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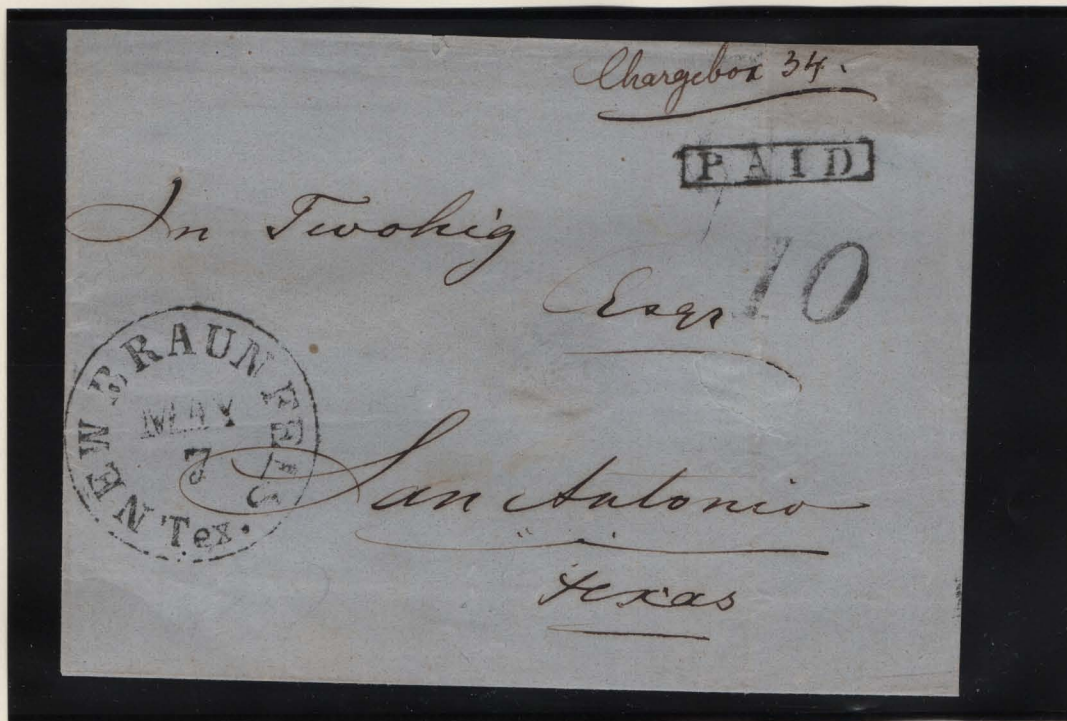
Rev J H Shurmour
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San Antonio
Texas

1863

A BELTON TEXAS "PAID 10" HAND STAMP (LISTED IN NEW DIST 2)
AND A BELTON TEXAS CIRCULAR DATE STAMP ON A VERY
INTERESTING FOLDED LETTER. THE LETTER, DATED AUGUST 1863,
DEALS WITH THE DIFFICULTY INVOLVED IN THE TRANSPORTING OF
WHEAT AND FLOUR AND THE ESCALATING PRICES FOR THOSE COMMODITIES.

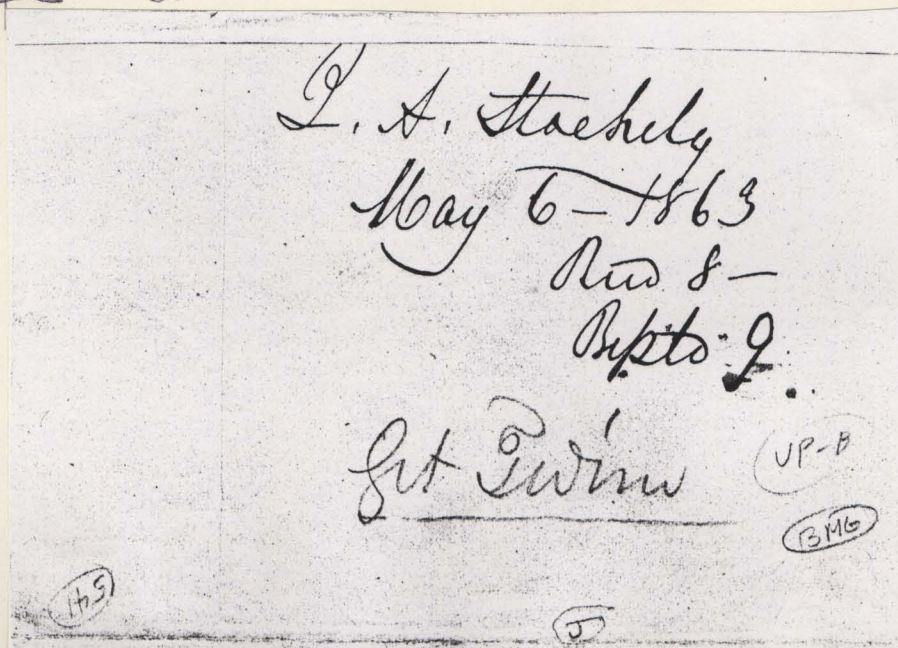
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WHILE ALL CONFEDERATE COVERS ARE WORTHY WITNESSES TO A HISTORY REMEMBERED AND A NOBLE CAUSE LOST, COVERS FROM TEXAS COMMAND AN ALMOST MYSTIC FASCINATION. FOLLOWING ARE SOME EXAMPLES.

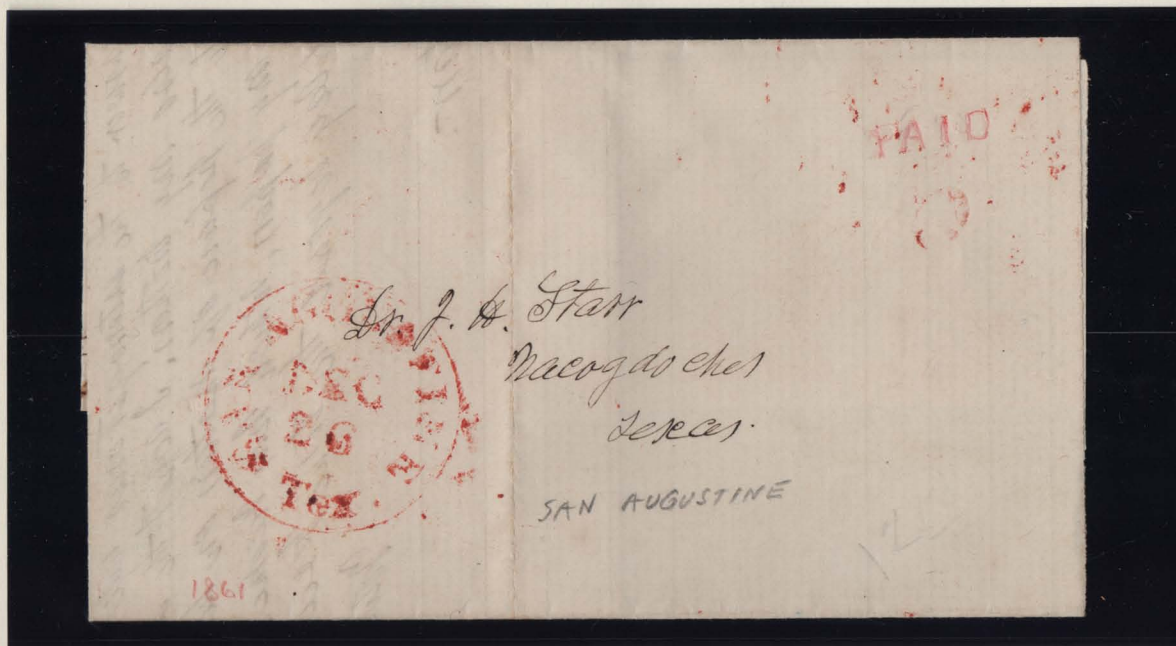


A NEW BRAUNFELS TEXAS BOXED PAID 10 HAND STAMP AND A LOVELY SCRIBE OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CDS ON A FOLDED LETTERSHEET. THE PAPER FROM WHICH THIS COVER WAS CRAFTED IS VERY FINE AND ALMOST "TISSUE PAPER" THIN.

AMAZINGLY, ACCORDING TO THE DOCKETING ON THE REVERSE THIS COVER WAS POSTED ON MAY 7, 1863 AND RECEIVED ON MAY 8, 1863.



PARTS OF THE STARR CORRESPONDENCE



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A SAN AUGUSTINE TEXAS PAID 5 HANDSTAMP AND A SAN AUGUSTINE CDS GRACE A SOMMER FOLDED LETTER MADE OF LINED WRITING PAPER AND ADDRESSED TO DR J. H. STARR AT NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS. DR STARR, BY AN ACT OF THE CONFEDERATE CONGRESS, WENT ON, IN FEBRUARY OF 1864, TO BECOME THE AGENT FOR THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OR AMERICA POST OFFICE.

THE RECEIPT DOCKETING ON THE BACK OF THIS LETTER ARE IN DR STARR'S HANDWRITING DISPLAYED ON THE NEXT PAGE.



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THIS LOVELY S.F.L. FROM CADET JAS. F. STARR TO HIS FATHER BEARS A MARSHALL TEXAS DUE 10 HANDSTAMP (THE NUMBER 10 IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY OTHER MARKING SIGNIFIES DUE) AND A MARSHALL TEXAS

DECEMBER 6 1863 DOUBLE CIRCLE CDS. THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER (DISPLAYED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES) ARE VERY MUCH WAR RELATED & MENTION VARIOUS GENERALS.

T. H. McMAHAN & GILBERT,
COTTON FACTORS,
AND
General Commission Merchants,
STRAND,
GALVESTON, TEXAS.
T. H. McMAHAN. R. E. GILBERT.

Galveston, July 2^d 1864.

Mr J E Wallis
Chaffin Hill
Drfn

Your favour of
the 26th ult is recd. Enclosed you Bill
for Bagging Rope & Strine forwarded this
day per Rail R^d. The stock here is very
light & prices tending upward - Usual Market
Price for India Bagging is 22 to 25. & 15 for
Rope - We are dividing out among our friends
hoping that we shall be able to get a full
supply in due season - Perhaps you
May find some patches in the Bagging
which however do not injure it only in
appearance - Hoping it May reach you
safely & in good season

We are truly Yours
T H McMahon & Gilbert
per Wm Morris

also Bill for Coffin

TWO MOST UNUSUAL DATES ON TEXAS COVERS

BOTH
INVOLVING
CHAPPEL HILL
TEXAS



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A CHAPPEL HILL TEXAS PAID 10 WITH A FEBRUARY 30 CHAPPEL HILL CDS APPLIED BY AN OBVIOUSLY OVERWORKED POSTAL CLERK. THE COVER ITSELF IS SOMEBODY WELL MADE FOR A CONFEDERATE COVER AND BEARS AN EMBOSSED DESIGN ON THE REVERSE THE COVER IS ADDRESSED TO STRANGE PORT TEXAS (I GUESS LOUISIANA DIDN'T HAVE THE ONLY STRANGE PORT) STRANGE PORT TEXAS MUST HAVE BEEN A VERY SMALL TOWN AS THERE IS NO RECORD OF IT IN NEW DICTIONARY.



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A COVER TO CHAPPELL HILL (A TOWN WHOSE NAME COULD OBVIOUSLY BE SPOelled MANY DIFFERENT WAYS) BEARS A GALVESTON PAID 5 HANDSTAMP AND A JULY 4th 1861 GALVESTON DOUBLE CIRCLE CDS. ALTHOUGH THE COVER IS NOT PRISONING - IT BEARS AN EXTREMELY RARE INDEPENDENCE DAY CANCEL IN THE FIRST YEAR OF SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE.

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ANOTHER PIECE OF HISTORY

Paris

1863



To the Citizens of
Farmersville
Texas

A TURNED LEGAL COVER WHOSE TURNED (SECOND) USAGE IS FASCINATING. THE COVER BEARS A M/S PAID 20, AND M/S O.B. (OFFICIAL BUSINESS) NOTATION, AND AN ADDRESS "TO THE CITIZENS OF FARMERSVILLE TEXAS" THE COVER ALSO HAS AN ELEGANT STAMP OF THE BONHAM TEXAS CDS. WHAT DID THIS COVER CONTAIN - CASUALTY LISTS? ELECTION RESULTS? BALLOTS? OFFICIAL PROCLAMATIONS? - UNFORTUNATELY WE WILL PROBABLY NEVER KNOW.

← IN ITS FIRST USE, THIS COVER RECEIVED A M/S PAID (NO RATE) BUT BEARS A TRACE OF A H/S PAID AT UPPER LEFT THAT UNFORTUNATELY WAS OBLITERATED UPON OPENING. THE COVER WAS ADDRESSED TO A BRIGADEER (GENERAL ??) IN CLARKSVILLE, RED RIVER COUNTY, TEXAS.

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