

My 3 Cents Worth

Items bearing 3 cent 1861-68 stamps that didn't make my exhibit but still worth sharing.



At the start of the Civil War there were romantic visions of soldiers going off to battle and returning quickly to their loved ones.

This Romeo and Juliet inspired design was also adapted to show a soldier and his sweetheart, per the enclosure.

The Enclosures Were as Ornate as the Envelopes



Few realized how long the war would drag on.

The Nation Rallied with Patriotic Fervor

The history of our flag was celebrated.



New York City, being so populous, was the last to demonetize the old stamps.



Our nations' capitol was prominently featured.

Meanwhile the Post Office Labored on to Serve a Growing Population

Chicago created Supplementary Mail markings for double postage charged to meet Eastbound trains on time.

H. C. LIVINGSTON & Co.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
181 South Water Street,
CHICAGO.



Abbot Hasen Esq
Williams College
Williamstown
Mass

UNION NATIONAL BANK
CHICAGO.

Postmaster will please return if
not called for in ten days.

Mrs Addie R Coolbaugh
Care of C. A. V. Acord Esq
Newburgh
N.Y.



A one cent branch rate was charged
to take mail across the river.



Rev. Henry A. Hazen,
Chicago,
Illinois

Advertised markings
were needed to get mail
to more people.

Other Cities Worked to Deliver Mail to a Growing and Mobile Populace

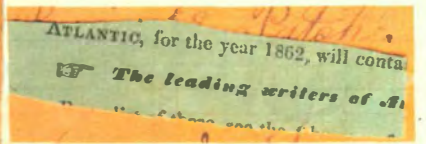


New York advertised even with street addresses.

Leominster, MA even printed up labels



Scanned at 100%.



Their forwarded labels were hand stamped on the reverse of advertising circulars, as were most of these provisional postage dues.

Markings Old and New Proliferated

"FICTITIOUS" applied to mail of a fraudulent nature and was returned.



Territorial manuscript, earliest recorded use.

Great Lakes Steamboats were due 2 cents for their services.



Ship Markings and Rates Varied and were not Always Consistent

Baltimore, MD charged
"DUE 2 cts" for
incoming ship mail.

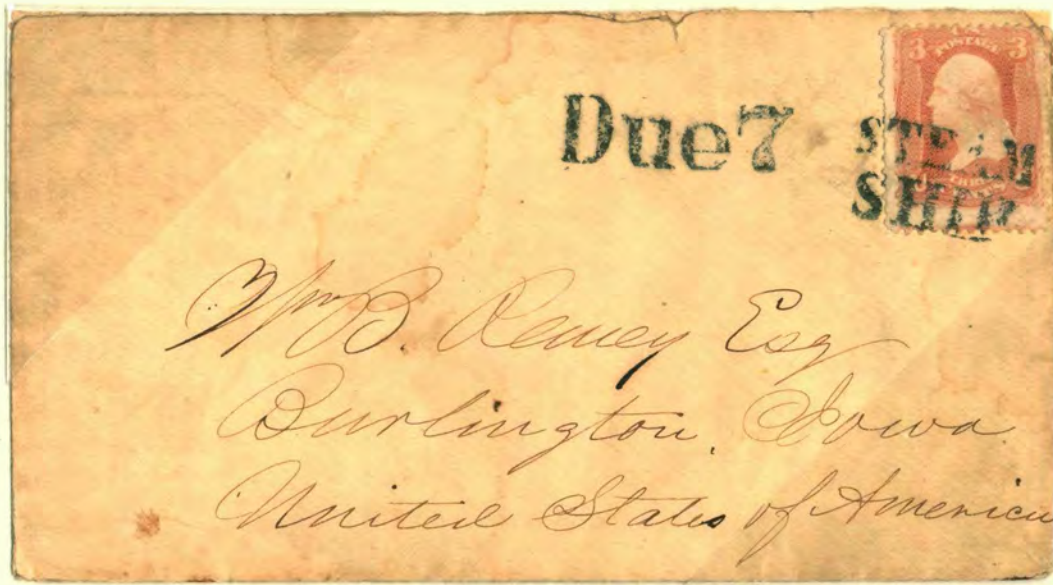


Later, in 1869, it was
"DUE/1" for a
steamboat.

Philadelphia, PA had a
"U.S. SHIP" with no
due charge noted.



Incoming and Outgoing Mail had Different Treatment



Incoming "STEAM/SHIP", partially prepaid, was rated "DUE7".



Outgoing to Hawaii looks partially prepaid, but the crayon "7c" indicates balance paid in cash.

Early Colors Varied and were often Fugitive

Pigeonblood pink, 2 pigeonblood pinks and a pink.



Some Shades and Cancels were more Subtle

Pink with an
orange-yellow cancel.



Rose pink with an
orange cancel.



Ashbrook's pinkish rose
with a red-orange cancel.



The 3 Cent Goes to Court

During the Civil War the Confederate Navy captured a Union ship with about \$10,000 in 3 cent stamps as part of the cargo. These stamps reached Great Britain where they were sold to Owen Tudor, a broker in Liverpool. He attempted to sell them through agents in Canada. After the war the United States brought suit in Toronto to regain possession.

This and the following page show the exhibits marked for identification in the case and signed by Owen Tudor, admitting them into evidence. The case was settled privately and the U.S. recovered what remained of the lot, approximately 50,000 stamps (\$1500)..



Mr. Chaney
 The U States
 Boyd 3

The Three cent postage stamps annexed to this paper are those referred to by the witnesses examined at Washington in this cause

Robert Leach,
 Commissioner.

Joseph A. Vance
 A. A. Jewell.
 E. S. Dunning



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New York 9 May 1867

Richd Ely

Washington

Sir

We beg to enclose a
 sample of the Postage stamps
 taken from a package of 50000
 at present in the custody of the
 Hon Wm Spruce the Custom House
 Officer at Toronto in Canada
 which you will please consider
 as the exhibits marked 3
 referred to in the Manitoba
 Interrogatories lately sent to you
 per the Court of Chancery at
 Toronto in the suit of the
 United States vs Boyd & Co

We are yr obt servt

Geo Moppay

for Plaintiffs
 Wm Barclay Munnich
 for Defendants.

Taxes to Fund the Civil War are Paid by Revenue Stamps

As the war progresses, coins are hoarded and stamps are used to make change and give small refunds.



WADDAMS, CATHERINE & CO
Importers & Dealers of
any Gold, Silver & Exchange, &c.
26 & 30 WALL ST.,
NEW YORK.

NEW YORK
FEB 11



F. W. Pierce Esq
Plymouth Hollow

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Received Hartford Mich 31st 1865
of Mr F. W. Pierce.
Fifty Five \$100 Dollars, in
full to date
Sisson & Butler.



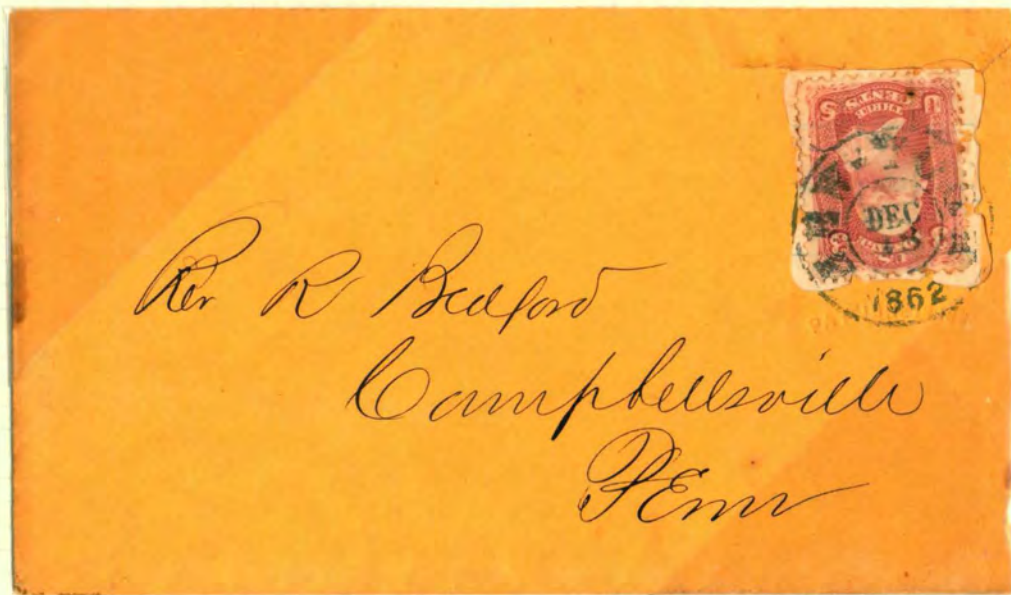
Hartford Mich 31st 1865.

F. W. Pierce Esq
Dr Sir

Your favor
covering \$55. is at hand
for which we have you
receipt as above, with
thanks
Yours
Sisson & Butler.

Some Experiments Fail and Some Succeed

The Leed's Patent Envelope can preserve the date of mailing on the contents, but fails since it is contrary to postal regulations that require cancellation by a killer, ~~not~~ the circular date stamp.



Post Office markings to test experimental material are successfully employed.



What 3 Cents will and won't do for You

It will pay to get your freight circular to Sweden.



It won't pay to take your letter to Southern Russia, but it will get you a lot of markings.



The Army Soldiered on until the end of the Civil War and Beyond

7th Regiment, NY State Volunteers

served with the Army of the Potomac.

Mail went through Old Point Comfort.



General Banks' Division used a cancel devoid of location information.

B.D. Hyam prosecuted claims against troops for taking of supplies from Union loyalists and damage to their property.

