



Hudson-Fulton Celebration New York, N. Y. 1909



S.S. "Clermont" and the "Half Moon"

Issued on September 25, 1909 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River and the centenary of Robert Fulton's steamship "Clermont."

Panama-Pacific Exposition San Francisco, California, 1915 Perforated 12



Balboa



Panama Canal



Golden Gate



Discovery of San Francisco Bay

Perforated 10



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.

Pilgrim Tercentenary 1920



The Mayflower



Landing of the Pilgrims



Signing the Compact

To commemorate the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims in December 1620. First placed on sale December 21, 1920, at Provincetown and Plymouth, Mass.

Harding Memorial 1923



Warren G. Harding

Issued in memory of President Warren G. Harding. First placed on sale (flat plate Perf. 11) on September 1, 1923 at Marion, Ohio and Washington, D.C. The imperforate stamps were first placed on sale November 15, 1923 at the Philatelic Agency in Washington, D.C. and Rotary Press printings were issued September 12, 1923.

*Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary*

1924



Ship, New Netherlands



Landing at Fort Orange



Monument at Mayport, Fla.

Issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the settling of the Walloons in New Netherlands, now the State of New York. First placed on sale on May 1, 1924.

Lexington-Concord

1925



Washington at Cambridge



Birth of Liberty



The Minute Man

Issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord. First placed on sale on April 4, 1925.

Norse-American

1925



Sloop Restaurationen



Viking Ship

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the arrival at New York, on October 9th, 1825, of the first immigrants to the United States from Norway. First placed on sale May 18, 1925. The 5c stamp features an exact copy of a Viking ship that was sailed to Chicago from Norway in 1893 by Capt. Magnus Anderson and a crew of twenty sailors.

*Ericsson Memorial*

1926

Sesqui-Centennial Exposition

PHILADELPHIA, PA., 1926



The Liberty Bell

150th anniversary of American independence.



Statue of John Ericsson

Unveiling of the John Ericsson statue, Washington, D.C. Ericsson built the Civil War ship, *Monitor*, which battled the Confederate's *Merrimac*.

Burgoyne Campaign

1927



Surrender of Burgoyne

The Battles of Fort Stanwix, Oriskany, Bennington and Saratoga.

Vermont Sesqui-Centennial

1927



Green Mountain Boy

150th anniversary of Vermont's independence and the Battle of Bennington.

Battle Of White Plains

1926



Alexander Hamilton's Battery

150th anniversary of the Battle of White Plains, N.Y.

Valley Forge

1928



Washington at Prayer

150th anniversary of the Valley Forge encampment of Washington's army during the bitter winter of 1777-78.

Battle Of Monmouth

1928



150th anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth, where Molly Pitcher took her husband's place on the firing line after he fell in combat.

Hawaii Sesqui-Centennial

HAWAII, 1928



Issued in Hawaii to mark the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by English navigator, Captain James Cook.

International Civil Aeronautics Conference

WASHINGTON, D. C., 1928



Wright Airplane



Monoplane and globe

Issued in connection with the International Civil Aeronautics Conference held on December 12, 13 and 14, 1928 at Washington, D. C., the stamps commemorate the 25th anniversary of the epic flight of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk.

Sullivan Expedition

1929



Major General Sullivan

150th anniversary of Gen. John Sullivan's expedition in New York and victory over Iroquois Indians.

George Rogers Clark

1929



Surrender of Fort Sackville

150th anniversary of British and Indian defeat by Clark at Fort Sackville, Indiana. Victory opened Northwest to colonists.

Battle Of Fallen Timbers

1929



General Wayne Memorial

Gen. Anthony Wayne's victory over Indians in 1794 at Fallen Timbers led to settlement of Ohio.

Edison

1929



Perforated 11

Rotary Press
Perforated 11 x 10 1/2

Coil



Coil Pair

Edison's First Lamp.

50th anniversary of Thomas Alva Edison's invention of the incandescent electric lamp.

*Massachusetts Bay Colony*

1930



Seal of the Colony

300th anniversary of Massachusetts Bay Colony, founded by the Puritans who came to the New World for religious and political freedom.

Battle Of Braddock's Field

1930



Statue of Colonel George Washington

175th anniversary of French and Indian War Battle in which Washington served under British General Braddock.

Carolina-Charleston

1930



Colonial Governor and Indian

260th anniversary of Carolina Province, and 250th anniversary of the settlement near present day Charleston.

Ohio River Canalization

1929



Ohio River Lock

Completion of canal system between Cairo, Ill. and Pittsburgh, Pa.

General Von Steuben

1930



Bust of General Von Steuben

200th anniversary of the birth of General Von Steuben, a Prussian officer who trained American soldiers for the Continental Army.

General Pulaski Yorktown Sesqui-Centennial

1931



General Casimir Pulaski

150th anniversary of the death of the Polish hero of the American Revolution who is called *The Father of the United States Cavalry*.

1931



Rochambeau, Washington, De Grasse.

150th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown where Cornwallis surrendered and the Revolutionary War ended.

Red Cross

1931



"The Greatest Mother"

50th anniversary of the founding of the American Red Cross by Clara Barton who nursed the wounded during the Civil War.



Washington Bicentennial

1932



To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington and issued in connection with the national celebration of this event. The designs are all portraits of Washington taken from famous paintings or drawings and show him at various periods of his life. First placed on sale January 1, 1932 at the post office in Washington, D. C.

III Olympic Winter Games

1932



A Ski Jumper

Issued in honor of the Third International Olympic Games, held at Lake Placid, N. Y., in February, 1932.

Xth Olympiad

1932



Runner at Starting Mark



The Statue of "Discobolus"

Issued in recognition of the tenth Olympiad, held at Los Angeles, Calif., from July 30 to August 14, 1932.



AIRMAIL STAMPS

Issue of 1918

FLAT PLATE PRINTING

PERFORATED 11



Mail Airplane



Issue of 1923



Airplane Propeller



Air Service Insignia



Mail Airplane

Issue of 1926-27



Map of U. S. and Planes



On May 15, 1918 Air-mail service was established between Washington, Philadelphia and New York and it was during this year that the United States issued its first air mail stamps. The 24¢ denomination was specifically issued to meet the requirements of the new route and the other denominations were created as the rates were reduced. One sheet of the 24¢ stamp was found with the picture of the airplane inverted.



AIRMAIL STAMPS

Issue of 1928
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



"Spirit of St. Louis"

Issue of 1927
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11

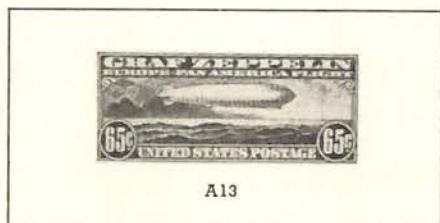


Rocky Mountain Beacon

Issue of 1930
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Winged Globe

Issue of 1930

A13



A14



A15

Graf Zeppelin in flight

Issue of 1931-34
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING
PERFORATED 10½ x 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.



AIRMAIL STAMPS

Issue of 1934
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Great Seal of the United States

Issue of 1933
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Graf Zeppelin

Issue of 1936
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Great Seal of the United States

Issue of 1935-37
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



"China Clipper" Flying over the Pacific



Issue of 1938
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Eagle Holding Shield, Arrows and Olive Wreath

Issue of 1939
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



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.



AIRMAIL STAMPS

Issue of 1941-44

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

PERFORATED 11 x 10½



Twin-Motored Transport Plane

Issue of 1946

PERFORATED 11 x 10½



Four-Motored Transport Plane

Issue of 1947-48

PERFORATED 10½ x 11

COIL STAMP



Issue of 1949

PERFORATED 10½ x 11

COIL STAMP



THE 1941-44 series of airmail stamps was issued to provide a uniform set to replace similar denominations which had been issued at various times since 1926. For the first time an airmail stamp was issued for use in vending machines.



Issue of 1947



Pan-American Union Building



New York Skyline and Statue of Liberty



San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge

These airmail stamps were issued to meet the requirements created by new rates established.

*Alexandria
Bicentennial*
1949



Carlyle House and Gadsby's Tavern

Issued to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of Alexandria, Va.

New York Golden Jubilee
1948



Merging of Five Boroughs

Issued as a commemorative, as well as an air mail stamp honoring the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Greater New York City.

Wright Brothers
1949



Wright Brothers and Plane

Issued to commemorate the 46th anniversary of the first powered flight, December 17, 1903.

Issue of 1949



Post Office Department Building

Issued to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Universal Postal Union.



Globe and Doves



Plane and Globe

Aviation Anniversary
1953



First plane and a modern plane

Issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of powered flight.

Hawaii
1952



Diamond Head in Honolulu, Hawaii

Issued to facilitate the payment of postage for one pound of domestic air parcel post to the eighth zone.

Air Force Anniversary
1957



Military Aircraft

Issued as a tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Air Force.



Eagle

Alaska Statehood

1959



The "Big Dipper" and North Star superimposed on map of Alaska.

Commemorated Alaska Statehood and the growth of the United States north of the Arctic Circle.

1954



Eagle in flight

Issued for prepayment of post card airmail rate.

1958



Hawaii Statehood

1959



Hawaiian Warrior and map of Islands.

The admission of Hawaii into the Union as the 50th state was honored by the issuance of a special commemorative to mark the historic moment.

Jet Plane

1954

COIL STAMP



Jet Airliner

1958

COIL STAMP



When the airmail rate for domestic letters was raised on August 1, 1958, from 6c to 7c, the post office department took it as an opportunity to use a modern jet plane as the motif for the stamp, pointing up improvements and progress in the airmail service. Originally printed in blue, in 1960 the stamps were reprinted in a distinct shade of red as a means of facilitating the handling of airmail letters.

Amelia Earhart

1963



Amelia Earhart and Lockheed Electra.

Honored the famous aviatrix who set speed and distance records until she was lost in the Pacific during her flight around the world.

Balloon Jupiter

1959



John Wise ascending on first flight in 1859.

Marked the 100th anniversary of the first mail delivery via balloon from Lafayette to Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Pan American Games

1959



Athlete Holding Victory Torch.

Issued as tribute to the Pan-American Games on August 27, 1959 to mark the opening in Chicago of the International Athletic event.

International Air Mail Issue

1959-60



Liberty Bell: "Let Freedom Ring."



Statue of Liberty: "Liberty for all."



Abraham Lincoln: "Of the People, by the People, for the People."

1961



Statue of Liberty: "Liberty for all."



Liberty Bell: "Let Freedom Ring."

This series of stamps was created to meet the demand for specific foreign airmail rates.

Airmail

1962



Jet over the Capitol, Washington, D.C.

Issued to meet the new 8¢ airmail rate.

Montgomery Blair

1963



Portrait of Blair, U. S. Postmaster 1863, and letters circling globe.

Commemorated the 100th anniv. of the Intern. Postal Conference organized by Blair. This meeting led to the formation of the U.P.U.

Eagle

1963



Bald Eagle

Issued for prepayment of post cards air mail rate.

Alaska Purchase

1967



Indian Totem

Commemorates the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Alaska by the United States from Russia.

Dr. Robert H. Goddard

1964



Dr. Goddard, rocket and launching pad

This stamp commemorates the 50th anniversary of the first patents granted to "The Father of Modern Rocketry" for his multi-stage booster rockets using liquid and solid fuels.

International Airmail

1967



"Columbia Jays"

Issued to meet the increased airmail rates to Europe and Mediterranean Africa.

Air Mail Service

1968



Curtiss Jenny

Commemorated the 50th anniversary of regularly scheduled airpost service.

International Air Mail

1968



Intended primarily for mail to Europe and parts of North Africa.

Airmail

1968



COIL

Runway paved with 50 stars

Issued to meet the increase in domestic airmail rate.



First Man on the Moon

1969



First Man on The Moon

The Moon Landing Issue paid tribute to mankind's greatest feat: the landing of a man on the moon. On July 20th, 1969 Neil A. Armstrong and Col. Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr. became the first humans to land on the Moon; Lt. Col. Michael Collins, the third member of the American Lunar party, remained in the command ship "Columbia," about 65 miles overhead. The engraved master die from which the stamps were printed was carried to the moon by the astronauts.

Airmails

1971



Silhouette of Jet Airliner



Silhouette of Delta Wing Plane

Coil



Silhouette of Jet Airliner



Head of Liberty



Airplane Leaving U.S.A.

Regular Air Mail issues created to meet the increase in domestic and international rates.



National Parks Centennial

1972

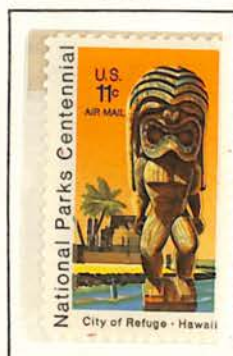
Olympic Games

1972



Skiing

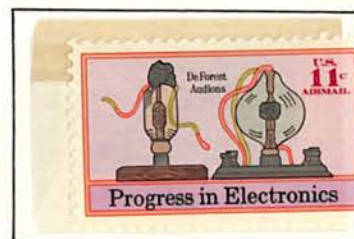
Winter Games at Sapporo, Japan.
See CM686-688.



Statue and Temple in City of Refuge -
Hawaii, ancient sanctuary for taboo
breakers and victims of war. See
CM674-680.

Progress In Electronics

1973



Lee DeForest's Audions

Saluted the remarkable achievements
in the Electronics field. See CM721-723.

Airmail

1974



Statue of Liberty

Airmail

1973



Airmail envelope in simulated flight



Airmail

1974



Mount Rushmore

Airmail

1976



Stylized Aircraft

Wright Brothers' Flight

1978



Orville and Wilbur Wright and
their aircraft.

Marked the 75th anniversary of the first powered flight by
Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Airmail

1976



Global Views



International Air Mail

Octave Chanute

1979



Octave Chanute and in-flight views of his hang-glider.

Marked the outstanding contributions of Octave Chanute to the field of aviation.

Wiley Post

1979



Wiley Post

Honored the aeronautical achievements of the pioneer pilot who died in an airplane crash at Point Barrow, Alaska while flying with Will Rogers (see CM317).

Olympics 1980

1979

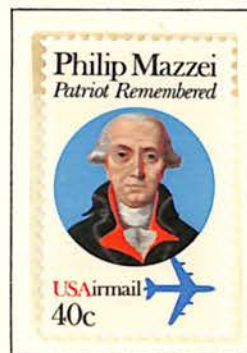


High Jumper

Publicized the Olympic 1980 games.

Philip Mazzei

1980



Philip Mazzei

Honored the Italian-American Patriot who promoted American Independence through writings published in America and Europe.



POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

Issue of 1879

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.

Unwatermarked

Perforated 12

*Issue of 1887-89*

Mail in many cases was found to be insufficiently prepaid. Prior to July 1879, the postal clerk would note, in hand or by rubber stamp the amount to be collected. No receipts or vouchers were given and very little record was kept. With the postage due issue, a stamp affixed to the letter indicates the amount of postage to be collected upon delivery. The balance of stamps against the money thus collected enables the Post Office Department to keep accurate records of this important source of revenue.



POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

Issue of 1891-93



Issue of 1894

Printed by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing

Perforated 12

Unwatermarked



In 1894 the Treasury Department assumed the manufacture of stamps and from that point on the stamps were printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.



POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

Issue of 1895

Perforated 12

Double-line Watermark

*Issue of 1910-12*

Perforated 12

Single-line Watermark





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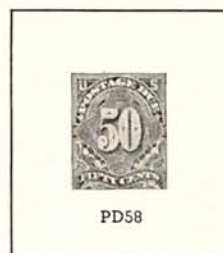


POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

Issue of 1914-15

PERFORATED 10

SINGLE-LINE WATERMARK



PD58

Issue of 1916

PERFORATED 10

UNWATERMARKED



PD59

*Issue of 1917-25*

PERFORATED 11





POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

Issue of 1930-31

PERFORATED 11



WITH this issue a newly designed set of Postage Due stamps were made available. For the first time dollar values were included.

Issue of 1931-32

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

PERFORATED 11 x 10½



Issue of 1956

PERFORATED 10½ x 11





Postage Dues Stamps

Issue of 1959

Perforated 11 x 10½



This new series of Postage Due stamps replaced the previous issue which had been in use for 29 years. Printed in two colors, this set also included denominations never before used in dues stamps.

Issue of 1978





SPECIAL DELIVERY

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.

Perforated 12

Unwatermarked

Issue of 1885



Issue of 1888



Issue of 1893



Messenger Running

Printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Issue of 1894



Issue of 1895



Messenger Running

Double-line Watermark

Issue of 1908



Helmet of Mercury

Issue of 1902



Messenger on Bicycle

Single-line Watermark

Issue of 1911



Issue of 1914



Messenger on Bicycle

The demand for fast delivery of mail brought forth the Special Delivery Issues. When affixed to a letter it indicated that the letter would secure immediate attention and be delivered between hours of 7 A.M. and midnight.



SPECIAL DELIVERY

UNWATERMARKED
FLAT PLATE PRINTING

Issue of 1916
PERFORATED 10



Issue of 1917
PERFORATED 11



Issue of 1922
PERFORATED 11



FLAT PLATE PRINTING

Issue of 1925
PERFORATED 11



Issue of 1925
PERFORATED 11



ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Issue of 1927
PERFORATED 11 x 10½



ROTARY PRESS PRINTING
PERFORATED 11 x 10½

Issue of 1931



Issue of 1944



Issue of 1944



Issue of 1951



Issue of 1954



Issue of 1957





SPECIAL DELIVERY

1969



1971



Two Arrows

Issued to meet the increased rates of the Special Delivery fee.



PARCEL POST STAMPS

Issue of 1912-13

PERFORATED 12

SINGLE-LINE WATERMARK



Post Office Clerk



City Carrier



Railway Postal Clerk



Rural Carrier



Mail Train



Steamship and Mail Tender



Automobile Service



Airplane Carrying Mail



Manufacturing



Dairying



Harvesting



Fruit Growing

SPECIFICALLY created to meet the requirements of fourth class matter by Act of Congress approved August 24, 1912, these stamps were declared valid for all purposes for which regular stamps were valid. The 20 cent value featured as the central part of its design an aeroplane and this was the first time any country had ever featured an aeroplane on its stamps.



PARCEL POST POSTAGE DUE

Issue of 1912



SPECIAL HANDLING

Issue of 1925-29



REGISTRATION STAMP

Issue of 1911

PERFORATED 12
SINGLE-LINE WATERMARK



Issued to prepay registry fees these stamps were soon discontinued, as ordinary postage stamps were valid for the same purpose.



The Special Handling series of stamps were provided for use on fourth class matter and when affixed would secure for such mail the expeditious handling accorded to first class matter.

CERTIFIED MAIL STAMP

Issue of 1955

PERFORATED 10½ x 11



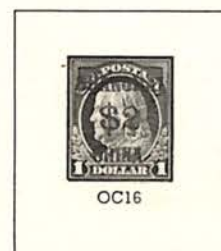
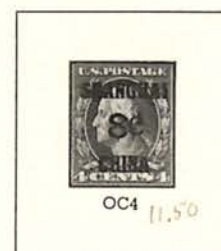
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OFFICES IN CHINA

Issue of 1919

OVERPRINTED, PERFORATED 11



Issue of 1922



To facilitate postal service for United States citizens residing in China, the issue of 1917 was overprinted as illustrated and was placed on sale at the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai. These stamps were available in the United States at the Philatelic Agency in Washington after the Shanghai agency closed in 1922.