

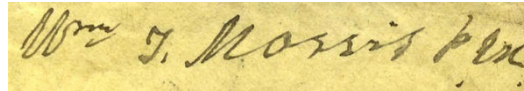
Census of Port Gibson, Mississippi, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



POR-MS-E01



Control

The Port Gibson Provisionals

The Port Gibson provisionals were prepared by handstamping envelopes with a “PAID 5” marking. The postmaster, Wm. T. Morris, then signed his name above or below the marking as a control..

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

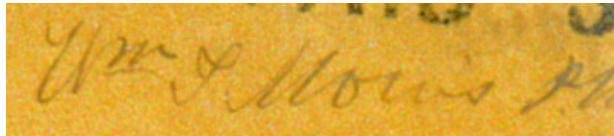
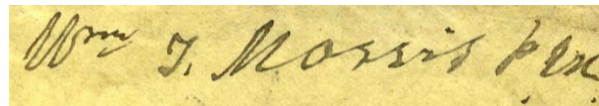
Count of the Port Gibson provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c black	POR-MS-E01	142XU1	2

Notes

Postmaster's Signature

The postmaster's signatures are not exactly alike on the two recorded examples of the provisionals (see below). The most noticeable difference is in the letter "r" in Morris. No example of his handwritten was found for comparison. For lack of any other evidence, it is assumed both signatures are the postmaster's.

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script on aged, yellowish paper. The signature appears to read "Wm J. Morris". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script on aged, yellowish paper. The signature appears to read "Wm J. Morris". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, showing a slightly different style or slant compared to the signature above.

Mini Census of Port Gibson, Mississippi, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CtlPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
5c black w/control -- POR-MS-E01 (142XU1)					
6 Jan 1862	Mr. John Little / Oakland College / Miss	UL	UR	UR	001
16 Jan 1862	Miss Mary S. Ken. / Natchez / Miss.	UL	UR	UR	002

Full Census of Port Gibson, Mississippi, Provisionals

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6 Jan 1862

Description: Black "PORT GIBSON / Miss" year dated postmark UL, provisional marking UR, and control below provisional marking. Docketed "Ansd Jana 6th 61" across left end of cover.

Address: Mr. John Little / Oakland College / Miss

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS-04376; SR-19Mar2016(66)-1286. [001]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service.



16 Jan 1862

Description: Black "PORT GIBSON / Miss" year dated postmark UL, provisional marking UR, and control above provisional marking.

Address: Miss Mary S. Ken. / Natchez / Miss.

Provenance: Agree.

Source: PF-527669*; RAS-25Sep2002(850)-5303; SR-10Mar2014(55)-2131*. [002]

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