

★ UNITED STATES
COMMEMORATIVES

LINCOLN MEMORIAL ISSUE

1909



Same Design
Bluish Paper

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.

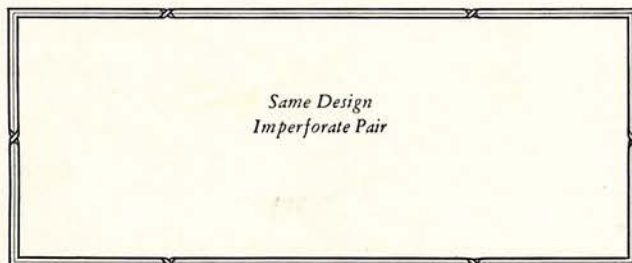
ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION ISSUE



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



Same Design
Imperforate Pair

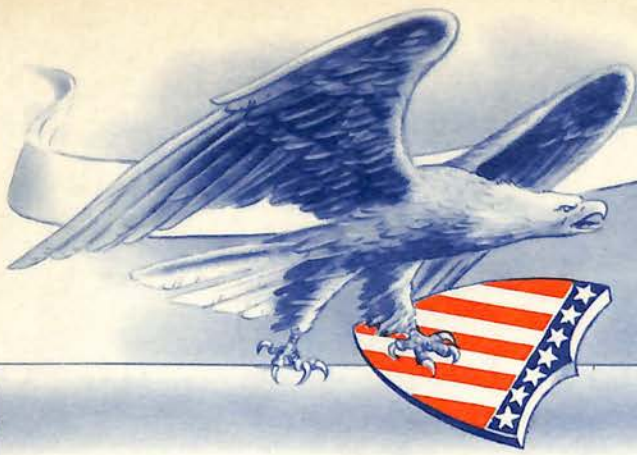
The Clermont and Half Moon

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.

MADE IN U.S.A.

5-100

Walters



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PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION SERIES

1912-13

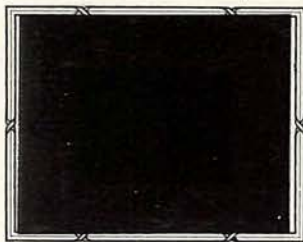


Balboa

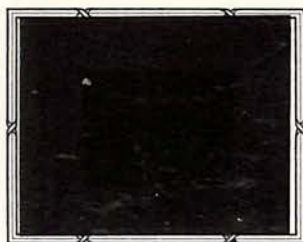
PERFORATED
12



Panama Canal



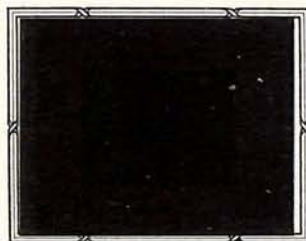
Golden Gate



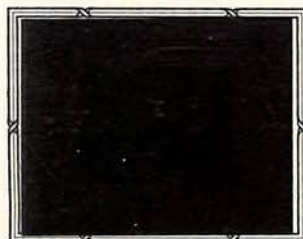
Discovery of San Francisco Bay



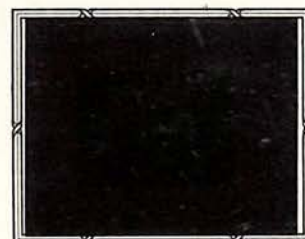
1915



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.



MADE IN U.S.A.

8-200

W. H. R. S.



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REGULAR ISSUE OF 1922-25

Flat Plate Printing — Perf. 11



Nathan Hale



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



Rutherford B. Hayes



Grover Cleveland



American Indian



Golden Gate



Niagara Falls



Statue of Liberty



American Buffalo



Arlington Amphitheater



Lincoln Memorial



U. S. Capitol

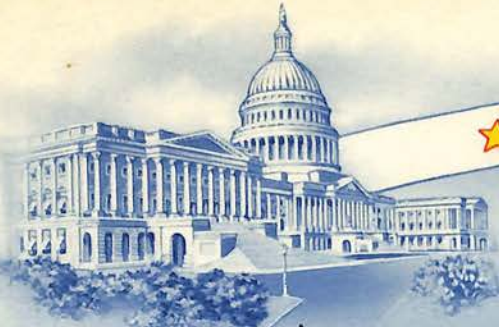


"America"

MADE IN U.S.A.

B 220

Wells



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★ POSTAGE ★

PRESIDENTIAL SERIES

1938



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 H. Taft



Woodrow Wilson



Warren G. Harding



Calvin Coolidge

MADE IN U.S.A.

8 220

W.H. Wright



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.



WINGED GLOBE AIR MAILS

1930

FLAT PRESS



Winged Globe Emblem

1931

ROTARY PRESS



Winged Globe Emblem

1932



Winged Globe Emblem

1934



Winged Globe Emblem

General acceptance of this faster method of mail service resulted in a heavy demand for air mail stamps. This caused the discontinuance of the more cumbersome bicolor issue in favor of the speedier printed one color design. The issues above picture the insignia of an air mail pilot. The 5c violet appeared flat plate process perforation 11 on February 10, 1930 and by rotary press perforation 10½ x 11 on August 19, 1931. The same design was issued in an 8c olive green color on September 26, 1932 to conform with the new air rate. The 6c orange, also for a rate change, appeared July 1, 1934.

Both these values were produced by rotary press, perforation 10½ x 11.

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.