

UNITED STATES

1847

Imperforate



→ cover in SD Box

1851-56

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| | Type Ia 1 C DARK BLUE (6) | Type II 1 C BLUE (7) | Type III 1 C BLUE (8) | Type IIIa 1 C PALE BLUE (8A) | | |
| | | | | Type III 10 C GREEN (15) | Type IV 10 C GREEN (16) | |

1857-60
Perforated 15

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| 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) | |
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| | | 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) |
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| | 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) | |
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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.

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1857-60

Perforated 15



1861-62

Perforated 12



1861-66



1867

Embossed with grills of various sizes



1861: War Between the States erupted. To prevent the South from using large numbers of stamps in their possession, the North declared them valueless and issued new ones... Four years earlier perforated stamps had been introduced, permitting easier and faster handling of stamps by postmaster and public alike.

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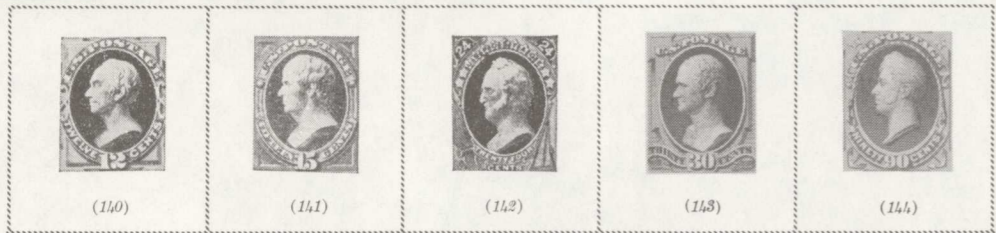
1869



Picture Framed
Type II
15 C
BROWN
AND BLUE

1870-71

Printed by The National Bank Note Co.
Embossed with Grill



Without Grill



During their first two decades or so, our stamps portrayed only Franklin and various presidents. But in 1869 the "pictorials" were born, depicting key events in our history, such as the Columbus voyage. Significantly, they also dramatized the newly popular modes of travel and communications that helped the nation grow and prosper. (In this year, too, some of the 15¢, 24¢ and 30¢ values were misprinted, with inverted centers. They are now prized rarities.)

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1873

Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.
Same as Issue of 1870-71, with secret marks added.



12 C
BLACKISH
VIOLET
(162)
BOTTED
G.P.



24 C
DEEP PURPLE

(164)

1879

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.
Same as Issues of 1873-75. Soft porous paper.



1881-82



1883



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1887



1888



1890-93



1894

Same as 1890-93 Issue with triangles in upper corners



(261)

Type II
\$1
BLACK

(261A)



(262)



(263)

UNITED STATES

Watermarked USPS Perforated 12

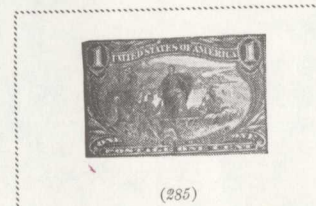
1895



1898

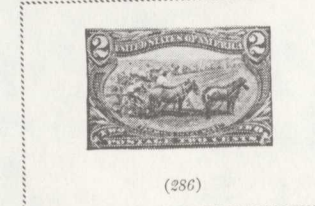
Trans-Mississippi Exposition Issue

1898



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French-born Jesuit Father Marquette explores the Mississippi River.



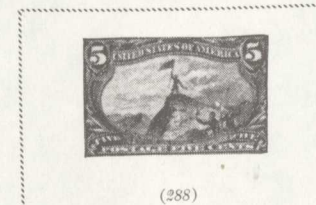
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Grain harvesting in the great midwest "bread basket" that fed America.



(287)

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



(288)

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



(289)

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



(290)

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



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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



1906-08
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4 C
BROWN

(31A)



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Louisiana Purchase Exposition Issue

1904



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.

1908-19



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1908-13

Watermarked USPS

Perforated 12 Horizontally



5 C
BLUE

Scott 351

Perforated 12 Vertically



4 C
ORANGE
BROWN

Scott 354

5 C
BLUE

Scott 355

10 C
YELLOW

Scott 356

Watermarked USPS

Perforated 12



1 C
GREEN

Scott 387

2 C
CARMINE

Scott 388

Perforated 8½ Horizontally



Perforated 8½ Vertically



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.



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Perforated 12

Bluish Paper



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1910-11



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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



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 San Francisco Exposition and issue celebrated both events.

1912-14

Perforated 12



COIL STAMPS

Perforated 8½ Horizontally

Perforated 8½ Vertically



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Watermarked USPS Perforated 12

1912-14



Watermarked USPS



Watermarked USPS

1914-15

Perforated 10



COIL STAMPS

Perforated 10 Horizontally

Perforated 10 Vertically



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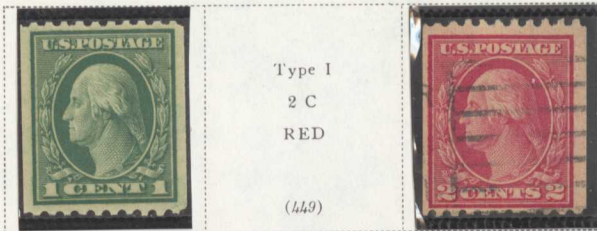
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1914-16

COIL STAMPS

Perforated 10 Horizontally



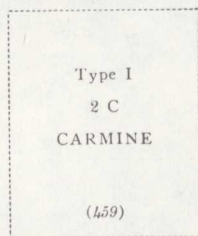
Type I
2 C
RED

(449)

Perforated 10 Vertically



Imperforate



1915

Watermarked USPS



Watermarked USPS



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Perforated 10

1916-17



Imperforate

1916-17



COIL STAMPS

Perforated 10 Horizontally

1916-19



Perforated 10 Vertically

1916-22



UNITED STATES

Perforated 11
1917-19



Watermarked USPS

1917

Type of 1908-09
2 C
CARMINE

(519)

1918



UNITED STATES

AIR POST STAMPS
1930

Graf Zeppelin Issue



Huge, rigid German dirigible built 1928. Measured 800 feet in length; 100 feet in diam. Had five engines of 530 HP each; could do better than 70 MPH. Accommodated 50 passengers. 1st airship to fly around the world.