# MIKE FARRELL COLLECTION OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

INCLUDING THE HISTORY, FORGERIES, & FANTASIES OF UNITED STATES, LOCAL POSTS, CARRIERS, INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

#### C. & W. BRIDGE DESPATCH

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Whether or not this post actually existed has yet to be proven, but the bridge that inspired it is real. Early reports claim that this post was created for the transportation of letters between Columbia and Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, by way of bridge over the Susquehanna River.

Columbia—Wrightsville Bridge holds some historical significance. It was burned down in June of 1863 to help slow the Confederate push into Pennsylvania during the Civil War.

If the C. & W. Bridge Despatch did exist at any time, no genuine stamps are, or have ever been known. Several bogus stamps have been made using the name, created by multiple forgers and in thirteen known designs.



BOGUS 1 BRONZE ON ORANGE SC



BOGUS 1 BRONZE ON YELLOW



BOGUS 1 BRONZE ON GREEN



BOGUS 2 GOLD ON ORANGE SC



BOGUS 2 GOLD ON YELLOW SC



BOGUS 2 GOLD ON THIN LIGHT GREEN



BOGUS 2 GOLD ON THICK GREEN

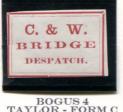
## C. & W. BRIDGE DESPATCH



BOGUS 4 TAYLOR - FORM C BLACK ON YELLOW



BOGUS 4 TAYLOR - FORM C BLACK ON GREEN SC



BOGUS 4 TAYLOR - FORM C DULL RED ON WHITE



BOGUS 4 TAYLOR - FORM C RED ON PALE PINK LAID



BOGUS 4 TAYLOR - FORM C RED ON PINKISH CREAM LAID



BOGUS 4A TAYLOR - FORM CC2 BLACK ON ORANGE BUFF



BOGUS 4A TAYLOR - FORM CC2 BLACK ON GOLD YELLOW



BOGUS 4A TAYLOR - FORM CC2 BLACK ON GOLD YELLOW SC



BOGUS 4A TAYLOR - FORM CC2 BLACK ON GREEN SC

# C. & W. BRIDGE DESPATCH



BOGUS 5 TAYLOR • FORM B2 BLACK ON RED ORANGE SC



BOGUS 5 TAYLOR - FORM B2 BLACK ON BRIGHT-BLUE SC



BOGUS 5 TAYLOR - FORM AB3 LIGHT BROWN ON DULL YELLOW



BOGUS 5 TAYLOR - FORM AB5 RED VIOLET ON GREENISH BLUE SC



BOGUS 5 TAYLOR - FORM AB5 RED VIOLET ON LAVENDER SC



BOGUS 5 TAYLOR - FORM BBS BLACK ON GREEN SC



BOGUS 5 TAYLOR - FORM ABB8 BRONZE ON PINK SC



BOGUS 5 TAYLOR - FORM S10 BLACK ON PINK

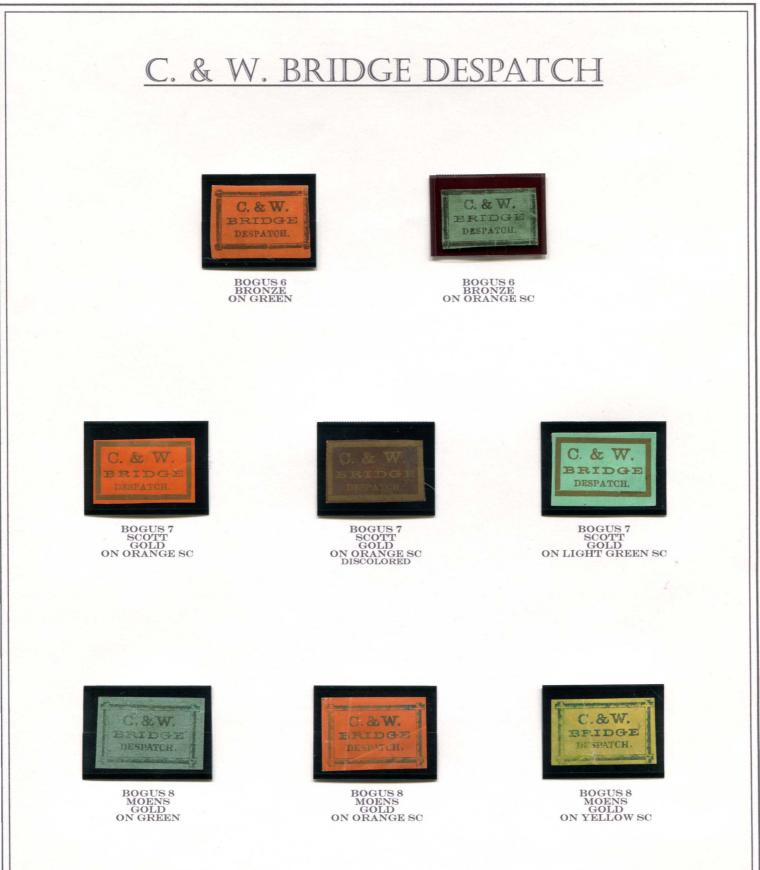


BOGUS 5 TAYLOR - FORM S10 BLACK ON VIOLET GRAY



BOGUS 5 TAYLOR - FORM S10 BLACK ON GRAY BLUE

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BOGUS 9 STIRLING BLACK ON SKY BLUE



BOGUS 9 STIRLING BROWN ON CREAM



BOGUS 9 STIRLING BLACK ON DULL BLUE



BOGUS 9 STIRLING BLACK ON TAN



BOGUS 10 STIRLING BLACK ON DEEP GREEN



BOGUS 10 STIRLING BLACK ON BLUE SC



BOGUS 10 STIRLING BLACK ON GREEN SC