

Census of Fincastle, Virginia, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



The Fincastle Provisional

The Fincastle provisional was typeset and printed in black ink in the upper right corner of envelopes.

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

Count of the Fincastle provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
10c black	FIN-VA-E01	104XU1	1

Notes

History

The earliest mention of the Fincastle provisional was found in the January 1929 *Collectors Club Philatelist* (Lindquist – Reference). The provisional cover was part of a display of Henry C. Needham's Confederate States. The short article mentions the cover was in the Ferrary sale, but it is not mentioned in the index of the sale nor does the front of the cover have Ferrary's trefoil marking in the lower right corner. Two years later there was an article on the Fincastle cover in the March 1931 issue of the *New Southern Philatelist* (Dietz – References). Dietz reiterated what the *Collectors Club Philatelist* mentioned about the Ferrary sale and gave details on the typesetting of the stamp. In addition, it included several sworn affidavits as to the genuineness of the cover. One of the affidavits was from the individual to whom the cover was addressed. All the affidavits were dated in 1901 and 1902.

References

Dietz, August, ed., "Fincastle, Va. – Major Confederate Provisional," *New Southern Philatelist* 7:5 (March 1931): 159-160.

Lindquist, H. L., "Evenings at the Collectors Club: Confederate States, Locals and General Issues Displayed by Henry C. Needham." *Collectors Club Philatelist* 8:1 (January 1929): 46,

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<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
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21 Mar ['86-]	David H. Plaine / Bonsacks, / Roanoke Co. / Virginia	UR	UR	001

Full Census of Fincastle, Virginia, Provisionals

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21 Mar ['86-]

Description: Black "FINCASTLE / VA" postmark ties provisional marking UR.

Address: David H. Plaine / Bonsacks, / Roanoke Co. / Virginia

Provenance: Carnahan, Beverly Hills.

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