

THE
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❧ 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 BB8
BLACK
ON GREEN SC



BOGUS 5
TAYLOR - FORM ABBS
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

C. & W. BRIDGE DESPATCH



BOGUS 5
TAYLOR
BLACK
ON TAN



BOGUS 5
TAYLOR
BLACK
ON BLUE GRAY



BOGUS 5
TAYLOR
BLACK
ON LIGHT GRAY



BOGUS 5
TAYLOR
DARK BLUE
ON CREAM



BOGUS 5
TAYLOR
BLUE
ON CREAM



BOGUS 5
TAYLOR
BLUE
ON GREENISH LAID



BOGUS 5
TAYLOR
BLUE
ON LIGHT BLUE LAID



BOGUS 5
TAYLOR
BLUE
ON BUFF LAID

C. & W. BRIDGE DESPATCH



BOGUS 6
BRONZE
ON GREEN



BOGUS 6
BRONZE
ON ORANGE SC



BOGUS 7
SCOTT
GOLD
ON ORANGE SC



BOGUS 7
SCOTT
GOLD
ON ORANGE SC
DISCOLORED



BOGUS 7
SCOTT
GOLD
ON LIGHT GREEN SC



BOGUS 8
MOENS
GOLD
ON GREEN



BOGUS 8
MOENS
GOLD
ON ORANGE SC



BOGUS 8
MOENS
GOLD
ON YELLOW SC

C. & W. BRIDGE DESPATCH



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