Census of Canton, Mississippi, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



CAN-MS-E01
Canton Provisional Marking

The Canton provisional was prepared by striking envelopes with a specially prepared die that features "PAID" and "5" between the rays of a five-pointed star. In the center is the letter "P" which stood for the name of the postmaster, William Priestly.

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

Count of Canton provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c black	CAN-MS-E01	14XU1	36
5c black struck twice	CAN-MS-E01a	14XU1	1
5c black revalued "10" (ms)	CAN-MS-E01b	14XU1a	1
5x black postally used from another town	CAN-MS-E01x		1

Notes

2012 CSA Catalog Notes

The Confederate Catalog also lists the 5c black marking postally used under a general issue. The files used in compiling the catalog contain no image of such a use and it is not mentioned in the "Warren Sanders Confederate Provisional Card Files." However, a use of the provisional from another town was found (CN-004) and this may be what was intended by the catalog listing.

The 5c Double Strike Anomaly



The Robert A. Siegel Auction Sale 452 (28 May 1974), lot 1004 describes the above cover as follows: "an 'enigma' cover as the small cover & short distance are consistent with the 5c rate, while the double strike suggests a 10c charge."

The date of use is an anomaly. It appears to be dated 5 Jun 1861, a month earlier than the next earliest Caton provisional. Further the year deserves close examination. The last digit appears to be a "1."But it is unlike the first digit "1" which has a sloping top serif and a small base line serif. Also, if the last digit is examined closely a "2" or a "3" can be seen. Is the last digit a "1" or something else? This cover is included in the census.

Canton Markings Provisionals or Not?

The Canton provisional was first chronicled by C. H. Mekeel in 1891. The provisional was illustrated and Mekeel noted the 5-cent stampless provisional "appears on envelopes of all kinds, colors, shapes and paper, it was applied on letters when paid at the office, or any citizen [sic] could take his envelopes and have them stamped for future use by paying cash." This statement indicates that what is considered a provisional marking was also used on stampless mail. No other proof of this has ever been offered and Mekeel's statement was made without attribution.

The Twins

The two provisional markings below are from different towns (Canton and Pensacola) and different states (Mississippi and Florida) respectively. Did both postmasters have the same idea for the design, or did one copy the other? We will probably never know.



Canton Marking



Pensacola Marking

An Unlisted Provisional?

The image on the next page shows what appears to be a 10c Canton provisional. The provisional marking is made up of a prewar postmark with the date logos replaced by "10 / PAID." The cover was offered in the Robert G. Kaufmann sale 47 (6 Nov 1986), lot 150 as an unlisted provisional. It is listed in the 1986 New Dietz Catalog but not in the 2012 CSA Catalog.

The cover has been known since at least 1986 but apparently has not been examined by either the Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service or the Philatelic Foundation. Perhaps for good reason.

The postmark appears to be the prewar Canton postmark. However, the "10" and "PAID" markings are not like any used by Canton as listed in Oakley's *Postal History of Mississippi* and the CSA Catalog. It would be very unusual for a postmaster to obtain new markings when he already has such markings on hand.



Possible Paid 10 provisional postmarked 18 April.

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Mini Census of Canton, Mississippi, Provisionals

Pmk Date	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
5c black CAN-MS	-E01 (14XU1)			
1 Jul 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL	UR	013
2 Jul [1861]	E N Davis Esqr / Holly Springs / Mi	UL	UR	009
2 Jul [1861]	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL	UR	012
4 Jul [1861]	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	CL	UR	011
24 Jul [1861]	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL	UR	010
25 Jul 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL	UR	800
29 Jul 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-UC	UR	036
8 Aug 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co. / New Orleans / La.	UL	UR	023
17 Aug 1861	[Carroll Hoy, New Orleans, La.]	CTR	UR	031
21 Aug 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-CL	UR	038
26 Aug 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-CL	UR	025
26 Aug 1861	Miss Mary Hill / Burtonton / Miss	UL	UR	037
28 Aug 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-CTR	UR	024
2- Aug 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-CTR	UR	022
13 Sep 1861	Col John Duncan / Jackson / Missi	CL	UR	001
20 Sep 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La.	UL-CTR	UR	003
1 Oct 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UC	UR	028
5 Oct 1861	Mr. Jno. W. Justice / Fulton / Mississippi	CTR	UR	030
11 Oct 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-UC	UR	026
26 Oct 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-UC	UR	033
4 Nov 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL	UR	029
6 Nov 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	CL-CTR	UR	027
8 Nov 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-UC	UR	034
15 Nov 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-UC	UR	019

Pmk Date	Address	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
30 Nov 1861	Messrs. Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL	UR	020
18 Dec 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-CTR	UR	021
24 Dec 1861	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-UC	UR	018
7 Jan 1862	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL	UR	015
9 Jan 1862	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-CL	UR	017
13 Jan 1862	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	CTR	UR	016
17 Jan 1862	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	CL-CTR	UR	014
8 Feb 1862	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	UL-CTR	UR	006
-1 1862	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La	CL	UR	002
No Postmark	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La		UR	032
No Postmark	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La		UR	007
No Postmark	Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La		UR	005
5c black, struck twice CAN-MS-E01a (14XU1)				
5 Jun 1861	J. A. Crain / Naylor's Landing / Yazoo River / [Miss.]	UL-UC	UC-UR	035
5c black, revalued "10" in manuscript - CAN-MS-E01b (14XU1)				
23 Jul 1861	Mrs Madison R. Grigsly. / Chapel Hill. / N. C.	UL	UR	039
5c black, postally used from another town - CAN-MS-E01x (14XU1)				
23 Sep [1861]	Messr Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / Louisiana	UL	UR	004

Full Census of Canton, Mississippi, Provisionals

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5c black -- CAN-MS-E01 (14XU1)

1 Jul 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: PF-413921*. [013]
Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



2 Jul [1861]

Description: Black "CANTON / Mi." postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Docketed "C S Whitcom / Canton"

across left end of cover.

Address: E N Davis Esqr / Holly Springs / Mi

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS-05528*; SR-22Apr2010(37)-1391*. [009]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Society Authentication Service.



2 Jul [1861]

Description: "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: A Hall.

Source: RAS-11Dec1995(772)-3138; RAS-

28Oct1997(795)-317; RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2097*; SR-19Mar2016(66)-1282*. [012]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



4 Jul [1861]

Description: "CANTON / Mi." postmark CL, provisional

marking UR.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: SCOT-Oct1961(42:7)-219. [011] **Image Credit:** Scott's Monthly Stamp Journal.

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24 Jul [1861]

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Kilbourne.

Source: RAS-28Sep1999(815)-18*; RAS-16Jun2007(937)-

349*. [010]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



25 Jul 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS-05040*; RAS-14Apr1984(632)-13; RAS-

2May1987(679)-377; HA-1Sep2007-90; SR-

24Apr2014(56)-2505*. [008]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Society Authentication Service.



29 Jul 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-UC,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Hill, Erivan.

Source: CSX-Hill(Aug1996)-15; HRH-7Aug2020(3035-3)-

66*. [036]

Image Credit: HR Harmer Auctions.



8 Aug 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Cover has filing pin holes and has

been restored at bottom.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co. / New Orleans / La.

Provenance: Meroni, Rosenberg.

Source: JAF-20Mar1961-47; JWK-13Jun1981(73)-1026;

RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2637*; RAS-9May2017(1155)-3010*. [023]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



17 Aug 1861

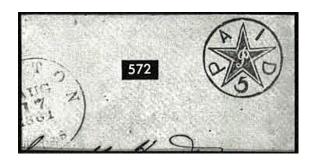
Description: "CANTON / Miss" postmark CTR, provisional

marking UR. Partial image of cover.

Address: [Carroll Hoy, New Orleans, La.]

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-17May1979(546)-572. [031]



21 Aug 1861

Description: "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-CL, provisional

marking UR.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Brooks.

Source: LSA-24Apr1943(123)-45; RAS-10Jul1986(668)-

473. [038]

Image Credit: Laurence & Stryker Auctions.



26 Aug 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-CL,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Hall.

Source: RAS-17Dec2001(840)-46*; RAS-19Dec2007(950)-

2873*. [025]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



26 Aug 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Address is weak.

Address: Miss Mary Hill / Burtonton / Miss

Provenance: Brooks.

Source: CWPAS-01543*; LSA-24Apr1943(123)-44. [037]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Society Authentication Service.



28 Aug 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-CTR,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Birkinbine.

Source: RAS-28Oct1997(795)-316; RAS-18May2002(846)-

2456*. [024]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



2- Aug 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-CTR,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Gallagher.

Source: CWPAS-05356*; RAS-9Jun1998(801)-350; RAS-

14Mar2006(907)-2636*. [022]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Society Authentication Service.



13 Sep 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark CL, provisional

marking UR. Docketing at LL.

Address: Col John Duncan / Jackson / Missi

Provenance: Baker, Przybyl.

Source: CWPAS-03986*; PF-108915; RGK-18Feb1982(2)-

1180; RAS-17Dec2001(841)-1020*; RAS-

9Nov2021(1244)-525*. [001]



20 Sep 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-CTR,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La.

Provenance: Carnahan, Dr Green, Walker.

Source: SPB-9Mar1978-2018; RAS-12Apr2000(822) 62*;

RAS-9Jun2022(1257)-2537. [003]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



1 Oct 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UC, provisional

marking UR.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Miller.

Source: CSX-Miller(16Jul1992)-17; CWP-1Qtr20212(61:1)-

24*. [028]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelist (journal).



5 Oct 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark CTR,

provisional marking UR. Cover shows light wear.

Address: Mr. Jno. W. Justice / Fulton / Mississippi

Provenance: A Hall.

Source: CWPAS-02391*; RAS-28Oct1997(795)-319*; RAS-

24Jun2015(1104)-2098*; SR-14Dec2017(77)-

1136*. [030]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



FJC

11 Oct 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-UC,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Everett, Sharrer, Ryterband.

Source: PF-278480; CWPSX-Ryterband(Jan2020)-31*;

RAS-30Oct1993(754)-121; RAS-10Dec2012(1035)-19*. [026]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



26 Oct 1861

Description: "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-UC, provisional

marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Hill, Kimmel, Erivan.

Source: CSX-Hill(Aug1996)-15; RAS-18May1976(492)-

566; HRH-24Jun2022(3060-7)-98*. [033]

Image Credit: H R Harmer Auctions.



4 Nov 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Fekete.

Source: RAS-21Oct2014(1082)-574*. [029]



6 Nov 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark CL-CTR,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Carroll.

Source: RAS-19Jun1986(667)-30; RAS-15May2002(845)-

880*; RAS-8Nov2017(1167)-2474*. [027]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



8 Nov 1861

Description: "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-UC, provisional

marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-16Oct1958(213)-1021; RAS-10Apr1997(787)-

3200. [034]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



15 Nov 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-UC,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS-01470*; RAS-14Apr1984(632)-14; RAS-

6Mar2001(834)-1016. [019]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Society Authentication Service.



30 Nov 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs. Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-10Apr1997(787)-3201; RAS-

3Mar2017(1151)-1567*. [020]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



18 Dec 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-CTR,

provisional marking UR. Cover has filing pin

holes and vertical file fold.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Kimmel, Telep, A Hall.

Source: CWPAS-02392*; RAS-18May1976(492)-565*;

JWK-1Dec1987-22*; RAS-28Oct1997(795)-318.

[021]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Society Authentication Service.



24 Dec 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-UC,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3055*. [018]



7 Jan 1862

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Old Oak, Agre, Kaplan, Warren.

Source: RAS-25May1983(619)-10; RAS-25Sep2002(850)-

5672; DF-14May2010-10202*; SR-27Apr2013(53)-4189*. [015]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



9 Jan 1862

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-CL,

provisional marking UR.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Brandon.

Source: RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-217*. [017]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



13 Jan 1862

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark CTR,

provisional marking UR.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Engel, Piller.

Source: PF-530955*; HRH-17May197* Piller. [016]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



17 Jan 1862

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark CL-CTR,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-23Apr1983(618)-294; RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-

3054*. [014]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



8 Feb 1862

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-CTR,

provisional marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded. **Source:** PF-207897*. [006]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



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Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark CL, provisional

marking UR. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Kressman.

Source: CWPAS-01535*; JWK-14Dec1985(119)-2; RAS-

15Apr1989(708)-444; RAS-17Feb1993(747)-603*; DFK-15Nov2022(777)-1203*. [002]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Society Authentication Service.



No Postmark

Description: Provisional marking UR. Addressed provisional

cover without postmark. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private. [032]

Image Credit: Private.



No Postmark

Description: Provisional marking UR. Addressed provisional

cover without postmark.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: PF-26567. [007]
Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



No Postmark

Description: Provisional marking UR. Addressed provisional

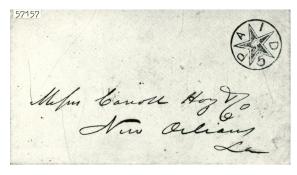
cover without postmark. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messrs Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: Hessel.

Source: PF-57157; HRH-21Oct1975-147. [005]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



FJC

5c black, struck twice -- CAN-MS-E01a (14XU1)

5 Jun 1861

Description: "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL-UC, two strikes of

provisional marking UC-UR. Partial image of cover. See 5c Double Strike Anomaly in "Notes."

Address: J. A. Crain / Naylor's Landing / Yazoo River /

[Miss.]

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-28May1974(452)-1004. [035]

Image Credit: Private.



5c black, revalued "10" in manuscript - CAN-MS-E01b (14XU1)

23 Jul 1861

Description: Black "CANTON / Miss" postmark UL, provisional

marking UR. Manuscript "Paid 10" at UC.

Address: Mrs Madison R. Grigsly. / Chapel Hill. / N. C.

Provenance: None recorded. **Source:** Private. [039]

Image Credit: Private.



5c black, postally used from another town - CAN-MS-E01x (14XU1)

23 Sep [1861]

Description: Black "LIVINGSTON / MISS" postmark with

manuscript date UL, provisional marking UR. Manuscript "5" UC indicates the provisional was

not accepted as postage by the Livingston postmaster. Filing pin holes in cover.

Address: Messr Carroll Hoy & Co / New Orleans /

Louisiana

Provenance: Hessel, Kressman.

Source: CWPAS-01536*; HRH-21Oct1975-148; JWK-

14Dec1985(119)-3; RAS-20Dec2006(927)-

1577*. [004]

