

Census of Austin, Mississippi, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



AUS-MS-E01
The Austin Provisional

The Austin, Mississippi, provisional marking was typeset and printed in red on the upper right corner of envelopes. The design lacking any indication of postage paid the word "PAID" was handstamped to the side.

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

Count of Austin, Mississippi, provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c red with black "PAID"	AUS-MS-E01	8XU1	1

Notes

Early History

In 1945 Stanley Ashbrook wrote that Harold C. Brooks discovered the Austin provisional in 1925. Forty years later F. W. Kressman, Jr. confirmed Brooks discovered the cover in 1925. He also noted he that in the 1950s he wrote the former owner, E. Wulfkuhler, for more information on the cover. Wulfkuhler responded that when the Brooks collection was sold by Stanley Ashbrook he had first choice of the Confederate items and bought the Austin cover. This is where there is confusion. The Brooks collection of Confederates was sold by Laurence & Stryker on 23 April 1943. However, not everything known to be in the Brooks collection was in the sale (including the Austin cover). Some items were sold separately. Perhaps Ashbrook handled some or all of the items that were not included in the auction and that is how Wulfkuhler obtained the Austin cover.

References

Stanley B. Ashbrook, "Some Notes on the Harold C. Brooks Collection of Confederate States of America" in *The Stamp Specialist, Black Book* (1945], 35.

Laurence & Stryker, *Harold C. Brooks Collection of Confederate States Provisionals and General Issues* 123 (24 April 1943).

F. W. Kressman, Jr., "Mississippi Postmaster Provisionals," *Dixie Philatelist* 17:4 (Winter 1983): 6,

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<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
5c red with black "PAID" -- AUS-MS-E01 (8XU1)				
2 Dec 1861	Mr James. Philpott / Wood Lawn / Tenn	UL	UR	001

Full Census of Austin, Mississippi, Provisionals

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5c red with black "PAID" -- AUS-MS-E01 (8XU1)

2 Dec 1861

Description: Black "AUSTIN / MISS." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Mr James. Philpott / Wood Lawn / Tenn

Provenance: Kilbourne, Gross.

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