

SAN ANTONIO, Texas

Postal “PAID” Stamp



An unusual Texas stamp, discovered by Amanda Sheheen, exhibits the word “PAID” rather than “ISSUED” or “INTEREST PAID.” The full wording on this stamp is: “SAN ANTONIO Tex PAID, APR 17.” The back of this Treasury note also exhibits an Interest Paid stamp dated January 1st, 1865. The existence of the normal wording for paid interest and the unusual date in the stamp suggests that the stamp has nothing to do with interest payments. The lack of a year in this stamp also makes it different from most of the Circle Date Stamps used by the depositaries.

The mystery was solved by Roger Adamek with the illustrated letter and its identical stamp over two normal CSA postage stamps. John L. Kimbrough MD, who graciously gave permission to

use the image, stated that a postmaster would never loan out his postal stamp. As Crutchfield suggested, it is likely that the Treasury notes were issued by the San Antonio post office using their normal round postal stamp; the lack of a written year (1863) is consistent on both the Treasury notes and the letter.

We have used the term “Circle Date Stamp” to describe the examples we see on Treasury notes used by depositaries and deputy collectors. None of these stamps exhibit the word “PAID.” This is the first likely example of a round postal stamp on a Treasury note.

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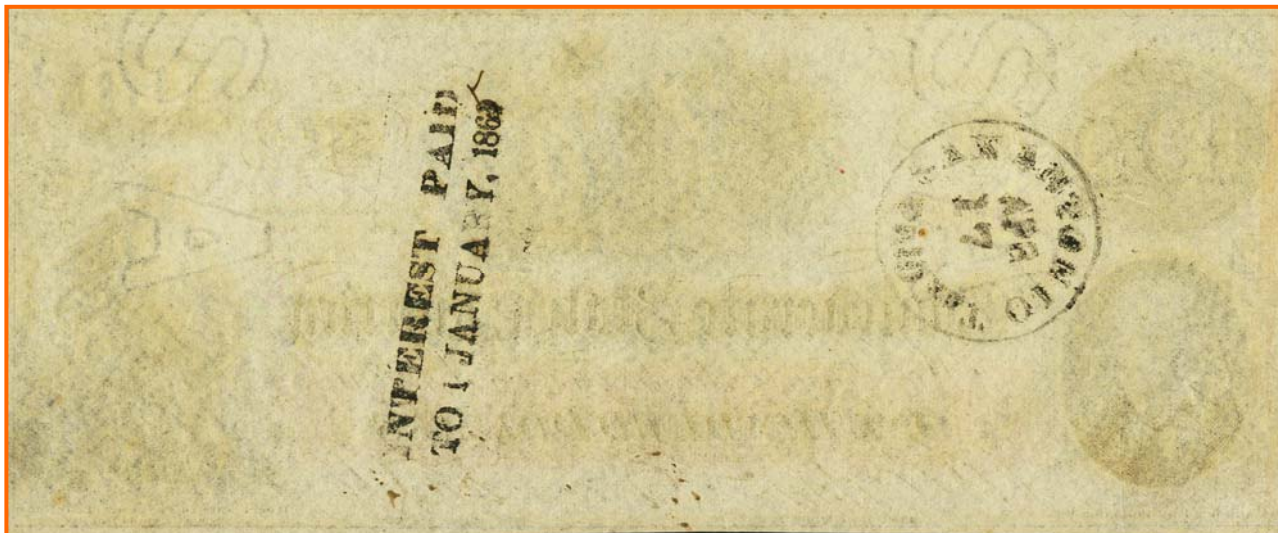
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A letter from San Antonio to Huntsville, Texas, with an identical stamp as seen on the Treasury notes over normal CSA postage stamps.

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