

Census of Clarksville, Texas, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Marking



CLA-TX-E01

Clarksville Provisional

The Clarksville provisional was prepared by handstamping envelopes with a circled "PAID / 10" marking.

This same marking was used on stampless envelopes. **It is a provisional only when unused, postally used from another town, or under a postally used general issue.**

Is this marking a provisional? (see "Notes for the Collector").

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

Count and Description

Provisional	CSA Cat No	Scott Cat No	Covers
5c black	CLA-TX-E01		1

Notes for the Collector

A Provisional?

The Clarksville circled "PAID / 10" marking first appeared as a provisional in the 1945 edition of the Dietz Catalog. The following note appears under Clarksville, Texas in the "Historical Data" section of the catalog: "A cover has been submitted with this 10c handstamp covered by a pair of Local Prints De La Rue Five Cents and postmarked Clarksville, Tex. The Paid was unused." The cover described by Dietz is undoubtedly the one in this census.

The Clarksville circled "PAID / 10" marking was previously listed in the Scott Catalog as a provisional (91XU1), perhaps based of the Dietz listing. Sometime after 1966 the listing was dropped. No reason for this action was found.

The only known example of the marking is under the postally used pair of 5c stamps. Only the Clarksville postmark tying the pair of stamps ties the marking to Clarksville.

Reference

- Dietz Augusts, ed. *Dietz Catalog & Handbook (Specialized) of the Postage Stamps and Envelopes of the Confederate States of America* 1945 Edition (Richmond, VA: Dietz Press, 1945), 91, 112.
- Kaufmann, Patricia, Francis J. Crown, Jr., and Jerry S. Palazolo, eds. *Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook of Stamps and Postal History* (n.p.: Confederate Stamp Alliance, 2012), 185.
- MacBride, Van Dyk, "Confederate Stamps – on Provisional Covers, *Stamp Specialist* Green(1943): 81-90.

Full Census Clarksville, TX, Provisional Covers

Clarksville, TX -- 5c black -- CLA-TX-E01

18 Jun [1863]

Postmark: "CLARKSVILLE / Tex"

Notes: Pair of 5c blue typographs tied by postmark over provisional.

Address: Saml F. Mosley Esqr / Jefferson / Texas

Provenance: None recorded

References: STSP-Green (1943)-85

Cert: None recorded.

Image: The Stamp Specialist (a series) [001]

