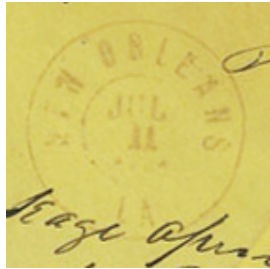


Census of New Orleans Red Cancellations

Compiled by Francis J. Crown, Jr.

Description



Red Double Circle Postmark



Red "PD 5 CTS" Marking

For a short period in June and July 1861 the New Orleans post office used red ink to cancel some mail. Very few examples are known, and all are the double circle postmark with the exception of one which is the "PD 5 CTS" marking.

All cancellations are on the 5c brown provisional (NEW-LA-A03) except for two. One is on the reverse of the cover and the other is on a stampless cover.

Census numbers (CN) for this census have a prefix "C."

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 New Orleans Red Cancellations

Cancellation	Stamps	Covers	Total
NEW ORLEANS DC Postmark	4	2	6
"PD 5 CTS" marking	1	—	1

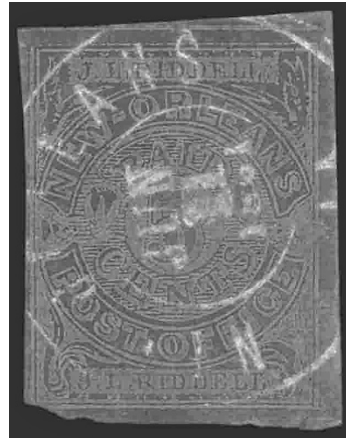
Notes

The Red Cancels

Red ink was used for a short period from early June to mid July 1861. It is speculated that postmaster Riddell reserved this ink for his own use. One of the red cancellations is the “PD 5 CTS” marking on a provisional stamp. This brings into question whether Riddell was the sole user of red ink. We know that he signed at least two letters which have the New Orleans double circle postmark in red. Did he also use the “PD 5 CTS” marking?

The red cancellations can be difficult to see. To improve the visibility of the red ink on brown stamps Stamp Reveal (<https://www.postmark-reveal.com/>) was used to filter the images. All stamps are illustrated below with both unfiltered and filtered images.

The extra bold “11” in the day date of the postmark immediately below (CN-C01) may indicate that the day date in CN-C03 is also “11” and the date in CN-C05 is “JUN 11.”



11 Jun 1861 (CN-C01)

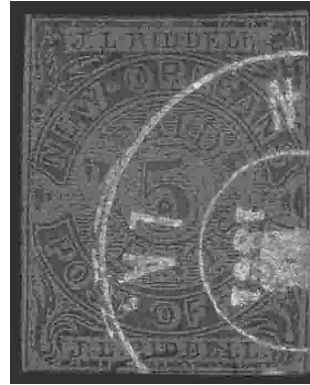


28 Jun 1861 (CN-C02)

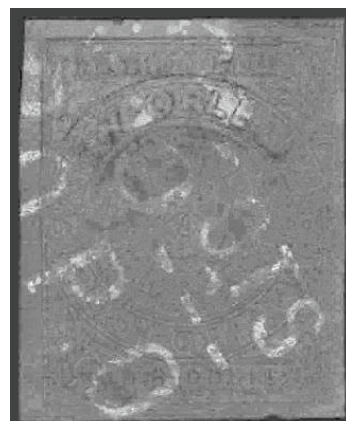
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-- Jun 1861 (CN-C03)



11 --- 1861 (CN-C05)



No Date – “PD 5 CTS / N. O. P. O.” (CN-C07)

Use to Certify Receipt of Letter

One example of a red cancel is found on the reverse of a cover containing legal depositions. Riddell used his signature and the New Orleans double circle postmark to certify receipt of the sealed envelope. Only the side showing the postmark is illustrated in the census. The full cover is illustrated below.



11 Jul 1861. Courtesy Robert A. Siegel Auctions, Sale 958 (7 Jun 2008), Lot 793

Mini Census of New Orleans Red Cancellations

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Cancellation</u>	<u>CN</u>
"NEW ORLEANS / LA." double circle postmark with year date			
8 Jun 1861	Hon Abez. Snyder / St Joseph / LA	"NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk	C06
11 Jun 186	NA	"NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk	C01
28 Jun 186	NA	"NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk	C02
-- Jun 1861	NA	"NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk	C03
11 Jul 1861	The Clerk of the District Court / of Marion County / at Jefferson / Texas (from cover front)	"NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk	C04
11 --- 1861	NA	"NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk	C05
"PD 5 CTS / N. O. P. O." marking			
No Date	NA	"PD 5 CTS / N. O. P. O." mrk	C07

Full Census of New Orleans Red Cancellations

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"NEW ORLEANS / LA." double circle postmark with year date

8 Jun 1861

Description: "NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk w/yd UC-UR. Ms "15c / Pd / J L Riddell / P. M." UR. Folded letter.

Address: Hon Abez. Snyder / St Joseph / LA

Provenance: Skinner, Warren.

Source: RAS-16Nov2000(832)-3047*; SR-27Apr2013(53)-4263*. [C06]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



11 Jun 1861

Description: Red "NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk w/yd cancels New Orleans 5c brown prv (A03). See "Notes."

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3182*. [C01]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



28 Jun 1861

Description: Red "NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk w/yd cancels
New Orleans 5c brown prv (A03). See "Notes."

Address: NA

Provenance: Grant.

Source: JAF-11Mar1959(205)-25; RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-
3180*. [C02]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



-- Jun 1861

Description: Red "NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk w/yd cancels
New Orleans 5c brown prv (A03). See "Notes."

Address: NA

Provenance: Skinner.

Source: RAS-16Nov2000(832)-3080*. [C03]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



11 Jul 1861

Description: Red "NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk w/yd on
reverse CL-CTR. Signature of Riddell and
postmark certify receipt of letter containing
dispositions. Multiple copies of New Orleans 5c
brown (A03) on front. See "Notes."

Address: The Clerk of the District Court / of Marion
County / at Jefferson / Texas (from cover front)

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-7Jun2008(958)-793*. [C04]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



11 --- 1861

Description: Red "NEW ORLEANS / LA." DC pmk w/yd cancels New Orleans 5c brown prv (A03). See "Notes."

Address: NA

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2239*. [C05]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



"PD 5 CTS / N. O. P. O." marking

No Date

Description: Red "PD 5 CTS / N. O. P. O." mrk cancels New Orleans 5c brown prv (A03). See "Notes."

Address: NA

Provenance: Pegram.

Source: RAS-18Aor2013(1043)-2058*. [C07]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.

