

Ocean Sailing Vessels - Ship Purser Markings



Ship Milo, S.G. Bronson, Sail'd mar 27 clear handstamp in dotted, double circle handstamp on February 23, 1818 folded letter from Holyhead, North Wales, via Liverpool to Dedham, Massachusetts, Holyhead Feb 23 mileage origin datestamp and "P 10d" rate, entered US mails with Boston April 25 postmark, "Ship" handstamp and manuscript "8" ship rate

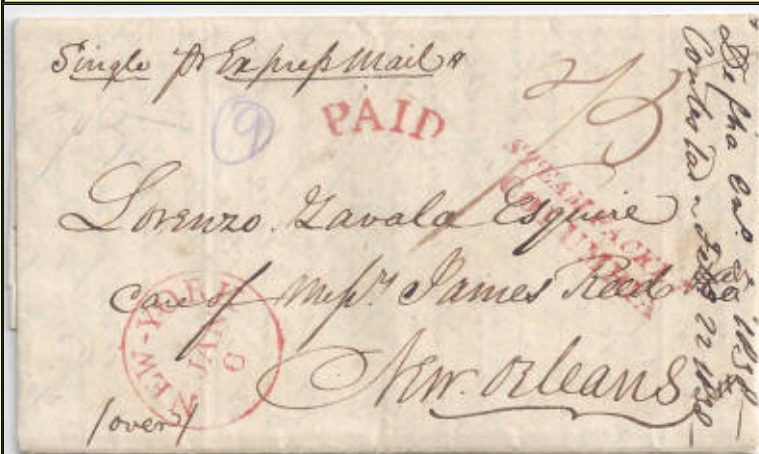
(stock #L131, \$1,750)



Pr * Ship * Friends* red straight line handstamp at lower left of April 18, 1821 folded letter from Glasgow, Scotland to Princeton, New Jersey, entered the mails with New York Sep 22 postmark, Ship handstamp and "12" rate

(stock #L163, \$2,000)

Coastal Steamers - Gulf of Mexico waters.



Steam Packet Columbia red two line handstamp on January 5, 1838 folded letter from New York City, Zavala correspondence to Texas Republic sent to the care of James Reed, the Texian postal Agent at New Orleans, send by Express Mail with required manuscript endorsement at top, red New York Jan 6 postmark, "Paid" arc and "75" express mail rate (triple 25c distance rate), endorsed Messrs James R(eed) & Co will please forward under cover either to J Morgan or direct ..."

(stock #L157, \$3,500)



S.(team) P.(acket) New York black two line handstamp on March 8, 1838 folded letter from Galveston, Texas (Republic) to Kennebunk, Maine, entered mails with red New Orleans March 27, postmark, "Ship" handstamp and "27" ship rate

carried on the second trip of Steam Packet *New York*

(stock #L164, \$9,500)



Steamship Lodona * Hovey * blue double oval "Feb 20" datestamp on cover to Essex, Connecticut, original letter dated "Stmr Lodona" from Capt. Hovey to his wife, entered the mails with New Orleans postmark and 3c green 1870 issue with matching black cross cancel

(stock #L145, \$700)

Coastal Steamers - Atlantic Ocean waters.

Steamer Oregon 5 red oval, Long Island Sound route agent handstamp on November 12, 1846 folded letter from New York to Slaterville, Rhode Island

(stock #L201, \$350)



Steamer 5 red oval, Long Island Sound route agent handstamp, "Oregon" removed, on January 19, 1847 folded letter from New York to Boston

(stock #L202, \$200)



Steamer 10 red oval, Long Island Sound route agent handstamp, "Oregon" removed, on July 22, 1847 folded letter from New York to Portland, Maine

(stock #L203, \$500)



(Steamer Perry) small, red, steamer illustrated handstamp on September 26, 1853 folded letter, illustrated letterhead of Rhode Island Office of the Atlantic fire & Marine Insurance Company, used to Newport, Rhode Island, 3c 1851 issue adhesive tied by Newport grid cancel upon arrival

The steamer *Perry* operated on Narragansett Bay as a non contract mail steamer and the red handstamp was used at Newport to denote a letter received by steamboat

(stock #L155, \$6,500)





N.Y. & Boston Stmb & R.R. black combination railroad and steamboat route agent "Dec 20" datestamp tying 3c dull red 1857 issue adhesive (#26) to 1859 folded letter from New York to East Dennis, Massachusetts

(stock #L211, \$150)



N.Y. & Boston Stmb & R.R. black combination railroad and steamboat route agent "Mar 4" datestamp tying 10c green 1857 issue adhesive (#33) to cover to San Francisco, California

(stock #L212, \$450)



U.S. Steamer Guide Oct 28, 1863 datestamp on cover that entered the mails with Old Point Comfort Nov 1 postmark, 3c rose 1861 issue (#65) with matching target cancel, PF certificate

The US Steamer *Guide* was a troop and supply transport vessel operating between North Carolina and Fortress Monroe (Old Point Comfort)

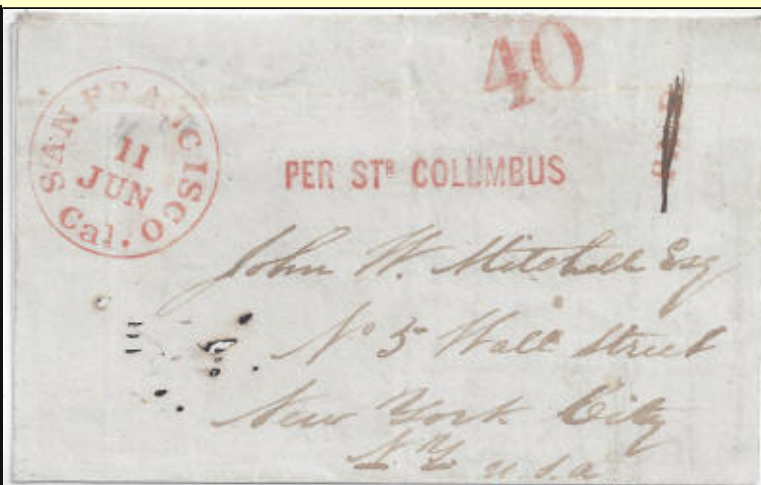
(stock #L138, \$1500)



Philadelphia & N.York Express Steam Baot Co, Wm. P. Clyde, Agent, Philadelphia, blue embossed, steamer illustrated, cameo advertising cover, Clement imprint, used to New Jersey, 3c rose (#65, light gum stain) tied by large geometric cancel, matching "Old Point Comfort, VA" postmark to left, minor reduction at right, *ex Jarrett*

(stock #L112, \$950)

Coastal Steamers - Pacific Ocean waters.



Per Str Columbus red straight line directive on June 8, 1850 folded cover to New York, matching San Francisco, California June 11 postmark and "40" due handstamp, red "paid" crossed out at left, minor ink erosion to left of address, faint crease at top, *ex Somdal*

The use of this handstamp by San Francisco postmaster served to authorize carriage by non-contract George Law Line steamer *Columbus*, first trip of two that the straight line marking was used.

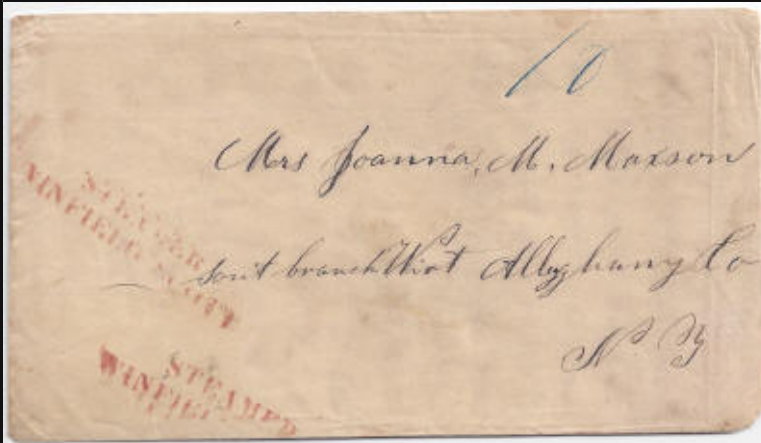
(stock #120, \$2000)



Per Str Isthmus red straight line directive on July 16, 1850 cover to New York, matching San Francisco, California postmark and "Paid" and "80" handstamps, pencil directive as well, PF cert, *ex Haas*

The use of this handstamp by San Francisco postmaster served to authorize carriage by non-contract George Law Line steamer *Isthmus*. This handstamp was used only on this single trip.

(stock #121, \$2500)



Steamer Winfield Scott red two line purser handstamp, struck twice, on cover from California to Wirt, New York, blue manuscript "10" rate applied by route agent, cover crease at right

This carried on first trip of steamer *Winfield Scott* after sale to PMSS (Pacific Mail Steam Ship Company) that departed on San Francisco on August 16, 1853 for Panama. She wrecked on her second trip.

(stock #L134, \$1500)



Steamer Winfield Scott red two line purser handstamp on November 21, 1853 folded letter to Joliet, Illinois cover, San Jose, California postmark, "Paid" handstamp and manuscript "6" rate, **recovered from wreck of the steamship** with some water soaking

This carried on second, and last, trip of steamer *Winfield Scott* after sale to PMSS that departed on San Francisco on December 1, 1853 for Panama. She was wrecked the following day and much of her mail was recovered.

(stock #L135, \$2500)



Vapor Newbern * Agencia De Correos * circular handstamp on Wells, Fargo "California & Mexican Coast Routes, Paid 10 Cents" franked cover, circa 1875, to San Francisco, blue frank and matching La Paz, Lower California, Commission Merchant's imprint at left, blue Wells, Fargo La Paz, Mexico oval "Jul 1" datestamp and matching "Paid" oval, minor edge nicks at bottom, the only reported example, *ex Haas*

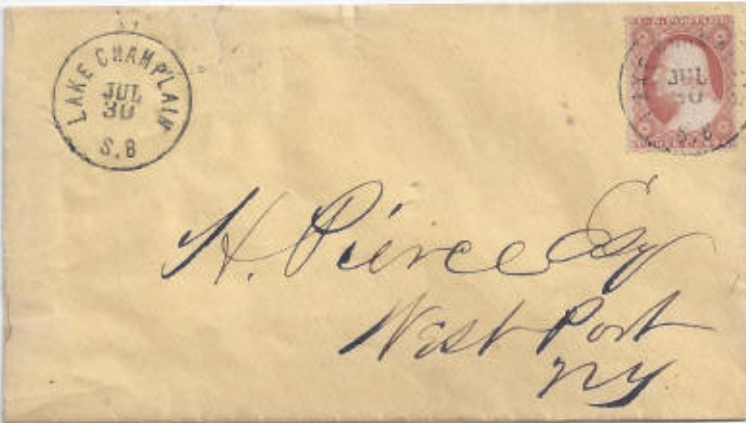
(stock #L162, \$2000)

Inland Lake Steamers - *Lake Champlain*



Steam-Packet Franklin, Lake Champlain, Capt RW Sherman red handstamp, clearly struck, on July 15, 1833 folded letter from St. Johns, Canada to Brandon, Vermont, entered the US mails with magenta Burlington, Vermont oval "Jul 16" postmark and manuscript "10" due, small tear at top center

(stock #L178, \$850)



Lake Champlain S.B. steam boat route agent datestamp of "Jul 30" tying 3c dull red 1857 issue adhesive (#26) to cover to West Port, New York, additional strike to left, small sealed tear at top, clear strikes

(stock #L206, \$400)

Inland Lake Steamers - *Lake Erie*

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Steamer Iron City, Lake Superior Line Hussey & McBride Agents, Cleveland, O. oval handstamp on cover to Ashland, Ohio, entered the mails with "Steam-Boat" handstamp of Cleveland, Ohio tying a 3c dull red 1857 issue adhesive (#26), their June 30, 1859 postmark to left

(stock #L169, \$1500)



Steamer Planet, Ward's Line, Portage, July 16, 1861 datestamp on cover to Detroit, entered the mails their with fancy "Steam Boat" scroll handstamp and 3c dull red (#26) tied by Detroit, Michigan July 16, 1861 postmark, ex Jarrett

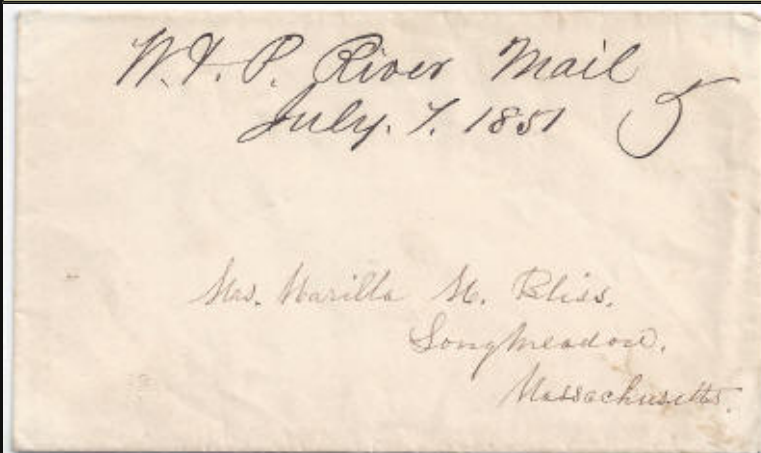
(stock #L169, \$2500)



Steamer Illinois, C. Harbor, Jul 19, 1863 datestamp on cover carried out of the mails from Cold Harbor, Michigan to Buffalo, New York, 3c rose (#65) with manuscript cancel

(stock #L104, \$1500)

River Route Agents Markings



W. & P. River Mail, July 7, 1851 manuscript route agent marking of the Wheeling & Parkersburg steamboat route agent and matching "5" rate on cover to Long Meadow, Massachusetts

(stock #L144, \$800)



Lou. & Cin. S.B. Mail Line, April 27, 1851 bright orange-red route agent marking of the Louisville & Cincinnati Steam Boat Mail Line and matching "5" rate handstamp on 1852 cover to Vevay, Indiana

(stock #L129, \$750)



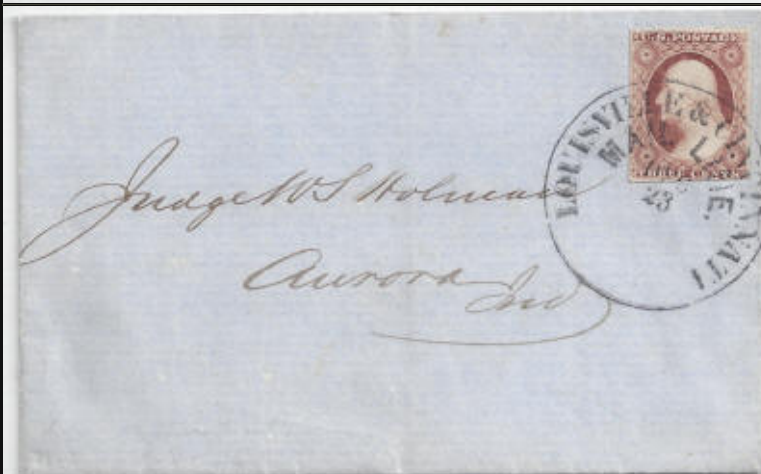
Lou. & Cin. S.B. Mail Line, July 1 bright orange-red route agent marking of the Louisville & Cincinnati Steam Boat Mail Line and matching grid cancel tying 3c dull red (#11) to cover to Vevay, Indiana, blue embossed flap shield of a Salt Dealer in Cincinnati, minor edge stains, PF cert

(stock #L165, \$1250)



Lou. & Cin. Mail Line, Feb 16 bright orange-red route agent marking of the Louisville & Cincinnati Mail Line tying 3c dull red (#11) to folded 1853 cover to Indianapolis, Indiana

(stock #L207, \$750)



Louisville & Cincinnati Mail Line, Dec 23 balloon route agent datestamp tying 3c dull red (#11) to folded cover to Aurora, Indiana

(stock #L208, \$950)



Louisville & St. Louis Mail Route, Apr 20 blue fancy shield datestamp tying a 3c dull red (#11, pos 61L1^L) to cover to New Orleans, cover aged and edge fault but clear strike, *ex Eggen*

(stock #L128, \$800)



Louisville & St. Louis S.B. Aug 18 steam boat route agent datestamp and "5" due handstamp on 1853 folded letter from Cyprus Mills, Missouri to St. Louis

(stock #L209, \$700)



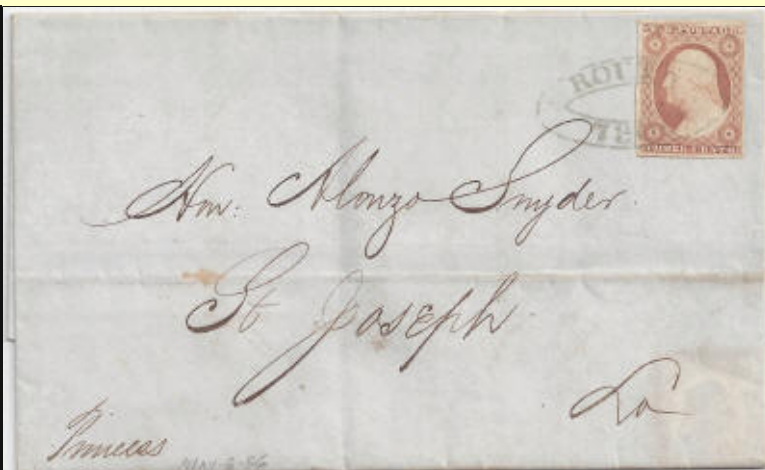
Maysville Way Jul 5 greenish blue datestamp (Maysville, Kentucky) on cover to New Lisbon, Ohio, 3c ultramarine (#114) with matching target cancel, fewer than five reported examples

(stock #L136, \$750)



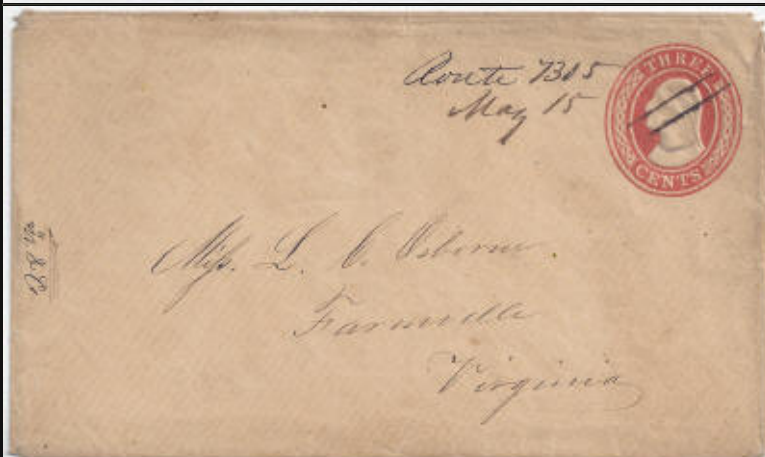
Route 7309 blue, large double oval steamboat route agent handstamp, New Orleans to Vicksburg route, on March 29, 1856 printed prices current and folded letter from New Orleans to St. Joseph, Louisiana, two copies 3c dull red (#11) tied at right by matching U.S. Mail Packet Natchez ornamented oval handstamps, very light crease affects lower stamp

(stock #L114, \$850)



Route 7309 blue, smaller double oval steamboat route agent handstamp, New Orleans to Vicksburg route, tying 3c dull red (#11) to May 6, 1856 folded letter from New Orleans to St. Joseph, Louisiana, 3c dull red (#11), letter crease causing light stamp shadow at lower right

(stock #L171, \$100)



Route 7305 May 15 manuscript route agent postmark, New Orleans to St. Francisville route, on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Farmville, Virginia

(stock #L172, \$250)



U.S. Mail Saturday Evening Packet, Str Natchez, Route 8165 Nov 21 route agent datestamp, New Orleans to Vicksburg route, on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Hagerstown, Maryland

(stock #L170, \$650)

River Steamers - Alabama Rivers



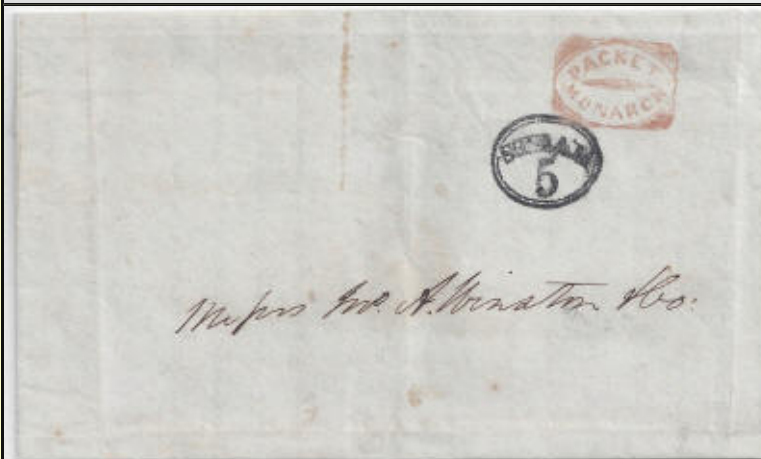
SB. Baton Rouge dark blue ornated circle handstamp, perfect strike, on undated folded cover to New Orleans, entered the mails with blue "Steam" handstamp of Mobile, Alabama and pre 1845 rate of "18 3/4" cents due, the only reported examples, *ex Jarrett*

(stock #L109, \$4500)



Packet James Hewitt red steamboat illustrated handstamp on February 6, 1850 folded letter from Demopolis to Montgomery, Alabama, endorsed "To be mailed in Mobile" and letter was carried outside of normal mails and posted with blue Mobile Feb 7 postmark and "10" due rate, *ex Somdal*

(stock #L168, \$6500)



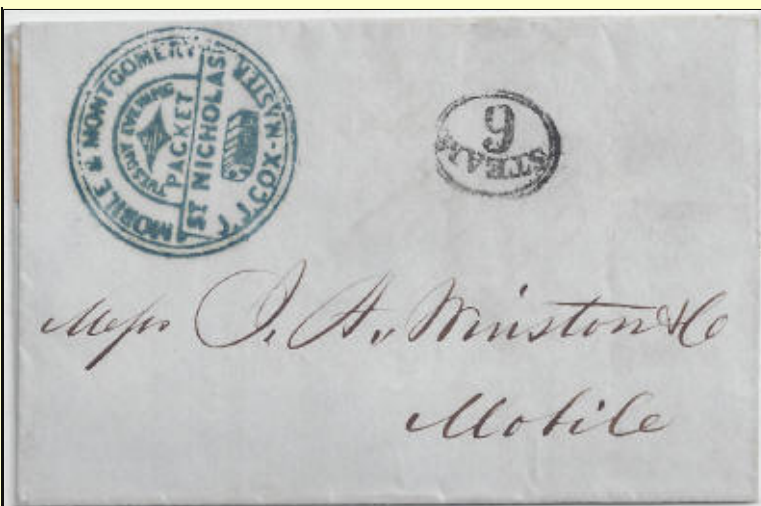
Packet Monarch red ornated and shaded handstamp on January 1, 1852 folded letter from Fairfield, Alabama to (Mobile), their double oval "Steam 5" due handstamp

(stock #L139, \$850)



Steamer Eliza Battle blue ornated and shaded handstamp, exceptionally clear strike, on February 12, 1854 folded letter from Jones Bluff, Alabama to Mobile, their double oval "Steam 5" due handstamp

(stock #L111, \$2750)



Mobile & Montgomery Tuesday Evening Packet St. Nicholas, J.J. Cox - Master deep green illustrated handstamp, perfect strike, on May 20, 1859 folded letter from Pine Bluff, Alabama to Mobile, their double oval "Steam 6" due handstamp, PF cert, *ex Haas and Jarrett*

(stock #L101, \$12,500)



Regular Tuesday Packet Rescue, For Demopolis, Bladon & Cullums Springs, Capt. H.R. Johnston blue oval handstamp vertically at left of small cover to Washington, Louisiana, entered the mails at Mobile with 3c dull red (#26, faulty) tied by "Steamboat" straight line handstamp, matching: Jul 8 1860" double circle postmark

(stock #L181, \$1250)



Regular Wednesday & Saturday Packet Advance, For Demopolis, Bladon & Cullum's Springs, Capt. S.W. Abels blue cogged oval handstamp vertically at left of 3c red Nesbitt entire to West Feliciana, Louisiana, entered the mails with Mobile Aug 6 1859 postmark,

(stock #L176, \$800)



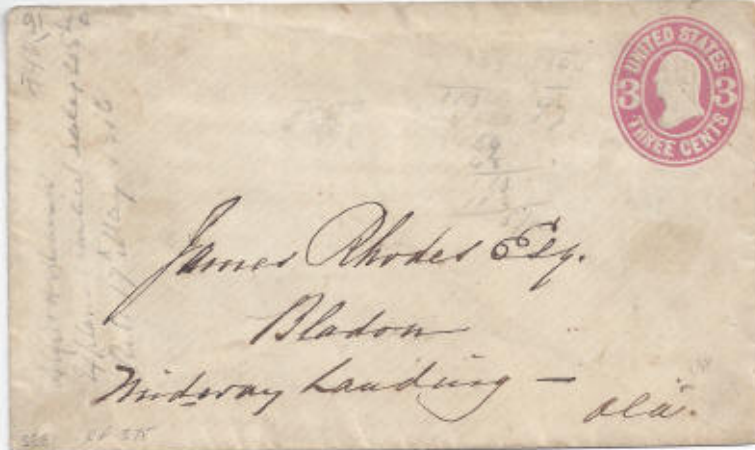
Steamer Messenger (Alabama and Miss. Rivers) watery brown ink, ornamented oval handstamp on cover to New Orleans, 3c dull red (#26, cut at left) tied by manuscript cancel

(stock #L189, \$450)



Steamer Jewess, Henry Shillito, Master, Israel Pickens, Clerk magenta on white label on reverse of 3c pink 1864 issue entire used to Bladon, Alabama, pencil "Rec'd 17 May 1866" docket at left

(stock #L174, \$750)



(Cahaba, Alabama) red steamboat illustrated handstamp, deep hull and single stack variety, used as a "Steam" entry marking from steamer "Lowndes" on the Cahaba River, matching "5" due handstamp on wrinkled cover addressed to Cahaba

(stock #L158, \$1500)

River Steamers - Upper Mississippi River



Steamer Dr. Franklin (#2) red ornamented rectangle handstamp on April 21, 1851 steamboat illustrated bill of lading for a shipment of rope from Warsaw, Illinois to Nelson's Landing, Lake Pepin (about 60 miles south of St. Paul, Minnesota)

(stock #L188, \$600)



Kate Cassel straight line handstamp tying 3c Nesbitt entire used to Hastings, Minnesota Territory, used during the brief time the vessel operated on the Upper Mississippi, illustrated in Risvold, the only reported example, *ex Risvold*

(stock #L214, \$1250)



S.B. Grey Eagle straight line handstamp with manuscript day tying 3c dull red (#25) to cover to St. Louis, the vessel operated on the Upper Mississippi, illustrated in Risvold, the only reported example on full cover, *ex Risvold*

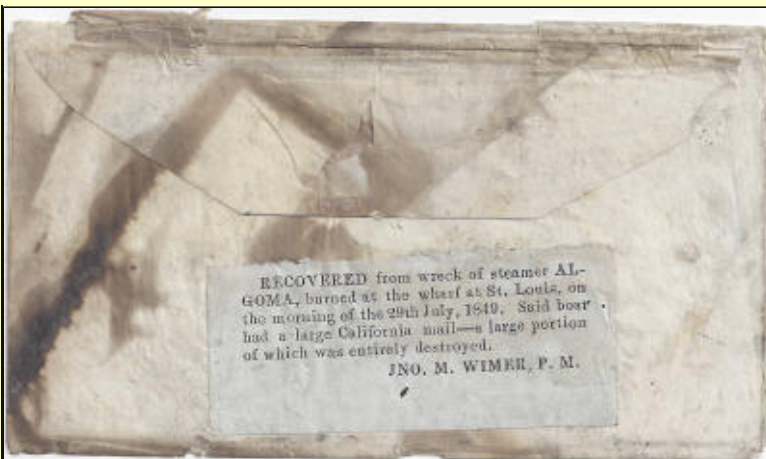
(stock #L216, \$3000)

River Steamers - Missouri River (and downstream to Mississippi River)



Pr Steamer Harry Of The West bold, two line handstamp on folded letter to St. Louis, letter dated from New Orleans on March 20, 1844, letter fold splitting

(stock #L108, \$2000)



Recovered from wreck of steamer ALGOMA, "burned at the wharf at St. Louis, on the morning of 29th July, 1849. Said boat had a large California mail - a large portion of which was entirely destroyed. Jno. M. Wimer, P. M.", text of printed label on reverse of cover recovered from the wreck, it had already been processed with St. Louis "Steam 10" red entry due handstamp, pencil 1849 docket at left, cover shows fire damage, two reported examples, three contemporary newspaper clips are compiled in pdf file [here](#)

(stock #L116, \$12500)



Morning Star bold, circular handstamp with star in center tying 3c dull red (#11) to cover to Geneva, Ohio, original four page letter written aboard the steamer, dated May 30, with excellent content, begins: "We are aground again for the hundredth time since we commenced ascending this stream." and towards the end: "all aground again,- in fact we have set & shoved off without causing any particular delay half a dozen times since this (letter) was commenced." entered the mail with "Steam" handstamp of St. Louis

(stock #L107, \$9500)

River Steamers - Ouachita River (and downstream to Mississippi River)



Ouachita Packet Princeton blue, cotton bale illustrated, fancy handstamp on folded letter dated February 26, 1848 from Beach Hills, Louisiana to New Orleans, letter mentions sending one bale of cotton and other goods,

(stock #L106, \$3500)



Princeton red, ornated boxed handstamp on January 10, 1849 folded letter relating to cargo from Union County, Arkansas to New Orleans, *ex Jarrett*

(stock #L150, \$1750)



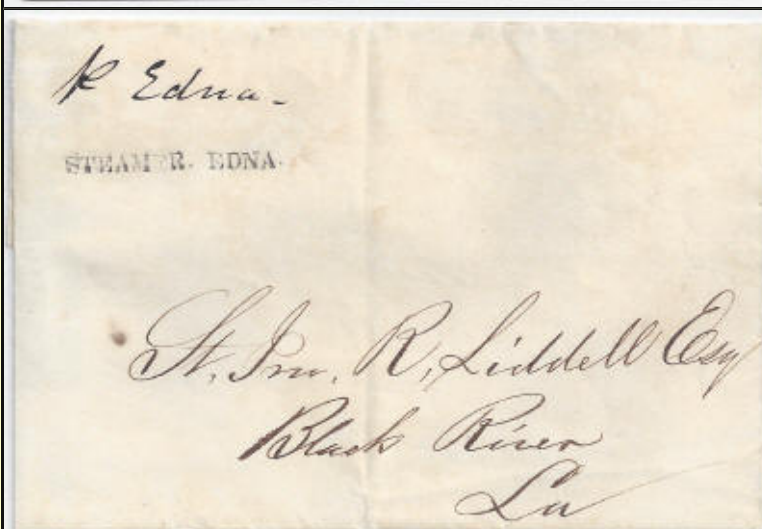
Steamer Latona red boxed handstamp, fancy script, on January 2, 1851 folded letter regarding cargo, including cotton, from New Orleans to Monroe, Louisiana

(stock #L143, \$700)



Ouachita Packet New World, Len Moore, Master red ornated oval handstamp on April 10, 1851 folded letter from Camden, Arkansas to New Orleans, entered the mails with "Way 11 Cents" handstamp and red New Orleans postmark

(stock #L196, \$600)



Steamer Edna straight line handstamp on undated folded cover to Black River, Louisiana, manuscript endorsement to the steamer

(stock #L115, \$1500)



Regular Ouachita Passenger Packet Steamer Dr. Buffington ornamented oval handstamp on cover to New Orleans, left sheet margin strip of three 1c blue (#9) with black "Way" cancels of New Orleans

(stock #L156, \$8000)



N. Orleans & Ouachita Packet Lewis Whiteman blue oval handstamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans, entered mails with "Steam" handstamp and red New Orleans postmark

(stock #L147, \$700)



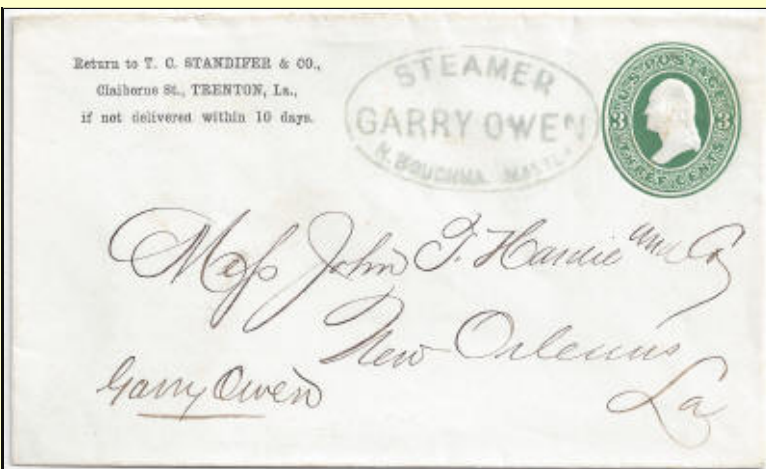
Regular N.O. & Camden (Arkansas) Packet Welcome blue oval handstamp on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to New Orleans

(stock #L151, \$200)



Ouachita River Packet Mayflower Nov 29 1869 double oval datestamp on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to New Orleans

(stock #L149, \$300)



Steamer Garry Owen N. Bouchma, Master bluish oval handstamp on 3c green 1870 issue entire from Trenton, Louisiana to New Orleans,

(stock #L154, \$350)

River Steamers - Red River (and downstream to Mississippi River)



From Red River Packet Creole crude oval handstamp on April 8, 1849 folded letter from Minden, Louisiana to New Orleans

(stock #L200, \$1000)

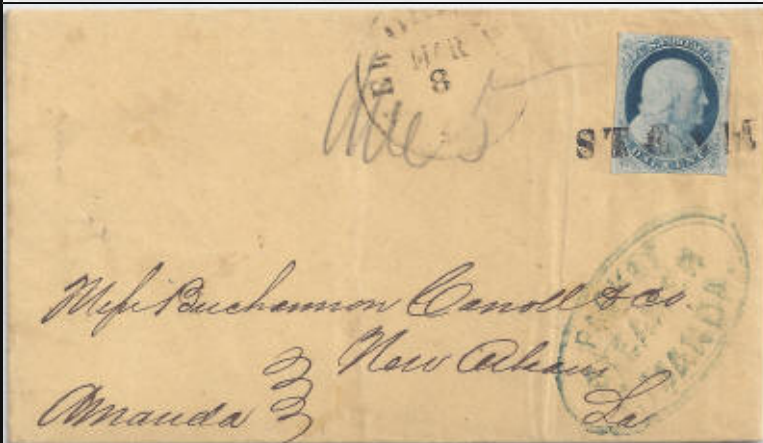


Steamer Duck-River red oval, ornamented, handstamp on October 1, 1850 folded letter from Alexandria, Louisiana to New Orleans

(stock #L152, \$750)

Steamer Echo black ornamented handstamp, shaded letters, on January 8, 1851 folded letter from Jefferson, Texas to New Orleans, entered the mails with red New Orleans postmark and double circle "Steam 10" handstamp, *ex Haas and Jarrett*

(stock #L153, \$3500)



Packet Steamer Amanda clear blue oval handstamp on cover to New Orleans, 1c blue (#9) tied by black "Steam" cancel, matching New Orleans "Mar 8" postmark, pencil "due 5" at left, cover creases away from adhesive and packet mark

(stock #L113, \$850)



Natchitoches Packet Swamp Fox red double oval handstamp on cover to New Orleans, 3c dull red (#11) tied by by black "Steam" cancel, matching New Orleans "Feb 1" postmark

(stock #L183, \$650)



By Steamer Rapides boxed, steamer illustrated handstamp, very detailed illustration but somewhat weak strike, on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans

(stock #L122, \$3500)



Steamer Bayou Belle, Capt J.D. Walker red oval handstamp, perfect strike, on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans, manuscript cancel

(stock #L198, \$400)



Red River Passenger Packet Lucy Holcombe, Wm. D. Bateman, Master, green oval handstamp, perfect strike, on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans

(stock #L127, \$700)



From Natchitoches Packet D.R. Carroll oval handstamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans, entered mails with "Steam" cancel and matching New Orleans Dec 6 1859" postmark

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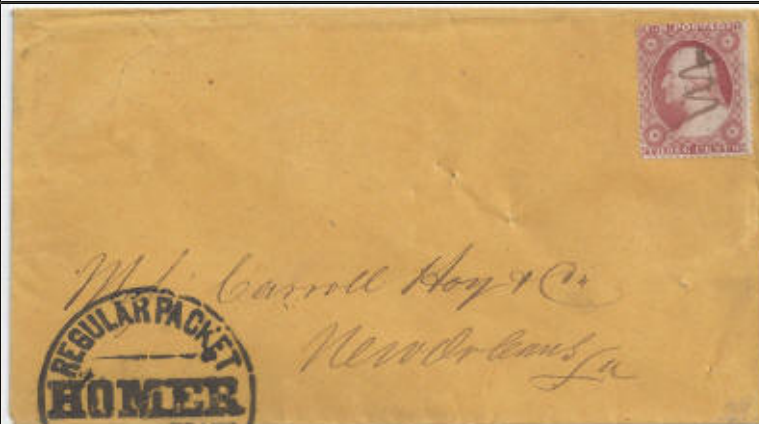
From Steamer R.W. Powell dark green oval handstamp, perfect strike, on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans, entered mails with "Steam" cancel

(stock #L148, \$950)



From the Red River Packet Moro, Jos Aguader Master, J. Amsden Ca, red oval handstamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans, entered mails with black "Steam" cancel and matching New Orleans "Nov 27 1860" postmark

(stock #L186, \$850)



Regular Packet Homer dark black segmented circle boldly struck (deliberately) off cover at foot so the "Saml Applegate Master" at bottom of device does not show, on cover to New Orleans, 3c dull red (#26) with manuscript cancel, to New Orleans, entered mails with "Steam" cancel

(stock #L142, \$1500)



Steamer Grand Duke, Apr 29 1861 datestamp, perfect strike on **Louisiana Confederate period**, Phelps & Rogers, Grocers and Commission Merchants, Shreveport, La. corner card cover to New Orleans, 3c dull red (#26) with manuscript cancel

(stock #L123, \$4500)



New Orleans, Alexandria, Natchitoches & Grand Ecore, Weekly Packet St. Nicholas, J.C. Dowty, Master, Leaves New Orleans Every Saturday at 5 PM, blue framed handstamp on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to New Orleans

(stock #L193, \$100)



Stonewall, Feb 12 1869 ornamented blue octagon datestamp on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to New Orleans

(stock #L192, \$100)

River Steamers - Mississippi River



Steamer Henry Clay cogged circle handstamp on March 8, 1842 folded letter from New Orleans to Natchez, Mississippi, entered mails their with blue "Steam" handstamp and manuscript "56 1/4" triple 18 3/4 cents rate plus 1c way fee, cover has been cleaned away from the marking

(stock #L124, \$2500)

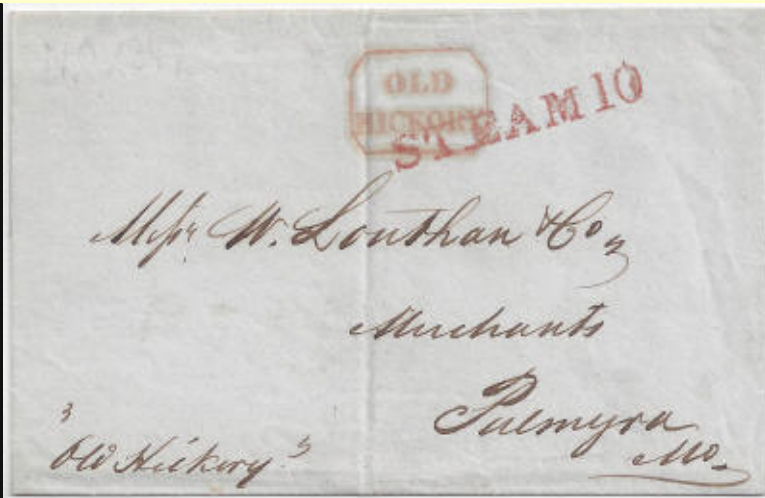


Homer orange red straight line handstamp on on February 28, 1848 folded letter regarding cargo from French Port to New Orleans

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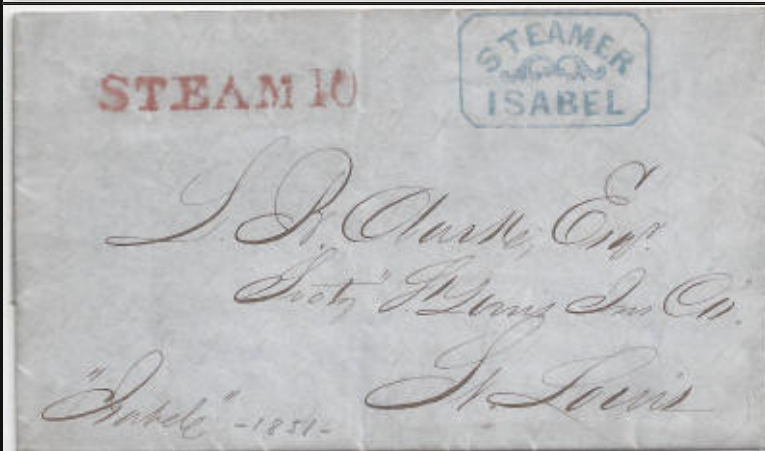
Old Hickory orange red boxed handstamp on June 7, 1857 folded letter from New Orleans to Palmyra, Missouri, entered the mails at St. Louis, Missouri with their red "Steam 10" handstamp

(stock #L177, \$750)



Steamer Sultana of St. Louis orange red circular handstamp with negative lettering, perfect strike, on October 5, 1849 folded letter from New Orleans to St. Louis, Missouri, entered the mails with their red "Steam 10" handstamp

(stock #L125, \$2500)



Steamer Isabel ornamented blue boxed handstamp on February 17, 1851 folded letter from New Orleans to St. Louis, Missouri, entered the mails with their red "Steam 10" handstamp

(stock #L126, \$800)



Nashville & New Orleans Packet H.R.W. Hill, T.H. Newell, Master, fancy orange red scroll in double oval handstamp on June 5, 1853 folded letter from Point Comfort, Arkansas to Natchez, Mississippi, entered the mails with red "New Orleans, Louisiana Jun 9" postmark with integral "5" due rate and black "Steam" handstamp

(stock #L137, \$1750)



Regular St. Louis And N. Orleans Packet T.H. Larkin fancy handstamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans, entered the mails with New Orleans Mar 18 postmark and their "Steam" handstamp

(stock #L118, \$1250)



Indianola, Cap. Jas. Ransom, H. Beeson Clk, brilliant orange red double lined oval handstamp, perfect strike, on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans,

(stock #L175, \$850)



Packet P.C. Wallis, Capt G.W. Carras, Master blue double oval handstamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans, entered the mails with red New Orleans May 13 postmark and their "Steam" handstamp

(stock #L190, \$500)



Bayou Sarah Packet Laurel Hill red oval handstamp on cover to New Orleans, 3c dull red (#26) tied by their "Steam" handstamp, matching "New Orleans Mar 19 1858" postmark

(stock #L182, \$450)



From Steamer Planter, C.V. Wells, Master balloon handstamp on 3c red Star Die entire to New Orleans, the only recorded trip of this steamer in period of possible use is a March 1861 trip which would make it a **Confederate Period** use, (see advertisements [here](#) and [here](#))

(stock #M153, \$2000)



Steamer Magenta Jan 30 1865 datestamp on cover that entered the mails at Cairo, Illinois, 3c rose (#65) tied by their "Feb 1 1865" duplex postmark, the *Magenta* had departed from New Orleans on January 24, 1865, see news report [here](#)

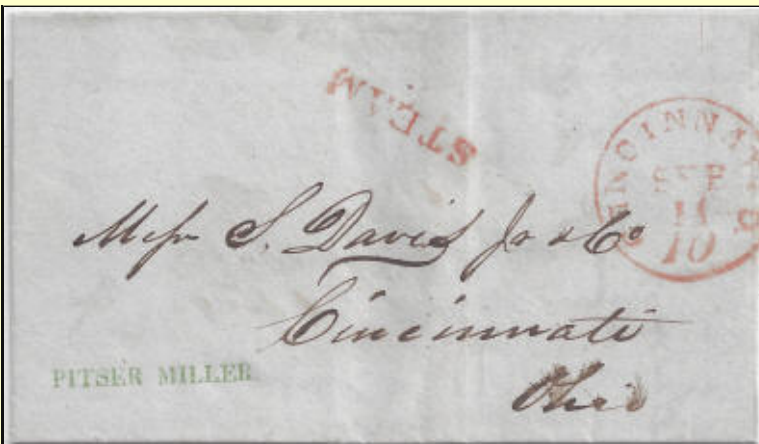
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River Steamers - Ohio River (and downstream to Mississippi River)



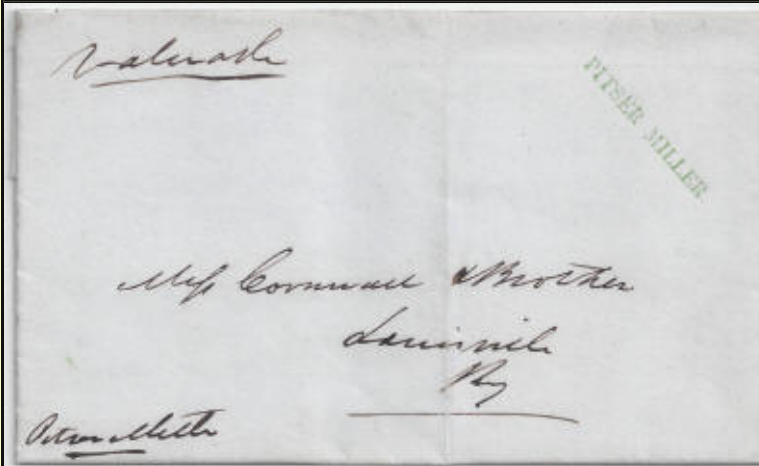
Star Spangled Banner stenciled packet mark on January 23, 1847 folded letter from New Orleans to Cincinnati, Ohio, entered the mails with their orange red "Feb 2" postmark, matching "Steam" handstamp and manuscript "10" rate, *ex Haas*

(stock #L161, \$7000)



Pitser Miller lime green straight line handstamp on September 5, 1849 folded letter from Memphis, Tennessee to Cincinnati, Ohio, entered the mails with their orange red "Sep 10" postmark with integral "10" rate and matching "Steam" handstamp (see following for companion letter carried on same trip that did not enter the mails), *ex Jarrett*

(stock #L132, \$3500)



Pitser Miller lime green straight line handstamp on September 3, 1849 folded letter, endorsed "valuable" that mentions enclosing a check for \$4,323, from Memphis, Tennessee to Louisville, Kentucky (see previous for companion letter carried on same trip that entered the mails), *ex Jarrett*

(stock #L102, \$2500)



Louisville & New Orleans Packet Bunker Hill No.3, red Bunker Hill Monument illustrated handstamp on March 1, 1850 folded letter from New Orleans to Louisville, Kentucky

(stock #L119, \$1250)



Uncle Sam stencil packet marking on December 31, 1851 folded letter to Camden, Ohio that mentions, "we are now below the mouth of the Ohio some two hundred miles," entered the mails at Louisville, Kentucky with their bluish "Jan 4" postmark with integral "5" rate and "Steam" handstamp

(stock #L159, \$5000)



Cincinnati & Louisville, U.S. mail Line, Steamer Telegraph No. 2, Moses McClellan, Master blue cameo corner card cover used to Hillsboro, North Carolina, blue **Louisville & St. Louis S.B.** waterway route agent "Mar 4" postmark and matching "5" rate handstamp, manuscript sender directives, cover age spots, *ex Kramer*

(stock #L210, \$800)



Louisville & New Orleans Packet "Woodford" Jas. Mather, Master, clogged oval handstamp on cover to Massachusetts, entered mail with 3c dull red (#11) tied by Cairo, Illinois "Mar 28" postmark and manuscript 1857 docket

(stock #L187, \$500)



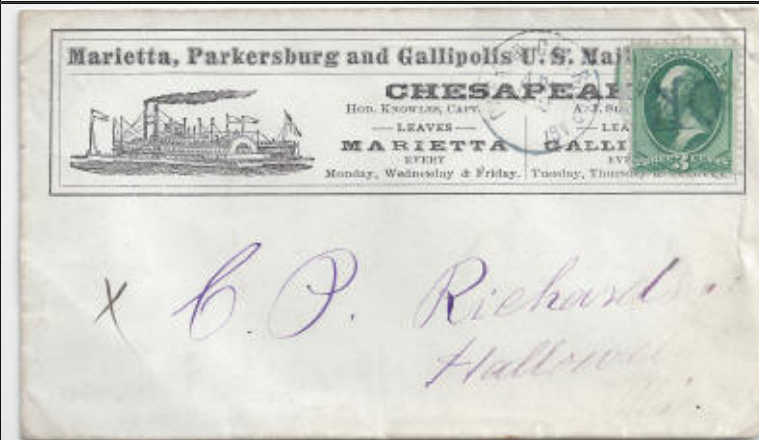
Packet Eclipse, bluish green trip lined oval handstamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire to New Orleans, Louisiana, entered the mails with their "Nov 28" postmark and "Steam" cancel

(stock #L191, \$300)



Steamer Jennie Gray, Capt M.S. Knox large stencil marking, with ornaments, on reverse of cover to Massachusetts, entered mails with 3c dull red (#26, faults) tied by St. Louis, Missouri Sep 1857 postmark, front slightly discolored, slightly reduced, still a spectacular marking, the only reported example

(stock #L103, \$7000)



Str. St. Nicholas Leaves N.O. Mar 2 blue datestamp struck twice on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to New Orleans, Louisiana

(stock #L194, \$150)

Marietta, Parkersburg and Gallipolis U.S. Mail Packet Chesapeake printed imprint cover with additional text and steamboat illustration used to Maine, **Park & Gal. Riv. Agent** waterway route agent postmark and matching "OK" cancel on 3c green 1870 issue adhesive

(stock #L167, \$800)

Regular Cincinnati & New Orleans Mammoth Passenger Steamer Belle of Shreveport, bicolor illustrated imprint cover with additional text used to Connecticut, 1c gray blue tied by Cincinnati double oval, unsealed cover sent circular rate

(stock #L199, \$475)

River Steamers - Illinois River



order
J.W. Leach Esq
Hennepin Ill

Regular Packet Altoona ornamented red oval handstamp on "W.C. Boilvin & Co, Commission & Forwarding House. Peoria, Illinois" blue embossed cameo advertising cover used to Hennepin, Illinois, endorsed "order" at top to obviate need for U.S. postage, carried between two towns on the Illinois River

(stock #L179, \$500)

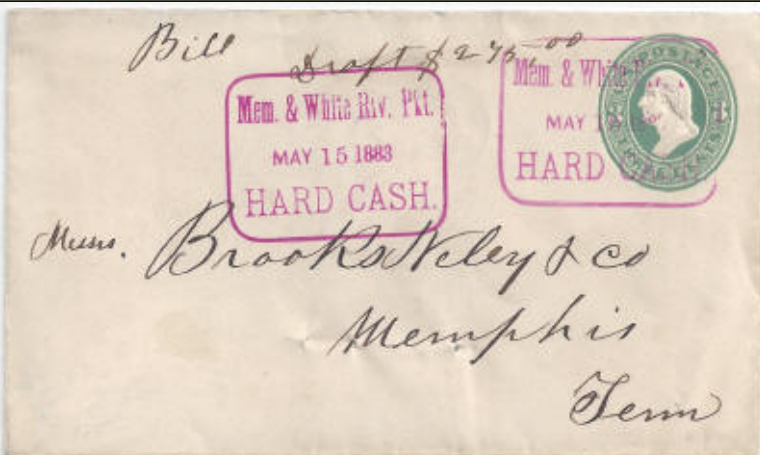
River Steamers - *Tennessee River*



New Orleans & Florence Packet Cherokee ornamented magenta oval handstamp, on partially printed, steamboat illustrated, bill of lading for 86 bales of cotton dated at Eastport, Tennessee January 14, 1850 for steamer *Cherokee* bound for New Orleans

(stock #L184, \$200)

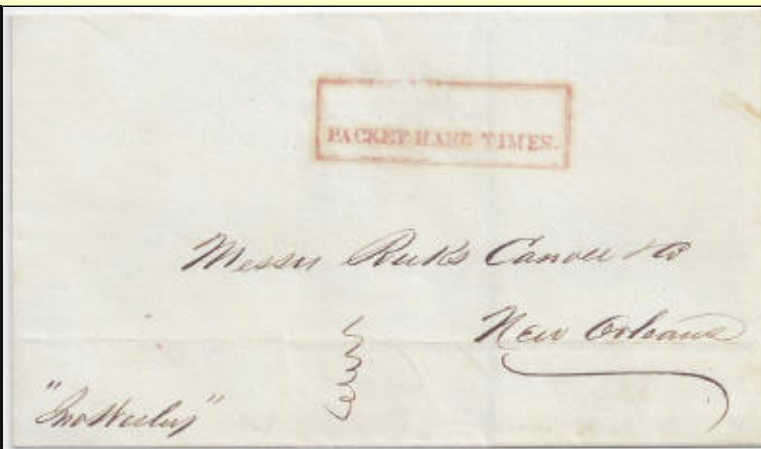
River Steamers - *White River*



Mem. & White Riv. Pkt Hard Cash, May 15 1883 magenta boxed datestamp struck twice on 3c green 1870 issue entire to Memphis, Tennessee, manuscript "Draft \$275" at top, pin holes, with two unrelated bills of lading for goods shipped on the *Hard Cash*

(stock #L146, \$650)

River Steamers - *Yazoo River*



Packet Hard Times orange red boxed handstamp on folded cover to New Orleans, pencil note that contents were dated at Yazoo City, Mississippi docket is October 13, 1847 from Crosby & Company

(stock #L133, \$1500)

River Steamers - Sunflower River



Sun-Flower River Packet News Boy Dec 10 1868 double circle datestamp on 3c pink 1864 issue entire to New Orleans, the Sunflower River is a tributary of the Yazoo River

(stock #L173, \$275)

Wharf and Steamboat Agents



Forwarded By Johnson & Peay's New Wharf Boat, Napoleon, Ark ornamented handstamp on 3c red Nesbitt entire to Napoleon, Arkansas, New Albany, Indiana Feb 16 postmark, newspaper notices mentioning Johnson & Peay's Wharf Boat were found [here](#) and [here](#)

(stock #L140, \$750)



Paid F.A. Dentzel, Agt N.O. P.O. neat cancel tying 3c dull red (#11, full margins) to folded letter dated June 7, 1852 at Alexandria, Louisiana to New Orleans, clear strike **New Orleans, Alexandria & Natchitoches Packet P. Dalmau** ornamented handstamp to left, letter mentions, "Our jail was set on fire this morning by an inmate a runaway Negro - as the door was opened he jumped out & was shot by the jailor & lies speechless tho not yet dead," *ex Stephen Brown*

(stock #L130, \$900)



From Geo. D. Hite New Orleans red double lined oval handstamp of the wharf agent on 3c red Nesbitt entire "For Freight by Andy Fulton" to New Orleans

(stock #L195, \$350)



Geo. D. Hite & Co. Steamboat Agent, New Orleans red double lined oval handstamp of the wharf agent on 3c red Nesbitt entire used to New Orleans, manuscript cancel, **From Steamer Lecomte, C. Johnson, Capt.** brown oval packet handstamp

(stock #L197, \$750)

Richard Frajola (July 2012)