

Census of Fredericksburg, VA, Postmaster's Provisionals

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Adhesives



FRE-VA-A01



FRE-VA-A02

The Fredericksburg Provisionals

Both the 5-cent and 10-cent Fredericksburg provisionals were typeset and printed on thin blue paper. The printing form consisted of two horizontal rows of five subjects each. Two impressions of the printing form were made on each printed sheet.

The 10-cent stamp was prepared by changing the denomination value in each subject of the printing form. **There are no recorded 10-cent provisionals authentically used on cover.**

For plating notes see Calhoun's Provisionals of Virginia and Wickersham in references.

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 blue	FRE-VA-A01	26x1	34
5c blue pair	FRE-VA-A01a		3
5c blue under a general issue	FRE-VA-A01c		1
5c blue used with another provisional	FRE-VA-A01x		1

Notes for the Collector

Uses on Piece

The following uses on piece are not included in the census.



RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2117



HRH-5Mar1956(989)-114
Caspary

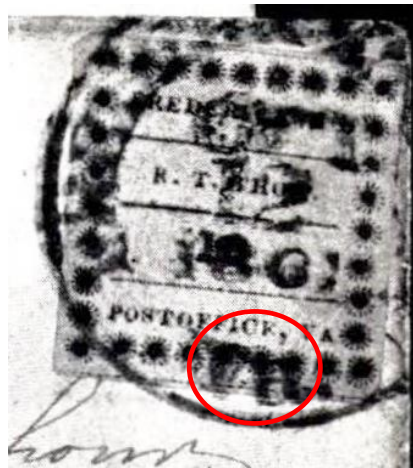


RAS-10Dec2012(1035)-26
Sharrer

Fakes

The most common Fredericksburg fakes are on covers with a fake postmark tying the provisional. The partial image of a cover below is an example. Fredericksburg did not use a postmark with a lower case "a" in the state abbreviation during the war.

A second example of this postmark used to cancel a Fredericksburg provisional on cover is in the Tapling Collection (see Sheppard in "References").



Fake postmark ties stamp to cover (HRH sale 2391, lot 177 – Hessel Collection).

The cover below has a Fredericksburg postmark with sans serif letters. Fredericksburg did not use a sans-serif postmark until 1863.



Courtesy Heritage Auctions

For more information on the Fredericksburg postmarks see Calhoun (Fredericksburg Revisited) in "References" below.

Roman Numeral Numbered Covers

A number of covers have Roman numerals at the top center. These are from the Maury correspondence and were apparently marked in the order received. Thus, they can be useful in determining the general date of a cover with an illegible postmark. For information on these covers see Bearer in References.

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Full Census Fredericksburg, VA, Provisional Covers

Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

12 Sep [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: None.

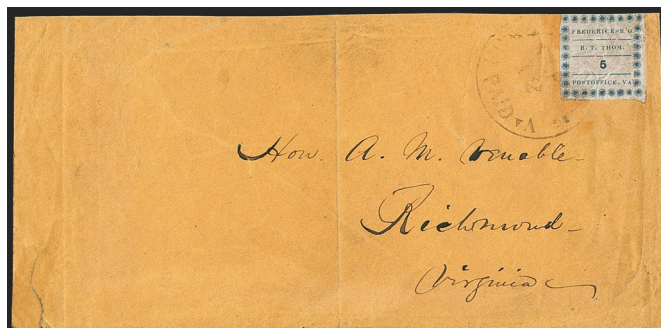
Address: Hon. A. M. Venable, / Richmond, / Virginia

Provenance: None recorded

References: SR-27Apr2013(53)-4215*; RAS-
22Jun2016(1132)-3089*

Cert: PF-37545

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [001]



12 Sep [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: On reduced cover front.

Address: Miss Belle Lindsay / Care Mr Jno Lindsay / Richmond / Va.

Provenance: Caspary, Erivan

References: HRH-5Mar1956(989)-115; HRH-
7Aug2020(3035)-67*

Cert: None

Image: H R Harmer Auctions [030]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

14 Sep [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / 5"

Notes: Month in postmark inverted.

Address: Miss Mary L. Minor / Care of Dr. Jas W.
Pendleton / Tallesville [Tolersville] /
Louisa County / [Va.]

Provenance: Crocker

References: HRCL-23Nov1938-830; SR-24Apr2014(56)-
2509*

Cert: PF-341797

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [002]



24 Sep [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / 5"

Notes: Folded letter.

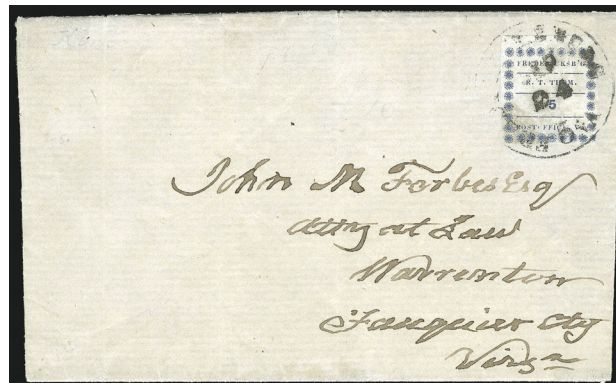
Address: John M Forbes Esq / Atty at Law /
Warrenton / Fauquier Cty / Virga.

Provenance: Caspary, Weatherly, Birkinbine, Ryterband

References: HRH-5Mar1956-116; RAS-
28Mar2012(1022)-1024*

Cert: PF-503958*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [003]



24 Sep [1861]

Postmark: Black unknown Fredericksburg postmark

Notes: Mourning cover with Roman numeral
XLIX (49).

Address: Major R. L. Maury - 24th Va. Reg. / Early's
Brigade / Manassas Junction / [Va.]

Provenance: Tara

References: RAS-20Apr1991(737)-760*; RAS-
28Sep2021(1241)-1431*

Cert: CWPAS-01381*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [004]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

29 Sep [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Mourning cover.

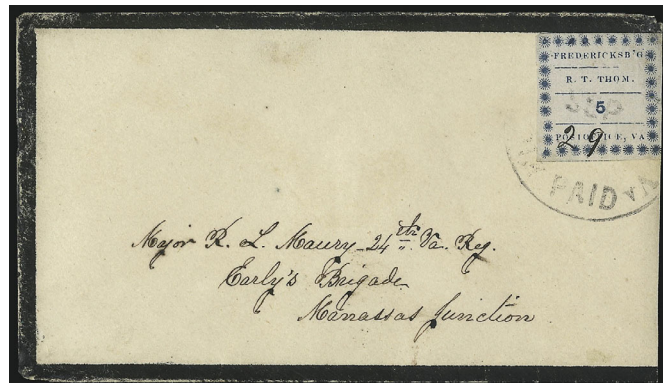
Address: Major R. L. Maury - 24th Va. Reg. / Early's Brigade / Manassas Junction / [Va.]

Provenance: Brandon

References: RAS-24Feb1966(296)-164; RAS-24Jun2014(1073)-240*

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [005]



29 Sep [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / 5"

Notes: None.

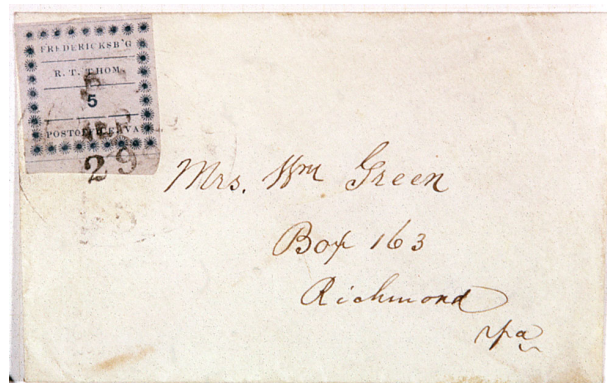
Address: Mrs. Wm. Green / Box 163 / Richmond / Va.

Provenance: Moody, Everett

References: HRH-27Nov1950(621)-47; RAS-30Oct1993(754)-132

Cert: None

Image: Private [007]



-- Sep [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Date docket of 22 Sep 1861 across right end.

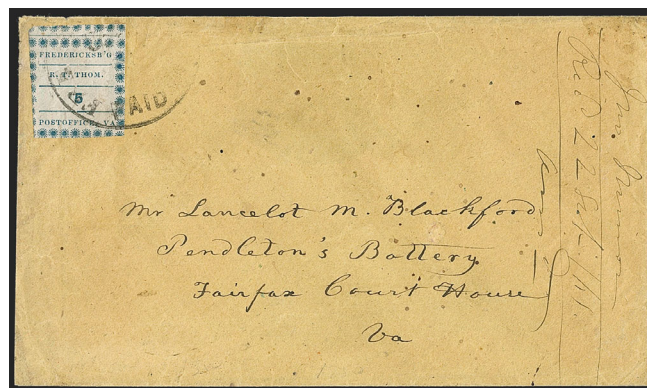
Address: Mr Lancelot M. Blackford / Pendleton's Battery / Fairfax Court House / Va

Provenance: Meroni, Carnahan

References: SPB-6Mar1978(4091)-2043; RAS-28Sep2021(1241)-1432*

Cert: CWPAS-02170

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [031]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

8 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Mourning cover with Roman numeral LIII (53).

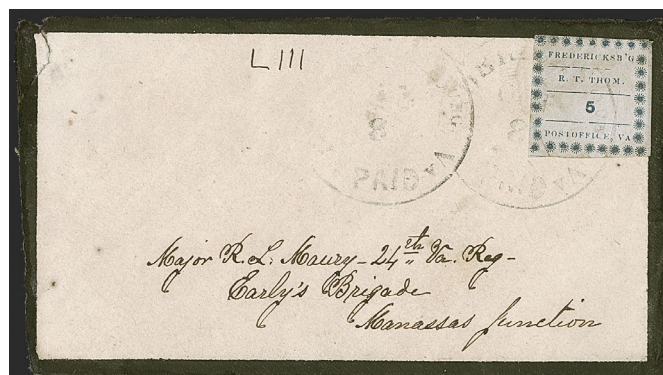
Address: Major R. L. Maury - 24th Va Reg / Early's Brigade / Manassas Junction / [VA]

Provenance: None recorded.

References: 24Feb1966-165' RAS-26Mar2026(1373)-3236

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [033]



9 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Overpaid drop letter.

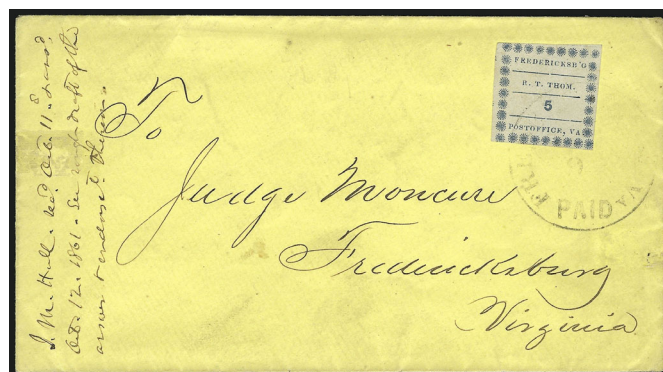
Address: To / Judge Moncure / Fredericksburg / Virginia

Provenance: Hind, Hall

References: PKA-20Nov1933(1)-1495; RAS-17Dec2001(840)-58*

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [008]



10 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black unknown Fredericksburg postmark

Notes: Mourning cover with Roman numeral LIV (54).

Address: Major R. L. Maury, 24th Va. Reg. / Early's Brigade / Manassas Junction / VA

Provenance: None recorded

References: RAS-24Feb1966(296)-169*

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [009]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

10 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Corner card of "Hill & Warren."

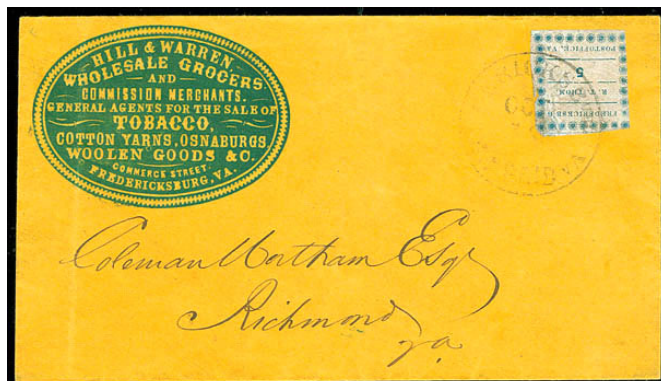
Address: Coleman Wortham Esq / Richmond / Va.

Provenance: None recorded

References: SR-22Apr2010(37)-1398*

Cert: None

Image: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions [010]



10 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: None.

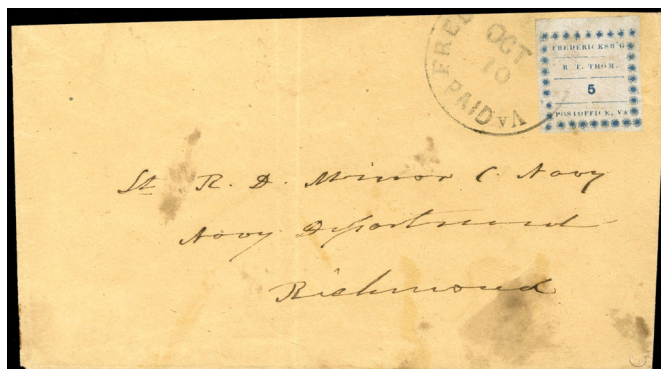
Address: Lt. R. D. Minor C. Navy / Navy Department / Richmond

Provenance: Mason, MacBride, Kilbourne

References: RAS-16Jun2007(937)-351*; CHY-8Jun2026-69*

Cert: PF-455724*

Image: Cherrystone Auctions [011]



15 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Folded letter.

Address: John L. Brooke Esq / Germanna / P. Office / Va.

Provenance: None recorded

References: RAS-25Apr2007(933)-921*; RAS-23Jun2026(1384)-137*

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [012]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

16 Oct [1861]

Postmark: "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Two singles.

Address: Mrs. Lucy. M. Smithe / Care of R. H. H. Smith / New Orleans / La.

Provenance: Stonewall

References: EMC-15Apr1980(153)-147

Cert: None

Image: Edgar Mohrmann & Co Auctions [021]



2- Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Mourning cover with Roman numeral LV (55). Handstamped "PAID" and Oct 19 docket.

Address: Major R. L. Maury - 24th Va. Reg. / Early's Brigade / Manassas Junction / [Va.]

Provenance: Engel, Wishnietsky

References: RAS-24Feb1966(296)-166; RAS-26Feb2014(1064)-56*

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [025]



21 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Mourning cover with Roman numeral LVI (56).

Address: Major R. L. Maury - 24th Va. Reg. / Early's Brigade / Manassas Junction / [Va.]

Provenance: Stonewall

References: RAS-24Feb1966(296)-163; EMC-15Apr1980(153)-146*

Cert: None

Image: Edgar Mohrmann & Co Auctions [024]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

22 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Mourning cover with Roman numeral LVII (57).

Address: Major R. L. Maury - 24th Va. Reg. / Early's Brigade / Manassas Junction / [Va.]

Provenance: Hill

References: RAS-24Feb1966(296)-168; RAS-4Jun2005(896)-746*

Cert: CWPAS-00198*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [013]



22 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Cover has been cleaned.

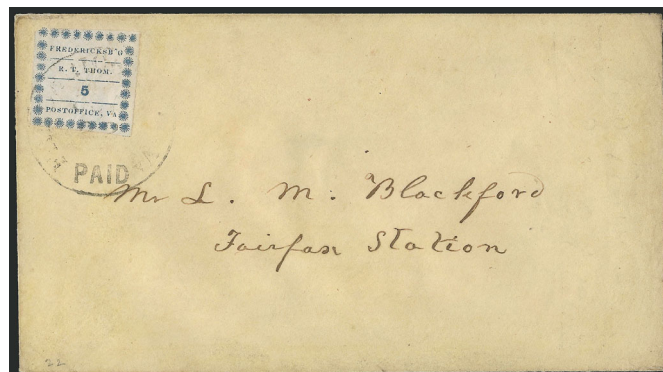
Address: Mr L. M. Blackford / Fairfax Station / [Va.]

Provenance: Przybyl

References: RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2120*; RAS-9Nov2021(1244)-S529*

Cert: PF-217495*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [014]



23 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: None.

Address: Messrs Chormony & Row / Hagan / Va.

Provenance: Caspary, Hill, Clovis

References: RAS-18May2002(846)-2460*; RAS-25Sep2019(1208)-107*

Cert: CWPAS-04236*

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [020]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

24 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: None.

Address: Dr. J. A. Flippo / Flippo's / Caroline Co. Va.

Provenance: Caspary, Hill, Telep, Agre, Erivan

References: RAS-25Jul2017(1162)-824*; HRH-13Oct2016(3012)-1932*

Cert: None

Image: H R Harmer Auctions [022]



25 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Mourning cover with Roman numeral LVIII (58).

Address: Major R. L. Maury / 24th Va. Reg. / Early's Brigade / Manassas Junction / [Va.]

Provenance: Erivan, "Penguin"

References: HRH-10Dec2020(3039)-63*; RAS-25Sep2024(1330)-573*

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [023]



28 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Mourning cover with Roman numeral LIX (59).

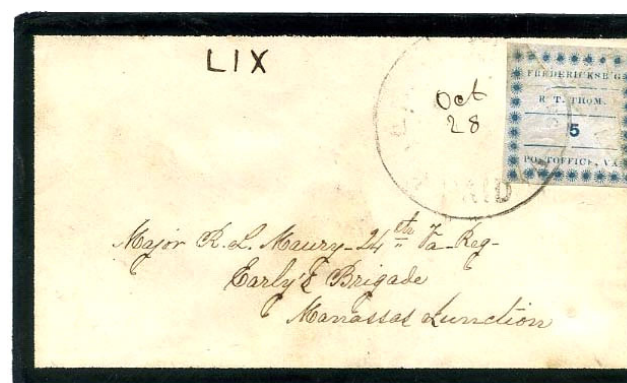
Address: Major R. L. Maury - 24th Va. Reg. / Early's Brigade / Manassas Junction

Provenance: Carnahan, Atlanta

References: SPB-6Mar1978(4091)-2042; RAS-24Feb1966(296)-170

Cert: None

Image: Private [006]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

-- Oct [1861]

Postmark: "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: None.

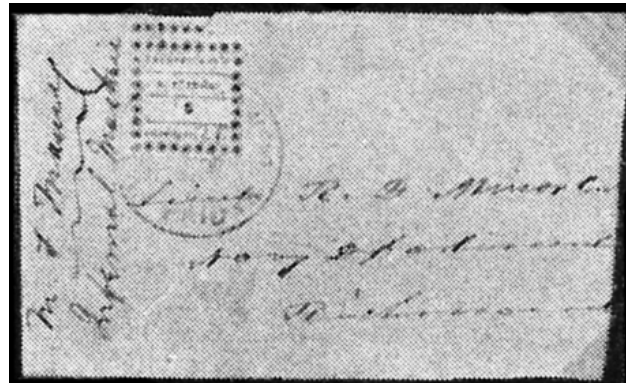
Address: Lieut R. D. Minor --- / Navy Department / Richmond [Va.]

Provenance: Muzzy

References: CS-25May1951(101)-30; HRH-21Apr1967(1764)-2033

Cert: None

Image: Collector's Shop Auctions [037]



1 Nov [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Folded letter.

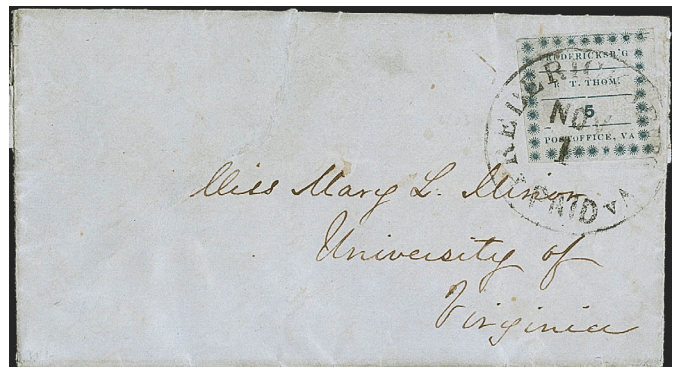
Address: Miss Mary L. Minor / University of Virginia

Provenance: Myerson, Walker

References: AHA-27Jun1998(4)-266*; RAS-9Jun2022(1257)-2545*

Cert: PF-76854

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [026]



16 Nov [1861]

Postmark: "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: None.

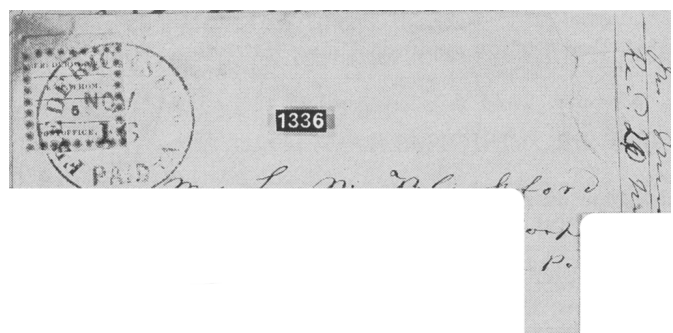
Address: [Mr L. M. Blackford, 1st Brigade 2 Corps, Army of the Potomac, Winchester, Va.]

Provenance: Wickersham

References: RLA-14May1940(47)-35; HRH-18Feb1963(1485)-1336

Cert: None

Image: H R Harmer Auctions [039]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

15 Dec [1861]

Postmark: "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Mourning cover with Roman numeral LXXIII (73).

Address: Major R. L. Maury - 24th Va. Reg. / Early's Brigade / Manassas Junction / [Va.]

Provenance: Solomon

References: JWK-14Nov1981(78)-41

Cert: None

Image: John W Kaufmann Auctions [036]



5 --- [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / 5"

Notes: None.

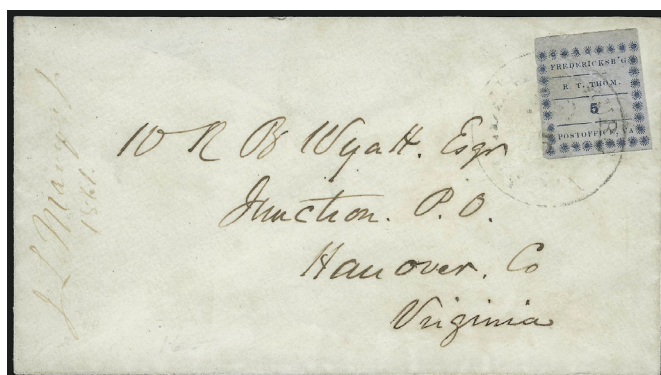
Address: -- R B Wyatt. Esqr / Junction. P. O. / Hanover. Co / Virginia

Provenance: Caspary, Hill

References: HRH-5Mar1956-117; RAS-4Jun2005(896)-747*

Cert: PF-126720

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [028]



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Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / 5"

Notes: None.

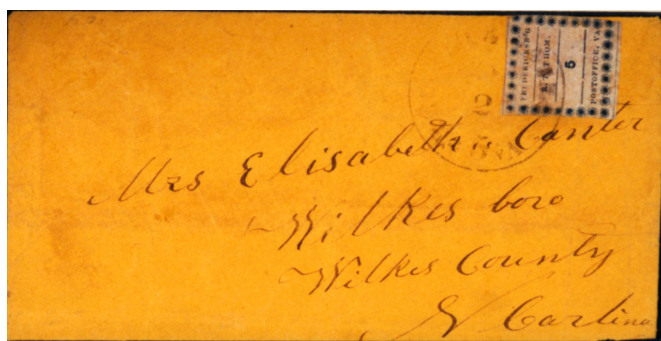
Address: Mrs Elisabeth Canter / Wilkesboro / Wilkes County / N Carolina

Provenance: Brooks

References: LSA-24Apr1943(123)-64; RGK-3Mar1990(64)-93*

Cert: CWPAS-01657*

Image: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service [035]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

4 --- [186-]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / 5"

Notes: None.

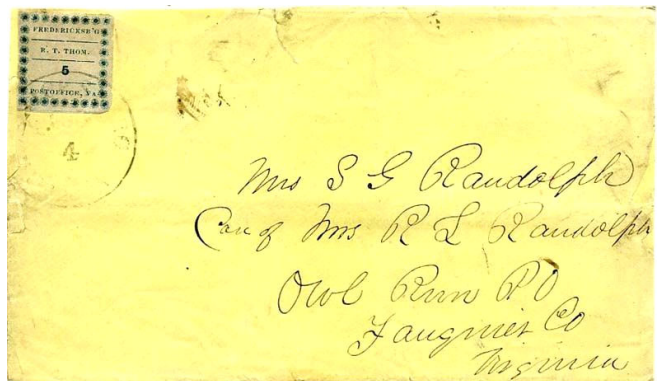
Address: Mrs S G Randolph / Care of Mrs R L Randolph / Owl Run P O / Fauquier Co / Virginia

Provenance: None recorded

References: Private*

Cert: PF-124071

Image: Private [027]



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Postmark: Black unknown Fredericksburg postmark

Notes: None.

Address: Capt C E Smith AASQM / Manassas Junction / VA

Provenance: Caspary, Gross

References: RAS-12Apr2000(822)-72*; SR-21Apr2022(101)-2198*

Cert: CWPAS-00888

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [032]



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Postmark: "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / 5"

Notes: None.

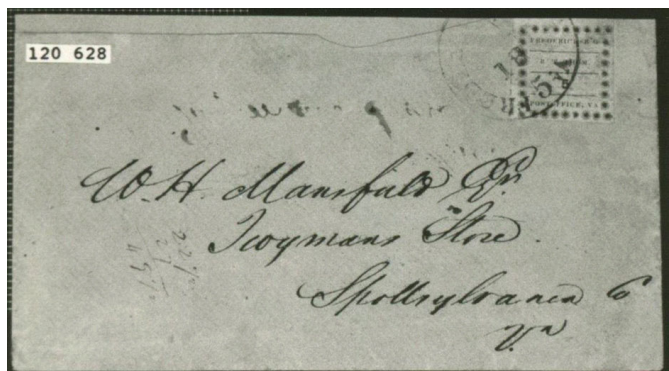
Address: W. H. Mansfield Esqr. / Twymans Store / Spottsylvania Co / Va.

Provenance: None recorded

References: None

Cert: PF-120628

Image: Philatelic Foundation [038]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue -- FRE-VA-A01 (26X1)

28 --- [186-]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: None.

Address: Hon A H Stephens / Richmond / Virginia

Provenance: Moody

References: RAS-24Apr1982(596)-16; SR-26Apr2018(78)-2038

Cert: None

Image: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions [029]



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Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / 5"

Notes: None.

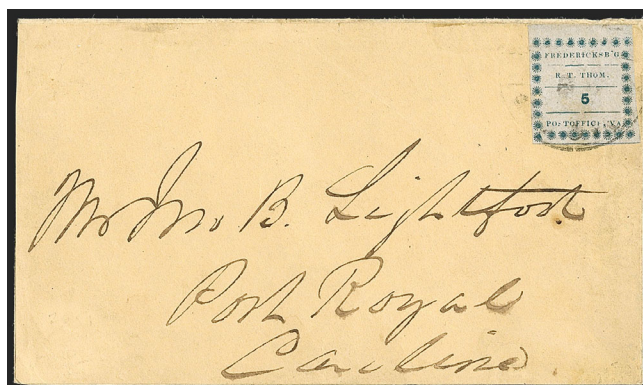
Address: Mr Jno B. Lightfoot / Port Royal / Caroline / [Va.]

Provenance: None Recorded

References: RGK-5Mar1988(53)-475; RAS-28Sep2021(1241)-1433*

Cert: CWPAS-01604*

Image: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service [034]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue, pair -- FRE-VA-A01a

-- Sep [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: None.

Address: Miss Kate C McCollins / Camden / Ark

Provenance: Meroni, Kilbourne, Jaretsky

References: RAS-28Sep1999(815)-40*; RAS-20Dec2006(927)-1579*

Cert: None

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [018]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue, pair -- FRE-VA-A01a

8 Oct [1861]

Postmark: "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: None.

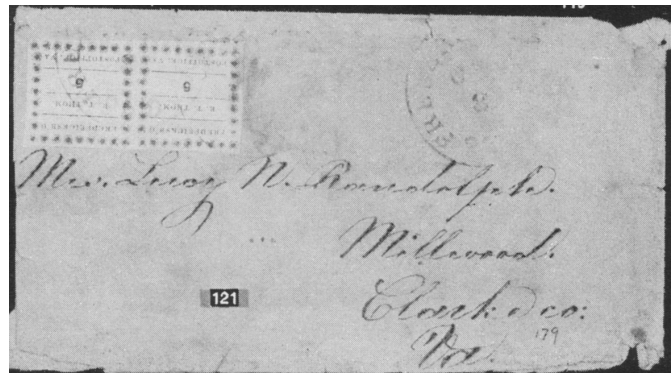
Address: Mrs. Leroy N. Randolph / Millwood /
Clarke co: / Va.

Provenance: Caspary

References: HRH-5Mar1956(989)-121

Cert: None

Image: H R Harmer Auctions [019]



-- Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: None.

Address: To / Judge Moncure / "Powhatan Hotel" /
Richmond / Virginia

Provenance: None recorded

References: RAS-11Apr1978(528)-282; CG-13Jun2016-
827*

Cert: None

Image: Christoph Gartner Auctions [017]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue, postally used under general issue -- FRE-VA-A01c

5 Sep [186-]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG Va."

Notes: None.

Address: Miss Sallie J. Mahanes / Stony Point / Alb
[Albemarle] Co / Va

Provenance: None recorded

References: RAS-29Apr1981(579)-477*

Cert: CWPAS-05089*

Image: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service
[015]



Fredericksburg, VA -- 5c blue, used with another provisional -- FRE-VA-A01x

23 Oct [1861]

Postmark: Black "FREDERICKSBURG VA. / PAID"

Notes: Cover originally mail from Montgomery, AL with 10c provisional marking. Forwarded from Fredericksburg with 5c provisional.

Address: Henry Taylor Esq / Care Mrs. J. D. Watson / Fredericksburg [LO] / Trevillians Depot / Virginia / Louisa County

Provenance: Solomon

References: JWK-14Nov1981(78)-68; RAS-24Jun2015(1104)-2119

Cert: PF-149674

Image: Robert A Siegel Auctions [016]

