

# UNITED STATES

AIR POST STAMPS

1973-79

Regular Issue



OLYMPIC GAMES



Regular Issues



1983-89

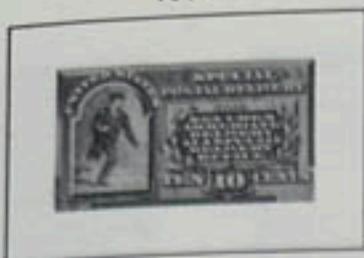


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## SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS

Unwatermarked

1885



1888



1893



1894



Watermarked USPS

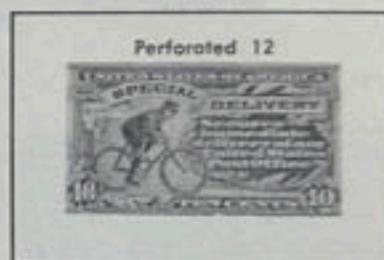
1895



1908



1902



1911

Perforated 12



Watermarked USPS

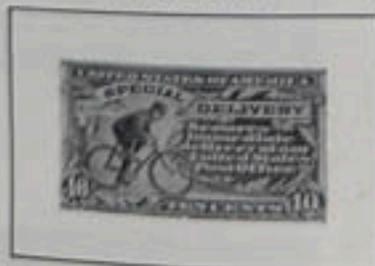
1914

Perforated 10



1916

Perforated 10



Unwatermarked

1917

Perforated 11



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.

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POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

1931-56

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Perforated 11x10½, 10½x11



1959-78

Perforated 11x10½





BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



MARTHA WASHINGTON



JOHN ADAMS



THOMAS JEFFERSON



JAMES MADISON



THE WHITE HOUSE



JAMES MONROE



JOHN QUINCY ADAMS



ANDREW JACKSON



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1938  
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CALVIN COOLIDGE

1939

Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Vertically



GEORGE WASHINGTON



MARTHA WASHINGTON



JOHN ADAMS



THOMAS JEFFERSON



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JAMES MONROE



JOHN QUINCY ADAMS



JOHN TYLER

Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Horizontally



GEORGE WASHINGTON



MARTHA WASHINGTON



JOHN ADAMS



THOMAS JEFFERSON

Designed by a commercial artist, Miss Elaine Rawlinson, classical busts of all deceased U.S. presidents were included in this Fifth Bureau Series. Benjamin Franklin continued to appear; Martha Washington reappeared, and the White House was added.

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1917-19  
Unwatermarked  
Perforated 11



GEORGE WASHINGTON



TYPE 1A



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



1918



DR. RED AND BLACK

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.

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






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