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S-220

Wilson





21237



19742

19737

TOP





UNITED STATES

1926-27



47-



50-



105-

UNITED STATES

1937
Flat Plate Printing



UNITED STATES

1938



7-

1939



120



Columbian Exposition

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 1893



Columbus in Sight of Land



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Trans-Mississippi Exposition

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, 1898



Marquette on the Mississippi



Farming in the West



Indian Hunting Buffalo



Fremont on the Rocky Mountains



Troops guarding Train



Hardships of Emigration



Western Mining Prospector



Western Cattle in Storm



Mississippi River Bridge

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Automobile



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Louisiana Purchase Exposition
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, 1904



Robert R. Livingston



Thomas Jefferson



James Monroe



William McKinley



Map of Louisiana Purchase

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Jamestown Exposition

HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA, 1907



Captain John Smith



Founding of Jamestown



Pocahontas

Issued April 25, 1907 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. The leader of the founding colonists was Capt. John Smith, whose life was saved by Pocahontas when she threw herself between him and an Indian's axe. Stamps were in use during the Jamestown Exposition and withdrawn from sale when the Exposition closed, December 1, 1907. The figures in the upper corners of the 1c stamp are Pocahontas and Powhatan.



Panama-Pacific Exposition

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 1915

PERFORATED 12



Balboa



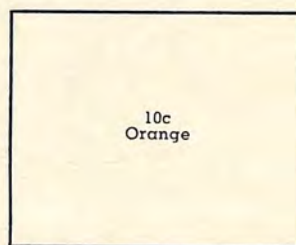
Panama Canal



Golden Gate



Discovery of San Francisco Bay

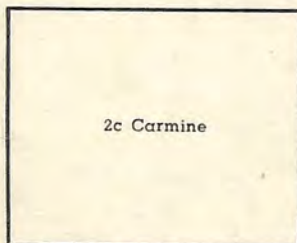


10c
Orange

PERFORATED 10



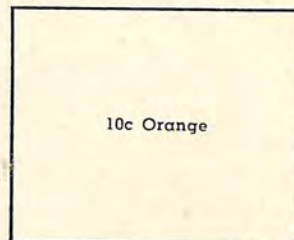
Designs as above
1c Green



2c Carmine



5c Blue



10c Orange

First issued in late 1912 (officially January 1, 1913) the stamps served the dual purpose of commemorating the Panama Canal and, also, publicising the Panama-Pacific Exposition planned to be held in San Francisco in 1915. The original issue was perforated 12 and later, in 1915, appeared perforated 10. Original color of the 10c was an orange-yellow. Changed, officially, on August 25, 1913, to a darker shade known to philatelists as "orange".

Victory Stamp

1919



"Victory" and Flags of the Allies

ISSUED on March 3, 1919 to commemorate the successful conclusion of World War I. Flags depicted are United States (in center), British, Belgian, Italian and French.

1885-1917 Special Delivery Stamps



Messenger Running



Messenger Running



Messenger Running



Messenger Running



Messenger Running



Messenger on Bicycle



Helmet of Mercury



Messenger on Bicycle



Messenger on Bicycle



Messenger on Bicycle



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Issue of 1881-82

Perforated 12

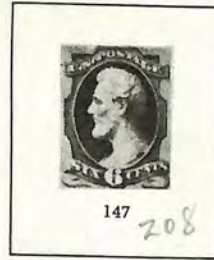
Printed by the American Bank Note Co.



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Thomas Jefferson

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



George Washington



Andrew Jackson



Andrew Jackson



James A. Garfield



James A. Garfield

all
M/26
mostly
N/G

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.



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Issue of 1890-93

Perforated 12

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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



Commodore Perry

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.

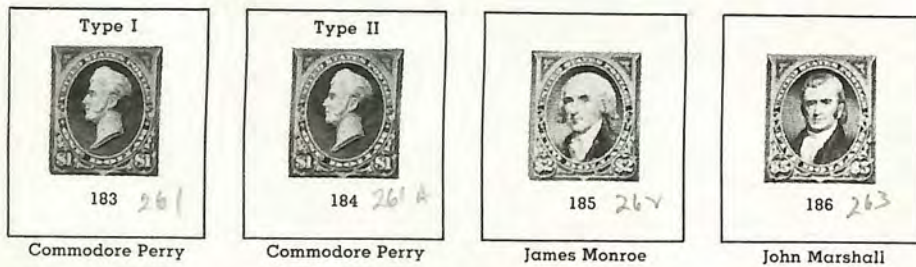


Issue of 1894-1895

Perforated 12

Printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Unwatermarked



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:



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





Issue of 1895-98
Perforated 12
Double-line Watermark

m/06



Benjamin Franklin

m



Benjamin Franklin

m/06



George Washington

m/06



George Washington

m



George Washington

m/06



Andrew Jackson

m



Abraham Lincoln

m/06



Ulysses S. Grant

m



m



James A. Garfield

m/06



m/06



William T. Sherman



Issue of 1895-98
Perforated 12
Double-line Watermark



Daniel Webster



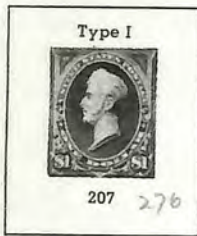
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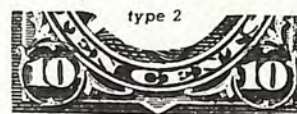


James Madison



John Marshall

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

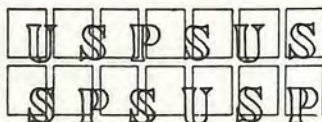


Type II

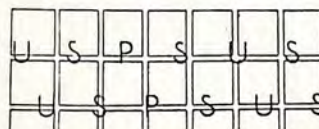
A line of color appears in the white curve below "TS" of cents and "E" of Ten.

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 1908-17

Perforated 12
Double-line Watermark



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



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 1912

Single-line Watermark

Perforated 12 *m/ds*

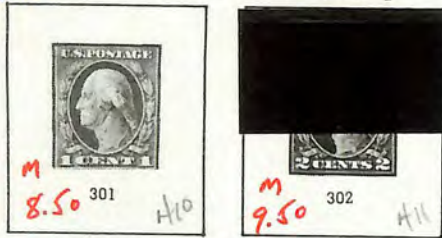


Imperforate *m/ds*



Coil Stamps

m/ds Perforated 8½ Horizontally



Perforated 8½ Vertically



Issue of 1912-14

Perforated 12

Single-line Watermark



Double-line Watermark



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

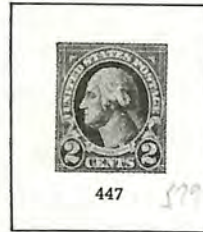


Issue of 1923-26

Rotary Press Printing

m/26

Perforated 11 x 10



85

45

m/26

m/26

Perforated 10

m/26



581



7



3 589



35

m/26

m/26



20



20



10



13.50

m/26

m/26

m/26



40



8



50

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.



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Chicago, Illinois, 1893



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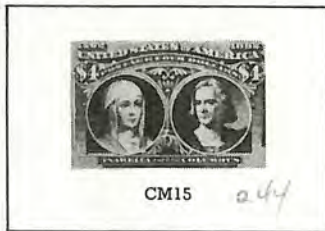
Isabella Pledging Her Jewels



Columbus in Chains



Describing His Third Voyage



Isabella and Columbus



Christopher Columbus

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