

Census of Confederate Postmaster Provisional Issues
Mailed to Arkansas Destinations
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There are a surprising number of covers sent to Arkansas addresses using one of the Confederate Postmaster Provisional issues. The provisional stamps, handstamps, and envelopes were printed by Confederate Postmasters in the period after the Confederate States were required to have their own postal system (June 1, 1861) and before the time when the Confederate government printed and distributed adhesive postage stamps to all the postmasters.

No Postmaster in Arkansas produced a provisional stamp or envelope; the population was small, and the literacy rate was low. Hence hand stamped rates were sufficient for use until the Confederacy produced adhesive stamps.

A total of 68 covers have been reported mailed with a Postmaster Provisional to Arkansas. Two post offices, Memphis and New Orleans dominate the origins; Memphis with a total of 40 and New Orleans with 18.

Two covers from New Orleans were mailed Doaksville Arkansas; Doaksville was in the Indian Nations in Choctaw Nation. I am including these as mailed to "Arkansas addresses."

The table on pages 2 and 3 enumerates all 68 reported covers. Covers from Post Offices with multiple covers in the census are arranged alphabetically by the Arkansas destination. The pages following contain scans of the covers.

Covers mailed to Arkansas using Confederate Postmaster Provisional adhesives, envelopes, and hand stamps. Multiple covers with the same provisional are arranged alphabetically by Arkansas destination.

Originating Postoffice	Scott Catalog # of Provisional	Date	Destination	Source of Cover Scan
Austin Texas	9Xu1	X Sep 1862	Little Rock, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 618, Lot 285
Columbia South Carolina	18UX1a	2 Dec 186x	Eudora, Arkansas	PKaufmann Stock
Fredricksburg, Virginia	26X1 pair	Not Legible	Camden, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 927, Lot 1579
Jackson, Mississippi	43XU1	2x Jun 186x	Fort Smith, Arkansas	Dkelleher Sale 577, Lot 3483
Memphis, Tennessee	56X2a Pair	1861-08-02	Austin, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 940, Lot 318
	56X2 on cover front	Not Legible	Batesville, Arkansas	Regency Sale 10, Lot 2753
	56X2 applied over US #26	Not Legible	Batesville, Arkansas	GHendershott Sale 2, Lot 27
	56X2	186x-11-x	Batesville, Arkansas	John Rogers Collection 2023
	56X2	1861-07-x	Camden, Arkansas	JKaufmann Sale 68, Lot 361
	56X2	1861-12-04	Camden, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 1073, Lot 298
	56X2 on Adams Southern Express envelope	Not Legible	Champagnolle, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 823, Lot 409
	56X2	1861-08-25	Champagnolle, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 927, Lot 1585
	56X2	1861-08-27	Champagnolle, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 927, Lot 1583
	56X2 applied to the back flap of cover	Not Stated	Crocketts Bluff, Arkansas	APB Sale 27, Lot 371
	56X2	1862-01-19	Falcon, Arkansas	JKimbrough Stock 2005
	56X2 with DUE 5 Handstamp added	1862-09-04	Gaines Landing, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 940, Lot 341
	56X2 on Jeff Davis Medallion Patriotic	Not Legible	Helena, Arkansas	RKaufmann Sale 64, Lot 257
	56X2 with Merchants Corner Card	1861-12-10	Helena, Arkansas	Christie's 3/25/87 Sale Lot 254
	56X2 on cover illustrated Gayoso House Hotel cc	Not Legible	Helena, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 940, Lot 323
	56X2 two pair on cover front	1861-12-03	Helena, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 940, Lot 339
	56X2	1862-01-07	Helena, Arkansas	Christies Oct 1989, Lot 1174
	56X2	Not Legible	Indian Bay, Arkansas	JKaufmann Sale 31, Lot 60
	56X2 on 7-Star Patriotic Flag cover	Not Legible	Laconia, Arkansas	AHC Sale 41, Lot 251
	56X2 on Blue Jeff Davis Medallion Patriotic	Not Legible	Monticello, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 772, Lot 3147
	56X2 on Blue & Red Jeff Davis Medallion Patriotic	Not Legible	Monticello, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 927, Lot 1586
	56X2 on cover front to Monticello	Not Legible	Monticello, Arkansas	JKaufmann Sale 62, Lot 43
	56X2	1861-09-06	Monticello, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 927, Lot 1584
	56X2	1861-09-03	Monticello, Arkansas	RFrajola sale 451, Lot 534
	56X2 on 11 Star Flag Patriotic	1862-01-04	Monticello, Arkansas	RKaufmann Sale 60, Lot 1733
	56X2 on US Star Die envelope "Paid 2/"	Not Legible	Oakland Grove, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 940, Lot 226
	56X2 on 12 star flag patriotic	Not Legible	Oseola, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 940, Lot 319
	56X2	1861	Parcliffa, Arkansas	SRumsey Sale 77, Lot 156
	56X2	1861-10-x	Parcliffa, Arkansas	DPhillips Sale 42884, Lot 428
	56X2	Not Legible	Pocahontas, Arkansas	HMcDonald Stock 2013
	56X2	1861-9-x	Shawnee Village, Arkansas	CRL Gallagher 1987 Lot 255
	56X2	186x-01-x	Shawnee Village, Arkansas	SRumsey Sale 37, Lot 1410
	56X2	1861-11-17	Shawnee Village, Arkansas	RFrajola Sale 51, Lot 627
	56X2	1861-11-24	Shawnee Village, Arkansas	SRumsey sale 19, Lot 654
	56XU1	Not Legible	Dorchette, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 940, Lot 340
	56xU1	1862-01-x	Dorchette, Arkansas	DPhillips Sale 99, Lot 691
	56XU1	1862-07-11	Helena, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 787, Lot 3242
	56XU1	1862-01-15	Osceola, Arkansas	SRumsey Sale 37, Lot 1411
	56XU3	1861-11-20	Helena, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 940, Lot 343
	56XU3	1861-12-11	Helena, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 940, Lot 342

Originating Postoffice	Scott Catalog # of Provisional	Date	Destination	Source of Cover Scan
Nashville, Tennessee	61X2	1861-08-17	Little Rock, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 907, Lot 2695
	61X2 strip of 3 + single	Not Legible	Little Rock, Arkansas	JFox Sale 258-9, lot 107
	61X5	1861-09-09	Gaines Landing, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 810, Lot 1940
	61XU1	186x-07-02	Planters, Arkansas	RFrajola Sale 271, Lot 270
New Orleans, Louisiana	62X1	1861-07-30	Clarksville, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 772, Lot 3155
	62X2	1862-01-06	Benton, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 832, Lot 3071
	62X3 pair on back flap of envelope	1861-08-11	Doakesville, Arkansas (Choctaw Nation)	Author's Collection
	62X3	1861-06-18	Fort Smith, Arkansas	WAC Sale 20230401, Lot 33380
	62X3 pair	1861-08-16	Grand Lake, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 966, Lot 2601
	62X3 pair	1861-08-10	Helena, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 966, Lot 2598
	62X3 pair	1861-10-13	Helena, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 927, Lot 1592
	62X3 w Due 5 manuscript	1861-08-09	Lewisburg, Arkansas	Author's Collection
	62X3 pair	Not Legible	North Creek, Arkansas	RKaufmann Sale 73, Lot 547
	62X3b folded over	1861-09-03	Gaines Landing, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 832, Lot 3100
	62X4 pair	1861-10-11	Arkadelphia, Arkansas	JKaufmann Sale 8 ,Lot 214
	62X4 Block of 4	1861-10-21	Arkadelphia, Arkansas	Abartlet Sale 14, Lot 1567
	62X4 pair	1861-09-27	Doakesville, Arkansas (Choctaw Nation)	Bruce Fisher Collection
	62X4	186x-11-x	Grand Lake, Arkansas	Regency Sale 48, Lot 2276
	62X4	1861-11-10	Grand Lake, Arkansas	APB Sale 26, Lot 413
	64X2 pair	1861-09-11	Laconia, Arkansas	RFrajola Sale 57, Lot 561
	62X4 pair	1861-11-03	Laconia, Arkansas	Bostic Collection
	62X4 Pair	1861-12-01	Little Rock, Arkansas	JKaufmann Sale 38, Lot 10
Petersburg, Virginia	65X1	7 Feb 1862	Van Buren, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 815, Lot 133
Tuscomb, Alabama	84XU1	22 Nov 1862	Richland, Arkansas	Siegel Sale 966, Lot 2619
	AHC = American Historical Auctions			
	APB =American Philatelic Brokers			
	CRL = Christies Robson Lowe			
	WAC = Western Americana Collections			

All Reported Confederate Postmaster Provisionals mailed to Arkansas Addresses

Austin, Texas, 9XU1

September, 1862

To Little Rock, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 618, Lot 285



Columbia, South Carolina, 18UX1a

2 December 186x

To Eudora, Arkansas

Courtesy Patricia Kaufman



Fredericksburg, Virginia, 26X1 pair

Date not Legible

To Camden, Arkansas

"Via Vicksburg and Monroe"

Courtesy Siegel Sale 927, Lot 1579



Jackson, Mississippi, 43XU1

2 x Jun 186x

To Fort Smith, Arkansas

Courtesy DKelleher Sale 577

Lot 3483

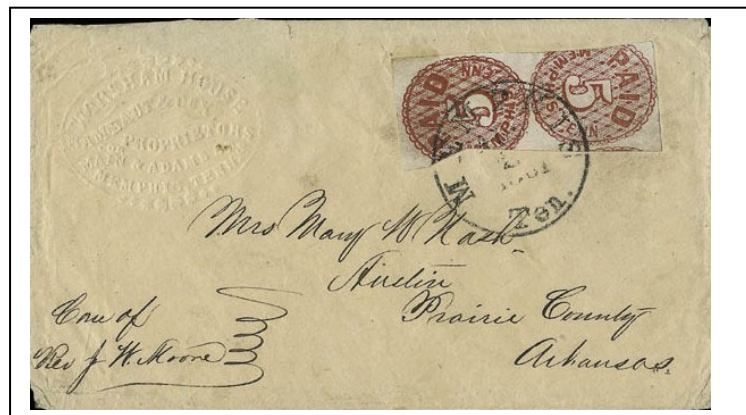


Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2 Pair

8 Feb 1862

To Austin, Arkansas

Courtesy Seigel Sale 940, Lot 318



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

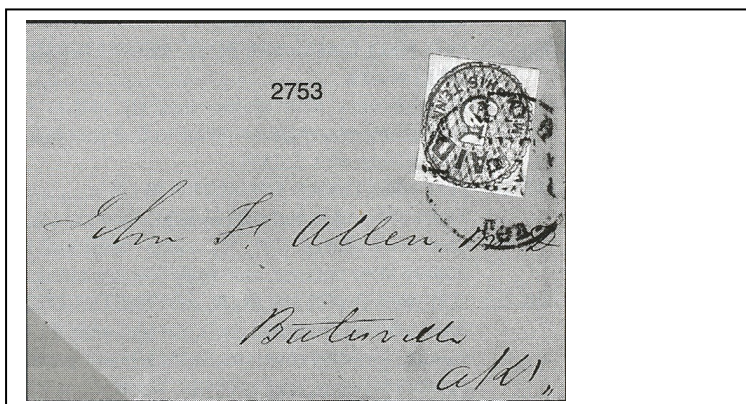
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Cover Front Only

To Batesville, Arkansas

Courtesy Regency, Sale 10

Lot 2753



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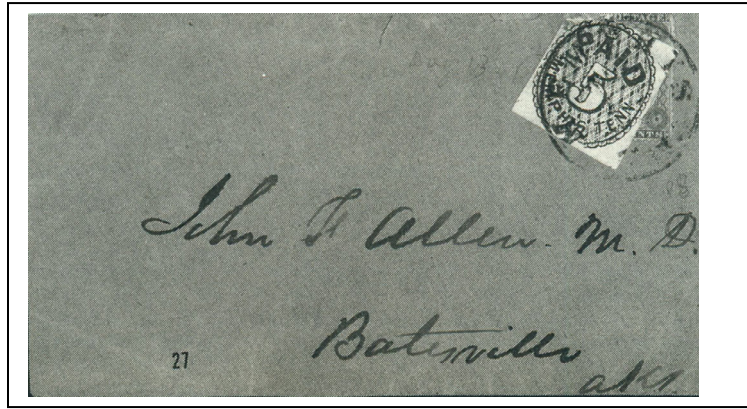
Applied over US #26

Date Not Legible

To Batesville, Arkansas

Courtesy GHendershott, Sale 2,

Lot 27



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

11-X-1861

To Batesville, Arkansas

Courtesy John Rogers



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

7-X-1861

To Camden, Arkansas

Courtesy JKaufmann, Sale 68,

Lot 361



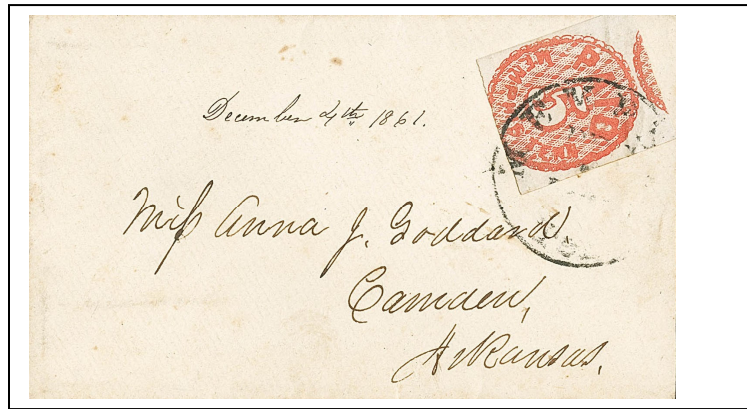
Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

4 Dec 1861

To Camden, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 1073,

Lot 298

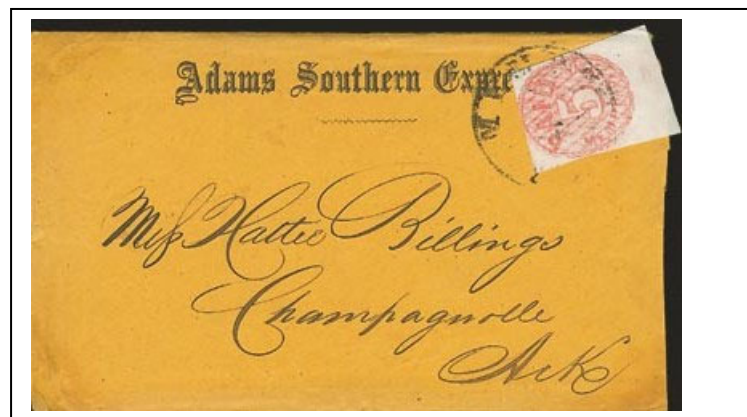


Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

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To Champagnolle, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 823, Lot 409

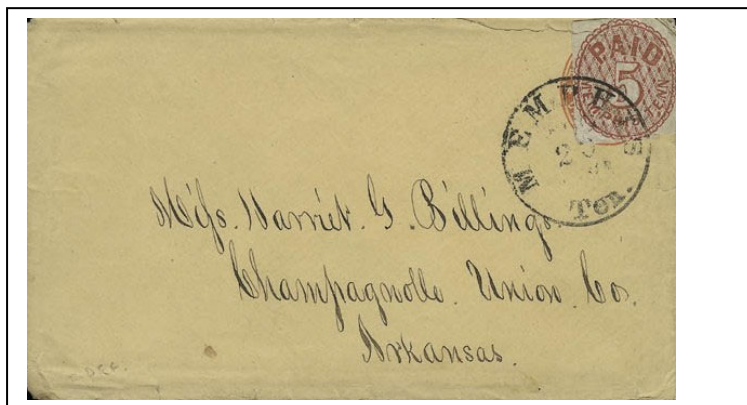


Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

25 Aug 1861

To Champagnolle, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 927 Lot 1585

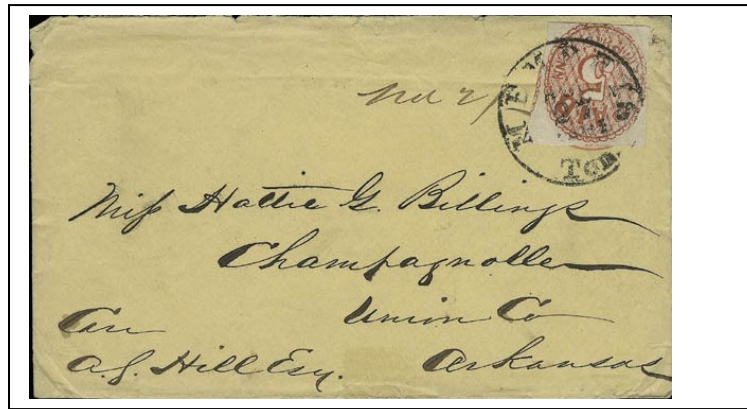


Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

27 Aug 1861

To Champagnolle, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 927 Lot 1583



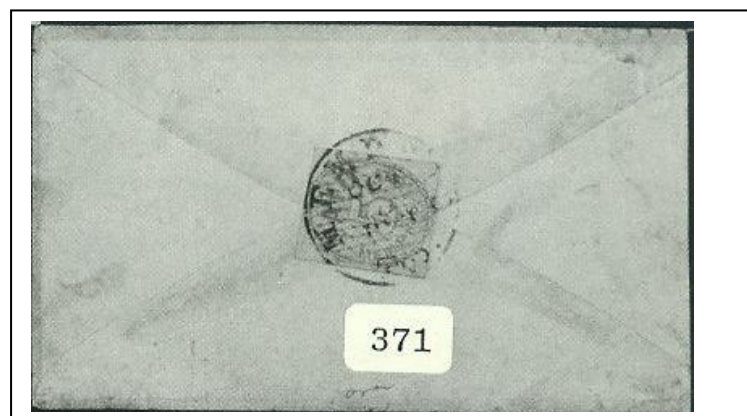
Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

Stamp affixed to back of cover

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To Crockett's Bluff, Arkansas

Courtesy APB sale 27, Lot 371

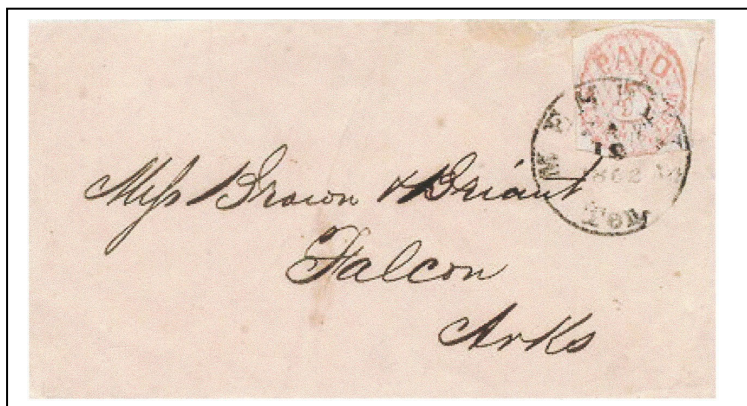


Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

19 Jan 1862

To Falcon, Arkansas

Courtesy John Kimbrough



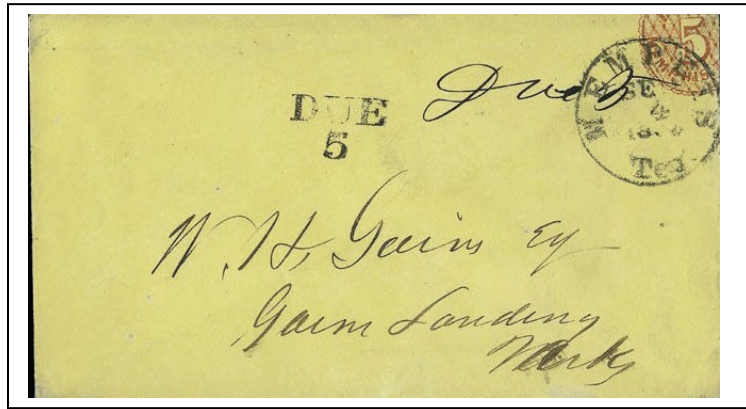
Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

4 Sep 1861

DUE 5 Handstamp also applied

To Gaines Landing, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 940, Lot 341



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

Date Not Legible

On Jeff Davis Medallion

Patriotic

To Helena, Arkansas

Courtesy RKaufmann, Sale 64,

Lot 257



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

10 Dec 1861

To Helena, Arkansas

Courtesy Christie's Gallagher

Sale, Lot 254



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

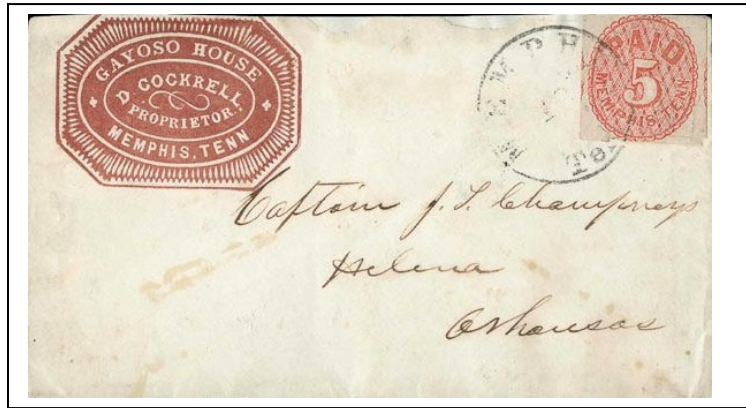
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Gayoso House Hotel Embossed

Corner Card

To Helena, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 940, Lot 323



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

Two Pair on Cover Front

3 Dec 1861

To Helena, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 940, Lot 339



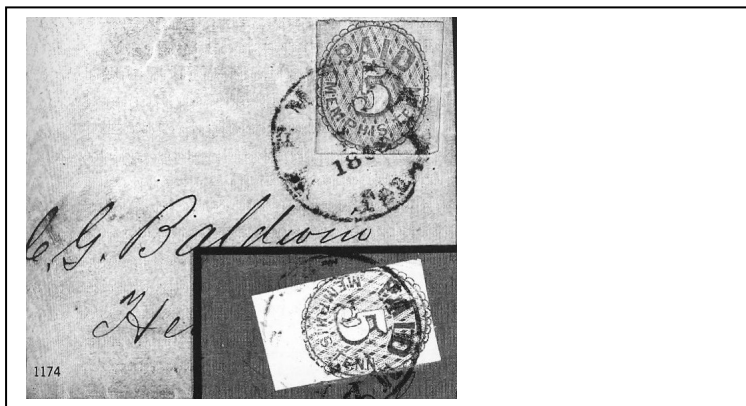
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7 Jan 1862

To Helena, Arkansas

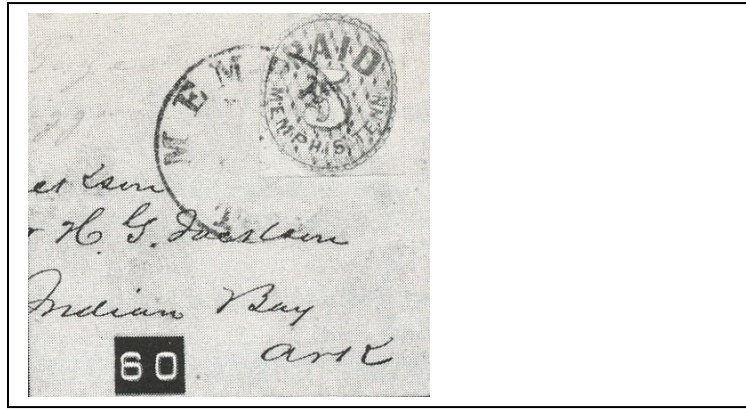
Courtesy Christies 10/1989 Sale,

Lot 1174



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

Date not Legible
To Indian Bay, Arkansas
Courtesy JKaufmann Sale 31,
Lot 60



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

Date Not Legible
On 7-Star Patriotic Flag cover
To Laconia, Arkansas
Courtesy AHC Sale 41, Lot 251



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

Date Not Legible
On a Blue and Yellow Jeff Davis
Medallion Patriotic Cover
To Monticello, Arkansas
Courtesy Siegel Sale 772,
Lot 3147



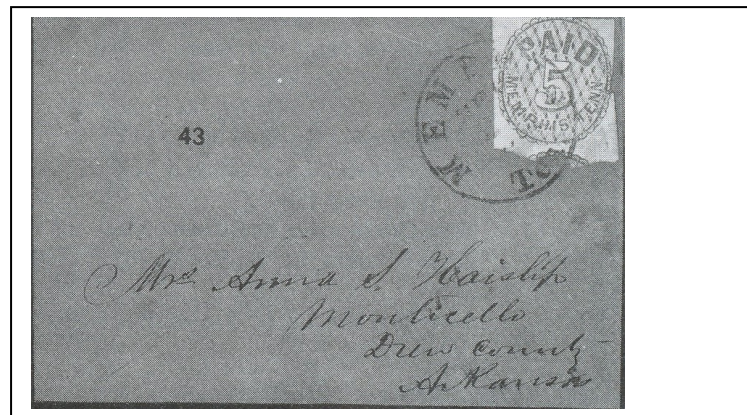
Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

Date Not Legible
On Red and Black Jeff Davis
Medallion Patriotic
To Monticello, Arkansas
Courtesy Siegle Sale 927,
Lot 1584



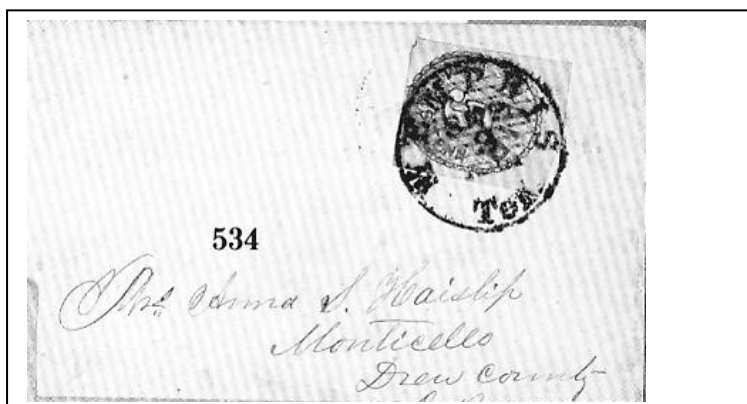
Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

Date Not Legible
On a Cover Front
To Monticello, Arkansas
Courtesy JKaufmann Sale 62,
Lot 43



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

3 Sept 1861
To Monticello, Arkansas
Courtesy RFrajola Sale 451,
Lot 534



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

6 Sep 1861

To Monticello, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 927, Lot 1586



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

4 Jan 1862

On 11-Star Patriotic Cover

To Monticello, Arkansas

Courtesy RKAufmann Sale 60,

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Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

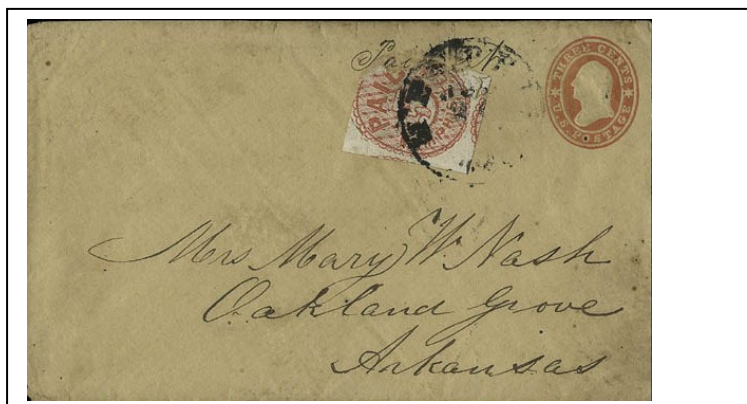
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Manuscript "Paid 2/1"

Used on US Star Die envelope

To Oakland Grove, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 940, Lot 226



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

Date Not Legible

On 12-Star Patriotic Cover

To Osceola, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 940, Lot 319



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

X-X-1861

To Paracliffa, Arkansas

Courtesy SRumsey Sale 77,

Lot 156



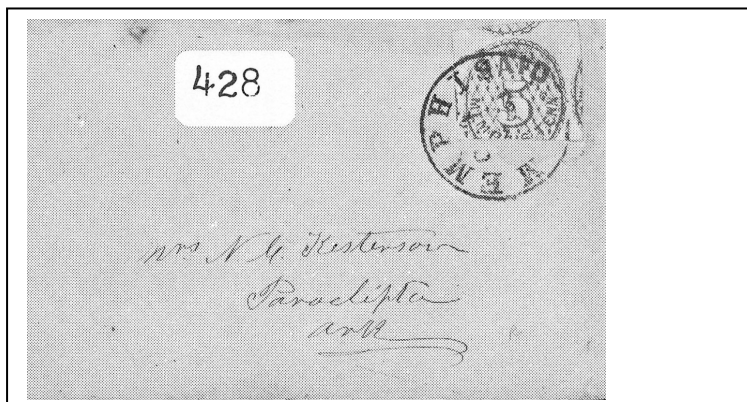
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10-X-1861

To Paracliffa, Arkansas

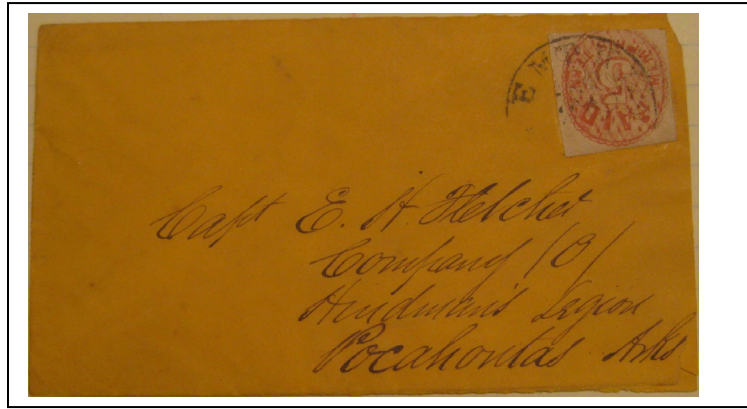
Courtesy DPhillips Sale 4/28/84,

Lot 428



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

Date Not Legible
To Pocahontas, Arkansas
Courtesy H. McDonald



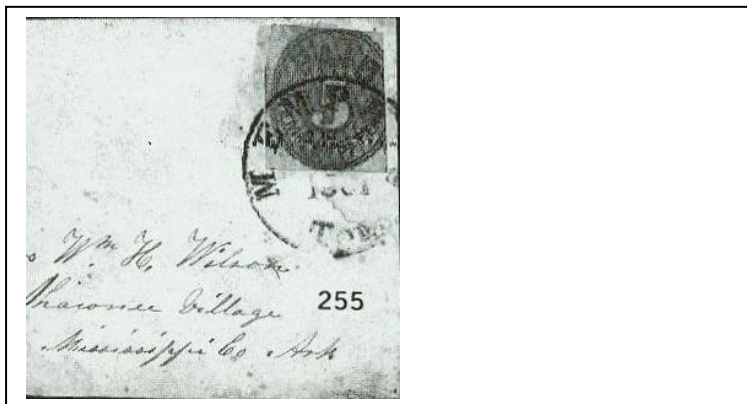
Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

1861
To Shawnee Village, Arkansas
Courtesy SRumsey Sale 37, Lot 1410



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

X Sep 1861
To Shawnee Village, Arkansas
Courtesy CRL Gallagher 1987
Sale, Lot 255

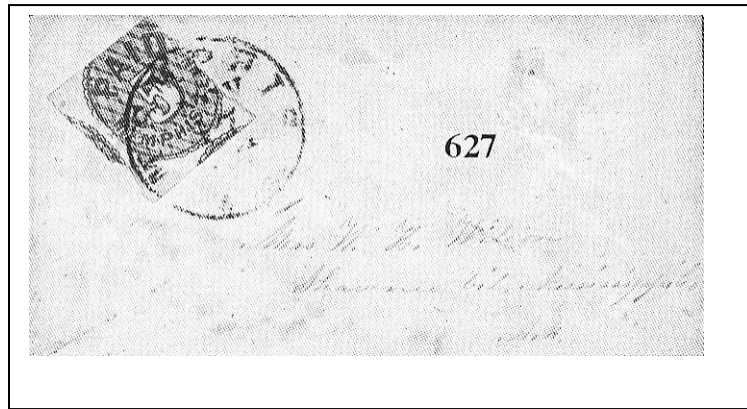


Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

17 Nov 1861

To Shawnee Village, Arkansas

Courtesy RFrajola Sale 51, Lot 627



Memphis, Tennessee, 56X2

24 Nov 1861

To Shawnee Village, Arkansas

Author's Collection

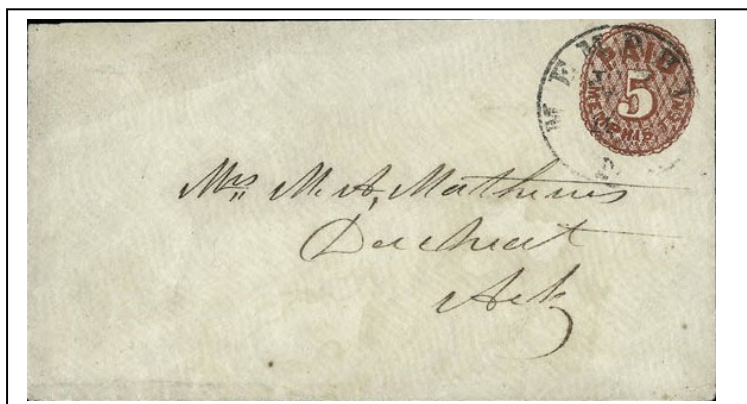


Memphis, Tennessee, 56XU1

Date Not Legible

To Dorchette, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 940, Lot 340

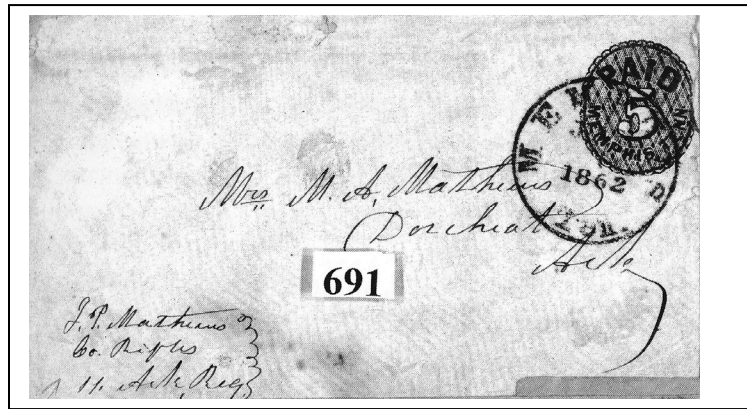


Memphis, Tennessee, 56XU1

x-Jan 1862

To Dorchette, Arkansas

Courtesy DPhillips Sale 99, Lot 691

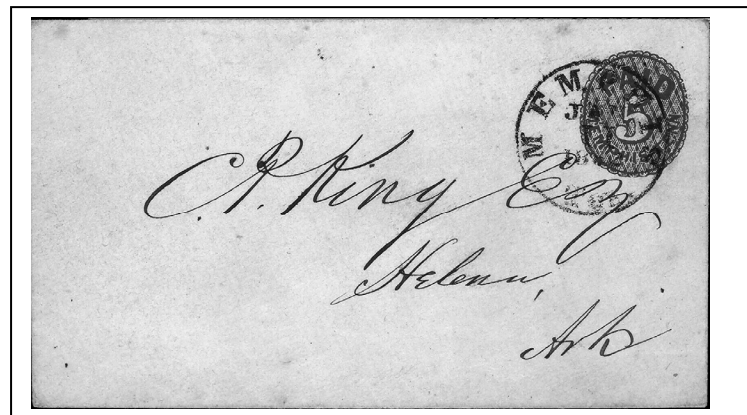


Memphis, Tennessee, 56XU1

11 Jul 1862

To Helena, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegal Sale 787, Lot 3242



Memphis, Tennessee, 56XU1

15 Jan 1862

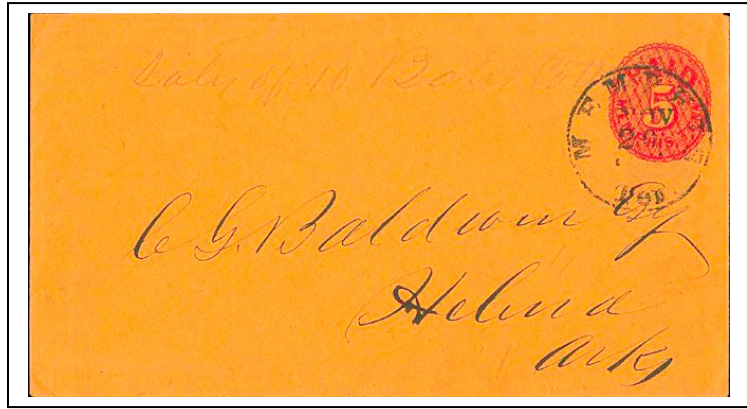
To Osceola, Arkansas

Courtesy SRumsey Sale 37,

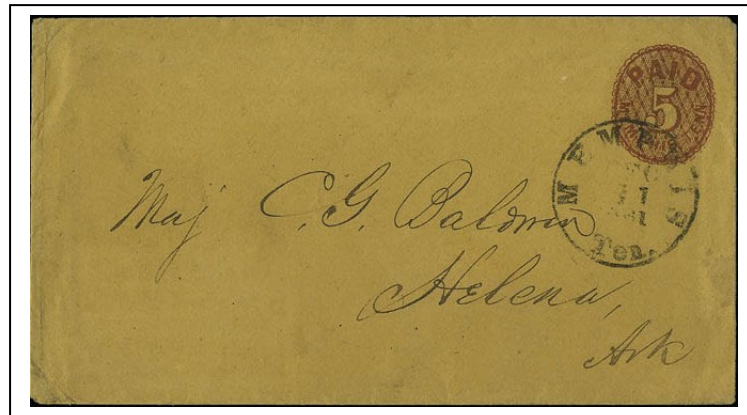
Lot 1411



Memphis, Tennessee, 56XU3
20 Nov 1862
To Helena, Arkansas
Courtesy Siegel Sale 940, Lot 343



Memphis, Tennessee, 56XU3
11 Dec 1862
To Helena, Arkansas
Courtesy Siegel Sale 940, Lot 342



Nashville, Tennessee 61X2

17 August 1861

To Little Rock, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 907, Lot 2695



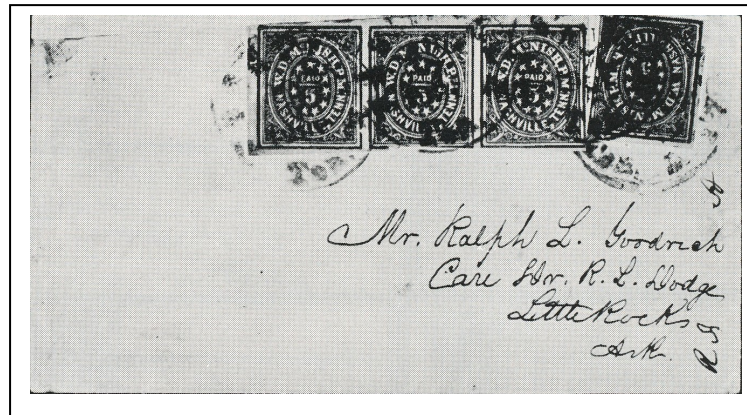
Nashville, Tennessee 61X2

Strip of 3 plus a single

Date Not Legible

To Little Rock, Arkansas

Courtesy JFox Sale 258-9, Lot 107

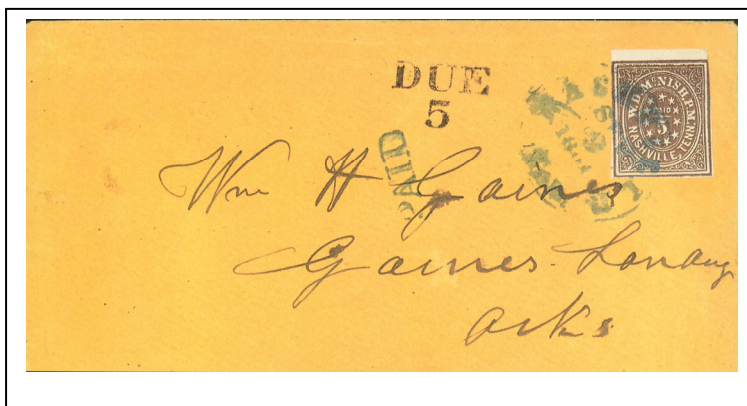


Nashville, Tennessee 61X5

9 Sep 1861

To Gaines Landing, Arkansas

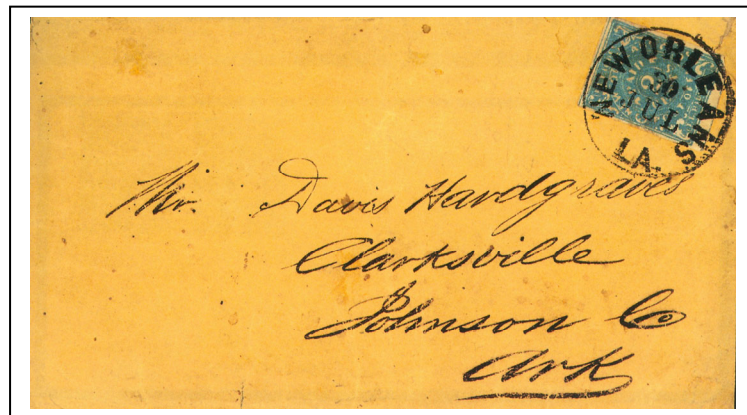
Courtesy Siegel Sale 810 Lot 1940



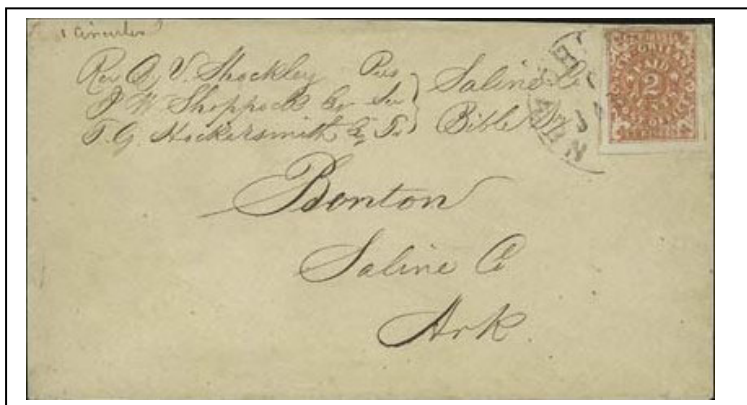
Nashville, Tennessee 61XU1
2 July 186x
To Planters Arkansas
Courtesy RFrajola Sale 271, Lot 270



New Orleans, Louisiana 62X1
30 July 1861
To Clarksville, Arkansas
Courtesy Siegel Sale 772, Lot 3155



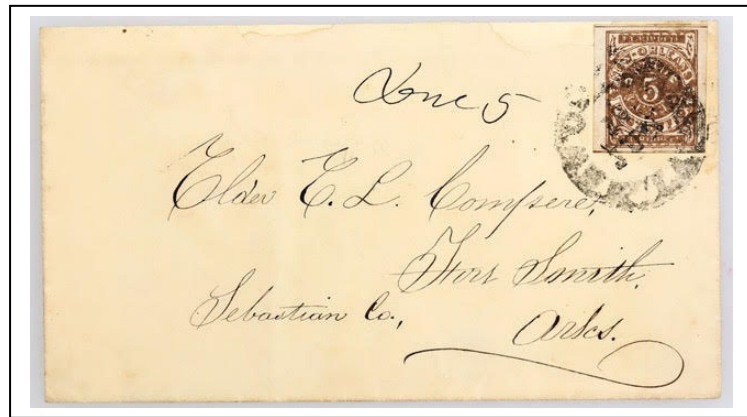
New Orleans, Louisiana 62X2
6 January 1862
To Benton, Arkansas
Courtesy Siegel Sale 832, Lot 3071



New Orleans, Louisiana 62X3
 Pair on the envelope back flap
 To Doaksville, Arkansas
 (Choctaw Nation)
 Courtesy Author's Collection



New Orleans, Louisiana 62X3
 18 Jun 1861
 To Fort Smith, Arkansas
 Courtesy WAC Sale 2023/04/01,
 Lot 3338



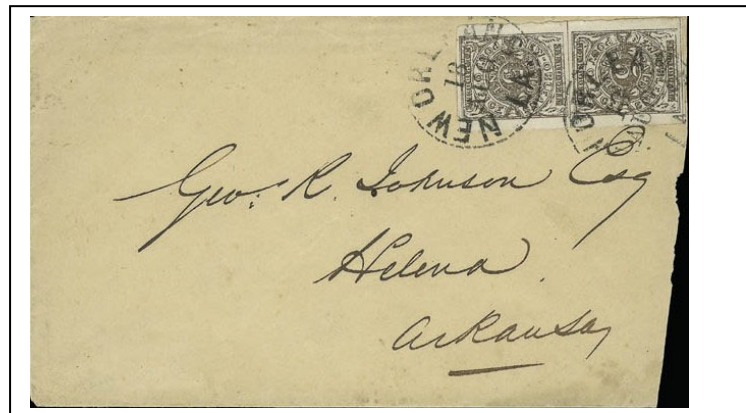
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 16 Aug 1861
 To Grand Lake, Arkansas
 Courtesy Siegel Sale 966 Lot 2601



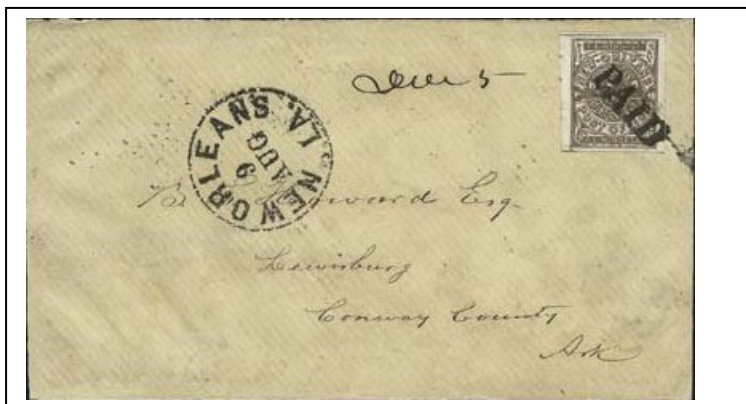
New Orleans, Louisiana 62X3 Pair
10 Aug 1861
To Helena Arkansas
Courtesy Siegel Sale 966, Lot 2598



New Orleans, Louisiana 62X3 Pair
13 Oct 1861
To Helena Arkansas
Courtesy Siegel Sale 927, Lot 1592



New Orleans, Louisiana 62X3
With Due 5 Manuscript
9 Aug 1861
To Lewisburg Arkansas
Courtesy Author's Collection

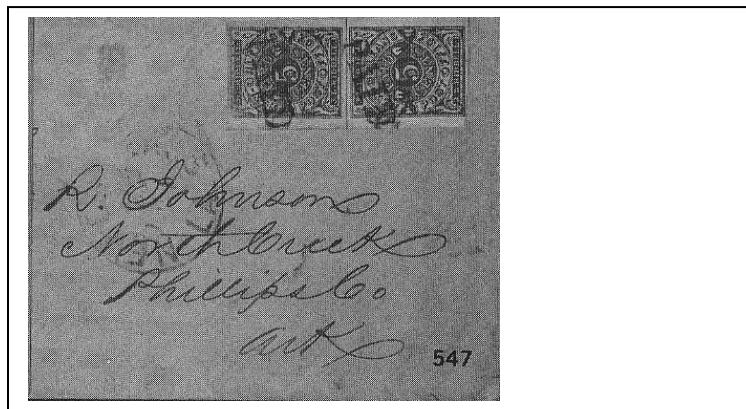


New Orleans, Louisiana 62X3 Pair

Date Not Legible

To North Creek Arkansas

Courtesy RKaufmann Sale 73, Lot



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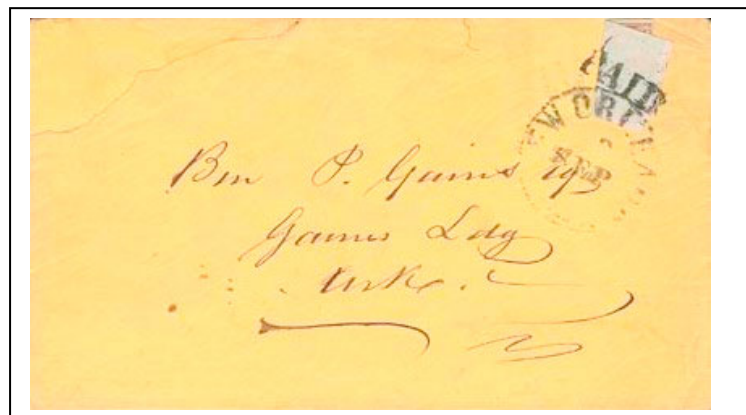
New Orleans, Louisiana 62X3b

Folded over

3 Sep 1861

To Gaines Landing, Arkansas

Courtesy Siegel Sale 832, Lot 3100



New Orleans, Louisiana 62X4 Pair

11 Oct 1861

To Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Courtesy JKaufmann Sale 8,

Lot 214



New Orleans, Louisiana 62X4

Block of 4

21 Oct 1861

To Arkadelphia Arkansas

Courtesy ABartlet Sale 14, Lot 1567

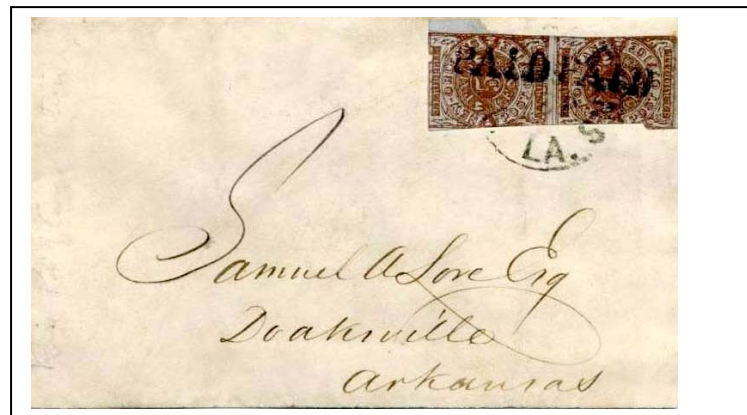


New Orleans, Louisiana 62X4 Pair

27 Sep 1861

To Doaksville Arkansas (Choctaw Nation)

Courtesy Bruce Fisher



New Orleans, Louisiana 62X4

11 X 1861

To Grand Lake Arkansas

Courtesy Regency Sale 48,

Lot 2276



New Orleans, Louisiana 62X4

10 Nov 1861

To Grand Lake Arkansas

Courtesy APB Sale 26, Lot 413

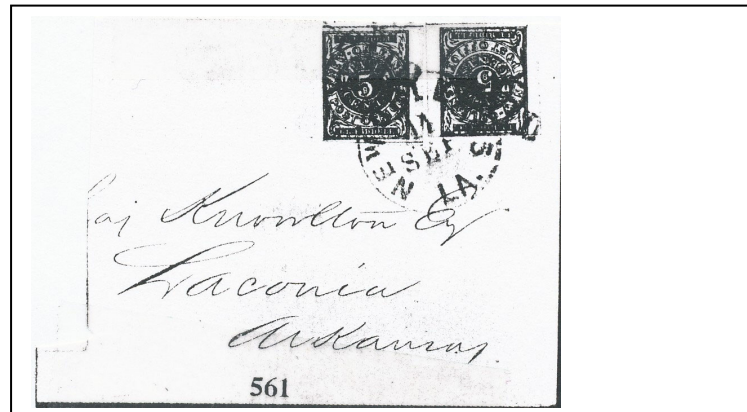


New Orleans, Louisiana 62X4 Pair

11 Sept 1861

To Laconia Arkansas

Courtesy RFrajola Sale 57, Lot 561

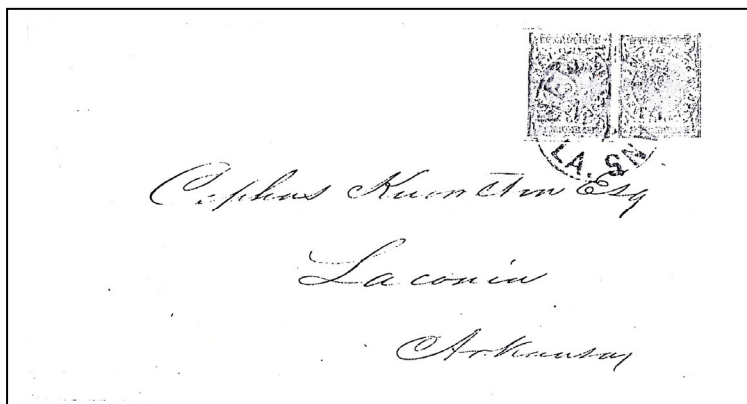


New Orleans, Louisiana 62X4 Pair

3 Nov 1861

To Laconia Arkansas

Courtesy Bostic Collection

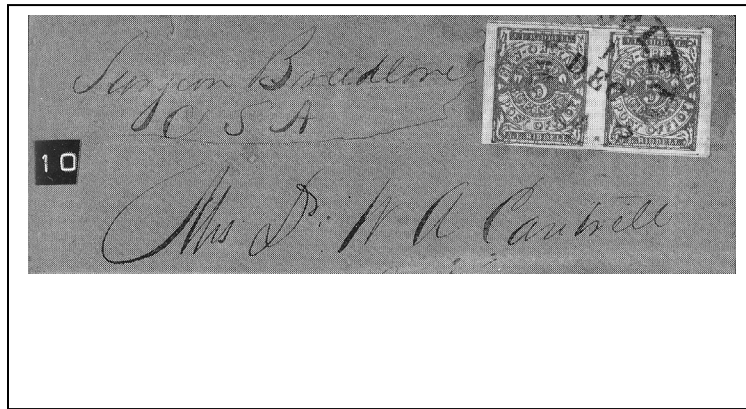


New Orleans, Louisiana 62X4 Pair

1 Dec 1861

To Little Rock Arkansas

Courtesy JKaufmann Sale 38, Lot 10



Petersburg, Virginia 65X1

With CSA #1

7 Feb 1862

To Van Buren, Arkansas

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