

Census of Weatherford, Texas, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



WEA-TX-E01

The Weatherford Provisional

The exact method of preparation of the Weatherford provisional is not known. It is suspected it was engraved in wood and printers type added in the four corners to make the word "PAID." The device was then used to handstamp envelopes. Others believe the device was fitted in form and the envelopes printed.

There is no recorded example of a single strike of this provisional on cover.

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

Count of the Weatherford provisionals

| Provisional | CSA Cat No | Scott Cat No | Covers |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| 5c black | WEA-TX-E01 | 109XU1 | 0 |
| 5c + 5c black | WEA-TX-E01a | 109XU2 | 1 |

Notes

History

The Weatherford provisional was first mentioned in an article in 1931 (Dietz – Reference). It was submitted to Dietz by Royden V. Rice of Chicago along with several other covers. The Weatherford cover caught Dietz's attention and he felt it might be a provisional though he did not make that conclusion at the time. It was not until the 1945 edition of the Dietz Catalog that the Weatherford cover was included as a provisional.

Reference

Dietz, August, ed., "The Weatherford, Texas "Paid 5," *New Southern Philatelist* 7:8 (Jun 1931): 267

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), 109, 122.

Mini Census of Weatherford, Texas, Provisionals

| <u>Pmk Date</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>PmkPos</u> | <u>PrvPos</u> | <u>CN</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| 5c + 5c black -- WEA-TX-E01a (109XU2) | | | | |
| 21 Jun [186-] | Miss Carrie Sutton / Batesville / Georgia | UC | UR | 001 |

Full Census of Weatherford, Texas, Provisionals

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21 Jun [186-]

Description: Black "WEATHERFORD / TEX" postmark UC, two strikes of provisional marking UR. Impression of the provisionals is weak.

Address: Miss Carrie Sutton / Batesville / Georgia

Provenance: Meroni, Solomon, Haas.

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