

CONFEDERATE RICHMOND -- THE WAR YEARS

Located at the Southern tip of the eastern shore of Maryland's peninsular. Point Lookout was established shortly after Gettysburg and designed to hold 10,000 prisoners. On this cover a Private T. J. Hall sends a note to his father (Thomas Hall) via a Flag of Truce. The Point Lookout CDS has a date of November 29, 1864. The Type IIa examined marking was used July 30, 1864, until March, 1865. The Richmond CDS is a Type 6p with a date of January, 1865.

Soldier's Letter - Due 10Cents -Type P

POW Cover

January (), 1865

November 29, 1864

(Type 6p)

Pt. Lookout, Md - Type IIa



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When the exchange of prisoners was discontinued to further decrease the South's manpower, military prisons were established in the North. Point Lookout was located at the southern tip of St. Mary's County, Maryland. Established soon after the battle of Gettysburg, it was designed to hold about 10,000 prisoners.

Noah Denton enlisted June 16, 1861 at Moore County, NC and was assigned to Company H, 26th NC Infantry. Taken prisoner at Bristoe Station, Va, 10-14-1863, he was confined at Old Capital Prison, Washington, DC 10-16-1863. Private Denton was transferred to Point Lookout 10-27-1863. He was paroled 2-24-65 to Aiken's Landing, Va. for exchange.

Prisoner of War Cover - Due 10 - Type IV

August 17, 1864

(Type 6m)

Point Lookout, Maryland

August 2, 1864

(Type 11a) 65

Soldier History

Noah Deaton

Residence Moore County NC; 22 years old.

Enlisted on 6/6/1861 at Moore County, NC as a Private.

On 6/6/1861 he mustered into "H" Co. NC 26th Infantry
(date and method of discharge not given)
(Survived the war)

He was listed as:

- * POW 10/14/1863 Bristoe Station, VA
- * Confined 10/16/1863 Old Capitol Prison, Washington, DC
- * Transferred 10/27/1863 Point Lookout, MD
- * Paroled 2/24/1865 Point Lookout, MD (Estimated day)
- * Received 2/25/1865 Aiken's Landing, VA (Estimated day. For exchange)
- * Transferred 2/25/1865 Aiken's Landing, VA (Estimated day)

Sources used by Historical Data Systems, Inc.:

- North Carolina Troops 1861-65, A Roster
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During the early years of the Civil War, prisoner of war were mostly paroled on the battlefield or exchanged quickly after a short detention. But in 1864 paroles and exchanges processes quickly changed. Grant put an end to both actions. Exchanges were a greater advantage to the South than to the North. As a result the prison population for both sides greatly increased. Early in the war, Johnson's Island in Lake Erie near Sandusky, Ohio, was chosen as a Union POW prison. The prison was not very pleasant. The winter months even more so.

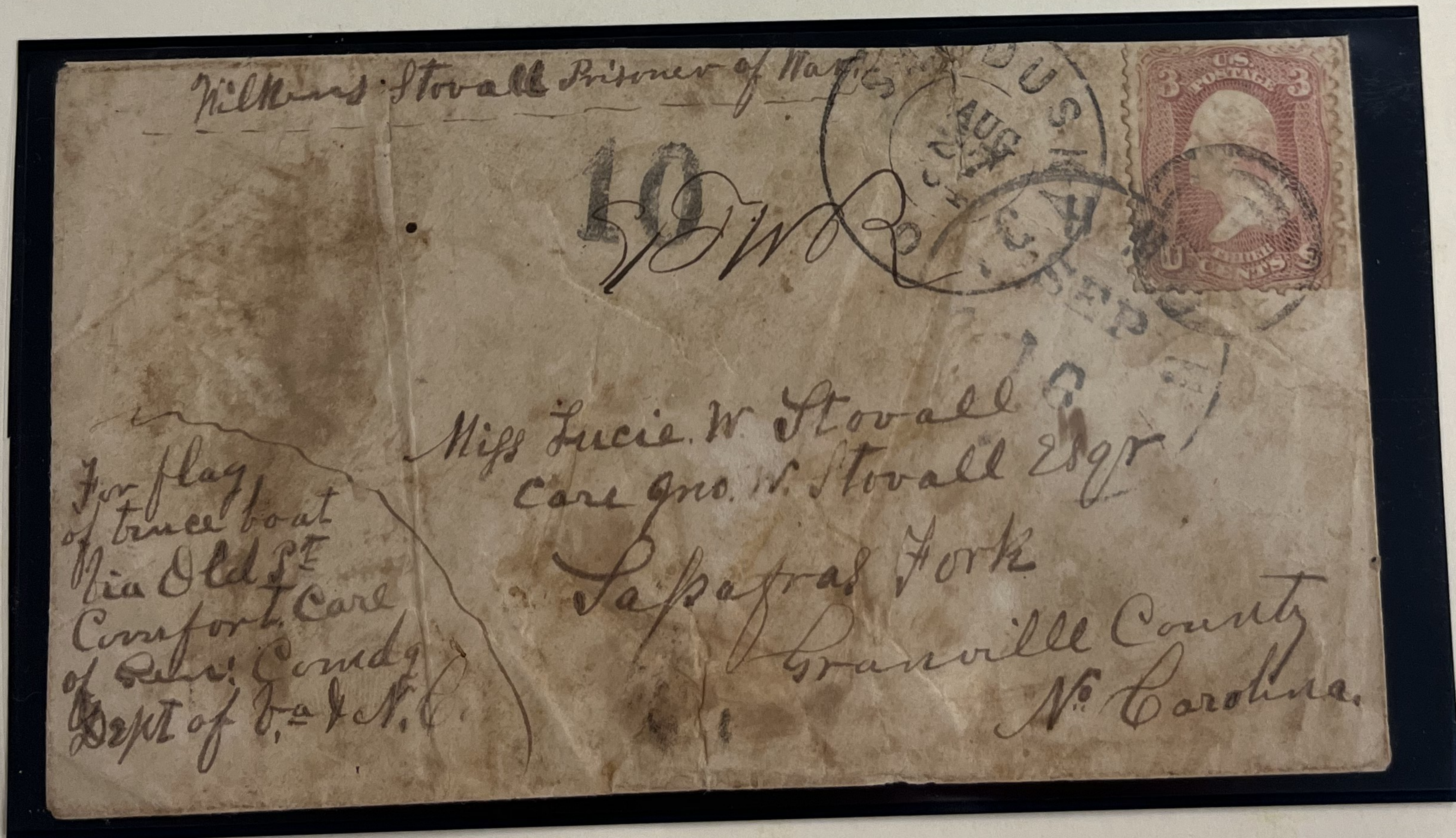
Here a cover from Wilkins Stovall travels to Sassafras Fork, NC, to possible a wife. It bears the manuscript notation "For Flag of truce Boat via Old Point Comfort." Also, it has the Richmond type 6p CDS and the free standing "10" to indicate postage due. The examiner's endorsement (Ex PWR-Private Frank W Rittman) can be seen.

Prisoner of War -- Sandusky, Ohio (Johnson's Island)

(Due) 10 - Type R (B)

September 16, (1864)

(Type 6p)



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This prisoner of war cover traveled from the Union prison at Old Point Lookout, Maryland, in September of 1864, passed through City Point in Virginia, and was docked postage due in Richmond, September 28th. The free standing "10" was used as a due marking only in September, 1864. Beneath the 10 can be seen the Prisoner's Letter Examined marking.

This cover is from a soldier in the 15th Georgia Regiment, Brigadier General Henry C. Benning's Brigade, Major General Charles W. Field's Division, Lieutenant General James Longstreet's First Army Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.

Prisoner of War Cover -- (Due) 10 -- Type B

September 28, (1864)

Point Lookout, Maryland

(Type 5g)

September, 1864

Type IIa US65

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The free standing "10" was used as a Richmond due marking only in September of 1864. Limited to only one sheet of paper, CSA POW's could only write on one side of the paper. All letters sent by CSA prisoners were examined and censored at the prison before release. A faint Type 11a examined mark can be seen. The letter passed through the Federal mail system to the point of Flag of Truce exchange which was most commonly though Fortress Monroe, Virginia. From here, the letters were taken to Richmond, serviced, and placed into the Confederate mail system for delivery.

Prisoner of War Cover - (Due)10 - Type B

September 29, (1864)

Point Lookout, Maryland

(Type 5g)

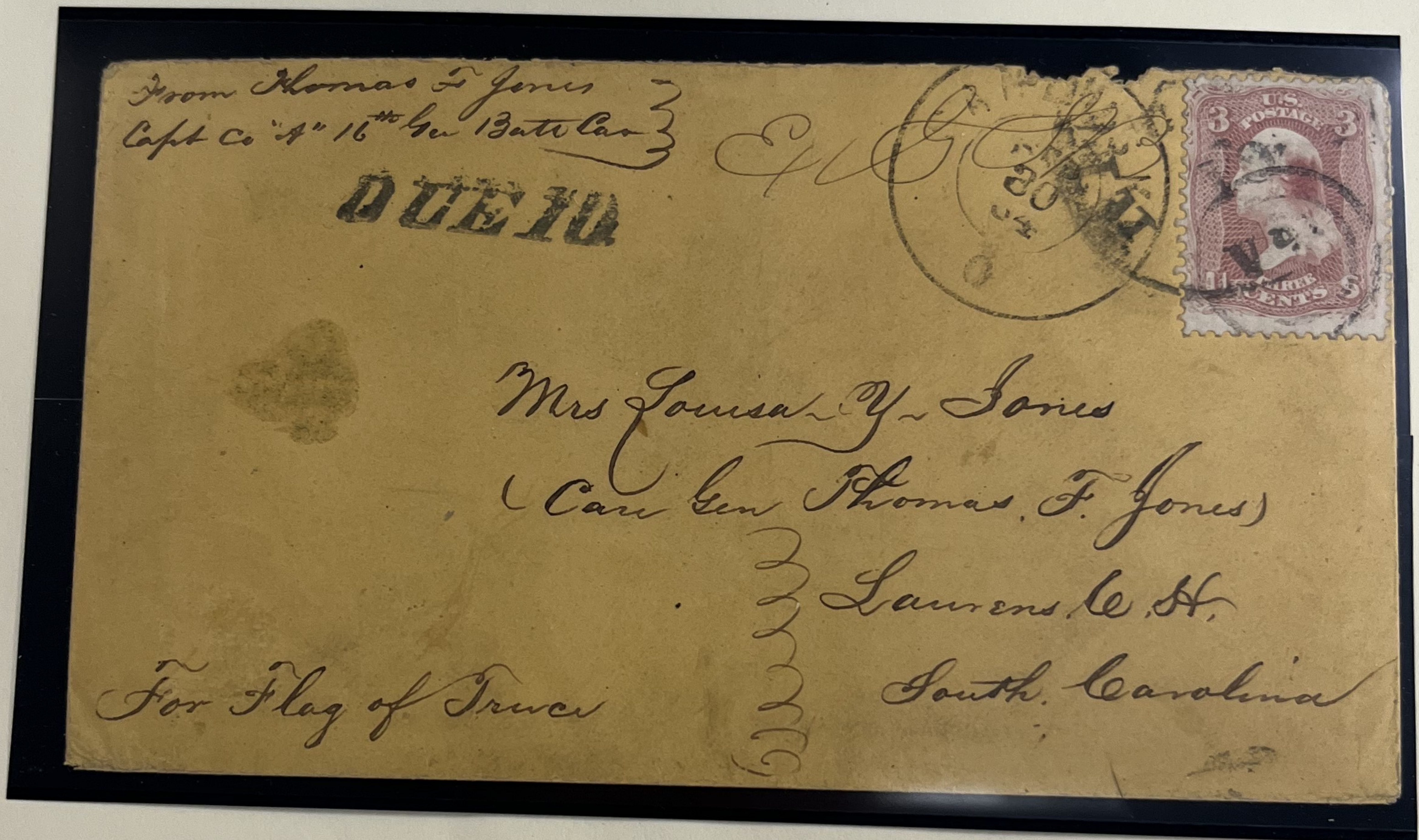
September 10, 1864

Type 11B US65

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Sandusky, Ohio, or Johnson's Island, located in Lake Erie received its first group of POW April 10, 1862. Normally only officers were imprisoned here. It had the lowest death rate of any prison, North or South. But it was far from pleasant.

Normally the mail would be send to an exchange point -Old Point Comfort. Then the mail was put into the Confederate mail system in Richmond.



Johnson's Island (Sandusky, Ohio)

HSP – 10 CENTS DUE – TYPE – P

(October) 10, (1864)

(TYPE 5G)

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This Flag of Truce cover travels from Point Lookout, Maryland, to Richmond in 26 days. In the Shenandoah Valley, Jubal Early moves his shattered army down the valley toward Sheridan to continue harassing the Federals. In the west, Sherman moves his army away from Kingston toward Atlanta, destroying all property that might be of use to the Confederacy.

Prisoner of War Cover - Due 10 - Type IV

Point Lookout, Maryland

November 10, 1864

October 15, 1864

(Type 6p)

(Type IIa) 65

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Johnson's island was felt to be the best location for a Union prisoner of war camp. Located 3 miles from Sandusky, Ohio,, It soon had 13 two-story barracks built for prisoners use. The first prisoners arrived April 10, 1862. BY the end of the war some 15,000 officers and 600 privates had been confined. Only 246 died of this group giving the lowest death rate of any major prison North or South. The prison was far from pleasant, particularly in the winter.

POW cover – SANDUSKY, OHIO – (JOHNSON'S ISLAND)

(1864)



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This civilian Flag of Truce cover is an example of North to South mail. After the fall of Norfolk, Virginia, on May 10, 1862, virtually all eastern Flag of Truce mail was processed through Richmond. In the right corner, a fragment of one United States's stamp can be seen. This stamp was removed when the Confederate postage was applied in Richmond.

Engraved - 10 Cents - Type II

February 7, (1864)

(Type 6m)

12AD

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This envelope was an inner cover from the North. The half-dime (replaced) was to pay for the postage in Richmond. The Typographed Richmond Printing over-paid the drop letter rate by three cents. As the cover was unclaimed, it was advertised in the paper October the 2nd, 1863. The cover has been forwarded to Dr. George Archer, but there is no indication of postage paid (perhaps it was hand carried).

The Richmond CDS, Type 5e, was used only on October 2, 1863.

Richmond Printing

Advertised - Due 2 Cents - Type U

October 2, 1863

(Type 5e)

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CIVILIAN THOROUGH-THE-LINES MAIL



FLAG OF TRUCE

CIVILIAN THROUGH -THE -LINES

Due 10Cents - Type B

November 16, 1863

(Type 5d)

Cumberland, Maryland

Oct. 31. 63-

My dear Brother:-

We received yours with the news of father's death
He.. I wrote you as you suggested. I have also several
times written you via Fortres Monroe, but have never heard
whether any letters have got through to you. I believe yours
respecting father's death is the only one we have rec'd from Galeen
since the war began. Still I will write again to assure you
that we are all longing for the restoration of family intercourse
& our love is unchanged.

Alexander who last heard from was in Salt Lake
City, Utah, for the benefit of his health. Edmund is
in Phila. attending medical lectures. & John & I are cutting
stamps! Both families are well. I was in Washington a
few weeks ago.

Hoping you are well & that we may hear
from you soon. I remain with love to all

Your brother

C. J. Zevely

ansd m 27th