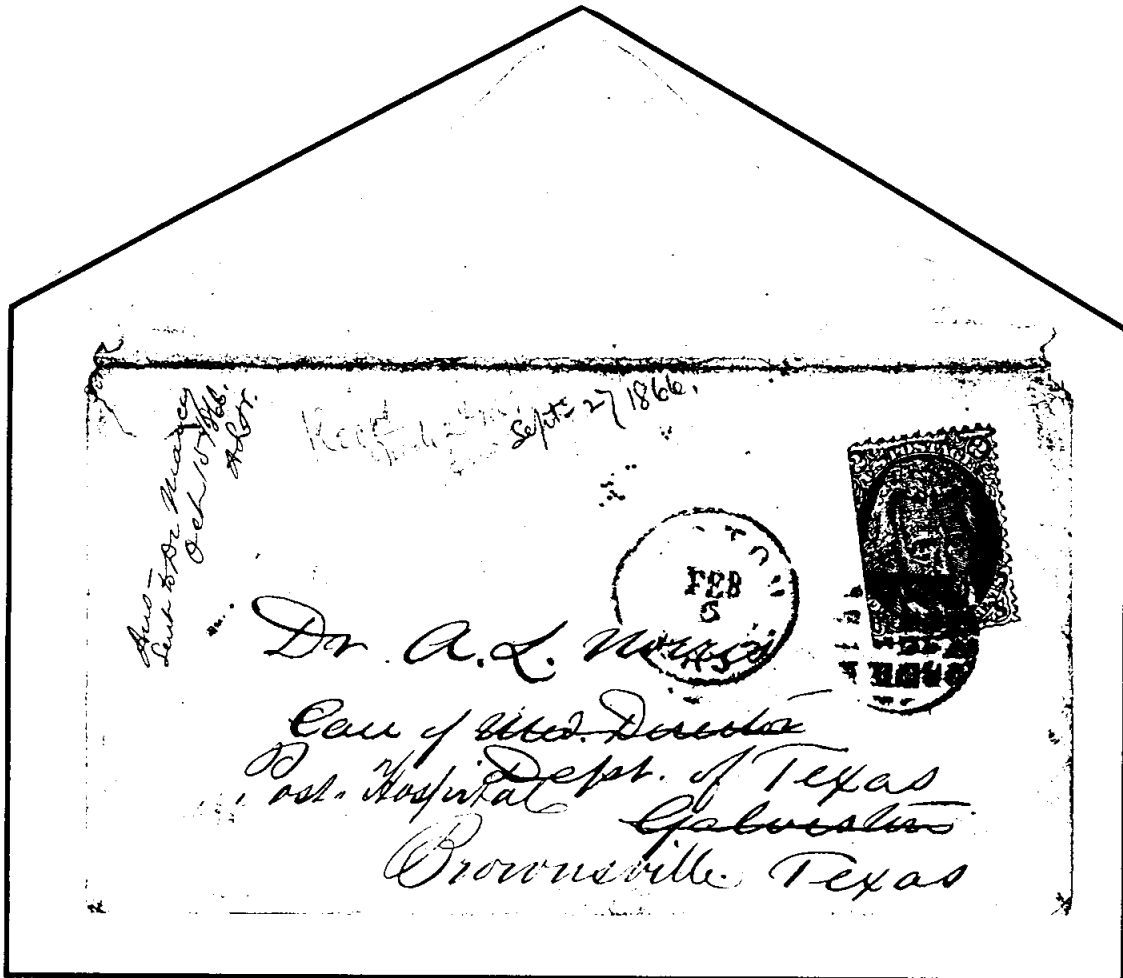
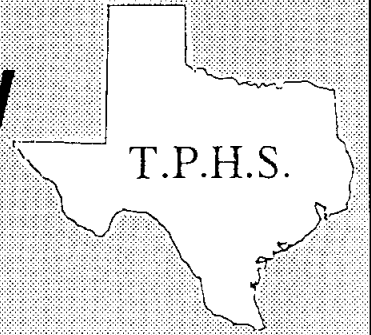


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A few years ago former TPHS member Tom Wegner moved to Minnesota. Tom did an El Paso postal history book based on his collection. Now he wants to sell the collection. If you are interested contact him as follows:  
Thomas R. Wegner, 431 Annapolis St. W., Apt. 4, St Paul, MN 55118-5028.

### ***On the Cover*** . . . . .

A fascinating letter which was posted at Boston, Massachusetts on February 5, 1866. The year date is not in the CDS but is indicated by manuscript notations at top center and top left. This is thus a Reconstruction era letter. Such are not rare but neither are they common. It is addressed in bold black ink to a doctor in "Care of Med. Director, Dep't of Texas" at Galveston. There it was forwarded by side notation in red ink to "Post Hospital, Brownsville" (Fort Brown). Army records do not show a Dr. A. L. Norris. So he was apparently a civilian doctor attached to the army. Postage was paid by a 2-cent "Black Jack". This stamp was issued July 1, 1863 designating a prepaid rate of two cents for local drop letters or letters travelling between towns as 2nd or 3rd class mail. Mail of these two classes could contain no writing but could contain printed matter. As the illustration shows, this letter has a full flap. The glue has not been licked, indicating the letter went unsealed and must have carried printed matter such as a circular or price list. As a single item it is a third class letter and thus is rather scarce. A pencil notation at top center reads "Recd March 2, 1866 Ans Sept 27, 1866." Another docketing at left in brown ink says "Sent to Dr. Marcy Oct 18, 1866 A.L.N" Dr. Marcy was also a civilian doctor. The cover back is plain and bears no Galveston or Brownsville receiving marks.

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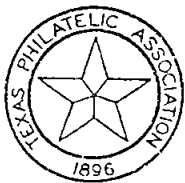
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## *From the President . . .*

Isn't this a great issue of the *Journal*? It is full of news notes, basic information, auction results and articles plus the 1998 Membership Roster. A truly TEXAS sized edition.

In order to continue to put out superb editions like this one, our Editor continues to need articles and news notes for future issues. As I've said in the past, we especially need more 20th Century articles. It is now 98 years since the turn of the century. In less than two years, we'll be talking about the "old" 20th Century and be collecting 21st Century material. That's hard to believe!

Regardless, we need to encourage the study of Texas postal markings that are currently in use or we're going to have a void in Texas postal history. I'm sure we have some members doing studies of 20th Century material. Please write them up and send them to our Editor. Any articles will be welcome - and I'm sure you'll get comments and questions from other members which will be of help with your TEXAS collecting.

We also need more TPHS members. Each of us must recruit more collectors of any facet of Texas postal history. Studies show that many stamp collectors are also interested in collecting postal history, not just stamps.

We need to publicize the Society and get our share of newcomers to the field of postal history. Check the collectors in your area and tell them about the TPHS. Some are bound to be interested. Help sign them up. We need them and they need us.

I'm pleased to announce that our 1998 annual meeting will again be held at the Greater Houston Stamp Show on September 18-19-20. Our meeting is scheduled for Saturday, the 19th from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Show will be held at the Humble Civic Center in North Houston at 8233 Will Clayton Parkway. The official hotel is the Quality Inn at 6115 Will Clayton Parkway. For reservations call 713-446-9131. This year's TPHS program will feature a Galveston postal history presentation by member Robert Baker.

Mark your calendar for September 19th and start putting aside some trading material for this meeting.

I trust all of you are having a productive (if hot!) summer.

Good Collectin',

## TWO CLASSIC GALVESTON BISECT COVERS

by Robert E. Baker

*(John Rowin's Brownsville article in the last Journal concluded with two covers bearing diagonal bisects of the same Confederate twenty-cent green stamp. In response, Bob Baker of Galveston has reported a similar usage from his town.)*

Two covers are illustrated with twenty-cent green bisects which were postmarked at Galveston, Texas on the same day, March 17th, and were addressed to the same person in Jackson County. Because of the fact this Confederate stamp was not issued until June 1, 1863, the year date of these covers is either 1864 or 1865. It appears that one stamp was cut into two pieces and one half used on each cover to pay the 10-cent postage rate.

The covers are addressed to a community named Dixie in Jackson County, now a DPO. A post office was established at Dixie on March 1, 1862 with A. M. Baker as postmaster. The addressee may have been the wife or mother of William Sangster who was in the Confederate Navy, stationed in Galveston. He was reported to have served as captain of several gunboats during the Civil War. His most important command was as captain of the CSS gunboat "NEPTUNE" during the battle of Galveston on January 1, 1863. His assignment was to attack a Union ship, the "USS HARRIET LANE".

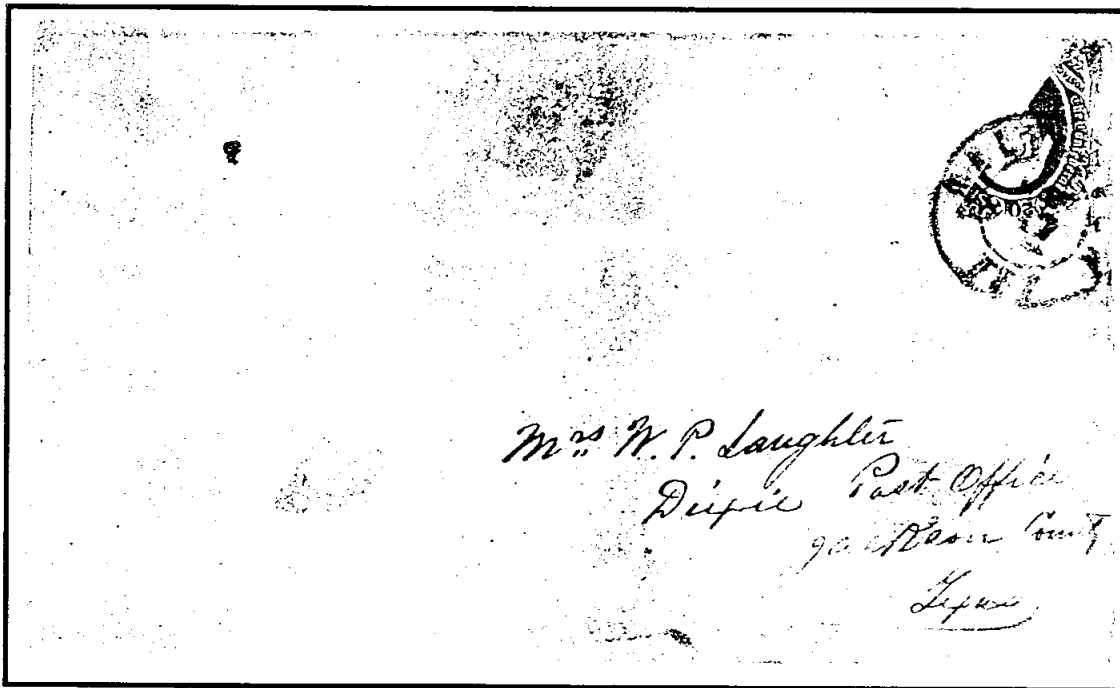


Figure 1.

Figure 1. Confederate diagonal bisect from Galveston to Dixie, Texas tied by March 17 postmark.

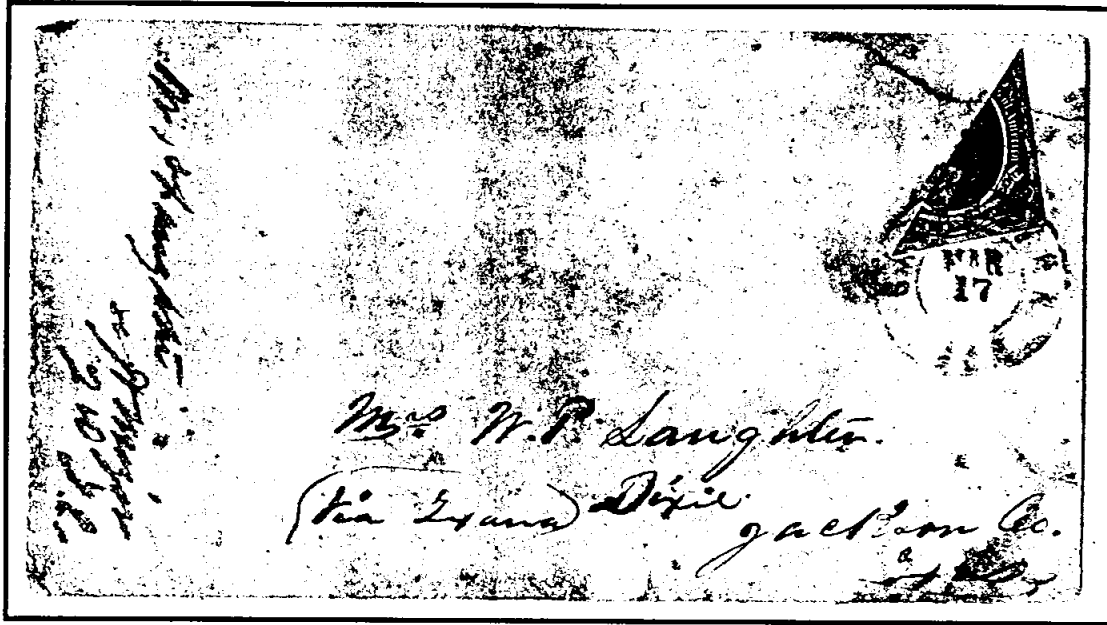


Figure 2.

Figure 2. Similar bisect posted same day bearing bottom half of same stamp. This cover was authenticated as genuine by the Confederate Stamp Alliance committee.

### EMERY AWARD COMPETITION AT TEXPEX

The TEXPEX '98 exhibits included our Society's first Dr. William H.P. Emery Award competition. As you know, there are three award categories, namely pre-1900 exhibits, 1900-1940 exhibits and post-1940 exhibits. The "ribbons" we provide are, quite appropriately, small Texas flags. Category winners receive 100 blank gold seals plus a clamp or embosser to use on the seals. The idea is for winners to be able to apply seals to their outgoing mail. This year's winners are: Nonie Green for her pre-1900 exhibit of Victoria, Texas Postal History; Gene Gaddy for his 1900-1940 exhibit of Dallas Air Mail History and Carol Arndt, a novice exhibitor, for her post-1940 exhibit of Mail Through Midland, Texas as Indicated by Spray Markings.

In the regular show judging, Nonie and Gene received silver-bronze medals and Carol was awarded a silver medal plus an APS Creativity Award.

This was our first Emery Award competition and it was obvious that we did not have sufficient entries (only the above three) to really make it a "competition." There's plenty of time to develop Texas postal history exhibits for TEXPEX '99. One-frame exhibits are quite acceptable. Surely this Society can come up with, say, a dozen entries next year. Get with it!

## IS THIS THE EARLIEST TEXAS HOTEL CORNER CARD?

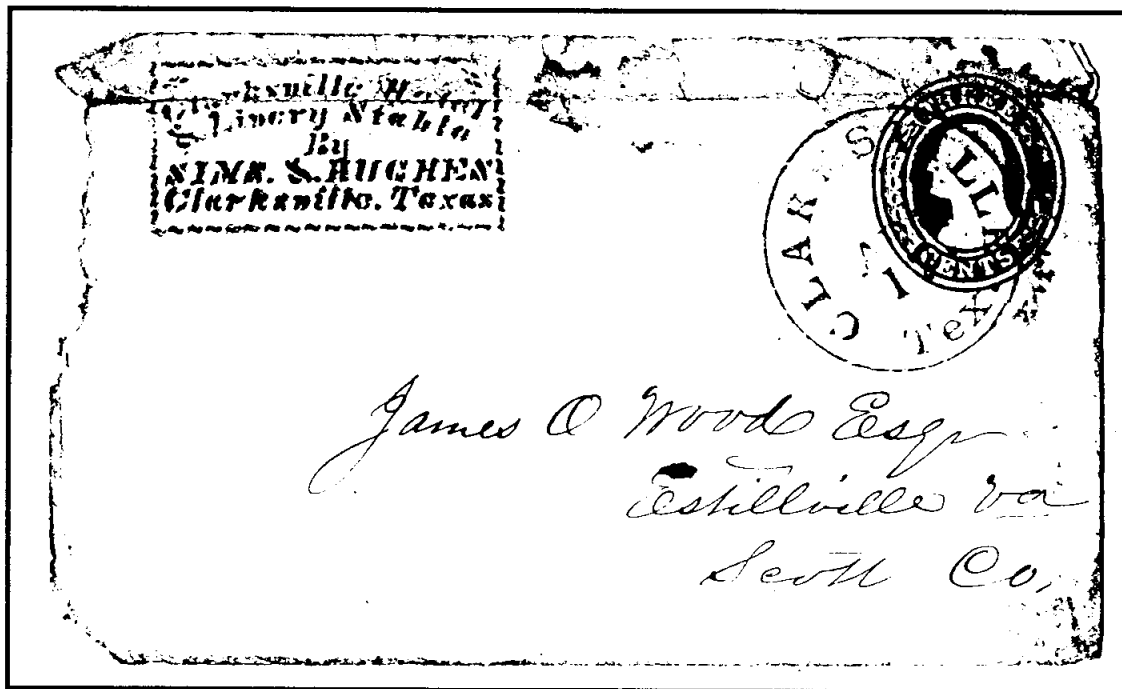
by R. M. Arndt

We know printed or stamped hotel corner cards appear on stampless mail from other states, but there are none to my knowledge from Texas. There appears to be a multitude of covers with the 1847 issues "not available" for corner card checking.

Somewhere among the 1851 issues in a collector's or dealer's inventory there may be a Texas hotel corner card. Hopefully, this message will cause them to surface! Until they do, I will consider the Nesbitt envelope illustrated to be the EKU (earliest known use) stamped or printed Texas hotel corner card.

While this little cover is torn, tattered, stained and poorly repaired, it may yet represent a milestone in Texas postal history. Perhaps I should properly identify it as Scott #U10 or United Postal Stationary Society #18. Since it lacks a back flap, it cannot be ascertained if it is the early issue with Nesbitt's illegal logo. It does, however, have bias laid lines with a horizontal watermark.

I have not had occasion to visit Clarksville in Red River County since I acquired the cover and have no local information to verify the period of the hotel's partnership operation. It can be deduced, however, that this use can be year dated from 1854 through 1861. The cancellation, which I have seen from the stampless period through CSA usage, is of no help.



Envelope with hotel corner card posted at Clarksville, Texas on April 18 (?), year unknown.

## POST ROUTES

How did your Texas cover get from its place of origin to its destination? Route information can range from interesting to important to critical in understanding a cover. One of the best sources of route data is the series of volumes of Executive Documents printed by the U.S. House of Representatives. Shown below is a sample from Volume XVI - No. 51, the Second Session of the Forty-Fifth Congress, 1877-78. Perhaps you have a cover that travelled on one of these routes. Note that some routes shown are fairly short and others are longer. Thus a cover which travelled a very long distance had to have been carried on more than one route and possibly several routes. Following is a random sampling from an extensive list of Texas routes.

### ROUTE No. 31123.

From Corpus Christi to Brownsville, 160 miles and back, three times a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
Silas Wolverton .....	\$12,400 00	Check, \$500.
W. M. Mancy .....	11,996 00	Check, \$500.
J. L. Ryle .....	11,739 00	Check, \$500.
R. L. Pease .....	11,684 00	Check, \$500.
Henry Tisdale .....	10,690 00	Check, \$500.
Anderson Arnot .....	9,800 00	Check, \$500, not on national bank.
J. T. Chidester, jr. ....	9,737 00	Check, \$500.
Josiah D. Emerson .....	9,484 00	Draft, \$500. See certificate to bond.
John T. Blake .....	6,800 00	Check, \$1,000, with bid on 31470, covering both routes. Accepted July 31, 1876.
George Willman (after time) ...	11,350 00	Received July 18, 1876. Certificate of deposit \$500.

Contract with John T. Blake, of Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo., dated July 31, 1876, at \$6,800 per annum.

Leave Corpus Christi Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Brownsville next days by 10 p. m.

Leave Brownsville Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 6. a. m.; arrive at Corpus Christi next days by 10 p. m.

Bond required with bid, \$10,000; check, \$500.

November 7, 1876, John T. Blake declared a failing contractor, and ordered to be relet December 9, 1876. Order No. 6570—John T. Blake having failed and refused to perform service, and the next lowest bidder, Josiah D. Emerson, having consented to serve and enter into contract at his bid of \$9,484 per annum, service was awarded to him for the balance of the contract term, viz: from January 15, 1877, to June 30, 1878. Contract was executed accordingly. J. D. Emerson's residence is Minden, Webster County, La.

### ROUTE No. 31396.

From Palo Pinto to Fort Griffin, 66 miles and back, once a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
S. P. Wheeler .....	\$1,250 00	
A. G. Crawford .....	1,200 00	
T. B. Smith .....	1,167 00	
D. A. Coffin .....	1,100 00	
J. W. Wilson .....	1,000 00	One surety.
J. W. Gibson .....	994 00	
Geo. T. Woodward .....	990 00	
J. C. Hogan .....	984 00	
R. L. Pease .....	944 00	
James L. Ryle .....	780 00	
Anderson Arnot .....	699 00	
A. H. Longley .....	670 00	
F. C. Taylor .....	670 00	Oath with bond imperfect.
John Reed .....	649 00	
Henry Tisdale .....	640 00	
J. B. Colegrove .....	620 00	
W. W. Sawyers & Green Elliott..	608 00	
James B. Colegrove .....	590 00	Accepted July 31, 1876.

Contract made with James B. Colegrove, of Sedalia, Mo., dated July 31, 1876, at \$590 per annum.

Leave Palo Pinto Wednesday at 8 a. m.; arrive at Fort Griffin next day by 6 p. m.

Leave Fort Griffin Friday at 8 a. m.; arrive at Palo Pinto next day by 6 p. m.

Bond required with bid, \$700.

ROUTE No. 31470.

From Fort Worth to Fort Concho, 220 miles and back, twice a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
J. C. Kimzey.....	\$11,900 00	Postmaster's certificate imperfect. Check, \$500.
Z. McDonald.....	10,993 00	Check, \$500.
Silas Wolverton.....	10,960 00	Check, \$500.
S. P. Wheeler.....	9,800 00	Draft, \$500.
Charles H. Howard.....	9,300 00	Draft, \$500.
J. T. Chidester, jr.....	9,240 00	Check, \$500.
Anderson Arnot.....	8,800 00	Check, \$500. Not on national bank.
Henry Tisdale.....	8,540 00	Check, \$500.
H. M. Vail.....	8,400 00	Altered bid. Check, \$500.
R. L. Pease.....	8,144 00	Check, \$500.
James L. Ryle.....	7,400 00	Check, \$500. Signature to postmaster's certificate not genuine. (See bond certificate.)
Josiah D. Emerson.....	6,864 00	Draft on Auditor, \$500.
John T. Blake.....	6,700 00	Check, \$1,000; also covering bid on 31123. Accepted July 31, 1876.
James C. Trewitt and J. W. Johnson.	5,496 00	Draft, \$500. Not on national bank.
James A. Ferguson (after time) ..	8,900 00	\$500 in money orders. Postmaster's certificate not dated. Received July 17, 1876.
Charles B. Metcalfe (after time) .	8,949 00	Check, \$500.
Charles B. Metcalfe (after time) .	6,470 00	Three times a week. Postmaster's certificate not dated. Received July 18, 1876.
Hightower, Lambert & Baker (after time).	3,428 56	Check, \$500. Received July 17, 1876.

Contract made with John T. Blake, of Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, dated July 31, 1876, at \$6,700 per annum.  
 See several subsequent orders in accompanying reports, commencing October 31, 1876.  
 Leave Fort Worth Monday and Thursday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Fort Concho next Wednesday and Saturday by 6 p. m.  
 Leave Fort Concho Monday and Thursday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Fort Worth next Wednesday and Saturday by 6 p. m.  
 Bond required with bid, \$10,000; check, \$500.

ROUTE No. 31480.

From Kiomatia (Hook's Ferry post-office) to Paris, 30 miles and back, once a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
B. H. Dodson.....	\$485 00	
J. C. Hogan.....	447 00	
R. D. Smith.....	420 00	
James H. Johnston.....	400 00	No date to certificate of postmaster.
D. A. Coffin.....	388 00	
R. L. Pease.....	384 00	
Britain Willeford.....	360 00	
J. J. Campbell.....	350 00	
W. E. Fisher.....	299 00	
Henry Tisdale.....	297 00	
Sawyers & Elliott.....	272 00	
F. C. Taylor.....	269 00	(See oath with bond.)
J. B. Colegrove.....	250 00	
J. B. Colegrove.....	250 00	
R. S. Browne.....	250 00	Postmaster's certificate not dated.
V. K. Hines.....	232 00	

Not necessary.  
 Leave Hook's Ferry Friday at 7 a. m.; arrive at Paris by 6 p. m.  
 Leave Paris Saturday at 7 a. m.; arrive at Hook's Ferry by 6 p. m.  
 Bond required with bid, \$300.

ROUTE No. 31481.

From Lebanon to Lewisville, 15 miles and back, once a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
J. P. Nenny.....	\$334 00	
James C. Hogan.....	244 00	
R. L. Rease.....	194 00	
Henry Tisdale.....	170 00	
J. B. Colegrove.....	160 00	
J. B. Colegrove.....	160 00	
Sawyers & Elliott.....	147 00	
W. P. Bratcher.....	140 00	Oath with bond insufficient.
Vincent K. Hines.....	122 00	Accepted July 31, 1876.

Contract made with Vincent K. Hines, of Windsor, Mo., dated July 31, 1876, at \$122 per annum.  
 Leave Lebanon Monday at 7 a. m.; arrive at Lewisville by 12 m.  
 Leave Lewisville Monday at 2 p. m.; arrive at Lebanon by 7 p. m.  
 Bond required with bid, \$200.



ROUTE No. 31491.

From Paris to Sulphur Springs, 44 miles and back, twice a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
James B. Donoho .....	\$1,500 00	
George R. Milburn.....	1,320 00	
M. R. Willeford.....	1,248 00	(See sureties' oath.)
Joseph C. Hogan.....	1,090 00	
D. A. Coffin.....	1,066 00	
M. L. Shuler.....	1,050 00	(See oath to bond.)
R. S. Browne.....	1,000 00	
T. C. Ripley.....	1,000 00	
R. D. Smith.....	990 00	
J. J. Campbell.....	900 00	
Anderson Arnot.....	898 00	
C. I. Fuller.....	880 00	
George Y. Woodward.....	870 00	
R. L. Pease.....	864 00	
Henry Tisdale.....	860 00	
J. T. Chidester, jr.....	854 00	
M. L. Crawford.....	845 00	
Thomas J. Glascock.....	845 00	
Lake Wilson.....	844 00	
U. E. Fisher.....	830 00	
John Reed.....	799 00	
T. C. Taylor.....	789 00	(See oath to bond.)
Sawyers & Elliott.....	762 00	
N. S. Wheeler.....	750 00	
J. L. Condict.....	749 00	
V. K. Hines.....	734 00	Proposal altered.
J. B. Colegrove.....	700 00	
James B. Colegrove.....	700 00	Accepted July 31, 1876.

Contract made with James B. Colegrove, of Sedalia, Mo., dated July 31, 1876, at \$700 per annum.

Leave Paris Monday and Thursday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Sulphur Springs next days by 12 m.

Leave Sulphur Springs Tuesday and Friday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Paris next days by 6 p. m.

Bond required with bid, \$900.

ROUTE No. 31497.

From Terrell to Rockwall, 18 miles and back, once a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
J. C. Hogan.....	\$299 00	
R. L. Pease.....	244 00	
D. A. Coffin.....	199 00	
J. D. Boydston.....	194 00	Firm's name to bond.
Henry Tisdale.....	190 00	
Albion Drew.....	175 00	
George Y. Woodward.....	174 00	
Sawyers & Elliott.....	162 00	
J. B. Colegrove.....	150 00	
J. B. Colegrove.....	150 00	
Patrick Henry Layne.....	149 00	Accepted July 31, 1876.
W. P. Bratcher.....	140 00	No seal to bidder's signature or bond.
J. J. Gallaher (after time).....	156 00	Received July 17, 1876.

Contract made with Patrick Henry Layne, of Terrel, Tex., dated July 31, 1876, at \$149 per annum.

Leave Terrell Saturday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Rockwall by 12 m.

Leave Rockwall Saturday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Terrell by 7 p. m.

Bond required with bid, \$200.

ROUTE No. 31503.

From Wharton to Eagle Lake, 28 miles and back, once a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
D. A. Coffin.....	\$420 00	
Joseph C. Hogan.....	416 00	
Britain Willeford.....	390 00	
R. L. Pease.....	384 00	
Sawyers & Elliott.....	363 00	
John Kemp.....	298 00	
Henry Tisdale.....	290 00	
Sawyers & Elliott.....	263 00	
J. B. Colegrove.....	260 00	
James B. Colegrove.....	250 00	Accepted July 31, 1876.
W. H. Hyde & Robert Bradford (after time).....	299 00	Amount changed. Received July 19, 1876.

Contract made with James B. Colegrove, of Sedalia, Mo., dated July 31, 1876, at \$250 per annum.

Leave Wharton Friday at 8 a. m.; arrive at Eagle Lake by 5 p. m.

Leave Eagle Lake Saturday at 8 a. m.; arrive at Wharton by 5 p. m.

Bond required with bid, \$300.

## LAME DUCK COVERS

by R. H. Stever

You probably think this is about a Texas DPO named Lame Duck. However, there is not now and never has been a Lame Duck, Texas community. So what is a lame duck cover?

It all goes back to 1845 when Texans were thinking about annexing themselves to the United States. A referendum was called by President Anson Jones of the Texas Republic for July 4th of that year. The choice was to remain a Republic with a firm agreement by Mexico that the Rio Grande would be the international boundary or to approve annexation to the U.S. in which case a war with Mexico would be a likely consequence. The vote was overwhelming -- over 80 percent -- for annexation. Zachary Taylor's army arrived in Texas about three weeks later.

A joint session of the U.S. House and Senate approved the annexation of Texas. The slave states were for a State of Texas, the abolitionists against basically, although there was some waffling by those whose main agenda was "manifest destiny" -- a U.S. extending from coast to coast. President James K. Polk signed the legislation formally approving Texas as the 28th state in the Union on December 29, 1845.

However, you just don't shut down a country over night. The Texas overseas embassies had to be closed and the archives returned. The Republic's bills had to be paid and due monies collected. All this took time -- approximately seven weeks -- before the government could actually be turned over to the new State of Texas. During those seven weeks there was a lame duck Republic government. February 16, 1846 was the practical end of the Republic of Texas although the actual ceremony didn't take place until February 19th.

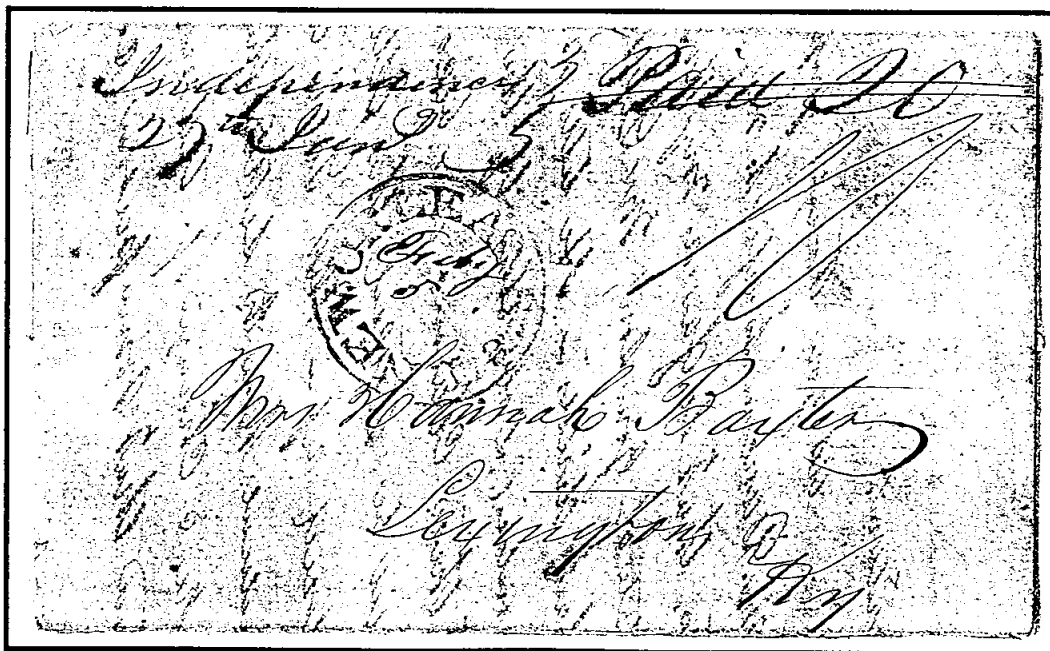


Figure 1

Figure 1 is a letter posted at Independence (how ironic), Texas addressed to Lexington, Kentucky on January 27, 1846 during the lame duck period. The sender paid the Republic rate for a distance over 100 miles of 20 cents. This is marked in red ink at upper right by a "Paid 20" manuscript notation. The letter was handled by the U.S. post office at New Orleans on February 5th with a black double circle CDS. The Texas rate was crossed out with two blue ink pen strokes and a large blue "10" for the U.S. rate written below. In other words, both the Texas and U.S. postages were noted on what is a rare and classic Texas cover sent during this narrow lame duck time period.

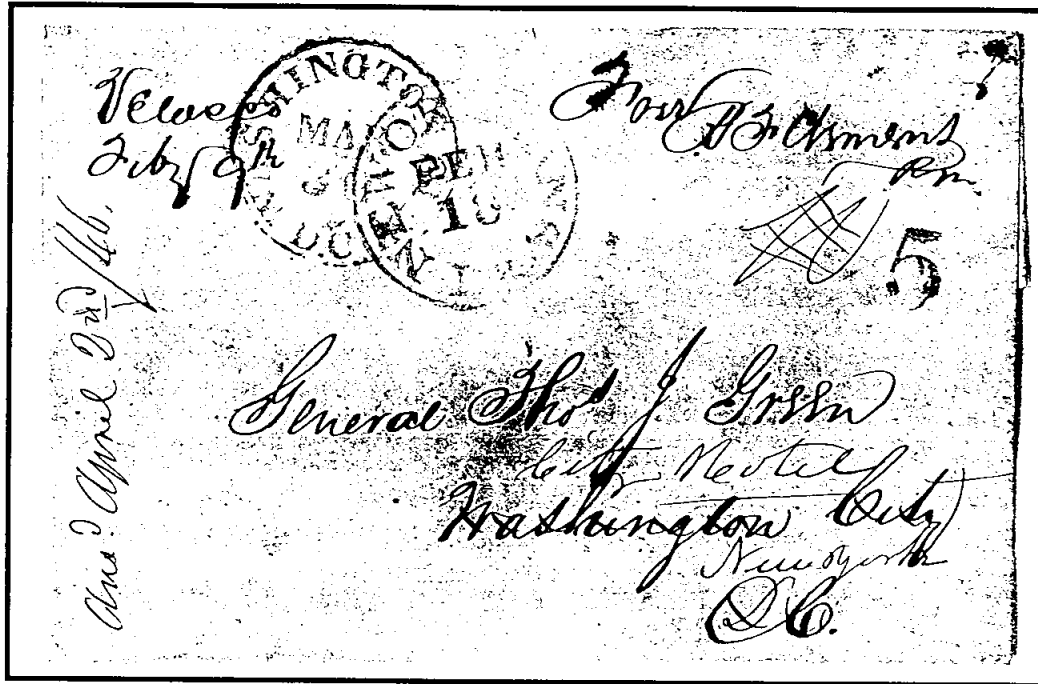


Figure 2

Figure 2 is also a lame duck cover which is slightly different. It originated at Velasco on February 9 but was sent free of Texas postage by Velasco postmaster H. F. Clemens. It was addressed to a Texas government official, General Thomas Green, at Washington, D.C. Although the general was a Texas official, he was not a U.S. official and the New Orleans post office rated the later 10 cents due on February 18th. Apparently General Green had gone to New York and the Washington post office forwarded the letter with an additional 5 cents due on March 30th (Red CDS). This date is about a month after its probable arrival at Washington but there is no indication the letter was advertised. Notation at the left edge by General Green reads "Ansd. April 2nd/46."

The cover illustrated in Figure 3 is a folded letter written at Houston on January 20, 1846 addressed to Galveston. At upper left is a faint strike of a red Houston CDS with a black handwritten "Jan. 22" between two parallel lines across the center. This lame duck letter travelled some 50 or so miles totally within Texas. At upper right is a manuscript "10" rate marking. Most collectors would, quite naturally, assume that a "10" rate marking on an 1846 cover would be a U.S. rate. Wrong! The Republic rates adopted in early 1845 call for ten cents postage up to a distance of 100 miles. U.S. mail at the time of this letter paid five cents domestic postage up to 300 miles and ten cents over 300 miles (act of March 3, 1845 effective July 1, 1845). So the "10" is a Republic rate, adding prestige to an otherwise ordinary-looking cover.

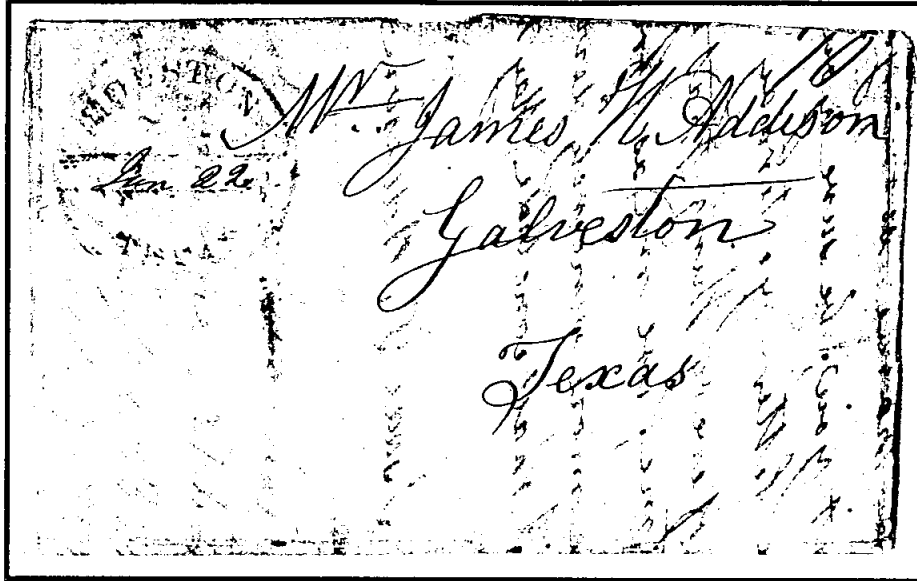


Figure 3

Another item is a letter datelined General Land Office, Austin, January 26, 1846 concerning the appointment or election of a county surveyor for San Patricio County. Written in a beautiful Spencerian script, it was signed by the G.L.O. clerk, a Mr. J. Crosby. (Probably not TPHS member Joe Crosby.) The envelope bearing this letter has no postal markings and is therefore not illustrated here. It was hand carried to Corpus Christi by a Col. Bell. Apparently the lame duck Republic government wasn't spending any more postage money than absolutely necessary.

Please contact the author concerning any other lame duck covers which TPHS members own or know about.

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### EARLIEST KNOWN USES

R. M. "Ferd" Arndt thinks not enough research is being done on earliest known uses in Texas. His article on page 6 about a possible earliest Texas hotel corner card is an example. Following are some of Ferd's suggestions for earliest-use research. How about earliest Texas uses of 1847, 1851 and 1857 issue stamps by time, place and particular stamp. Or advertising covers, RPO's, postage dues, first flights, registered letters, postal cards, CSA issues, first and second series of stamped envelopes, etc. Who has an early one of these and why not tell us about it?

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY / TREASURER

### MEMBERSHIP

This edition of the Texas Postal History Journal includes this year's Membership List of all members as of June 29, 1998. Our membership has dropped to ninety-three. Changes are as follows:

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### ELECTION RESULTS

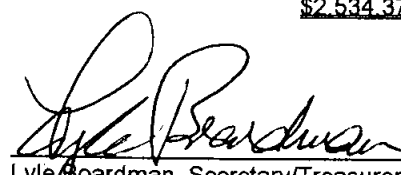
In the election that occurred at the end of last year, all of the officers were reelected nearly unanimously by the vote of 59 members. There were a few write-in votes, but none for more than one candidate. The officers are listed in the masthead of the Journal each issue.

### FINANCIAL DATA

Activity for all of 1997 and 1998 to date are shown below:

	1997		1998
<i>Income:</i> Dues	\$1,020.00		\$435.00
Old Journals and Index	3.50		82.50
Interest Income	39.94		15.99
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,063.44</b>		<b>\$533.49</b>
 <i>Expenses:</i> Journal Preparation	 \$ 915.57		 \$544.85
Emery Award	0.00		214.58
TPA Dues	10.00		0.00
Member Retention	10.03		0.00
Postage	7.52		0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 943.12</b>		<b>\$759.43</b>
 <i>Net Income / Expense</i>	 <b>\$ 120.32</b>		 <b>(\$225.94)</b>
 Balance of Funds	 <b>\$2,534.37</b>		 <b>\$2,308.43</b>

Submitted by:

  
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Date

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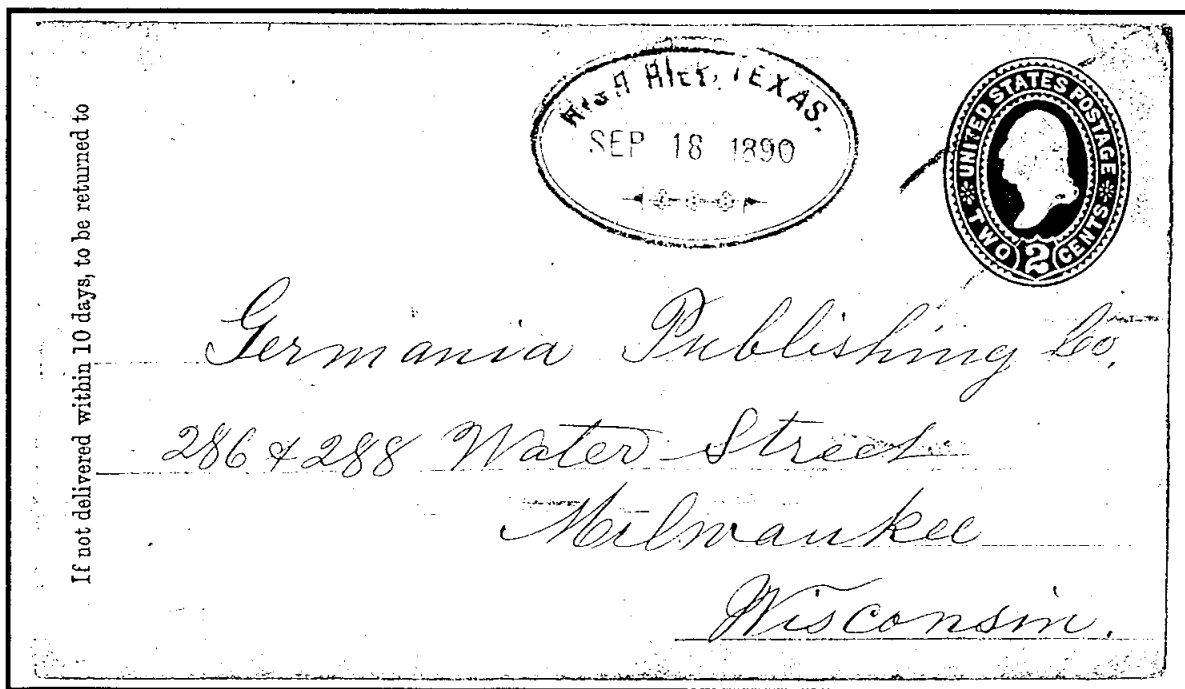
T.P.H.S. SALE 15 - PRICES REALIZED

LOT NO.	\$ PRICE	LOT NO.	\$ PRICE	LOT NO.	\$ PRICE
1	37.00	15	18.00	30	15.00
4	5.00	16	25.00	31	24.00
7	20.00	18	28.00	33	10.00
9	38.00	19	28.00	34	6.00
10	25.00	20	35.00	41	35.00
12	110.00	22	6.00	42	6.00
13	75.00	26	55.00	44	5.00
14	15.00	28	24.00	46	100.00
		29	29.00		

SALE 15 NOTES

Sale No. 15 was closed on June 1, and some 25 of the 46 covers found new homes. Several items brought good bids. Lot #9, the Snake cover, was popular. Lot 46 and the Fort covers were also popular. It was interesting that only seven members bid in the sale. Was it early vacations, the material, or was the long layoff between sales the factor in low member interest?

We are currently assembling Sale # 16. All consignments have been lotted and the auction will be published in the next (November) *Journal*. Be sure to look over this outstanding offering.  
Ed Leissner, Auction Chairman

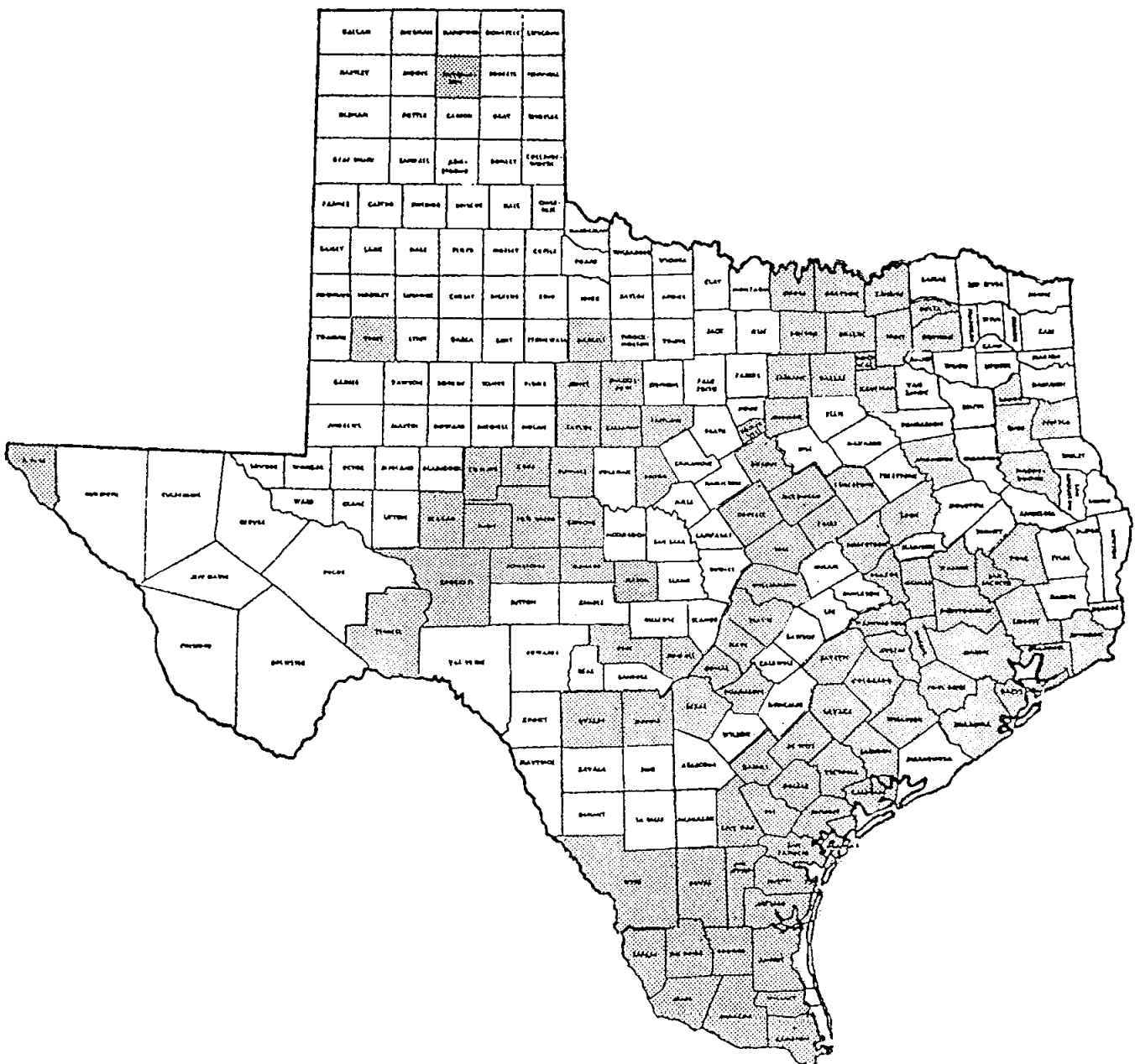


Scarce fancy 1890 dark pink oval postmark of High Hill, Texas on a 2-cent green entire, probably U311. This Fayette County post office was established in June 1860 and discontinued January 31, 1907. (Reference: Schmidt, Walter G., An Encyclopedia of Texas Post Offices, Collectors Club of Chicago, 1993.)

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The map below is part of this year's membership list. The stippled counties are ones which TPHS members have reported as specifically being collected. Not shown are aggregate areas such as west Texas, south Texas, Texas panhandle, etc. which several members have reported. Many of us concentrate on a county or a couple counties but probably own covers from surrounding counties not being actively collected. Perhaps by next year's roster we can be more specific and also list those surrounding areas.

Even so, it's interesting to see which counties are being ignored. If you want to start a new collection, pick out one of them and get after it.



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### ***"Food for thought . . ."***

The newly appointed board of the N.C. Postal History Commission recently held its first meeting at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh. Created by the NC General Assembly in 1997, it will operate until June 30, 2000. It is believed to be one of the first such commissions appointed by any state. Its creation indicates the state's commitment to its history and educating citizens about the important role of past postal operations.

The commission was established to advise the secretary of the NC Department of Cultural Resources on the collection, preservation, cataloging, publication and exhibition of North Carolina's postal history. Information and material collected by the commission will be the basis for a future exhibition at the NC Museum of History and for publications on the state's postal history.

Congratulations to all who were successful in bringing about this legislative feat. Perhaps other states can be convinced of the value of supporting postal history research. Source: *La Posta*, July 1998.