:

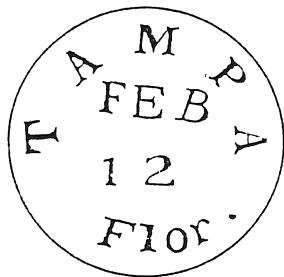
Massachusetts to Jacksonville.....	10
Jacksonville to St. Augustine.....	5
St. Augustine to Key West.....	10

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

TAMPA

SEAPORT TOWNS

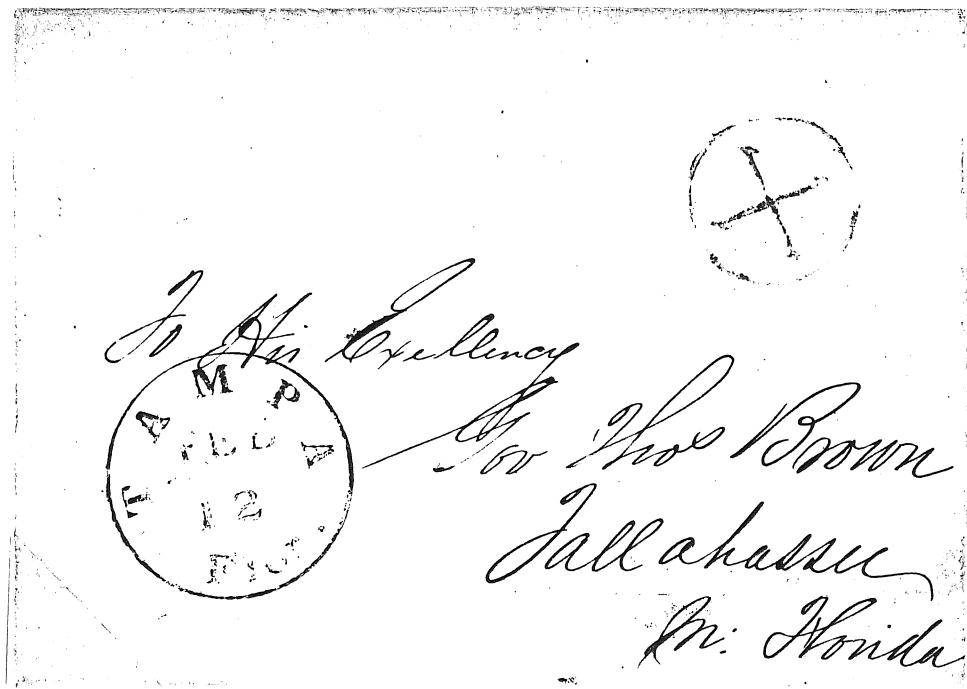
HILLSBORO COUNTY



Postmark design used 1846-52

Black and red colors recorded

Office opened in 1834



1850 Cover: Unpaid 10 rate to Tallahassee (over 300 miles)

Only other Florida town using a roman numeral rate  
was Apalachicola

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

KEY WEST

SEAPORT TOWNS

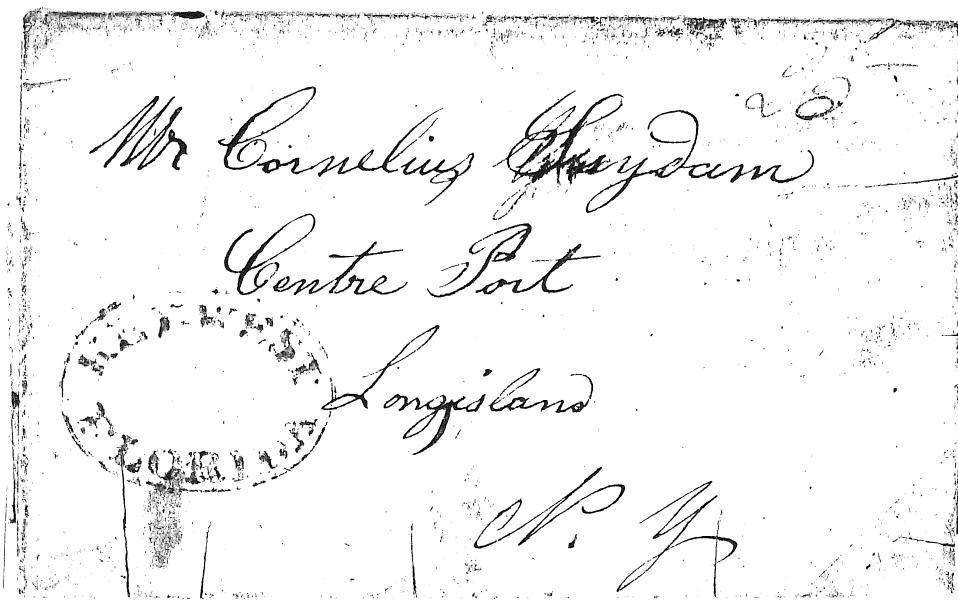
MUNROE COUNTY



Postmark design used 1831-53

Red and black colors recorded

Office opened in 1829



1838 Cover: Unpaid 25 cent rate to New York (over 400 miles)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

KEY WEST

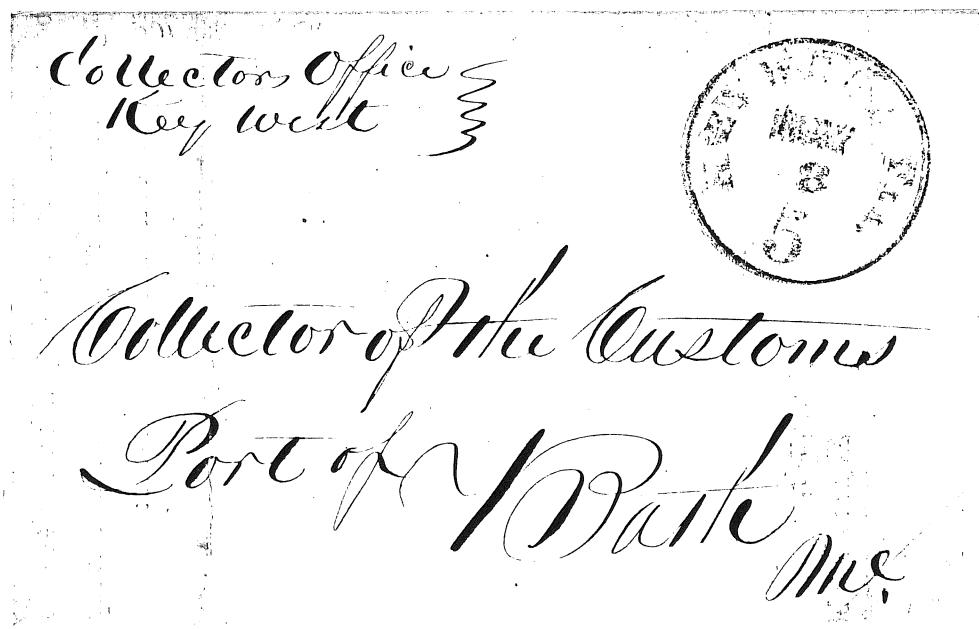
SEAPORT TOWNS

MUNROE COUNTY



Postmark design used 1854 only

Black only color recorded



1854 Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to Maine under 1851 rates of 3 Paid/  
5 Unpaid, any distance

Only other Florida town to use a "5" due inside the  
postmark was Apalachicola

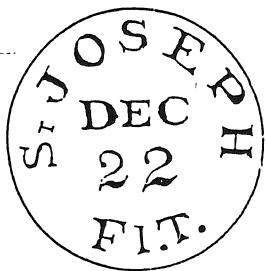
Letter is a "crew list" printed form sent by Customs  
concerning crew of Schooner "Pedee"

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ST. JOSEPH

SEAPORT TOWNS

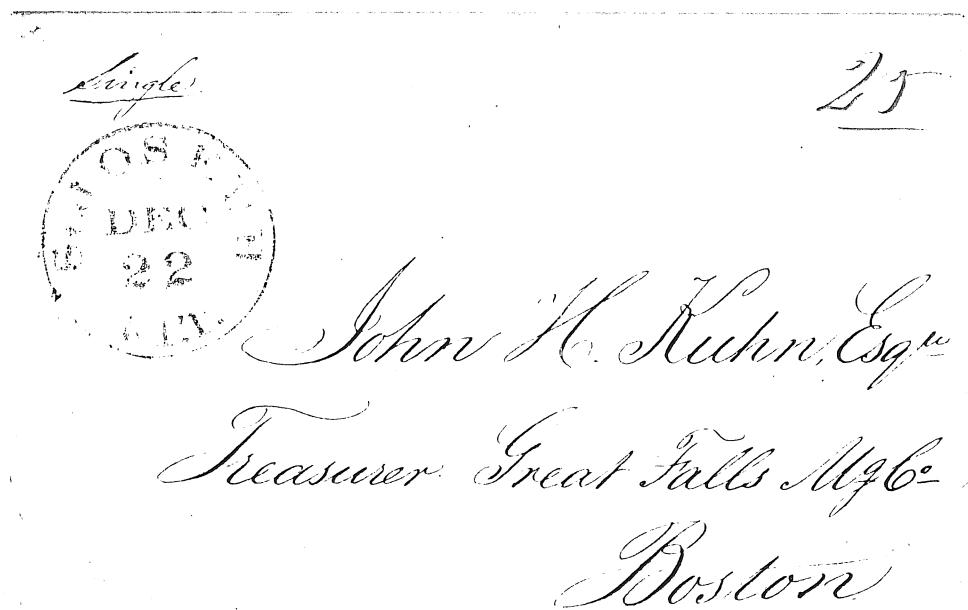
GULF COUNTY



Postmark design used 1837-44

Black and red colors recorded

Office opened 1835, closed 1854



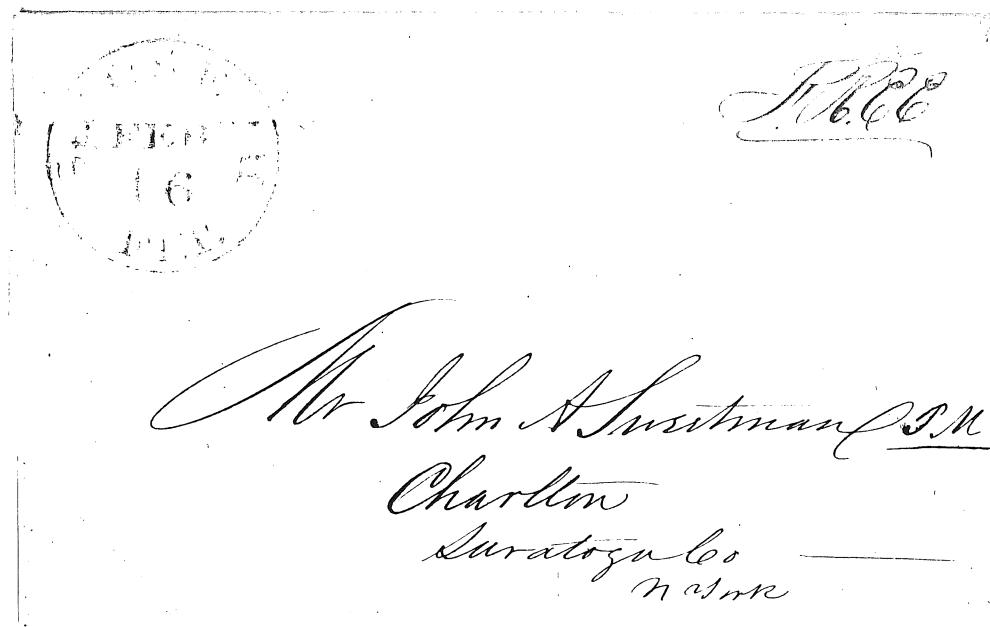
1838 Cover: Unpaid 25 rate to Boston (over 400 miles)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ST. JOSEPH

SEAPORT TOWNS

GULF COUNTY

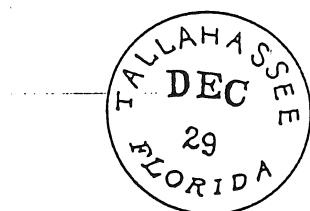


1839 Cover: Letter sent free to Postmaster of Saratoga, NY

Modern Port St. Joe is near the site of old St. Joseph

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITAL

TALLAHASSEE  
LEON COUNTY

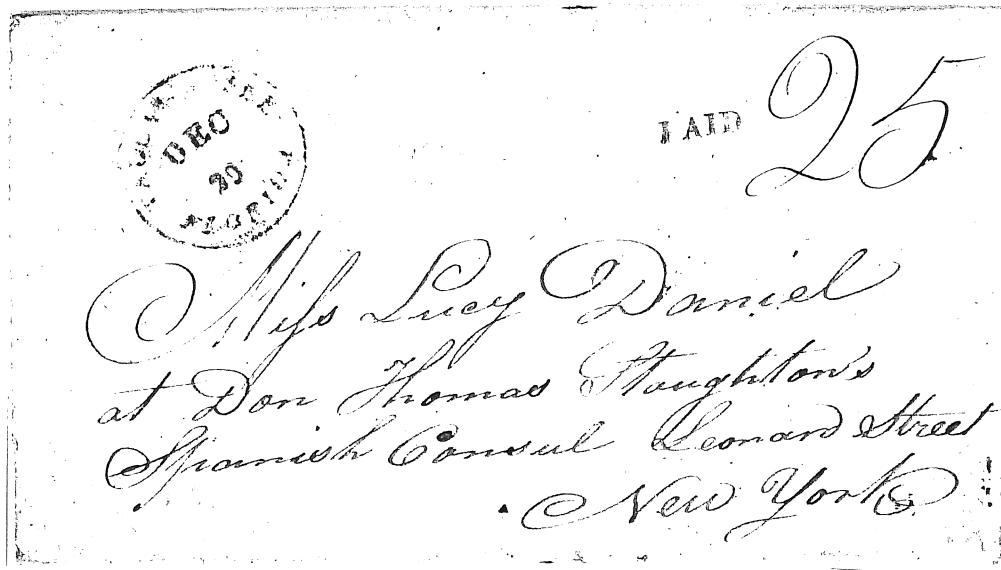


Postmark design used 1825-27

Red only color used

"FLORIDA" reads counterclockwise

Office opened in 1825



1825 Cover: Paid 25 rate to New York (over 400 miles)

Very early paid letter mailed during the first  
year of postoffice operation

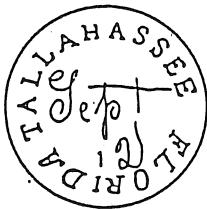
FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITAL

TALLAHASSEE  
LEON COUNTY

Postmark design used 1827 only

Black color only recorded

"FLORIDA" reads clockwise



paid 25¢

Z

Philip Fendall Loring  
Washington City

D. Columbia

1827 Cover: Paid 25 rate to Washington (over 400 miles)

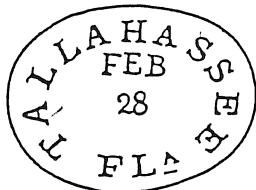
FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

TALLAHASSEE

TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITAL

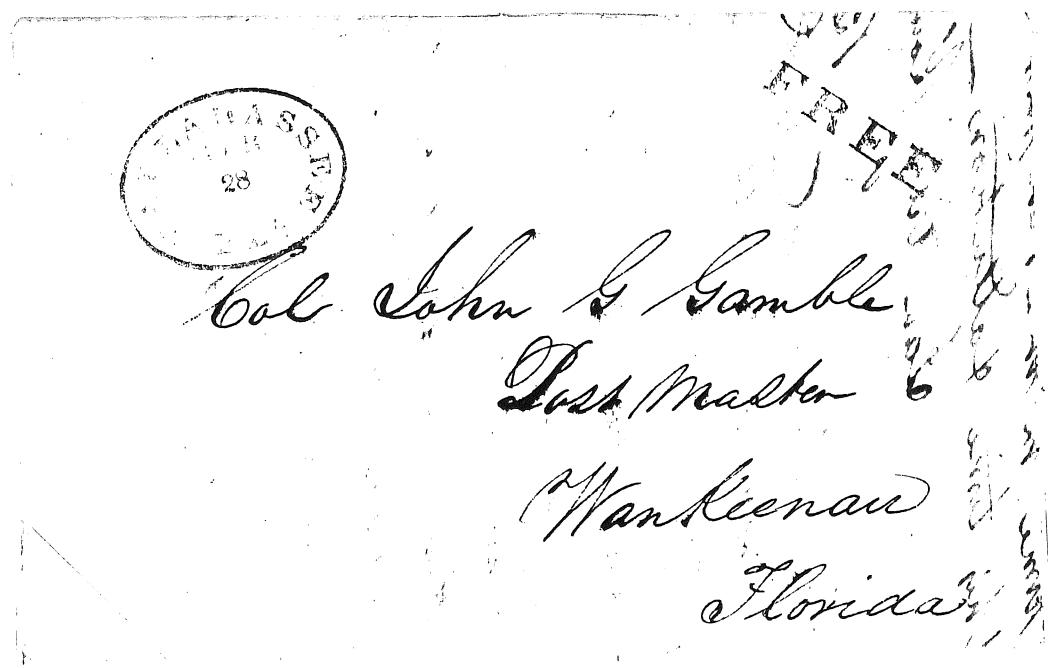
LEON COUNTY

Postmark design used 1828-34



Black only color recorded

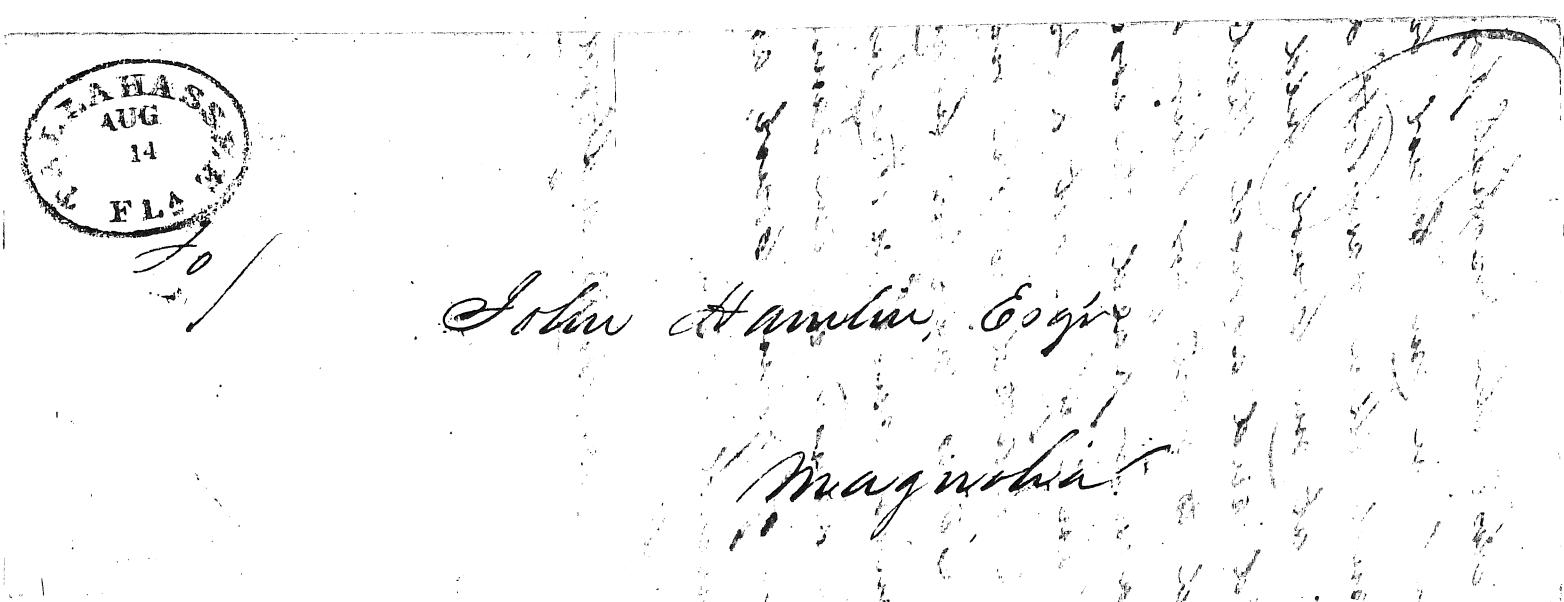
Small oval (30 x 23 mm)



1832 Cover: Letter sent free to the Postmaster and well known merchant of nearby Waukeenah

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITAL

TALLAHASSEE  
LEON COUNTY



1832 Cover: Unpaid 6 1/4 rate to Magnolia on the St. Marks River  
(under 30 miles)

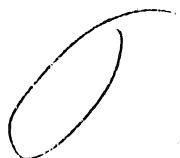
Rate is actually 6 cents but a number of postmasters used 6 1/4, which is one half of the Spanish Real or "Bit" popular at the time

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITAL

TALLAHASSEE  
LEON COUNTY



Postmark design used 1833-41  
Black and red colors recorded  
Large oval (37 x 25 mm)  
Year date added from 1836 to 1841



Lient. L. Goldborough

U. States Army

Monticello, Florida

via Tallahassee

1836 Cover: Rated 25 but then changed to FREE as military letter

No year date in postmark

1836 Cover: Unpaid 6 rate to Monticello (under 30 miles)

Year date added, and unusual practice until the '50s

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITAL

TALLAHASSEE  
LEON COUNTY



PAID

50

Francis J. Blair Esq

Editor of the Globe

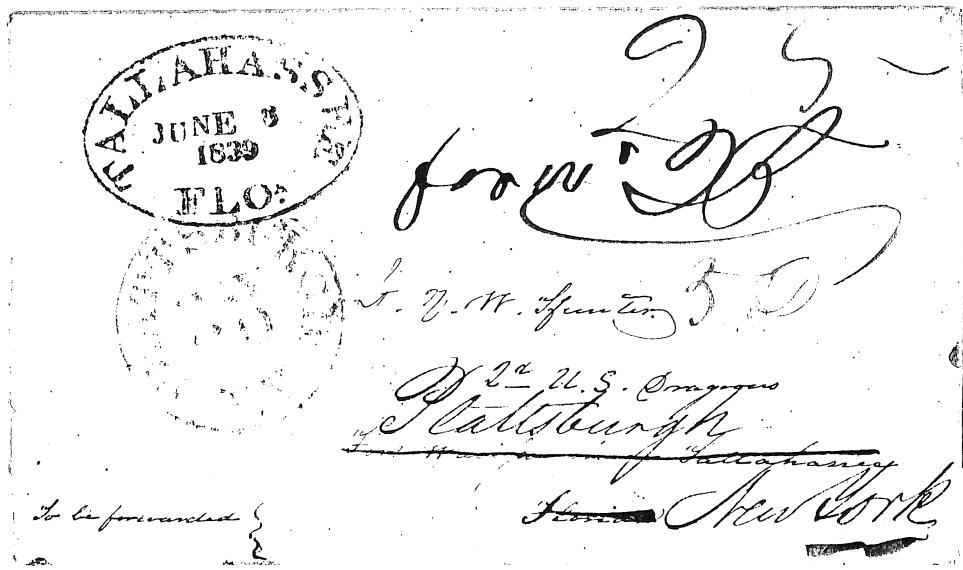
Washington City

dc

1838 Cover: Paid 50 double rate to well known editor in Washington (over 400 miles)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITAL

TALLAHASSEE  
LEON COUNTY



1839 Cover: Unpaid letter to Lieutenant of 2nd US Dragoons in Tallahassee for the Second Seminole War

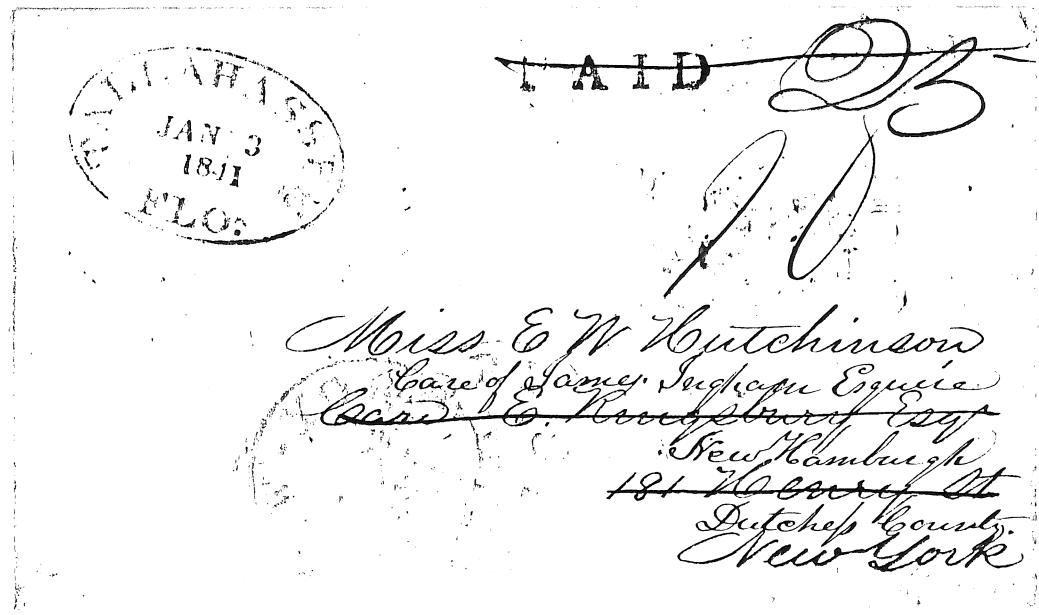
Forwarded back to Plattsburgh with a total of 50 cents due

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

TALLAHASSEE

TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITAL

LEON COUNTY



1841 Cover: Paid 25 rate to New York City

Forwarded unpaid 10 to New Hamburg

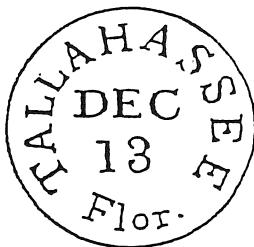
Inclusion of year date in the oval postmark ended in 1841

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

TALLAHASSEE

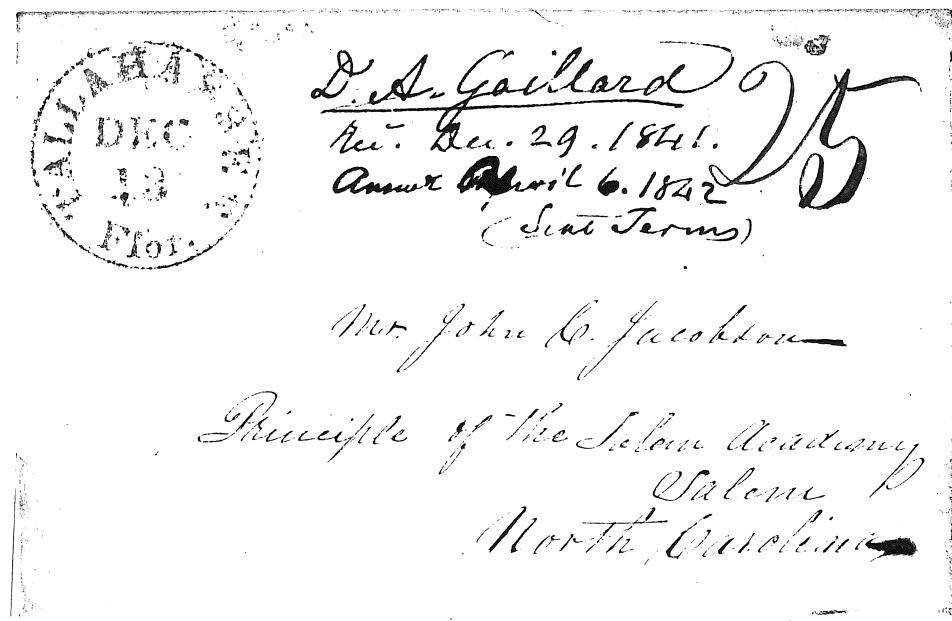
TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITAL

LEON COUNTY



Postmark design used 1841-53

Black, red, and green colors recorded

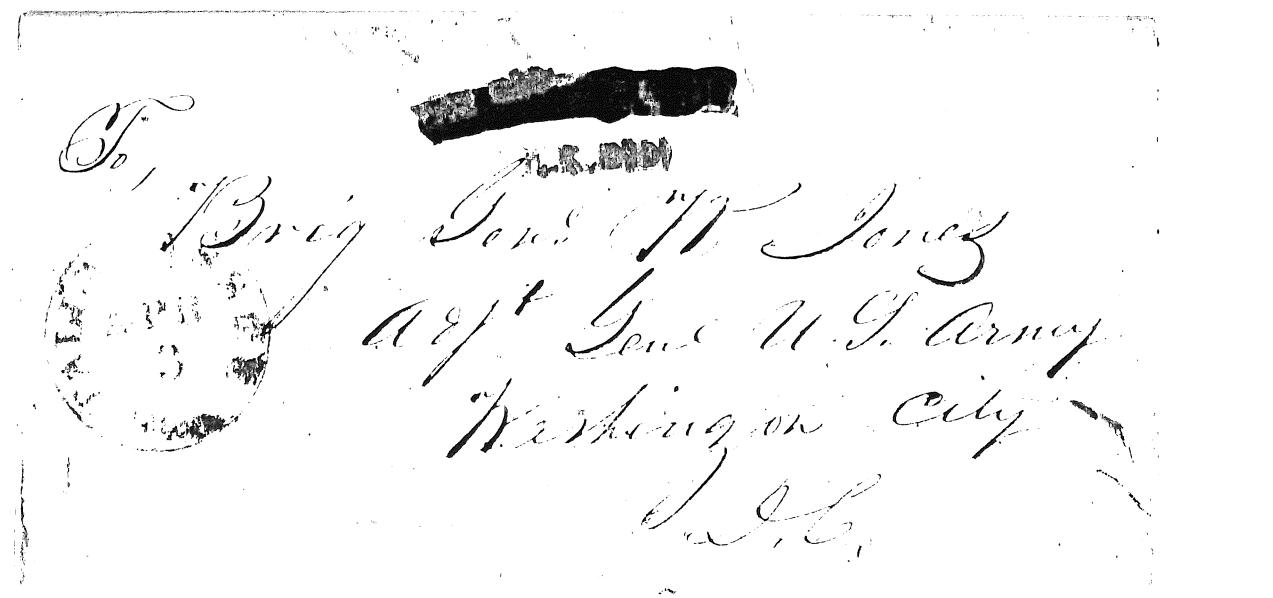


1841 Cover: Unpaid 25 rate to North Carolina (over 400 miles)

First year of use of common cds with common "Flor."

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITAL

TALLAHASSEE  
LEON COUNTY



1843 Cover: Military letter sent free to Washington

First marked "PAID" and then correctly marked "FREE"

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

MAYPORT MILLS

ST. JOHNS RIVER TOWNS

DUVAL COUNTY

Postmark design used 1850-52

Red only color recorded

Office opened 1850, closed 1869



PAID 3

G. R. Fairbanks Esq.

St. Augustine

E. J.

1852 Cover: Paid 3 rate to St. Augustine

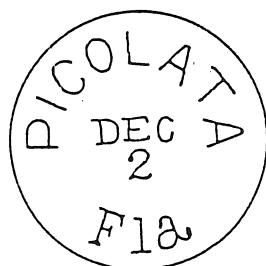
Mayport Mills was a small town at the mouth of the St. Johns

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

PICOLATA

ST. JOHNS RIVER TOWNS

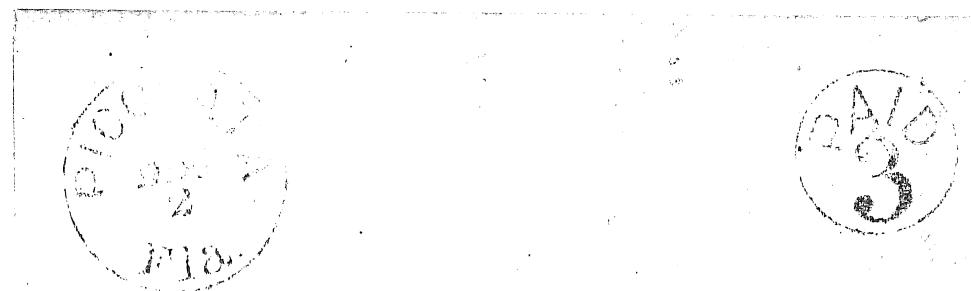
ST. JOHNS COUNTY



Postmark design used 1854 only

Red and blue colors recorded

Office opened 1843, closed 1916



Mrs G R Packhank,  
St Augustine  
Fla

1854 Cover: Paid 3 rate to St. Augustine

Picolata was the steamboat landing for St. Augustine, 14 miles to the east

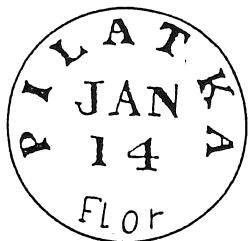
FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

PILATKA

ST. JOHNS RIVER TOWNS

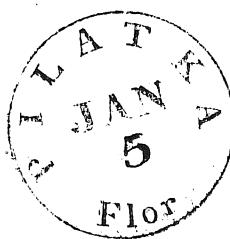
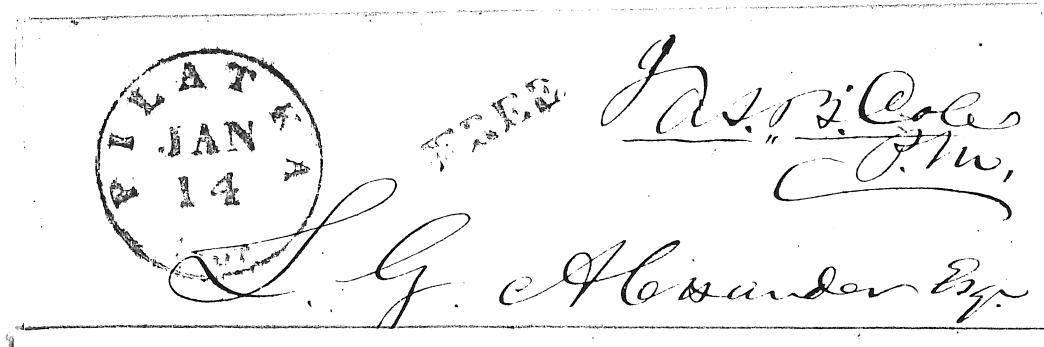
PUTNAM COUNTY

Postmark design used 1843-51



Black and red colors recorded

Office opened in 1841



R. 5  
PAID

Dr. J. Fisher Esq.  
Lectr. of State  
Tallahassee, Fla.

1845 Cover: Letter sent free from Postmaster Cole to Special Agent in Augusta, Georgia

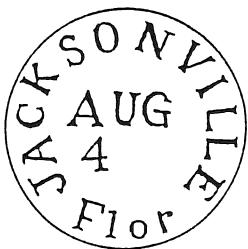
1847 Cover: Paid 5 rate to Tallahassee (less than 300 miles)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

JACKSONVILLE

ST. JOHNS RIVER TOWNS

DUVAL COUNTY

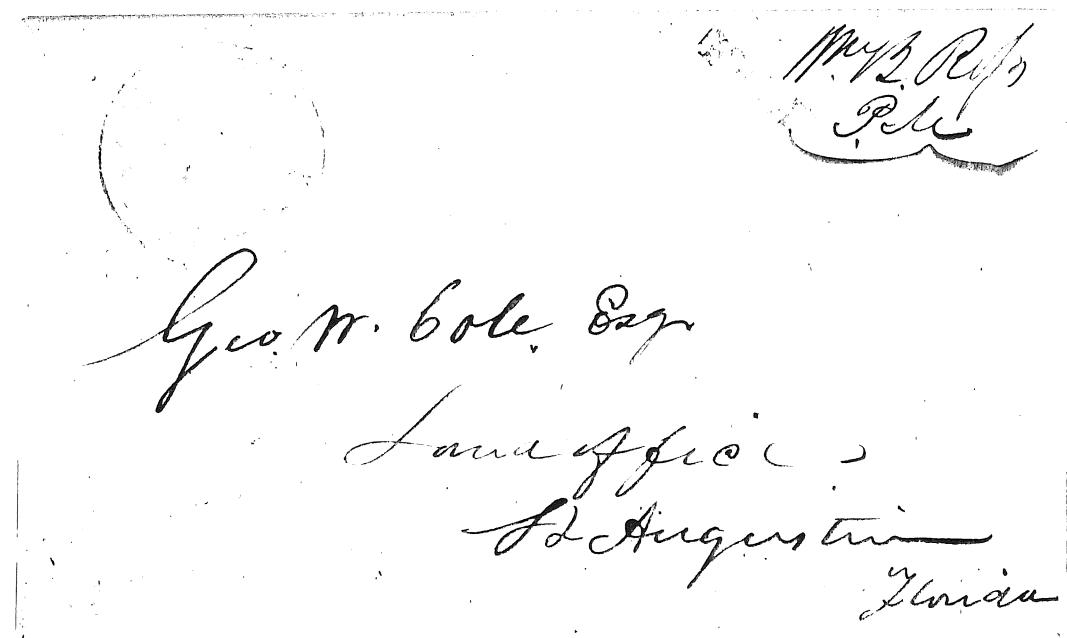


Postmark design used 1840-50

Red only color recorded

30 mm cds

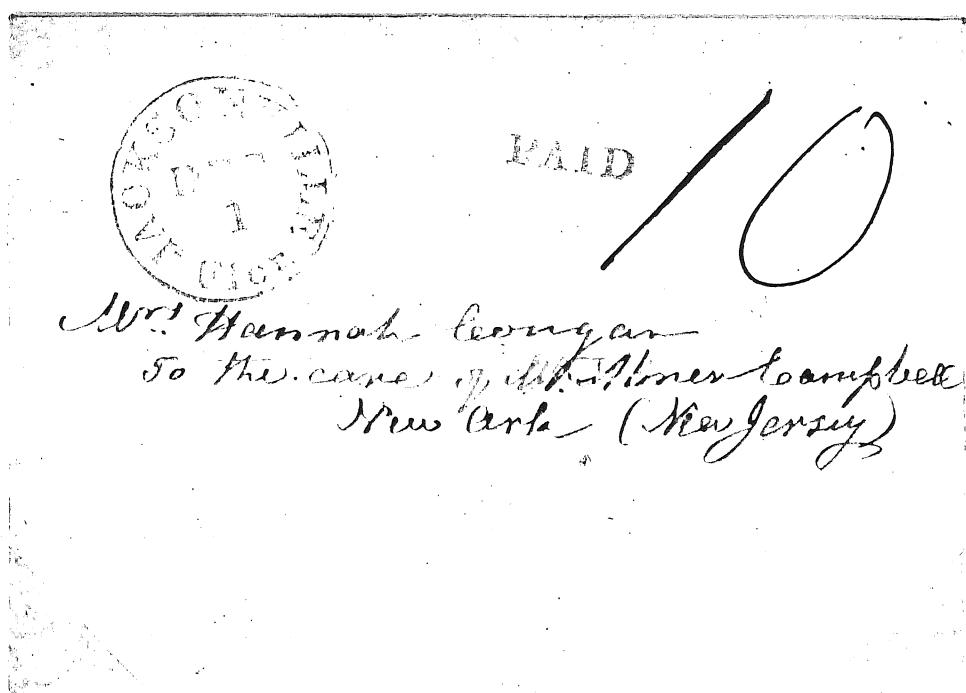
Office opened in 1824



1840 Cover: Letter sent free from Postmaster Ross to  
St. Augustine

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
ST. JOHNS RIVER TOWNS

JACKSONVILLE  
DUVAL COUNTY



1846 Cover: Paid 10 rate to New Jersey (over 300 miles)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
ST. JOHNS RIVER TOWNS

JACKSONVILLE  
DUVAL COUNTY



Postmark design used 1848-55

Black and red colors recorded

34 mm circle



Mr Edward R Mansfield  
Jonesport  
Maine

1851 Cover: Unpaid 10 cent rate to Maine (over 300 miles)

"Balloon" postmarks were not common in Florida  
during the period

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

MAGNOLIA

ST. MARKS RIVER TOWNS

WAKULLA COUNTY

Postmark design used 1830-35

Black only color recorded

MAGNOLIA FLA

MAY 6

Office opened 1824, closed 1840

MAGNOLIA FLA

MAY 6

6

Executive Office Tallahassee.  
Elections Returns Magnolia Precinct  
Leon County Florida

1834 Cover: Unpaid 6 rate to Tallahassee (under 30 miles)

First of three attempts to compete with the town of St. Marks  
as a seaport for the Territorial Capital

Magnolia was located farthest up the river and closest to  
Tallahassee

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
ST. MARKS RIVER TOWNS

POR T LEON  
WAKULLA COUNTY

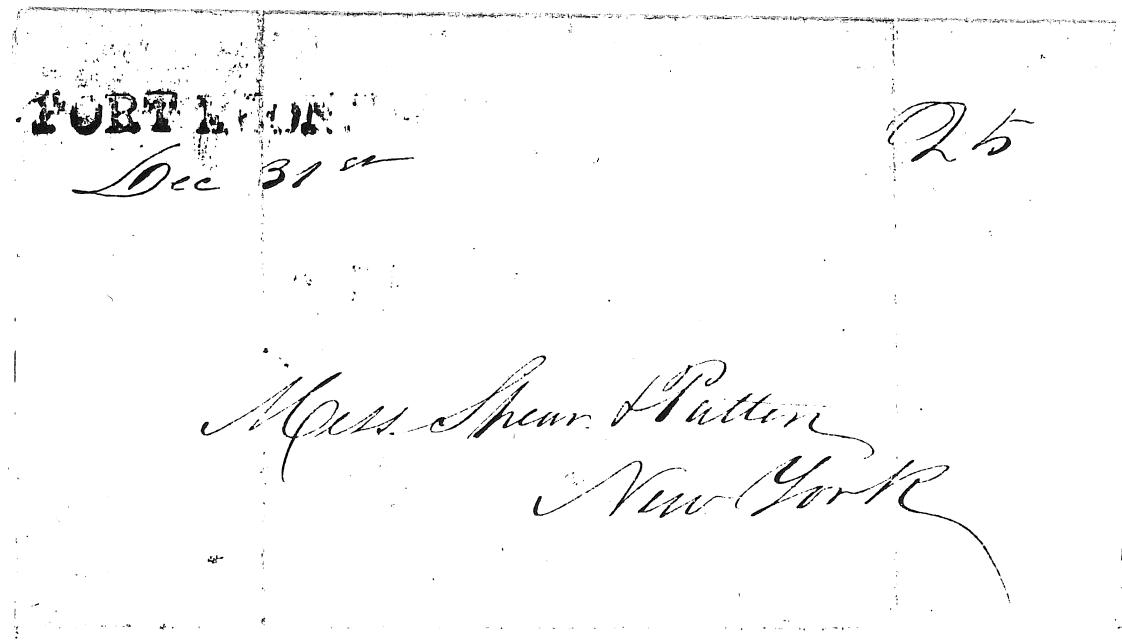
Postmark design use 1840-41

**POR T LEON**

*Dec 31<sup>st</sup>*

Black only color recorded

Office opened 1840, closed 1844



1840 Cover: Unpaid 25 rate to New York (over 400 miles)

Second attempt as a seaport for Tallahassee, this time located closer to the mouth of the river

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

PORt LEON

ST. MARKS RIVER TOWNS

WAKULLA COUNTY

PORT LEON  
Nm  
24  
P.H.O.

Postmark design used 1842-45

Black only color recorded

One of only three rimless circles  
used in Florida

PORT LEON  
Nm  
24  
P.H.O.  
FREE

On public service

Brig Gen R. Jones  
Adj General

W. Army  
Washington  
D.C.

1842 Cover: Military letter sent free to Washington

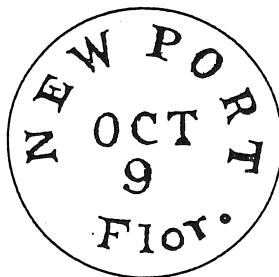
Town totally destroyed by a hurricane in 1843

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

NEWPORT

ST. MARKS RIVER TOWNS

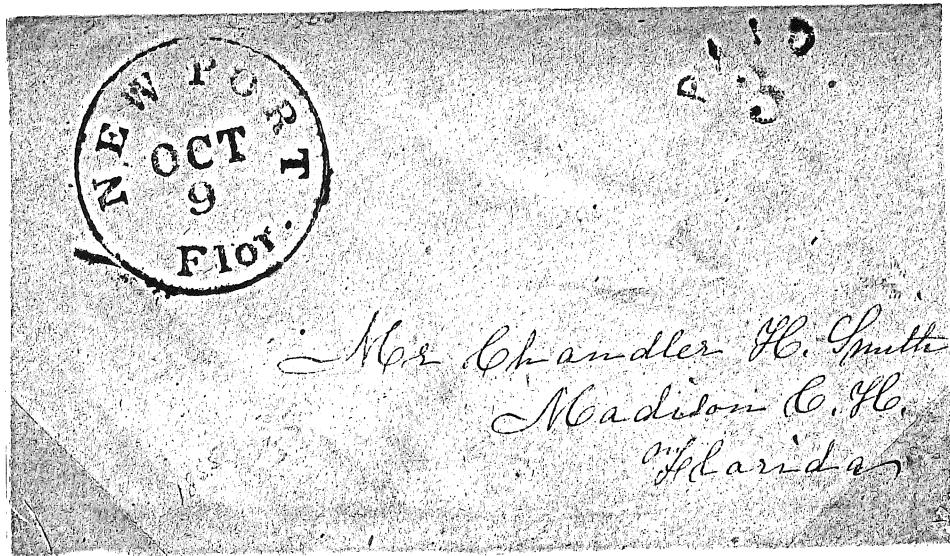
WAKULLA COUNTY



Postmark design used 1852-53

Black only color recorded

Office opened 1844, closed 1955



1855 Cover: Paid 3 rate to Madison C. H.

Third attempt to serve Tallahassee, a "new port" located just two miles south of the old Magnolia site

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ST. MARKS

ST. MARKS RIVER TOWNS

WAKULLA COUNTY

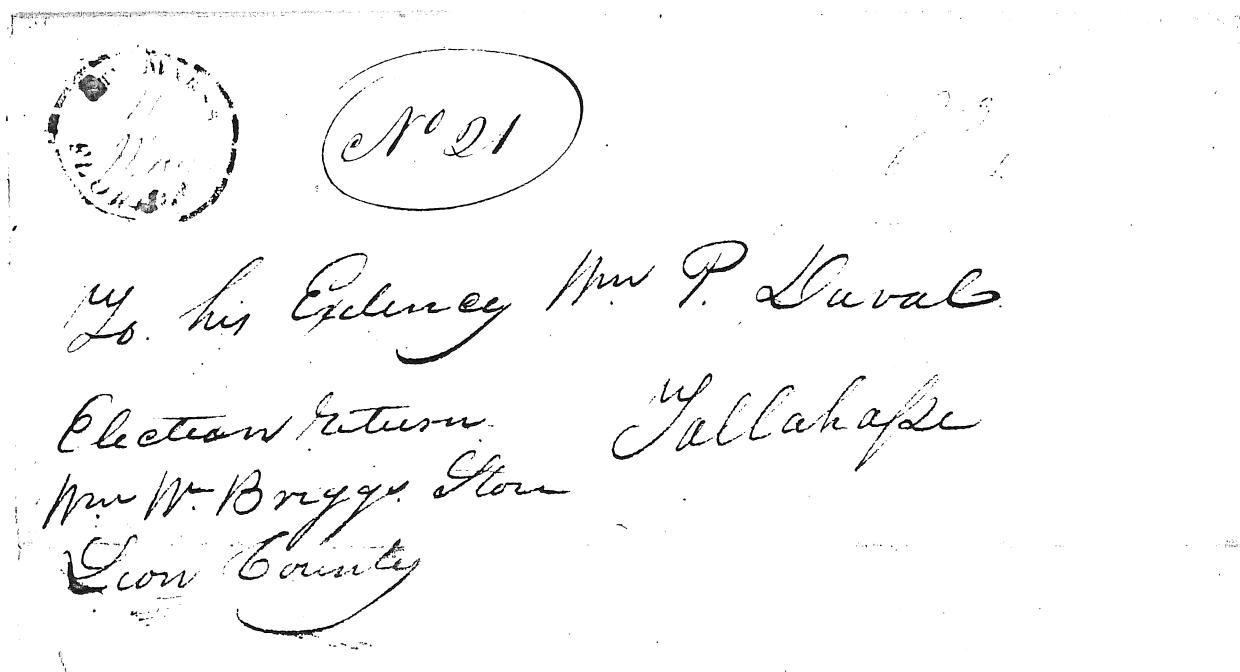
Postmark design used 1832-33



Black only color recorded

Only broken circle used in Florida

Office opened in 1827



1833 Cover: Unpaid 18 3/4 triple rate to Tallahassee  
(under 30 miles)

St. Marks survived as Tallahassee's principal seaport

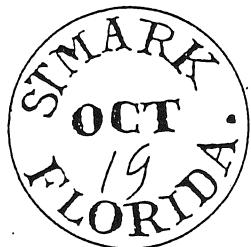
FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ST. MARKS

ST. MARKS RIVER TOWNS

WAKULLA COUNTY

Postmark design used 1833-40

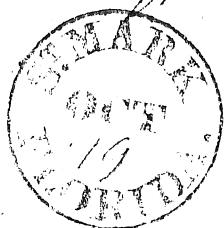


Black and red colors recorded

Device made without the correct  
final "S" on ST. MARKS

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To his Excellency the Governor  
of the Territory of Florida



12

1835 Cover: Unpaid 12 double rate to Tallahassee  
(under 30 miles)

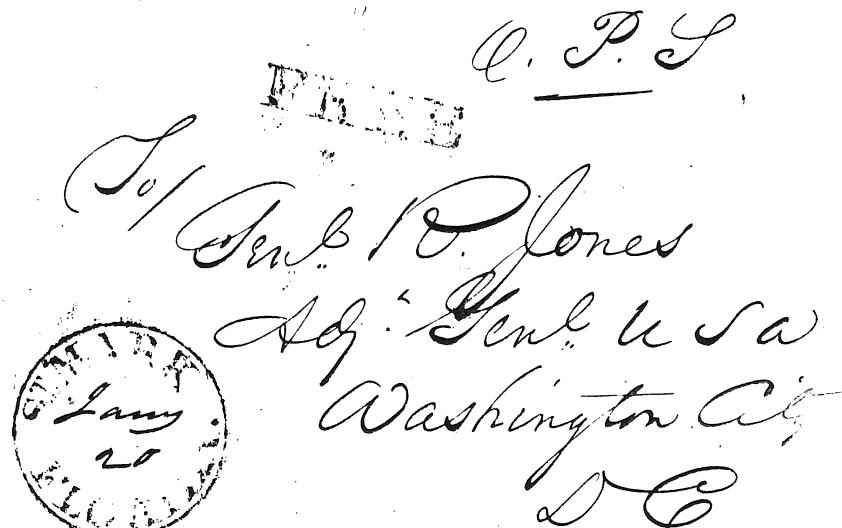
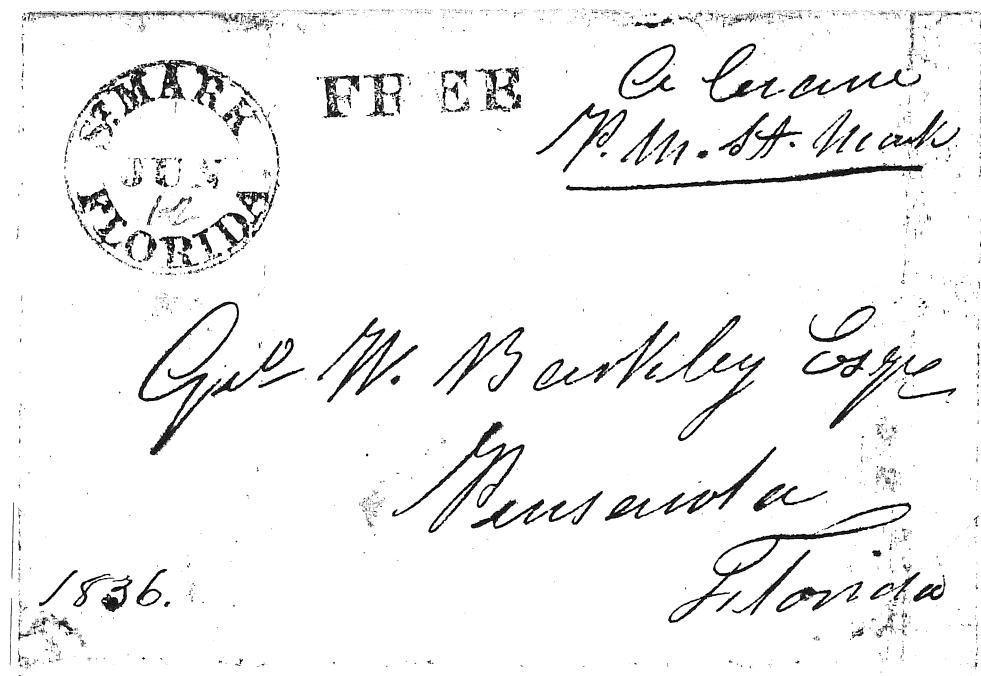
Florida's first railroad was built from Tallahassee to  
St. Marks in 1836

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ST. MARKS

ST. MARKS RIVER TOWNS

WAKULLA COUNTY

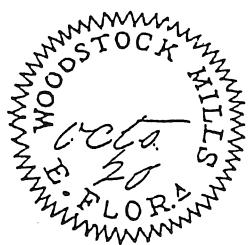


1836 Cover: Personal letter sent free to Pensacola by Mr. Crane,  
the Postmaster of St. Marks

1840 Cover: Military letter sent free to Washington

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
ST. MARYS RIVER TOWN

WOODSTOCK MILLS  
NASSAU COUNTY



Postmark design used 1844-53

Blue only color recorded

Only toothed circle used in Florida

Office opened 1844, closed 1856

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Wm Witherle & Co

Bastine

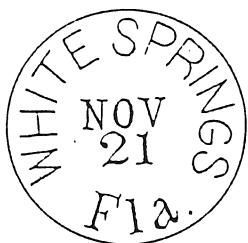
Maine



1847 Cover: Unpaid 10 rate to Maine (over 300 miles)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
SUWANNEE RIVER TOWN

WHITE SPRINGS  
HAMILTON COUNTY



Postmark design used 1853 only

Black only color recorded

Office opened in 1842



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David S. Walker  
Tallahassee  
Fla.

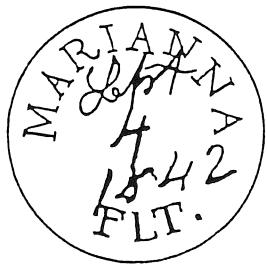
1853 Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to Tallahassee

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

MARIANNA

CHIPOLA RIVER TOWN

JACKSON COUNTY



Postmark design used 1831-54

Black, red, and green colors recorded

Office opened in 1828

FREE

John D. Levy



Washington City

D.C.

1842 Cover: Letter sent free to Florida's Territorial Representative in Washington

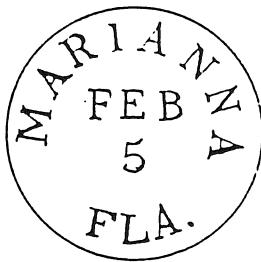
David Levy (misspelled on cover) later became the first US Senator from the new State

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

MARIANNA

CHIPOLA RIVER TOWN

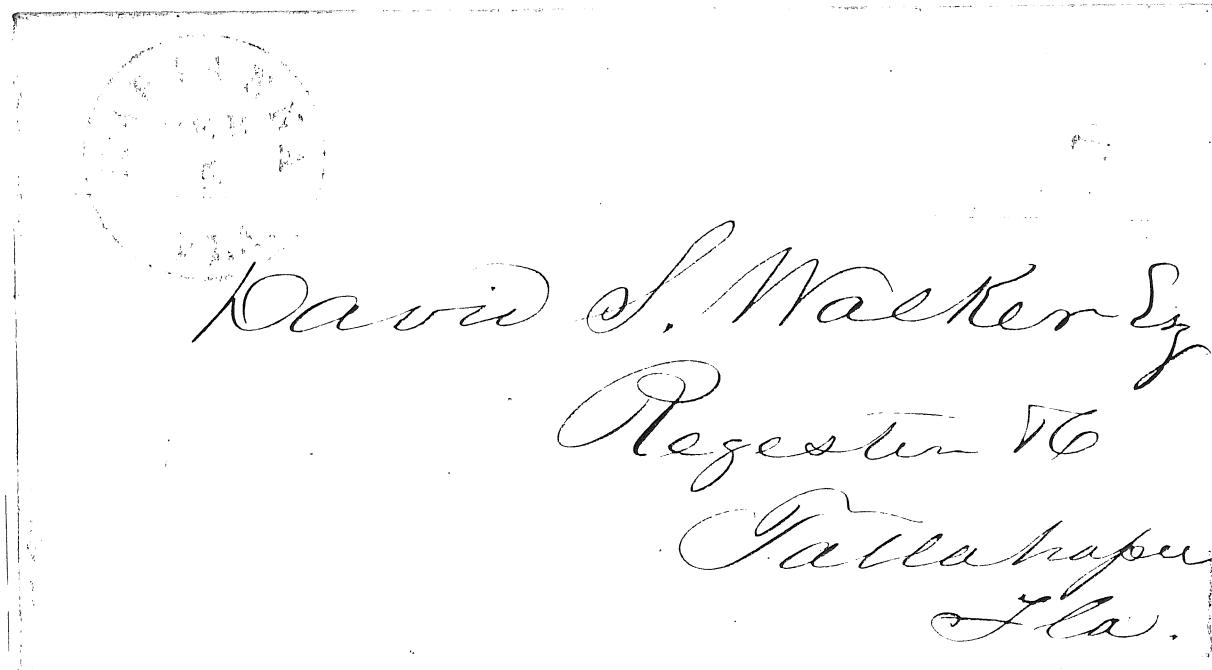
JACKSON COUNTY



Postmark design used 1850-54

Black and red colors recorded

Device changed from "Fl.T." to "FLA",  
but the Territorial postmark also  
continued in use until 1854

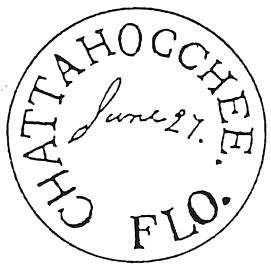


1852 Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to Tallahassee

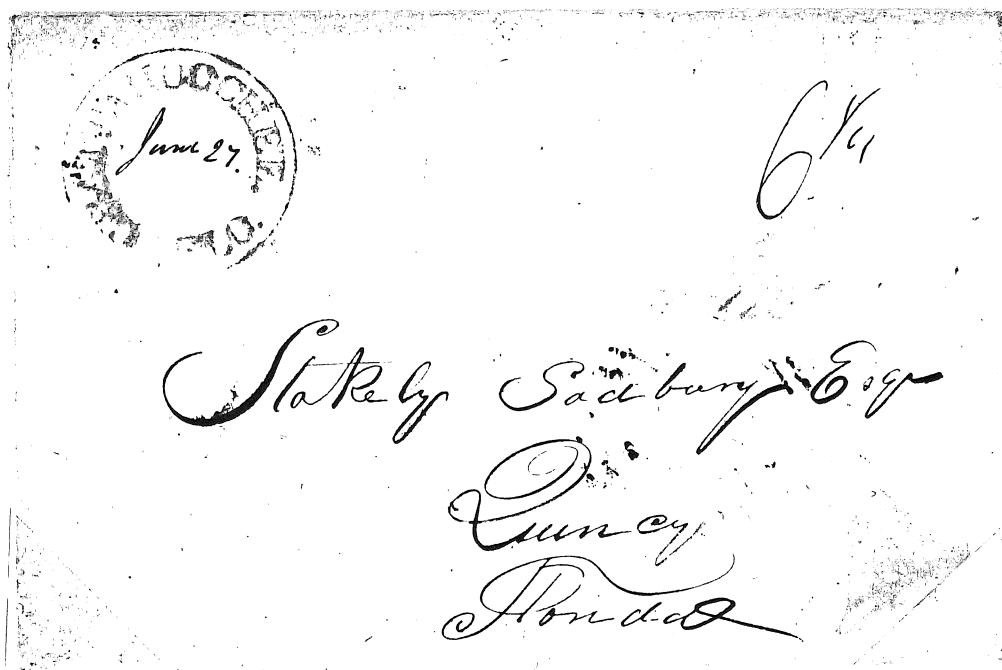
The Chipola River feeds the Apalachicola River

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
APALACHICOLA RIVER TOWN

CHATTAHOOCHEE  
GADSDEN COUNTY



Postmark design used 1834-53  
Red and brown colors recorded  
Office opened in 1834



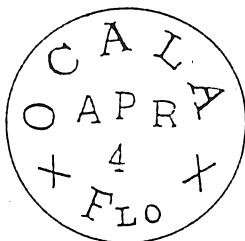
1841 Cover: Unpaid "unofficial" 6 1/4 rate to Quincy  
(under 30 miles)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

OCALA

OKLAWAHA RIVER TOWN

MARION COUNTY

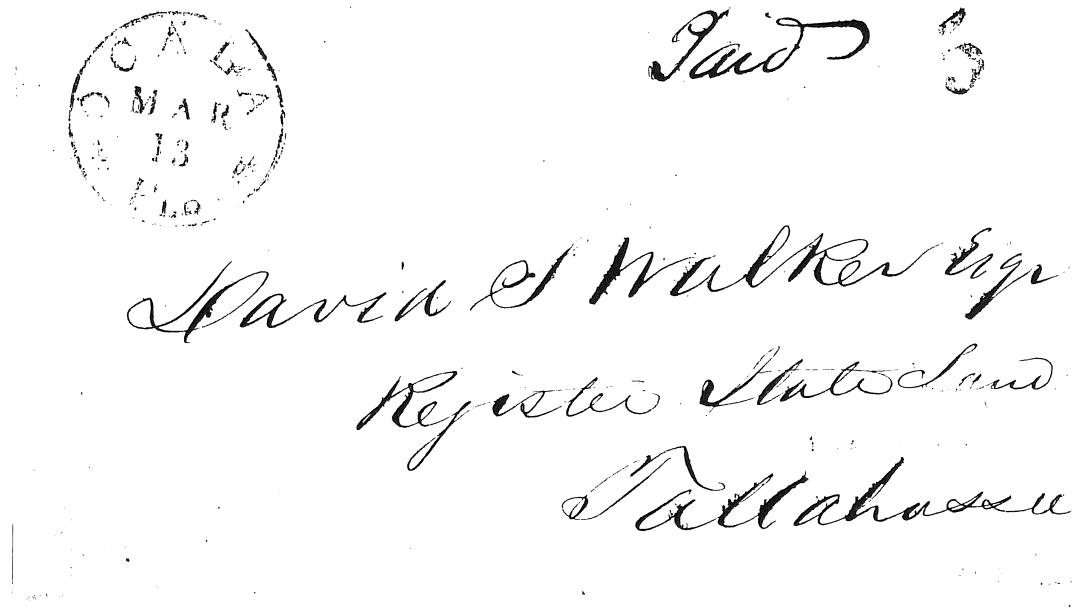
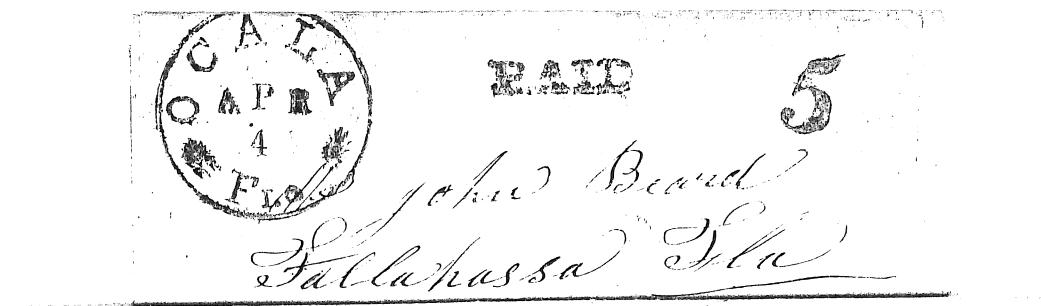


Postmark design used 1849-51

Black and red colors recorded

Fancy device in design is unusual

Office opened in 1847



1850 Cover: Paid 5 rate to Tallahassee (under 300 miles) in red

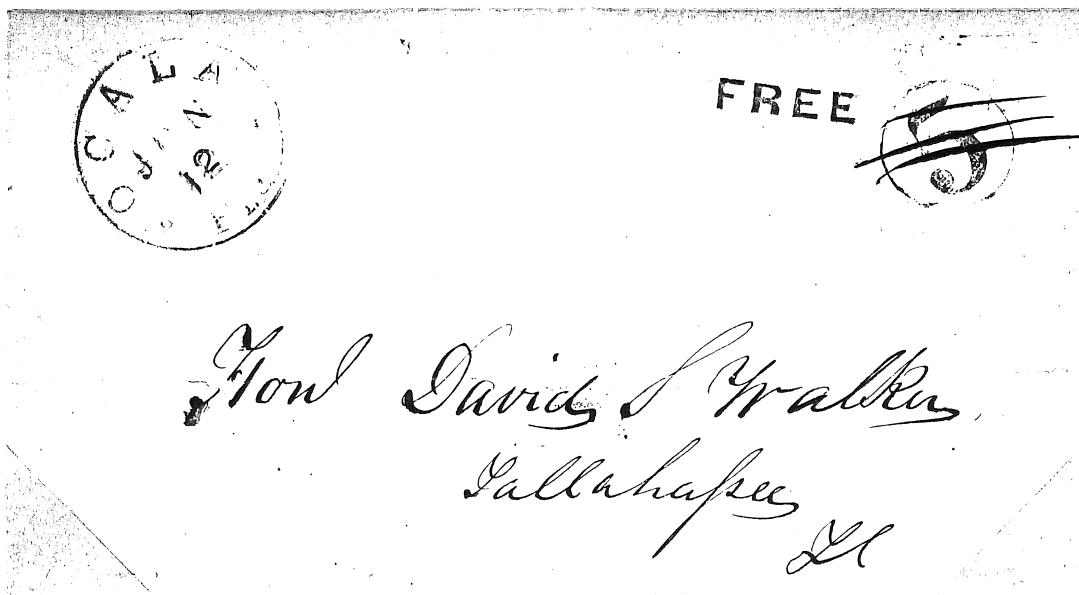
1851 Cover: Paid 5 rate to Tallahassee in black

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

OCALA

OKLAWAHA RIVER TOWN

MARION COUNTY



1851 Cover: Letter mistakenly sent free to State official in Tallahassee

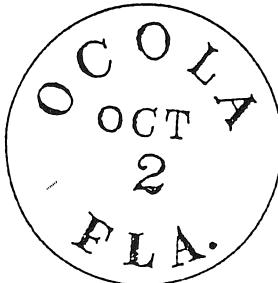
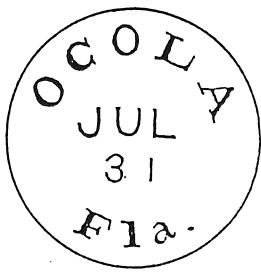
Postmaster was correct the first time, when he stamped the "5" on the cover. Note that the previous cover, without a title on Walker's name, was marked correctly.

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

OCOLA

OKLAWAHA RIVER TOWN

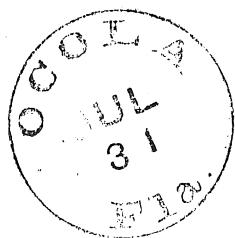
MARION COUNTY



Postmarks used 1851-52

Black only color recorded

Two different postmarks with  
Ocala misspelled

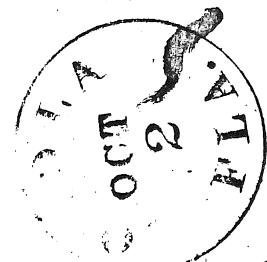


PAID



D. S. Walker

5



D. S. Walker, Esq.  
Register of Publick  
Lands of State of  
Tallahassee

1851 Cover: Paid 3 rate to Tallahassee

1851 Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to Tallahassee

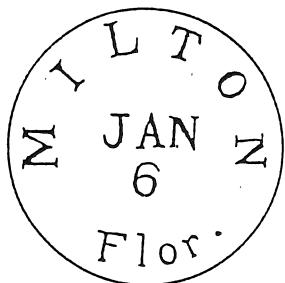
Illustrating both of the new 1851 rates

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

MILTON

BLACKWATER RIVER TOWN

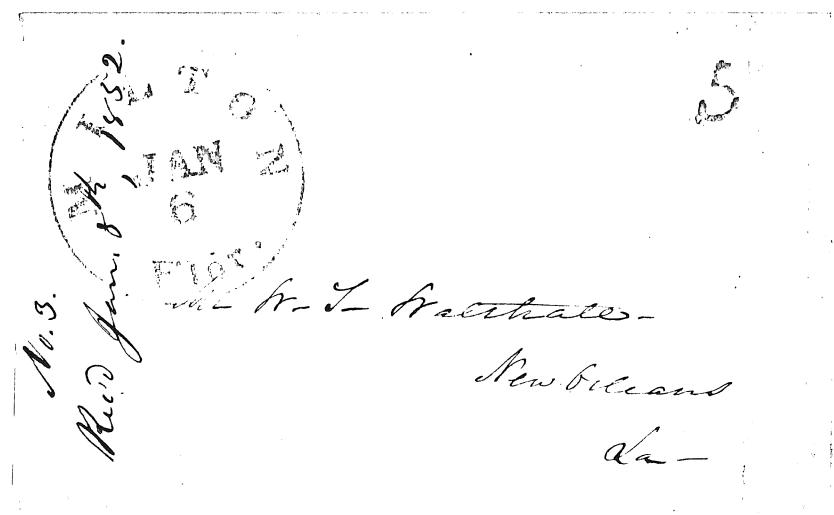
SANTA ROSA COUNTY



Postmark design used 1850-55

Red only color recorded

Office opened in 1840



1852 Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to New Orleans

The Blackwater River feeds into Pensacola Bay

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY

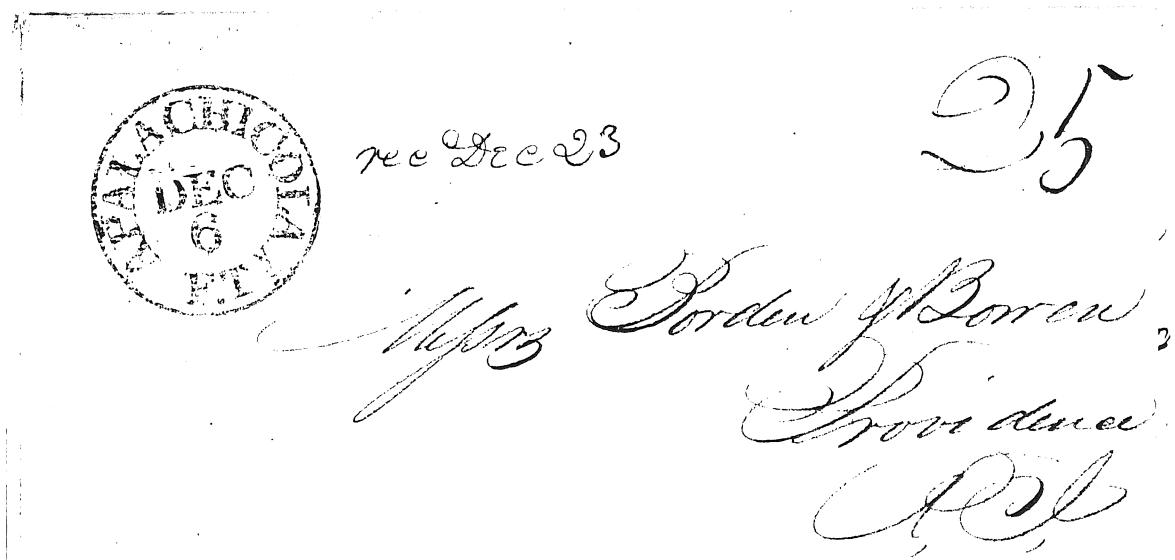
Postmark design used 1830-51



Black, red, and blue colors recorded

Unusual Territorial postmark used for  
21 years

Office opened in 1829



1835 Cover: Unpaid 25 rate to Rhode Island (over 400 miles)

Note 17 days required for delivery

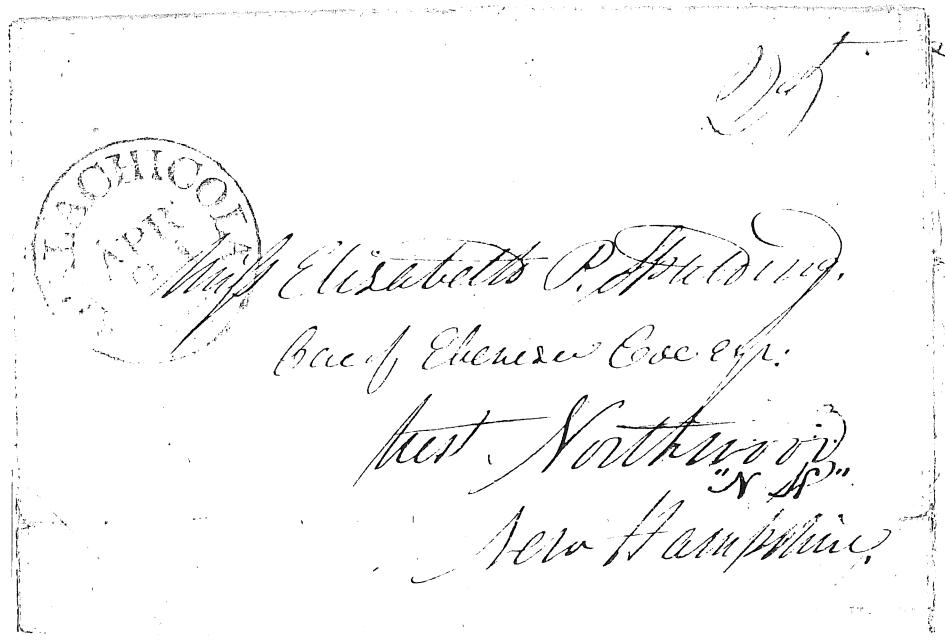
Apalachicola used the greatest variety of postal markings in all  
of Florida during the stampless period

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY



1839 Cover: Unpaid 25 cent rate to New Hampshire

East Pass dateline (across Apalachicola Bay)

Note change from black to red

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Mr  
Nathaniel Coggeshall  
Bristol  
R. I.

Paid  
Box 14

PAID

PAID

W. S. D. Harris  
37 Water St  
New York

For  
Mrs. S. H. H.

1843 Cover: Unpaid 25 rate to Rhode Island

Rate handstamp has been acquired

1845 Cover: Paid 25 rate to New York

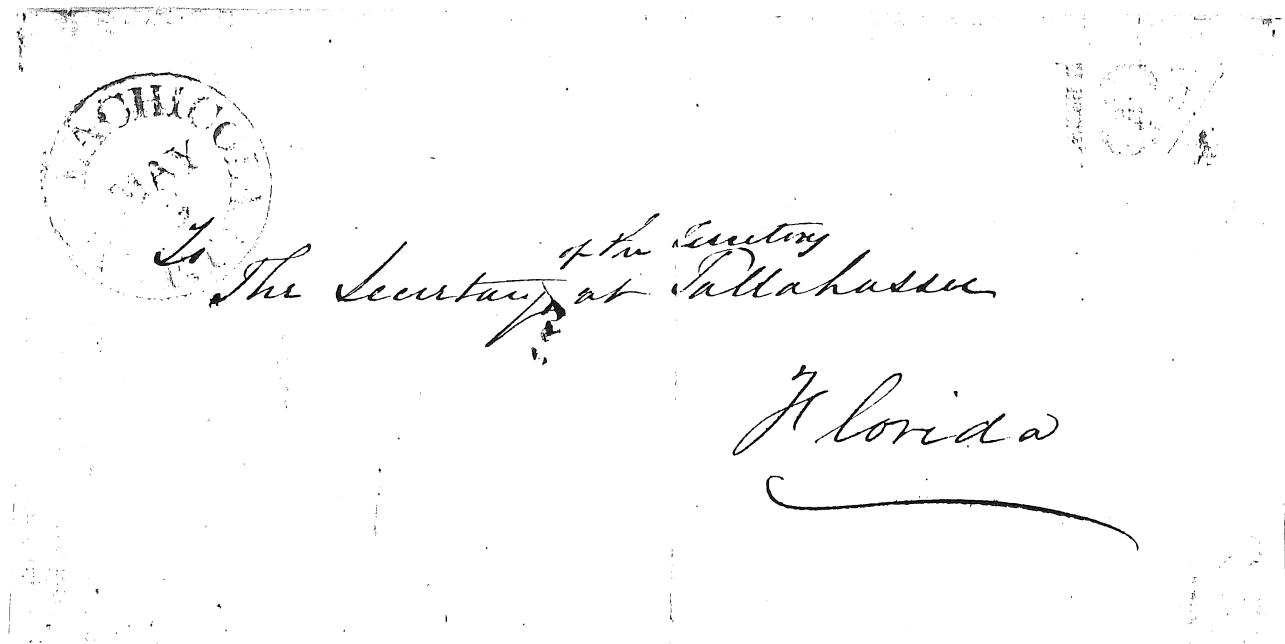
Handstamped PAID used

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY



1845 Cover: Unpaid 18 3/4 rate to Tallahassee

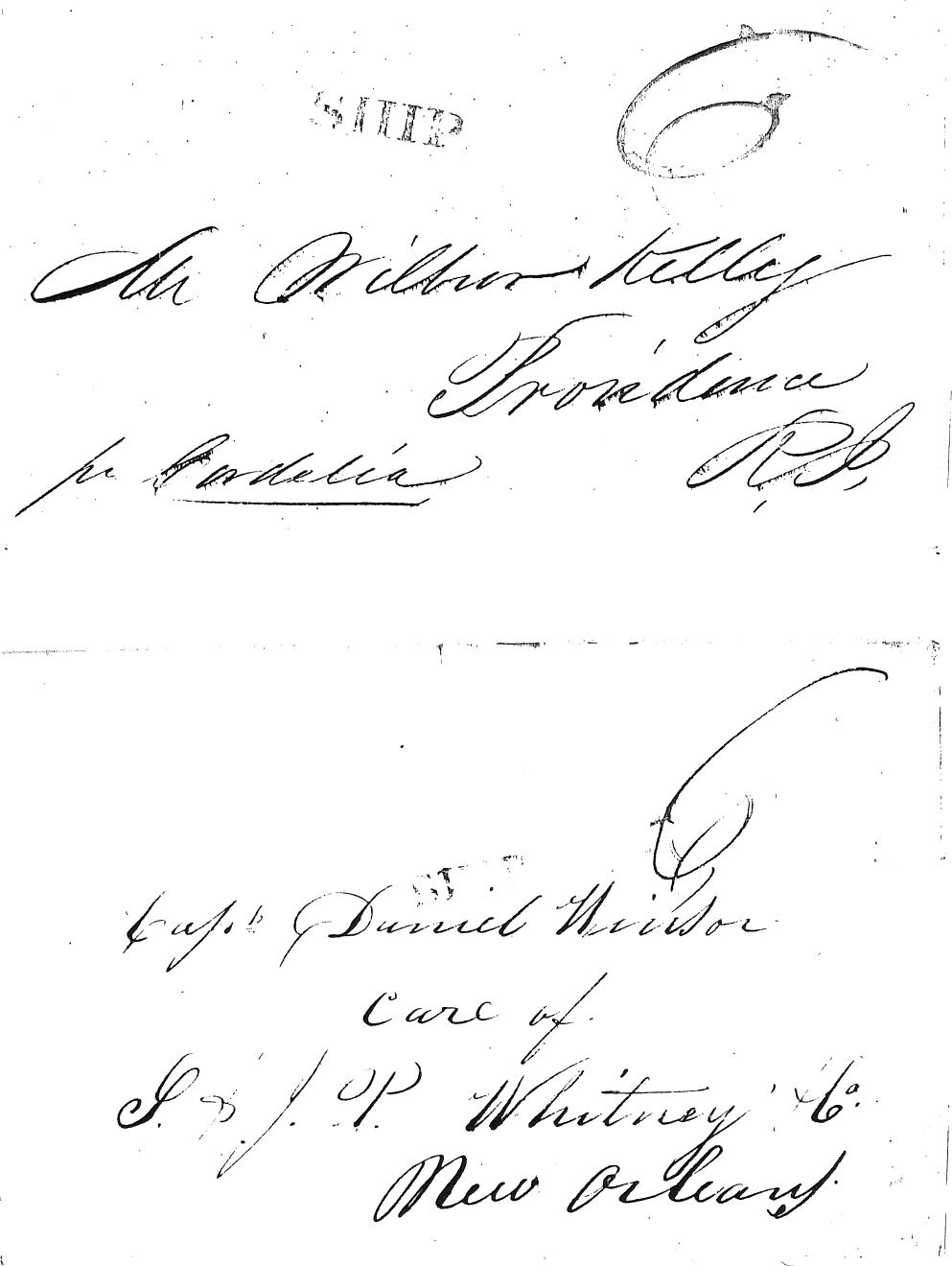
Very unusual rate handstamp, not seen on any  
other Florida covers

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY



1840 Cover: Apalachicola dateline letter carried by non-contract  
ship to Rhode Island

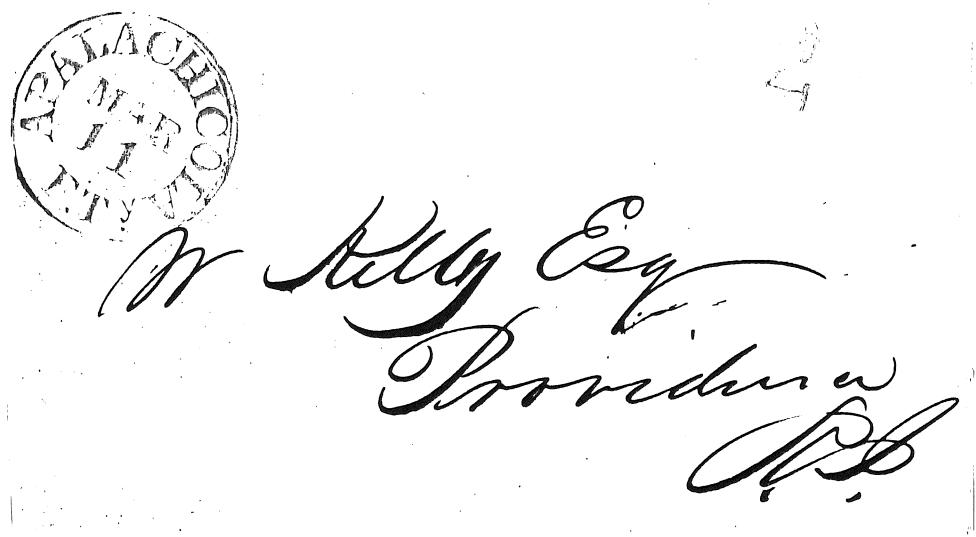
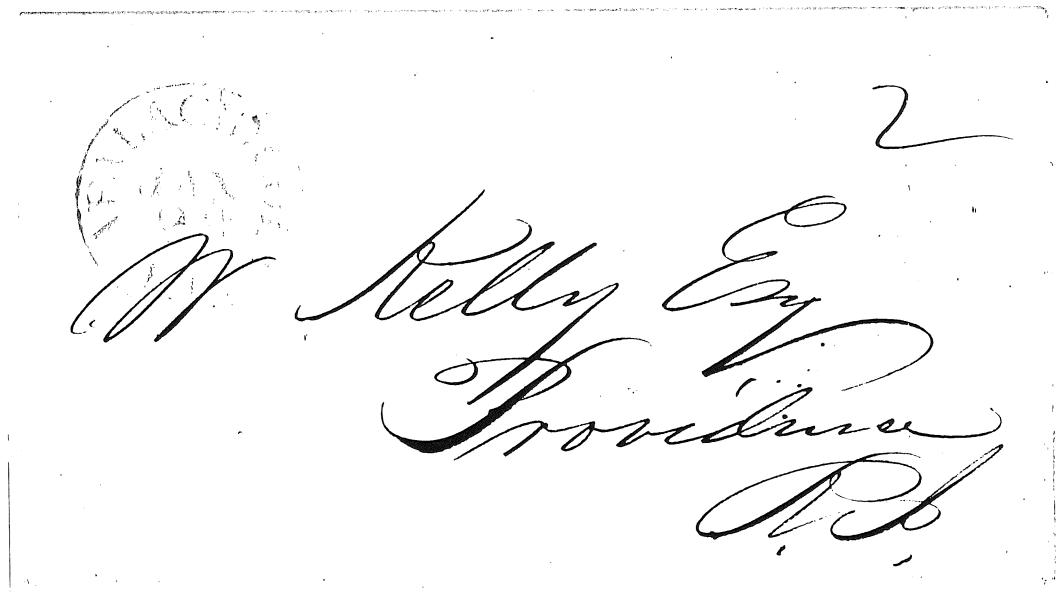
1844 Cover: Same except carried to New Orleans

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY



1846 Cover: "Prices Current" sent at the short-lived 2 cent rate

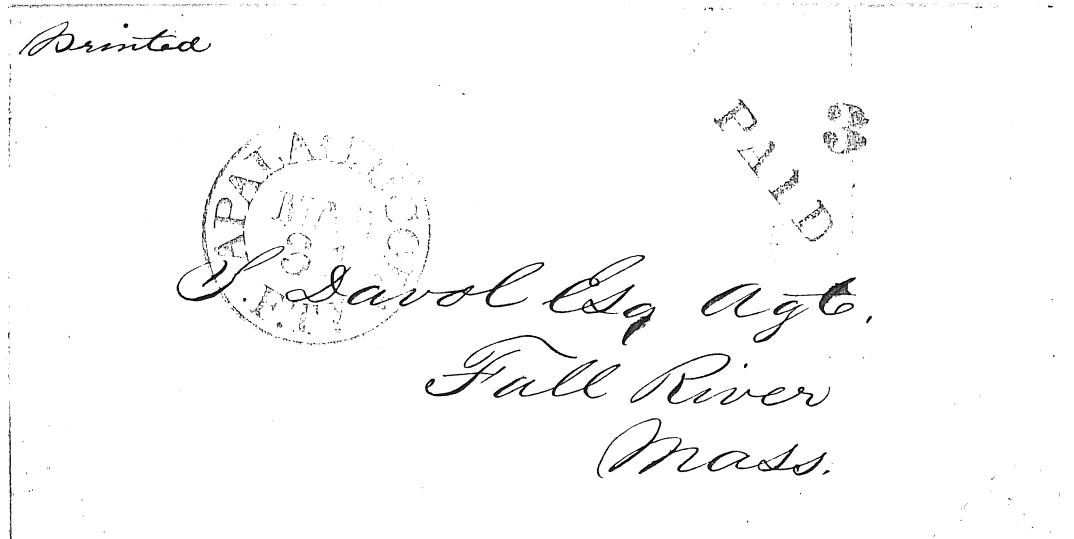
1846 Cover: Same except a "2" handstamp has been acquired

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY



1851 Cover: "Prices Current" sent paid at the 3 cent rate  
effective in 1847

Note the word "Printed" to alert the Postmaster  
that the letter rate did not apply

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

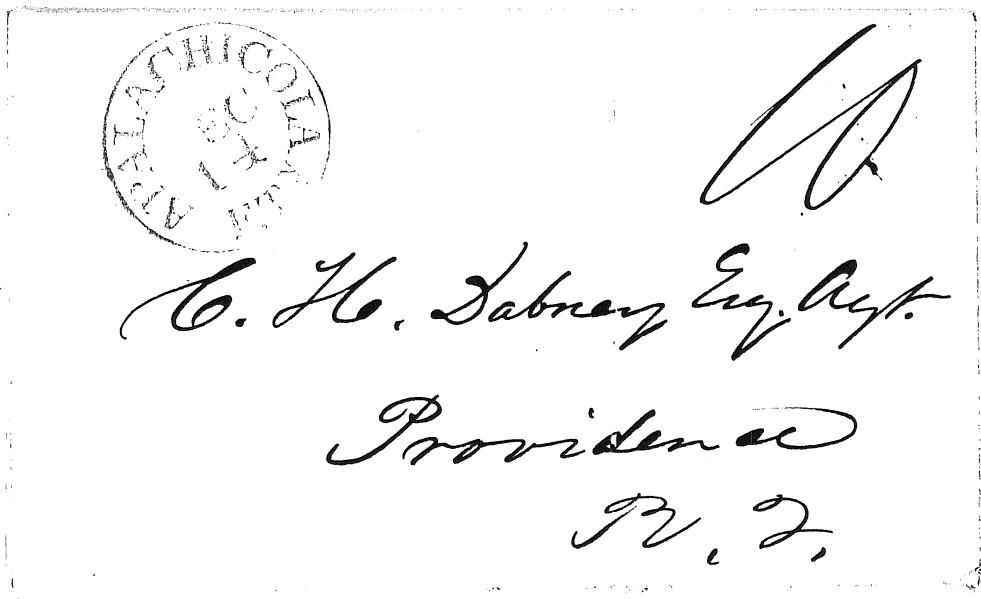
APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY



Conrad Baker Esq  
Chattahoochee  
Fla



1845 Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to Chattahoochee (under 300 miles)

1845 Cover: Unpaid 10 rate to Rhode Island (over 300 miles)

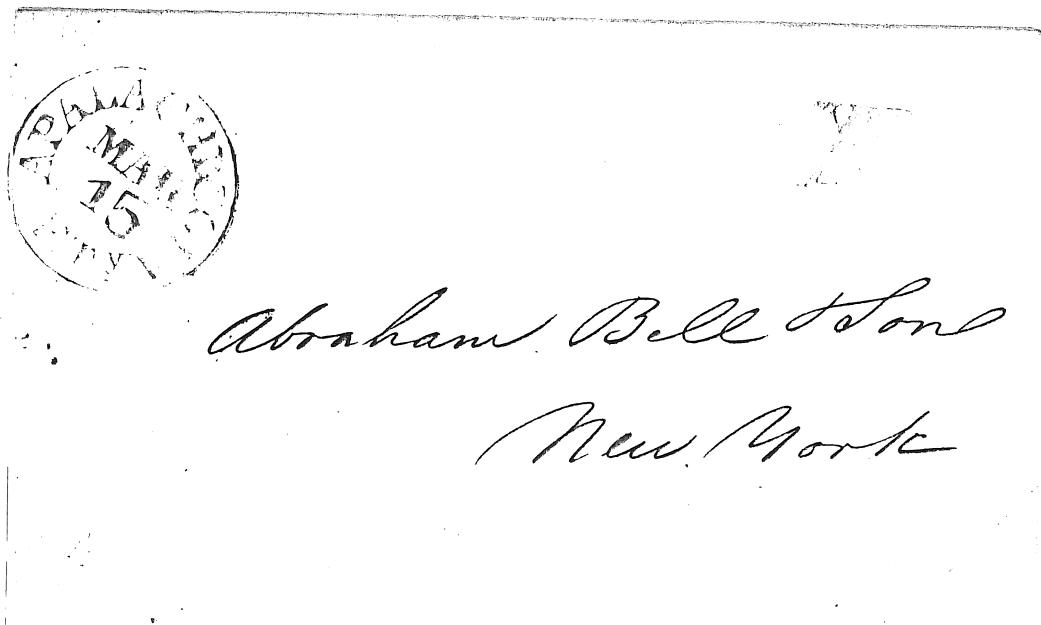
New rates effective July 1, 1845, caught the Postmaster without handstamps for "5" and "10"

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY



1846 Cover: Unpaid 10 rate to New York

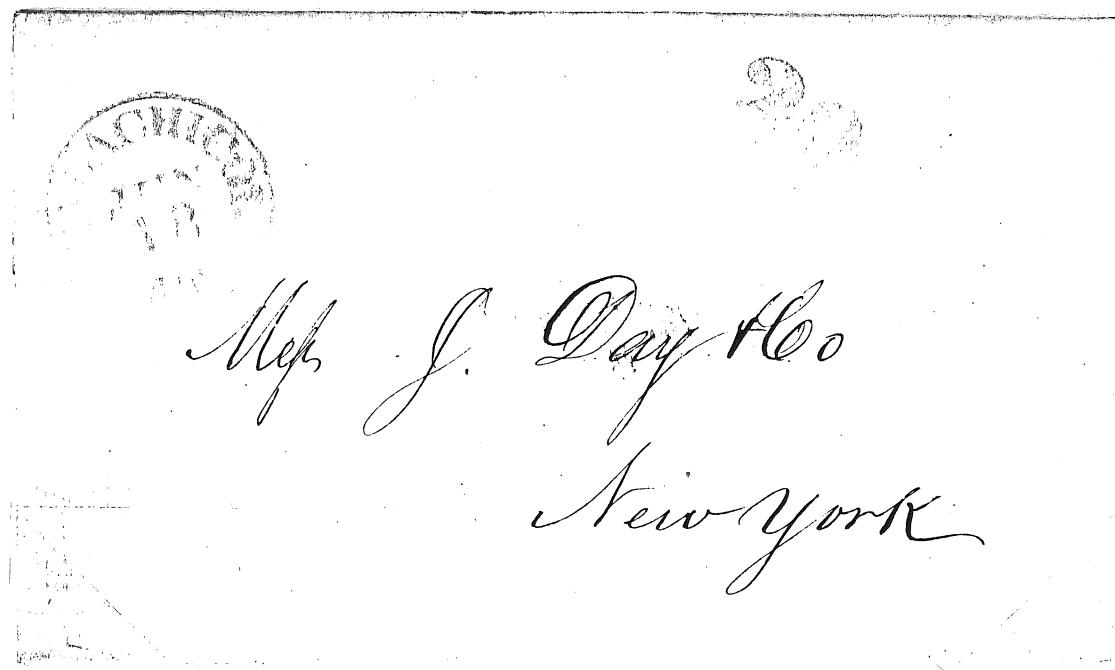
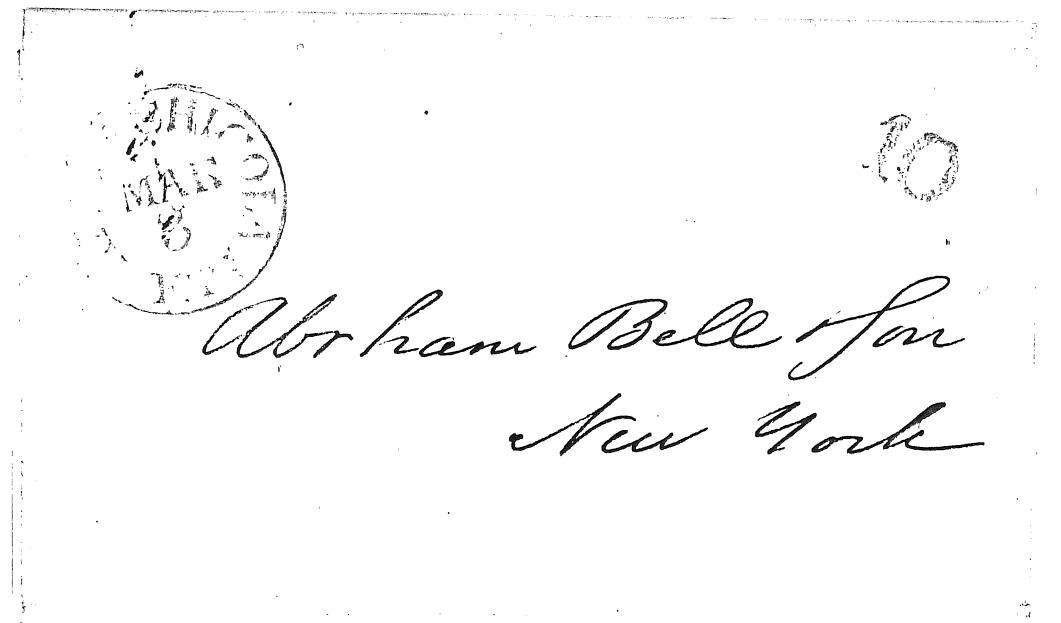
The Roman numeral "X" was the first handstamp that Apalachicola acquired for the 10 cent rate, but it was used only for a little over a year

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY



1848 Cover: Unpaid 10 rate to New York with new handstamp

1850 Cover: Unpaid 20 double rate to New York

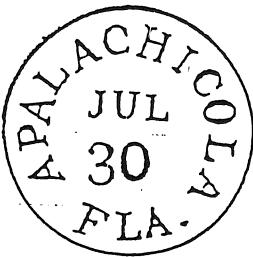
An unusual rate handstamp for a small town  
Postmaster to procure

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY



Postmark design used 1851-55

Red and black colors recorded

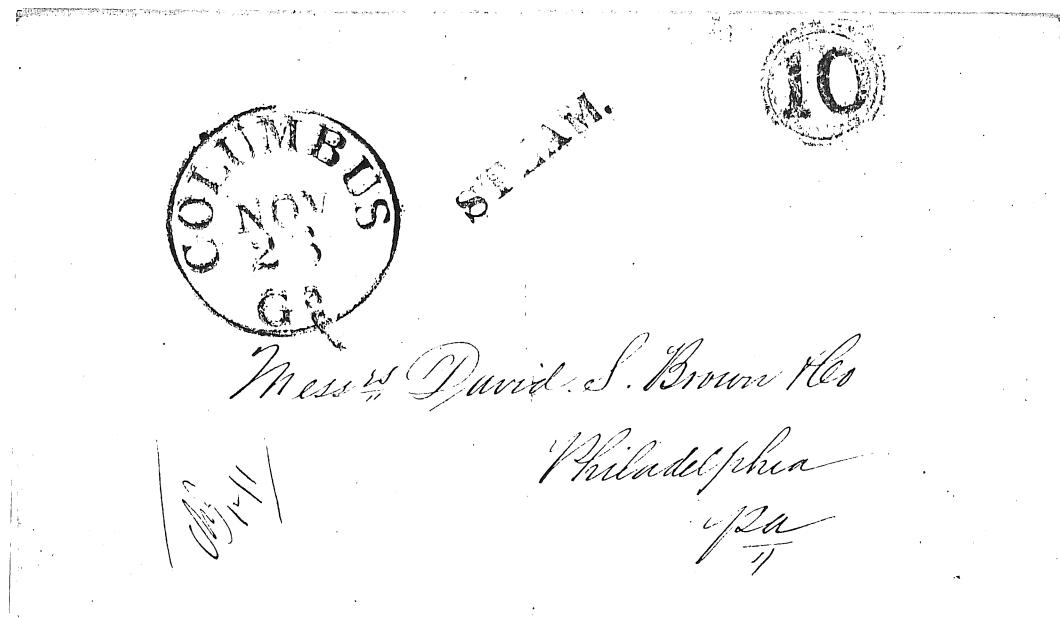
After more than six years as a State,  
the Territorial postmark was replaced

Mrs. J. Day & Co  
New York,

1851 Cover: Unpaid 5 cent rate to New York, per the new 1851  
rate structure

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

APALACHICOLA  
FRANKLIN COUNTY



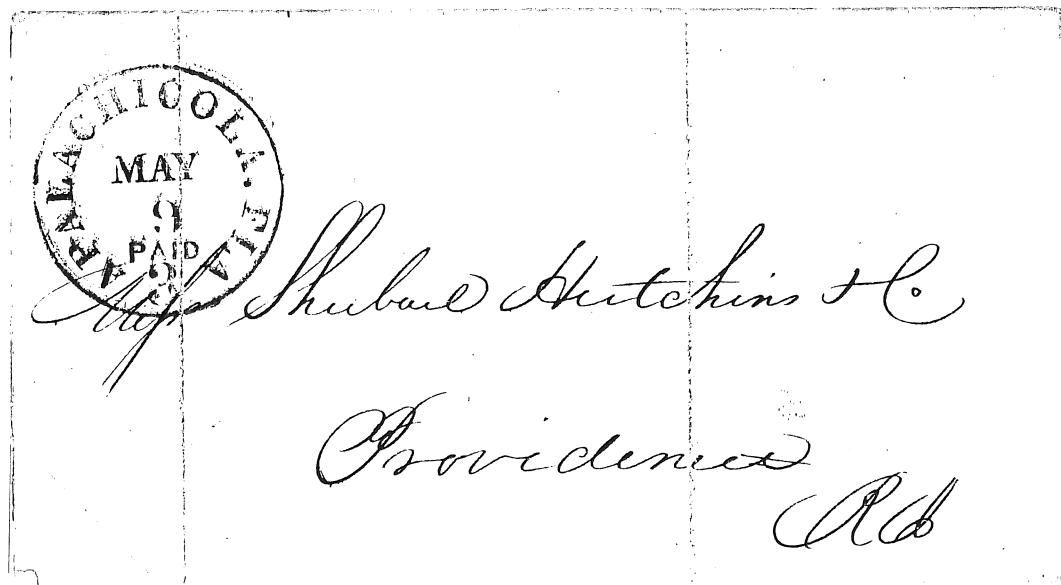
1849 Cover: Apalachicola dateline letter carried by steamboat upriver to Columbus, where it entered the mail

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY  
PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

APALACHICOLA  
FRANKLIN COUNTY



Postmark design used 1852-55  
Blue and red colors recorded  
New postmark for the 1851 rates



1853 Cover: Paid 3 rate to Rhode Island

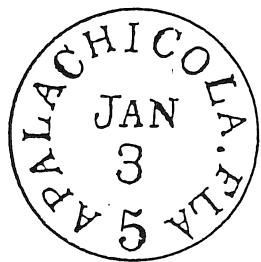
First time the Apalachicola Postmaster didn't have  
to use a separate rate marking

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

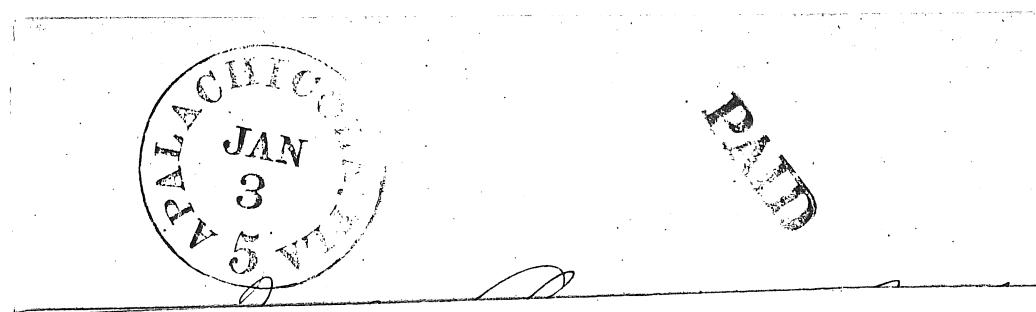
FRANKLIN COUNTY



Postmark design used 1853-55

Blue only color recorded

The other new postmark for the  
1851 rates



*Chas. Goddard Brothers  
Providence R. I.*

1853 Cover: Although the postmark used indicated 5 cents due,  
the "PAID" indicates 3 cents paid by sender

1853 Cover: The "PAID" is redundant on this cover

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

APALACHICOLA

FRANKLIN COUNTY



Mr. Brumham Carroll & Co

New Orleans



Mr. Goldard Brothers

Providence

1850's Cover: Paid 3 to New Orleans with a new rate stamp

1855 Cover: Paid 3 to Rhode Island

The Apalachicola Postmaster seems to have used the two postmarks indiscriminately on paid letters

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

APALACHICOLA

PRINCIPAL SEAPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY

William Dwight Esq  
Boston  
Mass

1857 Cover: "Prices current" sent "PAID" to Boston with no other markings

There was no requirement for town and date postmarks on printed circulars

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ADAMSVILLE

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

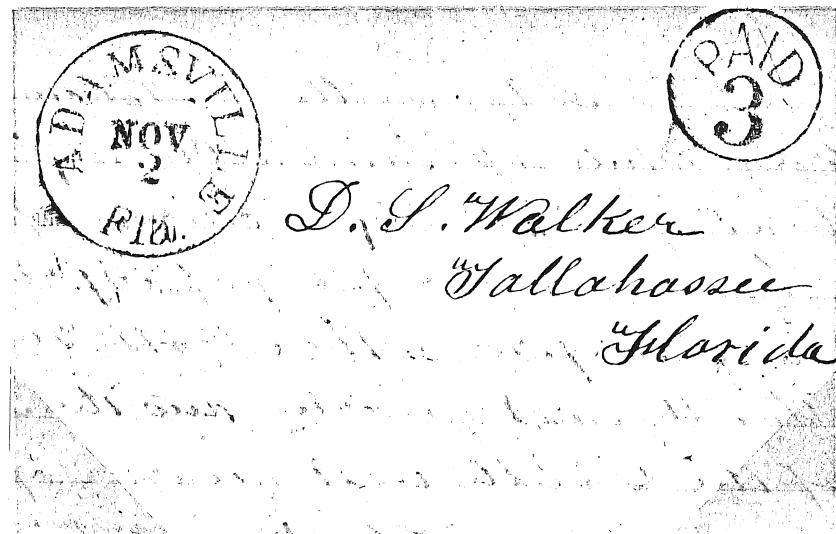
LAKE COUNTY



Postmark design used 1855 only

Black only color recorded

Office opened in 1845 as Okahumpka, changed to Adamsville in 1852, and then back to Okahumpka in 1875



1855 Cover: Paid 3 to Tallahassee

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

ALLIGATOR

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

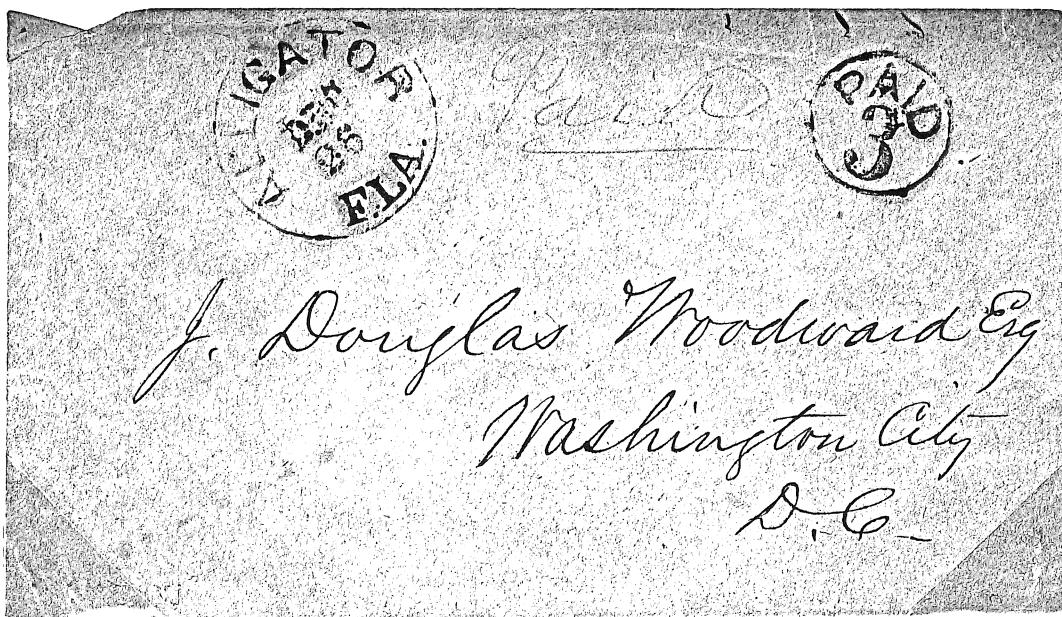
COLUMBIA COUNTY



Postmark design used 1852 only

Black only color recorded

Office opened in 1830, changed to  
Lake City in 1859



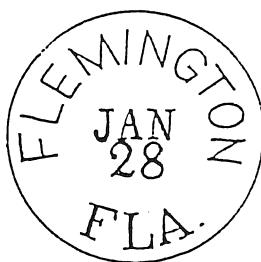
1850's Cover: Paid 3 to Washington

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

FLEMINGTON

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

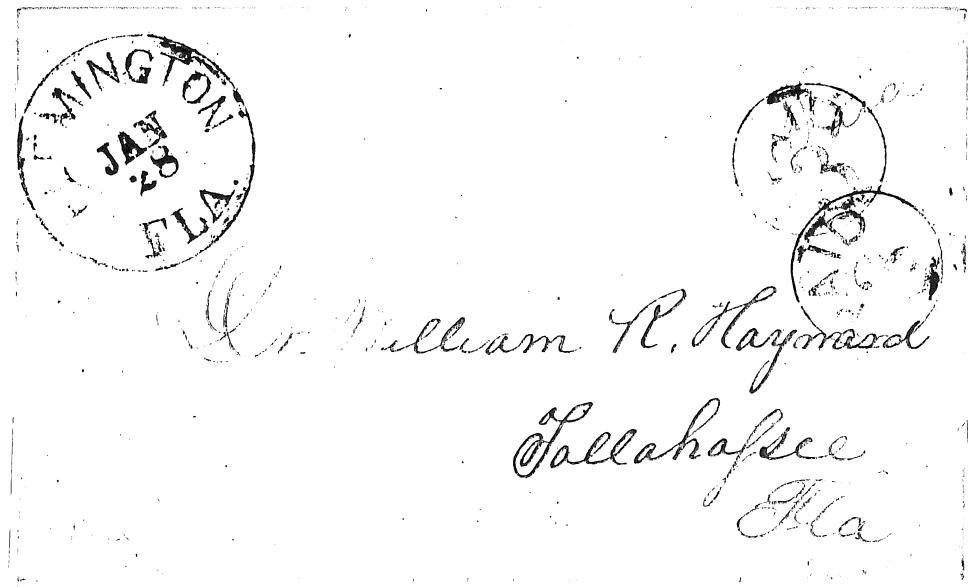
MARION COUNTY



Postmark design used 1851-53

Black only color recorded

Office opened 1847, closed 1910



1853 Cover: Paid 3 to Tallahassee

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

JASPER

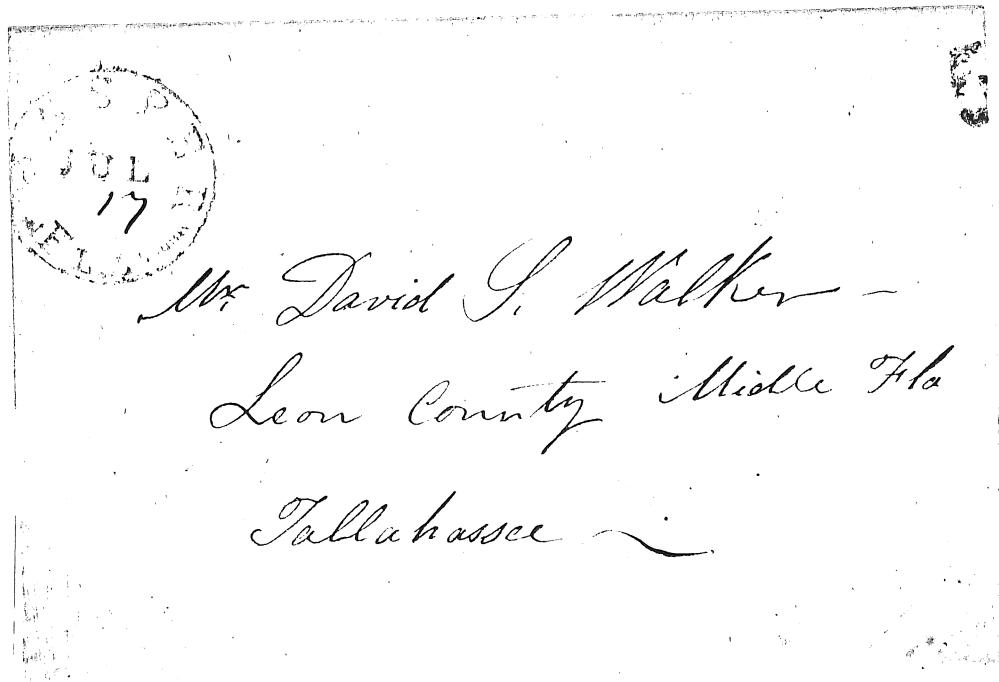
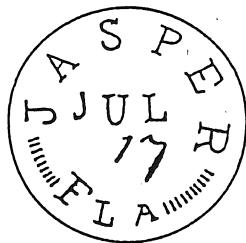
AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

HAMILTON COUNTY

Postmark design used 1850-52

Red only color recorded

Office opened 1840 as Pulaski, changed  
to Jasper in 1841



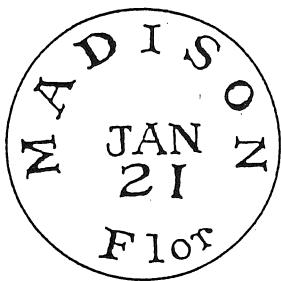
1850's Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to Tallahassee, still addressed as  
Middle Florida years after Statehood

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

MADISON

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

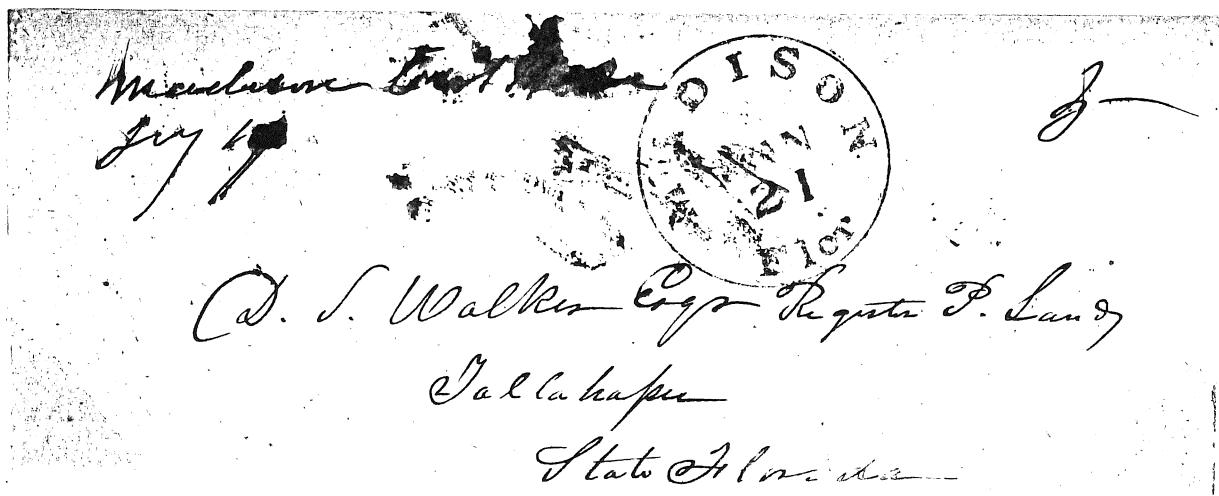
MADISON COUNTY



Postmark design used 1849-53

Black and red colors recorded

Office opened in 1839



1851 Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to Tallahassee

Note manuscript postmark is also present

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

WANTON'S

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

ALACHUA COUNTY

WANTON'S FLO  
FEBRY 20

Postmark design used 1828 only

Red only color recorded

Office opened in 1826 as Wanton's,  
changed to Micanopy in 1834.

On Service

Wanton's FLO  
FEBRY 20

312.3.6

Col. R. Jones  
Adjutant General  
U. S. Army  
Washington D.C.

1828 Cover: Military letter sent free to Washington

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

WANTON P. O.

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

ALACHUA COUNTY

Postmark design used 1832 only

WANTON P. O.

Black only color recorded

E FLO May 60

WANTON P. O.  
E FLO May 60

1832

To his Excellency the  
Governor of Florida

Tallahassee

1832 Cover: Unpaid 18 3/4 rate to Tallahassee (150-400 miles)

Interesting spelling for the State Capital

Site is east of the Suwannee River and therefore "E FLO" even though it is in the middle of the peninsula

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

MICANOPY

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

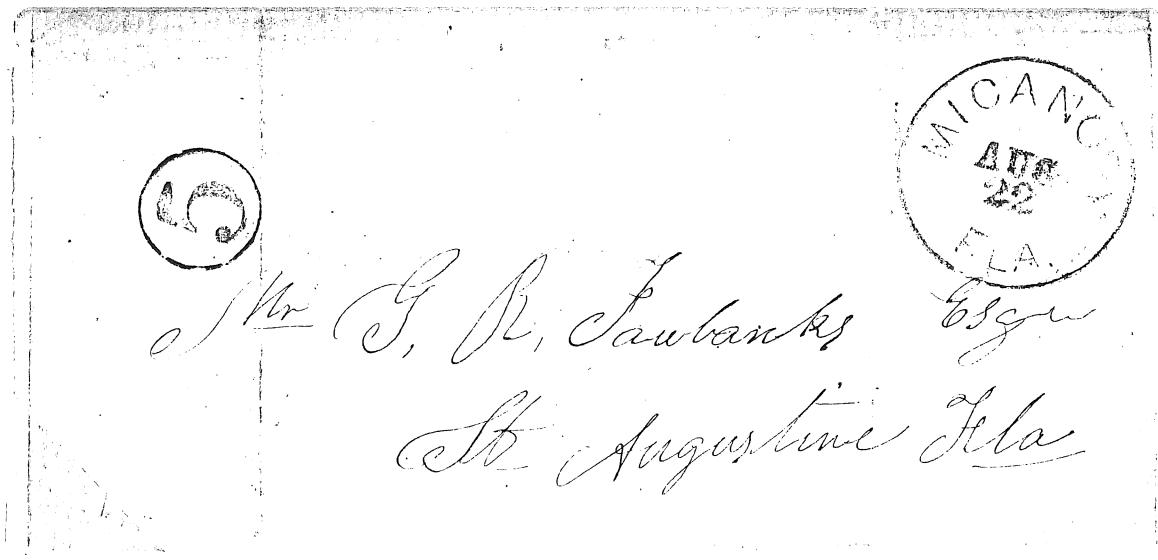
ALACHUA COUNTY



Postmark design used 1852-55

Black only color recorded

Wanton's changed to Micanopy in 1834



1854 Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to St. Augustine

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

QUINCY

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

GADSDEN COUNTY

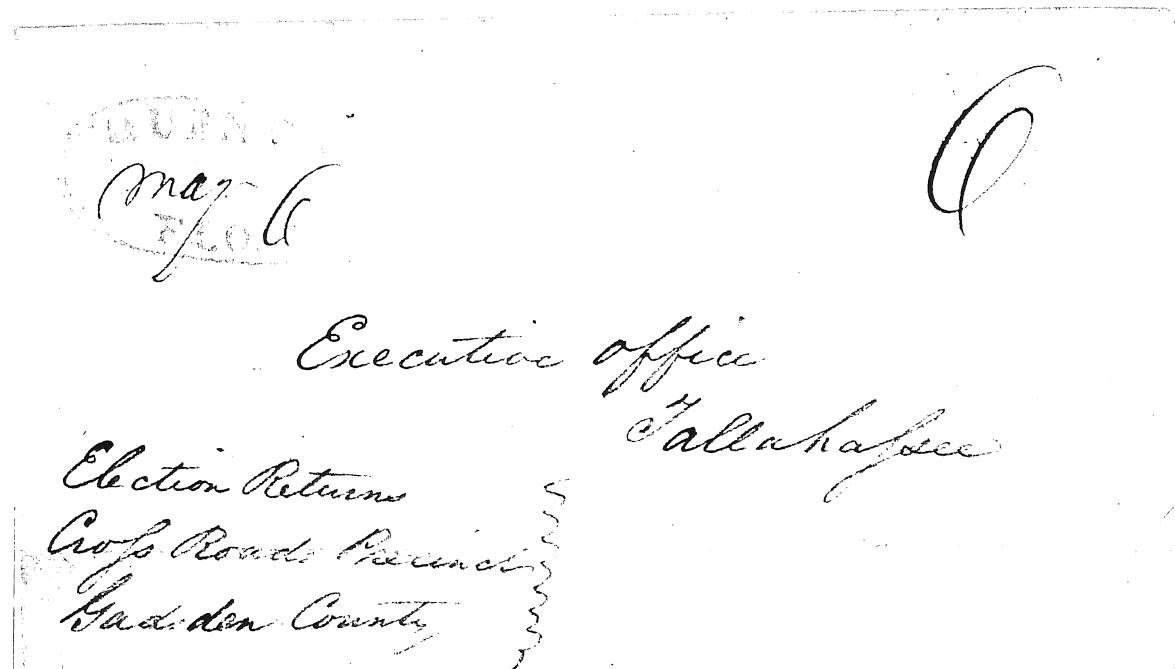


Postmark design used 1834-37

Red only color recorded

One of few Florida ovals

Office opened in 1825



1834 Cover: Unpaid 6 rate to Tallahassee (under 30 miles)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

QUINCY

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

GADSDEN COUNTY

To *Dec 19* *6 1/4*  
*Wardock Rehtrree*  
Mail *Chattahoochee*  
*Dec 19. 1836* *Florida*

1836 Cover: Unpaid "unofficial" 6 1/4 rate to Chattahoochee  
(under 30 miles)

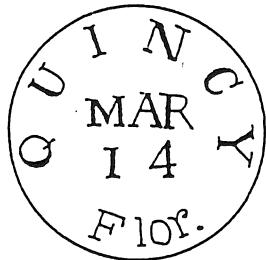
Compare to previous cover with correct rate

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

QUINCY

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

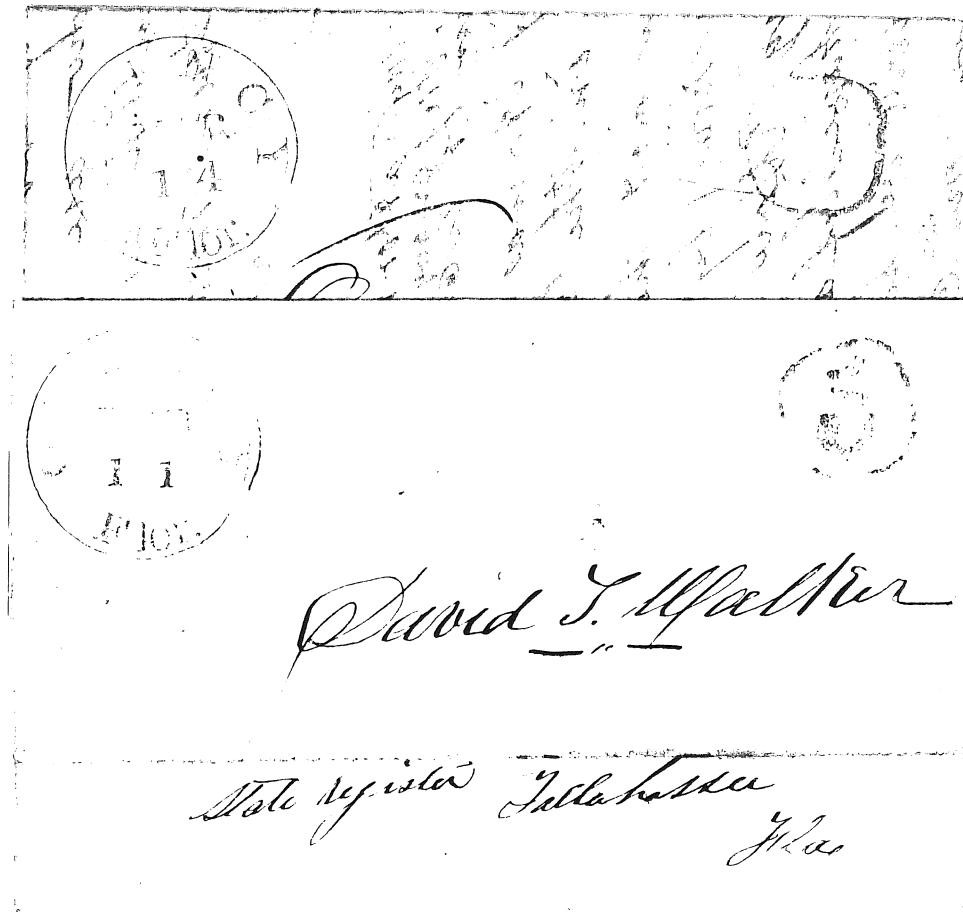
GADSDEN COUNTY



Postmark design used 1839-53

Red only color recorded

Quincy used an unusual variety of rate marks: see next four covers



1849 Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to Georgia

Rate in square with rounded corners

1851 Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to Tallahassee

Rate in broken circle

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

QUINCY

AGRICULTURAL TOWN

GADSDEN COUNTY

C. H. Dabney Esq  
Providence  
R. I.

C: to B. - Nov 11

Wm. G. Day & Co  
Newport



1849 Cover: Unpaid 10 rate to Rhode Island

Rate in octagon

1852 Cover: Paid 3 to New York

Rate in circle

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

MONTICELLO

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

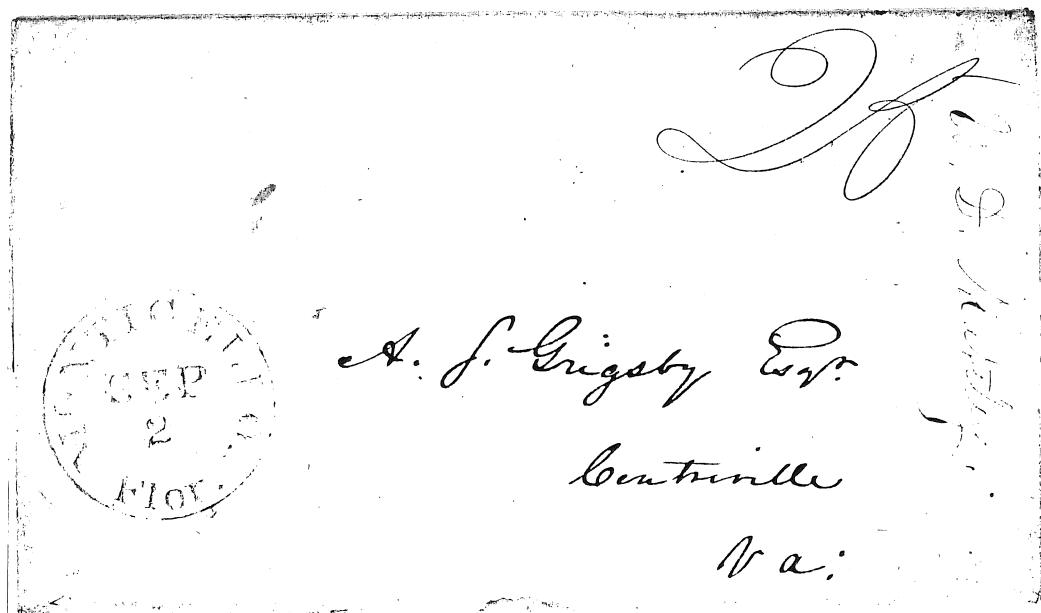


Postmark design used 1842-51

Red, blue, and Green colors recorded

30 mm circle

Office opened in 1827



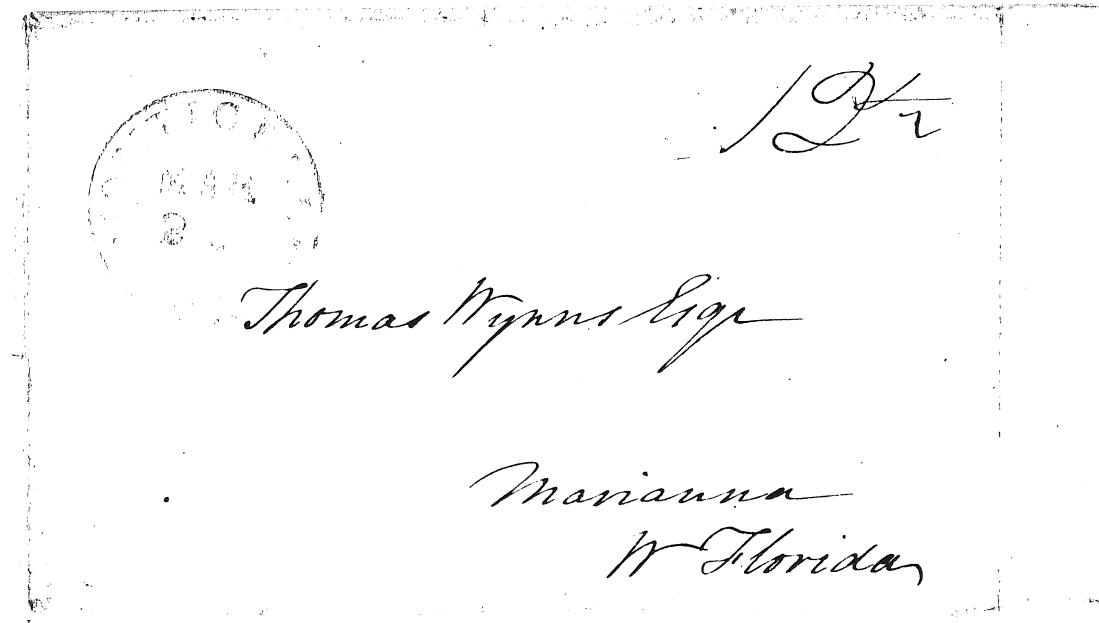
1843 Cover: Unpaid 25 rate to Virginia

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

MONTICELLO

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

JEFFERSON COUNTY



FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

MONTICELLO

AGRICULTURAL TOWNS

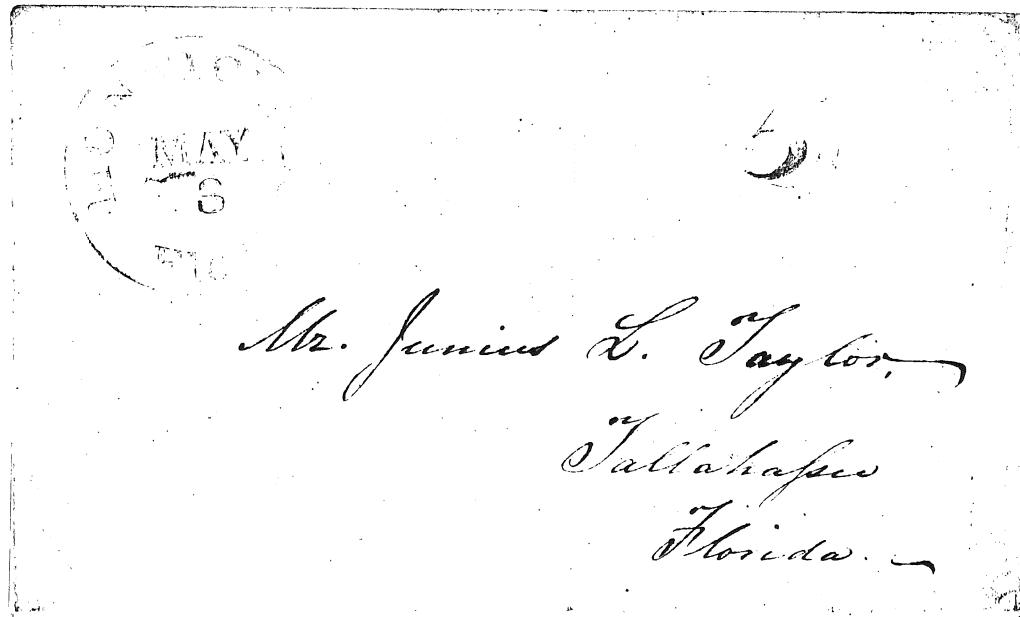
JEFFERSON COUNTY



Postmark design used 1846-51

Black, red, and blue colors recorded

33 mm circle



1840's Cover: Unpaid 5 rate to Tallahassee

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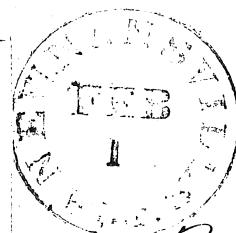
NEWNANSVILLE  
ALACHUA COUNTY



Postmark design used 1842-53

Black and red colors recorded

Office opened in 1826 as Dell's,  
changed to Newnansville in 1837,  
closed in 1895



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Brigadier General R. Jones,  
Adjutant General U.S. Army,  
Washington City.  
D.B.

1847 Cover: Unpaid 10 rate to Washington

The railroad was built through nearby Gainesville and  
Newnansville gradually lost importance