

Issue of 1847

Imperforate

Printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington

On July 1, 1847 the first official United States stamps were issued featuring the portraits of our first postmaster and our first president. The 5¢ value paid for postal service up to a distance of 300 miles, and the 10¢ value paid for service beyond this point. These stamps were issued imperforate (unperforated) and had to be cut apart with scissors. The adoption of adhesive stamps paved the way to the remarkable development of the postal system of today.

Issue of 1851-57

Imperforate

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co.



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



\$599.00



XF-5 66M



George Washington

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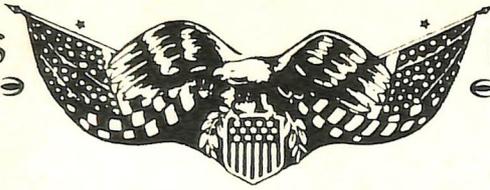
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The rapid expansion of the postal service soon made a greater flexibility necessary. Lower rates for all distances was deemed advisable for this purpose. In 1851 a new set of stamps was issued. A 3¢ stamp was sufficient to cover charges up to a distance of 3,000 miles. 5¢ was required if not prepaid. Beyond this point the rate was six or ten cents. 24¢, 30¢, and 90¢ values are known but it is believed that they were not regularly issued.

\$349.00



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Issue of 1857-61

Perforated 15

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter & Co.



Red Camel
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Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



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#70 #10



Thomas Jefferson



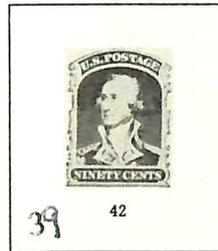
George Washington



George Washington



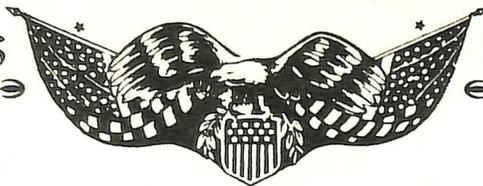
Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



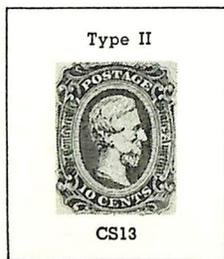
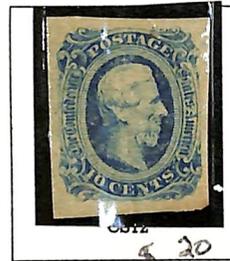
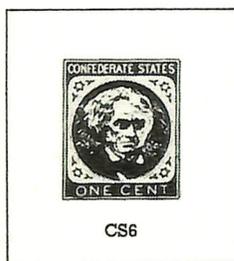
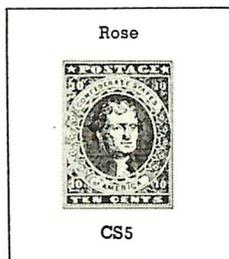
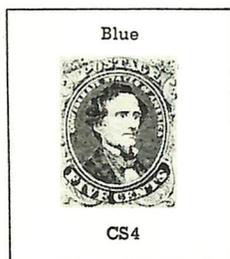
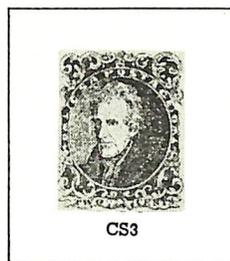
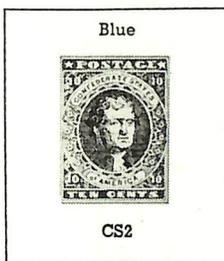
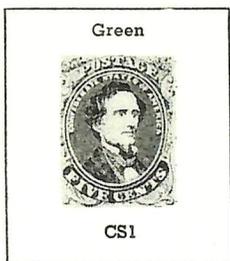
This is a great milestone in postal progress. Due to the pressing need for a faster method of dispensing stamps to the public the stamps were machine perforated so that instead of being cut apart by scissors stamps were now easily and quickly separated. This set employed the same designs as the previous issue. The 24¢, 30¢, and 90¢ values were now regularly issued.



CONFEDERATE STATES

Issues of 1861-64

IMPERFORATE



As the stamps for the Confederate States were printed by many firms both in the South and in England a great many varieties exist. Probably the most widely known are the types I and II listed above. Type I is best recognized by the mass of hair on the back of the neck of Jefferson Davis, whereas on Type II this mass of hair has been removed.



Issue of 1861-66

PERFORATED 12

PRINTED BY THE NATIONAL BANK NOTE CO.



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Thomas Jefferson



George Washington



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



George Washington



Benjamin Franklin



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Issue of 1867

Perforated 12

Printed by the National Bank Note Co.

Grilled



85b 2 mls
4410



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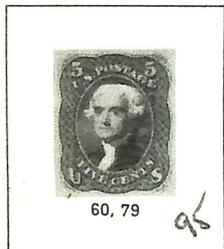
Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



60, 79

Thomas Jefferson



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



#83
2 mls



George Washington



61, 84

Benjamin Franklin



George Washington

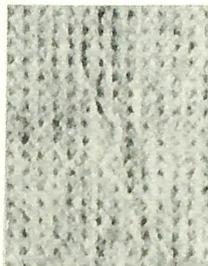


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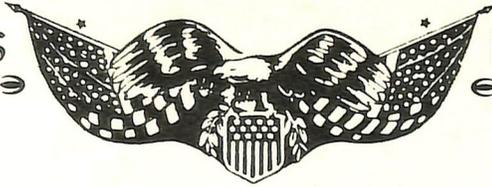
The removal of cancellations from used stamps for the purpose of reusing with intent to defraud the government caused the postal authorities to adopt the use of the grill. These metallic grills, which consisted of small square pyramids, were impressed on the stamp so that the fibers of the paper would be weakened and would completely absorb the cancelling ink and thus make cleaning for a second use impossible.



#86 2 grill
#234



Grill



Issue of 1869

PERFORATED 12

PRINTED BY THE NATIONAL BANK NOTE CO.

GRILLED



Benjamin Franklin



Pony Express Rider



124 no gull



Locomotive



George Washington



Eagle and Shield



S. S. Adriatic



Landing of Columbus



Declaration of Independence



Eagle, Shield and Flags



Abraham Lincoln

THE first pictorial issue of the United States was introduced in 1869 and is still considered one of our most beautifully engraved issues. The 15¢, 24¢ and the 30¢ values exist with the center inverted and are very scarce.



Issue of 1870-71

Perforated 12

Printed by the National Bank Note Co.

Grilled



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



Daniel Webster



Gen. Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore Oliver Perry



#155
#55

THIS series of stamps could well be termed the first famous American set since it featured the portraits of our great leaders. This set is found both with and without the grill.



Issue of 1870-71

Perforated 12

Printed by the National Bank Note Co.

Without Grill



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



152
1875



Daniel Webster



Gen. Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton

190
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Commodore Oliver Perry

THIS series of stamps could well be termed the first famous American set since it featured the portraits of our great leaders. This set is found both with and without the grill.



Issue of 1873

PERFORATED 12
PRINTED BY THE CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO.



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Zachary Taylor



Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



Daniel Webster



Gen. Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore Oliver Perry

THE CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE COMPANY was awarded the contract to continue producing this series of postage stamps. To identify its product from that of its predecessor (the National Bank Note Company) secret marks were added to the retained designs through the 15¢ denomination. The 24¢, 30¢ and 90¢ values can only be distinguished by the shades. These secret marks are illustrated below:



Franklin. Dash of color added in pearl left of 1



Jackson. Closed outline of ornament left of U.S.



Washington. Shading under upper ribbon under THREE heavier.



Lincoln. First 4 vertical lines of left ribbon heavier.



Stanton. Semi-circles added in ball at lower left.



Jefferson. Crescent added in scroll ornament.



Clay. Balls in 2 crescent shaped.



Webster. Worn lines of shading in triangles and below U.S. Postage.



Issue of 1879-1888

PERFORATED 12
SOFT POROUS PAPER

PRINTED BY THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



179 #25



Zachary Taylor



Abraham Lincoln



Thomas Jefferson



Thomas Jefferson



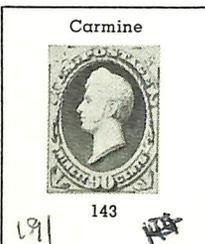
Daniel Webster



Alexander Hamilton



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore Oliver Perry



Commodore Oliver Perry

THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY, having consolidated itself with the Continental Bank Note Company printed this series. Added interest for the collector is found in this issue because of the soft, porous paper used in contrast to the hard, snappy, translucent paper of the previous issues.



Issue of 1881-82

Perforated 12

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



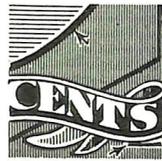
Abraham Lincoln



Thomas Jefferson



SIGNS 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 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



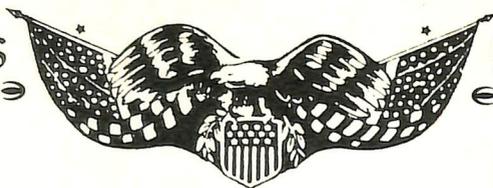
James A. Garfield



James A. Garfield



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.



Issue of 1890-93

Perforated 12

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.



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



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



Carmine Lake Type I



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



Andrew Jackson

Abraham Lincoln

Ulysses S. Grant



James A. Garfield

William T. Sherman

Daniel Webster



Henry Clay



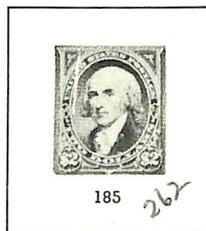
Thomas Jefferson



Commodore Perry



Commodore Perry



James Monroe



John Marshall

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:



type 1



type 2



type 3

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



type 1



type 2



Issue of 1895-98

Perforated 12

Double-line Watermark



Daniel Webster



Daniel Webster



Henry Clay



Thomas Jefferson



Commodore Perry



Commodore Perry

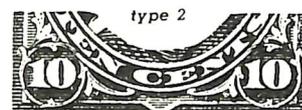


James Madison



John Marshall

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

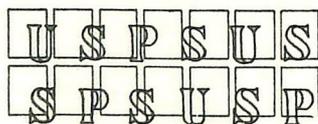


Type II

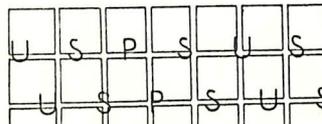
A line of color appears in the white curve below "TS" of cents and "E" of Ten.

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 1902-03

PERFORATED 12

DOUBLE-LINE WATERMARK



Benjamin Franklin

George Washington

Andrew Jackson

Ulysses S. Grant



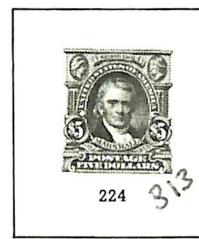
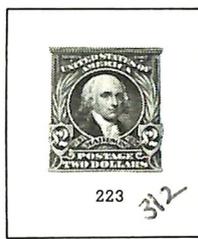
Abraham Lincoln

James A. Garfield

Martha Washington

Daniel Webster

Benjamin Harrison



Henry Clay

Thomas Jefferson

David G. Farragut

James Madison

John Marshall

Issue of 1906-08

IMPERFORATE

Issue of 1903-06

PERFORATED 12

IMPERFORATE



Benjamin Franklin

Abraham Lincoln

George Washington

George Washington

#315

THIS series of postage stamps featured elaborately engraved framed designs with the name of the person and the years of birth and death on each stamp directly under each portrait. For the first time in United States postal history an American woman, Martha Washington, graced a stamp, the 8¢ value.



Issue of 1908-17

Perforated 12
Double-line Watermark



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



Imperforate



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 1916-17

Flat Plate Printing
Perforated 10, Unwatermarked



The stamps of this series were a repeat of previous issues but with differences discernible only to stamp collectors. They were printed on unwatermarked paper and the \$2 and \$5 values were previously issued perforated 12. One of the most spectacular errors occurred in the printing of this series. Sheets of the 2¢ value were found with one stamp being of the 5¢ denomination. This was found on the lower right sheet of plate number 7942. On the Upper left sheet of plate number 7942 a double error was found. These errors continued to appear in later printings of the 2¢ stamp imperforate and perforated 11 and are greatly desired by stamp collectors.



Issue of 1917-19

Flat Plate Printing

Perforated 11

Unwatermarked



The Bureau of Engraving and Printing was still trying to find a more suitable perforation. Perforation 12 was found to be too fragile and perforation, 10 was too ing damage to stamps during separation. To remedy these defects perforation 1 for this series.



Issue of 1929

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

PERFORATED 11 x 10½

OVERPRINTED KANS.



OVERPRINTED KANS.



OVERPRINTED NEBR.



OVERPRINTED NEBR.



To prevent losses from Post Office burglaries in the mid-west the rotary press issue of 1926 was overprinted Kans. (for use in Kansas) and Nebr. (for use in Nebraska). The overprint was intended to prevent the sale of stolen stamps in other states and to make attempts of disposal difficult. The experiment was discontinued after a short trial period and for that reason the issue is a prized collectors item.



AIRMAIL STAMPS

Issue of 1918



Mail Airplane

Issue of 1923



Airplane Propeller

Air Service Insignia

Mail Airplane

Issue of 1926-27



Map of U. S. and Planes

Issue of 1927



Issue of 1928



Rocky Mountain Beacon

Issue of 1930

PERFORATED 11



Winged Globe

THE wonderful development of the United States Air Mail System can be told through its stamp issues. An example of this is the special 10 cent stamp issued as a tribute to the non-stop New York to Paris flight by Charles A. Lindbergh which paved the way for world-wide airmail coverage.

C13 225

C15

UNITED STATES

POSTAL ISSUES



AIRMAIL STAMPS

Issue of 1930

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Graf Zeppelin in flight

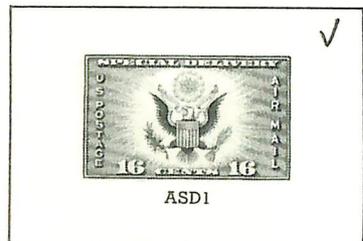
Issue of 1931-34

PERFORATED 10 1/2 x 11



Winged Globe

Issue of 1934



Great Seal of the United States

Issue of 1933



Graf Zeppelin

Issue of 1936



Great Seal of the United States

Issue of 1935-37



"China Clipper" Flying over the Pacific

A SPECIAL set of stamps was created for Transpacific usage, which service was inaugurated in November 1935. Air Mail Special Delivery stamps were also issued for the first time in 1934 from a design created by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, then President of the United States.

Hawaii

1861-63
Horizontally Laid Paper



1861-63
Vertically Laid Paper



1869 Reissue
Thin Wove Paper



1864-71
Perforated 12



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C-LINE #62033
CLEAR TOPPER

1875-82 Hawaii



#H35
BROWN

King David Kalakaua



#H36
BLACK

Prince Leleiohoku



#H37
BLUE

Princess Likelike



#H38
LILAC ROSE

King David Kalakaua



#H39
ULTRAMARINE

King Kamehameha V



#H40
BLACK

King David Kalakaua



#H41

Queen Kapiolani

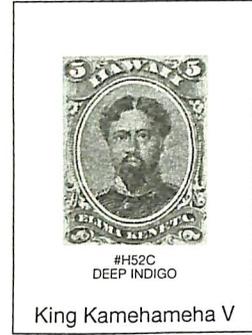
1883-86 Hawaii



1886-91

Imperforate

Perforated 12



1893 Hawaii Overprinted in Red



Princess Kamamalu



Princess Likelike



Princess Likelike



King David Kalakaua



Queen Liliuokalani



Kamehameha V
DEEP INDIGO



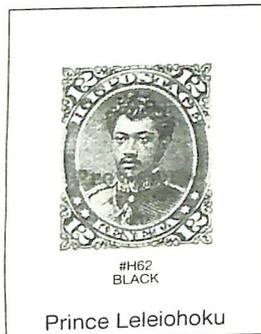
Kamehameha V
ULTRA PAVANINE



Kamehameha V



King Kalakaua



#H62
BLACK
Prince Leleiohoku



#H63
RED LILAC
Prince Leleiohoku



#H64
Statue of Kamehameha I



U 13

1893 Hawaii
Overprinted in Black

U 26



#H65

Kamehameha IV



King David Kalakaua



King David Kalakaua



King David Kalakaua



#H69

Prince Leleiohoku



Queen Kapiolani

#72 red



#H71

Mataio Kekuanaoa



King William Lunalilo



#H73
GREEN

Queen Kaleleonalani



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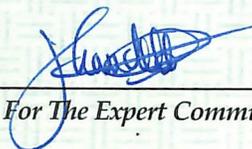
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For The Expert Committee

