

Census of Christiansburg, VA, Provisionals

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Description



CHR-VA-E01/E02/E03



CHR-VA-E04

The Christiansburg Provisionals

The Christiansburg provisionals were typeset with the central portion of the design containing “PAID” and the value surrounded by a serrated oval border. The typeset markings were impressed on envelopes for use as postal stationery.

The blue color of the Christiansburg markings varies from a very dark blue to a lighter blue. This probably explains the listing of black markings in catalogs. A very dark blue strike may appear as black if it is not examined under good light.

The 5c black (CHR-VA-E01) is a legacy listing for which no example has been found.

The 10c blue (CHR-VA-E04) listing was based on black and white photo which was assumed to be blue. The marking on the cover was authenticated by the Philatelic Foundation as black (224467). For this reason, a 10c black listing is included in the census..

Although the postmark found on all the provisionals is spelled “Christiansburgh” the town name is actually “Christiansburg,” no “h” on the end.

Caution: From the 2012 Confederate Catalog. The lack of any recorded stampless markings from Christiansburg is evidence these markings were also used as stampless markings. Stampless uses cannot be readily distinguished from provisional uses. Each example must be considered on its own merits.

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

Count of the Christiansburg provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c black	CHR-VA-E01	99XU1	--
5c blue (shades)	CHR-VA-E02	99XU2	14
5c green	CHR-VA-E03	99XU4	1
10c blue	CHR-VA-E04	99XU5	--
10c black	CHR-VA-E0X	---	1

Notes

The Fake Christiansburg Provisional



The provisional marking on this cover was cut from an authentic provisional envelope and pasted on this envelope. The tying postmark is fake. (Philatelic Foundation certificate 0151844).

The differences between the authentic and fake postmark can be seen in the images below. The fake postmark is identified by the "A" in "VA." being wider than the authentic. The "G" in "CHRISTIANSBURGH" has no spur on the fake, while the authentic has a spur.



Genuine



Fake

Reference

Calhoun, Richard L., *The Confederate Postmaster Provisionals of Virginia* (Gloucester, VA: Virginia Postal History Society, 2011), 13-15.

Mini Census of Christiansburg, VA, Provisionals

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
5c blue (shades) -- CHR-VA-E02 (99XU2)				
18 Jul [1861]	Jos W Caldwell / Wytheville / Va.	UL	UR	009*
20 Jul [1861]	S. W. Williamson Esq / Indian Valley / Va	UL	UR	002*
21 Jul [1861]	Capt Saml McCorkle / Lynchburg / Va	UL	UR	001*
13 Aug [1861]	Mrs Esther B. Matthews / Lacey's Spring / Rockingham Co / Va.	UL	UR	015*
15 Aug [1861]	Clark & Holt / Lynchburg	UL	UR	003*
12 Sep [1861]	Mrs M. M Grant / Lenoirs Roane County / East Tennessee	UL	UR	004*
16 Sep [1861]	Silvia, Servant of M-- Sallie Hamilton / ---	UL	UR	014
[21 Sep 1861]	[C. A. Haller] Esq / [Wythev]ille / Va	UL	UR	016
24 Sep [1861]	C A. Haller Esq / Cashier / Wytheville / Va.	CL	UR	012
24 Sep [1861]	Cashier South Western Bank / Wytheville / Va	UL	UR	005*
25 Sep [1861]	Capt. C. M. Stigleman / Manassas / Va.	UL-CL	UR	006*
5 Oct [1861]	Mrs W W Christian / Lynchburg / Va	UL	UR	007*
25 Oct [1861]	Mrs. W. W. Christian / Lynchburg / Va	UL	UR	008*
7 Nov [1861]	Miss S--- Willis / Eagle Falls / Rockingham C / N. C	UL	UR	013
5c green -- CHR-VA-E03 (99XU4)				
18 Jun [1861]	Mrs Elizabeth Kent / Dublin [Dublin] / Pulaski County / Va.	UL	UR	010*
10c black -- CHR-VA-E0x				
2 Dec [186-]	Rev W. A. Wade / Blacksburg / Va	UL	UR	011*

* Indicates a color image.

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<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>PrvTyp</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>CN</u>
18 Jul [1861]	E02	Caldwell	Jos W Caldwell / Wytheville / Va.	009*
24 Sep [1861]	E02	Cashier	Cashier South Western Bank / Wytheville / Va	005*
5 Oct [1861]	E02	Christian	Mrs W W Christian / Lynchburg / Va	007*
25 Oct [1861]	E02	Christian	Mrs. W. W. Christian / Lynchburg / Va	008*
15 Aug [1861]	E02	Clark & Hold	Clark & Holt / Lynchburg	003*
12 Sep [1861]	E02	Grant	Mrs M. M Grant / Lenoirs Roane County / East Tennessee	004*
[21 Sep 1861]	E02	Haller	[C. A. Haller] Esq / [Wythev]ille / Va	016
24 Sep [1861]	E02	Haller	C A. Haller Esq / Cashier / Wytheville / Va.	012
18 Jun [1861]	E03	Kent	Mrs Elizabeth Kent / Dublin [Dublin] / Pulaski County / Va.	010*
13 Aug [1861]	E02	Matthews	Mrs Esther B. Matthews / Lacey's Spring / Rockingham Co / Va.	015*
21 Jul [1861]	E02	McCorkle	Capt Saml McCorkle / Lynchburg / Va	001*
16 Sep [1861]	E02	Silvia	Silvia, Servant of M-- Sallie Hamilton / ---	014
25 Sep [1861]	E02	Stigleman	Capt. C. M. Stigleman / Manassas / Va.	006*
2 Dec [186-]	E0X	Wade	Rev W. A. Wade / Blacksburg / Va	011*
20 Jul [1861]	E02	Williamson	S. W. Williamson Esq / Indian Valley / Va	002*
7 Nov [1861]	E02	Willis	Miss S--- Willis / Eagle Falls / Rockingham C / N. C	013

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5c blue (shades) -- CHR-VA-E02 (99XU2)

18 Jul [1861]

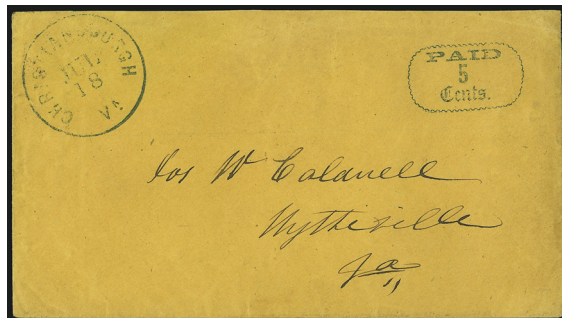
Description: Blue "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Jos W Caldwell / Wytheville / Va.

Provenance: Brandon.

Source: RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-222*. [009]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



20 Jul [1861]

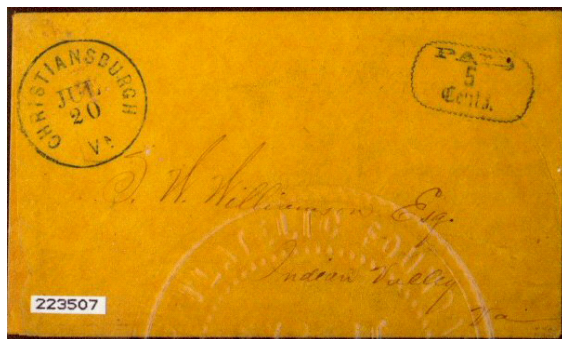
Description: Blue "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: S. W. Williamson Esq / Indian Valley / Va

Provenance: Weill Brothers.

Source: PF-223507*; CHR-18Oct1989-1106. [002]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.



21 Jul [1861]

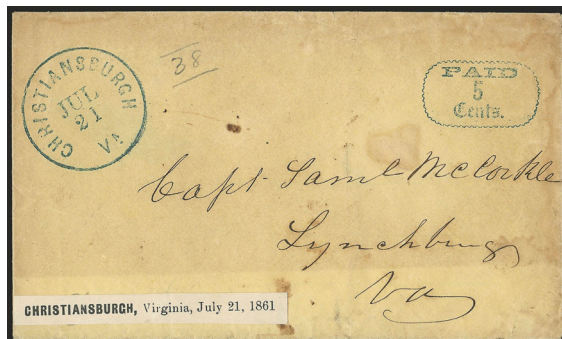
Description: Blue "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Capt Saml McCorkle / Lynchburg / Va

Provenance: Adutt, Hall.

Source: LONDON-Jul1922(31:367)-Plate 3 [4];RAS-17Dec2991(840)-52*; RAS-25Apr2007(933)-915*. [001]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



13 Aug [1861]

Description: Blue "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Mrs Esther B. Matthews / Lacey's Spring / Rockingham Co / Va.

Provenance: Brugh, Hill, Erivan.

Source: JWK-7Sep1979(55)-89; CSX-Hill(Aug1996)-99; HRH-21Jun2023()-116*. [015]

Image Credit: H R Harmer Auctions.



15 Aug [1861]

Description: Blue "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Clark & Holt / Lynchburg

Provenance: Adutt, Hall.

Source: LONDON-Jul1922(31:367)-Plate 3 [4]; RAS-17Dec2001(840)-53*. [003]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



12 Sep [1861]

Description: Blue "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Mrs M. M Grant / Lenoirs Roane County / East Tennessee

Provenance: Agre.

Source: PF-44733; RAS-25Sep2002(840)-5678; CG-13Jun2016(34)-864*. [004]

Image Credit: Christoph Gartner Auctions.



16 Sep [1861]

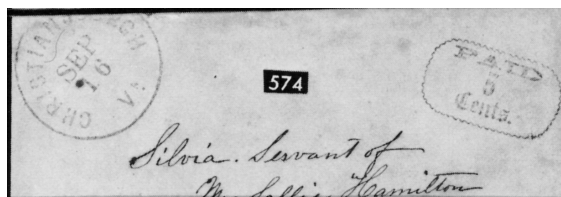
Description: "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Partial image of full cover.

Address: Silvia, Servant of M-- Sallie Hamilton / ---

Provenance: Kimmel.

Source: RAS-18May1976(492)-574. [014]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



[21 Sep 1861]

Description: "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Docketed "B. V." at UL into postmark.

Address: [C. A. Haller] Esq / [Wythev]ille / Va

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: SCPP-406; RAS-9Apr1997(787)-3206. [016]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



24 Sep [1861]

Description: "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark CL, provisional marking UR. Docketed "B V." at UL above postmark.

Address: C A. Haller Esq / Cashier / Wytheville / Va.

Provenance: Rosenberg.

Source: CWPAS-02931; JWK-13Jun1981(73)-1029. [012]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service .



24 Sep [1861]

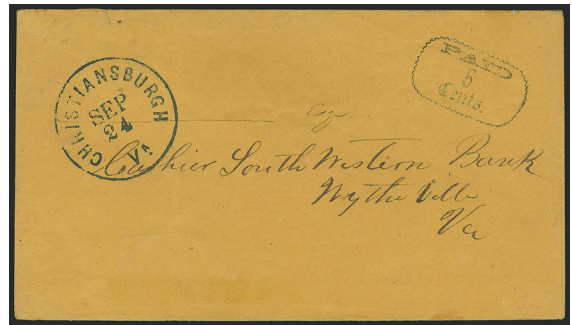
Description: Blue "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Cashier South Western Bank / Wytheville / Va

Provenance: Adutt, Everett, Hill.

Source: PF-438580*; LOND-Jul1922(31-367)-Plate 2; RAS-30Oct1993(754)-128; CSX-Hill(Aug1996)-99; RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2644*. [005]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



25 Sep [1861]

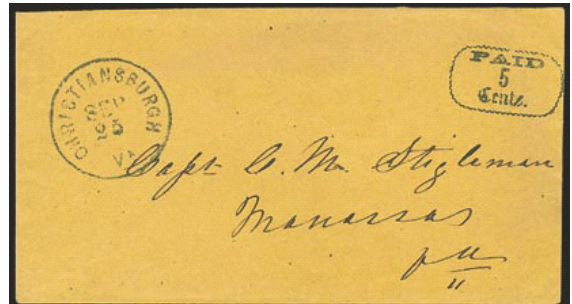
Description: Blue "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL-CL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Capt. C. M. Stigleman / Manassas / Va.

Provenance: H Green.

Source: RCF-22Feb1986(27)-299*; RAS-12Apr2000(822)-66*. [006]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



5 Oct [1861]

Description: Blue "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Docketed "Care of Dr. Owen across bottom.

Address: Mrs W W Christian / Lynchburg / Va

Provenance: H Green.

Source: RAS-12Apr2000(822)-67*; RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2105*. [007]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



25 Oct [1861]

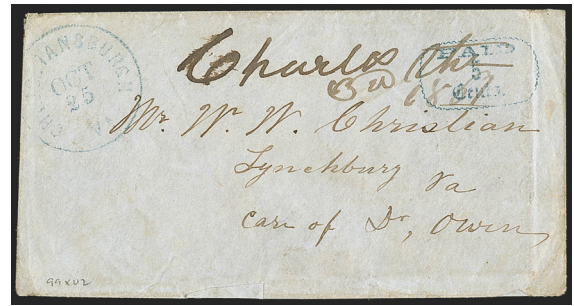
Description: Blue "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR. Docketed across the top and "Care of Dr. Owen" at LC- LR.

Address: Mrs. W. W. Christian / Lynchburg / Va

Provenance: Atlanta, Beverly Hills.

Source: JWK-12Jun1981(72)-32; JWK-20Feb1986-13; RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3070*. [008]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



7 Nov [1861]

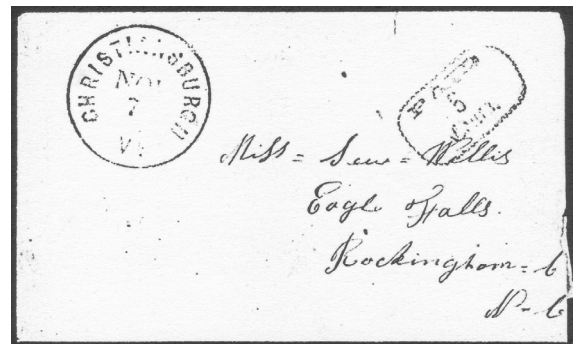
Description: "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Miss S--- Willis / Eagle Falls / Rockingham C / N. C

Provenance: None reported.

Source: CWPAS-02967. [013]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service .



5c green -- CHR-VA-E03 (99XU4)

18 Jun [1861]

Description: Green "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Mrs Elizabeth Kent / Dublin [Dublin] / Pulaski County / Va.

Provenance: Haas, Hill, Erivan.

Source: PF-28685; CSX-Hill(Aug1996)-100; RAS-24Apr1982(596)-14*; RCF-22 Feb 1986(27)-300*; HRH-10Dec2019(3030)-57*. [010]

Image Credit: H R Harmer Auctions.



10c black -- CHR-VA-E0x

2 Dec [186-]

Description: Black "CHRISTIANSBURGH / VA." postmark UL, provisional marking UR.

Address: Rev W. A. Wade / Blacksburg / Va

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: PF-224467*. [011]

Image Credit: Philatelic Foundation.

