

ARIZONA**AS NEW MEXICO TERRITORY**

December 13, 1850 - April 4, 1860

Arizona post offices operating under the jurisdiction of New Mexico Territory were Pima Village (established June 21, 1859), Tubac (established February 21, 1859), and Tucson (established November 11, 1857).

Arizona N.M.(Feb. 16, 1859;Ms;Black)*4,000

*With ms "Overland Via St Louis". Sent free to General James W. Denver, Washington, D.C. during his second term as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Arizona N.M.(June 1, 1859;Ms;Paid 30[ms];Black)7,500

Pima Villages New Mexico(Dec. 1, 1859;Ms;Paid 3cts[ms];Black)--

Tubac N.M.(March 31, 1860;Ms;Paid 6[ms];Paid 10[ms];Black)1,450

Tucson NM(May 15, 1857;Ms;Black)*15,000

*This is the earliest known postal marking from what is now the State of Arizona. Sent via Military Express to Sante Fe, with no other postal markings since free to government agency head. Mark Aldrich facilitated mails prior to his postmaster appointment as the second postmaster at Tucson.

TUCSON/N.M.(Sept. 17, 1859;C-31.5;Free[ms];Black) . . 500

**THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF
ARIZONA TERRITORY**

April 15, 1860 - March 15, 1861

Formed by convention vote on April 15, 1860 and implemented with all the government offices, departments and officials required for a territory. These functioned for various time periods.

FORT BUCHANAN/N.M.(Sept. 20, 1860;35;Paid 3[ms];Black)3,500

Arizona seceded from the Union on March 16, 1861. Stampless covers during this period are not cataloged in the American Stampless Cover Catalog.

TERRITORIAL PERIOD

February 24, 1863 - February 13, 1912

POPULATION

1870 – 10,000

1880 – 40,000

The Territory of Arizona was created by an Act of Congress on February 24, 1863. The state was created on February 14, 1912.

1867 Post Offices: Eldorado Canyon, Hardyville, La Paz, Maracopa Wells, Mohave City, Pima Village and Prescott.

1869 Post Offices additional to above: Apache Pass, Aubrey, Calabasas, Callville, St. Joseph, St. Thomas, Tubac, Tucson, Wickenburgh and Yuma.

CIRCLE TOWN POSTMARKS

PRESCOTT/ARIZONA(1867;DC-32.5;FREE;Blue) 250

TUCSON/ARI.(1868;24;FREE;Blue) 200

ARIZONA

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THE SECEDED TERRITORY OF ARIZONA

March 16, 1861 - July 31, 1861

Arizona seceded from the Union on March 16, 1861. Eastern areas were gradually occupied by the Confederate Army, the official occupation being declared by Lt. Col. John R. Baylor on August 1, 1861. No stampless covers reported.

CONFEDERATE OCCUPATION

August 1, 1861 - February 13, 1862

The new occupational postmaster, William Skillman, appropriated the old Union, "N.M." postmark from the Union post office.

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| MESILLA N.M.(E)(Nov. 3, 1861;25.5;Due 10[ms]; | |
| Black) | .35,000 |
| (L)(Jan. 5, 1862) | .27,500 |

CONFEDERATE TERRITORY OF ARIZONA

February 14, 1862 - June 30, 1862

This was the only official territory of the Confederate States, approved by their Congress and declared by their President.

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| MESILLA N.M.(E)(Feb. 16, 1862;25.5;Due 10[ms]; | |
| Black) | .27,500 |
| Same(Feb. 16, 1862;25.5;Paid 10[ms];Black) | .32,500 |
| (L)(March 29, 1862) | .27,500 |