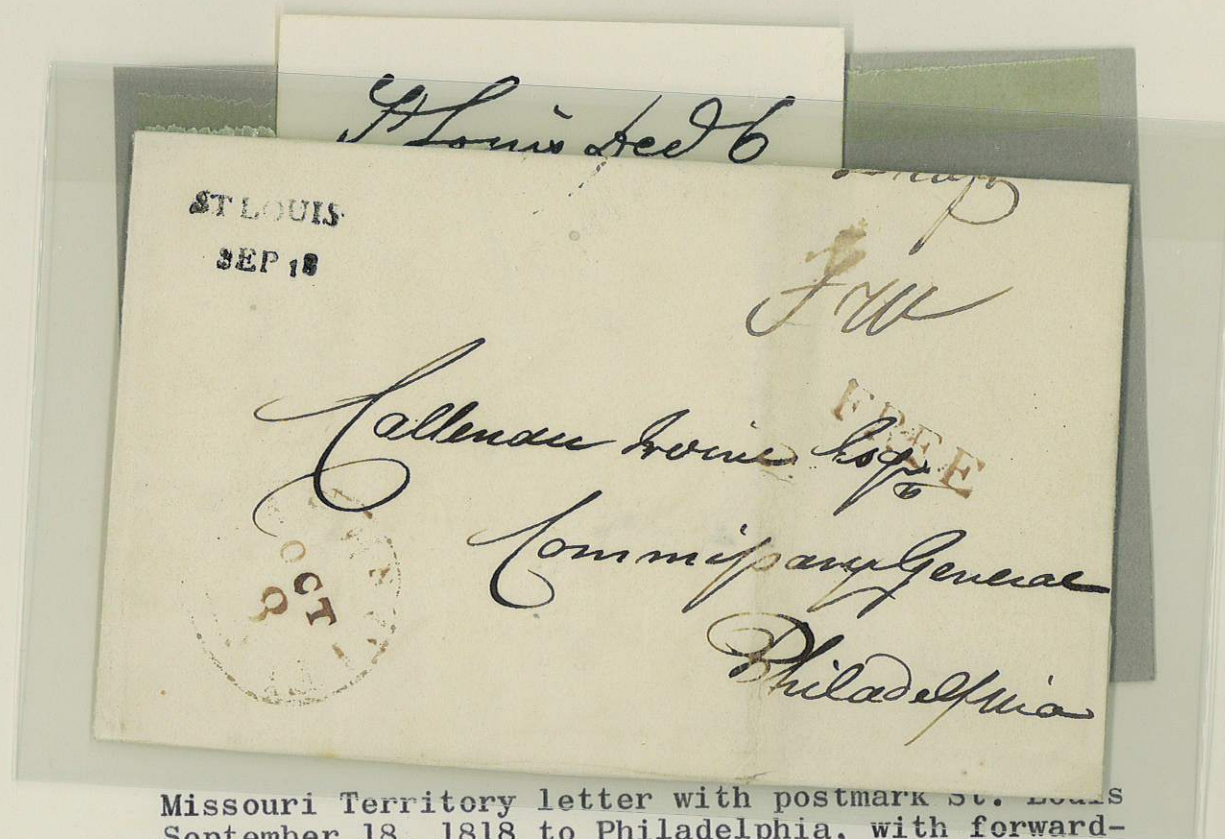


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Missouri Territory letter with postmark St. Louis September 18, 1818 to Philadelphia, with forwarding postmark of Washington City, October 8, 1818. "Free" marking applied at Washington.

Note: This letter from Col. Eli B. Clemson of Fort Osage, a well known soldier and banker of the Louisiana Territory.

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Louisiana purchased from the French April 30, 1803.

Divided into two parts, Orleans and District of Louisiana October 1, 1804.

District of Louisiana became Territory of Louisiana July 4, 1805.

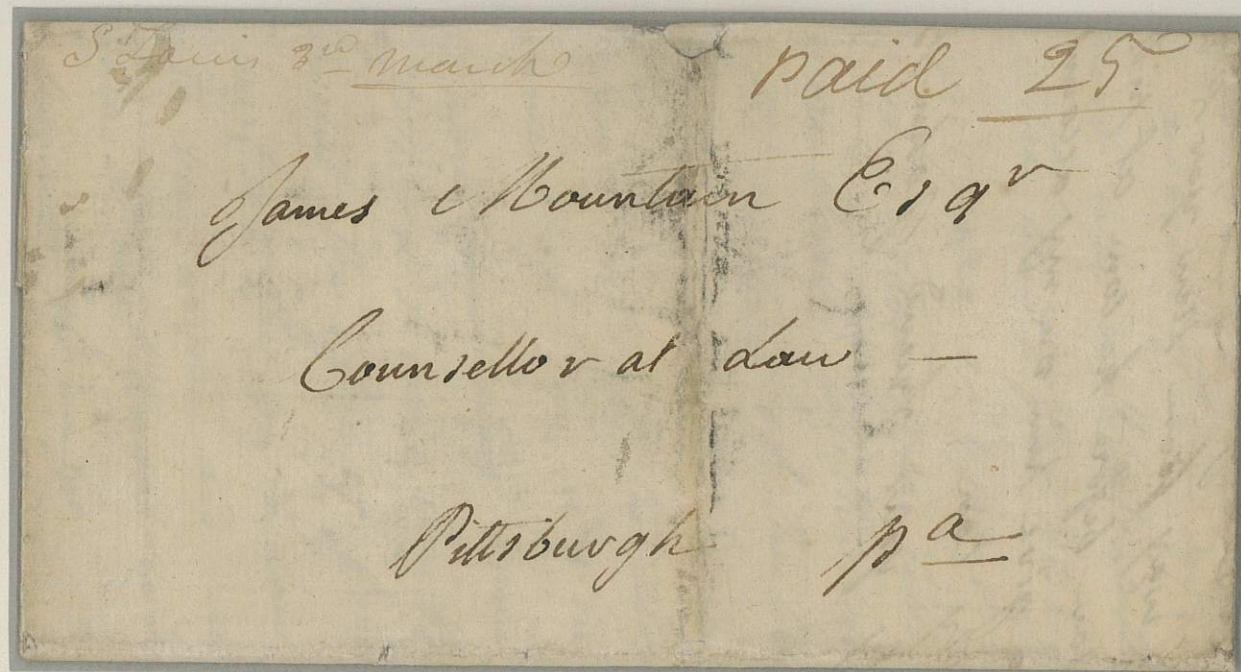
Territory of Louisiana became Missouri Territory December 7, 1812.



Letter datelined Fort Adams, Mississippi Territory, February 13, 1803 to Philadelphia, via schooner from Spanish New Orleans to Baltimore, where it entered the mail on April 4th.. Rate 14½ cents, 12½ cents ordinary postage, 2 cent ship's fee (carried on a private vessel)

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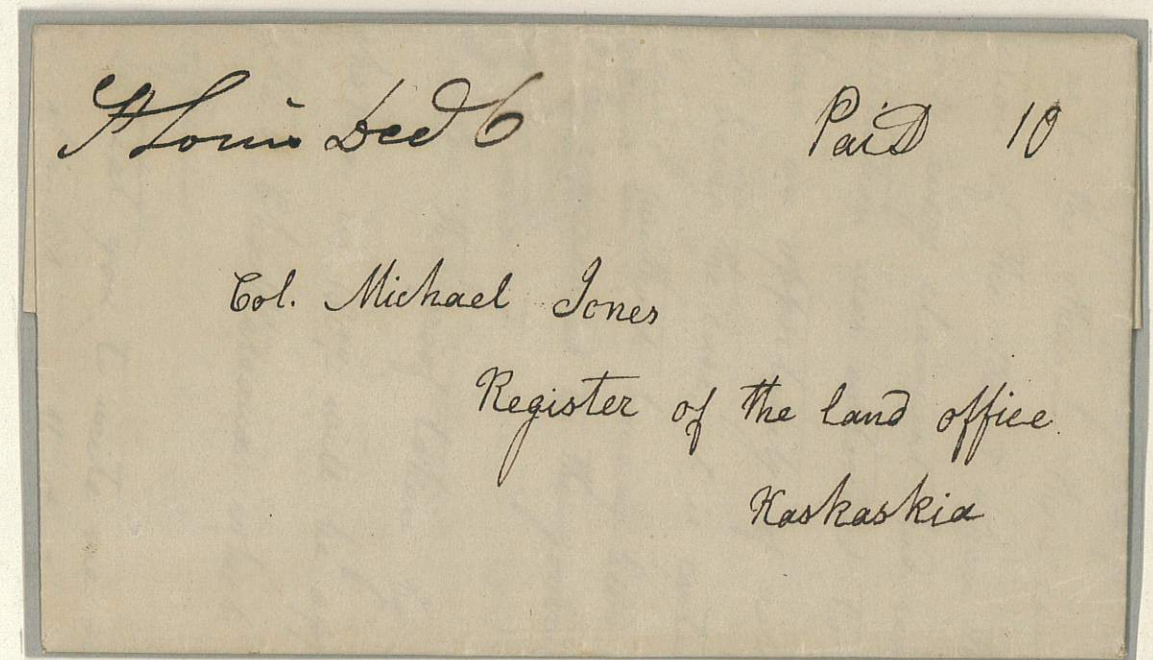
St Louis 3rd March



Territory of Louisiana letter with manuscript postmark St. Louis, March 3, 1807 Rate 25 cents, over 300 miles.

Note: Letter written by John B.C. Lucas, who was to become the first Federal judge of the Territory. In this letter he relates the conspiracy of Aaron Burr and Gen. James Wilkinson to organize a punitive expedition against Spain from St. Louis, in an effort to discredit the United States.

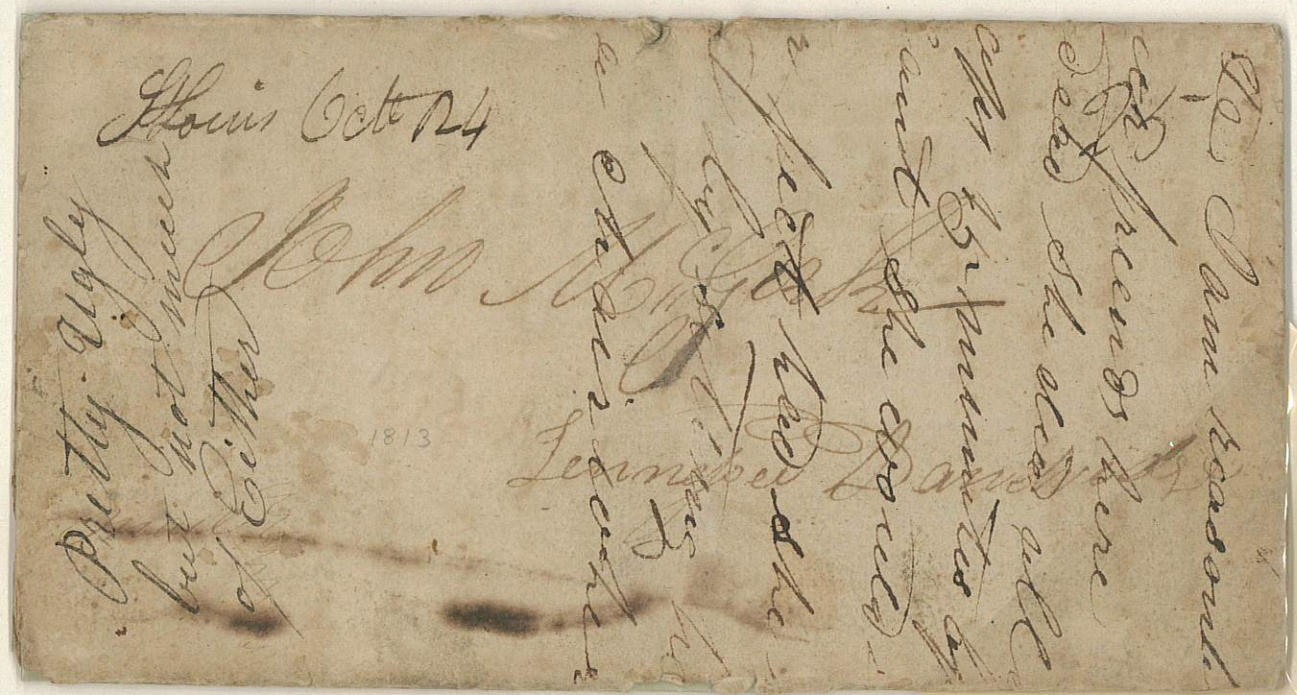
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Territory of Louisiana letter with manuscript postmark St. Louis December 6, 1812 to Kaskaskia (Illinois Territory).

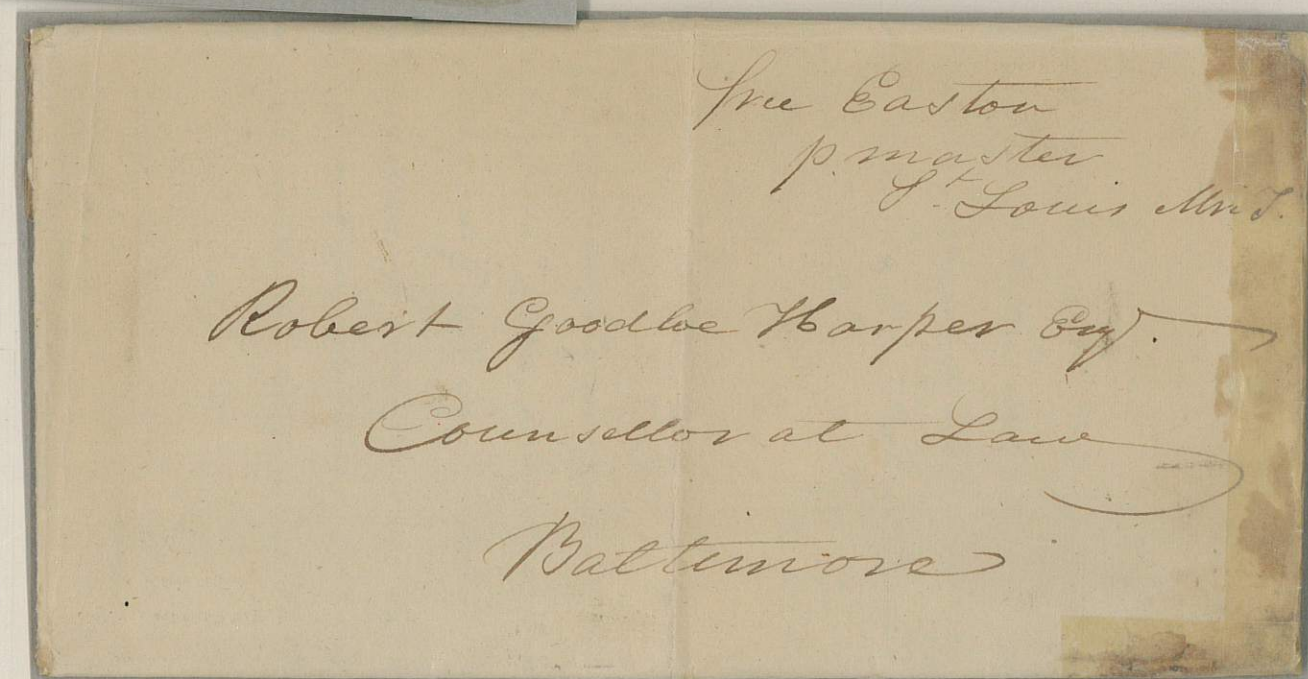
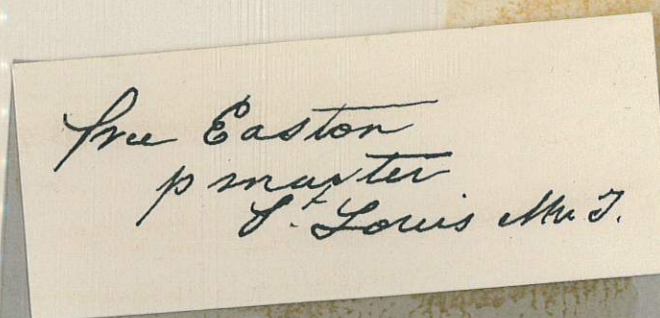
Note: This is a last day usage as Territory of Louisiana

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Missouri Territory letter with manuscript postmark St. Louis October 24, 1813 - datelined St. Charles October 20, 1813 to Dandridge, Tennessee. Rate 25 cents (over 300 miles)

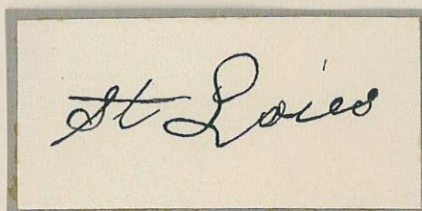
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Missouri Territory letter with manuscript frank and postmark, "Free Easton Postmaster, St. Louis Missouri Territory". Datelined November 9, 1813.

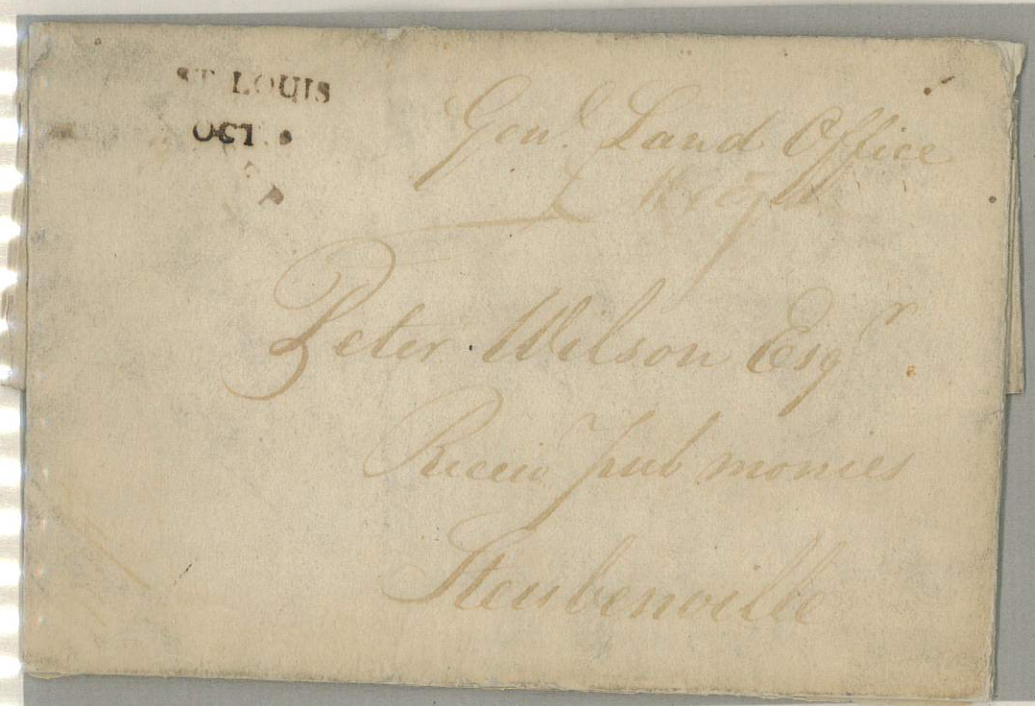
Note: This is the earliest known Free franked postmark of Rufus Easton, the first Postmaster of St. Louis.

Territorial Postmarks



MISSOURI TERRITORY - datelined St. Louis County, May 26, 1815 with manuscript postmark ST. LOIES, May (?) to Dandridge, Tenn. Rate 33½ cents, single letter over 500 miles, at the 50% rate increase imposed during the war period. This is apparently a miscalculation as it should have been 37½ cents.

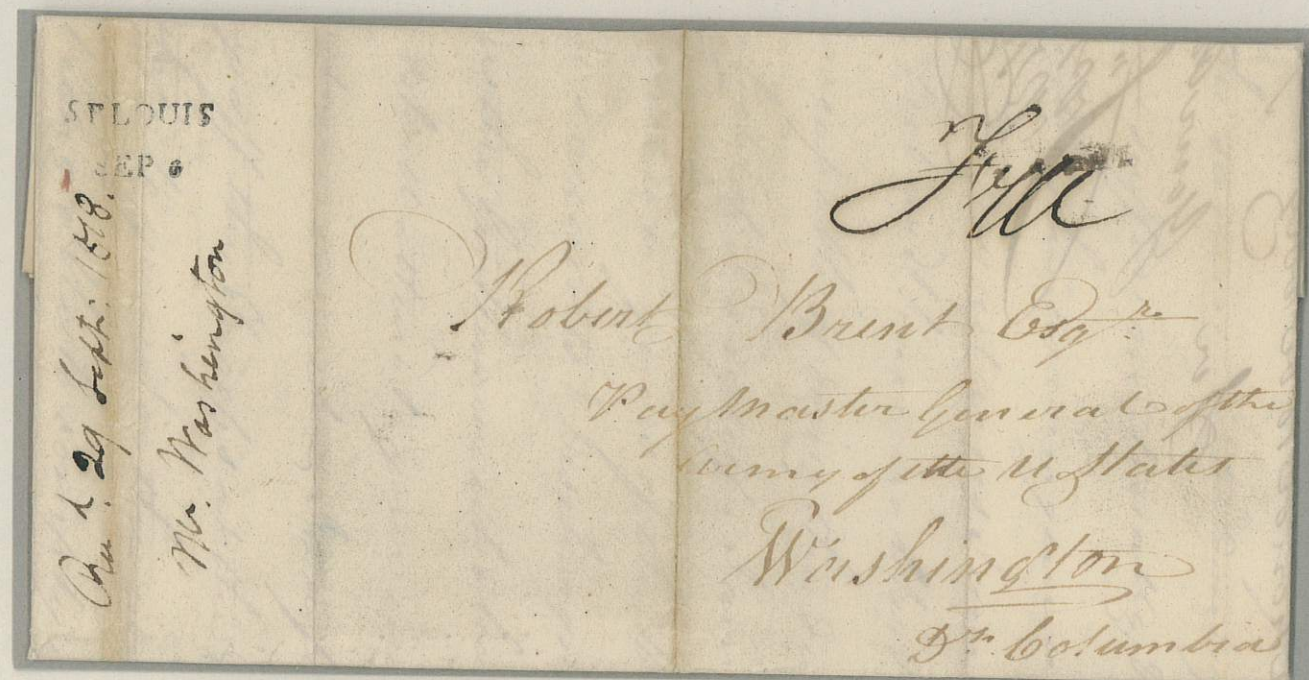
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Missouri Territory letter with postmark St. Louis, Oct (?) 1815. Letter datelined September 11, 1815. This is the earliest known example of the straight-line postmark as adopted by Postmaster Simpson

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ST LOUIS
SEP 6



Missouri Territory - letter with postmark St. Louis
Sept 6, 1818 to Washington, D.C. Franked "Free"

Note; This is the second type of the St. Louis
straightline as used by Postmaster R. Simpson.

Territorial Postmarks



MISSOURI TERRITORY - datelined 1819 St. Louis Missouri
Territory 31st August. Straightline postmark ST. LOUIS,
Sept 6 to Attleborough, Mass.
Single letter rate 25 cents, over 400 miles.

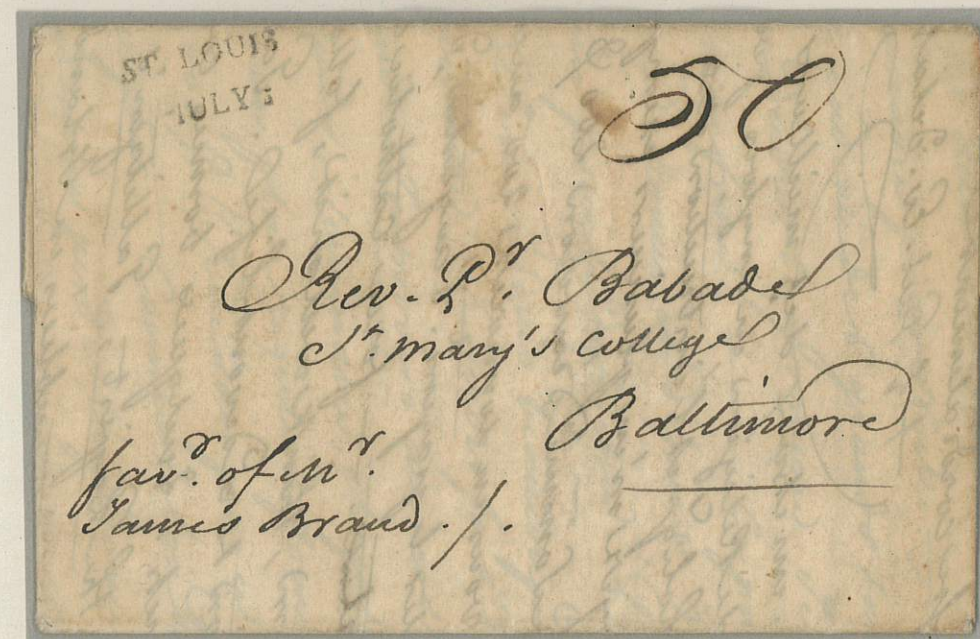
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Missouri Territory letter with manuscript postmark
St. Louis, January 16, 1815 to Dandridge, Tennessee

Note: This postmark was applied during the tenure of
the second Postmaster, Robert Simpson, who adopted
the use of the first St. Louis handstamp about the
middle of July 1815.

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Missouri Territory letter with postmark St. Louis
July 5, 1818 to Baltimore. Rate 50 cents (double
sheet letter over 400 miles)

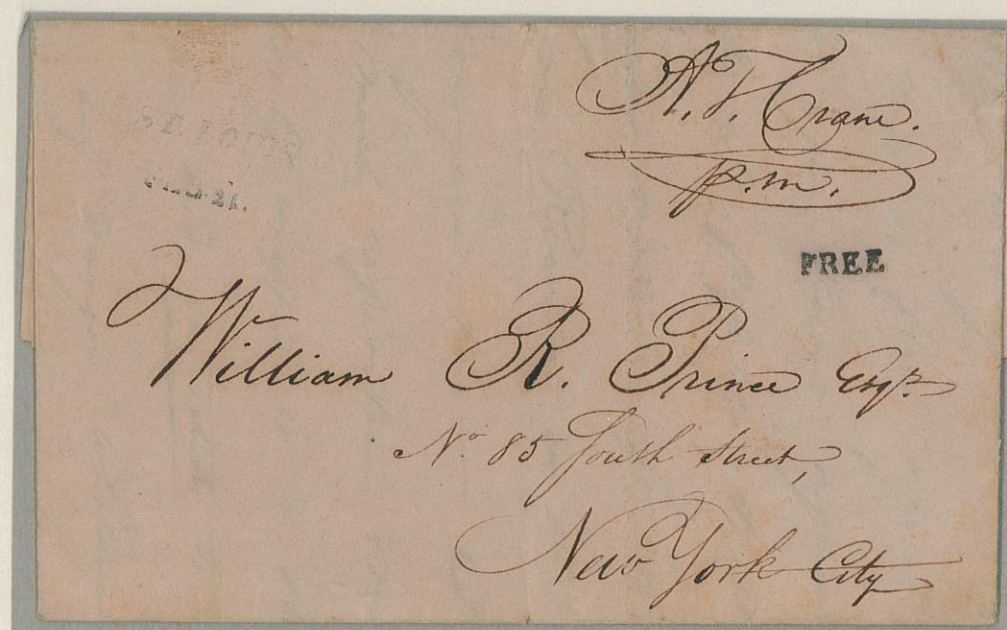
Note: This is the second type of the St. Louis
straightline as used by Postmaster R. Simpson.

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JULY 5

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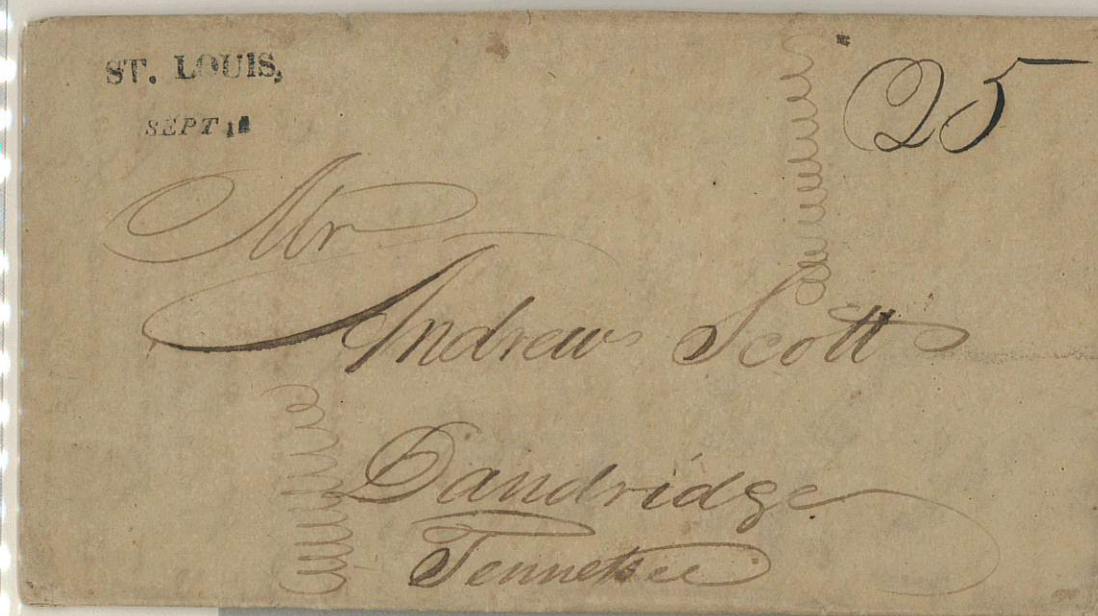
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Missouri Territory letter with postmark St. Louis February 21, 1819 to New York City. Franked by Postmaster A.T. Crane and stamped "Free".

Note: This is the first type of the straightline (slanted type) prepared by Postmaster Crane, who used Simpson's second type until February 1818

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Missouri Territory - letter with postmark St. Louis Sept 16, 1819 to Dandridge, Tennessee. Rate 25 cents. single sheet letter over 400 miles.

Note: This is the third type of the St. Louis straightline as used by Postmaster A.T. Crane

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Mr Joseph Fryd
Jacksons Cape
Girardeau County
Missouri Territory

St Louis (Mo.T)

May 14 1818

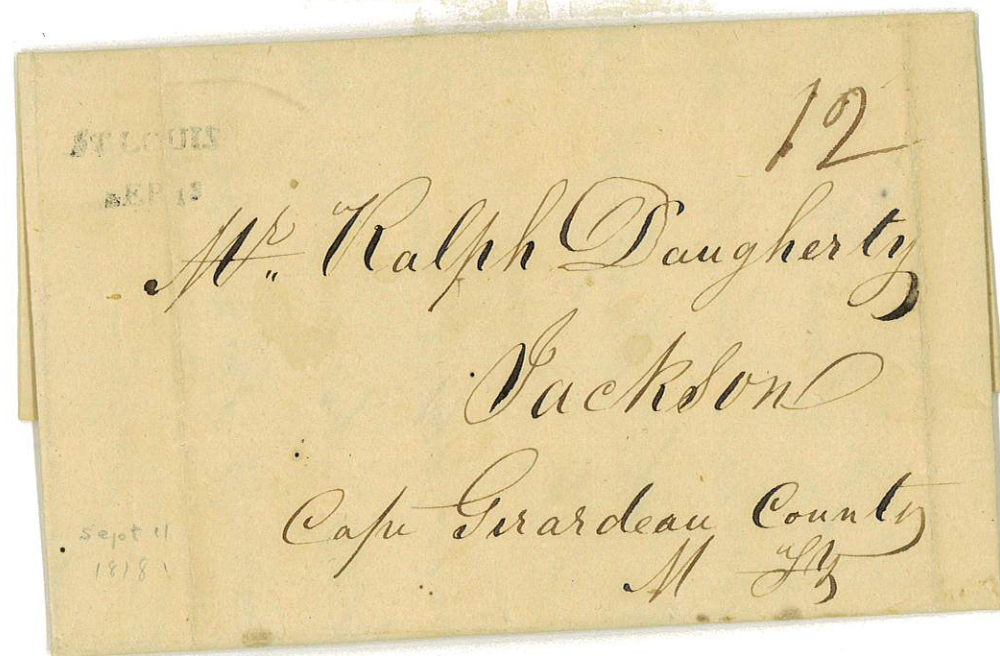
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Robert Brent Esq.
Paymaster Genl U S Army
City of Washington

ST. LOUIS
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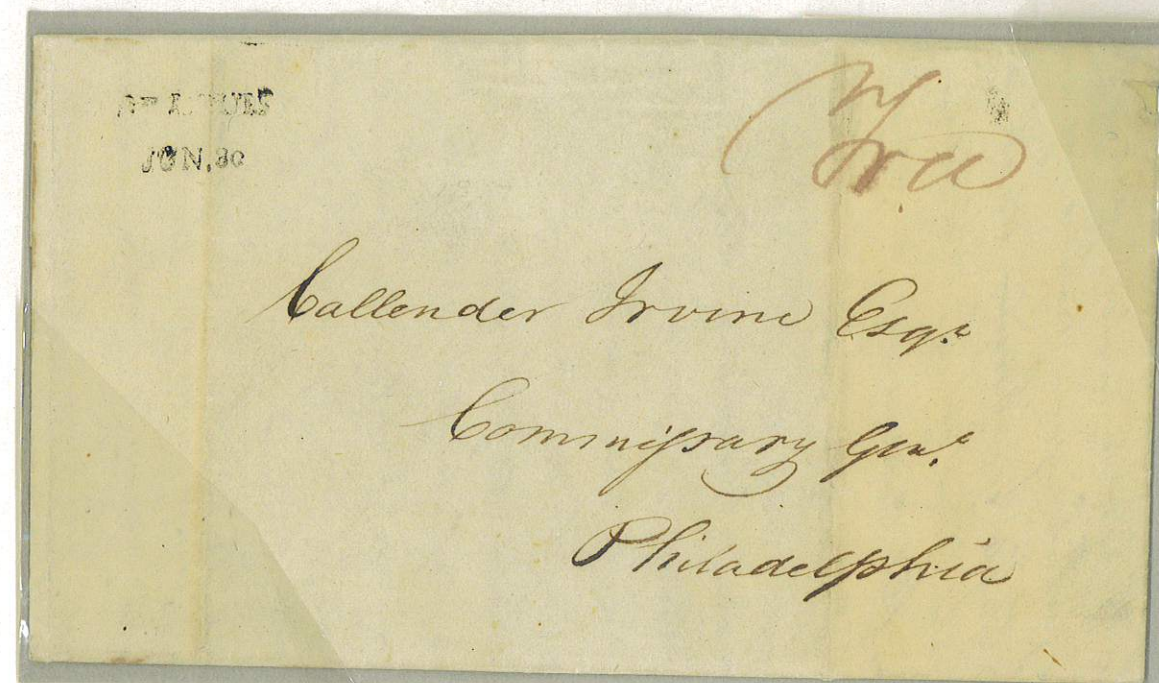
Missouri Territory letter with postmark St. Louis April 19, 1818. Franked "Free" from T. Douglas, Deputy Paymaster of the United States Army. This is Simpson's second type of the straightline.



St Louis (Mo T)

Sept. 11, 1818

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Missouri Territory letter with postmark St. Louis
June 30, 1817 to Philadelphia, datelined Canton-
ment Belle Fontaine.

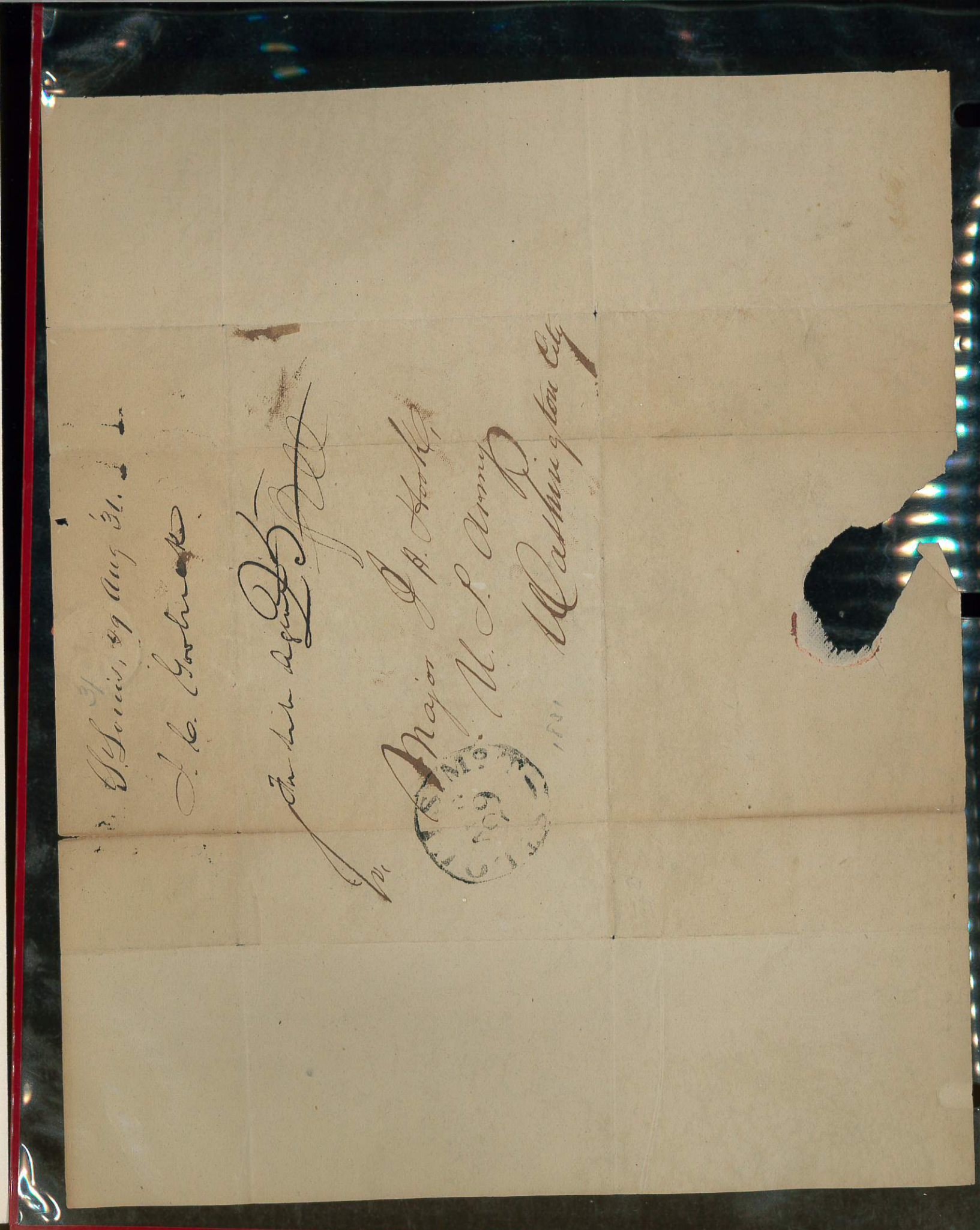
Note: This is the early type of the St. Louis
"straightline" as used by Postmaster Simpson,
its earliest known use was July 17, 1815.

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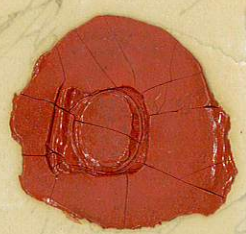


Missouri Territory letter with postmark St. Louis
November 29, 1818 to Richmond, Virginia.

Note: This is a use of the second type "Simpson"
straightline by Postmaster Aaron T. Crane who
succeeded Simpson in October 1818.



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The Acting Adjutant General
Washington City
D.C.
Miller Fontaine
1824
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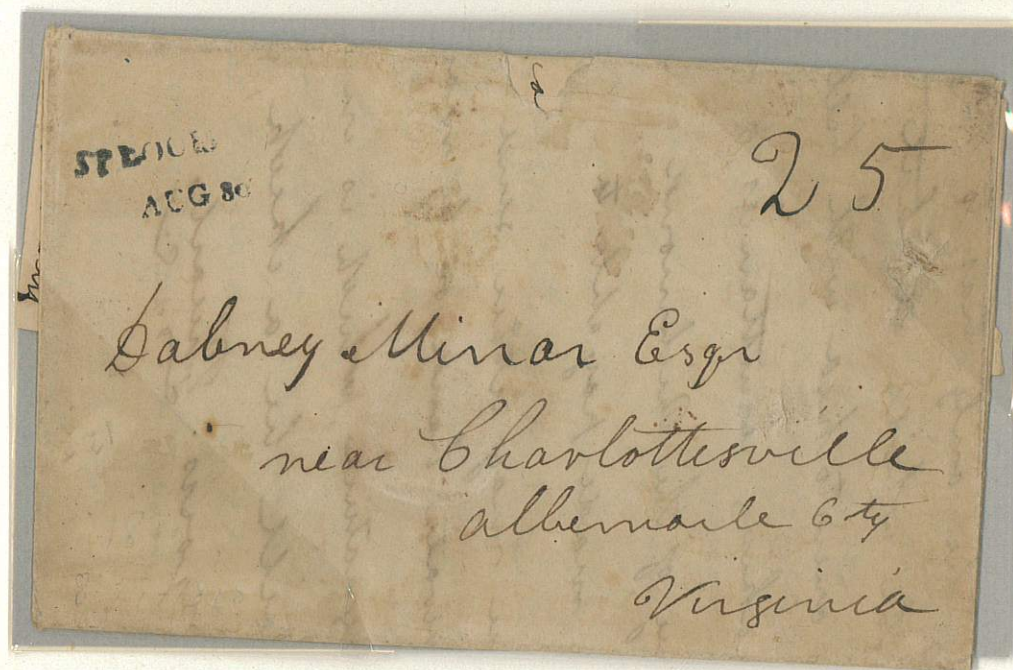


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Mr. Joseph Frazel
Jackson Cape Girardeau
County Missouri
Territory
1818

Howe Jan 16

St Louis (Mo T)
May 24 1818

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Missouri Territory letter with postmark St. Louis August 30, 1818. Rate 25 cents, single sheet letter over 400 miles. This is Simpson's first type of the straightline.

Note: This letter is from Dr. Pryor Quarles arranging the purchase of 48,000 acres of land in the District of St. Louis at the rate of two dollars per acre.

Head Quarters 1st Reg. th 16. S. Infantry
Belle Fontaine Mo: 24 July 1824

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two copies of the "General Regulations" and five of the "Rules & Regulations for the S. Infantry" - also of one dozen blank Monthly Returns - I have been instructed by the Major Commanding to state that the four Companies, (A. B. C. & D.) at this post are entirely destitute of these Books, and as he deems them highly essential to their proper instruction and improvement, he requests that you will be pleased to order two copies, of each, to be forwarded to the Commanding Officers of each of these Companies,

Very Respectfully

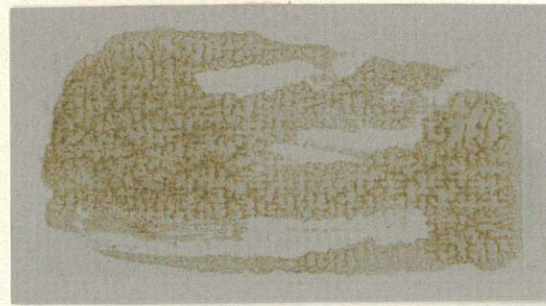
From Col. J. Pers.

The Acting Adj. General
Washington

D. C.

J. Wagg
Adj. Genl.

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Free
R Easton

Charles Lucas Esquire
Attorney at Law
St. Louis
Missouri Territory

Letter franked by Rufus Easton, as a Member of Congress datelined December 12, 1814. He was elected to serve as a Democrat from the Territory of Missouri on September 17, 1814. However he did not resign as Postmaster of St. Louis until January 1, 1815.

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Cape Girardeau } Free
Jan 20

Mr Joseph Fuzel
Jackson
Missouri Territory

per Adams }
Boat Independence

DL St Louis May 22 1820 Fuzel PM Jackson

When the Steamboat "Independence" made the first trip from St. Louis to Franklin and Chariton and returned in 21 days, it was said that this formed a proud event in the history of Missouri.

Homeport N.O. S.W. 987 Bullfinch Shippingport Ky, 1819 A

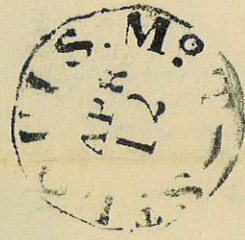
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May. Inc.

England

Fort Crawford

30th March, 1831.



Public Service

J. L.

Major General.

T. S. L. Esq.

2nd M. General

Washington D.C.

1831

7th May 1831

7th Crawford

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Book 11.

Recd. Apr. 27th 1831.



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H. Thompson
Thos. Co. Esq. W. D. Say

May. 1831

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1831

Washington City

Letter and Travel
of Gen. Thompson

General

Apt. J. Masters, Officer
Fort Crawford 30 March
1831.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 10th ultimo,
and feel greatly mortified to learn, that
my letter advising you of the insufficiency
of the Appropriation for barracks at this Post,
was not received in time to ask for a
further supply. It was my expectation
to have been received at the commence-

ment of the season. In this, however,
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Fort Crawford

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Major General

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Public Service

Head Quarters Right Wing. Miss. Dept.
St. Louis. Sept. 22nd 1825

Sir - Immediately on the receipt of your instructions
relative to Lt. Porter, of the 6th Regt., which was rec^d. by me
whilst in command of the Dept. at Louisville in July last,
I ordered him to repair from Tennessee and join his
Regt. at Coonial Bluffs - I have not heard of him
since altho more than ample time has elapsed for his
passing this place to join his Corps. I must therefore
presume that further indulgence has been extended to him
by the Dept. of War, or that he does not intend to obey my
order. I present his case for your consideration.

I beg leave also to mention that in July I
forwarded the letter of resignation of Capt. Martin of the
6th Regt. dated in March last from the Atacapa. If
the letter reached the Dept. & has not been acted upon because
he is a defaulter, I would observe that I believe he
has left the U. States & gone to Mexico.

With very great respect Sir. I have
the honor to be
Your Mo. ob. Servt.
H. McKim
Post. Genl. U. S. Army

Adj. Genl. Brown
Com^d in Chief. M. A.

ROOSEVELT SHEET
No. 1452
Printed in U. S. A.
THE ELBE

Jefferson Bannock

Feb 9 10th 1830

Sir

I have heard a report, that it was contemplated to remove Gen. Street from his situation as Indian Agent, at Prairie du Chien - Having been in command nearly a year (closing about the middle of last July) of Fort Crawford, I had occasionally the necessity of consulting Gen. Street on the subject of the Indians in the neighborhood, & likewise to call upon him to act in his capacity as Agent, to suppress the infirmerment of the laws of the U. S. by the Frontier inhabitants around us - In every case I found his opinion of the Indians & the course to be pursued towards them (in my estimation) correct - and that he was always ready, in his own Person, to take those measures most conducive to the Public Peace & good of the Country -

Upon these considerations I take the liberty of recommending him to your favorable attention, & hope to do away impressions, that may have been formed against him - I do this from my own conviction of justice towards Gen. Street, not having had any correspondence, or communication whatever with him since my leaving Prairie du Chien

If the intention of the Dept. is the contemplation of removing Gen. Street from motives of Policy or any other not having relation to his capacity and attention to duty, I can only say, that those are subjects, with which I have no concern, and with which I do not pretend to interfere - But from my knowledge

Indian Country

August 1821

May 30, 1854

In camp one hundred miles from Independence, Mo.

Indian Territory
In Camp April 28. 1849

My Dear Father.

We have fairly got under way and about one hundred miles in camp on plain from Independence. Have all got. Thus far safe and well. Have been five days on the road. Averaged about twenty miles day. but few companions a head of us. just overhauled a Company. with our team Camp near them to night - our mule teams go right ahead, grass is not very plenty. Yet but is growing finely. We carry corn. Would rather do this than be in the great Corned that will start from Independence in a week or two. Have had a well beaten road - so far and will be

New York
Sincerely
Yours

Wm. L. E. C. M.

Wm. L. E. C. M.

Westport, Mo. May 3, (1849)

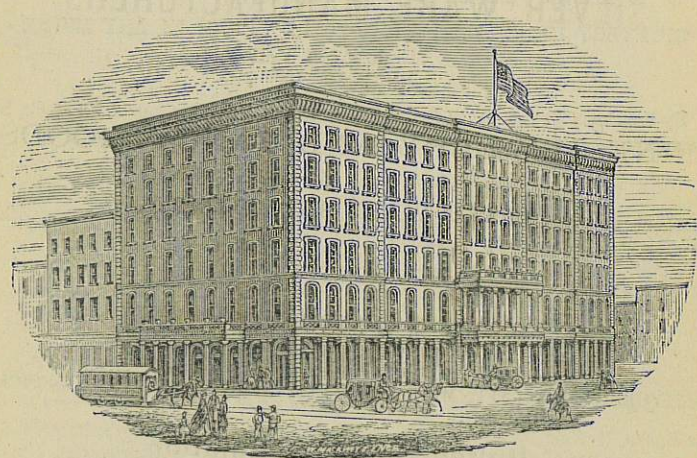
Letter datelined Indian Territory, April 28, 1849. Carried by favor to Westport, Mo. and there placed in the U.S. Mail.

SOUTHERN HOTEL,

St. Louis, Mo.

THEODORE LAVEILLE.

CHAS. P. WARNER.



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LAVEILLE, WARNER & CO.,

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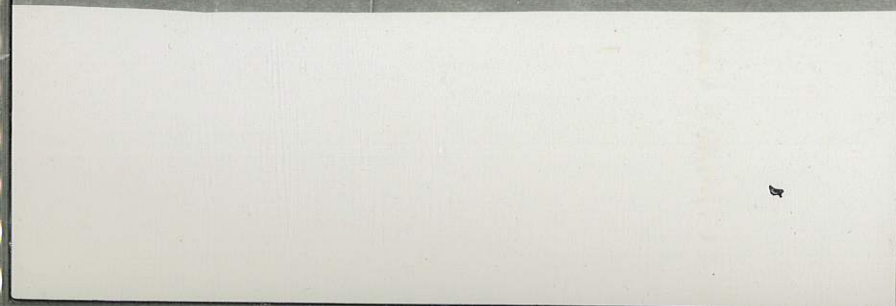
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Frank G. Bloom
Hickman
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Colorado



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Pop Barnack
Feb 10
East 1st Street
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St. Louis du Cher
Upper Mississippi
St. Louis
1867
Subject returned
10th May 1867 - Evening
at 10 o'clock
at 10 o'clock

St Charles July 9th 1844

Robert D. Johnson Esqr

Sr

Your letter under date Sept 3rd was duly received, you state in that letter that Mr Teshenod was then prepared to make payment of the money the proceeds of my late husband's estate in Galveston to my legally authorized Agent I answered ~~that~~ your letter shortly after I received it informing you that my Agent was Mr George L. Mackam in New York City which was then already known ~~then~~ to Mr Teshenod for he was present when I gave ^{him my money} the ~~beside~~ answering your letter I have written several letters to both you and Mr Teshenod but strange to tell, I have not received the scrape of a pen since from either of you my property is withheld from me and that too after repeated assurances both from you Sir as well as Mr T that I should have strict justice done me. but how have I been treated the little all that it was said could be collected from my late husband's estate for me, is cruelly kept from me and that while I am suffering every species of misery and want Oh! my god why is it that those permiest these things. I must candidly confess that I have had my doubts of the probity of Mr Teshenod from certain contradictions in his letters, but in you Sir I placed implicit confidence, could I for one moment ~~believe~~ ^{believe} that a Judge particularly of the probate Court whose business it is to decide on, and protect the interests of the Widow and the Orphans would pass by those interests and suffer Teshenod to withhold from my poor fatherless children the little pittance that has been adjudged their due.

THE SITE OF THIS HOTEL WAS FIRST OCCUPIED BY THE UNION HOTEL, BUILT IN 1830 BY MESSRS. SCOTT & RULE, AND OPERATED BY A MR. FARISH UNTIL 1843. IN THAT YEAR IT WAS TAKEN OVER BY A CAPT. JAMES WOOD WHO MADE NUMEROUS IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE BUILDING.

ON JANUARY 1, 1844 JOHN H. SPARR BECAME LESSEE AND PROPRIETOR. IN 1840 HE HAD LEASED A HOTEL LOCATED AT THE CORNER

OF VINE AND SECOND STREETS, THEN KNOWN AS THE "VIRGINIA HOTEL". WHEN HE BECAME LESSEE OF THE UNION HOTEL IN 1844, HE CARRIED WITH HIM THE NAME "VIRGINIA HOTEL" AND THEREAFTER THE UNION HOTEL WAS KNOWN AS THE VIRGINIA HOTEL.

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PAID
 Robert D. Johnson Esq
 Galveston City
 Texas.



No. 100 to 100

Dear Sir, Enclosed this letter of the last month. You
 would oblige me very much, copying the Dickerson
 to an affidavit of indebtedness - the failure to
 make an inventory of the estate from time to time - all of
 which the property was lost in one blow - I want to see
 Dickerson to be up to the point. Dickerson told me at one
 time that he had \$2000 - in his hands belonging to the
 estate. He is now in a very - Please see him to
 an affidavit.
 \$2000 -
 Henry May Jr. R. D. Johnson