

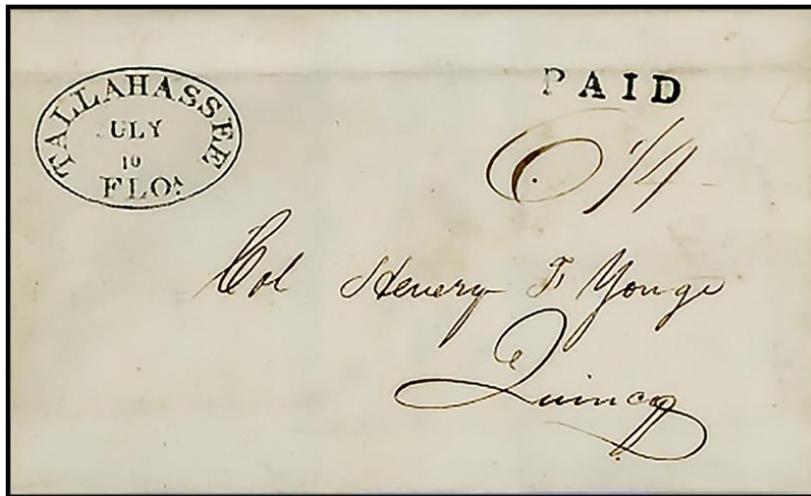
# 6¼¢ Rate – Florida Census

by Thomas Lera

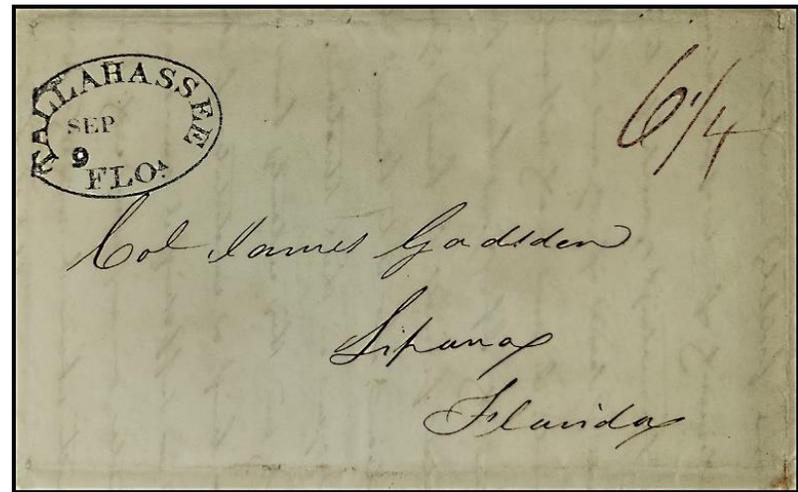
On April 9, 1816, Congress set the postal rate at 6 cents for a single letter going 30 miles or less, which stood until 1845.

At that time in Florida, Spanish dollar coins were in circulation which were equal to one US dollar. The Spanish dollar was made up of eight reals, also known as a “bit”, which made them worth 12½ cents each. There was also a “medio real” or half of a real that equaled 6¼ cents. British currency had a coin known as a “thruppence” or three pence, which also equaled 6¼ cents. As a necessity, postmasters routinely accepted the foreign coins for “rate of convenience” payment of both the 6-cent and 6¼-cent manuscript rate.

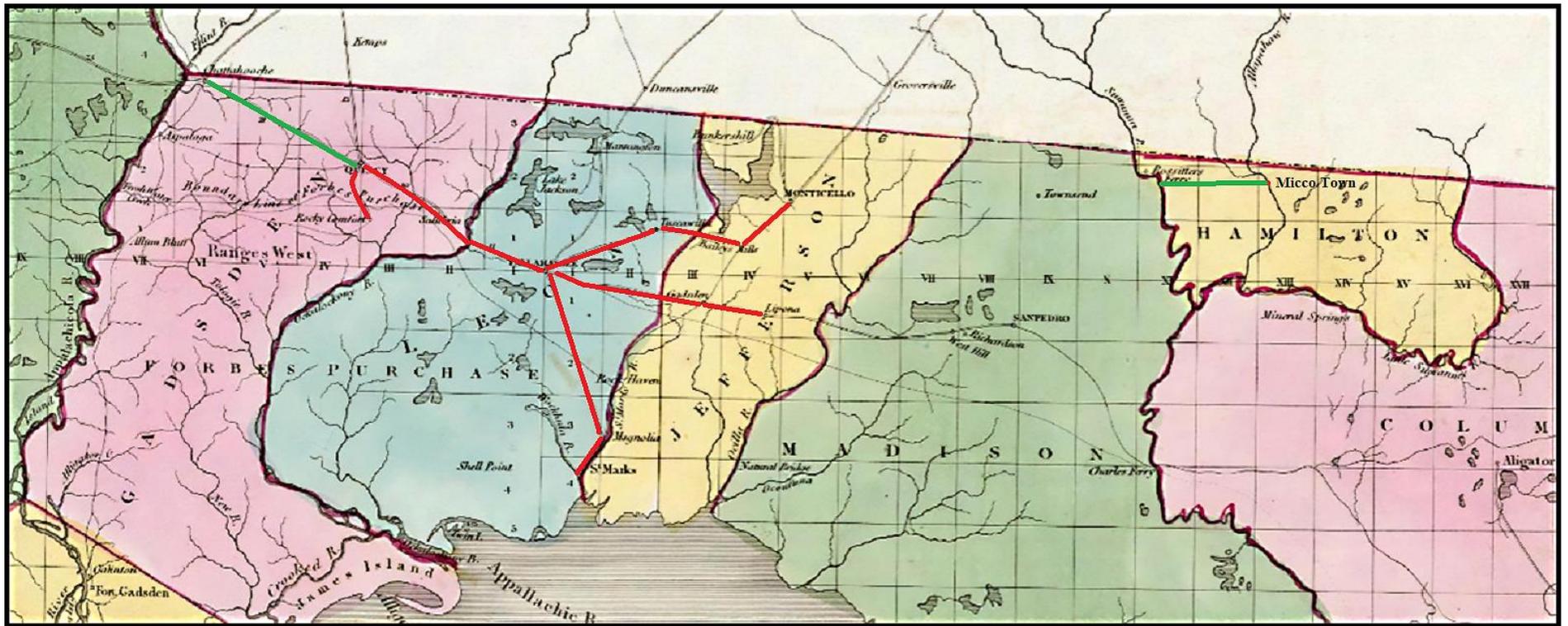
The following 54 Florida covers illustrate the 6¼¢ postage rate.



Courtesy of Rumsey Auctions



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1839 Map of Florida Exhibiting the Post Offices and Post Roads by David H. Burr

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**Towns Receiving or Mailing 6¼¢ Mail**

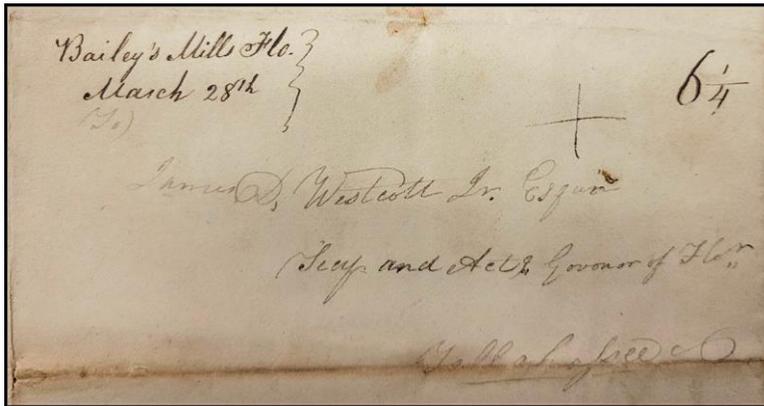
The red lines are the towns mailing to or receiving mail from Tallahassee (Leon County, blue).

Green lines are towns mailing or receiving mail between each other.

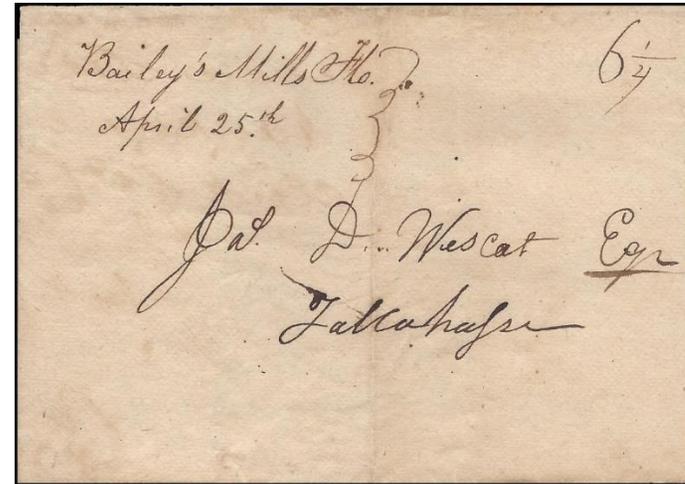
St. Johns Bluff to Jacksonville is not shown.

# Bailey's Mill

ID	Date	Cancellation	Addressed To
1	03/28/1832	Bailey's Mill Flo. (Type I)	Tallahassee
2	04/25/1832	Bailey's Mill Flo. (Type I)	Tallahassee



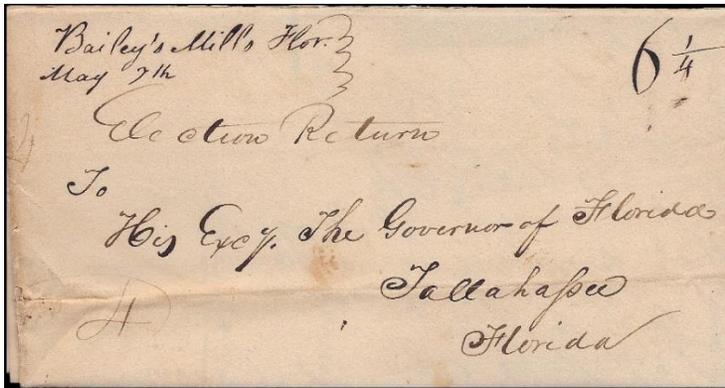
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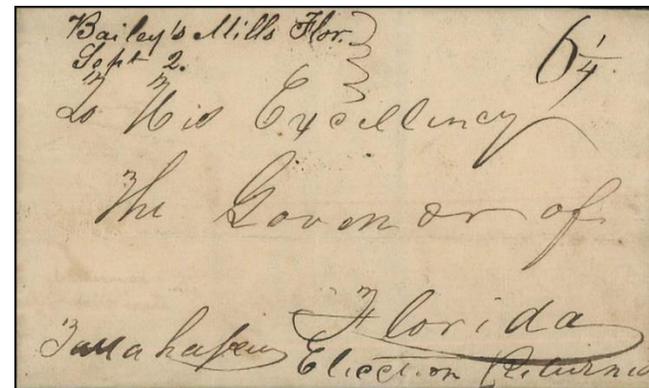
2. Courtesy of William Johnson DDS.

# Bailey's Mill

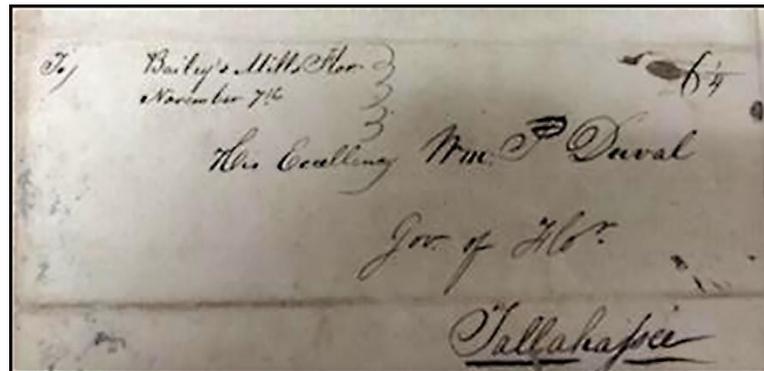
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3	05/07/1833	Bailey's Mill Flor. (Type II)	Tallahassee
4	09/02/1834	Bailey's Mill Flor. (Type II)	Tallahassee
5	11/07/1833	Bailey's Mill Flor. (Type II)	Tallahassee



3. Courtesy of Phil Eschbach



4. Courtesy of William Youngerman.



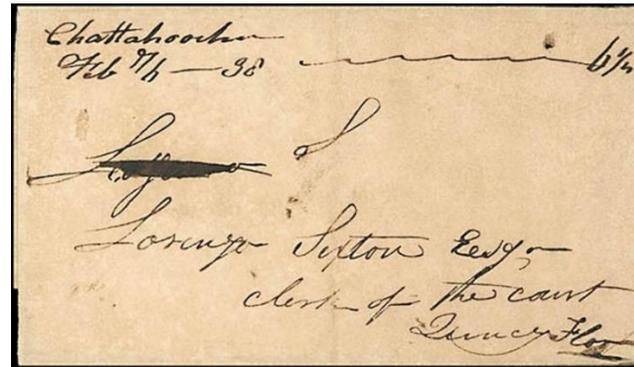
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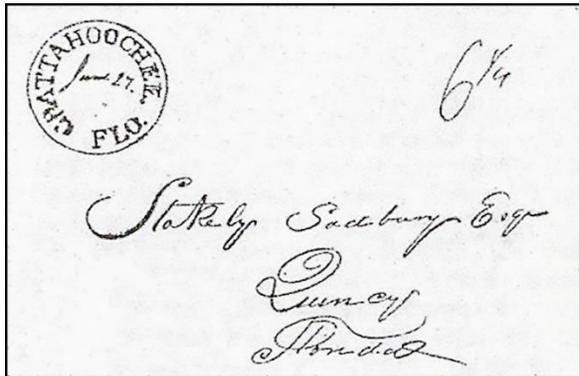
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6	10/09/1837	Chattahoochee (Type I)	Quincy
7	02/06/1838	Chattahoochee (Type I)	Quincy
8	06/27/1841	Chattahoochee. Flo.(Type V)	Quincy
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6. Courtesy of Phil Eschbach



7. Courtesy of Rumsey Auctions



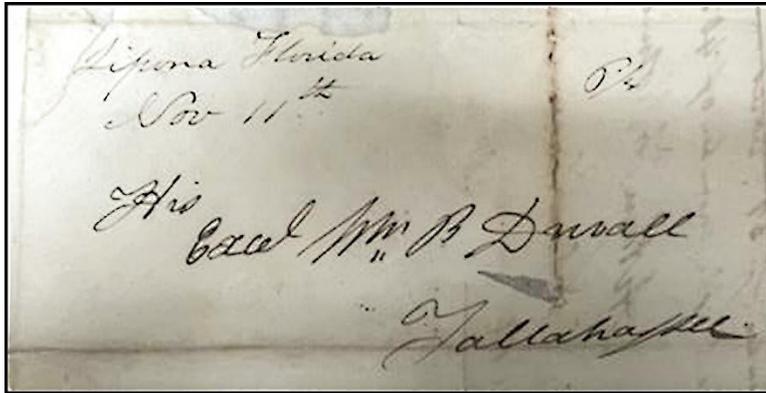
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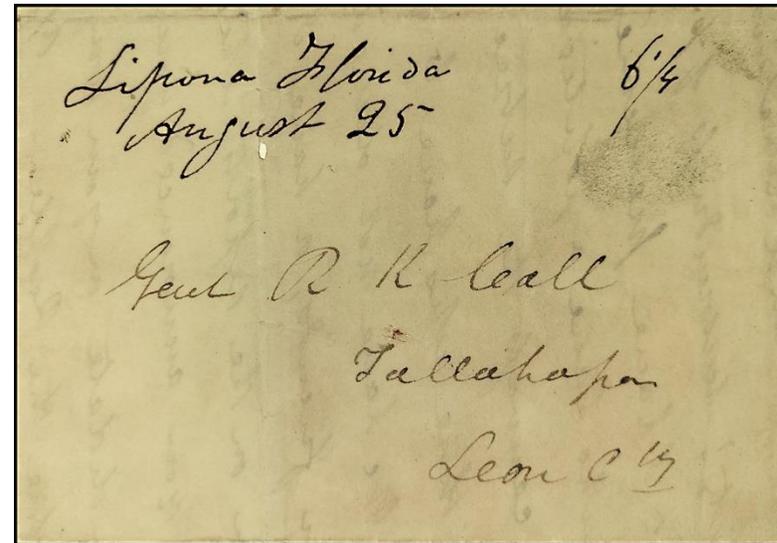
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# Lipona

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10	08/25/1833	Lipona, Florida (Type II)	Tallahassee



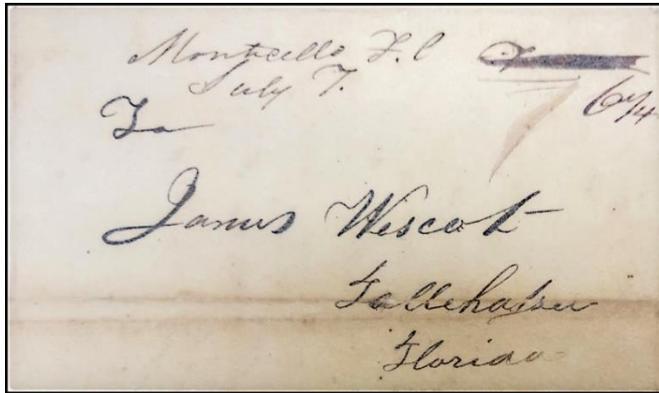
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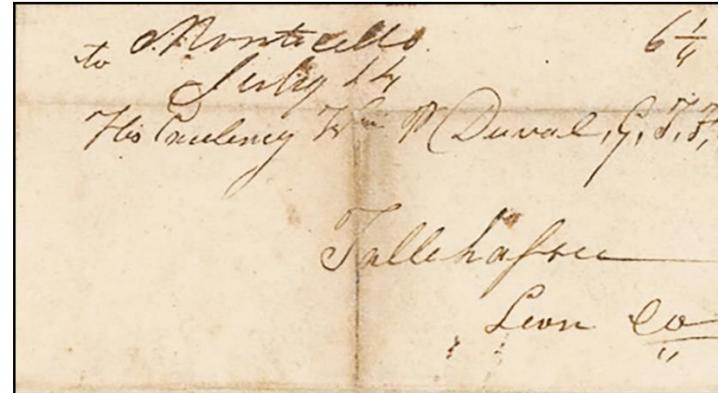
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# Monticello

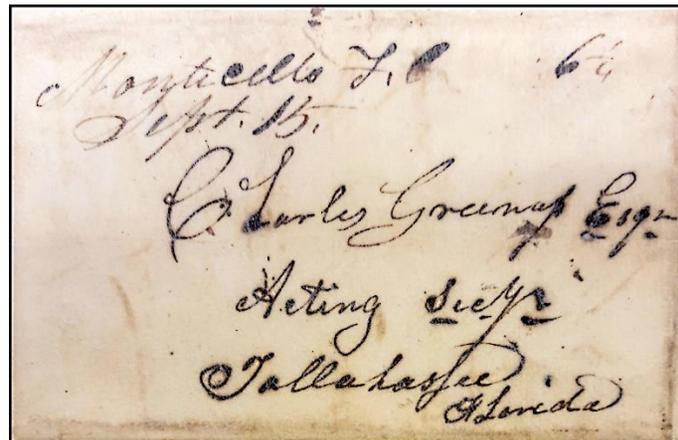
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13	09/15/1830	Monticello Fl (Type II)	Tallahassee



11. Courtesy of Florida State Archives



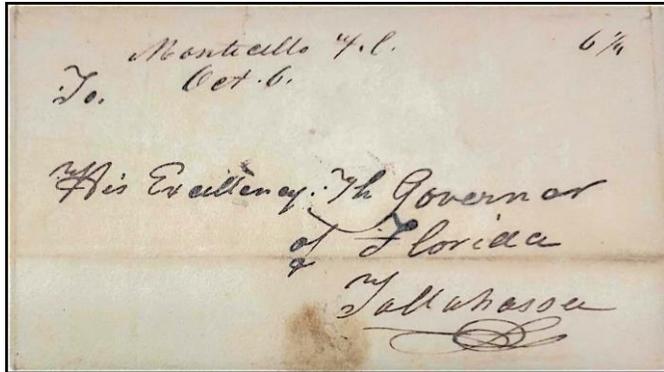
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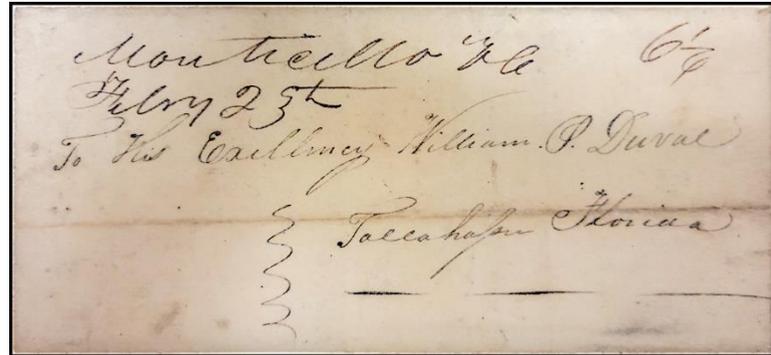
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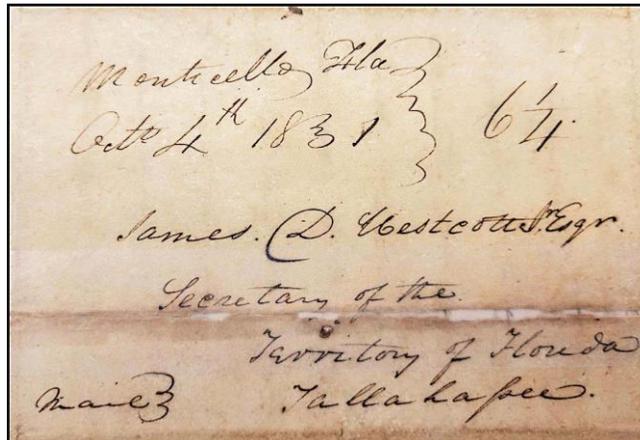
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14	10/06/1830	Monticello Fl (Type II)	Tallahassee
15	02/23/1831	Monticello Fla (Type IV)	Tallahassee
16	10/04/1831	Monticello Fla (Type IV)	Tallahassee



14. Courtesy of James Milgram, M.D.



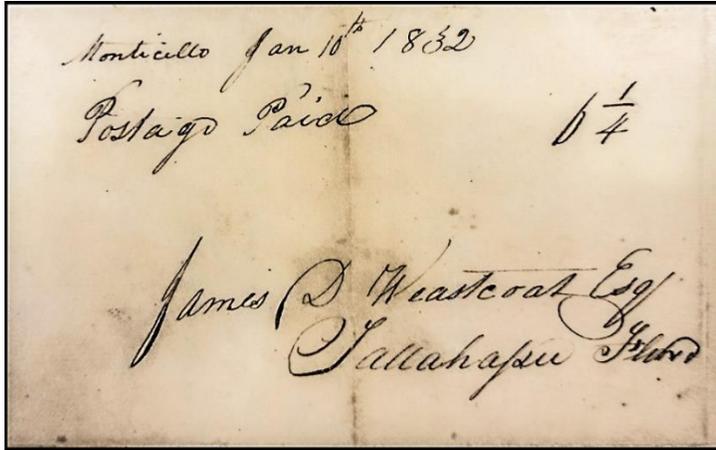
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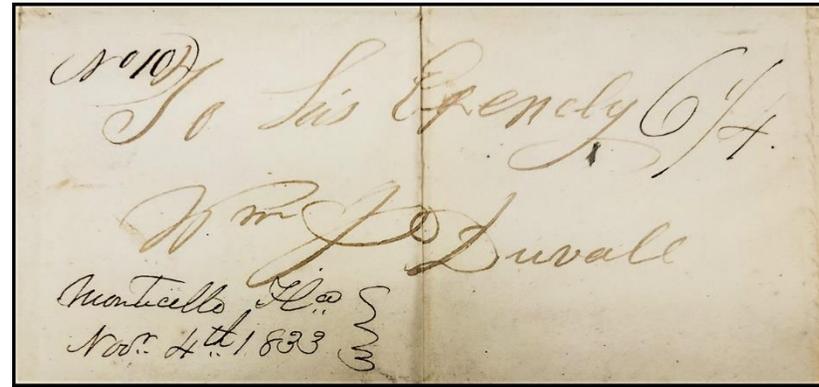
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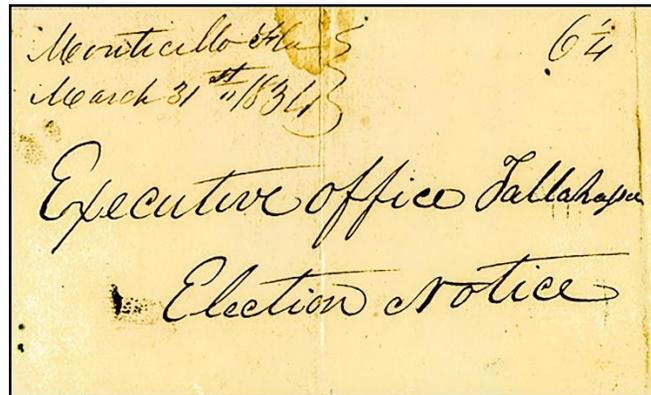
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18	11/04/1833	Monticello Fla (Type IV)	Tallahassee
19	03/31/1834	Monticello Fla (Type IV)	Tallahassee



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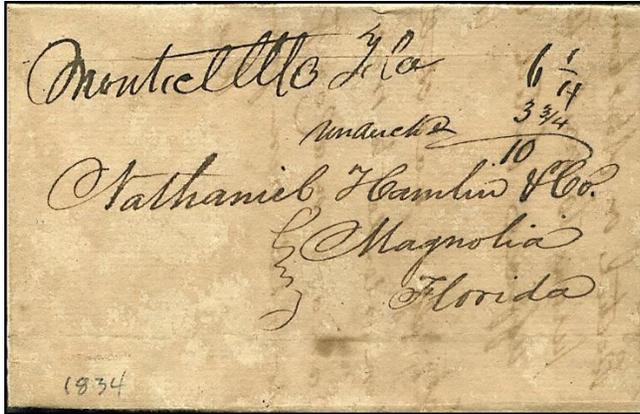
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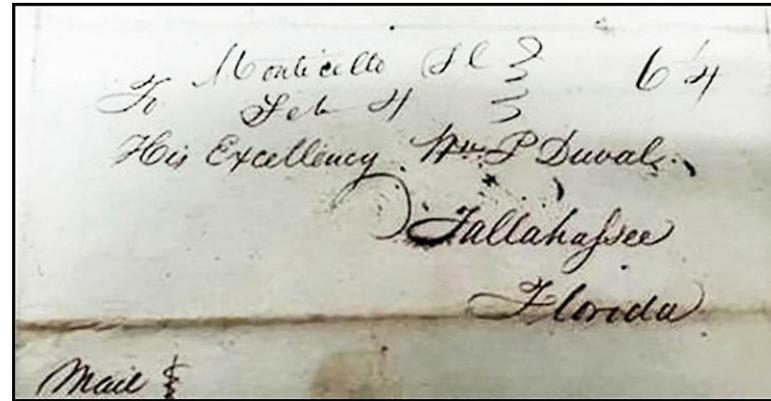
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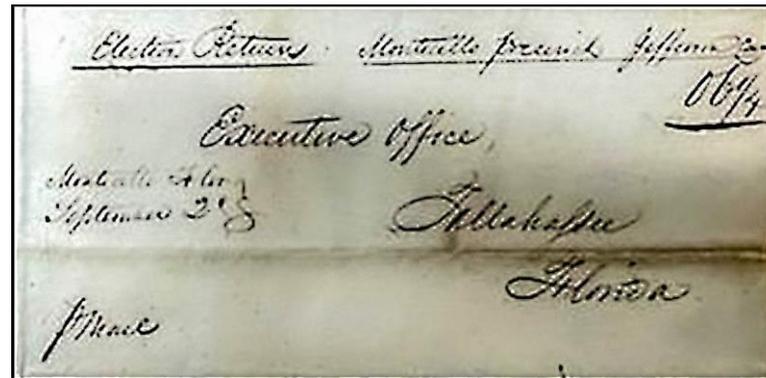
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21	02/04/1830	Monticello Fl (Type II)	Tallahassee
22	09/02/1835	Monticello Flor (Type I)	Tallahassee



20. Courtesy of James Milgram, M.D. - Undercharged 3 3/4¢



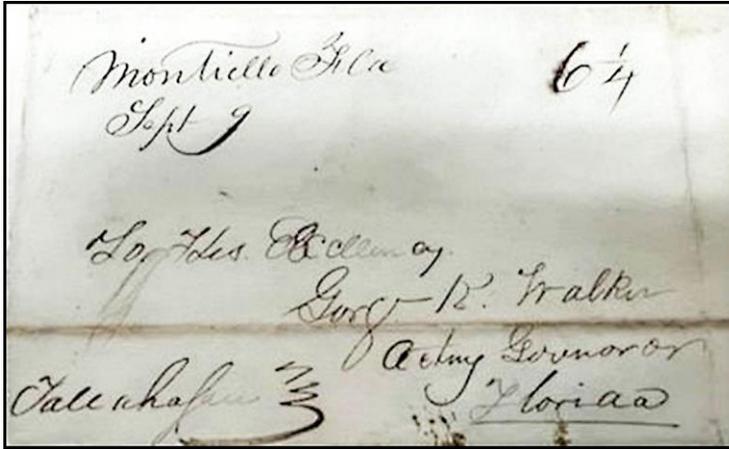
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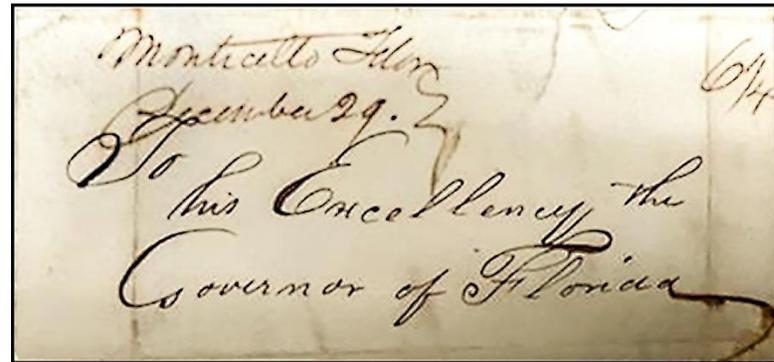
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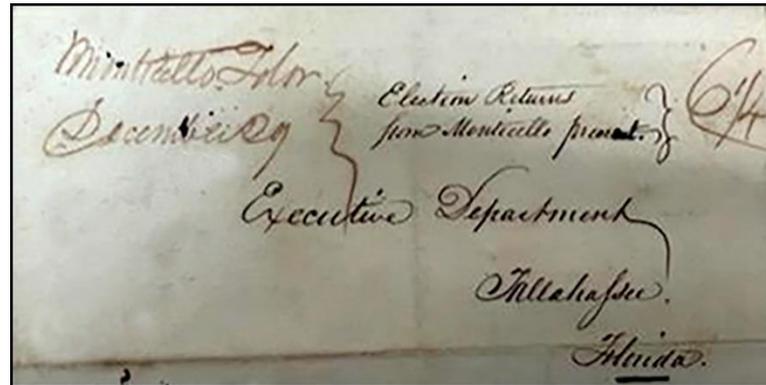
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23	09/09/1834	Monticello Fla (Type IV)	Tallahassee
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25	12/29/1835	Monticello Flor (Type I)	Tallahassee



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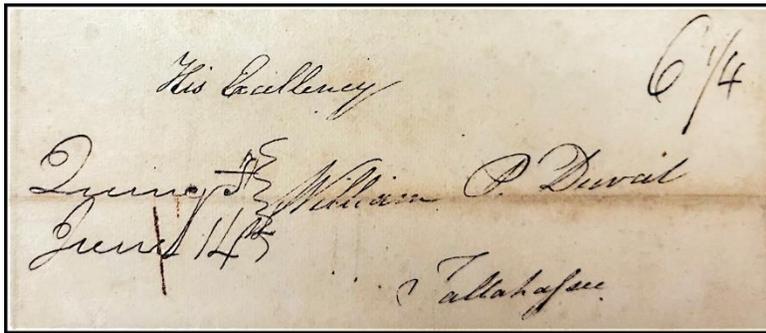
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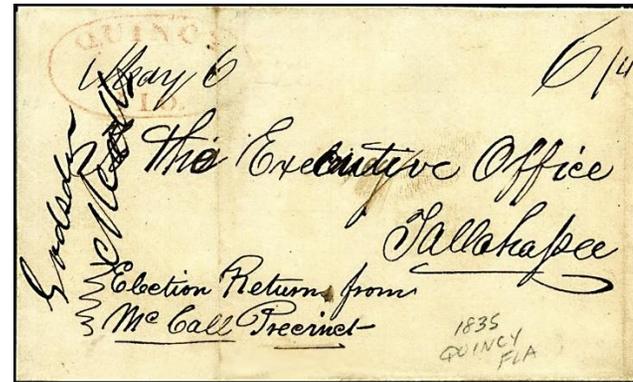
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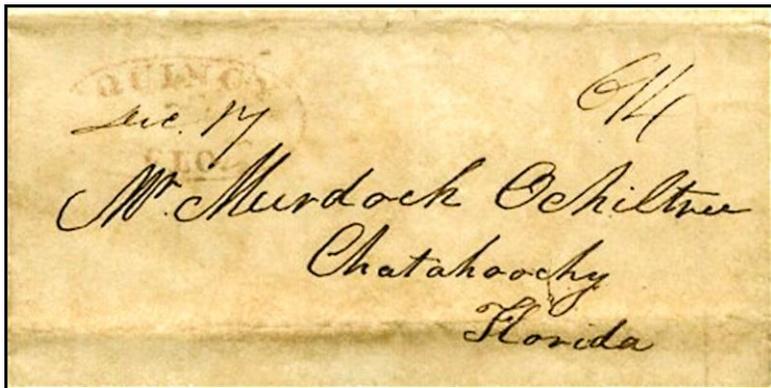
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26	06/14/1830	Quincy F (Type I)	Tallahassee
30	05/06/1835	QUINCY FLO. (Type IV)	Tallahassee
31	12/17/1836	QUINCY FLO. (Type IV)	Chattahoochy
32	12/19/1836	QUINCY FLO. (Type IV)	Chattahoochee



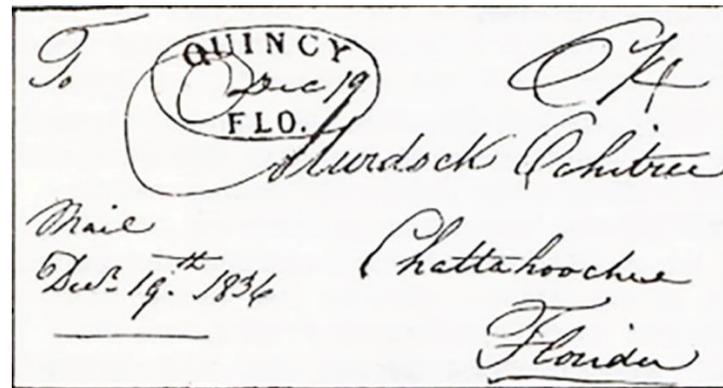
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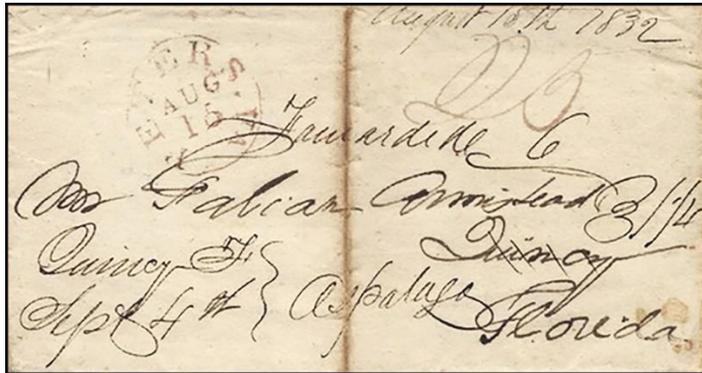
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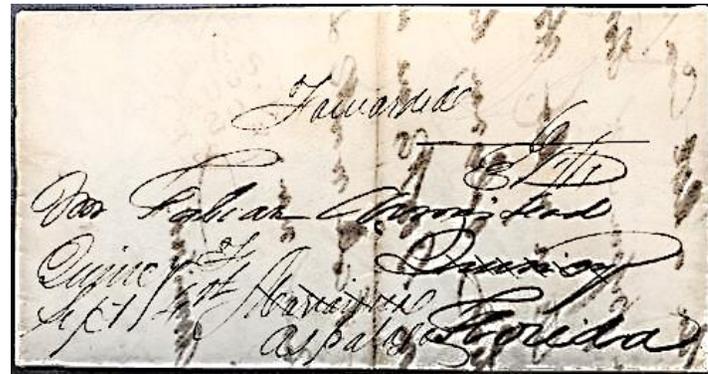
32. Courtesy of Niles Schuh

# Quincy - Forwarded

ID	Date	Cancellation	Addressed To	Forwarded To
27	09/04/1832	Quincy F (Type I)	Aspalaga	Petersburg VA 8/15 to Quincy forwarded to Aspalaga
28	09/04/1832	Quincy F (Type I)	Aspalaga	Petersburg VA 8/20 to Quincy forwarded to Aspalaga
29	11/06/1832	Quincy F (Type I)	Aspalaga	Petersburg VA 10/15 to Quincy forwarded to Aspalaga
33	10/17/1838	QUINCY. FL <sup>a</sup> , (Type V) Red Ink	Tallahassee	From Ochessie 10/12 to Quincy forwarded to Tallahassee



27. Courtesy of Phil Eschbach



28. Courtesy of Florida State Archives



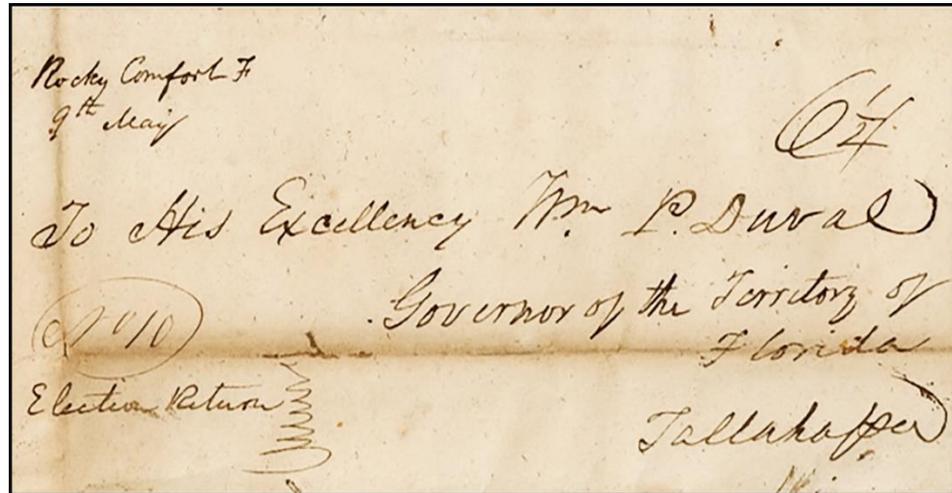
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33. Courtesy of Florida State Archives

# Rocky Comfort

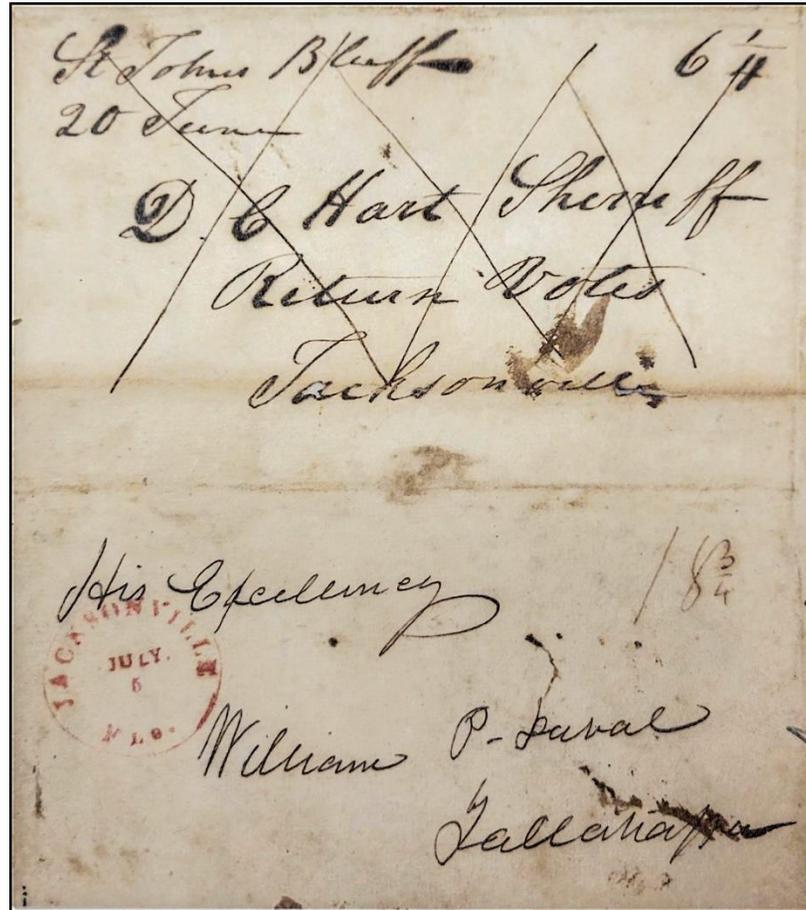
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34	05/09/1830	Rocky Comfort F (Type II)	Tallahassee



34. Courtesy of Florida State Archives

# St. Johns Bluff - Forwarded

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35	06/20/1830	St. Johns Bluff (Type II)	Jacksonville	Jacksonville (Type III) to Tallahassee



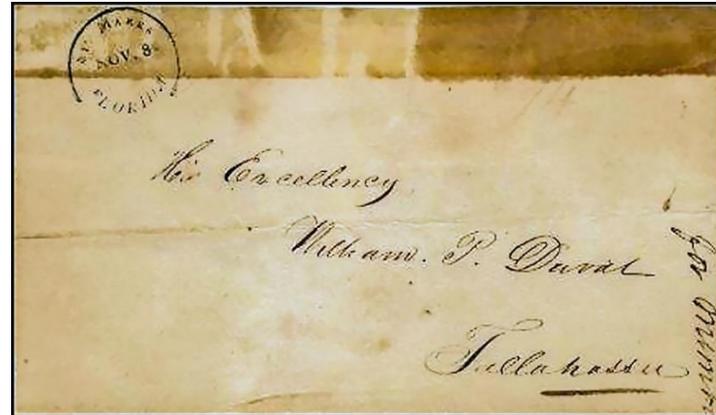
35. Courtesy of Florida State Archives 6¼¢ = Forwarded Rate 18¾¢ = 25¢

# St. Marks

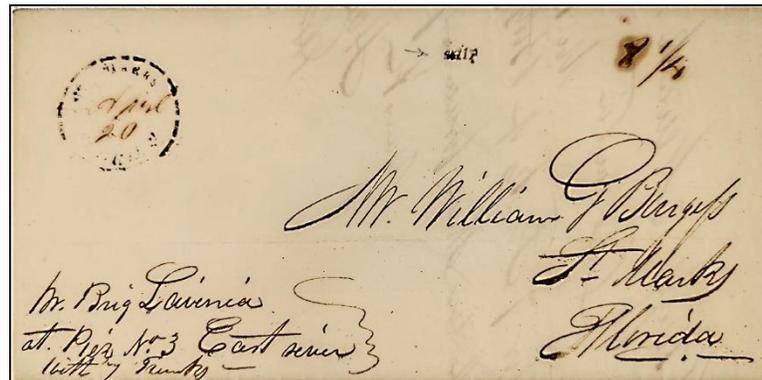
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37	11/08/1831	ST. MARKS FLORIDA (Type IV) CDS	Tallahassee
38	04/20/1833	ST. MARKS FLORIDA (Type V) Dashed CDS	St. Marks



36. Courtesy of Phil Eschbach



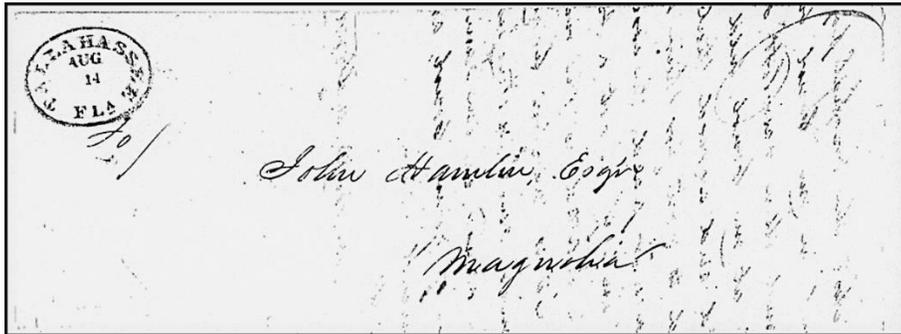
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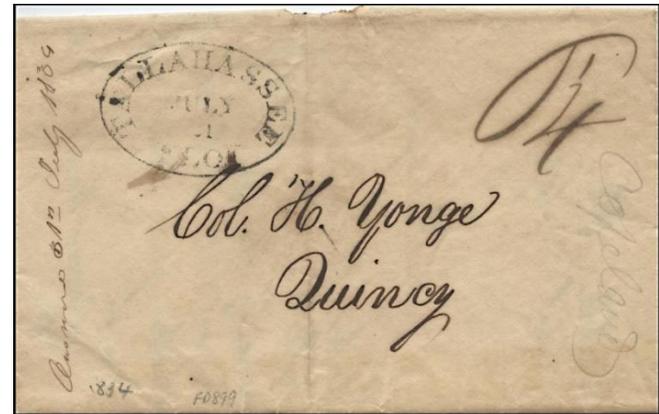
38. Courtesy of William Youngerman  
 Small Ship Marking - 2¢ ship fee + 6 ¼¢ = 8 ¼ ¢

# Tallahassee

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45	07/31/1834	TALLAHASSEE FLOA (Type V) Oval CDS	Quincy
46	07/10/1834	TALLAHASSEE FLOA (Type Ve) Oval CDS	Quincy
49	09/09/1833	TALLAHASSEE FLOA (Type V) Oval CDS	Lipona



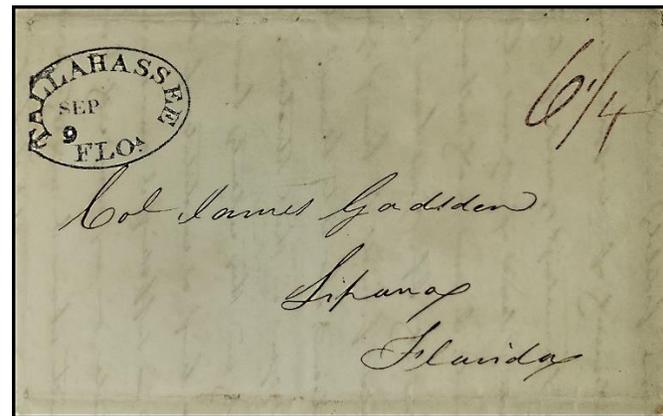
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45. Courtesy of William Youngerman



46. Courtesy of William Youngerman



49. Courtesy of Florida State Archives

# Tallahassee - Forwarded

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39	08/02/1831	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IVd) Oval CDS
40	10/20/1831	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IV) Oval CDS
41	12/13/1831	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IV) Oval CDS
42	03/29/1832	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IV) Oval CDS

Addressed To	Forwarded To
Quincy	New York 07/15 to Tallahassee to Quincy
Monticello	Charleston 10/15 to Tallahassee to Monticello
Monticello	Charleston 12/03 to Tallahassee to Monticello
Quincy (Type I)	Quincy 04/03 to Aspalaga



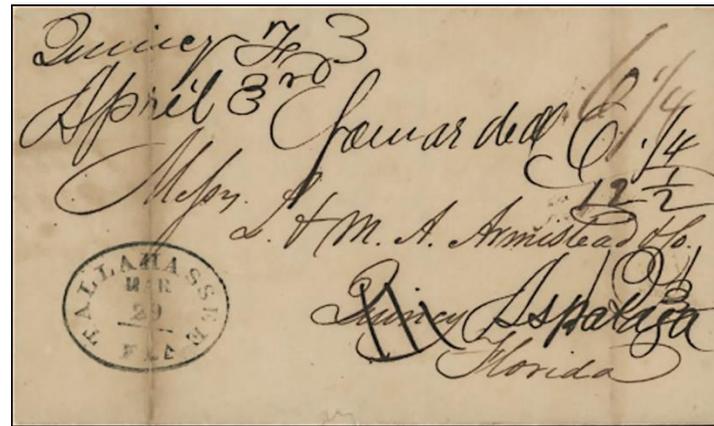
39. Courtesy of Thomas Lera 50¢ + 6¼¢ = 56¼¢



40. Courtesy of William Youngerman 25¢ + 6¼¢ = 31¼¢



41. Courtesy of Phil Eschbach 25¢ + 6¼¢ = 31¼¢



42. Courtesy of Phil Eschbach 25¢ + 6¼¢ = 31¼¢

# Tallahassee - Forwarded

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43	04/24/1832	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IV)	Monticello	Charleston 04/14 to Tallahassee to Monticello
47	04/22/1837	Tallahassee no cancel ms forwarded	Chattahoochee	Philad. PA. 4/22 to Tallahassee to Chattahoochee
48	11/01/1835	Tallahassee no cancel Forwarded (Type d)	Gadsden County	Mobile A 11/01 to Tallahassee to Gadsden County Court
48a	08/11/1834	TALLAHASSEE FLO <sup>A</sup> (Type V) Forwarded (Type d)	Near Tallahassee	City of Washington to near Tallahassee - Monticello



43. Courtesy of Phil Eschbach 25¢ + 6¼¢ = 31¼¢



47. Courtesy of James Milgram M.D. 25¢ + 6¼¢ = 31¼¢



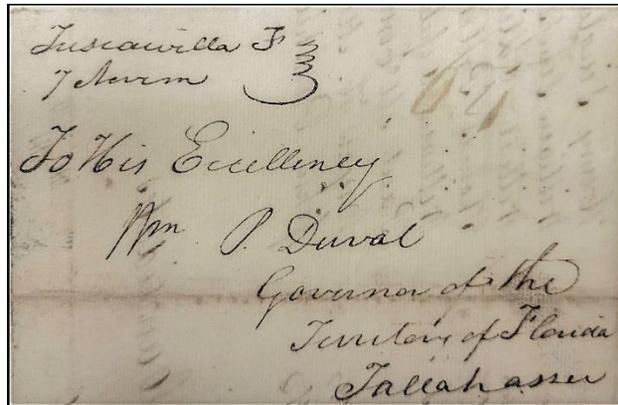
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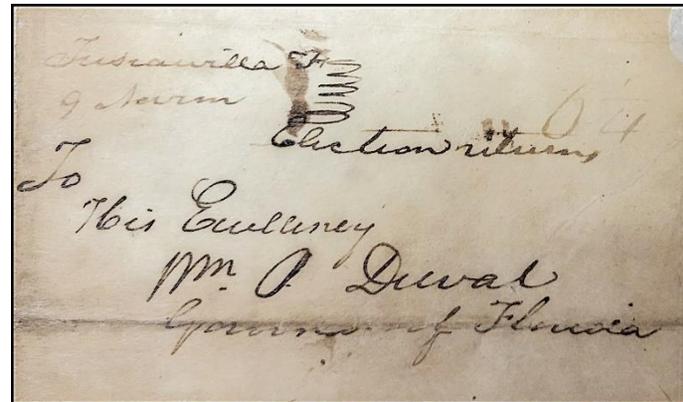
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# Tuscaiwilla

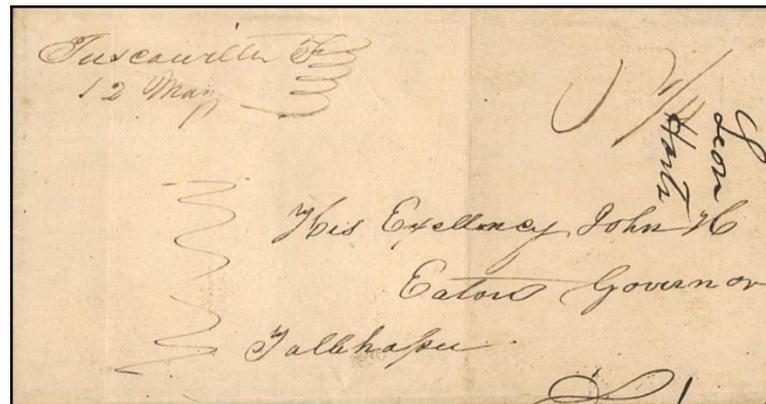
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52	05/12/1835	Tuscaiwilla F (Type II)	Tallahassee



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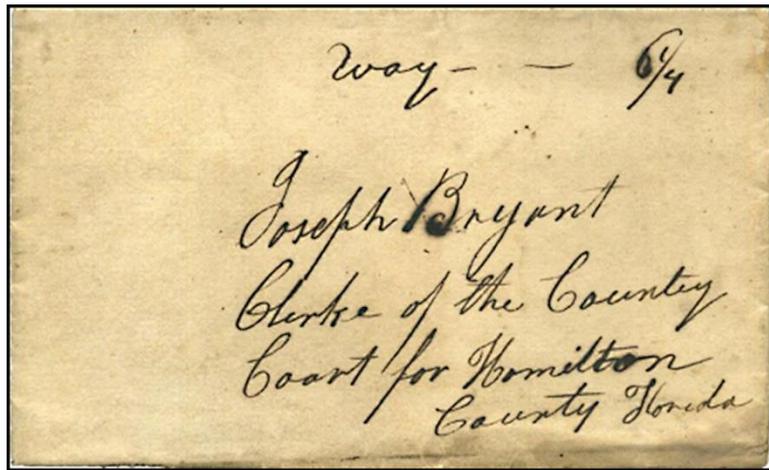
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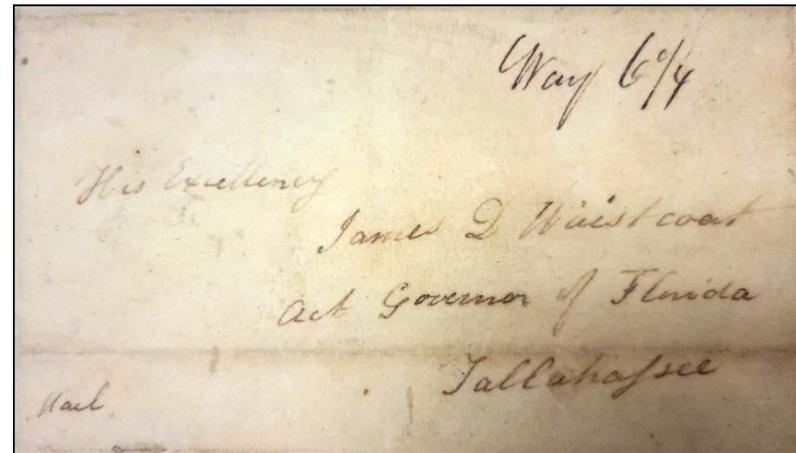
52. Courtesy of William Youngerman

# Way Letters 6¼¢

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53	05/06/1832	Rossetter's Ferry Way 6¼	Micco Town CH
54	11/11/1832	Way 6¼ - no town name	Tallahassee



53. Courtesy of James Milgram M.D.



54. Courtesy of Florida State Archives

# Census

Florida Census - 6¼ Postage						
ID	Date	Cancellation	Addressed To	Forwarded From / To	Postage	Owner
1	03/28/1832	Bailey's Mill Flo. (Type I)	Tallahassee			•
2	04/25/1832	Bailey's Mill Flo. (Type I)	Tallahassee			DB
3	05/07/1833	Bailey's Mill Flor. (Type II)	Tallahassee			PE
4	09/02/1834	Bailey's Mill Flor. (Type II)	Tallahassee			WY
5	11/07/1833	Bailey's Mill Flor. (Type II)	Tallahassee			•
6	10/09/1837	Chattahoochee (Type I)	Quincy			PE
7	02/06/1838	Chattahoochee (Type I)	Quincy			RA
8	06/27/1841	CHATTAHOOCHEE FLO.(Type V)	Quincy			NS
8a	05/01/1839	Chattahoochee F.T. (Type II)	Quincy		6¼ lined out to 12¼	WJ
9	11/11/1832	Lipona, Florida (Type II)	Tallahassee			•
10	08/25/1833	Lipona, Florida (Type II)	Tallahassee	To General R.K. Call		•
11	07/07/1830	Monticello FI (Type II)	Tallahassee			•
12	07/14/1830	Monticello (Type III)	Tallahassee			•
13	09/15/1830	Monticello FI (Type II)	Tallahassee			•
14	10/06/1830	Monticello FI (Type II)	Tallahassee			JM
15	02/23/1831	Monticello Fia (Type IV)	Tallahassee			•
16	10/04/1831	Monticello Fia (Type IV)	Tallahassee			•
17	01/10/1832	Monticello (Type III)	Tallahassee			•
18	11/04/1833	Monticello Fia (Type IV)	Tallahassee			•
19	03/31/1834	Monticello Fia (Type IV)	Tallahassee			PE
20	04/01/1834	Monticello Fia (Type IV)	Magnolia	Nathaniel Hamlin + Co.	6¼ + 3¼ undercharged = 10	JM
21	02/04/1830	Monticello FI (Type II)	Tallahassee			•
22	09/02/1835	Monticello Flor (Type I)	Tallahassee			•
23	09/09/1834	Monticello Fia (Type IV)	Tallahassee			•
24	12/29/	Monticello Flor (Type I) Red Ink	Governor of Florida			•
25	12/29/	Monticello Flor (Type I)	Tallahassee	Executive Department		•

## Florida Census - 6¼ Postage

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26	06/14/1830	Quincy F (Type I)	Tallahassee			•
27	09/04/1832	Quincy F (Type I)	Aspalaga	Petersburg VA 8/15 to Quincy forwarded to Aspalaga	25 + 6¼ = 31¼	PE
28	09/04/1832	Quincy F (Type I)	Aspalaga	Petersburg VA 8/20 to Quincy forwarded to Aspalaga	25 + 6¼ = 31¼	•
29	11/06/1832	Quincy F (Type I)	Aspalaga	Petersburg VA 10/15 to Quincy forwarded to Aspalaga	25 + 6¼ = 31¼	PE
30	05/06/1835	QUINCY FLO. (Type IV)	Tallahassee			JM
31	12/17/1836	QUINCY FLO. (Type IV)	Chattahoochy			JM
32	12/19/1836	QUINCY FLO. (Type IV)	Chattahoochee			NS
33	10/17/1838	QUINCY. FLA, (Type V) Red Ink CDS	Tallahassee	From Ochesssee 10/12 to Quincy forwarded to Tallahassee	free + 6¼	•
34	05/09/1830	Rocky Comfort F (Type II)	Tallahassee			•
35	06/20/1830	St. Johns Bluff (Type II)	Jacksonville	Jacksonville (Type III) forwarded to Tallahassee	6¼ + 18¼ = 25	•
36	06/08/1830	ST. MARKS FL. T. (Type III)	Tallahassee			WY
37	11/08/1831	ST. MARKS FLORIDA (Type IV) CDS	Tallahassee			PE
38	04/20/1833	ST. MARKS FLORIDA (Type V) Dashed CDS	St. Marks	Small SHIP, from East River Pier to St. Marks	6¼ + 2 cent ship fee = 8¼	WY
39	08/02/1831	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IVd) Oval CDS	Quincy	New York 07/15 to Tallahassee to Quincy	50 + 6¼ = 56¼	TL
40	10/20/1831	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IV) Oval CDS	Monticello	Charleston 10/15 to Tallahassee to Monticello	25 + 6¼ = 31¼	WY
41	12/13/1831	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IV) Oval CDS	Monticello	Charleston 12/03 to Tallahassee to Monticello	25 + 6¼ = 31¼	PE
42	03/29/1832	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IV) Oval CDS	Quincy (Type I)	Quincy 04/03 to Aspalaga	6¼ + 6¼ = 12¼	JM
43	04/24/1832	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IV) Oval CDS	Monticello	Charleston 04/14 to Tallahassee to Monticello	25 + 6¼ = 31¼	PE
44	08/14/1832	TALLAHASSEE FLA (Type IV) Oval CDS	Magnolia			NS
45	07/31/1834	TALLAHASSEE FLOA (Type V) Oval CDS	Quincy			WY
46	07/10/1834	TALLAHASSEE FLOA (Type Ve) Oval CDS	Quincy			WY
47	04/22/1837	Tallahassee no cancel ms forwarded	Chatahootchie	Philad. PA. 4/22 to Tallahassee to Chatahootchie	25 + 6¼ = 31¼	JM
48	11/01/1835	Tallahassee no cancel forwarded (Type d)	Gadsden County	Mobile Ala to Tallahassee to Gadsden County Court	18¼ + 6¼ = 25	JM
48a	08/11/1834	TALLAHASSEE FLOA (Type Vd) Oval CDS	Near Tallahassee	Washington DC to near Tallahassee - Monticello	25 + 6¼ = 31¼	NA
49	09/09/1833	TALLAHASSEE FLOA (Type V) Oval CDS	Lipona	To James Gadsden		•
50	11/07/1831	Tuscawilla F (Type II)	Tallahassee			•
51	11/09/1831	Tuscawilla F (Type II)	Tallahassee			•
52	05/12/1835	Tuscawilla F (Type II)	Tallahassee			WY
53	05/06/1832	Rossetters Ferry Way 6¼	Micco Town CH	To Clerk of County Court for Hamilton County		JM
54	11/11/1832	Way 6¼ - no town name	Tallahassee	Military Election Return		•
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