
THE POSTMARKS OF NICARAGUA

from the prestamp era through circa 1920

compiled by Kilian E. Nathan and based on his collections

Heinze Postmark Period VI

double oval plus inside oval

“ADMINISTRACION DE CORREOS DE / REPUBLICA / DE NICARAGUA”

VI. PERIOD, not V. PERIOD

V. PERIOD

In about the middle of 1898 a new type of oval rubber handstamp appeared. It varies from the former one in several respects. As the "REPUBLICA MAYOR DE CENTRO AMERICA" did not exist any more, the new oval cancels were changed in the upper part into "ADMINISTRACION DE CORREOS", in the lower part the name of the town in capital letters and in the center part of the oval and over the date - which comes in smaller letters - we read REPUBLICA and in the lower half DE NICARAGUA.

As these rubber made obliterations were not very solid, they had to be replaced quite often, specially in larger Post Offices, and therefore vary in the type of lettering. The cancels of this period were used in all Post Offices of the country, also in the Mosquito Coast. (Fig. 1)



fig. 1

For very small Post Offices the same type of obliterations was used but reading AGENCIA POSTAL DE in the upper part. In dwellings where there existed only a Telegraph Office, the upper part of the cancels reads OFICINA TELEGRAFICA DE. These obliterations were also used for cancelling letters. (Fig. 2 and 3)



fig. 2



fig. 3

N I C A R A G U A

1 8 9 9

2 centavos postcard of 1898 together with german 5 Pfennig stamp

KAIS. DEUTSCHE MARINESCHIFFSPOST

Visit of S.M.S. "GEIER" in CORINTO / Nicaragua



Postcard from Corinto to Kiel, Germany



Cancelled Corinto July 4, 1899

German stamp cancelled KAIS. DEUTSCHE MARINE SCHIFFSPOST
No 36 * 7 / 7 99 *

Arrival postmark Kiel July ? , 1899

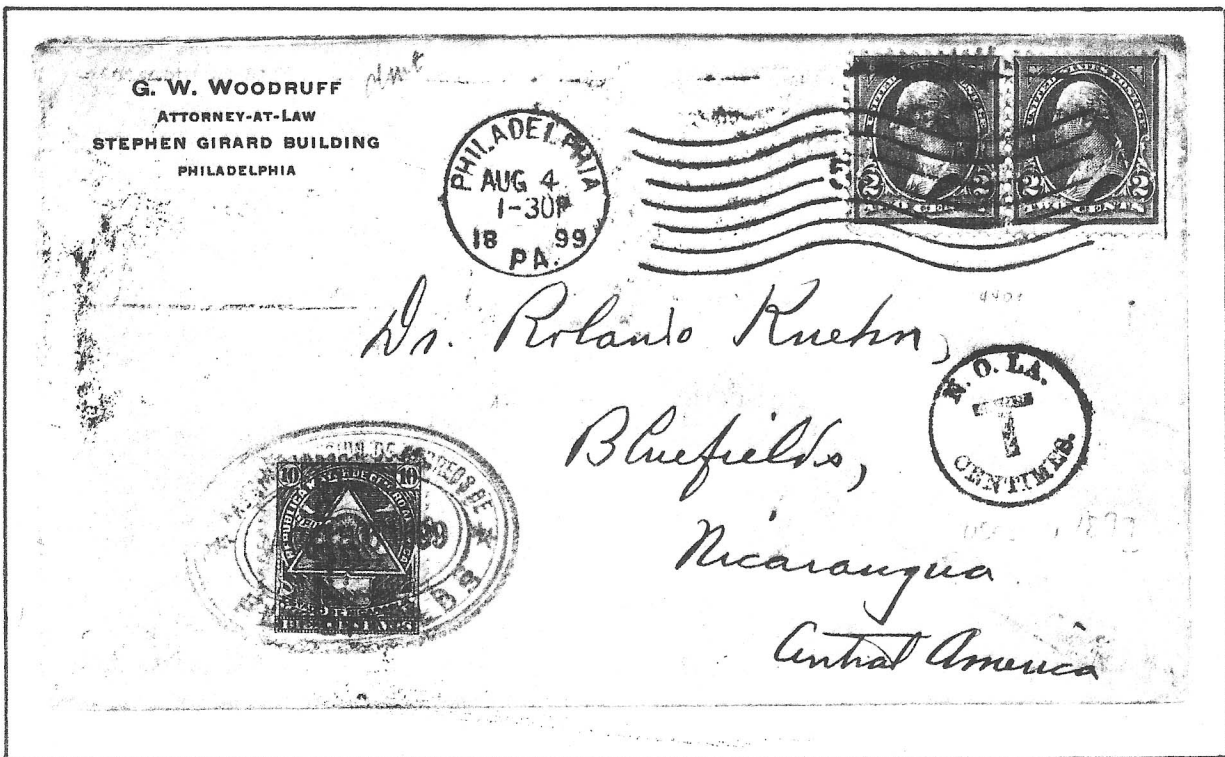
The German fourth-class cruiser S.M.S. "GEIER" was on the West-America station in 1899. Sailing NORTH, the ship visited CORINTO early in July 1899 !

N I C A R A G U A

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TELEGRAPH STAMP USED FOR TAX

Cover from PHILADELPHIA, PA. to BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua



Cancelled PHILADELPHIA August 4, 1899
 Transit postmark New Orleans, August 6, 1899
 TAX mark from NEW ORLEANS, LA.
 Arrival postmark Bluefields August 15, 1899
 TAXED in BLUEFIELDS with 10 centavos TELEGRAPH stamp

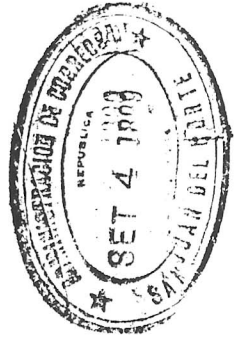
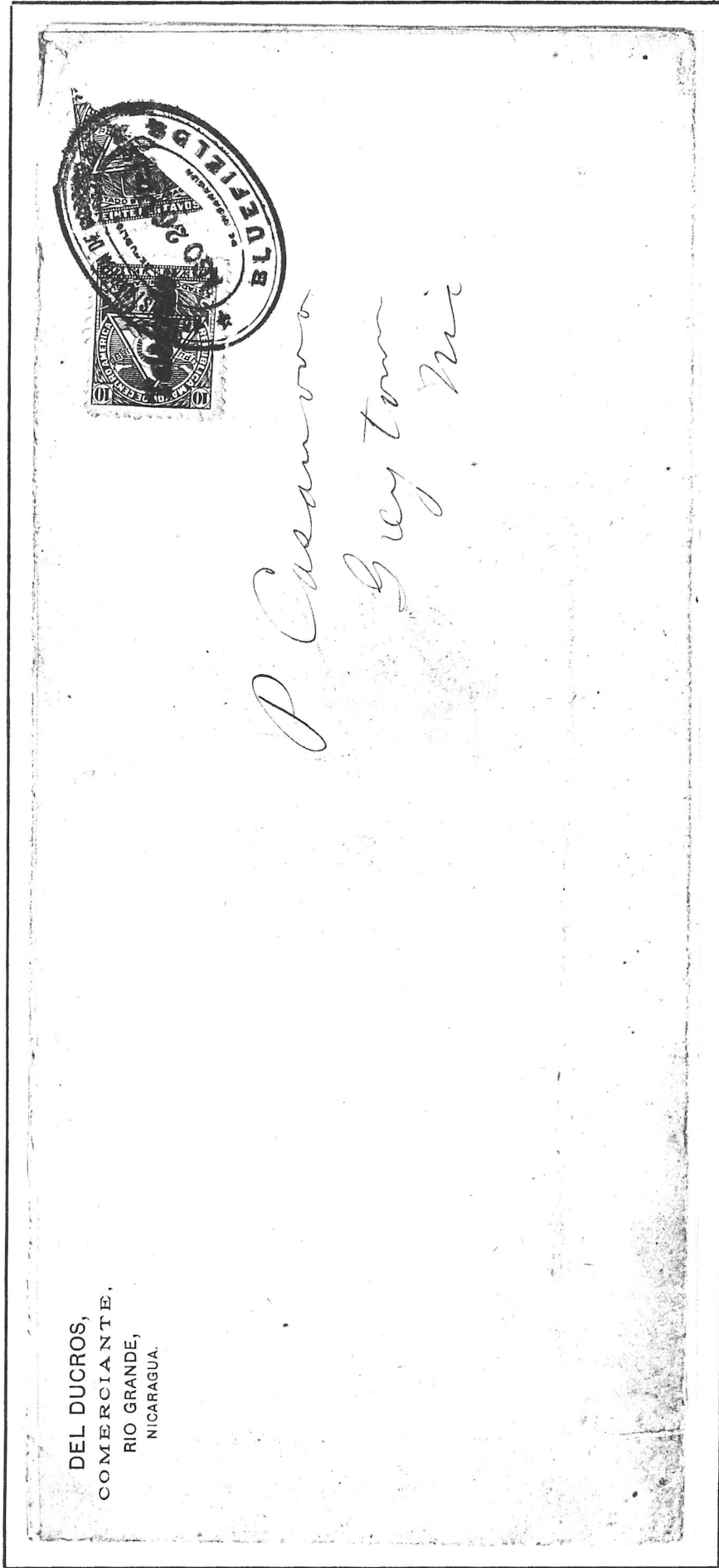


N I C A R A G U A

Cover from Bluefields to Greytown / San Juan del Norte / Nic.

1899

TELEGRAPH STAMPS used for postage!



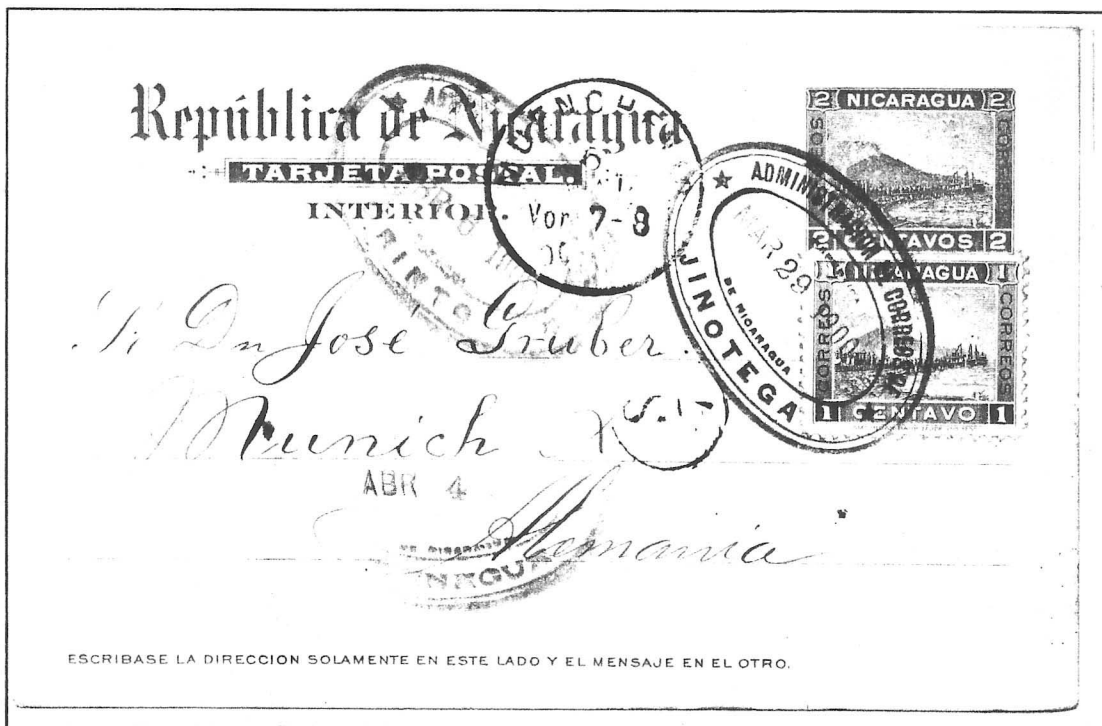
Cancelled Bluefields August 26, 1899
Arrival postmark San Juan del Norte September 4, 1899

N I C A R A G U A

1900, engraved

Printed: American Bank Note Co., New York

Postcard from Jinotega to Munich, Germany

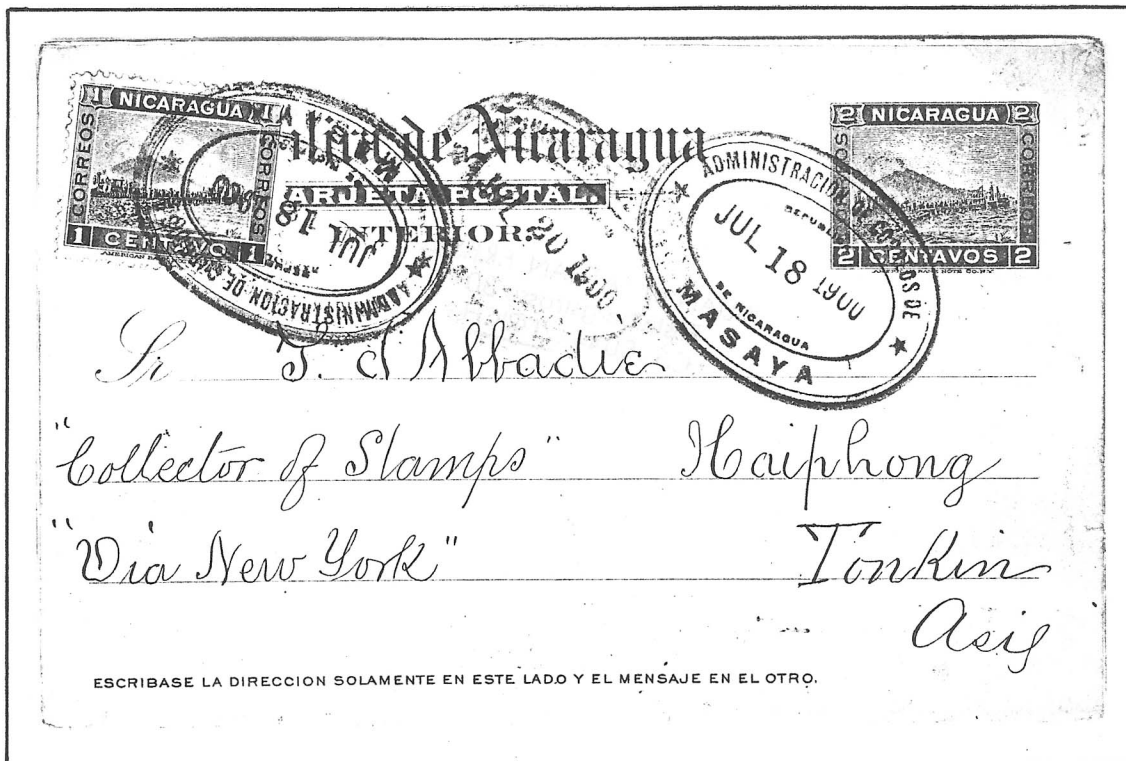


Cancelled Jinotega March 29, 1900
Transit postmark Managua April 4, 1900
Transit postmark Corinto April 6, 1900
Arrival postmark Munich May 6, 1900
Munich postmark S 7 in circle

N I C A R A G U A

1 9 0 0

Postcard from MASAYA to HAIPHONG / Tonkin



Sr:
 Will exchange Nicaragua & Central
 American stamps for those of your
 country
 Yours truly
 J. W. Jacoby
 Masaya
 Nicaragua
 Central America

Masaya July 16 1900

TONKIN

NEW YORK
 JUL 17
 2 30 PM '00

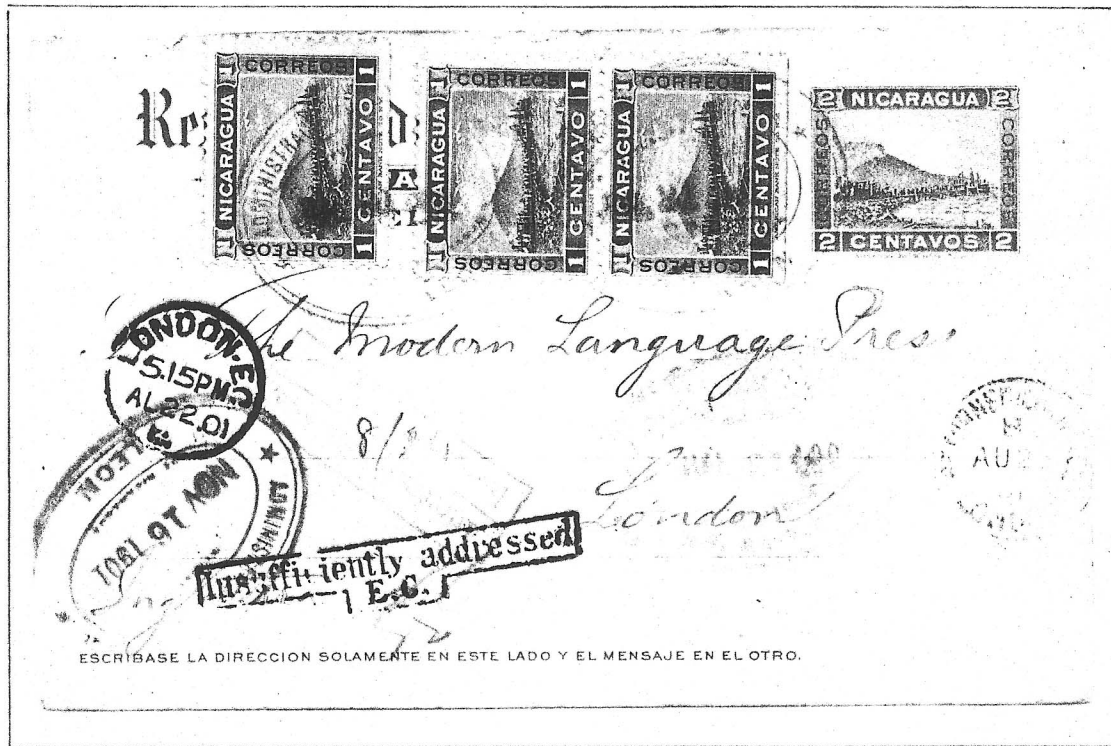
Very rare destination!

N I C A R A G U A

1900

Printed: American Bank Note Co., New York

Postcard from Leon & London, England and returned to Leon, Nicaragua



Cancelled Leon July 21, 1901
Transit postmark Corinto July 21, 1901
Arrival postmark London August 22, 1901

Stamped in black and in violet: **Insufficiently addressed E.C.**

Postmark: RETURNED L POSTOFFICE LONDON August 23, 1901

Arrival postmark (return) Leon November 16, 1901

N I C A R A G U A

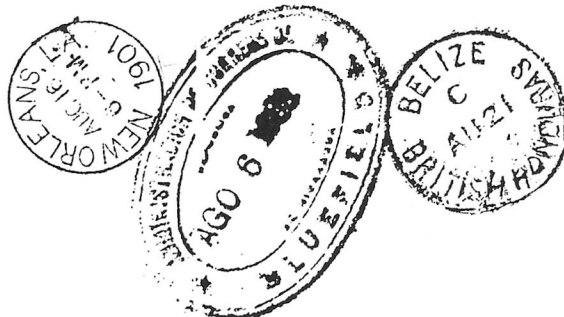
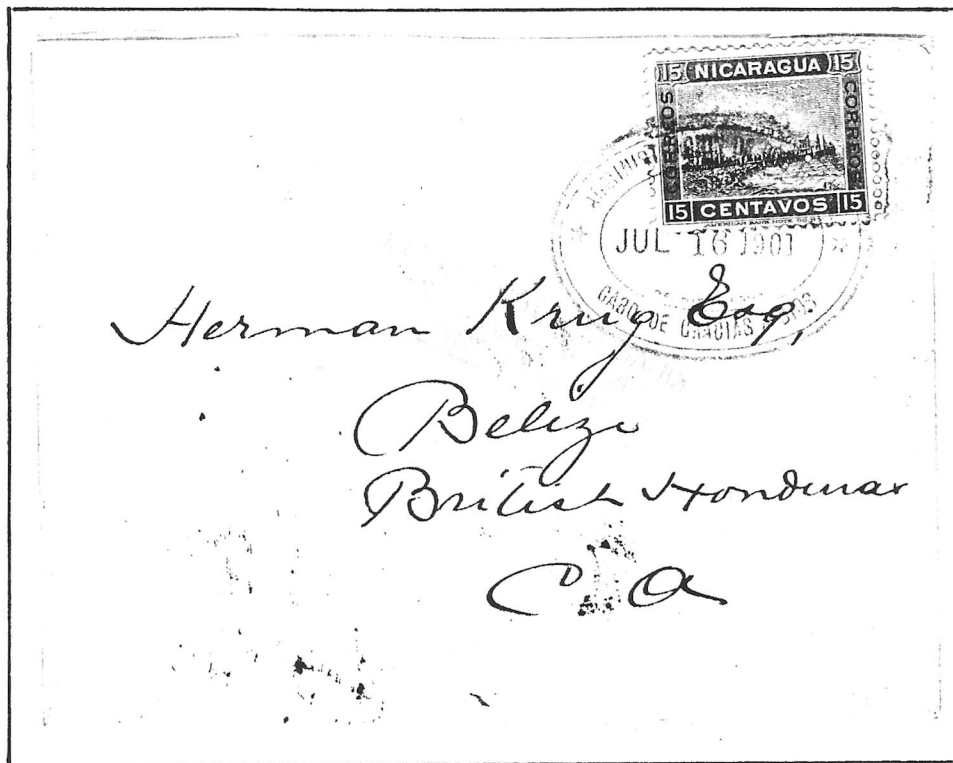
B E L I Z E (British Honduras)

1900, engraved

Printed: American Bank Note Co., New York



Cover from CABO GRACIAS A DIOS to BELIZE / British Honduras

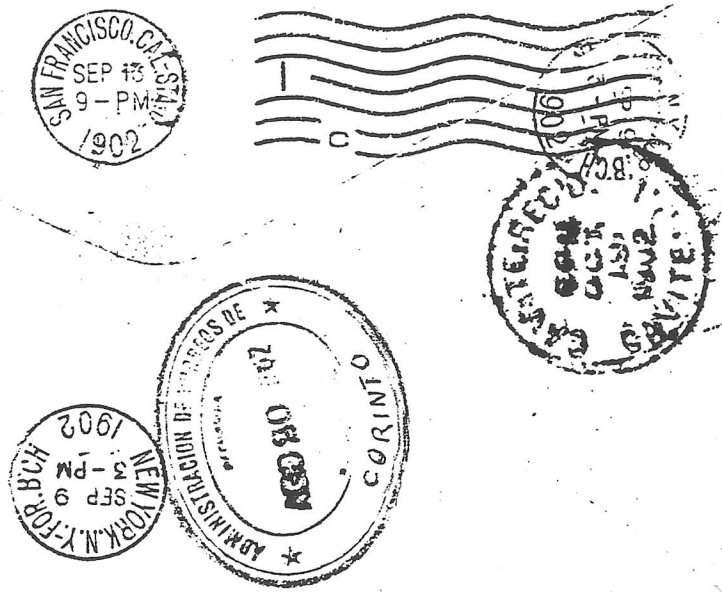
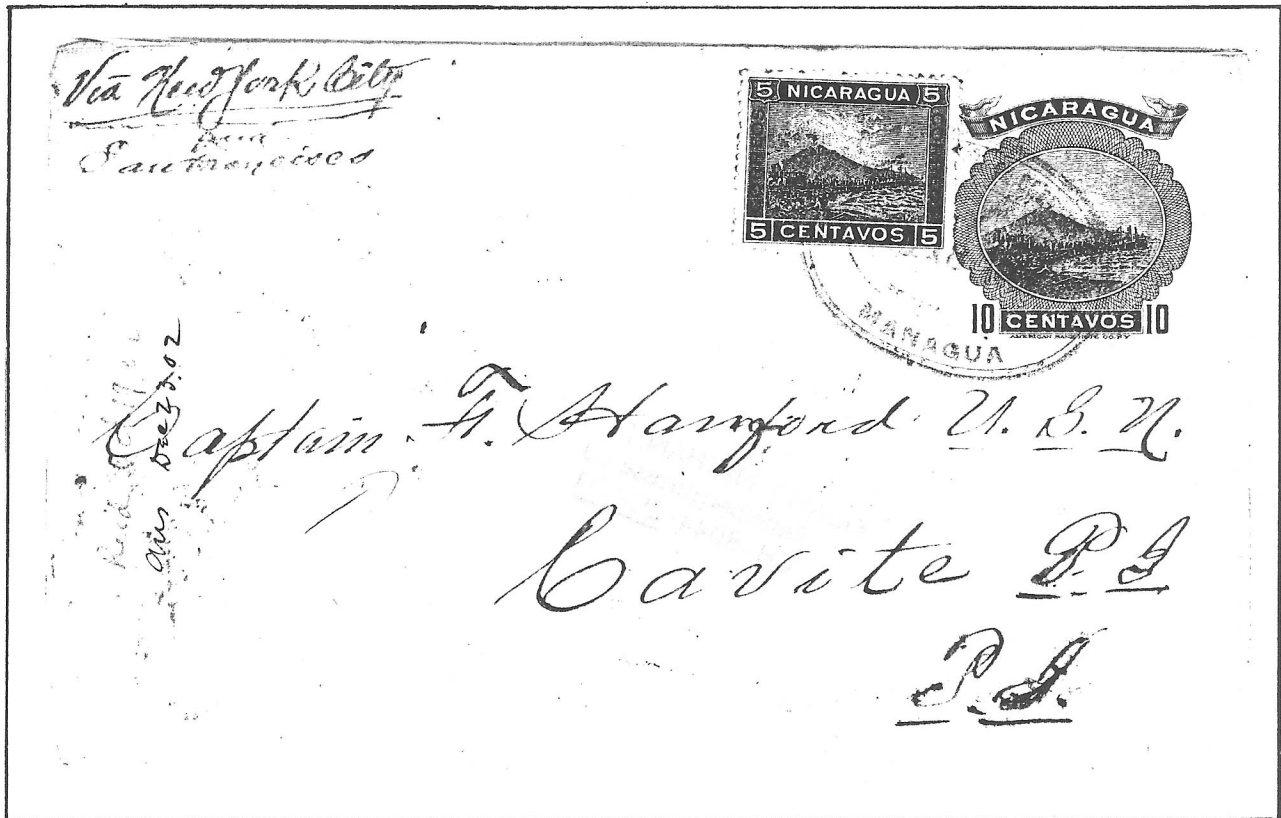


N I C A R A G U A

1900, engraved

Printed: American Bank Note Co., New York

Cover from Managua to CAVITE / Philippine Islands



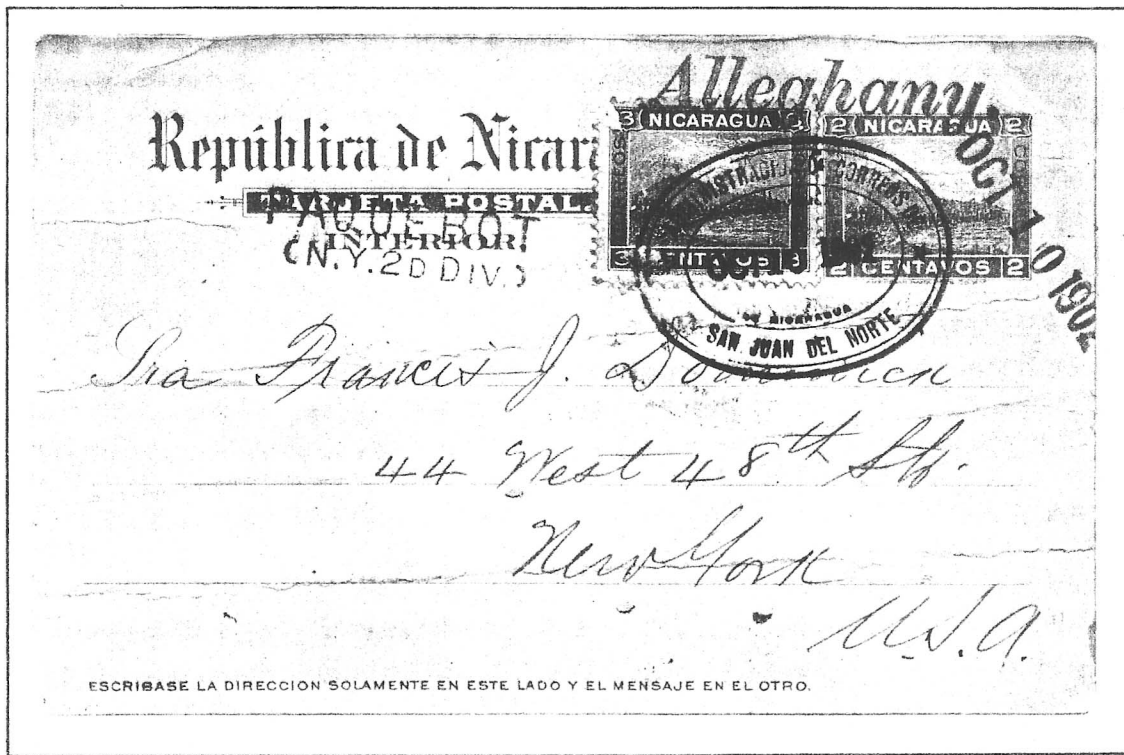
Captain Franklin Hanford was Commander of U.S.S. "ALERT" (on duty in NICARAGUA 1896)

N I C A R A G U A

Alleghany.

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Postcard from SAN JUAN DEL NORTE to New York, N.Y. / U.S.A.



Cancelled SAN JUAN DEL NORTE October 10, 1902

Mailboat marking of Hamburg Amerika Linie, Steamer "Alleghany" dated October 10, 1902

Postmark: PAQUEBOT (N.Y. 2D Div.)

Arrival postmark New York October 21, 1902

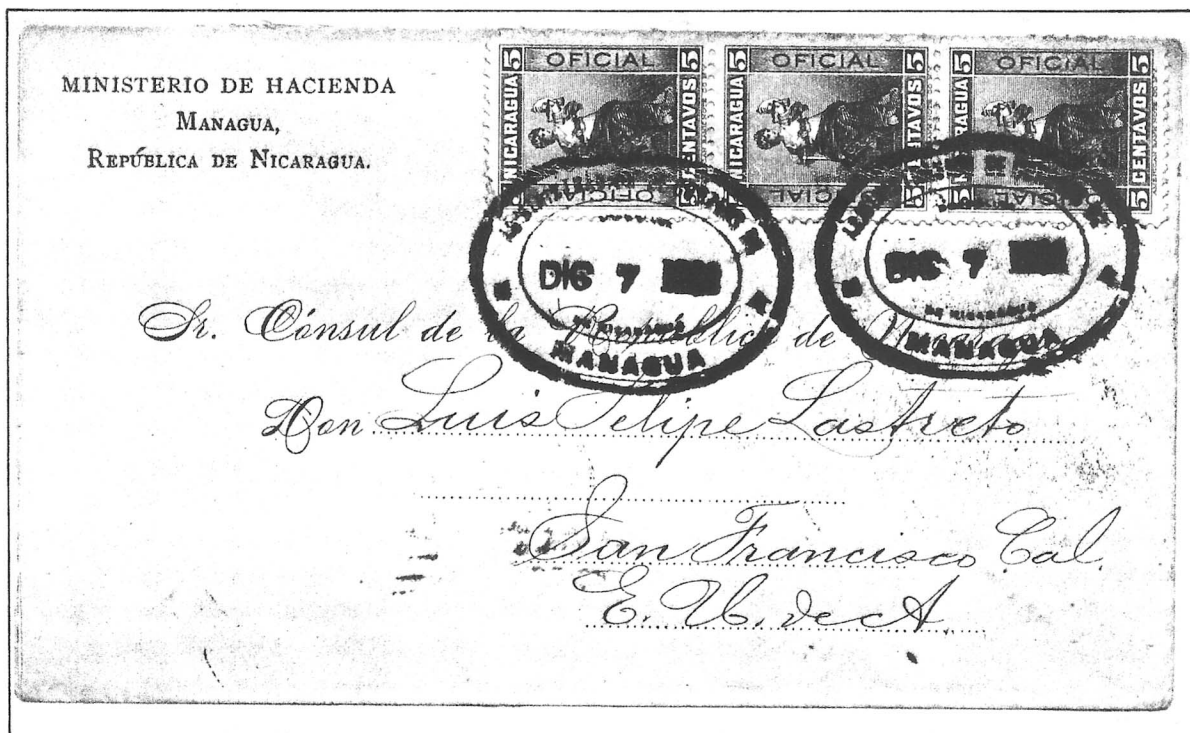
PAQUEBOT
(N.Y. 2D DIV.)



N I C A R A G U A

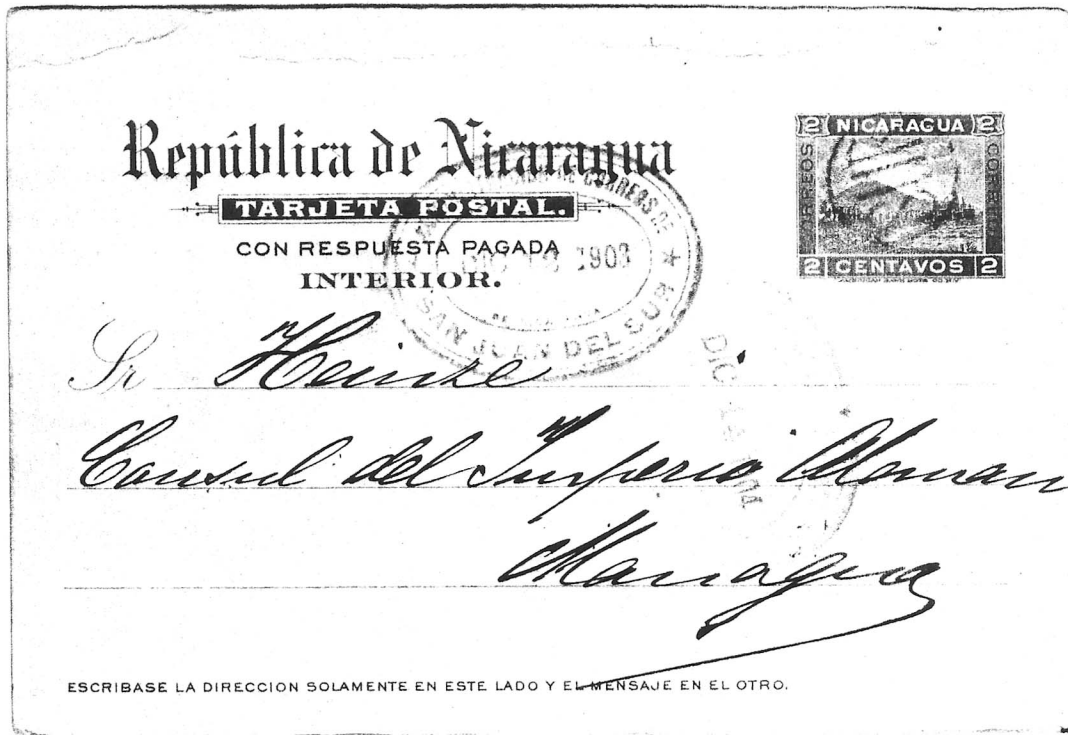
1900

Official cover from Managua to San Francisco, Cal.

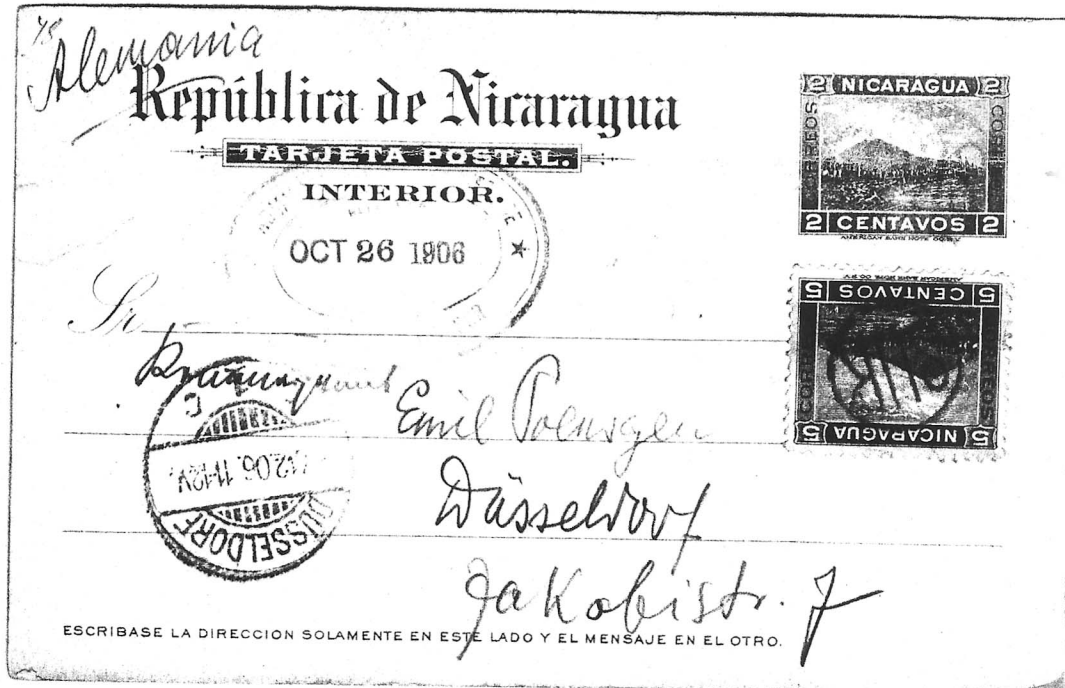


Cancelled Managua December 7, 1902
Transit postmark Corinto Dec. ? , 1902
Arrival postmark San Francisco Jan. 5, 1903

December 12, 1903



October 26, 1906



N I C A R A G U A

1903 / 1904

Stamps issued to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the first election of President Zelaya.

Engraved, printed American Bank Note Co., New York

FIRST ISSUE

Cover from JINOTEPE to Danville, Ill. / U.S.A.



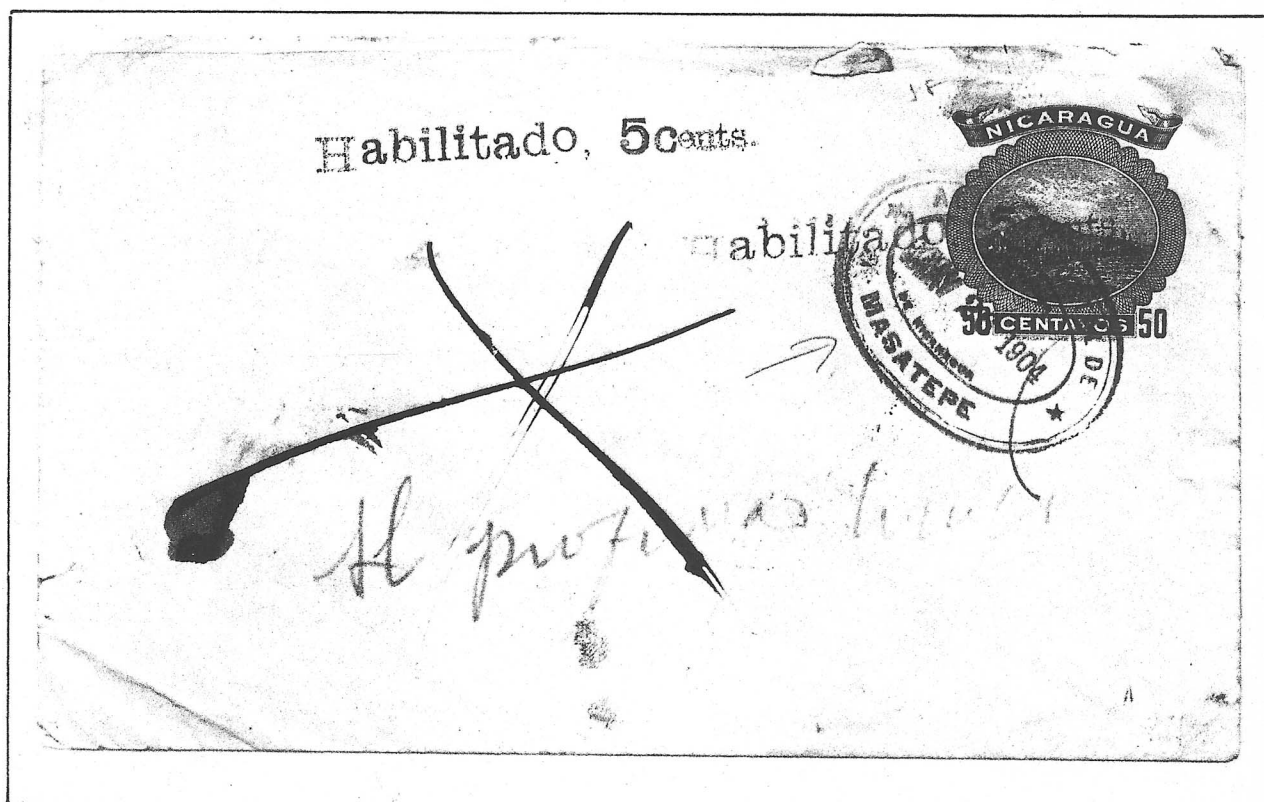
Cancelled JINOTEPE May ? , 1904
Transit postmark Corinto May 27, 1904
Transit postmark New York June 8, 1904
Arrival postmark Danville, Ill. June 9, 1904

N I C A R A G U A

Envelope 1904

Variety: DOUBLE surcharge

Cover from MASATEPE to Managua, Nic.



Cancelled MASATEPE May 26, 1904
Arrival postmark Managua May 26, 1904



N I C A R A G U A

1903 Engraved

Cancel: OFICINA TELEGRAFICA DE

Printed: American Bank Note Co., New York

Postcard from La Libertad to Goslar, Germany



Cancelled La Libertad November 20, 1904
Transit postmark Juigalpa November 21, 1904
Transit postmark Corinto November 23, 1904
Arrival postmark Goslar December 24, 1904

November 19? 1900

República de Nicaragua

TARJETA POSTAL

INTERIOR.



Via

Alberto Petter & Co.

Leon

ESCRIBASE LA DIRECCION SOLAMENTE EN ESTE LADO Y EL MENSAJE EN EL OTRO.

January 4, 1905

República de Nicaragua

TARJETA POSTAL

INTERIOR.



Via

Salvador Cardenal & Co. Sda

Leon

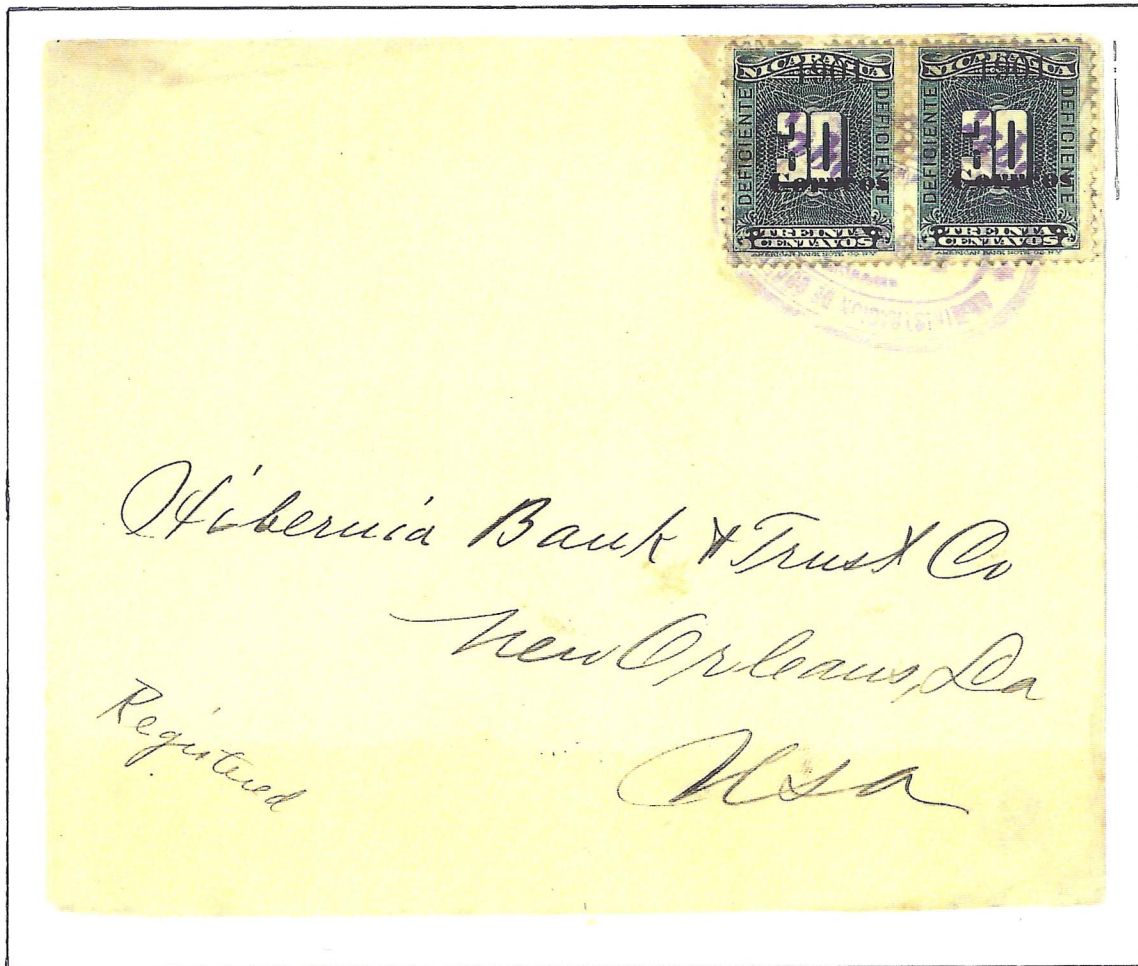
ESCRIBASE LA DIRECCION SOLAMENTE EN ESTE LADO Y EL MENSAJE EN EL OTRO.

N I C A R A G U A

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Postage Due stamp of 1900, validated for regular postage in 1901,
handstamped in VIOLET: *Cabo*

Cover from CABO GRACIAS A DIOS to New Orleans, LA., / U.S.A.



Cancelled CABO GRACIAS A DIOS February ? , 1905
Transit postmark Bluefields February 14, 1905
Arrival postmark New Orleans, LA. February 20, 1905



STAMP (so far: 1993) NOT LISTED !

N I C A R A G U A

1903

Official cover from Managua to Bombay, India

50 50

Official stamps of 1900 overprinted in BLACK:

50 Cts.

REPÚBLICA DE NICARAGUA

MINISTERIO
DE

RELACIONES EXTERIORES.

*J. J. Hardcastle,
Sr. J. E. Consul de Nicaragua*

*Bombay, India
Inglaterra*



Cancelled Managua February 23, 1906
Transit postmark Corinto February 23, 1906
Transit postmark SEA POST OFFICE April 1, 1906

N I C A R A G U A

1905, engraved, perf. 12

Printed: American Bank Note Co., New York



J.-Nr. N 2-10/06

Postcard from Managua to TIVAPPI / WAWA , Mosquito Coast



Cancelled Managua April 8, 1906

Transit postmark Bluefields April 16, 1906

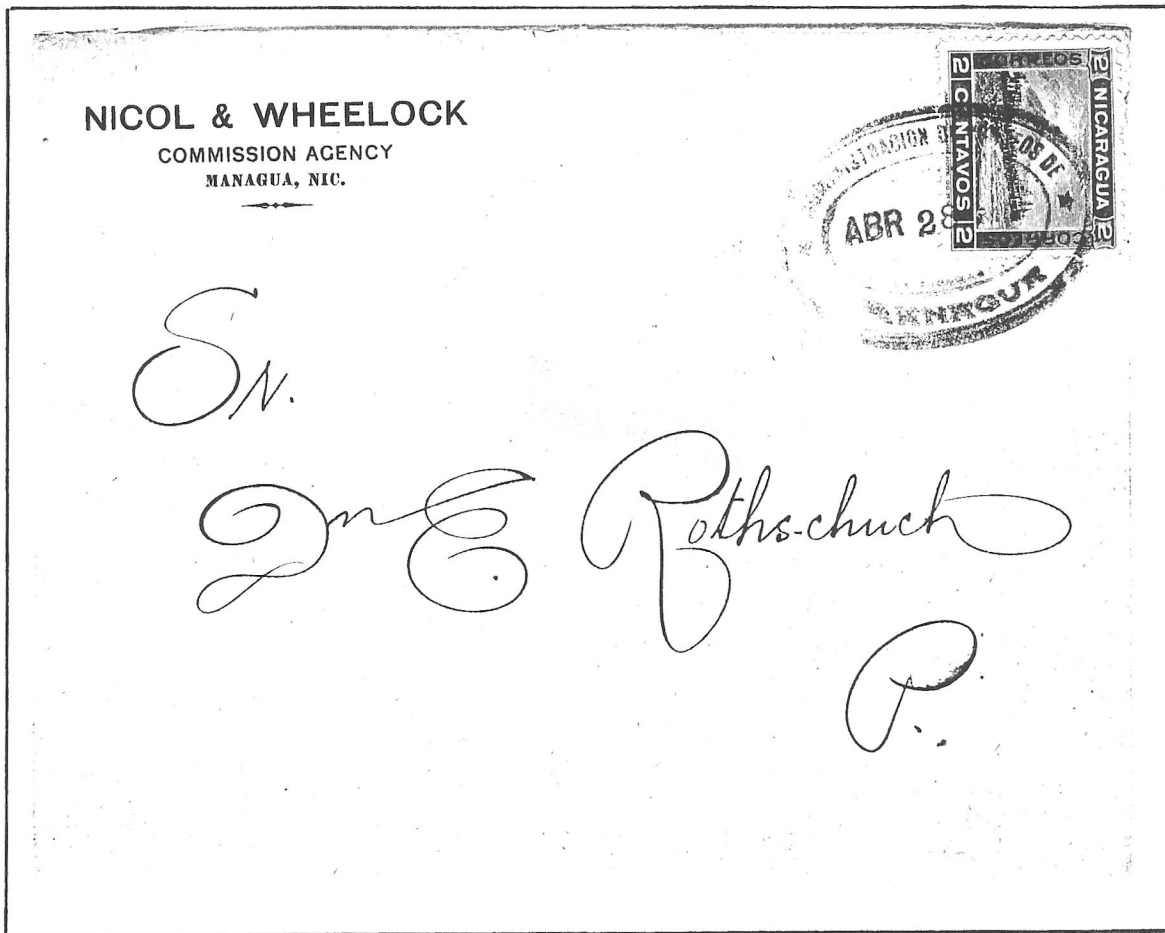


N I C A R A G U A

1900, engraved

Printed: American Bank Note Co., New York

L O C A L cover from Managua, Nic.



Cancelled Managua April 28, 19??

" P " on cover stands for "PRESENTE"

Local franking of 2 centavos!

NICOL & WHEELOCK

COMMISSION AGENCY
MANAGUA, NIC.



SN.

Dr E Rothschuck
P.

I do not think that many covers with this franking still exist. Only few letters (local) were sent through the mail at all, as all these people had servants who would deliver the mail personally! The section of ^{Managua} ~~Managua~~ ^{where} ~~Managua~~ were most of these people lived and worked was not very large, specially not around 1900, so why go to the postoffice ... and pay some money?

P = P means PRESENTE