

Census of Helena, Texas, Postmasters' Provisionals

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Description and Notes



HEL-TX-A01



HEL-TX-A02

The two values of the Helena provisional

The Confederate postmaster of Helena was David Watson Dailey. He had stamps of 5-cent and 10-cent denominations printed in Goliad, Texas at the offices of the *Goliad Messenger*. This newspaper also printed the provisional stamps for Goliad, Texas.

All recorded examples of the Helena provisionals are off cover.

Count of Helena provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Unused	Used	Total
5c black on buff	HEL-TX-A01	38X1	1	2	3
10c black on bluish gray	HEL-TX-A02	38X2		2	2

Helena Fake

An interesting fake from Helena is illustrated below. It bears a fake Helena provisional tied by a fake Helena, Texas, postmark. The cover is a pre-war folded letter with a Hopkinsville, Kentucky postmark and "V" rate marking.



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Mini Census of Helena, Texas, Provisionals

There are no recorded Helena provisionals on cover.

Full Census of Helena, Texas, Provisionals

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5c black on buff, unused -- HEL-TX-A01 (38X1)

No Postmark

Description: Adhesive provisional unused. Faint creases and light tone spot.

Address: NA

Provenance: Lilly, Erivan.

Source: PF-25685; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-318; HRH26Jan2022(3055-6)-100*. [001]

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5c black on buff, used -- HEL-TX-A01 (38X1)

Date Unknown

Description: Adhesive provisional canceled by black Helena postmark. Two small tears in top margin.

Address: NA

Provenance: Caspary, Beverly Hills, Camina, Sharrer.

Source: PF-280785*; HRH-5Mar1956-146; JWK-20Feb1986-23; RAS-24Feb1994(757)-624; RAS-10Dec2012(1035)-30*. [002]

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Description: Adhesive provisional canceled by indistinct marking. Small thin and stained.

Address: NA

Provenance: Steves, Caspary, Kirkman, Brandon.

Source: SL-9; MESC-22Jun1903-325; HRH-5Mar1956-146; HRH-1Mar1062(1423)-923; RAS-24Jun1014(1073)-259*. [003]

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10c black on bluish-gray, used -- HEL-TX-A02 (38X2)

None

Description: Adhesive provisional canceled by initials in blue ink. Thins and upper right edge repaired.

Address: NA

Provenance: Caspary, Kirkman, Brandon.

Source: HRH-5Mar1956-149; HRH-1Mar1962(1423)-924; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-260*. [004]

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None

Description: Adhesive provisional canceled by indistinct red marking. Stamp has interior tear and thin.

Address: NA

Provenance: Ferrary, Caspary, Lilly, Erivan.

Source: PF-25686, DFA-14Jun1922(4)-30; HRH-5Mar1956-148; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-319; HRH-26Jan2022(3055-6)-101*. [005]

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