

Military Assistant Surgeon's Fort Lauderdale, East Florida Letter

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Purpose: The purpose of this article is to initiate a series of articles on military mail from Florida during the Seminole Wars for the Florida Postal History Journal. The second article will be on a letter written from Fort Myers by Vernon R. Morris, MD, and the third will be on a letter written from Fort Meade by Deane Briggs, MD.

Intent: This article outlines the daily life of a soldier during a very stressful time in United States history. I attempted to discuss not only rates, routes, and post offices, but also provide a bit of insight into the social aspect of the sender and receivers.

Audience: This article is not only targeted to postal historians, but to all Florida historians. My goal was to make it interesting to not only members of the Florida Postal History Society, but also to members of the Florida Historical Society and county historical societies interested in the history of the Seminole Wars.

Importance: Letters sent from Florida during this timeframe are scarce and difficult to find. This article attempts to preserve and share the historical significance of understanding what life was like during the Second Seminole War.

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