

# Miami - Deland

## 1945 Air Mail Special Delivery cover

by Francis Ferguson



I have not a clue where I picked up this odd little cover. My attraction may have been initially because of the use of a somewhat miscut (minor) Prexy coil and the 8 cent Transport stamp. The other interesting thing is the Air Mail Special Delivery designation with the appropriate use of the straight-line purple hand stamp. The postage of six, 3 cent stamps

along with the single 8 cent Transport brings the total to 26 cents in postage. An attempt to locate any information on the receiver of the letter – Miss Jean Murphy who apparently was a student at Stetson University in Deland FL produced no hits. Additional broader searches uncovered nothing of value as the name is just too common.

The cover was mailed on May 21, 1945, at 8:30am and apparently arrived in Deland the same day (this is a guess as the CDC is inconclusive) at 8:30pm. There are no markings to indicate a failed delivery attempt which normally would have been noted on the cover to allow the setup for a subsequent redelivery attempt. The strange use of the single 3 cent Prexy coil over the back flap is rather odd in my experience.



A search on the sending address as written on the back of envelope revealed a large Spanish revival home built in 1937 – currently assessed at \$2.3 million dollars. Further attempts to find out the name of the owner in 1945 ran into a dead end as the online records only go back to 11.01.1988.

What interesting cover do you have lying around?

*Editor's Note: Keep looking folks, there are many interesting gems out there.*

# Win Some Lose Some

Update by Newt Kulp



Back in the January 2026 newsletter I wrote a short article concerning a registry seal I had purchased on eBay for which I paid significantly less than catalog value. The seller had mis-identified the item. The actual item was either an OXF1 with a catalog value of \$30 [image to left] or an OXF2 with a catalog value of \$1000 [image to lower left].

The difference between the stamps is that OXF1 (image to left) is green and OXF2 is bluish green. I showed

it to several club members and got an even split as to the color. So, I submitted it to be expertized. To my disappointment, it came back as green, thus worth only \$30. So, win some – lose some here was a loser. But I really am not a loser since I paid only \$6.49 including shipping for a \$30 stamp.

*Editor's note: You'll never know if you don't try.*

*Associate Editor's note: Norman Hinds provided direction to locate both of the images from the Siegel website. For the sake of uniformity, I have used both images to show the slight but important color difference.*

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