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Sale 1153
Tuesday, May 9th, 2017

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SALE 1153—TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017, AT 1:30 P.M. (LOTS 2001-2206)

Live auction at 60 East 56th Street (Park/Madison), 4th Floor, New York City

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2) Live Internet Bidding: Instructions for participating as a Live Internet Bidder are provided on the page opposite.

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• After you click on a bid amount, the auctioneer is immediately notified of your bid.

• Retracting a bid is usually not acceptable, so please bid carefully.

• If you bid and then decide to stop, the “Pass” button will tell the auctioneer you are no longer bidding.

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**Grades, Abbreviations and Values Used in Descriptions**

**Grades and Centering**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Guide to Gum Condition**

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**PRE-1890 ISSUES**

Pre-1890 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value

**Scott Value for “O.G.”**

**Disturbed Original Gum:** Gum showing noticeable effects of humidity, climate or hinging over more than half of the gum. The significance of gum disturbance in valuing a stamp in any of the Original Gum categories depends on the degree of disturbance, the rarity and normal gum condition of the issue and other variables affecting quality. For example, stamps issued in tropical climates are expected to have some gum disturbance due to humidity, and such condition is not considered a negative factor in pricing.

**Catalogue Values and Estimates**

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

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

**Symbols and Abbreviations (see chart above for gum symbols)**

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I BEGAN COLLECTING FLORIDA CONFEDERATE POSTAL HISTORY in 1986. I was fortunate to attend the John W. Kaufmann auction sale of the William G. Bogg collection in February 1987, and purchases from that sale formed the basis for my collection, which has matured over the past thirty years. Over this time, my Florida Confederate Postal History exhibits garnered four Grand Awards, an International Gold Award in London 2015, and two Florida Confederate Provisionals single-frame Grand Awards.

As a member, past trustee, and current President of the Confederate Stamp Alliance, I was proud to receive the C.S.A. Trophy “For the Best and Most Comprehensive Exhibit of CSA Stamps and Covers” on four different occasions. Eventually, this collection expanded to fill 160 pages in ten frames. Highlights from this auction sale were shown as an educational exhibit at World Stamp Show—NY 2016.

I am currently working on a comprehensive reference book, *Florida Confederate Postal History,* to be published this year by the Confederate Stamp Alliance, with assistance from the Gerald V. Stewart Educational Trust Fund. Pre-publication pricing will be available to Confederate Stamp Alliance members, and membership applications and information are on the society website, www.csalliance.org.

It is now time for me to let this material be enjoyed by other collectors, and hopefully enhance their current and future exhibits.

— DEANE R. BRIGGS, M.D.
ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY THE

STATE CONVENTION

OF THE

PEOPLE OF FLORIDA,

BEGAN AND HELD IN THE

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE JANUARY 3, 1861.
Florida Secession Resolution. Printed document titled “Ordinances & Resolutions Passed by the State Convention of the People of Florida, Begun and Held in the City of Tallahassee January 3, 1861,” 155 x 242mm, folded and stitch sewn at left, authorizes the secession of Florida from the United States, also establishes a Postmaster General with authority to negotiate with the other seceded states for postal routes into these states, excellent condition with just a few tiny edge or corner nicks

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THIS HISTORIC FLORIDA SECESSION DOCUMENT. THIS IS THE ONLY REPORTED NON-ARCHIVAL COPY.

The first article of the Ordinance of Secession states:

“We, the people of the State of Florida, in convention assembled, do solemnly ordain, publish, and declare, That the State of Florida hereby withdraws herself from the confederacy of States existing under the name of the United States of America and from the existing Government of the said States; and that all political connection between her and the Government of said States ought to be, and the same is hereby, totally annulled, and said Union of States dissolved; and the State of Florida is hereby declared a sovereign and independent nation; and that all ordinances heretofore adopted, in so far as they create or recognize said Union, are rescinded; and all laws or parts of laws in force in this State, in so far as they recognize or assent to said Union, be, and they are hereby, repealed.”

The Ordinance was passed on January 10, 1861, by a vote of 62-7 and was signed on January 11 by Governor Madison Starke Perry, making Florida one of the first four states to secede. Florida remained an Independent State until the establishment of the Confederacy on February 4, 1861.

E. 1,500-2,000

John H. Reagan. Postmaster General of the Confederate States, clear signature at Richmond on January 13, 1864 postmaster appointment (13.75 x 8.3 in.) for William C. Brown at Cork, Florida, some expert restoration along edges, reinforced folds

VERY FINE APPEARANCE AND EXTREMELY RARE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF A FLORIDA CONFEDERATE POSTMASTER’S COMMISSION.

The Briggs census records only one cover with a Confederate Cork Fla. postmark (manuscript), and it is held in an institutional collection. ................................................................. E. 1,500-2,000
Apalachicola Fla. Jan. 12, 1861. Printed dateline on blue folded “Apalachicola Times Letter-Sheet Prices Current” addressed to Providence R.I., with 1c Blue, Ty. V (24), Position 70R8, canceled by “PAID” straightline, stamp with small portion of captured imprint at upper right, Jan. 12, 1861 docketing, small cover tear at bottom, Very Fine, based on the printed dateline and docketing, this the earliest recorded Florida Independent State use of U.S. postage, the Ordinance of Secession was signed by Governor Perry only one day before on January 11, C.S.A. Catalog value $2,000.00.................................................................................................. E. 750-1,000

Apalachicola Fla. March 23, 1861. Printed dateline on folded “Apalachicola Times Letter-Sheet Prices Current” to South Berwick Me., franked with 1c Blue, Ty. V (24), s.e. at left and small tear at bottom right, canceled by bold “PAID” straightline, Fine and scarce Confederate State use of U.S. postage, C.S.A. Catalog value $1,000.00................................. E. 300-400

Baileys Mill Flo. Jan. 14 (1861). Clear strike of circular datestamp with 3c Dull Red, Ty. III (26), tied by target cancels on folded letter to Taylors Bridge S.C., Very Fine, this is the only recorded Independent State use from Bailey’s Mill, postmarked only three days after secession, ex Gibson.................................................................................................................. E. 1,000-1,500

“Enterprise Fla. 2nd Mo. 26th/61”. Quaker dateline on folded letter from postmaster David Walton to his children, entered mails in yellow cover with “Savannah Ga. Mar. 4, 1861” circular datestamp and bold “FREE” straightline handstamp, also manuscript “free”, addressed to himself in London Grove Pa., minor wear at left edge, Very Fine and rare Confederate use (or abuse) of U.S. free frank from a postmaster who was writing for purely personal reasons and not on official business.............................................................. E. 400-500
Fernandina Fla. Apr. 8 (1861), Bold strike of circular datestamp ties 3c Dull Red, Ty. III (26), s.e. at left and small faults on red and blue Overall 7-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic cover (F7-2A) to Ashville N.C., manuscript "Via Savannah, Atlanta, Augusta, Charlotte N.C.," edge tears at bottom and missing bottom backflap, small stain

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS 7-STAR OVERALL FLAG DESIGN USED FROM FLORIDA AND THE EARLIEST OF ALL CONFEDERATE PATRIOTICS USED IN FLORIDA.

This rare Patriotic design is desirable from any state. As a Confederate State use of U.S. postage from Florida, it is remarkable. It is also the earliest recorded Patriotic design used from Florida.

Illustrated in Wishnietsky book on p. 22 ......................................................... E. 2,000-3,000
“Houston Fla. February 2/61”. Manuscript postmark on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Oxford N.C., neat pen cancel, light toning across bottom, otherwise Very Fine, the only privately-owned Independent State use from Houston, Florida (one other cover is in an institutional collection) ................................................................. E. 750-1,000

Jacksonville Fla. Mar. 13 (1861). Double-circle datestamp ties 5c Dull Red, Ty. III (26) on yellow cover to Stockbridge N.Y. with blue embossed “Judson House” cameo corner card, return address reads “Near Terminus of Fla. At. & G.C.R.R.”, Skaden correspondence, slightly reduced at left clear of corner card, stamp with small nick at left, still Extremely Fine and rare Confederate State use of U.S. postage from Florida on a hotel advertising cover, the name on this cover appears to be “Skaorn” and is identified as such in the Briggs census, but other covers from the correspondence indicate the name is “Skaden” ......................... E. 750-1,000

Jacksonville Fla. May 19, 1861. Two strikes of double-circle datestamp (inverted year) tying 1c Blue, Ty. V (24) horizontal strip of three, top perfs trimmed and couple inconsequential short perfs, the left strike of the datestamp particularly bold and clear, on yellow cover to New York City street address, fresh and Very Fine Florida Confederate State use of U.S. postage, this is the only recorded example of this franking from Jacksonville .......... E. 1,000-1,500

Jacksonville Flor. Jan. 19 (1861). Clear strike of large circular datestamp ties 3c Dull Red, Ty. III (26), straddle-pane copy with portion of adjoining stamp at left, on small cover addressed to London Grove Pa., original contents Quaker-dated at Enterprise Fla. on Jan. 15, 1861, minor edgewear and soiling, Very Fine, a rare Independent State use from Jacksonville, the Briggs census lists only one other (also to London Grove), ex McNeal .......... E. 400-500
“P.O. Dept. Dead Letter Office, 19 Aug. 1861 H, 52-1”. Confederate States Dead Letter Office marking and record number in magenta manuscript, 3c Dull Red, Ty. III (26) tied by "Jacksonville Flor. Feb. 23" (1861) circular datestamp on folded letter datelined at Tallahassee to Hampton Va., forwarded to Richmond with manuscript "forwd" and blue "Hampton Va. Mar. 1" circular datestamp, apparently unclaimed in Richmond so struck with “ADVERTISED” oval handstamp and “Richmond Va. Mar. 8, 1861” circular datestamp, the Dead Letter Office marking applied when the cover was released, stamp roughly separated with pieces out at top and bottom, condition is otherwise excellent

Very fine appearance. An exceedingly rare Confederate Dead Letter Office manuscript marking on a cover from Florida.

This cover combines numerous rare elements. It is a Confederate use of U.S. postage from Florida, sent to Virginia before that state seceded on April 17. It was struck with Hampton forwarding and Richmond advertised markings. Going unclaimed, it most likely sat in the Richmond Post Office until approximately May 24 and then was sent to the Confederate Dead Letter Office (along with suspended northbound mail), where it was held until August 19. The Walske-Trepel Special Routes book records fewer than ten examples of the C.S.A. Dead Letter Office markings (handstamp or manuscript). The other manuscript markings we have seen are on northbound mail diverted at Richmond between May 24 and June 1, 1861. This is the only recorded Dead Letter Office cover from Florida.

C.S.A. Catalog value $7,500.00 ................................................................. E. 4,000-5,000
INDEPENDENT AND CONFEDERATE STATE USE OF U.S. STAMPS

2013

Mariana Fla. Feb. 22 (1861). Circular datestamp cancels 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Osceola Ark., manuscript "Via Memphis T." at bottom noting change in postal route due to the Gulf blockade, slightly reduced at left, mended corner at bottom right, Fine and scarce Confederate State use of U.S. postage from Mariana, the Briggs census records only three examples, ex McNeal................................................... E. 300-400

2014

Newport Flo. Feb. 28 (1861). Circular datestamp cancels 3c Red on Buff Nesbitt entire (U10) to military address on St. Simon's Island, Fort Brown Ga., edgewear and missing part of back flap, Fine, the only recorded example of Confederate State use of U.S. postage from Newport Florida, in fact the only example of a Newport postmark listed in the Briggs census throughout the Confederate period................................. E. 400-500

2015

Pilatka Fla. Mar. 15 (1861). Circular datestamp with grid cancelling 3c Red on White Star Die entire (U26) to New York City, Very Fine, the only recorded example of Confederate State use of U.S. postage from Pilatka, which is also rare from the rest of the Confederate period with only four other uses recorded in the Briggs census .................... E. 750-1,000

2016

Saint Augustine Fla. Jan. 29 (1861). Circular datestamp with matching grid tying 3c Dull Red, Ty. III (26) on Jan. 28th docketed folded letter to George R. Fairbanks in Tallahassee, stamp with vivid color, fresh and Very Fine, a rare Independent State use of U.S. postage from St. Augustine, one of only three recorded examples, C.S.A. Catalog value $1,500.00................................................................................. E. 1,000-1,500
INDEPENDENT AND CONFEDERATE STATE USE OF U.S. STAMPS

2017

Saint Augustine Fla. Jan. 29 (1861). Circular datestamp with matching grid tying 3c Dull Red, Ty. III (26) on cover to Dunhamville N.Y. with Florida House printed corner card, Skaden correspondence. Very Fine, a rare Independent State use of U.S. postage from Saint Augustine, one of only three recorded examples, also very rare with the advertising design. Dr. Briggs records only four such uses from Florida, the name on this cover appears to be “Skaorn” and is identified as such in the Briggs census, but other covers from the correspondence indicate the name is “Skaden”, C.S.A. Catalog value $1,500.00. E. 1,000-1,500

2018

Saint Augustine Fla. Mar. 12 (1861). Circular datestamp and manuscript “For 3” on 3c Red on White Nesbitt entire (U9), originated in Baltimore with blue “Baltimore Md. Feb. 26” circular datestamp, addressed to Saint Augustine and forwarded to Hibernia Fla., fresh and Extremely Fine, a very rare cover showing both a regular U.S. 3c rate and a Confederate State use of U.S. 3c rate, the only recorded example from Florida, with 1982 C.S.A. certificate. E. 1,000-1,500
2019  Warrington Fla. (May 1861). Dateless circular handstamp cancels 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Natchez Miss., clear strike of “Montgomery Ala. May 15, 1861” circular datestamp confirming the special arrangement with the Montgomery postmaster to distribute mail from Warrington and Pensacola after postal service at those cities was suspended by the U.S. Post Office Department, Very Fine and rare Confederate State use of U.S. postage, it is reported that 48,500 letters were serviced between April 18 and May 31, 1861 under this arrangement ............................................................. E. 500-750

2020  Warrington Fla. Apr. 9 (1861). Circular datestamp and grid cancel on 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Panola Miss., small tears and repair at top, Fine appearing and scarce Florida Confederate State use of U.S. postage with a military postmark ........... E. 400-500

2021  Charleston S.C. Mar. 30, 1861. Clear strike of double-circle datestamp with grid cancel tying 3c Dull Red, Ty. III (26), straddle-pane copy with large portion of adjoining stamp at left, on buff cover to Stockbridge N.Y., Skaden correspondence, reduced at left, fresh and Very Fine Confederate State use of U.S. postage, this correspondence is known with covers originating in Florida .......................................................... E. 300-400

2022  Richmond Va., Apr. 8, 1861. Circular datestamp ties 3c Dull Red, Ty. III (26) on cover to Stockbridge N.Y., Skaden correspondence, Very Fine, mailed nine days before Virginia seceded, this correspondence is known with covers originating in Florida ....... E. 150-200
“Little River Fla. June 1st 1861” — First Day of the Confederate Postal System. Neat manuscript postmark on obsolete 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Oxford N.C., manuscript “Paid in Money 5c” and “unpaid” over the embossed stamp, which is also carefully obliterated with pen strokes, leaving no doubt that the U.S. entire had no value in the Confederate postal system.

VERY FINE. A RARE JUNE 1, 1861, FIRST DAY OF THE CONFEDERATE POSTAL SYSTEM COVER. PARTICULARLY RARE AND DESIRABLE USED FROM A FLORIDA POST OFFICE.

The Briggs census records only eight Florida covers postmarked on June 1, 1861. This is the unique example from Little River .................................................. E. 2,000-3,000

Pensacola Fla. Jun. 1 (1861) — First Day of the Confederate Postal System. Bold strike of circular datetstamp with “PAID” and “5¢” rate handstamps, the latter crossed out and re-rated “10¢”, on cover to Norfolk Va., tears at top expertly repaired, Very Fine appearance, a rare June 1, 1861 First Day use from Florida and the only recorded example with the re-rating to 10¢.......................................................... E. 2,000-3,000
2025  Adamsville Fla. Sept. 11 (1861). Clear strike of circular datestamp with matching “PAID” straightline and “5” rate in circle on blue-lined folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., fresh and Extremely Fine, rare, the Briggs census records only four handstamped Paid Adamsville covers, ex Telep, C.S.A. Catalog value $750.00................................. E. 500-750

2026  Atseena Otie Fla. Sept. 15 (1861). Bold strike of circular datestamp with matching “PAID” straightline and “5” rate in circle on cover to Paulding Miss. (less than 500 miles), manuscript ”Via Mobile” routing which was not followed due to the change in mail routes necessitated by the Gulf blockade, sent via Florida Railroad to Baldwin and then via Memphis where “Due 5” struck for over-500 miles rate, minor soiling, Very Fine, the unique example from Confederate Atseena Otie (now Cedar Key Fla.), made more desirable by the rare combination of markings and routing, ex Bogg, C.S.A. Catalog value $1,500.00................................................................. E. 1,000-1,500

2027  Apalachicola Fla. Mar. 3 (1862). Circular datestamp with matching bold strike of “PAID 10” straightline handstamp on buff cover to Greenville C.H. S.C., accompanied by two portions of undated enclosures, minor corner wear, still Very Fine and extremely rare cover from Apalachicola sent after the start of the Confederate postal system, which should not be confused with the relatively available covers showing Confederate State use of U.S. postage from Apalachicola, the Briggs census records only one other post-May 31, 1861 use from this town, ex McNeal, C.S.A. Catalog value $750.00................. E. 500-750
2028  "Baldwin Fla. April 16th 1864". Manuscript postmark with matching "Due 10" on 28th Georgia Regiment soldier’s cover to Berzelia Ga., with original enclosure, Very Fine and scarce, Georgia troops, including the 28th Regiment, fought under District of East Florida Brigade Commander General Alfred H. Colquitt at the Battle of Olustee on Feb. 20, 1864, which was a Confederate victory and the only major Florida battle of the Civil War, the 28th Georgia Regiment was stationed at Baldwin before leaving for Virginia. E. 400-500

2029  Bay Port Fla. 11 May (1863). Circular datestamp with date in manuscript, “Paid 10c” on cover to Tallahassee Fla., 1863 docketing on back, Very Fine and rare, one of only two examples of this town datestamp listed in the Briggs census, C.S.A. Catalog value $1,000.00 ........................................................................................................ E. 750-1,000

2030  “Cedar Tree Oct 12th” (1861). Manuscript postmark with matching “Paid 5cts.” on Oct. 11, 1861 datelined folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., fresh and Very Fine, the unique example from Confederate Cedar Tree, Fla., ex Kohn, C.S.A. Catalog value $1,000.00... ................................................................. E. 750-1,000

2031  Chattahoochee Flo. (1862). Dateless circular postmark with manuscript “Pd 5” on Sep. 23, 1862 docketed small folded cover to Tallahassee Fla., Very Fine and extremely rare, one of only two recorded examples of this Florida town marking, ex Oser, C.S.A. Catalog value $1,000.00 ........................................................................................................ E. 750-1,000
2032 **Fernandina Fla. Jan. 9, 1862.** Bold strike of circular datestamp with manuscript “Due 10” by Fernandina postmaster on brown cover to Aberdeen Miss., “Due 10” handstamp struck in Memphis en route, manuscript “X” applied in Aberdeen as with other covers from the Ward correspondence (see *Confederate Philatelist* No. 331, pp. 199-204), barely reduced at right, Very Fine, the Fernandina postmaster recognized in this case that the routing via Memphis (instead of Mobile due to the Gulf blockade) required a 10c over-500 miles rate, ex Gibson and Myerson .................. E. 400-500

2033 **Fernandina Fla. Dec. 20, 1861.** Bold strike of circular datestamp with “PAID 5” straightline handstamp on brown cover to Aberdeen Miss., “Due 5” handstamp struck in Memphis en route, manuscript “X” applied in Aberdeen as with other covers from the Ward correspondence (see *Confederate Philatelist* No. 331, pp. 199-204), minor edge wrinkles, Very Fine, the Fernandina postmaster in this case did not recognize that the routing via Memphis (instead of Mobile due to the Gulf blockade) required a 10c over-500 miles rate, this is one of only two recorded examples of this underpaid use, ex Meroni .................................................. E. 400-500

2034 **Fernandina Fla. Dec. 31, 1861.** Bold strike of circular datestamp with “PAID 10” straightline handstamp struck by Fernandina postmaster on brown cover to Aberdeen Miss., small edge tears at top where barely reduced, appears Very Fine, the Fernandina postmaster recognized in this case that the routing via Memphis (instead of Mobile due to the Gulf blockade) required a 10c over-500 miles rate, ex Gibson .......................................................... E. 400-500

2035 **Fernandina Fla. Aug. 8 (1861).** Bold strike of circular datestamp with “Paid 5” handstamp and small seated half-dime negative handstamp on buff cover to Newbury S.C., accompanied by Aug. 6, 1861 datelined letter (slight stains), small sealed edge tears at top of cover, minor wear, appears Very Fine, a fascinating cover which Van Dyk MacBride and others considered a possible postmaster’s provisional use, Confederate handstamped provisional are distinguished by the presence of a control mark, the coin handstamp on this cover could be such a mark, this is the only recorded example, ex Everett, unlisted in Scott and C.S.A. Catalog ............ E. 1,000-1,500
2036 Gainesville Fla. Mar. 10 (1863). Small circular datestamp in blue with manuscript date, matching “PAID” straightline and manuscript “10” on cover to Perry’s Mills Ga., Very Fine, a rare blue Florida handstamp, Gainesville was the only town to use blue, Dr. Briggs reports only one other example, ex Gibson......................................................... E. 500-750

2037 Gainesville Fla. Jan. 6. Circular datestamp and “PAID” straightline, manuscript charge box notation at top of blue, dark gray and yellow wallpaper cover to Captain Fraser in Sumter S.C., missent to Madison C.H. Fla. where that town’s Jan. 18 circular datestamp was struck with manuscript “Missent”, small edge tear, refolded for display, Very Fine and rare Florida wallpaper cover, only approximately one dozen are recorded, ex Gibson and Meroni ........ E. 1,000-1,500

2038 Gainesville Fla. Mar. 22. Circular datestamp with date in manuscript, “PAID” straightline and “10” rate on red, green and blue wallpaper cover to Captain Fraser in Sumter S.C., small nick at top of flap which is folded up for display, Very Fine and rare Florida wallpaper cover, only approximately one dozen are recorded, ex Meroni............................................... E. 1,000-1,500
2039  “Houston Fla. July 4/61.” Manuscript postmark with “Paid 5” on light pink cover to Vice President Alexander Stephens in Augusta Ga., charge box notation and postmaster instructions at left, docketing on back indicates this was a “friendly letter”, missing back flap as usual for Stephens covers, Very Fine and scarce Houston Fla. origination, there was no regular postal route servicing Houston, but it was a station on the Florida Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad, it went via that route to Jacksonville and by steamboat to Savannah for distribution to Augusta.......................................................... E. 300-400

2040  Jacksonville Flor. Feb. 12 (1862). Circular datestamp with “PAID” straightline and “10” rate struck twice (one inverted), on buff cover to Captain Gibbs at the C.S.A. Military Prison in Salisbury, expert repair at bottom right, Very Fine appearance, likely a 20c double rate, this is the only Jacksonville example recorded with the double-struck 10c rate marking.......................................................... E. 500-750

2041  Jacksonville Fla. Jun. 18, 1861. Double-circle datestamp and double-struck “PAID” and “5” rate handstamps for 10c over-500 miles rate on cover to assistant quartermaster of 2nd Florida Regt. at Richmond Va., charge box notation at top, mended back flap tears just extend to front in a few places, appears Very Fine, Van Dyk MacBride believed this to be a postmaster’s provisional cover revalued to 10c for the over-500 miles rate, reasoning that since there are four known covers from this correspondence re-rated to 10c, it seems likely they were prepared ahead of time as the Jacksonville postmaster should have had no trouble understanding that the rate to Richmond was 10c (see lot 2085), ex Kohn ........... E. 750-1,000
2043  **Jasper ***Fla.*** Aug. 24. Circular datestamp with fleurons, date in manuscript, “PAID” straightline and “10” manuscript rate on buff cover to military address in Richmond Va., Very Fine, a rare Jasper Fla. Confederate postmark, the Briggs census records only five examples combined of both types (this one Ty. A), ex Kohn, C.S.A. Catalog value $1,000.00 .................................................................................. E. 7 50-1,000

2044  **Lake City Fla. Jul. 17 (1861).** Bold strike of circular datestamp with matching “PAID” straightline and “5” in circle rate on blue lined folded letter to Secretary’s Office Southern Confederacy at Montgomery Ala., **forwarded** with “Montgomery Ala. Jul. 31, 1861” circular datestamp and manuscript “ford 10”, slightly toned file fold at bottom, still Very Fine, a scarce use from Florida showing both the under-500 miles 5c rate and the over-500 miles 10c rate .......................................................................... E. 400-500

2045  **Madison C.H. Fla. Apr. 25.** Clearly struck circular datestamp with “Paid 10” in arc handstamp on **blue, green and dark red on cream wallpaper** cover to Manchester S.C., charge box notation at top, top flap vertical split, folded over for display, Very Fine, a scarce Florida wallpaper cover, perhaps a dozen are known.................................................. E. 1,000-1,500

2046  **Madison C.H. Fla. Nov. 29.** Circular datestamp with matching “Paid 10” in arc handstamp on **green and brown on cream wallpaper** cover to Manchester S.C., charge box notation at top, sealed back flap tears, Very Fine, a handsome and rare Florida wallpaper cover, perhaps a dozen are known.................................................. E. 1,000-1,500
Madison C.H. Fla. Apr. 3. Circular datestamp and “Due 10” in arc handstamp on ca. 1863 cover to Mrs. W. L. Lovell in Columbia S.C., magenta “No. 2” notation at top, fresh and Very Fine, ex Kohn .......................................................................... E. 200-300

Madison C.H. Fla. Aug. 22. Circular datestamp with small manuscript “pd.” and neat double-strike of “Paid 10” in arc handstamp for 20c double-rate on homemade cover to Anderson S.C., Extremely Fine, an attractive cover and one of only two recorded with this double-struck rate marking, ex Judd................................................ E. 750-1,000

Marianna Fla. Jun. 5 (1861). Circular datestamp with “Paid 5” in shield handstamp on folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., docketing at right. Very Fine and extremely rare, Dr. Briggs records this as the only known example of this shield handstamp, ex Kohn, C.S.A. Catalog value $750.00, this the illustrated example ........................................ E. 500-750

Marianna Fla. Sep. 14 (1863). Circular datestamp with large “Paid 10” in arc handstamp on blue folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., ink smear at bottom, still Very Fine and rare, C.S.A. Catalog value $750.00, this the illustrated example ............... E. 400-500

Marianna Fla. Jun. 24. Circular datestamp with “PAID” straightline without rate on small black-bordered mourning envelope to military address in Marietta Ga., sealed tear at bottom left, appears Very Fine, mourning covers from Confederate Florida are very rare, the Briggs census records only five from a total of nearly 1,600 covers ......... E. 500-750
2052 Miccosukee Fla. Sep. 24 (1861). Circular datestamp with date in manuscript, large “PAID” straightline with tiny “5” rate on obsolete 3c Red on White Nesbitt entire (U9) with embossed stamp crossed out, addressed to Tallahassee Fla., Very Fine and extremely rare, this is the only recorded example of this handstamped Paid marking, illustrated in C.S.A. Catalog where priced at $1,000.00 .................................................. E. 500-750

2053 Monticello Flor. Oct. 10 (1861). Clear strike of circular datestamp with matching “Paid 5” handstamp on yellow cover to Tallahassee Fla., charge box notation at top, Very Fine and rare, only two examples of this handstamped Paid marking are recorded, ex Weill Brothers stock, illustrated in C.S.A. Catalog where priced at $750.00............ E. 400-500

2054 Monticello Flor. Jan. 7. Circular datestamp with “PAID 10” straightline struck inverted on red and tan on cream wallpaper cover to Shelby Spring Ala., opened for display, some back flap tears and minor edge nicks, Fine and scarce Florida wallpaper cover, only approximately one dozen are recorded, also a rare example of this rate marking (four recorded, this one illustrated in C.S.A. Catalog)................................. E. 750-1,000

2055 “Mt. Pleasant Fla. Feby 1st, 1864”. Manuscript postmark with matching “Paid 10” on adversity cover made from a Bank of America New York cashier’s check, addressed to Macon Ga., charge box notation at top, refolded for display, Very Fine, a rare combination of a Mt. Pleasant Fla. postmark (only two recorded in Briggs census) and an adversity use, ex Kohn .......................................................... E. 750-1,000
2056  Newnansville Fla. Jul. 17 (1863). Circular datestamp with date in manuscript, "PAID" straightline and manuscript "10" rate on blue folded cover to Tallahassee Fla., 1863 docketing on flap, light file folds. Very Fine and rare, the only example recorded in the Briggs census with this 10c handstamped Paid marking................................ E. 500-750

2057  Newnansville Fla. Jul. 18 (1861). Small circular datestamp with date in manuscript, "PAID" straightline and manuscript "5" rate on lady's small embossed cover to Cedar Keys Fla., charge box notation at top, original Jul. 1861 datelined contents, Very Fine and rare, one of only two examples recorded in the Briggs census with this 5c handstamped Paid marking.................................................. E. 500-750

2058  Ocala Fla. Sep. 26. Bold strike of circular datestamp with month inverted, matching "PAID 10" straightline on turned buff cover to Barboursville Va., inside use addressed to Pa. without postmarks, fresh and Extremely Fine, ex Judd, C.S.A. Catalog value $2,500.00 ........................................... E. 750-1,000

2059  Ocala Fla. Apr. 1 (1862). Bold strike of circular datestamp with matching "PAID 5" straightline on folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., fresh and Extremely Fine, the only recorded example of this 5c handstamped Paid in the Briggs Census, C.S.A. Catalog value $1,000.00.................................................. E. 750-1,000
2060

Ocala Fla. Nov. 19. Mostly clear strike of circular datestamp with month inverted, manuscript “Paid 20cts” flanking “PAID” straightline on buff cover to Barboursville Va., charge box notation at top, some minor corner wear, backflap tear, Very Fine appearance, the only recorded example of this 20c handstamped Paid rate in the Briggs census

E. 300-400

2061

Ocala Fla. Nov. 24 (1863). Circular datestamp with small “Paid 10” straightline struck inverted, on turned cover to military address at Camp Cooper East Fla., inside use with 10c Greenish Blue, Die A (11c), pen-cancelled with “Baldwin Fla. Jan. 29th” postmark to Thomasville Ga., 1864 docketing, edges a bit tattered, missing backflap and part of one side flap, otherwise Fine, the only recorded example of this unusual handstamped Paid marking

E. 300-400

2062

Ocala Fla. Aug. 26 (1861). Circular datestamp with matching “PAID 10” straightline on obsolete 3c Red on Buff Star Die entire (U27) to Newberry C.H. S.C., original 1861 dated enclosure with toning, cover with minor soiling, still Very Fine, ex Oxer, C.S.A. Catalog value $2,500.00

E. 500-750

2063

Pensacola Flor. Aug. 22 (1861). Circular datestamp with “Paid” in circle and “5” rate handstamps on buff cover to Vicksburg Miss., forwarded to Port Gibson Miss. with partly clear strike of Vicksburg double-circle datestamp and “PAID 5” straightline, opened a bit roughly at right, backflap tear, otherwise Fine, the “Flor.” abbreviation is much scarcer than the “Fla.” abbreviation in Confederate Pensacola markings, less than 5% of the population shows “Flor.”

E. 300-400
2064  \* Pensacola Flor. Oct. 30 (1861). Circular datestamp with large \"Paid 5\" in arc handstamp on cover to Warrington Fla., Very Fine, the \"Flor.\" abbreviation is much scarcer than the \"Fla.\" abbreviation in Confederate Pensacola markings, less than 5% of the population shows \"Flor.\"........ E. 300-400

2065  \* Pensacola Flor. Jan. 25. Circular datestamp with matching \"PAID\" straightline and \"5\" rate in manuscript on small neat cover to Raleigh N.C., fresh and Very Fine, a rare Pensacola handstamped Paid with a 5c manuscript rate, also scarce with the \"Flor.\" spelling, this was underpaid by 5c as the distance to Raleigh was more than 500 miles, ex Nunnelley.................. E. 200-300

2066  \* Pensacola Fla. Oct. 26. Bold circular datestamp with matching \"Paid 10\" in large circle on buff cover to Augusta Ga., flap reattached and skillful repairs, appears Very Fine, only five examples of this marking are recorded in the Briggs census, it was later used in Pollard Ala. following Pensacola Postmaster Jordan’s commission as Pollard postmaster, this is the illustration example in C.S.A. Catalog, ex Everett and Hall......................................................... E. 200-300

2067  \* Pilatka Fla. Jan. 20. Circular datestamp with matching \"PAID\" straightline and \"5\" in circle on small white envelope with blue lining to Percy’s Mills Ga., Very Fine and rare, only four Confederate Pilatka Fla. handstamped Paid uses are recorded in the Briggs census, C.S.A. Catalog value $750.00 ........................................................................................................ E. 500-750


2069  \* Quincy Flor. Jun. 15. Circular datestamp and \"Due 10\" in arc handstamp on brown cover to Lawrenceville Ga., soldier’s endorsement at top so allowed to be sent collect, Very Fine .... E. 200-300
2070  $  Saint Augustine Fla. Jan. 5 (1862). Bold strike of circular datestamp with equally bold “PAID” and “10” handstamps on buff cover to Maj. Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith, “Comd. 4th Division Army of the Potomac” in Manassas Va., manuscript “Via Tallahassee” route endorsement, Very Fine, this reflects the route change for mail to Virginia due to the Gulf blockade, only four Confederate mail St. Augustine covers are recorded in the Briggs census (all handstamped Paid)...
2071  $  Saint Augustine Fla. Oct. 31 (1861). Circular datestamp with matching “PAID” and “5” handstamps, “5” rate overstruck “10” on buff cover to Captain Gibbs in Richmond Va., charge box notation at top, fresh and Extremely Fine, a possible provisional cover but more likely struck 5c in error and revalued for the over-500 miles rate to Richmond, in either case the only recorded example, ex McNeal .............................................................................................................. E. 750-1,000
2072  $  Richmond Va. Aug. 20, 1861. Mostly clear strike of circular datestamp with “Paid 20” handstamp and blue “20” manuscript rate on cover to St. Augustine E. Fla., endorsed “via Savannah Geo.”, just a hint of toning, Very Fine and scarce double-rate use to Confederate Florida, C.S.A. Catalog value for this rate marking without regard to the destination $500.00......... E. 400-500
2073  $  St. Marks Fla. Feb. 20. Circular datestamp with matching “PAID” and “10” handstamps on homemade cover to Columbia Mines Ga., Very Fine, only seven examples are recorded in the Briggs census ...............................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................
2074  $  “Suwannee Shoals Fla. July 11th 1861.” Manuscript postmark and “Paid 5” on folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., light file folds, Very Fine, the only recorded example of a Confederate Suwannee Shoals Fla. postmark, ex Kohn............................................................... E. 750-1,000
2075  $  Tallahassee, Fla. Dec. 24 (1862). Mostly clear strike of circular datestamp with bold “PAID” straightline and manuscript “20” double-rate on legal size semi-official Executive Department, Tallahassee, Florida imprint cover addressed to Governor Joseph E. Brown at Milledgeville Ga., docketing at left “Resolutions of Fla. Endorsing the Confederate Debt,” small ink spot, Fine and rare, the only recorded 20c handstamped Paid rate from Tallahassee, ex Kohn......... E. 400-500
2076  Tallahassee Fla. Jun. 6 (1861). Circular datestamp with bold “PAID” straightline and manuscript “5 cts” rate on buff cover to Knoxville Tenn., original contents request that another enclosure be sent “through the lines” to relatives in the North, Very Fine, the earliest recorded example with this handstamped Paid marking, mailed only five days after the inauguration of the Confederate postal system...................................... E. 40 0-500

2077  Tallahassee Fla. Aug. 27 (1862). Circular datestamp with first digit of date in manuscript, “PAID” and “10” handstamps on blue cover to Jacksonville Fla., small opening tears at top, otherwise Very Fine, ex McNeal........................................ E. 150-200

2078  (Tallahassee Fla.). Small “Paid 10” two-line handstamp on “Executive Department, Tallahassee, Florida.” semi-official imprint cover to Savannah Ga. (S-FL-03), manuscript “chg Exc” at top right, no Tallahassee datestamp, small sealed tears at top, still Very Fine, one of only three recorded examples of this rate handstamp without a datestamp and one of only six Florida semi-official imprint covers, C.S.A. Catalog value for the imprint $1,000.00.............................................................................. E. 500-750

2079  Tallahassee Fla. J? 25. Circular datestamp with matching “PAID” straightline on “Executive Department, Tallahassee, Florida.” semi-official imprint cover to Macon Ga. (S-FL-03), Very Fine, the only recorded example of this handstamped Paid marking without a rate (would be 10c) and one of only six Florida semi-official imprint covers, ex Dr. Howard Green, C.S.A. Catalog value for the imprint $1,000.00.............................................. E. 500-750

2080  Warrington Fla. Dec. 15, 1861. Clear strike of circular datestamp with “PAID” straightline and “5” in circle handstamps on buff cover to Port Gibson Miss., small piece of back flap missing, Very Fine, the year-dated postmarks from Warrington are rare and represent less than 5% of the total (four known among approximately 85 covers with this handstamped Paid marking), Raymond H. Weill backstamp............................................. E. 400-500
2081 ⊗ Waukeenah Fla. Mar. 29 (1862). Circular datestamp in brown with matching “PAID” straight-line and “5” in circle handstamps on small cover to military address at Macon Ga., forwarded to Yorktown Va. with manuscript “Fowd” and “10” rate, back with tears and small pieces missing, front with some minor wear but appears Very Fine, extremely rare Florida colored-ink postmark from the Confederate period, only two handstamped Paid covers are known from Waukeenah, the other is also in Brown and is ex Dr. Agre, this example showing both the under and over-500 mile rates is particularly desirable ................ E. 500-750

2082 ⊗ Welaka Fla. Nov. 18th. Bold strike of double-circle datestamp with date in manuscript, matching “PAID” straight-line and manuscript “10c” rate on adversity cover made from a Florida Confederate propaganda broadside, addressed to Thomasville Ga., Very Fine, illustrated in C.S.A. Catalog on page 69, where priced at $750.00 .................... E. 500-750

2083 ⊗ Welaka Fla. Dec. 16th (1862). Bold strike of double-circle datestamp with date in manuscript, matching “PAID” straight-line and manuscript “10c” rate on cover to “Harts Road Station Fla. R. Rd. E. Fla.”, receipt docketing at top, Very Fine, this post office was established early during the Civil War as a military supply stop on the Florida R.R. ..................... E. 500-750

2084 ⊗ White Springs Fla. Oct. 20 (1863). Circular datestamp with second digit of date in manuscript, matching “PAID” straight-line and “10” in circle handstamp struck twice, on adversity cover made from a circular to inspectors of military elections, 1863 docketing on flap, Very Fine and rare, one of only three Confederate covers from White Springs and the only handstamped Paid use, ex Oxer, illustrated in C.S.A. Catalog on page 69, where priced at $1,000.00...................................................... E. 500-750
POSTMASTERS' PROVISIONALS

JACKSONVILLE—WILLIAM GROTHE, POSTMASTER

2085

**Jacksonville Fla., 5c Black entire (134XU1).** "Jacksonville Flor. Nov. 8” circular date-stamp with clear strike of “Jacksonville Fla.” control double-circle handstamp on back, “PAID” and “5” rate handstamps on buff cover to Tampa Fla., manuscript docketing for a draft of $650, backflap tear barely extends to front at top, mild horizontal file fold

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENTIRE. A GREAT RARITY OF CONFEDERATE STATES AND FLORIDA CIVIL WAR POSTAL HISTORY.

Both the Scott and C.S.A. Catalogs illustrate the markings on this cover, the latter stating it is the only known example.

Ex McNeal. With 1986 and 1996 C.S.A. certificates. Unpriced in Scott or C.S.A. Catalog. See also lot 2042. .................................................. E. 3,000-4,000

Control mark on back
LAKE CITY—EDWARD R. IVES, POSTMASTER

Edward R. Ives served as the Lake City postmaster from Mar. 11, 1859, until he was replaced by Arthur S.T. Wright on Sep. 25, 1860. White was then appointed the Confederate postmaster from July 25, 1861, until Ives was re-appointed sometime prior to Nov. 26, 1863 (based on the letter offered in lot 2086, which Ives signed as postmaster).

“Lake City Fla. Nov. 26th, 1863.” Dateline on letter (without cover) from Lake City Postmaster E. R. Ives to the postmaster at Savannah Ga., informing him that a locked mail bag intended for Savannah was missent from Charleston to Lake City and complaining of “gross mismanagement” of the mail by route agents, Dec. 5 answer docketing at top but we do not know how the Savannah postmaster took this news, bands of toning. Fine appearing and fascinating letter, Postmaster E. R. Ives’s name appears on the straightline control marks found on some of the scarce Lake City Postmaster’s Provisionals (96XU1) ..........(Website PDF) E. 400-500

Lake City Fla., 10c Black entire (96XU1). “Paid 10” provisional handstamp with “E. R. Ives” straightline handstamp on top flap, “Lake City Fla. Aug. 26” (1864) circular datestamp, on cover to Thomasville Ga., exceptional condition

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST EXAMPLES OF THE RARE LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, 10-CENT POSTMASTER’S PROVISIONAL.

There are two types of Lake City Provisional control marks — the “E. R. Ives” postmaster straightline as seen on this cover and the undated circular handstamp. Only eight examples of any Lake City Postmaster’s Provisional are recorded in the Briggs census, including six with the postmaster straightline and two with the circular control mark. The covers are split between two correspondences, the other addressed to Sparta Ga.

C.S.A. Catalog value for either control mark $5,000.00. Scott Retail for either control mark $3,500.00.................................................................................................................. E. 2,000-3,000
Lake City Fla., 10c Black entire (96XU1), “Paid 10” provisional handstamp with “E. R. Ives” straightline handstamp on bottom flap, “Lake City Fla. Jun. 27” (1864) circular datestamp, on cover to Thomasville Ga., slight wrinkling near top, back flap tear just barely nicks front at top.

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE RARE LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, 10-CENT POSTMASTER’S PROVISIONAL.

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C.S.A. Catalog value for either control mark $5,000.00. Scott Retail for either control mark $3,500.00 ................................................................. E. 1,500-2,000
Lake City Fla., 10c Black entire (96XU1), “Paid 10” provisional handstamp with “Lake City Fla.” circular control handstamp on top flap, “Lake City Fla. Apr. 18” circular date-stamp on cover to Sparta Ga.

VERY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST EXAMPLES OF THE RARE LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, 10-CENT POSTMASTER’S PROVISIONAL — PARTICULARLY ELUSIVE WITH THE CIRCULAR CONTROL MARK.

There are two types of Lake City Provisional control marks — the “E. R. Ives” postmaster straightline and the undated circular handstamp as seen on this cover. Only eight examples of any Lake City Postmaster’s Provisional are recorded in the Briggs census, including six with the postmaster straightline and two with the circular control mark. The covers are split between two correspondences, the other addressed to Thomasville Ga.

Ex Weatherly, Spelman, Wiseman (with his backstamp) and Bogg. C.S.A. Catalog value for either control mark is $5,000.00 despite the greater rarity of the circular mark offered here. Scott Retail for either control mark $3,500.00 ..................  E. 4,000-5,000
Lake City Fla., 10c Black entire (96XU1). “Paid 10” handstamp on front and “Lake City Fla.” circular control handstamp on top flap, carried to Charleston S.C. where mailed to Sparta Ga., the value of the entire was not accepted in Charleston so 10c Blue, Die A (11) with part imprint affixed over the “Paid 10” marking and tied by “Charleston S.C. May 7, 1864” circular datestamp, some erosion on flap mostly outside of control mark, stamp moved and hinged to reveal the “Paid 10” marking

FINE APPEARANCE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF A LAKE CITY POSTMASTER’S PROVISIONAL ENTIRE USED FROM ANOTHER TOWN WITH REGULAR CONFEDERATE POSTAGE PAYING THE ENTIRE RATE.

There are two types of Lake City Provisional control marks — the “E. R. Ives” postmaster straightline and the undated circular handstamp as seen on this cover. Of the two, the circular mark is rarer.

Ex Weatherly and Myerson. Illustrated in Crown Survey, C.S.A. Catalog value for normal use $5,000.00 ............................................................................................... E. 2,000-3,000
Between the time that each state seceded from the Union and the June 1st commencement date of the Confederate postal system, postmasters in the South were still obligated to report to the United States Post Office Department. Instructions from C.S.A. Postmaster General John H. Reagan specifically ordered Southern postmasters to:

...continue the performance of their duties as such, and render all accounts and pay all moneys to the order of the Government of the U.S. as they have heretofore done, until the Government of the Confederate States shall be prepared to assume control of its postal affairs.

Reagan also recognized the difficulties postmasters would experience in securing postage stamps during this interim period and decided “to leave it to postmasters and persons paying postage to arrange between themselves the manner in which these notes may be used.” In effect, Reagan authorized postmasters to issue provisional postage until Confederate stamps were supplied, although provisional postage was specifically banned by the Federal government. Nonetheless, postmasters who knew they would soon be reporting to the Confederate government could be expected to improvise as they deemed necessary, especially when U.S. postal officials were unwilling to send supplies of stamps or stationery.

Prior to June 1, 1861, postmasters’ provisionals would necessarily be rated 3¢, the basic United States letter postage. The Scott Catalogue lists 3¢ 1861 Postmasters’ Provisional adhesive stamps for Hillsboro N.C., Madison Court House Fla. and Nashville Tenn. (the Nashville 3¢ stamp was never issued). Scott also lists handstamped envelopes for Jackson Miss., Selma Ala. and Tuscumbia Ala. (the Tuscumbia was formerly listed as 12XU1 in the U.S. provisionals section of the catalogue).

The Madison 3¢ provisionals were issued by Postmaster Samuel J. Perry only days after the Confederate States were formed at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 4, 1861. The earliest recorded use of the Madison provisional is dated February 13, 1861, by an enclosure (lot 2094). One of the off-cover stamps is cancelled by a February 21 (1861) Madison datestamp (lot 2092). These are the earliest postmasters’ provisionals issued in the Confederacy.

Postmaster Perry issued the printed 5¢ entire sometime later (lot 2095). Through testimony and contemporary source material, the Madison provisionals have been thoroughly documented and authenticated. The 3¢ was first reported by John W. Scott, who discovered the “CNETS” error in 1872. Scott described the Madison stamp as “the first issued, best authenticated and scarcest Confederate provisional.” The Madison 5¢ entire was found by C. H. Mekeel in 1895. Extensive research by Patricia A. Kaufmann resulted in two definitive articles on the subject: “U.S. 3-Cent 1861 Postmaster Provisionals Used in the Confederacy,” American Philatelist, November 1984, and “The Madison, Florida, Postmaster Provisionals; Anatomy of a Postal History Research Project,” American Philatelist, February 2000).

Postmaster Perry had his stamps typeset and printed at the offices of The Southern Messenger, the newspaper published by his eldest son William. Soon after the stamps appeared, they were reported in The New York Herald under the headline “The PostMaster at Madison Fla has offered P Office Stamps contrary to Law,” which prompted an investigation by the United States postal inspectors. Perry was cleared of any wrongdoing, and he ended his tenure as a Federal appointee by filing all returns and remitting all money owed to the U.S. government.

Six examples of the Madison Court House 3¢ provisional are recorded (four normal off cover, one off cover with “CNETS” error, and one normal on cover):

1) Town circular datestamp dated Feb. 21 (1861), ex Philbrick, Avery, Ferrary, Lapham and Moody, Siegel 2000 Rarities sale (Sale 824, lot 440), **offered in this sale as lot 2092**

2) Circular datestamp, formerly owned by the Weills

3) Manuscript “(P)aid in (Money)” cancel, ex Ferrary, Moody, Felton (Siegel Sale 1016, lot 594)

4) Pen cancel, ex Piller inventory (stamp stolen and recovered), D.K. Collection (Siegel Sale 1022, lot 1001)

5) Used on cover, cancelled by “Paid” in oval, ex Avery, Ferrary, Duveen, Hind, Caspary, Siegel 2000 Rarities sale (Sale 824, lot 439), Gross (Spink/Shreves sale, Nov. 19, 2009, lot 1), **offered in this sale as lot 2094**

6) “CNETS” error (Scott 3AX1a), town datestamp, ex Philbrick, Ferrary, Duveen, Lapham, Moody, Siegel 2000 Rarities sale (Sale 824, lot 441), **offered in this sale as lot 2093**

In addition to the 3¢ adhesive stamps, there is one 5¢ Confederate-rate entire, ex Ferrary, Lapham, Moody, Siegel 2000 Rarities sale (Sale 824, lot 442), **offered in this sale as lot 2095**.

We are grateful to Patricia A. Kaufmann for her permission to quote from her research in this catalogue. Her articles, with updates, can be viewed at http://www.trishkaufmann.com/madison.php.
Madison C.H. Fla. Mar. 7. Circular datestamp and “Due 10” in arc handstamp on inside of turned Post Office Department Official Business imprint cover to Athens Ga., soldier’s endorsement at top, first use was from Richmond to Madison C.H. with “Richmond Va. Jan. 23” circular datestamp and “FREE” straightline, signed by Chief of the Appointment Bureau B. N. Clements, one flap partly torn off, Very Fine and rare turned use from Florida, only a handful of the Madison C.H. “Due 10” markings are recorded. E. 750-1,000
**MADISON COURT HOUSE 3-CENT PROVISIONAL WITH DATESTAMP**

Madison Court House Fla., 3¢ Gold on Bluish (3AX1). Large to huge margins, clear strike of “Madison C.H. Flo. Feb. 21” (1861) circular datestamp, deep thin and tiny pinhole

EXTREMELY FINE APPEARANCE. ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE OF THE FOUR RECORDED OFF-COVER MADISON COURT HOUSE, FLORIDA, POSTMASTER’S PROVISIONALS.

The Madison Court House Provisional was the subject of a definitive article by Patricia A. Kaufmann in the *American Philatelist* and the *Confederate Philatelist* (the article, with updates, can be viewed at http://www.trishkaufmann.com/madison.php). The Madison Provisional is one of six stamps that the Scott Catalogue now lists separately as “3c 1861 Postmasters’ Provisionals.” They are distinct from the 5c and 10c Confederate Provisionals in that the postmasters who issued the stamps were still technically under the control of the U.S. Post Office Department, and were remitting postal receipts to the Department (and were avoiding ordering new U.S. stamps in anticipation of a final change in administrative control of their offices). The 1861 Provisionals are all 3¢ adhesives or handstamps, reflecting the then-current U.S. letter rate. One of the recorded Madison Court House examples bears a manuscript “(P)aid in (Money)” in the handwriting of Postmaster Samuel J. Perry.

Only five examples of Scott 3AX1 are recorded, including the unique “CNETS” error offered in the following lot, and the only recorded on-cover example offered in lot 2094. There is also the unique Madison 5c Provisional press-printed entire, listed in the regular C.S.A. Provisional section (137XU1) and offered in lot 2095.

Ex Judge Philbrick, Sir William Avery, Ferrary, Lapham and Moody. With 1996 C.S.A. certificate. ................................................................. 20,000.00
MADISON COURT HOUSE 3-CENT PROVISIONAL “CNETS” ERROR


SOUND AND FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE MADISON COURT HOUSE, FLORIDA, POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL WITH THE “CNETS” ERROR — ARGUABLY ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PHILATELIC VARIETIES IN CONFEDERATE PHILATELY.

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Only five examples of Scott 3AX1 are recorded, including one with the normal “CENTS” spelling offered in the previous lot, the unique “CNETS” error offered here, and the only recorded on-cover example, offered in the following lot. There is also the unique Madison 5c Provisional press-printed entire, listed in the regular C.S.A. Provisional section (137XU1) and offered in lot 2095.

MADISON COURT HOUSE 3-CENT PROVISIONAL
THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE ON COVER

Madison Court House Fla., 3c Gold on Bluish (3AX1). Bottom right corner sheet margins, large left margin and ample at top, cancelled by “Paid” in oval, used on buff cover to Thomas W. Thompson, Washington D.C., with dateline in same hand on clipped piece reading “Madison, Florida, Feb. 13, 1861”, refolded around edges to improve appearance and stamp moved slightly from original position

EXEMPLARY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE MADISON COURT HOUSE, FLORIDA, POSTMASTER’S 3-CENT PROVISIONAL STAMP USED ON COVER. AN EXTRAORDINARY 1861 PROVISIONAL WITH UNITED STATES RATE, USED FROM THE CONFEDERATE STATE OF FLORIDA TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. THIS IS THE EARLIEST DATE OF ANY PROVISIONAL USED IN THE CONFEDERACY.

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Only five examples of Scott 3AX1 are recorded, including one with the normal “CENTS” spelling offered in the lot 2092, the unique “CNETS” error offered in the previous lot, and the only recorded on-cover example, offered here. This unique cover with the Madison 3c provisional, and its dated contents — February 13, 1861 — place it within nine days of the formation of the seven original Confederate States, which included Florida. It is the earliest of all Postmasters’ Provisionals used in the Confederate States.

Madison Court House Fla., 5c Black entire (137XU1). Boldly impressed typeset provisional — shows thru flaps, indicating that it was prepared in advance of sale to the public — bold “Madison C.H. Flo. Sep. 2” (1861) circular datestamp on yellow entire to Green Hill Ala., minor mend in back flap

EXTREMELY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE MADISON COURT HOUSE, FLORIDA, POSTMASTER’S 5-CENT PROVISIONAL ENTIRE. ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES IN CONFEDERATE PHILATELY.

There are seventeen unique Confederate postmasters' provisional adhesives (A) or press-printed entires (E): Austin Miss. (E), Beaumont Tex. (A—large 10c), Bridgeville Ala. (A—pair), Charleston S.C. (E—10c), Fincastle Va. (E), Franklin N.C. (E), Hallettsville Tex. (A), Hillsboro N.C. (A), Jetersville Va. (A—pair), Kingston Tenn. (E), Knoxville Tenn. (A—10c), Madison C.H. Fla. (E, offered here), Mt. Lebanon La. (A), New Smyrna Fla. (A), Port Lavaca Tex. (A), Rutherfordton N.C. (A) and Salisbury N.C. (E—damaged).

Micanopy
JOSEPH T. COLDING, POSTMASTER

Micanopy Fla., 5c Black entire (105XU1). Perfect strike of “Micanopy, Fla. Paid 5” circular provisional handstamp, “Micanopy Flo. Apr. 12” (1862) circular datetamp and additional “Paid 5” in arc handstamp for over-500 miles 10c rate on small pink cover to Augusta Ga., edges with pen-drawn mourning borders and manuscript “Post Mortum” on back, original enclosure reports the death of the recipient’s uncle with lengthy exhortations to religion and living life to the fullest, small stain at upper right clear of markings, all handstamps are clearly struck

EXTREMELY FINE. THE FINER OF ONLY TWO RECORDED POSTMASTER’S PROVISIONAL ENTIERES FROM MICANOPY, FLORIDA.

Joseph T. Colding was commissioned the Micanopy postmaster on July 25, 1861, replacing the pre-war postmaster, Thomas J. Leonard. This cover was apparently uprated by 5c with the handstamped Paid marking to reflect the now over-500 miles route via Tallahassee and Savannah due to the occupation of Jacksonville. The Micanopy handstamped Paid marking is also extremely rare — the C.S.A. Catalog reports that the only handstamped Paid example of this marking was lost in a fire. There are two recorded examples of the Micanopy Provisional. The other is a 5c under-500 mile rate, although it, too, was mailed after the March 12, 1862, occupation of Jacksonville. ............ 11,500.00
PENSACOLA
THOMAS E. JORDAN, POSTMASTER

Pensacola Fla., 10c on 5c Black entire (106XU1a). Clear strike of fancy provisional handstamp with “Paid 5” around star inside circle, “H” inside star, uprated for over-500 miles with manuscript “10” over “5”, “Pensacola Fla. Jul. 31” (1861) circular datestamp on red and blue 7-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic cover (F7-B variety, different alignment of stars) to Richmond Va., the recipient not found in Richmond so struck with “Advertised 2” in ornate frame handstamp — a beautiful bold strike, flag struck with “Richmond Va. Aug. 9” circular datestamp, docketing on back with Aug. 19 receipt date, some minor soiling is totally inconsequential but mentioned for accuracy

EXTREMELY FINE. PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT FLORIDA CONFEDERATE PATRIOTIC COVER IN EXISTENCE. ONLY FIVE EXAMPLES OF THE PENSACOLA POSTMASTER’S PROVISIONAL ARE RECORDED IN THE BRIGGS CENSUS — THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN USE ON A PATRIOTIC COVER AND THE ONLY RE-RATED EXAMPLE. A PHENOMENAL EXHIBITION ITEM.

The Union Pensacola postmaster when the U.S. Post Office closed the office was Thomas E. Jordan. He was subsequently commissioned the Confederate postmaster from June 10, 1861. The significance of the “H” inside the star is unknown. Of the five examples recorded in the Briggs census, this is the only one on a Patriotic cover and the only re-rated to 10c for the over-500 mile rate.

Ex Oxer, Hart and Bogg. Illustrated in Wishnietsky book on page 27. E. 15,000-20,000
2098 Pensacola Fla., 5c Black entire (106XU1). Exceptionally bold strike of fancy provisional handstamp with “Paid 5” around star inside circle, “H” inside star, “Pensacola Fla. Jul. 24” (1861) circular datestamp on yellow cover to Jackson Miss., some negligible edgewear and toning

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, FANCY STAR IN CIRCLE 5-CENT POSTMASTER’S PROVISIONAL HANDSTAMP ON AN ENTIRE. ONLY FIVE EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED IN THE BRIGGS CENSUS.

The Union Pensacola postmaster when the U.S. Post Office closed the office was Thomas E. Jordan. He was subsequently commissioned the Confederate postmaster from June 10, 1861. The significance of the “H” inside the star is unknown. This is only the third example we have offered in 25 years.

Ex Emerson .......................................................................................................................... 4,250.00

Confederate camp at Pensacola, 1861, photographed by Jay Dearborn Edwards
Source: https://www.loc.gov/item/2013651850/
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**Quincy Fla. 10¢ Black entire (C.S.A. QUI-FL-E01).** Strikes of “PAID” and “10” hand-stamps underneath horizontal pair of 5¢ Blue, Local (7), tied by “Quincy Flor. Mar. 10” circular datetamp and addressed to Athens Ga., pair moved to reveal provisional markings and hinged, Very Fine, the unique example of the Quincy Fla. Postmaster’s Provisional entire, there are several Confederate Postmaster Provisional entries that served as envelopes with regular issue stamps, if the markings are also known on hand-stamped Paid covers they can be identified as a provisional only when unused, under a General Issue stamp (as seen here) or sent from another town, ex Oxer, unlisted in Scott, listed but unpriced in C.S.A. Catalog .............................................. E. 1,000-1,500

2100

**Warrington Fla.** Dateless circular handstamp with “PAID” straightline and manuscript “Pd/5/D” at top right, also “Pd W.S.C.” in same writing as address on cover to Talladega Fla., backflap tear mended with non-archival tape, still Very Fine, the Warrington circular datetamp did not receive a date until Sep. 5, 1861, this is a possible provisional use with the “Pd 5/3/D” being the provisional marking ........................................ E. 300-400
**2101**

**Nashville Tenn., 5c Violet Brown (61X5).** Ample margins to just in at one corner, small sealed cut at top right, tied by blue Nashville Tenn. circular datestamp with unreadable date, matching "PAID" straightline handstamp and manuscript "Due 5" on small cover to Apalachicola Fla., bold "Unpaid 5" straightline handstamp struck on arrival at Apalachicola.

*VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE CONJUNCTIVE USE OF A NASHVILLE 5-CENT POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL AND THE APALACHICOLA "UNPAID 5" RATING FOR POSTAGE DUE ON ARRIVAL.*

The distance from Nashville to Apalachicola is just over 500 miles. This was recognized by the Nashville postmaster, who applied the manuscript "Due 5" notation. Upon arrival at Apalachicola (Benjamin F. Simmonds postmaster) it was struck with the "Unpaid 5" straightline. There is one other cover known with this straightline — a Tent and Flag Patriotic use to Apalachicola, which is held in the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. This is the only recorded "Unpaid" marking used by a Confederate post office.

Ex Corwin. Accompanied by an article from the *Confederate Philatelist* (Nov.-Dec. 1990) discussing the Apalachicola marking and illustrating this cover. With 1964 B.P.A. certificate........ E. 3,000-4,000

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**2102**

**New Orleans La., 5c Red Brown on Bluish (62X4).** Huge margins at sides, ample to clear at bottom and top, tied by "New Orleans La. 13 Nov." circular datestamp on buff cover to military address at Warrington Fla., mended corners and edge, Very Fine appearance, a scarce destination for a New Orleans Provisional........................................... E. 500-750
GENERAL ISSUES

2103  5c Green, Stone 1-2 (1). Two singles, large margins to slightly irregular at top left of right stamp, tied by two strikes of “Apalachicola Fla. Jan. 22, 1862” circular datestamp on lady’s small cover to Charlottesville Va., light vertical cover bend thru left stamp. Very Fine, the only recorded cover from Apalachicola bearing the 5c Green Lithograph... E. 1,500-2,000

2104  5c Green, Stone 1-2 (1). Large margins to touched, tied by “Chattahoochee Flo.” dateless circular handstamp on cover to Wellborn, Suwanee County Ga., manuscript “to care of Capt. James Latimer”, some soiling and edge nicks, otherwise Fine and extremely rare use, this is the only recorded General Issue cover from Chattahoochee in the Briggs census, only one other Confederate use is known (handstamped Paid)...................... E. 500-750

2105  5c Green, Stone 1-2 (1). Four margins, pen-cancelled, “Live Oak Fla. May 10th” (1862) manuscript postmark on folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., stamp with light filing crease and small tear at bottom, appears Fine, one of only three recorded Confederate covers from Live Oak and the only example bearing a 5c Green Lithograph........... E. 500-750
2106  5c Olive Green, Stone 1-2 (1c). Margins all around, rich color (possibly a worn Stone A-B impression), full to large margins, tied by well-struck “Pensacola Fla. Nov. 1” (1861) circular datetamp on cover to Hamilton Ga., stamp with surface scrape on forehead, otherwise Very Fine, the earliest recorded Florida use of any Confederate General Issue stamp.................. E. 500-750

2107  5c Green, Stone 1-2 (1). Horizontal pair, tied by bold strike of “Welaka Fla.” dateless double-circle handstamp, second strike to left with manuscript “Sept. 22” (1862) date on cover to military address at Jacksonville Fla., right stamp some slight staining and small internal crease, Very Fine appearance, with 1986 C.S.A. certificate ......... E. 1,000-1,500
2108  

10c Blue, Paterson (2). Large margins except nicked top left corner, pen-cancelled, “Beauregard Fla. Oct. 24” manuscript postmark on brown cover to Atapulgus Ga., edgewear and overall toning, appears Fine, only two Confederate Beauregard postmarks are recorded in the Briggs census, the other with a No. 5 on a damaged and repaired cover. ................................................................. E. 400-500

2109  

10c Dark Blue, Hoyer & Ludwig (2b). Three large margins, just in at upper left, tied by “Milton Flor. Feb. 1” circular datestamp on narrow cover to Warrenton Va., stamp with couple small edge abrasions, missing backflap, still Very Fine appearance and extremely rare use, the only recorded Milton Confederate Florida cover bearing a General Issue stamp, only one additional cover is recorded from Milton (handstamped Paid but Briggs census notes it may be pre-war), ex Oxer ................................................................. E. 500-750

2110  

10c Blue, Paterson (2). Huge margins to full with sheet margin at top, pretty pastel color, tied by “Newnan’sville Fla. Oct. 18” (1862) circular datestamp on blue folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., Very Fine and rare, of the eight recorded stamped covers from Confederate Newnan’sville, this is the only recorded Lithograph cover (one other has a replaced stamp), ex Oxer ........................................................................... E. 750-1,000

2111  

10c Dark Blue, Hoyer & Ludwig (2b). Deep rich color, tied by bold strike of “Warrington Fla. Oct. 9” (1862) circular datestamp on small bronze and red bordered ladies cover to the daughter of Postmaster General Reagan at New Salem Tex., stamp with two tiny gum stains, still Very Fine use of the Warrington Fla. evacuation postmark struck at Pollard Ala., Warrington’s postmaster, S. M. Davidson, used this device at Pollard from June 15 thru Nov. 12, 1862, this is a very choice example........ E. 500-750
2112  10c Blue, Paterson (2). Large margins, tied by clear strike of “Warrington Fla. Nov. 17, 1862” circular datestamp on small “Happiness” border embossed ladies cover to Tuscaloosa County Ala., stamp and right side of cover with slight edge toning, missing back flap, still Very Fine use of the Warrington Fla. evacuation postmark struck at Pollard Ala., Warrington’s postmaster, S. M. Davidson, used this year-dated device at Pollard from Nov. 16 thru Dec. 27, 1862, this is a desirable example on a lady’s embossed cover.......................................................... E. 500-750

2113  5c Blue, Stone 2 (4). Margins all around, tied by “Pensacola Fla. May 28” (1862) circular datestamp on brown cover to Talladega Ala., roughly opened at top but stamp unaffected, otherwise Fine and rare Pensacola evacuation cover, with enclosure describing the evacuation, sent 18 days after the fall of Pensacola to Union forces, the postmaster evacuated north toward Pollard, Alabama, and used his postmarking device on the way, the four dates known are May 20, 24, 25 and 28 (all 1862).......................... E. 400-500

2114  10c Rose (5). Margins to just clear at top, tied by "Knoxville Tenn. Jul. 12, 1863" circular datestamp on cover to Knox Hill Fla., cover tear at top and missing back flap, Very Fine appearance, there are no recorded Knox Hill Fla. Confederate postmarks outside of permanent archives, this No. 5 use to Knox Hill is a nice substitute............. E. 400-500
2115  10c Rose (5). Large margins to clear at top, rich color, tied by “Ocala Fla. Jul. 4” (1862) circular datetamp on cover to Raleigh N.C., some slight cover age toning, still Very Fine, a rare and desirable use of the 10c Rose Lithograph on cover from Florida, the Briggs census records only five examples (this the only example from Ocala) ..... E. 1,500-2,000

2116  10c Rose (5). Full to large margins, tied by “Welaka Fla.” dateless double-circle handstamp, repeated at left with manuscript “Nov. 9” on small cover to Capt. Winston Stephens at Camp Finegan, “Near Jacksonville E. Fla.”, stamp with additional small manuscript squiggle, perhaps done by a clerk who suddenly had no interest in writing out “Nov. 9” a second time, part of flap missing, cover with small tears at top and left

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE AND CHOICE FLORIDA USE OF THE 10-CENT ROSE LITHOGRAPH.

The Briggs census records only five examples of the 10c Rose on cover from Florida. This is one of two recorded from Welaka and was sent to Jacksonville during a period in between Union occupations ...................................................... E. 2,000-3,000
2117 5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, margins all around, neat pen strokes cancel and tied by “Houston Fla. Dec. 16, 1862” circular datestamp on obsolete 5c Red on White Nesbitt entire (U9) to Lake City Fla., Houston manuscript postmark of Dec. 15 crossed out at top, some minor age toning, couple tiny cover tears at right, Very Fine, the only recorded cover from Confederate Houston Fla. with a General Issue stamp . E. 500-750

2118 5c Blue, Local (7). Vertical pair, neat pen “#” cancels, “Flemington Fla. Sep. 11, 1863” circular datestamp on folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., Very Fine, only five Confederate Flemington covers are recorded in the Briggs census, this is one of only two bearing General Issue stamps (the other with No. 12). E. 500-750

2119 5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, margins to just in at top right, deep dark shade, tied by incredibly bold strike of “King’s Ferry Fla. Jun. 30” double-line circular datestamp on buff cover to Savannah Ga., Very Fine and rare, only about a dozen Confederate towns used a double-line circular datestamp, King’s Ferry and Miccosukee account for the only such uses from Florida (see lot 2147), only five covers from Kings Ferry are recorded in the Briggs census. E. 750-1,000

2120 5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal strip of ten, mostly full margins to nicked on right stamp, neat pen “#” cancels, manuscript “Madison Fla. Feb. 5” postmark on buff legal size cover to Tallahassee Fla., extensive professional restoration has given it Very Fine appearance, an incredibly rare 50c franking from Florida with a complete row of the 5c Typograph, this is the largest recorded on-cover strip of this issue and also the second largest recorded franking from Florida. E. 750-1,000
GENERAL ISSUES

2121

5c Blue, Local (7). Block of four, bottom right stamp White Tie variety, margins all around, cancelled by “Marietta Fla. Oct. 22 [?]” circular datestamp with manuscript “due 10c” for 30c rate on large adversity cover made from lined ledger paper to Quincy Fla., manuscript “OB” (official business) at top, two small glue stains at bottom, small internal tear above address, block partly lifted to confirm it belongs, Fine appearance, an extremely rare use of a block of four of the 5c Typograph from Florida, the only example recorded in the Briggs census, also the only recorded White Tie variety from Florida ........................................................................................................ E. 750-1,000

2122

5c Blue, Local (7). Vertical pair, full to clear margins, tied by partly clear strike of “Marietta Fla. Sep. 8” circular datestamp on adversity cover made from a St. Johns Canal Commission bond, bottom stamp light corner crease, Very Fine, a striking and scarce Florida adversity use, these bonds were issued in 1860 and payable in 1880 in New York, this adversity use makes it apparent that there was little hope among Southerners of collecting on the bonds..................................................................................................................... E. 500-750

2123

5c Light Blue, De La Rue (6). Vertical pair, bright color, tied by pen cancels and by blue “Albany Ga. Nov. 6, 1862” circular datestamp, manuscript “Via Albany Ga.” at top, bottom flap tears where opened, Very Fine, the only recorded Midway Florida Confederate postmark, which was sent to Cuthbert via Albany .......................................................... E. 500-750
2124  5c Blue, Local (7). Two singles, one ample to clear margins, the other slightly in at bottom, tied by bold strike of “Ocola Fla. Jul. 14” (1863) circular datestamp on blue folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., interesting content regarding a ship mishap, Very Fine, this is the only recorded example of the “Ocola” Fla. datestamp, this spelling was used on stampless covers during the early 1850’s, this use during the Confederate period was probably inadvertent, each of the 25 other recorded Confederate covers from this town have the correct “Ocala” spelling, ex Kohn and McNeal............... E. 50 0-750

2125  5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, small “X” pen cancels, manuscript “Palatka Fla. Feb. 18th” postmark crossed out, additional manuscript “Orange Springs Fla. Feb. 20” postmark on small cover addressed care of “Fla. Rangers, Hart’s Road Station, Fla. R. Road, E. Fla.”, missing part of back flap, sent to a soldier stationed near Jacksonville................................ E. 50 0-750

2126  5c Blue, Local (7). Vertical pair, tied by “Quincy Flor. Jul. 20” circular datestamp on adversity cover made from an illustrated British Cough Balsam broadside, refolded for display, missing small piece of back flap, Very Fine, a wonderful Florida adversity use, ex Oxer ..........

2127  5c Blue, Local (7). Horizontal pair, tied by “Darlington C.H. S.C. May 13” circular datestamp on cover to Tallahassee Fla., forwarded to Monticello Fla. with small “Paid 10” handstamp and “Tallahassee Fla. May 22” circular datestamp, small cover tear at top, back tears mended with hinges, folds crease left stamp, appears Very Fine, this is the only forwarded cover recorded in the Briggs census with this Tallahassee marking (28 in total)........................................... E. 30 0-400

2128  5c Light Blue, De La Rue (6). Horizontal pair, tied by perfect bold strike of “Warrington Fla. Aug. 27” (1862) circular datestamp on cover to Tuscaloosa Ala., right stamp slight wrinkling, still Very Fine use of the Warrington Fla. evacuation postmark, struck at Pollard Ala., Warrington postmaster S. M. Davidson used this device at Pollard from June 15 thru Nov. 12, 1862......... E. 400-500
2129  
10c Blue, “TEN” (9). Large to full margins all around, vibrant color, tied by “Atlanta Ga. Jun. 9” circular datestamp on cover to Quincy Fla., Extremely Fine, there are no recorded covers with the 10c “TEN” from Florida, this is one of only three known covers to Florida ............................................................ E. 1,500-2,000

2130  
10c Blue, Frameline (10). Large bottom margin showing complete frameline, also complete at right, neat pen cancel, manuscript “Madison Fla. Aug. 27” (1863) postmark on small homemade cover to Lieut. George Little, Ordnance Dept. Macon Ga., answer docketing at left, small light stain at top of stamp

Very Fine. One of Only Three Recorded 10-Cent Frameline Covers from Florida.

Scott Retail $3,250.00 for No. 10 on cover without premium for Florida origin ................... E. 2,000-3,000
10c Blue, Frameline (10). Margins all around showing nearly complete framelines on three sides, partial at top, pen dash cancels, the ink of which slightly bleeds into stamp, manuscript “Stark Fla. Oct. 17, 1864” postmark on brown cover to Mocksville N.C.

Very fine. One of only three recorded 10-cent frameline covers from Florida.

Signed Ashbrook with his plating. Scott Retail $3,250.00 for No. 10 on cover without premium for Florida origin. ................................................................. E. 2,000-3,000

10c Blue, Die A (11). Margins all around, small faults including surface scrapes, tied by “Aucilla Fla. Jun. 10/64” manuscript postmark on brown cover to Atlanta Ga. Very Fine appearance, one of only two recorded Confederate Aucilla postmarks (both in manuscript), this town did not have a regular postal route servicing it .............................................. E. 400-500

10c Blue, Die A (11). Two singles, right stamp tied by part strike of “Baileys Mill Flo. Jun. 20” circular datestamp with second clear strike at left on yellow cover to military address at Richmond Va., turned use sent back to Bailey’s Mill with second 10c stamp tied by partly clear strikes of Winchester Va. circular datestamp, cover flaws at top mostly do not impact the stamps, Fine appearance and rare, one of only three recorded Confederate Bailey’s Mill postmarks, also an unusual turned use with both stamps on front, normally the envelopes were turned inside-out for the second use ................................................................. E. 500-750
2134  10c Blue, Die B (12). Large margins including sheet margin at left, “X” pen cancel with “Baldwin Flor. March 8th” manuscript postmark on adversity cover made from a map of Texas, the design clearly visible thru the translucent envelope paper without need for refolding, addressed to Charleston S.C., stamp with light horizontal crease, Very Fine, a striking and rare map adversity cover from Florida, this is also the only recorded Baldwin cover with the “Flor.” spelling (the other 12 examples spelled “Fla.”) .............................. E. 750-1,000

2135  10c Blue, Die A (11). Large to full margins including sheet margin at left, horizontal crease and affixed with molasses or some other adhesive which has stained the edges of the stamp, “X” pen cancel and “Bartow Fla. Aug. 17” manuscript postmark on small homemade cover to Cork Fla., cover nicked at right, appears Fine, the only recorded Confederate Bartow Fla. postmark, there were actually two Confederate post offices named in honor of Francis S. Bartow, the first brigade commander killed in action (at First Manassas), the other was in Jackson County and was renamed Beauregard to avoid confusion (no covers known), this Bartow is in Polk County........................................................................... E. 750-1,000

2136  10c Blue, Die B (12). Irregular separation but with margins all around and portion of plate no. at bottom, neat “#” pen cancel with manuscript “Cherry Lake Fla. Apr. 4” postmark on adversity cover made from a map of Cape Cod, addressed to military unit at Dalton Ga., a bit rough around the edges but appears Fine, a rare map adversity use from Florida and the only recorded Cherry Lake Confederate postmark.................................................. E. 750-1,000

2137  10c Blue, Die A (11). Margins all around, pen cancel with “Columbus Fla. Aug. 3d, 1864” manuscript postmark on cover to Lake City Fla., Very Fine, the only Confederate Columbus Fla. postmark available to collectors (one other known in archives)..................... E. 400-500

2138  10c Blue, Die A (11). Large margins all around, tied by neat “Jennings Fla. Sept. 28” (1863) manuscript postmark on folded letter to Tallahassee Fla., fresh and Very Fine, only three General Issue covers are recorded from Jennings Fla. in the Briggs census (plus one hand-stamped Paid) ................................................................. E. 300-400
10c Blue, Die A (11). Large margins to clear at left, tied by “Lake City Fla. Mar. 25” circular datetamp on “Confederate States Head Quarters, Department of So. Ca., Ga. and Fla. Official Business” semi-official imprint cover (WD-ZA-24) to Hampton Roads Va., the “Official Business” portion of imprint crossed out to clarify that it was a private use, officer’s manuscript endorsement at top left. Very Fine, a rare adversity use of this semi-official imprint cover, only two examples from Florida are recorded..... E. 500-750

10c Blue, Die A (11). Margins all around, particularly deep rich color for this issue, tied by “Paid 10” Lake City Fla. handstamp on Sep. 22, 1863 docketed cover addressed to Mr. Davis H. Bryant in Lake City, light diagonal file fold does not affect stamp, backflaps sealed with wax. Very Fine and unusual, these are often referred to as “overpaid drop rate” covers, but most likely this was carried from somewhere else to Lake City and rated 10c, like several others recorded this does not have a Lake City postmark..... E. 300-400

10c Blue, Die A, Perforated (11e). Four margins and clear perforations all around, a few slightly blunted or pulled at upper right, tied by “Lake City Fla. Nov. 15” circular date-stamp on homemade cover to Madison C.H. Fla.. Very Fine appearance and extremely rare, one of only two recorded Official Perforation uses from Florida, Scott Retail for No. 11e on cover without premium for Florida origin............................................. 900.00
2142

10c Blue, Die A (11). Three large margins including portion of adjoining stamp at top, in at left, tied by “Madison Fla. Nov. 28” (1864) circular datestamp on yellow “Post Quarter-Master’s Office Lake City Florida, Official Business” semi-official imprint cover (WD-QM-16) to Thomasville Ga., the “Official Business” portion of imprint crossed out to clarify that it was a private use, small edge tear at right and minor corner wear, slight soiling, appears Fine, a rare adversity use of this semi-official imprint cover, only two examples from Florida are recorded .................. E. 40 0-500

2143

10c Milky Blue, Die A (11). Four margins, pretty pastel color, tied by “Tallahassee Fla. Jul. 13” circular datestamp on “Executive Department, Tallahassee, Florida” semi-official imprint cover ($-FL-03) to Quincy Fla., missing backflap, Very Fine, ex Oxer and MacBride, C.S.A. Catalog value ............................................................. 1,000.00

2144

10c Blue, Die A (11). Four margins, tied by clear strike of “White Springs Fla. Aug. 16” circular datestamp on homemade cover to Ringgold Station Va., minor cover wrinkling, still Very Fine and scarce, only two General Issue covers are recorded from Confederate White Springs (plus one handstamped Paid, offered in lot 2084). ................. E. 500-750
2145 20c Green (13). Large to full margins all around, rich color, tied by “Madison C.H. Fla. Nov. 18” circular datestamp on adversity cover made from “General Superintendent’s Office Virginia Central R.R.” imprint cover, imprint crossed out and addressed to Richmond Va., stamp with light pre-use vertical crease, some cover edgewear, still very attractive

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED USE OF A 20-CENT GENERAL ISSUE STAMP FROM FLORIDA. A GREAT RARITY.

This is the only example of Scott 13 on cover from Florida listed in the Briggs census. Even 20c covers to Florida are rare, with perhaps a handful known......... E. 2,000-3,000
2146  10c Blue, Die A (11). Large margins to full at right, tied by “Madison C.H. Fla. Jun. 27 [?]” circular datestamp on green, red and blue wallpaper cover to Manchester S.C., refolded for display, Very Fine, a scarce and outstanding wallpaper use from Florida, this design ranks among the boldest and most colorful we have encountered, ex Kohn and Keeling .......................................................... E. 1,000-1,500

2147  10c Greenish Blue, Die A (11c). Three large margins, just in at right, tied by one of two strikes of “Miccosukee *Fla.* Dec. 1” double-line circular datestamp on green and dark violet on cream wallpaper cover to Wilmington N.C., corner opened for display, Very Fine, an attractive and scarce Florida wallpaper use, also a very rare origination with only two Miccosukee datestamps recorded in the Briggs census (also two in manuscript, this the only wallpaper use), only about a dozen Confederate towns used a double-line circular datestamp, King’s Ferry and Miccosukee account for the only such uses from Florida (see lot 2119), ex Haas and Everett....................................................... E. 1,000-1,500
2148 10c Blue, Die A (11). Margins all around, neat “X” pen cancel, “Sandy Ford Fla. July 20, 1864” manuscript postmark on blue, green and white wallpaper cover to Albany Ga., opened and refolded for display, Very Fine, a beautiful and scarce wallpaper cover from Florida, also a rare use from Sandy Ford with only four examples recorded in the Briggs census (all manuscript, this the only wallpaper use)............................... E. 1,000-1,500

2149 10c Blue, Die B (12). Margins to just touched at upper right, rich color, tied by “Tallahassee Fla. Oct. 16” circular datestamp on green, pink and gray on cream wallpaper cover to Albany Ga., opened for display, Very Fine, a lovely and scarce Florida wallpaper use ......................................................................................... E. 1,000-1,500
PATRIOTIC COVERS

Without question the finest collection of Confederate Patriotic covers used in Florida ever formed

RARE VARIETY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS MEDALLION DESIGN

5c Green, Stone 1-2 (1). Full margins to touched at top, tied by “Warrington Fla. Feb. 8” (1862) circular datestamp on red and blue on yellow Jefferson Davis Medallion and 11-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic cover (JD-2) to Talladega Ala., barely reduced at right where opened, stamp has small stain spot and trivial flaws

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE EXAMPLE OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS MEDALLION PATRIOTIC DESIGN WITHOUT THE ALLEGORICAL BACKGROUND SCENE. PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE USED FROM FLORIDA.

This design is one of the rarest of the Jefferson Davis Medallion Patriotics. It has 11 stars, with four of them contained in the sunburst above “Confederate States of America.” It omits the bridge, cannon, train, steamboat and cotton bale allegorical scene below the medallion, which is found on most of the other Davis designs. This is one of only two recorded Florida uses of this design.

Ex Antrim and Finney.......................................................... E. 4,000-5,000

2150 ☞ 2150

PATRIOTIC COVERS

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES – 64 – MAY 9, 2017
9-STAR CONFEDERATE FLAG

Monticello Flor. Nov. 4 (1861). Clear strike of circular datestamp with "Paid 10" in arc handstamp on red and blue 9-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic cover (F9-2B), addressed to Savannah Ga. and turned with 10c Blue, Die A (11) inside, tied by Savannah circular datestamp and addressed to Abbeville S.C., just a bit of the gum from flap showing thru on front.

VERY FINE. THIS 9-STAR CONFEDERATE FLAG IS ONE OF THE RAREST OF ALL CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC DESIGNS. TO FIND IT USED FROM FLORIDA AND TURNED WITH A GENERAL ISSUE STAMP IS EXTRAORDINARY.

The ninth star represents the admission of Arkansas, which was followed only three days later by North Carolina. Due to the short time period there were fewer 9-Star Confederate Patriotic designs produced than any other flag designs (7 thru 13 stars). Surviving examples are extremely rare. This example used from Florida is one of only two 9-Star Flag uses recorded in the Briggs census — the other is offered in the following lot.

Ex MacBride. Illustrated in Wishnietsky book ........................................... E. 7,500-10,000
9-STAR CONFEDERATE FLAG

2152. **Quincy Flor. Oct. 20 (1861).** Partly clear strike of circular datestamp with “Paid 5” handstamp on red and blue 9-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic cover (F9-2B), addressed to Thomasville Ga., small central stain and backflap tears.

**VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THIS 9-STAR CONFEDERATE FLAG PATRIOTIC USED FROM FLORIDA.**

The ninth star represents the admission of Arkansas, which was followed only three days later by North Carolina. Due to the short time period there were fewer 9-Star Confederate Patriotic designs produced than any other flag designs (7 thru 13 stars). Surviving examples are extremely rare. This example used from Florida is one of only two 9-Star Flag uses recorded in the Briggs census—the other is offered in the previous lot. . . . . . . E. 3,000-4,000
“Madison (Fla.) Feb. 10 (1863).” Manuscript forwarding postmark on red and blue 10-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic cover (F10-6), originated with bold “Richmond Va. Feb. 1, 1863” circular datestamp, posted unpaid (without indication of soldier mail) so struck with “Held for Postage” circular handstamp and then released to Madison Fla. with bold strike of “Forwarded 10” in octagon due handstamp, upon arrival at Madison it was forwarded to Gainesville and then forwarded again to Orange Springs, manuscript “Ford”, “Due 10” and “Due 10c” trace the charges during its journey, for a total of 30c due on arrival in Orange Springs, slightly reduced at top

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR 10-STAR CONFEDERATE FLAG PATRIOTIC COVER FORWARDED AROUND FLORIDA WITH AN AMAZING ARRAY OF MARKINGS.

It is safe to state that this is a unique use of any Confederate Flag Patriotic with 10 stars. Illustrated in Wishnietsky book on p. 55. Illustrated in the C.S.A. Catalog ............................... E. 4,000-5,000
2154

**Pensacola Fla. Jun. 6 (1861).** Clearly struck circular datestamp with matching “Paid” in circle and “5” handstamps on red and blue 10-Star Confederate Flag Waving Around the Staff cover (F10-13) to Griffin Ga., part of backflap missing, just a trace of toning specks at left

**VERY FINE. A SCARCE CONFEDERATE FLAG DESIGN AND DESIRABLE MAILED FROM FLORIDA — POSTMARKED JUST FIVE DAYS AFTER THE START OF THE CONFEDERATE POSTAL SYSTEM.**

Ex Walcott.................................................................................................................................................. E. $1,500-2,000

2155

**Pensacola Fla. Jul. 13 (1861).** Bold strike of circular datestamp with matching “PAID” straightline and “5” handstamps on red and blue 11-Star Confederate Flag Waving Around the Staff cover (F11-14) to Macon Ga., barely reduced at right, expert restoration at left but does not appear to have any paper added

**VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A SCARCE CONFEDERATE FLAG DESIGN AND DESIRABLE MAILED FROM FLORIDA.**

This 11-Star design is the same as the 10-Star design offered in lot 2154, with the addition of one star at top left for the admission of Tennessee.......................... E. $1,500-2,000
2156  
**Pensacola Fla. Aug. 29 (1861).** Circular datestamp with “Paid” in circle and “10” manuscript rate on red and blue 11-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic cover (F11-11) to Vice President Alexander Stephens in Richmond Va., letter (not included) referred to a request for a discharge, missing backflap as usual for Stephens covers, professionally restored and inside silked, Very Fine appearance and scarce Florida use of this design, the unusual arrangement of the stars on this flag mirrors the 10-Star design with this same flag, with the addition of the central star .................................................. E. 750-1,000

2157  
**Pensacola Fla. Jun. 14 (1861).** Circular datestamp with “Paid” and “5” in circle handstamps, manuscript “Paid 5¢” on red and blue 11-Star Confederate Flag Patriotic cover (F11-11) to Senatobia Miss., barely reduced at sides not affecting the design, Very Fine appearance and scarce Florida use of this design, the unusual arrangement of the stars on this flag mirrors the 10-Star design with this same flag, with the addition of the central star ............................................................... E. 1,000-1,500
2158  Warrington Fla. Oct. 6 (1861). Bold strike of circular datestamp with equally bold “Postage Due 5” in rimless circle on red and blue Hand-Held 11-Star Confederate Flag and “Company K 7th Alabama Regiment” Patriotic cover to Elkton Tenn., soldier’s endorsement and manuscript “Bartow” along staff of flag, some toning and edgewear

VERY FINE APPEARING AND RARE EXAMPLE OF THIS HAND-HELD 11-STAR DESIGN USED FROM FLORIDA, WITH THE RARE RIMLESS “POSTAGE DUE 5” MARKING OF WARRINGTON.

The “Bartow” endorsement refers to Francis S. Bartow, the first Confederate brigade commander killed in action, at First Manassas. Other versions of this flag have the Bartow name printed along the flag staff.

Illustrated in Wishnietsky book on p. 66 .............................................. E. 3,000-4,000

2159  Warrington Fla. Oct. 2? (1861). Circular datestamp with “Due” and “5” in circle hand-stamps on red and blue Hand-Held 11-Star Confederate Flag and “Company K 7th Alabama Regiment” Patriotic cover to Elkton Tenn., soldier’s endorsement, slight toning, edgewear and missing backflap

VERY FINE APPEARING AND RARE EXAMPLE OF THIS HAND-HELD 11-STAR DESIGN USED FROM FLORIDA.

This is an excellent companion to the Warrington cover offered in lot 2158 — the two showing different versions of “Due 5” markings................................. E. 1,500-2,000
2160  5c Blue, Stone 2 (4). Large margins, minor gum toning, tied by bold “Warrington Fla. 29 Jun.” (1862) circular datestamp on brown cover with red and blue Confederate 13-Star Battle Flag Patriotic design (F13-3) and C. H. Noble Pensacola imprint, to Shelby Springs Ala., slight wear and small piece of backflap missing

VERY FINE. A RARE CONFEDERATE 13-STAR BATTLE FLAG DESIGN AND EXTREMELY RARE WITH THE 5-CENT BLUE LITHOGRAPH AND FLORIDA ORIGIN.

Power Search located only three other examples of this distinct Patriotic design. The last example we offered, with a pair of 5c Blue Typographs and more common Alabama origin, realized $7,500 hammer in our 2014 sale of the Dr. Brandon collection.

Ex Antrim. Ashbrook backstamp.................................................................................. E. 5,000-7,500
FLAG AND CANNON DESIGNS

2161 5c Green, Stone 2 (1). Margins all around, tied by clear strike of “Pensacola Fla. Feb. 17” (1862) circular datestamp on red and blue 11-Star Confederate Flag and Cannon Firing Left Patriotic cover (CN-2), manuscript “State Artillery Co. A” below design, addressed to Mobile Ala., barely reduced at left where opened far from the design, mentioned for accuracy but inconsequential, exceptionally fresh and bright

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB AND RARE CONFEDERATE PATRIOTIC CANNON AND FLAG DESIGN USED FROM FLORIDA IN THE FINEST ATTAINABLE CONDITION.

Of the various Flag and Cannon Patriotic designs, this is one of the rarest. To find it in this exceptional condition, with the first General Issue stamp and used from Florida, is remarkable.

Ex Haas, Paliafito and Corwin................................................................. E. 7,500-10,000
2162

Warrington Fla. Jan. 10 (1862). Bold circular datestamp with “5” in circle on red and blue on orange 11-Star Confederate Flag and Cannon Firing Left Patriotic cover (CN-2), soldier’s endorsement at left, addressed to Monroe Miss., edgewear and small reduction at left just into the design, otherwise Fine, this is one of the rarest of the Flag and Cannon Patriotic designs, ex Mc Neal ................................................................. E. 1,000-1,500

2163

5c Green, Stone 1 (1b). Four margins, tied by “Pensacola Fla. Jan. 15” (1862) circular datestamp on cover to Thomaston Ga. with red and blue 11-Star Confederate Flag and Cannon Patriotic Facing Right design with “Camp Stephens, Upson Guards, Pensacola, Fla.” Regimental Imprint (CN-4), “H. Phill & Co” imprint, edgewear and small sealed cover tears below the stamp which has just a faint corner crease, slightly reduced at right

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE EARLY REGIMENTAL FLAG AND CANNON PATRIOTIC COVER FROM PENSACOLA, FLORIDA.

This scarce design depicts a cannon that is facing right and not firing, unlike the other Cannon designs which face left and are shown firing. We have offered only three other examples of this design since 2002, including one other from Pensacola with a different regimental imprint, offered in our 2014 sale of the Dr. Brandon collection ................................. E. 2,000-3,000
2164  
**Pensacola Fla. Oct. 28 (1861).** Bold strike of circular datestamp with matching “Paid 5” in arc handstamp on red and blue on orange 11-Star Confederate Flag, Tent and “Capt. Stephens, 5th Geo. Reg.” Patriotic cover (TF-1) to Oglethorpe Ga., T. S. Reynolds Atlanta Ga. imprint, two letter enclosures datelined Camp Stephens Oct. 14 and Oct. 15, 1861, mended tears at sides and slight staining. Fine appearance, an attractive and scarce Florida use of this Patriotic design, ex Matz and Myers............................. E. 500-750

2165  
**Pensacola Fla. Aug. 19 (1861).** Perfect bold circular datestamp with manuscript “10” due on red and blue 11-Star Confederate Flag, Tent and “Capt. Gaston’s Company, 7th Reg. Alabama Vol.” Patriotic cover (TF-1) to Fayetteville Tenn., T. S. Reynolds Atlanta Ga. imprint, soldier’s endorsement below, 1861 docketing on back, slight edgewear but overall quite fresh. Very Fine, a scarce and desirable Confederate Patriotic from Florida, despite the large soldier population at Pensacola, only four soldier’s due covers are recorded out of a census of more than 250 Pensacola covers, this is the only recorded 10c due example................................. E. 1,500-2,000
2166 5c Green, Stone 1-2 (1). Full margins to irregular and just in at bottom, tied by “Pensacola Fla. Feb. 7” (1862) circular datestamp on cover to Fernandina Fla. with red and blue “11-Star Confederate Flag, Tent and “Capt. Myer’s Company. 1st Florida Regiment” Patriotic design (TF-1), T. S. Reynolds Atlanta Ga. imprint, reduced at left barely into tent design

Very Fine and Highly Exhibitable Early Regimental Patriotic Cover From Pensacola, Sent Within Florida. An Outstanding Confederate Patriotic USE.

Scott Retail for No. 1 on Patriotic cover $2,500.00................................. E. 1,500-2,000

2167 10c Blue, Die A (11). Margins to just in at bottom right, tied by “Ocala Fla. Sep. 15” circular datestamp with month inverted on red and blue on orange “11-Star Confederate Flag, Tent and “Prairie Guards. 1st Florida Regiment” Patriotic cover (TF-1), addressed to Marietta Ga., T. S. Reynolds Atlanta Ga. imprint, part of bottom backflap removed and with slight cover bends at bottom

Very Fine. A Beautiful and Rare Patriotic Cover From Ocala, Florida. This is the Only Recorded Example of the “Prairie Guards” Florida Regimental Imprint.

Ex Meroni. Illustrated in Wishnietsky book on p. 114............................... E. 3,000-4,000
2168  Warrington Fla. Nov. 10 (1861). Circular datestamp with matching “Due” and “5” in circle handstamps, second different “5” below on red and blue on orange “11-Star Confederate Flag, Tent and “From Capt. Stuble’s Comp’y, Guards Sunny South Fort Barancas” Patriotic cover (TF-1), addressed to Columbus Ga., T. S. Reynolds Atlanta Ga. imprint, tiny tear at top

VERY FINE. A CHOICE AND RARE EARLY REGIMENTAL PATRIOTIC COVER FROM WARRINGTON, FLORIDA.

The additional uncircled “5” handstamp is not recorded for Warrington in the C.S.A. Catalog .......................................................................................................................... E. 2,000-3,000

2169  Warrington Fla. Nov. 26 (1861). Circular datestamp with matching “PAID” straightline and “5” in circle handstamps on red and blue on orange 11-Star Confederate Flag, Tent and “From Capt. Posey’s Comp’y, Red Eagles, Fort Barancas” Patriotic cover (TF-1), addressed to Mobile Ala., T. S. Reynolds Atlanta Ga. imprint, slightly reduced at right

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE EARLY REGIMENTAL PATRIOTIC COVER FROM WARRINGTON, FLORIDA.

The Briggs census records only two Flag and Tent Patriotic covers with this regimental imprint .......................................................................................................................... E. 2,000-3,000
2170

Warrington Fla. 29 Sep. (1861). Circular datestamp with matching “PAID” straightline on red and blue “11-Star Confederate Flag, Tent and “Capt. Gee’s Company. 1st Florida Regiment” Patriotic cover (TF-1), addressed to Quincy Fla., T. S. Reynolds Atlanta Ga. imprint, slightly reduced at right, small hole and scuff at upper right where a stamp that did not belong has been removed (erased “5” in circle still visible), Fine and rare Florida Regimental Patriotic. E. 500-750

2171

5c Green, Stone 1-2 (1). Margins all around, tied by “Warrington Fla.” circular datestamp with unclear date on cover to Como Miss. with Sailor Nailing 11-Star Confederate Flag to Pole Patriotic Label (ST-4), manuscript “Via Mobile & Jackson” endorsement, small tear at left, minor wrinkling and missing part of backflap. Very Fine appearance and scarce, this label’s design is similar to that of a Palmetto Patriotic (FSC-2), this is one of only three recorded Warrington covers bearing this label, ex MacBride. E. 750-1,000
2172  

Glasgow, Scotland, to Tallahassee Fla. via Bermuda and Wilmington N.C. "Wilmington N.C. Dec. 18" (1863) circular datestamp with manuscript "12" rate (10c plus 2c ship fee) on inbound blockade-run cover to Tallahassee Fla., original letter datelined Glasgow on Oct. 22, 1863, carried on Heroine from Bermuda, inconsequential back tears

VERY FINE. ONE OF ONLY THREE RECORDED INCOMING BLOCKADE-RUN COVERS ADDRESSED TO FLORIDA. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE SENT VIA WILMINGTON N.C.

Only three Florida-addressed incoming blockade-run covers are recorded out of more than 200 total covers. Two were sent through Charleston S.C. (offered in lots 2173 and 2174 in this sale) and this one was sent through Wilmington N.C. This is also the finest of the three.

Walske-Trepel Special Routes Census No. B1-Wm-50......................... E. 2,000-3,000
2173

**Bermuda to Ocala Fla. via Charleston S.C.** “Charleston S.C. Feb. 2” (1863) circular datestamp and “STEAM-SHIP” oval handstamp on **inbound blockade-run cover to** “Niel Ferguson Esq., Ocala, Madison County East Florida, Southern Confederacy”, pencil “12” rate (10¢ plus 2¢ ship fee), manuscript “S.S. Princess Royal” name-of-ship designation and carried on that ship from Bermuda, age worn and soiled, small repair at right, otherwise Fine and extremely rare Florida-addressed incoming blockade-run cover, only three inbound covers are recorded out of more than 200 total, Walske-Trepel Special Routes Census No. BI-Ch-18, ex McNeal.... E. 1,500-2,000

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2174

**Nassau, Bahamas, to Tallahassee Fla. via Charleston S.C.** “Charleston S.C. Sep. 4, 1863” double-circle datestamp and “STEAM-SHIP” oval handstamp on **inbound blockade-run cover to** Mrs. George Washington Lee at Tallahassee Fla., pencil “12” rate (10¢ plus 2¢ ship fee), manuscript “p. Str. Antonica” name-of-ship designation and carried on that ship from Nassau, docketed with Mar. 19, 1863 reply date—probably in error, should be 1864 as the datestamp is dated 1863 and Charleston was closed to blockade running from Sep. 18, 1863, to Mar. 6, 1864—expert restoration of small erosion holes, slightly reduced at left, Very Fine appearance and extremely rare Florida-addressed incoming blockade-run cover, only three inbound covers are recorded out of more than 200 total, Walske-Trepel Special Routes Census No. BI-Ch-44.... E. 2,000-3,000
2175  3c Dull Red, Ty. III (26). Tied by bold strike of “Montgomery Ala. Mar. 24, 1861” circular datestamp on cover addressed to Mrs. Looker in Cincinnati O., through-the-lines from the U.S. Steamer Brooklyn on blockade of Pensacola, several letter enclosures datelined between Mar. 12 and Mar. 18 “on-board the U.S. Str. Brooklyn off Ft. Pickens near Pensacola Fl.,” two describe how to send return letters through the Warrington Fla. postmaster, who was a friend of the writer, including drawings of how the front of the cover should look (omitting any mention of the recipient’s name or ship), contents also include a fascinating discussion of the impending Civil War, cover with small mended backflap tears

VERY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING AND VERY EARLY COVERT THROUGH-THE-LINES COVER FROM THE UNION BLOCKADE OF PENSACOLA, CARRIED THROUGH CONFEDERATE FLORIDA AND MAILED FROM THE STILL-OPERATING U.S. POST OFFICE IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

This is a rare and very early covert through-the-lines use as well as a Confederate post office use of U.S. postage. It was facilitated by Warrington postmaster W. H. Lamberton and posted at Montgomery Ala., as the U.S. post offices at Pensacola and Warrington had both been closed by Jan. 29, 1861. Shortly after this was sent, any assistance for the Union blockade ships, including correspondence going north, was strictly forbidden by General Braxton Bragg in a General Order dated March 18, 1861.

Accompanied by a Feb. 17, 1860 postmarked 3c Nesbitt entire from Warrington Fla. to Cincinnati from the same correspondence, with letter enclosure datelined “On Shore. Warrington Navy Yard.” Also accompanied by an article from The Confederate Philatelist (Oct.-Dec. 2012) describing this correspondence. ............. E. 1,500-2,000

2175—detail of enclosure
2176

Lake City Fla. May 13 (1863). Circular datestamp and “Paid 10” handstamp on brown cover to Mrs. E. C. Benton in Union-occupied Jacksonville, manuscript “Official Business” and charge box notation, original enclosure datelined “Head Quarters Dist. E. Fla., Lake City May 13th 1863”, letter grants permission for Mrs. Benton “to go into enemy lines via Fernandina,” signed by Adjutant General Wilkinson Call (later a U.S. Senator), cover with minor wrinkling, Very Fine and rare covert across-the-lines cover from Confederate to Union-occupied Florida, a fantastic use and accompaniment to the cover offered in the following lot...................................................................................... E. 1,000-1,500

2177

Lake City Fla. May 22 (1863). Circular datestamp and “Paid 10” handstamp on cover to Mrs. E. C. Benton in Union-occupied Jacksonville, manuscript “Official” and charge box notation, original enclosure datelined “Head Quarters Dist. E. Fla., Lake City May 20th 1863”, letter is a follow up to the letter offered in the previous lot and grants permission for Mrs. Benton “to pass to the enemy lines via Fernandina where my facility will be offered you by our officers & a flag of truce sent with you,” signed by Adjutant General Wilkinson Call (later a U.S. Senator), cover with minor wrinkling and scattered toned spots, still Very Fine and rare covert across-the-lines cover from Confederate to Union-occupied Florida, the accompaniment to the cover offered in the previous lot ................................. E. 750-1,000
Union-Occupied Pensacola Fla. to Mobile Ala. “Pollard Ala. Nov. 9, 1863” circular date-stamp, “Due” and “10” in circle handstamps on across-the-lines cover from Union-occupied Pensacola to Confederate Mobile Ala., manuscript “Exd. W. Smith, Commd. Comdg Navy Yard Pensacola” Union censor mark, carried to Pollard where it entered the Confederate mails, additional “10” due struck in Mobile, some minor soiling and edgewear, still Very Fine and extremely rare, there were some covert exchanges of mail between evacuees to Pollard and Pensacola residents who remained after Union occupation, these letters could not have been great in number as this is the only recorded example ........ E. 1,000-1,500
Bay Port Fla. to Rye N.H. via Norfolk and Old Point Comfort Va. Manuscript “Bay Port Fla. Jan. 13” (1862) postmark and “Paid 10” over-500 miles rate at top of buff civilian flag-of-truce cover to Rye N.H., manuscript “Via Norfolk & Flag of Truce” at bottom and sent by the Confederate mails to Norfolk, where exchanged via Fortress Monroe, manuscript “Exd” censor marking and 3c Rose (65) for U.S. postage tied by “Old Point Comfort Va. Feb. 9” double-circle datetamp, stamp with couple perf flaws and pre-use diagonal crease, sealed cover tears

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. ONE OF THE Earliest Recorded Combinations of Confederate and United States Postage on a Flag-of-Truce Cover. This is the only Recorded Florida use of the short-lived Civilian Flag-of-Truce System for Confederate Letters Sent North.

As discussed in the Walske-Trepel Special Routes book (pp. 89-90), in January 1862 Confederate newspapers announced a post office-sponsored northbound civilian flag-of-truce mail service via Norfolk. In this case the cover entered the mails at Bay Port Fla. and was pre-paid for the 10¢ over-500 miles rate to Norfolk. It was then franked with the 3¢ U.S. stamp at the exchange point and sent north via Fortress Monroe and the Old Point Comfort post office. None of the ten recorded letters using this service received a Norfolk postmark. Starting in mid-February 1862, shortly after this cover was exchanged, the Union ended this practice by diverting such mail to the Dead Letter Office. Among the ten recorded examples of this service, this is the only recorded Florida use. This is also one of only three recorded Bay Port Fla. Confederate postal markings................. E. 1,500-2,000
2180  10c Blue, Die B (12). Affixed over 3c Rose (65) and tied by “Richmond Va. Aug. 8, 1862” circular datestamp on North-to-South flag-of-truce cover to Monticello Fla., manuscript “Examined John Cassels” by Union Provost Marshal at Fortress Monroe, exchanged at City Point and entered Confederate mails at Richmond, Confederate stamp partly peeled up, otherwise Fine and rare mixed franking to Florida sent via flag-of-truce....... E. 400-500

2181  Received Hd. Qts. Dist. of Fla. Feb. 25, 1865. Two strikes of small circular datestamp and manuscript examined marking on brown cover endorsed “per flag of truce from Baldwin” to Union-occupied St. Augustine Fla., Very Fine, a rare across-the-lines use from Confederate Florida to Union-occupied Florida via flag-of-truce, the markings applied at Union headquarters in Jacksonville and without any evidence of postage paid or due on either side, this is the only recorded example with this marking, ex Meroni................. E. 1,000-1,500
ANDERSONVILLE PRISON COVER INITIALED BY CAPT. HENRY WIRZ

Bridgeport Conn. to Andersonville Prison (Georgia) via Jacksonville and Lake City Fla. North-to-South buff inner cover and original letter sent to Col. William H. Noble, 17th Conn. Volunteers and prisoner-of-war at Andersonville Prison Ga. (Camp Sumter), originated in Bridgeport Conn. with letter datelined Jan. 28, 1865 and manuscript “Care of Mr. Cooper Gibbs” (commander of prison guard at Andersonville), sent via Union-occupied Jacksonville Fla. where the outer cover with U.S. postage was discarded, manuscript “Examined JMG AAAG” censor marking applied by Union assistant adjutant general in Jacksonville, exchanged via flag-of-truce and entered Confederate mails at Lake City Fla. with “Paid 10” in arc handstamp, upon arrival at Andersonville censored twice with manuscript “Ex JNY” at left and light “Ex HW” in the hand of Camp Commandant Capt. Henry Wirz at top right, top of cover with small tears and staple holes, minor stain at bottom.

Very fine appearance. The only known north-to-south flag-of-truce cover and letter to a Union prisoner-of-war at Andersonville, exchanged through Jacksonville and Lake City, Florida, and censored by the notorious Captain Henry Wirz.

The Andersonville prison, officially known as Camp Sumter, was the largest Confederate military prison during the Civil War and the most dreaded by Union soldiers. On March 27, 1864, Captain Henry Wirz assumed command of the stockade. By the end of the war, 12,913 of the approximately 45,000 Union prisoners held there had died, mostly from starvation and disease. After the war, Wirz was charged with conspiracy and murder by Federal authorities. His trial was held in the Capitol building in Washington and presided over by Union General Lew Wallace. A number of former prisoners testified on conditions at Andersonville, many accusing Wirz of specific acts of cruelty (some of these accounts were later called into question by historians as exaggerated or false). The court also heard from Confederate officers and considered official correspondence from captured Confederate records. Wirz presented evidence that he pleaded to Confederate authorities to obtain more food and maintained that he tried to improve the conditions for the prisoners. Wirz was found guilty of murder and sentenced to death. On November 10, 1865, he was hanged in Washington at the site of the current Supreme Court building — the only Confederate official to be tried, convicted and executed for war crimes resulting from the Civil War.

This is the only recorded North-to-South cover exchanged through Union-occupied Jacksonville and Confederate Lake City, Florida. This route for mail to Andersonville is also singularly represented by this cover. The enclosed letter specifically refers to instructions the writer received to send mail through assistant adjutant general Robinson in Jacksonville, which would be sent via flag-of-truce to Col. Noble, who was the highest ranking Union officer held at Andersonville.

Accompanied by an article on this cover by John L. Kimbrough with a transcription of the letter.

E. 4,000-5,000

EXTREMELY FINE APPEARING MIXED-FRANKING COVER FROM FORT DELAWARE TO FLORIDA VIA OLD POINT COMFORT AND RICHMOND. A BEAUTIFUL PRISONER’S FLAG-OF-TRUCE COVER TO A SCARCE DESTINATION.

This is from the same correspondence as the cover offered in lot 2184. In the case of the other, it was destined for Centreville and sent in an outer cover to Old Point Comfort, which was discarded before exchange .................................................. E. 1,500-2,000
**2184**

10c Blue, Die A (11). Large margins all around, tied by “Richmond Va. Apr. 27” circular datestamp on inner North-to-South flag-of-truce cover to Centreville Fla., manuscript “Via Flag of Truce” at top, outer envelope with U.S. postage discarded at Fortress Monroe before exchange, missing back flap and small nick at top, light file fold, Very Fine and scarce flag-of-truce cover addressed to Florida, based on the cover offered in lot 2183 (from the same correspondence), this may have originated at Fort Delaware Prison........................ E. 500-750

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2185

Johnson’s Island, Sandusky O. to Jacksonville Fla. Two covers from the same correspondence, sent just prior to the Confederate surrender at Appomattox and just after, first with bold strike of “Prisoner’s Letter, Johnsons Island, O. Examined C.H.R.” oval handstamp (Chauncy H. Roberts from Nov 1864 to May 1865) and manuscript “By Flag of Truce” on buff cover to Tallahassee Fla., prisoner’s endorsement at top, 3c Rose (65) tied by target cancel and by “Sandusky O. Mar. 7 ’65” double-circle datestamp, “Due 10” straightline for confederate postage, Very Fine, second cover with same Johnson’s Island markings except Sandusky double-circle datestamp in blue and dated Jun. 2, 1865, 3c Rose (65) tied by blue target cancel, manuscript “Care of Gen. Scammon Via Jacksonville Fla.” as the flag-of-truce route via Old Point Comfort and Richmond was closed with the capture of Richmond, no Confederate postage paid or due since this was a post-war use, edge staining and some minor scuffs and wear, Fine appearance, a nice matched pair of prisoner-of-war covers ............................................................... E. 750-1,000

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Both 2185
2186  Florida to Fort Pulaski Ga., Prisoner-of-War Cover. “Official Business” corner card on undated (1865) cover addressed to David L. Yulee, prisoner at Fort Pulaski Ga., censored with manuscript “Read by the Maj. Gen. Comdg. This consent given to its transmittal. W.N. Kick Talcott Lt. & A.D.C.”, edgewear and missing part of backflap, otherwise Fine, David Yulee, known as the “Florida Fire Eater” for his pro-slavery rhetoric, was the first person of Jewish ancestry elected to the U.S. Senate, he founded the Florida Railroad Company and resigned from the Senate to join the Confederacy in 1861, at the end of the Civil War he was imprisoned at Fort Pulaski for nine months before receiving a pardon...... E. 500-750

2187  3c Rose (65). Tied by “Jacksonville Fla. ? 15” (1865) circular datestamp with circle of wedges cancel at right on buff Florida Rail Road corner card cover to David L. Yulee, prisoner at Fort Pulaski Ga., tear at top right where opened, appears Very Fine, David Yulee, known as the “Florida Fire Eater” for his pro-slavery rhetoric, was the first person of Jewish ancestry elected to the U.S. Senate, he founded the Florida Railroad Company and resigned from the Senate to join the Confederacy in 1861, at the end of the Civil War he was imprisoned at Fort Pulaski for nine months before receiving a pardon...... E. 500-750
2188  Jacksonville Fla. Parole Camp. Clear strike of dateless “Jacksonville Fla.” circular handstamp, with “3” due handstamp, manuscript “Paroled Prisoners Letter SS Marsielles Post Adjt.” censor marking on cover addressed to Pennsylvania Congressman and abolitionist John Cavode at Lockport Station Pa., original letter datelined May 5, 1865 from Cavode’s son Jacob references his previous confinement at Andersonville Prison and states he had lost 52 pounds and 20 of his company while imprisoned, but came through the lines on Apr. 29 (three weeks after Appomattox), Very Fine and rare cover from the Jacksonville Parole Camp, which handled 3,400 prisoners from April-May 1865, perhaps one other is known, accompanied by three other contemporary letters to Cavode from Confederate prisoner Alex Peale and his father, thanking him for arranging Peale’s parole from Baltimore in exchange for Jacob Cavode .......................................................... E. 500-750
Union Blockading Squadron. Balance of four covers, South Atlantic and East Gulf, most interesting is cover with 1c Blue and 3c Rose (63, 65), 3c double perfs at right, tied by target and 1c by “New York Jul. 10” double-circle datestamp on cover to the “Master’s Mate U.S. Steamer Patroon St. John’s River Flo. South Atlantic Blockading Squadron,” couple tiny perf flaws, Fine, unusual use, also 3c 1861 with “New Orleans La. Jul. 28 64” double-circle datestamp on cover to the assistant surgeon aboard the “U.S. Bark J.L. Davis Tampa Bay East Gulf,” stamp oxidized, still Very Fine, other two are stampless from East Gulf Blockading Squadron sent North, overall Very Fine group……………………………………..(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000

Fernandina Fla., Union Occupation. Two covers, first 3c Rose (65) tied by “Fernandina Fla. July 21st 1863” Union-occupation manuscript postmark on buff cover to East North Yarmouth Maine, reduced at left, stamp with corner crease and small tear at left, Very Fine appearance, second with “Fernandina Fla. Aug. 29.” blue occupation double-circle datestamp with matching target and “FREE” in small oval handstamp on cover to Baltimore Md., small tears at top, Very Fine appearance, Fernandina was occupied on Mar. 4, 1862, but a Union-occupation post office was not established until April 27, 1863 and it was months later that a postmarking device was provided, Union-occupation mail from Fernandina is scarce……………….(Photo Ex) E. 500-750

3c Rose (65). Cancelled by grid with bold strike of “Fort Jefferson Fla. Dec. 14” Union-occupation circular datestamp on buff cover to East Washington N.H., “Sixteenth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers” illustrated corner card depicting a U.S. flagged ship and sailors, small tear at left and minor corner wear, still Very Fine, Fort Jefferson, located 68 miles west of Key West, remained in Union control throughout the war, a Union post office was established on October 28, 1861, the only known postmark used at Fort Jefferson is this slightly oval circular datestamp and is seen in black, blue, and red ink …………………….. E. 400-500

3c Rose (65). Tied by “Paid” in circle with “Fort Jefferson Fla. Dec. 14” Union-occupation circular datestamp on red and blue “Our Union and our Laws we must maintain!” Patriotic cover depicting the American flag and a Union soldier stepping on a Confederate flag, addressed to Manchester N.H., G.W. Cottrell imprint, minor cover corner crease and faint edge soiling, slight reduction at left does not affect the design, Very Fine, a wonderful use of a Union Patriotic from occupied Fort Jefferson, which was located west of Key West and remained in Union control throughout the war, a Union post office was established on October 28, 1861, the only known postmark used at Fort Jefferson is this slightly oval circular datestamp and is seen in black, blue, and red ink………………………………….. E. 500-750
2193  **Fort Jefferson Fla., Union Occupation.** Balance of three covers, first 3c No. 65 with bold strike of “Fort Jefferson Fla. Dec. 14” *Union-occupation* circular datestamp on cover to Harrisville N.H., “Sixteenth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers” illustrated corner card depicting U.S. flags, muskets and cannon, slightly reduced at left but design is essentially complete, stamp with couple tiny perf flaws, Very Fine appearance, second No. 65 with red “Fort Jefferson Fla. Jan. 4” occupation circular datestamp on cover to New Haven N.Y., reduced at right clear of the stamp, slight edge soiling, Very Fine, last No. 65 with blackish-blue “Fort Jefferson Fla. Sept. 27” occupation circular datestamp on cover to Pulaski N.Y., slightly reduced at left, Very Fine, Fort Jefferson remained in Union control throughout the war, a Union post office was established on October 28, 1861. ......................................................(Photo Ex)  E. 750-1,000

2194  **3c Rose (65).** Tied by “Fort Pickens Fla. Dec. 27” (1861) *Union-occupation* circular datestamp on red and blue *Union Patriotic cover* depicting a soldier with the American flag, addressed to Locke N.Y., S.C. Rickards & Co. imprint, Very Fine, Fort Pickens, located on Santa Rosa Island in Pensacola Bay, remained in Union control throughout the war, it served as a base for the East Gulf Blockade of Pensacola and the Warrington ship yards, a Union post office was established on May 30, 1861 and continued until June 9, 1862, when it was absorbed by the Union-occupation Pensacola post office……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………. E. 500-750

2195  **Fort Pickens Fla., Union Occupation.** Five covers from or to Fort Pickens, incl. No. 26 with manuscript “Fort Pickens Fla. July 24, 61” *Union occupation postmark* on narrow cover to Schenectady N.Y., Very Fine and early cover from Fort Pickens, mailed before the post office obtained a datestamp (the only recorded example), three others with 3c 1857 or 1861 Issue and on on a 3c entire, finally an all-over *Patriotic cover* from Fort Pickens to N.J., overall toning, appears Fine, Fort Pickens, located on Santa Rosa Island in Pensacola Bay, remained in Union control throughout the war, it served as a base for the East Gulf Blockade of Pensacola and the Warrington ship yards, a Union post office was established on May 30, 1861 and continued until June 9, 1862, when it was absorbed by the Union occupation Pensacola post office……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………. E. 500-750

2196  **3c Rose (65).** “X” pen cancel and manuscript “Jacksonville Fla. April 10, 1864” *Union-occupation postmark* on United States Signal Corps illustrated corner card cover to Lockport N.Y., stamp with couple small edge flaws, small reduction at right barely into address, still Fine and scarce, Jacksonville changed hands several times during the Civil War, the final Union occupation began on Feb. 7, 1864, and led to the establishment of a post office, mail was initially carried by military courier to Port Royal where it entered the U.S. mails, by April, when this cover was sent, Jacksonville manuscript and then datestamp devices came into use, this is the earliest of three recorded manuscript occupation postmarks……………………………………. E. 500-750
2197  3c Rose (65). Bright color, tied by “Jacksonville Fla. Apr. 23 1864” Union-occupation typeset arc datestamp, second strike to right on cover to Meredith N.Y., original letter enclosure datelined “Camp Near Jacksonville April 21”, slightly reduced at right, small light stained spots, Very Fine appearance and rare, Jacksonville changed hands several times during the Civil War, the final Union occupation began on Feb. 7, 1864, and led to the establishment of a post office — by late April, when this cover was sent, Jacksonville datestamp devices came into use, the first was this crude typeset arc, this is one of only four recorded examples (dated between Apr. 20-25, 1864)................. E. 500-750

2198  3c Rose (65). Small perf flaws at right from placement at edge, tied by small “Jacksonville Fla. Feb. 12” (1866) circular datestamp with red manuscript “Cedar Keys Fla. Feb. 11 1866” origination at left on buff cover to North Georgetown O., manuscript soldier’s endorsement with “U.S.C.T.” (U.S. Colored Troops), edge soiling. Fine appearing and scarce Reconstruction use from Cedar Keys, carried on the Florida Railroad to Jacksonville where it entered the mails ..................... E. 200-300

2199  Jacksonville Fla., Union Occupation. Two covers, first with No. 65, tied by “Port Royal S.C. Apr. 1, '64” double-circle datestamp on buff cover from Union-occupied Jacksonville Fla. to Doylestown O., docketing on back confirms origination, stamp with couple short perfs and small corner crease, cover with corner nick at bottom right, Fine appearance, second cover with “Jacksonville Fla. May 19 (1864)” occupation double-circle datestamp with “Due 3” in circle on cover to Masonville N.Y., soldier’s letter docketing at left allowing the unpaid use, minor soiling, Very Fine, Jacksonville changed hands several times during the Civil War, the final Union occupation began on Feb. 7, 1864, and led to the establishment of a post office, by May the Jacksonville circular datestamp came into use and was employed through the end of the war in May 1865 .........(Photo Ex) E. 400-500

2200  3c Rose (65). Small edge tears, tied by clear strike of “Key West Fl. Apr. 1” Union-occupation circular datestamp on allover “Loyal to the Union State of New Hampshire” Patriotic cover with allegorical female Liberty draped in American flag, ship and sailors, addressed to Otego N.Y., Wm. Ridenburgh N.Y. imprint on back, Very Fine appearance, an outstanding Patriotic design used from Key West, which remained in Union control throughout the war............ E. 500-750

2201  Key West Fla., Union Occupation. Three covers, first with Apr. 20 Union-occupation circular datestamp with “DUE 3” straightline on “Union” Patriotic cover with Washington shield, American flags and female Liberty allegorical design, addressed to Allentown Pa., soldier’s endorsement at top allowing it be sent postage due, slight wear and small tear, Very Fine appearance and unusual stampless use, second with No. 65 and bold strike of “Key West Fl. Mar. 30” occupation double-circle datestamp on yellow cover to Mercer County N.J., final cover with No. 65 with straddle-pane natural s.e. at left, tied by “Key West Fla. Oct. 3” (1861) occupation double-circle datestamp on cover to Norristown Pa., opened roughly at right affecting lower right corner, small glue stain at left, otherwise Fine; Key West remained in Union hands throughout the war, it initially serviced Ft. Jefferson and the East Gulf Blockade mail...............(Photo Ex) E. 500-750
2202  2c Black (73). Tied by two strikes of "Pensacola Fla. Feb. 21, 1865" Union-occupation double-circle datestamp on 1c Blue on Buff Star Die entire (U19) to Davenport Iowa, forwarded to Decatur (or possibly Detroit) with "Davenport Jo. Mar. 20, 1865" double-circle datestamp which ties the Black Jack, "Due 3" straightline, "Pensacola Bay 2/18/1865" docketing at top, Very Fine, a rare and possibly unique combination for the 3c rate from Union-occupied Pensacola......................... E. 500-750

2203  Pensacola Fla. Sep. 13. (1865). Circular datestamp and bold "Due 3" straightline on buff cover to post commander at Marianna Fla., manuscript "OB" (official business) at top, the Marianna post office was not re-established until Oct. 2 so this went to Apalachicola (100 miles south of Marianna), where the postmaster wrote "Please send the 3cts due on this letter to this Post Office — Apalachicola Fla. Sept. 25th E. Keilmansegge P.M.", small reduction at right just nicks the top corner, Very Fine, a fascinating military cover demonstrating the challenges in handling mail in Florida during early Reconstruction ......................................................... E. 400-500

2204  3c Rose (65). Tied by target cancel with "Pensacola Flo. Aug. 6, 1862" Union-occupation double-circle datestamp on purple General McClellan portrait Patriotic cover to Five Corners N.Y., minor edgewear and tiny nicks, slightly reduced at left barely into the design, Very Fine appearance, Pensacola was occupied by Union troops on May 10, 1862 following the Confederate evacuation the evening before, a Union-occupation post office with Sigmund Loeb as postmaster was established on June 9, 1862, and included the transferred post office from Ft. Pickens. ......................... E. 500-750

2205  3c Rose (65). Tied by target cancel with "Pensacola Flo. Aug. 6, 1863" Union-occupation double-circle datestamp on American flag and female Liberty Patriotic cover to Pittsford Vt., small corner repair at bottom right, Very Fine, a wonderful Patriotic design used from Pensacola, which was occupied by Union troops on May 10, 1862 following the Confederate evacuation the evening before, a Union-occupation post office with Sigmund Loeb as postmaster was established on June 9, 1862, and included the transferred post office from Ft. Pickens. ......................... E. 500-750

2206  Saint Augustine Fla., Union Occupation. Three covers, first with partly clear strike of old "territorial" circular datestamp used as a Union-occupation postmark, manuscript "Due 6" on red 4th N.H. Regiment Patriotic cover depicting American flag, soldier, cannon and ship, addressed to Great Falls N.H., edge faults, appears Fine, second with No. 65 with "Saint Augustine Fla. Oct. 20" (1862) occupation circular datestamp on same regimental design cover, slightly reduced at right not affecting the stamp or address, Very Fine, last with Jan. 24 1865 double-circle occupation datestamp on yellow cover to Stratford Conn., soldier’s endorsement at top, Very Fine, Saint Augustine was occupied by Union troops on March 11, 1862, an occupation post office was established on April 4 with Manuel Medicis as postmaster.................................(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000

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