

Census of Portsmouth, Virginia, Stampless Markings

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Description



Type X



Type A



Type C



Type D



Type A



Type B



Type C

Portsmouth 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.

Only stampless covers with a handstamped marking are included in the census.

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.

Occupation of Portsmouth: Federal forces occupied Portsmouth in May 1862 and held the city for the remainder of the war.

Count of the Portsmouth Stampless Markings

Marking	Color	Type	Covers	Everett Count ¹
PAID [no rate]	Blue	X	1	--
PAID (large) + 5	Blue	A	3	3
PAID (in arc) / 5 (all in circle)	Blue	B	6	7
PAID (in arc) / 5 (all in circle) revalued 10 (integral rate pmk)	Blue	Ba	-- ²	1
PAID + 10	Blue	C	1	4
PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 PAID (integral rate pmk)	Blue	D	10	7
PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 PAID (integral rate pmk) revalued 5	Blue	Da	1	--
10 [due]	Blue	E	-- ²	NA
FORWARDED	Blue	F	1	NA
FREE	Blue	G	1	NA

1. The Everett Count **is not always accurate**. For more information [click here](#).

2. This is a legacy listing in the 2012 CSA Catalog. No example was found while preparing this census.

Mini Census of Portsmouth, Virginia, Stampless Covers

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>CN</u>
PAID [no rate], blue -- Type X		
No Date	Asst. Surgern [sic] Chas M Morfit / C. S. Navy / Portsmouth / Virginia	023*
PAID (large) + 5, blue -- Type A		
27 Jun 1861	Supt Eastern Lunatic --- / Williamsburg / ---	001*
15 Jul 1861	Mr Rice / Freight Agent / South Side Depot / Farmsville / Va	002*
1- Jul 1861	G. A. Myers Esqr / Richmond	019*
PAID (in arc) / 5 (all in circle), blue) -- Type B		
26 Jul 1861	Mr William Parsons / Col Pryors redament [Regiment] / Camp Cook days Nick / Isle of White County / in care of The Adgutent [Adjutant]	003*
23 Aug 1861	Flag Officer S. Barron / Comdg Coast Naval Defences [sic] / Va. & North Carolina / Newbern / N. C.	004*
3 Sep 1861	John A. Green / Carolina City [LO] / Goldsboro / N. C.	005*
12 Oct 1861	Miss Rebecca H Birdsong / Petersburg / Va.	020*
15 Oct 1861	Mrs Charles Gordon / Salisbury Rowan Co. / North Carolina	021*
28 Oct 1861	Sarah M. Bradburn / Newton / No. Ca.	006*
PAID + 10, blue -- Type C		
17 Jun 1861	W. D. Mitchell Esqr / Athens / Geo.	008*
PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 PAID (integral rate), blue -- Type D		
3 Jun 1861	W H Renaud Esqr / Care / Mess Jno J Adams & Co / N Orleans / La.	010*
4 Jun 1861	Mrs Peter J. Williams / Milledgeville / Ga	011*
1- Jun 1861	W H Renaud Esqr / Care John J Adams & Co / N Orleans / La.	009*
24 Jun 1861	Mrs Marianne R. Sanford / Milledgeville / Georgia	022*
25 Jun 1861	Duncan G. Campbell Esqr / Warrenton / Box No 3260 [LO] / Fauquier County / New Orleans [LO] / Louisiana [LO] Va.	012*
22 Jul 1861	Mrs James Barron Hope / Warrenton / N. C.	013*
6 Aug 1861	Miss Jennie Robinson / Newnan / Georgia	014*

* Indicates a color image

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>CN</u>
17 Aug 1861	Mrs R. B. Nisbet / Eatonton / Geo	015*
27 Aug 1861	Miss Sallie Bagby / Covington / Georgia	016*
21 Oct 1861	Miss Fannie C McDowell / Erin / Ga.	017
PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 PAID (integral rate) revalued 5 (Type B), blue -- Type Da		
2 Jul 1861	Hon. A. H. Stephens V. P / [Richmond, VA]	007*
FORWARDED, blue -- Type F		
8 Dec 1861	Mr W. H. Gregory / Care of Col Williams / Co B 2nd Reg't N. C. Volunteers [sic] / Norfolk / Portsmouth / Va.	018*
FREE, blue -- Type G		
8 Dec 1861	Mr W. H. Gregory / Care of Col Williams / Co B 2nd Reg't N. C. Volunteers [sic] / Norfolk / Portsmouth / Va.	018A*

* Indicates a color image

Last Name Index of Portsmouth, Virginia, Stampless Covers

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Typ</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>CN</u>
27 Aug 1861	D	Bagby	Miss Sallie Bagby / Covington / Georgia	016*
23 Aug 1861	B	Barron	Flag Officer S. Barron / Comdg Coast Naval Defences [sic] / Va. & North Carolina / Newbern / N. C.	004*
12 Oct 1861	B	Birdsong	Miss Rebecca H Birdsong / Petersburg / Va.	020*
28 Oct 1861	B	Bradburn	Sarah M. Bradburn / Newton / No. Ca.	006*
25 Jun 1861	D	Campbell	Duncan G. Campbell Esqr / Warrenton / Box No 3260 [LO] / Fauquier County / New Orleans [LO] / Louisiana [LO] Va.	012*
15 Oct 1861	B	Gordon	Mrs Charles Gordon / Salisbury Rowan Co. / North Carolina	021*
3 Sep 1861	B	Green	John A. Green / Carolina City [LO] / Goldsboro / N. C.	005*
8 Dec 1861	G	Gregory	Mr W. H. Gregory / Care of Col Williams / Co B 2nd Reg't N. C. Volenteers [sic] / Norfolk / Portsmouth / Va.	018A*
8 Dec 1861	F	Gregory	Mr W. H. Gregory / Care of Col Williams / Co B 2nd Reg't N. C. Volenteers [sic] / Norfolk / Portsmouth / Va.	018*
22 Jul 1861	D	Hope	Mrs James Barron Hope / Warrenton / N. C.	013*
21 Oct 1861	D	McDowell	Miss Fannie C McDowell / Erin / Ga.	017
17 Jun 1861	C	Mitchell	W. D. Mitchell Esqr / Athens / Geo.	008*
No Date	X	Morfit	Asst. Surgern [sic] Chas M Morfit / C. S. Navy / Portsmouth / Virginia	023*
1- Jul 1861	A	Myers	G. A. Myers Esqr / Richmond	019*
17 Aug 1861	D	Nisbet	Mrs R. B. Nisbet / Eatonton / Geo	015*
26 Jul 1861	B	Parsons	Mr William Parsons / Col Pryors redament [Regiment] / Camp Cook days Nick / Isle of White County / in care of The Adgutent [Adjutant]	003*
3 Jun 1861	D	Renaud	W H Renaud Esqr / Care / Mess Jno J Adams & Co / N Orleans / La.	010*

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<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Typ</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>CN</u>
1- Jun 1861	D	Renaud	W H Renaud Esqr / Care John J Adams & Co / N Orleans / La.	009*
15 Jul 1861	A	Rice	Mr Rice / Freight Agent / South Side Depot / Farmsville / Va	002*
6 Aug 1861	D	Robinson	Miss Jennie Robinson / Newnan / Georgia	014*
24 Jun 1861	D	Sanford	Mrs Marianne R. Sanford / Milledgeville / Georgia	022*
2 Jul 1861	Da	Stephens	Hon. A. H. Stephens V. P / [Richmond, VA]	007*
27 Jun 1861	A	Supt	Supt Eastern Lunatic --- / Williamsburg / ---	001*
4 Jun 1861	D	Williams	Mrs Peter J. Williams / Milledgeville / Ga	011*

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Full Census of Portsmouth, Virginia, Stampless Covers

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PAID [no rate], blue -- Type X

No Date

Pmk:

Add: Asst. Surgern [sic] Chas M Morfit / C. S. Navy /
Portsmouth / Virginia

Cmt: Drop letter.

Prv: None recorded.

Ref: MKA-25Jan2025(5005)-160* [023]

Img: Courtesy Matt Kewriga Auctions



PAID (large) + 5, blue -- Type A

27 Jun 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD

Add: Supt Eastern Lunatic --- / Williamsburg / ---

Cmt: US 1c postal stationery envelope. Partial image of
full cover.

Prv: Corwin

Ref: RAS-9Jun1998(801)-329; MB-27Jun2002(249)-
1047* [001]

Img: Matthew Bennett Auctions



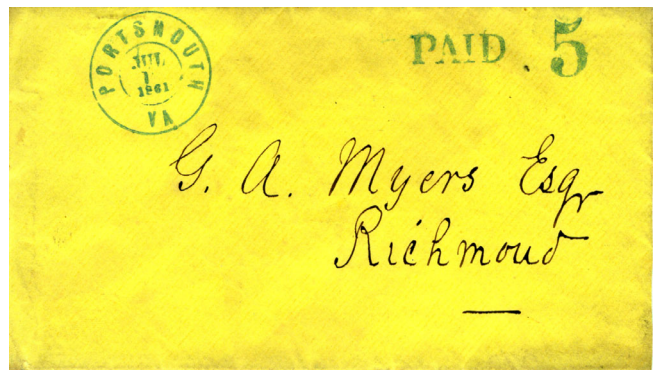
15 Jul 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD
Add: Mr Rice / Freight Agent / South Side Depot /
Farmsville / Va
Cmt: None.
Prv: None recorded.
Ref: SR-25Apr2019(85)-1977* [002]
Img: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions



1- Jul 1861

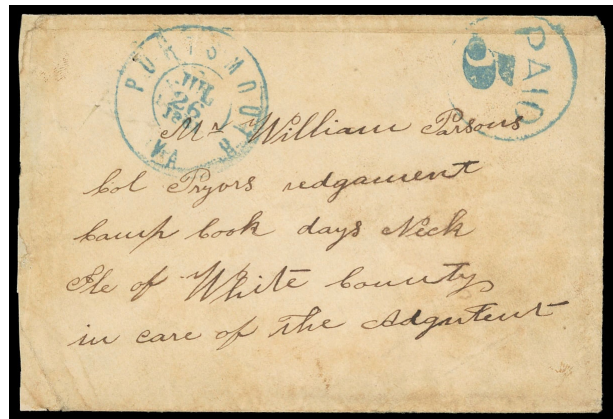
Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD
Add: G. A. Myers Esqr / Richmond
Cmt: None.
Prv: None recorded.
Ref: Private* [019]
Img: Private Collection



PAID (in arc) / 5 (all in circle), blue) -- Type B

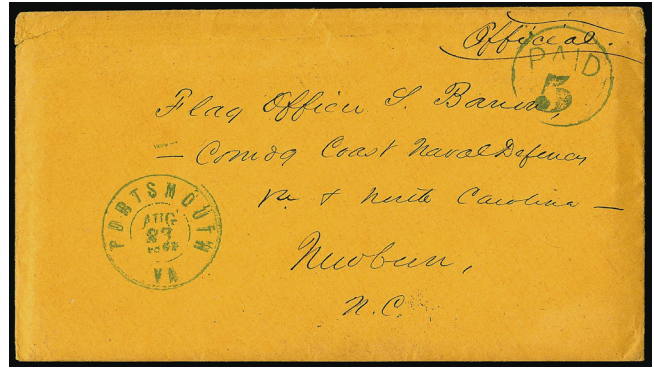
26 Jul 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD
Add: Mr William Parsons / Col Pryors redament
[Regiment] / Camp Cook days Nick / Isle of White
County / in care of The Adgutent [Adjutant]
Cmt: None.
Prv: None recorded.
Ref: MKA-25Jan2025(5005)-158* [003]
Img: Courtesy Matt Kewriga Auctions



23 Aug 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD
Add: Flag Officer S. Barron / Comdg Coast Naval
Defences [sic] / Va. & North Carolina / Newbern /
N. C.
Cmt: "Official" docket UR.
Prv: None recorded.
Ref: 9Dec2009(980)-2846* [004]
Img: Courtesy Robert A Siegel Auctions



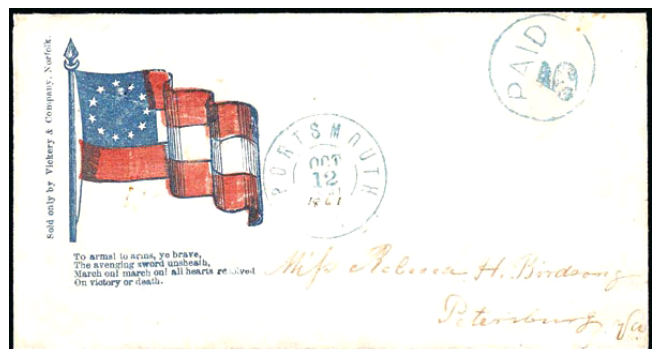
3 Sep 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD
Add: John A. Green / Carolina City [LO] / Goldsboro / N.
C.
Cmt: Patriotic flag envelope (Type F11-27). Forwarded
from Carolina City with manuscript "Forwarded"
and "due 5."
Prv: Kilbourne
Ref: CPS-91; RAS-24Oct2018(1190)-1619* [005]
Img: Courtesy Robert A Siegel Auctions



12 Oct 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD
Add: Miss Rebecca H Birdsong / Petersburg / Va.
Cmt: Patriotic flag envelope (Type F11-5).
Prv: None recorded.
Ref: Private* [020]
Img: Private Collection



15 Oct 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD

Add: Mrs Charles Gordon / Salisbury Rowan Co. / North Carolina

Cmt: None.

Prv: None recorded.

Ref: Private* [021]

Img: Private Collection



28 Oct 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD

Add: Sarah M. Bradburn / Newton / No. Ca.

Cmt: None.

Prv: None recorded.

Ref: Private* [006]

Img: Private Collection



PAID + 10, blue -- Type C

17 Jun 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD

Add: W. D. Mitchell Esqr / Athens / Geo.

Cmt: None.

Prv: None recorded.

Ref: MKA-25Jan2025(5005)-159* [008]

Img: Courtesy Matt Kewriga Auctions



PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 PAID (integral rate), blue -- Type D

3 Jun 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 Paid." (integral rate)
Add: W H Renaud Esqr / Care / Mess Jno J Adams & Co
 / N Orleans / La.
Cmt: None.
Prv: Skinner
Ref: RAS-15Nov2000(832)-3039* [010]
Img: Courtesy Robert A Siegel Auctions



4 Jun 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 Paid." (integral rate)
Add: Mrs Peter J. Williams / Milledgeville / Ga
Cmt: Corner card of Newton's Atlantic Hotel, Norfolk, UL.
Prv: None recorded.
Ref: FPM- 23467* [011]
Img: Frajola PhilaMercury Website



1- Jun 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 Paid." (integral rate)
Add: W H Renaud Esqr / Care John J Adams & Co / N Orleans / La.
Cmt: US 3c star die envelope. Pencil "10" UC probably applied by postal clerk.
Prv: Skinner
Ref: CWPAS-04039*; RAS-15Nov2000(832)-3038* [009]
Img: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service



24 Jun 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 Paid." (integral rate)
Add: Mrs Marianne R. Sanford / Milledgeville / Georgia
Cmt: None.
Prv: None recorded.
Ref: Private* [022]
Img: Private Collection



25 Jun 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 Paid." (integral rate)
Add: Duncan G. Campbell Esqr / Warrenton / Box No 3260 [LO] / Fauquier County / New Orleans [LO] / Louisiana [LO] Va.
Cmt: Cover forwarded from New Orleans with pair 5c provisionals tied by New Orleans postmark dated 17 Sep [1861]. "Forwarded with best wishes / by Capt Hunter / C. S. Navy" docket LL-LC.
Prv: None recorded.
Ref: RAS-23Apr1982(596)-61*; SR-14Dec2017(77)-1175* [012]
Img: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions



22 Jul 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 Paid." (integral rate)
Add: Mrs James Barron Hope / Warrenton / N. C.
Cmt: None.
Prv: Hall
Ref: RAS-16Dec2001(840)-23*; SR-8Dec2014(58)-1786* [013]
Img: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions



6 Aug 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 Paid." (integral rate)

Add: Miss Jennie Robinson / Newnan / Georgia

Cmt: Manuscript "Pd 10" UR probably applied by postal clerk.

Prv: None recorded.

Ref: Private* [014]

Img:



17 Aug 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 Paid." (integral rate)

Add: Mrs R. B. Nisbet / Eatonton / Geo

Cmt: None.

Prv: None recorded.

Ref: RAS-7Dec2024(9014)-10071* [015]

Img: Courtesy Robert A Siegel Auctions



27 Aug 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 Paid." (integral rate)

Add: Miss Sallie Bagby / Covington / Georgia

Cmt: Tent and flag patriotic flag envelope (Type TF-1). Manuscript "Paid" UR probably applied by postal clerk.

Prv: None recorded.

Ref: SR-14Dec2017(77)-1597* [016]

Img: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions



21 Oct 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 Paid." (integral rate)

Add: Miss Fannie C McDowell / Erin / Ga.

Cmt: None.

Prv: Agre

Ref: RAS-25Sep2002(850)-5626 [017]

Img: Courtesy Robert A Siegel Auctions



PORTSMOUTH Va. / 10 PAID (integral rate) revalued 5 (Type B), blue -- Type Da

2 Jul 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD

Add: Hon. A. H. Stephens V. P / [Richmond, VA]

Cmt: Hand drawn corner card of Camp Gwynn, Portsmouth UL. The integral rate postmark was apparently applied in error. This was corrected by postmarking over the integral rate marking and applying the PAID / 5 marking.

Prv: Gravely

Ref: SIA-1Oct1982(82-3)-187* [007]

Img: Steve Ivy Auctions



FORWARDED, blue -- Type F

8 Dec 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD
Add: Mr W. H. Gregory / Care of Col Williams / Co B
2nd Reg't N. C. Volunteers [sic] / Norfolk /
Portsmouth / Va.
Cmt: Five green (#1) pen canceled UR and Oxford, NC
postmark UL on cover to Portsmouth. Forwarded
from Portsmouth with "FORWARDED" and "FREE"
markings.
Prv: None recorded.
Ref: RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2977* [018]
Img: Courtesy Robert A Siegel Auctions



FREE, blue -- Type G

8 Dec 1861

Pmk: Blue "PORTSMOUTH / VA" DC YD
Add: Mr W. H. Gregory / Care of Col Williams / Co B
2nd Reg't N. C. Volunteers [sic] / Norfolk /
Portsmouth / Va.
Cmt: Five green (#1) pen canceled UR and Oxford, NC
postmark UL on cover to Portsmouth. Forwarded
from Portsmouth with "FREE" and "FORWARDED"
markings.
Prv: None recorded.
Ref: RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2977* [018A]
Img: Courtesy Robert A Siegel Auctions

