The “Camina” Collection of Texas Postal History

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**Part Original Gum:** Up to half of the gum is missing, but the remaining portion is original.

**Disturbed Original Gum:** The gum is original to the stamp, but has been noticeably affected by hinge removal and/or humidity, mount glazing, etc.

**Hinge Mark:** Noticeable area where hinge has been removed and gum has been redistributed. Stamps described with hinge marks may not be returned because of gum disturbance.

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INTRODUCTION

Modern communication, facilitated by a vast network of roads and fiber optics and satellites, makes it easy for us to forget just how important a simple letter was to the men and women who pioneered the American frontier. For those settlers, who travelled to the far reaches of established roads and railroad lines, and then beyond into territory defined only by explorers’ maps, the arrival of a mail pouch was a celebrated event. Letters were the exclusive medium for news and personal thoughts. They linked settlers with family and society thousands of miles away. These letters, carried over thousands of miles, were the antidote to the tedium and isolation of pioneer life.

In many ways the American frontier experience is epitomized by the Republic of Texas and its subsequent state government. Likewise, the history of postal communication between Texas and the rest of the world captures so many different elements, it is essentially greater in scope and depth than the postal history of many nations. In fact, one would be severely understating the case by calling The “Camina” Collection a state postal history study. Indeed, this catalogue offers more than 1,000 lots in 21 different categories. The collection itself filled 60 volumes. And, though it is complete to a considerable degree, if one could acquire the collection intact, there would still be hundreds of significant pieces to seek elsewhere. Like Texas itself, the field is big and wide.

From the Texian Spanish colonial period through the Mexican revolution and independence, to statehood and the Confederacy, the 1,005 lots in this sale bring to the market an enormous volume of Texas material, most of which is scarce or rare. So numerous and diverse are items in this collection, its appeal is hardly limited to Texas state collectors. Five different governments are represented by Texian postal markings. Three wars—the first in rebellion against Spanish rule, the second against Mexico, and the third waged in civil war—have left their legacy in surviving examples of military mail from Texas. Transportation by jackass, stagecoach, steamship and rail were all necessary means of carrying the mails. The needs and whims of postmasters are reflected in the postal markings and stamps they created: the magnificent Leona circle, the San Augustine star, the Houston laurel wreath, and the Beaumont provisionals, to cite just a few examples.

We believe that even if none of the letters in this collection bore postal markings of any kind, there would still be so much to learn and enjoy from the written words in this material. The letters describe the reality of pioneer life, in which the average person struggled against drought, sickness, crop failure and
devastation, livestock theft and disease, economic panic, bad roads, Mexican and Indian attacks, corrupt officials, outlaws, and, despite all of the above, extreme boredom from isolation. Yet they also convey, more often than not, a remarkable sense of purpose and optimism.

Texas politics, which has always had its own special spirit, was born to and raised by the people who wrote these letters. The great names in Texas history—Austin, Houston, Burnet, Ward, Starr, Johnston, Henderson, Hunt, Huling and Smith—are signed and written throughout this collection, reminding us of a time when great leaders wrote their own letters and read their own mail.

The “Camina” Collection is offered by our firm on behalf of a collector who wishes to remain anonymous. No other consignor’s material has been included in this offering. The extraordinary collection offered in this catalogue is the achievement of one gentleman: a true collector and excellent postal historian.
BAHIA. (later Goliad Tex.). Bold blackish-brown enclosed straightline townmarking within an irregular oval frame, matching FRANCA handstamp on 1807 folded letter to the Governor, Don Antonio Cordero, at Bexar (later San Antonio Tex.), partial contents in Spanish, fresh

AN EXTREMELY FINE AND RARE COMPLETE LETTER WITH MARKINGS FROM THE SPANISH PERIOD

The few examples of Spanish-period postal markings in private hands are mostly fronts, which are believed to have been saved as receipts. The strikes on this cover are incredibly bold and superb. Illustrated in The American Stampless Cover Catalog. Ex Mayer, Jarrett

.............................(Photo)  E. 6,000-8,000
2° BEXAR. (later San Antonio Tex.). Bold mostly clear red straightline townmarking, with ms. "8" and "3", addressed to the Governor at Monclova (Mexico), Don Jose Juoquine, on folded letter datelined April 27, 1808, refers to two prisoners sent from Bexar to Montelova at the request of the Mayor of Zacatecas, minor ink erosion at right edge, otherwise fresh and Very Fine, a rare Spanish period marking on a nearly intact letter in a remarkable state of preservation .........................(Photo) E. 3,000-5,000

3° FRANCA EN BEXAR. (later San Antonio Tex.). Mostly bold red townmarking in two straight lines, ms. endorsement "Real Servicio" (Royal Service), on May 1, 1810 folded letter to the military Governor, Don Antonio Cordero at Monclova (Mexico), excellent contents (in Spanish) concern a recently established weapons factory in Bexar, minor ink erosion does not detract, appears fresh, nearly Very Fine, a rare intact letter from the Spanish period with a bold strike of a very elusive marking; the first reliable postal system in what is now Texas was established by de Croix in 1779 .....(Photo) E. 3,000-5,000
4° **FRANCA EN BEXAR.** (later San Antonio Tex.). Bold red townmarking in two straight lines, on partial cover front only, addressed to the military Governor of Coahwila at Monclova (Mexico), small fragment of contents indicates 1810 use, fresh, appears Very Fine, many of the scarce marking of the Spanish and Mexican periods are found mainly on such fronts, a very presentable example of this rare marking. *(Photo)* E. 500-750

5° **DOLORES.** (Nuestra Senora de Dolores). Sharp black straightline townmarking on reduced cover front to Don Jose Ildefonzo at Mexico City, undated but ca. 1817, docketed on reverse from Don Francisco de Orrantia, Commanding General, irregular reduction, long tear slightly affects endorsement, very light toning, still appears Very Fine, a rare Mexican period marking, only two recorded, Dolores was a small villa about 23 miles north of Laredo, it was destroyed by Indians in the 1850's, with 1985 MEPSI certificate, ex Bash .................................................................*(Photo)* E. 750-1,000
AUSTIN 4

BAHIA 2

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6° AUSTIN. (San Felipe de Austin). Beautiful clear townmarking in a straight line, ms. “4” (reales) rate on reduced cover front, T.R. corner clipped, to the city council of Bexar (San Antonio Tex.), no date but probably early 1830’s, fresh and appears Fine, the strike of this scarce Mexican period marking is superb, it has been speculated that these cover fronts were used as receipts to ensure reimbursement of his postage to recipient officials .................................................................(Photo) E. 500-750

7° AUSTIN. (San Felipe de Austin). Bold straightline townmarking, on a reduced cover front to Bexar (San Antonio Tex.), fragment of contents indicate May 28, 1831 use and bears signatures of Seguin and Salinas, both active in the struggle for Texas independence, fresh and appears Fine, most of these very scarce Mexican period markings exist as fronts, presentable, endorsed “El de la Villa de la Libertad” .............(Photo) E. 400-500

8° BAHIA. (later Goliad Tex.). Watery brownish-black straightline townmarking, ms. “2” (reales), on reduced cover front to the city council of Bexar (San Antonio Tex.), endorsed “De Alcalde de Goliad”, fragmentary contents docketed at Bexar Mar. 29, 1834 and are signed by Juan de Seguin, a Texas patriot and one-time postmaster of Bexar, fresh, appears nearly Fine, a presentable example of this rare marking. (Photo) E. 500-750

9° BAHIA. (later Goliad Tex.). Watery black straightline townmarking, a bit doubled but mostly clear, with ms. “8” (reales), on long reduced cover front addressed to the Administrator of Tobaccos, Francisco Flores, at Bexar (San Antonio Tex.) from his agent at Bahia, undated but probably early 1830’s, minor light toning, still fresh, appears nearly Fine, a presentable example of this rare Mexican period marking, almost all known strikes are on fronts .........................................................(Photo) E. 300-500

10° FRANQUEADO EN BEXAR. (later San Antonio Tex.). Mostly clear red twonmarking in two straight lines within a double oval, on folded cover addressed to the mayor of Nacogdoches, from his counterpart in Bexar, undated but probably late 1820’s, fresh, appears nearly Fine, a presentable example of this rare Mexican period marking, most in private hands are fronts .........................................................(Photo) E. 1,500-2,000

11° BEXAR. (later San Antonio Tex.). Somewhat incomplete strike of red straightline townmarking within an oval, with ms. “3” (reales) on reduced cover front, addressed to the mayor of Nacogdoches, from his counterpart in Bexar, undated but probably late 1820’s, fresh, appears nearly Fine, a presentable example of this rare Mexican period marking, most in private hands are fronts .................................................(Photo) E. 300-500

12° BEXAR. (later San Antonio Tex.). Mostly clear red straightline townmarking within a thick line oval, a bit overinked and smeared, with ms. “12” (reales), on a reduced cover front addressed to the Administrator of Tobaccos (a tax collector) in Goliad (Bahia), undated but probably late 1820’s, high rate suggests this was used on a large parcel, edges are rough with defects that somewhat affect address, still Fine, this rare Mexican period marking is almost always found on fronts .........................................................(Photo) E. 500-750

13° Brazoria Tex. Dateline on Nov. 11, 1833 folded letter of Samuel Williams, aide to Stephen F. Austin, carried privately to New Orleans La. where placed into the U.S. Mails with greenish blue cds “Paid”, ms. “18%” (“20%” deleted), to Mobile Ala., forwarded to Montgomery Ala., interesting contents mention land grant controversies, death of John Austin from cholera, and concludes: “I am glad you abandoned the Negro business as the colonists will certainly interfere with any introduction from the West Indies.” Minor toning along file fold, still intact and Fine, good historic contents ................................................. E. 100-200

14° Gonzalez Departamento de Tejas. Dateline on Aug. 15, 1828 folded letter in Spanish from James Kerr, agent of the DeWitt colony, probably carried privately, to Ramon Musquiz, political chief at San Fernando de Bejar, contents suggest that local legal matters be referred to San Felipe rather than Bejar, remarkably fresh and Extremely Fine, historically significant, Kerr was a close friend of Stephen Austin and active in the events leading to Texas independence ......................................................... E. 200-300

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15° **NACOGDOCHES.** Negative letters within bold strike of "cogwheel", variety with dotted rim, on folded cover from Philadelphia, with faint red "Phil 24 Feb" (1831) cds and matching "Paid" handstamps and ms. "25", to Crows Ferry La., endorsed "The P.M. will please forward this to St. Antonios Texas Mexico care of Geo A. Nixon", Nixon was a land commissioner

A SUPERB STRIKE OF THIS RARE MEXICAN-PERIOD HANDSTAMP, OF WHICH ONLY A FEW EXIST IN PRIVATE HANDS

Cover has been refolded to reduce edgewear, light toning, contents only fragmentary, appears Very Fine, illustrated in *The American Stampless Cover Catalog* ...........................................(Photo) E. 3,000-5,000
16° NACOGDOCHES. Negative lettering within red “cogwheel” variety with dotted rim, ms. “2” (reales), on April 6, 1835 letter from George Antonio Nixon, land commissioner for the Galveston Bay and Texas Land Company, to businessman Thomas F. McKinney at Monclova (Mexico)

ONE OF THE FEW STRIKES OF THIS RARE NACOGDOCHES MARKING ON A COMPLETE LETTER, AND POSSIBLY THE ONLY EXAMPLE IN RED IN PRIVATE HANDS

The letter (separated) has important contents, which discuss the probable effects of pending land grants to Vehlein and Burnet “to purchase the whole country, this kind of land sale is very unpopular...this would be doing a great injustice to the people...”. The historic contents prefigure the war for Texas independence ..........(Photo)  E. 4,000-5,000
17° NACOGDOCHES. Negative lettering within “cogwheel”, variety with smooth rim, design bit incomplete, used as transit marking on slightly reduced cover front (part of back flap pasted flat on back) originating with red “Waterford” (probably N.Y.) cds and “Paid”, ms. “Paid 25”, undated but ca. 1828, to Joseph Polley in San Felipe Tex. via Natchitoches La., with detailed instructions for the Natchitoches postmaster, also ms. “3” (reales) for Texas transit, overall toning and small holes, still appears Fine, a presentable example of this rare Mexican period marking, the recipient, Joseph Polley, was one of the “old Three Hundred” colonists ........................................ (Photo)  E. 750-1,000

18° NACOGDOCHES. Partly clear negative lettering with “cogwheel”, variety with dotted rim, on reduced cover front, docketing on reverse indicates Jan. 14, 1831 use to Bexar (San Antonio Tex.), with notation “Paid by the depository of the public funds... 3 reales” which seems to confirm the theory that these fronts were used as receipts, especially with respect to official correspondence (this was sent between the Alcaides of the two towns), irregular reduction a L., very light toning, appears nearly Fine, a presentable example of this scarce and attractive Mexican-period marking .................. (Photo)  E. 750-1,000
**Refugio, Texas, Republic of Mexico.** Dateline on 1835 folded letter sent via New Orleans La. with their greenish blue cds and “Ship”, red ms. “27” to Erastus Corning in Albany N.Y., fascinating contents describe the mail route: “I would pay the postage if I could, but we have no mails from this place to the states and have to send our letters to New Orleans to have them mailed . . . “, and the wonderful advantages of living in Texas, fresh and Fine, an interesting letter from an enthusiastic and articulate settler .......................... E. 100-200

**San Felipe de Austin.** Dateline on Apr. 15, 1833 folded letter to Asa Hoxey in Montgomery Ala., privately carried, from Robert M. Williamson, important contents, 7pp concern Stephen F. Austin’s agreement to deal with a partnership headed by Hoxey to obtain tracts of land in Texas (they were successful and lead to the establishment of Washington-on-the-Brazos), some minor internal splitting, still quite fresh and Fine, wonderful historic piece .......................................................... E. 200-300

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**THE TEXAS REPUBLIC**

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**Sam Houston.** American frontier hero, president of the Republic of Texas, U.S. senator, governor of Texas. Autograph free frank “Free Sam Houston” on 2pp autograph letter signed (this letter is actually signed three times), datelined and ms. postmarked “Washington Oct. 26th” (Texas, 1845), to the Commissioner of the General Land office, William Ward, at Austin Tex.

A RARE FREE FRANK AS PRESIDENT OF THE TEXAS REPUBLIC, TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO STATEHOOD, ON A LETTER WITH COLORFUL CONTENT

The letter reads: “Dear Colonel, I write you a hasty note to request of you not to issue Patents to a certain G.W. Miles Chief Justice of Liberty County, upon lands located on the Trinity River, I own two leagues, and two thirds lying on both sides of the River. It is part of four league location, and commands, on the east side of the Trinity above, and adjoining to Witter’s league. Miles and Luke Bryan, as I have been told lately with and by stealth surveyed the whole, or a part of the land, I hope you will not grant them patents upon their surveys. Mine was better (I think) in 1834. They are bad men and deserve the law upon them, for many acts. . . Truly yr. Friend Sam Houston. P.S. Please write to at ‘Palmer Post Office, Montgomery County’ Houston.”

Overall light toning, small tear at top, minor internal paper loss, still Very Fine. A wonderful letter from one of the great personalities of Texas and American history, extremely scarce franking signature prior to Texas statehood. (Photo) E. 3,500-5,000
22° **Sam Houston.** Autograph free frank "Free Sam Houston" as U.S. senator on small white envelope to Windsor Vt., partial Washington ds with attached "Free", Very Fine, an unusually choice example of Houston's frank ..................(Photo) E. 750-1,000

23° **Jose Francisco Ruiz.** Signer of the Declaration of Texas Independence. ALS "Ruiz" to John Prudhomme, Natchitoches, La., dated Oct. 8, 1847, with Nacogdoches ms. postmark. Contents in French, which read (in part): "We arrived safely and healthy (except our asses did hurt a little) on the ancient theatre of my glory and my unhappiness... my heart hurts when I see again these places where every step reminds me of scenes of the past," etc. (translation) .......................................................... E. 400-500

24° **Albert Sidney Johnston.** 1847 folded cover with address panel entirely in his hand, remarkably flawless strike of "Houston Txs. Nov. 8" cds and matching large "V" hs (with contemporary ms. serifs added), docketing on back identifies the general as sender, minor toning, otherwise Very Fine. Born in Kentucky, Johnston moved to Texas in 1836 and considered himself a citizen of that state. When Texas seceded he stood with his state, resigning his commission as a brigadier general in the U.S. Army, as well as his position as commander of the Dept. of the Pacific in San Francisco. (Photo) E. 200-250
25°  **AUSTIN TEXAS MAR. 2.** Mostly clear strike of triple outerline cds, ms. "1.00" rate on 1842 folded cover to Zavala Tex., docketing indicates writer was T.B. Huling who settled at Old Zavala in 1831, and transported supplies on his steamboat for the Army during the Texas Revolution, light cover toning and edgewear, still nearly Very Fine, despite a little smearing, the strike of this marking is extraordinarily complete ..............................................................(Photo)  E. 300-500

26°  **AUSTIN TEXAS JULY 20.** Bold strike of triple outerline cds, with blue ms. day and "25", on 1842 folded letter to Houston Tex., interesting contents, in addition to personal matters the letter refers to an "Indian expedition" and the events leading up to the so-called "Archive War", quite fresh with minor toning, edgewear and internal splits, nearly Very Fine, attractive strike of this scarce Republic period marking ..............................................................(Photo)  E. 300-500
27° **Austin Tex.** Dateline on Oct. 12, 1844 folded letter to Houston Tex., no townmarking but with simple ms. “6½”, and endorsed “Fav’d. by Mr. Rhodes” so intended to be privately carried and at some time placed in mail either on a ship or handed to a stage driver (rate fits both ship and way fees) for delivery in Houston, long tears across face mended with self-adhesive tape that is beginning to come through, light edge toning, appears Fine, Scarce and intriguing use .............................................. E. 100-200

28° **Austin Octob. 28th/44.** Ms. townmarking with “25” rate on folded letter to Houston Tex., contents mention pleasure party to Barton Springs, long tear on face mended by self-adhesive tape which is beginning to bleed through, minor edge toning, otherwise quite fresh and appears Very Fine, scarce Republic use. Austin had earlier used handstamped townmarking .............................................. (Photo) E. 200-300

29° **Austin July 18.** Ms. townmarking with “25” rate on 1845 folded letter to Houston Tex., contents from a lady starved for social events, thinks living in Austin is almost as bad as living in a convent, long cover tear on face goes through markings and was mended by self-adhesive tape which is beginning to bleed through, otherwise fresh and nearly Very Fine, scarce late Republic ms. marking from an office that had earlier used a handstamp .......................................................... (Photo) E. 100-200

30° **Bastrop Feby 13th 1844.** Ms. townmarking with “Free” on large folded letter to the Secretary of Treasury at Washington Tex., contents being tax returns from Greenleaf Fisk, accounting for headright taxes he had collected, light toning especially along file fold, minor ink erosion and splitting at edges, still intact and nearly Fine, scarce late Republic marking, Fisk was a politician who had once served as Chief Justice .......................................................... (Photo) E. 100-200

31° **Bexar 9 Augt.** (later San Antonio Tex.). Ms. townmarking and “free” on 1837 folded cover to the Secretary of State at Houston Tex., docketing indicates it was sent by Erasmo Seguin, a friend of Stephen F. Austin and supporter of Texas independence who after the battle of San Jacinto returned to San Antonio and aided in the restoration of civil government, this is endorsed “Del Serv. Prat. del Condado de Bexar”, slightly toned file fold, still fresh and Very Fine, ms. markings from Bexar during the early Republic period are very scarce, ex Jarret (where it was incorrectly identified as an 1835 use) .......................................................... (Photo) E. 500-750

32° **Boonville Jany 7th.** Deleted ms. townmarking, also “Washington Jany 13th” ms. townmarking on 1845 folded letter to Brenham Tex., postage totaled up: “12½ + Way 6½ = 18¼”, legal contents, overall toning, still intact and nearly Very Fine, the deleted Boonville marking is the only recorded example from this tiny office, a rare late Republic use .......................................................... (Photo) E. 300-500

33° **Brazoria 15 Sept 1837.** Ms. townmarking with “12½” rate on folded cover to Texana Tex., very light toning along file fold, otherwise fresh and Very Fine, a very scarce early Republic marking, possibly the earliest recorded for this office, the town was an important outlet for the Austin Colony from 1826 on .......................................................... (Photo) E. 300-400

34° **Brazoria Mar. 20/39.** Ms. townmarking and “37½” revalued to “50”, on folded letter to Texana Tex., business contents, light toning, also some minor rodent damage which barely affects top edge, still intact and reasonably fresh, Fine, scarce Republic period use .......................................................... (Photo) E. 200-300

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35° **Brazoria/Feb. 18, '41.** Handstamped townmarking in two straight lines within a box, ms. "50" rate on folded letter to Texana Tex., business contents, some light water staining, small holes caused by silverfish barely affect marking, still intact and nearly Fine, a very rare Republic-period marking, of which no example was recorded by ter Braake ...

(Photo) E. 1,500-2,000

36° **Brazoria April 18 '43.** Ms. townmarking with "37½" on folded cover addressed to the "Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas" at Austin Tex., light toning mostly along file fold, nearly Fine, a scarce Republic period use with a Masonic connection ...

(Photo) E. 100-200

37° **Brazoria.** Dateline on folded letter to Green Bush N.Y., with blue "New Orleans La" cds and red ms. "27", also a black ms. "Ship" that may have been applied in Brazoria, undated, but style of markings and rate suggests early 1840s, **good content** discusses physical condition of Texas in the "rainy season" and the abundance of game, fresh and nearly Very Fine, interesting letter ...

(Photo) E. 100-200

38° **Brenham March 31st 1845.** Ms. townmarking with "25" and "Paid" on gray folded letter to Shelbys P.O. Tex., legal contents, mostly light toning, irregular reduction at L. slightly affects markings, still nearly Fine, scarce late Republic period use. (Photo) E. 100-200

39° **Centre Hill Mar. 12.** Ms. townmarking with "Free D. Ayres" postmaster free frank on 1839 folded letter to New Albany Ind., with blue "New Orleans La. May 12" cds with matching "Ship" hs and red ms. '27', partial contents refer to cotton business and the need to obtain a flatboat to transport goods as no steamboats were available, light toning and heavy file fold, otherwise nearly Fine, scarce Austin County small office use during the Republic period ...

(Photo) E. 200-300

40° **Centre Hill Jan 22.** Ms. townmarking with "Free D. Ayres P.M" postmaster free frank on 1846 **turned letter**, inside use, written over, with ms. "Independence 7th Jany. 1846" and "Free", Centre Hill use to Richmond Tex., legal and business contents, light toning along file fold, still nearly Fine, interesting use, Republic period postmasters continued in office after annexation in 1845 ...

(Photo) E. 100-200

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41° Centerville. Ms. townmarking and "37½", on July 22, 1843 folded letter to Fort Houston, Burnet Co. Tex., semi-literate content pertain to land transactions, toning and small paper loss along folds repaired with self-adhesive tape (can be easily reversed), still mostly legible, presentable example of a rare small Republic period office's markings .................................................. (Photo) E. 100-200

42° City of Puebla Mexico, June 19th 1842. Dateline on folded green letter with mostly clear blue "New Orleans La. Sep. 5" transit cds, "Ship" and blue ms. "27" to Syracuse N.Y., a fascinating letter from Robert D. Phillips, a survivor of the ill-fated Santa Fe expedition of 1841, describes in some detail the failure of the expedition due to the incompetence of officers, their long march to Mexico and undignified imprisonment, and eventual liberation, lightly toned and worn at edges, but intact and nearly Fine, a wonderful letter touching on one of the long series of provocations against Mexico that would culminate in the Mexican War ...........................................(Photo) E. 350-500

43° Columbia Nov. 11, 1836, Ms. townmarking with "37½" rate on folded cover to San Augustine Tex., light toning and tears that could be easily mended, otherwise nearly Fine, used during the brief period (Sep.-Dec. 1836) when Columbia served as capital for the new Republic, it was there that Houston was inaugurated president (Oct. 22) and Stephen F. Austin died (Dec. 27), very scarce use .........................(Photo) E. 300-500

44° Columbia Texas, March 29th 1839. Dateline on folded letter to Easton Mass., endorsed: "By Schr. Flora, Capt. Burrows", entered the U.S. mail at "New Orleans La. Apr. 18" with their red cds and "Ship", with red ms. "27", enclosed letter from Samuel J. Angier contents include directions for his daughter's education and mentions: "Our Northern frontiers are harrassed by Indians, Our Paper currency is worth but fifty percent...", minor ink erosion and light toning, still Fine, interesting letter, Angier was one of the "Old Three Hundred" of the Austin Colony, the Schooner Flora aided in the Texas Revolution transporting volunteers and weapons ..........................................................(Photo) E. 100-200

45° Columbia Sept 19th. Ms. townmarking with "Paid" and "15" (both deleted) and additional "15" on 1845 folded letter to New York, with blue "New Orleans La. Oct. 8 cds and "Ship" and blue ms. "12", then forwarded back to Columbia with light red "Galveston Texas Nov. 13" oval and "Ship", business contents with mention that "The Convention adjourned 27th Aug. and the New Constitution is to be placed before the people for their acceptance or rejection...", fresh and Very Fine, a well-traveled letter from the late Republic period ...................................................(Photo) E. 200-300

46° Columbus June 9th 1839. Ms. townmarking with "50" on folded letter to Houston Tex., land-legal business contents, light toning especially along file fold, self-adhesive tape repair within does not affect face, quite fresh and fine, scarce early Republic period use from this office, the town was originally settled in 1823 by members of Stephen F. Austin's colony, it became a cotton shipping point on the Colorado River, where steamboats operated .................................................................(Photo) E. 200-300

47° Columbus 6th March. Ms. townmarking with "Paid 50" on 1841 folded letter to Montgomery Tex., a legal order to issue a summons in a lawsuit, light overall toning, still quite fresh and Very Fine, scarce small town Republic period use, Columbus was the county seat of Colorado County .......................................................(Photo) E. 100-200

48° Columbus Sept 14/45. Ms. townmarking with "30" on large folded cover, endorsement refers to legal case, trivial toning, otherwise very fresh and Very Fine, scarce late Republic period use ............................................................(Photo) E. 100-200

49° Douglass May 23/45. Ms. townmarking with blue ms. "Paid 30" (added by the sender) on folded letter to Montgomery Tex., legal contents mention enclosing two bonds, letter signed by Thos. J. Rusk, an important figure in Texas history (veteran of San Jacinto, Sec. of War during the Republic, U.S. senator), acidic offset and edge toning, still intact and nearly Fine, a scarce late Republic period use from a small office ...................................................(Photo) E. 200-300
50° Egypt March 18. Ms. town marking with “Paid 1.50” ($1.00 + 50c handling fee) on 1842 folded letter to New York, with mostly clear blue “New Orleans La.” transit cds, “Ship” and blue ms. “27”, wonderful contents from a minister compelled to “fly” from Victoria Texas in advance of an invading Mexican army, file fold barely affects marking, extraordinarily fresh and Very Fine, scarce and historic piece, ex Mayer (article by him and ter Braake comments accompany), Jarrett ..........................(Photo) E. 750-1,000

51° Egypt Dec. 15. Ms. town marking and “Free” on 1839 folded letter to Austin Tex., family content but mentions: “Just returned from the Indian campaign killed one Indian…” almost as casually as if he had killed one chicken, also mentions the “great distress in the United States in consequence of the banks stopping specie payment cotton very low best quality eight and a quarter cents hard times and worse a coming if you (U.S.) do not do something to raise the credit of our money…” light toning, almost Very Fine, scarce early Republic period use from this office ..................................................(Photo) E. 200-300

52° France to Texas “Care of - Bryan Esp. Texan Consul New Orleans”. With clear red “Bureau de Maritime (Havre) 25 Sept. 1840” transit cds and boxed “P.P.” on letter datelined at Paris Sept. 19, 1840, with red ms. “6” (probably New Orleans), no Texas address given but probably sent there, contents in French to wife of Texas politician and diplomat J. Pinckney Henderson from her brother, tissue paper cover with much edgewear, but appears intact and nearly Fine, scarce transatlantic use ..................(Photo) E. 100-200

53° France to Texas “Care of - Bryan Esp. Texas Consul New Orleans”. Private ship letter with clear red “Boston Ms. Ship Oct. 11” transit cds and ms. “27”, letter datelined at Paris Sept. 29, 1840, no Texas address but from her brother, part of top left corner worn away well clear of markings, minor toning, appears nearly Fine, scarce transatlantic use ........................................(Photo) E. 100-200

54° Franklin March 31st. Ms. town marking and “Free” on 1844 folded letter (contents separated but present), to Thomas W. Ward, Commissioner of the General Land office at Austin Tex., contents permitted Ward to make use of addressee’s library and vacant offices, overall toning, edge separations and very brittle, still intact and nearly Fine, very scarce use from a small office in the late Republic period ................. E. 200-300

GALVESTON, TEXAS

55° GALVESTON * TEXAS *. Bold double oval transit marking with “62½” (2 x 25c + 12½c) on folded letter datelined at New York July 7, 1838 and endorsed “pr. Boston Packet”, from James Treat to Lorenzo de Zavala at “Harrisburg or Houston” Tex., contents (in Spanish) mention a loan to President Lamar by Zavala’s father, land transactions, a speech by Houston and the election of Lamar, light toning, long edge tear clear of marking, intact and nearly Fine, scarce and interesting, Treat was a somewhat mysterious figure appointed by Pres. Lamar to attempt to negotiate Mexico’s formal recognition of the Republic in 1839, but after much delay, his mission ended in complete failure in Oct. 1840, and he died soon after .......................(Photo) E. 300-500

56° GALVESTON * TEXAS * Aug. 25. Sharp and nearly complete strike of double-line oval transit marking with ms. date over central line (non-contemporary “1838” added in ink) with Texas rate “56½” on back flap of 1838 folded letter, with ms. “Society Hill S.C. July 21st” originating town marking and U.S. rate “Paid 25”, and sharp and nearly complete SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS double oval agent’s marking on face of cover to Travis Tex., contents from a mother to her daughter describe the death of her husband, the father of the addressee, mostly light toning and edgewear, nearly Very Fine, a very attractive early Republic use, very scarce with Ricker oval on face of cover rather than backflaps .......................(Photo) E. 300-400

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**GALVESTON * TEXAS *. Mostly clear bold double oval townmarking, with partly clear red STEAM PACKET/COLUMBIA straight lines, on 1839 light gray folded cover, mostly complete double oval SAM RICKER JR., AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS on back flap, Ricker placed it into the U.S. mail with red “New Orleans La. Apr. 28” cds with “Ship” and red ms. “52”, addressed to Gen. Samuel Swartwout in New York, contents mostly missing but includes signature line of “Lorenzo de Zavala, Jr.”, repair of back flap defect that slightly affects Ricker oval, still mostly intact and Fine, attractive use, Zavala was a veteran of San Jacinto whose father was Vice President of the Republic, Swartwout was a financier and land speculator who had supported the Texas Revolution

**GALVESTON TEXAS.** Clear strike of double-lined oval transit marking without asterisks and ms. date over center line, used on back flap, with mostly clear blue “Philadelphia Pa. Jan. 16” originating cds with “Paid” in octagon and ms. U.S. rate “25”, also partly clear WM. BRYAN AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS double oval agent’s marking over backflaps, and ms. “Velasco Feb.12” transit marking and Texas rate “Ship 18½” on 1840 folded cover to Peach Point near Brazoria Tex., mostly minor toning spots, still Fine, this variety of Galveston marking lacking the asterisks is very scarce, it was used for only a few months in 1840, attractive use, ex Meroni

**GALVESTON TEXAS.** Mostly clear double oval transit marking, without asterisks, with SHIP hs and blackish blue ms. date “21 May” above line and “31” rate, on 1840 folded cover, with blue “Washington City D.C. Apr. 29” originating cds with “Free” and “Free Wm. C. Preston” franking (S.C. Senator, colleague of John C. Calhoun), also weak oval marking of Texian agent Wm. Bryan on back flap, and ms. “Red’d & forwarded by your Otb. Servant Wm. Bryan”, to Gen. Thomas J. Green (Texas location not given but must have been known to the Galveston postmaster), docketing indicates letter was sent to Gen. Green by Col. Bernard E. Bee; Green and Bee were important figures in Texas history, at this time Bee was Minister of the Republic of Texas to the U.S., in 1843 Gen. Green would be involved in the disastrous Mier Expedition, would suffer imprisonment in Mexico, serve in the Texas Congress, later become a State Senator in California, and die while serving in the Confederate Army

**GALVESTON TEXAS.** Mostly complete and clear oval transit marking, without asterisks, with SHIP hs and red ms. date “Aug. 31” above line and Texas rate “31½” on 1840 folded letter with red “New York Jul. 16” originating cds with curved “Paid” and ms. U.S. rate “25” (deleted), also nearly complete WM. BRYAN, AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT., NEW ORLEANS double oval over backflaps, to Columbia Tex., business contents, light toning, small paper losses from ink erosion, reinforced with archival tape, small hole affects Bryan oval, still mostly intact and nearly Fine, presentable example with an attractive combination of markings

**GALVESTON TEXAS.** Beautiful sharp strike of transit marking, without asterisks, with matching strike of SHIP hs, with ms. date “Nov. 3” above line and “31½” rate on folded letter datelined at New Orleans Oct. 25, 1840, business contents internally endorsed “pr Yew Tree”, to Quintana Tex., light waterstains and erosion along file fold that slightly affects markings, reinforced with archival tape, still nearly Fine, the handstamped markings are superb, this variety of the Galveston oval is very scarce

**GALVESTON TEXAS MAY 27.** Bold red oval transit marking with SHIP hs and red ms. Texas rate “1.00” on 1841 folded cover to Peach Point Tex., docketing indicates originated at St. Louis Mo., May 7, 1841, where it may have been placed on a private vessel headed down to Texas, thus circumventing the U.S. mails and the Texian agent at New Orleans, at any event it appears it was privately carried some considerable distance, light toning, still fresh and nearly Very Fine, an attractive and unusual item

**GALVESTON TEXAS MAY 27.** Incredibly sharp strike of red oval hs with ms. “50” rate, letter carried privately from West Hartford Ct. to Galveston where placed in the mail for Houston Tex., undated but probably an 1841 use, family contents, from Moses Smith to his son, Ashbel Smith, a renown Texas diplomat and Surgeon General during the Republic, some minor internal mildew damage, but generally fresh and Extremely Fine, a “gem” strike of the Galveston oval in blood red

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES – 26 – FEBRUARY 24-25, 1994
64° **GALVESTON TEXAS.** Mostly clear double oval transit marking with **SHIP** hs, ms. date "8 June" and Texas rate "56¼" (deleted and corrected to "44") on 1840 folded letter with blue "Mobile Ala. May 26" originating cds with "Paid" and red ms. "18¾", also mostly complete **WM. BRYAN, AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT, NEW ORLEANS** double oval on backflap, to Matagorda Tex., family contents with some interesting asides including reference to a preacher who was indicted by a Grand Jury for giving an "Abolition Sermon," the recipient of this letter was Rev. Caleb Smith, who is supposed to have celebrated the first Episcopal Mass in Texas, minor defect on backflap slightly affect Bryan oval, otherwise fresh and Fine (Photo) E. 200-300

65° **GALVESTON TEXAS.** Clear double oval transit marking with **SHIP** hs and red ms. date "Oct 2" over line, Texas rate "43¼" on 1840 folded cover, with "Bowl. Gr. K." (Bowling Green Ky.) originating cds with ms. U.S. rate "25" (deleted) also partly clear strike of **WM. BRYAN, AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT, NEW ORLEANS** double oval over backflaps, to Matagorda Tex., minor soiling along file fold, still quite fresh and fine, attractive example of one of the scarcer varieties of Galveston oval, illustrated in *Postal Markings* (Photo) E. 200-300

66° **GALVESTON TEXAS JUNE 7.** Bold red oval transit marking with **SHIP** hs and red ms. Texas rate "1.00" on 1841 folded cover, with "Bardstown Ky. May 18" originating cds and "Paid" (deleted) with blue ms. U.S. rate "25", also mostly clear and complete **WM. BRYAN, AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT, NEW ORLEANS** double oval augmented by ms. endorsement: "Received and forwarded by William Bryan, New Orleans June 1st. 1841", to Peach Point near Brazoria Tex., light toning, still quite fresh and Fine, attractive and scarce, especially with the ms. endorsement by Bryan, the addressee, Emily M. Perry, was Stephen F. Austin's sister (Photo) E. 300-500

67° **GALVESTON TEXAS.** Partly clear red oval transit marking with **SHIP** hs and ms. date "May 23" but lacking the usual Texas rate (possibly the U.S. rate "25" served a dual purpose), on 1842 folded cover with weak "Bardstown Ky. Apr. 23" originating cds and "Paid" (deleted) to Emily M. Perry (Stephen F. Austin's sister) at Peach Point near Brazoria Tex., light toning, still fresh and nearly Fine, unusual in that this has no sign of having gone through the Texian agent in New Orleans (Photo) E. 100-200

68° **GALVESTON TEXAS JUN 20.** Partly clear light red oval townmarking with ms. "50" rate on 1843 folded letter to Nacogdoches Tex., legal-land title contents, light toning and minor edgewear, intact and nearly Fine, the Galveston handstamp had been used since 1840 and shows signs of wear (Photo) E. 100-200

69° **GALVESTON TEXAS SEP 15.** Clear pale red oval townmarking with **FREE** hs on blue 1843 folded cover to "Thomas B. Huling" P.M. at Zavalla Tex., light toning and wear along file fold and edges, still nearly Fine, Huling transported supplies to the Texas troops during the Revolution, mail to postmasters on their personal business was sent free during the Republic period, as it was in the U.S. during the same time (Photo) E. 100-200

70° **GALVESTON TEXAS OCT 7.** Clear pale red oval transit marking with **SHIP** hs and ms. totaled Texas rate: "37½" + 12½ forwarding = 50", on 1843 folded letter, with blackish blue "Milton N.C. Sep -" originating cds and "Paid" (deleted) and ms. U.S. rate "25" deleted, addressed to Gen. Memucan Hunt at Houston Tex. "Care of the Secretary of War" and forwarded back to Galveston with ms. "Forwarded Houston March 19, 1844", business contents, mostly light toning, still Fine, Hunt held many responsible political and military positions in the Republic, including minister to the U.S. (Photo) E. 200-300

71° **(GALVESTON TEXAS).** Pale red **SHIP** hs, no townmarking, on 1844 folded cover with clear red "Washington City D.C. Apr. 13" originating cds with "Free" hs and free frank "Free E. A. Hannegan U.S.S." (Edward A. Hannegan, Ind. senator), to Gen. Memucan Hunt at Galveston Tex., contents (no longer present) was a letter from Gen. Duff Green advising that the treaty of annexation was passed today (Apr. 12, 1844), light edge toning, still Fine, interesting use (Photo) E. 100-200
72° GALVESTON TEXAS MAY 27. Clear pale red oval datestamp and matching FREE hs on 1844 folded letter to the postmaster at Houston Tex., highly important contents datelined at Washington D.C. May 3, 1844 and probably privately carried to Galveston, 2pp from J. Pinckney Henderson who was then special minister to the U.S. to negotiate the annexation of Texas, discusses Clay, Benton and Van Buren's support of annexation and the general political situation in the U.S., including the upcoming presidential campaign and how it was likely to affect the question of annexation, trivial ink erosion within, still fresh and Fine, a wonderful letter .......................(Photo) E. 500-750

73° GALVESTON TEXAS SEPT 19. Clear pale red transit marking with SHIP hs on 1844 folded cover with sharp blue "Vernon Mi." originating cds with blue "Paid" (deleted) and blue ms. date "Sept. 6" and U.S. rate "18.5¢" (which also served as the Texas rate) to Ira R. Lewis at Matagorda Tex., small paper losses from ink erosion affect "Paid" marking only, light overall toning, still Fine, attractive use, Lewis was active in the provisional government of the Republic, and during the Revolution raised funds and volunteers in the U.S. .................................................................(Photo) E. 100-200

74° Galveston, December 1st, 1844. Dateline on folded letter, endorsed "pr. Steamer New York" with partly clear blue "New Orleans La." transit cds and "Ship" hs with blue ms. "27" rate, to Marietta Oh., interesting contents from a young man who has decided to stay in Texas: "The country is in flourishing condition there is no appearance of the Mexicans going to invade us and if they do we can whip them there is plenty for them to do at home for there is nothing in Mexico but civil war (sic) and if we let them they will be like the Killkaney cats they will destroy Each other we have just now received the Election news from the United and there is a great rejoicing here to think Polk was elected . . . .", trivial toning and edgewear, still Fine, interesting use .......... ....... .......................................... (Photo) E. 100-200

75° GALVESTON TEXAS DEC. 13. Muddy red oval townmarking with ms. "12½" rate on 1844 folded cover to Gen. Thomas J. Green at Velasco Tex., docketing slightly obscures Galveston oval, light edge toning, still Fine, interesting, Green was a colorful and controversial figure, he was involved in the disastrous Mier expedition of 1843, was captured and escaped, was recaptured (the Mexicans shot every 10th man recaptured with him) and kept at hard labor until he was released on Sept. 16, 1844 (about a month before this letter was sent to him), eventually moved to California, and died while serving in the Confederate army ...................................................(Photo) E. 200-300

76° GAVESTON TEXAS APR 2. Mostly clear pale red oval transit marking with SHIP and red ms. "25", undated but ca. 1845-46, to Gen. Memucan Hunt (the city is not given but the postmaster probably knew where to send it), the envelope encloses an anonymous love sonnet, docketed "From an unknown Lady Apr. 2nd", docketing partly obscures Galveston oval, very minor light toning, still Fine ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-200

77° Galveston Feb. 3rd 1845. Dateline on folded letter with mostly complete blue "New Orleans La. Feb. 14" transit cds and "Ship" hs with blue ms. "27", to New York, religious business contents from a missionary preacher a Galveston giving his mission office some information about the state of affairs there and in Houston, letter with considerable separations along folds, but intact, appears fresh and Very Fine ..(Photo) E. 100-200

78° GALVESTON TEXAS MAY 31. Clear pale red oval transit marking and SHIP with ms. "15" rate on 1845 light blue folded letter datelined at New Orleans May 28, to Columbia Tex., business contents, fresh and Fine, nice late Republic use ...............(Photo) E. 100-200

79° GALVESTON TEXAS JUNE 30. Clear pale red oval transit marking with SHIP and FREE hs on 1845 folded letter originating in New Orleans June 25, 1845 from the Texian agent Edward Hall to the postmaster at Beaumont Tex., contents refer to loss of a five-dollar note in the mail, encloses a new note and requests it be forwarded to the county clerk in order to get requested documents, defect in letter mended with archival tape, otherwise fresh and Fine ...................................................(Photo) E. 100-200

80° GALVESTON TEXAS JULY 12. Clear pale red oval transit marking with SHIP and ms. Texas rate "15" on 1845 folded cover with clear red "Donaldsonville La. Jun. 30" originating cds, "Paid" (deleted) ms. U.S. rate "10" (deleted), June 30 was the last day of the 1816 rates and this appears to be the correct old rate for the 80 miles distance between Donaldsonville and New Orleans, i.e. the 50-80 miles zone rate of 10 cents, to Matagorda Tex., light toning and separations, Fine, unusual use ..(Photo) E. 100-200
81° Gonzales Mar. 20th 1840. Ms. postmark and "50" rate on folded letter to Columbus Tex., being a sealed interrogatory in a civil case, light toning and mostly minor wear, still intact and fine, scarce Republic period marking, very early from this office ...............................(Photo) E. 100-200

82° Gonzales June 14th. Ms. postmark with elaborate "paraph", ms. "50" on 1841 folded letter to Victoria Tex., being a legal document pertaining to a claim against an estate, minor toning, still quite fresh and fine, scarce small town use during Republic period ................................. (Photo) E. 100-200

83° Gonzales July 16th. Ms. postmark and "1.00" rate on 1840 folded cover to Columbus Tex., being a cross-interrogatory in a civil case, light overall toning, still intact and fine, scarce Republic period marking, an early use from this office ........................ (Photo) E. 100-200

84° Gonzales August the 21st 1840. Ms. townmarking and "37½" rate on folded letter to Texana Tex., being a sealed summons in a legal action, forwarded back to Gonzales, small tear at T., a bit messy from "cross-outs" upon forwarding, still fine, scarce early use from this small office ................................ (Photo) E. 100-200

85° Gonzales Sept. 18th. Pretty blue ms. townmarking and "75" rate on 1841 folded cover to Columbus Tex., legal contents, fresh and Very Fine, a very attractive example of this small office use during the Republic ..................................(Photo) E. 200-300

HOUSTON, TEXAS

86° HOUSTON, TEXAS AUG. 14, 1837. Very sharp strike of triple-line circle townmarking with integral year date and ms. Texas rate "31½" on folded letter datelined at Whitescreek Redings Fork, Davidson Co. Tenn., and placed in U.S. mail with partly clear greenish blue "Nashville T. Jun. 26" originating cds with "Paid" and blue ms. U.S. rate "25", to "Matagorda Bay or Town Texas, care J.W. Breedlove, Esqr. New Orleans," family contents, lower left corner of cover professionally restored with minor reinking in address, separation along folds and interior mildew damage mostly mended, appears fresh and nearly Very Fine, a presentable example of this very scarce early Republic period marking, Breedlove was a Texian forwarding agent and mail handled by him is very rare .................................................................(Photo) E. 350-500

87° HOUSTON, TEXAS AUG. 19, 1837. Mostly clear triple-line circle townmarking with integral year date, and ms. "12½" rate on partly printed protest of draft datelined at New Orleans July 29, 1837, to Quintero Tex., mostly light toning, still intact and nearly fine, a very presentable example of the extremely scarce early Republic marking ..................................(Photo) E. 500-750

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88° Houston Apr. 22. Ms. transit townmarking and “37½” on 1838 folded letter datelined at New Orleans 16 Apr., to Texana Tex., endorsed per Steam Packet “Columbia”, business contents, mostly light toning and edgewear, still intact and nearly Fine, presentable early Republic period use .............................................. (Photo) E. 100-200

89° Houston Nov. 26. Ms. townmarking with “Free” on 1838 folded letter datelined at Texana Nov. 3, to postmaster at Montgomery Tex., contents from Francis F. Wells concerns payment for land, very light toning, docketing partly covers markings, still nearly Fine, scarce early Republic use, Wells was one of Stephen F. Austin’s “Old Three Hundred” and was one of the co-founders of Texana .............................................. (Photo) E. 100-200

90° Houston Jany 11th. Ms. townmarking with “Paid 25” on 1839 folded letter to “Egypt Post Office at Mercers”, from George Childress concerning the settlement of his brother-in-law’s estate, light overall toning, edgewear and separation, quite brittle but intact, appears nearly Very Fine, scarce early Republic use, Egypt Tex. was also known as Mercer’s Crossing, Childress was an author of the Texas Declaration of Independence ............................................................... (Photo) E. 200-300

91° Houston Feby 15th. Ms. townmarking and “50” rate on 1839 folded letter to Gonzales Tex., being a list of taxable property, mostly light staining and edgewear, still intact and Fine, good example of this early Republic period use ............................................. (Photo) E. 100-200

92° Houston Mar 19th. Ms. townmarking and Texas ms. rate “Paid 31½” (deleted) with clear red “New Orleans La. Mar. 27” transit cds and “Ship” and red ms. U.S. rate “27” on 1839 folded letter to Goshen Ct., minor edge toning, otherwise fresh and Very Fine, scarce early Republic period use, excellent example of the Texas rate that includes a 6½ cent outgoing ship fee ............................................................... (Photo) E. 100-200

93° HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** June 21. Finely detailed sharp strike of double-lined double-oval townmarking with free frank: “Treasury Department, Ja. H. Starr,” on undated (probably 1839) folded cover to land commissioner at Jasper Tex., fresh and nearly Very Fine, very scarce Republic franking, Starr served in President Lamar’s administration between May 1839 and Aug. 1840, he is better remembered as Trans-Mississippi agent during the Confederacy, the strike of this marking is unusually clear, generally it is muddy and incomplete ............................................................... (Photo) E. 350-500

94° HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** 10th 23. Double oval townmarking with Quaker Date, with ms. “25”, on 1839 folded letter datelined at Houston on Oct. 18th, to Brazoria Tex., tax business contents, fresh and nearly Fine, while the townmarking is a bit spotty, it is actually superior to most of these markings, this is the only recorded example with a Quaker date ........................................................................... (Photo) E. 500-750
HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** MA 28. Double oval townmarking on backflap, with ms. Texas rate “25” on 1840 folded letter to Marburg, Germany, with blue New Orleans “Ship”, red LeHavre, blue Paris and Marburg transit markings with various rate markings, contents in German, minor staining and edgewear, still Fine, covers from the Republic to Europe are rare .................................................................(Photo)  E. 300-400
96° **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** June 28. Double-line double-oval townmarking with inverted “u” in date on backflap, with ms. “50” on 1840 folded letter to Austin Tex., mostly idle chatter, but contents include comment: “You ask me what I think of calling out the militia - I go for it if they will order them to the Rio Grande and FIGHT!!” - a reference to fears of a Mexican invasion, long tear across face, mended with bad self-adhesive tape, minor toning, appears quite fresh and Fine, though a bit spotty, the Houston marking is clearer than usual .......................................................... (Photo)  E. 200-300

97° **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** Sep 12. Double oval townmarking with ms. “Free” on 1840 folded letter to the Secretary of State in Austin Tex., contents from printer M. Cruger concerning the shipment of 1,000 copies of the Laws of the 4th Congress, minor ink erosion, very light toning, otherwise Fine, typical muddy strike, but presentable .......... .................................................. E. 100-200

98° Houston December 15th 1840. Dateline on folded letter, with blue “New Orleans La. Dec. 27” transit cds, “Ship” hs and red ms. “27”, to Philadelphia Pa., long interesting letter from Mrs. J. Pinckney Henderson discusses death of her child, the scarcity of cash money, quite fresh nearly Very Fine, Henderson was Texas minister to France and England in 1837, and in France he met Frances Cox of Philadelphia who became his wife .................................................. E. 100-200

99° **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** Dec 20. Weak but legible double oval townmarking with ms. “37½” rate on 1840 folded letter to Quintana Tex., minor toning and wear along file folds, still quite fresh and nearly Fine, typical spotty strike of Houston double oval .... .................................................. E. 100-200

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100* **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** MA 27.** Partly clear oval transit marking with ms. Texas rate "1.00"", datelined "Brasos May 19, 1841" on folded letter with spotty "New Orleans L. Jun. 6" transit cds, "Ship" hs and ms. U.S. rate "20¼", to Sumterville P.O. Ala., family and financial contents, toning mostly along file fold, otherwise intact nearly Fine, typical incomplete strike of Houston double oval, but presentable, the point of origin of this letter is obscure .................................................. E. 100-200

101* **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** AU 9(?).** Partly clear double oval transit marking, ms. "1.00" rate on 1841 folded letter datelined at New Orleans July 31, to Peach Point near Brazoria, Tex., on backflap is a blue ms. forwarder's marking: "Rec'd & forwarded by your obt. svt. . (?) . . A.M. Jackson, Galveston", manuscript somewhat unclear due to small paper losses, commercial contents from Arch & Austin, Texas agents, refer to the status of Texas loans, toning and wear mostly along file folds, archival tape repairs, nearly Fine, the Galveston forwarder is rare and unlisted, spotty Houston oval is typical for the period .................................................. E. 200-300

102* **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** Au 12.** Weak double oval townmarking and ms. "Free" on 1841 folded letter datelined at Harrisburg Aug. 9, to Land Commissioner Thomas W. Ward at Austin Tex., good election gossip contents, mentions candidate David Burnet, minor toning along file fold, otherwise nearly Fine, typical poor strike of Houston oval found during this period .................................................. E. 100-200

103* **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** Sep 23.** Weak double oval townmarking with ms. "Free", on 1841 folded letter to Land Commissioner Thomas W. Ward at Austin Tex., business contents touch on the sale of the old Capitol building at Houston, light toning mostly along file folds, nearly Fine, typical spotty strike of Houston oval found during this period .................................................. E. 100-200

104* **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** Sep 28 (?).** Weak but mostly legible double oval townmarking with ms. "Paid 50" on 1841 folded letter to San Felipe Tex., datelined at Houston Sept. 28, a sealed certificate affirming headrights in a land claim, light toning along file fold and a few stray ink smears, otherwise Fine, though spotty this strike of the Houston oval is presentable .................................................. E. 100-200

105* **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** Oct. 2.** Weak double oval townmarking with ms. "Free" on 1841 folded letter to Land Commissioner Thomas W. Ward at Austin Tex., business content, light toning and some ink erosion in text reinforced with archival tape, nearly Fine, typical strike during the period .................................................. E. 100-200

106* **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** Oct. 7 (?).** Weak double oval townmarking and ms. "Free" on 1841 folded letter datelined at Harrisburg Oct. 3, to Land Commissioner Thomas W. Ward at Austin Tex., business contents, minor toning, still quite fresh and nearly Fine, typical spotty strike of Houston oval found during this period .............. E. 100-200

107* **HOUSTON *** TEXAS *** Feb. 1.** Weak double oval townmarking and ms. "Paid 50" on 1842 folded letter to Montgomery Tex., contents concern the legal ownership of "the negro girl Mary", contents page very brittle and reinforced with bad self-adhesive tape, address panel with very minor toning, appears fresh and Fine, typical spotty strike from a much used handstamp that had seen better days .................................................. E. 100-200

108* **Houston Augt. 17th.** Blue ms. townmarking with "25" on 1843 folded letter to Land Commissioner Thomas W. Ward at Washington Tex., contents mostly business, but a few choice asides: "Our courts are very like our government and people - ignorance and corruption pervade the whole. ...P.S. Tell "Old Sam" (Sam Houston) I'll bet him a gallon of whiskey on my boy having a heavier wallet than his boy has." Mostly light toning, still Fine, Houston reverted to manuscript markings during a period between their double oval and circular style markings .................................................. E. 200-300
Houston Oct. 9th. Ms. postmark within an elaborate handstamped oval of laurel wreaths, perhaps inspired by contemporary Mexican markings, ms. “Free”, on 1844 folded letter to Sec. of State Anson Jones at Washington Tex., legal contents, faint toning along file folds barely affects markings, still fresh.

THE BOLDER STRIKE OF THE TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS RARE AND ORNATE HANDSTAMPED MARKING.

One of the outstanding covers of Texas postal history, ex Jarrett (article accompanies) .......................................................... (Photo)  E. 3,000-4,000
110° Houston April 1st. Ms. transit marking and odd framed Ship hs in partly smudged oil-based ink, on 1845 folded cover with blue ms. “Charlotte Ten. March 15” originating townmarking and “Paid” (deleted) and “25” (served as both U.S. and Texas rates, paid and due respectively), to Jasper Tex., lengthy legal contents, but mentions the annexation of Texas, minor toning, still quite fresh and Fine, the “Ship” marking is very unusual and rare (see lot 325 for a similar style of Houston “Paid” dated 1847). (Photo) E. 300-400

111° HOUSTON. TEXAS. APRIL 6th. Bold strike of dark red double-lined cds with typeset date between lines at center, with ms. “Free”, on 1845 greenish blue folded letter to Col. Thomas W. Ward at Austin Tex., contents a detailed statement for various services rendered, tiny paper losses and light toning along folds, still quite fresh and nearly Very Fine, a “gem” strike of this marking. (Photo) E. 200-300

112° HOUSTON. TEXAS. APRIL 24th. Clear light red double-lined cds with typeset date between lines at center, with ms. “10”, no year date but probably 1845, on folded cover to Galveston Tex., very light toning, still nearly Very Fine, an attractive example of the early state of this marking. (Photo) E. 100-200

113° HOUSTON. TEXAS. Sept 8th. Dark red cds with ms. date between lines at center with ms. “Paid” and “60” on 1845 large folded letter to San Felipe Tex., contents a deposition in legal case, light overall toning, separations and ink erosion in contents reinforced with archival tape, quite brittle, appears Very Fine, a scarce multiple rate use, the double-lined handstamp used earlier in the year has now worn down to a single outer line, with manuscript date replacing the earlier typeset version. (Photo) E. 200-300

114° HOUSTON. TEXAS. Oct. 13. Partly clear red cds with ms. date between lines at center, Ship and ms. “25” (“10” deleted), undated but probably 1845 use, on folded cover to Secretary of a Masonic lodge at Montgomery Tex., mostly light toning at edges, otherwise nearly Fine, the “Ship” suggests that this originated outside of Texas, scarce and interesting late Republic period use. (Photo) E. 200-300

115° HOUSTON. TEXAS. Dec. 2. Nearly complete red cds with ms. date between lines at center with Texas rate “Paid 15” (10c postage + 5c outgoing ship fee) on 1845 folded cover, with mostly clear “New Orleans La. Dec.11” transit cds and blue ms. U.S. rate “12”, to New York, good contents describe sea passage to Texas, mostly light toning and edgewear, a few separations mended with bad self-adhesive tape, nearly Fine, attractive late Republic use, a few weeks before annexation, illustrated in ter Braake, ex Forcheimer. (Photo) E. 200-300

116° HOUSTON. TEXAS. Dec. 25. Partly clear red cds with ms. date between lines at center with ms. “Double 40” on 1845 folded letter to Nacogdoches Tex., legal contents mention Gen. Thomas Rusk, light overall toning, still Fine, a wonderful late use just a few days before formal annexation (Dec. 29), and the end of the Republic, marking shows effects of wear on a much-used handstamp. (Photo) E. 200-300

117° HOUSTON. TEXAS. July 1. Double-line circle with ms. date in frame, mostly bold strike on incoming out-of-the-mails folded letter from Huth & Co. in Europe to Castroville, ca. 1845, ms. “Forwarded by E. Martin & H.A. Cobb” on back, ms. “80 Cts” rate and “1 oz.”, the rate presumably representing four times the 20c single letter rate (the first extant page in this cover reads, “No. 6”), small tears at T. mended with bits of Scotch tape, some ink erosion in “July 1”, still Fine, a desirable and rare usage. (Photo) E. 300-400
118° Huntsville 23 June. Ms. townmarking with Texas rate “Paid 50”, with clear robin’s egg blue “New Orleans La. Jul. 7” transit cds, “Ship” and blue ms. U.S. rate “12”, on 1845 folded letter to Mifflin Tenn., semi-literate contents inform the folks back home that they haven’t been killed by the Indians or the Mexicans yet, but are looking forward to the experience, otherwise Texas is great, light toning a mostly minor wear at edges, still Fine, nice late Republic use ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-200

119° Independence 10th March. Blue ms. townmarking with “Free” on 1845 folded letter to Land Commissioner Thomas W. Ward at Austin Tex., interesting contents from James Reily discussing politics, including his recent removal from office, future candidacy and land matters, light overall toning, separations in letter mended with archival tape, still Fine, Reily held various responsible positions in the Republic and statehood periods, and was killed leading a brigade during the Confederacy ................................ E. 200-300

120° La Grange March 28. Ms. townmarking with Texas rate “Paid 50” on 1840 folded letter with blue “New Orleans La. Apr. 8” transit cds, “Ship” and red ms. U.S. rate “27”, to Cayuga N.Y., datelined “Buckner’s Creek March 11, 1840”, family contents, includes: “The Indians are no longer troublesome, as the seat of Government has been located so near us as to keep them in awe.” Mostly light toning and edgewear, still Fine, scarce small town use ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-200

121° LaGrange May 26. Ms. townmarking with Texas rate “Paid 50”, on 1840 folded letter with blue “New Orleans La. Jun. 10” transit cds, “Ship” and red ms. U.S. rate “27”, to Lima Oh., a charming letter home from a self-confessed scoundrel in the process of reform: “...notwithstanding the indians cowboys and marauding parties (Texas) is the richest and the prettiest country in the world the indian stories are much magnified abroad here we think nothing of them, notwithstanding the bugaro stories that are told about this country it is fast settling with people of the highest respectibility in the United States...”, light toning and wear at the edges, still Fine, interesting letter and scarce small town use ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-200

122° LaGrange 10 Augt. Ms. townmarking with Texas rate “Paid 62½” (deleted) on 1843 folded letter with robin’s egg blue “New Orleans La. Aug. 26” transit cds, “Ship” and blue ms. U.S. rate “27”, to Lima Oh., very interesting contents note: “An armistice is established between this country and Mexico and from the information I can obtain I am much inclined to believe that there will be ere long an established peace between the two countries.” Goes on to assure that his best friend was indeed killed in recent battle (perhaps the disastrous Mier expedition): “... for I saw his mangled remains lying upon the field of battle together with many others who were my friends and intimate acquaintances. You can imagine better than I can describe the feelings of horror and regret that overwhelmed me at this moment and the only consolation that I feel is that they died bravely in their country’s cause.” Minor toning and edge separation, still Fine, scarce small town use and a wonderful letter ...........................................(Photo) E. 200-250

123° Liberty Apr. 24. Ms. townmarking, “Paid” and Texas rate “1.00” (deleted) on undated letter (possibly 1839 or 1840) with clear blue “New Orleans La. May 3” transit cds, “Ship” (partial) and red ms. U.S. rate “20½”, to Col. Thomas B. Woodward at Jackson Miss., highly important contents signed “D.O.H.” describes in details the intentions of the projected Jordan - Ross expedition to establish the “Republic of Rio Grande” by intervening on the side the Mexican Federalists (Samuel W. Jordan mentioned in the letter was a Texas adventurer who eventually committed suicide in 1841) and attempts to enlist Woodward’s participation, light overall toning and mended separations, still Fine, a scarce use and a wonderful letter ...........................................(Photo) E. 350-500

124° MATAGORDA * TEXAS *: Partly clear double-lined oval transit townmarking lacking ms. date and ms. Texas rate: “12½ + 37½ + 50”, on 1838 folded letter with light red “Pend. S.C. Aug. 16” (Pendleton S.C.) originating cds with ms. U.S. rate “Paid 25”, also nearly complete strike of SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT NEW ORLEANS agent’s double oval on back flap, also in ms. “near Texana waters of the Navidad of the La Baca, the western Limits of the Austin colony...”, family and business contents, internal separations and minor paper losses partly mended with archival silking paper, brittle but still intact and fine, a spectacular use with one of the most elaborate addresses used in the Republic period, the Mavericks were an important San Antonio family, this cover is illustrated and discussed at length in ter Braake’s book. (Photo) E. 750-1,000
MATAGORDA/AUGUST 10. Clear straightline townmarking with bold slanting letters and small cap date, sent “Paid” via Sam Ricker Jr., Texian agent, with mostly clear blue “New Orleans La. Aug. 27” transit cds, “Ship” (deleted) and red ms. “27” (deleted) to New York, City, forwarded from there to Hartford Ct. and Troy N.Y., all with appropriate marking and re-rates, on 1839 folded letter with family content (Caleb Ives correspondence) and reference to election news, numerous markings, minor toning. Fine and fresh, the Matagorda marking is a great Republic period rarity, the only example recorded and illustrated in ASCC .................................................. (Photo) E. 1,000-1,500

MATAGORDA * TEXAS * Decr 16th. Mostly clear double-lined oval with ms. date over central line and ms. rate “Paid 37½” re-rated to “50” on undated (probably 1839-40) folded cover to Bastrop Tex., very minor edge toning, Fine, scarce Republic period marking .................................................. (Photo) E. 200-300

MATAGORDA * TEXAS * decr 16th. Mostly clear double-lined oval townmarking with ms. date over central line and ms. rate “50”, on undated (probably 1839-40) folded cover to Bastrop Tex., mostly light overall toning, still nearly Fine, scarce Republic period marking .................................................. (Photo) E. 200-300

MATAGORDA * TEXAS * Sepr 23. Unusually clear double-line oval townmarking with ms. date over central line, no rate, presumed to have been sent free, on 1841 folded cover, to Sec. of State at Austin Tex., minor reinforced separations small paper losses, otherwise quite fresh and nearly very Fine, the strike of this scarce Republic period marking more complete and legible than most we have seen ......(Photo) E. 350-500

Matagorda 10 July. Ms. townmarking with “Paid 10”, on 1845 folded letter to Columbus Tex., contents involve litigation between members of Stephen F. Austin’s “Old Three Hundred” families, mostly light stains at top, and along file fold, still intact and nearly Fine, scarce late Republic period marking .................................................. (Photo) E. 100-200

Milam, 8 Miles from Gaines Ferry. Bold address on folded letter datelined “Natchitoches (La.) September 15, 1836”, business contents refer to an “altered bill” on the Agricultural Bank of Mississippi, probably privately carried in the disorganized period after the establishment of the Republic, mostly light toning, Fine, scarce ....(Photo) E. 100-200

Missent to LaBaca and Forwarded to... Texana. Postal notation on 1840 folded letter originating with “Texana Mar. 20” ms. townmarking and “Paid 37½” (both deleted) to Sheriff at Houston Tex., who returned it collect “50” to Texana, whereupon it was missent, legal contents, trivial toning and wear, nearly Very Fine, “Missent” auxiliary markings from the Republic are rare, especially from a very small office such as LaBaca .................................................. (Photo) E. 200-300
Nacogdoches October 7/44. Ms. townmarking and "Free", on folded letter to Land Commissioner Thomas W. Ward in Austin Tex., great contents from James Reily, prominent Texas soldier and politician, discussing politics and annexation question, reinforced with archival tape, light but uneven toning, intact, nearly Fine, scarce late Republic period use .................................................. E. 200-300

Nacogdoches April 15, 1844. Dateline of folded letter and endorsed "Care of A Deblieh & Co. Natchitoches" (L.a.), to New Orleans, with their blue "Steam" and blue ms. "25", mostly light toned spots and wear at bottom, nearly Fine, privately carried to Natchitoches and then sent down by the Red and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, a common route for letters in and out of East Texas ........................................ E. 50-100

Near Dallis on Trinity River, Nacogdoches, The Republic of Texas, July 10th 1844 [sic]. Dateline on 2pp folded letter, carried privately and placed in U.S. mail with "Boonsboro Arks Aug. 21, 1844" blue ms. and "25" rate, to Cross Plains Tenn., semi-literate but interesting contents claim "we are in the Beautiful parts almost in North America" and advises his correspondents to send letters to him at "Bonham Fanning County Texas... you will have to pay 25 cents when you mail your letter to me United States fees..." (letters from the U.S. into the Republic of Texas had to be pre-paid), light overall toning, paper loss in T.R. corner barely affects markings, still nearly Fine, a scarce and interesting, at that time Nacogdoches County covered much of Northeast Texas .......... .................................................. E. 200-300

QUINTANA * TEXAS * May 4. Beautiful strike of double-line oval townmarking with ms. date and "25", on 1838 folded letter, with nearly perfect strike of SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS agent's marking on back flap, also partly clear "New Orleans La. May 18" cds, to Oak Point Mo., mostly concerns writer's intent to marry his cousin, but also comments on troubles with Mexico, separations and small paper losses due to ink erosion, brittle but intact, Very Fine, a "gem" strike of this very scarce Republic period marking, similar to but much scarcer than Galveston and Matagorda markings in same configuration ...................(Photo) E. 750-1,000

Quintana Nov. 28/38. Light but clear ms. transit marking with Texas rate "21¼" on back flap of folded letter along with poor strike of Ricker Texian agent's double oval marking, with ms. "Pleasant Springs Miss. Nov. 2, 1838" originating townmarking and "paid 37½" (double rate), contents are extremely sad and painful letter from a woman who has just learned of the death of her husband, letter quite stained (tears?) and toned, but markings are legible, scarce early Republic use ...................... E. 100-200

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137° Rec'd of Thos. Simons Mar. 23d. Texana 1840. J.J. Wells D.P.M. Ms. legal townmarking with "Double 50", on large folded letter, to Gonzales Tex, contents a deposition in a lawsuit, very light overall toning otherwise Very Fine, scarce Republic use in superior condition .......................................................... (Photo) E. 200-300

138° Sabine Town 8 Mar. 1840. Ms. transit marking with "Free" on folded cover with clear blue "Fort Jessup La. Mar." originating cds and ms. U.S. rate "6", to Zavala Tex., somewhat reduced side flaps, uneven toning, marking are clear and nearly Fine, scarce transit markings on use into east Texas ............................................. (Photo) E. 100-200

139° Richmond April 1. Red ms. townmarking and "75", also endorsed by P.M. Jno. Levering, on large folded 1840 legal cover to Columbus Tex., minor wrinkles and edge toning, Fine, scarce Republic period use ......................................................... E. 200-300

140° Sabine Town Jany 27/41. Ms. transit townmarking and Texas rate "25" on 1841 folded letter with clear blue "New Orleans La. Dec. 20" originating cds, red "Paid" (deleted) and U.S. rate "25" (deleted), to Dr. James H. Starr in Nacogdoches Tex., cover tear barely affects markings, otherwise quite fresh and Fine, scarce transit markings on use into east Texas ................................................................................. (Photo) E. 100-200

141° Sabine Town Sept 21st. Ms. transit townmarking and Texas rate "75" on 1841 folded cover with mostly clear greenish blue "Alexandria La. Sep. 12" originating cds, "Paid" and ms. rate "12½" (deleted), to Zavala Tex., quite fresh and nearly Very Fine, scarce transit markings on use into east Texas ................................................................................. (Photo) E. 100-200

142° San Antonio Sep. 27th/45. Ms. townmarking with Texas rate "Paid 25" (deleted), with partial "New Orleans La. Oct. 21" transit cds. and "Ship", blue ms. rate "12", to Buzzard Roost Ala., contents a letter from Richard A. Gillespie, a veteran of Texas battles with Mexico, he mentions that some land he just obtained will soon have U.S. troops stationed near it, Gillespie was keen on going to war with Mexico, and he got his wish: on Sep. 21, 1846, he was killed during the storming of the Bishop's Palace in Monterrey; trivial light toning and edgewear, still fresh and Fine, very scarce late Republic period use ........................................................................................................ (Photo) E. 200-300

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SAN AUGUSTINE TEX. Bold and beautifully clear townmarking in negative letters within segments of a hollow five-point star, faint brown ms. date within and matching "50" rate on May 30, 1839 folded letter to Houston Tex.

THE FINER OF TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS CREATIVE "LONE STAR" MARKING. AMONG THE MOST CELEBRATED OF TEXAS REPUBLIC POSTAL MARKINGS

From the B.C. Franklin correspondence, contents note that "Emigrants are coming in daily - and many of them wealthy and respectable -." Light overall toning, minor ink erosion address.

Illustrated in the American Stampless Cover Catalog, ex Salzer, Jarrett ...........................................................(Photo) E. 5,000-7,000
San Augustine Texas April 26. Ms. townmarking and Texas rate “Paid 12½” (deleted) on 1840 folded letter, with “Lowes Ferry May 1” ms. transit marking and U.S. rate “25” to Philadelphia Pa., fresh and Fine, scarce Republic period use ...(Photo) E. 100-200

San Augustine Sept. 29. Ms. postmark and “Free” on 1841 folded from to Thos. Ward from J. Pickney Henderson, also a folded letter to Philadelphia with San Augustine dateline of Jan. 14 (early 1840s), carried privately to New Orleans and postmarked, contents aptly described by one Texas student as “more gush from Mrs. Henderson”, some toned spots on first, Fine lot ........................................ E. 150-200

San Augustine, le 25 octobre. Dateline on 1845 folded letter, privately carried from Texas, with “Raymond Mi., Nov 21” originating cds, with blue ms. date and U.S. rate “10” to Philadelphia Pa., mostly light toning and edgewear, still Fine ...... E. 50-100

Sanders prairie. Ms. townmarking and ms. “50” rate on 1838 folded letter to Clarksville Tex., legal contents signed by Gen. Edward H. Tarrant, the founder of Ft. Worth Tex., part of left side of cover torn away slightly affecting address, still nearly Fine, this office is a complete mystery, it is known that in 1838 Tarrant resigned from the Texas Congress to resume his command on the western frontier, perhaps this a short lived or temporary office in that region, a good research opportunity ....................... E. 200-300

San Felipe July 29/38. Ms. townmarking with “37½”, on folded letter to the clerk of Liberty County Tex. (at Liberty Tex.), legal document in land dispute, minor separations, wear and small paper losses reinforced with archival tape, mostly light overall toning, appears Fine, scarce early Republic period use, this office was also known as San Felipe de Austin, but should not be confused with the capital city Austin Tex., San Felipe had one of the oldest functioning post offices in Texas ....................... E. 200-300


San Felipe Aug 23rd 1841. Ms. townmarking and “5oz $20-“, on a very large folded cover to San Augustine Tex., docketing indicates it contained depositions in a legal case, the back of the cover is signed by a deputy postmaster for the postmaster at San Felipe, Alexander Somervell, mostly light toning and defects along folds reinforced with archival tape, still intact and nearly Fine, very scarce high multiple rate use, Somervell led an ill-fated expedition against Mexico in 1843 that led directly to the catastrophic Meir expedition .................................................. E. 200-300

San Luis Oct. 5th 1841. Ms. townmarking with P.M. free frank: “Free Edward Andews P.M.”, on folded letter to Gonzales Tex., legal contents concerning payment of taxes on land, very minor toning, quite fresh and Very Fine, rare, this is the only recorded example from this small Brazoria County office during the Republic period ............... (Photo) E. 300-400
152* Shelbyville Augt 6th. Ms. townmarking with P.M. free frank: “Free Wm. Crawford PM”, on 1845 folded letter to San Augustine Tex., legal contents including a partly printed bill for court costs, very light toning and tear at bottom mended with archival tape, otherwise nearly Very Fine, rare, this is the only recorded copy of marking from this small Shelby County office .................................................................(Photo) E. 200-300

153* Smithfield July 24th. Ms. townmarking with P.M. free frank: “Free J.C. Hirons P.M.” on 1841 folded letter, with partial blue “New Orleans La. Aug. 4” transit cds, “Ship” and blue ms. U.S. rate “27”, to New York, contents apprise a man of his brother’s death and suggests that next of kin get down to Texas to administer the estate before rascals get their hands on it, mostly light toning and wear at file folds, still intact and nearly Fine, rare, the only recorded copy of this small Liberty County office ............ E. 200-300

154* Texana March 28th 1839. Ms. townmarking with Texas rate “Paid 50”, with partly clear red “New Orleans La. Apr. 27” transit cds, “Ship” and red ms. U.S. rate “27” on folded letter to Indian Creek P.O. Tenn., letter informs man of his son’s death some ten months earlier, tearstained and quite sad, face of letter is very lightly toned with wear and separation at edges, bottom right corner nibbled, still intact and nearly Fine, scarce early Republic use .................................................................(Photo) E. 200-300

155* Texana Augt 19. Ms. townmarking and “75” on large 1843 folded cover to Columbus Tex., legally endorsed on flaps by both the sending and receiving postmasters and on the face and flaps by court clerks, address a bit faded and overall light toning, still Fine, scarce Republic period use .................................................................(Photo) E. 200-300

156* Velasco May 9. Somewhat faded red ms. townmarking and “25”, rerated to “Free”, on 1838 folded cover addressed to Texas Sec. of the Navy William M. Sheperd at Houston Tex., docketing indicates it once contained a letter about the prize ships Abispa and Raphael, light but uneven toning, separation at top, still intact and nearly Fine, scarce early Republic use, Sheperd was Navy secretary between Dec. 1837 and Dec. 1838, a physician, he was captured during the disastrous Mier expedition of 1843 and acted as official doctor to his fellow prisoners in Mexico, the vessels Abispa and Raphaelita were captured by the Texans during the Yucatan expedition of 1837, references to Texas Republic naval matters are very uncommon ..................................................(Photo) E. 200-300

157* Velasco Dec. 28. Somewhat weak red ms. townmarking, no Texas rate apparent, possibly the sender had a franking privilege, or the rate has completely faded out, with partly clear SAM RICKER JR. AGENT TEXIAN POST OFFICE DE NEW ORLEANS double oval agent’s marking over backflaps, and partial red “New Orleans Jan -” transit cds, “Ship” and red ms. U.S. rate “27” on undated (ca. 1838) folded cover to Poindexters Store Va., minor toning at edges, really quite fresh and nearly Fine .................................................. E. 100-200

158* Victoria Sep. 17. Ms. townmarking and “12½” on 1840 folded letter addressed to Clark L. Owen at Texana Tex., legal contents mention Pinckney Caldwell, minor toning, still Fine, scarce Republic period use, Clark Owen participated in the Texas Revolution, Indian expeditions including the Plum Creek Fight, the Mier Expedition, and though originally opposed to secession, raised a company and was killed at the battle of Shiloh Apr. 6, 1862; Pinckney Caldwell participated in the battle of San Jacinto and was killed during an Indian raid near Victoria Aug. 16, 1840, about a month before this letter was sent .................................................................(Photo) E. 200-300

159* Washington Jan 20. Blue ms. townmarking with frank of Texas Sec. of State “Free Anson Jones” with elaborate Hancock-like paraph, on 1843 light green folded letter to Columbia Tex., with 1p ALS from Jones transmitting a receipt for a document, lightly toned, still intact and nearly Very Fine. Jones was later President of the Republic and was instrumental in bringing about annexation, scarce Republic use ...........................................(Photo) E. 300-400

160* Washington Mar. 27/43. Ms. townmarking and “25” rate on folded letter to Land Commissioner Thomas W. Ward at Austin, contents from James Reily, prominent politician and military figure mentions: “I arrived here yesterday morning and have had two conversations with the President (Sam Houston) about you. The matters are as both myself and the country could wish. He has no idea of changing the head of the Land Department . . .”, light toning from acidic ink, internal splitting at folds still intact and nearly Fine, a scarce and interesting use .................................................................(Photo) E. 200-300

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WASHINGTON TEXAS. Jan 22. Bold strike of cds with blue ms. date within central box and rate "25" on 1844 light gray folded letter to Houston Tex., interesting contents from Anson Jones a 1p letter simply signed "Jones" discussed various political matters including the removal of the capital to Austin, and seeks help in buying the wife of his slave "William" from her owner in Houston, with a telling P.S.: "I beg of you to cease your fire upon the subject of annexation. Opposition to it will do serious injury to us." Fresh and Very Fine, scarce late Republic use, Anson Jones became President of the Republic later in 1844 and led the move for annexation ........................................... (Photo) E. 350-500

WASHINGTON TEXAS. Mar. 11. Sharp strike of cds with ms. date within central box and "Free" on 1844 folded letter to Land Commissioner Thomas W. Ward at Austin Tex., contents headed Franklin Mar. 4 and endorsed "fav'd by Mr. Outlaw" but apparently put into the mail at Washington by him, pertain to ventral of an office and legal matters, very minor toning, fresh and nearly very Fine, scarce Republic use in excellent condition ........................................... (Photo) E. 200-300

Washington August 5 Texas. Ms. townmarking with Texas rate "Paid 25" (deleted), with partly clear blue "New Orleans La. Aug. 15" transit cds. "Ship" and blue ms. rate "27", on 1844 greenish folded letter to Louisville Ky., contents mostly local news but does mention a lot of illness and fear of illness, a yellow fever epidemic at Galveston, and the upcoming probable election of Anson Jones (he was), light toning and reinforced separations at edges, still nearly Fine ........................................... (Photo) E. 100-200

Washington Sepr. 20. Ms. townmarking and "Free" on 1844 folded letter to Land Commissioner Thomas W. Ward at Austin Tex., somewhat interesting contents mention travel along rainy Texas roads, a visit to "Old Sam" who "was on a spree" (probably Sam Houston) and "Dr. Jones" (Anson Jones, President of Texas), very light toning, still Fine, scarce late Republic use ........................................... (Photo) E. 100-200
TEXIAN MAIL AGENTS

165° General Agency Office, New Orleans, March 6th, 1836. Partially printed dateline on receipt for the Purchasing Agent, Edward Hall, accepted by William Bryan as General Agent of the Government of Texas, of a 6 months draft for $862.50, signed “Stuart Perry”, paper clip stain, otherwise fresh and Very Fine, the Texas Government was beset by financial problems, this is a very scarce early draft receipt executed at a time when the Revolution leading to the Republic was in progress ........................................ E. 100-200

166° Agency of Texas New Orleans, May 28, 1836. Dateline on a remarkable letter signed “Wm. Bryan” to Robert Collins, refers to “the capture of Santa Anna & the retreat of the Mexicans, [which] makes it unnecessary that any great exertions should be made at present. I consider the war so far as offensive operations [sic] are concerned as at an end...” Also mentions that the new Texian government was “entirely out of funds”. Light toning and splitting along folds, still intact and nearly Very Fine, interesting historic contents ...... ......................................................... E. 300-500

167° Treasury Department, Washington (Tex.), January 20, 1843. Partially printed datelines on two attached Certificates made out to Wm. Bryan, the Texian agent at New Orleans, endorsed by Edward Hall on behalf of Bryan, for $100.00 and signed by “Samuel B. Shear”, Comptroller and “Charles Mason”, Auditor, with imprints TEXIAN PRINT-WASHINGTON at left, cut cancels, fresh and Very Fine, scarce, good collateral piece for the Texian postal agents ................................................................. E. 200-300

168° Forwarded by/WILLIAM BRYAN/Genl Ag’t for Texas. Virtually clear and complete Texas agent’s marking in three straight lines on backflap of folded letter with “Pleasant Grove Geo. Mar. 3D 1836” originating townmarking with P.M. free frank: “Free to Ft. Jessep J.H. Starr”, and endorsed to go by the overland route, to Franklin J. Starr at Washington “Sutins Colony” Texas, a long chaty letter with some interesting references to the Revolution then in progress and the fledgling Republican government, minor toning and edgewear, intact and Fine, this agent’s marking is rare in this condition, it comes from the first period of Bryan’s term as agent which lasted about a year and seems to have been seldom used ..................................................(Photo) E. 1,000-1,500

169° Forwarded by/WILLIAM BRYAN/Genl Ag’t for Texas. Mostly clear and complete strike of Texas agent’s marking in three straight lines on face of a folded letter datelined at Lafayette Ala. Mar. 13, 1836 with clear red “Chambers C.H. Ala. Mar. 21” originating cds, “Paid” and red ms. U.S. rate “25”, endorsed to go overland into Texas “via Fort Jessup” to Franklin J. Starr at Washington on the Brasos, contents a wonderful double letter, criss-crossed from Amasa Spencer and his wife Sophia; Sophia’s letter mainly deals with the birth of a daughter, but Amasa’s part contains some significant historical comment, sent about two weeks after the fall of the Alamo: “The rumors that the Commanche Indians have joined the Mexicans against Texas and St. Annas large armies on the march have given us much alarm but we hope they are mere rumors...”, light toning and soiling, some internal ink erosion, Fine, scarce agent’s marking .......................(Photo) E. 750-1,000
Rec'd & Fo' by your ob'Svt' Bryan Austin & Co. New Orleans 26 Feb 1840. Ms. Texian agent's marking on back flap of folded letter datelined "Galveston February 20th 1840", placed in the mail at "New Orleans La." with their blue cds and red ms. "50", to Providence R.I., fairly \textit{good contents} by wife of politician J. Pinkney Henderson describe Austin Texas soon after it became the capital, tear on back flap mended with self-adhesive tape slightly affects marking, still Very Fine, scarce agent's marking ....... (Photo) E. 200-300

ford by Packet by Bryan Austin & Co. Ms. Texian agent's marking on back flap of Jun. 8, 1840 folded letter originating at "Mobile Ala." per their blue cds and "Paid", red ms. "18\%", to Matagorda Tex. with black ms. "12\%", religious content, but mentions raging epidemic diseases at Mobile, minor edgewear, fresh and Very Fine, a very scarce Texian agent marking ....... (Photo) E. 300-500


FORWARDED. BY WILLIAM BRYAN. Bold strike (a bit smeared) of two-line hs on face of folded letter datelined at New Orleans Oct. 15, 1842 and endorsed "per Schooner Charlotte Oct. 15th '42" to Houston Tex., forwarded to Washington Tex. with blue ms. "Ship 31\%", very interesting contents mention recent troubles in Texas: "There is no place at least like Old Texas notwithstanding our troubles...I have heard of all your difficulties since I left also the flood at Galveston...we had it reported that Galveston was taken by the Mexicans...also that Austin was taken and burned...There is but little sympathy felt here or in Alabama for Texas at this time, owing to the treatment of the last volunteers and if we should be invaded we should get but little assistance from this quarter...", trivial toning at fold, really quite fresh and Fine, rare agent's marking, in use for only a few months in 1842 .......(Photo) E. 750-1,000

FORWARDED. BY WILLIAM BRYAN. Mostly clear strike of two-line hs on back flap of Sep. 27, 1842 folded letter originating at White Hall N.Y. with their faint red cds and "Paid", also blue ms. "25" and "Pay to N. Orle. or no go" (letters into the Republic had to have U.S. postage paid), to Brazoria Texas, business contents, light toning and fragile, some splitting reinforced with silk tissue, still Fine, rare agent marking ........ (Photo) E. 750-1,000

FORWARDED BY WILLIAM BRYAN NEW=ORLEANS. In elongated double oval struck over backflaps of 1843 folded letter, with blue "New Castle Pa. Jan." originating cds with "Paid", ms. date "10" and U.S. rate "Paid" (deleted) "25" (also used as the Texas rate), also partly clear red oval "Galveston Texas Feb. 7" and faint "Ship" hs, to Brazoria Tex, \textit{interesting contents} refer to loss of family members in a shipwreck on Lake Erie, light toning, edgewear and internal splitting, nearly Fine, full strike of a very scarce Texian agent's marking ........ (Photo) E. 300-400

FORWARDED BY WILLIAM BRYAN NEW=ORLEANS. In elongated double oval struck over backflaps of 1843 folded letter, with "Greensboro Ala. Jan." originating cds with "Paid", ms. date "19" and U.S. rate "18\%" (deleted), also partly clear red oval "Galveston Texas Mar. 7" transit marking "Ship" hs and ms. Texas rate "31\%" to Montgomery Tex., partial contents refer to the closing of state banks and the writer's intention to vote for Henry Clay, light toning, edgewear reinforced by self-adhesive tape, otherwise Fine, ex Schoendorf ........... (Photo) E. 200-300

FORWARDED BY WILLIAM BRYAN=NEW ORLEANS. Mostly clear elongated double oval Texian agent's marking on back flap of blue folded letter with clear red "Skaneateles N.Y. Dec. 2" originating cds, "Paid" and red ms. U.S. rate "25" (both deleted), also partly clear red "Ship" hs and black ms. Texas rate "25" of uncertain origins, to Matagorda Tex., letter mentions anxieties caused by rumors of war with Mexico, small faint stains, still Fine .......... (Photo) E. 300-400
178* Custom House, Galveston, G. Borden Jr., Collector. Ms. endorsement on Oct. 7, 1842 folded letter, also “per Scho. Henrietta, Capt. Hurd.”, to William Bryan, Texian agent and consul at New Orleans, with blue New Orleans “Ship” hs and ms “2”, extremely important contents referring to an anticipated invasion by Mexico, requests military supplies and munitions that were sent to New Orleans “as a donation to Texas... We are now making every preparation in our power to give the Enemy a warm reception if they come... We are not able to however, to provide for volunteers. We need provisions more than men,” light toning, still fresh and Very Fine, a wonderful piece of postal history, Gail Borden Jr. acted at one time as postmaster and collector of customs at Galveston, but he is chiefly remembered as the inventor of processes for condensing various foods, especially milk and beef extract, through which he became very wealthy .......(Photo) E. 1,000-2,000

179* Texian Legation Paris. Attractive consular marking on flapside of folded letter datelined at Paris, April 11, 1843, with blue double oval forwarder “Forwarded by Emerson & Co. Havre & Paris”, from the Republic’s charges d’affaires Dr. Ashbel Smith, addressed to “His Excellency General Sam Houston President of Texas”, via the Texian agent at New Orleans, William Bryan, with red “New York Ship” cds and blue ms. “52” (2 x 25c + 2c private ship fee), a wonderful 4-page letter within discusses politics and international business of the Republic, Very Fine, a beautiful marking and fascinating letter reflecting Texas’s independent activities in international diplomacy ..........(Photo) E. 500-750
FORWARDED BY A.F. JAMES COMN. MERCHANT GALVESTON TEXAS. Oval forwarder's marking on front of folded letter datelined at Galveston March 23, 1840, entered the U.S. mail with blue “New Orleans La. Mar. 27” cds with “Ship” hs and red ms. “27” to Charleston S.C. good commercial contents refers to “these cash-less times”... the present extraordinary (financial) crisis affects our country very much...” and mentions a pending trip into the interior in the company of some eminent Frenchmen seeking to settle along the Trinity River, overall toning and separations along edges, otherwise Fine, the only recorded example of this forwarding agent’s marking, illustrated in ter Braake

Free. J. Brent Clark Agent P.O. Dept. N. Orleans. Ms. Texian agent’s marking on Jul. 11, 1837 folded letter datelined at New Orleans, to Thomas Ward at Houston Tex., interesting contents mention the poor financial condition of banks, minor internal splitting, otherwise Very Fine, a rare Texian agent’s marking used for only a few months, the basis of listing in ASCC .................................................................(Photo) E. 1,000-1,500

AGENCY of the Texian Post Office N. ORLEANS. Mostly clear green agent’s marking in four lines within small double oval, attributed to the tenure of J. Brent Clark, a clerk who acted on behalf of agents Toby Bros. and Townsend, and this cover is endorsed as such, with mostly clear red “New York Oct. 17” originating cds, curved “Paid” (deleted) and red ms. U.S. rate “25” (deleted), and ms. “For(warded) Velasco Nov 23” transit marking and Texas rate “Ship 12½” on 1837 folded cover to Brazoria Tex., partial family contents, light water staining, Fine, the agent’s marking is rare, Clark was active only between Aug. and Nov. 1837, only four of his markings have been recorded, and this is one of the few that is non-archival .......................(Photo) E. 1,000-1,500
183° SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS.
Mostly complete agent's marking on face of 1838 folded letter endorsed “Express Mail” and “Charge Box 63” with red “Hartford Ct. Jan. 20” originating cds with pointing hand “Paid” and ms. “75” (deleted), to Houston Tex. care of J. Brent Clark (another well-known Texian agent) in New Orleans, readable red STEAM PACKET/COLUMBIA straight lines, ms. “Galveston Feb 5/38” transit marking and Texas rate “31 1/4” (25 + 6c ship fee), edgewear, Fine, scarce with all marking on face, ex Meroni. (Photo) E. 500-750

184° SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS.
Mostly clear strike of large agent's handstamp, with straight line STEAM PACKET/ COLUMBIA hs on Feb. 4, 1837 folded cover originating in Macon Ga. with their red cds and “Paid” hs, faded out ms. “25” and “pd 11” (boxholder), to Brazoria Tex., light toning along file fold, still Fine, attractive use, the recipient, Benjamin C. Cromwell, fought at San Jacinto and held judicial office during the Republic. (Photo) E. 300-500

185° SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS.
Wonderfully bold double oval agent's marking with red New Orleans “Ship” on 1838 folded cover with ms. “Houston July 10” originating townmarking and “free”, to Dr. Ashbel Smith, care of his New Orleans agent, fresh and Very Fine, the Ricker oval is superbly struck. Dr. Smith was an important Texas diplomat and Surgeon General of the Republic, ex Milgram. (Photo) E. 350-500

186° SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS.
Very clear double oval agent's marking struck over backflaps of 1838 folded letter with red “Pittsburgh Pa. Aug. 12” originating cds with “Paid” hs and ms. “25” rate, also bold GALVESTON * TEXAS * double oval transit marking with ms. “Ship 56 1/4” (“12 1/4” deleted) and “25” (possibly a handling fee) to Quintana Tex., contents include partially printed business circular, personal note includes: “spent three or four weeks in Washington urging my claim on the Mexican Govt. I apprehend that some three or four years may elapse.” Very Fine, scarce and attractive use. (Photo) E. 350-500

187° SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS.
Nearly complete oval agent's marking (small paper loss affects a small portion of it), calculation of Texas rate “Ship 6 1/4 + 25 = 31 1/4” and notation: “Messrs. P.J. & Co. will please forward this by first post WmB” (William Bryan, another well known Texian agent) on backflaps of 1838 folded cover endorsed “Express Mail” with red “New York Oct. 28” originating cds, curved “Paid” hs and “75” (U.S. Express Mail rate), to Matagorda Texas, care of a New Orleans firm, paper loss on top backflap only, minor toning, still Fine, Express Mail (Eastern Pony Express) uses into the Republic of Texas are scarce. (Photo) E. 300-500

188° SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS.
Mostly clear double oval agent's marking over backflaps of 1838 blue folded cover, docketing indicates origin at Zavala Tex. in Aug. 1838, with clear red “New Orleans La. Sep. 13” transit cds and “Ship”, addressed and sent free to Sec. of War Joel R. Poinsett in Washington D.C., no contents, very light toning, flaps partially pasted down on back, nearly Fine, presentable example of agent's marking, in the 1820s Poinsett as first U.S. minister to the Mexican republic had attempted to buy Texas for the U.S. (Photo) E. 200-300

189° SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS.
Mostly sharp strike of double oval agent's marking with red ms. “1 Sept. 1838” and scarce handstamped straightline RETURNABLE IST MARCH, 1839 on backflaps of folded letter with red “Charleston S.C. Aug. 8” originating cds and red ms. “25”, GALVESTON * TEXAS * double oval transit marking with ms. date “Sept 5”, “Ship” and “56” (5c Texas postage + 6c ship fee) totaled rate: “81 1/4” (includes U.S. postage due) to Columbia Tex., partial contents only, light toning, still nearly Very Fine, very scarce and attractive, unusual to have all markings so well struck, the “Returnable” marking occurs on letters that did not have U.S. postage property prepaid. (Photo) E. 750-1,000

190° SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS.
Partly clear double oval agent's marking with ms. date “1 Nov. 1838” and handstamped straightline RETURNABLE IST MAY 1839 across backflaps of folded letter, with red oval “Portsmouth Ohio Oct-” originating postmark and ms. “25” (U.S. postage due), also ms. “Galveston Nov. 7” transit marking and “Ship 31”, postage totaled: “56 1/4” (U.S. and Texas rates), to Peach Point near Quintana Tex., family contents, quite toned, Fine strikes and scarce use of the “Returnable” marking. (Photo) E. 200-300
SHIP MARKINGS

191° **STEAM PACKET/COLUMBIA.** Red straight lines packet boat marking with ms. “Ship” and “31½”, also endorsed “Steam Packet Columbia”, on folded letter datelined at New Orleans May 1, 1838, to Dr. Ashbel Smith at Houston Tex., contents concern a shipment of medicine, fresh and Very Fine, choice strike .................(Photo) E. 200-300

192° **STEAM PACKET/COLUMBIA.** Partly clear two-line hs (strengthened in red pencil) on 1837 folded letter datelined “New Washington, Wednesday Nov. 30 1837” with clear red “New Orleans La. Dec. 9” transit cds, “Ship” and red ms. “27”, to Hartford Conn., stained at top with some paper loss, presentable ......................... E. 100-200

193° **Ship 56½.** Ms. Texas transit marking, probably applied at Galveston or another incoming port, on 1839 folded cover with partly clear blue “Mobile Al. Jan. 5” originating cds, “Paid” and ms. U.S. rate “18½”, weak strike of Ricker Texian agent’s double oval marking over back flap, to Mrs. Sam Maverick in San Antonio Tex., fresh and Fine, attractive incoming use, ex Meroni ..................(Photo) E. 100-200

194° **(Houston) SHIP 56.** Handstamped “Ship”, ms. “56” (56½c) of Houston on 1840 folded letter with blue ms. “Springwater N.Y. Jan. 6” pmk. with black ms. U.S. rate “Paid 25” (deleted), weak strike of Wm. Bryan New Orleans Texian agent’s oval back flap, to Austin Tex., family contents, minor toning and separation, appears Fine, clear strike of the scarce Houston “Ship” marking ........................ E. 100-200

195° **(Houston) SHIP 31.** Handstamped “Ship”, ms. “31” (31½c) of Houston on 1840 folded letter datelined at Washington City Feb. 1, to Dr. Ashbel Smith at Houston Tex., writer is very enthusiastic about the prospects of Texas but strongly recommends against incorporating any Banks, P.S. mentions that a friend will be carrying the letter to New Orleans, fresh and Fine ........................................ E. 200-300

196° **(Houston) SHIP 56.** Handstamped “Ship”, ms. “56” (56½c) of Houston on folded letter datelined at New Orleans Feb. 15, 1840, to “Labaca” (Lavaca) Tex., minor edgewear, “Ship” is a bit unclear as usual, still Fine, scarce and early marking .... E. 200-300

197° **(Houston) SHIP 56.** Handstamped “Ship”, ms. “56” (56½c) of Houston on 1840 folded letter with mostly clear blue “Huntsville Al. May 14” originating cds with “Paid” and blue ms. U.S. rate “25” (deleted), with partly clear WM. BRYAN. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS double oval agent’s marking over back flap, to Montgomery (C. House) Tex., considerable edge separation, fragile at folds, appears Fine, attractive example of the scarce Houston “Ship” marking ..................(Photo) E. 200-300

198° **(Houston) SHIP 56.** Handstamped “Ship”, ms. “56” (56½c) of Houston on 1840 folded letter with clear blue “Huntsville Al. Jun. 27” originating cds with “Paid” and blue ms. U.S. rate “25”, with nearly complete WM. BRYAN. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS double oval agent’s marking over backflaps, to Montgomery (C. House) Tex., family contents with much reference to crops, separations at folds and edges, appears Very Fine, clear strike of the scarce Houston “Ship” marking, the addressee Nat. Hart Davis served in the ill-fated Somervell Expedition in 1843 ...(Photo) E. 200-300

199° **(Houston) SHIP 25.** Handstamped “Ship”, ms. Texas rate “56” (56½c) of Houston on 1840 folded cover, with ms. “Bienvenue Pa. July 7th” originating townmarking, “Paid” and U.S. rate “25”, also mostly clear WM. BRYAN. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS double oval agent’s marking, to Zavalla Tex., mostly light water staining especially along file fold, otherwise nearly Fine, very clear strike of scarce Houston “Ship” marking ..................................(Photo) E. 200-300

200° **(Houston) Ship 112½.** Handstamped “Ship”, ms. Texas rate “112½” on 1841 light green folded cover with ms. “Greenville Arks March 1st” originating townmarking, “Paid” and U.S. rate “25” (deleted), partly clear WM. BRYAN. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS double oval agent’s marking over backflaps, light toning, otherwise Fine, clear strike of the very scarce Houston “Ship” marking variety with lower case letters ........................................(Photo) E. 300-400

201° **(Houston) Ship 1.50.** Scarce handstamped lower-case “Ship” of Houston Tex. with ms. Texas rate “1.50” on 1841 folded cover with clear “Tuscaloosa Al. Aug. 30” originating cds, “Paid” and ms. U.S. rate “18½”, two bold strikes (enhanced in ink) of Sam Ricker Texian agent’s markings over backflaps, to Mrs. Sam Maverick in San Antonio Tex., cover tears mended with self-adhesive tape, minor toning, appear Fine, clear strikes of the Houston “Ship” marking are very scarce ........................................(Photo) E. 100-200
Free to N. Orleans, Memucan Hunt, Secretary of Navy. Ms. free frank on folded letter datelined at “Houston Texas 2nd February 1839”, with red “New Orleans La. Mar. 30” cds and red ms. U.S. rate “25”, autographed letter signed, 4pp describing distinguished visitors and emigration to Texas: “A number of distinguished young ladies are removing to and visiting our country and as to young gentlemen and bachelors, I have never witnessed so great a number anywhere in my life . . .”, fresh and Fine, a rare cabinet free frank of the Republic, Memucan Hunt was also a Texian Minister to the U.S. ............(Photo) E. 500-750

Texas Brig Potomac, April 19, 1838. Dateline on folded letter from Texas Navy Seaman Forrest to his wife in Baltimore, backflaps with mostly clear strike of SAM RICKER JR. AGENT OF THE TEXIAN POST OFFICE DT. NEW ORLEANS double oval, on face red STEAM PACKET COLUMBIA straight lines, red “New Orleans La. Apr. 28” cds and “Ship” hs, red ms. “27”, 1p letter with interesting contents: “The Mexicans have deserted the coast. . . . Vessels will again come in numbers and without molestation . . .” and some uncomplimentary remarks about outgoing President Sam Houston, Fine, Republic of Texas naval covers are extremely rare and desirable ............................................(Photo) E. 750-1,000
204° **Bond and Oath for Texas Republic Postmaster.** Partly printed document signed by Thomas Gay, W.W. Arrington, Joseph P. Lynch dated Apr. 5, 1839 in the amount of $1,500, bond directed to Postmaster General Robert Barr "or his successor" on behalf of Thomas Gay to cover his performance as postmaster at Washington Texas, with annexed signed oath sworn to and signed by the Chief Justice of Washington County, mostly minor wear, separation and paper losses at edges that do not affect the text or signatures, still Fine, a very scarce ephemeral item and great collateral piece, suitable for framing ................................................................. E. 300-400

205° **Certified Post Office Accounting Signed by Texas Postmaster General.** Accounting for the post office at Washington Texas for the period from Jan. 1, 1837 to Dec. 31, 1839 during the tenure of Thomas Gay, certified at Austin Sep. 25, 1840 and signed "Jno Rice Jones Post Master Genl", in 1843 this accounting was used in connection with settlement of the Estate of Thomas Gay, light uneven toning, wax seal cracked and stained, otherwise Fine, a very scarce ephemeral piece and a great collateral item, John Rice Jones was a life-long friend of Stephen F. Austin and the father of the Texas Republic Postal System ......................................................... E. 200-300

206° **Failure of a Mail Contractor to Perform His Duties.** Part of an affidavit in the case of Mayfield vs. Greer, in which it is alleged that Greer "entirely failed and refused to transport the mail on the aforesaid route" (No. 21 between San Felipe and LaGrange Tex.), light overall toning, separation mended with archival tape, Fine, a rare and ephemeral item, good collateral content ......................................................... E. 50-100

207° **Republic of Texas Postmaster Appointment.** Mostly printed document appointing Jno. S. Menifee postmaster at Texana Tex., signed at Columbia Tex. Feb. 17, 1837 by "R. Barr" (Robert Barr, 2nd Postmaster General of the Republic, from Dec. 22, 1836 to Oct. 12, 1839 when he died), minor stains, quite suitable for framing, Fine, very scarce and excellent piece of postal ephemera, the capital was located at Columbia only for a brief period ................................................................. E. 200-300

208° **Natchitoches La. as Receiving Post Office for Letters Originating at San Augustine Tex.** Seven folded letters used between Nov. 1842 and Aug. 1845 to Philadelphia Pa. (one forwarded to Providence R.I.) apparently privately carried from Texas, all with Natchitoches La. black cds., four with handstamped “25” rating marks, one ms. “25”, one ms. “10”, one ms. “10” overstruck with Philadelphia “5” upon forwarding, all from the formidable Mrs. J. Pinckney Henderson to members of her family, mostly minor toning ................................................................. E. 100-200

**THE MEXICAN WAR**

209° **American Blockade of Vera Cruz.** May 27, 1846, folded letter in Spanish datelined Hacienda de Arroyano (Vera Cruz) and addressed to Bordeaux, British P.O. "Vera Cruz Ju 2, 1846" backstamp, British and French transits and rate markings, content translates "Vera Cruz and all the other ports are blockaded and this government cannot oppose any naval force, thus the enemy considers already this republic as one of the Estates . . . ." This letter carried thru the blockade, Very Fine .........................(Photo) E. 200-300

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Brazos Santiago, Mrch 28th/47. Blue ms. endorsement on folded letter in matching hand to Millbury Mass., 1p mentions Generals Scott and Taylor and the Battle of Buena Vista, carried to New Orleans where it entered the mails, black cds and “10” rate, Fine

(B) E. 100-150

BRASOS/APL 10.1847. Two-line hs and “10” rate hs on folded letter datelined “Ranch San Juan de Bueno Vista near Saltillo Mexico, March 20th 47”, to Lake Marquette Wis., endorsed “From the Army, Saltillo Mexico”, Very Fine

(B) E. 200-250

BRAZOS/MAY, 5 1847. Two-line hs and “10” rate on blue folded letter datelined “China [Mexico] April 16th, 1847”, from Private Manning Force (later Brevet Major General in the Union Army) to his father at Washington D.C., good content re war, minor toning along folds, o/w Fine

(B) E. 100-150

BRAZOS/MAY 19.1847. Two-line hs with year date boldly struck with “10” rate on folded letter to Mansfield O. datelined “Buena Vista May 2nd, 1847”, from a soldier hoping to eat Sabbath dinner at home instead of “Uncle Sam’s pork and beans”, contents separated for display, Fine

(B) E. 100-150

BRAZOS/JULY 29, Two-line hs clearly struck on folded cover addressed to “Surgeon R. C. Wood, U.S. Army, New Orleans Barracks” in the hand of Zachary Taylor, then General, docketed 1847, Very Fine

(B) E. 300-400

BRAZOS/JULY 29. Bold two-line hs and “10” rate on folded letter datelined “Texas Rangers, Camp Encontada, Near Buena Vista, July 15th, 1847”, to General Rusk concerning the death of a captain, minor ink smears, o/w Fine

(B) E. 100-150

BRAOZ/S/JAN 11. Two-line hs showing spelling error, clearly struck with “10” rate hs on folded letter datelined “Camp Beano Vista near Saltillo, Decr, 20th 47 Mexico”, addressed to Secretary of War William L. Marcy, endorsed “From the United States Army Mexico”, toned along folds, o/w Fine, rare

(B) E. 300-400

BRAZOS/JAN 24. Clearly struck two-line hs with bold “10” rate on folded letter to Louisville Ky, datelined “Buena Vista, January 7, 1848”, Very Fine

(B) E. 100-150

BRAZOS ST. JAGO, TEXAS. AUG. 3. Blue double-circle ds with matching “10” hs on 1848 folded letter from Tampico to San Antonio, from the same correspondence as the two Tampico covers in lots 228 and 229, the content sheds light on the postal handling of mails from Tampico: “Our business has been much paralyzed since the evacuation of the U.S. troops, but if the stock imported during their occupation enjoys some immunities, I hope and expect a fine business before October.” Very Fine

(B) E. 100-150

Camargo, Mexico, June 19th, 1847. Ms. endorsement on cover to North Argyle N.Y., two-line BRAZOS/JUNE 29 1847 hs, ms. “Paid 10” rate, small sealed tear at upper left, o/w Fine

(B) E. 100-150

Camp Vegara Near Vera Cruz, Apr. 4th, 1847. 1p letter to M.P. Hatch, unsigned, and which ends, “The Whole Brigade has been treated very badly Genl Scott and we almost begin to think that were we not at the Siege I presume there will be a desparate attempt to puff up Scott but it is all humbug he has not done any thing that the youngest sub would not have as well and perhaps better” Partly clear New Orleans cds and “10” rate, Fine

E. 100-150


(B) E. 100-150


(B) E. 75-100

Pt. Isabel Aug. 23. Ms. pmk. and “10” rate on folded letter datelined “Fort Paredes, Matamoros, Mexico, August 20th, 1846”, to Indiana “via N. Orleans”, good soldier’s letter (partly in German), Very Fine and early example of military mails carried thru Pt. Isabel, which was not yet equipped with a handstamping device

E. 200-250

PT. ISABEL DEC. 6. Straightline hs and “10” woodcut rate hs on folded cover, docketing inside indicates Moneterey Dec. 6, 1846 origin, to Washington D.C., Fine

(B) E. 100-150

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225°  PT. ISABEL/JAN.9.1847. Two-line hs with “10” rate on 4pp folded letter datelined “Mier, Mexico, Dec. 20, 1846” to Fredericksburg Va., minor bleaching, few internal tears sealed with self-adhesive tape, o/w Fine .........................(Photo)  E. 100-150


227°  PT. ISABEL/FEB.4.1847. Bold two-line hs and ms. “Free” on lavender folded letter datelined “Saltillo Mex. Jan. 26th, 1847” and addressed to President James K. Polk, a request to raise an additional Indiana regiment, faint toning along folds, o/w Very Fine ..............................................(Photo)  E. 400-500

228°  TAMPCICO MEX. Mar 7. Mostly clear circular ds with “10” rate hs on folded letter datelined “Tampcico 7th March 1848” to San Antonio, small waterstain at bottom right, still Fine and a very rare Mexican War period marking, ex Backal. (Photo)  E. 1,000-1,500

229°  TAMPCICO MEX. Large dotted double-circle ds with blue ms. “Nov 18” date, bold “10” rate hs on 1847 folded letter to San Antonio, docketed with origin noted “Tampcico Nov. 16th”, sender’s ship route instructions “Maria Thomas to New Orleans”, small internal tear, otherwise Fine, an important marking from Mexican War period, of which there are two recorded examples, ex Backal ..............................................(Photo)  E. 1,000-1,500
230° To General Memucan Hunt, "Army of occupation", Mexico. Address on folded letter datelined "Galveston 2d July 1846", red "Galveston Tex. Jul. 29" cds and matching "10" rate hs, slight wear, o/w Fine ......................................................... E. 100-150

231° VERA CRUZ/MEX JULY 31. Bold two-line hs with month in smaller point type, ms. "10" rate on buff cover to Detroit, Very Fine .........................(Photo) E. 200-300

232° VERA CRUZ/MEXO NOV 5. Bold two-line hs, ms. "O.P.S." (On Public Service) endorsement on folded letter datelined "Perote, Mexico, June 16th, 1847" to Paymaster General at Washington D.C., small ink smears and light toning along folds, o/w Fine .........................(Photo) E. 100-150
VERA CRUZ/MEXO NOV 16. Two-line hs and "X" rate hs clearly struck on soldier's folded letter to Mount Holly N.J., datelined "Puebla Mexico, July 9th, 1847", faint toning, still Very Fine (Photo) E. 100-150

VERA CRUZ/MEXICO. Two-line hs in frame (date unclear) and "10" rate hs on folded letter datelined "Puebla, Feb. 26, '48" to Cincinnati, redirected to Ind. with red cds, 5c postage added to rate, interesting letter from an articulate soldier, Fine (Photo) E. 200-250

VERA CRUZ/MEXICO APRIL 12. Bold two-line hs in frame with large "10" rate hs on lavender folded letter datelined "City of Mexico, April the 1st, 1848" to Burlington Vt., 3½pp ALS from Israel Bush Richardson ("Fighting Dick", hero of the Mexican War), interesting military content, refers to Gen. Pillow's case, the Court of Inquiry and departure of Santa Anna, etc., excellent condition except that normal folds and tears have been reinforced with transparent adhesive tape (should be removed for conservation), o/w Very Fine (Photo) E. 250-350


VERA CRUZ/MEXICO MAY 25. Two-line hs in frame with "10" rate hs on folded letter, ms. "San Angel May 19th" endorsement and 1848 dateline, excellent political content re treaty and Mexican elections, a bit toned along fold, o/w Fine (Photo) E. 100-150

VERA CRUZ/MEXICO MAY 26. Two-line hs in frame with large "10" rate hs on folded letter datelined "Tacubaya, Mexico, May 21st, 1848" to Fredericksburg Va., few bleached spots, adhesive tape used to reinforce panels (barely shows thru - should be removed), Fine (Photo) E. 100-150

VERA CRUZ/JULY 1. Two-line hs in frame, mostly clear strike on folded letter datelined "Camp Jalapa, Mexico, June 15th, 1848" from Major John F. Hunter to Gen. Rusk in Washington D.C., concerning the Colt revolver's performance, ms. "F" free marking, light toning along folds, o/w Fine (Photo) E. 150-200

Mexican War. Seven items, six are complete folded letters with military content, markings on these incl. BRAZOS and VERA CRUZ/MEXICO straightlines, one early letter (Aug. 1846) from Camp Rio Grande, without pmks., another from Fort Brown with New Orleans "Ship"; seventh item is a folded cover addressed to President Polk from Col. Hays, "Vera Cruz" straightline lightly struck, generally Fine group (Photo) E. 500-750

END OF FIRST SESSION
SECOND SESSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1994 AT 1:30 P.M.

STATEHOOD PERIOD
STAMPLESS TOWN MARKINGS

241° Alleyn T. Irregular circle, without date, bold strike with matching “Paid” hs on cover to Bastrop, merchant’s Aug. 4, 1866 datestamp on flap, original enclosure confirms date, two small adhesive tape marks on back only, still Very Fine, a pleasing example of this intriguing town mark ...........................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

242° Anahuac Texas Oct. 19. Ms. postmark on buff cover, bit aged, otherwise neat and Fine, very rare .......................................................... E. 75-100

243° Anderson Tex. Six stampless covers: ms. “Anderson Texas 11 May” (1849), red 30mm cds with matching “5” (1849), 32mm cds with Roman Numerals “V” & “X”, black 30mm cds with “5” and another with “Paid” and large “3”, Fine-Very Fine, all but the ms. and 32mm examples are unlisted ..................................................... E. 300-400

244° Austin Texas July 26. Fancy circular datestamp with “Austin” 18mm wide, ms. date, bold strike with matching “5” hs on 1846 folded letter to Nacogdoches, trivial toning, still Very Fine, although described as a worn version of the triple-line type used in the Republic period, the boldness of this strike suggests the inner lines of the datestamp were altered ...........................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

245° Austin Texas Feb. 26. Triple-circle ds on 1848 folded cover, small “Paid” hs showing traces of canceler’s rim, ms. “10”, lettersheet a bit aged, otherwise Fine .......................................................... (Photo) E. 100-150

246° Austin Texas Feb. 21. Red cds boldly struck on 1852 folded letter with unusually crisp strike of fancy “Paid IIIC” in circle, minor toning and file folds, still Very Fine, choice example of this very scarce rate marking ...................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

247° Austin. Collection of 23 covers, 1847-1857, majority are triple-line circle ds (worn) from 1847-1849, also “Paid 1 ct.” in circle (for circular), blue “Paid 3” in arc, etc., Very Good-Very Fine .......................................................... E. 500-600

248° * Bastrop * Tex. Oct. 31. Cds with ms. date between 2 lines, matching boxed “Paid” and ms. “5” on 1848 folded letter, light even toning, Fine appearance. (Photo) E. 150-200

249° Bastrop Tex. March 20th. Clear cds with mispelled state abbreviation, ms. date between two lines, on 1849 folded letter to New Braunfels, Fine and rare, the “TXE” is unlisted .......................................................... (Photo) E. 300-350

250° Bastrop-Tex.. Red cds with fleurons on two folded covers, perfect strikes, one with matching “Paid”, other with “5” hs, Very Fine, handsome pair ....(Photo) E. 200-250

251° Bastrop. Six covers, includes two ms. towns, very bold black ds with “3 Paid” hs, red ds with fleurons, one with “5”, other with “Paid” and no rate, Fine-Very Fine. E. 150-200

252° Bedi July 30. Ms. postmark in three lines and matching “Free from T.P. Plaster P.M.” on 1848 folded letter to Montgomery, minor soiling & toned spots, Fine, the only recorded example (R.O. 1845-1866) .......................................................... (Photo) E. 100-125

253° Blue Hill Tx. Feb. 20th. Ms. postmark and matching “5” on 1855 folded letter to Austin, Very Fine, unlisted in ASCC .......................................................... (Photo) E. 100-125
**254°** Bonham Texas. Sept. 22. Townmarking with date around circle on 1847 court house letter to McKinney, ms. "Paid 5", docketing, file fold slightly affects datetamp, still Fine, unlisted and the only example of this marking known to us ..........(Photo) E. 300-400

**255°** Bonham Texas. Clear cds with ms. "Nov. 30" deleted and ms. "Dec. 7" written below it, on Nov. 17 1849 folded letter to Caldwell, some internal tears, Fine strike, the odd discrepancy in dates in the postmark may mean this letter was prepared ahead of time, though neither dates can be tied in with the dateline of the letter, an intriguing usage, worthy of further research ........................................... E. 200-250

**256°** Bonham Texas Feb. 15. Cds with ms. date, matching "Paid" hs and ms. "Paid 5" on 1850 folded letter to Clarksville, fresh and Fine, the Paid hs is unlisted. (Photo) E. 100-150

**257°** BONHAM TEXAS. April 8. Clear straightline of tiny letters with ms. date, on 1851 folded letter to McKinney, ms. "5" at R., Extremely Fine, believed to be one of two known, ex Jarrett ...................................................(Photo) E. 350-450

**258°** BONHAM TEXAS. April 16. Clear straightline with bold ms. date, matching "10" on 1851 folded letter, same correspondence as previous example but addressed to Tennessee, some edge toning but a Very Fine strike .................(Photo) E. 300-350

**259°** Bonham Texas Mar. 30. Cds with matching "5" in circle, beautiful strikes on 1852 folded letter to Holly Springs, N.C., tiny edge toning at R., still Very Fine and choice .................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

**260°** Bonito Texas June 16, 1854. Ms. postmark with matching "Paid", no rate, on folded letter to Gonzales, toned, Fine and rare (P.O. 1853-1866) ..........(Photo) E. 100-125

**261°** Border Tex. May 11th. Ms. postmark and matching "Pd 11" on 1849 folded letter to Georgia headed Pleasant Grove, marked "Mail" by sender, accompanied by a second Border Tex. cover (1847) with "10", same correspondence, letter headed Harrison County, Fine pair, rare Way usage ..................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

**262°** Brazoria Texas Nov. 3. Bold red cds with matching "Paid" and twice-struck "3" handstamps indicating double rate, on folded cover to Austin, Very Fine ....................(Photo) E. 100-150

**263°** BRAZOS. Straightlines on three folded letters, one with 1847 year date in second line and ms. "Free", other with ms. "Paid 10", another from Reynosa, Mexico, with "10" hs crossed out and "Free" added (Mexican War usage), clear strikes, file folds, otherwise Very Fine trio ..........................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

**264°** Brazos St. Jago, Texas. Double-circle ds in blue on two folded letters to New Orleans, 1848-49, each with matching "10" hs, the second showing a trace of an outer circle, same correspondence, Very Fine, choice exhibit pair .........................(Photo) E. 200-250

**265°** Burkeville. Three covers, includes blue ms. (1849) and two with red ds with integral stars, with "5" and "Free" handstamps, Fine lot ............................................. E. 100-150

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266° **Caldwell Txs. July 31.** Rimless ds in bold Yellow with matching “5” hs, ms. date, on 1850 folded letter to Huntsville. One of two known from Caldwell in yellow, this example is accompanied by a very rare second cover from same correspondence with matching ds in bright Green and “5” hs, first cover with ink smears slightly affecting postmark, still a magnificent exhibit pair and Very Fine .........................(Photo) E. 1,000-1,500

267° **Caldwell Txs. June 13.** Bold rimless ds in red with ms. date, matching “5” hs on 1849 folded cover to Austin, toned, but a nearly flawless strike ..........(Photo) E. 200-250

268° **Caldwell Tx. Dec. 19th.** Ms. postmark with matching “(Registered)” in parentheses, no rate, on 1855 folded letter to Houston, small toned spot, Fine, registered mail from Texas in this early period is enormously rare .........................(Photo) E. 150-200
269° **Cameron, Texas Mar. 23.** Red rimless postmark with ms. date, choice strike on 1852 folded letter with ms. "5", Very Fine and choice ..........(Photo) E. 300-350

270° **Cameron, Texas March 3rd.** Rimless townmark with ms. date in brown-red, on 1850 folded letter to Nacogdoches, Fine and rare, ex Meroni ..........(Photo) E. 200-250

271° **Cameron Tex. Aug. 1.** Bold cds in Green, matching "5" in circle (slight ink smear) on gray folded letter dated July 6, small mended cover tear at R., otherwise Very Fine, attractive and rare ..........................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

272° **Cameron Tex. Sept. 13.** Clear ds with matching "Paid 3" in 22mm circle on small folded cover to Jasper, accompanied by a second Cameron cover (1852) with "5" in circle, Fine and scarce, the Paid 3 is unlisted ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

273° **Caney Febry 26th.** Bold ms. postmark and matching "5" on 1853 folded letter to Matagorda, Fine and scarce ...................................................(Photo) E. 100-125

274° **Capt's Mill Tex. Feb. 24th 1860.** Ms. postmark with matching "Free" on orange cover to Chappell Hill, with original letter, opened at L., still fresh and Very Fine, rare D.P.O. (1859-1866), unlisted in ASCG ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-125

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276° Cat Spring Texas March 21st 1860. Ms. postmark and matching “30” on cover to Heligoland, red crayon “9” and fancy blue Hamburg receiving ds, small tear at R. and mended corner nick at T.L., otherwise Fine, an incredibly rare destination in any period, Cat Spring was settled by German immigrants in 1844 ....................(Photo) E. 150-200

277° Centre Texas Oct. 23. Ms. postmark on 1852 folded letter to Indianola, additional ms. “A” (Advertised?) on face, Fine and rare, unlisted in ASCC, this office is listed in Schmidt as closing June 1852 and not reopening until 1854 ....................(Photo) E. 150-200

278° Chance Prairie Texas Nov. 17th. Ms. postmark and matching “free I.J. Kidd PM” on 1852 folded letter to Richmond, minor stains, still Very Fine, the only recorded example ............................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

279° Chapel Hill Tex. June 9. Bold red ds with matching tiny “Paid” hs and “3” rate, on 1853 folded letter to Va., Very Fine ..........................................................(Photo) E. 150-200


281° Clarksville. Five covers, ms. townmarking (1849), black ds with “5” hs and a similar example with date removed, also “10” hs, etc., Fine-Very Fine ...................... E. 150-200


283° Coffeeville Texas Aprile 15. Ms. postmark with matching “Po. paid 3” (“5” deleted) on 1852 folded letter to Marshall, Fine, rare first month of use (opened Mar. 15, 1852) for this D.P.O. (closed 1915), unlisted in ASCC .........................(Photo) E. 150-200

284° Collards Texas Nov: 10th 1846. Ms. postmark and matching “10” on folded letter to Fancy Hill Va., Fine, the only recorded example of this short-lived office (1845-1847) ..................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

285° Columbia Tex. Apr. 21. Clear cds in red-brown, matching “5” on folded cover to New Orleans, neat red ADV.1. in box, minor edge wear, Fine ...........(Photo) E. 100-150

286° Concord Texas June 9th. Bold ms. postmark and matching “5” on cover to Ga., small stain at T. edge, Fine, very scarce (P.O. 1850-1855) ......................(Photo) E. 100-125

287° Corsicana Texas Oct. 13. Clear ds in homemade black ink, “Paid 3” in circle on fresh gray folded letter (1852) to Caldwell, Fine and scarce .................(Photo) E. 100-150
CORPUS CHRISTI, JANUARY. Two-line hs in sawtooth frame, variety without state name "Texas", clear strike, bold "Paid" hs and ms. "3" on 1851 folded letter to Austin, file fold, Very Fine and rare ...........................................(Photo)  E. 1,500-2,000

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS/MAY 29/52. Clear two-line hs with ms. day and year, in sawtooth frame on folded cover to Washington, bold ms. "Paid 3", file folds, otherwise fresh, Very Fine, choice and rare ...........................................(Photo)  E. 1,000-1,500

CORPUS CHRISTI, JANUARY. Two-line hs, variety without "Texas" state name, the typeset month overwritten "1st February 1852", on 1852 folded letter to New Orleans, ms. "5" rate, Very Fine and rare ...........................................(Photo)  E. 1,000-1,500
291°  Corpus Christi Tex. Dec. 25. Christmas Day postmark, choice strike with matching “5” in circle, on 1854 folded letter to Houston, ink bit smeary in address, still Very Fine ........................................…(Photo)  E. 100-125

292°  Crockett 22 Oct. Ms. postmark with matching “5” rate on 1847 folded letter from Gov. J.P. Henderson concerning the forwarding of land patents for his signature, minor toning, Fine, rare and early usage from this office .......(Photo)  E. 150-200

293°  Dallas Tex. July 15. Ms. postmark and matching “10” on 1847 folded letter to Carlinville, Ill., some ink smears and doodling on face, otherwise Fine, very rare and early ........................................…(Photo)  E. 300-350

294°  Dallas Tex. Sep. 21. Ms. postmark in blackish blue, matching “20c” on 1854 large court house cover to Palestine, signature of Dallas’s postmaster, T.F. Crutchfield, at B., opened at L., edge faults otherwise Fine, accompanied by a stampless cover with Pleasant Run ms. postmark but datelined Dallas 1853 ..................................................  E. 200-250

295°  Danville Tex. Feb. 3. Mostly bold cds and matching “Paid 3” in circle on 1853 folded letter to Anderson, minor wear along file fold, still Very Fine and choice, unlisted and stated to be the only known example ........................................…(Photo)  E. 200-250

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296° Daingerfield Tex. Sept. 18. Clear strike of ds in Brown, matching “5” in circle, on 1853 folded letter headed Cass City and addressed to North Carolina. Fine ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-150

297° Earpville/Nov. the 1/Texas. Curious ms. postmark in three lines with matching “Paid 3c” on undated folded letter to Ala. Fine and rare D.P.O. (1850-1868), the only recorded example .................................................. .. ........................................ . (Photo) E. 150-200

298° El Paso Tex. Apr. Circle townmarking without date, matching “Paid”, no rate, on cover to Sycamore, Ill., bit reduced at R. (small mended nick from opening), Fine, rare early use from West Texas .............................................................. (Photo) E. 100-150

299° Elysian Fields Texas Feby 2. Attractively bold ms. postmark and “10” on 1850 folded letter to New York, Very Fine ..................................... (Photo) E. 100-150

300° Fanthorps Texas Aug. 9th. Clear red cds with date in purple ms., matching ms. “5” on 1847 folded letter to Houston, Very Fine and rare .....................(Photo) E. 250-350

301° Fanthorps Texas 13 April. Clear red cds with blue ms. date, matching “Paid 5” on 1848 folded letter to Montgomery, Fine and very scarce ......................(Photo) E. 200-250

302° Fanthorps Texas Oct. 24. Red double-line circle with ms. date, clear strike on folded cover to Zavala, ms. “5” at R., minor toning, Fine .........................(Photo) E. 150-200

303° Firemans Hill Tx Jan the 20/48. Blue ms. postmark and matching “paid 5” on 1848 folded letter, extensive court docketing across face, otherwise Fine, the only recorded example of this D.P.O. (1847-1850) .................................................. E. 100-150

304° Fredericksburg Tex. Two covers, 30mm ds in bold blue and clear 37mm ds in black, each with “Paid 3” in arc, first with missing top flap slightly reduced) and other with flap tears, still Fine ..................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

305° Frelsburg Tex. Mar. 5. Mostly bold cds with ms. “paid 3” on cover to Houston, docketing indicates this was not received until Feb. 1867, slightly reduced at B. (no flap), Fine and very rare, unlisted ..................(Photo) E. 100-150

306° Galveston Tex. 1 Paid Oct. 5. Mostly clear cds on 1854 printed notice to Beaumont, erosion at edges, Fine appearance, very rare ..................................(Photo) E. 150-200

307° Galveston. Two covers, each with “20” handstamp, one in red, other in dark blue, matching datestamps, Fine pair, rare and unlisted ......................... E. 100-150

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308° Galveston. Two covers, first is undated cover to Wurttemburg with “30” hs, other is 1860 folded letter with double-circle ds and ms. “30” to Prussia, Fine pair, the 30 rate hs is unlisted ...................................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

309° Galveston. 25 covers, 1846-1857, includes red oval on incoming ship cover from Germany, blue “Steam” (1850), red cds on printed notice of Texas Agency, blue “Post Office Free Business” in circle, two examples with black straightline “Steamboat”, etc. Fine group ............................................................................. E. 500-600

310° Gum Spring Tx. Nov. 22. Ms. postmark and matching “paid 3” on 1852 folded letter to Marshall, Fine, the only recorded example .................................................. (Photo) E. 100-150

311° Hamburg Texas Dec. 22cd. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 3” on folded cover to Nacogdoches, faint toning along fold folds, Fine and rare, unlisted in ASCC (P.O. 1852-1866) .............................................................. (Photo) E. 100-125

312° Harrisburg March 7. Ms. postmark and matching “5” on 1855 folded letter from Houston, small ink smears slightly affecting postmark, Fine, unlisted ...... E. 100-150

313° Helena Tex. Dec. 1. Clear cds and ms. “Paid 24 cts” on large court house cover to Austin, 1860 docketing, slightly reduced at R. and some edge wear, Fine, the listing example in ASCC ................................................. (Photo) E. 100-150

314° Hempstead Tex. Sep. 10. Zevely balloon-style ds, bold strike on cover to New Orleans, ms. “Paid 3 Cents” and “Chg. box 24”, tiny bit of rim struck off cover, Very Fine and choice, very rare ........................................................................ (Photo) E. 150-200

315° Henderson Tx. 8 Sept. Clear red rimless townmark with ms. date, matching “5” hs on 1851 folded letter, accompanied by a 30mm “Henderson Texas” ds, Fine ......................... (Photo) E. 100-150

316° Hodges P.O. Texas Sept. 12th/54. Ms. postmark with pen-canceled No. 11 on folded letter to Washington, accompanied by a stampless example, dated 1851. Fine and rare. The only Hodges office in this period did not open until Nov. 1856; shortly afterwards it changed its name to Hodges Mills (Feb. 1857). This cover is probably from Hodges Bend in Fort Bend County (1846-1858) .................................................. (Photo) E. 150-200

317° Honey Grove Tex. Feb. 11. Bold cds with matching “5” in circle on large buff cover to Oak Grove, Ky., tiny tears at T. and refolded at sides to a presentable size, Fine appearance, choice strike ...................................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

318° Houston Texas Mar. 12. Clear strike of red townmark with date in frame, matching small “5” on 1846 folded letter to Nacogdoches, Very Fine .................... (Photo) E. 150-200

319° Houston Texas Apr. 5. Clear red double-line circle with ms. date in frame on 1846 folded letter from Harvey Allen to Genl. M. Hunt in Galveston, matching “5” hs in corner, lightly toned, still Very Fine ........................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

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320° Houston Texas June 16. Clear red townmarking (usual double line appears as single line) with ms. date in frame, matching “X” hs on 1846 folded letter to Philadelphia, Very Fine. ..................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

321° Houston Texas X Nov. 18. Red double-line circle with separately struck “X” within, and date in frame, matching “Paid” in box, on 1846 folded cover to Miss., some toning along one file fold, otherwise Very Fine, rare ...........................................(Photo) E. 200-250

322° Houston Texas 5 Dec. 8. Red double-line ds with rate struck inside and ms. date in frame, choice strike on 1846 folded cover to Caldwell, Extremely Fine, rare ....................... E. 200-250

323° Houston Texas 5 Dec 15. Clear red double-line circle with “5” struck separately within, ms. date in frame, on 1846 folded letter to Brazoria, Very Fine ..(Photo) E. 200-250

324° Houston Texas June 4. Clear cds with ms. date in frame, matching “5” on 1847 folded letter to Col. Thos. Jones at “Houston or Austin” and with ms. note “from Tremont House Galveston” in T.R. corner, contents refers to shipping “your leg by the schr Sarah”; Jone’s right leg was severed by a cannon ball during the siege of Bexar; later he lost his arm to a cannon while celebrating Texas independence; tiny toned spots at edges, otherwise fresh, Fine ........................................................................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

325° Houston Texas July 24th. Bold cds with ms. date and “E” & “S” written in with the same ink, on 1847 folded cover, matching “5” and boxed “Paid”, tiny edge toning at L., otherwise Very Fine ........................................................................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

326° Houston Texas Aug. 13. Cds with ms. date within frame, variety with loose type spelling T-E-X-A only, on 1847 green folded letter to La Grange, “5” hs, docketing at R., Fine, rare variety, unlisted in ASCC ..............................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

327° Houston Tex. 5 Aug. 17. Clear black circle with “5” struck separately within, and date in frame, on folded letter to Clarksville, Very Fine ......................(Photo) E. 150-200

328° Houston Txs. Dec. 10. Cds with matching “Paid” and “5” on aged 1847 folded cover which is additionally franked “Post Paid J. De Cordova”, scarce usage. (Photo) E. 100-150

329° Houston Tex. Nov. 12. Red cds with matching “Paid IIIIC” in circle on blue folded letter to Lynchburg with ms. box instructions and note to postmaster on back, Very Fine, very scarce fancy rate hs, only Austin and Houston are known to have used this style of marking ..........................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

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330° Houston Txs. Jan. 4. Bold red cds with matching "24" hs on 1851 folded cover to England, ms. shilling mark and New York "5" in circle in black, toned with some separation at folds, otherwise Fine, very rare (Photo) E. 150-200

331° Houston. 42 covers, 1846-1860, includes group of double-line circle with date in frame incl. "5" and "X" struck within, also two examples of fancy "Paid IIIC" in circle, three different re-rated covers, Christmas Day cover, etc., Fine and scarce good basis for continued study .......................................................... E. 750-1,000

332° Huntsville Texas Jany 14. Red rimless ds with ms. date, matching "V" hs on 1850 folded letter to Nacogdoches, fresh, Very Fine and choice (Photo) E. 150-200

333° Huntsville Texas Mar. 10. Bold rimless ds in red, matching "X" hs, ms. date, on 1850 folded letter to St. Louis, minor soiling, otherwise choice and Very Fine ............................................. (Photo) E. 100-150


335° Huntsville. Seventeen covers, stampless to 1857s, includes free frank (no town), several examples of NOR ds in black & red including twice-struck XX for 20c rate, unlisted "10" hs and "Paid" with separate "3", also No. 11, 26, and U10 (3), Very Good-Very Fine .......................................................... E. 350-450

336° Indianola Texas Sep 25. Superbly struck oval postmark with ms. day and "10' rate on 1849 folded cover to Zavalla, Very Fine, the finest known example of this rare marking, ex Lehman, Jarrett .................................................. (Photo) E. 400-500

337° Indianpoint Texas Septem 6. Clear oval postmark with ms. date and matching "10" on 1848 folded letter to Brooklyn, N.Y., Very Fine, very rare townmarking ........................................ (Photo) E. 400-500

338° Industry Texas Sept. 27. Clear cds with part ms. date and matching "30" rate on 1854 folded cover to Brunswick Germany, red crayon & blue ms. rates, red Aachen backstamp, Very Fine, rare usage to Europe ....................... (Photo) E. 150-200

339° Jamestown Tex. April 17. Ms. postmark and matching "Pd 3" on embossed lady's envelope to Nacogdoches, Fine and pretty, unlisted in ASCC ...... (Photo) E. 100-150

340° Jasper Tx. Feby 21. Ms. postmark with matching Roman numeral "X" on 1850 folded letter to New Orleans, Very Fine and unusual .......... (Photo) E. 100-150

342° **Jefferson Tex. Jul. 6.** Blue cds with matching “5” which has been struck over a red “10” hs on 1851 folded letter, accompanied by a second Jefferson cover with matching bold cds in blue and slanting “10” hs (a match for the 5 rate), Very Fine, rare “bi-color” rates usage, both “10” markings are unlisted ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

343° **Kinlock Tx Dec. 29 53.** Ms. postmark at R. and matching “5” at L., on embossed lady’s envelope to Diamond Hill S.C., edgewear and tiny tears, still Fine, the only recorded example (P.O. 1849-1855) ................................................................. (Photo) E. 100-125

344° **Kiomatia Texas Jan. 22 1856.** Ms. postmark and “Paid 3” on folded cover to Washington. Very Fine, unlisted manuscript town ................................................................. (Photo) E. 100-150

345° **La Grange Texas 12 Apr.** Clear ds in Green, matching “Paid” and ms. “3” on 1852 folded letter to Switzerland, red “60” hs, French transits and Geneva backstamp, presumably sent by Bremen mail but there are no exchange markings and no indication of postage due, some wear and bit soiled, still Fine, an intriguing and unique usage, unlisted .................................................................................. (Photo) E. 150-200

346° **La Grange.** Nine-cover study, 1847-1854, includes three manuscript towns, black cds (Tex), four different Txs ds with “V”, same with “Paid”, “X”, “Paid 3” in circle, also red cds with “Paid” and ms. “3”, Fine group, rare opportunity ..................... E. 350-450

347° **Lake Creek Tex. Sept. 4.** Ms. postmark and matching “free G.W. Cox PM” on large blue homemade envelope to Indiana, red transit “Paris Texas Sep. 8” cds and matching “5” in circle; evidently the Paris postmaster was a “by the book” type with a keen eye for postal infractions (the free frank privilege did not extend beyond the first ½ oz.), tiny edge tears and wear, still Fine ...................................................... E. 100-150

348° **Lake Creek Tex Aug. 8.** Ms. postmark and “5” on 1852 folded letter to Jefferson, Fine and rare ................................................................. E. 100-125
Leona, Texas. Remarkably bold townmarking in negative letters within a huge circle, with “Mar 9” date slug in bold shadow outline type, matching negative “5” in a box, on folded cover to Nacogdoches Tex., neat 1848 docketing on back, small mended hold to the right of townmark, faint overall toning

ONLY TWO EXAMPLES OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY TEXAS MARKING ARE KNOWN, THIS ONE DISTINGUISHED BY THE TYPESET DATE. BOTH ARE MARVELOUS BOLD STRIKES.

One of the most desirable of all stampless period markings. Ex Rust .................................................................(Photo) E. 10,000-15,000
350° Liberty Texas. Four covers, each with same cds, two in a matching coarse homemade brown, one with “Paid 3” in circle, other is “5” in circle, other pair is in black, on matching buff covers with same arrangement of rate handstamps, Very Fine, great group .................................................. E. 200-250

351° Liverpool Texas Aug. 13th. Bold ms. postmark with “way 6” in ms. on buff cover to New Orleans, original enclosure from the wife of Hiran Runnels, ex-governor of Miss., small wax seal stain at center, Fine, rare and unlisted (Photo) E. 100-150

352° Livingston Texas Feb. 1. Clear cds with bold “V” in fancy circle, on 1849 folded cover to Houston, minor toning confined mostly to back, still Very Fine, choice and rare .......... (Photo) E. 200-250

353° Livingston Texas Sep. 18. Cds with matching bold large “X” in circle, on court house cover to Bonham, edge flaws and some toning, still Fine, rare rate marking ............... (Photo) E. 200-250

354° Livingston Texas. Bold townmarking with Dec. 31 date crossed out in pen, a second circle struck below it with Jan. 1 date, on buff cover to Liberty with italic “Paid” in oval and ms. “3”, tiny ink erosion in address (in “Y” of Liberty) otherwise Extremely Fine, an outstanding unique usage ......................................................... (Photo) E. 250-350

355° Livingston Texas. Four covers, each with cds, one with “V” in fancy circle, “Paid” in oval with ms. 3 rate, slanting “Free” hs (unlisted), and ms. postmark (1860) with “Paid 6 cts”, cover faults, Very Fine or better strikes .................. (Photo) E. 200-250

356° Lockhart Texas 20 July. Blue cds, beautifully struck, matching “5” in circle, on bright white folded lettersheet to New York dated 1852, Very Fine ...... (Photo) E. 150-200

357° Lynchburg Texas. A.P.D. PM. Zevely balloon-style ds with postmaster’s initials instead of date, on yellow cover to Orwell, Vt., free frank at top of A.D. Delano, mended corner nick at B.R. and small sealed tears, otherwise Fine, unlisted and possibly unique .... (Photo) E. 200-250

358° Madison Tx Nov. 17/53. Ms. postmark and “Paid 3” on folded letter to Midway, Fine and rare early example (P.O. 1852-1858) .................................................. (Photo) E. 100-125

359° Madisonville Texas Apr. 23. Mostly clear ds with ms. “Paid 9c” on large court house cover to Huntsville, 1859 docketing, reduced at L., rare townmarking ........................................ (Photo) E. 100-125

360° Marlin Tex. Oct. 17. Ms. postmark and “5” on 1852 folded letter, Very Fine, very rare and unlisted ............................................................... (Photo) E. 100-150


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MATAGORDA/OCT. 5/Texas. Townmark in three straight lines, with underlining, on 1848 folded letter to the Quartermaster General in Washington, ms. "10" deleted, file folds, otherwise fresh, Very Fine, unusually crisp choice strike ......(Photo) E. 300-400

MATAGORDA/AUG. 6/Texas. Townmark in three straight lines, with bottom underlined, on 1848 folded letter to Vermont, some toning, Fine and very scarce .............. ..................(Photo) E. 300-400

MATAGORDA/FEB 12/Texas. Clearly struck townmark in three straight lines on buff cover to San Antonio, "Paid 5" in pencil, Very Fine and rare variety with thick letters .................. ..................(Photo) E. 300-400

Matagorda Texas. Nov. 1. Clear cds on 1849 folded letter to New Orleans, ms. "10" rate with address in blue, Very Fine ............................................(Photo) E. 100-150

Matagorda. Nine-cover study, 1847-54, includes ms. example dated July 4th, two "Texas" 33mm datestamps with ms. "10", paid & unpaid, red 33mm "Txs" ds with matching "5" and "10" hs, same in black with "Paid" and "5", also three examples with "Paid 3" in circle, Fine group .................. E. 350-450

McKinney. Four stampless, includes ms. with "paid 5" and "10", both 1850, also cds with "Paid 3" in arc, and cds on court house cover and ms. "15", last two with small faults, Fine group .................. E. 100-200

Melton Feb. 12. Ms. postmark and "5" on 1849 folded letter to Palestine, Fine, the listing example in ASCC (P.O. 1844-1852) .............................................(Photo) E. 100-150

Meridian Tex. May 27. Clear 26mm ds with "Paid" in frame and ms. "12cts" on court house cover to McLennan County, edge nicks and reduced at L, rare marking, unlisted in ASCC .............................................(Photo) E. 100-125

Mission Valley Mch 4/57. Ms. postmark on folded letter to Victoria, postmaster's free frank at R., toning along file folds, otherwise Fine, the listing example in ASCC (P.O. 1854-1927) ............................................. E. 100-125

Montgomery Txs. Aug. 20. Red 36mm ds with ms. date and matching "5" on 1852 folded letter to Huntsville, Ala., minor edge toning, still Very Fine, seldom struck this clearly ...................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

Montgomery Tex. Group of nine stampless, 1847-51, includes dotted circle in brown (2), same in red with additional Galveston postmark, 27mm black circle with unrecorded tiny "5", same in red with "Paid" hs and another with "V" rate, also two examples of the 36mm cds including a forwarded cover with twice struck "5" in circle from Livingston, mixed condition, generally Fine, very scarce group ................................ E. 350-450

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Mt. Pleasant. Three covers: two ms., one with "Tx", other with "Texas", 1849-50, also clear red cds with ms. "Paid 10" on cover to Sutters Creek, Cal., Fine ..... E. 100-150

Nacogdoches Tex. Cds with bold matching "Paid 12" in circle on large buff court house cover to Rusk, reduced at R. and small tears, otherwise Fine, unlisted rate handstamp ..............................................(Photo) E. 100-150

Nacogdoches. Twelve stampless, 1848-1854, includes three different ms. examples, ds in red or black, latter includes unlisted "Paid" & crude "3", former includes bold example with matching "Free", Fine-Very Fine ............................................ E. 250-350

Paris. Three covers, ms. towns with "Tex" and "Tx" abbreviations, 1850-51, and red cds with "5" in circle on 1852 folded letter, Fine ............................................. E. 150-200

Pine Bluffs Texas May 19th 1848. Ms. postmark and matching "5" on folded letter to Clarksville, Very Fine, the listing example in ASCC .......................(Photo) E. 100-125

Pleasant Run Tex. Feb. 29. Unlisted Zevely balloon-style ds with "Paid" hs and ms. "3c", additional "Due 3cts", original Feb. 25, 1860 enclosure mentions indians, Overland Mail, etc., piece of cover torn away on face, nevertheless Very rare ............... E. 100-150

P. ISABEL/SEP 30. Straightline in shaded relief letters, tiny "Sep. 30" below it on undated folded cover to Nashville, natural bleach stains slightly affecting marking, area at B.R. restored (just into address), an unlisted and possibly unique townmarking .................................................(Photo) E. 400-500

Point Isabel Texas Dec. 6. Bold cds with matching "Paid 3" in circle on folded cover to Brownsville, file crease near top, internal staining shows thru slightly on face, otherwise Very Fine .............................................(Photo) E. 150-200


Port Caddo Texas Mr. 20. Cds with ms. date on lady's envelope with flaps outlined in green, to Ft. Henderson, Ala., matching "Paid" hs and ms. "Paid 3" written over "5", Fine and rare ..........................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

PT. LAVACA T(EX)/Oct. 29, 1847. Unlisted tiny straightline postmark, light but readable strike on folded letter to Virginia with ms. "10" rate at R., Fine, the discovery copy ...........................................(Photo) E. 400-500

PORT LAVACA. Tex. 1848 Sept. 14. Unusual 23mm ds with year set after name, matching small "5" on folded cover to New Braunfels, Very Fine, choice strike ..................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

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PORT LAVACA Tex. 1848 Oct. 13. 23mm ds with year set with name, on folded letter with matching “10” hs, few small tears, Fine ..............................(Photo)  E. 150-200

PORT LAVACA Tex. 1849 Mar. 2. Mostly bold 23mm ds with matching “5” on folded letter to San Antonio (Maverick family), contents mentions California gold fever, etc. Fine ..................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

Port Lavaca Txs. Mar. 27. Bold cds with ms. “40c” on 1850 folded letter to San Francisco, Very Fine, rare rate from this state, ex Haas ...........................(Photo)  E. 150-200

Prairie Lea Tex. Jul. 15. Zevely balloon-style ds in blue with matching “Free” on embossed lady’s envelope to New Orleans, accompanied by a second example with “Paid 3” in arc, latter is faulty, first with portion of back missing, Very Fine appearance ..................................................(Photo)  E. 150-200

Redoak, Tex. Ms. postmark on cover (with letter) and folded letter, both 1854, each with ms. “5”, to Davidson College, N.C., Fine pair, unlisted ..................(Photo)  E. 150-200

Retreat Texas Sept. 25th 1859. Ms. postmark with matching “Paid 9cts” on court folded cover to Seguin, postmaster’s signature on back, nicely refolded to exhibitible size, accompanied by a 1854 folded letter with ms. “Retreat Tex. Decr 8th” and “5”, latter toned, still Fine, rare D.P.O. ..................................................  E. 100-150

Richmond Texas Aug 5. Double-circle ds in red, well struck, with matching “5” on 1852 folded letter from Randal Jones, toning along file fold, otherwise Very Fine, very scarce ..................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

Richmond. Four covers, includes ms. town with additional ms. La Grange on 1848 forwarded cover, 1849 ms. town, red double circle ds with “10” and red 30mm with “5” hs on large part of cover, Fine group ..................................................  E. 150-200

Rio Grande City Texas Sept. 3. Neat clear ds with matching “5” in circle, on 1854 folded cover to Brownsville, some minor natural bleach marks, otherwise Very Fine ..................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

Rusk. Seven stampless, 1848-1855, includes 4 different ms. cancels, mostly Fine ..........  E. 200-250


Rutersville Tex. Pair of covers, each with clear cds and free frank of C.G. Forshey, postmaster, on white and yellow paper and each with matching corner card of Military Institute with detailed woodcut of cadets in dress parade (Forshey was also the superintendent), one addressed to Maj. (later Genl.) J.R. Liddell, probably Nov. 1860 usage (the other, with a Mar. 1st ds is 1860 or 1861 Independent State use), latter bit reduced at R., other with missing flap and portion of corner added at T.L. (affecting a tiny portion of background in design), otherwise Fine, very rare school design ..................................................(Photo)  E. 250-350

399° Sabine City Tex. Sep. 21. Clear strike of rimless ds with ms. “Paid 1” on 1853 printed notice to Zarada, file folds, Fine and rare circular rate (Photo) E. 200-250

400° Sabine Town Tex. July 9. Neat ms. postmark on white envelope to Jasper with “Free D.S. Kaufman M.C.” at R., Very Fine and choice. David Spangler Kaufman was the first man from Texas to be seated in the U.S. House of Representatives (Photo) E. 150-200

401° Salt Hill Tex June 26th 1860. Ms. postmark and matching “free” on cover to Jacksonsboro, slightly reduced at R., Fine, the listing example in the ASCC Addenda (Photo) E. 100-125

402° San Antonio River. Heading on 1847 folded letter to Texana, ms. postmark “Victoria Sep. 4”, with “pr. William” in the sender’s hand, minor toning, Fine, rare example of coastal maritime mail (Photo) E. 150-200

403° San Antonio Txs. Jul. 28. Clear blue cds with matching “V” on 1848 folded letter to Montgomery, scattered foxing, Fine, unlisted rate hs (Photo) E. 100-150

404° San Antonio Tex. 3 Paid. Red cds, perfectly struck on blue envelope to Brooklyn, N.Y., closed tear at T., attractive and Very Fine appearance (Photo) E. 100-125


406° San Antonio. Group of eight stampless, 1847-1857, includes ms. town, brown cds with boxed “10”, red “Paid 12” in arc, datestamps in blue & black with integral “5” and late stampless with “Paid” hs and red pencil “3”, Fine group E. 300-400

407° San Augustine Mar-1. Ms. postmark with matching “paid 10” and bold negative “10” hs on 1847 folded letter to Austin, toned, with ink smear in town, otherwise Fine, rare fancy rate hs (Photo) E. 100-150

408° San Felipe Sept. 8th 1857. Ms. postmark and matching postmaster’s free frank on folded letter to Bellville, Fine (Photo) E. 100-125

409° San Marco Tex. Rimless ds struck over postmaster’s free frank on 1859 folded letter to Seguin, small stain at R. edge, otherwise fresh and Fine, unlisted and possibly unique (Photo) E. 100-150

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410° Seguin * Texas *. Clear dateless circle, matching “Paid” hs on orange cover to N.C., fresh and Very Fine .................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

411° Seguin * Texas * July. Clear cds with no day, ms. “5” rate on orange cover to San Antonio, Very Fine .................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

412° Seguin * Texas * May 10. Clear red cds and ms. “5” on 1852 folded letter to Tennessee, Fine, unlisted in red .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

413° Sempronius June 3rd. Ms. postmark with matching “5 cts” on 1851 folded letter to Cameron, Tex., additional ms. “Advertised 2”, Fine, very rare ....(Photo) E. 150-200

414° Shelbyville, Tex. Dec. 14. Clear red townmarking in two straight lines, matching “5” with small ms. correction in “4” of date, on folded cover to San Augustine, tiny edge wear along T., still Very Fine, rare in red ...........................................(Photo) E. 200-250

415° Shelbyville Tex. JAN 23. Red townmarking in two straight lines, matching “Free” hs on 1851 folded cover, Fine, ex Meroni ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

416° Shelbyville, Tex. Feb. 13. Clear townmarking in two straight lines, matching elongated “10” hs on 1850 folded letter to Tenn., Very Fine .................(Photo) E. 250-350

417° Shelbyville. Tex. Aug. 8. Two-line townmarking, mostly bold strike with large “10” hs on 1848 folded letter to Ky., toned, choice strike ...........................................(Photo) E. 200-250

418° Sherman. Tex Feb. 16. Mostly bold half-circle with ms. date, matching “10” on 1848 folded letter to Lancaster Pa., lightly toned at R., still Very Fine, the discovery example and a very rare marking, illustrated in ASCC ......................(Photo) E. 1,000-1,250

419° Springfield. Eight-cover study, includes four different ms. examples, “Texas” ds with “5” in circle in brown & black, and “Tex” ds with “Paid 3” in circle, also in brown & black, Fine group ............................................................... E. 200-250

420° Sugar Land Texas July 23rd/50. Ms. postmark and “10” on buff cover to Ala., minor aging, Fine, rare Matagorda County D.P.O. (1847-1853) ...........(Photo) E. 100-150


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422° **Swartwout Apl. 28th 1853.** Ms. postmark and matching “5” on folded letter to Richmond, Fine .................................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

423° **Tarrant Tex. Aug. 4.** Zevely balloon-style ds on undated cover to Virginia, matching “Paid” hs and ms. “3cts”, docketing and flap faults, otherwise Fine, rare, unlisted in ASCC ......................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

424° **Tyler Texas. Nov. 25.** Red ds with matching “Paid” and “2” hs on gray wrapper folded cover to Montgomery, some nat. bleach spots at the edges, still Fine, very rare and unlisted ...........................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

425° **paid 5 VICTORIA TEXAS May 19.** Unusual straightline townmarking in an unstable homemade brown ink, with ms. rate and day at T & B. within crude oval, on folded cover to Austin, rate repeated at T.R. corner, no flap and slightly reduced at B., toning along vertical file fold, otherwise Fine, rare ......................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

426° **Free VICTORIA TEXAS. June 16.** Straightline town with ms. at T. and B., all in a unstable homemade brown ink within a broken oval, on 1849 folded letter to San Antonio, Fine and rare .................................(Photo) E. 200-250

427° **Victoria.** Thirteen-cover study, 1846-1855, includes seven ms. towns, free frank, unlisted brown ds with “10” hs, two different shades of blue-green etc., Fine-Very Fine ...........(Photo) E. 400-500

428° **Vine Grove Tex. Dec. 28 1854.** Ms. postmark and “5” rate on folded letter to Ala., some scattered nat. bleach spots, Fine and rare D.P.O. (1851-1872), possibly unique, unlisted in ASCC ......................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

429° **Washington Texas 3d March /47.** Ms. postmark on 1846 folded cover from New York and dated Dec. 20th, ms. “10” rate (unpaid) and readdressed to Port Lavaca and from there forwarded, with additional ms. postmark to Houston, rates totaled up to “20”, minor toning, Fine, scarce example of two different ms. Texas towns on one cover ..................(Photo) E. 100-125

430° **Waco Village Tex. Mar. 4.** Clear cds with matching “5” in circle on buff cover to La Grange, 1853 docketing, Fine and rare .................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

431° **Waco Village.** Three covers, two with 31mm ds and “Paid 3” in circle, also 34mm ds on large cover with ms. “Paid 6cts”, Fine .............................................................. E. 150-200

432° **Wallings Ferry Texas Nov. 20th.** Bold ms. postmark, matching “5” on 1850 folded letter to Frost Thorn in Nacogdoches, Fine and very rare D.P.O. (1847-1851) .................................(Photo) E. 100-150

433° **Weatherford Tex. May 7.** Cds with matching “Paid” hs, no rate, on 1860 folded letter with good contents: “It is merely on the frontier limits of the country that the Indians have committed depredations... the people of Texas are generally a moral people with but one exception, and that is profanity (after supper).” etc. Fine, the discovery copy, unlisted in ASCC ........(Photo) E. 100-150
434° Webbers Prairie Tex. Nov. 16. Ms. postmark and “10” on 1850 folded letter to Jasper, Fine and rare (1842-1853), unlisted in ASCC .................................................. E. 100-150

435° Wharton Tex. Mar. 12. Bold red cds with matching “5” and “10” handstamps, on large court house cover, presumably representing 15c (triple rate) unpaid, slightly reduced at sides, Fine ........................................................................................................... E. 100-150

436° Wharton. Two covers, red ds on forwarded cover and ms. townmarking from 1851. Fine .......................................................................................................................... E. 100-150

437° Wheelock Robertson (Co.) Texas. 25 Mar. Well-struck county cds on undated folded cover to Galveston, matching “5” in circle, Extremely Fine, very scarce, Wheelock was the only office that used a county marking in this period .................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

438° Wheelock Robertson (Co.) Texas. 12 Sep. Clearly struck county marking with inverted month, matching “5” in circle on undated blue folded cover to Houston, B. flap missing, otherwise Very Fine .................................................................................................................(Photo) E. 200-250
Wilson's Texas March 19th. Unusual 1850 folded letter to Woodville with address on one side, postmark and postmaster's free frank on the other, trivial soiling. Fine, the listing example of this short-lived D.P.O. (1846-1852) .......................................................... E. 150-200

Woodville Texas Aug. 17. Mostly clear cds with matching “Paid” hs on 1855 folded cover, accompanied by an 1854 example in ms. with matching “Paid 3”, latter with stains, first is fresh and Fine, very rare .......................................................... E. 150-200

Yorktown Tex. Dec. 21. Zevely balloon-style ds, well-struck on undated folded cover with address in purple ink, ms. “Paid 5” at T., B. flap missing, Fine and very rare .......................................................... E. 100-150

Young's Settlement Aug. 10. Ms. postmark on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U9) to Miss., Very Fine and rare .......................................................... E. 100-150

Zavala. Interesting four-cover study, includes ms. townmarking dated 1854, stampless addressed to Zavala from Monticello Flor., incoming 1854 ship cover with italic “Too Late” (English origin), and printed notice from Washington claim attorney to Zavala postmaster, Fine lot .......... .......................................................... E. 200-250

STATEHOOD STAMPLESS GROUP LOTS

Manuscript Stampless A to C. 24 covers: Athens, Bear Creek, Birdville, Bonham, Border, Boston, Brazoria, Brenham, Buffalo, Burkeville, Caldwell, Canton, Capt's Mill, Carthage, Castrovile, Cedar Bayou, Cincinnati, Clarksville, Cleto, Clinton, Columbus, Corpus Christi, Corsicana, and Crockett, mostly Fine .......................................................... E. 600-800


Manuscript Stampless L to P. 20 covers: Laredo, Larissa, Lexington, Leona, Liberty, Linden, McGee's, McKinney (turned, with ms. Alton inside) Madison, Melrose, Milam, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, New Danville (as part of missent from Shelbyville), Oakland (“Paid 3” & Free), Petersburg, Pineville, Plenitude, and Pulaski, mostly Fine .......................................................... E. 600-800


Balance of the Stampless Statehood. 150 covers, includes ms. towns, some duplication, though this is not excessive and mostly represents the owner's desire to show a range of destinations (and correspondences) wherever possible, all on pages with write-up, Very Good-Very Fine, a rare opportunity for the student .......................................................... E. 3,000-4,000

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES - 105 - FEBRUARY 24-25, 1994
STATEHOOD PERIOD
UNITED STATES STAMPS AND STATIONERY

449° 5c Red Brown (1). Ample to large margins, bold red grid cancel, tied by matching "Houston Txs. Dec. 27" cds on blue folded cover to Austin Tex., negligible bleached specks; according to published articles by the late Creighton C. Hart, only three single 5c rate 1847 covers (sent under 300 miles) are known from Texas, including one cover front only; a beautiful and rare usage, ex Hart ...................(Photo) E. 2,000-3,000

450° 10c Black (2). Three large margins, just in at bottom, beautiful clear impression, Brown grid cancel and matching "San Antonio Txs. Apr. 6" cds on brown cover to East Tennessee, slightly reduced at left, still Very Fine, an extremely rare 1847 Issue usage from Texas and a rare colored marking; accompanying it is a stampless example from 1849 in matching brown with a boxed "10" hs, This cover is one of two, possibly three, 1847 covers known from San Antonio; ex Hart, with 1974 P.F. certificate ..................(Photo) E. 3,000-4,000

451° 10c Black (2). Three large margins, just in at top left, tied by bold blue grid cancels, matching "Brownsville Tex Jul. 10" cds on blue 1850 folded letter from Capt. Burbank to attorneys in St. Louis, interesting content written from Laredo, July 4th, ". . . been moving about so much . . ." Capt. Burbank was stationed at Fort McIntosh (formerly Camp Crawford) near Laredo; the Brownsville post office, where this letter was mailed, received only 300 10c 1847 stamps; file fold thru stamp, otherwise Fine. (Photo) E. 1,500-2,000

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES  - 106 -  FEBRUARY 24-25, 1994
452° 1c Blue, Ty. IV (9). Right margin horizontal strip of three with part imprint and plate (no.) I, canceled by bold pen strokes on 1853 folded cover, bold red “San Augustine Tex. May 1” ds, file crease thru selvage, R. stamp with small scrape at T.R. (mostly in margin), Fine appearance, rare position piece ......................... (Photo) E. 200-250

453° 3c Orange Brown (10). Large margins to touched two places, just tied by open red grid, matching bold “Austin Texas Jan. 24” cds on gray folded cover, handsome, Very Fine usage ................................................................. (Photo) E. 100-150

454° 3c Orange Brown (10). Singles on seven covers: blue Galveston (two, one with “5” hs struck in center of ds, other is Pl. 1e dated Jul. 23), red Huntsville, Matagorda, New Braunfels, and red Tyler, also rather late ms. “Retreat Tex. 12 Feb.” (1853), Fine and scarce group ......................................................... E. 200-250

455° 3c Dull Red (11). Four margins, tied by “Huntsville Tex. Feb. 3” ds in intense bold red, on 1853 folded letter, file folds & minor foxing, still Very Fine ...(Photo) E. 100-150

456° 3c Claret, Dull Red (26). Two court house covers, horizontal strips of seven and five respectively, Denton and Sherman datestamps, first with additional pen cancels, both with small faults, Fine appearance, scarce multiples ......................... E. 150-200

457° 3c Dull Red (26). Tied by “McKinney Texas Dec. 28” cds on cover to Kansas Territory with ms. “Via O L mail” overland mail endorsement, stamp with corner torn at T.L., Fine and rare, also gem No. 26a used from Georgetown .............. (Photo) E. 100-150
458° 10c Green, Ty. I (31). Two singles used with 1c Blue, Ty. V (24) on 1859 cover to Belgium, neat red “San Antonio Tex. Paid Nov. 18” cds, top 10c cut in at L., bottom 10c torn before use, Fine appearance ............................................................(Photo) E. 300-400

459° 10c Green, Ty. II (32). Well-centered vertical pair and 1c Blue, Ty. V (24), each with matching grid, clear red “San Antonio Tex. Paid Jun. 10” cds on 1859 orange cover to Belgium, paying the 21c French mail rate, neat “New-York Am. Pkt. Jun. 25” exchange cds, 10c small perf faults, Very Fine appearance .................................................(Photo) E. 300-400

460° 10c Green, Ty. II & III (32, 33). Vertical pair, with single 1c Blue, Ty. Va (24), tied by matching grids on 1858 cover to Belgium, bold red “San Antonio Tex. Paid Dec. 17” ds, red New York exchange ds also ties stamps, pair with perf faults, 1c creased at B., Fine appearance, with 1967 P.F. certificate .................................................................(Photo) E. 400-500

461° 10c Green, Ty. II (32). Vertical pair, used with 1c Blue, Ty. V (24) on 1859 cover to Belgium, bold red “San Antonio Tex. Paid Oct. 3” ds, red New York exchange mark ties stamps, 10c perfs trimmed at L., Fine and attractive appearance ...(Photo) E. 200-250


463° 12c Black, 3c Rose (36, 25). Single of each, tied by partly clear “Galveston Tex. May 29 1859” ds on folded cover to France, red boxed “Short Paid” hs and New York debit mark, small cover tear at T., some wear along file fold, rare use of the 12c 1857 .................................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

464° 12c Black (36). Single tied by partial San Antonio ds with second fuller strike at L. on yellow court house cover to Guadalupe County, sensibly reduced at L. (appears as standard size envelope) and small edge flaws at T., rare domestic use of the 12c perforated from Texas .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

465° 3c Post Office (O49). Pen canceled on reg. bus. envelope with ms. “Smith Point Tx 4/12”, Fine and scarce Texas usage .................................................................(Photo) E. 100-125

466° 3c Red on White, 6c Red on Buff Nesbitt Entires (U3, U12). First is used to N.H. with Columbia ds, other is large court house cover with additional 3c Brownish Carmine (11) pen canceled, bold “Anderson Tex. Mar. 30” ds, usual docketing, 6c small edge faults incl. reduction at R., Fine appearance ................................................................. E. 100-150

467° 3c Red on Buff Star Die Entires (U27). Four usages prior to the Second Republic period, Port Lavaca and Sabine Pass datestamps (Nov. and Dec.) and ms. “Grand Cane Texas Jan. 7/61”; also Galveston with 1861 year date but indistinct month, first two with small faults, ms. town is Very Fine ................................................................. E. 100-125

468° 10c Yellow Green on Buff Entire (U41). Used to Wiesbaden, Prussia, red New York transit, 10c with neat open grid cancel, fresh and Very Fine, very attractive and scarce usage .................................................................(Photo) E. 200-250
STAMP USAGES ARRANGED BY TOWN

469° Austin. Group of twelve covers, 1851-60 Issue, all 3c incl. Nesbitts, some with corner cards. Fine lot .......... E. 200-250

470° (Austin) Paid 1ct. Grayish blue rate hs cancels 3c Claret (11) on cover to New Orleans, matching cds. Fine, very rare use of this device as a canceller .......... E. 150-200

471° Alton Texas Feb 8. Ms. postmark on amber cover with pen canceled No. 26, Fine and rare D.P.O. .......... E. 100-125

472° Alvarado Tx Nov. 30/53. Ms. postmark on folded cover with pen-canceled No. 11, minor edge toning, still Fine, rare ........................................ E. 100-125

473° Ben Franklin Tx. Feb. 15. Ms. postmark on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to New Orleans, Fine and scarce ................. (Photo) E. 100-150

474° Clinton Tex. Jun. 22. Mostly clear ds in bright Green, matching "Paid" hs on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U9), light soiling and toning, Fine ............... (Photo) E. 100-125

475° Corpus Christi Tex. Oct. 18. Perfectly struck cds ties 3c Brownish Carmine on cover, also 25mm ds on cover with grid canceled No. 26 and fancy "Rec'd" hs from Philadelphia, first with small cover faults, Fine pair ............... (Photo) E. 100-150

476° Cotland Tex. Jun 25th. Ms. postmark on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to Newton, small tear at T. and stain, still Fine, rare (P.O. 1850-1860) .................................. E. 100-125

477° Dallas. Five covers, includes No. 11 tied by red ds, black ds on No. U10 (2), small ds on No. 26 front only, also postwar cover with lawyer c.c. (hs) and pen-canceled C.S.A. No. 11 which has been added, first cover is defective ................................ E. 100-150

478° Dripping Springs Jan. 18 1861 Texas. Ms. postmark ties 3c Dull Red (26) on small cover to Pa., with lengthy enclosure, Fine and rare .................................. E. 100-150

479° Eagle Pass. Five covers: 1853 ms. with No. 11, 1855 ms. on Nos. U1 and U10 entires, small cds on No. 26 (1860) and large cds on No. 26, Fine group .......... E. 150-200

480° Fort Worth Tex. Ms. townmarking, no date, just ties 1c Blue Ty. II (7) vert. strip of three on folded letter to Buffalo Fork, Va., endorsed "Via Washington City D.C.", stamp with each corner clipped, small faults, cover with staining in address, still a very rare usage with the 1c 1851 .......... (Photo) E. 150-200

481° Fort Worth. Four covers, includes 32mm ds on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) and two No. 26's (one is lady's envelope), also 1909 illustrated ad cover for overalls, Fine-Very Fine .......... E. 100-150

482° Galveston. Collection of 45 covers and 3 cards, 1851 Issue to 1928, majority are early covers including No. 7, U10 entire to New Orleans with their blue "snow shovel" carrier ds, No. 26 ad covers incl. stencill c.c. for hotel and De Cordova's Map of Texas, bank note period includes usages to Holland, 5c Taylor on 10c entire to Germany, etc., Very Good-Very Fine .......... E. 500-750

483° Jacksboro/Texas/Jun 7 1860. Partly struck townmarking in three straight lines on cover to Denton and franked with 1c Blue, Ty. V (24) vertical strip of three canceled by a smear of canceling ink, opened at L., affecting cancel, mended nick at B.L., very rare straightline .......... E. 150-200

484° Larissa. Three No. U10 entires with ds in purple, brown, and a ms. townmarking, Very Fine group ......................... E. 150-200

485° Linwood Texas May 18th. Ms. postmark on 1852 folded cover to the Governor of Texas, 3c Brownish Carmine (11) neatly canceled by pen strokes, Fine, rare from this period .......... E. 100-125

486° Lone Star Tex. Oct. 10. Partly bold cds on 1860 folded blue-lined cover, 3c Dull Red (26) tied by 7-bar grid, stamp with pre-print paper crease, cancel with some smearing, otherwise fresh and Fine ........................................ (Photo) E. 100-150

487° Mt. Vernon Tx Nov 21. Ms. postmark on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) entire to Judge Geo. Smith, Columbus, docketing beneath cancel reads "E. Smith/59", probably not a year date as this Mt. Vernon (Limestone Co.) existed for only 7 months, closing in Feb., 1857, probably unique ................. (Photo) E. 100-150
488° Georgetown. Five covers, includes blue “Texas” cds with No. 11 and U10 entire, black “Tex” cds on U10, No. 11 strip of three court house usage, and three No. 26’s on another court house cover, Fine lot .......................................................... E. 150-200

489° Gray Rock Tex. Jul. 5. Well-struck ds in homemade brown, on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to Washington, fresh & Fine (P.O. 1848-1906) ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-125

490° Harmony Hill Texas March 27th. Ms. postmark on cover to North Carolina, pen-canceled 3c Dull Red (11) with large margins to just in one corner, stamp with crease, Fine and very scarce (P.O. 1854-1905) .......................................................... E. 100-125

491° Helena Tex. Nov. 13. Bold cds on large court house cover franked with 3c Rose, Ty. I (25) horizontal strip of four and vertical strip of three, edge faults at sides, Fine ..........................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

492° Hogans Port Texas Sept. 18. Ms. postmark on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to Montgomery, Fine and rare D.P.O. (1857-1866) .......................................................... E. 100-125

493° Houston. Fifteen covers, mostly with No. 11 (6) or U10, also No. 26 with fancy red brown c.c. (plantation supplies), 114, 210 on illust. carriage & wagon ad, also “H.&T.C.W.R.R.” with 3c BN. Fine .......................................................... E. 250-300

494° Mt. Pleasant June 26th. Ms. postmark on amber cover to Montgomery with 1c Blue, Ty. V (24) strip of three, striking rich color and impression, each with matching pen squiggle, 1858 docketing on back, reduced bit irregularly at R., still Fine ...(Photo) E. 100-150

495° Pamplin’s Creek Tx. Oct. 28. 1857. Ms. postmark on folded cover to Lampasas with pen-canceled 3c Dull Red (11, cut in), Fine, rare D.P.O. (1855-1866) ...... E. 100-125

496° Pin Oak Tex. July 13th. Ms. postmark on 1857 folded letter to Austin, pen-canceled 3c Dull Red (11), fresh & Very Fine, early use of this D.P.O. (1856-1895) ... E. 100-125

497° Pleasant Run Tex. Sept. 7th. Ms. postmark on 1853 folded letter with pen-canceled No. 11, also cover from Groveport O. with 3c Dull Red (11), addressed to Pleasant Run, Fine lot, rare (P.O. 1848-1860) .......................................................... E. 100-150

498° Rock Island Txs: Nov. 17. Unusual ds with colon after month, on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to N.C., Fine and rare .......................................................... E. 100-125

499° Rose Hill Tex. 4th July 1858. Ms. postmark nicely ties nearly four-margin 3c Claret (11) on light buff cover to Montgomery, Very Fine, rare this choice ...(Photo) E. 100-125

500° San Antonio. Seven covers, includes No. 11, 26, 114 (on forwarded cover from Nashville) and F1, Fine lot .......................................................... E. 150-200

501° San Augustine. 1851-57 Issue on eight covers, includes No. 7 strip of three, No. 10, 11 (2, red & blue ds), 24 strip of three, etc., some small faults, generally Fine. E. 200-250

502° San Marcos Tex. Aug. 7. Rimless cds struck entirely on 3c portion of 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to Miss., 1858 docketing at T., Very Fine, very attractive example ...(Photo) E. 150-200

503° Seven Leagues Texas August 3rd/59. Ms. postmark on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) entire to Nacogdoches (Rauguet correspondence), Very Fine ...........(Photo) E. 75-100

504° Sisterdale 10 Sept. ’58. Ms. cancel just ties 3c Dull Red (11) on folded letter to San Antonio, internal separations neatly mended, light even toning, attractive appearance .......................................................... E. 100-125
505° **Squaw Creek Tex. April 3rd.** Ms. postmark on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to Indiana, light pencil docketing dated 1860, some wear, otherwise Fine, very early use of this rare D.P.O. (1859-1867) ................................................................. E. 100-125

506° **Telegraph Mills Oct. 22.** Ms. postmark ties 3c Dull Red (26) on 1859 folded letter headed Crockett Texas, Very Fine, a puzzling usage: this short-lived office (1856-59) is listed by Schmidt as closing Jul. 26, 1859 ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

507° **Travis Tx July 10.** Discreet ms. postmark on cover with 3c Claret (11) horizontal pair, large margins, small faults, Fine appearance ...................................................... E. 100-150

508° **Twinsisters April 30 '57.** Neat ms. postmark with matching “Paid 35c cash” on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to Bremen via Prussian closed mail, red “N. York 6 U.S. Pkt. Paid May 16”, etc., edge wear, still Fine, rare usage ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

509° **UVALDE TEX. JUNE 26.** Straightline postmark in homemade brown ink with part ms. date on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to San Antonio, some edge stains and small corner tear, Fine appearance, rare townmark ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

510° **UVALDE TEX. MAR. 5.** Straightline postmark, light strike, on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) entire to San Antonio, opened at R. (bit irregularly), crease in 3c, Very Good

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**STATEHOOD STAMPED GROUP LOTS**

511° 1c 1851-57 Issue From Texas. Twelve covers, includes No. 7 on Galveston drop, No. 9 La Grange circular rate, No. 9 pair & single with “5” hs from Indianola, No. 24 Austin circular rate, No.24 strip of three or three singles from Henderson, Jacksboro (2 examples), Lewisville, Marshall, Seguin (2) and Texana, mixed condition, Very Good-Fine ...................................................... E. 250-350

512° 3c 1851-57 Issue Used From Texas, A to B. 54 covers, includes Nesbitts, minor duplication, all on pages with write-ups, Very Good-Very Fine ................. E. 750-1,000

513° 3c 1851-57 Issue Used from Texas, C to F. 60 covers, many scarce and rare towns, includes Nesbitts, minor duplication, all on pages with write-ups, Very Good-Very Fine ...................................................... E. 1,000-1,250

514° 3c 1851-57 Issue Used from Texas, G to J. 63 covers, numerous scarce and rare towns, includes Nesbitts, minor duplication, all on pages with write-ups, Very Good-Very Fine ...................................................... E. 1,000-1,250

515° 3c 1851-57 Issue Used from Texas, K to N. 66 covers, includes Nesbitts, minor duplication, all on pages with write-ups, Very Good-Very Fine ................. E. 1,000-1,250

516° 3c 1851-57 Issue Used from Texas, O to R. 49 covers, includes Nesbitts, minor duplication, all on pages with write-ups, Very Good-Very Fine ................. E. 750-1,000

517° 3c 1851-57 Issue Used from Texas, S to Y. 72 covers, numerous scarce or rare towns, includes Nesbitts, minor duplication, all on pages with write-ups, Very Good-Very Fine ...................................................... E. 1,000-1,500

518° **Black Jacks Used From Texas.** Four covers, all with No. 73, includes three singles on yellow cover from Brazos St. Jago; single with No. 63, each fancy dotted cork cancel from same office; 73 & 63 from San Augustine; pair from Indianola, small faults, still Fine, scarce group ......................................................(Photo) E. 250-300

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES - 114 - FEBRUARY 24-25, 1994
TEXAS FORTS AND AGENCIES

519° **Brazos Agency Texas, May 23.** Ms. pmk. on 3c Red Nesbitt entire (U9) to Galveston, addressed to Judge D. G. Burnet, ex-President of Republic of Texas, said in write-up to be in the hand of Maj. Robert S. Neighbors (which we cannot guarantee), pencil date “1859”; On May 23, 1859, a group of men under John R. Baylor appeared on the Brazos reservation to attack the Indians, the ensuing battle took place outside of Brazos where U.S. troops had no jurisdiction, and, as a result of this incident, Maj. Neighbors, the general supervisor of all Indians in Texas, ordered their removal to Indian Territory; small part of back flap missing, barely affecting top edge of entire, o/w Fine, desirable Indian Territory usage ..........................................................(Photo)  E. 200-250

520° **Brazos Agency Tex. June 11, 1859.** Ms. pmk. and address in the same hand, said to be that of Maj. Robert S. Neighbors, to his wife at San Antonio, on 3c Red Nesbitt entire (U10), postmarked six weeks prior to the abandonment of the Brazos Indian reservation under orders from Major Neighbors; soon after, he was assassinated by an anti-Indian fanatic who resented remarks Neighbors had made concerning the slaying of an Indian by a group of white men; Very Fine ..............................................(Photo)  E. 300-400

521° **Camp Hudson.** Two covers, first with red ms. Dec. 5, 1859 pmk., matching cancels on 3c Dull Red (26) pair, single pulled perf, on yellow cover to R.I., small wax seal stain, a bit reduced at R., o/w Fine and colorful, second with black ms. Dec. 20, 1859 pmk., same correspondence, a bit worn, scarce Texas military office, former with 1992 P.F. certificate ..........................................................(Photo)  E. 150-200

522° **Camp Verde, Texas, Oc. the 1st, 1867.** Dateline on 3pp letter with matching cover, 3c Rose (65) tied by “Boerne Tex.” cds, good contents re Indian fighting and frontier travels: “three men was killed last month...their scalps was taken and their hearts cut out...” Fine ..........................................................E. 100-150

523° **Fort Arbuckle.** Sender’s ms. endorsement on cover to Fort Washita C.N., 3c Dull Red (26), corner crease, pulled perf, tied by “Gainesville Tex. Aug. 27” cds, c. 1858-60 during reoccupation of the fort due to Comanche uprising, a bit reduced at L., o/w Very Fine, scarce Indian Territory usage ..........................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

524° **Fort Belknap April 6, 1859.** Ms. pmk. and “X” cancel on legal-size 6c Red Nesbitt entire (U11) to Commissioner of Pension Office at Washington D.C., circular “Pension Office Apr. 15, 1859” receiving ds, horizontal fold thru embossed stamp, light waterstaining and wear around edges, nonetheless a Fine and rare usage of the 6c Red entire, ex Barkhausen ..........................................................(Photo)  E. 500-750

525° **Fort Brown.** Pair of folded covers addressed in the same hand, to Quartermaster and Ordnance Deps. at Washington D.C., each endorsed “On Off Business”, “Brownsville Txs.” cds and “Free” in blue (Oct. 8, 1851) and black (Aug. 3, 1853), the former with ARMY hs struck in different shade of blue, of unknown origin or period, light toning along file folds, o/w Fine pair ..........................................................(Photo)  E. 150-200

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES  –  116 – FEBRUARY 24-25, 1994
**526° Fort Brown (Union Occupation).** Letter datelined “Office Post Surgeon, Brownsville, Texas, Apr. 13th /66”, with matching yellow “Official Business” imprint cover to Memphis Tenn., 3c Rose (65) tied by “Brownsville Tex. Apr. 14” duplex, interesting content from early Reconstruction period written by surgeon with the 114th Regiment (a Black regiment): “I dare not trust funds in the mail and the Express Company is irresponsible. Brownsville is not a place that will attract many men of Color to remain here.”; Very Fine E. 150-200


**528° Fort Clark.** Three covers: “Fort Clark Tx July 2, 1857” ms. pmk. and cancel on 3c Dull Red (11) to Norfolk Va. (flap faults); “Fort Clark Tex Oct. 22, 1857” ms. pmk. on 3c Red Nesbitt entire (U10) to Ind., stains; “Fort Clark Tex. Nov. 3” cds ties 3c Rose, Ty. I (25) on cover to Gen. E. B. Hitchcock at St. Louis, docketed in his hand, with original 1858 enclosure, Very Fine; scarce trio, probably carried by “Jackass Mail” to San Antonio and from there by regular mails (Photo) E. 300-400

**529° (Fort Graham).** “Waco Village Tex. Dec. 7” cds canceling legal-size 6c Red Nesbitt entire (U12) to Commissioner of Pension Office at Washington D.C., sent from nearby Fort Graham, skilful restoration of folds and edgewear, Fine appearance, rare use of 6c Nesbitt entire (Photo) E. 400-500

**530° Fort Inge Texas, Mch 13.** Ms. pmk. and cancel on 3c Red Nesbitt entire (U10) to Peapack N.J., minor edgewear, still Very Fine, rare garrison marking (Photo) E. 200-250

**531° Fort Lancaster, Texas, July 17th, 1857.** Neatly written ms. pmk. with paraph, ms. cancel on 3c Dull Red (11) on cover to Norfolk Va., staining around edges, o/w Fine, this garrison was designated a fort in 1856 and evacuated in 1861, mail was carried on the “Jackass” route to San Antonio (Photo) E. 100-150

**532° Fort McIntosh.** Two items: 3c Red Nesbitt entire with “Laredo Tex. April 3, 1856” ms. pmk. and addressed to Mobile; 3c Dull Red (11, faults) ms. cancel on folded letter datelined “Fort McIntosh, Texas, April 8, 1856” with “Laredo Texas Apl 10, 1856” ms. pmk., addressed to Commanding Officer at Fort Wayneau, Florida, from an officer inquiring whether his brother was among those killed in skirmish with Indians; Fine pair, mail from Fort McIntosh was handled by the nearby Laredo post office. E. 200-300

**533° Ft. McKavett Feb. 17th 59.** Ms. pmk. and cancel on 3c Dull Red (11), margins irregular and cutting in, on cover to Judge D. G. Burnet at Galveston, ex-President of the Republic of Texas, minor toning and erosion in address, still Fine and rare. (Photo) E. 100-150

**534° Fort McKavett Tex. Apr. 5 (1870).** Clearly struck cds, matching quartered cork ties 3c Ultramarine (114) on buff cover to Fremont Pa., redirected to Phila., then to N.Y.C., Fremont and Phila. cds, slightly reduced at R., o/w Very Fine, scarce 1869 usage (Photo) E. 150-200

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES — 118 — FEBRUARY 24-25, 1994
535° **Fort Mason, Texas, February 7th, 1859.** Dateline on 4pp letter from Z.R. Bliss, with matching buff cover to R.I., 3c Dull Red (11, average) tied by “San Antonio Tex. Feb. 11” cds, excellent content: “An express came in today from the Head Quarters of the Department, bringing orders to me to abandon this post...there are lots of pretty senioritas at Fort Clark. [signed] Your Valentine” Fine and scarce ........................................E. 300-400

536° *(Fort Mason)*. Small neat cover to Fort Mason “via San Antonio”, 3c Dull Red (11, slightly oxidised) tied by bold red “Bladensburgh Md. Nov. 30” cds, 1852 docketing, Very Fine ................................................................. E. 100-150

537° **Fort Merrill, Texas, March 15th, 1852.** Dateline on 7½pp letter from a frontierwoman to her sister, interesting content, with matching mourning cover, 3c Dull Red (11, lifted and replaced), ms. cancel, two-line CORPUS CHRISTIE TEXAS/MARCH hs with ms. “28/52” date, first few letters reinforced in postal clerk’s hand along with day and year date, a bit worn, o/w Fine and very scarce, Fort Merrill was established in 1850 and vacated in 1855 .............................................................. (Photo) E. 300-400

538° **Manuscript Fort Markings.** Three post office pmks. incl. “Ft. Belknap Tex. March 31/59” (3c Nesbitt entire), “Fort Belknap Texas, Feb. 6, 1860” (legal-size court stampless cover), “Ft Davis Tx Oct. 28/58” (3c No. 11); the group also incl. folded letter datelined Fort Graham Apr. 27, 1850 with Austin cds and “Paid 10”; letter datelined Fort Duncan, Jan. 30, 1853, with matching cover, 3c No. 11 tied with ms. “Eagle Pass Texas 31 Jan/53” pmk.; and 3c 1857 tied by San Antonio cds on cover to Camp Verde; Fine group of scarce usages .................................................. E. 200-300

539° **Fort Covers. 1870-88,** 16 covers with different Fort markings incl. Camp Rice, Camp Stockton, Fort Concho (four), Fort Davis (two incl. Wells Fargo express), Fort Elliott, Mobeetie (Fort Elliott), Fort Griffin (two), Fort McKavett, Fort Stockton (three), mostly Bank Note frankings 2c-6c, minor faults, generally Fine covers and choice strikes ..................... E. 500-750

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**WESTERN MAILS AND EXPRESS USAGE**

540° **Bonham Texas. May 16.** Clear cds on 1854 folded letter to California with 3c Rose Red (11) horiz. pair, each canceled by “5” handstamp, silked at edges, Fine and unusual ............................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

541° **Brownsville Tex. to Oregon.** Cover to Fort Walla Walla, franked with three No. 26s and single No. 24 tied by twice struck datestamps, fresh and Fine ..... (Photo) E. 150-200

542° **Decatur Tex. Jan 8 ’58.** Ms. postmark and matching postmaster’s free frank on cover to Sauvies Island, Oregon Territory, slightly reduced at L., small edge tears, still Fine, rare town (the listing example in ASCC) and destination; the Butterfield Overland Mail Route passed through Decatur ............................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

543° **Forwarded by Forbes & McKee.** In ms. on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) from Weberville Tex. to Port Lavaca, readdressed to New Orleans with No. 26 tied by Port Lavaca ds, Fine, rare forwarding agent marking ............................................ (Photo) E. 100-150

544° **Jones’ New Orleans & Texas Express.** Embossed oval with illust. of locomotive, on Galveston drop cover with 1c Blue, Ty. V (24) tied by Nov. 8, 1860 ds, stamp with small nick and tiny gum stain, Fine appearance, rare ........................................ (Photo) E. 200-250

545° **Spring Hill Texas May 23.** Ms. postmark with pen-cancelled 3c Claret (26) on cover to California via overland mail route, forwarded with “San Francisco Cal. Jun. 25, 1860” cds to Sonora, corner stains from old mounts, Fine ........................................ (Photo) E. 100-125
546° UVALDE, TEX. OCT 2. Straightline postmark, clear strike on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to Peapack, N.J., additional ms. "Holland Express" reading up at B.L., slightly reduced at L., Very Fine and rare, this is the only reference we've seen to this express service, of which nothing is known, though some students speculate that it may have served nearby Fort Inge. Ex Haas, Jarrett ...........................(Photo)  E. 400-500

END OF SECOND SESSION
Rose Hill Republic of Texas Feb. 21 1861. Ms. postmark in two lines on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Washington N.C., 3c canceled by large bold "1861", flap openings end in small tear on face between "Rose" and "Hill", very minor soiling

VERY FINE APPEARANCE AND GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE UNIQUE. A REMARKABLE POSTAL MARKING, IN WHICH THE ROSE HILL POSTMASTER HAS IDENTIFIED THE SECOND "REPUBLIC OF TEXAS"

Ex Steinmetz, illustrated in Dietz's The Postal Service of the C.S.A., page 30

..............................(Photo) E. 1,500-2,000
548* Austin Tex. Feb. (7) 1861. Double-circle ds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to San Augustine, day in mark appears to read "1", which would make this a first day cover of the Second Republic, however the docketing reads "18th Feb 7 1861" etc., some water damage at R., affecting 3c, intriguing usage ..................(Photo) E. 100-150

549* Brenham Tex. Mar. 1. Clear cds ties 3c Dull Red (26) on orange cover to Washington, Pa., original 1861 enclosure reads (in part): "I hear that the good folks in the north are engaged in sending succor to 'starving Kansas' which support is not very consistent with the popular delusion here that every one north of Mason & Dixon's Line is in a state of absolute starvation, and that as soon as secession & Southern Confederacy are fixed facts, we should have the poor famishing wretches on their knees..." etc. Fine, the only known example, unlisted in Dietz


551* Clinton Tex. Feb. 10. Mostly clear cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die (U27) entire to Yorkville, S.C., ms. "3" cancels 3c, 1861 docketing at L., Fine and very rare ..............(Photo) E. 200-250


553* Galveston Tex. Mar. 1. Small double-circle ds with 3c Dull Red (26) canceled by matching grid on all-over dry goods advertising cover in orange buff, with original 1861 enclosure, Very Fine, choice and attractive ............................................(Photo) E. 200-250

554* Hempstead Tex. Feb. 5. Small double-circle ds on 3c Red on White Nesbitt entire (U9) to Coila, N.Y., 3c struck by clear 5-pt. star with hollow center, original 1861 enclosure describes train wreck and closes, "Texas has seceded from the Union and is once more an 'independent republic.'" Fresh and Fine, rare town ....................(Photo) E. 400-500

555* Laredo Tex. Feb. 3. Clear cds on cover to Daniel Ruggles at Fredericksburg Va. with 3c Red (26), pen canceled, missent to Fredericksburg Tex. with Zevely balloon-style Feb. 14 datestamps in stamp, forwarded to the Willard Hotel in Washington and readdressed to Washington, Fine, excellent usage, both Texas markings are unlisted in Dietz. The fort at Laredo (McIntosh) was evacuated by U.S. troops on Mar. 12th. Lt. Col. Ruggles resigned from the U.S. army on May 7th and was commissioned brigadier general in the Confederate army on Aug. 9, 1861 ...................(Photo) E. 200-250

556* Larissa Tex. Mar. 1. Cds on 3c Red on White Star Die (U26) entire to Philadelphia, docketing at L., small opening tears into postmark, Fine appearance, probably unique from this office, unlisted in Dietz .................................(Photo) E. 100-150

557* Livingston Tex. Feb-12-61. Two-line ms. postmark on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Nat Hart Davis in Montgomery Tx., 3c with discreet matching pen cancel, docketing on flap, Very Fine, fresh and choice, unlisted in Dietz and possibly unique ..................(Photo) E. 200-250


559* Richmond Tex. Feb. 23. Partly struck blue cds with matching 5-pt. star cancel on 3c Red on Buff Star Die (U27) entire to Fallstown, N.C., small tears and some edge soiling, Fine and rare, the listing example in Dietz ...............................(Photo) E. 150-200

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560° Sherman Tex. Feb. 24. Cds and “Paid 3” in arc on yellow cover to Hunnewell, Mo., endorsed “Via the overland mail”, original 1861 enclosure reads (in part): “It has been reported the secessionist had stopped the overland mail west of Sherman which was all a lie. I understand that the indians have stopt the overland mail. The number of indians is said to be ten thousand in number.” etc., small mended nick at B.R., otherwise Fine, the listing example in Dietz (Photo) E. 200-250

561° Texana Tex. Feb. 16. Zevely balloon-style pmk. with ms. date on 3c Red on White Star Die entire (U26) to Bedford, Kentucky, light toning and tiny edge tears, Fine, the listing example in Dietz (Photo) E. 150-200

562° Wallers Store Texas Feb. 28th. Ms. postmark in two lines on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to New Orleans (Carroll Hoy), 3c with matching pen cancel, two pin holes just above address, otherwise Very Fine (Photo) E. 150-200

563° La Grange Tex. Mar. 6 1861. Clear cds, First Day of Texas in the Confederacy, on 3c Red on Buff Nesbitt entire (U10) to a Col. Turner, Oakland, toned, with mended tears at T., accompanied by faulty No. U27 entire with Apr. 5, 1861 cds, to Corsicana, rare covers, the latter being the only known Star Die from La Grange. (Photo) E. 200-250

564° Alto Springs Texas May 13th 1861. Ms. postmark on 3c Red on White Nesbitt (U9) entire to Galveston, large reduction at L. (well clear of address & postmark), otherwise clean & Fine, the only recorded example, unlisted in Dietz (Photo) E. 100-150

565° Athens Tx. April 18 1861. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 36 cts” on large court house cover to Palestine, reduced at sides and refolded, Fine appearance, the only recorded example, unlisted in Dietz or ASC Vol. III (Photo) E. 100-150

566° Bastrop Texas Mar. 11. Clear cds ties 3c Dull Red (26) on 1861 folded cover to Lock Lomon, Va., forwarded with a second No. 26 (pen canceled) with ms. “Lock Lomon Mar. 23d” at L., to Richmond, slightly reduced at T., Fine, one example known (Photo) E. 100-150

567° Belleville Tex. Mar. 30 Cds with day in ms., on orange cover to Factoryville, Pa., 3c Dull Red (26) tied by circle of wedges cancel, pencil note states the enclosure was dated 1861 though the docketing, “Jake Osterhend’s death notice,” if researched would confirm the year, small stain at R., Fine, very rare, listed only in ASC Vol. III. (Photo) E. 100-150

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564° Alto Springs Texas May 13th 1861. Ms. postmark on 3c Red on White Nesbitt (U9) entire to Galveston, large reduction at L. (well clear of address & postmark), otherwise clean & Fine, the only recorded example, unlisted in Dietz (Photo) E. 100-150

565° Athens Tx. April 18 1861. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 36 cts” on large court house cover to Palestine, reduced at sides and refolded, Fine appearance, the only recorded example, unlisted in Dietz or ASC Vol. III (Photo) E. 100-150

566° Bastrop Texas Mar. 11. Clear cds ties 3c Dull Red (26) on 1861 folded cover to Lock Lomon, Va., forwarded with a second No. 26 (pen canceled) with ms. “Lock Lomon Mar. 23d” at L., to Richmond, slightly reduced at T., Fine, one example known (Photo) E. 100-150

567° Belleville Tex. Mar. 30 Cds with day in ms., on orange cover to Factoryville, Pa., 3c Dull Red (26) tied by circle of wedges cancel, pencil note states the enclosure was dated 1861 though the docketing, “Jake Osterhend’s death notice,” if researched would confirm the year, small stain at R., Fine, very rare, listed only in ASC Vol. III. (Photo) E. 100-150

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Birdville Tex. May 27th 1861. Ms. postmark on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Beverly Va., additional “Due 3” hs indicating this was overweight, though the hs was probably struck on arrival in addition to the postmark being lightly crossed out in pen, docketing at L. indicates the envelope contained a deposition, tiny corner nibble at T.R. and small stain at B.R., still Fine, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III and the only known example .......................................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

Boston Txs. Apr. 23. Cds with day in ms., neat “Paid 3” in circle on cover to Alexander Stephens in Montgomery, Ala., ms. “Via Little Rock D.P.O.”, 1861 docketing on back in Stephen’s hand, some paper loss at L. and B., small tear at T. just into cds, otherwise Fine, only recorded example .......................................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

Brenham Tex. Apr. 27. Cds and ms. “Paid 3” on cover to Huntsville, Ala., 1861 docketing at L., edge faults and small internal tear, Fine appearance, unlisted in Dietz, the only known example .......................................................... (Photo) E. 100-150

Burnet Tex. Mar. 7th/61. Ms. postmark on 3c Red on White Star Die entire (U26) to Evergreen, ms. note on flap: “Broke open by John Mitchell Through A Mistake”, over-all toning and edge stains, otherwise Fine, the only known example .......................................................... (Photo) E. 100-150

(Camp Texas). 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) with ms. “From Lt. J.B. Good Co. H. Flournoys Regt. TVI” and addressed to Eagle Lake, “via Houston Texas”, no flap, some wear, still Fine, probably a unique usage. Although the precise location of Camp Texas is not known, it is recorded that Col. George Flournoy’s 16th Texas Reg. encamped there .......................................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

Capt’s Mills Tex. Apr. 19-1861. Large two-line ms. postmark on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Bethel, opening tear along L. edge, otherwise Very Fine and attractive, with original enclosure. Unlisted in Dietz and ASCC Vol. III and the only known example of this short-lived office (1859-1866) ................. (Photo) E. 150-200

Carthage Tex. Apr. 22. Bold cds with “Paid” hs and “20” on cover to Yreka California, curious note on back: “This was recd about time Rebellion commenced & nothing could ever be done with it Feb. 21st 1864 JBR”, reduced on three sides, some stains, still exhibitable, the only known after-secession usage to California, illustrated in Dietz, p. 11 ................. (Photo) E. 200-250

Cherino Texas 15 Mch. Ms. postmark on 3c Red on Buff Star Die (U27) entire to New Orleans, flap tear, Fine, the only known example .......................................................... (Photo) E. 100-150

Clarksville Tex. Apr. 25. Cds on 3c Red on White Star Die entire (U26) to Va., bit soiled, otherwise Fine, the only known example .......................................................... (Photo) E. 100-150

Columbia Tex. Mar. 23. Double-circle ds ties 3c Dull Red (26) horiz. pair on cover to Springwater, N.Y., 1861 docketing on back, slightly reduced at R., clear of address, Very Fine, the only known example .......................................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

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578° Daingerfield Tex. Mar. 13. Clear cds on 3c Red on White Star Die (U26) entire to New Orleans, Very Fine, the only known example, illustrated in Dietz, p. 11 ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

579° Denton Tex. Mar. 24. Cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Carrolton Miss., 3c canceled by pen, Fine, the only known example ..................(Photo) E. 100-150

580° Eagle Lak Mch 19. Ms. postmark on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Fairfield Ala., ms. "Via Galveston & New Orleans", corner nibble at T.R., Fine, the only known example .......................................................... .... (Photo) E. 100-150

581° El Paso Tex. Mar. 18th/61. Ms. pmk and "Paid" on yellow cover to Howell Cobb in Montgomery, Ala., forwarded with No. 26 tied by "Montgomery Ala. Apr. 3 1861" cds, to Macon Ga., bit reduced at R., probably removing a ms. rate, stamp with margin trimmed at L., otherwise fresh and Fine, the only known example. (Photo) E. 150-200

582° Elysian Fields Tex. Apr. 26/61. Ms. pmk on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to New Orleans, marked with "ADV 1" in box, small tears at B., Fine, the only known example .........................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

583° Fayetteville Texas May 11th 1861. Bold ms. postmark attractively confined to 3c on Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to La Grange, docketing at L., fresh and Fine, the listing example in Dietz ..........................(Photo) E. 150-200

584° Gonzales Tex. May 27. Double-circle ds ties 3c Dull Red (26) on orange cover to New Orleans, 1861 docketing on back, attractive calligraphy in address, small mended tear at T., otherwise Very Fine and rare, ex Chase, Knapp .................(Photo) E. 150-200

585° Honey Grove Tex. May 8/61. Ms. postmark and pen canceled No. 26 on orange cover to New Orleans, opening tear along T. extends into stamp, Fine appearance, the only known example with a 3c 1857 ...........................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

586° Jefferson Tex. Mar. 16. Cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die (U27) entire to St. Augustine, docketing at T., Fine, the only known example ......................(Photo) E. 100-150

587° Jonesville Texas May 25. Ms. pmk on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to New Orleans, Fine, the listing example in Dietz .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

588° Leon Springs May 28-61. Ms. pmk on orange cover with matching "free H.A.P.M." at B.L., tears at T., listed only in ASCC Vol. III, the only recorded example. E. 100-125

589° Linden Tex. May 19. Clear cds on 3c Red on White Star Die entire (U26) to Arkansas, opened roughly at R., some paper loss (just affecting 3c), toning throughout, the Dietz listing is based on this cover though it is incorrectly described as "buff".. E. 100-150
590° Mount Enterprise Tex. Mar. 11. Clear cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Henderson, 3c lightly pen canceled, some staining at B.L., otherwise Fine, unlisted in Dietz and the only known example .................(Photo) E. 100-150

591° Mt. Pleasant Texas May. Clear cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die (U27) entire to Meriden, small tear at T., Fine, the listing example in Dietz ......................(Photo) E. 100-150

592° Muskete Texas April 2. Ms. postmark on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Buchanan, stamp uncanceled, bit reduced at L., Very Fine, one of two known examples ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-150

593° Muskete Texas May 7. Ms. postmark on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Buchanan, reduced at L., Fine ..............................................(Photo) E. 100-150


595° Paris Tex. Apr. 18. Twice struck cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to New Orleans, Fine, the only known Star Die from Paris .........(Photo) E. 100-150

596° Port Sullivan Texas Apr. 21. Mostly bold cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Kentucky, docketing at T.L., barest reduction at R., Very Fine, unlisted in Dietz and the only known example ...(Photo) E. 200-250

597° Prairievall Tx. April 1. Ms. postmark on cover to San Augustine, 3c Dull Red (26) canceled with matching pen squiggle, docketing on face, Fine, the listing example in Dietz ...................(Photo) E. 100-150

598° Sherman Tex. Mar. 12. Double-circle ds lightly struck on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Missouri, 3c canceled by grid, unusual handstamped c.c. at T.L. fashioned from a linen-marker with eagle design at T., ms. endorsement in corner, "Via the overland mail" and original enclosure mentions "The over land mail will stop running through this country on the 25th...I suppose Missouri will vote the union ticket...The Texans have succeeded in taking all the forts & arms in Texas without any resistance on the part of the soldiers." etc., Fine and important usage ............(Photo) E. 250-350

599° Sutherland Springs Tex. Mar. 22. Cds on small cover to Philadelphia with pen canceled No. 26, "Rec'd Apr. 4" fancy hs, accompanied by a second cover from same correspondence with ms. postmark dated "24th April 61" and stamp tied by same receiving hs, latter cover bit soiled, Fine and rare pair .................(Photo) E. 150-200

600° Twin Sisters Tx March 19 1861. Ms. postmark ties 3c Dull Red (26) on buff cover to Blanco County, small opening tears, stamp with tiny nick, Fine, the only known example, illustrated in Texas Postal History Handbook by Deaton, p. 20 .......(Photo) E. 100-150

601° Victoria Tex. Apr. 17. Cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Indianola, small tear at T., Fine, the listing example in Dietz ...................(Photo) E. 100-150

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602° **Waco Village Tex. Apr. 10.** Cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Richmond, Va., 3c canceled by neat Star, mended area at T. and flap added, Fine appearance, very rare ................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

603° **Waco Village Tex. Mar. 16.** Clear cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Baltimore, readdressed to Richmond, Va., 3c canceled by Star hs, at cover's center is blue “Forwarded” and matching “Due 3” in circle, ms. “6” below it and totaled to “9”; docketing at L. indicates this was sent by Edward Gurley, a Col. of the 30th Texas Cavalry; slight edge wear, still Very Fine, unusual combination of forwarding charge and underpayment ..................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

604° **Wallisvill Texas Apr. 10.** Discreet ms. pmk on yellow cover to New Orleans with 3c Dull Red (26) with ms. “X”, 1861 pencil docketing on back, Very Fine, choice, unlisted in Dietz and the only known example .................................(Photo) E. 100-150

605° **Washington Tex. May 20.** Cds on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Jefferson Md., ms. “Care of Col. Thos. Johnson”, additional ms. “5c each” appears to have been added later, soiling, file crease near T., unlisted in Dietz and the only known example ........................................(Photo) E. 100-125
CONFEDERATE POSTMASTERS' PROVISIONALS

606° **Austin Tex., 10c Black entire (9XU1).** Bold, nearly complete strike ("UST" struck off edge of cover) on orange cover to Sterling, Sep. 6, 1862 cds, fresh, Fine example, with 1982 P.F. certificate ..............................................(Photo) 1,500.00

607° **Austin Tex., 10c Black entire (9XU1).** Sharp strike on cover to San Augustine with additional "Paid 5" handstamps, Sep. 4, 1862 cds at L., soldier's endorsement, some toning at edge nick at T., still Fine, intriguing combination of markings suggesting this was originally a 5c envelope prepared in advance, with a supply still on hand when the new rate took effect, with 1983 C.S.A. certificate ..............................................(Photo) 1,500.00

608° **Austin Tex., 10c Black entire (9XU1).** Clear strike with Aug. 19 1862 double-circle ds on large size cover to Genl. Bechem, New Braunfels, imprint at T. "Head-Quarters Conscription Service, Official Business", corners restored at T.R. and B.L., Fine appearance ..........................................................(Photo) 1,500.00

609° **Austin Tex., 10c Black entire (9XU1).** Clear strike with Sep. 4, 1862 ds on large cover to Genl. Bechem at New Braunfels, imprint at T. "State of Texas, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Official Business", slightly reduced at L., fresh and Fine, with 1980 C.S.A. certificate ..........................................................(Photo) 1,500.00
Beaumont Tex., 10c Black on Pink (12X2). Large margins on three sides, ample to just touching at left, few gum soaks, two neat ms. strokes, exceptionally clear "Beaumont Tex. Oct. 25" circular datestamp with day written in ms., on bright yellow cover to Liberty Tex., from the Duncan correspondence, fresh and clean

AMONG THE FINEST EXAMPLES OF THE BEAUMONT PROVISIONAL ON COVER
Illustrated in Crown survey (p. 55). Ex Walcott and Brooks. (Photo)  E. 15,000-20,000
THE LARGE BEAUMONT PROVISIONAL

611° Beaumont Tex., 10c Black on Yellow (12×3). Single with large to enormous margins, canceled by faint town handstamp on yellow cover to Liberty Texas, additional strike at lower left, “Beaumont Tex.” nearly rimless town handstamp, without date, stamp with some gum toning and moved from top edge of cover, the latter with slight reduction at left and small erosion at bottom

THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS STAMP AND WIDELY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MAJOR CONFEDERATE PROVISIONAL COVERS

Provisionals issued by the Beaumont post office are known in two different sizes. The smaller size is recorded on yellow and pink paper, either of which is rare. The so-called “large Beaumont”, of which only one example is known, has greater width and height, and contains additional words, “Texas” and “Postage”, as well as ornaments above and below the five lines of type. The single known example on the cover offered in this sale was discovered by a collector, Fred Green, among the papers of the Duncan family, which he purchased intact. It was later acquired by George Walcott, who in turn sold it to Charles Phillips, the British dealer. Phillips presumably sold the large Beaumont to Alfred H. Caspary, for it was included among the outstanding Confederate provisionals in the 1956 Caspary sale. There it realized $2,000, passing through the Weill Brothers into the collection of Camille Lightner, which was later purchased privately by the Weills. The large Beaumont was sold to Josiah K. Lilly, and, at our April 27, 1967, auction of his provisionals it brought $9,000, once again selling to the Weills. The next collector to own this unique stamp was the Reverend Paul Freeland, whose important Confederate collection was acquired privately by the Weills. After the Weill stock was dispersed in 1989, the Large Beaumont was acquired in a transaction negotiated between Elizabeth C. Pope (on behalf of the owner) and Charles F. Deaton (on behalf of the present owner).

Illustrated in Dietz (1959 edition), Life, “World’s Rarest Stamps” (May 3, 1954), Ex Green, Walcott, Caspary, Lightner, Lilly, Freeland, Weill .........(Photo) 100,000.00
612°  **Galveston Tex., 10c Black entire (98XU2).** Mostly clear strike with “10” inside frame, on adversity cover made from ship form, Sep. 8 ds, Fine, illustrated in Crown survey, p. 437 ..............................................................(Photo)  1,350.00

613°  **Galveston Tex., 10c Black entire (98XU2).** Light strike on turned buff cover to Anderson, Oct. 26 cds, inside with two C.S.A. 10c Greenish Blue, Die A (11, four-margins, one with tear), tied by neat “Anderson Tex. Feb. 16” cds, Fine usage from the Neblett correspondence ..........................(Photo)  E. 1,000-1,500

614°  **Galveston Tex., 5c Black entire (98XU1).** Excellent strike of handstamp on yellow cover to Chappell Hill, oval indigo corner card for dry goods merchant, Oct. 15 1861 ds, original enclosure, Very Fine, beautiful example ......................(Photo)  E. 750-1,000

615°  **Galveston Tex., 10c Black entire (98XU2).** Full strike on yellow cover to a Capt. Stephenson, Harrisburg, no datetamp and flap unsealed, possibly hand-carried, Very Fine ........................................(Photo)  1,350.00

616°  **Galveston Tex., 10c Black entire (98XU2).** Light strikes on adversity cover made from ship form, Fine ........................................(Photo)  1,350.00

617°  **Galveston Tex., 10c Black entire (98XU1).** Clear strike on cover to Anderson, Apr. 23, 1863 ds, ms. “Lake Creek Box”, small stains and wear, Fine ............(Photo)  1,350.00

618°  **Galveston Tex., 10c Black entire (98XU3).** Partly clear strike with Aug. ds on adversity cover to Anderson made from bill of lading showing portion of a blue oval handstamp, Fine and rare usage .......................................................(Photo)  E. 2,000-3,000

619°  **Galveston Tex., 10c Black entire (98XU3).** Light strikes on adversity cover made from bill of lading, wear, with vert. file fold at center .................(Photo)  2,400.00

620°  **Galveston Tex., 10c Black entire (98XU3).** Light strike on adversity cover made from ship form with Nov. 26 ds with inverted 1863, reduced one side, with stains, Fine appearance, illustrated in Crown survey, p. 110 .......................(Photo)  2,400.00

621°  **Galveston Tex., 20c Black entire (98XU4).** Partly clear strike on greenish blue folded cover to Gov. Henry Allen, Shreveport, La., Aug. 18 cds with bar instead of year, Fine, believed to be unique (Dietz lists this as only existing in blue, which is probably an editorial error, perhaps referring to the entire itself). Illustrated in Dietz, p. 102, with 1986 C.S.A. certificate .................................................................(Photo)  3,500.00

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Goliad, Texas

622°

Goliad Tex., 10c Black on Gray (29X7). Large even margins all around, tied by "Paid" straightline cancel, second strike to left, on buff cover to Victoria Tex. with original letter enclosure datelined "Goliad, August" (circa 1864), light pre-manufacturing fold in cover at left, small piece out of back flap from opening; these negligible flaws mentioned only to emphasize the exceptionally fine condition of this rare provisional cover.

An extremely fine and recently discovered example of the Goliad provisional.

The Goliad adhesives were printed from typeset forms at the office of The Messenger, a newspaper published by the Reverend A. M. Cox, a Methodist minister. According to Dietz, Rev. Cox was also responsible for printing the Helena, Texas, provisionals. Based on dated examples, the Goliad stamps appear to have been used in late 1863 and 1864. This rather late use of provisional stamps might have become necessary after Federal forces gained control of the Mississippi River, making transport of regular government postage stamps from east to west more difficult.

The Type II Goliad stamps, which include Postmaster J. A. Clarke's name in the design, are found on several shades of gray paper; the paper of this example has an unusual buff tint. The Crown survey of Confederate provisionals records seven other Goliad 10c Type II covers, not counting this recently discovered example from the Moody correspondence. One of the eight Type II covers is contained in the Tapling Collection at The British Library.

This cover was acquired from Charles F. Deaton soon after its discovery and has never been offered at public auction before ........................................... (Photo)  E. 15,000-20,000
“GOILAD” ERROR

623° Goliad Tex., 10c Black on Gray, “GOILAD” Error (29X6a). Slightly irregular margins just touching or cutting a few ornaments, slight creasing, tied by double-struck straightline “Paid” cancel on buff cover to Tyler Tex., backflap removed, tiny sealed tear and minor edgewear.

A FINE COVER BEARING THE EXTREMELY RARE “GOILAD” ERROR, OF WHICH ONLY TWO EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED IN THE CROWN SURVEY.

The size or layout of the two Goliad provisional printings has never been determined. In the setting for the second printing, which produced the Type II stamps, one position contained transposed letters spelling GOILAD instead of the correct town name. Both the 5c and 10c Type II provisionals are recorded with this error; the Crown survey lists just two covers with the 10c “Goilad” stamp.

An important Confederate Teaxas provisional cover. Ex Ferrary and Hind ................

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624*  **Helena Tex., 5c Black on Buff (39X1).** Four margins, clear Helena cds at R., two tiny tears in margin at T. (just touching fancy border), with small thinning in top area and tiny thin at B., ending in slight nick in margin, these negligible flaws mentioned in detail to emphasize the stamp's Very Fine appearance, the finer of the two known used examples, and the only known example of either value which shows a town cancel  

...(Photo)  5,000.00

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625*  **Houston Tex., 5c Red entire (40XU1).** Partly clear strike with “Houston Tex. Aug. 20, 1861” cds on U.S. 3c Red Star Die entire (U26), **North-South express company thru-the-lines usage**, sent from New York City to Corpus Christi Tex., with original letter dated July 24, 1861, bold “Adams Ex. Co.*Louisville, Ky.*Jul. 30, 1861” circular datestamp cancels entire, carried to Houston where franked with the 5c provisional handstamped “Paid”, excellent letter content concerning outbreak of Civil War including reference to Manassas, Very Fine, an extremely rare express company usage

...(Photo)  E. 3,000-4,000
626°  Houston Tex., 5c Red entire (40XU1). Clear strike with overlapping 1861 cds on cover with attorney's c.c. in bold circle, Fine ...........................................(Photo)  750.00

627°  Houston Tex., 5c Red entire (40XU1). Clear strike on yellow cover to Columbia, twice struck Feb. 5 ds, light wear and scattered toning, Fine ....................(Photo)  750.00

628°  Houston Tex., 5c Red entire (40XU1). Partly clear strike on salmon cover to Hempstead, Oct. 16 1861 cds at R., closed tear at T., Fine appearance ...............(Photo)  750.00

629°  Houston Tex., 5c Red entire (40XU1). Mostly clear hs on cover to Governor F.R. Lubbock, clear Dec. 17, 1861 cds at R., tiny printed c.c. at B.L. with ms. alterations by the sender, some edge wear with a slight reduction at R., Fine ..........(Photo)  750.00

630°  Houston Tex., 5c Red entire (40XU1). Partial strike on cover to Quintana, May 14 cds at R., “Paid 5” (Dietz Ty. II) on back, endorsed “Care of Col. R.R. Brown” at B.L. (Col. of the 13th Texas Infantry and later became Col. of the 35th Texas Cavalry), two small mended nicks at T., one barely affecting provisional hs, otherwise Fine .(Photo)  750.00
631° Houston Tex., 10c Red entire (40XU2). Clear strike on small mourning cover to Columbia, faint Feb. cds, small tear at T., Fine ............................(Photo) 1,500.00

632° Houston Tex., 10c Red entire (40XU2). Neat strike on yellow envelope to a Maj. Bryan, Shreveport, ms. “Per Express”, no ds, closed tear into handstamp, otherwise Fine ......... ............................................................(Photo) 1,500.00

633° Houston Tex., 10c Red entire (40XU2). Light strike on unused envelope to San Antonio, “10” hs of the latter office struck at R. with blue crayon “due”, captain’s endorsement at T. with additional “Per Courier” and small “12” below it in a slightly different ink, slightly reduced at L., Fine, rare usage ..........................(Photo) 1,500.00

634° Houston Tex., 10c Red entire (40XU2). Mostly clear strike on unused provisional envelope to a Capt. Kirby at Shreveport, La. and franked with C.S.A. 5c Blue, Local (7), horizontal pair, four margins, tied by light Houston cds, opened at T. and R., Fine, ex Dietz, illustrated in Crown survey .......................(Photo) E. 1,000-1,500

635° Houston Tex., 10c Black entire (40XU3). Clear strike on unused provisional envelope to Shreveport, La. (military address) and franked with C.S.A. 20c Green (13), average, tied by “Navasota Tex.” cds., ms. “O.B.” to left of stamp, Fine, unique usage, illustrated in Crown survey, p. 458, with 1987 C.S.A. certificate ............(Photo) E. 2,000-2,500
636° Houston Tex., 10c Black entire (40XU3). Light strike on cover to a Co. A. Turner at Oakland, Oct. 10 cds and additional “Paid” hs, opened at T. (small nick at T.L. corner), Fine appearance .................................................................(Photo) 2,000.00

637° Houston Tex., 5c + 10c Red entire (40XU4). Clear strikes on yellow envelope to the Chief Justice of Bexar County, Oct. 19, 1862 cds at R., slightly reduced at sides, Fine appearance, probably unique ...................................................(Photo) 1,500.00

638° Houston Tex., 10c + 10c Red entire (40XU5). Twice struck hs, on large size yellow cover to Genl. Bechem, Quartermaster's Dept. imprint at R., slightly reduced at L., trimming portion of left 10c, Fine and rare ...........................................(Photo) 3,000.00
Huntsville Tex., 5c Black entire (92XU1 var). Orange cover to Crockett Texas, clear strike of control mark with integral "Paid 5" in circle (Dietz Ty. II), cover opened roughly at T., affecting control mark and cds, the latter mostly reconstructed by pencil and paper mends, small portion of control mark similarly affected. Unique usage of this provisional, unpriced in Dietz, unlisted in Scott, with 1987 C.S.A. certificate ...(Photo) E. 400-500

La Grange Tex., 5c Black entire (48XU1). Clear strike on cover to the Hon. S.J. Devine at San Antonio, Apr. cds at L. (probably 1863) and docketing, Fine and rare ..............(Photo) 2,000.00

La Grange Tex., 5c Black entire (48XU1). Mostly clear strike with Aug. 20 cds on 1865 folded letter to Houston, year additionally confirmed by docketing, some soiling, still Fine, a remarkable and reportedly unique usage of the La Grange provisional accepted for postage in the post-war period. With 1986 C.S.A. certificate which states "No opinion", though the owner's note states that it was submitted as a U.S. rather than a C.S.A. provisional ...(Photo) 2,000.00

La Grange Tex., 10c Black entire (48XU2). Bold strike, partly off cover on yellow envelope to Sabine Pass, Sept. 7 cds at L., original enclosure from captain's wife, Fine, with 1978 P.F. certificate ..............(Photo) 2,500.00

La Grange Tex., 10c Black entire (48XU2 var). Mostly clear strike of Dietz Ty. VIII hs on turned cover to John Twohig, Navy Agent at San Antonio, inside addressed to a Genl. W.G. Webb at La Grange, pencil docketing across face, opened at sides, otherwise Fine ...(Photo) 2,500.00

Richmond Tex., 5c Red entire (70XU1). Light strike on orange cover to New Orleans, blue Jan. 8 cds at L., Fine ..............................................(Photo) 1,500.00

Richmond Tex., 5c Red entire (70XU1). Mostly clear strike on fresh orange cover to New Orleans (Carroll Hoy), blue Jan. 15 cds changed to "17", Fine. (Photo) 1,500.00

Richmond Tex., 10c Red entire (70XU2). Light strike on cover with black cds at L., to Maj. Ragsdale, Sabine Pass, water stains and scattered foxing .......(Photo) 1,000.00

Richmond Tex., 15c on 10c Red entire (70XU4). Light strike on large court house cover to Texana with "15" in ms. over 10c, blue Dec. 17 cds, on front and back with Mar. 1862 file note, edge faults including mended corner nicks, probably a unique usage, with 1976 C.S.A. certificate ..............................................(Photo) 5,000.00
Victoria Tex., 10c Red Brown on Green Pelure Paper (88X3). Margins clear to touching frame, portion of cds at B.R. and tiny bit of an additional cancel at left center edge, Fine example of this very rare provisional, only one cover and one or two other off-cover examples are known, with 1976 P.F. certificate ...........................................(Photo) 5,250.00

UNLISTED AND POSSIBLE PROVISIONAL USAGES

Galveston (Pre-War). Folded cover with evidence this was a presold “provisional” of the Galveston postmaster, postmarked “Jan 13” with blue cds and matching “Paid 3” hs, postmarked a second time, “Feb. 23”, docketing indicates contents were datelined Feb. 22nd, the date of receipt indicates the confusion of the addressee (the “Jan” cds stands more clearly than the Feb.): “Jany 26” is deleted to read “Feb”, Very Fine, fascinating usage ...........................................................................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

Hollandale Tex., 5c Black entire. Clear strike of townmark with “5” in center, matching Sep. 7 ds on orange cover to Columbus, 1861 docketing, opened irregularly at R., affecting “ALE” and portion of rim of handstamp, otherwise Fine, a unique provisional, as yet unlisted in Scott but recorded in Dietz and Crown, Ex Everett ...................................................(Photo) E. 400-500

Houston Tex., 20c Red entire. Light strike on large size cover to the Chief Justice of Newton County, Jan. 25 ds at R., Fine and rare, unlisted in Scott and Dietz. E. 400-500

Marlin Tex. Jul. 2. Cds and “5” in circle on small cover to Montgomery, marked on back “Reed Dec. 19th /61” and there is the original enclosure dated Dec. 14, 1861, confirming that the envelope was prepared in advance by the Marlin postmaster, Fine and rare ...........................................................................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

Marlin Tex. (?) 10. Cds and “Paid” hs on Apr. 24, 1863 folded letter made from blue-lined ledger sheet, to Houston, the gap in dates indicates this was prepared in advance by the Marlin postmaster, Fine and rare ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

Marshall Tex. (Pre-War). Two 1849 covers showing clearly that each was prepared in advance by the postmaster, presumably in lieu of stamps, first is dated Aug. 27th with “10” hs but contents datelined Sept. 2, 1849, other is dated Jan. 15 with “Paid 3” in arc, with contents dated Jan. 17 and postmarked again on the 20th, second cover with large sealed tear, Very Fine appearance, rare “documented” postmaster provisions ................................................................. E. 200-250

San Antonio Tex., 5c Black entire. Handstamp provisional (Dietz Ty. IV) on small cover to Oakland, minor soiling, Fine and rare, unlisted in Scott, with 1988 C.S.A. certificate ...................................................(Photo) E. 1,000-1,200

San Antonio Tex., 10c Black entire. Bold strike of Ty. III rate hs on yellow envelope used locally, most likely an unused provisional envelope carried privately, opening tears at T., otherwise Fine ...........................................................................................................(Photo) E. 300-400

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TEXAS HANDSTAMPED “PAID” MARKINGS


658° Alleton Tex. Crude double-circle without date and bold “Paid 10” in arc on cover to Millican, attractive oval c.c. for commission merchant, stains, otherwise Fine, very scarce .................(Photo) E. 200-250

659° Alleton Tex. Double-circle without date and “Paid 10” in arc on May 1863 folded letter to Brownsville, sealed tears at far R. and toning, very rare, attractive woodcut markings .................(Photo) E. 200-250

660° Alto Tex. Feb. 22. Neatly struck cds with pencil “pd 10” on 1864 folded letter to Nacogdoches, Fine, the listing example in Dietz ......................(Photo) E. 100-150

661° Anderson Tex. Nov. 10. Clear cds and bold “Paid” on adversity cover made from printed form to Sabine Pass (military address), small corner nick at B.R., Fine ......................(Photo) E. 100-150

662° Anderson Tex. Group of five covers, each with matching cds, includes “Paid” hs with ms. “10”, another with ms. “Paid 10”, adversity cover (made from old letter) with framed “Paid” and no rate, ms. “Due 10” and a dateless postmark with pencil “Paid 10”, all but one with military address or soldier’s endorsement (due cover). Fine group .........................(Photo) E. 300-400

663° Anderson Tex. Bold postmark without date, pencil “Paid 10” on adversity cover made from a business letter, to a member of Col. Elmore’s regiment, Galveston, light toning, Fine .........................(Photo) E. 100-150

664° Anderson Tex. Two covers, each with matching cds and “Paid” hs, one is yellow envelope with ms. “10” to Newnan Ga., other is unusual cover in a coarse blackish green with no rate, to a lieutenant in Velasco, Fine and colorful pair ..................(Photo) E. 150-200

665° Athens Texas June 16 1864. Ms. postmark and “Paid 10” on cover to C.S. Depository, Jefferson, some toning and diagonal crease, with small file hole in address ..................(Photo) E. 100-125

666° Austin Tex. Jun. 3, 1861. Double-circle ds with matching “Paid” and 5” on Dept. of State cover in gray with all-over text and design, neatly repaired at T.R. with portion of hs drawn in, still attractive appearance, Fine, from the Raguet correspondence ..................(Photo) E. 100-150

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667° Austin Tex. Jul. 22. Twice struck double-circle ds and “Paid” & “5” handstamps on cover with “Comptroller’s Office” imprint and part printed address, minor wear, Fine .............................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

668° Austin Tex. Sep. 28, 1861. Double-circle ds with “Paid” hs and ms. “10” on cover to Greensboro N.C., docketing indicates the contents were written one day later than the datestamp, suggesting this envelope was prepared in advance by the Austin postmaster, Fine ................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

669° Austin Tex. Two covers, each with double-circle ds, one with “Paid” hs and ms. “10”, other with ms. “Due 10” and soldier’s endorsement (Allison Nelson’s regiment), Fine pair .............................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

670° Austin Tex. Two covers, each with double-circle ds, one is 1862 on large size cover with “Paid” hs and no rate, other with “Paid” & “5” handstamps, original Oct. 1861 enclosure, Fine .............................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

671° Austin Tex. Two large size covers, each addressed to Brig. Genl. Robert Beechem, c.c. “State of Texas Adjutant & Inspector General’s Office”, other with ms. “Adjutant General’s office”, each with double-circle ds, 1862 year date, one with “Paid” & “5” handstamps, impt. cover with ms. “paid 10” and address panel crossed out with “X”, Fine and scarce pair .............................................(Photo)  E. 150-200


674° Bandera Tex. Dec. 3d. Ms. postmark and “Paid 5” on yellow cover to Judge Thomas Jefferson Devine at San Antonio, small nick at B. and slightly reduced at R., staining in one corner otherwise Fine, unlisted in Dietz and ASCC Vol. III, the only known example .............................................(Photo)  E. 100-125

675° Bastrop Texas. May 10. Cds with “Paid” and “10” on adversity cover made from ledger sheet to a Lt. Reding in Mansfield Hospital, Shreveport La., good contents from sister, ms. endorsement, “care of the Surgeon of Terrell’s Regiment”, foxing, otherwise Fine .............................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

676° Bastrop Texas Jul. 5. Cds with “Paid” and “10” handstamps on 1862 folded letter to New Braunfels, small tear at T., Fine .............................................(Photo)  E. 75-100

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678° Beaumont Tex. Jun. 25. Rimless cds with "Paid" hs, no rate, on yellow cover to Liberty, from the Duncan correspondence, small toned spot and edge nick at B., Fine, very scarce ..............................................(Photo) E. 150-200

679° Belton Tex. Dec. 18. Cds and matching "Paid" & '10" on adversity cover to Cameron made from U.S. army form, light staining at L., still attractive, Fine. (Photo) E. 100-125

680° Belton Tex. Oct. 25. Cds with date in pencil, "Paid 10" hs at R., on cover to Alexandria La. (Col. Baylor's regiment) made from brown wrapping paper, small edge stains, Fine ......................................................(Photo) E. 75-100

681° Belton Tex. Two covers, each with cds and "Paid 10" hs, one is turned, the inside with another Belton ds and "Paid" with no rate, both sides with military address, other is Jul. 1863 letter re cotton business, first opened at sides, other with small paper erosion, Fine lot ..............................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

682° Belton Tex. Two covers, each with matching cds, one with "Paid", no rate, to a member of Col. Baylor's regiment, other with ms. "Due 10" and soldier's endorsement (6th Reg. Texas Infantry), first with L. edge repaired, other with stains ......(Photo) E. 100-150

683° Black Oak Tx. Aug. 7. Ms. postmark and "Paid 10c" on homemade buff cover to San Augustine, tiny edge tears at B. from opening, Fine, the only known example .................................(Photo) E. 100-125

684° Blanco Tx. Jan. 8. Ms. postmark and "Paid 10" on 1862 court house cover to Comal County District Court, edge stains and tears, unlisted in Dietz ....................... E. 75-100

685° Bonham Texas. Two covers, each with cds, one with "Paid" hs and no rate, ms. "O.B.", other with "Paid" hs and pencil "Paid 10" and imprint "Overland Mail by St. Louis" lightly crossed out, Fine pair .............................................(Photo) E. 150-200

686° Bonham Texas. May 24. Bold cds and pencil "Due 10" on 1863 folded letter from Ft. Smith Ark. to Buchanan Tex., contents (from soldier) mentions express service between Bonham & Ft. Smith, and adds pencil note on back: "News has just come in that the enemy have taken Vicksburg & Little Rock but I am sure it is not true.", soldier's endorsement on face with additional pencil "Mail at Bonham", Fine, desirable usage, the "Due 10" is unlisted in Dietz ....................................................(Photo) E. 100-150
687° **Boston Txs. Dec. 29.** Cds on 1861 orange cover to New Orleans, matching “5” in circle which has been revalued to “pd 10”, Very Fine .................................(Photo) E. 100-150

688° **Boston Txs. Nov. 24th.** Well-struck cds with large ms. “Paid 10cts. on yellow cover to New Orleans, Very Fine, ex Kohn ..................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

689° **Boston Txs. Nov. 9.** Cds and matching “Paid” in circle on 1863 folded letter to Jefferson, accompanied by a second cover with ms. “Boston Texas April 15 Paid 5” with good letter from soldier headed Red River Co., 1862, Fine pair, both are unlisted in Dietz .................................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

690° **Brazoria Texas.** Cds with “Paid” and “10” handstamps on folded cover to Moses Austin Bryan, Independence, Fine .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

691° **Brazos St. Jago Texas Nov. 13.** Double-circle ds with “Paid” and “10” on folded cover to Augusta, cds stuck partly off cover, Fine and rare ......................(Photo) E. 150-200

692° **Brenham Tex.** Two covers, each with matching cds, one with “Paid” in arc and “5” on all-over attorney’s ad cover in bister, other with “Paid 10”, to Alexander Stephens, each slightly reduced at T., first with tape mends .................................(Photo) E. 100-150

693° **Brenham Texas 1 Jul. 1862.** Clear cds on folded letter to Houston, First Day of the 10c Rate, but with “5” rate and “Paid” struck at R., lightly toned, Fine and scarce .........................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

694° **Brenham Tex. Augt 3d.** Clear cds with ms. date on orange cover with bold “Paid 10”, to Abingdon, Va., cover restored at L., accompanied by a second cover from Brenham with “10” struck to R. of “Paid” (uncharacteristic of this office), same correspondence but endorsed “Via Shrevesport”, latter cover bit toned, interesting pair. (Photo) E. 100-150

695° **Brownsville Tex. Feb. 13, 1864.** Mostly clear rimless datetamp with inverted year, bold “Paid” and small “10” on dull yellow cover to Brenham, minor wear, Fine .............................................(Photo) E. 250-350

696° **Bryants Station Tx. Oct. 1, 1864.** Ms. postmark and “Paid 10” on buff cover to a member of Waterhouse’s brigade at Shreveport, La. Fine, unlisted in Dietz and ASCC Vol. III ............................................................. E. 100-125

697° **Burkeville Nov. 15th 1864.** Ms. postmark and “Paid 10” on wallpaper cover with military address to Sabine Town, edge wear, still Fine, the listing example in Dietz .................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

698° **Caldwell Tex. Mar. 10.** Mostly bold cds in same brown ink as ms. “Paid 10” at R. on 1863 folded letter to Velasco, Very Fine .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

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699° Caldwell Tex. Aug. 2. Clear cds in homemade brown and ms. “Paid 10” on blue lined folded letter datelined Fish Pond, 1864, fresh and Fine ..................(Photo)  E. 100-150

700° Cameron Tex. Sep. 26. Cds with “Paid 3” in circle altered to a crude “5”, on Sept. 27 1862 folded letter to Caldwell, possibly prepared in advance by the Cameron postmaster, in any case a rare and interesting usage, Fine, unlisted in Dietz ...(Photo)  E. 150-200

701° Caney Tx. July 19. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 5” on light buff cover to Columbia, clean & Fine, the listing example in Dietz .....

702° Capt’s Mill Texas Jan 20th/62. Attractive ms. postmark with matching “Paid 5” on orange cover to Bethel, small tears from opening at B., Fine, unlisted in Dietz and believed to be the only known example ......................(Photo)  E. 100-150


704° Castroville Tex. Jan. 17. Zevely balloon-style ds in Green with matching “Paid” and pencil “10” on 1862 folded letter to Catlett Va., erosion along T., very scarce marking .................................(Photo)  E. 75-100

705° Chapel Hill Tex. Jul. 29. Cds with mostly bold strike of negative “5” in outlined circle, on cover to Orizaba, small toned spot, Fine, rare fancy rate handstamp ......................(Photo)  E. 200-250

706° Chapel Hill Tex. Jun. 27. Cds with matching “Paid” and pencil “10” on 1864 folded letter to Independence, Fine .......................(Photo)  E. 100-150

707° Chapel Hill Tex. Mar. 10. Clear cds with Type II “Paid” and unlisted “5” hs on cover to Oso. Fine, accompanied by a second Chapel Hill cover, cut down at R., rate missing but showing a portion of Type 1 hs ....................(Photo)  E. 100-150

708° Chapel Hill Tex. Two covers, one is 3c Red Star Die entire (U27) with Type I “Paid”, other is homemade cover with Type II hs , each with matching “10” in circle, Fine pair, rare ......................(Photo)  E. 150-200

709° Charleston Tex. Sept. 24th/61. Ms. postmark and “Paid 5 cts” on front only to Austin, Fine, the listing example in Dietz .....

710° Clarksville Tex. Sep. 2. Cds with bold strikes of “Paid” & “10” Type IA handstamps on embossed lady's envelope to Arkansas, with original enclosure (matching embossed stationery) with interesting contents from a man traveling on business, mentions Francis Cockrell, fighting in Missouri, fight near Ft. Scott, etc., toning & stains, otherwise Fine ..........................(Photo)  E. 100-125
Clarksville Tex. Nov. 20. Cds with matching “Paid” and “10” struck twice for 20¢ rate, on large turned cover with military address to Bonham, ms. “Official Business” at T, inside hand-carried to Sherman, Fine, listed in Dietz and believed to be unique ......................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

Clarksville Tex. Nov. 4. Cds with “10” and unusual “Due” hs on brown cover, Fine and rare, unlisted in Dietz, with 1969 C.S.A. certificate ......................(Photo) E. 150-200

Clarksville Tex. Jul. 14. Cds and ms. “Due 10” on gray cover to Oakland with soldier’s endorsement at L. (Lt. in Harrison’s Cavalry Brig.), accompanied by a second Clarksville cover with “Paid” & “10”, Fine pair ..................(Photo) E. 100-150

Clarksville Tex. Jul. 1. Mostly bold cds on front only to Selma with ms. “Due 5” and “underchg 5” and re-rated to 10c, soldier’s endorsement at L., small paper loss at edges. Although undated, the re-rating may represent temporary confusion over the new rate change as of Jul. 1, 1862 .................................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

Clinton Tex. Apr. 5. Clear cds with matching “Paid 10” in circle, on small brown cover to Goliad, rare and Very Fine, choice example ....................(Photo) E. 200-250

Clinton Tex. Apr. 10. Cds with clear “Paid 10” in circle on pale yellow embossed lady’s cover to Yorkville S.C., stains, otherwise Fine, rare .................. E. 100-125


Columbia Tex. Jan. 3. Cds with “5” hs re-rated with “10” on orange cover to Pleasant Hill Ala., matching “Paid” hs, Very Fine, a choice and unique usage, ex Haas. The 5 rate is unlisted in Dietz and ASCC Vol. III ..................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

Columbia Tex. Feb. Cds with “Paid” and “10” on cover to Mobile Ala., forwarded to Desoto Miss. with 5¢ Green (1) tied by Mar. 24, 1862 ds, portion of stamp torn away and piece of cover out at T. and restored, Fine appearance ..........(Photo) E. 100-150

Columbus Texas Feb. 23. Clear cds with matching “Paid” and “10” hs (Dietz Ty. IIIC) on brown cover to Salado, Texas, Fine, the only known example. (Photo) E. 100-150

Columbus Tex. Nov. 30. Double-circle ds with framed “Paid” and small “10” on adversity cover to San Antonio made from thick ledger sheet, Fine, one of two known .................................................................(Photo) E. 100-150
Columbus Texas Jan. 25. Rimless postmark with framed "Paid" and small "10" on amber cover to Helena, letter from soldier includes these words of wisdom: "Bad pen and Bad ink and a Bad hand makes Bad writng" etc., reduced at L. with mended corner nick, Fine, the only known example ..................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

Comfort Texs. May 21 1863. Bold cds with matching "Paid 10" in arc on folded letter from Ernest Altgelt, who in 1854 led settlers to this area, which they named "Camp Comfort", large mended tear into cds, one of two known examples. (Photo) E. 100-150

Corpus Christi Tex. Feb. 3. Clear cds with matching "Paid" in frame and ms. "5' on 1862 folded letter to Brownsville, nat. bleach spots along file fold, otherwise Very Fine ..................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

Corsicana Tex. Nov. 21. 36mm dotted circle ds on 1863 folded letter to Hempstead, ms. "Paid 10" in T.R. corner, Fine ..................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

Covington Texas Hill Co. Sept. 28th/63. Ms. postmark and "Paid 10" on brown cover to San Augustine, no flap and small edge nicks, still Fine, Confederate covers with county designations are very rare, the listing example in Dietz and the ASCC Vol. III, though the county name goes unmentioned .................................. E. 100-150

Cox Ville April 12/62. Ms. postmark and "Pd 5" on cover to John Moore of Col. Carter's Texas Lancers, Hempstead, stained at sides, unlisted and the only known example ..... .................................................. E. 75-100

Crimea Tex. Jan. 4. Ms. postmark and "paid 10" on 3c Red Star Die entire (U27) to Fort Jessup La., light soiling, Fine, unlisted in Dietz and the basis for the listing in ASCC Vol. III ..................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

Crockett Texas Apr. 23. Cds and matching "Paid" and "5" on 1862 folded letter headed San Pedro, Fine and rare ..................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

Crockett Tex. Mar. 16. Cds with matching "Paid" & "5" on cover to Burkeville, small tears at T., otherwise Fine ..................................................(Photo) E. 100-150


Crockett Texas Apr. 4. Cds with ms. "Due 5" on buff cover to Burkeville from soldier in Barnetts Regiment, bit reduced at R., Fine, the Due is unlisted in Dietz ..................................................(Photo) E. 100-125
733° Cunningham's Texas Nov. 2nd. Ms. postmark and "5" on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Columbus, slightly reduced at R., fresh and Fine, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-125

734° Daingerfield Tex. June 13. Mostly clear strike with "5" in circle and framed "Paid" on yellow cover to New Orleans, Fine and rare, one of two known, listed only in ASCC Vol. III ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-150

735° Daingerfield Tex. Aug. 9. Partly struck cds with matching "Paid" (Dietz Ty. I) and "5" in circle on light buff cover to Hickory Hill, Fine and rare, one of two known, listed only in ASCC Vol. III ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-150

736° Dallas Tx Jun 5. Ms. pmk. on large size cover to a Lt. Lee Scott at Independence, Tx., ms. "Official Business", no rate, slightly reduced at sides, small piece out at T.L., otherwise Fine ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-150

737° Dayton Tex Aug. 10. Ms. pmk. and "Paid 5" on homemade cover to Austin, mended nick at T. and slightly reduced at B., fresh and Fine appearance, the listing example in Dietz ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-150

738° Decatur Dec. 2/61. Ms. pmk. and "Paid 5" on 1861 folded letter to Honey Grove, light edge toning, Fine, only one reported, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-150

739° Eagle Lake Ap 1. Ms. pmk and matching "P10" on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to San Antonio, 3c obliterated with matching pen strokes, math doodles inside and opened on three sides, accompanied by a second example from the same correspondence dated March 5, 1865 which has been partly burned, very rare, unlisted in Dietz and ASCC Vol. III ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-150

740° Eagle Pass Mar. 11. Clear cds and ms. "Paid 10" written over "Due 10" on cover to Sutherland Springs, soldier's endorsement at L.: "A H Polly private Co.G 33rd R T Cavalry", interesting comment written inside cover: "Envelopes must be scarce with you. I will send you some when I get a chance." Small stain at L. from paper mend, Fine and rare ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

741° El Paso Tex. May 6. Partly struck cds with "Paid" and ms. "10" on cover to Alexander Stephens at Richmond, 1862 docketing on back reads: "A card from P.T. Herbert denouncing Simeon Hart," etc. Herbert was a Lt. colonel who raised three companies and saw action at Mesilla, New Mexico Terr., usual slight reduction at T., Fine, very rare, one of two known ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

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742° **Elysian Fields Tx Sep. 28.** Ms. pmk. and “Due 10” on soldier’s cover to Sweetens Tx., endorsement at L. from a member of Genl. Waterhouse’s brigade, small water stains, accompanied by cover made from printed form, from the same correspondence with “Due 10” and no town name, Fine and rare, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III...........................................................................................................(Photo)  E. 150-200

743° **Eutaw Tex. Jul. 19.** Twice struck cds with “Paid” in frame and ms. “20” on large court house cover to Livingston Ala., envelope intact including original 1861 enclosure (testimony in a suit pending in Chancery Court, Sumter Co., Ala.), some normal wear, Fine, probably a unique usage, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III ...........  E. 100-150

744° **Fairfield Tex.** Dateless circle with matching “10” in circle and “Paid” on small turned cover (inside hand-carried to Centerville) to Chatfield, Tx., slightly reduced at R., Fine and rare ....................................................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

745° **Fairfield Tex. Dec. 6.** Ms. pmk. and matching “Paid 10” on fresh homemade cover to Southerland Springs, also a second example with ms. pmk in a slightly different format, to Galveston, each with box charge instructions, latter cover with some stains, still Fine, the other is Very Fine, rare, the only recorded examples ........(Photo)  E. 100-150

746° **Fincastle Tex. Se. 15 1861.** Ms. pmk and matching “Paid 10” on blue folded letter headed Kickapoo Tex., to Richmond, handstamped “Advertised 2” in fancy frame with Oct. 18 datestamp, fresh and Fine, the only known example ......(Photo)  E. 200-250

747° **Galveston Tex. Mar. 20 1862.** Double-circle ds and “5” hs on cover to Jacksonville, Tex., soldier’s endorsement at L. and original enclosure from soldier with food and time on his hands though there is mention of fighting in Arkansas, Fine, very scarce with original letter ...........................................................................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

748° **Galveston Tex. Apr. 4.** Double-circle ds with “Paid” and “10” on adversity cover to Anderson made from shipping form, tiny illust. of ship shows at B.L., minor soiling, Fine ......................................................................................................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

749° **Galveston Tex. Jan. 15, 1863.** Double-circle ds and “10” hs on buff cover to Chapel Hill, endorsement from member of Col. Henry Elmore’s regiment, Fine, mailed only a week after Confederate forces retook Galveston ......................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

750° **Galveston Tex. Aug. 6.** Blue cds and matching “Paid”, no rate indicated (as listed in Dietz), on 1862 folded letter to a Col. Woodward in Woodwards Place Tex., light aging otherwise Fine, rarely used cds .............................................................................................................(Photo)  E. 150-200

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751° Galveston Tex. Group of five covers, each with double-circle ds: two examples with “5” hs (due), “Paid 5” hs, “10” with penciled “Due”, “Paid 10” hs, due covers have soldiers' endorsements, Fine and scarce lot ................................................. E. 400-500

752° Galveston Tex. Apr. 15, 1863. Double-circle ds and “Paid” & “10” on turned cover to Hempstead, inside with pen-canceled No. 12, no postmark and addressed to a member of Elmore's regiment, accompanied by a second Galveston cover, also with “Paid 10”, small faults, otherwise Fine ......................................................... E. 100-150

753° Galveston Tex. Aug. 16. Double-circle ds and (due) “10” hs on yellow cover with large boxed attorneys' c.c., soldier's endorsement at T., Very Fine ......(Photo) E. 200-250

754° Galveston Tex. Jul. 13, 1861. Double-circle ds, partly clear strike on magnificent advertising cover to Chapel Hill with large fancy Wm. Eaves c.f. for sash, door & blind factory in indigo, with original enclosure, Very Fine, beautiful and very rare ...............................................................(Photo) E. 750-1,000


756° Gilmer Tex. Jun. 25, 1863. Zevely datestamp with ms. date on 3c Red Nesbitt (U9) entire with “Paid” and “10” in circle and used to San Augustine, docketing at T., bit toned and small edge wear, rare ...........................................(Photo) E. 100-150

757° Goliad Tex. Rimless postmark without date on cover with red “5” in circle (due?), original enclosure dated June 18, 1861, cover with waterstain at B., otherwise Fine and attractive .....................................................(Photo) E. 350-450

758° Goliad Tex. Oct. 2. Rimless cds on large court house cover to Seguin, ms. “15” rate, small tears and slight reduction at R., still Fine, the only known example and the only cover we can recall seeing with quotation marks used stating the rate .............................................(Photo) E. 150-200

759° Greenville Tex. Aug. 7. Cds and matching “Paid” on embossed lady's envelope with bird & floral design, to Jefferson, Tex., Very Fine, the listing example in Dietz ....................(Photo) E. 150-200

760° Hallettsville Tex. Apr. 13. Clear cds with matching “Due 10”, unusual tiny hs on small cover to Victoria, soldier's endorsement in corner, bit toned, still Fine and attractive, the due marking is unlisted Dietz, the only known example ...............(Photo) E. 150-200

761° Hallettsville Tex. May 25. Cds (struck a bit off cover) and matching “Paid” in circle, on orange cover to Saltington, Fine .................................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

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762° Hallettsville Tex. May 27. Clear cds with matching “Paid” in circle, no rate, on adversity cover made from printed form, to Lattington, mended nick at B., accompanied by cover to New Orleans with same “Paid” hs (bold strike) and ms. “10” but no town cancel, Fine pair ... (Photo) E. 200-250

763° Hempstead Tex. Jul. 25. 36mm cds and Type I “Paid 5” on cover to Houston, ad on back for dry goods, drugs, etc., in blue, original enclosure dated 1861 light toning. Fine, believed to be the only known example in black ... ... (Photo) E. 200-250

764° Hempstead Tex. Feb. 8. Blue rimless ds with matching “Paid 5” in circle with an additional faint strike, on cover to Fairfield, soldier’s endorsement on back (Young’s 11th Texas Cavalry), corners at T.L. and T.R. largely reconstructed, very rare. E. 150-200

765° Henderson Texas Aug. 13. Cds and ms. “Paid 10” on 1863 folded letter to James Harper Starr, “CS Receiver” and Post Office Agent for the Trans-Mississippi Dept., at Nacodogches, Fine ... ... ... (Photo) E. 100-125

766° Henderson Texas Aug. 7. Clear cds and ms. “Paid 10” on homemade buff cover to a member of Col. Robert’s Regiment at Tyler, soldier’s last name erased, otherwise Very Fine ... ... ... (Photo) E. 100-125

767° (Hickory Hill Tex.). Cover addressed there from Louisville Ala. with Dec. 10 1861 cds and “Paid 10” hs, two hand-drawn pointing hands on face of cover, Fine ... ... ... (Photo) E. 100-150

768° Hollandle Tex. Mar. 6. Mostly clear cds with framed “Paid” and “5” hs on cover to a Col. Browning, Chappel Hill, Very Fine, believed to be the only known example with the rate handstamp ... ... ... (Photo) E. 200-250

769° Hollandle Tex. Oct. 19. Cds with twice-struck “Paid” in frame on yellow cover to Hempstead, three letters inked in, cover with nick at T.R. corner, otherwise Fine, rare ... ... ... (Photo) E. 100-150

770° Honey Grove Tex. June 29. Ms. postmark, no rate indicated (and no evidence of a missing stamp), on yellow cover to Tenn. with blind embossed c.c. of Shiloh M. & F. Academy Lamar Co. Texas with principal’s name and floral design, all in large double-circle, undated but in all probability a Confederate usage. (Photo) E. 150-200

771° Houston Tex. Sep. 10, 1861. Clear cds with ms. “POB Free” on gray envelope to Helena, scattered natural bleach marks, still attractive and Fine ... ... (Photo) E. 100-150
772° Houston Tex. Mar. 5, 1862. Cds on cover with ms. "Due 5" and held for postage, postmarked with Mar. 7 ds and a "Paid" hs, ms. "Per favor of Mr. Parker Smith", age spots and small nicks at L., Fine, unusual combination of paid and due ...........................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

773° Houston Tex. Jun. 24, 1861. Cds with "Paid" hs and ms. "30" on court house cover with part printed address, printed statement "Received this package from the hands of," etc. signed by Houston's postmaster, W.M. Stafford, very slightly reduced at R., some wrinkling and scattered age spots, still an attractive and Fine usage, the only recorded example of this rate from Houston ...........................................(Photo)  E. 150-200

774° Houston Tex. Apr. 12. Cds with small crude "10" hs on homemade cover to Chappell Hill, sergeant's endorsement at T., accompanied by a second cover with same cds and "Paid" hs, no rate, Fine pair ........................................................................ E. 100-150

775° Houston Tex. Aug. 10. Clear cds with slug below date, "Paid" hs and ms. "20" on cover with grocer's c.c. on flap, military address to Galveston, 1863 docketing at L., Fine, one of two known with this rate ...........................................(Photo)  E. 150-200

776° Houston Tex. Feb. 3. Partly struck cds and red "5" on cover to Grand View, private's endorsement at L., also a cover with attorney's c.c. (Fairfield) postmarked Houston with "10" hs and soldier's endorsement at T., first a bit toned, other is slightly reduced into c.c., Fine ........................................................................... (Photo)  E. 150-200


778° Huntsville Tex. Jun. 9. Cds with "Paid 5" (altered from "3") on cover to Houston, "Care of Capt. L.C. Bountier Debray's Regiment" (Col. of the 26th Texas Cavalry, Xavier De Bray was appointed brigadier general by Kirby Smith), cover with toned areas affecting cds, rare ........................................................................................................ (Photo)  E. 150-200

779° Huntsville Tex. Dec. 17. Cds and ms. "Due 20" on large size cover to a Capt. Clay at (Camp) Independence, soldier's endorsement at L., reduced at T. and small edge nicks, listed only in ASCC Vol. III ......................................................... E. 100-125

780° Huntsville Tex. Two covers, "Paid 5" handstamps on Aug. 1861 folded letter, ms. date in postmark, and "Paid 10" handstamps on cover to Cotton Gin, Fine pair .......................... E. 150-200

781° (Huntsville Tex.). 1863 printed circular from S.B. Hendricks, "Financial Agent, Penitentiary" re a "system of application for soldiers' families," etc., "Paid" hs on face, label on back, "Headquarters Fifth Military District, Official Business," bit toned, Fine and rare ........................................................................ (Photo)  E. 150-200

782° Independence Tex. Sep. 17. Cds with "Paid" and "10" on folded cover to Velasco, Fine and rare .................................................................................................................................................. (Photo)  E. 100-150

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783° **Independence Tex.** Partial strike of 32mm cds on 1864 folded letter to Houston, readdressed back and canceled by a 26mm Independence cds with July 12 ms. date, “Paid” and “10” hs, no indication of forwarding charges, Fine, unique combination, the smaller cds is unlisted in Dietz and ASCC Vol. III .........................(Photo) E. 150-200

784° **Independence Tex.** Two covers, each with partial strike of cds and “Paid” & “10” handstamps, one is homemade from blue-lined paper, other is addressed to member of Terry’s Texas Rangers, latter slightly worn, Fine pair .............. (Photo) E. 100-150

785° **(Independence Tex.).** Small 11-Star Flag patriotic with verse, in black on yellow, and addressed to Independence, ms. “Due 10” and soldier’s endorsement at corner: “W.B. Hill Private in Capt. Clay’s Company 5th Regiment Texas Vols.” (Hood’s Texas Brigade), mended nick above flag and flap added, Fine appearance .............(Photo) E. 200-250

786° **Indianola Tex.** Dec. 9, 1863. Double-circle ds with “Paid” and ms. 10 on folded letter to Victoria, good contents reports a picket’s conversation with the enemy re the evacuation of Matagorda by Federal troops, Fine and rare, believed to be the only known example .................................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

787° **Jacksboro Tex.** Oct. 30th 1861. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 5cts” on rebacked front to Austin, Fresh appearance, the listing example in Dietz ......(Photo) E. 75-100

788° **Jasper Tex.** Nov. 26. Clear cds with matching “Paid 5 Cts.”, large rimless woodcut type with ms. rate, on orange cover to New Orleans, Very Fine, ex Kohn .........................(Photo) E. 200-250

789° **Jasper Tex.** Dec. 27. Cds with rimless “Paid 5 cts” hs with ms. rate on yellow cover to Orange, fresh and Fine, this is the cover from which the Dietz tracing was made ..........................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

790° **Jasper Tex.** Oct. 21. Neat cds with partial “Paid 10” with rate mostly completed in ms. by Jasper office, on 1864 folded letter to James Starr, contents read (in part): “When I heard of your appointment as agent of the post office for the Trans Mississippi I was gratified for the country sake but not for your own.” Ms. box charge at T., Very Fine, this Paid hs is the 15mm san-serif style Dietz Ty. II var.) rather than the 13mm Ty. IV it has been previously described as. Unlisted in Dietz ...........................................(Photo) E. 200-250
791° Jasper Tex. Two covers, each with neat cds, “Paid 5” (Ty. II) and “Paid 10” (Ty. IV) handstamps, latter is homemade from ledger paper, former bit reduced at R., Fine and rare pair .................................................(Photo)  E. 300-400

792° Jefferson Tex. Oct. 4. Clear cds with ms. “pa 10” on yellowish green cover addressed in the hand of Richard Waterhouse and addressed to his father, accompanied by a second cover to Mrs. Rosalie Waterhouse, also in his hand, with matching cds dated same day and “pa 10”, both to San Augustine, Fine, great pair. Waterhouse’s father was murdered Dec. 31, 1863; his son was assigned to command as a brigadier general by Kirby Smith Apr. 1864 but Pres. Davis did not officially appoint him to take rank until Mar. 17, 1865 ............................................................(Photo)  E. 300-400

793° Jefferson Tex. Pair of covers, each to Carroll Hoy, New Orleans, each with matching cds and “Paid”, one with pencil “10”, one cover slightly reduced at T., Fine pair ....................(Photo)  E. 150-200

794° Jefferson Tex. Pair of covers: each with cds and “Paid” hs, one with red crayon “5”, other with blue crayon “10”, latter addressed to Alexander Stephens in Richmond, former with good soldier’s letter dated Jan. 1862 which mentions carrying letter to Elkanah Greer requesting assignment to his company, Fine pair, very rare .......(Photo)  E. 250-350

795° Kaufman Tex. Cover with ms. “Paid 5” on cover with attorney’s c.c. from Kaufman, original enclosure datelined “Kaufman, Tex. Jan. 31. 1862”, extensive docketing on face, Fine and rare .....................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

796° Kerrsville Texas May 19th. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 10” on cover with military address to Houston, slightly reduced at R., just into “0”, fresh and Fine, the only known example ..............................................(Photo)  E. 100-125

797° Kickapoo Tx. Jany 13th 62. Ms. postmark and “Paid 10” on 10-Star Flag Patriotic (Dietz F10-9) with imprint 21 and addressed to Alexander Stephens in Richmond, cover badly soiled and toned, with paper loss along edges, still restorable, very rare ....  E. 75-100

798° Kickapoo Tex. (Jul). 14. Double-circle ds with ms. “Paid 10” on cover to Alexander Stephens, small edge faults, one example known ......................(Photo)  E. 100-125

799° Kimball Tex. Sept. 20. Ms. postmark and “Paid 5” on cover to Burnet, accompanied by a second ms. postmark Dec. 29, 1863, with “Paid 10” on turned cover with military address, inside with No. 7 pair and ms. “Burnet Texas”, original enclosure stains and tiny edge faults, both “Paid”s are unlisted in Dietz and ASCC Vol. III. (Photo)  E. 200-250
800° La Grange Tex. Aug. 2. Cds on embossed lady's envelope in light buff with matching “Paid” (Ty. V) and “10” in circle to David Burnet. Very Fine ........(Photo) E. 150-200

801° La Grange Tex. One cover and one front, first is wallpaper cover with cds (type with small bar under date), ms. “Charge Box 63,” other with “10” in circle, soldier’s endorsement in corner, Fine ...................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

802° La Grange Tex. Two covers, each with matching cds, each with woodcut “Paid X” handstamps, Types III & IV, one with minor wear, other with small closed tear, Fine .................................................................(Photo) E. 250-350

803° Lampasas Oct. 7. Ms. postmark and matching “paid 10” on small 1862 folded letter to Belton, Fine, one of two known ......................................................(Photo) E. 100-125

804° Lancaster Tex. Mar. 15. Partly clear cds with faint “3” hs and bold “Paid” in frame on orange cover to Buchanan, with Apr. 24, 1861 letter from same correspondence though it was not contained in this particular cover, Fine ........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

805° Lancaster Tex. Feby. 11. Cds with ms. date and matching “Paid 10” on adversity cover made from military broadside: “On my arrival in Texas, I find the coast mainly in possession of the enemy, the Rio Grande virtually abandoned, and a formidable expedition about to sail from New York, under the Abolitionists for the invasion of Texas” etc. It further warns Texans to take “their negroes to a place of safety” etc., Fine ......................(Photo) E. 150-200

806° Larissa Tex. Feb. 2. Cds in homemade brown ink, ms. “Paid 10” and “OB” on 1864 folded letter from one lieutenant to another re volunteers, Fine and rare, the listing example in Dietz .............................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

807° Larissa College. Small woodcut illustration of college, on cover with ms. “Due 10” and “Des Arc Ark Sep. 7” cds and addressed to Vine Grove Tex., soldier’s endorsement at B.L. (21st Texas Cavalry), flap added and cover restored along T. including “Due” and very tiny portion of background in illustration, Fine appearance. Identified by Dietz as Larissa College in Cherokee County, Texas, although there was a Larissa in Prairie County, Ark., which also contains Des Arc; in any case, this is the only known cover from Larissa College ...................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

808° Lavernia Tex. Feb. 5th/64. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 10” on small folded letter to San Antonio made from gray ledger sheet. Fine, the only known example, unlisted in Dietz and ASCC Vol. III ..............................................................(Photo) E. 100-125
809° **Leona.** Two folded letters and one large cover, each with ms. postmark: "Leona June 16/63", "July 17/63" and "April 22/64" with "Pd 10", "Paid 10" and blue crayon "Due 10" respectively, all to John Twohig of San Antonio (lot includes a 1863 bill of lading from Twohig), Fine group, incorrectly listed in Dietz as "Lena" and further complicated by ASCC Vol. III listing both a Lena and Leona, although there never was a Lena post office in Texas. The datelines of the first two covers confirm Leona origin. E. 200-250

810° **Lexington Texas April 26th 1862.** Ms. postmark and matching "Paid 5" on folded cover to James Starr (as C.S. receiver), file folds, Fine .........................................(Photo) E. 100-125

811° **Liberty Texas June 24.** Cds with ms. "Paid 10" on turned cover to Capt. Duncan, Spright's Battalion, La., inside with 5c Blue (4) horizontal pair tied by Liberty cds and addressed to Duncan at Brigsby's Bluff, cover opened at sides (slightly cutting into R. 5c), Fine ..........................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

812° **Liberty Texas Mar. 17.** Cds on orange cover with "Paid" in circle and matching twice-struck "5" in circle and representing the 10c rate, addressed to Gov. Harris of Tenn. at Memphis after the fall of Nashville, Very Fine, probably unique example from Liberty .................................................................(Photo) E. 350-450

813° **Lockhart Tex. Oct. 8.** Cds with "Paid" in frame and "5" in circle on cover to Basin Springs, age spots and bit reduced at L., otherwise Fine, believed to be the only known example with "Paid" & rate handstamps .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-125

814° **Lockhart Tex.** Three covers, each with matching cds and ms. "Paid 5" (on envelope), ms. "Paid 10" (folded letter, 1862) an another example from Mar. 12, 1865 to Rev. Crane, president of Baylor University, Independence, Very Good-Fine ...(Photo) E. 100-150

815° **Lynchburg Tex. Aug. 17.** Twice-struck cds with ms. "Due 5" on cover from Richmond Va. and readdressed to Galveston, "Paid 10" in circle, reduced at R. and light water stains ...........................................................................................................(Photo) E. 100-125

816° **Madisonvill Dec. 13 1861.** Ms. postmark and matching "Paid 5 cts" on cover to Cherino, no flap, Fine, unlisted in Dietz and ASCC Vol. III ........................................(Photo) E. 100-125

817° **Magnolia Springs Tex July 21/61.** Ms. postmark and matching "Paid 5C" on cover to New Orleans, mended nick at T., Fine appearance, rare ..............(Photo) E. 100-125

818° **Marlin Tex. Sept. 1.** Cds with ms. date, partly readable strike and "Paid 10" in ms. on 1863 folded letter to Brownsville, Fine .................................................. E. 75-100

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819° Marshall Tex. Jan. 2, 1863. Double-circle ds with bold matching “Paid 10 Cents” woodcut handstamp on folded letter to Lt. Perry of Col. Randall’s Reg., Little Rock, Ark., bit soiled, tiny erosion spot at center, still Very Fine, a choice strike of this rare marking which is known on envelopes prepared in advance and sold at the Marshall post office ..............................................(Photo)  E. 1,000-1,500

820° Marshall Tex. Jul. 20, 1863. Clear double-circle ds on soldier’s due cover to San Augustine, ms. “Politeness of Mr. Beddo” (Earl Beddo was a civil engineer who helped plan fortifications at Sabine Pass; he also acted as a military courier), struck with “10” of San Augustine on arrival, accompanied by a second Marshall cover with just “Paid” and “5” handstamps, blue oval attorney’s c.c. confirming origin, each with edge faults, first with small stains, interesting pair ..............................................(Photo)  E. 200-250

821° Marshall Tex. Two covers, each with 33mm cds and matching “Paid” & “10” (Dietz IB), each to Louisburg, N.C., one with some wear, still Fine pair ......(Photo)  E. 100-150

822° Matagorda Txs. Aug. 21. Cds in homemade brown, partly struck on 1864 folded letter with matching “Paid” hs, no rate, to Houston, ms. (Box) “54” at T., fresh and Fine ..............................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

823° Matagorda Txs. 20 Dec. Brown cds with ms. “paid 30” on 1863 court house cover to Austin, toned and bit reduced at L., accompanied by 1863 folded letter with black cds and pencil “Paid 10” which may have been added at a later date and tiny trace of removed stamp; the “Paid 30” is unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III ......  E. 100-150

824° Millican Tex. Rimless circle without date, on fancy green cover with “Due” hs and no rate, several ms. “Charged” at L., small tears, otherwise Fine ......(Photo)  E. 100-150

825° Moscow Tex. Jun. Cds with matching “Paid”, no rate, on amber cover to New Orleans, minor soiling and bit reduced at R. (well clear of address), Fine ..(Photo)  E. 100-150

826° Mt. Enterprise Tex. Nov. 26. Light but clear cds with matching “Paid” and “10” in circle on pale yellow cover to Hoganville Ga., Fine ..............................................(Photo)  E. 100-150


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828° Mt. Pleasant Texas. A unique pair of covers from the same correspondence to New Orleans, first with **twice-struck** "5" hs for double (10c), rate, the second with "5" rate **struck four times** to show a four times rate cover, first with "Paid" hs, the second with ms. "Chg. Box 50", each slightly reduced at T., still Fine, great exhibit pair .......... (Photo) E. 500-750

829° Mt. Pleasant Texas. Cds on three folded letters with ms. "5" and "Paid" hs (1861), ms. "Paid 5" (1862) and ms. "Paid 10" (1862), first with good war-related content: "I feel sometime that if I had twenty sons I would say to them go I am willing to give you to your country do your best to kill as many of the Yankies as you can." etc. Fine lot .......... E. 250-350

830° Nacogdoches Tex. Cds with 1861 and 1862 year dates on two covers, first with "Paid" & "5" handstamps, other with "Paid" only, each with letter, first with some staining, other with small tear, still Fine pair ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

831° Nacogdoches Tex. May 6. Clear cds with matching "Paid" and "10" on adversity letter made from unused "Form of Deed" with full printed text inside and part printed address and file heading, letter from captain to a lieutenant, mentions raid on Fayetteville, marching orders to Elysian Fields, etc., Very Fine, attractive adversity usage ..................

832° Nacogdoches Tex. Feb. 1. Clear cds on soldier's due cover with "10" hs at R., to "Mrs. Affleck, near Brenham", semi-fancy ms. endorsement at T. "Terry's Scouts Wharton's Cav.", B.R. corner nick and toning at T.L. ...........................................(Photo) E. 75-100

833° Navasota Tex. Paid 10. Dateless postmark with "Paid 10" struck inside, last in ms. folded cover to Henderson, ms. date at T., "Jan. 20/64" was probably written by the Navasota postmaster as the hand & ink used is very different from the docketing at L., no flaps at sides, name in address panel partly removed and mended with small piece, still Fine, unusual and possibly unique usage ...........................................(Photo) E. 200-250


835° New Danville Tex. Jul. 26. Bold cds with ms. "Paid 5cts" on gray envelope to New Orleans, also ms. postmark from same correspondence, matching "paid 5c", first slightly reduced at T., other with light toning, Fine pair, the only known examples ...........

836° New Salem Texas June 19. Ms. postmark and matching "Paid 10" on 1861 folded letter to Hamburg S.C., Very Fine, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III and possibly unique .................(Photo) E. 100-150

837° Oakland Texas May 25. Ms. postmark and matching "Paid 10" on 1863 folded letter to a Maj. Moore in Seguin, Very Fine, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III .................(Photo) E. 100-150
838° Official Business Head Quarters Dept. of Texas. Ms. c.c. on large yellow cover to Commander W.W. Hunter of the Naval Defences of Galveston, double-circle “Galveston Tex. Dec. 28, 1861” ds, docketing in Hunter’s hand indicates this was from General P.O. Hebert, bit reduced at L., Fine and scarce naval related cover ......................... E. 200-250

839° Owensville Tex. Sep. 7. Clear cds with matching “Paid” hs and pencil “Paid 5” on yellow cover to Tennessee, Fine and rare .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-125

840° Owensville Tex. Cds on two covers with military addresses, each with matching “Paid” hs, no rate, edge flaws and light stains .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

841° Panna Maria Nov. 6/63. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 10” on cover to San Antonio with tiny woodcut of cattle and herders, all in rose, portion of text deleted by sender (Helena, Tex. origin), address in blue ink, Very Fine, a beautiful and very rare usage .........................................................(Photo) E. 500-750

842° Paris Texas. Two covers, one on unused 3c Red Star Die (U27) entire which has been turned, “Paid 10” arc hs, other on amber cover with pencil “Paid 10”, first slightly reduced at T. (affecting cds), otherwise Fine .................................(Photo) E. 100-150

843° Paris Texas Oct. 4. Clear cds and “Due 10” hs on 1864 soldier’s letter to South Sulphur from Arkansas, endorsed “A member in Stones Battalion Company D Polignac Brigad e”, some toning, otherwise Fine, very rare handstamp .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-125

844° Pilot Grove Tex. Cds with indistinct month and ms. “7” on buff cover with ms. “Due 10”, soldier’s endorsement at L., Fine .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-125

845° Pilot Grove Aug. 1. Clear cds and ms. “Due 10” on Jeff Davis Medallion Patriotic in black on light brown, excellent letter from soldier at “Camp Maury near Mooresville, Miss.”: “We left Corinth at dark and traveled all night. There was wooden batteries left to defend the place. The next morning the Feds charged with great courage and gallantry up to our breastworks and found to their utter astonishment nothing but some wooden guns which they proudly boast of taking without losing a man. We had very mysteriously disappeared.” etc, opened irregularly at R., faint stain and some wear, still Fine, very rare ...(Photo) E. 400-500

846° Pilot Point Tx June 24. Ms. postmark and “Paid 5” on yellow cover to San Augustine, slightly reduced at T., Fine .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-125

847° Port Lavaca Tex. Aug. 5, 1861. Mostly bold cds and “Paid” & “5” on cover to Southerlands Springs, small piece added at B. & R., otherwise Fine .........................................................(Photo) E. 100-125

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848° Port Lavaca Jul. 19, 1861. Clear cds with “Paid” & “5” on cover to Southerlands Springs, two small mended edge nicks and light wrinkles, still Fine ..........(Photo)  E. 75-100

849° Post Oak Island Texas Jany 31st. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 10” on cover to Alexander Stephens in Richmond, small edge faults, otherwise Fine. (Photo)  E. 75-100

850° Prairie Plains Texas Aug. 24/64. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 10” on cover to San Antonio, Fine, the only known example ........................................(Photo)  E. 100-125

851° Quitman Tex. Oct. 17. Clear cds with date in ms., matching “paid 10” on 1864 folded letter to John Starr, Nacogdoches, Fine, the only known example, ex Kohn ........................................(Photo)  E. 150-200

852° Red Oak Texas Jan. 27th. Ms. postmark and “Paid 10 on turned cover to Galveston, soldier’s endorsement at B.L., inside with No. 26 tied by ms. “Buchanan Tex Dec. 8” with attorney’s c.c. at L., two corner nicks, otherwise Fine, listed only in ASCC Vol. III and the only example reported ........................................(Photo)  E. 100-125

853° Richmond Tex. Nov. 25. Cds on soldier’s due cover to Port Lavaca, ms. “Due 10”, address partly faded, still Fine, listed only in ASCC Vol. III ...........(Photo)  E. 100-125

854° Round Top Tex. Jul. 3. Clear cds and matching “Paid 10” in octagon with rate in ms., on 1862 folded letter to San Antonio (Twobig correspondence), two tiny sealed tears at T., still Very Fine, attractive and rare ........................................(Photo)  E. 200-250

855° Round Top Tex. Aug. 29. 26mm. cds with framed “Paid” and ms. “10” on cover to Memphis, Tenn., accompanied by a tiny folded letter with 33mm. cds and octagon “Paid 10” (light strikes), first with toning, Fine lot ........................................(Photo)  E. 100-150


857° Rusk Texas Nov. 11. Clear cds with additional ms. “Paid 10 Rusk Texas Novmbr 10” folded letter to Nacogdoches, military contents, docketing on face, Fine and rare, the redundancy of the office name is very unusual ........................................(Photo)  E. 100-150


859° Rusk Texas Aug. 27. Clear cds with “Paid 10” in arc on Aug. 28 blue lined folded letter to Nacogdoches, suggesting this might have been sold in advance. Fine ........................................(Photo)  E. 150-200

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Rusk Texas Jan. 27. Mostly clear cds with matching "Paid 5" in arc on blue lined folded cover to Dallas, second strike of cds on back with faint date, Fine. (Photo) E. 150-200

Rutersville Nov. 15. Ms. postmark and "paid 10" on 1861 folded letter to New Braunfels from soldier stationed at Camp Lockridge, some internal separations, Fine appearance, unlisted in Dietz (Photo) E. 100-125

Sabinetown Tex. Dec. 26 63. Ms. postmark with blue pencil "Paid 10" on folded letter to Waco datelined Christmas Day, bit toned otherwise Fine (Photo) E. 100-125

Sabinetown Tex. Two covers, each with ms. postmark, Tex and Tx abbreviations, 1862 & 1863 year dates respectively, each with "Paid 10", Very Fine pair. (Photo) E. 150-200

Salado Tx. Oct. 20. Ms. postmark and matching "paid 10" on buff cover to Belton from a member of Baylor’s regiment, small edge nicks, still Fine, unlisted in Dietz (Photo) E. 100-125

San Antonio Tex. Paid Jan. 31. Cds in green with red "Paid" and red crayon "15" on triple rate court house cover to Austin, green notary public seal on back, usual docketing dated 1862, small edge tears, Fine and rare E. 100-150

San Antonio Tex. Nov. 19. Clear 32mm cds in green with red "Paid 5" in circle, on toned cover to Uvalde, charge instructions in corner, with original 1861 enclosure (Vance family), Fine and rare (Photo) E. 150-200

San Antonio Tex. Apr. 28. Cds with choice bold "Paid 10" in arc on cover to Belmont, Very Fine (Photo) E. 200-250

San Augustine Tex. Jun. 28. Clear red cds with matching "Paid" & "5" in cream cover to New Orleans, accompanied by cover with 1863 ms. postmark and (due) "10", Very Fine (Photo) E. 150-200

San Marcos. Ms. postmarks on two folded letters, with "Paid 5" (1862) and "Paid 10" (1864), first contents mentions blockade of ports, Very Fine pair, the first is listed only in the ASCC Vol. III (Photo) E. 150-200

San Marcos Tex. Jun. Cds with ms. "Paid 5" on 1862 folded letter with interesting monetary comments: "I got $200 Confederate Notes from Mr. Nance which he says he got from you. I loaned Mr. Nance hard money for it, and I need it again," etc. Very Fine, rare (Photo) E. 100-150

San Patricio Tx Oct. 21.61. Ms. postmark and matching "5paid" on large cover to Refugio, opened bit irregularly at L. and minor toning and small edge tears, otherwise Fine, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III E. 75-100
872° Seguin * Texas *. Dateless circle with matching “Paid”, no rate, on cover with green lining to Louisburg, N.C., no flap, Fine .............................................. (Photo) E. 75-100

873° Seguin * Texas *. Three covers, two with dateless circle with matching “Paid”, one with ms. “10”, also June 2, 1865 folded letter with pencil “Seguin June 4 Paid” and no rate, which probably reflects the uncertainty of postmasters in this early postwar period, letter mentions negro “Wash” having a wagon & team of horses stolen by soldiers during a 200 mile journey, etc., latter cover some paper loss at edges from fire, otherwise Fine and rare group .................................................. (Photo) E. 200-250

874° Springfield Tex. Mar. 13. Clear cds with matching “Paid” and crude “5” handstamp on 1862 folded letter to Austin, aging along file fold (tiny paper loss) otherwise Fine, rare ................................................................. (Photo) E. 100-125

875° Springfield Tex. Sept. 12. Clear cds with matching “Paid” and “5” on intact courthouse cover to Belton, 1861 docketing, minor wrinkling, clean & Fine ...(Photo) E. 100-125

876° Spring Hill Tex. Jul. 15. Yellow cover to New Orleans with twice struck “Paid” and matching “5” all in homemade brown ink, deleted and rated “Paid 10 cts”, oily stain from handstamps, still Fine, the listing example in Dietz ...................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

877° Starrville Tex. Nov. 12. Clear cds with matching “Paid” hs and ms. “5” rate on yellow cover to Austin, original 1861 enclosure, cover bit reduced at R., Fine, the only known example .......................................................... (Photo) E. 150-200

878° Stonewall Tx. Nov. 14. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 10” on cover to Goliad. Fine, the only known example, coincidentally, we note that Stonewall was in Jackson County ...........................................(Photo) E. 150-200

879° Sumpter Tex. May 16. Large cds with matching “Paid” hs and woodcut “5” on 1862 folded letter to Austin, docketing at L., accompanied by second example: attractive adversity cover made from large ledger sheet, contents are 1863 petition asking for extension of a soldier’s furlough, “Paid” hs only, no town or rate, Fine and rare pair .. .................................................. (Photo) E. 250-300

880° Texana Tex. Balloon style ds on three covers, one with unlisted “Due” hs and “10” in circle on 1862 folded letter, an adversity cover (printed form) with “Paid” hs, also a courthouse cover with “pd 20” rate, last with heavy docketing, otherwise Fine-Very Fine lot ..................................................................... (Photo) E. 250-350

881° Travis Texas Nov. 2, 1863. Clear cds with matching “Paid 10” in arc on folded letter to Houston, internal tape mends show through at L., otherwise Fine, very rare .......................................................... (Photo) E. 200-250

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882° Trinity Mills Texas. Ms. town name with no date, pencil “Paid 10cts” on cover to Lancaster, ink smear below name, opened at L., still Fine, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III


885° Velasco Tex. Apr. 16. Very bold cds with matching “Due 5” hs on dull yellow cover to Flora, from a Lt. Lindsey, Bates Regiment, creasing and stains, still Fine and attractive

886° Velasco Tex. Dec. 14. Light cds with ms. date and matching “Due 10” on adversity cover to Jamestown made from muster roll, ms. box charge, Fine

887° Velasco Tex. May 21. Cds and “Paid 10” in circle on cover to Huntsville, Fine and very scarce


889° Velasco Tex. Three covers, one with ms. “Velasco 2/8/62” and “Paid 5”, also cds on two soldiers’ covers, one with “Due 10” hs (faulty), other in pencil, Fine

890° Victoria Tex. Sep. 11. Cds with matching “10” hs on glazed lady’s envelope from soldier (6th Texas Inft.), usual discoloration and some light staining, still Fine, unusual usage

891° Victoria Tex. Aug. 9. Clear cds with matching “Paid” hs, no rate, on yellow cover attractively addressed to Columbia, accompanied by a second example in red-brown, matching “Paid” and “5” handstamps on 1861 folded letter, Fine, very scarce

892° Waco Village Tex. Partly struck cds with “5’ in circle and “Paid” hs, on reddish brown envelope to Springfield, some separations at edges, just Fine
893° **Waco Village Tex.** Clear cds on cover with “Paid 10” hs in arc, accompanied by a second cover with same cds and similar rate hs though “10” is in a noticeably different san-serif style, each with 1862 year date, one is addressed to a member of Cook’s regiment in Galveston, other with ms. “Official Business, Fine pair, the sans-serif hs is unlisted ........................................ (Photo)  E. 150-200

894° **Waco Village Tex.** Two datestamps, each with 1862 year, on separate covers with “Paid 5” and “Paid 10” handstamps in arcs, Fine pair, the 5c is believed to be unique ......................................................................................................................... (Photo)  E. 200-250

895° **Waco Texas.** Cds on two covers, fair strikes, each with “Paid 10” in arc, addressed to T.J. Devine and Alexander Stephens, latter cover with mended edge nick, Fine pair. During the war Devine was a judge for the Western District of Texas; after the war he was imprisoned and twice indicted for treason ..........................................................  E. 250-350

896° **Wharton Tex. Mar. 6.** Clear cds with “Paid” hs and “10” in circle on amber cover to Georgia, small edge flaws and reduced at L., still Fine, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC, possibly unique ..................................................................................................................... (Photo)  E. 200-250

897° **Washington Tex.** Cds on three covers: “Paid” (no rate), “Paid 5” handstamps on U27 entire, “Paid 10” handstamps, also a fourth cover with ms. “Washington Aug. 23” and “Paid” hs (no rate), small faults, Fine group, the ms. postmark is unlisted in Dietz or ASCC .................................................................  E. 300-400

898° **Waverley Tex.** 26mm cds on two covers, one with pencil “10” (due), addressed to soldier, other with “Paid” in frame, no rate, and transit marking, “Camden Ala.” cds (addressed to Prairie Bluff, Ala.), first cover with corners nicks expertly restored, Fine pair ........................................ (Photo)  E. 200-250

899° **Waxahachie Tex. Sep. 12.** Clear cds with neat matching “Paid” and “10” handstamps on court house cover to Buchanan, two edge nicks, usual docketing including postmaster's signature, Fine and rare .............................................................................. (Photo)  E. 100-150

900° **Waxahachie Tex. Dec. 13.** Clear cds with matching “Paid 10” in circle on cover to Paris, 1863 enclosure headed Shirly’s Mills, from discharged soldier, small tears and tiny ink erosion, still Fine .................................................................  E. 100-125

901° **Waxahachie Tex.** Clear cds on two covers, one on embossed Valentine envelope (Feb. 25) with “Paid” and “5” in circle, other with “Paid 10” in circle, first with sealed tear into postmark, other opened irregularly at L., rare .................................................. (Photo)  E. 150-200

902° **Weatherford Tex. Dec. 20.** 26mm cds with “2” & “0” in two different sizes, ms. “paid 5” on 3c Red Nesbitt (U10) entire to Marshall, bit reduced at R., just touching 3c, slight wear, Fine ....................................................................................................................... (Photo)  E. 100-150

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903° Wiess Bluff Tex. Sept. 15. Ms. postmark with matching “Paid 5c” on yellow cover originating in Austin with Aug. 3, 1861 double-circle ds and “Paid” & “5” hs, readdressed to Cairo, minor stains, still Fine, rare, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC. (Photo) E. 150-200

904° Yegua Texas Nov. 19th 1861. Ms. postmark and matching “Paid 10” on yellow oblong piece only, full address shows, giving it the appearance of a complete cover, unique, unlisted in Dietz or ASCC Vol. III (Photo) E. 75-100

GENERAL ISSUES

905° 5c Green, Stone 2 (1). T.R. corner margin single, clear to touched at L., canceled by bold pen mark, ms. “Linden Texas June 6th” on gray folded cover to Jefferson, tiny stains at edges, Fine, rare town (Photo) E. 200-250

906° 5c Green, Stone 2 (1). Four margins, tied by dateless “Allen Tex.” double-circle on yellow cover to Belmont, forwarded with ms. “Belmont Texas May 2” and “Paid 5” with no indication of where it went, small tear into “B”, minor soiling, Fine, rare usage (Photo) E. 150-200

907° 5c Green, Stone 2 (1). Horizontal pair, four margins, tied by bold pen strokes on orange cover to Bowdon Ga., ms. “Athens Texas April 28/62” postmark, pair placed over single U.S. 3c Red (26, unused) ink erosion in pen strokes of R. stamp, otherwise Fine, rare usage (Photo) E. 100-150

908° 5c Green, Stone 1 (1). Four covers, single tied by Brownsville cds; pair with grids on Feb. 1863 cover from Austin (R. stamp with tear); single on large cover from Austin to Genl. Beecham with additional “5” hs, also faulty Stone 2 pair (R. stamp with piece added) on cover with ms. “Cotton Gin Tex. Jan. 31st 1863”, Fine lot E. 200-250

909° 5c Green (1). Singles on four Texas covers: Bastrop (grid cancel), Gonzales (on U26 entire), Hempstead (blue 26mm cds), Houston (1862 yr. date), small faults, Very Good-Fine (Photo) E. 200-250

910° 10c Blue, Paterson (2). Full to large margins, creased before use, tied by “Waco Village Tex. Jul. 21, 1862” cds on turned cover to Independence, inside opened to show U.S. 3c Red (26) tied by Houston cds, 3c with small piece out at T., Fine and pretty (Photo) E. 200-250

911° 10c Dark Blue, Hoyer & Ludwig (2b). Margins to cutting, tied by bold “Paid” hs on cover with 26mm “Tyler Tex. Jul. 21” cds, Fine, very scarce (Photo) E. 100-150

912° 10c Dark Blue, Hoyer & Ludvig (2b). Large to huge margins, grid cancel, light Austin double-circle ds, on cover to Mocksville, N.C., Fine (Photo) E. 150-200


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914° 2c Green (3). Single with margins at T. & B., touched or just in at sides, tied by light Austin Tex. double-circle ds (unreadable date except for bit of year date confirming 1862 usage) on amber cover to Ioni Tex., Fine, an incredibly rare single usage of the 2c in Texas, with 1988 C.S.A. certificate (Photo) E. 1,000-1,500

915° 5c Blue, Stone 2 (4). L. margin single tied by dateless “Alleyton Tex.” double circle, struck again at L., on embossed lady’s envelope to Austin, waterstaining affects stamp (which also has small tear), otherwise Fine, rare and distinctive town mark (Photo) E. 100-150


917° 5c Blue, Stone 3 (4). Margins all around, tied by “Victoria Tex. May 5” cds in Ochre, on yellow cover to Houston, some toning and scattered age spots, still Fine, very rare (Photo) E. 200-250

918° 5c Blue, Stone 2 (4). Two singles on separate covers including mourning envelope from Houston, also folded letter from Galveston, stamp with some gum staining, Fine pair (Photo) E. 200-250

919° 5c Blue (4). Three large size covers from Austin, each with double-circle ds, includes single (Stone 3) addressed to Genl. Becham, and pair with two singles (Stone 2 & 3) tied together, both covers with Adjutant & Inspector General’s Office impt., also Stone 2 pair on Dept. of State envelope with Star of Texas impt., ms. “missent & forwarded” and additional Nacogdoches ds, last with edge nick and pair with small faults, otherwise Fine (Photo) E. 150-200

920° 10c Rose (5). Clear to large margins, tied by “Houston Tex.” cds on cover to Weatherford, stamp with small tear, Fine usage (Photo) E. 250-350

921° 10c Rose (5). Margins all around, small crease, tied by “Liberty Texas” cds on orange cover to Orrville, Ala., Fine (Photo) E. 250-350

922° 5c Blue, De La Rue (6). Margins except just in one corner, pen-canceled, matching “Oakland Txs Jany 5” postmark and “Du 5” on 1863 folded letter to Houston, small ink erosion affects “Du”, otherwise Fine, rare single use of the 5c De La Rue (Photo) E. 100-150

923° 5c Light Blue, De La Rue (6). Horizontal pair (faults), margins to bit in, tied by “Helena Tex. Oct. 12” cds on cover to San Antonio with illustrated c.c. showing farmers herding cattle with caption partly retraced in contemporary ms. including matching border, pair lifted to show card, Fine appearance, attractive & rare (Photo) E. 250-350

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924° 5c Blue, De La Rue (6). Horizontal pair, margins to touched one corner, tied by “San Antonio Tex. Paid Oct. 1” ds on small embossed lady’s envelope, accompanied by off-cover strip of four (margins to bit in) with identical twice struck ds, pair with small stain in one stamp, strip with mended thin, Fine lot, very scarce ...(Photo) E. 200-250

925° 5c Light Blue, De La Rue (6). Single and seven pairs, on separate covers: Austin, Eagle Pass, Helena, Houston (three, including mourning envelope), Huntsville (single with ms. “Due 5”), Jonesborough (greenish blue cds), mixed condition incl. some stamp faults, Very Good-Fine ......................................................... E. 300-400

926° 5c Blue, Local (7). Two singles, margins to slightly in, each with matching pen cancel, L. stamp attached to sheet selvage underneath, bold “Springfield Tex. Jan. 9” cds on cover to Tenn., Very Fine usage ..................................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

927° 5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, margins to bit in, tied by bold “Caldwell Tex. Feb. 25” cds in Brown on 1863 folded letter headed Mosley’s Ferry, pair creased at B., Fine appearance .......................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

928° 5c Blue, Local (7). Vertical pair, margins to in, small faults, tied by Houston cds on cover to San Jacinto, forwarded with partial strike of San Jacinto Txs. Star in Circle hs, readdressed to Richmond, ms. “Forwd Due 10 cts Apr. 28”, Fine and rare .........................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

929° 5c Blue, Local (7). Vertical pair, margins all around, tied by indistinct Galveston double-circle ds on remarkable adversity cover made from book page with engraving of famed Texan Wm. Wharton, some soiling and wear, still Fine. Another cover in this collection, mailed by a soldier to a different addressee, shows a portrait of John Wharton .................................................................(Photo) E. 400-500

930° 5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, four margins, pen cancels, matching “Bear Creek Tex. Aug. 2, 1864” postmark on folded letter to Chatfield Point, heartfelt contents from young woman writing to a cousin she didn’t know she had. Very Fine usage, very rare (this Sabine County office closed in 1866) .................................................(Photo) E. 200-250

931° 5c Light Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, full to huge margins incl. R. sheet margin, on orange homemade to Liberty with rimless “Beaumont Tex.” circle in red, date written across pair: “Feb. 10”, accompanied by a second cover from same correspondence showing a similar usage: No. 4 pair with Oct. date written across it and ms. “Beaumont Tex” at far left, first pair with tiny scrape in one stamp, latter cover with some age stains, interesting and rare usages .................................................(Photo) E. 150-200

932° 5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, four margins, R. stamp uncanceled and L. just tied at B. by “Marshall Tex. Jul. 21” double-circle ds on cover made from brown wrapping paper to San Augustine, pinpoint natural paper flaw in margin, Fine, from the Waterhouse correspondence ................................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

933° 5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, tied by blue “Hempstead Tex. Jan. 8” cds on 1863 folded letter to Texas with letterhead of Jones Express Co., file crease thru R. stamp, Fine appearance ..................................................................(Photo) E. 100-150

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934* 5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, tied by light Houston cds on advertising cover for books & musical instruments with printed space for adhesive & return address on either side of text, small piece out of R. stamp and staining around pair, still an exhibitable cover; Texas ad covers are very scarce in this period ................ (Photo)  E. 150-200

935* 5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, full margins, pen canceled, on small homemade brown envelope with ms. “Wheelock Tex. Mch. 19/63” and portion of the Wheelock balloon style cds with county name, small stain and some paper loss at L. edge affecting county cds, otherwise Fine, unique combination of markings ...... (Photo)  E. 100-150

936* 5c Blue, Local (7). Two pairs on separate covers, each with large margins, Chapell Hill and Houston datestamps each tie, first is turned with hand-carried address but with fraudulent 20c “bisect” tied by ultramarine pencil (easily erasable), other cover with small tears, Very Fine pairs .................................................... (Photo)  E. 150-200

937* 5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal strip of four, full margins except just shaving frame line at B.L., canceled by bold pen strokes on adversity cover made from pre-war railroad form, matching ms. “Official Business”, addressed to the C.S. Depository, Jefferson. Fine and scarce, probably Austin origin .......................................................... (Photo)  E. 150-200

938* 5c Blue, Local (7). Seven pairs on separate covers, all ms. town cancels: Blanco, Bryants Station, Egypt, Parkers Ville, San Augustine (on land office form with additional frank of F.B. Sexton, M.C.), San Felipe and Sweet Home, mixed condition, stamp faults, Very Good-Fine .......................................................... E. 300-400


940* 10c Blue, Die A (11). Large margins showing plate scratch at B.R., tied by “Brenham Texas Apr. 2” cds on lovely pastel green envelope with fancy watermark, small stain and small opening tear at L. edge, still Very Fine ................................. (Photo)  E. 100-150

941* 10c Blue, Die A (11). Large to gigantic margins, pen canceled, on turned to Waco, clear “Belton Tex. Sep. 9” cds, other side is stampless with bold Belton cds and “Paid 10”, Very Fine usage .......................................................... (Photo)  E. 200-250

942* 10c Blue, Die A (11). Irregular but complete margins, tied by rimless “Millican Tex.” dateless circle on wallpaper cover with floral design in ultramarine, gray and bone white, to Columbia, stamp with gum stains, side flap at L. hinge reattached, Fine and rare .......................................................... (Photo)  E. 250-350
943° 10c Blue, Die A (11). Large margins, grid cancel, on cover to Richmond with clear strike of “Cunningham Tex.” rimless circle with ms. date “May 26” written alongside it, minor soiling and wear, still Fine, attractive and very rare town mark ....(Photo)  E. 400-500

944° 10c Blue, Die A (11). Four margins, tied by light Galveston double-circle ds on turned cover to Vine Grove, inside with pen-cancelled No. 11 and ms. “Vine Grove Tex. May 12” postmark, tear at T from opening, Fine ...........................................  E. 100-125

945° 10c Blue, Die A (11). Four margins, tied by light “Marshall Tex.” ds on turned cover, ms. c.c. “Med Bureau T.M.D.”, inside with “Paid 10”, “O.B.” and “Surgeon’s Office McKinney Texas”, each addressed to a different surgeon, small paper loss at B from flap removal, small stain at T, Fine, rare medical-related item ..........(Photo)  E. 100-150

946° 10c Blue, Die A (11). Small faults, just tied by ms. “Allenton april 12” postmark on 1865 folded cover to San Antonio, docketing indicates Eagle Lake origin, Fine .................................................................(Photo)  E. 100-150

947° 10c Blue, Die A (11). Four margins, ms. “3” cancel, matching “Jacksonville Texas Dec. 14” postmark on 1864 folded letter to Chappel Hill, warm contents from woman waiting for her 6-room farmhouse to be finished, light toning, Fine ........(Photo)  E. 100-125

948° 10c Blue, Die A (11). Three singles, each four margins, tied by light strikes of “Crockett Tex. Sep. 21” ds on 1864 folded letter from Palestine to Thomas House in Houston, Fine, rare triple rate ...........................................................................(Photo)  E. 200-250

949° 10c Blue, Die A (11). Large margins, tied by “Danville Va. Mar. 3” cds on adversity cover to N.C made from map of Texas, opened to show the word “Unexplored”, Fine, superb frontispiece for a Texas exhibit ...................................................(Photo)  E. 200-250

950° 10c Blue, Die A (11). Singles on two covers, each with ms. “Sabinetown Tex.” dated 1864, one is adversity cover made from chart, sealed with piece of selvage showing bit of impt., soldier’s endorsement on each, Fine pair ...........................................(Photo)  E. 150-200

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10c Blue, Die A (11). Singles on four covers, all rare ms. towns: Bright Star (in blue), Cedar Grove, Eulace, and Unionville, last with good contents to captain: "we have heard Lee gave Grant a terrible thrashing near Richmond the report needs confirmation there is different opinions in regard to the Presidential election at the north some think if McClellan is elected we will have peace right away if Lincoln is elected we will have foreign intervention," etc., stamp faults, Very Good-Fine .............................................. E. 150-200

10c Blue, Die A (11). Singles on twelve covers, towns include Belleville, Chapell Hill, Eagle Pass, Greenville (balloon cds with questionable No. 11e), Marlin, Velasco (2), Victoria, etc., mixed condition incl. some stamp faults, Very Good-Fine .. E. 300-400

10c Blue, Die B (12). Large margins, tied by "Anderson Tex." dateless circle on turned 3c Red Nesbitt (U10) entire with dated Anderson cds inside, pre-war usage, opened to show 3c, some wear and 10c with faint margin crease, Fine and attractive appearance ..............................................(Photo) E. 200-250

10c Blue, Die B (12). Four margins, pen canceled, matching "Burkeville April 30" postmark on wallpaper cover with floral design in deep gray & blue, with military address "Genl. Wauls Brigade, Genl. Walker's Division", light soiling, Fine ..................................................(Photo) E. 250-350

10c Blue, Die B (12). Tied by indistinct Tex. cds on cover with large fancy c.c. for Galveston commission merchants, to Robt. Townes, Secretary of State, Austin, stamp with small nick at R., cover mended at B.L. corner and some staining. (Photo) E. 100-125

10c Greenish Blue, Die B (12c). Four margins, tied by light Galveston double-circle ds on turned cover, inside with a second No. 12 canceled by large ms. "3", no postmark, with Galveston military address, folded to show stamp, Fine ..............(Photo) E. 100-150

10c Greenish Blue, Die B (12c). Four margins, pen canceled, and tied by "Marshall Tex Aug. (?) 1864" double-circle ds on cover to Jonesville, Va. In addition there is a ms. "palo pinto Tx Aug. 5.64" written at B. in the same ink as the "X" on stamp. The Marshall ds is presumably a transit marking of some sort, but the absence of routing instructions, balance paid in cash for the Trans-Mississippi rate, or any indication this was returned make it a most puzzling usage .................................(Photo) E. 150-200

10c Blue, Die B (12). Singles on eight covers, towns include Boston, Huntsville (2), Owensville, San Antonio, Seguin (cds with stars and ms. town cancel), San Marcos, mixed condition, some stamp faults, Very Good-Fine .......................................................... E. 250-350

20c Green (13). Four margins, tied by portion of Velasco Texas cds, second strike at R., on cover to Larissa, June 1864 docketing, cover slightly reduced at R., Fine, very rare usage .................................................................(Photo) E. 500-750
960° 20c Green, Diagonal Half Used as 10c (13c). B.R. half well tied by “New Braunfels Tex. May 4” cds on turned cover to San Antonio, inside addressed to Prairie Lea (hand-carried), tiny scuff in address panel, otherwise fresh and Very Fine, rare Texas bisect usage in choice condition, accompanied by an off-cover No. 7 pair with matching cds. Ex "Tara" collection ......................................................(Photo)  E. 2,000-2,500
20c Green, Horizontal Half Used as 10c (13d). Bottom half of 20c single well tied by "Chapel Hill Tex. Jul." cds on lady's envelope in pink with fancy watermark and embossed floral corner card, to Houston, with matching pink lettersheet which someone in the family reduced to conserve on paper, who writes "I am sorry I have no letter paper, I should like to write more." Extremely Fine, one of the most beautiful of all Confederate bisects .........................................................(Photo)  E. 4,000-5,000
20c Green, Diagonal Half Used as 10c (13c). T.L. half tied by ms. “X”, matching “Burnet P.O. Texas” on cover to Qualla Town, N.C., defects in stamp, cover soiled, signed by Earl Weatherly and offered on the basis of a 1983 P.F. certificate ........ (Photo) E. 400-500

Adversity Covers. Four, includes No. 6 pair on U27 entire from Richmond, No. 11 on U27 entire from Marshall, also two No. 11s on different ledger sheets, Columbus and Tyler datestamps, Fine lot ............................................................... E. 150-200

Covers with Military Addresses. Eight different, franked with either No. 11 or 12, mostly different towns incl. Crockett, Navasota, Plantersville (ms., with questionable No. 11c), and Sherman, etc., mixed condition, Very Good-Fine ....................... E. 250-350

E.H. Cushing Express. Black on white newsprint label, Dietz Ty. II, on back of cover to Gainestown Ala., 5c Blue, Local (7) horizontal pair tied by faint “Jefferson Tex.” cds, cover with sealed opening tears and mended area (added side flap at R. of label), rare West to East Cushing’s express usage ........................................ (Photo) E. 750-1,000

10c Blue, Die A (11). Horizontal strip of four, tied by twice struck “Marshall Tex.” double-circle datestamps on 40c Trans-Mississippi rate cover to a captain of the 4th Texas Regular Vol. Infantry, “Gregg’s brigade Longstreet’s corps Richmond”, ms. “Express via Shreveport La.”, strip with margins to bit in, small faults, cover repaired, rare West to East usage, with 1990 C.S.A. certificate ....................................................... (Photo) E. 1,000-1,500

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Confederate Military Courier Turned Usage. Legal-size cover with three-line imprint "State of Texas, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office. Official Business", addressed to Col. James E. McCord at Camp Colorado, Texas, turned and addressed to Col. James Buckner Barry at Fort Belknap, endorsed "Official Business" and "By Express", docketed Sept. 1863; both Col. McCord and Col. Barry played important roles in the Texas Confederate frontier defense; stains and folds as is to be expected in such usage, still exhibitable and very rare Confederate military cover ..................(Photo) E. 200-250

Fort Bankhead [Galveston Island], Dec. 20th, 1864. Dateline on 2pp letter with matching cover to Chapel Hill Tex., 10c Blue, Die B (12), three margins to just in at B., tied by faint Galveston cds, good content re whiskey consumption at Christmas celebrations, military gossip and mentions a "Soldier's Express Line", manuscript slightly faded, few bleach specks on cover, still Fine ...........................................(Photo) E. 300-400

Fort Clark Tex. Feb. 28. Confederate occupation cds and ms. "Paid 5 cts." on cover to Marshall Tex., backflap partly intact, a bit worn, still Fine and very rare ...................(Photo) E. 400-500
970°  **Fort Magruder.** Adversity cover made from woodcut portrait of John A. Wharton (opened to display illustration), “Galveston Tex. Jan. 13, 1864” double-circle ds, “Paid” & “10” hs, addressed to Chapel Hill Tex. with soldier’s original letter enclosure, content re deserters, movement from Fort, etc., waterstains and bleaching in letter, wear and tears mended with adhesive tape, still in exhibitable condition and most unusual ...................................................(Photo)  E. 300-400

971°  **Fort Velasco.** Partly clear “Velasco Tex. Dec. 26” cds, pencil “Due 10” on cover from J. P. Osterhout, 4th Infantry, to his family at Bellville, endorsement at left, docketed 1863 at a later date, upper left corner clipped, o/w Fine, this Confederate fortress was located near the mouth of the Brazos River ..................................................(Photo)  E. 300-400

972°  **Gulf Prairie P.O. Jan. 15, 1864.** Ms. pmk. and matching cancels on Confederate 5c Blue, Local (7), vertical pair, average, on brown cover to Lone Tree Tex., Very Fine, rare usage from the Gulf Prairie Encampments, the site of numerous Confederate defense positions ........................................................................(Photo)  E. 300-400

973°  **Gulf Prairie P.O. Feb. 24, 1864.** Ms. pmk. and “Due 10c” rate on yellow cover to Fairfield Tex. with attorney’s corner card, the firm of Simmons & Bradley of Fairfield, with endorsement of Capt. L. D. Bradley of Waul’s Legion, the envelope evidently used by Capt. Bradley from one of the Gulf Prairie Encampments, a rare and desirable Confederate usage ........................................................................(Photo)  E. 400-500

974°  **Texana Post.** 5c Blue, Local (7, average pair) canceled by “10” hs on buff cover with 33rd Texas Cavalry endorsement, addressed to Military Institute at Bastrop, some ink smears, o/w Fine, scarce ................................................................. E. 200-300
975* **Texas Blockade-Run Cover to Germany.** 1863 cover to Cassel, Kurhessen from Fort Brown, carried out of the mails to Matamoros, Mexico, and placed on board ship, clear "Droege Oetling & Co. Matamoros" blue oval on back, English and German transit markings, original letter in German from Texas soldier datelined "Fort Brown March 13, 1863" with excellent contents (translated) which mentions looting of farms by soldiers, young men fleeing to Monterrey to avoid the draft, etc., B. flap torn open and neatly sealed, still fresh and Very Fine, a handsome and very rare usage .................................................. (Photo)  E. 2,000-2,500

976* **Confederate Postage Used From Mexico.** Yellow cover to Washington Texas franked with 10c Blue, Die A (11) tied by boxed H. MATAMOROS JUNIO 4 datestamp from Mexico with matching FRANCO hs indicating this was accepted for payment; stamp additionally tied by "Houston Tex. Jun. 26" ds, tiny trace of marking in red near Franco hs, stamp with corner nick at T.R., otherwise fresh, a Very Fine usage, this being one of three known. Another cover from this correspondence mailed six days later is postmarked Concrete Tex. Why these covers would enter those two inland offices and not nearby Brownsville just across the river, is not known ......................(Photo)  E. 2,000-2,500
**CONFEDERATE CROSS-BORDER MAIL**

977° Brownsville Tex. Apr. 20. Very bold rimless ds on 1863 folded letter from Matamoros to John Twohig, neat blue merchant's oval on face, Type II “Paid 10” hs, good contents mention Genl. Bee and Col. E.B. Nichols, lightened staining at R. and internal tape mends at T.R. corner, very attractive appearance, very scarce ..... (Photo) E. 200-250

978° Brownsville Tex. 14 Mar. 1865. Rimless ds with inverted day and month at center, on 1865 folded letter with quadrille watermark, from Matamoros, bold “Paid 10” Type II hs, Very Fine and attractive ................. (Photo) E. 200-250

979° Brownsville Tex. Rimless postmark on two 1863 covers from Matamoros (Twohig correspondence) with matching “Paid 10” hs (Type II) one with Matamoros merchant's oval, other with interesting contents (reference to Genl. Bee, party murdered by bandits, etc.), accompanied by third cover postmarked Monterrey Mar. 1864 and addressed to Matamoros with business contents mentioning Union Genl. Banks (commander of forces occupying Brownsville), first two covers with edge flaws including one with small single mark .................................................. E. 200-250

980° Eagle Pass Tex. Dateless circle with matching “Paid” and no rate, on cover to Brownsville with pencil docketing on back indicating this originated in nearby Pedras Negras, Mexico, May 5, 1865, ms. “Charge Moke & Bro.” in corner, Very Fine .... (Photo) E. 200-250

981° Incoming Cover from Mexico. Folded cover to Jose San Roman at Brownsville, with partial oval hs “Admon Pral De Correos C Victoria” and “Franco” in fancy frame, blue oval hs of Jose Martinez, the postmaster, Feb. 12, 1861 docketing, Fine and rare. As a private banker and real estate entrepreneur, San Roman was one of the wealthiest men in Texas; during the war he was an important figure in the cotton trade carried on in Brownsville and Matamoros ........................................... (Photo) E. 200-250

982° San Patricio Tex. April 2nd ’63. Ms. postmark on folded letter from Matamoros, blue merchant's oval, small erosion in T.R. corner affecting ms. rate “10” ..... E. 100-150
THE CONFEDERATE INVASION OF MEXICO:
THE COVERS OF MAJOR HENRY RAGUET

With attention focused on events in the East, Washington had initially little interest in the military problems of the Southwest. General Scott ordered a concentration of Western troops at Fort Leavenworth that resulted in the evacuation of Forts Breckenridge and Buchanan. In July 1861 Lt. Col. John Baylor raised the Confederate flag at Fort Bliss, later occupying Fort Fillmore and the town of Mesilla. On August 1st he issued a proclamation establishing the Confederate Territory of Arizona, naming Mesilla as its capital and himself as governor. Meanwhile, Brig. General Henry Sibley raised three regiments (the 4th, 5th & 7th Texas regiments) in San Antonio, preparing for an offensive that would secure the entire Southwest for the Confederacy. The 4th regiment (known unofficially as the 1st Regiment) was commanded by Col. James Reily, a Houston lawyer who was also a former U.S. consul at St. Petersburg. His assistant was Col. William Scurry. When Reily was sent by Sibley on diplomatic mission to Sonora and Chihuaha, Scurry took over command. Under him was Maj. Henry Raguet. Through his surviving covers, one can roughly trace the progress of Sibley’s troops (designated the Army of New Mexico upon Sibley’s arrival at Ft. Bliss) along the Rio Grande to Fort Thorn. Sadly, at the battle of Glorieta Pass, on March 28th, Maj. Raguet was killed. This disastrous engagement, known as “the Gettysburg of the West,” was the beginning of the end for Sibley’s plans of conquering the Southwest. By July 1862, being short of food, shells and draft animals, with his men beset by sickness and low moral, Sibley began to retreat back to Texas.

Carte-de-Visite of Maj. Henry Raguet. CDV found among Raguet’s papers showing a bearded gentleman identified only as “Uncle” in a child’s hand, with imprint of Henry Doerr, a San Antonio photographer on back, probably taken during the summer or early fall of 1861 as Genl. Sibley raised and prepared three regiments for his expedition into New Mexico. Lot also includes a small “Official” cover to “Major H.W. Raguet 1st M. S.B./2d M. T.M.”, large size cover addressed “To Captain Hardeman, Lieuts. McCormick & Reily”, also an undated cover with “Free” hs to a Col. Raguet at Nacogdoches, first hand-carried cover with corner missing, otherwise Fine ..............(Photo)  E. 200-250
Brig. Genl. Sibley. Field cover signed by Sibley and addressed to the “Commanding officer 1st Regt: Sibleys Brigade” with “Official Business”, all in his hand, opened at R., otherwise neat and Fine. This was probably sent sometime after Maj. Raguet was in command under Col. Scurry, after the departure of Col. Reily. Sibley’s signature is not uncommon, but a field cover from the New Mexico campaign is very rare …(Photo) E. 750-1,000

En Route for El Paso. Ms. endorsement on large cover to “Major Henry Raguet 4th T.M.V.” with “Official” at T., each in a different hand, bit reduced at L., fresh and Fine, sent from San Antonio during Sibley’s westward march in the fall of 1861 ……………………..(Photo) E. 200-250

Official Business Hd. Qrs. Army of New Mexico. Ms. endorsement on large orange cover to “Commanding Officer 4th Regt. T.M.V. Camp on Rio Grande Texas” Although undated, this may have been sent shortly after Genl. Sibley ordered his troops further up the Rio Grande from Ft. Bliss to Ft. Thorn, Very Fine …………. (Photo) E. 150-200

Official Business Hd. Qrs. Army of New Mexico. Large orange cover to “Comdg. Officer 4th Regt. T.M.V. Camp on Rio Grande”, mailed during the Army of New Mexico’s journey from Ft. Bliss to Ft. Thorn, Very Fine …………..(Photo) E. 150-200

Official Business Hd. Qrs. Army of New Mexico. In ms. on large orange cover to “Commanding Officer 4th Regt. T.M.V. Camp on Rio Grande Arizona” Very Fine, any mail addressed specifically to Confederate-named Arizona is very rare …………..(Photo) E. 200-250

Official Business Hd. Qrs. Army of New Mexico. Large orange cover to “Major H.W. Raguet Comdg 4th Regt. T.M.V. Camp on Rio Grande Arizona” Very Fine. After Col. Reily left on a diplomatic mission to Mexico on Christmas Day 1861, Col. William Scurry led the 4th Regiment, with Raguet leading a battalion under Scurry’s command at Valverde and Glorieta. This cover reached him in early 1862; Maj. Raguet was killed at Glorieta, Mar. 28th ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… E. 200-250

Col. J. Reily 1st M. S. Bde. Endorsement on twice-used envelope to Major Henry Raguet at Ft. Thorn, Territory of New Mexico. On Jan. 3rd Genl. Sibley began moving his men from Ft. Bliss to Thorn, but later that month he sent a detachment of 54 men including Col. Reily and Capt. Sherod Hunter to Tucson to provide protection for pro-Confederate miners against the Apaches. Before they reached Tucson (Feb. 28, 1862), Sibley was moving his men up the Rio Grande, leaving Ft. Thorn on Feb. 7th, so this cover was sent to Maj. Raguet during Reily’s journey to Tucson. Fine, an important and possibly unique usage ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………(Photo) E. 500-600
PRISONER-OF-WAR MAIL
AND UNION OCCUPATION


992° Camp Groce, Hempstead Texas. Cover from Capt. Proctor to his brother in Boston, ms. "from Prisoner War Texas", clear "New Orleans La. Feb. 6 '64" double-circle ds and matching "Due 6" in circle, ms. examiners' marks front and back, light soiling, Fine. According to Antrim (p. 136), Capt. Proctor was in prison at Camp Groce on Nov. 1, 1863 and at Houston Texas Feb. 16, 1864 .........................(Photo) E. 500-600

993° "Texas prisoner of War Letter." Ms. heading on cover from Capt. Proctor of Mass., with red c.c. of Brandreth House, partial "U.S. Ship 3c" hs and ms. "(Ship)", reverse with ms. examiner's mark on back, same as previous cover and presumably another Camp Groce cover, tears at T. into endorsement, Fine appearance, one of four known, described in Antrim, p. 136 .........................(Photo) E. 300-400

994° Fort Brown, Texas. Dateline on Union soldier's letter: "Head Quarters 19th Regt. Iowa Inft. Vols. Fort Brown, Texas, July 13, 1864", with superb contents including a lengthy description of Mexican deserter from Texas cavalry being executed, details such as military band playing the "Dead March" while the prisoner sat in a coffin, etc., also discussion of the evacuation of Brownsville. Accompanied by original cover with No. 65 postmarked New Orleans Aug. 2nd with bold "Due 6" in circle. Both Very Fine .........................(Photo) E. 150-200

995° Union Occupation of Matagorda. Cover to Ohio postmarked "New Orleans La. Apr. 13 '64" double-circle ds with matching "Due 6". original enclosure describes revolt of black troops over their pay, bit reduced at L., just clear of endorsement, otherwise Very Fine, very scarce .........................(Photo) E. 150-200

996° Union Occupation of Texas. Two covers, one with No. 65 tied by New Orleans 1864 cds with ms. "Matagorda Bay Texas" in corner, other is soldier's due cover from Brownsville with New Orleans cds and "3" with July 11, 1865 letter, Fine pair. (Photo) E. 100-150

997° Brenham Texas Dec. 1. Mostly clear ds with "Paid" in arc and ms. "3" on cover to Franklin, Tenn., additional "Paid 25" in T.R. corner and deleted, indicating express company service, original enclosure dated 1865 is from one ex-Confederate soldier to another, describing his journey home after surrendering, and ending: "I am in business in the ‘Adams Express’ Office in this place.", cover with stains and large reduction at L., rare usage .........................(Photo) E. 150-200

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COVER BALANCES

998°  **Advertising Covers.** Fourteen different, 1857 Issue to 1909 Alaska-Yukon, from simple corner cards to an all-over (nice land agency cover showing surveyors), also 1902 multicolor ad for celery champagne, ginger ale & aqua-lithia, pretty Baylor Female College (1899), etc., some small faults, Fine or better ........................................... E. 200-250

999°  **Incoming Ship Covers.** Ten, mostly stampless from England or Germany, but includes North German Union franked with Nos. 16 & 17, 1868 cover from Spain, etc., also 1847 folded letter to England headed San Augustine and originally franked with Boyd's local (peeled off), Fine-Very Fine .......................................................... E. 400-500

1000°  **Reconstruction Period and Later.** Eighteen covers, includes No. U34 entire with four No. 65s to Germany (two stamps are convincing replacements), No. 68 used from Bonham, No. 77 & 114 on registered cover (15¢ defective) and three No. 112's on cover from Gonzales (1 faulty), later ms. towns include Skiles (1887) and Grotto (1902), Very Good-Fine ................................................................. E. 250-350

1001°  **Ship Covers.** Group of twelve, includes cover to Ky. with ms. “Lavaca, Texas”, blue ms. “12” and New Orleans “Ship” hs, several covers from Mexico with various ship endorsements and Brownsville “5” hs, 1866 cover from New York to Texas with blue oval “Cremer & Co. New Orleans 5330 [ms.]”, three stampless with blue Brazos St. Jago ds and each with different ship endorsement, etc. Fine lot ........................................ E. 200-250

1002°  **Statehood Stampless.** Lot of nine, including red Burkeville with integral stars, red rimless Henderson, blue Jasper with unlisted “5” in circle, purple Larissa ds, Palestine, Port Lavaca with integral year date, Port Sullivan ds on court house cover with no rate, Rio Grande City ds with “5” in circle, and straightline Shelbyville with large 10 rate, small faults, otherwise Fine ............................................................... E. 200-250

1003°  **Texas Fancy Cancels.** Fourteen covers and one card, 1851 Issue to 1880s, all different, Very Fine strikes ........................................................... E. 300-350

1004°  **Texas Cover Reference Lot.** Group of 19 items, includes 1840 Houston oval with Wm. Bryan oval on back, both extensively retraced, No. 11 with fraudulent ms. Waco Village postmark, also several covers with stamps added (incl. handsome Galveston ad cover with c.c. in brown), missing, or incorrectly identified as Texas origin, also two Confederate period letters, etc. The most interesting piece is a ms. “Ft. Graham” with “Due 4” and No. 11, all fraudulently added (incl. Cal. address) to what was once an unused U10 entire; the above represents our opinion, but the lot deserves careful examination 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