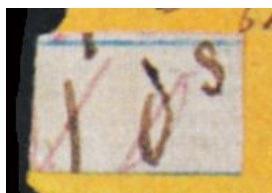


Census of Plum Creek, Texas, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Adhesives



A01



A02

The Plum Creek provisional adhesives

The Plum Creek provisionals were prepared by writing “10” on lined white and blue paper. The “10” marking was cut from a sheet and used as a postage stamp. The stamps were cut as rectangles and parallelograms.

No mention of Plum Creek was found prior to the 20th century. Instead of being chronicled in the philatelic press an example was first listed and illustrated in the auction catalog of the Caspary collection of Confederate provisionals (H R Harmer sale 5-7 March 1956). However, the provisional had been known for some time but never listed in a catalog (See Weatherly in “References”).

One of the Plum Creek covers is dated 1864. The other does not bear a year date but is assumed to have been used in 1864. At this time, many Texas towns were without postage stamps due to the transportation lines across the Mississippi River being cut by Federal forces. This resulted in postmasters resorting to the use of provisional stamps.

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 on white	PLU-TX-A01		1
5c black on bluish	PLU-TX-A02	141X1	1

Notes for the Collector

References

Deaton, Charles W., *The Great Texas Stamp Collection* (Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2012).

Weatherlee [Weatherly], Andrew Earl, "Postmasters' Provisional Seminar," *Confederate Stamp Album* 4:2 (February 1959): 7.

Full Census Plum Creek, TX, Provisional Covers

Plum Creek, TX -- 10c black on white ruled paper, on cover -- PLU-TX-A01

9 Jul [1864]

Postmark: "Plum Creek Tx" (ms)

Notes: Black handstamp "10" of unknown origin and manuscript "Paid 10 c."

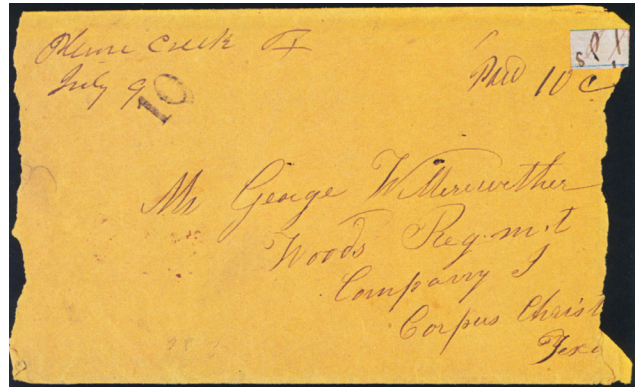
Address: Mr George W Meriwether / Woods
Regment [sic] / Company J / Corpus
Christ[i] / Texa[s]

Provenance: Beverly Hills

References: JWK-1Dec1980-362*; JWK-20Feb1986-56

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Plum Creek, TX -- 10c black on bluish ruled paper, on cover -- PLU-TX-A02 (141X1)

16 Jul 1864

Postmark: "Plum Creek" (ms)

Notes: Manuscript "Paid 10 cts" to left of stamp.

Address: Mrs Cardila Harwood / Gonsales [sic] /
Texas

Provenance: Caspary, Haub, "Magnolia"

References: HRH-10Dec2019-78*; RAS-
16Sep2026(1386)-104*

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