

# POSTMARKS AND CANCELLATIONS OF SLOVAKIA POST OFFICES IN THE PERIOD 1850 – 1867



The Slovak Republic was established on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1993, following the split of Czechoslovakia. This exhibit presents the postmarks and cancellations of existing post offices from the territory of today's Slovak Republic, which at that time belonged to the postal administration of the Austrian Monarchy. It introduces the location of post offices and variety of postmarks they used. The scope of this exhibit covers the use of postmarks mainly on stamps in the period from 1<sup>st</sup> June 1850 up to the Austro – Hungarian Compromise on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1867. During this period the territory of today's Slovakia was divided into two postal directorates - Pressburg and Caschau. Slovakia was a part of the Hungarian Kingdom, which was a part of the Austrian Monarchy. The exhibit assumes the administrative division of counties from 1914. It is because this division is most transparent and easiest to understand for observers. According to this division Slovakia had 18 counties, 13 of which were under the postal directorate of Pressburg and 5 under the postal directorate of Caschau. Some of these counties covered parts of today's Hungary and Ukraine. The exhibit is a selection from a wider collection of Slovak postmarks. It is structured into the postal directorate Pressburg and Caschau by counties from west to east. The capital city of the county is always displayed first, followed by other post offices. The headline states the inscription of the postmark and today's Slovak name of the town. It also shows the date postal services began operation, as well as the population of each town. The third part of the exhibit presents travelling post office, additional registered postmarks and manuscript cancellations etc. The exhibitor's ambition is to showcase the postmarks on the first issue of stamps, wherever it was possible.

## STRUCTURE OF THE EXHIBIT

### 1. POSTAL DIRECTORATE PRESSBURG

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|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. 1. Pressburg, | 1. 2. Neutra, | 1. 3. Komárom, | 1. 4. Trenčin, |
| 1. 5. Bars,      | 1. 6. Gran,   | 1. 7. Turocz,  | 1. 8. Hont     |
| 1. 9. Árva,      | 1. 10. Liptó  | 1. 11. Zólyom  | 1. 12. Nógrád  |
| 1. 13. Gömör     |               |                |                |

### 2. POSTAL DIRECTORATE CASCHAU

2. 1. Abauj – Torna, 2. 2. Szepes, 2. 3. Sáros, 2. 4. Zemplén

### 3. OTHER ADDITIONAL POSTMARKS AND CANCELLATIONS

3. 1. The travelling post offices, 3. 2. Additional registered postmarks, 3. 3. Franco  
3. 4. Too late additional postmarks ,3.5. PD, 3.6. Company cancellations 3. 7. Imperfecion in date inlay,  
3. 8. Manuscript cancellations

QUANTITIES OF RARE LETTERS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED FONT  
(Supported by the database of the author, built more than 30 years)

The rarity of the postmarks on stamps or on cuttings, is marked with RRR when fewer than 5 pcs exist

REMARKABLE SPECIMEN ARE FRAMED IN BLUE

## REFERENCE LIBRARY

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