UNITED STATES

1847

Imperforate



(2 or 4)

1851-56



(5)

Type Ia
1 C
DARK BLUE



(6)

Type III
1 C
BLUE

(8)

Type IIIa
1 C
PALE BLUE

(8A)

Type IV
1 C
BLUE



(9)





(12)



(13)

Type II
10 C
GREEN

(14)

Type III
10 C
GREEN

(15)

Type IV
10 C
GREEN

(16)



(17)

1857-60

Perforated 15

Type I
1 C
BLUE

(18)

Type Ia
1 C
BLUE

(19)

Type II
1 C
BLUE

(20)

Type III
1 C
BLUE

(21)

Type IIIa
1 C
BLUE

(22)

Type IV
1 C
BLUE

(23)

Type V
1 C
BLUE

(24)

Type I
3 C
ROSE

(25)

Type II
3 C
DULL RED

(26)

Type I
5 C
BRICK RED

(27)

Type I
5 C
RED
BROWN

(28)

Type I
5 C
INDIAN
RED

(28A)

Type I
5 C
BROWN

(29)



(30)

Type II
5 C
BROWN

(30A)

Type I
10 C
GREEN

(31)

Type II
10 C
GREEN

(32)

Type III
10 C
GREEN

(33)

Type IV
10 C
GREEN

(34)

Type V
10 C
GREEN

(35)

On July 1, 1847, during James K. Polk's presidency, the first two U. S. stamps were issued, as authorized by an Act of Congress the previous March 3. One (5¢) bore the likeness of Benjamin Franklin, New World postmaster general under both English King and Continental Congress; the other (10¢) honored George Washington, our first president. In 1851 smaller and larger denominations were issued, to allow flexibility and expansion.

UNITED STATES

Columbian Exposition Issue

1893



Oct. 12, 1492. Columbus' first sight of land. He thinks it is "the Indies."



Still thinking it the Orient, he lands, naming it San Salvador (in the Bahamas.)



Columbus' flagship, the Santa Maria, 90 ft. long, one-tenth a modern liner's size!



The Santa Maria and the even smaller Nina and Pinta; Columbus' tiny fleet.



Columbus asks Ferdinand and Isabella, Spain's monarchs, to sponsor his trip.



Barcelona acclaims Columbus, the hero, after his discovery of a "New World."



Isabella confirms the explorer's titles, authorizes a second voyage, to colonize.



Columbus offers his King and Queen a rare gift: a few American Indians!



At Barcelona's great cathedral, Columbus explains his plans to colonize Hispanola.



Columbus and the La Rabida monks debate his new plans to explore the "Indies."



Although hailed as a hero by most, Columbus also attracted envy—and enemies.



Queen Isabella offers to pawn her jewels to finance Columbus, but she doesn't have to.



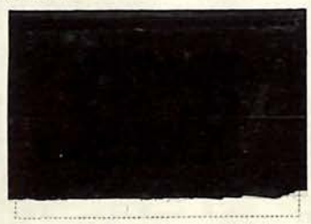
When his colonies fail, Columbus' enemies conspire to have him chained and jailed.



Released, he makes a third trip to the "New World", returns home to report triumph.



Isabella and Columbus; first stamp to feature a woman—and a non-American!



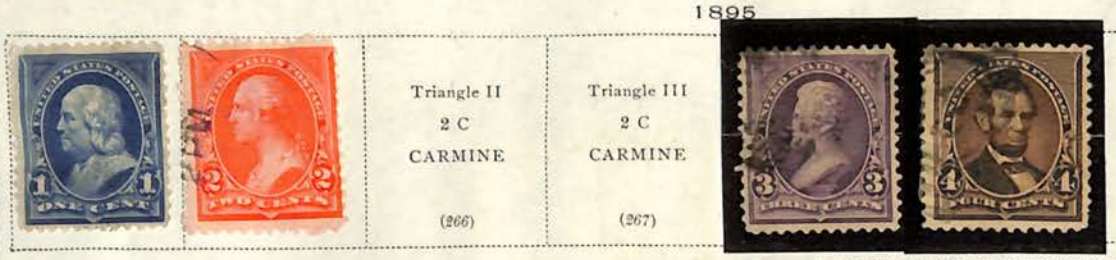
A commemorative half-dollar, issued for the Exposition, supplied this stamp portrait.

On May 1, 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition opened in Chicago, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' voyages, called by many historians "the most important... in all history." The 16 stamps shown above depict the momentous events.

UNITED STATES

Watermarked USPS Perforated 12

1895



		Triangle II 2 C CARMINE (266)	Triangle III 2 C CARMINE (267)			5 C CHOCOLATE (270)	6 C DULL BROWN (271)
8 C VIOLET BROWN (272)	10 C DARK GREEN (273)	15 C DARK BLUE (274)	50 C ORANGE (275)	Type I $1 BLACK (276)	Type II $1 BLACK (276A)	$2 DARK BLUE (277)	$5 DARK GREEN (278)

1898



Types of 1895 1 C DEEP GREEN (279)	Type III 2 C RED (279B)	4 C ROSE BROWN (280)				Type II 10 C ORANGE BROWN (283)	

Trans-Mississippi Exposition Issue

1898



French-born Jesuit Father Marquette explores the Mississippi River.



Grain harvesting in the great midwest "bread basket" that fed America.



Indian buffalo hunt. Soon the white man would drive both from the plains.



John C. Fremont, adventurer, soldier; he explored and publicized the West.



Frederic Remington pictured U. S. cavalry guarding a wagon train.



Man and beast alike fell victim to the cruel and terrible train West.



In 1845 gold is discovered, and for 50 years prospectors follow the gleam.



Only the sturdiest cattle could survive the fierce Western blizzards.



(293)

The 520-ft. steel arch bridge (1874) spanning the Mississippi at St. Louis.

America drew on its more recent past for the subject matter of her stamps: Buffalo hunt, Indians, cavalry, gold discovery, the endless granary, modern miracles.

UNITED STATES

Watermarked USPS

Pan-American Exposition Issue

1901



Fast Great Lakes steamers sped the bulk of goods between east and midwest.



Iron rails helped pave the way to the "gold" of the untapped western wilderness.



Salute to the infant auto industry that would do so much to mature our nation.



Physical and symbolic link with Canada, the single-span steel bridge below the Falls.



The Sault Sainte Marie canal linking lakes Huron and Superior via five giant locks.



"Fast Ocean Navigation" depicts one of the finest U.S. liners afloat in those days.

The Pan-American Exposition opened on May 1, 1901, to cement feelings of solidarity and friendship between the American nations, from the Arctic to Cape Horn. Held in Buffalo, N.Y., it stressed Western Hemisphere progress in the 1800's. Some of the centers in the issue became reversed and are therefore prized as valuable rarities.

1902-03





479 480

1906-08

Imperforate



5 C
BLUE

(315)

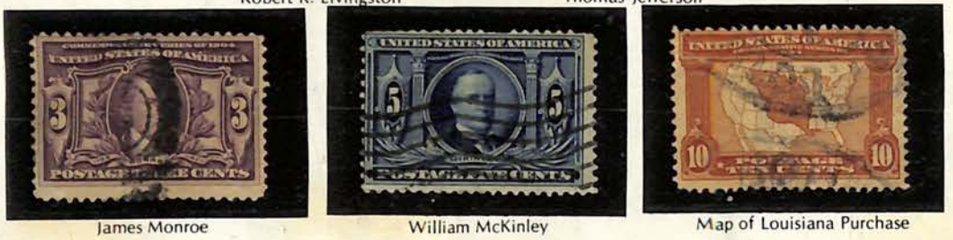
UNITED STATES

Watermarked USPS

Louisiana Purchase Exposition Issue



Robert R. Livingston — Thomas Jefferson



James Monroe — William McKinley — Map of Louisiana Purchase

The purchase of the Louisiana Territory from Napoleon in 1803, for $15,000,000, added over 800,000 sq. mi., more than doubling our size, as the stamp map shows. President McKinley approved the St. Louis World's Fair, observing the 100th Anniversary of the event. His likeness, that of then President Thomas Jefferson and negotiators Robert R. Livingston and James Monroe are also featured in this issue.

Jamestown Exposition Issue

1907



Captain John Smith — Founding of Jamestown — Pocahontas

Commemorating the tercentenary of the founding of the first permanent English settlement in America. Capt. John Smith helped save the colony. Smith — and legend — said that chief's daughter Pocahontas saved his life.

1908-10



(331)		(333)	4 C ORANGE BROWN (334)		6 C RED ORANGE (336)	8 C OLIVE GREEN (337)

10 C YELLOW (338)	13 C BLUE GREEN (339)	15 C PALE ULTRA-MARINE (340)	50 C VIOLET (341)	$ 1 VIOLET BROWN (342)

Imperforate

1 C GREEN (343)	2 C CARMINE (344)	3 C DEEP VIOLET (345)	4 C ORANGE BROWN (346)	5 C BLUE (347)

UNITED STATES

Watermarked USPS

1909

Perforated 12

Lincoln Memorial Issue



Three variations mark the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday.

Alaska-Yukon Issue



Noting W. H. Seward's Alaska Purchase "Folly," a 7-million-dollar bargain.

Hudson-Fulton Issue



Marking 300 years since discovery of the Hudson River and 100 since the *Clermont's* voyage.

Imperforate







Perforated 12

Bluish Paper

Types of 1908-10 1 C GREEN (357)	2 C CARMINE (358)				Type of 1909 2 C CARMINE (369)

Watermarked USPS

1910-11

Designs of 1908-09 Issue 1 C GREEN (374)	2 C CARMINE (375)	3 C DEEP VIOLET (376)	4 C BROWN (377)	5 C BLUE (378)	

Imperforate



UNITED STATES

Watermarked USPS

Perforated 12

1913

Panama-Pacific Exposition Issue



Vasco Nunez de Balboa



Pedro Miguel Locks



Golden Gate





Discovery of San Francisco Bay.

1914-15

Perforated 10

Same 1 C GREEN	2 C CARMINE	5 C BLUE	10 C ORANGE
(401)	(402)	(403)	(404)

In September, 1513, Balboa discovered what he called the "South Sea," the Pacific Ocean.Four hundred years later, the first ship entered the Panama Canal, officially to open in January, 1914. The SanFrancisco Exposition and issue celebrated both events.

1912-14

Perforated 12

	2 C CARMINE	7 C BLACK
(405)	(406)	(407)



COIL STAMPS

Perforated 8½ Horizontally

Perforated 8½ Vertically



UNITED STATES

Watermarked USPS Perforated 12

1912-14

	9 C SALMON RED	10 C ORANGE YELLOW	12 C CLARET BROWN	15 C GRAY	20 C ULTRAMARINE	30 C ORANGE RED	50 C VIOLET
(414)	(415)	(416)	(417)	(418)	(419)	(420)	(421)

Watermarked USPS

U. S. Postage in curve at top Franklin 50 C VIOLET	$ 1 VIOLET BROWN
(422)	(423)

Watermarked USPS

1914-15

Perforated 10

		3 C DEEP VIOLET	4 C BROWN		6 C RED ORANGE	7 C BLACK
		(426)	(427)		(429)	(430)

8 C PALE OLIVE GREEN	9 C SALMON RED	10 C ORANGE YELLOW	11 C DARK GREEN	12 C CLARET BROWN
(431)	(432)	(433)	(434)	(435)

15 C GRAY	20 C ULTRAMARINE	30 C ORANGE RED	50 C VIOLET
(437)	(438)	(439)	(440)

COIL STAMPS

Perforated 10 Horizontally

				Perforated 10 Vertically		
Same 1 C GREEN				3 C VIOLET	4 C BROWN	5 C BLUE
(441)				(445)	(446)	(447)

UNITED STATES

Perforated 10
1916-17



2 C CARMINE (463)	3 C VIOLET (464)	4 C ORANGE BROWN (465)	5 C BLUE (466)

6 C RED ORANGE (468)	7 C BLACK (469)	8 C OLIVE GREEN (470)	9 C SALMON RED (471)	10 C ORANGE YELLOW (472)	11 C DARK GREEN (473)

12 C CLARET BROWN (474)	15 C GRAY (475)	20 C LIGHT ULTRAMARINE (476)	50 C LIGHT VIOLET (477)	$1 VIOLET BLACK (478)	

Imperforate
1916-17



Type I 2 C CARMINE (482)		

COIL STAMPS
Perforated 10 Horizontally
1916-19



Type II 2 C CARMINE (487)	Type III 2 C CARMINE (488)



Perforated 10 Vertically
1916-22

1 C GREEN (490)	Type II 2 C CARMINE (491)	Type III 2 C CARMINE (492)	Type I 3 C VIOLET (493)		

UNITED STATES

Perforated 11

1917-19



(498)

2 C
ROSE

(499)

2 C
DEEP
ROSE

(500)





4 C
BROWN

(503)

5 C
BLUE

(504)

6 C
RED
ORANGE

(506)

7 C
BLACK

(507)

8 C
OLIVE
BISTRE

(508)

9 C
SALMON
RED

(509)





50 C
RED
VIOLET

(517)



Watermarked USPS

1917

Type of 1908-09
2 C
CARMINE

(519)

1918



(523)

$ 5
DEEP GREEN
AND BLACK

(524)

UNITED STATES

OFFSET PRINTING

Perforated 11

1918-20

Type of 1917-19 1 C GRAY GREEN (525)	Type IV 2 C CARMINE (526)	Type V 2 C CARMINE (527)	Type Va 2 C CARMINE (528)
Type VI 2 C CARMINE (528A)	Type VII 2 C CARMINE (528B)	Type III 3 C VIOLET (529)	Type IV 3 C PURPLE (530)

Imperforate

1918-20

 (531)	Type IV 2 C CARMINE ROSE (532)	Type V 2 C CARMINE (533)	Type Va 2 C CARMINE (534)

Type VI 2 C CARMINE (534A)	Type VII 2 C CARMINE (534B)	Type IV 3 C VIOLET (535)

Perforated 12½

1 C
GRAY
GREEN

(536)

Perforated 11



Issued on Mar. 3, some four months after the Allies' World War I triumph.

UNITED STATES

1919-21

Perforated 11x10

Same 1 C GREEN (538)	Type II 2 C CARMINE ROSE (539)	Type III 2 C CARMINE ROSE (540)	3 C VIOLET (541)

Perforated 10x11

Same 1 C GREEN (542)

Perforated 10

1 C GREEN (543)

Perforated 11

1 C GREEN (544)

Perforated 11

1 C GREEN (545)	2 C CARMINE ROSE (546)

1920

Perforated 11



Pilgrim Tercentenary Issue



The Mayflower



Landing of the Pilgrims

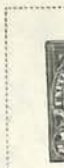


Signing of the Compact

Although the Pilgrims first landed at Provincetown (across Cape Cod Bay from Plymouth), it was at Plymouth (Mass.) that they made their first permanent settlement. The 300th anniversary issue thus honored places, but then — as always — the spotlight was on Plymouth Rock. While still aboard the *Mayflower*, the 41 Pilgrim "Fathers" (sixty-odd others aboard were not Pilgrims) drew up the Compact under which they pledged to make their own "just and equall Laws..."

UNITED STATES

1922-25
Perforated 11



(551)







(565)





(573)

Imperforate

Same
1 C
GREEN

(575)



In the early 1920's, both flat plate and rotary press printing were used, with emphasis on the former. While various perforations or imperforations were employed, perforated 11 found favor as a compromise between stamp sheets too easy or too difficult to tear. New denominations were added to the value list, and new subjects, both personal and institutional.

UNITED STATES

1923-26

Perforated 11 x 10

Same 1 C GREEN (578)	2 C CARMINE (579)

Perforated 10

Same 1 C GREEN (581)	1½ C BROWN (582)	2 C CARMINE (583)	3 C VIOLET (584)	4 C YELLOW BROWN (585)

5 C BLUE (586)	6 C RED ORANGE (587)	7 C BLACK (588)	8 C OLIVE GREEN (589)	9 C ROSE (590)	10 C ORANGE (591)

Perforated 11

Same 1 C GREEN (594)	2 C CARMINE (595)





COIL STAMPS

Perforated 10 vertically



Perforated 10 vertically



Perforated 10 horizontally

1 C YELLOW GREEN (604)		2 C CARMINE (606)

UNITED STATES

1923

Harding Memorial Issue

Flat Plate Printing — Rotary Press Printing

Perforated 11 | Imperforate | Perforated 10 | Perforated 11



In 1921, President Harding took office. Some of his cabinet appointments were excellent, but even before his untimely death 29 months later, others proved so unfortunate, the public became aroused. However, his popularity was still great, and black-bordered stamps in his memory had to be run off in large extra quantities.

1924

Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary Issue



The "New Netherland" — Landing at Ft. Orange — Huguenot Monument, Mayport, Fla.

Religious wars of the 16th and 17th centuries drove from France many Protestants, called Huguenots. Some landed at what is now Mayport, Fla., eventually to be wiped out by the Spaniards. In 1624, others, known as Walloons, came here via Holland on the *"New Netherland,"* buying Manhattan Island from the Indians and founding Ft. Orange (now Albany, N. Y.) far up-river.

1925

Lexington-Concord Issue



Washington at Cambridge — Birth of Liberty — The Minute Man

April 18, 1775, steadily worsening relations between England and her American colonies climaxed in armed conflict, when British redcoats under General Gage fired on the "Minutemen" at Lexington and in turn were strongly resisted by them at Concord. This set commemorates the 150th anniversary of the historic engagements. In July, General Washington took command of the rag-tag Continental army.

Norse-American Issue



The Sloop *"Restaurationen"* — Viking Ship

In early October, 1825, a Norwegian sloop sailed into New York Harbor, bringing the first of many Norwegians here. Most would settle the great midwest. Over 500 years before, their Viking ancestors had established a colony on the North American continent, calling it Vinland. The issue honors all the Norsemen.

UNITED STATES

1926

Perforated 11

Ericsson Memorial Issue



Swedish-born John Ericsson designed our first ironclad warship, the Monitor; invented the ship screw propellor.

Sesquicentennial Issue



Timed for Philadelphia's 1926 Independence Exposition. Star exhibit: the cracked Liberty Bell, symbol of our freedoms.

White Plains Issue



Marking the 150th anniversary of the White Plains Battle. The rebels lost but held their forces intact.

1926-34

Imperforate

Type of 1922-26 1½ C YELLOW BROWN (631)

Perforated 11x10½

Same 1 C GREEN (632)		Type I 2 C CARMINE (634)	Type II 2 C CARMINE (634A)	3 C VIOLET (635)	4 C YELLOW BROWN (636)

5 C DARK BLUE (637)	6 C RED ORANGE (638)	7 C BLACK (639)	8 C OLIVE GREEN (640)			Type of 1922-26 ½ C OLIVE BROWN (653)

1927

Vermont Sesquicentennial Issue



Noting the 150th anniversary of Col. Stark's "Green Mountain Boys" victory over General Burgoyne.

1927

Burgoyne Campaign Issue



Companion to No. 643, showing the surrender of "Gentleman Johnny" Burgoyne's army to the rebels, after Saratoga.

1928

Valley Forge Issue



Incredibly, the rebel army survived the savage cold and sickness of that dread winter at Valley Forge.

UNITED STATES

1928

Battle of Monmouth Issue



One hot battle-day in June, 1778, the heroine called "Molly Pitcher" became legend!

Hawaii Sesquicentennial Issue



A bronze tablet, visible only at low tide, marks the spot where Hawaiian natives killed Capt. Cook, one year after his 1778 discovery of the Isles.

Aeronautics Conference Issue



In Dec., 1928, an International Civil Aeronautics Conference was held in Wash., D. C. Two stamps were issued then, hailing the 25th anniversary of the Wright brothers — and "modern" flight.

1929

George Rogers Clark Commemorative Issue



Celebrating 150 years since George Rogers Clark captured British Ft. Sackville, near present-day Vincennes, Ind., gaining northwest control for the colonies.

Electric Light Golden Jubilee Issue

Perforated 11



Perforated 11x10½



COIL

Perforated 10 Vertically



Only 50 years before, Thomas A. Edison had invented the first practical incandescent electric light, perhaps the mightiest of his over 1,000 inventions patented during 60 years of brilliant experimentation.

Sullivan Expedition Issue



Aug. 29, 1779, daring Maj.-Gen. John Sullivan decisively defeated Iroquois warriors harassing American settlers and soldiers in what is now northern New York state.

UNITED STATES

1929



For years, "grain belt" states had been victimized by stamp losses in countless ingenious ways. In an attempt to circumvent this, "Kans." and "Nebr." were surprinted over stamp in those states, to little avail.

1930

Perforated 11x10½



COIL STAMPS

Perforated 10 Vertically



UNITED STATES

AIR POST STAMPS

1918



1923



1926-27



1927



1928



UNITED STATES

HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

1934



1935



1936



1937



1938



1939



1940



1941



UNITED STATES

HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

1942



1943



1944



1945



1946



1947



1948



1949



1950



1951



1952



1953



UNITED STATES

HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

1954



1955



1956



1957



1958



1959



1960



UNITED STATES

HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

1961



1962



1963



1964



1965



1966



UNITED STATES

HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

1967



1968



1969



1970



1971



1972



UNITED STATES

HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

1973



1974



1975



1976







Minuteman #8—19
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Issue of 1869

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GRILLED



Benjamin Franklin



Pony Express Rider



Locomotive



89

George Washington



Eagle and Shield



S. S. Adriatic



Landing of Columbus

119



94

Declaration of Independence



95

Eagle, Shield and Flags



96

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.

Without Grill



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



Daniel Webster



Gen. Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton

Carmine



118

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.

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



"Spirit of St. Louis"

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.

HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

Issue of 1934



Issue of 1935



Issue of 1936



Issue of 1937



Issue of 1938



Issue of 1939



Issue of 1940



Issue of 1941



Issue of 1942



Issue of 1943



Issue of 1944



Issue of 1945



ISSUED to license hunters as authorized by Act of Congress. The revenue produced goes to maintain waterfowl life in the United States. These stamps are considered by many to be among the most beautiful issues created.

HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

(continued)

Issue of 1946



Issue of 1947



Issue of 1948



Issue of 1949



Issue of 1950



Issue of 1951



Issue of 1952



Issue of 1953



Issue of 1954



Issue of 1955



Issue of 1956



Issue of 1957



HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

(continued)

Issue of 1958



Issue of 1959



Issue of 1960



Issue of 1961



Issue of 1962



Issue of 1963



Issue of 1964



Issue of 1965



Issue of 1966



Issue of 1967



HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS
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Issue of 1968



Issue of 1969



Issue of 1970



Issue of 1971



Issue of 1972



Issue of 1973



Issue of 1974



Issue of 1975



Issue of 1976



Issue of 1977



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Issue of 1978



Issue of 1979



Issue of 1980



Issue of 1981



Issue of 1982



Issue of 1983



Issue of 1984



Issue of 1985



Issue of 1986



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Issue of 1987



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Issue of 1999



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Issue of 2001



Issue of 2002



Issue of 2003



Issue of 2004



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