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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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5 200

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Columbus announcing his discovery



Columbus at La Rabida



Recall of Columbus



Isabella pledging her jewels



Columbus in chains



Columbus describing third voyage



Isabella - Columbus



Columbus

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 8c 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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TRANS-MISSISSIPPI EXPOSITION SERIES

1898



Marquette on the Mississippi



Farming in the West



Indian Hunting Buffalo



Fremont on Rocky Mountains



Troops Guarding Train



Herdships of Emigration



Western Mining Prospector

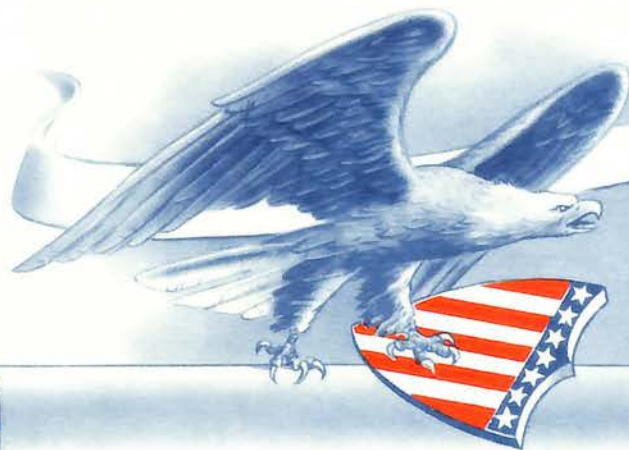


Western Cattle in Storm



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 10, 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Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., this set was placed on sale May 1, 1901, at Post Offices throughout the country and withdrawn from sale October 31, 1901.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 19th Century."

Pictures on the stamps are reproductions from current means of transportation.

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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, 1903 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 25th of the same year. Portraits of the principals involved in the career of the Jamestown plantation appear on the stamp.



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LINCOLN MEMORIAL ISSUE
1909



Lincoln

Authorized by a joint resolution of Congress, the Postmaster General issued a 2¢ stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Date of first sale was February 12, 1909. A bust from St. Gauden's statue of Lincoln appears on the stamp.

ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION ISSUE



William H. Seward

To commemorate the development of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Territory, a 2¢ 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.

HUDSON FULTON CELEBRATION ISSUE



The Clermont and Half Moon

Celebrating the tercentenary of the discovery of the Hudson River and the centennial of its first navigation by steam, this stamp was first placed on sale September 25, 1909. The central design shows the progress from canoe to steam on the Hudson River.



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PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION SERIES

1912-13



Balboa

PERFORATED
12



Panama Canal



Golden Gate



Discovery of San Francisco Bay



1915



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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VICTORY ISSUE

1919



Victory and Flags

The successful termination of World War I brought forth a special 3¢ Victory Stamp with its first day sale at Washington, D. C., in March, 1919. A composite, featuring Liberty in front of massed flags, is the central design of the stamp.

PILGRIM TERCENTENARY SERIES

1920



The Mayflower



Landing of the Pilgrims



Signing of the Compact

Authorized by Congress, the Postmaster General first placed on sale in December, 1920, a set of three stamps commemorating the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Provincetown and Plymouth, Mass.

HARDING MEMORIAL ISSUE

1923



Harding



These 2¢ stamps, printed in black, were issued as a fitting tribute to the memory of President Warren G. Harding, whose death occurred while serving in office. This stamp was issued by flat perforation 11, rotary press perforation 10, and imperforate.

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HUGUENOT—WALLOON TERCENTENARY SERIES

1924



The New Netherlands



Landing at Fort Orange



Monument at Mayport, Fla.

This series of postage stamps was issued to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the settling of the Walloons in New Netherlands in 1624. This is now the State of New York.

LEXINGTON—CONCORD SERIES

1925



Washington at Cambridge



Birth of Liberty



The Minute Man

These stamps commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord—the birthplace of Liberty and the Minuteman, and where also, the famous eulogy, "By the rude bridge that arched the flood their flag to April's breeze unfurled. Here once the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard round the world", stands inscribed.

NORSE—AMERICAN CENTENNIAL SERIES

1925



Sloop Restaurationen

Two stamps of 2¢ and 5¢ denomination were issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the arrival in New York, on October 9, 1825, of the sloop Restaurationen with the first group of immigrants to the United States from Norway.



A Viking Ship

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5-2200

Walters



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LIBERTY BELL

1926



Liberty Bell

This 2c stamp featuring the Liberty Bell was issued for the 150th anniversary of American Independence, which was celebrated at the Sesqui-centennial Exposition held in Philadelphia in 1926.

ERICSSON

1926



Statue of John Ericsson

Memorializing John Ericsson, builder of the "Monitor," this stamp was issued in 1926 when a statue of him was unveiled in Washington, D. C., by the Crown Prince of Sweden.

BURGOYNE

1927



Surrender of Burgoyne

The Surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga marked the end of a campaign in which the Battles of Fort Stanwix, Oriskany, Bennington and Saratoga played an important part in the winning of the American Revolution.

LINDBERGH

1927



Spirit of Saint Louis

This stamp, placed on sale June 18, 1927, marks Charles A. Lindbergh's non-stop solo flight from New York to Paris in his "Spirit of St. Louis" in May of 1927, the first successful such flight.

VERMONT

1927



Green Mountain Boy

A Green Mountain Boy, one of the colonist heroes of the Battle of Bennington, is shown on this stamp, which was issued to mark the 150th anniversary of the Battle and of Vermont's independence.

WHITE PLAINS

1926



Battle of White Plains

A painting by E. F. Ward adorns the stamp issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of White Plains. It was here at White Plains where the "Liberty or Death" flag first made its appearance.

VALLEY FORGE

1928



Washington at Prayer

A critical period in American Revolutionary history was the encampment of George Washington's Army at Valley Forge. This stamp, picturing Washington at Prayer, was issued on the 150th anniversary.



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BATTLE OF WHITE PLAINS

1926



To commemorate the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York City (October 16-23, 1926), the Post Office Department issued the 2c White Plains stamp in souvenir sheet form. Each sheet included 25 stamps with an appropriate inscription in the top margin. This souvenir sheet was issued on October 18, 1926, the same day as the regular sheet variety.

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5-760

White Plains



FIRST AIR MAIL SERIES

1918



Early Mail Plane



Early Mail Plane



Early Mail Plane

In May 1918, an Act of Congress placed mail carrying by plane on an officially scheduled basis with the postage rate set at 24c. The first air mail stamp was released on May 13, 1918 in connection with the inauguration of air mail service from New York to Washington, D.C. The denomination was 24c and it was this stamp that created the famous inverted airplane error. The 16c denomination was first placed on sale July 11th followed by the 6c on December 10th.

SECOND AIR MAIL SERIES

1923



Propeller



Emblem of Mail Service



Early Biplane

Released primarily for use in the new night flying service between New York and San Francisco, the 1923 air mails were placed on sale in Washington during August. The 8c denomination on the 15th, the 16c on the 17th and the 24c on the 21st. New reduced rates were put into effect on a three-zone basis at 8c per ounce per zone, with each zone approximately 1,000 miles in length across the country.



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GRAF ZEPPELIN PAN-AMERICAN FLIGHT

1930



Graf Zeppelin over Ocean



Graf Zeppelin between Continents



Graf Zeppelin over Globe

Great interest in the mail carrying flights of the Graf Zeppelin prompted the Post Office Department to issue this set of three stamps in connection with the Europe-Pan American Flight. This was one of the more important flights of the great German airship which carried it from Germany to South America, thence to Lakehurst and back to Germany in a huge triangle. The stamps were placed on sale April 19, 1930 at Washington, D. C. and at selected post offices in the forty-eight states on April 21st.

GRAF ZEPPELIN CENTURY OF PROGRESS FLIGHT

1933



Graf Zeppelin between Friedrichshafen and Chicago

Germany sent the Airship Graf Zeppelin as her messenger of good will to the CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION in Chicago the Fall of 1933. The ship carried special souvenir letters for which the 50c stamp was issued on October 2, 1933.