

Census of Hillsboro, North Carolina, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



**The Hillsboro Provisional
HIL-NC-A01**

The Hillsboro provisional is the handstamped word “PAID” cut from a piece of paper in the form of rectangle. Presumably, the word “PAID” was stamped multiple times on a piece of paper.

The provisional was used during two different periods. First in the Spring of 1861 when the postal service was operated by the Federal government. Then after 1 June 1861 when the postal service was operated by the Confederacy.

The Hillsboro postmaster ran out of stamps around April or May and did not receive a new supply from the Post Office in Washington, DC. To meet the need for stamps he prepared the “PAID” stamps. The only recorded use during this period is on a cover. No value was indicated and is assumed to be 3-cents. To pass through the US postal system a value should have been indicated.

During the Confederate period the same stamps continued to be used but the postmaster added a handstamped “5” value. Their use continued at least for a short period after the Confederacy took over the mails.

Count of the Hillsboro provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
[3c] bluish black – After Secession	A-HIL-NC-A01	1AX1	1
5c bluish black	HIL-NC-A01	39X1	1

Notes

What Is It?



This cover has an undetermined status. It was examined by the Philatelic Foundation which declined to render an opinion (Certificate 40427) and the Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service which rendered a "No Opinion" (Certificate 01811). According to Robert A. Siegel Auction sale 1132, (22 June 2016), lot 3107 the cover received a P.S.E. certificate as "genuine provisional usage," in 1995.

Mini Census of Hillsboro, North Carolina, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
After Secession - [3c] bluish black -- A-HIL-NC-A01 (1AX1)				
27 May 1861	To / Priestley H. Mangum / Raleigh / No. Ca.	UR	UR	001
5c bluish black -- HIL-NC-A01 (39X1)				
7 Jun 1861	Maj Heyward Hamilton / Third Regt. N.C. Volunteers / Suffolk / Virginia	UR	UR	002

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After Secession - [3c] bluish black -- A-HIL-NC-A01 (1AX1)

27 May 1861

Description: Bluish-black "HILLSBORO / N. C" double circle postmark ties provisional UR.

Address: To / Priestley H. Mangum / Raleigh / No. Ca.

Provenance: Erivan.

Source: HRH-17Jan2023(3062-8)-90*. [001]

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5c bluish black -- HIL-NC-A01 (39X1)

7 Jun 1861

Description: Bluish-black "HILLSBORO / N. C" double circle postmark ties provisional UR. Provisional also tied by circled "5" signifying the amount of postage paid.

Address: Maj Heyward Hamilton / Third Regt. N.C. Volunteers / Suffolk / Virginia

Provenance: Hessel, Erivan.

Source: PF-52049; HRH-21Oct1975(2291)-185; HRH-7Aug2020(3035)-69*. [002]

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