

Issue of 1881-82

Perforated 12

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Thomas Jefferson

DESIGNS of the 1881-1882 series at first glance appear to be a replica of the previous issue. Closer inspection will reveal a denser appearance in design which was due to the re-engraving of the plates. The characteristics of the recutting are shown:



- 1¢ - Lines of shading have been added to the upper arabesques, and vertical lines in the upper portion of the stamp have been deepened.
- 3¢ - About 1mm. below the "ts" of cents a short horizontal dash has been etched. The width of the shading at the side of the central oval has been reduced.

- 6¢ - Three lines can be counted from the edge of the panel to the outside of the stamp. Before re-engraving four lines were present.
- 10¢ - Four lines can be counted between the left side of the oval and the edge of the shield. Before re-engraving five lines could be counted.

Issue of 1882-1888

Perforated 12

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.



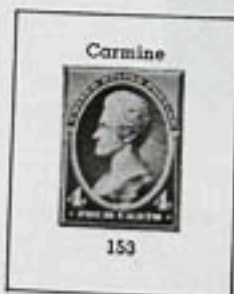
Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



Andrew Jackson



Andrew Jackson



James A. Garfield



James A. Garfield

COLOR and design changes feature these issues. The widow of President Garfield did not approve of the stamp issued in his memory and therefore the color was changed from brown to indigo.



Issue of 1890-93

Perforated 12

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



George Washington



Andrew Jackson



Abraham Lincoln



Ulysses S. Grant



James A. Garfield



William T. Sherman



Daniel Webster



Henry Clay



Thomas Jefferson



Commodore Perry

THIS series of postage stamps was produced in the reduced size that is still used for regular issues and occasionally used for commemoratives. It features the portraits of several presidents, statesmen, and military heroes. The 2¢ value was originally issued in the lake shade but was changed to carmine on March 12, 1890.



Issue of 1895-98
Perforated 12
Double-line Watermark



Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington



George Washington



George Washington



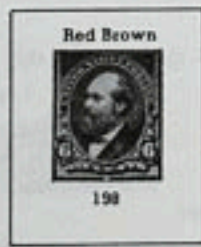
Andrew Jackson



Abraham Lincoln



Ulysses S. Grant



James A. Garfield



William T. Sherman



Issue of 1917-19

Flat Plate Printing

Perforated 11

Unwatermarked



The Bureau of Engraving and Printing was still trying to find a more suitable size of perforation, Perforation 12 was found to be too fragile and perforation, 10 was too strong, causing damage to stamps during separation. To remedy these defects perforation 11 was used for this series.

Issue of 1922-26

Flat Plate Printing

Perforated 11



Nathan Hale



Benjamin Franklin



Warren G. Harding



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Martha Washington



Theodore Roosevelt



James A. Garfield



William McKinley



Ulysses S. Grant



Thomas Jefferson



James Monroe



Rutherford B. Hayes



Grover Cleveland



Benjamin Harrison



American Indian

UNITED STATES
Issue of 1922-26
Flat Plate Printing
Perforated 11



Woodrow Wilson



Statue of Liberty



Golden Gate



Niagara Falls



Bison



Arlington Amphitheatre



Lincoln Memorial



U. S. Capitol



America

Imperforate



Benjamin Franklin



Warren G. Harding



George Washington

With this issue an entirely new series was made available to the American public. It featured presidents, famous Americans, and pictures of the American scene.

Issue of 1923-26
Rotary Press Printing

Perforated 11 x 10



Perforated 11

Perforated 10



The same designs used in the previous issue were used for this printing. In order to overcome the tendency of Rotary Press stamps to curl, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing used gum breaker bars. These bars which are colorless, raised, impressions may be seen on the gummed side of mint rotary press stamps.



Issue of 1926-34

Rotary Press Printing

Perforated 11 x 10½

Perforated 10½ x 11



Perforated 10½ x 11



Perforated 10½ x 11



After much experimentation the Bureau of Engraving and Printing decided that the 11 by 10½ perforation was the most suitable for the rotary press printed stamps and is still in use.

Issue of 1926

Rotary Press Printing

Imperforate



Issue of 1930-32

Rotary Press Printing

Perforated 11 x 10½



Warren G. Harding



George Washington



William Howard Taft

Following the death of President William Howard Taft the Post Office Department issued a new 4-cent stamp bearing his likeness.

Issue of 1929
 ROTARY PRESS PRINTING
 PERFORATED 11 x 10½

OVERPRINTED KANS.



OVERPRINTED KANS.



OVERPRINTED NEBR.



OVERPRINTED NEBR.



To prevent losses from Post Office burglaries in the mid-west, the rotary press issue of 1926 was overprinted Kans. (for use in Kansas) and Nebr. (for use in Nebraska). The overprint was intended to prevent the sale of stolen stamps in other states and to make attempts of disposal difficult. The experiment was discontinued after a short trial period and for that reason the issue is a prized collectors item.

Issue of 1938-43

(continued)



Grover Cleveland



Benjamin Harrison



William McKinley



Theodore Roosevelt



William Howard Taft

Flat Plate Printing, Perforated 11



Woodrow Wilson



Warren G. Harding



Calvin Coolidge

Coil Stamps, Perforated 10 Vertically



PERFORATED 10 HORIZONTALLY



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Columbian Exposition

Chicago, Illinois, 1893



Columbus in Sight of Land



Landing of Columbus



Flagship of Columbus



Fleet of Columbus



Soliciting Aid from Isabella



Welcomed at Barcelona



Columbus Restored to Favor



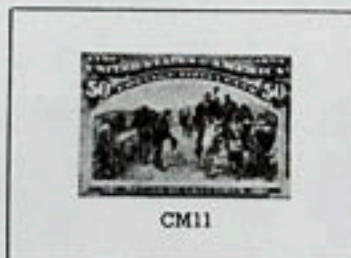
Columbus Presenting Natives



Announcing His Discovery



Columbus at La Rabida



Recall of Columbus

Placed on sale at Post Offices throughout the nation on Monday, January 2, 1893, the Columbian series of postage stamps commemorated the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492. The eight cent stamp was not originally planned with the series and was not issued until March 3, 1893.

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



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.



AIRMAIL STAMPS

Issue of 1930



A13



A14



A15

Graf Zeppelin in flight

Issue of 1931-34

PERFORATED 10½ x 11



Winged Globe

Issue of 1934



Great Seal of the United States

Issue of 1933



Graf Zeppelin

Issue of 1936



Great Seal of the United States

Issue of 1935-37



"China Clipper" Flying over the Pacific

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.