

# Census of Goliad, Texas, Provisional Covers

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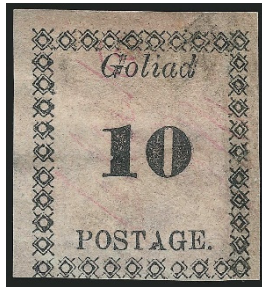
## Description



**5c Type A**  
GOL-TX-A01 (black on white)  
GOL-TX-A02 (black on gray)  
GOL-TX-A03 (black on rose)



**5c Type B**  
GOL-TX-A04 (black on gray)  
GOL-TX-A05 (black on dark blue)



**10c Type A**  
GOL-TX-A06 (black on white)  
GOL-TX-A07 (black on rose)



**10c Type B**  
GOL-TX-A08 (black on gray)  
GOL-TX-A09 (black on dark blue)

## Goliad Provisionals

The Goliad provisionals were printed at the office of *The Messenger*, the local newspaper. They were typeset and printed on white, gray, rose and dark blue paper. Some examples also have a blue wash that was added after printing.

Two different settings were made. The first has town name in italics (Type A). In the second setting the town name is in Roman letters and the postmaster's name, J. A. Clarke and the word "POSTAGE" were added (Type B). The same settings were used for both the 5 and 10 cent values.

In one position on the second setting (Type B) an error was made in spelling "GOLIAD" resulting in the "GOILAD" error. This error is found in both values.

It is believed the first setting (Type A) was prepared between June 1861 and June 1862. The second setting (Type B) was probably prepared between 1863 and 1864 and used until the end of the war.

**NOTE:** Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the census, but the inclusion of an item is not a guarantee of authenticity.

### Count of the on-cover Goliad provisionals

(A) –Type A (B) – Type B

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Total
5c black on white (A)	GOL-TX-A01	29X1	--
5c black on gray (A)	GOL-TX-A02	29X2	1
5c black on rose (A)	GOL-TX-A03	29X3	1
5c black on gray (B)	GOL-TX-A04	29X6	--
5c black on gray "GOILAD" error (B)	GOL-TX-A04a	29X6a	--
5c black on dark blue (B)	GOL-TX-A05	29X8	1
10c black on white (A)	GOL-TX-A06	29X4	--
10c black on rose (A)	GOL-TX-A07	29X5	1
10c black on gray (B)	GOL-TX-A08	29X7	5
10c black on gray "GOILAD" error (B)	GOL-TX-A08a	29X7a	1
10c black on gray ornamental printing on reverse (B)	GOL-TX-A08b	--	1
10c black on dark blue (B)	GOL-TX-A09	29X9	--

## Notes

### What is it?

The cover illustrated below (A05, CN-007) deserves some study. There is no legible origin postmark, but we know the cover was originally addressed to Columbia, Texas. It was apparently missent to Columbus, Texas as evidenced by that town's the postmark at bottom.

At one time there was a stamp in the upper right corner. Now there is only the Goliad provisional to the left of the missing stamp. The postmark rim does not tie the provisional and this is verified by the image from the Hind sale and close up of the stamp obtained using Postmark Reveal. If the stamp originated on the cover the rim of the postmark should be seen on the stamp. No trace of a postmark rim is visible. What is visible is an "X" pen cancel that is common on some Goliad provisionals. While the provisional is authentic its use on this cover is questionable. The cover is included in the census.



## Buff Paper?

The cover below (A08, CN-003) was discovered in 1988 by Charles F. Deaton. It was subsequently sold in the sale of the Camina collection by Robert A. Siegel Auctions in 1994. In that auction the description stated the provisional of this type is “found on several shades of gray paper; the paper of this example has an unusual buff tint.”

The cover next came on the market in the sale of the Peter Sharrer collection in 2012. The description noted:

The stamp on this cover is certified as the normal 29X7 on Gray paper, and it has always been described in accordance with the Scott listing. However, as the comparison photograph shows (below), this stamp and the Gray 29X7 stamp (lot 28) are on two different colored papers. This stamp is more accurately described as Buff. It is known that the Goliad Messenger newspaper office used whatever paper they could find, including salvaged paper from other print runs. Therefore, it is quite conceivable that papers of different colors were used for the Goliad printings.

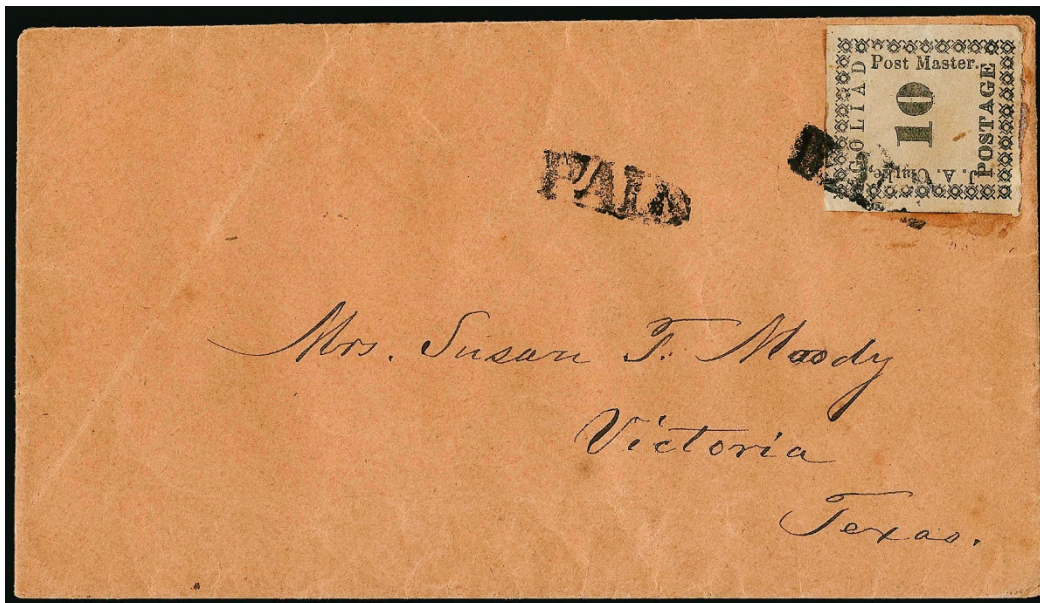


Image courtesy Robert A. Siegel Auctions



The comparison photograph demonstrates the significant color difference between the normal gray colored paper and the buff-colored paper of this example.

This cover is included in the census under listing for GOL-TX-A08.

Image courtesy Robert A. Siegel Auctions



As of the time this census was prepared the black on buff variety has not been listed in a major catalog.

References for above quotations from Siegel catalogs.

[José Luis Castillejo] *The Camina Collection of Texas Postal History* Sale 757 (Robert A. Siegel Auctions, 24 February 1994), lot 622.

*The Peter Sharrer Collection of Confederate Postmasters' Provisionals*  
Sale 1035, 10 December 2012, lot 29.

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<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
<b>5c black on gray (A) -- GOL-TX-A02 (29X2)</b>				
No Date	Mrs. Wm. E. Marshall / Blains X Roads / Near Knoxville / East Tenne		UR	006
<b>5c black on rose (A) -- GOL-TX-A03 (29X3)</b>				
[21 Jun 1862]	Clement. R. Johns / Comptroler [Comptroller] / Austin City / Teks	CTR	UR	008
<b>5c black on dark blue (B) -- GOL-TX-A05 (29X8)</b>				
[-- Feb 186-]	Mr. Kate Sweeny / Columbia / Texas	UC-UR	UC-UR	007
<b>10c black on rose (A) -- GOL-TX-A07 (29X5)</b>				
No Date	Col D. Hardeman / Santa Gertrudas / Kings Ranch / Texas		UR	005
<b>10c black on gray (B) -- GOL-TX-A08 (29X7)</b>				
[21 Oct 1863]	Mrs John S. Menefee / Stonewall / Texas		UR	004
[18 Aug 1864]	Capt William Hadden [Headen] / Corpus Christie / Texas		UR	011
[-- Aug 1864]	Mrs Susan T. Moody / Victoria / Texas		UR	003
19 Aug [186-]	Capt William Headen / Corpus Christie / Texas	UR	UR	010
No Date	[Ca]pt William Headen / Corpus Christie / Texas		UR	002
<b>10c black on gray pair (B) (GOILAD error) -- GOL-TX-A08a (29X7a)</b>				
No Date	Lieut. Col. P. Fulerod / Bayles / Smith Co / Texas		UR	009
<b>10c black on gray (B) (ornamental printing on reverse) -- GOL-TX-A08b (29X7)</b>				
[16 Aug 1864]	Capt / William Headen / Corpus Christi / Texas		UR	001

## Full Census of Goliad, Texas, Provisional Covers

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### 5c black on gray (A) -- GOL-TX-A02 (29X2)

#### No Date

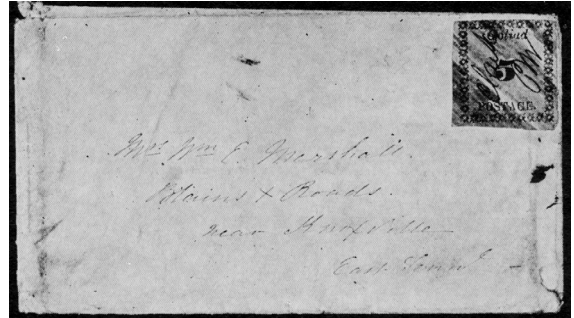
**Description:** No postmark. Provisional signed "Clarke / PM" UR.

**Address:** Mrs. Wm. E. Marshall / Blains X Roads / Near Knoxville / East Tenne

**Provenance:** Tapling.

**Source:** APCB-1960(26)-116; CONP-May1967-67. [006]

**Image Credit:** Confederate Philatelist



### 5c black on rose (A) -- GOL-TX-A03 (29X3)

#### [21 Jun 1862]

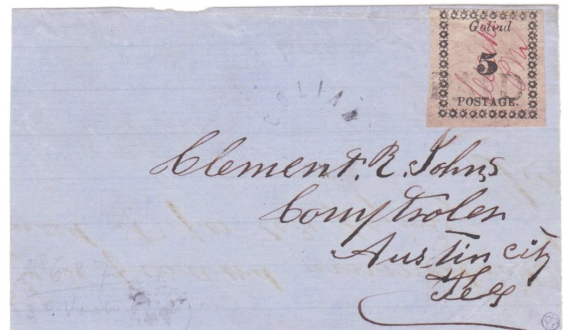
**Description:** Black "GOLIAD / TEX" (NOR) postmark CTR. Provisional canceled by black "PAID" marking and signed "Clarke / PM" in magenta ink UR. Cover front. Pencil docket 21 Jun 1862 on partial letter on reverse.

**Address:** Clement. R. Johns / Comptroler [Comptroller] / Austin City / Texs

**Provenance:** Ferrary, Caspary, Lilly, Kilbourne, Gross, DK, King.

**Source:** CWPSX-King(Jan2021)-57\*; GIL-5Apr1922(96-3)-627; HRH-5Mar1956(989)-128; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-30; RAS-28Sep1999(815)-43\*; SPK-19Nov2009-16\*; RAS-28Mar2012(1022)-1025\*. [008]

**Image Credit:** Philatelic Exhibit on Civil War Philatelic Society Website



## 5c black on dark blue (B) -- GOL-TX-A05 (29X8)

[-- Feb 186-]

**Description:** Provisional canceled by "X" pen strokes UC-UR. Provisional is not tied by postmark rim. Black "COLUMBUS / TEXAS" postmark dated 23 Feb LC-LL. See "Notes."

**Address:** Mr. Kate Sweeny / Columbia / Texas

**Provenance:** Ferrary, Hind, Weill, Gross.

**Source:** GIL-5Apr1922(96-3)-628; PKA-20Nov1933-1500(123); CHR-13Oct1989-1137(120); SPK-19Nov2009-18\*. [007]

**Image Credit:** Spink Shreves Auctions



## 10c black on rose (A) -- GOL-TX-A07 (29X5)

No Date

**Description:** No postmark. Provisional signed "Clarke / PM" in magenta ink UR.

**Address:** Col D. Hardeman / Santa Gertrudas / Kings Ranch / Texas

**Provenance:** Ferrary, Hind, Caspary, Lilly, Erivan.

**Source:** PF-25680; PPH-92\*; GIL-5Apr1922(96-3)-632; PKA-20Nov1933(1)-1499(119); HRH-5Mar1956(989)-130; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-307. [005]

**Image Credit:** Postmasters' Provisionals: United States and Confederate States (2016 book by Haub)





**10c black on gray (B) -- GOL-TX-A08 (29X7)**

**[21 Oct 1863]**

**Description:** No postmark. Provisional canceled by black "PAID" marking UR. Contains original enclosure dated 21 Oct 1863

**Address:** Mrs John S. Menefee / Stonewall / Texas

**Provenance:** Hessel, Haas, DK, Brandon.

**Source:** PF-332511\*; HRH-21Oct1975(2291)-180; RCF-22Feb1986(27)-111\*; RAS-28Mar2012(1022)-1026\*; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-250\*. [004]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions



**[18 Aug 1864]**

**Description:** No postmark. Provisional canceled by black "PAID" marking and signed "Clarke / PM" in magenta ink UR. Enclosure dated 18 Aug 1864.

**Address:** Capt William Hadden [Headen] / Corpus Christie / Texas

**Provenance:** Caspary, Lilly, Erivan.

**Source:** CWPAS-06399\*; PF-25682; HRH-5Mar1956(989)-135 ; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-309; HRH-17Jan2023(3062-8)-96\* n. [011]

**Image Credit:** H R Harmer Auctions



[-- Aug 1864]

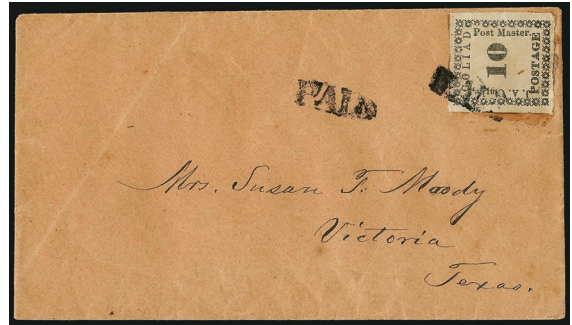
**Description:** No postmark. Provisional canceled by black "PAID" marking UR. Second strike of black "PAID" marking UC. Original enclosure dated Aug [1864].

**Address:** Mrs Susan T. Moody / Victoria / Texas

**Provenance:** Camina, Sharrer.

**Source:** PF-281782\*; RAS-24Feb1994(757)-622\*; RAS-10Dec2012(1035)-29\*. [003]

**Image Credit:** Philatelic Foundation



19 Aug [186-]

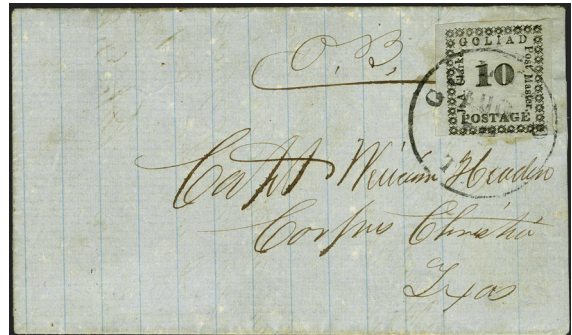
**Description:** Black "GOLIAD / T---" postmark ties provisional UR. Folded letter. Docketed "O. B." UC.

**Address:** Capt William Headen / Corpus Christie / Texas

**Provenance:** Caspary, Muzzy, Erivan.

**Source:** HRH-5Mar1956(989)-133; HRH-21Apr1967(1764)-2035; HRH-10Dec2020(3039)-66\*. [010]

**Image Credit:** H R Harmer Auctions



No Date

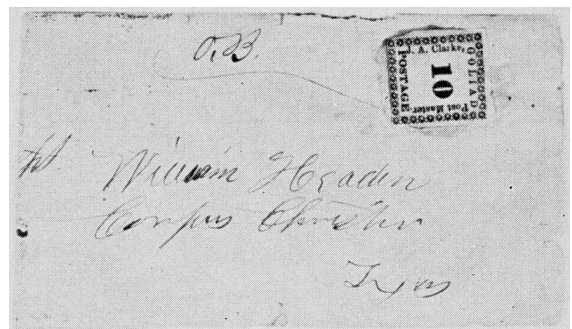
**Description:** No postmark. Uncanceled provisional UR.

**Address:** [Ca]pt William Headen / Corpus Christie / Texas

**Provenance:** Tapling.

**Source:** APCB-1960-116. [002]

**Image Credit:** American Philatelic Congress Book



**10c black on gray pair (B) (GOILAD error) -- GOL-TX-A08a (29X7a)**

**No Date**

**Description:** No postmark. Provisional canceled by black "PAID" marking UR. Second strike of "PAID" marking to LR of provisional.

**Address:** Lieut. Col. P. Fulerod / Bayles / Smith Co / Texas

**Provenance:** Ferrary, Hind, Camina.

**Source:** GIL-5Apr1922(96-3)-631; PKA-20Nov1933-1503(123); RAS-24Feb1994(757)-623\*. [009]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions



**10c black on gray (B) (ornamental printing on reverse) -- GOL-TX-A08b (29X7)**

**[16 Aug 1864]**

**Description:** No postmark. Provisional canceled by black pen strokes UR. Folded letter dated 16 August 1864

**Address:** Capt / William Headen / Corpus Christi / Texas

**Provenance:** Avery, Caspary, Kilbourne, Gross, King.

**Source:** AVRY-56; CWPSX-King(Jan2021)-57\*; HRH-5Mar1956(989)-134; RAS-28Sep1999(815)-44\*; SPK-19Nov2009-17\*. [001]

**Image Credit:** Spink Shreves Auctions

