

POSTAL DISTRICTS OF MEXICO (1856 – 1883)

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TIXTLA GUERRERO



OFFICES INCLUDED IN THE POSTAL DISTRICT

Office	Old name	Actual name	Location
Main	Tixtla Guerrero	Tixtla de Guerrero, Guerrero	N 17° 33' 56" W 99° 23' 55"
Sub-office	Ayutla	Ayutla de los Libres, Guerrero	N 16° 57' 53" W 99° 05' 49"
Sub-office	Chilapa	Chilapa de Alvarez, Guerrero	N 17° 35' 55" W 99° 10' 36"
Sub-office	C. de Yturbide	Iguala de la Independencia, Guerrero	N 18° 20' 37" W 99° 32' 21"
Sub-office	Ciudad Bravos	Chilpancingo de los Bravo, Guerrero	N 17° 33' 05" W 99° 30' 03"
Sub-office	Coyuca	Coyuca de Catalán, Guerrero	N 18° 19' 34" W 100° 41' 54"
Sub-office	Cuernavaca	Cuernavaca, Morelos	N 18° 55' 07" W 99° 14' 03"
Sub-office	Huamustitlan	Huamuxtitlán, Guerrero	N 17° 48' 02" W 98° 33' 51"
Sub-office	Iguala	Iguala de la Independencia, Guerrero	N 18° 20' 37" W 99° 32' 21"
Sub-office	Tepecoacuilco	Tepecoacuilco de Trujano, Guerrero	N 18° 17' 11" W 99° 27' 48"
Sub-office	Tetecala	Tetecala, Morelos	N 18° 43' 45" W 99° 23' 55"
Sub-office	Tlapa	Tlapa de Comonfort, Guerrero	N 17° 32' 46" W 98° 34' 35"
Sub-office	Yguala	Iguala de la Independencia, Guerrero	N 18° 20' 37" W 99° 32' 21"

CANCELED SERIES										
Office	Hidalgos			Aguila	Max	Prov.	Hidalgos			Juarez
	56	61	64	64	66	66-7	68	72	74	79
Tixtla Guerrero	X	X		(1)			X	X		
Ayutla								X		
Chilapa								X		
C. de Yturbide	X	X			X (2)					
Ciudad Bravos	X						X	X		
Coyuca							X	X		
Cuernavaca				X						
Huamustitlan	X									
Iguala							X	X		
Tepecoacuilco	X						X			
Tetecala	X									
Tlapa								X		
Yguala	X	X								

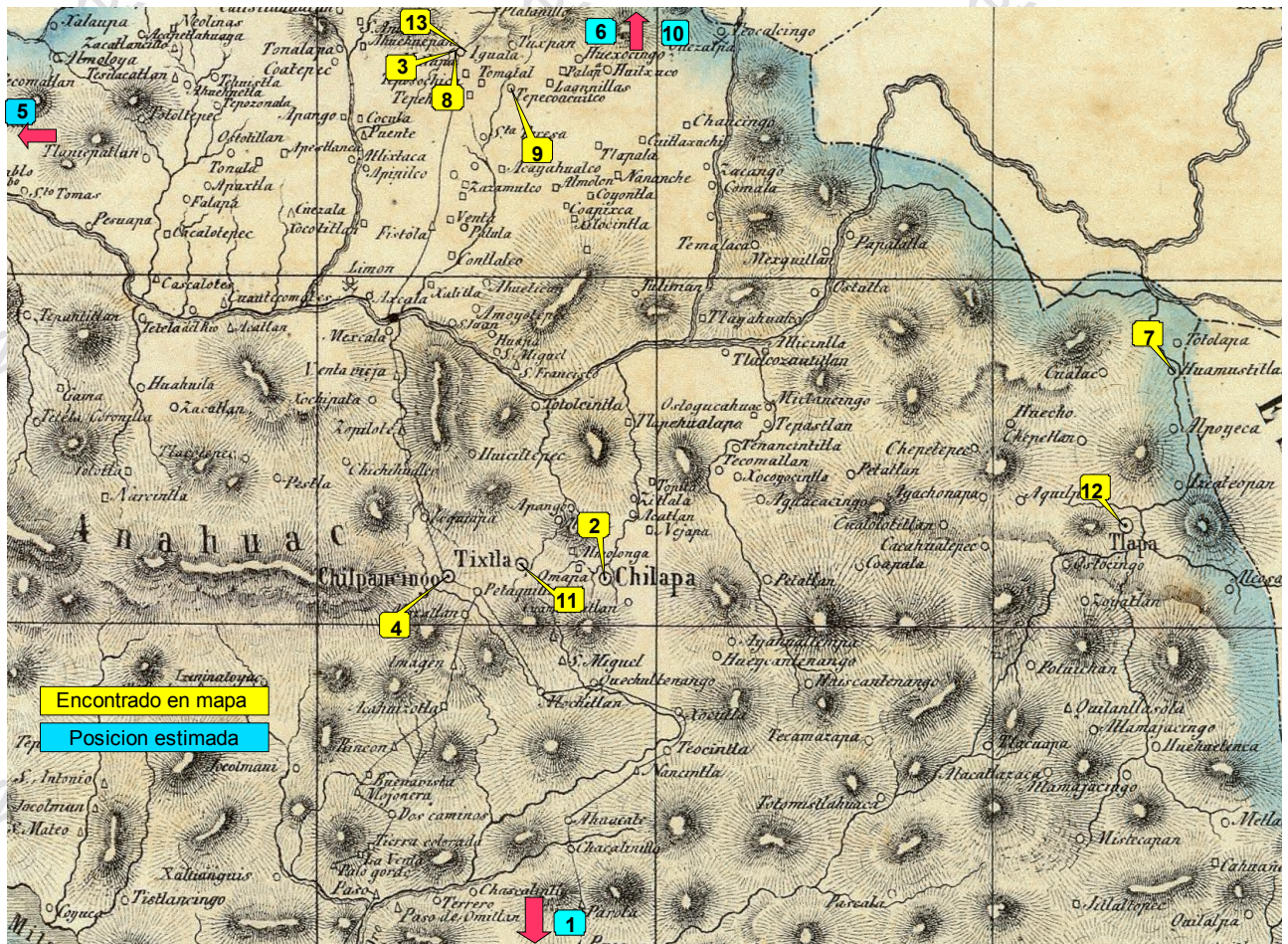
(1) Invoice 73-1866 did not reach Tixtla Guerrero, therefore they were not overmarked, and one stamp used in Cuernavaca and one unused are known. (2) Tixtla Guerrero did not receive shipments, this is an out-of-district use.

STAMPS USED (1)										
Denomination	Hidalgos			Aguila	Max	Prov.	Hidalgos			Juarez
	56 (2)	61 (3)	64	64 (4)	66	66-7	68 (5)	72 (6)	74	79
½ real	2,600	474								
1 real	1,700	880		400						
2 reales	6,460	1,270								
4 reales	780	300								
8 reales	600	340								
1 cts										
2 cts										
3 cts										
4 cts										
5 cts										
6 cts							7,495	¿?		
7 cts										
10 cts										
12 cts							13,113	¿?		
13 cts										
18 cts										
24 cts										
25 cts							11,388	¿?		
50 cts							1,078	¿?		
85 cts										
100 cts							432	¿?		
1 peso										

(1) Stamps sent less those returned. (2) Received 3 shipments between March 6, 1856, and March 26, 1861 (the first shipment was lost in transit), and made no returns. (3) Received 3 shipments between April 18, 1861, and April 22, 1863, and made no returns. (4) A single shipment, #73-1866, dated April 24, 1866, with no returns. (5) Received 2 shipments between September 8, 1868, and March 16, 1869, and made returns. (6) Amounts embedded in the invoices to Ciudad Bravos

MAPS OF THE 19TH AND 21ST CENTURY

MAP PREPARED BY ANTONIO GARCIA CUBAS IN 1856

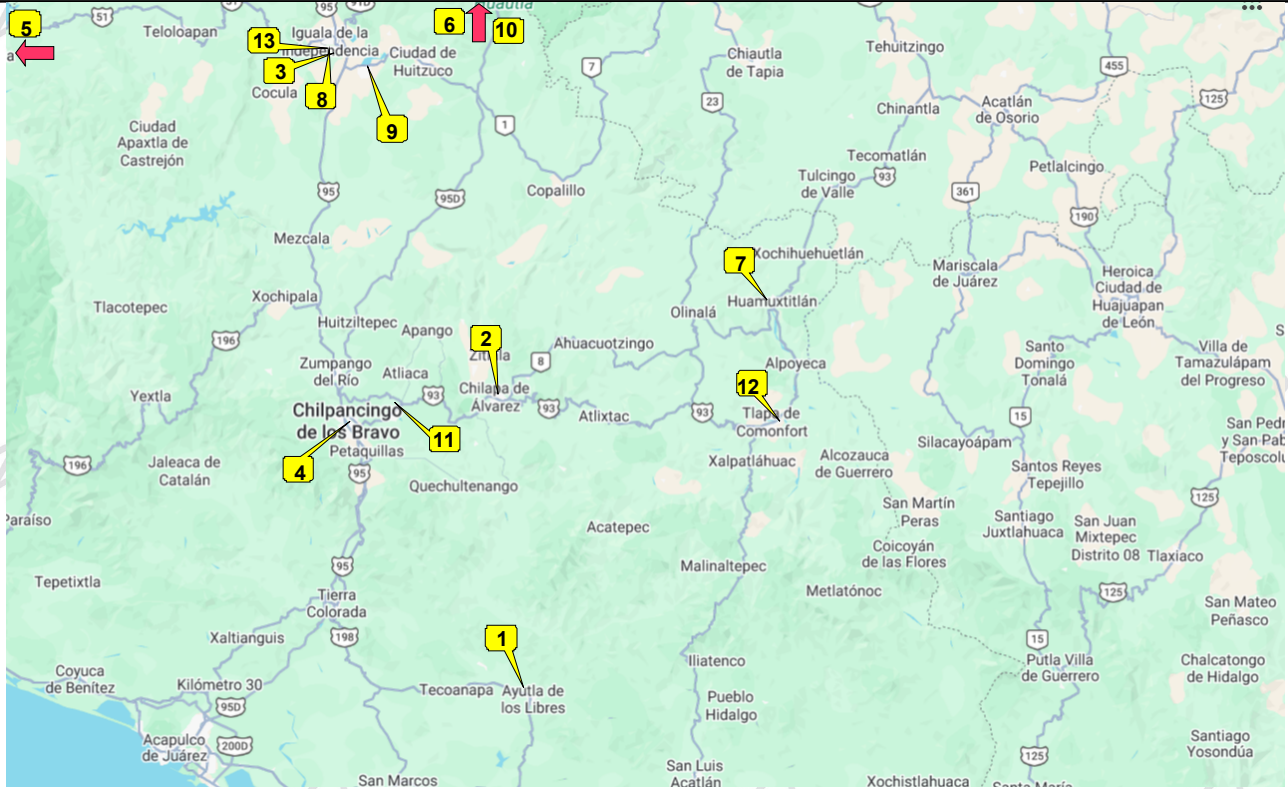


Notes:

Identifier Numbers (old names / alphabetical order): Ayutla (1), Chilapa (2), C. de Iturbide (3), Ciudad Bravos (4), Coyuca (5), Cuernavaca (6), Huamustitlan (7), Iguala (8), Tepecoacuilco (9), Tetecala (10), **Tixtla Guerrero** (11), Tlapa (12), Yguala (13).

Distance (leagues according to "Itineraries and Routes of 1856") (numbers in parentheses are estimates): De **Tixtla Guerrero** a: Ayutla 31, Chilapa 8, C. de Iturbide 27, Ciudad Bravos 4, Coyuca (66), Cuernavaca (51), Huamustitlan 27, Iguala 27, Tepecoacuilco 25, Tetecala (47), Tlapa 20, Yguala 27.

CURRENT GOOGLE MAPS MAP



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Distance (Kilometers according to Google Maps): De **Tixtla Guerrero** a: Ayutla 147, Chilapa 38, C. de Iturbide 124, Ciudad Bravos 17, Coyuca 310, Cuernavaca 203, Huamustitlán 186, Iguala 124, Tepico 122, Tetecala 190, Tlapa 163, Yguala 124.

HISTORICAL PROFILE OF THE ERA

The name Tixtla is of Nahuatl origin and comes from *Textli tla*, meaning *Corn Dough*, although it is also said that its original name was *Teoixtlen*, meaning *Temple by the Water*. Tixtla was founded during the viceroyalty period at the end of the 16th century, but the exact date is unknown.

Tixtla has the distinction of being the birthplace of Vicente Guerrero in **1782**, who was of Nahua and African origin, a hero of the Independence of Mexico, one of the architects of its consummation in **1821** and the second president of the country in **1829**.

At the beginning of independent Mexico, in the Constitution of **1824** Tixtla belonged to the State of Mexico; in **1836** during the centralist government it was called Ciudad Guerrero but when the State of Guerrero was established in **1849** it became part of it and in **1850** it became *Tixtla de Guerrero* and capital of the state.

Another illustrious figure who was born in this place was Ignacio Manuel Altamirano in **1834**. Of Chontal origin, he was a distinguished liberal who participated in the Ayutla revolution against Santa Anna, in the Reform War, and against the French invasion. He also stood out as a Mexican writer, lawyer, politician, journalist, soldier, teacher, and diplomat.

During the French intervention, Tixtla was a bastion of the republican resistance but suffered incursions from the invaders.

The restoration of the Republic was an arduous path for the state of Guerrero and for Tixtla in particular. Due to disputes among local politicians, the federal government opted in **1869** to appoint a governor from Jalisco, and consequently, on October 1, **1870**, the state capital was officially moved to Chilpancingo. Tixtla became increasingly isolated because in addition to losing its political power within the state and its rugged terrain, it lacked a railway station and was not located on any major highways, transforming into a self-sufficient rural economy with some commercial activity.

According to the **2020** General Population and Housing Census of INEGI (National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics), Tixtla had a population of 43,171 inhabitants, and is located 16 kilometers from Chilpancingo, the capital of the state of Guerrero.