

Census of Aberdeen, Mississippi, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



ABE-MS-E01

The Aberdeen provisional marking

The Aberdeen provisional was prepared by handstamping envelopes in the upper right corner with a prewar postmark in which a large “5” was inserted in place of the date logos. A handstamped “PAID” marking was added to the left of the postmark marking to indicate the postage was paid.

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

Count of Aberdeen, Mississippi, provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c blue black	ABE-MS-E01	1XU1	2
5c blue black revalued “10”	ABE-MS-E01a	1XU1a	1

Notes

Early History

The earliest mention of the 5c Aberdeen provisional is in an 1898 article that illustrates several “locals and handstamps.” The illustration is a facsimile of the provisional marking only, but a footnote gives the date of the cover as 20 January. From this we know the cover is CN-003.

Two years later August Dietz identified the Robert S. Nelson as the person who found the cover in a family war-time correspondence. He also illustrated a facsimile of the full cover for the first time.

Charles J. Phillips stated the original finder sold the cover to Ferrary. There is an Aberdeen cover in the third sale of the Ferrary collection described as 5c black on orange envelope, cataloged in Scott (lot 572). While the cover is not illustrated the fact that it was in the Scott catalog is evidence that it was a provisional.

References

Roy B. Bradley, “Confederate Locals and Hand-Stamps,” *Virginia Philatelist* 2:2 (October 1898): 42.

Aug. Dietz, “Another Rare C. S. A. Provisional,” *Virginia Philatelist* 3:12 (August 1900): 203.

Francis J. Crown, Jr., *Surveys of the Confederate Postmasters’ Provisionals* (Lawrence, MA: Quarterman Publications, 1982), 10.

M. G. Gilbert, *Catalogue de Timbres=Poste composant la collection de M. Ferrari de al Renotiere* 96-3, (5 April 1922), lot 572.

Mini Census of Aberdeen, Mississippi, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
5c black --- ABE-MS-E01 (1XU1)				
13 Sep [1861]	Miss Sallie Spann / Macon / Miss	LL	UR	003
20 Jan [1862]	A S. Nelson Esq / Greensboro / Ala.	LL	UR	002
5c black revalued "10" --- ABE-MS-E01a (1XU1a)				
27 Dec [1861]	Saml L. Biddle Esqr / Newbern / No. Carolina	LL	UR	001

Full Census of Aberdeen, Mississippi, Provisionals

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5c black --- ABE-MS-E01 (1XU1)

13 Sep [1861]

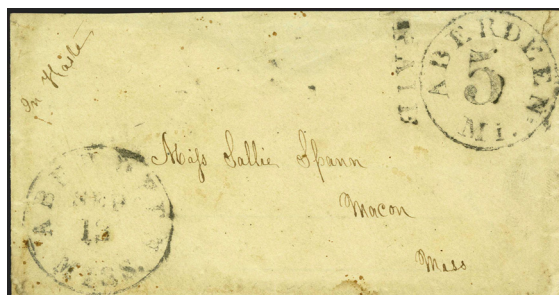
Description: Black "ABERDEEN / MISS." postmark LL, provisional marking UR. Docketed "In Haste" at UL.

Address: Miss Sallie Spann / Macon / Miss

Provenance: Carnahan, Kressman, Hill, Erivan.

Source: CSX-Hill(Aug1996)-14; SPB-9Mar1978(4091)-2001; JWK-14Dec1985; HRH-10Dec2020(3039-4)-54*. [003]

Image Credit: H R Harmer Auctions.



20 Jan [1862]

Description: Black "ABERDEEN / MISS." postmark LL, provisional marking UR.

Address: A S. Nelson Esq / Greensboro / Ala.

Provenance: Hall.

Source: VIPH-Aug1900-208; RAS-13Apr2000(823)-389*. [002]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



5c black revalued "10" --- ABE-MS-E01a (1XU1a)

27 Dec [1861]

Description: Black "ABERDEEN / MISS." postmark LL,
provisional marking UR.

Address: Saml L. Biddle Esqr / Newbern / No. Carolina

Provenance: Miller, Agre, Brandon.

Source: CWPAS-00648; CSX-Miller(16Jul1992)-21; RAS-
25Sep2002(850)- 5652; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-
201*. [001]

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