

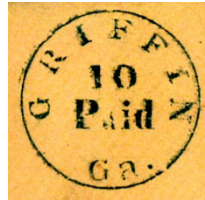
Census of Griffin, Georgia, Postmaster's Provisionals

Compiled by Francis J. Crown, Jr.

Description



GRI-GA-E01



GRI-GA-E02

The Griffin Provisionals

In his book, *Confederate Stamps, Old Letters and History*, Raynor Hubbell relates the story of the Griffin provisionals. He states the Griffin postmaster, Martin A. Bowdoin, ran out of stamps in June 1862 and prepared the 5c Griffin provisional from an old postmark. For a short time, this was used to make postal stationery for customers. Bowdoin also made a 10c value of the same type. Two of the Griffin provisional covers in Hubbell's collection included the original letters which were dated in June 1862, thus proving the 1862 use.

Since the appearance of Hubbell's book in the late 1950s one additional 5c provisional was discovered and a partial cover with the 10c provisional. These new additions extended the period of use from late May 1862 to late July 1862.

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

Count of the Griffin provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c black	GRI-GA-E01	102XU1	5
10c black	GRI-GA-E02	102XU2	1

Notes

Reference

Crown, Francis J., Jr. "Griffin "10 Paid" Provisional Discovered," *Confederate Philatelist* 50:2 (April-June 2005): 59.

Hubbell, Raynor. *Confederate Stamps, Old Letters and History*. ([Griffin, GA.: printed by author, 1959]).

Mini Census of Griffin, Georgia, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
5c black -- GRI-GA-E01 (102XU1)				
31 May [1862]	Col. David J Bailey / Savanna[h] / G[a]	CL	UR	005
5 Jun [1862]	J Wm Lester / Macon Georgia / Zollicoffer Rifles	UL	UR	001
10 Jun [1862]	Mr. J. W. Lester / Macon Georgia / Zollicoffer Rifles	UL	UR	002
24 Jun [1862]	Mrs. Wm H. Baldy, / New Market, / Monroe county, / Georgia.	UL	UR	003
27 Jun [1862]	Mr - Mrs W.H. Baldy, / New Market, / Monroe county, / Ga.	UL	UR	004
10c black -- GRI-GA-E02 (102XU2)				
25 Jul [1862]	Unknown	UL	UC-UR	006

Full Census of Griffin, Georgia, Provisionals

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5c black -- GRI-GA-E01 (102XU1)

31 May [1862]

Description: Black "GRIFFIN / GA." postmark CL, provisional marking UR. The LR corner of envelope soiled. Docketed "Official Business" at UL.

Address: Col. David J Bailey / Savanna[h] / G[a]

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: SR-3Feb2014(55)-2253*. [005]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



5 Jun [1862]

Description: Black "GRIFFIN / GA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: J Wm Lester / Macon Georgia / Zollicoffer Rifles

Provenance: Hubbell, Erivan.

Source: CSLH-11; RAS-10Apr1997(787)-3221; HRH-26Jan2022(3055-6)-99*. [001]

Image Credit: H R Harmer Auctions.



10 Jun [1862]

Description: Black "GRIFFIN / GA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Docketed "Care of / Capt Bell" CL to LL.

Address: Mr. J. W. Lester / Macon Georgia / Zollicoffer Rifles

Provenance: Hubbell.

Source: PF-68563; CSLH-11; RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3104*. [002]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



24 Jun [1862]

Description: Black "GRIFFIN / GA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Mrs. Wm H. Baldy, / New Market, / Monroe county, / Georgia.

Provenance: Hubbell, Ballard.

Source: CSLH-11; SR-25Apr2009(34)-2659. [003]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



27 Jun [1862]

Description: Black "GRIFFIN / GA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Mr - Mrs W.H. Baldy, / New Market, / Monroe county, / Ga.

Provenance: Hubbell, Haas.

Source: CSLH-11; RCF-22Feb1986(27)-174*. [004]

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10c black -- GRI-GA-E02 (102XU2)

25 Jul [1862]

Description: Black "GRIFFIN / GA." postmark UL, provisional marking UC-UR. Partial provisional cover made from US 3c Nesbitt envelope.

Address: Unknown

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS-05781*. [006]

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