Civil Wat Postal History

73 – Philadelphia
Great Central
Fair cover
2c Black tied by
Philada. Pa. Post Office,
Apr 4 ’64, 3rd, double-
circle local delivery
datestamp, perf flaws,
additional clear strike
of CDS accompanies
“Great Central Fair for the Sanitary Commission black illustrated imprint showing battlefield scene,
adressed to the Soldier’s Reading Room, Satterlee Hospital, West Philadelphia, enclosed letter reads “…Mrs.
G.W. Harris begs to inform Miss Jones of her appointment to the Committee of Hospitals, & collecting work
from Invalid Soldiers & Sailors, for the Central Fair…”; some edge wear and hint of toning, F.-V.F.; with 1996
P.F. certificate.” (PH93-04)

“Satterlee General Hospital, which existed from 1862 to 1865 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was the largest
Union Army hospital during the Civil War. In the aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg, thousands of Union
soldiers and Confederate prisoners were treated at Satterlee.” $700.00

63+67a – Nicholasville, KY CDS with 22d Reg’t Wisconsin Vol. letterhead
1c Blue + 5c Brown Yellow (straight edge rt.) tied by CDS on cover (just slightly reduced at right) addressed to
Highland Park, Illinois.
“With original 1862-dated enclosure with blue illustrated Patriotic design depicting an eagle and flags with “Head
Quarters, 22nd Reg’t, Wisconsin Vol.”, Very Fine double-rate use, with Ashbrook pencil note at left”.
Interesting letter from a nephew (G.S. Pierce) to his uncle, from Camp Coburn at Nicholasville, KY. He mentions
good farming land but the absence of life, schools and churches except in the towns and villages. From the main
content he appears to be a sutler based on the discussion of the merchandise he sells on credit to the troops. Mentions
Cincinnati as a source of supply. Ask uncle for more hair bushes which seem to sell well. Also writes about consider-
able excitement about the Black question.
Scarce double rate made up with a buff. (PH93-05) $750.00
1c Indigo, First Design unused (without gum), deep rich color, intense impression on bright paper, partly nibbed perf at bottom right.

The copy offered here is one of the finest known, very well centered for the issue, and with the only fault being the single nibbed perforation.

The Siegel census for Scott 55 published on their website “contains a total of 24 examples of this stamp. Of these 24, one is in the New York Public Library collection. The example offered here becomes the 25th copy. Of the 24 available to collectors, nine have no gum, thirteen have gum and two are used. Approximately half are defective to some extent.”

Siegel Census No. 55-UNC-25 offered here. Ex-Frelinghuysen (ST93-01) With 2012 PF certificate

$27,500.00
Cardboard Plate Proof Sets

3-4P4 – Plate proofs on card
5c red-brown & 10c Black 1847 Plate proofs on card. XF set. (EP93-11)
$500.00

183P4 & 185P4 – Blocks of four
2c Vermillion & 5c Blue plate proofs on card, blocks of four. Card proof blocks are at least twice as scarce as India paper blocks, XF. (EP93-15) $250.00

63P4–78P4 – Plate proofs on card
Complete set of 12 values including the rare red-violet plate proofs on cardboard, bright colors, very nice margins all around, XF set. (EP93-12) $1,350.00

156P4–166P4 – Plate proofs on card
The Continental card proof is the toughest to assemble because the 1c, 3c, 6c and 10c values only came from the first printing. This is a set of exceptional condition. One rarely will find a 6c value that is not rather faded. The 6c value in this set is a gem! (EP93-13) $1,500.00

205P4–209P4 – Plate proofs on card
All five of the re-engraved values on card, XF. (EP93-14) $150.00
Interesting Proof Multiples

**193P4 – Block of four**
2c Black-brown American card proof printing. Only 100 copies of this proof exist. We broke up the only sheet ten years ago. Less than 15 copies remain unsold. Each copy is signed on the back and is identified by its position on the sheet. PFC, photocopy of certificate accompanies purchase. This sheet went from the Earl of Crawford to Sen. Ackerman and was acquired by Max Ohlman at the Harmer sale of the Ackerman collection in 1950. Falk Finkelburg acquired it from Ohlman. (EP93-16) Singles $400.00, block (Shown) $2,000.00

**190P4 – Block of four**
30c Black American card proof printing. Only 100 copies of this proof exist. We broke up the only sheet fifteen years ago. Less than 12 copies remain unsold. Each copy is signed on the back and is identified by its position on the sheet. This sheet went from the Earl of Crawford to Ackerman and was acquired by Max Ohlman at the Harmer sale of the Ackerman collection in 1950. Falk Finkelburg acquired it from Ohlman. (EP93-17) Singles $400.00, Block (Shown) $2,000.00

**69P4 – Upper right corner sheet margin block**
12c Black plate proof on card block, stunning! (EP93-18) $150.00

**78P4 – Lilac block of four**
24c Lilac shade block of four on card with PF certificate. (EP93-19) $350.00

**78P4 – Bright lilac block of four**
24c Bright lilac shade block of four. (EP93-20) $375.00

**108TC4 – Atlanta 15c set**
15c set of five colors, Atlanta trial color plate proofs on cardboard. A stunning set! (EP93-21) $575.00

**111TC4 – Atlanta 90c set**
90c set of five colors, Atlanta trial color plate proofs on cardboard. A stunning set! (EP93-22) $575.00