

# UNITED STATES

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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



|   |                            |   |                         |                               |
|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | 1 C<br>BLUE GREEN<br>(389) |  | 50 C<br>VIOLET<br>(391) | \$ 1<br>VIOLET BROWN<br>(392) |
|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|

Imperforate

|                       |   |                             |                              |                      |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 C<br>GREEN<br>(393) |  | 3 C<br>DEEP VIOLET<br>(394) | 4 C<br>ORANGE BROWN<br>(395) | 5 C<br>BLUE<br>(396) |
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1872


Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.  
Same as issue of 1870-T1, with secret marks added.

|                    |              |              |                  |                            |               |                            |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 1 C<br>ULTRAMARINE | 1 C<br>BROWN | 1 C<br>GREEN | 1 C<br>DULL PINK | 1 C<br>ORANGE<br>VERMILION | 10 C<br>BROWN | 10 C<br>BLACKISH<br>VIOLET |
| (180)              | (180)        | (180)        | (180)            | (180)                      | (180)         | (180)                      |

1872

|                          |                     |                    |                      |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 10 C<br>YELLOW<br>ORANGE | 10 C<br>DEEP PURPLE | 10 C<br>GRAY BLACK | 10 C<br>ROSE CARMINE |
| (180)                    | (180)               | (180)              | (180)                |

1872

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Jackson</i><br>1 C<br>VERMILION |  |
| (180)                              | (180)   |

1879

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.  
Same as issues of 1872-75. Soft porous paper.

|  |  |              |             |             |
|--|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|  |  | 1 C<br>GREEN | 1 C<br>BLUE | 1 C<br>PINK |
|  |  | (180)        | (180)       | (180)       |

|                                      |                                   |                    |                    |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 10 C<br>BROWN<br>Without secret mark | 10 C<br>BROWN<br>With secret mark | 10 C<br>RED ORANGE | 10 C<br>FULL BLACK | 10 C<br>CARMINE |
| (180)                                | (180)                             | (180)              | (180)              | (180)           |

1881-82

|   |   |                   |             |   |
|---|---|-------------------|-------------|---|
|  |  | 1 C<br>BLUE GREEN | 1 C<br>ROSE |  |
|   |   | (180)             | (180)       |   |

1883

|   |   |
|---|---|
|  |  |
| (180)   | (180)   |

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## 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 ...

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1895

|  |   |  |   |   |                                       |                               |                                |
|--|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  | Triangle I<br>2 C<br>CARMINE<br><br>(265) | Triangle II<br>2 C<br>CARMINE<br><br>(266) | Triangle III<br>2 C<br>CARMINE<br><br>(267) |  | 4 C<br>DARK BROWN<br><br>(269)        | 5 C<br>CHOCOLATE<br><br>(270) | 6 C<br>DULL BROWN<br><br>(271) |
|  | 10 C<br>DARK GREEN<br><br>(273)           | 15 C<br>DARK BLUE<br><br>(274)             | 20 C<br>ORANGE<br><br>(275)                 | Type I<br>\$1<br>BLACK<br><br>(276)   | Type II<br>\$1<br>BLACK<br><br>(276A) | \$2<br>DARK BLUE<br><br>(277) | \$5<br>DARK GREEN<br><br>(278) |

1898

|  |                                      |   |   |   |  |   |   |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  | Type III<br>2 C<br>RED<br><br>(279A) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|

## 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.



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

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**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  
Imperforate

|                      |                |              |             |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 C<br>BLUE<br>GREEN | 2 C<br>CARMINE | 4 C<br>BROWN | 6 C<br>BLUE |
| (314)                | (315)          | (316-4)      | (317)       |

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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

Imperforate



## Hudson-Fulton Issue



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



Perforated 12

Bluish Paper

|   |                         |  |  |  |   |
|---|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Types of 1908-10<br>1 C<br>GREEN<br>(307) | 2 C<br>CARMINE<br>(356) |  |  |  | Type of 1909<br>2 C<br>CARMINE<br>(309) |
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1910-11

|   |                         |                             |                       |                          |  |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Designs of 1908-09 Issue<br>1 C<br>GREEN<br>(374) | 2 C<br>CARMINE<br>(372) | 3 C<br>DEEP VIOLET<br>(376) | 4 C<br>BROWN<br>(377) | <br>5 C<br>BLUE<br>(375) |  |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|

Imperforate

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 C<br>GREEN<br>(383) | 2 C<br>CARMINE<br>(384) |
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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



5 C  
BLUE

(408)

10 C  
ORANGE

(409)

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



Same  
Imperforate  
1 C  
GREEN

(408)

2 C  
CARMINE

(409)

### COIL STAMPS

Perforated 8½ Horizontally

Same  
1 C  
GREEN

(410)

2 C  
CARMINE

(411)

Perforated 8½ Vertically

1 C  
GREEN

(412)

2 C  
CARMINE

(413)

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1922-26  
Perforated 11



## Imperforate



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.



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1923

## Harding Memorial Issue

Flat Plate Printing

Perforated 11



Imperforate



Rotary Press Printing

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

On 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 Norwegian immigrants.

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1926

Perforated 11

## Ericsson Memorial Issue

### Sesquicentennial Issue



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



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

### White Plains Issue



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

1926-34

Perforated 11x10 <sup>1750</sup> <sub>4-2022</sub>

### Imperforate



1927

### Vermont Sesquicentennial Issue



Noting the 150th anniversary of Col. Stark's "Green Mountain"...

1927

### Burgoyne Campaign Issue



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

1928

### Valley Forge Issue



Incredibly, the rebel army survived the savage cold and sickness

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1920



185



230

74-557

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 overprinted on stamps for those states, to little avail.

1930

Perforated 11x10 1/4



133

COIL STAMPS  
Perforated 10 Vertically



650

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1929

## Battle of Fallen Timbers Issue



Gen. "Mad Anthony" Wayne defeated Indians (1794) near site of Toledo, O.; treaty opened Northwest.

## Ohio River Canalization Issue



Army engineers completed job begun 1875, continuous 1,000-mile channel, Cairo, Ill. to Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Massachusetts Bay Colony Issue



Tercentenary of founding; group first went to Salem, then founded Boston. Famed for self-government charter.

## Carolina-Charleston Issue



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

## Braddock's Field Issue



1755, British Gen. Braddock fell, fighting French and Indians, near Ft. Duquesne, now Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Von Steuben Issue



Prussian Gen. who aided the Colonial cause, whipping our army into shape during Revolutionary War.

1930

## Pulaski Issue



Dashing Polish Count called "father of U. S. cavalry;" died leading charge against red-coats in Ga.

## Yorktown Issue



Cornwallis, trapped by Adm. De Grasse's French fleet and by armies of Washington and Rochambeau, gave up at Yorktown, Va., ending the Revolution.

## Red Cross Issue



50th anniversary of establishment of American Red Cross (1st chapter set up at Dansville, N. Y., 1881).

1931

Perforated 11x10 1/2



Perforated 10 1/2 x 11

