

The Weill Brothers Stock

Part Two: US Postmaster Provisionals

[Editors Note: On October 12, 1989 in their Park Avenue Galleries, Christie's commenced the series of auctions of the renowned Weill Brothers Stock. International media attention focused on the seven-figure record price paid for the unique plate block of Scott # C3a (PF Certificate # 214,622), the famed "inverted Jenny," which graced the front and back cover of the last PF Quarterly.]

Raymond and Roger Weill of New Orleans spent over half a century gathering their distinguished stock and The Philatelic Foundation continues to examine and expertize the key items from this distinguished philatelic holding. Once again The PF Quarterly presents some of the highlights of this breathtaking collection of material as it is expertized by the Foundation. This issue we will look at a stunning selection of U.S. Postmaster Provisionals. It is highly unlikely that such an impressive array of this material will ever again be contained in a single grouping.]



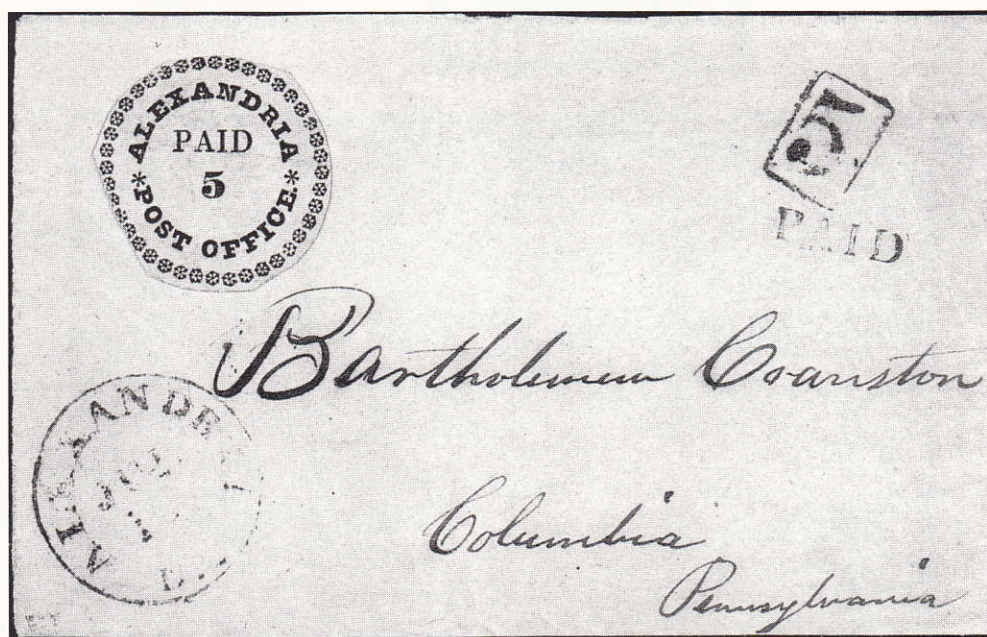
Raymond H. Weill delivering Acceptance Speech for the Mortimer L. Nienken Medal on behalf of himself and his brother, Roger, at The Philatelic Foundation's Annual Consultants' Party, October, 1988.

PFC # 216,459, Accepted First Day Cover, July 15, 1845, earliest usage of 1845 New York Postmaster Provisional 5c Black on bluish without signature (Scott # 9X1d), position 20, on folded invoice to Germany with arc "PAID" cancel and matching "New York, 15 July" postmark with red "Colonies, Art 12" handstamp.

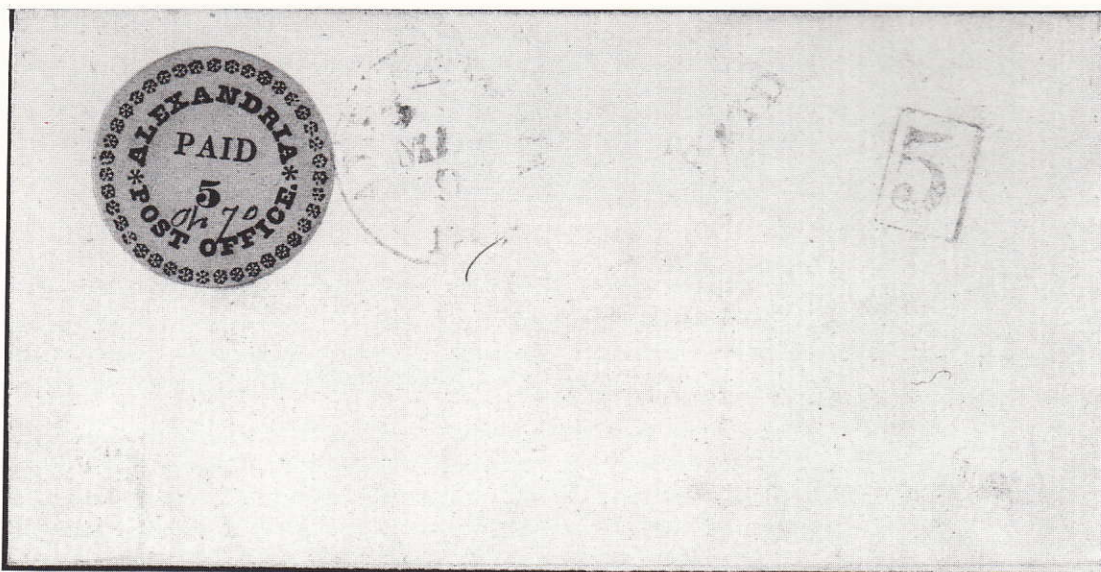




PFC # 216,460, 1845 New York Postmaster Provisional 5c Black (Scott # 9X1), block of nine, positions 21/23/26-28/31-33, plus adjoining strip of three, positions 36-38. Largest known block on cover.



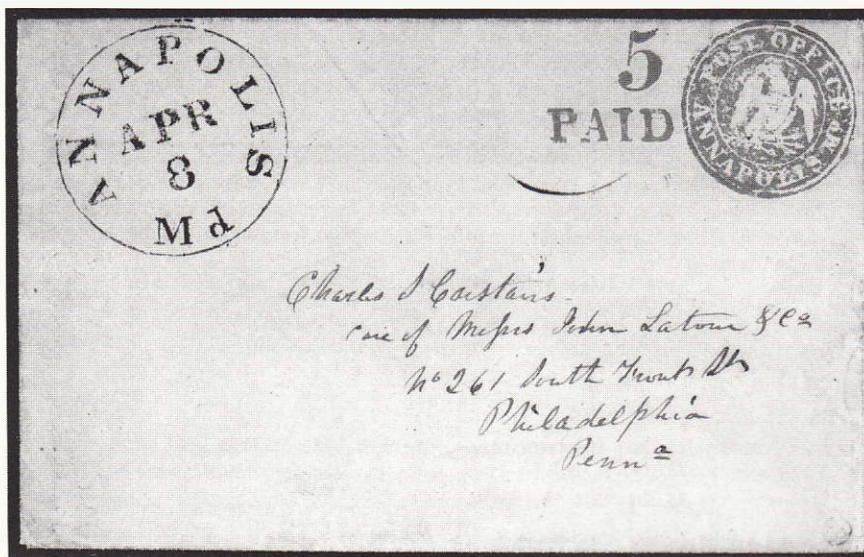
PFC # 216,457, 1846 Alexandria, Virginia 5c Black on buff Type I (40 stars) (Scott # 1X1), on front addressed to Columbia, PA, with black "ALEXANDRIA, VA" postmark below matching straight line "PAID" and boxed "5" at right. The discovery copy of the Alexandria Provisional.



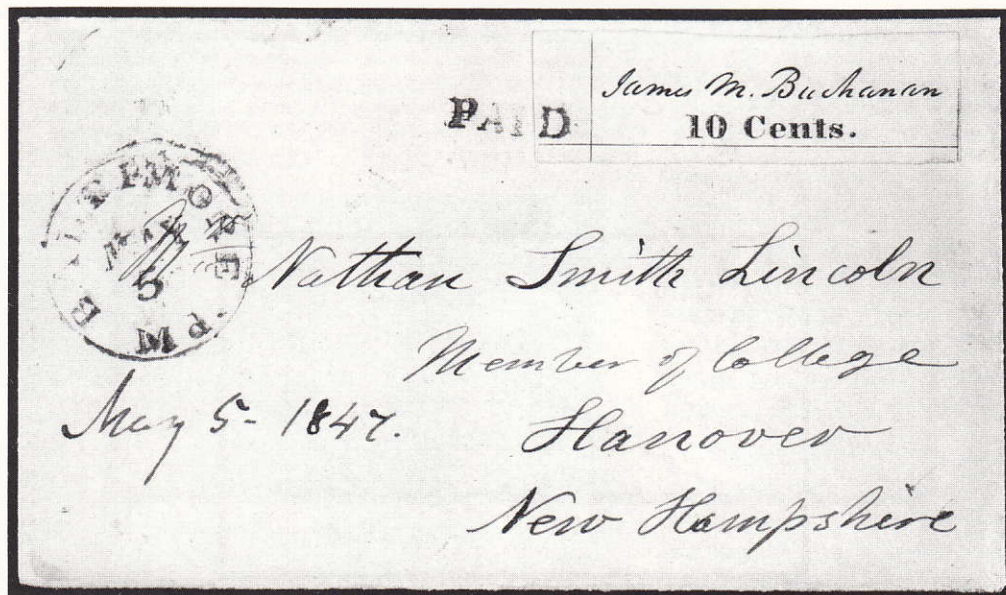
PFC # 216,456, 1846 Alexandria, Virginia 5c Black on buff Type II (39 stars) (Scott # 1X1a), on folded letter with red "ALEXANDRIA, VA" postmark with matching straight line "PAID" and "5" in box at right.



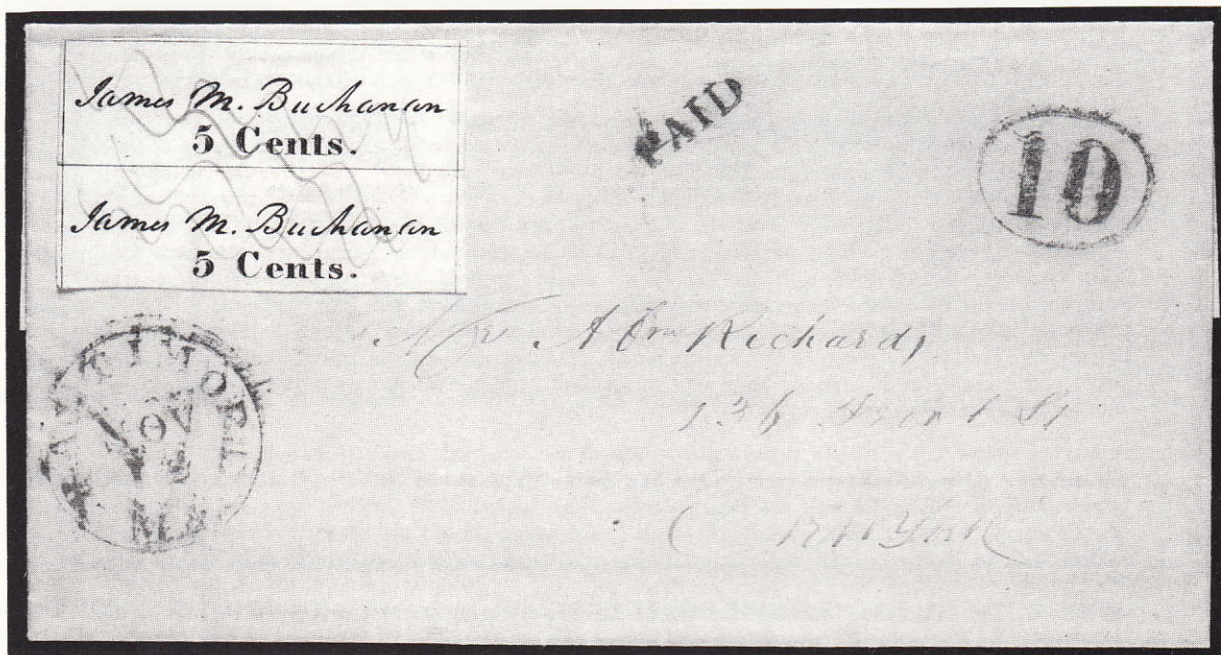
PFC # 216,469, 1846 Millbury, Massachusetts, 5c Black on bluish paper (Scott # 7X1), mint with full original gum, very lightly hinged, the only known unused copy.



PFC #216,458, 1846-47 Annapolis, Maryland 5c carmine red on white (Scott # 2XU1) entire addressed to Philadelphia, PA with blue "ANNA-POLIS Md" postmark at left with matching "5" over straight line "PAID" at right, one of only two known copies on entires.



PFC # 216,465, 1845 Baltimore 10c Black on white paper (Scott # 3XU2), position 11, bottom left corner sheet margin copy, one of seven known Baltimore 10c Provisional adhesives, on cover to Hanover, N.H., tied by blue straight-line "PAID" cancel, with matching blue "BALTIMORE,Md" at left.



PFC # 216,464, 1845 Baltimore 5c black on white paper (Scott # 3XU1) vertical pair, positions 4/6, on folded letter to New York, pen cancels, blue "BALTIMORE,Md" postmark with straight line "PAID" and "10" in oval alongside.



PFC # 216,467, 1846 Brattleboro, Vermont 5c Black on buff (Scott # 5X1), position 9 above 10, two singles on folded letter to Hartford, CT, red straightline "PAID" and matching "BRATTLEBORO, Vt" postmark at left, the only known cover franked with two Brattleboro Provisionals.



PFC # 216,479, 1845 St. Louis 5c and 20c Black on gray lilac paper (Scott # 11X4, 11X6), two 5c, both position 5, and 20c, position 3, Second Printing, on folded letter to Philadelphia, with red "ST. LOUIS, Mo" town cancel and red straightline "PAID" with manuscript "30" at right.