

Census of West Point, Mississippi, Stampless Markings

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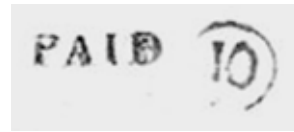
Description



Type B



Type C



Type D

West Point Stampless Markings (not to scale)

The different markings are identified by the 2012 *Confederate States of American (CSA) Catalog and Handbook* Stampless Type. The letters "X, Y, and Z," are used to designate added items not in the CSA Catalog. The absence of a CSA Catalog Type in the illustrations above indicates that item is not included in the census.

Items are presented in the census in the order of the illustrations above.

This census is based on images of covers. Only covers for which an image was obtained are listed in the census. For this reason, this census may be far from complete.

NOTE: Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the census, but the inclusion of an item is not a guarantee of authenticity.

Count of the West Point Stampless Markings

Marking	Color	Type	Covers	Everett Count*
PAID / 5 (in fancy circle)	Black	B	6	6
PAID / 10 (in fancy circle)	Black	C	1	2
PAID + 10 (in circle)	Black	D	1	1
PAID + 10 (in circle, struck twice)	Black	Db	1	--

* See "Stampless - Important Information" on Stampless Covers page for information on the Everett Count.

Notes

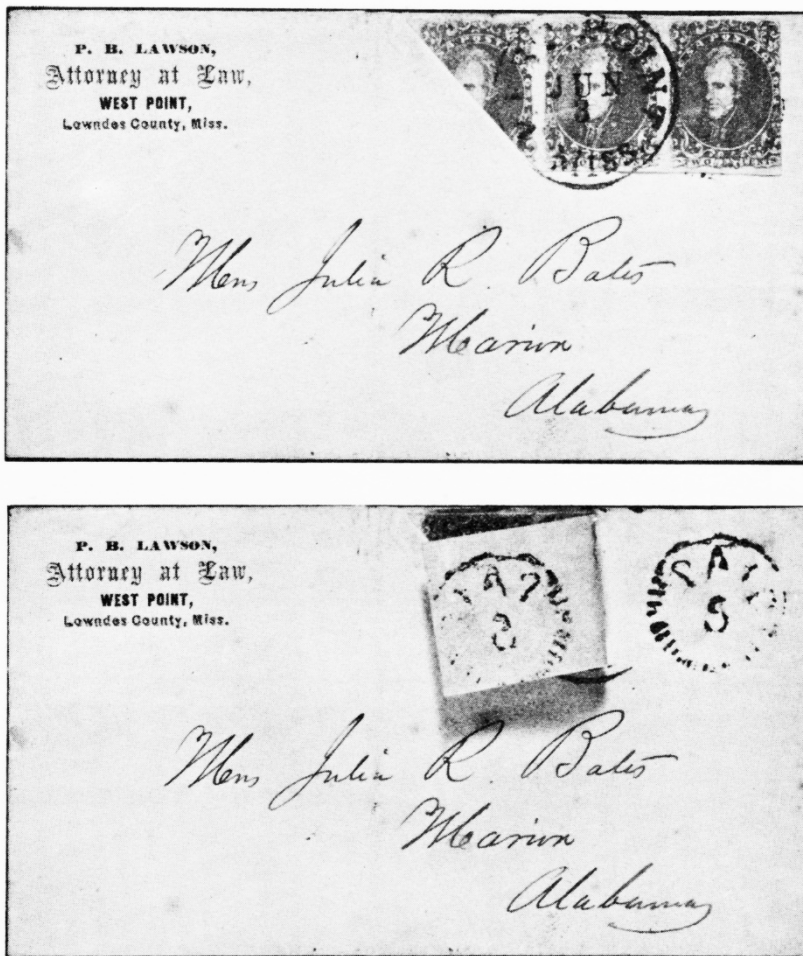
Unusual Cover

The cover illustrated below shows a strip of 3 of the 2c green general issue used over a 5c Type B marking. One of the 2c stamps is cut diagonally to represent a 1c stamp. Thus, the strip of $2 \frac{1}{2} (2 \frac{1}{2} \times 2) = 5$ for the 5c rate for a letter traveling less than 500 miles. Note the 3 Jun postmark. This would place the use no later than 3 Jun 1862, long before it was common to cut stamps diagonally to represent half the face value of the stamp.

Also note the offset of the PAID 5 marking on the back of one of the 2c stamps. While offsets exist, they are not usually so distinct. This indicates that the stamps were applied over a 5c marking that was just applied.

There is also the question of why were 2c stamps used when the PAID 5 stampless marking would have paid the postage?

This cover is not included in the census.



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Types A, E, F, and G

In the 2012 CSA Catalog Types A, E, F, and G are legacy listings. In the preparation of this census no examples of these types were found.

Mini Census of West Point, Mississippi, Stampless Covers

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
PAID / 5 (in fancy circle), black -- Type B				
26 Jun [1861]	To the Auditor of Public Accounts / Jackson / Missi	UL	UR	001
27 Jul [1861]	S H Leary Esq / Perry / Houston Co / Georgia	UL-UC	UR	002*
3 Sep [1861]	Messrs John T. Hardee & Co / New Orleans / La	UL	UR	003
23 Sep [1861]	James F Aldridge / Jefferson / Ala	UL	UR	004*
14 Oct [1861]	James F. Aldridge / Jefferson / Ala	UL	UR	005*
5 Mar [1862]	Hon A M Nist / Jackson / Miss	UC	UR	006*
PAID / 10 (in fancy circle), black -- Type C				
1 Aug [186-]	Miss Nellie Puryear / Huntsville / N. Carolina	UL-CL	UR	007*
PAID + 10 (in circle), black -- Type D				
10 Jun [186-]	Miss G-- Walker / Mt Lebanon / Bienville Parish / La	CL	UR	008
PAID + 10 (in circle, struck twice), black -- Type Db				
8 Jun [186-]	W F B Haynesworth Esq / Commitioner [sic] in Equity / Sumter C H / South Carolina	UC	UR-CR	009*

* Indicates a color image

Full Census of West Point, Mississippi, Stampless Covers

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26 Jun [1861]

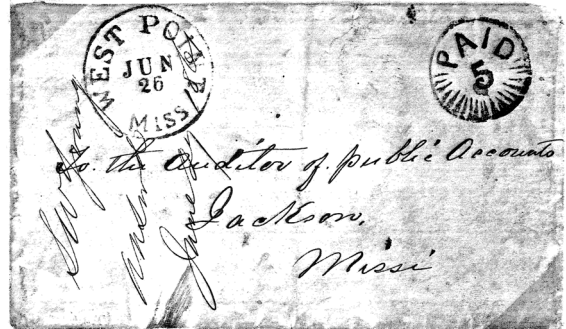
Description: "WEST POINT / MISS" postmark UL, Type B marking UR.

Address: To the Auditor of Public Accounts / Jackson / Missi

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CSX-Miller-16Jul1992-55. [001]

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



27 Jul [1861]

Description: Black "WEST POINT / MISS" postmark UL-UC, Type B marking UR.

Address: S H Leary Esq / Perry / Houston Co / Georgia

Provenance: Kilbourne.

Source: RAS-28Jun2018(1186)-668*. [002]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



3 Sep [1861]

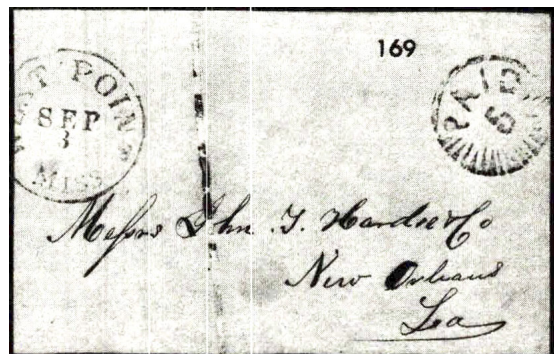
Description: "WEST POINT / MISS" postmark UL, Type B marking UR.

Address: Messrs John T. Hardee & Co / New Orleans / La

Provenance: "Atlanta".

Source: JWK-12Jun1981(72)-169. [003]

Image Credit: John W Kaufmann Auctions.



23 Sep [1861]

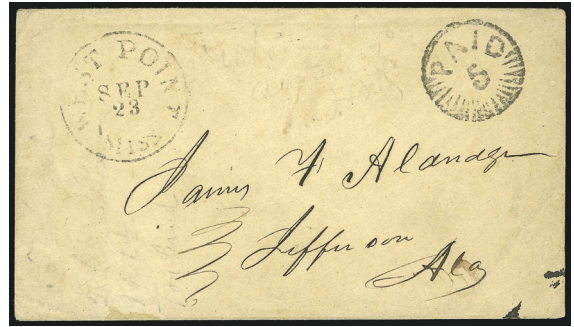
Description: Black "WEST POINT / MISS" postmark UL, Type B marking UR.

Address: James F Aldridge / Jefferson / Ala

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-28Oct1997(795)-175; RAS-14May2002(845)-866*. [004]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



14 Oct [1861]

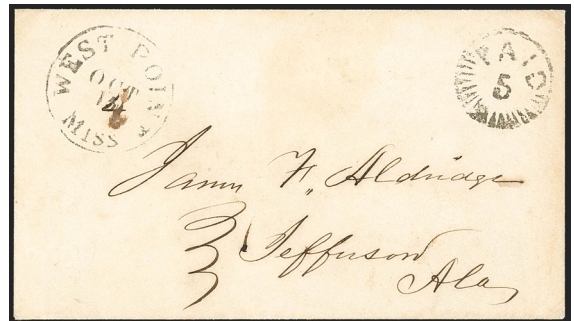
Description: Black "WEST POINT / MISS" postmark UL, Type B marking UR.

Address: James F. Aldridge / Jefferson / Ala

Provenance: Myerson.

Source: CONP-Oct1965(10:8)-122; AHA-27Jun1998(4)-216*; RAS-22Jun2016(1132)-3025*. [005]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



5 Mar [1862]

Description: Black "WEST POINT / MISS" postmark UC, Type B marking UR. Folded letter.

Address: Hon A M Nist / Jackson / Miss

Provenance: Agre.

Source: CWPAS-04545; RAS-24Sep2002(850)-5320; RAS-15Mar2006(907)-2598*; RAS-Sale_1167_Lot_2473-(730)*. [006]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



PAID / 10 (in fancy circle), black -- Type C

1 Aug [186-]

Description: Black "WEST POINT / MISS" postmark UL-CL, Type C marking UR.

Address: Miss Nellie Puryear / Huntsville / N. Carolina

Provenance: Agre, "Penguin".

Source: RAS-24Sep2002(850)-5321; RAS-25Sep2024(1330)-532*. [007]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



PAID + 10 (in circle), black -- Type D

10 Jun [186-]

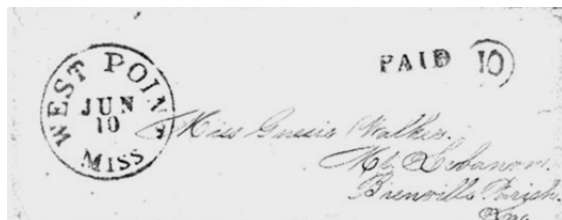
Description: "WEST POINT / MISS" postmark CL, Type D marking UR.

Address: Miss G-- Walker / Mt Lebanon / Bienville Parish / La

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private; RAS-9Jul1996-357. [008]

Image Credit: Private Collection.



PAID + 10 (in circle, struck twice), black -- Type Db

8 Jun [186-]

Description: Black "WEST POINT / MISS" postmark UC, Type Da marking UR-CR. Blue corner card of Robinson Lyles UL.

Address: W F B Haynesworth Esq / Commitioner [sic] in Equity / Sumter C H / South Carolina

Provenance: Agre.

Source: RAS-24Sep2002(850)-5322*. [009]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.

