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Columbian Exposition Issue



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Pan-American Exposition Issue

1901, May 1



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1895 — Same as 1894 Issue — Wmk. 191 — Nos. 264-278 — Perf. 12





SCOTT NO. 301 NH

CAT. VALUE 425.- (68)



Scott #507 Cat Val 250.00



Scott #535 cat. Val 90.00



SCOTT NO. 114 OG CAT. VALUE 225.-



Scott #343 NH Cat Val 80.00



Scott # 515 VLH Cat Val. 80.00



Scott #833 NH Cat Val. 52.00 A Block



Scott # 384 VLH Cat Val 170.00

ISSUES OF 1851-57



Washington



Washington



11

Thomas Jefferson

GREEN



12

Washington

GREEN

13

Washington

GREEN

14

Washington

GREEN

15

Washington

The 3c stamps feature an outer frame line at top and bottom. There are four varieties of the 10c denomination . . . the first shows the lower ornaments almost complete, the second shows the design complete at the top, but at the bottom the ornaments are broken. The third variety shows all the outer lines at the top broken away, but appears the same as the second one at the bottom. In the fourth variety there appears to be recuts at the top or bottom and in some cases in both places.



Washington

ISSUES OF 1861-62

Perf. 12 – SECOND DESIGNS



Franklin

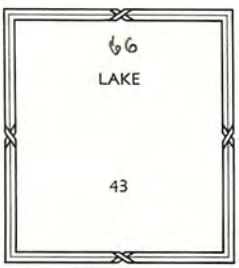


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Washington



Washington



Washington



Jefferson



Washington



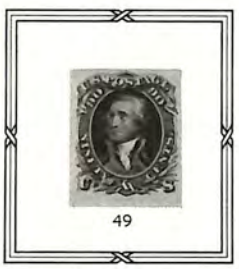
Washington



Washington



Franklin



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Washington

The contract for the manufacture of postage stamps having expired on June 10, 1861, a new one was entered into with the National Bank Note Company of New York, upon terms very advantageous to the Department, which resulted in an annual savings of more than thirty percent in the cost of the stamps. In order to prevent the fraudulent use of the large quantity of stamps remaining unaccounted for, in the hands of postmasters in the disloyal states, it was deemed advisable to change the designs and color of those manufactured under the new contract. Distribution of the new stamps was begun August 15, 1861.

ISSUES OF 1867

Grill about 9 x 13 mm.



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Thomas Jefferson



George Washington



George Washington



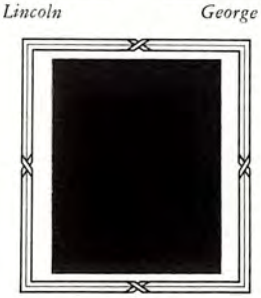
Abraham Lincoln



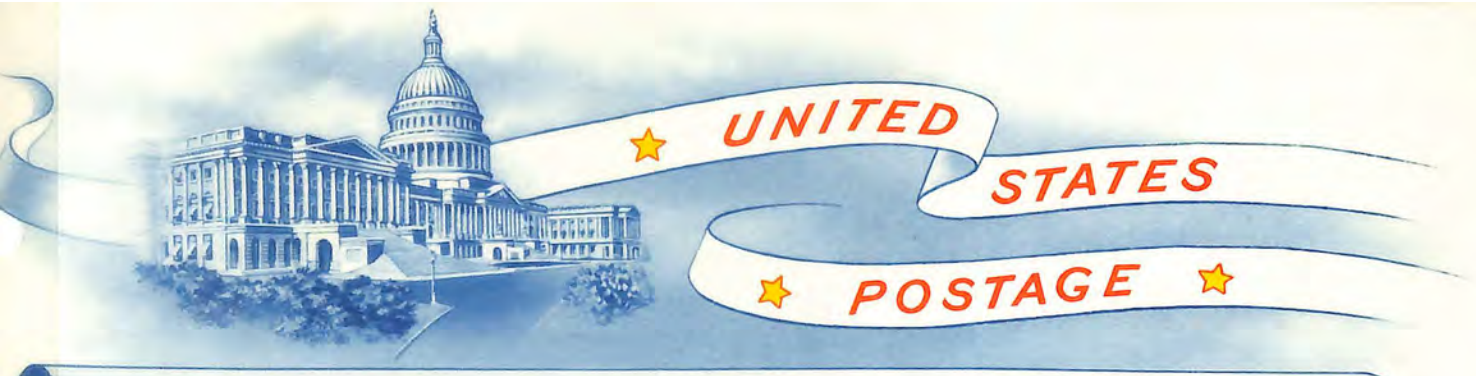
George Washington



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



ISSUES OF 1869

Grill measuring 9½ x 9½ mm.



82

Benjamin Franklin



Post Horse and Rider



Locomotive



George Washington



86

Shield and Eagle



S. S. Adriatic



Landing of Columbus



89

Declaration of Independence

SAME DESIGN
with frame
added
around
picture

90

Declaration of Independence



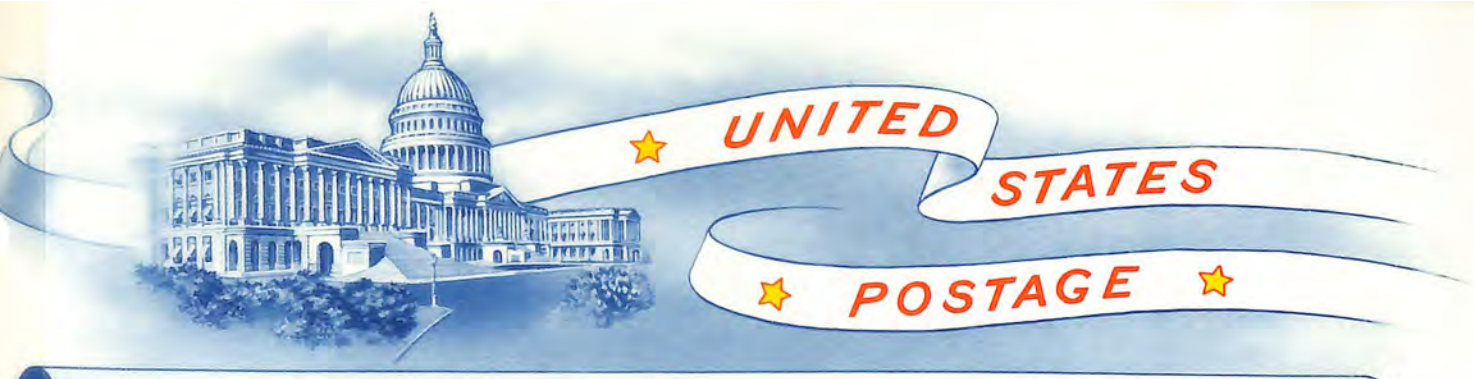
Shield, Eagle and Flags



92

Abraham Lincoln

Beginning in March, 1869, a new pictorial series of postage stamps was released. While some class it as a commemorative issue because of the subject matter, it was a regular issue replacing the previous one then in use. There were two varieties of the 15c denomination . . . the first one, released April 2, 1869, shows the picture unframed. The second version, released May 23, 1869, shows the picture framed. The series was engraved by the National Bank Note Company.



ISSUES OF 1870-71

Perf. 12 — With Grill



93

Benjamin Franklin



94

Andrew Jackson



95

George Washington



96

Abraham Lincoln



97

Edwin M. Stanton



98

Thomas Jefferson



99

Henry Clay



100

Daniel Webster



101

General Winfield Scott



102

Alexander Hamilton



103

Commodore O. H. Perry

ISSUES OF 1870-71

Perf. 12 — Without Grill



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson

George Washington



Abraham Lincoln

Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson

Henry Clay



Daniel Webster

General Winfield Scott



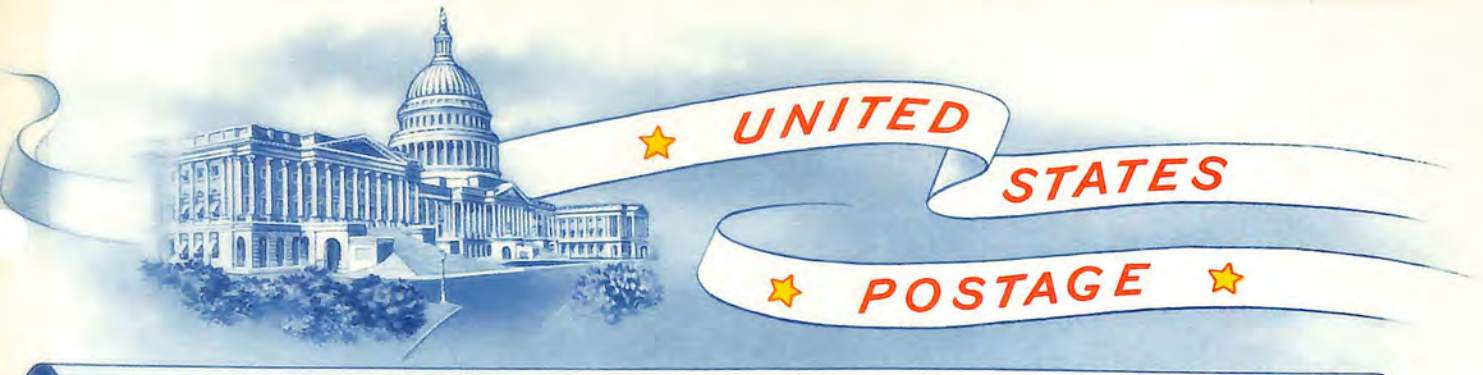
113

Alexander Hamilton



114

Commodore O. H. Perry



SERIES OF 1873

Perf. 12 — Without Grill



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



118

Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



Daniel Webster



123

General Winfield Scott

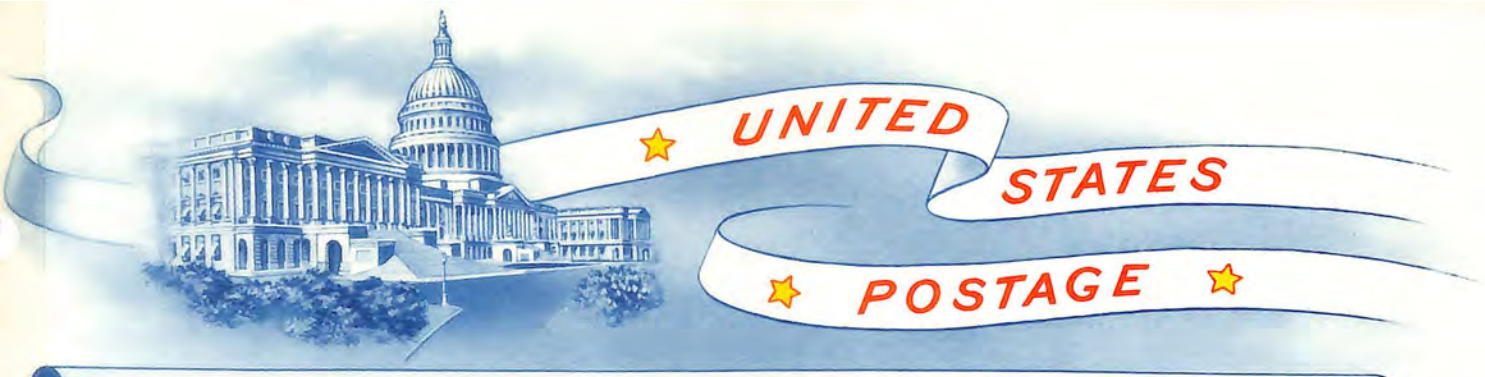


Alexander Hamilton



125

Commodore O. H. Perry



1883

Soft Porous Paper



George Washington



Andrew Jackson

ISSUES OF 1887

Printed by the American Bank Note Company

Perf. 12



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



George Washington



Andrew Jackson



James A. Garfield



Alexander Hamilton

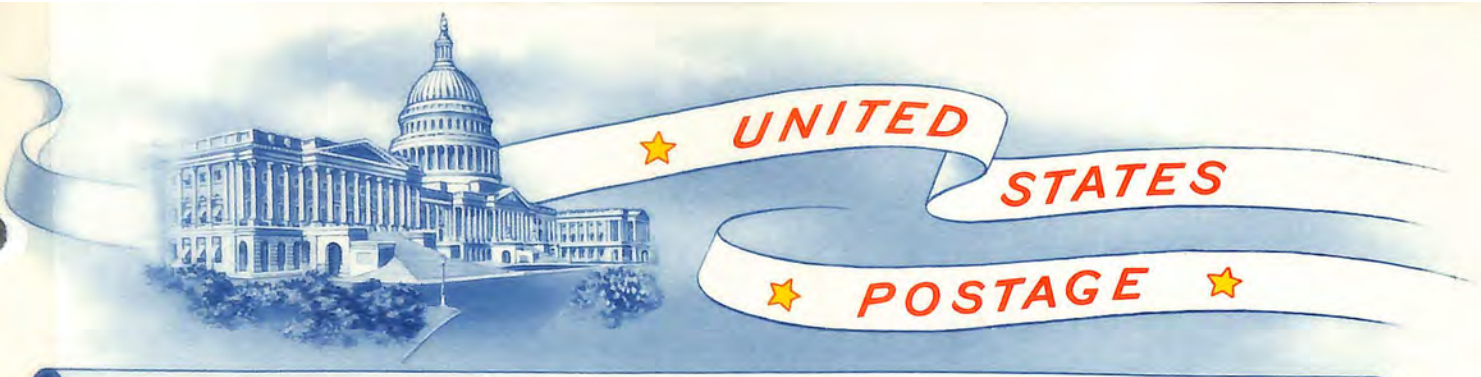
PURPLE



207

Commodore O. H. Perry

While this group was issued over a period of six years, we have placed them together on the one page as one series.



SERIES OF 1895

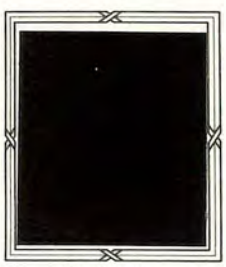
Watermarked in DOUBLE-LINED Capitals — USPS



Franklin



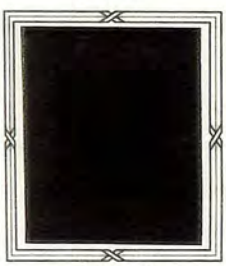
Washington



Washington



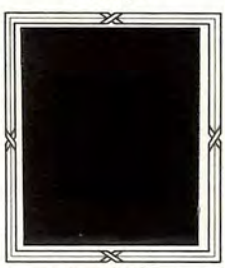
Washington



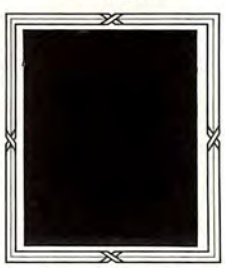
Andrew Jackson



Abraham Lincoln



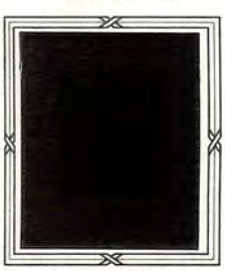
Ulysses S. Grant



James A. Garfield



William T. Sherman



Daniel Webster



Henry Clay



Thomas Jefferson



Perry



252

Perry



253

James Madison



John Marshall

In 1895 the Bureau of Printing and Engraving decided to print our stamps on watermarked paper. The watermark consists of Roman style double outlined capital letters — U S P S. This stands for UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE and the letters appear 90 times on a sheet of 100 stamps. The change to watermarked paper was brought about to further protect our stamps from forgery.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Delivery service was begun by an Act of Congress on March 5, 1885, and put into operation on October 1, 1885. The Act limited the service to free delivery offices and others with a population of 4,000 or more. The stamp for this service is, therefore, inscribed, "SECURES IMMEDIATE DELIVERY AT A SPECIAL DELIVERY OFFICE."

1885



Messenger Running

1888



Messenger Running

The Act of August 4, 1886 made the stamps and service available at all post offices and upon any article of mailable matter. This stamp, released September 6, 1888, bears a changed inscription that reads, "SECURES IMMEDIATE DELIVERY AT ANY POST OFFICE."

1893



Messenger Running

From January 24, 1893, until January 5, 1894, the special delivery stamp was printed in orange and the printing in that color continued until May 19, 1894, when the stock on hand was exhausted. This stamp is known as the Columbian Exposition Issue.

1894



Messenger Running

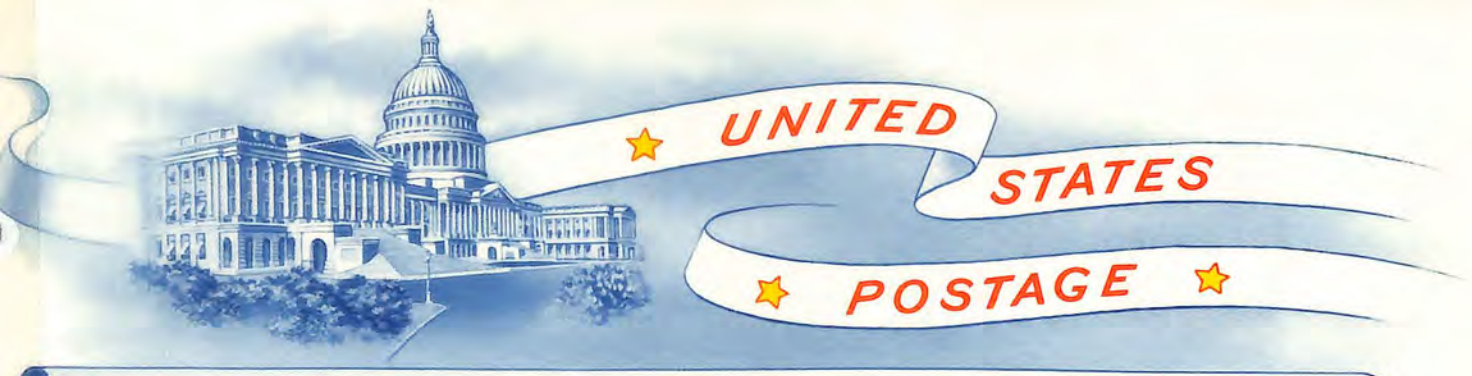
On October 10, 1894 the special delivery stamp was again printed in blue, but by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The design was the same as one issued September 6, 1888, but a line appears under "TEN" and "CENTS".

1895



Messenger Running

In 1895, the Bureau switched to the use of double-line watermarked paper. This is the only difference between this stamp and the one issued in 1894.



PARCEL POST ISSUES

1912-13



Clerk



City Carrier



Railway Postal Clerk



Rural Carrier



Mail Train



Steamship and Mail Tender



Automobile Service



Aeroplane Carrying Mail



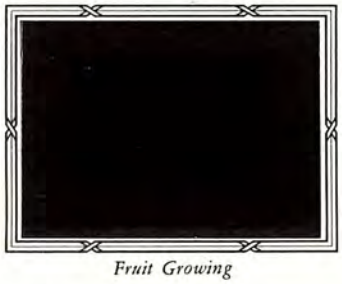
Manufacturing



Dairying



Harvesting



Fruit Growing

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved August 24, 1912, the Department prepared a set of twelve parcel post stamps and five parcel post-postage due stamps of distinctive designs. The designs were prepared in 3 groups of 4 stamps each, the working personnel of the Postal Service being represented by the first group, the transportation of the mail by the second group, and the manufacturing and agricultural interests of the country by the third group. The stamps were first placed on sale January 1, 1913 with the inauguration of the parcel post law.

MAP SERIES 1926-27



Symbol of Trans-Continental Mail Service



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As the use of mail carrying planes became more and more popular the government continued to reduce the rate of air mail postage charges. This new set of stamps reflected the new rates as set forth in the Act of Congress of Feb 2, 1925.

MAP SERIES 1926-27



Symbol of Trans-Continental Mail Service

LINDBERGH ISSUE - 1927



Lindbergh's Monoplane, "Spirit of St. Louis"

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¢ 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 air mail coverage.

BEACON - 1928



Sherman Hill Airmail Beacon Light

This was the first of the 5¢ air mail stamps issued and illustrated the government's continued effort to give the public the lowest possible air mail rates.

WINGED GLOBE SERIES

ISSUE OF 1930



Wings and Globe—Air Mail Insignia

Printed by Flat Plate Press and perforated 11.

ROTARY PRESS ISSUE - 1931



Wings and Globe—Air Mail Insignia

Although similar in appearance to the Flat Plate Printing, this stamp is a major variety since it was printed by a Rotary Press and is perforated 10½ by 11.

EAGLE AND SHIELD ISSUE - 1938



Eagle Holding Shield, Arrows and Olive Wreath

A new design issued to replace the issue of 1934.

TRANSATLANTIC ISSUE - 1939



Winged Globe

The Transatlantic Issue celebrated the inauguration of the Transatlantic Airmail Service.