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ISSUES OF 1869

Grill measuring 9½ x 9½ mm.



Benjamin Franklin



Post Horse and Rider



Locomotive



George Washington



Shield and Eagle



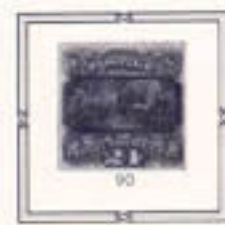
S. S. Adriatic



Landing of Columbus



Landing of Columbus



Declaration of Independence



Shield, Eagle and Flag



Abraham Lincoln

Beginning in March, 1869, a new pictorial series of postage stamps was released. While some class it as a commemorative issue because of the subject matter, it was a regular issue replacing the previous one then in use. There were two varieties of the 15c denomination... the first one, released April 2, 1869, shows the picture unframed. The second version, released May 23, 1869, shows the picture framed. The series was engraved by the National Bank Note Company.



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SERIES OF 1873

Printed by the Continental Bank Note Company
Perf. 12 with Secret Marks



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson

3 1/4
19 1/2
157 1/2
GET CERT



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



Daniel Webster



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore O. H. Perry



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SERIES OF 1890-93

Printed by the American Bank Note Company



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



George Washington



Andrew Jackson



Abraham Lincoln



Ulysses S. Grant



James A. Garfield



William T. Sherman



Daniel Webster



Henry Clay



Thomas Jefferson



Commodore O. H. Perry

The series of 1890 was the first to be prepared in the smaller size which was to become the standard size for many years to come. Note that the 1890 series is without triangles in the upper corners. The next change in designs came when the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began printing the stamps.



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COLUMBIAN ISSUES

1893



Columbus in sight of land



Landing of Columbus



Flagship of Columbus



Fleet of Columbus



Columbus soliciting aid from Isabella



Columbus welcomed at Barcelona



Columbus restored to favor



Columbus presenting natives



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COLUMBIAN SERIES

1893



Columbus announcing his discovery

242 H-14



Columbus at La Rabida



Recall of Columbus



Isabella pledging her jewels

241



Columbus in chains

243 H-15



Columbus describing third voyage

245



Isabella - Columbus

244



Columbus

245

The Columbian Series was issued in 1893 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. The set consists of sixteen stamps, each bearing a design depicting various important scenes in this epochal event. This issue was placed on sale in January, 1893, except the 15c value, which appeared in March of 1893. Scenes making up this group were taken from prominent works of art in existence throughout the world.



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SERIES OF 1894

Bureau of Engraving and Printing Issues



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



George Washington



Washington



Washington



Washington



Andrew Jackson



Abraham Lincoln



Ulysses S. Grant



James A. Garfield



William T. Sherman



Daniel Webster



Henry Clay



Thomas Jefferson



Commodore O. H. Perry



Commodore O. H. Perry



James Madison



John Marshall

The issue of 1894 was the first series of postage stamps to be printed at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. The general designs of the 1890 series were retained, but triangles were added to the corners of the stamps to make it easy to distinguish the work of the Bureau.



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SERIES OF 1895

Watermarked in DOUBLE-UNITED Capitals — U S P S



Franklin



Washington



Washington



Washington



Andrew Jackson



Abraham Lincoln



Ulysses S. Grant



James A. Garfield



William T. Sherman



Daniel Webster



Henry Clay



Thomas Jefferson



Perry



Perry



James Madison



John Marshall

In 1895 the Bureau of Printing and Engraving decided to print our stamps on watermarked paper. The watermark consists of Roman style double outlined capital letters — U S P S. This stands for UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE and the letters appear 90 times on a sheet of 100 stamps. The change to watermarked paper was brought about to further protect our stamps from forgery.



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ISSUES OF 1898

Watermarked in DOUBLE-LINED Capitals — USPS



Franklin

RG
Crown



George Washington

NH



Abraham Lincoln

RG



Ulysses S. Grant

RG
28



James A. Garfield

19



Daniel Webster

3/11
6/11
26



Daniel Webster

283
RG
0



Henry Clay



TRANS-MISSISSIPPI EXPOSITION SERIES

1898



Marquette on the Mississippi

R6 NH 127.50



Farming in the West

125



Indian Hunting Buffalo

X44 +110



Fremont on Rocky Mountains



Troops Guarding Train

26



Herds of Emigration

NH 145



Western Cattle in Storm



Mississippi River Bridge

This set of nine stamps was issued to commemorate the opening of the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha, Nebraska. The various scenes portrayed on the stamps were taken from art reproductions depicting the progress of the "Golden West." The Series was placed on sale June 18, 1898, and discontinued on December 31st of the same year.



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PAN AMERICAN EXPOSITION SERIES

1901



Fast Lake Navigation



Fast Express



Automobile



Bridge at Niagara Falls



Canal Locks at Sault Ste. Marie



Fast Ocean Navigation

Coinciding with the opening and closing of the Pan American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., this set was placed on sale May 1, 1901, at Post Offices throughout the country and withdrawn from sale October 31, 1901. The stamps were issued to commemorate and publicize the exposition which had for its theme, "To illustrate the progress of the New World during the 10th Century." Pictures on the stamps are reproductions from current means of transportation.



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SERIES OF 1902-03



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



George Washington

This series of postage stamps, known as the 1902 series, was issued to replace the series of 1894. After the new 2c stamp was issued it was decided that a more artistic design could be made, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was requested to prepare one. This improved design was first issued to post offices on November 12, 1903. To add historic and educational interest to the series, the name of the person whose portrait is presented appears on each stamp, and the years of birth and death.



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LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION SERIES

1904



Robert R. Livingston



Thomas Jefferson



James Monroe



William McKinley



Map of Louisiana Purchase

Issued to commemorate and publicize the World's Fair, St. Louis, 1904 the purpose of which was to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France. The stamps, in a set of five, were placed on sale May 1, 1904, to December 1, 1904, and honored those connected with its purchase, as well as a map of the territory.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION SERIES

1907



Captain John Smith



Founding of Jamestown



Pocahontas

The Jamestown Exposition stamps were issued to commemorate the tercentennial of the founding of Jamestown and consisted of three stamps. The Exposition was held at Hampton Roads, Va., in 1907, and the stamps were placed on sale April 23rd of the same year. Portraits of the principals involved in the career of the Jamestown plantation appear on the stamp.



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SERIES OF 1902

Imperf.

1906



Benjamin Franklin

1906



George Washington

1908



Abraham Lincoln

SERIES OF 1908-09

Perf. 12 - Watermarked in DOUBLE-LINED Capitals - USPS



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington

For the sake of uniformity and artistic effect, the head of Washington (a profile from Houdon's bust) was adopted as the subject of all the denominations except the one cent, which bears the head of Franklin (the first Postmaster General).



George Washington





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SERIES OF
1908-09

DOUBLE LINE
Watermark



Benjamin Franklin

George Washington



George Washington



Franklin



Washington

1908-10
COIL
STAMPS

Perf. 12



Washington



Washington

SPECIAL DELIVERY

1902

1908

1911

DOUBLE LINE
Watermark



Messenger Boy on Bicycle



Winged Hat of Mercury



Messenger Boy on Bicycle

SINGLE LINE
Watermark



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LINCOLN MEMORIAL ISSUE

1909



NH



NH Lincoln



Authorized by a joint resolution of Congress, the Postmaster General issued a 13-cent stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Date of first sale was February 12, 1909. A bust from St. Gaudens's statue of Lincoln appears on the stamp.

ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION ISSUE



William H. Seward



(N)

To commemorate the development of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Territory, a 2-cent stamp was placed on sale at Seattle, Washington, June 1, 1909. A portrait of William H. Seward, Secretary of State, who negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867, appears on this stamp.

NH

HUDSON FULTON CELEBRATION ISSUE



NH

The Clermont and Half Moon



Celebrating the bicentennial of the discovery of the Hudson River and the centennial of its first navigation by steam, this stamp was first placed on sale September 21, 1909. The central design shows the progress from canoe to steam on the Hudson River.



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SERIES OF 1910-11

Watermarked in SINGLE LINE Capitals — USPS

Perf. 12

During the year 1910, about November 1st, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began using paper watermarked with single-lined letters — USPS.



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



506

IMPERFORATE



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington

Perf. 12 Vertically



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



George Washington

mostly NH



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Perf. 12 Horizontally

SERIES OF
1910

Perf. 8½ Horizontally



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington

Watermarked
SINGLE LINE



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington

Post-up
PR
Curtain

SERIES OF 1910-13

Perf. 8½ Vertically



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



George Washington





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PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION SERIES

1912-13



NH Balboa

PERFORATED
12



Panama Canal NH



Golden Gate
R9 29



XLH \$115

Discovery of San Francisco Bay



1915



NH

PERFORATED
10



These were first placed on sale perforated 12 at San Francisco, California, in 1912-1913, commemorating the opening of the Panama Canal and the discovery of the Pacific by Balboa in 1513. They were also intended to advertise the Panama Pacific Exposition. Due to the adoption of the 10 gauge late in 1914, the stamps were re-issued in 1915 perforated 10.





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ISSUES OF 1912-14

Watermarked in SINGLE LINE - Perf. 12



George Washington

The discontinuance of distinctive postal post stamps made it necessary to issue five new denominations of ordinary stamps to take their place. In this group, the seven-cent stamp bears the head of Washington in profile, from Houdon's bust, looking to the left.

IMPERFORATE



George Washington



George Washington

Perf. 8 1/2



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



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ISSUES OF 1912-14

Watermarked in SINGLE LINE - Perf. 12



Benjamin Franklin

This new group of stamps, released in January and February, 1912, featured more distinguishing colors for the benefit of postal workers sorting the mails. There was too much similarity in the various denominations of the previous series.



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin



Watermarked in DOUBLE-LINE Capitals - USPS
1912



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin



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mostly NH

ISSUES OF 1914-15

Watermarked in SINGLE LINE Capitals — USPS — Perf. 10



602 cat



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin

REGISTRATION

1911



American Eagle



Benjamin Franklin



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COIL STAMPS

1914-16

Rotary Press Printing — Perf. 10



George Washington



Between the years 1910 and 1920, there were many plate varieties issued on the 2c and 3c stamps with the head of George Washington. For a description of these varieties consult a good specialized catalog of United States stamps. Spaces for the more important variations are provided in this album.





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MUSTY
NH

SERIES OF 1917-19

Rotary Press Coil Stamps — Perf. 10



Washington

Washington



Washington

Washington



Washington

59

59



Washington

4



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400 Rg
SERIES OF 1917-19
FLAT PLATE PRINTINGS — PERF. 11
Unwatermarked

mostly
net



George Washington



George Washington

13465

George Washington

George Washington

Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin

CH

CH

let SA
thin



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POSTAGE



Perf. 10 x 11

Unwatermarked — Rotary Press

1920



Washington

Perf. 10

Unwatermarked — Rotary Press

1921



Washington

Rotary Press Printing — Perf. 11

1921



Washington



1920



Franklin

Flat Plate Printing
Perf. 11

SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS

1922



Motorcycle Delivery

1925



Motorcycle Delivery

1925



Post Office Truck

Flat Plate Printings — Perf. 11



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DOUBLE-LINE WATERMARK — PERF. 11

1917



George Washington

UNWATERMARKED — PERF. 11

1918



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin

all
NT

OFFSET PRINTINGS OF 1918-20

Unwatermarked — Perf. 11



Washington



Washington



Washington



Washington



9115
G.A.

1919
Perf. 12½



Washington



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all

NH

OFFSET PRINTINGS OF 1918-20

IMPERFORATE



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington

ISSUES OF 1919

Unwatermarked — Rotary Press Printing — Perf. 11 x 10



George Washington



George Washington



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dise



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REGULAR ISSUE OF 1922-25

Flat Plate Printing — Perf. 11



Nathan Hale



Benjamin Franklin



Warren G. Harding



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Martha Washington



Theodore Roosevelt



James A. Garfield



William McKinley



Ulysses S. Grant



Thomas Jefferson



James Monroe



Rutherford B. Hayes



Grover Cleveland



American Indian



Golden Gate



Niagara Falls



Statue of Liberty



American Buffalo



Arlington Amphitheater



Lincoln Memorial



U.S. Capitol



America



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Flat Plate Printing — Imperf.

1923-25



Benjamin Franklin



Warren G. Harding



George Washington



Franklin

Rotary Press
— Perf. 11 x 10 —
1923-26



Washington

Perf. 10



Benjamin Franklin (H)



Warren G. Harding



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Martha Washington



Theodore Roosevelt



James A. Garfield



William McKinley



Ulysses S. Grant



Thomas Jefferson



James Monroe



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COIL STAMPS

1923-29



Benjamin Franklin



Warren G. Harding



George Washington



George Washington 547A



Abraham Lincoln



Martha Washington



Theodore Roosevelt



James Monroe



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1925-26

Flat Plate Printing — Perf. 11



Benjamin Harrison



Woodrow Wilson

Rotary Press Printing — Imperf.

1926



Warren G. Harding

SPECIAL HANDLING

1925-29



Denomination over Pattern Background



Denomination over Pattern Background





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Warren G. Harding

ISSUES OF 1930



William H. Taft



Rotary Press Coil Stamps — Perf. 10 Vertically



Warren G. Harding



William H. Taft

47.46

ISSUES OF 1931

Rotary Press Printing — Perf. 11 x 10 1/2



Rutherford B. Hayes



Grover Cleveland



Benjamin Harrison



American Indian



Statue of Liberty



Woodrow Wilson



Golden Gate



Niagara Falls



American Buffalo



Arlington Amphitheater

7
60 Cent
2/15

134.70





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PRESIDENTIAL SERIES

1938



Franklin Pierce



James Buchanan



Abraham Lincoln



Andrew Johnson



Ulysses S. Grant



Rutherford B. Hayes



James A. Garfield



Chester A. Arthur



Grover Cleveland



Benjamin Harrison



William McKinley



Theodore Roosevelt



William H. Taft



Woodrow Wilson



Warren G. Harding



Calvin Coolidge



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LIBERTY SERIES OF 1954-68



The Alamo



Statue of Liberty



Benjamin Harrison



Independence Hall



John Jay



Monticello



Painting of Reverse



Robert E. Lee



John Marshall



Susan B. Anthony



Patrick Henry



Alexander Hamilton

dist



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SPECIAL DELIVERY

1885

Special Delivery service was begun by an Act of Congress on March 5, 1885, and put into operation on October 1, 1885. The Act limited the service to free delivery offices and others with a population of 4,000 or more. The stamp for this service is, therefore, inscribed, "SECURES IMMEDIATE DELIVERY AT A SPECIAL DELIVERY OFFICE."



Messenger Running

1888



Messenger Running

The Act of August 4, 1886 made the stamps and service available at all post offices and upon any article of mailable matter. This stamp, released September 6, 1886, bears a changed inscription that reads, "SECURES IMMEDIATE DELIVERY AT ANY POST OFFICE."

1893



Messenger Running

From January 24, 1893, until January 5, 1894, the special delivery stamp was printed in orange and the printing in that color continued until May 19, 1894, when the stock on hand was exhausted. This stamp is known as the Columbian Exposition Issue.

1894



Messenger Running

On October 10, 1894 the special delivery stamp was again printed in blue, but by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The design was the same as one issued September 6, 1888, but a line appears under "TEN" and "CENTS".

1895



Messenger Running

In 1895, the Bureau switched to the use of double-line watermarked paper. This is the only difference between this stamp and the one issued in 1894.

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POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

1891-93



Denomination in Oval



Denomination in Oval

During 1891 to 1893, colors were again changed from red brown to bright claret. Some imperforate varieties exist, but they were not regularly issued.



Denomination in Oval



Denomination in Oval



Denomination in Oval



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POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

1894



Denomination over Pattern Background



A completely new design was introduced in 1894 when the Bureau of Engraving and Printing took over production of postage stamps from the Bank Note Companies.

1895



Watermarked
DOUBLE-LINE
— USPS

Denomination over Pattern Background



The double-line watermarked paper stock was first used on postage due issues with this group released between 1895 and 1897.



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POSTAGE DUES

SINGLE-LINE WATERMARK USPS — PERF. 10

1914-15



Numeral



Numeral

Numeral



Numeral

1916
UNWATERMARKED
PERF. 10



Numeral



1917-23
PERF. 11



Numeral





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POSTAGE DUE STAMPS
1910-12

marked in SINGLE LINE



Numeral of Value



Numeral of Value



Numeral of Value



RG
8



Numeral of Value

DL
PARCEL POST DUES

1912



Numeral of Value



Numeral of Value

69
64



Numeral of Value





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ISSUES OF 1919

OFFICES IN CHINA

Postage stamps of the current series were issued to the United States postal agency, Shanghai, China, surcharged "Shanghai, China." They were surcharged at double the original value of the stamps. The stamps were issued May 24, 1919, and were placed on sale at Shanghai, July 1, 1919.



NH



Washington

RG



Washington



RG



RG



Washington RG



Washington



Franklin

RG



NH Surcharged



Franklin



1922



1922

RG



Franklin



Franklin



Franklin



Washington

RG



Washington

617.2



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PARCEL POST ISSUES

1912-13



Clerk

NH



City Carrier

NH



Railway Postal Clerk

NH



Rural Carrier



Mail Train



Steamship and Mail Tender

RG



Automobile Service

NH



Aeroplane Carrying Mail



Manufacturing

NH



Dairying



Harvesting



Fruit Growing

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved August 24, 1912, the Department prepared a set of twelve parcel post stamps and five parcel post-postage due stamps of distinctive designs. The designs were prepared in 3 groups of 4 stamps each, the working personnel of the Postal Service being represented by the first group, the transportation of the mail by the second group, and the manufacturing and agricultural interests of the country by the third group. The stamps were first placed on sale January 1, 1913 with the inauguration of the parcel post law.



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OFFICIAL ISSUES

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

1873



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



Daniel Webster



General Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore O. H. Perry

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



Daniel Webster



General Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore O. H. Perry



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OFFICIAL ISSUES

NAVY DEPARTMENT

R6



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington

1873



Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



Daniel Webster



General Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore O. H. Perry

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT



NH



(H)



Denomination in Oval



changed





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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

1873



(c)



(w)



Denomination in Oval



359 0 56

TREASURY DEPARTMENT



Benjamin Franklin

Practically all official stamps are known to exist imperforate, but little is known of their history.



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



Daniel Webster



General Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore O. H. Perry



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OFFICIAL ISSUES

WAR DEPARTMENT

1873



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay

Official stamps were later replaced (May 1, 1879) in favor of penalty envelopes and on July 5, 1884, were declared obsolete.



Daniel Webster



General Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore O. H. Perry



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POSTAGE DUES

1925



Natural

Unwatermarked — Perf. 11

1930-31



Natural



Natural



1927



Motorcycle Delivery

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Unwatermarked
Rotary Press
Perf. 11 x 10 1/2

1931



Motorcycle Delivery



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NEWSPAPER STAMPS

1895-97

Bureau of Engraving and Printing Issues
Watermarked in DOUBLE-LINE Capitals — USPS



NH



"America" NH



"America"



PR 484 117



"Justice"



"Justice"



"Victory"



Cin RG



Vesta RG



"Peace" NH

you care



Commerce
get RG



Indian Maiden

RG