

Jacksonville, Pensacola & Mobile Rail Road Route 6402

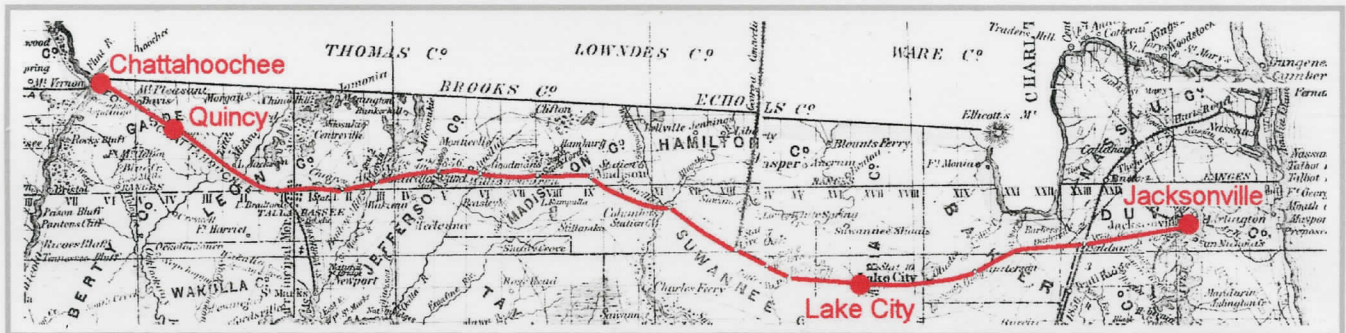
Formed from the Pensacola & Georgia and the Tallahassee Rail Roads in 1869, completed the 215¾ mile track between Jacksonville and Chattahoochee in 1874. The Tallahassee had been contracted between Lake City and Quincy after the Civil War with the Pensacola & Georgia between Jacksonville and Lake City. In July 1874 the J., P. & M was contracted for the 215¾ mile route at \$20,070 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.



**PENSA. & GA. R.R.
JUN / 12**

Envelope put onto the Route 6402 on June 12th circa 1875 to receive the Route Agent's date stamp (Towle 381-A-1). Addressed to the Master Mechanic of the Mobile & Ohio Rail Road at Macon, Mississippi.

Carried through to Chattahoochee for transfer west via Mobile and north to Macon.



Drew's map of 1874 with the course of the Jacksonville, Pensacola & Mobile Rail Road.



PENSA. & GA. R.R. / APR / 27

Reay Die 37 envelope also addressed to Benjamin S. Henning at Macon and carried on Route 6402 circa 1875.

Jacksonville, Pensacola & Mobile Rail Road Route 6402

Formed in 1869 by consolidating the Pensacola & Georgia and the Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Rail Roads, Route 6402 was contracted in July 1871. In July 1874 the 215 mile route was for a daily trip excluding Sundays at \$20,070 a year.

**J.P. & M. R.R.
JAN / 17**

Postal card dated "January 17th 1875" to Live Oak, located 82 miles west of Jacksonville and 111 miles east of Chattahoochee.

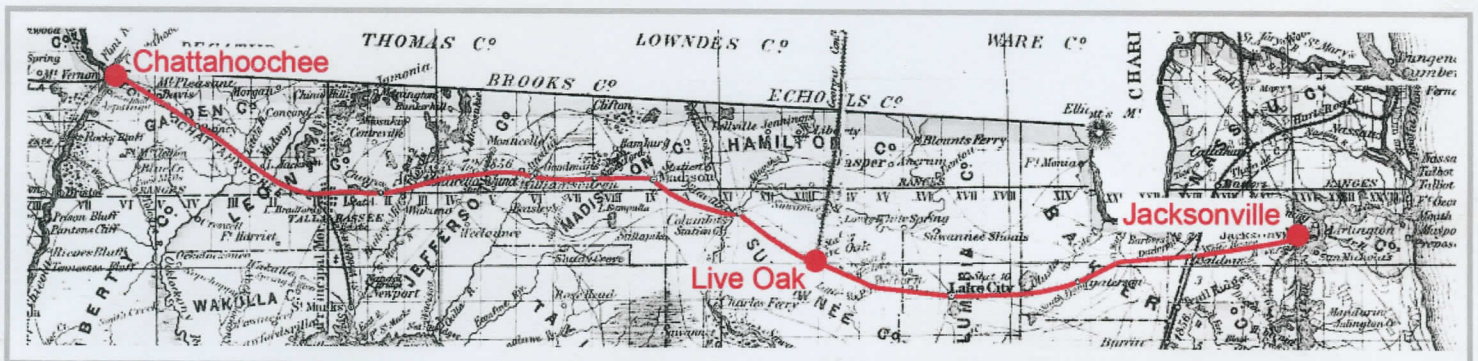
Put onto Route 6402 to receive the Route Agent's date stamp (Towle 381-B-1)



**J.P. & M. R.R.
DEC / 29**

Envelope put onto Route 6402 on December 29th circa 1876 to Boston.

The 3 cent franking cancelled by the Route Agent's date stamp (Towle 381-B-1)

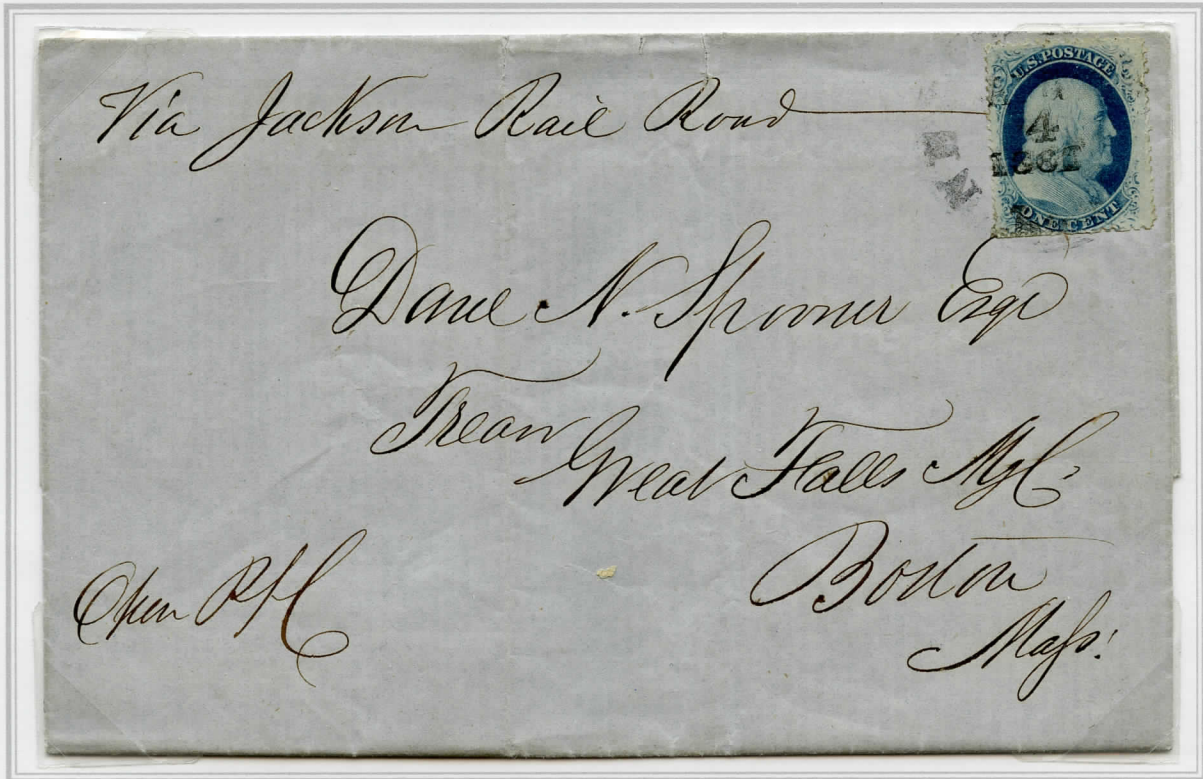


Map by Columbus Dres of 1874 with the course of Route 6402 and the location of Live Oak.

New Orleans, Jackson & Great Norther R.R. Routes 8151 & 8002

The contract for Route 1851 was terminated on May 31st 1861, the existence of only one recorded datestamp on the road is further illustrated by the use of a manuscript notation on the Prices Current shown.

In 1873 a Railway Post Office car was employed between New Orleans and Humboldt with Route 8002 to Canton contracted at \$41,200 a year from July 1871.



"Via Jackson Rail Road" in manuscript dated August 4th 1860

New Orleans Price Current for Saturday August 4, 1860 addressed to Boston prepaid the 1 cent printed matter rate. Endorsed by sender **"Via Jackson Rail Road"** and carried on Route 8002 north destined for Boston.



N.O.& HUM. R.P.O. / MAY / 13

Reay Die 37 envelope carried on Route 8002 north having been put onto the Railway Post Office car to receive the R.P.O. datestamp Towle 421-F-1 for May 13th circa 1873.

East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R.R. Routes 10001 & 10002

The East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia was a consolidation in 1869 of the East Tennessee & Virginia and the East Tennessee & Georgia Rail Roads. The 243 mile route between Bristol and Chattanooga via Knoxville was run under two contracts using a Railway Post Office car at \$39,255 a year for a daily service.

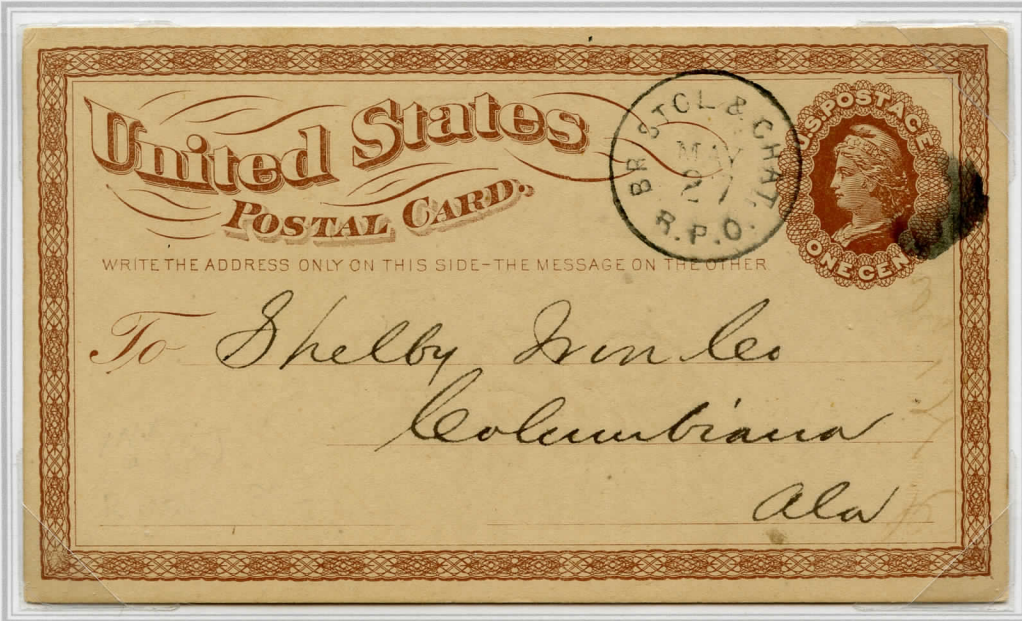
~~The "BRISTOL TO CHATTANOOGA R.P.O." date stamp below was unrecorded by Towle.~~



BRISTOL To CHATTA. R.P.O. DEC / 27

Envelope to Blountville located 10 miles west of Bristol and put onto the R.P.O. car for Bristol on December 27th 1869.

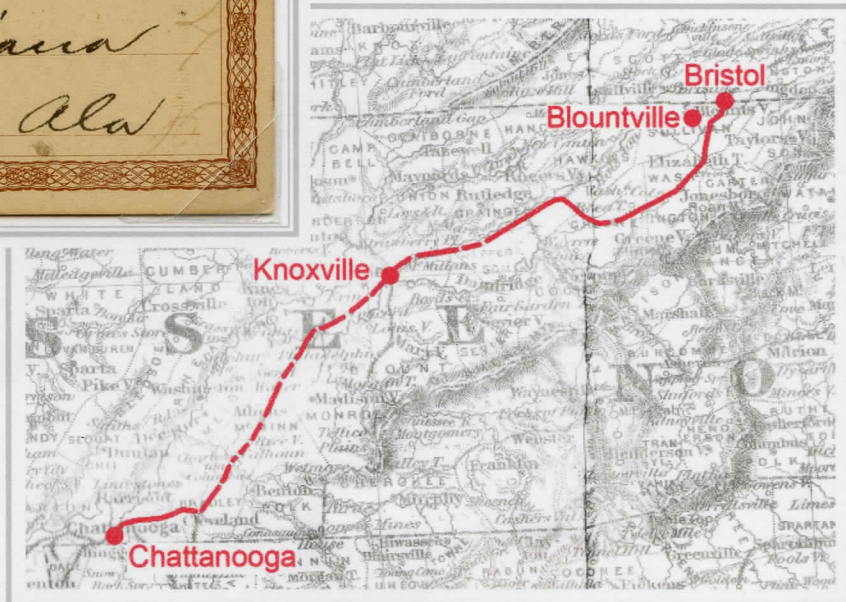
Received the R.P.O. clerks date stamp with his target obliterator cancelling the 1869 issue 3 cent stamp. This is the only recorded example of the use of "to" as opposed to the usual ampersand.



BRISTOL & CHAT. R.P.O. MAY / 27

Postal card dated "Knoxville Tenn., May 27 1874" to Columbiana, Alabama and put onto the R.P.O. car running south west to Chattanooga for transfer via Atlanta and Birmingham to Columbiana.

Cancelled by the R.P.O. date stamp (Towle 500-G-2).



Map by G.W. Colton of 1873 with the course of the Bristol to Chattanooga R.P.O. car route.

East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R.R. Routes 10001 & 10002

A total of three stations on the R.P.O. route between Bristol and Knoxville are recorded as using Station Agent date stamps post Civil War on Route 10001 whilst one is recorded pre the war on Route 10002 Knoxville to Chattanooga.

FULLENS E.T. & Va. R.R. DEC / 9 / 1869

Envelope put onto Route 10001 at Fullens to Rodgersville, the 1869 issue franking cancelled off the car, probably at Rodgersville.

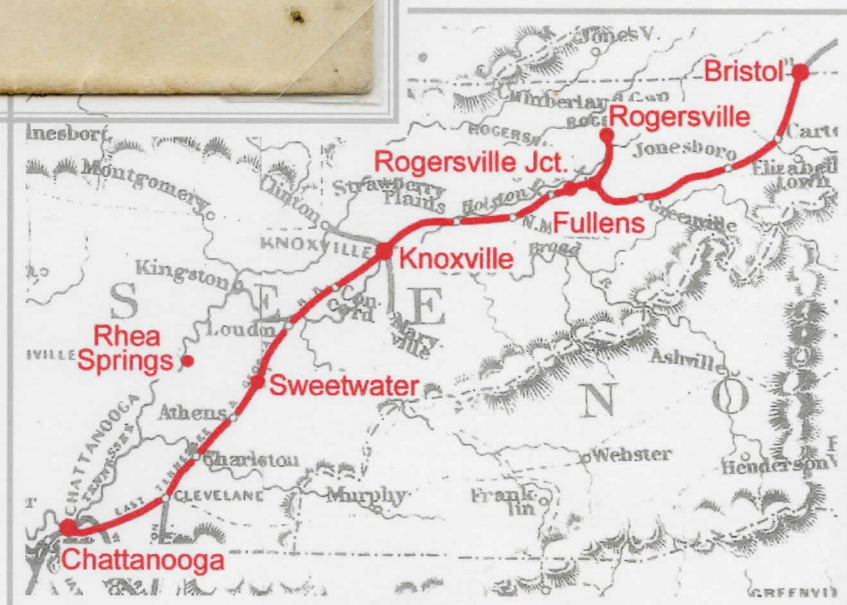
The Station Agent's date stamp (Towle 500-S-1) applied with the letter carried 14 miles west to Rodgersville Junction for transfer to the 14 mile branch line on Route 10003.



CHAT. & BRISTOL R.P.O. FEB / 12

Envelope circa 1879 card put onto the R.P.O. car on Route 19002 to receive the Clerk's date stamp (Towle 500-F-1), carried to Sweetwater for transfer to the post road to Rhea Springs.

In 1878 the full route between Bristol and Chattanooga was contracted at \$44,044 a year for a twice daily service.



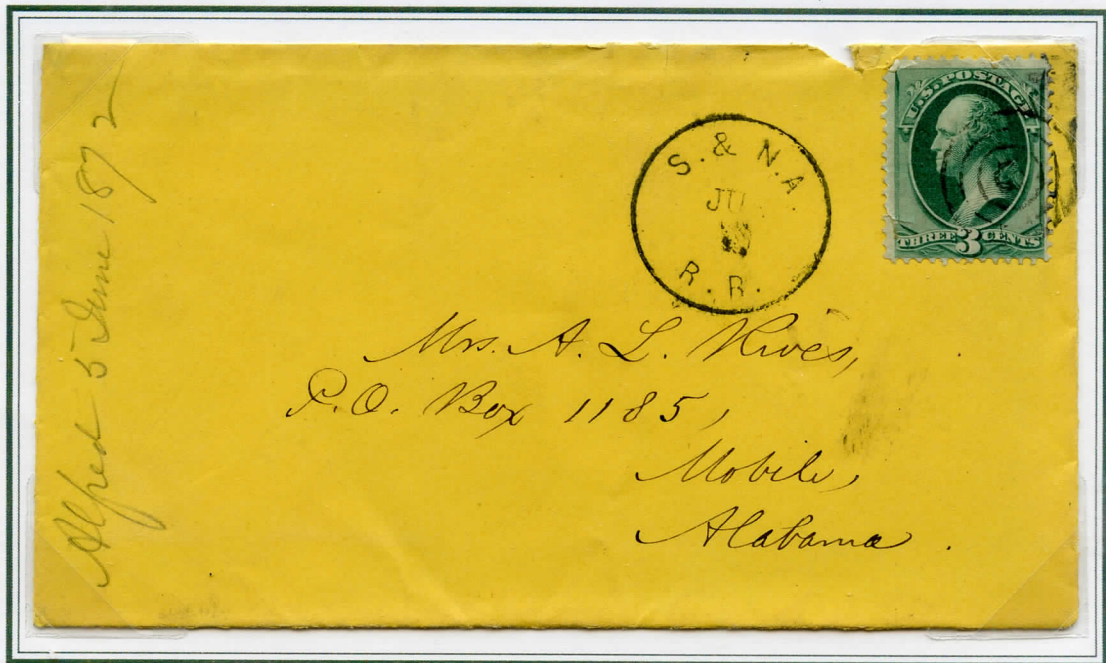
Map by G.W. Colton of 1873 with the course of the Bristol to Chattanooga R.P.O. car route.

Montgomery to Birmingham Route Agents Stamp

South & North Alabama Rail Road

Birmingham Alabama was incorporated in 1871 adjacent to the established coal mining centre of Elyton. The South & North Alabama was completed during the Civil War from Elyton to Montevello and after the war to Montgomery.

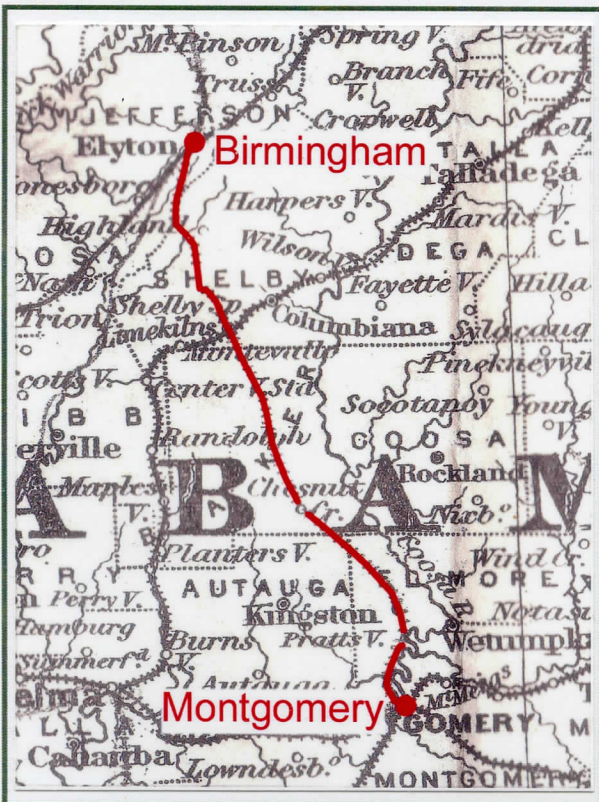
By 1872 a mail contract was awarded to the company for the 97 mile route 6604 with a daily service at \$4,855 a year.



S. & N. A. R.R. / JUN / 6

Envelope franked with a National Bank Note issue Scott 147 with cancelled by the route agents target obliterator with the route agents stamp (Towle 509-B-1) datestamp for June 9th. Pencil endorsed by addressee at Mobile "Alfred 5 June 1872"

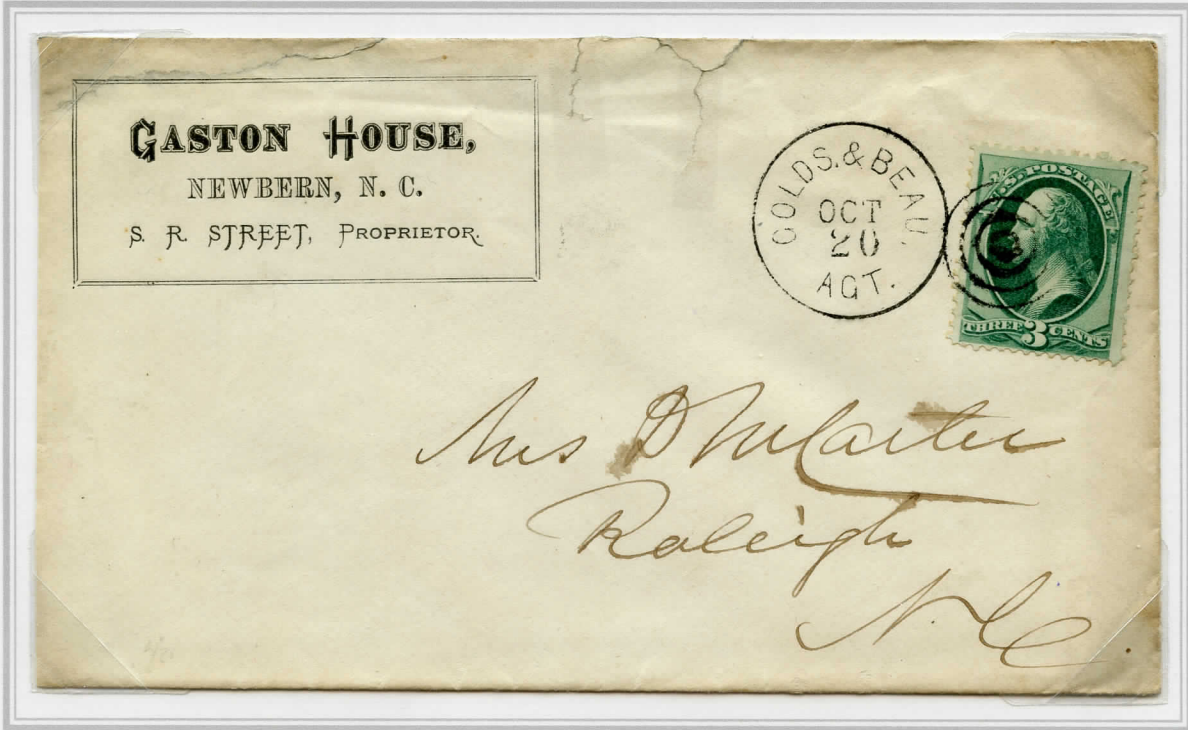
Carried on Route 6604 to Montgomery for transfer to the rail car on Route 6612 for Mobile.



G.W. Colton's map of 1873

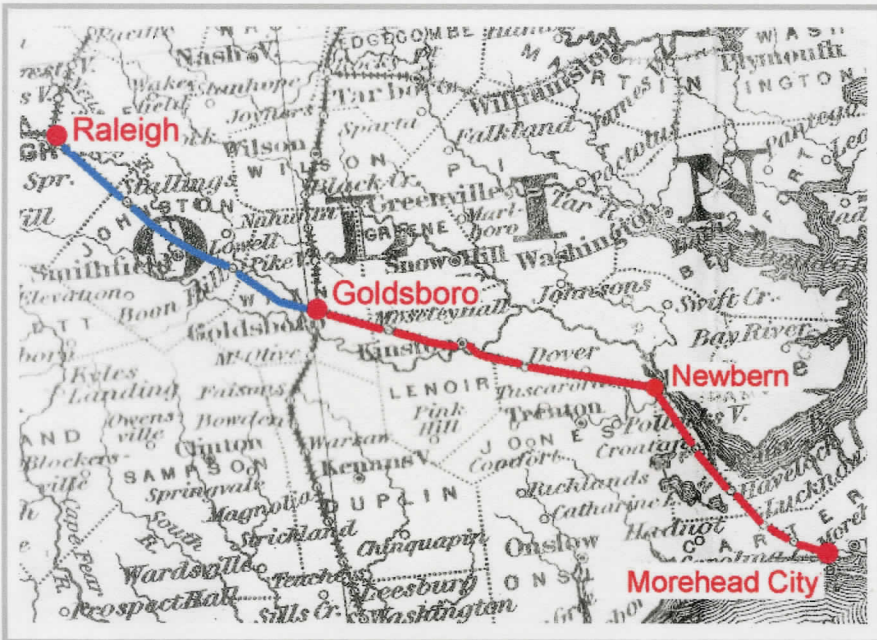
Atlantic & North Carolina Rail Road Route 5005

The Atlantic & North Carolina Rail Road completed the 95 mile route between Goldsboro and Morehead City in June 1858. Contracted from July 1859, in 1872 the contract was for Route 5005 at \$4,750 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.



GOLDS. & BEAU. AGT.

Corner Card envelope of the Gaston House Hotel put onto Route 5005 at Newbern on October 20th circa 1872 to receive the Route Agent's date stamp (Towle 323-D-1). Transferred at Goldsboro to Route 5004 on the Richmond & Danville Rail Road for Raleigh.



Map by G.B. & C.W. Colton published in 1874 with the course of the Atlantic & North Carolina Rail Road (in red) and the Richmond & Danville (in blue).



The Gaston House Hotel circa 1875.

Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Route Agent's CDS

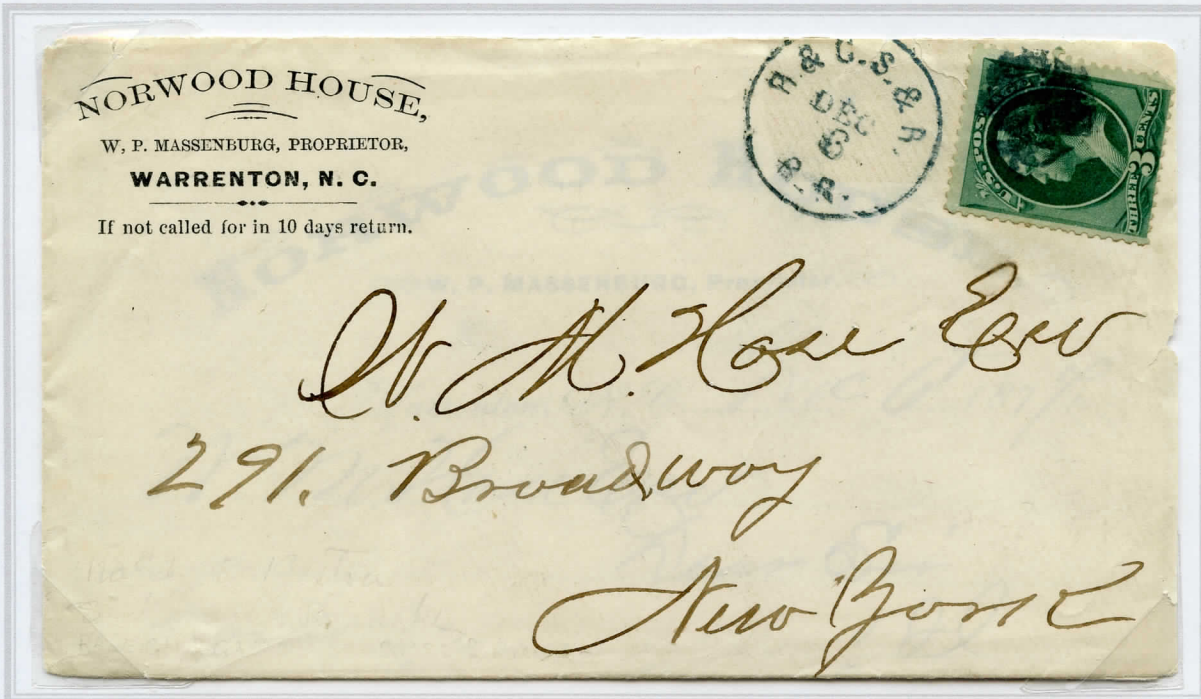
Raleigh & Gaston Railroad. Route 2801 of 99 miles once daily. Contract value \$9,900 a year.

Raleigh & Gaston Railroad. Route 13001 of 97 miles once daily. Contract value \$5,677 a year.



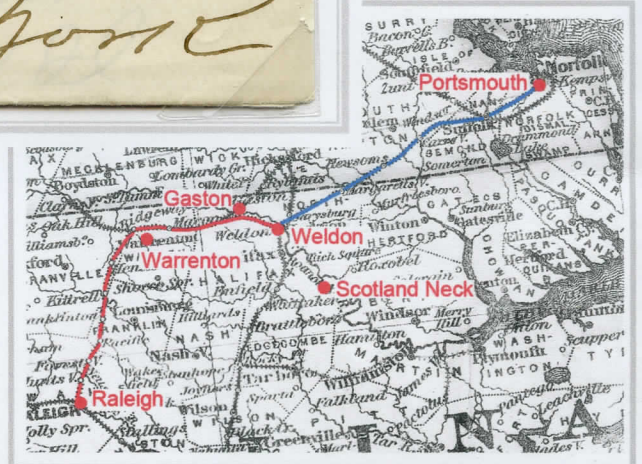
RALEIGH & GASTON R.R.
AUG / 6

Nesbitt Die 2 envelope put
onto Route 2801 and carried
to Weldon for the 25 mile post
road to Scotland Neck.



R & G. S. & R. R. R. / DEC / 6

Corner card envelope with letter sheet date lined "Warrenton N.C. Dec 6th 1877" put onto Route 13001. Carried through to Portsmouth on the combined route with the Seaboard & Roanoke R.R. for Baltimore & New York.



Map by Colton of 1873

Atlantic & North Carolina Rail Road Route 13005

Chartered in 1854, the 94 mile Atlantic & North Carolina Rail Road was completed between Goldsboro and Morehead City in 1858. After the Civil War a contract for Route 5005 was awarded at \$4,750 a year for a daily service.

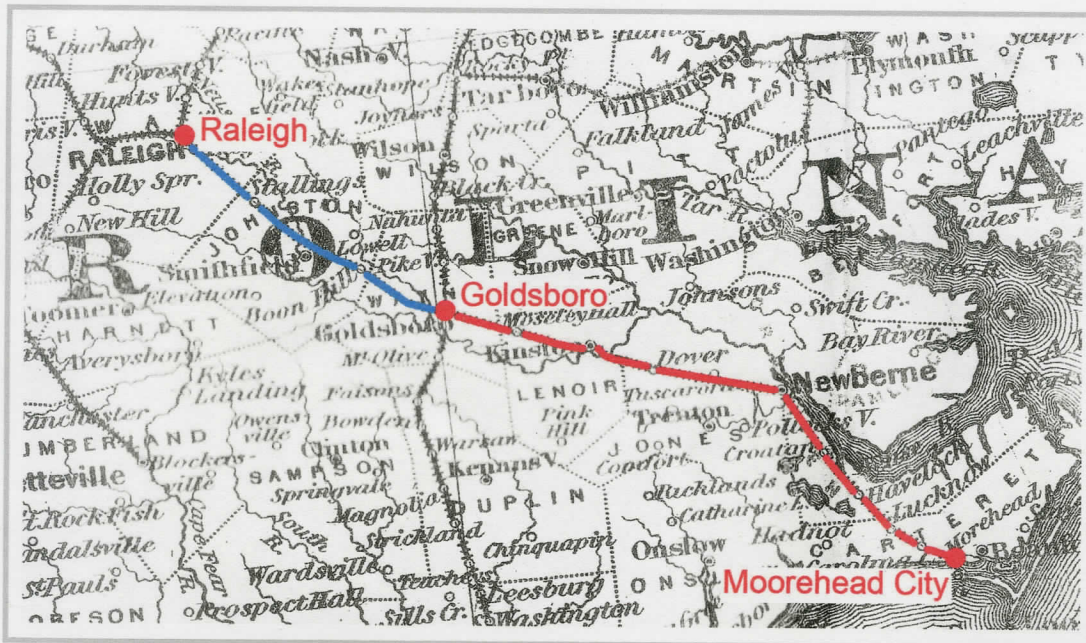
In 1871 the contract was for Route 13005 at \$5,225 a year. The route was used as a connection for steamships to New York running from Beaufort.



A & N C R.R. / AUG / 7

Envelope addressed to Raleigh and put onto Route 13005 between Morehead City and Goldsboro. Franked 3 cents cancelled by the Route Agents obliterator and his date stamp (Towle 323-C-2).

From Goldsboro carried on Route 13004 48 miles to Raleigh on the North Carolina Rail Road.



Map by G.W. Colton of 1873 with the course of Routes 13005 (red) & 13004 (blue).

Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road Route 2822

The Wilmington & Raleigh ran between Weldon and Wilmington with connection to Charleston by steamboat. The 166 miles of track were opened in December 1838 and the first contract commenced in January 1839 at \$40,000 a year for a daily service.

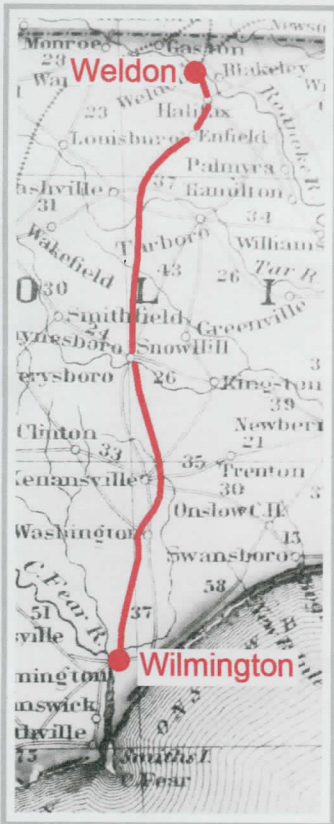
In July 1843 Route 2822 was contracted at \$75,000 a year for the full 328¾ miles of combined rail road and steamboat route with a daily service.



WILMINGTON & RALEIGH RAIL ROAD / DEC / 27

Folded letter dated "Wilmington NC Decr. 26. 1844" addressed to Philadelphia and rated at 25 cents for over 400 miles. Carried on the full length of the rail road Route 2822 to Weldon to receive the Route Agents Terminal date stamp (Towle 305-H-2).

Carried by rail road north to Weldon via Richmond, Washington and Baltimore to Philadelphia.



Map by Phelps of 1851 with the course of Route 2822.

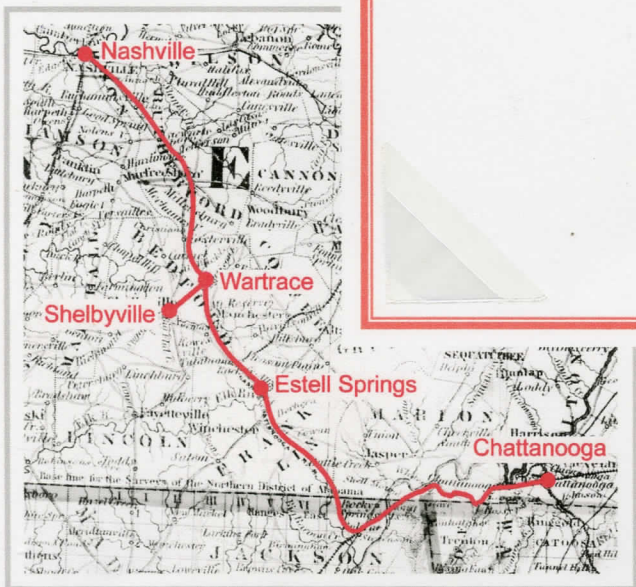
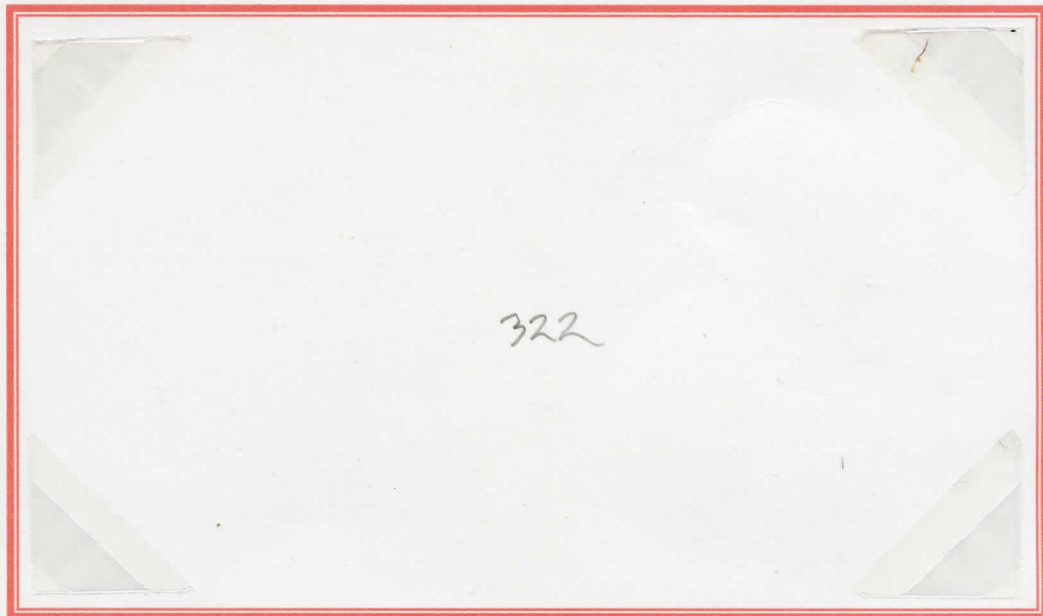


WILMINGTON & RALEIGH RAIL ROAD / MAR / 25

Wrapper of unknown origin addressed to New Haven, Connecticut and carried on Route 2822 from either Charleston, on March 25th circa 1846 or put onto the route between Wilmington and Weldon. Received the Route Agents Terminal date stamp (Towle 305-H-1) in which "WILMINGTON" is in 2½ mm high type.

Addressed to New Haven, Connecticut and rated at 10 cents for over 300 miles as the July 1845 rate.

Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad Estelle Springs Station Agent's Date Stamp



Map by Colton of 1861

**ESTELL SPRINGS N. & C. R.R.
JAN 9 / 1863**

Confederate usage adversity envelope put onto the Nashville & Chattanooga R.R. and carried 74 miles south to Chattanooga for onward routing to Greenville, Alabama.

Rated Extremely Rare by Towle and only known Confederate usage.

Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad Route Agent's CDS

Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad. Route 1004 of 153 miles twice daily. Contract value \$25,220 a year.



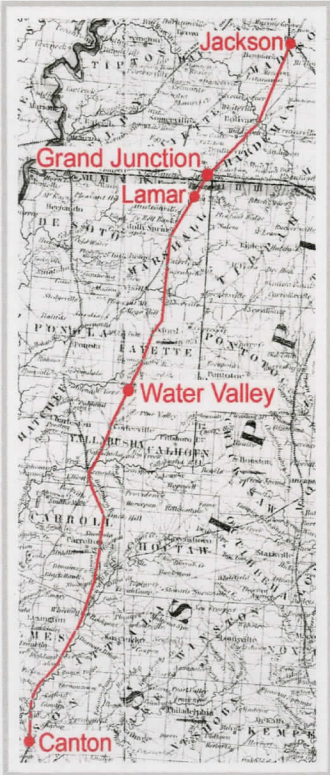
NASH. & CHATT. R.R. / DEC / 3

Envelope put onto Route 10004 and carried to Wartrace, 55 miles south of Nashville on December 3rd circa 1871. Transferred onto the 8 mile spur to Shelbyville.

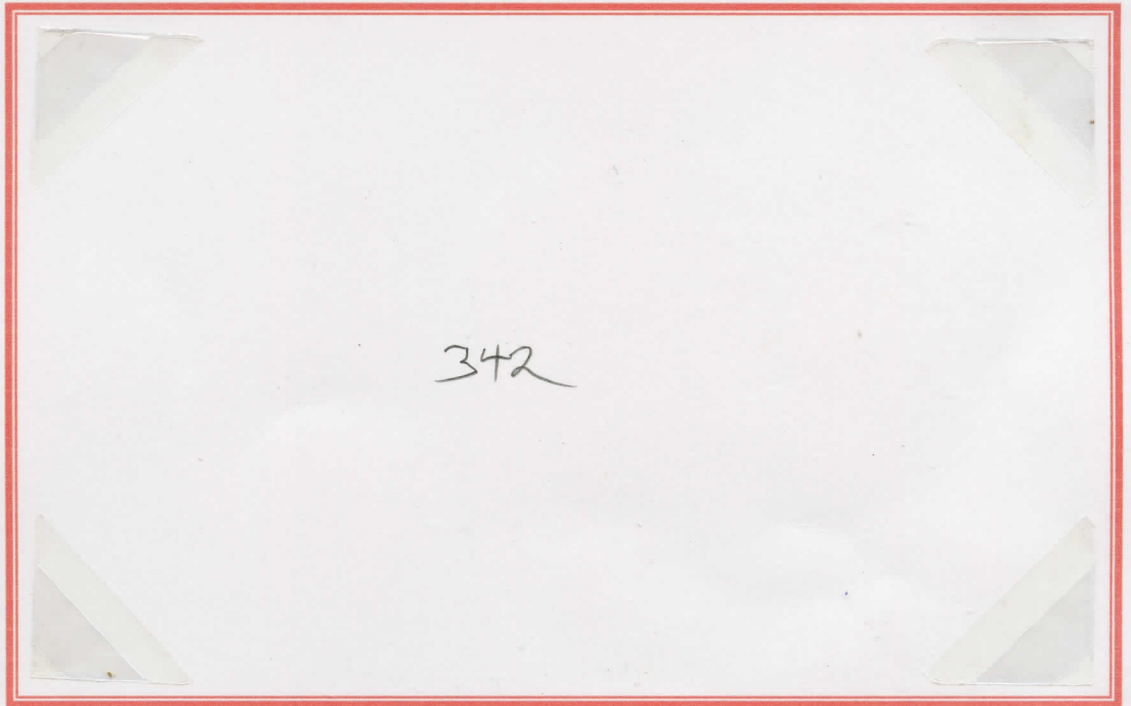
Mississippi Central Railroad Route & Station Agent Date Stamps

Mississippi Central Railroad. Route 7412 of 237 miles once daily. Contract value \$46,200 a year.

Mississippi Central Railroad. Route 7001 of 237 miles once daily. Contract value \$23,560 a year.



Map by Colton of 1861



LAMAR M.C.R.R. / AUG / 9 / 1860

Nesbitt Die 2 envelope put onto Route 7412 at Lamar station and carried 61 miles north to Jackson for onward carriage by road via Nashville to Knoxville, Tennessee.

Rated as Extremely Rare by Towle



MISS. CENTRAL R.R. / SEP / 13

Railroad corner card envelope of the operators of the Mississippi Central Railroad put onto Route 7001 at Water Valley and carried 72 miles north to Grand Junction. Transferred to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad for Macon.