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J. W Pursley

To New Centre, SC



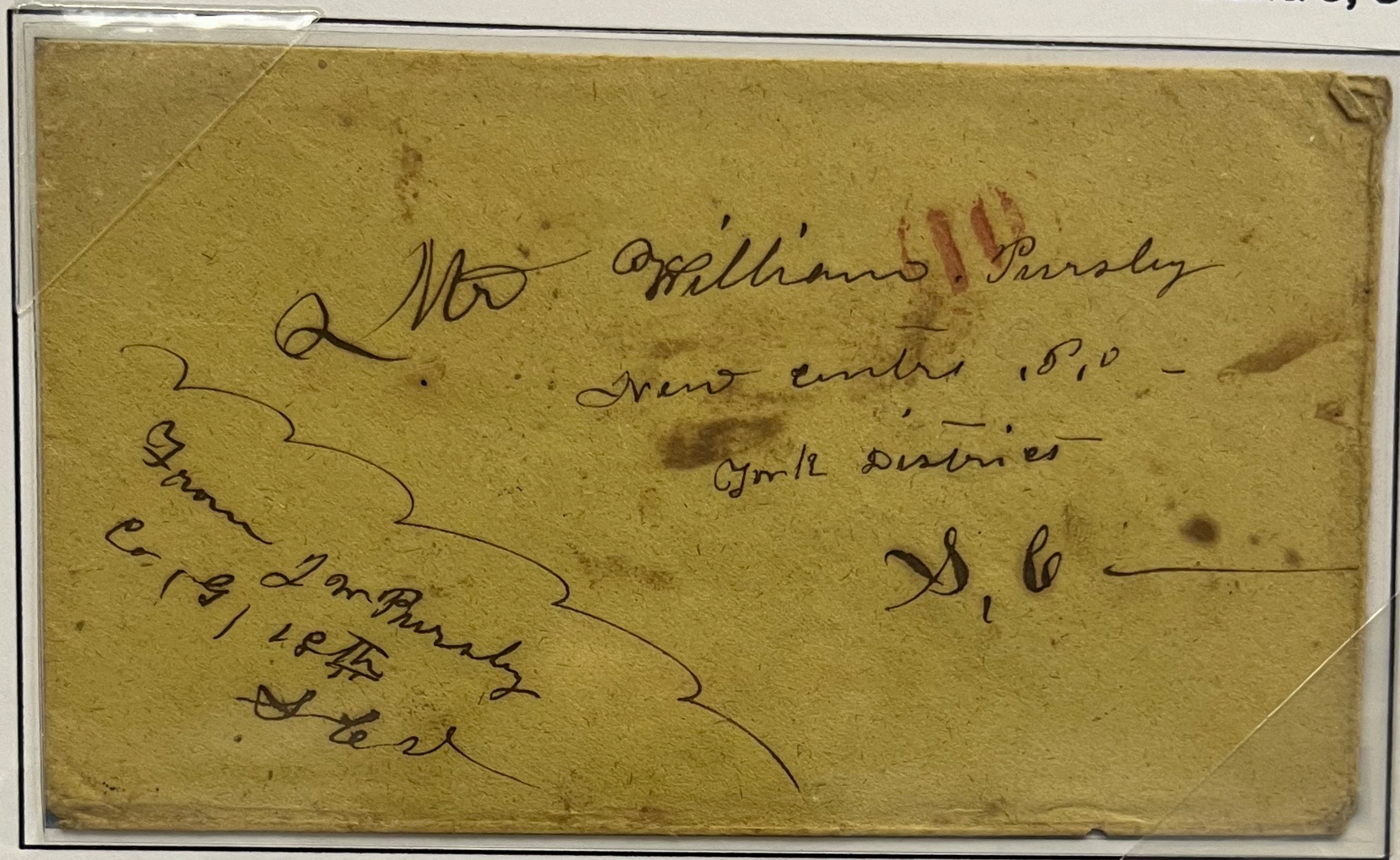
Soldier's cover with CHARLESTON SC, dated FEB 9 handstamp "10" (Due), Dietz Type G, from Lt. J. W. Pursley. Co. G, 18th Reg't SCV to his sister, Miss Jane Pursley, NEW CENTRE P. O., York District, S.C. No. 078

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Soldier's cover from J. W. Pursley Co. G, 18th SCV with a red ANV handstamp "circled 10 (due)", probably from Danville VA. Addressed to Mr. William Pursley (his father), NEW CENTRE P. O., York District, S.C. This handstamp is unlisted in Dietz.

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Soldier's cover with CHATTANOOGA TN handstamp "10" (Due), Dietz Type B, from Sargt. J. W. Pursley. Co. G, 18th Reg't SCV, to his sister Miss Jane Pursley, NEW CENTRE P. O., York District, S.C.

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James Warren Pursley was a boy soldier from New Centre, York District, SC. His war correspondence to his father and sister is recounted in Edmund L. Drago's Confederate Phoenix: Rebel Children and Their Families in South Carolina.

J. Warren Pursley was born in 1845 and lived till 1904. He enlisted at the age of sixteen in Dec. 1861, at Camp Hampton. His unit, Co. G of the 18th Reg't SCV saw action in many theaters of the war. It was nicknamed "The Tramp Brigade". The Reg't was organized in Charleston (late 1861 to early 1862), then transferred to the Army of Northern Virginia and fought at Malvern Hill, Rapphannock Station, Second Manassas, Boonsboro, Sharpsburg (where Warren was wounded, convalescing at Wayside Hosp., then Chimborazo and eventually at Danville VA.

Prior to Sharpsburg (Sept. 17, 1862) Warren was promoted to acting Sargent and served as an orderly on Gen. James Longstreet's staff. He was formally promoted to Sargent of Co. G in April 1863. The 18th Reg't was transferred to Kinston/Goldsborough, NC at the end of 1862, and then arriving in Charleston, SC in April 1863. Warren was promoted to 2nd Lt in April 1863 (he was eighteen year old). In May 1863, the unit moved to Mississippi, fought at Jackson in July 1863, and then moved to Savannah in Aug. 1863. The unit was detached to Florida in February 1864 and then sent to Wilmington in May 1864. Warren was promoted to 1st Lt in April 1864. After May 1864, the Reg't was transferred back to Virginia, fighting at Bermuda Hundreds, Hewlett's Farm/Ware Bottom Church, the Crater, Petersburg, Fort Steedman, Lewis Farm, Gravelley Run, Five Forks, Saylor's Creek and surrendered at Appomattax C. H. On March 24, 1864, Warren was hospitalized at Petersburg from complication to his wounds suffered at Sharpsburg and again in early April 1865 in Greensboro, NC. In 1866, he deemed himself to be "a cripple". He was twenty-one years old.

The following are three soldier's due covers from J. Warren Pursley, as a private, Sargent, and then as a Lieutenant.