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CONFEDERATE POSTAL HISTORY

by George Snyder - RMPL Member

South Carolina started the order of succession on December 20, 1860. On March 6, 1861 John H. Reagan of Texas was appointed Postmaster General of the Confederate States and was the only member of the cabinet who served throughout the war.

People had been using the postage stamp for 14 years when the first gun of the war between the states was fired on April 12, 1861 on Fort Sumter. This came from a Confederate land battery

and on April 13 Union troops evacuated the fort. The U S flag was raised over Fort Sumter again in April, 1865 by Union troops.

The U S mail service continued to the South, then was terminated as of June 1, 1861 by proclamations of US and Confederate Postmasters General Blair and Reagan. Thus, at this point, the Confederate States were without postage stamps since the US stamps were no longer valid for postage in the South.

Postmaster General

Reagan had to get stamps to the public in the South. The South was mainly agricultural and was in no position to undertake the production of stamps since they had no previous experience in the stamp printing process. Hoyer & Ludwig of Richmond and A. Hoen & Co, of Baltimore did submit samples and prices.

Time passed and, yielding to public pressure Reagan decided to award a contract to the Richmond lithography firm of Hoyer & Ludwig - thus the first Confederate stamps were produced by the process of printing from stone. During the following years, the Confederate Post Office Department used other processes of graphic arts - lithography, typography, and finally copper and steel plate printing, which in itself is unique.

The period between June 1, 1861 - when the US mail service between North and South stopped - and October 16, 1861, when the first stamp was put on sale in the Confederate post offices, is called "The Stampless Period." During this period is when the so called "Handstamp Pairs" and "Provisionals" came into being.

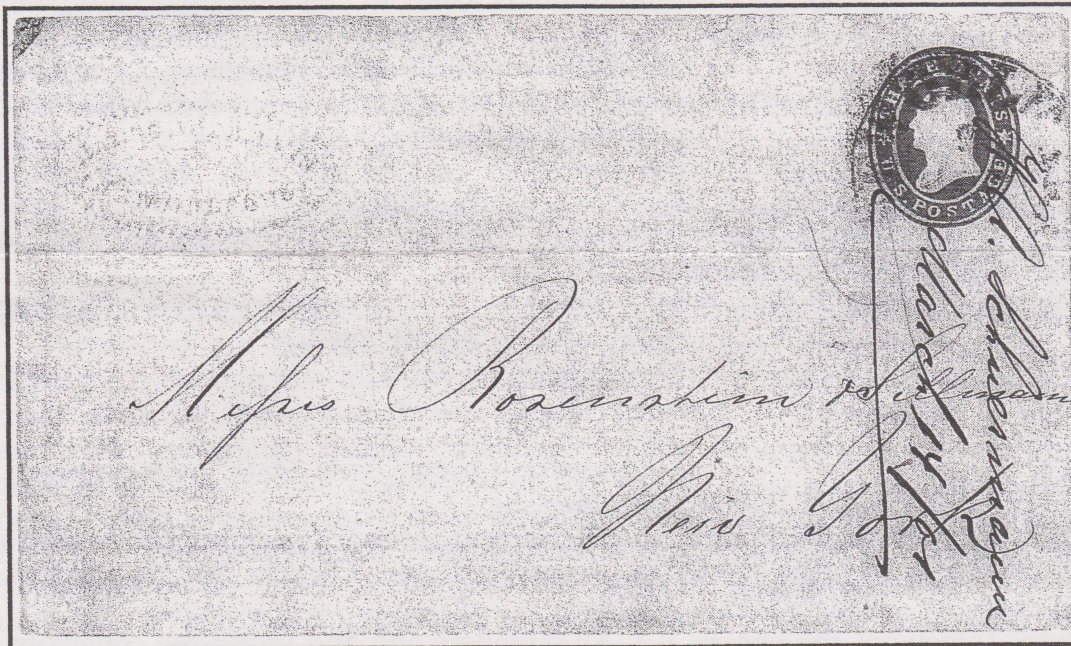


Figure 1: Example of USA used on the CSA USA Star Die New Orleans, LA 14 Mar 1861

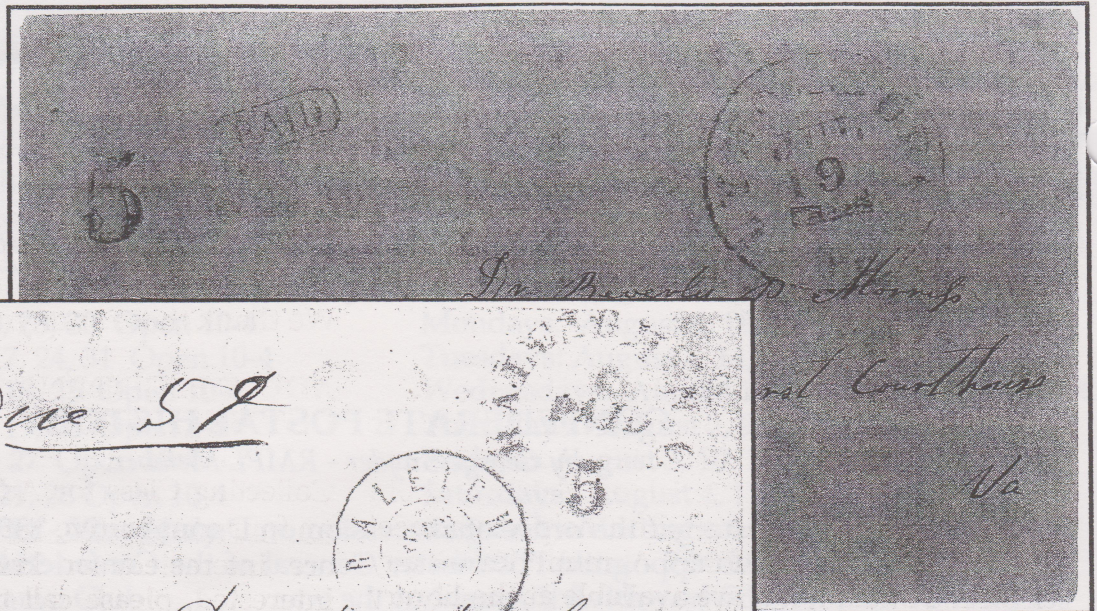


Figure 2:
Example of
"Handstamp Paid"
Handstamp PAID 5
Lynchburg, VA 19 Jul 1861
Dietz type 11B

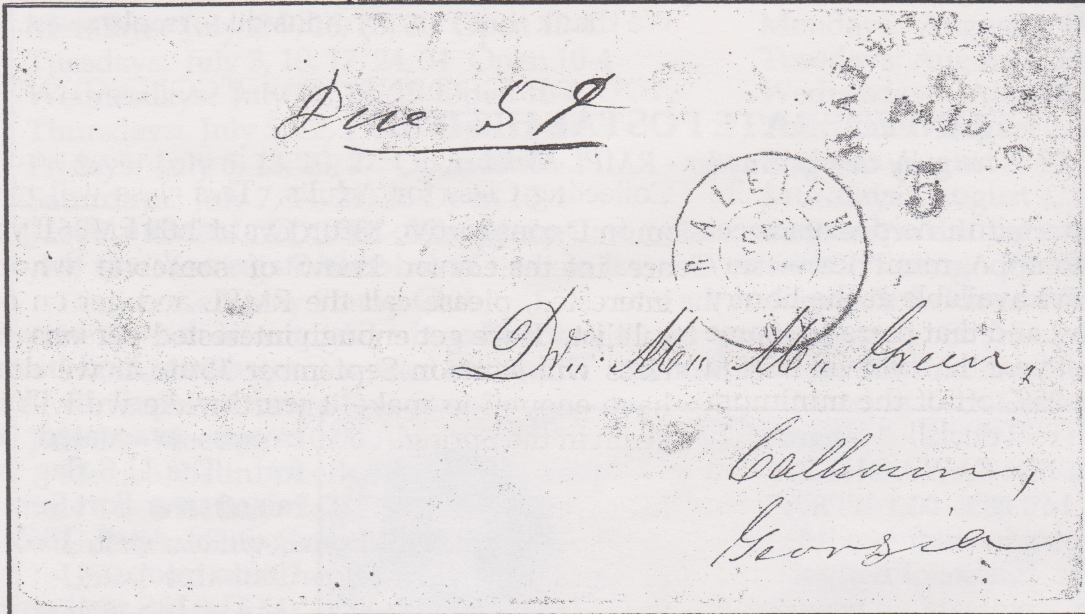


Figure 3: Example of "Postmaster Provisional"
Raleigh, NC Postmaster Provisional (62XU1)
Dietz type III "PAID/5" in Red and Sep 5, 1861

News From the RMPL...

PARTY, PARTY, PARTY

On Sunday, August 5th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM you are invited to join with the RMPL Board to celebrate being in our present building for 5 years as well as the 8th birthday of the RMPL - Yes, I know it may be hard to believe, the library opened on South Peoria on August 1, 1993 and we opened in the current building on August 3, 1996. Please join us and bring a non-member with you.

SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS

The RMPL Second Saturday programs continue to be popular. These special presentations occur on the second Saturday of each month starting at 9:00 AM - That wasn't an error - Yes, there are usually 10-20 collectors gathered at the RMPL at 9:00 AM having a cup of coffee and a donut while learning more about philately.

The Second Saturday program for July, "A

Primer on Orange Free State" will be given by Tim Bartshe.

The Second Saturday program for August will be done by Roger Cichorz on the subject of "Lundy".

All members and interested collectors are urged to participate.

TAX NEWS - HELP FOR NON-ITEMIZERS

The following article appeared in the publication of the Colorado Association of Non Profit Organizations, "Nonprofit Colorado". We thought that it might be of interest to many of our members, potential members, and donors.

"Help for Non-itemizers -

Remind your donors that, beginning in 2002 even if they do not itemize deductions on their federal income tax returns, they are still eligible for a state income tax deduction. Passed in the 2000 legislative session, the Charitable Giving Relief Act provides a state income tax deduction

for charitable contributions of more than \$500 made by donors who do not itemize deductions on their federal returns. The bill was sponsored by Representative Shawn Miller and Senator Tom Blickensderfer and championed by CANPO's Governmental Relations Committee."

It may be wise for some of you to check with your tax advisor to see if this new law would be of benefit to you in planning your charitable contributions.

ROMPEX PARTICIPATION

The RMPL wants to thank the many people who stopped by the RMPL table at ROMPEX to say hello, look at the materials available, and bid on the silent auction lots. You helped us meet our goal for the auction. A reminder -- any remaining auction lots are available at the library at the minimum bid level and that there are some auction lots left from last year that we will let you take home with you at 25% off of the minimum level. Some of these are real deals!!

Our tours through the RMPL, during and right after the show, brought nearly a dozen collectors to the library who had not seen the library before. We are pleased to report that these visitors were most pleasantly surprised at the size and quality of our holdings.

DONATIONS CONTINUE

Donations are the life blood of any public charity. Although the quantity of donations of material to the RMPL has slowed somewhat we are still receiving quality material. The generosity of collectors from all over the world never ceases to amaze those of us working at the RMPL. We continue to receive and accept donations of all types of philatelically related material. When it is duplicate we try to dispose of it to benefit and support the activities of the library. If we cannot get a monetary return we try to find a good home for the items. Many stamps and collections go to the RMPL Kid's Stamp Club for their use. Remember that the RMPL has a Public Charity status - 501 (c)(3) with the IRS. This means that you may deduct the fair market value of the donated items on your taxes.

During the past several months we have received donations from the following persons: Jack Dear, Roger Cichorz, Dasa Metzler, Kitty Wentworth, Bob Brown, Glenn Mallory, Alex Parker, Gary Gibson, Joe Crosby, Roger Schnell, Gloria Foxworthy, Neil Clark, Marc Gonzales, David Herendeen, Lee Trachtenberg, Winifred

Amsden, Morgan Sonsthagen, Ed Villano, Bill Bauer, Aurora Stamp Club, Clydr Jennings, Francis Dixon, Vi Weinman, Robert Wolf, Tom Surprenant, State Revenue Society, Joy Powell, Dan Steinberg, and George Killian.

We thank each and every one of them for their generous donation, whether it be large or small. Some material just seems to show up and unfortunately we do not know who donated it. We thank those anonymous donors, also.

ADULT BEGINNING STAMP COLLECTING CLASS SCHEDULED

The RMPL has scheduled a Beginning Stamp Collecting Class for Adults. This class will meet on four consecutive Saturdays at 1:00 PM. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested, please call the RMPL and get on our call list. If we get enough interested persons, the class will start on September 15th. If we don't have enough to make it worthwhile we will try again in the Spring.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Some of you will be receiving a first, second, or third renewal notice with this issue of the Scribblings and those who have joined or renewed recently will be receiving your new RMPL Membership Card. After the third notice members are moved to the inactive list and will no longer receive Scribblings and other membership benefits.

As you renew, remember that anything above the basic minimum membership rate of \$15 per year is considered a donation by the IRS and may be used as a deduction when figuring your income tax. We urge that you respond promptly and generously.

During the past two months the following persons have become members of the RMPL:

Nate Dahlin	Dannette M. Ellison
Roger Gutzman	Gawain O'Connor
Morgan Sonsthagen	Robert L. Thompson
Eva Lee M. Wentworth ((aka "Kitty"))	

We welcome them and urge that they take advantage of the materials available for their use.

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our
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at
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...What's Happening at the RMPL...

"Come and enjoy the activities"

JULY, 2001

Mondays: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 10-4
Wednesdays: July 11, 18, 25 Open 10-4
Thursdays: July 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 2-8
Fridays: July 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
Saturdays: July 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4
July 4 - RMPL CLOSED - 4th of July
July 11 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
Denver Germany Stamp Club
July 14 - Second Saturday at the RMPL
9:00 AM - Program by Tim Bartshe
"Primer on Orange Free State"
July 14 - Meeting - 10:00 AM
Mexico/Latin America Philatelic Group
July 14 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
Universal Ship Cancellation Society -
USS Colorado Chapter
July 28 - 10:00 AM
ROMPEX/RMPL Exhibiting Workshop
July 28 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society

AUGUST, 2001

Mondays: August 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
Tuesdays: August 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4
Wednesdays: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 10-4
Thursdays: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 2-8
Fridays: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 10-4
Saturdays: August 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 10-4
August 1 - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club
6:30 Trading - 7:30 Meeting and Program
August 3rd, 4th, and 5th - AMERICOVER
American First Day Cover Society
Meeting and Exhibition
Marriott Tech Center
**August 5 - RMPL
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY
PARTY-1:00 -4:00 PM -**
All members or interested persons
invited to attend!
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Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists
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Universal Ship Cancellation Society
USS Colorado Chapter
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Exhibiting Workshop
August 25 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
China Stamp Society
August 28 - 7:30 PM - ROMPEX Committee
**September 1st and September 4th
RMPL CLOSED - LABOR DAY**

~~Stamps For Sale~~

The RMPL has a number of Nickel
and Dime stamps for sale.
Stamps are arranged on stock
pages in a variety of categories.

...Also Available are
Unsold Lots

from the ROMPEX Auction...

~Stop By and Take a Look~

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