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OUTSIDE THE MAILS

*Empire A. & Dr.*  
*Doc Johnson & Co*  
*Nov. 20th 1860*  
*James A. Ventress & Co*  
*Donaldsonville*  
*La*



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 Doct. Nov. 20, 1860

Manuscript "Grosse Tete": Sidewheel Packet built 1858 at New Albany, Ind. Ran New Orleans and Grosse Tete and Sara Bayous until she was rebuilt into a Confederate gunboat. Renamed Maurepas and was later sunk in the White River near St. Charles, Ark. To block the channel June 16, 1862.

3c Stamped envelope (Scott #U10) carried by steamer "Empire Parish" to New Orleans where it received The New Orleans integral date stamp, "New Orleans / Jan / 7 / 1860" and "DROP" in 21 mm circle. The drop rate was 1c but since this was a prepaid steamboat letter the 1c was blocked out by the postal clerk.

*Jan 7 1860*  
*New Orleans*  
*Empire Parish*



Manuscript "Empire Parish": Sidewheel Packet built 1859 at New Albany, Ind. Ran New Orleans - Lower coast - Quarantine Station twice weekly 1859 - 60 with Captain R. Baldwin, Master. Lost in The warf fire at New Orleans May 28, 1864 when nine boats burned.





Manuscript "Golden Age": Built 1858 at Pittsburgh, Pa. Ran New Orleans - Baton Rouge - Fort Adams before the war. It was used by the C. S. A. for transport during the war.



Manuscript "Magnolia": Sidewheel packet built 1845 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Went to New Orleans and ran Mississippi river until July 8, 1855 when it was destroyed by fire with the loss of 8 lives.



Manuscript "W. P. Swinney": Sidewheel packet built at Jeffersonville, Ind. In 1852. First home port was Vicksburg, Miss. Brought to New Orleans in 1852 and ran New Orleans - Alexandria route. Off the lists 1857.





Manuscript "Sydonia": Sidewheel packet built Cincinnati, O. 1851. Ran Mississippi and Red rivers. Burned and lost at Columbia, La. May 29, 1857.

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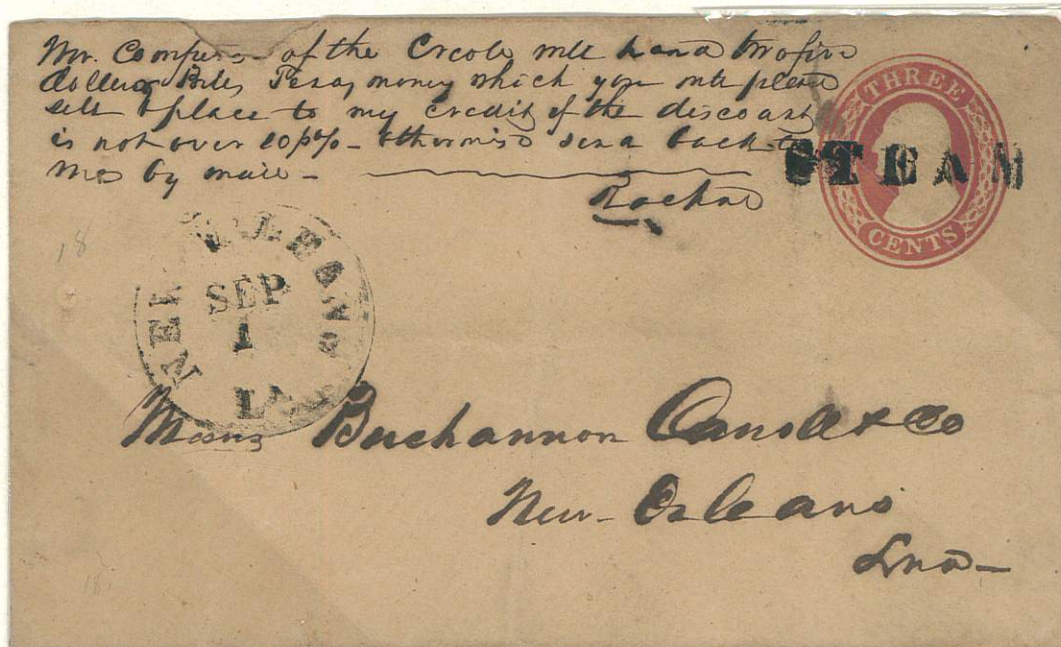
Manuscript "Belle Gates": Sidewheel Packet built 1851 at New Albany, Ind. First home port was Mobile, Ala. Went to New Orleans fall of 52. Manuscript "3 ct due" CDS "NEW ORLEANS / MAY / 18 / 1856 / La". This boat Went to Confederate registry 1861.



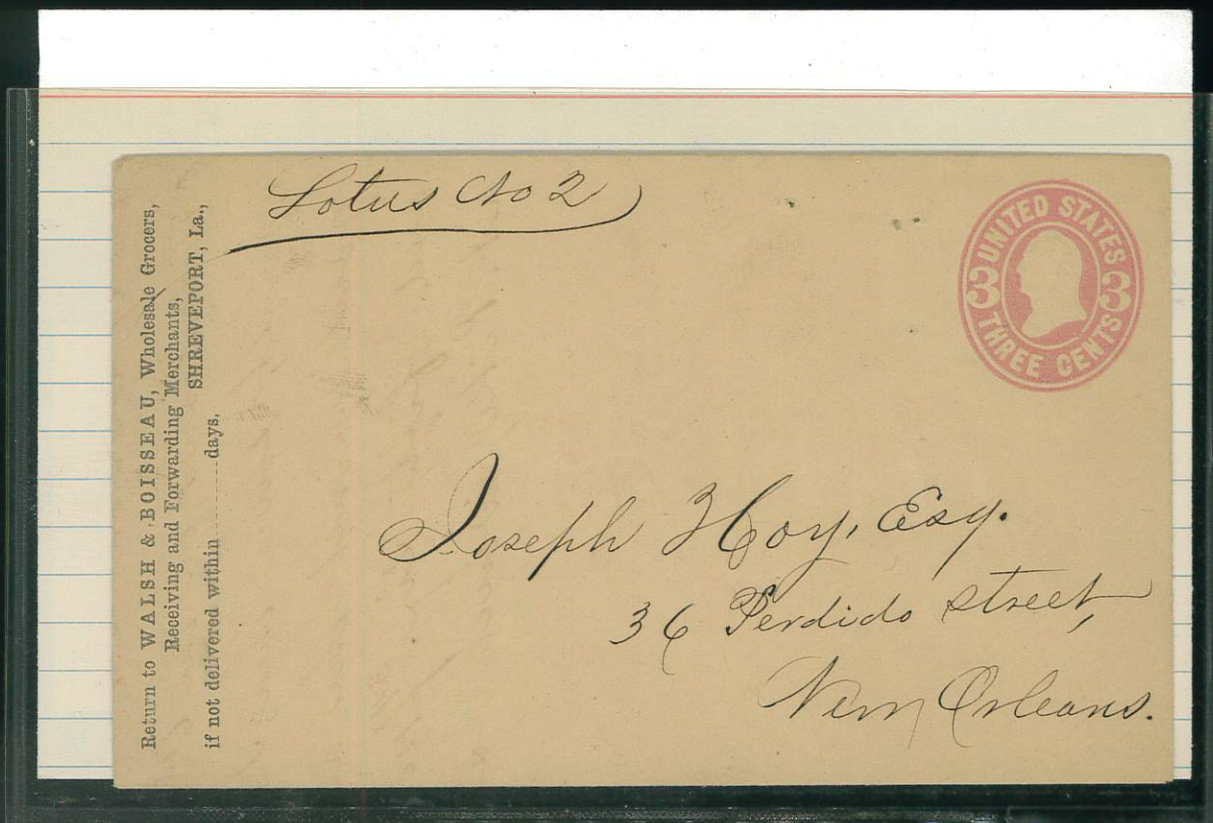
Manuscript "Leona": Sidewheel packet built 1856 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Went to Mobile, Ala. Nov. 11, 1856. Running Alabama rivers until Dec. 1858 when it went to New Orleans. Snagged and lost Dec. 16, 1859 at Coushatta, La.



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Manuscript "Rocket": Sternwheel Packet built 1856 at Brownsville, Pa. Ran the Ohio River before the Civil War. Used by the Union on the Tennessee river during the war as a Weapons and ammunition carrier. In 1864 she was repaired at Pittsburgh, Pa. And sent to New Orleans. This cover was carried Sept. 1 (1865) on the Mississippi. She was back in Pittsburgh mid September and dismantled shortly thereafter.







Manuscript "Pr St Charles": Sidewheel Packet built 1849 at Jeffersonville, Ind. First home port was Mobile, Ala. 3c entire (Scott #U8) cancelled by straight line WAY. The Saint Charles went to New Orleans in 1850 and ran the Mississippi and Red rivers. Registered with Confederate Navy 1861.



Manuscript "So (Southern) Belle": Sidewheel Packet built 1851 at Jeffersonville, Ind. Enrolled at New Orleans and ran the N. O. - Vicksburg route. Went Coastal to Mobile where it burned Oct. 6, 1857. Its machinery was used in the Steamer Autocrat built 1860 at Paducah, Ky.

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(Steamer) ms Henry Ames: Sidewheel Packet built at Carondelet, Missouri 1864. 3ct stamped envelope. "With B/L" in ms upper left. Patent lined envelope with Lines and "Pat. Nov. 20 1855" on the inside. Ran Saint Louis - N.O. ran the blockade at Columbus, KY. June 1864. Downbound with a gunboat lashed to its shore side, came through Okay. Hit a snag and sunk 7 miles above Cairo July 30, 1864 Raised and back running 1866. Rebuilt 1870. Snagged and lost at Waterproof, La. Aug. 1874 with loss of two lives.

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