7.13 Selling Alum (powdered aluminum) to Paper Mills

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Black Brooklyn N.Y. Feb 20 (1859) 30mm CDC. Franked by perforated 3c 1851 Ty. I (rose brown).



Content: "Your favor inclosing samples of flat cap 16lb is at hand @ 2.25 net. Please send us by return mail one case & we will see how it looks and give an immediate answer about the lot. P.S. Will speak to our M.H about the alum . . ." H.C. & M. Hulbert, Paper and Papermaker Supply Warehouse, NYC, February 2, 1859.

(right) Advertisement of H.C. & M. Hulbert, Paper House (from Doggett's New-York City directory for 1850/51, Google books).



7.14 Three-Alarm Fire Destroys Field's Warehouse

(Below) Envelope to Landsford, Mass. Black New York July 28 (1859) 30mm CDC. Franked by 3c 1857 Ty. I (claret) <w./repaired UL corner>. Manuscript "Ford" and "3" due for missent and forwarded from Rochford to Landsford.



Advertising Cover: "Writing Paper, Printing, Hardware, Wrapping, Manilla, Hanging, Ledger, Tissue, Flat Caps, &c." Cyrus W. Field & Co. Importers & Wholesale Dealers in Paper and Paper Manufacturers' Materials, August 28, 1859. "Paper Dealers and Stationers, No. 10 Exchange Pl. and 1 Mill St." (also see 7.9)

Dec 29, 1859, newpaper photo of three-alarm fire at Cyrus Field's paper warehouse (fom Wikipedia)



Chapter 8: Baltimore and Washington D.C.

Washington D.C. was an important market for U.S. paper-makers, but the long distances between the capitol and paper mills in rural parts of the country hindered communications. Agents were often employed by paper mills to facilitate Government contracts.

Baltimore was the main port of access to markets in the southern states, and the postal history reflects the citys importance in this regard. Agents also came up from Washington, and came into play an important role here here too.

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Red WASHn CITY JUL 20 (1829) 32mm CDC. Manuscript '25' (cents) for mail travelling over 400 mi.



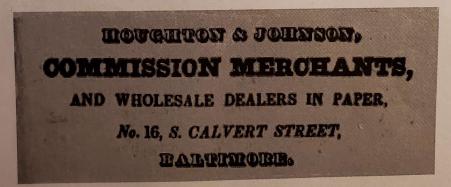
Content: I get the finest blue wove & laid 4to for \$4.50, and the white for \$4.25 with the exception of a single manufacturer, Ames of Pennsylvania, he charges \$5.50 for No. 1 white wove quarto. and is able to find purchasers. The only reason I can give for it is, that he sorts his paper better, and is more uniform in sizing! Wm. A. Davis, Stationeer, Washington, July 20th, 1829

8.1 Early Commission Paper Warehouse in Baltimore

(Below) DFL to South Lee Mass. Manuscript 'Double Paid'. Red BALT E MD MAY 10 (1831) 32mm CDC with matching curved 'PAID'. Manuscript '37 1/2' (cents) double rate (2x 18 3/4) for two pages (sample enclosed?) travelling 150 to 400 mi.



Content: "It is now about one year since we commenced selling papers on comm. in this city and . . . have not the least doubt but what we could dispose of several cases of your 4to post in a vdew mos. we have call for your paper almost daily. "Houghton & Johnson, Commission Merchants, Baltimore, Md., March 10th 1831.



(above) Houghton & Johnson advertisement in Manchett's Baltimore Directory, 1831

8.2 Earliest Reported Sale of Envelopes at the Post Office

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Red Baltimore Md. MAY 20 (1840) 32mm CDC. Rated '18 3/4' (cents) for mail travelling 150 to 400 mi.



Content: "I have just closed sales of your Envelope paper (calendered) and I have now got it introduced into the Post Office here. <It> can no doubt affect sales to some amount therefore have the goodness to send me 50 to 100 reams of it as soon as you can." Otis Spears, Commission Merchant, 21 S. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. May 19th 1840.



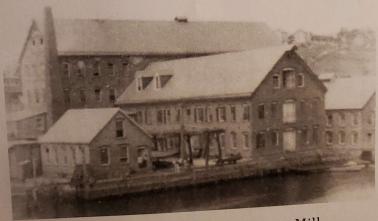
Baltimore Post Office, 1841 (Wikpedia)

8.3 Abandonment of Handmade Paper

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Red "Washington Railroad May 12" (1842) 30mm CDC. Manuscript '25' (cents) for mail travelling over 400 mi.



Content: "I saw one of your firm a while at Sheffields' New York <paper mill> towards the end of March last, and he said that . . . you have **given-up making hand papers** and mean to confine yourselves entirely to machine." Frank Taylor, Paper Dealer, Washington D.C. May 5, 1842.



Photograph of Sheffield's Paper Mill (From Saugerties By Edward Poll, Karlyn Knaust Elia)

8.4 Shipping by Adams Express, and Stationer's Enthusiasm over the First U.S Postage Stamps

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Blue Baltimore Md. May 17 30mm CDC with matching "Paid". Franked by 5-cts. 1847 (1st issue orange brown). Manuscript "Due 5" since the rate for over 300 miles was ten cents.



Content: "Just a note checking on our previous order. . . . <u>Mr. Waters is desirous to get his stamp.</u>" Turner & Mudge, Baltimore stationeers, May 17, 1848.

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Black Washington City D.C. NOV 13 1855 30mm CDC. Franked by 3-cts 1851 Ty. II (rose red).



Content: "... in reference to the Writing papers for the Proposals we <sent> ..., send samples by Adams Express." R. Franham, Bookseller, Washington D.C. Nov 12, 1855.

8.5 Difficulty in Paper Sales

(Below) (Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Red New-York Jun 17 (1844) 30mm CDC and matching 'PHILADA RAILROAD.' Manuscript '18 3/4' for mail travelling 150 to 400 mi.. (Philadelphia to South Lee Mass.). The New York postal clerk denied the attempt of Postmaster Free mails (see 5.1).



Content: "We have received the two cases of Pheonix Cap, and none sold." Krosen & Speers, Paper Dealer, 21 S. Charles St, Baltimore, Md. June 17th, 1844.

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Blue Baltimore Md. NOV 1 (1853) 31mm CDC. Matching '5' (cents) due for mail travelling under 300 mi.



Content: "Business is very dull here now. I will forward you same order in a day or two." R.M. Justing, Paper Merchant, Baltimore. Nov. 1, 1853.

8.6 Order for Congress Paper

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Black Washigton City D.C. Nov 23 (1856) 30mm CDC. Franked by 3c 1851 Ty. II (brownish carmine). Missent and forwarded to South Lee and black Lee Ms. NOV 28 (30mm) CDC with manuscript 'Ford 5' (cents) postage due.



Content: "You will please send me one case white laid Congress Cap ruled, the best. I wish also to get 20 rms the very best White Laid Cap, flat, not ruled, 17 or 18 pounds, also the same article blue." R. Farnham, Bookseller, Washington D.C. Nov, 24, 1856.

B ARTLETT'S AMERICAN EXPLORing Expedition.—Personal narrative of explorations and incidents in Texas, New Mexico
California, Sonora, and Chihuahua, ly J. R. Bart,
lett. United States Commissioner during that perriod, in two volumes, with maps and illustrations.
The Hive of the Bee Hunter, a repository of
Sketches, including peculiar American character,
scenery, and rural sports, by T. B. Thorpe, author
of Tom Owen, the Bee Hunters, &c., illustrated
by sketches from nature.
Farmingdale, a novel, by Caroline Thomas.
Our Parish, or annals of Pastor and People.
Instrumented and for sale by
R. FARNHAM,
Corner of Penn. avenue and 11th st.

(above) R. Farnham advertisement in Washington Sentinel, August 19, 1856

Chapter 9: Southern States

Prior to the Civil War the Southern states imported 90% of their paper, mostly from the Northern states but also from England and France.

Postal history of the pre-war era is rather scarce as only thirteen (13) paper mills existed in the south. Most postal history is from agents or businesses such as printers. After the War only one paper mill survived, making southern postal history equally scarce.

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Blue Hamburg S.C. FEB 11 (1842) 30mm CDC. Manuscript '25' (cents) for mail travelling greater than 400mi.



Content: "I have delayed the remittance of these 6 days in order to recieve the printers determination respecting further orders." G.O.B. Ford, Hamburgh, paper dealer, Hamburg, South Carolina, February 10, 1842.

9.1 Order for Newspaper

(Below) SFL to Boston. Manuscrirpt "Mail -- Paid." Blue "New Orleans La. Aug 10" (1845) 30 mm. CDC with matching "PAID," and "10" (cents) for mail travelling over 300 miles.



Content: "We are under the impression that we requested your Mr. Tileston to send us same hardware paper, if it was omitted on the winter's (Mr. Holbook's) order left with you in June last. Have the goodness to add 10 bundles to it. . . . Our Mr. Kendall left us yesterday for New York and Boston, via Charlestown." Lumsden, Kendell & Co., Publishers New Orleans Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 10, 1845.



(above) Early masthead of newspaper.

(right) Francis
Asbury Lumsden,
N.O. PIcayune
founding member



(left) George Wilkins Kendall, N.O. PIcayune founding member. (Source, 175th Anniversary of the Times-PIcayune)

9.2 Whiteman Paper Mill, Specialists in Bond, Banknote, and Securities Papers

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Blue NASHVILLE Te. JAN 25 (1849) 30mm CDC with matching '10' (cents) rate for mail travelling greater than 300mi.



Content: ". . . my business called me away from Fishkill on short notice I left such a statement . . . with David Davis of Fishkill Landing." Thomas C. Levop, Millwright, White's Creek Mill, Nashville, Tenn. January 1, 1849.

(Currently, this is the only known correspondence from the Whiteman mill.)

W. S. WHITEMAN,

PAPER MANUFACTORY

LOCATED EIGHT MILES ON WHITES CREEK PIKE.

Paper Warchouse, 53 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn.

Res. at the Manufactory.

The highest price paid for rags in cash.

(above) Advertisement of W. S. Whiteman (from *Nashville City Directories*, 1853-54)

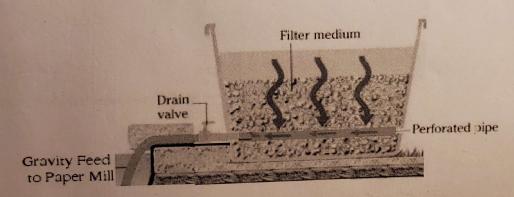
(Philatelic Note: CSA STAMP PAPER was made at Whiteman's White Creek Mill in 1861 and 1862.

9.3 Engineering Plans for Filter Pond

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Red Richmond Va. Sep 19 (1850) 30mm CDC with integral '10' (cents) for mail travelling greater than 300mi.



Content: "You wish for me to send you the plan of a filterer (filter pond) that I spoke of . . . which I can do for the sum of forty dollars." Alexandar Anderson, Hydraulic Engineer, Richmond, Va. September 19, 1850.



(above) Illustration of Early Filtering Pond for Paper-Making

9.4 Order for 100 Reams of Cap and Letter Paper

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Red Norfolk Va. SEP 11 (1850) 34mm CDC with matching '10' (cents) for mail travelling greater than 300mi.



Content: "... what you can put us 10 reams of your cap and letter paper and quality as of this sheet. What you think the propable cost of getting it here?" Vickey & Griffith, Bookbinders, 10 Main St., Norfolk, Va. September 11, 1850.

(Right) Imprint of Vickery's Business

Directory for 1859.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

1859.

COMPILED BY W. EUGENE PERSLEW

9.5 Order for Paper via Coastal Steamer from Norfolk

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Manuscript "Paid 3." Black Baltimore Md. (1852) 30 mm CDC. Straightline "Steamboat" applied for mail received by costal steamer. Franked by 3-cts. 1851 Ty. II (brownish carmine). Originating from Norfolk, Va.



Content: "Enclosed please find check for amount of invoice last sent <\$70.95> which we hope will reach you in safety . . . "Vickery & Co., successors to Vickery & Grifith, Bookbinders, Norfolk, Va. October 9, 1852.

(right) Advertising of Vickery & Co. blank book manufactury (from Vickery's Directory for the City of Norfolk, 1859

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VICKERY & COMPANY.

Would notice the Public that their BOOK NOVEMENT is in first operation, and they are proposed to construct

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on one Employment, or or parties and plant.

VICKERY & COMPANY,

No. 18 Male Street, head of Morket Square

9.6 Forwarding Agent(s) in Baltimore and Charleston

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Blue Nashville Tenn. MAR 28 (1857) 30mm CDC. Franked by 3-cts 1851 Ty. II (claret).



Content: "I am or will soon be out of paper. Please send a box, say blue or white, about the quality of this sheet with a bill . . . You can sent it to the care of A.C. Schaefer, Baltimore, or S.Wyatt, Charleston SC." H. T. Yeatman, grocery and paper merchant, 41 Market St, Nashville, Tn. May 27, 1857.

(Right) Imprint of Yeatman's Business Directory for 1847

