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UNITED STATES

AIR POST STAMPS

1931-34

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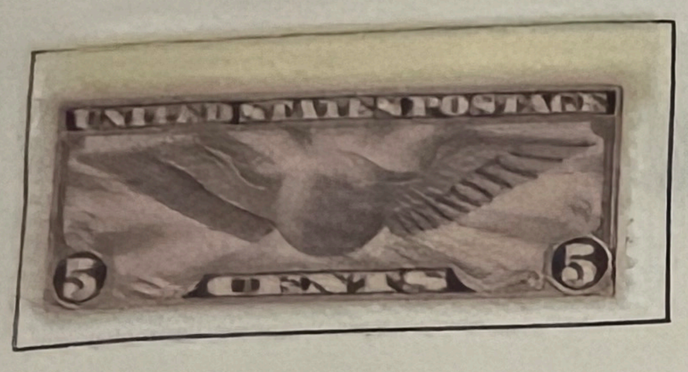

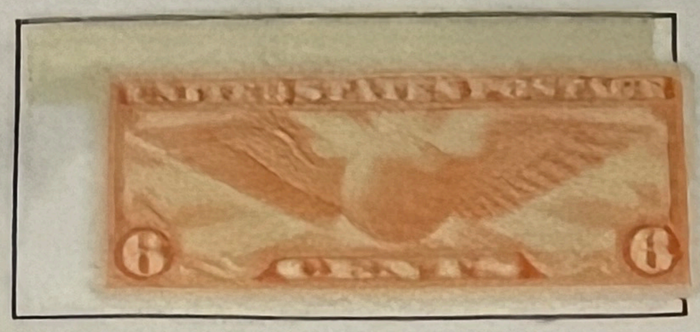

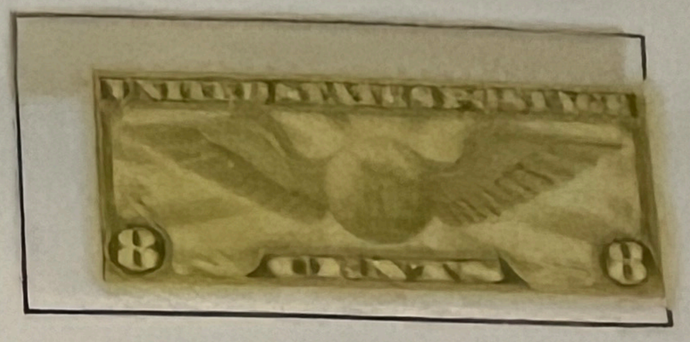

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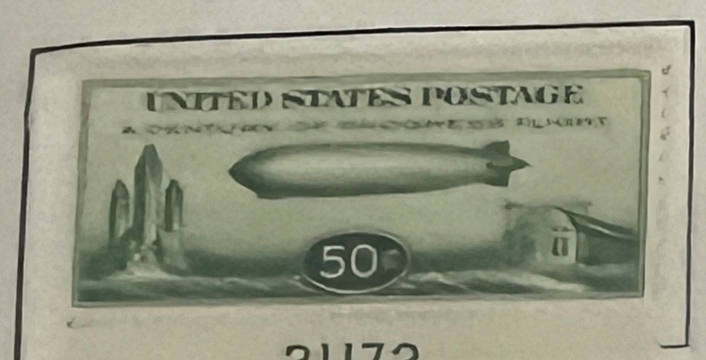

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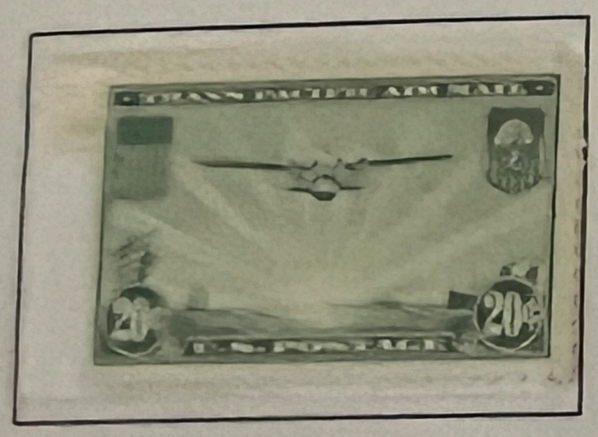
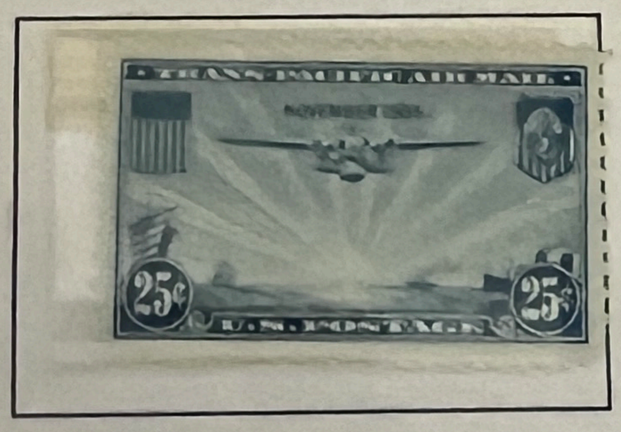
TRANS-ATLANTIC

1935-37

TRANS-PACIFIC





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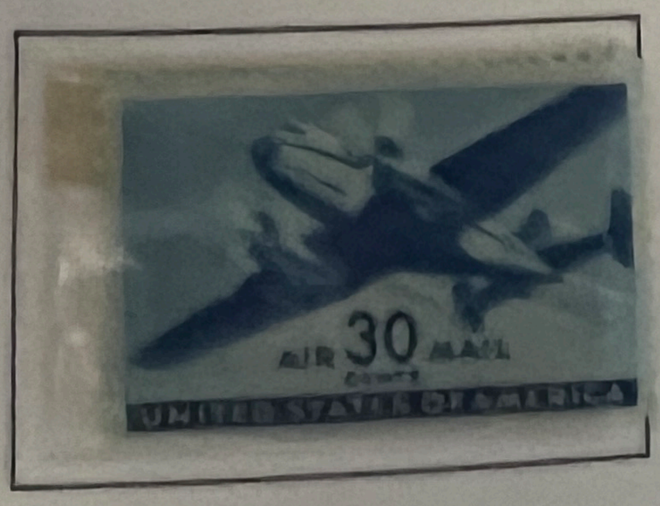
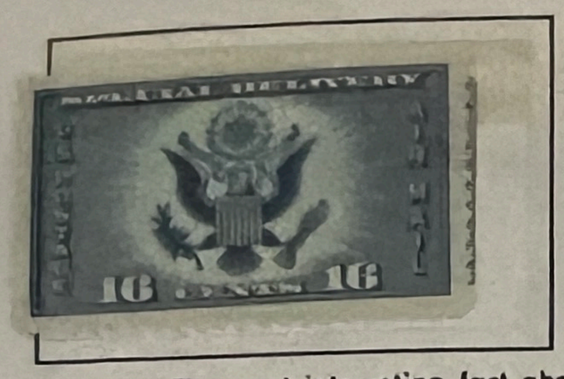


Airplanes themselves are the most interesting feature of these varieties. The plane on the 1941-44 issue is a composite of the various features of aircraft made by leading companies!

UNITED STATES

AIR POST SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS

1934



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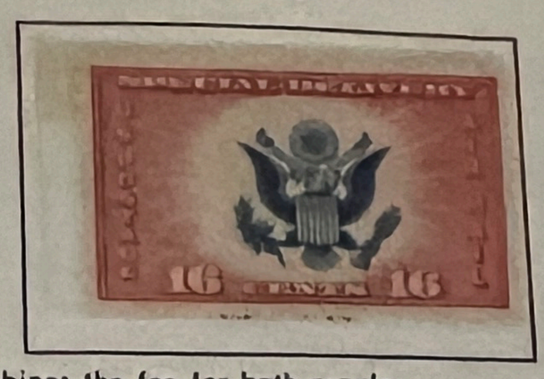

The most interesting fact about this issue is that it combines the fee for both regular air mail and special delivery. The Post Office Department hoped that people would increase their use of this de luxe service because of the convenience of using one stamp to pay for two services. The original blue color was not dramatic enough so a new variety in red and blue appeared in 1936. The "Great Seal" of the U.S. is featured.

REGISTRATION STAMP

1911

402

The purpose of registered mail is to have absolute proof of mailing and safe delivery of valuable items. The Registry System of the United States started in July 1855 and regular postage stamps were used for 56 years. In 1911 our one and only registration stamp was issued, it lived a mere two years, but registry service is still provided.

CERTIFIED MAIL STAMP

1955

Devised to publicize this inexpensive, legal, way to show proof of mailing and delivery of letters and documents without having to incur the steadily increasing costs of registry fees. Although the service remains, this special was discontinued in 1957.

SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS

Unwatermarked

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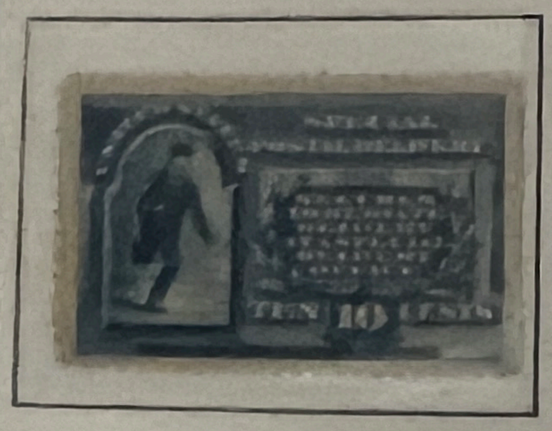

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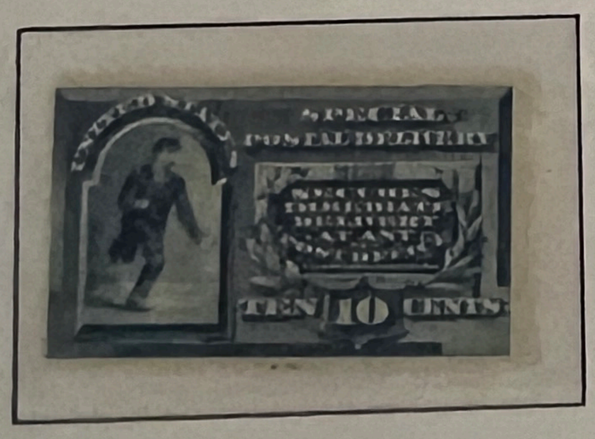

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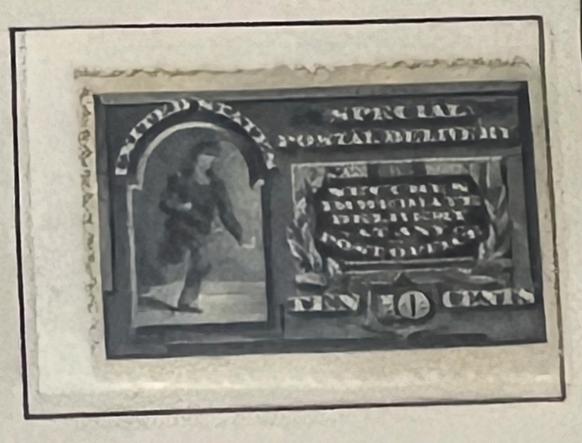

Watermarked USPS

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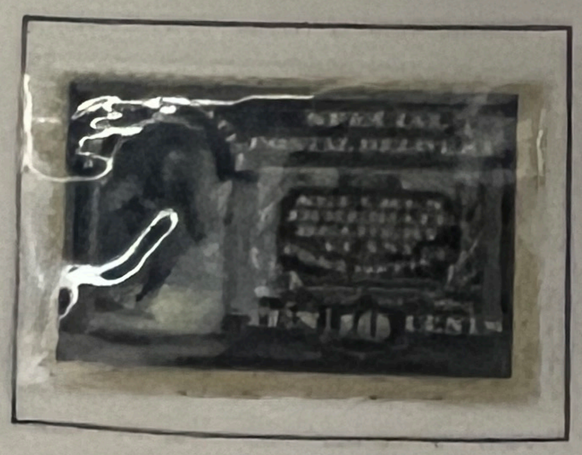

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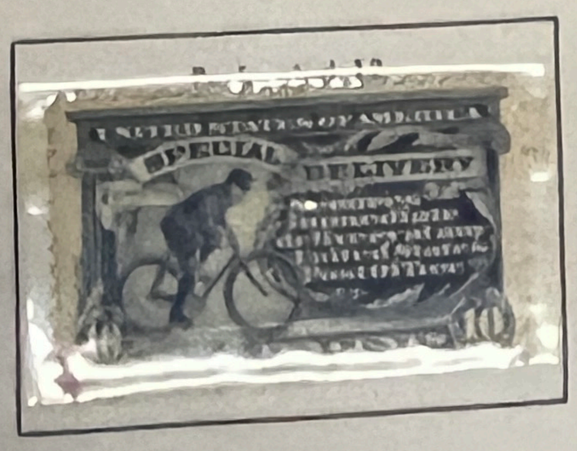

UNITED STATES

SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS

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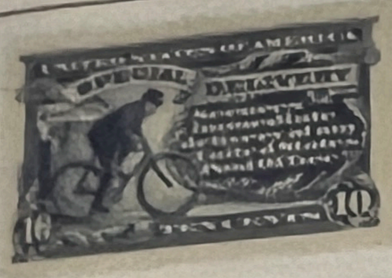

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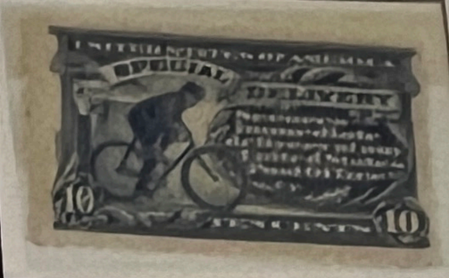

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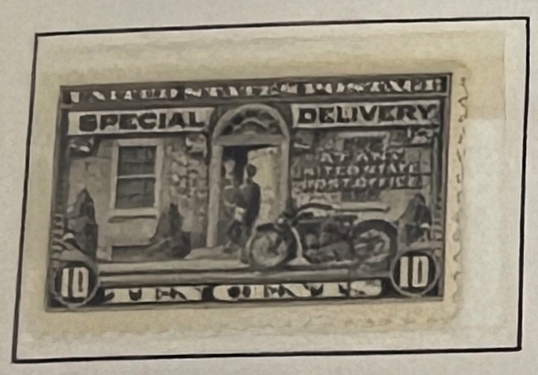
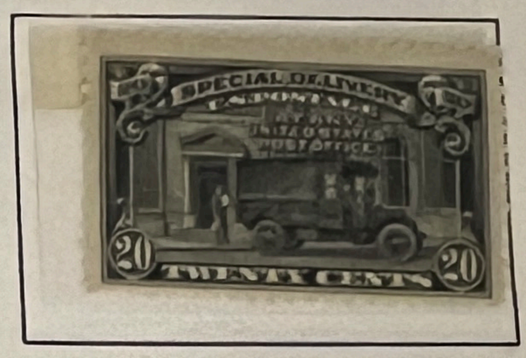
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
Perforated 11





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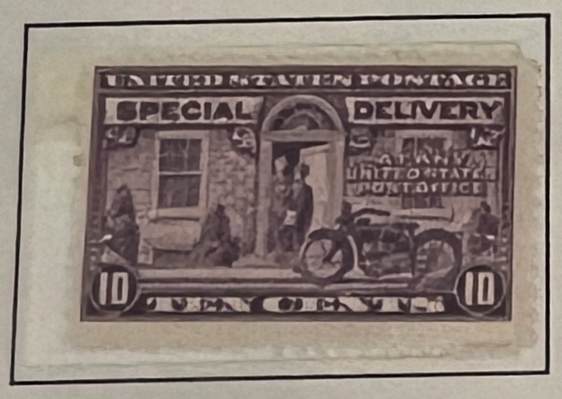

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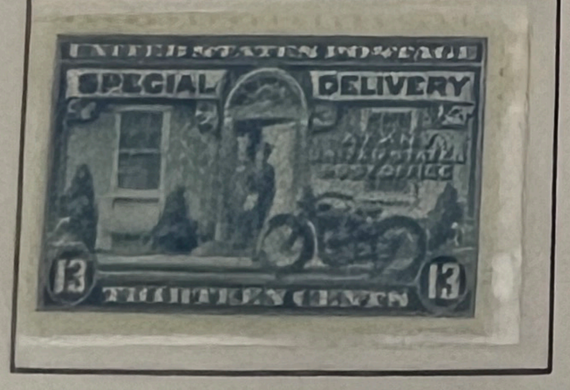

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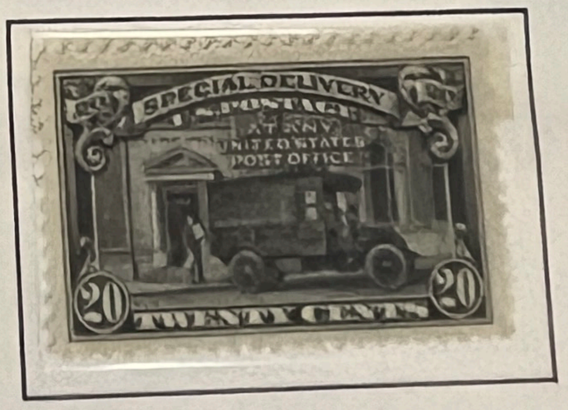


1969-71

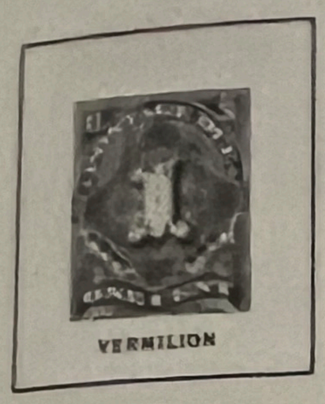
In 1885 the Post Office Dept. started "Special Delivery" service which assured the immediate delivery of mail between 7 A.M. and midnight. Offered at first in towns with 4,000 or more population, the service encompassed the whole country the following year.

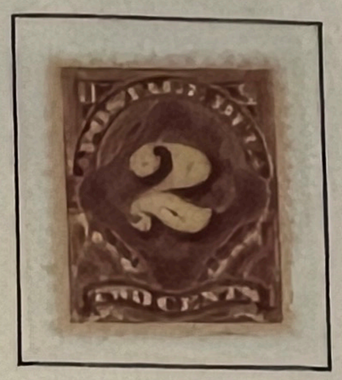
UNITED STATES

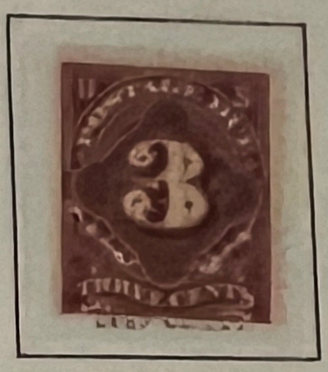
POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

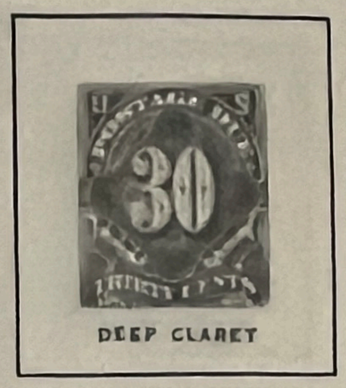
1894

Unwatermarked Perforated 12









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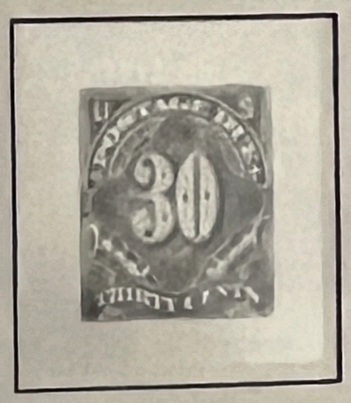

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UNITED STATES

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

1914-15

Watermarked USPS: Perforated 10

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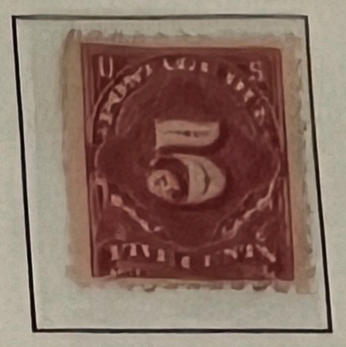

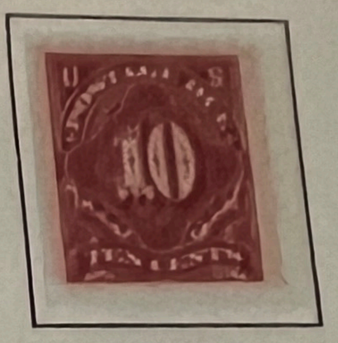

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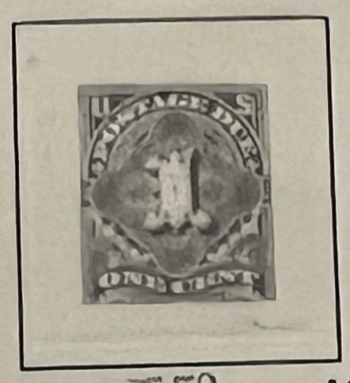

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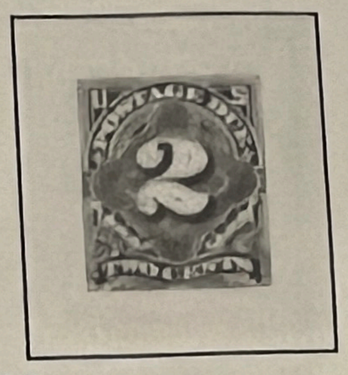

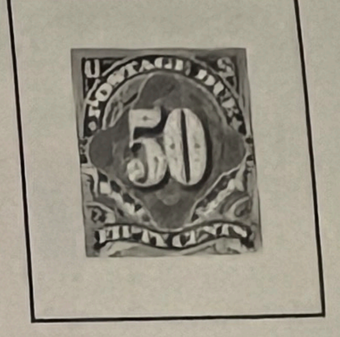

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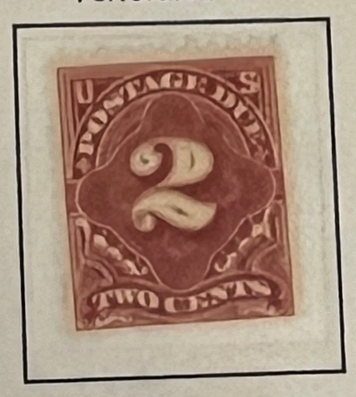

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FLAT PLATE PRINTING

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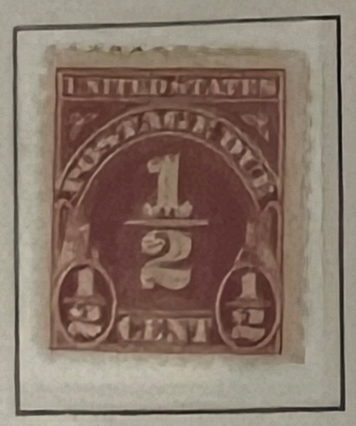

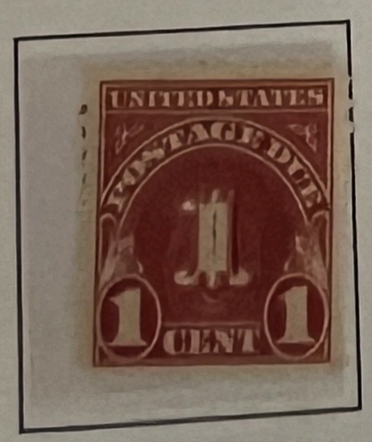

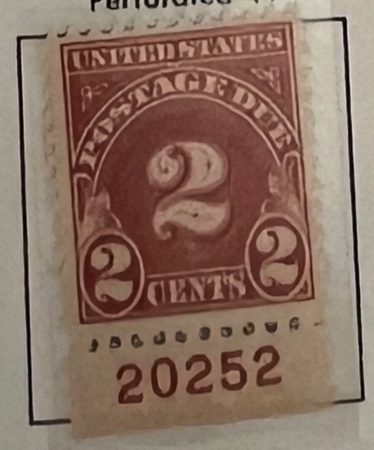

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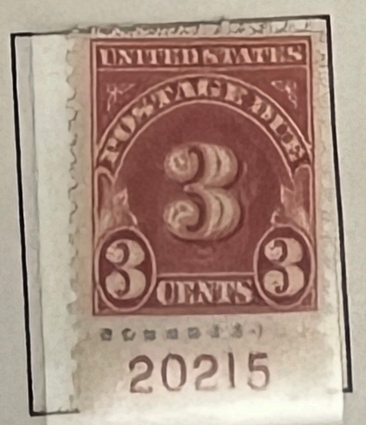

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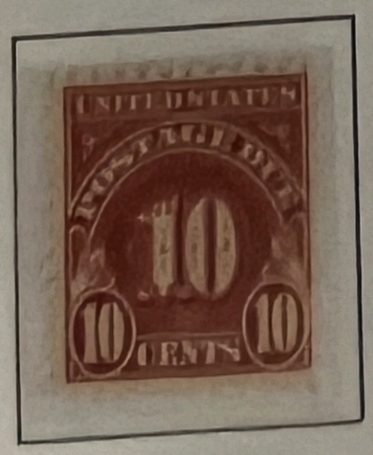

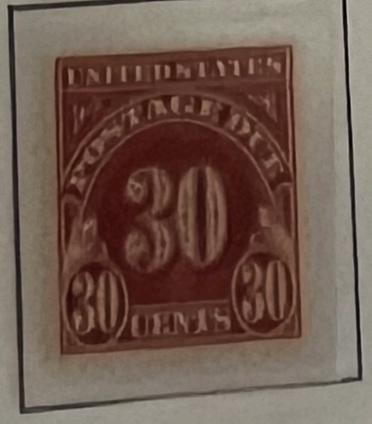

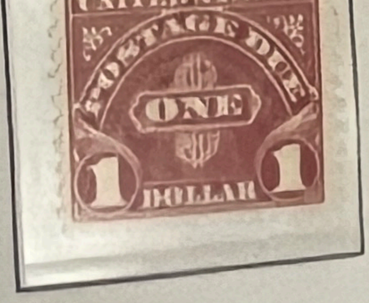

UNITED STATES

OFFICIAL STAMPS

1873-79

AGRICULTURE

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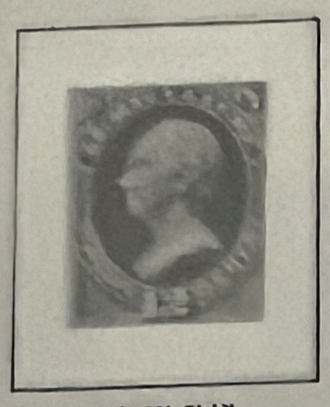
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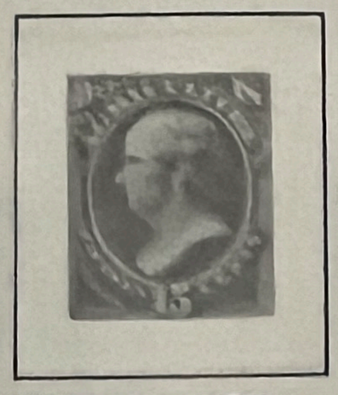
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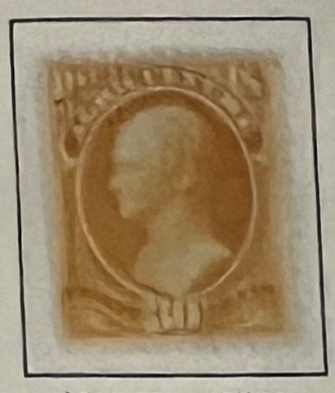
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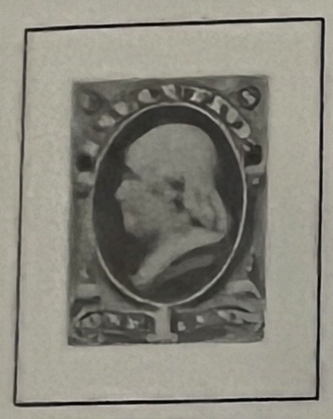
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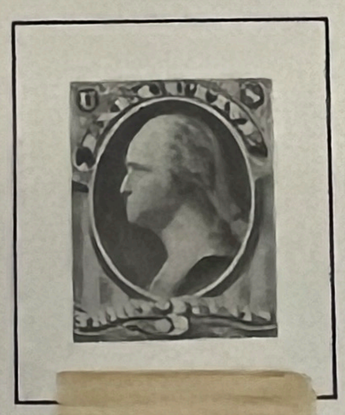
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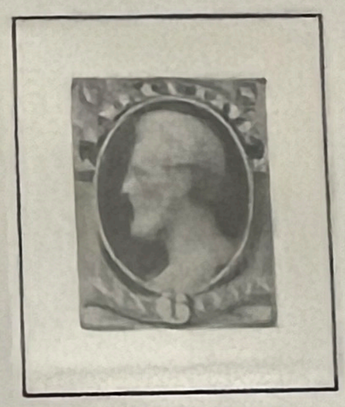
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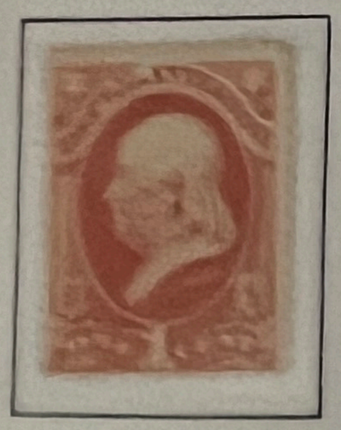
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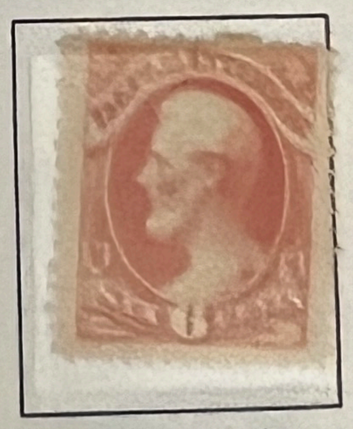
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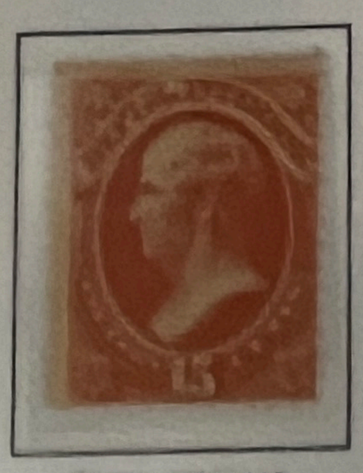
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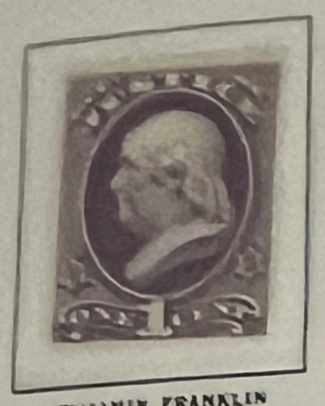
When the "franking privilege" (sending letters free) for government departments was stopped in 1873, special "official" stamps were issued for the use of these agencies. These stamps were declared obsolete in 1884 and were replaced by the free envelopes.

UNITED STATES

OFFICIAL STAMPS

1873-79

JUSTICE



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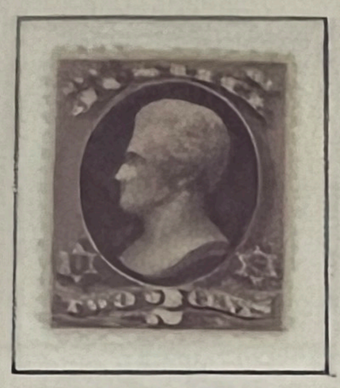

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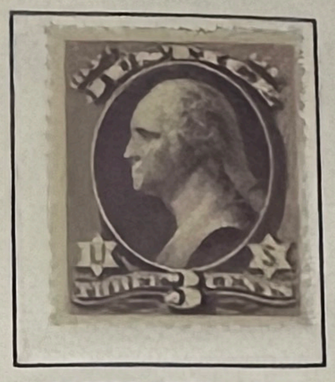

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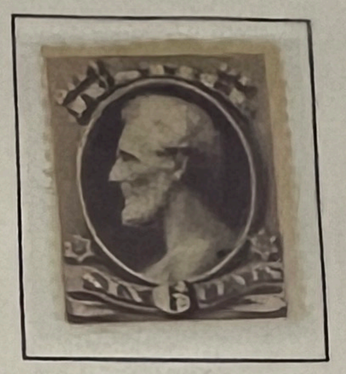

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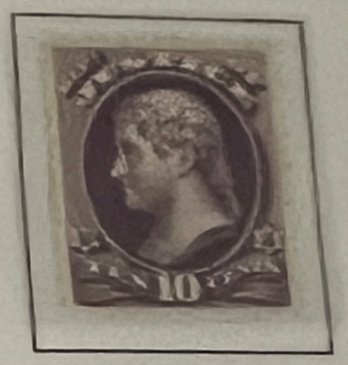

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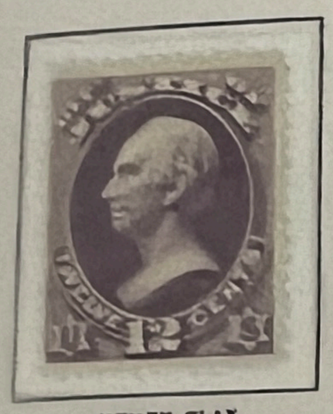

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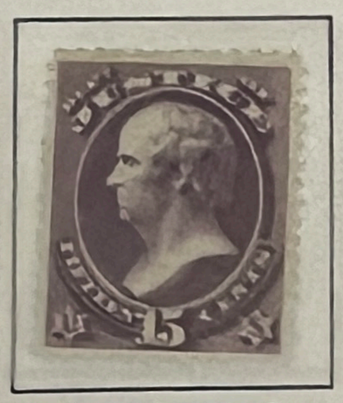

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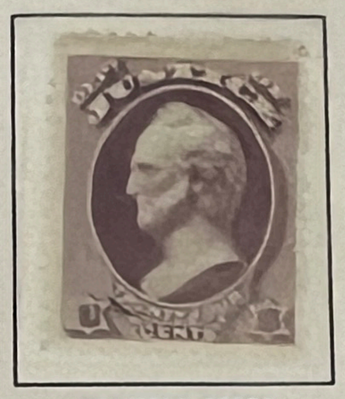

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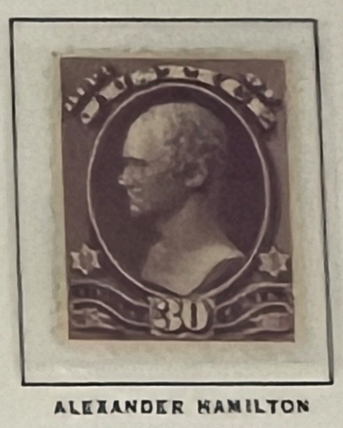

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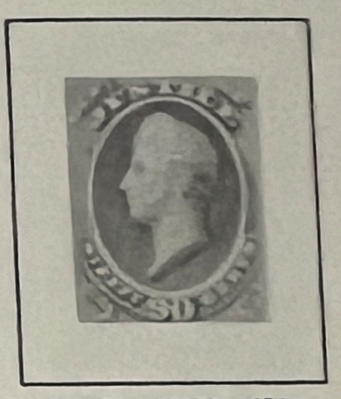

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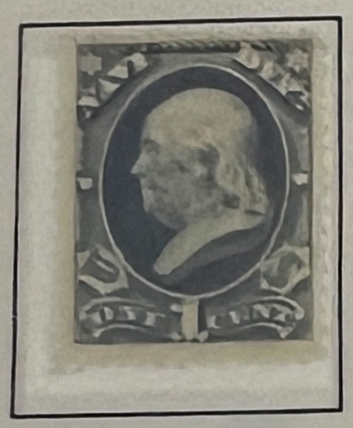

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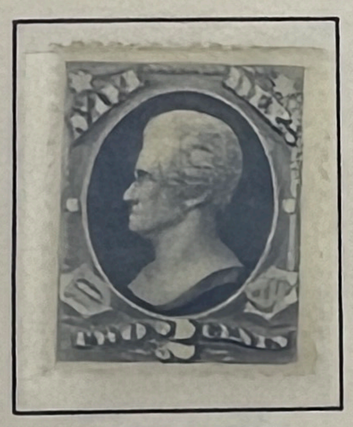

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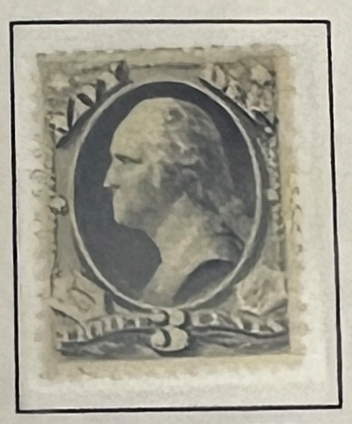

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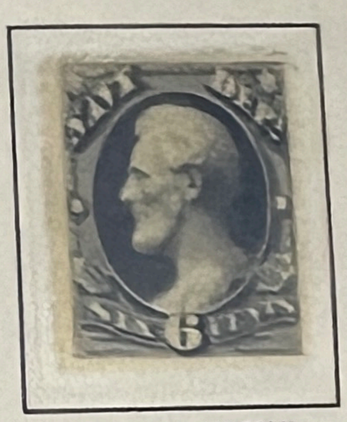

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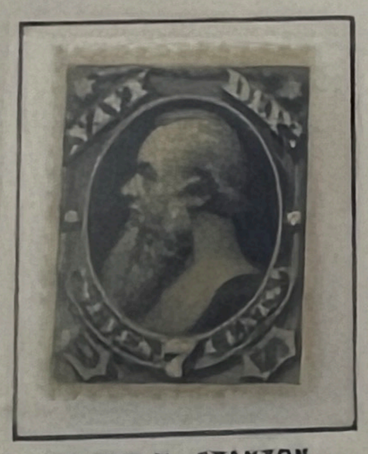

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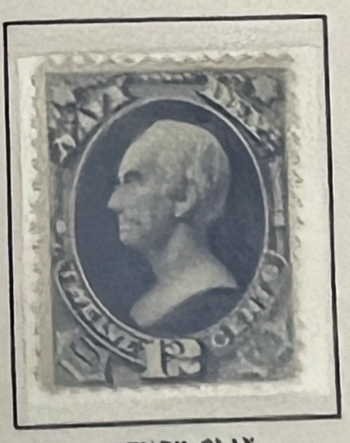

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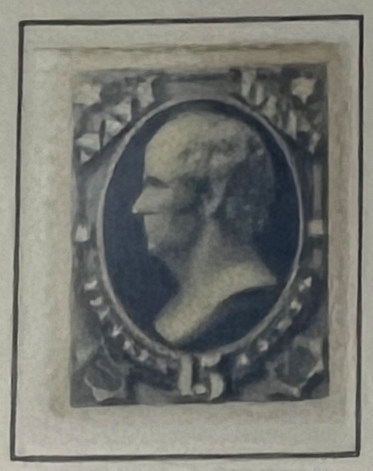

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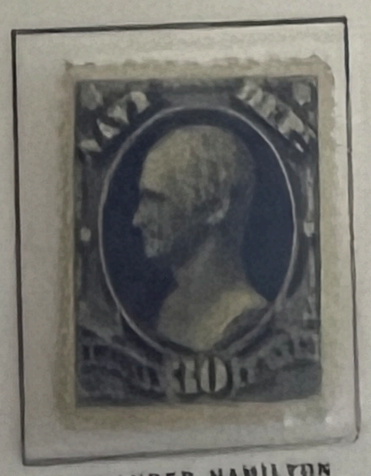

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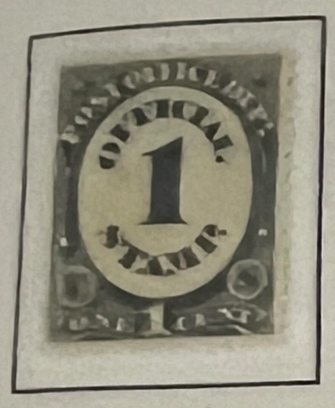

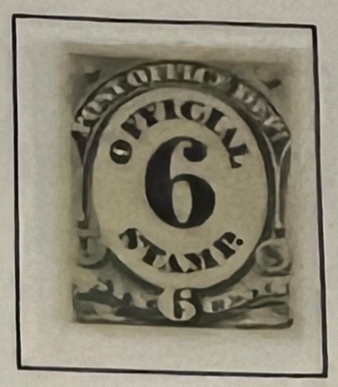

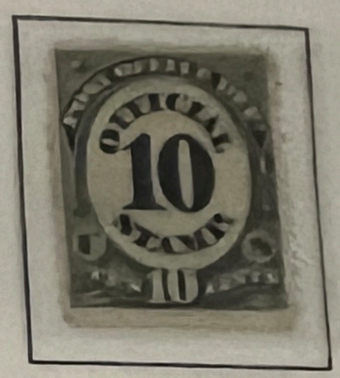

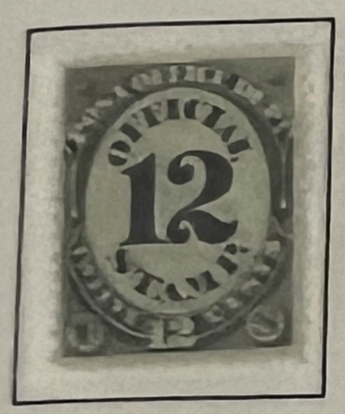

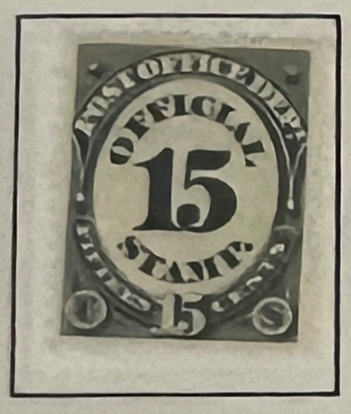

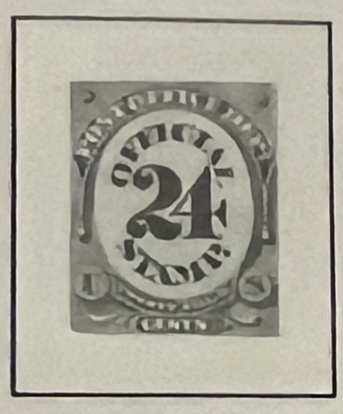

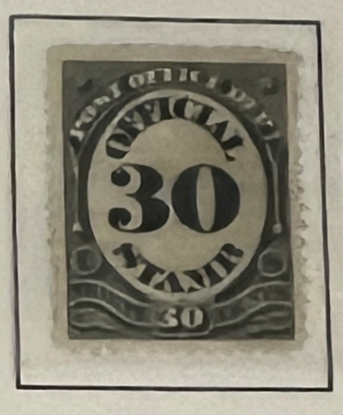

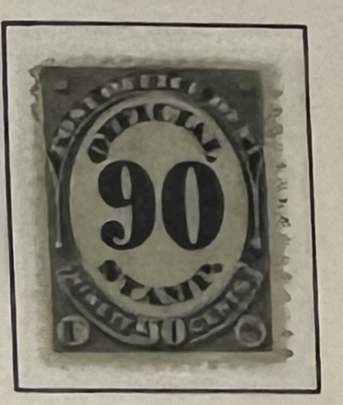

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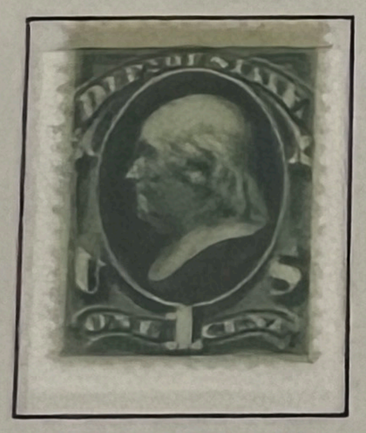

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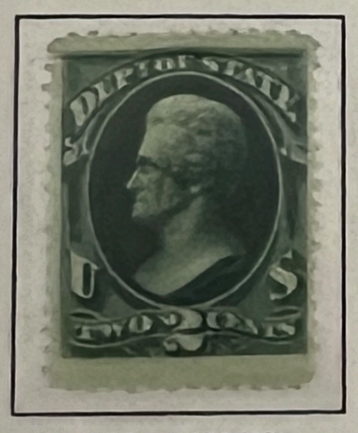

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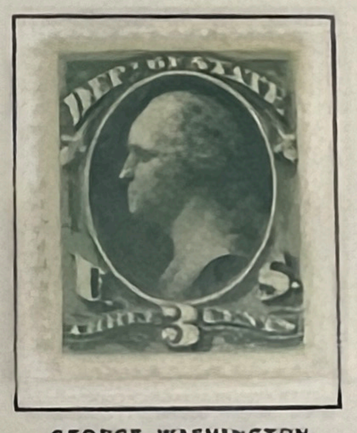

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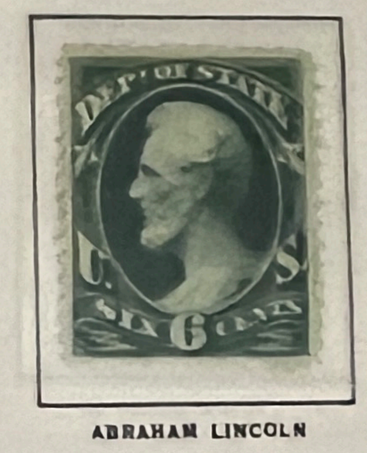

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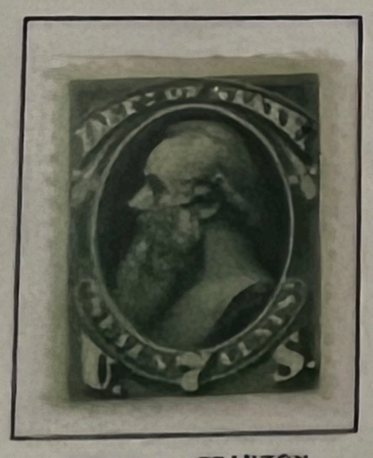

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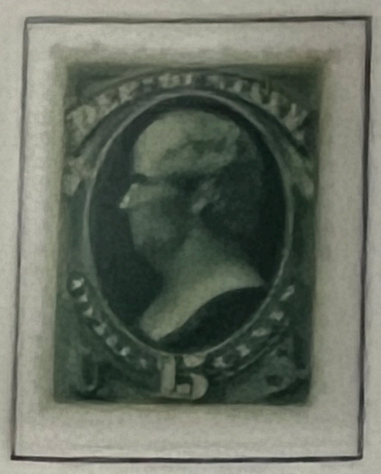

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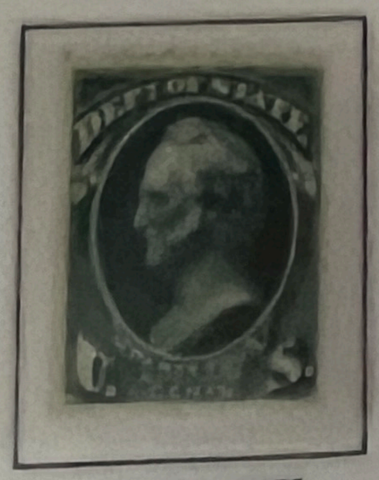

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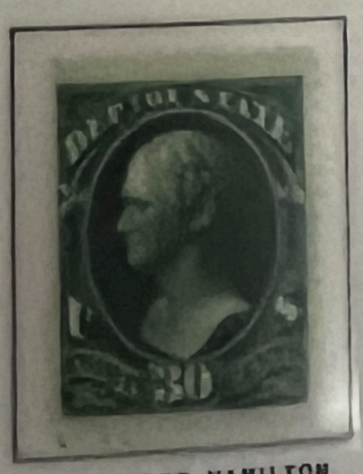

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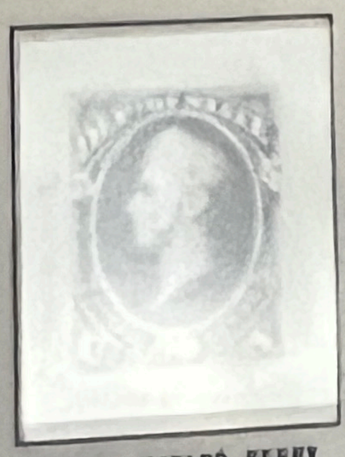

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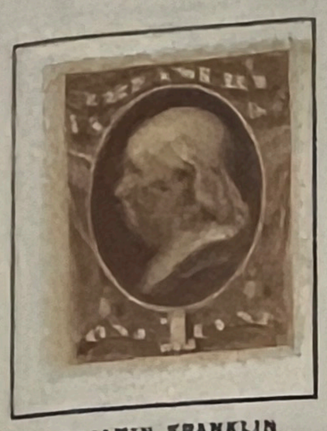

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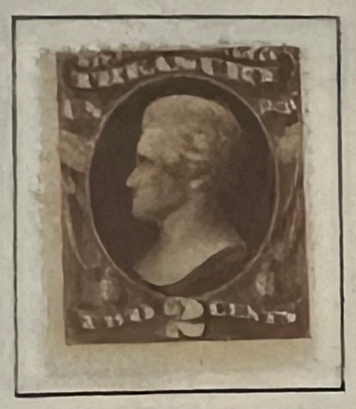

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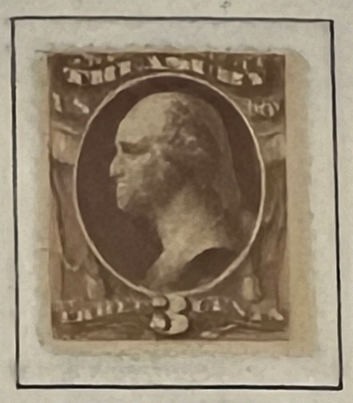

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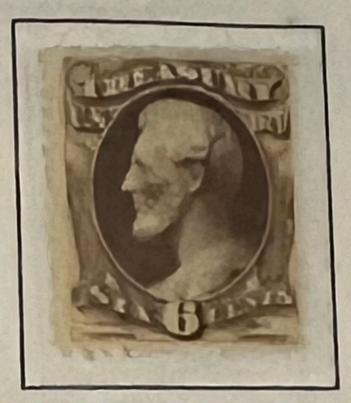

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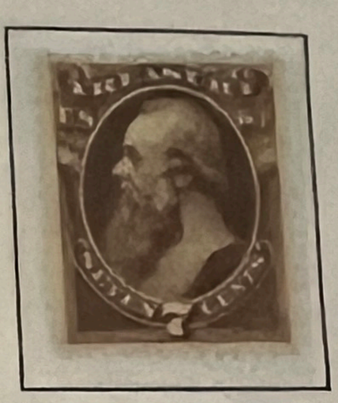

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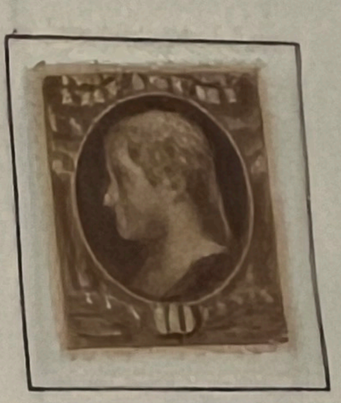

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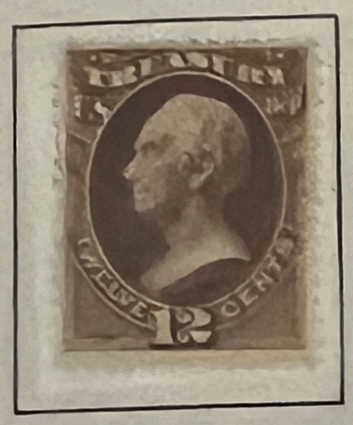

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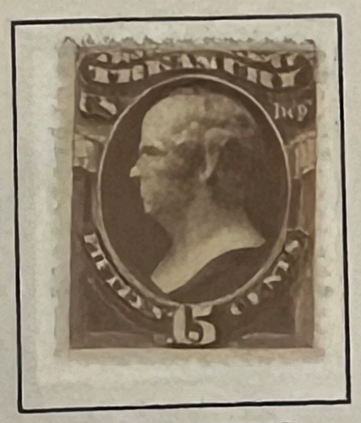

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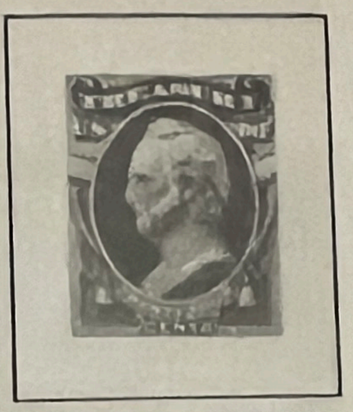

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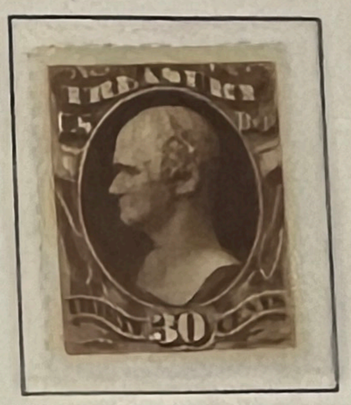

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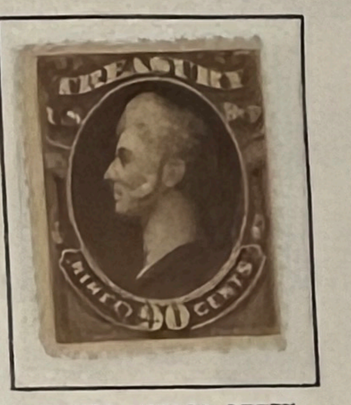

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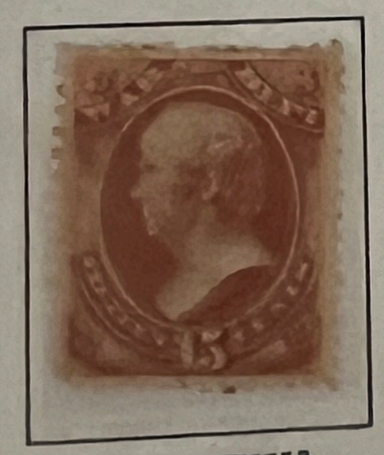

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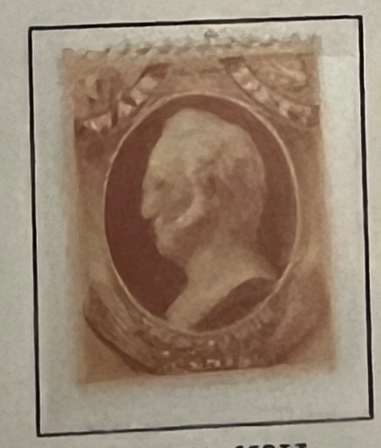

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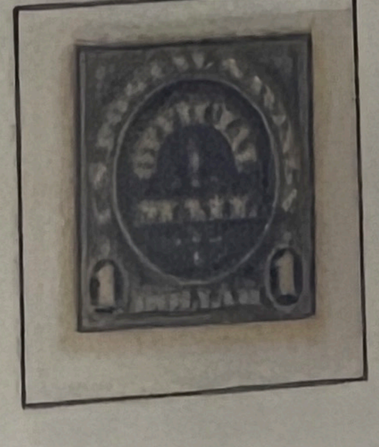

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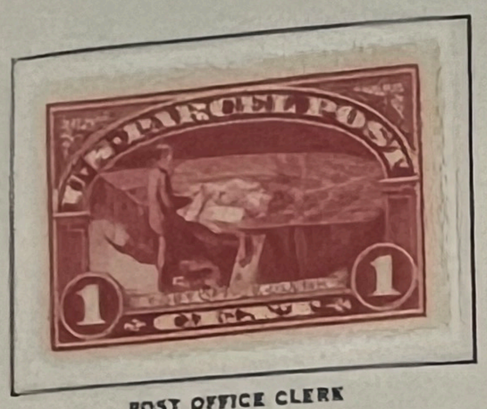

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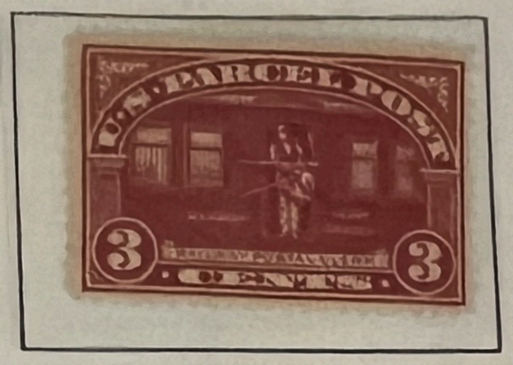

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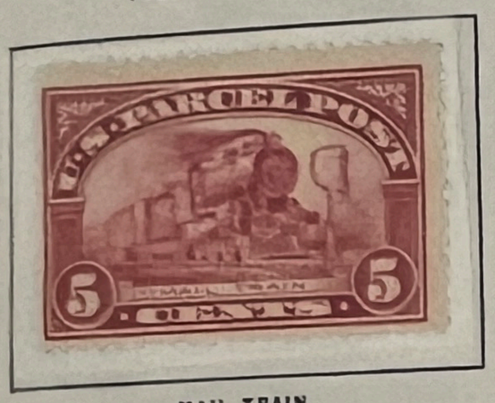

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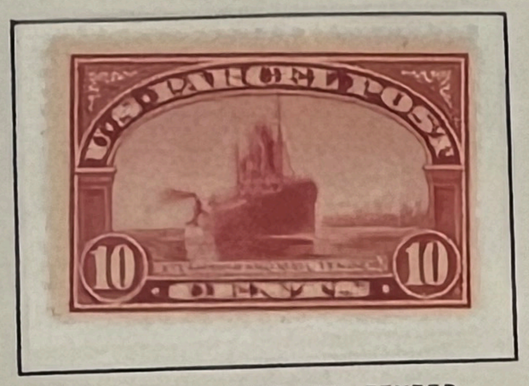

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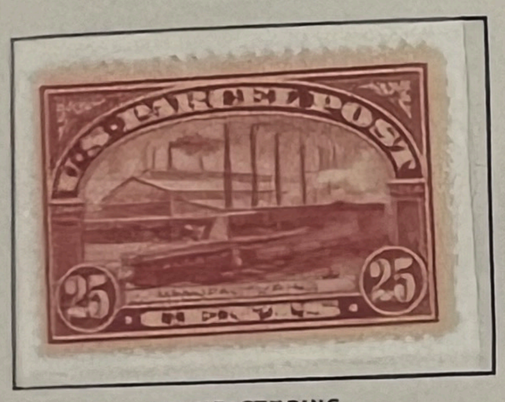

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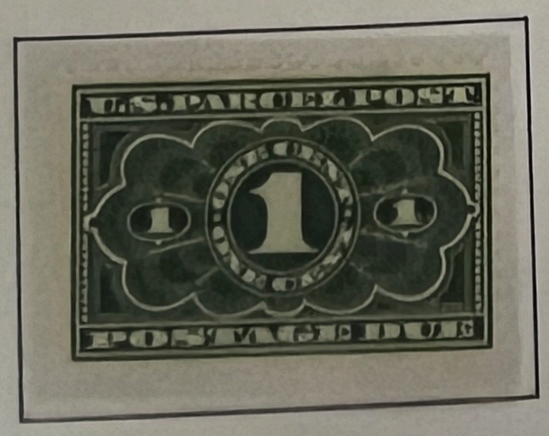

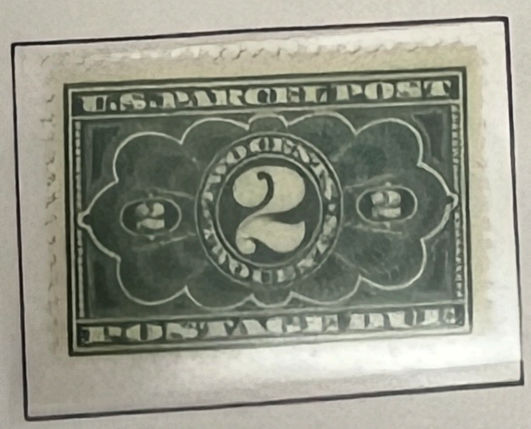

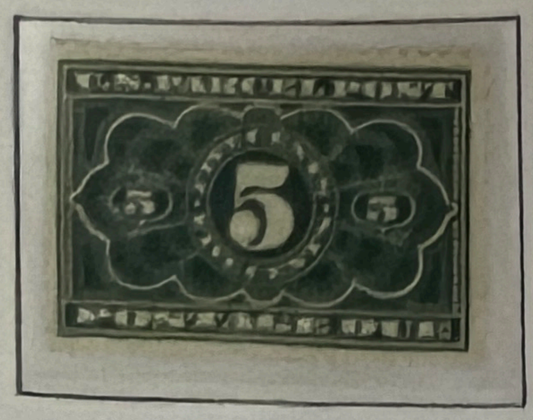

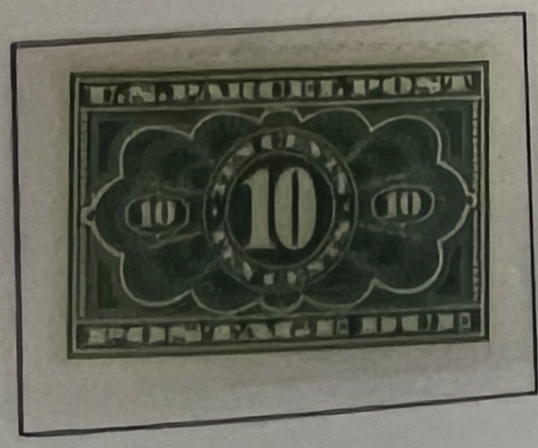

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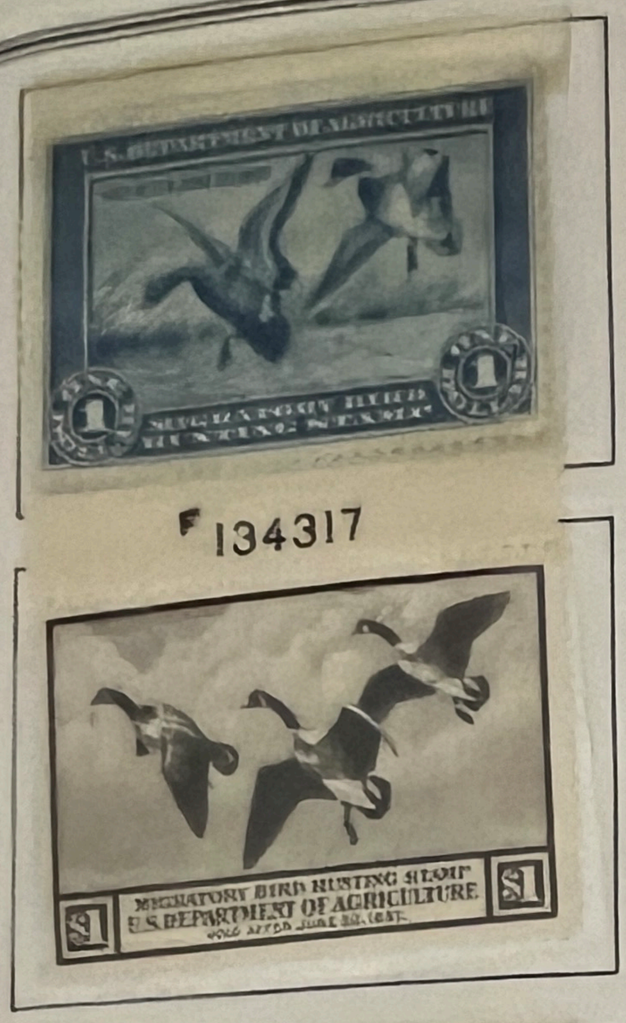
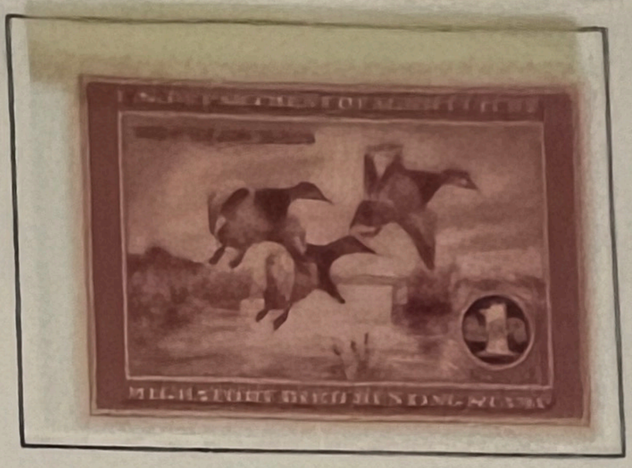
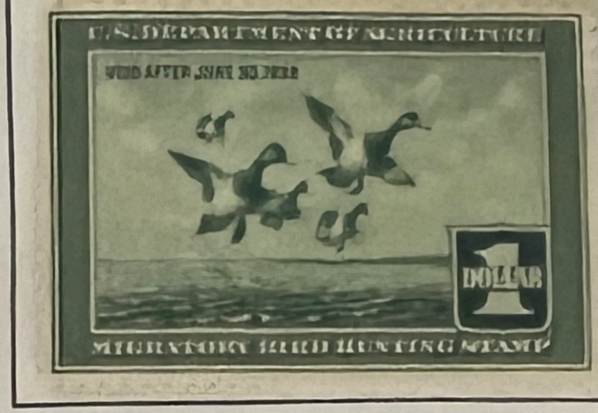
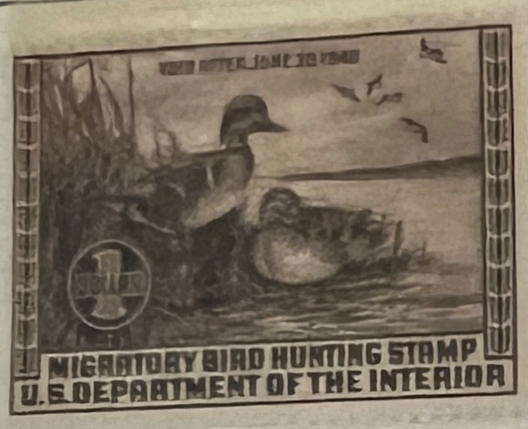
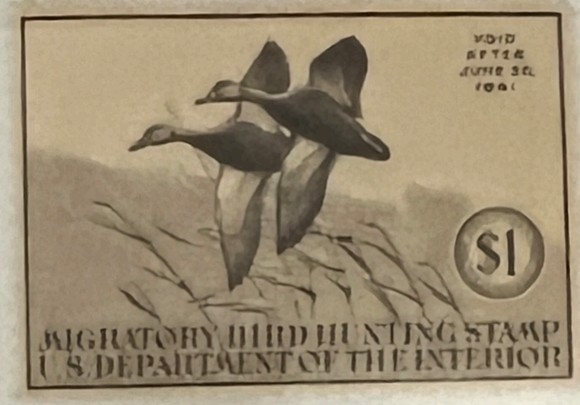
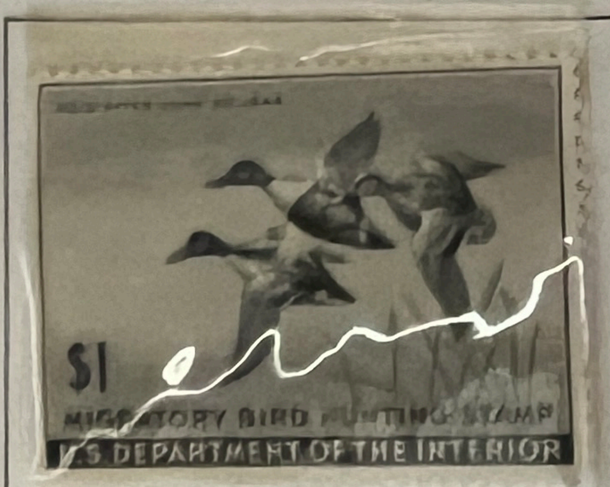


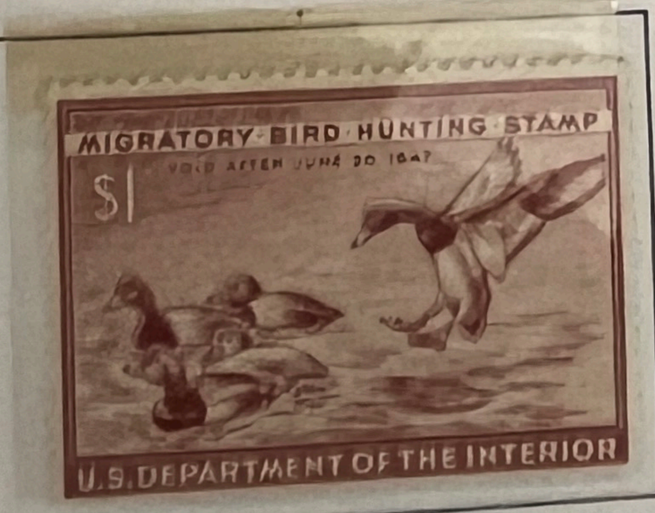


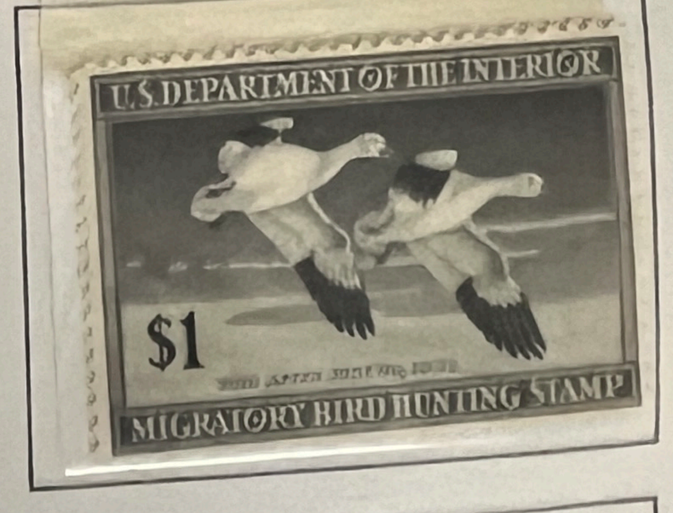


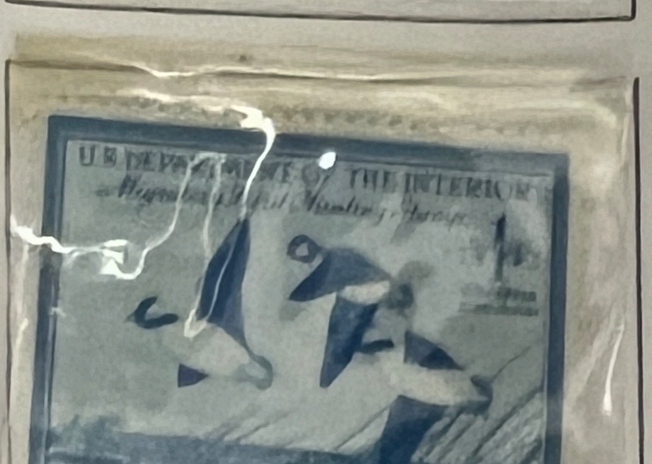








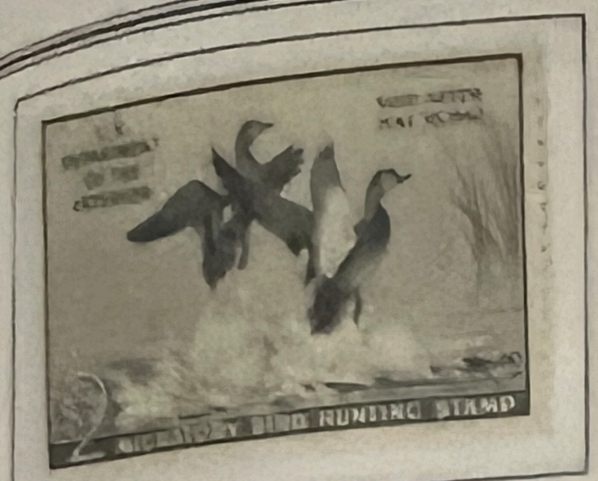


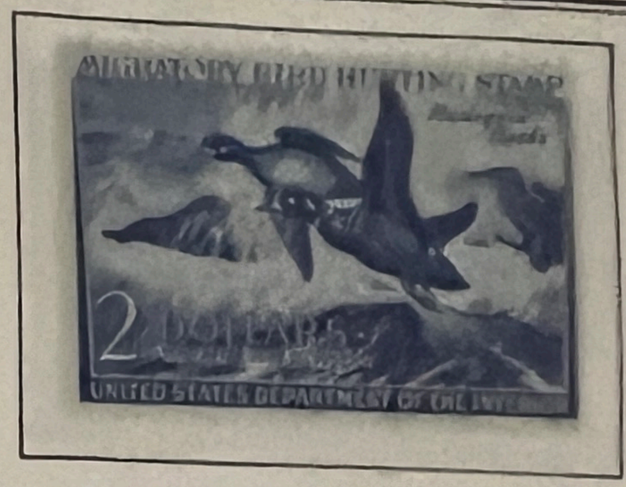


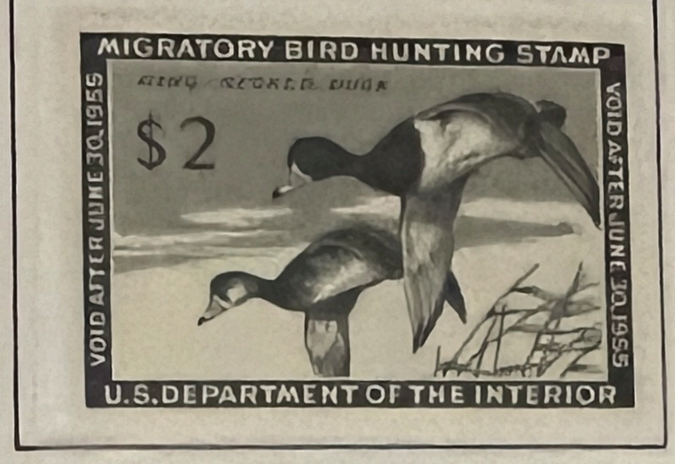
UNITED STATES

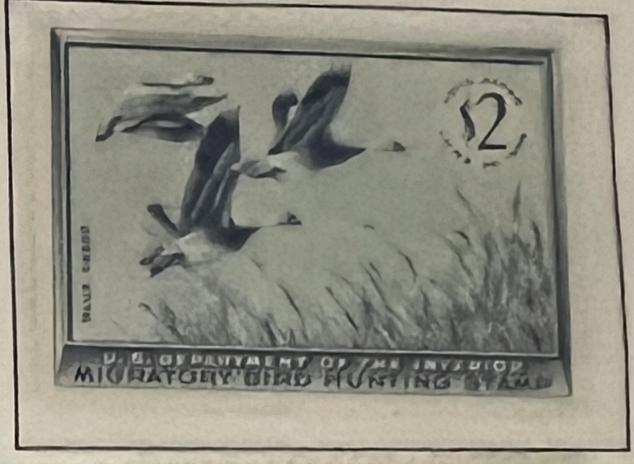
HUNTING PERMIT STAMPS

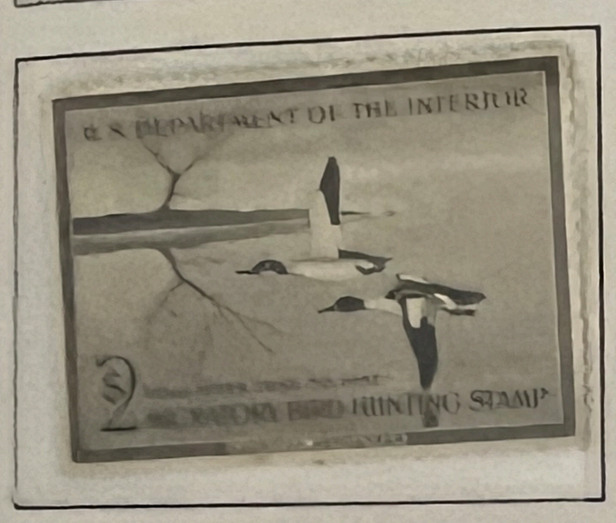
1952-67

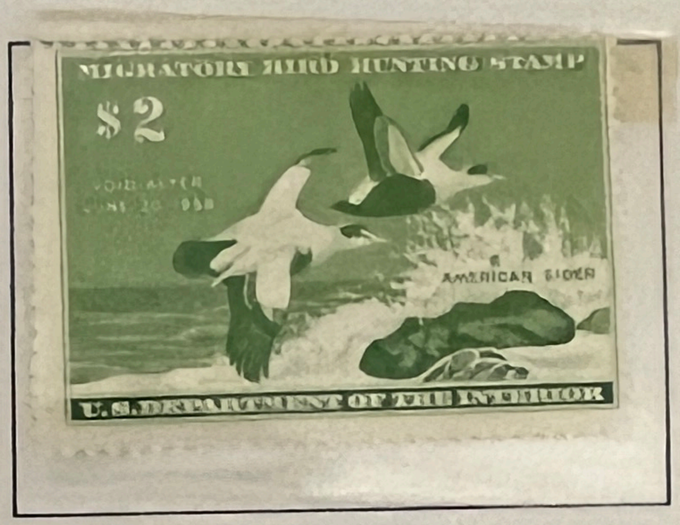


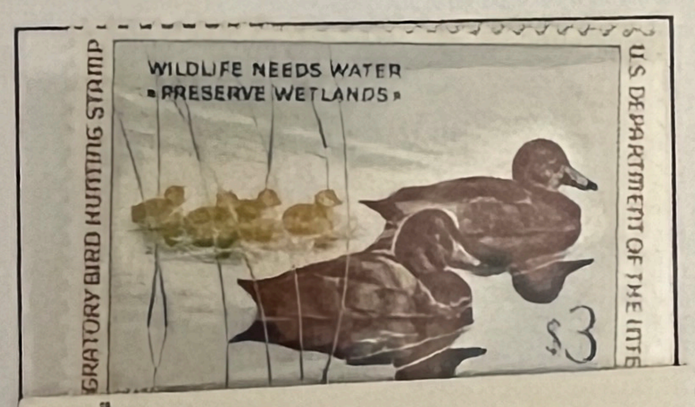












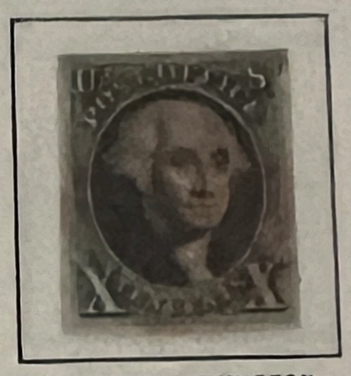
UNITED STATES of AMERICA

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

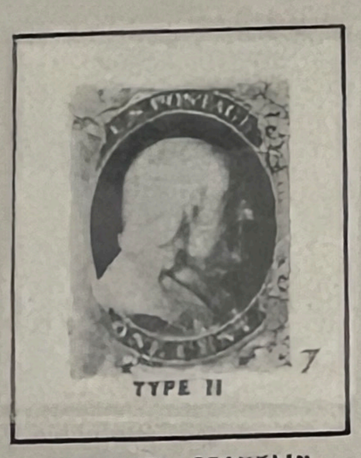
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



GEORGE WASHINGTON

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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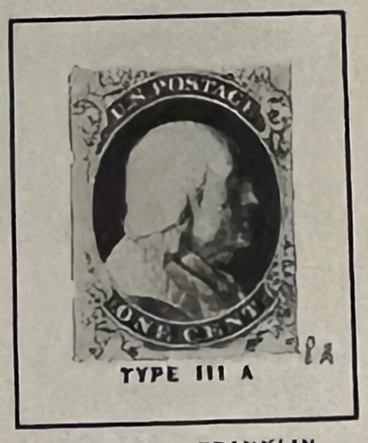

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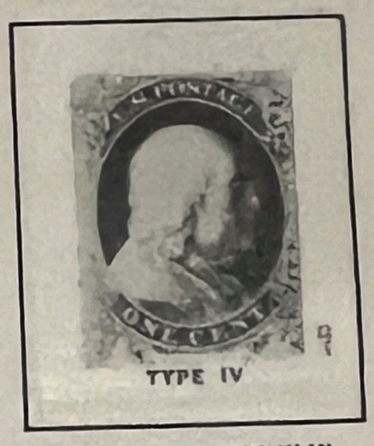

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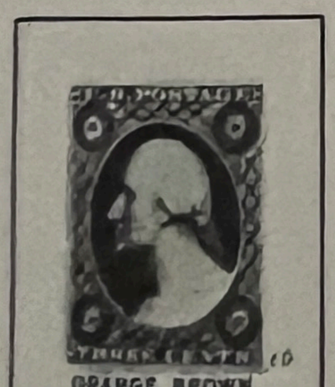

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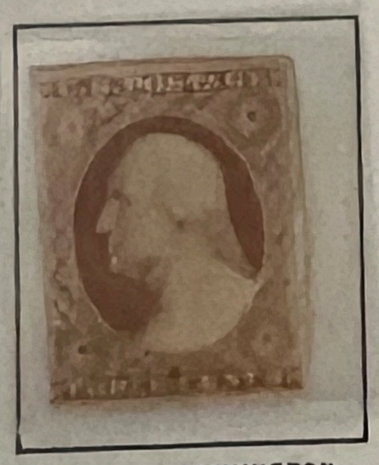

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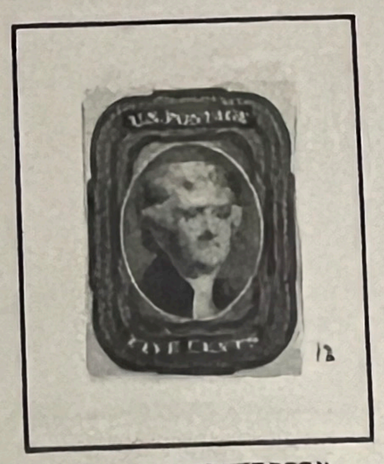

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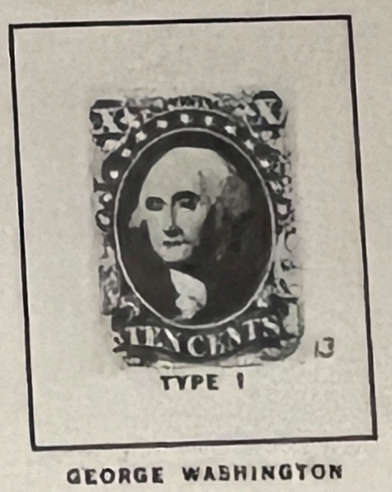

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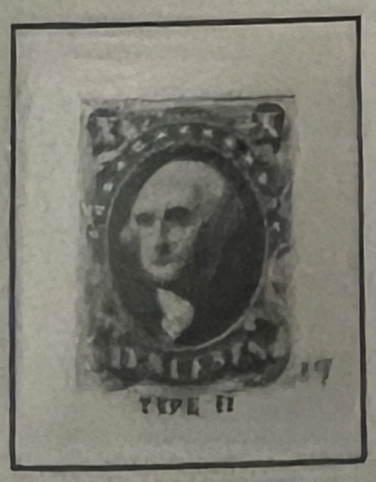

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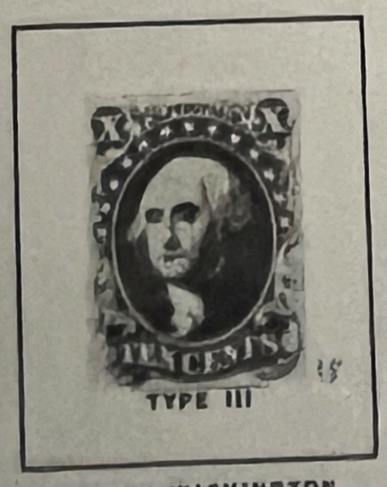

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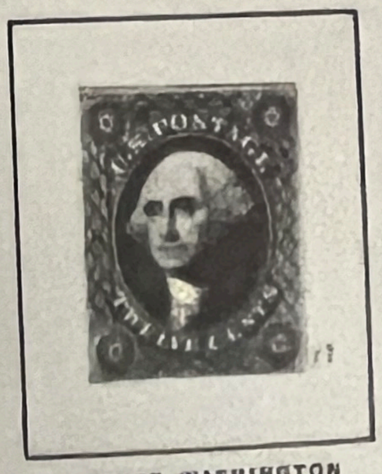

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These varieties were necessitated because of lower postal rates and increased use of the postal service. Each denomination had its own exact purpose from the 1c for local or drop mail, to the 12c to aid in paying rates on overseas mail. These stamps 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.

UNITED STATES

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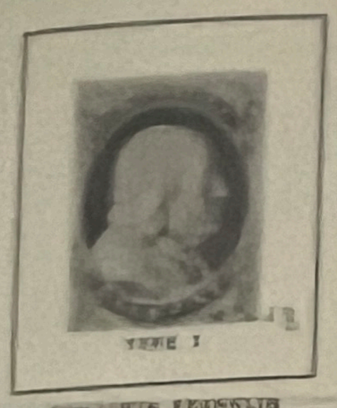
1857-60
Perforated 15



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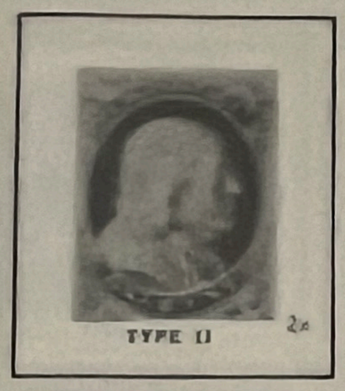

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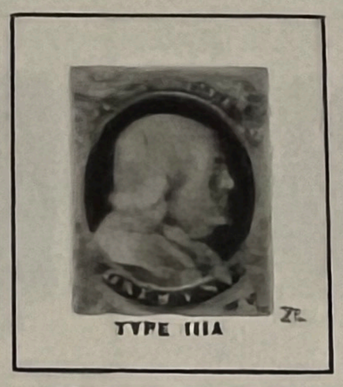

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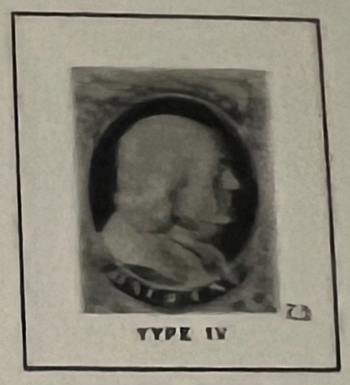

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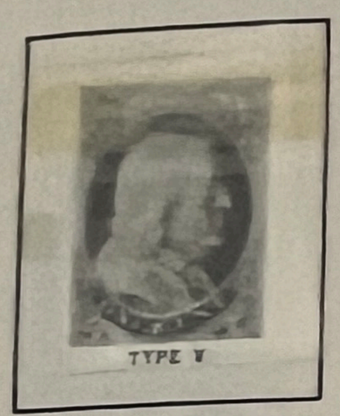

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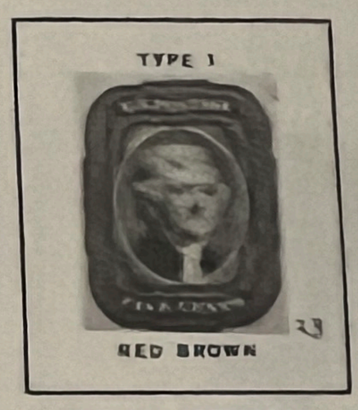

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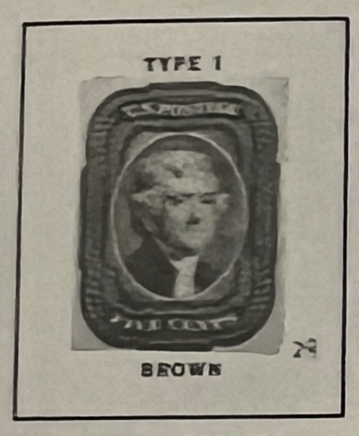

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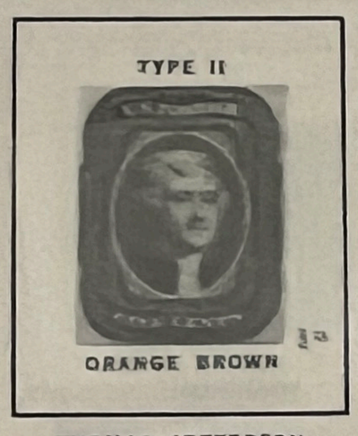

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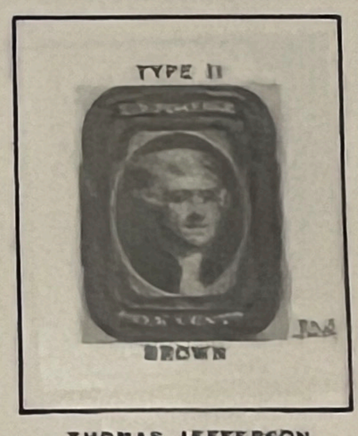

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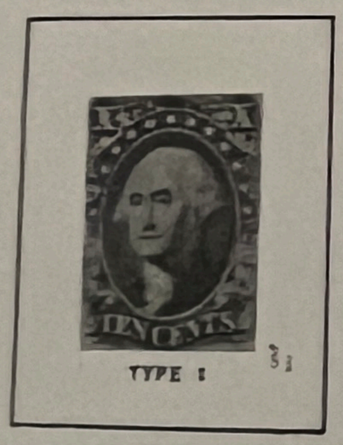

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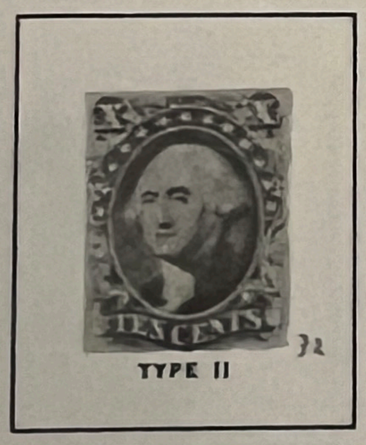

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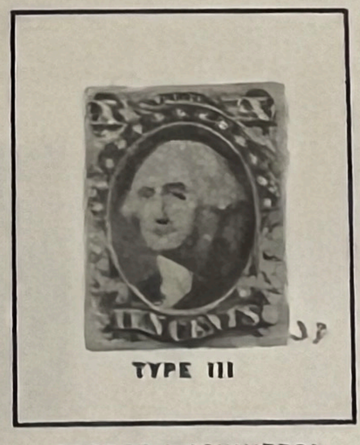

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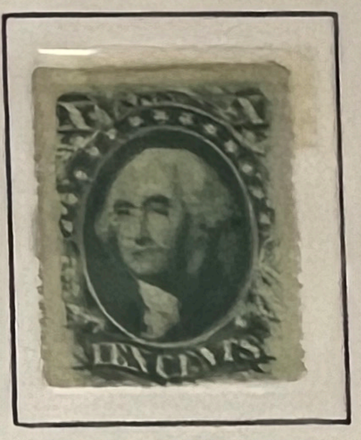
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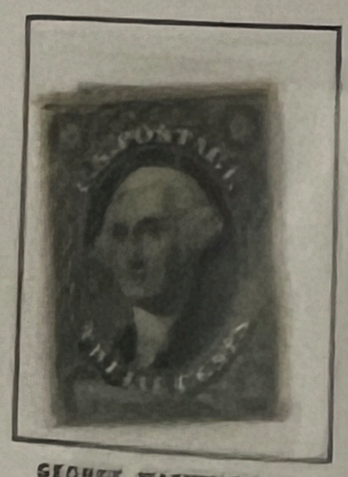
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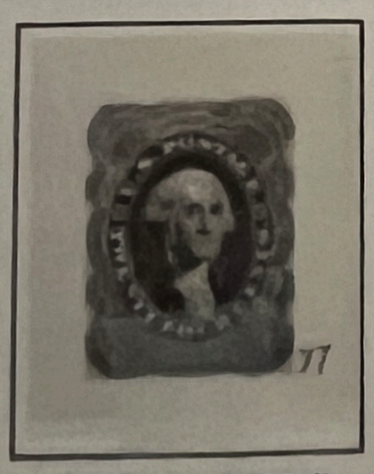
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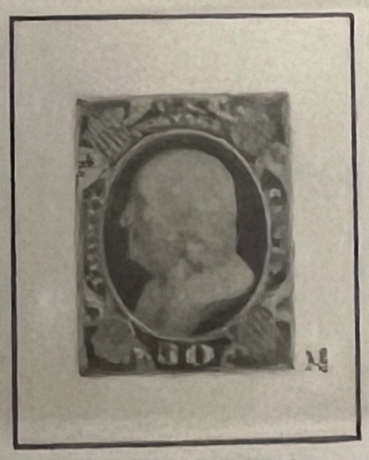
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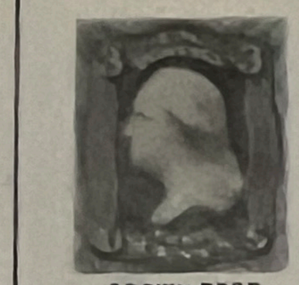
These were the first perforated stamps! They were enthusiastically welcomed, because previous stamps were usually cut apart with scissors. This issue includes the identical 1851-56 denominations, plus the much-needed 24c, 30c and 90c values for foreign mail and large postage amounts.

UNITED STATES

1861
First Designs


BROWN ROSE
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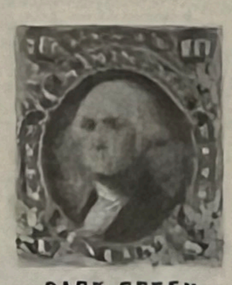
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Second Designs

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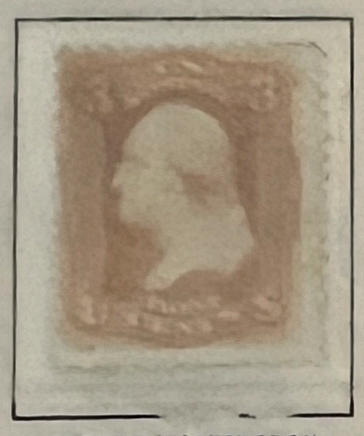
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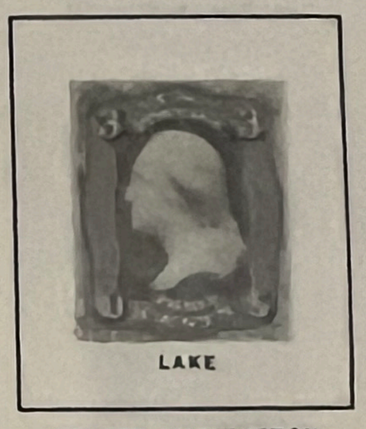
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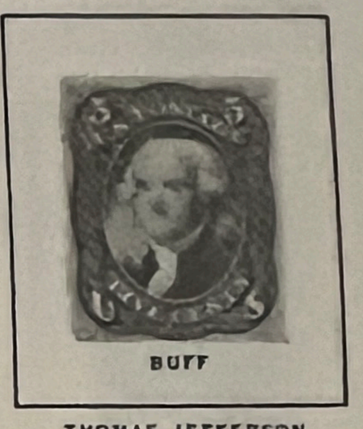
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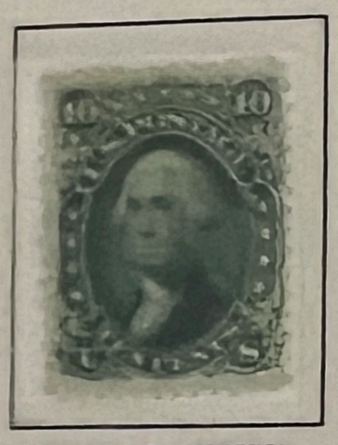
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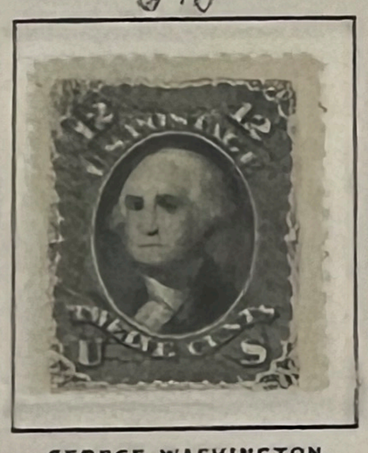
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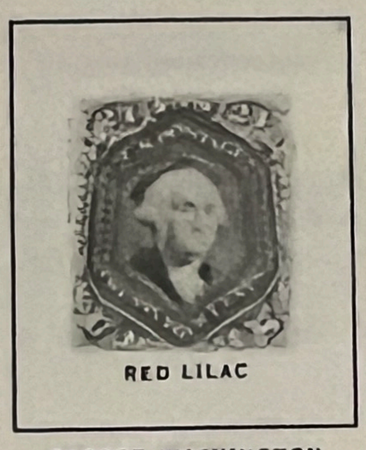
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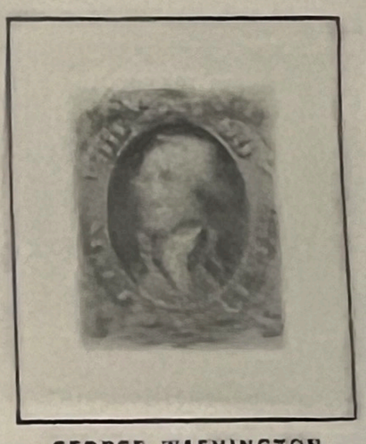
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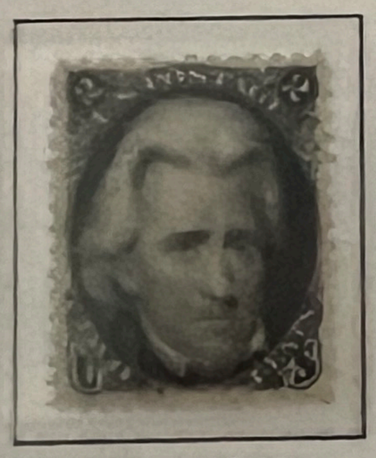
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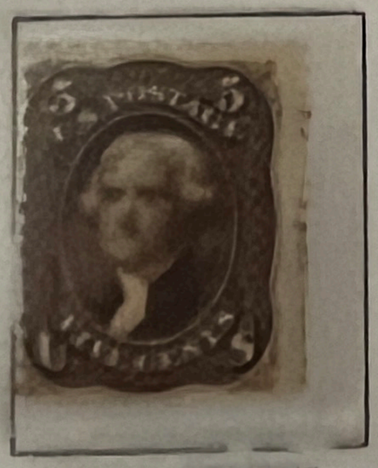
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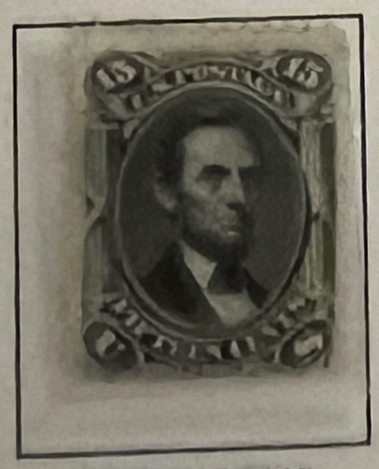
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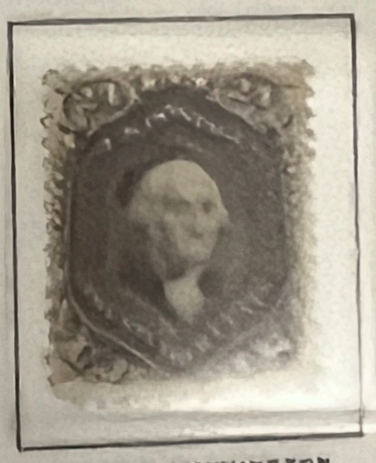
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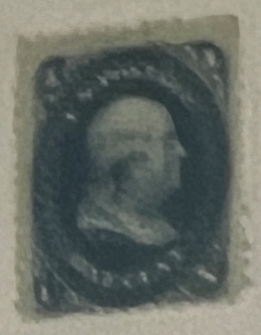
With the outbreak of the Civil War all previous U.S. postage issues were declared valueless, to prevent their use by Confederates. During the war the 1861-66 stamps were also used by Northerners as "small change," due to the lack of metal coins. These varieties include the famous "Black Jacks" honoring President Andrew Jackson; and the first Abraham Lincoln stamp marking the anniversary of his assassination.

UNITED STATES

1867

Embossed with Grills of Various Sizes



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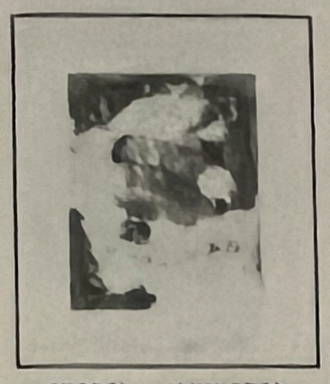

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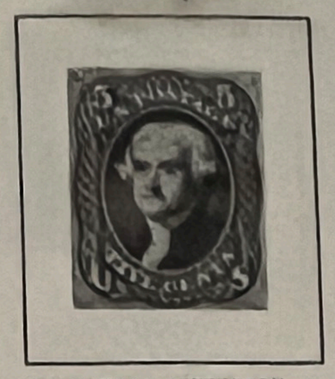

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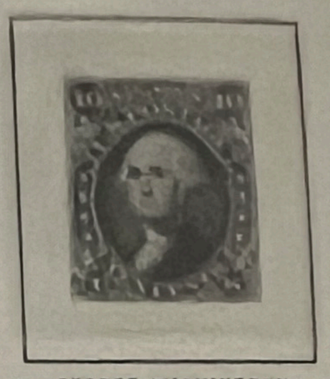

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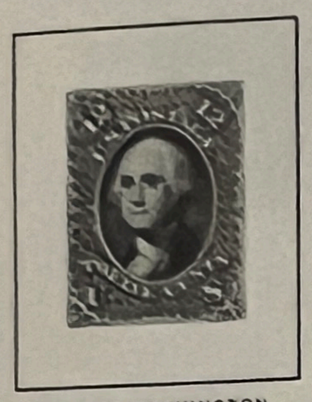

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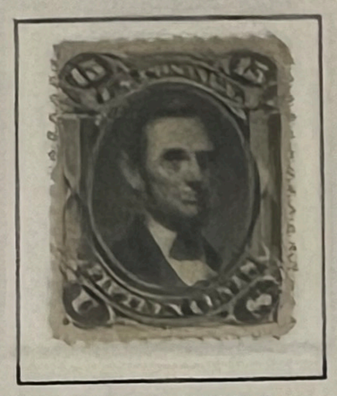

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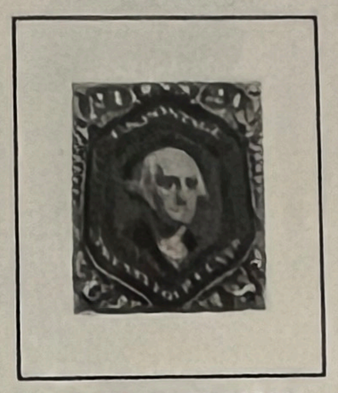

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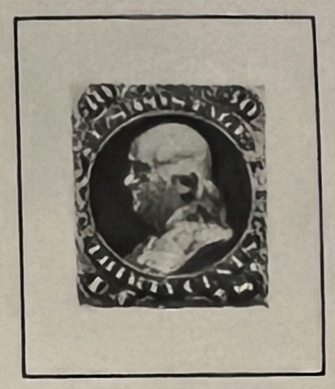

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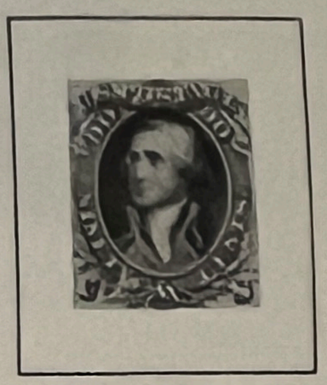

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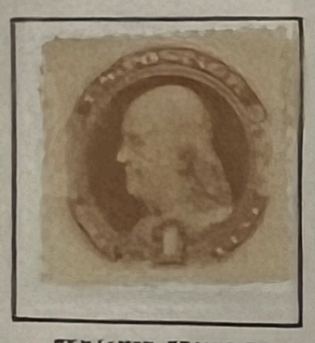

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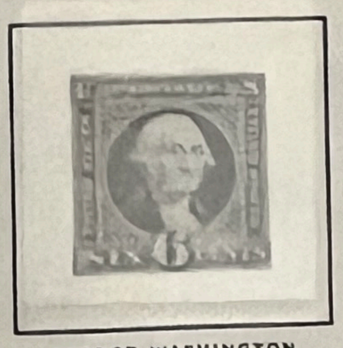

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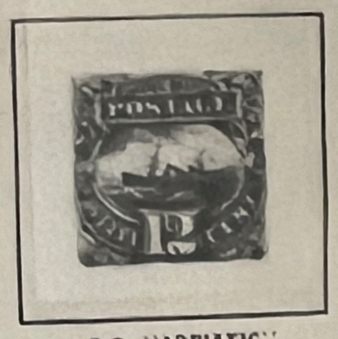

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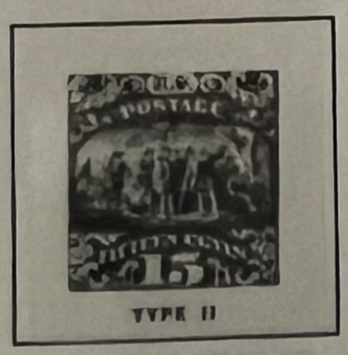

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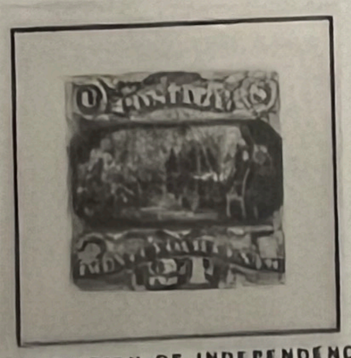

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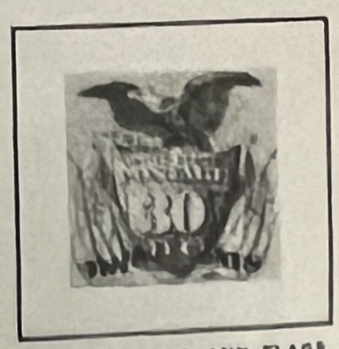

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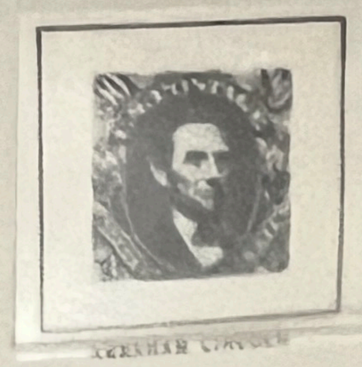

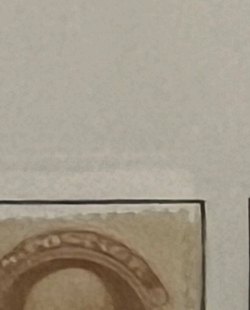

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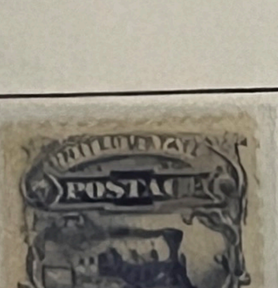

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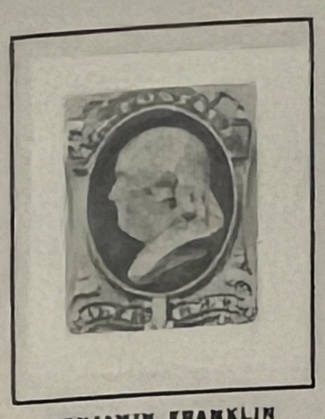
UNITED STATES

1870-71

National Bank Note Co. Printing
Embossed with Grill



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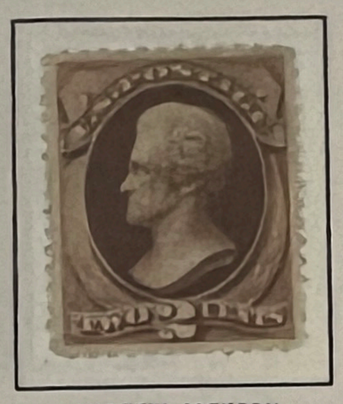

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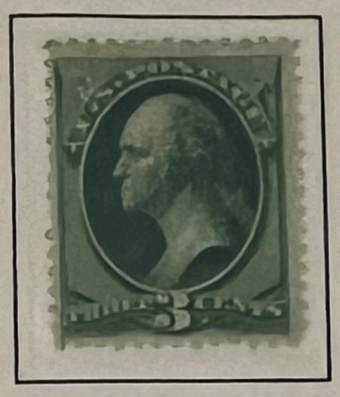

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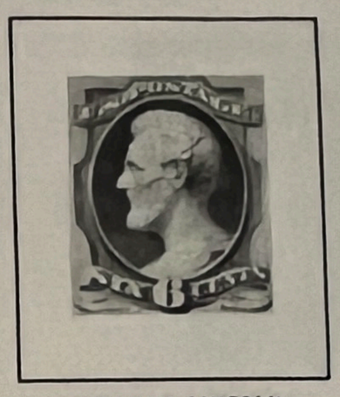

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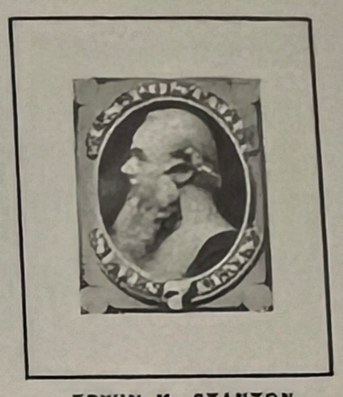

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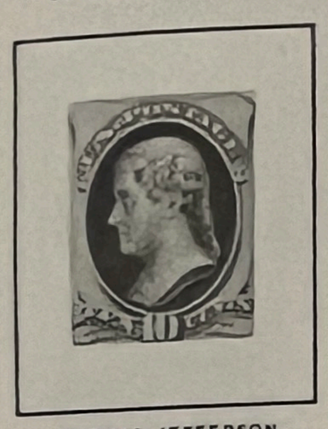

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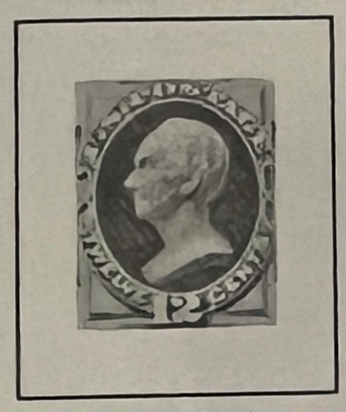

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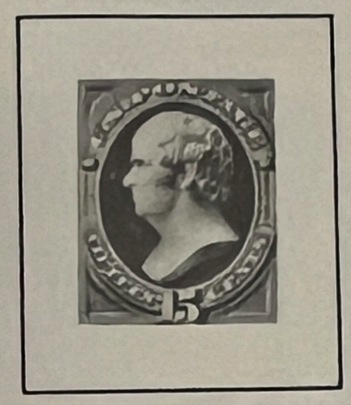

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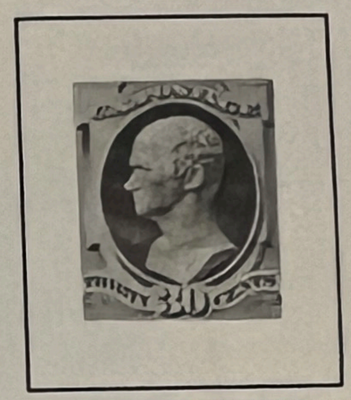

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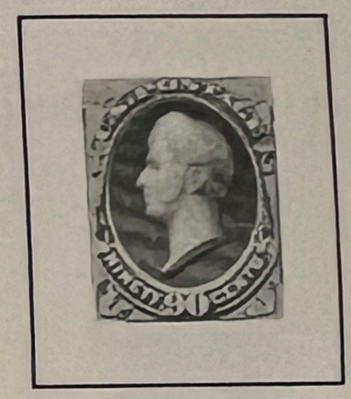

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

1870-71

Without Grill

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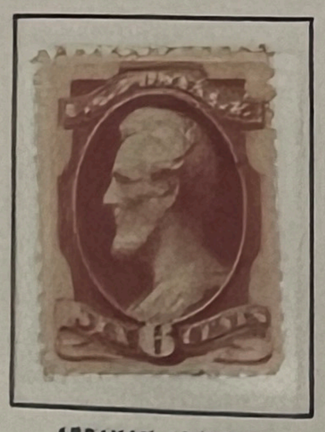

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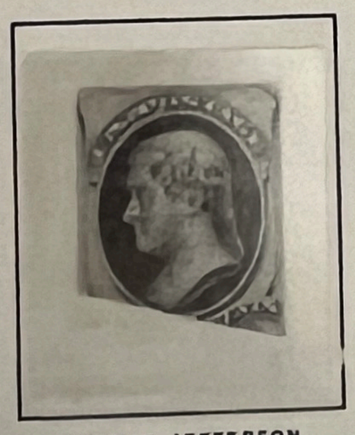

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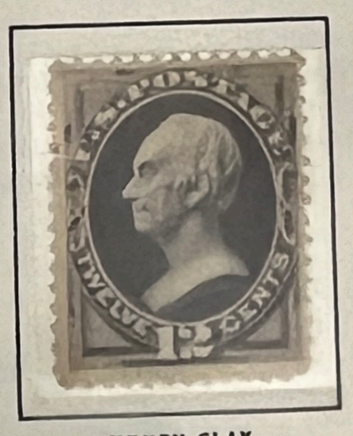

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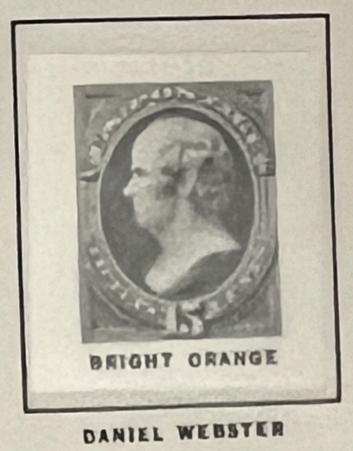

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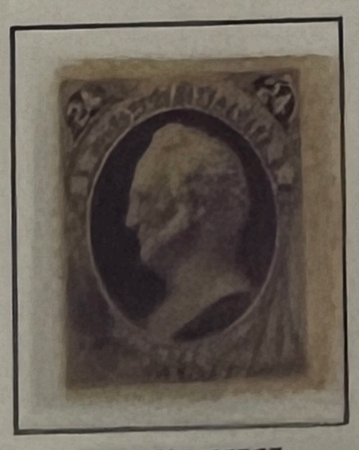

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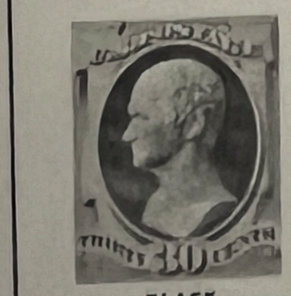

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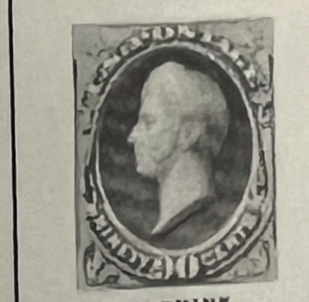

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Continental Bank Note Co. Printing
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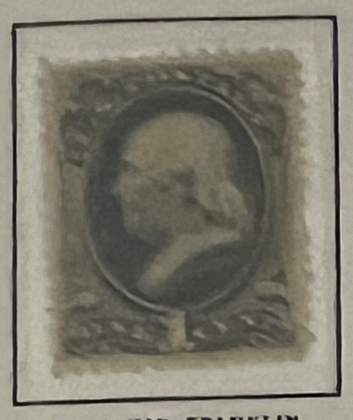
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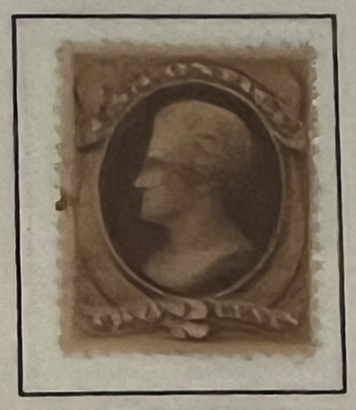
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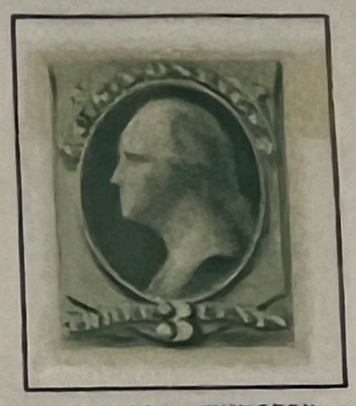
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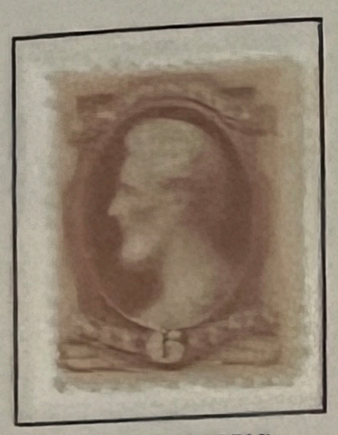
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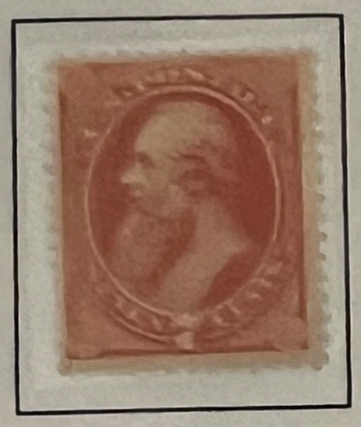
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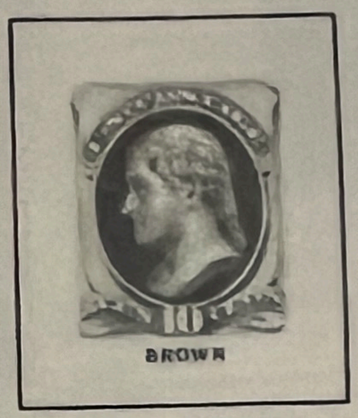

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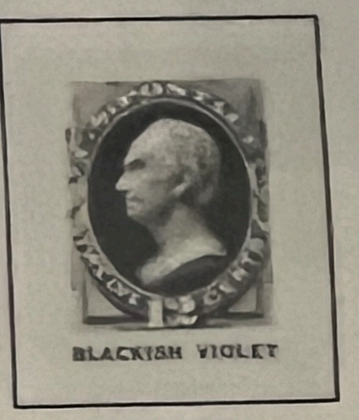

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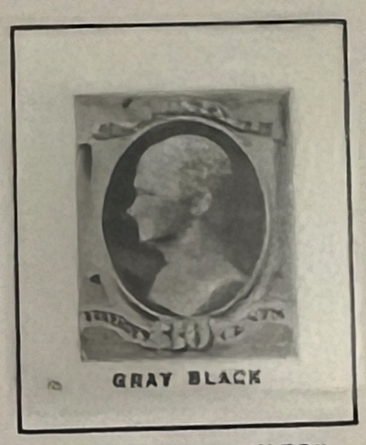

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OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

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

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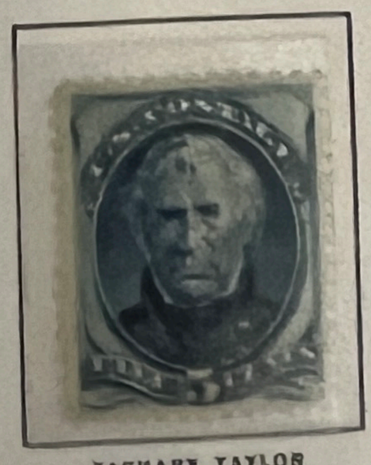
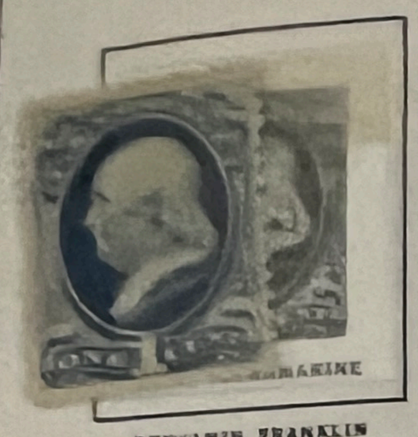

ZACHARY TAYLOR

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

UNITED STATES

1879

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



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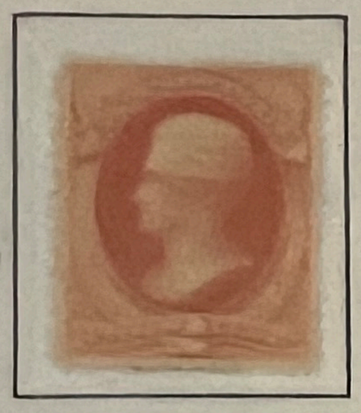

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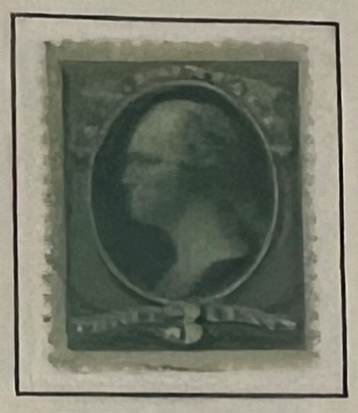

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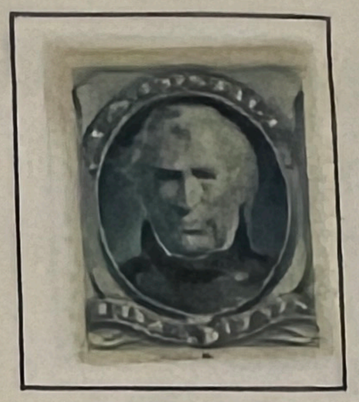

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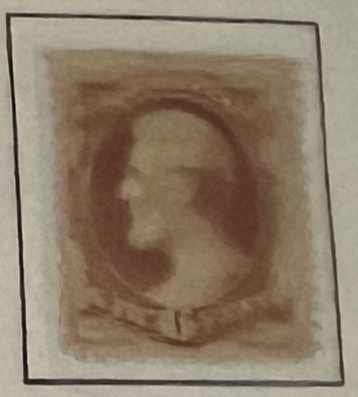

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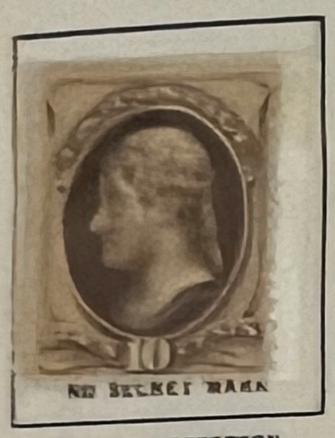

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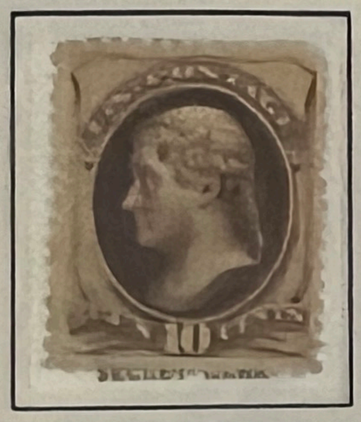

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RED ORANGE

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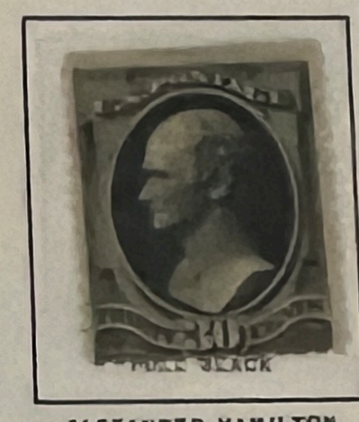

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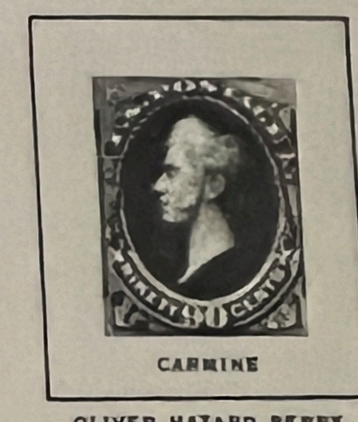
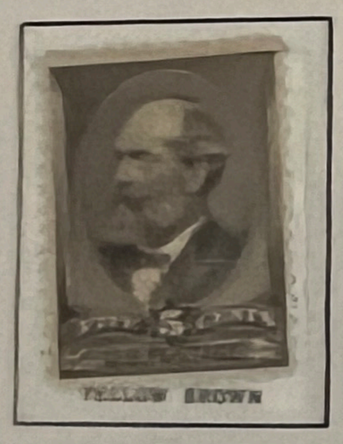


CARMINE

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

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



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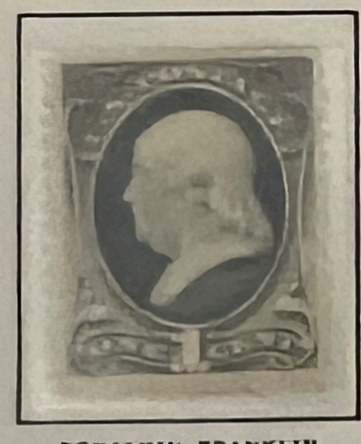

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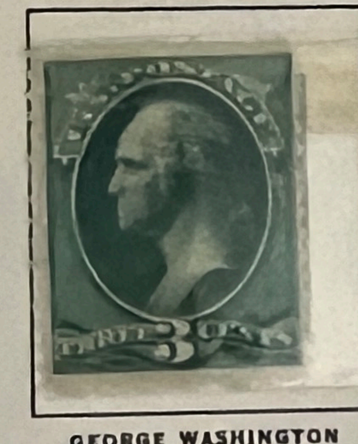

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1881-82

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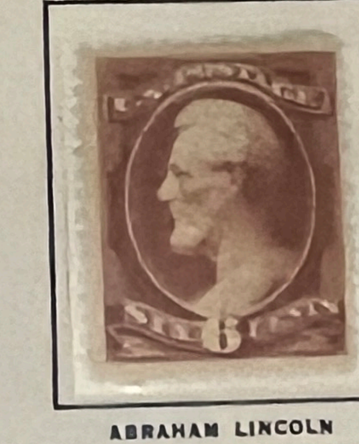

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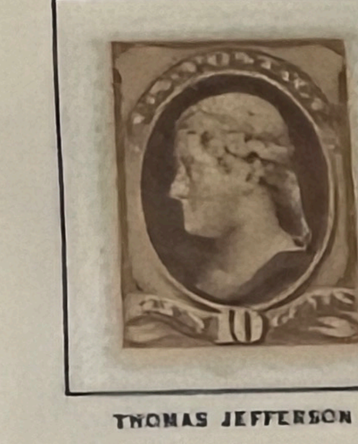

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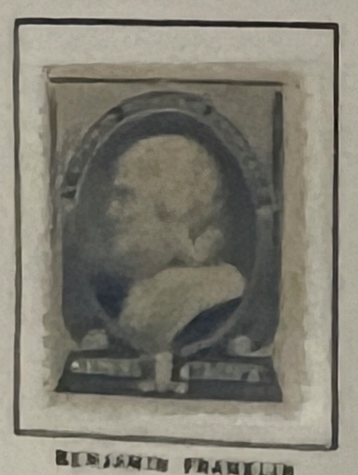

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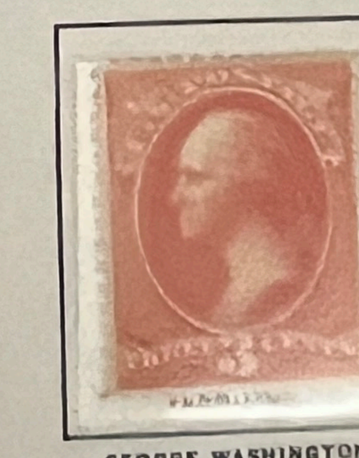

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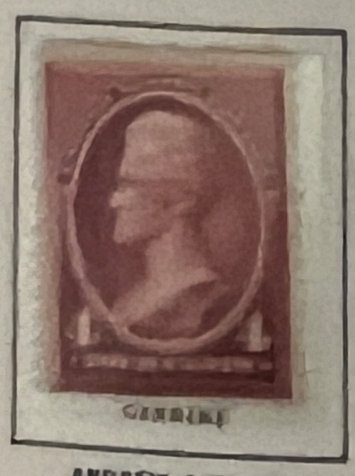

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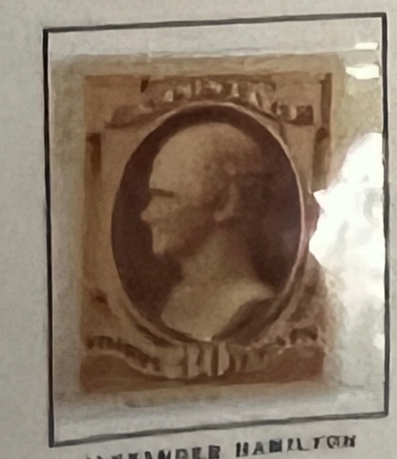

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OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

UNITED STATES

1890-93

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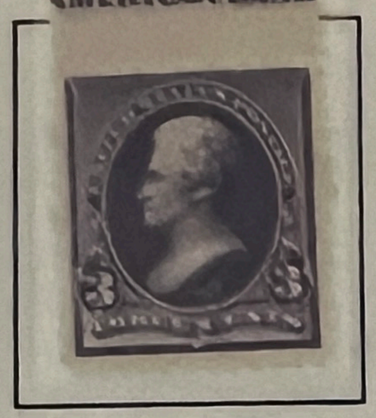

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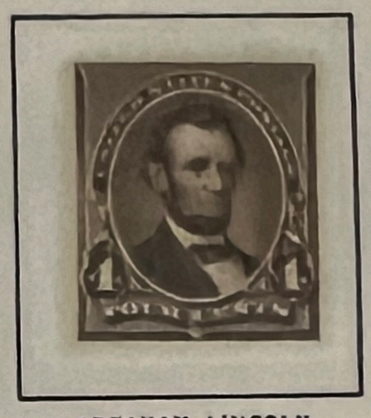

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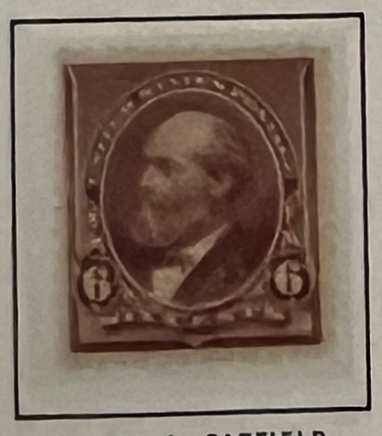

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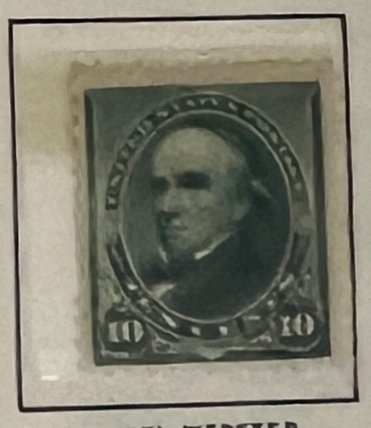

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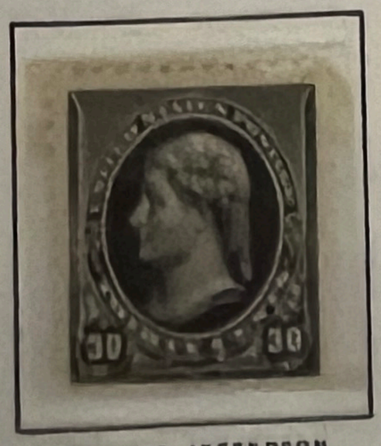


THOMAS JEFFERSON

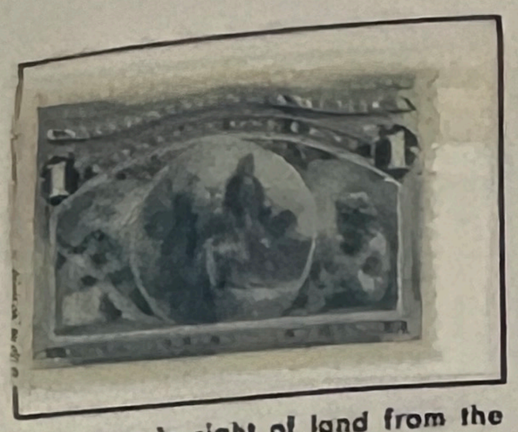
OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

Last regular issue of U.S. stamps to be printed by a private bank note company, these varieties are prized for their small size and simple design. Continuing an American tradition, these stamps honor U.S. presidents, military heroes, and political leaders. Of philatelic note and value are small white "caps" found on some of the 2c values.

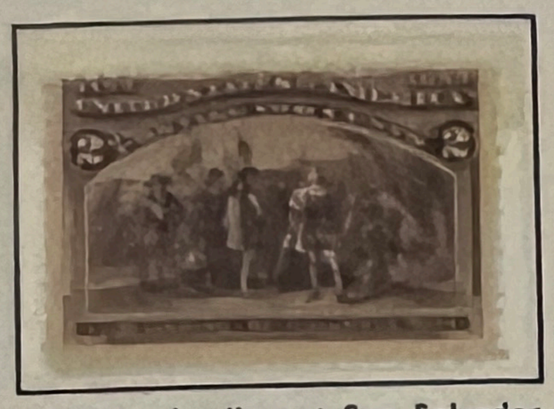
UNITED STATES

1893

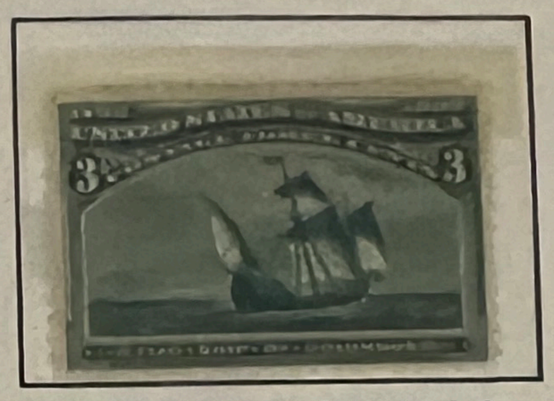
COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION



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

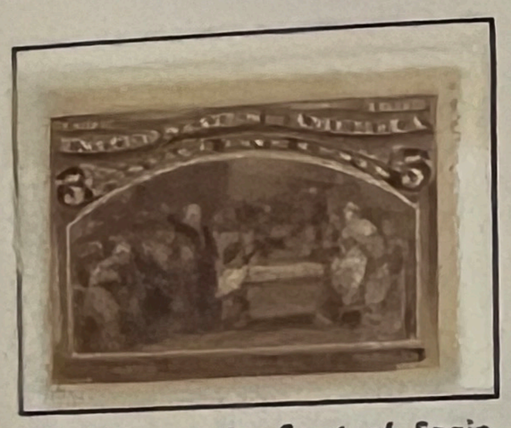


Columbus landing at San Salvador in the Bahamas in 1492. The scene is one day after that on the 1c value, now he has a full beard!

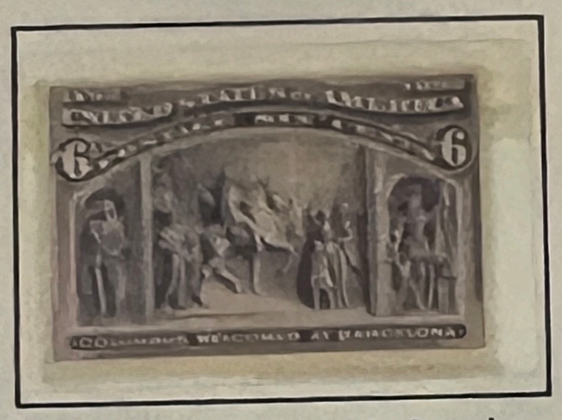


The Santa Maria, Columbus' flagship, was copied from an engraving by a Spanish historian-artist and is recognized to be an exact replica.

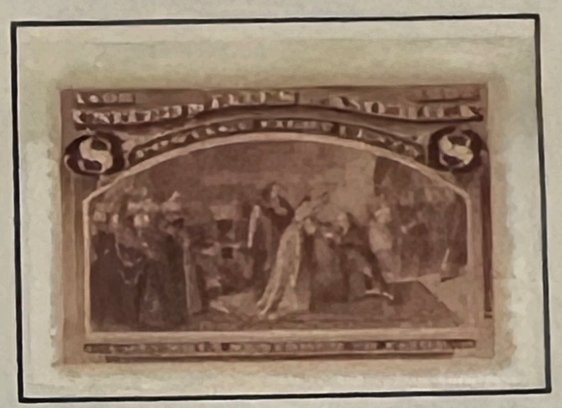
The entire fleet of Columbus was an imposing sight in 1492, but all three ships could be put on the deck of any modern-day luxury ocean liner.



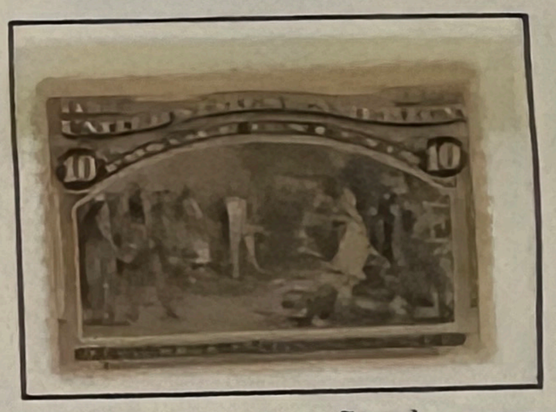
Columbus, at the Court of Spain, begs Queen Isabella to finance his courageous trip to the Indies, by contributing her precious jewels.



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.

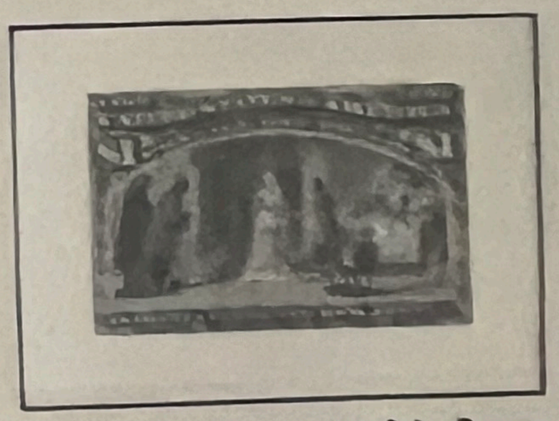


As a gift, Columbus offered a group of American Indians to Isabella. The Indians were taken to the Cathedral where they were baptized.

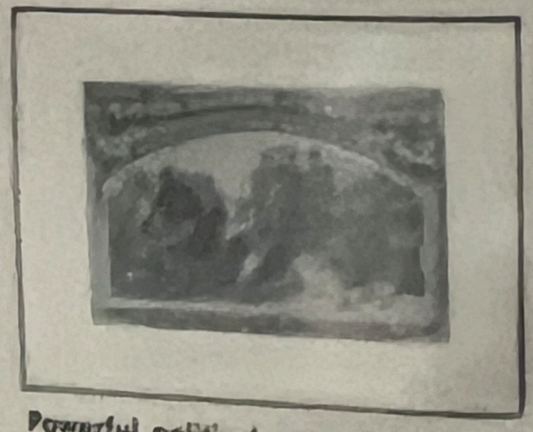
The platform where Columbus told of his discoveries and presented the Indians may still be seen as part of the Cathedral in Barcelona.

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

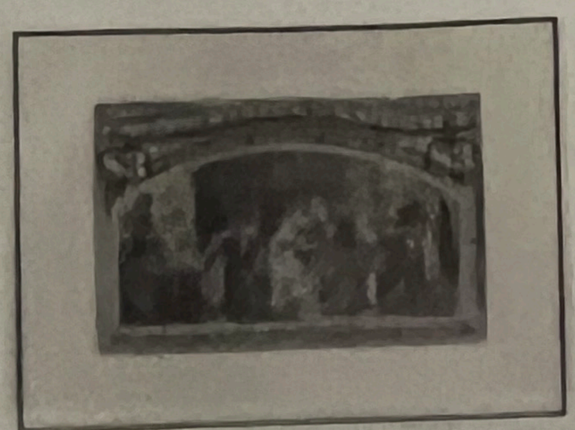
Queen Isabella recalled Columbus to Barcelona to reconsider the financing of his intended expedition to find a new route to the Indies.



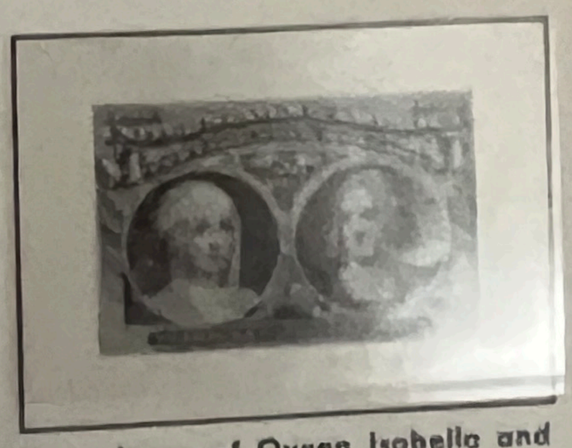
Faced with a Treasury deficit, Queen Isabella pawned her jewels to buy the necessary ships and supplies for Columbus' westward voyage.



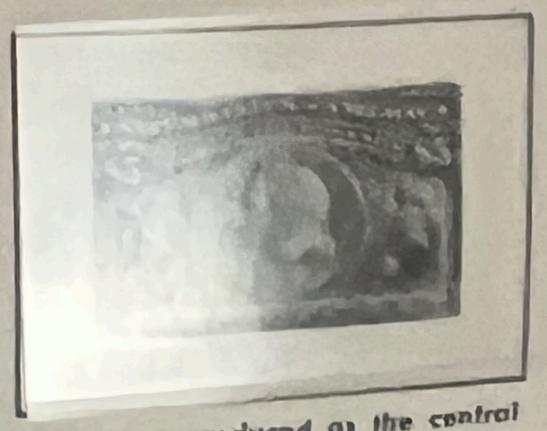
Powerful political enemies, who envied Columbus' popularity with the Queen, were successful in having him chained and imprisoned.



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.

UNITED STATES

1903

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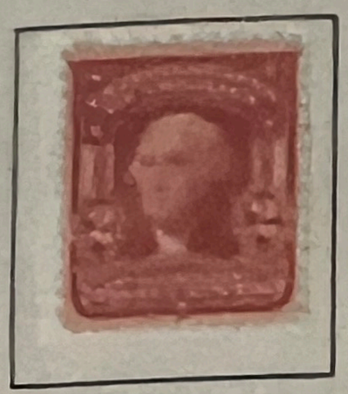

GEORGE WASHINGTON

1906

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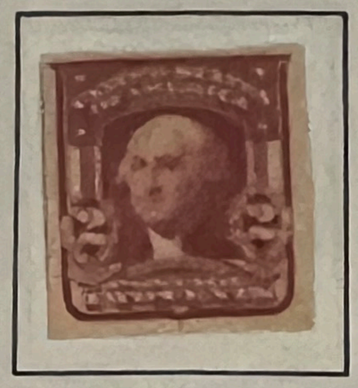
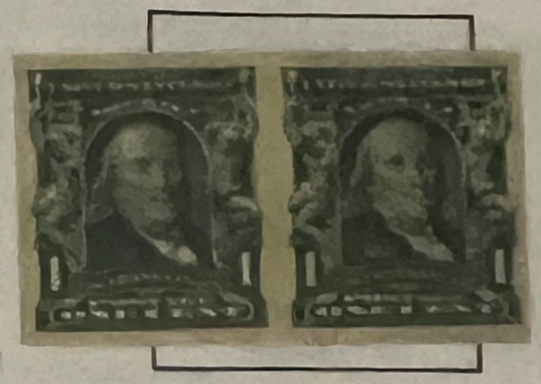


GEORGE WASHINGTON

320A

1906-08

Imperforate



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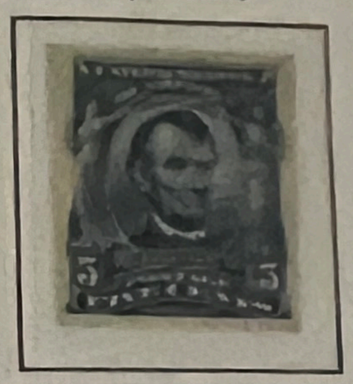
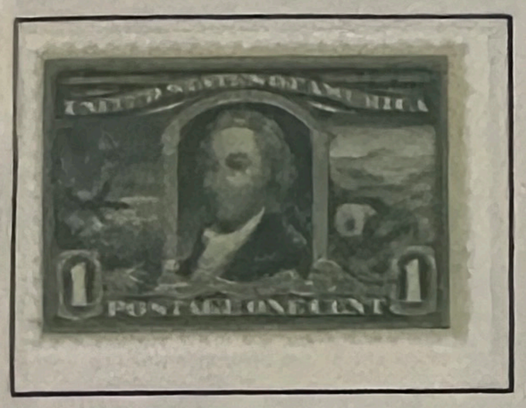


ABRAHAM LINCOLN

1904

LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION

320a Schermack Typewriter



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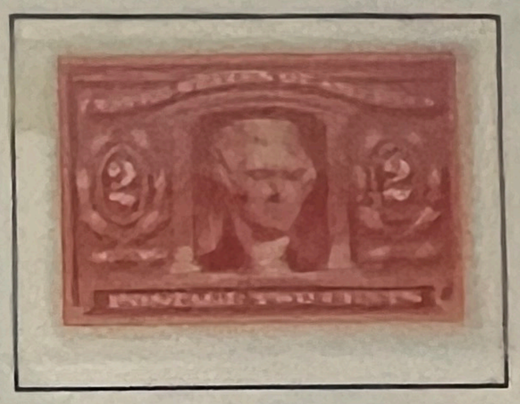

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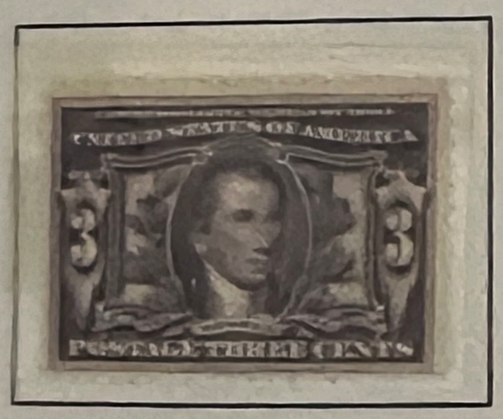

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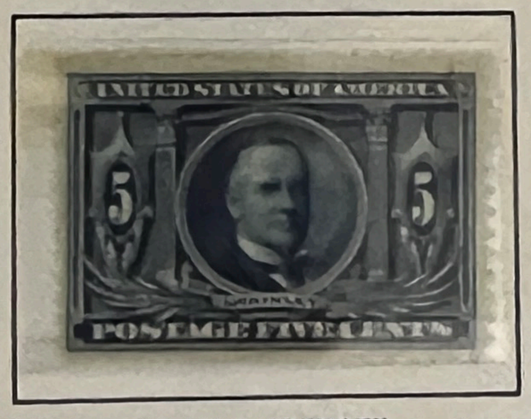

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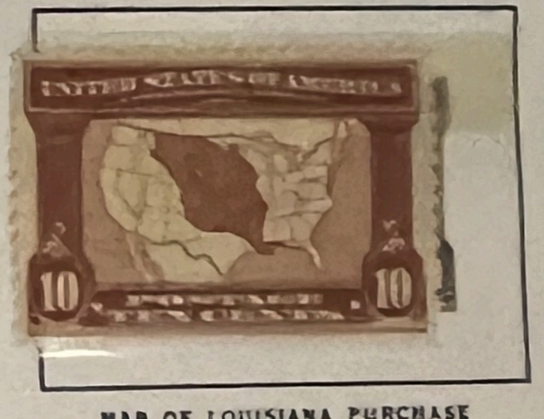

MAP OF LOUISIANA PURCHASE

This set was issued to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase (827,987 sq. mi.), the first major acquisition west of the Mississippi. Pictured on the stamps are the notables who negotiated the vast transaction: Livingston and Monroe bargained with Napoleon; President Jefferson officially approved the deal. President McKinley authorized the St. Louis World's Fair celebrating the centennial of the Purchase.

1907

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH

SJ 44

FOUNDING OF JAMESTOWN

POCAHONTAS

This set marked the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Jamestown Colony in Virginia. On the 1c value is a picture of Capt. John Smith, who led three ships and 105 settlers to this foreign shore. The 2c has as its illustration a painting showing the hardy settlers landing at Jamestown. Chief Powhatan's daughter Pocahontas, who saved Capt. Smith's life, is pictured on the 5c value.

UNITED STATES

1908-09

Watermarked USPS

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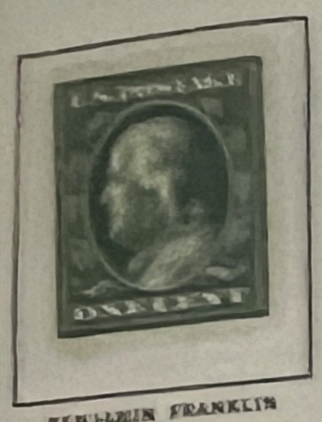

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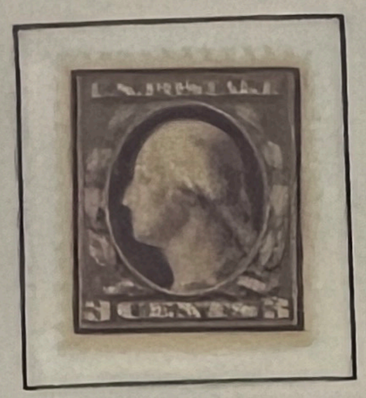

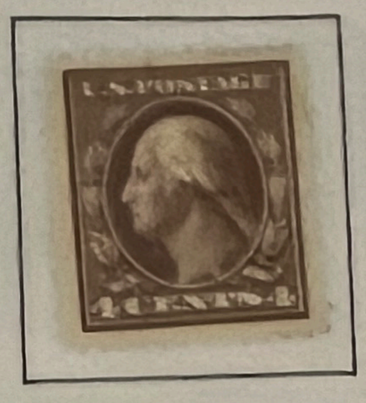

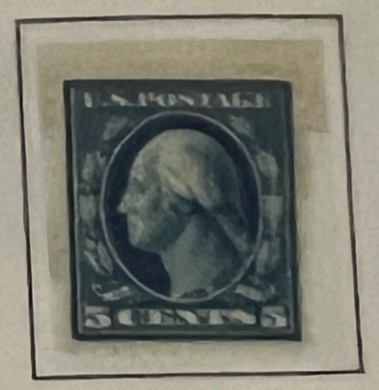

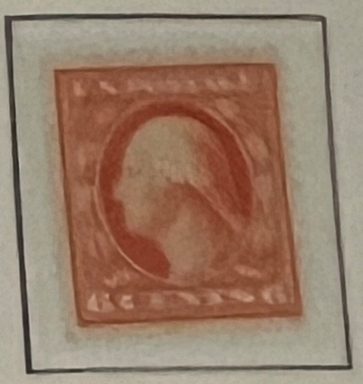

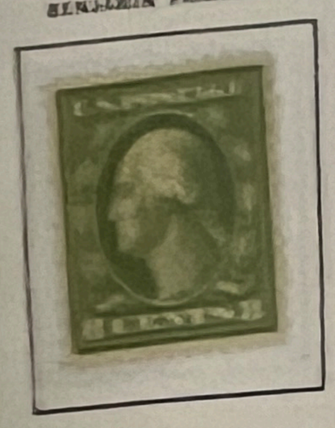

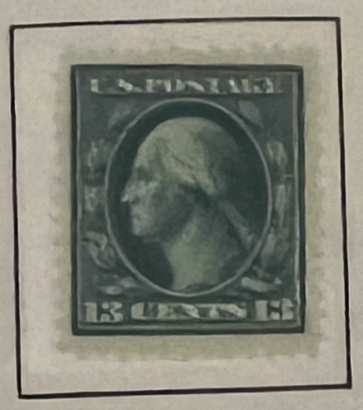

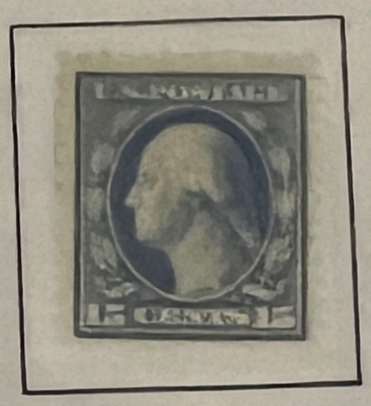

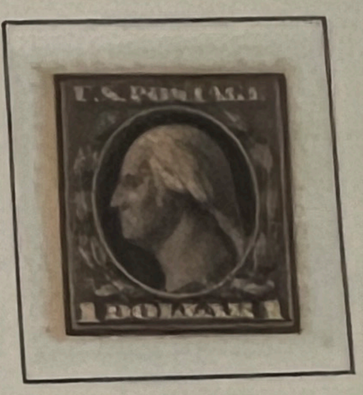

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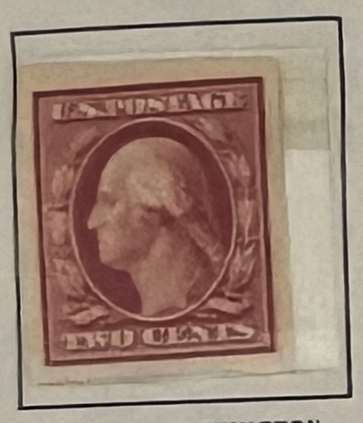

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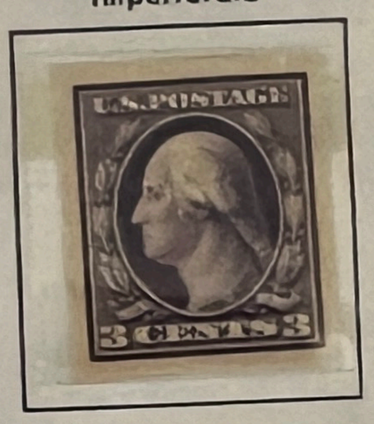
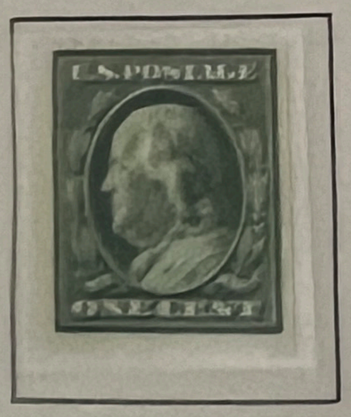


These are the first 12 values of issues generally labelled, "The Third Bureau Series of 1908-22." The one and two cent values show the denomination in words instead of numerals. Though Washington is on 11 values, Franklin, never President, is also included; a glowing tribute to his spot in U.S. history.

1908-10

Coil Stamps: Watermarked USPS

Perforated 12 Horizontally



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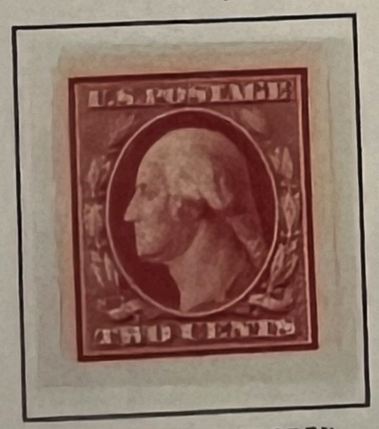

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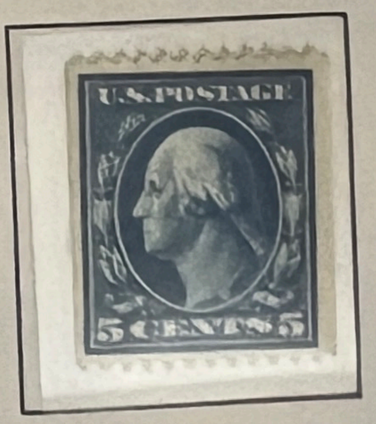

Perforated 12 Vertically

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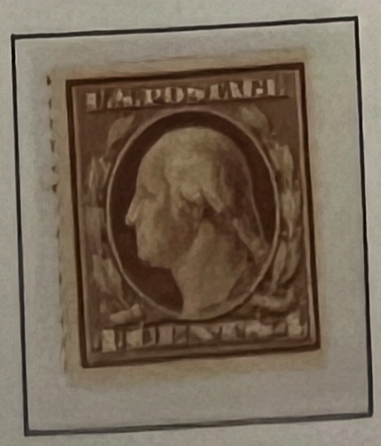
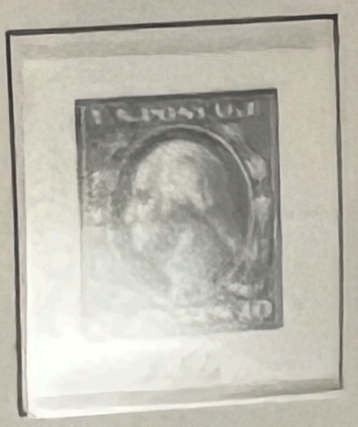


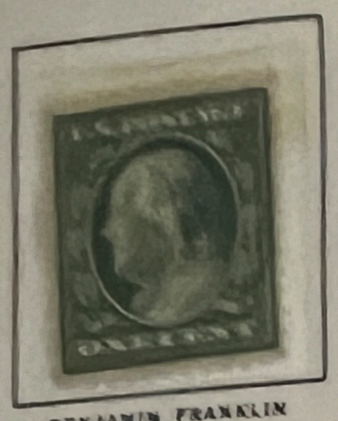


Coil stamps were first designed in 1908 to meet a demand from manufacturers of vending and affixing machines. The first issues, using 1902-03 designs, were experimental and are now quite rare.

UNITED STATES

1909

Perforated 12: Bluish Gray Paper



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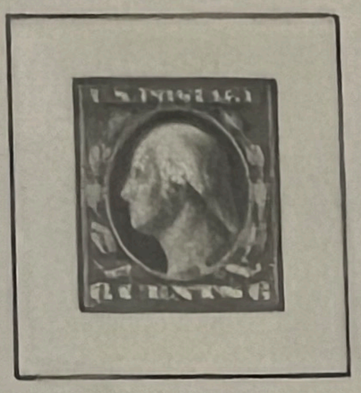
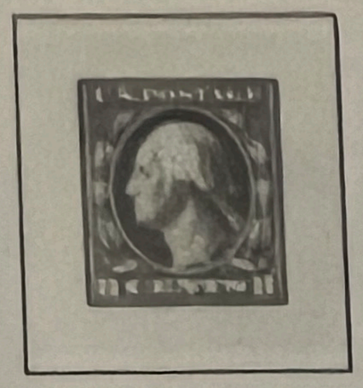
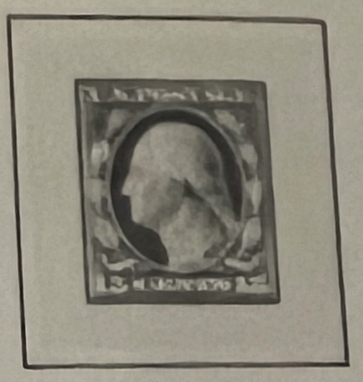


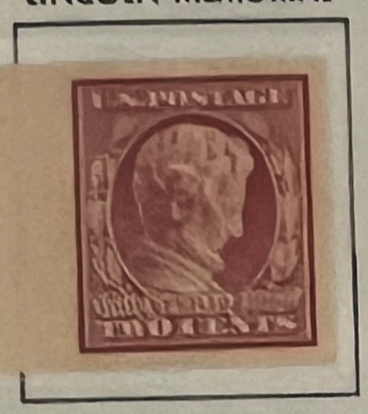




All values up to and including the 15c were printed on 30% rag stock. This resulted in the "Bluish Paper" varieties which are now philatelic gems.

1909

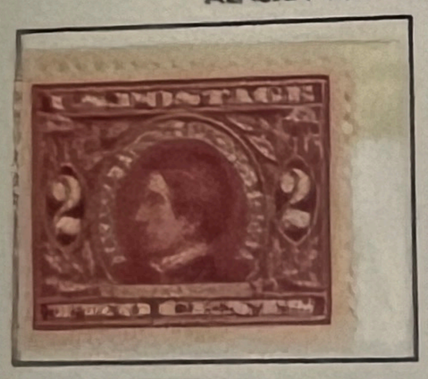
LINCOLN MEMORIAL

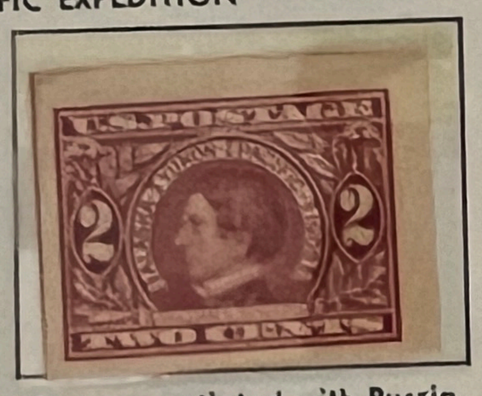


...niversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12, 1809 in ...omp was issued in three forms: perforated, imperforate, and perforated on "Bluish Paper."

1909

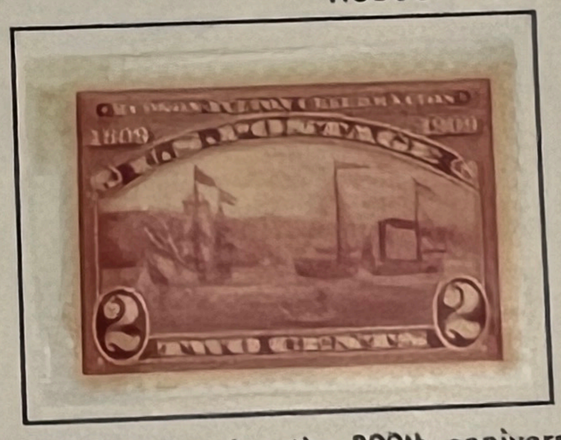
ALASKA-YUKON PACIFIC EXPEDITION





In 1867, William Seward, Secretary of State, negotiated with Russia to buy Alaska for $7,200,000. Called "Seward's Folly," Alaska has proven its worth many hundreds of times over.

HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION



Commemorating the 300th anniversary of the arrival of Henry Hudson in New York aboard the "Half-Moon," and the 100th anniversary of Robert Fulton's first voyage in his steamship the "Clermont."

1910-11

Watermarked USPS Perforated 12

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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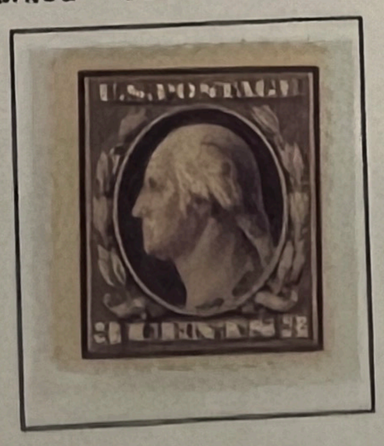

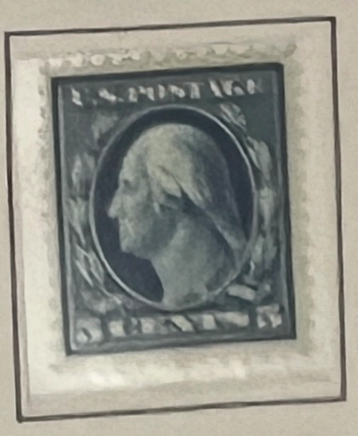

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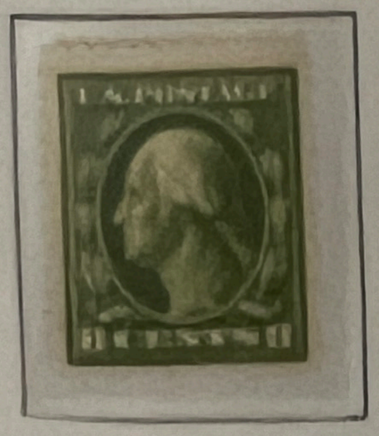

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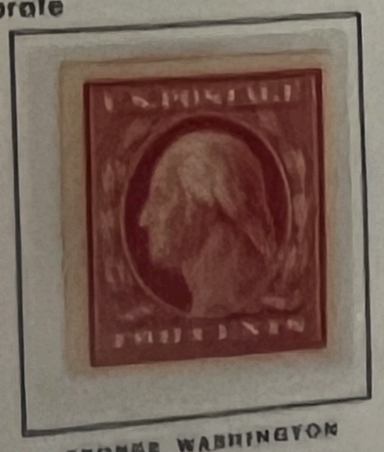
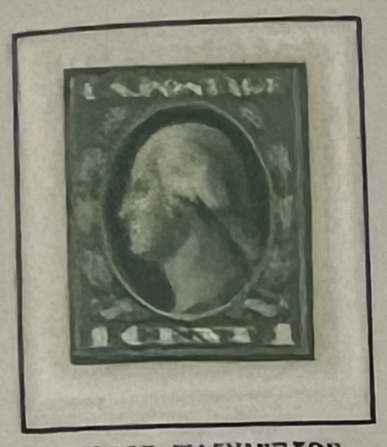


GEORGE WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES

1914-15

Watermarked USPS
Perforated 10



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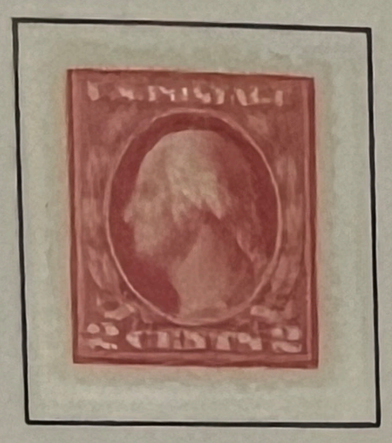

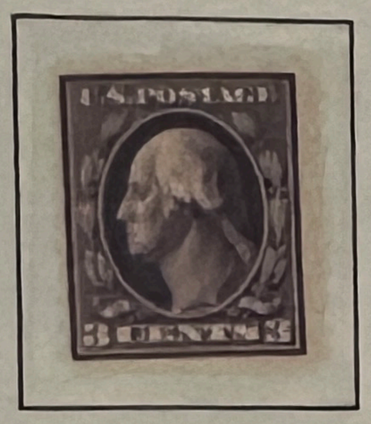

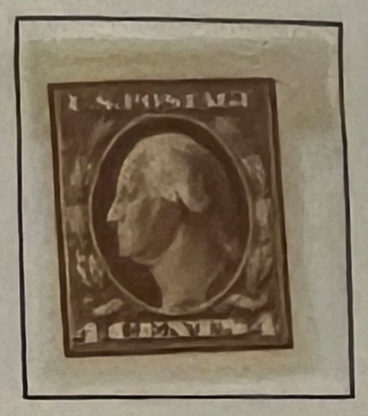

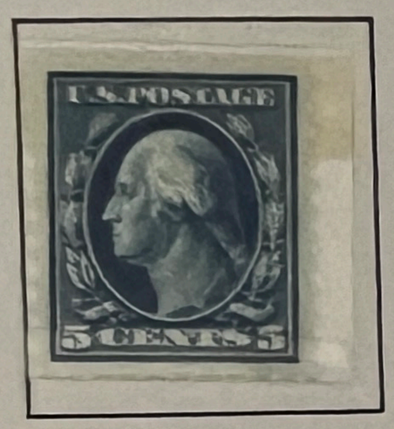

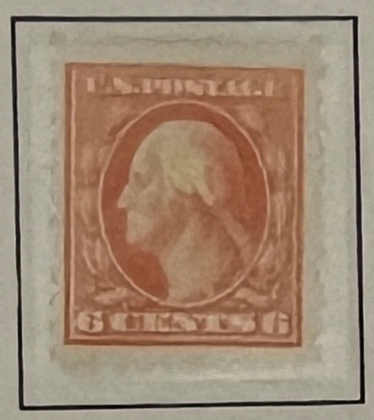

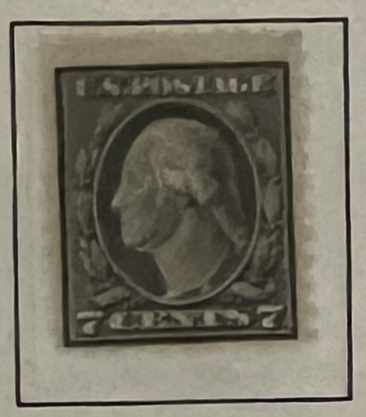

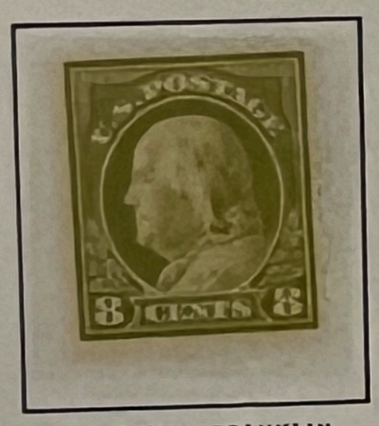

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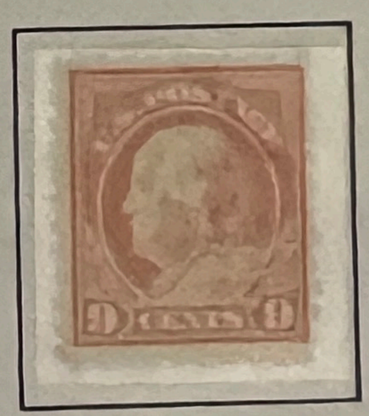
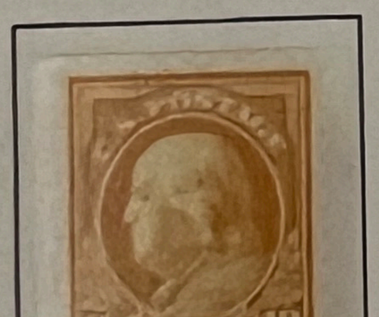
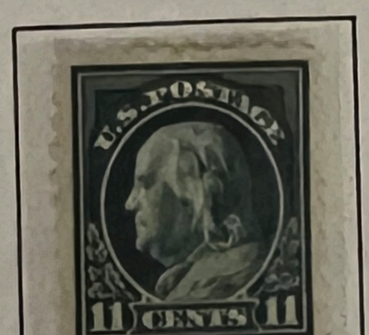
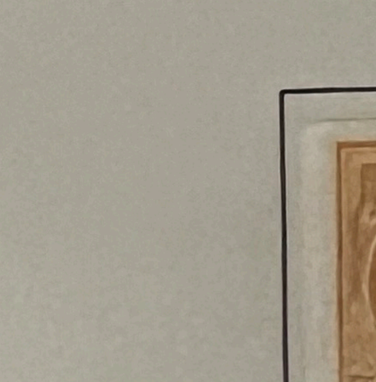
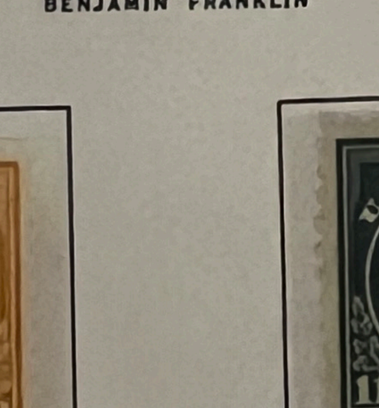
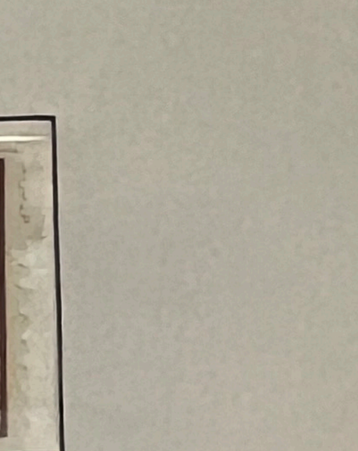












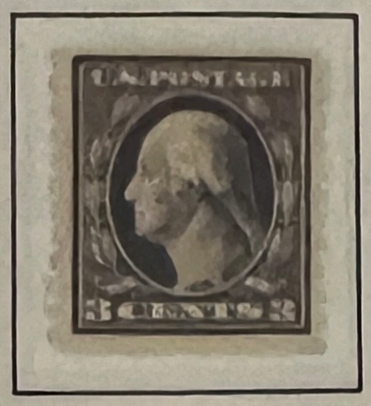
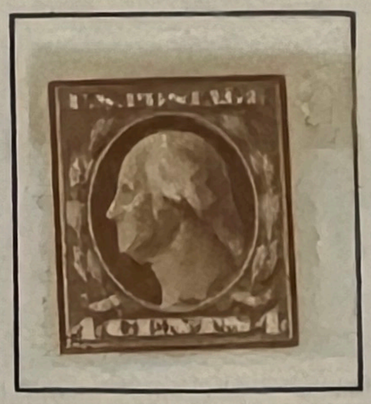
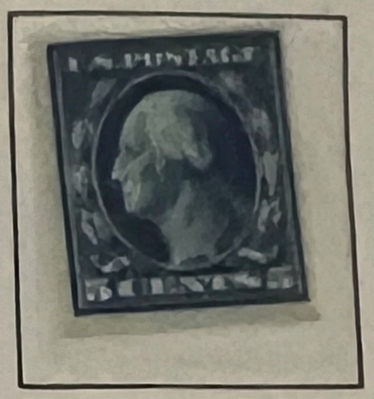
The continuing experiments to improve stamp separations resulted in changing the gauge of perforations to 10 for stamps in sheet form, thus quite incidentally creating a new set for collectors. It also became necessary to issue an 11c value for the first time in U.S. postal history.

UNITED STATES

WATERMARKED USPS

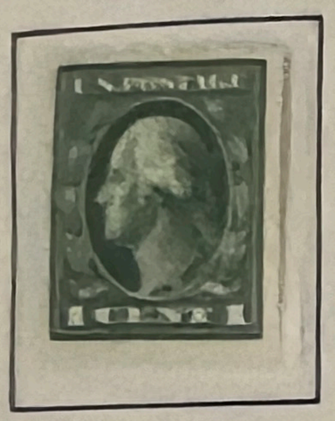
1914

Flat Plate Printing: Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Vertically

1914
FLAT PLATE PRINTING

Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Horizontally



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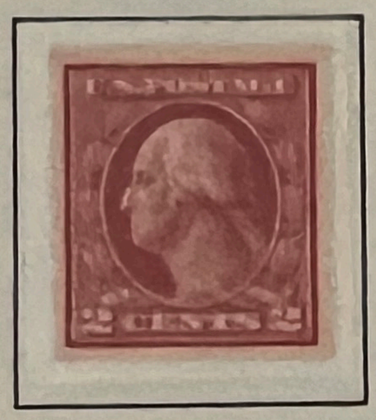
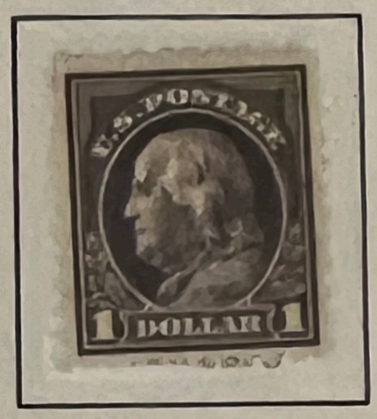
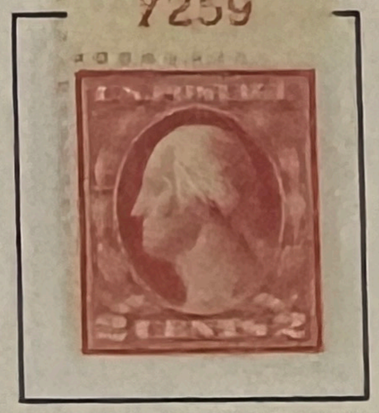
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

Imperforate



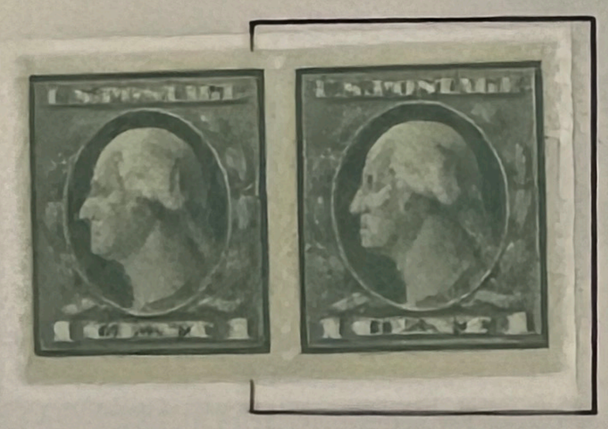
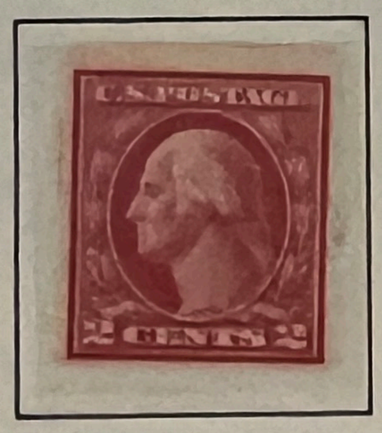
1915
FLAT PLATE PRINTING

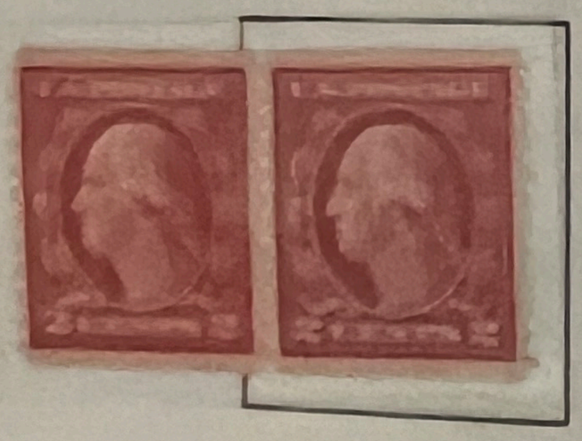
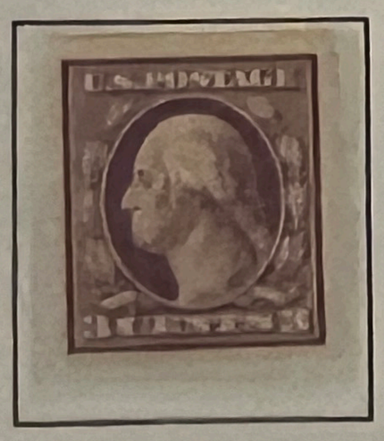
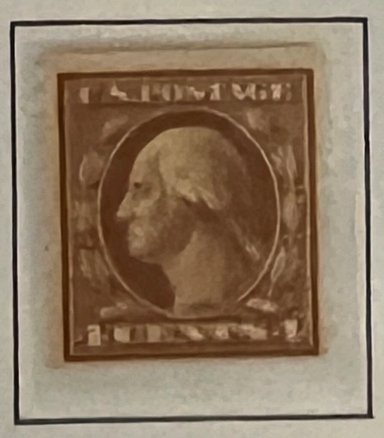
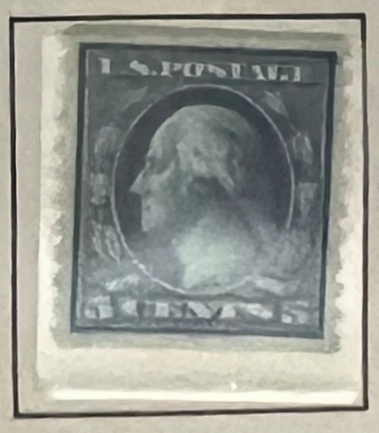
Perforated 10

1914-16

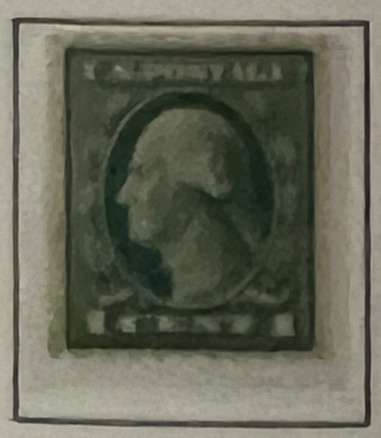
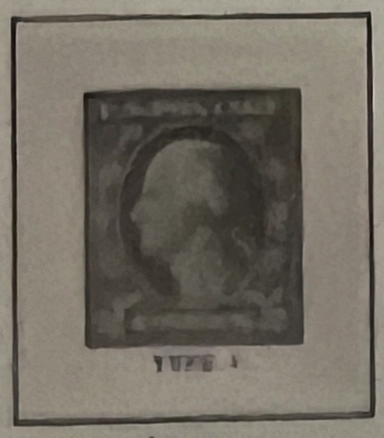
Rotary Press Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Vertically

1915-16

Rotary Press Coil Stamps: Perforated 10 Horizontally

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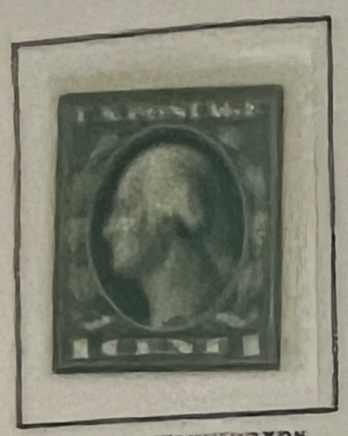
Rotary Press printing was used for the first time. It provided a faster and more economical method of stamp production as compared to the Flat Plate method.

UNITED STATES

1917-19

Unwatermarked
Perforated 11



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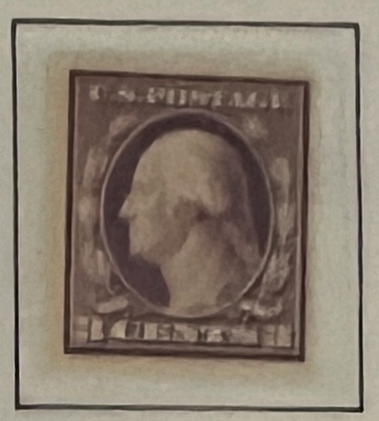

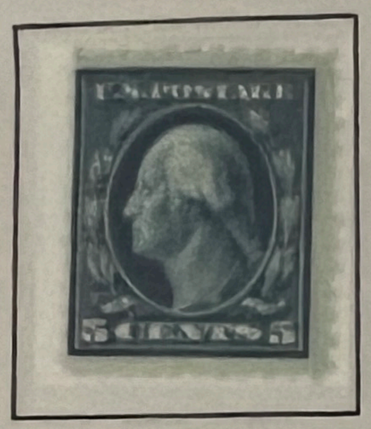

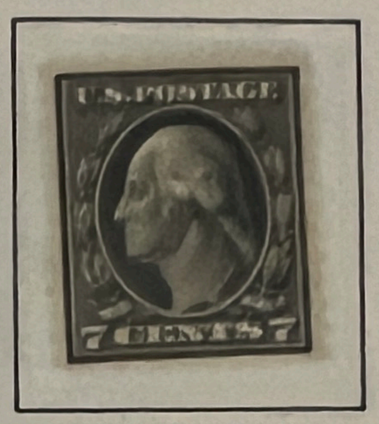

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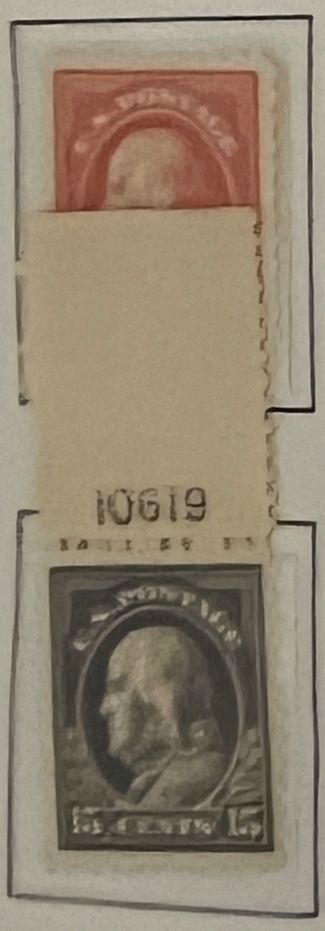

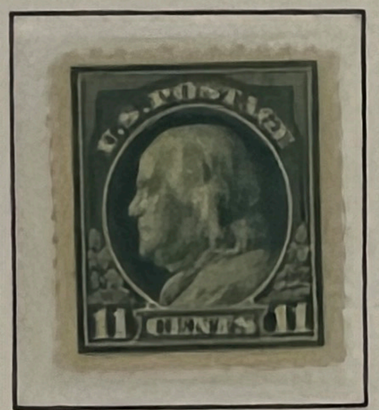

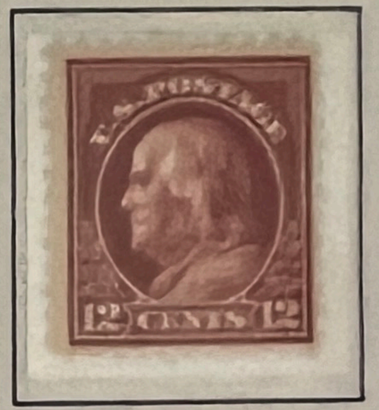

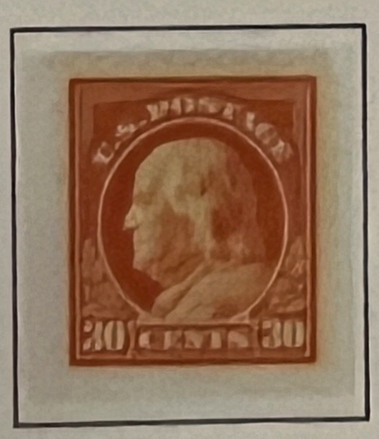

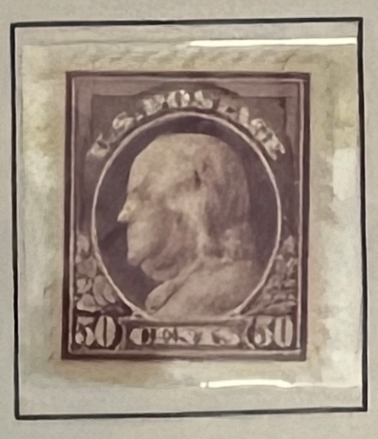

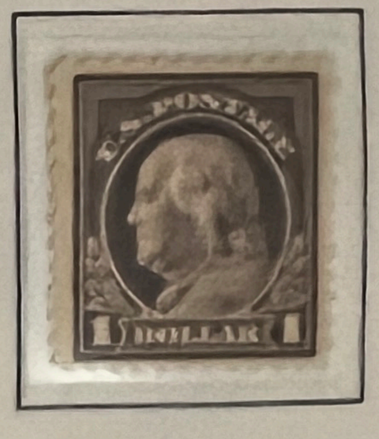

1918

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1917

GEORGE WASHINGTON

1918

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Further experiments in perforating proved gauge 11 to be the most satisfactory for the type of paper used at this time. It seemed to make for a happy medium between the too fragile perf. 12 and the too strong perf. 10. The perf. 11 "Two Cent" design of 1908 was made from a left-over supply of imperforate sheets.

UNITED STATES

1919-21

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

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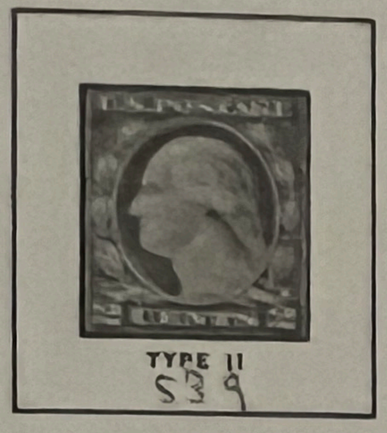

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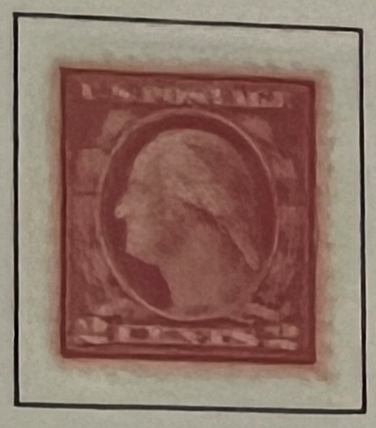

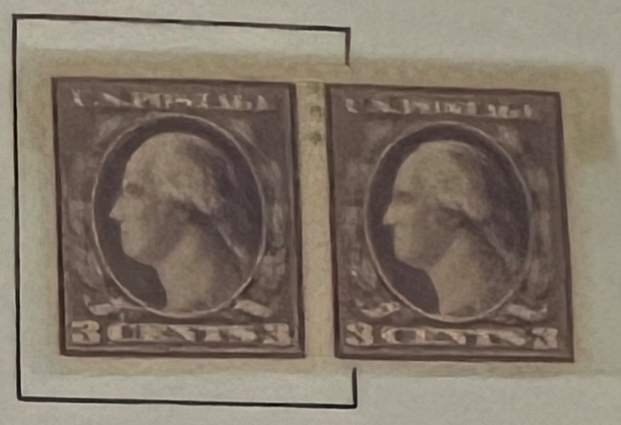

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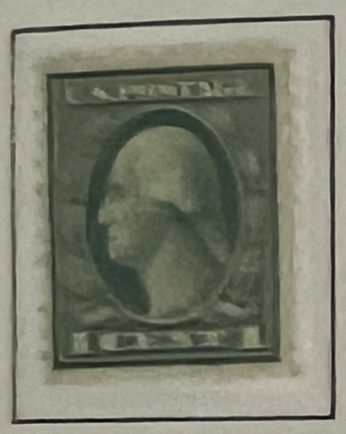

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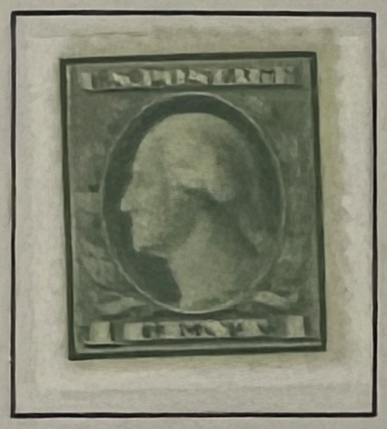

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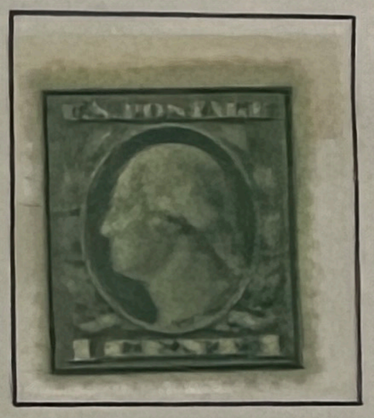


In an attempt to be thrifty, the Post Office issued this assortment of varieties. Some were "coil waste" made from sheets intended to be used to create coil stamps. This issue completed the Washington-Franklin series.

1919

VICTORY

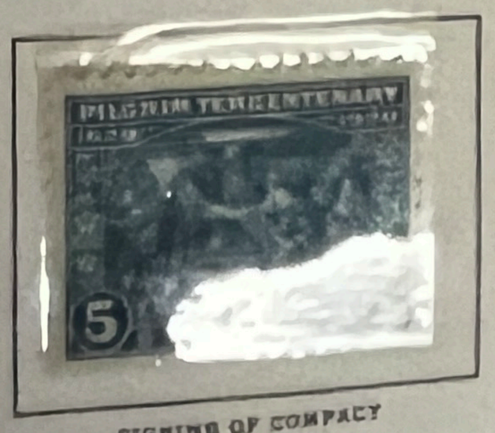
Hailing the allied victory in World War I, this stamp, showing "Freedom" with flags, was issued Mar. 3, 1919.

1920

PILGRIM TERCENTENARY

THE MAYFLOWER

LANDING OF PILGRIMS



SIGNING OF COMPACT

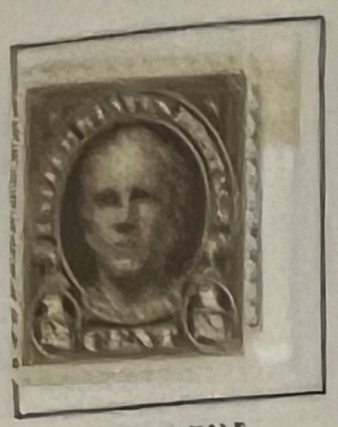
This set marked the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. Historians agree that while Plymouth Rock will always be featured in connection with the landing, it is an accepted fact that the first landing was at Provincetown on the tip of Cape Cod and not at Plymouth.

UNITED STATES

1922-25

FLAT PLATE PRINTING

Perforated 11



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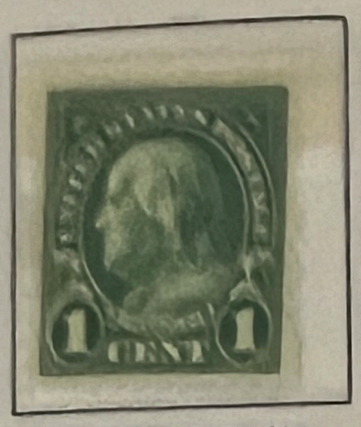

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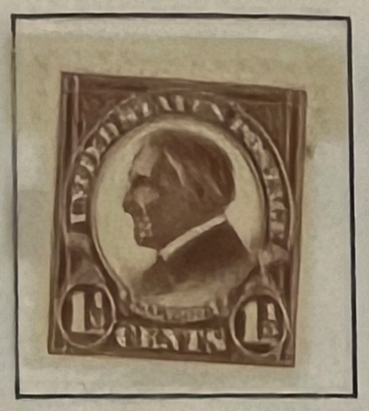

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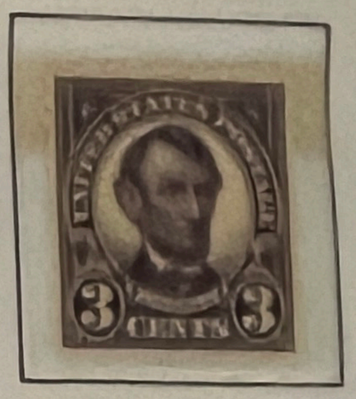

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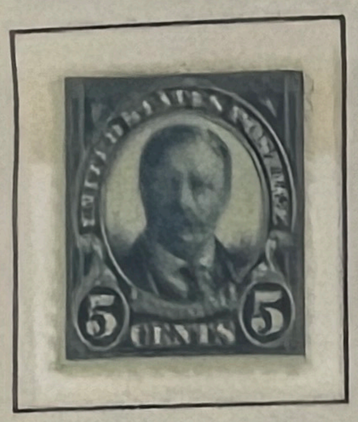

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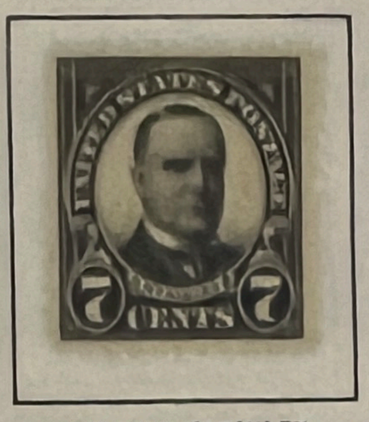

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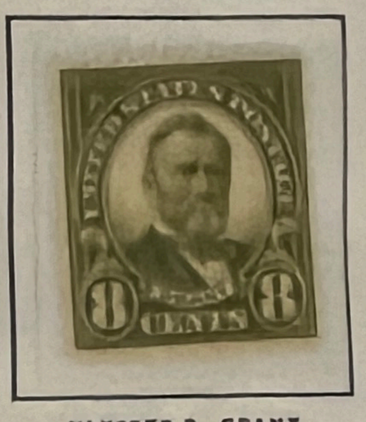

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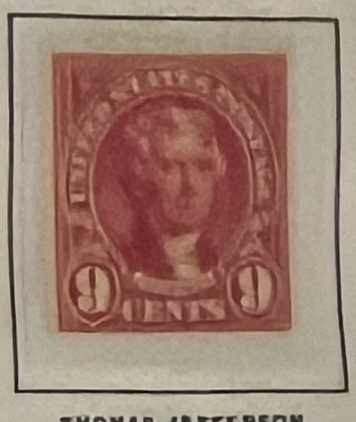

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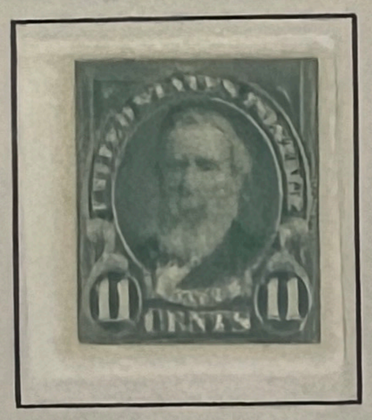

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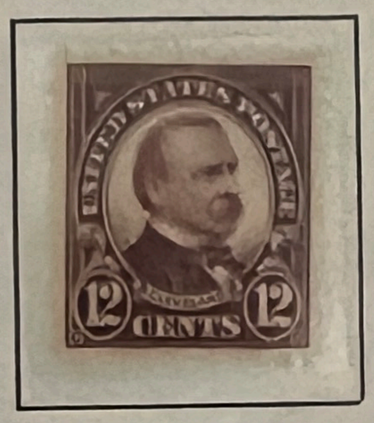

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OF LIBERTY

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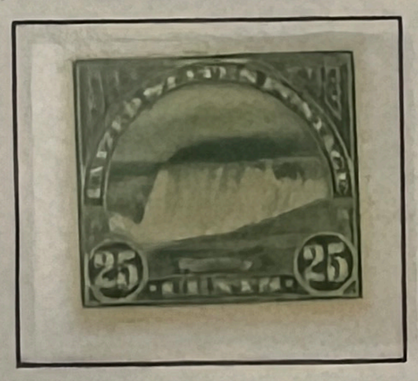

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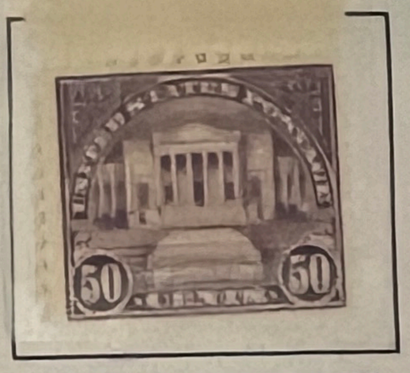

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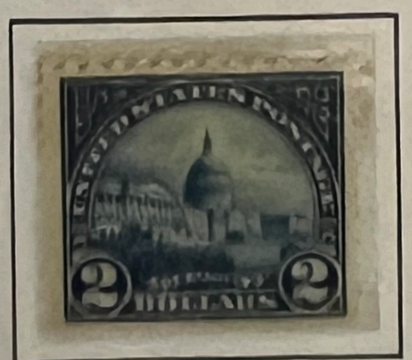

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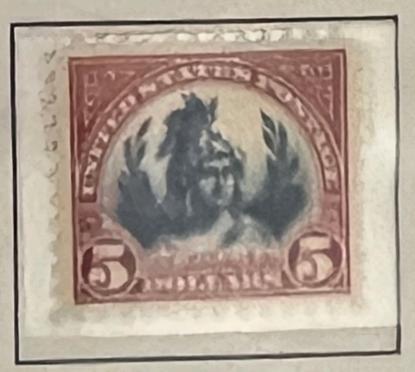

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GEORGE WASHINGTON

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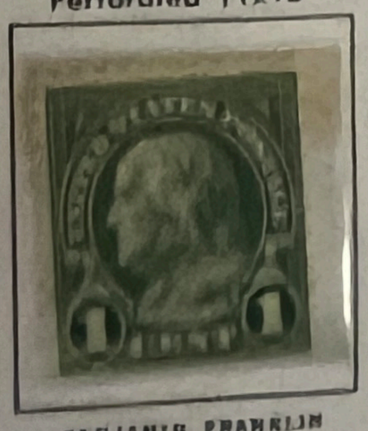

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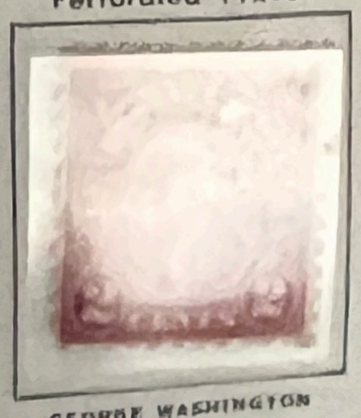

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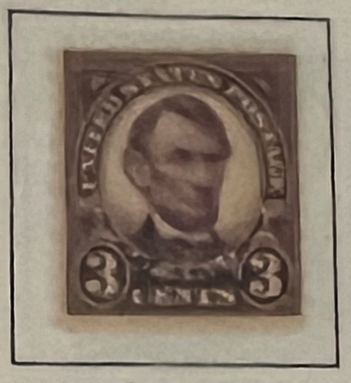
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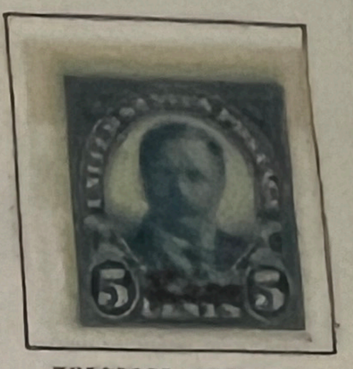
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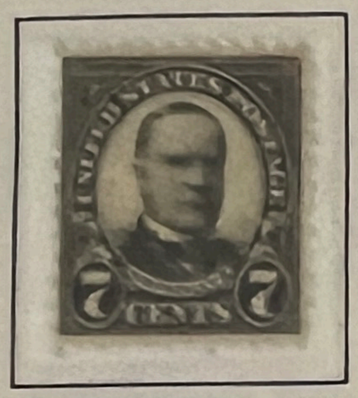
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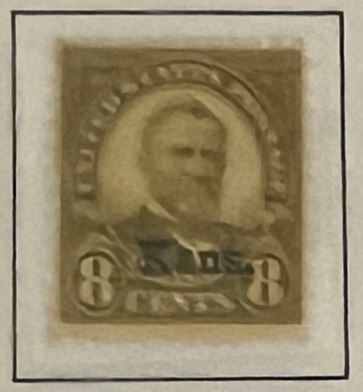
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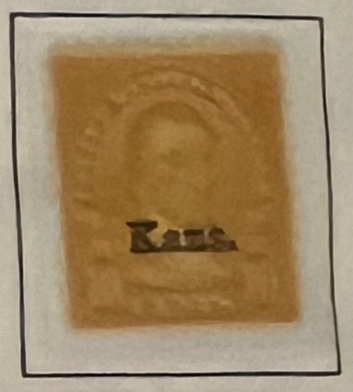
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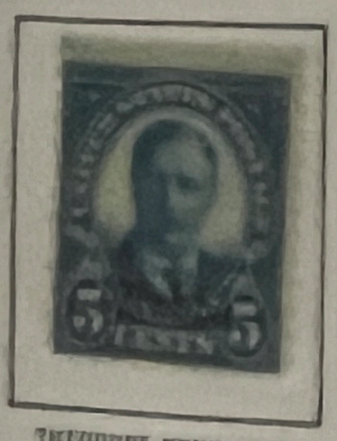
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Rolling Post Office burglaries were frequent in the mid-west and the Department tried an impractical scheme to stop its losses. The regular issues of 1926-27 were overprinted "Kans." and "Nebr." for use in those two states. Often called "state control stamps."