

# Census of Chattanooga, Tennessee Confederate Postmasters' Provisionals

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## Description



CHA-TN-E01a



CHA-TN-E02

## Chattanooga Provisionals

The Chattanooga provisionals were prepared by removing the date logos from an old office postmark and inserting "PAID" and a value.

## Count of the Chattanooga provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
2c black, revalued "5"	CHA-TN-E01a	17XU3	1
5c black	CHA-TN-E02	17XU2	12

## Notes

### An Early Restoration

The two illustrations below are of the same cover. However, the postmarks on both covers appear to be somewhat different.

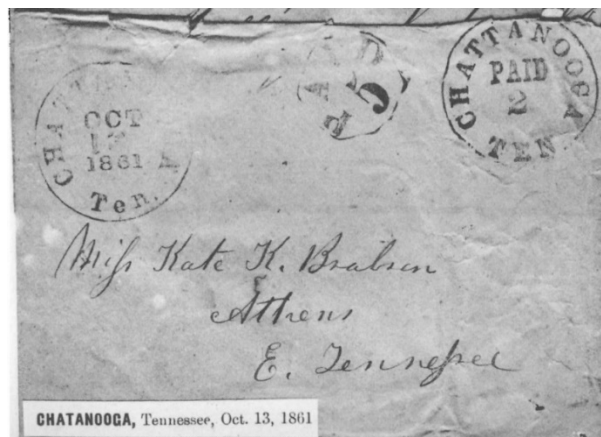
The top cover is how the cover appeared soon after its discovery with some of the letters in the postmark strengthened in pencil. Some of the original letters were not legible and they were drawn in rather poorly.

The bottom cover shows the cover after the postmark was restored. At the same time restoration work was also done on the provisional marking, particularly the "2."

The interesting thing about this restoration is that it occurred before 1922.



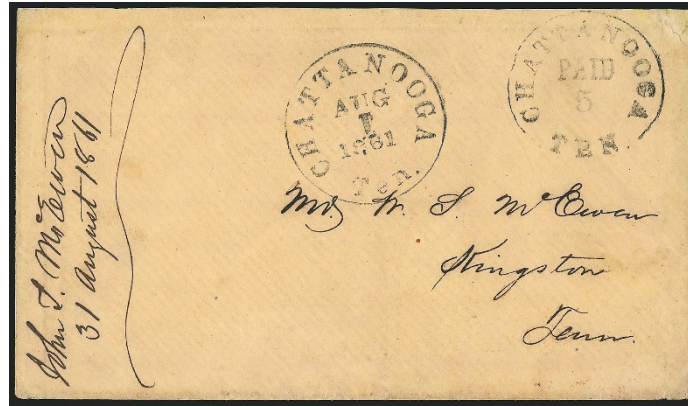
Before – in the Ferrary Collection (*Southern Philatelist*, January 1925)



After – as in the Adutt Collection (*London Philatelist*, July 1922)

## Wrong Date?

The cover below has a postmark dated 1 Aug 1861, yet it is docketed 31 Aug 1861 on the left side. A second cover to the same address has a docket the same date as the postmark (CN-003). Did the postmaster forget to change the month in the postmark to September?



### Mini Census of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
<b>2c black, revalued "5" -- CHA-TN-E01a (17XU3)</b>				
13 Oct 1861	Miss Kate k. Bralsen / Athens / E. Tennessee	UC	UR	001
<b>5c black -- CHA-TN-E02 (17XU2)</b>				
9 Jul 1861	Miss C. S. Keith / Athens / Tennessee	UC	UR	002
15 Jul 1861	Mr. W. S. McEwen / Kingston / Tenn	UC	UR	003
17 Jul 1861	Mrs. L. J. Rowland / Athens / Tennessee	UC	UR	004
23 Jul 1861	Charles M Keith / Athens / Tennessee	UC	UR	013
28 Jul[1861]	Unknown	UC	UR	012
1 Aug 1861	Mr. W. S. McEwen / Kingston / Tenn.	UC	UR	007
2 Sep 1861	Mrs John Porterfield / Nashville / Tenn	UC	UR	005
4 Sep 1861	Miss C. S. Keith / Athens / Tennessee	UC	UR	006
-- Sep [1861]	Unknown.	UL	UR	010
6 Oct 1861	Dr James Li Conte / NickaJack / Tenn	UC	UR	009
6 Oct 1861	Miss L. S. Keith / Athens / Tennessee	UC	UR	008
5 Dec [1861]	A. H. Armstrong Esq / Knoxville / Tenn	UC	UR	011

## Full Census of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Provisionals

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### 2c black, revalued "5" -- CHA-TN-E01a (17XU3)

13 Oct 1861

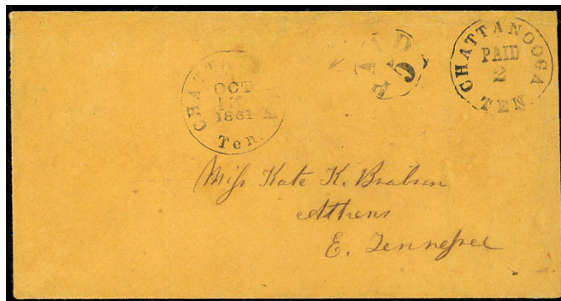
**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR. Added "PAID / 5" to left of provisional marking.

**Address:** Miss Kate k. Bralsen / Athens / E. Tennessee

**Provenance:** Adutt, Walcott, Everett, Boshwit, Warren.

**Source:** LOND-22Jul1922(31:367)-Plate 5; RLA-23May1935-30; RAS-30Oct1993(753)-125; RAS-27Sep2007(940)-294\*; SR-27Apr2013(53)-4196\*; SR-10May2014(55)-2240\*. [001]

**Image Credit:** Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



### 5c black -- CHA-TN-E02 (17XU2)

9 Jul 1861

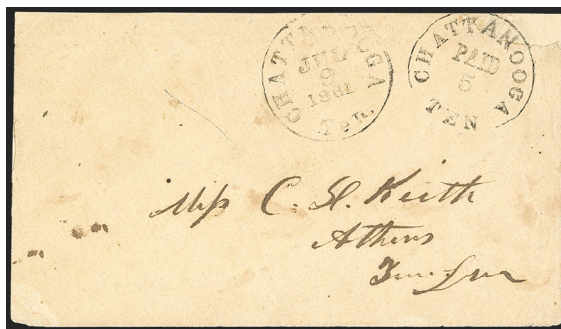
**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR.

**Address:** Miss C. S. Keith / Athens / Tennessee

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3069\*. [002]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



15 Jul 1861

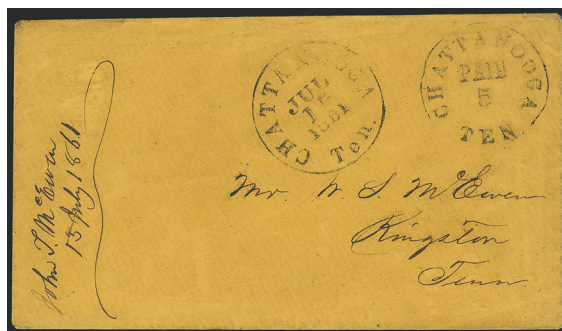
**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR. Docketed "John T. McEwen / 15 July 1861" across left end of cover.

**Address:** Mr. W. S. McEwen / Kingston / Tenn

**Provenance:** Boshwit.

**Source:** PF-529609\*; RAS-27Sep2007(940)-295\*; RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2104\*; RAS-9Sep2020(1225)-91\*. [003]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



17 Jul 1861

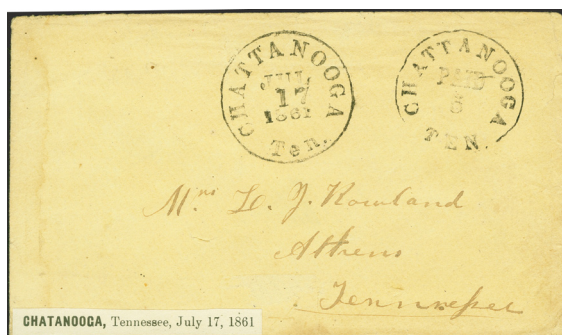
**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR.

**Address:** Mrs. L. J. Rowland / Athens / Tennessee

**Provenance:** Adutt, Walcott, Everett, Hill, Erivan.

**Source:** LOND-22Jul1922(31:367)-Plate 3 [4]; CSX-Hill(Aug1996)-123; RL-23May1935-31; RAS-30Oct1993(754)-126; HRH-21Jun2023( )-115\*. [004]

**Image Credit:** H R Harmer Auctions.



23 Jul 1861

**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR.

**Address:** Charles M Keith / Athens / Tennessee

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** Private Collection. [013]

**Image Credit:** Private.





**28 Jul[1861]**

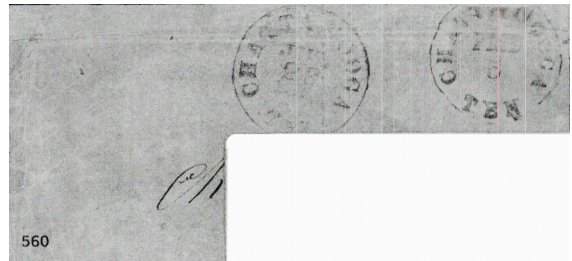
**Description:** "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR.

**Address:** Unknown

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** RGK-16Apr1986(44)-560. [012]

**Image Credit:** Robert G Kaufmann Auctions.



**1 Aug 1861**

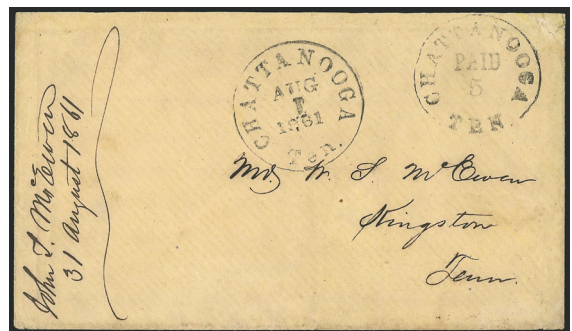
**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR. Docketed "John T. McEwen / 31 August 1861" across left end of cover.

**Address:** Mr. W. S. McEwen / Kingston / Tenn.

**Provenance:** Brandon.

**Source:** RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-221\*. [007]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



**2 Sep 1861**

**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR.

**Address:** Mrs John Porterfield / Nashville / Tenn

**Provenance:** Agre, Warren.

**Source:** CWPAS-02629; RAS-29Sep2002(850)-5677; RAS-12Sep 2008(966)-2581\*; SR-27Apr2013(53)-4195\*. [005]

**Image Credit:** Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



4 Sep 1861

**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR.

**Address:** Miss C. S. Keith / Athens / Tennessee

**Provenance:** Myerson.

**Source:** CWPAS-04806\*; AHA-27Jun1989(4)-243; RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2643\*; SR-3Feb2009(32)-979\*. [006]

**Image Credit:** Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



-- Sep [1861]

**Description:** "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UL, provisional UR. Information from partial image.

**Address:** Unknown.

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** HRH-18Feb1963(1485)-1329. [010]

**Image Credit:** H R Harmer Auctions.



6 Oct 1861

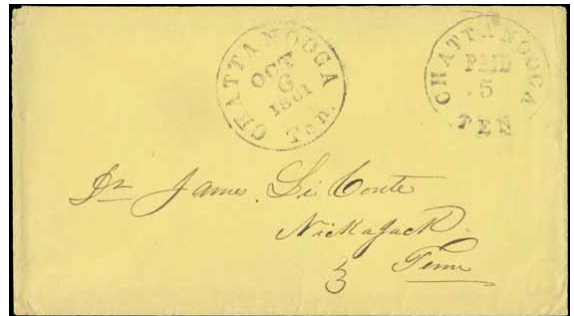
**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR.

**Address:** Dr James Li Conte / NickaJack / Tenn

**Provenance:** Gallagher, Erivan.

**Source:** CRL-25Mar19870230; HRH-5Aug2017(3016)-350\*. [009]

**Image Credit:** H R Harmer Auctions.





6 Oct 1861

**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR.

**Address:** Miss L. S. Keith / Athens / Tennessee

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** PF-213140\*; RAS-27Apr1999(810)-1860\*. [008]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



5 Dec [1861]

**Description:** Black "CHATTANOOGA / Ten." Y/D postmark UC, provisional UR. Includes enclosure dated 4 Dec 1861. Year date not visible in postmark.

**Address:** A. H. Armstrong Esq / Knoxville / Tenn

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** Private collection. [011]

**Image Credit:** Private.

