

## CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC COVERS USAGES FROM NEW JERSEY

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Celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War is the theme of NOJEX 2011 that will be held at the Crown Plaza Meadowlands Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey on May 27-29, 2011. The Court of Honor at the Show will feature six frames of Civil War patriotic covers postmarked from a wide variety of New Jersey towns. Several are shown on the pages that follow. This Court of Honor exhibit is part of an extensive collection owned by Richard Micchelli. In 1992, his collection was featured in *NJPH* as the Society's 100<sup>th</sup> issue of its journal.

Richard will be the Society's featured speaker at its annual meeting at NOJEX on Sunday, May 29 at noon at which he will discuss the use of Civil War patriotic covers in New Jersey. Please be sure to attend what will be a most interesting presentation.



*Fig. 1: Recruiting poster for New Jersey Company A.*

## Copper Hill



Fig. 2: A patriotic lettersheet dated August 14, 1863, at Copper Hill. This lettersheet was enclosed in the envelope below.



Fig. 3: Cover with a faint Copper Hill manuscript cancel dated Aug. 15, 1863, to Rahway, NJ.

This 1863 writer enclosed a patriotic lettersheet in this envelope.

Beverly



Fig. 4: Patriotic lettersheet dated Sep. 3 from Beverly, NJ to Tuckerton, NJ.

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Fig. 5: Cover dated Oct. 9? from Beverly, NJ to Lumberton, Burlington County, NJ.

## Bloomsbury



Fig. 6: Cover dated Mar. 10 from Bloomsbury, NJ to West Liberty, Ohio.

## Bridgeton



Fig. 7: Cover dated Nov. 16, 1864 from Bridgeton, NJ to Alfred Center, New York.

Come see these and many more New Jersey Civil War covers at NOJEX! Our Annual meeting will be on Sunday May 29th at noon – come join us for an interesting talk, and spend some time with your fellow members. Information on NOJEX is on page 61. We look forward to seeing you there!