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**FLOREX '86 PROGRAM**

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## FLOREX '87 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 a.m.	Judge's Breakfast	Omni
10:00 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting by Herman Herst Jr. Exhibition, Bourse and Post Office Sub-Station Opens	Hall 700 Expo Centre
	Confederate Stamp Alliance Board Meeting.	Sable Room Omni
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	National Association of Philatelic Federations	Orange Room Omni
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Viewing of David G. Phillips Public Auction Material	Lake Dot Room 3rd Floor Expo
11:00 a.m.	A Hour with Pat Herman Herst, Jr.	Garland Room Omni
12:00 p.m.	Judge's Luncheon	Omni
6:00 p.m.	Exhibition, Bourse & Post Office Close	Expo
6:00 p.m.	David G. Phillips Public Auction of Charles F. Meroni & Earl Planty Collections of First Day Covers	Amelia Room Omni
6:30 p.m.	NAPF/FLOREX Dealer's Hospitality Room	Magnolia Room Omni
6:30 p.m.	Bus leaves Omni for CSA Banquet at Church Street Station	

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.	Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs Board Meeting	Sable Room Omni
9:30 a.m.	Florida Chapter, American First Day Cover Society Meeting	Garland Room Omni
10:00 a.m.	Exhibition, Bourse and Post Office Sub-Station opens	Expo
10:00 a.m.	Confederate Stamp Alliance General Meeting	Magnolia Room "A" Omni
11:00 a.m.	Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs General Meeting	Ballroom "C" Omni
11:00 a.m.	A Hour with Pat Herman Herst, Jr.	Garland Room Omni
11:00 a.m.	"From News to Press-Linn's at Work, Slide Presentation by Ken Simon of Linn's Stamp News	Sable Room Omni

## (Schedule Continued:)

1:00 p.m.	German Philatelic Society, Chapter 23 General Meeting	Garland Room Omni
1:00 p.m.	"The Fascinating Philately of the Ryukyu Islands". Slide Show by Ryukyu Philatelic Specialist Society. Open to Public.	Sable Room Omni
2:00 p.m.	Club Workshop Seminar	Ballroom "C" Omni
	* JOHN HOTCHNER LECTURE * "Question & Answer Panel" Carl Burnett, Calvin Fiala, John Hotchner, Clyde Jennings, Ken Simon, and Karen Weigt	
2:00 p.m.	Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study	Sable Room
4:00 p.m.	Group Regional Meeting. Open to Public	Omni
3:30 p.m.	Judge's Critique	Garland Room Omni
6:00 p.m.	Show Closes	
6:30 p.m.	Cash Bar Opens	Omni
7:15 p.m.	Banquet Hall Opens	Grand Ballroom "C"

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:00 a.m.	Exhibition, Bourse and Post Office Sub-Station Opens	Expo
11:00 a.m.	Something Philatelic Clyde Jennings	Garland Room Omni
2:00 p.m.	Cuban Philatelic Society of America	Garland Room Omni
4:00 p.m.	FLOREX '87 Closes.	

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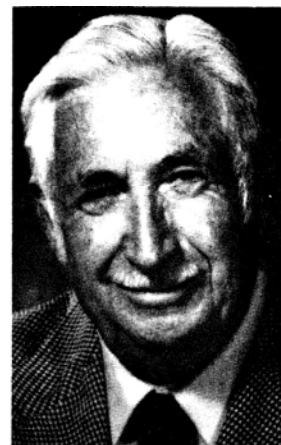
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ed that I compose this year's wel-  
coming statement in a slightly different  
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But we are again in the booming city  
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Again, we have been fortunate enough to secure a spacious municipal  
hall, next to the new Omni International Hotel. As is customary, there is  
no admission charge.

The dealer bourse has been enlarged this year, as you will find in this  
program, there are many interesting exhibits.

FLOREX has something very special this year, as we are the host for a  
most important meeting of the National Association of Philatelic Federa-  
tions. The inaugural congress of this new association had its beginning at  
VAPEX slightly under a year ago.

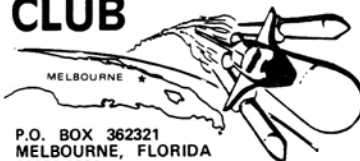
Our hard working FLOREX '87 committee has done a bang up job — and  
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## Stamporee '88

The Stamporee steering committee has signed with the prestigious Bahia Mar Hotel and Yachting center for next years Stamporee show, which will be held in April from the 22nd thru 24th, 1988.

The hotel is located between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal waterway at 801 Seabreeze Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Fl. This show will feature 200 frames of exhibits and 40 dealer bourse. Free private parking for 1400 cars in the hotels security supervised parking facility and special room rates for attendees will be available to all.

A special Luau cocktail party on the hotels Intracoastal waterway formal garden facility will be the Saturday night highlight on the 23rd of April.

The show will host the Spring meeting of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, and the British Caribbean Philatelic Study group plus other groups and postiques to be announced.

The hotels location is at the exact site of the original fort built in 1839 on the Northern shore of the New River inlet, by Major William Lauderdale.

## WELCOME TO FLOREX '87

Welcome to FLOREX '87! Last year the big question was "could we do it." Now that we have put that behind us, the question is "Where to go from here". First of all, welcome to the Confederate Stamp Alliance and their annual convention. Also, a big welcome to the many other philatelic societies who are holding regional meetings or just manning a table.

The backbone of all successful shows, as well as other philatelic endeavors, are the clubs. This years FLOREX is paying tribute to this fact in two manners. First, we are host to the National Association of Philatelic Federations. This fine organization has been formed in order to make use of all the knowledge that is present across the nation. Also, we will be holding an open discussion on club activities with some of the most prominent philatelic minds present.

These items, along with others, such as the Florida Federation of Stamp Club Board, we hope will show you where we are as far as the future is concerned! Hope you enjoy your visit.

Phillip E. Fetting  
General Chairman



## FLOREX '87 YOUTH PROGRAM

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all collectors visiting FLOREX '87. This is the 5th year that FLOREX has had a special youth exhibit and you are cordially invited to peruse these exhibits that have been submitted by youth from around the state. I hope all of you come over and see our replica of the Space Shuttle and learn more about topical collecting. We will have several collections on different topics and hope the youth will learn more about collecting by topics.

Take a few minutes and bring a young person over and see what the future "Philatelists" are capable of doing. We will be giving stamps away to all young people that stop by to see our displays.

At this time, I would like to thank my wife, Violet, for all of her support and the various clubs and individuals who have given of their time and stamps to make the youth exhibition a success.

Lewis E. Etherton  
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## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC FEDERATIONS TO MEET AT FLOREX '87

Representatives from philatelic federations across the country will be convening at FLOREX '87 for the second annual convention of the National Association of Philatelic Federations on November 6-8, 1987.

The N.A.P.F. presently has six prime objectives:

- (1) promoting philately within the local clubs.
- (2) determining the needs of local clubs.
- (3) assisting each individual federation and providing council with problems.
- (4) assisting federations to aid local clubs with exhibitions.
- (5) providing federations with information on aspects related to shows, bourses, meetings and financial matters pertaining to exhibitions.
- (6) acquiring and disseminating information to each federation through a central office and executive secretary.

These objectives are subject to change or modification based on the expressed needs of the individual federations or their member clubs, in order that the maximum benefit can be derived at all levels of philately across the country.

Since the first convening of the N.A.P.F. in November 1986, two new federations have formed and one other is in the planning stages. Their basic goals are to provide more and better services for the member philatelic organizations in their areas.

The formation of these new federations was accelerated, in part, by drawing on the information from and help by the present member federations of the N.A.P.F.

Federations are formed in order to pool resources and fulfill the needs of clubs and members that one club or individual member alone cannot attain.

Information is the fuel which drives the N.A.P.F. Information needed will be provided. Information provided will be disseminated to all federations.

This simple exchange of dialogue can provide solutions to problems based on the experience of other federations, provide more and better services to the individual clubs by their federations and, ultimately the individual collector and philately in general.

Ideas, thoughts, problem solving, challenge and activity keep the freshness in philately. The sharing of these fundamentals is the goal of the N.A.P.F.

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## FLOREX '87 PHILATELIC EXHIBITS

Frame #	Title and Description	Exhibitors'
1-6	Ryukyu Islands — Provisional Era: Development of Ryukyu Postal System under U.S. Military Administration, illustrated by stamps, covers, and documents	Robert F. Taylor
7-12	A Tribute to Beethoven: Definitives and Commemorative Issues plus philatelic items relating to Beethoven's life from birth to death.	Mrs. Gerald H. Davis
13-15	The Postal History of Charleston, South Carolina, during the First Year of Secession: Independent statehood, Confederate use of U.S. postage, Hand-stamped Pays, and Postmaster Provisionals.	Rick L. Calhoun
16-20	Bosnia 1906 Proofs. The exhibit features trial colors, issued colors in proof form, and marginal notations of the first pictorials.	Robert D. Reton
21-22	Chinese Airposts, an exhibit of the most elusive Chinese flight covers and markings from the Chinese classical Air Post Period.	Michael Rogers
23-29	The 1945-46 Hungarian Inflation, a Postal Chronology of perhaps the most chaotic inflation era in history. Twenty-seven (27) rate increases in only fifteen months.	Robert B. Querbach



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Frame #	Title and Description	Exhibitors'
30-35	Georgia Confederates, C.S.A. (Confederate States of America). Covers to and from Georgia.	McCary Ballard
36-37	The Paper Motorcycle. This exhibit features the motorcycle as a philatelic topic while also depicting its various practical and popular uses.	William S. Harris
38-42	Florida Stampless Covers (1830-1890). Handstamped postal markings on stampless covers from the territorial and early statehood period.	Niles F. Schuh
43-44	The English Parliamentary Free Franking Privilege, from 1661 to 1840. Members of both houses enjoyed free franking facilities as illustrated in this simplified postal history of the system.	Ian Tickell
45-53	Theatre of Operations, C.S.A., 1861-1865. Military mails to and from the various commands with emphasis on the generals.	Brian M. Green
54-59	Biplane Baroque. Elements of Baroque art and architecture manifested on stamps and covers depicting biplanes.	Frederick C. Dietz
60-62	In Retrospect: A philatelic backward glimpse into Adolph Hitler's Third Reich.	Anonymous
63-72	Confederate States of America: A philatelic view of Confederate States history.	Morris Everett
73-75	Monastery Issue German Occupation of Serbia. The stamps of the Monastery issue and their usages.	Edward M. Kazmierczak
76-80	Ecuador Air Mail.	Mrs. Silvia Garcia-Frutos
81-85	Early Texas Mail. The exhibit illustrates rates, routes, transport and markings on the early Texas frontier.	Dr. William H. P. Emery
86-90	Murder and Violence.	Mrs. Dorothy Cadman
91-94	Victorian India. Study of the postal history of Victorian India (1858-98). Issues of the Empire and Crown Colony with various postal markings used in India and abroad along with postal stationery.	Dr. Tariq Bin Iftikhar
95-97	Postal History of Western Virginia, 1861-1865. Covers that illustrate the division of loyalties as a result of the war of 1861-1865 and the creation of the state of West Virginia.	Col. Harvey E. Sheppard
98-101	Game, Set, Match. The Story of Tennis: Its history, equipment, and playing technique, as well as tennis organizations, tournaments, champions, and recreational value.	Ms. Dorothy E. Weihrauch

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102-108	Confederate States of America, the General Issues. An offering of the confederate States General Issue stamps, on and off cover, from the common through to some very elusive and especially significant items.	Conrad Bush
109-114	Belguim, King Leopold I (1849-1866). A study of these issues with a detailed examination of plate varieties and representative cancels, proofs, reprints, and essays.	Ralph A. Yorio
115-120	Newfoundland, 1865-1880. The "First Cents Issue" prepared by the American Bank Note Company, including the essays, proofs, issued stamps and rate covers of the era.	Alan Selby
121-126	Florida Confederate Postal History: Independent State and usage of U.S. postage, provisionals, Hand-stamp Paid, and Due markings, adhesives, blockage, Prisoner of War, and Prisoner of State Usage.	Deane Richmond Briggs
127-134	Hungarian Air Mail 1910-1935, Zeppelin routes, commemorative events World War Mail by air units.	Dr. Paul J. Szilagyi
135-141	The 1¢ - 50¢ U.S. Columbians: Postage Usages.	George B. Arfken
142-144	Wisconsin in the Civil War: Covers and letters to and from Wisconsin during the American Civil War.	Roger H. Oswald
145-146	French Somaliland, 1890-1910. The unusual in early French Colony issues as illustrated by selected stamps of French Somaliland.	Robert T. Kinsley
147-149	Henry Ford: A Philatelic study of the 12¢ prominent American stamp of 1968.	Ronald W. Yankowski
150-154	U.S. Playing Card Tax Stamps. Selected revenue stamps, illustrated cancellations and surcharges applied by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, card manufacturers, and sellers.	William H. Waggoner
155	1860-1865/1899-1902: Similar Usages during the of Secession and the Boer War.	Anonymous (non-competitive exhibit)
156-163	Cross-border Covers Between British North America (New Canada) and the United States, 1801-1875. Pre-adhesive, stampless, and stamped covers showing rates and various markings.	Leo J. LaFrance
164-166	Five Centuries of Printing: The History of Printing is traced from John Gutenberg until it was revolutionized by electronics and photography in the 1950's.	Elwin E. McGray

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167-169	The Defence of Confederate Virginia, selection of Confederate covers appertaining to the forces defending Virginia against the U.S. invasion of 1861-1865.	Ian Tickell
170-174	The Graf Zeppelin, selected covers showing cachets, cancellations, and stamps that were flown on the Graf Zeppelin during its ten years of service.	William E. Ogden
175-178	20th Century Booklets. Early U.S. postal booklets with panes and booklet covers.	John D. Shirley
179-180	Third (1923) SCADTA Issue showing usage of the basic stamps in Columbia and usage of the various overprints on incoming international mail.	John Q. U. Thompson
181-185	Bulgaria - 19th Century Definitive Postal Cards. Complete definitive postal cards, 1879-1898, unused and used, showing the growth of the postal system, National Unification, rural and mobile mail services.	Earl H. Galitz
186	YooHoo! Have you seen the Hoope? A familiar and conspicuous neighborly bird of the Old World temperate and tropical regions.	John Q. U. Thompson
187-192	A History of the Olympics. A representative history of the Olympic Games is presented through the examination of various philatelic elements.	Robert J. Christianson
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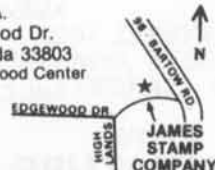
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## CIVIL WAR "PER FLAG OF TRUCE"

By Herman Herst, Jr.

The primary purpose for Flag of Truce letters was the sending of messages of mercy. This was a humane way of permitting civilians on either side of hostilities to correspond providing there was no military news in the message, or to allow those no longer engaged in fighting, such as prisoners of war or the wounded in the hospitals, to contact their loved ones.

But as is well known, not all Flag of Truce letters entered the mails of the combatants. Sometimes they were sent from one Army to another by military courier who ostensibly was allowed to cross from one Army to another, often on a mission of mercy. Hostilities were often temporarily discontinued to permit the wounded and dead to be removed; sometimes they stopped so that neutrals could be evacuated.

When a fighting Army runs out of Bourbon whiskey, and turns to its enemy to beg a supply, would that be a message of mercy? There are some, especially Kentuckians, who would answer the question with an emphatic affirmative.

The time was 1863. Vicksburg had fallen, and General Grant occupied that bastion which had held the key to the Mississippi river for so long. And the Confederates, under General Johnston, had fallen back on Meridian, soon to be driven from there as Grant moved relentlessly East, soon to defeat the rebels once again at the Battle of Chattanooga.

The taste of defeat must have been bitter enough to General Johnston, but the inability to taste Bourbon whiskey was an additional blow. Still in Meridian, he had his Medical Director, D. W. Yandell, send a letter under a Flag of Truce to the Medical Director of General Grant's forces.

The letter, in almost perfect condition, was sold in a Parke Bernet auction sale a few years ago, and the writer happened to notice the description of it. Being himself an admirer of fine Bourbon, preferably Tennessee Sour Mash, he bought the letter, and he has had a great deal of pleasure showing it to other Bourbon fanciers who are completely ignorant of the day the Civil War stopped so two opposing generals could share their drinks.

The text of the letter follows:

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*Fraternally (underlining this), notwithstanding the war.*

D. W. Yandell

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Unfortunately, we do not have the reply, so we can only surmise how the appeal was answered . . . but what gentleman, despite the circumstances, could turn down the appeal for a drink from another gentleman?



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by Stefan T. Jaronski

The Madison Court House Provisionals were not only the act of postal independence that occurred in secessionist Florida. Soon after the state seceded, an independent postal service was established to provide mail for the state troops at Pensacola and Warrington. The evidence for such service has remained buried in Confederate postal archives until only recently.

Florida seceded from the Union on January 10, 1861. Two days later, Alabama and Florida troops, under Col. William Chase, occupied Pensacola and the nearby Warrington Navy Yard (Figure 1). The small Union garrison commanded by Lt. Adam J. Slemmer retreated from Fort Barrancas to the long abandoned Ft. Pickens on Santa Rosa Island, at the entrance to Pensacola Bay.

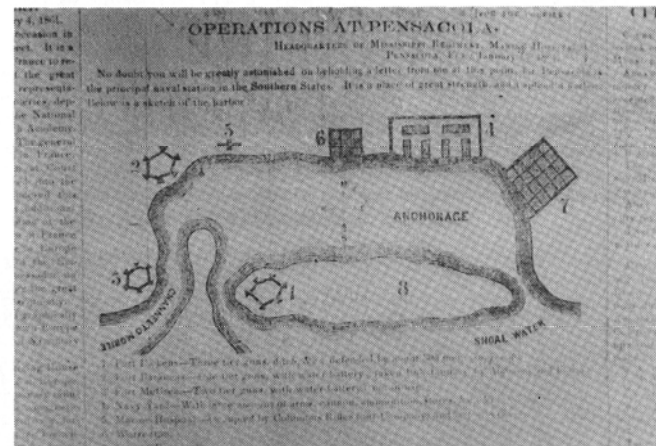


Figure 1. Contemporary map of the Pensacola area, as published in the January 24, 1861 Charleston Daily Courier. Note that Warrington has been misspelled as Warrenton.

Capture of the Navy Yard yielded 175 cannons, 12,000 cannon balls, warehouses and workshops, a dry dock and a large supply of ordinance stores for the fledgling Confederacy. Not quite as rich a booty as Norfolk Navy Yard, Virginia, would be in May 1861, but almost.

Despite repeated demands that he surrender Ft. Pickens, Lt. Slemmer held out. A truce was then negotiated between President Buchanan and Florida Senator Stephen Mallory: the state troops would not attack as long as Ft. Pickens was not reinforced by the Federals.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Post Office Department discontinued the Pensacola post office. That deed was done on January 21, 1861.

Southern newspapers carried notice of the action shortly thereafter. For example, the Jan. 28, 1861, Savannah, Ga., *Daily Morning News*, carried the following:

OFFICIAL LITTENESS — The Postmaster General has ordered the discontinuance of the Post Office at Pensacola, and instructed the Postmaster of this city to forward all letters arriving or deposited in this office to the Dead Letter Office at Washington. Similar orders have been given to the Postmaster at Montgomery. Under the Ordinances of Alabama and Georgia, the Postmasters are obliged to obey the order for the present. The Montgomery papers



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Thus only Pensacola was affected. Within a few days, however, a bill was introduced into the U.S. Senate to discontinue postal routes and offices when interfered with in any manner by the seceding states. Mail service to the entire area, including Warrington, was subsequently suspended, effective January 29.<sup>1</sup> Rationale for this action was based upon the suspicion that secessionist authorities were intercepting mail to Slemmer's garrison.

In response to this act, Dillon Jordan, the Pensacola postmaster, made arrangements at Montgomery for an unofficial postal service for the affected area.<sup>2</sup> After all, the mail still had to go through, even if the U.S. Post Office was not willing to do the job. Alabama Governor A. B. Moore appointed Felix Glackmeyer to transport the mails between Montgomery and Pensacola in January, so that evidently not a day of service was missed.

Postmaster Jordan also privately arranged for the firm of Messers C. B. Gonzales & Co. to transport mail between Pensacola and Warrington.<sup>3</sup>

In April, General Bragg, who commanded the Confederate forces in the Pensacola area, seems to have appointed a Lt. W. T. Trawan as "Acting Postmaster, Army of the Confederate States" at Warrington.<sup>4</sup> The exact date of Trawan's appointment is still uncertain and a search of Confederate military records in the National Archives failed to uncover more information about the officer.

General Bragg ordered that letters from the troops were to be received and forwarded by the Pensacola post office. According to a written statement by Edward Jordan, who worked with his brother in the Pensacola post office, between 900 and 1600 army letters were sent out daily, for a total of 48,900 letters between April 18 and May 31, 1861.<sup>5</sup>

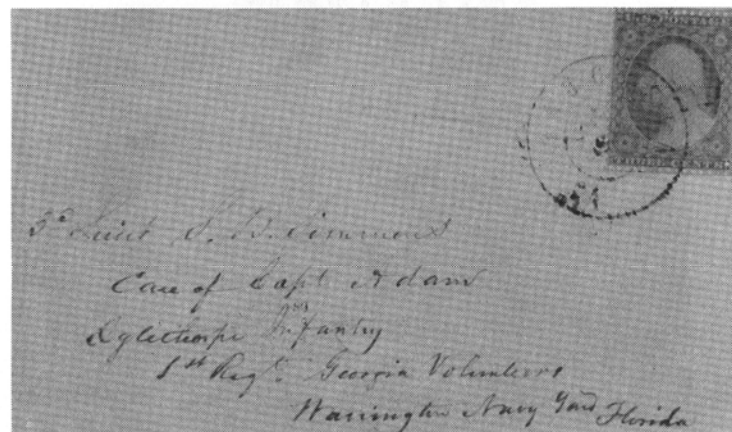


Figure 2. Cover to a Georgia officer at Warrington, Fla., carried by provisional postal service.

Mail to the troops at Pensacola during this period is easily identified from the address, such as the cover in Figure 2. This cover is addressed to Lt. George B. Simmons, Oglethorpe Infantry, First Regiment Georgia Volunteers, Warrington Navy Yard. The postage was prepaid by a U.S. 3-cent 1857, postmarked Augusta, Ga., May 9 (1861).

The cover went from Augusta to Montgomery for forwarding to Pensacola. This forwarding arrangement seems to have been generally advertised in the South. In addition, people were evidently advised to address their letters to soldiers at Pensacola, via Montgomery.<sup>6</sup> There is

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also a strange reference in this newspaper article about additional postage being charged for the forwarding service. I have not yet seen any such covers. Has anyone else?

Col. Ramsey's First Georgia was organized in response to the governor's call for troops to go to Pensacola in March 1861. The regiment spent the subsequent Spring and Summer in camp near Fort Barrancas at the Warrington Navy Yard. In the Fall the regiment was sent to Virginia, where it saw considerable action in West Virginia and later with the Army of Northern Virginia.

Other units at Pensacola that Spring were the First and Second Alabama Infantry, First Georgia Battalion of Infantry, Coppen's Louisiana Zouaves, First Florida Infantry, First and Second Mississippi Infantry and a number of unattached companies from the above states. These units totaled about 5,000 men.

I have searched for covers from these troops without success for several years. This mail would presumably be franked with U.S. stamps postmarked either Montgomery or perhaps Mobile, Ala., between late March and May 31, 1861. The true origin would be ideally substantiated through contents or notations on the envelope.

Queries to a number of Florida collectors failed to reveal any such mail. Then, one night, I was glancing through Brannon's *The Organization of the Confederate Post Office Department at Montgomery*<sup>7</sup> when I discovered two covers illustrated therein, on pages 83 and 84 of that work.

The first cover (Figure 3) has a 3-cent 1857 issue postmarked Montgomery, Ala. May 25, 1861 and is addressed to Mrs. W. D. Russell, Augusta, Georgia. This cover is part of the Lt. William Russell correspondence, which has provided many covers from Traveler's Repose and other post offices in West Virginia. Lt. Russell was part of Ramsey's First Georgia, mentioned earlier. The First Georgia was at Pensacola throughout the Spring and Summer of 1861.

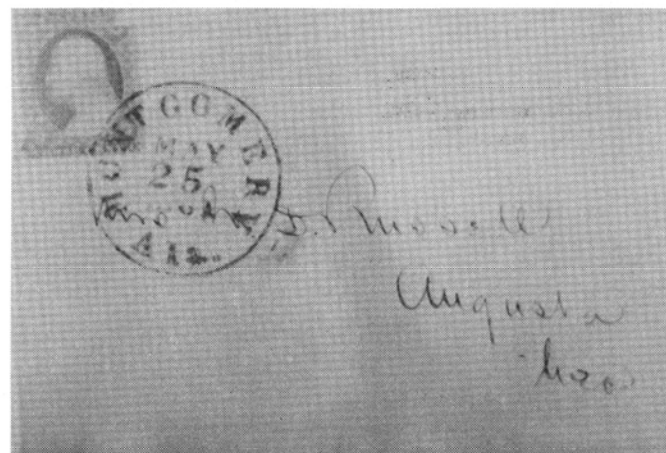


Figure 3. A folded letter illustrating the provisional postal service from Pensacola and Warrington. It is postmarked Montgomery, Ala., May 25, 1861.

The second cover (Figure 4) also bears a 3-cent 1857 postmarked Montgomery, May 26, 1861. This cover is addressed to Mrs. Kate Chapman, Cahaba, Ala. That name may sound familiar to alert Florida collectors. A number of Pensacola handstamped paid covers with that address have appeared on the auction market in the last few years. Chapman was a member of the First Alabama.

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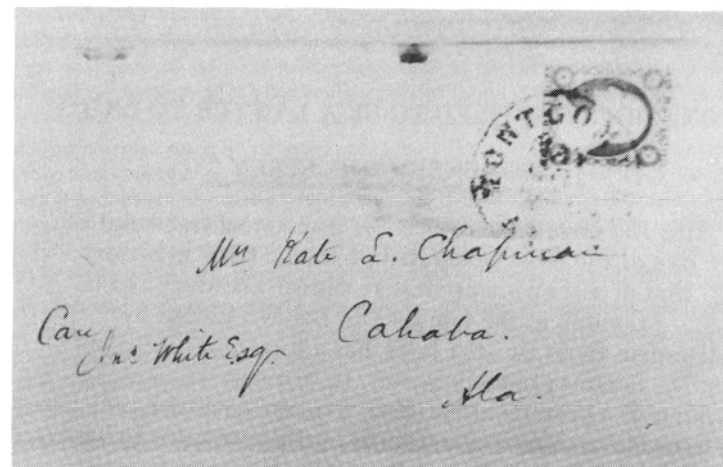


Figure 4. Cover from an Alabama soldier in the Warrington-Pensacola area, carried to Montgomery, Ala., where it was postmarked May 26, 1861.

A third cover recently appeared at auction (Figure 5). This is a star die envelope bearing both a dateless Warrington, Fla., and a Montgomery, Ala, May 15, 1861, postmark. Why both postmarks would be present remains unclear.

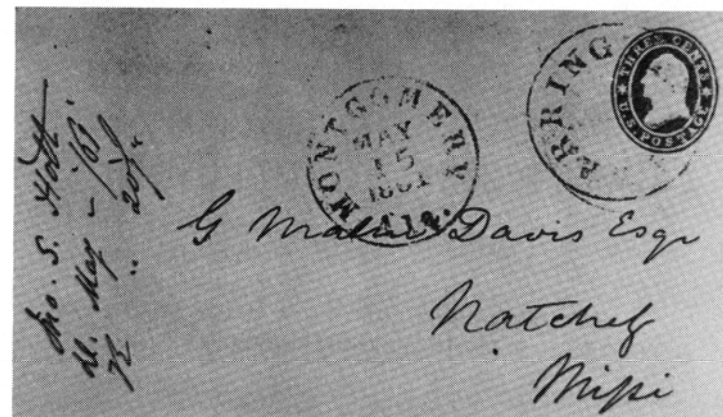


Figure 5. Three-cent star die envelope bearing both Warrington and Pensacola postmarks.

Covers carried between Mobile and Pensacola have yet to be identified. The Route Books<sup>8</sup> mention that J. R. Powell on Montgomery, carried the mail voluntarily until September 1861. This mail went daily by stage from Pensacola to Farnsworth, thence by rail to Blakely and by boat to Mobile.

There were actually two lines of regular transport running between the two cities. The Pensacola Express left Hall's Landing, on the Tensas River above Blakely, three times a week for Pensacola. Goods (and letters?) were forwarded from Mobile to the Landing by the Steamer Kimball.<sup>9</sup>

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These ad hoc mail services continued until June 1, 1861, at which time the Confederate Post Office took control of postal service in the South. The Pensacola post office "reopened" (although it had actually functioned during the preceding months) in mid-June; Warrington probably also reopened at this time.<sup>12</sup> the CSPOD officially reestablished both post offices on July 8, 1861. Jordan was reappointed the Pensacola postmaster, now under official Confederate jurisdiction, while S. M. Davidson was appointed postmaster of Warrington.

Mail continued to be transported under Jordan's unofficial arrangements until early September. At this time contracts on the routes were officially let by the Confederate Post Office. James R. Powell and E. L. Elsworth received the contract for the Mobile — Pensacola route (#6574) in November 1861.

But the story doesn't end here . . .

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Postal history such as the above tale, is the concern of the Confederate Stamp Alliance, which has its annual meeting at FLOREX '87. The bimonthly *Confederate Philatelist* features a diversity of fine articles on Confederate postal history and is a valuable resource for the collector. If you are interested in Confederate States stamps, covers and postal history, stop by the CSA table at the show. Membership applications may also be obtained from the CSA Secretary, "Col." Buck Boshwit, 46 N. Third St., Suite 208, Memphis, TN 38103.

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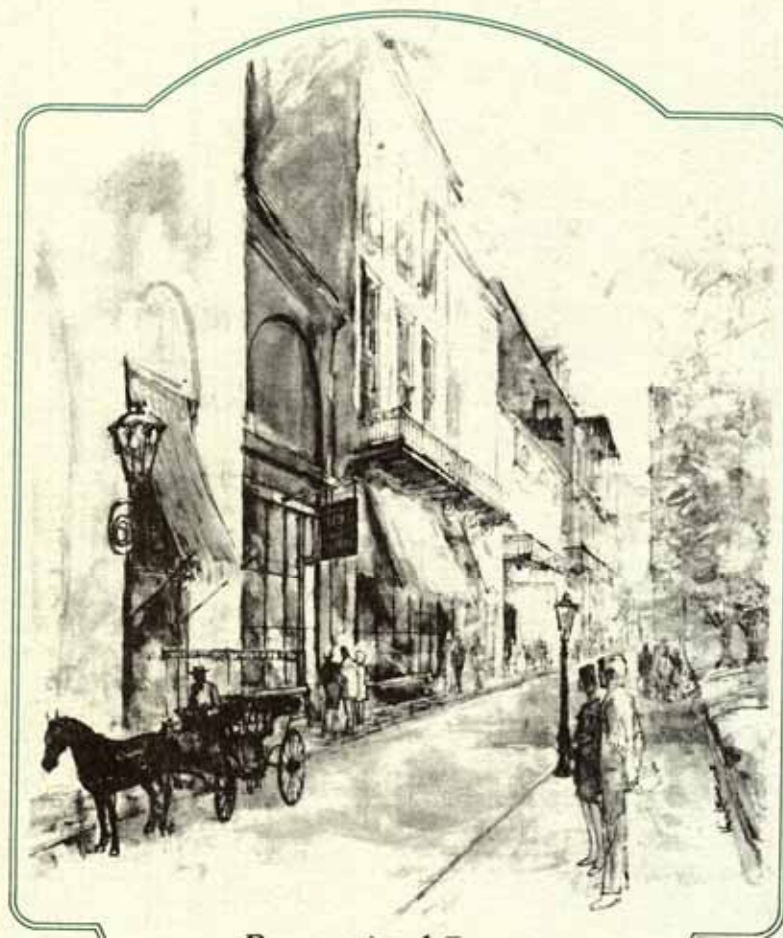
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