



Check the Dates

The cover in Figure 1 is franked with a Confederate 10¢ blue Frameline stamp (Scott CSA 10) tied by a lightly struck Culpeper C.H. Va. Apr 28 circular datestamp. It is boldly addressed to Miss Evaline G. Haney, Dayton Post Office Rockingham County State of Virginia with "Paid 10 cts" at the upper left.

Enclosed in the cover, there is a matching 4-page soldier's letter headed *Camp Near Culpeper April 27th/63* to "Never Forgotten Miss Evaline" signed by Jacob Glick.

Those pages are shown in Figures 2 and 3 in which, with the often characteristic poor spelling and grammar of a foot soldier, Glick says:

I suppose you hurd that I had been taken prisoner but it was all fuls (sic - false) I was not taken prisoner but I have been inside of the Yankey lines for too weeks or more and have been very near three camps over where we came out after night and had to slip between the piquets and we had to be as still as mice we had very good times down there plenty to eat and plenty pretty

girls to look at and talk too ...

Evaline G. Haney (1847–1910) was married to David Franklin Snell (1837–1885), so Jacob and Evaline were not destined to be an enduring couple. Nonetheless, the Haney family is heavily intertwined with the Glick family.

The earliest recorded use of a Frameline is April 19, 1863. April 1863 uses are scarce. They are listed with a dash in the Scott Specialized Catalogue and listed with a 200% premium in the CSA Catalog. Thus in the latter catalog, the cover is valued at \$7,000. The letter heading was a great advantage to help determine the costlier date of use.

Don't forget to check the dates on both stamps and covers. They can often increase the value of a common cover or, even better, greatly enhance an already-good cover. And another tip — do not separate the letter from the cover if the letter is what offers proof of that all-important date. I've seen it happen more than once.

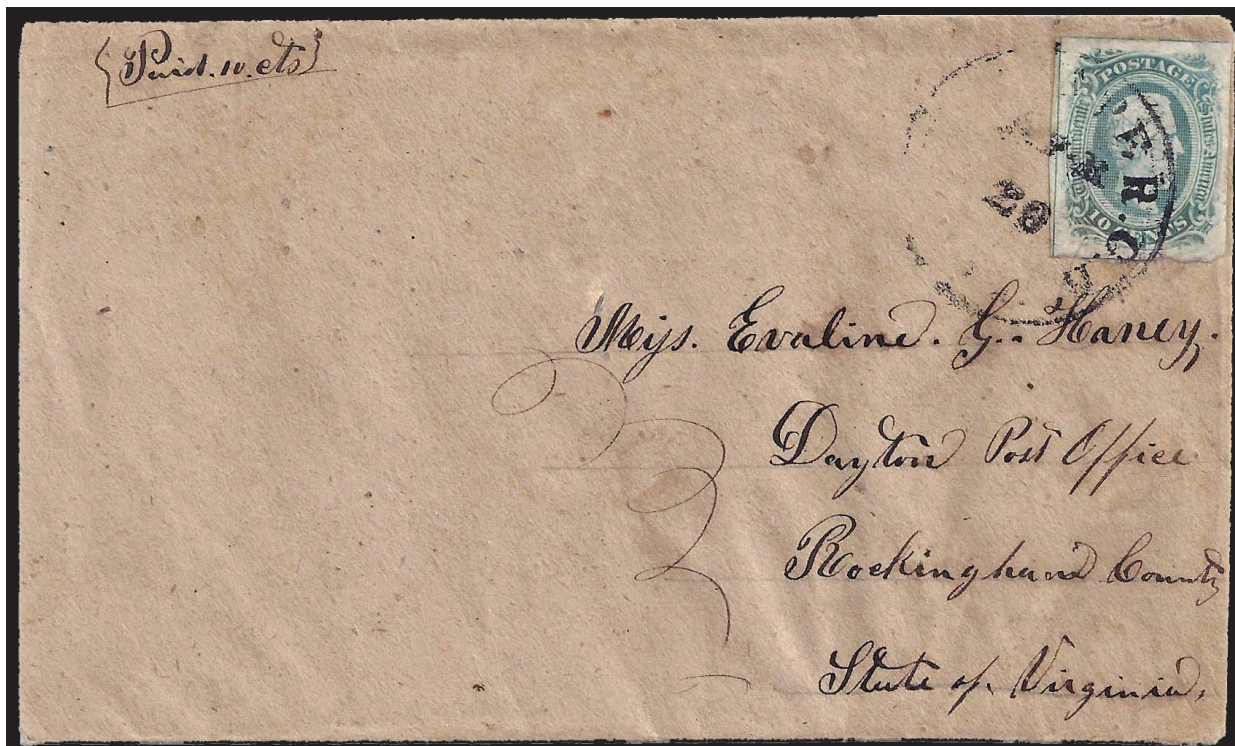


Figure 1. Confederate 10¢ blue Frameline stamp (Scott CSA 10) tied by a lightly struck Culpeper C.H. Va. Apr 28 (1863) circular datestamp during the first month of use.

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Camp Near Culpeper April 27th

well I think it time to bring my letter
to a close for this time I have given
my best respects to all in greeting
friends and remain in full partion for
thy self this leaves me well and in fine
spirits and hope when those few lines
come to hand that they may find you
enjoying the same good blessing as well
as we but hope to hear from you soon
do nothing more but remain your
most sincere friend

I am B. Glick
E. J. Mij
Evaline G. Hazy

Direct your letter to Culpeper Court
House as he fore I have written some of you
me the news Evaline G. Hazy

earliest opportunity to answer your kind letter that
I received yesterday evening I have not been
in Camp for 26 Days untill yesterday evening the
letter that you wrote me has been in Camp for
a long time I was truly glad to hear from
you and that you were enjoying good health I suppose
you had that I have been taken prisoner but
it was all false I was not taken prisoner
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Figure 2. The first and fourth pages of the enclosed letter headed "Camp Near Culpeper April 27th/63, providing proof of the year date.

happy hours in your company but it was all in
vain I could not get to see you or have hear from
you for I was in a camp that we could not
get any letters the last letter that I wrote you
I expected to be at home in a short time but
did not occur for I started on a secret and
other whilst I was gone my fellow came in
and the captors gave us the weather and we
know I don't expect to get home in a long time
for our weather has come and they will begin
to fight and you I begin to think that the
war has just begun I think that there
will be more harder fighting than there
was ever there last I was glad to hear that
well I don't think that any body
much of her self would have any of them old
men you say that you intend to write for
me I am really glad to hear that I have
found you that is true I shall all ways remain
you well I hope I will get to home to see
this war ended soon then return home
safe and sound well I have not get much
news to relate to you at present more than
there is a big fight expected every day and
that is my bad news to me for some
time as that I don't like to hear I like
my trip so well that I had in your hands
that I intend to try and go back there
I am

The Volunteer
are with the
order and has
written me
Gladly that this
war will be
ended soon
I am

Figure 3. The inner pages of the Glick letter.