

Census of Austin, Texas, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



AUS-TX-A01/A02



AUS-TX-E02

The Austin Provisionals

The Austin provisional was prepared by removing the date logos from the office canceller and replacing them with “PAID” and “10” markings. The marking was then struck on sheets of paper with faint ruled lines to make the adhesive. The same marking was also used to stamp envelopes for the provisional postal stationery.

All recorded uses of the provisionals fall between July and September 1862 with one outlier in December 1862.

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

Count of Austin provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
10c black on white	AUS-TX-A01	9X1	1
10c black on white, with added “PAID”	AUS-TX-A01x	--	1
10c black on buff	AUS-TX-A02	9X1	2
10c black	AUS-TX-E02	9XU1	14
10c black revalued “PAID 5”	AUS-TX-E02x	--	2

NOTE: The previously listed 5c black revalued “10” in ms (AUS-TX-E01) was removed from the census – see Notes.

Notes

The "PAID 5" Marking Revalued "10"

The cover illustrated below was previously listed as a provisional (5c black revalued "10" in ms). Further research revealed that the cover never received a good certificate from an authentication service. The Civil War Authentication Service did examine the cover and opined it was a "genuine cover and markings. Insufficient evidence to prove provisional status" (01363). It is no longer included in the census.



From Vince King's collection "Texas During the Confederate Period: How Mail Was Handled 1861-1865" (CWPS website).

References

Dietz, August ed., "Austin, Texas: Adhesive Provisional" *Stamp and Cover Collector's Review* (3:4 (October 1939): 215-217.

Green, Brian M., "An Adhesive Variety Comes to Light" in *Opinions: Philatelic Expertising - An Inside View* (New York; Philatelic Foundation, 1983): 80-82.

Mini Census of Austin, Texas, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
10c black on white, on cover -- AUS-TX-A01 (9X1)				
Illegible Date	Doctor Clark / Hempstead / Austin Co / Texas	UC	UC	004
10c black on white, with added "PAID," on cover -- AUS-TX-A01x				
Illegible Date	Clerk, County Court / Bexar Co / Texas	LL	UR	003
10c black on buff, on cover -- AUS-TX-A02				
23 Aug 1862	Mr. E. S. Matthews / San Antonio / Texas	UC	UL	001
Illegible Date	H. M Alford / Capt Fishers Co / Garlands Regt / Little Rock / Ark	UR	UR	002
10c black -- AUS-TX-E02 (9XU1)				
11 Jul 1862	Mr Fitzpatrick / Lampasas Springs / Texas.	UC	UR	007
18 Jul 1862	Mr M Webster Esq / Bastrop / Texas	CTR-UC	UR	008
23 Jul 1862	Mrs. H E Jordt / Frelsburg / Colorado County / Texas.	CTR-UC	UR	018
26 Jul 1862	K. Watkins Esq. / Dist. Collector. / Palestine. Anderson Co.	UC	UR	005
5 Aug 1862	Brig. Gen. Robert Bechem, / 31st Brig., T. S.T., / New Braunfels, / Texas.	UL-UC	UC	009
12 Aug 1862	W. W. Hollman Esq / San Augustine / Texas.	UC	UR	006
1- Aug 1862	Brig Gen. Robert Bechem / Commdg 31st Brig T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas	UC	UC	019
1- Aug 1862	Gen. R. Bechem / Comdg. 31st Brig. T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas	UC	UL	012
23 Aug 1862	Brig Gen. Robert Bechem / Commdg 31st Brig. T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas	UL	UC	011
6 Sep 1862	R. Herndon Esq. / Sterling. / Robertson Co.	UC	UR	015
16 Sep 1862	Brig Gen Robert Bechem / Com 31st Brig T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas	UL	UC	016

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
-- Sep 1862	Brig. Gen. Robt Bechem / Com. 31st Brig T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas	UL	UC	014
-- Sep 1862	Brig Gen. Robt Bechem / Com 31st Brig T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas	UL-UC	UC	020
2 Dec 1862	Sam S. Smith Esq / San Antonio. / Texas.	CTR	UR	017
10c black, revalued "PAID 5" -- AUS-TX-E02x				
8 Aug 1862	J. M. McDonald Esqr./ A & C. Henderson Co / Athens / Texas	UL-UC	UR	010
4 Sep 1862	Mathew Cartwright Esq / San Augustine / Texas	UL-UC	UR	013

Full Census of Austin, Texas, Provisionals

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10c black on white, on cover -- AUS-TX-A01 (9X1)

Illegible Date

Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark ties provisional UC. Corner card envelope of J. T. Hallett, Land and General Collecting Agent, Austin, Tex., at UL

Address: Doctor Clark / Hempstead / Austin Co / Texas

Provenance: Erivan.

Source: PF-29892; SCRE-Oct1939(3:4)-215; HRH-26Jan2022(3055-6)-92*. [004]

Image Credit: H R Harmer Auctions.



10c black on white, with added "PAID," on cover -- AUS-TX-A01x

Illegible Date

Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark LL, uncanceled provisional UR.

Address: Clerk, County Court / Bexar Co / Texas

Provenance: Haas.

Source: PF-94464; JWK-1Dec1980-358*; RCF-22Feb1986(27)-105. [003]

Image Credit: John W Kaufmann Auctions.



10c black on buff, on cover -- AUS-TX-A02

23 Aug 1862

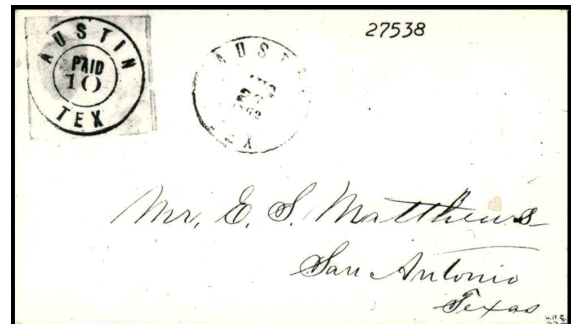
Description: "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UC, provisional UL.

Address: Mr. E. S. Matthews / San Antonio / Texas

Provenance: Caspary, Carnahan.

Source: CWPAS-00178; PF-27538; HRH-5Mar1956-28; SPB-9Mar1978(4091)-2011. [001]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



Illegible Date

Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark ties provisional UR.

Address: H. M Alford / Capt Fishers Co / Garlands Regt / Little Rock / Ark

Provenance: None.

Source: PF-97834; RGK-18Feb1982(19)-89; RAS-23Apr1983(618)-285*. [002]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



10c black -- AUS-TX-E02 (9XU1)

11 Jul 1862

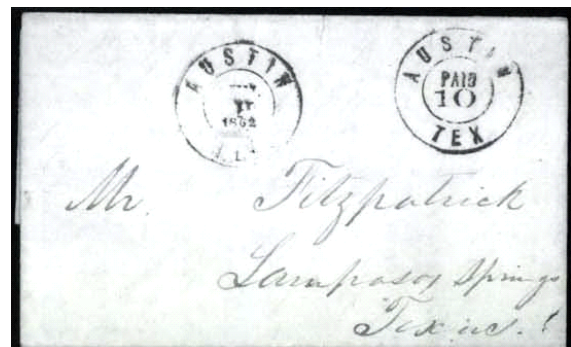
Description: "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UC, provisional marking UR. Folded letter.

Address: Mr Fitzpatrick / Lampasas Springs / Texas.

Provenance: None.

Source: RAS-27Apr1999(810)-1840. [007]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



18 Jul 1862

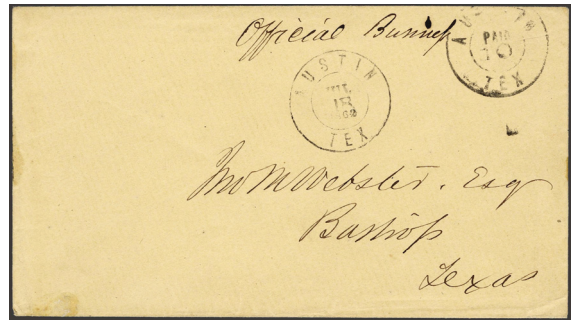
Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark CTR-UC, provisional marking UR. Docketed "Official Business" at UC.

Address: Mr M Webster Esq / Bastrop / Texas

Provenance: Kilbourne; Erivan.

Source: RAS-28Sep1999(815)-9*; HRH-24Jun2021-64*; HRH-24Jun2021(3040-5)-64*. [008]

Image Credit: H R Harmer Auctions.



23 Jul 1862

Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark CTR-UC, provisional marking UR. Tear into provisional marking. Docketed "charge to R. T. P. Allen" at UL-UC.

Address: Mrs. H E Jordt / Frelsburg / Colorado County / Texas.

Provenance: None.

Source: Private. [018]

Image Credit: Private.



26 Jul 1862

Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UC, provisional marking UR.

Address: K. Watkins Esq. / Dist. Collector. / Palestine. Anderson Co.

Provenance: None.

Source: PF-507646*. [005]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



5 Aug 1862

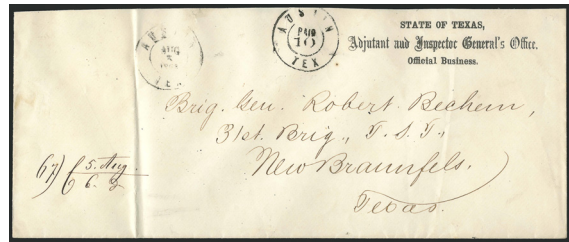
Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UL-UC, provisional marking UC. Imprint envelope of "State of Texas / Adjutant and Inspector General's Office" (CSA Type S-TX-02) at UR. Docketed "67) 5.Aug / 6. J"

Address: Brig. Gen. Robert Bechem, / 31st Brig., T. S.T., / New Braunfels, / Texas.

Provenance: Corwin.

Source: RCF-25Jan1991(45)-598; MB-27Jun2002(249)-1069*; RAS-24Jun 2015(1104)-2088*. [009]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



12 Aug 1862

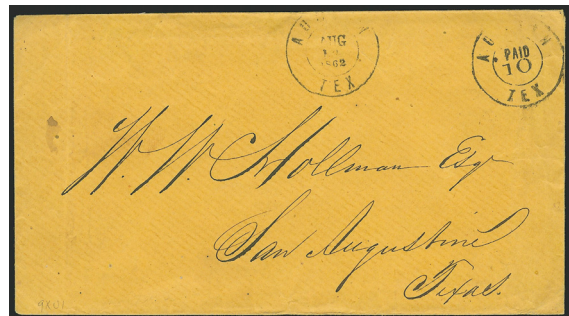
Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UC, provisional marking UR. Missing top back flap.

Address: W. W. Hollman Esq / San Augustine / Texas.

Provenance: King.

Source: CWPSX-King(Feb2021)-26*; RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2629*; HSA-20Aug2015(106)-81*. [006]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



1- Aug 1862

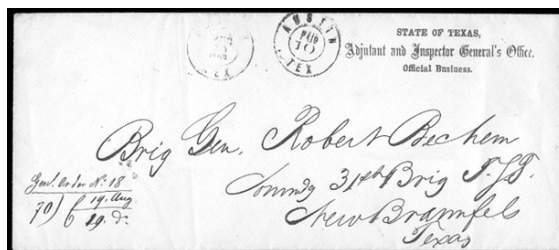
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Address: Brig Gen. Robert Bechem / Commdg 31st Brig T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas

Provenance: Agree.

Source: CWPAS-02364; RAS-25Sep2002(850)-5664. [019]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



1- Aug 1862

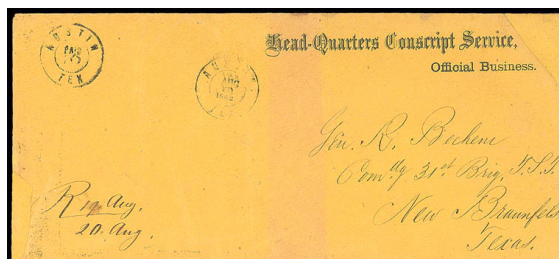
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Address: Gen. R. Bechem / Comdg. 31st Brig. T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas

Provenance: None.

Source: SR-25Apr2009(34)-3272. [012]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



23 Aug 1862

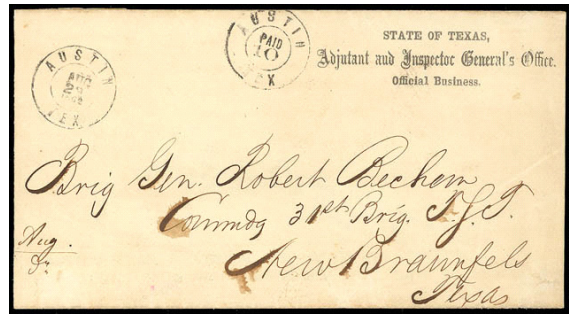
Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UL, provisional marking UC. Imprint envelope of "State of Texas / Adjutant and Inspector General's Office" (CSA Type S-TX-02) at UR. Docketed "Aug. / J." at LL. Cover folded at left.

Address: Brig Gen. Robert Bechem / Commdg 31st Brig. T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas

Provenance: King.

Source: CWPS-King(Feb2021)-77*; RAS-25Apr2007(933)-913*; SR-10Mar2014(55)-2237*. [011]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



6 Sep 1862

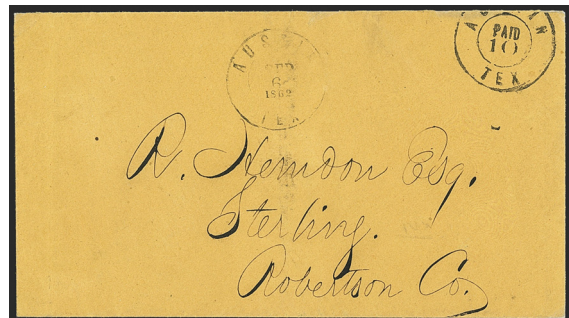
Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UC, provisional marking UR. Provisional marking off cover at top.

Address: R. Herndon Esq. / Sterling. / Robertson Co.

Provenance: Camina.

Source: PF-108381; RAS-24Feb1994(757)-606; RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3041*. [015]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



16 Sep 1862

Description: "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UL, provisional marking UC. Imprint envelope of "State of Texas / Adjutant and Inspector General's Office" (CSA Type S-TX-02) at UR. Docketed "76 / 16Septbr. / 19. J" at LL.

Address: Brig Gen Robert Bechem / Com 31st Brig T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas

Provenance: Walcott.

Source: RL-23May1923-11; RCF-25Jan1991(45)-599. [016]

Image Credit: Richard C Frajola Auctions.



-- Sep 1862

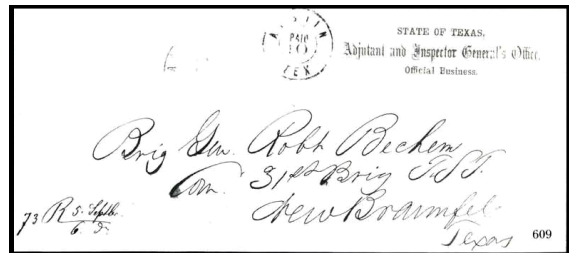
Description: "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UL, provisional marking UC. Very weak strike of postmark. Imprint envelope of "State of Texas / Adjutant and Inspector General's Office" (CSA Type S-TX-02) at UR. Docketed "73 / R 5.Septbr / 6. J." at LL.

Address: Brig. Gen. Robt Bechem / Com. 31st Brig T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas

Provenance: Camina.

Source: RAS-24Feb1994(757)-609. [014]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



-- Sep 1862

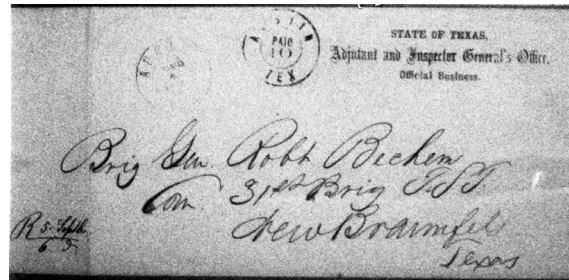
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Address: Brig Gen. Robt Bechem / Com 31st Brig T. S. T. / New Braunfels / Texas

Provenance: Beverly Hills.

Source: CWPAS-01093; JWK-20Feb1986-6. [020]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service .



2 Dec 1862

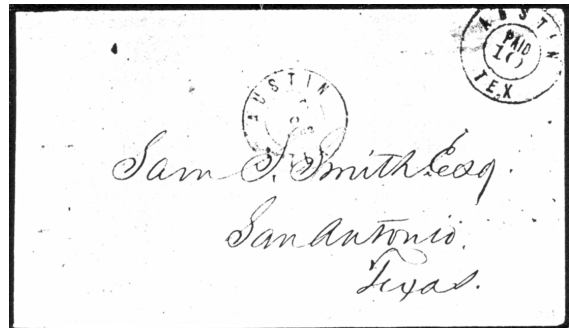
Description: "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark CTR, provisional marking UR.

Address: Sam S. Smith Esq / San Antonio. / Texas.

Provenance: Caspary.

Source: CWPAS-02928; HRH-5Mar1956-29. [017]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service .



10c black, revalued "PAID 5" -- AUS-TX-E02x

8 Aug 1862

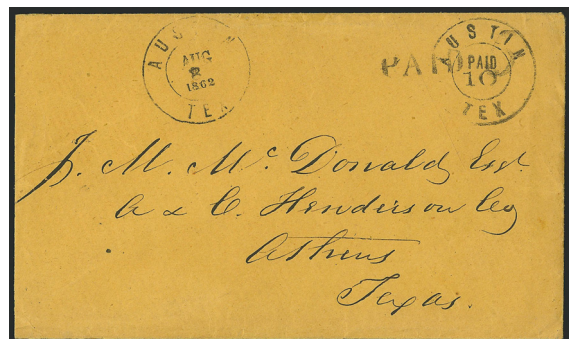
Description: Black "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UL-UC, provisional marking UR.

Address: J. M. McDonald Esqr. / A & C. Henderson Co / Athens / Texas

Provenance: Moody, Murphy, Brandon.

Source: CWPAS-03117*; HRH-27Nov1950(621)-36; RAS-28Oct1997(795)-311*; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-210. [010]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



4 Sep 1862

Description: "AUSTIN / TEX" double circle postmark UL-UC, provisional marking UR. "PAID 5" over provisional marking. Docketed "Col C. C. Johns Compt / Form filed & forwarded / 25th Sept 1862

Address: Mathew Cartwright Esq / San Augustine / Texas

Provenance: Camina.

Source: CWPAS-01363*; RAS-24Feb1994(757)-607; RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2630*. [013]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.

