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PRESS RELEASE

Patriotic covers from the American Civil War

An incredible array of patriotic covers from the Confederate Southern States sent during the American Civil War, 1861 to 1865, were shown by John H. Walker to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London on 6 December.

It was a brutal conflict during which some 630,000 Americans lost their lives, yet it stirred up intense patriotic fervour on both the Union and Confederacy sides. This fervour manifested itself in an array of envelopes with their patriotic imagery and slogans, or at times ridiculing the opposing side.

Covers from the South are far from plentiful as a result of the limited printing facilities available, with only about 100 covers known of even the most common designs.

Giving the vote of thanks, John Davies congratulated John Walker for sharing his enthusiasm by showing such attractive yet extremely rare material, which had been brought to life by the stories behind the covers.

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are asked to contact the Administrative Office (020 7486 1044).



*John H. Walker (left) with Patrick Maselis RDP FRPSL,
President of The Royal Philatelic Society London.*

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