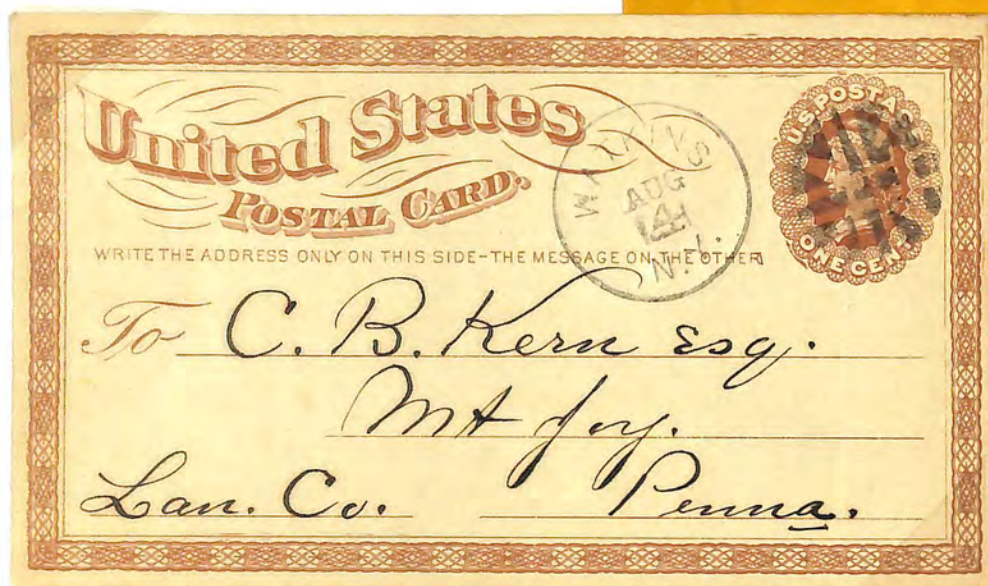


WATKINS FANCY CANCELS 1869 - 1875

1869
 Skinner-Eno GE-S 12,
 listed under Square
 Geometrics and Stars
 with Four Points



1875 - "fancy segmented cork"
Unlisted design



1869-Skinner-Eno GE-C 27:
 Circular Geometric
 (See below)

References:

"United States Cancellations 1845-1869"
 Hubert C. Skinner and Amos Eno
 "19th Century United States Fancy Cancellations"
 Herman Herst, Jr. and E. Norton Sampson
 "Cancellations and Killers of the Banknote Era"
 James M. Cole



GE-C 27
 Watkins,
 New York

1869

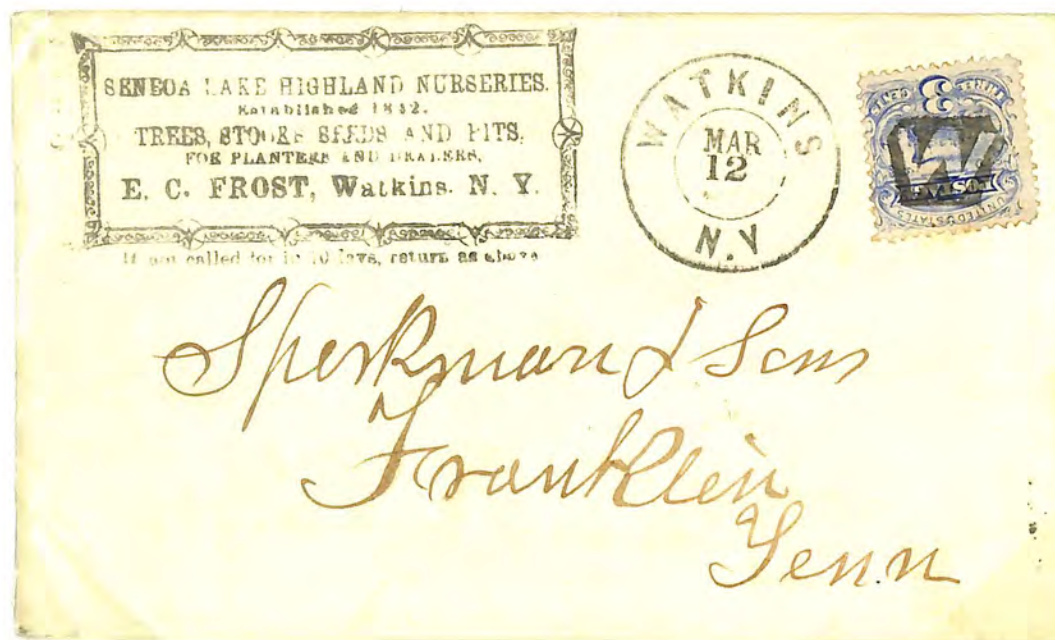


WATKINS FANCY CANCELS

Right, unlisted design described in Richard Drews 5/28/99 auction catalogue as follows: "90% strike of Watkins, NY negative 'W' in 6-sided figure (a sexagon, or what we would have if Clinton lived in the Pentagon)"

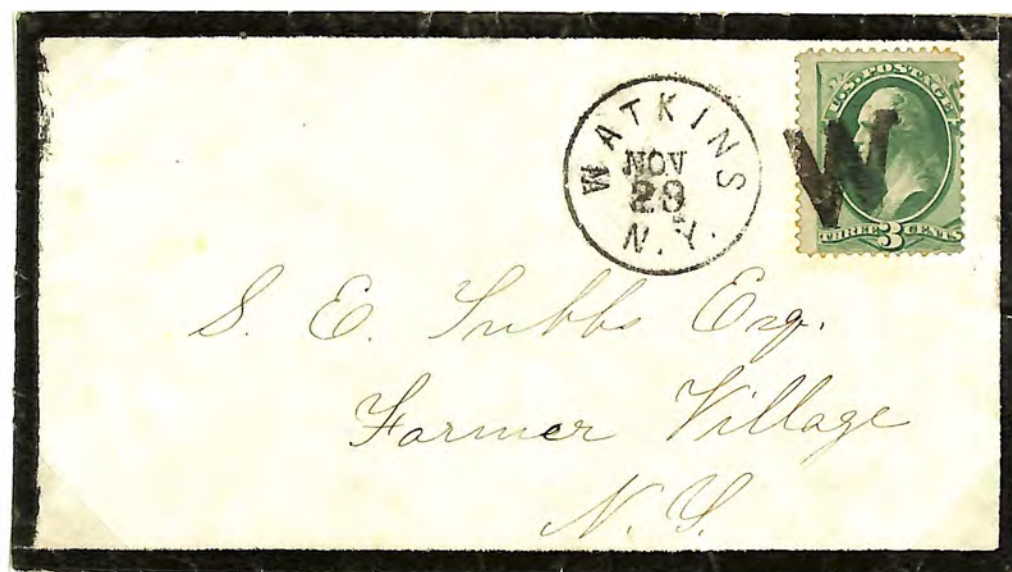


WATKINS,
NEW YORK



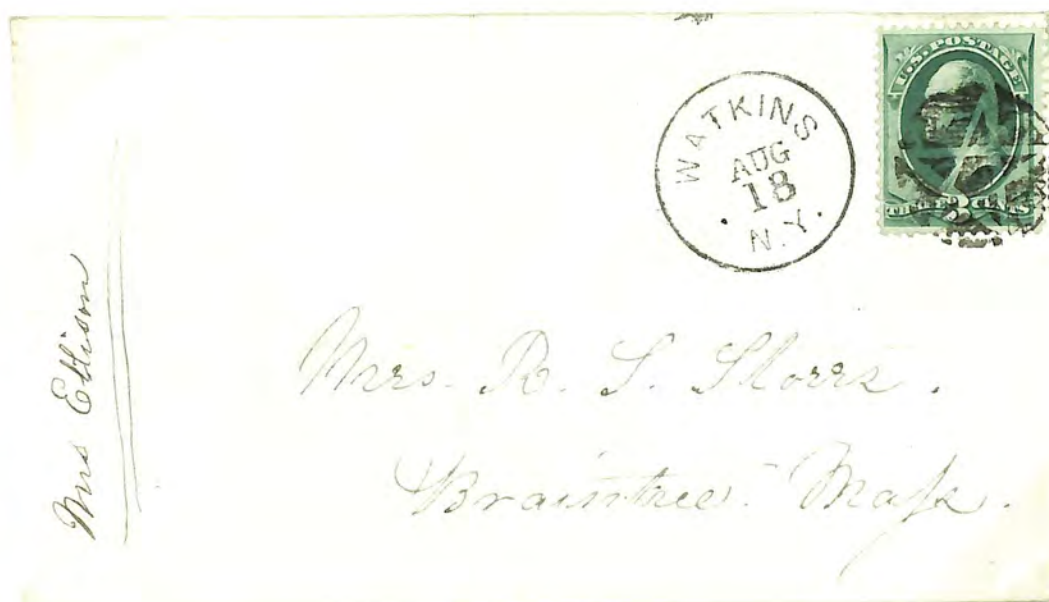
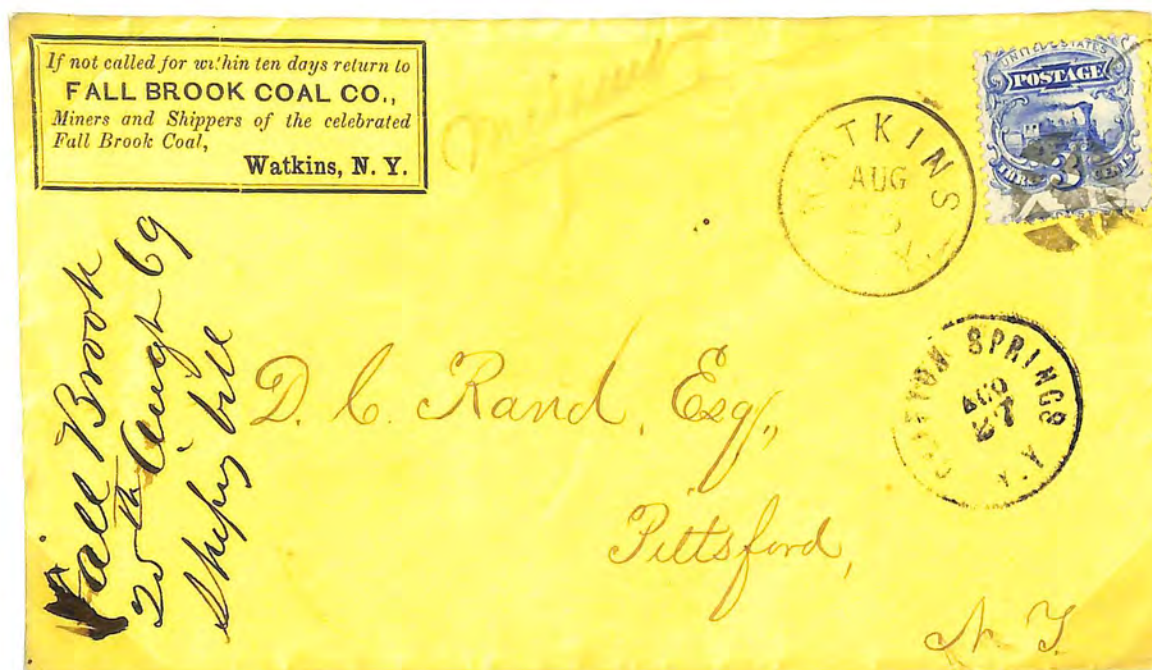
Left, 1869 cover with
near perfect strike of
Herst-Sampson #2002,
Skinner-Eno LS-W 35
and Cole Lw-105

Right, 1871 "positive"
W, unlisted design



WATKINS FANCY CANCELS

1869-
Skinner-Eno
ST-O 27
"Outline Star"



Cole refers to this design as "negative, segmented star," but does not list the Watkins version, left

Letter "W" killers began in the late 1860s and extended thru the 1870s.
Right, early 1870s double weight letter to Canada
Unlisted design



WATKINS FANCY CANCELS



1870
 Skinner-Eno ND-Y 19
 Herst-Sampson #1956
 Cole YD-4

Stamp on back of cover
 (photocopy below)



Unlisted design

B.E.P. LETTER MAR. 7, 1930 CONFIRMING PLATE NOS. USED



**TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

March 7, 1930.

Mr. H. S. Parsons,
104 Pearl Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of February 28, 1930, relative to information concerning numbers assigned to the Sullivan Expedition Commemorative postage stamp plates, you are advised that there were four plates used for the printing of the stamps referred to; Nos. 19783, 19784, 19785 and 19786, respectively.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Hall,
Director.

By *A. W. Hall*
Assistant Director.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT 1930 ANNOUNCEMENT

SULLIVAN EXPEDITION COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, May 29, 1929.

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are notified that the department is preparing to issue a special 2-cent postage stamp to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Sullivan expedition in New York State during the Revolutionary War. The new stamp is the same size as the regular issue, $7\frac{1}{100}$ by $8\frac{1}{100}$ inch, and is printed in red ink.

The central design is a three-fourths length portrait of Major General Sullivan in continental uniform over which in a semicircular panel appear the words "United States Postage" in white Roman letters, on a dark background with white edges. This panel is supported on either side by brackets of scroll work forming the upper part of a narrow panel and ending at the base in dark circles with white borders. Within the circles in each lower corner appears the numeral 2 in white Roman letters. Across the top of the stamp is a ribbon bearing the title "Sullivan Expedition" in dark architectural Roman letters. Below, in similar lettering, on either side on extensions of the ribbon panel are the dates 1779 at the left and 1929 at the right. A dark panel with white edges bearing the word "Cents" in white Roman letters connects the circles inclosing the denomination numerals. Above this base in a ribbon panel appears the wording "Maj. Gen. Sullivan" in dark Gothic letters. The entire stamp is inclosed in a narrow white border.

The new Sullivan expedition commemorative stamp will first be placed on sale June 17, 1929, at the post offices of Auburn, N. Y.; Binghamton, N. Y.; Canandaigua, N. Y.; Canajoharie, N. Y.; Elmira, N. Y.; Geneseo, N. Y.; Geneva, N. Y.; Horseheads, N. Y.; Owego, N. Y.; Penn Yan, N. Y.; Perry, N. Y.; Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Waterloo, N. Y.; Watkins Glen, N. Y.; Waverly, N. Y. The stamp will be placed on sale at other post offices and the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., as soon thereafter as production permits.

Postmasters at direct and central accounting post offices may submit requisition to the department for a limited supply of this stamp, using Form 3201 indorsed across the face "Sullivan Expedition Stamps." Postmasters at district post offices may submit requisition on Form 3338 to their central accounting postmasters for a small quantity as required to meet the local demand.

R. S. REGAR,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

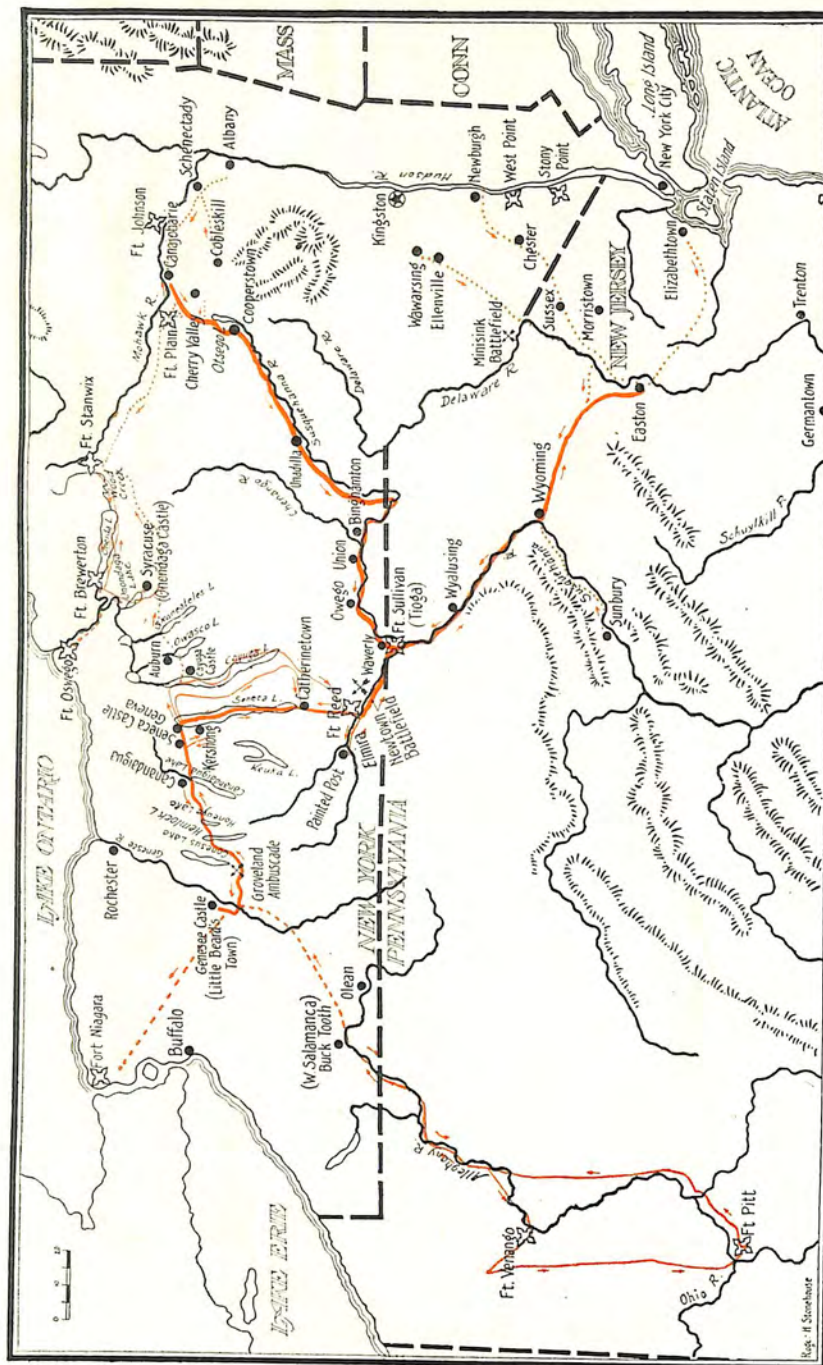
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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930



JOHN SULLIVAN
From portrait in the State House, Concord, N. H.

Map showing routes of the Armies of Sullivan, Clinton and Brodhead



ROUTES OF THE ARMIES OF SULLIVAN, CLINTON AND BRODHEAD

P.O.D. LETTER FEB. 21, 1930 ON SOURCE OF STAMP DESIGN

DIVISION OF STAMPS

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

Post Office Department

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THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

Washington February 21, 1930.

Mr. Henry S. Parsons,
30 Elm Street,
Great Neck, L. I., N. Y.

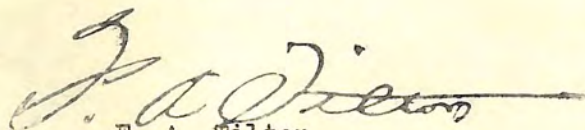
My dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 15,
relative to the Sullivan Expedition commemorative stamp.

The portrait of Major General Sullivan in continental
uniform, used as the subject for this stamp, was engraved
from a photograph of a picture in possession of his family.
The photograph shows he is holding a spear in his right hand,
the head of which could not be reproduced in the limited
space available on the stamp.

A printed circular containing a further description of
the Sullivan commemorative stamp is inclosed, herewith, for
your information.

Very truly yours,



F. A. Tilton,
Third Assistant Postmaster General

Inc.

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MODEL FOR STAMP VIGNETTE

The central design, or vignette, of the Sullivan commemorative portrays Major General Sullivan in Continental uniform and was engraved from a photograph, shown below, of a painting in possession of his family. The faintly legible printing below the figure of Gen. Sullivan states:

Maj. Gen. John Sullivan

From painting in possession of his family

The tip of the spear in Gen Sullivan's right hand is also faintly visible in the photograph.



John Sullivan

B.E.P. LETTER OCT. 24, 1929 ON PLATE NOS. ASSIGNED



**TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

October 24, 1929.

Mr. Henry S. Parsons,
30 Elm Street,
Great Neck, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your communication of the 21st instant you are advised that the numbers assigned to the 2¢ Sullivan Expedition Commemorative postage stamp plates are as follows:

Plate No.	19783 to 19787 inc.	400	subjs.
" "	19798 to 19801 "	" "	" "

Very truly yours,

A. W. Hall,
Director.

By *A. W. Hall*
Assistant Director

P.O.D. LETTER NOV. 11, 1929 ON PLATE NUMBERS USED

PHILATELIC AGENCY
DIVISION OF STAMPS

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

Post Office Department

HSC:VT

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

Washington November 11, 1929.

Mr. Henry S. Parsons,
30 Elm Street,
Great Neck, L. I., N. Y.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of October 26, please be advised that the Sullivan stamps on hand in the Agency bear only four plate numbers, namely, 19783-4-5-6. A plate number block of six of each number and position will be furnished upon the receipt of a suitable remittance.

It is not known whether the other plates which you mentioned have been used, but no stock bearing these numbers has been received in this Office.

Very truly yours,



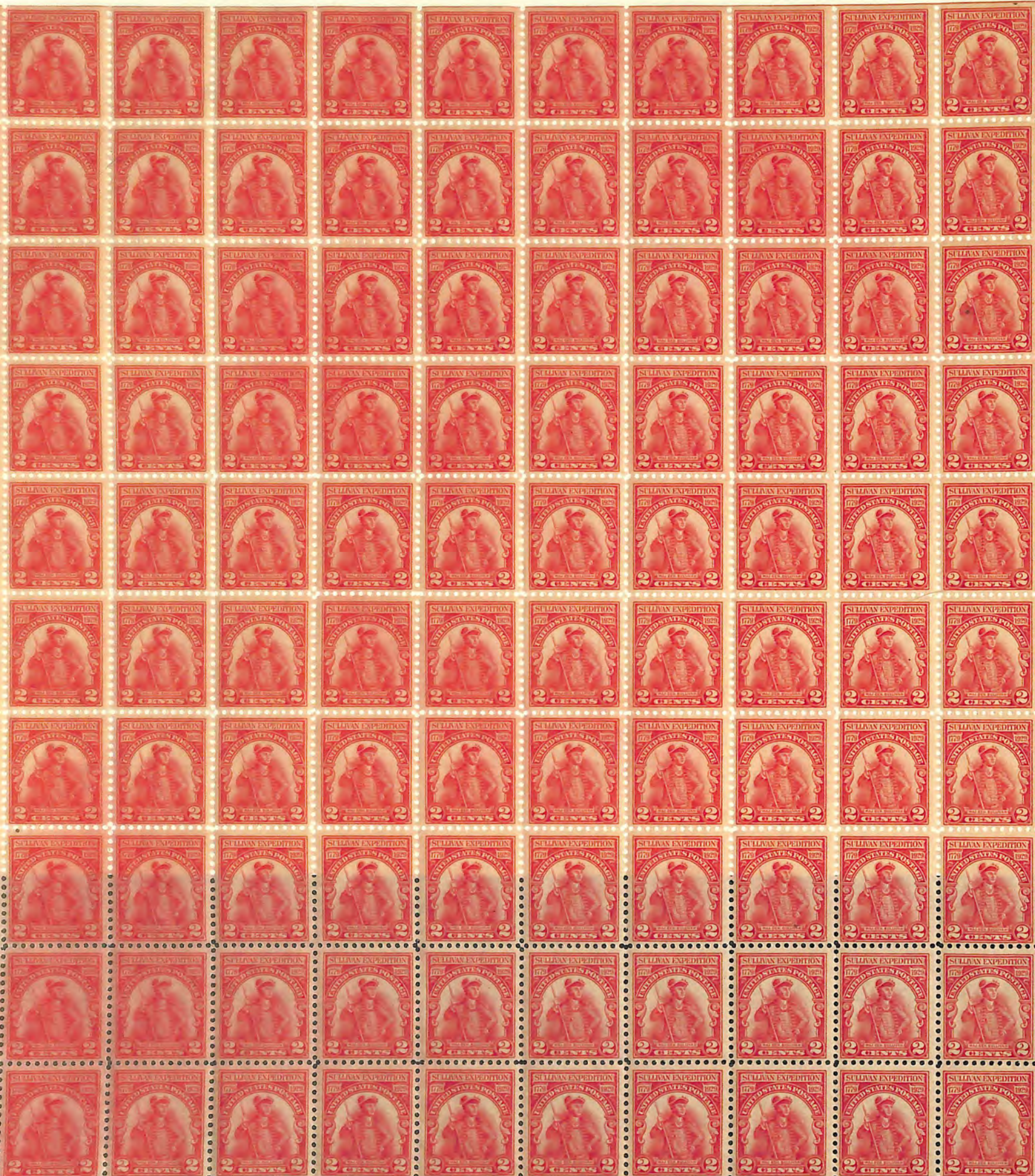
Stamp Agent.

STAMPS SOLD AT FACE VALUE. NONE SENT ON APPROVAL. MAKE REMITTANCES BY MONEY ORDER, DRAFT, OR REGISTERED LETTER.
INCLUDE RETURN POSTAGE AND REGISTRY FEE.

COMPLETE PANE OF 100 (AS MAILED TO U.S. POST OFFICES),
LOWER LEFT PORTION OF FLATPLATE PRESS SHEET OF 400,
PLATE #19784 IN LEFT AND BOTTOM SELVEDGE

19784

19784





Miss L. C. Williams
Watkins
N. Y.



The Philatelic Foundation

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New York, NY 10017

EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 0300002
3/28/96

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

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
112	1869	1¢	buff

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

SINGLE ON DROP RATE COVER, FANCY BLUE
GEOMETRIC CANCEL OF WATKINS, NY
(S-E GE-C 27).

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS A GENUINE USAGE * * * * *



A. Remick
For The Expert Committee
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid.

Submitted by

VENTURA STAMP CO.

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