

Census of Unionville, South Carolina, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



The Unionville adhesive provisional

The Unionville provisionals were prepared by handstamping a boxed "PAID" and "5" marking on sheets of paper. There is evidence pencil was used to rule squares on the paper and the markings placed in the squares.

The paper was grayish in color. However, on two covers (CN-001 and 003) the stamps appear to be pinkish or white. These covers underwent extensive restoration, and the color of the stamp paper was probably affected. Illustrations of the covers before and after restoration are in the "Notes."

Based on the rates all uses are assumed to be between June and September 1861.

There are no recorded examples of the Unionville provisional off cover.

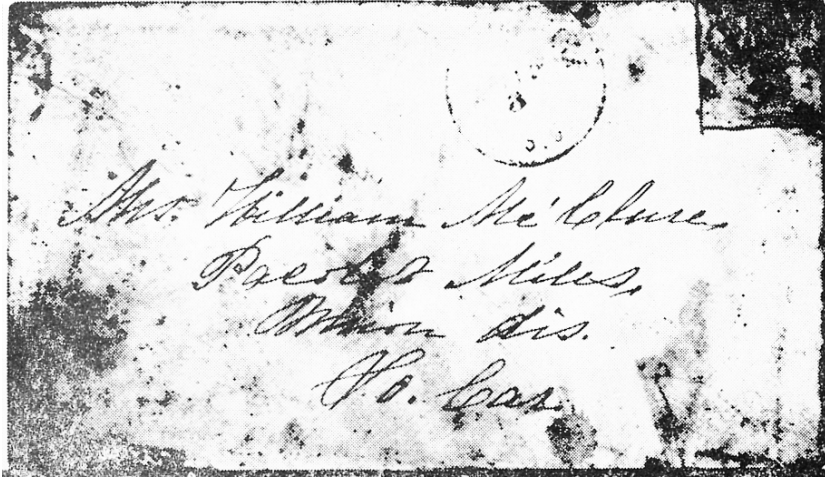
NOTE: The inclusion of an item in this census is not a guarantee of authenticity.

Count of Unionville provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c black on grayish	UNI-SC-A01	87X1	3
5c black on grayish pair	UNI-SC-A01a	87X1	1

Notes

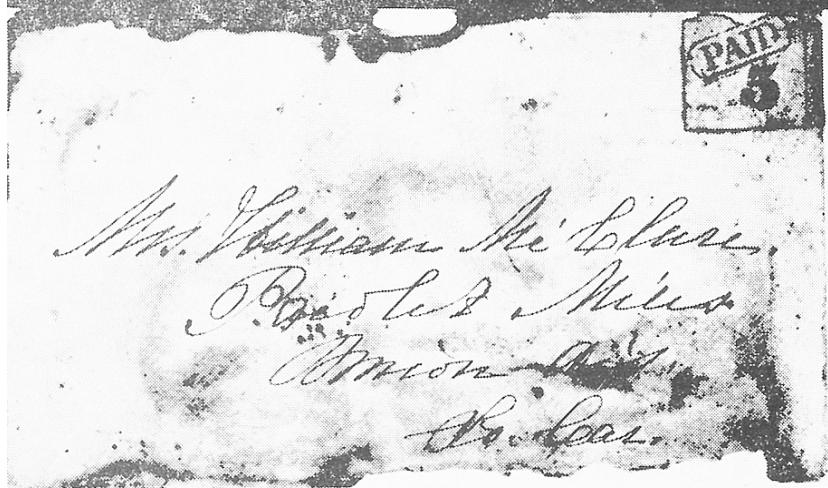
Restored Covers



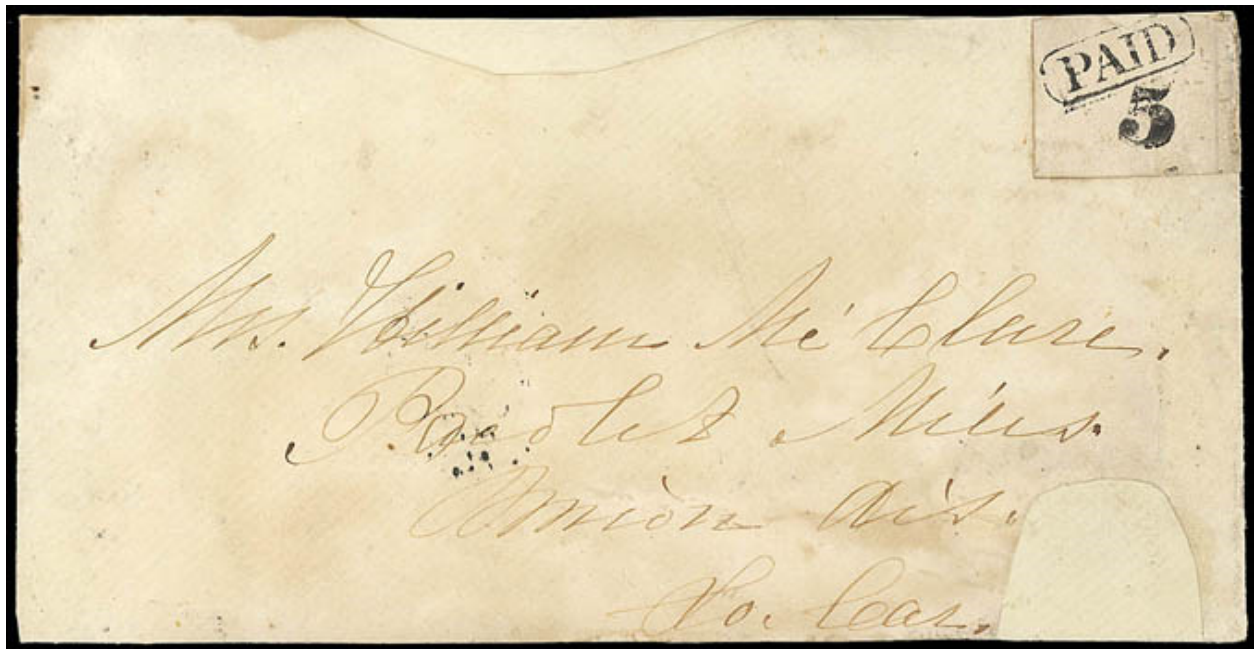
Cover as it was probably originally found (CN-001 - 3 Sep [1861])



After restoration (Robert A Siegel Sale 1073, Lot 348)



Cover as it was probably originally found (CN-003 – No postmark)



Cover after restoration (Schuyler Rumsey Sale 53, Lot 4303)

Mini Census of Unionville, South Carolina, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
5c black on grayish -- UNI-SC-A01 (87X1)				
12 Jun [1861]	J R Minter Esqr / Mt Tarbor / [SC]	UR	UR	002
3 Sep [1861]	Mrs. William McClure, / Pacolet Mills, / Union dis. / So. Car.	UC	UR	001
No Postmark	Mrs. William McClure. / Pacolet Mills / Union dis. / So. Car.		UR	003
5c black on grayish pair -- UNI-SC-A01a (87X1)				
14 Jun [1861]	Col. William M. Gist. / Care of Col. Gregg. / Centreville Virginia	UR	UR	004

Full Census of Unionville, South Carolina, Provisionals

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5c black on grayish -- UNI-SC-A01 (87X1)

12 Jun [1861]

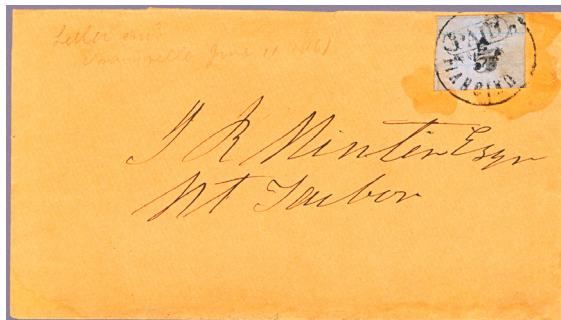
Description: Black "UNIONVILLE / S. C." postmark ties provisional UR. Stamp has blue ruled lines. Some staining around stamp. Enclosure dated 11 Jun 1861.

Address: J R Minter Esqr / Mt Tarbor / [SC]

Provenance: Hessel, Erivan.

Source: PF-52057; PPH-167*; CONP-Jan1963-7; HRH-21Oct1975-310. [002]

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



3 Sep [1861]

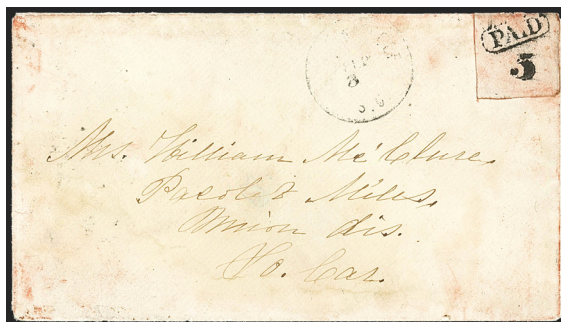
Description: Black "UNIONVILLE / S. C." postmark UC, uncanceled provisional UR. Cover extensively restored. Enclosure dated 26 Aug.

Address: Mrs. William McClure, / Pacolet Mills, / Union dis. / So. Car.

Provenance: Kohn, Agre, Brandon.

Source: PF-537437*; CONP-Jan1963-6; RAS-29Oct1970(382)-98; RAS-25Sep2002(850)-5799*; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-348*. [001]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



No Postmark

Description: Provisional UR. Cover extensively restored. Enclosure dated 3 Aug 1861.

Address: Mrs. William McClure. / Pacolet Mills / Union dis. / So. Car.

Provenance: Warren.

Source: CONP-Jan1963-6; RAS-24Feb1966(296)-177; SR-27Apr2013(53)-4303*. [003]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



5c black on grayish pair -- UNI-SC-A01a (87X1)

14 Jun [1861]

Description: Black "UNIONVILLE / S. C." postmark ties provisional pair UR. Left stamp has blue ruled lines. Seven-star patriotic flag envelope.

Address: Col. William M. Gist. / Care of Col. Gregg. / Centreville Virginia

Provenance: Ferrary, Caspary, Lilly, Haub.

Source: GIL013Jun1923(107-7)-291; PPH-168*; CONP-Jan1963-5; HRH-5Mar1956-481; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-377. [004]

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