

Census of New Orleans 5c Ocher, Confederate Postmasters' Provisionals

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Description and Notes



The 5c Ocher Provisional

All the New Orleans adhesive provisionals were engraved on wood and reproduced as stereotypes or electrotypes. From these plates of 40 subjects were prepared.

The 5c ocher stamp is from the 1st printing of the 5c New Orleans provisionals. The majority of the stamps from this printing were in brown. Only a small number were printed in the distinct ocher shade. Consequently, they are listed as a subtype of the 5c brown stamp in the Scott Catalog. Starting with the New Dietz Catalog in 1986 and continuing in the 2012 CSA Catalog the ocher variety was assigned a separate number.

User Beware: This stamp is a color shade. As such there is room for different interpretations of the color of individual stamps. All stamps and covers listed in this census were either authenticated as such or described as such in an auction catalog or dealers' description.

User Note: The color illustrations in this census may not reflect the actual shade of a stamp or stamps.

CAUTION: The inclusion of an item in this census is not a guarantee of authenticity. Because this is a color shade buyers should seriously consider authentication as a condition of purchase.

Count of the 5-cent ocher New Orleans provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Unused	Used	Covers	Total
5c ocher	NEW-LA-A04	62X3b	4	19	13	36
5c ocher with plate imprint	NEW-LA-A04a	62X3b			1	1
5c ocher pair	NEW-LA-A04b	62X3b		2	8	10

Now You See It, Now It's Gone

The images below are of the same stamp. Look carefully at the bottom of the left stamp. You can just see the top of the plate imprint at the bottom. The image at the right shows the same stamp with the imprint removed. As late as April 2002 the stamp had the imprint. When the stamp sold in April 2004 the imprint was gone.



Mini Census of 5c Ocher, New Orleans, Louisiana Provisional Covers

5c ocher on white *** NEW-LA-A04 (62X3b)

Pmk Date	Pmk Posn	Prov Posn	Addressee	Town	State	CN
18 Jun 1861	UR	UR	Mrs Mary M Gratt	Vicksburg	MS	015
27 Jun [1861]	UR	UR	R M Currie Esq	Trenton	MS	025
[-- Jun 1861]	UR	UR	Mrs A J McGill	Rodney	MS	027
10 Aug 1861	UR	UR	Mrs R V McGrinsy	Baton Rouge	[LA]	044
11 Aug [1861]	UR	UR	Gen G W Munday	Clinton	LA	016
12 Aug [1861]	UR	UR	W B Hamilton	Laurel Hill	LA	017
21 Aug [1861]	CR	UR	J Hopkins Esq	Canton	MS	020
27 Aug [1861]	UR	UR	Monseigneur J M Odin	New Orleans	LA	019
-- Aug [1861]	UR	UR	Francis Moreus Sr Esq	Pensacola	FL	021
8 Sep [1861]	UR	UR	W B Hamilton	Laurel Hill	LA	022
-- Sep [1861}	UR	UR	Ben P Gaines	Gaines Landing	AR	023
7 Oct [1861]	UR	UR	Mrs M L Evans	Vicksburg	MS	024
No Date		UR	Mrs Nancy & J C Foreman	Baton Rouge	LA	026

5c ocher on white with plate imprint *** NEW-LA-A04a (62X3b)

Pmk Date	Pmk Posn	Prov Posn	Addressee	Town	State	CN
14 Aug [1861]	UC-UL	UR	A L Cummings	Memphis	TN	018

5c ocher on white, pairs *** NEW-LA-A04b (62X3b)

Pmk Date	Pmk Posn	Prov Posn	Addressee	Town	State	CN
24 Jun [1861]	UC-UR	UC-UR	Capt Alfred Rhett	Charleston	SC	028
11 Aug [1861]	CL-Center	UC-UR	Mess M Strennas & Co	Montgomery		041
11 Aug [1861]	UR	UR	Mrs F A Kennedy	Vaiden	MS	032
11 Aug [1861]	UC-UR	UC-UR	Sam F Moseley Esq	Jefferson	TX	029
13 Aug [1861]	UR	UL-UC	Miss Ellen King	Flat Rock	NC	030
14 Aug [1861]	Center	UR	Col Daniel Ruggles	Fredericksburg	VA	031
15 Aug [1861]	UL-UC	UR	Mrs M E Dandridge	Winchester	VA	033
16 Aug [1861]	UL	UC	Mrs Catharine B Bennett	Grand Lake	AR	034

Full Census of New Orleans, Louisiana, 5c Ocher Postmasters' Provisionals
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5c ocher (shades) on white, unused ** NEW-LA-A04 (62X3b)

Unused

Description: Small thin and partial gum.
Address: NA
Provenance: Ashbrook.
Source: EJF-8Oct1958(57)-926. [010]
Image Credit: Edson J. Fifield Auctions.



Unused

Description: Faint vertical crease and small thin at LR.
Address: NA
Provenance: Weill Brothers.
Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1248. [036]
Image Credit: Christie's Auctions.



Unused

Description: Left margin into design.
Address: NA
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: SR-2Dec2005(21)-1864*. [014]
Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



Unused

Description: Margins close.
Address: NA
Provenance: Rosenberg.
Source: JWK-13Jun1981(73)-1056. [045]
Image Credit: John W Kaufmann Auctions.



5c ocher (shades) on white, used ** NEW-LA-A04 (62X3b)

2 Jun [1861]

Description: Stamp canceled by indistinct black New Orleans postmark.
Address: NA
Provenance: Skinner.
Source: RAS-16Nov2000(832)-3097*. [007]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



9 Jun [1861]

Description: Stamp canceled by indistinct black New Orleans postmark.
Address: NA
Provenance: J&J.
Source: RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2708*. [009]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



15 Jun [1861]

Description: Stamp canceled by indistinct black New Orleans postmark.

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS-04993*; PF-214700*; RAS-20Dec2006(927)-1593. [013]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



22 Jun [1861]

Description: Stamp canceled by indistinct black New Orleans postmark.

Address: NA

Provenance: Caspary.

Source: PF-1235776*; HRH-5Mar1956(989)-357. [038]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



-- Jun [1861]

Description: Stamp canceled by illegible black postmark.

Address: NA

Provenance: Wishnietsky.

Source: RAS-26Feb2014(1064)-93*. [012]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



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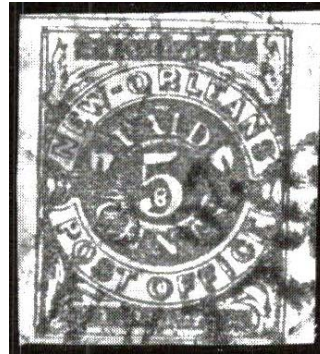
Description: Stamp canceled by indistinct New Orleans postmark.

Address: NA

Provenance: Innella.

Source: JWK-22Mar1980(62)-58. [046]

Image Credit: John W Kaufmann Auctions.



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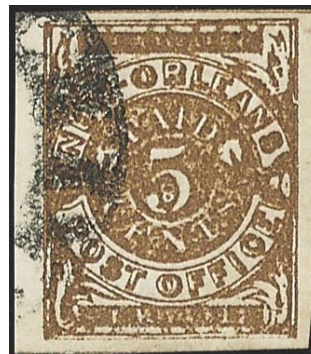
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Address: NA

Provenance: Weill Brothers, Birkinbine.

Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1249; RAS-28Oct1997(795)-432*. [002]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



Date Unknown

Description: Stamp canceled by illegible black postmark.

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private collection. [042]

Image Credit: Private.



Date Unknown

Description: Stamp canceled by red double circle "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark.

Address: NA

Provenance: Weill Brothers.

Source: CHR-13Oct1989-1251. [035]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



No Date

Description: Stamp canceled by black "PAID" marking.

Address: NA

Provenance: Birkinbine.

Source: PF-369458*; RAS-28Oct1997(795)-433*. [001]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



No Date

Description: Stamp canceled by black "PAID" marking.

Address: NA

Provenance: Moody, J&J.

Source: PF-438586*; HRH-27Nov1950(621)-88; RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2709*. [008]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



No Date

Description: Stamp canceled by black "PAID" marking.

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: PF-235774*. [037]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



No Date

Description: Stamp canceled by black "PAID" marking.

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: SR-2Dec2005(21)-1865*. [011]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



No Date

Description: Stamp canceled by black "PAID" marking.

Address: NA

Provenance: J&J.

Source: PF-540443*; RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2710*; SR-23Sep2016(71)-2058*. [004]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



No Date

Description: Stamp canceled by black "PAID" marking. Small part of postmark visible at UR.

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2245*. [003]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



No Date

Description: Stamp canceled by black "PAID" marking.

Address: NA

Provenance: Weill Brothers, Pegram.

Source: CWPAS-04767*; PF-539277*; CHR-13Oct1989-1250; SR-3Dec2004(19)-2063*; CWPSX-Pegram(Feb2013)-98; RAS-18Apr2013(1043)-2065*; RAS-5May2016(1125)-945*. [005]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



No Date

Description: Stamp canceled by black "PAID" marking.

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: PF-510345. [040]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



No Date

Description: Stamp canceled by black "PAID" marking.

Address: NA

Provenance: Hall.

Source: CWPAS-04165*; PF-426420*; RAS-17Dec2001(840)-106*; SR-15Apr2005(20)-2584*. [006]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



No Date

Description: Stamp canceled by black "PAID" marking.

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private collection. [043]

Image Credit: Private.



5c ocher (shades) on white, used ** NEW-LA-A04b

16 Jun [1861]

Description: Horizontal pair canceled by indistinct black New Orleans postmark.

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: PF-235777. [039]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



-5 Jun- [1861]

Description: Vertical pair canceled by indistinct black New Orleans postmark.

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private collection. [047]

Image Credit: Private.



5c ocher (shades) on white, covers ** NEW-LA-A04 (62X3b)

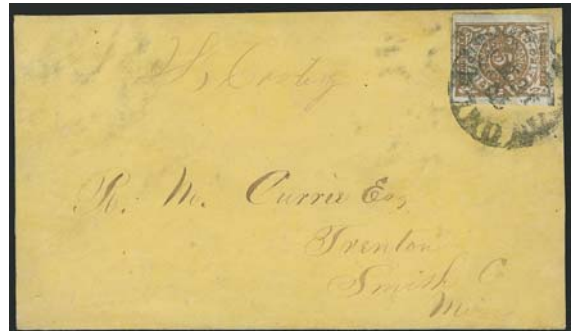
18 Jun 1861

Description: Black double circle "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisional UR. Diagonal paper wrinkle in cover.
Address: Mrs Mary M Gratt / Vicksburg / Missi
Provenance: Caspary, Everett.
Source: PF-439032; HRH-5Mar1956(989)-358; RAS-30Oct1983(754)-170; RAS-20Dec2006(927)-1594;* SR-26Apr2012(47)-1833*. [015]
Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



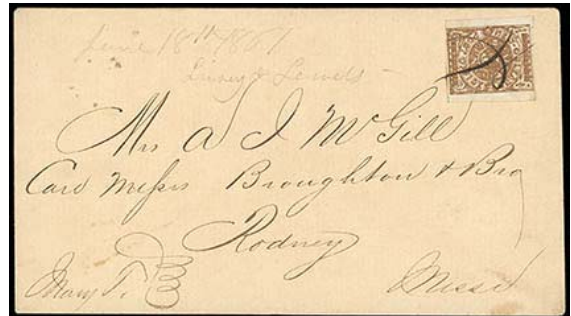
27 Jun [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisional UR.
Address: R. M. Currie Esq / Trenton / Smith Co / Miss
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: LS-15Nov1940(51)-368; RAS-27Apr2004(875)-250*. [025]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



[-- Jun 1861]

Description: Black pen marking ties provisional UR. Docketed "June 19th 1861" at UC to UL and steamer "Mary T." at LL.
Address: Mrs A J McGill / Care Messes Broughton & Bro / Rodney / Miss
Provenance: None recorded.
Source: SR-26Apr2018(78)-2052*. [027]
Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



10 Aug [1861]

Description: "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisional UR.

Address: Mrs R. V. McGrinsy / Baton Rouge / [La.]

Provenance: Brooks.

Source: LS-24Apr1943(123) -117. [044]

Image Credit: Laurence & Stryker Auctions.



11 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisional UR.

Address: Gen. G. W. Munday / Clinton / La

Provenance: Grant, Meroni, DK.

Source: PF-503972*; JAF-11Mar1059(205)-63; JAF-3Mar1961(258)-150; nRAS-28Mar2012(1022)-1088*. [016]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



12 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisional UR. Docketed across left end of cover.

Address: W. B. Hamilton Esq / Laurel Hill / La

Provenance: Skinner.

Source: RAS-16Nov2000(832)-3098*. [017]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



21 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark CR. Provisional tied by black "PAID" marking. UR. Black handstamp "SEP" and "Canton / ADV2" at UC.

Address: J Hopkins Esq / Canton / Missi

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CONP-Jul/Sep2009(54:3)-13; CONP-Oct/Dec2009(54:4)-6; RAS-16Nov2000(632)-52*. [020]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



27 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisional UR. Folded letter. Docketed "Care of Rd E. J. Foltier / Vermillionville" at LL.

Address: Monseigneur J. M. Odin / Archeveque de la Nouvelle Orleans / Louisiana

Provenance: Skinner.

Source: RAS-16Nov2000(832)-3099*. [019]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



-- Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisional UR.

Address: Francis Moreus Sr. Esqr. / Pensacola. / Fla

Provenance: Grant, Meroni, Myerson.

Source: JAF-11Mar1959(205)-62; JAF -3Mar1961(258)-151; AHA-27Jun1998(4)-200*; RAS-19Dec2002(853)-2774*; RAS-19Dec2007(950)-2893*. [021]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



3 Sep [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisional UR. Folded stamp also tied by black "PAID" marking.

Address: Ben P. Gaines / Gaines Ldg / Ark.

Provenance: Skinner.

Source: RAS-16Nov2000(832)-3100; RAS-18Apr2013(1043)-2066*; RAS-22May2018(1182)-267*. [023]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



8 Sep [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisional UR.

Address: W B Hamilton Esq / Laurel Hill / La.

Provenance: Weatherly.

Source: CWPAS-05998*; RAS-20Oct1972(420)-658; RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2246*. [022]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



7 Oct [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisional UR.

Address: Mrs. M. L. Evans / Care Jno Peale Esqr / Vicksburg / Miss.

Provenance: Kilbourne.

Source: RAS-28Sep1999(815)-118*. [024]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



No Date

Description: Two strikes of black "PAID" marking tie provisional UR.
Address: Mrs Nancy & J C Foreman / Baton Rouge / La
Provenance: Grant, Carnahan.
Source: CWPAS-05074*; JAF-11Mar1959(205)-64; SPB-9Mar1978(4091)-2081; SR-3Feb2009(32)-1020*. [026]
Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



5c ocher (shades) on white, covers with plate imprint ** NEW-LA-A04a

14 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark UC-UL. Provisional tied by black "PAID" marking. UR. Plate imprint at top of inverted stamp.
Address: A. L. Cummins. Esq. / Memphis / Tennessee
Provenance: Pegram.
Source: PF-355361*; CWPSX-Pegram(Feb2013)-9*; RAS-13Apr2000(823)-419*; SR-3Feb2009(32)-1019*; RAS-18Apr2013(1043)-2064*; RAS-31May2016(1129)-511*. [018]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



5c ocher (shades) on white, pairs on cover ** NEW-LA-A04b

24 Jun [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisionals UC-UR. Patriotic flag (F8-9) imprint at UR.

Address: Capt. Alfred Rhett / 1st Bat. Artillery C. S. A. / Charleston / S. Carolina

Provenance: Grant, Old Oak, Kilbourne.

Source: PF-554004*; JAF-11Mar1959(205)-66l RAS-24Aor1982(596)-59*; RAS-25May1983(619)-36; RAS-28Jun2018(1186)-556*. [028]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



11 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark CL-Center. Provisionals canceled by two strikes of "PAID" marking. UC-UR.

Address: Mess. M Strenna & Co / Montgomery

Provenance: Skinner.

Source: RAS-16Nov2000(832)-3102*. [041]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



11 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisionals UR.

Address: Mrs F A Kennedy / Vaiden / Mississippi

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS-03625*; RAS-15Dec2020(1230)-1503*. [032]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



11 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark ties provisionals UC-UR.
Address: Sam. F. Moseley Esq. / Jefferson / Texas.
Provenance: Caspary, H Green.
Source: PF-461355*; HRH-5Mar1956(989)-359*; RAS-12Apr2000(822)-102*; RAS-19Dec2007(950)-2894*. [029]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



13 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark UR. Provisionals canceled by two strikes of "PAID" marking. UL-UC.
Address: Miss Ellen King / Flat Rock P. Office / Henderson Cy / North Carolina
Provenance: Grant.
Source: CWPAS-05498*; JAF-11Mar1959(205)-65; RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3176*. [030]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



14 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark Center. Provisionals tied by two strikes of "PAID" marking. UR. Docketed "Double paid" at UL.
Address: Col Daniel Ruggles / C S. A / Fredericksburg / Va.
Provenance: Caspary, Carroll, Hill.
Source: CSX-Hill(Aug1996)-73; HRH-5Mar1956(989)-360; RAS-19Jun1986(667)-99; RAS-23Apr1983(618)-369*; RAS-4Jun2005(896)-773*. [031]
Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



15 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark UL-UC. Provisionals tied by two strikes of "PAID" marking. UR.

Address: Mrs M. E. Dandridge / Winchester / Va.

Provenance: Skinner.

Source: RAS-16Nov2000(832)-3101*; SR-24Apr2014(56)-2519*; RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3177*. [033]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



16 Aug [1861]

Description: Black "NEW ORLEANS / LA." postmark UL. Provisionals tied by two strikes of "PAID" marking. UC. Docketed "Care of / Capt. O. P. Bennett" at LL.

Address: Mrs Catharine B Bennett / Grand Lake / Chicot Co / Arks.

Provenance: Kilbourne, Warren.

Source: PF-348064; RAS-S28Sep1999(815)-119*; RAS-20Dec2006(927)-1595*; SR-27Apr2013(53)-4269*. [034]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.

