

WATERWAYS MAIL

"Homer"

Teche River

**HOMER**



Bill of lading datelined French Port, Jan. 17th 1848, shipment to be delivered to Stacy's Landing.

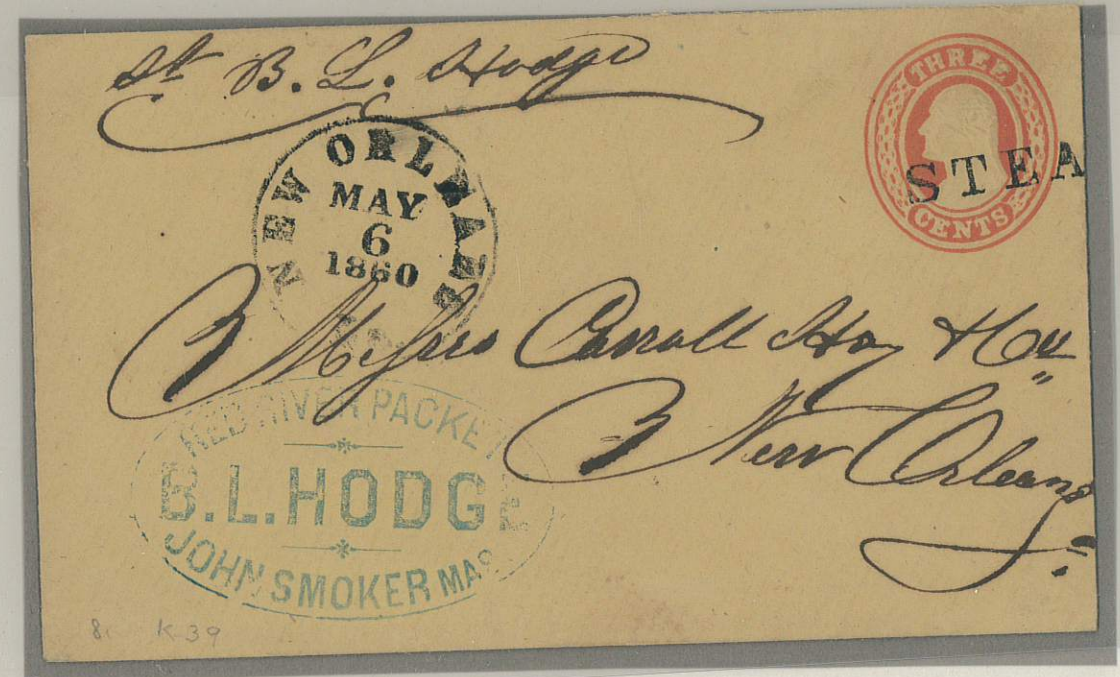
A 247 ton side-wheeler built in 1846 at Louisville, Ky., abandoned in 1851.

WATERWAYS MAIL

"B. L. Hodge"

Red River

RED RIVER PACKET  
**B.L.HODGE**  
JOHN SMOKER MAS.



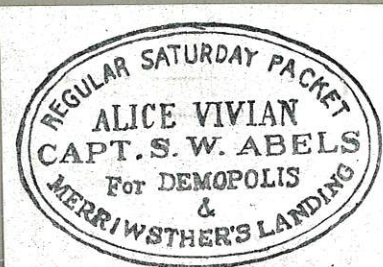
Letter carried ashore by the Captain or Clerk of the B.L. Hodge at New Orleans and posted May 6, 1860. The "Steam" cancellation indicates a non-contract boat, and that the 2 cent fee was paid.

A 289 ton side-wheeler built in 1857 at New Albany, Ind. home port New Orleans. The boat was lost June 22, 1868.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Alice Vivian"

Alabama & Tombigbee Rivers



*Mr. James Whitfield  
Demopolis  
Ala.*

Letter carried by a non-contract boat, and delivered out of the mails in accordance with PL & R, using an embossed postal envelope. Addressed to Demopolis, Ala. 185?

A 376 ton side-wheeler built at New Albany, Ind. in 1856, home port Mobile, Ala. Captured as a Confederate steamer by the United States and renamed the "South" February 3, 1866, abandoned in 1867.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"A. Fuselier"

Mississippi River



*via Louisville*

*Master Percy Roberts  
(Western Military Institute)  
Drennon Springs  
Ky.*

Prepaid letter placed in the mail February 8, 1853 at New Orleans, from the A. Fuselier for Drennon Springs, Ky.

A 357 ton side-wheeler built in 1851 at Franklin, La. its home port. Abandoned in 1858.

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May 11 1856 Stephensport Ky to Louisville  
K458 Ohio river Rainbow

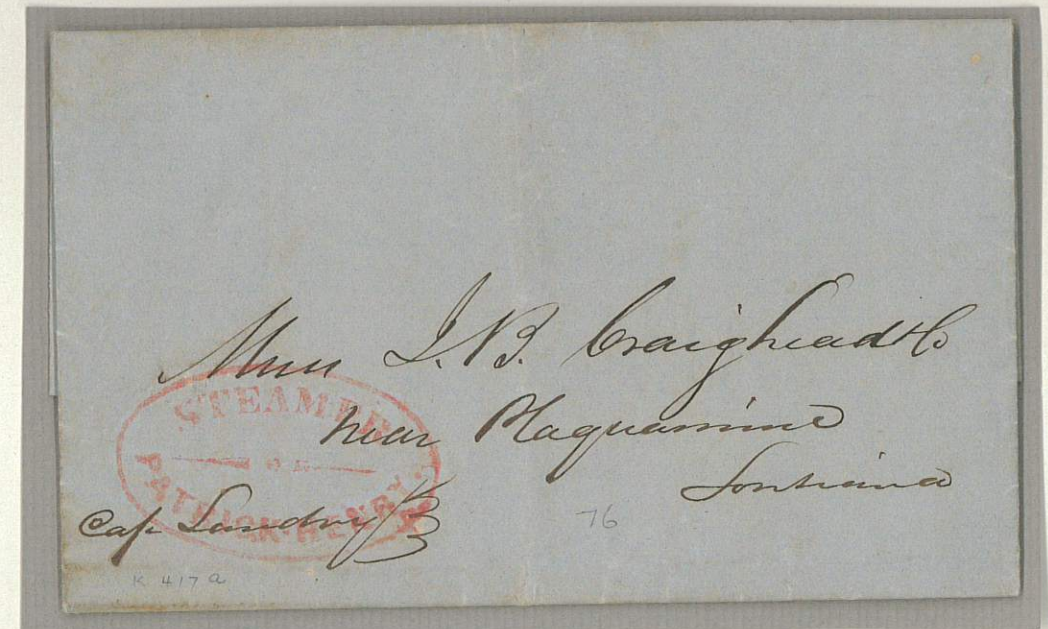


W 150 1857 Burlington Ohio Cincinnati  
K464

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Patrick Henry"

Mississippi River



Letter datelined New Orleans, January 31, 1851, relating  
to picking up cargo on the levee at Plaquemine, La.

328 ton side-wheeler built at Cincinnati in 1846. Home  
port, New Orleans. Converted to a wharf-boat in 1854.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Fanny Sparhawk"

Mississippi River



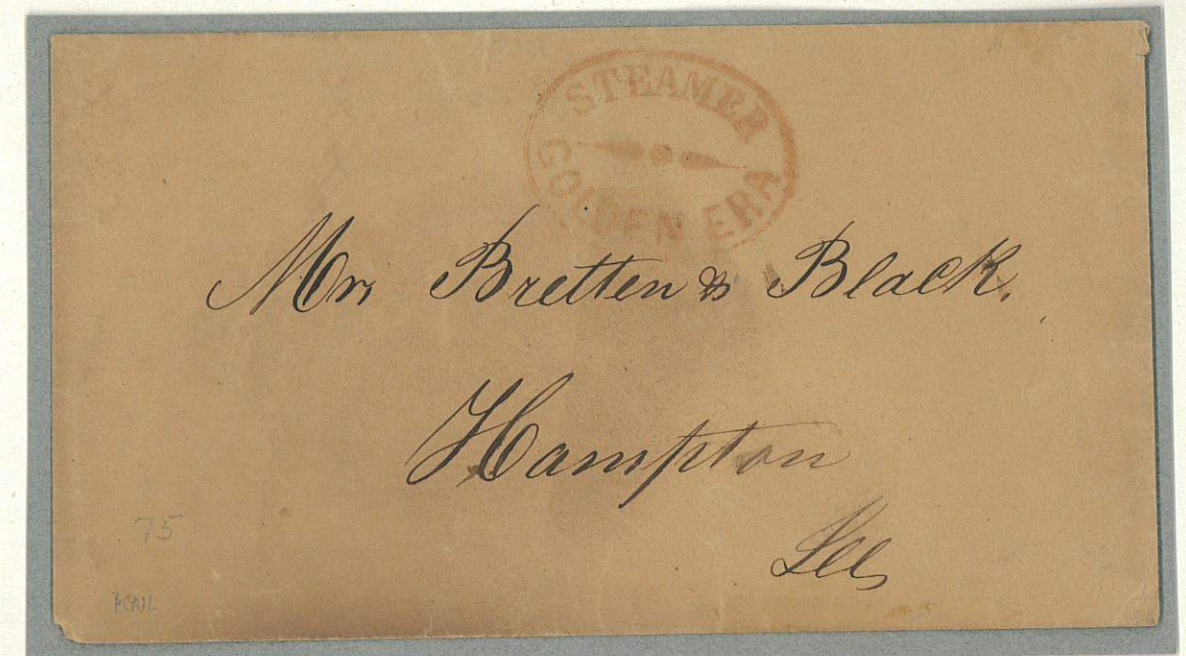
Letter carried by favor, datelined February 19, 1854 to New Orleans, receiving notation dated February 21st.

A 249 ton side-wheeler built at its home port Cincinnati in 1852. Abandoned in 1855.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Golden Era"

Upper Mississippi River



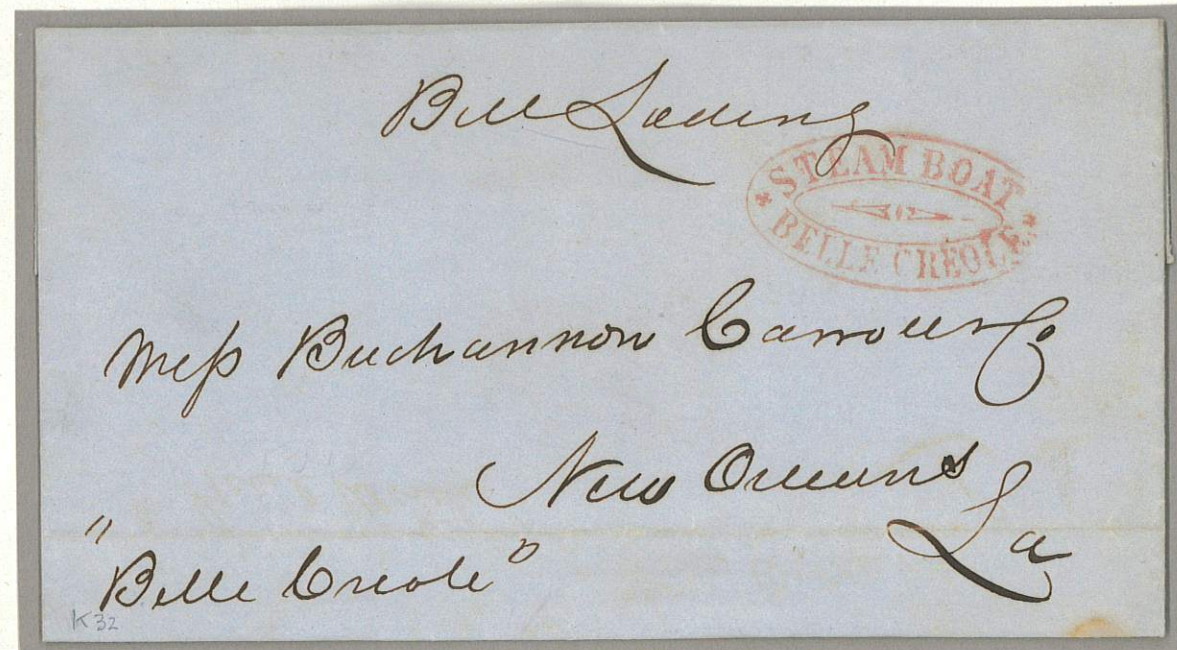
Letter carried and delivered out of the mail to Hampton, Ill.

A side-wheeler built at its home port Wheeling, Va. in 1852, 275 tons. Abandoned in 1868.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Belle Creole"

Mississippi River



A Bill of Lading datelined Vicksburg, November 25, 1850.

This was a 447 ton side-wheeler built in 1845 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Home port New Orleans.  
Abandoned in 1852.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Capitol"

Mississippi River



Letter placed in the mail at New Orleans by the Captain or Clerk of the Capitol a non-contract boat. The "Steam" cancel indicates the post office paid the 2 cent fee.

448 ton side-wheeler built at Jeffersonville, Ind. in 1855 home port New Orleans. June 28, 1862 burnt at Liverpool, Miss.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Iowa"

Mississippi River



Prepaid letter datelined St. Louis, Mo. November 5, 1852 carried by boat to New Orleans and placed in the mail on November 14th. Rated "WAY" 1 indicating the way fee of 1 cent was to be collected from the recipient.

This 454 ton side-wheeler was built at its home port of St. Louis in 1848. Crushed in the ice March 17, 1856 at Marietta, Ohio.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Montgomery"

Mississippi River



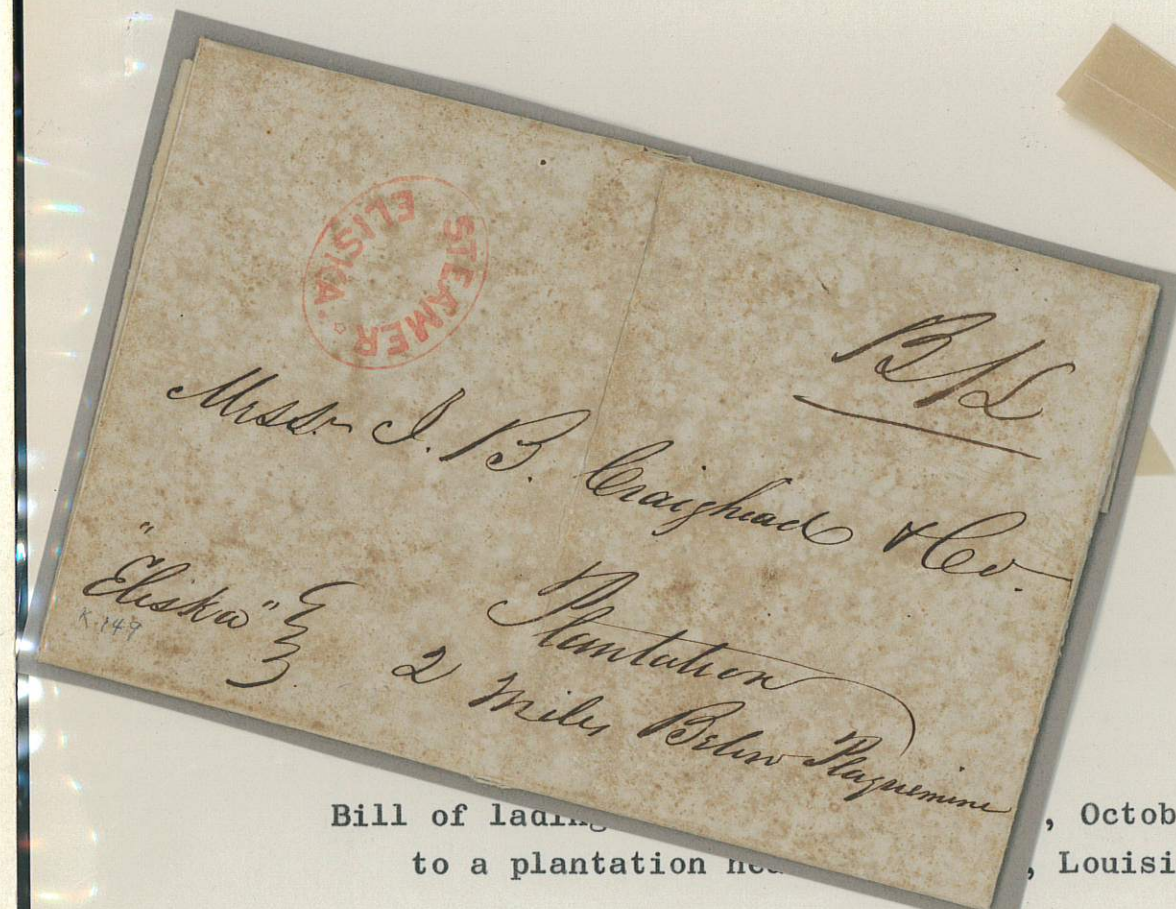
Letter datelined New Orleans, May 14, 1850 carried by boat to St. Louis, Mo. and there placed in the mail. The "Steam 10" applied by the St. Louis post office.

407 ton side-wheeler built in 1843 at New Albany, Ind. home port Mobile, Ala. The boat burnt November 7, 1851 at New Carthage, Miss. with the loss of two lives.

WATERWAYS MAIL

Mississippi River

"Eliska"



Bill of lading, October 27, 1849  
to a plantation near, Louisiana.

This 231 ton side-wheeler was built at its home port  
Louisville, Ky. in 1846. Abandoned in 1848.

New World

MH 44

K399

P199 1849 Cincinnati Cincinnati ASG  
Camden Ark - MO Apr 10 1851 Ouachita river  
K399



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# WATERWAYS MAIL

Mississippi River

STEAM 10

*fr. Iowa" With Freight*

STEAM 10

*Chas. L. Drake Esq*

*St Louis*

*Mo.*

Datelined - New Orleans, 6 May 1851, "per Iowa"  
placed in the mail at St. Louis, Mo. 10 cents  
due. Recieving notation dated May 19, 1851.

*Texas Ranger K554*

*MA 67*

*P159  
K554*

*1851*

*New Albany*

*New Albany*

*Red river*

*A 61*



*Wm. T. Heard Esq*  
*85 Gravier St. New Orleans*

*La*

*P247  
K533*

*1848*

*Columbia La*

*Conn*

*Conn*

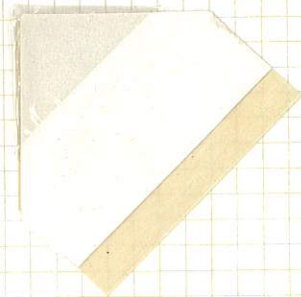
*Ouachita river*

*57*

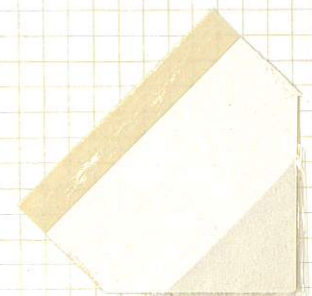
*Unpaid doubleweight letter Collect, 10¢ postage, 14 way -  
Feb 1851*

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K455  
Princeton Cotton Bale  
MH 53



K456



French Port Feb 14 1849 to NO  
K456

WATERWAYS MAIL

"Southern Belle"

Mississippi River



Letter carried by a contract boat of Route 7309 - New Orleans via St. Francisville to Vicksburgh, 397 miles, three times a week. This Steamboat Mail Contract Route operated from 1854 to 1858. This cover postmarked from Vicksburgh, June 9, (1856) to Jackson, Miss.

A 525 ton side-wheeler built in 1851 at Jeffersonville, Ind. home port Mobile, Ala. where the boat burnt October 16, 1857.

WATERWAYS MAIL

Mississippi River

STEAM 5

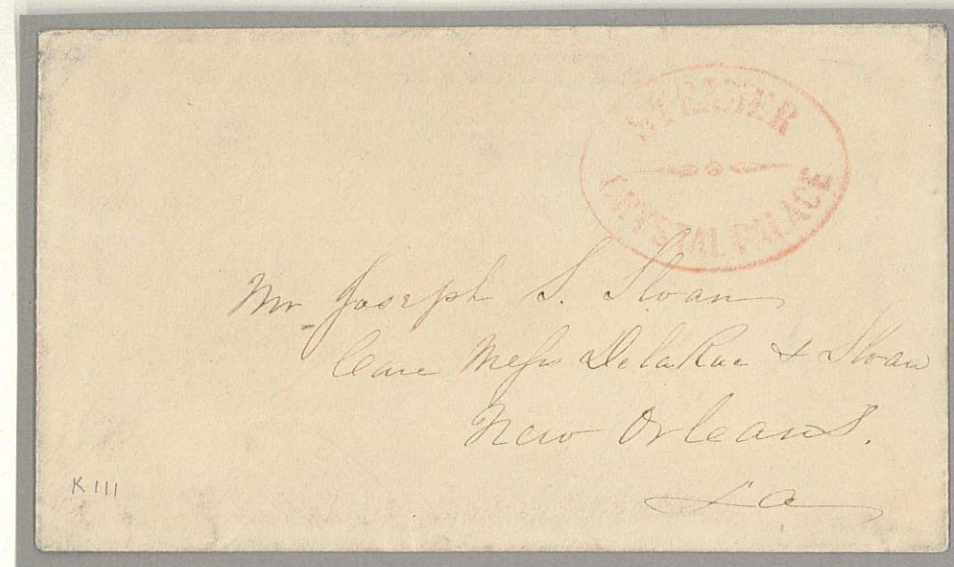


Datelined - Rock Island, September 29, 1852  
placed in the mail at St. Louis. 5 cents due

WATERWAYS MAIL

Mississippi River

"Crystal Palace"



Letter carried and delivered out of the mail  
to New Orleans. Probably "bootleg" service.

541 ton side-wheeler built at Freedom, Pa. in  
1853 home port Pittsburgh. Abandoned in 1858.

WATERWAYS MAIL

"Cora"

Mississippi & Ouachita Rivers



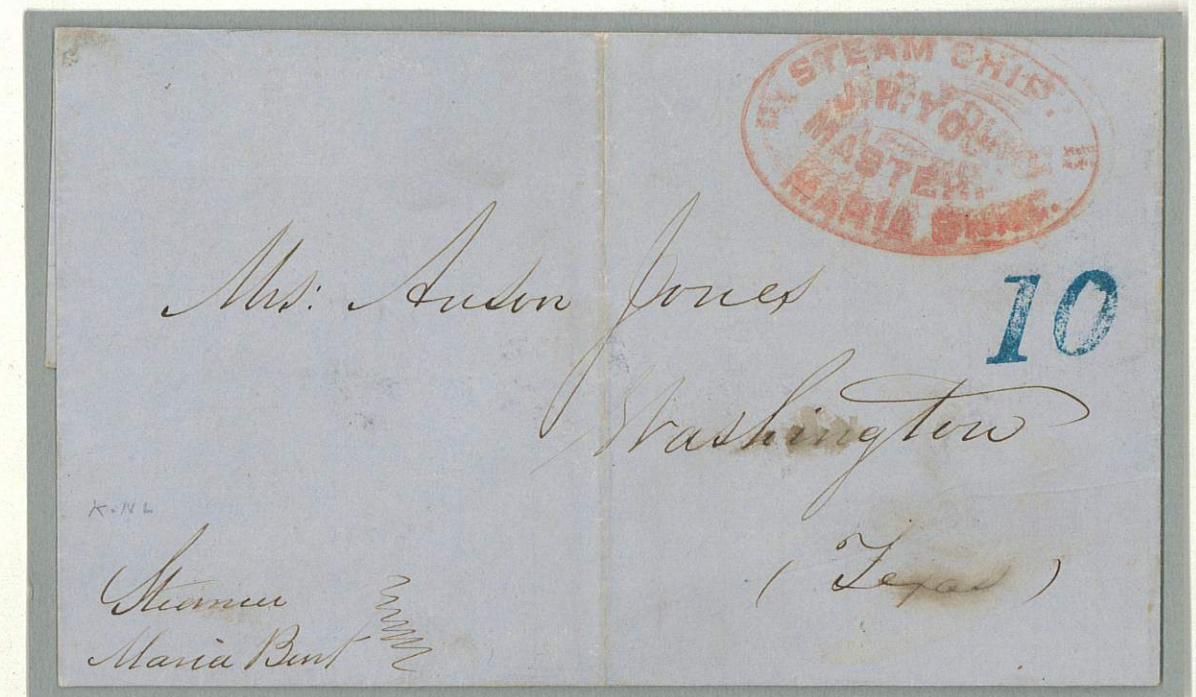
Dated April 18, 1849 from Ouachita City (now Camden) Arkansas.

A 144 ton side-wheeler built at Rock Island, Ill. in 1846 - Home port, St. Louis, Mo. - Hit a snag and sank at Council Bluffs, Iowa on April 28, 1850 with a loss of fifteen lives.

WATERWAYS MAIL

"Maria Bent"

Mississippi River



This letter was put into the mails at New Orleans for Washington, Texas - 10 cents due - received July 17, 1858.

WATERWAYS MAIL

"Comet"

Mississippi River



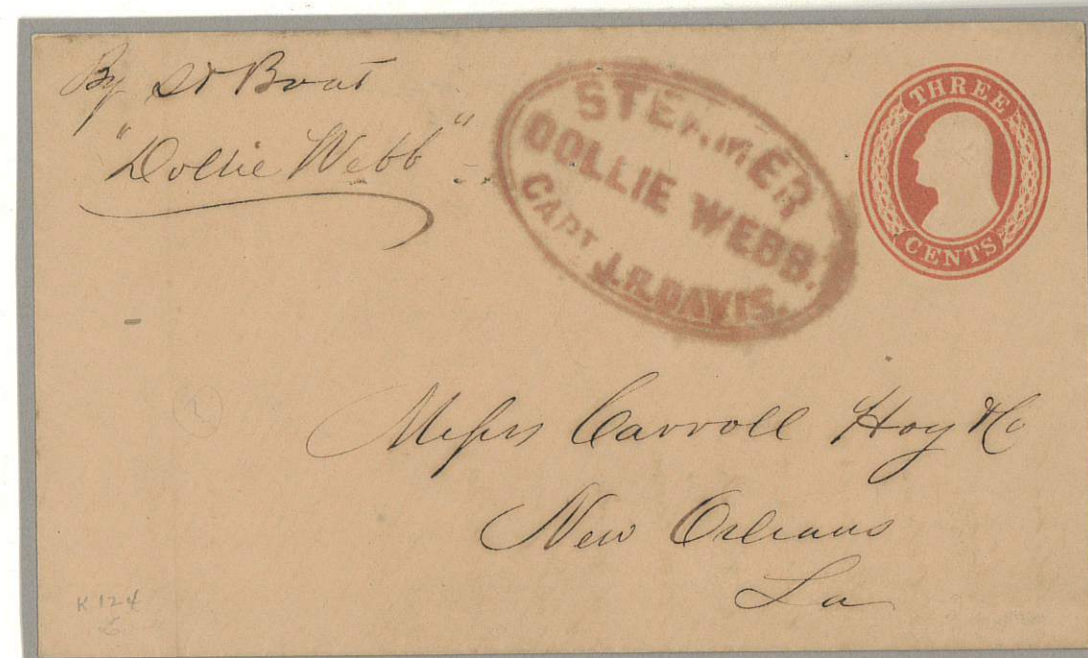
Letter delivered out of the mail at New Orleans.

183 ton side-wheeler built at Louisville, Ky. in 1857, home port New Orleans. Passed to Confederate control in 1861, disposition unknown.

WATERWAYS MAIL

"Dollie Webb"

Mississippi River



Letter carried and delivered out of the mails in accordance with postal regulations.

A 139 ton stern-wheeler built at its home port, Wheeling, Va. in 1859. Burnt at Algiers, La. on May 5, 1861.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Monroe"

Mississippi River



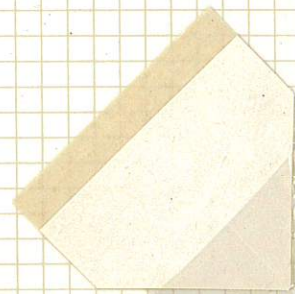
Letter carried out of the mail from Troy, Mississippi datelined March 25, 1851 for delivery at New Orleans.

The 183 ton side-wheeler was built at New Albany, Ind. home port, Louisville, Ky. On March 20, 1854 it capsized above Natchez, Miss. with a loss of thirty lives.





Frank Byron  
M.H. 26  
K 179



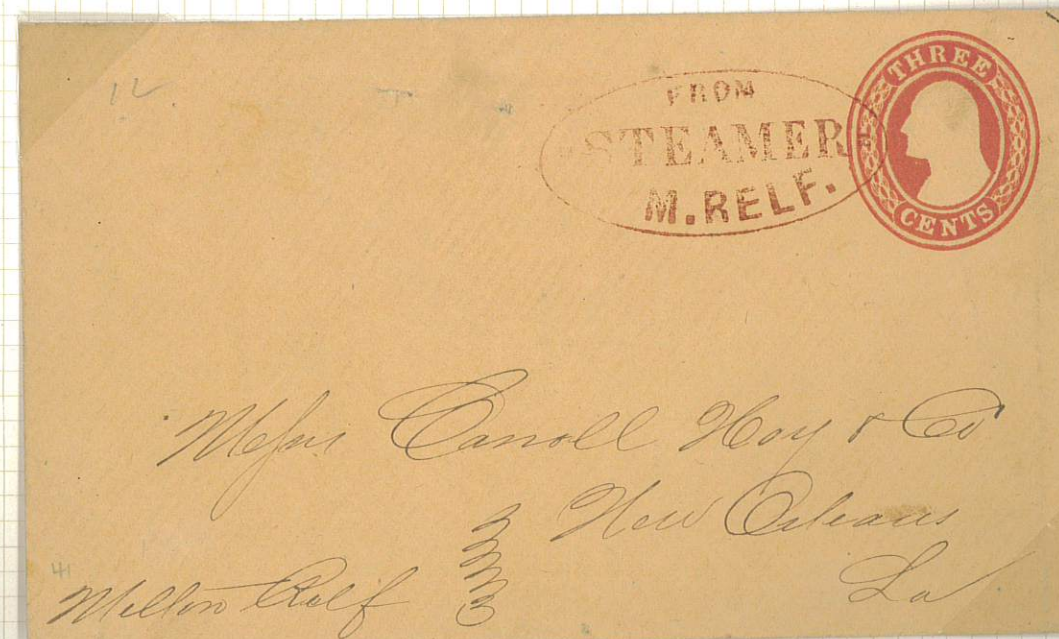
P 446 1851 Jeffersonville Ind Mobile Ala #57  
K179 Warsaw La to Mobile 3/6/52 Miss River



P K193a



P 132 (1858)? Louisville MO L61  
K369 Red and Miss rivers



K371 1855 Miss river

WATERWAYS MAIL

"Peerless"

Mississippi River



Prepaid letter to New Orleans, cancelled with the packet marking January 31, 1860. The use of a packet marking to cancel stamps is most unusual and was discouraged by the postal authorities.

This 347 ton side-wheeler was built at Louisville, Ky. in 1858, home port St. Louis, Mo. Burnt at New Orleans on May 27, 1860.

WATERWAYS MAIL

"B. E. Clark"

Mississippi & Red Rivers



Letter placed in the mail at New Orleans, March 14, (18??) postage cancelled "Steam" to indicate this was a non-contract boat, its Captain or Clerk entitled to the 2ct fee.

This 199 ton side-wheeler was built in 1853 at Fulton, Ohio. It burnt at New Orleans, La. May 30, 1860.



Miss Mrs. F. Hearden Co  
New Orleans  
La

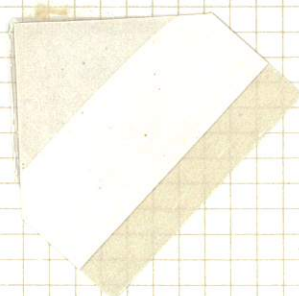
K522



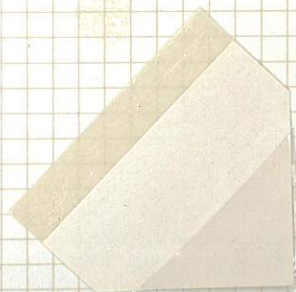
Mr. Matt & Son  
New Orleans

J. P. Leather

P 435 1852 Memphis NO # 56  
Memphis Oct 25 1852 NO miss river  
K561



Tag read K558



K558

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Rockaway"

Mississippi River



Letter datelined Caldwell Parish, La. February 5, 1853. Carried out of the mail to New Orleans, there given to the U.S. Postal Agent, E.A. Dentzel to see that all proper fees were paid. This letter was then apparently delivered to the addressee by the Captain or Clerk.

This 324 ton side-wheeler, registered the "Rockaway No. 2" was built in 1850 at Elizabeth, Pa. home port New Orleans. Burnt April 29, 1854 at Bayou Sara, La.



K441

1853  
This was after 1860  
Not from MN

"Indian"



Messrs Carroll, Hay & Co  
New Orleans.

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**B. J. BUTLER,**  
Storage, Forwarding,  
Commission Merchant  
AND GENERAL STEAMBOAT  
AGENT,  
WHARF BOAT,  
VICKSBURG, MISS.



Messrs Buchanan, Carroll & Co  
New Orleans La.

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Messrs Carroll, Hay & Co  
New Orleans  
La.



P 683 54 Cincinnati St Louis W 64  
Sold to War dept in 1864  
K388a

Snapp &



Messrs Buchanan, Carroll & Co  
New Orleans  
La.

P 273 1850 Jeffersonville W D  
K373 river H 59

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Phillip Pennywit"

Mississippi River



A Bill of Lading for 10 bales of cotton from  
Atkins Landing to New Orleans, dated January 19, 1850.

A side-wheeler of 264 tons built at Cincinnati in 1849  
home port New Orleans. Snagged at Van Buren, Ark. on  
May 13, 1851.

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W 359 1866 miss + Ohio rivers 469  
This side 1868 miss river  
K480 ✓



1852 miss river  
K487



P 157 1851 Cincinnati no miss + no rivers L 58  
This use 1954-56  
K445



unpaid 54 May 14  
K454 Vicksburg miss no June 25 1852



# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Sydonia"

Red River



Letter picked up en-route to New Orleans, there placed in the mail. The "way" indicates the post office paid the 1 cent fee.

A 235 ton side-wheeler built at Cincinnati, Ohio in 1851, home port New Orleans. Burnt May 29, 1857 at Columbia, La. with the loss of two lives.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"St. Charles"

Red River



A letter picked up enroute by the St. Charles, a contract boat with no route agent aboard. The Captain (or Ship's Clerk) put it into the mail at New Orleans where the Post Office cancelled it "Way" and paid the one cent fee due a contract vessel.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Duck River"

Red River



Datelined - New Orleans, September 27, 1850  
placed in the mail at New Orleans, 10 cents  
due - for delivery at Alexandria, Louisiana.

This 132 ton side-wheeler was built in 1847  
at Cincinnati, Ohio. Abandoned in 1853.

Edw Geo Nite



P 238	1855	Souville	- Memphis	Red river	L 61
P 230	1856	Cincinnati	Franklin La	"	L 61
K305b					



W 256	1864	Souville	Cincinnati	L 68
W 190	1865	Mobile	Mobile	L 68
NL.				

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Red River"

Red River



A "bootleg" letter datelined New Orleans, January 26, 1854 concerning the payment of tax bills.

This was a 276 ton side-wheeler built in Marietta, Ohio in 1850. The boat's home port was New Orleans. Abandoned 1857.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Bayou Belle"

Red River

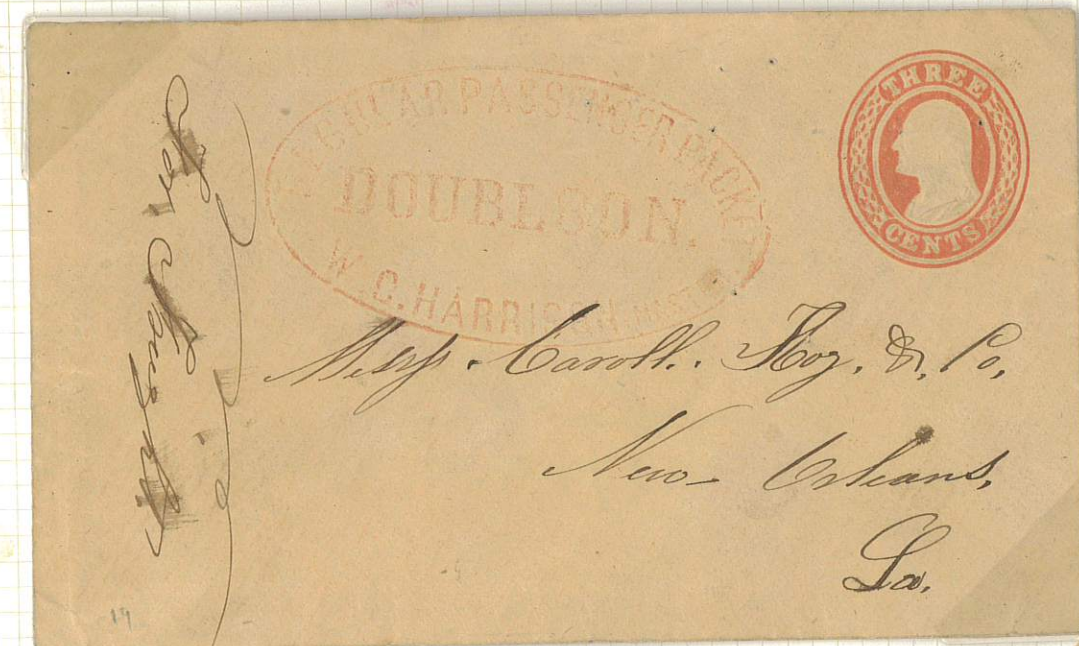


Prepaid letter of the late 1850's with the stamp cancelled by the packet marking. A practice discouraged by the postal authorities.

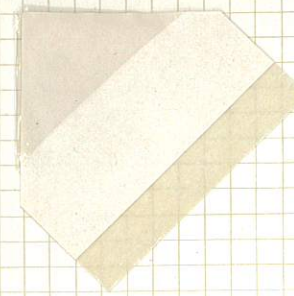
This packet marking is similiar to the other Bayou Belle marking except for the deletion of Captain J.D. Walker's name.



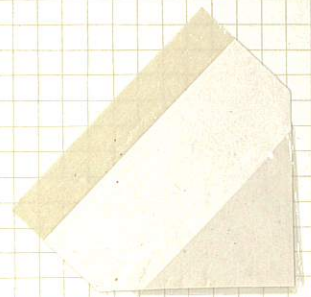
K96 Camden to no mar 22 1849 Onachita & miss rivers



K126 P 293 1859 Cincinnati no L 67



*Lillie Robinson*  
*Florida*



P 349 1855 New Albany no L 61  
 K498 use 1857 Red & miss rivers.



P144 1851 Monongahela Pa no A57  
Smithland Ga mar 22 1852 no  
K563

EE Bartzel mail agt no



Use May 4, 1885 -

WATERWAYS MAIL

"Caddo No. 2"

Red River

Hardoon Special



Letter picked up by the boat en-route to New Orleans, there placed in the mail and cancelled "way" indicating the Captain or Clerk received the 1 cent fee.

273 ton side-wheeler built in Louisville, Ky. in 1851 home port Nashville, Tenn. Abandoned in 1856.

WATERWAYS MAIL

"Fashion"

Red River



Unpaid letter datelined Bossier Point, La. May 1, 1851. Carried to New Orleans and posted May 7th. Rated "Steam 10" indicating the fee was paid this non-contract boat.

The Fashion was named for a famous race horse that participated in a twenty thousand dollar match race in 1845.

WATERWAYS MAIL

Red River

"Rapides"



Red River

"Rapides"

WATERWAYS MAIL



*Miss Carroll & Co  
New Orleans  
La*

K4592  
EX KNAPP

Letter delivered out of the mails in accordance  
with the postal regulations.

414 ton side-wheeler built in 1855 at New Albany, Ind.  
home port New Orleans. Passed to Confederate control in  
1861, final disposition unknown.



*Buchannon Carroll & Co  
New Orleans*

K4592

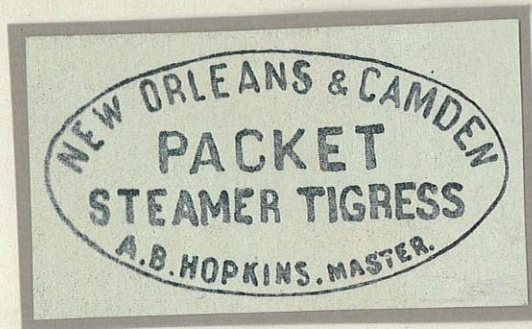
Carried and delivered out of the U.S. Mail  
in accordance with the PL & R.

The packet marking "Steamer Rapides" in black.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Tigress"

Ouachita River



Letter picked up en-route to New Orleans, placed in the mail March 7, 1860 - cancelled "Steam" indicating the Captain or Clerk received their fee.

A 321 ton side-wheeler built in 1858 at its home port Cincinnati. Sunk by gunfire at Vicksburg, April 23, 1863.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Cora No. 2"

Ouachita River

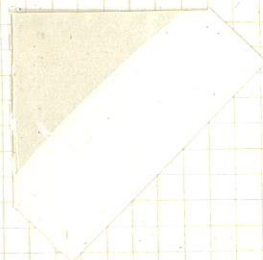


Letter picked up en-route to New Orleans, there placed in the mail by the Captain or Clerk who received the 1 cent "way" fee as indicated by the cancellation.

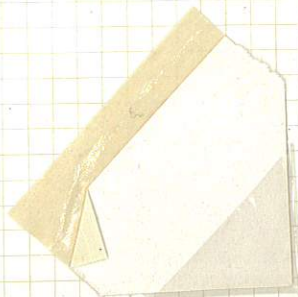
This 375 ton side-wheeler was built at New Albany, Ind. in 1849, home port New Orleans. Abandoned in 1855.



P 280 1851 Shousaton Pa Pittsburgh Pa L 57  
 K537 Ouachita & Miss Rivers  
 Date line 1853 Munder La



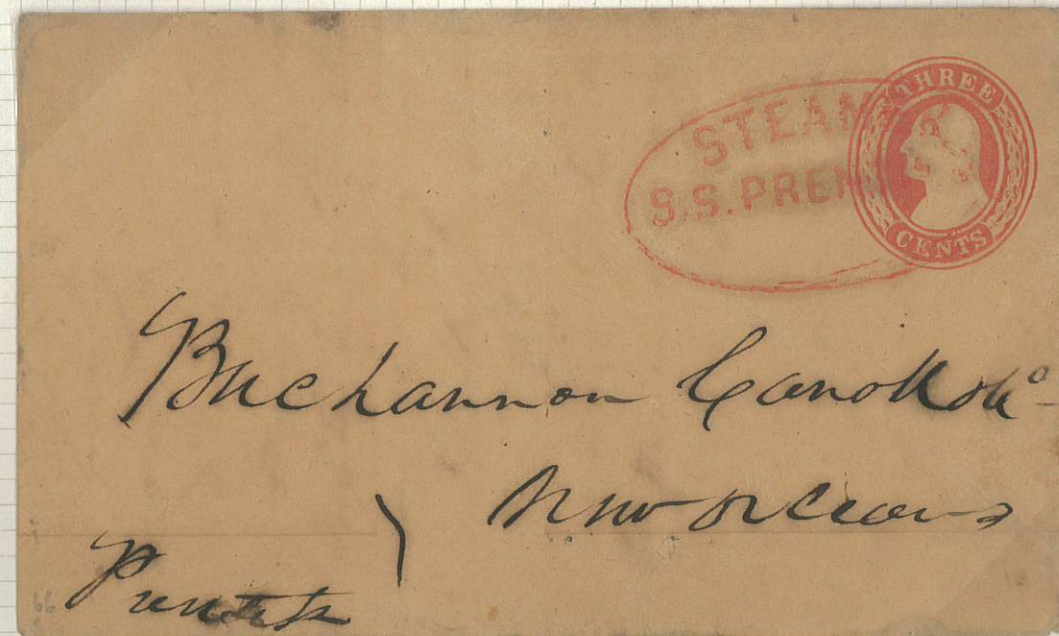
M/H # 82  
 Dr Batey  
 K128



281 1850 Louisville Ky New Orle L 60  
 K120 Miss & Ouachita River  
 Date line NO 1854



P 336 1855 Shousaton Pa Pittsburgh C 61  
 K517 This was 1857 Ouachita river



P 252 1853 Jeffersonville Ind Pittsburgh L 58  
 K518



P 247 1846 Louisville - Louisville Ky 750  
 Feb 3 1848 Onashelby County Ark Beecher River  
 K245



P 237 1851 Wheeling Va Cincinnati 767  
 NL Cairo - Memphis - Miss River

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Magnolia"

Alabama River



Letter picked up and carried to Mobile, Ala. placed in the mail and cancelled "Steamboat" indicating the 2 cent fee was paid to a non-contract boat.

A 325 ton side-wheeler built at Jeffersonville, Ind. in 1852, home port Mobile. Abandoned in 1867.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Mary Clifton"

Alabama River



Letter datelined Union Town, Ala. September 5, 1851, carried by the Mary Clifton to Mobile, and there placed in the U.S. Mail - 5 cents postage unpaid.

206 ton side-wheeler built at New Albany, Ind. in 1849, home port Mobile, Ala. February 26, 1855 snagged at Tait Shoals, Alabama.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Sally Robinson"

Bayou Sara & Gulf Coast



Letter carried by boat to New Orleans, there placed in the mail June 3, 1858 and cancelled "Steam" to indicate the 2 cent fee had been paid the Captain or Clerk.

A 267 ton side-wheeler built at its home port in 1856, Cincinnati. Taken over by the Confederacy in 1861. Its disposition is not known.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"Warrior"

Black River

Historic Special



Bootleg letter ordering drugs datelined Camden, Ark. March 16, 1849. Carried and delivered out of the mail to New Orleans.

204 ton side-wheeler built in 1844 at Cincinnati, Ohio home port Mobile, Ala. Exploded February 20, 1852 at the Meramec River, Mo. with a loss of two lives.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

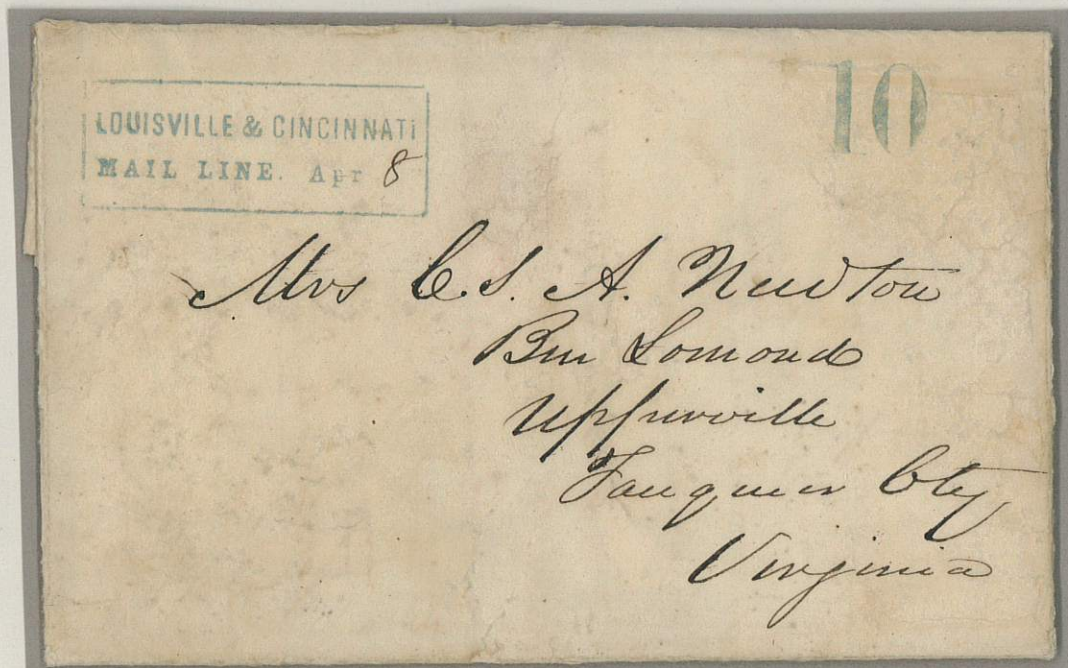
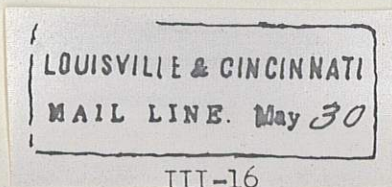
MEMPHIS & ST. LO S. B. LINE



Letter cancelled by a U.S. Route Agent aboard a steamboat of the Memphis and St. Louis Steamboat Line, dated September 8, (1867) to Portsmouth, Ohio.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

## LOUISVILLE & CINCINNATI MAIL LINE

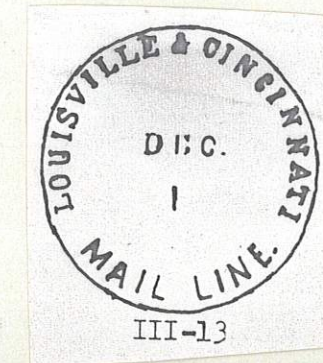


Unpaid letter datelined Louisville, April 7. Posted aboard a steamboat for New Orleans. U.S. Route Agent marking Louisville and Cincinnati Mail Line April 8.

Interesting comment in the letter - "as usual the Baltimore Road charged me \$3.50 for Extra Baggage and gave me a counterfeit note in change."

# WATERWAYS MAIL

## LOUISVILLE & CINCINNATI MAIL LINE



Prepaid letter datelined Cincinnati, September 11, 1851. Given to the U.S. Route Agent and cancelled on the 12th. for delivery at New Orleans.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

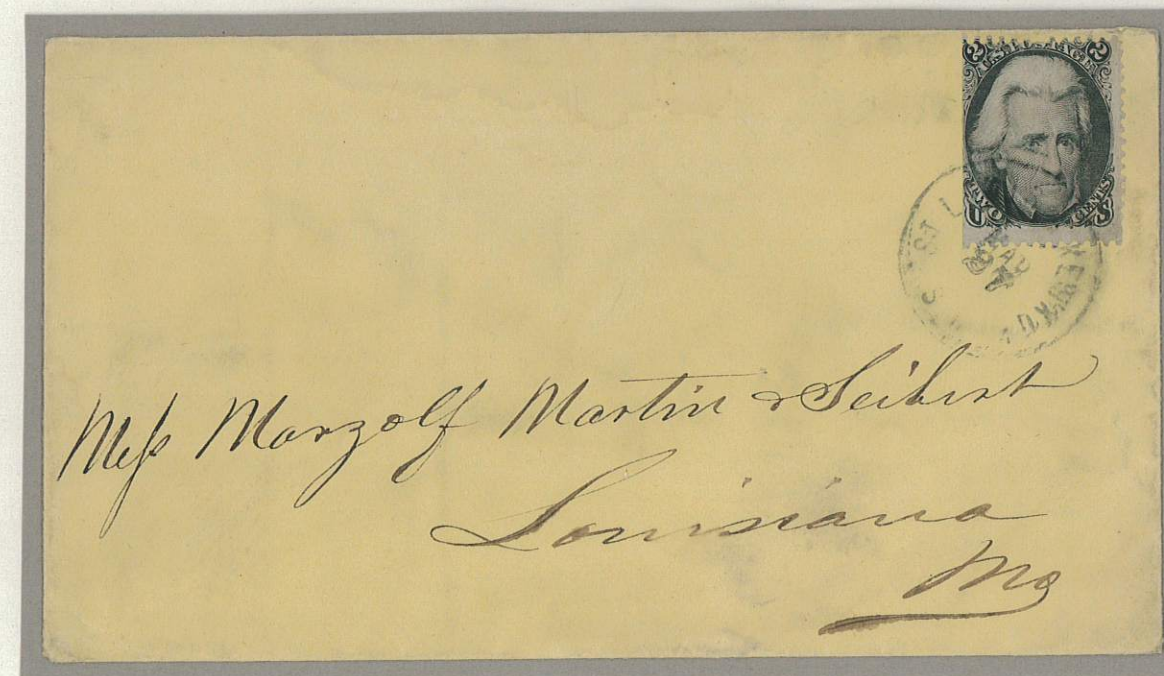
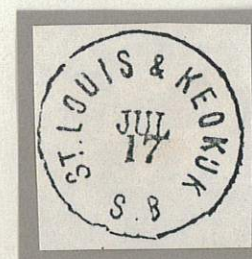
CINCINNATI & LOUISVILLE Mail Route



This cancel used by contract boats having a U.S. Postal clerk on board (a mail or route agent). This cancellation is known used from 1847 to 1863.

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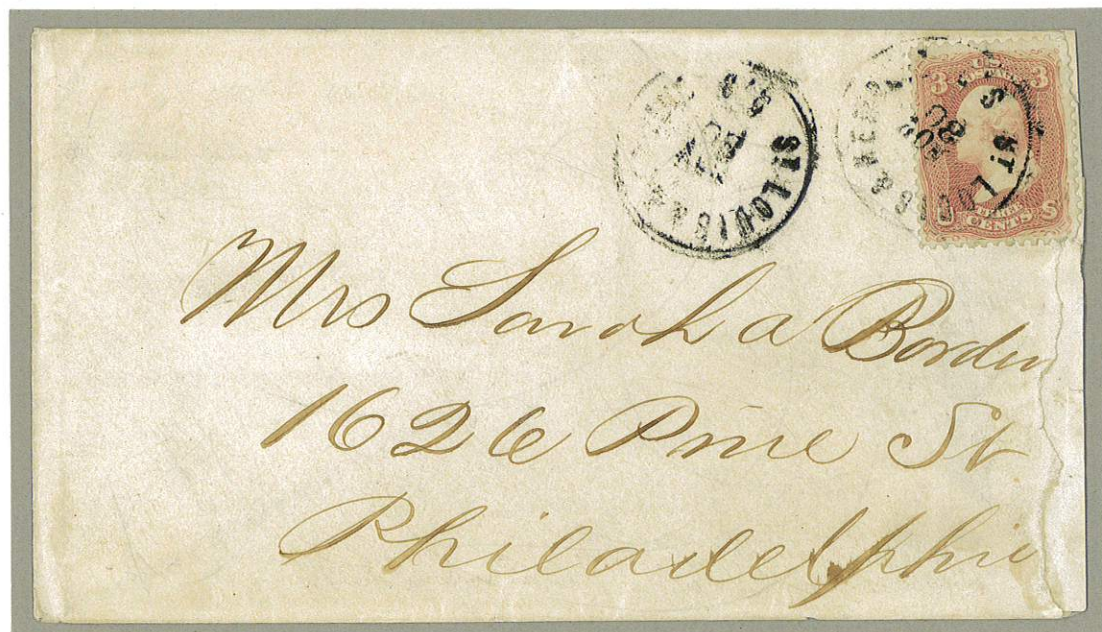
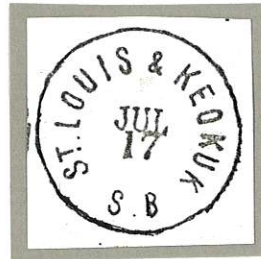
ST LOUIS & KEOKUK S.B.



Letter cancelled by the U.S. Route Agent aboard a St. Louis and Keokuk Steamboat, March 27, (1864 or later) to Louisiana, Mo.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

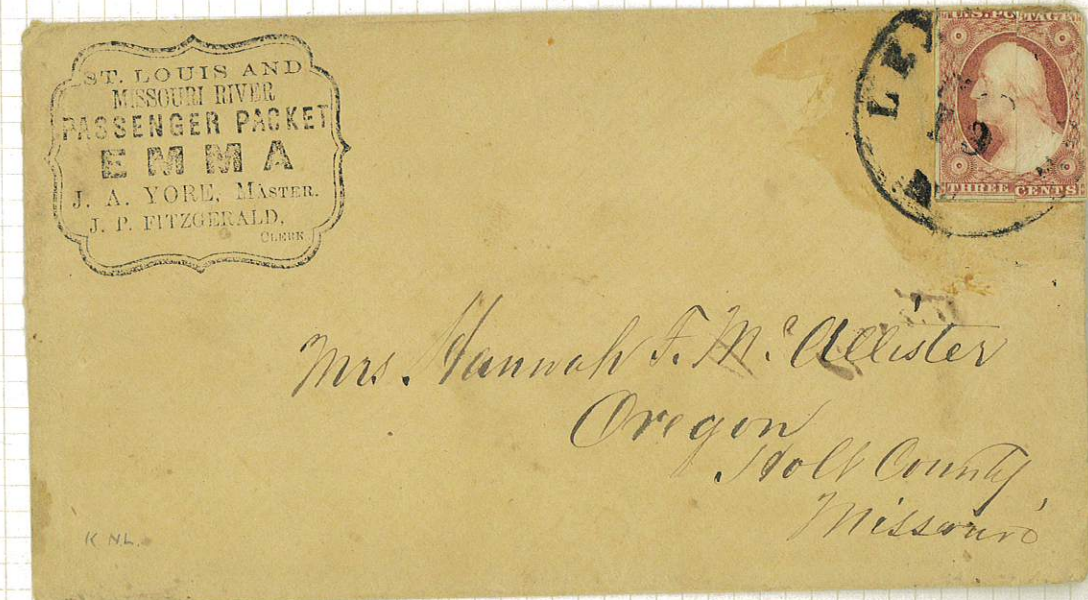
ST LOUIS & KEOKUK S. B.



Letter placed in the mail aboard a steamboat and cancelled by the U.S. Route Agent, St. Louis and Keokuk Steamboat, November 30 (186?) to Philadelphia, Pa.



not a m n



built 1856 U.S. Transport service with porters in 1864  
sunk 20 1877

K131. Red river 1860 Passed to Corp'd Central 1861  
300 Ton built Hannville Home port 20

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"General Lafayette"

Ohio River



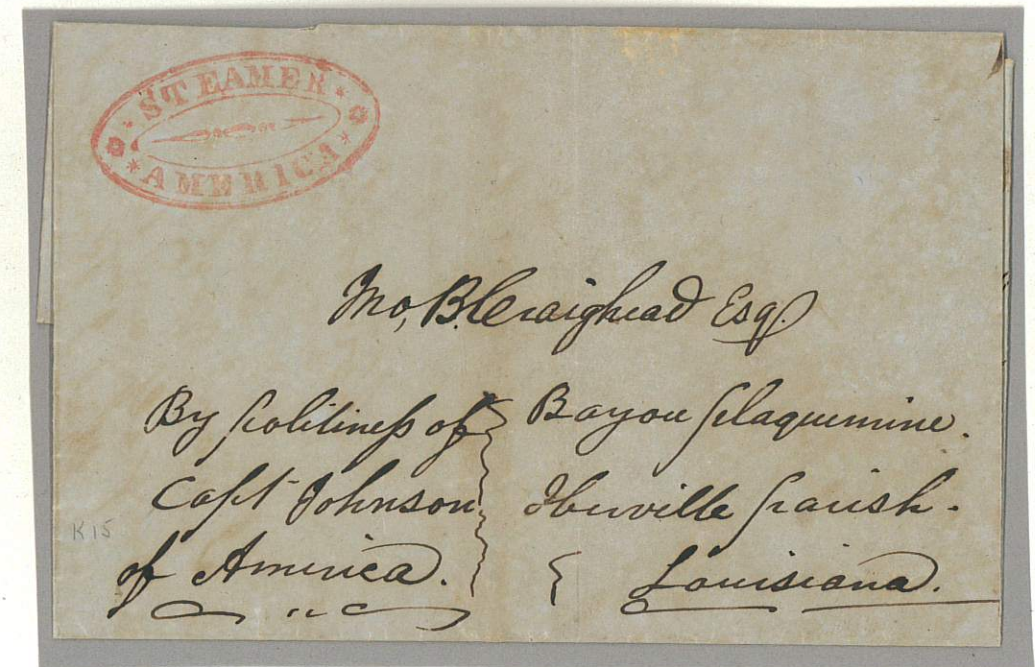
Letter datelined New Orleans, Dec. 28, 1848, telling of the panic resulting from the cholera epidemic. Unpaid, 10 cents to Evansville, Ind.

A 463 ton side-wheeler built at New Albany, Ind. in 1847 its home port Louisville, Ky. Abandoned in 1854.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

"America"

Ohio River

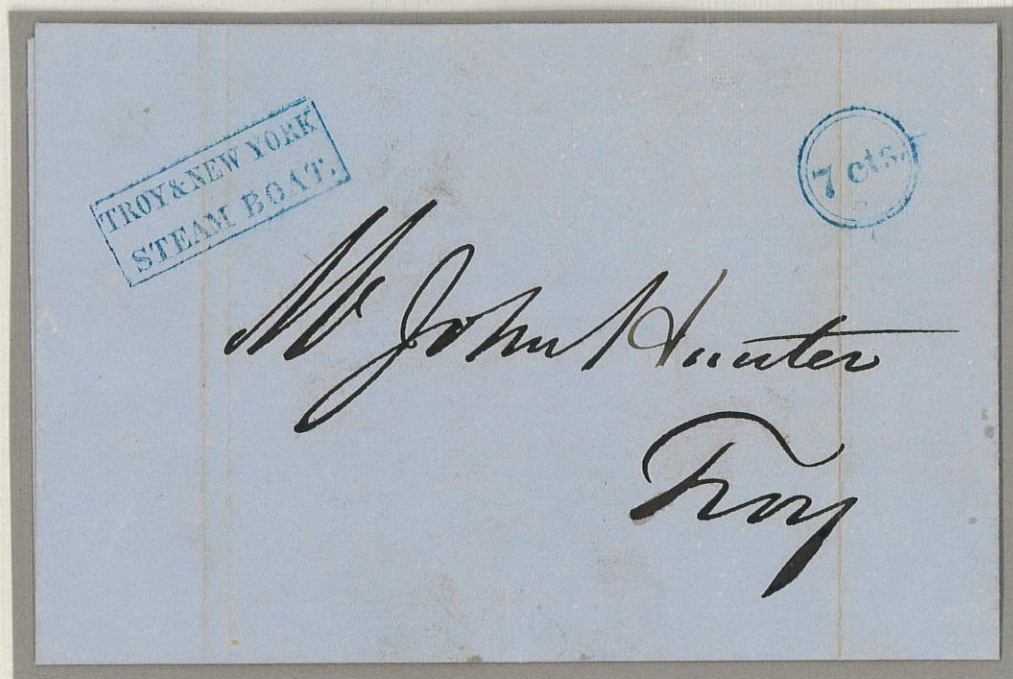


Carried out of the mails "by politeness" of the Captain, November 1849. Addressed to Iberville Parish, Louisiana.

A 740 ton side-wheeler built at New Albany, Ind. in 1849 Home port Louisville, Ky. The boat struck a snag and sank January 20, 1857 on the St. Francis River in Arkansas.

# WATERWAYS MAIL

Hudson River



Unpaid letter datelined May 6, 1848 carried by a non-contract boat to Troy. The 7 cent fee, 5 cents postage + 2 cent ship fee. The markings applied at Troy, N.Y.

Troy and New York Steamboat

Mail carried to Troy by non-contract mail steamboats were placed in the regular at Troy and were hand stamped at that office.

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Lake Champlain

"Franklin"



Letter datelined Montreal, May 19, 1832 to South Berwick, Maine. Carried by the Franklin and placed in the mails at Burlington, Vt. August 3rd. rated 18 3/4 cents and unpaid.

This was a 258 ton side-wheeler built at St. Albans, Vt. in 1827, home port Burlington, Vt., abandoned in 1838.



