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Today’s Collector part 2

Finding Answers

When a Study is Complete?



This is a stamp that likely was one of the early issues that Huejutla received.
Then sent to one of their sub-offices, Tuxpan in early 1861.

This past week, I pulled binders from my collection of notes and stories about Mexican Philately. In the past, when I received correspondence that raised questions about Mexican stamps, I copied the emails that brought up the topic. Sometimes this was just a waste of paper, because I never pursued the subject again. In 2005, the online forum Meximail was still going strong, and as I looked down at the copy sheet dated 6 Feb 2005, another collector wrote under the topic “Cnls san overprint”. The writer signed simply ‘Victoria’, a name someone might recall today. The message discussed the three places Tuxpan received stamps from during the 1861 issues. The first was Huejutla, a district west of Tuxpan, without a district overprint; it used no overprint on stamps in 1861. Tuxpan was one of Huejutla’s sub-offices. Then the writer is confused about who sent the next group of stamps to Tuxpan. So, the earliest Veracruz stamps sent to Tuxpan without any overprint would have been when the French controlled the Veracruz post office. So, likely by April 1862, the French controlled the post office, as they did the city. They quickly used up stamps that had already been overprinted, and the French felt the remaining stock didn't need any district overprints. So, if they were sending stamps to Tuxpan North of them, they likely did not use the Veracruz overprint, and those became the last stamps Tuxpan used until the Mexican Postal Authority sent stamps to Tuxpan in late 1862, when records show that in December 1862 and March 1863, Mexican Postal Authorities sent stamps to Tuxpan, of course without any overprint.

Deliveries by **District** 1856 - 1872 Issues

Invoice Data						Quantity					
District	Invoice	Day	Month	Year	Issue	3c	1/2R	1R	2R	4R	8R
						4c	7c/6c	13c/12c	25c	50c	100c
Tuxpan	154	16	Dec	1862	1861		600	500	400	120	80
Tuxpan	33	2	Mar	1863	1861		720	1000	1140	120	120
Tuxpan	61	25	May	1864	Eagle I			200	300	100	
Tuxpan	216	17	Nov	1864	Eagle III			200	300		
Tuxpan	78	13	May	1865	Eagle IV			1500	1000		
Tuxpan	122	26	Jul	1865	Eagle IV			100	400	200	100
Tuxpan	123	16	Jul	1866	Eagle V			500	600	500	
Tuxpan				1878	1874		695	1525	1968	338	185
Tuxpan				1882	1879	219	375	998	553	199	114

This would be after the French took control of Veracruz in April 1862.

They used unoverprinted stamps to send to districts like Tuxpan.

This chart is from Mark Banchik's work on the deliveries of the Mexican District.

Please note that the first stamps sent were in December 1862,

I was surprised to find this information on the Meximail Forum, posted in 2005! Years later, I covered this subject again last May in one of my weekly messages (tc 51). So, for anyone who read my May 21, 2026 message on when Veracruz or Mexico was the first to send Tuxpan any stamps, I now know Veracruz came first, then Mexico. A scholar would need to research why Mexico sent two direct shipments of stamps to Tuxpan toward the end of the 1861 issue, then followed up with shipments of the Eagle issues from 1864 to 1866. This made me curious, and I looked up what Dave Pietch wrote about Huejutla and the shipments to Tuxpan. It is quite a story. The Mexican authorities intended the stamps to be delivered to Huejutla, but when the French arrived, that town was deserted, and all others were left dead. The stamps were returned to Tuxpan and used there through the issues and shipments from Mexico. Tuxpan was the second post office for Huejutla. Pietch gathered all the information on Tuxpan listed as Huejutla, and these stamps are extremely difficult for most collectors to find.





I realize that I have been talking about old messages. But when I found a couple of forum messages, one from Victoria and another from me, from over twenty years ago, it gave me reason to add something to show you something important: Philatelic study never ends. Either it gets added to or brought back to other readers' attention. To me, it is like throwing a dart at the board and finding out something new to study. For another fun project, what can you tell me about the cover below? Oaxaca stamps, 1910 Villa overprinted 20 ct, 1910 issue. Receiver cancel from Mexico City on the back.

Enjoy!

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