



The Philatelic Foundation

341 West 38th Street • 5th Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 509211  
01/08/2013

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

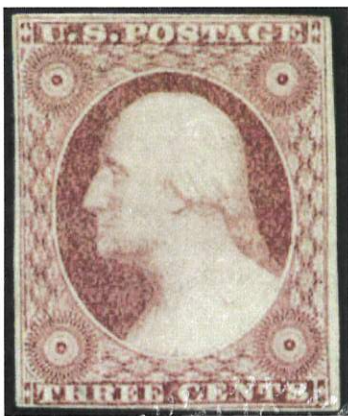
Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
11AVAR	1853	3¢	dull red

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, OG, THREE LINES RE-CUT UPPER LEFT TRIANGLE.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, UNUSED, WITH LARGE PART O.G. \*\*\*\*\*



509211

F 259544

For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

W. R. WEISS, JR.  
P.O. Box 5358  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610) 691-6857

Opinion No. 36 1820

Date 02/29/12

United States 1¢ 1857  
Type I Used (Scott #18)

I have examined the enclosed

for G. Schwenk

and my opinion is;

It is sound and genuine in all respects, RED  
grid cancellation.

A photograph is attached below.



Signed

Member:

American Philatelic Society (Life Member)  
United States Stamp Society, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society  
U.S. Cancellation Club, U.S. Postal Stationary Society

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Cert No. 0573637

11/28/2016



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EXPERT COMMITTEE OPINION:

Cat#	Issue	Denom.	Shade
22	1857	1c	Blue

"it is genuine unused, no gum".



Acting Committee Chairman



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EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 545421  
06/05/2017

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
23	1857	1¢	blue

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

USED, BLUE GRID CANCEL.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, WITH A SMALL SEALED TEAR AT BOTTOM RIGHT. \*\*\*\*\*



545421

G 293699

For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

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Submitted by

CENTURY STAMPS



THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION

270 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016

EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 0173175  
5/11/87

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the applicant described as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom	Color
24	1857	1¢	blue

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED OG  
VERTICAL PAIR.

OF WHICH A PHOTOGRAPH IS ATTACHED AND  
ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE PREVIOUSLY HINGED\*\*\*\*\*



*[Signature]*  
For The Expert Committee  
ACTING Chairman

A 20019

submitted by RUPP BROTHERS, INC.

Cert No. 0567131

6/24/2014



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EXPERT COMMITTEE OPINION:

Cat#	Issue	Denom.	Shade
28	1857	5c	Red Brown

"it is genuine used with a small thin at top right".



*[Signature]*  
Acting Committee Chairman

Opinion No. 2007/29/10

W. R. WEISS, JR.  
P.O. Box 5358  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610) 691-6857

Date 11/07/07--3

I have examined the enclosed United States 5¢ 1859 Used (Scott #29)  
for J. Parks, and my opinion is:

It is genuine, side perfs cut with scissors, small part red  
cancellation at top right.

A photograph is attached below.



Signed

*[Signature]*



No. 84 159March 28, 1980

## THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION

270 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016

## EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the  
applicant described as follows:Country USA Issue 1857 Denomination 10¢Color green Cat. No. 32Brief description or additional  
informationAll Catalogue numbers are Scott's unless  
otherwise specified.Unused, o.g.

of which a photograph is attached and are of the opinion

that it is a genuine stamp, faintly can-  
celled.*[Signature]*  
For The Expert Committee  
ChairmanNo. 012016576/3/2009**Professional Stamp Experts**

P.O. Box 6170, Newport Beach, CA 92658

**Expert Committee**We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which  
an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
Scott 39 (USD 15)	1860	90c	Blue

"it is genuine unused, no gum, with a paper adherence on the back  
across the top."*thinned**[Signature]*

For The Expert Committee

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRINTED ON WATERMARKED PAPER AND IS NOT VALID WITHOUT WATERMARK

## THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION

270 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016No. 0146784  
5/13/85

## EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the  
applicant described as follows:Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICACat. No. 62B Issue 1861 Denom. 10¢ Color dark green

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

USEDOF WHICH A PHOTOGRAPH IS ATTACHED AND  
ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:IT IS GENUINE REPERFORATED AT LEFT \* \* \* \* \**[Signature]*  
For The Expert Committee  
Chairmansubmitted by C. SEABURY WARD

W. R. WEISS, JR.

P.O. Box 5358

Bethlehem, PA 18015

(610) 691-6857

Opinion No. 15 7025Date 03/06/13United States 24¢ 1861I have examined the enclosed Used (Scott #70-Dark Red  
Lilac).for J. Dooley

and my opinion is;

It is genuine, blue town cancels, appears sound  
but has a very tiny thin.

A photograph is attached below.



Signed

*[Signature]*Member: ...American Philatelic Society (Life Member)  
United States Stamp Society, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society  
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No. 00080166

4/29/2002

**Professional Stamp Experts**

P.O. Box 6170, Newport Beach, CA 92658

**Authentication Committee**

We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which the photo is attached with seal and are of the opinion that:

Cat #	Issue	Denom.	Color
US#76	1863	5c	Brown

"it is genuine used, with Black c.d.s., cancel."



*W. R. Weiss, Jr.*  
For The Expert Committee

THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION

270 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016

EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 0172173  
5/22/87

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the applicant described as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom	Color
77	1866	15¢	black

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

USED  
WITH BLACK AND RED CANCELLATIONS

OF WHICH A PHOTOGRAPH IS ATTACHED AND  
ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE \* \* \* \* \*



*L. M.*  
For The Expert Committee  
ACTING Chairman

A 20991

W. R. WEISS, JR.  
P.O. Box 5358  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610) 691-6857

Opinion No. 2 9520 Date 11/12/10

I have examined the enclosed United States 5¢ 1868  
Used "F" Grill On Very  
Thin Paper (Scott 95var)

for H. Heist

and my opinion is;

It is genuine, light horiz. crease through neck,  
very tiny tear at rt (at 5th perf hole down), tiny

A photograph is attached below. corner crease at LL.



Signed

*W. R. Weiss, Jr.*

Member:

American Philatelic Society (Life Member)  
United States Stamp Society, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society  
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WEISS EXPERTIZING SERVICE  
P.O. Box 5358  
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Opinion No. 21 9925 Date 05/11/13

I have examined the enclosed United States 24¢ 1868  
Used "F" Grill (Scott #99)

for H. Heist

and my opinion is;

It is genuine, appears sound but has tiny  
thin at top and few short perfs.

A photograph is attached below.



Signed

*W. R. Weiss, Jr.*

Member:

American Philatelic Society (Life Member)  
United States Stamp Society, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society  
U.S. Cancellation Club, U.S. Postal Stationery Society

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W. R. WEISS, JR.  
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Opinion No. 50 10020 Date 01/05/10

I have examined the enclosed United States 30¢ 1868  
Used "F" Grill (Sc.#100)

for G. Schwenk

and my opinion is;

It is genuine, tiny light natural vertical crease  
at btm (at 2nd perf hole, up into "U"), red

A photograph is attached below. crayon mark at right.



Signed

*W. R. Weiss, Jr.*

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No. 544803

05/25/2017

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a  
photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
102	1875	1¢	blue

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, NO GUM,

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE\*\*\*\*\*



544803

G 282752

For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

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Professional  
STAMPEXPERTIZING

PSE#19557  
CERTIFICATE NO.

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02/09/93

CAT #	ISSUE	DENOM	COLOR
US#108	1875	15 Cent	Black

PROFESSIONAL has examined this submission and is of the opinion that:

"it is genuine unused, no gum with 4.0mm sealed tear  
at top left & REPERFORATED AT LEFT".

The opinions rendered by PROFESSIONAL are based upon the best judgment and expertise of highly specialized philatelic consultants using current information available to them. PROFESSIONAL's opinions do not constitute a guarantee that an item is genuine or that others may reach a different conclusion as to description. No warranties are therefore expressed or implied in PROFESSIONAL's opinions. The physical condition of a stamp may change with time through improper handling, storage or alteration, therefore, the opinion given here may not apply beyond the date of this certificate. Xeroxes or copies of this certificate are INVALID.

R. Shoemaker

R. Champagne

S. Piller

EXPERTS:

*R. Shoemaker*  
Chairman, Board of Consultants





# The Philatelic Foundation

501 Fifth Avenue • Suite 1901  
New York, NY 10017

EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 0306261  
9/13/96

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
112	1869	1¢	buff

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED OG

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, PREVIOUSLY HINGED\* \* \* \* \*



*A. Roman*  
For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

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Submitted by WILLIAM D. HERRICK



# THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION

270 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016

EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 0146952  
5/13/85

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the applicant described as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
114	1869	3¢	ultramarine

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, NO GUM

OF WHICH A PHOTOGRAPH IS ATTACHED AND  
ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE\* \* \* \* \*



*Myrna Golden*  
For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

submitted by MYRNA GOLDEN

## WEISS EXPERTIZING SERVICE

P.O. Box 5358  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610) 691-6857

Opinion No. 17 11732 Date 07/09/15

I have examined the enclosed United States 12¢  
1869 Unused (Scott #117)

for W. Kasell  
and my opinion is: It is genuine, OG (bit glazed) and  
prev. hinged, appears sound & attractive but is  
reperfed at bottom & right and a small thin at UL

A photograph is attached below. only visible in watermark  
fluid.



Signed

*W. Kasell, Jr.*

Member:

American Philatelic Society (Life Member)  
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No. 537560  
06/29/2016

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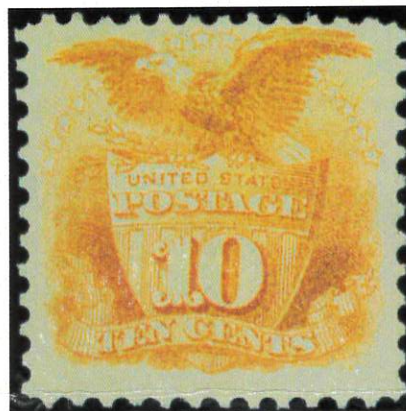
Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
127	1875	10¢	yellow

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, NO GUM,

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE\*\*\*\*\*



537560

*Myrna Golden*  
For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

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G 287084





# The Philatelic Foundation

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EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 536242

05/31/2016

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

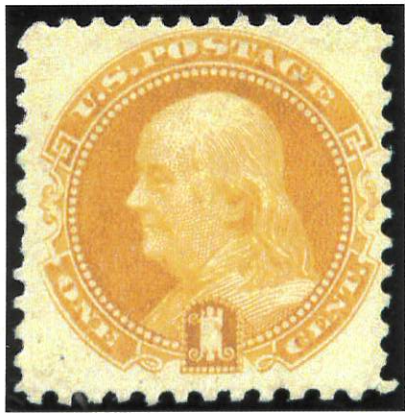
Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
133	1880	1¢	buff

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, NO GUM,

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE\*\*\*\*\*



536242

G 288659

For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

# American Philatelic Society

## Expert Committee Report

Members of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service have examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is:

**United States, Scott No. 154, used, genuine, tiny thin spot.**



*Wm. R. Martin*  
(APEX Authorized Signature)

No. 200632

*G. Mueser*  
(Administrator Signature)

Date: 6/11/2012

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# THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION

21 EAST 40<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016

EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 0249992

12/20/91

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
157 156	1875	1¢	ultramarine

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS A GENUINE SCOTT 156 CONTINENTAL PRINTING  
WITH A SMALL TEAR AT RIGHT \*\*\*\*\*



*R. Rosenthal*  
For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

A 109334



# The Philatelic Foundation

22 East 35th Street • 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10016

EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 555666

10/18/2018

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
158	1873	3¢	green

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, OG,

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, UNUSED, WITH DISTURBED O.G. \*\*\*\*\*



555666

H 306562

For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.





## The Philatelic Foundation

70 West 40th Street • 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 457854  
11/02/2007

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
161	1873	10¢	brown

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, NO GUM,

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE\*\*\*\*\*



457854

*[Signature]*  
For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

F 178301

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

## WEISS EXPERTIZING SERVICE

P.O. Box 5358  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610) 691-6857

Opinion No. 15 16627 Date 06/18/15

United States 90¢

I have examined the enclosed 1873 Unused (Scott #166)

for REW Stamps

and my opinion is;

It is genuine and sound, but is regummed.

A photograph is attached below.



Signed *[Signature]*

Member:

American Philatelic Society (Life Member)  
United States Stamp Society, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society  
U.S. Cancellation Club, U.S. Postal Stationery Society

Established 1972

## American Philatelic Society

### Expert Committee Report

Members of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service have examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is:

United States, Scott No. 182, unused, original gum, hinge remnant, genuine.



*[Signature]*  
(APEX Authorized Signature)  
*[Signature]*  
(Administrator Signature)

No. 212640  
Date: 7/15/2015

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## WEISS EXPERTIZING SERVICE

P.O. Box 5358  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610) 691-6857

Opinion No. 2 18625 Date 12/11/13

United States 6¢

I have examined the enclosed 1879 Unused (Scott #186)

for H. Heist

and my opinion is;

It is sound and genuine in all respects, OG/hinge remnant.

A photograph is attached below.



Signed *[Signature]*

Member:

American Philatelic Society (Life Member)  
United States Stamp Society, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society  
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## The Philatelic Foundation

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EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 531009  
10/29/2015

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
189	1879	15¢	red orange

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, OG, BLOCK OF FOUR.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, PREVIOUSLY HINGED, THE BOTTOM STAMPS WITH TINY THINS \*\*\*\*\*



531009

F 269780

For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.



## The Philatelic Foundation

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EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 431024  
11/09/2005

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
207	1881	3¢	blue green

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, OG,

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, PREVIOUSLY HINGED\*\*\*\*\*



431024

For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

HOWARD WHEAT

Submitted by

# American Philatelic Society

## Expert Committee Report

Members of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service have examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is:

**United States, Scott No. 211, unused, slightly disturbed original gum, previously hinged, genuine.**



Robert E. Lamb  
(APEX Authorized Signature)

C. Marian Bass  
(Administrator Signature)

No. 155800  
Date: 5/18/2004

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## The Philatelic Foundation

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New York, NY 10017  
EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 0307877  
10/09/96

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
217	1888	30¢	orange brown

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED OG

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, PREVIOUSLY HINGED\*\*\*\*\*



For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

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**WEISS EXPERTIZING SERVICE**  
P.O. Box 5358  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610) 691-6857

Opinion No. 17 220a20 Date 06/28/13

I have examined the enclosed United States 2¢ 1890  
Unused, Cap On Left "2"  
(Scott #220a)

for G. Enstrom

and my opinion is;

It is genuine, OG/NH, trivial 3mm natural gum  
bend at upper left, otherwise sound.

A photograph is attached below.



Signed

*W. R. Weiss, Jr.*  
Member:

American Philatelic Society (Life Member)  
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U.S. Cancellation Club, U.S. Postal Stationery Society

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**W. R. WEISS, JR.**  
P.O. Box 5358  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610) 691-6857

Opinion No. 4 22825 Date 06/28/11

I have examined the enclosed United States 30¢  
1890 Unused (Scott #228)

for J. Dooley

and my opinion is;

It is genuine, OG/previously hinged, light  
natural horizontal gum crease, other-  
wise sound.

A photograph is attached below.



Signed

*W. R. Weiss, Jr.*  
Member:

American Philatelic Society (Life Member)  
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**THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION**  
21 EAST 40TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016  
EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 264032  
9/21/92

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and described by the applicant as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
229	1890	90¢	orange

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

**UNUSED OG**  
**BLOCK OF FOUR.**

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE PREVIOUSLY HINGED\* \* \* \* \*



*↑*  
*this stamp*

*Robert D. Owen*  
For The Expert Committee  
ACTING Chairman

A 123511

# American Philatelic Society

## Expert Committee Report

Members of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service have examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is:

**United States, Scott No. 256, unused, original gum, genuine.**

**APEX 142768**



*Robert E. Lamb*  
(APEX Authorized Signature)

No. **142768**

*G. Mercer*  
(Administrator Signature)

Date: **SEP 9, 2002**

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## POSTAGE

# 1847 ISSUE

Printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson

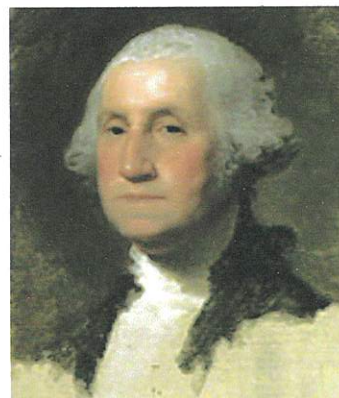
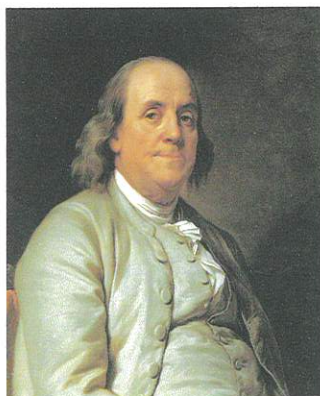
Imperforate



5c Red Brown  
Scott 1



10c Black  
Scott 2



*Portraits by Duplessis and Gilbert Stuart,  
used as the basis for the 1847 Issue*

## 1875 REPRODUCTION

Printed by Bureau of Engraving & Printing



5c Red Brown  
Scott 3



10c Black  
Scott 4



On reproduction,  
shirt frill is different  
(original at bottom)



On reproduction, line  
of coat is different  
(original at bottom)





# POSTAGE 1851-56 ISSUE

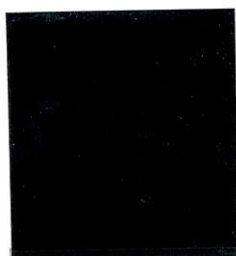
Printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Casilier & Co.

Imperforate

Three new stamps — One, Three and Twelve-cent denominations — were deemed necessary after postage rates were revised by Congress during the Fillmore administration. Effective July 1, 1851, the basic rates became 1¢ for newspapers and circulars (with a distance escalation until 1852), 1¢ for drop letters, 3¢ for domestic letters sent up to 3,000 miles, and 6¢ for letters sent over 3,000 miles. Prepayment by stamps or stamped envelopes was not compulsory until 1856, but the convenience of stamps and reduction in rates led to

a rapid increase in stamp use and popularity.

Under Postmaster General Nathan K. Hall, the contract to print the 1851 Issue was awarded to one of Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson's competitors, the Philadelphia firm of Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co. (Casilear retired in October 1854; his name was included in plate imprints as late as 1857). The firm's original six-year contract was extended to 1861, during which time stamps of eight different denominations were issued.



1c Blue, Type I  
Scott 5



Design complete at  
both top and bottom



1c Blue, Type Ib  
Scott 5A



Design complete at  
top, almost complete  
at bottom



1c Blue, Type Ia  
Scott 6



Design incomplete at  
top, complete at bottom



1c Blue, Type Ic  
Scott 6b



Design incomplete at  
top, almost complete  
at bottom



1c Blue, Type II  
Scott 7



Design complete at  
top, incomplete  
scrolls at bottom



1c Blue, Type III  
Scott 8



Outside curved lines  
broken at both top  
and bottom



1c Blue, Type IIIA  
Scott 8A



Outside curved lines  
broken at either top  
or bottom (not both)



1c Blue, Type IV  
Scott 9



Outer lines recut at  
top or bottom or both





# POSTAGE 1851-56 ISSUE

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Casilier & Co.

Imperforate



3c Orange Brown, Ty. I  
Scott 10



Outer frames recut  
Inner frames normal



3c Orange Brown, Ty. II  
Scott 10A



Outer frames recut  
Inner frames recut



3c Dull Red, Ty. I  
Scott 11



Outer frames recut  
Inner frames normal



3c Dull Red, Ty. II  
Scott 11A



Outer frames recut  
Inner frames recut



5c Red Brown  
Scott 12



10c Green, Type I  
Scott 13



Design incomplete  
at top, complete  
at bottom



10c Green, Type II  
Scott 14



Design complete  
at top, incomplete  
at bottom



10c Green, Type III  
Scott 15



Design incomplete  
at top, incomplete  
at bottom



10c Green, Type IV  
Scott 16



Design recut at top  
or bottom  
or both



12c Black  
Scott 17



# POSTAGE 1857-60 ISSUE

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter & Co.

Perforated 15½

Three major developments in postage stamps occurred between 1857 and 1861: the introduction of perforations in 1857, the addition of three new high-value denominations in 1860, and the Federal demonetization order in 1861, which brought the era of Toppan, Carpenter postage stamps to a close.

In 1857 there were five current stamps: 1c, 3c, 5c, 10c and 12c denominations. These remained the only stamps in circulation until the summer months of 1860, when the department under PMG Joseph Holt deemed it necessary to issue large denominations for prepayment of high transoceanic postage rates established

under various postal treaties with foreign nations. The increased use of adhesive stamps on foreign-bound letters created the need. Toppan, Carpenter was asked for three new values: 24c, 30c and 90c.

As Toppan, Carpenter's contract was due to expire in June 1861, the Civil War broke out and postal relations between the North and South were severed.

Concerned that supplies of postage stamps in secessionist hands might be sold as contraband, the Federal government demonetized all circulating stamps and issued new stamps printed by the National Bank Note Company.

One-cent types as imperforate, with addition of Type V which is incomplete at sides



1c Blue, Type I  
Scott 18



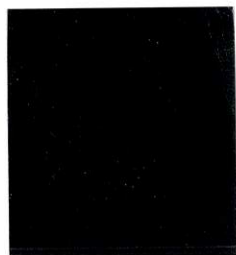
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Scott 19



1c Blue, Type Ic  
Scott 19b



1c Blue, Type II  
Scott 20



1c Blue, Type III  
Scott 21



1c Blue, Type IIIA  
Scott 22



1c Blue, Type IV  
Scott 23



1c Blue, Type V  
Scott 24



3c Rose, Ty. I  
Scott 25



3c Rose, Ty. II  
Scott 25A



3c Dull Red, Ty. III  
Scott 26



3c Dull Red, Ty. IV  
Scott 26A



Outer lines end  
Inner frames normal



Outer lines end  
Inner frames recut

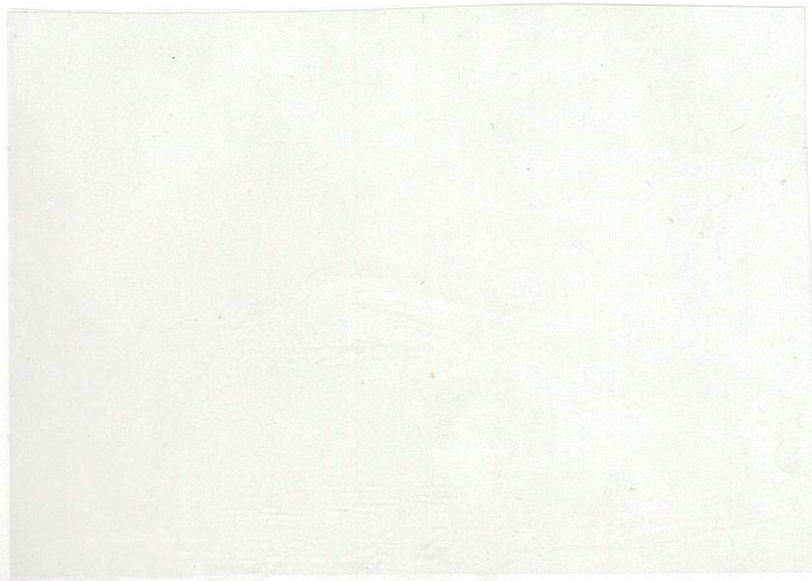
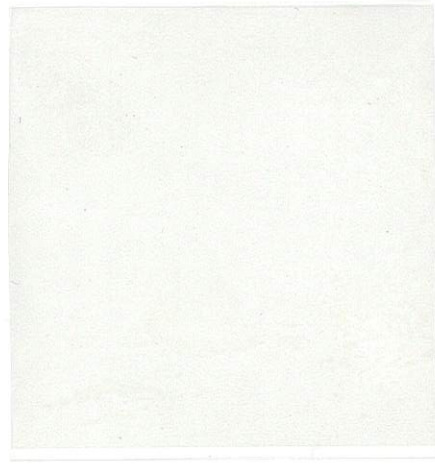
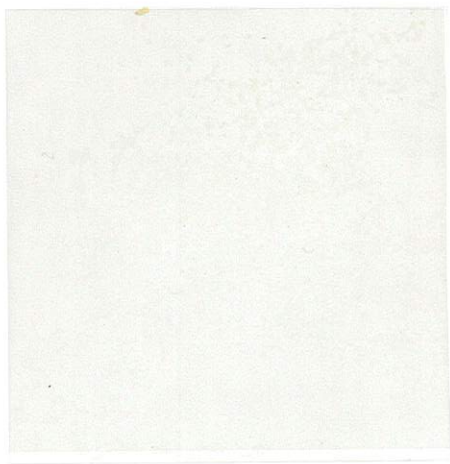
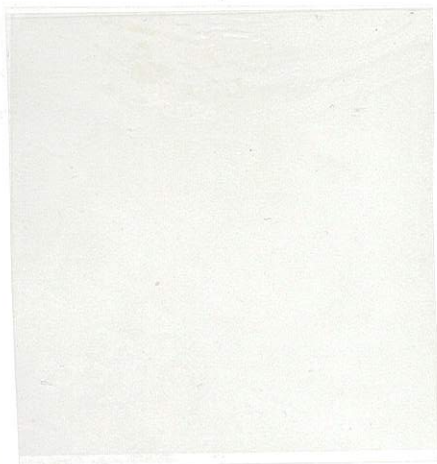


Outer lines continuous



Outer frames extend  
only to top and  
bottom of stamp







# POSTAGE 1857-60 ISSUE

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter & Co.

Perforated 15½



5c Brick Red  
Scott 27



5c Red Brown  
Scott 28



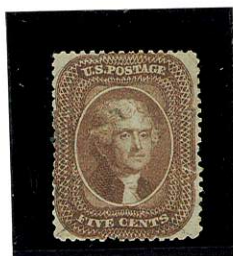
5c Indian Red  
Scott 28A



5c Brown  
Scott 29



Type I  
Projections top and  
bottom intact



5c Orange Brown  
Type II — Scott 30

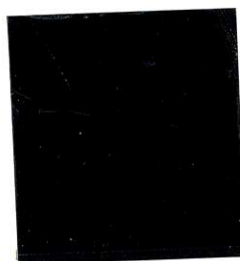


5c Brown, Type II  
Scott 30A



Type II  
Projections top and  
bottom cut away

Ten-cent types as imperforate, with addition of Type V which is incomplete at sides



10c Green, Type I  
Scott 31



10c Green, Type II  
Scott 32



10c Green, Type III  
Scott 33



10c Green, Type IV  
Scott 34



10c Green, Type V  
Scott 35



POSTAGE  
1857-60 ISSUE

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter & Co.

Perforated 15½



Plate 1  
Outer lines complete



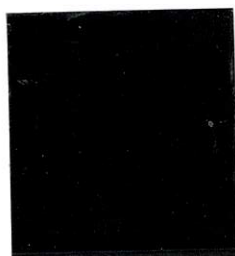
12c Black, Plate 1  
Scott 36



12c Black, Plate 3  
Scott 36B



Plate 3  
Outer lines weak  
or broken



24c Gray Lilac  
Scott 37



30c Orange  
Scott 38



90c Blue  
Scott 39



## POSTAGE

# 1875 REPRINT OF 1857-60 ISSUE

Printed by Continental Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12, Without Gum

The United States Post Office Department authorized Continental Bank Note Co. to reprint the stamps issued from 1851 through 1861, which had been demonetized in their final year of use. Four of the old Toppan, Carpenter plates were used for the reprints (5c, 24c, 30c and 90c). The 1c, 3c, 10c and 12c plates presumably could not be located, so Continental made new plates of

100 subjects.

The 1851-57 Reprints were issued with 12-gauge perforations, instead of the original 15½ gauge, and the shades and paper were brighter than the originals. The stamps were sold without gum and were invalid for postage, though used copies of the 1, 10c and 24c are known with contemporary cancels.



1c Bright Blue  
Scott 40  
3,846 sold



3c Scarlet  
Scott 41  
479 sold



5c Orange Brown  
Scott 42  
878 sold



10c Blue Green  
Scott 43  
516 sold



12c Greenish Black  
Scott 44  
489 sold



24c Blackish Violet  
Scott 45  
479 sold



30c Yellow Orange  
Scott 46  
480 sold



90c Deep Blue  
Scott 47  
454 sold



# POSTAGE 1861-66 ISSUE

Printed by National Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

## FIRST DESIGNS AND COLORS

Company records show that the eight plates for the 1861 stamps were completed between June 15 and 19, and that these plates — numbered 1 through 8 and containing 200 subjects each — were made from the first dies engraved for each value. The 1¢, 3¢, 5¢, 12¢ and 90¢ plates used to produce the “perfectly gummed and perforated” sheets submitted to the Post Office Department were never used again. Modifications to the designs of these five stamps were made before regular production commenced. The stamps printed from the first plates are known as First Designs. The reason for the subtle design changes was never recorded, nor have collectors ever been able to establish why National would go to expense of recreating dies and plates. One theory holds that the plate layouts for cer-

tain values did not accommodate the wider perforation holes (12 gauge versus 15 gauge).

The 24¢ and 30¢ plates (Plates 6 and 7) were used to print stamps when regular production began, but the colors of the earlier trial printing can be distinguished from all subsequent printings. These two are called First Colors. Regular production of the 10¢ involved a new plate (Plate 15) made from a modified die, but the old Plate 4 was also used for the regular issue. For this reason the 10¢ exists as a First Design (or Type I) trial printing (Scott 55) and as a regularly-issued stamp (Scott 62B). Cancelled 10¢ First Design stamps are regular issues, but there is no means to differentiate between the trial printing and regular issue for unused 10¢ First Design stamps.



1c Indigo  
Scott 55



3c Brown Rose  
Scott 56



5c Brown  
Scott 57



10c Dark Green  
Scott 58/62B



12c Black  
Scott 59



24c Dark Violet  
Scott 60



30c Red Orange  
Scott 61



90c Blue  
Scott 62



POSTAGE  
1861-66 ISSUE

Printed by National Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12



1c Blue  
Scott 63



3c Pink  
Scott 64



3c Pigeon Blood Pink  
Scott 64a



3c Rose Pink  
Scott 64b



3c Rose  
Scott 65



3c Lake  
Scott 66



3c Scarlet  
Scott 74



5c Buff  
Scott 67



5c Brown Yellow  
Scott 67a



POSTAGE

1861-66 ISSUE

Printed by National Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12



10c Green  
Scott 68



12c Black  
Scott 69



24c Red Lilac  
Scott 70



24c Brown Lilac  
Scott 70a



24c Steel Blue  
Scott 70b



24c Violet, thin paper  
Scott 70c



24c Pale Gray Violet,  
thin paper —Scott 70d



30c Orange  
Scott 71



90c Blue  
Scott 72



# POSTAGE 1861-66 ISSUE

Printed by National Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12



2c Black  
Scott 73



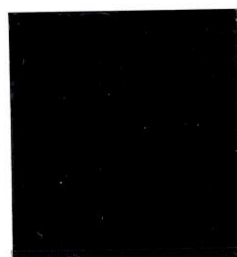
5c Red Brown  
Scott 75



5c Brown  
Scott 76



15c Black  
Scott 77



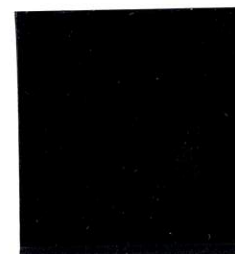
24c Lilac  
Scott 78



24c Grayish Lilac  
Scott 78a



24c Gray  
Scott 78b



24c Blackish Violet  
Scott 78c



POSTAGE  
1868 GRILLED ISSUE

Printed by National Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

E Grill  
about 11 x 13mm  
(14 x 15 to 17 points)



1c Blue  
Scott 86



2c Black  
Scott 87



3c Rose  
Scott 88



10c Green  
Scott 89



12c Black  
Scott 90



15c Black  
Scott 91



Lighthouse  
Leuchtturm

# POSTAGE 1868 GRILLED ISSUE

Printed by National Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

F Grill,  
about 9 x 13mm  
(11 to 12 x 15 to 17 points)



1c Blue  
Scott 92



2c Black  
Scott 93



3c Red  
Scott 94



5c Brown  
Scott 95



10c Yellow Green  
Scott 96



12c Black  
Scott 97



15c Black  
Scott 98



24c Gray Lilac  
Scott 99



30c Orange  
Scott 100



90c Blue  
Scott 101



## POSTAGE

# 1875 RE-ISSUE OF 1861 ISSUE

Printed by National Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

The United States Post Office Department authorized the National Bank Note Co. to reprint the 1861-66 Issue. The stamps were sold by the Third Asst. Postmaster General's Department, and a record of quantities sold provides figures for each value.

The stamps were valid for postage and used primarily by philatelists or stamp dealers on registered mail during the 1880's. The Re-issues are extremely rare in used condition—far rarer, in fact, than unused examples.



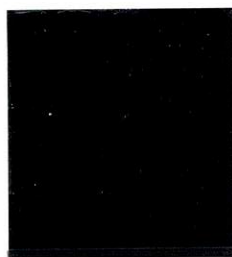
1c Blue  
Scott 102  
(3,195 sold)



2c Black  
Scott 103  
(979 sold)



3c Brown Red  
Scott 104  
(465 sold)



5c Brown  
Scott 105  
(672 sold)



10c Green  
Scott 106  
(451 sold)



12c Black  
Scott 107  
(389 sold)



15c Black  
Scott 108  
(397 sold)



24c Deep Violet  
Scott 109  
(346 sold)



30c Brownish Orange  
Scott 110  
(346 sold)



90c Blue  
Scott 111  
(317 sold)



# POSTAGE 1869 PICTORIAL ISSUE

Printed by National Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12, Grilled

While preceding issues had been current for seven to ten years and the 1870 portrait issue lasted eighteen years, not even a year was given to the 1869 Pictorial Issue. It was sandwiched in between the 1861-68 and 1870-88 issues with the shortest life of any regular issue.

The stamps were poorly regarded by the public at the time, who were not used to the unusual size and themes portrayed.

The 15¢, 24¢, 30¢ and 90¢ values were printed in normal-size sheets of 200, but each stamp was bicolored, requiring separate plates and printing for the frame and vignette colors. This resulted in the first set of invert errors.



1c Buff  
Scott 112



2c Brown  
Scott 113



3c Ultramarine  
Scott 114



6c Ultramarine  
Scott 115



10c Yellow  
Scott 116



12c Green  
Scott 117



Type I  
No diamond marker



15c Brown & Blue  
Type I — Scott 118



15c Brown & Blue  
Type II — Scott 119



Type II  
With diamond marker



24c Green & Violet  
Scott 120



30c Ultra & Carmine  
Scott 121



90c Carmine & Black  
Scott 122



## POSTAGE

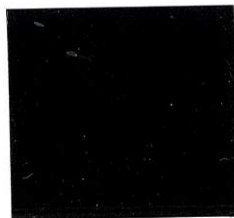
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Printed by National Bank Note Co.

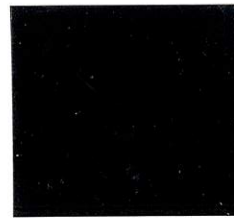
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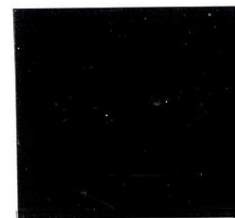
1c Buff  
Scott 123



2c Brown  
Scott 124



3c Blue  
Scott 125



6c Blue  
Scott 126



10c Yellow  
Scott 127



12c Green  
Scott 128



15c Brown & Blue, Ty. III  
Scott 129



15c Brown & Blue Ty. III  
Imperf horizontally  
Scott 129a



24c Green & Violet  
Scott 130



30c Ultra & Carmine  
Scott 131



90c Carmine & Black  
Scott 132

Printed by American Bank Note Co.

1880-82



1c Buff  
Scott 133



1c Brown Orange  
Without Gum  
Scott 133a



## POSTAGE

# 1870-71 BANK NOTE ISSUE

Printed by National Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

The National Bank Note Co. 1870 portrait series was a direct consequence of changing presidential administrations and the unpopularity of the 1869 Pictorial stamps. In his 1870 report PMG Creswell states that "The adhesive stamp adopted by my predecessor in 1869, having failed to give satisfaction to the public, on account of their small size, their unshapely form [required the P.O. Dept.] to issue new stamps of larger size, superior quality of gum and new sizes... and to adopt for designs the heads, in profile, of distinguished

deceased Americans..."

National's contract ran until February 1873. Despite protests from other security printers, the contract for the 1870 stamps was not re-opened to competition. In common with the preceding two issues, the new stamps were grilled to prevent re-use, and this may have helped National to keep the contract.

Two grill types are known, designated H and I Grills. The H Grills are known on all denominations. The I Grills are only known on some.

### H GRILL

About 10 x 12mm (11 to 13 x 14 to 16 points)



1c Ultramarine  
Scott 134



2c Red Brown  
Scott 135



3c Green  
Scott 136



6c Carmine  
Scott 137



7c Vermilion  
Scott 138



10c Brown  
Scott 139



12c Dull Violet  
Scott 140



15c Orange  
Scott 141



24c Purple  
Scott 142



30c Black  
Scott 143



90c Carmine  
Scott 144



# POSTAGE

## 1870-71 BANK NOTE ISSUE

Printed by National Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

UNGRILLED



1c Ultramarine  
Scott 145



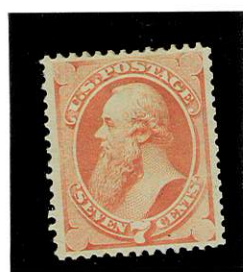
2c Red Brown  
Scott 146



3c Green  
Scott 147



6c Carmine  
Scott 148



7c Vermilion  
Scott 149



10c Brown  
Scott 150



12c Dull Violet  
Scott 151



15c Orange  
Scott 152



24c Purple  
Scott 153



30c Black  
Scott 154



90c Carmine  
Scott 155



## POSTAGE

# 1873 BANK NOTE ISSUE

Printed by Continental Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

In 1873 the Continental Bank Note Co. was awarded the contract to print United States stamps. The National contract was extended until May 31, 1873, probably to allow time for Continental to find fire-proof quarters for printing the stamps. The National plates, dies and transfer rolls were turned over to Continental, who made new plates of the lower denominations.

The presence of minute marks in the designs of most values enable collectors to distinguish the Continental stamps from their National counterparts. These tiny modifications are known as secret marks. It is likely that the secret marks were added to the transfer rolls or dies by Continental before laying out the new plates, to distinguish their work from National printings. Many of the colors also different shades.



1c Ultramarine  
Scott 156



2c Brown  
Scott 157



3c Green  
Scott 158



6c Dull Pink  
Scott 159



7c Orange Vermilion  
Scott 160



10c Brown  
Scott 161



12c Blackish Violet  
Scott 162



15c Yellow Orange  
Scott 163



30c Gray Black  
Scott 165



90c Rose Carmine  
Scott 166

Printed by Continental Bank Note Co.

1875



2c Vermilion  
Scott 178



5c Blue  
Scott 179



# POSTAGE

## 1879 BANK NOTE ISSUE

Printed by American Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

In 1877, during the Hayes Administration and while Continental was still printing postage stamps, an Act of Congress required that printing of all United States notes and securities be transferred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. This law left the three big printing companies, National, Continental and American, with no new contracts for what had been a large part of their business. Faced with a shrinkage market, in December 1878 the three firms were consoli-

dated into the American Bank Note Company. The stamp contract held by Continental was assumed by American in February 1879.

The same plates were used at the beginning of the American printings. The soft porous paper distinguishes the first American printing from earlier Bank Note stamps. The colors of the American printing are also different, and the impressions on the porous paper are less detailed.



1c Dark Ultramarine  
Scott 182



2c Vermilion  
Scott 183



3c Green  
Scott 184



5c Blue  
Scott 185



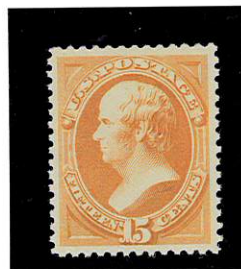
6c Pink  
Scott 186



10c Brown, no mark  
Scott 187



10c Brown, with mark  
Scott 188



15c Red Orange  
Scott 189



30c Full Black  
Scott 190



90c Carmine  
Scott 191



## POSTAGE

# 1881-83 BANK NOTE ISSUE

Printed by American Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

In 1881 American altered the dies on the 1c, 3c, 6c and 10c stamps and produced new plates. Scott numbers 206 to 209 are known as the Re-engraved Issue.

In 1882, less than a year after President Garfield's assassination, a new 5c stamp was designed with his

portrait. It is said that his widow selected the color of the stamp.

In 1883 the domestic letter rate was reduced to 2c per half ounce. In response the P.O. Dept. authorized two new issues, the 2c Washington and 4c Jackson.



5c Yellow Brown  
Scott 205



1c Gray Blue  
Scott 206



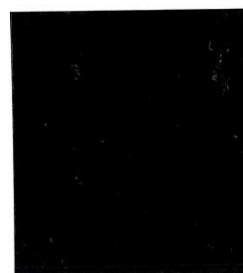
3c Blue Green  
Scott 207



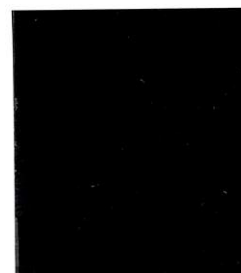
6c Rose  
Scott 208



6c Deep Brown Red  
Scott 208a



10c Brown  
Scott 209



10c Black Brown  
Scott 209b



2c Red Brown  
Scott 210



4c Blue Green  
Scott 211



POSTAGE

# 1887-88 BANK NOTE ISSUE

Printed by American Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

In 1887 a new 1c stamp was issued with a frame similar to the 2c and 4c. In 1887 and 1888 the colors of six current stamps were changed—these are the last of the so-called large Bank Note series.



1c Ultramarine  
Scott 212



2c Green  
Scott 213



3c Vermilion  
Scott 214



4c Carmine  
Scott 215



5c Indigo  
Scott 216



30c Orange Brown  
Scott 217



90c Purple  
Scott 218



# POSTAGE 1890-93 ISSUE

Printed by American Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12



1c Dull Blue  
Scott 219



2c Lake  
Scott 2219D



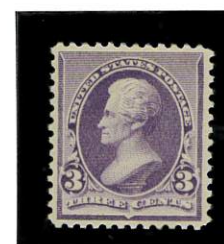
2c Carmine  
Scott 220



2c Carmine,  
cap on left "2"  
Scott 220a



2c Carmine,  
cap on both "2"'s  
Scott 220c



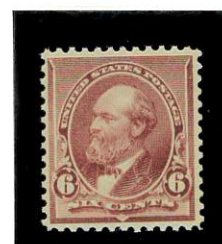
3c Purple  
Scott 221



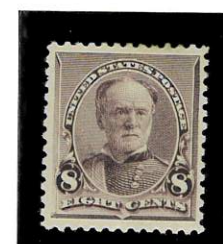
4c Dark Brown  
Scott 222



5c Chocolate  
Scott 223



6c Brown Red  
Scott 224



8c Lilac  
Scott 225



10c Green  
Scott 226



15c Indigo  
Scott 227



30c Black  
Scott 228



90c Orange  
Scott 229



# POSTAGE 1894 BUREAU ISSUE

Printed by Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Perforated 12, Unwatermarked



1c Ultramarine  
Scott 246



1c Blue  
Scott 247



2c Pink, Ty. I  
Scott 248



2c Carmine Lake, Ty. I  
Scott 249



2c Carmine Ty. I  
Scott 250



2c Carmine, Ty. II  
Scott 251



2c Carmine, Ty. III  
Scott 252



3c Purple  
Scott 253



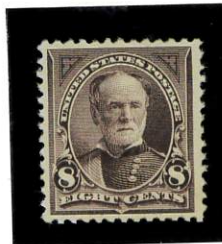
4c Dark Brown  
Scott 254



5c Chocolate  
Scott 255



6c Dull Brown  
Scott 256



8c Violet Brown  
Scott 257



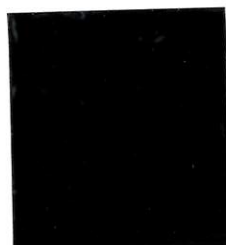
10c Dark Green  
Scott 258



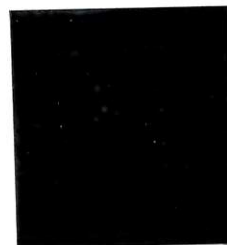
15c Dark Blue  
Scott 259



50c Orange  
Scott 260



\$1.00 Black, Ty. I  
Scott 261



\$1.00 Black, Ty. II  
Scott 261A



\$2.00 Bright Blue  
Scott 262



\$5.00 Dark Green  
Scott 263



# POSTAGE 1895 BUREAU ISSUE

Printed by Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Perforated 12, Double-Line Watermark



1c Blue  
Scott 264



2c Carmine, Ty. I  
Scott 265



2c Carmine, Ty. II  
Scott 266



2c Carmine, Ty. III  
Scott 267



3c Purple  
Scott 268



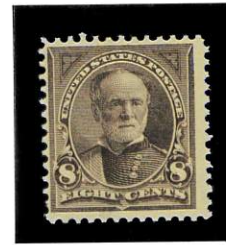
4c Dark Brown  
Scott 269



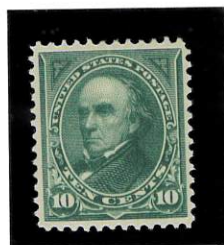
5c Chocolate  
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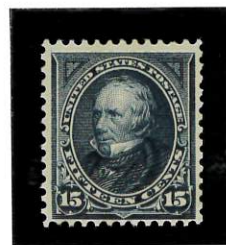
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Scott 271



8c Violet Brown  
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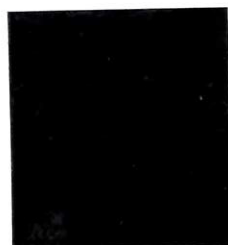
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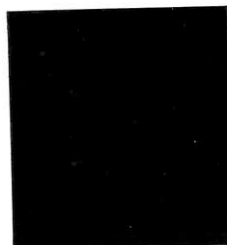
15c Dark Blue  
Scott 274



50c Orange  
Scott 275



\$1.00 Black, Ty. I  
Scott 276



\$1.00 Black, Ty. II  
Scott 276A



\$2.00 Bright Blue  
Scott 277



\$5.00 Dark Green  
Scott 278



POSTAGE

# 1898 CHANGE OF COLORS

Printed by Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Perforated 12, Double-Line Watermark

In 1898 the colors were changed on 1¢, 2¢ and 5¢ denominations to conform to Universal Postal Union standards (Green, Red and Blue, respectively), and to avoid confusion, the colors of certain other values were also changed.



1c Deep Green  
Scott 279



2c Red, Ty. IV  
Scott 279B



4c Rose Brown  
Scott 280



5c Dark Blue  
Scott 281



6c Lake  
Scott 282



10c Brown, Ty. I  
Scott 282C



10c Orange Brown, Ty. II  
Scott 283



15c Olive Green  
Scott 284



# POSTAGE 1902-08 ISSUE

Perforated 12, Double-Line Watermark

The 1902 Issue is the first regular issue designed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and it was prepared during the Roosevelt administration. The 1894 Bureau stamps were an adaptation of earlier American Bank Note Co. designs, and the Trans-Mississippi and Pan-American issues were commemoratives on sale for a relatively short period of time.

The series of fourteen denominations featured for the first time a famous American woman, Martha Washington. The Bureau took great pains to make the new designs elaborate and artistic in an effort to draw attention to the Post Office and use of the mails.

The new series was greeted enthusiastically and remained current until 1908 when it was replaced by the Washington-Franklin series.



1c Blue Green  
Scott 300



2c Carmine  
Scott 301



3c Bright Violet  
Scott 302



4c Brown  
Scott 303



5c Blue  
Scott 304



6c Claret  
Scott 305



8c Violet Black  
Scott 306



10c Pale Red Brown  
Scott 307



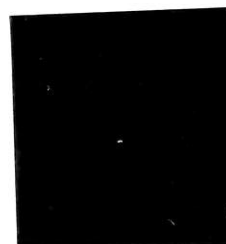
13c Purple Black  
Scott 308



15c Olive Green  
Scott 309



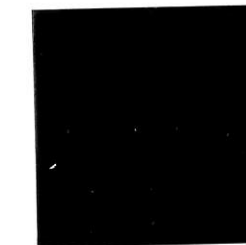
50c Orange  
Scott 310



\$1 Black  
Scott 311



\$2 Dark Blue  
Scott 312



\$5 Dark Green  
Scott 313



# POSTAGE 1902-08 ISSUE

## Imperforate, Double-Line Watermark

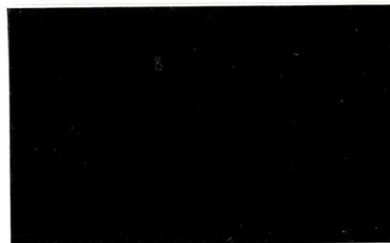
Prior to the Post Office Department's experimentation with coils in 1908, it provided imperforate stamps to private vending- and affixing-machine companies who perforated the stamps to fit the mechanisms of their patented devices. The sale of imperforate stock to these companies resulted in the first non-error imperforate stamps to officially reach the public since 1856.



1c Blue Green  
Scott 314



5c Blue  
Scott 315



4c Brown  
Scott 314A

In May 1908, a supply of 25 sheets (400 stamps per sheet) of the 4c 1902 Issue, without perforations, was delivered to the Schermack Mailing Machine Co. in Detroit. The entire supply was cut into coils with Schermack Type III perforations, designed for the firm's patented affixing machine and delivered to the Winfield Printing Co. for use on mass mailings of advertising material. Approximately 6,000 were used on a mailing for Hamilton Carhartt Manufacturer, and almost all of the 4,000 balance were used on a mailing for Burroughs Adding Machine Co.

Today, only 21 unused and less than 50 used are known. Most mass mailings tended to be thrown out, much like today's junk mail.



# POSTAGE

## 1902-08 ISSUE

### Double-Line Watermark

According to Johl, the proofs of the regularly-issued 2c stamp (Scott 301) were considered masterpieces, but when the stamp was issued in red using the wet paper printing method it was widely criticized. Washington's nose was excessively red and the details of the design were lost. The New York Times wrote that "if not labelled *Washington* it could be taken for *Adams, Madison or Monroe*".

Faced with such criticism the post office department rushed a replacement stamp into use — the 2c Shield issue (Scott 319 and 320) — less than nine months later.

### Perforated 12



2c Carmine, Ty. I  
Scott 319



2c Lake, Ty. II  
Scott 319F

### Imperforate



2c Carmine, Ty. I  
Scott 320



2c Lake, Ty. II  
Scott 320A



Type I has thin  
inner line and leaf  
breaks frame



Type II has thick  
inner line and leaf  
doesn't break frame



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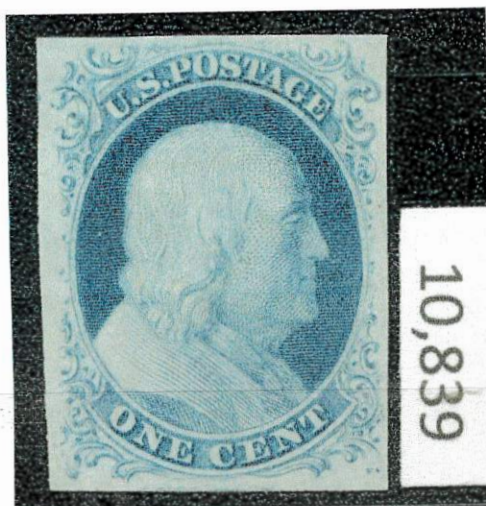
I have examined the item illustrated below, submitted to me for an opinion and  
I am of the opinion that:

Submitted as:

<u>Scott Number</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Color</u>
7	1¢	1851	Blue, Type II

**Grade: 95 Unused, Extremely Fine - Superb**

\*\*\*It is a Genuine, unused and without gum.\*\*\*  
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