

Census of Beaumont, Texas, Postmasters' Provisionals

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Description and Notes



The Beaumont provisionals

Few of the Beaumont provisional covers can be dated. Those that can be dated are from 1864. Based on this and other factors, all Beaumont provisional uses are assumed to be from 1864.

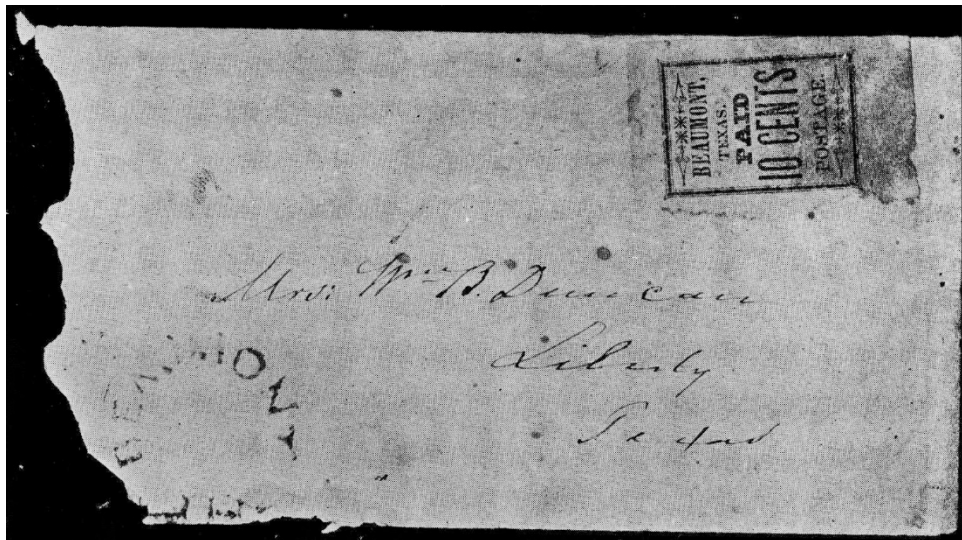
Beaumont had several different postmasters during the Confederate period. The postmaster during the 1864 period was Rev. Alexander Hinkle.

All the provisionals were typeset and printed on yellow or pink paper. The earliest recorded use is of the small square black on yellow provisional. This was soon followed by the larger rectangular black on pink provisional. It is assumed the largest and most ornate design was the last.

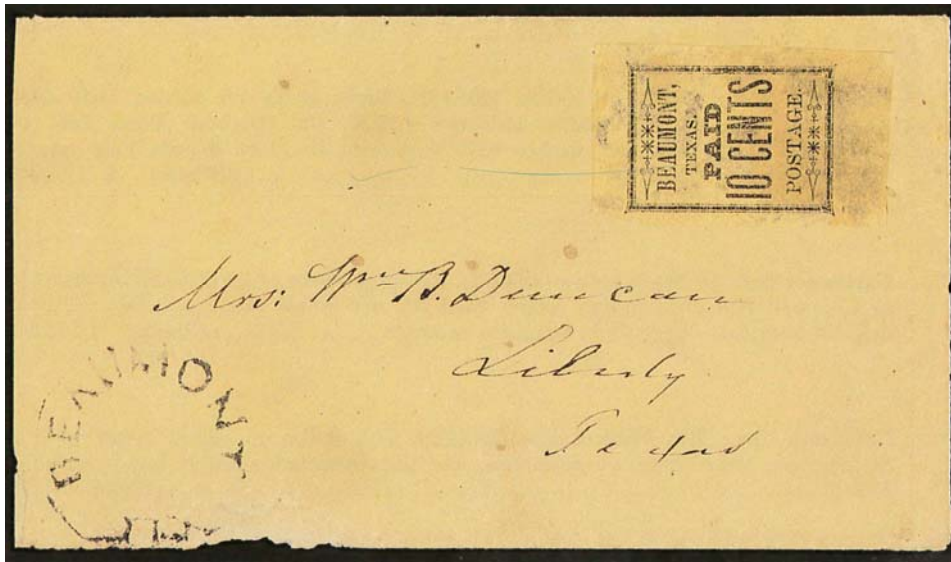
Count of Beaumont provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Unused	Used	Covers	Total
10c black on yellow	BEA-TX-A01	12x1		1	4	5
10c black on pink	BEA-TX-A02	12x2	1	2	13	16
10c black on yellow	BEA-TX-A03	12x3			1	1

Cover Restoration



The large Beaumont provisional (BEA-TX-A03) as it appeared in the July 1923 issue of the *Collectors Club Philatelist*.



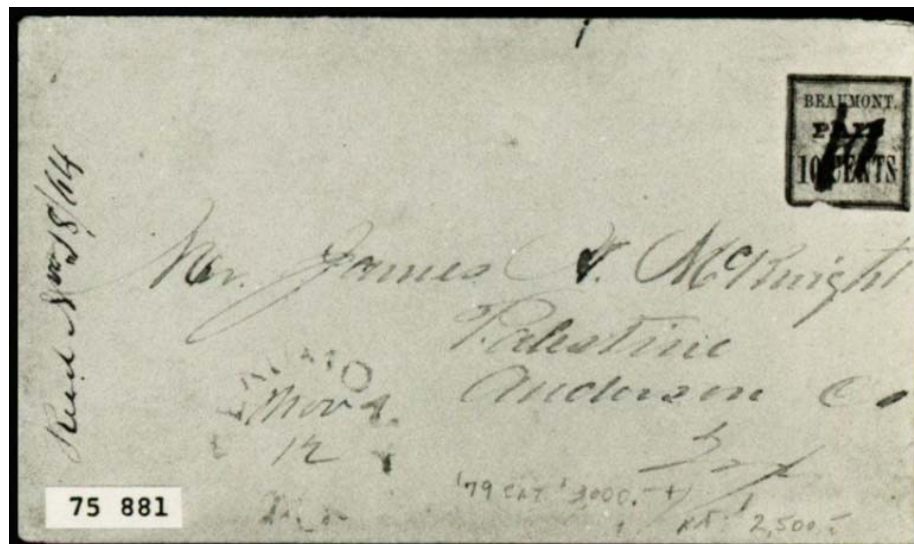
The same cover as it appeared in the Camina Sale (Robert A Siegel Sale 757 (24 Feb 1994). The light blue line into the stamp does not appear in the Weill Brothers sale (Christie's, 13 October 1989).

The Chameleon Provisional

The article to the right appeared in the 19 September 1895 edition of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. The stamp was described as a single printed on yellow paper. The same stamp appeared in the third Ferrary sale in 1922 as a single (see image below).



Sometime later the same stamp appeared on a cover submitted to the Philatelic Foundation (image below). Not knowing the history of the stamp, the cover was determined to be authentic with a note the stamp "was lifted and put back in place." In this census the stamp is appropriately listed as a used single (CN 15).



CONFEDERATE PROVISIONAL.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

Mr. A. M. Rareshide has sent us a copy of a stamp which purports to be a Confederate Provisional. Unfortunately, the stamp is not attached to any correspondence nor has it any history. We simply give the illustration as a matter of information and hope that more may be learned about it. It may prove to be an authentic Provisional, in which case it would be a great rarity. The stamp is type set, printed in black on ordinary yellow paper, very dirty and worn from age, canceled with strokes that appear to be somewhat in the form of the numeral 10.



**Mini Census of Beaumont, Texas, provisionals
(covers only)**

10c black on yellow * BEA-TX-A01 (12X1)**

Pmk Date	Pmk Posn	Prov Posn	Addressee	Town	State	CN
No Postmark		CL-UL	Mrs Mary P Watson	San Augustine	TX	011
11 Jun [1864]	UR	UR	Mrs Mary P Watson	San Augustine	TX	001
No Postmark		UR	Mrs Wm B Duncan	Liberty	TX	016
No Postmark		LC	Mrs W C Smith	Cypress City	TX	017

10c black on pink * BEA-TX-A01 (12X2)**

Pmk Date	Pmk Posn	Prov Posn	Addressee	Town	State	CN
No Postmark		UR	Mrs S L Lloyd	Houston	TX	010
No Postmark		UR	Mrs S L Lloyd	Houston	TX	007
No Postmark		UR	Mrs S L Lloyd	Houston	TX	020
No Postmark		UR	Mrs S L Lloyd	Houston	TX	008
2 Jul [1864]	UC	UR	Mrs C Saml Watson	Galveston	TX	003
5 Jul [1864]	UL	UR	Mrs C Saml Watson	Galveston	TX	019
5 Jul [1864]	UC	UR	Mess E J Newman	Independence	TX	004
16 Jul [1864]	UC	UR	Mrs F L Ragsdale	Mountain City	TX	002
-- Jul [1864]	CL	UR	Mrs C Saml Watson	Galveston	TX	006
25 Oct [1864]	UL	UR	Mrs Wm B Duncan	Liberty	TX	012
No Postmark		UR	Mrs C Saml Watson	Galveston	TX	018
Postmark Unknown		UR	Unknown	Unknown	Unk	022
Postmark Unknown		UR	[James C McKnight]	[Palestine]	[TX]	021

10c black on yellow * BEA-TX-A03 (12X3)**

Pmk Date	Pmk Posn	Prov Posn	Addressee	Town	State	CN
Date Unknown	LL	UR	Mrs Wm B Duncan	Liberty	TX	005

Full Census of Beaumont, Texas, Provisionals

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Beaumont, Texas *** 10c black on yellow, used *** BEA-TX-A01 (12X1)

Date Unknown

Description: Adhesive provisional pen canceled. This stamp was added to a cover - see Description and Notes

Address: NA

Provenance: Ferrary.

Source: PF-75881; DFA-5Apr1922(3)-595; MEKE-19Sep1895-91; MESC-22Jun1903)-320;. [015]

Image Credit: Die Ferrary-Auktionen (book).



Beaumont, Texas *** 10c black on yellow, on cover *** BEA-TX-A01 (12X1)

No Postmark

Description: Adhesive provisional canceled by black pen marking CL-UR. Docketed "Apr 9th / 64" at UC. Adversity cover made from ruled paper.

Address: Mrs Mary P. Watson, / San Augustine, / Texas.

Provenance: Hind, Hall, Gross.

Source: P&K-20Nov1933(1)-1486; RAS-13Apr2000(823)-397*; SPK-19Nov2009-9*. [011]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



11 Jun [1864]

Description: Adhesive provisional tied by black "BEAUMONT / TEX" postmark with faint to no rim UR.

Address: Mrs. Mary P. Watson, / San Augustine, / Texas

Provenance: Caspary, Kilbourne.

Source: HRH-5Mar1956-63; RAS-28Sep1999(815)-14*; RAS-26Jun2014(1075)-1224*. [001]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



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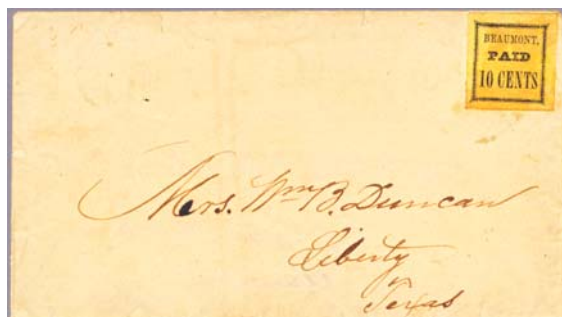
Description: Uncancelled provisional UR. Turned cover.

Address: Mrs. Wm B. Duncan / Liberty / Texas

Provenance: Caspary, Lilly, Erivan.

Source: PF-25678; PPH-82*; HRH-5Mar1956-62; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-284. [016]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



No Postmark

Description: Adhesive provisional pen canceled LC. Stamp has been moved. Manuscript "Paid" at UC.

Address: Mrs W C Smith / Cypress City / Harris County / Texas

Provenance: None.

Source: PF-79913; RAS- 24Feb1966(296)-161. [017]

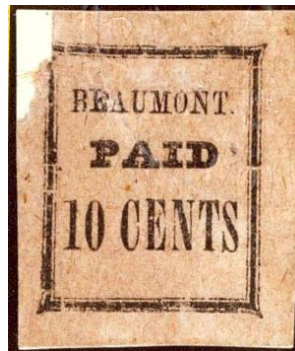
Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



Beaumont, Texas * 10c black on pink, unused *** BEA-TX-A02 (12X2)**

Date Unknown

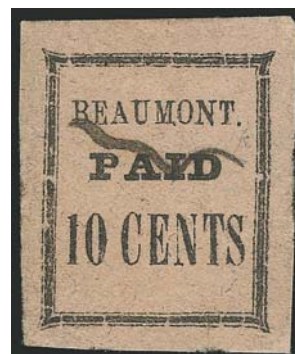
Description: Uncancelled adhesive provisional. Piece torn off at UL corner.
Address: NA
Provenance: Walcott.
Source: PF-162124*; RL-23May1935-26A. [013]
Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



Beaumont, Texas * 10c black on pink, used *** BEA-TX-A02 (12X2)**

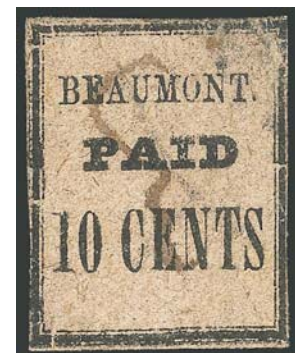
Date Unknown

Description: Used adhesive provisional pen canceled in black ink.
Address: NA
Provenance: Caspary, Kirkman.
Source: HRH-5Mar1956-64; HRH-1Mar1962(1423)-910; RAS-26Jun2014(1075)-1225*. [009]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



Date Unknown

Description: Used adhesive provisional pen canceled in black ink.
Address: NA
Provenance: None.
Source: CSA-02604; RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2096*. [014]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



Beaumont, Texas * 10c black on pink, on cover *** BEA-TX-A02 (12X2)**

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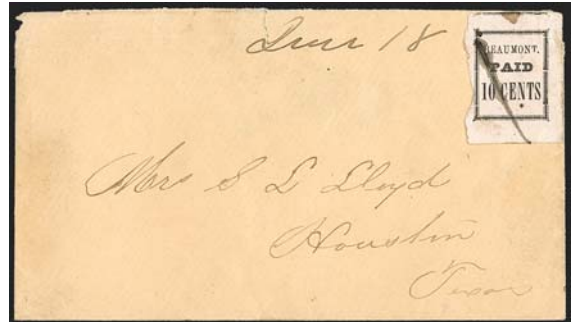
Description: Adhesive provisional pen canceled in black ink UR. Docketed "June 18" [1864] at UC.

Address: Mrs S L Lloyd / Houston / Texas

Provenance: Hind, Caspary, Hill, Kilbourne, Gross.

Source: P&K-20Nov1933(1)-1487; HRH-5Mar1956-66; HRH-2Apr1964(1555)-904; RAS-28Sep1999(815)-15*; SPK-19Nov2009-10*; RAS-9Sep2020(1225)-70*. [010]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



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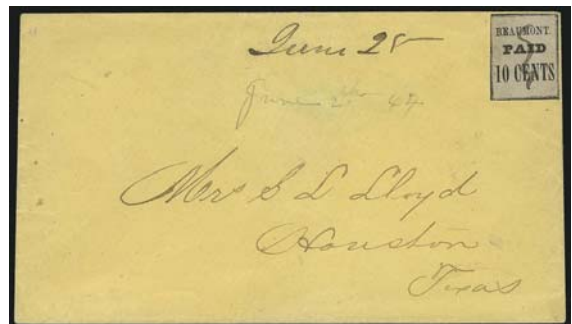
Description: Adhesive provisional pen canceled in black ink UR. Docketed "June 28" [1864] at UC.

Address: Mrs S L Lloyd / Houston / Texas

Provenance: Moody, Kilbourne, DK.

Source: PF-393678*; MESC-5May1902-147; HRH-27Nov1950(621)-43; RAS-28Sep1999(815)-16*; RAS-28Mar2012(1022)-1017*. [007]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



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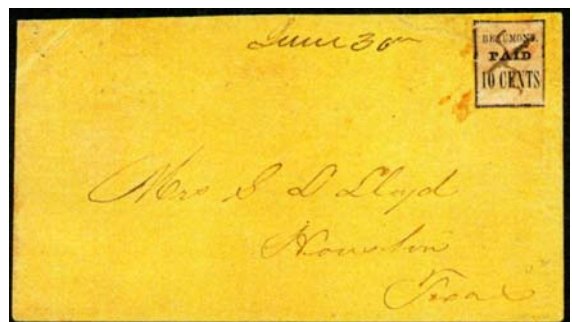
Description: Adhesive provisional pen canceled in black ink UR. Docketed "June 30" [1864] at UC. Stamp is repaired.

Address: Mrs S L Lloyd / Houston / Texas

Provenance: None.

Source: CSA-02969*. [020]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service (formerly Confederate Stamp Alliance Authentication Service).



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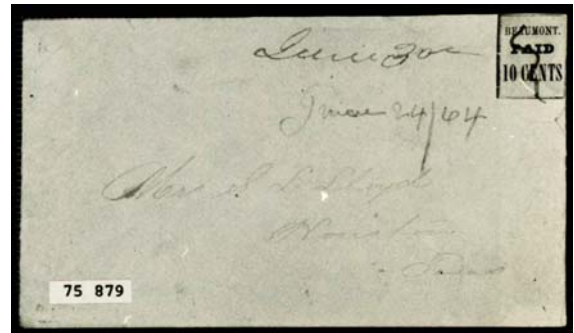
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Address: Mrs S L Lloyd / Houston / Texas

Provenance: None.

Source: PF-75879; RAS-23Feb1967(313)-175; RAS-23Mar1972(409)-219. [008]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



2 Jul [1864]

Description: Black "BEAUMONT / TEX" postmark with faint to no rim UC. Adhesive provisional pen canceled in black ink UR. Stamp moved. Turned cover. Docketed "Care of / Mrs. C. M Seymour" at lower left.

Address: Mrs. C. Saml. Watson / Galveston / Texas

Provenance: Moody, Jaretsky.

Source: PF-332516; CSAX-Jaretsky(Jun2020)-7*; HRH-27Nov1950(621)-44; HRH-22Jul1976(2352)-1215; RAS-28May1968(330)-204*; RAS-4Jun2005(896)-739*. [003]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



5 Jul [1864]

Description: Black "BEAUMONT / TEX" postmark with faint to no rim UL. Adhesive provisional pen canceled UR. Stamp cut out and replaced. Turned adversary cover. Docketed "Care of / Mrs C M Seymour" at LL.

Address: Mrs C. Saml. Watson / Galveston / Texas

Provenance: None.

Source: PF-75880. [019]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



5 Jul [1864]

Description: Black "BEAUMONT / TEX" postmark with faint to no rim UC. Adhesive provisional pen canceled in black ink UR. Turned cover stained. Manuscript date in postmark changed from "4" to "5."

Address: Miss E. J. Newman / Independence / Texas

Provenance: None.

Source: PF-108916; MESC-1Feb1904-49; RAS-24Apr1982(596)-12*. [004]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



16 Jul [1864]

Description: Black "BEAUMONT / TEX" postmark with faint to no rim UC. Adhesive provisional pen canceled in black ink UR. Docketed "From Private J. A. Ragsdale tof / Co (A) --- Batt T. M. Cavly" across left end.

Address: Mrs. F. L. Ragsdale / Mountain City / Hays County / Texas

Provenance: Stonewall; Haas.

Source: EMC-15Apr1980(153)-135*; RCF-22Feb1986(27)-106*; RAS-4Jun2005(896)-738*. [002]

Image Credit: Robert C Frajola Auctions.



-- Jul [1864]

Description: Black "BEAUMONT / TEX" postmark with faint to no rim CL. Adhesive provisional tied by black pen marking UR. Docketed "'Just send this in a hurry will you' And oblige Mr PM" at UL to UC. Also "Care of / Mrs. C. M. Seymour." at LL.

Address: Mrs. C. Saml. Watson. / Galveston / Texas

Provenance: Ferrary, Hessel, Brandon.

Source: DFA-23Jun1925(13)-186; HRH-21Oct1975-146; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-215*. [006]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



25 Oct [1864]

Description: Black "BEAUMONT / TEX" postmark with faint to no rim UL. Adhesive provisional pen canceled UR.

Address: Mrs. Wm B Duncan / Liberty / Texas

Provenance: Brooks, Solomon, Beverly Hills, Camina.

Source: PF-281239*; L&S-24Apr1943(123)-43; JWK-14Nov1981(78)-31; JWK-20Feb1986-10, RAS-24Feb1994(757)-610*. [012]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



No Postmark

Description: Uncancelled provisional UR. Area containing stamp torn out and replaced. Docketed "Care of / Mrs C. M Seymour" at LL.

Address: Mrs C. Saml. Watson. / Galveston / Texas

Provenance: Caspary, Lilly, Erivan.

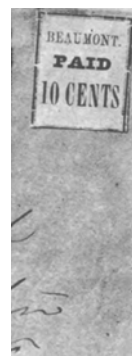
Source: PF-25679; PPH-83*; HRH-5Mar1956-65; RAS-27Apr1967(317). [018]

Image Credit: Postmasters' Provisionals: United States and Confederate States (book).



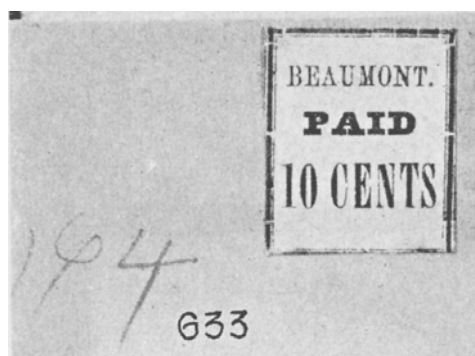
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Description: Uncancelled provisional UR. Information from partial image.
Address: [Lloyd, ---, Texas]
Provenance: None recorded..
Source: MESC-22Jun1903)-320;. [022]
Image Credit: Mekeel's Stamp Collector (journal).



Date Unknown

Description: Uncancelled provisional UR. Information from partial image.
Address: Unknown
Provenance: Ferrary.
Source: DFA-5Apr1922(3)-633. [021]
Image Credit: Die Ferrary-Auktionen (book).



Beaumont, Texas * 10c black on yellow, on cover *** BEA-TX-A03 (12X3)**

Date Unknown

Description: Black "BEAUMONT / TEX" postmark with faint to no rim LL. Adhesive provisional not canceled UR. Cover reduced at left.
Address: Mrs. Wm. B. Duncan / Liberty / Texas
Provenance: Caspary, Lilly, Weill Brothers, Camina, Erivan.
Source: PPH-84*; CCPL-Jul1923-93; HRH-5Mar1956-67; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-286; HRH-13Oct1989-1103*; RAS-24Feb1994(757)-611*. [005]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.

