1857-60 Perforated 15



These were the first perfordted 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.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

423

GEORGE WASHINGTON *

37

GEORGE WASHINGTON

GEORGE WASHINGTON

350.

1861 First Designs



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.

1867
Embossed with Grills of Various Sizes



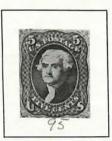
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



ANDREW JACKSON



george Washington 28



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 pyramidic 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



250.



SHIELD AND EAGLE



S.S. "ADRIATIC"



LANDING OF COLUMBUS



LANDING OF COLUMBUS



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.

1870-71

National Bank Note Co. Printing Embossed with Grill



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



ANDREW JACKSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



EDWIN M. STANTON



THOMAS JEFFERSON



HENRY CLAY



DANIEL WEBSTER



142 MISSNY SS



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

28 MOUNT

1870-71 Without Grill



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



ANDREW JACKSON



GEORGE WASHINGTON/.75



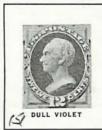
ABRAHAM LINCOLN



EDWIN M. STANTON O.



THOMAS JEFFERSON 30.



HENRY CLAY 220.



DANIEL WEBSTER 2001



WINFIELD SCOTT 200 .



ALEXANDER HAMILTON 260.



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

You are now embarked on an exciting philatelic journey among the famous "Bank Note" issues. Fifty-nine major varieties were printed by three companies between 1870 and 1888: National, Continental, and American.

1873

Continental Bank Note Co. Printing Types of 1870-71 with Secret Marks: Thin Hard Paper



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN S.



ANDREW JACKSON 25 .



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN 20.



EDWIN M. STANTON



THOMAS JEFFERSON 25.



HENRY CLAY /25 .





ALEXANDER HAMILTON



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

On this page you see the classic stamps produced by Continental, which succeeded National. These issues are renowned for the "secret marks" which set apart Continental's work from that of National. (For more information on this subject, refer to the STAMP IDENTIFIER section.)

1875



ANDREW JACKSON 250



ZACHARY TAYLOR 45.

The 1873 design, honoring President Andrew Jackson, was now printed in vermilion; and a new blue 5c value, picturing President Zachary Taylor, was issued to comply with the rate set by the international Universal Postal Union for European mail.

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



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



ANDREW JACKSON 326





ZACHARY TAYLOR 15.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN 30.



42.50

1882





DANIEL WEBSTER





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



JAMES A. GARFIELD



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



THOMAS JEFFERSON

1883-88



BENJAMIN FRANKLINZ.



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



GEORGE WASHINGTON



ANDREW JACKSON 2350





JAMES A. GARFIELD



ALEXANDER HAMILTON /26.



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

1975-81

AMERICANA SERIES Regular Issues



INKWELL & QUILL



SPEAKER'S STAND



BALLOT BOX



BOOK & EYEGLASSES



CAPITOL DOME



CAPITOL DOME



CAPITOL DOME



JUSTICE



PRINTING PRESS



TORCH



LIBERTY BELL



EAGLE & SHIELD



FT. MCHENRY FLAG



FT. MCHENRY FLAG



LIBERTY



OLD NORTH CHURCH



FT. NISQUALLY



LIGHTHOUSE



SCHOOL HOUSE



BETTY LAMP



RUSH LAMP



KEROSENE LAMP



CONDUCTOR'S LAMP

1975-81

AMERICANA SERIES Regular Issues (continued)

Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Vertically



INKWELL & QUILL



GHITAR



TWO VIOLINS



SAXHORNS



DRUM



PIANO



CAPITOL DOME



JUSTICE



TORCH



LIBERTY BELL



FT. MCHENRY FLAG



LIBERTY



CAPITOL BUILDING



CAPITOL BUILDING

1977-78

Regular Issues



FLAG & CAPITOL DOME



INDIAN HEAD PENNY



FLAG & CAPITOL DOME



OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES



OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES



ROSES



STYLIZED EAGLE



STYLIZED EAGLE



STYLIZED EAGLE