

# Census of Sparta, Georgia, Postmaster's Provisionals

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## Description



SPA-GA-E01



SPA-GA-E02



SPA-GA-E03



## The Sparta Provisionals

The E01 provisional was prepared by handstamping envelopes with a “PAID” and “5” marking.

The E02 and E03 markings were prepared by inserting a “5” or “10” rate marking in an office postmark that was previously used for circulars. Two images of the E03 marking are shown since the only known example is faded.

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

## Count of the Sparta provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c red	SPA-GA-E01		2
5c red	SPA-GA-E02	93XU1	7
10c red	SPA-GA-E03	93XU2	1

## Notes

### Problematic Uses

**Unused Provisional** – The Type E01 provisional is only recorded in an unused state. It is very unusual for there to be no postally or hand carried uses of a provisional. This alone is enough to cast doubt on their authenticity.

**Charge Box Markings and Folded Letters** – One Sparta provisional cover (E03; 20 Jan [1862]; CN-003) is a folded letter with a charge box marking. Provisional covers with charge box markings are suspicious as the notation was usually applied to stampless letters. Even more suspicious is the marking being on a folded letter. There is always the question of how the provisional marking was applied to a large sheet of paper so that the marking was in the upper right corner when the sheet was folded. Or was the sheet pre folded to an envelope shape before the provisional marking was applied?. Neither is a good answer. The more plausible answer is the marking was applied at time of mailing which would make the cover a stampless use of a provisional marking.

### Mini Census of Sparta, Georgia, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
<b>5c red -- SPA-GA-E01</b>				
Unused	None		UR	002
Unused	None		UR	001
<b>5c red -- SPA-GA-E02 (93XU1)</b>				
16 Dec [1861]	Lieut Lafayette Powell / Waynesville / Wayne Co / Geo.	UL	UR	005
17 Dec [1861]	Jas M. Harriss Esqr / Mt. Zion / Ga	UL	UR	008
18 Dec [1861]	Lieut Lafayette Powell / Waynesville / Wayne Co / Geo	UL	UL	010
20 Dec [1861]	Lieut Lafayette Powell / Waynesville / Wayne Co / Geo	UL	UR	007
1 Jan [1862]	G. F. Bristow Esqr / Crawfordville / Georgia	UL	UR	004
10 Jan [1862]	Lieut John Binion / Waynesville / Wayne County / Georgia	UL	UR	009
30 Jan [1862]	Carhart & Curd / Macon / Georgia	LL	UR	003
<b>10c red -- SPA-GA-E03 (03XU2)</b>				
28 Jan [1862]	Hon A H. Stephens / Richmond /Va.	UL	UR	006

## Full Census of Sparta, Georgia, Provisionals

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### 5c red -- SPA-GA-E01

#### Unused

**Description:** Provisional marking UR. See "Problematic Uses" in Notes.

**Address:** None

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** Private collection. [002]

**Image Credit:** Private.



#### Unused

**Description:** Provisional marking UR. See "Problematic Uses" in Notes.

**Address:** None

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** Private collection. [001]

**Image Credit:** Private.



### 5c red -- SPA-GA-E02 (93XU1)

16 Dec [1861]

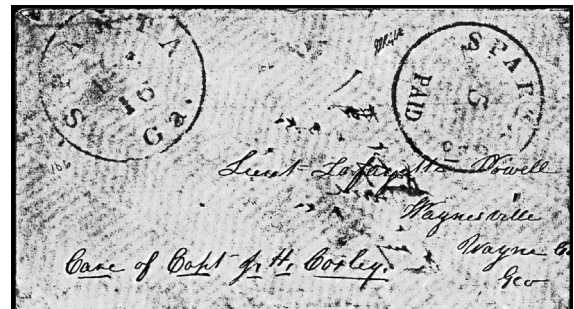
**Description:** "SPARTA / Ga." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Docketed "Care of Capt J. H. Corley" across bottom of cover.

**Address:** Lieut Lafayette Powell / Waynesville / Wayne Co / Geo.

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** RAS-9Apr1997(787)-3284. [005]

**Image Credit:** Private.



17 Dec [1861]

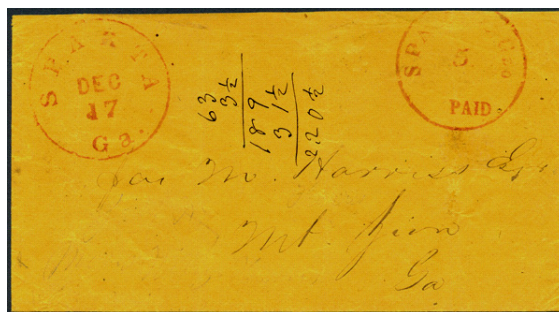
**Description:** Red "SPARTA / Ga." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

**Address:** Jas M. Harriss Esqr / Mt. Zion / Ga

**Provenance:** Bogg.

**Source:** JWK-22Oct1986(126)-2127; CG-30May2016(34)-859\*. [008]

**Image Credit:** Christoph Gartner Auctions.



18 Dec [1861]

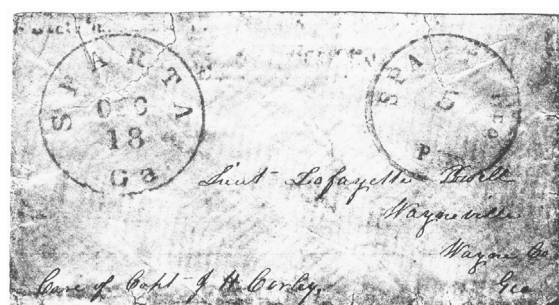
**Description:** "SPARTA / Ga." postmark UL, provisional marking UL. Docketed "Care of Capt J H Corley" across bottom of cover.

**Address:** Lieut Lafayette Powell / Waynesville / Wayne Co / Geo

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** JWK-20Aug1983(97)-147. [010]

**Image Credit:** John W Kaufmann Auctions.



20 Dec [1861]

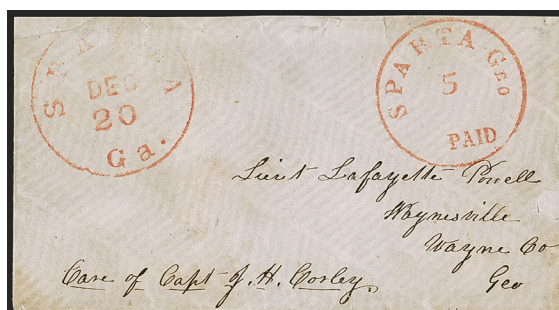
**Description:** Red "SPARTA / Ga." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Docketed "Care of Capt J. H. Corley" across bottom of cover.

**Address:** Lieut Lafayette Powell / Waynesville / Wayne Co / Geo

**Provenance:** Brandon, Walker.

**Source:** CWPAS-02019\*; CHR-13Oct1989-1311; RAS-6Mar2001(834)-1054; RAS-9Jun2022(1257)-2584\*. [007]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.





1 Jan [1862]

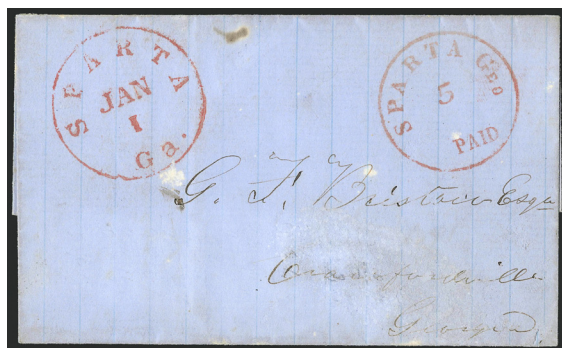
**Description:** Red "SPARTA / Ga." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Folded letter. See "Problematic Uses" in Notes.

**Address:** G. F. Bristow Esqr / Crawfordville / Georgia

**Provenance:** Ballard.

**Source:** SR-25Apr2009(34)-2693\*; RAS-15Nov2011(1016)-642\*. [004]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



10 Jan [1862]

**Description:** Red "SPARTA / Ga." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Docketed "Care of Capt. J. H. Corley" across bottom of cover.

**Address:** Lieut John Binion / Waynesville / Wayne County / Georgia

**Provenance:** Carnahan, Haas, Agre, Brandon.

**Source:** CWPAS-01545\*; SPB-9Mar1978-2101; RCF-22Feb1986(27)-187\*; RGK-3Mar1990(64)-144\*; RAS-25Sep2002(850)-5787\*; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-338\*. [009]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



30 Jan [1862]

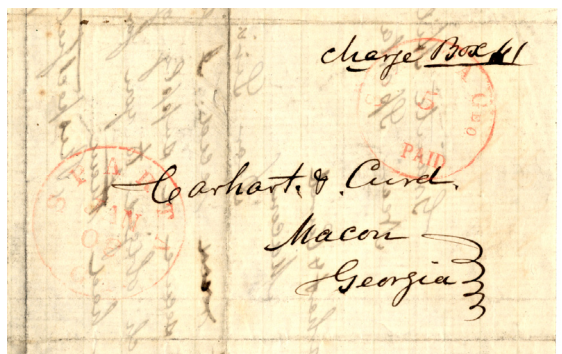
**Description:** Red "SPARTA / Ga." postmark LL, provisional marking UR. Folded letter. Docketed "Charge Box 61" at UR. See "Problematic Uses" at Notes.

**Address:** Carhart & Curd / Macon / Georgia

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** GEOR-Apr2002(12:1)-1. [003]

**Image Credit:** Georgia Post Roads.



10c red -- SPA-GA-E03 (03XU2)

28 Jan [1862]

**Description:** Red "SPARTA / Ga." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

**Address:** Hon A H. Stephens / Richmond /Va.

**Provenance:** Gravely.

**Source:** CWPAS-01346\*; SIA-1Oct1982-49; RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3212\*. [006]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.

