

## Once Separated - Now Reunited

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It was about three years ago that I purchased for my exhibit a strip of three Confederate 2¢ red Jackson stamps (Figure 1). The only reason I purchased them was that they were canceled with the straight-line ARMY of TENN handstamp and would be a fine addition to my exhibit. At the time I was certain that they must have been separated from a strip of five, paid the ten cent rate, and were on cover.

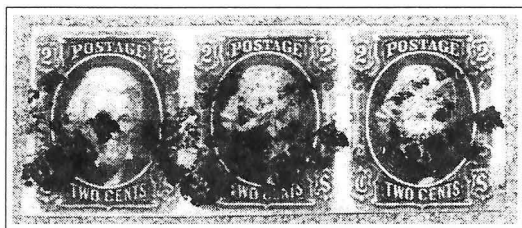


Figure 1

At STAMPSHOW 2003 I came upon a “piece” with a pair of the same stamp with the same cancel. With much hope, but little expectation, I purchased the item and proceeded to compare the edges and cancels with the illustration in *A Collector’s Guide to Confederate Philately*.<sup>1</sup> It looked very close. On arriving home I soaked the stamps off the piece (oh yes, I retained it) and proceeded to lay them edge to edge. Lo & behold it was a perfect match! See Figure 2.

The “piece” is a portion of a turned cover and as an added bonus it has “dietz” in very small letters on the reverse. Of course only a portion of the two addresses are there; on the

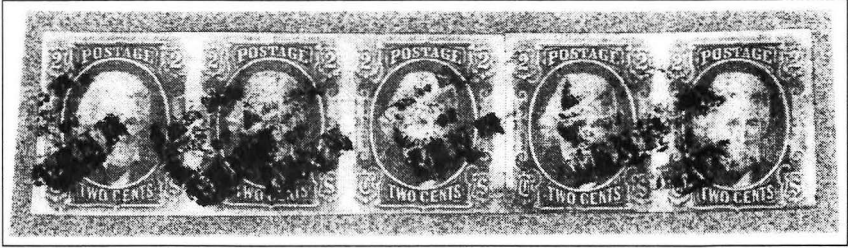


Figure 2. The reconstructed strip of five stamps

stamp side it reads, "Lea Peterson ...ells P.O." On the inside it reads "...ez Peterson, Dalton, Ga." This is the largest multiple with the ARMY of TENN cancel recorded at this time.

#### Notes/References:

1. Bush C.L. and J.L. Kimbrough. *Collector's Guide to Confederate Philately*. 2003, p. 167.



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