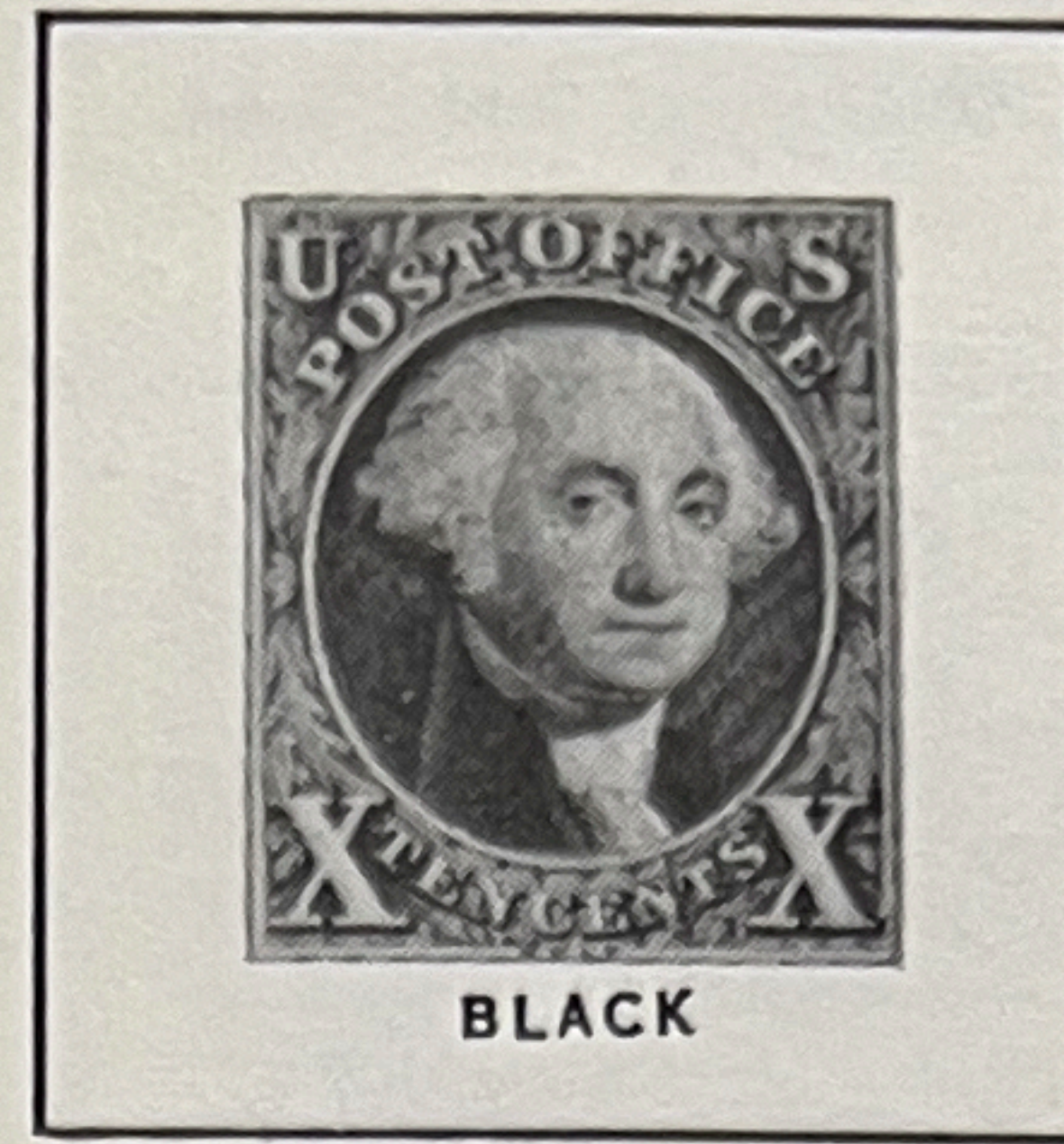


Act of Congress, March 3, 1847: "... and be it further enacted that, to facilitate the transportation of letters by mail, the Postmaster General be authorized to prepare postage stamps which when attached to any letter or packet, shall be evidence of prepayment of the postage chargeable on such letter."

1847  
Imperforate



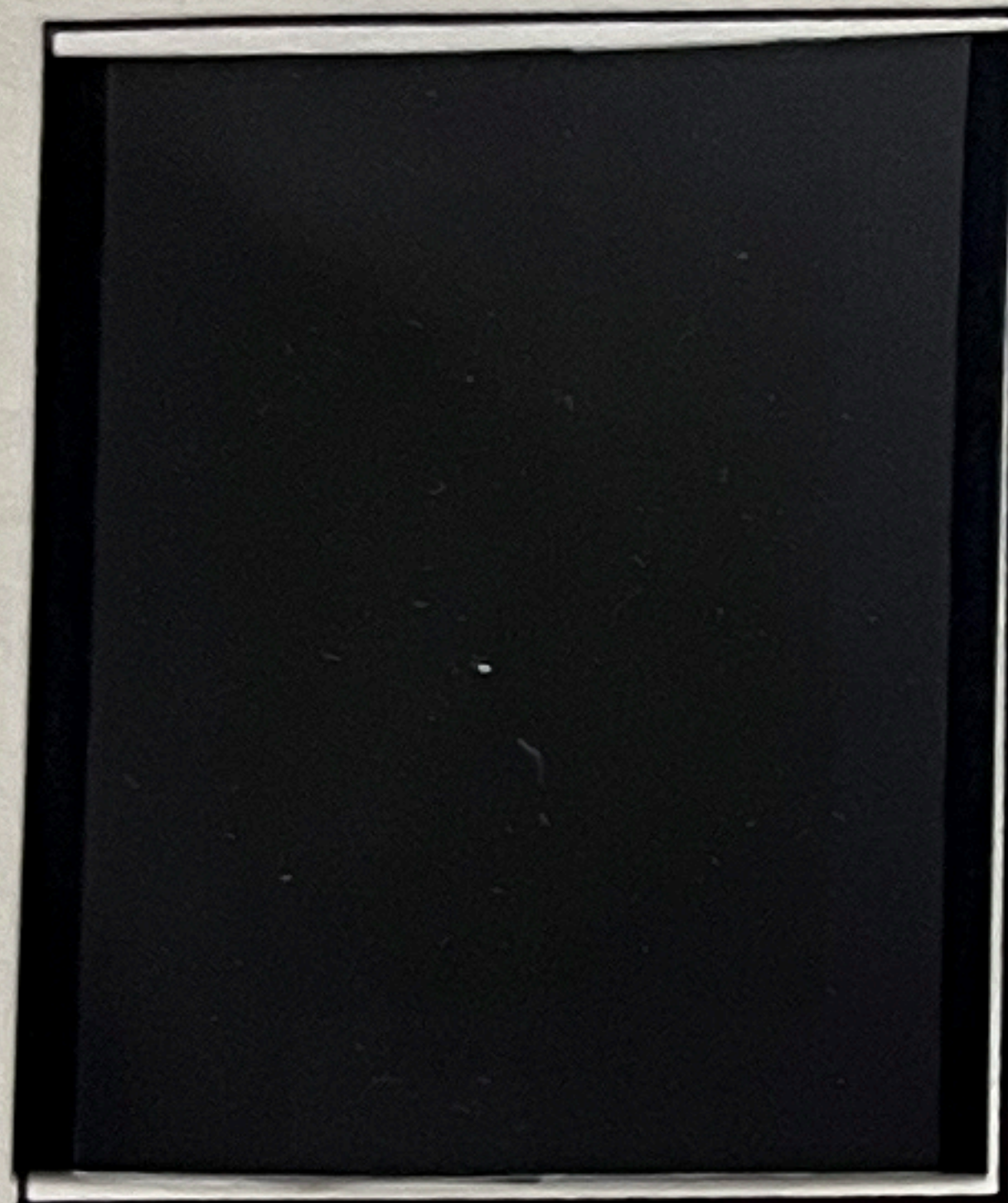
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When the first U.S. stamps were designed for issue July 1, 1847, it was decided to portray our first Postmaster General and Father of the American Postal Service — Benjamin Franklin; and our first President George Washington. Since then these patriots and statesmen have appeared on many other U.S. stamps.

1851-56



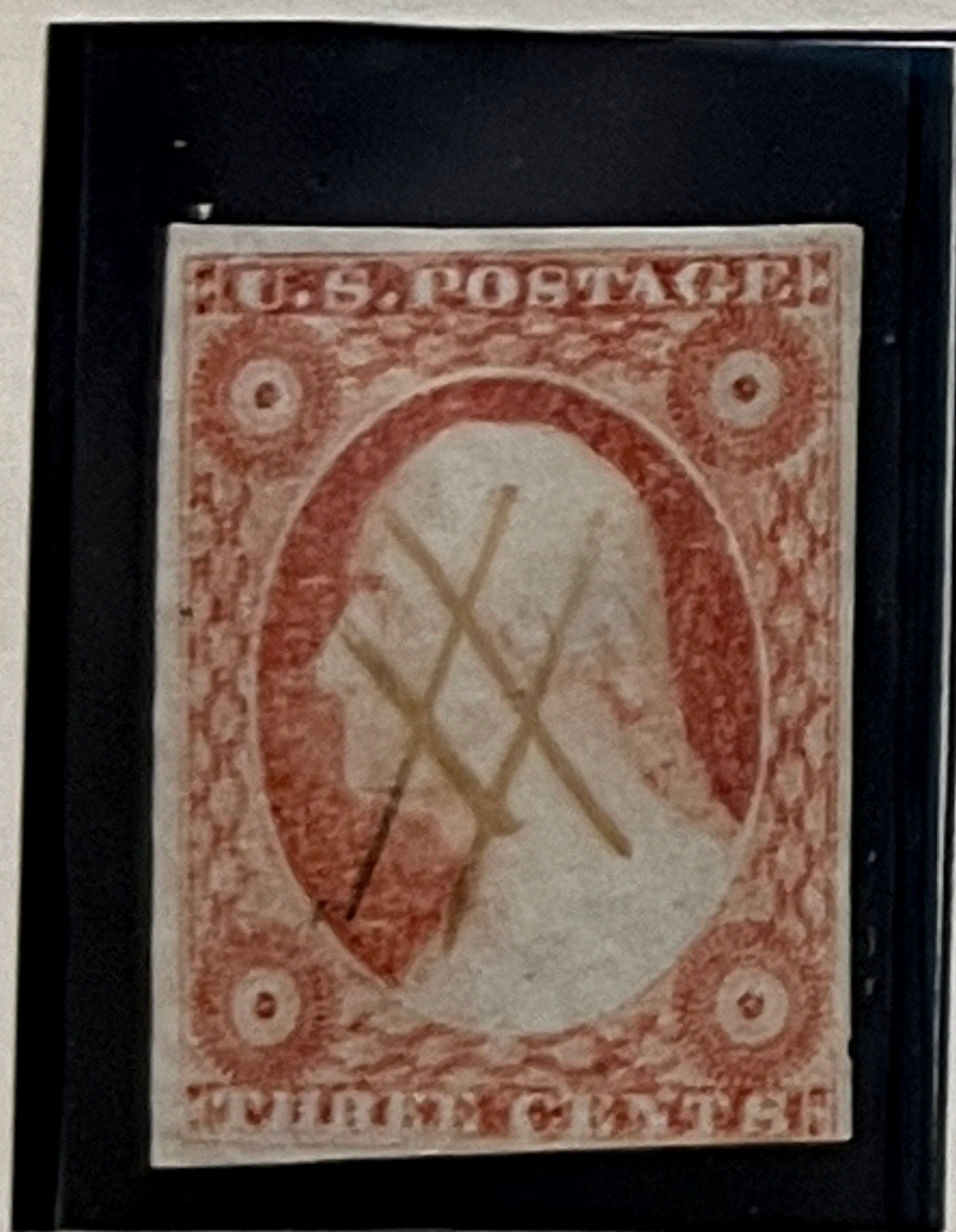
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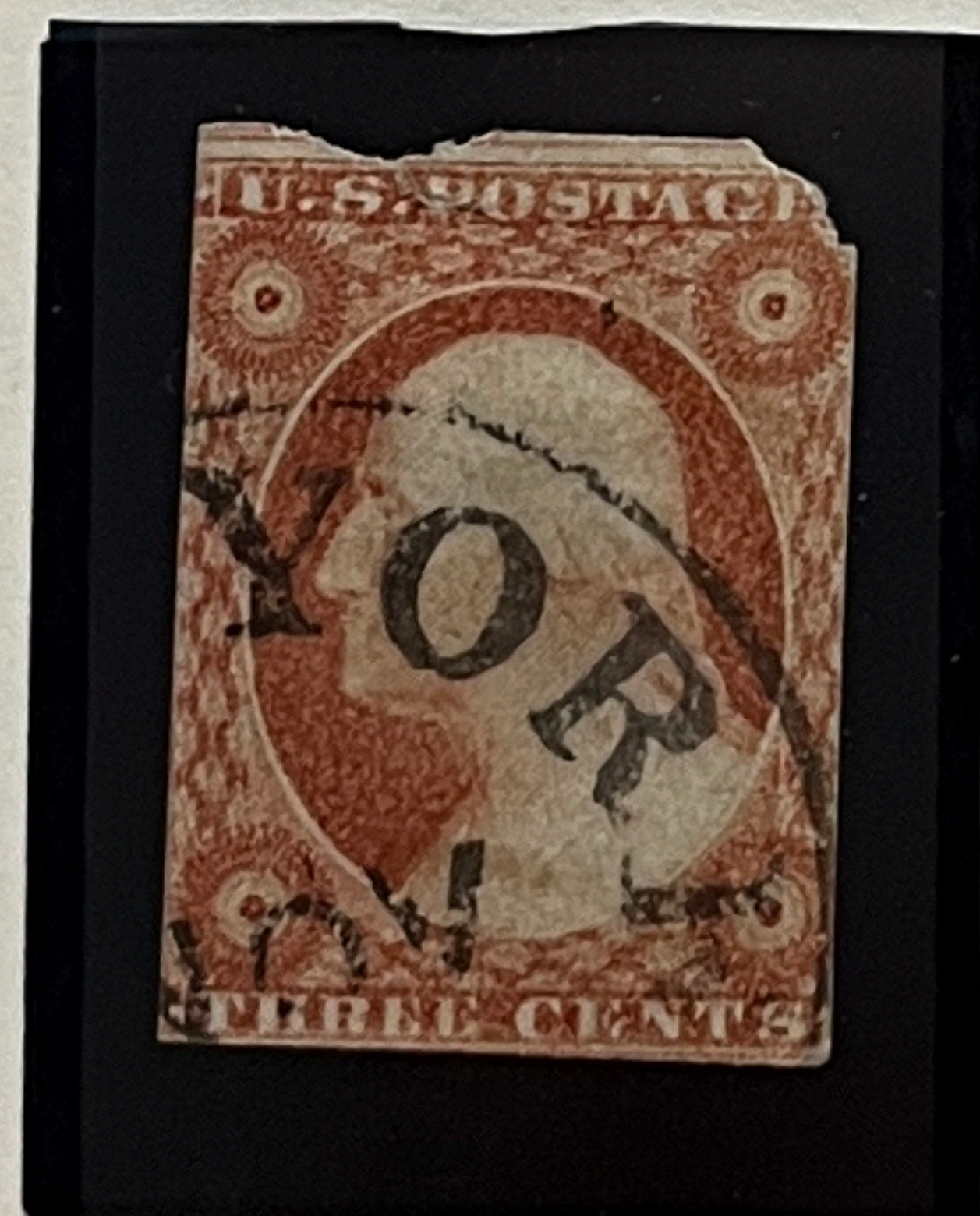
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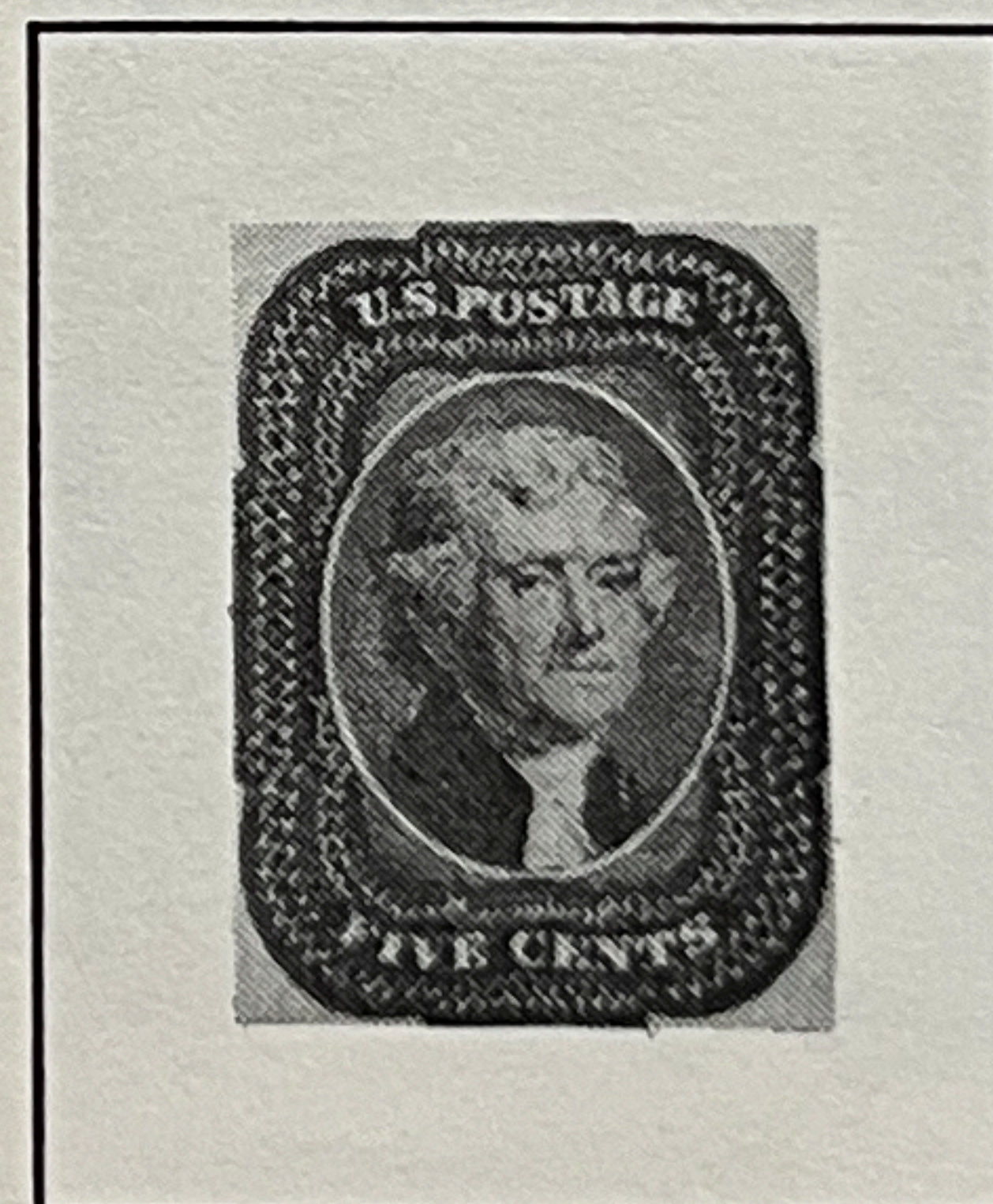
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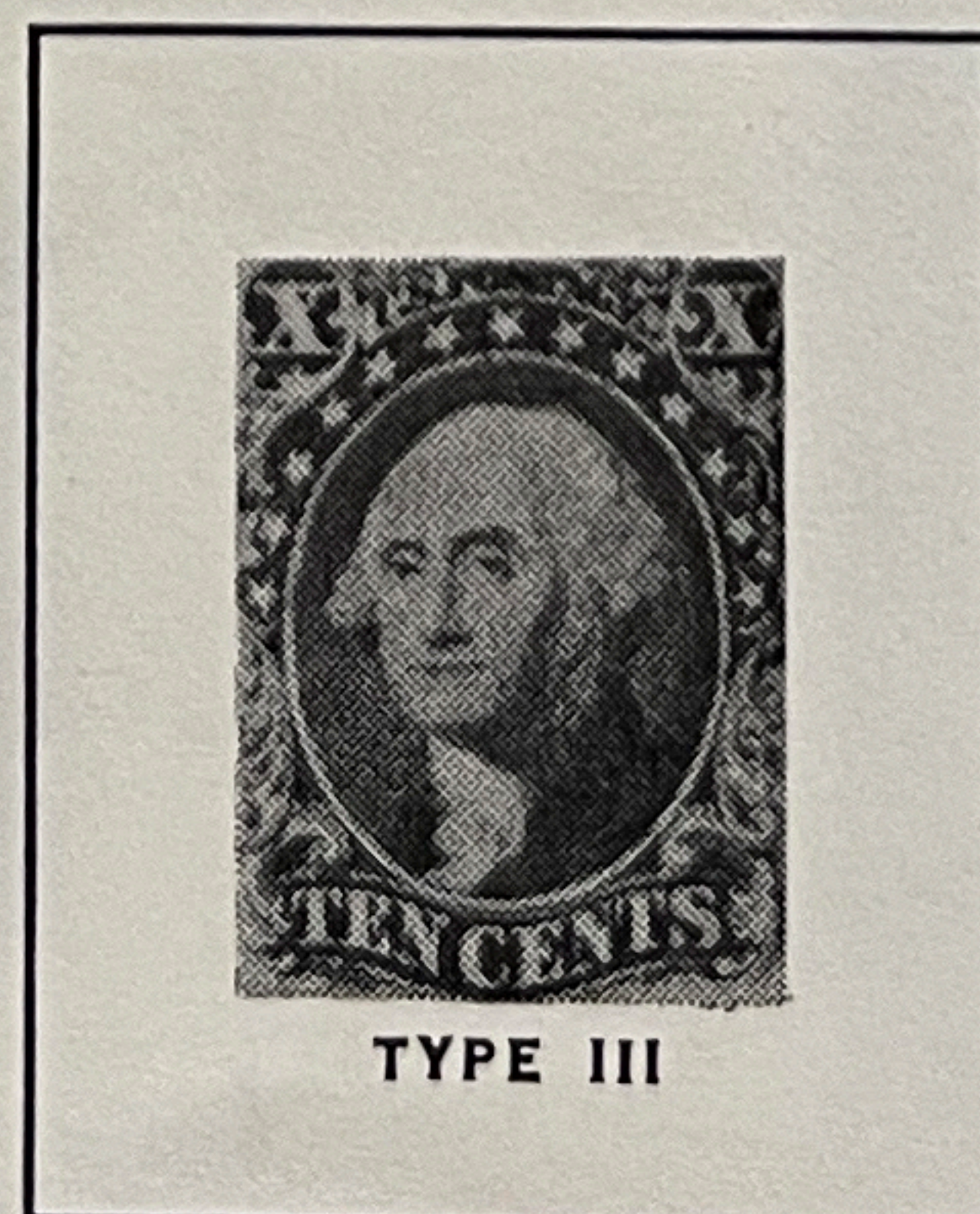
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TYPE I



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TYPE 2



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TYPE III



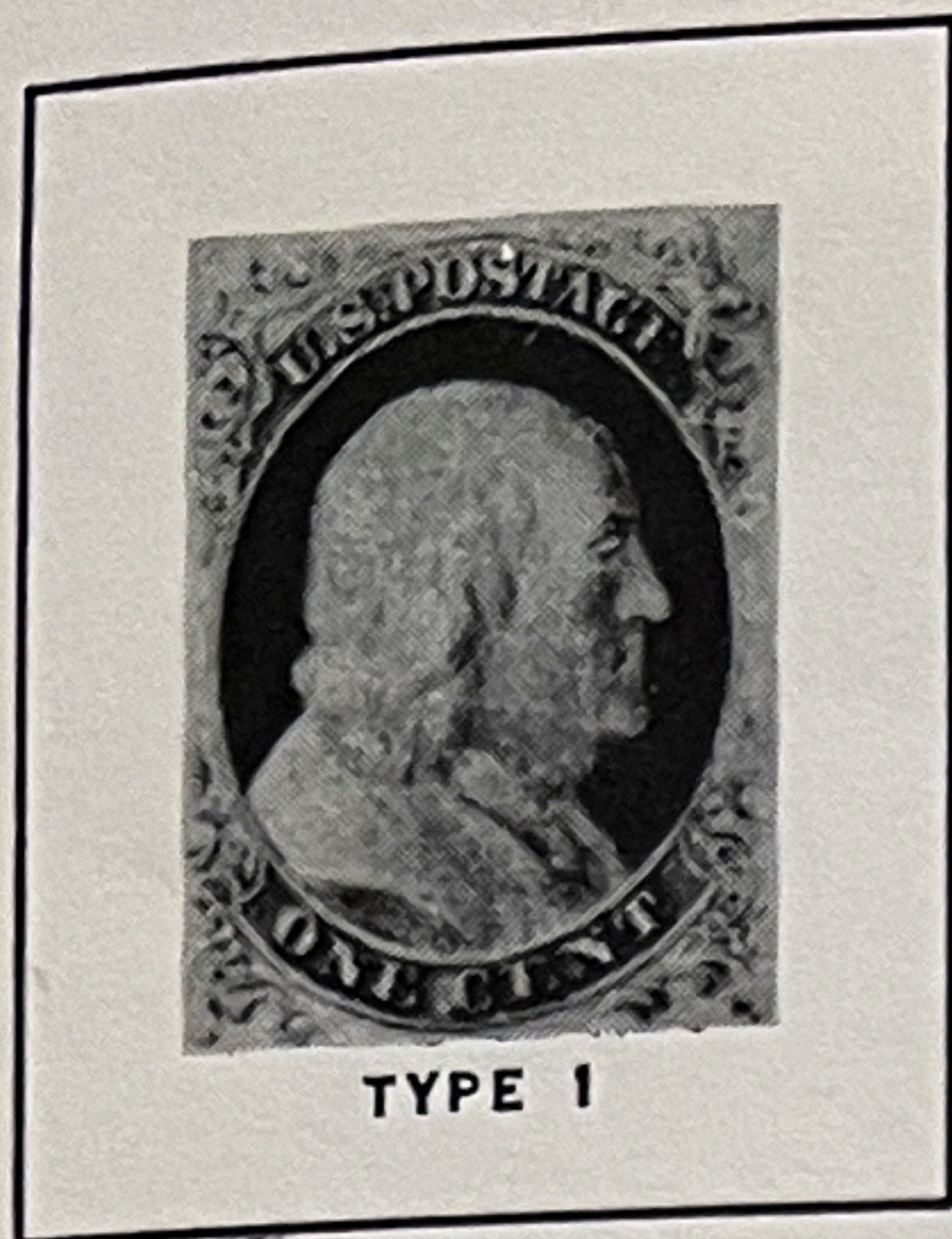
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These varieties were necessitated because of lower postal rates and increased use of the postal service. Each denomination had its own exact purpose from the 1c for local or drop mail, to the 12c to aid in paying rates on overseas mail. These stamps are complicated and intricate: seemingly identical designs can be distinguished only by minute differences. Consult the STAMP IDENTIFIER section (back of album) to properly classify these and other stamp types.

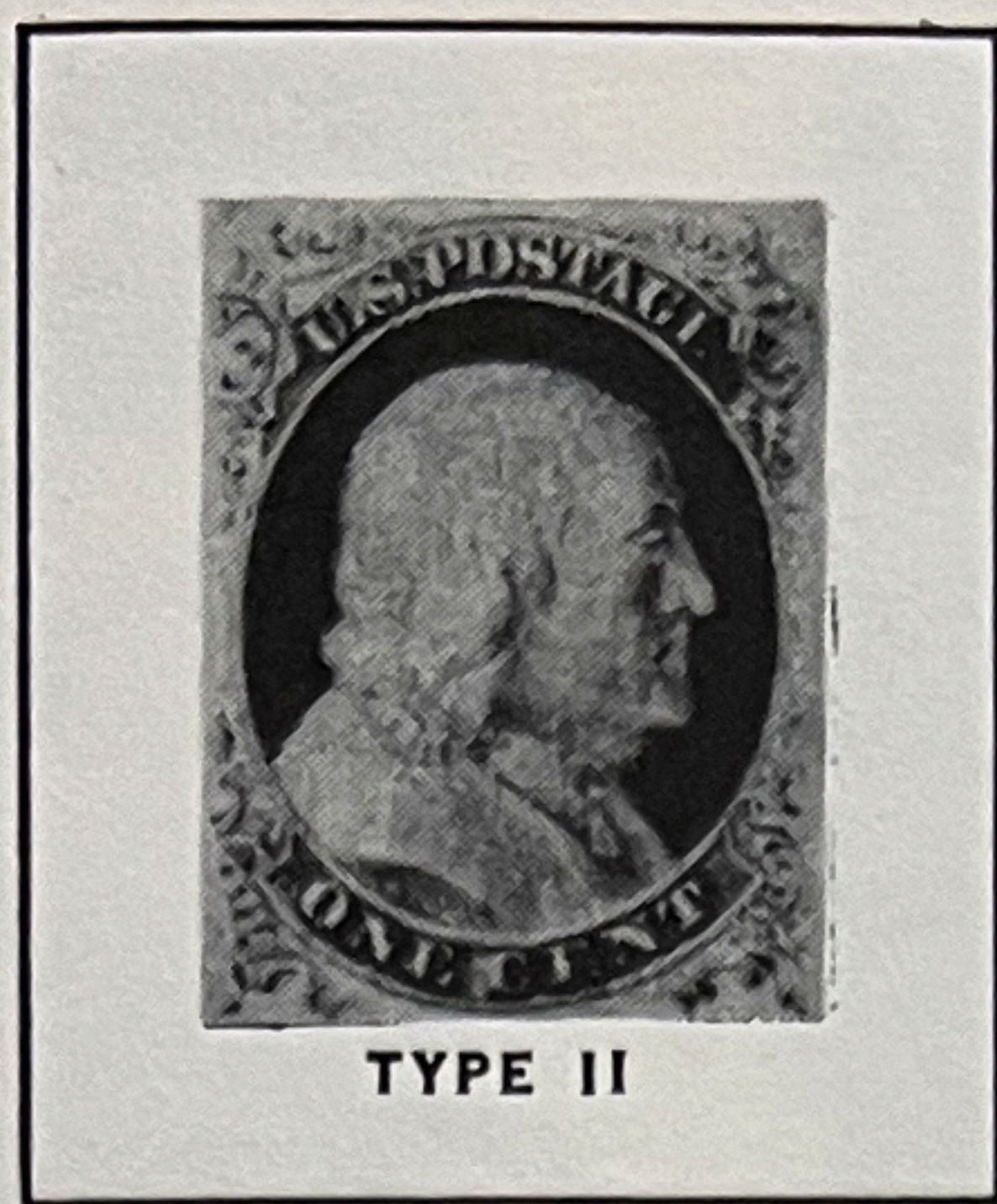


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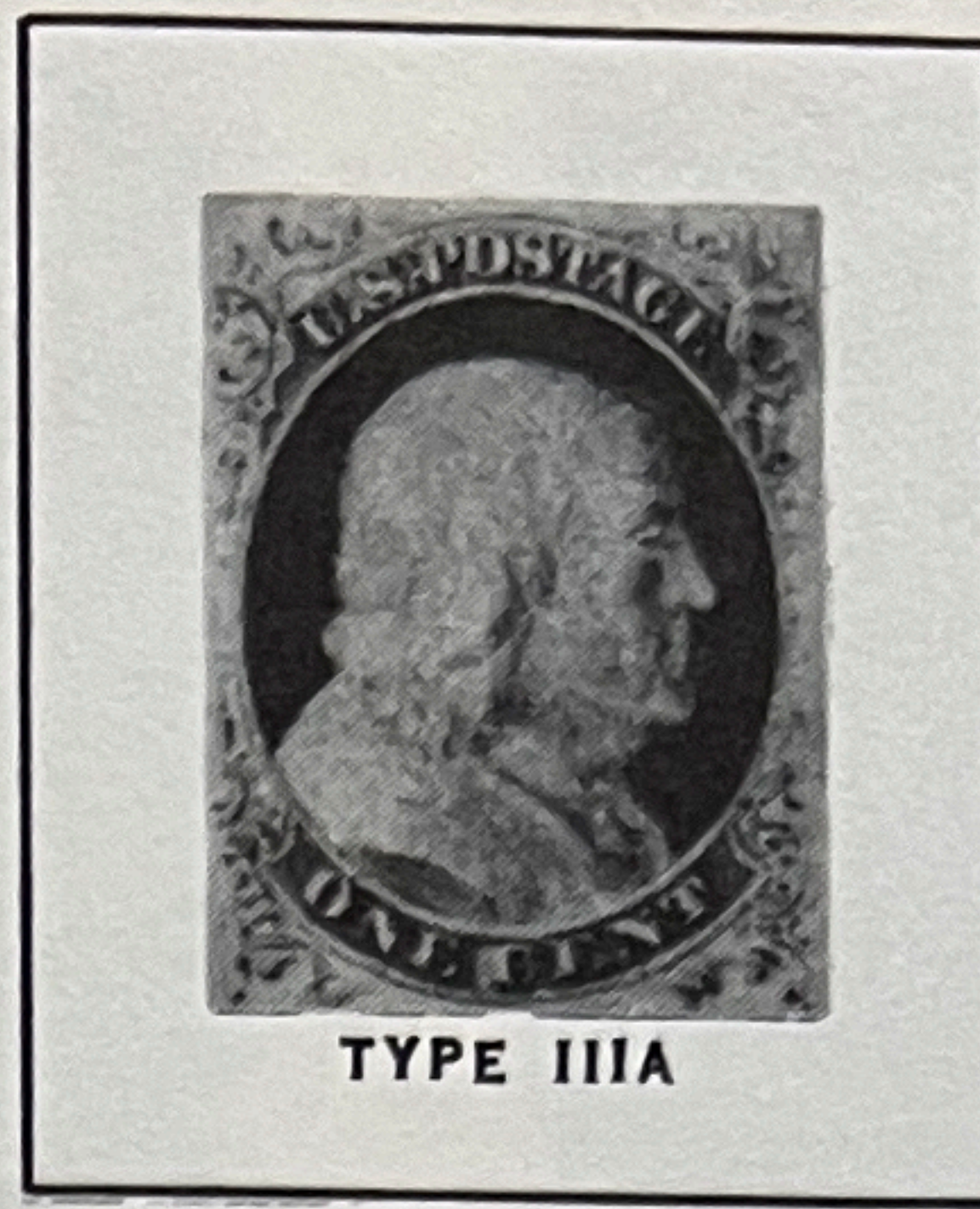
1857-60  
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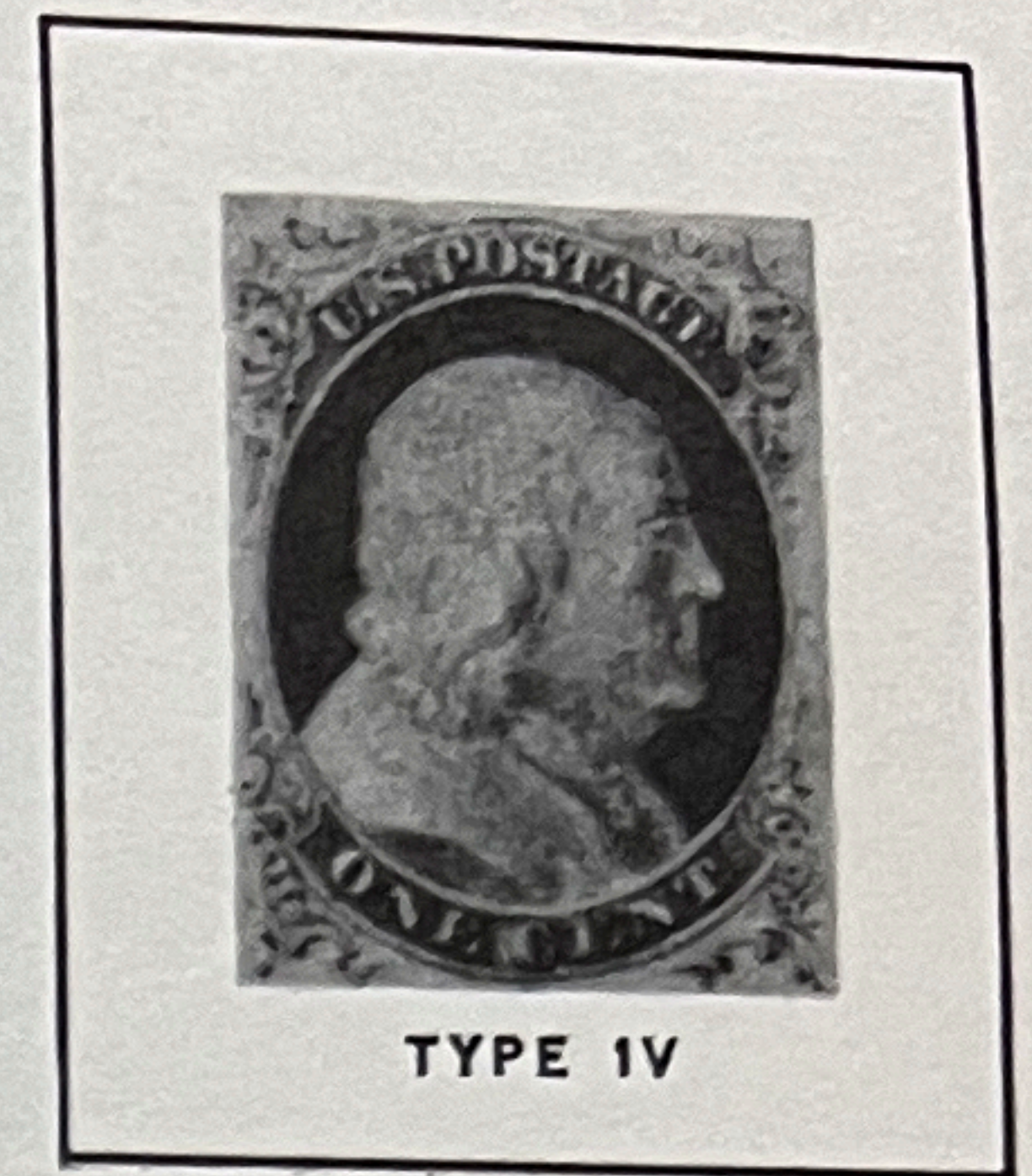
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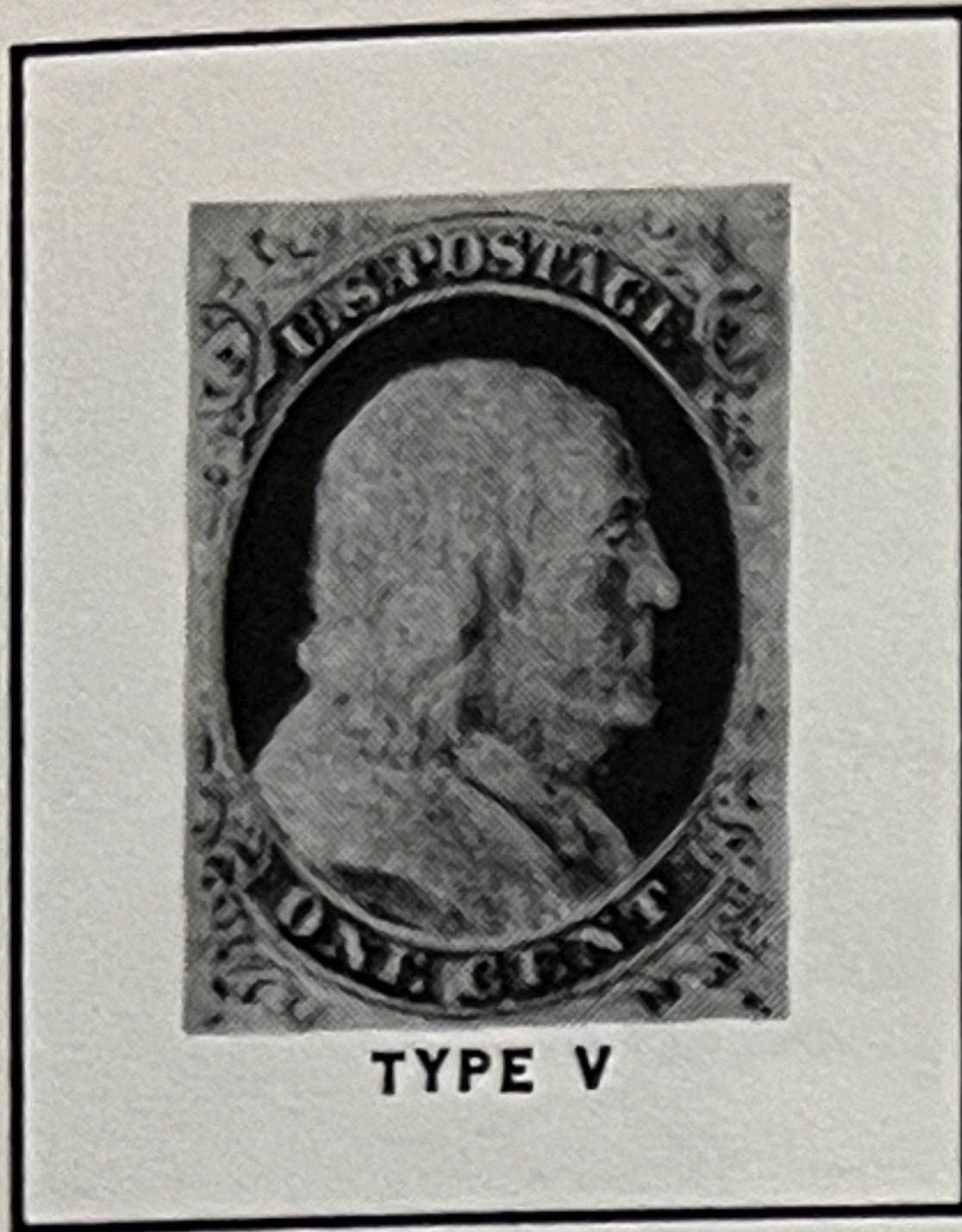
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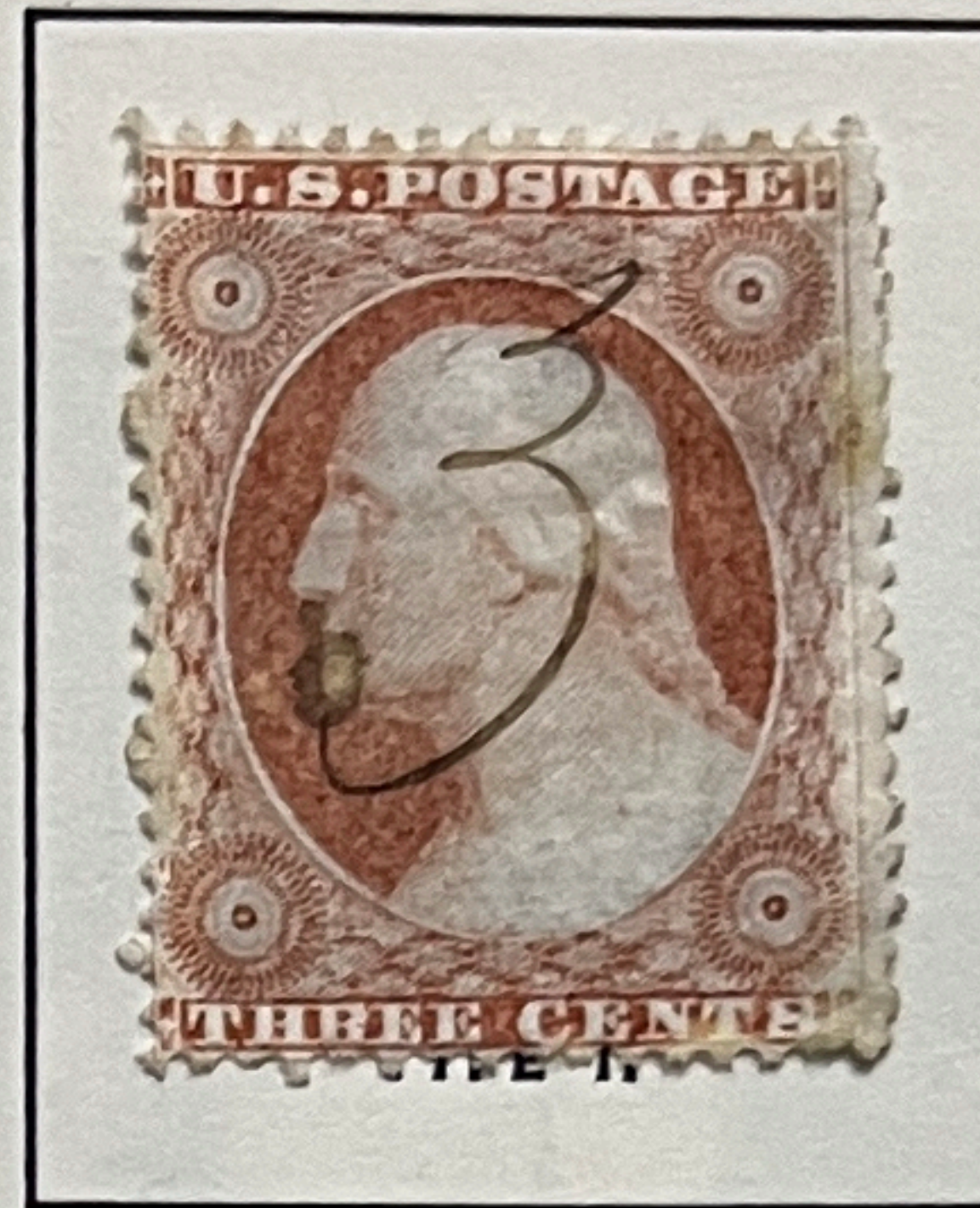
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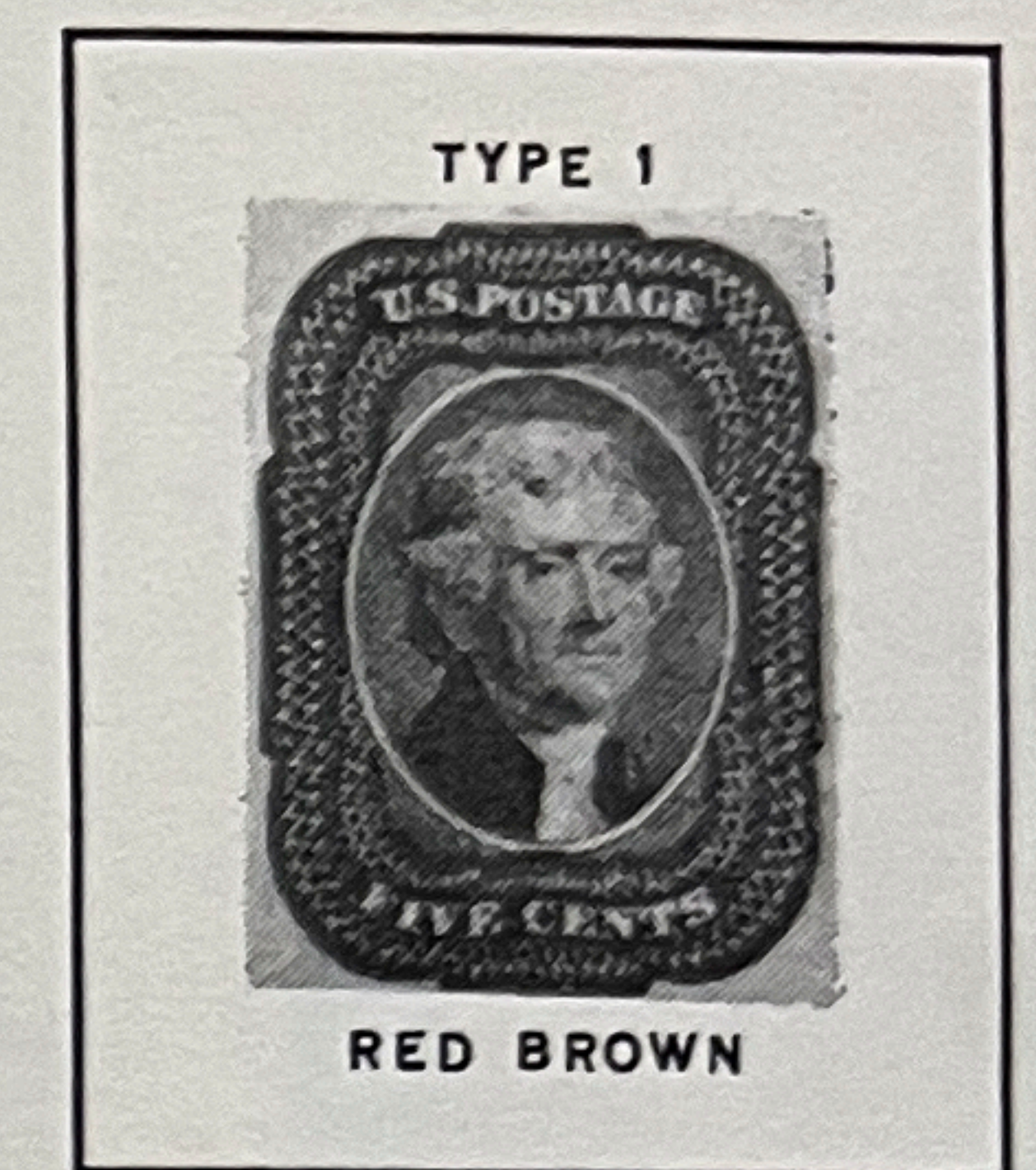
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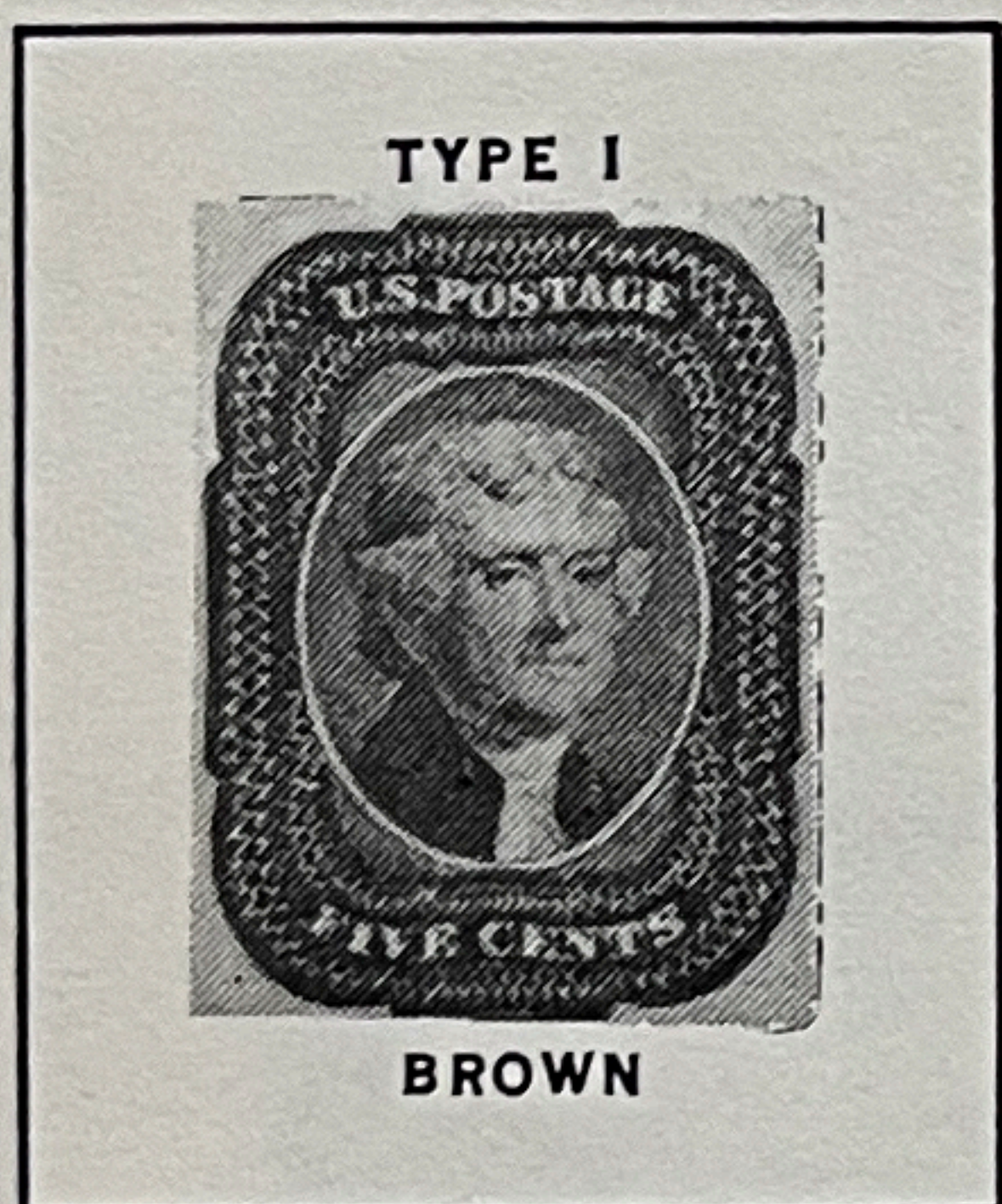
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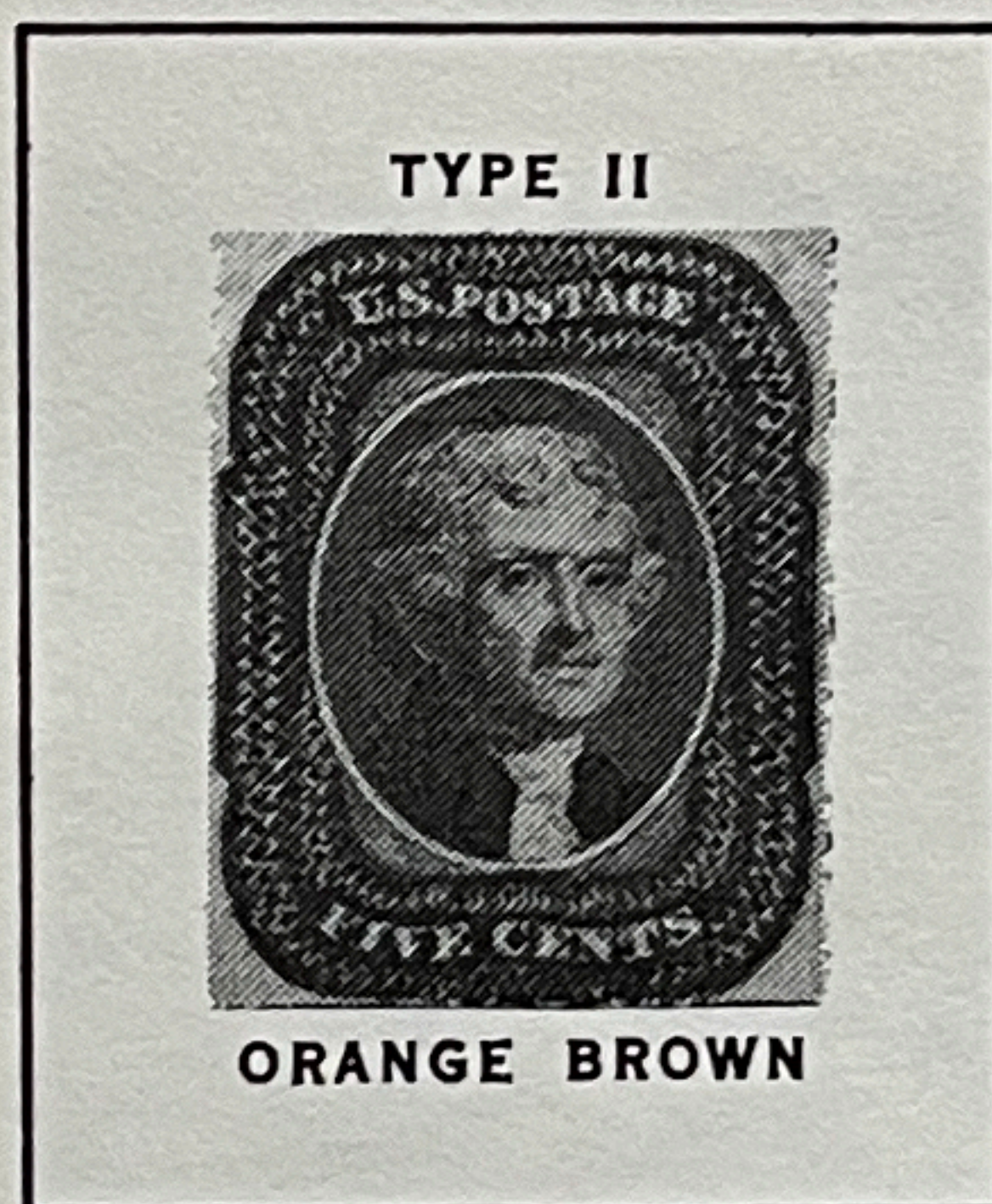
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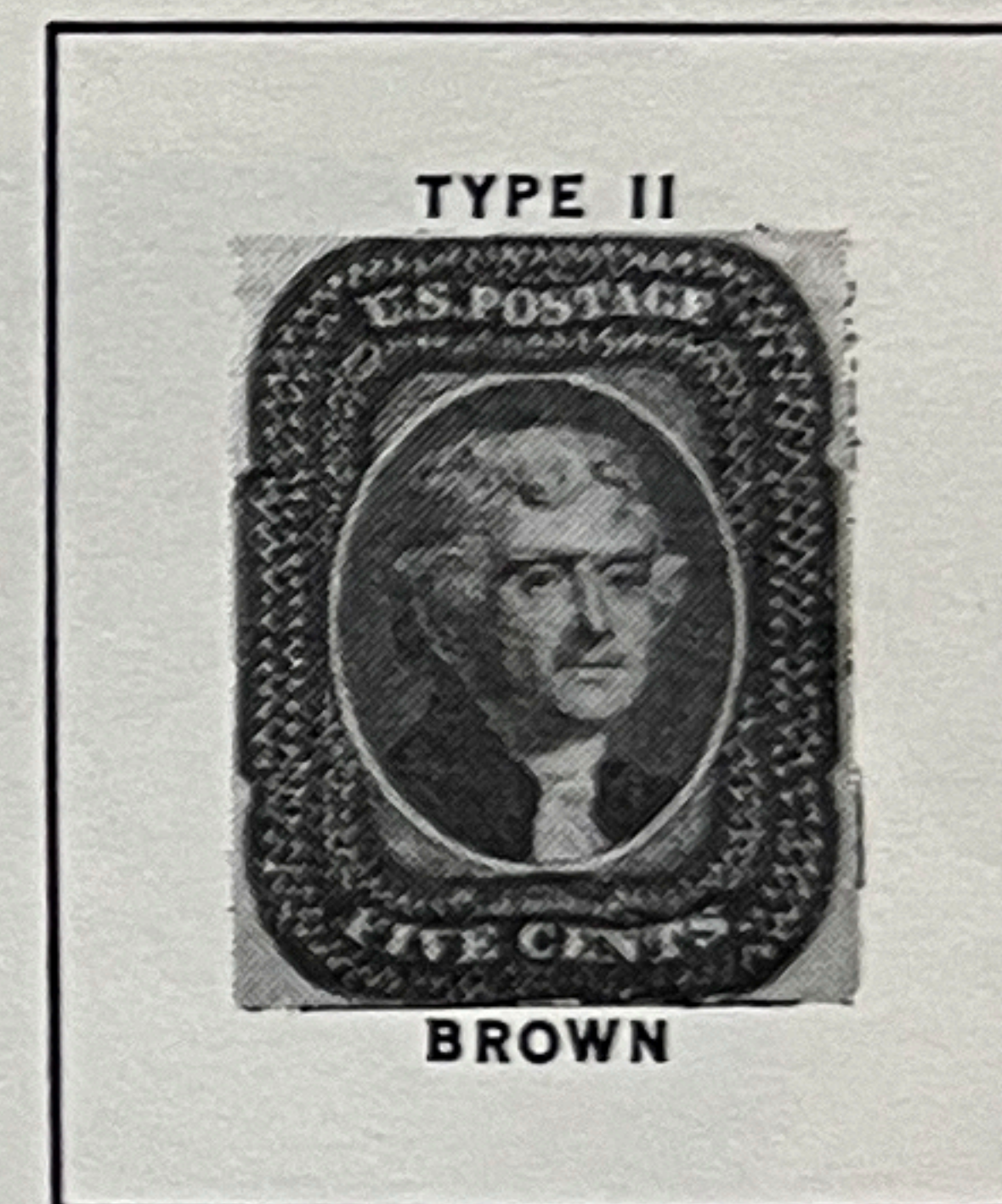
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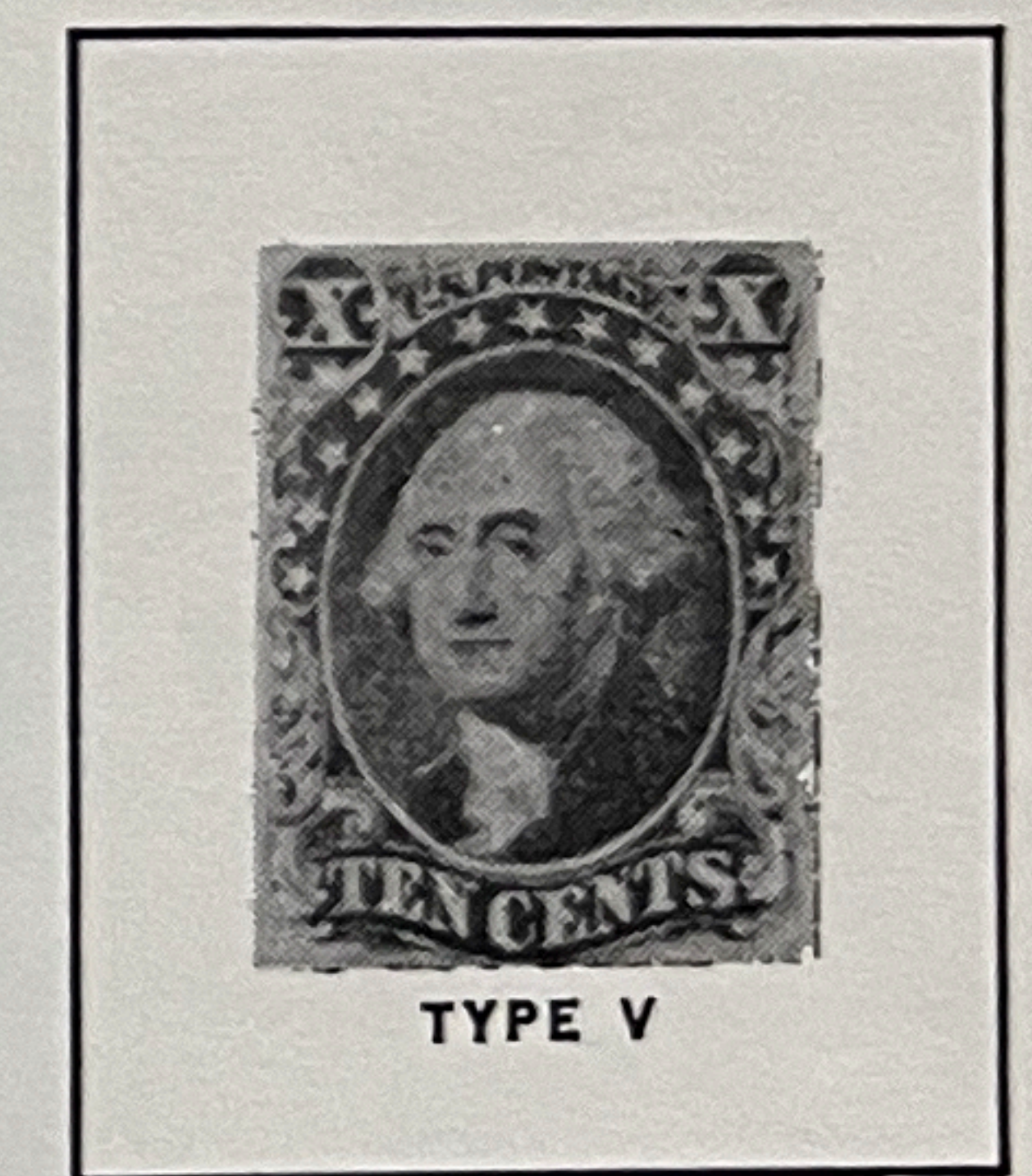
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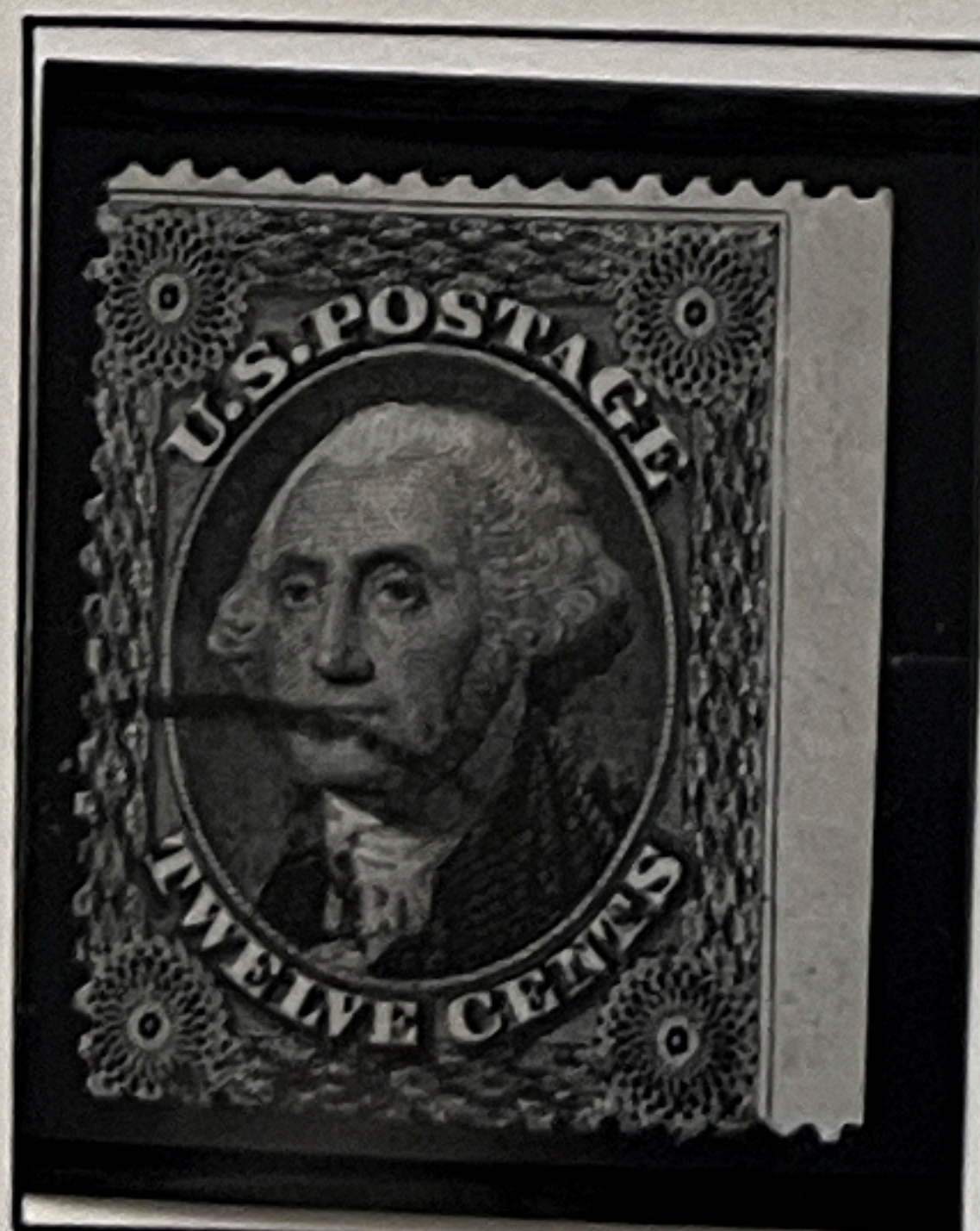
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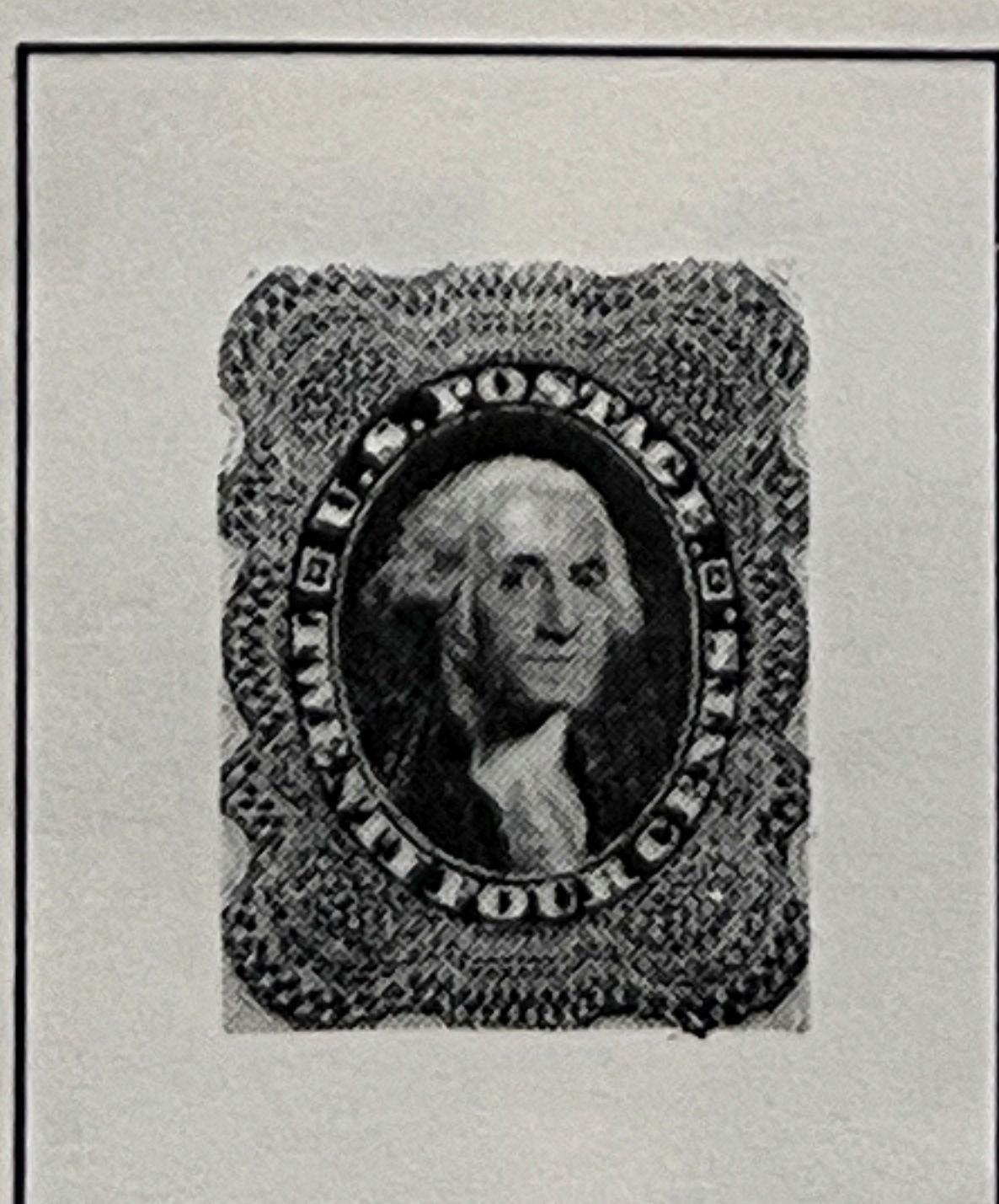
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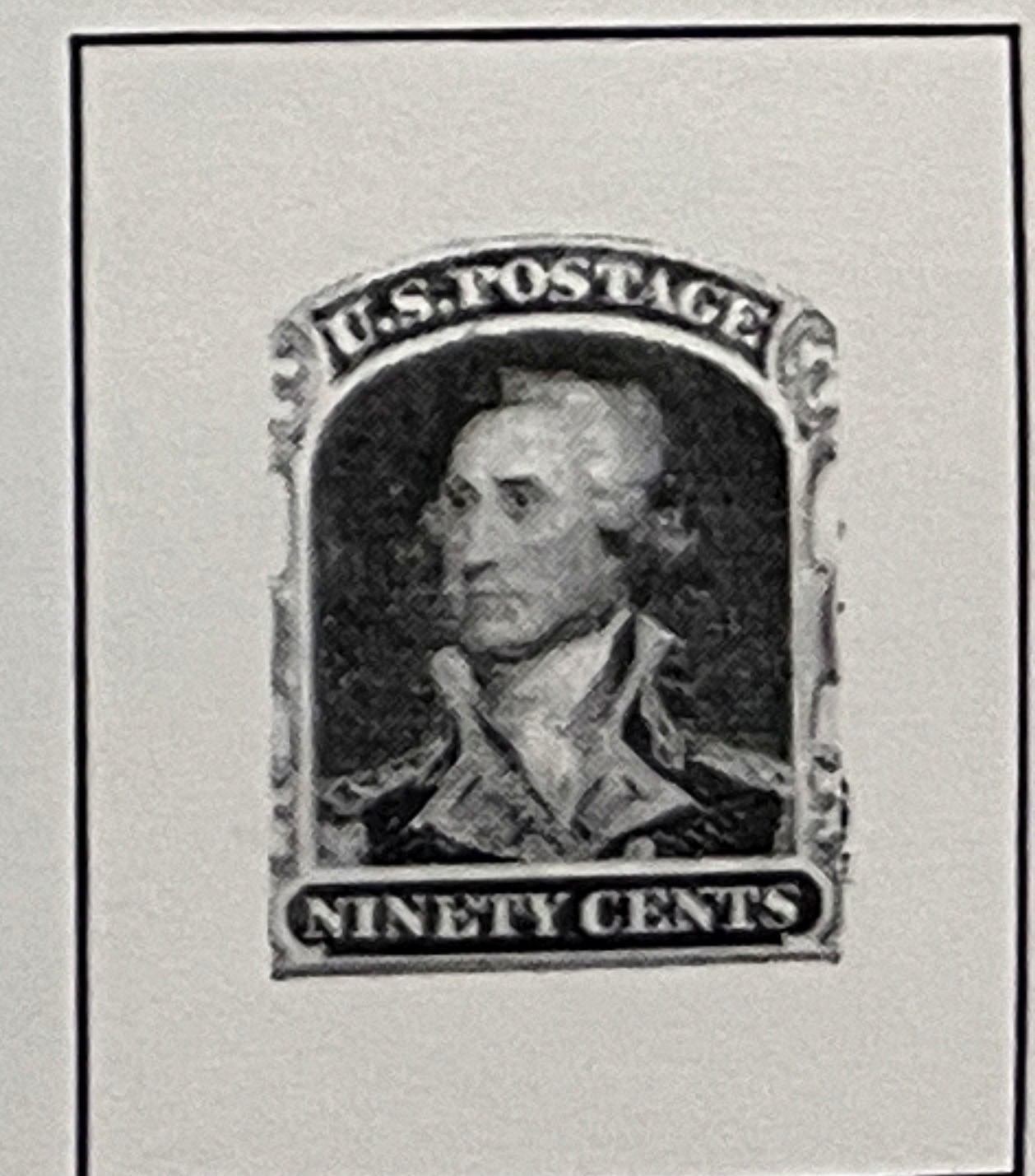
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01-30A

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02-81

These were the first perforated stamps! They were enthusiastically welcomed, because previous stamps were usually cut apart with scissors. This issue includes the identical 1851-56 denominations, plus the much-needed 24c, 30c and 90c values for foreign mail and large postage amounts.



1861  
First Designs  
GRILL



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1875

1861-62  
Second Designs



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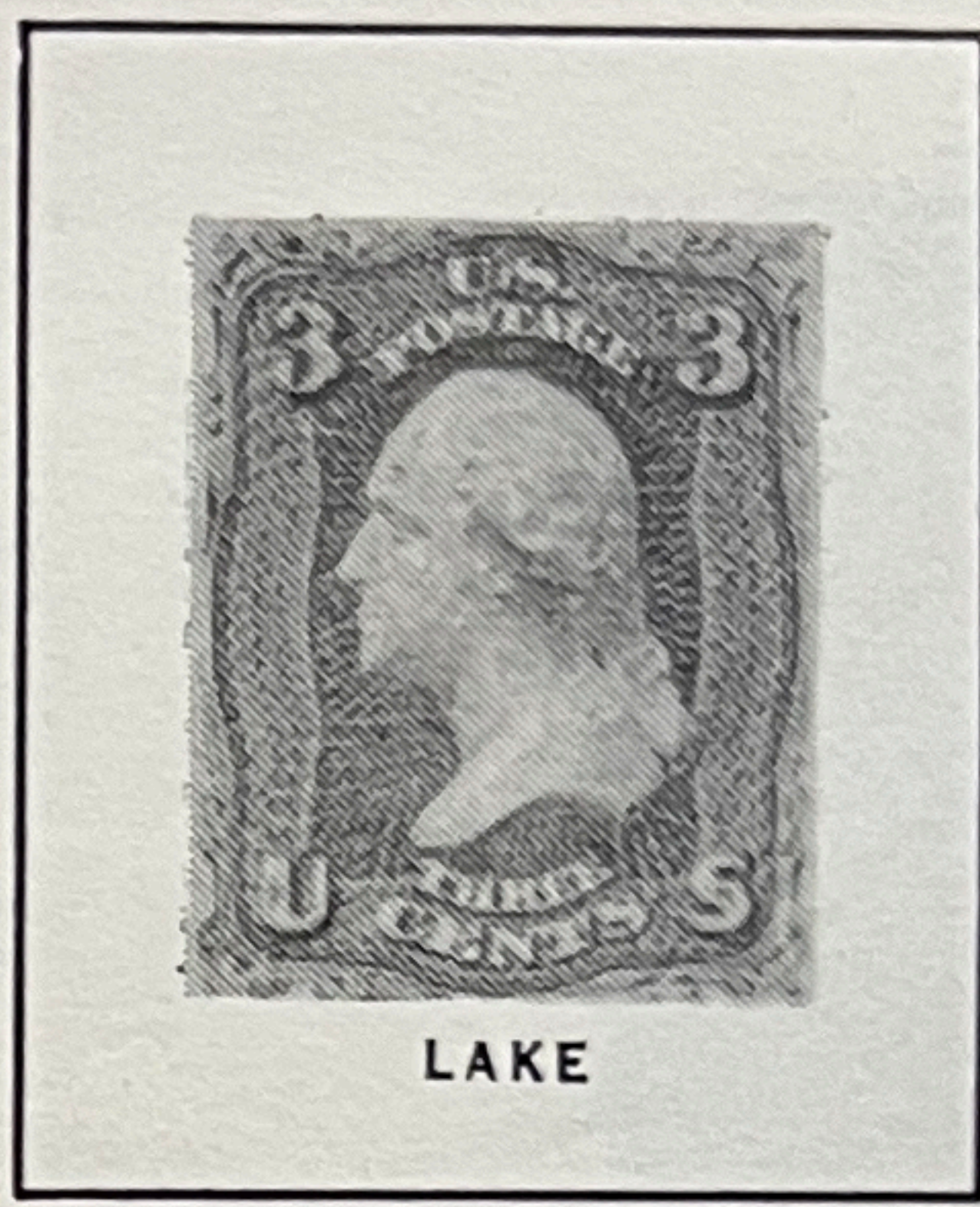
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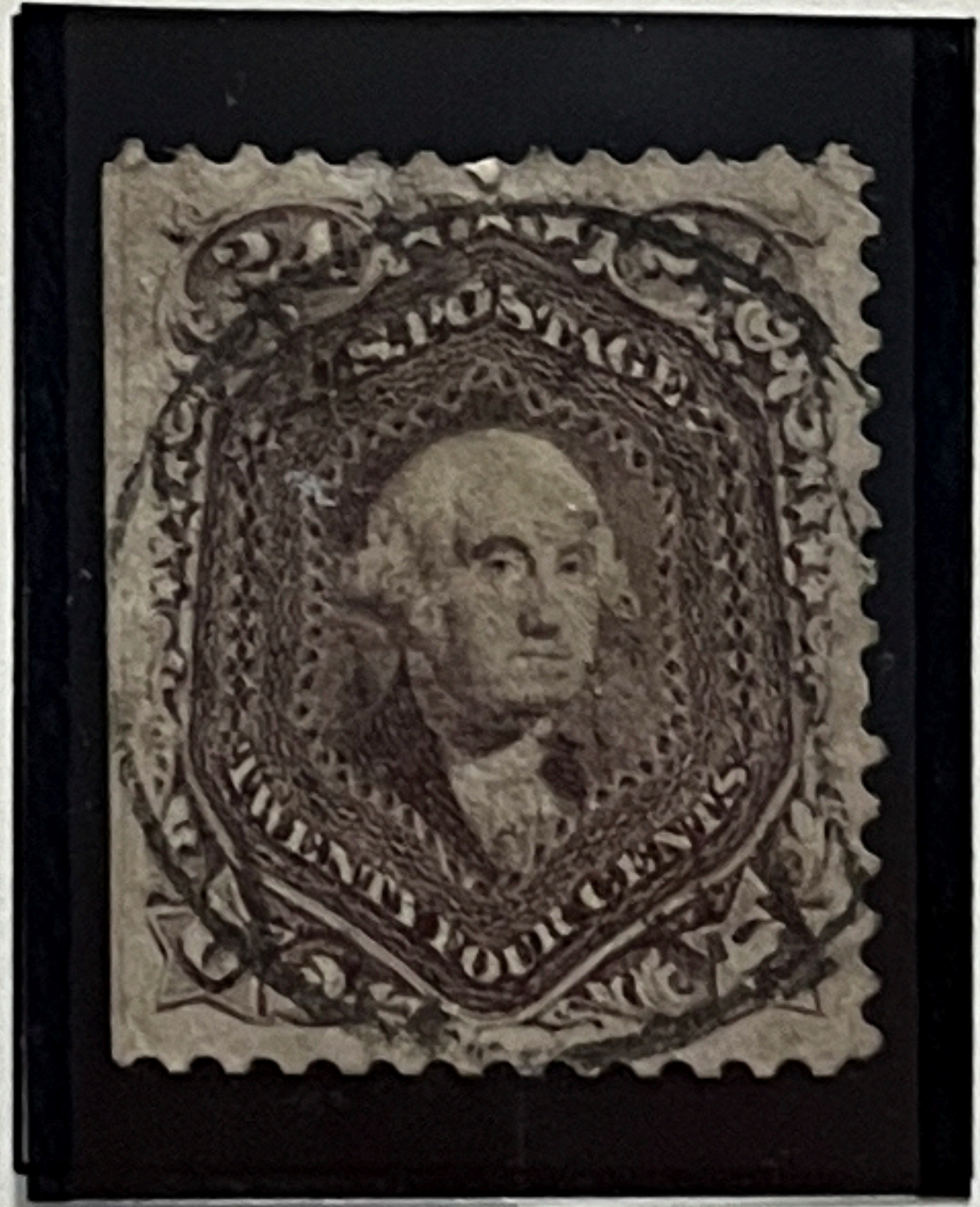
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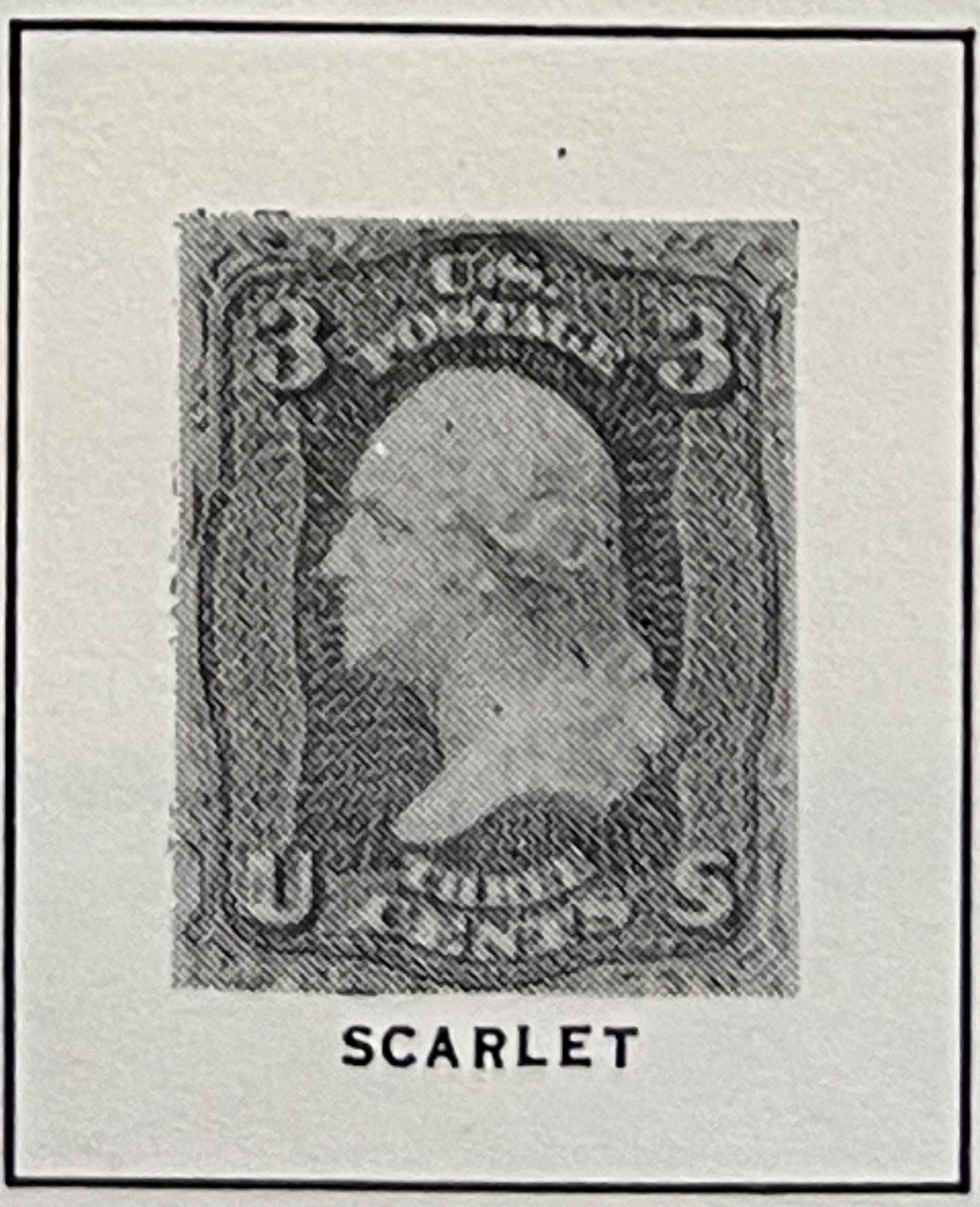
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1861-66



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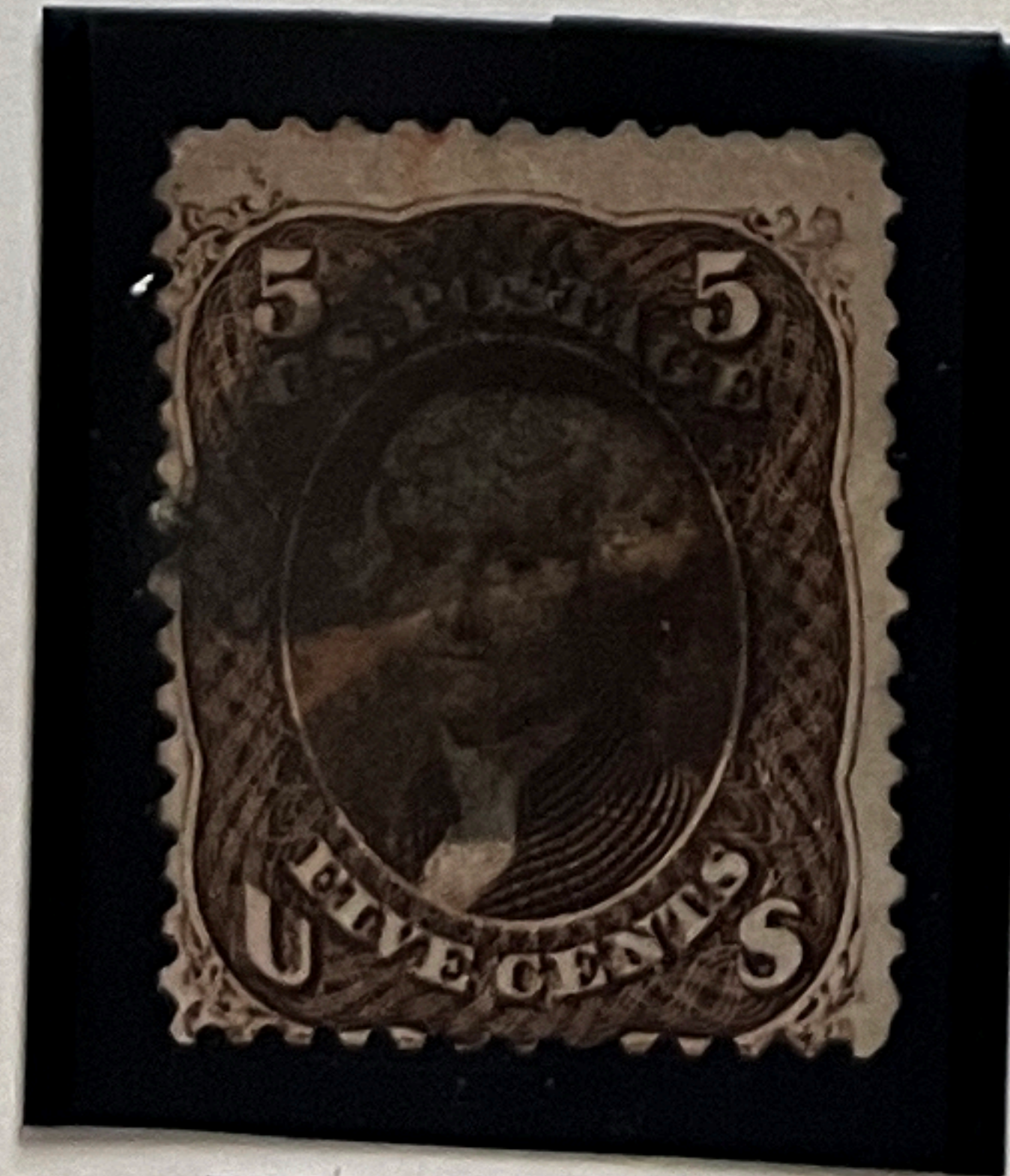


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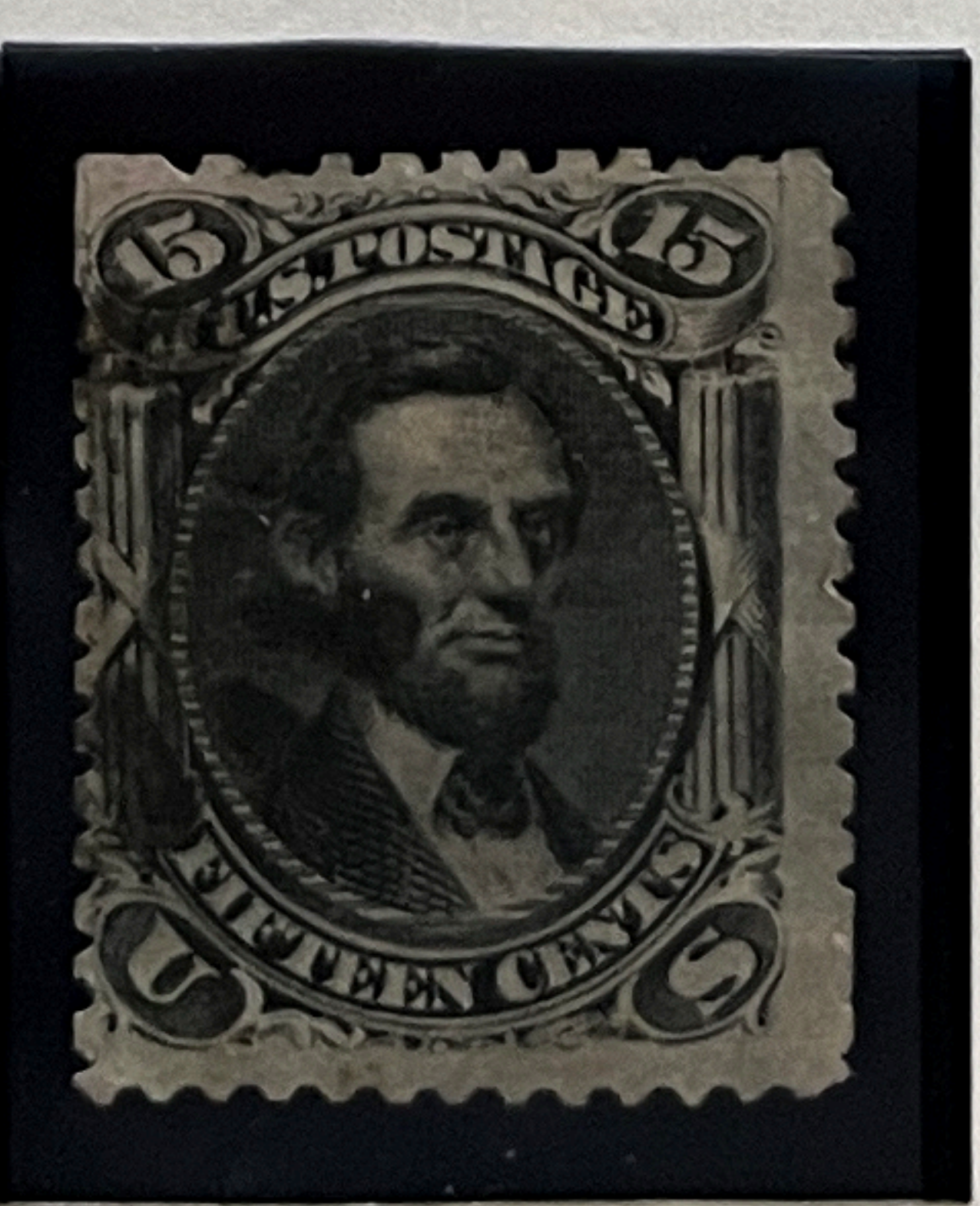


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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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With the outbreak of the Civil War all previous U.S. postage issues were declared valueless, to prevent their use by Confederates. During the war the 1861-66 stamps were also used by Northerners as "small change," due to the lack of metal coins. These vari...





BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



PONY EXPRESS RIDER



EARLY LOCOMOTIVE



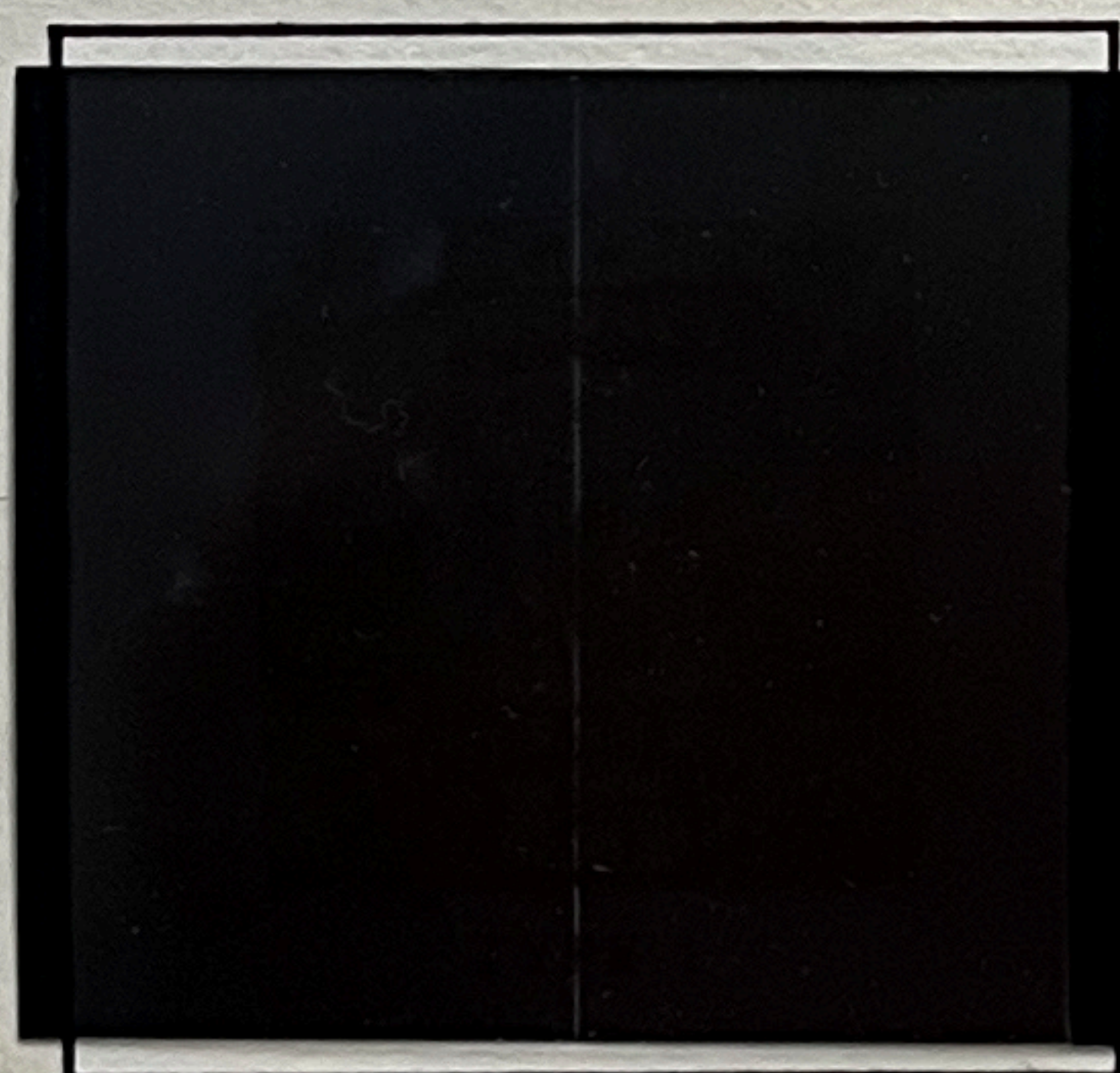
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SHIELD AND EAGLE



S.S. 'ADRIATIC'



LANDING OF COLUMBUS



LANDING OF COLUMBUS



DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



SHIELD, EAGLE AND FLAGS



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Because of their odd size and the few familiar portraits, these stamps originally were disliked by the general public. Today, however, all of them are very popular with philatelists. They are the first U.S. pictorials, the first adhesive bicolors, and the shortest-lived regular issue in U.S. postal history. Some of the 15c, 24c and 30c values were printed by error with inverted centers, and have become great rarities.



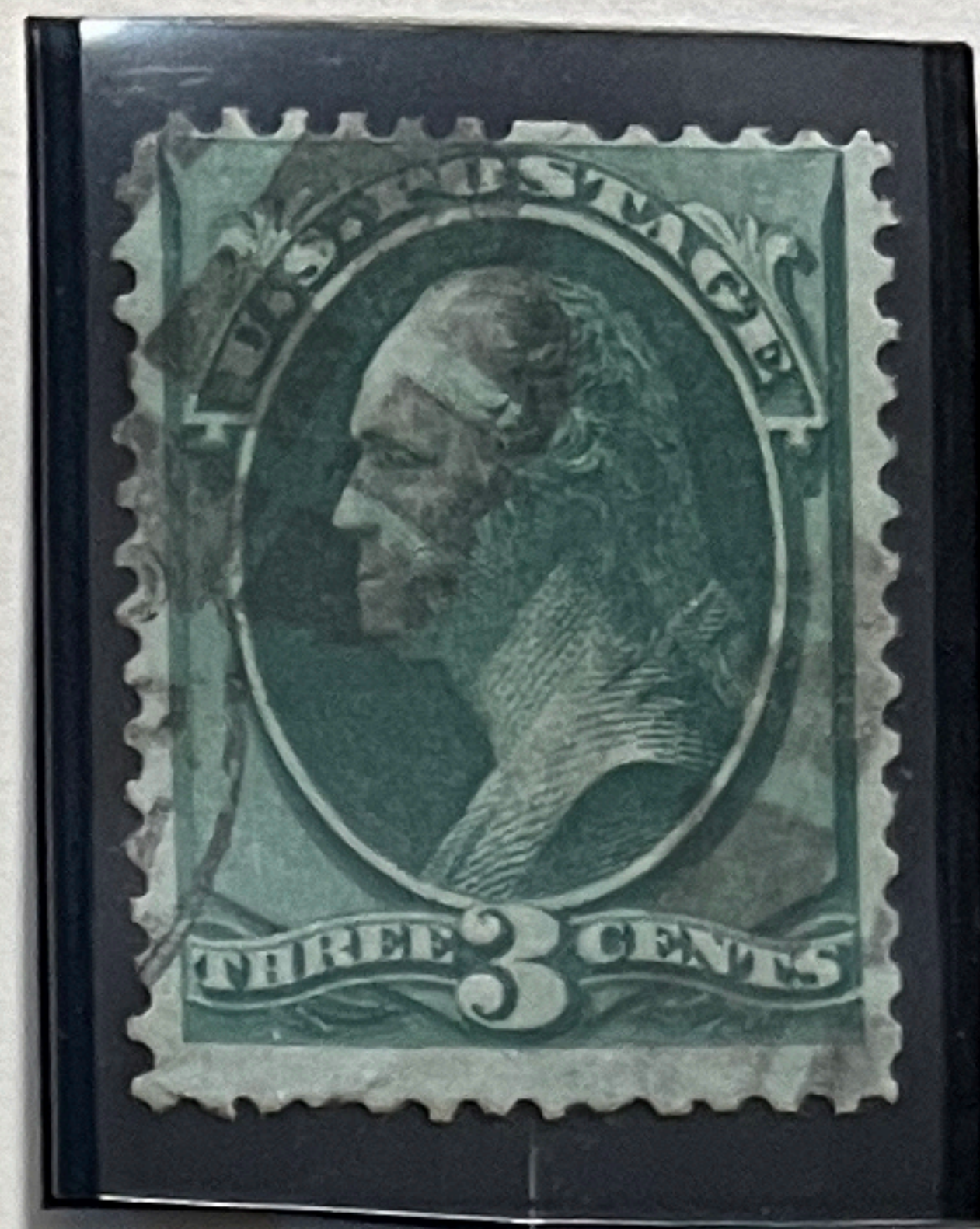
Continental Bank Note Co. Printing  
Types of 1870-71 with Secret Marks: Thin Hard Paper



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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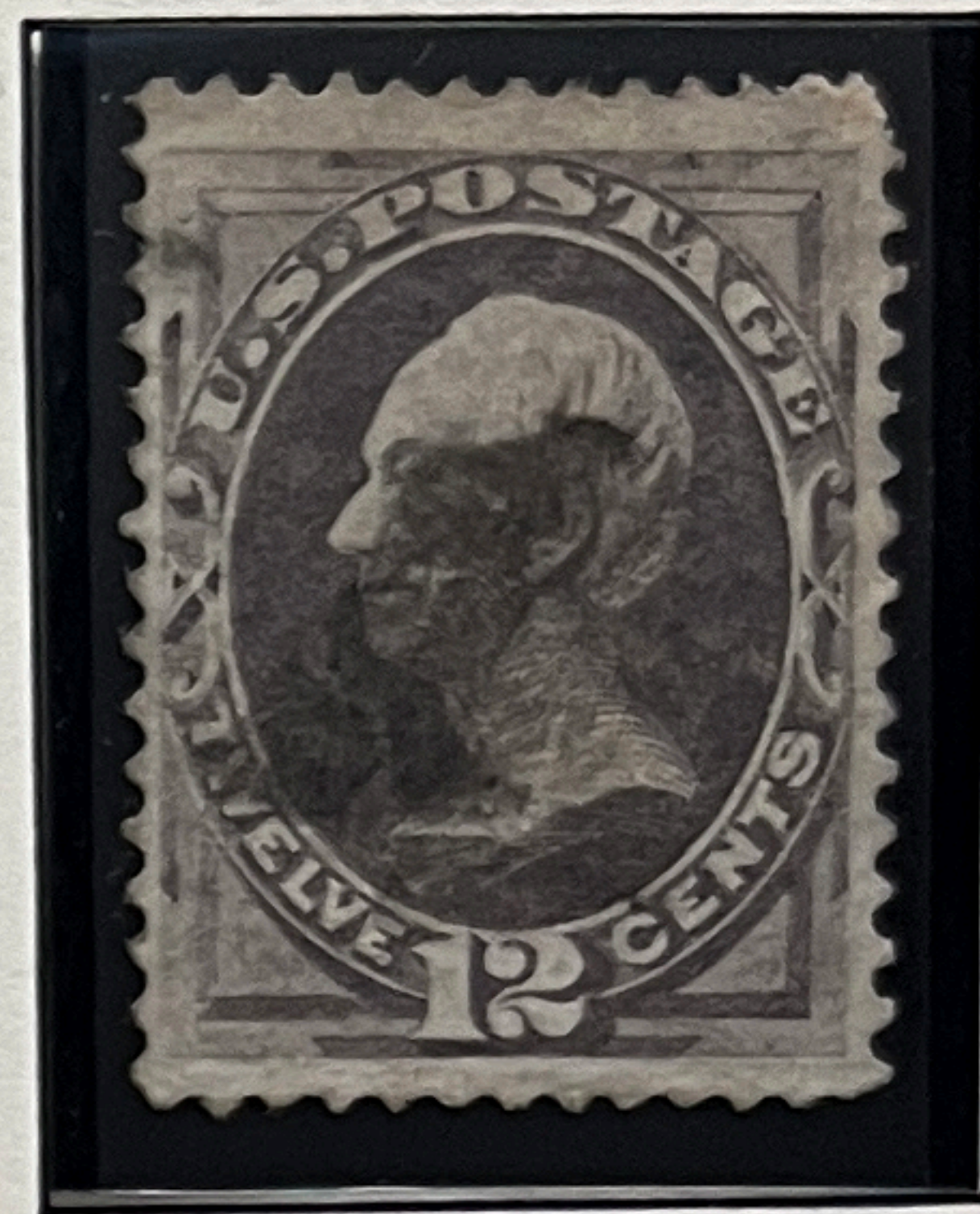


EDWIN M. STANTON



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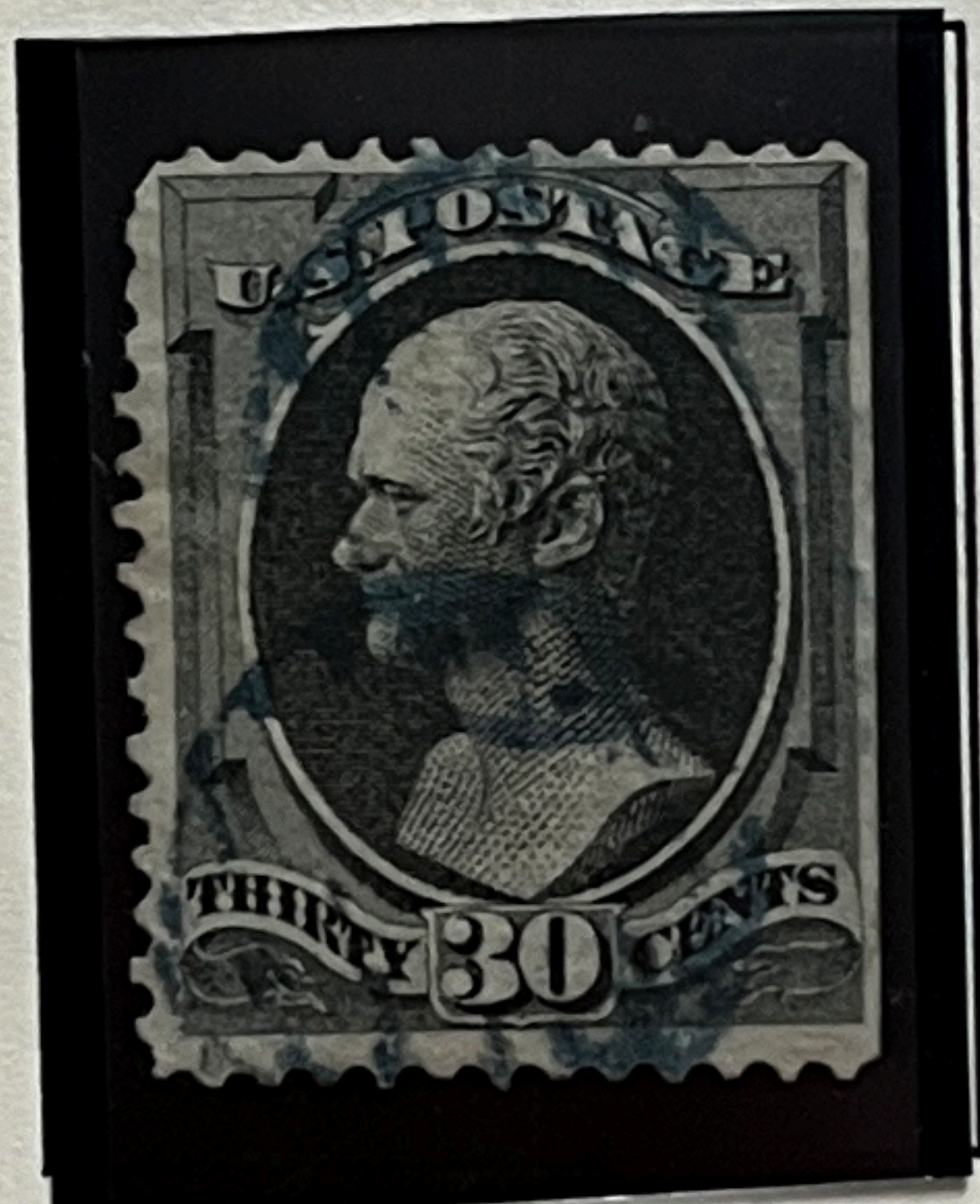
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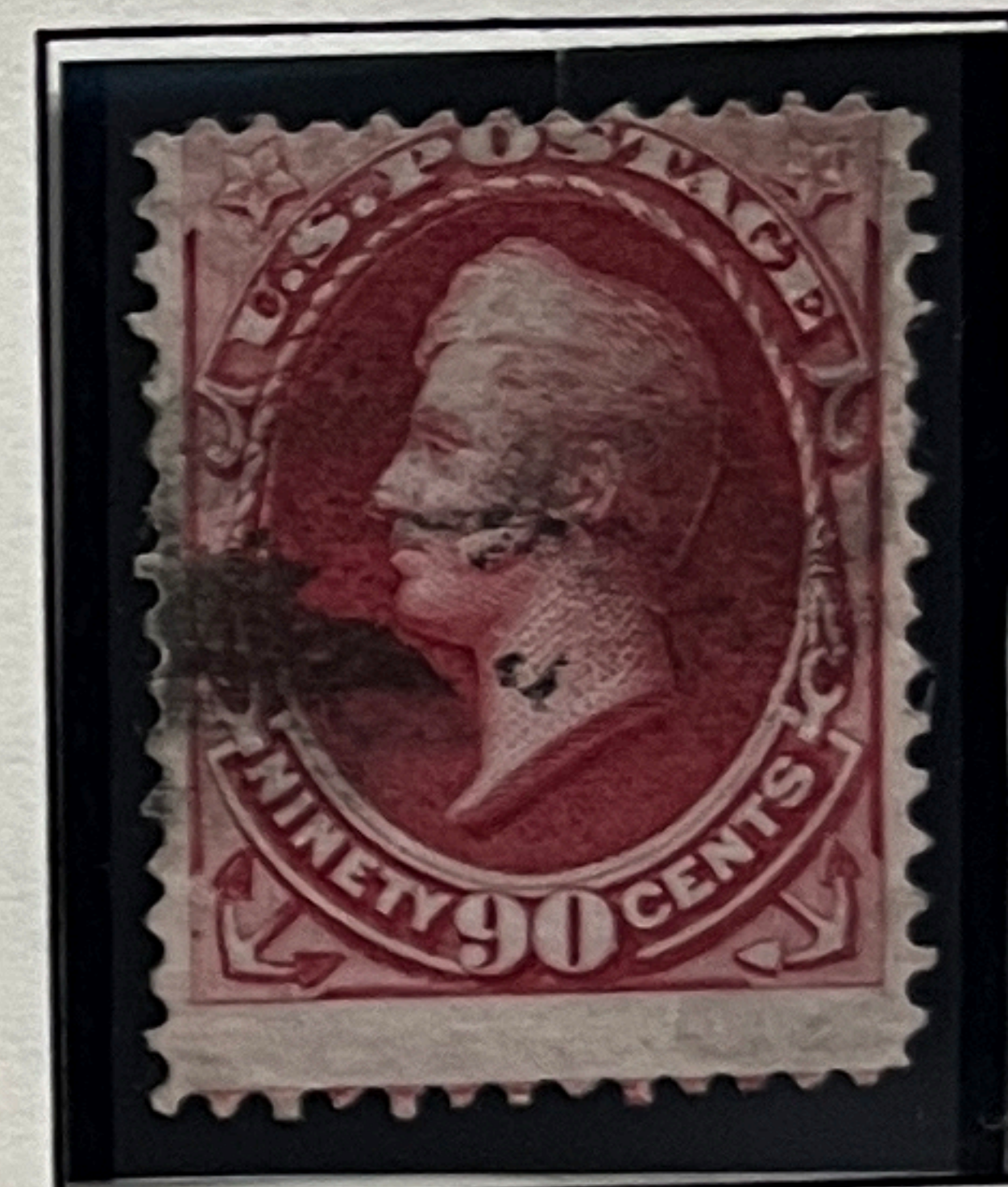


DANIEL WEBSTER

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ALEXANDER HAMILTON



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

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On this page you see the classic stamps produced by Continental, which succeeded National. These issues are renowned for the "secret marks" which set apart Continental's work from that of National. (For more information on this subject, refer to the STAMP IDENTIFIER section.)

1875



ANDREW JACKSON

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ZACHARY TAYLOR

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The 1873 design, honoring President Andrew Jackson, was now printed in vermilion; and a new blue 5c value, picturing President Zachary Taylor, was issued to comply with the rate set by the international Universal Postal Union for European mail.

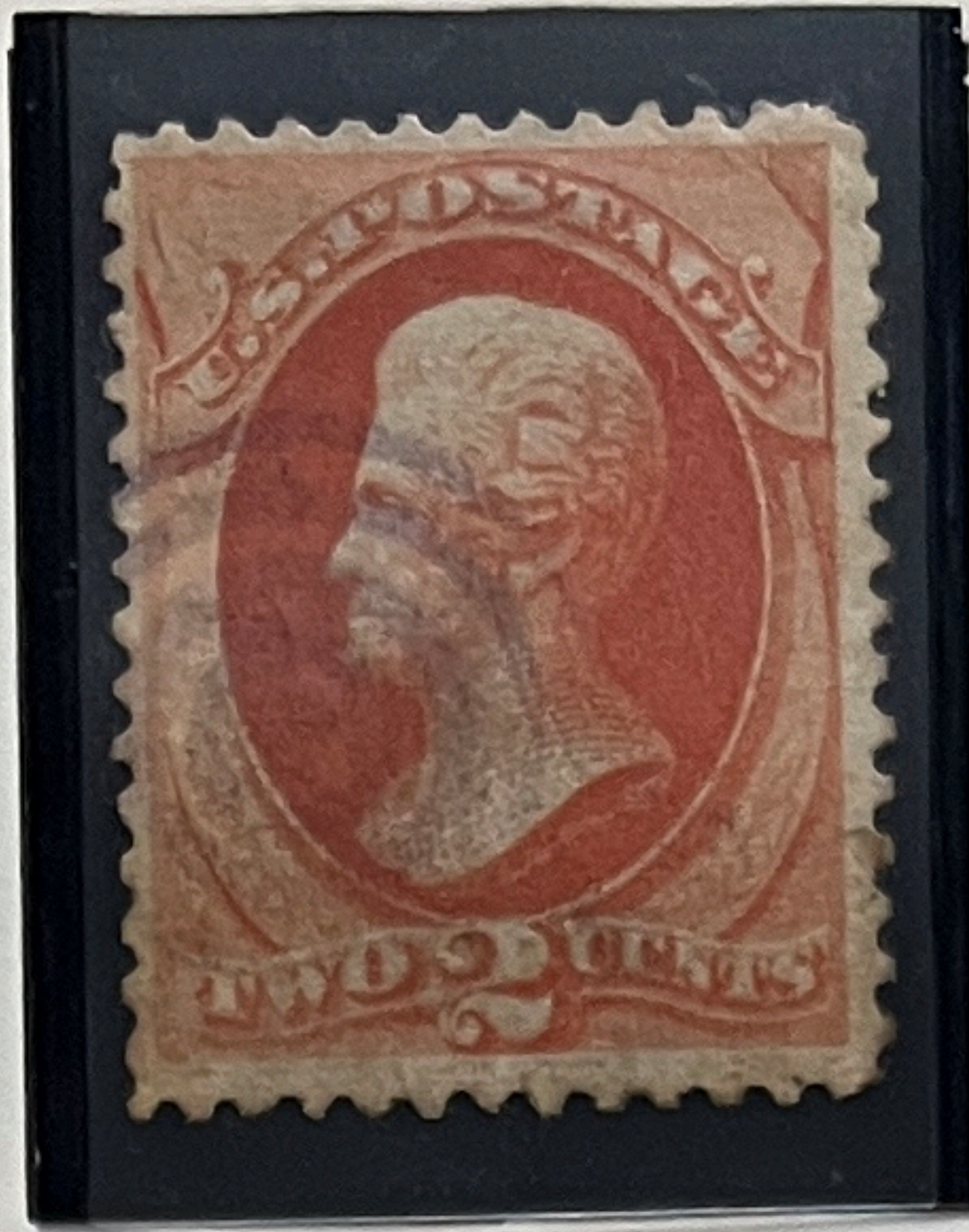


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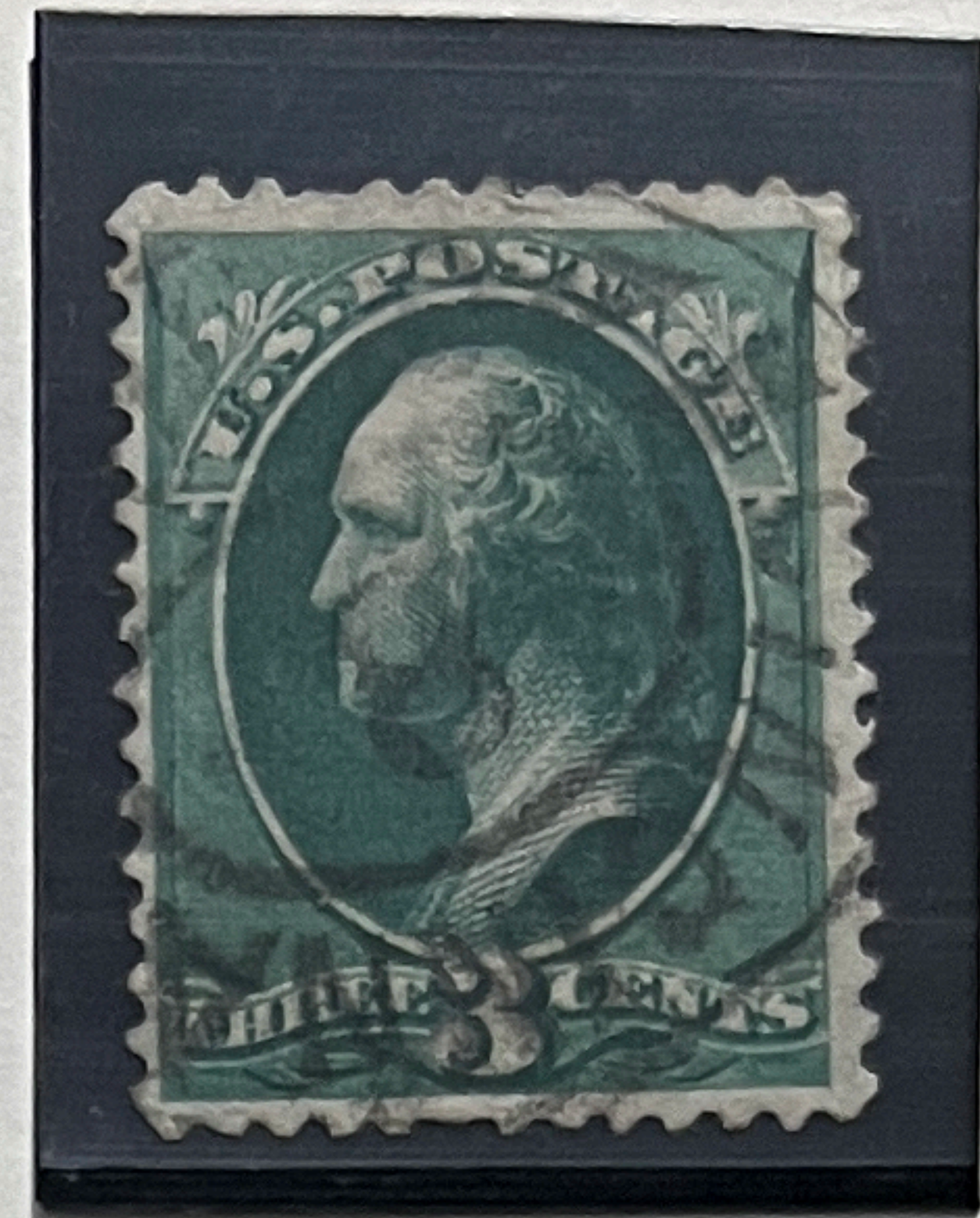
American Bank Note Co. Printing  
Same as 1870-75 Issues: Soft Porous Paper



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ANDREW JACKSON



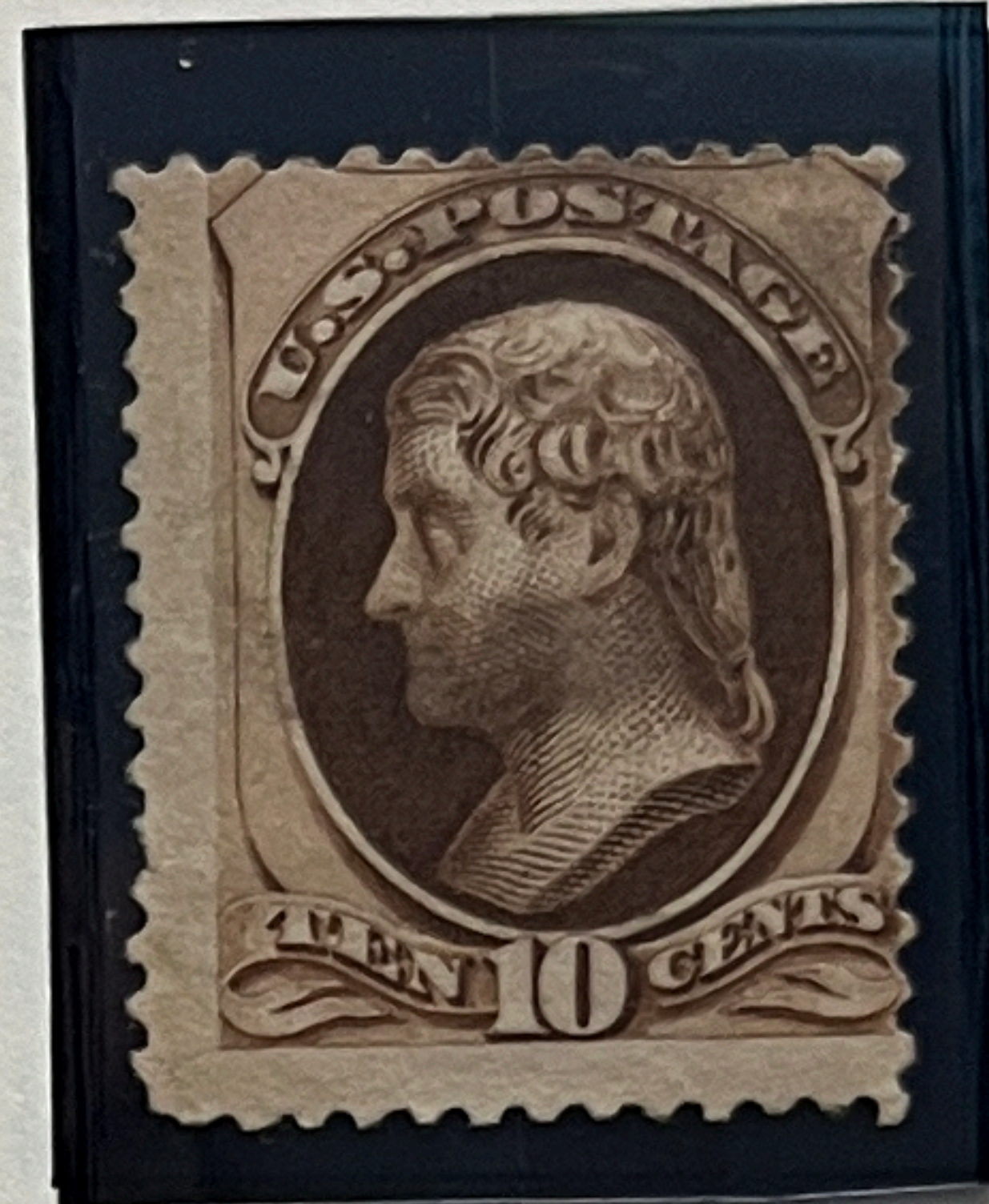
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ZACHARY TAYLOR



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



THOMAS JEFFERSON

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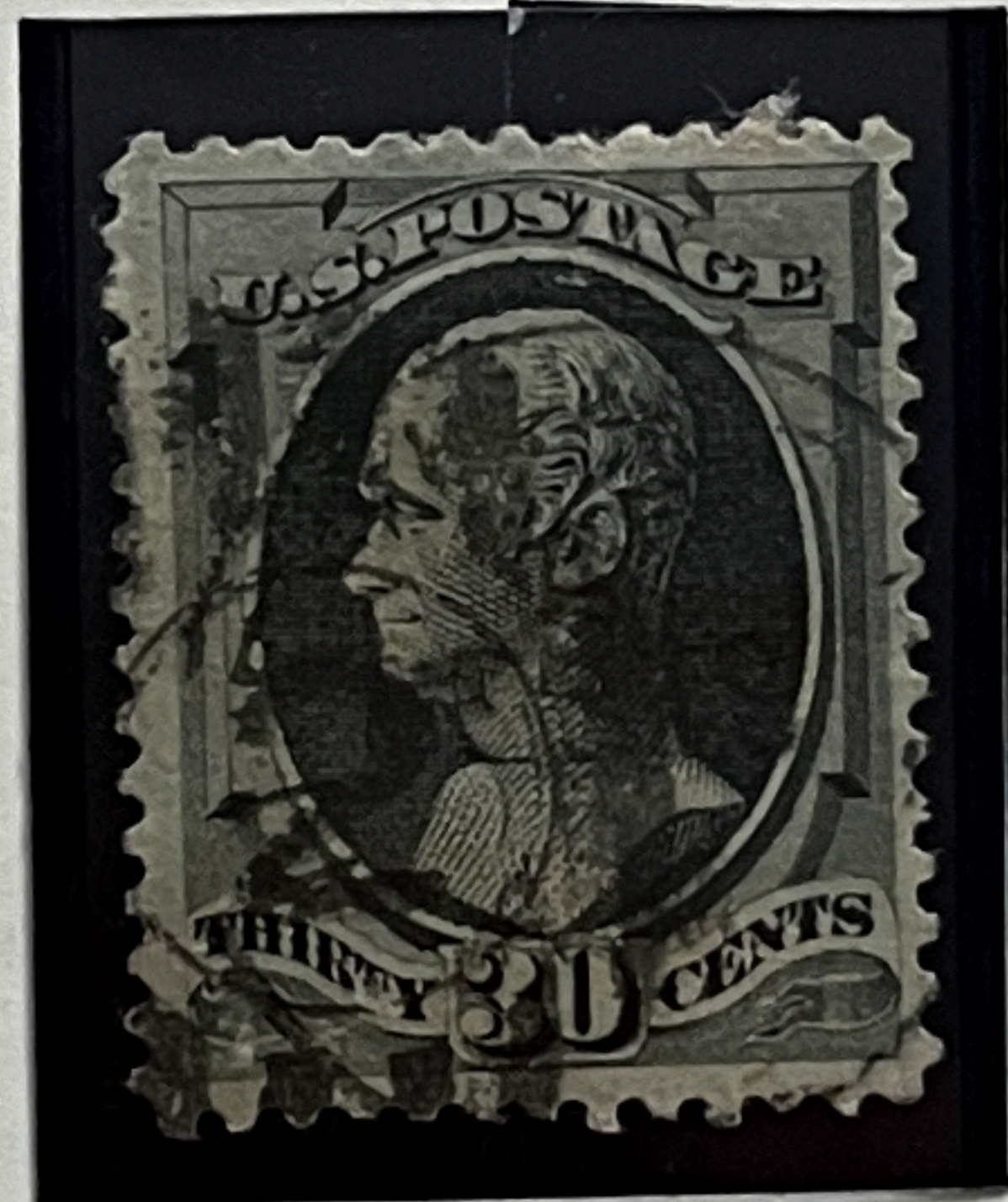


THOMAS JEFFERSON

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ALEXANDER HAMILTON



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

4735

In 1879 Continental merged with American Bank Note Co. For philatelists the greatest single change, resulting from the merger, was that all the stamps were printed on soft porous paper, instead of the hard paper previously used by National and Continental.

1882

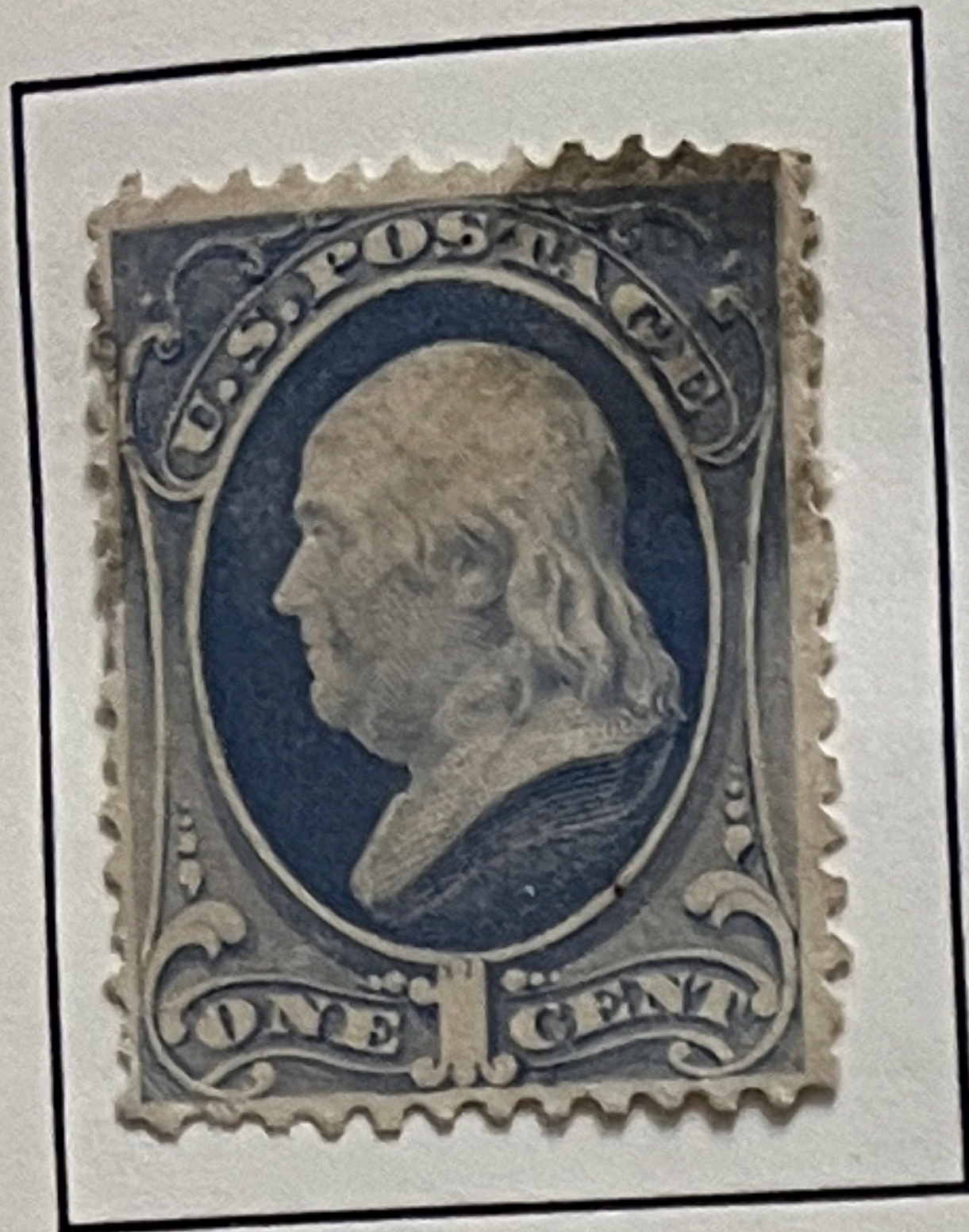


JAMES A. GARFIELD

Issued to memorialize the assassination of James A. Garfield, 20th President, who was shot (when only four months in office) by a disgruntled office-seeker. Garfield attained the rank of Major-General in the Civil War.



1881-82  
Re-engraved



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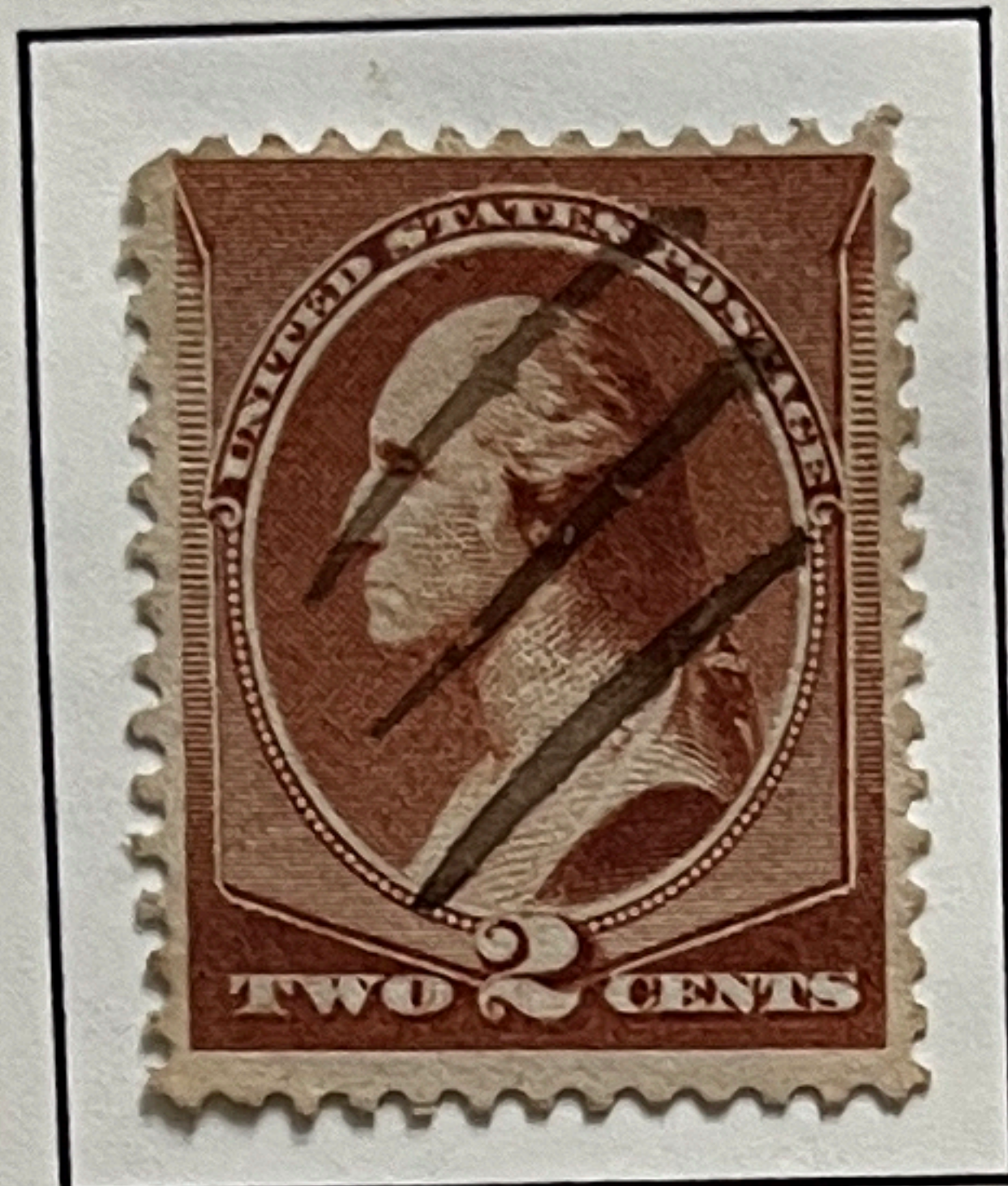
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1883



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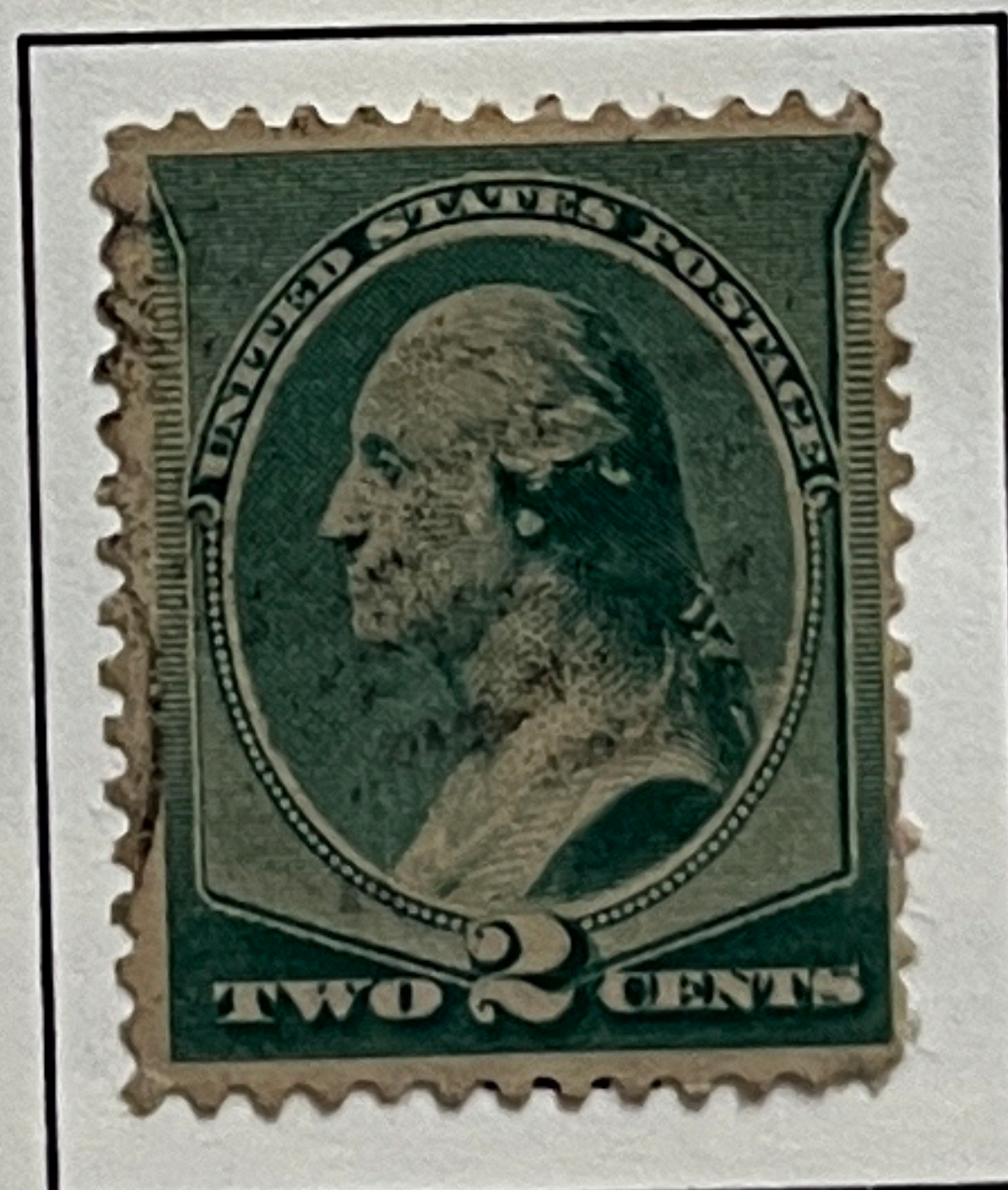


ANDREW JACKSON

1887



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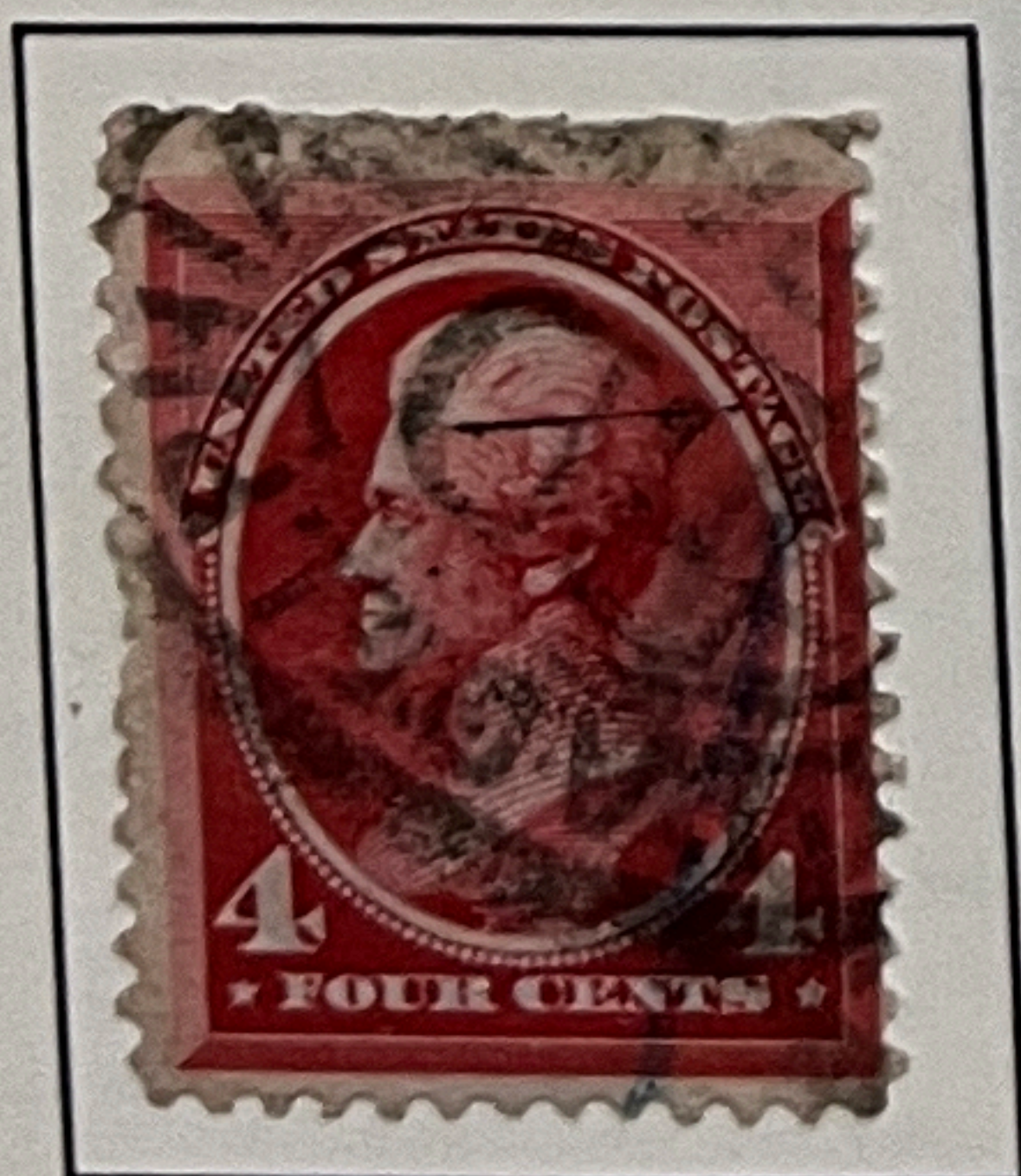


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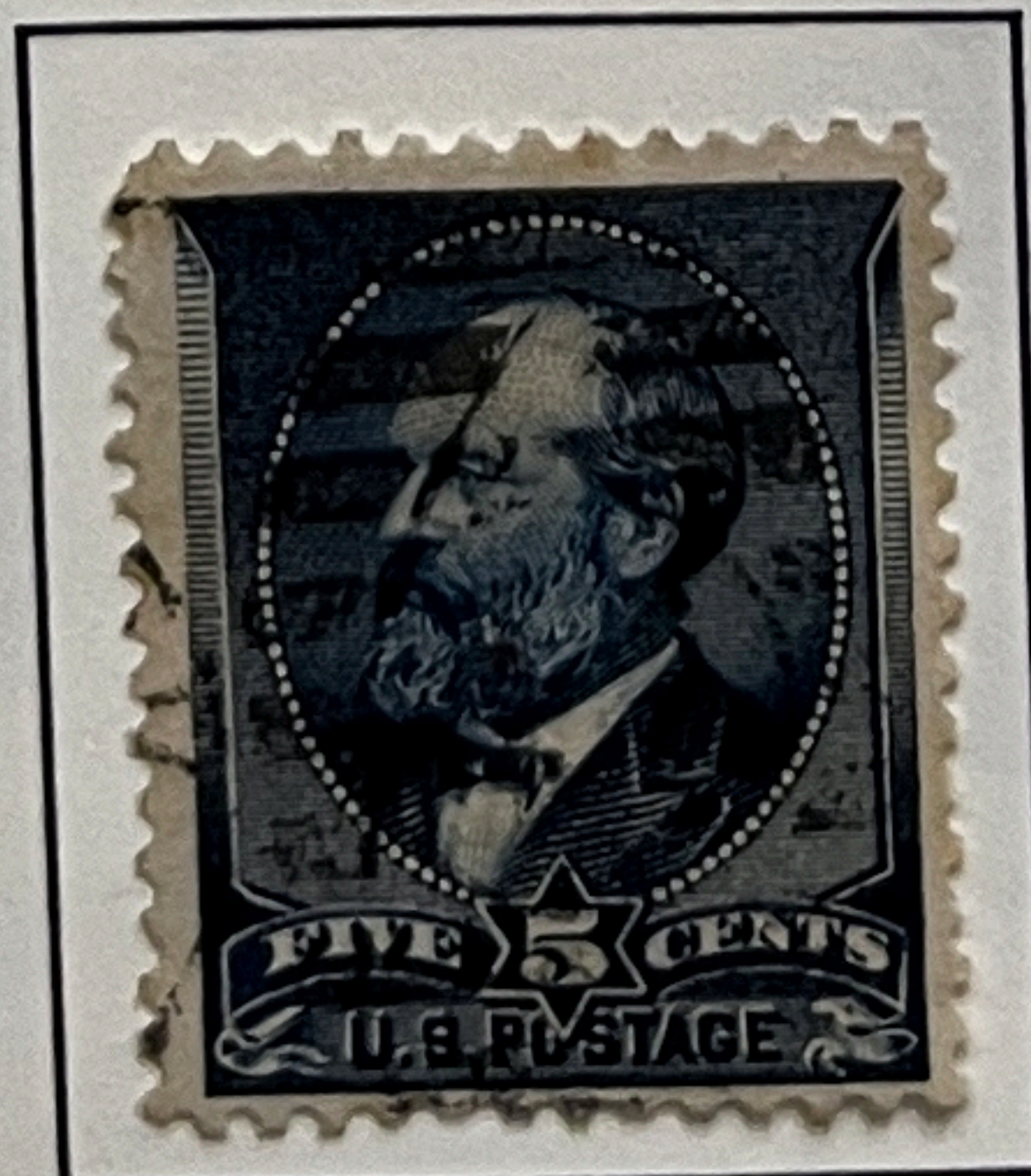


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1888



ANDREW JACKSON



JAMES A. GARFIELD



ALEXANDER HAMILTON

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OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

These four issues often confuse collectors because of their resemblance to previous issues. But, on closer examination, minor design differences and new colors as well as new designs distinguish them from their predecessors (refer to STAMP IDENTIFIER).



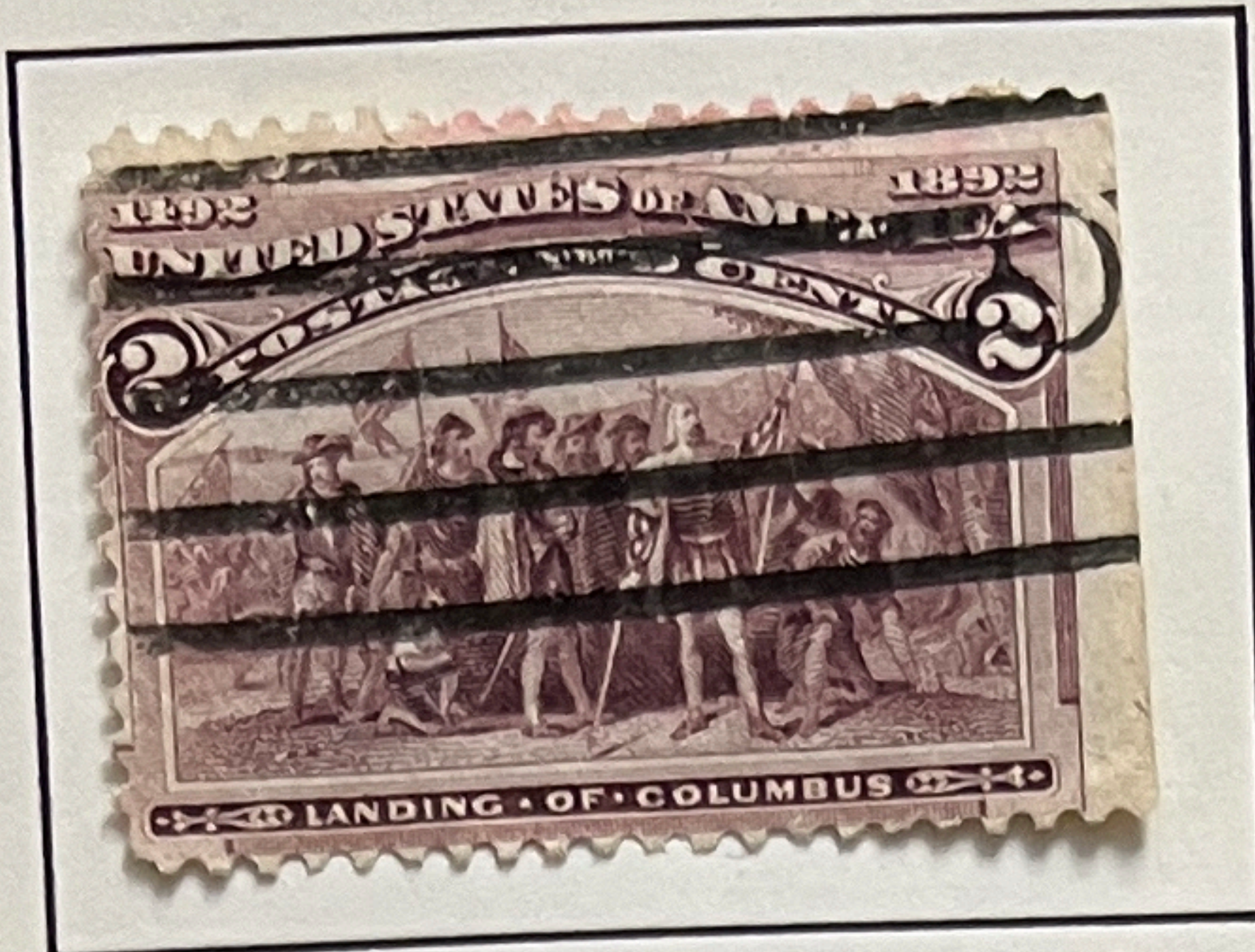
# UNITED STATES

1893

COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION



Columbus in sight of land from the deck of the Santa Maria, as pictured by artist William Powell. Columbus' face is clean-shaven.



Columbus landing at San Salvador in the Bahamas in 1492. The scene is one day after that on the 1c value, now he has a full beard!



The Santa Maria, Columbus' flagship, was copied from an engraving by a Spanish historian-artist and is recognized to be an exact replica.



The entire fleet of Columbus was an imposing sight in 1492, but all three ships could be put on the deck of any modern-day luxury ocean liner.



Columbus, at the Court of Spain, begs Queen Isabella to finance his courageous trip to the Indies, by contributing her precious jewels.



Columbus is welcomed in Barcelona after his discovery of America. The greatest hero of his day, he was received with pomp and honor.



Though undermined by political foes, Columbus regained the favor of Queen Isabella when she learned the truth about the attacks on him.



As a gift, Columbus offered a group of American Indians to Isabella. The Indians were taken to the Cathedral where they were baptized.



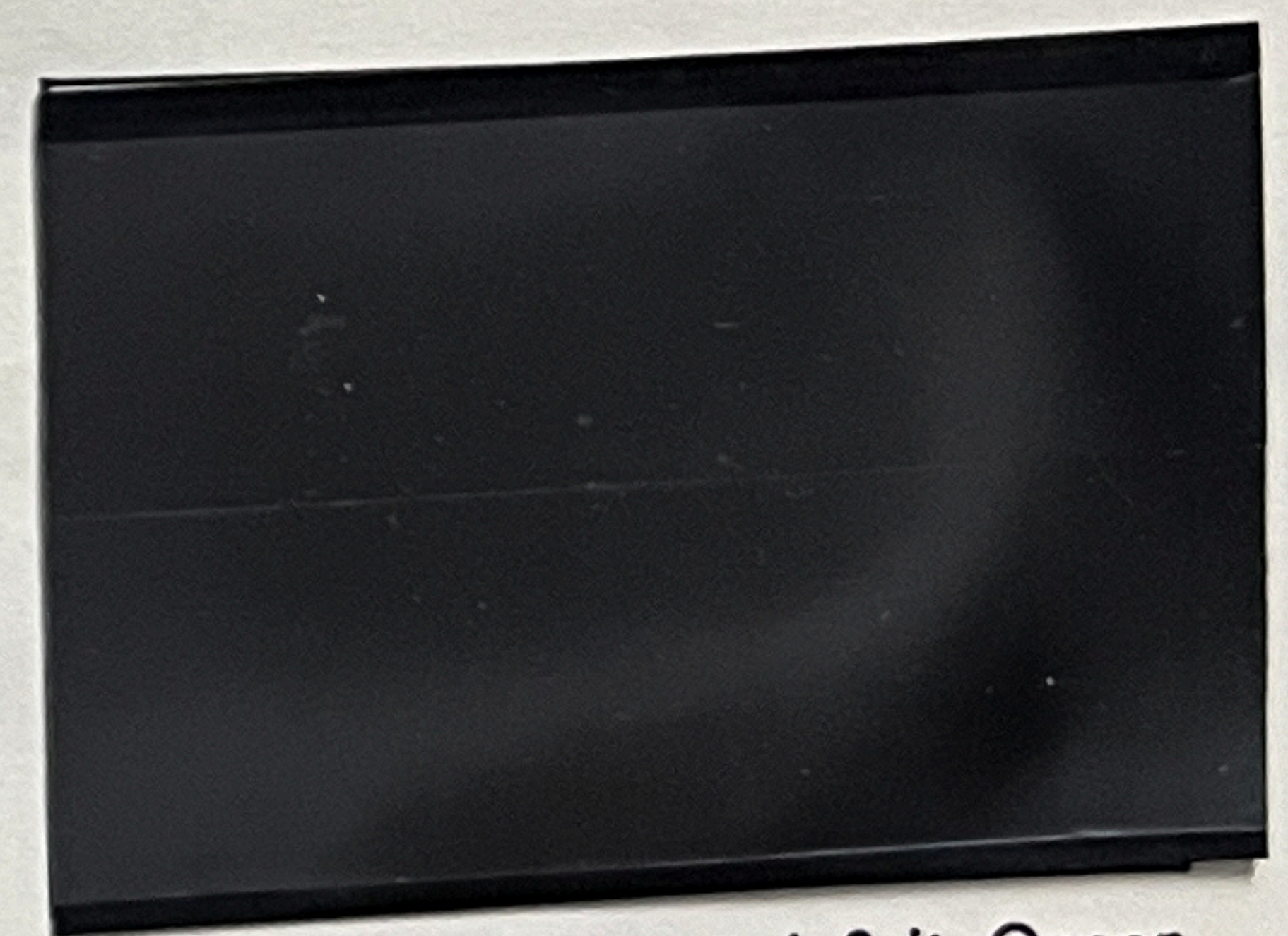
The platform where Columbus told of his discoveries and presented the Indians may still be seen as part of the Cathedral in Barcelona.



Columbus shown at the Monastery of Rabida explaining his radical theory of a round world. The first dog is pictured on a stamp design.



Queen Isabella recalled Columbus to Barcelona to reconsider the financing of his intended expedition to find a new route to the Indies.



Faced with a Treasury deficit, Queen Isabella pawned her jewels to buy the necessary ships and supplies for Columbus' westward voyage.



Powerful political enemies, who envied Columbus' popularity with the Queen, were successful in having him chained and imprisoned.



After his third trip to America, Columbus proudly returned to Spain. Here, he astounded the Spanish Court with tales of his new discoveries.



This picture of Queen Isabella and Columbus represents the first time a U.S. stamp carried the portrait either of a queen or a non-citizen.



The cast reproduced as the central design was taken from a commemorative half-dollar issued for the 1893 Columbian Exposition.



Same as 1890-93 Issue, but with Triangles in Upper Corners: Unwatermarked



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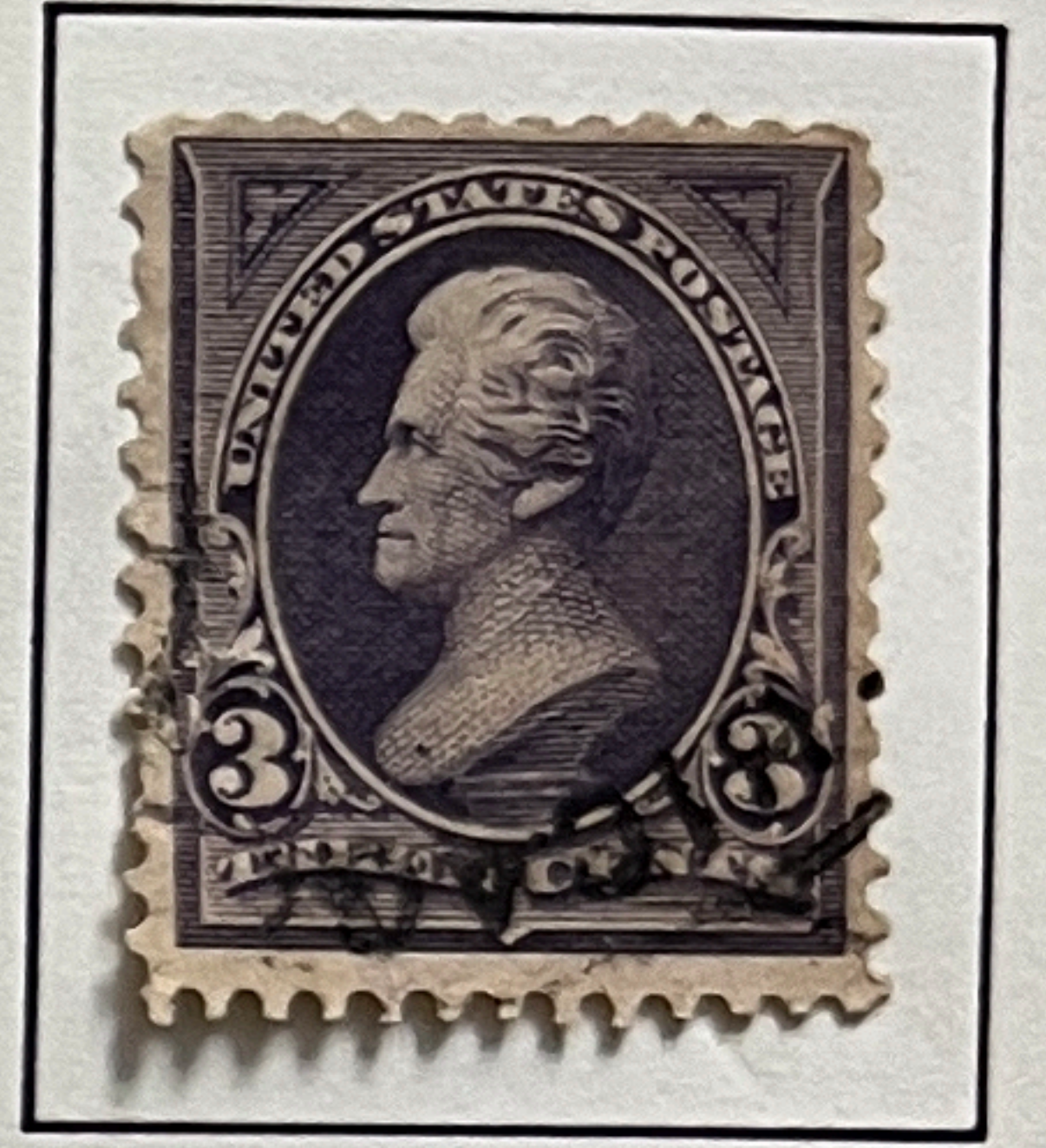
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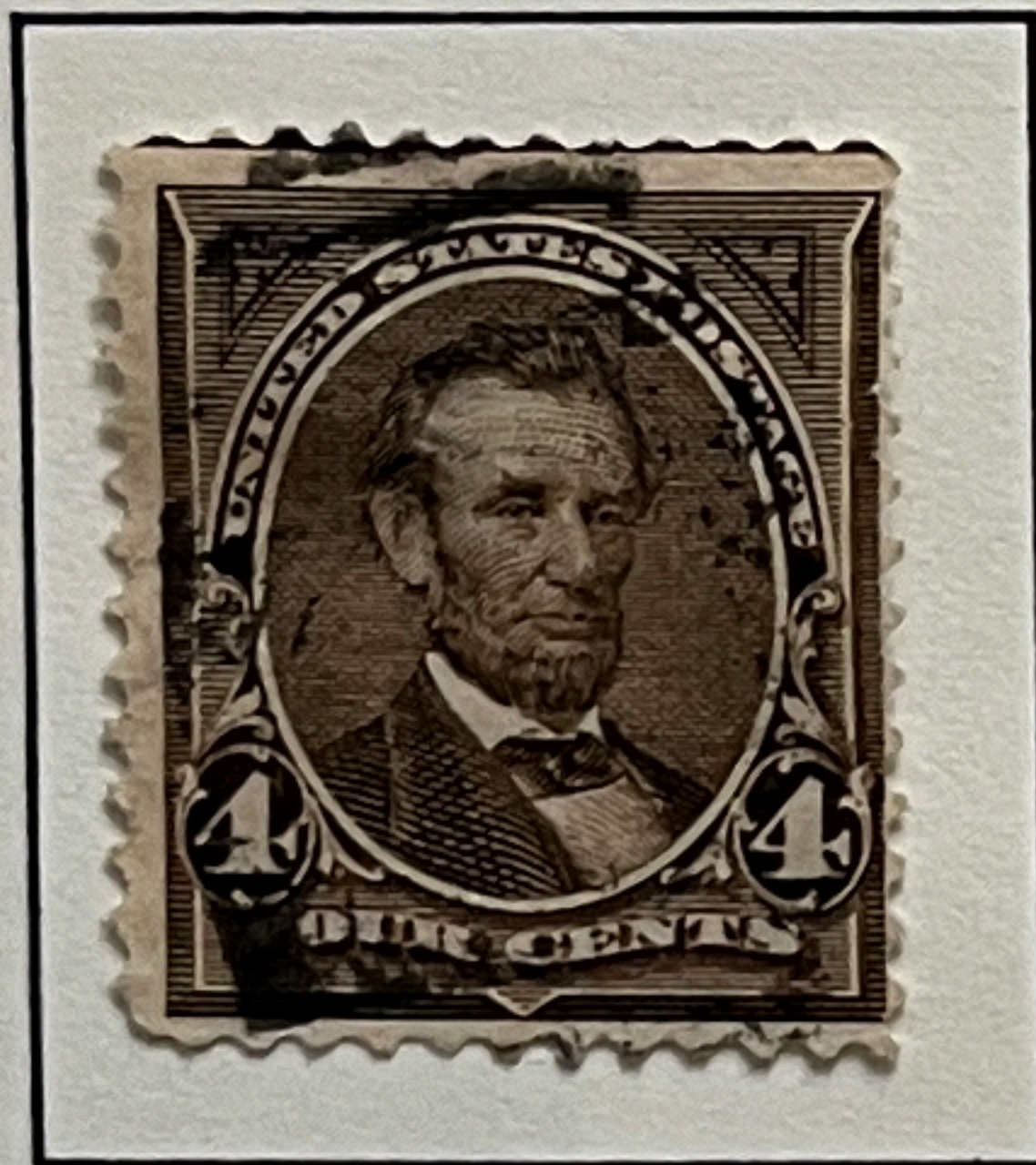
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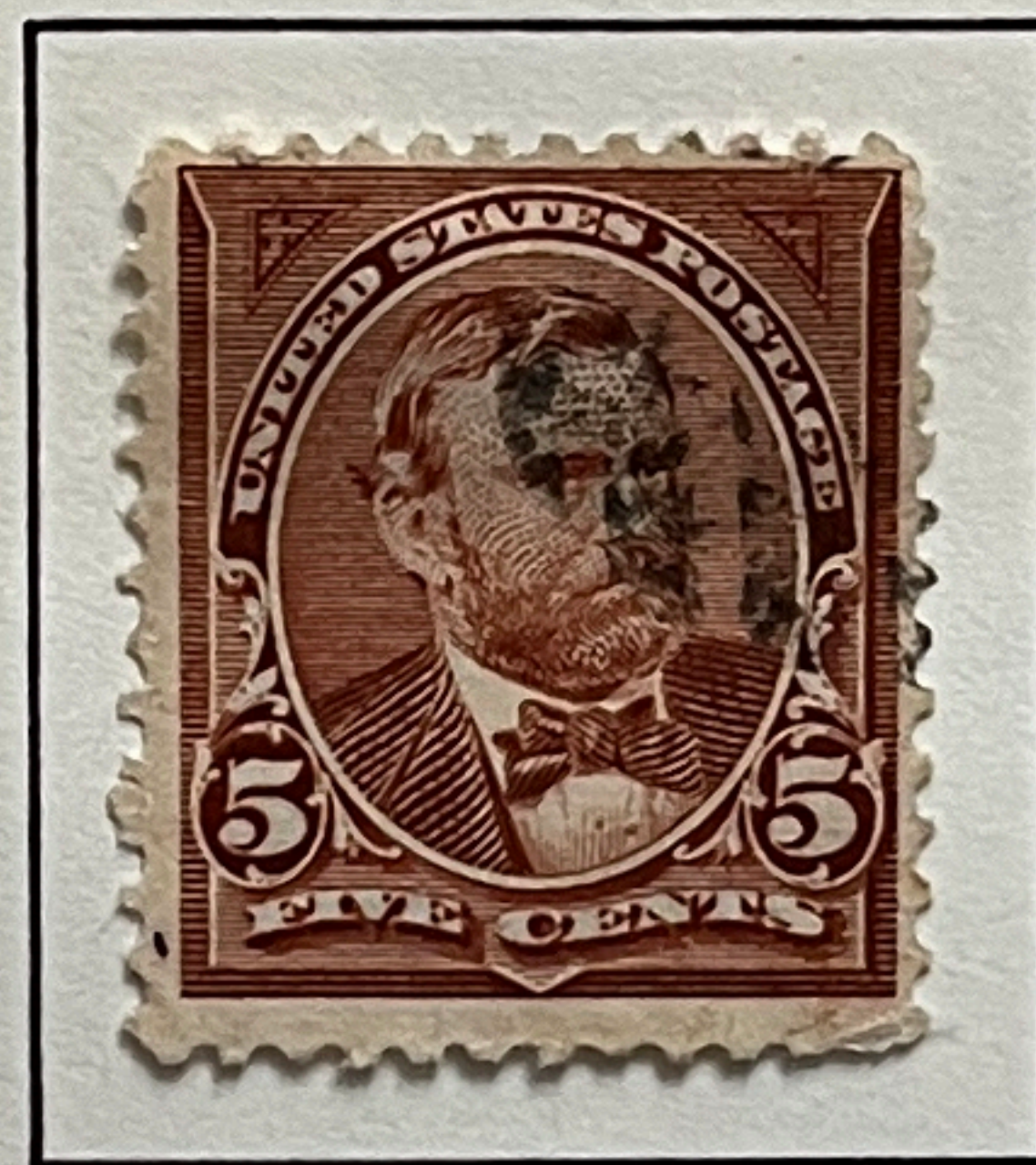
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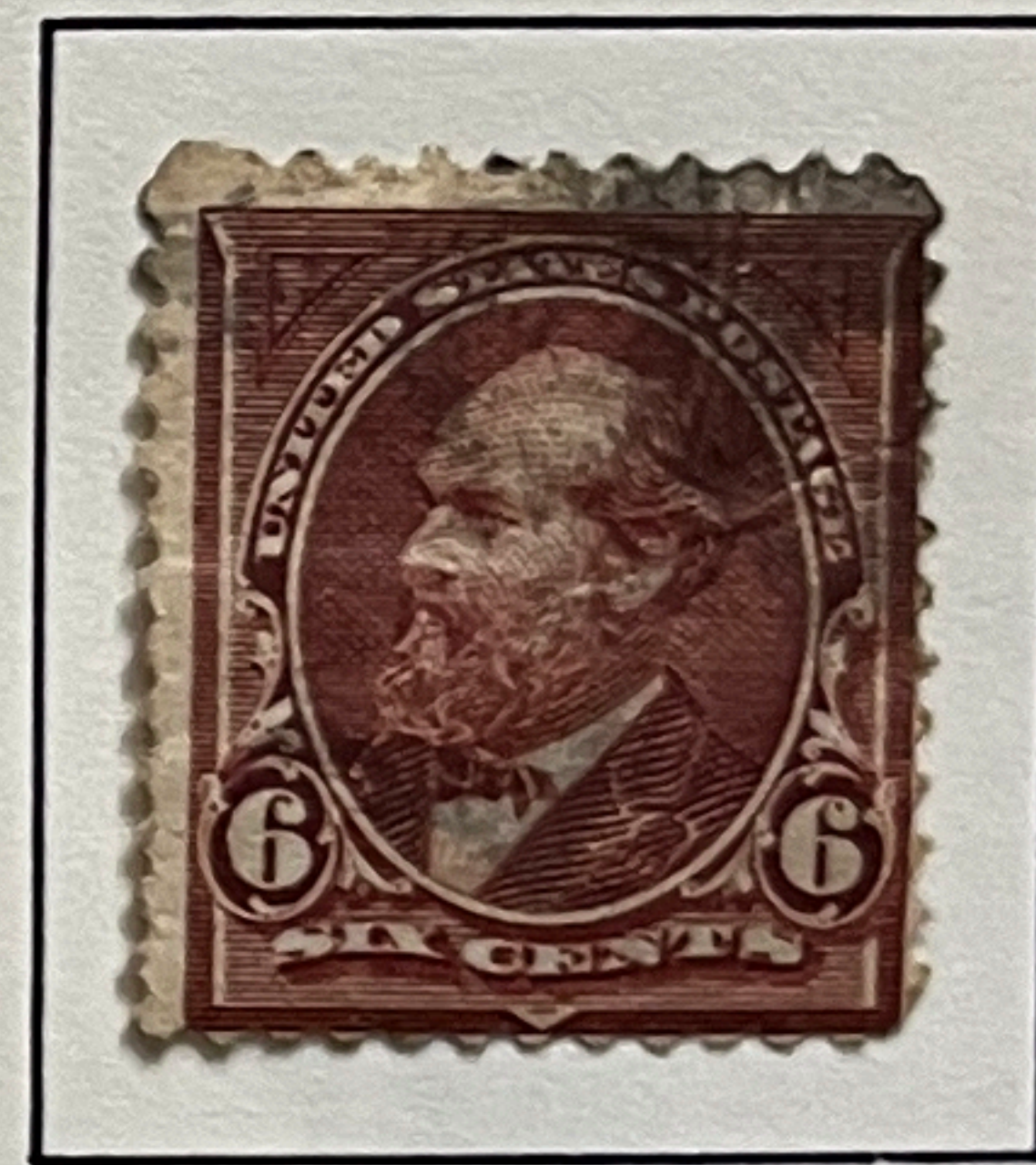
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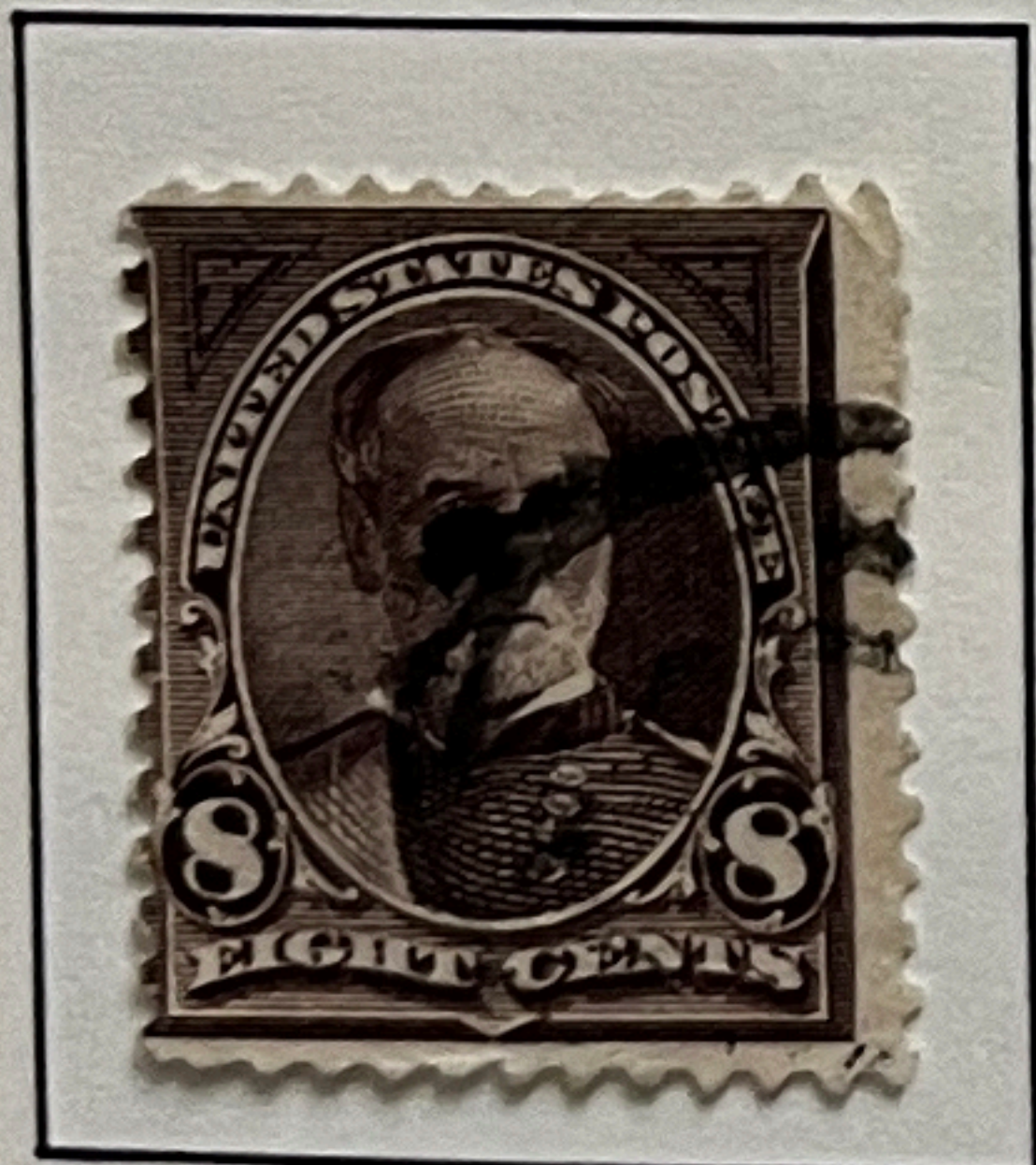
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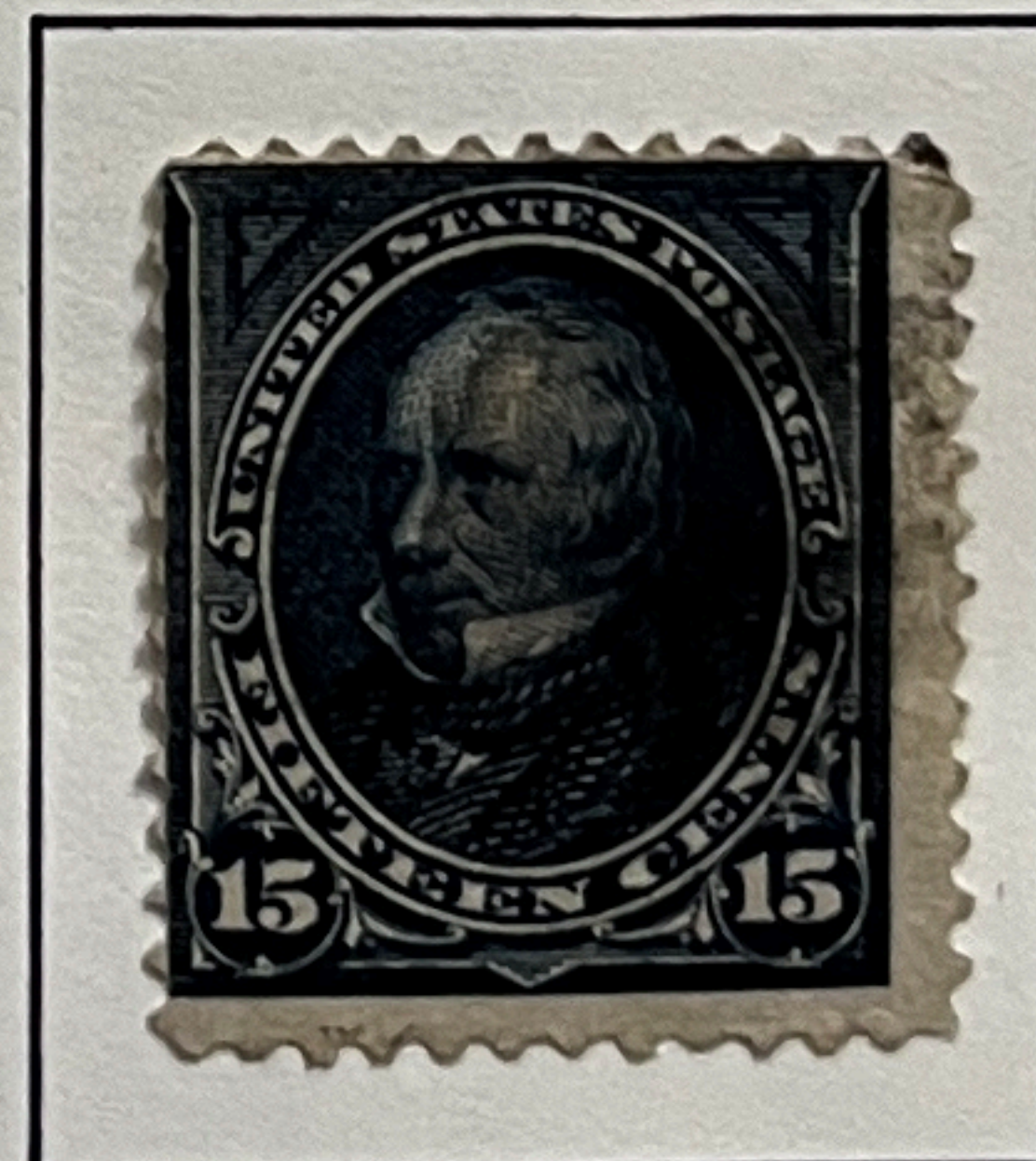
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WILLIAM T. SHERMAN



DANIEL WEBSTER



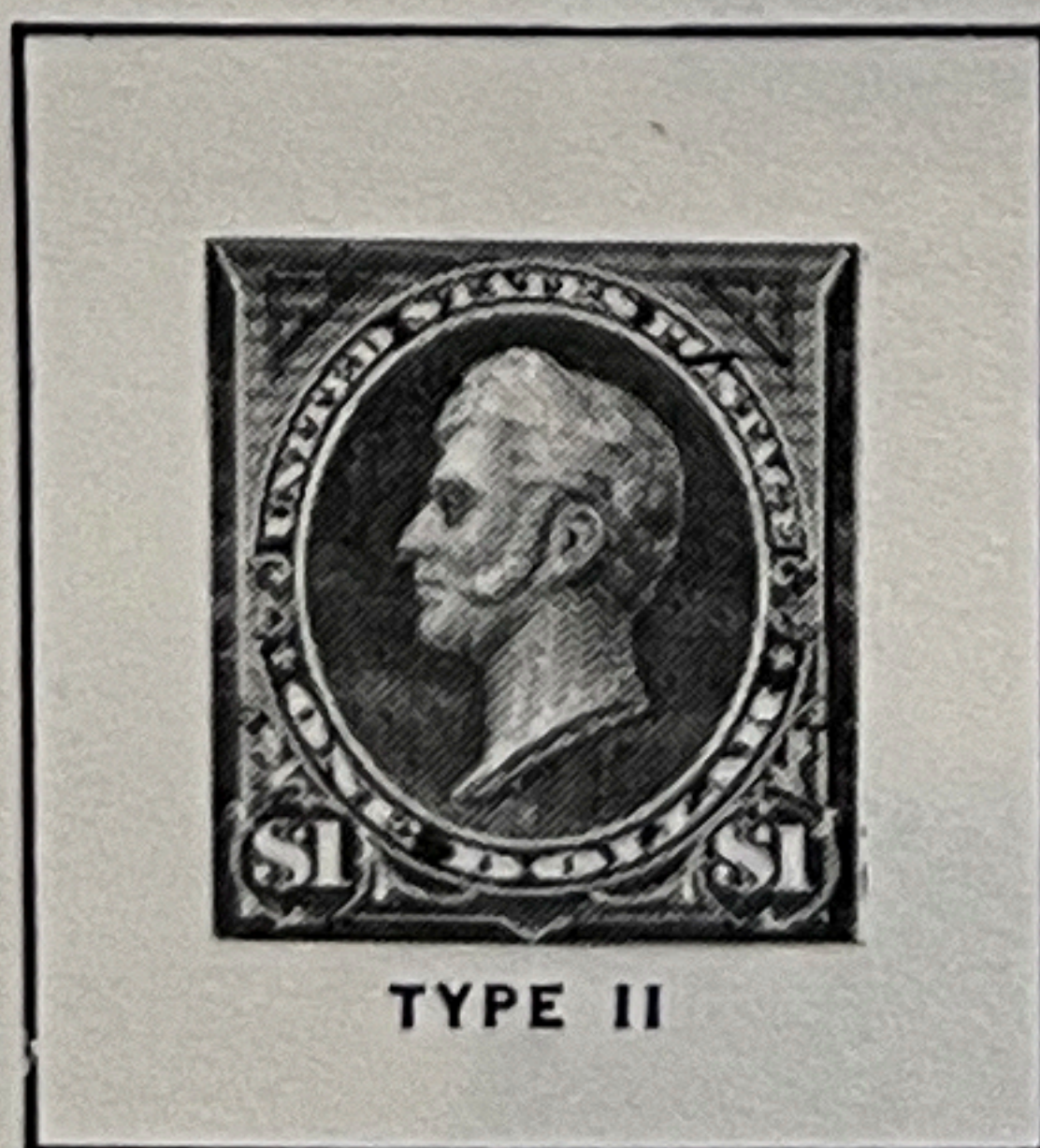
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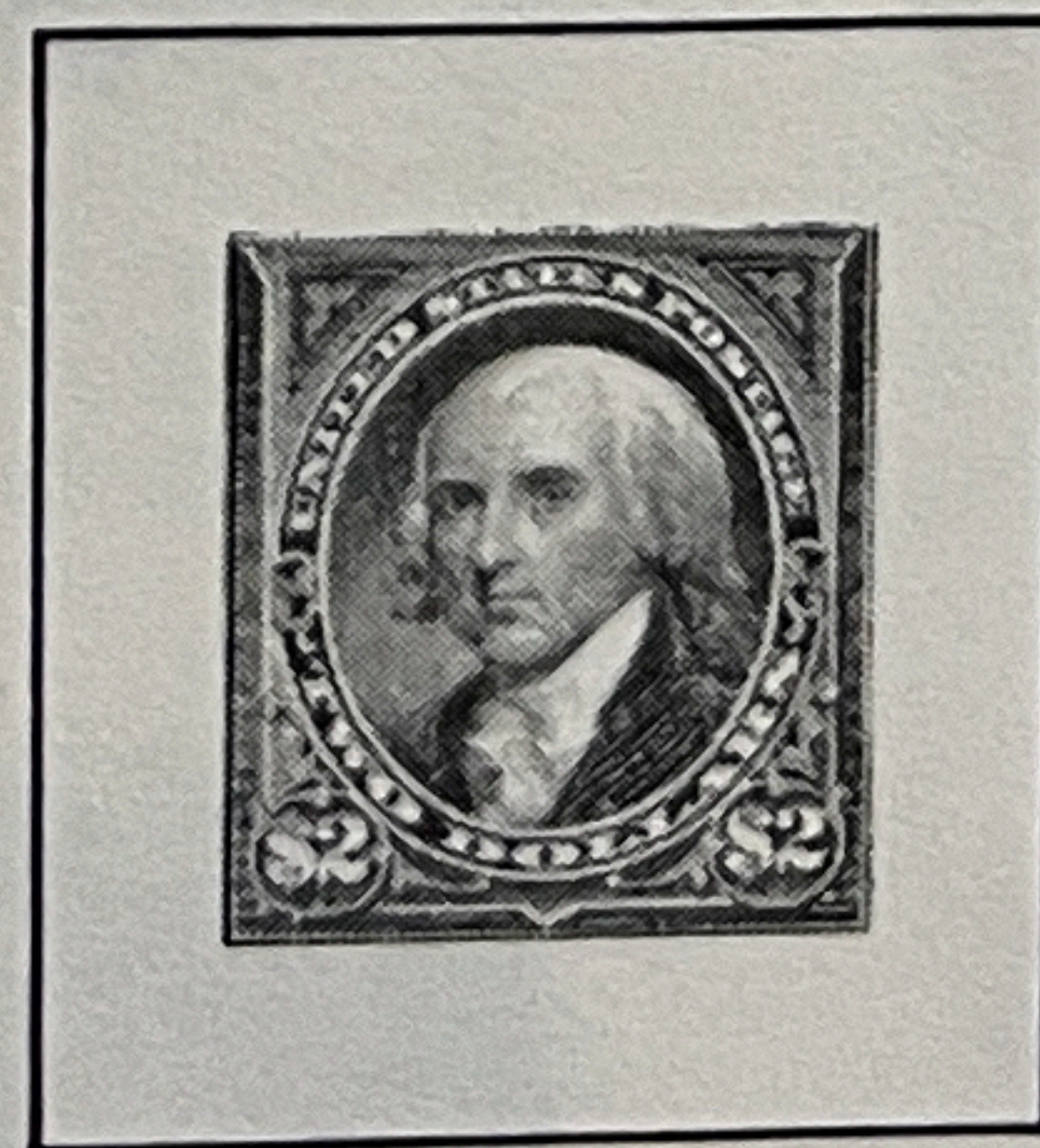
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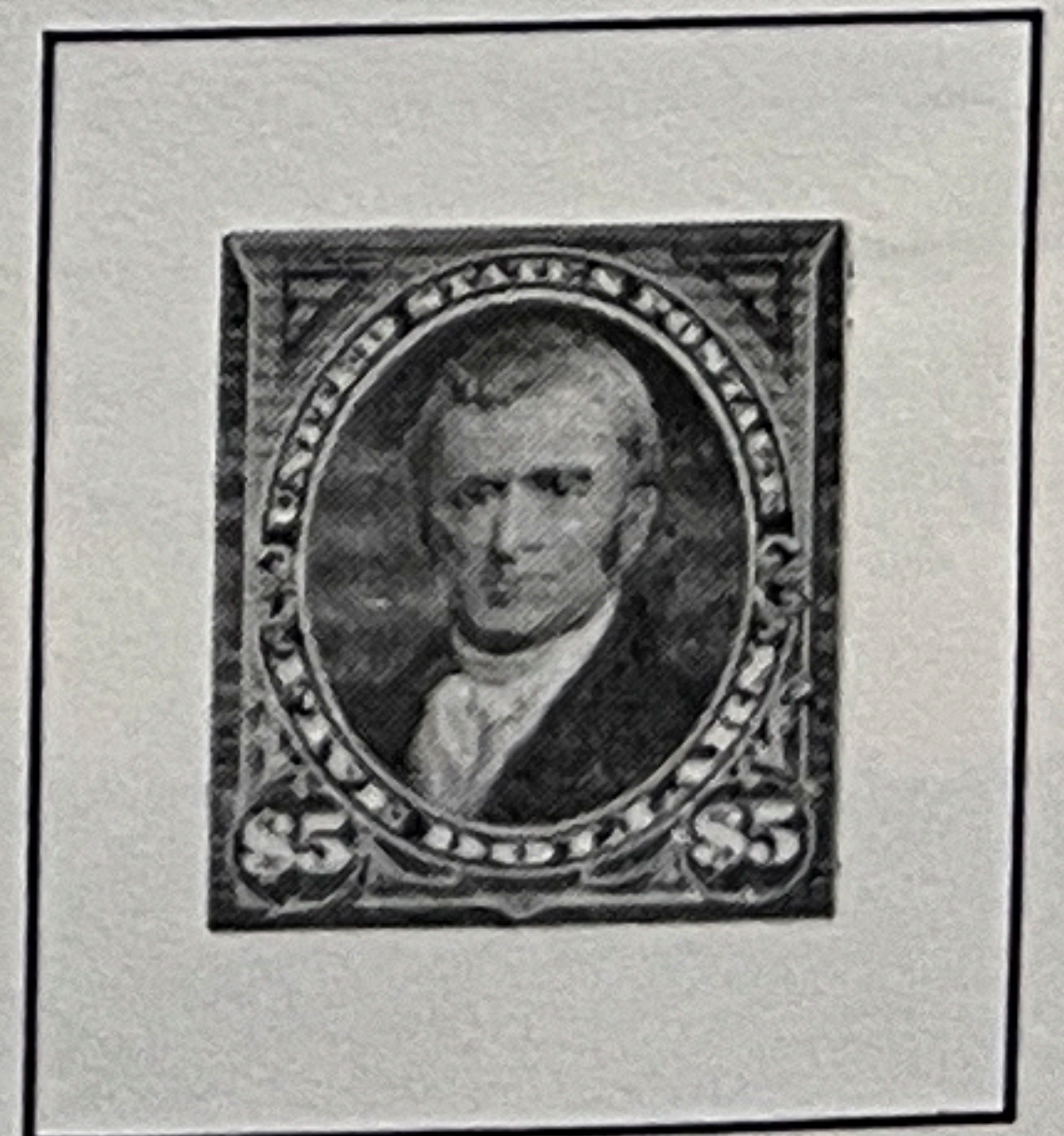
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY



OLIVER HAZARD PERRY



JAMES MADISON



JOHN MARSHALL

These were the first U.S. postage stamps ever printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The addition of small delicate triangles to their upper corners, and the inclusion of one, two and five dollar denominations are the principal differences between these varieties and their 1890 counterparts.



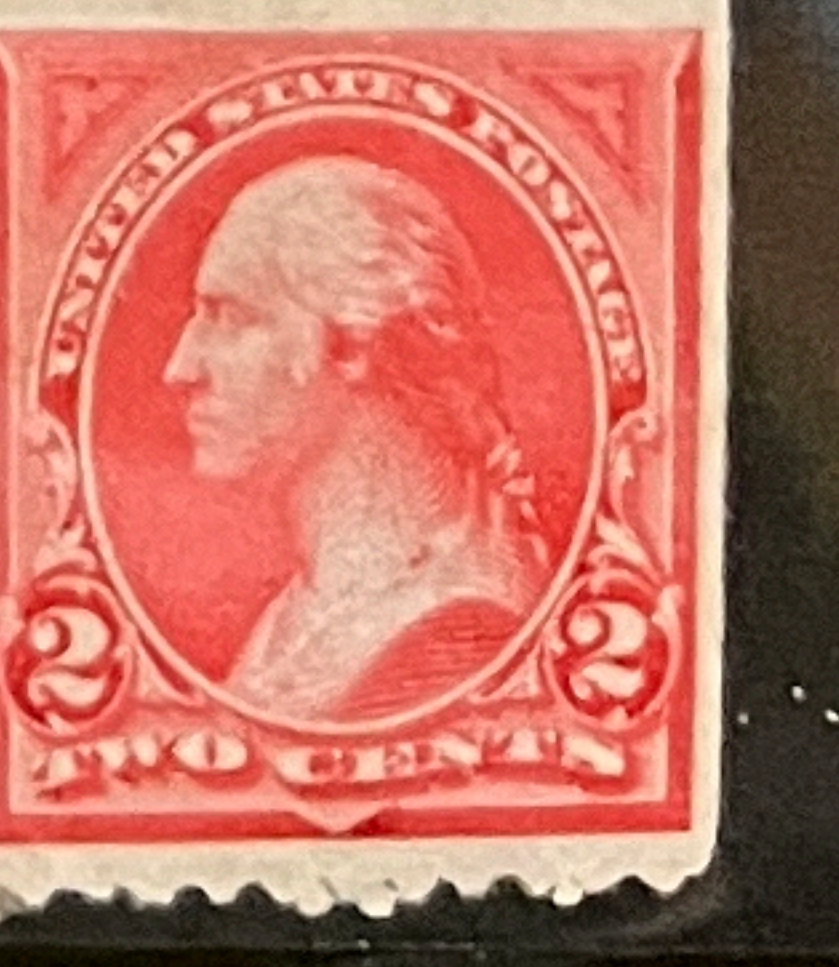
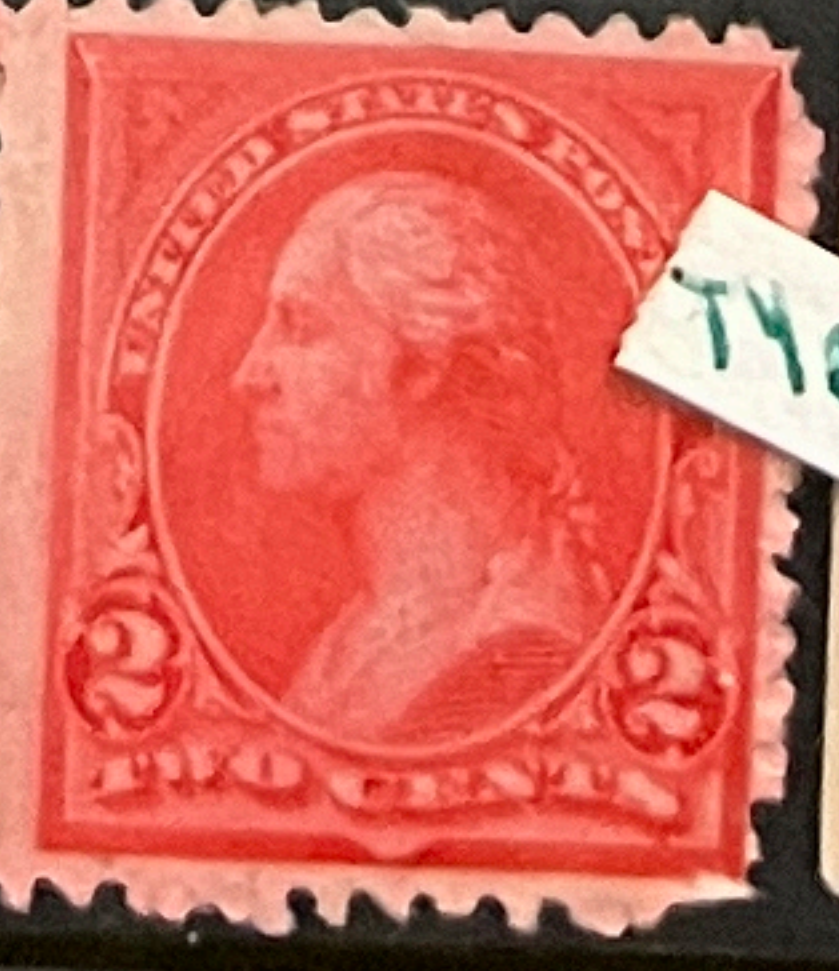
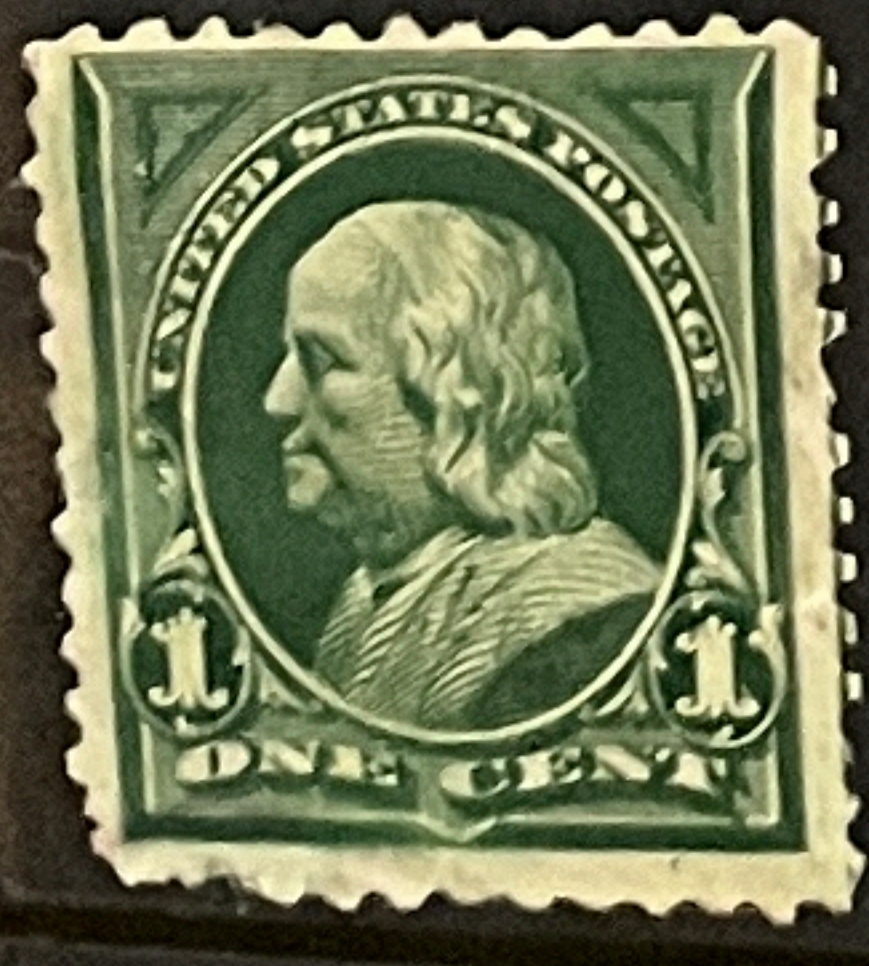
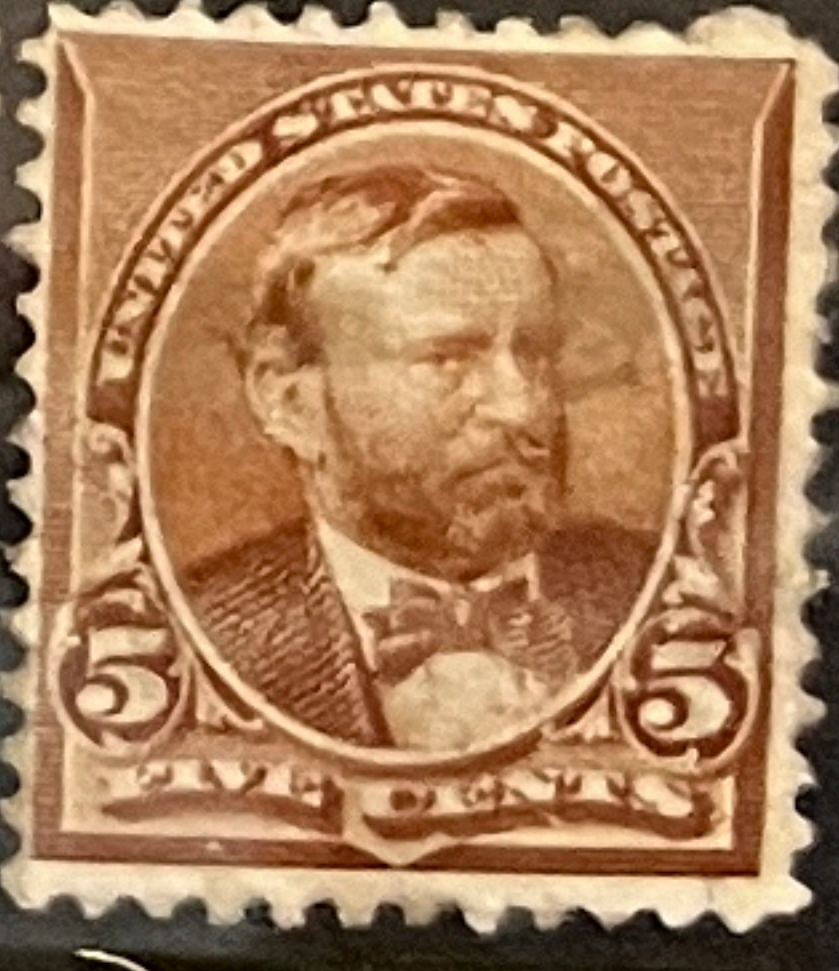
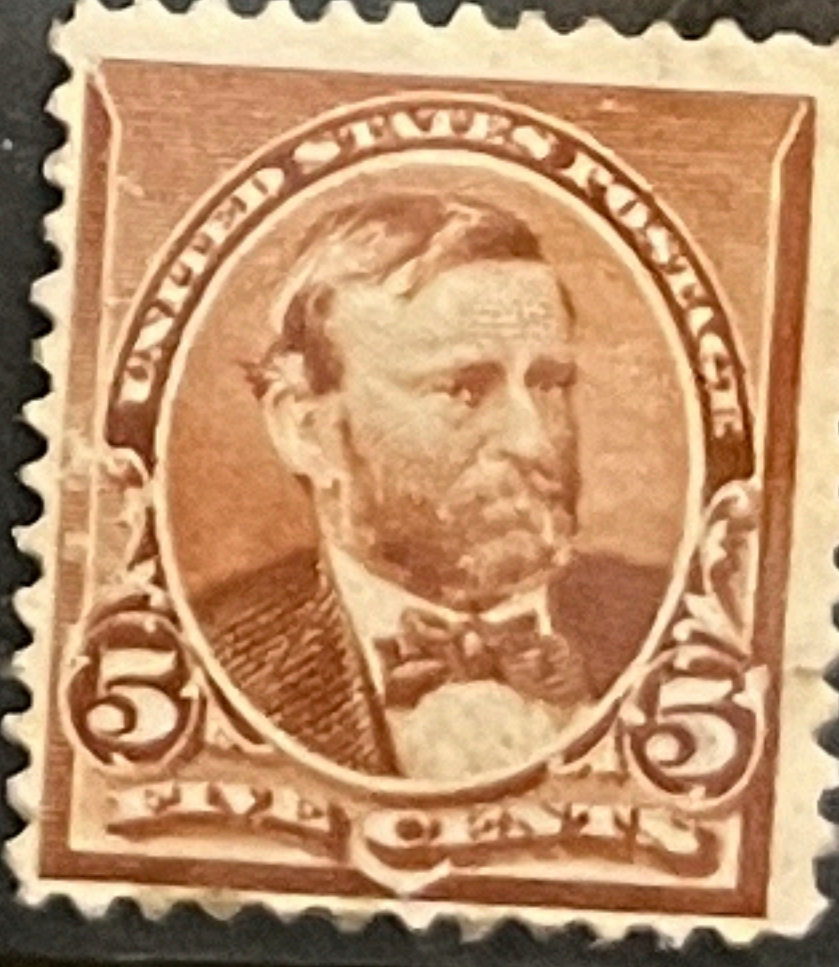
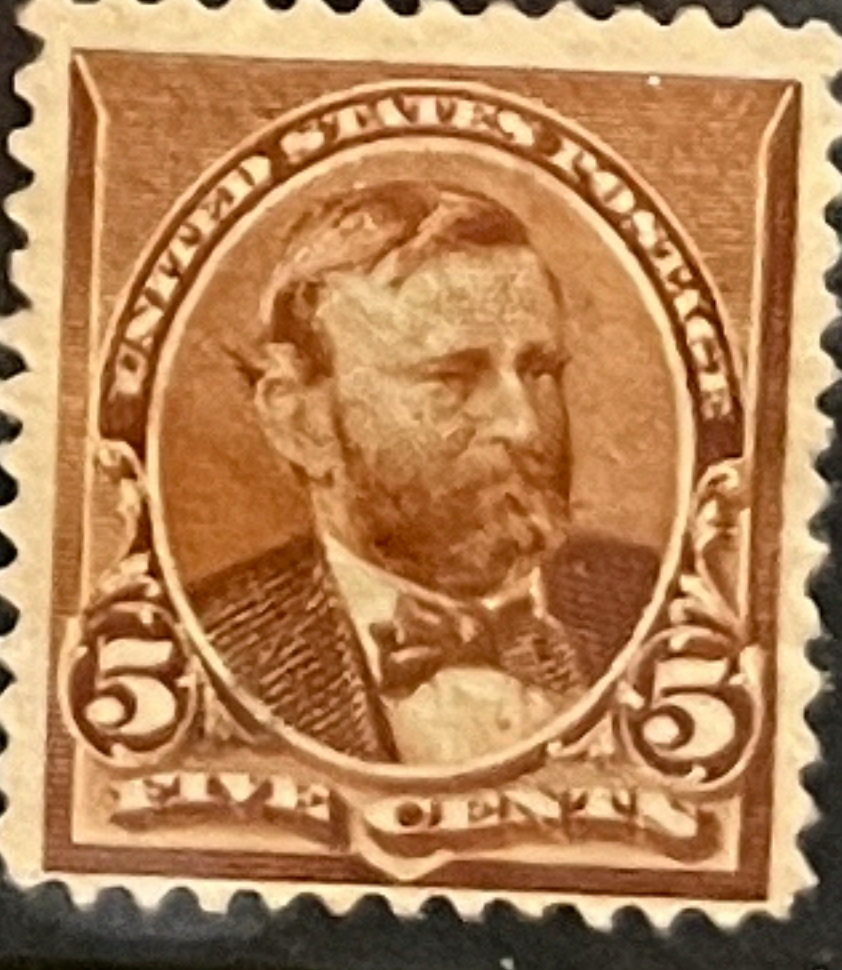
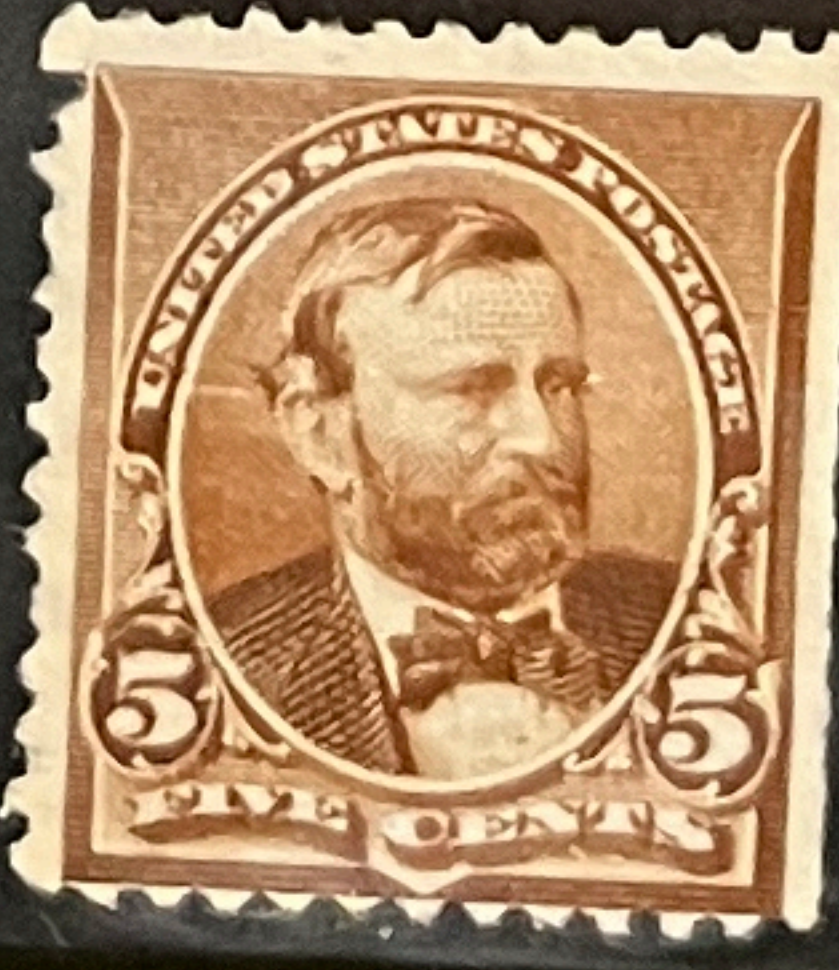
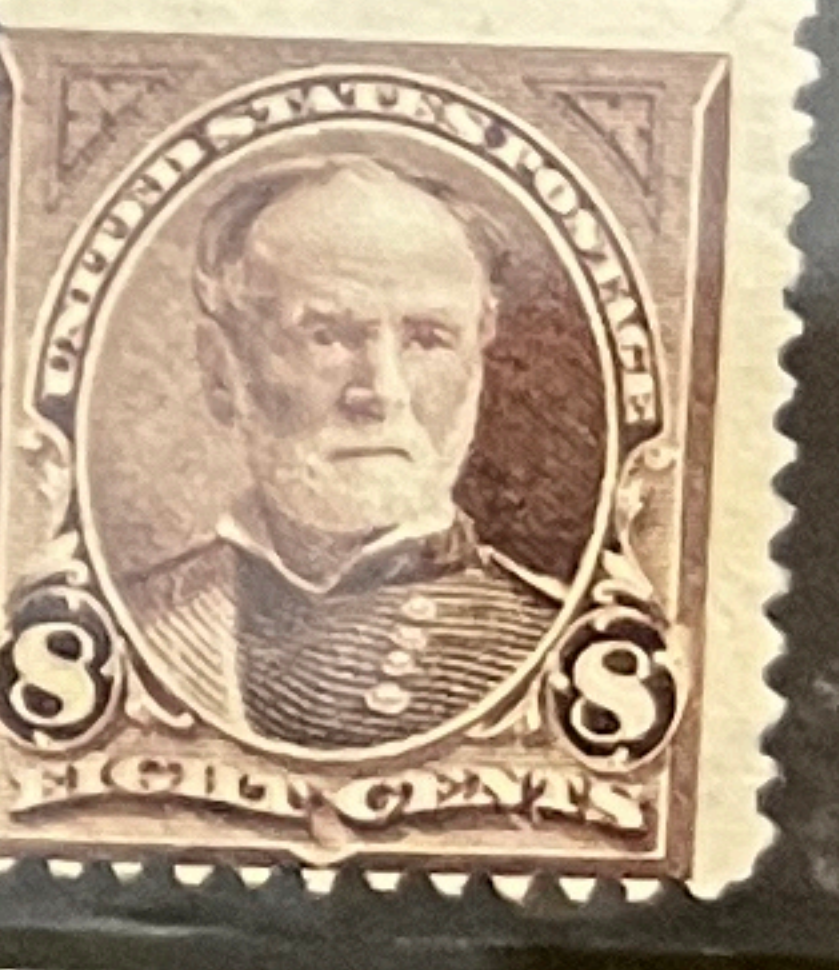
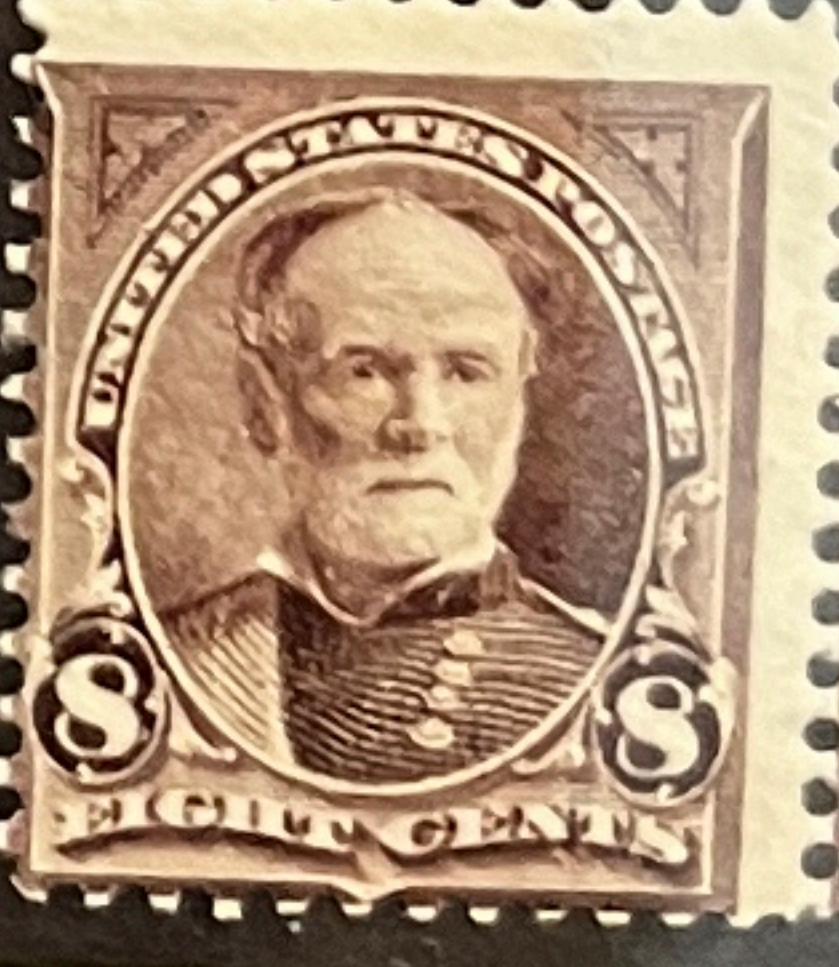
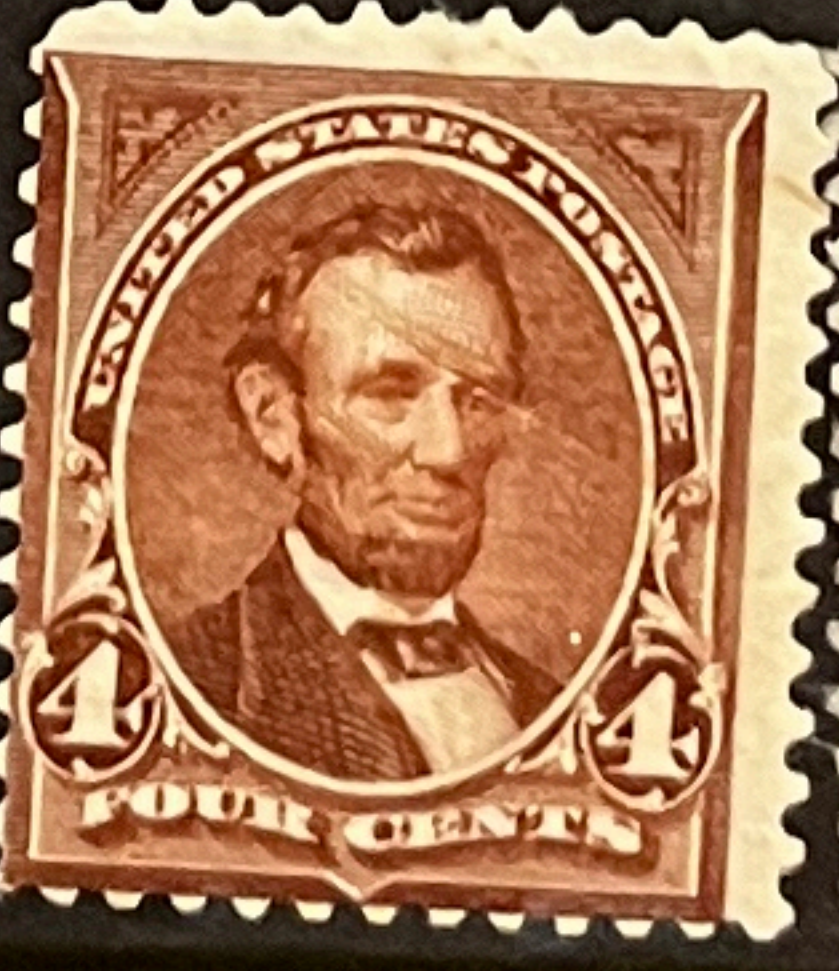
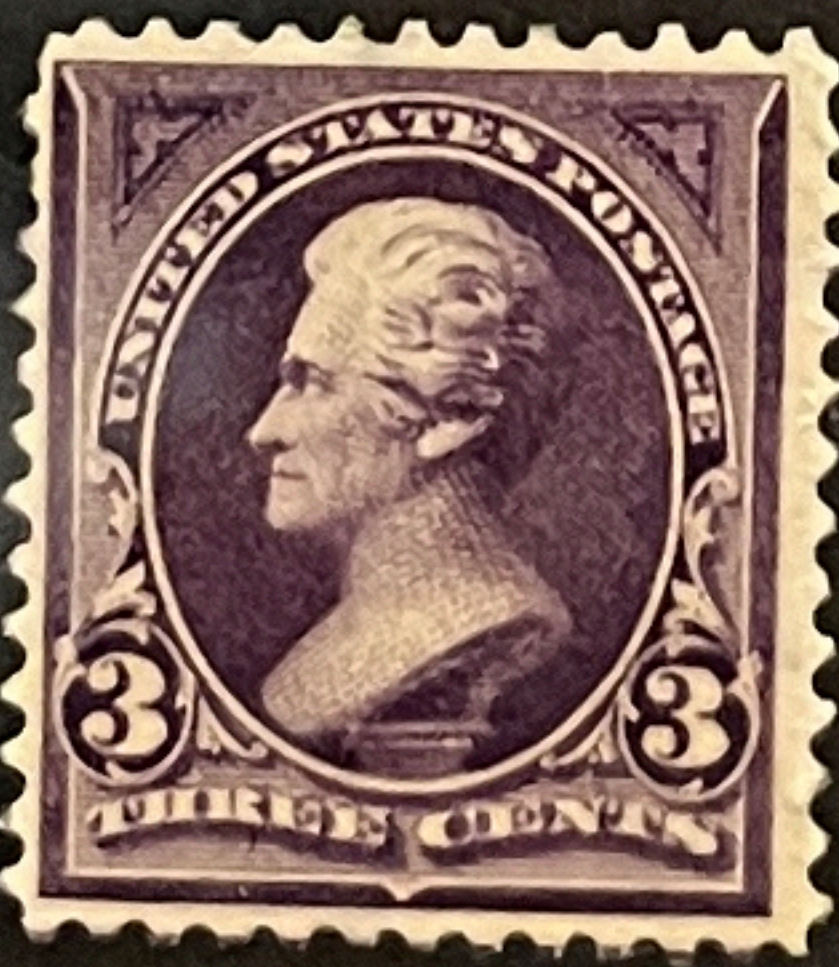
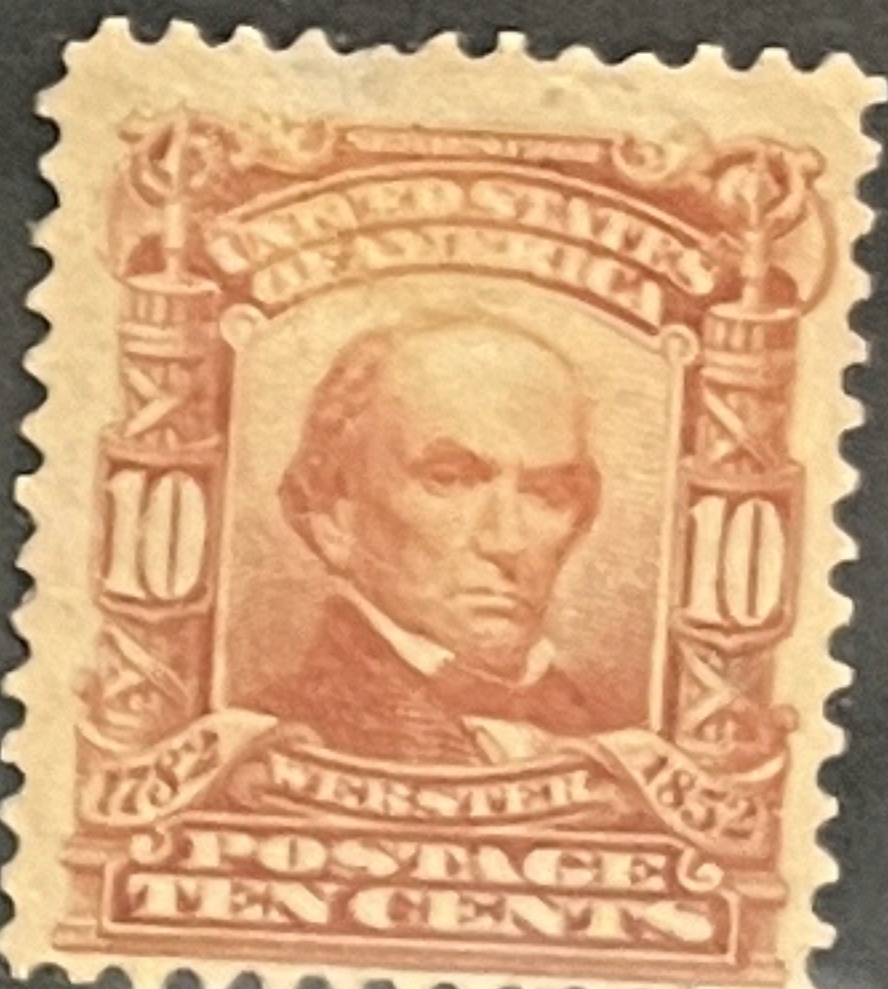
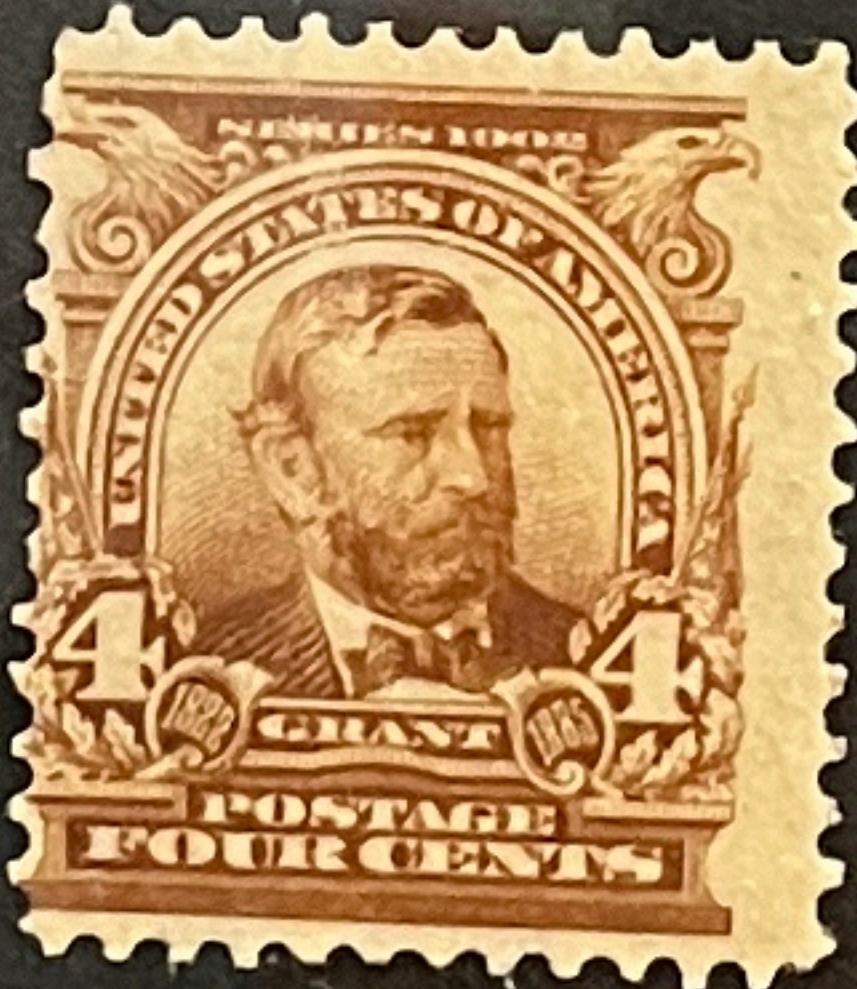
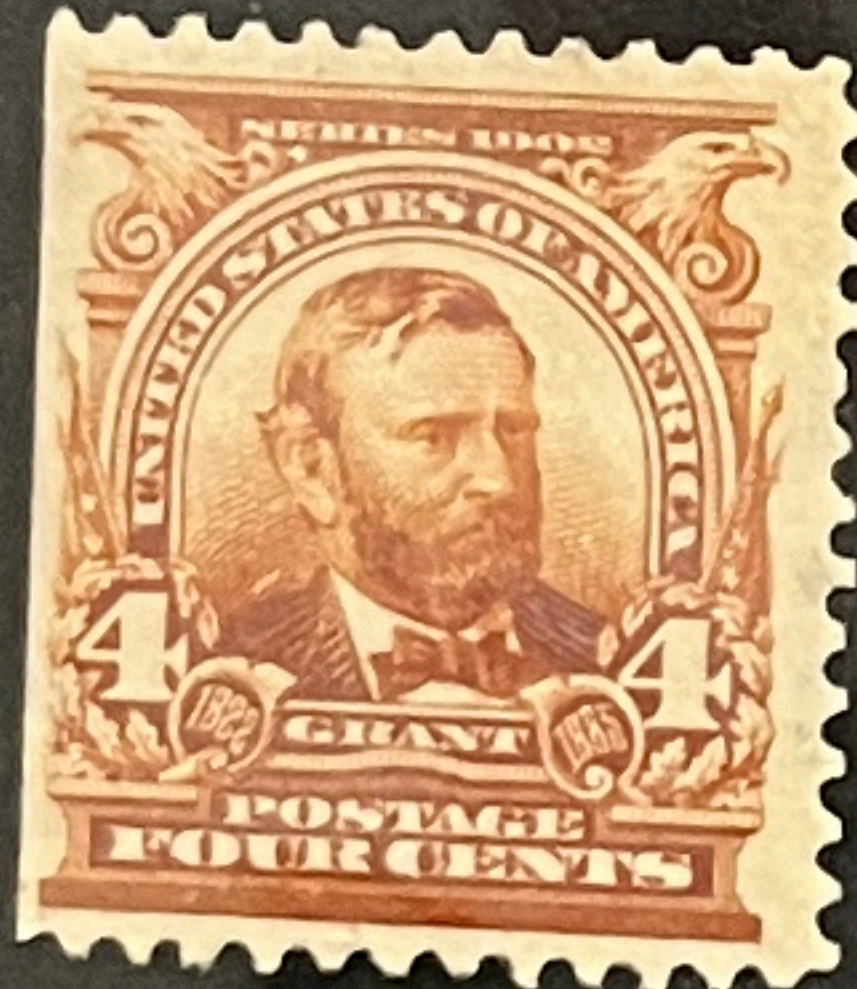
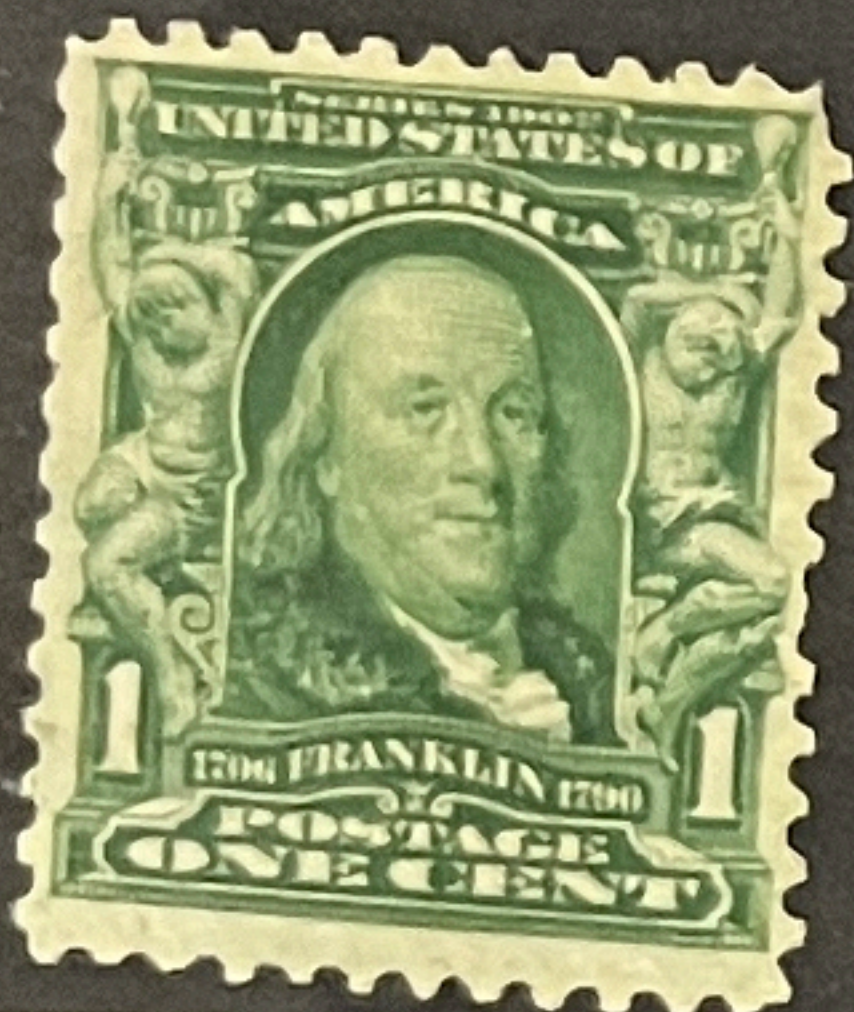
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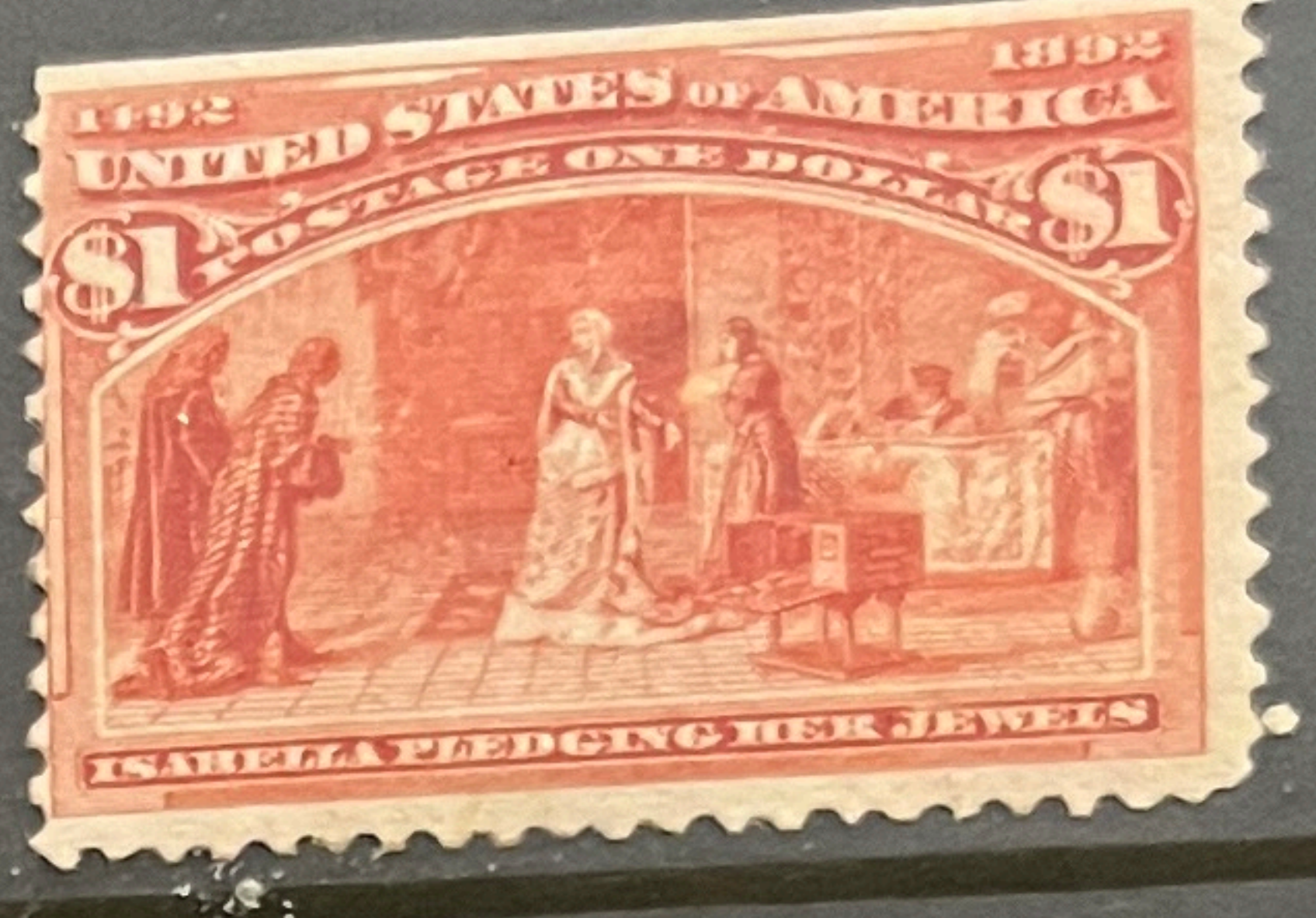
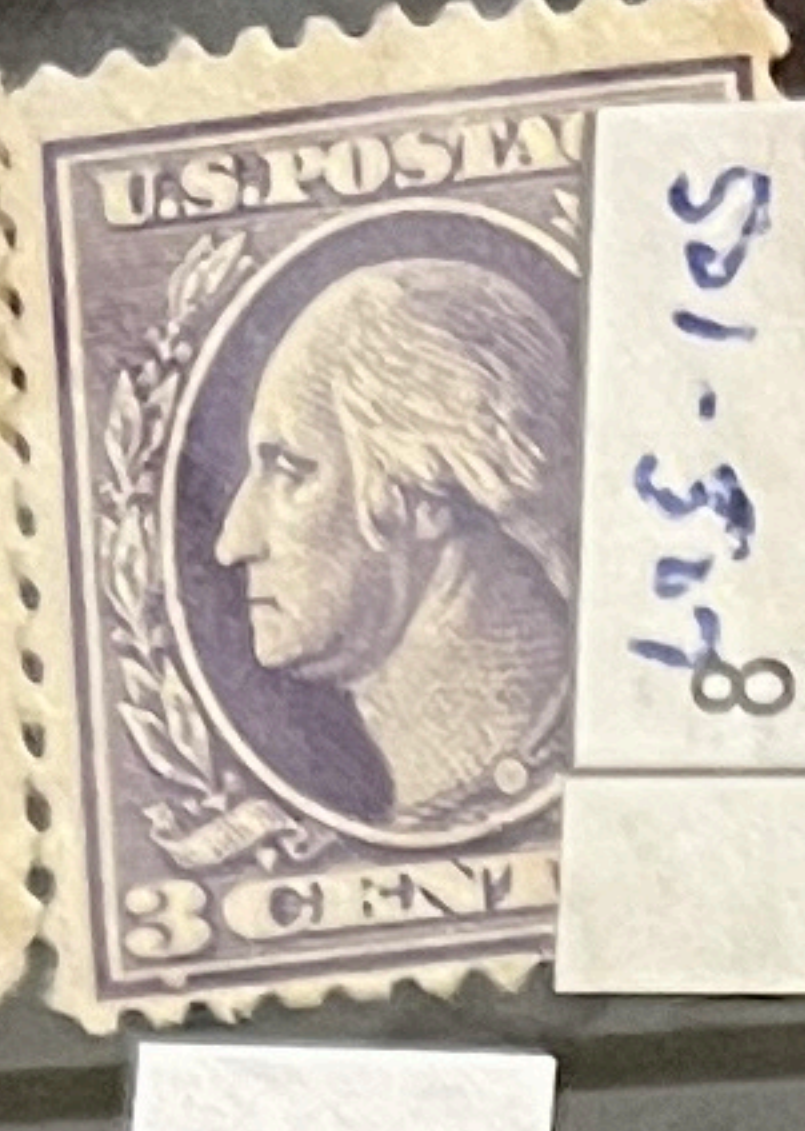


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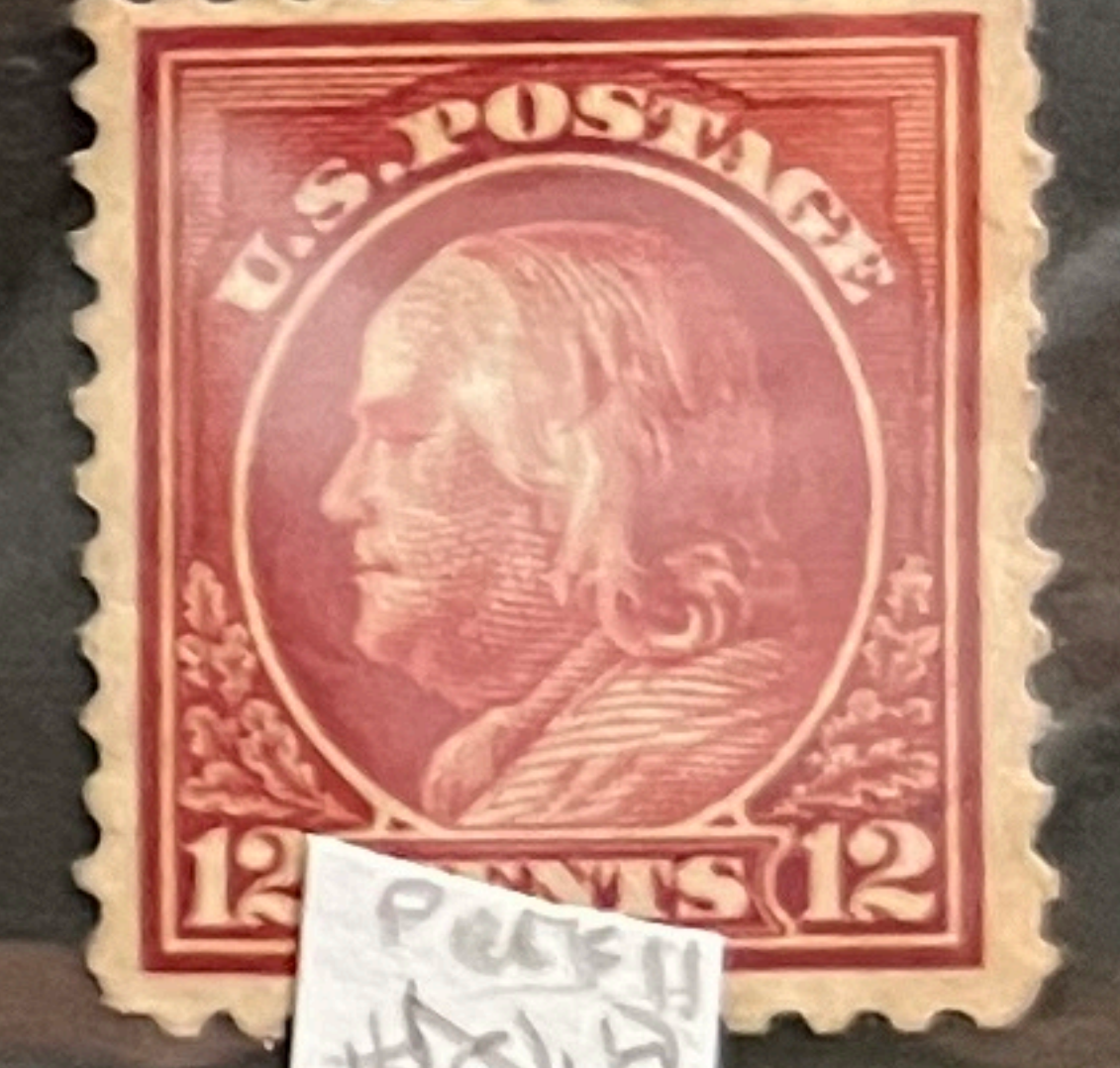
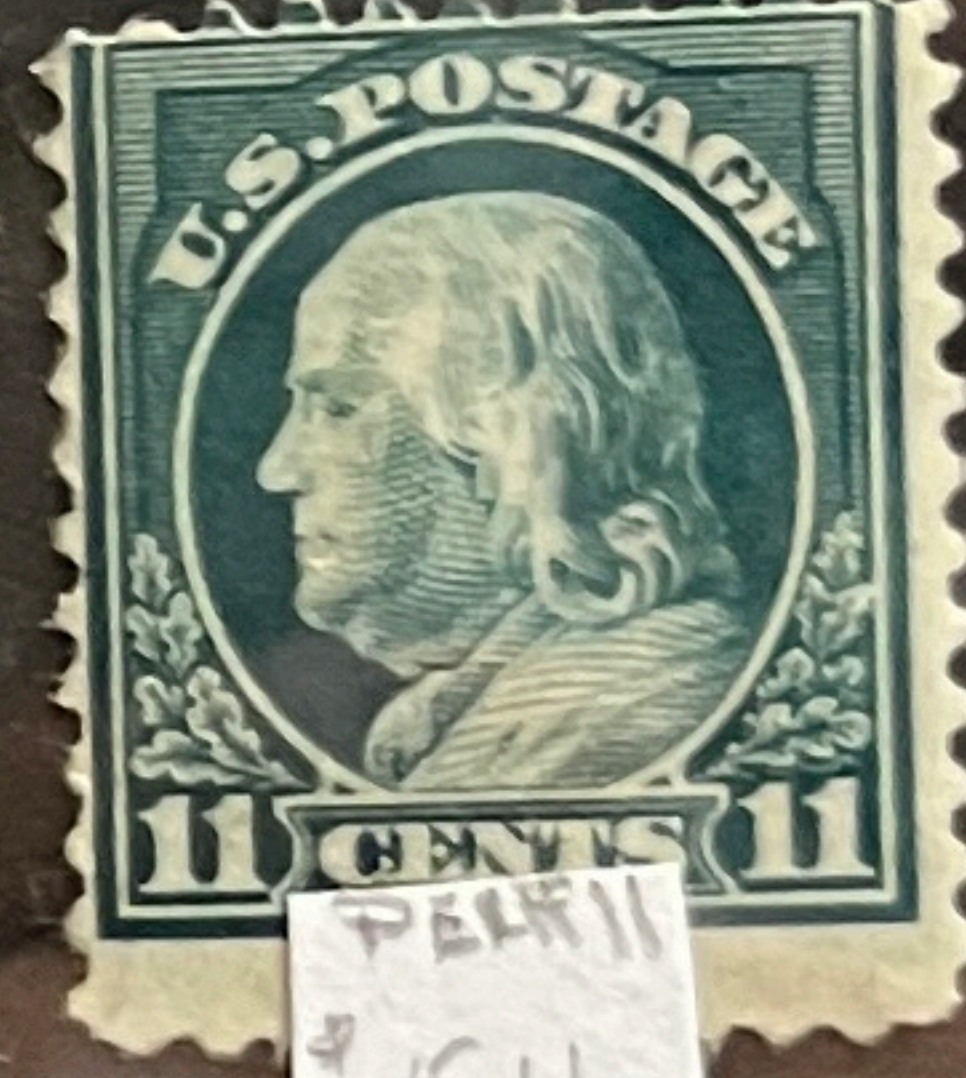
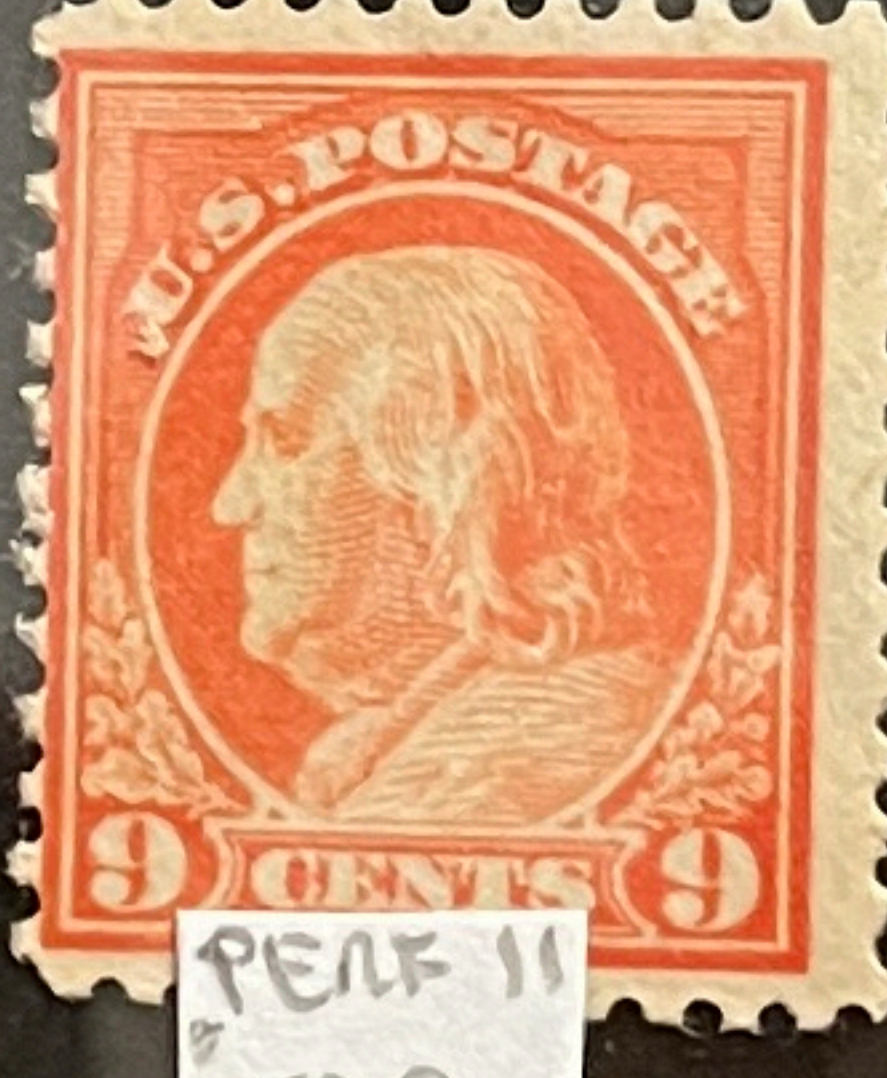
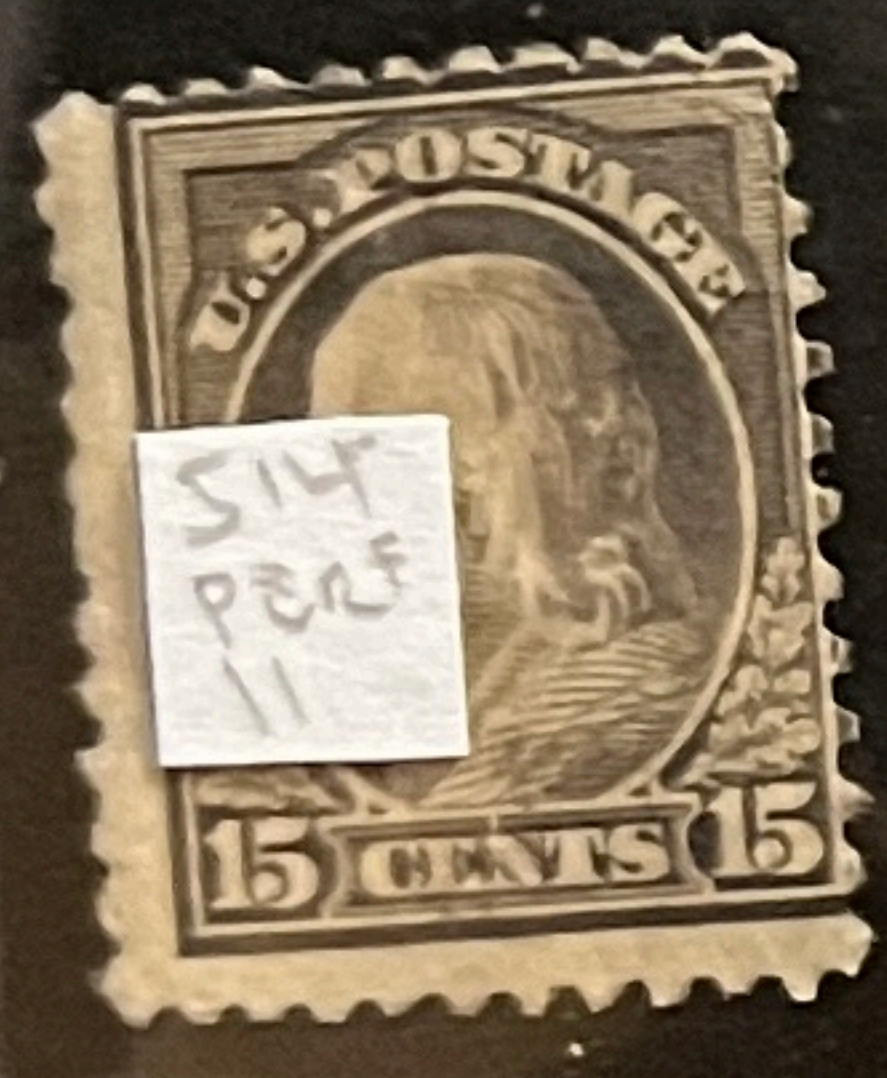




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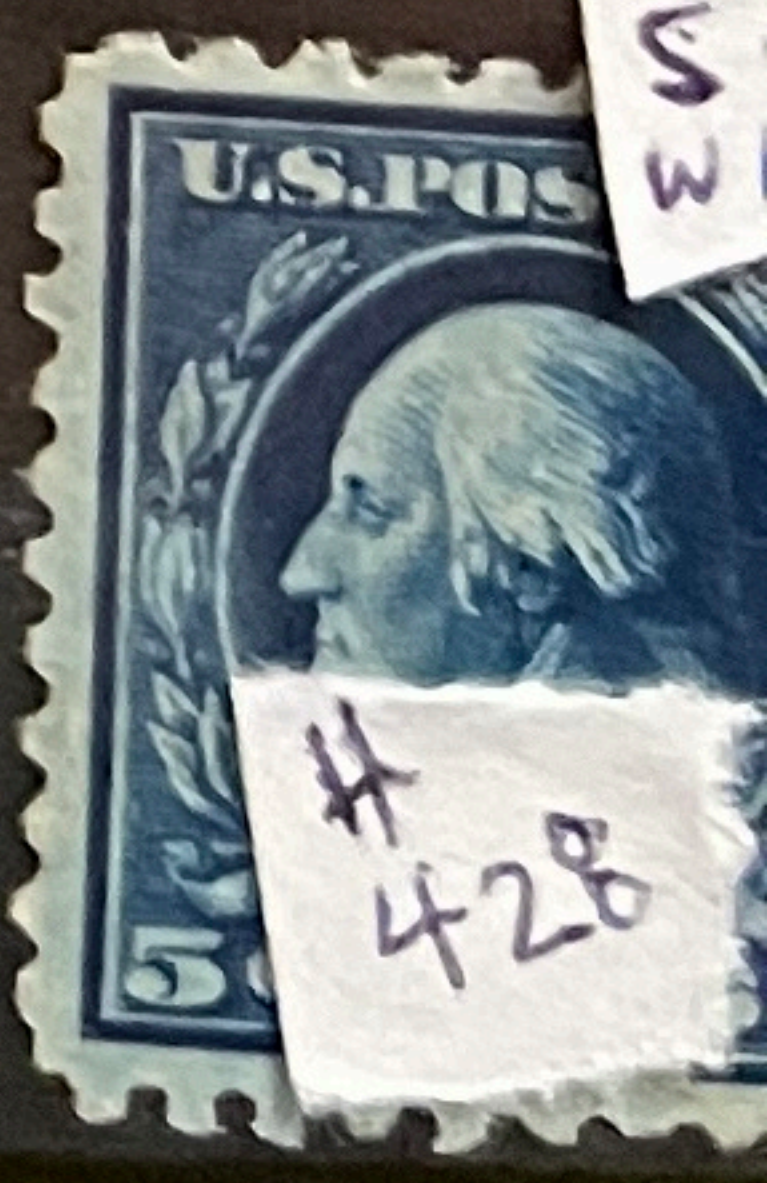
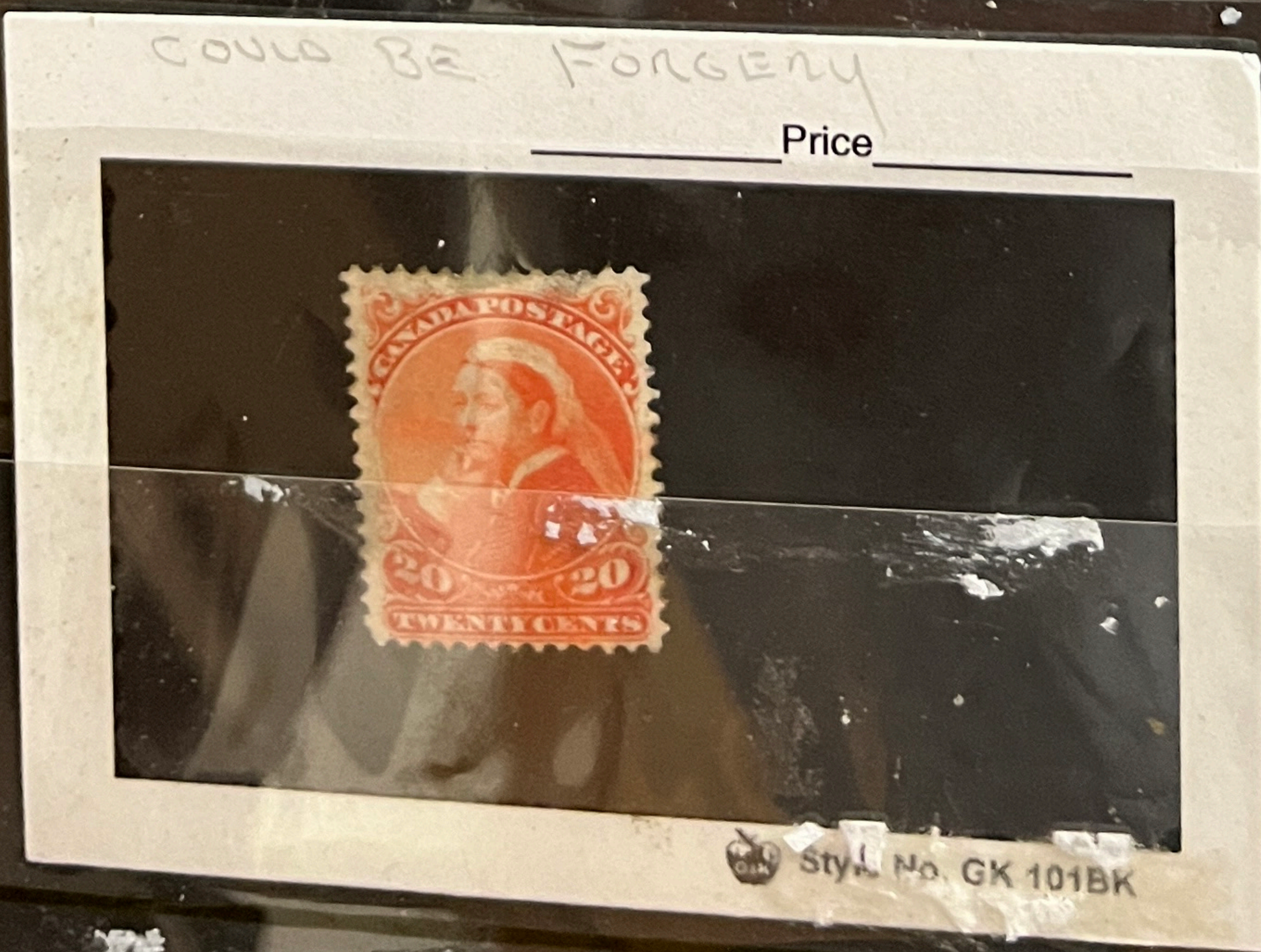
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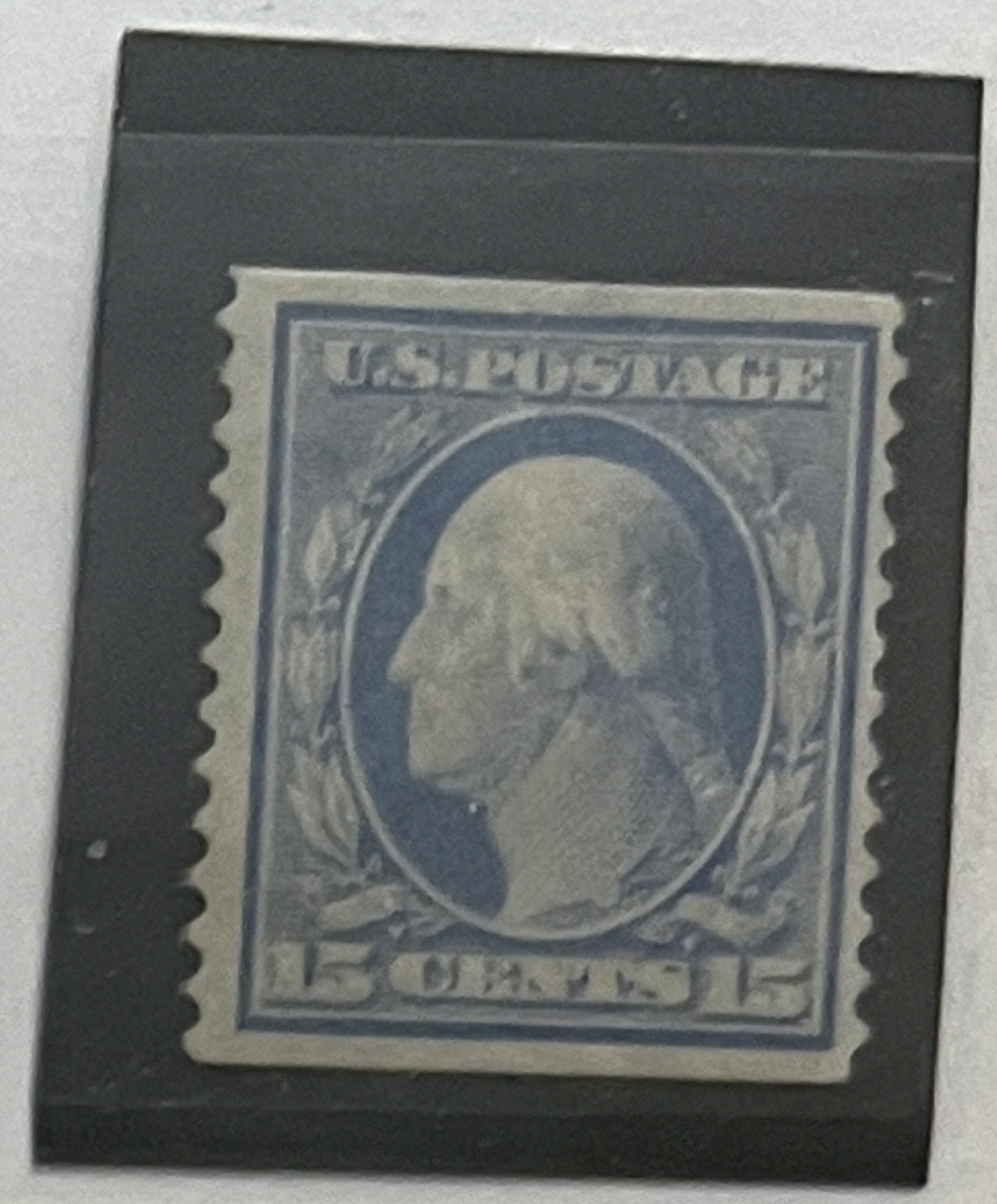
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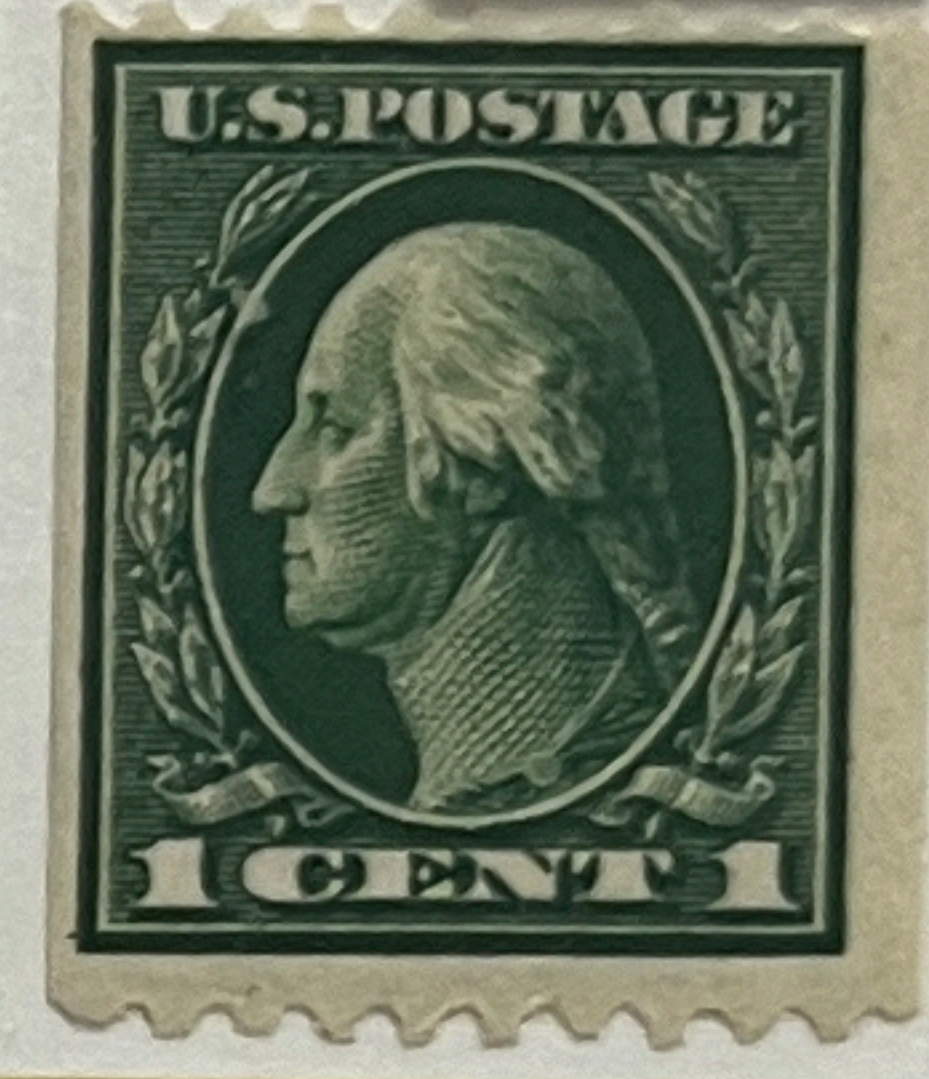
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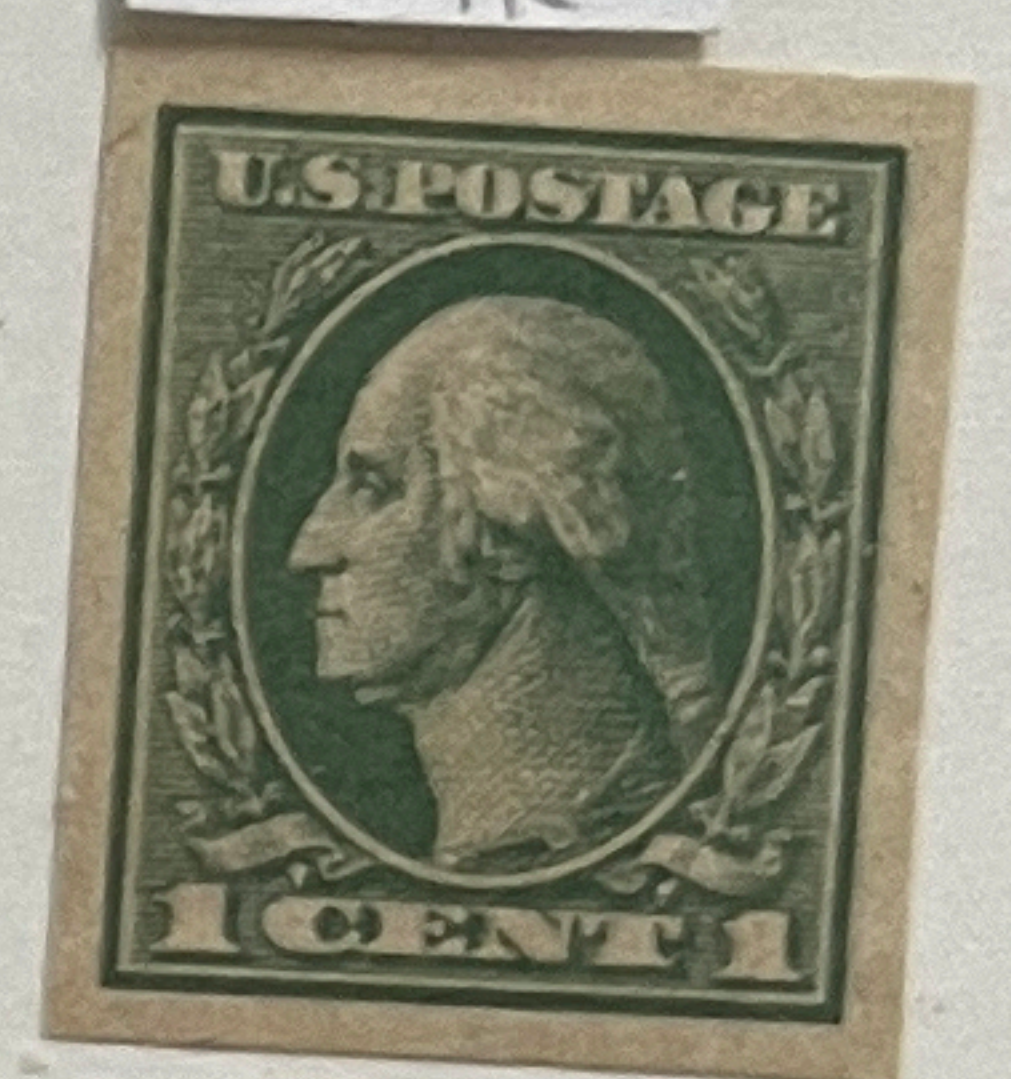
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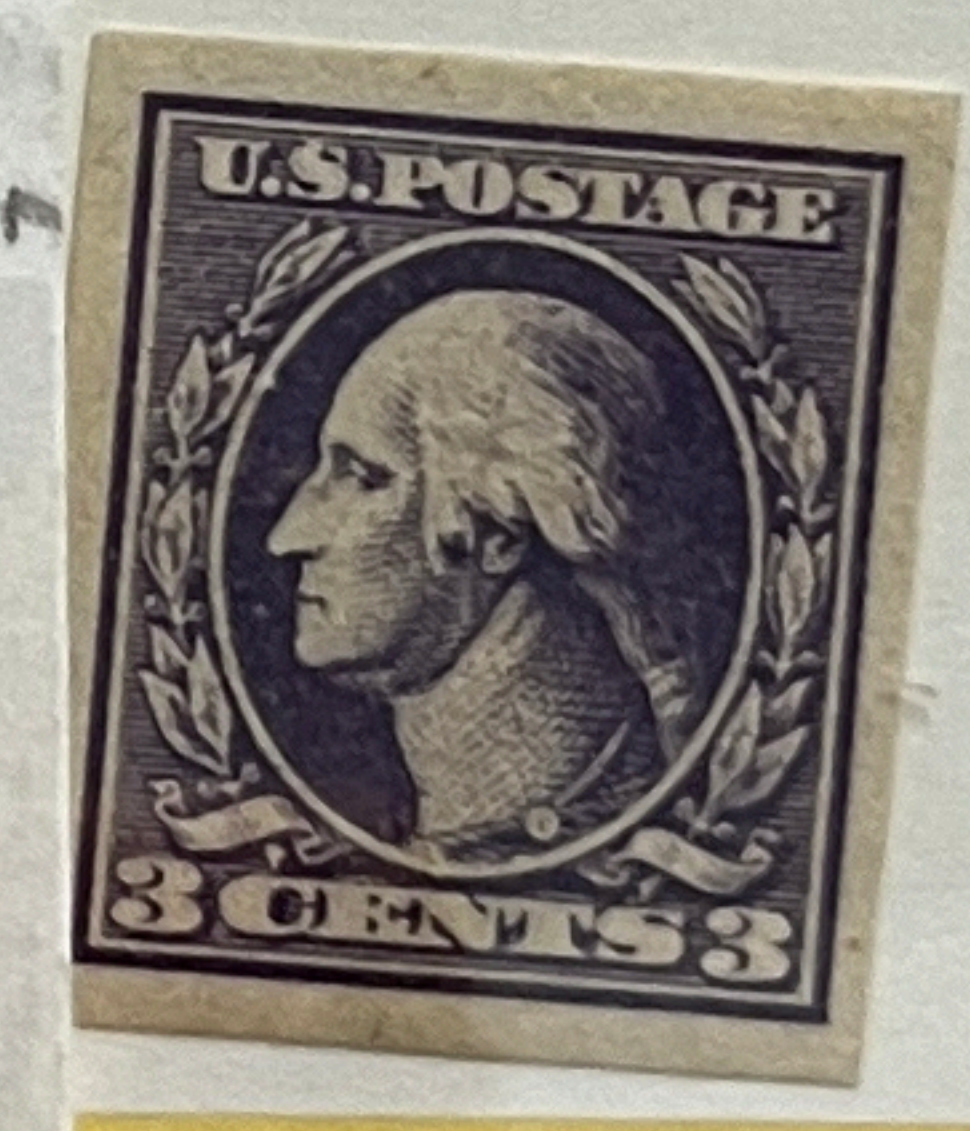
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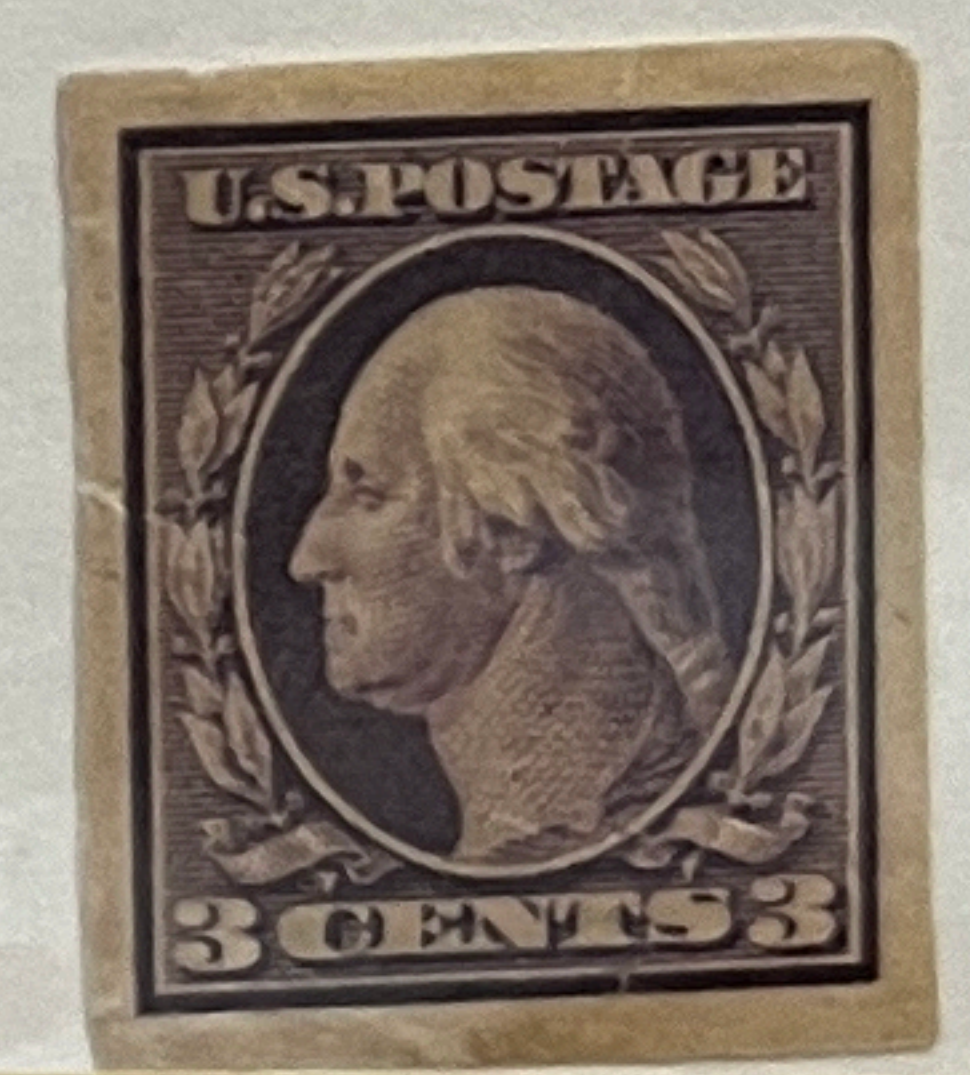
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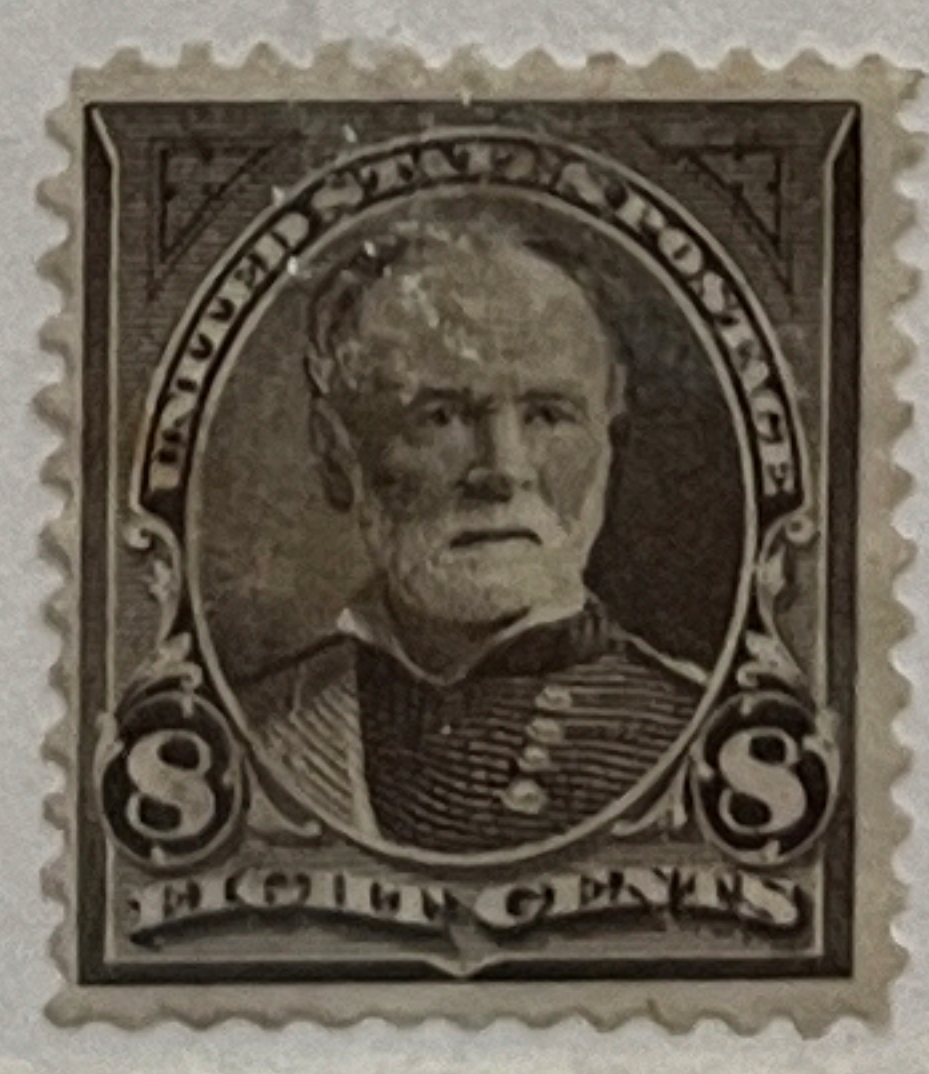
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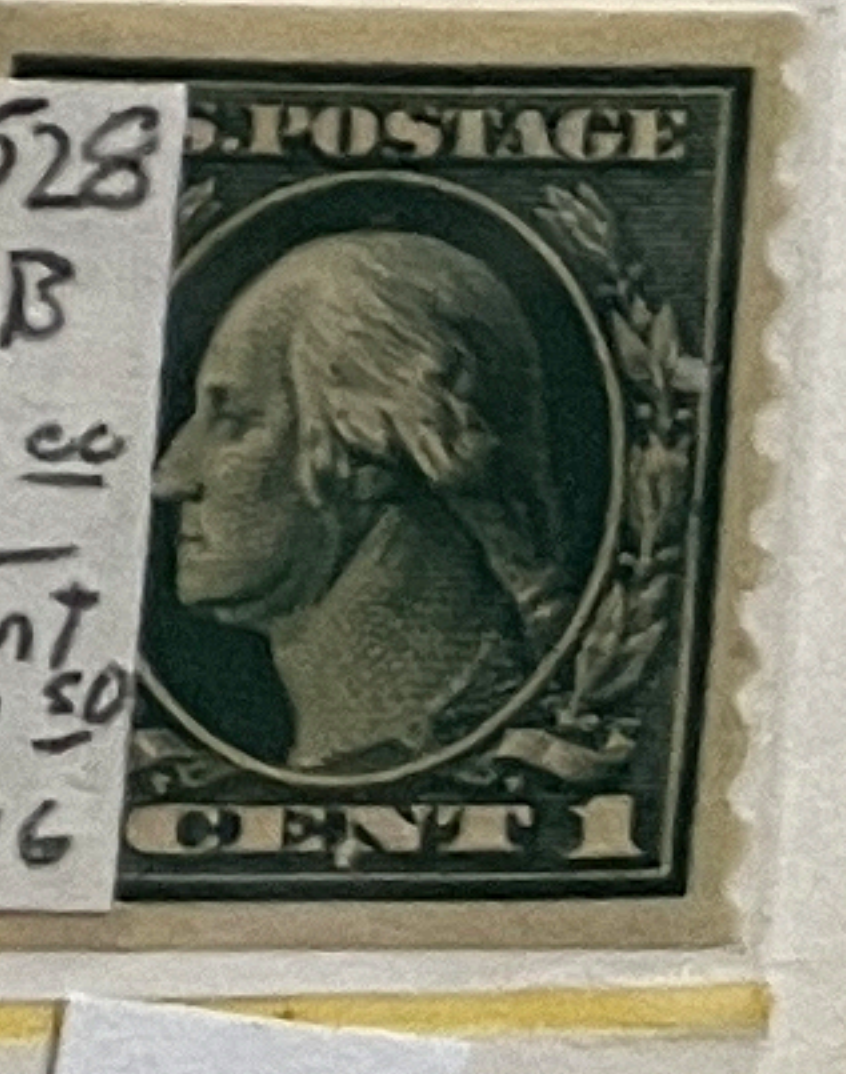
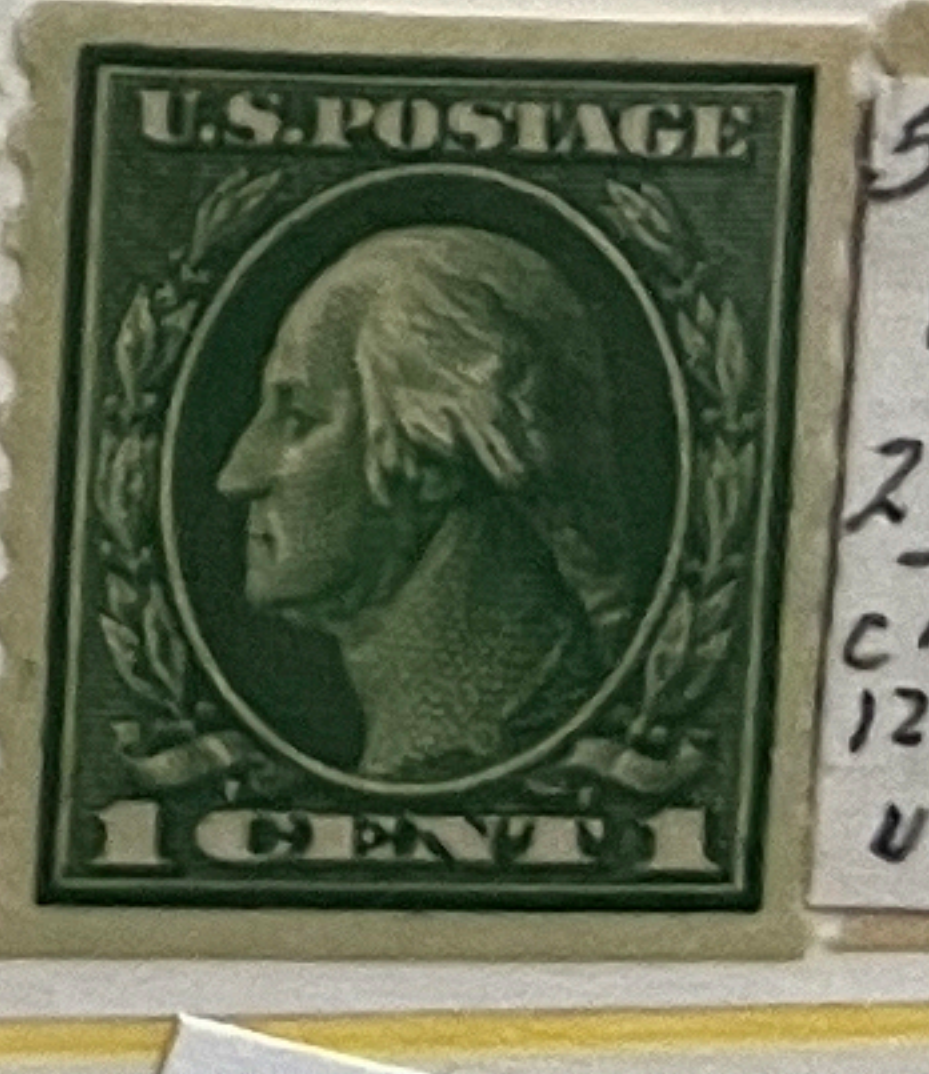
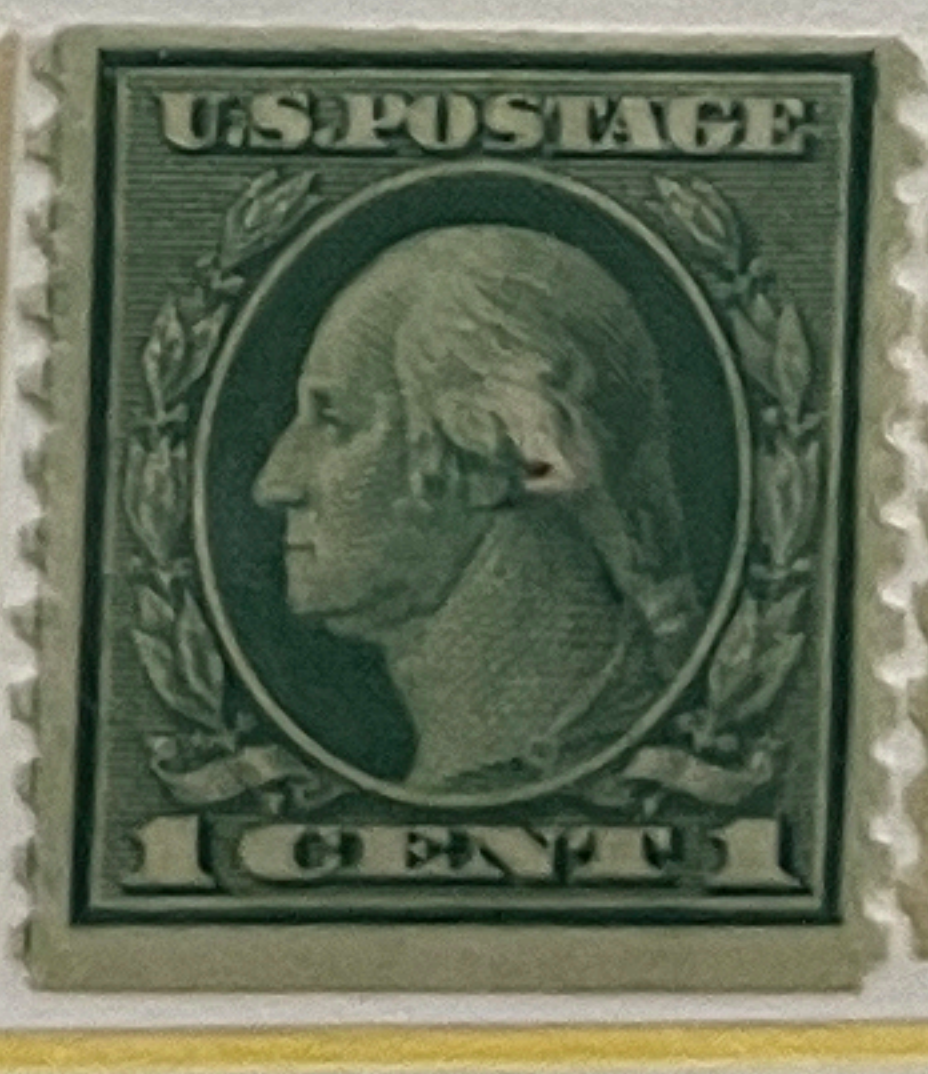
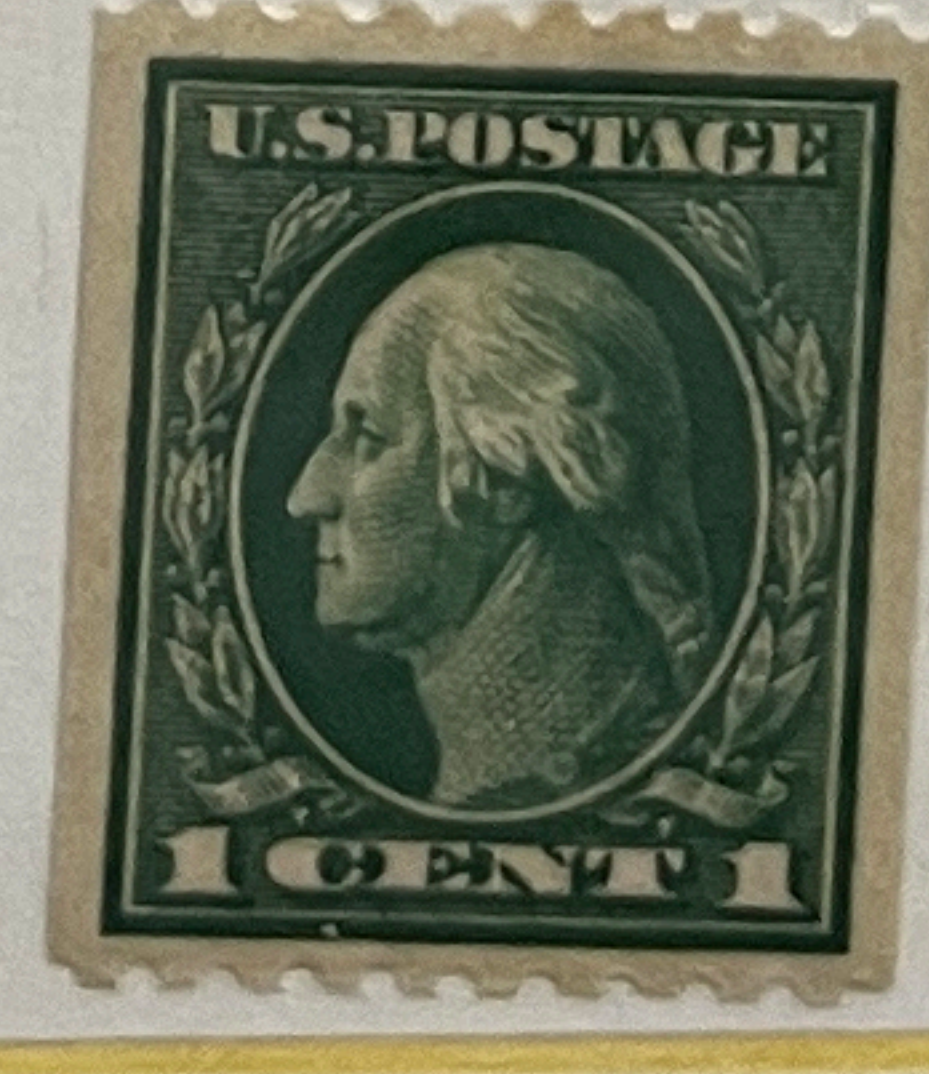
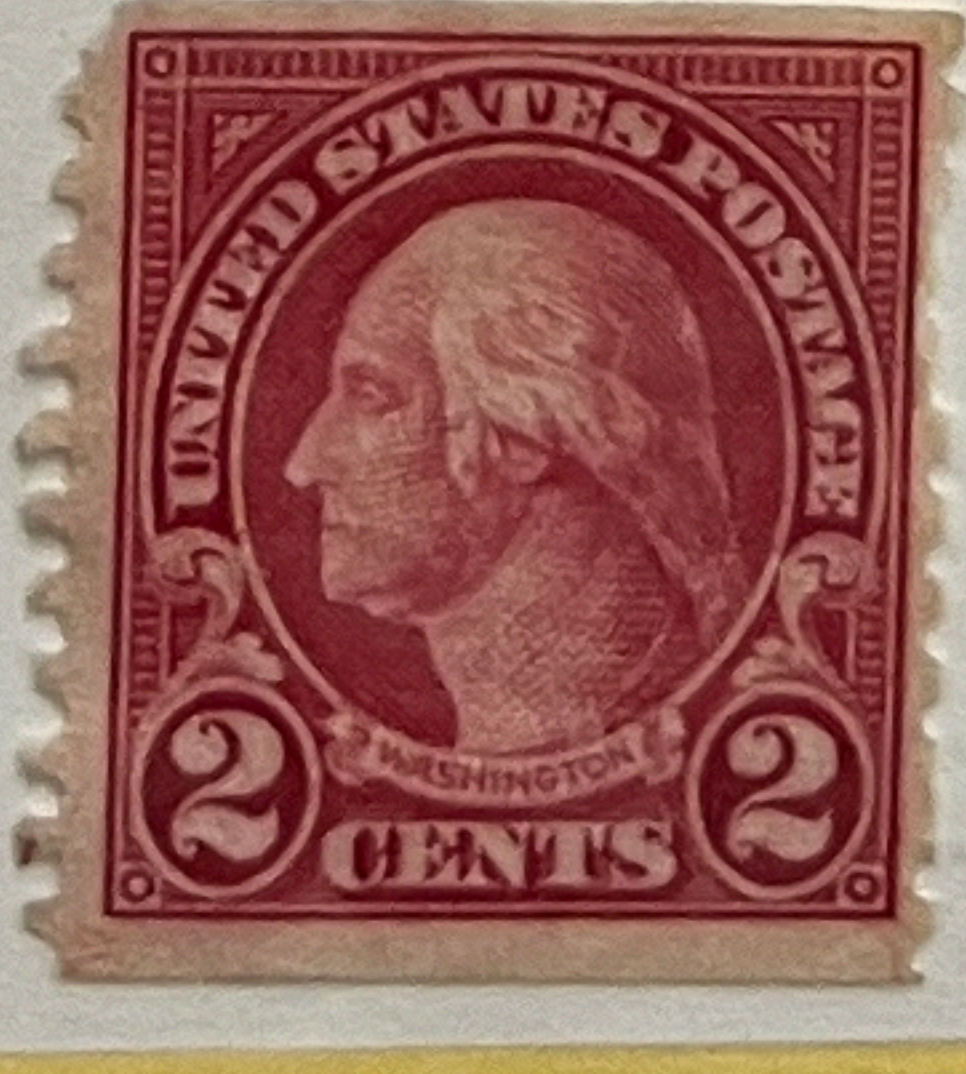
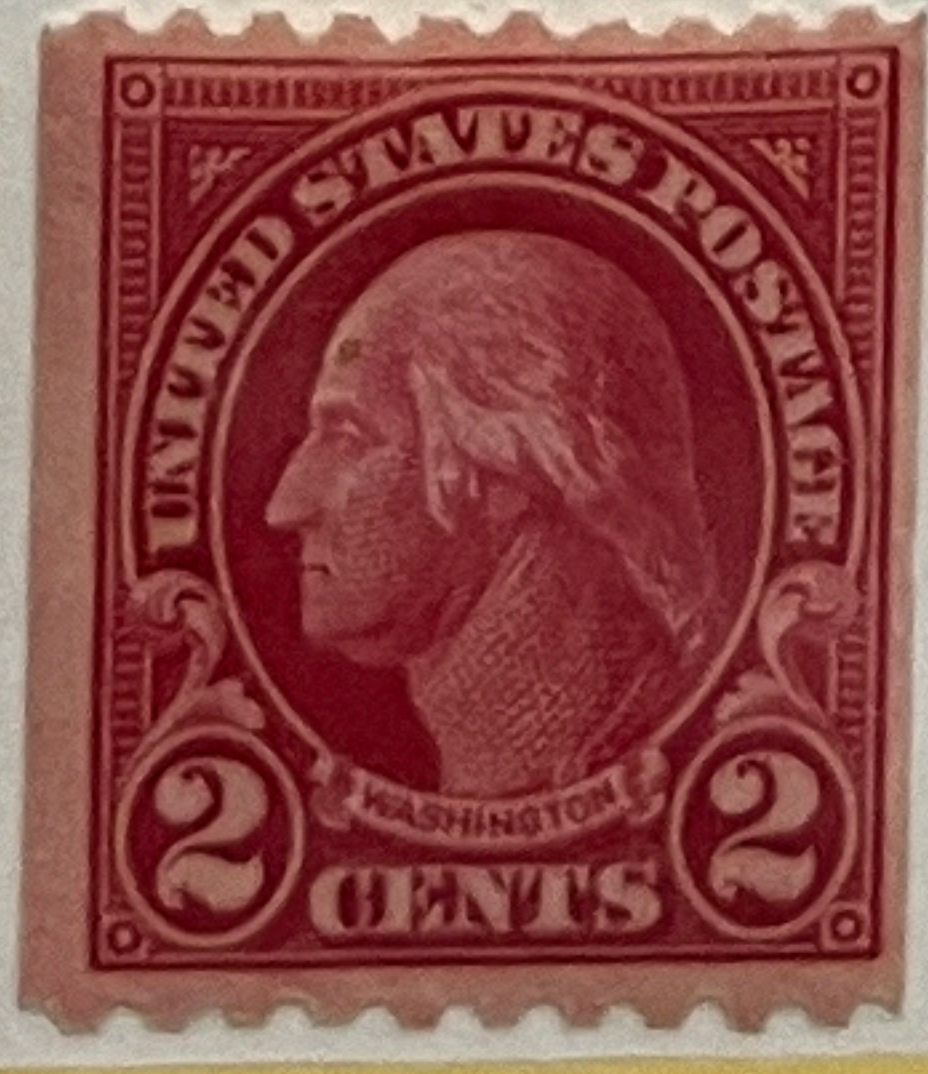
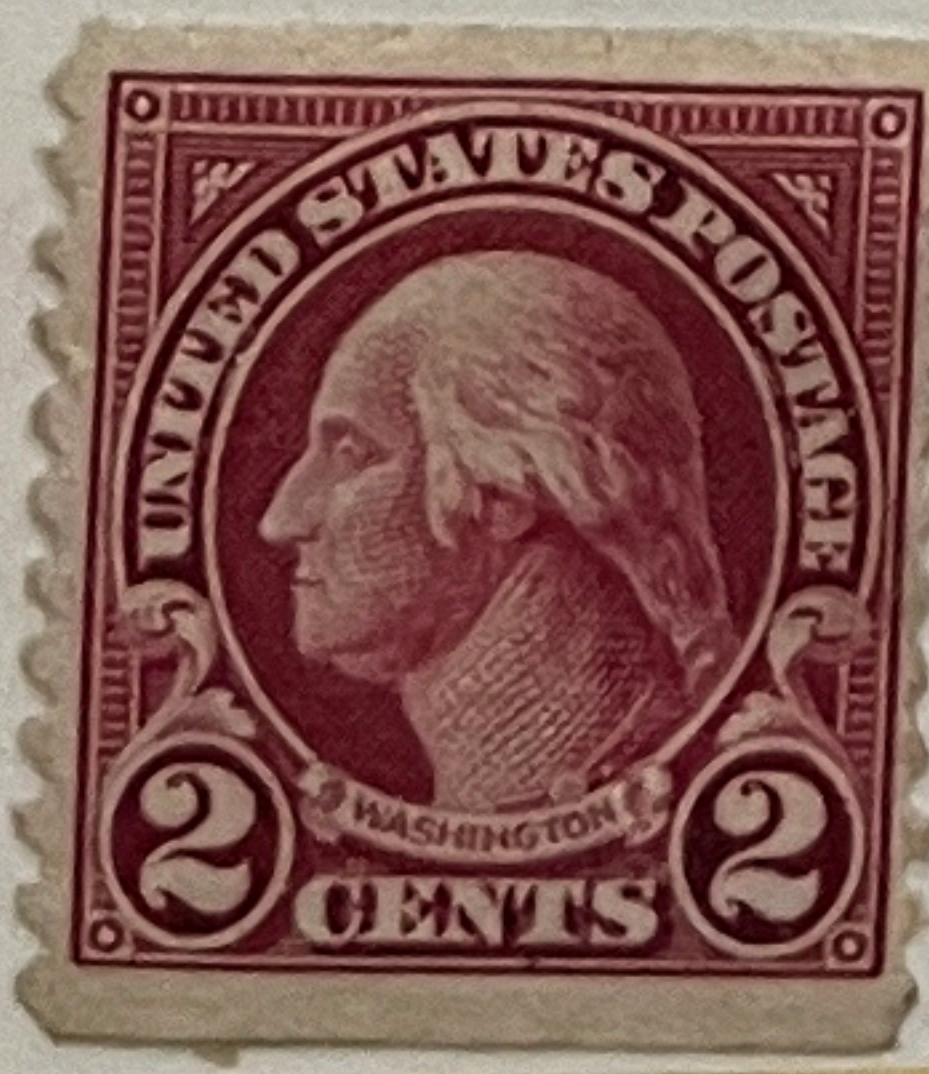
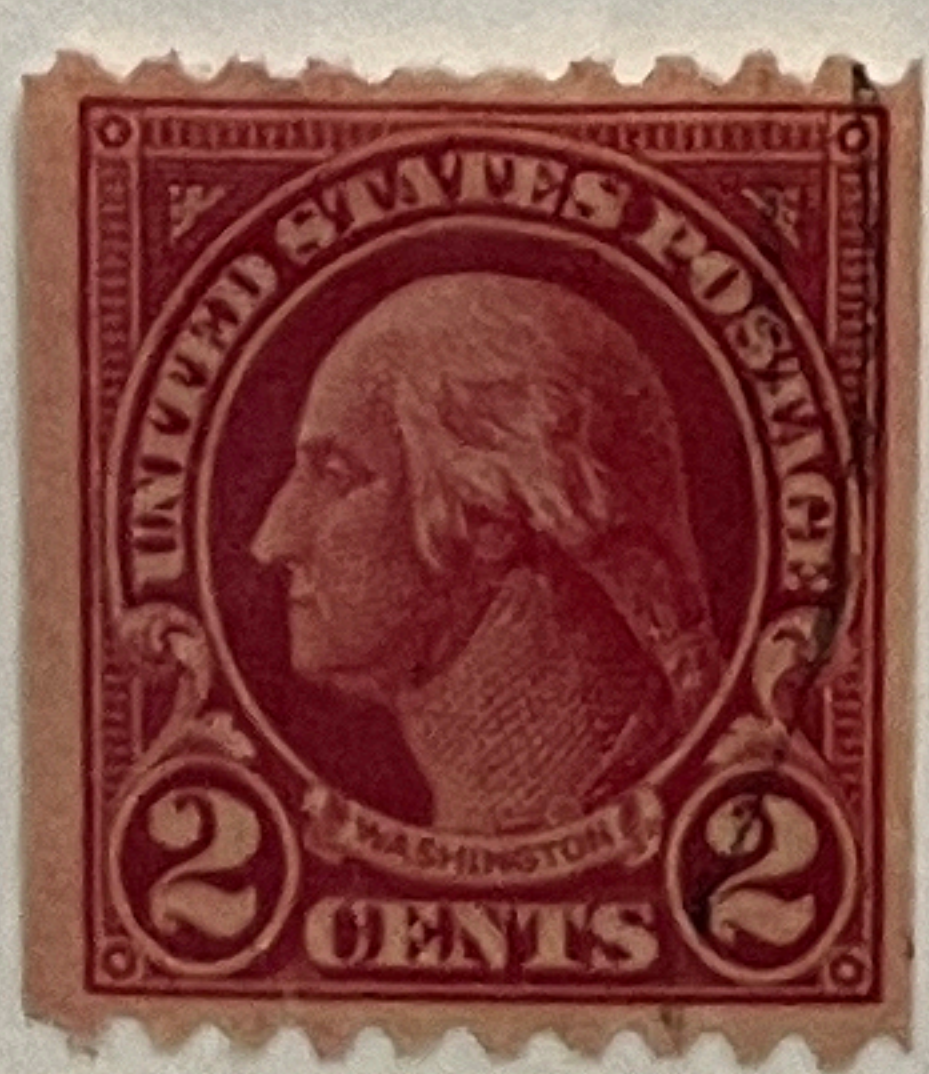
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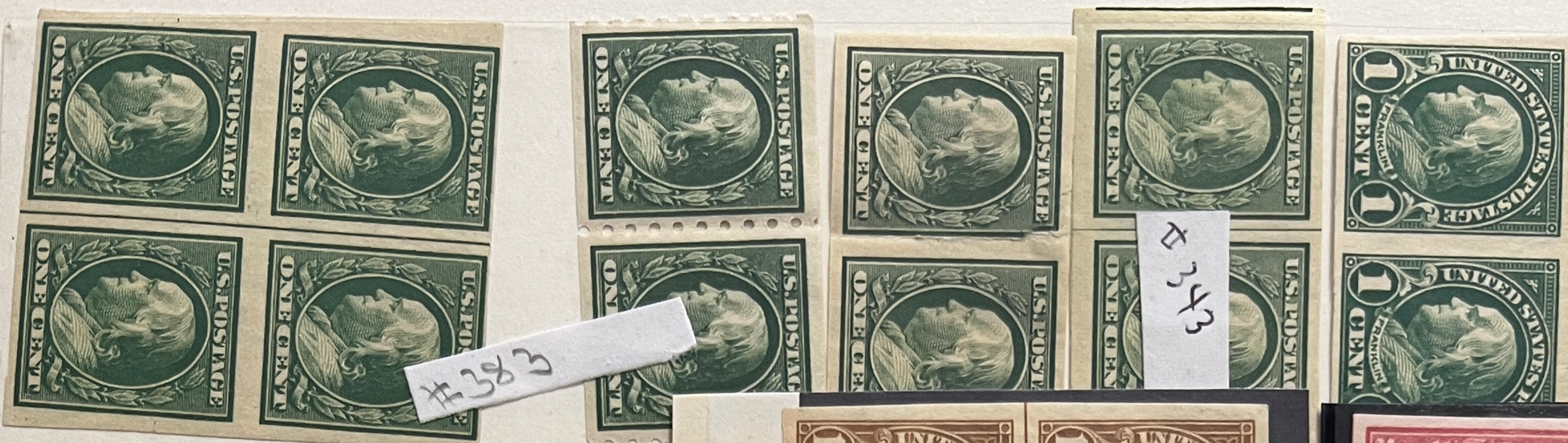
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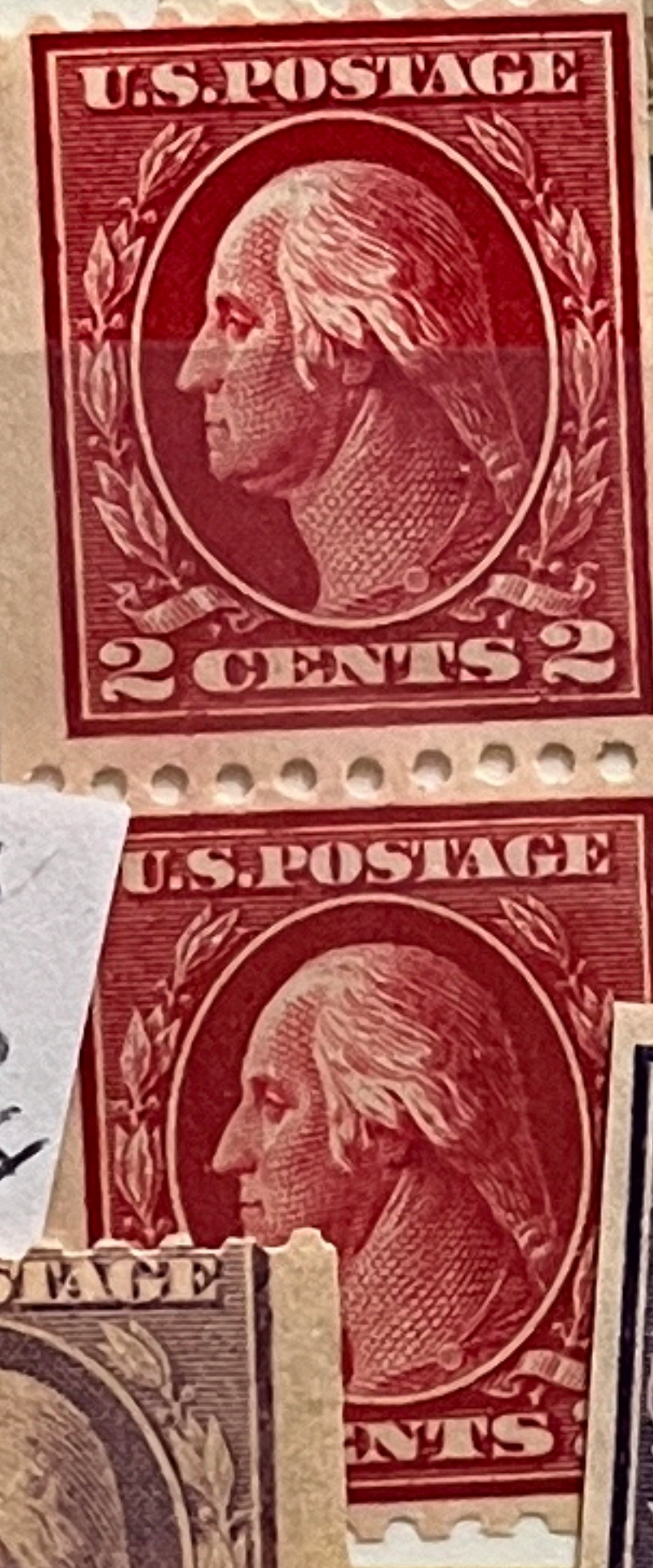
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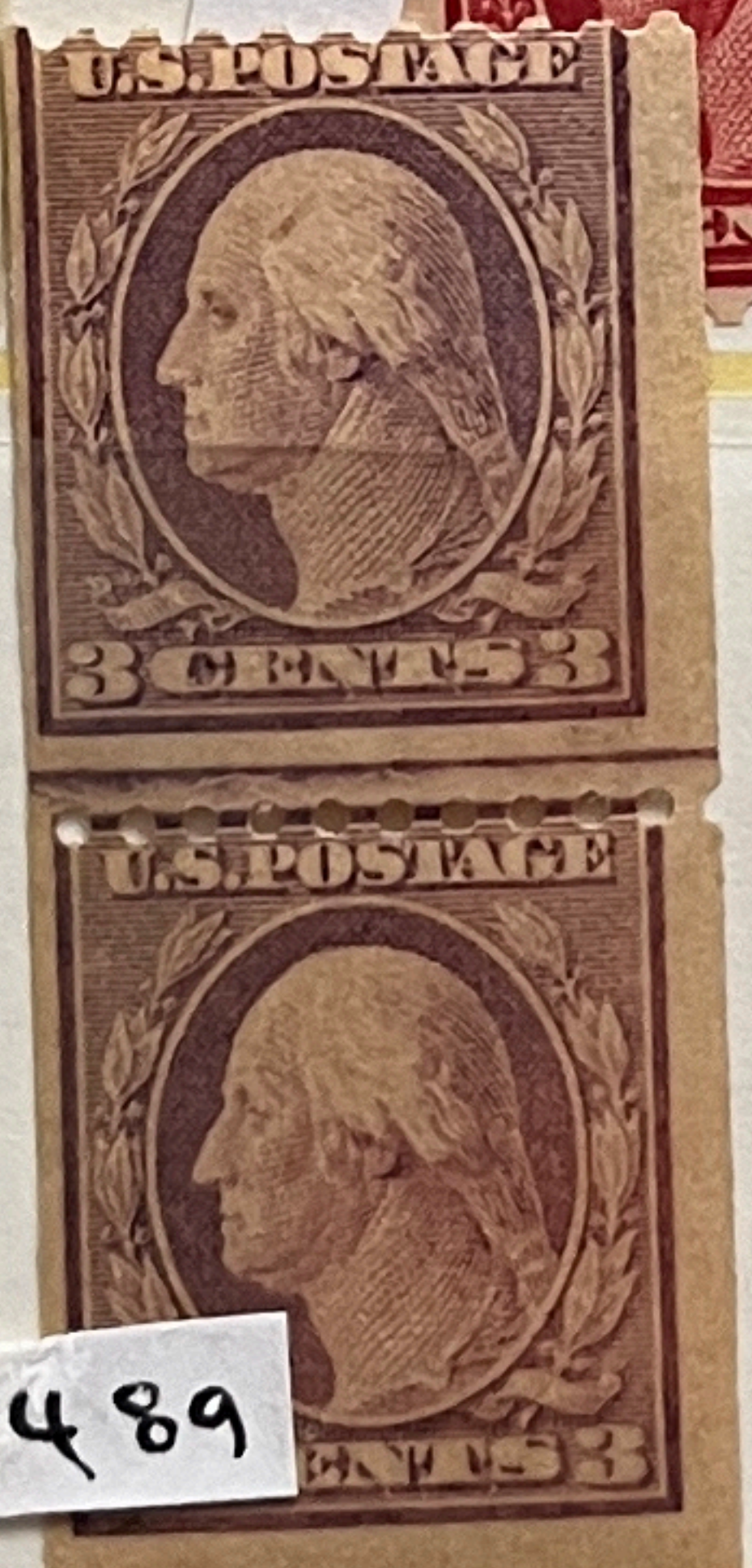
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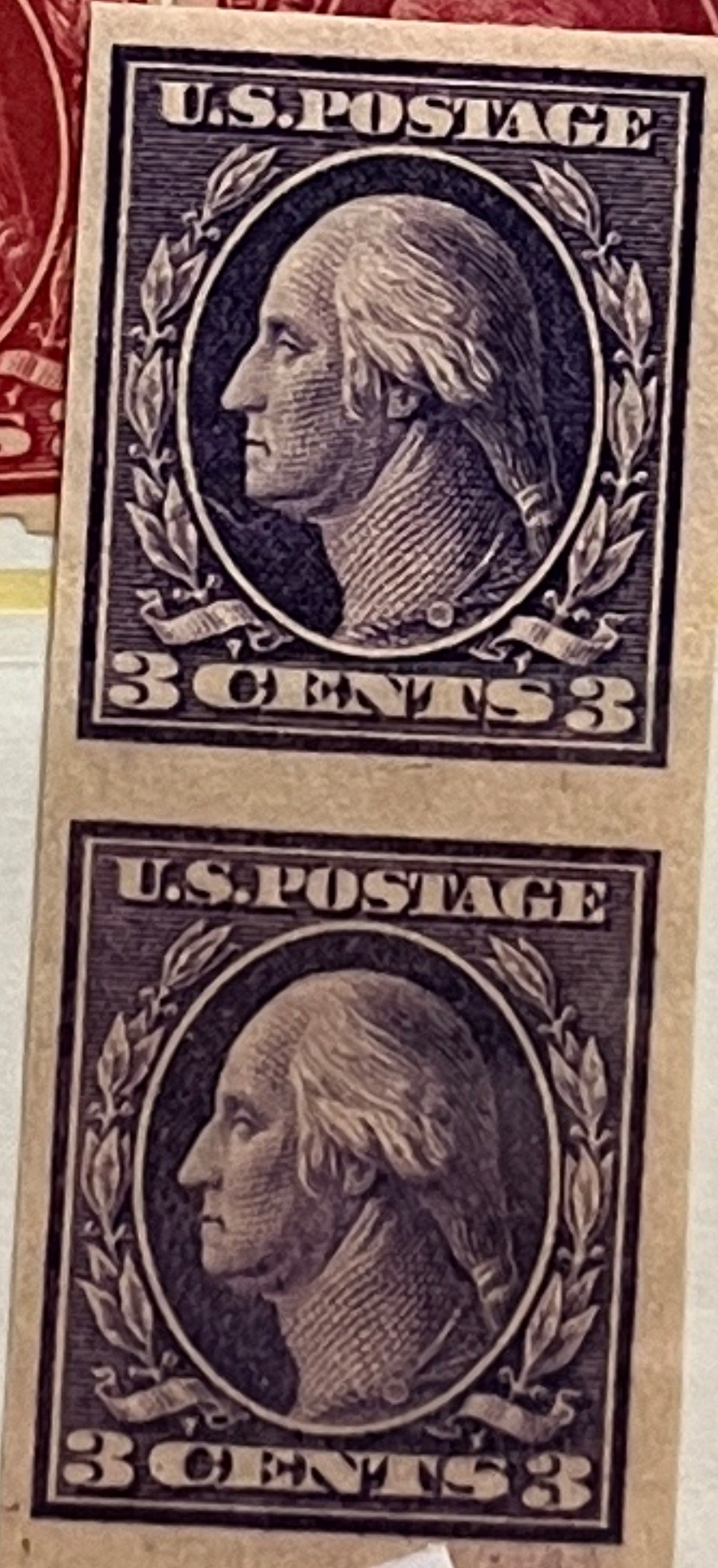
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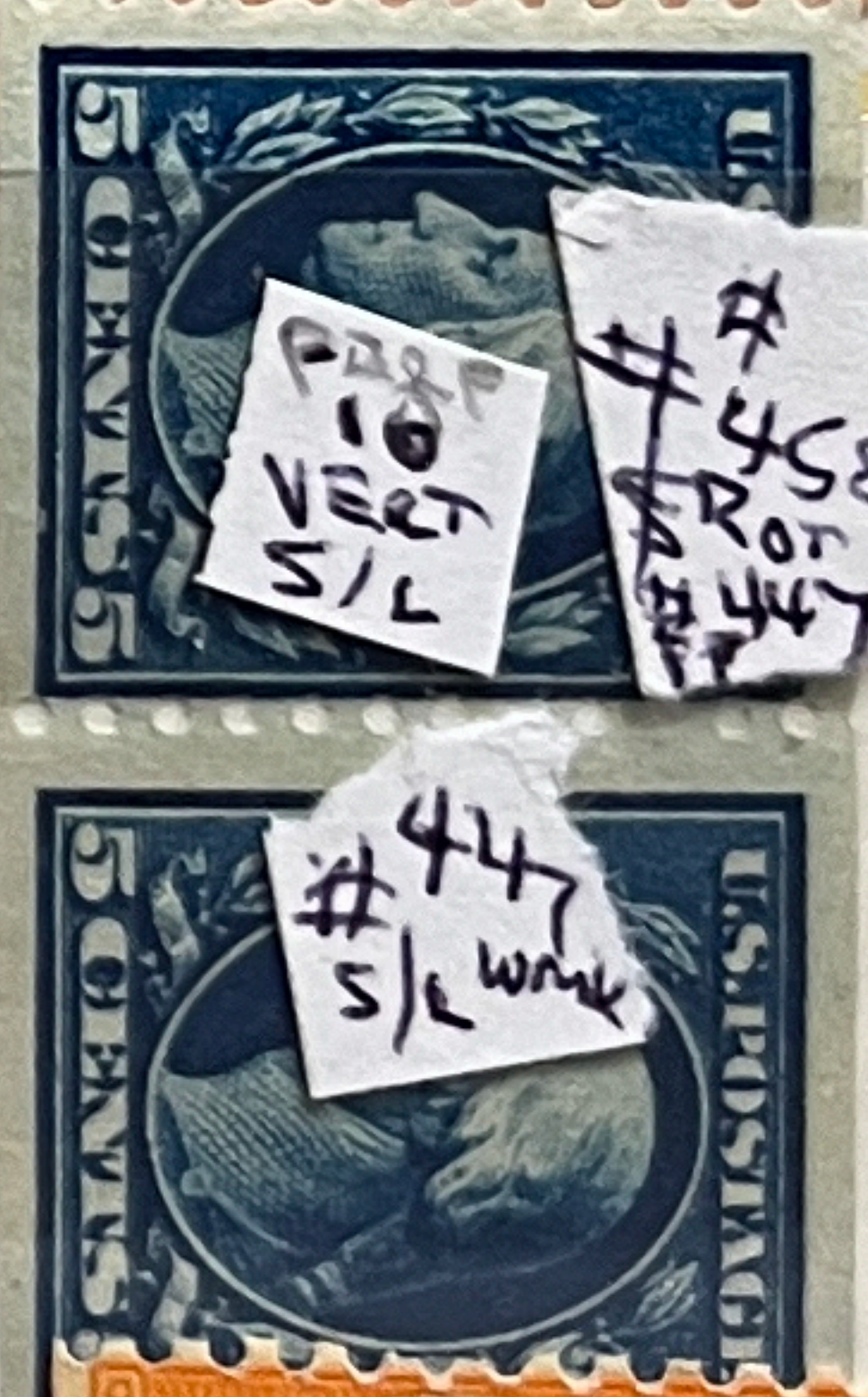
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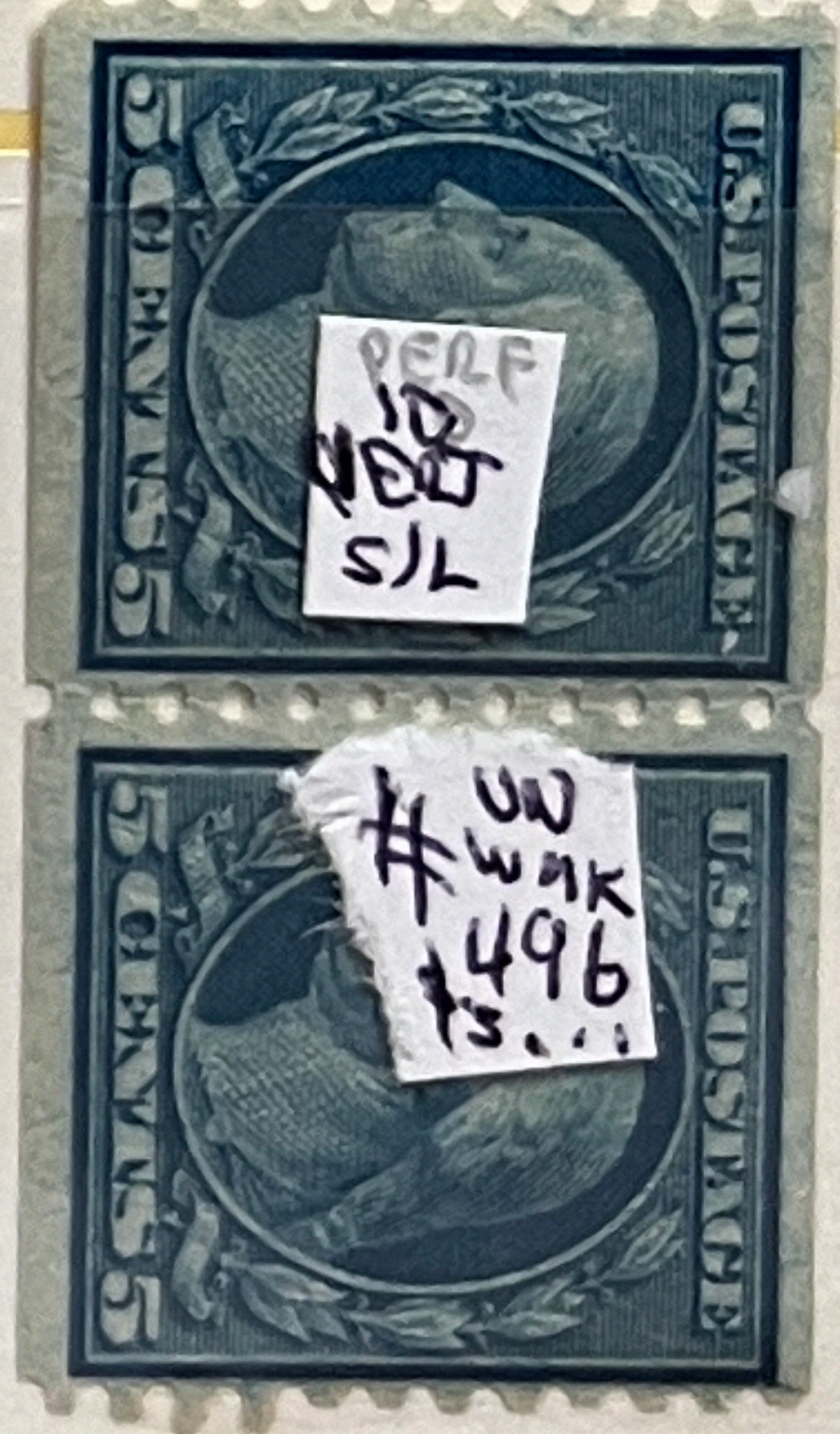
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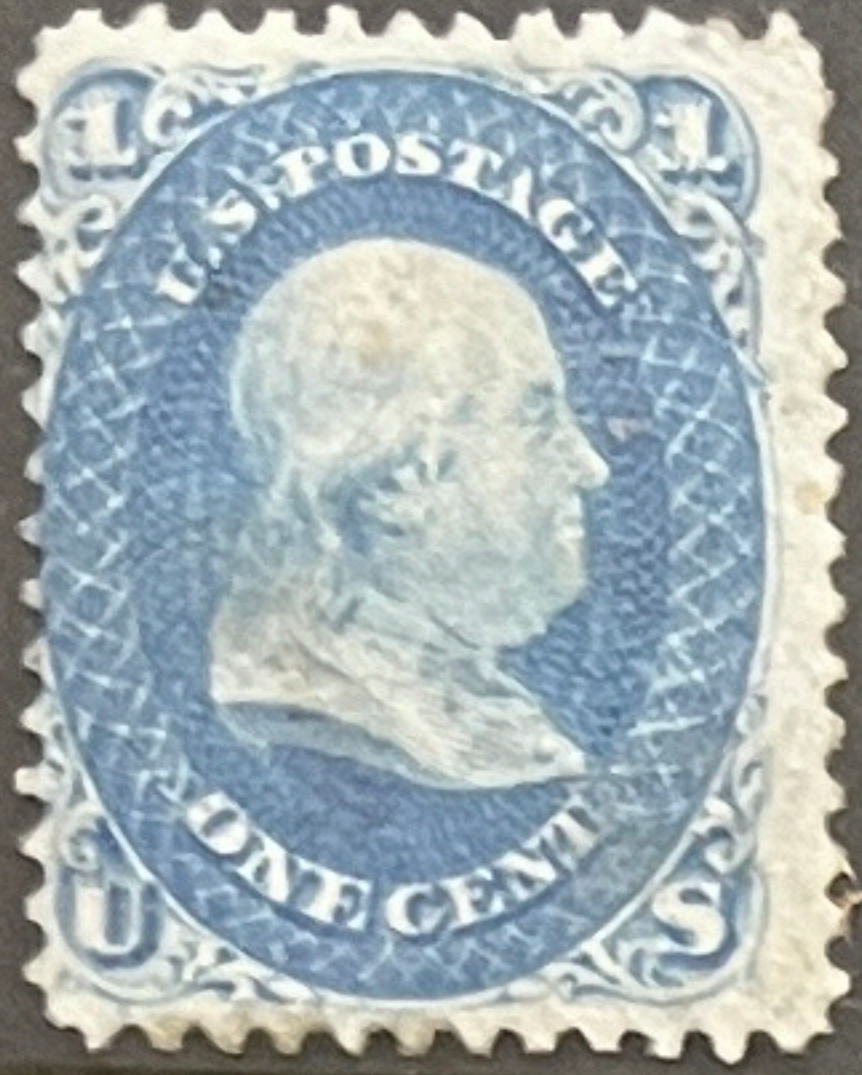
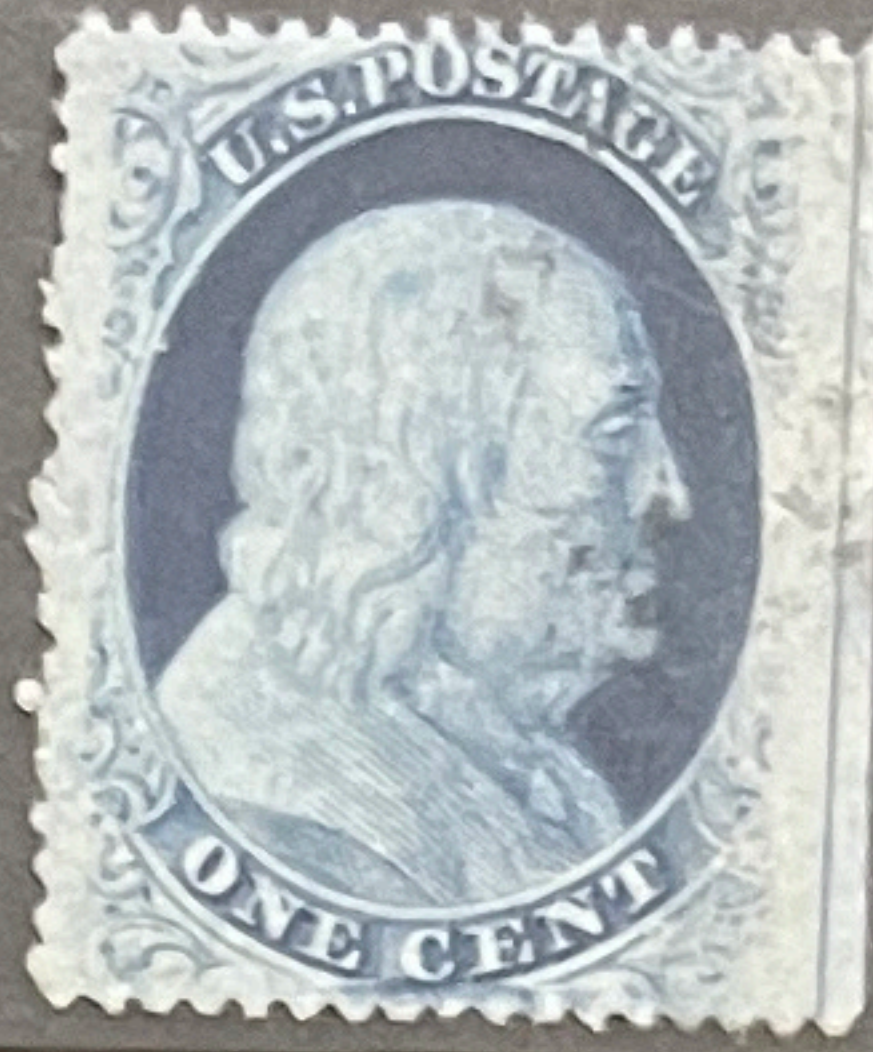
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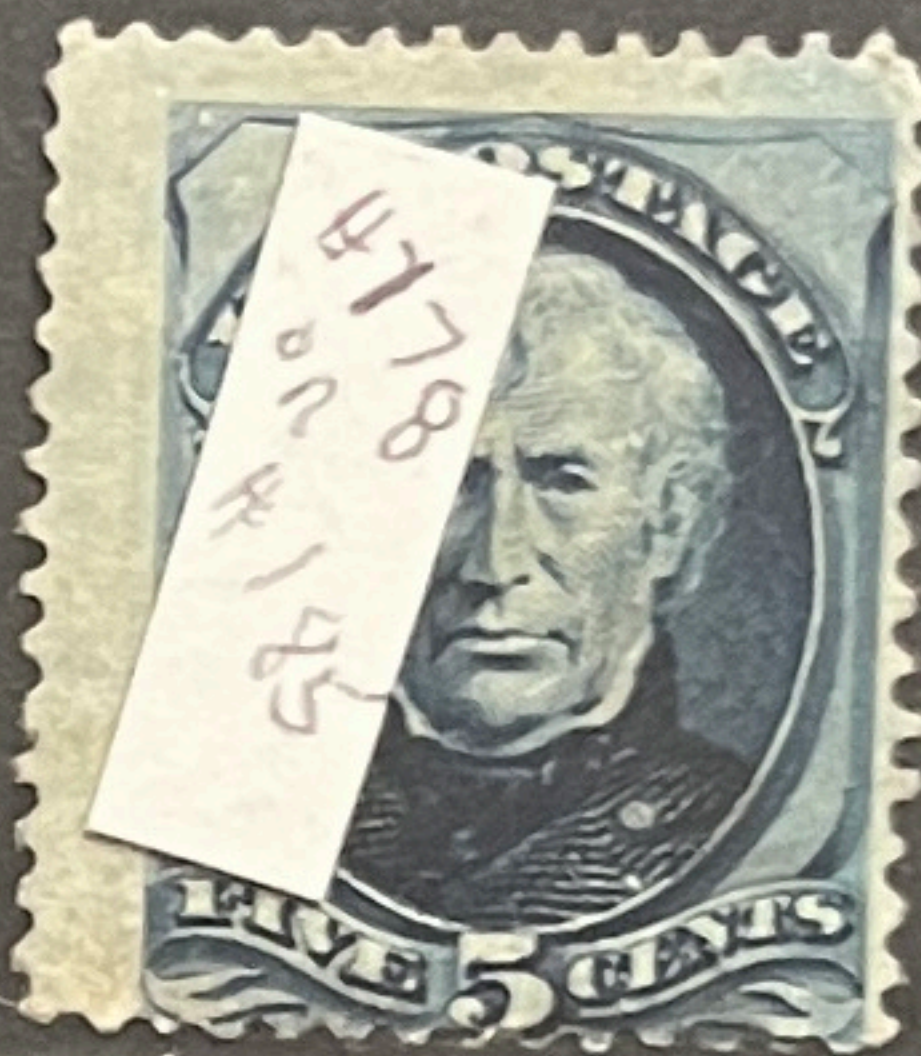
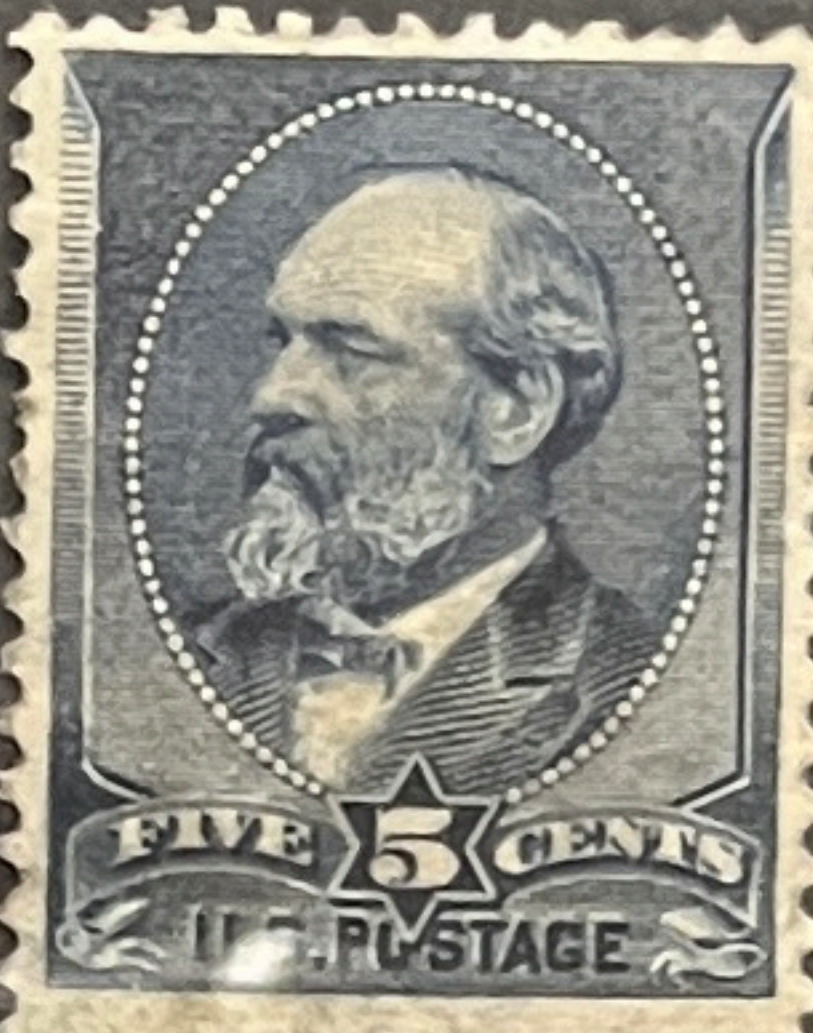
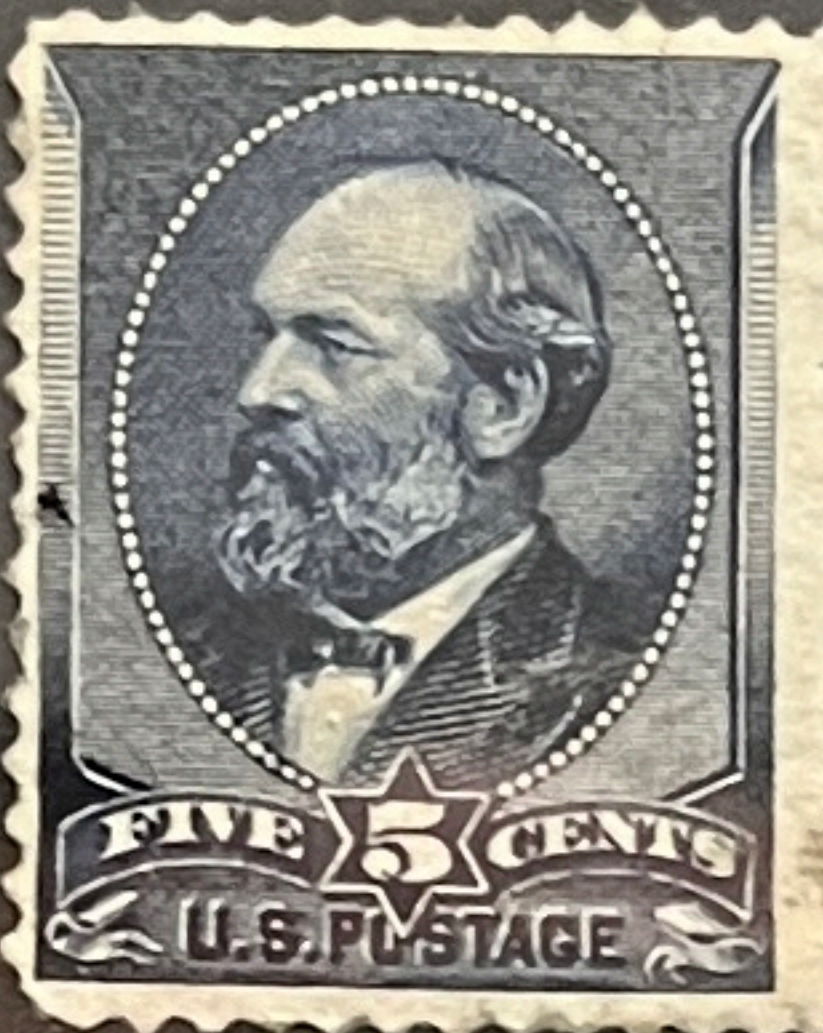
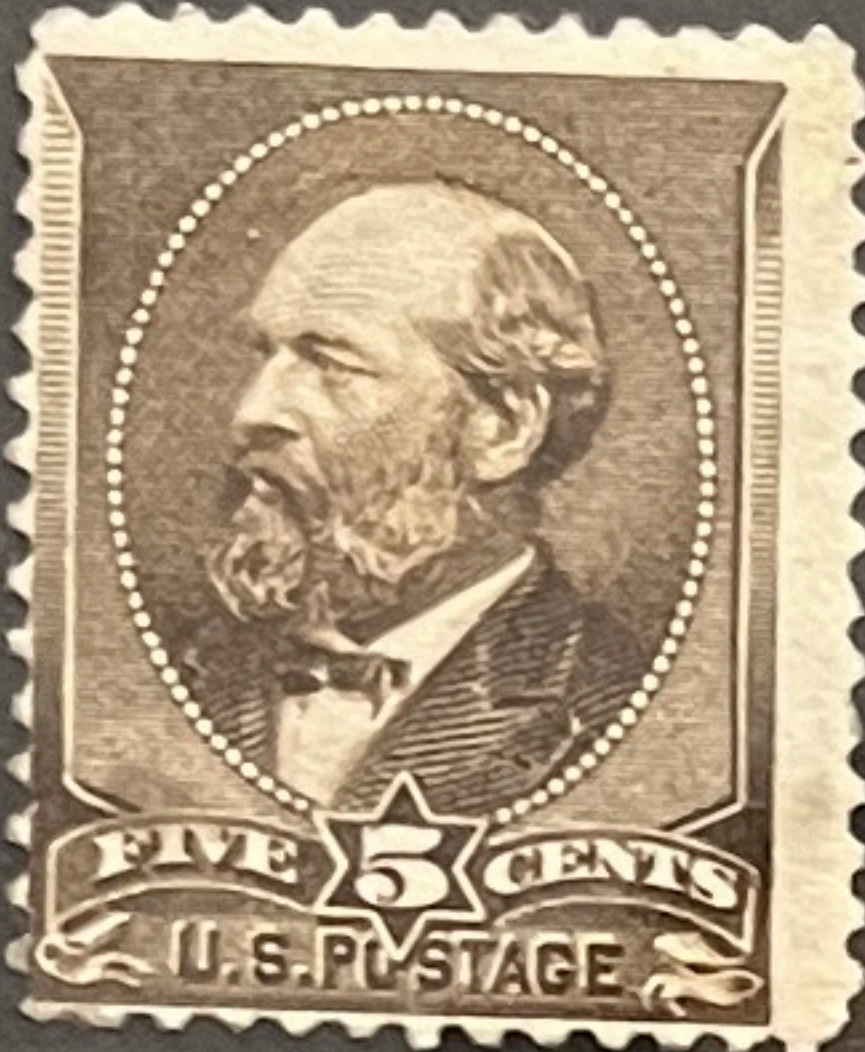




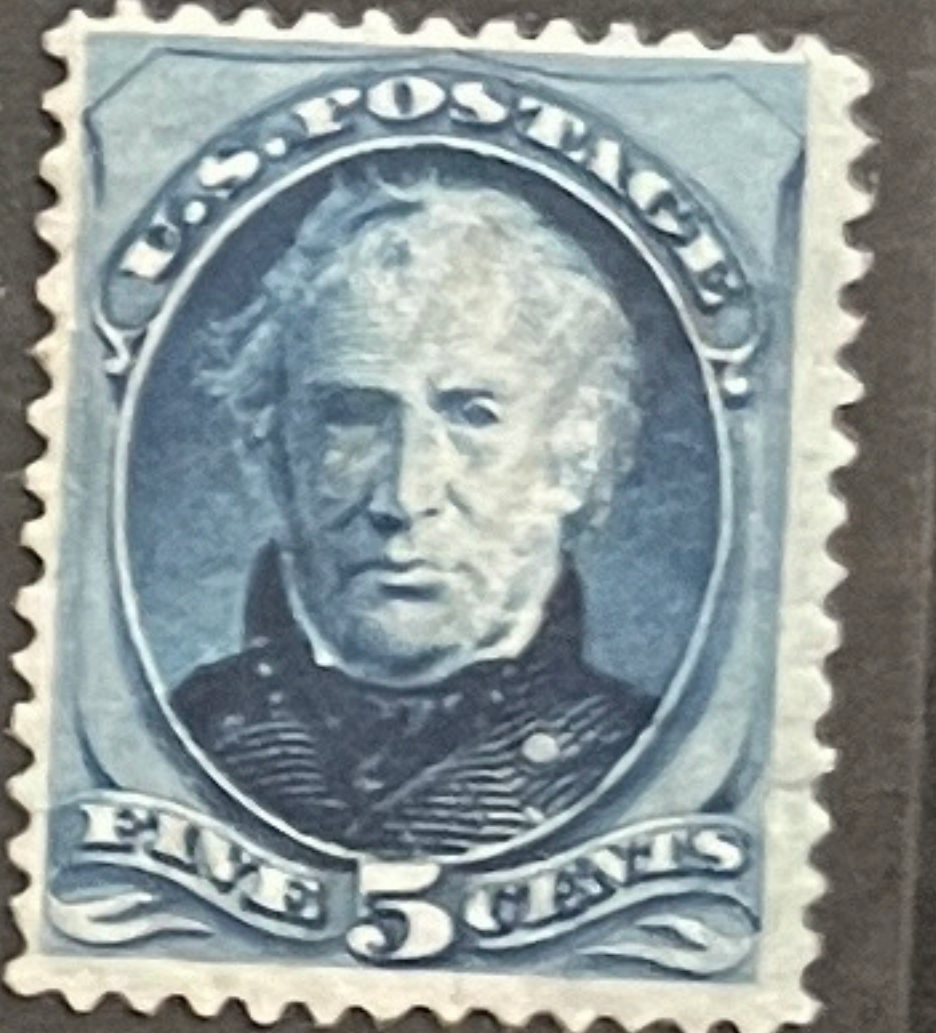
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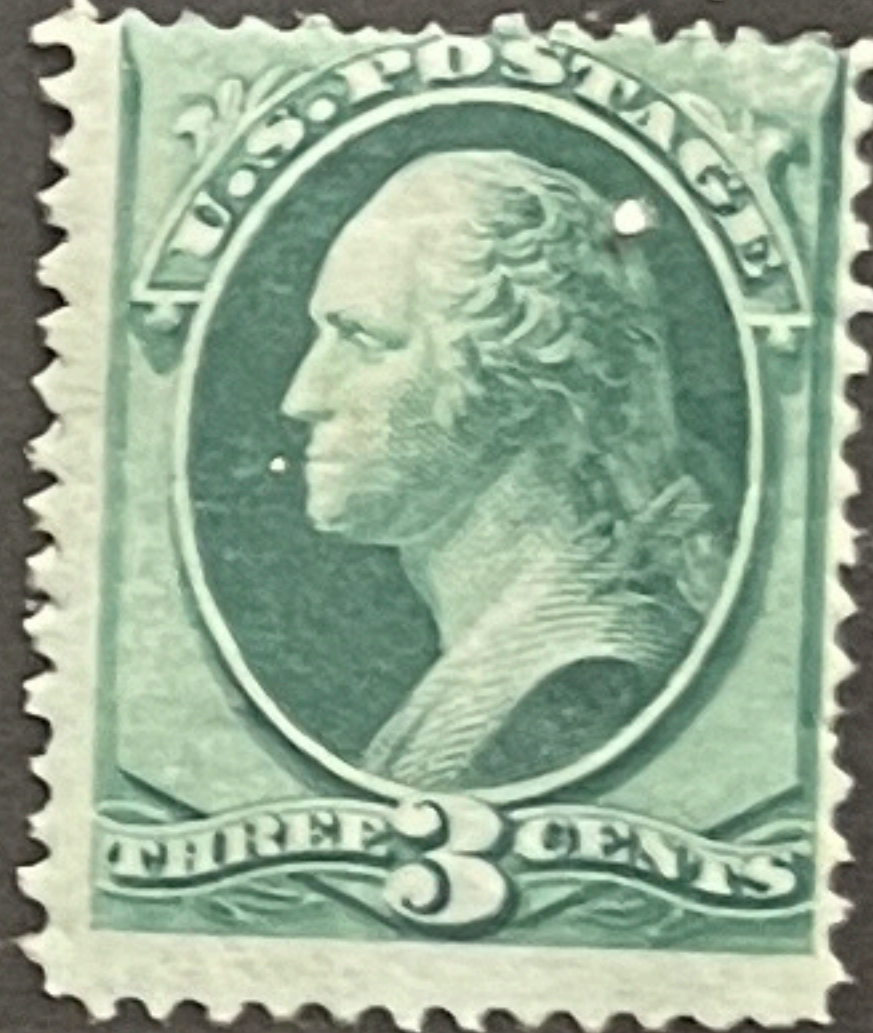
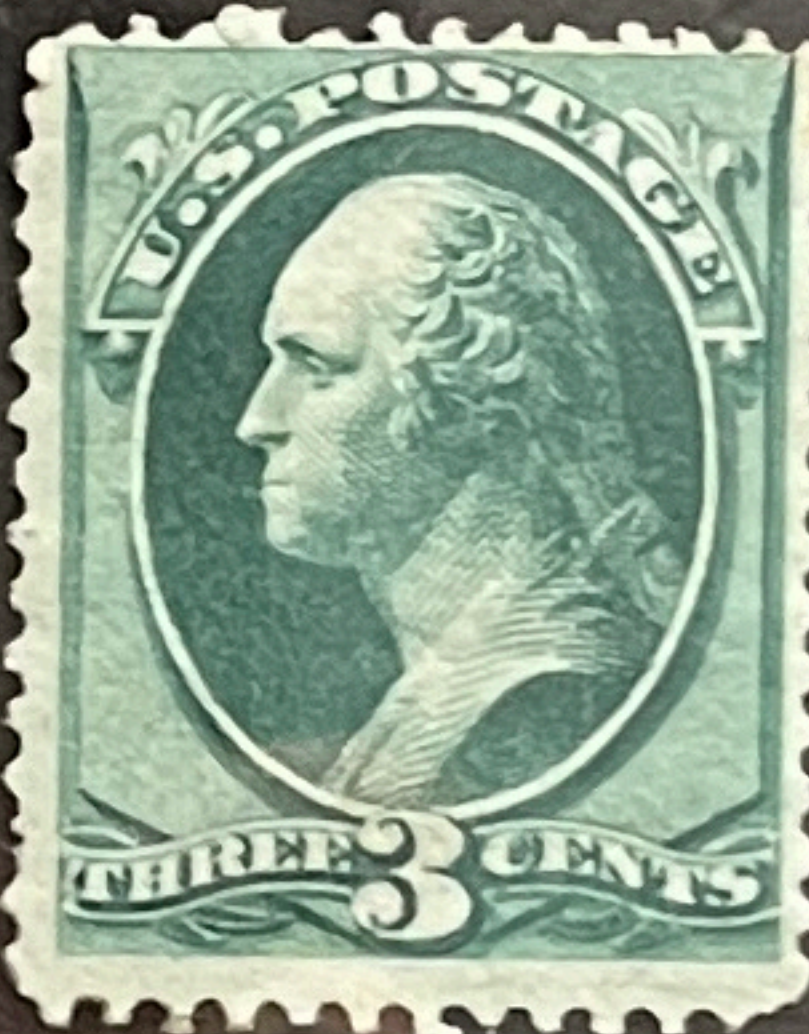
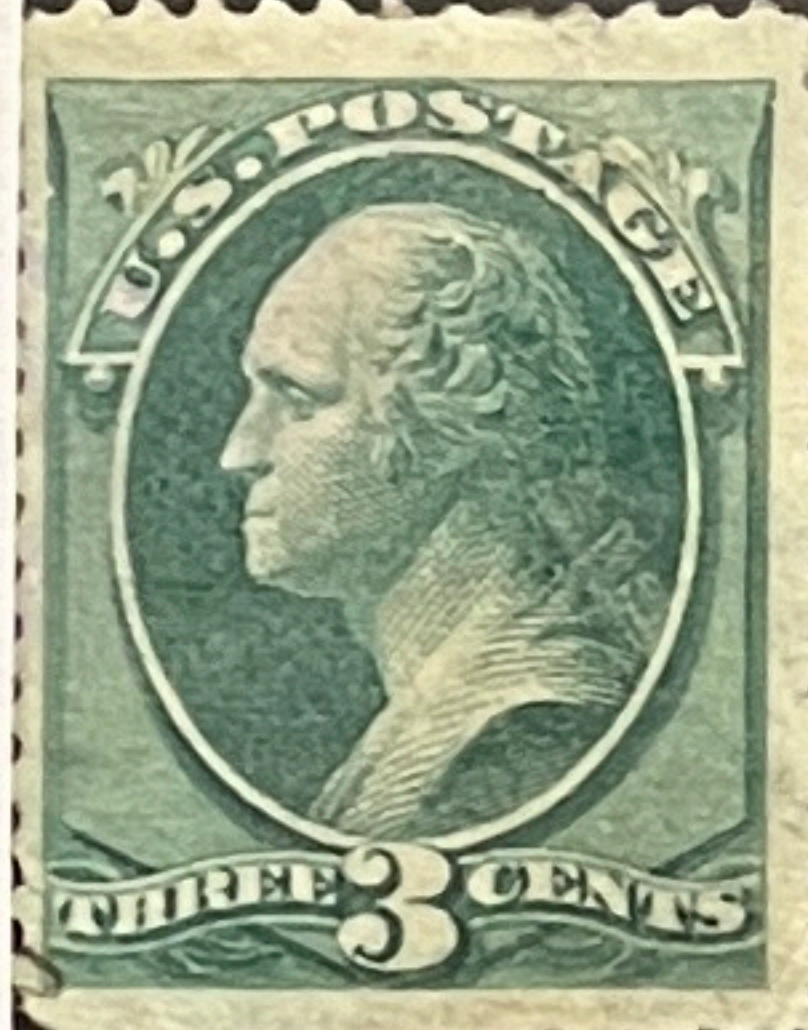


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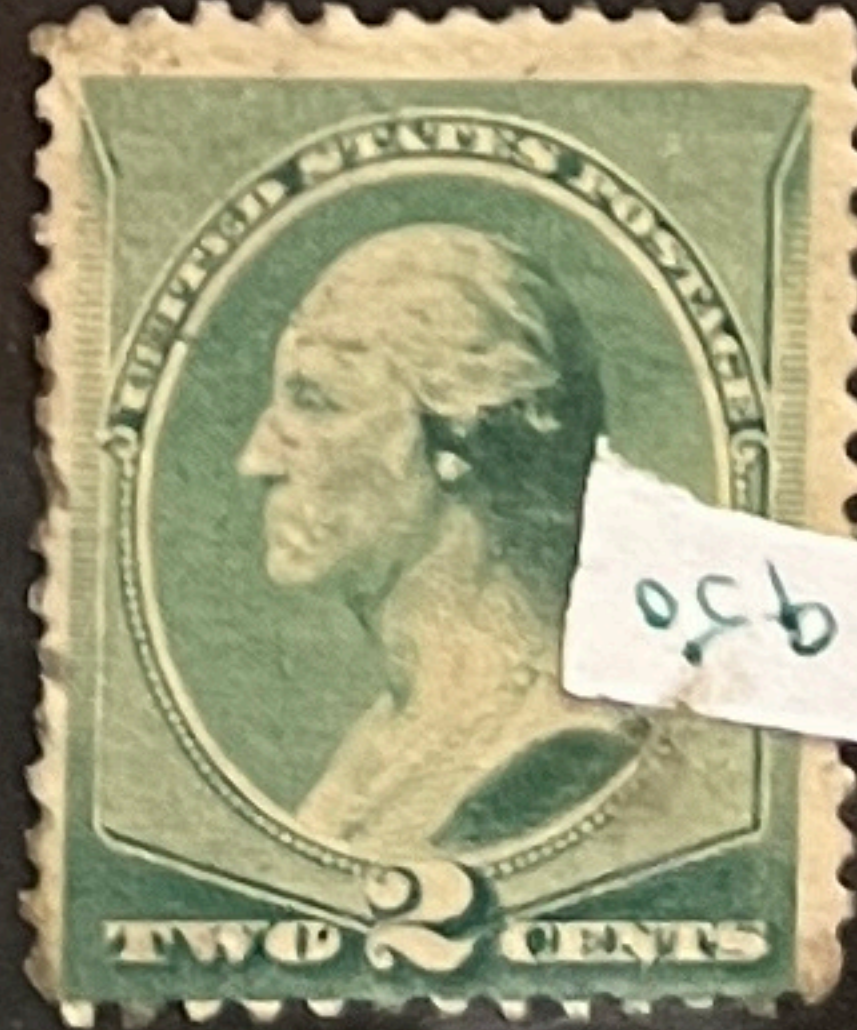
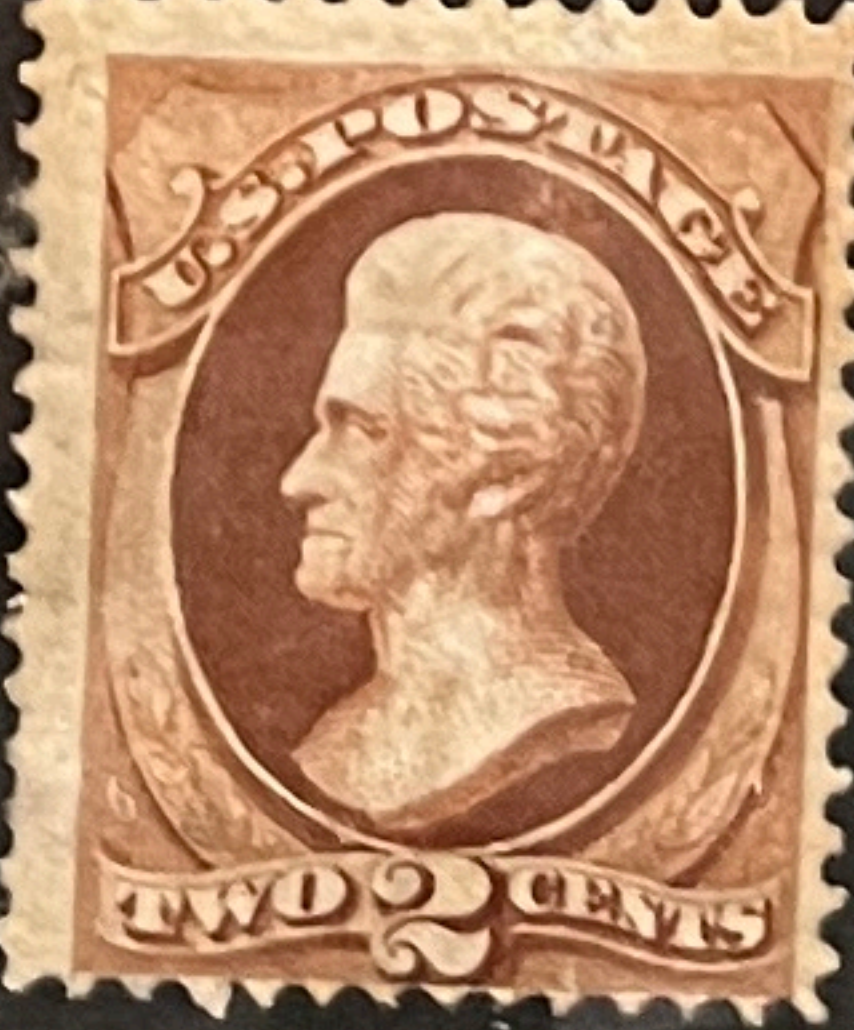
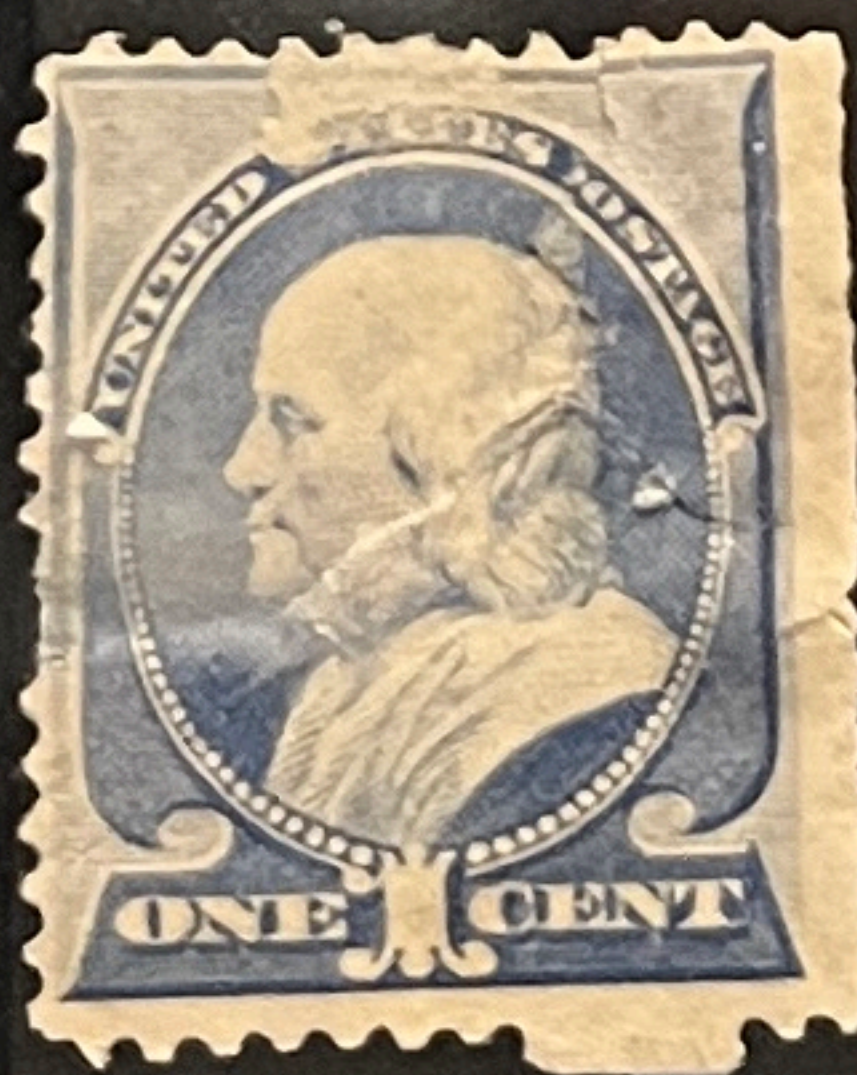
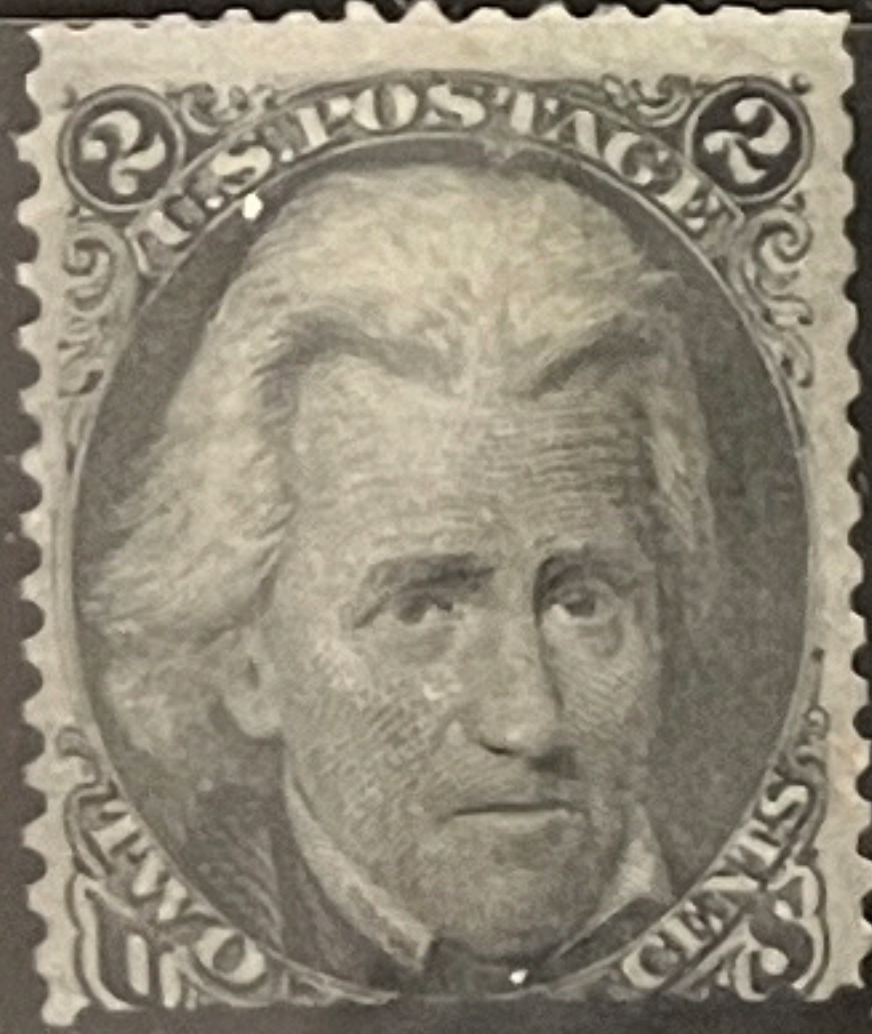
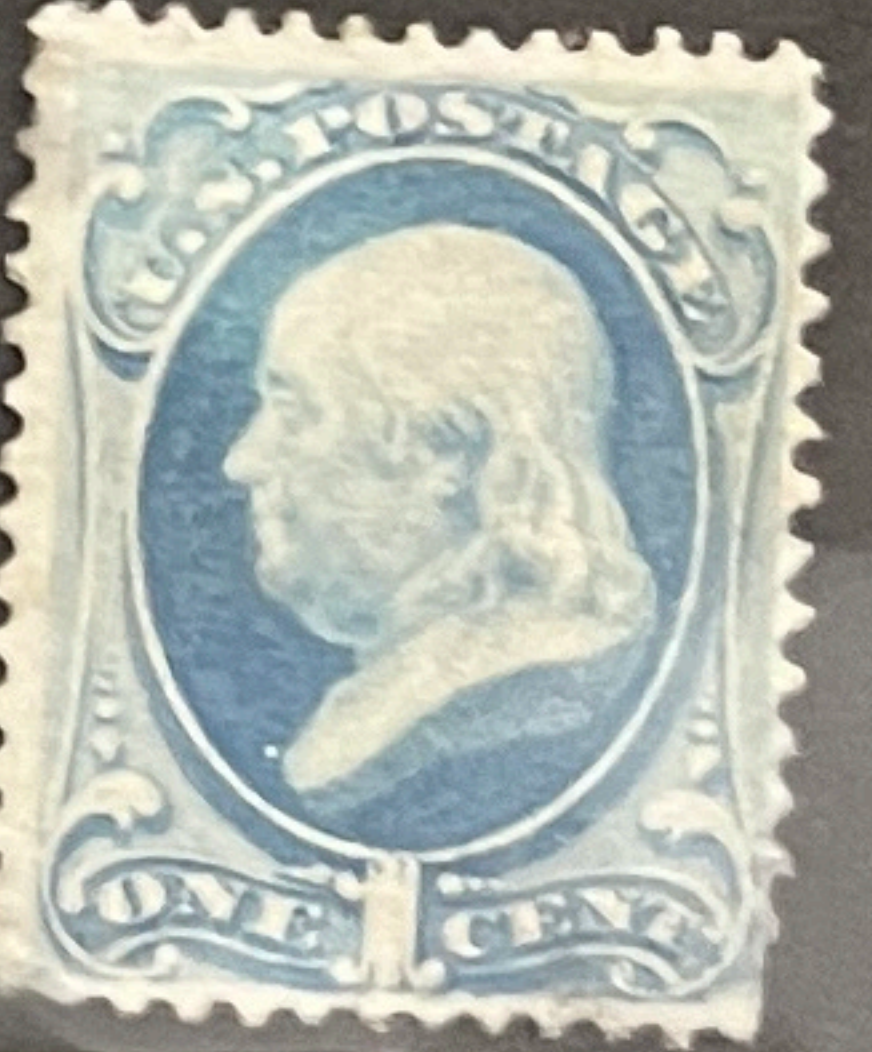
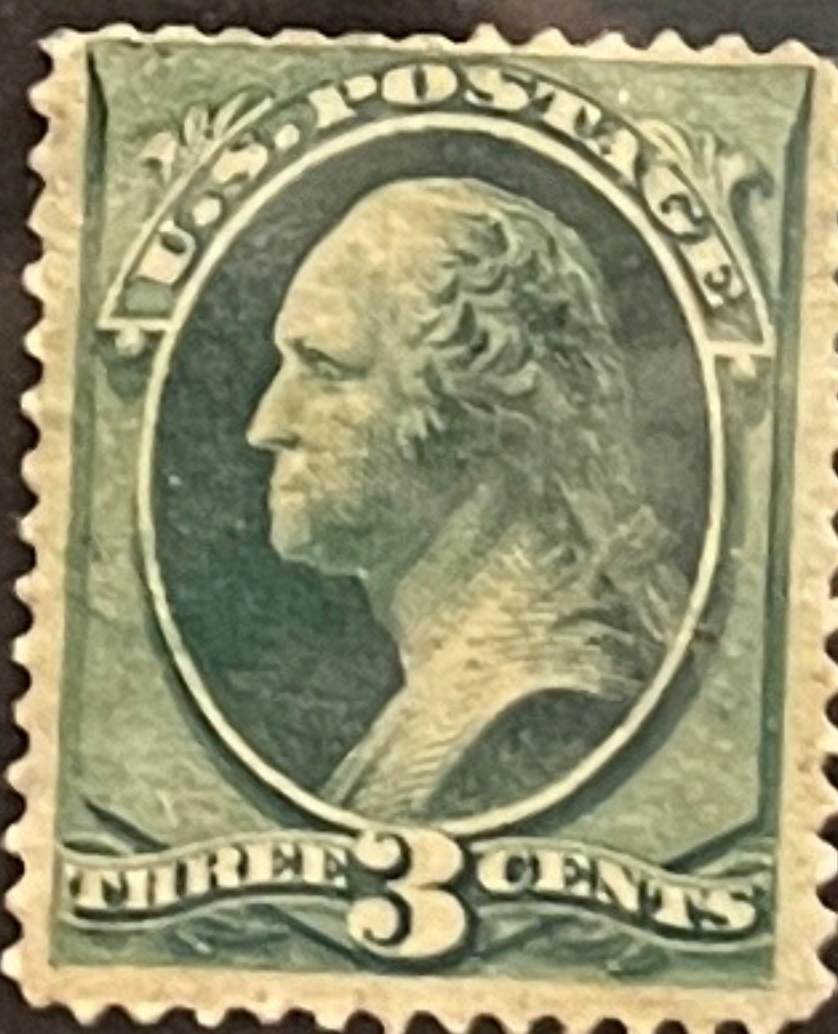
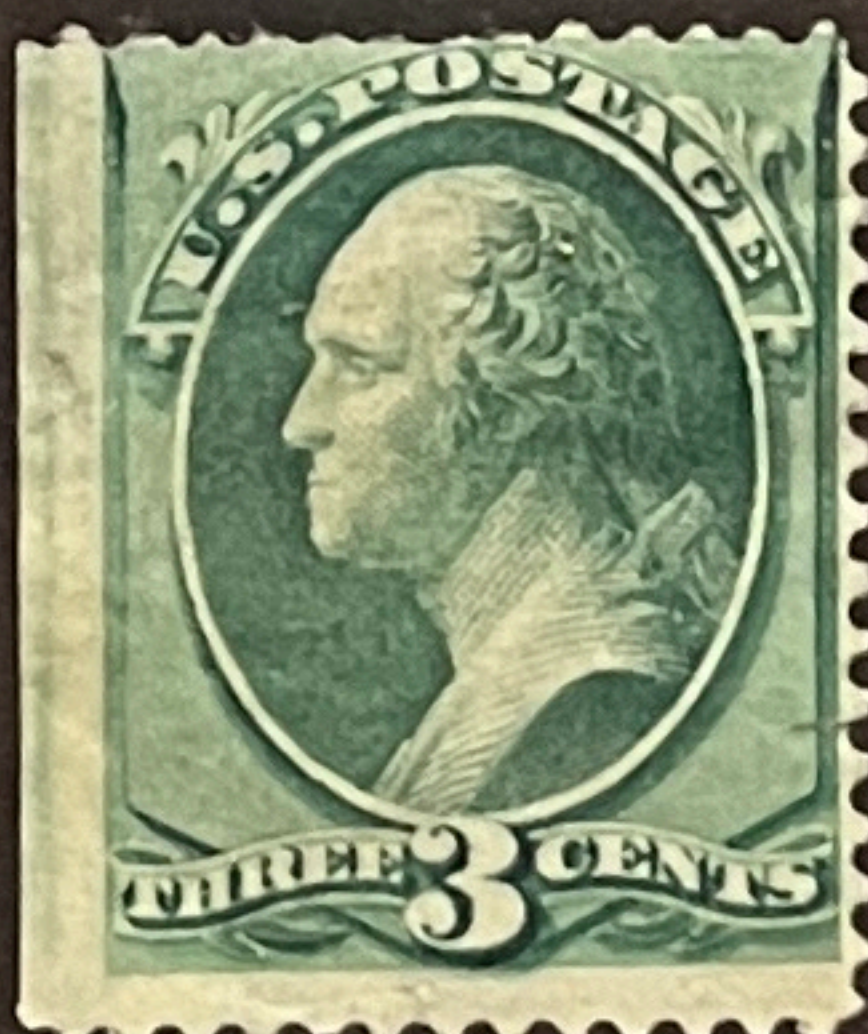
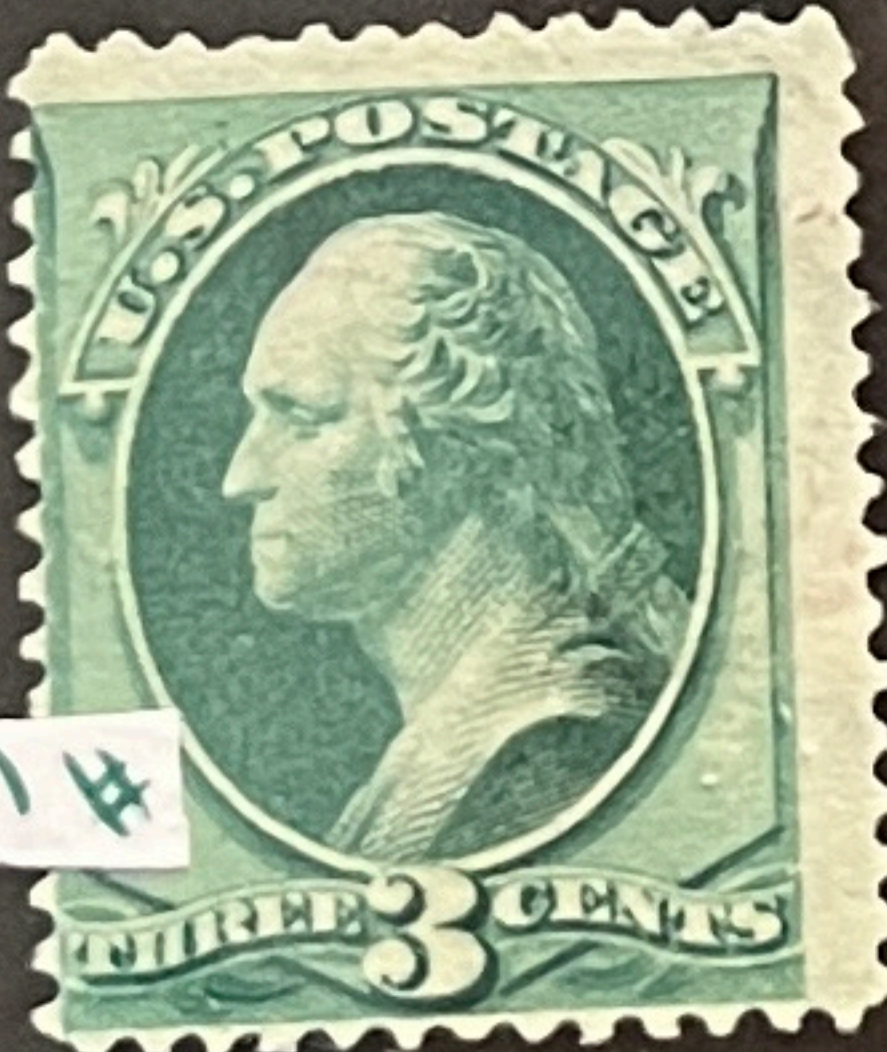


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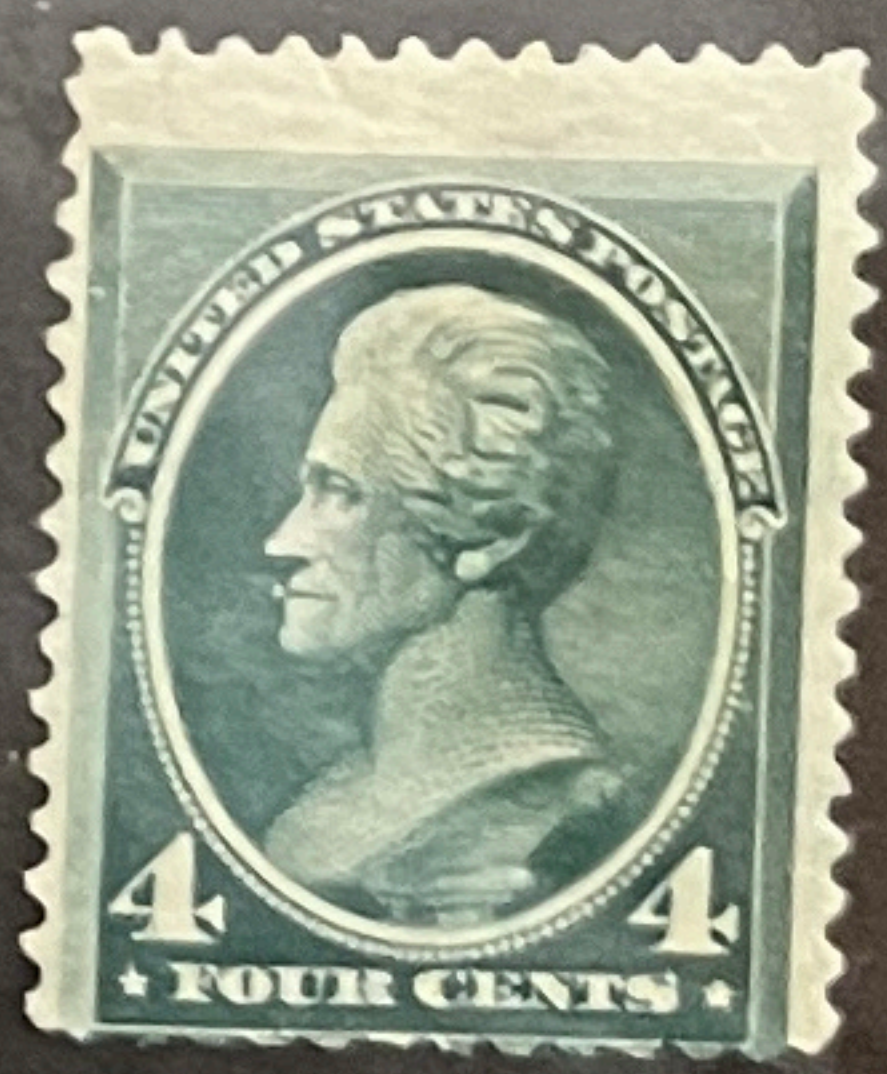
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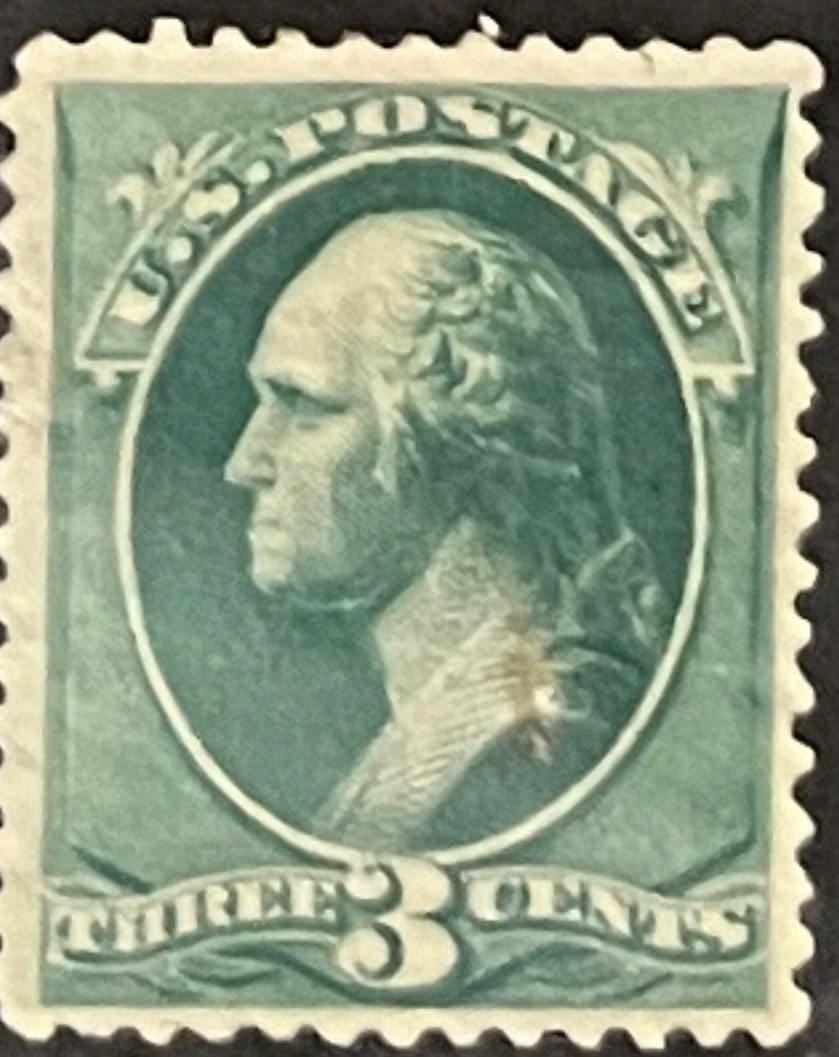
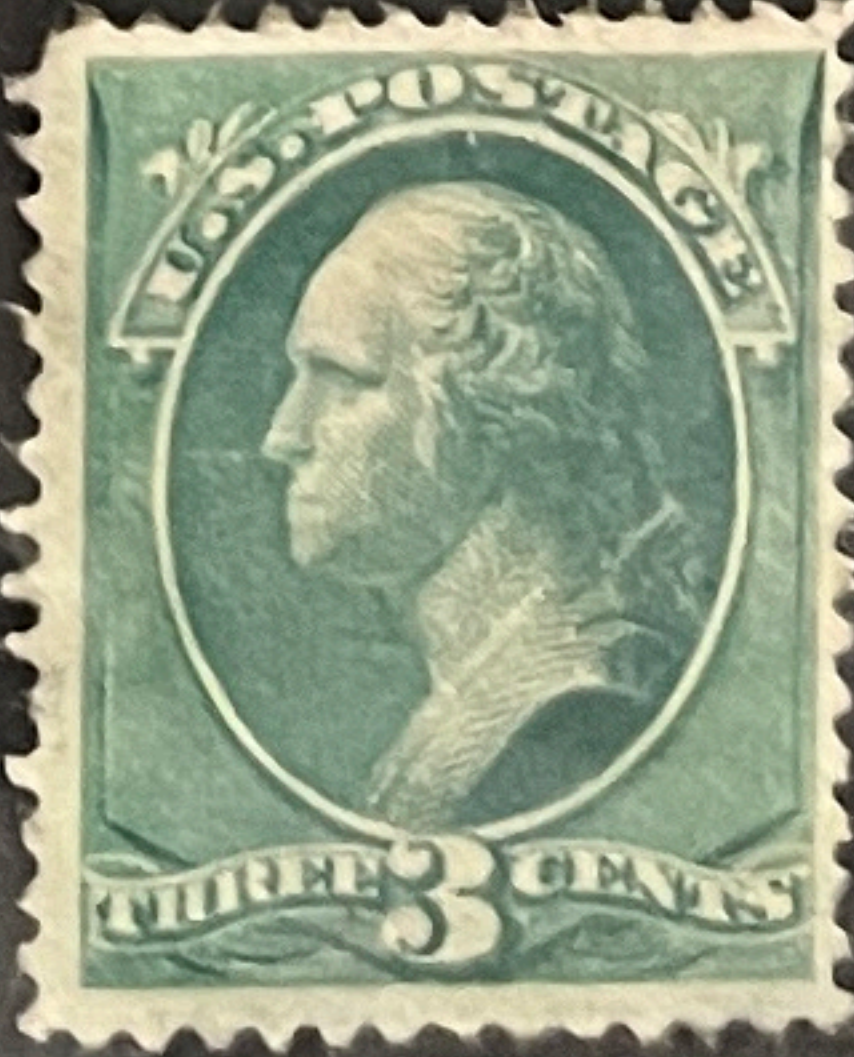
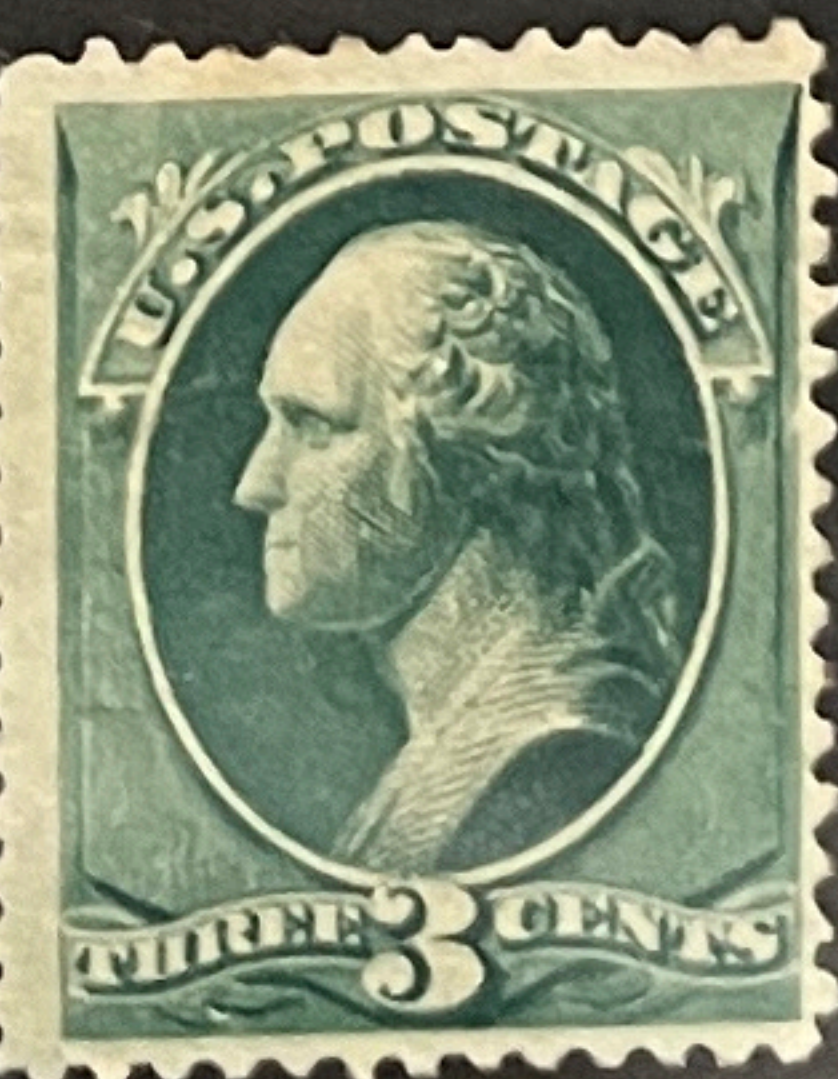
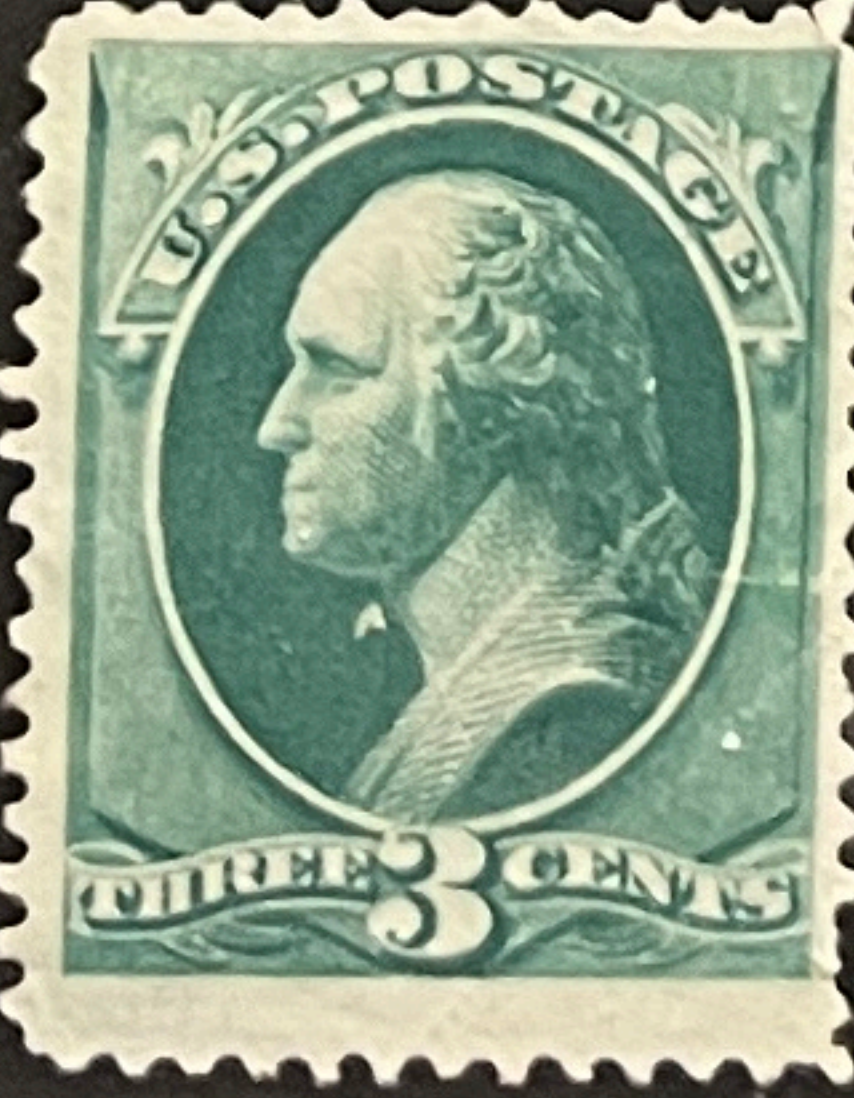
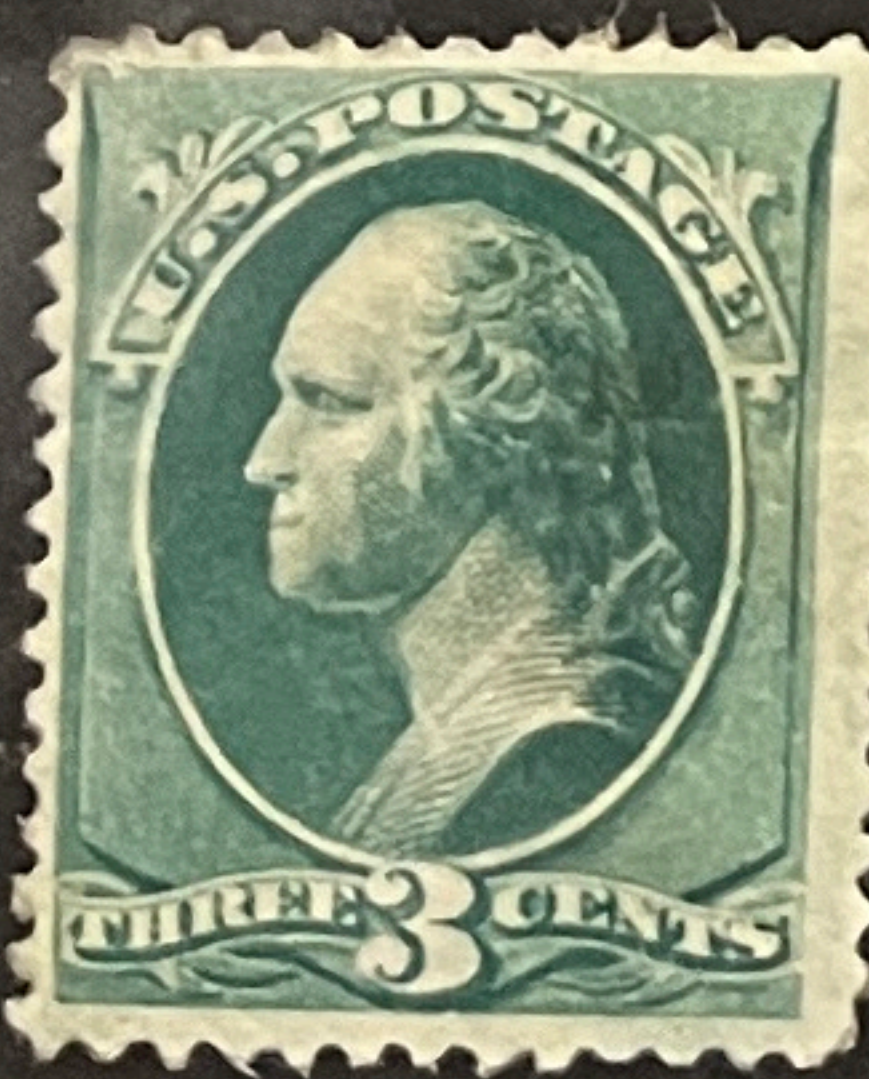
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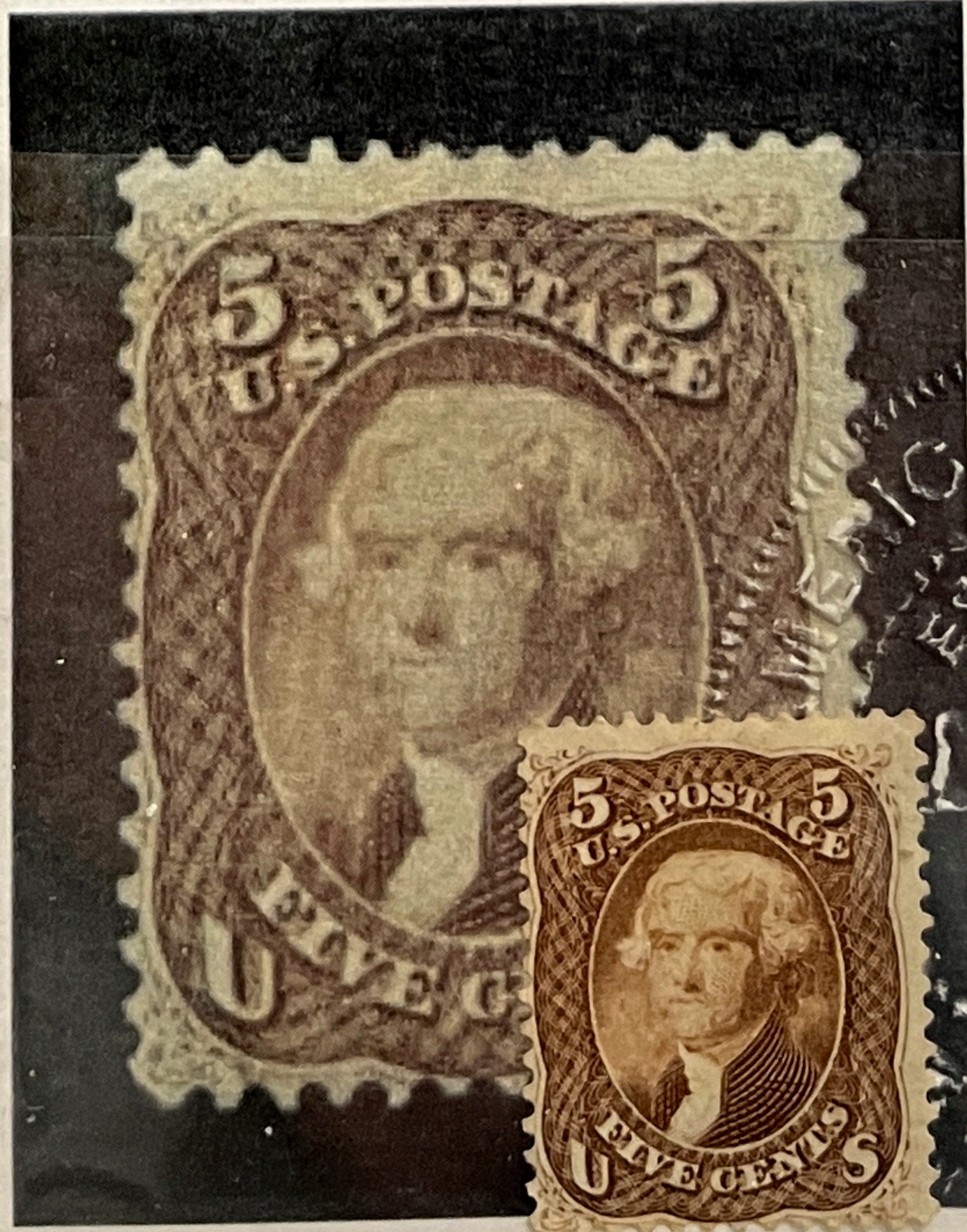
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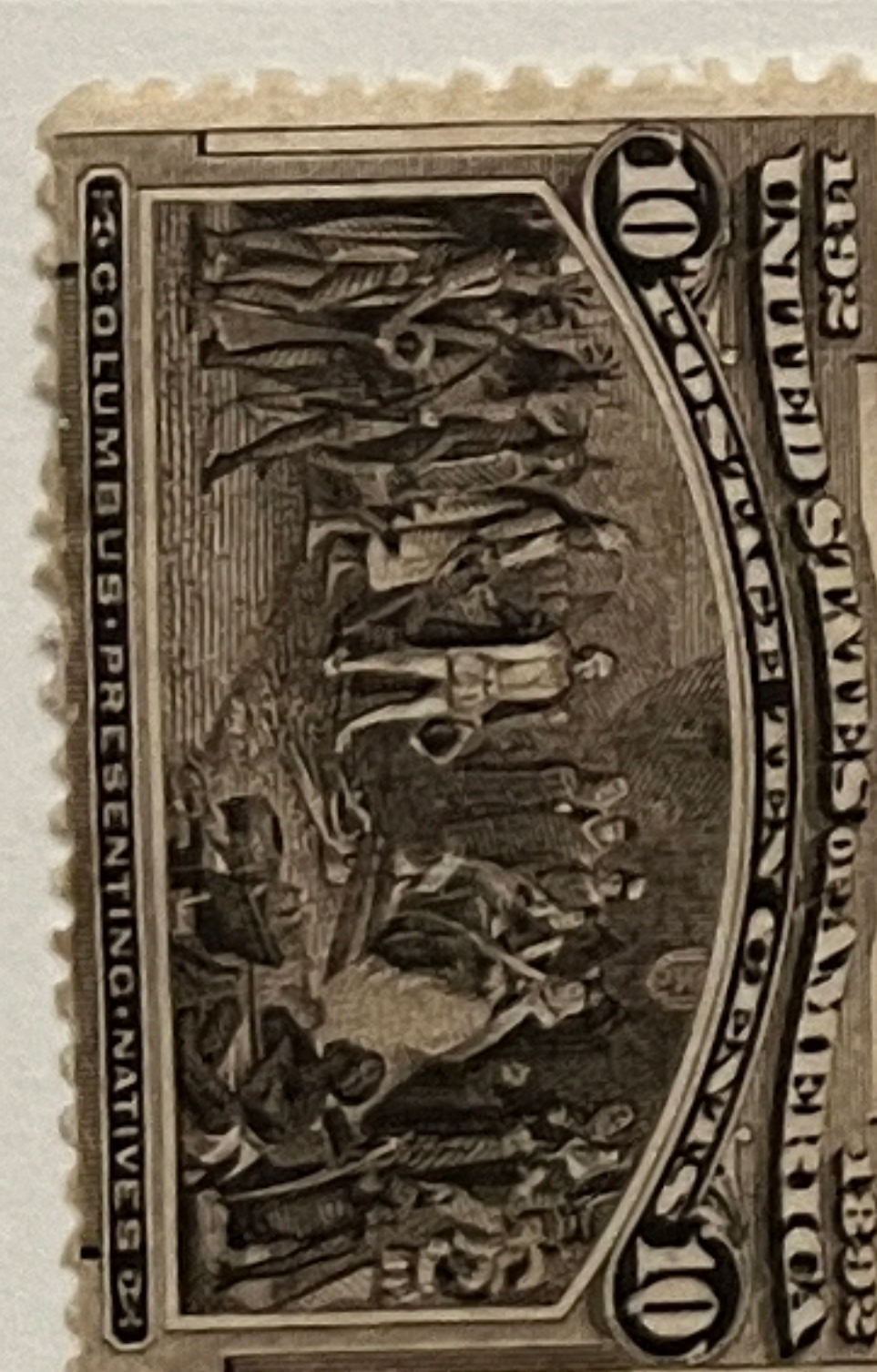
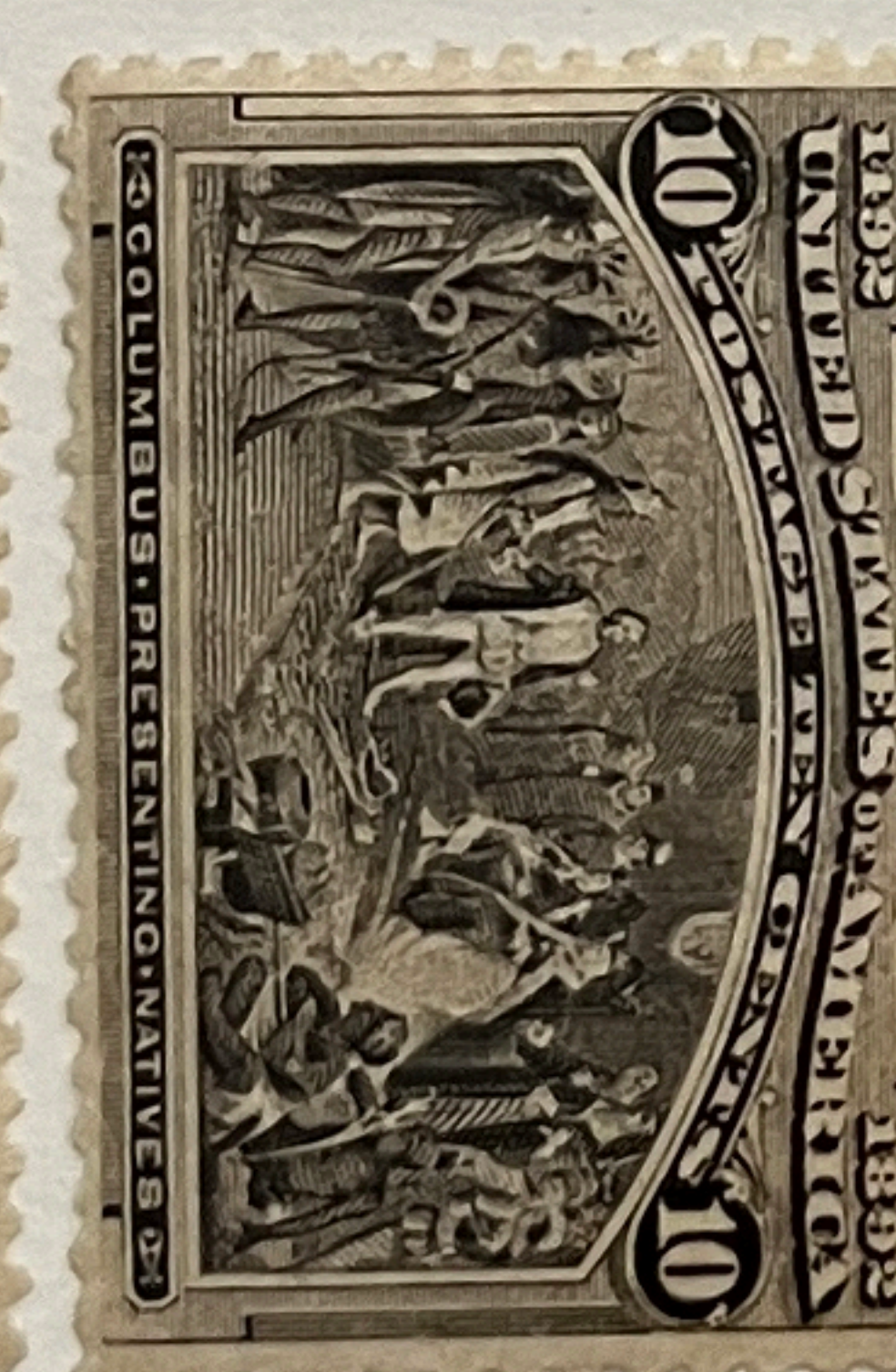
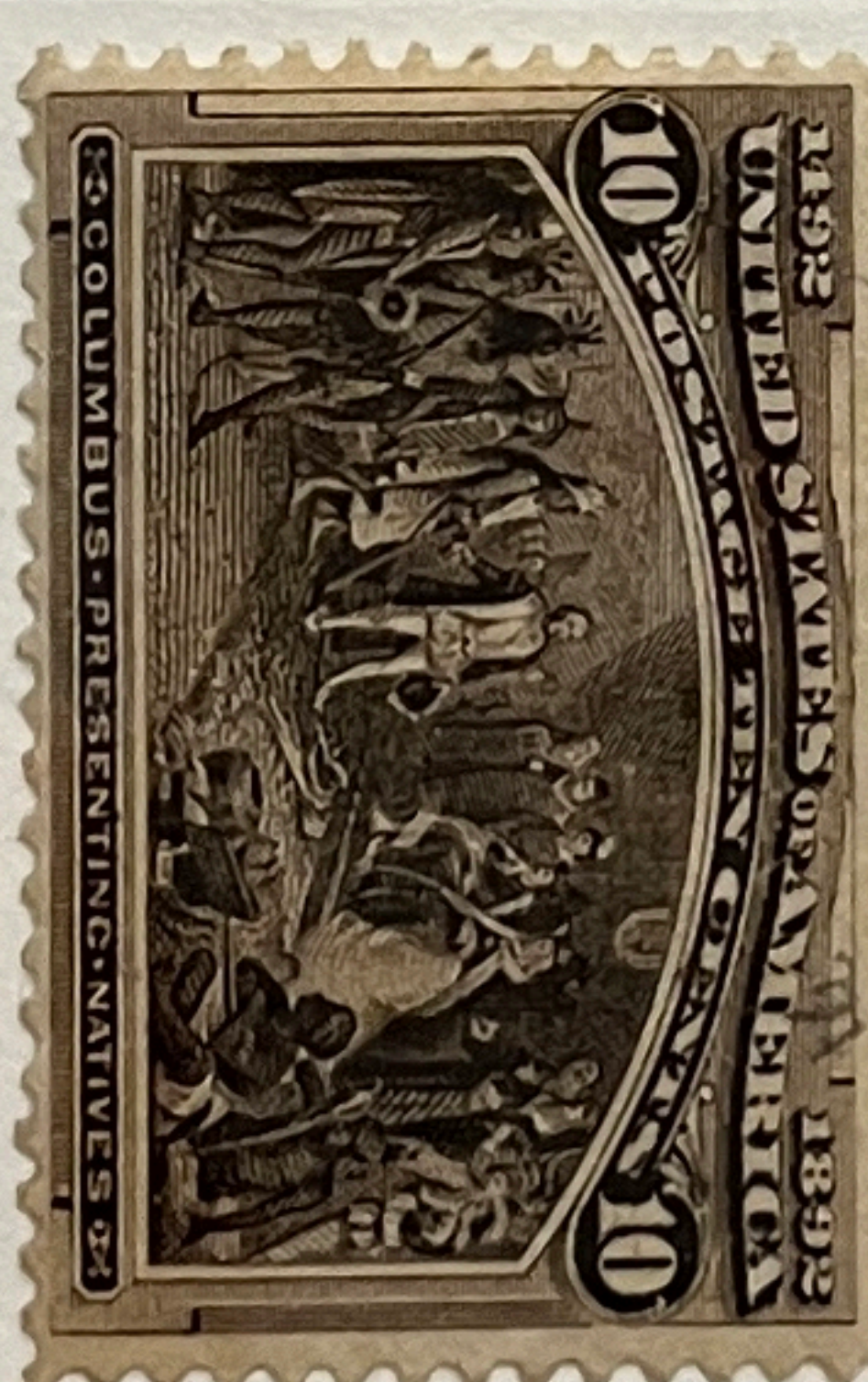
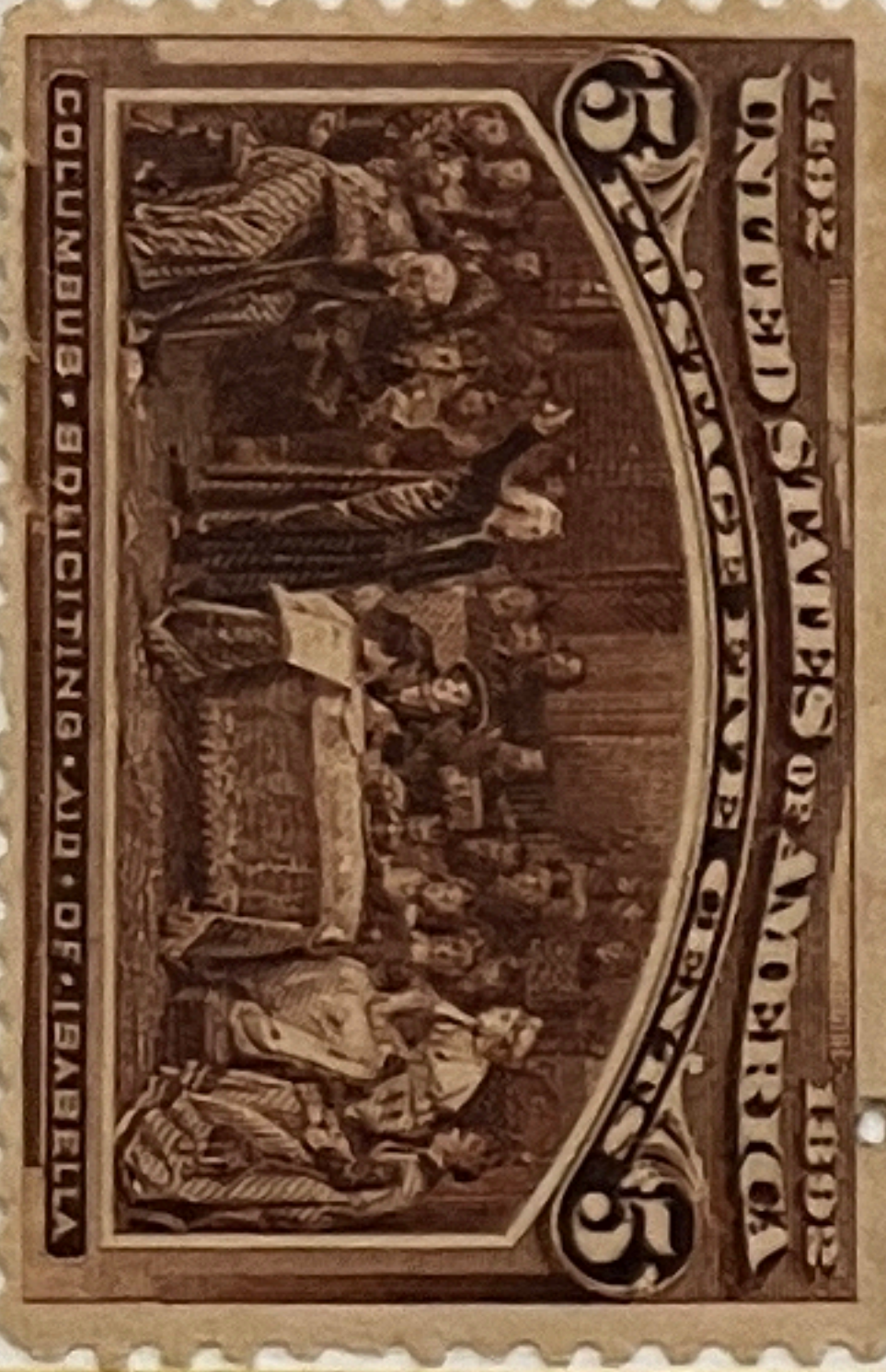
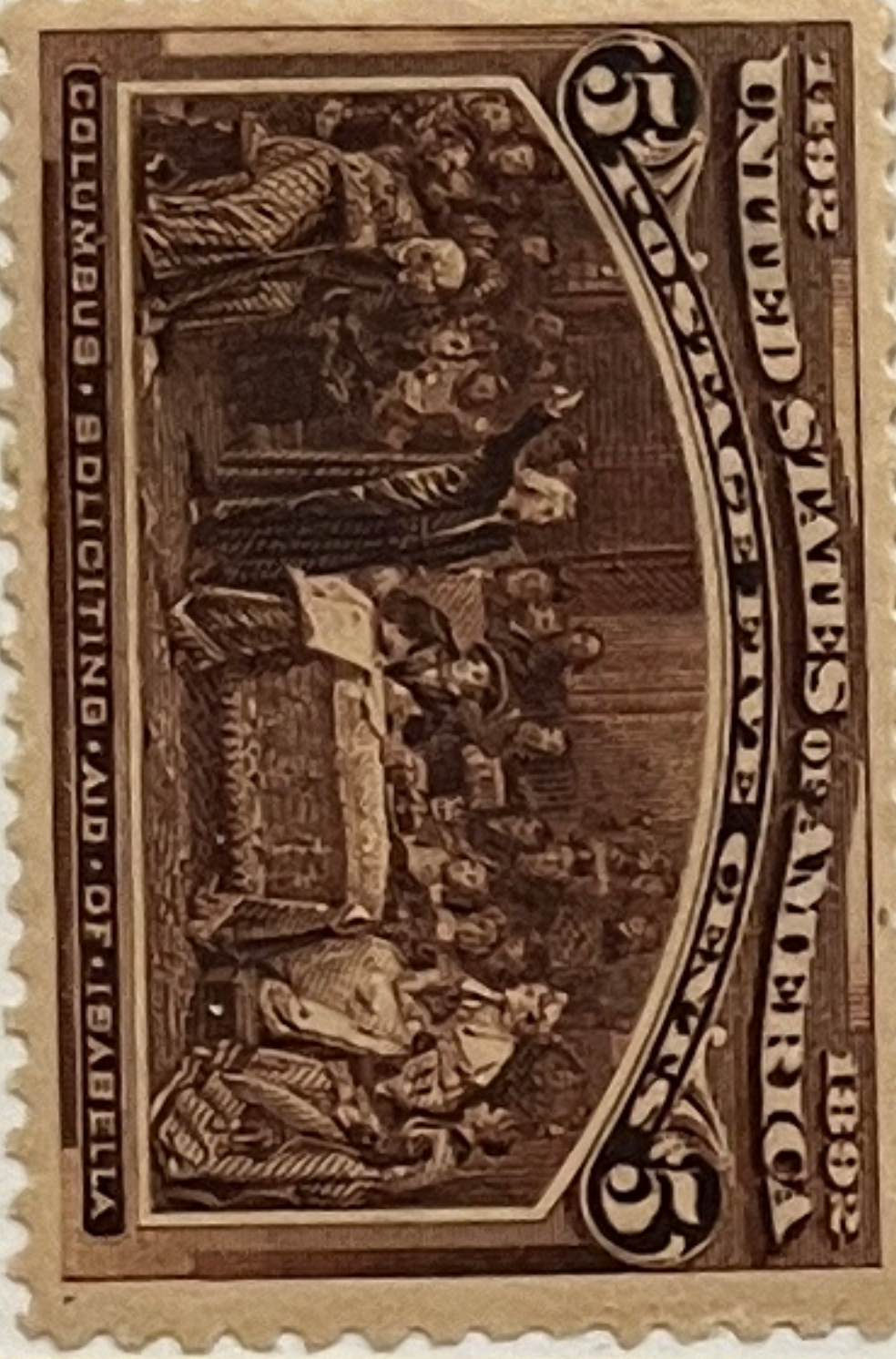
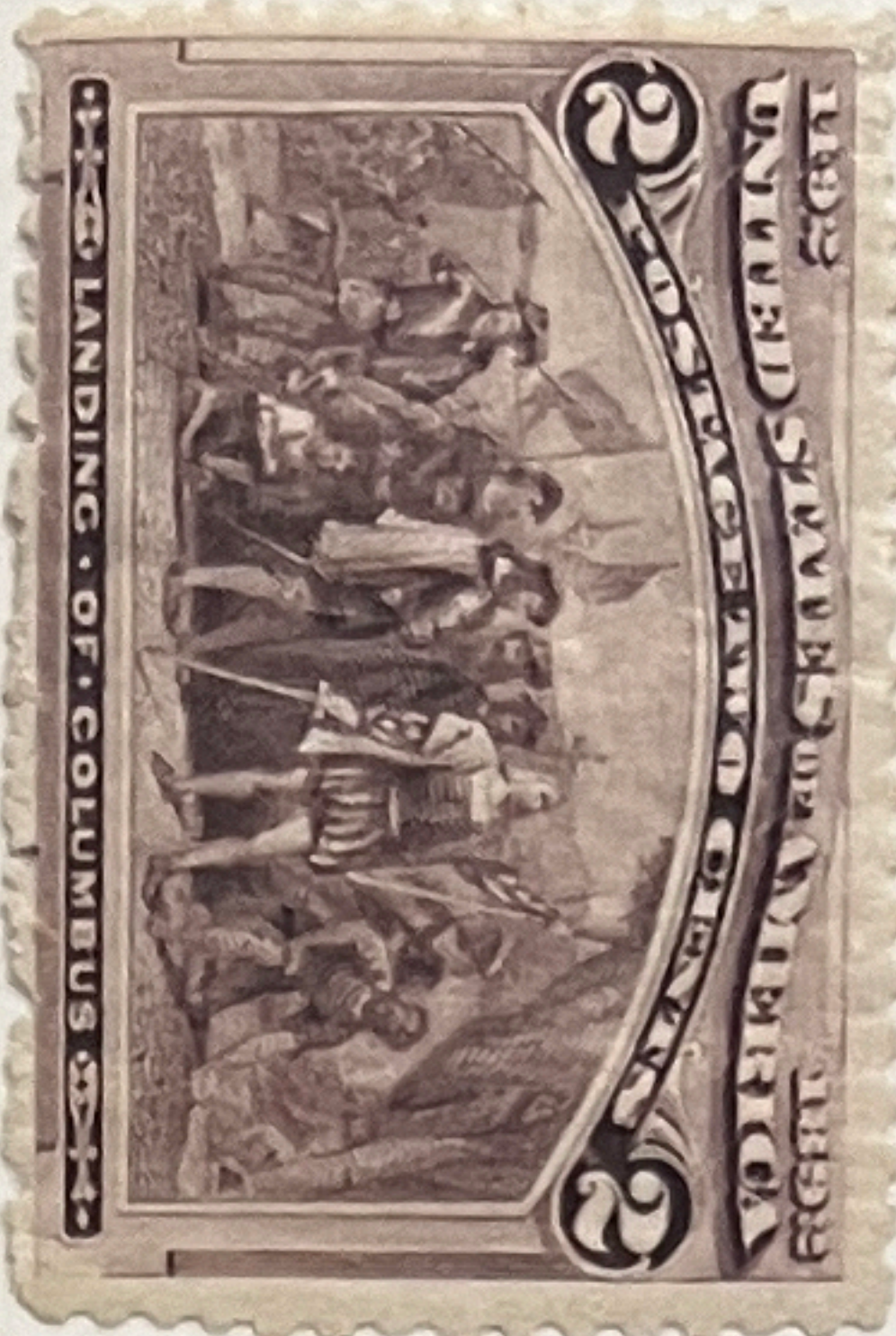
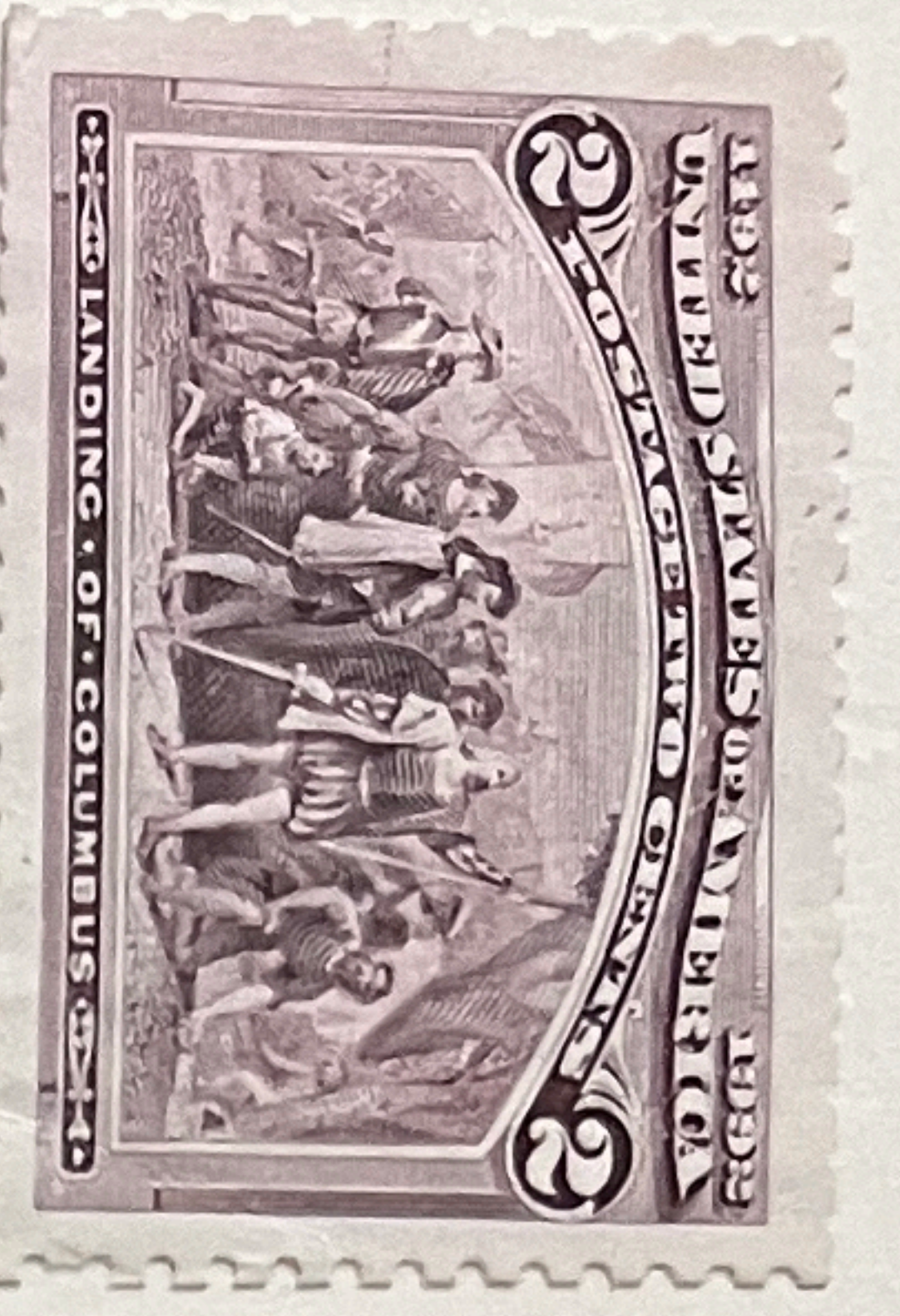


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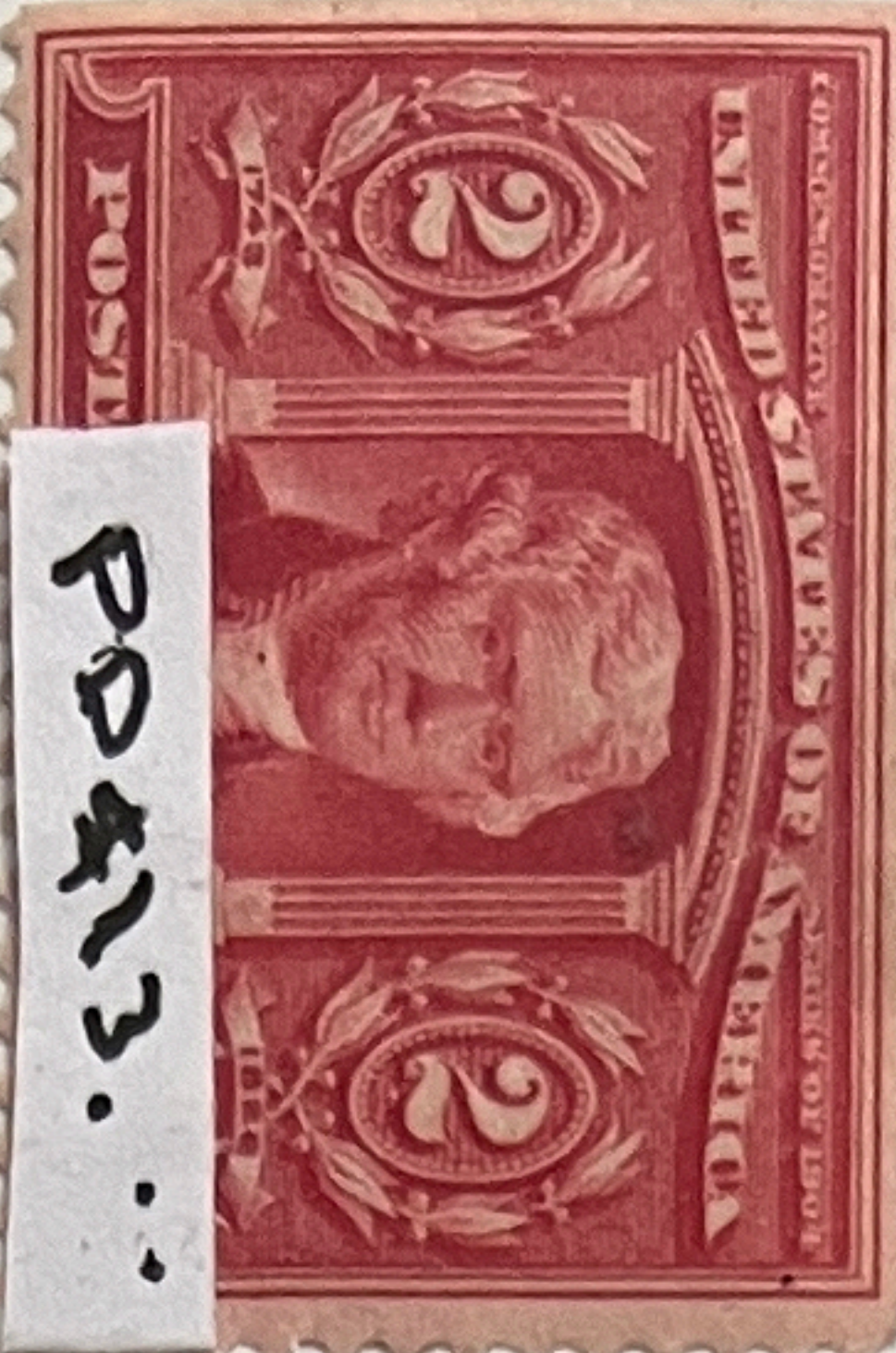
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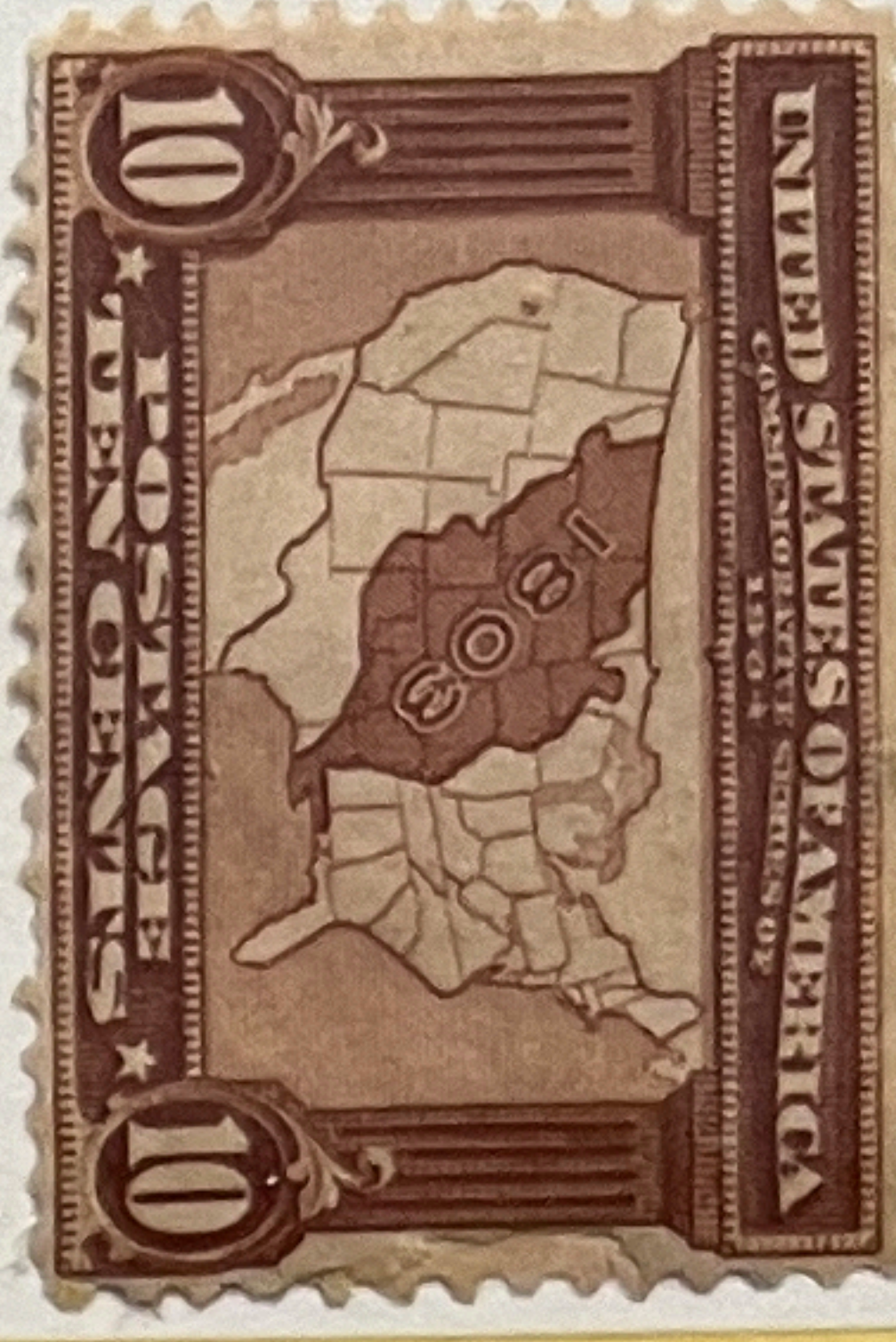
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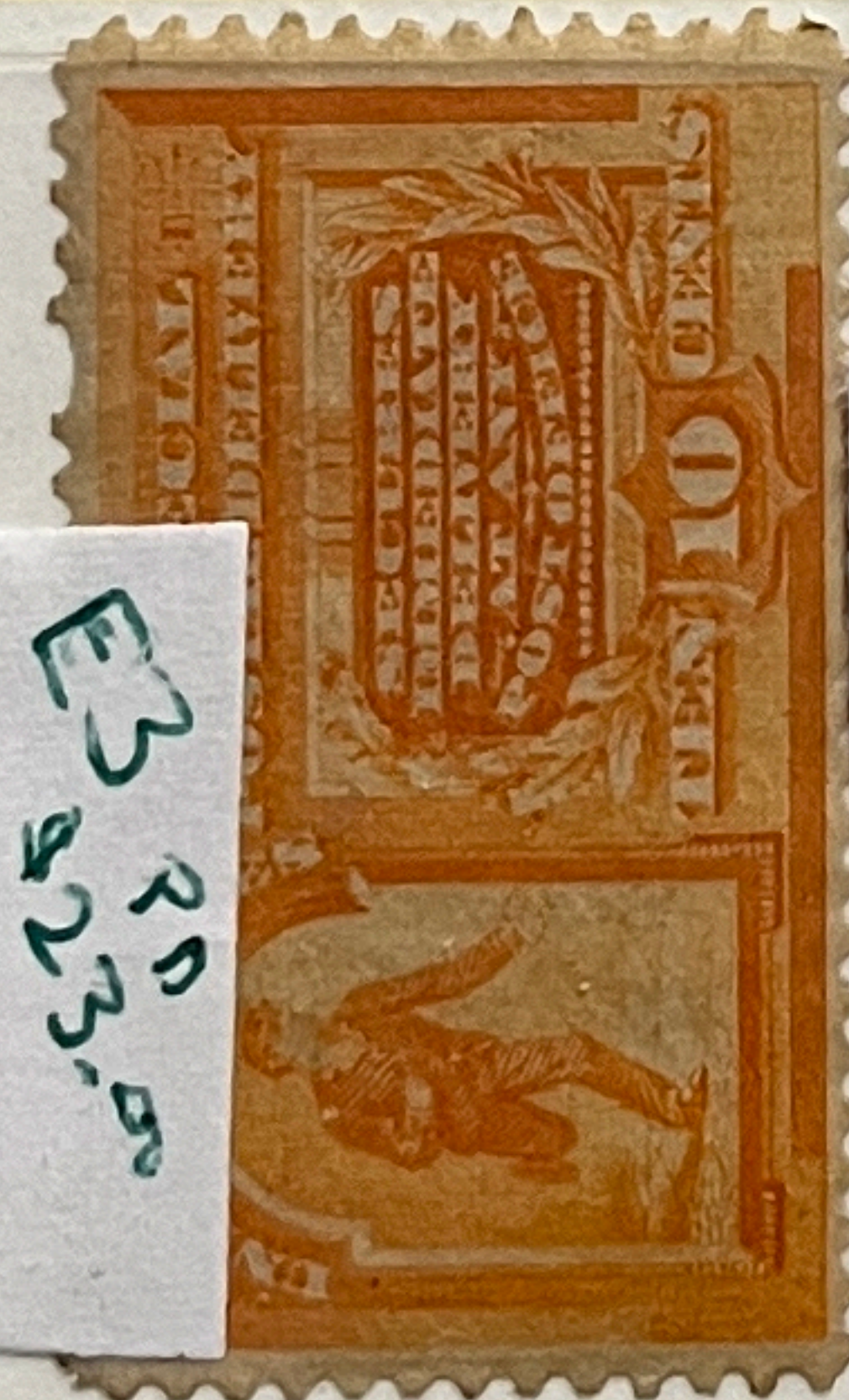


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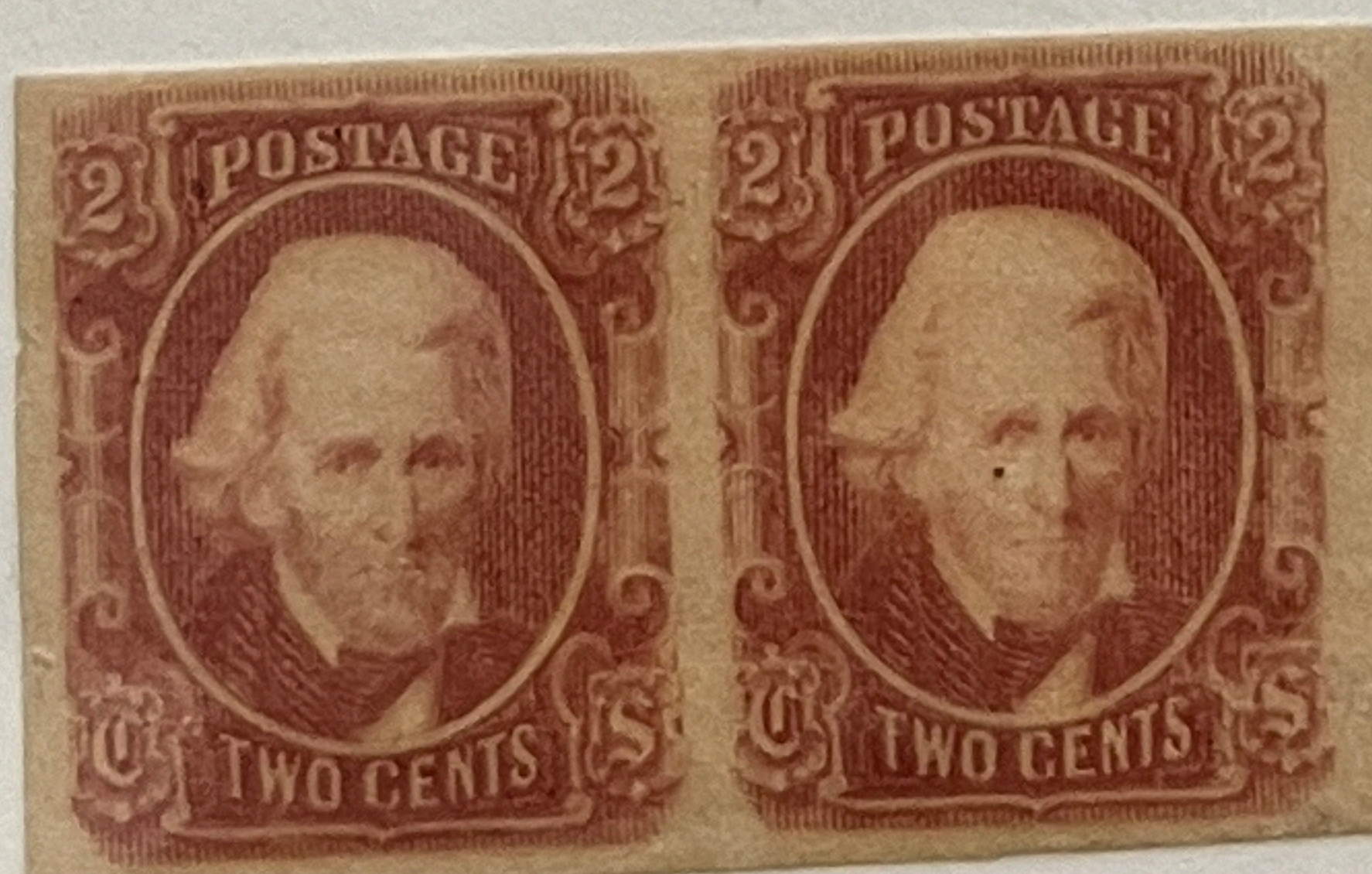
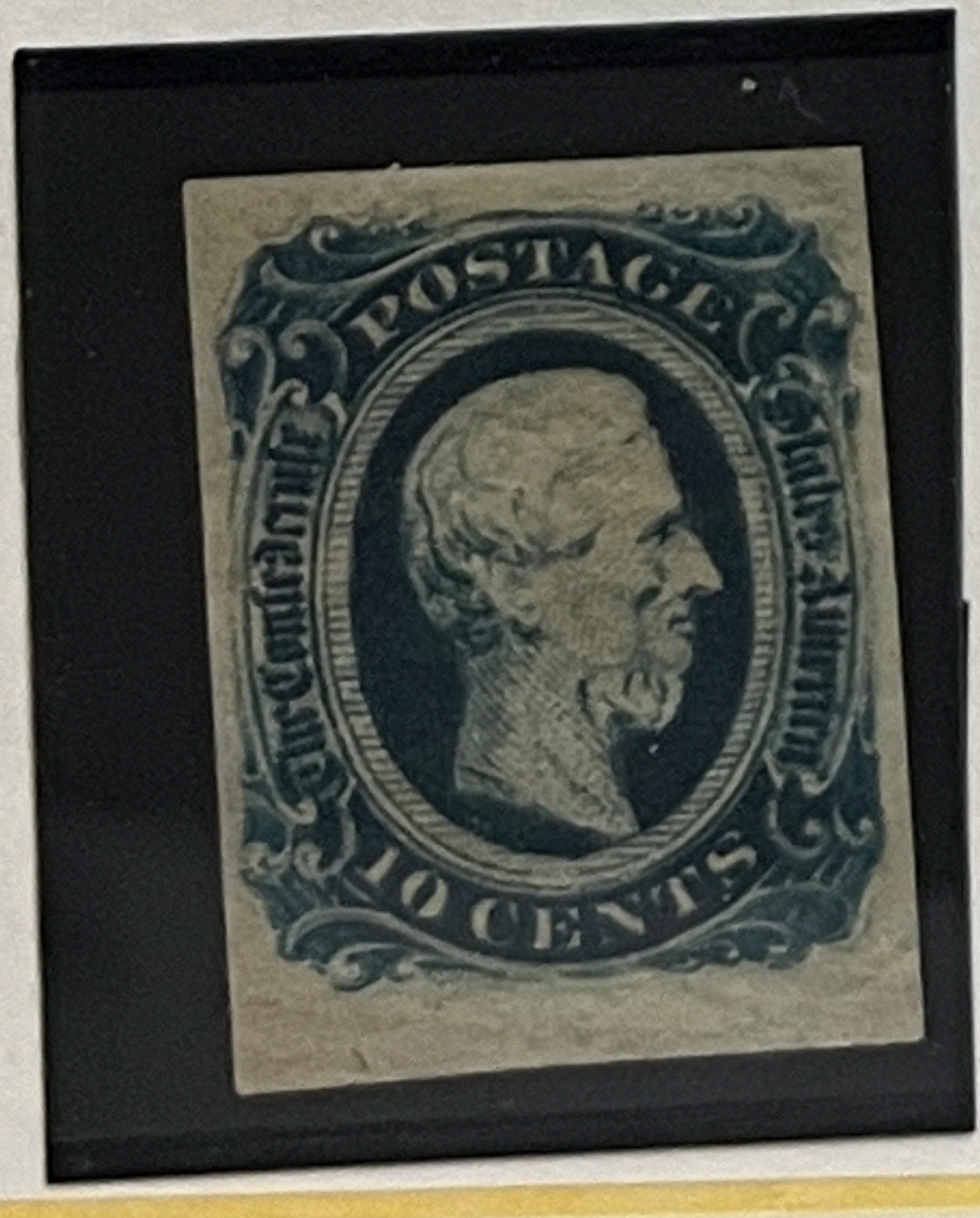


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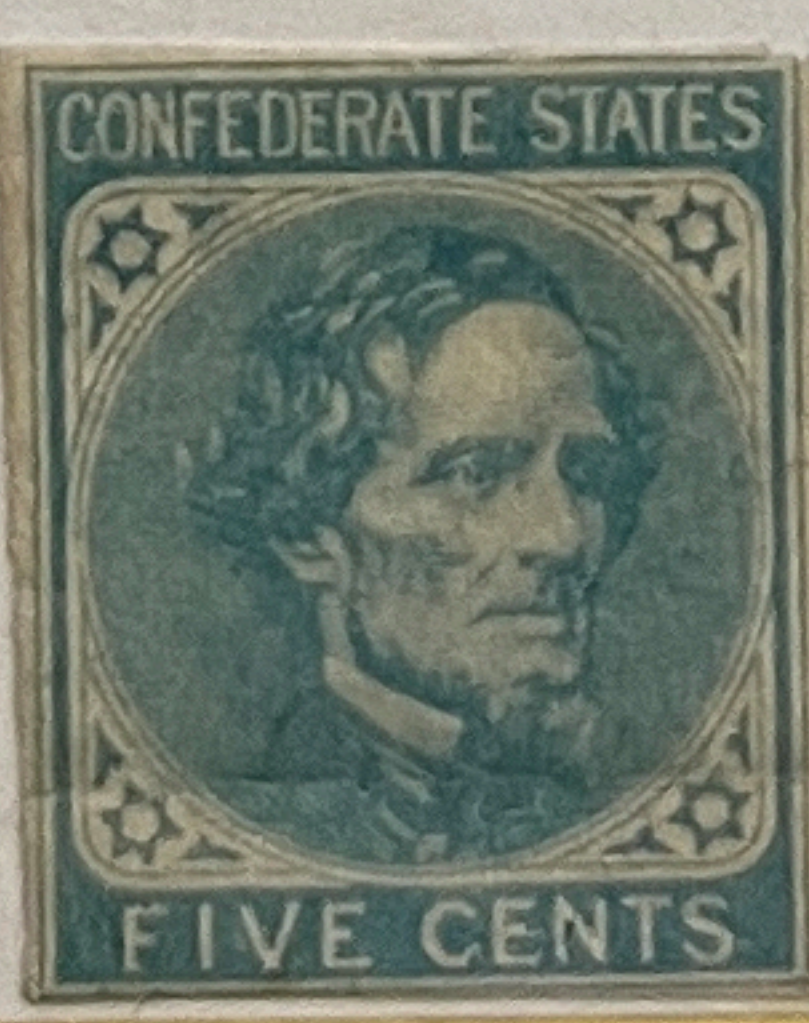
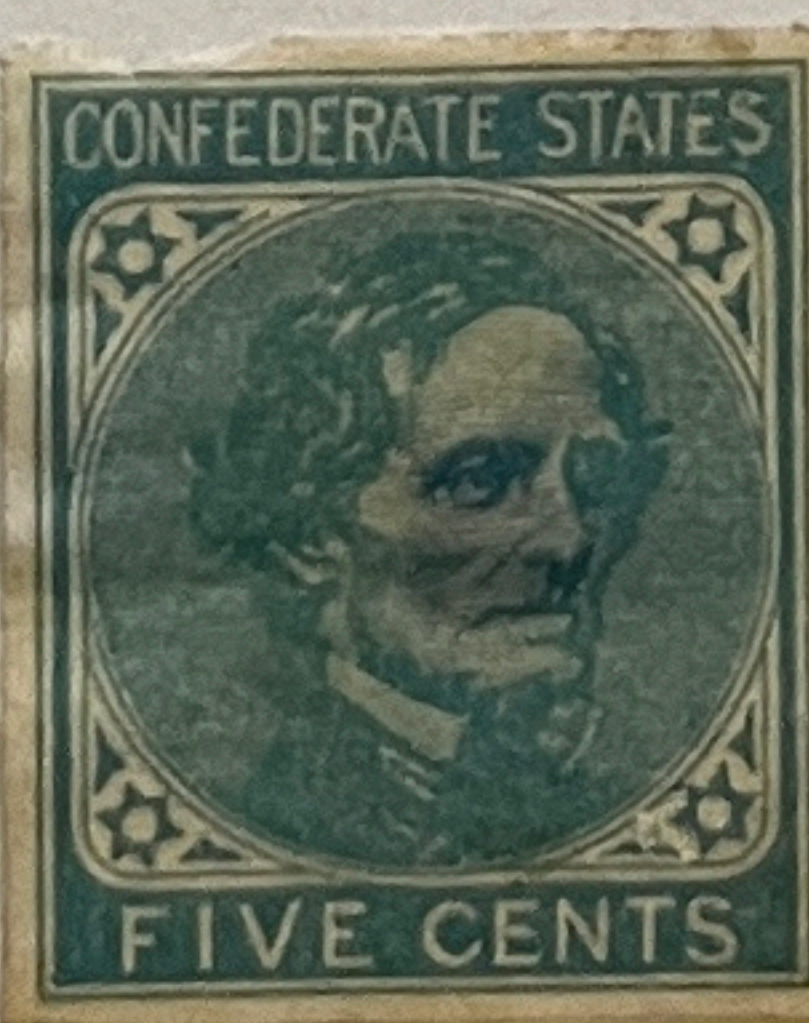
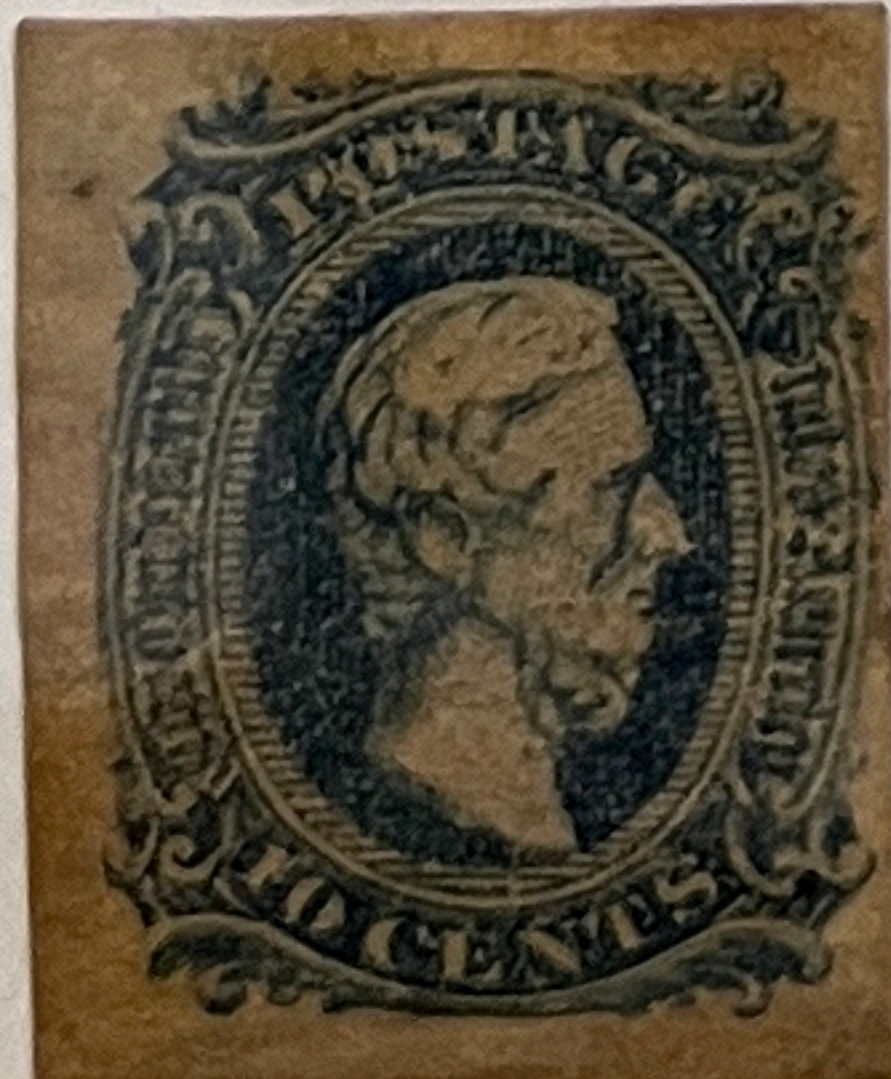
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