

# Census of Alum Springs, Virginia, Stampless Markings

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## Description



Type A



Type B

### Alum Springs 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. The absence of a CSA Catalog Type in the illustrations above indicates that item is not included in the census.

Items are presented in the census in the order of the illustrations above.

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.

### Count of the Alum Springs Stampless Markings

Marking	Color	Type	Covers	Everett Count*
PAID + 10 (ms)	Black	A	1	1
PAID / 5 (in circle)	Black	B	2	2

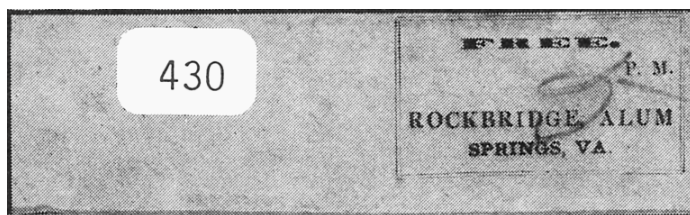
\* See "Stampless - Important Information" on Stampless Covers page for information on the Everett Count.

## Notes

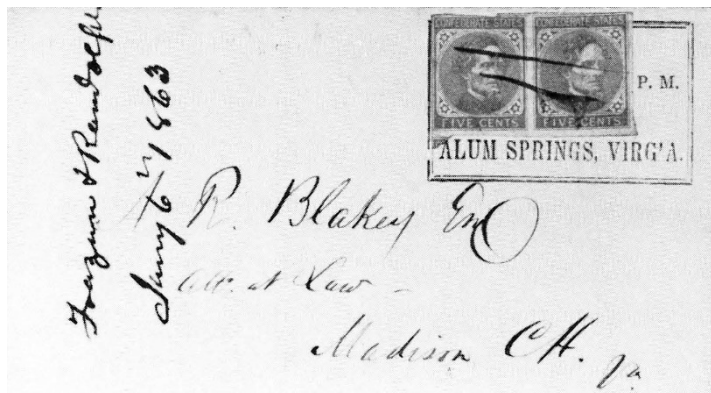
### Envelopes with Printed Box for Postmaster's Free Frank

There are at least two different types of the free frank box. One as a thin two-line border (two black and white illustrations below). The other also has a two-line border, but the outer line is very thick (see color illustration below).

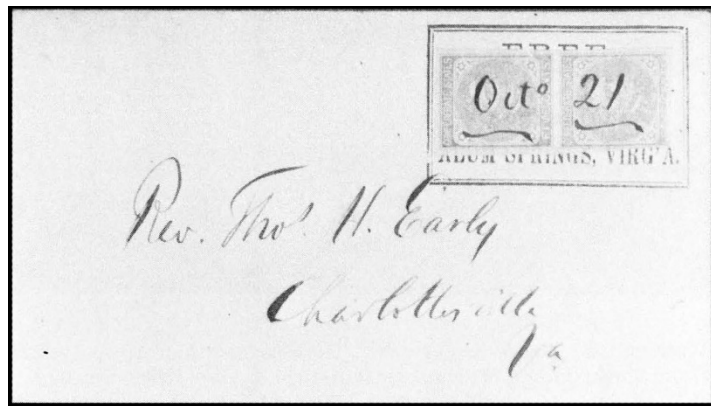
There are several recorded examples of envelopes with a printed box for the postmaster's free frank. Curiously, none bear postmarks. All are illustrated below.



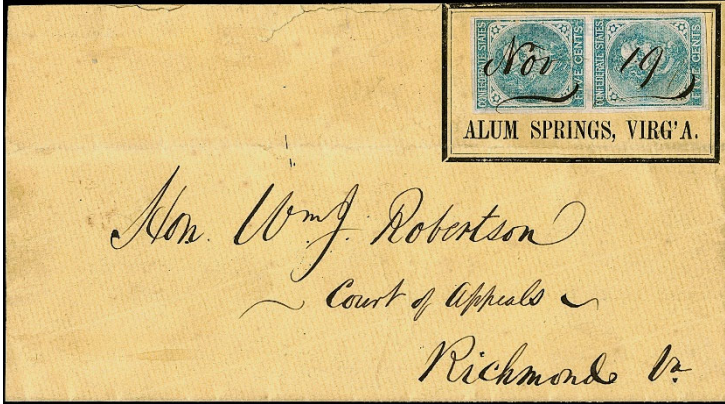
**Manuscript "5," no postmark.**  
David G Phillips sale 20Sep1986, lot 430.



**Pair 5c CSA #6 pen canceled over free frank box. Cover docketed January 1863.**  
Confederate Philatelist-Nov1980(54:6)-201.



**Pair 5c typographed stamps pen canceled "Oct 21" over free frank box.**  
Confederate Philatelist-May1974(19-3)-71.



**Pair 5c (CSA #7) pen canceled "Nov 19" over free frank box.**  
Robert A Siegel sale (133),  
25Sep2024-774

### References

- Bush, Conrad L., "A Virginia Spring Re-Visited," *Confederate Philatelist* 34:6 (November-December 1989): 2-1-205.
- Sheppard, Harvey E. "Postal History at the Virginia Springs," *Confederate Philatelist* 19:3 (May-June 1974): 71-74.

## Mini Census of Alum Springs, Virginia, Stampless Covers

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
<b>PAID + 10 (ms), black-- Type A</b>				
7 Apr [186-]	John Howard McCue Esq / (of Genl. Floyd's Command) / Lynchburg / Va.	UC	UC-UR	001*
<b>PAID / 5 (in circle), black -- Type B</b>				
19 Aug [1861]	Dr. May Burton / Leville [sic] P. O. / Madison Cty / Va	UL	UR	003
27 Nov [1861]	Mr. Geo. Conley / Quallatown / N C	UL	UR	002

\* Indicates a color image

## Full Census of Alum Springs, Virginia, Stampless Covers

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### PAID + 10 (ms), black-- Type A

7 Apr [186-]

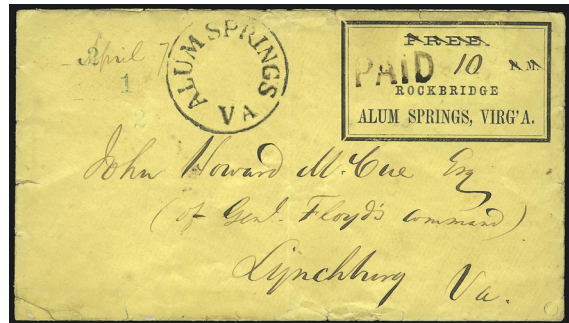
**Description:** Black "ALUM SPRINGS / VA" postmark UC, Type A marking UC-UR. Printed box for postmasters' free frank UR.

**Address:** John Howard McCue Esq / (of Genl. Floyd's Command) / Lynchburg / Va.

**Provenance:** Hall

**Source:** LOND-Jul1922(31-367)-Plt1; RAS-17Dec2001(840)-22\*. [001]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



### PAID / 5 (in circle), black -- Type B

19 Aug [1861]

**Description:** "ALUM SPRINGS / VA" postmark UL, Type B marking UR.

**Address:** Dr. May Burton / Leville [sic] P. O. / Madison Cty / Va

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** RAS-8Apr1997(787)-3157. [003]

**Image Credit:** Robert A Siegel Auctions.



27 Nov [1861]

**Description:** "ALUM SPRINGS / VA" postmark UL, Type B marking UR.

**Address:** Mr. Geo. Conley / Quallatown / N C

**Provenance:** None recorded.

**Source:** CONP-May1974(19:3)-72. [002]

**Image Credit:** Confederate Philatelist.

