

Uniontown, Alabama Parham N. Booker, Postmaster

Uniontown's postmaster at the start of the C.S.A. postal system was Parham N. Booker. Parham, one of eleven children, was the namesake son of a U.S. internal revenue officer. The senior Booker represented Madison County in the legislature in 1836 and moved to Uniontown sometime later. He became a planter and hotel keeper, and he also served as postmaster and mayor of the town. Booker Senior died in 1861, and we are not certain if both father and son ran the post office. Because of a permanent physical disability, Booker Junior did not serve in the Confederate Army, but served the government in a civil department.

Postmaster Booker issued three denominations of adhesive provisionals: 2c, 5c and 10c. They were probably typeset and printed at the offices of the local newspaper, the *Weekly Herald*. The same typeset form of four subjects was used to print all three values (although the spacing between subjects changed between two 5c printings). The numeral in parentheses between the "PA" and "ID" of "PAID" was changed for each value, and different color ink was used: Dark Blue (2c), Green (5c) and Red (10c). All three values were printed on Gray Blue paper, and the 2c and 5c are also known on White paper, which was probably used for subsequent printings. The 10c has not been found on White paper.

Each of the four different subjects is distinctive in the style and arrangement of the corner ornaments and hyphens in the letters "CSA".

Position 1 (TL): Solid oval "Losenge" in all four corners, symmetrically arranged, "C-S-A"

Position 2 (TR): "Lobe" ornaments in top corners and "88 Loop" in bottom corners and beneath "Paid" — the only position configured as such

Position 3 (BL): Solid oval "Losenge" in top corners turned // and turned \ \ in bottom corners, "-C-S-A-" label with hyphen before "C"

Position 4 (BR): Solid oval "Losenge" in all four corners, symmetrically arranged, "C-S-A-" label with hyphen after "A" but without hyphen before "C"



Setting of four typeset subjects