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#287 XF 90  
Orange Mint OGph  
1898 4c 01228263



# UNITED STATES of AMERICA

Act of Congress, March 3, 1847: "... and be it further enacted that, to facilitate the transportation of letters by mail, the Postmaster General be authorized to prepare postage stamps which when attached to any letter or packet, shall be evidence of prepayment of the postage chargeable on such letter."

1847  
Imperforate

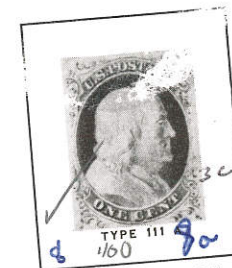


When the first U.S. stamps were designed for issue July 1, 1847, it was decided to portray our first Postmaster General and Father of the American Postal Service — Benjamin Franklin; and our first President George Washington. Since then these patriots and statesmen have appeared on many other U.S. stamps.

1851-56



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



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These varieties were necessitated because of lower postal rates and increased use of the postal service. Each denomination had its own exact purpose from the 1c for local or drop mail, to the 12c to aid in paying rates on overseas mail. These stamps are complicated and intricate: seemingly identical designs can be distinguished only by minute differences. Consult the STAMP IDENTIFIER section (back of album) to properly classify these and other stamp types.



# UNITED STATES

1857-60  
Perforated 15



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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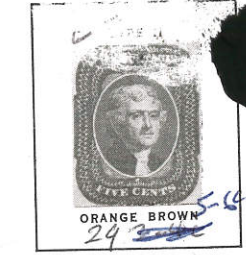
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THOMAS JEFFERSON



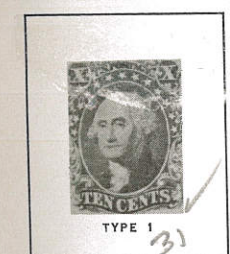
THOMAS JEFFERSON



ORANGE BROWN  
29  
THOMAS JEFFERSON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



TYPE 1  
31  
GEORGE WASHINGTON



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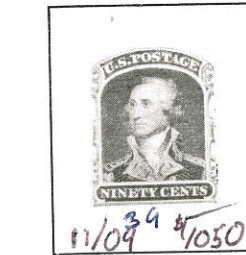
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GEORGE WASHINGTON



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



11/09 39 4/050  
GEORGE WASHINGTON

These were the first perforated stamps! They were enthusiastically welcomed, because previous stamps were usually cut apart with scissors. This issue includes the identical 1851-56 denominations, plus the much-needed 24c, 30c and 90c values for foreign mail and large postage amounts.

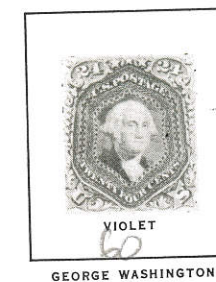
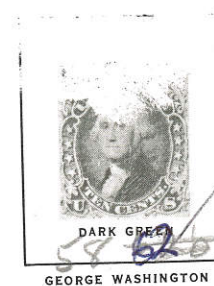
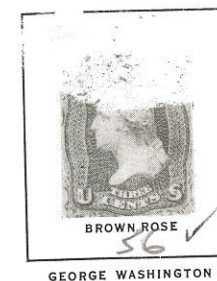


Cat. No. U.S. 445C4A-E Atlanta Trial Color Proof Cat. Val. 520-  
 o OG NG RG NH VLH LH HR AV F FVF VF XF Cplt Set  
 Description scarlet, brown, black, green, blue



## UNITED STATES

1861  
First Designs



1861-62  
Second Designs



1861-66



With the outbreak of the Civil War all previous U.S. postage issues were declared valueless, to prevent their use by Confederates. During the war the 1861-66 stamps were also used by Northerners as "small change," due to the lack of metal coins. These varieties include the famous "Black Jacks" honoring President Andrew Jackson; and the first Abraham Lincoln stamp marking the anniversary of his assassination.

# UNITED STATES

1867

Embossed with Grills of Various Sizes



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



ANDREW JACKSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



Some people resorted to the crafty practice of erasing the cancellation marks on stamps and re-using them. In an unsuccessful effort to stop this procedure the Government impressed into the paper on a small quantity of the 1861-66 issues tiny pyramidal designs, called "grills." Since there were many types of grills, a collection of "stamps with grills" is an interesting but very expensive philatelic specialty.

# UNITED STATES

1869



LANDING OF COLUMBUS



LANDING OF COLUMBUS



DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



SHIELD, EAGLE AND FLAGS



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Because of their odd size and the few familiar portraits, these stamps originally were disliked by the general public. Today, however, all of them are very popular with philatelists. They are the first U.S. pictorials, the first adhesive bicolours, and the shortest-lived regular issue in U.S. postal history. Some of the 15c, 24c and 30c values were printed by error with inverted centers, and have become great rarities.

UNITED STATES

1870-71

National Bank Note Co. Printing  
Embossed with Grill



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



ANDREW JACKSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



EDWIN M. STANTON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



HENRY CLAY



DANIEL WEBSTER



ALEXANDER HAMILTON



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

1870-71

Without Grill



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



ANDREW JACKSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



EDWIN M. STANTON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



HENRY CLAY



DANIEL WEBSTER



WINFIELD SCOTT

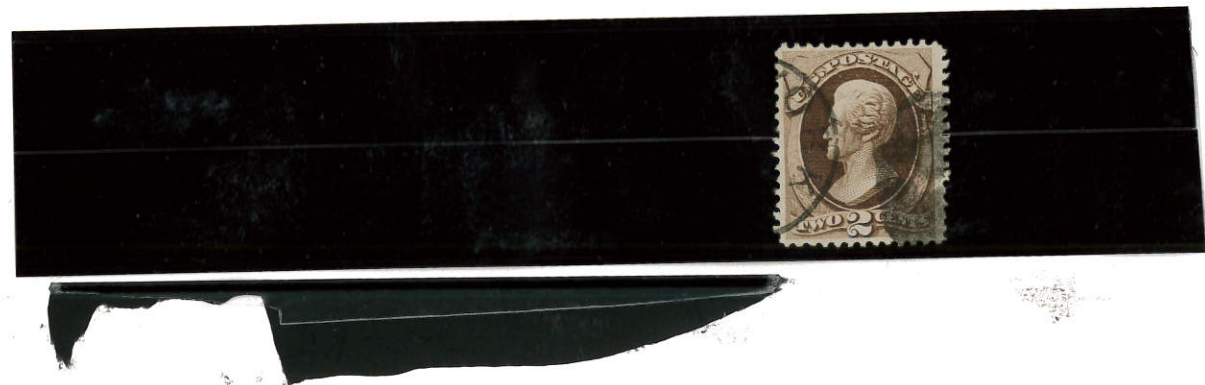


ALEXANDER HAMILTON



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

You are now embarked on an exciting philatelic journey among the famous "Bank Note" issues. Fifty-nine major varieties were printed by three companies between 1870 and 1888: National, Continental, and American.



# UNITED STATES

1873

Continental Bank Note Co. Printing  
Types of 1870-71 with Secret Marks: Thin Hard Paper



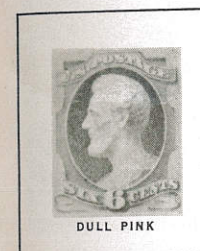
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ANDREW JACKSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



EDWIN M. STANTON



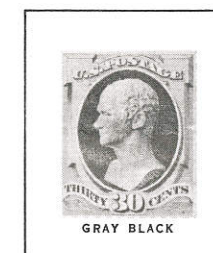
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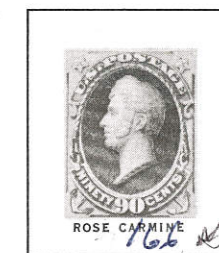
HENRY CLAY



DANIEL WEBSTER



ALEXANDER HAMILTON



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

On this page you see the classic stamps produced by Continental, which succeeded National. These issues are renowned for the "secret marks" which set apart Continental's work from that of National. (For more information on this subject, refer to the STAMP IDENTIFIER section.)

1875



ANDREW JACKSON



ZACHARY TAYLOR

The 1873 design, honoring President Andrew Jackson, was now printed in vermilion; and a new blue 5c value, picturing President Zachary Taylor, was issued to comply with the rate set by the international Universal Postal Union for European mail.



## UNITED STATES

1879

American Bank Note Co. Printing  
Same as 1870-75 Issues: Soft Porous Paper



ANDREW JACKSON

GEORGE WASHINGTON



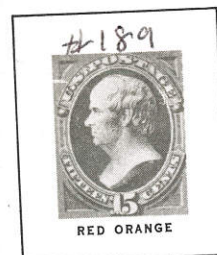
ZACHARY TAYLOR



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



THOMAS JEFFERSON



DANIEL WEBSTER



ALEXANDER HAMILTON



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

In 1879 Continental merged with American Bank Note Co. For philatelists the greatest single change, resulting from the merger, was that all the stamps were printed on soft porous paper, instead of the hard paper previously used by National and Continental.

1882



JAMES A. GARFIELD

Issued to memorialize the assassination of James A. Garfield, 20th President, who was shot (when only four months in office) by a disgruntled office-seeker. Garfield attained the rank of Major-General in the Civil War.



## UNITED STATES

1881-82

Re-engraved



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



THOMAS JEFFERSON



1883



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ANDREW JACKSON

1887



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



1888



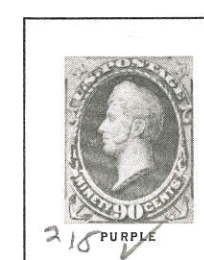
ANDREW JACKSON



JAMES A. GARFIELD



ORANGE BROWN  
ALEXANDER HAMILTON



218 PURPLE  
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

These four issues often confuse collectors because of their resemblance to previous issues. But, on closer examination, minor design differences and new colors as well as new designs distinguish them from their predecessors (refer to STAMP IDENTIFIER).

UNITED STATES

1890-93



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



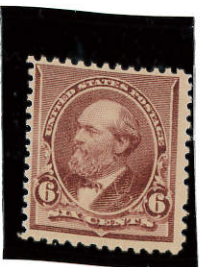
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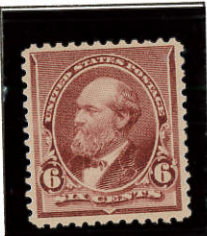
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ABRAHAM LINCOLN



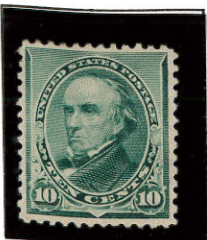
ULYSSES S. GRANT



JAMES A. GARFIELD



WILLIAM T. SHERMAN



DANIEL WEBSTER



HENRY CLAY



THOMAS JEFFERSON



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY



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Last regular issue of U.S. stamps to be printed by a private bank note company, these varieties are prized for their small size and simple design. Continuing an American tradition, these stamps honor U.S. presidents, military heroes, and political leaders. Of philatelic note and value are small white "caps" found on some of the 2c values.



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## UNITED STATES

1893  
COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION



Columbus in sight of land from the deck of the Santa Maria, as pictured by artist William Powell. Columbus' face is clean-shaven.



Columbus landing at San Salvador in the Bahamas in 1492. The scene is one day after that on the 1c value, now he has a full beard!



The Santa Maria, Columbus' flagship, was copied from an engraving by a Spanish historian-artist and is recognized to be an exact replica.



The entire fleet of Columbus was an imposing sight in 1492, but all three ships could be put on the deck of any modern-day luxury ocean liner.



Columbus, at the Court of Spain, begs Queen Isabella to finance his courageous trip to the Indies, by contributing her precious jewels.



Columbus is welcomed in Barcelona after his discovery of America. The greatest hero of his day, he was received with pomp and honor.



Though undermined by political foes, Columbus regained the favor of Queen Isabella when she learned the truth about the attacks on him.



As a gift, Columbus offered a group of American Indians to Isabella. The Indians were taken to the Cathedral where they were baptized.



The platform where Columbus told of his discoveries and presented the Indians may still be seen as part of the Cathedral in Barcelona.



Columbus shown at the Monastery of Rabida explaining his radical theory of a round world. The first dog is pictured on a stamp design.



Queen Isabella recalled Columbus to Barcelona to reconsider the financing of his intended expedition to find a new route to the Indies.



Faced with a Treasury deficit, Queen Isabella pawned her jewels to buy the necessary ships and supplies for Columbus' westward voyage.



Powerful political enemies, who envied Columbus' popularity with the Queen, were successful in having him chained and imprisoned.



After his third trip to America, Columbus proudly returned to Spain. Here, he astounded the Spanish Court with tales of his new discoveries.



This picture of Queen Isabella and Columbus represents the first time a U.S. stamp carried the portrait either of a queen or a non-citizen.



The cast reproduced as the central design was taken from a commemorative half-dollar issued for the 1893 Columbian Exposition.

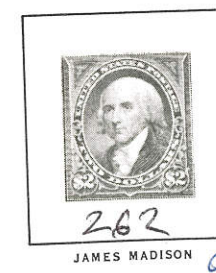
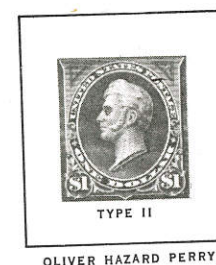


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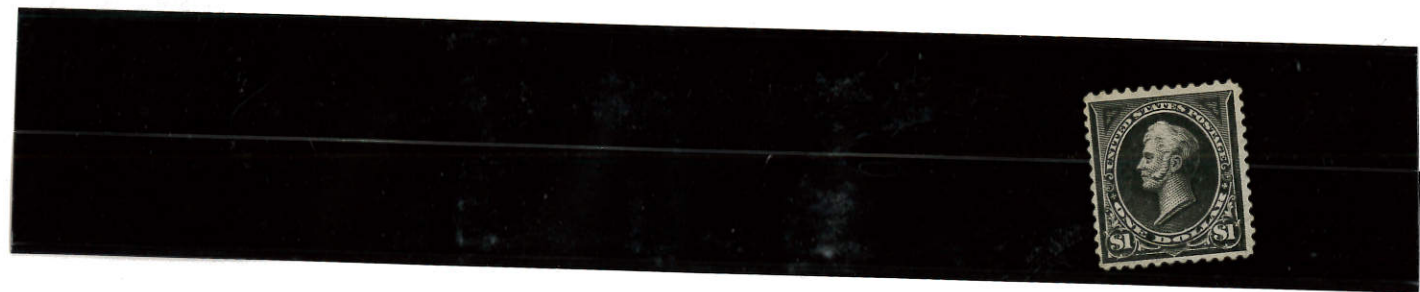
# UNITED STATES

1894

Same as 1890-93 Issue, but with Triangles in Upper Corners: Unwatermarked



These were the first U.S. postage stamps ever printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The addition of small delicate triangles to their upper corners, and the inclusion of one, two and five dollar denominations are the principal differences between these varieties and their 1890 counterparts.



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# UNITED STATES

1895  
Watermarked USPS



GEORGE WASHINGTON



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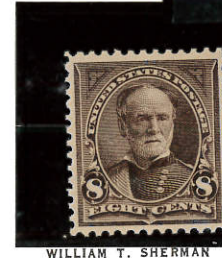
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ABRAHAM LINCOLN



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DANIEL WEBSTER



DARK BLUE  
HENRY CLAY



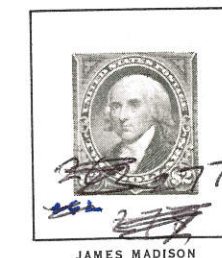
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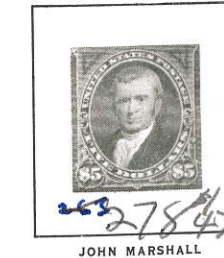
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY



JAMES MADISON



JOHN MARSHALL

These varieties have the same designs as the 1894 issue, but were printed on paper watermarked with the double-line letters USPS, so arranged that one letter or a portion of one appears on each stamp. This was the first time that stamps for postal use were watermarked, and it was done to prevent counterfeiting.

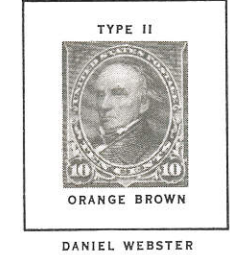


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## UNITED STATES

1898  
Watermarked USPS



DANIEL WEBSTER

DANIEL WEBSTER

1898  
TRANS-MISSISSIPPI EXPOSITION



A scene from Father Marquette's explorations of the Mississippi River.



Grain harvesting with horse-drawn combines was slow and tedious.



Buffalo were prized by the Indians for food and clothing.



John Charles Frémont planted a U.S. flag on highest peak in Rocky Mts.



The U.S. Cavalry that protected settlers from fierce Indian attacks.



Death of a horse pulling a "Prairie Schooner" was a typical hardship.



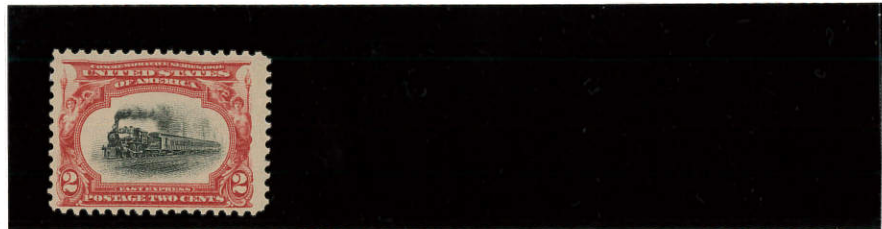
Here is a typical gold-mining prospector with his burros and dog.



Western cattle were often killed by blizzards and howling winds.



A marvel of the 1890's: bridge over the Mississippi at St. Louis, Mo.



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## UNITED STATES

1901  
PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION



the major method used in forwarding goods between the midwest and east.



cross country transportation. Pictured here: a New York to Chicago deluxe express train.



Washington, D.C. heralded the leadership of the U. S. in automotive development.



the bridge at Niagara Falls, an engineering marvel of the 19th century, intrigued visitors at the Exposition.



the famous Suez Canal, through which more shipping tonnage passes than any other in the world.

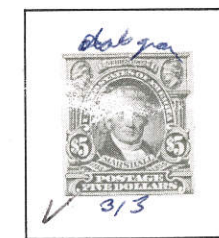
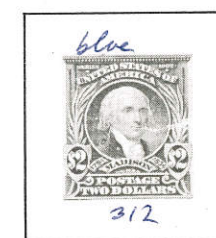
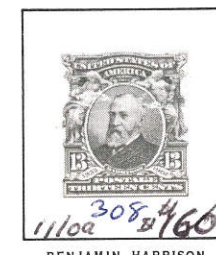


than 10 days, the S. S. St. Paul was one of the world's fastest ocean liners in 1901.

The Pan-American Exposition, held in Buffalo, N. Y. in 1901, was a tribute to the economic and social progress of North, Central, and South America during the 19th Century. Stamps issued to commemorate the event carried pictures featuring this country's advances in transportation.

# UNITED STATES

1902-03  
Watermarked USPS  
Perforated 12



The "Gay 90's" passed into nostalgic history, the new 20th Century dawned, and the Government issued stamps designed to conform to the baroque or "ginger-bread" style of the times. Portraits of American notables in the fields of law, politics, and war were set in decorative frames, biographical data was included. Martha Washington became the first white American woman to appear on a U. S. postage stamp!

## UNITED STATES

1903

Perforated 12



GEORGE WASHINGTON

1906

Imperforate



GEORGE WASHINGTON

1906-08

Imperforate



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Imperforate



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

1904

LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION



ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



JAMES MONROE



WILLIAM MCKINLEY



MAP OF LOUISIANA PURCHASE

This set was issued to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase (827,987 sq. mi.), the first major acquisition west of the Mississippi. Pictured on the stamps are the notables who negotiated the vast transaction: Livingston and Monroe bargained with Napoleon; President Jefferson officially approved the deal. President McKinley authorized the St. Louis World's Fair celebrating the centennial of the Purchase.

1907

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION



CAPT. JOHN SMITH



FOUNDING OF JAMESTOWN



POCAHONTAS

This set marked the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Jamestown Colony in Virginia. On the 1c value is a picture of Capt. John Smith, who led three ships and 105 settlers to this foreign shore. The 2c has as its illustration a painting showing the hardy settlers landing at Jamestown. Chief Powhatan's daughter Pocahontas, who saved Capt. Smith's life, is pictured on the 5c value.

# UNITED STATES

1908-09  
Watermarked USPS  
Perforated 12



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



Imperforate



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



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These are the first 12 values of issues generally labelled, "The Third Bureau Series of 1908-22." The one and two cent values show the denomination in words instead of numerals. Though Washington is on 11 values, Franklin, never President, is also included; a glowing tribute to his spot in U.S. history.

# UNITED STATES



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



C

Perforated 12 Vertically



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



C



356

Coil stamps were first designed in 1908 to meet a demand from manufacturers of vending and affixing machines. The first issues, using 1902-03 designs, were experimental and are now quite rare.

359

1909

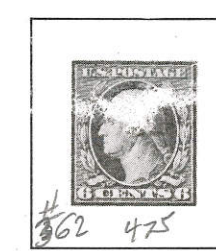
Perforated 12: Bluish Gray Paper



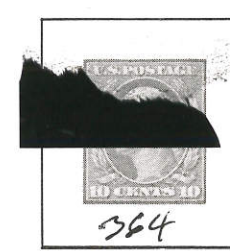
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



#62 475



364



366 450

All values up to and including the 15¢ were printed on 30% rag stock. This resulted in the "Bluish Paper" varieties which are now philatelic gems.

1909

LINCOLN MEMORIAL



361

Commemorative of the birth of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12, 1809 in Springfield, Ill. It was issued in three forms: perforated, imperforate, and perforated on "Bluish Paper."



## UNITED STATES

1909

ALASKA-YUKON PACIFIC EXPOSITION



In 1867 William Seward, astute Secretary of State, negotiated with Russia to buy Alaska for seven million two hundred thousand dollars. Called at the time "Seward's Folly," his prophetic good judgment is a fact of history today.

HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION



For the 300th anniversary of the arrival of Henry Hudson in New York aboard the "Half-Moon," and the 100th anniversary of Robert Fulton's first trip in his steamboat "Clermont" a special stamp showing both vessels was issued.

1910-11

Watermarked USPS: Perforated 12



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



Imperforate



# UNITED STATES

1910-13

Coil Stamps: Watermarked USPS

Perforated 12 Horizontally

Perforated 12 Vertically



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Perforated 8½ Horizontally



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON

*34 vert  
type 1  
38a, RARE*

Perforated 8½ Vertically



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



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From 1910 to 1914, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing experimented with coils to determine the best gauge for perforations. The perf. 12 separated too easily and perf. 8½ was not sufficient. In 1914 perf. 10 was tried and found ideal.



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## UNITED STATES

1913

PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION  
Perforated 12



VASCO NUNEZ DE BALBOA



PANAMA CANAL



GOLDEN GATE



DISCOVERY OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY



DISCOVERY OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY

This set of four designs was issued to mark the 400th anniversary of Balboa's discovery of the Pacific Ocean in 1513, also the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914. The first set was perforated with gauge 12 holes; the second (1914-15) had gauge 10 perfs.

1914-15

Perforated 10



VASCO NUNEZ DE BALBOA



PANAMA CANAL



GOLDEN GATE



DISCOVERY OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY

The perforations were changed in 1914 from 12 to 10 to strengthen the sheets.



# UNITED STATES

1912-14

Perforated 12

Watermarked USPS

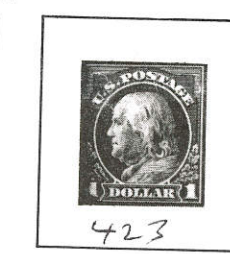
Imperforate



Perforated 8½ Horizontally

COIL STAMPS

Perforated 8½ Vertically



Continuance of parcel post stamps made necessary five new denominations of stamps, 7c, 9c, 12c, 20c and 30c. The 7c value bears the head of Washington, four show the head of Franklin. The 1c and 2c varieties of this issue are printed with numerals instead of words.

UNITED STATES

1914-15  
Watermarked USPS  
Perforated 10



The continuing experiments to improve stamp separations resulted in changing the gauge of perforations to 10 for stamps in sheet form, thus quite incidentally creating a new set for collectors. It also became necessary to issue an 11c value for the first time in U.S. postal history.

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# UNITED STATES

WATERMARKED USPS

1914

Flat Plate Printing: Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Vertically



1914

FLAT PLATE PRINTING

Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Horizontally

1914

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Imperforate

1915

FLAT PLATE PRINTING

Perforated 10

Perforated 11



1914-16

Rotary Press Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Vertically

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459



4325 C



1915-16

Rotary Press Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Horizontally



used for the first time. It provided a faster and more economical production as compared to the Flat Plate method.



## UNITED STATES

1916-17

FLAT PLATE PRINTING

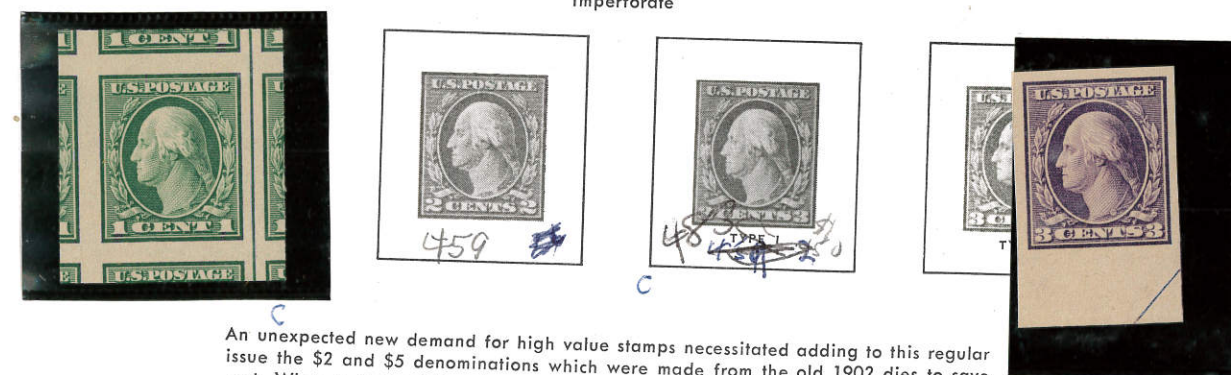
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JAMES MADISON

JOHN MARSHALL

Imperforate

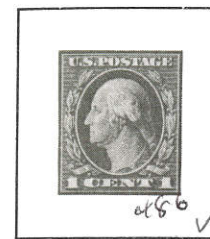


An unexpected new demand for high value stamps necessitated adding to this regular issue the \$2 and \$5 denominations which were made from the old 1902 dies to save cost. When a new contract for paper was effected it was decided, for the sake of economy, to use unwatermarked paper.

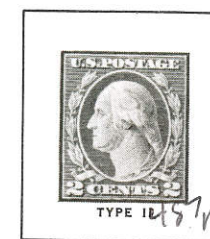
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# UNITED STATES

1916-22  
 ROTARY PRESS COIL STAMPS  
 Perforated 10 Horizontally



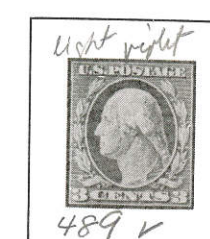
GEORGE WASHINGTON



TYPE II



TYPE III



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Perforated 10 Vertically



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



Perforated 10

1917  
 FLAT PLATE PRINTING  
 5c Error from Sheet of 2c

Perforated 11



"r" occurred during the printing of issues. The error occurred where 5c is supposed to contain only 2c values.

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# UNITED STATES

1917-19  
Unwatermarked  
Perforated 11



GEORGE WASHINGTON



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

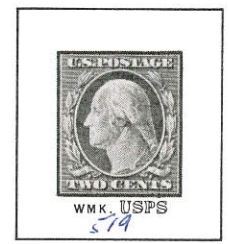


1918



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

1917



GEORGE WASHINGTON

1918



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



Further experiments in perforating proved gauge 11 to be the most satisfactory for the type of paper used at this time. It seemed to make for a happy medium between the too fragile perf. 12 and the too strong perf. 10. The perf. 11 "Two Cent" design of 1908 was made from a left-over supply of imperforate sheets.

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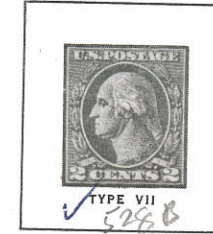


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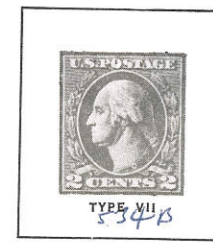
1918-20  
OFFSET PRINTING  
Unwatermarked: Perforated 11



GEORGE WASHINGTON



Imperforate



Perforated 12½



In an  
Bureau





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## UNITED STATES

1919-21

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Unwatermarked: Perforated 11x10



Perforated 10x11



Perforated 10



Perforated 11



Perforated 11



In an attempt to be thrifty, the Post Office issued this assortment of varieties. Some were "coil waste" made from sheets intended to be used to create coil stamps. This issue completed the Washington-Franklin series.

1919  
VICTORY



Hailing the allied victory in World War I, this stamp, showing "Freedom" with flags, was issued Mar. 3, 1919.



1920  
PILGRIM TERCENTENARY



THE MAYFLOWER



LANDING OF PILGRIMS



SIGNING OF COMPACT

This set marked the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. Historians agree that while Plymouth Rock will always be featured in connection with the landing, it is an accepted fact that the first landing was at Provincetown at the tip of Cape Cod and not at Plymouth.

# UNITED STATES

1922-25  
FLAT PLATE PRINTING  
Perforated 11



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



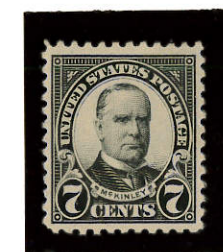
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JAMES MONROE



RUTHERFORD B. HAYES



GROVER CLEVELAND



AMERICAN INDIAN



STATUE OF LIBERTY



## UNITED STATES

1922-25  
FLAT PLATE PRINTING  
Perforated 11



GOLDEN GATE



NIAGARA FALLS



Imperforate



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



GEORGE WASHINGTON



This Fourth Bureau Series, 1922 to 1934, marks a progressive era in the development of U.S. stamps. Artistically designed, this issue has both flat plate and rotary press printings, a variety of perforations and some imperforates, several new denominations, and a wide range of illustrations.

# UNITED STATES

1923-25  
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING



Perforated 11x10



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



Perforated 11x10

GEORGE WASHINGTON



Perforated 11



1923-26  
Perforated 10



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



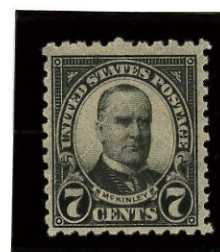
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JAMES MONROE

The rotary printed stamps, perf. 11x10 and 11, are the last to be fashioned from coil waste. The others of this issue have impressions, seen on the reverse, made by breaker bars used to prevent rotary press stamps from curling.



# UNITED STATES

1923-29  
COIL STAMPS  
Perforated 10 Vertically



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



MARTHA WASHINGTON



THEODORE ROOSEVELT



JAMES MONROE

Perforated 10 Horizontally



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



GEORGE WASHINGTON

This issue includes sheet stamps printed on rotary presses perf. 10, as well rotary coils with the same perfs.

1923  
HARDING MEMORIAL

Flat Plate Printing



Flat Plate Printing



Rotary Press Printing



On Sept. 1, 1923, a month after his untimely death, a stamp was issued in U.S. President Harding's memory. Its popularity made it necessary to supplement the flat plate printing (Perf. 11) with a rotary press printing (Perf. 10). Imperforate sheets were issued on demand for those who wished to frame parts of sheets as a memorial of the late chief executive.

## UNITED STATES

1924  
HUGUENOT-WALLOON



"NEW NETHERLAND"



LANDING AT FORT ORANGE



MONUMENT AT MAYPORT, FLA.

Both the Huguenots (Protestants who lived in France) and Walloons (French-speaking Protestants who lived in northeastern France and southwestern Belgium), suffered from religious persecution. The Huguenots fled to Florida, started a settlement. A few years later it was destroyed by Spaniards. The Walloons fled to the "New World" and settled among several colonies located in New Amsterdam, Connecticut and Delaware.

1925  
LEXINGTON-CONCORD



WASHINGTON AT CAMBRIDGE



BIRTH OF LIBERTY



THE MINUTE MAN

Although political action had been taken by the American colonies in 1774 to resist unfair taxation by England, the first military action was in 1775 at Lexington, Mass. where the Redcoats fired into a small group of Minutemen. A few hours later at Concord, Mass. the Minutemen fired "the shot heard 'round the world" and the British reeled back with heavy losses. Two months later George Washington assumed command of the Army.

1925  
NORSE-AMERICAN



BENJAMIN HARRISON



WOODROW WILSON

1925-26  
Flat Plate Printing: Perforated 11

Honoring the first group of Norwegians, who came to the United States in 1825. These hardy pioneers were followed by thousands of their countrymen who settled mainly in the mid-west.

The 13c value, carrying the picture of President Benjamin Harrison, and the 17c value portraying President Woodrow Wilson, met the fees for circulars, parcel post, registered mail.



## UNITED STATES

1926

ERICSSON MEMORIAL



Ericsson invented the ship screw propeller; built the "Monitor," the U.S. Navy's first iron-clad ship.

SESQUICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION



This variety commemorating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence was issued at the time of the celebration in Phila.

BATTLE OF WHITE PLAINS



INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION  
Souvenir Sheet



UNITED STATES

1927  
VERMONT SESQUICENTENNIAL



Issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the defeat of Gen. Burgoyne at the Battle of Bennington.



Trapped by a greater American force after losing four minor battles, Gen. John Burgoyne (1722-92) was soundly whipped at Saratoga by Gen. Gates.



150th anniversary of the winter encampment of Gen. Washington's army. The site is now a national shrine.

1926-28  
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING  
Perforated 11x10½



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



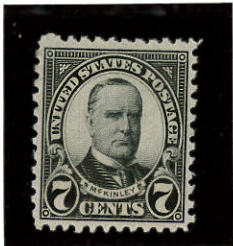
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JAMES MONROE

1926

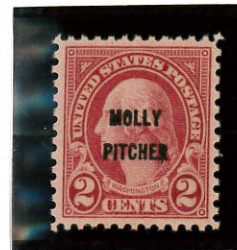


1929  
Perforated 11x10½



# UNITED STATES

1928  
BATTLE OF MONMOUTH



Mary Hays carried pitchers of water to soldiers and replaced her husband at cannon.

1928  
HAWAII SESQUICENTNIAL



These overprints marked the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Captain James Cook (1728-79) in 1778. At first named the Sandwich Islands by Cook to honor the Earl of Sandwich, these islands became the 50th U.S. state in 1959.



1929  
SULLIVAN EXPEDITION



Gen. Sullivan (1740-95) whipped Indians and Loyalists at Newtown, now Elmira, New York.

1928  
AERONAUTICS CONFERENCE



Commemorating the 25th anniversary of man's first successful heavier-than-air flight by the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

1929  
GEORGE ROGERS CLARK



ELECTRIC LIGHT'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Flat Plate Printing



Rotary Press Printing



Rotary Press Printing



These stamps honored Thomas A. Edison's development of the electric light in 1879, considered by many to be the world's greatest invention. Edison was not the first to think of an incandescent electric lamp but merits the credit for bringing it to perfection.

# UNITED STATES

1929

1926-27 Issue Overprinted "Kans."



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



MARTHA WASHINGTON



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JAMES MONROE

Baffling Post Office burglaries were frequent in the mid-west and the Department tried an impractical scheme to stop its losses. The regular issues of 1926-27 were overprinted "Kans." and "Nebr." for use in those two states. Often called "state control stamps."

UNITED STATES

1929  
1926-27 Issue Overprinted "Nebr."



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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GEORGE WASHINGTON



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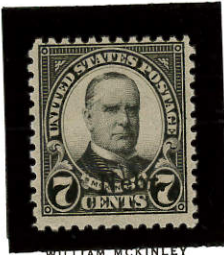
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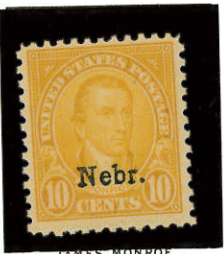
WILLIAM MCKINLEY



JAMES MONROE



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The Post Office Department thought the "Kans." and "Nebr." overprints would prevent the sale of postage stamps in other states and make it difficult for thieves to get rid of them. The idea proved unsuccessful and was dropped.



## UNITED STATES

1929

BATTLE OF FALLEN TIMBERS



OHIO RIVER CANALIZATION



country's most extensive canal system between Cairo, Illinois, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY



300th Anniversary of Puritans' arrival, founding of first self-governing commonwealth.

1930

CAROLINA-CHARLESTON



Noted the 260th anniversary of the Province of Carolina; the City of Charleston's 250th.

1930

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Perforated 11x10 1/2



WARREN G. HARDING



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

Perforated 10 Vertically



BRADDOCK'S FIELD



Gen. Braddock's forces defeated by French and Indians at Ft. Duquesne, now Pittsburgh, Pa.

VON STEUBEN



Inspector-General of the American Revolutionary Army, fought at Monmouth, Yorktown.

PULASKI



A Polish Count who aided the American Revolution. Mortally wounded in Georgia.

1931  
YORKTOWN



Blockaded by a fleet at sea and an American and French army ashore, Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown in 1781, ending the American Revolution.

RED CROSS



The poster, "The Greatest Mother," used as illustration to hail the birth of this Society.

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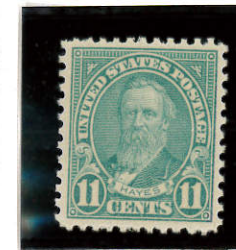




## UNITED STATES

1931

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING  
Perforated 11x10½



RUTHERFORD B. HAYES



GROVER CLEVELAND



BENJAMIN HARRISON



AMERICAN INDIAN



STATUE



WOODROW WILSON



GOLDEN GATE



NIAGARA FALLS



BISON



ARLINGTON

1932

WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL



Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Each picture was copied from a different artist's portrait of the first U.S. President during various periods of his life, from a young surveyor to the last year of retirement.

# UNITED STATES

1932

## OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES



A salute to the beginning of the 10th Modern Olympiad which started in winter and finished in summer.

## OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES



After running their legendary course from 776 B.C., these ancient and famous games were ended in 394 A.D. They were reinstated in Athens, Greece in 1896. These stamps hail the modern 10th Olympiad held in Los Angeles, Calif.



## ARBOR DAY



Children shown were two of few living people pictured on U.S. stamps up to this point.

Perf. 11x10½



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Perf. 10 Vert.



Perf. 10 Horiz.



Perf. 10 Vert.



JAMES A. GARFIELD

## WILLIAM PENN



Founding Father of Pennsylvania, architect of Phila. and guarantor of religious freedom.

## DANIEL WEBSTER



Famous orator of U.S. history. Webster served in three Cabinets and years in the Senate.

## GEORGIA BICENTENNIAL



A tribute to Gen. Oglethorpe who founded Ga. and City of Savannah through royal charter.

## PEACE SESQUICENTENNIAL



had passed since the end of the American Revolution.

1933

## NAT. RECOVERY ADMIN.



Ideas. Was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1935.

## KOSCIUSKO



Designed West Point's fortifications, and helped American Revolution as aide to Washington.

UNITED STATES

1933  
CENTURY OF PROGRESS  
AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
Souvenir Sheet



This Souvenir Sheet consists of twenty-five stamps issued to commemorate Chicago's 100th anniversary as an incorporated city. The event was celebrated by Chicago's 1933 exhibition. The illustration shows Fort Dearborn, the forerunner of Chicago, built in 1803.

Perforated 10½x11



Imperforate



# UNITED STATES

1933

CENTURY OF PROGRESS  
AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
Souvenir Sheet

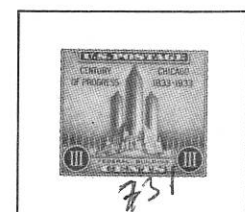


This souvenir sheet was also issued in conjunction with Chicago's exhibition, called a "Century of Progress." It features the three beautiful tall towers of the Federal Building which stood out so dramatically against a vista of long, lower buildings.

Perforated  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 11$



Imperforate



# UNITED STATES

1934

MOTHERS OF AMERICA



President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first Mother's Day as May 9, 1914. This stamp was issued to mark its 20th anniversary. The beloved symbol of this hallowed day is Whistler's "Portrait of My Mother" which he really titled "Arrangement in Grey and Black." Today this famous painting hangs in the Louvre.

WISCONSIN TERCENTENARY



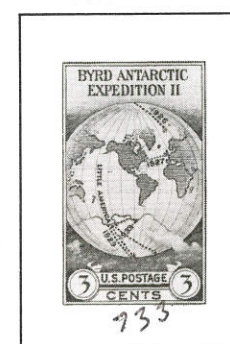
Marked arrival of Jean Nicolet near Green Bay on Lake Michigan. He thought he was in China and wore Chinese clothes!

NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION  
Souvenir Sheet



1933

BYRD ANTARCTIC EXPED.  
Perforated 11



1934

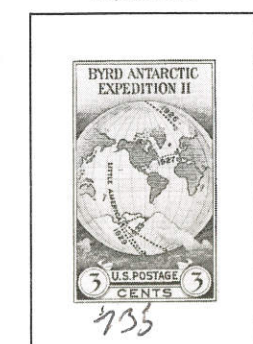
MARYLAND TERCENTENARY



These are sailing ships that carried colonists under Lord Baltimore (George Calvert) to Md.

1934

NAT. STAMP EXHIBITION  
Imperforate



# UNITED STATES

1934  
NATIONAL PARKS  
Perforated 11



YOSEMITE



YELLOWSTONE



ZION



GRAND CANYON



MOUNT RAINIER



MESA VERDE



CRATER LAKE



ACADIA



GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Imperforate



YOSEMITE

Imperforate



MOUNT RAINIER

Perforated 11



GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

One of the most beautiful, colorful and interesting sets ever issued by the U.S. Government. In conjunction with National Parks Year, the illustrations were chosen to show Americans the scenic wonders awaiting them in ten National Parks.



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## UNITED STATES

1934

AMERICAN PHILELIC SOCIETY  
Souvenir Sheet



TRANS-MISSISSIPPI PHILELIC EXPOSITION  
Souvenir Sheet



# UNITED STATES

1935  
SPECIAL PRINTING  
Imperforate: Ungummed



GRAND CANYON



MOUNT RAINIER



MESA VERDE



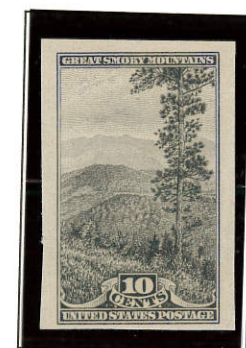
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CRATER LAKE



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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK



WHISTLER'S "MY MOTHER"



NICOLET'S LANDING

Postmaster General James A. Farley unwittingly gave some friends sheets of these stamps without gum and/or perforations. Upon learning that this would lead to great inflation in the prices, Mr. Farley printed large additional quantities so that all collectors could buy them at face value for a period of six months.

# UNITED STATES

1935  
SPECIAL PRINTING  
Ungummed

Perforated 11

Perforated 10½ x 11



PEACE SESQUICENTENNIAL



BYRD ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

Imperforate



AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

## SINGLE STAMPS FROM SOUVENIR SHEETS

Imperforate



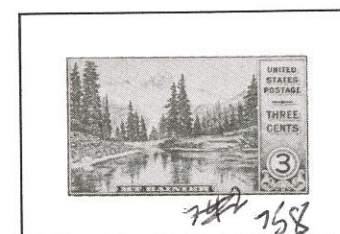
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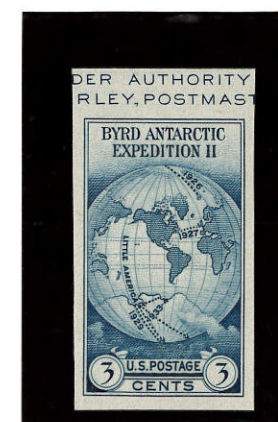


CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION

Imperforate



MOUNT RAINIER



BYRD ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION



YOSEMITE

UNITED STATES

AIR POST STAMPS

1918



1923



1924-27



1927



1928



1930



1930



The first air mail service in the U.S. was between New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. To meet the postal fees for this and all subsequent air mail, stamps were issued in appropriate values. Note the three highly valuable Graf Zeppelin stamps, which were used on mail carried by this German dirigible between U.S., Brazil, Germany and Spain.

# UNITED STATES

AIR POST STAMPS

1931-34  
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING  
Perforated 10½ x 11



1933  
CENTURY OF PROGRESS



1935-37  
TRANS-PACIFIC



1938



1939  
TRANS-ATLANTIC



Various denominations were issued to meet not only the then-current domestic rates, but also rates for carrying mail by air over the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. A final Graf Zeppelin stamp pictures Federal Building at Chicago's Exposition, and lighter-than-air machine's home hangar at Friedrichshafen.

# UNITED STATES



1911



## UNITED STATES

### AIR POST SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS

1934



1936



The most interesting fact about this issue is that it combines the fee for both regular air mail and special delivery. The Post Office Department hoped that people would increase their use of this de luxe service because of the convenience of using one stamp to pay for two services. The original blue color was not dramatic enough so a new variety in red and blue appeared in 1936. The "Great Seal" of the U.S. is featured.

### REGISTRATION

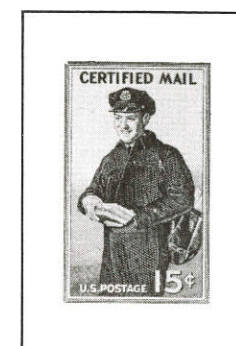
1911



The purpose of registered mail is to have absolute proof of mailing and safe delivery of valuable items. The Registry System of the United States started in July 1855 and regular postage stamps were used for 56 years. In 1911 our one and only registration stamp was issued, it lived a mere two years, but registry service is still provided.

### CERTIFIED MAIL

1955



Devised to publicize this inexpensive, legal, way to show proof of mailing and delivery of letters and documents without having to incur the steadily increasing costs of registry fees. Although the service remains, this special was discontinued in 1957.



## UNITED STATES

### SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS

Unwatermarked

1885



1888



1893



1894



Watermarked USPS

1895



1908



1902



1911

Perforated 12



1914

Perforated 10



1916

Perforated 10



1917

Perforated 11



Unwatermarked

In 1885 the Post Office Dept. started "Special Delivery" service which assured the immediate delivery of mail between 7 A.M. and midnight. Offered at first in towns with 4,000 or more population, the service encompassed the whole country the following year.



# UNITED STATES

## SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS

1922-25

FLAT PLATE PRINTING

Perforated 11



1927-31

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Perforated 11 x 10½



1944

1951



1954-57



# UNITED STATES

OFFICES IN CHINA

1919



GEORGE WASHINGTON



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



1922



GEORGE WASHINGTON



Since conditions in China were not conducive to good postal service for many years, the large commercial nations of the West had to operate their own post offices in some of the Chinese cities. In 1919, 16 different values of the U.S. 1917-19 issues were overprinted "Shanghai, China", and revalued in local currency.

# UNITED STATES

## PARCEL POST STAMPS

1912-13

500



POST OFFICE CLERK



CITY CARRIER



RAILWAY POSTAL CLERK



RURAL CARRIER



MAIL TRAIN



STEAMSHIP AND MAIL TENDER



AUTOMOBILE SERVICE



AIRPLANE CARRYING MAIL



MANUFACTURING



DAIRYING



HARVESTING



FRUIT GROWING

These stamps were intended for use only on parcel post packages. Six months after issue, because of their unpopularity, it was decreed that regular stamps could be used for parcel post. In 1913 production of all parcel post stamps was stopped.



## UNITED STATES



# UNITED STATES



