

UNITED STATES

1893

COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



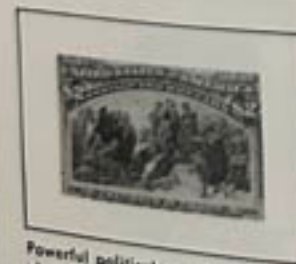
Columbus shown at the Monastery of Rabida explaining his radical theory of a round world. The first dog is pictured on a stamp design.



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



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



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



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



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



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

UNITED STATES

1857-60
Perforated 15



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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GEORGE WASHINGTON



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THOMAS JEFFERSON



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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON

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

UNITED STATES

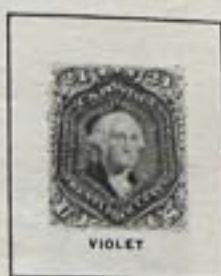
1861
First Designs



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON

1861-62
Second Designs



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



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GEORGE WASHINGTON



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON

1861-66



ANDREW JACKSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



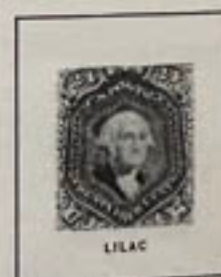
THOMAS JEFFERSON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



GEORGE WASHINGTON

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

UNITED STATES

1867

Embossed with Grills of Various Sizes



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



ANDREW JACKSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON

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

1869



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



PONY EXPRESS RIDER



EARLY LOCOMOTIVE



GEORGE WASHINGTON



SHIELD AND EAGLE



S.S. "ADRIATIC"



LANDING OF COLUMBUS
TYPE I



LANDING OF COLUMBUS
TYPE II



DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



SHIELD, EAGLE AND FLAGS



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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

UNITED STATES

1879

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



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



ANDREW JACKSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ZACHARY TAYLOR



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



THOMAS JEFFERSON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



DANIEL WEBSTER



ALEXANDER HAMILTON



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

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

1881-82

Re-engraved

1882



JAMES A. GARFIELD



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



THOMAS JEFFERSON

1883-88



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ANDREW JACKSON



ANDREW JACKSON



JAMES A. GARFIELD



ALEXANDER HAMILTON



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

UNITED STATES

1890-93



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



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

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

UNITED STATES



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



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



Buffalo were prized by the Indians for food and clothing.



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



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



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



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



Western cattle were often killed by blizzards and howling winds.



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

1901

PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION



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

UNITED STATES

1902-03

Watermarked USPS
Perforated 12



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ANDREW JACKSON



ULYSSES S. GRANT



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



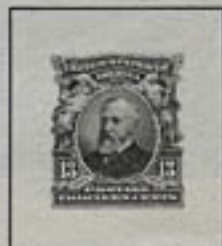
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MARTHA WASHINGTON



DANIEL WEBSTER



BENJAMIN HARRISON



HENRY CLAY



THOMAS JEFFERSON



DAVID G. FARRAGUT



JAMES MADISON



JOHN MARSHALL

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

UNITED STATES

1903

Perforated 12



GEORGE WASHINGTON

1906

Imperforate



GEORGE WASHINGTON

1906-08

Imperforate



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Imperforate



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

1904

LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION



ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON



JAMES MONROE



WILLIAM MCKINLEY



MAP OF LOUISIANA PURCHASE

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

1907

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION



CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH



FOUNDING OF JAMESTOWN



POCAHONTAS

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

3572

UNITED STATES

1909

Perforated 12: Bluish Gray Paper



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



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

1909

LINCOLN MEMORIAL



PERF. 12



IMPERF.



BLUE GRAY PAPER

To mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12, 1809 in Kentucky, a special stamp was issued in three forms: perforated, imperforate, and perforated on "Bluish Paper."

1909

ALASKA-YUKON PACIFIC EXPEDITION



IMPERF.

In 1867, William Seward, Secretary of State, negotiated with Russia to buy Alaska for \$7,200,000. Called "Seward's Folly," Alaska has proven its worth many hundreds of times over.

HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION



IMPERF.

Commemorating the 300th anniversary of the arrival of Henry Hudson in New York aboard the "Half-Moon," and the 100th anniversary of Robert Fulton's first voyage in his steamship the "Clermont."

1910-11

Watermarked USPS Perforated 12



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



Imperforate



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



UNITED STATES

1910-13

Coil Stamps: Watermarked USPS

Perforated 8½ Horizontally



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Perforated 12 Vertically



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Perforated 12 Horizontally



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Perforated 8½ Vertically



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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

1913

PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

Perforated 12



VASCO NUNEZ DE BALBOA



PANAMA CANAL



GOLDEN GATE



ORANGE YELLOW

DISCOVERY OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY



DISCOVERY OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY

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

1914-15

Perforated 10



VASCO NUNEZ DE BALBOA



PANAMA CANAL



GOLDEN GATE



DISCOVERY OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY

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

UNITED STATES

1912-14

Watermarked USPS

Perforated 12

Imperforate



GEORGE WASHINGTON



COIL STAMPS

Perforated 8½ Horizontally

Perforated 8½ Vertically



Perforated 12



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



Watermarked USPS



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

UNITED STATES

1914-15

Watermarked USPS
Perforated 10



GEORGE WASHINGTON



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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

UNITED STATES

WATERMARKED USPS

1914

Flat Plate Printing: Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Vertically



1914

FLAT PLATE PRINTING

Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Horizontally



1914

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Imperforate



1915

FLAT PLATE PRINTING

Perforated 10

Perforated 11



1914-16

Rotary Press Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Vertically



1915-16

Rotary Press Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Horizontally



Rotary Press printing was used for the first time. It provided a faster and more economical method of stamp production as compared to the Flat Plate method.

UNITED STATES

1916-22
 ROTARY PRESS COIL STAMPS
 Perforated 10 Horizontally



GEORGE WASHINGTON



TYPE II



TYPE III



TYPE I

Perforated 10 Vertically



TYPE II



TYPE III



TYPE I



TYPE II



TYPE III



TYPE I



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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

Perforated 10

Perforated 11



GEORGE WASHINGTON



TYPE III

The famous "Five Cent Error" occurred during the printing of the 1916-17 and 1917-19 issues. The error occurred where 5c stamps appeared within sheets supposed to contain only 2c values.

UNITED STATES

1917-19

Unwatermarked
Perforated 11



GEORGE WASHINGTON



TYPE I



TYPE 1A



TYPE I



TYPE II



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



1918



CR, RED AND BLACK

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

1917



WMK. USPS

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.

1919-21

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Unwatermarked: Perforated 11x10



Perforated 10x11



Perforated 10



Perforated 11



Perforated 11



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

1919

VICTORY



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

1920

PILGRIM TERCENTENARY



THE MAYFLOWER



LANDING OF PILGRIMS



SIGNING OF COMPACT

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

UNITED STATES

1922-25
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
Perforated 11



NATHAN HALE



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



MARTHA WASHINGTON



THEODORE ROOSEVELT



JAMES A. GARFIELD



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ULYSSES S. GRANT



THOMAS JEFFERSON



JAMES MONROE



RUTHERFORD B. HAYES



GROVER CLEVELAND



AMERICAN INDIAN



STATUE OF LIBERTY



GOLDEN GATE



NIAGARA FALLS



BISON



U. S. CAPITOL



This Fourth Bureau Series, 1922 to 1934, marks a progressive era in the development of United States stamps. Artistically designed, this issue was printed on both flat plate and rotary presses, has a variety of perforations and some imperforates, several new denominations, and a wide range of subject matter.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



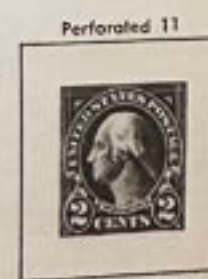
GEORGE WASHINGTON



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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UNITED STATES

1923-26

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Perforated 10



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

1923-29

COIL STAMPS

Perforated 10 Vertically



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



TYPE I

GEORGE WASHINGTON



TYPE II

GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



MARTHA WASHINGTON



THEODORE ROOSEVELT



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



GEORGE WASHINGTON



JAMES MONROE

Perforated 10 Horizontally

1923

HARDING MEMORIAL

Flat Plate Printing



Flat Plate Printing



Rotary Press Printing



PERF. 10

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

3443

1924

HUGUENOT-WALLOON



"NEW NETHERLAND"



LANDING AT PORT ORANGE



MONUMENT AT MATPORT, FLA.

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

1925

LEXINGTON-CONCORD



WASHINGTON AT CAMBRIDGE



BIRTH OF LIBERTY



THE MINUTE MAN

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

1925

NORSE-AMERICAN



SLOOP "RESTAURATIONER"



VIKING SHIP

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

1925-26

Flat Plate Printing: Perforated 11



BENJAMIN HARRISON



WOODROW WILSON

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

1926

ERICSSON MEMORIAL



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

SESQUICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION



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

BATTLE OF WHITE PLAINS



Famous Revolutionary battle in which General George Washington, by brilliant strategy and tactics, escaped seemingly certain defeat.

UNITED STATES

1927
VERMONT SESQUICENTENNIAL



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

1927
BURGOYNE CAMPAIGN



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

1928
VALLEY FORGE



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

1926-29
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING
Perforated 11x10½



NATHAN HALE



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WARREN G. HARDING



GEORGE WASHINGTON



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THOMAS JEFFERSON



JAMES MONROE

1926
Imperforate

1928
BATTLE OF MONMOUTH



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

1928
HAWAII SESQUICENTENNIAL



These overprints marked the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Capt. James Cook in 1778. At first named the Sandwich Islands by Cook, they later became the 50th U. S. State in 1959.

1929
ELECTRIC LIGHT'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Flat Plate Printing

Rotary Press Printing

Rotary Press Printing



These stamps honored Thomas Alva Edison's development of the electric light in 1879, considered by many to be the world's greatest invention. Edison, however, was not the first inventor to visualize an incandescent electric bulb but he merits the credit for perfecting it.

UNITED STATES

1929

SULLIVAN EXPEDITION



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

1928

AERONAUTICS CONFERENCE



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



1929

BATTLE OF FALLEN TIMBERS



By defeating Chief Little Turtle, Gen. Anthony Wayne (1745-96) opened way to the West.

1930

MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY CAROLINA-CHARLESTON



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



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

1929

OHIO RIVER CANALIZATION



Army engineers built the country's most extensive canal system between Cairo, Illinois, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

1930

BRADDOCK'S FIELD



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

VON STEUBEN



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

1930

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Perforated 11x10½



WARREN G. HARDING



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

1929

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK



George Rogers Clark (1752-1818) captured Ft. Sackville (site of Vincennes, Ind.) and secured N.W. for America.

1930

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Perforated 10 Vertically



WARREN G. HARDING



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

PULASKI



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

1931

YORKTOWN



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

RED CROSS



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

UNITED STATES

1929

1926-27 Issue Overprinted "Kans."



1926-27 Issue Overprinted "Nebr."



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

4-29-40

UNITED STATES

1931

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

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



RUTHERFORD B. HAYES



GROVER CLEVELAND



BENJAMIN HARRISON



AMERICAN INDIAN



STATUE OF LIBERTY

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



WOODROW WILSON



GOLDEN GATE



NIAGARA FALLS



BISON



ARLINGTON AMPHITHEATRE

1932

WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL



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

UNITED STATES

1932

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES



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

OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES



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



ARBOR DAY



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

Perf. 11x10½



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Perf. 10 Vert.



WILLIAM PENN

Perf. 10 Horiz.



DANIEL WEBSTER

Perf. 10 Vert.



JAMES A. GARFIELD



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



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

GEORGIA BICENTENNIAL



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

1933

PEACE SESQUICENTENNIAL



A reminder that 150 years had passed since the end of the American Revolution.

NAT. RECOVERY ADMIN.



One of Pres. Roosevelt's ideas. Was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1935.

KOSCIUSZKO



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



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



MARTHA WASHINGTON



JOHN ADAMS



THOMAS JEFFERSON



JAMES MADISON



THE WHITE HOUSE



JAMES MONROE



JOHN QUINCY ADAMS



ANDREW JACKSON



MARTIN VAN BUREN



WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON



JOHN TYLER



JAMES K. POLK



ZACHARY TAYLOR



MILLARD FILLMORE



FRANKLIN PIERCE



JAMES BUCHANAN



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



ANDREW JOHNSON



ULYSSES S. GRANT



RUTHERFORD B. HAYES



JAMES A. GARFIELD

UNITED STATES

1938

(Continued)



CHESTER A. ARTHUR



GROVER CLEVELAND



BENJAMIN HARRISON



WILLIAM MCKINLEY



THEODORE ROOSEVELT



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT



WOODROW WILSON



WARREN G. HARDING



CALVIN COOLIDGE

1939

Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Vertically



GEORGE WASHINGTON



MARTHA WASHINGTON



JOHN ADAMS



THOMAS JEFFERSON



JAMES MADISON



THE WHITE HOUSE



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.

UNITED STATES

1983

USA/SWEDEN BICENTENNIAL



Issued jointly to commemorate 200 years of international cooperation and friendship between Sweden and the U.S.

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS



Honoring its 50th Anniversary. It provided employment for youth and preserved environmental areas.

VOLUNTEER-LEND A HAND



This issue recognizes the important contributions of volunteers to development of the nation.

GERMAN IMMIGRANTS



Issued with the German Federal Republic to mark 300 years of German immigration to the U.S.

BROOKLYN BRIDGE



Commemorating the 100th anniversary of its span, from Brooklyn to Manhattan over the East River.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



This issue marks the 50th anniversary of its establishment, under President Franklin Roosevelt.

PHYSICAL FITNESS



Issued to commemorate the levels of interest and participation by many in these activities.

METROPOLITAN OPERA



Marking the centennial of its founding. Shown is the old proscenium arch and the new five-arched entrance.

MEDAL OF HONOR



Honoring the receivers of these medals which are given for "courage above and beyond the call of duty".

Regular Issue



TREATY OF PARIS



This issue honors the 200th anniversary of the signing. Officially ending the Revolutionary War.

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY



(1733-1804) Clergyman and Chemist who is noted for discovering oxygen.

SCOTT JOPLIN



(1868-1917) Pianist and composer of the "Classical ragtime" style of music.

BABE RUTH



(1895-1948) Athlete known as the "Home Run King", for his 714 home runs.

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE



(1804-64) Author best known for his works on Puritan New England.

CIVIL SERVICE



Honoring the 100th anniversary of this commissions establishment in 1863.



STYLIZED EAGLE



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BOLT SINGLE
STYLIZED EAGLE



FLAG OVER CAPITOL



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SEASHELLS



FRISLED DOGWINKLE



RETICULATED HELMET



CALICO SCALLOP



NEW ENGLAND NEPTUNE



LIGHTNING WHELE

EXPRESS MAIL



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THOMAS JEFFERSON



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