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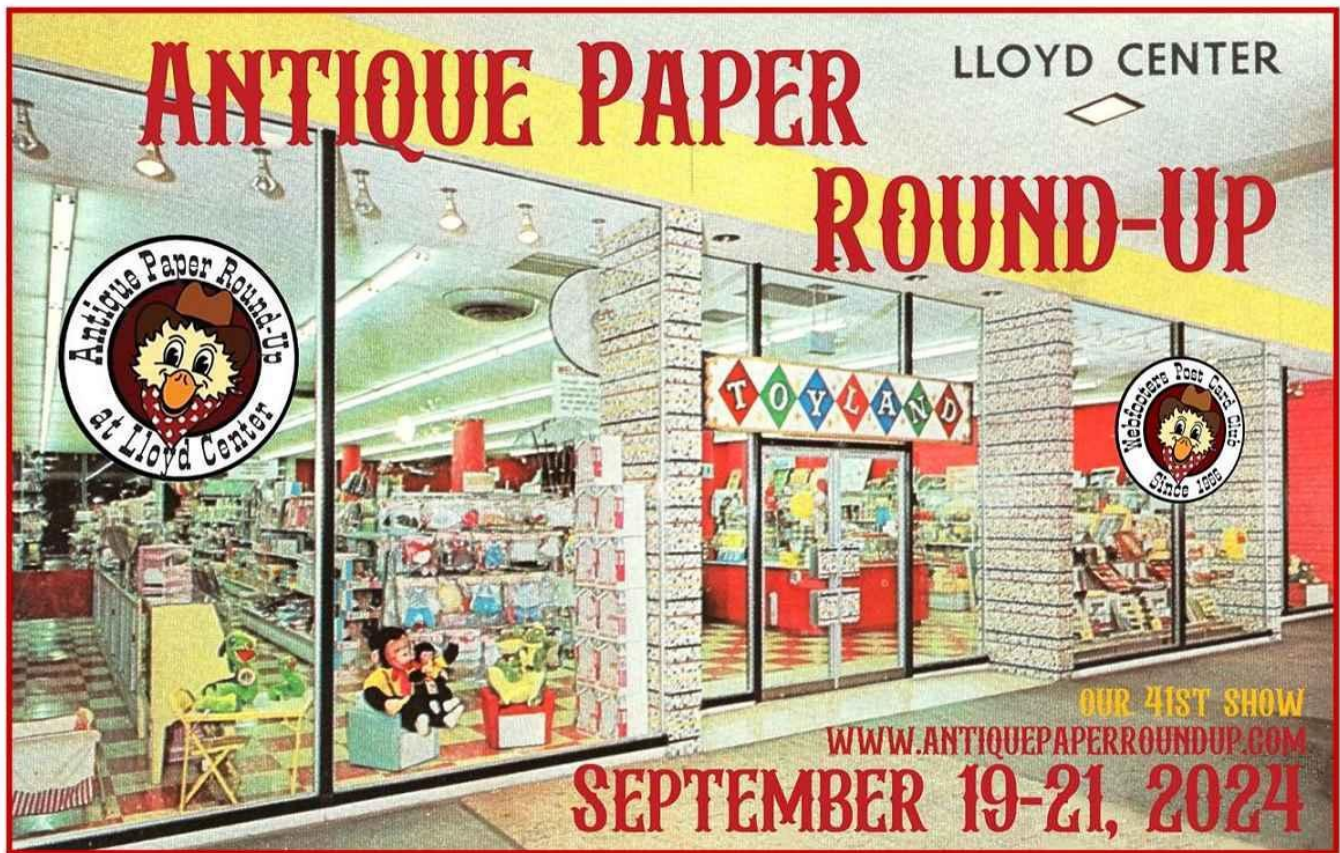
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- 1) 5 Cabinet Cards & 23 Stereo-views: Children; Army tank; 1906 S.F. earthquake.
- 2) 2 "Race 2 Replace" mounted Cycling Posters: 2006. "Savodelli"; "Danielson".
- 3) 124 Foreign PCs: 41 RP & 75 other; 1700s "Warwick Castle" Print; 8 'TUCK' PCs.
- 4) Military: 20 PCs; Photos; 2 PC collecting Books: 'Germany' & 'WWI'; An 1890's Print.
- 5) 55 Patriotic PCs: 10 Private Mailing Cards; 45 Flag or Shield-various people/settings.
- 6) 37 Patriotic PCs: very colorful Memorial Day; George Washington; Abe Lincoln.
- 7) 40 litho. PCs: U.S. Flags &/or Uncle Sam + Holidays; A 1906 4-card 'installment' set.
- 8) "Greetings From Oregon": 1916 Canyon City; 37 PCs incl. Nat. Amer., Logging, Agric.
- 9) 163 litho. "Greetings From": Clack., Mult., Till.+ 7 other OR counties. Some DPO.
- 10) 157 litho. "Greetings From": Benton, Coos, Lincoln + 7 other counties. Some DPO.
- 11) 140 litho. "Greetings From": Baker, Umat., Willowa + 13 counties. Some DPO.
- 12) 98 OR PCs, including 22 RP (Turner, Clack., McMinn., etal); 53 Motel-Hotel.
- 13) 35 PCs + 10 Photos--Col. River Gorge: 28 "Greetings"-Indian Village, Sternwheeler...
- 14) 37 WA PCs: 12 RP; 23 Motel-Hotel. 2 Photos: 'Shipfitters Shop'; 'White Salmon'.
- 15) 2 WA 'ToLo' Annuals: 1934 & 1935. Artistic prints by "Barto" (Patricia Hrdlicka).
- 16) Salem, OR: Pennant; 1890s Studebaker AD; 6 PCs; Trade Card; Pin; 34 pg. Bklt.
- 17) 99 CA Motel & Hotel PCs: 21 Litho.; 41 Linen; 21 Chrome; 16 long/oversize.
- 18) 5 HB PCs & 1 SB Photo Collecting BK: 2 "Greetings From"; Asahel Curtis (WA).
- 19) 5 SB PC Collecting Books: 1915-NYCE; Mike Roberts; Wunsch Halloween; NJ;...
- 20) 7 SB PC Collecting Books: 'Black Amer.'; Large Letter; 2 'Kaduk'; 'How to Sell'.
- 21) 1889 AD w/calendar & backside text: "Compliments of Staver & Walker-Portland".
- 22) 1932, 21-inch-tall AD w/Calendar: "Steve Kalafut Meats, Groceries..." Jessup, PA.
- 23) 1905, 4-panel, 29-inch tall, Season-themed Calendar: "Grand Union Tea Co."
- 24) 4 vintage Grain Sacks (Oregon) & an 1881 & an 1882 "The Old Farmer's Almanac".
- 25) 10, circa. 1900, colorful Butterfly-shaped ADs: Soap, Gum, Rustless Screens, etal.
- 26) 4, 1890s, PANSY-decorated ADs: 2 'Hood's Sarsaparilla'; Sewing Machines; "Mills."
- 27) 4 large BUTTERFLY-shaped ADs: 'Union Pacific'; 'Louisville Post'; 'Waupaca' (WI).
- 28) 17 "F.E. Meyers" 1888-1900s ephemera: Catalogs; Illus. Cover; colorful Folders.
- 29) 14 "Buckeye Co." AD cards: Agric. Implements (mowers...) & Tools; various vendors.
- 30) 8 "Buckeye Co." AD items: 1894 w/calendar; 1888 'Centennial'; Mowers; Reaper.
- 31) 11 "Buckeye Co." residential ADs: 7 Lawnmower & 4 'Force Pumps'.
- 32) 64 PCs: Thanksgiving; N. Year; Christmas; Easter; Valentine; 'well-wishes' & floral.
- 33) ELLEN CLAPSADDLE: 35 signed or unsigned PCs + scarce Book(s) by Ellen Budd.
- 34) 31 very colorful "JULY 4th" PCs: 'International Art', 'Lounsbury', 'American' & others.
- 35) 59 Medici Society PCs: Racey Helps; Molly Brett; Margaret Tempest; Peggy Burton.
- 36) 93 ALFRED MAINZER PCs: Cats & Cats w/Dogs or other animals--G. B., Switz.
- 37) 1875-1876 "Smith's Illust. Pattern Bazaar". 40 pgs: Engravings; full pg. color Litho.
- 38) AUTOMOBILE Lot 'A': 65 PCs + 1 blotter: GM (Chevy, Buick...); Studebaker; Misc.
- 39) AUTOMOBILE Lot 'B': 55 PCs. Ford (Mercury); AMC (Marlin); Chrysler; Desoto.
- 40) AUTOMOBILE Lot 'C': 72 PCs + 1 folding. AMC (Nash, Rambler). Foreign cars.

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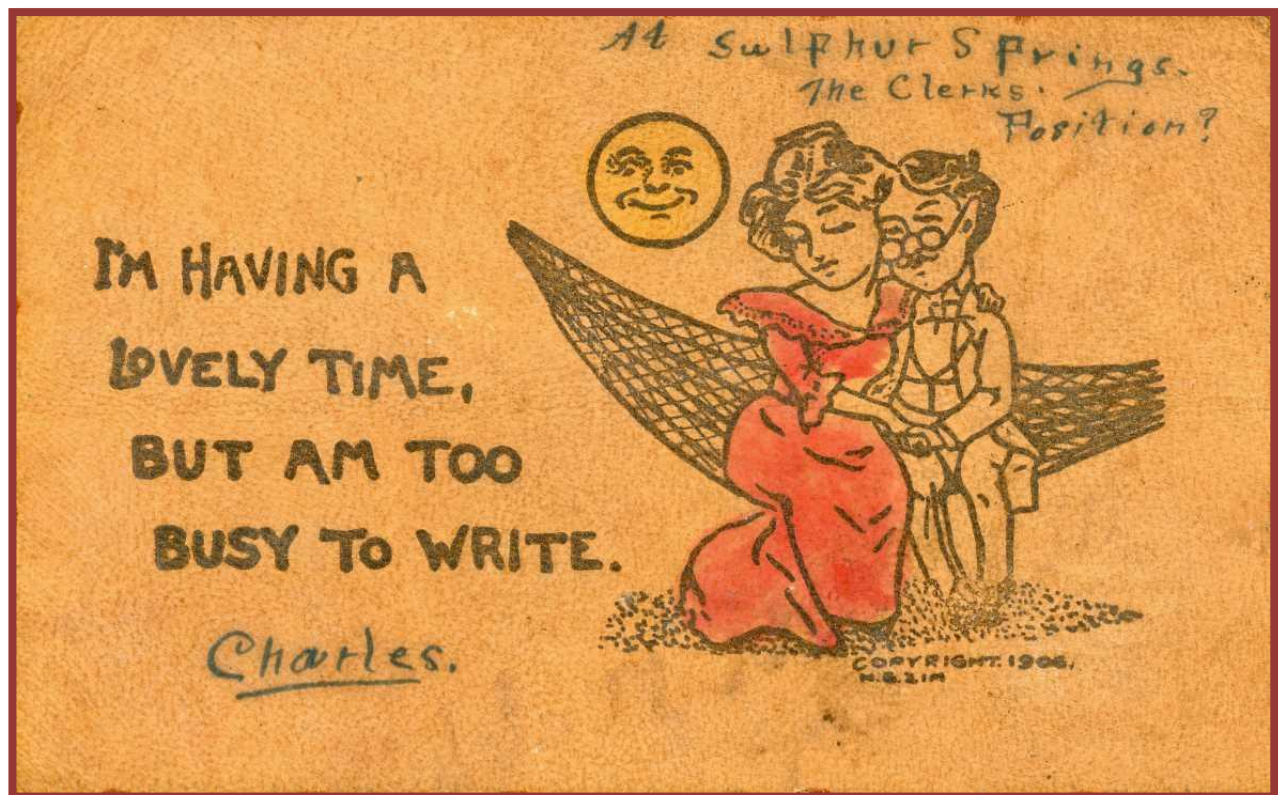
- 41) 144 'West' U.S.A. Motel-Hotel-Restaurant PCs: 27 Litho.; 75 Linen; 42 Chrome.
- 42) 136 'Central' U.S.A. Motel-Hotel-Restaurant PCs: 32 Litho.; 81 Linen; 23 Chrome.
- 43) 227 'East' U.S.A. Motel-Hotel-Restaurant PCs: 69 Litho.; 119 Linen; 39 Chrome.
- 44) ROUTE '66': 22 'regular' (CA, NM, OK...); 44 Cont.; 2 folding; "Amer. Diner" PC Bk.
- 45) 99 U.S. CAPITOLS PCs: Many States (incl. OR). PMCs thru. Linen card types.
- 46) 82 E., NE. & S. USA States PCs: 11 RP & 71 Litho. & later, incl. 39 'main' streets.
- 47) 96 CENTRAL USA States PCs: 21 RP & 75 Litho. & later, incl. 54 'main' streets.
- 48) 106 WEST, S. & NW USA States PCs: 35 RP & 71 Litho. to Chrome; incl. 28 'Main'.
- 49) 90 CA PCs + 4 pack: 53 RP (Bishop, Lassen...); 31 Litho. & Chrome; 56 sm. photos.
- 50) TRANSPORTATION Ephemera: RR (Menus, Cig. cards...); AIR (PCs, booklets), AUTO PCs-Classy cars; SHIP (PCs, menu); 'Studebaker' Farm Wagon photo.
- 51) Business & Advert.: PCs (Gas, Beer, Cig...); Clydesdales; 1925 Bk; Cigar Boxes.
- 52) 250 "Union Oil Co." PCs: 1939 & after. Mainly CA, OR, and WA.; some duplication.
- 53) SB BOOK: "Army Engineers & the Devel. of Oregon"; focus on Port., Col. River,
- 54) 5 Western USA Books: CO Ghost Towns; Deschutes Co.; Montana; Coos Logging.
- BB-1 No. 2326. "Twin Tunnel. Saddle Point. Deschutes River". Light surface wear.
- BB-2 No. 2441. "Coyote Blast. Deschutes River Ore". A Short & a long bend.
- BB-3 No. 2600. Oregon Art Co. "Deschutes and Three Sisters as seen from Bend, Ore". Short, upper left corner crease & some cancellation embossing to front.
- BB-4 No. 2619 (or 17?). "Bend Stage at Trail Crossing. Oregon". Some surface wear & a light vertical crease. Posted 'Bend. Mar. 24, 1911'.
- BB-5 No. 2684. "a Residence in Bend, Ore." Two small chips to emulsion at lower edge.
- BB-6 No. 2809. "Opal Springs. Central Oregon." Some light corner wear.
- BB-7 No. 2990. "A Flowery Meadow at the Foot of Three Sisters. Central Oregon". Light corner wear.
- BB-8 No. 3343. "The White Castle Overlooking Summer Lake. Central Oregon". Four faint pin-hole impressions.
- BB-9 No. 3416 (or 76?). "Boiling Steam two miles north of Lakeview, Central Oregon." A 'smoothed' long vertical crease.
- BB-10 No. 3525. "Crater Lake. Oregon", with depth & elevation data noted. Light corner wear.
- 55) 55 "Greetings From" OR PCs: 15 Central (Crater Lake...); 22 Eastern; 18 Southern.
- 56) 69 "Greetings From" OR PCs: Will. Valley; Coast; Mt. Hood; 43-inch long 'Bay City'.
- 57) 51 "Greetings From" PORTLAND, OR PCs: A plethora of images of the river & city.
- 58) 5 Photos-Portland, OR: 2 "Fraternal Buildings"; 'Rosarian'; Butcher Shop; P. Hotel.
- 59) Royalty-Presidents-Celebrity: 90 items; England, Belgium; 'Engraved' images; NV.
- 60) 28 RP: 2 Nat. Amer.; 2 Bands; 2 'freak' Animal; 2 log cabin (OR), 4 Farm; Evinrude...
- 61) 42 small PHOTOS: 23 AUTO (wreck, tire shop, 4-OR); 19 RR (vintage rolling stock).
- 62) W. USA Ephemera: 1924 Mining Cert.; 1964 Tidal wave bklt; 8 Oil Co. maps; Bklt.
- 63) Cent. & E. USA: 1913 Shredded Wheat; 1870s-20s receipts/cks; Knights Templar.
- 64) 8 Photos: 'Woodmen of the World'; Work sites; Cowboys; Shoeshine Parlor...
- 65) Philatelic-Postal History: DPOs #1-#3; Unused postage; 2 doz. covers; Book.

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- 66) Judy Garland-Liza Minnelli + Silent Actresses. Ephemera + 29 Theater PCs (litho.).
- 67) 1971 Jim Beam Bottle: "The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose" (Insurance Biz).
- 68) Sports: 1950s Baseball PCs; 1970s Basketball cards; Trailblazers Photos; Hirsch.
- 69) 1,800 advertising RACK CARDS: Coffee, Food, Clothing, Music, Entertainment...
- 70) 100 3 3/4-inch x 5 3/4-inch & 30 various size PC/Ephemera Hard-sleeves. Used.
- 71) 1,100 + Columbia River Gorge PCs. Western Imprints (OHS). Vintage images-NOS.
- 72) Full white pc box of Oregon & Native American--duplicates of 15 different PCs

EXAMINING A LEATHER RPO POST CARD FOUND IN BREMERTON, WA

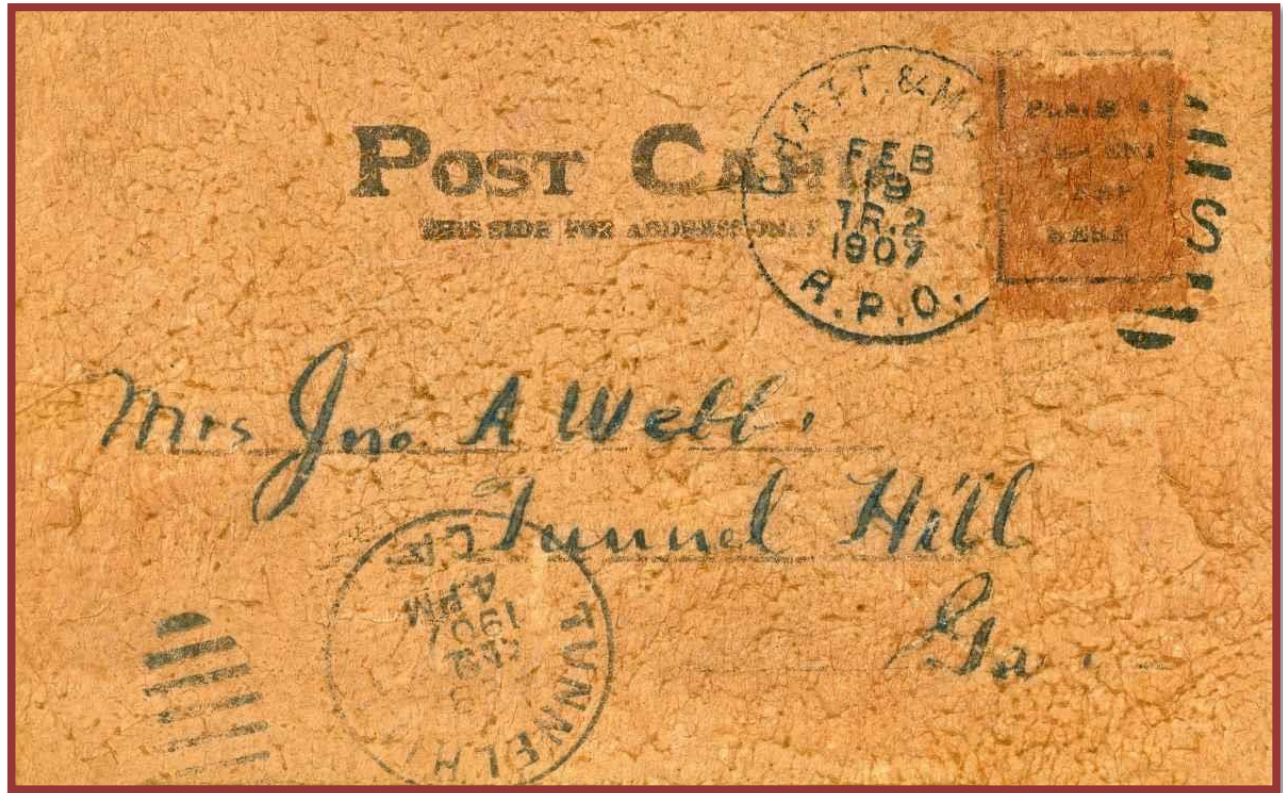
BY DAN SIMMERING



Leather post card, copyright 1906, H.G. Zimmerman & Co. Dan Simmering collection.

This post card is an oddity in any Railway Post Office collection. It was purchased at D.K. Enterprises in Bremerton, Washington. First, let us look at what is known about this post card. It was mailed on train #2 on Feb. 19, 1907. The RPO postmark route indicates that it was carried between Chattanooga and Memphis, Tennessee.

It was mailed to Mrs. Jn. A. Webb in Tunnel Hill, Georgia. The card seems to have arrived the same day that it was mailed. (See the "received" stamp on the address side of card.) From the image side of the card, we can guess that "Charles" mailed the card. Also, I am guessing he was on his way to Sulphur Springs, Arkansas to take a position of clerk at a health resort there.



Reverse side of a leather post card mailed February 19, 1907, Dan Simmering collection.

Now the detective work begins. On the internet, I found the 1907 timetable for the desired Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad. (The NC&SL was originally built by the Western & Atlantic Railroad.) It seems that their even numbered trains travelled north and odd numbered trains went south. NC&SL's train #2 was the Dixie Flyer that would take passengers to Chicago or St. Louis depending on connections.

The train started its north bound journey in Jacksonville, Florida on the Atlantic Coast Line, transferred to the Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad and then to Central of Georgia before achieved NC&SL trackage in Atlanta, Georgia. At 12:14 AM the north bound Dixie Flyer stopped at Tunnel Hill and left Chattanooga at 1:35 PM. I was thinking that Charles probably got on the train in Tunnel Hill after he visited Mrs. Webb.

With RPO mail, it must be noted that people did not have to be on a particular train to have their letter receive a RPO postmark. Some railroad RPO cars had slots on the side of the car where, if the train was parked, anyone at a depot could insert a piece of mail. Certain stations had RPO mail boxes in which people could deposit letters and cards. Each of these methods ensured fast mail delivery. As a result, there is the possibility, Charles met the train somewhere along the route, mailed his letter and did not ride the train at all.

What I have written up to this point is common RPO detective work with some guesses. What makes this RPO post card so unique is that it is made from leather. Around 1900, exchanging post cards became extremely popular all over the world. Leather post cards were a sales tactic designed to add variety to the new hobby.

Leather post cards were first manufactured in 1903. The cards were made of deer hide with images burned or glued on them. The craze was short-lived as the US Post Office banned the soft leather post cards in 1907 because they jammed postage-cancelling machines. Usually, leather post cards had images that were from vacation locations or used to commemorate a special event or historical item.

The postmark cancellation adds value to the card as it dates the age of the card. However, stamps did not adhere to deer leather very well and often fell off. Non-RPO leather post cards sell for about \$1 or more each, depending on condition and subject matter. There are a surprising large number of leather post cards to be purchased at specialty stores and on-line.

However, to have a leather card with a RPO cancellation is unusual. The sender of the card would have to plan ahead to take the card on board the train with him as they were not available on the train.

Tunnel Hill is a town in northwest Georgia. The community was first known as Doe Run. It was incorporated as Tunnelsville on March 4, 1848, but changed its name to Tunnel Hill in 1856. The town is named for the near-by Chetoogeta Mountain Tunnel, a 1,497-foot railroad tunnel bored in the late 1840s. That tunnel was completed on May 7, 1850, as part of the construction of the Western & Atlantic Railroad. It was the first major railroad tunnel in the South with the town of Tunnel Hill acting as the supply base for its construction materials and housing for railroad workers. In 1928, the railroad track was relocated to a newer, more-modern tunnel. The original tunnel was then renovated in 1998-2000 and it is now open to the public for hiking as a privately owned historic site. In 2002, the old tunnel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

From what I have been able to discover, this card was mailed by Charles Webb to his mother. John and Elizabeth Webb were the parents of eleven children of which Charles was the youngest. Charles Winfield Webb lived from 1874 to 1929. His father was a Confederate soldier during the Civil War when he lost a leg during the Battle of Atlanta on July 22, 1864. General Sherman's forces of the Union Army burned the Webb's family home when they marched from Chattanooga, Tennessee through Georgia. Sherman's March was a successful attempt to seize railroads and supply lines leading to Atlanta. Primarily among those assets was the Western & Atlantic Railroad. There was even a minor military skirmish at Tunnel Hill to capture the tunnel before the Union Army marched on south toward Georgia's capital city.