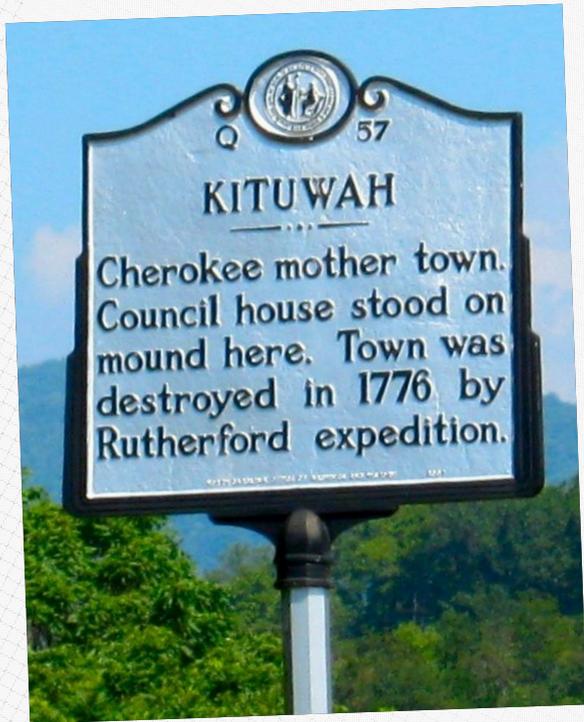


A Digital Time Capsule of WNC Postal History





Cherokee village



Kituwah

- Cherokees built their towns and farmed the mountain valleys and our region holds some of the most significant and sacred Cherokee places, including Kituwah, considered the mother town of the Cherokees. This is a site of great religious, cultural, and historical importance.



The Kituhwa Mound, located about 9 miles from current town of Cherokee, once sat at the center of the first Cherokee village. Archaeologists date the site back to nearly 10,000 years ago.

Originally 15 to 20 feet tall, the mound now measures only about 5 feet high due to nearly two hundred years of farming while the site passed out of Cherokee possession.

NORTH-CAROLINA

The Ridge that dividesthe waters running into Tennessee from those of French-Broad River,



EXPLANATION

The dotted lines, marked h.B. are parts of bounds now extinguished, and the black lines that has a dotted side of each, represent the existing ones.

The line South 76° East, has for its origin where it crossed the 36° of north latitude to the South Carolina Indian boundary; then south 25° west along the same to the Appalachian mountains; thence generally northwesterly along the eastern height of the same to where they come by the said degree of north latitude; thence west along the same to where it is intersected by straight lines of parallels; and the lines that come to that the boundary of Pickens County.

The line 36° is the one agreeable to the treaty of 1763.



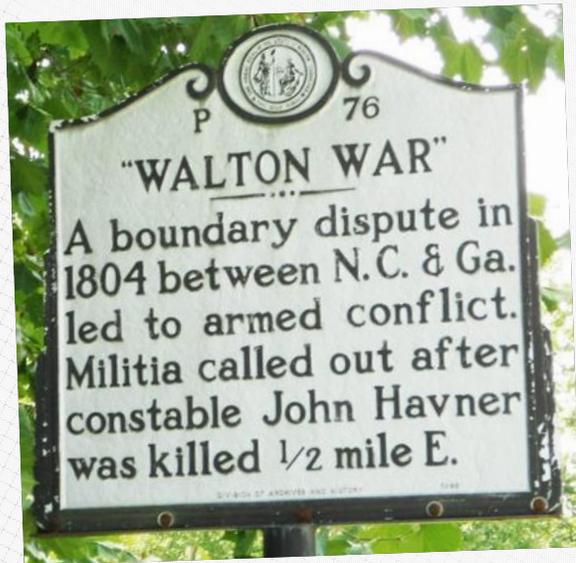
CHEROKEES LAND

By a scale of ten miles to an Inch

GEORGIA

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1804 Map



Walton War

- In December of 1804 Walton County officials sought to impose GA law on the NC settlers and to collect taxes. In one of these confrontations, NC constable John Hafner was killed when he was struck in the head with the butt of the musket by GA official Samuel McAdams. The NC militia was ordered into the region to arrest the offending GA officials. All of the Walton County officers ultimately escaped from jail before trial and fled to SC and GA. This exertion of authority by NC demonstrated that the settlement was too remote from the seat of power in GA for that state to enforce any legitimate claim.



The major engagement was fought at McGaha Branch near the Wilson Bridge on U.S. Highway 276. The NC Militia killed an unknown number of the Georgians and took about twenty-five prisoners. Sporadic snipping continued for some weeks but the main engagements were over.

MILTON,
North Carolina,
July 21
1818.

TR

Duncan Cameron Esq

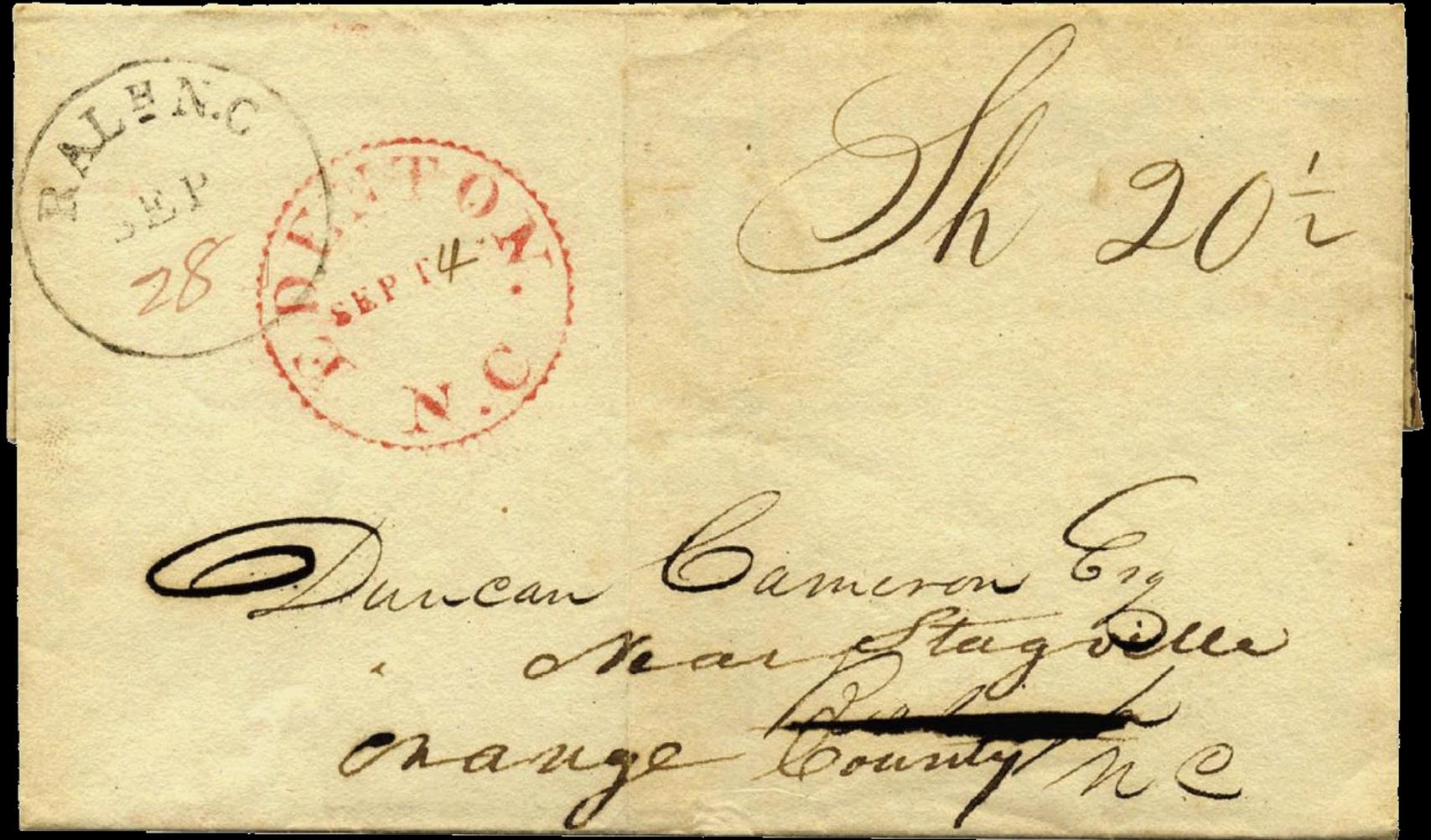
Stagsville
Orange N.C.

1813 Milton, North
Carolina, July 21 1818
Cover

Four line in circle
postmark and
manuscript

10 due on folded cover

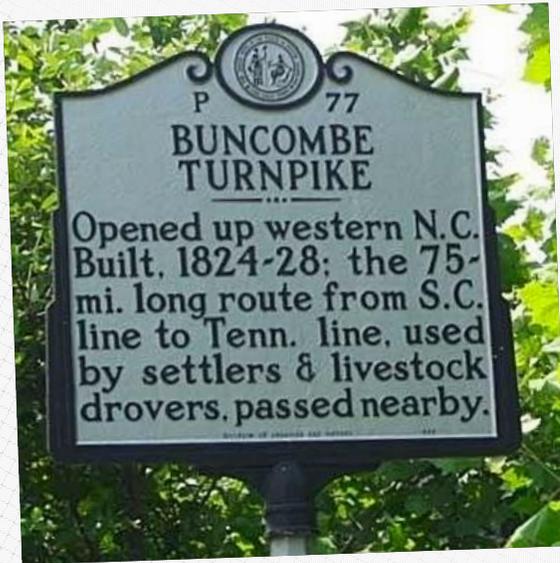
Cover from September 14 1821 with red cogwheel circular Edenton datestamp of a ship letter arriving at Edenton, addressed to Raleigh (Wake County). Letter redirected from Raleigh to Stagville (Orange County) with a September 28 1821 circular datestamp.





Buncombe Turnpike

Buncombe Turnpike

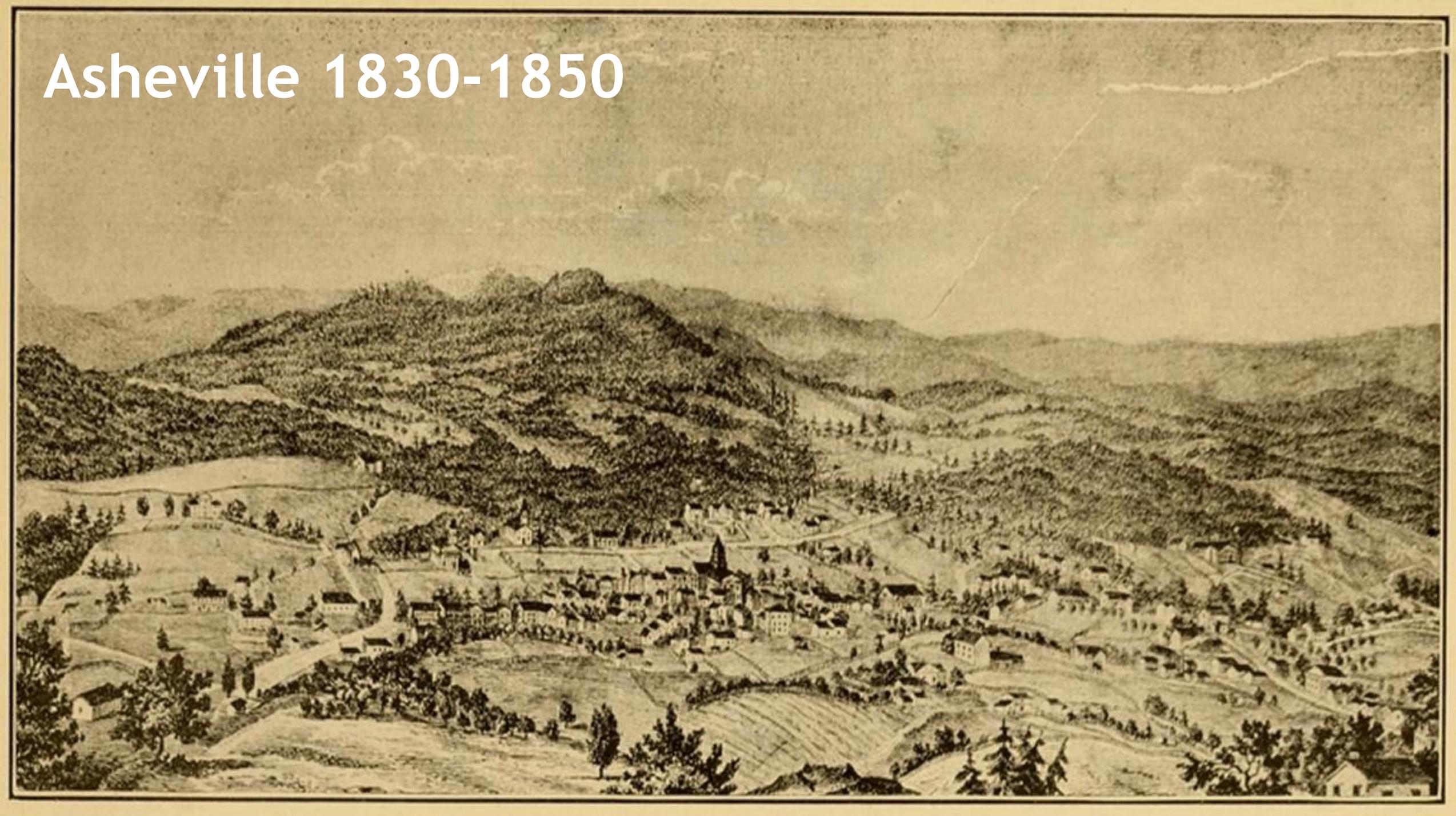


- This isolation began to be breached in the early nineteenth century with the completion in 1828 of a turnpike that stretched from Greenville SC, to Greenville, TN. The NC portion of this road, called the Buncombe Turnpike, was 75 miles in length and passed from the SC state line through Asheville, Flat Rock, Warm Springs and other towns before it reached the TN state line.
- This road also allowed the first tourists to reach the area by buggy and stagecoach. Typically these visitors were wealthy merchants and planters from Georgia or South Carolina who wanted to escape the heat and diseases of southern cities in the summer.



Typical Road Travel 1820s

Asheville 1830-1850





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A. Postmark used in Asheville 1827- 1842 (Black)



B.

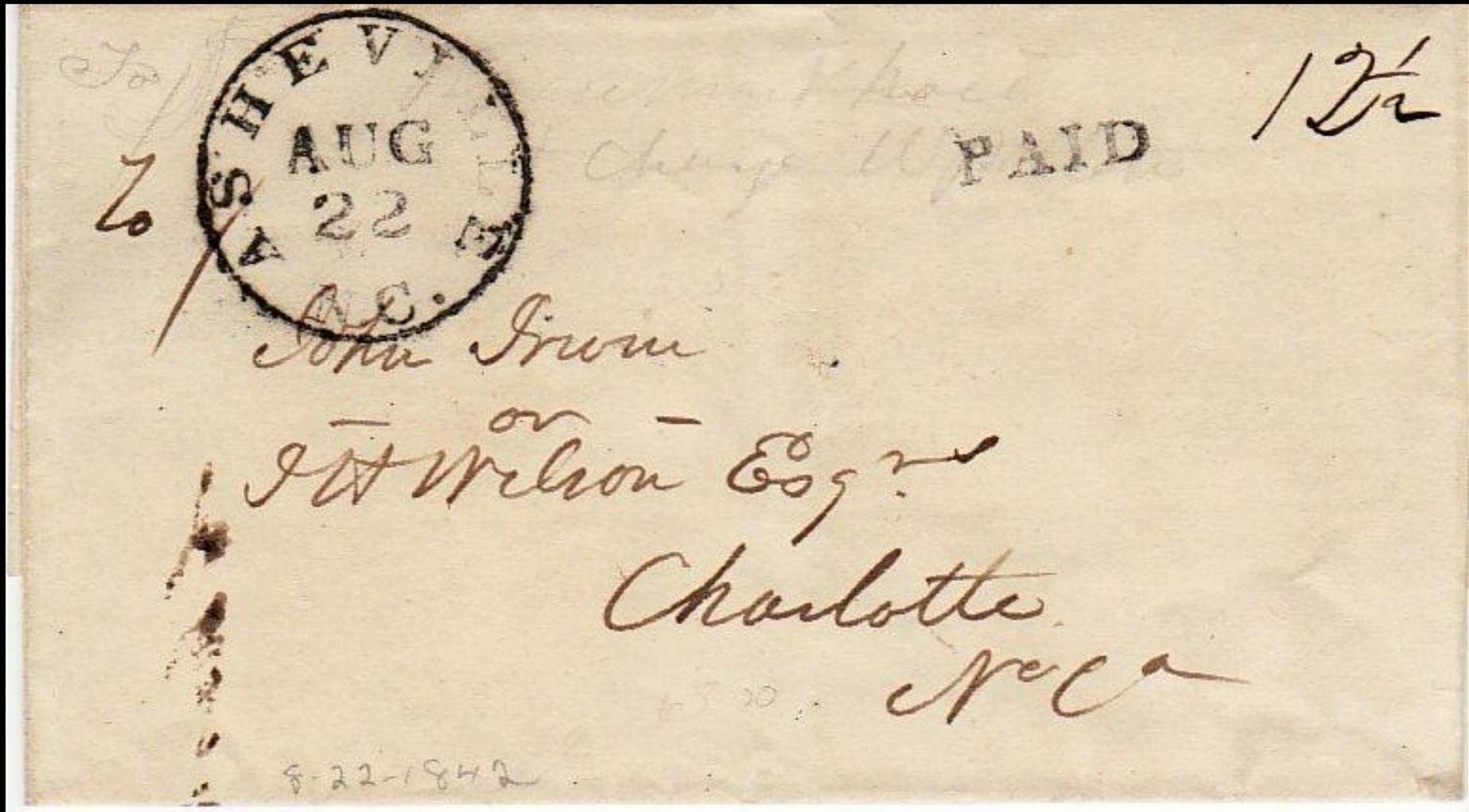
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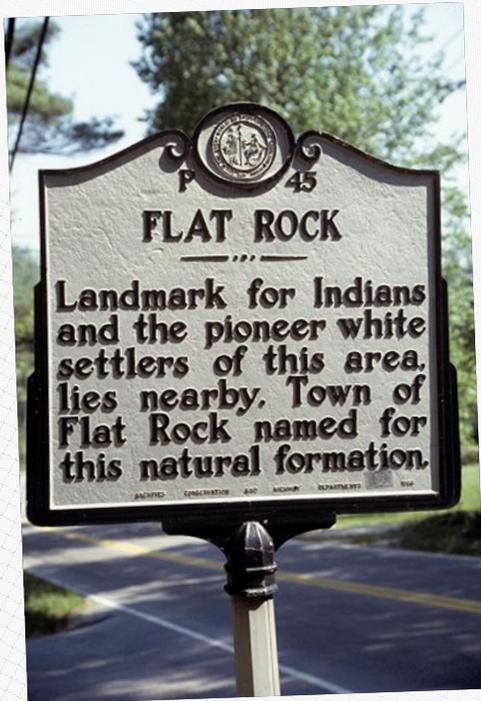


C.

C. Postmark used in Asheville 1861- (Black)

1842 Stampless
Cover with black
Asheville NC CDS
with manuscript
rate 12 1/2 in black
and black PAID
handstamp





Flat Rock

- Flat Rock settlement originally was comprised of grist and lumber mills, brick makers, and two taverns that accommodated drovers taking hogs, cattle, and wild turkeys from East Tennessee to markets in Columbia, Charleston, and Augusta.
- Today, Greenville Highway, Route 25, closely follows the Old Buncombe Turnpike through the center of Flat Rock.

Flat Rock Post Office



HISTORIC FLAT ROCK, INC.

OLD FLAT ROCK POST OFFICE
CIRCA 1847

THE BOOK EXCHANGE
BUY - SELL - RENT

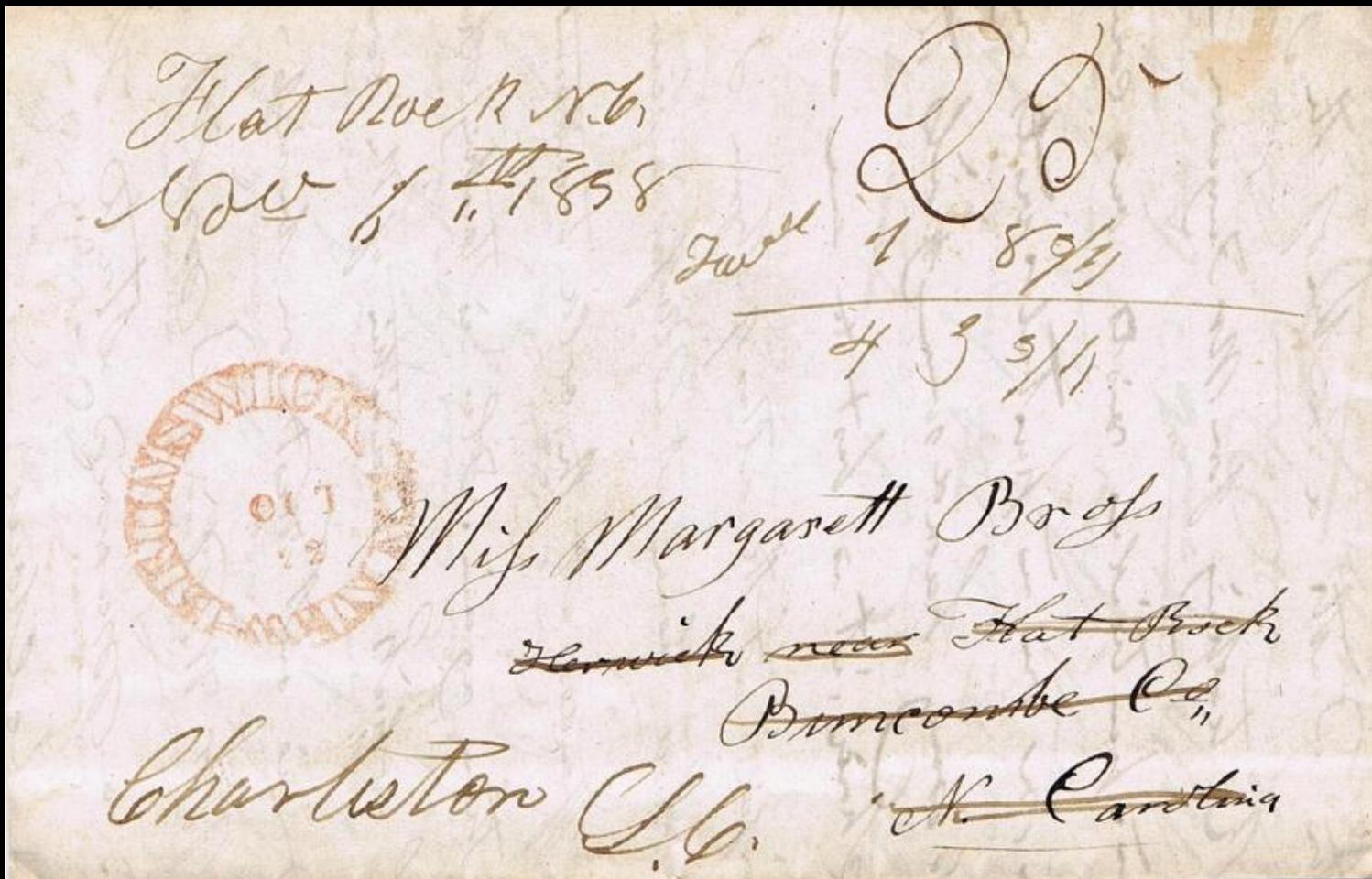
MON-SAT
10-4
OPEN

Park Behind
Our Building
By Turning
Right onto
The Village
Center Drive
Down The
Block.

WE OFFER:
-NOVELS
-BOOKSAPICES
-COOKBOOKS
-HOW TO BOOKS
-INSTRUCTORS
-TRAVEL BOOKS
-WONDERFUL
MAGAZINES
-COMICS
-AND MORE!

PAPER \$1
BACKS

2680



A letter sent to Flat Rock dated October 22, 1838, and mailed from New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The letter addressee apparently had left her summer house in Flat Rock so was forwarded to Charleston, SC, on November 6, 1838.

The letter was charged 25¢ from New Brunswick to Flat Rock and an additional 18¾¢ from Flat Rock to Charleston.

FLAT ROCK
APR
12
N.C.

PAID
5

Miss Harriett Middleton
Care of Mess^{rs} Middleton & Co
Charleston
S.C.

FLAT ROCK
DEC
9
N.C.

PAID
10

Miss Susan Middleton
Care of O. H. Middleton Esq
Columbia
South Carolina

Two Civil War era stampless covers from Flat Rock.

Both covers bear Flat Rock Confederate handstamp paid markings.

The upper cover, rated at 5 cents, has an encircled PAID 5 while the lower cover, rated at 10 cents, has a straight-line PAID with a 10 below.

Flat Rock August 1863 Wallpaper cover with CSA #12
with Grid cancel.





The cover at right would have been cancelled at the M.M. Shepherd Store, Hendersonville's first Post Office.

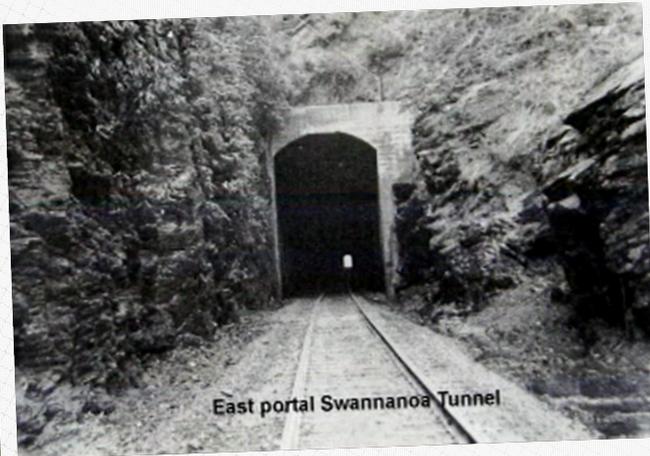
Hendersonville June 3 1861 CDS and then held for postage until June 5; Paid 5 the new Confederate rate





WNC Railroad line

WNC Railroad line from Salisbury to Asheville



- After many setbacks, the state-owned Western North Carolina Railroad Co., headed by Maj. James H. Wilson, began boring through the mountains west of Old Fort in 1877.
- Wilson brought in more than 1,800 laborers; many were convicts, mostly African-American prisoners from the eastern part of the state. The work was grueling, and many workers perished due to disease, harsh weather and several tunnel collapses.
- The Swannanoa Grade had cost millions of dollars and 125 lives.

United States
POSTAL CARD

WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



To Colin M. Hawkins
43 West Lombard St
Hawkins Co Baltimore

VX3
14

Western North Carolina
Railroad postmark on a
November 2, 1875
postal card showing
the stamp of Route
Agent D.A. Ramsay.

The 25 mm marking in
black ink reads
WEST.N.C.R.R./D.A.RA
MSAY.RT.AGT., the
date-stamp of Route
Agent D.A Ramsay.

Warm Springs



- With the arrival of the railroad, many new vacationers began to flood into WNC. They were able to visit locations such as Warm Springs, where a natural hot springs, well known for its curative powers, attracted many visitors since the beginning of tourism in the area.



Warm Springs NC



Mr. J. R. Biggam
525 Cass St
Milwaukee Wis.

Cover mailed from Warm Springs (Madison County) to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, circa 1880, with a Type I, Warm Springs circular datestamp.

A separate killer used to cancel the embossed envelope.



Asheville PO 1895



THE SWANNANOA

NEW AND LIBERAL MANAGEMENT
ENTIRELY OVERHAULED, REFITTED
AND REFURNISHED.
LIGHTED BY ELECTRICITY.
HEATED BY STEAM AND OTHER
MODERN CONVENIENCES.

R. R. RAWLS, Proprietor.

ASHEVILLE
OCT
12 M
1895
N.C.



ASHEVILLE, N.C.

Mr Rutherford R Cowles

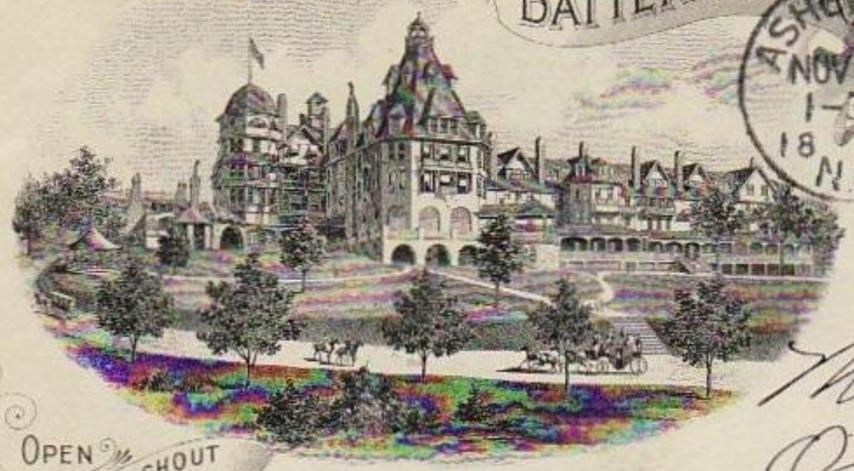
Statesville

N.C.

Asheville 1895
Illustrated ad cover for
the Swannanoa Hotel
located on South Main
St (now Biltmore Ave).
Duplex CDS, killer is
poorly struck

E. P. Mc KISSICK,
PROPRIETOR.

BATTERY PARK



OPEN
THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR.



Mr. F. W. Kellogg
Omaha Daily News
114 South 24th St.
Omaha
Nebraska.

Asheville 1899
Illustrated ad cover
with view of Battery
Park Hotel, Asheville,
NC.

American flag cancel
with '1' in die space

Alexander, The Jeweler,

P. O. BOX 180,
ASHEVILLE, N. C.



The C. F. Monroe Co -

Meriden. Conn.

1898 Trans-Mississippi 2 cent canceled with Asheville NC duplex



Hendersonville 1910



POST OFFICE, HENDERSONVILLE, N. C. B-448.

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C.
APR 29
12-30P
1919



Mrs J. A. Huske
623 Soale Street,
Fayetteville
N.C.

Hendersonville April 29, 1919 Flag Cancel

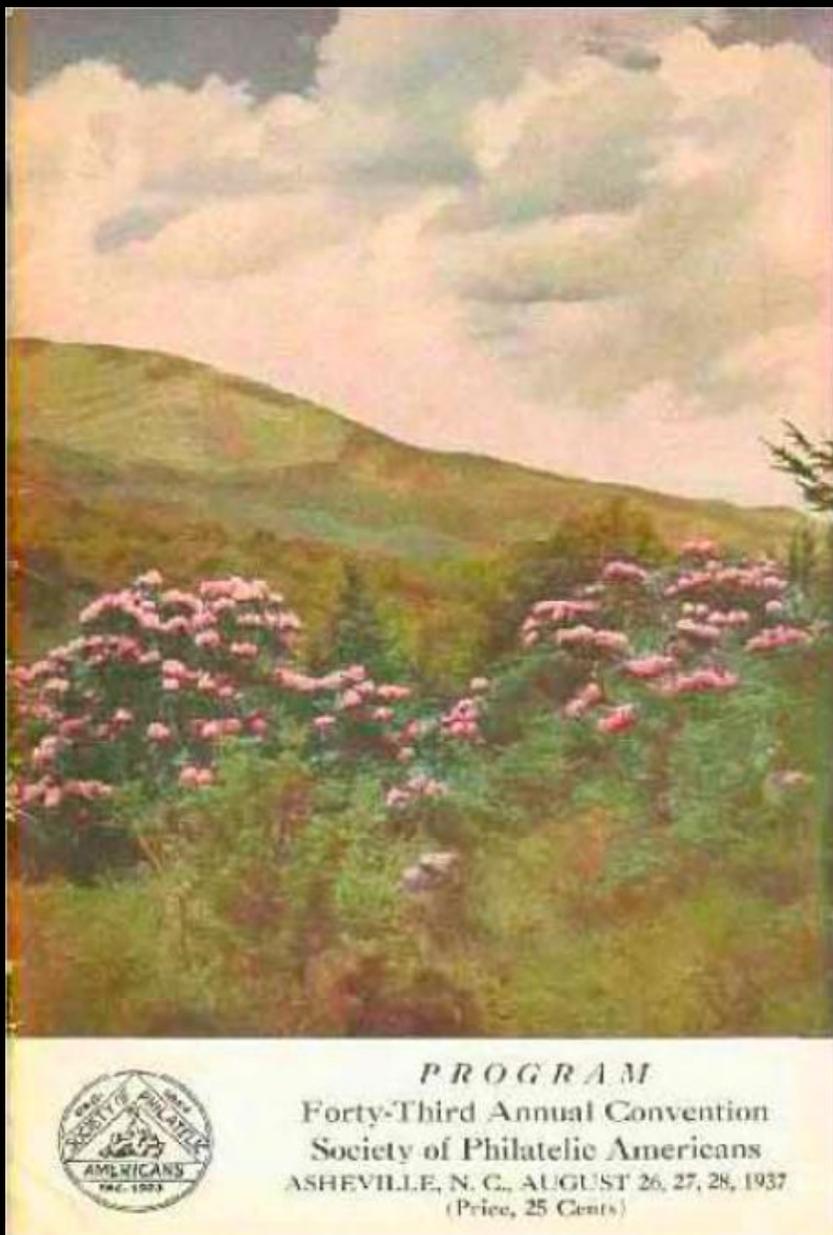


Eighty one years ago (August 26-28, 1937), the Society of Philatelic Americans (SPA) held its 43rd annual convention in Asheville.



141:—Battery Park Hotel, Asheville, North Carolina.





Front cover of the convention program showing rhododendrons in bloom on the summit of Mount Pisgah.

The exhibit and bourse areas, which were located on the top floor of the hotel, were open each day until 11:00 PM.

The grand prize for the best exhibit at the SPA convention was awarded to Max G. Johl, who is best known for his four volume book, *The United States Postage Stamps of the 20th Century*.

Photo showing convention attendees, originally published in *Stamps*, Vol. 20, No 11,
September 11, 1937

