

Census of Greenwood Depot, Virginia, Confederate Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



GRW-VA-A01

Greenwood Depot Provisional

The Greenwood Depot provisionals were prepared by postmaster James Bruce. He handstamped gray-blue paper with a "PAID" marking multiple times. Then he wrote in ink "Ten Cents" above and signed his name "J Bruce" below the "PAID" marking. These were then cut apart for use.

The 10 October 1887 issue of the *American Philatelist* chronicled the find of the Greenwood Depot provisionals. A group of five covers were found by G. M. Bastable in June of that year. All were addressed to Rev. Paul Whitehead at MacFarland's, Virginia. Since that time one additional cover has been found.

The provisional stamp is not canceled on four of the six covers. The stamp is clearly tied by the town postmark on one cover and just tied on the second.

All covers paid the universal 10-cent rate effective 1 July 1862. Some covers are also docketed with the 1862 year date. For this reason, all are assumed to have been used in 1862.

NOTE: The inclusion of an item in this census is not a guarantee of authenticity.

Count of Greenwood Depot provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
10c black on gray-blue paper	GRW-VA-A01	35X1	6

Mini Census Greenwood Depot, Virginia, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
10c black on gray-blue paper, covers --GRW-VA-A01 (35X1)				
31 Jul [1862]	Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O. / Lunenburg Co / Va.	UL	UR	001
17 Sep [1862]	Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O. / Lunenburg Co / Va.	UL	UR	002
21 Sep [1862]	Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O. / Lunenburg Co / Va.	UL	UR	003
25 Sep [1862]	Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O. / Lunenburg Co / Va.	UL	UR	004
8 Oct [1862]	Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O. / Lunenburg Co / Va.	LL	UR	005
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Full Census of Greenwood Depot, Virginia, Postmasters' Provisionals

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31 Jul [1862]

Description: Black "GREENWOOD DEPOT / Va." postmark UL. provisional not canceled UR.

Address: Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O. / Lunenburg Co / Va.

Provenance: Ferrary.

Source: CWPAS-01506; DFA-14Jun1922(4)-2; RAS-24Apr1982(596)-22*; RAS-20Apr1985(645)-392*. [001]

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17 Sep [1862]

Description: Black "GREENWOOD DEPOT / Va." postmark UL. provisional not canceled UR.

Address: Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O. / Lunenburg Co / Va.

Provenance: Brown, Kilbourne, Brandon.

Source: HRCL-30Oct1939-2256; RAS-28Sep1999(815)-46*; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-257. [002]

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21 Sep [1862]

Description: Black "GREENWOOD DEPOT / Va." postmark UL. provisional not canceled UR.

Address: Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O / Lunenburg Co / Va.

Provenance: Hessel, Ryterband.

Source: PF-562279*; APSJ-10Jan1887-7; CWPSX-Ryterband(Jan2020)-41*; HRH-21Oct1975-183. [003]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



25 Sep [1862]

Description: Black "GREENWOOD DEPOT / Va." postmark UL. provisional not canceled UR. Docketed "1862" under stamp, since erased.

Address: Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O / Lunenburg Co / Va.

Provenance: Ferrary, Hind, Brooks, Hall, Gross.

Source: DFA-14Jun1922(4)-1; P&K-20Nov1933(1)-1505; L&S-24Apr1943(123)-68; RAS -13Apr2000(823)-405*; SPK-19Nov2009-19*. [004]

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8 Oct [1862]

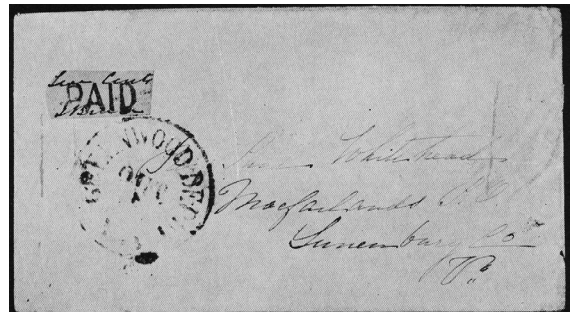
Description: "GREENWOOD DEPOT / Va." postmark almost ties provisional CL.

Address: Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O. / Lunenburg Co / Va.

Provenance: Tapling.

Source: APCB-1960(26)-117; CONP-May1977-68. [005]

Image Credit: Confederate Philatelist (journal).



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Description: Black "GREENWOOD DEPOT / Va." postmark ties provisional UR. Docketed "Via Lynchburg" at LL. Also "1862" docket in pencil at CL..

Address: Rev Paul Whitehead / Macfarlands P. O / Lunenburg Co / Va.

Provenance: Caspary, Lilly, Erivan.

Source: HRH-5Mar1956-142; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-315; HRH-26Jan2022(3055-6)-97*. [006]

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