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# **THE POSTMARKS OF NICARAGUA**

**from the prestamp era through circa 1920**

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## **Heinze Postmark Period VI**

**double oval plus inside oval**

**"AGENCIA POSTAL DE"**

VI. PERIOD, not V. PERIOD

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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



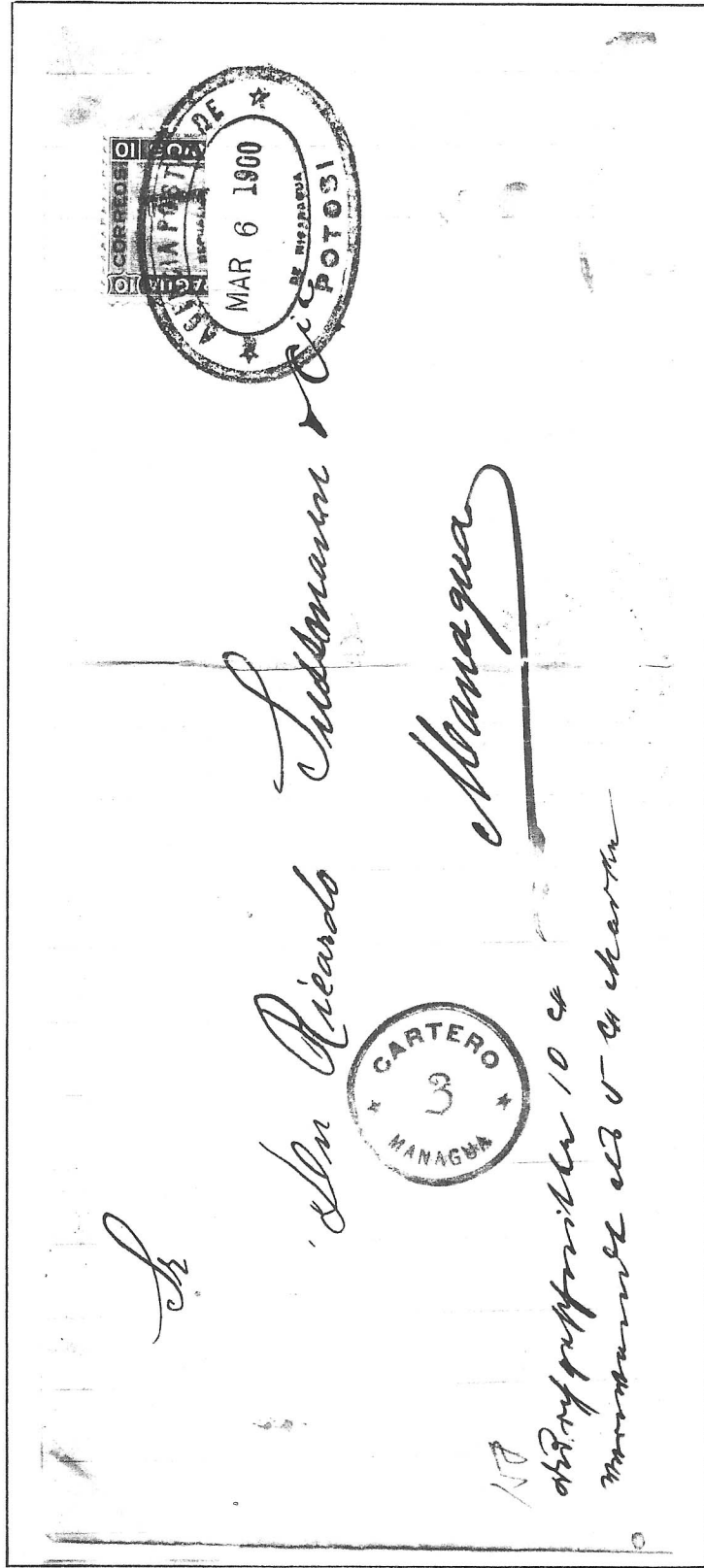
fig. 3

N I C A R A G U A

1900, Engraved

Printed: American Bank Note Co., New York

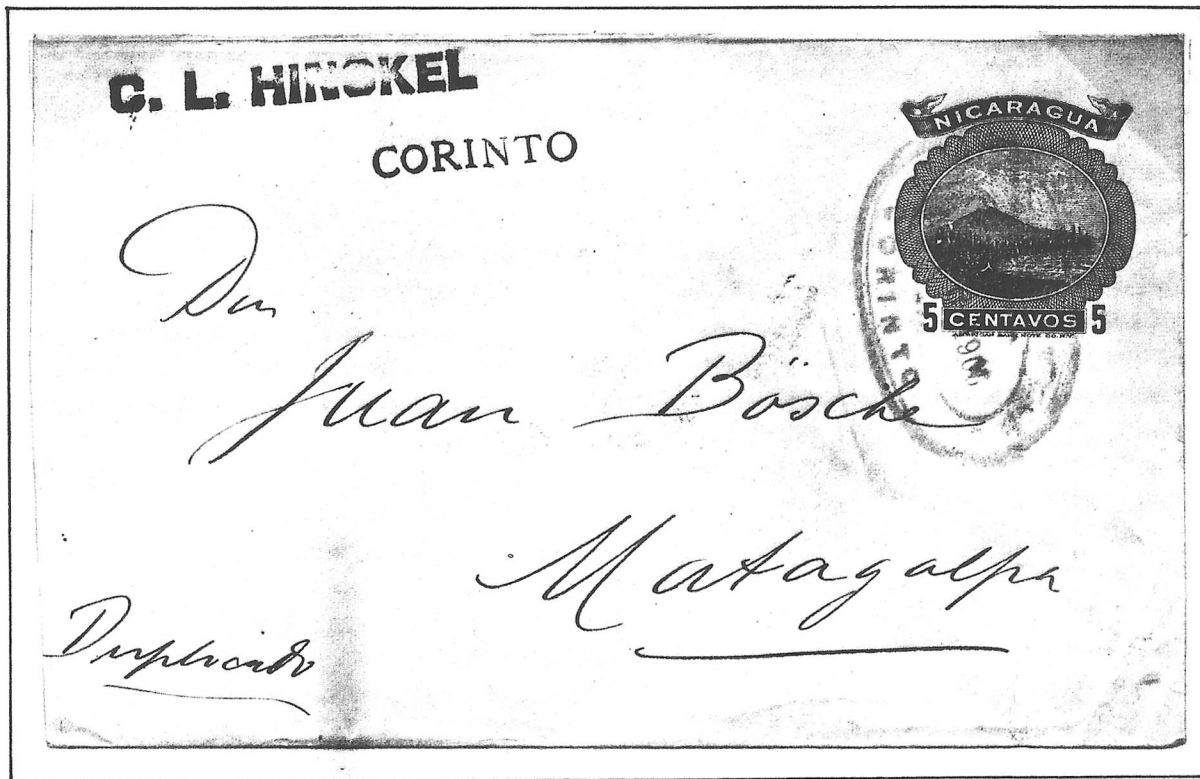
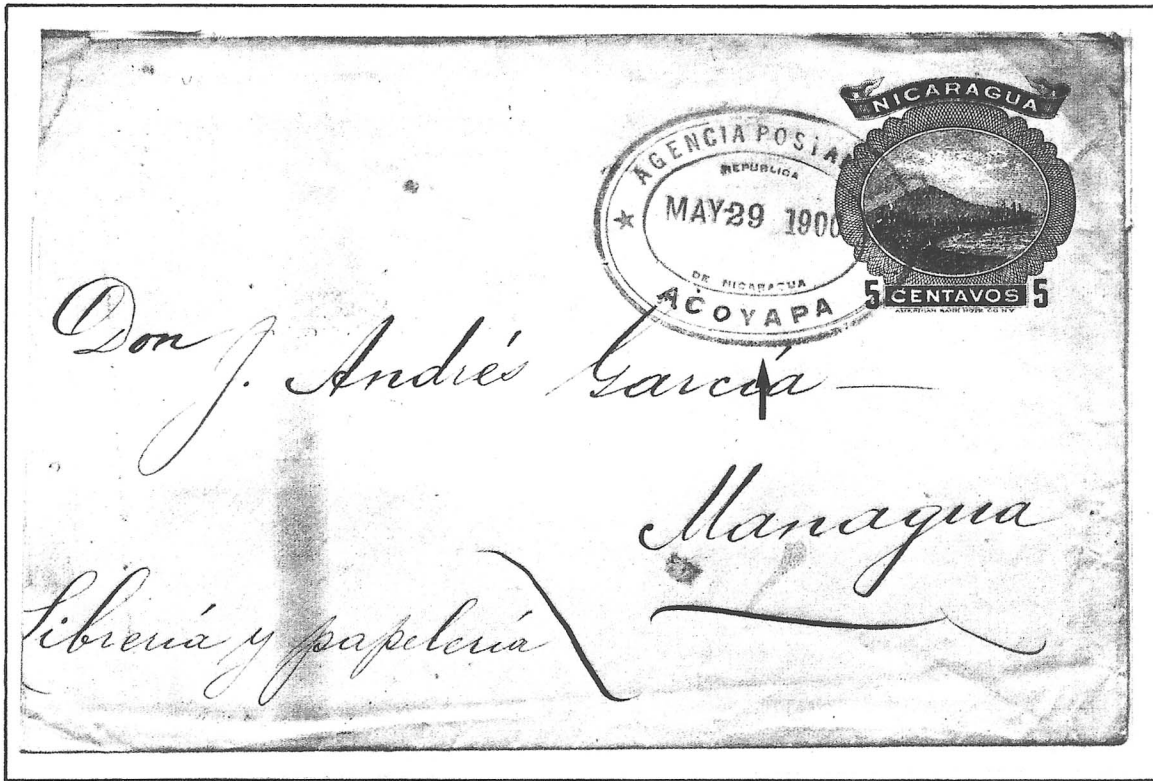
Cover from Potosi to Managua



Cancelled POTOSI March 6, 1900  
Transit postmark Rivas March 6, 1900  
Arrival postmark Managua March 7, 1900  
Postmark CARTERO \* 3 \* MANAGUA in circle

N I C A R A G U A

Envelope, 1900

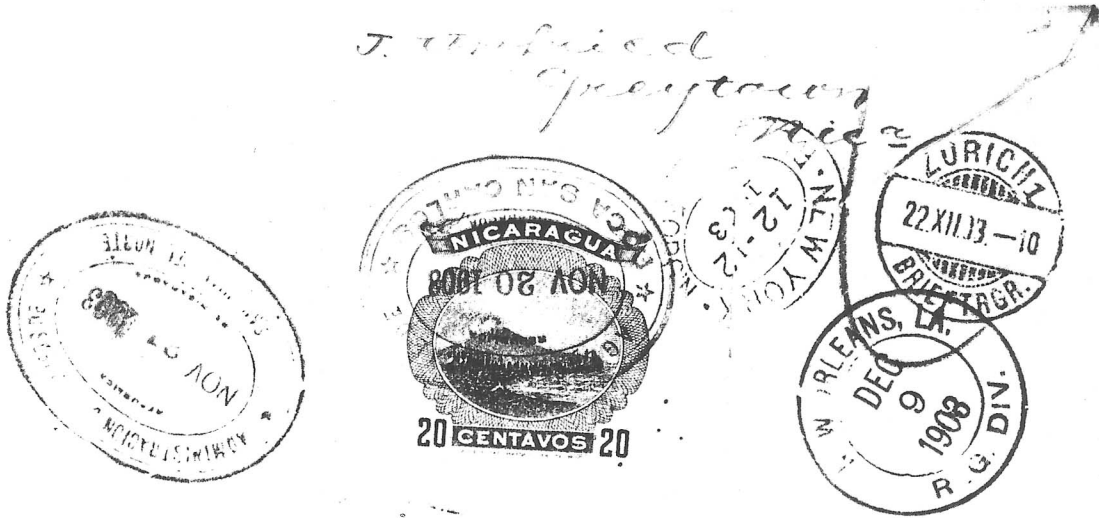


N I C A R A G U A

1 9 0 2 lithographed

Printed: Mr. H. Braunlich, New York

Cover from B O C A SAN CARLOS to Zürich, Switzerland



Momotombo square, Scott 133C, not cut from envelope

"ENVELOPE-CUT" used as postage stamp

N I C A R A G U A

1 9 0 2 - lithographed

Printed: H. Braunlich, New York

Postcard from SARATOGA / CATARINA to Rosario / Rep. Argentina



Hand-dated **Saratoga** February 21, 1904  
Cancelled **AGENCIA POSTAL CATARINA** February 23, 1904  
Transit postmark **Managua** February 23, 1904  
Transit postmark **Corinto** February 26, 1904  
Transit postmark **VALPARAISO / CHILE** April 5, 1904  
Transit postmark **MENDOZA / ARGENTINA** April 7, 1904 !!