

# Census of Livingston, Alabama, Postmasters' Provisionals

Compiled by Francis J. Crown, Jr.

## Description



**The Livingston provisional**

The Livingston provisional is a strikingly attractive stamp that depicts a shield of 11 stars representing the states of the Confederacy. It was lithographed on white wove paper. The layout and sheet size are unknown.

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

## Count of Livingston provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Used	Covers	Total
5c blue on white	LIV-AL-A01	51X1	3	6	9
5c blue on white pair	LIV-AL-A01a	51X1		1	1

## Notes

### The Confederate Postmaster

John W. Scott cited Robert F. Houston as the Livingston postmaster at the outbreak of the war (History of the Confederate States Post Office," *American Journal of Philately*, 4:46 (20 October 1871): 118). However, the official appointment records of the U. S. Post Office Department show he was Livingston postmaster from 22 October 1855 to 19 July 1859. He was followed by Stephen W. Murley who was appointed on 12 December 1859.

The Confederate records of postmaster appointments show Murley continued to serve after the takeover of the postal service by the Confederacy on 1 June 1861 and was officially appointed the Confederate postmaster on 31 July 1861. Thus, Murley was the postmaster responsible for the Livingston provisional.

### A Rejoined Pair



Digitally rejoined pair postmarked 23 Nov [1861] (CN-008/009).

## Mini Census of Livingston, Alabama, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
<b>5c blue on white, used -- LIV-AL-A01 (86X1)</b>				
23 Nov [1861]	NA			008
[23 Nov 1861]	NA			009
No Date	NA			010
<b>5c blue on white, on cover -- LIV-AL-A01 (86X1)</b>				
15 Nov [1861]	Mr E L Stickney / Marion / Ala.	UR	UR	003
15 Nov [1861]	Mrs M. A. Sturdivant / Hollow Square / Green Cty / Ala	UR	UR	002
25 Oct [1861]	Mrs Anna M Garber /Bladen Springs / Alabama	UR	UR	005
10 Dec [1861]	Mrs. Ann E. Taylor / Enterprise / Miss.	UR	UR	004
17 Mar [1862]	Dr G G Griffin / Demopolis / Ala.	UL	UL	006
21 Mar [1862]	Capt Edwd W Smith / Care Houston Sims & Co / Mobile / Ala	UR	UR	007
<b>5c blue on white, pair on cover -- LIV-AL-A01a</b>				
12 Nov [1861]	Capt. R. Chapman. Jr. / 11th Regt Ala. Vol. / Manassas Junction / Va.	UR	UR	001

## Full Census of Livingston, Alabama, Provisionals

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### 5c blue on white, used -- LIV-AL-A01 (86X1)

23 Nov [1861]

**Description:** Black "LIVINGSTON / Ala." postmark cancels provisional .

**Address:** NA

**Provenance:** Ferrary, Walcott, Hall, DK.

**Source:** DFA-14Jun1922(4)-19; RL-21May1935-80; RAS-17Dec2001(840)-65\*; RAS-28Mar2012(1022)-1034\*. [008]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



[23 Nov 1861]

**Description:** Black "LIVINGSTON / Ala." postmark cancels provisional .

**Address:** NA

**Provenance:** Caspary, Kirkman, Brandon.

**Source:** HRH-5Mar1956-183; HRH-1Mar1962(1423)-928; RAS-24Feb1965(283)-165; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-280\*. [009]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



**No Date**

**Description:** Black "LIVINGSTON / Ala." postmark cancels provisional .

**Address:** NA

**Provenance:** Ferrary, Hind, Wickersham.

**Source:** DFA-14Jun1922(4)-18; PKA-20Nov1933(1)-1515; RL-14May1940-44; RAS-10Apr2008(954)-3206\*; RAS-9Sep2020(1225)-101\*. [010]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



**5c blue on white, on cover -- LIV-AL-A01 (86X1)**

**15 Nov [1861]**

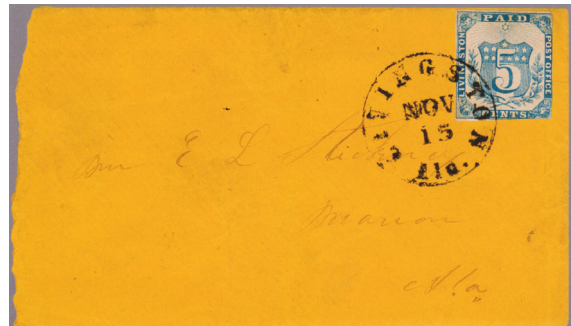
**Description:** Black "LIVINGSTON / Ala." postmark ties provisional UR. Margins cut in on left and bottom right. Opened rough on left side.

**Address:** Mr E L Stickney / Marion / Ala.

**Provenance:** Hessel, Erivan.

**Source:** PPH-118\*; HRH-21Oct1975-196. [003]

**Image Credit:** Postmasters' Provisionals: United States and Confederate States (book).



**15 Nov [1861]**

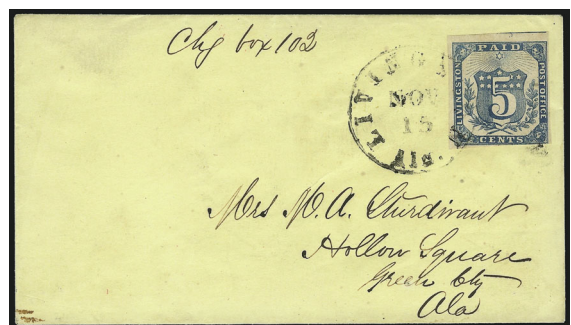
**Description:** Black "LIVINGSTON / Ala." postmark ties provisional UR. Portion of adjoining stamp at top right. Charge box marking at UC.

**Address:** Mrs M. A. Sturdivant / Hollow Square / Green Cty / Ala

**Provenance:** Kilbourne, Gross.

**Source:** PF-483005\*; RAS-28Sep1999(815)-56\*; SPK-19Nov2009-21\*. [002]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



25 Oct [1861]

**Description:** Black "LIVINGSTON / Ala." postmark ties provisional UR. Cover reduced at top and right side. Faulty restoration, compare current image with that in Caspary auction catalog.

**Address:** Mrs Anna M Garber /Bladen Springs / Alabama

**Provenance:** Caspary, Cole.

**Source:** CWPAS-01805\*; HRH-5Mar1956-185; RAS-22Nov1988(701)-1717. [005]

**Image Credit:** Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service .



10 Dec [1861]

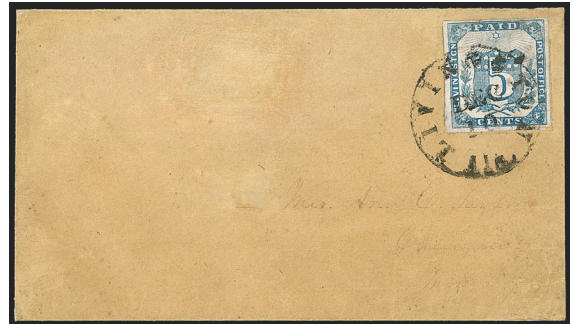
**Description:** Black "LIVINGSTON / Ala." postmark ties provisional UR. Stamp has small tear at bottom right.

**Address:** Mrs. Ann E. Taylor / Enterprise / Miss.

**Provenance:** Isleham, DK.

**Source:** RAS-23Jun1965(288)-539; RAS-25May1986(662)-1378\*; RAS-28Mar2012(1022)-1035\*; RAS-9Sep2020(1225)-99\*. [004]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



17 Mar [1862]

**Description:** Black "LIVINGSTON / Ala." postmark ties provisional UL. Folded letter. Bottom sheet margin copy with light diagonal crease.

**Address:** Dr G G Griffin / Demopolis / Ala.

**Provenance:** Beverly Hills.

**Source:** RAS-24Apr1982(596)-29\*; JWK-20Feb1986-32\*. [006]

**Image Credit:** John W Kaufmann Auctions.



21 Mar [1862]

**Description:** Black "LIVINGSTON / Ala." postmark ties provisional UR. Top sheet margin copy.

**Address:** Capt Edwd W Smith / Care Houston Sims & Co / Mobile / Ala

**Provenance:** Caspary, Lilly, Jaretzky.

**Source:** CWPSX-Jaretzky(Apr2021)-13\*; HRH-5Mar1956-184; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-328. [007]

**Image Credit:** Collection or Exhibit on Civil War Philatelic Society Website.



### 5c blue on white, pair on cover -- LIV-AL-A01a

12 Nov [1861]

**Description:** Black "LIVINGSTON / Ala." postmark ties provisional pair UR. Docketing at LL, "Care of Col. Syd. Moore."

**Address:** Capt. R. Chapman. Jr. / 11th Regt Ala. Vol. / Manassas Junction / Va.

**Provenance:** Ferrary, Caspary, Lilly, Erivan, Jaretzky.

**Source:** PF-146583; DFA-14Jun(1922(4)-17; PPH-119\*; CWPSX-Jaretzky(Apr2021)-13\*; HRH-5Mars1956-186; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-329; CHR-13Oct1989-1153\*. [001]

**Image Credit:** Postmasters' Provisionals: United States and Confederate States (book).

