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The Jeanette Cantrell Rudy Collection of Tennessee Postal History

JEANETTE C. RUDY MOVED TO NASHVILLE IN THE SUMMER OF 1945, when she enrolled in the Saint Thomas Hospital School of Nursing. For nearly sixty years, Mrs. Rudy has devoted herself to numerous civic organizations and given generously to hospitals, museums and other worthy causes. An avid sportswoman, she is respected as a champion in trapshooting and skeet.

Mrs. Rudy's philatelic interests are Duck Stamps and, of course, the postal history of her native state, Tennessee. The establishment of the Jeanette Cantrell Rudy Duck Stamp Gallery in 1996 acknowledged her contributions to The Smithsonian Institution and National Postal Museum. Highlights of Nashville postal history were featured in her exhibit, "From Nashville with Love", at the National Postal Museum.

Tennessee has a rich postal history. Its frontier period produced a large number of tiny post offices, many of which are represented by stampless covers in the Rudy collection. The antebellum period saw the introduction of postage stamps and expansion of commercial activity. On June 8, 1861, citizens of Tennessee voted to secede from the Union, beginning a particularly fascinating and turbulent period of postal history. In the years following the Civil War, peace and prosperity returned to Tennessee, and the great growth of commerce is reflected in the covers from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The Rudy collection contains many significant items for collectors. Specialists in Tennessee will find hundreds and hundreds of covers with town markings and advertising designs, offered individually and in group lots. Major rarities, such as Confederate Postmasters' Provisionals and Buffalo Balloon stamps, are certain to draw the attention of top collectors around the world.

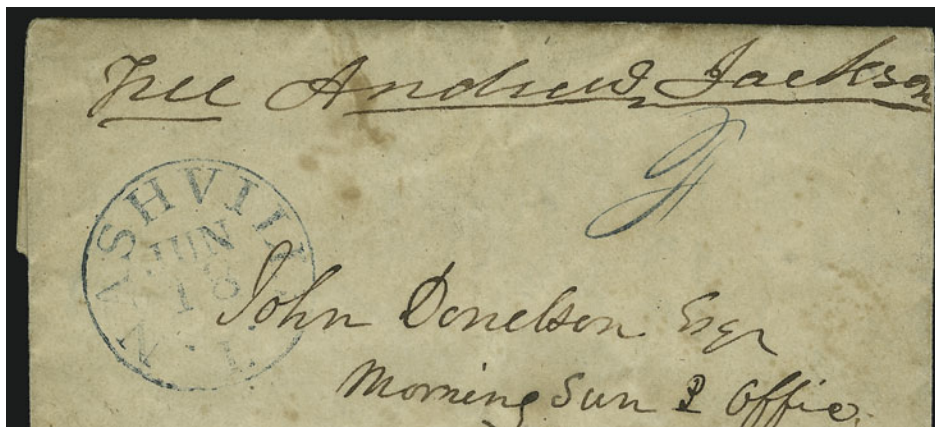
This sale catalogue presents all of Mrs. Rudy's Tennessee collection, but we should note that she still retains an active interest in Duck Stamps and many other collecting areas. We applaud Mrs. Rudy for this one facet of achievement in her long and fulfilling life.

—SCOTT R. TREPEL

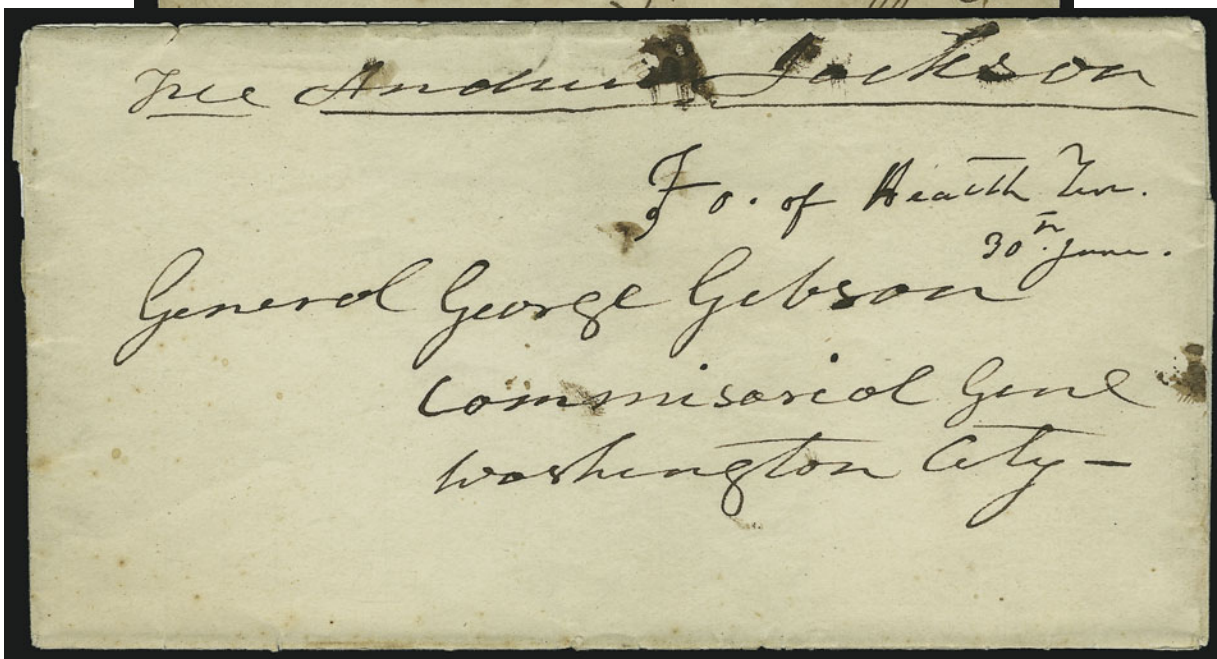
MORNING SESSION (LOTS 1-140)
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THE JEANETTE C. RUDY COLLECTION
OF TENNESSEE POSTAL HISTORY

FREE FRANKS AND EPHEMERA



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- 1 ☒ **Andrew Jackson.** Bold free frank "Free Andrew Jackson" as ex-President on folded letter from Andrew Jackson Jr. to West Tennessee, datelined "Hermitage June 15th, 1839", blue "Nashville T. Jun. 18" circular datestamp and blue ms. "F" (Free), very minor overall age toning, otherwise Very Fine E. 1,500-2,000
- 2 ☒ **Andrew Jackson.** Bold free frank "Free Andrew Jackson" as ex-President on folded cover addressed in Jackson's hand to General Gibson in Washington D.C., ms. "Fo(untain) of Health Ten. 30th June" pmk., 1838 receipt docketing, split along part of top fold, ink smear in frank, otherwise Fine, Fountain of Health was part of Nashville E. 1,000-1,500
- 3 **Tennessee Ephemera and Documents.** 20 items, incl. Nashville P.O. box rental receipt, registered letter receipts from 1859, permission letter from Provost Marshal dated Sept. 9, 1864 for an agent of Adams Express Co. to carry a revolver, indenture papers from 1793 and 1794, 1795 document signed by William Blount, mostly Fine-Very Fine, fascinating group *Not illustrated* E. 500-750

State of Franklin 1785
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 John Harris - Judgment £9. 4. 0/4
 Judgment arrested
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 John Harris - Judgment £68. 7. 0/4
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Mrs. A. Manning
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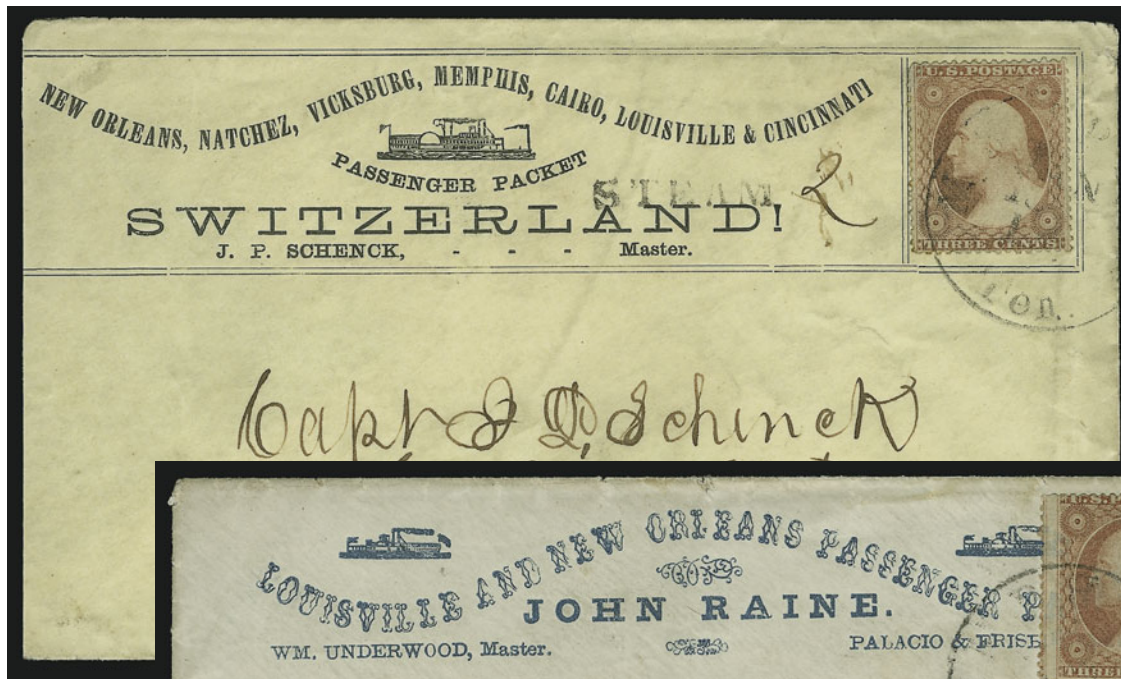


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- 4 ☒ **“Nashville 9 Oct. 97”**. Ms. pmk. and “17” rate on folded cover to Knoxville, file fold at bottom VERY FINE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST RECORDED POSTAL MARKING FROM NASHVILLE. Tennessee became a state on June 1, 1796. No earlier cover from Nashville has been reported..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 5 **“State of Franklin 1785”**. Legal memorandum with rare contemporary reference to the State of Franklin (Frankland), formed in August 1784 by inhabitants who wished to establish independence from North Carolina in the northwest corner of what is now known as Tennessee, it existed only until 1788 E. 200-300
- 6 ☒ **Columbia Tenn. Straightlines**. Three different two-line datestamps on folded letters, 1814, 1815 and 1817 year dates, minor wear, splitting along file fold in one, Fine.....(Photo Ex) E. 200-300
- 7 ☒ **Franklin Ten. Sept. 1**. Blue double-circle datestamp with matching negative “5” in circle on lady’s bronze and blue decorative cover to Clearmont Tenn., slight wear, Very Fine..... E. 200-300
- 8 ☒ **Knoxville Ten. Jul. 1**. Vivid red circular datestamp on folded letter datelined “United States Frigate Brandywine, The Island of Juan Fernandez, March the 15th, 1836” to Knoxville, entered mails at Philadelphia, red “Phila. 19 Jun.” framed datestamp, matching “Ship” handstamp and “29” rate, forwarded from Knoxville to Paris Tenn., red ms. “forwd. 18-13/4 = 45-3/4” rate, neat and legible 5½pp letter mostly dedicated to gossip about girls back in Knoxville, Very Fine..... E. 150-200
- 9 ☒ **Murfreesboro T. Oct. 29. 1818**. Three lines in large circle clearly struck on folded letter from Wilson Tenn. to Cape Girardeau Miss. Terr., ms. “18-1/2” rate, file folds, Very Fine, this is the strike pictured in ASCC E. 150-200
- 10 ☒ **“Western Military Institute, Tyree Springs, Tennessee, September 29th/54”**. Ms. pmk. and “Paid 3” on cover to Mobile Ala., with original letter from a cadet, mentions cholera epidemic, Very Fine E. 150-200
- 11 ☒ **Tennessee Stampless Markings**. Over 400 folded letters and covers, enormous variety including many different towns (manuscript and handstamped), rates and some unusual usages, faults to be expected, majority Fine with many Very Fine strikes of scarce markings, an extraordinary opportunity for the postal history collector or dealer (lots of \$30-40 retail items).....Not illustrated E. 3,000-4,000

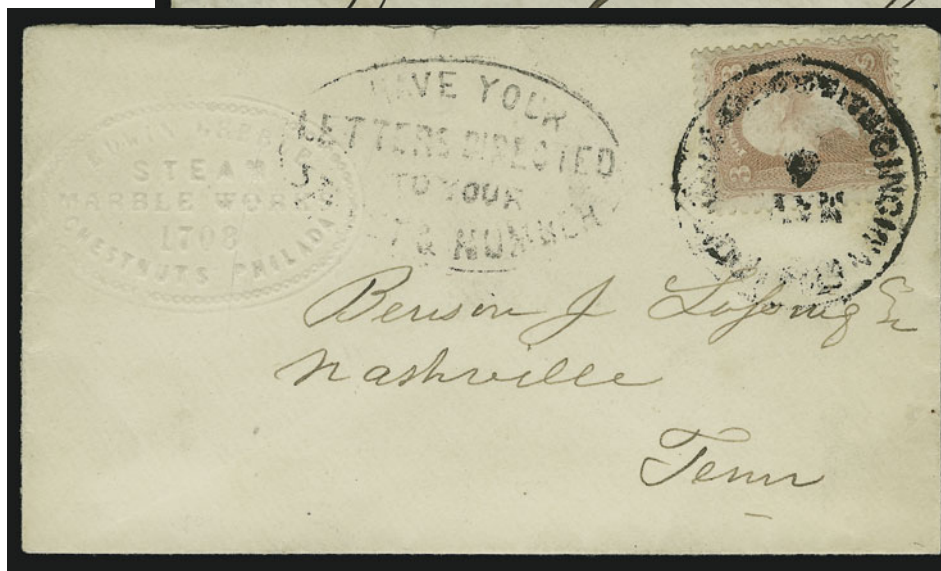
WATERWAY MAIL

- 12 ☒ **Memphis Ten. Jan. 29**. Blue circular datestamp on folded letter datelined “On Board Sr. Boat “Empire State” near Memphis Jan. 28 1850” to Sodwille Ia., ms. “10” rating, neat strike of **“Forwarded by O’Riley & Mitchell, Evansville Ind.”** handstamp, sender’s routing endorsement specifying the forwarder, fresh and Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 13 ☒ **Steam**. Four covers, each with “Steam” marking, incl. Jan. 1845 stampless cover from Shreveport to Nashville with blue ms. “25” and blue “Steam” handstamp, one from Memphis to La Grange Ten. with ms. Steam” and “25” rate, No. 10 tied by “Steam” handstamp from Memphis to New York, last is 3c Star Die entire cancelled at Memphis with “Steam” handstamp to Fort Smith Ark., some faults, overall Fine-Very Fine(Photo Ex) E. 200-300
- 14 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11)**. Large margins to in, cancelled by blue grid, matching “Clarksville Te. Mar. 2” circular datestamp on 1853 folded letter to Richmond Va., stamp also tied by ms. “Via steamer from N. York March 12”, stamp oxidized, otherwise Fine, mysterious routing worth additional research..... E. 200-300



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- 15 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Tied by light strike of "Memphis Ten. Jan. 12" circular datestamp on yellow cover to Ind. with **illustrated Passenger Packet "Switzerland"** at top, with original enclosure, ms. "2" and "Steam" handstamp, Very Fine E. 150-200
- 16 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** S.e. at right, tied by "Memphis Ten." circular datestamp on **Louisville and New Orleans Passenger Packet "John Raine"** illustrated cover to St. Albans Vt., trivial edgewear, fresh and Fine E. 150-200
- 17 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Tied by bold strike of "**Cincinnati and Louisville Mail Route May 6**" circular datestamp on on embossed Marble Works cover to Nashville Tenn., oval "Have your Letters Directed to your Street Number" handstamp, Very Fine, with 1992 P.S.E. certificate E. 150-200
- 18 ☒ **Tennessee Covers to Foreign Destinations.** Five, incl. vertical strip of three of No. 65 used with No. 63 from Memphis to Canada, legal-size stampless from Nashville to Scotland (June 1857), 1837 folded letter from Memphis to Ireland, Nov. 1847 folded letter from Columbia to England, last is 1857 folded letter from Memphis to Germany, few faults, mostly Fine-Very Fine.....*Not illustrated* E. 400-500

UNITED STATES STAMPS USED TO AND FROM TENNESSEE



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- 19 ☒ **New York N.Y., 5c Black, "A.C.M." Initials (9X1b).** Horizontal pair, Positions 27-28, large margins to barely touched, tied by blue penstrokes and red "New-York 10cts. 9 Sep." integral-rate circular datestamp on 1845 folded cover to Brownsville Tenn. and **forwarded** to Jackson Tenn., **missent to Bolivar Tenn.** with blue "Bolivar Te. Sep. 24" circular datestamp and ms. "Missent and ford. 5" crossed out, "Brownsville Te. Oct. 4" circular datestamp with date in ms. and "10c" for forwarding postage, vertical file fold affects right stamp

FINE APPEARANCE. A MOST UNUSUAL USE OF THE SCARCE SMALL "A.C.M." WITH PERIODS NEW YORK PROVISIONAL ISSUE.

Ex Weill and Chaffee. Scott Retail for No. 9X1b pair on cover \$3,250.00 E. 1,500-2,000



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- 20 ☒ **5c Red Brown (1).** Horizontal pair, large margins to slightly in at top, bright shade, tied by blue grids, matching "Nashville Te Mar. 29" circular datestamp, bold **"Wesley Wheless Banking House, Nashville Tenn." oval handstamp ties pair**, applied by sender on 1851 folded letter to New York City, small toned spot

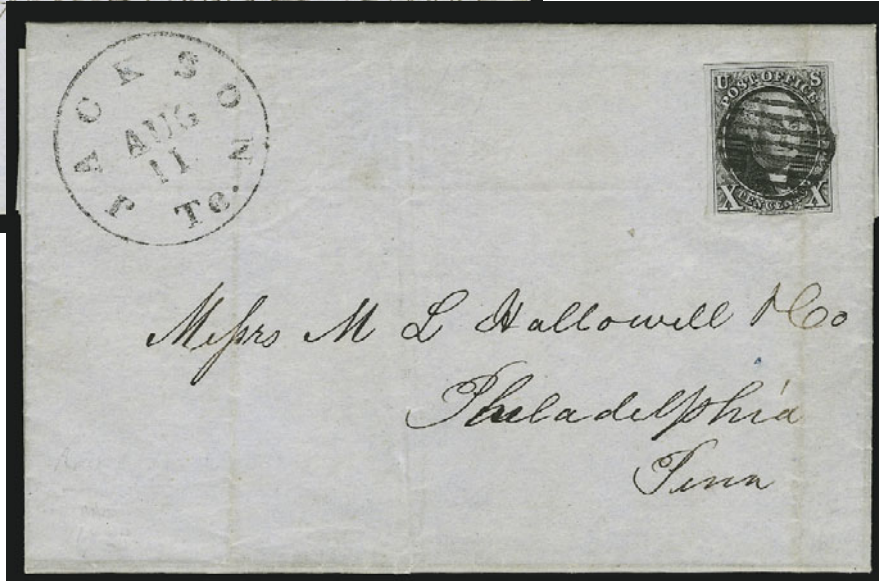
A FINE AND ATTRACTIVE 1847 ISSUE COVER BEARING THE LARGE OVAL HANDSTAMP OF A PROMINENT NASHVILLE BANKING FIRM. ONLY TWO SUCH COVERS KNOWN.

Ex Dick and Rohloff. E. 2,000-3,000

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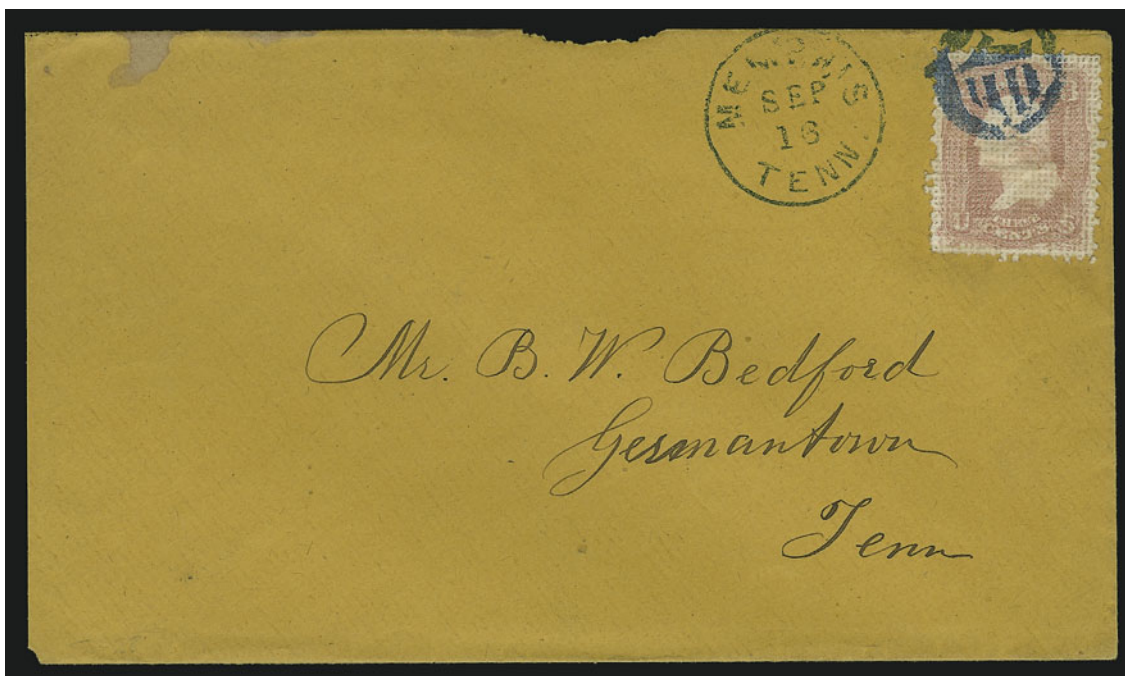


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- 21 ☒ **5c Red Brown (1).** Large margins to in at top incl. part of adjoining stamp at bottom, cancelled by ms. "X", light strike of **Clarksville Tenn.** circular datestamp on folded letter datelined "*Clarksville June 24th 1849*" from **Cave Johnson** to Lebanon Tenn., expertly restored along file folds, otherwise Fine, the only recorded usage from Clarksville, this was sent by the former Postmaster General Cave Johnson, who was in office when the 1847 Issue was released, he left office only about three months prior to sending this letter E. 300-400
- 22 ☒ **10c Black (2).** Three large margins, just in at bottom, unusual plate scratches at bottom right from reworking of the plate, cancelled by penstrokes, red "**Rogersville Te. Jun. 14**" circular datestamp, on 1850 folded letter to Princeton N.J., stamp with small toned spots, otherwise Fine, the only recorded usage of the 1847 Issue from Rogersville, with 1984 P.F. certificate E. 750-1,000
- 23 ☒ **10c Black (2).** Large margins to just in at bottom, cancelled by **black grid**, matching "**Jackson Te. Aug. 11**" circular datestamp on 1850 folded letter to Philadelphia, vertical file fold affects stamp, otherwise Fine, only eight 10c 1847 covers are known used from Jackson Tenn. E. 750-1,000



- 24 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. IV (9).** Horizontal strip of three, large margins to in, pretty color, tied by "Lebanon Ten. Oct. 10" datestamps on orange cover to Nashville, fresh and Fine, Scott Retail as strip of three off cover \$450.00 E. 200-300
- 25 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Position 5L2L, pale shade, large margins to just in at right, cancelled by penstrokes, light strike of yellow "Athens Tenn. Aug. 30" circular datestamp on cover to Keene Ky.
 VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE 1851 ISSUE COVER WITH A TRUE YELLOW POSTMARK.
 Chase notes on back and ex Chase. With 1983 P.F. certificate. Scott Retail \$10,000.00 for Yellow cancel on cover. E. 4,000-5,000
- 26 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Seven singles, margins to in, bright color, tied by grids and bold "Brownsville Te. Oct. 22" circular datestamp on cover to **Paris, France**, red New York transit datestamp, ms. "16" decimes also ties stamps, 1856 receiving backstamps, part of address scratched out, otherwise Fine, unusual franking..... E. 300-400
- 27 ☒ **12c Black (17).** Horizontal strip of ten, full margins to in, cancelled by blue "Nashville Tenn. May 9" datestamps, few creases and repaired tears to be expected on such a large multiple, otherwise Fine, scarce strip of ten representing an entire horizontal row of the plate, with 1987 P.F. certificate, Scott Retail as five pairs 3,500.00
- 28 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. V (35).** Seven, tied by blue "Nashville Ten. Apr. 5" datestamps on 1860 cover to **Switzerland**, red boxed Aachen transit, magenta "24" credit marking, New York and receiving backstamps, some wear incl. few stamps faulty, still Fine, unusual usage paying double the 35c rate E. 300-400



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- 29 ☒ **3c Rose, A. Grill (79).** Choice centering, perfs are much better than usual for this issue, tied by well-struck **blue Shield fancy cancel** on orange cover to Germantown Tenn., matching "Memphis Tenn. Sep. 16" circular datestamp, small piece out at top of cover, Extremely Fine stamp and strike of the cancel, ex Gibson 1,925.00



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- 30 ☒ **15c Brown & Blue, Ty. II (119).** Used with 3c Ultramarine (114), tied by circle of wedges cancels, "Knoxville Tenn. Jan. 7" circular datestamp on **registered** cover to Lawrence C.H. S.C., some edgewear incl. refolded at bottom, non-contemporary notes at left, almost Fine, with 1983 P.F. certificate E. 300-400



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- 31 ☒ **24c Green & Violet (120).** Used with 6c Ultramarine (115), each with perfs in, tied by Leaf cork cancel, "Nashville Tenn. Nov. 27" circular datestamp on orange cover to **Switzerland**, red "New York Paid All Via Eng. & Ost. Nov. 30" transit datestamp, Swiss receiving backstamps (1869 year date), professionally repaired at bottom

FINE APPEARANCE. A VERY RARE COMBINATION AND THE ONLY RECORDED 24-CENT 1869 PICTORIAL ON COVER TO SWITZERLAND.

Scott Retail \$20,000.00 E. 7,500-10,000

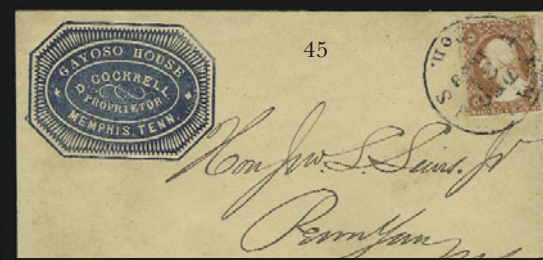
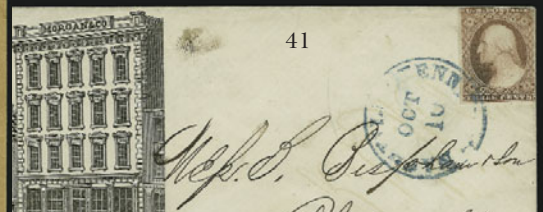
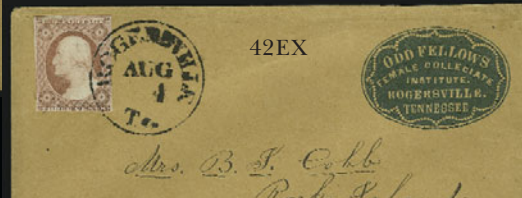
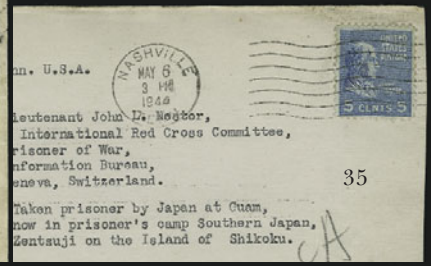
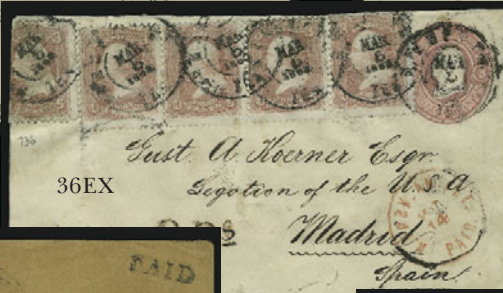
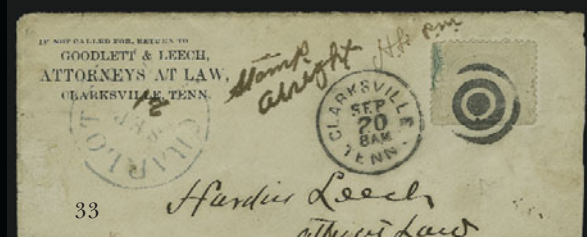


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- 32 ☒ **90c Rose Carmine (166).** Centered to lower left, used with 3c Green (158), both tied by **blue** cork grid, matching "Nashville Tenn. Sep. 30 2 PM" circular datestamp on brown courthouse cover to Greenville Ky., 1879 docketing, reduced on three sides, minor stains, 90c corner crease

FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE 1873 90-CENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. ISSUE ON COVER WITH BLUE CANCELLATION.

Scott Retail \$7,500.00 E. 5,000-7,500



- 33 ☒ **3c Green (158).** Stamp a freak — apparently an albino print — tied by target, Clarksville Tenn. Sep. 20” circular datestamp on attorney’s corner card cover to Charlotte Tenn., blue Charlotte circular datestamp with ms. date, matching ms. “*Stamp Alright H.L. P.M.*”, with original enclosure, slightly reduced at right and minor wear, Fine, unusual item..... E. 150-200
- 34 ☒ **1c Trans-Mississippi (285).** Vertical strip of four and single, used with 5c Dark Blue (281) and tied by “Chattanooga Tenn. Oct. 14 1898” duplexes on **illustrated Spanish-American War Patriotic cover to Germany**, receiving backstamp, single 1c placed over edge, top 1c in strip defective from placement near edge of cover, otherwise Fine E. 200-300
- 35 ☒ **World War II Prisoner of War.** Cover with 5c Presidential tied by “Nashville Tenn. May 6, 1944” pmk. to a prisoner, addressed care of the Red Cross in Switzerland and with typed “Taken prisoner by Japan at Guam, now in prisoner’s camp Southern Japan, Zentsuji on the Island of Shikoku”, censor’s seal at left, Very Fine E. 100-150
- 36 ☒ **Tennessee Covers to Foreign Destinations.** Four, incl. one with five of No. 65 on 3c entire to Madrid, Spain, one with pair of No. 15 and No. 9 to France, one with eight No. 65 to England, last with No. 135 and three 3c on cover to Switzerland, some faults, overall Fine(**Photo Ex**) E. 300-400
- 37 ☒ **Tennessee Domestic Covers.** Eight, incl. No. 69 on legal-size election return from Nashville to Hillsboro O., No. 69 on reduced legal-size courthouse cover to Ohio, vertical strip of No. 24 with large part of **imprint at left** on cover from Memphis to Auburn N.Y., few other interesting incl. No. 11 tied by green Swiftwater circular datestamp, few faults, mostly Fine-Very Fine E. 300-400
- 38 ☒ **Tennessee Covers.** More than 250, a range of fascinating items including many 1850-70 period usages, mixed condition, majority Fine or better, worth careful examination E. 1,000-1,500

ADVERTISING COVERS

- 39 ☒ **Clarkville Te. Feb. 4.** Blue circular datestamp with matching “Paid” and “3” on **Druggist’s blue cameo corner card** cover to New Haven Ill., minor wear, Very Fine, ex Sampson..... E. 150-200
- 40 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. IV (9).** Horizontal strip of three, Positions 35-37R1L, margins to in, tied by **blue** “Memphis Ten. ?, 1857” circular datestamp on **Druggists brown cameo corner card** cover to Courtland Ala., minor edgewear, Fine, ex Matz E. 150-200
- 41 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Large margins to in, tied by blue “Nashville Tenn. Oct. 10” circular datestamp on **Dry Goods building corner card** cover to Philadelphia Pa., Very Fine..... E. 200-300
- 42 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Two, tied by “Rogersville Te.” datestamps on separate **Odd Fellows Female Collegiate Institute** covers to Wytheville Va. and Rock Island Ill., Fine.....(**Photo Ex**) E. 150-200
- 43 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. V (24).** Three, tied by “Memphis Ten. Aug. 13” with day inverted on **Cotton Merchant’s green corner card** cover to New Orleans La., some overall wear, torn backflap repaired, Fine, ex Matz..... E. 100-150
- 44 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Bright color, cancelled by blue grid, matching “Nashville Ten. Dec. 15, 1860” circular datestamp on **Importer’s overall advertising** cover to Philadelphia, Very Fine, a beautiful cover E. 200-300
- 45 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Brilliant color, tied by “Memphis Ten. Dec. 31, 1859” circular datestamp on blue **Hotel corner card** cover to Penn Yan N.Y., Very Fine New Year’s Eve cover... E. 150-200
- 46 ☒ **3c Red, entire (U9).** Radiant color, nicely contrasted by blue “Nashville Te. Oct. 30” circular datestamp on **Hardware and Cutlery anvil-shaped corner card** cover to Shelbyville Tenn., 1854 docketing at left, fresh and Very Fine E. 150-200
- 47 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Expertly sealed tear at bottom left, tied by blue target, matching “Nashville Ten. Apr. 18, 1862” double-circle datestamp on **State of Tennessee Executive Department** cover to Uhrichsville O., barely reduced at left and minor edgewear, Very Fine appearance..... E. 150-200
- 48 ☒ **3c Pink, entire (U58).** Cancelled by circle of wedges and “Memphis Tenn. Dec. 13” circular datestamp on **illustrated Memphis & Louisville Railroad Line corner card** cover to Fredericksburg Va., some slight edgewear, Very Fine E. 150-200
- 49 ☒ **3c Green (147).** Tied by bold grid, “Nashville Tenn. Feb. 1” circular datestamp on **illustrated Davidson College of North Carolina** cover to Nashville and forwarded to Greenville Tenn., neat “Davidson College N.C. Jan. 29” origination datestamp, magenta “*Ford*”, some toning, stamp with few surface scuffs from adherence, still Fine..... E. 150-200
- 50 ☒ **Nashville Advertising Covers Used with 3c 1851-57 Issue.** Seven covers, two with No. 11 and five with No. 26, incl. Hotel, Engine Works, Liquors, Hats and Caps, Attorney and Druggist, few faults, most appear Fine-Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 51 ☒ **Tennessee Advertising Covers.** 17, nice groups from Memphis and Nashville, others incl. Clarksville, Lookout Mountain, Lebanon (Cumberland University), Brownsville (Female College with 1c No. 24), some faults, some appear Fine-Very Fine E. 400-500
- 52 ☒ **Tennessee Advertising Covers.** Over 300 covers, 1850’s to 20th century, range of styles and subjects with some better cameo and multicolor designs, many illustrated, condition varies, the majority Fine, lots of \$20-30 retail covers, must be examined E. 1,500-2,000

BUFFALO BALLOON POST

The "Balloon Postage" stamp was produced in June 1877 by John H. B. Lillard, a journalist, for use on mail carried by Professor Samuel Archer King aboard the *Buffalo Balloon*. A letter from Lillard, dated February 8, 1894, states that he issued 300 stamps, of which 23 were used. The stamps were printed from a single-subject typographic plate that developed flaws over the short press run. These flaws are used to define Types I, II and III, in accordance with the Schoendorf classification published in his booklet on the subject. Only three covers bearing the Buffalo Balloon stamp are recorded, including one that resides in the National Postal Museum. Two are postmarked at Gallatin, Tennessee, on June 18, and the third is believed to have been carried on the August 30, 1877, flight from the Philadelphia Centennial Grounds.



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"The Aeronaut", Manchester N.H., Oct. 2, 1873. 16-page newspaper with large masthead depicting hot air balloon in flight over city, issued for the New Hampshire state fair, lengthy article on **Samuel Archer King**, promoter of the *Buffalo Balloon*, in-depth story of King and previous flights, excellent condition, a rare contemporary newspaper..... E. 500-750



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- 54 ★ **5c Deep Blue, Buffalo Balloon (CL1).** Schoendorf Type II, original gum, barest trace of hinge, large margins, deep shade and clear impression

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB LIGHTLY-HINGED EXAMPLE OF THE RARE *BUFFALO BALLOON* AIR POST ISSUE.

Dealer's green backstamp and signed in pencil. 7,500.00



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- 55 **5c Deep Blue, Buffalo Balloon (CL1).** Schoendorf Type II, **manuscript "X" mark**, stamp also has original gum, h.r., large margins except at top right, deep shade and clear impression, two deep thins, Very Fine appearance, extremely rare — evidently a "sample" and possibly the same one sent by designer J. H. B. Lillard to J. N. Skinner, which was pen-cancelled and attached to a transmittal letter dated Feb. 9, 1894 (see Schoendorf booklet) — Scott Retail as unused 7,500.00



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- 56 ★ **1877, 5c Deep Blue, Buffalo Balloon, Tête-Bêche Pair (CL1a).** Schoendorf Types I (light shade) and II (dark shade), original gum, lightly hinged, large even margins all around

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST KNOWN TÊTE-BÊCHE PAIRS OF THE BUFFALO BALLOON STAMP.

The Buffalo Balloon stamp, designed by John F. B. Lillard and engraved by John H. Snively, was printed by Wheeler Brothers Printers in Nashville, Tennessee. Only 300 were printed in tête-bêche arrangement from a single die. The stamps were intended for use on a balloon flight from Nashville to Gallatin, Tennessee, which took place on June 18, 1877. Of the 300 that were printed, only 23 were used.

Ex Louise Hoffman. Backstamped by Kessler, Charlat and Spencer Anderson..... 21,500.00

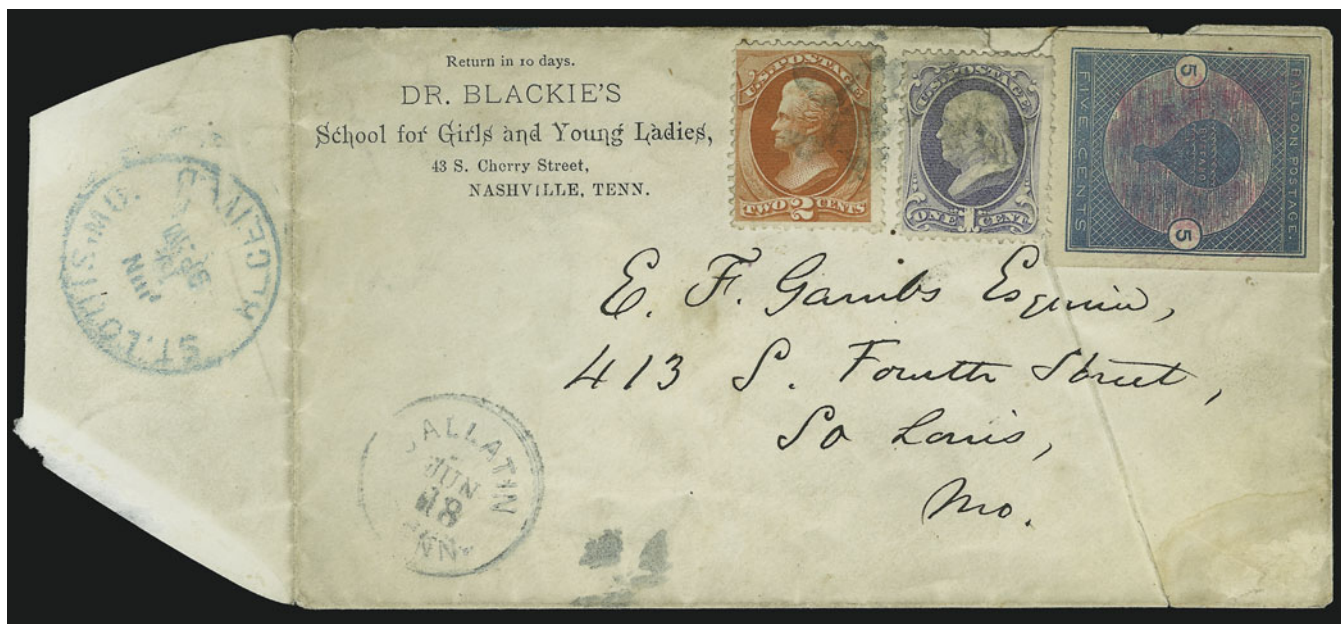


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- 57 ★ **1877, 5c Deep Blue, Buffalo Balloon, Tête-Bêche Pair (CL1a).** Both Schoendorf Type II, large margins all around, full original gum, one stamp lightly hinged (small ink spot on face), other has h.r. and thin spot

EXTREMELY FINE APPEARANCE. AN ATTRACTIVE AND FRESH TÊTE-BÊCHE PAIR OF THE BUFFALO BALLOON POST ISSUE.

Sanabria backstamps 21,500.00



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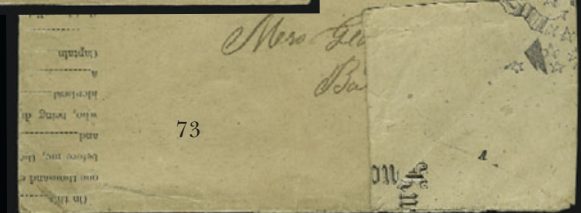
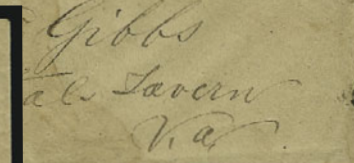
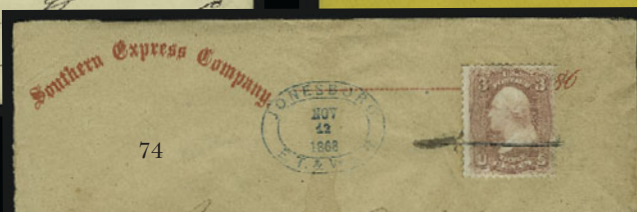
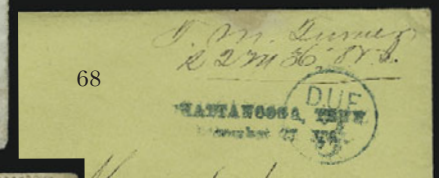
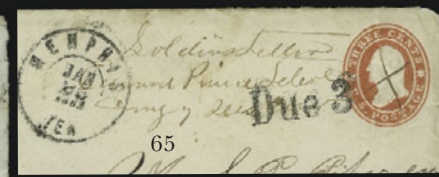
- 58 ☒ **5c Deep Blue, Buffalo Balloon (CL1).** Schoendorf Type II, large margins, tiny crease at tip of lower left corner, pinkish-red cancel, used with slightly overlapping 1c Ultramarine (156) and 2c Vermilion (178), tied by cork cancels, "Gallatin Tenn. Jun. 18" (1877) circular datestamp and part of same cork cancel at lower left of cover to E. F. Gambs in St. Louis Mo., corner card of Dr. Blackie's School for Girls and Young Ladies in Nashville, blue "St. Louis, Mo. Received Jun. 19 9 P.M." backstamp, diagonal manufacturing foldover in cover (partially split at bottom), small opening opening tear at top, faint waterstain at bottom right

VERY FINE. ONE OF THREE RECORDED COVERS FLOWN BY THE BUFFALO BALLOON AND POSTED WITH UNITED STATES STAMPS, OF WHICH ONLY TWO ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED COVER WITH ONE AND TWO-CENT DENOMINATIONS.

The three recorded covers carried on the June 18, 1877, flight of the *Buffalo Balloon* are as follows: 1) Addressed to E. F. Gambs, St. Louis, with Dr. Blackie's School for Girls and Young Ladies corner card, 1c & 2c Nos. 156 and 178, Gallatin Tenn. Jun. 18 datestamp, ex Schoendorf, the cover offered here; 2) Addressed to Mrs. Leonora Davies, Harrodsburg Ky., 3c No. 158, instructions "Any one finding this letter will please put it in the nearest Post Office", Gallatin Tenn. Jun. 18 datestamp, part of the National Postal Museum collection; and 3) Addressed to Mr. C. Thomas, Shohola Pa., uncanceled 3c No. 158, no postal markings, instructions "Please whoever finds this carey it to C. Thomas's Store and oblige W. V. Ross", ex Schoendorf.

According to the *St. Louis Philatelist*, June-July 1877, the original letter mailed in this cover, which is no longer present (although a piece of it is adhering to back), stated: "My dear Gambs: I send you this letter by Balloon Postage and my greetings from the clouds. The stamp will be a label of great value in a few years. Very truly, your friend, George S. Blackie".

Ex Butzel. Sanabria backstamp. E. 75,000-100,000



TENNESSEE IN THE CIVIL WAR

UNION PATRIOTICS

- 59 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Crisp impression, tied by bold target, “Nashville Ten. Aug. 12, 1863” double-circle datestamp on yellow cover with blue **“Why don’t you take it?” Patriotic** cover to Orwell O., slightly reduced at right, minor wear, Very Fine E. 150-200
- 60 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Rich color, tied by “Memphis Ten. Feb. 12” double-circle datestamp on **“Life Scene in Camp” Patriotic** cover to Lincoln Minn., barely reduced at left, trivial edgewear, Fine..... E. 150-200
- 61 ☒ **Official Business, Regimental Imprints and Patriotic Covers.** 21 used from or related to Tennessee, one legal-size with Dept. of the Cumberland Headquarters O.B. imprint, others with wide variety of War Dept. imprints, regimental imprints and patriotic designs incorporating name of regiment, most with 3c 1857 or 1861, some rough openings or reduced, minor faults, overall a presentable and scarce group E. 750-1,000
- 62 ☒ **Sanitary and Christian Commission.** Five imprint covers, each with Nashville datestamp, three have 3c 1861’s, others “Due”, a few slightly reduced, minor faults, Fine group..... E. 150-200
- 63 ☒ **Union Patriotics Used from Tennessee.** 104 covers (a few fronts) with wide variety of designs, almost all have 3c 1861 tied by Nashville datestamp, mixed quality but quite a few in Fine or better condition, a very valuable group..... E. 1,500-2,000

FEDERAL USAGES

- 64 ☒ **1864 Presidential Election Returns.** Legal-size cover imprinted “Presidential Election. Tally-Sheet” and addressed to the Medina O. County Court clerk, large and small Nashville Nov. 12 datestamps, “Due 12” in circle, docketing notation “Filed Nov. 17, 1864”, slightly toned, still Very Fine, this carried vote counts from the second Lincoln election E. 150-200
- 65 ☒ **Memphis Ten. Jan. 23, 1863.** Double-circle datestamp and “Due 3” on **obsolete 3c Red Star Die entire** to Origen Ill., soldier’s endorsement, docketed on back, Very Fine ... E. 200-300
- 66 ☒ **Nashville Ten. Nov. 26, 1863.** Double-circle datestamp and target, ms. “Due 30cts” on cover with **artistically drawn address to Hamburg, Germany**, pencil soldier’s letter endorsement, bold “New-York Br. Pkt. 23 Dec. 2” debit datestamp, red crayon “18”, receiving backstamps, Very Fine, scarce soldier’s letter used abroad E. 150-200
- 67 ☒ **Nashville Tenn. June 2.** Blue circular datestamp and **“Held for Postage”** backstamp on yellow cover to Columbus Wis., “Soldier’s Letter” oval handstamp, bold “Washington D.C. Jun. 16, 1863” double-circle datestamp and “Due 3”, reduced at right, otherwise Fine E. 100-150
- 68 ☒ **Chattanooga, Tenn./December 27, 1863.** Blue two-line datestamp and matching “Due 3” in circle on yellow cover to Lee O., soldier’s endorsement, small faint stain at top, otherwise Very Fine..... E. 100-150
- 69 ☒ **Chattanooga, Tenn./January 15, 186?** Blue two-line handstamp in serrated frame with matching “Due 3” in circle on cover to Prospect O., minor wear and slightly reduced at right, still Very Fine..... E. 100-150
- 70 ☒ **Chattanooga, Tenn. Straightline.** Two different blue two-line datestamps tying 3c Rose (65) on separate covers, one with frame, other without (tying two 3c), minor faults, Fine **(Photo Ex)** E. 100-150
- 71 ☒ **Bureau Refugees, Freedman and Abandoned Lands.** Corner card on buff cover with 3c Rose (65) cancelled by **Indian Mask** fancy cancel, “Nashville Tenn. Mar. 27” circular datestamp, stamp has short perfs, otherwise Very Fine, ex Eno E. 200-300
- 72 ☒ **Memphis Colored Orphan Asylum.** Imprint on cover to Salem Ia., 3c Rose (65) tied by “Memphis Tenn. Mar. 9” double-circle datestamp and target, stamp has tiny tear, otherwise Very Fine cover E. 100-150
- 73 ☒ **Post-War Adversity Usage.** 3c Rose (65) tied by target and “Nashville Ten. Aug. 11 ‘64” double-circle datestamp on adversity cover made from military discharge form to Bald Mountain N.Y., folded over at lower right to show inside, Very Fine E. 150-200
- 74 ☒ **Jonesboro E.T. & Va. R.R. Nov. 12, 1868.** Blue double-oval ribbon-marker datestamp, 3c Rose (65) tied by pen line on buff cover to Steal’s Tavern Va., red **Southern Express Co.** imprint, Very Fine, scarce reconstruction-era usage E. 100-150
- 75 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Tied by blue quartered cork and “Memphis Tenn. Jul. 16” circular datestamp on buff cover to Princeton Ark. with red **Southern Express Co.** imprint, Very Fine, ex Matz E. 100-150
- 76 ☒ **Southern Express Co. “Three Gatherings”.** Three different “Unclaimed” labels on separate covers, dated Jun. 10, Aug. 10 and Aug. 10 with “23” date change, one legal-size, all have some wear and minor faults, otherwise Fine E. 150-200

SOUTHERN LETTER UNPAID



77

- 77 ☒ **SOUTHN. LETTER UNPAID.** Blue two-line handstamp with matching "Louisville Ky. Jun. 29" double-circle datestamp and "DUE 3" straightline on cover to Frankfort Ky., 3c Dull Red (26) tied by partly readable "Fredericks Hall Va. June 28" (1861) circular datestamp, held for postage and marked in blue crayon "Due 5", "Paid" handstamp and ms. "5" Confederate rate applied after prepayment, sender's routing "Via Nashville", 3c with piece added at upper left, repaired opening faults, bottom flap and portion of bottom edge added

FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE COVER WITH AN ESPECIALLY CLEAR STRIKE OF THE "SOUTHERN LETTER UNPAID" HANDSTAMP OF LOUISVILLE.

Steven C. Walske's recently published analysis of mail service at the onset of the Civil War provides a much better understanding of circumstances surrounding the use of the coveted "Southern Letter Unpaid" marking. Postmaster General Blair's May 27 suspension order prohibited post offices from forwarding southbound mails to disloyal Southern states. However, northbound mail continued to be sent via Louisville. Through June 6, northbound mails were forwarded to Louisville from Memphis or Nashville. From June 7 through 12, only the Nashville post office forwarded mail to Louisville, and Louisville continued to forward mail north. With the resignation of W. D. McNish as Nashville's Federal postmaster on June 12, "Louisville held the mails still being sent north by the discontinued post office at Nashville. This held mail later became the well-known 'Southern Letter Unpaid' mail" (Walske).

United States postage stamps affixed in the South were regarded as contraband and were refused as prepayment. On June 24, Dr. J. J. Speed, the postmaster at Louisville, was advised to forward letters from the South to the loyal states after *removing* postage. With approximately 5,000 such letters accumulating at Louisville by this date, Postmaster Speed employed a more practical means of invalidating postage by creating the "Southern Letter Unpaid" handstamp.

Immediately after receiving instructions from Washington to forward the held mail, the Louisville post office began marking letters. Some of these have circular datestamps (June 27, 28 and 29 being the most common dates), while others have no Louisville datestamp. Given the June 28 origin date of this cover, it probably arrived in Louisville after June 29, the date of the Louisville postmark. Based on several covers with dating anomalies, it is known that the June 29 date was used on a subsequent day.

Ex Krieger. Signed Brian M. Green. With 1977 P.F. certificate E. 5,000-7,500



78

- 78 ☒ **New Orleans “due 10”.** Straightline handstamp on cover to New Orleans with obsolete 3c Dull Red (26) tied by blue “Nashville Ten. Jun. 6(?), 1861” circular datestamp, slightly reduced at top, filing pinholes as usual for Carroll Hoy correspondence, otherwise Very Fine, this is essentially a Confederate “Old Stamps Not Recognized” usage received in New Orleans after the start of the Confederate postal system E. 750-1,000



79

- 79 ☒ **Nashville Ten. Jul. 12, 1861.** Blue circular datestamp with matching “Paid” and “10” handstamps, **uncancelled 3c Dull Red (26)** at upper right on buff cover to Leatherwood Va., pencil “10” rate, minor flap faults, Very Fine E. 300-400

EXPRESS MAIL USAGES



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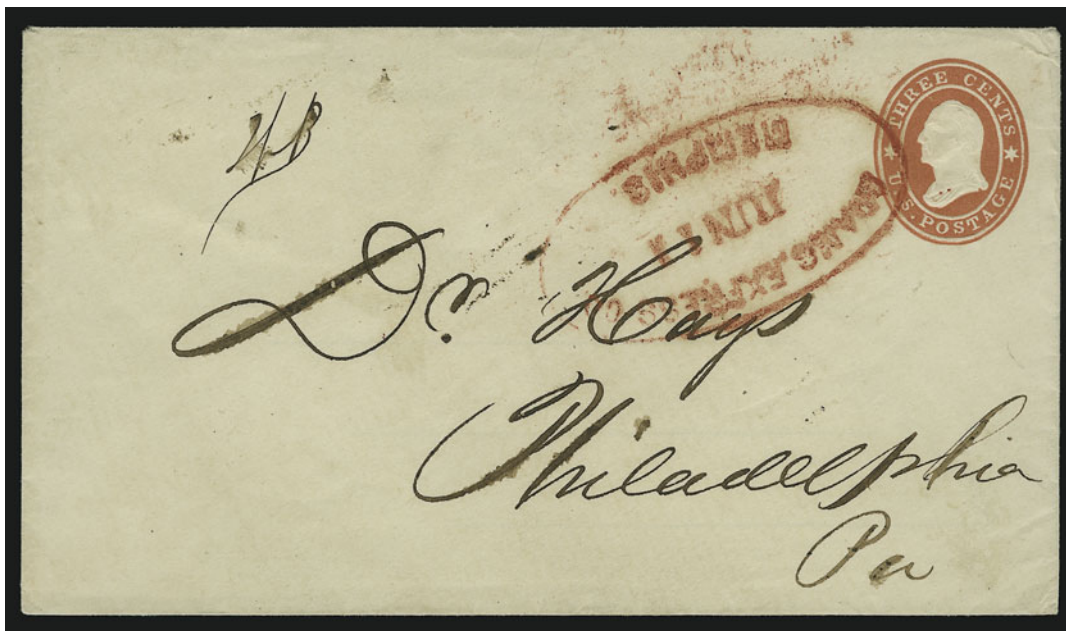
- 80 ☒ **Adams Ex. Co. * Louisville, Ky. * Aug. 7, 1861.** Clear strike of circular datestamp over red and blue **8-Star Confederate Flag** patriotic design on cover **addressed to ex-President James Buchanan** at Lancaster Pa., U.S. 3c Dull Red (26) tied by blue grid, matching "Louisville Ky. Aug. 7, 1861" double-circle datestamp, backflap with **manuscript censor's mark** "*Opened by Confederate States Vigilance Committee at Nashville Tenn.*", some residue of adhesive and traces of docketing that have been cleaned from lower left corner, under ultraviolet light the docketing notation appears to read "*Aug. 3, 1861/General [Briggs?]/12 Aug. Recd.*", flap trimmed slightly and opened for display

VERY FINE. A UNIQUE COVER COMBINING THE RARE 8-STAR CONFEDERATE FLAG DESIGN WITH ADAMS EXPRESS THRU-THE-LINES USAGE AND CENSORSHIP BY CONFEDERATE AUTHORITIES IN NASHVILLE.

Very few examples of the Confederate 8-Star Flag design are known. The eighth star represents the number of Confederate States from May 7 to 18, 1861. This is the only recorded 8-Star Flag cover carried by Adams Express.

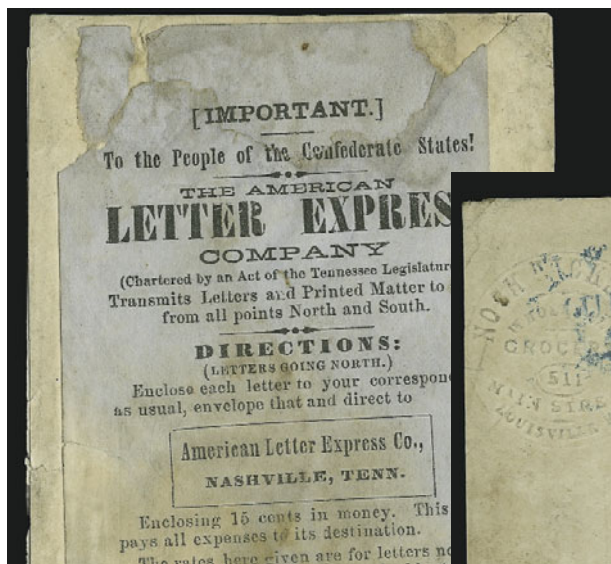
President Buchanan returned to his home in Lancaster after losing the 1860 election to Lincoln. The traces of docketing indicate an August 3, 1861, origin date, which leaves four days between mailing and arrival in Louisville. We cannot determine if the cover originated from a distant location, requiring four days transit, or if the delay was caused by the Vigilance Committee in Nashville, who opened and presumably censored the contents.

Ex Freeland and Myers. E. 10,000-15,000



81

- 81 ☒ **Adams Express Co. Memphis Jun. 11 (1861).** Red oval datestamp on 3c Red Star Die entire to Philadelphia, ms. "2/-B" (two bits, or 25c) express charge, Very Fine, rare South-to-North express usage, according to the Walske monograph, northbound mail on the Memphis-Louisville route was diverted to Nashville after June 6, this was carried outside the mails E. 750-1,000



82 front and back



- 82 ☒ **Am. Letter Exp. Co. Louisville, Ky. Jul. 12, 1861.** Unusually clear strike of blue circular datestamp on 3c Red Star Die entire to Lynchburg Va., Louisville grocer's embossed corner card, blue "Nashville Ten. Jul. 14, 1861" circular datestamp, matching "Paid" and "10" handstamps, American Letter Express **advertising adhesive label** affixed to back, providing instructions and rates for "People of the Confederate States" to send letters north, faults and repairs, still exhibitable and a very rare North-to-South express usage E. 1,000-1,500



83

- 83 ☒ **Liverpool to Richmond Va. via Nashville.** Folded letter from John R. Gilliat datelined "Liverpool, 8th June 1861" to Richmond, probably carried by express to Nashville (in another envelope), blue "Nashville Ten. Jun. 26, 1861" circular datestamp, matching "Paid" and "10" in oval, pencil "10" rate, some bleed-thru from letter, Very Fine, scarce usage from England into the Confederacy after suspension of mails..... E. 500-750



84

- 84 ☒ **Liverpool to Richmond Va. via Nashville.** Folded letter from John R. Gilliat in Liverpool to Richmond, probably carried by express to Nashville (in another envelope), blue "Nashville Ten. Jun. 26, 1861" circular datestamp, matching "Paid" and pencil "20" rate, some bleed-thru from letter, Very Fine, scarce usage from England into the Confederacy after suspension of mails..... E. 500-750

MAILS SUSPENDED



85

- 85 ☒ **Mails Suspended.** Straightline handstamp with matching "Nashville Ten." backstamp (date unreadable), 3c Rose (65) tied by "Worcester Mass. May 16" double-circle datestamp and target on cover to Franklin Ga., addressed "*In care of Lieut. Dooley in charge of Supply Train*", stained at bottom right, otherwise Very Fine, scarce marking applied at Nashville to indicate mail route was not operational..... E. 500-750

CONFEDERATE PATRIOTICS



86

- 86 ☒ **Memphis Ten. Mar. 13, 1861.** Partly clear circular datestamp ties 3c Dull Red (26) on overall red and blue **7-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic** cover to Tarboro N.C., imprint at top above field of stars

EXTREMELY FINE. AN UNUSUALLY FRESH AND CLEAN EXAMPLE OF THIS RARE OVERALL 7-STAR CONFEDERATE FLAG DESIGN WITH UNITED STATES STAMP USED IN TENNESSEE PRIOR TO SECESSION.

Ex Pope. With 1985 P.F. certificate..... E. 2,000-3,000



87

- 87 ✉ **Memphis Ten. Apr. ?, 1861.** Circular datestamp ties 3c Dull Red (26) on red and blue overall **7-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic** cover to Georgetown S.C. with "C.S." designation for Confederate State, [stamp has faults and repaired piece in bust, cover has some insect nibbling at right, tiny repair at top left corner and part of backflap replaced], Fine appearance, a very scarce design used from Tennessee prior to secession..... E. 1,000-1,500



88

- 88 ✉ **Memphis Ten. Apr. ?, 1861.** Lightly struck circular datestamp ties 3c Dull Red (26) on red and blue **7-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic** cover to New York City, stamp and cover have faults, otherwise Fine, scarce pre-secession usage E. 500-750



89



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91

- 89 ☒ **"Carter's Creek T. Sept 9th/61}5 Paid"**. Ms. pmk. on red and blue **7-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic** cover to Lavergne Tenn., Very Fine, extremely scarce flag design, MacBride note on back..... E. 500-750
- 90 ☒ **Goodlettsville Ten.** Mostly clear circular datestamp (date unreadable) and ms. "Paid 5" on red and blue **11-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic** cover to Belfast Tenn., Green & Co.'s Book Store imprint, minor toning and wear, Fine, accompanied by informative letter from Jerry Palazolo noting rarity of Goodlettsville marking and similarity of "Paid 5" between this town and Richland Station..... E. 500-750
- 91 ☒ **Murfreesboro Ten. ? 14, 1861.** Lightly struck circular datestamp and "Paid" in frame on red and blue **11-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic** cover to Nashville, non-contemporary ms. (but probably 19th century) "Confederate Flag" at lower left, reduced at right, minor toning and tiny edge tear, still Very Fine, scarce design E. 500-750



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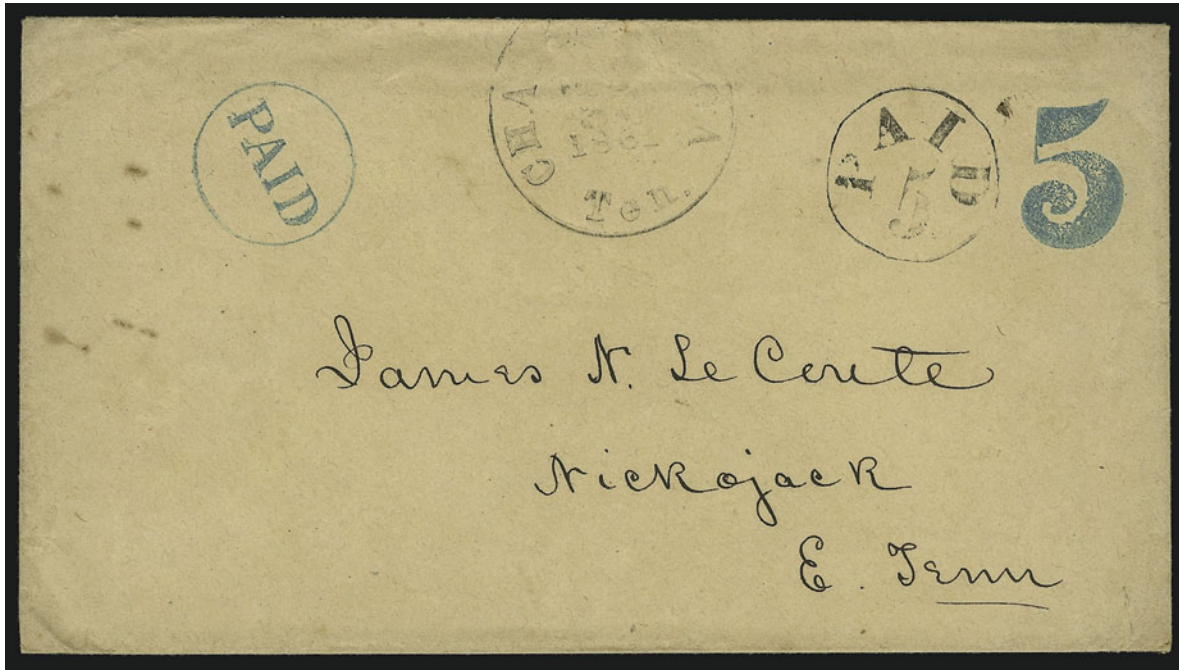
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- 92 ☒ **Union City Tennessee.** Large negative circle handstamp and ms. "5" rate on yellow cover with blue **10-Star Confederate Flag, Cannon and Verse Patriotic** design, soldier's letter endorsement from member of Nelson Gray's 4th Regt. Miss. Vol., small tape stain at top, otherwise Very Fine..... E. 750-1,000
- 93 ☒ **Memphis Tenn. "DUE 5".** Soldier's letter endorsement from member of 6th Regt. Tenn. Vol. on cover with red **Gen. G. T. Beauregard Three-Quarter Portrait in Oval**, to another soldier in New Madrid, ms. "Humboldt Tenn Mar. 11" pmk and "Due 5", back-flap removed and small faults, otherwise Fine E. 500-750
- 94 ☒ **12-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic.** Hand-carried to Fairburn Ga. with "politeness" endorsement, faint toning, otherwise Very Fine..... E. 200-300

CONFEDERATE HANDSTAMPED PAID AND DUE MARKINGS



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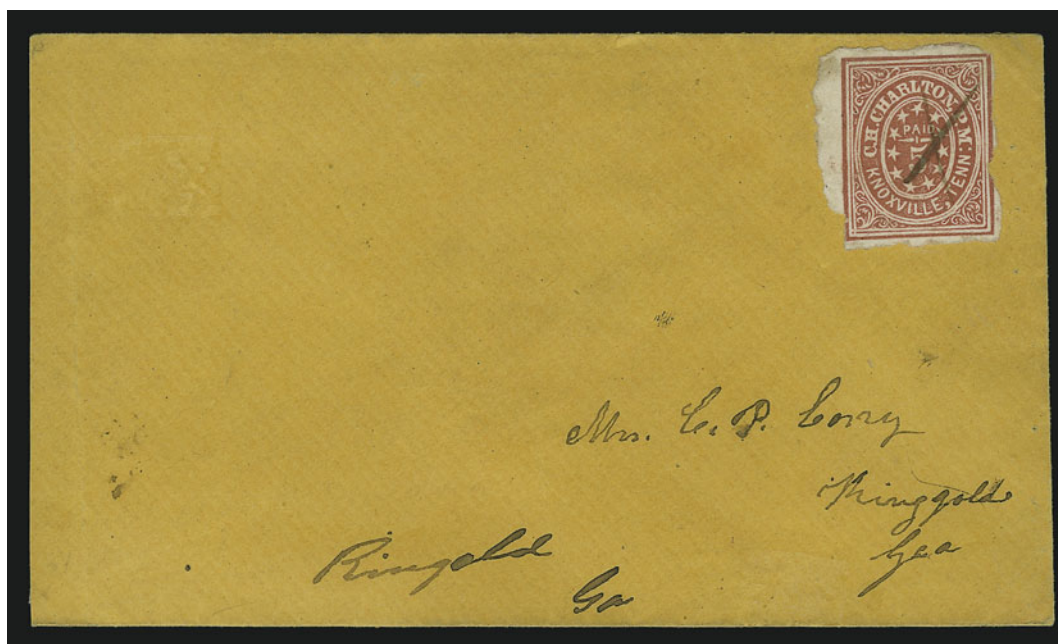
- 95 ☒ **Chattanooga Ten. Jun. 30, 1861.** Lightly struck circular datestamp and "Paid 5" in circle handstamp on manila envelope with **blue handstamped "Paid" in circle and large "5" provisional markings of Columbia S.C.**, to Nickojack Tenn., with letter datelined "Lookout Mt. House near Chattanooga, June 28, 1861", Very Fine, this cover provides clear evidence that Columbia prepared provisional entires without the seal on reverse..... E. 500-750
- 96 ☒ **Cumberland Iron Works Ten. Dec. 24.** Dull **green** double-circle datestamp on courthouse cover to Pine Bluff Ark., ms. "**Paid 30c**" and "**Due 30c**" (in pencil and pen), usual docketing, opened roughly at left and minor faults at right, still Fine, a rare green town datestamp E. 300-400
- 97 ☒ **Jonesboro Ten. Jan. 26.** Bold blue circular datestamp, matching "Paid" and "5" handstamps on buff cover to Kingston Tenn., 1862 docketing, Very Fine..... E. 200-300
- 98 ☒ **Madisonville Te. Aug. 31.** Mostly clear circular datestamp with ms. "Paid 5" on buff cover to Knoxville, Very Fine, ex Kohn..... E. 150-200
- 99 ☒ **McMinnville Ten. Aug. 29.** Clear strike (partly off cover) and "Paid" with pencil "10" on small narrow cover to New Orleans, Very Fine, ex Wiseman..... E. 100-150
- 100 ☒ **Ocolono Tenn. Jul. 31.** Double-line circular datestamp, "Paid" and "5" in circle on cover to Richmond Va., repaired at upper left, Very Fine strikes and still attractive, the only reported Ocolono handstamped "Paid" cover, ex Kohn..... E. 150-200
- 101 ☒ **Shelbyville Te. Mar. 24.** Mostly clear circular datestamp and "Due" in circle on cover to Whaley's Mills Ga., lengthy soldier's endorsement from member of McCown's Division, Army of Tenn., slightly reduced and worn, still Fine..... E. 150-200
- 102 ☒ **Tazewell Ten. Feb. 20.** Bold strikes of circular datestamp with "Paid" in oval and "5" in circle on buff cover to Rutledge Tenn., Very Fine E. 150-200
- 103 ☒ **Union City Tennessee.** Large negative circle and "Paid 5" in circle on cover to Lexington Miss., slightly reduced at top, otherwise Very Fine E. 150-200
- 104 ☒ **Tennessee Confederate "Paid" and "Due" Markings.** 22 covers, handstamps include several from Nashville, Columbia (red "Paid" and "10"), Cleveland, Cumberland University ad cover from Lebanon, other towns are Sparta, Murfreesboro (adversity), Memphis, Shelbyville, Somerville, Strawberry Fields, Fayetteville, Chattanooga, Grand Junction, a few other manuscript towns, mixed condition, all presentable, scarce group .. E. 750-1,000

CONFEDERATE POSTMASTERS' PROVISIONALS



105

- 105 ☒ **Jonesboro Tenn., 5c Dark Blue entire (45XU2).** Mostly clear strike of provisional handstamp on cover to Knoxville, some toning and erosion at left, reduced at right and top
FINE. ONLY TEN EXAMPLES OF THE JONESBORO PROVISIONAL ARE RECORDED IN BLUE.
The Crown survey counts fifteen examples of the Jonesboro provisional entire, including five struck in Black and ten in Dark Blue. Some of these, such as the example offered here, do not have any town datestamp. Ex Matz 7,000.00



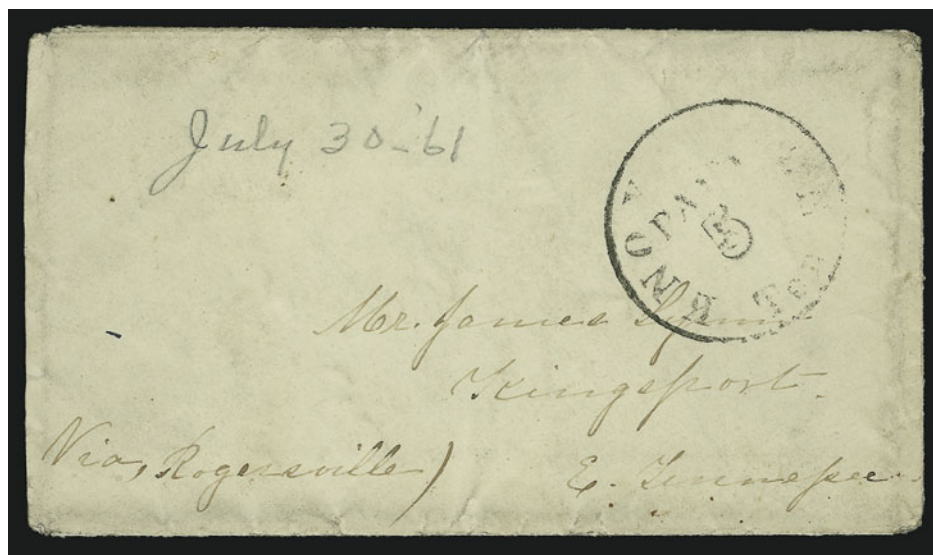
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- 106 ☒ **Knoxville Tenn., 5c Carmine on Grayish Laid (47X2).** Irregular margins, large to just in, ms. "X" cancel, used on orange cover to Ringold Ga., ms. "Ringold Ga" at bottom, slightly reduced at left, Fine 2,100.00



107

- 107 ☒ **Knoxville Tenn., 5c Black entire (47XU5).** Partly clear provisional handstamp on greenish blue **University of East Tennessee** illustrated college cover to Washington Tenn., cleaned and minor repairs, reduced at right, Very Fine appearance, rare use of provisional handstamp on college cover, ex Gallagher..... E. 1,000-1,500



108

- 108 ☒ **Knoxville Tenn., 5c Black entire (47XU5).** Partly clear strike of provisional handstamp on cover to Kingsport Tenn., pencil Jul. 30, 1861 date, lightly soiled, Fine, with 1983 C.S.A. certificate stating "applied at time of mailing, not in advance" 1,500.00



109

- 109 ☒ **Memphis Tenn., 2c Blue (56X1).** Large margins to just touched, tied by "Memphis Ten." circular datestamp on buff drop-rate cover locally addressed to Letitia Austin, ms. "1", right edge repaired where reduced slightly into corner of stamp, which has been added to improve appearance, stamp also creased

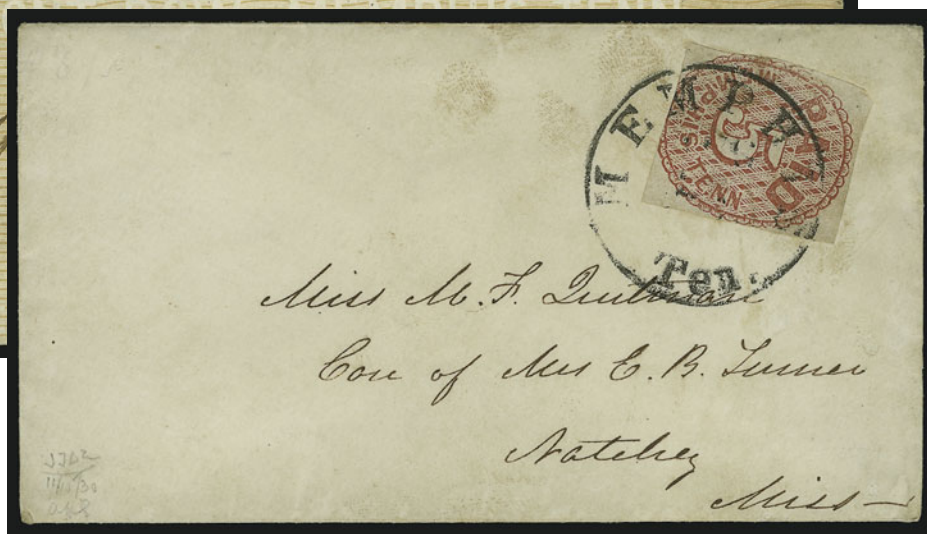
FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE AND DESIRABLE 2-CENT MEMPHIS PROVISIONAL USAGE. ONLY FIFTEEN COVERS RECORDED BY CROWN.

The census by Billy Matz (*Confederate Philatelist*, Mar. 1967) identified twelve 2c Memphis provisional covers, and the Crown book reported an additional three covers.

Ex Matz..... 10,000.00



110



111

- 110 ☒ **Memphis Tenn., 5c Red (56X2).** Two, one has about a third cut away, other with large margin at bottom and barely in on other sides, tied by "Memphis Ten. Aug. 20, 1861" circular datestamp on pale orange **Cotton Factors' advertising** cover to Fayetteville N.C., reduced at top and a few sealed edge tears, otherwise Fine, scarce use of provisional on cotton-related ad cover E. 750-1,000
- 111 ☒ **Memphis Tenn., 5c Red (56X2).** Ample margins to cut in, tied by "Memphis Ten." circular datestamp (date unreadable) on small cover to Natchez Miss., stamp creased and gum toned, otherwise Fine 1,750.00

NASHVILLE POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL



112



113EX

- 112 ★ **Nashville Tenn., 3c Carmine (4AX1).** Horizontal strip of five (complete setting) and additional single, unused (without gum as issued), large margins, single slightly creased, strip Very Fine 1,050.00
- 113 **Nashville Tenn., 5c Carmine, Brick Red, Violet Brown (61X1, 61X2, 61X5 two).** Brick Red with blue Adams Express oval, others with blue town datestamps, faults, still a presentable group of shades.....(Photo Ex) 1,900.00



114

- 114 ☒ **Nashville Tenn., 5c Dark Carmine (61X2).** Large margins on two sides, others ample to touching, tied by blue "Adams Express Co. Nashville Aug. 10" oval datestamp on **"The Adams Express Company"** imprinted buff cover to Providence R.I., from the Knowles correspondence, **South-to-North thru-the-lines express usage**, ms. "Paid 2/-" (two bits, 25c express fee) applied by Adams Nashville office, **U.S. 3c Dull Red (26)** affixed at Adams Louisville office (slightly overlapping 5c) and tied by blue "Louisville Ky. Aug. 18" double-circle datestamp and duplex grid, "Adams Ex. Co. * Louisville, Ky. * Aug. 17, 1861" circular datestamp, 5c has slight corner crease

VERY FINE. ONE OF FIVE RECORDED COVERS WITH THE 5-CENT NASHVILLE PROVISIONAL USED IN COMBINATION WITH UNITED STATES POSTAGE.

This South-to-North express cover is one of five recorded with the 5c Nashville provisional and U.S. stamps used together. All are Adams Express usages (in addition, there are two Nashville 10c provisional combinations carried by Adams). Two of the five covers, including the one offered here, are from the Knowles correspondence to Rhode Island. Two other northbound covers have Adams and Louisville post office markings with identical dates (Aug. 21 and 22); one is addressed to Minnesota and the other to Kentucky. The fifth cover is a North-to-South usage to Cleveland Tenn., dated July 27 at Louisville. Adams was required to pay Confederate postage, but letters never actually entered the mails at Nashville.

Illustrated in Shenfield book. Ex Shenfield and Gallagher..... E. 15,000-20,000



115

- 115 ☒ **Nashville Tenn., 5c Brick Red (61X3).** Two, one with full to large margins, other full to large except just touched along upper right frameline, bright shades, tied by blue "Nashville Ten. Aug. 21, 1861" circular datestamp on **Hanging Lincoln Cartoon** cover to Camden Miss., reduced at right, faint stain spots, minor edge wear

VERY FINE. ONLY TWELVE EXAMPLES OF THE CELEBRATED HANGING LINCOLN ENVELOPE ARE RECORDED. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE WITH A CONFEDERATE POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL STAMP. ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED AND OUTSTANDING OF ALL CONFEDERATE STATES COVERS.

The Hanging Lincoln design is widely recognized as the most distinctive of all Confederate patriotics. In this extraordinary cartoon, President Lincoln is hanging upside down from a tree limb, with his symbolic axe and fence rail tied around his neck. The caption reads "Abe Lincoln the destroyer. He once split Rails. Now he has split the Union." To the left and right is the caption "The penalty of disregarding the constitution. Impeached, deposed, Tried and convicted" (there is a spelling correction from "diposed" to "deposed"). Standing beside Lincoln is a mustachioed Winfield Scott, labeled "Old Fuss n Feathers", dropping his sword and exclaiming "My glory is gone for ever." On the ground is the Union flag, captioned "The stars and stripes lie in the dust, Never to rise." A star at left has the caption "The southern star is rising" and the Confederate 11-star flag towers above with the caption "The stars and bars shall for ever wave triumphant." Along the bottom is the imprint "Copyright claimed. HM & WC Box 417 Nashville Tenn."

According to a census by the late John R. Hill Jr. (updated with two new discoveries), there are twelve genuine Hanging Lincoln patriotics (listed in date order): 1) Jul. 25, 1861, Marshall Tex. Paid 10; 2) Aug. 21, 1861, Nashville Tenn., two 5c provisionals, ex Caspary, Kimmel and Myers, the cover offered here; 3) Aug. 30, 1861, Athens La. "Paid X", ex Hall (Siegel Sale 840, lot 27, realized \$13,000); 4) Nov. 2, 1861, Bowling Green Ky., ex Dr. Howard Green (Siegel Sale 822, lot 225, realized \$28,000); 5) Jan. 1, 1862, Nashville Ten., 5c Olive Green (Siegel 2003 Rarities sale, lot 644, realized \$6,500); 6) Jan. 4, 1862, Nashville Ten., 5c Olive Green; 7) Feb. 20, 1862, Cumberland Gap Ten., ms. Paid 5 (Siegel Sale 772, lot 3268, realized \$19,000); 8) Apr. 15, 1862, Cartersville Miss., ms. Due 5; 9) Apr. 15, 1862, Camden Miss., 10c Rose; 10) Jun. 24, 1862, Camden Miss., 10c Pale Rose; 11) date unknown to JRH, West Union S.C., ms. Due 5; and 12) privately carried and not postally used. In addition, there is a genuine envelope with fake markings and a stamp added.

Illustrated in Crown and Wishnietzky books. Ex Caspary, Kimmel and Myers.
..... E. 75,000-100,000



116

- 116 **Nashville Tenn., 5c Gray (61X4).** Horizontal strip of five, dark intermediate shade between Violet Brown and Gray, tied by blue "Nashville Ten. Oct. 23, 1861" circular datestamp on rebacked front only to Danville Va., strip lifted and repaired with parts of design drawn in
- THE LARGEST RECORDED USED MULTIPLE OF ANY NASHVILLE POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL.
- Ex Hobbs, Wiseman and Gallagher E. 5,000-7,500



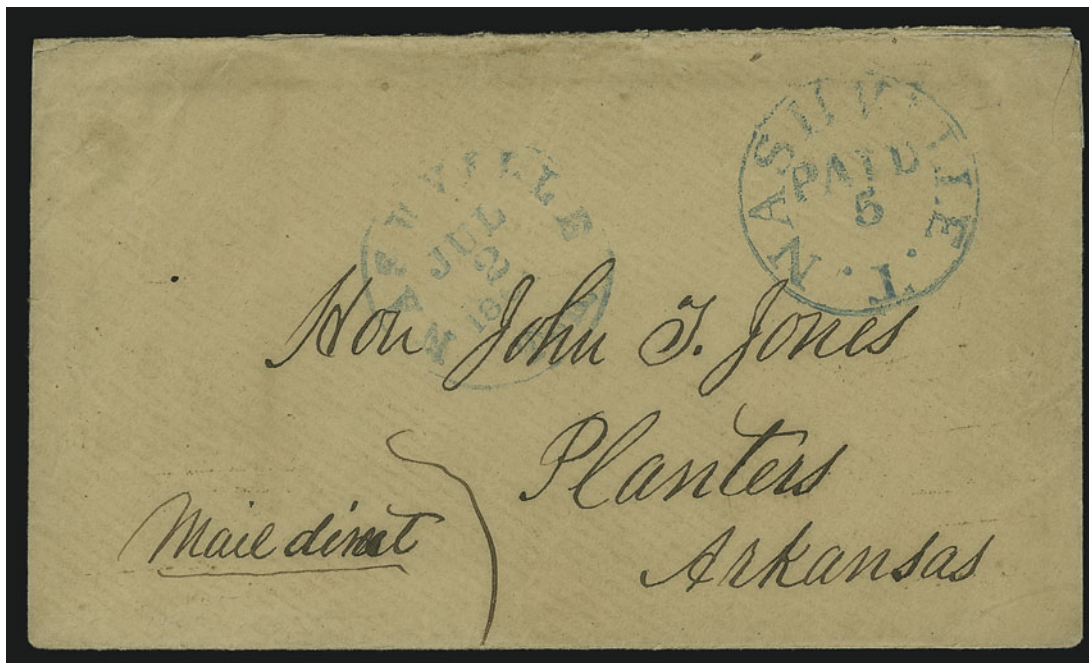
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- 117 ☒ **Nashville Tenn., 10c Green (61X6).** Margins well clear of framelines to large at top, deep rich color, tied by blue numeral "10" rate handstamp, matching "Paid" and "Nashville Ten. Sep. 18, 1861" circular datestamp on **importer's illustrated building corner card** cover to Shelbyville Tenn., lightened stain spots, stamp has faint creases and tiny repairs not noted on certificate

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. ONE OF SIX RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE RARE 10-CENT NASHVILLE POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL. THIS IS THE ONLY ADVERTISING COVER AMONG THE SIX KNOWN.

Our records contain six genuine covers with the 10c Green provisional issued by the Nashville postmaster: 1) Tied by Aug. 1 (1861) Adams Express oval, to Hardy & Bros., Norfolk Va.; 2) Tied by Sep. 15, 1861, Nashville datestamp, to Shelbyville Tenn., ex Caspary; 3) 5c & 10c used together, tied by Aug. 21, 1861, Nashville datestamp, to D. Cleage, Athens Tenn., ex Caspary; 4) Tied by Aug. 1 (1861) Adams Express oval, used on 3c Star Die entire to Rev. Leavenworth, Petersburg Va., ex Kilbourne (Siegel Sale 815, lot 104, realized \$90,000 hammer); 5) Tied by Aug. 1 (1861) Adams Express oval, used on 3c Star Die with additional 3c 1857, to Albert F. Ryan, Norfolk Va., ex Gallagher; and 6) Tied by "10" rate handstamp, Sep. 18, 1861, Nashville datestamp, on building corner card cover to Thos. H. Caldwell, Shelbyville Tenn., ex Needham, Kimmel and Haas, the cover offered here.

Ex Needham, Kimmel and Haas. With 1976 P.F. certificate..... E. 20,000-30,000



118

- 118 ☒ **Nashville Tenn., 5c Blue entire (61XU1).** Clear strike of provisional handstamp with matching "Nashville Ten. Jul. 2, 1861" circular datestamp on brown cover to Planters Ark., original 1861 letter enclosed (with newspaper clipping), trivial edge wear and mended flap tear, Very Fine, one of the finest recorded strikes dated on **the day Tennessee was admitted to the Confederacy** 850.00



119

- 119 ☒ **Nashville Tenn., 5c Blue entire (61XU1).** Partly readable impression of provisional handstamp with matching "Nashville Ten. Jul. 9, 1861" circular datestamp on **lady's envelope with embossing and monogram on flaps**, to Murfreesboro Tenn., ms. "5" at upper right, two small tears and slightly reduced at top, still Very Fine, one of the finest of approximately twelve known, very rare on this type of stationery 850.00



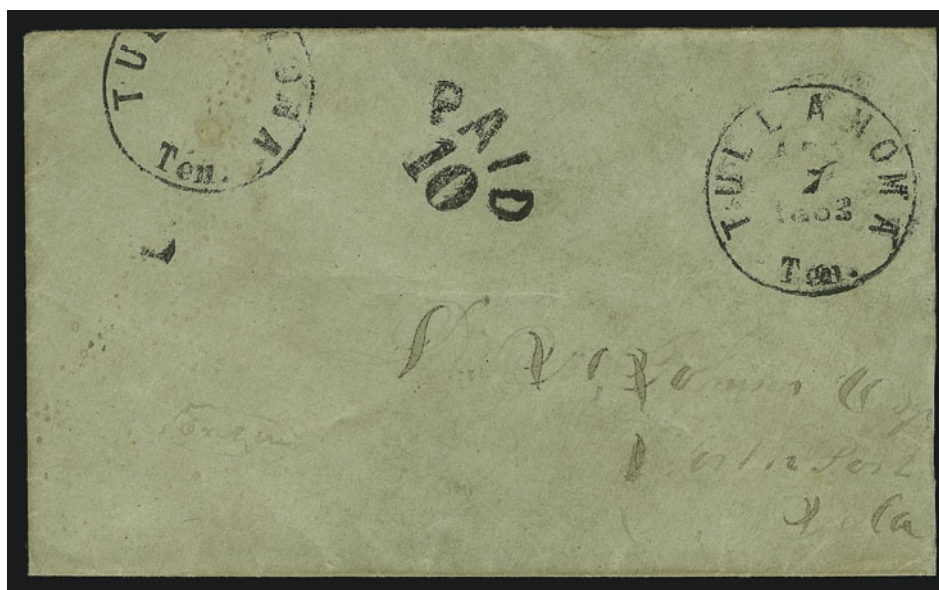
120 with enclosure



- 120 ☒ **Nashville Tenn., 5c + 10c Blue entire (61XU2).** Blue “Nashville T. Paid 5” in circle with matching “10” struck over value on red and blue **11-Star Confederate Flag patriotic** cover to Austin Tex., Nashville stationer’s imprint, mostly clear blue “Nashville Ten. Jul. 2, 1861” circular datestamp, slightly reduced at right, tiny soiled spot at top, accompanied by letterhead with 7-Star design and identical imprint (from another correspondence)

VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED CONFEDERATE PATRIOTIC WITH THE RE-RATED NASHVILLE PROVISIONAL MARKINGS.

Scott Retail without premium for patriotic usage is \$2,750.00 E. 3,000-4,000



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- 121 ☒ **Tullahoma Tenn., 10c Black entire (111XU1).** Clear strike of provisional markings, neat “Tullahoma Ten. Apr. 7, 1863” circular datestamp on greenish homemade cover to Northport Ala.

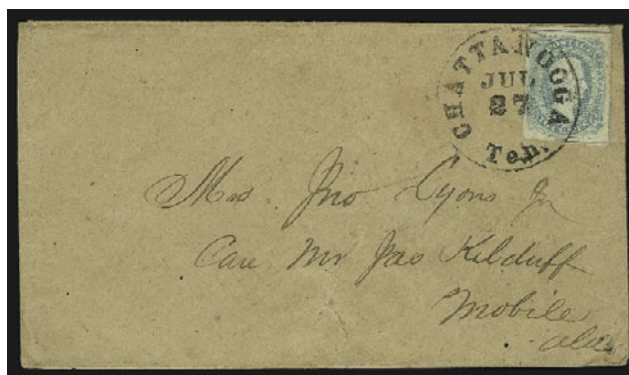
VERY FINE. ONE OF ONLY SIX RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS POSTMASTER PROVISIONAL, WHICH WAS ISSUED IN 1863 AFTER THE BATTLE OF MURFREESBORO.

This cover was pictured in an article by Dr. Thomas L. Ray in the Nov. 1960 *Confederate Philatelist*, in which Dr. Ray surmised that the late use of a provisional was necessitated by demand from troops entering Tullahoma after the Battle of Murfreesboro. The examples we record are dated Mar. 13, Mar. 28, Mar. 31, Apr. 1 (or 11), Apr. 5 and Apr. 7, all in 1863. 3,000.00



CONFEDERATE STATES GENERAL ISSUES

- 122 ☒ **5c Green, Stone 1-2 (1).** Ample to large margins incl. right sheet margin, bright shade, tied by blue "Nashville Ten. Jan. 14" (1862) circular datestamp on cover to Maj. Jones, Quartermaster at Nashville, official business endorsement at top, **forwarded to Fort Donelson**, charge notation crossed out, flap refolded at top, minor wear, still Fine, Fort Donelson fell in February 1862..... E. 200-300
- 123 ☒ **5c Green, Stone 1-2 (1).** Large margins, tied by "Chattanooga Ten. May 1, 1862" circular datestamp on **forwarded** brown cover, "Kingston Ten. Apr. 21" circular datestamp and ms. "Paid 5" applied at origin, redirected to Athens Tenn., stamp creased and slightly defective, cover is overall Very Fine ... E. 150-200
- 124 ☒ **5c Green, Stone 1-2 (1).** Vertical pair with enormous bottom right corner sheet margins, bright shade, tied by blue "Nashville Ten. Jan. 21" circular datestamp on yellow cover to New Orleans, backflap removed and repaired at top edge, minor stamp faults, otherwise Fine, impressive corner-margin pair E. 300-400
- 125 ☒ **10c Blue, Paterson (2).** Touching all around, creased, tied by "**Wartrace N. & C.R.R. May 29, 1863**" oval route agent's datestamp on small blue cover to Laurensville S.C., part of backflap removed, Fine appearance..... E. 100-150
- 126 ☒ **5c Blue, Stone 2 (4).** Ample to large margins, tied by **blue** "Jonesboro Ten. Apr. 15" circular datestamp on cover to Atlanta Ga., lightly cleaned, Very Fine..... E. 150-200
- 127 ☒ **5c Blue, Stone 2 (4).** Diagonal plate scratch, large margins to close at bottom, ms. cancel and "**Zollicoffer Tenn. May 5**" pmk. on brown cover to Abingdon Va., stamp creased before use, Fine appearance..... E. 150-200
- 128 ☒ **5c Blue, Stone 2 (4).** Horizontal pair, full margins to just touched at left, tied by grid cancels, "Elizabethton Tenn. Jul. 16" double-circle datestamp on buff cover to Emory College Va., pair lightly cleaned to remove stains, Very Fine appearance E. 200-300
- 129 ☒ **10c Rose (5).** Ample margins to close or touching, rich color, tied by Knoxville Tenn. circular datestamp on embossed corner card cover to Atlanta Ga., stamp has tiny scuff at top, otherwise Fine..... 875.00
- 130 ☒ **5c Light Blue, De La Rue (6).** Two, each with margins to cutting in, tied by blurry Chattanooga Tenn. circular datestamp on **lady's embossed cover** to Cleveland Tenn., faint toning, Fine, ex Hollowbush E. 100-150
- 131 ☒ **5c Blue, Local (7).** Pair, large margins to touching, ms. cancels, used on **Tusculum College** gray lithographed ad cover to Salem N.C., slight crease in pair at right, otherwise Very Fine, ex MacBride E. 150-200
- 132 ☒ **5c Blue, Local (7).** Pair, large margins to slightly in, tied by "Columbus Miss. Oct. 17" circular datestamp on **forwarded** cover, "Chattanooga Ten. Oct. 10, 1861" circular datestamp, ms. "Due" and handstamped "10" rate, addressed to Columbus and redirected to Brooksville, soldier's endorsement, part of backflap missing, left side slightly bleached, otherwise Fine, unusual usage E. 150-200
- 133 ☒ **5c Blue, Local (7).** Pair, margins to slightly in, tied by bold "**Zollicoffer Ten. 1863 Sep. 19**" circular datestamp on homemade cover to Wytheville Va., slightly worn, Fine and scarce..... E. 100-150



134

- 134 ☒ **10c Blue, Frameline (10).** Ample margins with full frameline at top and large parts at right and bottom, tied by bold "Chattanooga Ten. Jul. 27" circular datestamp on brown homemade cover to Mobile, small trivial scuff in cover at bottom
VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE 10-CENT "FRAMELINE" USAGE FROM TENNESSEE.
With 1972 C.S.A. and 1983 P.F. certificates 2,500.00
- 135 **Tennessee in the Confederacy.** 29 covers plus unused Nos. 4AX1, 56X1 (pair with cracked plate) and 56X2, range of usages incl. 56X2, Lithographs, 5c De La Rue and Local, 10c Engraved, several different towns, mixed condition, some have only minor faults, overall Fine and attractive..... E. 500-750



- 136 **Nashville Tenn.** Ms. prisoner's endorsement "Prisoner of War, Soldier's Letter, Lieut. Col. Van Horn" on buff cover to Union Wis., blue "Nashville Tenn. Jun. 15, 1862(?)" double-circle datestamp and "Due 3", worn and minor faults, otherwise Fine, according to Harrison book a Confederate prison was established in Nashville by Gen. A. S. Johnston from January 1862 to "at least" May 1862 (this cover pushes the date into June), no other covers are reported E. 400-500
- 137 ☒ **Prison Hospital, Nashville Tenn.** Prisoner's 3pp letter datelined "Prison Hospital Nashville, July 13" to sister in Columbia Tenn., with buff cover addressed and endorsed "Aug. 14th 1863, Approved, Henry R. Mizner, Col. Commdg.", letter with rejoined splits, cover has faint stain and some edge faults, otherwise Fine, according to the Harrison book this is the only recorded mail from the Prison Hospital in Nashville, located in Dr. Ford's Church on Cherry Hill and operated by Dr. T. G. Hickman and Dr. Higgins E. 400-500
- 138 ☒ **Fort Delaware Del.** Oval examiner's handstamp, 3c Rose (65) tied by grid, "Delaware City Del. May 5" circular datestamp on buff cover to Nashville, "Nashville Advertised May 18" circular datestamp, stamp has faults, slight edgewear, otherwise Fine, scarce use of Advertised mark on prisoner's letter E. 200-300
- 139 ☒ **Old Capitol Prison, Washington D.C.** 3c Rose (65) tied by target and "Memphis Tenn. Apr. 6" double-circle datestamp on buff cover to prisoner, "Passed W. P. Wood, Supt. Military Prison" circular examiner's handstamp, notation "Released" and "Contains \$5.00", Very Fine E. 200-300
- 140 ☒ **Camp Chase, Columbus O.** 3c Rose (65) tied by target, "Franklin Tenn. Jun. 20" circular datestamp on cover to prisoner "care of Coln. Moody, Comt of Post", pencil "Ex Gray" examiner's mark, 1862 docketing, reduced at right slightly into stamp, faint toning, otherwise Fine E. 150-200

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