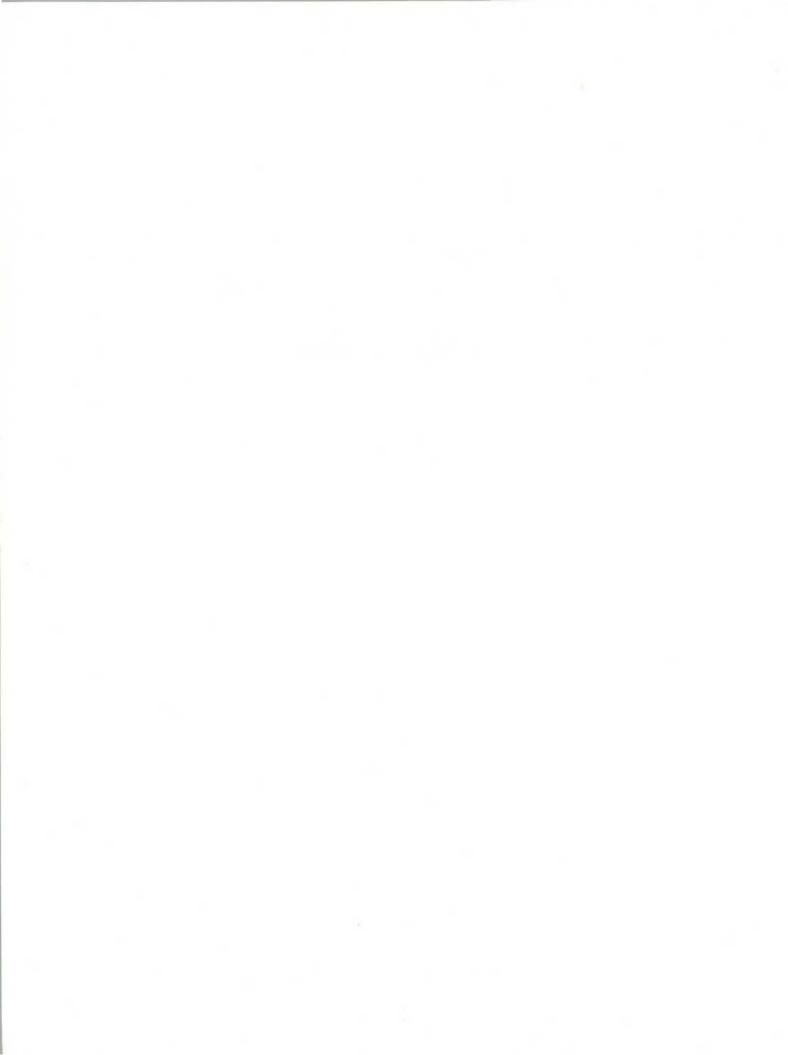
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田	Block	E	Essay	pmk.	Postmark	No.	Scott Catalogue Number
\boxtimes	Cover	P	Proof	cds	Circular Datestamp	hs	Handstamp
FC	Fancy Cancel	TC	Trial Color Proof	var.	Variety	ms.	Manuscript

INTRODUCTION



THE NAME KILBOURNE HAS BEEN SYNONYMOUS WITH CONFEDERATE PHILATELY for the past forty years. Charles E. Kilbourne II and his wife, Lucy, were partners in collecting. Their son, Lincoln, was inspired to collect in his youth and continues today. In its entirety, the Kilbourne collection of Confederate States—encompassing Postmasters' Provisionals, Handstamped Paids, General Issues, Special Usages and Patriotics—is without question the most important Confederate collection ever assembled, surpassing Caspary's in its depth of General Issues and rivaling the representation of Postmasters' Provisionals in the Ferrary, Caspary and Lilly collections.

Charles Kilbourne passed away on April 18, having celebrated his 93rd birthday only a few days earlier—Lucy Kilbourne passed away in 1987. It is difficult to imagine a major Confederate sale without their participation.

The collection offered in this auction is the major portion of Confederate Postmasters' Provisionals formed by Charles and Lucy Kilbourne. Their son has retained only a few patriotic covers with provisionals, which are an integral part of the specialized Confederate Patriotic collection he and his parents focused on during the past twenty years. With those few exceptions—none of any real significance in terms of the provisional stamps—the entire Confederate Postmasters' Provisionals collection is offered in this sale.

There is no doubt that the Postmasters' Provisionals made it possible for the Kilbournes to win the Grand Award National at Sipex in 1966. The magnitude of this achievement is better appreciated if the competition at Sipex is considered: Hart's 1847's, Hirzel's U.S. Classics, Matthies' 1847's, Neinken's 1c 1851-57's, Rohloff's 5c 1847-67's, Middendorf's Carriers and Locals, and, in Confederates, the Simon and Muzzy collections.

In this sale catalogue, we have taken the opportunity to present current census information for the rarest provisionals and to trace the ownership history of each item. Reference is also made to research by Richard L. Calhoun (on Baton Rouge) and Keith Littlefield (on Fredericksburg), which will be published in *The Confederate Philatelist*. We encourage anyone who is not a member of the Confederate Stamp Alliance to join this organization of active Confederate collectors. To access their website, go to our links page at www.siegelauctions.com.

When a collection of this stature reaches the market, the auctioneer bears a special responsibility to ensure that it is properly documented. Through this catalogue and our website, we hope to meet our obligation to philately.

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 28, 1999, AT 6:30 P.M.

THE KILBOURNE COLLECTION OF CONFEDERATE POSTMASTERS' PROVISIONALS

ABINGDON, VIRGINIA



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ATHENS, GEORGIA





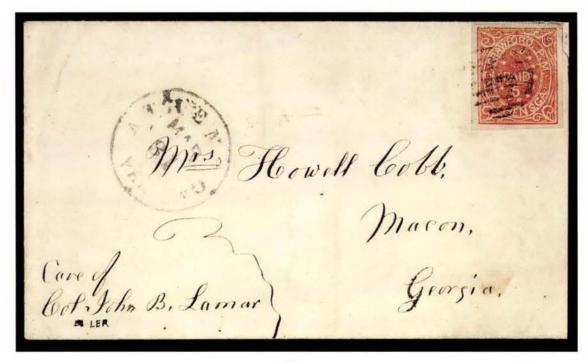


4°⊠ Athens Ga., 5c Purple, Tête-Bêche Pair (5X1a). Types I and II in foot-to-foot vertical pair, full margins at sides, large at top and bottom, light and dark shades — another distinctive feature of the work-and-turn printing method that created the tête-bêche variety — tied by lightly-struck grids, faint but readable "Athens Ga. Paid Dec. 2" (1861) circular datestamp on bright yellow cover to Capt. Porter King, 4th Ala. Regt., Manassas Junction Va., slightly reduced at right, couple slight edge nicks at right reinforced with paper

VERY FINE. ONE OF THREE KNOWN COVERS BEARING THE ATHENS TÊTE-BÊCHE VARIETY.

Only four post offices are known to have produced tête-bêche provisional varieties: Athens, Macon, Memphis and Nashville. In each case the tête-bêche multiple was created by the work-and-turn printing method, as opposed to an inverted cliche among subjects on the plate. All are extremely rare.

Of the Athens 5c tête-bêche vertical pair, Crown records four covers, one of which no longer exists as a cover (in chronological order): 1) Nov. 25 (1861) to Dr. E. D. Newton, ex Jack Solomon; 2) Dec. 2 (1861) to Capt. Porter King the lot offered here; 3) Jan. 6 (1862) to A. H. Stephens, ex Ferrary; and 4) date unknown, top of Type II clipped off down to oval, on cover to Dr. E. D. Newton, ex Walcott (the pair was removed and offered off cover in the Meroni sale). We also record two additional off-cover tête-bêche pairs — one with large margins (ex Caspary) and another severely cut into (Siegel Sale 280) — for a total of three off-cover pairs.



5° Athens Ga., 5c Red (5X2). Type II, large even margins all around, beautiful rich color and fine impression, lightly tied by grid cancel, "Athens Ga. Paid Mar. 31" (1862) circular datestamp on fresh white envelope (Washington D.C. stationer's embossing on back) to Mrs. Howell Cobb, in care of Col. John B. Lamar, Macon Ga., stamp slightly roughened at upper right corner, lifted to apply tiny reinforcement in margin, corner of envelope neatly mended (prior to Caspary sale and noted in that auction description)

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE EIGHT RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE RARE ATHENS 5-CENT RED PROVISIONAL STAMP.

The Crown survey lists one half-cover and eight genuine covers with the 5c Red (a suspect ninth cover has since been certified as having the stamp added). All genuine examples are dated in March or April 1862. Based on margins and overall condition, this cover ranks among the three or four finest. In addition, we record fewer than six off-cover examples of the 5c Red.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA



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AUSTIN, MISSISSIPPI



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8° Austin Miss., 5c Red on Amber entire (8XU1). Distinctive ornamental provisional design, typeset and press-printed on upper right corner of yellow-amber envelope to Mr. James Philpott, Wood Lawn Tenn., clearly-struck "Austin Miss. 1861 [inverted] 2 Dec." circular datestamp and "Paid" straightline struck over red provisional, lightly creased away from markings, slightly reduced at right but clear of design, right side also has slight wear at corners reinforced with backing paper

FINE. THE UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF THE AUSTIN, MISSISSIPPI, POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ENTIRE.

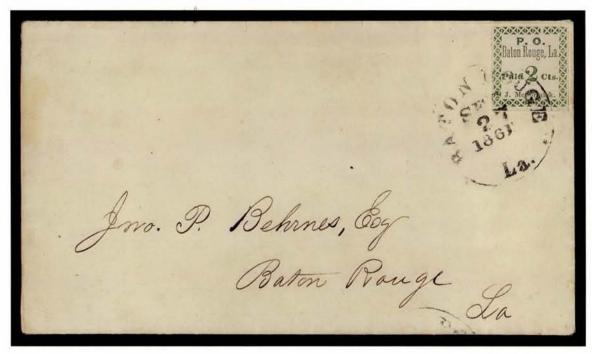
There are sixteen unique Confederate postmasters' provisional adhesives (A) or pressprinted entires (E): Austin Miss. (E), Beaumont Tex. (A—large 10c), Bridgeville Ala. (A—pair), Charleston S.C. (E), Fincastle Va. (E), Franklin N.C. (E), Hallettsville Tex. (A), Hillsboro N.C. (A), Jetersville Va. (A—pair), Kingston Tenn. (E), Knoxville Tenn. (A—10c), Mt. Lebanon La. (A), New Smyrna Fla. (A), Port Lavaca Tex. (A), Rutherfordton N.C. (A) and Salisbury N.C. (E—damaged). This Austin entire was discovered by Harold C. Brooks in 1925 and to date is the only recorded example.

AUSTIN, TEXAS



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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA



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10° ■ Baton Rouge La., 2c Green (11X1). Large margins to full at top right, bright shade on fresh white paper, neatly tied by unusually clear strike of "Baton Rouge La. Sep. 27, 1861" circular datestamp on immaculate white drop-rate cover locally addressed to Jno. P. Behrnes

EXTREMELY FINE GEM. THE FINEST OF THE SIX RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE BATON ROUGE 2-CENT PROVISIONAL STAMP. AN OUTSTANDING 2-CENT PROVISIONAL RARITY OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES AND ONE OF THE GEMS OF THE KILBOURNE COLLECTION.

Of No. 11X1 we record 3 unused, 5 used off cover or on piece, and 5 used on covers. Of No. 11X1a ("McCcrmick" error) we record 1 unused, 1 used off cover and 1 used on cover. This cover was described in the 1956 Caspary sale catalogue as "undoubtedly the finest in existence", and, based on our census records, this opinion holds true today.

We and Richard L. Calhoun, who is studying the Baton Rouge provisionals, independently observed that this particular 2c stamp has a distinctive plating characteristic. It is one of two known Baton Rouge provisionals (in any denomination) with the Maltese Cross border showing a wider gap between the fifth and sixth ornaments at bottom (Calhoun Type D); every other recorded stamp shows the enlarged gap between the sixth and seventh ornaments at bottom. This stamp's distinctive ornament arrangement is found at the top of Position 5 of the 5c setting and at the top of two examples of the 2c stamp. Most likely, the setting was altered between printings, and the top and bottom rows of ornaments were transposed.

Accompanied by Mar. 23, 1895, notarized statement from J. P. Behrnes (the addressee) attesting to the source and genuineness of the cover. Ex Caspary and Lilly... 10,000.00



Baton Rouge La., 5c Green & Carmine, Maltese Cross Border (11X2). Positions 2 and 3 (Calhoun Types B and A), singles mostly likely from the same sheet, large margins mostly all around, clear at bottom of right stamp, tied by "Baton Rouge La. Nov. 19, 1861" circular datestamp on cover to Mount Lebanon La., blue printed return card of George A. Pike, slightly reduced at left, small piece of side flap missing and small sealed tear in cover at top left, light vertical fold

VERY FINE. ONE OF FIVE RECORDED BATON ROUGE PROVISIONAL COVERS WITH THE PRINTED RETURN CARD AND THE FINER OF TWO RECORDED COVERS WITH A MULTIPLE FRANKING. AN OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT ITEM.

George A. Pike was the publisher of the local Baton Rouge newspaper *Comet and Gazette*. He was also a job printer and is believed to have printed the Baton Rouge provisionals.

The other recorded multiple-rate cover also has two stamps, but they are torn and the cover is defective.

Ex Brown, Brooks and Moody. Acquired by the Kilbournes in our 1964 Rarities of the World sale E. 10,000-15,000





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13°⊠ Baton Rouge La., 5c Green & Carmine, Criss-Cross Border (11X3). Position 6, three huge margins including bottom left sheet margin, slightly in along top border, tied by faint "Baton Rouge La. Dec. 2, 1861" circular datestamp on light yellow cover to New Orleans, fresh and Very Fine, extremely rare use of the 5c criss-cross border stamp, which we believe to be a second printing circa Nov. 1861 — Crown records only eleven covers (all single frankings), ex Caspary (where acquired by the Kilbournes)... 7,500.00

BEAUMONT, TEXAS



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Beaumont Tex., 10c Black on Yellow (12X1). Position with "Beaumont" showing broken "T" and no period or comma after name, large margins to just touched at bottom right corner, tied by "Beaumont Tex" circular town handstamp with "June 11" (1864) date in ms. (touches and ties edge of stamp), "Paid" straightline handstamp on adversity cover made from Confederate naval form, addressed to Mrs. Mary P. Watson at San Augustine Tex., ms. "OB" (official business) endorsement crossed out, the cover was turned and addressed back to "C. S. Watson, C.S. Str. Sachem, Sabine Pass, Texas", "San Augustine Tex. Jun. 20" (1864) circular datestamp, "Paid" and "10" handstamps, right side reduced but not affecting stamp, bottom right corner clipped, paper has been added to edge to improve appearance, small erosion spot in "W" of address

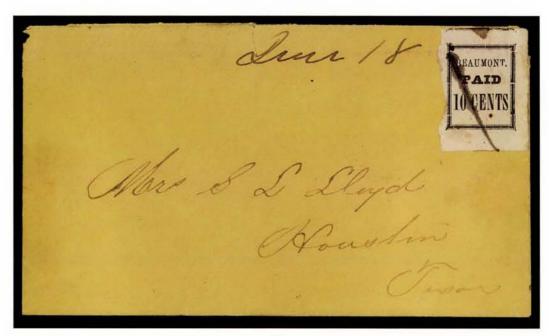
A VERY FINE BEAUMONT 10-CENT PROVISIONAL ON YELLOW PAPER — ONE OF FIVE KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THIS RARITY — USED ON A TURNED ADVERSITY COVER FROM A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS MARINE BRIGADE ABOARD THE C.S.S. SACHEM. THIS IS THE ONLY COVER KNOWN WITH THE BEAUMONT PROVISIONAL TIED BY THE TOWN MARKING.

The Beaumont provisionals were issued on Pink (two shades) and Yellow paper. Only 21 of any kind are recorded, including the unique Large 10c on Yellow (on cover), 5 of the Small 10c on Yellow (each on cover), and 15 of the Small 10c on Pink (12 covers, 3 off cover). Most of the recorded covers are faulty, and only four have postmarks of any kind tying the stamps; this is the only cover known with the handstamped marking tying the provisional.

The five Small 10c Yellow covers we record are as follows: 1) ms. "X" cancel, not tied, ms. Apr. 9, 1864 date, to Mary J. Watson, San Augustine Tex., ex Hind; 2) tied by rimless town with ms. Jun. 11 (1864) date on turned cover to Mary J. Watson, San Augustine Tex., ex Caspary, Weatherly, the cover offered here; 3) uncancelled, used on turned cover to Mrs. Wm. B. Duncan, Liberty Tex., ex Caspary, Lilly; 4) ms. "X" cancel, not tied, used on cover to Cypress City Tex., Siegel Sale 226; and 5) ms. "10" cancel, not tied, rimless town with ms. Nov. 12 (1864) date on cover to James C. McKnight, Palestine Tex., 1864 docketing, ex Ferrary.

Although the Dietz catalogue identifies this June 11 cover as the earliest known use in 1861, it is actually the second earliest use in 1864 — the earliest cover is dated April 14, 1864, and bears a Small 10c on Yellow (ex Hind).

The inside address to the C.S.S. Sachem at Sabine Pass is the key to establishing this cover as an 1864 usage. The Sachem was one of two Federal gunboats captured by the Confederates at the famous Battle of Sabine Pass in September 1863. Sachem became part of the Texas Marine Department and served the Confederate army at Sabine Pass. In the spring of 1864, she was turned into a blockade runner under the command of John Davidson.



15°⊠ Beaumont Tex., 10c Black on Pink (12X2). Bottom right corner position with "Beaumont" showing broken "T", light pink paper, enormous margins including part of frameline of adjoining stamp above, cleanly-cut margins at bottom and right and rough separation at top and left (touches at one point), tied by pen stroke with matching "June 18" (1864) ms. date on buff cover to Mrs. S. L. Lloyd, Houston Tex., small piece of backflap torn away, tiny edge tear at top, stamp has light wrinkling in right margin but is sound and superb

EXTREMELY FINE. ARGUABLY THE FINEST OF THE TWELVE RECORDED BEAUMONT 10-CENT PINK PROVISIONAL COVERS AND ONE OF ONLY FOUR TIED EXAMPLES OF ANY BEAUMONT PROVISIONAL.

Our records contain 15 of the Beaumont 10c on Pink, including 12 covers. Of these, two others may be considered on a par with this cover: the Jul. 16 cover with a corner-margin stamp (cover restored around edges, ex Hill — recently stolen in Florida and still unrecovered) and the Oct. 25 cover (ex "Camina", Siegel Sale 757 — stamp has smaller margins and is not tied). By virtue of the stamp's margins, the tying cancel and its completely sound condition, this cover is arguably the finest of the group. The condition of the other 10c Pink covers is generally quite poor, with stamps repaired or torn into the design, and several with stamps cut out and reattached to the envelope.



16°⊠

Beaumont Tex., 10c Black on Pink (12X2). Dark Pink paper, upper right position with left frame pieces in long-short-long configuration, margins slightly in but framelines show on all four sides, typical pen stroke cancel (not tied), matching "June 28" ms. postmark on fresh buff cover to Mrs. S. L. Lloyd, Houston Tex., small piece of flap torn away

FINE STAMP AND CHOICE ATTRACTIVE COVER. ONE OF SIX SOUND EXAMPLES OF THE BEAUMONT 10-CENT PINK PROVISIONAL KNOWN ON COVER. AN IMPORTANT AND DESIRABLE CONFEDERATE RARITY.

Of the 15 recorded 10c Pink examples, only 12 are known on cover and 6 of the stamps on covers have faults or serious repairs. Two of the covers with sound stamps are defective, leaving just four covers available to collectors who desire a sound stamp on a sound cover.





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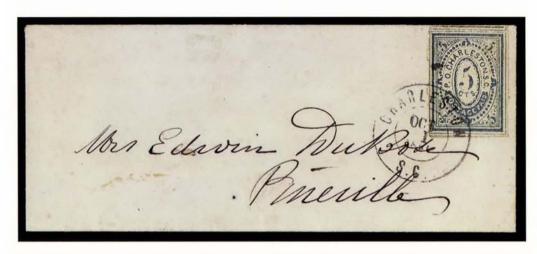




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20°⊠ Camden S.C. 10c Black entire (unlisted). "Paid" and "10" handstamps on envelope prepared as a provisional issue, 10c Rose (5), three huge margins, full to clear at right, affixed over provisional handstamps and tied by red "Camden S.C. Apr. 21" (1862) double-circle datestamp (stamp lifted and moved), used to Collinsburgh La., slightly reduced, Very Fine and extremely rare used of 10c Rose...... E. 1,000-1,500

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA



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21° Charleston S.C., 5c Blue (16X1). Huge margins all around showing outer framelines and parts of adjoining stamps, tied by neat "Charleston S.C. Oct. 1, 1861" double-circle datestamp on small cover to Pineville S.C.

EXTREMELY FINE. A REMARKABLE FOUR-FRAMELINE STAMP ON A FRESH AND IMMACULATE COVER.



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22°⊠ Charleston S.C., 5c Blue (16X1). Large even margins with framelines almost complete on four sides, tied by bold "Charleston S.C. Oct. 3, 1861" circular datestamp on buff cover to Greenville La., grocer's corner card, pencil docketing, light wrinkles and slight wear, Very Fine, ex Ferrary, with 1956 P.F. certificate................... E. 2,000-3,000



23° Charleston S.C., 5c Blue (16X1). Two, each has three huge margins showing outer framelines, fourth side ample, tied by "Charleston S.C. Oct. 27, 1861" double-circle datestamp on cover to an officer in 1st Regt. S.C. Vol. at Camp Huger, Suffolk Va., slight wear and minor cover repair at bottom left corner, still Very Fine, rare double-rate franking, of which seven or eight are known, ex Antrim................. E. 4,000-5,000



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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA



28

28° Columbia S.C., 5c Blue entire (18XU1). Clear strike, without "Paid", partly clear "Columbia S.C. Sep. 11 5cts." (1861) pre-war circular datestamp with integral rate on South Carolinian and Columbia Banner publisher's corner card cover to Glymphville S.C., reduced at left, small flap faults, still Very Fine...... E. 750-1,000



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29° ■ Columbia S.C., 5c Blue entire, Seal on Front (18XU4). Clear strike of oval provisional seal, overstruck by blue "5" with "Paid" in circle (Dietz Ty. IIA) and "Columbia S.C. Aug. 26 5 cts." (1861) pre-war integral rate circular datestamp on small narrow cover with embossed oval corner card to Yongeville S.C., small flap tear, tiny waterstain at top right VERY FINE AND FRESH. ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE SEVEN RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE COLUMBIA OVAL PROVISIONAL SEAL STRUCK ON THE FACE.

Our records contain just seven Columbia provisional entires with the oval seal struck on front and not on the flaps, all dated in August and September 1861 with the pre-war integral rate datestamp. 1,500.00

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA



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30°⊠ Columbus Ga., 5c Blue entire (19XU1). Bold blue provisional handstamp with clear "Columbus Ga. Jul. 20" (1861) circular datestamp on Columbus Iron Works corner card cover to Bruceville Ala., backflap removed, slight bleached spot at upper right, still Very Fine, Crown census lists only two Columbus Ga. provisional covers with corner cards

E. 1,000-1,500



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DALTON, GEORGIA



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33°⊠ Dalton Ga., 10c Black entire (20XU2). Clear strikes of provisional handstamp and "Dalton Ga. Jun. 18" (circa 1863) circular datestamp on brown turned cover to Acworth Ga., charge box notation, other side addressed to Springplace Ga., 10c Blue, Die A (11), margins all around, tied by lightly-struck "Acworth Geo." circular datestamp, flaps opened, Extremely Fine and unusual turned use of a provisional, ex Frazier..... 700.00

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA



34

34° ■ Danville Va., 5c Red on Wove (21X1). Rectangular margins slightly into tips of ornaments, bottom right corner clipped very slightly, "Danville Ga. Oct. 4" (1861) circular datestamp — not tied and possibly not originating on this cover — additional strike of circular datestamp on back of homemade cover to Petersburg Va., backflap and large part of Danville backstamp have been removed, folds and light waterstains in cover

A FINE AND IMPORTANT CONFEDERATE PROVISIONAL RARITY. ONLY EIGHT EXAMPLES OF THE DANVILLE ADHESIVE ARE RECORDED — OF THESE ONLY FOUR HAVE RECTANGULAR MARGINS.

Our records of the rare Danville provisional stamp include eight examples, as follows. **Rectangular-cut margins:** 1) on piece dated Oct. 3, ex Ferrary, Caspary; 2) off-cover with bottom right corner clipped, ex Hind, reported to be on laid paper; 3) the stamp offered here, dated Oct. 4, affixed to a cover, ex Hessel; 4) tied on cover, Oct. 9, ex Caspary, Lilly; **Octagonal margins or cut to shape:** 5) off cover, dated Oct. 3, ex Caspary; 6) tied on cover, Oct. 29, ex Emerson; 7) tied on cover, Oct. 30, ex Kimmel; and 8) cut to small oval shape, dated Oct. 11, ex Deats (P.F. photo files).

The stamp offered here is affixed to a cover, but the absence of a tying postmark and position of the stamp raise doubt in our mind as to whether it originated. Mr. Kilbourne believed that the stamp was removed from the back and placed on the front. In any case, it is the third finest rectangular-cut example of the Danville provisional stamp and one of the rarest of all Confederate provisionals, not to be confused with its more numerous counterpart from Pittsylvania Court House.

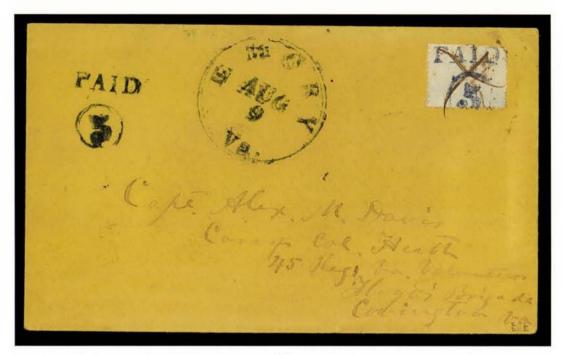




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36°⊠ Danville Va., 10c Red entire (unlisted). Prepared for use but not sold as provisional postage, addressed to Newberry C.H. S.C. with traces of stamp removed from upper right and part of faint tying circular datestamp, slight wear and tiny edge tears, Very Fine, one of the two finest of the 12-15 known examples of the Danville 10c Red entire, about half of which are complete, ex Freeland E. 3,000-4,000

EMORY, VIRGINIA



37

37°⊠ Emory Va., 5c Blue (24X1). Very clear well-inked strikes of provisional handstamps in "Paid" over "5" format on well-proportioned United States 1857 1c Blue selvage perforated on three sides, tied by neat ms. "X" cancel, bold blue "Emory Va. Aug. 9" (1861) circular datestamp and matching "Paid" and "5" in circle rate handstamps on orange-buff cover to Capt. Alexander M. Davis, care of Col. Heath, 45th Regt. Va. Vol., Floyd's Brigade, at Covington Va., a fresh and clean cover

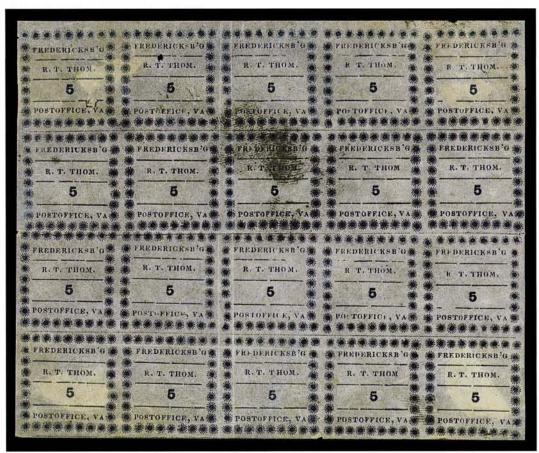
EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE NINE RECORDED EMORY POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL COVERS, OF WHICH ONLY FIVE HAVE CANCELLED STAMPS AND FOUR HAVE TYING CANCELLATIONS. A FASCINATING STAMP, CREATED BY USING SHEET SELVAGE FROM THE DEMONETIZED UNITED STATES 1-CENT 1857 ISSUE.

The Emory postmaster, I. C. Fowler, created his provisional issue by stamping "Paid" and "5" rate markings on the blank selvage of demonetized United States 1c 1857 Issue sheets. This method is unique among Confederate provisionals, and, in all of philately, there are few issues created by cannibalizing other stamps. The Philadelphia U.S.P.O. carrier stamps made from the selvage of imperforate 1c 1851 sheets are very similar to the Emory provisionals. The provisionals of Zanzibar are a much later example of the same concept.

Our records contain nine covers bearing the Emory provisional (we know of no off-cover stamps), ranging in dates from June 24, 1861, through February 11, 1862. There are three known stamp formats: Paid over 5; Paid under 5; and 5 with Paid at top and side (on narrow selvage). Two of the nine recorded covers have manuscript town postmarks, and four have stamps left uncancelled. Only two covers have tying cancels and the hand-stamped town datestamp, this being the finer of the two.

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

Recent research by Keith Littlefield has revealed that the Fredericksburg provisionals were printed by Robert B. Alexander, proprietor of the Recorder Job Office and publisher of the *Democratic Recorder*, a Fredericksburg newspaper. Alexander sold his business on October 18, 1861, and the dated examples of the 5c Fredericksburg provisional range from September 12, 1861, through November 16, 1861 (based on Richard L. Calhoun's 1997 census). The distinctive multirayed star ornaments that form the stamp's border are found exclusively on Fredericksburg scrip printed by the Recorded Job Office. An article documenting this discovery will be published in *The Confederate Philatelist*.



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38°★⊞ Fredericksburg Va., 5c Blue on Thin Bluish (26X1). Complete sheet of 20, comprising two impressions from setting of ten subjects (5 x 2), full original gum, creases not readily apparent on face, translucent fingerprint mark, three small holes in top row

AS FINE AS THIS FREDERICKSBURG PROVISIONAL EXISTS IN SHEET FORM. ONLY FIVE SHEETS RECORDED, AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ALL FIVE REMAIN INTACT.



39° Fredericksburg Va., 5c Blue on Thin Bluish (26X1). Position 3, huge margins all around including top sheet margin, one wide-positioned ornament touched at lower right, tied by "Fredericksburgh Va. Paid Oct. 10" (1861) circular datestamp on light buff homemade cover to Lieut. Robert D. Minor, Confederate Navy Department, Richmond, faint stain spots and vertical fold clear of stamp, most of backflap removed

EXTREMELY FINE STAMP AND ATTRACTIVE COVER WITH CONFEDERATE NAVAL ADDRESS IN THE HAND OF FAMED CONFEDERATE NAVAL OFFICER, MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY.

In October 1861, Matthew F. Maury, the famous "Pathfinder of the Seas", was working closely with Lieut. Robert D. Minor in waging experimental torpedo warfare against Federal gunboats off Newport News, which occurred on October 10, the day this cover was postmarked.

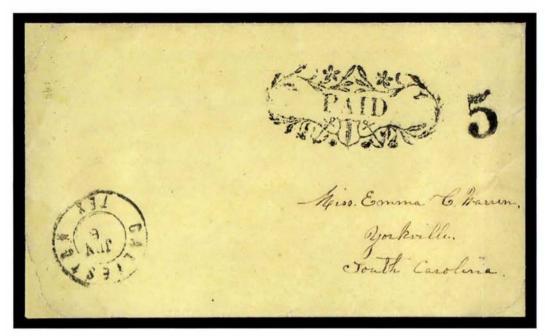
Ex Ferrary and MacBride (where acquired by the Kilbournes in 1953) 5,000.00

40° ■ Fredericksburg Va., 5c Blue on Thin Bluish (26X1). Positions 4/9, vertical pair with top sheet margin, other sides mostly large, tied by "Fredericksburgh Va. Paid Sep. (3?)0" (1861) circular datestamp on pale yellow cover to Camden Ark., sender's routing "Via Vicksburg & Monroe", pair has minute flaws along edge of margins and small corner crease at bottom right

EXTREMELY FINE. BY THE FAR THE FINEST OF THE THREE RECORDED FREDERICKSBURGH PROVISIONAL PAIRS ON COVER — THE ONLY USED VERTICAL PAIR KNOWN.

Our records and the Crown census confirm the existence of three covers with pairs, the largest known used multiples. One of the three covers has a third stamp removed, and the other pair on cover has faults.

GALVESTON, TEXAS



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GOLIAD, TEXAS



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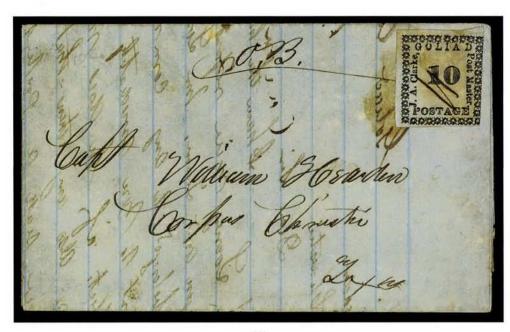
43°⊠ Goliad Tex., 5c Black on Rose (29X3). Signed "Clarke PM" in bright magenta ink, neatly cancelled by "Paid" straightline, matching "Goliad Tex." rimless circular town handstamp (without date) on blue cover front to Clement R. Johns, Comptroller, Austin City, Texas, part of the letter is on back and there is a pencil June 21, 1862, date notation, the stamp has margins all around including three huge margins, slight creasing at top

EXTREMELY FINE. ONLY SEVEN GOLIAD 5-CENT TYPE I PROVISIONAL STAMPS ARE KNOWN, INCLUDING ONE ON COVER IN THE BRITISH LIBRARY COLLECTION. THIS COVER-FRONT IS THE ONLY TYPE I USAGE AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS AND THE FINEST OF THE SIX KNOWN STAMPS IN PRIVATE HANDS. ONE OF THE GREATEST OF ALL CONFEDERATE PROVISIONAL RARITIES AND A HIGHLIGHT OF THE KILBOURNE COLLECTION.

Our records of Goliad provisionals contain seven 5c Type I stamps and four 10c Type I stamps. The Type I setting, without the postmaster's name, was used prior to the Type II setting, to which Postmaster J. A. Clarke's was added. All but one of the eleven recorded 5c and 10c Type I provisionals bear the postmaster's manuscript signature in either black or red ink. The stamps were printed on a variety of papers, classified as White, Gray and Rose, and some stamps have a blue ink wash that appears to have been applied to the sheets. The Gray paper is very thin and pelure-like. The Rose paper is thicker than the Gray.

The variable paper and signature color create even greater rarities — only two or three of any 5c variety is recorded, with some allowance for inaccurate classification in previous sale catalogues. More significant than the paper or signature differences is the current census showing only three Type I provisional usages: the 5c cover-front offered here, a 5c cover in the British Library's Tapling collection, and the 10c patriotic cover from the Caspary and Lilly collections. This cover-front is the only one of the three with a Goliad postmark — the other two are uncancelled and have no town marking — and it is the only 5c Type I usage available to collectors. Equally significant is the stamp's standing as the finest known example of this provisional rarity.

Illustrated in the color plate of the H. R. Harmer Caspary Sale 3 catalogue and in Ter Braake's *Texas: The Drama of Its Postal Past* (p. 142). Ex Ferrary, Caspary (realized \$1,300 in 1956) and Lilly (where acquired by the Kilbournes in 1967, realized \$3,600). Scott Retail of \$8,000.00 for a cover is based on no sale event since 1967 — the more common Goliad 10c Type II cover realized \$67,500 hammer in our Sale 810... E. 20,000-30,000



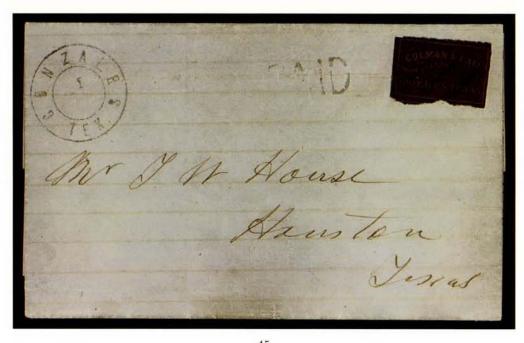
44°⊠ Goliad Tex., 10c Black on Gray (29X7). Three large margins, very slightly in along tips of right ornaments, printed on Blue-Gray paper with ornamental printing on back, obviously an adversity use of paper and a heretofore unrecognized variety of the Goliad provisional, affixed with brown mucilage and very slightly toned as a result, ms. cancel (not tied), used on blue-lined folded letter to Capt. William Headen, Corpus Christi Tex., endorsed "O.B." (Official Business) with letter datelined "Goliad August 16th 1864" from a conscription officer regarding a conscriptee who is to report to Capt. Headen

EXTREMELY FINE. ONLY FOUR 10-CENT TYPE II GOLIAD COVERS ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS. THIS IS THE FIRST GOLIAD PROVISIONAL REPORTED WITH PRINTING ON REVERSE — A FASCINATING DISCOVERY AND IMPORTANT CONFEDERATE RARITY.

Of the eight Goliad 10c Type II (29X7) stamps in our records, five are used on covers, including an uncancelled stamp on a cover in the Tapling collection at the British Library, which leaves four covers available to collectors. In addition to the normal 10c Type II, there are two other covers with the Type II "GOILAD" spelling error. This is the first Goliad stamp examined by us that shows the printing on back. There is a photograph at the Philatelic Foundation of the front and back of a 5c Helena Tex. provisional, which was also printed by Rev. A. M. Cox, and it, too, shows the same printing on back.

It is our theory that the Type I provisionals were issued in 1861, followed in 1863 by a new provisional-stamp printing from the Type II settings, which contain the postmaster's name and title.

Illustrated in Ter Braake's Texas: The Drama of Its Postal Past (p. 228). Ex Avery (with his cost notation on back), Caspary and Weatherly (acquired privately by the Kilbournes). Scott Retail \$7,500.00 — a comparable Goliad cover realized \$67,500 hammer in our Sale 810 E. 20,000-30,000



GONZALES TEXAS

Gonzales Tex., (10c) Gold on Garnet (Dietz GN-3; unlisted in Scott). Slightly irregular margins, mostly large but touching frameline at bottom, cancelled by three pen strokes and tied by horizontal filing crease thru stamp and cover, "Gonzales Tex. 1 [Nov.]" (1864) double-circle datestamp and "Paid" straightline on gray-blue folded letter to T. W. House, Houston Tex., datelined "Gonzales Texas, Nov. 1st 1864", receipt docketing on flap, stamp has corner crease in addition to the filing crease, on the back of the folded letter is a typewritten notarized affidavit from T. W. House in 1899, attesting to the origin and authenticity of the cover (sold to E. D. Dorchester of Velasco Tex.)

FINE. ONE OF THREE RECORDED COVERS WITH THE GONZALES PROVISIONAL ON GARNET (OR CRIMSON) PAPER.

John B. Law, the Gonzales postmaster during the war, was a partner in the Colman & Law firm, booksellers and druggists who produced the colorful book labels adopted by Postmaster Law as provisional stamps in 1861 and 1864-65. In later years, Colman & Law labels were removed from books and placed on covers to create fake provisional usages. As a result of this nefarious activity, the Scott Catalogue and collectors' general understanding of the provisional issue have been distorted. The Dietz Catalogue is more accurate than Scott in listing the Gonzales provisionals, but it is not as widely read. We hope to convey the true status of the Gonzales provisionals to a wide audience.

The Colman & Law book labels on colored glazed paper have no denomination. Examples are divided into 5c and 10c stamps based on the rate to which they apply and the color of paper. Only the 5c Gold on Dark Blue is recognized by Scott as 30X1 (Dietz GN-2). The Scott listing contains a very restrictive (and inaccurate) footnote stating "all items of type A1 without this control mark [Gonzales double-circle datestamp applied before use] are book labels." In fairness to the Scott editors, they also note that "some authorities believe Postmaster Law sold them [stamps on other papers without the precancel] for use as 10c stamps." The Dietz Catalogue lists the 5c Gold on Black (GN-1), the 10c Gold on Blue-Black (GN-5), 10c Gold on Garnet (GN-3) and on Crimson (GN-4). Dietz also classifies the provisional stamps by period of use: 1861 (5c rate) and 1864-65 (10c rate).

In 1861, during the 5c rate period, there are five recorded covers, including three covers to the same addressee, James G. Miller, a member of the 8th Texas Cavalry, encamped at Corinth, Mississippi. Each of the three Miller covers has a Gold on Dark Blue pair paying the 10c rate, and all three pairs have double-circle datestamps applied before use, evidently as control marks. This measure enabled Law to distinguish provisional postage from valueless book labels, but re-used provisionals (with the datestamp) would obviously be difficult to identify. The three pairs on covers form the basis of the Scott listing (30X1); the off-cover value in Scott has little meaning, because no off-cover precancelled example is recorded. Two other 5c period covers are recorded: one Gold on Black tied by pen "X", with Gonzales cds June 19, 1861 (date uncertain) to T. M. Hartwood, Richmond Va.; and one Gold on Black uncancelled, with ms. "Paid 5" and Gonzales cds Dec. 2, 1861 (Caspary sale, lot 139). Neither of these is precancelled. An additional piece is known, bearing the 5c Gold on Black without precancel and Oct. 7, 1861 cds (ex Walcott).

In the 1864-65 period, our records contain three confirmed covers and a fourth cover based on notes in the Crown census. Two of the confirmed covers were in the Caspary sale: lot 137, 10c Gold on Crimson (Garnet), tied by pen strokes with the Gonzales cds and "Paid", dated July 14, 1864; and lot 138, the cover offered in this sale, dated Nov. 1, 1864. The third confirmed cover has a 10c Gold on Black tied by pen strokes with blue Gonzales cds and "Paid", dated Apr. 1, 1865, to A. I. Clark, Galveston Tex. The Crown book contains a reference to a fourth cover, bearing a 10c Gold on Crimson (Garnet), to E. St. P. Bellinger, Hobby's Rgt., Galveston Tex., but we have not confirmed the existence of this cover with a photograph. There is one off-cover pen-cancelled label recorded. We should note that Crimson and Garnet paper colors are possibly different shades of the same paper, or the darker color may be due to oxidation.

This cover was discovered in 1899 by E. D. Dorchester of Velasco Tex., who acquired it and a number of other Texas provisionals in correspondence purchased from the original addressee, T. W. House, of Houston (see Crown book, p. 146, for Independence provisional from same correspondence).

GREENWOOD DEPOT, VIRGINIA



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46° Greenwood Depot Va., 10c Black on Gray Blue (35X1). "Paid" straightline with denomination "Ten Cents" in ms. and signed "J. Bruce" (Postmaster), uncancelled, "Greenwood Depot Va. Sep. 17" (1862) circular datestamp on small orange-buff homemade cover to Rev. Paul Whitehead, Macfarland's P.O. Va., light diagonal crease in face of envelope prior to folding

FRESH AND EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF SIX RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE MARVELOUSLY PRIMITIVE GREENWOOD DEPOT PROVISIONAL, ALL OF WHICH ARE ON COVERS FROM THE REVEREND WHITEHEAD CORRESPONDENCE—ONLY FIVE ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS.

The six Greenwood Depot provisional covers were discovered by G. M. Bastable in June 1887 (Crown book). They are each addressed to the Rev. Paul Whitehead and have the following 1862 dates: Jul. 31 (ex Caspary); Sep. 17 (this cover); Sep. 21 (ex Hessel); Sep. 25 (ex Hind); tied Oct. 8 (British Library); and tied by indistinct date (ex Caspary). The condition is similar among the six covers — only two are cancelled (and tied), one of which is in the British Library's Tapling collection.

The 10c rate (raised from 5c) was effective July 1, 1862, and the Greenwood Depot provisional stamps were issued to meet this new rate. Pencil docketing on a few of the Rev. Whitehead covers confirm the year.

Very few post offices east of the Mississippi River issued and used 10c adhesive (A) or pressprinted (E) provisionals. This group is as follows: Baton Rouge La. (A - three known); Charleston S.C. (E - unique); Danville Va. (E - probably not used); Fincastle Va. (E - unique); Fredericksburg Va. (A - never used); Greenville Ala. (A - two known); Greenwood Depot Va. (A -six known); Knoxville Tenn. (A - unique; and E - rare used); Marion Va. (A - six known on cover); Nashville Tenn. (A - seven known on cover); Tellico Plains Tenn. (A - never used); and Uniontown Ala. (A - eight known). All other 10c provisionals were used in Texas or were issued as handstamped entires.

INDEPENDENCE TEXAS



47

47° Independence Tex., 10c Black on Buff, Small "10" Handstamp and "Pd" in Manuscript (41X3). Cut to shape with margins all around, very bold and clear handstamp impression (unusual for this provisional) with neat ms. "Pd" above "10", uncancelled as always, tied by gum smear, partly clear "Independance Tex. Nov. 24" (circa 1864 with spelling error in town name) on light buff cover to Capt. T. L. Scott, Terry's Regt., Shreveport La., left edge slightly clipped toward top (but clear of stamp), mended with paper

VERY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST OF FIVE RECORDED INDEPENDENCE PROVISIONALS AND THE CLEAREST IMPRESSION OF THE THREE KNOWN WITH SMALL "10" AND "PD".

Due to confusion in distinguishing one variety from the other, the record of Independence provisional covers and corresponding catalogue listings have become somewhat muddled. Our records contain a total of five covers with any type of Independence provisional stamp. These are: Large "10" (41X1 — only one kind of paper known): 1) cut to shape on cover with Jul. 31 (1864) cds, to T. W. House, Houston, discovered by E. D. Dorchester in 1899 among the T. W. House correspondence; Small "10" and Ms. "Pd" (41X3): 2) the cover offered here, dated Nov. 24 (1864), to Capt. Scott at Shreveport; 3) cut square on cover with dateless cds, to Capt. Scott at Shreveport, "Pd" and "10" very faint, illustrated in original Dietz book, p. 48, ex Caspary, Lilly; 4) cut to shape on cover with indistinct cds (month? and "18"), to Capt. Scott at Houston Tex. ex Hessel; Small "10" Without Ms. "Pd" (41X3 var): 5) cut to shape on cover with Apr. 29 cds (year?), to Capt. Scott at Sandy Point Tex., ex Walcott and Siegel 1982 Rarities.

Therefore, unless we have missed a cover, the Scott and Dietz listings are incorrect, and the Crown book also contains a misallocation between the two varieties (although the total number of covers, five, is correct). As far as we know, the Large "10" (Scott 41X1) is represented by one example, found on the Jul. 31 cover (No. 1 above). Scott 41X2, the Large "10" on Dull Rose paper, is not represented by any of the known examples. Scott 41X3 is represented by three covers (Nos. 2, 3 and 4 above), including the example offered here, which has the clearest "10" and manuscript "Pd" of the group. A variety of Scott 41X3, with the small "10" but lacking the "Pd", is represented by one cover (Nos. 5 above), but there is the possibility that the "Pd" has faded completely. To bring the listings in harmony with the recorded examples, the Scott Catalogue should delete all of the non-existent unused values and drop the Large "10" on Dull Rose paper; Dietz should also drop its Large "10" on Dull Rose listing (IN-2). Instead, the three varieties should be classified as Large "10" (41X1 — one cut-to-shape stamp is recorded, on cover); Small "10" Without "Pd" (a revised 41X2 — one recorded, cut to shape on cover); and Small "10" with Manuscript "Pd" (retain 41X3 — two cut-to-shape stamps and one cut square stamp recorded, each on cover).



49° Monesboro Tenn., 5c Dark Blue entire (45XU2). Well-defined strike of provisional hand-stamp, bold contrasting black "Jonesborough Te. Nov. 30" (1861) circular datestamp on orange-buff cover to Kingsford Tenn., light pressed crease in left side of cover, still fresh and choice condition

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE TEN RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE JONES-BORO PROVISIONAL IN BLUE.

The Crown survey counts fifteen examples of the Jonesboro provisional entire, including five struck in Black and ten in Dark Blue. Some of these do not have any town datestamp. Of the clearly dated examples, this November 30 cover has the large circular datestamp with "Jonesborough" spelling.

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

50°

Knoxville Tenn., 5c Brick Red on Grayish Laid (47X1). Horizontal pair, ample margins to just touched, bright shade, tied by pen strokes, matching "69" (unknown significance), partly clear "Knoxville Ten. 11 Dec. 1861" double-circle datestamp on small cover to Mrs. Ella Ruggles, care of Brig. Gen. D. Ruggles, New Orleans La., some cosmetic improvements to cover including reattached backflap and light cleaning

VERY FINE. ONE OF THREE RECORDED USED PAIRS OF THE RARE KNOXVILLE PROVISIONAL — THIS IS BY FAR THE FINER OF THE TWO ON COVERS.



51° Knoxville Tenn., 5c Carmine on Grayish Laid (47X2). Intense shade and impression, three full to large margins, slightly into frameline at left, tied by partly clear strike of "Knoxville Ten. 5 Paid" circular rate handstamp (listed as Scott 47XU5) on cover to Richmond Va., "Richmond Va. Oct. 23, 1861" circular datestamp and "Advertised 2" in ornately framed handstamp

VERY FINE. A RARE EXAMPLE OF THE KNOXVILLE "PAID 5" HANDSTAMP ON THE 5-CENT STAMP AND THE ONLY "ADVERTISED" COVER WITH A KNOXVILLE PROVISIONAL.

There are probably no more than ten covers extant with the Knoxville 5c provisional (either shade) tied by a handstamped marking — more than half of the known covers are manuscript cancelled. Only three recorded Knoxville provisional stamps are known tied by the "Paid 5" in circle, and only one, this cover, has an "Advertised" marking.

Ex Worthington, Caspary and Weatherly E. 5,000-7,500



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52°

Knoxville Tenn., 5c Blue on Orange entire (47XU2). Uncancelled as usual, addressed to McMinnville Tenn. and evidently carried thru the mails, Very Fine and rare, approximately 15 are known genuinely used (none have postmarks), ex Shenfield 1,500.00

LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA



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53° ■ Lenoir N.C., 5c Blue & Orange (49X1). Margins showing two full framelines and traces of a third at right, ms. "X" cancel, blurry blue "Lenoir N.C." circular datestamp on blue folded letter datelined "Palmyra Jan. 17th '62" to R. L. Patterson, Salem N.C., routed thru the Lenoir post office

FRESH AND FINE. ONE OF THE MORE COLORFUL AND ATTRACTIVE OF THE APPROXIMATELY 29 LENOIR PROVISIONAL COVERS EXTANT.



54° Lenoir N.C., 10c (5c + 5c) Blue entire (49XU2). Two clear impressions of the 5c wood-cut provisional handstamp used to make adhesive stamps at the top center of a Union Patriotic envelope with red and blue lines on flaps and "Union Constitution" with Eagle embossing on backflap, cancelled together by blue target, matching "Lenoir N.C. Nov. 11" (1861) circular datestamp, ms. "Paid 10c", addressed in the hand of Postmaster James Harper to his son, Lieut. G. W. F. Harper, 58th N.C. Regt., Big Creek Gap, Knoxville Tenn., pressed vertical fold at center and lightly cleaned, at one time prior to use there was probably an uncancelled U.S. 3c stamp at upper right, which was soaked off

FRESH AND EXTREMELY FINE. THE UNIQUE LENOIR 5-PLUS-5 PROVISIONAL ENTIRE, SENT BY THE LENOIR POSTMASTER, JAMES HARPER, TO HIS SON, LIEUTENANT G. W. F. HARPER, WHO CARVED THE WOODCUT DEVICE. AN OUTSTANDING CONFEDERATE PROVISIONAL RARITY AND UNQUESTIONABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LENOIR COVER EXTANT.

Based on sworn testimony from James Harper and his son, G. W. F. Harper, the Lenoir provisional was impressed from a pear-wood device carved by Postmaster Harper's son in the summer of 1861 (see Crown book, pp. 172-178, 651-652). Approximately 29 covers bearing the Lenoir adhesive stamp are known. The same woodcut device was applied directly to envelopes, as evidenced by the one recorded cut square with the single 5c impression (Scott 49XU1) and this unique 5c plus 5c entire (Scott 49XU2). The large town circular datestamp was also used to make provisional entires.

Illustrated in original Dietz book. "W.H.C." handstamps at lower right (Warren H. Colson). Acquired by the Kilbournes privately from Robert A. Siegel in 1966. With 1966 P.F. certificate E. 20,000-30,000

LIBERTY, VIRGINIA



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55°⊠ **Liberty Va., 5c Black, Laid Paper (74X1).** Large margins, uncancelled as always, tied by faint gum stain, bold "Liberty Va. 7 Jul." (1861) circular datestamp on cover to Mrs. M. A. McPheeters, Raleigh N.C., accompanied by two covers from the same correspondence with Liberty Jun. 22 and Jul. 16 circular datestamps and ms. "Pd 5e" and "Paid 5e" markings

VERY FINE. THE FINER OF TWO RECORDED COVERS FROM LIBERTY, VIRGINIA, BEARING THE 5-CENT PROVISIONAL STAMP.

The simple typeset provisional stamps known on covers from Liberty (Jul. 7 and Jul. 10) and Salem (Dec. 6 — see lot 143) are identical and were evidently made by impressing printer's type by hand onto a sheet of paper. Salem, home to Roanoke College, had an active post office during the Confederate period. Liberty was located east of Salem on the Norfolk & Western Railroad line between Lynchburg and Salem. The use of the same stamp at two post offices seems to us to be linked to railway activity. Two other stampless Liberty covers are known, one of which had a coin attached to pay postage. It is likely that the provisional stamps were available briefly to persons who sent their letters to the Liberty (or Salem) offices from outlying areas, as a means to indicate prepayment in the absence of coins or government stamps.

Ex Hart..... E. 10,000-15,000

LIVINGSTON, ALABAMA



56

56° Livingston Ala., 5c Blue (51X1). Full to huge margins showing part of adjoining stamp above, bottom right margin clears frameline, beautiful rich color, neatly tied by "Livingston Ala. Nov. 15" (1861) circular datestamp on light yellow cover to Mrs. M. A. Sturdivant, Hollow Square Ala., sender's "Chg box 102" notation

EXTREMELY FINE. THE FINEST SINGLE FRANKING AMONG THE SEVEN RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE LIVINGSTON PROVISIONAL, A STRIKING PICTORIAL STAMP THAT DEPICTS THE SOUTHERN SHIELD AND ALLEGORICAL FIGURES.

Livingston is the county seat of Sumter County, Alabama, lying on the Selma and Meriden Railroad line about 130 miles north of Mobile, near the state's western border. Official records name Stephen W. Murley as the Livingston postmaster in 1861, while other sources attribute the provisional stamp to another postmaster, Robert F. Houston. The Livingston provisional is known used in November-December 1861 and again in March 1862.

Our records contain a total of 11 stamps, including the famous and unique pair on cover (Nov. 12, 1861), 6 singles on separate covers (1861—Nov. 15, Nov. 15, Nov. 25, Dec. 10; 1862—Mar. 17 and Mar. 21), and 3 off-cover stamps. One of the single frankings, a corner-margin stamp (Nov. 25 date, ex Caspary, Antrim and Cole), was severely damaged through negligent restoration. The other four single-franked covers are attractive, but none equals the offered cover's condition. Stanley B. Ashbrook described this item as "really a superb cover and the finest Livingston that I have ever seen." (Stamp Specialist, Black Book, 1945)

Only two Confederate post offices, Livingston and Mobile, issued stamps with a pictorial design. It is almost certain that the same printer was responsible for both, whose imprint "W. R. Robertson Mobile" appears on the Mobile lithographic stones. The composition of the Livingston plate is not known, but a pane of 20 subjects may be reasonably conjectured.

This cover is offered in the open market for the first time ever. It was purchased privately by Harold C. Brooks, and when the Brooks collection was dispersed, this Livingston (one of two owned by Brooks) was sold privately to A. Earl Weatherly. In 1963 the Kilbournes purchased the cover directly from Weatherly.

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA



57

57°⊠ **Lynchburg Va., 5c Blue (52X1).** Horizontal pair, ample margins to just touching, tied by "Lynchburg Va. Aug. 28, 1861" circular datestamp on cover to Florence Ala., from the Rowell correspondence, faint toned spot

VERY FINE. THE FINEST OF THE FIVE RECORDED COVERS WITH A PAIR OF THE LYNCHBURG PROVISIONAL.





MACON, GEORGIA



60

60° Macon Ga., 2c Black on Gray Green Wove (53X5). Margins clear to just touching ornamental frame, neatly tied by "Macon Ga. — 7" double-circle datestamp on small droprate cover to Dr. G. E. Carleton in Macon, some writing erased from left side

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF FOUR RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE MACON 2-CENT PROVISIONAL (THREE ON COVERS) AND THE FINER OF TWO COVERS ON WHICH THE STAMP IS TIED BY THE CIRCULAR DATESTAMP. ONE OF THE RAREST STAMPS IN THE WORLD — FAR RARER, IN FACT, THAN A HAWAIIAN 2-CENT MISSIONARY.

The Macon 2c is one of six 2c provisional stamps issued by Confederate post offices, and it is the rarest of the group (the Uniontown 2c is represented by two covers and the unique sheet of four, unused). Our records contain only four examples of the Macon 2c, including another cover to Dr. Carleton with the stamp tied by the double-circle ("2" but no month visible) — the cover has a large piece torn from the front of the envelope (ex Caspary). The third cover is addressed locally to Col. Jno. B. Lamar with the stamp tied by a "Paid" straightline and no other markings (ex Caspary). A fourth stamp is known on piece tied by the "Paid" straightline (ex Deats, P.F. photo files).

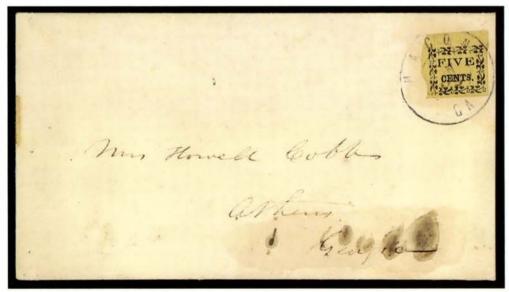
The Crown book lists a fourth 2c cover addressed to Mrs. Howell Cobb, Athens Ga., which was attributed to the Meta Heathcote collection, but the accuracy of this listing is questionable. There is no photographic confirmation of the Heathcote cover, and, if addressed to Mrs. Howell Cobb in Athens, it should have a 5c stamp, not a 2c. A few Macon covers to Mrs. Cobb in Athens do exist (all 5c), and we feel certain that the fourth 2c cover in the Crown census is based on one of these 5c covers, which was entered with erroneous data in one of the earlier surveys. Of course, if someone can produce the fourth 2c cover, we stand corrected.

Of the three confirmed covers, this and the "Paid" cover are in comparably choice condition. Use of the town datestamp to cancel (and tie) the stamp is a desirable feature of this cover. Although the month is not visible, it is very likely to be July or August, based on other recorded covers. It is a peculiarity of the Macon datestamp that the day numeral is strongly impressed, while the month is weakly struck or altogether absent.

Ex Ferrary, Hind and Brooks. Upon dispersal of the Brooks collection, it was sold privately to A. Earl Weatherly and then privately in 1963 to the Kilbournes; therefore, this cover is offered in the open market for the first time since the 1933 Hind auction....

15,000.00





62



63°⊠ Macon Ga., 5c Black on Yellow Wove (53X3). Horizontal pair with bottom right corner sheet margin, large to huge margins on other sides, dark shade on bright paper, tied by large "Macon Geo." circular datestamp on small cover to Richmond, from the Cobb correspondence, backflap removed and reduced at top, lightened stain at upper left corner and tiny edge tear, none of these minor flaws affects the provisional pair

EXTREMELY FINE PAIR AND ATTRACTIVE SMALL COVER. ONE OF FIVE RECORDED COVERS WITH A PAIR OF THE MACON 5-CENT FLORAL-BORDER PROVISIONAL.





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MARION, VIRGINIA



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66° Marion Va., 5c Black (55X1). Huge margins all around, tied by bold "Marion Va. Jun. 7" (1861 but not year-dated) circular datestamp on restored blue cover to Rural Retreat Va., front and backflaps separated and affixed to another envelope, some concealed edge faults in cover, tiny tear in extreme top margin of stamp (could be trimmed and still leave a huge margin)

VERY FINE STAMP AND ATTRACTIVE COVER. ONE OF THREE MARION 5-CENT PROVISIONAL COVERS IN PRIVATE HANDS. THE EARLIEST RECORDED USE OF THE MARION PROVISIONAL AND AN OUTSTANDING RARITY.

The Marion Va. 5c and 10c provisional stamps, with their distinctive "Check" label at top, were issued by Postmaster J. H. Francis in 1861. The stamps were printed in two steps: first, the typeset form containing the border and words "P. Office, Marion, Va., Check. Paid" were impressed; then the values, "5" or "10" were handstamped on the blank center. Postmaster Francis described his stamps in a January 1880 letter to August Dietz, and he offered to make more from the "die" which he still possessed. Various "reprints" made from the typeset form were made by John W. Scott, including 2c, 15c and 20c values that have never been seen genuinely used.

Genuine Marion provisional stamps are extremely rare. Our records contain a total of 10 examples of the 5c, including 4 covers (one of which is in the British Library's Tapling collection), 3 stamps remaining on pieces, 2 used off cover and an unused example on bluish paper (of uncertain status, but counted in our census). The four recorded covers are dated as follows: Jun. 7 (1861), the cover offered here; Jun. 11 (1861), ex Haas; Jan. 24 (1862), ex Hessel; and Mar. 31 (1862), British Library, Tapling Collection. Although the cover offered here could benefit from expert attention to properly restore edge faults in the envelope, the stamp itself is superb, and the cover is colorful and attractive. Stanley B. Ashbrook described this cover in his article on the Brooks collection in *Stamp Specialist* (Black Book, 1945) as follows: "quite a fine example of the 5c black on white on a cover showing an extremely early use, viz: 'June 7,' presumably 1861."



67° Marion Va., 10c Black (55X2). Margins on three sides, frame and part of post office name cut away at right, tied by "Marion Va. Nov. 16" (1861) circular datestamp on brown homemade cover to Emory Va.

FINE AND ATTRACTIVE. ONE OF FIVE AVAILABLE COVERS BEARING THE MARION POST-MASTER'S 10-CENT PROVISIONAL STAMP.

Our records contain six covers with the Marion 10c provisional, plus a repaired stamp affixed to the back of a cover noted in the Crown book as part of the Worthington collection. There are two unused stamps and perhaps one or two off-cover stamps extant. Of the six known covers, one is part of the Tapling collection at the British Library (a sound example dated Oct. 15, 1861), two have stamps with a significant portion of the design cut away (dated Oct. 25 and Nov. 16, 1861, the latter offered here), and one has the bottom right corner of the stamp repaired (dated Sep. 24, 1861, ex Caspary). Therefore, there remain only two covers available to collectors in essentially sound condition: the ex-Hessel cover (dated Nov. 18, 1861, with repairs to the cover) and the cover (Mar. 2, 1862) in our Sale 810, which realized \$62,500 hammer.

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE



68

68° Memphis Tenn., 2c Blue (56X1). Three full to large margins, clear at left, deep shade, tied by "Memphis Ten. Nov. 12, 1861" circular datestamp on yellow drop-rate cover locally addressed to James Pettit, designated "Box 664", backflap removed, mildew stains on back and small spot on front at left

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE AND DESIRABLE 2-CENT MEMPHIS PROVISIONAL USAGE — AMONG THE FINER HALF OF THE FIFTEEN COVERS RECORDED BY CROWN.

The 1967 census by Billy Matz (Confederate Philatelist, Mar. 1967) identified twelve 2c Memphis provisional covers, and the Crown book reported an additional three covers.

Acquired by the Kilbournes directly from Warren H. Colson in 1958............ 6,500.00

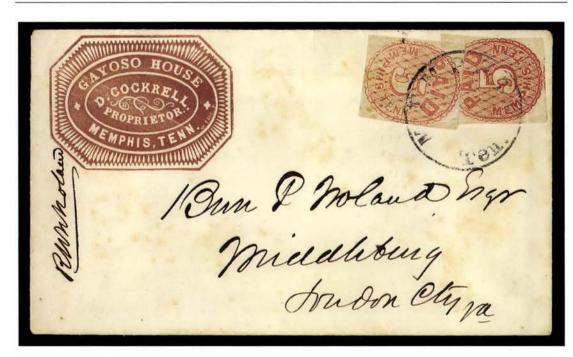












74° Memphis Tenn., 5c Red (56X2). Two, each has large margins to just touched around scalloped border, paper wrinkles from gum, tied by "Memphis Ten." circular datestamp (date unreadable) on cover to Middleburg Va. with Gayoso House brown woodcut corner card, some faint scattered toned spots, part of back flap removed, Very Fine, ex Caspary and Muzzy (where acquired by the Kilbournes).................. E. 3,000-4,000



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Memphis Tenn., 5c Red (56X2). Partly cut to shape at upper right, other sides clear to slightly in, tied by "Memphis Ten. Jul. 15(?), 1861" circular datestamp on North-to-South thru-the-lines cover, addressed to Greenwood Tenn., clear strikes of "The Adams Express Co. Boston Jul. 6" circular datestamp and "Paid J.W.R." double-circle with ms. "25", the Paid marking applied at Boston to indicate prepayment of 25c express charge, vertical fold and slight wear at upper left corner

VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF ANY CONFEDERATE POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL ON AN ADAMS EXPRESS COVER FROM BOSTON.

Very few covers are recorded with Confederate provisional stamps or markings used in conjunction with thru-the-lines express service. This group includes the provisionals of Atlanta (handstamp), Houston (handstamp), Lynchburg (press-printed entire), Memphis (adhesive), Mobile (adhesive), Montgomery (handstamp), Nashville (adhesive and handstamp) and New Orleans (adhesive). To the best of our knowledge, this is the only Memphis thru-the-lines express usage, and it is the only provisional/express usage from the Adams Boston office (whose markings are rare in their own right). E. 7,500-10,000



77° Memphis Tenn., 5c Red (56X2). Three full margins, just touching bottom scalloped frame, tied by red "Southern Express Co. Memphis Tenn. Dec. 18" (1861) double-circle datestamp on cover to Columbia Tenn., blue "Southern Express Co. Nashville Tenn. Dec. 19" double-circle datestamp applied in transit, ms. "2/- CP" (two bits, or 25c) express charge notation, faint toning, small edge tears at top

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF A POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL USED OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CONFEDERATE MAILS. AT LEAST ONE COVER (POSSIBLY TWO OR THREE) IS KNOWN WITH THE MEMPHIS PROVISIONAL, BUT THIS COMBINATION OF NASHVILLE AND MEMPHIS MARKINGS COULD WELL BE UNIQUE.

The cover was entrusted to the Southern Express Co.'s Memphis office for delivery to Columbia Tenn., which lies east of Memphis. It travelled northeast to Nashville, then south to Columbia, accompanied by a Southern Express Co. agent along connecting railroad lines. Independent expresses were often used to carry valuable mail. Express covers involving Confederate postage of any kind are scarce, and those with postmasters' provisionals are very rare.

With 1969 P.F. certificate..... E. 5,000-7,500





79

79°⊠ Memphis Tenn., 5c Red on Orange entire (56XU3). Mostly clear "Memphis Ten. Oct. 15, 1861" circular datestamp, addressed to Lieut. P. G. Pettit, 8th Regt. Ark. Vol., Bowling Green Ky., sender's notation "Genl. Hardee's Division" and care of Capt. Gray and Col. Patterson, pressed vertical fold, Extremely Fine, superb condition and desirable military address in Confederate-occupied Kentucky, ex Emerson and Brooks...... 2,250.00

MILTON, NORTH CAROLINA



80

80° Milton N.C., 5c Black entire (unlisted in Scott). Postmaster's "N. B. PATTON" straightline handstamp with "Paid" in matching black ink, ms. "5" rate on buff entire to Lynchburg Va., "Milton N.C. Jan. 17" (1862) circular datestamp applied in completely different watery brownish-black ink — this difference indicates provisional status of other markings — fresh and Very Fine, one other reported example, ex Caspary... E. 1,000-1,500

MOBILE, ALABAMA



81

81° Mobile Ala., 2c Black (58X1). Horizontal pair, three large to huge margins, clear to ample at bottom, deep shade, fine impression, tied by bold "Mobile Ala. Sep. 7, 1861" double-circle datestamp on blue folded printed prices-current to Burn's Bluff Va., double circular rate, right stamp has very slight pre-use diagonal crease at lower right, lettersheet has some nibbled areas on inside and back (tiny spot at lower right)

EXTREMELY FINE. BY FAR THE FINER OF THE TWO RECORDED COVERS BEARING A PAIR OF THE MOBILE 2-CENT PROVISIONAL. ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING CONFEDERATE ITEMS, IN TERMS OF RARITY AND CONDITION.

The other pair on cover — in vertical format with part of the imprint at bottom — is used with a single; the stamps are seriously defective.



82° Mobile Ala., 2c Black (58X1). Five, two righthand stamps a pair with nearly-complete separation cut between stamps, margins large to just in, a few minor creases or tiny tears, tied by four strikes of "Mobile Ala. Aug. 26, 1861 double-circle datestamp on yellow cover to Mrs. John J. Walker, Choctaw Agency Miss., rated 10c for distance, vertical fold at left,

opening tears in flap and top of cover have been sealed with archival tissue

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. THE ONLY RECORDED QUINTUPLE FRANKING OF THE MOBILE 2-CENT PROVISIONAL — THE LARGEST NUMBER OF THIS RARE STAMP KNOWN ON A SINGLE COVER. DESCRIBED IN THE 1956 CASPARY SALE AS "THE MOST OUTSTANDING MOBILE ITEM KNOWN" — AN OPINION STILL WIDELY ACCEPTED.

The postmasters at Mobile and Livingston issued the only two pictorial Confederate provisional stamps, and it is almost certain that they were designed and printed by the same lithographer, whose name, W. R. Robertson, appears in the imprints on the 2c and 5c stones. The stamp designs contain symbols of the Confederacy and allegorical figures representing the South.

The Mobile 2c Black is an extremely rare stamp in any form. The Crown book records 23 covers, and, if we allow for additional covers, it is unlikely that the total extant exceeds 30. Of these, all but a few are single frankings for the 2c drop-letter or circular rates. One pair on cover is recorded (offered in the preceding lot), and a cover with three stamps was offered in our Sale 810 (realized \$5,500 hammer). This cover with five 2c provisionals for the 10c rate comes from the well-known Walker correspondence, which is also the source of the largest known 5c multiples.





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87° Mobile Ala., 5c Blue (58X2). Two vertical pairs, one has large margins all around, other has mostly large margins except touched at upper left, tied by "Mobile Ala. Aug. 27, 1861" double-circle datestamps on cover to Beersheba Springs Tenn., very slightly toned, Very Fine, only four covers are recorded with 20c rate prepaid by Mobile 5c provisional — two have strips and two have pairs — ex Seybold, Caspary and Hill .. E. 3,000-4,000

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA



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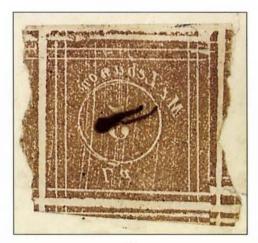


92°⊠ Montgomery Ala., 5c Black on Buff, Red Crayon "5" and "T Welsh" Postmaster's Signature (unlisted in Scott). Used on orange-buff cover to Lieut. M. E. Pratt, Prattville Ala., 5c Green, Stone 2 (1), sheet margin at left, creases, originally affixed over provisional and tied by "Montgomery Ala. Mar. 5, 1862" circular datestamp (also ties provisional), mended nick in top edge of cover, flap fold also creases and ties provisional

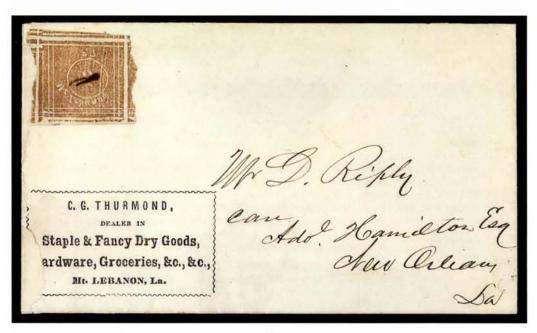
VERY FINE. THE RECORDING EXAMPLE OF THIS MONTGOMERY PROVISIONAL ADHESIVE. ONLY ONE OTHER EXAMPLE IS BELIEVED TO EXIST.

One other example of the 5c on Buff is recorded in Crown as part of the Manning collection (Phillips census), used on a cover to Edw. Hart, Auditor, Jackson Miss. The use of the provisional adhesive on this cover is something of an enigma. Government postage stamps were available at Montgomery as early as October 1861, and dated examples of the provisional handstamped envelopes show that they were phased out by January 1862. There is no obvious reason for Postmaster Welsh to accept adhesive provisionals in March 1862 — in this instance, an old stamp may have been affixed and honored, and the 5c Green affixed at the post office to keep accounts reconciled.

Illustrated in Crown book (p. 231). "W.H.C." Colson handstamp. Ex Ferrary, Caspary, Meroni and Freeland E. 5,000-7,500



93 Detail of stamp



MOUNT LEBANON, LOUISIANA

93° Mount Lebanon La., 5c Red Brown (60X1). Fine impression that shows all of the lettering and reveals the wood grain of the printing block, neatly cancelled with small pen stroke, affixed upside down on bright white cover to "Mr. D. Ripley, care Adol. Hamilton Esq., New Orleans, La." with printed corner card for "C. G. Thurmond, Dealer in Staples & Fancy Dry Goods, Hardware, Groceries, &c., &c., Mt. Lebanon, La.", stamp has huge margins cleanly cut at top and bottom and roughly separated at sides (causing a tiny tear), cover opened roughly at left, which effectively ties the stamp, a piece of backing paper affixed behind left edge of cover purely for cosmetic purposes

VERY FINE. THE FAMOUS AND UNIQUE POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL OF MOUNT LEBANON, LOUISIANA. THIS REMARKABLE STAMP IS A MIRROR IMAGE OF THE INTENDED DESIGN, WHICH WAS CREATED BY HAMMERING PRINTER'S TYPE INTO A WOOD BLOCK. THE MOUNT LEBANON HAS BEEN DISPLAYED AMONG THE "ARISTOCRATS OF PHILATELY" AT INTERPHIL '76, AMERIPEX '86 AND ANPHILEX '96, AND IT IS WIDELY REGARDED AS THE MOST VALUABLE STAMP IN CONFEDERATE PHILATELY.

Mount Lebanon was settled in 1847 by immigrants from South Carolina. The village is located in Bienville Parish, which was established in 1848 and named for Jean Baptiste Sieur de Bienville, colonizer of Louisiana and founder of the city of New Orleans. It lies in northern Louisiana, approximately 400 miles distance from New Orleans. Mount Lebanon was the site of the first Baptist church in North Louisiana, and the Baptist Convention founded Mount Lebanon University in 1855. During the Civil War, the school was closed and turned into a hospital — it moved to Pineville after the war and was re-named Louisiana College. [Reference: www:louisianahistory.ourfamily.com].

According to an account by L. B. Dabney, published in the Southern Philatelist (May 1929) and reprinted in the Crown book (p. 238), the Mount Lebanon postmaster during the war (1859-1865) was W. F. Wells, who was publisher of the Louisiana Baptist newspaper. According to citizens of Mount Lebanon who were interviewed by Dabney for his 1929 article, the provisional stamps were printed by Wells and used briefly in June 1861. Mount Lebanon had a wartime population of less than 1,000, and it is unlikely that the stamp saw widespread use.

Apart from its extreme rarity, the Mount Lebanon provisional stamp is believed to be the sole example of a mirror-image stamp in all of philately. The stamp was printed from a piece of wood with a relatively smooth surface. Lines were incised into the wood and strips were removed to create the borders surrounding each stamp. Horizontal and vertical ruled lines were added within the borders of each subject, and a circle was cut into the center. At this point the "engraver" took printer's type and hammered the letters spelling "Mt. Lebanon La." around the circle, and the numeral "5" was impressed into the center. The enlarged photo shown here in upright position clearly shows the effect of this process — the printed stamp is a mirror image of the right-reading wood engraving. As anyone familiar with printing knows, the plate used to print an image must mirror the intended design. This principle of typography was missed or ignored by the creator of the Mount Lebanon provisional.

The single known example shows parts of three adjoining subjects at left, at the extreme bottom-left corner, and at bottom (see detail). There is additional printing to the right of the primary impression, which we think is a second impression. Judging from the size, shape and line breaks of this second impression, this might be the bottom of the woodblock, turned 90 degrees. Such work-and-turn printing is found on other provisionals (Memphis 5c, for example). All of this is purely hypothetical, and we encourage others to develop a better explanation.

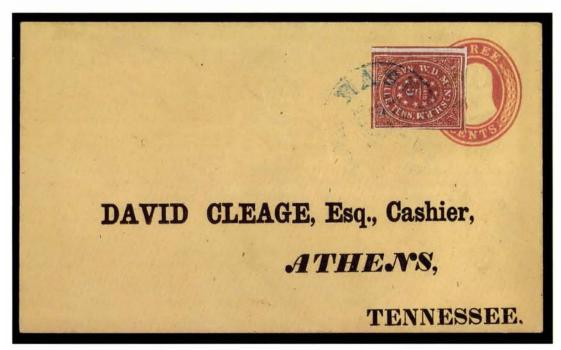
The Mount Lebanon cover was part of the Ferrary collection sold at auction in Paris in 1925-1927. It next appeared in the Alfred H. Caspary sale held by H. R. Harmer in 1956, where A. Earl Weatherly acquired it for his collection. At the invitation of Weatherly in 1963, Charles and Lucy Kilbourne acquired a number of important provisional rarities by private sale. Thus, the famous Mount Lebanon cover appears at auction for the first time in 43 years. It has been shown in the Aristocrats of Philately display, alongside major philatelic rarities of the world, at Interphil 1976, Ameripex 1986 and Anphilex 1996.

Ex Ferrary, Caspary and Weatherly. Acquired by the Kilbournes from Weatherly in 1963.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



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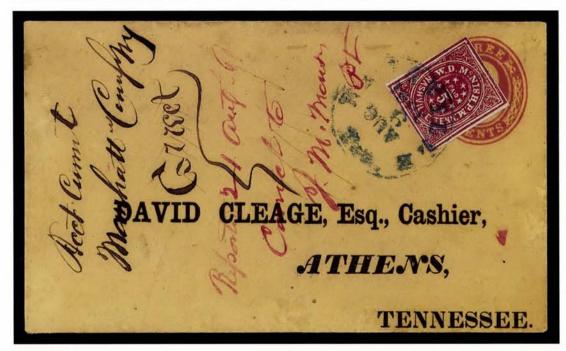
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96°⊠ Nashville Tenn., 5c Brick Red (61X3). Top right corner sheet margin, other sides full to just clear, bright shade, tied by greenish-blue "Nashville Ten. Sep. 16, 1861" circular datestamp, matching "Paid" on cover to Shelbyville Tenn. with importer's illustrated building corner card, large and detailed depiction with horses and wagons on street, a few lightly toned spots around edges

EXTREMELY FINE. A SPECTACULAR USE OF THE NASHVILLE PROVISIONAL ON AN ILLUSTRATED BUILDING CORNER CARD COVER.

Illustrated in Crown book (p. 245). Ex Caspary and Wiseman..... E. 7,500-10,000



97°⊠

Nashville Tenn., 5c Deep Carmine (61X2). Intense dark shade and fine impression, full margins all around, tied by blue "Nashville Ten. Aug. 9, 1861" circular datestamp on United States 3c Red Nesbitt entire with printed address to David Cleage, Athens Ga., Planter's Bank embossing on flap, docketed across face of cover, Very Fine stamp and scarce use of provisional on demonetized U.S. entire, ex Worthington... E. 1,500-2,000



98

98°⊠

Nashville Tenn., 5c Carmine (61X2). Horizontal pair, bright shade, large margins to clear, upper right corner of pair torn and repaired, tied by "Nashville Ten. Sep. 5, 1861" circular datestamp with matching "Paid" on orange cover to Kennedy's P.O. Va., druggist's oval corner card, reduced at right and part of side flap missing, Very Fine appearance, an attractive and rare usage despite repair, ex Muzzy 6,000.00





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101° ■ Nashville Tenn., 5c Violet Brown (61X5). Full to huge margins showing bit of adjoining stamp's frameline at left, beautiful deep rich chocolate-brown shade on blued paper, tied by "Nashville Ten. Oct. 3, 1861" circular datestamp with matching "Paid" on bright buff cover to Athens Ga., Cleage correspondence, Extremely Fine, ex Brooks....... 3,500.00



102



103

Nashville Tenn., 5c Brick Red (61X3). Ample margins to slightly in, tied by blue "Adams Express Co. Nashville Aug. 2" oval datestamp on United States 3c Red Star Die entire to Cleveland Tenn., North-to-South thru-the-lines express usage, blue "POSTAGE/PAID" rimless handstamp applied by Nashville office of Adams Express Company, 3c embossed stamp cancelled by black "Adams Ex. Co. * Louisville, Ky. * Jul. 27, 1861" circular datestamp (month inverted), small ms. "2" (two bits or 25c), expert restoration to close opening tears along top, but the provisional is sound

FRESH AND VERY FINE APPEARANCE. ONE OF FIVE RECORDED COVERS WITH THE 5-CENT NASHVILLE PROVISIONAL USED IN COMBINATION WITH UNITED STATES POSTAGE.

This North-to-South express cover is one of five recorded with the 5c Nashville provisional and U.S. stamps used together (two Nashville 10c provisional combinations are known; see the following lot). Two of the five recorded Adams Express covers with the 5c Nashville are from the Knowles correspondence to Rhode Island. Two other covers have Adams and Louisville post office markings with identical dates (Aug. 21 and 22); one is addressed to Minnesota (our Sale 795, lot 415) and the other to Kentucky.

Adams was required to pay Confederate postage, but letters never actually entered the mails at Nashville. Instead, the blue "Postage Paid" marking was used to indicate prepayment. Judging from recorded covers, it appears that the Adams Nashville office rarely used the provisional stamps to indicate prepayment.

Illustrated and described in detail in Ashbrook's article on the Brooks collection (Stamp Specialist, 1945 Black Book). Ex Emerson, Brooks and Muzzy...... E. 15,000-20,000



104

Nashville Tenn., 10c Green (61X6). Two huge margins, framelines touched at top and right, deep shade, scissors-cut at top left, tied by blue "Adams Express Co. Nashville Aug. 1" oval datestamp with matching "10" handstamp indicating Confederate postage rate on United States 3c Red Star Die entire to Rev. A. J. Leavenworth, Petersburg Va., "Adams Ex. Co. * Louisville, Ky. * Jul. 30, 1861" circular datestamp cancels 3c embossed stamp, small red ms. "2" express charge (two bits, or 25c), receipt docketing "Prof. Agnew & Sundry others", small part of backflap removed, light soiling and edge wear

VERY FINE. ONE OF THREE RECORDED ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY COVERS WITH THE NASHVILLE 10-CENT PROVISIONAL, OF WHICH ONLY TWO ARE MIXED FRANKINGS WITH UNITED STATES POSTAGE. AN OUTSTANDING COVER THAT COMBINES THE RAREST ELEMENTS OF PHILATELY AND POSTAL HISTORY.

As explained in the previous description, Adams Express Company was required to ensure the prepayment of government postage (Federal and Confederate), although the letter was carried outside the regular mails. Very few covers are recorded with Confederate provisional stamps or markings used in conjunction with thru-the-lines express service. This group includes the provisionals of Atlanta (handstamp), Houston (handstamp), Lynchburg (press-printed entire), Memphis (adhesive), Mobile (adhesive), Montgomery (handstamp), Nashville (adhesive and handstamp) and New Orleans (adhesive).

Of the Nashville provisional/express covers, five are known with the 5c and three with the 10c; only two of the 10c covers are mixed frankings (the third is used alone). These two Nashville 10c mixed-franking covers carried by Adams, both North-to-South usages, are the only 10c adhesive Confederate provisionals known in combination with United States postage. As such, they are quite significant artifacts of this remarkable period of postal history.

Illustrated in Shenfield book (p. 23). Ex Antrim (acquired by the Kilbournes in 1958). Accompanied by signed Ashbrook photo. E. 50,000-75,000

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA







106EX

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- 106°(★) New Orleans La., 5c Brown, Red Brown, Yellow Brown (62X3 two, 62X4 two, 62X5). Three stamps have o.g. (62X3, 62X4, 62X5), one 62X3 unused (no gum), one 62X4 cancelled by town datestamp, couple minor flaws, otherwise Very Fine 1,015.00



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108

New Orleans La., 2c Blue (62X1). Three large margins showing part of adjoining stamp above, clear to ample at left, tied by lightly-struck "New Orleans La. Sep. 4" (1861) circular datestamp on folded printed prices-current to Mt. Lebanon La., Very Fine, choice and rare circular-rate use of the New Orleans 2c Blue, ex Caspary.................................. 3,500.00



109



110° Mew Orleans La., 2c Blue (62X1). Three singles, two have ample to large margins, third has two large margins, other sides touching to slightly in, remarkably deep shade, tied by "New Orleans La. 1 Dec." (1861) circular datestamps on bluish-gray folded printed prices-current with additional letter to Woodville Miss., 1c overpayment of 5c rate, small mended break in file fold at top center

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF FOUR RECORDED COVERS WITH THREE OR MORE NEW ORLEANS 2-CENT BLUE PROVISIONAL STAMPS — IN TERMS OF CONDITION, ONE OF THE TWO FINEST MULTIPLE-RATE FRANKINGS.



111

111°⊠ New Orleans La., 2c Red (62X2). Full to large margins except where frameline just shaved at upper right, tied by "New Orleans La. 25 Jan." (1862) circular datestamp on manila wrapper to Memphis Tenn. with original printed circular

VERY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING CIRCULAR-RATE USE OF THE RARE NEW ORLEANS 2-CENT RED PROVISIONAL. ONLY EIGHT COVERS RECORDED.





New Orleans La., 5c Brown on White (62X3). Vertical strip of four, left side separated with pinking shears, other sides large to just touched at top left, tied by "New Orleans La. 30 Jul." (1861) circular datestamps on gray lithographed illustrated advertising cover to Dangerfield Tex., reduced at left, probably fewer than fifteen New Orleans provisional covers exist with multiples of three or larger, ex Grant E. 2,000-3,000



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120°⊠

New Orleans La., 5c Red Brown on Bluish (62X4). Three large to huge margins, tied by "New Orleans La. 10 Nov." (1861) circular datestamp on cover to Vicksburg Miss. with L. W. Lyons & Co. clothing and furnishing goods illustrated advertising corner card, marvelously detailed depiction of building with people, horses and wagons on street, flap tear just touches top edge of cover

EXTREMELY FINE. A MAGNIFICENT AND RARE ADVERTISING COVER WITH NEW ORLEANS PROVISIONAL. ONLY ONE OTHER SIMILAR COVER IS RECORDED.

Ex MacBride E. 4,000-5,000







New Orleans La., 5c Yellow Brown on Off-White (62X5). Huge margins all around including part imprint at top, tied by "New Orleans La. 11 Dec." (1861) circular datestamp on grocer's light gray lithographed advertising cover to Memphis Tenn., Extremely Fine, remarkably choice and attractive example of the Third Printing, which is quite scarce on cover E. 1,000-1,500



127

127°⊠ New Orleans La., 5c Yellow Brown on Off-White (62X5). Vertical pair, Positions 27/35 with bottom sheet margin showing part imprint, other sides ample to large except just touching at top right, tied by bold "New Orleans La. 8 Dec." (1861) circular datestamp on buff cover to Nashville Tenn., reduced at right, Very Fine pair and rare cover, ex Grant 1,000.00



128

128° New Orleans La., 5c Red on White (62X6). Full to large margins, bright shade, bold "DUE" straightline" and faint New Orleans Jul. 1861 circular datestamp, partly rebacked over thins

EXTREMELY FINE APPEARANCE. ONLY SIX EXAMPLES OF THE NEW ORLEANS 5-CENT RED ARE RECORDED, INCLUDING THREE ON WHITE PAPER AND THREE ON BLUE. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE CANCELLED BY THE NORTHERN "DUE" MARKING APPLIED TO MAIL AFTER SUSPENSION OF REGULAR MAIL SERVICE IN JUNE 1861. AN OUTSTANDING CONFEDERATE RARITY.

Our records contain the following examples of the 5c Red error: White Paper (62X6): 1) unused with traces of gum, ex Hind, Brooks; 2) the stamp offered here, ex Caspary, Lilly; 3) cut in at bottom, tied by "Paid" straightline on part of cover to Mrs. Wm. Reynaud, Baton Rouge, photo by Hiram Deats in P.F. files; Blue Paper (62X7): 4) Dec. 4 cds, ex Crocker; 5) Sep. 17 cds, ex Ferrary, Hind, Lilly; and 6) "Paid" and cds, ex Caspary. The Crown book lists four only examples on either paper (Nos. 3 and 4 above omitted).



129°⊠ New Orleans La., 5c Yellow Brown on Off-White (62X3). Three full to large margins, touched at top, tied by full clear strike of "PD. 5 CTS/N.O.P.O." provisional handstamp, equally clear strikes of "J. L. RIDDELL, P.M." straightline and "New Orleans Dec. 31, 1861" river-mail double-circle datestamp on cover to Natchez Miss., sender's routing per "Magenta", "STEAM" straightline applied at Natchez, receipt docketing, part of backflap removed.

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE NEW ORLEANS PROVISIONAL HANDSTAMP USED TO CANCEL ADHESIVE PROVISIONAL. EXTREMELY RARE ON THE 5-CENT THIRD PRINTING.

130° Mew Orleans La., 5c Brown on White (62X3). Large margins, faint gum toning, tied by "St. Francisville La. Jun. 27" (1861) circular datestamp on buff cover to Laurel Hill La., sender's routing "B. S. Packet Stmr. Acadia", provisional not recognized at St. Francisville and marked with ms. "Due" and "5" handstamp, backflap removed

VERY FINE. A RARE EXAMPLE OF STEAMBOAT MAIL WITH THE NEW ORLEANS PROVISIONAL CANCELLED AT ANOTHER POST OFFICE — THE ONLY RECORDED COVER POSTMARKED AT ST. FRANCISVILLE.

PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA



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132°⊠ Petersburg Va., 5c Red (65X1). Two, both Position 7 with damaged "t" in "Post", large margins except one has some ornament tips partly shaved, tied by blue "Petersburg Va. 5 cts. Dec. 22" (1861) circular datestamps on light brown cover to New Orleans with grocer's blue corner card, lightly cleaned and flap reattached, otherwise Extremely Fine, handsome double-rate franking from the Carroll Hoy correspondence .. E. 3,000-4,000



133

133°⊠ Petersburg Va., 5c Red (65X1). Position 10, bottom right corner sheet margin and large margins all around, used with General Issue 5c Green, Stone 2 (1), ample margins to slightly in at bottom right, tied together by single bold strike of blue "Petersburg Va. Feb. 7" (1862) circular datestamp on buff cover to F. P. Leavenworth, Van Buren Ark.

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF EIGHT RECORDED COVERS SHOWING CONJUNCTIVE USE OF CONFEDERATE POSTMASTERS' PROVISIONALS AND THE GENERAL ISSUE. ONLY FOUR OF THESE COVERS HAVE ADHESIVE PROVISIONALS, AND ONLY TWO ARE KNOWN WITH THE PETERSBURG STAMP. IN MANY RESPECTS, WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING CONFEDERATE COVERS EXTANT.

We record a total of eight covers with combinations of Confederate provisionals (either adhesive or handstamped) and General Issue stamps to prepay postage — we have excluded from this count a few covers on which the provisional served no postal duty. In our opinion, these combination frankings are significant and quite undervalued — imagine what price would be paid for a Baltimore provisional handstamped entire with a U.S. 5c 1847 stamp, or a St. Louis "Bear" and 1847 combination.

The following is a list of the eight mixed-franking covers: 1) Columbia S.C. (18XU1) and 5c Green (1), Jan. 4, 1862, our Sale 810, lot 1862; 2) Columbia S.C. (18XU1) and 5c Green (1), Jan. 1, 1862, Crown book, p. 80; 3) Columbia S.C. (18XU1) and 5c Blue, Local (7), Sep. 1, 1862, our Sale 810, lot 1861; 4) Charleston S.C. (16X1, repaired) and 5c Blue, London (6), Aug. 5, 1862; 5) Memphis Tenn. 5c Red entire (56XU2) and 5c Green (1), date unclear, Siegel 1983 Rarities sale, lot 357; 6) New Orleans La. 5c Brown on Blue (62X4) and 5c Green (1), Jan. 11, 1862, Siegel 1983 Rarities sale, lot 371; 7) Petersburg Va. 5c Red (65X1) and 5c Green (1), Jan. 5, 1862, ex Muzzy; and 8) Petersburg Va. 5c Red (65X1) and 5c Green (1), Feb. 7, 1862, the cover offered here.

Illustrated in Stamp Specialist (Emerald Book, 1946, p. 39). Signed Ashbrook. Ex Brown, Brooks and Weatherly (acquired by the Kilbournes in 1963)...... E. 30,000-40,000



PITTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA



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135°⊠ Pittsylvania Court House Va., 5c Dull Red on Wove (66X1). Full margins just touching tips of ornaments, tied by bold "Pittsylvania C.H. Va. 27 Sep." (1861) circular datestamp on small cover to Lieut. R. W. Martin, "Chatham Grays", Williamsburg Va., small opening nick at lower left corner of cover

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF THREE COVERS IN PRIVATE HANDS BEARING A RECTANGULAR-CUT EXAMPLE OF THE PITTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE PROVISIONAL ON WOVE PAPER. ONLY TEN COPIES IN TOTAL ARE RECORDED, INCLUDING SEVEN COVERS.

The Scott and Dietz listings for the Pittsylvania C.H. provisional, as well as the Crown census, contain erroneous information, which is based on two fakes in the Ferrary collection (4th Sale, lots 75 and 76). The stamps on the two ex-Ferrary covers are counterfeits — they both show a genuine characteristic, the space between "T" and "S" of "Cents", which is found on three genuine provisionals. However, both also show two typographic features that are not found on any of the genuine stamps and should not exist on any genuine impression. These are illustrated opposite in detail: A) on the counterfeit, the side points of the trefoil piece at left align with the tips of the curved line — on the genuine stamps, the trefoil is set inside the curved line; and B) on the counterfeit, the bottom part of the second "O" in "Johnson" is broken off — on the genuine stamp, the "O" is always complete. There are other minor differences, but these two features are sufficient to distinguish this type of counterfeit from the original. The 1929 Dietz book used the Ferrary counterfeit as its illustration of the 5c Pittsylvania C.H. provisional.

The Ferrary fakes include one rectangular-cut stamp on a cover and another on a Confederate patriotic cover. These should be removed from the record. The Scott and Dietz listings for the provisional used on patriotic cover, which does not genuinely exist, should be dropped. Our record of the remaining genuine examples includes the following (CR = cut rectangular; CS = cut to octagonal shape; Ty. I = No space between "T" and "S" of "Cents"; Ty. II = Gap between "T" and "S" of "Cents"): 1) CR Ty. I, previously uncancelled on a Nov. 11 cover to Mrs. Ruth Hairston, Cascade Va., steamed from cover with original gum intact on stamp, ex Deats (as a cover; photo in P.F. files), Caspary, Lilly; 2) CS Ty. II, tied on piece, Nov. 22 cds, ex Caspary; 3) CR Ty. I, cover to Miss Julia Green, Sep. 25, ex Hind, Caspary; 4) CR Ty. I, cover to Abram Fackler, Nov. 5, ex Caspary; 5) CR Ty. I, cover to Lt. R. W. Martin, Sep. 27, the cover offered here; 6) CS Ty. I, cover to John Payne, ex Hessel; 7) CS Ty. I, cover to Sue Henry, Jan. 20 (1862), ex Ferrary; 8) CS Ty. I, cover to Wm. Hunt, Nov. 4, ex Brooks, Klep; 9) CR Ty. I, cover to Clark & Holt, British Library, Tapling collection; and 10) CS Ty. II, tied on piece, Nov. 6, Siegel 1985 Rarities sale. In addition to the ten examples of the 5c on wove paper, there are three 5c provisionals recorded on laid paper (see following lot).



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136°

Pittsylvania Court House Va., 5c Dull Red on Laid (66X2). Large margins just touching tips of ornaments, intense shade and impression, natural vertical crease caused by gum, tied by bold "Pittsylvania C.H. Va. 9 Oct." (1861) circular datestamp on blue-lined folded cover (two flaps removed) to Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, neat "Ansd." docketing ties stamp, bottom edge of cover at left has minor sealed tear

EXTREMELY FINE. THE ONLY RECTANGULAR-CUT EXAMPLE OF THE THREE RECORDED PITTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE 5-CENT PROVISIONAL STAMPS ON LAID PAPER. ONE OF THE RAREST AND MOST OUTSTANDING OF ALL CONFEDERATE PROVISIONALS.

The description of the previous lot provides details of the ten Pittsylvania C.H. provisionals known on wove paper. Only three 5c stamps are recorded on laid paper. These are: 1) CR Ty. I, cover to Secretary of the Commonwealth, Oct. 9, offered here; 2) CS Ty. I, cover to Geo. Rives, Feb. 1862, Siegel 1983 Rarities sale; and 3) CS Ty. II, cover to Wm. T. Law, Dec. 20, Siegel 1982 Rarities sale. The date pattern does not indicate a specific time period for laid paper, and it is likely that the wove and laid papers were used interchangeably during the printing.



TYPE I
"T" and "S" of "CENTS"
with normal spacing



TYPE II "T" and "S" of "CENTS" spaced apart



COUNTERFEIT Based on genuine Type II

SEPTEMBER 28, 1999

- A) On both genuine types, the side points of the trefoil at left are slightly to the right of the tips of the curved lines; in the counterfeit, they are aligned.
- B) On both genuine types, the "O" of "Johnson" is complete; in the counterfeit, it is broken at bottom.

137°(★)



PLEASANT SHADE, VIRGINIA

Pleasant Shade Va., 5c Blue (67X1). Unused (no gum), large margins to just touching tips of ornaments, minute thin speck, Very Fine appearance, signed Charles Coster, well-known 19th century dealer in U.S. locals and Confederate provisionals 2,500.00



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138° Pleasant Shade Va., 5c Blue (67X1). Position 1, top left corner sheet margin and large margins all around, faint gum toning, tied by clearly-struck greenish-blue "Pleasant Shade Va. Apr. 14" (1862) circular datestamp on grayish-manila homemade cover to Petersburg Va., from the Donnan correspondence (from which the unique pair on cover originates), neat receipt docketing, cover slightly torn upon opening at upper right corner, but the stamp is unaffected

EXTREMELY FINE STAMP AND ATTRACTIVELY TIED ON COVER. ONE OF THE FINEST RECORDED USED EXAMPLES OF THE PLEASANT SHADE POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL AND ONE OF THREE COVERS AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS.

The Pleasant Shade provisional was produced for Postmaster R. E. Davis by A. F. Crutchfield & Co. of Petersburg Va., publisher of the *Daily Express* and printer of the Petersburg provisional. The same typeset form was used for the Pleasant Shade stamp. With an 1860 population of 57, the small Pleasant Shade post office (1860-66) evidently had very little demand for the stamps. It is far rarer in used condition than unused. We record at least eleven unused singles (including one in the British Library collection), in addition to an unused pair and block of six. There are three singles known on covers, dated as follows: Dec. 22 (1861), Tapling collection, British Library; Apr. 14 (1862), the cover offered here; and May 21 (1862), ex Ferrary, Caspary. In addition to the three singles on covers, there is the unique pair on cover, dated Nov. 24 (1861), which is also the earliest recorded usage. We record only two examples used off cover: a stamp tied on piece, ex Caspary and Weatherly, and a sound stamp sold in our Sale 810 for \$21,000 hammer.

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA



- Raleigh N.C., 5c Blue entire (68XU2). Mostly clear strike of provisional handstamp with blue "Raleigh N.C. Jun. 4, 1861" double-circle datestamp on cover to Maple Springs N.C., slightly toned, still Very Fine and extremely rare Crown records only one, but our Levi records contain at least four in blue, this being the earliest known use, only days after the Confederate postal system began, ex Brooks and MacBride 2,250.00

RHEATOWN, TENNESSEE



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Rheatown Tenn., 5c Red (69X1). Position 2 in setting, Type II with distinctive inverted ornament at top right, huge margins, deep shade, neat ms. cancel, "Rheatown Ten. Jun. 20" (1861) circular datestamp on small cover to Lieut. D. R. Wilson, Knoxville Tenn., care of Co. J. B. McIntyre, two pressed creases in cover clear of stamp, address slightly faded, stamp has tiny corner margin crease at bottom right

VERY FINE. THE EARLIEST KNOWN USE AND ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE FIVE RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE RHEATOWN POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL.

The 5c provisional stamps issued by Postmaster D. Pence were printed by the same printer who produced the Tellico Plains Tenn. provisional. The June dates recorded for the Rheatown suggest that it came first, and the postmaster's own recollections place the issue in "midsummer 1861" (see Crown book, p. 307). Although dated examples show usage into April 1862, a relatively long period of time, the issue is extremely rare.

The same basic type form containing three subjects was used for the Rheatown and Tellico Plains Tenn. provisionals. For the Rheatown, all three were 5c denominations. The inside border at the top of each stamp is made up of seven ornaments; the unique arrangement of these ornaments in each subject enables philatelists to identify the position of any stamp.

Our records contain at least a half-dozen off-cover examples the Rheatown 5c, including an unused pair, the only known multiple. The five covers and one dated piece we record are as follows (in chronological order, type identified): 1) Jun. 20 (1861), Ty. II, cover to Lt. D. R. Wilson, offered here; 2) Jun. 30 (1861), Ty. I, small cover, faint address, Siegel 1984 Rarities sale; 3) Feb. 8 (1862), Ty. III, lady's embossed cover to Eliz. Devault, the only tied example, ex Caspary, Gallagher; 4) Feb. 13 (1862), Ty. II, on piece (upper half of cover), ex Steves, Crown book; 5) Feb. 15 (1862), Ty. I, cover to David Cleage, cds struck twice, ex Caspary; and 6) Apr. 9 (1862), Ty. II, cover to Wm. Brown, ex MacBride, Siegel 1982 Rarities sale.

Ex Worthington, Caspary, Antrim and Weatherly (acquired by the Kilbournes in 1964) .. 8,500.00

SALEM, VIRGINIA



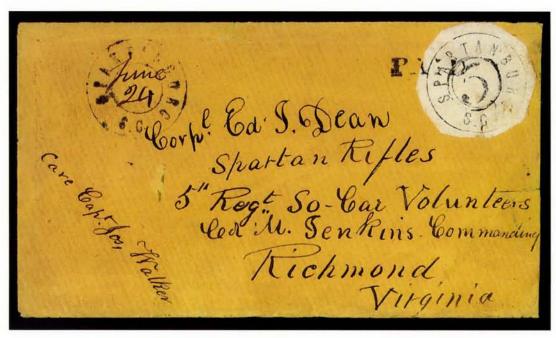
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143°⊠ Salem Va. (Liberty Va.), 5c Black, Laid Paper (74X1). Large margins, uncancelled as always, mostly clear "Salem Va. Dec. 6" (1861) circular datestamp on orange-buff cover to Jno. F. Baugh, Cashier, Lynchburg Va., sender's endorsement "Ex. B" and ms. "Paid 5" at upper right

EXTREMELY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED COVER SHOWING USE OF THE LIBERTY 5-CENT PROVISIONAL STAMP FROM SALEM, VIRGINIA. ONLY TWO OTHER EXAMPLES OF THIS RARITY ARE KNOWN, BOTH USED FROM LIBERTY.

The simple typeset provisional stamps known on covers from Liberty (Jul. 7 and Jul. 10 — see lot 55) and Salem (Dec. 6) are identical and were evidently made by impressing printer's type by hand onto a sheet of paper. Salem, home to Roanoke College, had an active post office during the Confederate period. Liberty was located east of Salem on the Norfolk & Western Railroad line between Lynchburg and Salem. The use of the same stamp at two post offices seems to us to be linked to railway activity. Two other stampless Liberty covers are known, one of which had a coin attached to pay postage. It is likely that the provisional stamps were available briefly to persons who sent their letters to the Liberty (or Salem) offices from outlying areas, as a means to indicate prepayment in the absence of coins or government stamps.

SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA



144

144° Spartanburg S.C., 5c Black (78X1). Cut circular with huge margins all around, tied by "Paid" straightline, "Spartanburg S.C." double-circle datestamp with ms. "June 24" (1861) date on orange-buff cover to Corp. Edw. J. Dean, Spartan Rifles, 5th Regt. S.C. Vol., Col. M. Jenkins, Commanding, Richmond Va., care of Capt. Jos. Walker, sender's instructions on backflap "The Honorable Post Master of Richmond Va. will win the gratitude of many of the daughters of South Carolina by his kindness in promptly forwarding letters to the volunteers who have left their homes to defend Virginia." couple minor edge tears, stamp very slightly creased in margin at right

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY KNOWN COVERS BEARING THE SPARTANBURG POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL.

Most of the recorded Spartanburg Type I provisionals (thin numeral at center) are cut in a circular shape. Some varieties exist, including Scott 78X1a (value omitted). Only one pair is known, used on a cover from the Dean correspondence.

Corporal Edward J. Dean and the Dean correspondence were the subjects of an article by the late Daniel M. Gilbert, published in *The Confederate Philatelist* (No. 235, p. 28). We have record of an 1899 letter to N. P. Strauss of Henderson N.C., which identifies him as the original purchaser and the Dean family as the source of the correspondence.

SAVANNAH AND TALBOTTON, GEORGIA



TELLICO PLAINS, TENNESSEE



148

148°(★) Tellico Plains Tenn., 5c-5c-10c Red, Se-Tenant Sheet of Three (81X1-81X2). Unused (no gum), full to large margins, bright and fresh

EXTREMELY FINE, ONE OF THE TWO FINEST OF THE SIX RECORDED SE-TENANT SHEETS OF THE TELLICO PLAINS POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL IN PRIVATE HANDS.

The Rheatown and Tellico Plains provisionals were printed by the same printer, using a typeset form of three subjects. For the Tellico Plains provisional, which probably followed the Rheatown, the post office and postmaster's names were changed, and the third subject at right was reset with a 10c denomination. Only two used examples are recorded, both December 1861 dates — the only known cover is offered in lot 149.

Our records contain eight se-tenant sheets, including two in the British Library's Tapling collection. Of the six available to collectors, this sheet and the ex-Hind/Brooks sheet are completely sound with full margins. One of the six is repaired, and the remaining three have small faults.

"W.H.C." Colson backstamps. Ex Ferrary. 5,250.00



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149° Tellico Plains Tenn., 5c Red (81X1). Clear to large margins except at upper right where just touching frameline, tied by customary "Decr 10/61" manuscript postmark on orange-buff cover addressed to William G. McAdoo, Clerk of Confederate Court, Knoxville Tenn., flap partly removed and trimmed along top edge of cover, couple bleached specks and light vertical fold, fresh and attractive

VERY FINE STAMP AND THE ONLY RECORDED COVER WITH THE TELLICO PLAINS POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL

One other used Tellico Plains provisional, also a 5c, is recorded and illustrated in the Crown book (p. 337). It, too, bears a manuscript cancel, dated December 12th. In our opinion the cancel and address are from the same hand and pen; the court address indicates possible official usage of the adhesive.



Tullahoma Tenn., 10c Black entire (111XU1). Clear strikes of Tullahoma control mark 150°⊠ and provisional rate handstamp, partly readable "Tullahoma Ten. Mar. 28, 1863" circular datestamp on brown homemade cover to Musky Bend, Fla., minor wrinkles, still Very Fine, extremely rare — only two recorded in Crown census (perhaps four or five extant)

2,000.00



151°⊠ Tuscumbia Ala., United States 3c Rate, Red on Manila entire (12XU1). Handstamped provisional in upper right corner of manila entire to Carroll Hoy & Co. in New Orleans, prepared by the Tuscumbia postmaster as a provisional but used while United States 3c 1857 Issue stamps were still valid and available, 3c Dull Red (26) originally tied over provisional by "Tuscumbia Ala. May 20" (1861) circular datestamp, lifted and moved to the left (stamp has creases)

> EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF SEVEN RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE TUSCUMBIA 3-CENT PROVISIONAL, ISSUED PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF NEW CONFEDERATE RATES.

> With 1989 P.F. certificate, which states "Genuine but not a provisional usage". Ex Weill .

UNIONTOWN, ALABAMA



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152°(★)⊞ Uniontown Ala., 2c Dark Blue on White (86X2). Pane of four, unused (no gum), huge margins all around, creases with slight soiling and tiny pinpoint breaks in paper

THE CELEBRATED AND UNIQUE PANE OF THE UNIONTOWN 2-CENT POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL, DISCOVERED BY THE WEILLS OF NEW ORLEANS IN 1938. NO OTHER EXAMPLES OF THIS PRINTING ON WHITE PAPER ARE KNOWN, AND ONLY TWO OTHER UNIONTOWN 2-CENT STAMPS ARE RECORDED (EACH ON COVER). AN EXTRAORDINARY SURVIVAL OF ONE OF THE RAREST STAMPS IN THE WORLD.

The Uniontown 2c provisional is one of six 2c provisional stamps issued by Confederate post offices. The Uniontown and Macon provisionals are the rarest of this group. Of the Macon 2c, just four stamps are known, three on cover. The Uniontown 2c is represented by this sheet on white paper (the only examples recorded on this paper) and two covers with the 2c on Gray Blue paper, both drop-rate usages, one with a Position 1 top left corner copy (ex Caspary) and the other with a Position 2 top right corner copy (ex Hessel). We know of no other example to justify the off-cover listings in Scott and Dietz for 86X1 or 86X2, but would welcome such additions to our records.

In an account by telephone, Raymond H. Weill recollected that in 1938 the 2c sheet was brought to the Weills in New Orleans by a woman who had family correspondence from Uniontown. Enclosed with one of the letters inside a cover was the 2c sheet, and the letter commented that these stamps were being used in Uniontown. Regrettably, the letter has long since vanished. The Weills sent the sheet to Alfred H. Caspary, asking for his opinion of genuineness, because the 2c stamp was not listed on white paper, and offering him the sheet. Caspary declared it genuine, but declined the offer, explaining that he was concentrating on covers. Later in 1938, John Klemann of Nassau Stamp Company visited the Weills and bought the sheet, presumably hoping to sell it to Caspary and unaware that the offer had already been made. The sheet remained in Nassau's inventory until the stock was sold in a 1953 H. R. Harmer auction, at which sale the sheet was bought by a Birmingham Ala. collector named Scruggs. It was subsequently donated to Father Flanagan's Boys Town and sold for their benefit in 1991 at an auction by Superior in Los Angeles. Charles Kilbourne acquired the sheet at the Boys Town auction.

This 2c sheet perfectly illustrates the relative positions of the four different subjects, which are distinctive in the style and arrangement of the corner ornaments and hyphens after the letters "CSA". The solid oval-shaped ornaments (Losenge) are found in the four corners of Positions 1, 3 and 4. Only Position 2 (upper right) has the Lobe corner ornaments at the top and the Loop ornaments at the bottom corners, as well as the Loops beneath "Paid", making it easily distinguishable from the other positions. Only Position 3 (lower left) has the Losenge corner ornaments at right turned in the wrong direction and the Lobe ornament used instead of the Loop at top (third from the left). Positions 1 and 4 are configured similarly to each other, with Losenge ornaments in the same directions in all four corners; they differ in the "CSA" type arrangement — Position 1 has no hyphen after "A", while Position 4 has a hyphen.



Uniontown Ala., 5c Dark Green on White, With Stationer's Embossed Crest (86X4 var).

Position 4 as found in the setting of four, evidently printed from a wide-spaced setting (or individually) with enormous margins — 8 to 10 mm at sides — and stationer's embossed crest almost completely on stamp, tied by usual blurry Uniontown Ala. circular datestamp on cover to Lexington Miss., backflap removed and slightly refolded down at top, stamp has light razor cut in extreme right margin

EXTREMELY FINE. A DISTINCTIVE AND UNIQUE UNIONTOWN 5-CENT PROVISIONAL STAMP, WITH STATIONER'S EMBOSSED CREST AND SHEET MARGINS THAT COULD ONLY EXIST IN A SECOND SETTING.

This stamp on white paper with the stationer's embossed crest is a remarkable piece of evidence that the Uniontown 5c provisional setting was modified. As the 2c sheet in the previous lot clearly illustrates, the subjects were spaced 3mm apart. A bottom sheet-margin pair of the 5c on white paper exists on cover, which shows Positions 3 and 4 with 3 mm spacing between them (ex Caspary and Lilly). The margins on this 5c stamp measure 8 to 10 mm at the sides, but there is no trace of an impression from Position 3 in the left margin where it should be. The top margin does not extend into the Position 2 printed design. The large right and bottom margins are normal for this corner position.

Illustrated in Ashbrook's article on the Harold C. Brooks collection (Stamp Specialist, Black Book, 1945). Signed Ashbrook. Ex Brown, Brooks and Weatherly (acquired by the Kilbournes in 1963)...... E. 10,000-15,000

154° ■ Uniontown Ala., 5c Green on Gray Blue (86X4). Position 2, large margins all around, tied by usual lightly-struck "Uniontown Ala. 6 Sep." (1861) circular datestamp on brown cover to Mardon Ala., very slight wear, slight diagonal wrinkle in stamp

EXTREMELY FINE STAMP AND ATTRACTIVE COVER. ONLY NINE COVERS WITH THE UNIONTOWN 5-CENT ON GRAY BLUE PAPER ARE RECORDED IN THE CROWN CENSUS.



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155°⊠ Uniontown Ala., 10c Red on Gray Blue (86X5). Position 2, large margins except at lower left where clear, intense shade on deeply blued paper, well-tied by usual blurry "Uniontown Ala." (1861) circular datestamp on yellow cover to Maria Louisa Kidd, Port Royal Va., slightly reduced at top and tiny mended nick at upper right clear of stamp

VERY FINE STAMP AND A FRESH ATTRACTIVE COVER. ONLY EIGHT EXAMPLES OF THE UNIONTOWN POSTMASTER'S 10-CENT PROVISIONAL ARE RECORDED, OF WHICH FIVE ARE SOUND STAMPS ON COVER.

Postmaster P. N. Booker was responsible for issuing the 2c, 5c and 10c provisional stamps at Uniontown, Alabama. One typeset form of four subjects was used for the three denominations. The numeral in parentheses between the "PA" and "ID" of "PAID" was changed for each value, and different color ink was used - Dark Blue (2c), Green (5c) and Red (10c). All three values were printed on gray blue paper - probably used for the first printing — and the 2c and 5c are also known on white paper, which was probably used for subsequent printings. The 10c has not been found on white paper.

Eight examples of the 10c Red are known to us. These are (in order of plate position): 1) Pos. 1 on Sep. 22 (1861) cover to Maria L. Kidd, Port Royal Va., ex Kimmel, Haas, Birkinbine (our Sale 795, realized \$32,500 hammer); 2) Pos. 1 on Jun. 9 (1862) cover to John D. Pitts, Richmond Va., ex Ferrary, Caspary and Isleham; 3) Pos. 2 on Apr. 21 (1862) cover to Col. A. P. Calhoun, Pendleton S.C., illustrated in 1986 Dietz, p. 16,; 4) Pos. 2 on undated cover to Maria Louisa Kidd, Port Royal Va., ex Brooks and Meroni, the cover offered here; 5) Pos. 2 repaired stamp on undated repaired cover to Mrs. John B. Carey; 6) Pos. 3, corner crease, small tear, on Sep. 27 (1861) lady's embossed cover to Mr. Richmond Christian, Richmond Va., ex Hind; 7) Pos. 4 on Jul. 5 (1862) cover to Col. A. P. Calhoun, Pendleton S.C., ex Sweet, Muzzy; and 8) Pos. 4 uncancelled on large piece dated Sep. 27 (1861) with part of addressee's name "S. Price", Virginia destination, ex Caspary. The Scott Catalogue prices the 10c as an off-cover stamp, both unused and used, but we have not been successful in locating any off-cover examples other than the ex-Caspary piece.

Very few post offices east of the Mississippi River issued and used 10c adhesive (A) or pressprinted (E) provisionals. This small group is as follows: Baton Rouge La. (A - three known); Charleston S.C. (E - unique); Danville Va. (E - probably not used); Fincastle Va. (E - unique); Fredericksburg Va. (A - never used); Greenville Ala. (A - two known); Greenwood Depot Va. (A - six known); Knoxville Tenn. (A - unique; and E - rare used); Marion Va. (A - six known on cover); Nashville Tenn. (A - seven known on cover); Tellico Plains Tenn. (A - never used); and Uniontown Ala. (A - eight known). All other 10c provisionals were used in Texas or were issued as handstamped entires.

Illustrated in Ashbrook's article on the Brooks collection (Stamp Specialist, Black Book, 1945). Ex Brooks (who discovered both Kidd covers in 1938) and Meroni.... 32,500.00

VICTORIA, TEXAS



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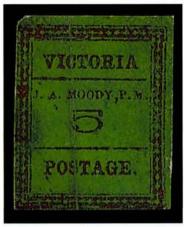
156°

Victoria Tex., 10c Red Brown on Green (88X2). Two huge margins, touched at right and bottom, tied by "Victoria Tex. Mar. 30" (1863) circular datestamp on blue folded letter to J. San Roman, Brownsville, Tex., contents regarding goods from Matamoros, Mexico, very faint toning

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF TWO RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE VICTORIA 10-CENT POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL, OF WHICH ONLY FOUR EXAMPLES ARE KNOWN. THIS AND THE OTHER 10-CENT ARE THE ONLY RECORDED COVERS FOR ANY OF THE VICTORIA PROVISIONALS.

Our records contain four examples of the Victoria 10c Type I (large thin numerals): 1) Mar. 30, 1863 cover to J. San Roman, offered here, ex Brooks, Weatherly; 2) Jun. 23 (1863) cover to C. Hellenkamp, ex Caspary and Muzzy; 3) Unused stamp with small repair, ex Hessel; and 4) a severely damaged stamp with one third of lower right missing when discovered by A. Steves (P.F. photo files). The two covers bearing the 10c Type I are the only covers recorded for any of the Victoria provisionals. The ex-Caspary cover was acquired by John R. Boker Jr. in the 1967 Muzzy sale and has not since been offered publicly. This cover was acquired by Harold C. Brooks privately and sold to A. Earl Weatherly in another private transaction. The Kilbournes acquired the cover directly from Weatherly; therefore, it has never appeared at public auction. Considering that the last public transaction involving one of the two known Victoria provisional covers took place in 1967, the "current" Scott value of \$17,500 should be weighed against more relevant market factors.

Illustrated in Ashbrook article on the Brooks collection (Stamp Specialist, Black Book, 1945). Ex Brooks and Weatherly (acquired by the Kilbournes in 1963)....... 17,500.00

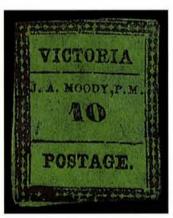


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157°★ Victoria Tex., 5c Red Brown on Green (88X1). Some original gum, two large margins (top right), touched at left and bottom, vertical crease

ONE OF FOUR RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE VICTORIA 5-CENT POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL.

In addition to the stamp offered here, we record a top-left margin stamp also described as having original gum (ex Hessel, "small faults"); an unused top-right stamp in the Hind sale; and a left-margin uncancelled stamp, ex Steves (P.F. photo files). No cancelled Victoria 5c stamps or on-cover examples are known.



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158°(★) Victoria Tex., 10c Red Brown on Green (88X2). Unused, margins clear to just into frameline, small thin

A FINE-APPEARING EXAMPLE OF THIS MAJOR CONFEDERATE RARITY. ONLY TWO OF THE FOUR RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE VICTORIA 10-CENT TYPE II ARE UNUSED.

We record four examples of the Victoria 10c Type II (bold slanting numerals): 1) Unused, small thin, the stamp offered here, ex Ferrary, Hind, Brooks and Moody; 2) Unused, sound, Siegel 1968 Rarities sale, 3) Used, part of cds at lower right, pinhole, ex Sotheby Parke Bernet sale, Apr. 15, 1979; and 4) Used, part of cds with "Oct" month, extensively repaired across lower right, ex Caspary.

Illustrated in 1929 Dietz book. Ex Ferrary, Hind, Brooks and Moody............ 5,000.00

END OF SALE-THANK YOU

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