

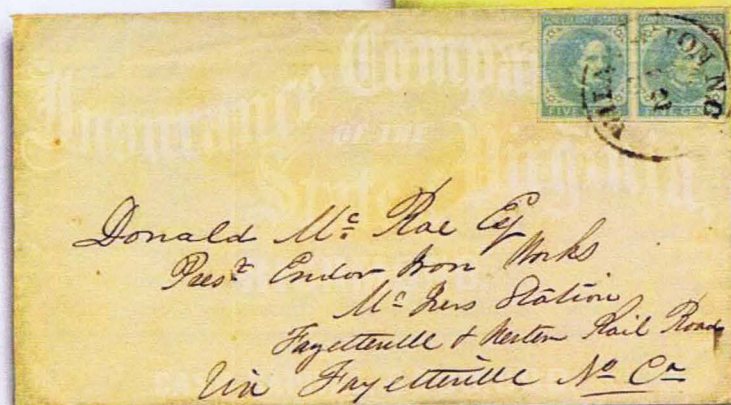
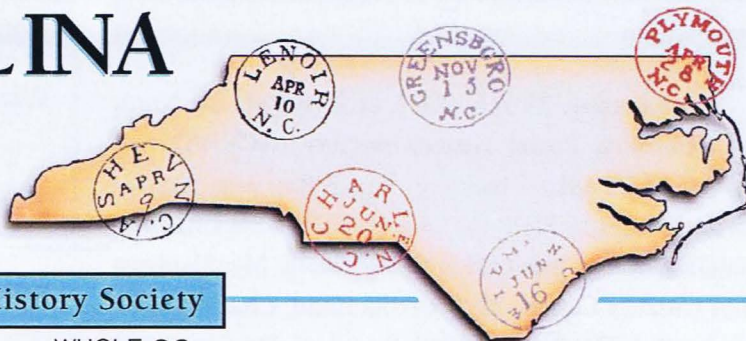
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Saturday, 28 July 2007, at 2:00 PM, the North Carolina Postal History Society (NCPHS) will hold its annual meeting. Again this year we will meet during CHARPEX, the annual show of the Charlotte Philatelic Society. It is held at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Senior Citizens Center, 2225 Tyvola Road, Charlotte, NC (Exit 5 off I-77). The NCPHS Board of Directors will meet at 1:00 PM before the annual meeting. If you would like to exhibit at this show, a prospectus outlining the general exhibit rules, frame specifications, exhibit setup and takedown schedules, and other instructions for exhibitors is available from the Charlotte Philatelic Society web site <http://www.charpex.info/>. Please mark your calendar with this date and plan to join us at the annual meeting.

Two of our directors' terms will end this year. If you are interested in serving the society for a three-year director term, please contact me or Vice-President Harvey Tilles.

The last issue of the *North Carolina Postal Historian* had an article about the new North Carolina Postmark Catalog project. After reading this article, Michael Schreiber, the editor for *LINN's Stamp News*, wrote about the project in his column of the 12 February 2007 issue. He was very enthusiastic about the project, especially about the catalog work being made available to the public via the Internet. Starting his article with praise for the society he wrote, "Collectors of North Carolina postmarks and covers are at the forefront of documenting what postmarks exist for the state, and they are making the information easy to access." Continuing, he observed "What in years past was put into book form today is going on the Internet, and it's available to anyone. So far, infor-

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mation for 10 North Carolina counties is available on the web site of the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C." Recognition by the *LINN's* editor is very pleasing for his comments will reach thousands of collectors throughout the country and abroad. Now, 12 counties have been completed and posted. In this issue and future issues we will provide an information box that will show the latest status of the completed counties and the web site address.

Some of you who have not paid the North Carolina Postal History Society dues for 2007 will receive a reminder with this issue. Please send your payment to Bill DiPaolo, the Secretary-Treasurer, whose mailing address is shown below.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions for improving the society. Please feel free to call me at home (336 545-0175), send me an email message, or write to me. Both my email address and my mailing address appear in this journal.

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Born in New York City in 1947, Dr. Stefan Jaronski grew up in Asbury Park NJ, a resort community and distant suburb. His parents were Polish immigrants who arrived in the United States shortly after World War II.

One of Dr. Jaronski's earliest memories was of his mother soaking Polish stamps off of envelopes "from the old country." His father also collected stamps, but it was his mother who had the real passion for philately that her young son was quick to inherit. When Dr. Jaronski was in the fourth grade he acquired his first stamp album.

In the seventh grade, Dr. Jaronski placed a bid in a mail auction that would forever change his love of collecting and research. Thinking that he was bidding on a Boy Scout cover, the 13-year-old mistakenly purchased a Union Civil War Cover. It was addressed to Charles Ellet. Suddenly, the door was opened to an entirely new aspect of collecting—Civil War postal history. The young man, who already had a love of history and fascination with the American Civil War because of the Civil War Centennial, immediately went to the library where he discovered Mr. Ellet's biography. He learned that Mr. Ellet, known for building the first important wire suspension bridge in the United States, had converted nine steamships into ramming vessels (designated the "Mississippi Ram Fleet") and led his ships in the Federal attack on the Confederate fleet at the battle of Memphis, June 6, 1862.

The final event which lead Jaronski to collect and research Confederate postal history occurred when he was in the eighth grade. Bidding in another auction, he purchased a Confederate soldier's due cover, sent by Col. Charles Hart Olmstead of the 1st Georgia Volunteers to his wife. Jaronski could not find any information on Col. Olmstead, so he wrote a letter to the Georgia Department of Archives and History requesting information on Col. Olmstead. In response, he received a very nice letter with a photograph of Col. Olmstead, a copy of his reminiscences, published in 1890, and copies of some of his letters. All of a sudden, this envelope became a person, a person with a very interesting life! To this day, Col. Olmstead's photograph hangs in Dr. Jaronski's home.

Soldiers' due letters were not very popular at this time,

so they were in relatively easy financial reach for the high school student. Jaronski became interested in the history of each cover. One of the things that appealed to him was the requirement that each soldier had to endorse his name and unit number on the envelope. This meant that there was a return address and he discovered that he could get service records and regimental histories. History suddenly came to life!

His scholarly interests lead him to publish the first of his findings on the Army of Northern Virginia in 1968, in *The Confederate Philatelist*. He then did a tour of duty in the U.S. military, which put a temporary halt to his hobby.

In 1978 Dr. Jaronski graduated from Cornell with a Ph.D. in Entomology. He chose a postdoctoral opportunity in Washington DC, where he could also research postal history. During that time he also became Editor of the *Virginia Postal History Society's Way Markings*.

Dr. Jaronski then moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, where he accepted a postdoctoral appointment at North Carolina State University, with a parallel appointment at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. By this time, Dr. Jaronski had exhausted all of the official post office records and was now reading soldiers' letters, looking for comments that would help him understand how the army mail was handled. He now had access to the Southern Historical Collection, the Manuscript Collection at Duke University, and the North Carolina Department of History and Archives in Raleigh – a kid in a candy store!

He had taken the Raleigh job with the intention of also getting involved in North Carolina postal history. During his three-year stay in North Carolina, he became one of the original eighteen founding members of the North Carolina Postal History Society. During this time Dr. Jaronski got to know and work with Tony Crumbley, Vernon Stroupe, Phil Perkinson and Richard Weiner among others. He began studying North Carolina Confederate covers and the Union occupation of the North Carolina coast. He also published several articles in the *North Carolina Postal Historian*.

In 1983, Dr. Jaronski moved to Chicago IL, beginning a career in industry as an entomologist. He became editor of the *Confederate Philatelist* in 1988, a post he held for

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It was very easy to get bitten by the beauty variety and history of Confederate Advertising Covers. The medium blue shade of this Davidson College cover (Figure 1) is in the opinion of the author, extremely attractive (of course this may be because blue is my favorite color). The cover's focal point is the "Old Chambers Building" (Figure 1a). This stately building and centerpiece of the community burned to the ground in 1921, the new "Chambers Building" was completed in 1929.

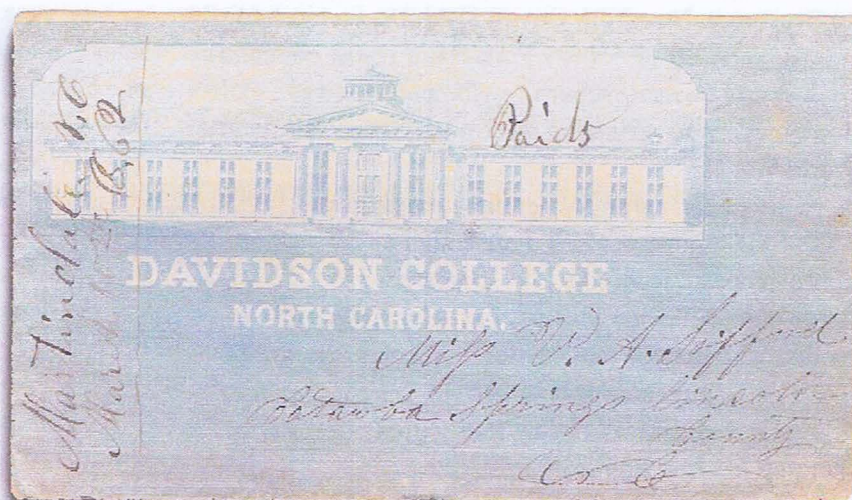


Figure 1 ▲

DAVIDSON COLLEGE
(All-Over design— Blue) "Martindale N.C. March 10th 1862" & "Paid 5" all in manuscript. This is considered an adversity cover as the posting office is different than the advertising origination.
(Courtesy Tony Crumbley)



◀ **Figure 1a**

Davidson College, "Old Chambers Building" ca: 1880 modified from a photograph.
(Courtesy www.davidson.edu website)

This lovely cameo is from a carriage maker in Fayetteville, A. McKethan (Figure 2) which illustrates one of their carriages in a medium to large size design. To date this is the only recorded example from this business. The A McKethan firm is known to have survived the war.

Figure 2 ▶

A. McKethan (Cameo – Blue)
FAYETTEVILLE N.C. xx-12-1861 25 mm DC
CSA # 1, (Forwarded) "due 5" ms.
(Courtesy Dan Warren)





Figure 3

THOS. CARTER'S Garden and Nursery (Imprint-Black) RALEIGH N.C. JUL 13 1861 26 mm DC (Blue) Provisional Handstamp 68xu1 (Red) an unusually strong strike. There is an interesting note on the reverse where the owner offers to go to Europe to purchase seed for the Confederacy if his expenses would be paid.
(Courtesy Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc. Sale # 795 October 28 & 29 1997)

One of the more stunning imprint covers is that of Thos. Carter's Garden & Nursery (Figure 3). The design nearly fills the left side of the cover illustrating a happy Farmer in the middle of a wide array of vegetables and farming implements all topped off by a winding grape vine.

Expensive tooling was required in order to produce advertising envelopes. In order to keep design costs lower, printers would offer stock designs where all that was necessary was to change the name imprint for different customers. The Thos. Carter's Garden & Nursery is a perfect example as this design is known to be used by at least one other firm; Nemaha Nursery (Figure 3a). Note that even some of the print style is the same on the two covers.

J. G. Williams & Co. (Figure 4), a Raleigh Banking firm is one of ten different varieties of "Blind" or "Colorless" embossed designs found so far used in North Carolina. These seem to get overlooked by Auction houses or get put into "group lots" as they are not considered "showy". Even though far cheaper to produce, this type has proven to be hard to locate and identify.

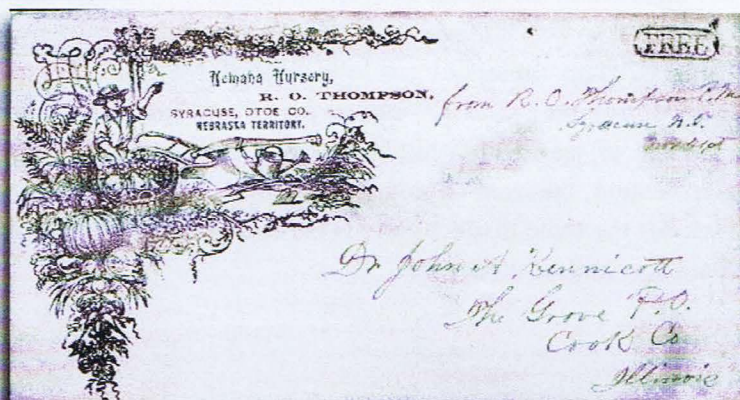


Figure 3a

Nemaha Nursery (Imprint - Black) Syracuse N.T. Nov 21st manuscript, oval "FREE" "from R.O. Thompson P.M". This cover also appears to be the listing copy for this town in the ASCC.
(Courtesy Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc. Sale # 551 September 17- 21 1979)

Figure 4

J.G. WILLIAMS & Co. (Embossed) RALEIGH N.C. JUL 12 (1863/64) 26 mm DC (Blue) CSA #12
(Authors Collection)



De Rosset, Brown & Co. (Figure 5) represents a rarely seen Handstamp advertising corner card. Though this looks very much like a Forwarders marking, this has been confirmed as a Factor or Commission Merchant. Forwarders' markings though an interesting study in their own right, have not been considered as advertising.

A simply marvelous cover from C.W.D. Hutchings (Figure 6) manufacturers of saddles and bridles, with cameo designed in the shape of a saddle. This cover though not included in the census as it has not been confirmed to be Confederate, is one of the finest known examples from NC. This illustrates just how creative the engravers and artists were during the "Classic" design era. There may be a Confederate example of this design hidden away in someone's collection! For clarification, the term "Confederate Cover" in relation to this census, includes the three distinct periods of: Independent State, Confederate State Use and Confederate.



Figure 5 ▲

DE ROSSET, BROWN & CO.
(Handstamp – Brown)
WILMINGTON N.C. 5 AUG (1861)
30 mm CDS PAID 5 (Dietz Type IA)
(Authors Collection)



◀ **Figure 6**

W.D. HUTCHINGS
(Cameo – Blue)
Raleigh N.C. This hand carried
cover is probably of Pre-War origin.
(Courtesy Rodriguez Archives L.L.C.)

North Carolina had surprisingly few advertising covers relative to its size and population when compared to other States. North Carolina's white population in 1860 was more than twice that of South Carolina (661,563 vs. 301,302) whereas the identified advertising covers of SC out number NC by over 2 to 1 (316 vs. 149). The census of Confederate advertising covers is an ongoing project and as new finds are added, this ratio will more than likely not change appreciatively. In discussions with Gen. Tony Crumbley, he pointed out that NC was a more agricultural Society and did not have

the thriving Business and Manufacturing centers like a Charleston SC, Richmond Va. or Augusta Ga. to name just a few. Raleigh and Wilmington have only 22 and 10 covers recorded, yet Richmond Va. has over twice as many recorded covers as the whole state of NC!

Advertising covers have been classified into 5 types i.e. All-Over, Cameo, Imprint, Embossed and Handstamp each of which has been illustrated above. Then the merchants have been categorized by their function i.e. College, Attorney, Grocer, Banker, etc. The following charts summarize the findings for North Carolina.

Many collectors consider “College Covers” as a separate and distinct collecting category like “Official/Semi-Official Imprint” and “Patriotic” covers. College Covers have been considered to be a sub-category of Advertising Covers. After all, the reason for the design, purchase and use of these envelopes was to advertise their College or Institution. Official/Semi-Official and Patriotic, except for those few that specifically advertise a business, have not been included in the census.

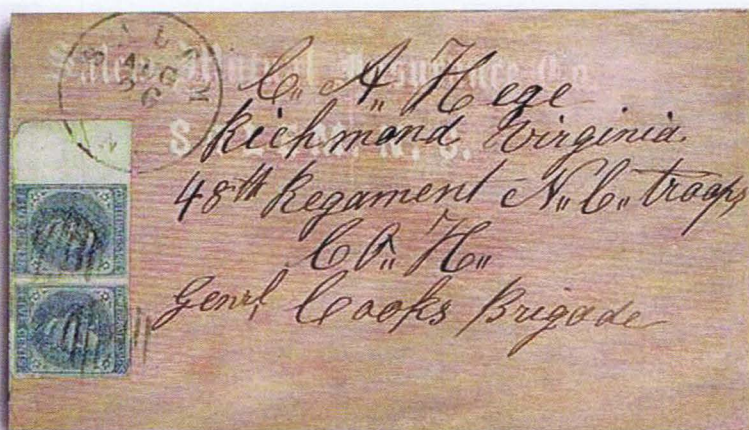
There are two very interesting articles by James W. Milgram, M.D. in *The Confederate Philatelist*, Vol.12, No.1 & 2 “A Turncoat’s Correspondence”, which discusses the Constantine A. Hege correspondence. C. A. Hege is the addressee of the All-over design cover shown in Figure 7.

Figures 8 and 9 are additional examples of NC advertising covers each one currently being the only recorded examples in the census.

ADVERTISING TYPES	CENSUS TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
1 All-Over	35	23.5%
2 Cameo	21	14.1%
3 Imprint	72	48.3%
4 Embossed	20	13.4%
5 Handstamp	1	0.7%
	149	100.0%

MERCHANT CATEGORY	CENSUS TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
1 College	57	38.3%
2 Attorney	18	12.1%
3 Grocer *	11	7.4%
4 Bank	10	6.7%
5 Rail Road	9	6.0%
6 Insurance	6	4.0%
7 All Others	38	25.5%
	149	100.0%

* Grocer includes Commission Merchant



◀ Figure 7

Salem Mutual Insurance Co. (All-Over – Rose)
SALEM N.C. AUG 26 (1862) 30 mm CDS
CSA # 7 (Horizontal Pair) double grid cancel
(Courtesy Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.
Sale # 875 April 27-28 2004)



◀ Figure 8

THOs. SMITH & Co. (Cameo – Blue)
WILMINGTON N.C. DEC 27 (1862) 31 mm CDS
CSA # 7 (Vertical Pair) Interesting belt or collar
form cameo from this Merchant.
(Authors Collection)

Figure 9 ▶

ELM GROVE FEMALE SEMINARY (Imprint–Blue)
MURFREESBOROUGH N.C. FEB 11 (1862)
37 mm CDS CSA #1 A rare blue imprinted
advertising corner card inside fancy oval design.
(Courtesy of Maurice Bursey)



Scans of virtually every Confederate Advertising design are on file, including some of the embossed designs that have not yet been identified. Unfortunately, catalog illustrations often do not show the embossed covers sufficiently well for identification. The vast majority of the 2200+ census listings have been generated from auction catalogs, books and exhibitions. Any assistance that collectors can provide in identifying the noted entries below, or have advertising covers not listed, NC or otherwise, are encouraged to contact the author. Your help will be greatly appreciated. All correspondence will be kept completely confidential. Please list covers in a format similar to the format below i.e. Merchant name function (if known) postal markings and franking. For advertising designs that are not currently listed, scans would be very helpful. PLEASE, contact the Author at 316 W Calhoun St. Sumter S.C. 29150, lbaum1@sc.rr.com or 803-775-9167. ■

The Census of North Carolina Confederate Advertising Covers:

Business Origin	Category				Qty	Date	Postmark	State	Misc.	Notes
Business Name	Color	Type	Stamp/Rate							
Ashboro										
B B Bulla	Att	Bk	I	PAID 5		12-10-61	Ashboro	NC		
J R Bulla	Att	Bk	I	11		09-01-6x	Ashboro	NC		
J R Bulla	Att	Bk	I	11		12-03-6x	Ashboro	NC		
S S Jackson	Att	Bk	I	12		08-06-6x	Ashboro	NC		
S S Jackson	Att	Bk	I	PAID 10		03-07-6x	Ashboro	NC		
Ashville										
J W Patton	Gro	Bl	C	1		04-19-62	Pigeon Run	NC	adv	
J W Patton	Gro	Bl	C	PAID 5		10-25-61	Ashville	NC		
J W Patton	Gro	Bl	C	Paid 5		06-18-61	Franklin	NC	adv	
Chapel Hill										
University of North Carolina	Col	Gy	A	1		02-10-62	Chapel Hill	NC		
University of North Carolina	Col	Gy	A	1		03-10-62	Chapel Hill	NC		
University of North Carolina	Col	Gy	A	1		03-31-62	Chapel Hill	NC		
University of North Carolina	Col	Gy	A	1		04-05-62	Chapel Hill	NC		
University of North Carolina	Col	Pk	A	1		04-20-62	Chapel Hill	NC		
University of North Carolina	Col	Gy	A	1		05-12-62	Chapel Hill	NC		
University of North Carolina	Col	Gy	A	1		05-22-62	Chapel Hill	NC		
University of North Carolina	Col	?	A	4		05-29-62	Chapel Hill	NC		
University of North Carolina	Col	Br	A	7	hp	?	Staunton	Va	adv	1
University of North Carolina	Col	Pk	A	7	vp	04-17-63	Chapel Hill	NC		
University of North Carolina	Col	Rd	A	12		09-21-6x	Chapel Hill	NC		
University of North Carolina	Col	Yl	A	USA 65		12-15-6x	Old Pt. Comfort	Va	adv	2
University of North Carolina	Col	Be	A	due 10		10-03-61	Yorktown	Va	adv	1
University of North Carolina	Col	Yl	A	due 10		10-07-61	Yorktown	Va	adv	1
University of North Carolina	Col	Gy	A	PAID 5		06-12-61	Salisbury	NC	adv	
Charlotte										
Charlotte Female Institute	Col		E	1		?	Charlotte	NC		
Charlotte Female Institute	Col		E	PAID 5		?	Charlotte	NC		
Charlotte Female Institute	Col		E	PAID 5		xx-21-6x	Charlotte	NC		
Charlotte Flour Mills	RR	Rd	C	none		06-17-61	Charlotte& SC RR	RR		3
North Carolina Powder Man..	Mfg	Bk	I	PAID 5		12-12-61	Charlotte	NC		
So.. Exp.. Company's Tele..	Tel	Bk	I	11		Dateless	Charlotte	NC		
Davidson College										
Davidson College	Col	Ro	A	1		04-07-62	Davidson College	NC		5
Davidson College	Col	Ro	A	4		?	Davidson College	NC		4
Davidson College	Col	Ro	A	4		12-25-61	Davidson College	NC		6
Davidson College	Col	Be	A	4		03-xx-62	Petersburg	Va	adv	5
Davidson College	Col	Gr	A	6	vp	08-30-62	Proctor's Creek	Va	adv	5
Davidson College	Col	?	A	1+ 7		?	Richmond	Va	adv	5
Davidson College	Col	Bl	A	7+DUE5		03-06-63	Goldsborough	NC	adv	5
Davidson College	Col	?	A	Paid 5		12-19-61	Catawba Station	NC	adv	5
Davidson College	Col	Bl	A	Paid 5		03-10-62	Martindale	NC	adv	5
Fayetteville										
A McKethan	Car	Bl	C	due 5+1		?	Fayetteville	NC		
North Carolina Presbyterian	Chr	Bl	I	FREE		06-16-61	Fayetteville	NC		7
Western Railroad Company	RR	Bk	I	7	hp	03-07-63	Fayetteville	NC		
Worth, Wightman & Co.	Hrd	Gr	C	PAID 5		?	Fayetteville	NC		

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	Color	Type	Stamp/Rate						
Goldsborough N. C. M. L. M. Co.	?	Bk	I 4		04-29-62	Goldsborough	NC		
Greensborough Greensborough Female College	Col	E	7	2	08-xx-6x	Greensborough	NC		
Greensborough Female College	Col	E	PAID 5		06-17-6x	Greensborough	NC		
Greensborough Female College	Col	E	PAID 5		06-24-6x	Greensborough	NC		
Scott & Scott	Att	Bk	I 7	hp	06-22-63	Greensborough	NC		
Scott & Scott	Att	Bk	I PAID 5		?	Greensborough	NC		8
Scott & Scott	Att	Bk	I PAID 5		?	Greensborough	NC		8
Scott & Scott	Att	Bk	I PAID 5		04-07-62	Greensborough	NC		
Scott & Scott	Att	Bk	I PAID 5		04-2x-62	Greensborough	NC		
Scott & Scott	Att	Bk	I PAID 5		11-20-61	Greensborough	NC		
Scott & Scott	Att	Bk	I PAID 5		11-26-61	Greensborough	NC		
Scott & Scott	Att	Bk	I PAID 5		12-1x-61	Greensborough	NC		
Scott & Scott	Att	Bk	I PAID 5		12-07-61	Greensborough	NC		
Scott & Scott	Att	Bk	I PAID 5		12-24-61	Greensborough	NC		
Sterling, Campbell & Albright	Pub	Bk	I 12		08-10-64	Greensborough	NC		
Hamptonville J & A C Gowles	DGd	Bk	I USA 26		05-27-61	Hamptonville	NC		
Henderville Allen & Jones	DGd	Bk	I PAID 5		08-19-61	Hendersonville	NC		
Southern Express Co.'s Telegraph	Tel	Bk	I 11		10-07-64	Hendersonville	NC		
Hillsboro Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I 1		04-26-62	Richmond	Va	adv	
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I 2		07-08-62	Hillsboro	NC		
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I 3		none	Hillsboro	NC		9
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I 6	vp	08-28-62	Hillsboro	NC		
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I 6		06-07-62	Richmond	Va	adv	
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I 7	hp	02-19-63	Hillsboro	NC		
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I 7	vp	11-21-62	Hillsboro	NC		
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I 7	hp	12-02-62	Hillsboro	NC		
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I 5. PAID		10-08-61	Carolina City	NC	adv	
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I PAID 5		03-01-62	Hillsboro	NC		
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I PAID 5		11-16-61	Hillsboro	NC		
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I Pd 5		?	?	?		
Hillsborough Military Academy	Col	Bk	I Pd 5		?	Melville	NC		23
Orange Hotel	Hot	E	PAID 5		?	Hillsboro	NC		10
Thomas Webb	Att	E	PAID 5		06-xx-61	Hillsboro	NC		
Thomas Webb	Att	E	PAID 5		07-18-61	Hillsboro	NC		
Lenoir Davenport Female College	Col	Bk	I 49x1		03-25-62	Lenoir	NC		
Davenport Female College	Col	Bk	I 49x1		09-21-61	Lenoir	NC		
Lexington Bank of Lexington	Bnk	Bl	C 7	hp	?	Lexington	NC		
Bank of Lexington	Bnk	Bl	C 7	hp	05-30-63	Lexington	NC		
Bank of Lexington	Bnk	Bl	C 11		01-20-6x	Lexington	NC		8
Bank of Lexington	Bnk	Bl	C PAID 5		Dateless	Lexington	NC		
Bank of Lexington, Branch at Graham	Bnk	E	PAID		08-xx-6x	Graham	NC		11
Lockville Lockville Mining & Manuf.. Co.	Mfg	Bk	I 11		xx-x9-6x	Fayetteville	NC	adv	
Lockville Mining & Manuf.. Co.	Mfg	Bk	I 12		?	Raleigh	NC	adv	
Mt Pleasant North Carolina College	Col	Gy	A 6 + 4		12-20-62	Winchester	Va	adv	
North Carolina College	Col	Br	A PAID 5		06-23-61	Mount Pleasant	NC		
North Carolina College	Col	Br	A PAID 5		06-31-61	Mount Pleasant	NC		
Murfreesborough Elm Grove Female Seminary	Col	Bl	I 1		02-11-62	Murfreesborough	NC		
Wesleyan Female College	Col	Ro	A 3	2	09-27-62	Murfreesborough	NC		
Wesleyan Female College	Col	Gy	A 7	hp	02-11-6x	Petersburg	Va	adv	
Wesleyan Female College	Col	Bl	C 7	hp	01-30-65	Charlottesville	Va	t/adv	12
New Berne J M F Harrison	DGd	Bk	I 6		?	Kinston	NC	adv	
Oaks W J Bingham & Sons Select School	Col		E Pd 5		11-08-61	Oaks	NC		13
Pittsboro J Thompson	Sad	Bk	I PAID 5		10-xx-61	Pittsboro	NC		
L J Merritt	Att	Bk	I PAID 5		10-21-61	Yorktown	Va	adv	

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Raleigh										
Creech & Litchford	Gro	Bk	I 12			?	Raleigh	NC		
Daily Confederate	New	Bk	I 6	hp	xx-xx-6x	Raleigh		NC		
J G Williams & Co.	Bnk	E	7		02-xx-6x	Raleigh		NC		
J G Williams & Co.	Bnk	E	12		07-12-6x	Raleigh		NC		
J G Williams & Co.	Bnk	E	68xu1		06-08-61	Raleigh		NC		
J G Williams & Co.	Bnk	E	68xu1		06-20-61	Raleigh		NC		
J G Williams & Co.	Bnk	E	68xu1		07-09-61	Raleigh		NC		
McGee & Williams	DGd	Bl	C 68xu1		10-2x-61	Raleigh		NC		
NC Inst. for Deaf, Dumb & Blind	Inst	E	11		10-09-6x	Raleigh		NC		
Raleigh & Gaston R R Co	RR	Bk	I 1	hp	01-01-62	Raleigh		NC		14
Raleigh & Gaston R R Co	RR	Bk	I 1	2	12-09-63	Ridgeway		NC	adv	14
Raleigh & Gaston R R Co	RR	Bk	I 11		09-23-64	Henderson		NC	adv	
Raleigh & Gaston R R Co	RR	Bk	I 12		02-xx-6x	Raleigh		NC		
Raleigh & Gaston R R Co	RR	E	68xu1		11-14-61	Raleigh		NC		
Raleigh & Gaston R R Co	RR	Bk	I none		none	Hand Carried			turn	15
Raleigh Bayonet Factory	Mfg	Bk	I 12		xx-20-6x	Raleigh		NC		
Raleigh Female Seminary	Col	Bk	I (due) 5		01-10-62	Norfolk		Va	adv	
The Illustrated Mercury	New	Bl	I 11		?	Raleigh		NC	turn	16
The Key-Stone	New	Bk	I 7	hp	?	Raleigh		NC		
Thos. Carter's Garden & Nursery	Nur	Bk	I 68xu1		09-17-61	Raleigh		NC		
Thos. Carter's Garden & Nursery	Nur	Bk	I 68xu1		07-13-61	Raleigh		NC		
Thos. Carter's Garden & Nursery	Nur	Bk	I PAID		12-06-6x	Raleigh		NC		
Rockingham										
Terry & Co.	Pub	Bk	I 11		12-16-6x	Rockingham		NC		
Rocky Mount										
Wm S Battle's Rocky Mount Mills	Mil	Bk	I PAID		12-22-61	Rocky Mount		NC		
Wm S Battle's Rocky Mount Mills	Mil	Bk	I PAID 5		10-23-61	Rocky Mount		NC		
Salem										
Salem Mutual Insurance	Ins	Pk	A 7	hp	06-23-6x	Salem		NC		
Salem Mutual Insurance	Ins	Pk	A 7	hp	07-17-6x	Salem		NC		
Salem Mutual Insurance	Ins	Ro	A 7	2	08-26-6x	Salem		NC		
Salem Mutual Insurance	Ins	Rd	A 12	2	08-01-6x	Salem		NC		
Salem Mutual Insurance	Ins	Rd	A PAID 10		06-20-63	Salem		NC		
Salem Mutual Insurance	Ins	Ro	A PAID 10		07-10-6x	Salem		NC		
Salisbury										
Adams Southern Express	Exp	Bk	I 4		xx-18-62	Salisbury		NC		
Martin & Richwine	R/F	Br	C 7	2	?	Salisbury		NC		
Martin & Richwine	R/F	Bl	C 7	vp	05-xx-6x	Salisbury		NC		
Sam'l R Harrison	Fur	Br	C PAID		none	Salisbury		NC	turn	17
Scotland Neck										
Classical and Military School	Col	Bk	I 7	hp	02-07-63	Scotland Neck		NC		18
Shocco Springs										
Shocco Springs	Hot	Bk	I 12		?	Shocco Springs		NC		
Thomasville										
South Western Tele.. Company	Tel	Bk	I 7	vp	03-xx-63	Thomasville		NC		
Vance (Company Shops)										
Office of the No. Ca. R. R. Co	RR	Bk	I 12		Dateless	Company Shops		NC		
Wake Forest										
Wake Forest College	Col	Bk	I 6	hp	09-19-6x	Dunnsville Wake Co.		NC		19
Warrenton										
Female Collegiate Institute	Col	Bl	C 11		Dateless	Warrenton		NC		
Warsaw										
Baptist Seminary	Sch	Bk	I PAID 5		xx-30-6x	Warsaw		NC		
Whitesville										
...(Auctioneer)	Auc	Bl	C 4	hp	07-21-62	Whitesville		NC	turn	20
Wilmington										
...(Merchant in Naval Stores)	Mer	Bl	C 7	hp	?	Wilmington		NC		21
A Maclean	Hrd	Bk	I 7	hp	?	?		?		
De Rosset, Brown & Co.	C/M	Br	H PAID 5		08-05-61	Wilmington		NC		
J. T. Petteway & Co.	C/M	Bk	I 11		08-1x-6x	Wilmington		NC		11
Seamen's Bethel Society	Chr	Bk	I 11		08-10-6x	Goldsborough		NC	adv/forw	22
T C & B G Worth	C/M	E	PAID 5		07-09-61	Wilmington		NC		
T C & B G Worth	C/M	E	PAID 5		07-14-61	Wilmington		NC		
Thos. Smith & Co.	Gro	Bl	C 7	vp	12-27-62	Wilmington		NC		
Zeno H Greene	Gro	Bl	C 1		03-01-62	Wilmington		NC		
Zeno H Greene	Gro	Bl	C 1		11-10-61	Wilmington		NC		

Legend for Census Chart

Category:	Type:	Color:	Misc:
Att Attorney	A All-Over	Be Beige	adv adversity
Auc Auctioneer	C Cameo	Gy Gray	turn turned cover
Bnk Bank	E Embossed	Bk Black	t/adv turned adversity
C/M Comm. Merch.	H Handstamp	Pk Pink	forw forwarded
Car Carriages	I Imprint	Bl Blue	
Chr Church		Rd Red	
Col College		Br Brown	
DGd Dry Goods		Ro Rose	
Exp Express Mail		Gr Green	
Fur Furniture		Yl Yellow	
Gro Grocer			
Hot Hotel/Spa			
Hrd Hardware			
Ins Insurance			
Inst Institution			
Mer Merchant			
Mfg Manufacturing			
Mil Mill			
New Newspaper			
Nur Nursery			
Pub Publisher			
R/F Ranch/Farmer			
RR Rail Road			
Sad Saddles/Harness			
Sch School			
Tel Telegraph			

Notes

- 1 Dietz Type II design all others Type I
- 2 Flag of Truce
- 3 Official RR Business carried on the RR, no Confederate rate applied
- 4 Dietz Type I design
- 5 Dietz Type II design
- 6 Dietz Type III design
- 7 Illegal use of "FREE"
- 8 Legal size envelope
- 9 Drop usage
- 10 Design not seen by the author, could be a cameo design
- 11 Design on the back flap
- 12 Turned adversity; Cameo side hand carried, "Inside use" Charlottesville to Wytheville Va.
- 13 Written in the hand of W J Bingham
- 14 Design with "Train"
- 15 "Outside Use" Ridgeway, N.C. with #11 dateless CDS
- 16 "Inside Use" To Thomasville, N.C. stamp missing
- 17 Inside use addressed to Charleston w/ no postal markings
- 18 Date from docketing
- 19 Auction catalogs have listed this postmark erroneously as Dawnsville. The Dunnsville Post Office was only open during the war.
- 20 Advertising cameo not seen by Author, may not be N.C., inside stamps removed
- 21 Advertising cameo not seen by Author, possibly F W Kerchner or James Anderson
- 22 Addressed to Petersburg, Va. then forwarded back to Goldsborough
- 23 Type II has an added comma. HILLSBOROUGH N. C., all others type I (no comma)

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If you visit the British Postal Museum and Archive at Freeling House in London, you can view the records called *Handstruck Date Stamps: Proof Books 1823-1990*. These books show impressions from government issued handstamps for the period listed, a valuable source of postmark information for British postmarks. Unfortunately, no similar set of impression books exists for the United States Post Office Department. Until recently, I was unaware of any records of U.S. postmarks. This article will demonstrate that these records were kept at the individual post offices. As far as I knew very few of these records have survived. The one reported here is the first that I have seen.

Tony Crumbley recently acquired a postmark record book for the post office of Elmwood in Iredell County. The Elmwood post office, 6 miles east south-east of Statesville on the Southern Railway line, was established on 11 December 1878 and was discontinued on 28 February 1954.¹ The book provides only a very short glimpse of postmark information for one North Carolina post office. As will be explained, others records existed. Perhaps more will eventually turn up.

The book is an unusual size, 11 7/8 inches tall and 5 3/16 inches wide. The cover has a printed label in which the postmaster wrote the inclusive dates of the record book. In this case, the book shows the dates 12 September 1906 to 19 February 1915. Although there is no manufacturer's label in the book, it was clearly a commercially-produced record book. The pages of the book are ruled vertically with red lines that provide columns for information. Horizontally it is ruled with light blue lines 5/16 inches apart. The information contained in the Elmwood book is exclusively postmark information. The postmaster struck an impression of the office datestamp he used on a daily basis. The markings are generally clear and easily read. Figure 1 illustrates two adjacent pages from the book showing the Elmwood postmaster's entries for the period 1 May 1908 to 31 May 1908. The illustration is reduced at the right because my scanner wasn't wide enough for the two-page width. A sample for each day was struck in

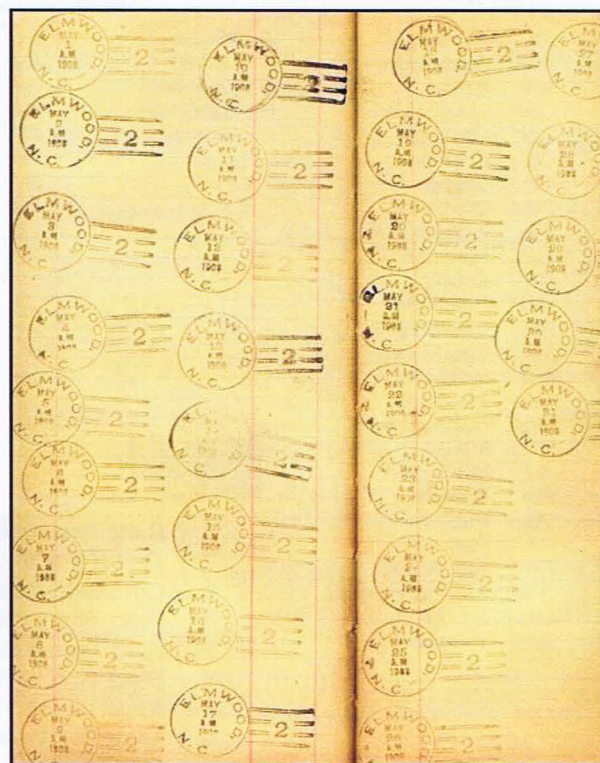


Figure 1 ▲

Two pages from the book showing postmark impressions for every day in the month of May 1908.

May 1908, which included Sundays, but not all months in the book showed Sunday postmarks. In May 1908 the postmark in use was a Doane Type 2-2 cancellation.² There are no textual comments in the record book, only postmarks.

The 1902 *Postal Laws and Regulations* provide some insight on this record book with information of which I was unaware.³ I would like to quote a few sections from the instructions to postmasters, using bold type for emphasis:

Sec. 567. [first paragraph] The figures of postmarking stamps must be carefully adjusted at the beginning of each day; **a clear impression must be made in a book specially kept for this purpose.** Special care must be taken not to omit the Sunday impression of the stamp if the office is open on that day. A book will be provided for first and second class

¹ *Post Offices and Postmaster of North Carolina*, 4 Vols., edited by Vernon Stroupe (Charlotte, N.C.: North Carolina Postal History Society, 1996), Vol.2, p.2-183.

² The Doane cancellation types are defined in Richard W. Helbock and Gary Anderson, *United States Doanes*, 2nd Edition (Scappoose, Oregon: La Posta Publications, 2002), pp. 9-15.

³ *The Postal Laws and Regulations of the United States of America*, Edition of 1902, in effect April 1, 1902 (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1902), pp. 276-77.

offices, and the larger third-class offices. **Postmasters at the smaller offices of the third class, and all offices of the fourth class, must supply this record book themselves,** or they may use blank facing slips upon which to make such records.

Sec. 567 [fifth paragraph] **The book or record of postmarks must be kept two years** after the last impression of the stamp is made in it, after which period it may be disposed of as waste paper.

From this it can be seen that it was no accident that such a record of postmarks was kept at Elmwood. As a fourth class office, it was not entitled to receive a record book from the Post Office Department, so the postmaster had to obtain his own record book. Because there are Sunday postmarks in the Elmwood record book, it must be assumed that this office was open on some Sundays. The instructions use the word “stamp” to refer to the marking device and not to an adhesive.

A few interesting aspects of the Elmwood postmarks during the 8-year period of this record book can be noted by reviewing the pages. Figure 2 illustrates the first marking made in the book on 12 September 1906. The clarity of the markings lines indicates the postmaster took great care to apply a very fine strike to start this record book. The Doane Type 2 cancelers were distributed in September 1903 and remained the issued style until July 1905, when another style was introduced.⁴ The North Carolina Doane records indicate that the Doane Type 2-2 of Elmwood is known from May 1904.⁵ So, the Elmwood postmaster must have had the marking device for more than two years when he started this record book.

Figure 3 shows the impression of the canceler on 12 October 1906. Note the rotation of the postmark dial with respect to the cancellation bars. Writing about Doane cancellations in his *Postal History* column, Richard B. Graham described the Doane canceler and showed photographs of an actual device, a type 2-2 device from North Danville, New Hampshire.⁶ The date in this device was 18 February 1913, probably its last day of use. In describing the Doane device he wrote that the town name was part of a molded rubber disk with an open center, where the date elements were inserted. The killer-bar section was a separate rubber part. According to Graham, “The dial and killer-bar sections are cemented to a cast sponge rubber base, which in turn is cemented to a cast white-metal plate (probably a zinc alloy). The handle is attached to the metal plate.” This device is illustrated in Figures 4 and 5. He noted that an unusual feature of some Doane cancels was that the town name in the dial seemed to rotate relative to the date and killer sections. Graham’s earlier column had speculated that the rotation problems observed on surviving cancels might have been caused by the rubber elements falling off when the glue dried out and that postmasters slapped them back on the device without regard to the orientation so that the town name was in a different position. This theory seemed to be borne out when he examined an actual Doane canceler sent to him by a reader of his first article. From the actual device it was clear that the dial was glued in place and could rotate only if the adhesive failed.

⁴Helbock and Anderson, op. cit., p. 215.

⁵The most up-to-date reference for North Carolina Doanes is the web site, <http://www.doanecancel.com/doane.html>.

⁶LINN’S Stamp News, 11 October 1993. This was a follow up to an earlier column about Doanes in 2 August 1993.

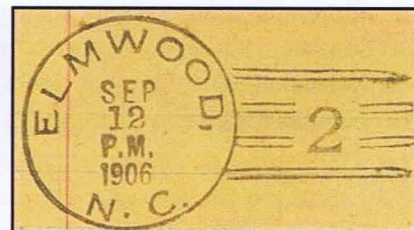


Figure 2 ▲

Initial entry in record book showing a Doane Type 2-2 marking struck on 12 September 1906.



Figure 3 ▲

Impression made on 12 October 1906 showing that the postmark dial has rotated with respect to the killer bars.

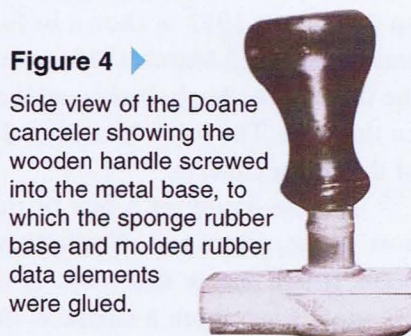


Figure 4 ►

Side view of the Doane canceler showing the wooden handle screwed into the metal base, to which the sponge rubber base and molded rubber data elements were glued.



Figure 5 ▲

View of the bottom of the device showing the molded rubber disk with an open center, where the date elements were inserted. The killer-bar section was a separate rubber part.

Graham's observations are supported by the sample impressions that can be observed in the Elmwood record book. The town name orientation was normal until 5 October 1906, when it rotated off the norm. By mid October the rotation was about 32 degrees. This orientation remained until July 1908 when it rotated several more times. Even when the killer section of the marking finally came off and was not re-glued in place on 29 August 1908, there were a few more noticeable rotations of the town name dial before its last use on 6 May 1909.

Figure 6 shows the impression of the Doane canceler on 3 September 1908. Notice that the cancellation section comprising the four horizontal bars and the numeral "2" is completely missing. Either this section was badly damaged and could not be re-glued to the device or the postmaster realized that the empty space for the killer could still make the required "killing" impression and elected not to replace it. The last impression showing the Doane cancel with its proper bars and numeral was struck on 28 August 1908. He continued to use the device without this section until a different device was received a little more than eight months later. The replacement device was the 1908 Type A/2 4-Bar device, shown in Figure 7.⁷ The first impression of the new 4-Bar canceler was made on 7 May 1909. Its use continued for another three plus years.

Another new canceling device was received on 26 July 1912, and the postmaster made one impression in his record book, but did not start using it regularly until 26 August 1912. This device was the 1910 Type B 4-Bar canceler with the wider band of the bars.⁸ An example of this marking used on 27 August 1912 is shown in Figure 8. The last entry in the record book was made on 12 March 1915, several weeks after the ending date written on the front of the book. It showed that the Type B 4-Bar cancel was still in use on this date. The rotation seen in the Doane cancels was not seen with either of the 4-Bar cancels.

Precise dating of a few of the cancellation devices used at one small post office, Elmwood, North Carolina, is possible because of this record book. It is a shame that more of these record books have not been seen or reported. Even more a shame is the fact that the government did not retain records of the canceling devices it issued over the years, a record that would be of great importance to collectors today. ■



Figure 6 ▲

Impression of 3 September 1906 showing the cancellation bars are no longer on the marking device. The damaged handstamp was used this way for more than eight months.

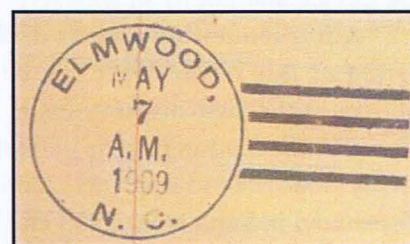


Figure 7 ▲

1908 Type A/2 4-Bar cancellation device used from 7 May 1909.

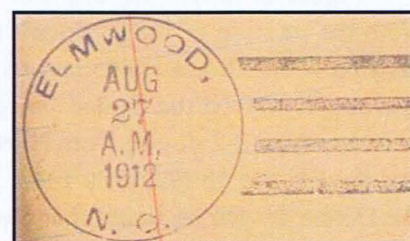


Figure 8 ▲

1910 Type B 4-Bar cancellation which was used from 26 August 1912.

⁷ Doug DeRoest, "20th Century Postmarks Issued as Standard Equipment," *La Posta*, September 1990, pp.8-19.

⁸ Ibid.

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seventeen years. Dr. Jaronski moved to Montana in 1992, to work for a biotech company. Eight years later he took a job as a scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in eastern Montana, where he still resides and conducts research.

Dr. Jaronski has two major monographs published in the *American Philatelic Congress Book*. The first is on Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. The second is on the evolution of army camp mail in the Confederate armies, broadening it out to the other armies. Dr. Jaronski has published an additional 230 articles on Confederate postal history.

He continues to be very involved in his love of the subject, especially army postal history. He is currently working on the upcoming *Confederate States Catalog and Handbook*, as a section editor for army markings, as well as Kentucky.

Dr. Jaronski has combined his scientific love of research with his philatelic love of postal history. It doesn't appear that Dr. Jaronski's enthusiasm has lessened any. He still experiences the excitement and joy of the seventh grade boy who suddenly realized that he had just purchased his first Civil War cover—by mistake! Who would have guessed where that would take him? ■

In the Fall 2005 issue of the *North Carolina Postal Historian*, Vernon Stroupe concluded that, after years of uncertainty about a possible misspelled Asheville postal marking, he was prepared to say there was a new variety of the marking. The basic datestamp had been used from the 1840s through the end of the Civil War. He read the marking as "ASNVILLE" instead of "ASHVILLE." He labeled the marking "Type 3.5" and reported it in the journal.

There is no question that the examples that he examined had the appearance of an "N" instead of an "H" in the marking. I was bothered; however, by the fact that a prominent post office such as Asheville would allow a misspelled version of its name to be used. The only examples in Vernon's records were all early during the Civil War, 1861–63. Perhaps the oddities that sometimes occurred in Civil War postmarks influenced his decision. Each datestamp was poorly struck and the letter "H" appeared to have no cross stroke. Figure 1 illustrates the cover that was most convincing to him.

After examining this cover's marking under high magnification I have reached a different conclusion and present what I believe to be sufficient evidence that this is not a misspelled datestamp, but just the normal one that had an overinked letter "H." The evidence lies in knowing how the serified letters were created. Figure 2 illustrates the letters "H" and "N" that are in a serified-style font.

The serifs are bars at the top of each vertical leg of the letter "H" and at the top or the bottom of the two vertical legs of the letter "N." The arrows

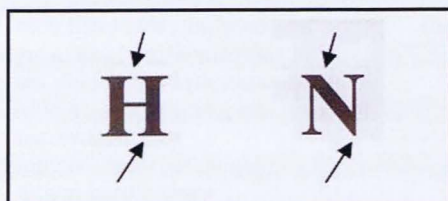


Figure 2 ▲

Examples of serif letters "H" and "N" with arrows that point to the distinctive serif bars on the vertical legs of the letters. The arrows point to the missing serif bars on the letter "N" which are on the letter "H."

not missing. These serif lines are here because the letter is actually an "H." Even though the appearance is that of the letter "N" the characteristics are those of the original letter, "H." Apparently the handstamp was not properly cleaned and accumulated ink in the center of the letter "H" changing its appearance when the handstamp was struck. ■



Figure 1 ▲

8 November 186x envelope (without the letter contents) from Asheville to Graham, North Carolina. There is no year date in the marking, which occurred sometimes during the Civil War period. This is the cover that was thought to best show the letter "N" in the postmark, a clear misspelling.

point to the serif areas of the two letters that that are different. The letter "H" can be distinguished from the letter "N" in that it has four serifs while the latter has only two. The arrows on the letter "N" show the serif bars that are missing. These distinguishing characteristics can help identify the letters even if the center parts fill in with ink.

Figure 3 shows an enlarged section of the questionable letter in the Asheville datestamp of Figure 1. This is the letter that was thought to be an "N." The arrows point to two serif lines that would be missing if the letter was actually an "N." But they are

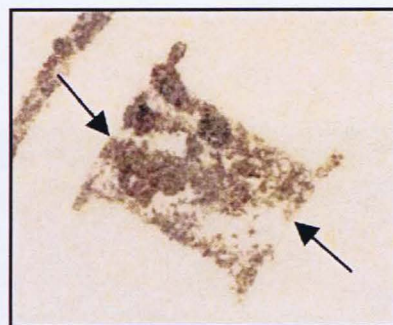


Figure 3 ▲

Enlarged portion of the Figure 1 datestamp showing the letter in question. The arrows point to serif lines that appear only on the letter "H" and not the letter "N."

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