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9. Until paid for in full, all lots remain the property of the Galleries on behalf of the seller.

10. Agents executing bids on behalf of clients may also be held responsible for all purchases made on behalf of clients, unless otherwise arranged prior to the sale.

11. **The buyer assumes all risk for delivery of purchased lots and agrees to pay for prescribed shipping costs. Buyers who receive lots in the U.S. are obligated to pay whatever sales tax or compensating use tax might be due, at any time, and buyers outside the U.S. are responsible for all customs duties.**

12. **The bidder consents that any action or proceeding against it may be commenced and maintained in any court within the State of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, that the courts of the State of New York and United States District Court for the Southern District of New York shall have jurisdiction with respect to the subject matter hereof and the person of the bidder. The bidder agrees not to assert any defense to any action or proceeding initiated by Galleries based upon improper venue or inconvenient forum. The bidder agrees that any action brought by the bidder shall be commenced and maintained only in a Federal Court in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York or the State Court in the county in which Galleries has its principal place of business in New York. The bidder agrees not to use a public conflict resolution service and not to use any form of social media to publish comments or information about the Galleries and its employees which might harm the Galleries' reputation or business. These Conditions of Sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New York, and shall constitute an agreement that shall be binding on the parties, and their respective heirs, administrators, distributees, successors and assignees.**

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Grades, Abbreviations and Values Used in Descriptions

Grades and Centering

Our descriptions contain detailed information and observations about each item's condition. We have also assigned grades to stamps and covers, which reflect our subjective assessment. For stamps, the margin width, centering and gum are described and graded according to generally-accepted standards (an approximate correlation to numeric grades is provided at right). Although we believe our grades are accurate, they are not always exactly aligned with third-party grading terms or standards for all issues. **A lot may not be returned because a certification service grades a stamp lower than the grade stated in the description. Information from the P.S.E. Stamp Market Quarterly and P.S.E. Population ReportSM is the most current available, but lots may not be returned due to errors or changes in statistics or data.**

Extremely Fine Gem (90-100): The term “Gem” describes condition that is the finest possible for the issue. This term is equivalent to “Superb” used by grading services.







Extremely Fine (80-90): Exceptionally large/wide margins or near perfect centering.

Very Fine (70-85): Normal-size margins for the issue and well-centered with the design a bit closer to one side. “Very Fine and choice” applies to stamps that have desirable traits such as rich color, sharp impression, freshness or clarity of cancel.

Fine (60-70): Smaller than usual margins or noticeably off center. Pre-1890 issues may have the design touched in places.

Very Good (below 60): Attractive appearance, but margins or perforations cut into the design.

Guide to Gum Condition

Gum Categories:	MINT N.H.	ORIGINAL GUM (O.G.)				NO GUM
	 Mint Never Hinged <i>Free from any disturbance</i>	 Lightly Hinged <i>Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area</i>	 Hinge Mark or Remnant <i>Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining</i>	 Part o.g. <i>Approximately half or more of the gum intact</i>	 Small part o.g. <i>Approximately less than half of the gum intact</i>	 No gum <i>Only if issued with gum</i>
Catalogue Symbol:	★ ★	★	★	★	★	(★)
PRE-1890 ISSUES	<i>Pre-1890 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value</i>			Scott Value for “O.G.”		Scott “No Gum” Values thru No. 218
1890-1935 ISSUES	Scott “Never Hinged” Values for Nos. 219-771	Scott Value for “O.G.” (Actual value will be affected by the degree of hinging)		Disturbed Original Gum: Gum showing noticeable effects of humidity, climate or hinging over more than half of the gum. The significance of gum disturbance in valuing a stamp in any of the Original Gum categories depends on the degree of disturbance, the rarity and normal gum condition of the issue and other variables affecting quality. For example, stamps issued in tropical climates are expected to have some		
1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for “Unused”					

Covers

Minor nicks, short edge tears, flap tears and slight reduction at one side are normal conditions for 19th century envelopes. Folded letters should be expected to have at least one file fold. Light cleaning of covers and small mends along the edges are accepted forms of conservation. Unusual covers may have a common stamp with a slight crease or tiny tear. **These flaws exist in virtually all 19th century covers and are not always described. They are not grounds for return.**

Catalogue Values and Estimates

Unless otherwise noted, the currently available *Scott Catalogue* values are quoted in dollars with a decimal point. Other catalogues are often used for foreign countries or specialized areas and are referred to by their common name: *Stanley Gibbons* (SG), *Dietz*, *American Air Mail Catalogue* (AAMC), *Michel*, *Zumstein*, *Facit*, etc. Estimates are indicated with an “E.” and reflect our conservative valuation in dollars. Reserves will never exceed the low end of the estimate range; they will sometimes exceed Scott Catalogue value for stamps in Extremely Fine condition.

Because of certain pricing inconsistencies in the *Scott Catalogue*—for example, blocks that have no gum, the absence of premiums for Mint N.H. items, etc.—we cannot guarantee the accuracy of values quoted for multiples, specialized items and collection lots. We generally try to be conservative, but buyers may not return a lot because of a discrepancy in catalogue value due to Scott pricing inconsistencies.

Symbols and Abbreviations (see chart above for gum symbols)

⊞	Block	E	Essay	pmk.	Postmark	No.	Scott Catalogue Number
⊞	Cover	P	Proof	cds	Circular Datestamp	hs	Handstamp
FC	Fancy Cancel	TC	Trial Color Proof	var.	Variety	ms.	Manuscript

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Bishop Wittingham
 The mails
 are both in & the packets for
 Dr Wyatt not arrived. Mr Jones
 is preparing new papers but
 enquire in Balto. for those sent

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MORNING SESSION (LOTS 1-100)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022, AT 10:30 A.M.

THE GEORGE J. KRAMER COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES
AND CONFEDERATE STATES TELEGRAPH COVERS

UNITED STATES ELECTROMAGNETIC TELEGRAPH



1

- 1 **United States Electromagnetic Telegraph, "E. Mag. Telegraph/Washington. May 5th".** Bold strike of blue double-line oval handstamp with date in manuscript, matching manuscript "2cts" at left on folded letter to Bishop Wittingham with similar strike and date in red on inside, docketing indicates 1846 use, virtually intact red "Telegraph Office" wax seal with illustration of an eagle

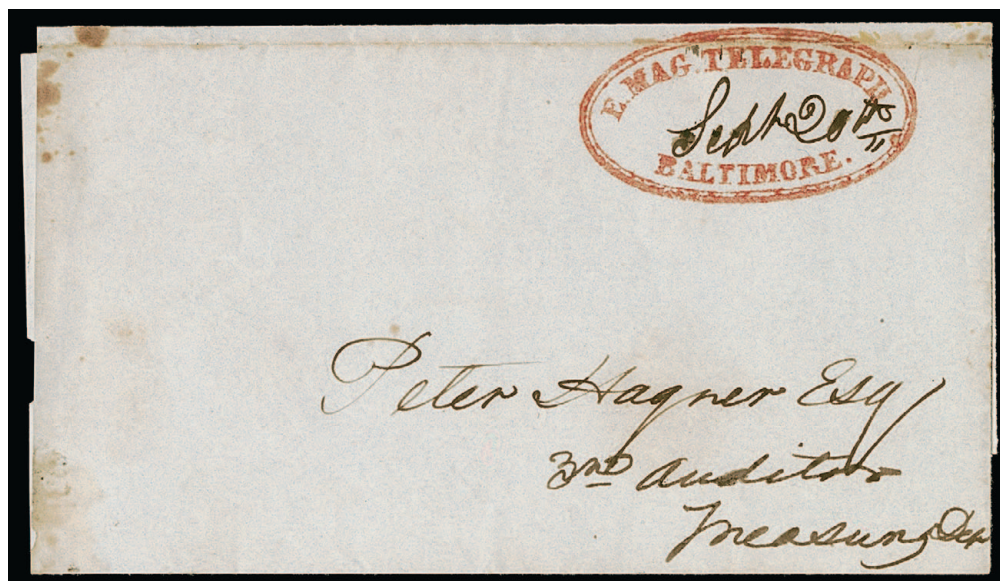
VERY FINE. THIS IS ONE OF ONLY FOUR RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE RARE UNITED STATES ELECTROMAGNETIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY "E. MAG. TELEGRAPH" HANDSTAMP. IT IS ALSO THE ONLY EXAMPLE STRUCK IN BLUE. ONE OF THE GREAT RARITIES OF TELEGRAPH COLLECTING.

The 1993 *American Stampless Cover Catalog* states the United States Electromagnetic Telegraph line opened for experimental use on May 24, 1844, and for public business from April 1, 1845. It was administered by the Post Office Department until December 1846, when it was leased to private parties. In April 1847 it became part of the Magnetic Telegraph Co.'s line between Washington and New York.

Only four examples of this earliest telegraph company handstamp are recorded — two with the Baltimore office handstamp and two with the Washington office handstamp. None are year dated. They are as follows:

- 1) July 22 (surmised to be an 1845 use), red Baltimore office handstamp, ex Born (Sale 1102, lot 1153, ASCC p. 5)
- 2) September 20 (1845-46), red Baltimore office handstamp, offered as lot 2 in this sale
- 3) May 5 (1846), blue Washington office handstamp with red Washington office handstamp on letter enclosure, **the example offered here**
- 4) March 5 (1846), red Washington office handstamp on a faulty cover front only, ex Hahn (Sale 980, lot 3078)

ASCC No. 1, Rarity 10, the highest rarity level..... E. 2,000-3,000



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- 2 ☒ **United States Electromagnetic Telegraph, "E. Mag. Telegraph/Baltimore. Sept. 20th".** Clear and bold strike of red double-line oval handstamp with date in manuscript, on folded cover to Peter Hagner, 3rd Auditor of the Treasury Department, some foxing on back, at left edge and a bit in rim at top center, contents removed

EXTREMELY FINE STRIKE. THIS IS ONE OF ONLY FOUR RECORDED COVERS WITH THE RARE UNITED STATES ELECTROMAGNETIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY "E. MAG. TELEGRAPH" HANDSTAMP.

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The bold strike makes this one of the most outstanding telegraph covers extant.

ASCC No. 1, Rarity 10, the highest rarity level..... E. 2,000-3,000

MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY



- 3 **James M. Buchanan P.M.** Bold signature on second page of letter to Postmaster General Cave Johnson, datelined "Post Office Baltimore May 15th '45", contents are a response to a request to keep the post office open at night and to utilize clerks for telegraph business, Postmaster Buchanan replies that he has only two clerks, that if they were sent out on telegraph business late at night and the doors of the post office left open it would expose the office to "depredators" and in essence suggests that the post office and telegraph offices be kept separate, Very Fine and wonderful history for both the telegraph collector and the Postmasters' Provisionals collector (Buchanan was the postmaster whose signature appears on the Baltimore Provisional, Scott 3X1) E. 500-750
- 4 ☒ **Magnetic Telegraph Office, Baltimore.** Clear strike of oval handstamp on oatmeal cover to local address, manuscript "2c" and "Pittsburg" at top, red wax seal on back, some edge soiling, still Very Fine, rare, only three are recorded, ASCC No. 3, Rarity 8.. E. 300-400
- 5 ☒ **Magnetic Telegraph Company, "Magnetic Telegraph".** Clear strike of red oval handstamp with no indication of office on buff cover to Wall St. address in New York City, manuscript "75c to collect", Very Fine, a rare early marking, ex Jarrett, ASCC No. 2 var .. E. 300-400



- 6 ☒ **Magnetic Telegraph Company.** Three covers each with different imprint: first with “New-York & Boston” imprint, piece out of top, reputed to be the only reported example of this style; next two with different Magnetic Telegraph Co. imprints from Morse Line with one showing some text in ribbon, some edgewear, Very Fine and scarce group, the first unlisted in ASCC.....(Photo Ex) E. 300-400
- 7 ☒ **Magnetic Telegraph Office, Phila.** Oval handstamp on buff cover with blue “2” in circle handstamp indicating delivery by Eagle City Post (same style of 2c marking), addressed to Philadelphia, with original enclosure dated Feb. 11, 1849 and indicating origin in Mobile Ala., horizontal file fold affects marking, still Very Fine, scarce, ASCC No. 2, Rarity 8 E. 400-500
- 8 ☒ **Magnetic Telegraph Office, Phila.** Oval handstamp on gray cover to local street address, with original enclosure and docketing indicating May 8, 1847 use with contents originating in “Pittsburg” (spelling without the “h”), Very Fine, scarce, ASCC No. 2, Rarity 8 E. 300-400
- 9 ☒ **Magnetic Telegraph Office, Phila.** Oval handstamp on brown cover to local street address, bold strike of “2” handstamp at upper right, with original enclosure indicating receipt of wire from New York on Dec. 1, 1847, with **Stait & Co. yellow advertising label**, cover with some waterstaining and acidification causing some cracking, otherwise Very Fine, this is reported to be the earliest recorded use of this type of Stait’s label E. 200-300
- 10 ☒ **Magnetic Telegraph.** Three covers and two enclosures, each with different label used to seal back-flap, including “Eastern Telegraph, Umpire Block, Portland Maine”, “N.Y. & Boston Mag. Tel. Association”, last is “N.Y. & Erie Mag. Telegraph Company”, two enclosure with one reported to be the earliest example, Very Fine and scarce group(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 400-500



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- 11 ☒ **Eagle City Post & Mag. Telegraph Messengering Dep't, at Adams' Express, 80 Chestnut St., And all the Mag. Tele. Offices.** Clear strike of large red double-circle datestamp (Lyons Ty. E), **Eagle City Post, Philadelphia Pa., (2c) Black (61L2)**, Type B with 46 points, pen cancelled and tied by blue "Philada. Pa. 10cts Feb. 1" (1849) integral-rate circular datestamp on folded letter to Roanoke Bridge Va., stamp with small gum soaks and light creases, letter with some internal splits, still Very Fine and extremely rare, only four examples of this Eagle City/Magnetic Telegraph handstamp are recorded by Larry Lyons (*Penny Post* Oct. 2014, pp. 52-55), William Stait owned Eagle City Post and he operated out of the Adams Express office in Philadelphia, the Magnetic Telegraph office was located in the same building, this is also a rare example of the 61L2 stamp tied on cover, ex Gibson..... E. 1,000-1,500



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13 with enclosure



- 12 ☒ **Eagle City Post & Mag. Telegraph Messengering Dep't, 3 Adams' Express, 80 Chestnut St., And all the Mag. Tele. Offices.** Large red double-circle datestamp (Lyons Ty. D), with large blue "2" in double-circle handstamp for local post delivery on small Feb. 1849 cover to local street address, back with red piping and etiquette label, fresh and Very Fine, only six examples of this Eagle City/Magnetic Telegraph handstamp are recorded by Larry Lyons (*Penny Post* Oct. 2014, pp. 52-55), William Stait owned Eagle City Post and he operated out of the Adams Express office in Philadelphia, the Magnetic Telegraph office was located in the same building..... E. 750-1,000

EARLY MIDWESTERN TELEGRAPH SERVICE

- 13 ☒ **Office of the Erie and Mich. Telegraph Co.** Enclosure for a telegram dated June 3, 1848 from Detroit to Chicago announcing death of someone from scarlet fever, with outer cover with red "TELEGRAPH" handstamp, light waterstaining, still Very Fine, a rare early use, Kramer notes this may be the earliest complete telegram received in Chicago..... E. 300-400

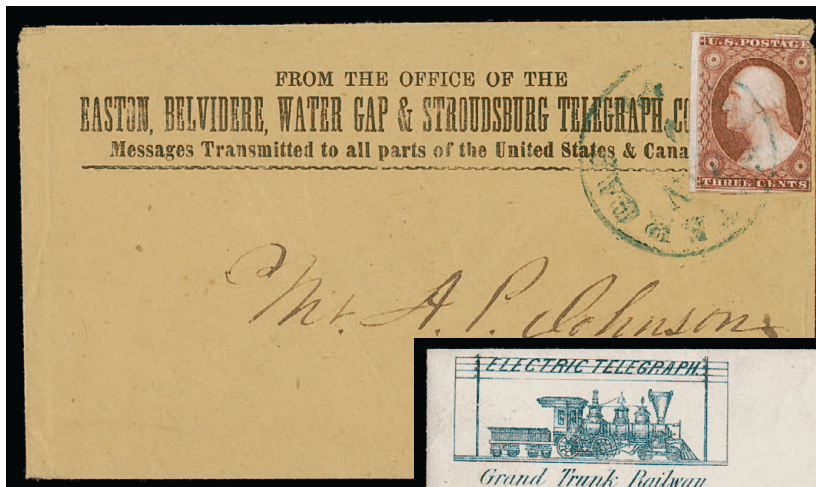
TELEGRAPH COMPANIES (ALPHABETICAL)



- 14 ☒ **Adirondack Company's Telegraph.** Imprint on buff cover to Hadley N.Y., with space for charge at lower left, in this case 58c, small tear at top right, Very Fine and very rare example of this small company, Kramer has never seen another, unlisted in ASCC..... E. 200-300
- 15 ☒ **American Telegraph Company.** "FROM THE OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, MERCHANT'S EXCHANGE BALTIMORE" three-line handstamp on brown cover to Baltimore, "PAID" handstamp at upper left, with original enclosure indicating origination in New York, Sep. 1848 docketing at left, some slight overall wear, Very Fine and very rare, Henry O'Reilly secured rights to use the Morse patent from Philadelphia to the Mississippi River and on to the Great Lakes, this "mistakenly" violated Morse's principle of exclusivity, this is the only recorded example of this marking, ASCC No. 14, rarity 8..... E. 500-750
- 16 ☒ **American Telegraph Company.** Blue cameo corner card cover with strong embossing, with illustration of an eagle with lightning bolt, W. Eaves imprint, to local Boston street address, with illustrated enclosure from Providence, Very Fine, a beautiful cameo corner card cover and enclosure, ASCC No. 281, Rarity 4..... E. 300-400
- 17 ☒ **2c Black (73).** Tied by "Washington D.C. Feb. 1 '64" double-circle datestamp and target cancel on red **American Telegraph Company** imprint cover to an officer in the 1st Massachusetts Artillery, includes original telegraph message tape, stamp is defective with part of the left side separated but present, missing one side flap and a bit more than half the backflap, Very Fine appearance and a scarce 2c Black Jack telegraph cover, the American Telegraph Company lines ran directly into the War Department and were used by the U.S. Military for non-strategic matters..... E. 200-300
- 18 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Tied by "F. C. & R. & B. R.R. Mail Line Jul. 31" Fitchburg, Cheshire, Rutland and Burlington Railroad route agent's circular datestamp on cover with blind embossed **American Telegraph Company** corner card to North Ferrisburgh Vt., with American Telegraph part-printed enclosure for telegram received in Rutland Jul. 30, 1865 from Milwaukee, enclosure with partial split along fold, Very Fine, scarce use for a telegram from Milwaukee to Rutland then sent by mail to destination E. 300-400



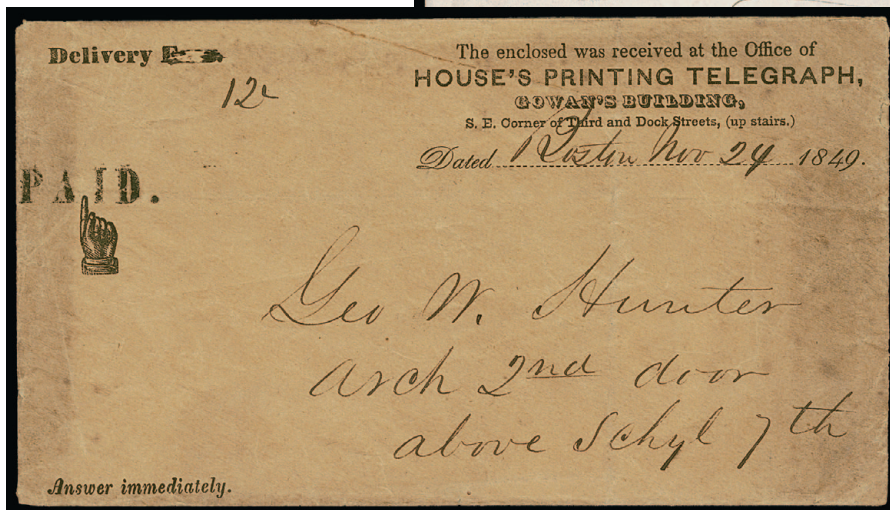
- 19 ☒ **Atlantic and Ohio Telegraph Philadelphia.** Negative octagonal framed handstamp boldly struck on brown cover to local address, manuscript "\$2.69 to pay", text of reply written on front, cover with slight toning as with the other two examples we have encountered, still Fine and scarce, ASCC No. 105, Rarity 8 E. 200-300
- 20 ☒ **Bain's Telegraph Merchant's Line.** Five covers, including red cameo corner card depicting the Bain patented machine (which was in competition with Morse's system) on cover with red oval "Paid" handstamp and addressed to New York, part of address crossed out, trivial edgewear, Very Fine and attractive, ASCC No. 52, Rarity 7, two with Bain's oval cameo designs with 29 Wall St. address, last two with printed "By Bain's Telegraph" with yellow or orange Merchant's Line labels sealing flaps, one with circular datestamp, Very Fine and desirable group..(Photo Ex) E. 300-400
- 21 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (11A).** Horizontal pair, full margins to just in at top, tied by well-struck large "PAID" grid cancel, red "Boston 18 Sep." (1852) circular datestamp on buff cover with "Bain's Eastern Telegraph, Office No. 76 State Street" return address with pointing hand and "Free Delivery" at upper right, to San Francisco, Very Fine, a very unusual use, a telegram was transmitted to Bain's office which then forwarded it in the mails to California, this likely left New York September 20 per USMSC *Illinois*, arriving Aspinwall Oct. 2, departing Panama Oct. 6 per PMSS *Tennessee* and arriving San Francisco Oct. 19 E. 300-400
- 22 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. II (7).** Horizontal strip of three, margins to in, few faults at top, tied by large "PAID" grid cancels and red "Boston Mass. 20 Nov." circular datestamp on cover with red "Boston & Cape Cod Marine Telegraph" corner card to Yarmouthport, additional strike of circular datestamp over corner card, Very Fine, scarce and attractive design, ex Jarrett..... E. 500-750
- 23 ☒ **City Telegraph.** Imprint cover listing five offices in New York, addressed within the city, 12c charge at lower left, original tape message utilizing the House patent accompanies, Very Fine and rare example from this company, which was organized in 1855, it had a system of depositories where messages could be left and called for by messenger, it was also the first company to issue stamps but the company did not succeed, unlisted in ASCC, we have offered one other example of this design, carried by Bentley's Dispatch, but it was repaired E. 200-300



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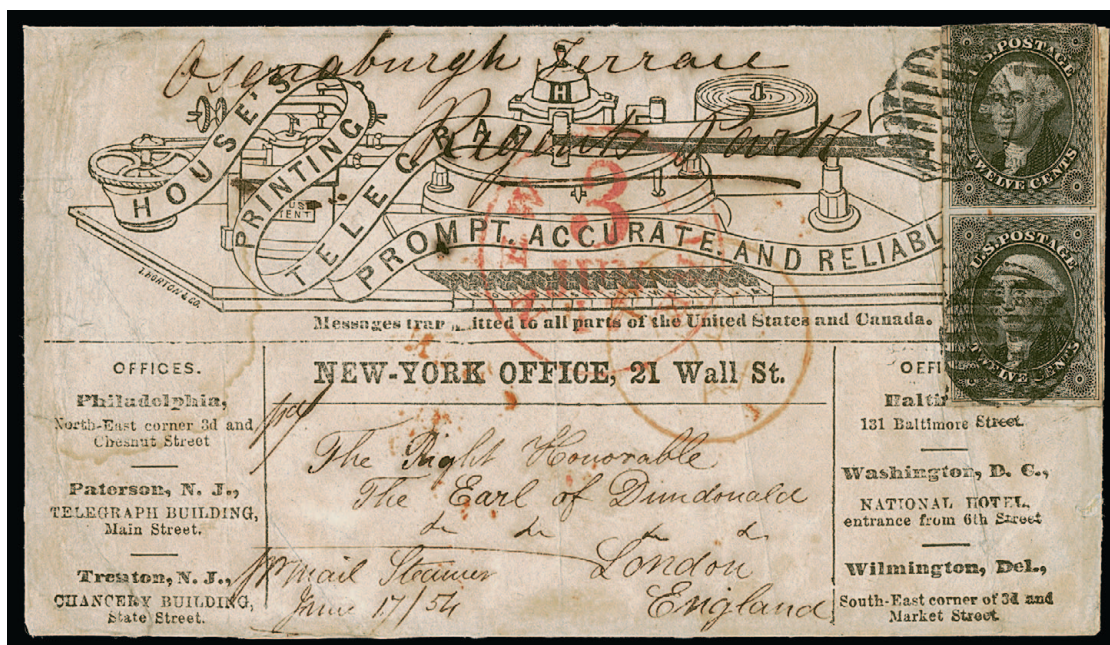


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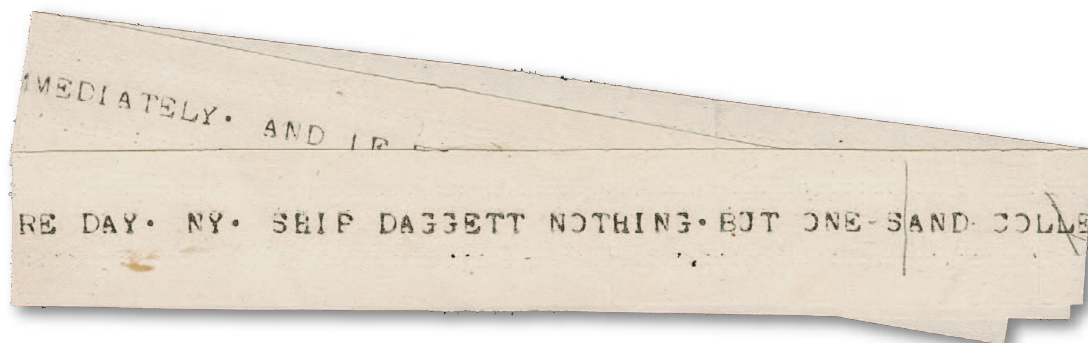


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- 24 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. I (11).** Large margins to in, rich color, tied by blue "Water Gap Pa. Jan. 9" circular datestamp on cover with printed "From the office of the Easton, Belvidere, Water Gap & Stroudsburg Telegraph Co." to Newark Del., stamp with scissors-cut at top, pencil note on back indicates 1857 use, Very Fine, a rare company envelope, incorporated Apr. 11, 1856, unlisted in ASCC..... E. 400-500
- 25 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. III (26).** Deep rich color, cancelled by penstrokes, "Gorham N.H. Jan. 28" circular datestamp on "Electric Telegraph, Grand Trunk Railway" illustrated corner card cover to White Field N.H., light horizontal file fold at bottom well away from stamp and corner card, Very Fine, a lovely and rare design for this historic railroad which operated from 1852-1923 in the Canadian provinces of Quebec and Ontario as well as several New England states, including Maine..... E. 400-500
- 26 ☒ **House Letter Printing Telegraph.** Ten items, including six covers, one dated Boston Nov. 24, 1849 with a "PAID" handstamp and pointing hand (ASCC No. 21, Rarity 7); one with yellow Eagle City Post label with red "PAID" handstamp; two with different illustrations including one with eagle and ribbon and another illustrating his patented machine dated 1855 (ASCC No. 31), also includes four tapes from the machine, of different types, Very Fine group, House's patent did not use the Morse code or other similar system, his machine printed directly onto a paper tape and was a forerunner of the typewriter, unfortunately the machine took two people to operate.....(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 300-400



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27 tape enclosure

- 27 ☒ **12c Black (17).** Vertical pair, large margins to just in at top, tied by grid cancels with red "New York 3 Jun. 17" (1854) 3c credit datestamp on **House's Printing Telegraph illustrated cover to London, England**, carried on the Ocean Line *Hermann*, departing New York June 17 and arriving Southampton July 1, pair with some slight gum toning along right edge, cover with minor waterstaining and creases and a couple expertly restored corners

FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE USE OF THE 12-CENT 1851 ISSUE ON AN ILLUSTRATED TELEGRAPH COVER TO LONDON, WITH THE ORIGINAL TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE.

Illustrated telegraph covers are particularly rare and desirable when sent through the mails, and we have offered a number bearing the 3c 1851 Issue. However, this is the only example of a 12c 1851 franking or use to an overseas destination we have encountered.

Ex Walter Hubbard. E. 2,000-3,000



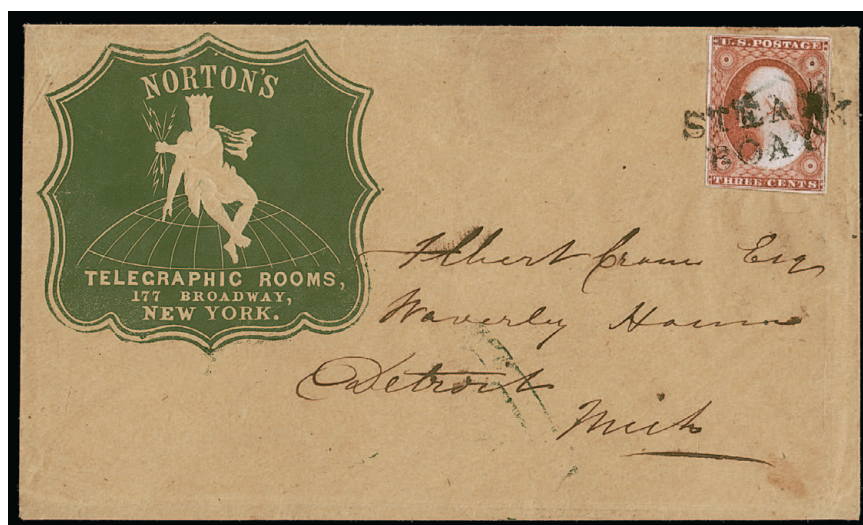
- 28 ☒ **Kennebec Telegraph.** Circular handstamp on cover to local address, with original enclosure from Augusta Maine dated June 18, 1859 from Saco, message economically informs recipient his brother drowned while playing on logs in a river (words cost money.. no need for sympathy), Very Fine, ASCC No. 83, Rarity 5..... E. 200-300
- 29 ☒ **Lynchburg and Abingdon Telegraph Company.** Corner card with additional text "Carriers Deliver Free, Office — Masonic Hall, Answer by Boy" on oatmeal cover addressed to the telegraph office in Alexandria Va., blue "5" handstamp, blue "Lynchburgh Va. Mar. 10" circular datestamp struck over corner card, some slight wear, Very Fine, a rare early Southern telegraph cover, in March 1851 the letter rate was changed from 5c to 3c, this is addressed to the telegraph officer in Alexandria, which indicates that there was no telegraph between Lynchburg and Alexandria and that the contents would be further telegraphed, ASCC No. 100, Rarity 6..... E. 400-500
- 30 ☒ **Milwaukee and Green Bay Telegraph Company, Hotchkiss Line.** Brown imprint cover addressed to Green Bay, undated except for pencil "1851" inside top flap, some soiling, Very Fine and rare, this is the listing copy of this short-lived company..... E. 300-400
- 31 ☒ **5c Brown (76).** Horizontal pair, tied by grid, "Cherry Creek N.Y. Sep. 4, 1863" double-circle datestamp on "Morse's American Telegraph, New York, Albany and Buffalo Line" printed cover to **Brighton, Canada West**, receiving backstamp, expert restoration — front and back separated and reattached and some other faults — still Fine appearance and a rare use carried on the Grand Trunk Railway, the 5c 1861-68 Issue is extremely rare on any form of telegraph cover . E. 500-750



- 32 ☒ **Morse's N.O. & O. Telegraph Co., Marietta, Ohio.** Three-line black on yellow label with decorative border affixed at top left of buff cover, with original enclosure indicating telegram sent from Wheeling Va. and dated Feb. 6, 1851, Very Fine and rare example of this label from the New Orleans & Ohio Telegraph Company, ASCC No. 207, Rarity 9 E. 300-400
- 33 ☒ **TELEGRAPHIC (New Orleans & New York Telegraph, New York).** Perfect diagonal strike of **blue** straightline handstamp on May, 1851 cover to Burling Slip (New York), original telegram sheet with company masthead dated "New Orleans 30 May, 1851", light soling and small backflap tear do not detract, scarce and Extremely Fine strike, one of two listed in 1993 ASCC under New York office, (No. 90, Rarity 7, though we suspect this handstamp may be rarer than that), ex Jarrett and Hahn E. 400-500
- 34 ☒ **New Orleans, Red River and Texas Telegraph.** Imprint at top of buff cover addressed to "John Moore, Esq., Present", missing top flap, slight edgewear, Very Fine and very rare, according to Reid's *The Telegraph in America*, this was an operating line which turned out to be a scam, the plan was to use underwater cables to various cities, the contractors ran away with the subscription funds, this may well be unique E. 500-750
- 35 ☒ **New York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Co.** Imprint cover with printed "No." at top let and manuscript "19", to local street address, with printed enclosure noting telegram received from San Francisco and dated Nov. 5, 1861, also with manuscript "450" at lower left (nine words in the telegraph at 50c per word), Very Fine, the transcontinental telegraph was completed Oct. 24, 1861, this was sent just twelve days after its completion and is one of the earliest surviving examples of the transcontinental telegraph E. 500-750



- 36 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (11A).** Large margins to just in, bright color, tied by "Corning N.Y. Oct. 20" circular datestamp on blue "New York & Western Union Telegraph Co. advertising" cover to Barrington Ill., slight edgewear, Very Fine and scarce design, this company was in service from January 1852 to January 1853 when it was leased to another company, at the final consolidation the owner, Ezra Cornell, insisted that the name Western Union should survive E. 200-300
- 37 ☒ **Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company.** Two buff covers with "Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Quincy" handstamps at left, one with blue "Quincy Ill. 6 Sep." circular datestamp with matching "5" handstamp to Alton Ill., other with similar circular datestamp of 27 Nov. and matching "V" handstamp also to Alton Ill., first with waterstaining second slightly reduced at top, still Very Fine and scarce, the "V" marking is unlisted for Quincy, ASCC No. 242, Rarity 8 for the telegraph marking E. 200-300
- 38 ☒ **Quincy Telegraphery (Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company).** Straightline handstamp on buff cover to Alton Ill., sender's routing instructions "favor Mr. D. Able", some slight wear, Very Fine strike of this rare marking, only a handful are known, ASCC No. 241, Rarity 9 E. 300-400
- 39 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (11A).** Full margins to just in, bright color, tied by "New-York Jul. 25, 1853" year-dated circular datestamp on buff cover with New York Associated Press, Telegraphic Agency imprint to Newburyport Mass., docketing at left also ties stamp, Very Fine, prior to the formation of the Associated Press, newspaper competition for use of the wire to receive and transmit news was fierce and became expensive, the association acted as an aggregator E. 300-400



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- 40 ☒ **3c Orange Brown, Ty. II (10A).** Full to ample margins, intense shade, tied by “STEAM/BOAT” two-line handstamp on buff cover to Detroit Mich. with Norton’s Telegraphic Rooms green high-relief cameo corner card picturing Zeus throwing lightning bolts atop the world, Very Fine, the Norton’s design is scarce with only a handful known in green and the steamboat use is very rare with only one other telegraph cover recorded E. 1,000-1,500



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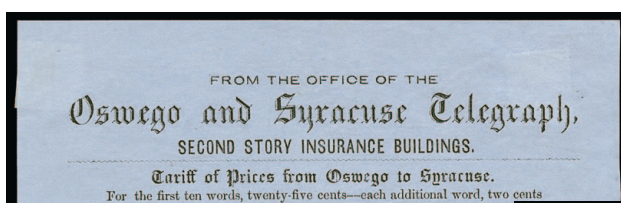
- 41 ☒ **O'Reilly's Chicago, Toledo and Cincinnati Telegraph, Indianapolis Ind.** Decorative design on brown cover addressed to Mr. John Armstrong, with blue enclosure with illustration of “O’Reilly’s Ohio, Indiana and Illinois Line” with “O’Reilly’s” spelled differently, the enclosure has a map of the empire he created, the telegram to Indianapolis from Yanesville, June 1, 1850, Very Fine and scarce, desirable with the illustrated enclosure, also includes printed 34-page document submitted by O’Reilly to Congress requesting funds to construct a line along a military road, ASCC No. 230, Rarity 6(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 300-400
- 42 ☒ **From the O’Reilly’s Telegraph Office, Dayton.** Blue embossed cameo corner card on cover to Dayton O., top flap with green embossed “Please reply by messenger or give reason why not?”, minor soiling, Very Fine, ASCC No. 232, Rarity 6..... E. 200-300



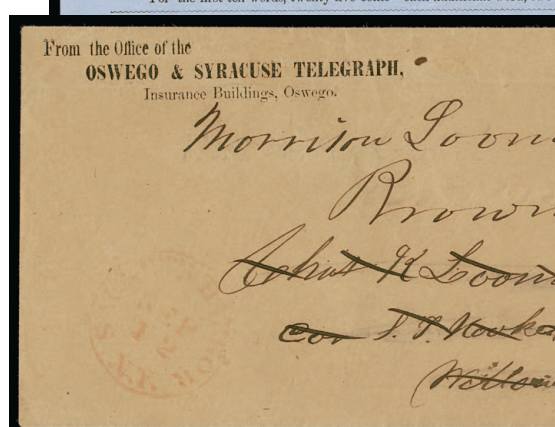
3c "Trime"

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- 43 ☒ **Bain's Chemical Telegraph. O'Rielly's New-York State Line.** Wonderfully illustrated design with vignettes of Benjamin Franklin, flying-kite electricity conduction experiment and harbor scene, entered mails with blue "Watertown N.Y. May 11" (1852) circular datestamp and matching "Paid III" in "C" circular handstamp matching the design of the 3c silver "trime" coin, minor edgewear, Very Fine and exceptional combination of illustrated telegraph cover sent through the mails with this rare postal marking, which was inspired by the 3c silver piece in circulation during the 1850s, an example of the coin accompanies, the cover is ASCC No. 173, Rarity 8..... E. 1,000-1,500



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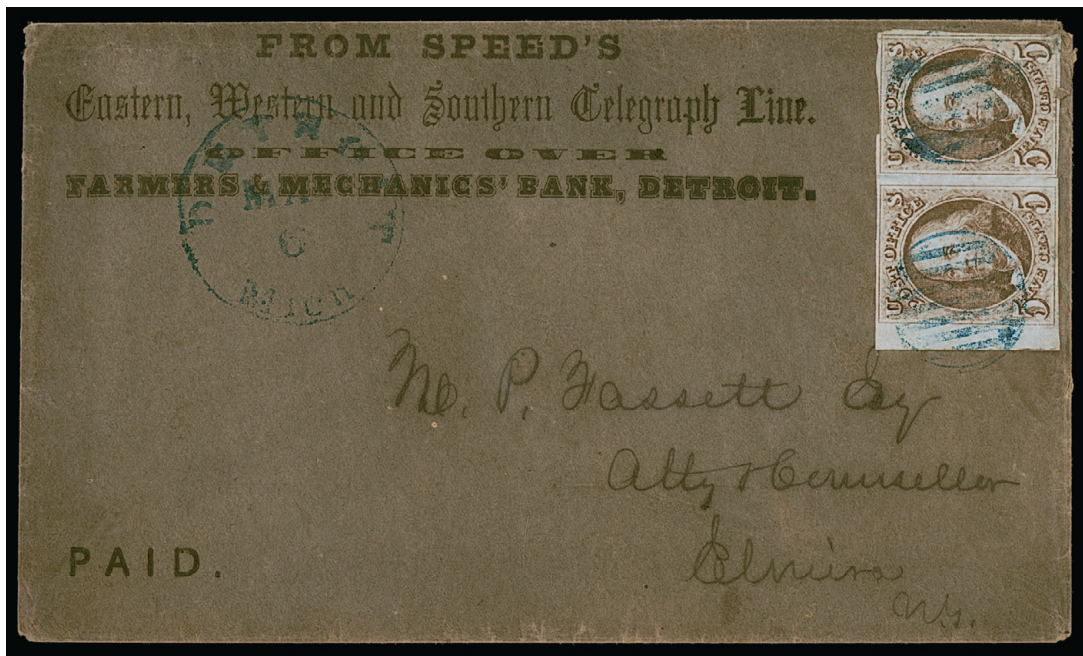
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- 44 ☒ **Oswego & Syracuse Telegraph.** Buff corner card cover with red "5" handstamp and matching light strike of "Sackets Harbor N.Y. Sep. 12" circular datestamp to Brownville (forwarded), with blue enclosure for telegram from Petersburg to Oswego dated Sep. 11, 1850, contents note "our brother died of cholera on Friday last", Very Fine and rare, this independent company was established in late 1846, unlisted in ASCC..... E. 300-400
- 45 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (11A).** Large top margin, just in at bottom, tied by "Amherst Ms. May 10" circular datestamp on cover to Canandaigua N.Y. with "Savery's Temperance Hotel and Telegraph Dining Saloon" blue cameo corner card, illustrated design in a shield, original contents a folded letter from Amherst College datelined May 9, 1856 which mentions President Franklin Pierce, missing backflap, Very Fine and rare cameo card for a temperance hotel and telegraph office, this was operated by Bela Sawyer and J. S. Savery E. 400-500

1847 ISSUE USED ON SPEED'S TELEGRAPH LINE COVER



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- 46 ☒ **5c Red Brown (1).** Horizontal pair with **left sheet margin**, other sides ample to touched at top, intermediate impression, bottom right corner fault from placement near edge, tied by blue grid cancels with matching "Detroit Mich. Mar. 6" (ca. 1849) circular date-stamp on brown cover to Elmira N.Y. with "**From Speed's Eastern, Western and Southern Telegraph Line**" imprint at top, "Office over Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Detroit" below, cover is a bit age-darkened not affecting the stamps

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE 5-CENT 1847 ISSUE ON A SPEED'S TELEGRAPH OFFICE COVER.

John J. Speed Jr. affiliated himself with Samuel Morse in the mid 1840s. He conducted tests in 1847 between Cleveland and Buffalo which were to thoroughly convince Morse that "sound telegraphy" would be more efficient than any of the other possible techniques. He built and operated several key sections to the Great Lakes using the Morse patent.

USPCS census no. 4484. Accompanied by a second stampless cover with a different Speed's imprint (not sent through the mails) E. 3,000-4,000



- 47 ☒ **Susquehanna River and North and West Branch Telegraph Company.** Illustrated imprint cover addressed to Lewisburg Pa., July 1851 docketing at left, some slight waterstaining, Very Fine, this eastern Pennsylvania company was established in 1849..... E. 150-200
- 48 ☒ **Susquehanna River North and West Branch Telegraph Co., Hudson River Rail Service.** Corner card from 65 March St. Station to New York, Very Fine, scarce, this eastern Pennsylvania company was established in 1849, Kramer notes he has only seen two covers from this company.. E. 300-400
- 49 ☒ **G. Swan's Astor House Telegraph Office.** Cover with red text with pointing hand for this concern, with Astor House Telegraph enclosure dated from Baltimore 24 Sept. 1860 and received at Astor House, Very Fine, this private concern was a dispatch service which operated in certain prominent hotels, the masthead indicates a working arrangement with Morse and Hughes operated companies..... E. 200-300
- 50 ☒ **[Texas] "Telegraph Office. Brownsville".** Bold strike of two-line handstamp on buff cover to J. T. Hogg, with manuscript "15cts to pay", fresh and Very Fine, extremely rare, Brownsville is located along the Mexican border on the Rio Grande river, ASCC No. 143 where noted ca. 1849, Rarity 8..... E. 500-750
- 51 ☒ **Union Telegraph Company.** Yellow cover with red imprint for Merchant's Exchange office in Boston and addressed to **Greenock, Scotland**, with enclosure for telegram from Charleston dated April 5, 1859, noting a ship had sailed yesterday, cover with bold "5" debit and "1/-" one-shilling due handstamps, "Boston Br. Pkt. 6 Apr" circular datestamp on back, Liverpool and Greenock receiving backstamps, carried on Cunarder *Niagara*, departing Boston Apr. 6, arriving Liverpool Apr. 18, Very Fine, a very unusual use, the telegraph was used to transmit messages to the location where ships would leave in order to make the earliest possible ship, in this case to notify recipients that another ship was on its way, ASCC No. 59, Rarity 3 does not take into consideration this rare foreign use..... E. 300-400

1847 ISSUE USED ON VERMONT & BOSTON TELEGRAPH LINE COVER



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- 52 ☒ **5c Red Brown (1).** Vivid color, worn-plate impression, full margins to clear, tied by bold **blue criss-crossed grid** cancel, struck twice to create a waffle-iron appearance, matching "Waterbury Vt. Dec. 18" (1850) circular datestamp on **Vermont & Boston Telegraph Line illustrated advertising cover** to Springfield Mass., "Office at Cheney & Co's Express" corner card, some slight wear and negligible faint toning

VERY FINE. WITHOUT QUESTION THE GREATEST 1847 ISSUE TELEGRAPH COVER AND ARGUABLY ONE OF THE MOST STRIKING OF ALL 1847 ILLUSTRATED COVERS. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE KRAMER TELEGRAPH COLLECTION.

This well-known telegraph company design illustrates ships, a train, post rider, postman and turtle, above which is a telegraphic lightning bolt connected to a hand and quill, the obvious implication being that the telegraph beats all other forms of communication.

This is the better-known example of two 1847 Issue envelopes with this design. The other is from a more recent discovery and is ex Benjamin Franklin Bailar. Both covers are addressed to Miss Sophia H. Ring at Springfield, Massachusetts. This cover is postmarked at Middlebury, Vermont (Dec. 18, 1850), and the 5c stamp is tied by criss-crossed blue grids. The other cover bears no Middlebury postmark, but the use of pencil to cancel (and tie) the 5c stamp suggests it may have been carried outside the mails (by express) or by railroad. This cover is also one of only two recorded 1847s with a Waterbury, Vermont, postmark. The other is a plain 5c use.

USPCS census no. 13929. Illustrated in Graham's "Great Stamps Make Greater Covers" (*The American Philatelist*, Oct. 1977) and *The Postal History of Vermont* (CC Handbook 21, p. 171). Ex George C. Slawson (Vermont Postal History, Sale 360, lot 73), Paul C. Rohloff (Sale 512, lot 65) and Dr. Leonard Kapiloff (Sale 743, lot 90). P.F. certificate no. 25434 no longer accompanies..... E. 20,000-30,000



- 53 ☒ **Vermont & Boston Telegraph Line.** Oval illustrated corner card on buff cover, depicting “slower” modes of communication (including a turtle), being overtaken by an electric bolt emanating from a disembodied hand writing with a quill, with “No Charge,” to John Smith in Albans, with enclosure from St. Albans dated July 3, 1852 for a telegram from Boston, the enclosure also lists stations and prices, fresh and Very Fine, the recipient controlled the Vermont and Canada Railroad, also with newspaper clipping from *New Hampshire Statesman* announcing an office in Concord N.H. E. 300-400
- 54 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (11A).** Large margins to in, pre-use tear at left, tied by “Exeter N.H. Oct. 25” circular datestamp on **Vermont & Boston Telegraph Line** illustrated cover to Barnardston Mass., depicting “slower” modes of communication (including a turtle), being overtaken by an electric bolt emanating from a disembodied hand writing with a quill, with “No Charge”, 1852 docketing at right, barely reduced at right, Very Fine, with 1988 P.F. certificate stating “stamp with a small tear and with margins as shown in the photo” E. 500-750
- 55 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. IV (9).** Positions 65-67L1L, horizontal strip of three, large margins to in, tied by penstrokes with red “West Lebanon N.H. Apr. 22” circular datestamp on buff cover with “**Vermont and Boston Telegraph, Office at Depot**” oval handstamp to Snow’s Store Vt., with enclosure containing printed “Directions for putting up and using the sand battery” which are instructions for making a battery using sand, water and sulphuric acid, Very Fine and very unusual E. 300-400
- 56 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. I (11).** Large margins to just in including **right interpane margin with full guideline**, small scissors-cut at bottom left in margin only, tied by “Madison Ind. Jul. 7, 1857” circular datestamp on orange cover with **Western Union Telegraph corner card** to South Hanover Ind., Very Fine and attractive, ex Richey (note by Ashbrook on back) E. 200-300

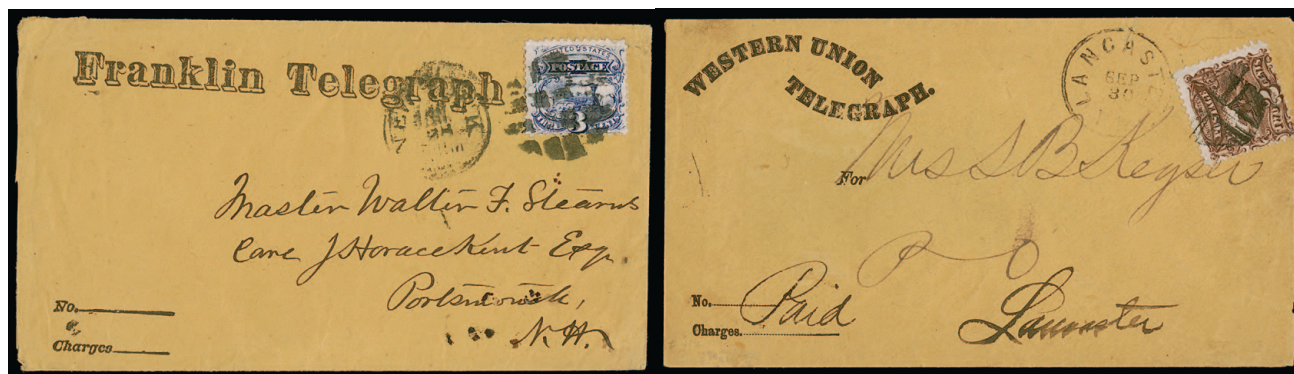


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- 57 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Tied by target cancel with "San Francisco Cal. Jan. 31" (1867) double-circle datestamp on buff "Western Union Telegraph Company, Russian Extension" imprint cover to "Olympia Puget Sound W.T.", manuscript "per Steamer via (Astoria)" with bottom of directive cut off from opening and slight reduction at left, receipt docketing of Feb. 7, couple small edge tears

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE TELEGRAPH ENVELOPE PREPARED FOR THE WESTERN UNION "RUSSIAN EXTENSION" AND MAILED FROM THE EXPEDITION.

In Spring 1866 Western Union began construction of the Russian Extension telegraph line, which was intended to connect San Francisco and Moscow via Oregon, Washington Territory, British Columbia and the Bering Strait. In 1867 the project was abandoned upon completion of the competing transatlantic cable, resulting in millions of dollars in losses to investors (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian%E2%80%93American_Telegraph) for a history of the project. This "Russian Extension" corner card is one of two examples known to us. The other was offered in our Sale 758, lot 673, and has the original letter on printed stationery datelined "Plover Bay, Eastern Siberia, Sept. 25th 1866" from Le Roy Foss, a member of the expedition (the cover is postmarked San Francisco, Nov. 13, 1866). See also lot 60..... E. 2,000-3,000



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- 58 ☒ **2c Brown, 3c Ultramarine (113, 114).** Singles of each on buff telegraph corner card covers, 2c tied by quartered cork cancel with "Lancaster Pa. Sep. 30" circular datestamp on Western Union Telegraph cover addressed locally, small cover tear at top, Fine, 3c tied by segmented cork cancel with blurry strike of New York circular datestamp on Franklin Telegraph cover to Portsmouth N.H., stamp with corner crease, Fine..... E. 400-500



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- 59 ☒ **Substantial Balance of the George J. Kramer Telegraph Exhibit Collection.** More than 65 covers, many with associated telegram enclosures, wonderful range of companies including many illustrated designs, starting with early 1850s and Morse Line; Atlantic, Lake & Mississippi Telegraph red circular datestamp with matching strike on letter; Wade's; Magnetic Telegraph Co.; American Telegraph Co.; Vermont & Boston' Annapolis Telegraph Co.; Morse & Bain; Speed & Wade; Western Union of course; others including a number of covers sent through the mails, additional sections showing the relationship between telegraphs and railroads, post-Civil War independent companies and more post-Civil War Western Union, also a few latter 19th century, exhibit-worthy condition, Very Fine and outstanding group from which an expanded collection may be formed, see our website PDF for a complete scan.....
(Website PDF) E. 5,000-7,500

BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN TELEGRAPH LINES



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- 60 ☒ **Dietz & Nelson's B.C. & V. Express.** Blue double-circle handstamp ties **British Columbia & Vancouver Island, 1860, 2½p Dull Rose (2; SG 3)**, matching "Paid" in oval handstamp on cover to Victoria with illustrated "Collins Overland Telegraph Via Behring Strait Western Union Extension," design depicts the northern hemisphere of the globe in a cloud with lightning bolts emanating from bottom, stamp affixed slightly overlapping edge so creased at lower right and reinforced from back, still Very Fine and rare combination of this express handstamp on a telegraph cover, in the early 1860s Perry Collins proposed to connect the U.S. with Russia by a telegraph line across the Bering Strait, the concept was approved by Western Union with Samuel Morse's blessing but was abandoned in 1867 before completion, resulting in substantial investor losses, the design on this cover proclaims the impending construction and may have even carried an announcement of construction (see also lot 57), ex Born E. 2,000-3,000



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- 61 ☒ **NEW BRUNSWICK, 1860, 10c Vermilion, Half Used as 5c (9a; SG 17a).** Upper left diagonal half, tied by clear strike of oval grid cancel, "P.O. Salisbury N.B. No. 13, 1862" circular datestamp on brown cover to Harvey, New Brunswick with "American Telegraph Company" imprint, manuscript "Important" at top, Harvey receiving back-stamp (Nov. 18), light file fold, Very Fine, the bisected uses were made necessary by delays in obtaining 5c stamps as new supplies were printed after the Connell controversy, this use on a telegraph cover is very rare E. 1,000-1,500



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- 62 ✉ **NOVA SCOTIA, 1851, 3p Dark Blue (3; SG 2).** Three huge margins, in at left, tied by grid, "Locks Island N.S. FE 18, 1858" backstamp on buff cover with blue "The Nova Scotia Electric Telegraph Company" illustrated corner card to Cape Breton, various transit backstamps between Feb. 18 and March 2, docketed at left, with enclosure dated Aug. 17, 1854 so does not match with dates on cover, some slight edgewear, still Very Fine, a scarce use from this company which held the Morse patent for Nova Scotia E. 500-750
- 63 ✉ **NOVA SCOTIA, 1851, 6p Yellow Green (4; SG 5).** Large margins to clear, tied by grid, "Shelburne FE ?, 1856" backstamp on cover with embossed "The Nova Scotia Electric Telegraph Company" corner card to Rockport, Maine, various transit markings including Yarmouth, Digby and St. John, light strike of red "Paid 10 Cents" handstamp near stamp, docketed at left, missing top flap, some overall wear, still Very Fine and scarce cross-border use, this company held the Morse patent for Nova Scotia, with 1984 Enzo Diena certificate E. 750-1,000
- 64 ✉ **Canada-Related Telegraph Companies.** Ten items on exhibit pages, including three covers from the Montreal Telegraph Company including one with ribbon-style corner card and one with illustrated corner card, cover and enclosure from Western Union & Montreal Telegraph, blue cameo corner card cover from Canada Grand Trunk Telegraph, cover from Canandaigua and Elmira Telegraph, also cover and enclosure from Morse's Buffalo and Canada Grand Junction Line, overall fresh and Very Fine group, see our website PDF for a complete scan.....(Website PDF) E. 750-1,000

PONY EXPRESS AND PAIUTE INDIAN WAR

TELEGRAM TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR DOWNEY AFTER FIRST BATTLE OF PYRAMID LAKE

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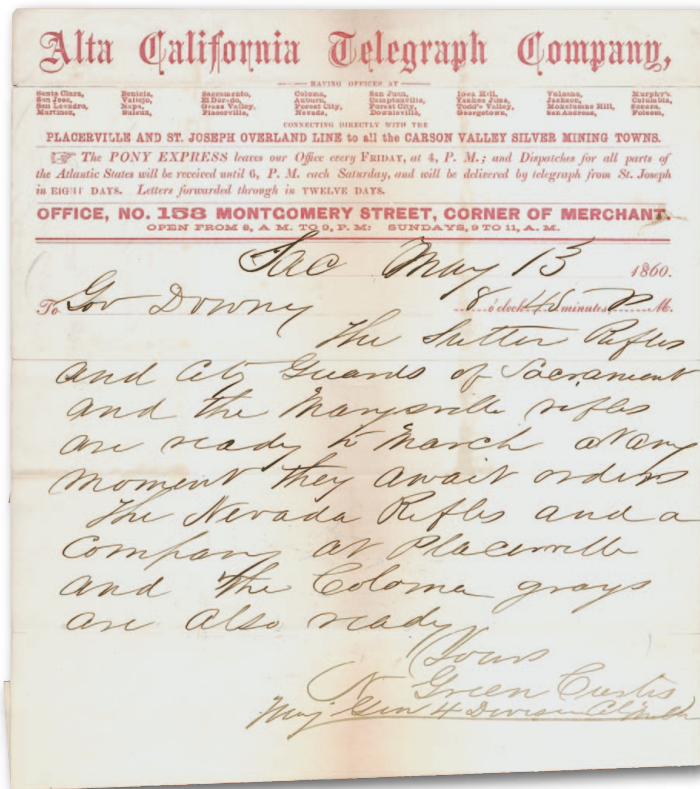
Alta California Telegraph Company, May 13, 1860, Telegram to Governor Downey Regarding Paiute Indian War. Red printed Alta California Telegraph Co. form with schedule for the **Pony Express** in the masthead, datelined at Sacramento, May 13, 1860, 8:45 p.m., to California Governor John G. Downey from Major General Nathaniel Green Curtis, 4th Division, California Militia, stating that *"The Sutter rifles and City Guards of Sacramento and the Marysville Rifles are ready to march at any moment they await orders. The Nevada Rifles and a company at Placerville and the Cololma grays are also ready"*, receipt docketing on back, slight toning, several folds

A RARE TELEGRAPH MESSAGE TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR DOWNEY FROM GENERAL CURTIS, ANNOUNCING THE PREPAREDNESS OF CALIFORNIA STATE MILITIA TO MARCH TO CARSON VALLEY TO DEFEND AGAINST ATTACKS BY PAIUTE AND SHOSHONE INDIANS. DATED THE DAY AFTER PAIUTE WAR CHIEF NUMAGA ANNIHILATED MAJOR ORMSBY'S MILITIA AT THE FIRST BATTLE OF PYRAMID LAKE.

Following the Paiute Indian attack on Williams Station on May 7, 1860, a militia force of 105 men was assembled from towns in the Washoe mining region of what is present-day Nevada. This force was placed under the command of Major William Ormsby, a former Pioneer Stage agent and previously a member of William Walker's filibustering expedition into Central America. On the morning of May 10, Ormsby led his men northeast along the Carson River toward Williams Station. After two days and nights of extremely harsh weather, the ragtag army followed a path

from the Truckee River to a place just a few miles south of Pyramid Lake. It was precisely where Paiute War Chief Numaga wanted to meet his enemy. The ambush quickly turned from a fight to slaughter. Three quarters of Ormsby's men were killed, including Ormsby himself. Another 29 were wounded. Scalps were taken, bodies mutilated and horses stolen. News of the disastrous battle was brought to Virginia City by a volunteer on horseback who had deserted his post. As reports of the First Battle of Pyramid Lake spread, fears of an Indian Armageddon caused widespread panic. Families took refuge in secure buildings. The residents of Silver City built a wooden cannon, but fortunately for them never fired it. Officials sent desperate pleas to California and Washington to send troops.

This telegram, sent from Sacramento the day after Ormsby's defeat, was in direct response to the news. The California militia and U.S. Army regulars were eventually combined under the command of Colonel John Coffee "Jack" Hays, a former Texas Ranger and experienced Indian fighter. In his message to Governor Downey, General Curtis confidently states that the various militia groups are ready to march "at any moment."



Original documents related to the Paiute Indian War are extremely scarce, and this is of particular interest to Pony Express students and collectors, because the message is written on the Alta California Telegraph Company form. It was prepared at the San Francisco office from a telegram transmitted by wire from Sacramento. This office was the home base of the Pony Express in San Francisco, from which point the messengers would depart and arrive.

Ex "New Helvetia" collection. Described in Nathan-Boggs Pony Express book (pp. 9-10)
..... E. 2,000-3,000



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- 66 ☒ **PAID./Central Overland Pony Express Company.** Two-line frank with manuscript “\$2.50” quarter-ounce rate and “*Placerville, Cal. Oct. 25*” (1860) station agent’s way-mail marking on 10c Pale Green on Buff Nesbitt entire (U18a) to Mrs. Frances Bye, Wellsville, Ohio, “**The Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company, St. Joseph, Mo. Nov. 5**” oval datestamp applied the day of arrival (the entire trip was 12 days), lightly inked strike of “Saint Joseph Mo. Nov. 8” double-circle datestamp (date is unreadable, but the other two recorded covers from this trip are dated November 8), with original letter enclosure from F. W. Bye to his mother, Frances, datelined “*Placerville Oct. 25th 1860*”, stating that a \$100 draft is enclosed and explaining “*I send this by Pony Express that you may get it as soon as possible*”, conservatively treated to remove staining, minor sealed half-inch tear at top

VERY FINE. ONE OF NINE RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE “CENTRAL OVERLAND PONY EXPRESS COMPANY” FRANK, OF WHICH SIX ARE 10-CENT ENTIRES. PONY EXPRESS COVERS WITH ORIGINAL LETTERS ARE ALSO VERY RARE AND DESIRABLE.

The updated FKW census lists nine entires with the two-line frank, which identifies the company as the Central Overland Pony Express Company (COPEC). In fact, there was no such company, but rather The Central Overland California & Pike’s Peak Express Company owned and operated the Pony Express. Of the nine entires, six are 10c values. The presence of manuscript station markings on several of these COPEC franks, including the cover offered here, supports the theory that they were mainly used by telegraph operators and by relay station agents for way mail received along the Pony Express route.

This cover was sent from Placerville on October 25 and placed in the way-mail pocket of the mochilla that contained the Wednesday, October 24, mail from San Francisco. It passed through Fort Kearney on November 3 (see news report below) and arrived at St. Joseph on November 5. The sender, F. W. Bye, might be connected with Henry & Bye, commission and forwarding agents based in Placerville in 1860.

FKW census E31. Ex “Alyeska.” For photo of the contents, please see website PDF.....
..... E. 15,000-20,000



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- 67 ☒ **Wells, Fargo & Co. Pony Express, \$1.00 Red (143L3).** Clear to large margins, tied by bold "Pony Express Sacramento Aug. 1" (1861) blue oval datestamp on 10c Pale Green on Buff entire (U18a) with red printed frank, to Boston Belting Co. in Boston, embossed stamp cancelled by bold "New-York Aug. 15" (1861) circular datestamp and duplex grid, handstamped oval corner card on back from Sacramento hardware dealer which also lists such useful items as "Powder Fuse Rope"; small opening nicks at top, letters of address strengthened, \$1.00 lifted and reaffixed

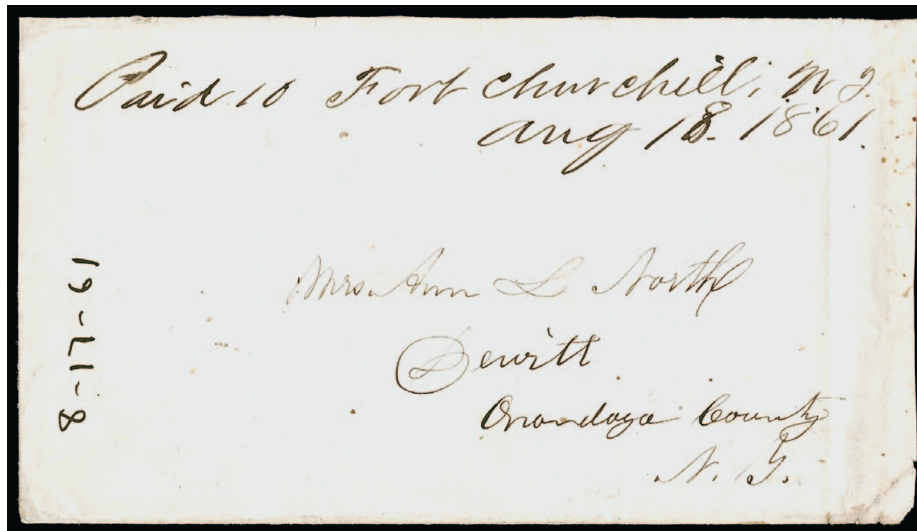
VERY FINE COVER WITH THE \$1.00 RED STAMP ISSUED BY WELLS FARGO & COMPANY FOR THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACT PERIOD BEGINNING IN JULY 1861.

Commencing July 1, 1861, the Pony Express was authorized by Congress to carry mail at the rate of \$1.00 per half ounce. An additional fee was charged by Wells Fargo & Co. to carry mail from San Francisco to the western terminus at Placerville, which is represented by the printed frank on this entire. The contract also stipulated the mandatory U.S. postage charge of 10c per half ounce.

This cover beautifully combines all three postage elements of the contract period and was carried on the eastbound Pony Express trip departing San Francisco on July 31, 1861, which picked up the Sacramento mail on August 1 (including this cover) and arrived in St. Joseph on August 12. Although the Scott Catalogue lists the July 1861 issue Pony Express stamps (143L3-143L6) with other private post issues, we wish to emphasize that these stamps were issued under the terms of a government mail contract; therefore, they have semi-official status.

Accompanied by a *Sacramento Daily Union* newspaper clipping of July 30, 1861 announcing "By Telegraph to the Union Arrival of the Pony Express". The clipping shows the progress of the telegraph at this point in 1861 by stating "by telegraph from St. Louis to Fort Kearny, thence by Pony Express to Middle Gate Station, thence by telegraph to Sacramento". It goes on to describe the Battle of Manassas (First Bull Run), which occurred on July 21, 1861.

FKW census E130. From our 1967 Rarities of the World sale. Ex Griswold.
..... E. 10,000-15,000



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- 68 ☒ **"Fort Churchill N.T. Aug. 18, 1861".** Manuscript postmark with "Paid 10" on cover to Dewitt N.Y., missing part of top flap, Very Fine, Fort Churchill, which is 35 miles past Carson City, was completed in October 1860, it was the easternmost telegraph station for the Pony Express at that time and housed almost 2,000 troops, ex Baughman and Risvold E. 1,000-1,500



69 with additional telegram

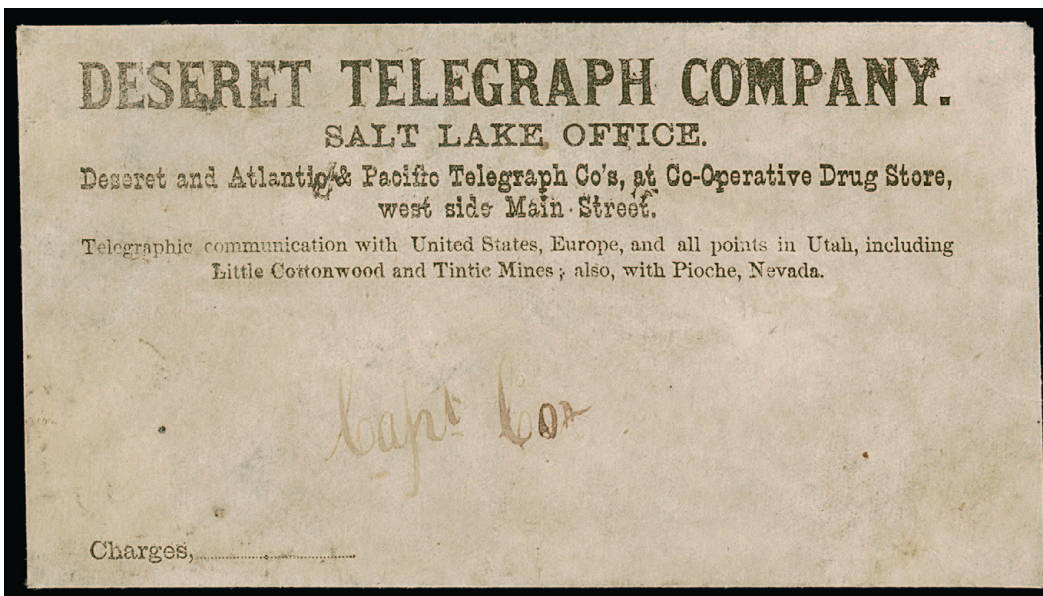
- 69 ☒ **California State Telegraph.** Buff illustrated cover addressed to Indian Valley, **paste-up with Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank on 3c Pink entire**, the frank with manuscript "E.P. Smith 100-40 / 140.00", slightly reduced at right and telegraph cover side with some wear, Fine and remarkable combination probably sent in 1866, a likely scenario for this use was a telegram to Wells Fargo & Co. instructing them to forward \$140.00 to an addressee at Indian Valley, by a person with credit known to Wells Fargo, the paste-up frank indicates that the draft was carried as instructed, accompanied by a similar such telegram dated June 26, 1863 but not original to this particular cover E. 750-1,000



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- 70 ☒ **California Telegraphs.** Five covers, including California State Telegraph (ASCC No. 267, Rarity 6), Georgetown, Paloma and Placerville Telegraph Co. (unlisted in ASCC, described by Kramer as only recorded example), Northern California Telegraph (ASCC No. 275, Rarity 7), Alta California Telegraph Co. blind embossing on cover to Vt. (ASCC No. 271, Rarity 6), last is cover with "By Telegraph Office, San Jose" handstamp (ASCC No. 266, Rarity 7), usual wear to be expected, Very Fine and attractive group(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 400-500

UTAH MINES



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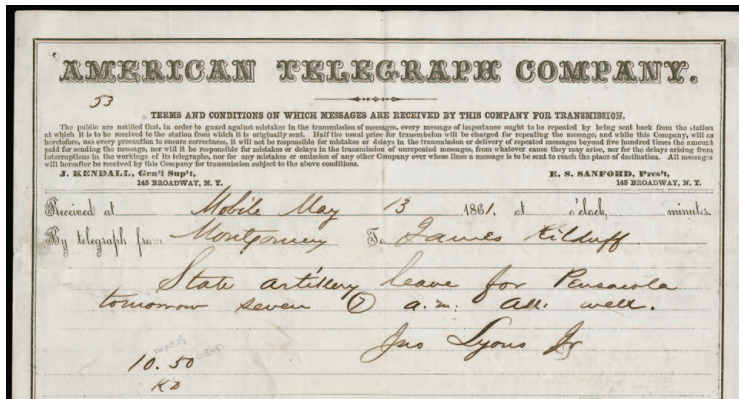
- 71 ☒ **Deseret Telegraph Company. Salt Lake Office.** Imprint cover with "Deseret and Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co's, at Co-Operative Drug Store, west side Main Street" and "Telegraphic Communications with United States, Europe, and all points in Utah, including Little Cottonwood and Tintic Mines, also, with Pioche, Nevada", addressed to "Capt. Coa", expert restoration, Very Fine appearance and rare, the Deseret Telegraph Company was begun in 1866 to link Salt Lake City and other towns along a general north-south line, Mormon settlers supplied labor, food and transportation for the line, along with poles for about 1,000 miles of its length, they were allowed to buy shares of stock through the LDS Church, making this the first publicly owned U.S. telegraph company E. 750-1,000

THE CIVIL WAR — FEDERAL



- 72 ☒ **United States Military Telegraph.** Group of covers, telegraph messages and and letters, including three covers sent through the mails bearing 3c Rose (65), each with a different style of U.S. Military Telegraph top imprint, one simply “Telegraph”, St. Louis Mo., Old Point Comfort Va. and Washington City circular datestamps, also a number of items with interesting military content, including “send the seven Negroes to provost marshall here” (Fortress Monroe), several referencing generals including one denying a request for reinforcements and referencing General Hooker, few small flaws but overall a Fine and interesting group, the United States Military Telegraph was established for sending field telegraphs as well as for direct communication to the White House from the war fronts, private telegraphs were employed for routine non-field military operations, see our website PDF for a complete scan and write-ups ...**(Photo Ex/Website PDF)** E. 1,000-1,500
- 73 **3c Telegraph, Green, Imperforate, Part Perforated, Perforated (R19a, R19b, R19c).** Small group showing uses of this stamp including for telegraph purposes, most interesting is R19b on a Massachusetts election result telegram dated Nov. 3, 1862, believed by Kramer to be the earliest recorded intended use, also R19a on a New York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co. telegram dated Dec. 2, 1862, finally a used block of six of R19c, Very Fine group**(Photo Ex/Website PDF)** E. 300-400
- 74 ☒ **Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Co.** Two covers bearing 3c Rose (65) and showing the two different illustrated designs employed by the company during the Civil War, including one with **red and blue American flag Patriotic design**, belt-style frame for wording below including “Office of the Superintendent Utica N.Y.”, stamp tied by grid cancel with “Utica N.Y. May 5, 1862” circular datestamp and addressed to Norwich N.Y., fresh and Very Fine, second cover with just the belt framing and wording in brown, stamp tied by “Rochester N.Y. Mar. 5 ‘64” double-circle datestamp and target cancel and addressed to Rome N.Y., Very Fine, this was the only company to employ a Patriotic design in its corner card, this is an outstanding and rare example**(Photo Ex/Website PDF)** E. 750-1,000
- 75 ☒ **Wartime Independent Telegraph Companies.** Eight covers and a couple telegram sheets, including New York Central Railroad Telegraph bearing No. 65 tied by Auburn N.Y. circular datestamp, stamp faulty, also Speed’s Telegraph Office corner card with No. 11A tied by Detroit Mich. circular datestamp, two Vermont & Boston corner cards sent through the mails, Morse’s American Telegraph sent through the mails, also Inland and Independent Line Telegraph cover and telegram message, Very Fine or appear so, see our website PDF for a complete scan**(Photo Ex/Website PDF)** E. 500-750

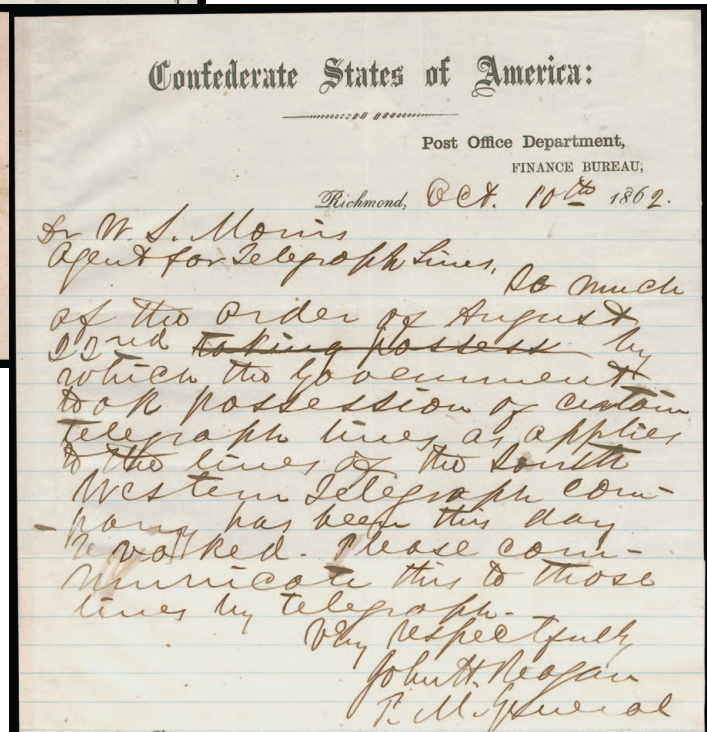
THE CIVIL WAR — CONFEDERATE STATES



76 enclosure



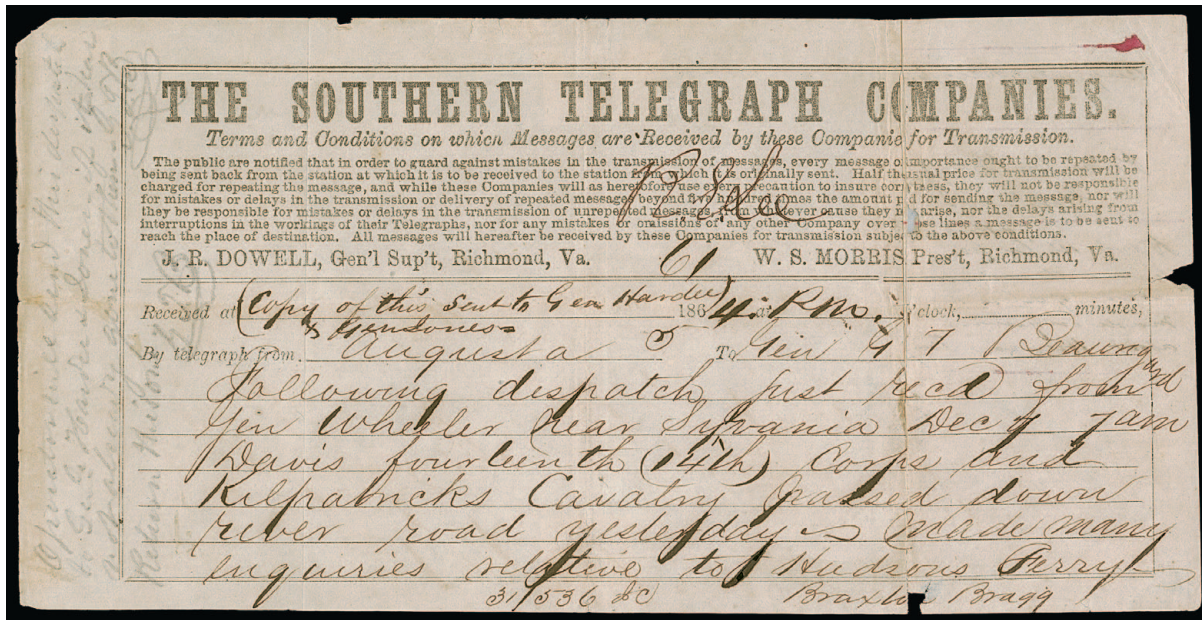
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- 76 ☒ **American Telegraph Company, First Day Confederate Telegram.** Blind embossed corner card on cover addressed to James Kilduff, original telegram from Montgomery to Mobile Ala. dated May 13, 1861, and stating "State artillery leave for Pensacola tomorrow seven (7) a.m. all well. Jno Lyons Jr.", bottom with "10.50" referring to the number of words (10) and the charge (50c), cover with some minor waterstaining. Very Fine and desirable early Civil War telegram informing of troop movements, sent one month after the bombardment of Fort Sumter, this can be considered a **First Day** Confederate telegram as May 13, 1861 was the date C.S.A. Postmaster General Reagan issued a proclamation assuming control of all telegraph operations within the Confederacy, illustrated in *Confederate Philatelist* (No. 311, p. 177) E. 500-750
- 77 **"John H. Reagan, P.M. General".** Signature at bottom of Oct. 10, 1862 letter written on Confederate States of America, Post Office Department, Finance Bureau letterhead and addressed to Southern Telegraph Company President William S. Morris, letter states "So much of the order of August 22nd by which the Government took possession of certain telegraph lines as applies to the lines of the Southwestern Telegraph Company has been this day revoked. Please communicate this to those lines by telegraph." Very Fine and historical letter, Morris was a former director of American Telegraph Co. and then president of Southern Telegraph Co., which took over American's lines and assets, Kramer wrote that the government's confiscation of the Southwestern Telegraph Co.'s lines was originally orchestrated by Morris to eliminate competition, illustrated in *Confederate Philatelist* (No. 311, p. 172) E. 1,000-1,500

ROBERT E. LEE AND P.G.T. BEAUREGARD



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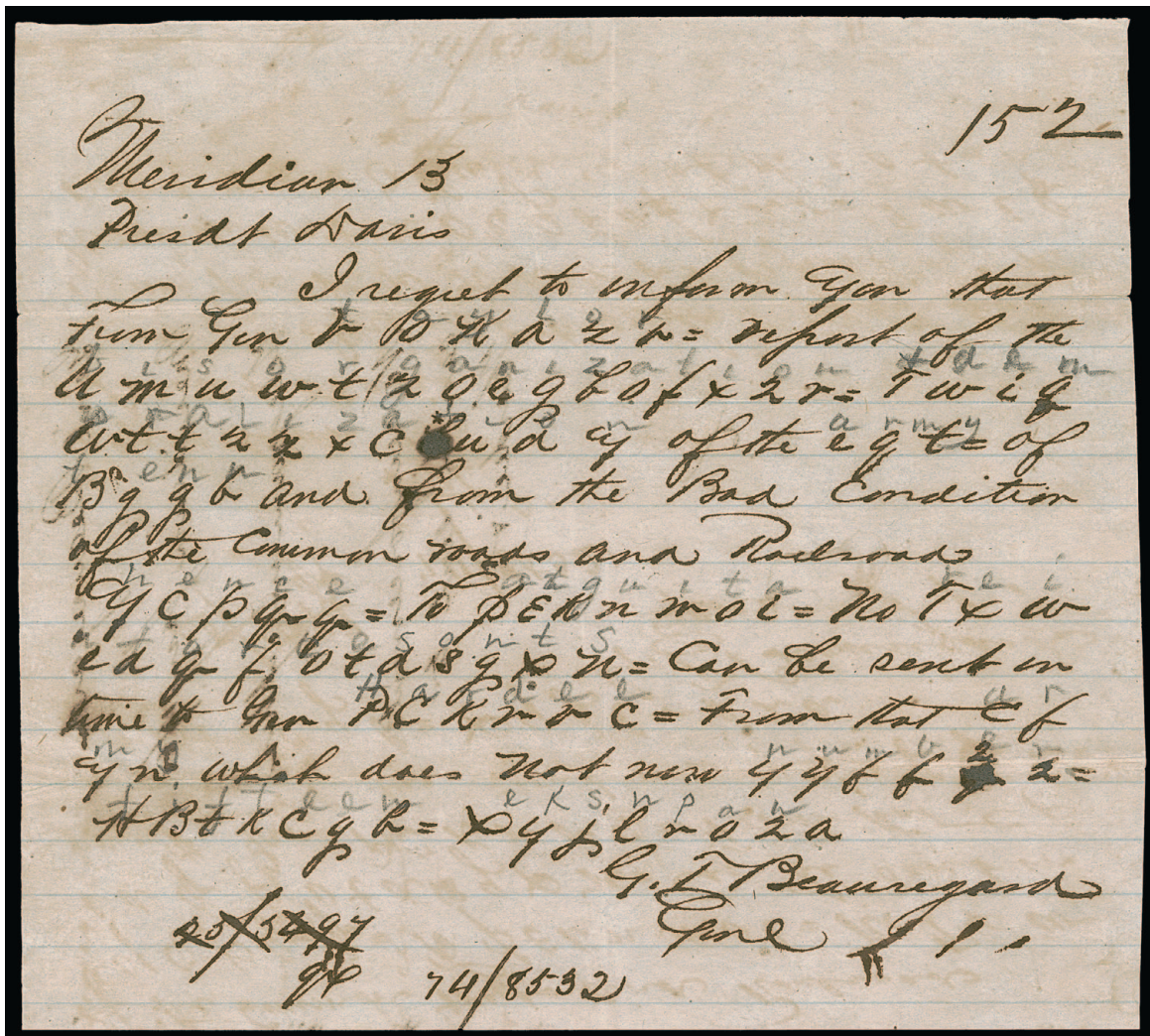
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Robert E. Lee. Clear signature “*R. E. Lee*” at top of 1864 “**The Southern Telegraph Companies Richmond**” telegram to General P.G.T. Beauregard, body of the message states “Following dispatch just received from Gen. Wheeler near Sylvania Dec. 7 am, Davis fourteenth (14th) corps and Kilpatrick's cavalry passed down the river road yesterday — made many enquiries relative to Hudsons Ferry, Braxton Bragg”, pencil manuscript at left “Operator will send this dispatch to Gens Hardee & Jones — if it has not already gone to them — return this one”, and signed twice “*GTB*” by General Beauregard, finally pen manuscript “*copy of this sent to Gen Hardee & Jones 4 PM*”, file folds and couple small edge nicks

VERY FINE. A HISTORIC CONFEDERATE TELEGRAM SIGNED BY BOTH GENERALS ROBERT E. LEE AND P.G.T. BEAUREGARD AND INVOLVING OR REFERENCING FOUR OTHER CONFEDERATE GENERALS AND TWO UNION GENERALS.

This telegram is a relay of a message from General Braxton Bragg to General P.G.T. Beauregard in December 1864, during General William T. Sherman's “March to the Sea”. The message concerns the activities of the Union 14th Corps and U.S. Generals Jefferson C. Davis (no relation to the C.S.A. President) and Hugh J. Kilpatrick. General Beauregard was in or near Charlestown at this time. General Lee reviewed this message at some point during its journey and signed it at top. Copies were sent to Confederate Generals Hardee and Jones. This is an exceptional piece of Civil War and telegraph history. E. 7,500-10,000

GENERAL BEAUREGARD TO PRESIDENT DAVIS



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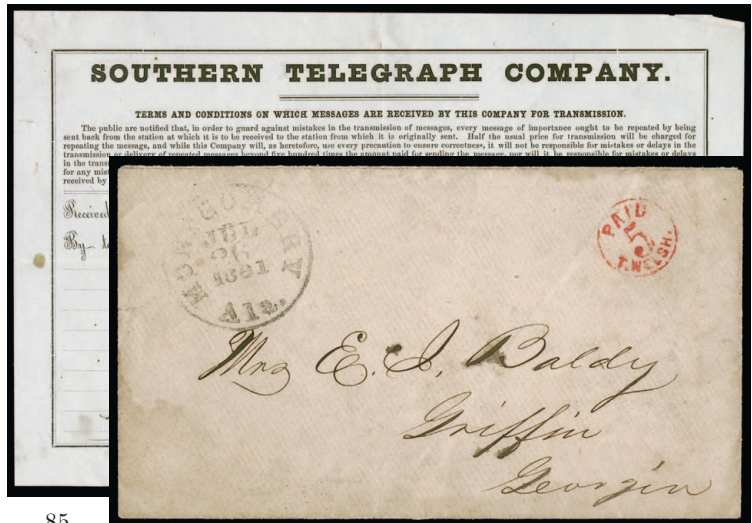
P.G.T. Beauregard. Receiving or sending office copy of telegram message from General Beauregard at Meridian Miss. to Confederate President Jefferson Davis, likely late 1864 or early 1865, parts of letter in normal script and parts **encrypted**, letter reads "Presdt Davis, I regret to inform you that from Gen. Taylor report of the demoralization & demoralization of the Army of Tennessee and from the bad condition of the common roads and railroad hence to (Atlanta?). No reinforcements can be sent in time to Gen Hardee from that army, what does not now number fifteen thousand.", number combination at bottom might be the cipher key, pencil above the encrypted text for translation, Very Fine and historical telegram between General Beauregard and President Davis, illustrated in *Confederate Philatelist* (No. 311, p. 179)..... E. 750-1,000



- 80 ☒ **Adams Express Co. Augusta Ga. Oct. 4 (1861).** Oval datestamp on **American Telegraph Company blind embossed corner card** cover to Norfolk Va., manuscript "\$12.00" at top, red wax seal on back stating "Contents Unknown", missing part of bottom flap and small tears at bottom
VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE AND WONDERFUL COMBINATION OF THE AMERICAN TELEGRAPH CO. CORNER CARD AND THE SCARCE ADAMS EXPRESS AUGUSTA HANDSTAMP — REPRESENTING ON ONE COVER TWO COMPANIES WHOSE OPERATIONS WERE TAKEN OVER BY SOUTHERN INTERESTS AT THE START OF THE CIVIL WAR.
Southern Express took over the equipment and offices of Adams in April 1861. However, the Adams devices were used into September and October 1861 before the Southern Express handstamps became widely available. American Telegraph Co.'s assets were taken over by Southern Telegraph Co. after the May 1861 Act and subsequent order by Postmaster General Reagan. Stocks of embossed corner cards on hand continued to be used.
Special Routes census no. SOU-11. Illustrated in *Confederate Philatelist* (No. 311, p. 175). E. 1,500-2,000
- 81 ☒ **Southern Telegraph Company.** "Augusta Ga. Aug. 20" (1861) double-circle datestamp with small "Paid 5" handstamp on **American Telegraph Company blind embossed corner card** cover to Mrs. Howell Cobb in Athens Ga., small bit of staining along a couple edges, still Very Fine and scarce Confederate telegraph cover, American Telegraph Co.'s assets were taken over by Southern Telegraph Co. after the May 1861 Act and subsequent order by Postmaster General Reagan, stocks of embossed corner cards on hand continued to be used, Illustrated in *Confederate Philatelist* (No. 311, p. 175)..... E. 500-750
- 82 ☒ **South-Western Telegraph Company.** Neat wavy-line imprint cover addressed to Oxford Miss., manuscript "1861 Gen. Pettus", Very Fine, Southwestern Telegraph Company operated lines from Louisville to New Orleans, it was taken over by the Confederate government before control was returned in October 1862, as documented in the letter from Postmaster General Reagan offered in lot 77, Edmund Pettus represented Alabama in the United States Senate from 1897 to 1907, he was a brigadier general in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, after which he was active in the Ku Klux Klan, serving as Grand Dragon, the Edmund Pettus bridge — site of the famous 1965 "Bloody Sunday" attack during the Civil Rights movement — was named for him E. 400-500
- 83 ☒ **South-Western & Western Union Telegraph, Louisville Office.** Buff imprint cover, accompanied by telegram dated Jan. 20, 1862, edge wear, nicks and ink smear, otherwise Fine, Southwestern Telegraph Company operated lines from Louisville to New Orleans, it was taken over by the Confederate government before control was returned in October 1862, as documented in the letter from Postmaster General Reagan offered in lot 77, illustrated in *Confederate Philatelist* (No. 311, p. 178)..... E. 200-300
- 84 ☒ **Southern Express Co.** Telegram dated Feb. 27, 1862, manuscript "5/coll 125" at bottom indicating an inflationary 25c per word charge for the telegram (up from 5c), accompanied by **adversity** envelope made from re-used ledger paper, matching handwriting and addressee as on the telegram but states the charge as "Coll 2.10", cover with typical edge wear, Very Fine and scarce..... E. 400-500

85 ☒

Montgomery Ala., 5c Red entire (59XU1). Clear strike of provisional marking, "Montgomery Ala. Jul. 26, 1861" circular date-stamp on cover to Griffin Ga., with **Southern Telegraph Company telegram** dated Savannah July 25, 1861, message states "Stephen is safe", cover with minor soiling, still Very Fine, Griffin apparently did not have telegraph service so this message was sent by wire to Montgomery and then in the mails to Griffin using the Montgomery Provisional entire, Scott value for the entire alone is \$1,000.00
..... E. 1,000-1,500



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86 with photo of inside



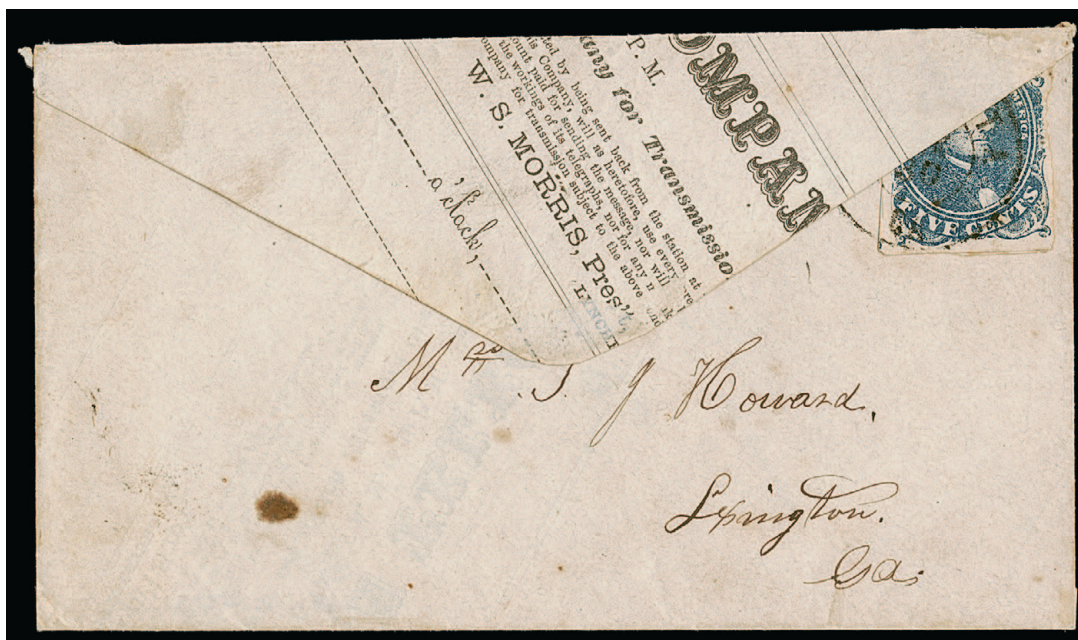
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2c Green (3). Manuscript "X" cancel with small "NOV" straightline handstamp on printed **South Western Telegraph Co.** form with written telegraph message sent from Selma Ala. on Oct. 10, 1864, stamp with tears and telegram with faults and mended patches

FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE 2-CENT LITHOGRAPH ISSUE ON A TELEGRAM DELIVERED LOCALLY IN CANTON, MISSISSIPPI.

Confederate telegrams are extremely scarce, particularly with the 2c Lithographed or Engraved issues. It is not clear why the straightline month differs from the dateline on the telegram offered here and on the 2c Engraved telegram offered in lot 90. This is the only 2c Lithograph on a telegram we have encountered and was described as "unique" in the Kramer exhibit.

With 2009 C.S.A. certificate. E. 1,500-2,000



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- 87 ☒ **5c Blue, Stone 2 (4).** Tied by "Augusta Ga. Jun. 30" (1862) double-circle datestamp on adversity cover made from a Southern Telegraph Co. form, addressed to Lexington Ga., Very Fine, a wonderful adversity use sent on the last day of the 5c rate period E. 300-400



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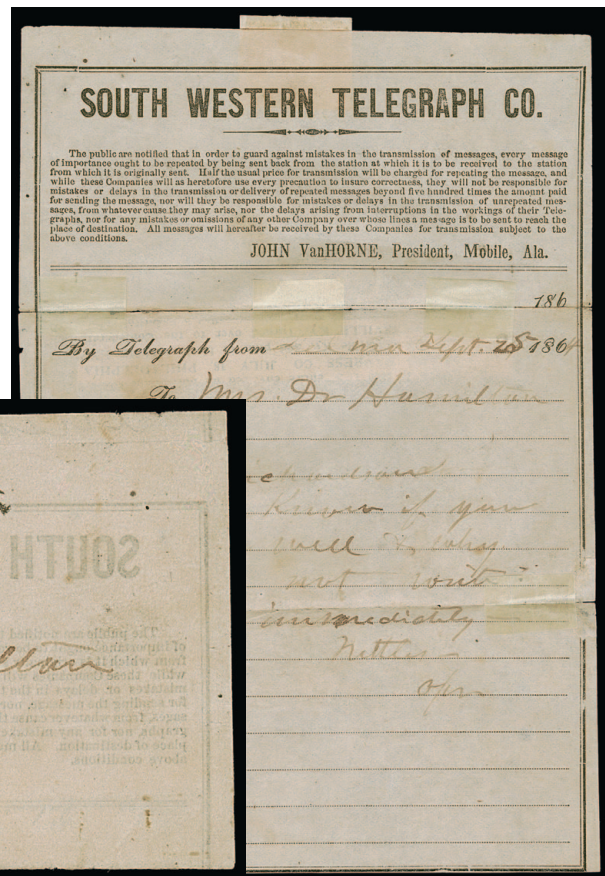
- 88 ☒ **5c Blue, Stone 2 (4).** Two, tied by "Marietta Geo. Jul. 16" (1862) circular datestamp on oatmeal cover to Roswell Ga., manuscript "**Telegram**" at top, edge repair and some minor staining, right stamp with light creases, still Fine, there may have been an interruption of telegraph service between the two towns causing this to be sent in the mails (telegram no longer present), illustrated in *Confederate Philatelist* (No. 311, p. 177) E. 300-400

- 89 ☒ **5c Blue, Local (7).** Horizontal pair, large margins to close in one spot at top right, tied by "Columbus Ga. May 5" (1863) circular datestamp on oatmeal cover to Huntsville Ala., with a **Southern Telegraph Companies** telegram, message from Milford Ga. to a mother concerns Captain Ferrill, who "yesterday had been through the fight & was well...& the enemy driven back", minor envelope toning and a bit more on the telegram, still Very Fine and wonderful telegraph use sent through the Confederate mails E. 500-750



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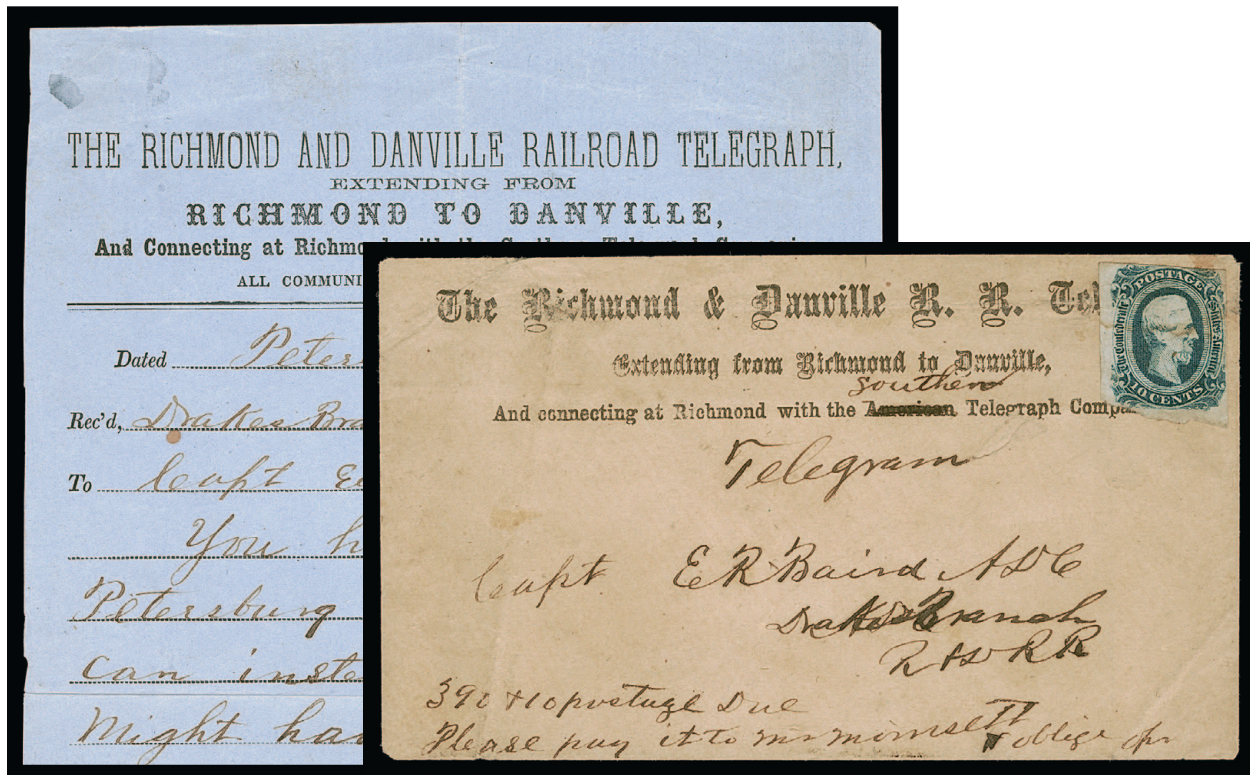
90 with photo of inside



- 90 ☒ **2c Brown Red (8).** Large even margins, tied by 4-bar cork grid cancel of Canton Miss., small "OCT" straightline handstamp on printed **South Western Telegraph Co.** form with written telegraph message sent from Selma Ala. on Sep. 25, 1864, stamp is affixed sealing the telegram but not affected at all, edgewear and minor splits along folds with some skillful mending

EXTREMELY FINE APPEARANCE. AN INCREDIBLY RARE USE OF THE 2-CENT ENGRAVED ISSUE ON A TELEGRAM DELIVERED LOCALLY IN CANTON, MISSISSIPPI.

Confederate telegrams are extremely scarce, particularly with the 2c Lithographed or Engraved issues. It is not clear why the straightline month differs from the dateline on the telegram offered here and on the 2c Lithographed telegram offered in lot 86. This is one of only two 2c No. 8 uses on a telegram we have encountered. The other is ex Keeling, Dr. Brandon, Born and Ryterband (last offered in Sale 1196, lot 1023)..... E. 2,000-3,000



91 with enclosure

- 91 ☒ **The Richmond and Danville Railroad Telegraph.** Oatmeal cover with imprint including “Extending from Richmond to Danville, and connecting at Richmond with the American Telegraph Company” — “American” crossed out and manuscript “Southern” written above as the American Telegraph Co. assets were taken over by Southern Telegraph Co., **10c Blue, Die B (12)** cancelled by pen, cover is addressed to “Capt. E.R. Baird ADC, Drakes Branch RNR” (Richmond & Norfolk R.R.), **original telegram enclosure from General George E. Pickett**, sent from Petersburg Va. on May 5, 1864 to Drakes Branch, reads “Capt. ER Baird ADC, You had better come to Petersburg as soon as you can instead of going as you might have understood my telegram of yesterday to Hanover Junction, GE Pickett Genl”, manuscript “26/390” indicating a charge of 15c per word for 26 words, cover repeats this with “390 + 10 postage due”

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL CONFEDERATE TELEGRAPH COVER AND TELEGRAM FROM GENERAL GEORGE E. PICKETT, SENT TO HIS AIDE-DE-CAMP ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE “BERMUDA HUNDRED” FEDERAL ATTACKS NEAR RICHMOND BY UNION GENERAL BENJAMIN F. “SPOONS” BUTLER. THIS IS ALSO THE ONLY COMPLETE COVER AND TELEGRAM OF THE RICHMOND AND DANVILLE RAILROAD TELEGRAPH.

General Pickett sent this telegram to his aide-de-camp, Captain Edward R. Baird, at the start of the campaigns against Richmond by General Benjamin Franklin Butler. He orders Captain Baird back to Petersburg given the impending conflict. From Wikipedia — “In the spring of 1864, the Army of the James (Union) was directed to land at Bermuda Hundred on the James River, south of Richmond, and from there attack Petersburg. This would sever the rail links supplying Richmond, and force the Confederates to abandon the city. In spite of (General) Grant’s low opinion of (General) Butler’s military skills, he was given command of the operation. Butler’s force landed on 5 May (the date Pickett’s telegram was sent), when Petersburg was almost undefended, but Butler hesitated. While he dithered, the Confederates assembled a substantial force under General P. G. T. Beauregard (including forces under his subordinate General Pickett, who was in charge of troops around Petersburg). On 13 May, Butler’s advance toward Richmond was repulsed. On 16 May, the Confederates drove Butler’s force back to Bermuda Hundred, “bottling up” the Federals in a loop of the James River. Both sides entrenched; the Federal troops were safe but impotent, and Beauregard sent most of his troops as reinforcements to Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia. Despite this fiasco, Butler remained in command of the Army of the James.”

This is a historic telegram and cover relating to the Bermuda Hundred operations and General Pickett’s involvement. This is also the only recorded complete cover and telegram enclosure recorded by Kramer for the Richmond and Danville Railroad Telegraph. It is not clear why the telegram message needed to be mailed to Drakes Branch, but the fact that it was, with a General Issue stamp, adds greatly to the postal history appeal of this lot.

Illustrated in *Confederate Philatelist* (No. 311, p. 176). E. 3,000-4,000



- 92 ☒ **Southern Telegraph Company.** Oatmeal cover with 10c Blue, Die B (12) tied by unclear strike of circular datestamp (Selma Ala.?) and addressed to Montevallo Ala., **original telegram message** dated at Atlanta on Aug. 27 (no year date), message reads "Frank was killed on the 24th. He died as he had lived a hero", manuscript "15 73 pay 10" indicates that the recipient was charged only the 10c postage, perhaps due to the nature of the message, ink on telegram causes some paper erosion and a small internal tear, still Very Fine and scarce Confederate telegram and original cover which carried it through the mails, see our website PDF for a scan of the telegram E. 750-1,000
- 93 ☒ **Southern Express Company Telegraph.** Imprint on cover with 10c Blue, Die B (12), large margins including a chunk of the stamp at left due to careless tearing from the sheet, tied by single pen stroke and addressed to Col. Sharp (future general and brigade commander at Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge) in Statesville N.C., stamp slightly toned and cover with small repair bottom right corner, otherwise Very Fine Confederate telegraph cover, with 2010 P.F. certificate E. 400-500
- 94 ☒ **United States Military Telegraph.** Imprint on cover to Germantown N.C. with 10c Blue, Die B (12), faults, tied by "Montgomery Ala. Jan. 2?" circular datestamp, some toning and wear, missing part of left flap, still Very Fine and scarce use of this **captured telegraph envelope**, ex Dr. Brandon E. 500-750
- 95 ☒ **Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Caton Lines.** Imprint on oatmeal cover addressed to Canton, **original telegram** enclosure dated at Chicago on April 10, 1865, states "Lee & Army surrendered yesterday to Genl. Grant", cover with faults and telegram with some edge tears, otherwise Fine and wonderful item to close the telegraph history of the Civil War, Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House took place the day before on April 9, 1865..... E. 500-750



- 96 ☒ **United States Military Telegraph Operating in the Former Confederate States.** Two covers and two matching telegrams which nicely illustrate the final chapter in Civil War telegraphic history, first cover with “American Telegraph Co. South, Under Control and Supervision of United States Military Telegraph” imprint, the “United States Military Telegraph” in larger type than the rest of the imprint, with matching imprint on telegram dated July 21, 1865, second cover with similar imprint but reversed emphasis with the first part larger, “American Telegraph Company Southern District, Under Control and Supervision of U.S. Military Telegraph” imprint and “The Southern Telegraph Companies” telegram dated July 25, 1865, requests an accounting of seven absent commissioned Confederate officers, Very Fine, the U.S. Military Telegraph Commission remained and operated in the former Confederate States for a brief period following the end of the war, the second telegram here demonstrates that they continued to use the Confederate stock of imprint sheets on hand, the imprints on these two covers demonstrate the regaining of the telegraph lines by the American Telegraph Company, latter two items illustrated in *Confederate Philatelist* (No. 311, p. 181), see our website PDF for a complete scan(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 750-1,000
- 97 ☒ **United States Military Telegraph Operating in the Former Confederate States.** Cover with “American Telegraph Company Southern District, Under Control and Supervision of U.S. Military Telegraph” imprint, addressed to former Confederate Georgia Governor Joseph E. Brown, with **original telegram from President Andrew Johnson** dated at Washington on August 7, 1865, message to Gov. Brown states “*You are authorized to visit Washington City on your parole, Andrew Johnson Pres’t U.S.*”, Brown did indeed visit Washington and may have used this document as a passport — the cover has pencil “*Passport*” written at left — he was pardoned by President Johnson on September 7, 1865 and supported Johnson’s Reconstruction policies, cover with couple minor edge tears, still Very Fine and fascinating historical documents E. 750-1,000

TELEGRAM FROM A SURVIVOR OF THE R.M.S. TITANIC DISASTER

Form No. 1—100.—17.11.11. *No Charge* Sent date *?*

The Marconi International Marine Communication Company, Ltd.
WATERGATE HOUSE, YORK BUILDINGS, ADELPHI, LONDON, W.C.

No. *1* OFFICE *?* 19

Prefix _____ Code _____ Words _____

Office of Origin _____

Service Instructions: _____

CHARGES TO PAY.		
Marconi Charge ...		
Other Line Charge...		
Delivery Charge ...		
Total . . .		
Office sent to	Time sent	By whom sent
	m.	

READ THE CONDITIONS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THE FORM.

To: *IN BOARD S. S. NEW YORK HARBOR. 191*

To *Mrs Stanley*
Wolvercote Oxford
Saved - Carpathia
Amy

3D CLASS SHAMPTON

THE COMPANY'S UNIFORMED COLLECTOR MEETS ALL INCOMING STEAMERS AT NEW YORK TO RECEIVE CABLEGRAMS AND TELEGRAMS
OFFICES ON THE DOCKS OF PRINCIPAL STEAMSHIP LINES MONEY TRANSFERRED BY TELEGRAPH

PLEASE ASK FOR OFFICIAL RECEIPT.
Code Addresses registered only with
for messages through E

NOT TRANSMITTED

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- 98 **R.M.S. Titanic.** Marconi International Marine Communications Company telegram with pencil address "Mrs. Stanley, Wolvercote - Oxford" and "Saved-Carpathia Amy" message, purple "NOT TRANSMITTED" handstamp across face and "No Charge" at top, bottom with pencil "3D Class Southampton" referring to the passenger class Amy Zillah Elsie Stanley was assigned to aboard *Titanic*

VERY FINE AND HISTORICAL TELEGRAM FROM A SURVIVOR OF THE *TITANIC*, GIVEN TO THE MARCONI OPERATOR ABOARD *CARPATHIA* BUT NEVER SENT DUE TO A BACKLOG OF MESSAGES AND INSUFFICIENT TIME PRIOR TO REACHING NEW YORK.

As is well known, later in the the morning of April 15, 1912, after *Titanic* went down in 12,600 feet of icy North Atlantic water, *Carpathia* arrived and rescued 705 survivors from lifeboats, including the Amy Stanley in this telegram. For a detailed biographical summary of Amy Stanley, references to this telegram and her first-hand account of her ordeal, see <https://www.encyclopedia-titanica.org/titanic-survivor/amy-zillah-elsie-stanley.html> (copy included) E. 7,500-10,000

COLLATERAL

- 99 **Telegraph Ephemera.** Folder with a range of diverse material, including booklet titled “Statement of the Directors of the Western Union Telegraph, October 1, 1865”, diagram of an early French telegraph, printed statement by Samuel Morse to Congress dated Jan. 4, 1839, map of the first attempted transatlantic cable, some 1940s-50s stamped covers celebrating the telegraph, others, overall Very Fine and interesting group, see website PDF for a complete scan**(Website PDF)** E. 300-400

BALANCE

- 100 **Telegraph Collection Balance.** Carton containing a wide variety of telegraph-related items, including books such as the deluxe edition of *United States Telegraph Stamps and Franks* by Kramer, **numbered 1/50**, also *The Telegraph* by Coe, *Wiring a Continent* by Thompson, telegraphs from a range of companies including some Western Union illustrated forms, some radiograms, perhaps the best items are 12T1-12T4 card proofs in sheets of six, mixed condition but many Fine-Very Fine, a diverse group..... E. 300-400

END OF SALE — THANK YOU



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Sale 1263

September 28, 2022

PADDLE #

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ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PHONE MOBILE

EMAIL

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STAMP FIRM PHONE

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3

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- Use whole dollar amounts and bid according to the increments (see back of form)
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Transit insurance is provided in all cases, except when the buyer has furnished us with documentation that insurance is effective under the buyer's own policy.

There will be no added insurance charge for shipments of less than \$75,000 value. Shipments valued in excess of \$75,000 may require supplemental insurance and/or special courier service, the estimated cost of which will be furnished to the buyer prior to shipment. If the buyer refuses to pay the estimated charges or furnish proof of self-insured coverage, the buyer will be responsible for picking up the lots at our office and any resulting sales tax.

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\$200-500	\$25	\$30,000-70,000	\$2,500
\$500-1,000	\$50	\$70,000-140,000	\$5,000
\$1,000-3,000	\$100	\$140,000-500,000	\$10,000
\$3,000-7,000	\$250	\$500,000-\$1m	\$25,000
\$7,000-20,000	\$500	Above \$1m	Discretionary