

Census of Walterborough, South Carolina, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



WAL-SC-E01

The Walterborough Provisional

The Walterborough provisionals were prepared by handstamping envelopes with “PAID / 10” marking set in a fancy border. The color of the marking is listed as carmine but there are shades from a brownish carmine to a bright carmine.

WARNING: Some do not consider this a provisional. See “Notes.”

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

Count of the Walterborough provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
10c carmine	WAL-SC-E01	108XU2	8

Notes

History

The earliest mention of the Walterborough provisional is a 1930 article that was copied from the *Savannah Morning News* (Dietz – References). The article notes that two examples of the Walterborough provisionals from the collection of E. T. H. Shaffer were on display at the office of the Walterborough *Press and Standard*. One other copy was known at the time and that was in the collection of the late Montague Triest of Charleston.

Dietz lost no time in obtaining a copy of one of the covers because the marking is listed and illustrated in the first edition (1931) of his catalog. It was first listed as a handstamped paid and was not elevated to a provisional until the third edition (1945) of his catalog.

Year of Use

The Walterborough postmark is not year dated. Yet most descriptions of the Walterborough provisionals give 1864 as the year of use. However, only two descriptions state the covers have enclosures that have a year date. In this census only covers that have dated enclosures are listed with a year date.

Provisional?

In the past some knowledgeable students of the South Carolina Confederate period have expressed doubts about the Walterborough marking being a provisional. There are several reasons for this. All are listed in the table below. A full explanation of each category is given below the table.

Date / CN	Adversity Cover	Charge Box	Folded Letter	Turned Cover
15 Jan [1864] / 005			X	
31 Aug [1864] / 007		X		X
15 Apr [186-] / 001	X			
16 May [186-] / 004		X		
29 Aug [186-] / 002	X			X
9 Nov [186-] / 003				X
2 Dec [186-] / 008				X

Adversity Cover – There is one adversity cover: 15Apr[186-], CN-001. This is a cover made from a printed form. How would the postmaster know where to apply the provisional marking before it was folded and addressed?

Charge Box Marking – These markings appear on two covers: 31Aug[1864], CN-007 and 16May[186-], CN-004. Both are legal sized covers, and this may explain the reason for the markings. Such covers usually contained legal documents that could vary in weight. Since the weight was variable it would not be practical to have provisional envelopes prepared in advance. Instead, each letter was endorsed “charge box” and the appropriate postage marked on the cover and charged to the sender. Charge box markings are a controversial issue (see Crown and Roth – References).

Folded Letter – There is one folded letter: 15Jan[1864], CN-005. Folded covers were prepared from a sheet of paper by folding it in such a way that it created its own envelope. In this case the printed document was a common court document. Were all such documents mailed or were some issued in person? If the latter there would be no reason to have the provisional marking applied to the forms.

Turned Cover – There are four turned covers: 31Aug[1864],CN-007; 29Aug[186-],CN-002; 9Nov[186-], CN-003; and 2Dec[186-],CN-005. Turned covers are “exploded” envelopes that have been refolded so the inside is now outside and can be used as an envelope. Such envelopes depend on the availability of used envelopes and the time needed to refold them. Would someone have sufficient used envelopes on hand to make enough turned covers to make it worthwhile to have them stamped as provisionals?

Cut Square



A cut square showing the provisional marking applied over a 3c star die indicium. This is not included in the census.

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Mini Census of Walterborough, South Carolina, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
10c carmine -- WAL-SC-E01 (108XU2)				
15 Jan [1864]	Mr Isham Pudgett / Care of Capt Appleby / 4th Regt Crowley S. C. V. / Pocotaligo / S C	UL	UR	005
31 Aug [1864]	Edward S Brown Esqr / Ballsville Powhattan Co / Virginia	UL	UR	007
18 Mar [186-]	Mr J--- / Green Pond / So Ca.	UL	UC-UR	006
15 Apr [186-]	Mrs A. H. Elliott / Adams Run / So Ca	UL	UC-UL	001
16 May [186-]	Comptroller General Esqr / Columbia / So. Ca	UL	UR	004
29 Aug [186-]	Mrs John J. Haile / Care of J R Stirling Esqr [LO] / Pleasant Valley [LO] / Alabama [LO] / Jackson / Miss	UL	UR	002
9 Nov [186-]	--- Edward Glover / Care of Mr Nat Ramsay / Bk. S. Carolina / Columbia / So ca	UC	UR	003
2 Dec [186-]	Mrs A H Elliott / Adams Run / S C	UL	UR	008

Full Census of Walterborough, South Carolina, Provisionals

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15 Jan [1864]

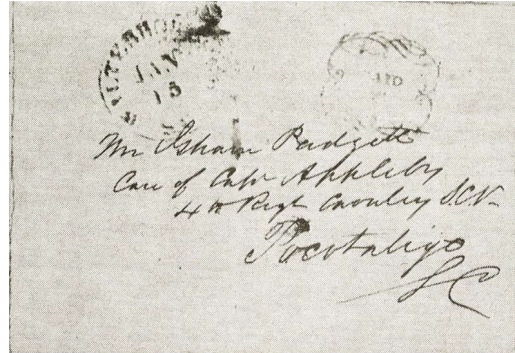
Description: "WALTERBOROUGH / S. C." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Folded legal document dated 14 Jan 1864. See "Notes" - Provisionals?

Address: Mr Isham Pudgett / Care of Capt Appleby / 4th Regt Crowley S. C. V. / Pocotaligo / S C

Provenance: National Archives.

Source: CONP-Oct1961(6:10)-127; STWR-Mar/Apr1962(2:3)-14-17.. [005]

Image Credit: Confederate Philatelist.



31 Aug [1864]

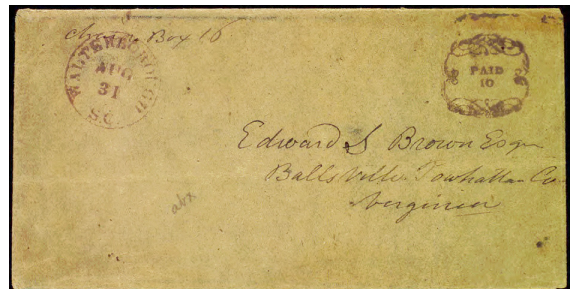
Description: Carmine "WALTERBOROUGH / S. C." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Turned cover originally used from Ballsville, Virginia on 21 July 1864 with letter. Docketed "Charge Box 16" at UL. See "Notes" - Provisionals?

Address: Edward S Brown Esqr / Ballsville Powhattan Co / Virginia

Provenance: Gallaher.

Source: RAS-9Jun1998(801)-403*. [007]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



18 Mar [186-]

Description: "WALTERBOROUGH / S. C." postmark UL, provisional marking UC-UR.

Address: Mr J--- / Green Pond / So Ca.

Provenance: Hill.

Source: CSX-Hill(Aug1996)-13; RCF-3May1986(28)-531. [006]

Image Credit: Philatelic Exhibit on US Philatelic Classics Society Website.



15 Apr [186-]

Description: Carmine "WALTERBOROUGH / S. C." postmark UL, provisional marking UC-UL. Adversity cover made from insurance form. See "Notes" - Provisional?

Address: Mrs A. H. Elliott / Adams Run / So Ca

Provenance: Kohn, Agre.

Source: CWPAS- 04338*; RAS-29Oct1970(382)-100; RAS-27Apr1999(810)-1994*. [001]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



16 May [186-]

Description: Carmine "WALTERBOROUGH / S. C." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Docketed "Charge Box 16" at UL. See "Notes" - Provisionals?

Address: Comptroller General Esqr / Columbia / So. Ca

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2293*; RAS-15Dec2016(1146)-1634*. [004]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



29 Aug [186-]

Description: Carmine "WALTERBOROUGH / S. C." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Turned homemade cover. Docketed "Care of Judge Wm. Yerger" at LL. See "Notes" - Provisional?

Address: Mrs John J. Haile / Care of J R Stirling Esqr [LO] / Pleasant Valley [LO] / Alabama [LO] / Jackson / Miss

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: PF-541461*; SR-22Mar2017(72)-404; HA-17Sep2016-43528*; SR-14Dec2017(77)-1187*. [002]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



9 Nov [186-]

Description: Carmine "WALTERBOROUGH / S. C." postmark UC, provisional marking UR. Turned 3c star die envelope used from Columbia, S. C. on 28 Nov with 10c (#12) back to Walterborough. Docketed "In haste" at LL. See "Notes" - Provisional?

Address: --- Edward Glover / Care of Mr Nat Ramsay / Bk. S. Carolina / Columbia / So ca

Provenance: Brandon.

Source: RAS- 24Jun2014(1073)-352*. [003]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



2 Dec [186-]

Description: Carmine "WALTERBOROUGH / S. C." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Turned cover. Docket across left end of cover. See "Notes" - Provisional?

Address: Mrs A H Elliott / Adams Run / S C

Provenance: None reorded.

Source: PF-497107*. [008]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.

