

Census of Madison, Florida Postmaster's Provisionals

Complied by Francis J. Crown, Jr.

Description



Example of the 3c Madison provisional stamp and the 5c provisional entire.

The 3c Madison provisional was typeset and printed for use during the period between the establishment of the Confederacy on 4 February and 1 June 1861 when the Confederacy took control of the postal service.

The 3c stamps are best called shinplasters because they had a printed value but nothing to indicate they were for the payment of postage. However, when attached to an envelope the postmaster treated them as if the postage were prepaid and marked the letter as paid. In some cases, the stamp was also removed.

After the Confederacy took over the postal service on 1 June 1861 the postmaster had printed envelopes prepared with a design similar design to the 3c stamp but with a value of 5c. This time the word "PAID" was included in the design.

The postmaster from August 1860 through the Confederate period was Samuel J. Perry.

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

Count of Madison provisionals

| Provisional | CSA Cat No | Scott Cat No | Unused | Used | Covers | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|------|--------|-------|
| 3c gold on bluish | A-MAD-FL-A01 | 89XU1 | | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 3c gold on bluish, error | A-MAD-FL-A01a | 89XU1a | | 1 | | 1 |
| 5c black | MAD-FL-E01 | | | | 1 | 1 |

Notes

Reference

Patricia A. Kaufmann, "The Madison, Florida, Postmaster Provisionals: Anatomy of a Postal History Research Project," *Confederate Philatelist* 45,:1 (January/February 2000): 7-35.

J. W. Scott, "History of the Confederate States Post Office," *American Journal of Philately* 5: 50 (February 1872): 29-31.

Mini Census of Madison, Florida, Provisionals

| <u>Pmk Date</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>PmkPos</u> | <u>PrvPos</u> | <u>CN</u> |
|---|---|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| After Secession -- 3c gold on bluish, used -- A-MAD-FL-A01 (3AX1) | | | | |
| 21 Feb [1861] | NA | | | 001 |
| No Date | NA | | | 007 |
| No Date | NA | | | 003 |
| No Date | NA | | | 004 |
| After Secession -- 3c gold on bluish, "CNETS" error, used -- A-MAD-FL-A01a (3AX1a) | | | | |
| Illegible | NA | Y | | 005 |
| After Secession -- 3c gold on bluish on cover -- A-MAD-FL-A01 (3AX1) | | | | |
| No Postmark | Mr Thomas W. Thompson / Washington City / D C | Y | UR | 002 |
| 5c black on cover -- MAD-FL-E01 (137X1) | | | | |
| 2 Sep [1861] | H. Kennedy Esq / Green Hill P. O. / Lauderdale Co. / Ala. | CTR | UR | 006 |

Full Census of Madison, Florida, Provisionals

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After Secession -- 3c gold on bluish, used -- A-MAD-FL-A01 (3AX1)

21 Feb [1861]

Description: Provisional cancelled by black "MADISON C. H / FLO" postmark. Stamp has thin and small pinhole.

Address: NA

Provenance: Briggs, Gorham.

Source: CWPAS-02903; PF-545666*; RAS-13May2000(824)-440*; RAS-9May2017(1153)-2092*; RAS-17May2022(1255)-1168*. [001]

Image Credit: Robert A. Siegel Auctions.



No Date

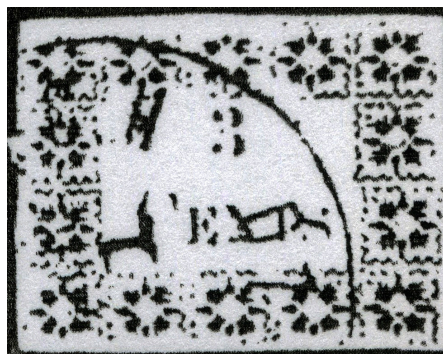
Description: Provisional cancelled by "MADISON C. H / FLO" postmark. Poor image.

Address: NA

Provenance: None reported.

Source: PF Files; CONP-1stQtr2020-17. [007]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



No Date

Description: Provisional cancelled by manuscript "[P]aid in [money]".

Address: NA

Provenance: Felton.

Source: RAS-15Nov2011(1016)-594*. [003]

Image Credit: Robert A. Siegel Auctions.



No Date

Description: Provisional cancelled by pen marking. Stamp adheres to small piece of envelope.

Address: NA

Provenance: DK.

Source: PF-503953*; RAS-28Mar2012(1022)-1001*. [004]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



After Secession -- 3c gold on bluish, "CNETS" error, used -- A-MAD-FL-A01a (3AX1a)

Illegible

Description: Provisional cancelled by black "MADISON C. H / FLO" postmark. Margins touch border ornaments on three sides.

Address: NA

Provenance: Briggs.

Source: CWPAS-02904; RAS-13May2000(824)-441*; RAS-9May2017(1153)-2093*. [005]

Image Credit: Robert A. Siegel Auctions.



After Secession -- 3c gold on bluish on cover -- A-MAD-FL-A01 (3AX1)

No Postmark

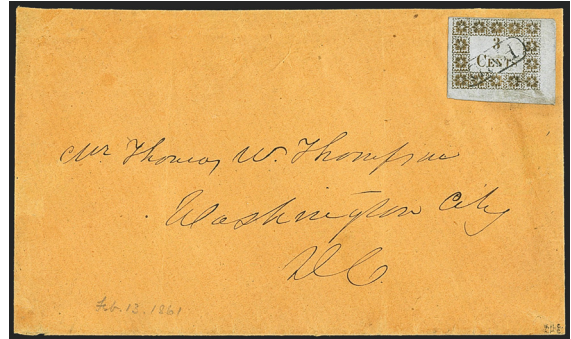
Description: Provisional canceled by "PAID" marking UR.
Cover refolded at edges. Stamp moved slightly from original position. Piece of original content dated 13 Feb 1861.

Address: Mr Thomas W. Thompson / Washington City / D C

Provenance: Hind, Caspary, Gross, Briggs.

Source: P&K-20Nov1933(1)-32; HRH-15Nov1955-41; RAS-13May2000(824)-439*; SPK-19Nov2009-1*; RAS-9May2017(1153)-2094*. [002]

Image Credit: Robert A. Siegel Auctions.



5c black on cover -- MAD-FL-E01 (137X1)

2 Sep [1861]

Description: black "MADISON C. H / FLO" postmark CTR,
provisional indicium UR.

Address: H. Kennedy Esq / Green Hill P. O. / Lauderdale Co. / Ala.

Provenance: Briggs.

Source: PF-189961*; RAS-9May2017(1153)-2095*. [006]

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