

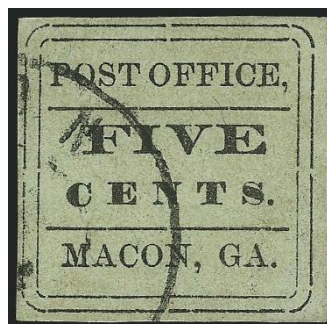
Census of Macon, Georgia, Large 5c Postmaster's Provisionals

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Adhesives



MAC-GA-A04
Period after OFFICE



MAC-GA-A04a
Comma after OFFICE

The Large 5c Macon Provisionals

The Macon large 5c provisionals were typeset and printed on blue-green and gray-green paper. The printing form is believed to be composed of six or ten subjects. Some have speculated that there was more than one plate (see "References").

The large 5c Macon provisionals were printed on wove paper. However, some believe that it was also printed on laid paper (see Notes for Collectors). All items in the census are considered on wove paper.

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

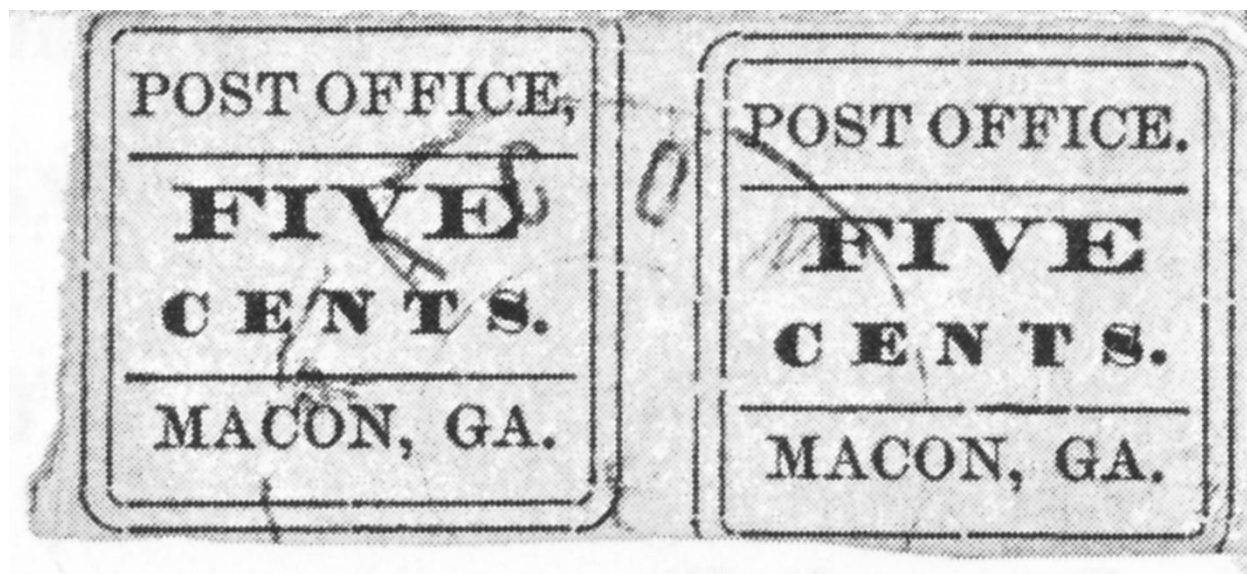
Description and Count

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c black w/period after office	MAC-GA-A04	53X1	20
5c black w/comma after office	MAC-GA-A04a	53X1	14
5c black pair	MAC-GA-A04b		1

Notes for the Collector

The Large 5c Macon Provisional on Laid Paper

Both the CSA Catalog and the Scott Catalog list the large 5c provisional on laid paper on cover. However, only three examples were found in the process of compiling this census. One is the pair illustrated below (CN-033). The description of the pair in the Caspary sale (H R Harmer Sale 989) makes no mention of laid paper. In the Carroll sale (Siegel sale 667) and in Siegel sale 618 the descriptions state it is on laid paper. However, a number of years later both are described as on wove paper (Siegel sales 1022 and 1257). All are listed as on wove paper in this census.



No Postmark

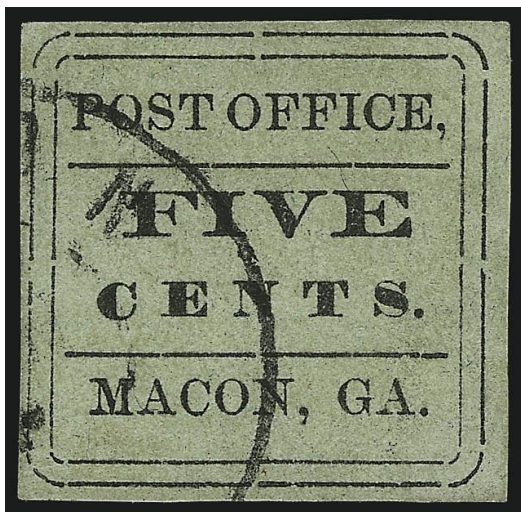
Very few Macon provisional covers lack a postmark of some sort. One is illustrated on the next page. The stamp on the cover is genuine and the Philatelic Foundation authenticated it as a "genuine usage" (certificate 501882). This cover is included in the census.



Uncancelled large 5c Macon provisional on cover with no postmark (CN-018). HRH-5May2016(3009)-1834

Fakes

The best fakes of the Macon large 5c provisional are attributed to James A. Petrie. On the next page are illustrations of an authentic provisional (left) and the Petrie fake (right). The stamps illustrated are the comma variety, but the same characteristics are true of the period variety.



Authentic



Fake

There are two major characteristics that distinguish the fake from the authentic.

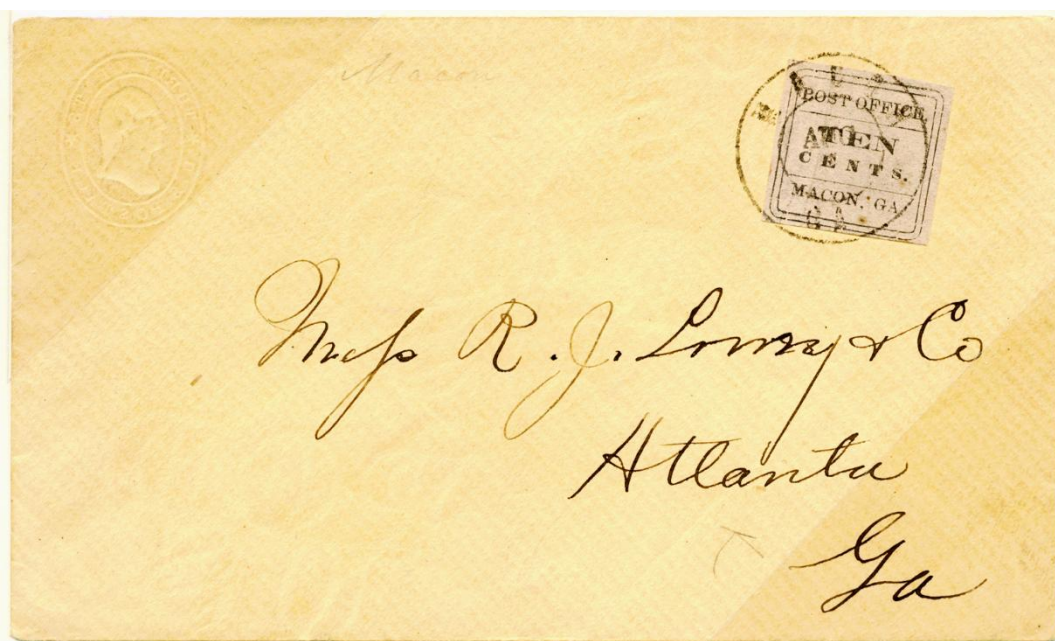
- 1) The inner borders at top and bottom are much thicker on the fake than the authentic. This is the primary way to tell one from the other.
- 2) The font used for "CENTS" is smaller on the fake than the authentic. This is best seen when examples of both are compared together. The "C" of "CENTS." on the authentic is much thicker.

On the next page are examples of a fake 5c pair used on cover and a bogus 10c used on cover, both attributed to Petrie. The inner borders on the 10c stamp are a significant improvement over the same borders on the 5c stamp.

The postmarks are particularly good and were possibly struck with the actual Macon postmark. The faker used turned US 3c star die envelopes for the covers.



Pair of fake 5c stamps on cover cancelled by the Macon postmark dated "SEP 1." The inside use is postmarked New York Mar 18, 1861, addressed to Mr. H. R. Jewett, Macon, Ga. From the Freeland Collection, courtesy of the Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service.



A bogus 10c Macon provisional cancelled by Macon postmark dated "AUG." The inside use is postmarked New York Feb?, 11, 1861, addressed to Mr. H. R. Jewett, Macon, Ga. From the Freeland Collection, courtesy of the Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service

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Powell, Peter W. W.. "The Four-Line Macon, Georgia Postmaster's Provisional Stamp." *Confederate Philatelist* 45:5 (September-October 2000): 184-190

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Full Census Macon, GA, Stampless Covers

Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, period after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04 (53X1)

18 Sep [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Green corner card of Wesleyan Female College.

Address: Mrs James Shackelford / Cedar Spring / Early County / Ga.

Provenance: Nunnelley

References: RAS-28Oct1997(795)-370*; RAS-27Jun2024(1326)-4252* [001]

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



No Postmark

Postmark: "MACON GEO"

Notes: None.

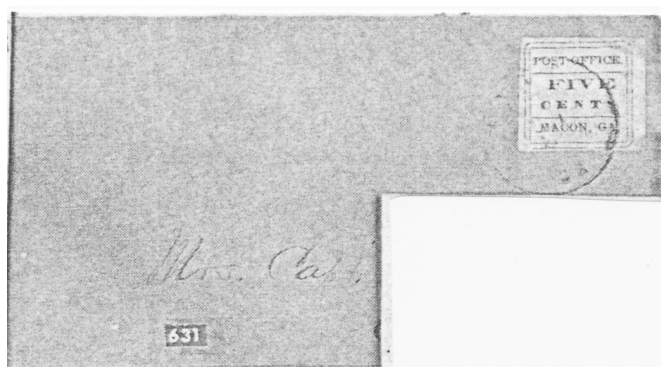
Address: Mrs. Ca[rl W. Long, Cuthbert, Ga.]

Provenance: Moody

References: HRH-27Nov1950(621)-64; HRC-11Sep1963-631; [019]

Cert: None

Image: Harmer Rooke & Co Auctions (New York)



15 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON GEO"

Notes: None.

Address: Mr. J. E. Hagood / Pickens C. H. / S. C.

Provenance: Wishnietsky

References: RAS-24Apr1982(596)-34; RAS-26Feb2014(1064)-70* [002]

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, period after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04 (53X1)

-- [Oct 1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON GEO"

Notes: Cover forwarded from Knoxville, GA, to Culloden, GA, with manuscript "Forwarded 5c."

Address: Saml Rutherford Esq / Knoxville [LO] / Crawford Co [LO]/ Culloden / Ga

Provenance: Weill Brothers

References: RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2156*; RAS-5Nov2025(1384)-1106* [010]

Cert: PF-618156*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



4 Nov [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Green corner card of Wesleyan Female College.

Address: Mrs. James Shackelford / Cedar Springs / Early County / Ga.

Provenance: Brown, Wickersham

References: RL-14May1940(47)-46; SR-25Apr2009(34)-2665* [004]

Cert: None

Image: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions



7 Nov [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Lined folded letter.

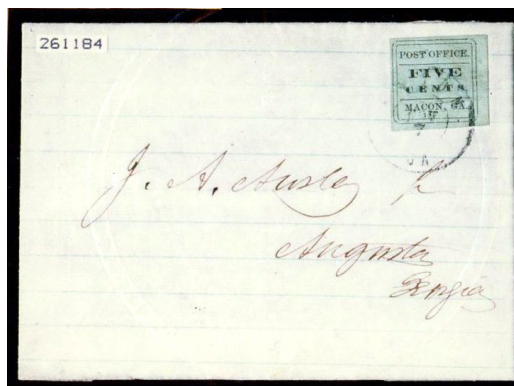
Address: J. A. Ansley Jr / Augusta / Georgia

Provenance: Agre

References: RAS-25Sep2002(850)-5737* [005]

Cert: CWPAS-04332*; PF-261184*

Image: Philatelic Foundation



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, period after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04 (53X1)

11 Nov [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Green corner card of Wesleyan Female College.

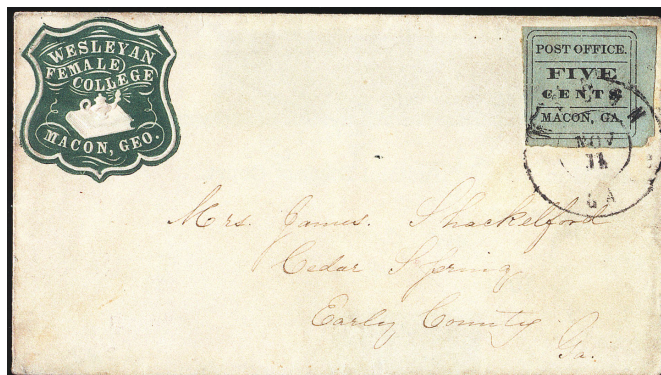
Address: Mrs. James Shackelford / Cedar Spring / Early County / Ga.

Provenance: Myerson, Corwin

References: AHA-27Jun1998(4)-176*; MB-27Jun2002(249)-1077* [006]

Cert: None

Image: Matthew Bennett Auctions



12 Nov [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Forwarded from Augusta to Crawfordville with manuscript "Ford 5c" marking.

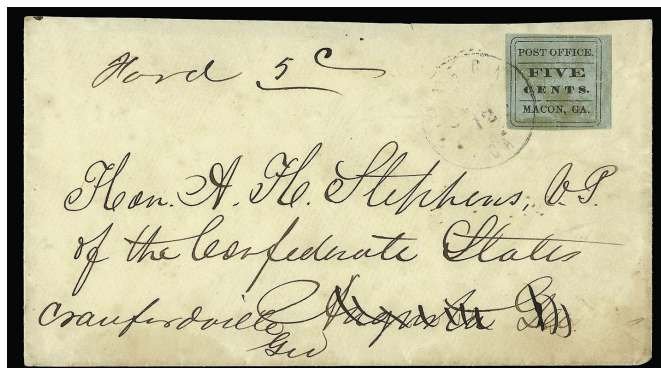
Address: Hon. A. H. Stephens, V. P. / of the Confederate States / Augusta Ga [LO] / Crawfordville / Geo

Provenance: Caspary, Kilbourne

References: HRH-5Mar1956(989)-197; RAS-28Sep1999(815)-64* [007]

Cert: PF-455725*

Image: Philatelic Foundation



13 Nov [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Green corner card of "Lanier House."

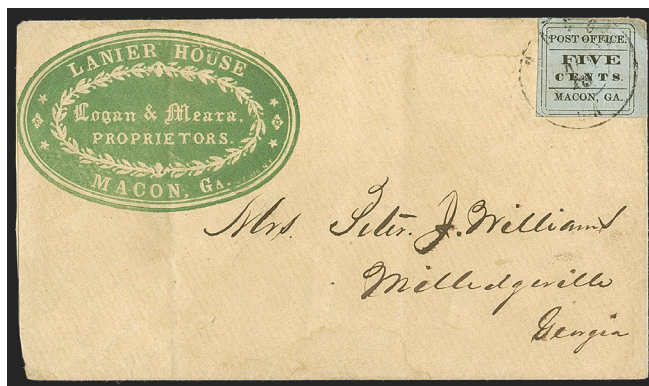
Address: Mrs. Peter. J. Williams / Milledgeville / Georgia

Provenance: Caspary, Dr. Green; "DK"

References: RAS-28Mar2012(1022)-1041*; RAS-26Mar2026(1373)-3269* [008]

Cert: PF-503936*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, period after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04 (53X1)

-- Nov [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: None.

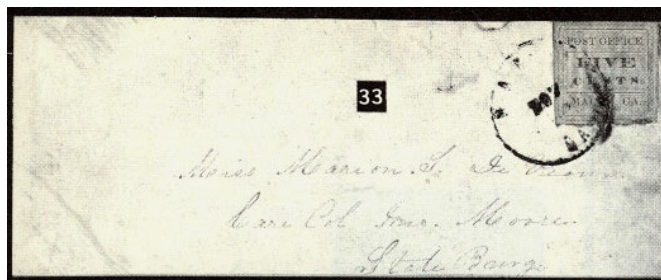
Address: Miss Marion S. V[inn] / Care Col Jno.
Moore / State Barg [Stateburg] / [S. C.]

Provenance: Weill Brothers

References: RAS-14Apr1984(632)-33*; CHR-
13Oct1989-1155 [009]

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



1 Jan [1862]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Cover restored.

Address: G. W. Gordon / Columbia, Tenn

Provenance: Krieger

References: RGK-15Jul1981(16)-70; RAS-
16Mar2006(907)-2674* [011]

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



1- [Apr 1862]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Folded letter.

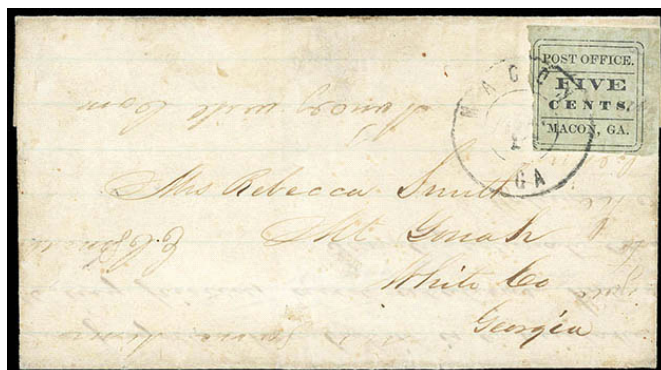
Address: Mrs Rebecca Smith / Mt Yonah / White
Co / Georgia

Provenance: None recorded

References: RAS-11Sep1976(497)-634; SR-
26Apr2018(78)-2041* [012]

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, period after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04 (53X1)

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Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Right sheet margin copy.

Address: Mrs Lamar Cobb / Athens / Georgia

Provenance: Caspary, Weatherly, Haas, "Old Oak,"
"Tara"

References: CRL-19Mar1986-1018; RAS-
24Jun2015(1104)-2155* [013]

Cert: PF-529252*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



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Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Sheet margin at right.

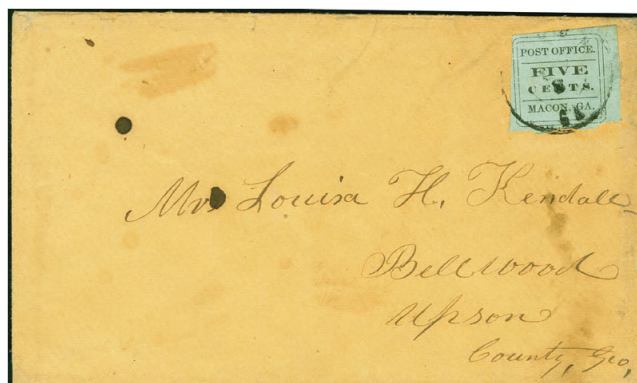
Address: Mrs Louisa H. Kendall / Bellwood / Upson
/ County, Geo.

Provenance: Haub

References: HRH-24Jun2022(3060-7)-110* [034]

Cert: PF-585848*

Image: H R Harmer Auctions



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Postmark: "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: None.

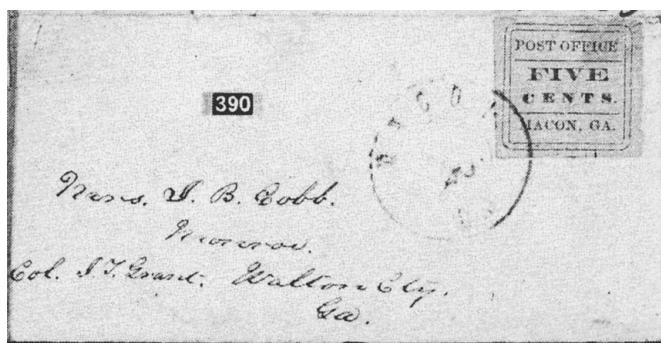
Address: Mrs. J. B. Cobb. / Monroe. / Walton Cty. /
Ga.

Provenance: Meroni

References: HRC-4Jun1958-390; JAF-20Mar1961(258)-
73 [014]

Cert: None

Image: Harmer Rooke & Co Auctions (New York)



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, period after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04 (53X1)

21 --- [186-]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: None.

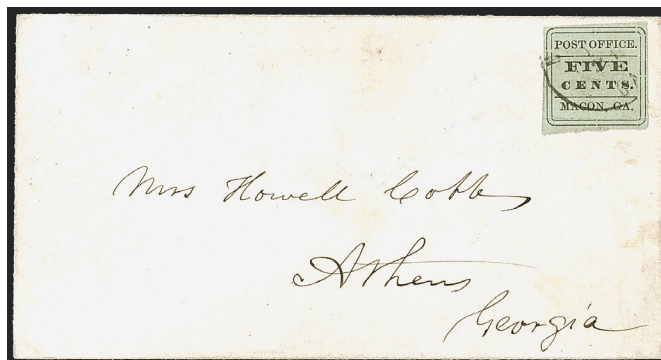
Address: Mrs Howell Cobb / Athens / Georgia

Provenance: Walker

References: RAS-6Mar2001(834)-1030; RAS-9Jun2022(1257)-2562* [016]

Cert: PF-236379*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



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Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: None.

Address: Mrs. John B. Cobb, / Athens, / Georgia.

Provenance: Hessel

References: HRH-21Oct1975(2291)-203 [015]

Cert: PF-496866*

Image: Philatelic Foundation



No Postmark

Postmark: Black "MACON GEO. // PAID / 5" marking

Notes: None.

Address: Hon P. E. Love / Thomasville / Geo

Provenance: Caspary, Muzzy, Haub

References: HRH-21Apr1967(1764)-2045; HRH-17Jan2023()-101* [017]

Cert: None

Image: H R Harmer Auctions



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, period after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04 (53X1)

No postmark

Postmark: No postmark

Notes: Right sheet margin copy.

Address: Lieut. Robert D. Minor. / C. S. Navy /
Charleston / South Carolina

Provenance: None recorded

References: HRH-13Oct2016(3012)-1934* [018]

Cert: PF-501882*

Image: H R Harmer Auctions



No Date

Postmark: Black "MACON GEO"

Notes: Red corner card of Wesleyan Female College.

Address: Mrs C. J. Munnerlyn / Bainbridge /
Decatur County / Georgia

Provenance: None recorded.

References: DFK-15Nov2022 (035)-1207* [035]

Cert: None

Image: Daniel F Kelleher Auctions



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, comma after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04a (53X1)

2 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Blue corner card of N. Weed, Hardware.

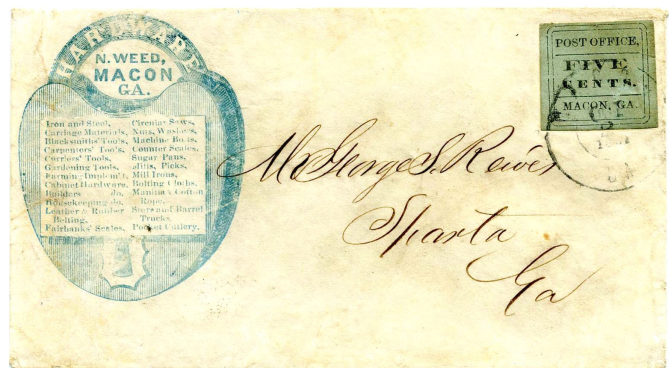
Address: Mr George S. Reives / Sparta / Ga

Provenance: Przybyl

References: TK-16718*; RAS-9Nov2021(1244)-534*
[020]

Cert: None

Image: Patricia A. Kaufmann



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, comma after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04a (53X1)

15 Oct [1861]

Postmark: "MACON GEO"

Notes: Partial image of cover.

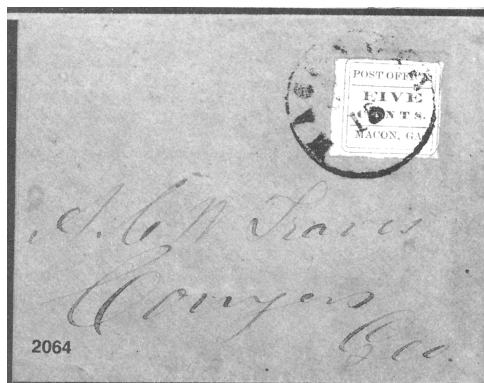
Address: --- A. C. W Travis / Conyers / Geo

Provenance: MacBride, Carnahan

References: JAF-20Oct1953(103)-51; SPB-9Mar1978-2064 [021]

Cert: None

Image: Sotheby Parke Bernet Auctions



28 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Red corner card of Wesleyan Female College. Cover trimmed at left.

Address: Mrs. James Shackelford / Cedar Spring / Early County / Ga.

Provenance: Brandon

References: RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-285*; RAS-31May2016(1129)-498* [003]

Cert: PF-537443*

Image: Philatelic Foundation



18 Nov [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Left sheet margin copy.

Address: Mrs C J. Munnerlyn / Bainbridge / Decatur County / Ga.

Provenance: None recorded

References: HRH-5May2016(3009)-1933* [022]

Cert: CWPAS-04678*

Image: H R Harmer Auctions



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, comma after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04a (53X1)

21 Nov [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: None.

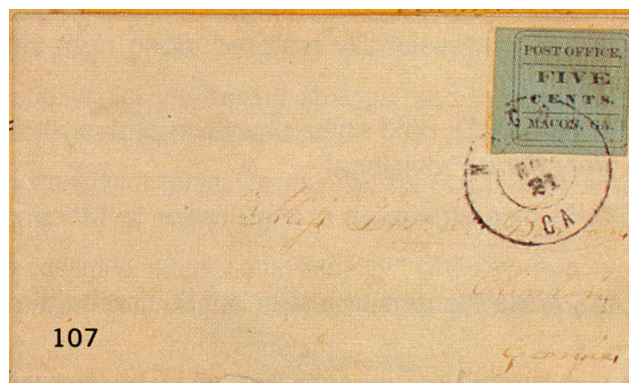
Address: Miss Lizzie Barron / Clinton / Georgia

Provenance: Caspary, Hill, Solomon, Telep

References: JWK-1Dec1987(133)-36; RGK-3Mar1990(64)-107* [023]

Cert: None

Image: Robert G Kaufmann Auctions



23 Dec [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Corner card of Wesleyan Female College.

Address: John Chapman / Jeffersonville / Ga

Provenance: Meroni, Clovis

References: RAS-25Sep2019(1208)-109* [024]

Cert: CWPAS-04406*; PF-237889*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



24 Dec [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Corner card of Carhart & Curd, Hardware.

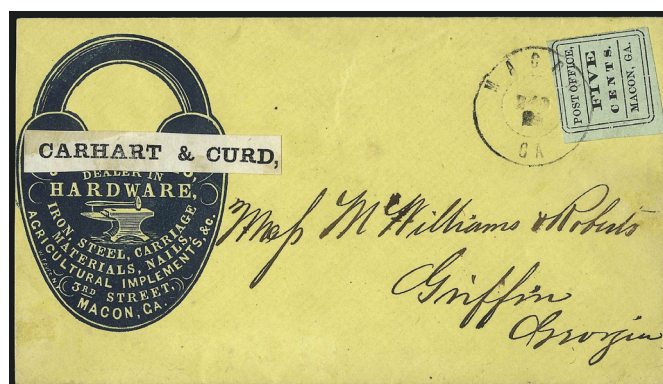
Address: Mess McWilliams & Roberts / Griffin / Georgia

Provenance: Hind, Kimmel, Sharrer

References: SR-25Apr2009(34)-2664*; RAS-(1035)10Dec2012-41* [025]

Cert: PF-477240*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, comma after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04a (53X1)

30 Dec [1861]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Provisional shows parts of adjacent stamps at top, right, and bottom.

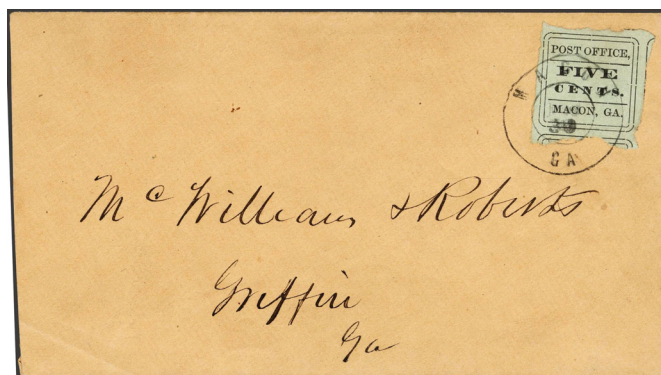
Address: McWilliams & Roberts / Griffin / Ga

Provenance: Wickersham, Kilbourne, Haub

References: RAS-28Sep1999(815)-65*; HRH-24Jun2021(3040-5)-70* [026]

Cert: None

Image: H R Harmer Auctions



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Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Comma descender barely visible. Overall advertising cover of H. N. Ellis & Co.

Address: Mr David Kiddoo / Cuthbert / Geo

Provenance: None recorded

References: Private*; HRH-23Jun1981-1013; RGK-13Jul1983(29)-1098 [027]

Cert: None

Image: Private collection



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Postmark: "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: None.

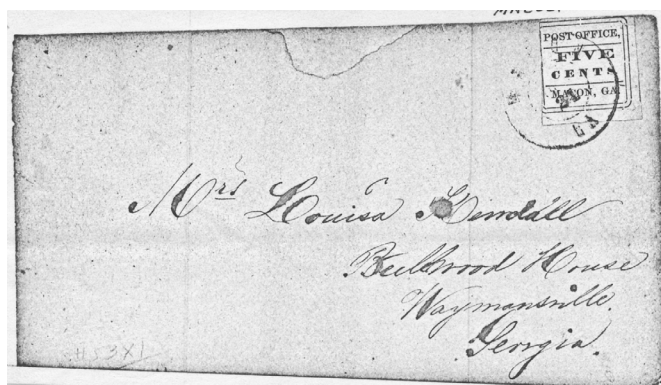
Address: Mrs Louisa Kendall / Bullwood House / Waymansville / Georgia.

Provenance: None recorded

References: Private [028]

Cert: None

Image: Private collection



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, comma after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04a (53X1)

24 --- [186-]

Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: None.

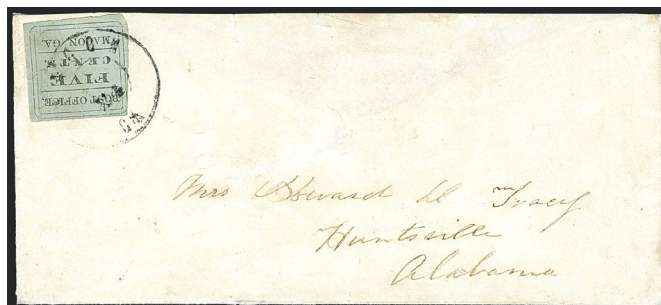
Address: Mrs Howard D Tracy / Huntsville / Alabama

Provenance: Everett

References: RAS-16Mar2006(907)-2674*; RAS-5May2016(1125)-935* [029]

Cert: CWPAS-05389*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



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Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: None.

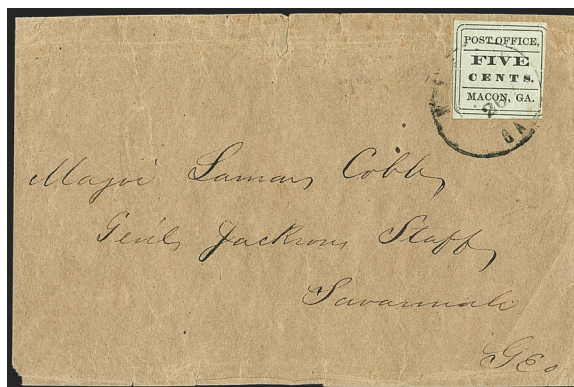
Address: Major Lamar Cobb / Gen'l Jacksons Staff / Savannah / Geo

Provenance: "Beverly Hills"

References: RAS-3Mar2017(1151)-1585* [030]

Cert: CWPAS-01028

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



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Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: Cover over written post use.

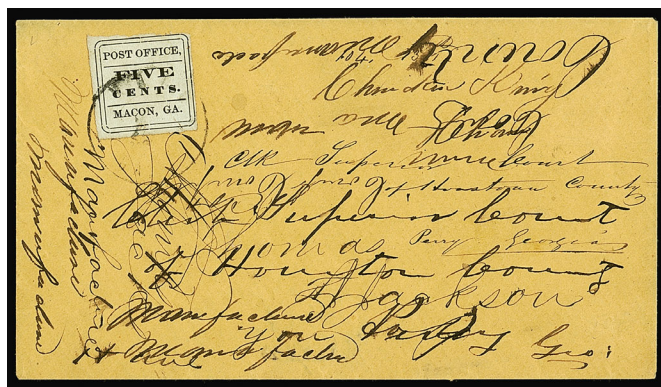
Address: Clerk Superior Court / of Houston County / Perry / Geo.

Provenance: Mueller

References: MB-13Sep2012(346)-971*; RAS-26Mar2026(1373)-3270* [031]

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, comma after "OFFICE" -- MAC-GA-A04a (53X1)

No Postmark

Postmark: Black "MACON GEO. // PAID / 5" marking

Notes: Red corner card of Wesleyan Female College.

Address: Mrs. James Shackelford / Cedar Spring / Early County / Georgia

Provenance: Hughes

References: SR-22Apr2010(37)-1403* [032]

Cert: CWPAS-05082*

Image: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions



Macon, GA -- 5c black on blue-green/gray-green, pair -- MAC-GA-A04b

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Postmark: Black "MACON / GA" (DC)

Notes: None.

Address: --- Howell Cobb / --- Regt Georgia Vol / "Camp Lamar" / Yorktown / Virginia

Provenance: Caspary, Carroll

References: HRH-5Mar1956(989)-20; RAS-23Apr1983(618)-320* [033]

Cert: PF-163793*

Image: Philatelic Foundation

