

# **New Orleans, Louisiana Postmasters' Provisionals**

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# Confederate States of America

## Postmasters' Provisionals

New Orleans, Louisiana

Adhesives, Varieties & Cancellations

**2¢ blue top line imprint variety**

This exhibit displays the adhesive provisional stamp along with varieties and cancellations of New Orleans. Beginning with the printing of the adhesive provisional stamps in June 1861 through the city's captured by Union Forces in late April 1862. Submitted by George L. Pegram, Sr.



This cover has a 2¢ blue postmaster provisional top line imprint variety stamp sent to Memphis, Tennessee. The 2¢ rate was actually for the local drop rate and unsealed circulars. This is an example of the unsealed circular rate sent to Memphis, Tennessee. This is the **only known** 2¢ blue with the top line imprint variety on cover. Prov. Skinner, Grant & Casperly.

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**2¢ blue imprint varieties**



2¢ blue postmaster provisional with top line imprint variety unused. This is the **only known** example of this variety unused. The 2¢ rate was used for circulars and as the local drop rate. Prov. Skinner & Grant. Authenticated by CSA cert. #4766.



The above pair and single present the **only two known** issues of the three line bottom imprint variety. Prov. Skinner & Grant. Pair is Authenticated by Philatelic Foundation, Cert. #0366283. Single is Authenticated by CSA cert. #4768.

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**2¢ blue**



The above unattached pair of CSA 2¢ blue is one of the only 4 known pairs in use of this issue. The cancel is a New Orleans circular dated July 26, (1861).



The above issue is a used 2¢ blue with a N.O.P.O. paid 2¢ straight line cancel. There are only 7 known copies of this cancel. This is the **only one known** with a visible 2 on a 2¢ adhesive. Authenticated by CSA cert. #05401.



The above is a 2¢ blue New Orleans provisional adhesive dated September 2, (1862). This cancel was used at the Post Office downtown.



This cancel is a New Orleans straight line PAID hand stamp. There are only about thirty known prints of this stamp off cover and about twenty known on cover.

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**2¢ red**



This block is one of the very few multiples of the New Orleans 2¢ red adhesive. This stamp was actually printed before the 2¢ blue but was not put into use until January (1862). Prov. Skinner & Grant. Authenticated by CSA cert. #4048.



This 2¢ red New Orleans adhesive provisional is cancelled by the PAID straight line cancel. There are only 8 known copies of this issue used. Prov. Skinner & Grant. Authenticated by Philatelic Foundation cert. #438584.



This 2¢ red New Orleans provisional was cancelled in January (1862) with a New Orleans circular date stamp representing very early use. Prov. Skinner & Grant. Authenticated by CSA cert. #05400.



This 2¢ red New Orleans provisional is cancelled by the New Orleans circular date cancel date of April 4, (1862). It is the **latest recorded date** for this and any other New Orleans Provisional. Prov. Skinner.

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5¢ brown



This 5¢ brown postmaster provisional was cancelled by a New Orleans straight line cancel and a New Orleans circular date stamp on August 7, (1861). It was addressed to Princeton, Mississippi where an additional Princeton, Mississippi circular stamp was applied on August 22nd and then forwarded to Tennessee with no apparent additional charge. This is one of the few known New Orleans covers with a cancel from another state tied to the stamp to the cover.



This is a 5¢ brown New Orleans postmaster provisional. It is cancelled by a red N.O.P.O. PAID 5 in red ink. This is the **only known use** of this cancel on an adhesive New Orleans postmaster provisional. This stamp has been repaired in the top right corner. Authenticated by CSA cert. #4750.



This is a 5¢ brown New Orleans postmaster provisional used with a Kentucky cancel of the Adams Express Company. This is the **only recorded example** of this cancel off cover on a New Orleans provisional adhesive. Authenticated by CSA cert. #5094.



5¢ Brown with British paper mark embossed Coat of Arms variety. This is the **only recorded** example of a New Orleans provisional with the British paper mark embossed seal. Ex. Knapp & Brown.

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5¢ brown

5¢ red brown on bluish paper



This cover has 2 CSA 5¢ brown stamps each cancelled by a New Orleans PAID straight line cancel, paying the 10¢ rate for letters sent over 500 miles. The cover is also cancelled by the August 6, (1861) New Orleans circular date stamp. The cover is additionally cancelled by a Richmond, Virginia August 16, (1861) circular date stamp. The cover has a Richmond, Virginia advertised 2 oval stamp. This is **the only known** use of the cancels in combination with the adhesive provisionals. Authenticated by CSA cert. #4551.



This 5¢ red brown on bluish paper is cancelled by a PD<sup>5</sup>CTS N.O.P.O. straight line cancel accompanied by a J.L. Riddell, P.M. straight line cancel. It also has a New Orleans double circular cancel used only at the River Post Office. It was sent to Grand Gulf, Mississippi where it was cancelled with a double circular cancel on September 23, (1861). This is possibly the earliest known use of the PD<sup>5</sup>CTS N.O.P.O. straight line New Orleans cancel on a provisional stamp. It was transported by the Lafourche steam ship. There are only 5 known covers with these provisional cancels on an adhesive provisional.

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5¢ brown



This cover quite possibly had the Confederate stamps removed by order of the postmaster. They have been replaced to show how the cover probably appeared before this order of the Louisville, Kentucky postmaster. There is a partial river double circle New Orleans date stamp. The 3¢ U.S. stamp is cancelled with the blue Louisville, Kentucky grid. The blue due 3 was applied in Louisville, Kentucky and was the Southern letter unpaid cancel. There are only thirty known Southern letter unpaid cancels on covers.

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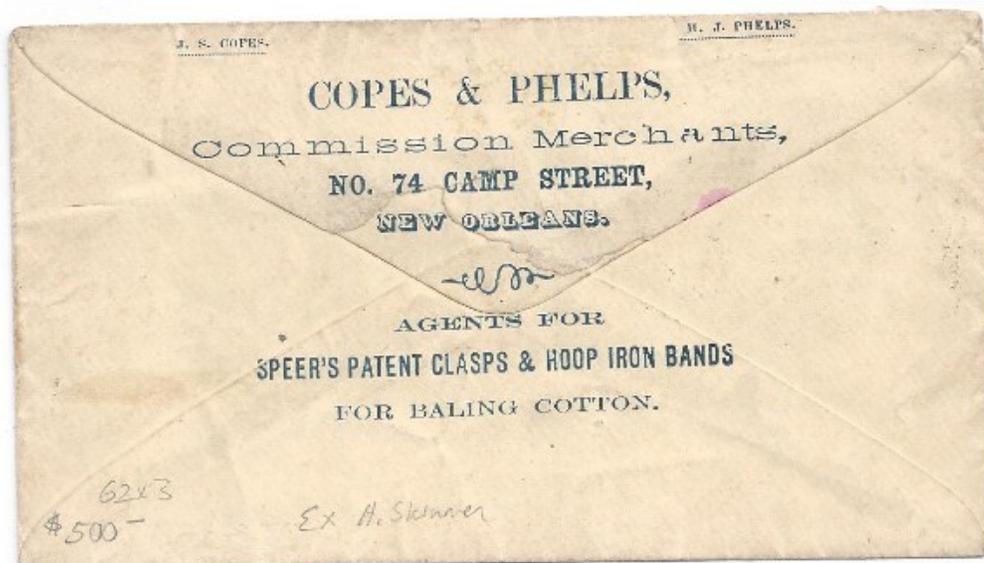
New Orleans, Louisiana

Adhesives, Varieties & Cancels

5¢ brown



This 5¢ brown New Orleans postmaster provisional is cancelled by a New Orleans straight line PAID and an additional New Orleans circular date stamp of July 31, (1861). The writing on the upper left is a reference to the New Orleans and Jackson Rail Road. This is one of the **only 2 known** New Orleans provisional with a Rail Road reference.



The back of this cover shows full advertising use.

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**5¢ ocher**  
**top line imprint variety**



CSA 5¢ ocher postmaster provisional cancel by a straight New Orleans PAID on a New Orleans circular date stamp of August 14, (1861). This is one of very **few known** with a partial top line imprint. Authenticated by The Philatelic Foundation cert. #035561.



CSA 5¢ ocher postmaster adhesive provisional cancelled by a New Orleans straight line PAID cancel. Authenticated by CSA cert. #4767.

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**5¢ red brown on bluish paper  
top line imprint variety**

**5¢ brown on bluish paper  
bottom line imprint variety**



This cover is postmarked by 2 brown on bluish paper cancelled by PAID straight line cancels on September 11, (1861) with a New Orleans circular date stamp. The top stamp is a top line imprint variety. The total 10¢ postage paid was the double rate for weight. Natchez, Mississippi was less than 500 miles from New Orleans.



New Orleans postmaster provisional 5¢ red brown on bluish paper with a partial imprint variety at the bottom. The rate of 5¢ was for less than 500 miles from New Orleans. Authenticated by CSA cert. #4763.

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**5¢ red brown on bluish paper  
printed on both sides**



Front



Copy of Back Side

This New Orleans 5¢ red brown on bluish paper is a printed on both sides variety. The stamp is cancelled by the straight line N.O.P.O. PAID straight line cancel. There are only about **twelve known** straight cancels of this type on a provisional stamp. There are also only about **twelve known** 5¢ red brown on bluish paper printed on both sides varieties. This is quite possibly one of the most scarce of any New Orleans items in postal history.



This is 5¢ brown on bluish paper New Orleans postmaster provisional. The cancel is a Baton Rouge steam cancel. New Orleans stamps with a cancel from other cities are extremely scarce. Ex. Kimbrough.

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**5¢ red brown on bluish paper**



This cover shows two individual 5¢ red brown on bluish paper postmaster provisional tied by a New Orleans circular date stamp of October 12, (1861) sent to Abbeville CH, South Carolina. The stamps pay the 10¢ rate for mail sent over 500 miles. Authenticated by CSA Certificate #4769.



A 5¢ red brown on bluish paper postmaster provisional with a circular town cancel. This is a blurred impressed variety. Authenticated by CSA Certificate #4771.



This is a 5¢ red brown on bluish paper postmaster provisional cancelled by a PD5CTS N.O.P.O. straight line cancel. There are **only twelve known** provisionals with this cancel.

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CSA 5¢ yellow brown  
on off-white paper



5¢ yellow brown cancelled with  
a November circle date stamp.  
This is a provisional cancel used  
only at the River Post Office.



5¢ yellow brown with December  
11, (1861) circle date stamp  
bottom line imprint variety.  
Authenticated by CSA cert.  
#05403.



5¢ yellow brown New Orleans  
postmaster provisional bottom  
line imprint variety unused.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

Adhesives, Varieties & Cancels

**5¢ yellow brown**



This cover is posted with a 5¢ yellow brown New Orleans postmaster provisional. The rate for mail more than 500 miles away was 10¢. The cancellation is a New Orleans circular date stamp of December 3, (1861). This is the earliest known use for this stamp. A Due 5¢ manuscript along with a 5 hand stamp was added by a Wilmington, North Carolina postal clerk to pay the correct postage. Prov. Grant. Authenticated by CSA cert. #05387.

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**smuggled  
advertised cancel**



1861 (July 8) New Orleans to LaHavre, France folded letter smuggled to LaHavre, France. Entered mail with France 20¢ blue empire issue tied by dotted lozenge "Paris 6 Aout 61" d.c.d.s., blue "Forwarded by J. Barbe, Havre" framed around stamp. Letter on business tells of effort to smuggle North and avoid blockage, given to a passenger on board a French package ship for carrying to Paris where entered the mail to LaHavre. The letter also tells of "hard fighting in Virginia". One of the earliest smuggled letters from New Orleans.



This cover is addressed to New Orleans September 14, (1861) at the top center and a boxed "ADV." at left which is a New Orleans mark applied on receipt when no one claimed the letter and the letter was subsequently advertised as available for pick up at the Post Office. Wax and coin mark at the upper left corner indicates that a coin was originally attached to pay the postage. The hand stamp PAID 5 with Vicksburg, Mississippi double circle CDS. A period half dime coin is included with the cover for demonstration purposes. The original letter remains with cover and is dateline "On Board the Gen. Quitman" September 14, 5 o'clock . The Gen. Quitman was a New Orleans river boat. The letter tells of much war news particularly of the Watson Battery of the Louisiana artillery.

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**5¢ red on white paper**



5¢ Red on White paper with New Orleans circular town cancel. This is the only known with a Red and Brown color. The stamp has been torn and repaired. There are only about 7 known New Orleans 5¢ provisionals with red ink. This stamp is the **only known** with the combination of red and brown ink.