

Issue of 1847

IMPERFORATE

PRINTED BY RAWDON, WRIGHT, HATCH & EDSON



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington

On July 1, 1847 the first official United States stamps were issued featuring the portraits of our first postmaster and our first president. The 5¢ value paid for postal service up to a distance of 300 miles, and the 10¢ value paid for service beyond this point. These stamps were issued imperforate (unperforated) and had to be cut apart with scissors. The adoption of adhesive stamps paved the way to the remarkable development of the postal system of today.

Issue of 1851-57

IMPERFORATE

PRINTED BY TOPPAN, CARPENTER, CASILEAR & Co.



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



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2-16



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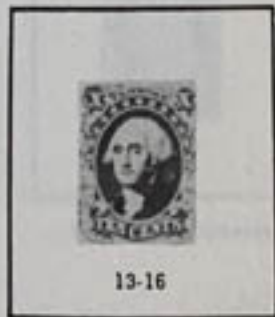


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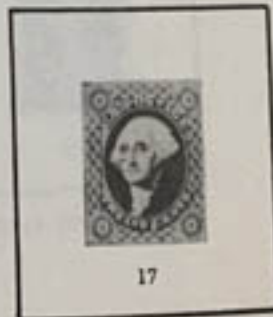
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Thomas Jefferson



13-16

George Washington



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George Washington

The rapid expansion and popularity of the postal service soon made a greater flexibility in rates a necessity. Lower rates for all distances was deemed advisable and in 1851 a new set of stamps was issued for this purpose. If pre-paid, a 3¢ stamp was sufficient to cover charges up to a distance of 3,000 miles. 5¢ was required if not pre-paid. Beyond this point the rate was six or ten cents. 24¢, 30¢, and 90¢ values are known but it is believed that they were not regularly issued.



Issue of 1857-61

PERFORATED 15

PRINTED BY TOPPAN, CARPENTER & Co.



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



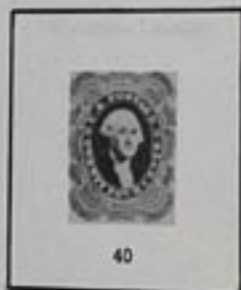
Thomas Jefferson



George Washington



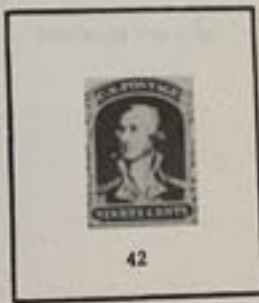
George Washington



George Washington



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington

THIS issue marked a great milestone in postal progress. Due to the pressing need for a faster method of dispensing stamps to the public the stamps were machine perforated so that instead of being cut apart by scissors stamps were now easily and quickly separated. This set employed the same designs as the previous issue. The 24¢, 30¢, and 90¢ values were now regularly issued.



Issue of 1861-66

PERFORATED 12

PRINTED BY THE NATIONAL BANK NOTE CO.



#63



Benjamin Franklin

#63



Andrew Jackson

#65



George Washington

#76



Thomas Jefferson

#68



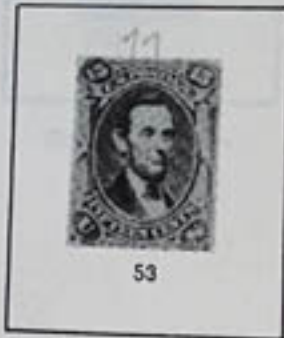
George Washington

#69



George Washington

#78



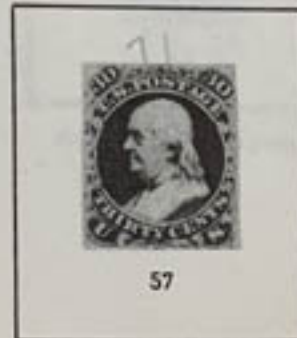
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Abraham Lincoln



George Washington

RED CANCEL



57

Benjamin Franklin

#72



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Issue of 1902-03

PERFORATED 12

DOUBLE-LINE WATERMARK



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



Andrew Jackson



Ulysses S. Grant



Abraham Lincoln



James A. Garfield



Martha Washington



Daniel Webster



Benjamin Harrison



Henry Clay



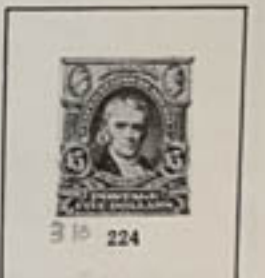
Thomas Jefferson



David G. Farragut



James Madison



John Marshall

Issue of 1906-08

IMPERFORATE



Benjamin Franklin



Abraham Lincoln

Issue of 1903-06

PERFORATED 12

IMPERFORATE



George Washington



George Washington

THIS series of postage stamps featured elaborately engraved framed designs with the name of the person and the years of birth and death on each stamp directly under each portrait. For the first time in United States postal history an American woman, Martha Washington, graced a stamp, the 8¢ value.

Issue of 1938-43

(continued)



Grover Cleveland



Benjamin Harrison



William McKinley



Theodore Roosevelt



William Howard Taft

FLAT PLATE PRINTING PERFORATED 11



Woodrow Wilson



Warren G. Harding



Calvin Coolidge

COIL STAMPS

PERFORATED 10 VERTICALLY



PERFORATED 10 HORIZONTALLY



ISSUED as a series of ordinary postage stamps replacing the 1922-31 stamps this set is called the Presidential issue because all of our past presidents who had passed on as of 1938 are pictured. Starting with George Washington and ending with Calvin Coolidge the presidents are listed in the order in which they served. Also included are Benjamin Franklin (1/2¢), Martha Washington (1/2¢),

AIRMAIL STAMPS

Issue of 1934
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Great Seal of the United States

Issue of 1933
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Graf Zeppelin *16.27*

Issue of 1936
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Great Seal of the United States

Issue of 1935-37
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



"China Clipper" Flying over the Pacific



1.50

Issue of 1938
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Eagle Holding Shield, Arrows and Olive Wreath

Issue of 1939
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



A SPECIAL set of stamps was created for Transpacific usage, which service was inaugurated in November 1935. Air Mail Special Delivery stamps were also issued for the first time in 1934 from a design created...

UNITED STATES



AIR MAIL BOOK

Issue of 1928
FLAT PLATE PRINTING



Issue of 1958
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING



Issue of 1943
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING



Issue of 1960
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING



For the convenience of the public air mail stamps were occasionally made available in booklet form.

Columbian Exposition
Chicago, Illinois, 1893



Columbus in Sight of Land



Landing of Columbus



Flagship of Columbus



Fleet of Columbus



Soliciting Aid from Isabella



Welcomed at Barcelona



Columbus Restored to Favor



Columbus Presenting Natives



Announcing His Discovery

Placed on sale at Post Offices throughout the nation on Monday, January 2, 1893, the Columbian series of postage stamps commemorated the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492. The eight cent stamp was not originally planned with the series and was not issued until March 3, 1893.



Trans-Mississippi Exposition
Omaha, Nebraska, 1898



Marquette on the Mississippi



Farming in the West



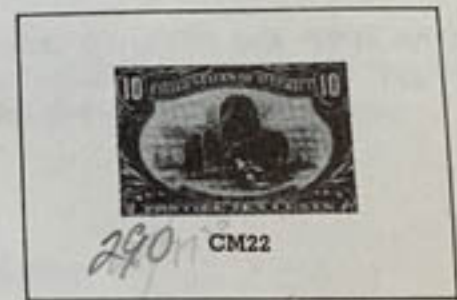
Indian Hunting Buffalo



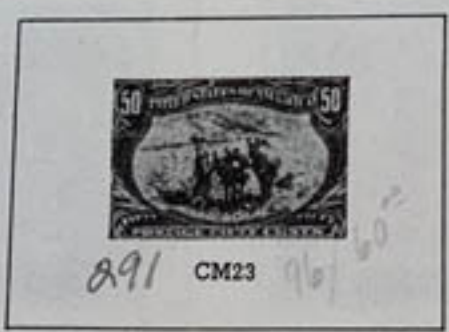
Fremont on the Rocky Mountains



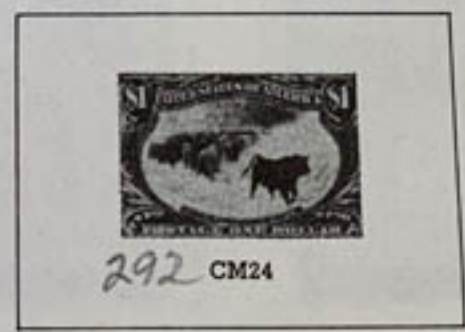
Troops Guarding Train



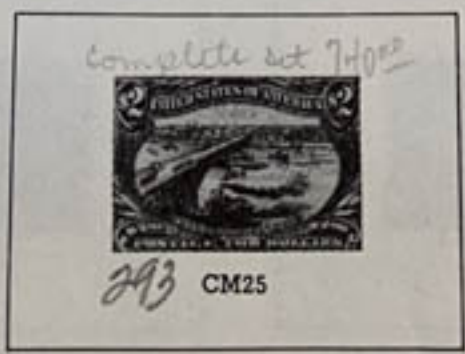
Hardships of Emigration



Western Mining Prospector



Western Cattle in Storm



Mississinni River Bridge



HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

Issue of 1934



RH1

Issue of 1935



Issue of 1936



Issue of 1937



RH4

Issue of 1938



RH5

Issue of 1939



RH6

Issue of 1940



RH7

Issue of 1941



RH8

Issue of 1942



RH9

Issue of 1943



Issue of 1944



RH11

Issue of 1945



RH12

ISSUED to license hunters as authorized by Act of Congress. The revenue produced goes to maintain waterfowl life in the United States. These stamps are considered by many to be among the most beautiful issues created.



PARCEL POST STAMPS

Issue of 1912-13

PERFORATED 12

SINGLE-LINE WATERMARK



Post Office Clerk



City Carrier



Railway Postal Clerk



Rural Carrier



Mail Train



Steamship and Mail Tender



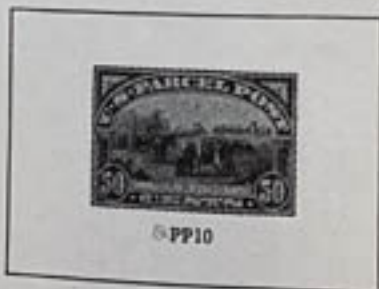
Automobile Service



Airplane Carrying Mail

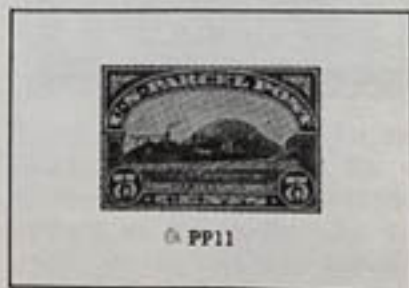


Manufacturing



PP10

Dairying



PP11

Harvesting



Fruit Growing

SPECIFICALLY created to meet the requirements of fourth class matter by Act of Congress approved August 24, 1912, these stamps were declared valid for all purposes for which regular stamps were valid. The 20 cent value featured as the central part of its design an aeroplane and this was the first time any country had ever featured an aeroplane on its stamps.

UNITED STATES



POSTAL ISSUES

Issue of 1917-19
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11
UNWATERMARKED



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THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING was still trying to find a more suitable size of perforation. Perforation 12 was used.

Issue of 1922-25
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Nathan Hale



Benjamin Franklin



Warren G. Harding



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Martha Washington *nh*



Theodore Roosevelt



James A. Garfield



William McKinley *nh*



Ulysses S. Grant



Thomas Jefferson



James Monroe



Rutherford B. Hayes



Grover Cleveland



American Indian



Statue of Liberty

Issue of 1929
 ROTARY PRESS PRINTING
 PERFORATED 11 x 10½

OVERPRINTED KANS.



OVERPRINTED KANS.



OVERPRINTED NEBR.



OVERPRINTED NEBR.



To prevent losses from Post Office burglaries in the mid-west the rotary press issue of 1926 was overprinted Kans. (for use in Kansas) and Nebr. (for use in Nebraska). The overprint was intended to prevent the sale of stolen stamps in other states and to make attempts of disposal difficult. The experiment was discontinued after a short trial period and for that reason the issue is a prized collectors item.



Overrun Countries

Issued in tribute to the countries overrun by the Axis.
1943-1944



Poland



Czechoslovakia



Norway



Luxembourg



Netherlands



Belgium



France



Greece



Yugoslavia



Albania



Austria



Denmark



Korea

For the first time since 1894 the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing contracted with a private firm—the American Bank Note Company—to print the "Flag" series of stamps. This was done so that the stamps could be printed in the special multicolor process. Symbolic of this issue is the mythological bird, Phoenix, representing the renewal of life, which appears on the left side of each stamp. The kneeling figure at the right portrays the breaking of the shackles of oppression.