

Census of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Description



Chapel Hill provisional marking

The Chapel Hill provisional was prepared by removing the date logos from the office postmark and replacing them with a “5”. Additionally, a “PAID” marking was struck to the left of the “5” to indicate the amount of postage paid.

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

Count of Chapel Hill Stampless Provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c blue black	CHA-NC-E01	15XU1	8

Notes

Chapel Hill Postmark

There is one interesting characteristic of the Chapel Hill postmark that is also seen on the provisional marking. Above the lower right serif of the letter “L” of CHAPEL” there is a spot of color that resembles an accent mark. This is a constant feature that is part of the postmark.



Use of Provisional Marking as Postmark

Covers, like the one below, are sometimes interpreted as provisionals. Although the 5-cent provisional marking was handstamped on the cover, it was applied as a postmark as noted by the manuscript day over the “5” in the marking and the manuscript month.



Chapel Hill provisional marking used as postmark, note “2 Aug” manuscript date over the “5”. Courtesy Confederate Stamp Alliance Authentication Service, Certificate 02561.

Mini Census of Lenoir, NC, Provisional Covers

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
5c black -- CHA-NC-E01 (15XU1)				
19 Sep [1861]	Jsour Jarrott Esqr / Huntsville / NC	UL	UR	001*
26 Sep [1861]	Miss Kate F. Curtis, / St. Mary's School, / Raleigh / N. C.	UC	UR	002*
26 Sep [1861]	Mrs. Mary D. Curtis. / Hillsborough / N. C.	UL-UC	UR	003*
4 Nov [1861]	Mrs. Mary D. Curtis, / Care of Rev Dr. Curtis / Hillsborough / N. C.	UL	UR	004*
5 Nov [1861]	Mrs S. A. Broyles, / Jonesborough, / E. Tennessee.	UL	UR	008*
24 Jan [1862]	Mrs. R. T. Lenoir / Fort Defiance / Caldwell County N. C	UL	UR	007
25 Jan [1862]	W. W. Lenoir, / Camp Lee, / Grahamville / S. C.	UL-UC	UR	005*
27 Jan [1862]	Jos. C. Norwood Esq. / Lenoir / [NC]	UL-UC	UR	006*

* Indicates a color image.

Full Census of Chapel Hill, NC, Stampless Provisionals

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5c black -- CHA-NC-E01 (15XU1)

19 Sep [1861]

Description: Black "CHAPEL HILL / N. C" pmk UL, prv mrk UR.
Docketed "Jones Watson Recd 21" UL-UC.

Address: Jsour Jarrott Esqr / Huntsville / NC

Provenance: Wishnietsky.

Source: PF-519324*; RAS-26Feb2014(1064)- 42. [001]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



26 Sep [1861]

Description: Black "CHAPEL HILL / N. C" pmk UC, prv mrk UR.

Address: Miss Kate F. Curtis, / St. Mary's School, / Raleigh / N. C.

Provenance: None.

Source: RAS-3Mar2017(1151)-1568*. [002]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



26 Sep [1861]

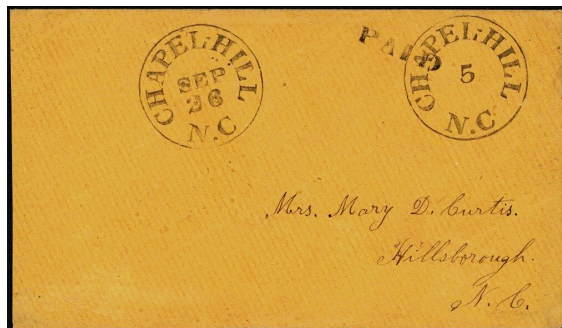
Description: Black "CHAPEL HILL / N. C" pmk UL-UC, prv mrk UR.

Address: Mrs. Mary D. Curtis. / Hillsborough / N. C.

Provenance: Haas, Agre, Raysor.

Source: CWPAS-1666; RCF-22Feb1986(27)-224*; RAS-25Sep2002(850)-5673; EVS-11Mar2023-9*. [003]

Image Credit: Emerald Venture Stamps (auction).



4 Nov [1861]

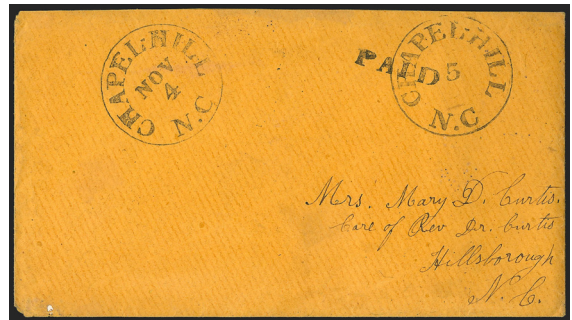
Description: Black "CHAPEL HILL / N. C" pmk UL, prv mrk UR.

Address: Mrs. Mary D. Curtis, / Care of Rev Dr. Curtis / Hillsborough / N. C.

Provenance: Dr Green, Weinberg, Brandon.

Source: RAS-12Apr2000(822)-63*; RAS-9Nov2016(1139)-155*; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-218. [004]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



5 Nov [1861]

Description: Black "CHAPEL HILL / N. C" pmk UL, prv mrk UR.

Address: Mrs S. A. Broyles, / Jonesborough, / E. Tennessee.

Provenance: Crumbley.

Source: VIPH-Dec1900(4-4)-39; CWPSX-Crumbley(Jan2020)-4*. [008]

Image Credit: Collection or Exhibit on Civil War Philatelic Society Website.



24 Jan [1862]

Description: "CHAPEL HILL / N. C" pmk UL, prv mrk UR. On 10-star patriotic envelope (CSA Cat F10-3).

Address: Mrs. R. T. Lenoir / Fort Defiance / Caldwell County N. C

Provenance: Brooks, Hill.

Source: CSX-Hill(Aug1996)-114; LSA-24Apr1943(123)-46. [007]

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



25 Jan [1862]

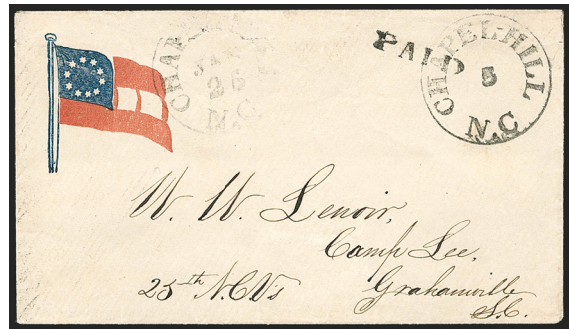
Description: Black "CHAPEL HILL / N. C" pmk UL-UC, prv mrk UR. On 10-star patriotic envelope (CSA Cat F10-3). Docketed "25th N. C. V's" LC.

Address: W. W. Lenoir, / Camp Lee, / Grahamville / S. C.

Provenance: Kilbourne.

Source: PF-553999*; RAS-28Jun2018(1186)-544. [005]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



27 Jan [1862]

Description: Black "CHAPEL HILL / N. C" pmk UL-UC, prv mrk UR. On ten-star patriotic envelope (CSA Cat F10-3). Cover turned and used from Lenoir. Cvr refolded around edges.

Address: Jos. C. Norwood Esq. / Lenoir / [NC]

Provenance: Weatherly, Gallagher, Royster.

Source: RAS-20Oct1972(420)-618; RAS-9Jun1998(801)-351*; RAS-27Apr1999(810)-1853; EVS-11Mar2023-9*. [006]

Image Credit: Emerald Venture Stamps (auction).

