

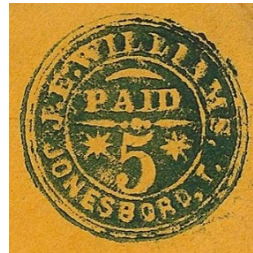
# Census of Jonesboro, Tennessee Postmaster's Provisionals

Compiled by Francis J. Crown, Jr.

## Description



JON-TN-E01



JON-TN-E02

### Jonesboro Provisional

The Jonesboro provisional marking is in the form of a seal featuring the rate in the center and the name of the postmaster (J. E. Williams) and the name of the town in a circle around the center. The device was handstamped on envelopes.

Two different colors of ink were used to handstamp the Jonesboro provisional envelopes: black and dark blue. The identification of the black markings is not a problem. However, the dark blue color ranges from blue to a very dark blue. The latter can be misinterpreted as black unless examined in natural light. There is no discernible period of use for the two different inks.

Six of the dark blue covers do not have postmarks. One of these has been dated from docketing on the cover and contents as August 1861.

Jonesboro provisionals cut square are known only in dark blue

### Count of Jonesboro provisionals

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Cut Square Used / Unused	Covers
5c black	JON-TN-E01	45XU1	--	5
5c dark blue	JON-TN-E02	45XU2	5	14

## Notes

### History

The earliest mention of the Jonesboro provisional envelope was found in the February 1887 *Quaker City Philatelist*. The brief note states "I catalogue here a new Confederate local, of which I believe was (or is) in the possession of Mr. Richert. ....It has been authenticated by J. E. Williams who says that it was used there."

The discovery cover was probably the one dated 17 Oct [1861] (E01, CN-008) which has the following docketing across the left end signed by the former postmaster.

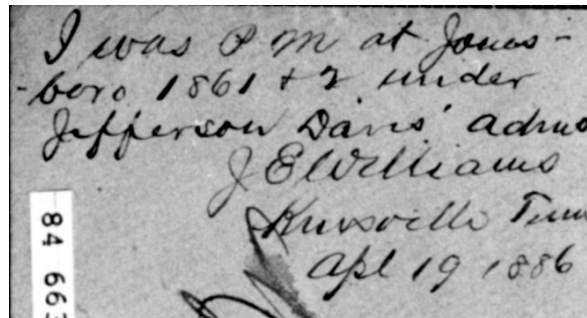
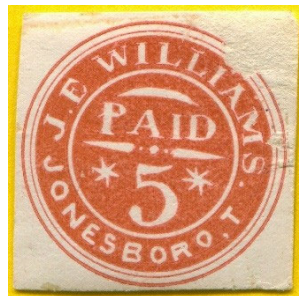


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The date of the endorsement makes the year of discovery early in 1886. It was not until mid-1888 that a cut of the design was illustrated in the 10 July 1888 issue of the *American Philatelist*.

We do not know if Mr. Lynde was the first to chronicle the provisional or if it was E. B. Sterling in his catalog that was published the same year.

### Fake Jonesboro Provisional



A crude fake printed in red.

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## Mini Census of Jonesboro, TN, Provisional Covers

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
<b>5c black, covers -- JON-TN-E01 (45XU1)</b>				
17 Oct [1861]	Messr Scott & Co / Knoxville / Tenn	UC-UR	UR	008
24 Dec [1861]	Jas. T. Shields or Clerk & Master / Rutledge / Tenn	UR	UR	018*
5 Jan [1862]	Mr Nat M Taylor / Elizabethton / Carter Co / Ten	UR	UR	001
12 Jan [1862]	C. C. Smith Clk & Master / Rutledge / Tenn	UR	UR	002
No Date	Miss Peggy Rhea. / Blountsville. / E. Tenn.	UR	UR	003*
<b>5c dark blue, covers -- JON-TN-E02 (45XU2)</b>				
[-- Aug 1861]	Mrs, Ellen, R, Middleton, / Lexington Virginia,		UR	004*
7 Oct [1861]	Mr Nathaniel T. Jackson / Cumberland Ford / Kentucky	UL-CL	UR	005*
8 Oct [1861]	Greenville P O East / Mr D Sevier Clerk & Mast[er] / of the Chancery Court at / Greenville	UL	UR	006*
22 Oct [1861]	Messers Butler & Williamson / {Slave Dealers} / Memphis / Tenn	UR	UR	009*
30 Nov [1861]	Mrs. Ann P. Phipps / Kingsport / E. Tenn	UR	UR	010*
9 Feb [1862]	Mrs. Ann. P. Phipps. / Kingsport. / Tenn.	UC-CTR	UR	007*
No Date	A L Burem Esq / Mill Bend / Harkin Co / Ten.	UR	UR	017*
No Date	His Excellency / Isham G Harris / Memphis / Tenn.	UR	UR	014*
No Postmark	Mr Noah, C, Baldwin / Kings port / E Tennessee [sic]		UR	019*
No Postmark	Rev. W. G. Brownlow D. D. / Knoxville, / Tenn.		UR	016*
No Postmark	Hugh W. Frey Esqr / Richmond Virginia		UR	011*
No Postmark	Mr. Nathaniel T. Jackson / (Care of Capt Willett) / Cumberland Gap P. O. / Tennessee		UR	012*
No Postmark	Mr. Saml. S. McCuistion / Dandridge / Tenn.		UR	015*
No Postmark	Mess M M Wagner & Sons / Taylorsville / Johnson Cty / Ten		UR	013*

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\* Indicates a color image

### Last Name Index of Jonesboro, TN, Provisional Covers

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>PrvTyp</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>CN</u>
No Postmark	E02c	Brownlow	Rev. W. G. Brownlow D. D. / Knoxville, / Tenn.	016*
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22 Oct [1861]	E02c	Butler & Williamson	Messers Butler & Williamson / {Slave Dealers} / Memphis / Tenn	009*
8 Oct [1861]	E02c	East	Greenville P O East / Mr D Sevier Clerk & Mast[er] / of the Chancery Court at / Greenville	006*
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No Date	E02c	Harris	His Excellency / Isham G Harris / Memphis / Tenn.	014*
7 Oct [1861]	E02c	Jackson	Mr Nathaniel T. Jackson / Cumberland Ford / Kentucky	005*
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No Postmark	E02c	McCuiston	Mr. Saml. S. McCuiston /Dandridge / Tenn.	015*
[-- Aug 1861]	E02c	Middleton	Mrs, Ellen, R, Middleton, / Lexington Virginia,	004*
No Postmark	E02c	Noah	Mr Noah, C, Baldwin / Kings port / E Tennessee [sic]	019*
30 Nov [1861]	E02c	Phipps	Mrs. Ann P. Phipps / Kingsport / E. Tenn	010*
9 Feb [1862]	E02c	Phipps	Mrs. Ann. P. Phipps. / Kingsport. / Tenn.	007*
No Date	E01c	Rhea	Miss Peggy Rhea. / Blountsville. / E. Tenn.	003*
17 Oct [1861]	E01c	Scott & Co	Messr Scott & Co / Knoxville / Tenn	008
24 Dec [1861]	E01c	Shields	Jas. T. Shields or Clerk & Master / Rutledge / Tenn	018*
12 Jan [1862]	E01c	Smith	C. C. Smith Clk & Master / Rutledge / Tenn	002
5 Jan [1862]	E01c	Taylor	Mr Nat M Taylor / Elizabethton / Carter Co / Ten	001
No Postmark	E02c	Wagner & Sons	Mess M M Wagner & Sons / Taylorsville / Johnson Cty / Ten	013*

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## Full Census of Jonesboro, TN, Provisionals

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### 5c black, covers -- JON-TN-E01 (45XU1)

17 Oct [1861]

**Description:** Blue "JONESBORO / TEN" postmark UC-UR, provisional UR. Docketed "I was P M at Jones- / - boro 1861 & 2 under / Jefferson Davis' Admi / J E Williams / Knoxville Tenn / Apl 19 1886" across left end of cover.

**Address:** Messr Scott & Co / Knoxville / Tenn

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** PF-84663; JAF-15Dec1961-76; JWK-3Jun1978(44)-2494. [008]

**Image Credit:** Philatelic Foundation.



24 Dec [1861]

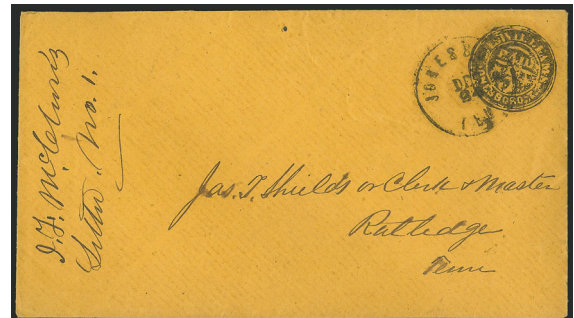
**Description:** Black "JONESBORO / TEN" postmark cancels provisional UR. Docketed "J. T. McClem's / Letter No. 1." across left end of cover.

**Address:** Jas. T. Shields or Clerk & Master / Rutledge / Tenn

**Provenance:** Brandon.

**Source:** RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-266\*. [018]

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



5 Jan [1862]

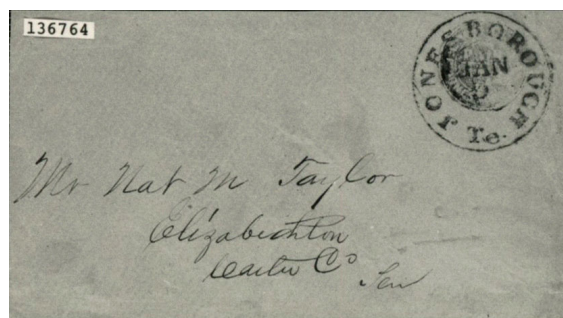
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**Address:** Mr Nat M Taylor / Elizabethton / Carter Co / Ten

**Provenance:** Hessel.

**Source:** CWPAS-00885; PF-136764; HRH-21Oct1975-189; JWK-22Mar1980(62)-35. [001]

**Image Credit:** Philatelic Foundation.



12 Jan [1862]

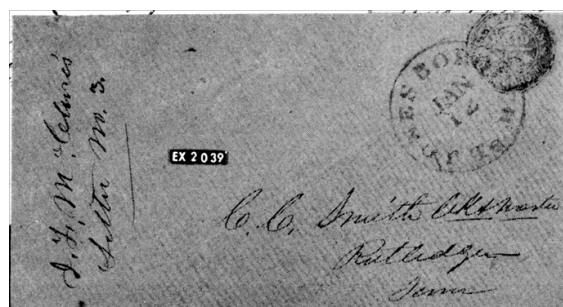
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**Address:** C. C. Smith Clk & Master / Rutledge / Tenn

**Provenance:** Muzzy.

**Source:** HRH-21Apr1967(1764)-2039. [002]

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



No Date

**Description:** Blue "JONESBORO / TEN" postmark cancels provisional UR. Provisional canceled by two strikes of undated postmark.

**Address:** Miss Peggy Rhea. / Blountsville. / E. Tenn.

**Provenance:** Caspary, Boshwit.

**Source:** HRH-5Mar1956-153; RAS-27Sep2007(940)-299\*. [003]

**Image Credit:** Philatelic Foundation.





**5c dark blue cut square, used/unused -- JON-TN-E02 (45XU2)**

**No Date**

**Description:** Cut square provisional.

**Address:** NA

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** PF-359273\*. [024]

**Image Credit:** Philatelic Foundation.



**No Date**

**Description:** Cut square provisional canceled by manuscript "5."

**Address:** NA

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**Source:** PF-129732\*; RAS-22May2018(1182)-243\*. [020]

**Image Credit:** Philatelic Foundation.



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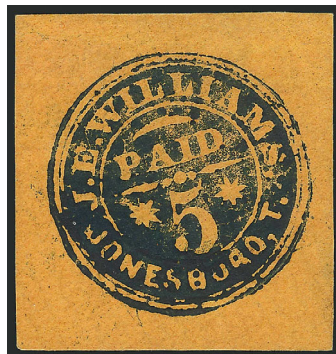
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**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



**No Date**

**Description:** Cut square provisional.

**Address:** NA

**Provenance:** Innella.

**Source:** PF-601526.\*; JWK-62-22Mar1980(62)-36. [022]

**Image Credit:** Philatelic Foundation.



**No Date**

**Description:** Cut square provisional.

**Address:** NA

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** Private\*; PF-359273. [023]

**Image Credit:** Private.



**5c dark blue, covers -- JON-TN-E02 (45XU2)**

**[-- Aug 1861]**

**Description:** Uncancelled provisional UR. Docketed "Aug 17th / 1861" in pencil across left end of cover.

**Address:** Mrs, Ellen, R, Middleton, / Lexington Virginia,

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** ASDC-Mar2018-58-63\*. [004]

**Image Credit:** American Stamp Dealer & Collector (journal).



7 Oct [1861]

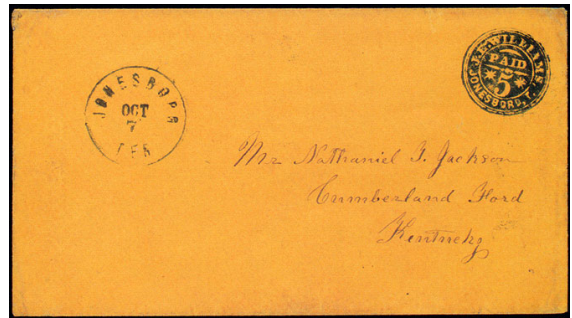
**Description:** Black "JONESBORO / TEN" postmark UL-CL, provisional UR.

**Address:** Mr Nathaniel T. Jackson / Cumberland Ford / Kentucky

**Provenance:** Caspary, Lilly, Gallagher, Sharrer.

**Source:** CWPAS- 02292\*; PF-329122; HRH-5Mar1956-154; RAS-27Apr1967(317)-322; RAS-9Jun1998(801)-363\* RAS-10Dec2012(1035)-32\*. [005]

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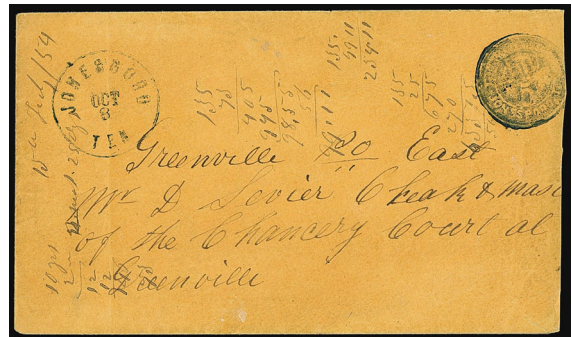
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**Address:** Greenville P O East / Mr D Sevier Clerk & Mast[er] / of the Chancery Court at / Greenville

**Provenance:** Hessel.

**Source:** CWPAS-02292\*; HRH-21Oct1975-190; RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3119\*. [006]

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



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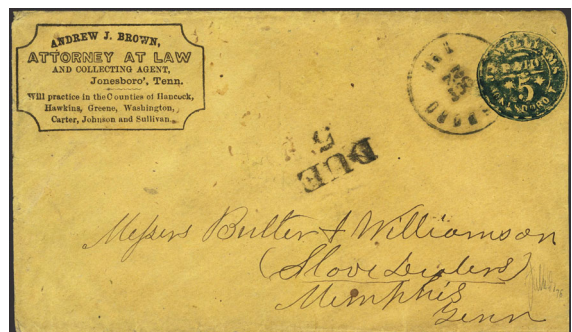
**Description:** Black "JONESBORO / TEN" postmark cancels provisional UR. Black Memphis "DUE / 5" marking CTR. Envelope reduced at right. Corner card of Andrew J Brown, Attorney at Law, Jonesboro', Tenn UL.

**Address:** Messers Butler & Williamson / {Slave Dealers} / Memphis / Tenn

**Provenance:** Caspary, Kimmel, Erivan.

**Source:** HRH-5Mar1956-156; RAS-18May1976(492)-596; HRH-26Jan2022(3055)-104\*. [009]

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





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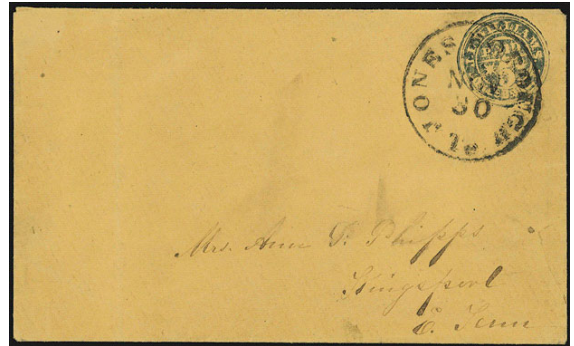
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**Address:** Mrs. Ann P. Phipps / Kingsport / E. Tenn

**Provenance:** Brooks, Kilbourne, Erivan.

**Source:** PPH-109\*; ASDC-Mar2018-59\*; LSA-24Apr1943(123)-76; RAS-28Sep1999(815)-49\*. [010]

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



9 Feb [1862]

**Description:** Blue "JONESBORO / TEN" postmark UC-CTR. Uncanceled provisional canceled by blue grid UR. Docketed "Via / Rogersville" LL.

**Address:** Mrs. Ann. P. Phipps. / Kingsport. / Tenn.

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** CWPAS-03278\*; DFK-20Jan1988(577)-3484\*; RAS-9Jun1998(801)-362\*. [007]

**Image Credit:** Daniel F Kelleher Auctions.



No Date

**Description:** "JONESBORO / TEN" postmark cancels provisional UR. Envelope reduced at top. Docketed "Graham for / Judge --- / I am for you" across left end of cover.

**Address:** A L Burem Esq / Mill Bend / Harkin Co / Ten.

**Provenance:** Meroni, Gallagher.

**Source:** PF-176781\*; JAF-20Mar1961-66; CRL-25Mar1987-232. [017]

**Image Credit:** Philatelic Foundation.



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**Description:** Blue "JONESBORO / TEN" postmark cancels provisional UR. Weak blue handstamped "PAID / 5" UC-UR crossed out and manuscript "Due 5" written at UL-UC. Black Memphis handstamp "DUE / 5" UC.

**Address:** His Excellency / Isham G Harris / Memphis / Tenn.

**Provenance:** Gallagher.

**Source:** PF-207426\*; CRL-25Mar1987-233; DFK-20Jan1988(577)-3483; RGK-3Mar1990(64)-97\*. [014]

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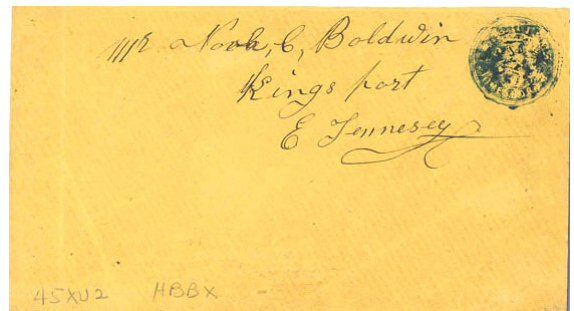
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**Address:** Mr Noah, C, Baldwin / Kings port / E Tennessee [sic]

**Provenance:** Klep.

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**Image Credit:** Daniel F Kelleher Auctions.



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**Description:** Uncancelled provisional UR.

**Address:** Rev. W. G. Brownlow D. D. / Knoxville, / Tenn.

**Provenance:** Rudy.

**Source:** RAS-27Apr2004(874)-105\*; SR-28Apr2011(43)-384\*. [016]

**Image Credit:** Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



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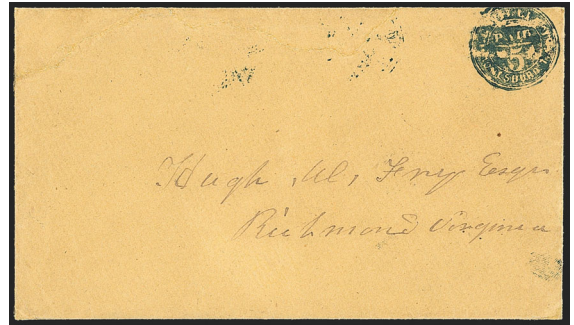
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**Provenance:** Everett, Agre, Warren.

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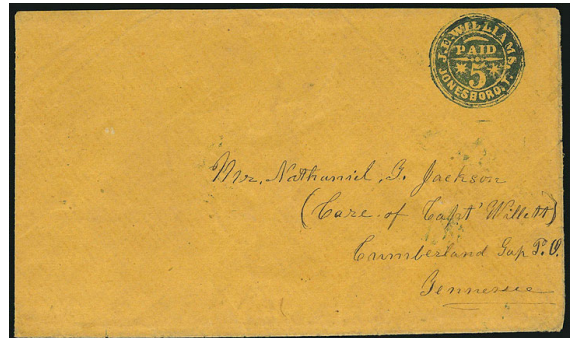
**Description:** Uncancelled provisional UR. Envelope reduced at top.

**Address:** Mr. Nathaniel T. Jackson / (Care of Capt Willett) / Cumberland Gap P. O. / Tennessee

**Provenance:** Ferrary, Brooks, MacBride, Solomon, Boshwit.

**Source:** GIL-14Jun1922(98-4)-9; LSA-24Apr1943(123)-76; JAF-20Oct1953(103)-92; JWK-14Nov1981(78)-47; RAS-27Sep2007(940)-300\*; RAS-22May2018(1182)-242\*. [012]

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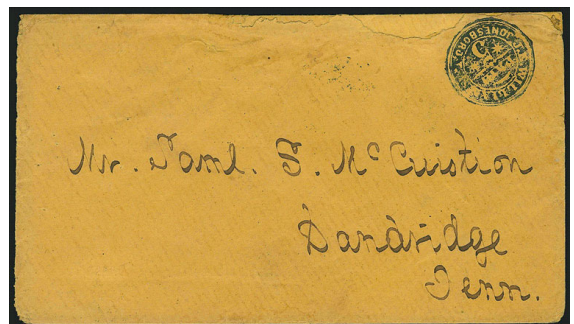
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**Address:** Mr. Saml. S. McCuiston / Dandridge / Tenn.

**Provenance:** None recorded.

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



**No Postmark**

**Description:** Uncancelled provisional UR.

**Address:** Mess M M Wagner & Sons / Taylorsville /  
Johnson Cty / Ten

**Provenance:** Caspary, Nunnelley, Erivan.

**Source:** HRH-5Mar1956-155; RAS-28Oct1997(795)-364\*;  
HRH-26Jan2022(30556)-103\*. [013]

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

