# Census of Plum Creek, Texas, Postmasters' Provisionals

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### **Description and Notes**



The Plum Creek provisional adhesive

No mention of Plum Creek was found prior to the 20th century. Instead of being chronicled in the philatelic press an example was in the Caspary collection (H R Harmer sale 5-7 March 1956). However, the provisional had apparently been known for some time but never listed in a catalog (*Confederate Stamp Album*, February 1959, page 7).

One of the Plum Creek covers is dated 1864. The other does not bear a year date but is assumed to have been used in 1864. At this time many Texas towns were without postage stamps due to the transportation lines across the Mississippi River being cut by Federal forces. This resulted in many postmasters resorting to the use of provisional stamps.

#### **Count of Plum Creek provisionals**

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c black on white	PLU-TX-A01		1
5c black on bluish	PLU-TX-A02	141X1	1

# Mini Census of Plum Creek, Texas, Provisionals

## 5c black on white ruled paper -- PLU-TX-A01

Pmk Date	Pmk Posn	Prov Posn	Addressee	Town	State	CN
9 Jul [1864]	UL	UR	Mr George W Meriwether	Corpus Christie	TX	002

## 5c black on bluish ruled paper -- PLU-TX-A02 (141X1)

Pmk Date	Pmk Posn	Prov Posn	Addressee	Town	State	CN
16 Jul 1864	UL	UR	Mrs Cardila Harwood	Gonzales	TX	001

# **Full Census of Plum Creek, Texas, Provisionals**

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#### 10c black on white ruled paper, on cover -- PLU-TX-A01

9 Jul [1864]

**Description:** Adhesive provisional canceled by black pen

marking UR. Black "Plum Creek" manuscript postmark UL. Black handstamp "10" at UL. Manuscript "Paid 10 c" to left and below stamp.

Both ends of cover ragged.

Address: Mr George W Meriwether / Woods Regment /

Company J / Corpus Christ / Texa

Provenance: Beverly Hills.

**Source:** JWK-1Dec1980-362\*; JWK-20Feb1986-56. [002]

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### 10c black on bluish ruled pager, on cover -- PLU-TX-A02 (141X1)

16 Jul 1864

**Description:** Adhesive provisional canceled by black pen

marking UR. Black "Plum Creek" manuscript postmark UL. Manuscript "Paid 10 cts" to left of

stamp.

Address: Mrs Cardila Harwood / Gonsales / Texas

**Provenance:** Caspary, Erivan.

**Source:** PPH-153\*; HRH-5Mar1956-428; RAS-

20Apr1985(645)-417; HRH-10Dec2019-78\*.

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