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 sons probably sent the envelope. Both
 survived the war. The envelope has a
 comic illustration of a Confederate
 guerilla who is willing to take the oath
 of allegiance.

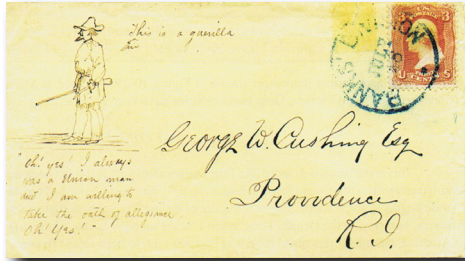


Figure 1: envelope from Banks Division
 to Providence, RI, with drawing of a Con-
 federate guerilla

Photograph courtesy of James W. Milgram,
 Federal Civil War Postal History

Mr. Pardon Hopkins of Noose Neck,
 RI, received an envelope postmarked at
 Camp Nelson, KY, on December
 (Figure 2). A Pardon Hopkins and his
 apparent sons Charles W. and William
 Hopkins are in West Greenwich (about
 two miles west of Nooseneck) in the
 Union

US census.¹ Charles W. and William
 P. Hopkins were musicians with the
 Rhode Island Infantry, and this regiment
 was in Kentucky in December.¹ One
 of Pardon Hopkins' sons probably sent
 the envelope. Both survived the war.

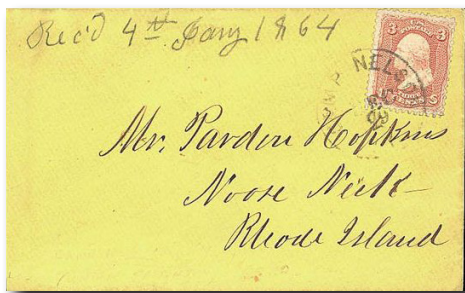


Figure 2: envelope from Camp Nelson,
 Kentucky to Noose Neck, RI

Photograph courtesy of Schuyler Rumsey
 Philatelic Auctions, Sale # Lot 3877

Benjamin Champlin of Wickford, RI,
 received a Soldier's Letter postmarked
 in Washington, DC, on October
 (Figure 3). The envelope was signed by
 G.W. Tew Major 4th Reg R.I.V. [Regiment
 Rhode Island Volunteers], and he may
 have sent the envelope or, more likely,
 endorsed it because the envelope was
 sent without a stamp, postage due.

Thomas Smith, Benjamin Champlin's
 nephew, served as a private in the
 Rhode Island, and he may have sent
 the envelope.¹ Benjamin Champlin and
 Thomas Smith are in North Kingstown
 (adjacent to Wickford), and George W.
 Tew is in Newport, in the US cen-
 sus.¹ The 4th Rhode Island Infantry de-
 parted from Providence for Washington,
 DC, on October 1.¹ George W. Tew
 and Thomas Smith survived the war.
 The envelope has an illustration of Win-
 field Scott, Commander in Chief of the
 Union Army until November 1862, and
 The War for the Union.



Figure 3: envelope from Washington,
 DC, to Wickford, RI, with illustration of
 General Winfield Scott and The War for
 the

Photograph courtesy of Rachel Peirce

This article shows how postal history
 documents our ancestors' wartime ex-
 perience. Other Rhode Island envelopes
 and postcards illustrate our ancestors'
 work, family correspondence, travel,
 political and social interests, where they
 lived before migrating to the US, and
 may have their photograph on a real
 photo postcard.

Please contact the author if you would like to add an envelope
 or postcard photograph with sender and recipient information to the
 philatelic genealogy website and database, Philgen.org

Notes

- 1 Figures 1 and 3 are from Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries (<http://www.siegelauctions.com/>; accessed 20 December 2011); and Figure 5 is from Schuyler Rumsey Philatelic Auctions (<http://www.rumseyauctions.com/>; accessed 20 December 2011). Figures 2 and 6 are from Rachel Peirce Report, Figure 4 is from James W. Milgram, Federal Civil War Postal History (Forest, IL: Northbrook Publishing Company, Inc., 2007).
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- 11 1860 US census, Providence County, RI, pop. schedule, Cumberland, Woonsocket post office, p. 82 (penned), dwelling 448, family 592, Joseph H. Gladding; digital image, Ancestry.com; citing NARA series M653, roll 1205.
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- 26 For examples of other types of information available from postal history, please visit <http://philgen.org>, and search the database by family or city name, or click on an article reprint listed in the Main Menu.

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