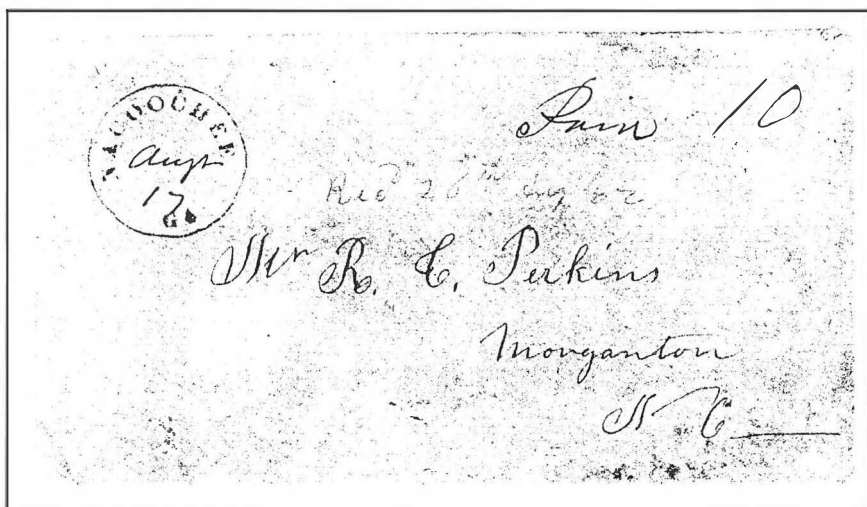


Nacoochee, Georgia Handstamped Paid Discovery

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While at the Confederate Stamp Alliance Convention at TEXPEX 2000 in Dallas, Texas, I visited a California dealer's table and viewed his very limited selection of Confederate covers. Three handstamped paid covers from Nacoochee, Georgia, caught my attention because of the very unusual name. Referring to my *New Dietz Confederate States Catalog and Handbook*, I quickly determined that these covers were unlisted. Then I was most fortunate to be able to consult with three Georgia Confederate postal history experts who were attending the Convention: General Francis J. Crown, Jr., General McCary Ballard and Colonel W. Newton Crouch, Jr.. They indeed were of the opinion that until now no Nacoochee, Georgia, Confederate handstamped paid covers were known to exist. So understandably, I was most pleased and quite excited to purchase the cover, which was in the best condition.

The dealer, Mr. Roger Gutzman of R.G. Stamps & Covers, Biggs, California, related to me the interesting story of how he obtained the covers. He stated that a gentleman bought about 40 letters with envelopes to a flea market in California. The correspondence was from a family named Perkins from Morgantown, North Carolina. The purchaser of the correspondence was only interested in the letters and sold the envelopes to Mr. Gutzman. According to Mr. Gutzman, a fair number of the envelopes did not have postal markings and were probably hand



delivered. The forty covers were addressed to several family members including Mr. Robert C. Perkins and Captain Elisha A. Perkins of the 41st Regiment, 3rd Cavalry, North Carolina State Troops. Captain Perkins was attached to Company "A" known as the "Rebel Rangers" and later assigned to Company "F" known as the "Davis Dragoons". It is believed that only three of the forty covers were from Nacoochee, Georgia. The cover I purchased is illustrated here as Figure 1. Please note that "Morgantown" was misspelled "Morganton" by the sender.

All these envelopes have postmarks with manuscript dates in ink and all were addressed to Mr. R. C. Perkins. Here is a brief summary of the three newly discovered Nacoochee, Georgia, handstamped paid:

1. June 15 (1861 or 1862), "Pd 5" in pencil, orange envelope.
2. August 17 (1862), "Paid 10" in ink, orange envelope, docketed in pencil "Recd 26th Aug 62".
3. October 19 (year unknown), "Paid 10" in ink, light coarse paper envelope.

Nacoochee is located at the edge of the Chattahoochee National Forest in Habersham County in Northeast Georgia. I just love the name "Nacoochee" which is of Indian origin. If anyone can shed more light on this marvelous name, please write me.

Isn't it wonderful that discoveries are still being made 135 years after the great struggle? It is doubly wonderful to be the "finder" of the "find". So do you think I had a memorable 2000 Confederate Stamp Alliance Convention in Dallas? You betcha!!

WEST VIRGINIA TOWNS WITH KNOWN CONFEDERATE POSTAL MARKINGS

Academy	Huntersville	Peterstown
Ballardsville	Huttonsville	Phillippa (Philippi)
Beverly	Indian Creek	Piedmont
Blue Sulphur	Jumping Branch	Point Pleasant
Springs	Kabletown	Raleigh C.H.
Bungers Mills	Kanawha C.H.	Red Sulphur Springs
Charlestown	Lewisburg	Rippon
Clinton	(Lewisburgh)	Romney
Fairmont	Lumey's Creek	Salt Sulphur Springs
Fayetteville	Maple Lawn	Shepardstown
Frankford	Martinsburg	Sweet Springs
Franklin	Middleway	Traveler's Repose
Gauley Bridge	Moorefield	Union
Hanging Rock	Mountain Home	White Sulphur
Harper's Ferry	North Mountain	Springs
Haynesville	Oak Flat	Wheeling
	Parkersburg	

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Upcoming CSA Events



**October 12-15, 2000 — Mid-year Rendezvous,
Richmond VA**

**April or May 2001 — Mid-year Rendezvous,
probably Charleston SC**

**November 2001 — Annual Convention, VAPEX, Virginia
Beach VA**