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Confederate Mail



#1 on cover with a circular 1862 postmark from Montgomery, Alabama. Looks like a budding forger may have used this envelope to practice writing several different names in several different hands. \$150 C81004



#6 light blue London printing of the 5-cent Jefferson Davis stamp (pair) on cover with a blue, undated Petersburg, Virginia postmark. \$275
C81003

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#7 blue Richmond printing of the 5-cent Jefferson Davis stamp (pair) on cover. Manuscript "Woodstock [Virginia] March 27th" postmark. Stamps have a manuscript cancellation, "1863". \$150 C81002



#11 on an adversity cover, Wilmington, North Carolina, indistinct date. Cover overlaps on reverse have been opened to show the envelope was made from an old ledger. No top backflap. \$150 C81001

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Folded letter sent from Tates [Bluff] to Washington, Arkansas: 1864. This letter on blue lined paper and franked with a pair of 5-cent blue Confederate stamps (#7) and cancelled with a circular "Camden Ark" postmark dated Jan 26. The stamps and letter are in nice shape with a few spots of light foxing and a small tear at the wax seal where it was opened. **CONTENT:** This rather frantic letter informs a Confederate officer that three of his slaves had been "stolen" and would soon "be" lost if taken across the [Ouachita] River. [See link for more information.](#) \$1,500 8890

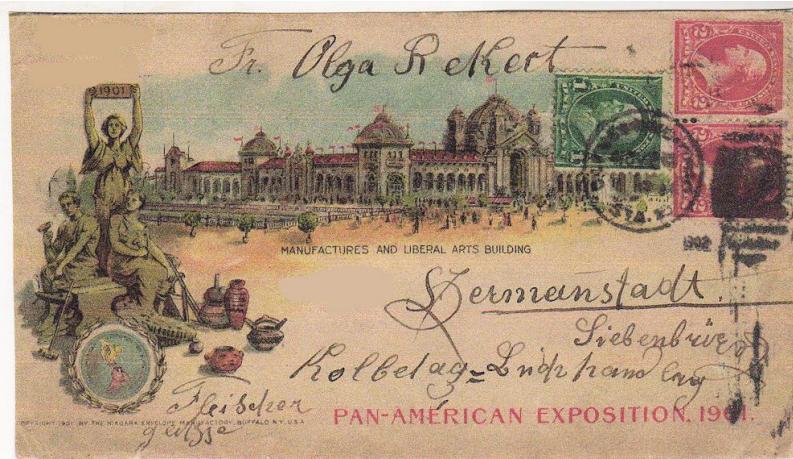


Confederate officer's letter sent while a prisoner-of-war at Johnson's Island to his sister in Montgomery, Alabama. 1864. The letter is dated "Johnson's Island, O. / Oct. 24, 1864" with an officer's return address as a camp prisoner. An oval Johnson's Island censor stamp is on the reverse. A handwritten annotation "Via Fort Monroe" is in the lower left front corner. Postmarked on October 25 at Sandusky, Ohio and franked with # 65 to pay postage from Sandusky to Fort Monroe. Front also shows a straight-line "Due 10" handstamp indicating that the receiver would be required to pay 10-cents Confederate postage when received. Stamp cancelled by a pair of circular Richmond, Virginia postmarks. **CONTENT:** An upbeat, newsy letter about the writer's captivity. See link for more information. \$1,000 9110

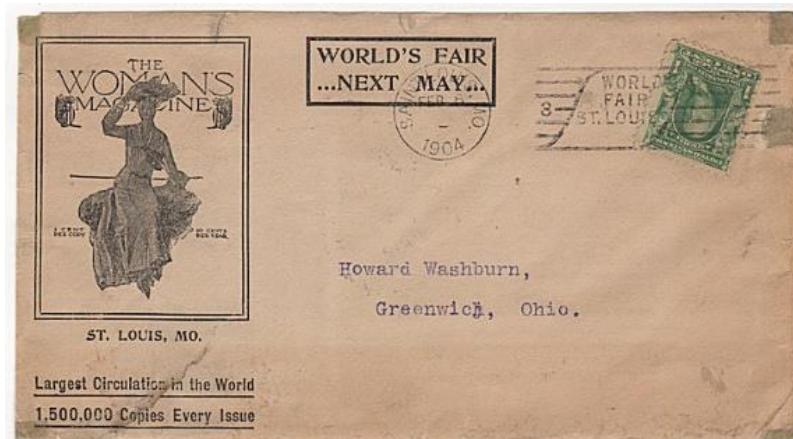
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Expositions and Fairs



Pan-American Exposition cover sent to Hermannstadt, Transylvania, Austria-Hungary, 1901 (Nagyszeben in Hungarian); today Sibiu in Romania. Nagy Szeben backstamp on reverse. Manuscript annotations in German and Hungarian. Franked with Scott #279 and a pair of Scott #279B; indistinct postmark. Light wear and soiling. [See link for more information.](#) \$125 7703



Advertising cover and booklet for The Woman's Magazine and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. St. Louis: 1904. The illustrated envelope features an image of the cover of *The Woman's Magazine* and a rectangular promotion for the St. Louis World's Fair. It is franked with a 1-cent green Franklin stamp (Scott #300) and postmarked with a "World's Fair St. Louis" machine cancel. CONTENT: The advertising booklet is titled, "Banking by Mail. The Postal Bank and trust Company of The Woman's Magazine and the Woman's Farm Journal" It is illustrated with small images of both magazines and an architect's model of the Woman's Magazine Building (now the city hall of University City, Missouri). The envelope has some minor soiling, several small pieces of tape and pencil docketing on the reverse, and is missing part of its back panels. [See link for more information.](#) \$150 8723

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Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition Advertising Cover. 1905. Multicolor advertising cover for the exposition features America with her arms resting on the shoulders of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark as all three gaze at a Pacific Ocean sunset. This cover is franked with Scott #319 and postmarked at Colfax, Washington, and addressed to Hilldale, Oregon, via Portland. In nice shape. [See link for more information.](#) Item \$100 [7728](#)

Inland Rivers



Steamer Bella Donna. Louisiana riverboat cove to New Orleans, circa 1853. See Milgram 100. \$100 [R004](#)

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Hand-delivered cover and letter from the Steamer *Express* to the Steamboat *Jane Franklin*. Cincinnati, Ohio: circa 1855. CONTENT: Letter demanding payment for damage done to the Express in a collision with the Jane Franklin near Cincinnati. [See link for more information.](#)
\$250 8915



#65 on cover from Louisville, Kentucky to Athens, Alabama: July 4, [1865]. Hand stamp of Erwin & Donaue Steamboat Agents dated July 3, 1865 is in the upper left corner. **\$100 R005**



65 (pair) on cover sent via the Mississippi River Steamboat *Fashion* to New Orleans, Louisiana: circa 1865. A few insect nibbles. See Milgram 454. **\$100 R006**

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Lettersheets



One of the best and certainly the funniest illustrated Gold Rush lettersheets: *The Miner's Ten Commandments*. San Francisco: Sun Print, (1853). Measures approximately 9" x 11". Text is printed in three centered columns bordered by ten vignettes that satirically illustrate each. Unused and clean with two horizontal and three vertical folds. Minor edge-wear and pinholes at three of the fold junctions. The humorous, tongue-in-cheek, proscriptive Commandments addressed bad habits, inappropriate behavior, and temptations associated with Gold Rush life: claim jumping, stealing, fighting, gambling, drinking, cheating, lying, etc. (An easy-to-read, enlarged set of commandments will be included.) [See link for more information.](#) \$1,850 8910

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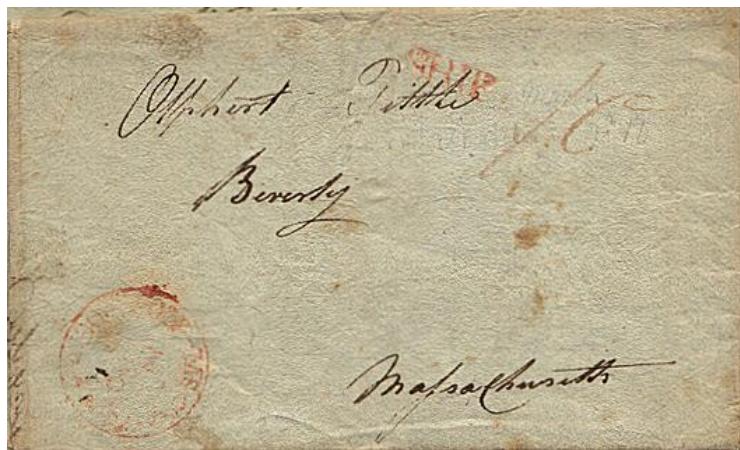


Philadelphia City-View Lettersheet sent to Hannover, Germany. Philadelphia: 1854. In German. The sheet is dated November 2, 1854 and bears two red circular Philadelphia postmarks, one dated November 3 and one dated November 4, as well as a "Paid 15" handstamp also in red. It additionally has a three-line blue handstamp, "America / Uber Bremen / Franco" and corresponding circular stamp, "22 / 11 / A" which were applied when the letter was received at the port of Bremen on November 22 indicating postage had already been paid. The cover also shows a small, blue, circular "Landbote M / 27 / 11" handstamp indicating the letter was dispatched to the addressee from Bremen by a rural messenger on November 27. The lettersheet is complete with some wear, soiling, and mailing folds. It is missing two 1" square pieces where a wax seal was removed upon opening. [See link for more information.](#) \$400 8908

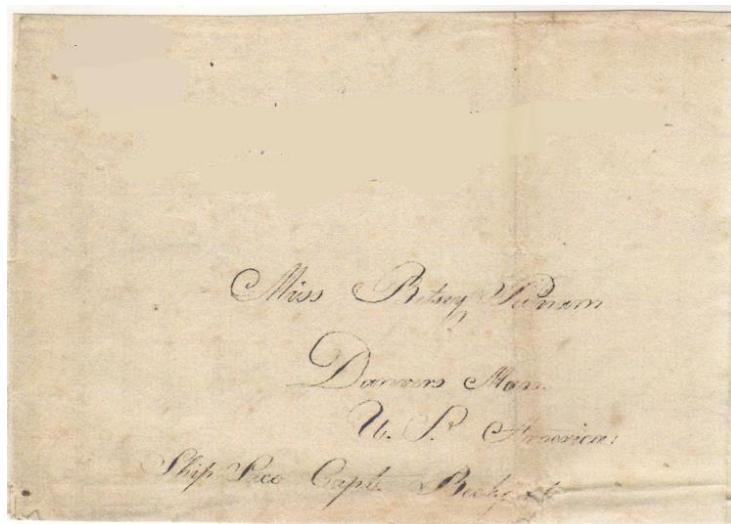
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Maritime and Transoceanic Mail



Letter from a U.S. mariner held captive in Naples after his ship was captured and condemned during the Napoleonic Wars. Stampless letter sent by an American mariner in Naples to his father in Beverly, Massachusetts. The letter is dated "March 11th 1810." It bears a weak red strike of the circular Boston postmark with stars at the bottom (ASSC #203), a red "SHIP" handstamp, and a faint "16" cent manuscript rate mark (6 cents for receipt of a private ship letter + a 2-cent ship letter conveyance fee + an 8-cent delivery fee from Boston to Beverly). The letter is in nice shape with expected postal wear and soiling. CONTENT: Great letter detailing the capture of American ships by France and Naples during the Napoleonic Wars. [See link for more information.](#) \$1,250 9071



Early 19th century American missionary correspondence from the Ship Saco and India, 1817-1818. Four-page folded folio-sized sheet to Danvers, Massachusetts. Three separately dated letters are on the sheet: 31 Dec 1817, On board the Ship Saco; 2 Feb 1818, Off the coast of Ceylon; 30 Apr 1818, Bombay. Clean and legible with minor wear. Insignificant small tears at of some folds. CONTENT: Letter discusses first impressions of India and its religions. [\\$750 8665](#)

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Folded letter sent from Liverpool, England to New York City via an early voyage of the S.S. *Great Western*. 1838 This three-page, stampless, folded letter measures approximately 16" x 10" unfolded. It is addressed to New York City with manuscript markings indicating "via Bristol" and the "Great Western." It bears a circular, unframed, Ship's Letter crown postmark dated 26 October 1838 indicating the postage to New York had been paid in advance. There are two additional manuscript rate markings: 1 shilling in red indicating, I believe, the cost of the postage and 6 pence in blue indicating, I believe, the additional charge for a Ship's Letter. The letter is in nice shape. The *Great Western* was the first steamship built specifically built for crossing the Atlantic. [See link for more information.](#) \$200 9129



Two-page folded letter with printed circular sent via the Steamer Columbia from Liverpool to New York via Boston from Liverpool. 1841. This folded letter is addressed to New York and dated 4 June 1841. The cover has a manuscript annotation that reads, "Via Boston / Steamer Columbia." There is a "Paid at / Liverpool / 1841 Ju 3" handstamp with a faded "1" indicating that the single packet rate of 1 shilling postage to the United States had been prepaid. A manuscript "20" was added after arrival indicating the total postage cost for a letter sent inland from Boston for a distance of between 150 and 400 miles (18.5 cents) plus a private ship receipt fee (1 cent) and a pamphlet/circular charge (.5 cent). A red, circular Boston postmark with indistinct date is was applied to the cover before it was dispatched to New York. CONTENNT. Pricing circular plus a letter that discusses business plus the loss of the S.S. President, the largest passenger ship of her day. [See link for more information.](#) \$300 8983

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Letter from a French ship captain in San Francisco to a wine wholesaler in Southern France. 1869. The letter, in French, is dated "Sn Francisco le 7 Yuillet 1869" and franked with a 15-cent black Lincoln stamp (Scott #77) canceled with a 'fancy' black circle-of-wedges. Three postmarks are on the front: a clear San Francisco postmark (Jul 8) in black, a large circular New York Paid postmark (Jul 17) in red, and a Calais foreign mail receiving mark (Jul 29) in blue. A Paris postmark (Jul 29) and a scuffed Cette receiving stamp (Jul 30), both in black are on the reverse. Docketing notes the letter was mailed from San Francisco by G. Caussy on July 7th and received in Cette on the 30th. The letter is in nice shape with postal and opening wear. The #77 Lincoln stamp is sound and sharp with deep color; its perforations touch the design at the right and bottom. **CONTENT:** Terrific letter describing a problematic voyage, spoiled wine, and recommendations for future wine sales. A translation of the letter will be provided. See link for more information. \$1,750 [9181](#)



#223 (pair) on cover from Englewood, Illinois, to Berlin, Germany: 1891. Manuscript "Via England" on front. \$20 T036

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#219 and #220 (pair) on cover from Newark, New Jersey to Hamilton, Bermuda: 1891. \$40 T014



#223 on U223 stampless envelope from Highland, Illinois to Bern, Switzerland: 1891. \$35 T028



#223 on cover from Saugerties, New York to Hirschberg (Silesia), Germany (now Jelenia Gora, Poland) and then forwarded to Dresden, Germany: 1892 Segmented cork cancel from Saugerties. Hirschberg and Dresden backstamps. Manuscript forwarding annotations on both sides in German. \$45 T032

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#219 and #220 on a U311 stamped envelope: 1893. Attractive tri-color franking from New Orleans, Louisiana to Paris, France. Lehman, Stern & Company corner card. Lehman, Stern was a major cotton exporting company. In 1871, Maurice Stern, a young Jewish immigrant, was apprenticed to Lehman, Neugass and Company, and within twelve years he had become a major partner. Stern was a prominent member of Temple Sinai, and well-known in New Orleans for his philanthropy. \$40 T048



#221 on U349 (Columbian Exposition stamped envelope), 1894. From Minneapolis, Minnesota to Aarhus, Denmark. 7-bar International Postal Supply Company machine postmark (See Hanmer). Indistinct Aarhus backstamp. Slightly reduced at right. \$40 T028

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#221 on U349 (Columbian Exposition stamped envelope): 1894, From New York to Schleusingen, Thuringia, Germany. Schleusingen backstamp. \$20 T094



#223 on cover: 1894. From Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Ringenheim, Saxony, Germany. "Per Steamer" corner card from Young, Smyth, Field & Company. 7-bar International Postal Supply Company machine postmark (see Hanmer). Ringenheim backstamp. \$15 T029



#267 (three) on cover from Chicago, Illinois to London, England. American Postal Machine Company flag cancellation, 1895. Manuscript forwarding annotations on front. Indistinct London postmark on front. London backstamp. \$15 T036

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#223 on cover from Chicago, Illinois to London, England. American Postal Machine Company flag cancellation, 1895.. Manuscript forwarding annotations on front. Indistinct London postmark on front. London backstamp. \$15 T051



#265 (pair) on U311 on cover from Chicago, Illinois to Frankfort, Germany. H. Greenbaum & Co. corner card, 1895. American Postal Machine Company flag cancellation. Chicago foreign delivery ("FD") postmark. European manuscript "15" in purple on front. Frankfurt backstamp. Unusual partially printed stamp on reverse with European manuscript annotations. \$25 T049



#264 and #267 (pair) on cover from Chicago, Illinois to Zurich, Switzerland, 1895. American Postal Machine Company flag cancellations on front and Barry Postal Supply Company machine New York transit postmark on reverse. Zurich backstamp. \$25 T098

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#264 and #267 on U311 stamped envelope from Wright's California to Eisenach, Germany, 1896. Attractive tri-color franking. Handstamped corner card for W. Schraubstadter. Eisenach backstamp. \$35 T012



#264 and #267 on cover from Chicago, Illinois to Transvaal, South African Republic. Sent via England just after the Jameson Raid and about a year before the 2nd Boer War. Multiple postage due handstamps on front. Barry Postal Supply Company New York machine transit marking on reverse. Johannesburg, ZAR (Zuid Afrikaan Republiek) backstamp. \$125 T066



#268 on a U293 letter sheet from Gessen, Louisiana to Frankfurt, Germany, 1897. Frankfurt backstamp. CONTENTS: Christmas and New Year's greetings in German. \$65 T051

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A87 and A88 (Type III) on type U79 (ribbon on queue) stamped envelope from Fox, Montana to Bienne, Switzerland, 1897. Attractive tri-color franking. \$50 T021



#281 on cover from Baltimore, Maryland to Mannheim, Germany, 1898. Barry Postal Supply Company wavy line machine cancellation. Corner card for John Hinrichs, Cable Code Publisher. New York transit postmark and "Return to Writer" pointing-finger handstamp on front. Mannheim backstamp on reverse. German undelivered label on reverse. Foreign Delivery ("F.D.") Dead Letter Office handstamp on reverse. \$50 T079

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#267 (two) on a U311 stamped envelope from Norfolk, Virginia to Horgen, Switzerland, 1898. American Postal Machine Company flag cancellation. Barry Postal Supply Company oval machine transit marking from New York on reverse. Horgen backstamp. Corner card for the Cummer Company. \$50 T068



#279 and #279B (two) on cover from Chicago, Illinois to Brussels, Belgium, 1900. American Postal Machine Company flag cancellation. Law office corner card for Banning & Banning & Sheridan. Barry Postal Supply Company machine transit marking from New York on reverse. \$40 T030



A87 and pair of A88 (Type III) on cover Chicago, Illinois to the Cunard Steamship Company in London, 1900. Manuscript "Cabin Pass'r" on the front cover. A variety of transit and forward manuscript annotations and handstamps on front and rear. \$60 T057

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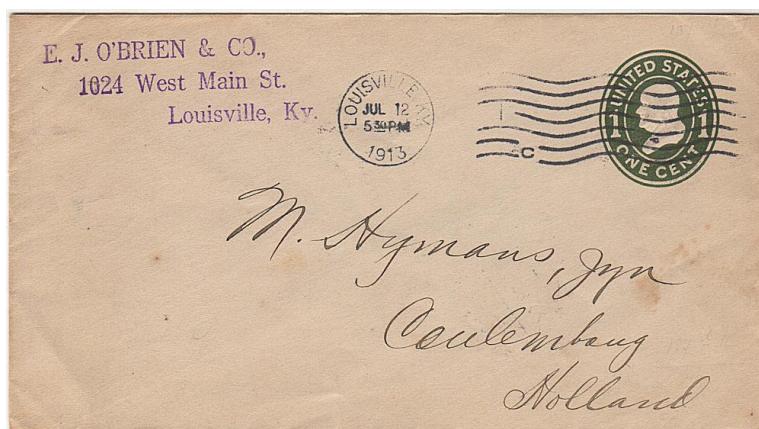
#268, #279, and #279B on a U362 stamped envelope from Chicago, Illinois to the Holm & Molzen Ship Company's S.S. *Mira* in Flensburg, Germany, 1901. Attractive red, green, and purple tri-color franking. New York Foreign Branch transit stamp on reverse with Flensburg backstamp. Damaged backflap. \$40 T058



1-cent green Washington on UX22 on a postal card from Redding Ridge, Connecticut to Bern, Switzerland: 1012-1913. Reverse of card is a pre-printed 'letterhead' featuring an illustration of a passenger liner to be used for messages sent from "The Sanford School Summer Trip Abroad / 1912". Message is in German. \$10 T041

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U400 stamped envelope from Louisville, Kentucky to Coulemboug (sic), Holland: 1913. Culenborg backstamp. \$25 T040



10-cent Type A148 Franklin on 2-cent Type U93 stamped envelope used for registered mail between Grand View, Idaho and Scotland: 1921. \$35 T031

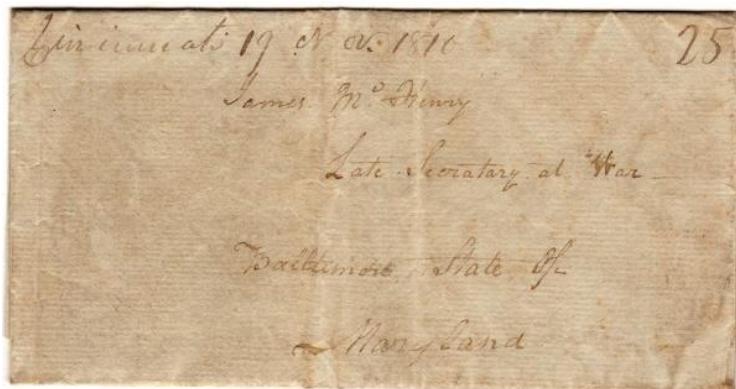


#566 and #708 on U25 stamped envelope for registered service from Chicago, Illinois to Barcelona, Spain: 1932. Registration markings on front and reverse. \$15 T012

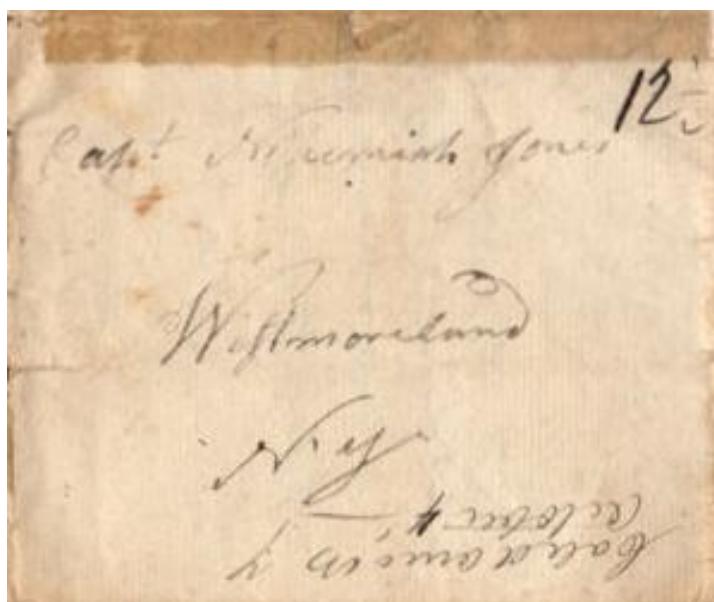
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Military Mail



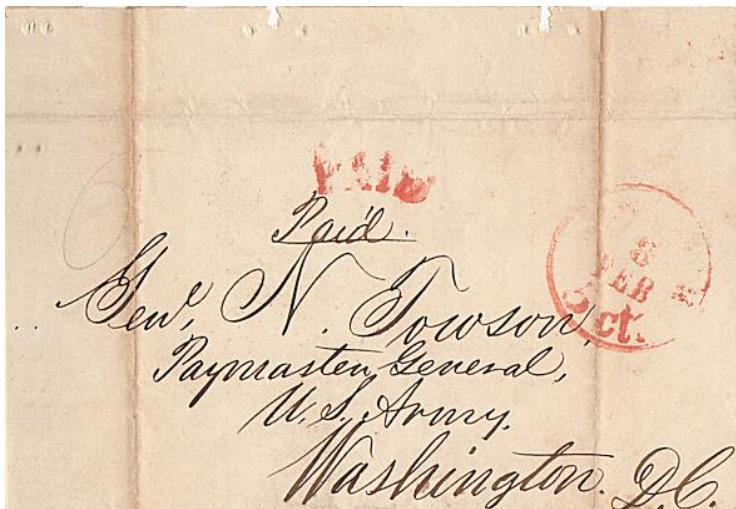
Letter from an Army hero and one of the founders of Cincinnati at Sedam's Farm, Ohio, to Baltimore, Maryland. 1810. This was sent from Sedam's farm near Bold Face Creek about three miles west of Cincinnati and is dated November 11, 1810. It has a manuscript Cincinnati postmark dated 19 Nov 1810. A manuscript "25" appears in the upper right corner indicating the cost to send a letter a distance of 500 or more miles. The letter is in nice shape with some light soiling. CONTENT: The letter is a plea from Captain Cornelius R. Sedam to receive his Army pension earned by service in the Northwest Indian Wars. [See link for more information.](#) \$750 8893



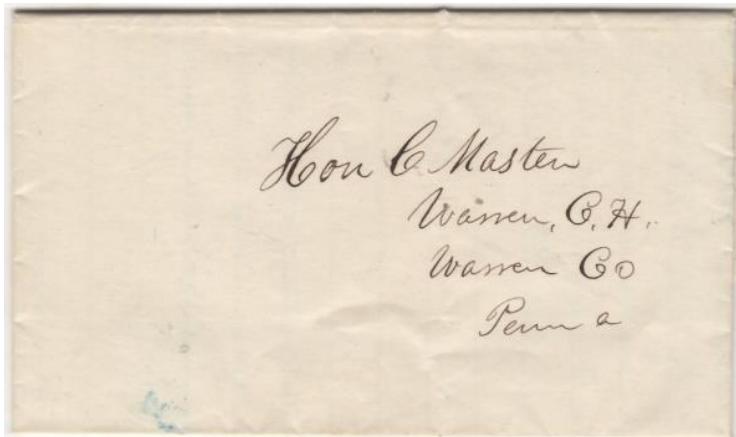
War of 1812 American militia letter regarding the Siege of Fort Erie. Sent from Caledonia to Westmoreland, New York: 1814. The letter bears a "12½" manuscript rate mark indicating to cost to send a letter between 90 and 150 miles. CONTENT: An important three-page letter reporting on the American actions at the Siege of Fort Erie during September of 1814 including the sorties attacking British artillery batteries and the death of General Daniel Davis, the leader of the New York Militia. Complete and legible with some storage creases and a few small splits along the folds. One fold has an old tape reinforcement that is beginning to discolor. A transcript of the letter is included. [See link for more information.](#) \$3,500 8471

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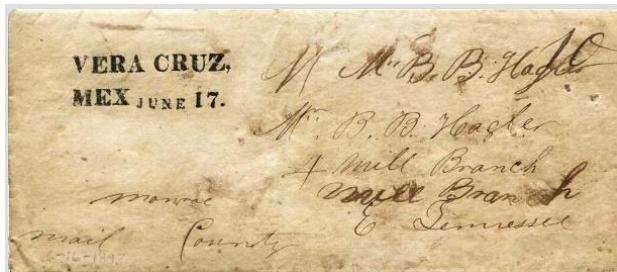
Mexican-American War cover from a pay inquiry regarding Lieutenant U. S. Grant submitted to the Paymaster General in Washington, D.C. by Wyman & Derby. New York: 1847. This wrapper is addressed to "Gen'l N. Towson, Paymaster General, U. S. Army, Washington, D.C." It bears a manuscript "Paid" notation as well as an arched "PAID" handstamp and integral circular 5-cent New York postmark. Docketing indicates that it was sent by "Wyman & Derby . . . In relation to the pay accounts of Lt. U. S. Grant for month of July 1845," which were transferred to them. The wrapper is in nice shape; there is no enclosure. A later cdv of General Grant is included. [See link for more information.](#) \$350 [9086](#)



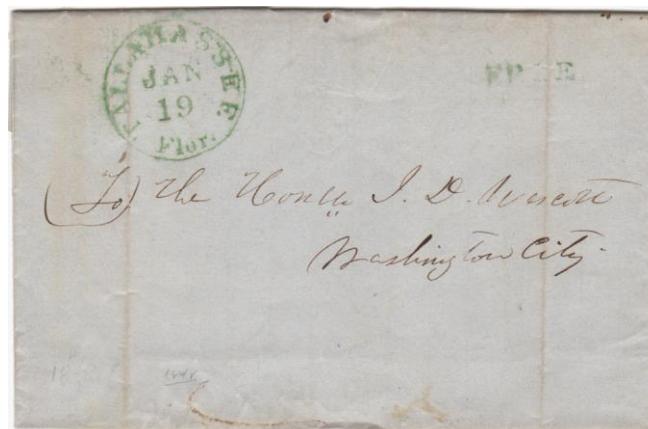
Mexican-American War folded letter from a newly appointed ensign in the Missouri Volunteers as his unit prepared to depart Camp Lucas in Missouri on the Great Platte River Road in route to establishing Fort Kearny for protection of the Oregon Trail. 1847. Camp Lucas (in St. Louis), Missouri to Warren Court House, Pennsylvania: 1847. The letter is dated "Camp Lucas May 30th 1847." The cover was likely delivered outside of the postal system as it is unfranked and bears no postmarks. In nice shape. CONTENT: Letter home informing parents of a promotion to Ensign, providing mailing instructions, and requesting they pay off a debt. A transcript will be included as is a copy of Masters's service summary showing he was assigned to Lt. Col. Powell's Missouri Volunteers. See link for more information. \$750 [9164](#)

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Mexican-American War folded letter from Sergeant Ralph Hagler to family in Monroe County, Tennessee. **Vera Cruz, Mexico: 16 June 1847.** The letter, dated "Vera Cruz, the 16 June 1847," is addressed to Monroe County, E. Tennessee. The cover has a manuscript "10" rate marking indicating the postage required to send a letter more than 300 miles. It is postmarked with a Type 1, double straight-line Vera Cruz handstamp dated Jun 17. The letter is in very nice shape, and the postmark is exceptionally bold and clear. **CONTENT:** Letter reassuring the soldier's family that the sergeant had arrived safely in Mexico. [See link for more information.](#) **\$400** [8954](#)



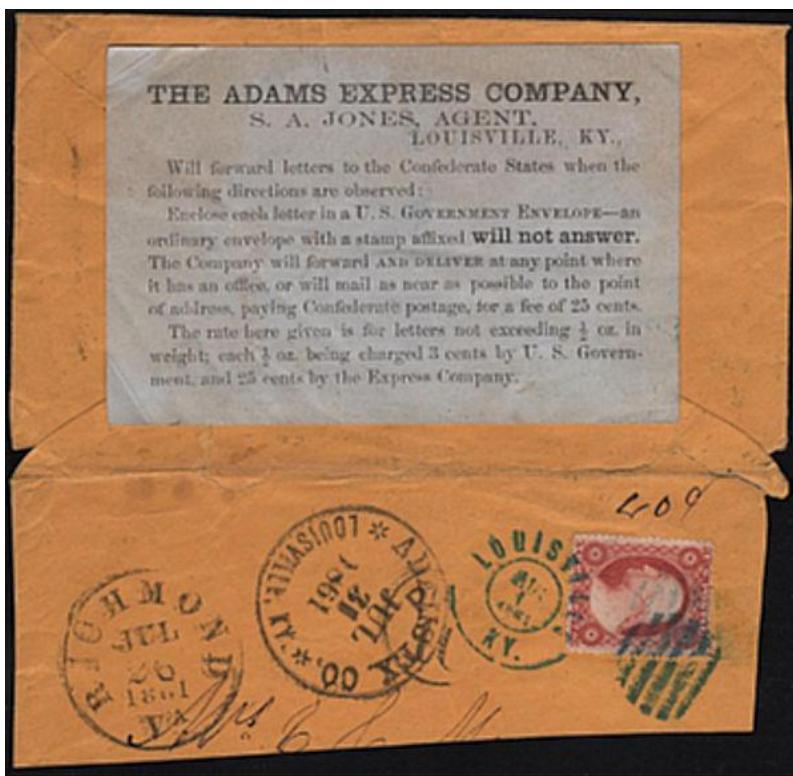
Free-franked folded-letter from James H. T. Lorimer to U.S. Senator J. D. Wescott. **Tallahassee: 1848.** This one-page folded letter is dated "January the 16th, 1848." The cover bears a green "Free" handstamp indicating no postage was required as it was addressed to a U.S. Senator. It is postmarked with a green circular Tallahassee handstamp dated January 19. The letter is in nice shape. **CONTENT:** Letter recommending a prominent Florida physician and son of a large plantation owner to receive a Federal commission as a Lieutenant of Dragoons. [See link for more information.](#) **\$500** [8905](#)



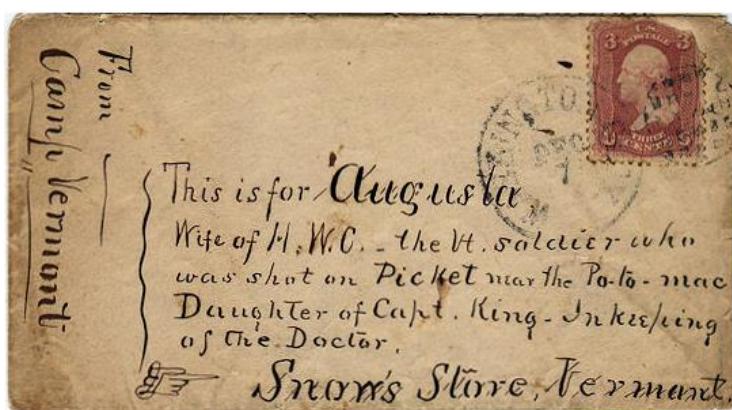
U.S. Navy Midshipman's letter about shipboard life, promotion opportunities, and facial hair. From the *USS Congress*, off Montevideo (Uruguay), Brazil Station: 1853. This cover with letter, dated April 25 1853, was sent by a midshipman to an officer stationed in Washington, DC for forwarding to a mutual friend. The cover bears a number of handstamps, manuscript markings, and is franked with a 3-cent Washington stamp (Scott Type A21 with indistinct frame lines) **CONTENT:** An exceptionally nice letter about life in the Navy include promotions and facial hair regulations. The cover and letter are in nice shape. [See link for rate, route and other information.](#) **\$250** [8984](#)

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Civil War "Across the Lines" private express mail envelope with special instructional label: Richmond, Virginia: 26 July 1861. The cover has two Richmond, Virginia postal markings: a circular city postmark dated "Jul 26 1861" and a circular "Paid 10" handstamp indicating Confederate postage was paid at the time of mailing. There is also a bold strike of circular datestamp that reads, "Adams Ex. Co. * Louisville, Ky. * Jul 31 1861". The envelope also has 3-cent dull red, Type II (Scott #26) postage stamp tied with a blue grid cancel and matching blue double-circle blue postmark that reads Louisville KY. Aug 1 1861. A light blue label headed "The Adams Express Company, S. A. Jones, Agent. Louisville, Ky." provides instructions to northern recipients for sending letters to the South. The stamp, postal markings, and labels are in nice shape. The envelope has been split at the sides and bottom to facilitate display of the blue label. The lower third of the envelope front containing most of the address has been removed. The reverse of the flap fold has old tissue or archival tape reinforcement. [See link for more information.](#) \$3,500 8713



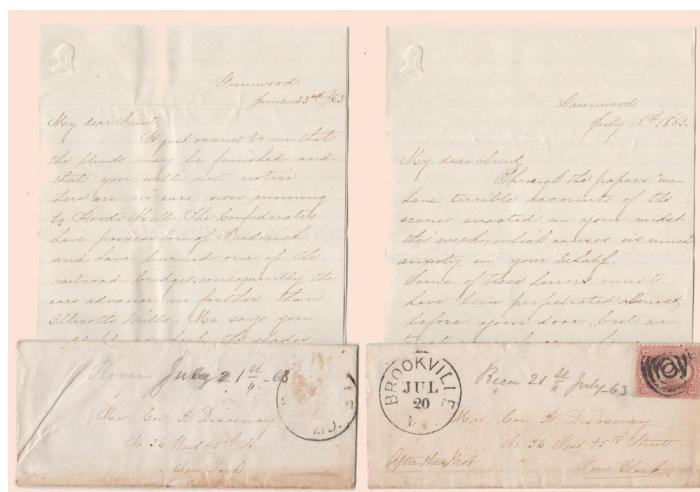
Humorously addressed cover and letter to the wife of a Union soldier wounded on picket duty while guarding approach to Washington, DC. Sent from Camp Vermont near Hunting Creek, Virginia to Vermont: 5 December 1862. Cover is franked with a three-cent stamp (Scott #65) canceled with a circular Washington, DC postmark. The letter and envelope are in nice shape; clean and legible. CONTENT: A charming letter that describes camp life and an update on her husband's health. [See link for more information.](#) \$300 8671

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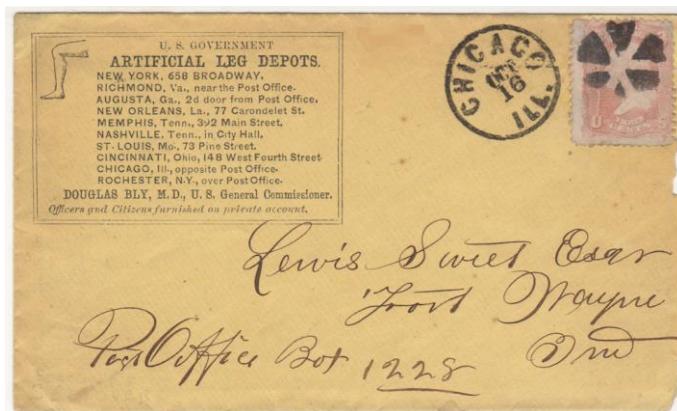
This four-page letter on patriotic stationery from Private Erber Shelton of the 52nd Regiment of Illinois Volunteers to his family at home is dated "St. Louis Misouri / December the 13." Its accompanying cover bears a circular St. Joseph postmark dated Dec 14 1861 and is franked with a 3-cent rose Washington stamp (Scott #65) that has been cancelled with a target handstamp and. The letter and envelope are both in nice shape. CONTENT: Very nice western theater letter in which a Union soldier informs his family in Illinois that he had been deployed to St. Joseph, Missouri where his unit would soon begin enforcing martial law to protect the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad as the city was an important transportation hub connecting east and west. A first-hand account of a little known action that helped ensure Federal lines of communication to California, New Mexico, and the West remained secure. [See link for more information.](#) \$300 9131



Two covers with letters from a female Confederate sympathizer in Greenwood, [Pennsylvania] to her aunt in New York City: 23 June and 18 July 1863. The covers are postmarked at Brookeville, Maryland; one is franked with a 3-cent Washington stamp (Scott #65), and the stamp is missing from the other. The letters and envelopes are in nice shape. CONTENT: These letters contain exceptional content from a female Confederate sympathizer regarding the New York City draft riots and General Lee's campaign through Maryland and Pennsylvania that culminated with his army's defeat at Gettysburg. [See link for more information.](#) \$1,250 8776

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#65 on cover advertising U.S. Government Artificial Leg Depots, Chicago, circa 1865. The cover notes that leg depots were located in New York, Richmond, New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Rochester and tha Douglas Bly was the organizations U.S. General Commissioner. Contemporary advertisements report that the depots were places "where the Government furnishes the U.S. Army and Navy leg to soldiers gratis...." \$200 TBD



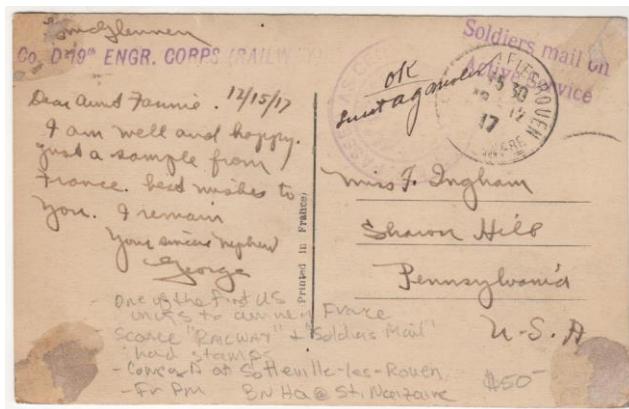
#65 on an official Medical Department cover cancelled by a fancy medical cross cancellation. Old Point Comfort postmar, 1860s. \$100
ML028



Early World War One American Expeditionary Force (A.E.F.) mail sent from Vittel, France, while on a reconnaissance inspection to identify locations suitable for establishing U. S. Base Hospitals. This cover is addressed to East Orange, New Jersey and franked with a manuscript "soldiers letter" annotation in the upper right corner. It bears both blue French "Hopital Complementaire (Supplementary Hospital) No 10 bis" and purple A.E.F. "Passed as Censored No. 24" handstamps. A 2-cent postage due postmark was applied at the New York's Penn Terminal Station on 28 August 1917, and a 2-cent postage due stamp (Scott #J52) was later affixed and cancelled at East Orange, New Jersey. The cover is sound although soiled and with folds. [See link for more information.](#) \$100 9032

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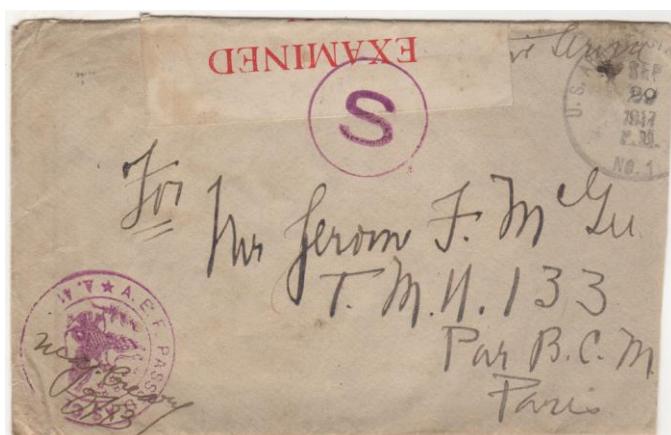
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Early World War One American Expeditionary Force (A.E.F.) postcard from Sotteville-les-Rouen, 1917. From one of the first U.S. units to arrive. With scarce "Co. D 19th Engineer Corps (Railway)" and "Soldiers mail on Active Service" handstamps and sent through the French postal service. \$50 ML074



Early World War One American Expeditionary Force (A.E.F.) cover sent from Dijon, Cote d'Or, [1917]. Sent by a member of the 2nd Telegraph Battalion SCR (Signal Corps Reserve) while constructing the telephone tank line between Dijon the General Headquarters in Chaumont. \$50 ML066



Early World War One American Expeditionary Force (A.E.F.) cover sent from APO #1, St. Naizaire, 20 Sep 1917. In country so no postage required. Postmark type – A1001. Base Censor label with "S" handstamp. \$75 ML062

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Early World War One American Expeditionary Force (A.E.F) cover sent from APO #1, St. Nazaire, 12 Dec 1917. Franked with both a 3-cent stamp and a manuscript "Soldiers Mail". The stamp was not necessary since soldiers were granted free franking privileges in October, 1917. The manuscript "Soldiers Mail" appears to be in the same hand as the censor signature, so possibly applied by him. A rectangular censor stamp was applied in addition to the standard circular eagle. **\$50** ML073



World War One Naval Seaplane Pilot's Letter with Cover. Dunkirk, France, 24 April 1918. Cover bears a APO #2 machine flag postmark and some old tape repairs. CONTENT: Pilot's letter describes making patrols, coming under fire from big German artillery guns, and being subjected to nightly air raids. In very nice shape. [See link for more information.](#) **\$250** 7853

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World War One unit stationery cover from a member of the 309th Field Artillery which was assigned at different times to the 78th (APO 755) and 90th (APO 761) Divisions, Paris, 2 July 1918. Cover bears an APO #2 machine flag postmark (type A6001). "509th Field Artillery Battery" is printed on the backflap. \$20 ML051



Civilian mail from a YMCA worker assigned to Paris franked with one-cent and two-cent stamps, Paris, 1919. Stamps are canceled with a Type A201 APO #2 postmark and a Type A4001 APO 746 (4th Division) postmark. \$20 ML016

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Civilian Mail from the YMCA Headquarters in Paris during World War One. Paris: 1918. Letter. This letter from a civilian employee of the YMCA, is dated 25 Aug 1918 and its envelope has an indistinct postmark. It is franked with a purple 3-cent Washington stamp and is addressed to Topeka, Kansas. It bears a Paris return address of 12 rue d' Aguesseau, the YMCA's AEF Headquarters. The letter and envelope are both clean and in nice shape. [See link for more information.](#) \$75 [7879](#)



World War cover from Captain Adamson, the "Confidential Secretary to the Commander in Chief (General Pershing)," APO 706, Chaumont (AEF General Headquarters), 1918. Probably contained a letter to Adamson's wife informing her of his recent award of the Distinguished Service Medal. \$35 [ML088](#)



Early A.E.F. tobacco gift thank you card with indistinct postmark, but text on reverse show it was from a member of the 26th Division (APO 709) and sent in December. 1917. Civilians at home could contribute to tobacco funds to provide cigarettes to soldiers in France. The packs came with pre-printed, pre-addressed, and pre-franked thank you cards for the soldiers to send back to donors. By the time this card was sent, soldiers had already been given free franking privileges. Chip at bottom right corner so priced accordingly. \$45 [ML107](#)

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Cover from a Marine assigned to the 5th Marine Regiment which was part of the Army's 2nd Division, APO 710, 29 December, 1918.
Postmark type A3002. \$30 ML078



An occupation mail cover sent from a member of the 1st Division (APO 729) from Putzbach, Germany, April 1919. The unit stationary bears the 1st Division shoulder insignia on both a letter home and the envelope's back flap. \$20 ML124

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Unusual "Dad's Xmas Letter" franking on a cover from APO736, Aix-les-Bains rehabilitation center, November 1918. Postmark type A4101. S40 ML198



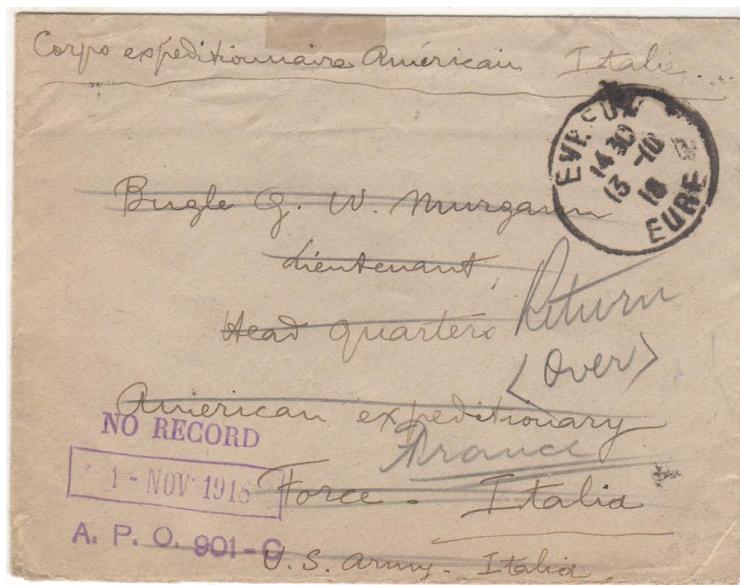
Two covers with graphic combat letter from a heroic soldier assigned to the 3rd Division (APO 740) following the Battles of the Marne and Argonne Forest, July and November, 1918. The later cover has an APO798 (Meaves-sur-Loire) return address. EXCEPTIONAL CONTENT: The soldier's Croix de Guerre medal is included. The letters contain graphic descriptions of combat including gory details of his hand-to-hand fight-to-the-death with a German soldier. The first was written in July immediately following the Battle of the Marne; the second in November while hospitalized. [See link for more information.](#) \$4,500 8994

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A very early cover from a member of the 29th Division (APO 765), August 1918. Return address shows 111th Field Artillery. Postmark type – 1009.1. The postmark is struck in blue ink and has no APO number. APO didn't officially open until 17 September 1918, but began accepting mail beginning on 8 August. \$50 ML081



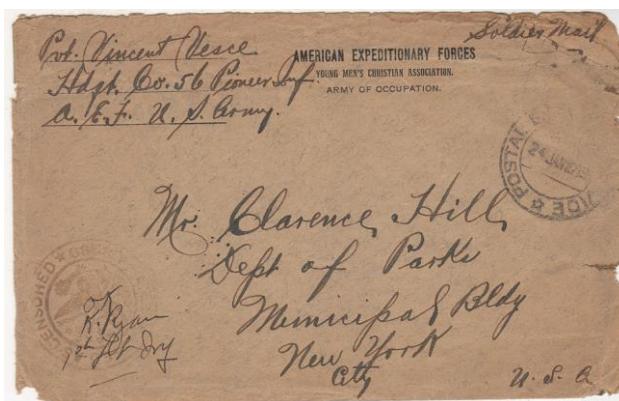
French cover addressed to a member of the 332nd Infantry Regiments (APO 901C) in Italy during the battle of Vittorio-Veneto, October 1918. The cover is marked with an APO 901C "No Record" handstamp. \$100 ML165

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World War I cover and letter from a soldier hospitalized as the result of a gas attack immediately before the Armistice on 11 November 1918. The A.R.C. envelope bears a double-ring Military Postal Express Service postmark (Type A4101) dated 16 Nov 1918 from APO 780 at Mars-sur-Aller. The letter and envelope are in nice shape with some minor wear. CONTENT: The soldier's letter describes his injuries from a last-minute German gas attack just before the Armistice. [See link for more information.](#) \$250 [8820](#)



YMCA Army of Occupation cover from a member of the 56th Pioneer Infantry Regiment at Coblenz (APO934), Germany, January 1919. The 56th Pioneer Infantry was one of the very first units to enter Coblenz for occupation duty after the armistice. Indistinct postmark, type A4201. \$20 [ML084](#)



Cover sent to U.S. Base Hospital Number 2 which was attached to the British General Hospital Number 1 at Etretat, France, from a member of the 30th Division, FPO 17K postmark, July 1918. Addressed to the "Editor of Dooins." The Dooins was a newsletter for U.S. medical personnel who were attached to British units or assigned to American units operating as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF). "O.A.S." is the abbreviation for On Active Service, a franking notation commonly used in the BEF. \$50 [ML138](#)

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Cover sent to U.S. Base Hospital Number 2 which was attached to the British General Hospital Number 1 at Etretat, France, indistinct postmark (type B202), August 1918. Addressed to the Doin's Office. The Doin's was a newsletter for U.S. medical personnel who were attached to British units or assigned to American units operating as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF). "O.A.S." is the abbreviation for On Active Service, a franking notation commonly used in the BEF. \$50 ML070



Cover from the U.S. 27th Division's 108th Infantry Regiment, British FPO 21.K, September 1918. The 30th Division was attached to the British Fourth Army. Mailed just before the Somme Offensive. \$40 ML079



Cover from a member of a U.S. Machine Gun Battalion attached to the British 6th Division, FPO 71 (British 71st Brigade), May 1918. Division known from other covers. \$25 ML113

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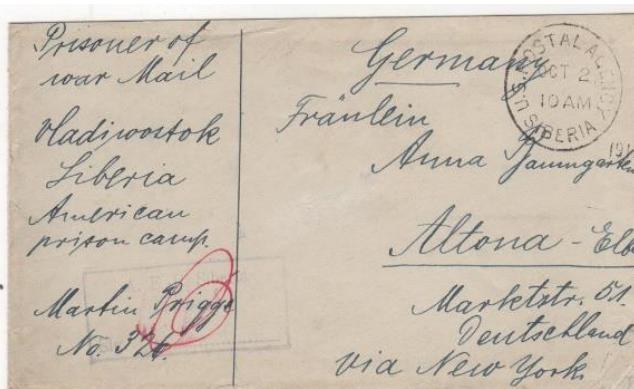
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Cover from a member of a U.S. Machine Gun Battalion attached to the British 6th Division, FPO 71 (British 71st Brigade), May 1918. Division known from other covers. \$25 ML116



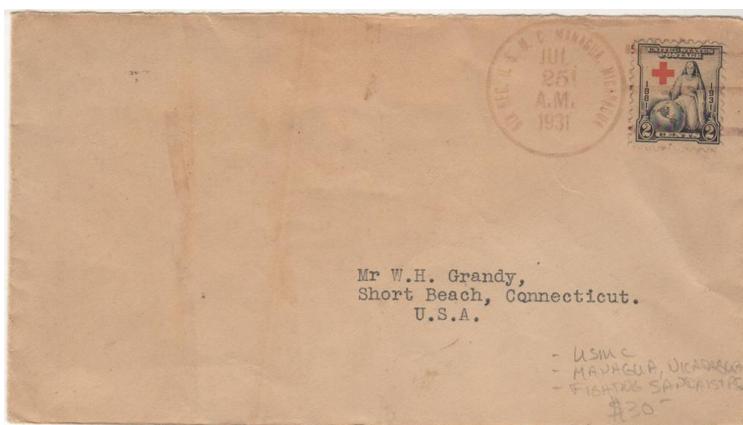
31st Infantry Regiment musician's letter from Siberia during the Allied intervention in the Russian Revolution. Vladivostok: 1919. This two-page letter, dated 26 July 1919, on YMCA stationery was written by Irving A. Dexter, a musician in the 31st Infantry Regiment's band, to his mother in Rhode Island. The unfranked letter bears a small Siberia "1" duplex postmark dated 28 July 1919 and a type C-1 censor handstamp. Both the letter and envelope are in nice shape. CONTENT: Letter home describing the soldier's life to include musical and military duties. [See link for more information.](#) \$300 895



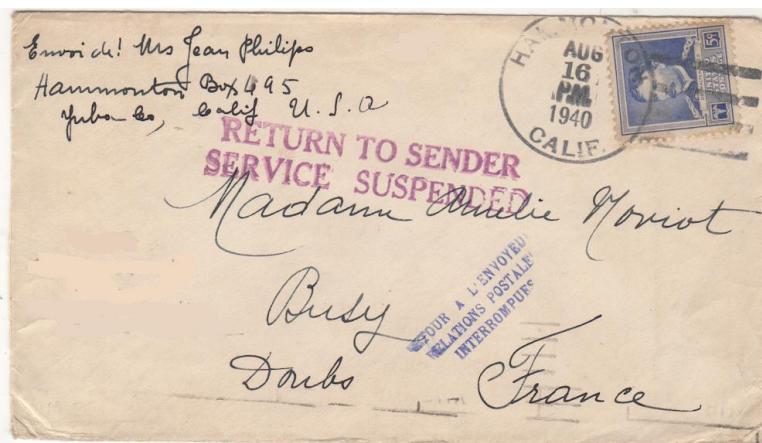
World War I cover from a German Prisoner of War held at the American prison camp at Krasnaya-Retchka, Siberia during the Allied intervention in Russia following the Bolshevik Revolution. Vladivostok, Siberia: October 2, 1919. Envelope only, no letter. The envelope is addressed Altona-Elbe, Germany. The return address reads, "Prisoner of war Mail / Vladivostok / Siberia / American prison camp / Martin Prigge / No. 326." It bears a small steel circular postmark that reads, "U.S. Postal Agency Siberia, Oct 2 10 AM 1919," and a type C-5 Unit Censor handstamp that reads, "A. E. F. Siberia / Censored / Sig". The censor stamp has been initialed in red ink. The envelope is in very nice shape. [See link for more information.](#) \$1,750 885

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#702 on a Marine Corps cover from Managuqa, Nicaragua, July 1931. The postmark reads 5h Reg. U.S.M.C. Managua, Nicaragua. The regiment was ordered to Nicaragua in 1927 to assist the government in putting down Augusto Sandino's forces who refused to surrender following the end of that country's civil war with the Treaty of Tipitapa. The regiment deactivated in 1930 after most of the rebels laid down their arms, so this would appear to be a very late and unusual use of this postmark. \$30 ML098



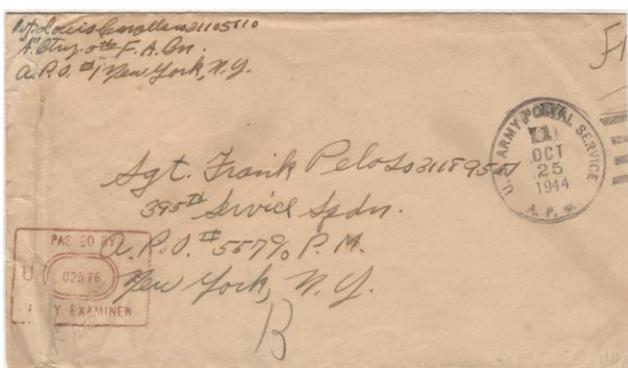
#877 on cover from California to France that was undeliverable following France's defeat by Germany at the beginning of World War II in 1940. The cover has two handstamps, "Return to Sender / Service Suspended," and "Retour a L'Enoyeu / Relations Postale / Interrompues." \$45 ML090



#807 on cover with invitation to the launching of the Battleship U.S.S. New Jersey at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, Philadelphia, 1942. The ship was launched on December 7, 1942, the first anniversary of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Some minor soiling to cover and invitation. \$100 ML049

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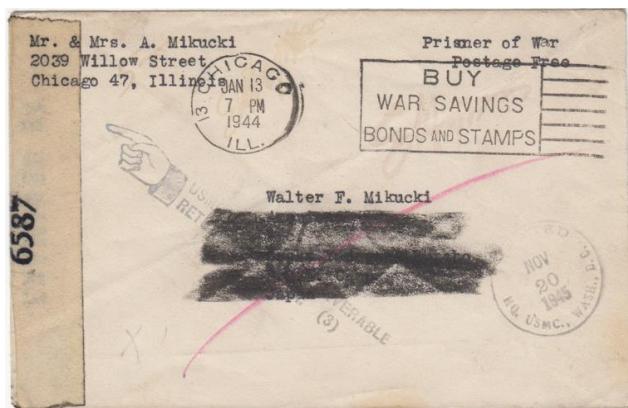
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World War II cover from the 1st Infantry Division (APO 1) during the siege of Aachen, Germany, October 1944. Trimmed along the right edge. \$20 ML116



Free-franked, Marine Corps cover postmarked at Goleta, California on January 26, 1944. Sent from the Marine Corps Air Station, Goleta, California to the naval station at Great Lakes, Illinois but forwarded to the Naval Advance Base Depot in Gulfport, Mississippi; directory assistance handstamps from both installations have been applied to the envelope. CONTENT: Great WWII letter from a foul-mouthed, misogynist who hated serving in the Marine Corps. [See link for more information.](#) \$100 9170



Returned mail sent to a World War II Marine who was captured on Corregidor and died in a Japanese prison camp. Sent from Chicago to the Osaka Yodogawa Bunsho POW Camp in Japan. It was returned over a year later, 1944-1945. Envelope only, no letter. It has a typed "Prisoner of War Postage Free" free frank in the upper right corner and has received a Chicago "War Savings machine postmark dated Jan 13, 1944. The envelope was opened by a U.S. censor and resealed using censor tape annotated, "Examined by 6587." The address was subsequently obliterated with a red cross and black bands using grease pencil or crayon. It has a circular handstamp in the lower right corner dated Nov 20 1945 with text that appears to read "[LIBER]ATED HQ. USMC., WASH., D.C." Ther is a USMC "pointing finger" return-to-sender hand stamp that point to the return address. [See link for more information.](#) \$750 8825

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World War II U.S. Prisoner of War Mail from Germany. Sent from Stalag IIB (Hammerstein, Germany): 17 June 1944. This German Kriegsgefangenenpost Postkarte (prisoner of war mail postcard) is addressed to Jodice's girlfriend in Watertown, Massachusetts. It bears an indistinct German town postmark and purple handstamp from Stalag IIB. A U.S. censor's handstamp that was applied before delivery is in the lower left corner. The card is in very nice shape. CONTENTS: Short note about the prisoners health and prison jobs or on the reverse. [See link for more information.](#) \$150 8969



Anzio Landing mail describing Italian civilians from a World War II Army nurse stationed in Italy. APO 427 (Grosseto, Italy): Two-page letter dated August 12, 1944, from APO (Army Post Office) 427, which at the time was located at Grosseto. The cover is franked with a 6-cent carmine transport aircraft stamp (Scott #C25) that was canceled with rubber duplex postmark. As an officer, the nurse self-censored this letter, however it was re-censored at a Base Censor Office after which it was sealed with censor tape and received a circular examined tape. The cover, letter and enclosure are in nice shape. CONTENT: A interesting letter and newspaper clipping sent shortly after the nurse landed at Anzio which is less than complimentary about the Italians and also discusses race relations between African-American soldiers and the local population. [See link for more information.](#) \$125 8968

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#1281 and #1393D sent to Captain George Vanderburgh in Vietnam at the time of the fall of Saigon (APO 96393), indistinct postmark but probably in April, 1975. The address refers to Vanderburgh as "Chi-Huy-Truong," which is Vietnamese for "Commandant." The original address has been lined through in red. Ancillary markings on the reverse indicate APO 96393 had been closed when military directory assistance attempted to locate Vanderburgh in August, 1975. The mail was returned to the sender, and there is a December, 1975 Minneapolis, Minnesota backstamp applied when that occurred. \$35 ML07

Patriotic Covers



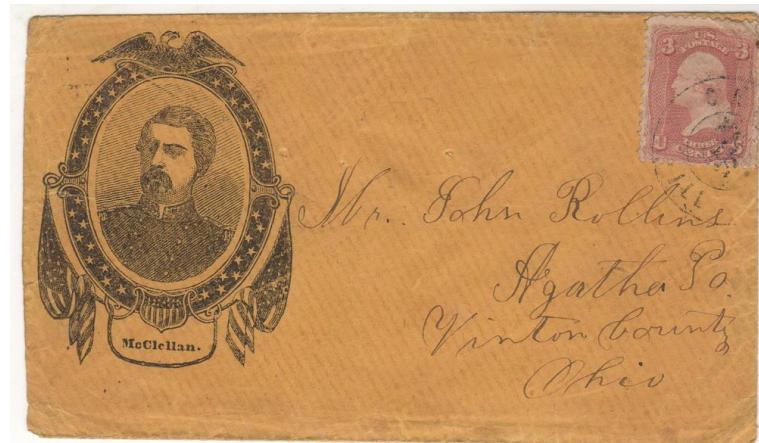
"Pluribus Unum. Mag. Gen. Burnside" Franked with #65. Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Not listed in Weiss. \$100 PT8101

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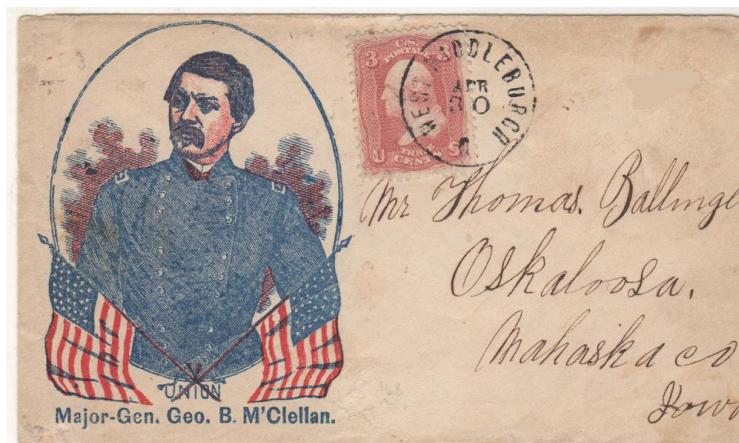
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"We have beat our last retreat." General McClellan. Franked with #65. Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Weiss GM-19. Slightly trimmed at left. \$70. PT8103



"McClellan" Portrait surmounted by an eagle. Yellow envelope. Franked with #65. Cairo, Illinois. Weiss GM-66b. \$70 PT8102



"Union / Major-Gen Geo. B. M'Clellan" Franked with #65. Slightly trimmed at right. West Middleburgh, Ohio. Weiss GM-92. \$150 PT8104

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"The Right Man in the Right Place." General Winfield Scott. Franked with #65. Indistinct postmark. Weiss WS-69. \$100 PT8105



General Winfield Scott. Franked with #65. Alexandria, Virginia. No imprint and no verse, so possibly Weiss WS-70. Philatelic Foundation certificate. \$125 PT8106



"When on freedom's green hills...." George Washington. Franked with #65. Indistinct postmark. Weiss GW-43. Damage to backflap. \$50 PT8107

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"Long may our Land be bright . . ." George Washington. Manuscript "Paid 3 ct". Plainfield, Michigan postmark. Slightly trimmed at right. Weiss GW-57. CONTENTS: Family letter. \$100 PT8108



Zouave, resting on his rifle and smoking a pipe. Hand delivered to Camp Hamilton, Fortress Monroe, Virginia. Weiss M-A44. \$75 PT8109



Soldier in great coat with rifle standing in front of a canon and tent topped with a flag. Franked with #65. Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Weiss M-F44. Slight mis-registration of colors so priced accordingly. \$30 PT81010

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Soldier with sword and carry a flag that points left. Franked with #65. Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Weiss M-L59. \$75 PT81011



"Flag of the seas! On ocean wave. . ." Sailor with flag and seated woman. Manuscript Arland, Michigan postmark. Manuscript frank "Official Business" and sent to the Third Assistant Postmaster in Washington, DC. Weiss F-P16. \$75 PT81012



"The Star Spangled Banner must be upheld." Eagle, flag, and drum, etc. Franked with #65. Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Weiss E-R245. \$75 PT81013

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"Onward to Victory". Liberty standing with flag. Franked with #65. Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Weiss F-F74. \$75 PT81014



"Shield of Liberty". Franked with #65. Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Weiss O-S51. \$75 Pt81015



"Union & Liberty". Eagle and Flag. Franked with #65. Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Weiss E-R238. \$75 PT81016

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"United Forever". Eagle and Rings of States. Franked with #65. Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Slight printing mis-registration. Minor wear along right edge. Weiss E-R165. \$50 PT81017



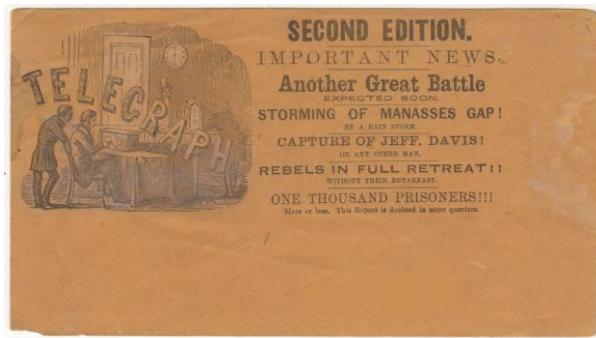
"Or any other man. . ." Unionist in top hat and tail strangling a snake labeled "Secession." Franked with #63 (strip of three). Jamestown, Pennsylvania. Weiss C-A-R-13. \$200 PT8018



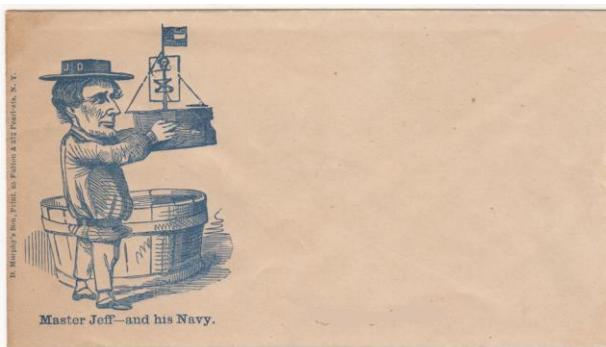
"What God has joined. . ." Eagle and Globe showing the United States. Franked with #65. Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Weiss E-R213. \$75 PT81019

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"Second Edition. . . ." 'Copperhead' patriotic satirically ridiculing the lack of Union progress in the war. Cover shows a telegraph receiving war news. Small print under the headlines belies their optimistic spin. Weiss C-A-R-28. \$25 PT81020



"Master Jeff – and his Navy." Illustration shows Jefferson Davis in child's clothing playing with a toy boat. Unused. Weiss C-SH-8. \$25 PTB1021

Tract Society Covers



Advertising cover for the American Tract Society's Tract House. This all-over grey advertising envelope features an illustration of the Tract House at 28 Cornhill in Boston, Massachusetts. Advertising text reads, "Home Evangelization Foreign Distribution / Tracts and Books. / Tract Journals Child At Home / Missionary Colportage." It is franked with a dull red, three-cent Washington stamp (**Scott #26**) that has been cancelled with a barred circular PAID handstamp. It bears a red circular Boston postmark dated May 9, 1860. The cover is in nice shape. [See link for more information.](#) \$250 9098

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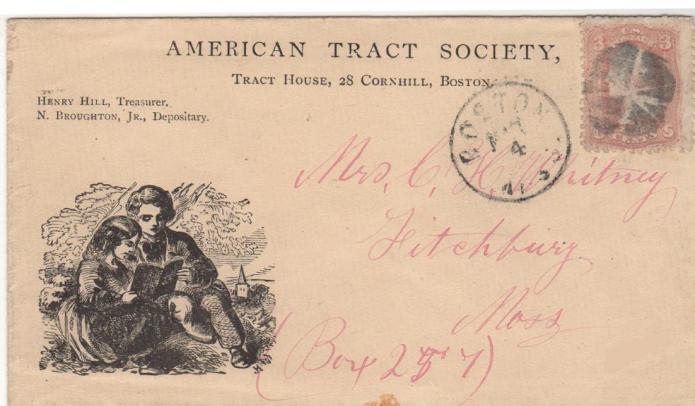
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Advertising cover for the American Tract Society's Tract House. This all-over pink advertising envelope features an illustration of the Tract House at 28 Cornhill in Boston, Massachusetts. Advertising text reads, "Home Evangelization Foreign Distribution / Tracts and Books. / Tract Journals Child At Home / Missionary Colportage." It is franked with a pair of three-cent Washington stamps (Scott #65) that have been cancelled with a segmented cork handstamp. It bears an undated, circular, red Boston postmark. The cover is in nice shape. \$250 T81001



Advertising cover for the American Tract Society's Tract House. This all-over light olive advertising envelope features an illustration of the Tract House at 28 Cornhill in Boston, Massachusetts. Advertising text reads, "Home Evangelization Foreign Distribution / Tracts and Books. / Tract Journals Child At Home / Missionary Colportage." It is franked with a pair of three-cent Washington stamps (Scott #65) that have been cancelled with a segmented cork handstamp. It bears a red, circular Boston postmark with an indistinct date. The cover is in nice shape. \$250 T81002



Cover shows boy and girl reading a book. Franked with #65, postmarked at Boston, Massachusetts. \$150 T81003

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Miscellaneous



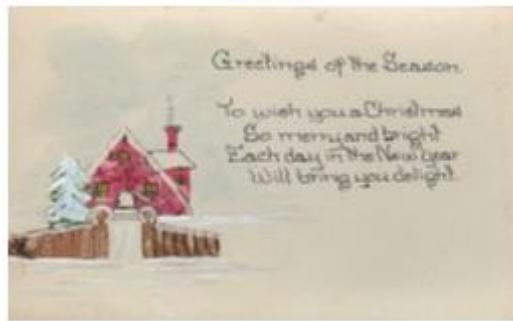
Unused cover features a hand-painted illustration of two lovers embracing on a settee as a small dog that has climbed on top of the woman looks on. \$40 [M005](#)



#733 on a special event cover commemorating Admiral Bird's visit to Fullerton, California with an enclosure that he autographed, Fullerton, California, 1936. CONTENT: Newspaper clipping of Admiral Bird has been affixed to a sheet of paper which he autographed. \$95 M008

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1940s and Early 1950s Collection of Postage Stamp 'Mosaic Paintings.' 16 different holiday cards, most approximately 5.25" x 3.5", each with a different scene created from cut pieces of postage stamps. Most of the stamps used in the art work came from the 1938 Presidential series, although a small number of other definitive, commemorative, back-of-the-book, and foreign stamps were used as well. All of the card scenes have ink details and lettering, and many have watercolor wash backgrounds. Almost all have seasonal notes to the artist's friend, Edith. The works are bright, colorful, detailed, and very attractive. [See link for more information.](#) \$300 [8114](#)

Postcards



Masonic Fold-Over Novelty Postcard. Providence, RI: 1903. In the style of Livermore and Knight. Franked with Scott #300 canceled by a 1905 Buffalo, New York postmark. An offset postmark runs along the top of the farmer segment of the card. When folded, the card pictures a farmer clasping a bull's tail as its right rear hoof kicks him in the stomach. Inside, the card contains a lengthy, detailed, and customized invitation to a Masonic event continuing the bull's tail theme Light wear including the bull's tail and farmer's hand. [See link for more information.](#) \$300 [7883](#)

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African-American cotton-pickers in Arkansas. Little Rock: 1907. Franked with #300 tied by a duplex handstamp. Also has a nice strike of the Columbia Postal Supply Company Double-Diamond Star machine cancel, which was only used at three offices: the Pan-American Exposition, Silver Creek New York (the home of the company), and Little Rock Arkansas. \$50 P006



Christmas Postcard with Santa Claus in a blue suit, Boston, Massachusetts, 1910. \$25 P181

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