

LOUISIANA

INCLUDING ORLEANS TERRITORY
AND REPUBLIC OF WEST FLORIDA

POPULATION

1769 – 13,500	1830 – 216,000
1803 – 50,000	1840 – 352,000
1810 – 77,000	1850 – 518,000
1820 – 133,000	1860 – 708,000

FRENCH COLONIAL PERIOD

1718 - 1762

Le Sieur de Bienville founded the French colony of Louisiana in 1718 and established the city of Nouvelle Orleans which became its capital in 1723. No postal markings are known from French colonial Louisiana.

SPANISH COLONIAL PERIOD

1762 - 1803

Late in the French and Indian War (which ended disastrously for the French), the "Isle of Orleans" and the colony of Louisiana lying west of the Mississippi River were ceded to Spain in 1762 by the secret Treaty of Fontainebleau (made public, Treaty of Paris, 1763) - thus part of an alliance of France with Spain against the British. The Spanish Colonial period lasted until 1803 after Spain retroceded Louisiana to France by the secret Treaty of San Ildefonso (1800), a draft later confirmed by two subsequent treaties (March 1801 and October 1802) with Spain retaining control of the region until late November 1803. Napoleon Bonaparte then hastened to sell Louisiana to the United States and the official transfer took place on December 20, 1803.

During Spanish control, written communications were carried by official courier between the various Spanish settlements within the province of Louisiana, but it is apparent that such official mail was not marked as no postal markings on official letters are known except for the single letter from "NUEVA ORLEANS" (1793), addressed outside the province, to the governor of Santiago de Cuba, now preserved in the Museo Postal Cubano in Havana (official mail or a private letter?). Little is known about the postal system within the colony of Louisiana under Spanish rule, but it is clear that Spanish authorities cooperated with merchants to use both government and private boats to carry communications between New Orleans and settlements up river as far as St. Louis, Upper Louisiana and as far east as Pensacola in West Florida. One historian (Nasatir, Abraham, P., 1968, p.58) notes that "on occasion a mail service and special expresses were established between posts . . . Gayoso de Lemos believed that the most rapid mail service was a combination of express pirogue and overland special service on horseback". In addition, numerous other (non-official) letters were carried privately by a variety of methods within the region and through the port of New Orleans by ship to the outside world. As none of these bear any postmarks or rate markings from the province of Louisiana they are not listed here. Such letters were placed in the hands of forwarding agents at Pensacola or other points or actually entered the mails at the first United States post office reached by the messenger who carried the letter(s). Late in the Spanish Colonial period, United States post offices such as Natchez and Fort Adams in the then new Mississippi Territory (established May 7, 1798) drew some letters directed to the United States away from outbound ships in New Orleans; such mail

moved overland to its destination.

Louisiana postal markings begin with early handstamps applied by the Spanish to private letters (only three are recorded: 1790, 1792 and 1793). One other Spanish colonial letter bearing a postmark, a manuscript "Nova Iberia" (1802) has been located in an archival holding. In addition, several documents bearing the fancy oval "NUEVA ORLEANS" handstamp which was "resurrected" and used (1799-1803) as an imprimatur on ship manifests and as an unrated frank (free frank) on wrappers endorsed "Reg'(is)tro . . . que el cargo . . . se despacha de este P(or)to de la N(uev)a Orl(eans) . . ." have been recorded (see note in listings below). Four of the five examples recorded bear an additional endorsement, "franco . . Carlos Perez" or "franco/Marin"; each handstamp and official endorsement together representing the free frank and imprimatur of a postal administrator (postmaster and [?] customs agent) at Nueva Orleans. We interpret these documents as wrappers covering "registered" cargo manifests officially endorsed and sent forward along with the ship and its cargo.

Way and rate markings listed below under Spanish West Florida (1807-1810) actually were U.S. markings applied to the letters carried by the United States postal service operating into and across Spanish territory. No Spanish postal markings have been recorded during this latter period.

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

1803

Soon after the Louisiana Purchase, the vast region was subdivided into two major territories, the District of Louisiana to the north of the 33rd parallel and the Territory of Orleans to the south (October 1, 1804). The eastern and western boundaries of this latter area, generally known as Orleans Territory, remained in dispute until the United States made good its claim to that portion of West Florida between the Mississippi and the Pearl rivers in 1810 and 1819 when Spain relinquished its claims to lands east of the Sabine River (after statehood, 1812). The northern area became the Territory of Louisiana on July 4, 1805 and on December 7, 1812 was redesignated the Territory of Missouri. West Florida was Spanish until 1810 when after a brief period (late 1810) as the Republic of West Florida it became an unorganized U.S. territory. Finally, the western portion was added to Orleans Territory which was admitted to the Union as Louisiana, the eighteenth state on April 30, 1812.

EARLY POST OFFICES

Orleans Territorial Post Offices in order of establishment: New Orleans, (Bayou) Manchac, Alexandria (Rapide Settlement), Caddy's Ferry, Catahoula, Concord, Natchitoches, Opelousas, Balize, Donaldson town (later LaFourche), Attakapas (St. Martinsville), Fort St. Philip, Carlin Settlement, St. Helena, Washita (Ouachita), St. John's Plains, Baton Rouge, St. Francisville, Godberry's Tavern (County Acadia), Madisonville.

SPANISH COLONIAL PERIOD

1763 - 1803

*Nova Iberia(Oct. 31, 1802;Ms;Black)
 NUEVA/ORLEANS(April 19, 1790;C-25;Red)10,000+
 NUEVA/ORLEANS(E)(Oct. 24, 1792;laureated
 oval-38x28;Red).10,000+
 *(L)(-,1793)
 NUEVA/ORLEANS(E)(April 20, 1799;laureated
 oval-38x28;imprimatur/free frank;Red).4,000
 (L)(March 31, 1803;YNDIAS)5,000

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See text above for explanation of these markings.

SPANISH WEST FLORIDA

before April 30, 1812

The portion of French Louisiana east of the Mississippi except for the "Isle of Orleans" was relinquished by France to Great Britain along with the Floridas by the 1763 Treaty of Paris. After the American Revolution, the "rights" passed from Britain to the United States. Spain denied this claim and, in 1781, Bernardo de Galvez captured Natchez and claimed it and the Floridas for Spain. By the 1783 Treaty of Paris, the United States claimed the 31st parallel as its southern boundary. Spain accepted the 31st parallel as its northern boundary in 1795 (Pinckney Treaty) but did not evacuate Natchez until United States troops arrived in 1798. West Florida remained under Spanish control until 1810 when, after a revolution, the short lived Republic of West Florida was established (Sept. 26, to Dec. 10, 1810). Afterward, this area became an unorganized territory of the United States and, finally, the western part was attached to Orleans Territory and became part of the State of Louisiana (April 30, 1812).

NEW ORLEANS(ornament above & below date)(E)
(March 29, 1807; C-28;Way paid,Way PAID[ms];
Black) 350
(L)(Feb. 27, 1810;WAY;Black)..... 350

REPUBLIC OF WEST FLORIDA

September 26 to December 10, 1810

In late 1810, the Republic of West Florida was established after a revolt in Spanish West Florida, following which this area became an unorganized territory of the United States. Finally, the western part was attached to Orleans Territory which became the State of Louisiana on April 30, 1812.

NEW ORLEANS(ornament above & below date)
(E)(Nov. 2, 1810;C-28;Way paid[ms];Black)..... 400
*(L)(Nov. 11, 1810;Forwd - Way 26[ms];Black)..... --

WEST FLORIDA - "UNORGANIZED U.S. TERRITORY"

December 11, 1810 to April 13, 1812

*Baton Rouge(Nov. 27, 1811;Ms;Black)..... --
Same(E)(Sept. 6, 1811;Ms;6-1/4[ms];Black)..... 275
(L)(Dec. 20, 1811)..... 275

ORLEANS TERRITORY - PRE-TERRITORIAL PERIOD

December 20, 1803 - September 30, 1804

The interim between December 20, 1803 when William Charles Coles Claiborne and General James Wilkinson took possession of Louisiana at New Orleans for the United States and Oct.ober1, 1804 when the District of Louisiana (to the north) and the Territory of Orleans (in the south) were established officially is known as the "Pre-Territorial Period". William Charles Coles Claiborne, governor of Orleans Territory, quickly set up a post office in New Orleans and the first letters were postmarked and dispatched on Tuesday, Febuary 14, 1804 (see listings below). Afterward, the mails were dispatched at weekly intervals.

N*Orleans*(E)(Feb. 14, 1804;SL-40x5,MDD;Black).... 2,250
(L)(April 29, 1804)..... 2,000
N Orleans*(E)(May 6, 1804;SL-40x5,MDD or M*DD;
Black) 2,000

(L)(June 30, 1804) 2,000
N Orleans(May 27, 1804;SL-49x5,MDD;Black)..... 2,000
N.Orleans(June 30, 1804;Ms;Black)..... 600
N Ori*(E)(July 7, 1804;SL-25x5,M*DD;Black) 2,250
(L)(Aug. 25, 1804)..... 2,250
N*Ori*(E)(Sept. 1, 1804;SL-25x5,MDD;FREE[red];
Black) 2,250
*(L)(Sept. 29, 1804) 2,250

DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

October 1, 1804 - July 5, 1805

TERRITORY OF LOUISIANA

July 4, 1805 - December 6, 1812

See Missouri section for these listings.

ORLEANS TERRITORY "TERRITORIAL PERIOD"

October 1, 1804 - April 30, 1812

On October 1, 1804, the Territory of Orleans was established, including the portion of the former province of Louisiana lying south of the 33rd parallel and west of the Mississippi River together with the "Isle of Orleans". Early postmarks include straightline handstamps from Balize (French buoy or beacon), a pilot station/settlement at the junction of Southeast and Northeast passes where a post office was established to intercept mail from incoming ships and levy inland postage from Balize to New Orleans (a river distance of about one hundred miles) and add to it the two cents ship fee (thus, 14-1/2 cents single, 27 cents double rate).

BALIZE(dots or dash before or after name)(E)
(Sept. 13, 1807;SL-25x5,with or without MDD;
SHIP;Red) 4,500
(L)(Sept. --, 1808) 4,500
(E)(Nov. 8, 1807,SL-25x5,with or without MDD;
SHIP;Black) 4,500
(L)(March 9, 1809) 4,500
Baton Rouge(April 30, 1812;Ms;Black) 1,500
*Bayou Manchac(March 13, 1812;Ms;Black)..... --
Carlin Settlem(en)t.O.T.(June 22, 1810;Ms;Black).... 1,500
*County Acadia O.T.(April 8, 1812;Ms;Black)..... --
*La Fourche O.T.(E)(March 5, 1812;Ms;Black)..... --
(L)(April 25, 1812)..... --
Natchitoches(Aug. 30, 1806;Ms;Black) 1,500
N*Ori*(E)(Oct. 6, 1804;SL-25x5,M*DD;FREE[red];
Black) 2,500
(L)(Oct. 30, 1804) 2,500
NEW*ORLEANS(Nov. 6, 1804;C-33;FREE[red];
Black) 1,350
NEW*ORLEANS*(E)(Nov. 27, 1804;C-33;FREE[red,
black];Black)..... 1,200
(L)(April 23, 1805)..... 1,200
*Same(Dec. 25, 1805) --
NEW ORLEANS(ornament above & below date)(E)
(May 14, 1805;C-28;FREE,PAID;Black)..... 175
(L) See Statehood period --
(E)(Dec. 26, 1806;FREE,PAID;Red)..... 175
(L) See Statehood period --
New Orleans(Sept. 8, 1810;Ms;Black) 400
Opelousas(E)(April 25, 1809;Ms;Black) 500
(L)(Oct. 22, 1811) 450
Same(E)(June 20, 1809;Ms;Red)..... 500
(L)(Aug. 29, 1809)..... 500
Opelousas O.T.(E)(March 12, 1811;Ms;D.L.Todd PM
frank;Black) 550
(L)(March 25, 1812) 550

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St Francisville O.T.(April 15, 1812;Ms;Black)		1,500	BRASHEAR,LA.(185--fancy DC-34;PAID;Black)		200
STATEHOOD PERIOD			BREAUX'S BRIDGE/LA.(1854;31;5[C];Red)		50
after May 1, 1812			BRULY LANDING/LA.(1854;32;PAID/3[C],5[C];Blue)		60
HANDSTAMPED TOWN POSTMARKS			BURR'S FERRY/LA(--;31;FREE;Black)		75
(Circle handstamps unless otherwise noted: SL - straightline, O - oval, arc, box, etc.)			CAMPTE,(La)(1846-48;SL-44x4;PAID,5,10;Black)		500
ABBEVILLE/La.(1850;37;5[box];Black)		60	CAMPTE/La(--;30;FREE;Black)		75
ALEXANDRIA,LA(1819-25;rough C-28;Black)		60	CENTREVILLE/La.(1846-54;29;PAID;Brown,Black)		25
*ALEX'A L.(1826;rough C-28;Black)		--	CHARENTON/La.(1852-54;31;PAID/3[C],5[C];Black)		40
ALEXANDRIA L(1826;arc-26x16,NOR;Black)		750	CHENEYVILLE/La.(1843-56;30;PAID;Red,Black)		25
Same LA(1827;arc-34x18,NOR,MDD below;Black)		750	CLINTON/La.(1837-50;30;FREE;PAID;Red,Black)		25
ALEXA LA(1827;partial lined O-36x27;Black)		750	Same/LA.(1852;32;PAID/3[arc];Black)		35
Alexandria,La.(1829-30;SL-22-23x3,with or without YD;PAID["D" reversed];Black)		600	COLUMBIA LA(ornaments at base)(1848;DC-31; Black)		85
ALEXANDRIA/LA.(1831-32;22,NOR,YMDD;Black)		150	CONVENT/La.(1850-54;33;5,X,PAID,3;Black)		30
ALEXANDRIA,La(1832-33;SL-40x4;PAID;Black)		750	COQUILLE/LA.(1833-35;O-30x22;FREE;Blue)		750
ALEXANDRIA/LOUISIANA(1833,28,NOR,Black)		150	COVINGTON/La.(1839-51;30;5,10;Black)		30
ALEXANDRIA/La.(1833-46;30;PAID,FREE,10[box]; Red,Blue,Black)		25	CRANE'S FORGE/La.(185--30;PAID,PAID/3[C];Black)		75
Same(Green)		35	DARLINGTON/La(1844;32;FREE;Red,Black)		75
Same(1836;25[rate];Blue)		50	Same(1844-46;28;FREE[arc];Red,Black)		50
Same/LA(184--23;Black)		50	DONALDSON.V./L(1825;DLC-28;Black)		150
Same/La(1848;30;Black)		35	DONALDSON.V.L(1826-33;30;FREE;Black)		60
Same/La.(1849-52;33;PAID,FREE,3,5,10;Black)		25	DONALDSON.L.(1833-42;30;PAID,FREE;Black)		60
Same(1850-53;34;PAID,5,10;Red,Black)		25	DONALDSONVILLE/La.(1842-55;30;FREE,PAID, PAID/3[C],PAID/3,5,5[C],10;Red,Blue,Black)		25
Same/LA.(1853-54;32;PAID/3[arc],5,10;Red)		30	Same(Green)		40
ARCADIA/LA.(1851-55;30;Black)		50	Same(PAID/3;Red,Blue)		50
ASSUMPTION/La.(1843-54;30;5;Red)		25	Same(1852;20;Black) California rate		125
Same/LA.(1855-59;32;PAID;Red)		35	Same(1852-53;32;PAID,3,5[C];Black)		25
BASTROP/La.(1846-48;26;5[C];Black)		50	EDGARD/LA.(ornaments at sides)(1851-53;19;Red)		75
BASTROP/LA(1852;26;FREE;Black)		50	EVERGREEN/LA/POST OFFICE(1855;24;Green)		200
Same/LA.(1855-58;30;PAID,PAID/3[C];Blue,Black)		35	FARMERVILLE/La.(1845-53;30;Red,Blue)		50
Same/LA(1860;33;PAID/3[C];Black)		50	Same(Green)		75
Baton-Rouge(1813;SL-36x5,MDD;Black)		1,500	FORT JESUP/La.(1837-52;30;FREE,PAID;Red, Blue,Black)		50
Baton Rouge,La(1813;rough O-28x20;Red)		700	Same(Green)		75
Baton Rouge(La)(1813-15;rough O-28x20;Red, Black)		700	FRANKLIN*LOUISIANA*(1832-33;30,NOR;Black)		150
B.Rouge(La)(1814;rough O-24x20;Black)		700	FRANKLIN/La.(1833-41;30;X;Black)		25
Baton Rouge La(1814;SL-29x3,MDD;Red)		1,500	Same(1841-54;30;FREE,PAID,5,10;Red,Black)		25
Baton Rouge(La)(1815;rough O-25x22;Black)		700	Same(X,X[serifed];Red,Black)		35
BATON ROUGE./LOUISIANA(large "B", "R" & "L") (1816-18;box-38x30,MDD below;Red,Black)		750	Same(--;XV;Red)		50
BATON R./LA.(1818-42;29;FREE,PAID;Red,Blue, Brown,Black)		25	Same(1843;25[rate];Black)		50
B.ROUGE/LOUISIANA(large "L")(1821;box-38x20, MDD below;Black)		650	GRAND COTEAU/La.(1845-55;30;PAID,V;Red,Black)		30
B ROUGE(1822-23;box-38x20,MDD below;Black)		650	GRAND ECORE/LA.(1852--;5;Black)		50
BATON ROUGE/LOUISIANA(1823;box-38x20, MDD below;FREE;Black)		500	GREENSBURGH/LA.(185--30;Black)		60
BATON R.L(ornament at base)(1824-29;32;PAID; Black)		75	GREENWOOD/La.(1844-50;29;FREE,PAID;Black)		40
BATON ROUGE/La.(1843-52;29;FREE,PAID,5,5(C), 10,10[box],10[F];Red,Black)		25	HARRISONBURG/LA.(1836;SL-37x8,MDD;Red)		750
Same(--;1,ADVERTISED 2;Black)		--	HARRISONBURG/La.(1839-53;30;PAID[ribbon]; Red,Blue,Black)		30
Same(--;20[rate];Red)		50	HERMITAGE/La.(1850-53;29;5;Red)		40
Same/LA.-(1851;28;PAID/3[C],5;Red)		40	HOLMESVILLE/La.(1859;36;PAID;Red)		50
Same/LA.(1851-57;32;FREE,PAID/3[C],5,10[box]; Black)		25	HOMER.C.H./LA.(1851-55,33;PAID/3[C],5;Black)		35
Same(--;PAID/6;Black)		35	HOUMA/La.(1847-53;30;PAID,3[C],5,5[C],10[C]; Red,Blue,Brown,Black)		30
Same/La.(1858-59;32,YMDD;FREE[box];Black)		35	Same/LA.(1853-54;31;PAID,PAID/3[arc],3[C],5[C],5; Red,Black)		30
BAYOU/ GOULA.(1839-42;DO-42x32;Black)		600	IBERVILLE*(1832-33;SL-41x4;Brown)		750
BAYOU GOULA/La.(1848-55;32;FREE,PAID;Red)		35	IBERVILLE/La.(1852;30;5[C];Black)		60
Same/LA(1852;29;PAID/3[C];Black)		45	JACKSON/La.(1837-50;31;5;Red,Blue,Black)		25
BELLEVEUE/LA.(1852-59;26;PAID[C],PAID/3[C]; Red,Black)		45	Same(Green)		35
			Same(1850-54;34;PAID,5,10,15;Red,Blue,Black)		25
			Same/LA.(185--33;Black)		35
			JEANERETTS/La(1853-55;30;PAID,5;Blue)		45
			Same(Green)		55
			KIRK'S FERRY/La.(1853;30;FREE;Red)		50
			LAFAYETTE CITY/LA.(1846;23,NOR;Paid;Black)		500
			Same/La.(1850-55;32;PAID,5,5[C],10[oval], FREE;Red)		50
			Same(Green)		60
			Same(PAID,24;Red)		150
			LAKE CHARLES/LA.(1855-59;31;PAID;Black)		60
			LAKE PROVIDENCE/La.(1841-47;30;PAID,FREE;		

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Black)		30	Same(1864-65;22.5;Black)		50
Same(1847-55;32;PAID,5,V;Black)		30			
MANSFIELD/La.(1847-53;32;5,10;Red,Black)		30	<u>Rate and Miscellaneous Handstamps</u>	<u>Value Added</u>	
Same(5[negative cogged circle],10[negative circle & negative fancy circle];Red,Black)		75	2(1845-54;14x20;Red,Blue,Black)		60
MILLIKENS BEND/La.(1845-52;29,Black)		35	3(two types)(1862-65;Blue,Black)		10
MINDEN/LA(1839-40;rough C-30;Black)		85	4(1851;11x11;Red)		75
Same/La.(1845-54;30;PAID,3,5,5[box],10;Red, Blue,Black)		25	5(1845-49;15x20;Red,Blue,Black)		20
Same(Green)		35	Same(1849-60;various;Red,Black)		10
Same(PAID/3[large arc];Black)		50	6(1845-51;16x21;Red,Blue,Black)		50
Same(10[negative box];Black)		125	Same(1850s;C-22;Red)		60
Same(3[negative circle],20[negative circle];Red, Blue,Black,Green)		75	Same(1862-64;8x12;Blue,Black)		15
MONROE/La.(1834-43;30;FREE,PAID;Blue,Black)		25	8(1859-60;7x12;Black)		75
Same(Green)		35	10(1845-48;31x20;Blue,Black)		15
Same/La.(1845-51;30;PAID;Blue,Black)		25	Same(1848-60;various;Red,Black)		10
Same(Green)		35	Same(1849;26x15;Black)		40
MOUNT LEBANON/La.(185-;29;5[C],PAID/3[C]; Blue)		75	Same(1863;O-23x12;Black)		50
NATCHITOCHES(L)(line across base)(1817;28; Black)		80	12(1845-51;27x21;Red,Blue,Black)		60
NATCHITOCHES/L.(1821-25,30;Black)		50	12cts.(1863-63;O-25x12;Black)		75
Same/L.(1824,partial DC-34,FREE;Black)		75	15(1854-60;15x12;Black)		40
NATCHITOCHES/L.(1824;box-30x14,MDD below; Black)		750	Same(1858-60;C-21;Black)		45
Same(1825;30;Black)		60	Same(1862;15x12;Blue,Black)		50
NATCHITOCHES,/L.("L" outlined)(1826;26;Black)		125	19(1850-51;18x13;Red)		50
Same/LA.("L" shaded)(1826-29,26,Black)		100	20(1845-49;37x22;Red,Blue,Black)		90
Same/LA.(1830,26,Black)		60	Same(185-;18x10;Blue)		60
Same/LA(1835,23,NOR,Black)		100	Same(1850-52;20x12;Black)		60
Same/La.,(1836-54;30;FREE,PAID,3,5,10,25; Blue,Black)		25	24(185-;DC-30,shaded numerals;Black)		100
Same(Green)		35	Same(1848-56;various;Red,Black)		50
Same(25[rate];Black)		45	Same(1863;C-18;Black)		60
NEW-IBERIA,/LA.(1847-52;23;PAID,5,10;Black)		40	25(185-;15x12;Black)		60
			30(1849-50;DC-19;Red,Black) Panama mail		300
			Same(1854-60;20x11;Black)		60
			Same(two types)(1862-64;11x8;Blue,Black)		60
			34(1848;16x11;Black) Retaliatory rate		200
			35(1865;C-20;Black)		75
			40(hollow letters)(1849;25x15;Black) Panama mail		300
			Same(1850-53;24x18;Red) California mail		150
			Same(185-;C-29;Red,Black) California mail		150
			Same(185-;DC-23;Red) California mail		150
			48(1851;20x12;Red)		150
			60(1865;C-22;Black)		75
			PAID(1815-61;various;Red,Blue,Green,Black)		5
			PAID/1(1851-54;21x17;Red)		60
			PAID/2(1851-54;17x12;Red)		75
			PAID/3(1847-51;O-32x30;Red,Blue,Black) Circular		50
			Same(1851-55;various;Red)		10
			PAID/4(1860;19x17;Red)		100
			PAID/5(1851-58;17x12;Red)		25
			PAID/6(1852-54;19x17;Red)		35
			PAID/9(1851-53;20x17;Red)		60
			PAID/10(1853-56;20x17;Red)		50
			PAID/12(1852;20x17;Red)		60
			PAID/12-1/2(185-;19x13;Red) Havana mail		150
			PAID/18(1855;21x18;Red)		60
			PAID/20(1851-55;21x18;Red)		75
			PAID/21(1852-55;17x14;Red)		75
			PAID/24(1853;20x17;Red)		75
			PAID/42(1854;18x14;Red)		125
			PAID/48(1853;19x18;Red)		150
			ADV.1.(1851-57;box-33x12;Red,Black)		60
			ADV.2.(1860;box 33x12;Red)		100
			ADV.(185-;1862-64;box-33x12;Red,Blue,Black)		50
			ADVERTISED(1862-64;O-24x8;Black)		50
			DROP/1(1852-58;21x18;Red,Black)		60
			DROP/1ct.(1858-60;C-21;Black)		75
			DROP(1858-60;C-21;Black)		50
			Drop Letter(1864;SL-36x7;Black)		75
			Due(1862-63;15x13;Black)		15
			DUE/2(1864-65;C-22;Black)		75
			Due 3(1857-58;27x8;Black)		15
			Due 3(1862;O-22x11;Blue)		35

NEW ORLEANS

(Rate & other markings are listed after town postmarks.)

NEW ORLEANS(ornament above & below date) (1812-23;28;Red,Black)	35
NEW ORL.L.(fleuron at base)(1823-26;29;Red,Black)	30
Same(wedge at base)(1824-32;29;Red,Black)	25
NEW-ORS.(fleuron at base)(1826-32;29;Black)	35
NEW-ORL.L.(1826-32;32;Red,Blue,Green,Black)	20
NEW-ORLEANS/La.(1832-35,1840;30;Green,Blue)	25
NEW ORLEANS/La.(1835-40,1844-50;30;Green,Red, Blue,Black)	10
Same(1840-44;30;Blue)	10
Same(1848-56;31;Red,Black)	10
NEW ORLEANS/La/5 (or) 10(1850-51;34;Red)	20
Same(line between date & rate)(1850;34;Red)	30
NEW ORLEANS-La/5(1850-54;33;Red)	20
NEW ORLEANS-La(1852-54;33;Red,Black)	15
NEW ORLEANS LA./5(1853-55;31;Black)	75
Same/LA.(no rate)(ornament at base)(1856-57;31; Black)	30
NEW ORLEANS.LA.(1852-54;32;Red,Black)	15
Same/6 PAID(1855;32;Red)	--
NEW-ORLEANS./LA.(1854-56;36;Red,Black)	25
NEW ORLEANS/LA.(1855-59;31;Red,Black)	15
NEW ORLEAN S/LA..(two periods)(1856;35;Black)	35
Same(letters & circle hollow)(1856;35;Black)	35
NEW ORLEANS/La.(two types)(1857-60;32,YD;Black)	30
NEW ORLEANS/LA.(1859-61;DC-25,w or w/o YD; Black)	30
Same(1860-61;31;Black)	40
Same/LA(two types)(1862-64;DC-26,YD;Blue,Black)	25
Same(two types)(1864-65;DC-29,YD;Black)	25

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Same(1862-65;23x8;Blue,Black)		25	Same/LA.(1865;DC-25;3;Black)		75
DUE/3(1865;C-21;Black)		35	SPARTA/LA(185-;32;5;Black)		50
DUE/4(1864;C-24;Black)		100	Same/LA-(1852;29;10;Red)		50
DUE/6(1864-65;C-22;Black)		40	SPRINGFIELD/LA.(185-;32;PAID 3[SL];Black)		85
DUE/9(1864;C-22;Black)		75	THIBODAUXV.(1826;23;rope C-23;Blue)		1,000
FORWARDED.(1851-54;41x4;Red)		50	THIBODAUXVILLE/LA.(ornaments at base)(1830-40; DC-31;Green,Red)		75
FORWARDED(1858;40x3;Black)		50	THIBODAUX/LA.(ornaments at base, "VILLE" removed)(1840-42;DC-31;PAID;Red,Black)		75
Same(1865;O-25x6;Black)		50	THIBODAUX/La.(1842-53;29;PAID,PAID/3[C],3,5[C], 5[oval],5[box],10,10[C],10[oval];Red,Brown, Blue,Black)		35
FREE(1824-61;various;Red,Blue,Black)		15	Same(Green)		45
Same(1862-64;O-17x6;Blue,Black)		15	Same(PAID/3[3 outlined];Black)		50
HELD FOR/POSTAGE(1862-63;DO-24x7;Black)		90	Same(20[box];Red)		50
Held For Postage(1862;45x4;Black)		90	Same(V[C];Red)		40
NEW ORLEANS.LA/NOT CALLED FOR.(1855; C-36;Black)		125	THIBODAUXVILLE/LA(1864;DC-29,DUE/3[C];Black)		60
NOT FOUND.(1852-53;solid box-47x8;Green, Blue,Black)		75	TRINITY/La.(1853;31; 5[C];Black)		50
Same(1855-60;dashed box-47x8;Black)		75	Same/LA.(185-;37;PAID/3;Black)		40
REGISTERED(1850-55;39x4;Red)		250	VERMILLONVILLE/LA.(1829;O-30x28,NOR;Black)		600
too late(1854-55;box 45x16;Red,Black)		350	VERMILLIONVILLE/LA(1830-34;O-36x34,NOR; FREE;PAID;Black)		500
NEW RIVER/La.(1844-54;30;PAID,3,5,10,FREE; Red,Blue,Black)		40	VERMILLIONVILLE/La.(1847-56;29;Red,Black)		35
.OPELOUSAS./LA(1828;negative letters in band, inner & outer circle,C-21;FREE;Black)		2,000	Same(1857;dashed C-29;Black)		50
OPELOUSAS/LOUISIANA(1829-33;26,NOR;Black)		150	VERNON-/LA-(1851;28;5;Red)		60
OPELOUSAS/La.(1835-50;30;FREE,PAID,5,5[C], 10;Black)		25	Same/LA(1853-55;33;PAID,3,5;Red,Black)		50
Same(1847;ADV./2;Black)		300	VIDALIA/LA(1844-50;25,NOR;Black)		150
OPELOUSAS.LA(dashes at sides)(1845;29,NOR; Black)		100	Same/La.(1845-51;30;5,X;Red,Black)		50
Same/LA.(1850-52;31;FREE,PAID/3[C],5,10[C]; Red,Black)		25	WASHINGTON/La.(1847-53;30;PAID;Black)		30
PAINCOURTVILLE/La.(1850-55;29;FREE,5[C];Red)		45	LA/WATERLOO.("L" & "A" separated, town name in arc)(1847-49;shield-49x18;Black)		1,000
PATTERSONVILLE/La.(1845-55;30;PAID/3[arc],5,10, 10[C],PAID;Red,Black)		25	WATER.PROOF/LA.(1853-54;31;Red,Black)		50
PLAQUEMINE/La.(1838-51;31;PAID;Red,Blue,Brown, Black)		25	WILLIAMSPORT/LA.(185-;32;PAID/3;Black)		60
Same(1851;large PAID/3[C];Red,Blue)		50	WOODLAND/LA(1846-47;27;FREE;Black)		65
Same/LA.(1852-55;32;PAID/3[C],5;Blue,Red,Black)		30			
POINT COUPEE/La.(1835-42;30;Brown,Black)		35			
Same(1843-53;29;PAID,5,10;Red,Black)		30			
PORT HUDSON/La.(1852-55;31;5[C];Red,Black)		45			
QUAY/La.(185-;31;5[C];Black)		75			
RED RIVER LANDING/LA.(1854;30;5[C];Green)		75			
ST.CLOUD(1851;SL-39x5;PAID;Brown)		750			
St Francisville Lou.(1815;SL-33x3,MDD below;Black)		750			
St Fraucisville(misspelled)(1815;SL-33x3,MDD below; Black)		800			
St. Francisville,(Lou.)(1815;SL-39x3,YMDD below; Black)		750			
St Francisville,(L.)(1815-18;SL-36x3,YMDD below; Black)		700			
ST.FRA: L(ornaments across base)(1817-36;30; PAID;Red,Blue,Black)		40			
Same(Green)		50			
St. FRANCISVILLE/La.(1836-53;30;FREE,PAID,5,5[C], 10,10[box];Red,Blue,Black)		25			
ST.JOSEPH/LA.(185-;32;PAID/3[arc];Black)		60			
S*Mart.Vil.L.(St.Martinsville)(1815-23;SL-48x5,MDD below;Black)		1,000			
S.T.MARTINSVILLE.L.A.("N" reversed)(1827-52; DC-26;Paid,5;Red,Black)		60			
Same(1841-53;26[inner circle removed];PAID,5, 15;Black)		60			
ST.MARTAINSVILLE/LA.(1853-56;32;FREE,PAID/3[arc], 5,10;Black)		35			
Same(1856;PAID/21;Black)		125			
Same(1853;FORWARDED[44x5];Black)		50			
SHREVEPORT/La.(1843-54;30;PAID,3,5,10;Red, Black)		40			
Same/LA.(1852;32;PAID/3[arc];Black)		50			

MANUSCRIPT TOWN MARKS

Numerous variations in the form and spelling of these post office names are known and, in some instances, the variation was repeated regularly in certain towns, partly because many small town postmasters had minimal education. Variations include: "Napoleonville" for "Assumption"; "St. German Coast" or "1st German Coast" for "German Coast"; "Ops" or "Opls" for "Opelousas"; "Compti" for "Campiti"; etc.

Abbeville	1852-53	50
*Acadia	1812-16	--
Alexandria	1816-39	65/35
Alligator	1851	60
Amite	1833	65
Ashwood	1846	40
Assumption	1814-40	90/45
Balize	1818	125
Ballews Ferry	1839	100
Bastrop	1847-52	50
Baton Rouge	1812-39	125/40
Bayou Chicot	1834-52	50
Bayou Goula	1837-47	45
Bayou King	1831	65
Bayou Rouge	1850	65
Bayou Rouge Prairie	1839	65
Belle Grove	1825-26	100
Bellevue	1849-52	50
*Big Bend	1849	--
Big Cane	1868	50
Boeuff Prairie	1845	60
Bonnet Carre	1827-52	55/40
Breau's Bridge	1846-51	50
Brangler	1821-47	75/35
Brully Landing	1845-50	50
Burr's Ferry	1847	60
Campiti	1838-52	60

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Carlin Settlement	1813-17	125	Marksville	1826-48	60/40
Carrollton	1848-54	50	Millikens Bend	1842-50	45
Catahoula C House	1814-15	100	Monroe	1823-31	45
Centreville	1844-46	40	Monticello	1850-54	50
Charenton	1846-51	50	*Montpelier	1830	--
Cheneyville	1822-44	75/35	Morganzia	1847	60
Cherry Ridge	1852	60	Mound Bayou	1855	55
Church	1854	60	Mt. Lebanon	1840-47	45
Clinton	1827-44	35	Mt. Pleasant	1820-39	75/50
Cloutierville	1843-55	40	Mt. Washington	1831	90
Columbia	1844-53	50	Mt. Willing	1830-36	60
Colvins	1847	50	Natchitoches	*1814, 1815-35	75/35
Concordia	1835-50	60	New Carthage	1842-53	45
Connells X Roads	1852	60	New Iberia, Nova Iberia	1814-52	75/35
Constantia	1818	125	*New Orleans	1843	--
Convent	1848	60	New River	1841-47	50
Cookes Store	1856	60	Oak Grove	1843-51	45
Copenhagen	1841	65	Oakly	185-	50
Coquille	1832-37	75	Opelousas	1812-46	125/75/35
Cotile	1822-48	75/45	Ouachita	1817	150
Coushatta Chute	1847-53	50	Ouachita City	1848	60
Covington	1817-38	75/45	Overton	1838-48	45
Cranes Forge	1851	60	Paincourtville	1840-50	50
Darlington	1839	65	Parham's Landing	1850-53	55
Deerfield	1847-50	50	Pecan Grove	1844-50	50
Dennis Mills	1851	50	Perry's Bridge	1832-49	55
Donaldsonville	1824	75	Petite Coquille	1828	75
Dubourg	1817-21	75	Pine Grove	1836-37	60
Dutch Settlement	1820-43	75/40	Pineville	1853	55
Evergreen	1855-59	50	Plains Store	1853	50
Fairview	1847	75	Plaquemine	1824-37	65/50
Farmerville	1842	60	Pleasant Hill	1854	55
Flat Lick	1855	50	Point Coupee	1821-50	75/40
*Fort Jackson	1831	--	Port Hudson	1834-49	45
Fort Jesup	1833-36	60	Port Vincent	1834	125
Fort Pike	1844	75	Quay	1852	75
*Fort St. Philip	1812	--	Red River Landing	1853	55
Franklin	1817-31	65/40	Richland Hill	1826-36	60
Franklinton	1853	60	Richmond	1840-55	45
German Coast	1818-22	100	Ringgold	1851	55
Goffsboro	1830	75	Rosefield	1852	55
Grand Cane	1841-45	50	Russellville	1836	60
Grand Coteau	1839	60	St. Charles	1848	50
Grand Ecore	1847-54	50	St. Francisville	1812-34	100/40
Greensburg	1836-52	40	St. Helena	1813-35	125/45
Greenwood	1842-43	60	St. Joseph	1838-52	50
Grosse Tete	1849-51	50	St. Martinsville	1817-52	75/35
Hard Times	1845	60	Scottsville	1850-54	50
Harrisonburg	1823-42	50/35	Shiloh	1855	55
Holmesville	1852-54	50	Shreveport	1839-43	50
Houma	1834-51	40	Simmesport	1844-52	50
Huddleston	1848	55	Sonat	1851	55
Iberville	1815-51	65/50	Springfield	1833-49	50
Indian Village	1854	60	Spring Ridge	1844-47	45
Interior Parish	1822	100	Star	1848	75
Ion	1855	55	Stony Point	1842-49	45
Isle Brevelle	1820-26	100	Summer Grove	1840-47	60
Jackson	1819-37	60/35	The Village	1842-48	50
Jacksonville Springs	1819-30	100/75	Thibodauxville	1830	75
Jeaneretts	1846-52	40	*Thompson's Creek	1814-15	--
Keachie	1849-60	50	Tompkinsville	1835	75
Kingston	1856	55	Toro	1852	65
Lafayette City	1836-46	60	Trenton	185-	55
LaFourche	1814-24	90	Trinity	1843-52	45
Lake Charles	1851-52	60	Tylersville	1844	65
Lake Providence	1829-40	40	Vermillion Bridge	1823	125
Laurel Hill	1829-48	40	Vermillionville	1826	100
Livonia	185-	55	Vernon	1851	55
Lobdell's Store	1845-52	45	Vidalia	1843	65
Logansport	1850	60	Ville Platte	1850	60
Logtown	1849-52	50	Warsaw	1857	55
Law's Ferry	1839-45	100	Washington	1843-46	55
Madisonville	*1814, 1819-41	75/40	Waterloo	1851	60
Manchac	1828-50	40	Waterproof	1845-50	45
Mansfield	1847	50	White Sulphur Springs	1850-55	50
Mansura	1850-51	50	Williamsport	1848-49	55
Many	1847-54	40	Winnsborough	1854	55
Marburyville	1829	75	Youngs Point	1844-54	45
Marion	1852	60			

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