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1861 - 1865

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

The following pages show:

- I. Independent statehood, with first and last day covers.
- II. Confederate usage of United States stamps, postal stationery and handstamped paid.
- III. Transition period, including "Southn. Letter Unpaid" to France.
- IV. Express mail, including earliest Confederate usage, and express and postal service combinations.
- V. Handstamped paids, including four which are the only recorded examples, one on valentine cover.
- VI. Soldiers' due letters.

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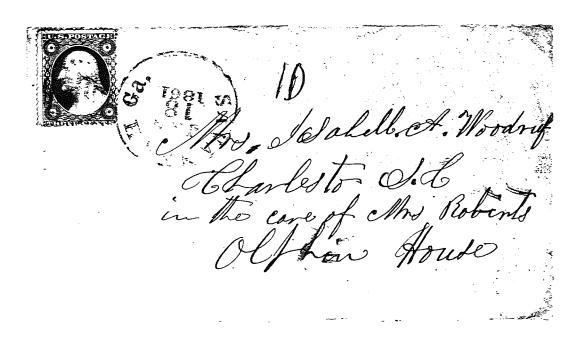
- VII. Postmasters' provisional envelopes and stamps on cover, including two 2¢ values and a newly discovered blockade run cover via Memphis, Tenn.
- VIII. General issues, unused and used, including an unused "frame line" with sheet margin and original gum.
 - IX. General issues on cover, including a $10\,e$ rose with imprint and $2\,e$ brown-red strip of five on semi-official cover.
 - X. Other usages, such as blockade, Trans-Mississippi Express, and a Mexico to Confederate Texas cover with postal markings of both countries.
 - XI. Prisoner-of-war and flag-of-truce covers, including the only recorded cover from Ft. Columbus Prison, N. Y. and a valentine cover to a prisoner-of-war.

1861

INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD. FIRST DAY COVERS.



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



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

1861

ARKANSAS INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD. FIRST DAY COVER.



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

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

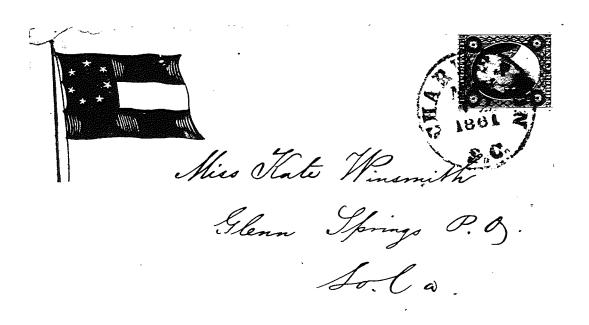
U. S. $3\,\text{¢}$ Star Die envelopes were issued in August 1860. They were demonetized in the South on June 1, 1861 and in the North before the end of 1861.

1861

CONFEDERATE USAGE OF U. S. STAMPS.



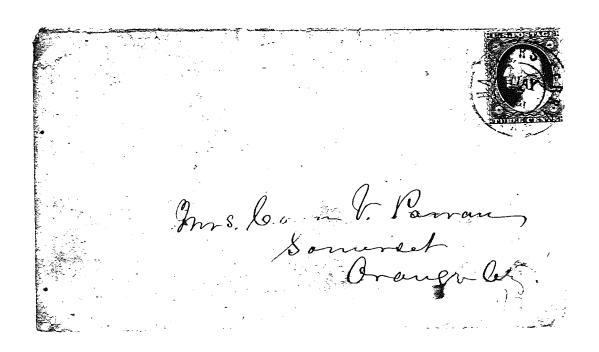
U. S. 3¢ stamp used at Charleston, S. C. on cover with a commission merchant's corner card.



U. S. $3 \not\in$ stamp used at Charleston, S. C. on patriotic cover illustrating the first Confederate flag design.

May 7, 1861

FIRST DAY OF VIRGINIA AS A CONFEDERATE STATE



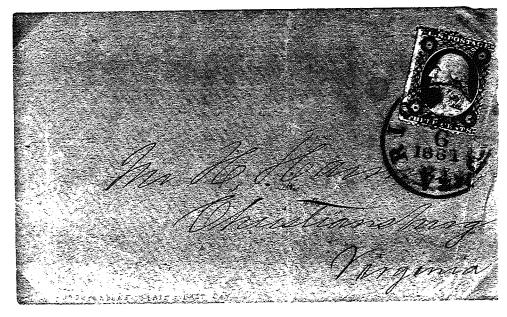
The cover was mailed at Harper's Ferry, Jefferson County, Virginia on the day that Virginia Joined the Confederacy.

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

INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD. LAST DAY COVERS.



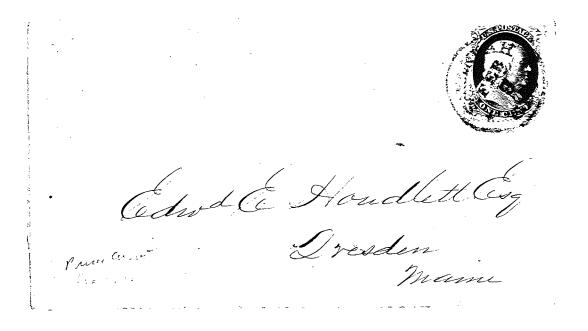
February 3, 1861. Postmarked at Holly Springs, Independent State of Mississippi, on the day before Mississippi joined the Confederate States.



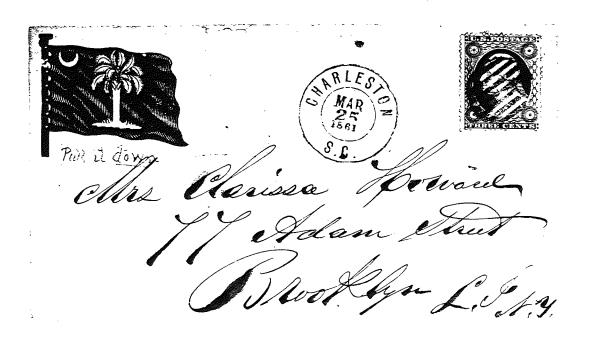
May 6, 1861. Postmarked at Richmond, Independent State of Virginia, on the day before Virginia joined the Confederate States.

1861

CONFEDERATE USAGE OF UNITED STATES STAMPS



Printed prices current dated Feb. 8, 1861 from Savannah, Ga.



Charleston, S. C. to the North. Palmetto State flag design.

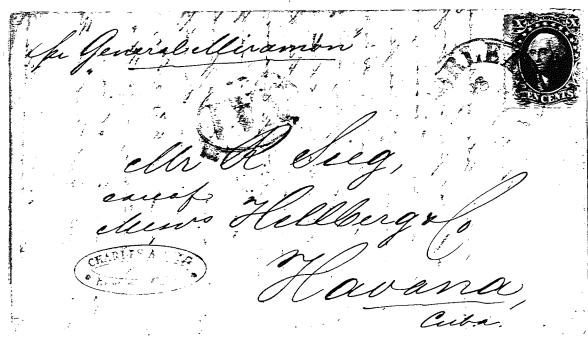
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CONFEDERATE USAGE OF UNITED STATES STAMPS



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

Backstamps



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

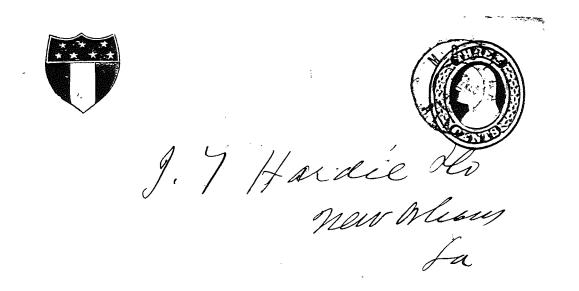
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CONFEDERATE USAGE OF U.S. 30¢ STAMP

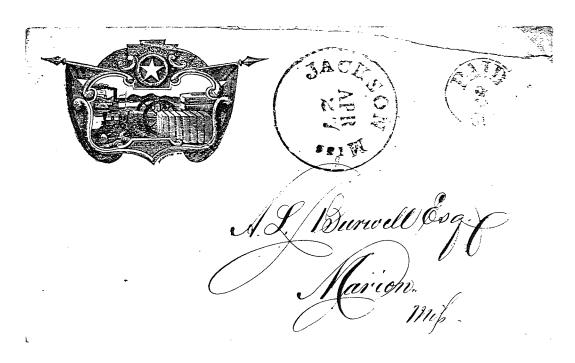


The $30\,c$ stamp paid double rate on March 16, 1861 from New Orleans, La. to France. The cover was carried by British packet with direct service from Boston to Calais, France.

CONFEDERATE USAGE. PATRIOTIC DESIGNS.



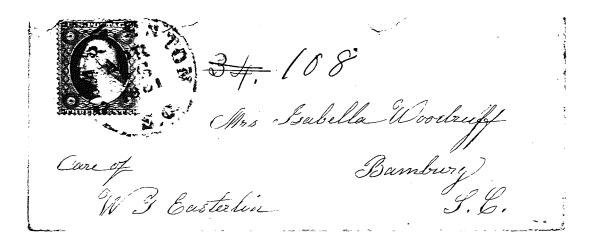
U. S. $3 \not e$ envelope postmarked at Mobile, Ala. and adorned with die-cut seal of patriotic shield design.



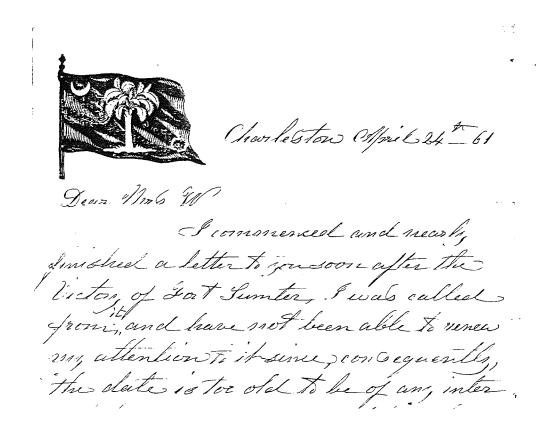
Handstamped "PAID / 3 / Cts." in circle at Jackson, Miss. on cover with Confederate State Seal design of Mississippi.

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CONFEDERATE USAGE OF UNITED STATES STAMP.



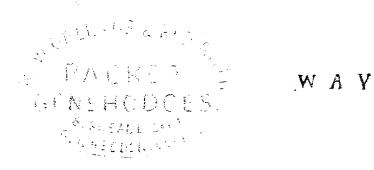
United States 3¢ stamp used in Charleston, S. C., April 26, 1861. South Carolina became a member of the Confederate States on February 4, 1861.



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

1861

PACKET BOAT COVER WITH "WAY" MARKING.





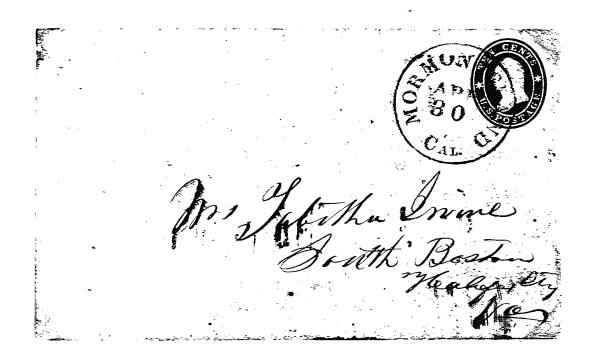
Packet "Gen'l Hodges" handstamp on Feb. 10, 1861 cover. "WAY" and New Orleans, La. town postmark applied on arrival, six days after Confederate statehood.

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

1861

CALIFORNIA TO VIRGINIA

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

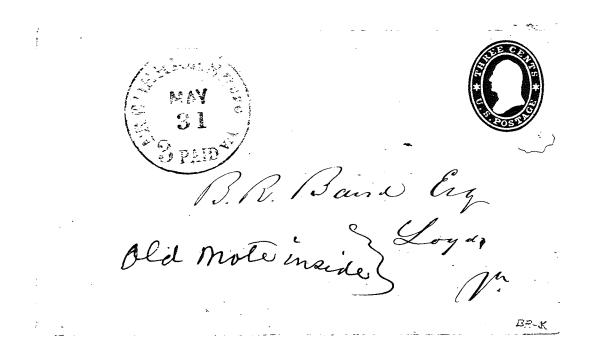


The $10\,c$ Star Die envelope was in use about one year before it was demonetized in the Fall of 1861.

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

1861

CONFEDERATE USAGE OF U. S. POSTAGE. LAST DAY.



May 31, 1861 usage from Fredericksburg, Va. on United States $3\,c$ Star Die envelope. The last day that U. S. postage could be used in the Confederate States.

Letter dated May 30, 1861 enclosed, with news of the War and of President Jefferson Davis.

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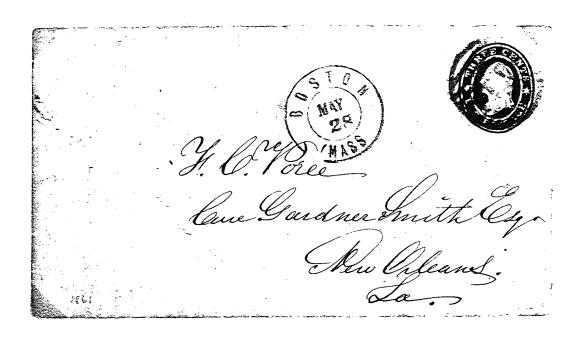
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May 28, 1861

ILLEGAL DELIVERY TO THE CONFEDERATE STATES



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

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

May - June, 1861

UNDELIVERED MAIL





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

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

1861

"SOUTHN. LETTER UNPAID" TO FRANCE

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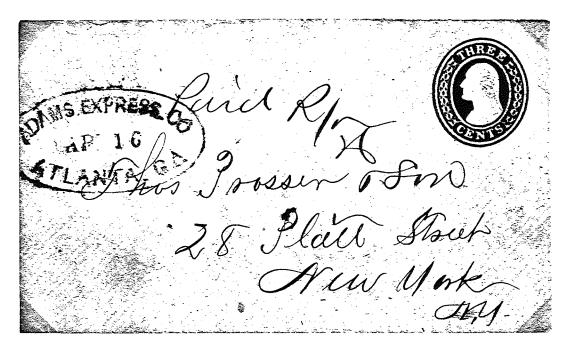


New Orleans, La. to Paris, France. Dated June 10 at New Orleans, with $15\,c$ in stamps for United States to France rate. U. S. stamps from the South were not accepted after June 1, so the cover was rated "Due 15" at Louisville, Ky. Carried unpaid by American packet, via England, to France as indicated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

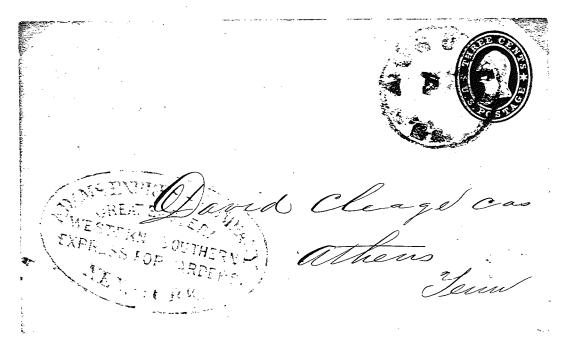
One other similar cover reported.

1861

EARLY ADAMS EXPRESS COVERS (Before June 1861)



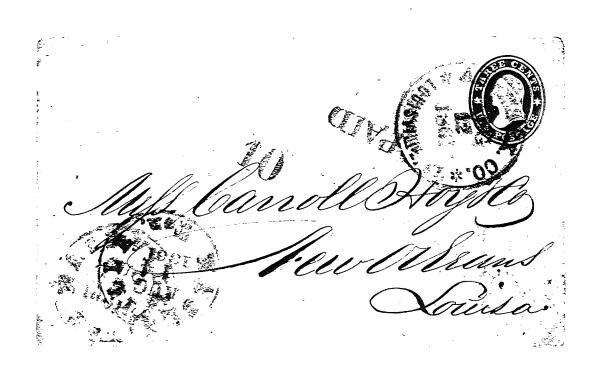
April 16, (1861). Earliest reported from Atlanta, Ga. Carried from Atlanta to New York City entirely by express.



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

1861

ACROSS THE LINES BY ADAMS EXPRESS

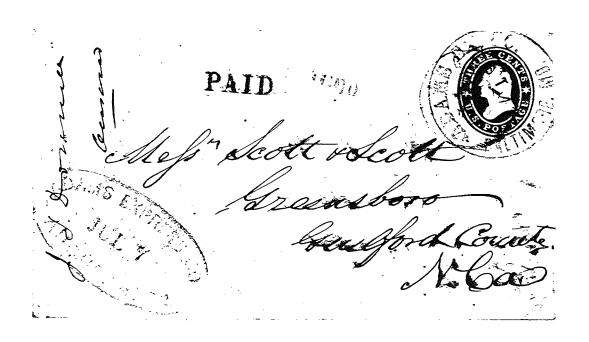


This cover was carried across the lines from Louisville, Ky. to Nashville, Tenn. by express. Adams Express mailed it at the Nashville post office, where it received the handstamped "PAID 10" and blue town postmark dated Aug. 14, 1861. It was postmarked again on Aug. 15, 1861 and traveled by regular mail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

Normal express route.

1861

ACROSS THE LINES BY ADAMS EXPRESS CO.

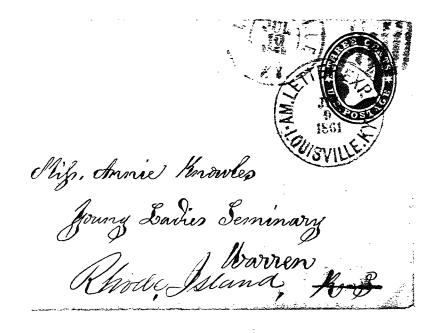


This cover was carried south from Adams Express Baltimore, Md. office (large circle) to its Augusta, Ga. office (blue oval). The following day it was mailed at the Augusta post office (small double-circle postmark and handstamped "PAID 10"). Then it traveled by regular mail to Greensboro, N. C.

Uncommon route.

1861

AMERICAN LETTER EXPRESS CO.

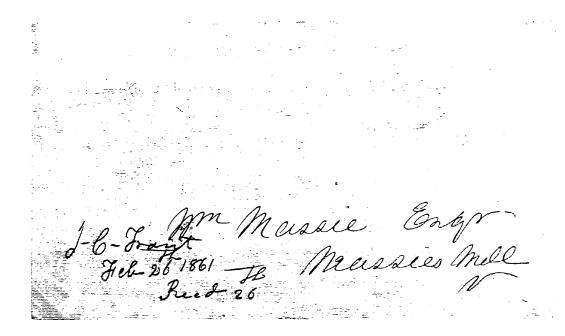


This cover was carried across the lines from the South by express and by regular United States mail beyond.

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

1861

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY - SOUTHERN EXPRESS

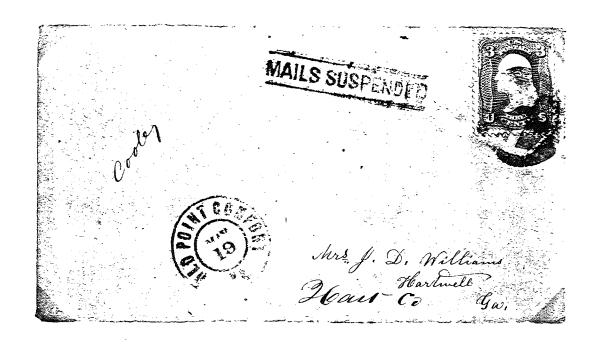


Soon after the first seven states seceded Adams Express Co. renamed its southern operation "Southern Express."

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

1862

MAILS SUSPENDED



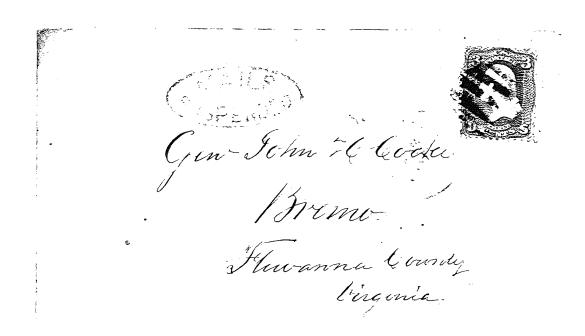
From Old Point Comfort, Va., addressed to Hartwell, Ga. Mailed May 19 and backstamped June 28, 1862 at Nashville, Ten.

1862 - 65

MAILS SUSPENDED



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



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

1861

SOUTHERN EXPRESS CO.



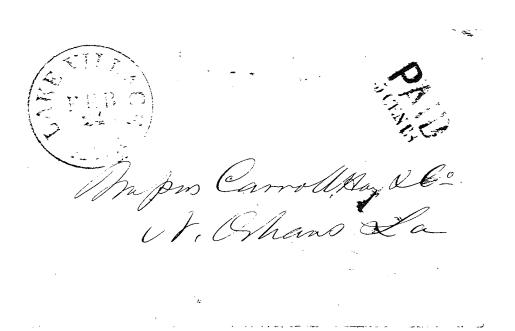
Circular date stamp of Southern Express Co. Raleigh, N. C. office on printed Adams Southern Express envelope.

This cover was carried only by express.

This is the only recorded example.

1862

LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS HANDSTAMPED PAID



Typeset handstamp.

1861

VIRGINIA HANDSTAMPED PAIDS



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



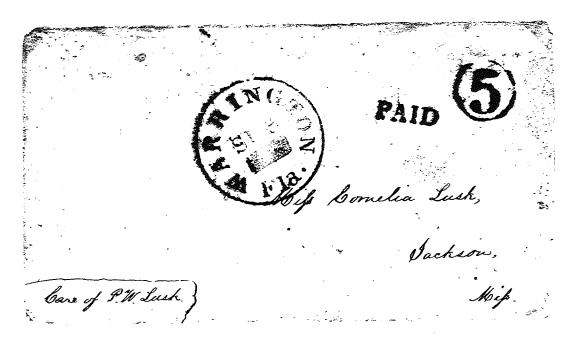
Randolph-Macon College, Va. postmark and unusual hand-stamped "PAID / 5 / C S A" on cover with blue embossed college inscription on back flap.

1861

FLORIDA HANDSTAMPED PAIDS

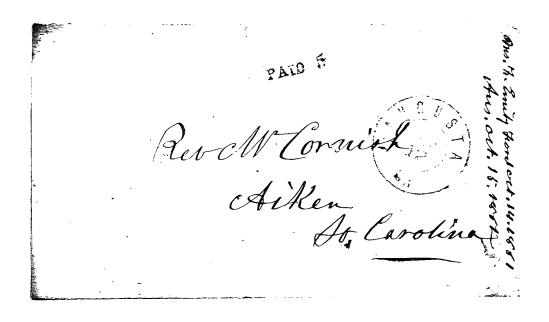


Pensacola, Fla. "PAID 5" to Moulton, Ala.



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

GEORGIA HANDSTAMPED PAIDS



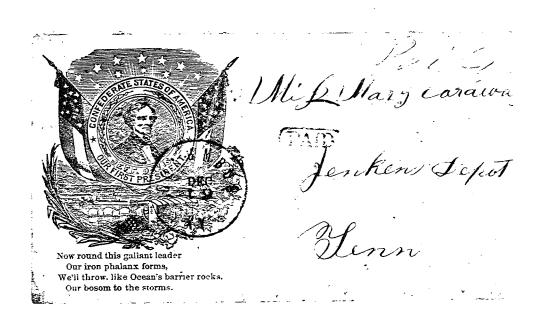
Augusta, Ga. typeset "PAID 5" on folded letter.



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

1861

COLUMBUS, KENTUCKY HANDSTAMPED PAID

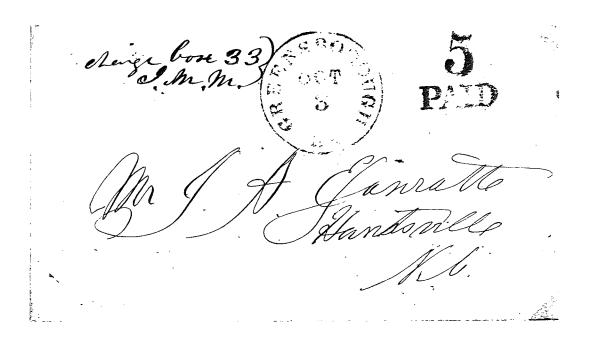


 $5\,\mathrm{c}$ rate in manuscript at upper right.

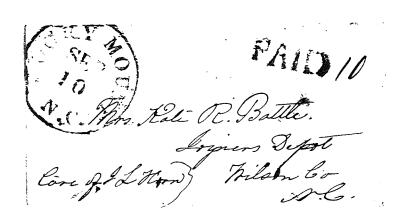
This cover represents Confederate occupation of Union territory when a small part of Kentucky was occupied from September 1861 to February 1862.

1861 - 1862

NORTH CAROLINA HANDSTAMPED PAIDS



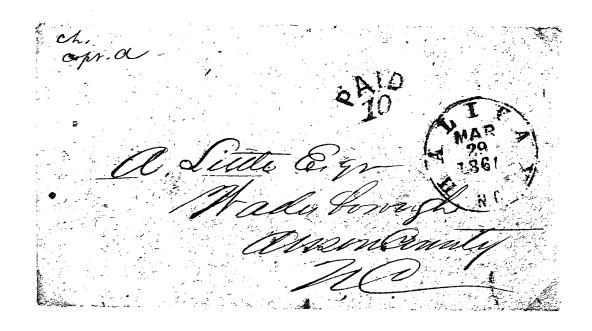
Greensborough, N. C. "5 PAID" to Huntsville, N. C. Oct. 3, (1861). $5\, \phi$ rate for under 500 miles.



Rocky Mount, N. C. "PAID 10" to Joyners Depot, N. C. Folded letter dated Sept. 8, 1862. 10 $\mbox{\it c}$ rate became effective July 1, 1862.

1861 - 62

NORTH CAROLINA PAIDS



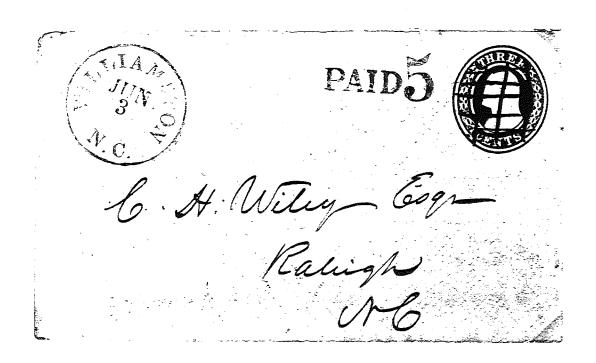
Halifax, N. C. handstamped "PAID / 10."



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

1861

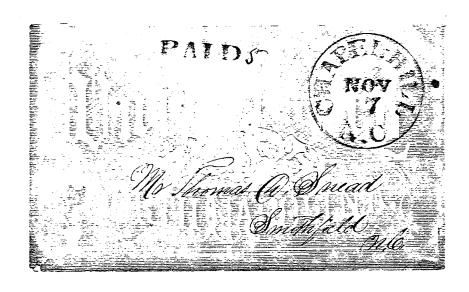
WILLIAMSTON, N. C. HANDSTAMPED PAID



"PAID 5" on invalidated United States $3 \not\in$ Nesbitt envelope. This is the only recorded cover.

1861

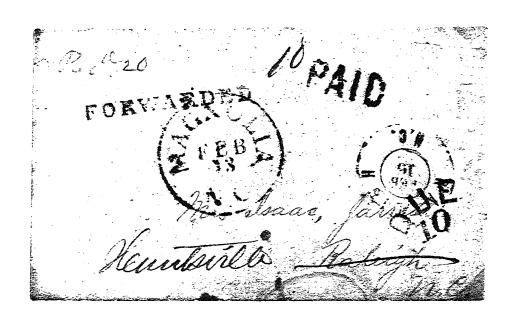
CHAPEL HILL, N. C. HANDSTAMPED PAID ON COLLEGE COVER



 $5\,\ensuremath{\rlap/ce}$ rate in manuscript. University of North Carolina overall design. Enclosure from a student at the university.

1863

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



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

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

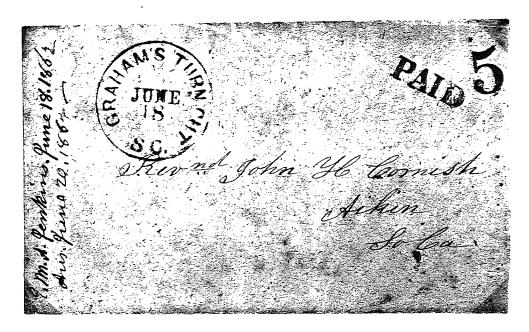
The valentine which was enclosed is on the following album page.



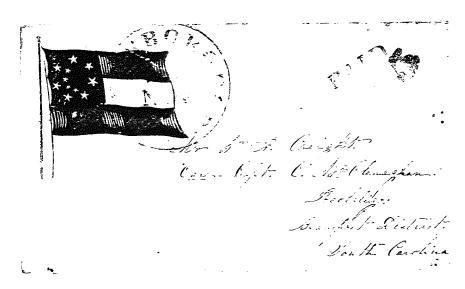
Now, Master Dishclout, there are you, Following up your business true; And boys and girls in gladness shout—See how his wife drives him about. Paltry fed, living midst the slobber. Dirty, idling, rascal jobber; Wring it out, without a doubt. Even so is wrung thy snout

1861 - 62

SOUTH CAROLINA HANDSTAMPED PAIDS.



Graham's Turn Out, S. C. "PAID 5" on cover to Aiken, S. C. This is the only recorded example.

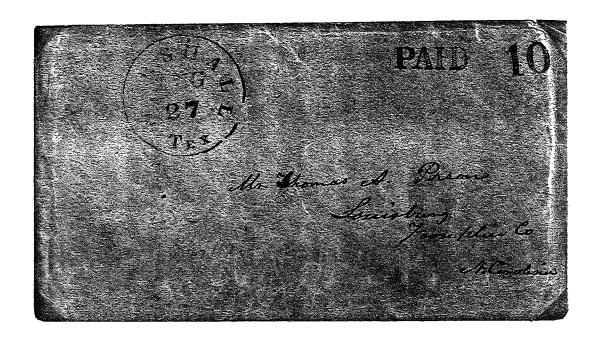


Winnsborough, S. C. "PAID 5" (Dietz Type II) on cover to Pocataligo, S. C.

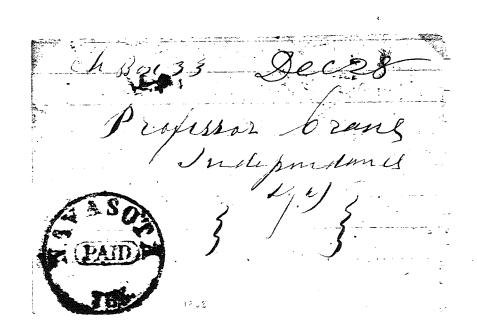
Patriotic 11-star flag design made by adding four small stars to earlier seven-star flag.

1861 - 1863

TEXAS HANDSTAMPED PAIDS



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



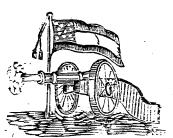
Navasota, Tex. "PAID" on 1863 folded letter. $10\, c$ rate not designated, but understood, as single letter rate was $10\, c$ for any distance in 1863.

1861

TUDOR HALL, VA. HANDSTAMPED PAID



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



Sold by J. W. Randolph. Richmond

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

Confederate States of America,

1861.

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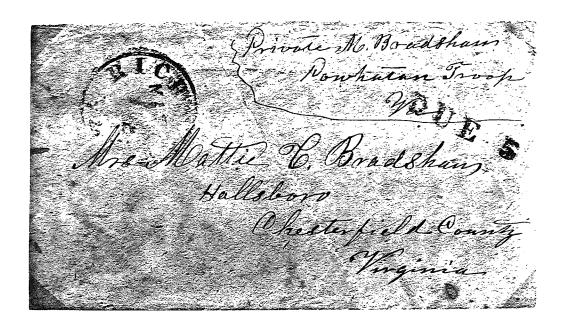
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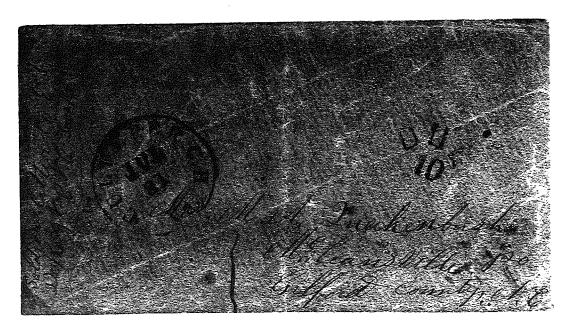
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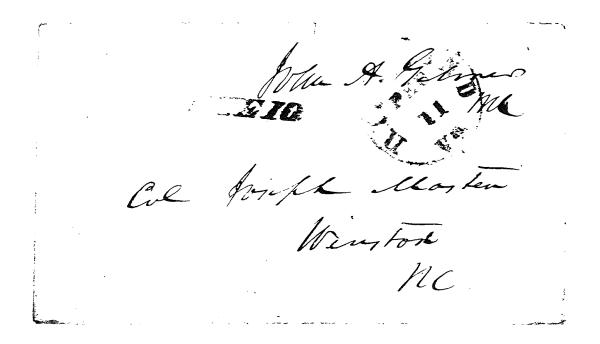


"DUE 5" on March 1862 soldier's letter from Richmond, Va. to Hallsboro, Va. The $5\,c$ rate for distances up to 500 miles remained in effect until June 30, 1862.



"DUE 10" on soldier's letter from Culpeper Court House, Va. to McLeansville, N. C. The 10 \not c rate for any distance went into effect on July 1, 1862.

DUE COVER FROM MEMBER OF CONGRESS

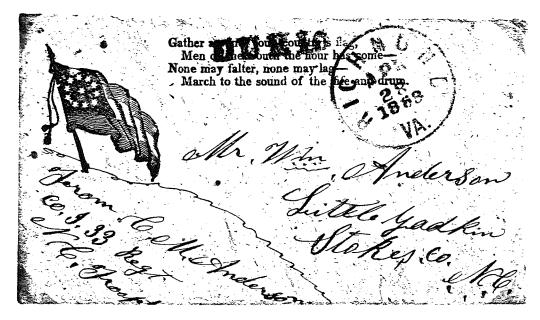


Endorsed by "John A. Gilmer, M. C." at Richmond, Va. and rated "DUE 10." Used in 1863 or later.

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

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

SOLDIER'S DUE LETTER WITH PATRIOTIC DESIGN.



Richmond, Va. "DUE 10" to Little Yadkin, N. C.

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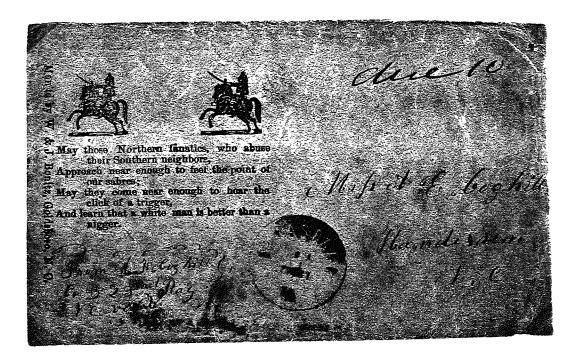
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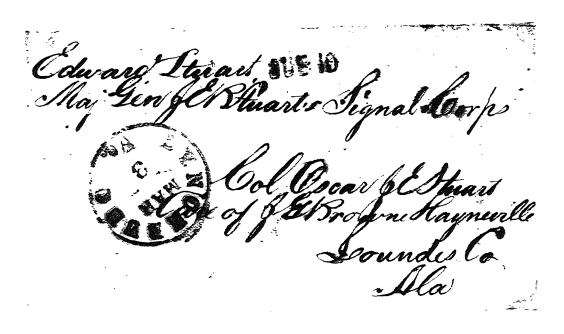
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Letter from a soldier of North Carolina Troops enclosed. It was written in a camp near Fredricksburg, Va. and describes U. S. Army observation balloon across the lines, "We can see them every day in there balloon...viewing...us."

SOLDIERS' DUE LETTERS



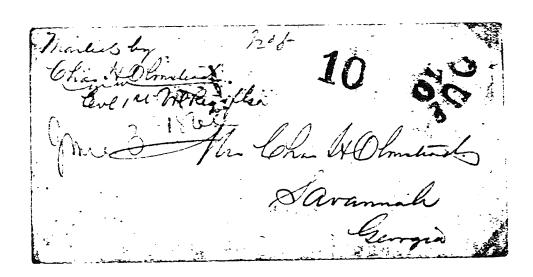
North Carolina soldier's letter from Strasburg, Va. with manuscript "due 10." Soldier's name and military organization endorsement, as required.



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

1864

DUE COVER FROM ARMY OF TENNESSEE

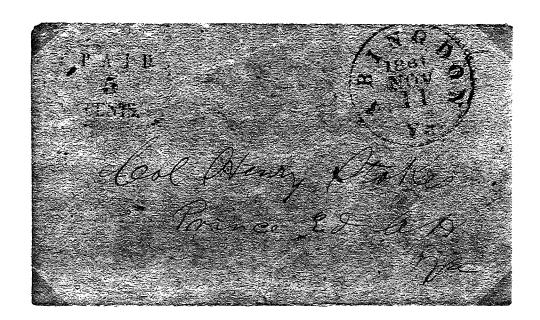


"DUE/10" applied in the field on soldier's mail. It was originally used at Chattanooga, Tenn.

"10" was applied at Savannah, Ga.

1861

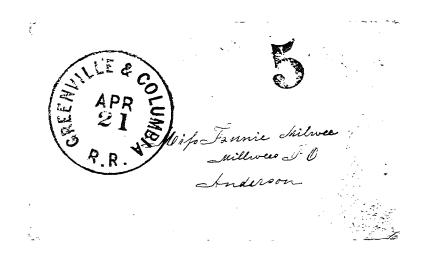
ABINGDON, VA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



 $5\,\ensuremath{\rlap/}e$ value impressed at upper left. The form was made with printer's wavy brass rule for frame and with type for center.

1862

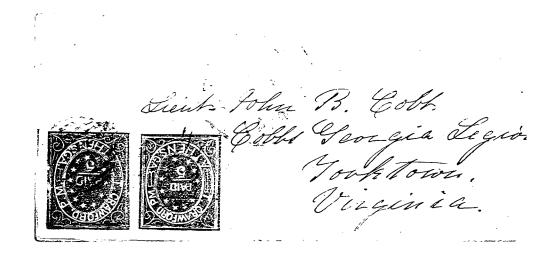
GREENVILLE & COLUMBIA RAILROAD



Railroad postmark and "5" (due) used on April 21, (1862). Illustration in Dietz catalog taken from this cover.

1861-62

ATHENS, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL STAMPS



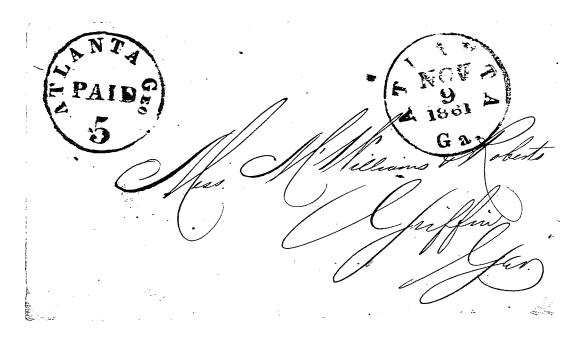
 $5\,\rm{\it c}$ purple, pair containing both types. Purple stamps were used Sept. 1861 - Jan. 1862. P. F. Certificate.



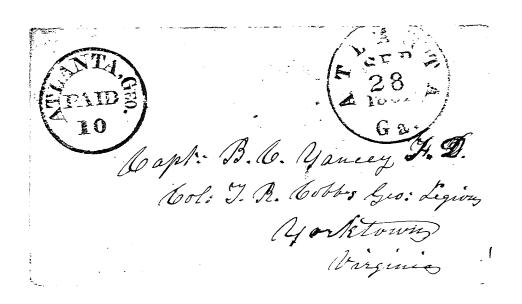
5¢ red. Red stamps were used March-April 1862.

1861

ATLANTA, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPES.



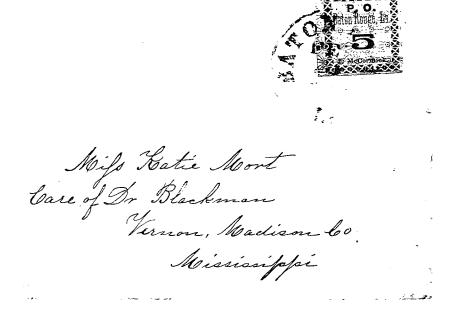
 $5 \, c$ Postmaster's Provisional handstamp Type I at upper left.



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

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BATON ROUGE, LA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL STAMP.

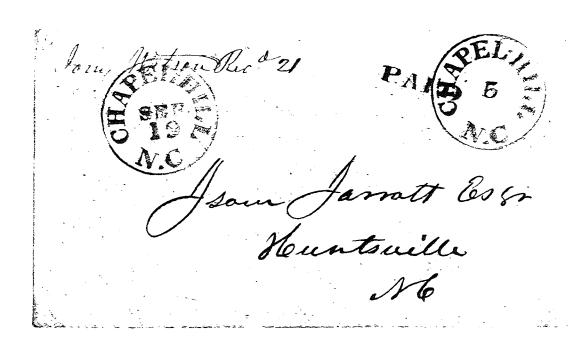


 $5\,\ensuremath{\,\rlap/\,/} e$ green and carmine, Type I, typeset and printed in local newspaper plant. Position no. 1 in sheet of ten.

Late usage - February 1862.

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



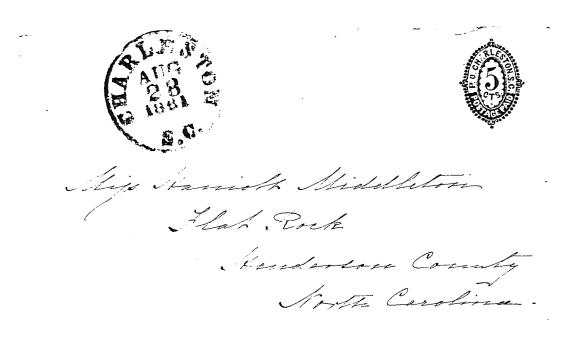
Provisional at upper right made by double handstamps, the first impression from the office canceler with "5" in the center, and the second impression from "PAID" handstamp.

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CHARLESTON, S. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONALS



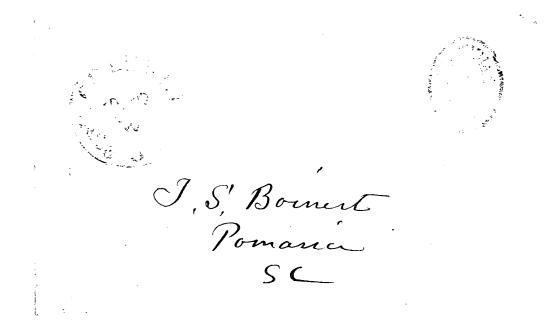
Lithographed $5 \not c$ blue adhesive on cover to Manchester, S. C.



Postmaster's provisional $5\,c$ envelope. The design resembles the central portion of the adhesive.

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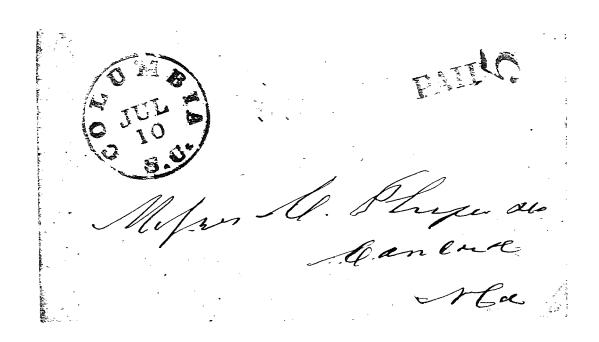
COLUMBIA, S. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.



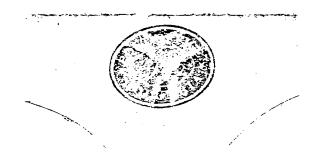
 $5\,\rlap{/}e$ blue oval woodcut design. Letters show doubling, which occurred during application. Embossed corner card of textile merchant under postmark.

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COLUMBIA, S. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



 $5\,\mathrm{c}$ blue handstamped rate. Oval post office seal on back.



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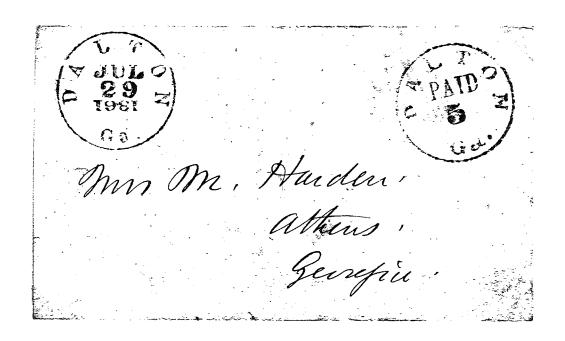
DANVILLE, VA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.



 $5\,\mbox{\it c}$ black on dark buff paper, Type IB, "SOUTHERN" curved. Typographed at local newspaper job-office.

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DALTON, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5 ¢ handstamped value.

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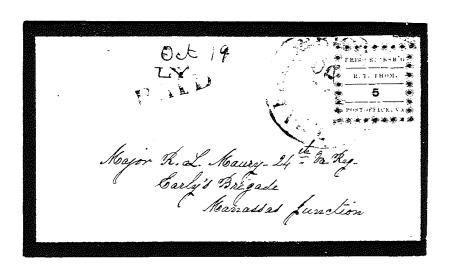
COLUMBUS, GA. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.



 $5\,\mbox{\it c}$ blue handstamped provisional. The black Columbus, Ga. postmark is Type I, "Ga." at bottom of circle. This is one of two recorded provisionals with Type I postmark.

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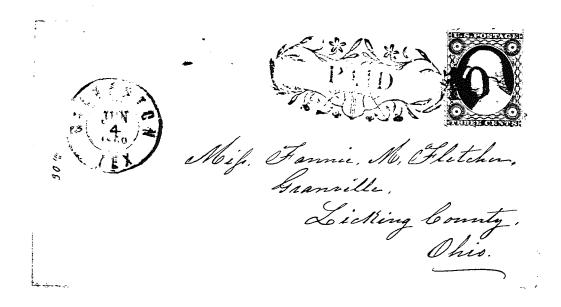
FREDERICKSBURG, VA. 5¢ BLUE



Typeset. Position No. 1 of top pane.

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



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

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

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

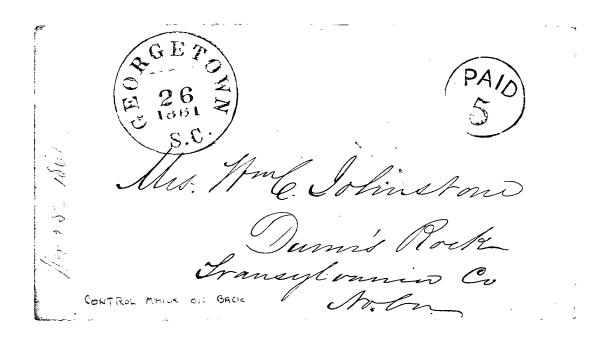
Earliest known use of Galveston 10¢ Postmaster Provisional.

Philatelic Foundation Certificate.

Only known combination usage.

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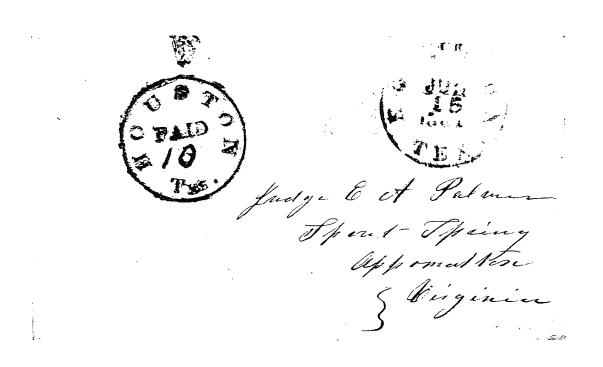
GEORGETOWN, S. C. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



5¢ handstamp. Circular control on back.

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HOUSTON, TEX. POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE

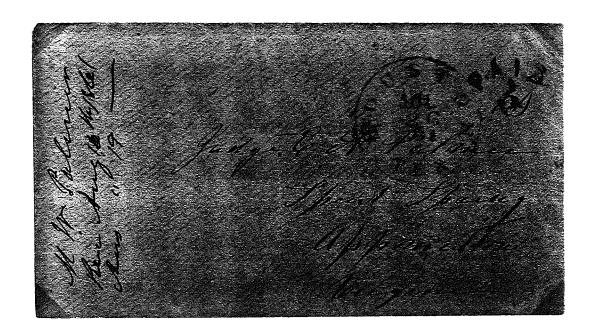


 $5\,\ensuremath{\,c}$ red revalued "10," paying $10\,\ensuremath{\,c}$ rate for distance over 500 miles.

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

1861

HOUSTON, TEXAS POSSIBLE POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE



 $5\,\mbox{\it c}$ red revalued "10," paying $10\,\mbox{\it c}$ rate for distance over 500 miles. "PAID/5" made from altered prewar "PAID/3."

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

Compare with cover from same correspondence on previous page. Houston Handstamped Paids are in black.