

Census of Tullahoma, Tennessee, Confederate Postmasters' Provisionals

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Introduction

This census includes only those provisionals for which an image was available. Any provisional for which no image was found is not included.

Although every effort is made to exclude fake items from this census, the inclusion of an item is not a guarantee of authenticity. An authentication service must make that determination.

The color images may not be representative of the actual color.

A census is only as complete as the information available at the time it was compiled. There will always be another item to add to a census. It may not show up this week, or next month, or next year, but at some point, a new item will be discovered to add to the list.

This census is different from most censuses compiled in the past because each entry is accompanied by an image of the item, many in color, some in black and white and some only partial. While the image may not be of sufficient resolution or quality to determine a postmark date the features of the item provide the means to tell similar covers apart and to determine if an item is listed or new. This is particularly helpful if more than one cover has the same postmark date and address.

This census is divided into several parts:

Introduction contains general information about the census and the information it contains.

Description and Notes illustrates the different types of provisionals in the census. Additional information may be provided. The description and notes include a table that contains a count of the provisionals.

Mini Census presents in tabular format a basic census. It includes the postmark date, the position of the postmark and provisional, addressee name, town, and state, and a census number. The spelling of the names of addressees, towns, and states are normalized for ease in comparing entries.

Full Census is much more detailed including a detailed description of each provisional, the full address, provenance, source of information, and an illustration. The components of the census are as follows:

Arrangement: Provisionals are presented in the following order: Adhesives – unused, used, and covers – postally used followed by unused. Off cover adhesives are included for provisionals only when the number is relatively small. Each different provisional type begins with a description of the type, followed by the 2012 CSA (*Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook*) catalog number and Scott Catalogue number (in parenthesis). When there is no catalog number for the item, the basic CSA Catalog number is followed by an “x,” “y,” or “z.”

Date: The date given is the postmark date. This is obtained either by examination of an image or from descriptions in books, periodicals, exhibits or auction catalogs. Sometimes different sources do not agree on the date. In this case the description will mention two or more different dates. Dates are given as “Illegible Date” when the postmark date cannot be determined, as “No Postmark” if there is no postmark, or “Date Unknown” if there is no visible postmark.

Description: A description of the cover and its markings. This may include details from the source or sources that are not apparent in the image.

Address: The full address is given *as written* on the cover with line breaks designated by a slash (“/”). In some cases, the address is taken from an auction description. In such cases the address is in brackets. In other cases, the spelling of a name (person or town) is so poor the correct spelling is given in brackets after the incorrectly spelled word.

Provenance: Provenances are given if the cover appeared in and was illustrated in a named collection sold at auction, in a book, periodical, an exhibit, or website. A table of named collections and exhibits is included in the Provenances following the full census. Provenances are arranged in alphabetical order.

Source: These are the sources of information about individual provisionals. Sources are given by an abbreviation. A table of source abbreviations follows the census and the provenances. The abbreviation is followed by a certificate number for authentication services; a page number or date and page number, if a book or publication or exhibit; and the date, sale number (if known), and lot number, if an auction. If a bound sale has more than one sale only, the first sale is listed. When a public source is not available a private source is used. These are identified as “Private.” Sources are listed in the following order: authentication services, books, journals, exhibits and auction catalogs. Within each group they are arranged in chronological sequence. Color images are indicated by an asterisk after the source.

Census Number (CN): The number in brackets that follows the last listed source. This number can be useful in identify an individual cover or stamp, particularly for covers with the same date.

Version Number: From time to time corrections and additions will be made to the census. These are noted by the version number (v) following the date in the lower left corner of each page. The first census is v1.0 Corrections are indicated by an incremented sub number (v1.1). If a new item is added or an old one removed the basic version number is incremented (v2.0).

To aid the user the census is bookmarked in the left panel.

Notes



Control

TUL-TN-E01

The Tullahoma Provisional

The Tullahoma provisional was prepared by striking envelopes with an office “PAID / 10” marking and an undated office postmark as a control.

Count of the 10c black Tullahoma provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
10c black	TU-TN-E01	111XU1	7

Mini Census of Tullahoma, Tennessee, Provisional Covers

The spelling of addressee names, towns, and states are normalized.

10c black *** TUL-TN-E01 (111XU1)

Pmk Date	Pmk Posn	Prov Posn	Addressee	Town	State	CN
13 Mar 1863	UR	UC	Miss Virginia A Hoyal	Washington	TN	001
28 Mar 1863	UR	UC	Duncan A McDonald Esqr	Uchee Anna	FL	002
31 Mar 1863	CR	UC	Mr J J Miles	Woodlawn	MS	004
31 Mar 1863	UR	UC	Mrs T S Hardee	Brandon	MS	003
5 Apr 1863	UR	UC	Miss Virginia A Hoyal	Washington	TN	005
7 Apr 1863	UR	UL	D C Johnson	Unknown	SC	006
-1 Apr 1863	CR	UC	Mrs Nancy C Bell	Coffeerville	AL	007

Full Census of Tullahoma, Tennessee, Provisionals

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Tullahoma, Tennessee *** 10c black with control *** TUL-TN-E01 (111XU1)

13 Mar 1863

Description: "TULLAHOMA / Ten." postmark UR.
Handstamped provisional UC. Control at UL.

Address: Miss Virginia A. Hoyal / Washington / Tennessee

Provenance: Gallagher, Erivan.

Source: PF-547520*; CRL-25Mar1987-291; HRH-5Aug2017(3016)-372*. [001]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



28 Mar 1863

Description: "TULLAHOMA / Ten." postmark UR.
Handstamped provisional UC. Control at UL.

Address: Duncan A. McDonald Esqr. / Ucheeanna [Uchee Anna] / Walton County / Florida

Provenance: Kilbourne, Erivan.

Source: RAS-28Sep1999(815)-150*; HRH-5Aug2017(3016)-371*. [002]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



31 Mar 1863

Description: "TULLAHOMA / Ten." postmark CR.
Handstamped provisional UC. Control at UC.

Address: Mr J J Miles / Woodlawn P o / Itawanba [Itawamba] Cty Miss

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-22Jun2016-3219. [004]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



31 Mar 1863

Description: "TULLAHOMA / Ten." postmark UR.
Handstamped provisional UC. Control at UL

Address: Mrs T. S Hardee / Brandon / Mississippi

Provenance: Brandon.

Source: PF-521954*; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-344*; SR-11Dec2019(90)-317*. [003]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



5 Apr 1863

Description: "TULLAHOMA / Ten." postmark UR.
Handstamped provisional UC. Control at UL.

Address: Miss Virginia A. Hoyal / Washington / Tennessee

Provenance: Boshwit.

Source: RAS-27Sep2007(940)-364. [005]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



7 Apr 1863

Description: "TULLAHOMA / Ten." postmark UR.
Handstamped provisional UL. Control at UL.

Address: D C Johnson / --- / So Ca.

Provenance: Rudy, Warren.

Source: PF-414129*; RAS-27Apr2004(874)-121*; SR-10Mar2014(53)-4300*. [006]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



-1 Apr 1863

Description: "TULLAHOMA / Ten." postmark CR.
Handstamped provisional UC. Control at UL.
Second partial strike of postmark at LR.

Address: Mrs. Nancy C. Bell / Coffeeville / Clarke County /
Alabama

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: PF-29987. [007]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



Provenances

Provenances are given for named collections that were sold at auction, described in publications, or were in exhibits.

Boshwit – *The Buck Boshwit Collection of Confederate States Stamps and Covers*, Sale 940 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 27 September 2007).

Brandon – *The Brandon Collection of Confederate States Stamps and Postal History*, Sale 1073 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 24 June 2014).

Erivan – [Erivan Haub] *United States and Confederate States of America Postal History from the “Erivan” Collection*, Sale 3016 (H R Harmer Auctions, 5 August 2017).

Gallagher – *The D. Scott Gallagher Collection of Tennessee Postal History During the Civil War* (Christie’s Robson Lowe, 25 March 1987).

Kilbourne – [Charles E. and Lucy Kilbourne] *The Kilbourne Collection of Confederate Postmasters’ Provisionals*, Sale 815 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 28 September 1999).

Rudy - *The Jeanette Cantrell Rudy Collection of Tennessee Postal History*, Sale 874 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 27 April 2004).

Warren – *The Richard Warren Collection of Confederate States of America*, Sale 53 (Schuyler Rumsey Auctions, 27 April 2013).

Source Abbreviations

Sources are given in abbreviated format in the census. The list below includes the abbreviations used for books, authentication services, journals, auctions, and exhibits.

CRL – Christie’s Robson Lowe (auctions – New York)

HRH – H. R. Harmer, New York (auctions)

PF – Philatelic Foundation (authentication service)

RAS – Robert A. Siegel (auctions)

SR – Schuyler Rumsey (auctions)