

Census of Columbus, Kentucky, Stampless Markings

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Description



Type A

Columbus 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.

Confederate Occupation of Columbus

In early September 1861 Confederate forces under General Leonidas Polk occupied Columbus, Kentucky, a strategic location on the Mississippi River. They constructed fortifications on the bluffs just north of the town (Fort DeRussey) and constructed a chain across the river to block Union river traffic. The terminus of the river chain was across the river just south of the small town of Belmont, Missouri. A Confederate camp was also established here (Fort Johnson). By late February 1862 Union forces were beginning to outflank the position at Columbus and by 2 March the Confederate forces withdrew from Columbus.

The Confederate Columbus post office was established primarily to service the troops in the vicinity. It ceased operation with the withdrawal of Confederate forces.

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 Columbus Stampless Markings

Marking	Color	Type	Covers	Everett Count*
PAID (enclosed) + 5 (ms)	Black	A	14	18
PAID (enclosed) + 10 (ms)	Black	Aa	8	5
PAID (enclosed) + 20 (ms)	Black	Ab	1	--

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

Mini Census of Columbus, Kentucky, Stampless Covers

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
PAID + 5 (ms), black-- Type A				
7 Oct [1861]	Masen Jay / Milltown [AL]	LC	CR	001
23 Oct [1861]	Mrs D. W. Bristol / Pleasant Hill / Desoto Co / Miss	UC	UR	020*
18 Nov [1861]	Miss Letitia S. Austin / Box 13 Post Office / Memphis / Tennessee	LL	UR	002
8 Dec [1861]	Miss Letitia S. Austin / Box 13, Post Office / Memphis / Tennessee	LL-LC	UR	008*
12 Dec [1861]	Miss Letitia S. Austin / Box 13, Post Office / Memphis / Tennessee	LC	UR	009*
-- Dec [1861]	Mrs William D Gale / Satartia / Miss	LL-LC	UR	003*
9 Jan [1862]	Miss Mary Mclver / Box 509 / Nashville / Tenn	UR	UC	021*
20 Jan [1862]	Miss Letitia S. Austin / Care / Dr. C B. --- / Vicksbu[rg. MS]	UC	UR	022
-- Jan [1862]	Miss E. J. L. Goelet / Demopolis / Alabama	UL	UC-UR	004*
Illegible Date	Mrs M. ---	CL-LL	CR	023
Illegible Date	Miss M. J. Caraway / Jenkins Depot / Tenn	LC	UC-UR	006
Illegible Date	Mrs Cathorene [sic] --- / Oxford / Miss	UC	UR	005
Illegible Date	Mrs T. P. Chambers / Friar Point / Miss	UC	UR	010*
No Date	Mrs Lewis P. Williamson / Care Memphis Life * Genl Ins Company / Memphis / Tennessee		UC-CTR	007*
PAID + 10 (ms), black -- Type Aa				
-- Nov [1861]	Mrs Mary Duff / Dahlonga / Georgia	CTR-LL	CR	017*
27 Dec [1861]	Maj Josiah Terry / Talladega / Alabama	UC	UR-CR	014*
-- Dec [1861]	Miss Lucy A. Whitmore / New Orleans / La.	UC	UR	015*
-- Jan [1862]	Mrs James Chesnut Jr / Hon James Chesnut Jr [LO] / Richmond [LO] / Virginia [LO] / Camden [LO] / Columbia / So Ca	UR	UC-UR	013*
Illegible Date	Miss Lucy A. Whitmore / Algiers / La.	LC	UR	011*

* Indicates a color image

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>PmkPos</u>	<u>PrvPos</u>	<u>CN</u>
Illegible Date	Mr Manson Bradshaw / Hallsboro P. Office / Chesterfield Co / Virginia	UC	UR-CR	018*
Illegible Date	Mr. William Mayo / "The Gem" / Royal Street / New Orleans / Louisiana	UC-UR	UR-CR	012*
Illegible Date	Unknown	UC	UR	016

PAID + 20 (ms), black -- Type Ab

20 Nov [1861]	Miss Ellie McCann / Equality / Anderson Dist / So. Carolina	CL	CTR-UR	019
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Last Name Index of Columbus, Kentucky, Stampless Covers

<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Typ</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>CN</u>
Illegible Date	A	--	Mrs M. ---	023
Illegible Date	A	--	Mrs Cathorene [sic] --- / Oxford / Miss	005
Illegible Date	Aa	--	Unknown	016
18 Nov [1861]	A	Austin	Miss Letitia S. Austin / Box 13 Post Office / Memphis / Tennessee	002
8 Dec [1861]	A	Austin	Miss Letitia S. Austin / Box 13, Post Office / Memphis / Tennessee	008*
12 Dec [1861]	A	Austin	Miss Letitia S. Austin / Box 13, Post Office / Memphis / Tennessee	009*
20 Jan [1862]	A	Austin	Miss Letitia S. Austin / Care / Dr. C B. --- / Vicksbu[rg. MS]	022
Illegible Date	Aa	Bradshaw	Mr Manson Bradshaw / Hallsboro P. Office / Chesterfield Co / Virginia	018*
23 Oct [1861]	A	Bristol	Mrs D. W. Bristol / Pleasant Hill / Desoto Co / Miss	020*
Illegible Date	A	Caraway	Miss M. J. Caraway / Jenkins Depot / Tenn	006
Illegible Date	A	Chambers	Mrs T. P. Chambers / Friar Point / Miss	010*
-- Jan [1862]	Aa	Chesnut	Mrs James Chesnut Jr / Hon James Chesnut Jr [LO] / Richmond [LO] / Virginia [LO] / Camden [LO] / Columbia / So Ca	013*
-- Nov [1861]	Aa	Duff	Mrs Mary Duff / Dahlonga / Georgia	017*
-- Dec [1861]	A	Gale	Mrs William D Gale / Satartia / Miss	003*
-- Jan [1862]	A	Goelet	Miss E. J. L. Goelet / Demopolis / Alabama	004*
7 Oct [1861]	A	Jay	Masen Jay / Milltown [AL]	001
Illegible Date	Aa	May	Mr. William Mayo / "The Gem" / Royal Street / New Orleans / Louisiana	012*
20 Nov [1861]	Ab	McCann	Miss Ellie McCann / Equality / Anderson Dist / So. Carolina	019
9 Jan [1862]	A	Mclver	Miss Mary Mclver / Box 509 / Nashville / Tenn	021*
27 Dec [1861]	Aa	Terry	Maj Josiah Terry / Talladega / Alabama	014*

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<u>Pmk Date</u>	<u>Typ</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>CN</u>
-- Dec [1861]	Aa	Whitmore	Miss Lucy A. Whitmore / New Orleans / La.	015*
Illegible Date	Aa	Whitmore	Miss Lucy A. Whitmore / Algiers / La.	011*
No Date	A	Williamson	Mrs Lewis P. Williamson / Care Memphis Life * Genl Ins Company / Memphis / Tennessee	007*

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Full Census of Columbus, Kentucky, Stampless Covers

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PAID + 5 (ms), black-- Type A

7 Oct [1861]

Description: "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark LC, Type A marking CR. Jefferson Davis medallion patriotic cover.

Address: Masen Jay / Milltown [AL]

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS-00552. [001]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service.



23 Oct [1861]

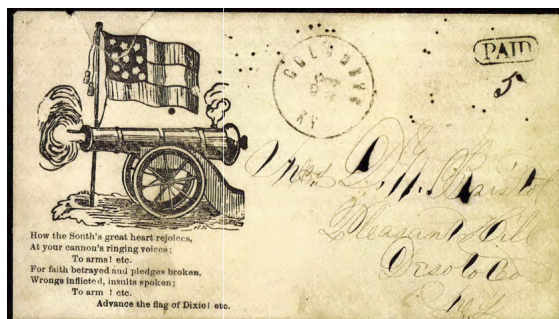
Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UC, Type A marking UR. Cannon and flag patriotic cover (CSA Type CN-1A).

Address: Mrs D. W. Bristol / Pleasant Hill / Desoto Co / Miss

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-9Jun1998(801)-83*. [020]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



18 Nov [1861]

Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark LL, Type A marking UR.

Address: Miss Letitia S. Austin / Box 13 Post Office / Memphis / Tennessee

Provenance: Warren

Source: SR-27Apr2013(53)-4084.jpg. [002]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



8 Dec [1861]

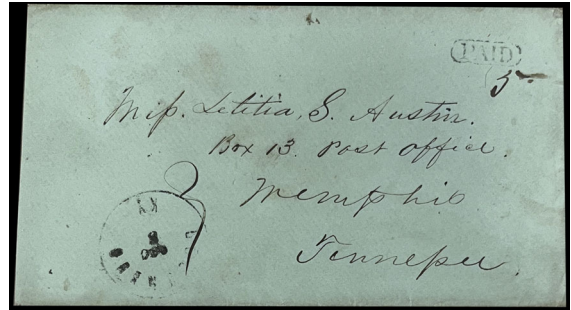
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Address: Miss Letitia S. Austin / Box 13, Post Office / Memphis / Tennessee

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: SR-25Apr2024(115)-2035*. [008]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



12 Dec [1861]

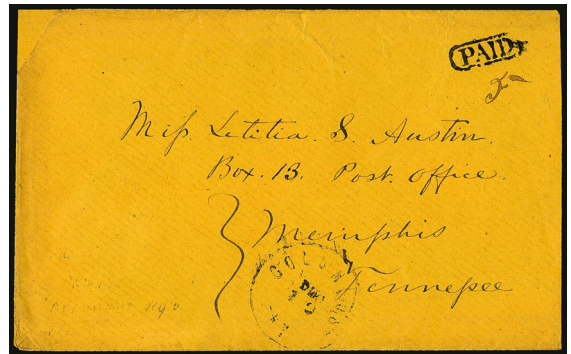
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Address: Miss Letitia S. Austin / Box 13, Post Office / Memphis / Tennessee

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private*. [009]

Image Credit: Private Collection.



-- Dec [1861]

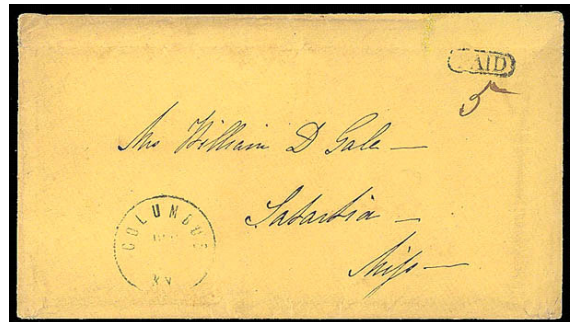
Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark LL-LC, Type A marking UR.

Address: Mrs William D Gale / Satartia / Miss

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: SR-24Apr2014(56)-2472*; SR-25Apr2019(85)-1957*. [003]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



9 Jan [1862]

Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UR, Type A marking UC. Jefferson Davis medallion patriotic cover (CSA Type JD-1C).

Address: Miss Mary McIver / Box 509 / Nashville / Tenn

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-9Jun1998(801)-81*. [021]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



20 Jan [1862]

Description: "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UC, Type A marking UR. Partial image of full cover.

Address: Miss Letitia S. Austin / Care / Dr. C B. --- / Vicksbu[rg. MS]

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-9Jun1998(801)-114. [022]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



-- Jan [1862]

Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UL, Type A marking UC-UR.

Address: Miss E. J. L. Goelet / Demopolis / Alabama

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private*; RAS-9Jun1998(801)-116. [004]

Image Credit: Private Collection.



Illegible Date

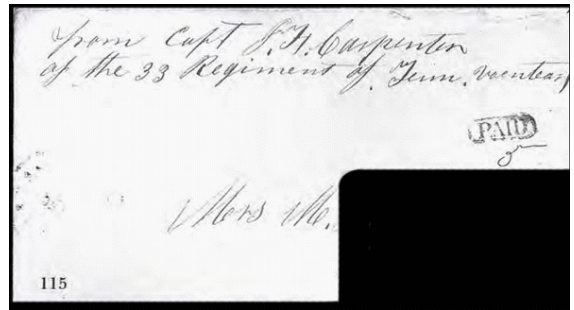
Description: "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark CL-LL, Type A marking CR. Partial image of full cover. Docketing across top.

Address: Mrs M. ---

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-9Jun1998(801)-115. [023]

Image Credit: Robert A Siegel Auctions.



Illegible Date

Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark LC, Type A marking UC-UR. Jefferson Davis medallion patriotic cover.

Address: Miss M. J. Caraway / Jenkins Depot / Tenn

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: SR-18Dec2020(95)-4340.jpg. [006]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



Illegible Date

Description: "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UC, Type A marking UR. Cannon and flag patriotic cover (CSA major Type CN).

Address: Mrs Cathorene [sic] --- / Oxford / Miss

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS-04499. [005]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service.



Illegible Date

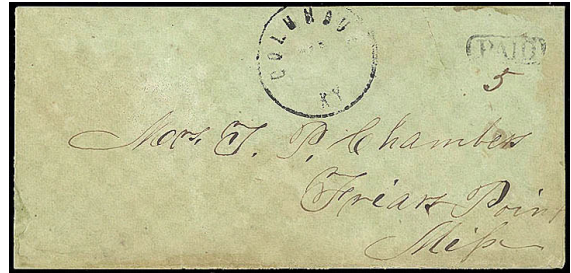
Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UC, Type A marking UR.

Address: Mrs T. P. Chambers / Friar Point / Miss

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: SR-24Apr2014(56)-2471*. [010]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



No Date

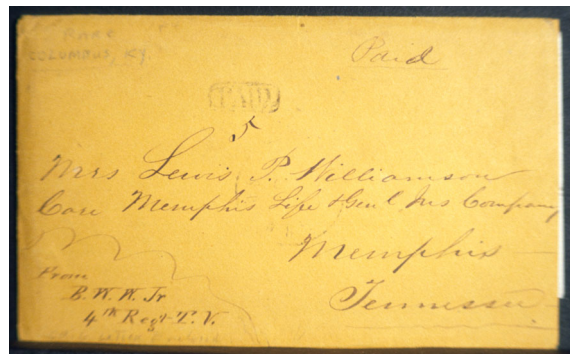
Description: No postmark, Type A marking UC-CTR. Soldier's endorsement LL.

Address: Mrs Lewis P. Williamson / Care Memphis Life *
Genl Ins Company / Memphis / Tennessee

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private*. [007]

Image Credit: Private Collection.



PAID + 10 (ms), black -- Type Aa

-- Nov [1861]

Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark CTR-LL, Type Aa marking CR. Jefferson Davis medallion patriotic cover. Letter missent and forwarded from Danburg Ga on 11 Nov.

Address: Mrs Mary Duff / Dahlonega / Georgia

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: RAS-9Jun1998(801)-82*; SR-18Dec2020(95)-4339*. [017]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



27 Dec [1861]

Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UC, Type Aa marking UR-CR. Allegorical river scene patriotic cover.

Address: Maj Josiah Terry / Talladega / Alabama

Provenance: Warren

Source: RAS-9Jun1998(801)-83*; SR-27Apr2013(53)-4430*. [014]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



-- Dec [1861]

Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UC, Type Aa marking UR. Jefferson Davis medallion patriotic cover. Docketed "Care of Capt. Wm. Whann" LC.

Address: Miss Lucy A. Whitmore / New Orleans / La.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS-06125*; RAS-9Jun1998(801)-80*. [015]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service.



-- Jan [1862]

Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UR, Type Aa marking UC-UR. Forwarded from Richmond and then Camden, SC. The enclosed "FORWARDED / 5" marking is that of Richmond.

Address: Mrs James Chesnut Jr / Hon James Chesnut Jr [LO] / Richmond [LO] / Virginia [LO] / Camden [LO] / Columbia / So Ca

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: SR-28Apr2011(43)-328*. [013]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



Illegible Date

Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark LC, Type Aa marking UR. Jefferson Davis Medallion patriotic cover.

Address: Miss Lucy A. Whitmore / Algiers / La.

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: SR-18Dec2020(95)-4341*. [011]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



Illegible Date

Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UC, Type Aa marking UR-CR.

Address: Mr Manson Bradshaw / Hallsboro P. Office / Chesterfield Co / Virginia

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: CWPAS- 02409*. [018]

Image Credit: Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service.



Illegible Date

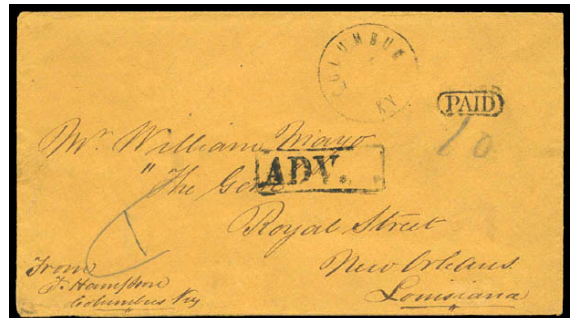
Description: Black "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UC-UR, Type Aa marking UR-CR. Docketed "From / J. Hampton / Columbus Ky" LL. The boxed "ADV." marking is that of New Orleans.

Address: Mr. William Mayo / "The Gem" / Royal Street / New Orleans / Louisiana

Provenance: Warren

Source: SR-2Jun2006(24)-312*; SR-27Apr2013(53)-4085*. [012]

Image Credit: Schuyler Rumsey Auctions.



Illegible Date

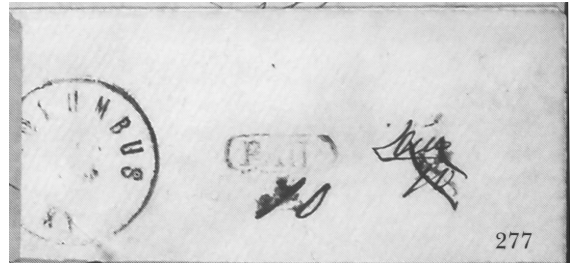
Description: "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark UC, Type Aa marking UR. Partial image of full cover.

Address: Unknown

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private. [016]

Image Credit: Private Collection.



PAID + 20 (ms), black -- Type Ab

20 Nov [1861]

Description: "COLUMBUS / KY" postmark CL, Type Ab marking CTR-UR.

Address: Miss Ellie McCann / Equality / Anderson Dist / So. Carolina

Provenance: None recorded.

Source: Private. [019]

Image Credit: Private Collection.

