

# Census of Clarksville, Texas, Postmaster's Provisionals

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## Description



CLA-TX-E01

### The Clarksville Provisional

The Clarksville provisional was prepared by handstamping envelopes with a circled "PAID / 10" marking.

This same marking was used on stampless envelopes. **It is a provisional only when unused, postally used from another town, or under a postally used general issue.**

**Is this marking a provisional? (see "Notes").**

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

### Count of the Clarksville provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c black	CLA-TX-E01		1

## Notes

### A Provisional?

The Clarksville circled “PAID / 10” marking first appeared as a provisional in the 1945 edition of the Dietz Catalog. The following note appears under Clarksville, Texas in the “Historical Data:” “A cover has been submitted with this 10c handstamp covered by a pair of Local Prints De La Rue Five Cents and postmarked Clarksville, Tex. The Paid was unused.” The cover described by Dietz is undoubtedly the one in this census.

The Clarksville circled “PAID / 10” marking was previously listed in the Scott Catalog as a provisional (91XU1), perhaps because of the Dietz listing. Sometime after 1966 the listing was dropped. No reason for this action was found.

The same marking is listed as a legacy stampless marking in the 2012 CSA Catalog. This is an error on the part of the editors. The several editions of the Dietz Catalog, and the New Dietz Catalog never listed the marking as a stampless marking (handstamped paid).

The Clarksville “PAID / 10” marking is unique. There is no known example used on a stampless cover. The only example is under a postally used pair of 5c stamps. The Clarksville postmark tying the pair of stamps is the only thing that ties the marking to Clarksville..

### References

Dietz Augusts, ed. *Dietz Catalog & Handbook (Specialized) of the Postage Stamps and Envelopes of the Confederate States of America* 1945 Edition (Richmond, VA: Dietz Press, 1945), 91, 112.

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### Mini Census of Clarksville, Texas, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
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18 Jun [1863]	Saml F. Mosley Esqr / Jefferson / Texas	UC-UR	UR	001

## Full Census of Clarksville, Texas, Provisionals

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### 5c black -- CLA-TX-E01

18 Jun [1863]

**Description:** "CLARKSVILLE / Tex" postmark UC-UR, provisional marking UR. Pair of 5c blue typographs tied by postmark over provisional.

**Address:** Saml F. Mosley Esqr / Jefferson / Texas

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** STSP-Green (1943)-85. [001]

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