

# NICARAGUA

Location of cities/towns with numeral/Letter postmarks



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1862

Yellowish paper

Perf. 12

2c deep blue and 5c black



1869-1873

White paper

Perf. 12

1c bistre brown, 2c blue, 5c black, 10c vermilion and 25c green



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1877-80

White paper      Rouletted 8 ½.

1c bistre, 2c deep blue, 5c black, 10c vermilion and 25c green



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### Postmark types used during the currency of the first stamp issue

The first cancellers came into use in 1869, prior to this pen cancellation was employed. During the early years after 1869 many locally made cancellers were used. The usage of the cancellers can be split into three periods as detailed below but the earlier cancellers can be found used during the later periods. Only a handful of covers exist bearing the first issue of Nicaragua and almost all of them bear mixed franking of Nicaraguan and GB stamps.

#### First period (1869 - )



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4                      5                      6



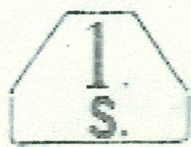
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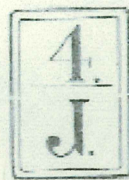
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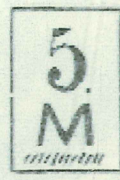
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*Masana*



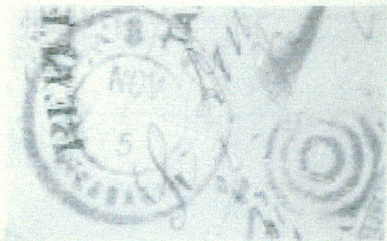
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#### Second period (mid 1886 - )



#### Third period (mid 1888 - )



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Postmark Types  
Elongated oval with town name



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## Postmark Types Numeral/Letter

Combined numeral and letter postmarks were introduced in 1869 and can be found on the first, second and third issues and more unusually on the fourth issue.

1/S = San Juan del Sur



2/R = Rivas



3/G = Granada



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## Postmark Types Numeral/Letter

4/J = Jinotepe



5/M = Masaya



6/M = Managua



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Postmark Types  
Numeral/Letter

7/L = León (4 sub-types)



8/CH = Chinandega



9/C = Corinto



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## Postmark Types Numeral/Letter

10/O = Ocotal



11/M = Matagalpa



12/J = Juigalpa



13/N = San Juan del Norte



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## Postmark Types Decorative dumb cancellers





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## Postmark Types

Duplex circular date stamp with single circle around name of town

This canceller came into use in mid 1888. The circular date stamp is of a distinctive type with ornaments above and below the central bridge.

Chinandega



Corinto



Jinotepe



Libertad



Leon



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Duplex circular date stamp with single circle around name of town

Managua



Masaya



Norte



Rivas



The canceller with large letters is thought to have been used to indicate the direction that foreign mail was to be taken "SUR" means "south" and could have been applied to mail that was taken south to the Isthmus of Panama.



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## Postmark Types Circular date stamps

During the period from 1869 to about the 1880s the convention was to cancel the stamp with a dumb postmark or the numeral/letter postmark and also apply a strike of a double circle postmark on arrival. These double circle postmarks can be found on stamps, possibly applied at the destination if the stamp was not already cancelled.



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### Postmark Types

#### Trial duplex circular date stamp with triple rings

This canceller was used for a trial period from mid 1886 to 1888. It should not be confused with the earlier similar two ring types with a dot in the centre or the later duplex canceller with three rings and a dot in the centre which came into use in July 1895.



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## Postmark Types

Postmarked at foreign transit or arrival location



-----New York-----

Panama

Unknown: possibly forgeries



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## Postmark Types

Postmarks were introduced in Nicaraguan post offices in 1869. Up until then stamps were pen cancelled.

### Examples of pen cancellation



The use of decorative dumb cancellers was common in the early days after 1869. These were not prescribed for use but rather were used by local postmasters at their discretion. They often emulated the dumb cancellers to be found in North America at that time. Examples are shown below and on the next sheet.



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1877

Part of an envelope sent from Grey-Town (San Juan del Norte) to London on March 6<sup>th</sup> 1877. It is franked with a 25c green stamp of the 1869-6 73 Nicaragua issue paying postage within Nicaragua and a 1/- green plate 12 stamp of the 1867-83 issue of Great Britain paying the postage to the destination.



Envelopes or entires franked with the first issue of Nicaragua are very rare and usually comprise mixed franking of Nicaragua/Great Britain stamps. This item shows the use of the Nicaraguan postmarks of the first period: crude dumb postmark and the double ring postmark in blue.