



Issue of 1857-61

Perforated 15

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter & Co.



Benjamin Franklin
24



George Washington
25

26

26A



Thomas Jefferson
28-32

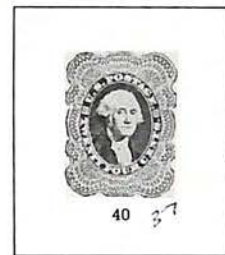


George Washington
35



38, 39

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George Washington
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Benjamin Franklin
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George Washington
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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.



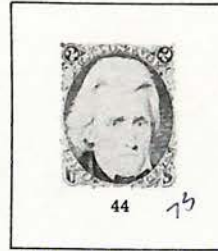
Issue of 1861

PERFORATED 12

PRINTED BY THE NATIONAL BANK NOTE CO.



BEN FRANKLIN
63



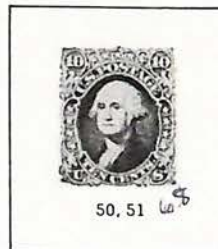
64
75
GEO WASHINGTON
PINK
64



George Washington
ROSE
65



47-49
67



50, 51
68



52
69



53
72
GEO WASHINGTON
69



54-56
70



57
71



58
72
George Washington
72

UPON the outbreak of war between the states in 1861, the postal authorities found it necessary to demonitize all of the United States stamps in order to prevent usage by the Confederate States. The issue of 1861 was created as a replacement. During the war, due to the scarcity of metal coins, these stamps were used as small change.



Issue of 1869

PERFORATED 12

PRINTED BY THE NATIONAL BANK NOTE CO.

GRILLED



Benjamin Franklin
112
116



Pony Express Rider
113



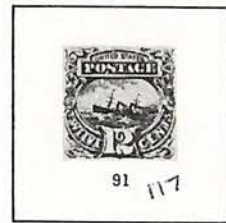
Locomotive
114



George Washington
115



Eagle and Shield
116



S. S. Adriatic
117



Landing of Columbus
92, 93
118
119



Declaration of Independence
94
120



Eagle, Shield and Flags
95
121



Abraham Lincoln
96
122

THE first pictorial issue of the United States was introduced in 1869 and is still considered one of our most beautifully engraved issues. The 15¢, 24¢ and the 30¢ values exist with the center inverted and are very scarce.



Issue of 1870-71

Perforated 12

Printed by the National Bank Note Co.

Without Grill



Benjamin Franklin
145



Andrew Jackson
146 147



George Washington
147



Abraham Lincoln
148



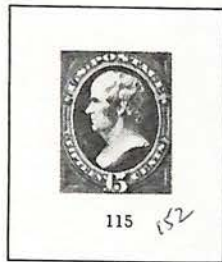
Edwin M. Stanton
149



Thomas Jefferson
150



Henry Clay
151



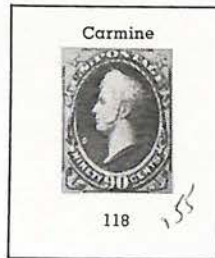
Daniel Webster
152



Gen. Winfield Scott
153



Alexander Hamilton
154



Commodore Oliver Perry
155

THIS series of stamps could well be termed the first famous American set since it featured the portraits of our great leaders. This set is found both with and without the grill.



Issue of 1873

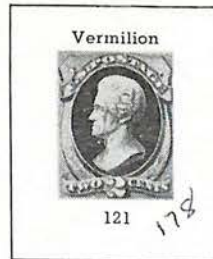
PERFORATED 12
PRINTED BY THE CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO.



Benjamin Franklin
156



157 Andrew Jackson 178



121



George Washington
158



Zachary Taylor
179



Abraham Lincoln
159



Edwin M. Stanton
160



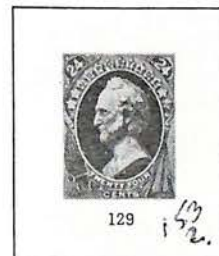
Thomas Jefferson
161



Henry Clay
162



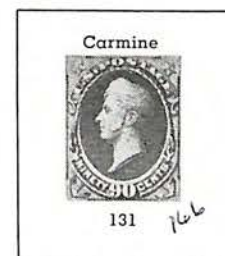
Daniel Webster
163



Gen. Winfield Scott
153



Alexander Hamilton
165



Commodore Oliver Perry
166

THE CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE COMPANY was awarded the contract to continue producing this series of postage stamps. To identify its product from that of its predecessor (the National Bank Note Company) secret marks were added to the retained designs through the 15¢ denomination. The 24¢, 30¢ and 90¢ values can only be distinguished by the shades. These secret marks are illustrated below:



Franklin. Dash of color added in pearl left of 1



Jackson. Closed outline of ornament left of U.S.



Washington. Shading under upper ribbon under THREE heavier.



Lincoln. First 4 vertical lines of left ribbon heavier.



Stanton. Semi-circles added in ball at lower left.



Jefferson. Crescent added in scroll ornament.



Clay. Balls in 2 crescent shaped.



Webster. Worn lines of shading in triangles and below U.S. Postage.



Issue of 1879-1888

PERFORATED 12
SOFT POROUS PAPER

PRINTED BY THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.



Benjamin Franklin
182



Andrew Jackson
183



George Washington
184



George Washington
214



Zachary Taylor
185



Abraham Lincoln
186



Thomas Jefferson
187 N 6



Thomas Jefferson
188



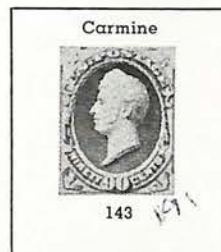
Daniel Webster
189



Alexander Hamilton
190



Alexander Hamilton
217



Commodore Oliver Perry
191



Commodore Oliver Perry
218

THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY, having consolidated itself with the Continental Bank Note Company printed this series. Added interest for the collector is found in this issue because of the soft, porous paper used in contrast to the hard, snappy, translucent paper of the previous issues.



Issue of 1881-82

Perforated 12

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.



Benjamin Franklin
204



George Washington
207



Abraham Lincoln
208



Thomas Jefferson
209

DESIGNS of the 1881-1882 series at first glance appear to be a replica of the previous issue. Closer inspection will reveal a denser appearance in design which was due to the re-engraving of the plates. The characteristics of the recutting are shown:



- 1¢ - Lines of shading have been added to the upper arabesques, and vertical lines in the upper portion of the stamp have been deepened.
- 3¢ - About 1mm. below the "ts" of cents a short horizontal dash has been etched. The width of the shading at the side of the central oval has been reduced.

- 6¢ - Three lines can be counted from the edge of the panel to the outside of the stamp. Before re-engraving four lines were present.
- 10¢ - Four lines can be counted between the left side of the oval and the edge of the shield. Before re-engraving five lines could be counted.

Issue of 1882-1888

Perforated 12

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.



Benjamin Franklin
212



210 George Washington 213



Andrew Jackson
211



Andrew Jackson
215



James A. Garfield
205



James A. Garfield
214

COLOR and design changes feature these issues. The widow of President Garfield did not approve of the stamp issued in his memory and therefore the color was changed from brown to indigo.



Issue of 1890-93

Perforated 12

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.



Benjamin Franklin
219



George Washington
2190



George Washington
220



2202



2205



Andrew Jackson
221



Abraham Lincoln
222



Ulysses S. Grant
223



James A. Garfield
224



William T. Sherman
225



Daniel Webster
226



Henry Clay
227



Thomas Jefferson
228



Commodore Perry
229

THIS series of postage stamps was produced in the reduced size that is still used for regular issues and occasionally used for commemoratives. It features the portraits of several presidents, statesmen, and military heroes. The 2¢ value was originally issued in the lake shade but was changed to carmine on March 12, 1890.



Issue of 1894-1895

Perforated 12

Printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Unwatermarked



Benjamin Franklin

248



Benjamin Franklin

247



George Washington

248

MINI TYPE I



George Washington

249

CARMINI LABEL



George Washington

250



254



George Washington

251

CARMINI TYPE I



George Washington

252

CARMINI TYPE I



Andrew Jackson

253



Abraham Lincoln

254



U.S. GRANT

255



James A. Garfield

256



William T. Sherman

257



Daniel Webster

258



Henry Clay

259



Thomas Jefferson

260



Commodore Perry

261

TYPE I



Type II

184

261A

Commodore Perry

261A

TYPE D



James Monroe

185

262

262



John Marshall

186

263

263

With this issue the task of printing United States postage stamps was turned over to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D.C. This new postage series was similar in design to the issue of 1890-93 but small ornamental triangles were added to the upper corners. One, two and five dollar denominations were added.

Three Types of the 2¢ Triangles Are Herewith Illustrated:



type 1



type 2



type 3

Two Types of the \$1.00 Circles Are Herewith Illustrated:



type 1



type 2



Issue of 1895-98

Perforated 12
Double-line Watermark



Benjamin Franklin
264
BLUE

Benjamin Franklin
279
DEEP GREEN

George Washington
265
EARMING TYPE I

279B



266
EARMING
TYPE II

George Washington

267
EARMING TYPE III
SE 7C UNIT

267 George Washington
EARMING TYPE III

279B
EAR TYPE III

279d
EAR TYPE II

Andrew Jackson

268
EAR TYPE IV PURPLE



269 Abraham Lincoln
DARK BROWN



280
ROSE BROWN



270
CHOCOLATE

Ulysses S. Grant



281
DARK BLUE



271 James A. Garfield
PULL BROWN



282
LAKE



Scott #10X1r \$50.00
VF-unused, without gum as issued
Left sheet margin 1898 reprint with letter
"T" of "Bogertdurbin" printed on reverse.
Trivial light crease - inconsequential.
Scott catalog value - \$65.00 for reprint **H**



William T. Sherman
272
VIOLET BROWN

No. 108 280

April 23, 1982

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 1895 Denomination 50¢

Color red orange Cat. No. 275a

Brief description or additional information

All 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 genuine with a small thin spot.



[Handwritten Signature]
**For The Expert Committee
Chairman**



Issue of 1895-98

Perforated 12
Double-line Watermark



273 Daniel Webster 282c



Daniel Webster
283



274

Henry Clay



284
REP ORANGE



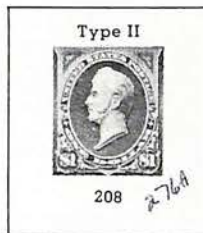
Thomas Jefferson
275
ORANGE



275a
REP ORANGE



Commodore Perry
276



Commodore Perry
276A



James Madison
277



John Marshall
278

Two types of the 10¢ stamp are distinguished as illustrated:



Type II

A line of color appears in the white curve below "TS" of cents and "E" of Ten.

In printing this new issue watermarked paper was used for the first time on stamps intended for postage purposes. Watermarking had been used previously for revenue stamps and postcards. The watermark consisted of Double-line letters "U S P S" so distributed that each stamp on the sheet shows at least a part of the watermarking, as illustrated below.

In 1910 a single-line watermark was used for the first time by the Bureau.



Double-line



Single-line



Issue of 1902-03

PERFORATED 12

DOUBLE-LINE WATERMARK



Benjamin Franklin
300

George Washington
301

Andrew Jackson
302

Ulysses S. Grant
303



Abraham Lincoln
304

James A. Garfield
305

Martha Washington
306

Daniel Webster
307

Benjamin Harrison
308



Henry Clay
309

Thomas Jefferson
310

David G. Farragut
311

James Madison
312

John Marshall
313



314F

Issue of 1906-08

IMPERFORATE

Issue of 1903-06

PERFORATED 12

IMPERFORATE



314L



George Washington
319



George Washington
320

Benjamin Franklin
314

Abraham Lincoln
315

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.



332 a



Issue of 1908-17
Perforated 12
Double-line Watermark



Benjamin Franklin
331

George Washington
332

333

332a



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335



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338



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340



341



342

Imperforate



343



344



345



346



347

This series for the sake of uniformity and artistic effect featured the head of George Washington on all of the denominations except the 1¢ which portrayed Benjamin Franklin. Part of this issue was printed on a stock which was made of 35 per cent rag and are known as "bluish paper," although they are actually grayish in appearance. Most of the denominations printed on this paper are rare.



Issue of 1908-10

Coil Stamps
Perforated 12 Horizontally
Double-line Watermark



348



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Coil Stamps
Perforated 12 Vertically



352



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262 356

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Officially issued coil stamps came into being in 1908. As the name indicates, the stamps instead of being issued in sheet form, were made available in lengths which were coiled into rolls of five hundred and one thousand. Stamps in this form were found to be more convenient for handling large quantities of mail that called for the same stamp value. These coils were also made available to private companies who were licensed to perforate them and sell them in vending machines at neighborhood stores for the convenience of the public.



Issue of 1910-14

Perforated 12
Single-line Watermark



374



375



375a



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407



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381



382

Imperforate

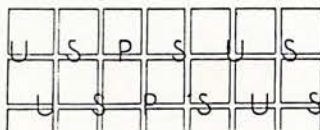


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384

This issue employed the same designs as the previous series. A single line style of watermark was used.



Single-line



Issue of 1910-13

Coil Stamps
Single-line Watermark

Perforated 12 Horizontally



385



386

Perforated 12 Vertically



387



388

Perforated 8½ Horizontally



390



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391

Perforated 8½ Vertically



392



393



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396

This series of coil stamps featured the designs of the previous regular issues. As an experiment the Bureau of Engraving and Printing used a 8½ perforation instead of the usual 12 in an effort to find a more suitable size. The 3¢ perforated 12 stamp of this series is the rarest coil only a few being used at Orangeburg, N. Y. and for that reason is omitted from this album.



Issue of 1912
Perforated 12
Single-line Watermark



405



406

406a



407

Imperforate



408



409

Coil Stamps

Perforated 8½ Horizontally



410



411

Perforated 8½ Vertically



412



413

This series featured the portrait of George Washington with slight changes in the design-work from the previous issues.



Issue of 1912-14

Perforated 12

Single-line Watermark



414



415



416



417



418



419



420



421

Double-line Watermark



422



423

The portrait of Benjamin Franklin was featured on the entire set of this issue. The 50¢ denomination appeared with both types of watermark.



Issue of 1914-15

Perforated 10

Single-line Watermark

424D



425



426



427



428



429
NG



430
NG



431



432



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434



435

435a



437



438



439



440
N/4

Perforated 10

Perforated 11



460



461

The portraits of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were again used as the prominent part of the design on this issue. The larger-holed perforation 10 was placed in use to prevent sheets from falling apart due to the fineness of the perforation 12.



No. 01046229

5/30/2006



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 #	Issue	Denom.	Color
US#454	1915	2c	Red

GRADE: F-VF 75, Mint OGph

"it is a genuine unused, o.g., previously hinged, coil single."




For The Expert Committee

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



Issue of 1914

Coil Stamps, Flat Plate Printing
Perforated 10 Horizontally
Single-line Watermark



441



442

Perforated 10 Vertically



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Issue of 1914-16

Coil Stamps, Rotary Press
Perforated 10 Vertically



452

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454



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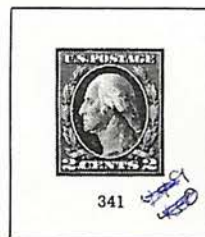
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455

Perforated 10 Horizontally



448



341

449



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With the coil issue of 1914-16 a rotary press was used for the first time in printing United States stamps. Rotary press stamps are printed from curved plates and are therefore slightly larger either vertically or horizontally than flat plate printings. This process of printing enabled the Bureau to produce stamps more quickly.



462a



467 ERROR



Issue of 1916-17

Flat Plate Printing

Perforated 10, Unwatermarked



462



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464



465



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470



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472



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474



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363 477

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364 478

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480 474

The stamps of this series were a repeat of previous issues but with differences discernible only to stamp collectors. They were printed on unwatermarked paper and the \$2 and \$5 values were previously issued perforated 12. One of the most spectacular errors occurred in the printing of this series. Sheets of the 2¢ value were found with one stamp being of the 5¢ denomination. This was found on the lower right sheet of plate number 7942. On the Upper left sheet of plate number 7942 a double error was found. These errors continued to appear in later printings of the 2¢ stamp imperforate and perforated 11 and are greatly desired by stamp collectors.



Issue of 1916-17

Flate Plate Printing
Imperforate
Unwatermarked



481



482



483



484

Issue of 1916-22

Rotary Press Printing
Coils Perforated 10 Horizontally
Unwatermarked



486



487

488



489

Perforated 10 Vertically



490



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492



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494 VIOLLET II

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VIOLLET I
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MH-519 Unused
1917 2c Washington DL Wmrk
carmine pf 11
Fresh From Sheet
Mystic Stamp, Camden, NY 13316

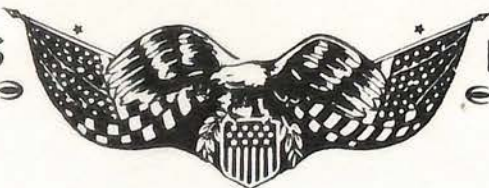


498e



505
ERROR

505
BLOCK of 9
F-V.F.
error 54
N.H slight
glaze
L.H. @ top
Firm @ 350.00



Issue of 1917-19

Flat Plate Printing

Perforated 11

Unwatermarked



498 499 500 501 502 503 504



506 507 508 509 510



511 512a 512 513 514 515



509 514 517 518 519 NH



523 NH 547 524

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing was still trying to find a more suitable size of perforation. Perforation 12 was found to be too fragile and perforation, 10 was too strong, causing damage to stamps during separation. To remedy these defects perforation 11 was used for this series.



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528B



528

Issue of 1918-20
Offset Printing



528A



Perforated

Perforated 11 527

Perforated 11

Perforated 12 1/2 530



525



526



527



530



526



Imperforate



529



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~~527~~



534A



535



533

The Bureau again experimenting tried with the 1918-20 issues to use the offset method of printing (a type of lithography). It was not successful and was soon discontinued.



DOUBLE
IMPRESSION

525d

Issue of 1919-21
Rotary Press Printing

Perforated 11 x 10



538

540 548



540a
VAGT PAIR
HOLEY BRACK

Perforated 10 x 11

Perforated 10

Perforated 11

Perforated 11



542



543



545



546

Stamps which were originally intended to be issued in coil form but were later perforated fully are known as coil waste, and some of the above issues were created in this manner.



JS4C
MNH



Issue of 1922-26

Flat Plate Printing

Perforated 11



Nathan Hale
551



Benjamin Franklin
552



Warren G. Harding
553



George Washington
554



Abraham Lincoln
555



Martha Washington
556



Theodore Roosevelt
557



James A. Garfield
558



William McKinley
559



Ulysses S. Grant
560



Thomas Jefferson
561



James Monroe
562



Rutherford B. Hayes
563



Grover Cleveland
564



Benjamin Harrison
1925-26
622



American Indian
565



Issue of 1922-26

Flat Plate Printing

Perforated 11



Woodrow Wilson
1925-26
623



Statue of Liberty
566



Golden Gate
567



Niagara Falls
568



Bison
569



Arlington Amphitheatre
570



Lincoln Memorial
NH



NH

U. S. Capitol
572 LH



America
573 NH



NH



LH

Imperforate



Benjamin Franklin
575



Warren G. Harding
576



George Washington
577

With this issue an entirely new series was made available to the American public. It featured presidents, famous Americans, and pictures of the American scene.



The Philatelic Foundation

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New York, NY 10018

No. 429873

10/19/2005

EXPERT COMMITTEE

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

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

<u>Cat. No.</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Denom.</u>	<u>Color</u>
579	1923	2¢	carmine

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, OG

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, NEVER HINGED, WITH A LIGHT DIAGONAL CREASE AT TOP RIGHT *****



A. Rami
For The Expert Committee
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

Submitted by

CENTURY STAMPS



Issue of 1923-26

Rotary Press Printing

Perforated 11 x 10



578



579

Perforated 10



581



582



583



584



585



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587



588



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591

The same designs used in the previous issue were used for this printing. In order to overcome the tendency of Rotary Press stamps to curl, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing used gum breaker bars. These bars which are colorless, raised, impressions may be seen on the gummed side of mint rotary press stamps.



Issue of 1926-34

Rotary Press Printing

Perforated 11 x 10½



633



632



633



634
TYPE 1



634A
TYPE 11



635



636



637



638



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640



641



642



692



693



694



Issue of 1926-34

Rotary Press Printing

Perforated 11 x 10½

Perforated 10½ x 11



697



695



696

Perforated 10½ x 11



698

Perforated 10½ x 11



699



700



701

After much experimentation the Bureau of Engraving and Printing decided that the 11 by 10½ perforation was the most suitable for the rotary press printed stamps and is still in use.

Issue of 1926

Rotary Press Printing

Imperforate



Issue of 1930-32

Rotary Press Printing

Perforated 11 x 10½



Warren G. Harding



George Washington



William Howard Taft

Following the death of President William Howard Taft the Post Office Department issued a new 4-cent stamp bearing his likeness.



Rotary Press Coils of

1923-29

Perforated 10 Vertical



723



1930-32

Perforated 10

Vertically

Vertically

Horizontally

Vertically



686

721

722

687

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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.



Issue of 1938-43
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING
PERFORATED 11 x 10½



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 H. 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



Chester A. Arthur



Grover Cleveland Benjamin Harrison William McKinley Theodore Roosevelt William Howard Taft

Flat Plate Printing, Perforated 11



832c

Woodrow Wilson Warren G. Harding Calvin Coolidge



Coil Stamps, Perforated 10 Vertically



ISSUED as a
the President
pictured. Star
are listed in

This set is called
of 1938 are
the presidents
Franklin (1/2¢),
)

