

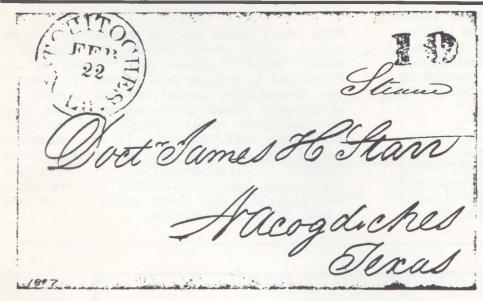
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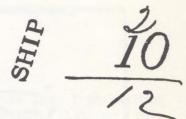
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Two covers From
"Louisiana Steam and Ship Letters"
by Erin R. Gunter

Steamboat mail. Origin Natchez; into the mails at Natchitoches; in the regular mail to Nacogdoches. All markings in black (1847).





Ship letter. Origin Mexico; into the mails at Pattersonville; in the regular mail to New York. Pattersonville markings in red (1850).

LOUISIANA STEAM AND SHIP LETTERS

By Erin R. Gunter

Except for New Orleans, Louisiana SHIP markings are exceedingly scarce. Thus far the author has noted only two other towns using handstamp ship marks -- Balize (during the Orleans Territory period) and Pattersonville (see illustration). Pattersonville (now Patterson) was reached by ships coming up the Atchafalaya River from the Gulf of Mexico to Bayou Teche.

Early manuscript "ship" marks are known, generally in the 1820's, but these were markings applied to steamboat mail; rates charged were both ship letter rates and regular postage rates figured on the distance traveled by the steamboat. Even after the es-

tablishment of the "steam" mail category, considerable confusion existed on the part of postmasters as to just what the proper rate might be.

Most steam marks were in manuscript. Town c.d.s. marks were usually not applied to steam letters unless they were to be forwarded to another post office. In spite of the tremendous amount of mail carried by steamboats, steam marks are uncommon from all Louisiana towns except New Orleans. Handstamp STEAM marks in the stampless period are recorded from Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville, Marksville, Plaquemine, St. Francisville (letters often addressed to Bayou Sarah which did not have a post office), and Vidalia.



WATERLOO "shield" 48 X 18 mm. (1849) Origin New Orleans, by steamboat to Waterloo, then in the regular mail to False River.





WATER PROOF 31 mm. (1860). Reason for the period unknown.

Recent Award Winners

At CIAPEX '78, held in Des Moines, Iowa, May 5 through 7, the U.S. Cancellation Club Certificate was won by Barbara Good of Des Moines. Her winning exhibit, in the "Postal History" category, was "Examples of American Air Mail 1911 - 1978."

Dear Sir:

Last fall you supplied the U.S.C.C. Certificate to be used at Midaphil '77 held September 30 - October 1-2 in Kansas City. There were over 200 frames and the winner became eligible for the APS Champion of Champions competition. Judges included Bill Bauer. The winner was Yours Truly with "Stencil Usages." It wasn't meant to be entered but at the last second there was a 3 frame hole to be filled. Since it also won a Silver Award am glad I put it in.

Sincerely,

James R. Kesterson Awards Chairman The Collectors Club of Kansas City Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I am writing to you with the information that my wife, Alyce Evans, a member of U.S.C.C., won a gold first place for her collection of "Fancy Cancels of U.S. 19th Century" at ORCO EXPO '78.

We both enjoy the U.S.C.C. News, and believe that the new format is a definite improvement. We hope to be able to contribute an article or two in the near future.

Sincerely,

Don Evans

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

We have not put in a request for sales circuit material for quite some time, but the situation is now becoming critical. We have forty circuits outstandings, but we need new, fresh material. Please help share the burden of keeping the circuits supplied.

ADVERTISING RATES TO GO UP

Because of the growing costs of printing, publication, and mailing, the Board of Governors has elected to institute an increase in the rates for advertising in the U.S.C.C. News. Starting immediately, the new charges will be as follows:

Full Page	\$25.00
Half Page	\$12.00
Quarter Page	\$ 7.00
Column Inch	\$ 2.00

These new rates reflect the ever increasing cost of printing per page.

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The 1968 (6th) Edition, Revised 1975, of the U.S. POSTAL SLOGAN CANCEL CATALOG consists of 128 pages (5 1/2 X 8 1/2) plus covers, in a plastic, loose-leaf binding. It contains all the known Slogan Cancels from their inception in 1897 thru December 1967 of the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, U.S. and Philippine Islands (1908-1945) and Canal Zone alphabetically arranged, Numbered and Priced, and completely brought up to date with revised and updated price changes. Errors have been corrected and additions made that were originally ommitted. The CATALOG includes WHERE & WHEN USED, TYPE OF CANCEL, HOW & WHAT TO COLLECT, CANCEL MACHINE IDENTITY CHART, COMMEMORATIVE CANCELS, U.S. USED ABROAD, SLOGAN ERRORS, REVISED TYPE CHARTS FOR WORLD'S PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION, SLOGAN TYPE SPECIAL SERVICE MARKINGS and elaborate TOPICAL CHECK LIST, which contains approximately 85 different subjects.

The current market prices listed have been determined by compiling and averaging actual market prices from information received from collectors and dealers throughout the philatelic world. Slogans add value to all types of post cards and covers, entires, etc. ALL FLAG SLOGAN CANCELS, FAIRS AND EXPOSITION SLOGAN CANCELS are listed with revised market prices.

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MOE LUFF, 12 Greene Road, Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977

BOX U.S.C.C.

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U.S.C.C. LIBRARY ACTIVITY

The following publications have been added to the U.S.C.C. Library thanks to the generosity of our members:

The Noble Official Catalog of United States Bureaus Precancels; 48th Edition, January, 1966.

Descriptive Catalog of the Leavitt Machine Cancellations, by Frank Stratton.

Postal Historian Vol. 1, No. 2, Fall 1977.

Postal History, U.S.A.; Vol. 1, #3; Vol. 4, #4; Vol. 5, #1.

Machine Cancel Forum, by John McGee; Complete, Issues 1-46.

U.S.C.C. News; Vol. 4, #1,2,3,5; Vol. 7, #7; Vol. 11, #8; Vol. 12, #19, #20.

QUESTION CORNER

Dear Sir:

I enclose a photocopy of a cancel that I am attempting to identify. The stamp is an 87 struck with a numeral "II", in four concentric rings. My first thought was that it is a Canadian, but comparison with the Canadian "II" (Cornwall, U.C.) does not bear out this hypothesis. The diameter of the Black Jack ring is about 20 mm and the Canadian is about 22 mm. Also the numeral is shorter and the rings closer together on the former. I have also ruled out late usage from Washington and Thurn and Taxis (illustrated). I would be happy to send along the stamp and would greatly appreciate any ideas.

Sincerely,

James Inverarity









Dear Sir:

I have been a member of U.S.C.C. a short time, but feel that it is a useful organization. It is obvious that a great deal of work goes into the preparation of the News. Thanks for the good work.

I would be interested in comments in the News or otherwise about the legality or ethicalness of displaying or exchanging current covers which bear return addresses and senders' names. I am primarily referring to the covers which may have been sent to someone other than the person doing the displaying or exchanging. If there are problems, how old should a cover with a return address or senders' name be before it is displayed or exchanged?

Dennis Pack

Dear Sir:

A friend located a handstamp at an Antique shop in the Fort Lauderdale area last summer.

I have shown it at the club and to a lot of U.S. Cover and cancellation people -- all of us agree -- it should go to a collector in your area.

Let me know if you have an interested person in mind.



With philatelic regards,

Alfred "Tag" Boerger

WANT ADS

WANTED

I pay \$1.00 each (minimum) for U.S. pre-1883 covers; also Canadian. I only ask that the covers are clean, sound, with clear, dated cancels.

Write. FOLLANSBEE SHIP.
900 N. Center, Beaver Dam, WIS 53916

WANTED

United States 3¢-1861 MINT #65 singles, pairs, blocks, etc. Please send priced. A. Boyarsky; 14740 Tacuba Drive, La Mirada, California 90638.

WANTED

I. "Socked-on-the-nose: machine circular postmarks on U.S. single stamps.

2. Mississippi machine postmarks prior to 1922 on full covers.

M. D. MYERS USCC 1133

P. O. Box 10553, Jackson, Mississippi 39209

WANTED

CALENDAR DATES #26 (Blue)

Feb: 26- March: 11-27 Apr: 21 May: 13-38 Jun: 9-12 30 Jul: 1-18-22-31 Oct: 9-17-23-26

Nov: 11-22-25 Dec: 12-16-19

Kenneth R. Laurence 13005 Keystone Terrace North Miami, Fla. 33181

WANT ADS

Wanted: covers, letterheads, etc. from Lafayette County, WIS. Also 1396 FDC, dated 1 July 1971 any city. James Ronnerud, Box 195, Darlington, WIS 53530.

LOUISIANA postal history material - stampless to modern. Also information on unusual cancels.

Erin R. Gunter 8865 Syble Dr. Baton Rouge, LA. 70814

Wanted to buy NH covers and DPO's send for free buying list.

Henry Stevens Box 417 Alton, NH 03809

FLORIDA WANTED

Seminole Agency oval, Tampa rimless circle, county and P.M. Cash or trade.

H.P. McNEAL 520 Lakemont Av. South Winter Park, Fl. 32792

U.S. COVERS
I STOCK ALL AREAS, ISSUES, USAGES,
CANCELS EXCEPT MODERN FDC. WHAT
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE? SELECTIONS
SENT ON APPROVAL TO USCC MEMBERS
ON REQUEST. HENRY M. SPELMAN III
P.O. BOX 645 San Anselmo, Calif. 94960

W - A - N - T - E - D New Mexico Postmarks Prior to 1912. Some Duplicates for Sale. FOR SALE Territorial Post Offices of Colorado Territorial Post Offices of Florida Territorial Post Offices of Arizona\$2.00 Arizona Territorial Postmark Catalog (with Dr. Kriege)...\$20.00 New Mexico Territorial Postmark Catalog (new edition).....\$10.00 (all post paid) DR. S. H. DIKE 1420 Carlisle Blvd. N.E. Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87110

UNITED STATES - CANADA - AUSTRALIA STAMPS

AUCTIONS

Request a catalog of our next sale.

Accumulations and Collections wanted.

ALLEN V. FRACCHIA

P. O. Box 11033 Santa Rosa, CA 95406

ADVERTISED POSTMARKS

Members James Milgram and Len Persson are compiling material for an article on postmarks from the stamp period through 1870 bearing the word "ADVERTISED." They are particularly seeking examples of unusual types, postmarks bearing rates, and pound postmarks incorporating the word "advertised." Xerox copies of any such covers would be appreciated. James W. Milgram, M.D. / Northwestern University Medical School / 303 East Chicago Avenue / Chicago, Illinois 606ll.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1240 Howard S. Marks 20 Beekman Place New York, New York 10022
- 1241 Richard H. Poultridge 2011 Third Avenue Seattle, Washington 98121
- 1238 Andrew L. Andrews 3 Antigha Circle Peabody, Massachusetts 01960
- 1239 Richard L. Burdick B-B Ranch Rosanky, Texas 78953
- 1242 Richard Stambaugt 63 Chelsea Avenue, Apt. 3 Long Branch, New Jersey 07740

RESIGNED

953 Robert S. Boyd

1143 Dennis C. Jones

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Please allow me to comment on some of the material in circuit #1103. In envelope #845 were six items with stamps and/or covers torn or damaged and they were marked reduced to 75¢ each?

In envelope #1311, the first eight covers are disasters.

If you do not at present have it, the club should give you the authority to refuse material of this type. It does nothing but degrade the overall quality of the circuits. I for one refuse to buy any of it and I resent having to tally up and pay postage to forward it to the next member who is in turn imposed upon to do the same. Perhaps it would help if you would suggest to the owners that it is in their best interest to submit good material at fair prices. The fact that many items are going unsold should tell these people something.

I was sorry to learn that you received a circuit damaged that had been underinsured. There is no excuse for a member to underinsure. Perhaps it would help to stipulate the rules a little more forcefully on the letter enclosed with each circuit.

Yours truly,

H. T. Webber

Editor's Note: I do not know whether or not I have authority to screen material, but I am not attempting to do so from the standpoint of returning submitted material to a member without putting it into a circuit.

However, I have attempted to screen circuits so that every member has an opportunity to receive both good and bad material. We do not have enough of the former to make up only circuits of good items. At the same time since some 75 - 80% of all material submitted (except First Day Covers) sells, it means that what one member terms poor is acceptable to another.

Further I do not want to chase away the members who submit material for the circuits. At the present time some 20 - 25 members submit all of the material used on the circuits for over 300 members. If I start screening material, I might well chase away those members who we need desparately to keep the

circuits going. For every portion of poor material received we normally obtain an excess of better material from that member. I just do not feel that I can sit in judgment.

Finally I am undoubtedly to blame for the material which you consider unwelcome. One of our members failed to follow the rules and sent a circuit through the mail with insufficient insurance. Consequently the

U.S.C.C. suffered a loss of over \$300.00. I have tried to salvage what was not destroyed by water by pricing at 50% or less of what originally was set forth. Perhaps my pricing was in error, but I tried to value it in a manner that would be fair, but also allow the U.S.C.C. some opportunity to recover its loss -- as the members originally submitting the material were paid the full amount out of the U.S.C.C. Insurance Fund.

Dear Sir:

I am greatful indeed to you and the Board of U.S.C.C. for my "Life" Membership as notified in your letter recently received. I accepted your selection of me as Chairman of the Membership Committee and was glad to do what I could to continue its active status following Mr. Root's death.

I am sorry that it was necessary for me to refuse continued active involvement in the affairs of the U.S.C.C. due to probable changes in my life-style this year and a reduction in my philatelic activities. I hope to be able to move back to Massachusetts this fall and will inform you if and when this becomes effective.

We all owe you appreciation for the efficient job you have been doing for the U.S.C.C.

Cordially,

Edith R. Doane

Dear Sir:

I have often thought of stopping my subscription, maybe because of age and inactivity in collecting, but not with each issue getting better and better.

Sincerely,

Merrill Johnson



































































CANCELLATIONS ON U.S. 2¢ REDS

The lure of fancy cancellations on U.S. stamps has long been recognized as one of the most popular of all collecting fields. We are therefore especially pleased to be able to offer superior collection truly of cancellations on the 2¢ issues of 1890-98. This collection, which has been unavailable for over 35 years could easily be worked into an winning exhibit. award There approximately 4500 stamps, including about 100 on piece making this a collection which would be virtually impossible to duplicate today.

The photographs show just some of the attractive and unusual items to be found in this excellent collection, which really should be seen to be appreciated. The condition, of

course, does vary a bit but the overall quality is very fine with the cancellations themselves being virtually all clear bold strikes.

The price of this eye-catching collection is available on request. This is an excellent opportunity for the collector seeking a new field.

In addition to the above mentioned collection, we do have an excellent stock of fancy cancellation on the bank-note issues. We will be pleased to send selections to U.S.C.C. members requesting same.

Please address all correspondence to Herbert T. Black, Jr., P. O. Box 315, State College, PA 16801.

UPDATE ON OCTAGONAL POSTMARKS

We have received a highly favorable response to our publishing of Roger J. Heinen's collection of U.S. Octagonal cancels. A number of members have added their own information to the collection. Here is the first installment of supplements.

Dates underlined are those unlisted by Heinen.

From Ward S. Parker:

MICOCOTINI

MISSOURI		
Bowling Green	83	CP
Gallatin	79	CP
Monticello	87	CP
North Springfield	81	CP
Pierce City	1880's	MOB
Queen City	83	MOB
West Plains	88	CP
Cambridge, Saline Co.	88	CP

From Mark Metkin

IDAHO			
Idaho C	ity	69	MOB
Idaho C	ity	72	MOB

From Jon Wilson:

MINNESOTA		
Adrian	80	CP
Glyndon	80	CP
Hector	79	E DOL
		"Renzville Co "

From William Walker:

NEW YORK

Canastota	none	CP
VERMONT		
East Highgate	88	CP
East Highgate	88	CP
East Highgate	88	DOL

From Fred W. Seifert:

COLORADO Rosita	80	CP	
WISCONSIN Osceola Mills Elroy Medford	85 86 83	CP CP (different year)	

From Theodore O. Mills:

CALIFORNIA

Fort Ross 80 O DOL

From Bruce W. Hazleton:

Remove	from	MASS	ACHUSETTS:	Wilton,
Orland,	Kents	Hill,	Kennebunkpor	rt, and
Lubec.				

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MAINE			
Athens		(75),	CP
		76-9,82	,
		84,85	
Atlantic		84,85,	Maine
		87	
Bangor		68	CP
Brownville		82,83,	CP
		85,87	
Bucksport		94	MOB
Canaan		80	MOB
Caribou		83	MOB
Castine		(94)	CP
Cherryfield		(87)	CP
Coral Cross Hill		84,86	Maine
Ellsworth		78,82 65	Maine CP
Etna		84	CP
Farmington		(66)	CP
Garland		80,81,	CP
Garianu		85-7,90	
		92	,
Gorham		85,86,	CP
GOTHAM		91	O1
Harrison		83,85,	CP
1141 1 10011		86	OI
Hartland		79,81	CP
Houlton		(89)	CP
Kennebunkport		78,79	CP
Kents Hill		79,89	CP
Kittery		84	CP
Livermore Falls			CP
Lubec		87	CP
Macchias		84,91-4	CP
		96,95	
Mechanic Falls		76	CP
Millbridge		87,89,	CP
		90	
New Limerick		80,83-5	
N.E. Harbor		88,89	COL
North Newry		78	DOL
N. Vassalboro		89	CP
Orland		80	CP
Oxford		76,86	CP
Saccarappa	0-	86,86	MOB
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could it be an er Saco	ror!)	07 00	CD
S. Hiram		,	CP
W. Buxton		80,83-8	CP
W. DUALUII		80,83, 85,86,88	
		90	,
Wilton		86-8,	CP
WILLOII		00-0,	Cr

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	ISSOURI ockville	none		LOUISIANA Delta	86	CP
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Philadelphia	59, 60	59 pair; 60 single
Philadelphia	63	Innr. Oct.
TEXAS		
Colorado	85	MOB & star
Lewisville	86	MOB
Station Belden	85	MOB
TENNESSEE		
Colliersville	81	CP
Culleioka	86	CP
Fowlkes		CP
Gainesville	84	CP
Gamesvine	04	CI
VERMONT		
Strafford	85	CP
WISCONSIN		
DePere	85	CP
WEST VIRGINIA		
Kingwood	85	CP
From Theodore W.	Bozarth	
Underlined towns,		th
features are new.	dates, or o	iner
ALABAMA		
Childersburgh	87	CP
Columbiana	79	CP
Greensboro	(86)	CP
Helena	, ,	
	81	CP
Repton	(87)	CP
GEORGIA		
Toombsboro	87	DOL COG
IOWA		
Bonaparte	80	CP
MASSACHUSETTS		
Harwich	(740)	CD
ITAT WICH	(74?)	CP
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
Franklin Falls	(85)	CP
NEW YORK		
Clifton Springs	(75)	CP
Mt. Morris	84	CP
Sand Bank	0 =	
	$\frac{(86?)}{200}$	CP?
W. Bloomfield	80	CP
OHIO		
Hicksville	86	CP
Mallet Creek	81	0
Youngstown	(85)	CP
TENNESSEE		
Sweetwater	none	CP
	(90)	

(90)

TEXAS Independence	92	СР
VERMONT East Dorset Newbury S. Londonderry Tinmouth	88 88 83 (86)	MOB MOB MOB CP
WISCONSIN Waterford	<u>81</u>	СР
From S. H. Dike:		
ARIZONA * Esperanza Adobe Adobe Adobe Phoenix Phoenix Phoenix Tempe	84 86 87 88-90 80-82 82 95-03	
NEW MEXICO Blossburg Chaves Chico Springs Hatch Las Vegas Mesilla Mora Raton Santa Fe Silver City Watrous	86 87-91 87-91 90 83 79-85 84-85 81-82 82 83-84	CP CP E O CP CP CP CP CP CP



I have a suggestion for coding the description of these if Mr. Heinen would care to write to

*See "Arizona Territorial Postmark Catalog" by Dike and Kriege for illustrations of the above Arizona markings, or ask Dr. Kriege for xerox copies of same.

We have never seen the Chloride nor the Gila Bend that Heinen lists. If the cut squares are available, Dr. O. H. Kriege would very much like to see them. His address is 95 Beech Woods Drive, Madision, Connecticut 06433.