

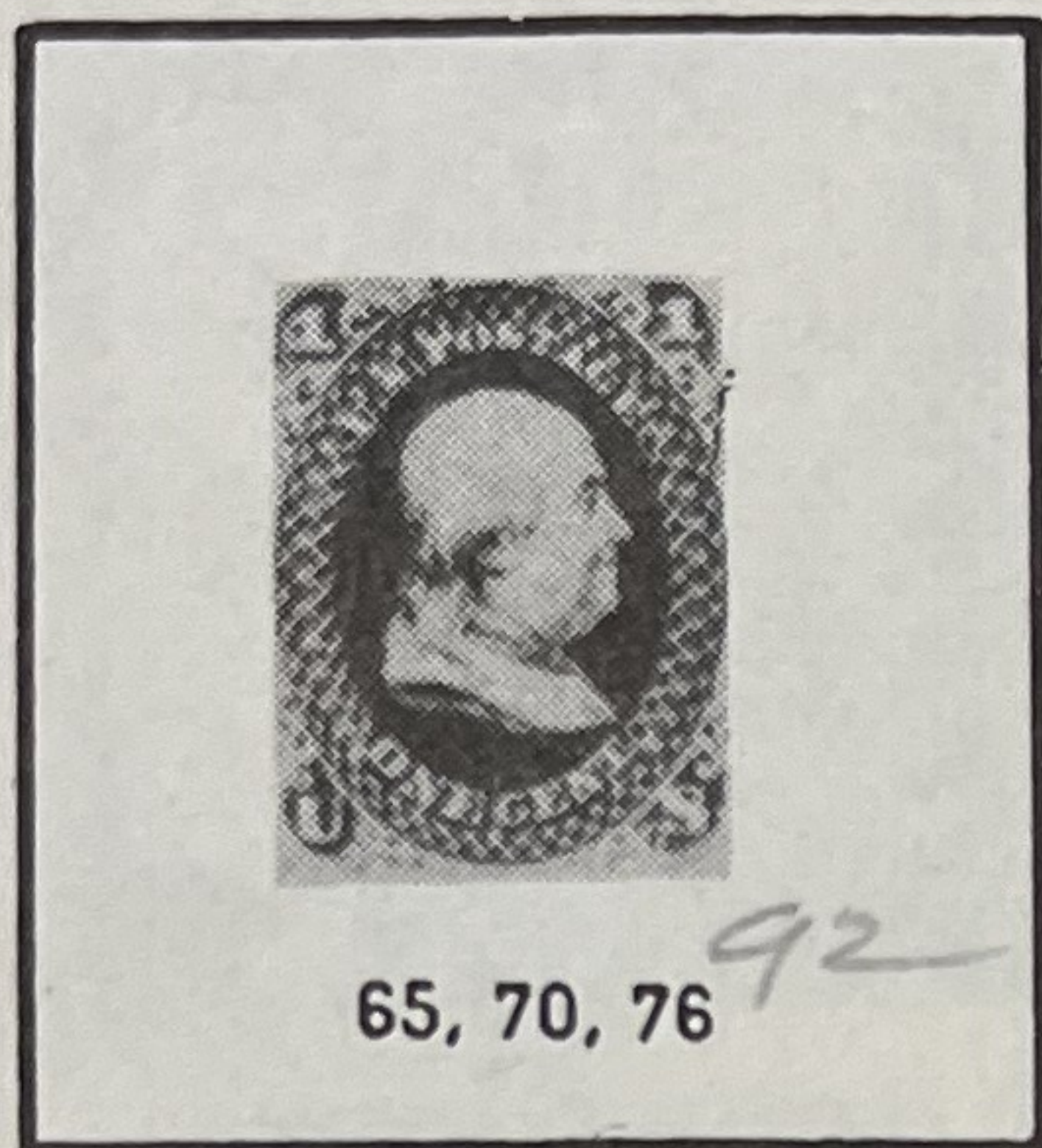


Issue of 1867

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65, 70, 76

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Benjamin Franklin



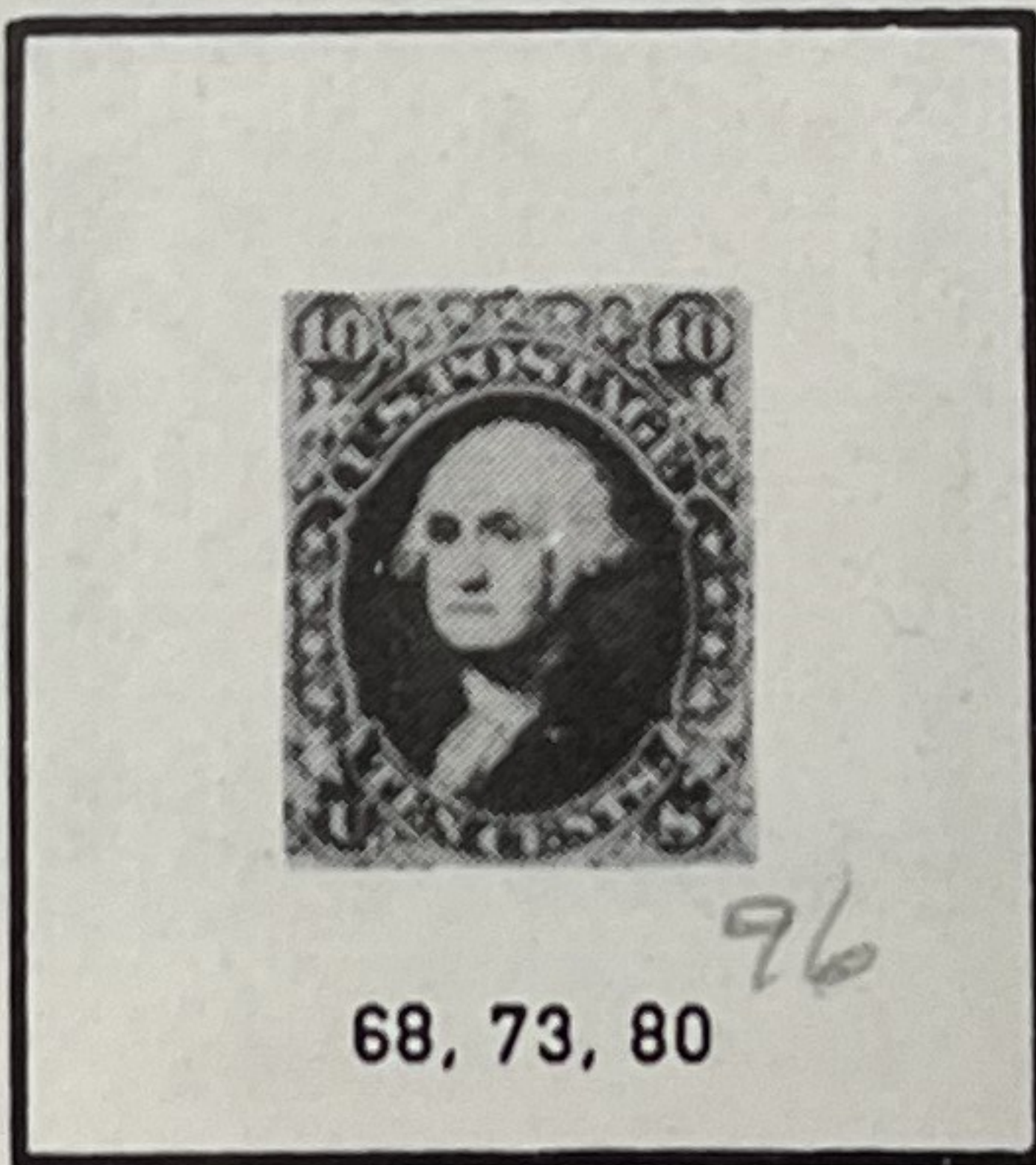
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Andrew Jackson



<sup>94</sup>  
George Washington



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Thomas Jefferson



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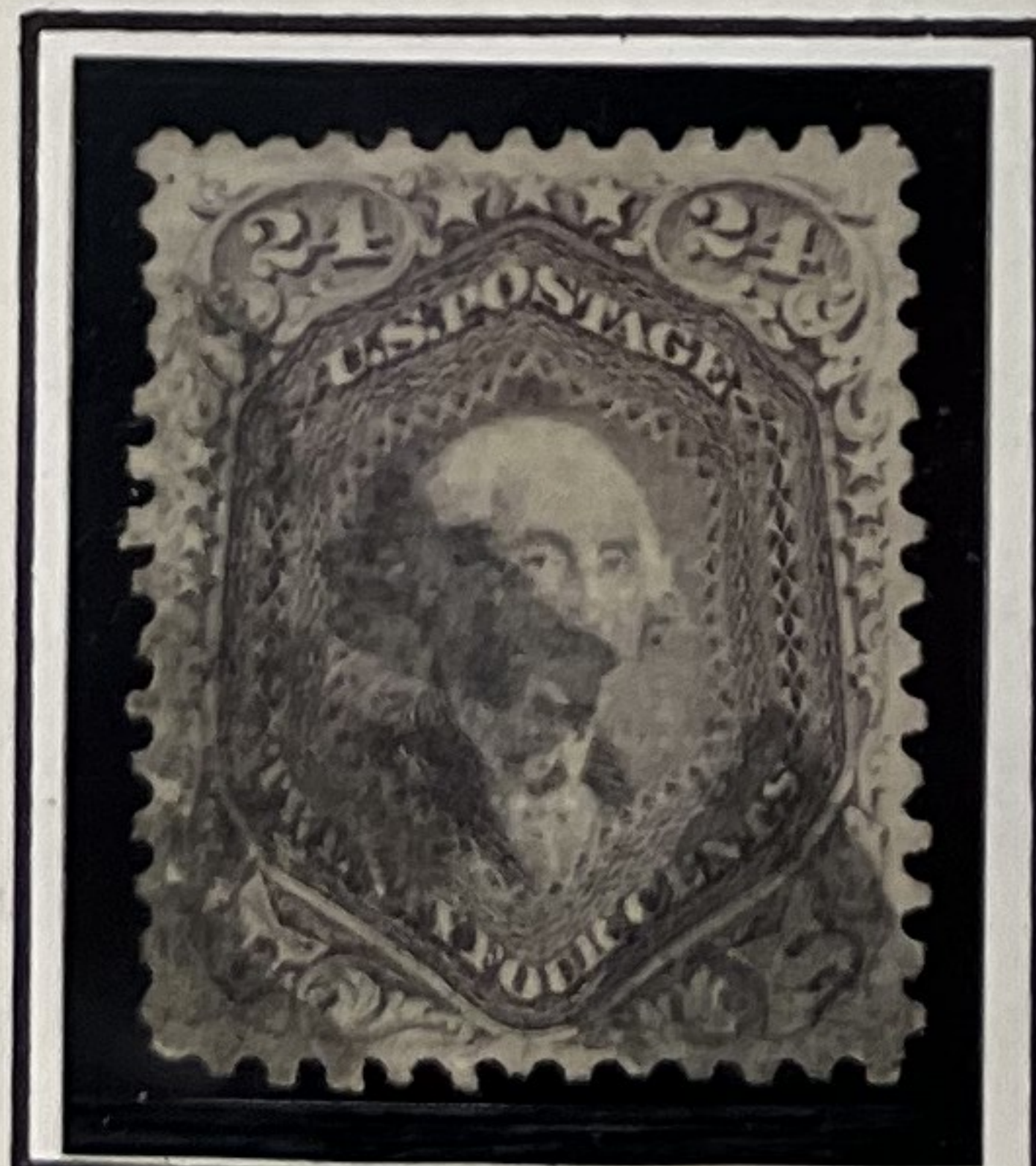
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George Washington



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George Washington



<sup>98</sup>  
Abraham Lincoln



<sup>99</sup>  
George Washington



<sup>100</sup>  
Benjamin Franklin



<sup>101</sup>  
George Washington

THE removal of cancellations from used stamps for the purpose of reusing with intent to defraud





Issue of 1869

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112 Benjamin Franklin



113 Pony Express Rider



114 Locomotive

114



115 George Washington



116 Eagle and Shield



117 S. S. Adriatic



118



119 Double Grill



119 Landing of Columbus



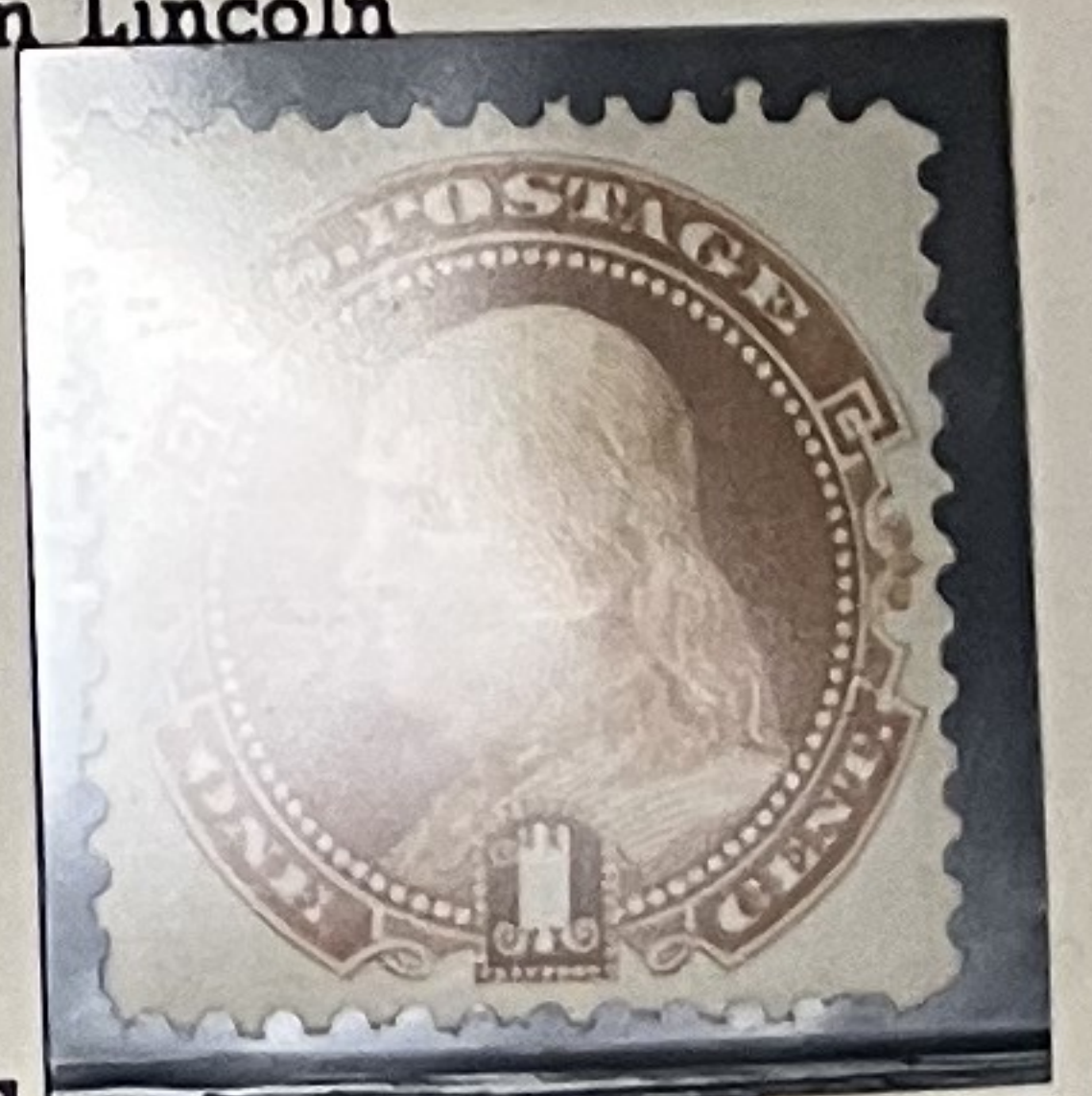
120 Declaration of Independence



121 CERT Eagle, Shield and Flags



122 CERT Abraham Lincoln



THE first pictorial issue of the United States was introduced in 1869 and is still considered one of our most beautifully engraved issues. The 15¢, 24¢ and the 30¢ values exist with the center inverted and are very scarce.

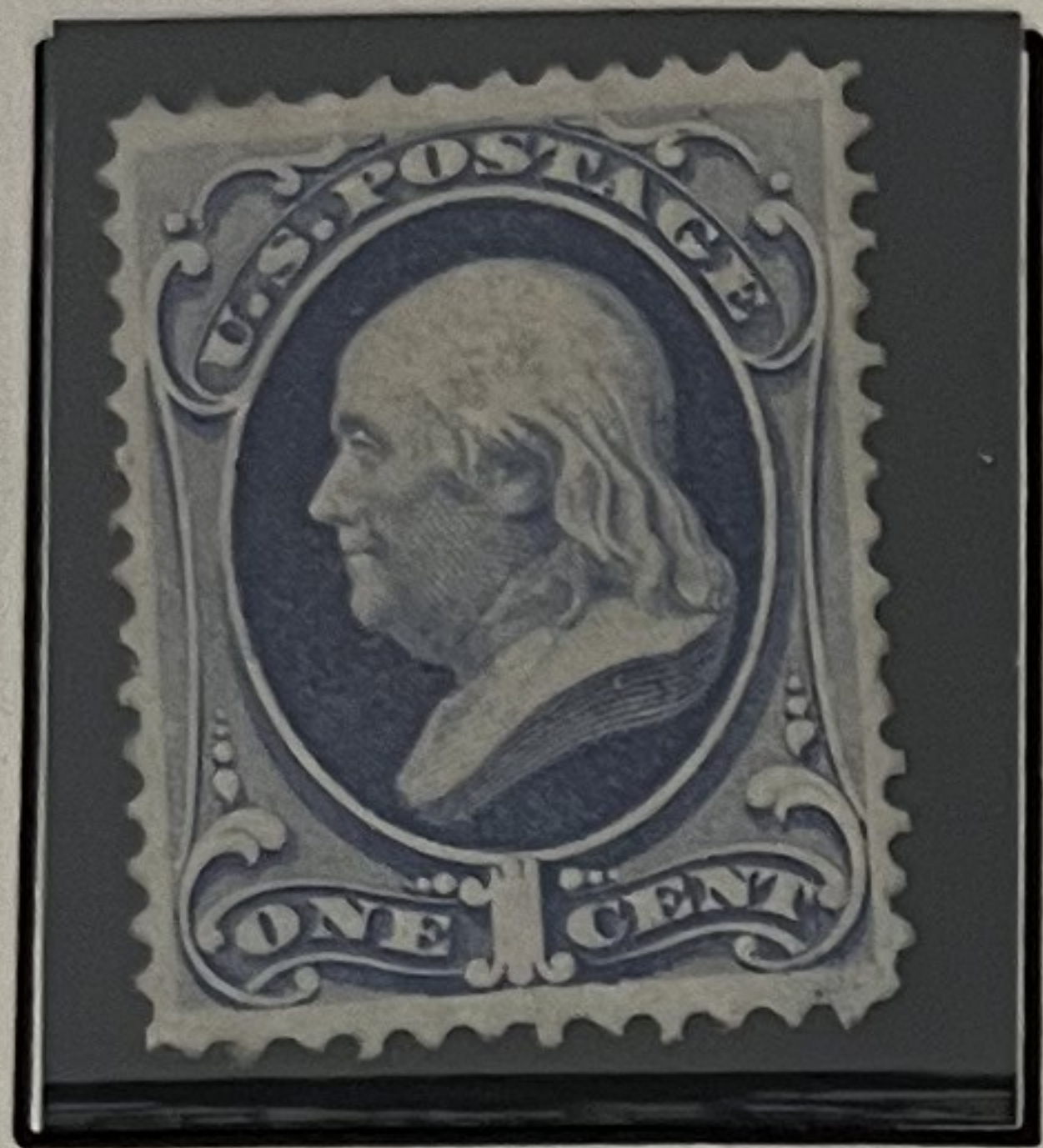




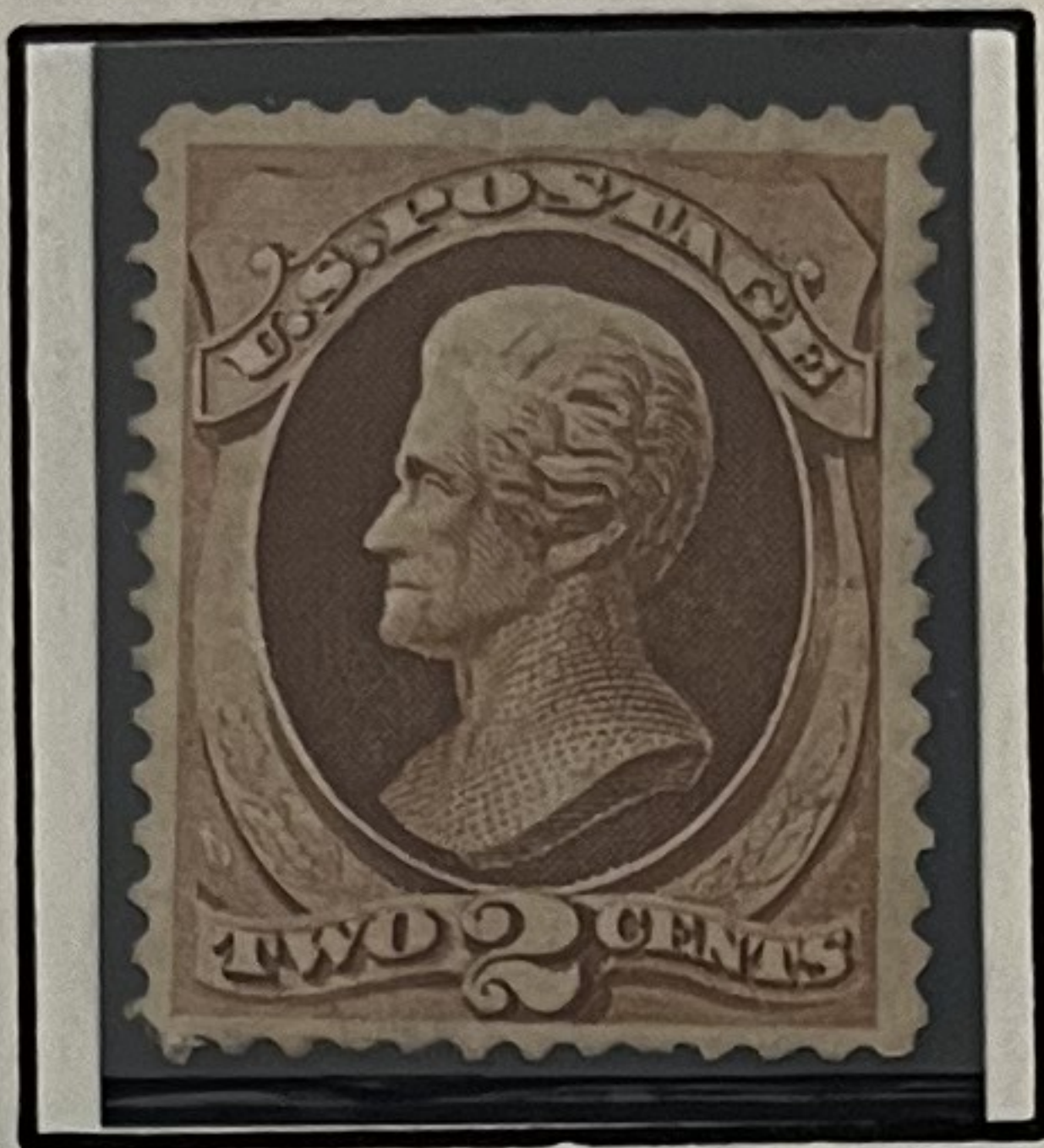
Issue of 1870-71

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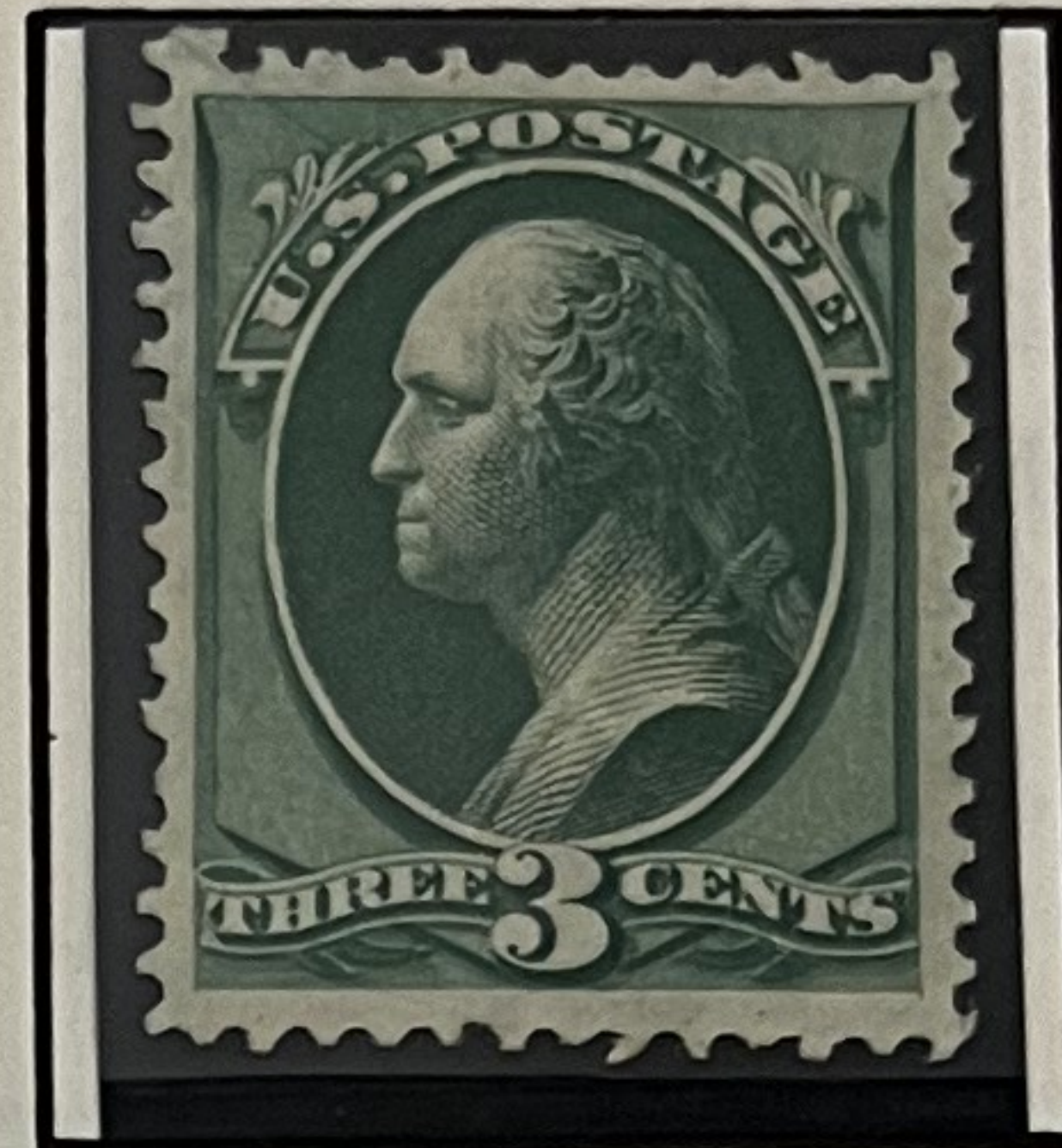
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~~134~~ 145  
Benjamin Franklin



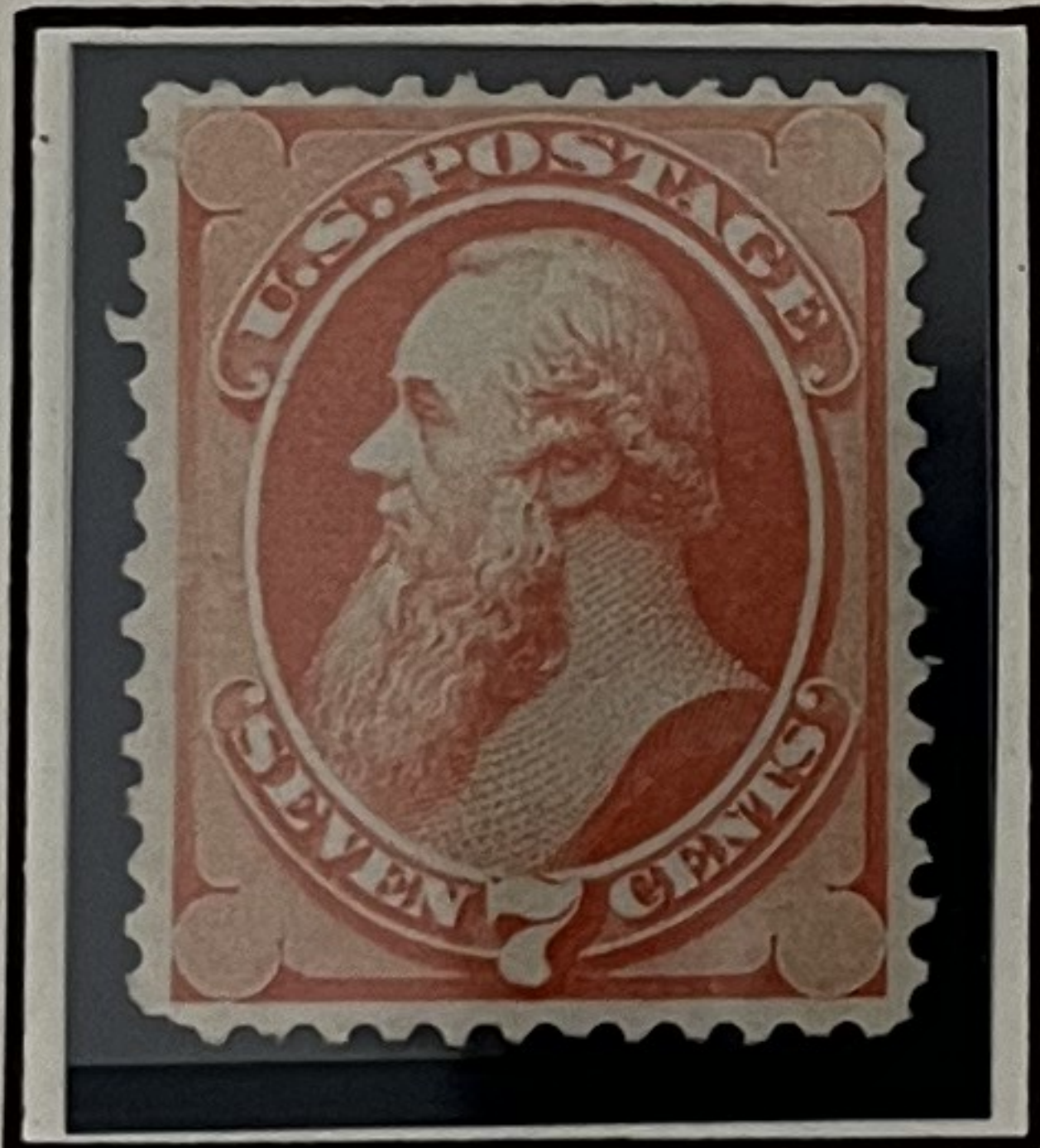
Andrew Jackson  
146



George Washington  
147



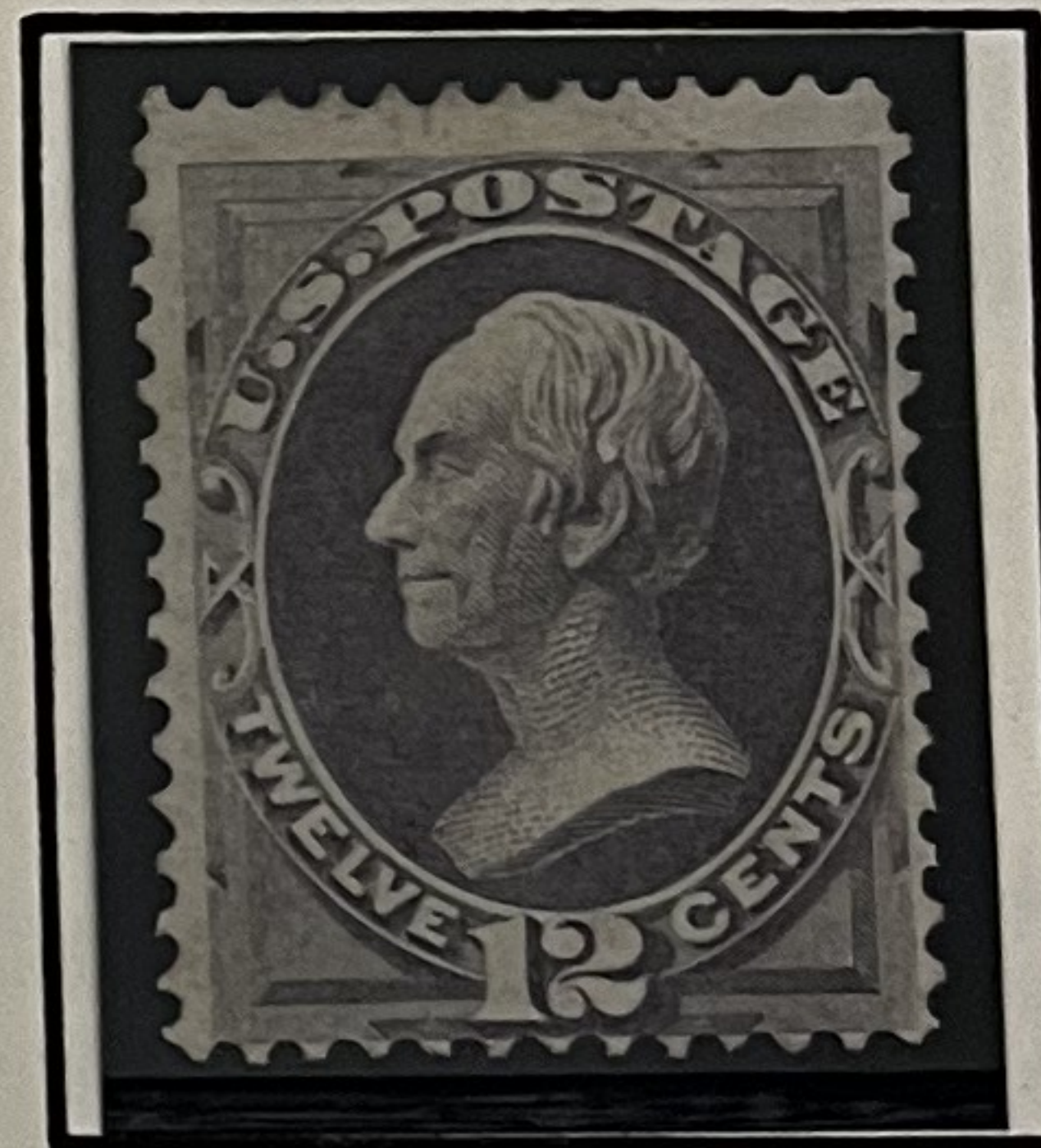
Abraham Lincoln  
148



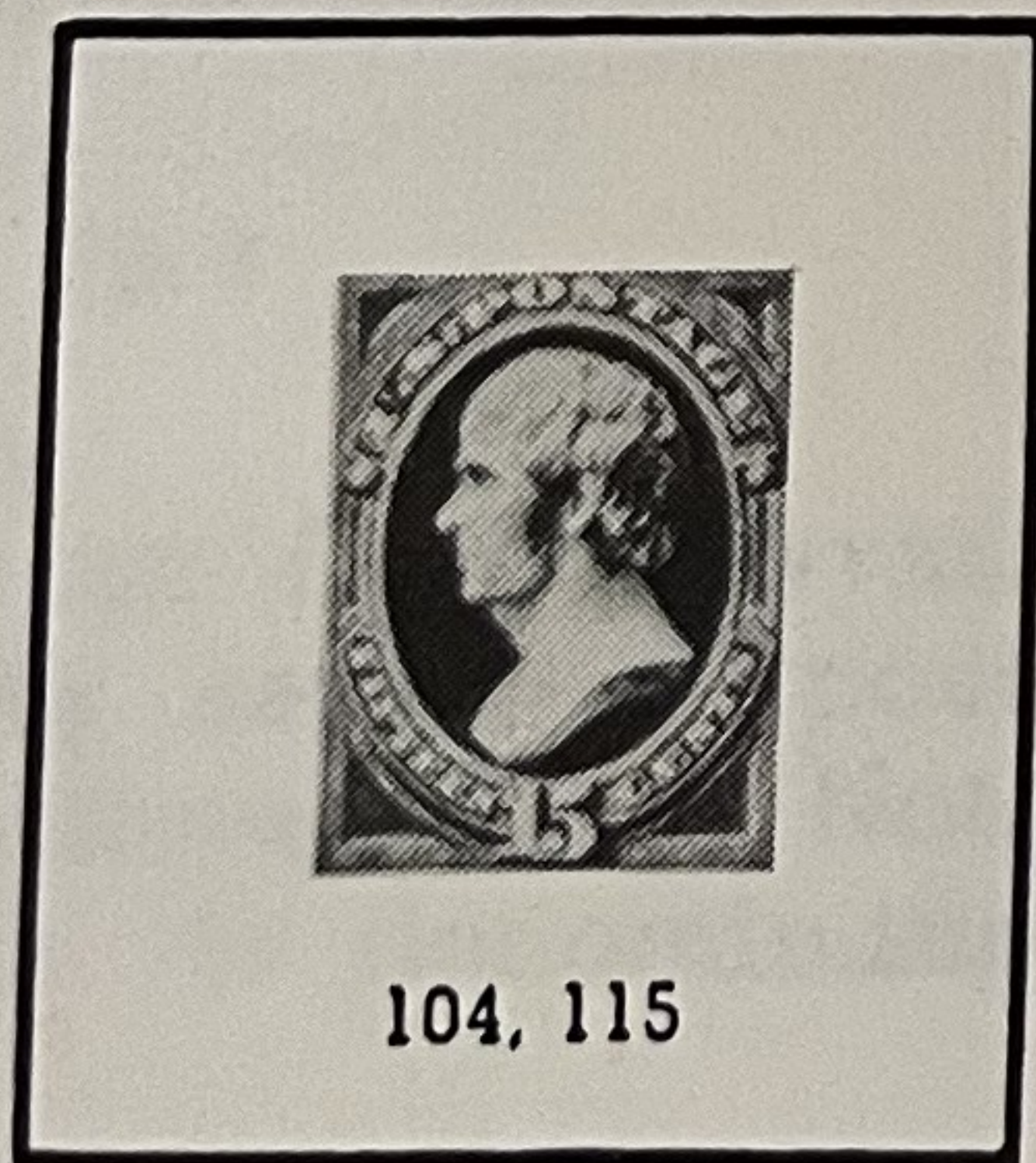
Edwin M. Stanton  
149  
CERT



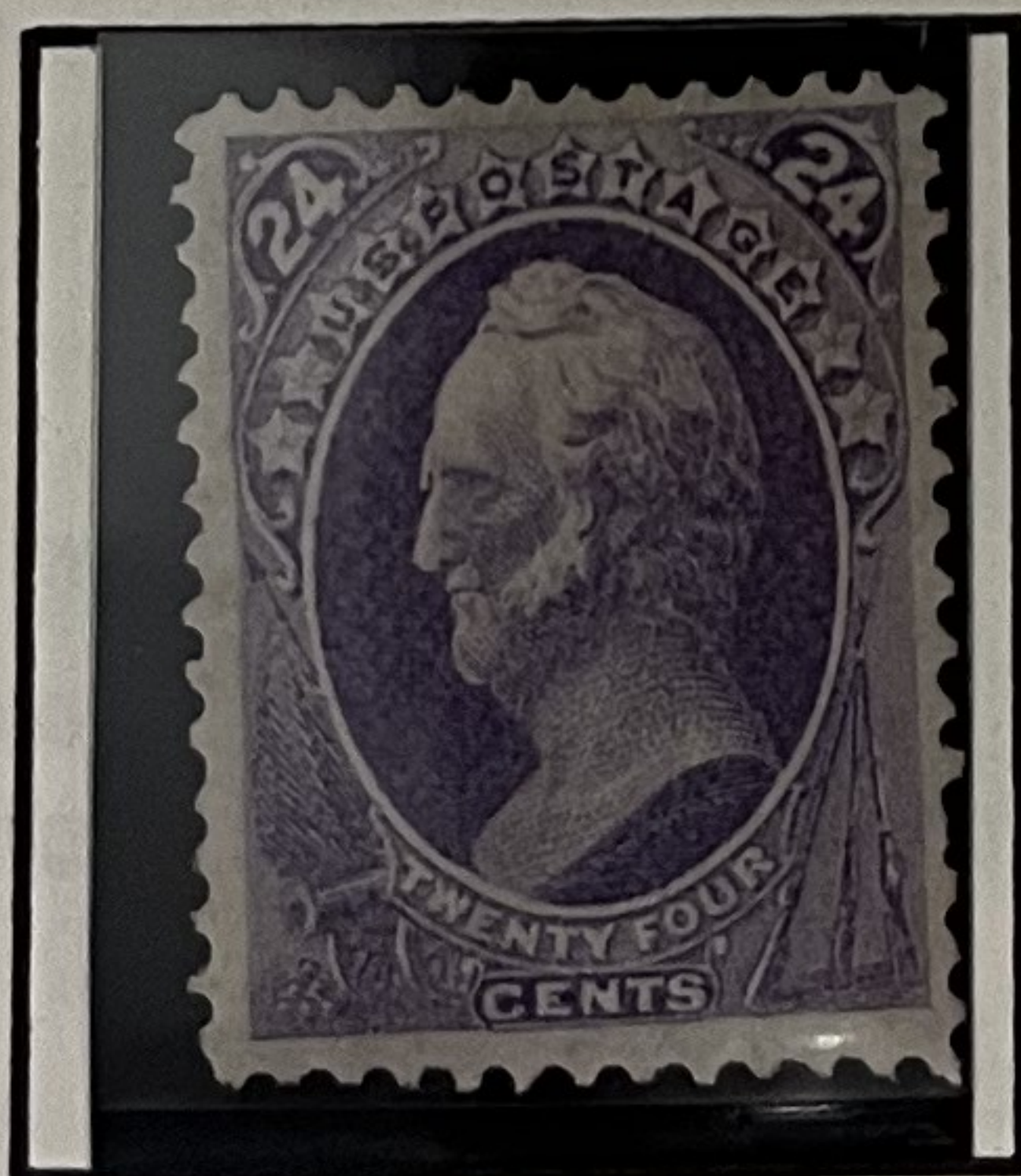
Thomas Jefferson  
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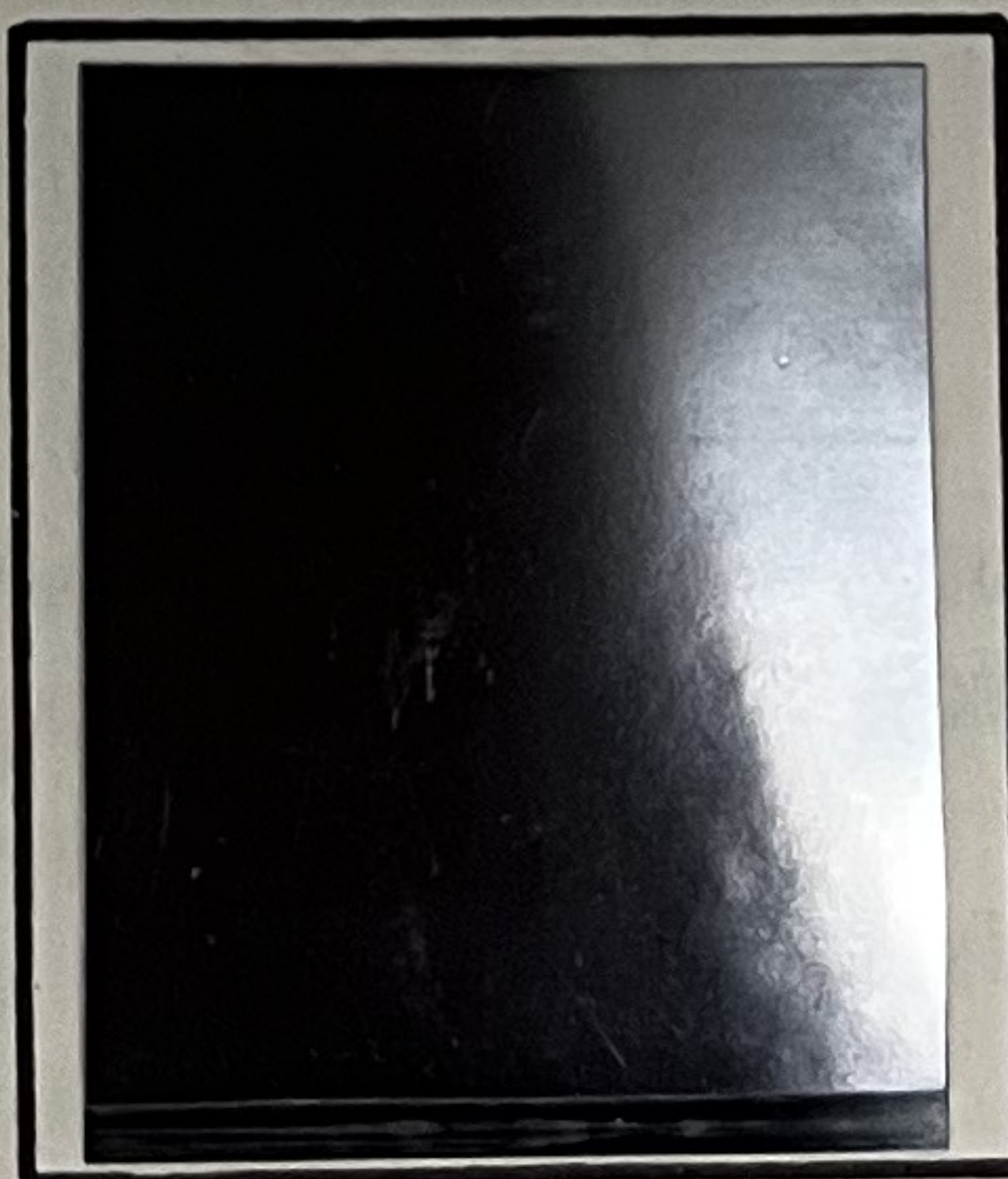
Henry Clay  
151



104, 115  
Daniel Webster  
152



Gen. Winfield Scott  
153



Alexander Hamilton  
154



Commodore Oliver Perry  
155

**T**HIS series of stamps could well be termed the first famous American set since it featured the portraits of our great leaders. This set is found both with and without the grill.

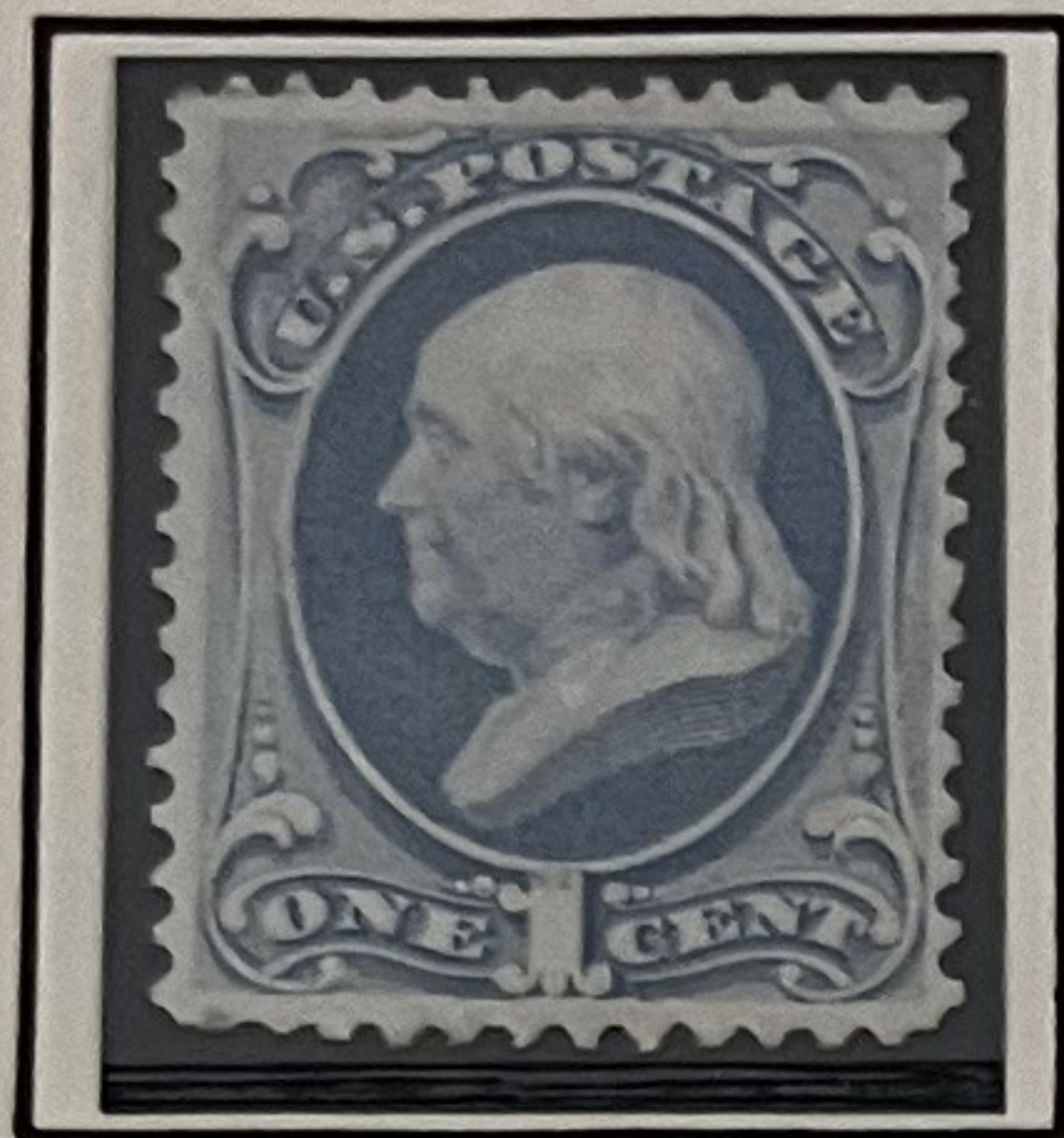




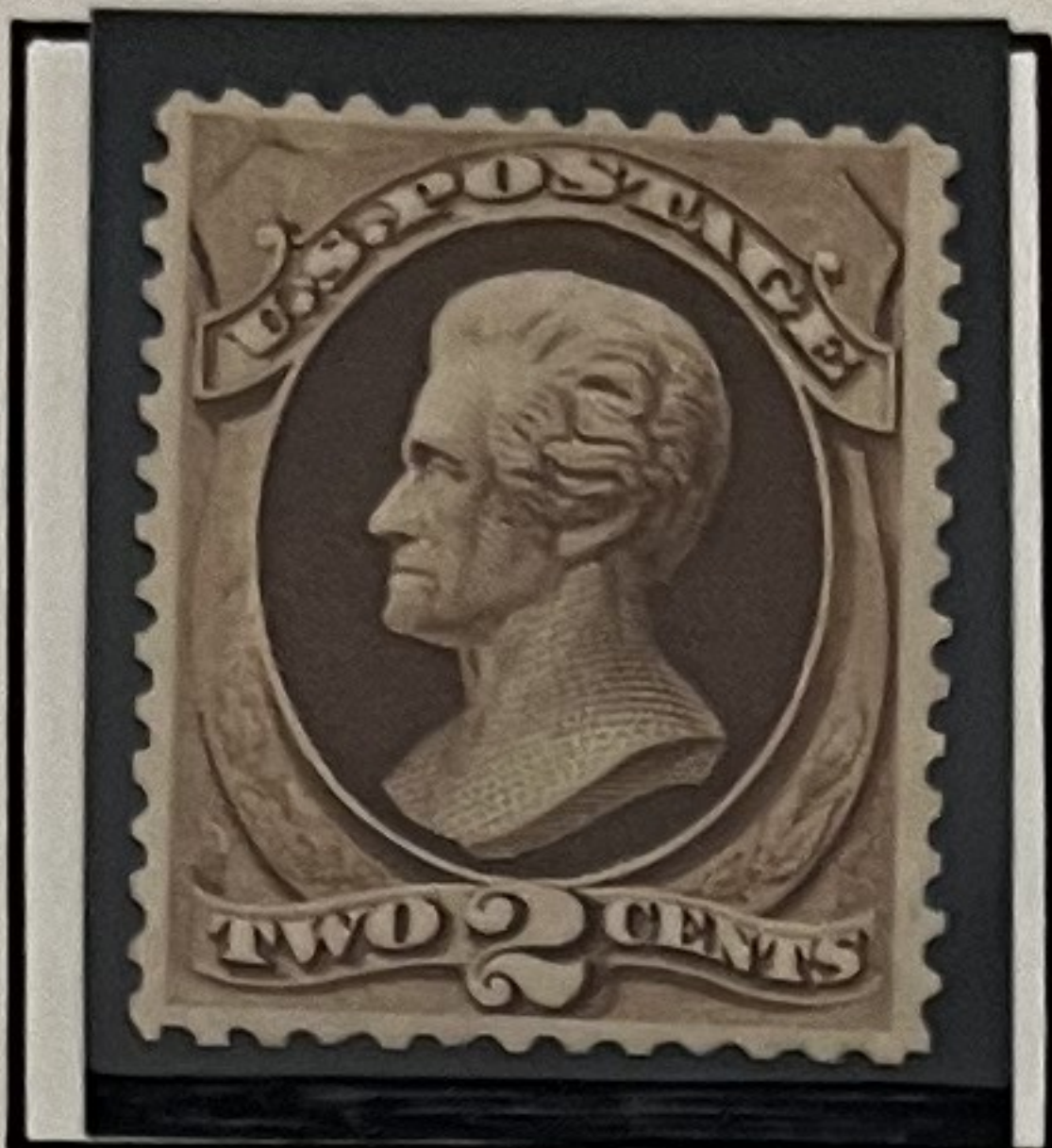
Issue of 1873

PERFORATED 12

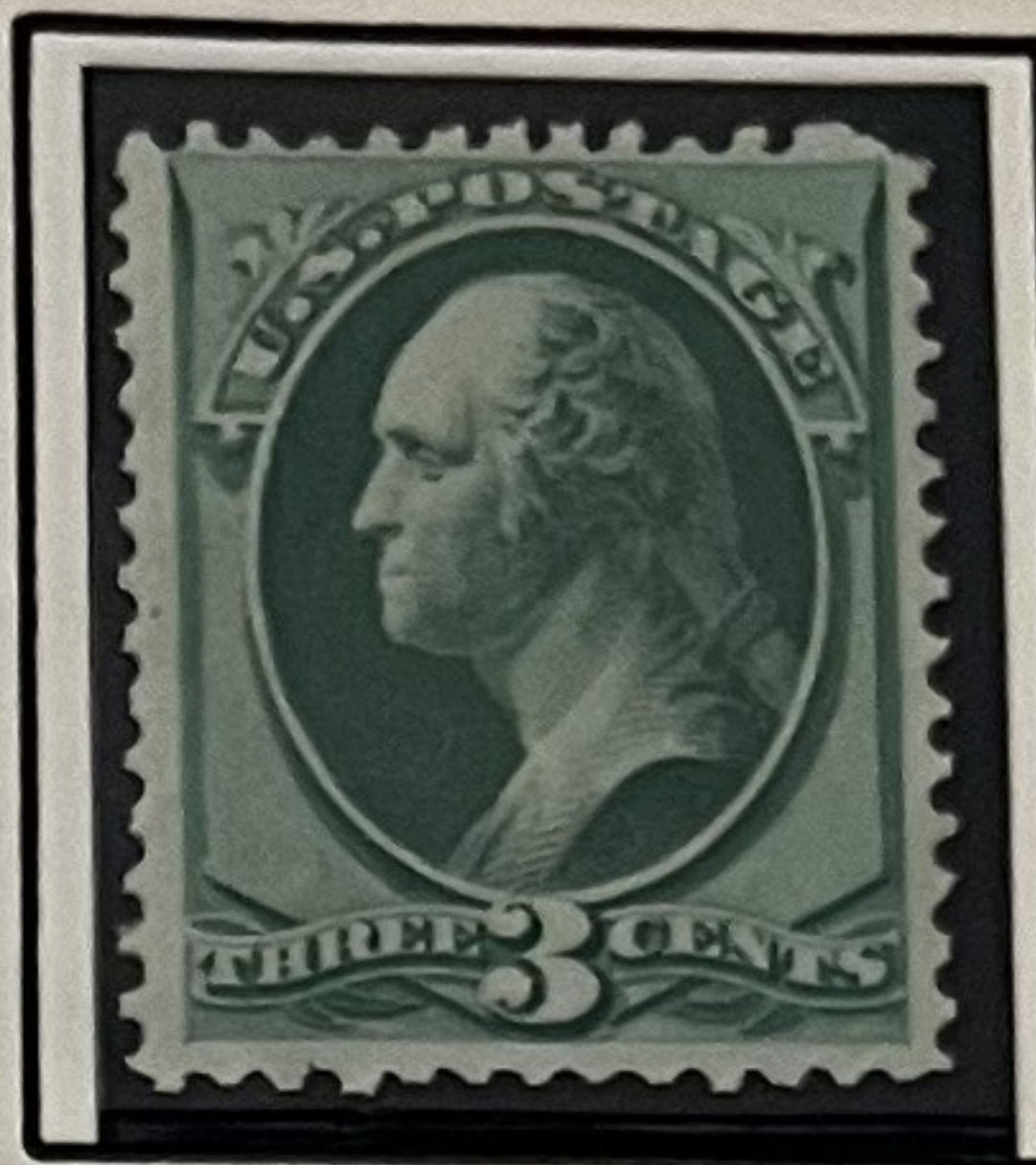
PRINTED BY THE CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO.



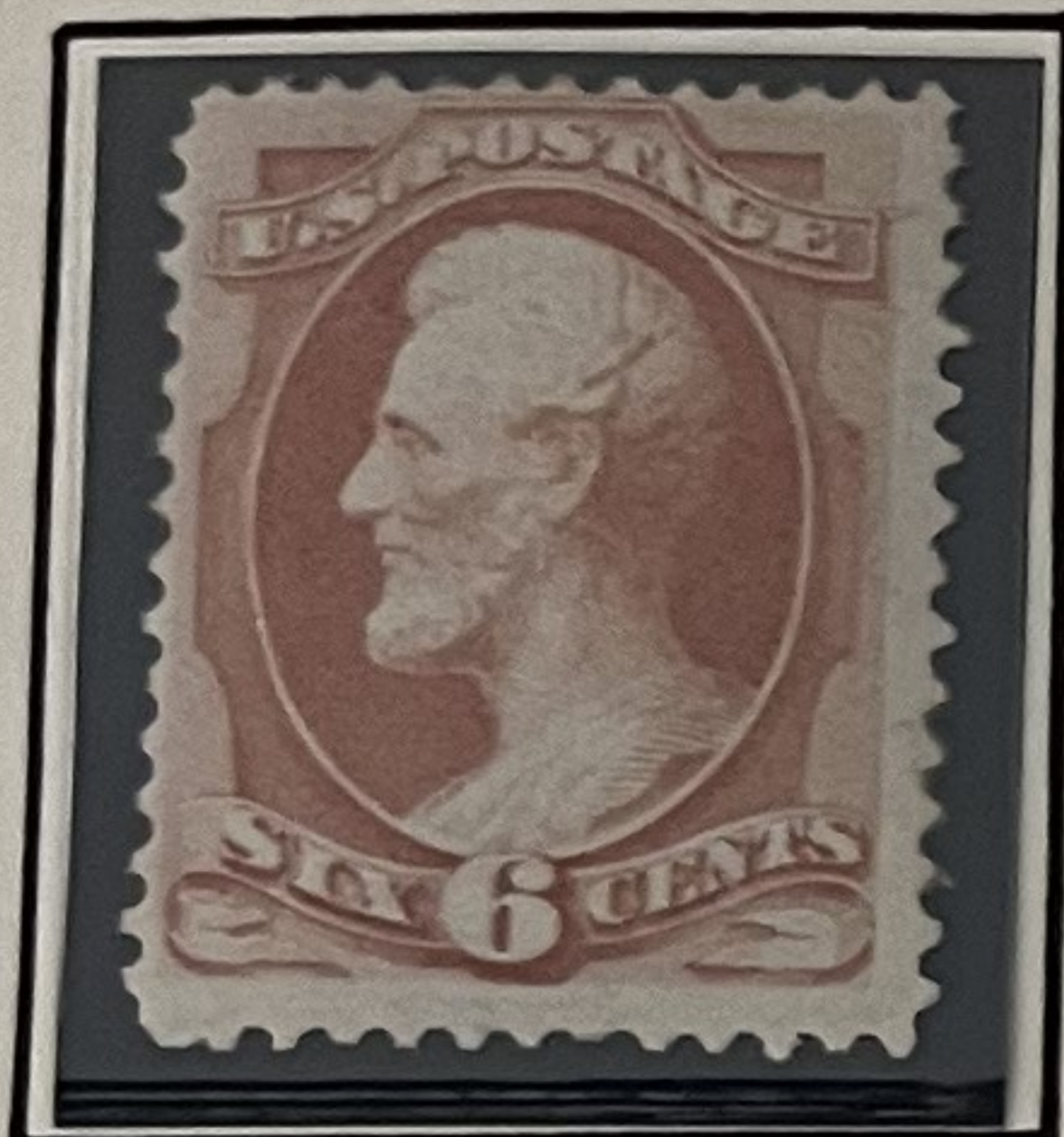
Benjamin Franklin  
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Andrew Jackson  
157  
92 89



George Washington  
158



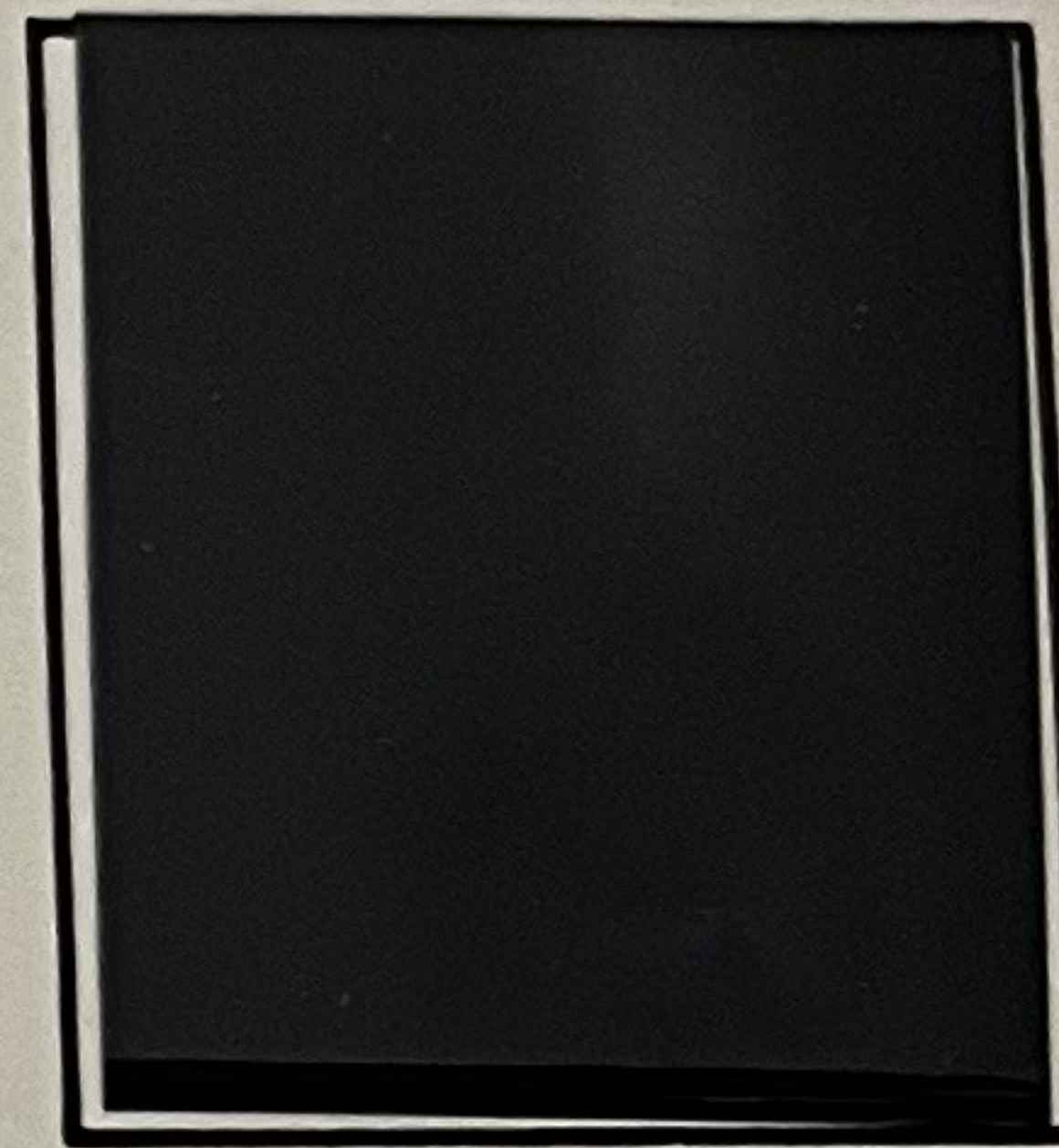
Abraham Lincoln  
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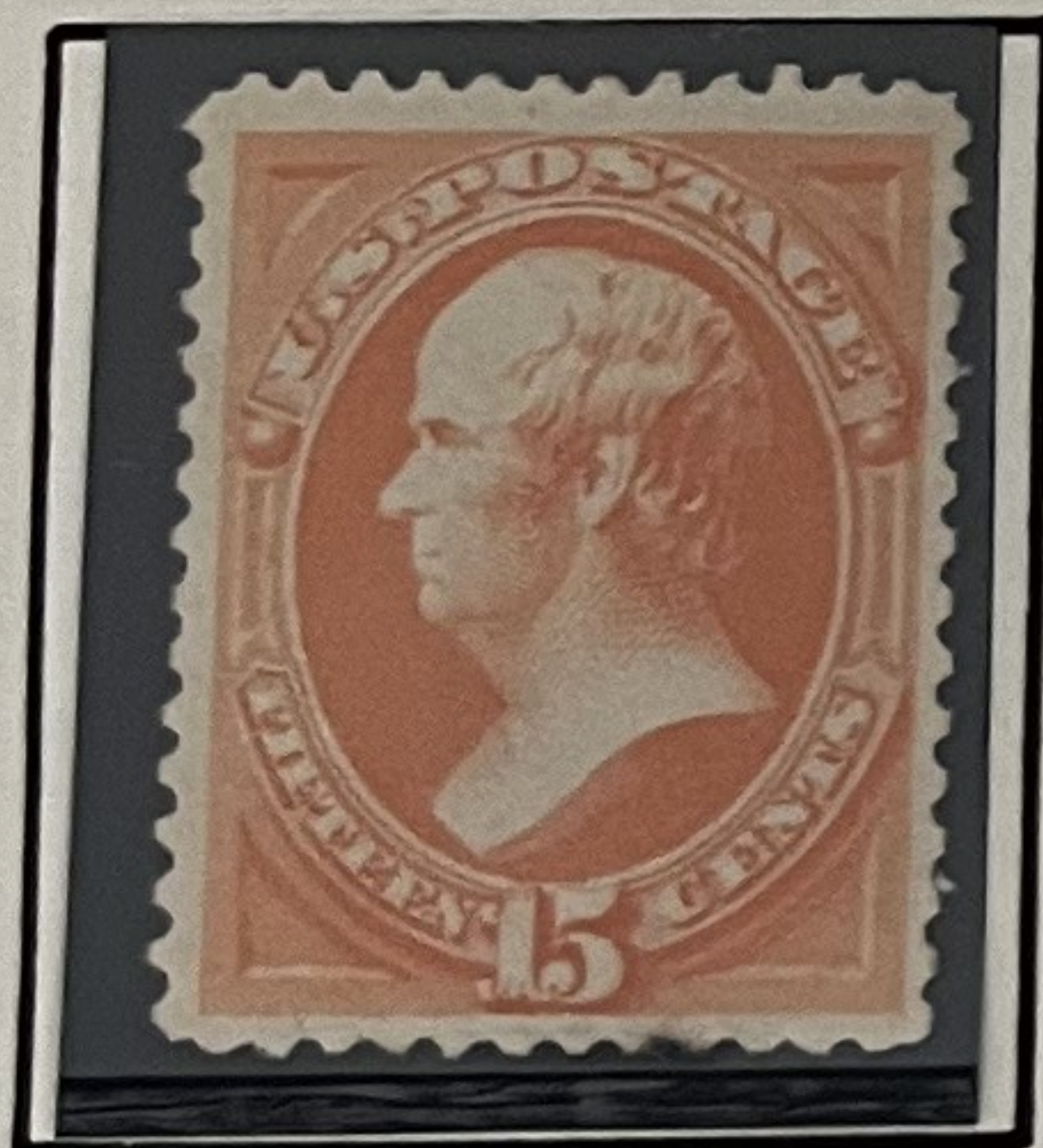
Edwin M. Stanton  
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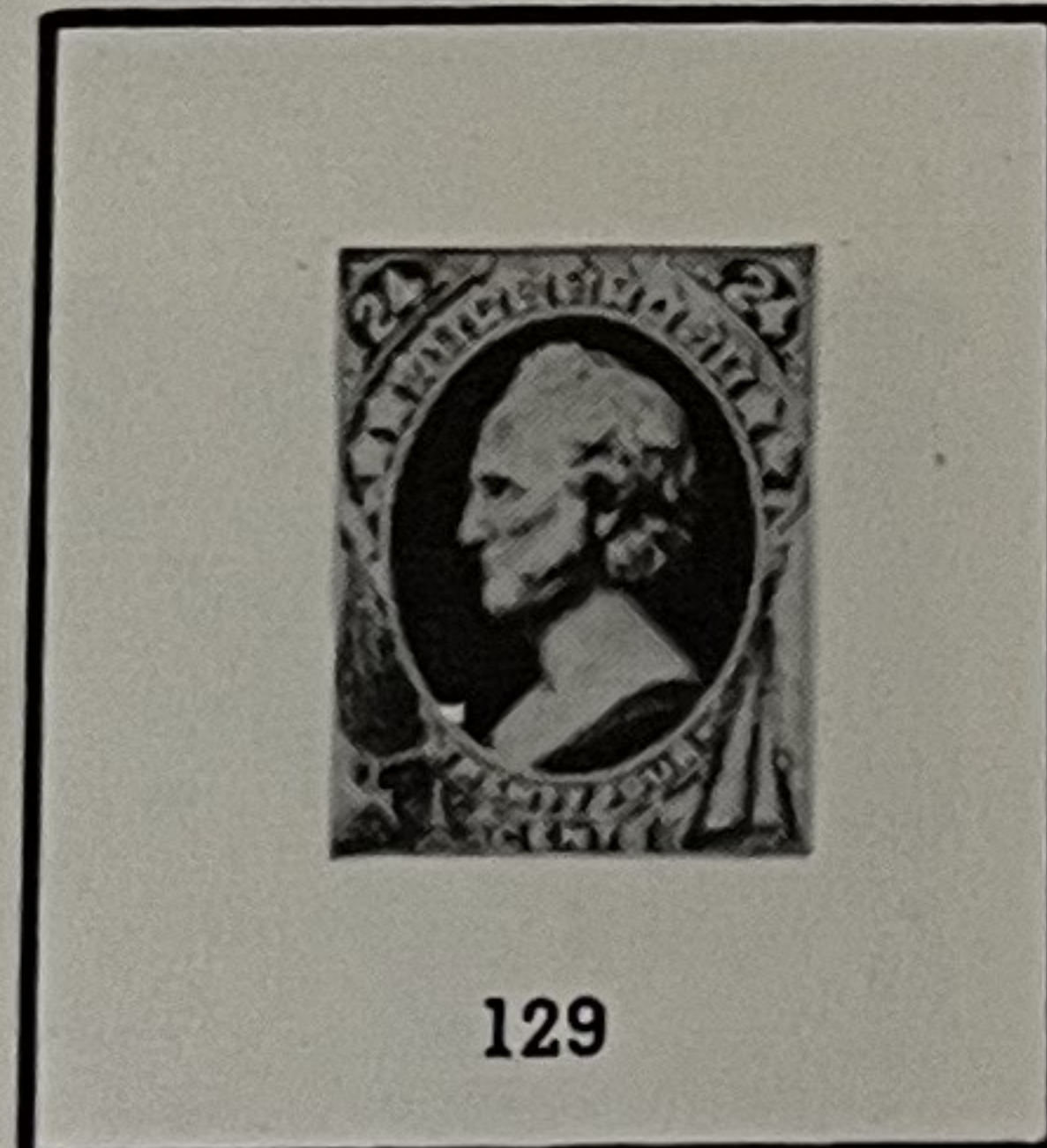
Thomas Jefferson  
161 CERT



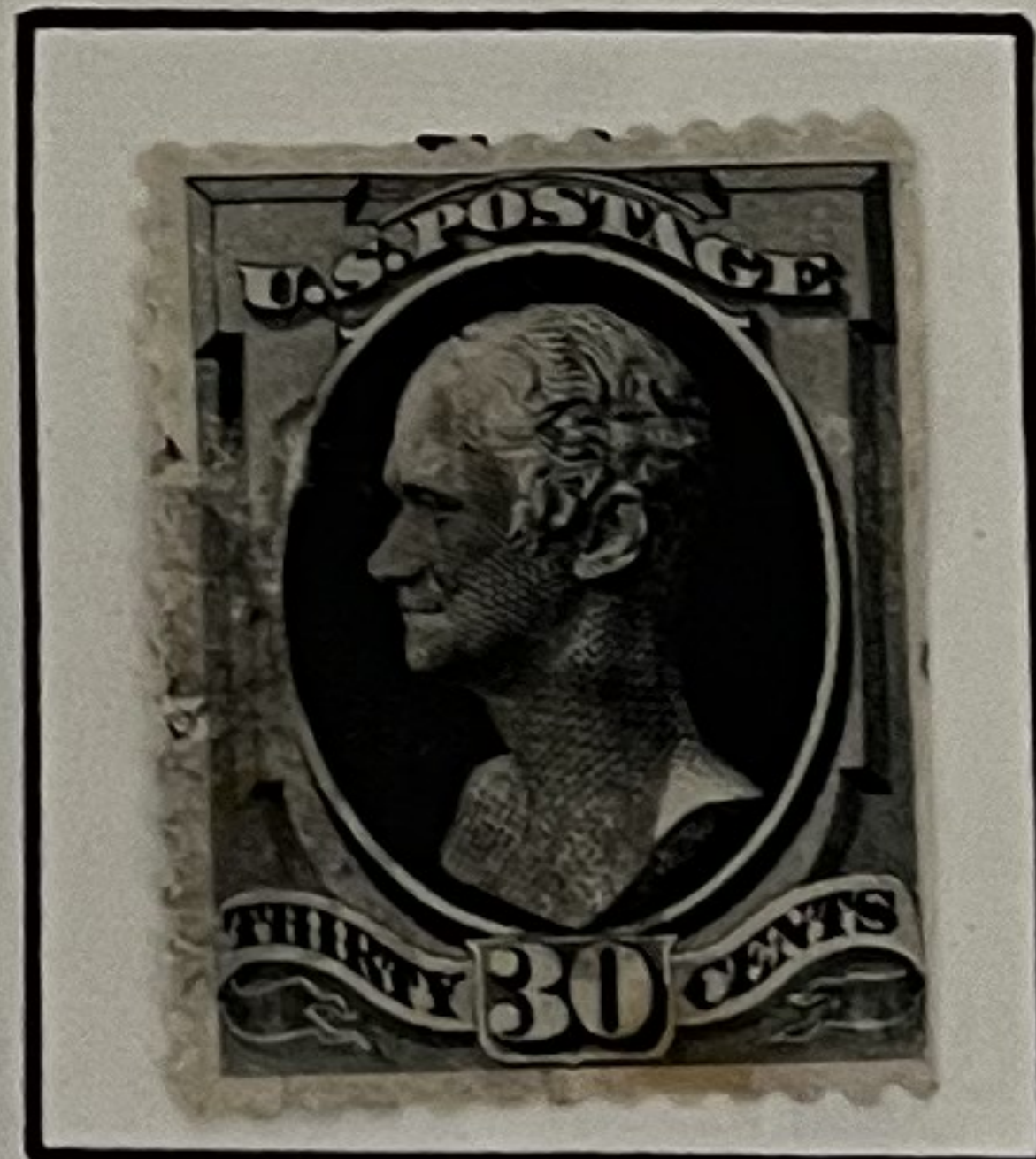
Henry Clay  
162 CERT



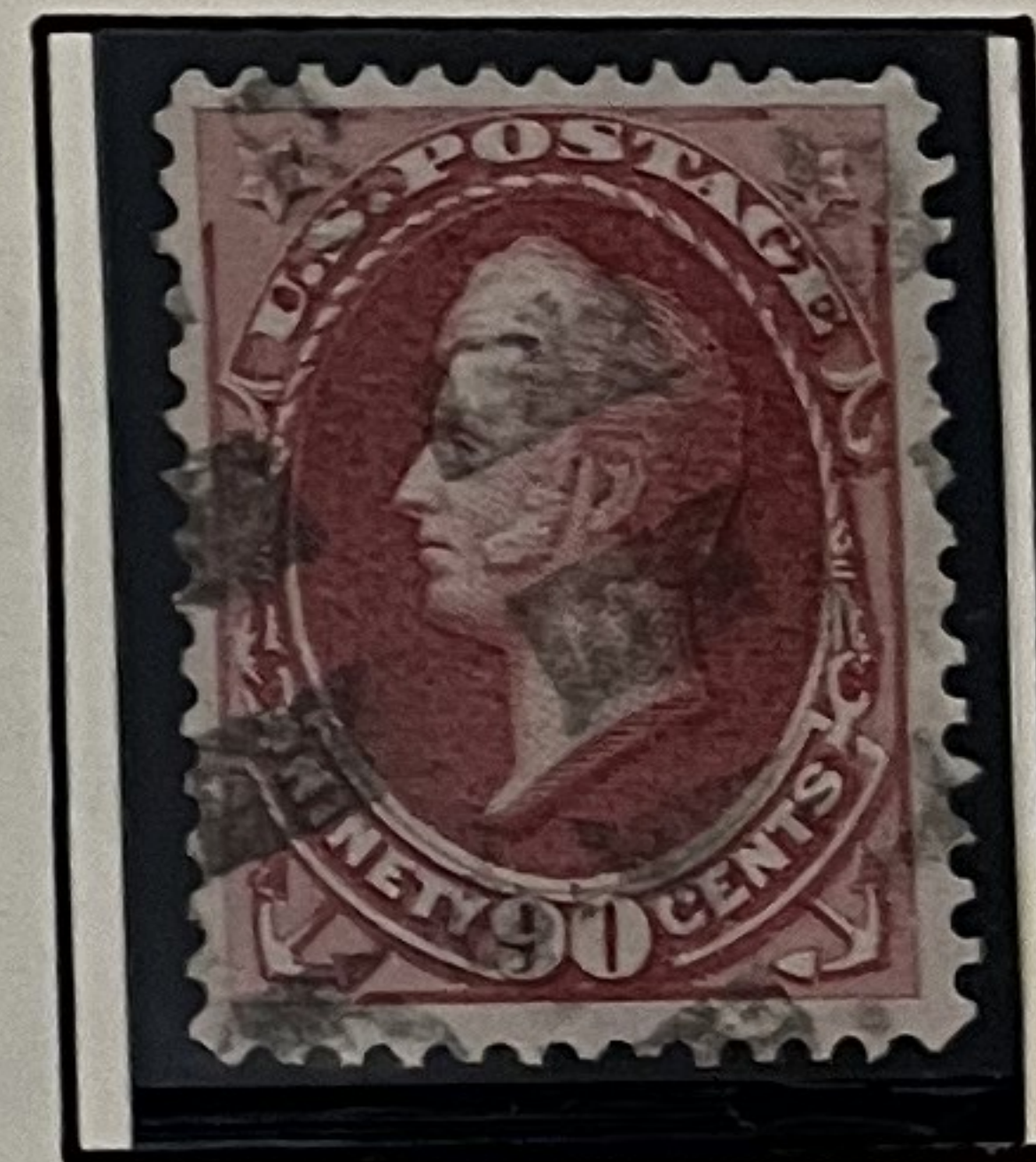
Daniel Webster  
163



Gen. Winfield Scott  
164



Alexander Hamilton  
165



Commodore Oliver Perry  
166

**T**HE CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE COMPANY was awarded the contract to continue producing this series of postage stamps. To identify its product from that of its predecessor (the National Bank Note Company) secret marks were added to the retained designs through the 15¢ denomination. The 24¢, 30¢ and 90¢ values can only be distinguished by the shades. These secret marks are illustrated below:



Franklin. Dash of color added in pearl left of 1



Jackson. Closed outline of ornament left of U.S.



Washington. Shading under upper ribbon under THREE heavier.



Lincoln. First 4 vertical lines of left ribbon heavier.



Stanton. Semi-circles added in ball at lower left.



Jefferson. Crescent added in scroll ornament.



Clay. Balls in 2 crescent shaped.



Webster. Worn lines of shading in triangles and below U.S. Postage.

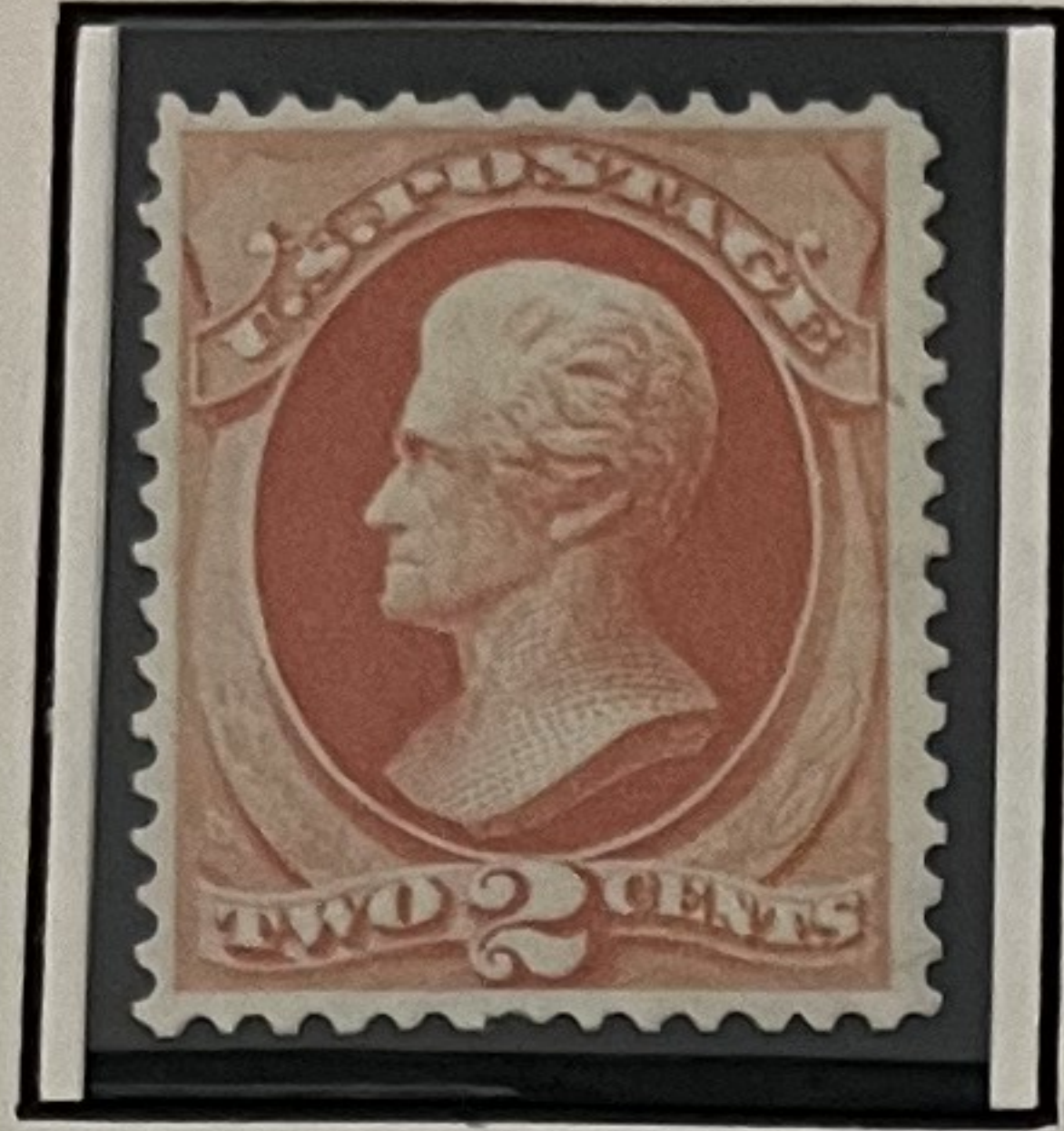




Issue of 1875

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Andrew Jackson

Zachary Taylor

THE 5¢ stamp was created to meet the requirements for foreign mail following the establishment of the Universal Postal Union.

Issue of 1879

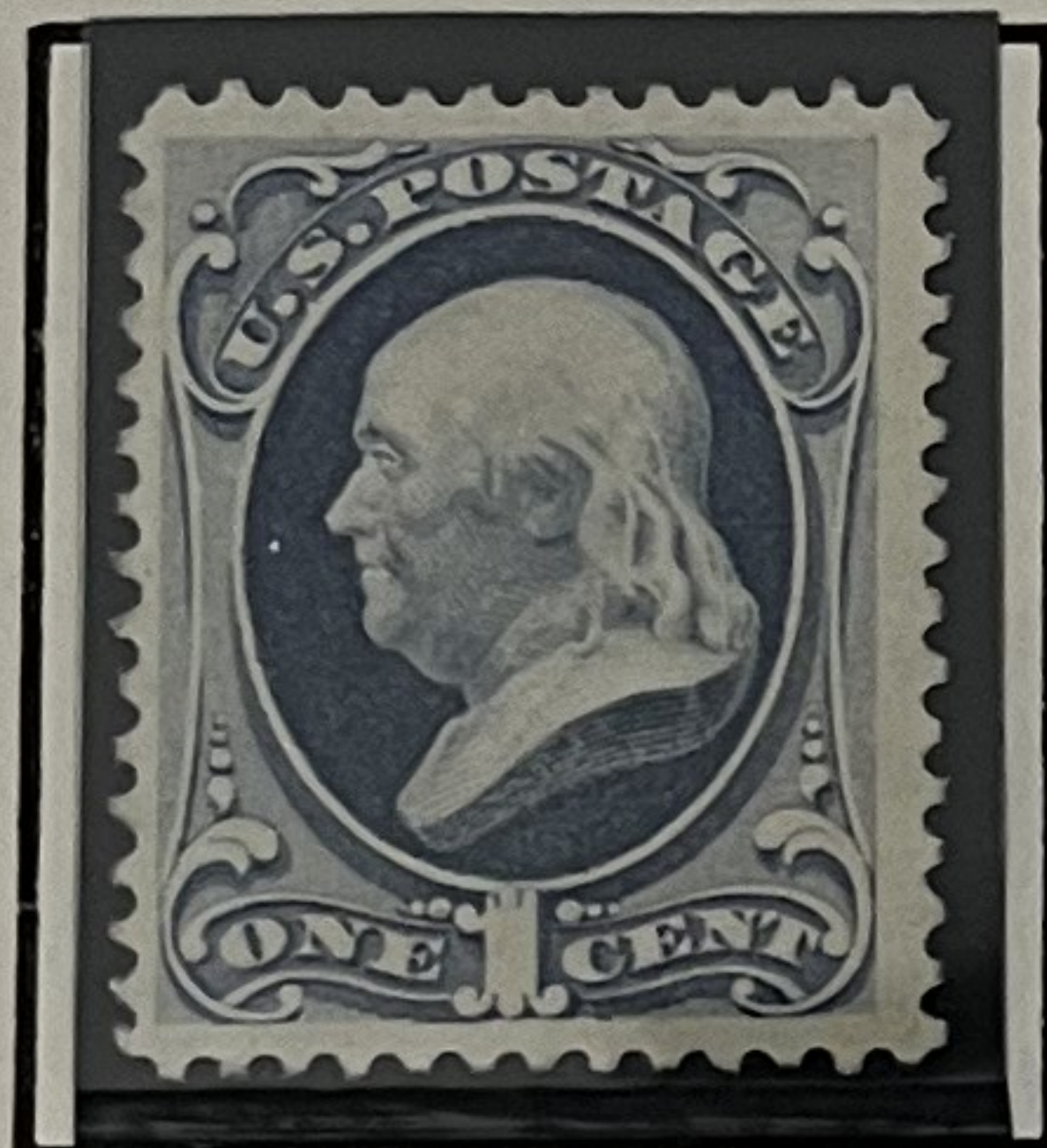
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SOFT POROUS PAPER

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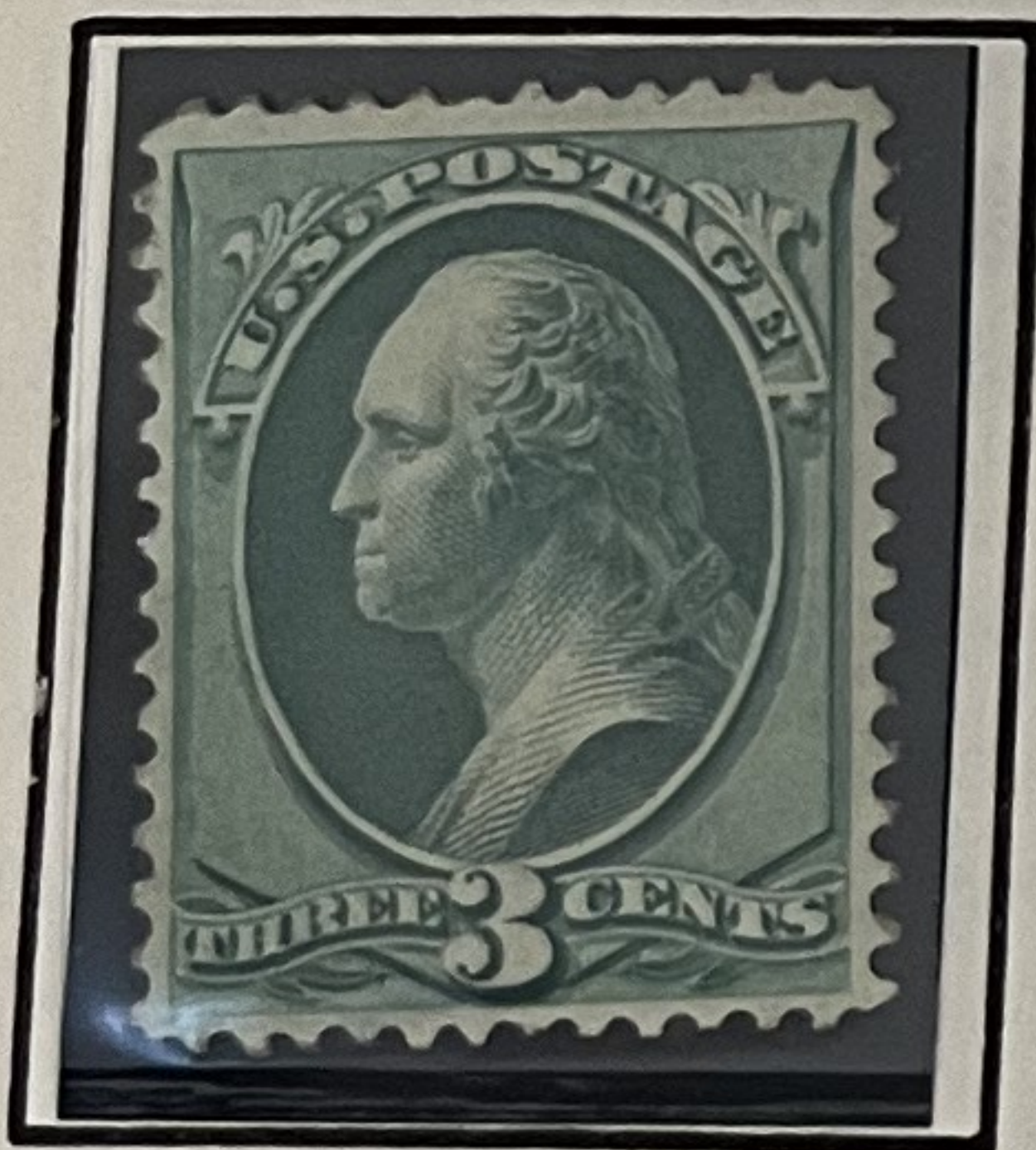
188b



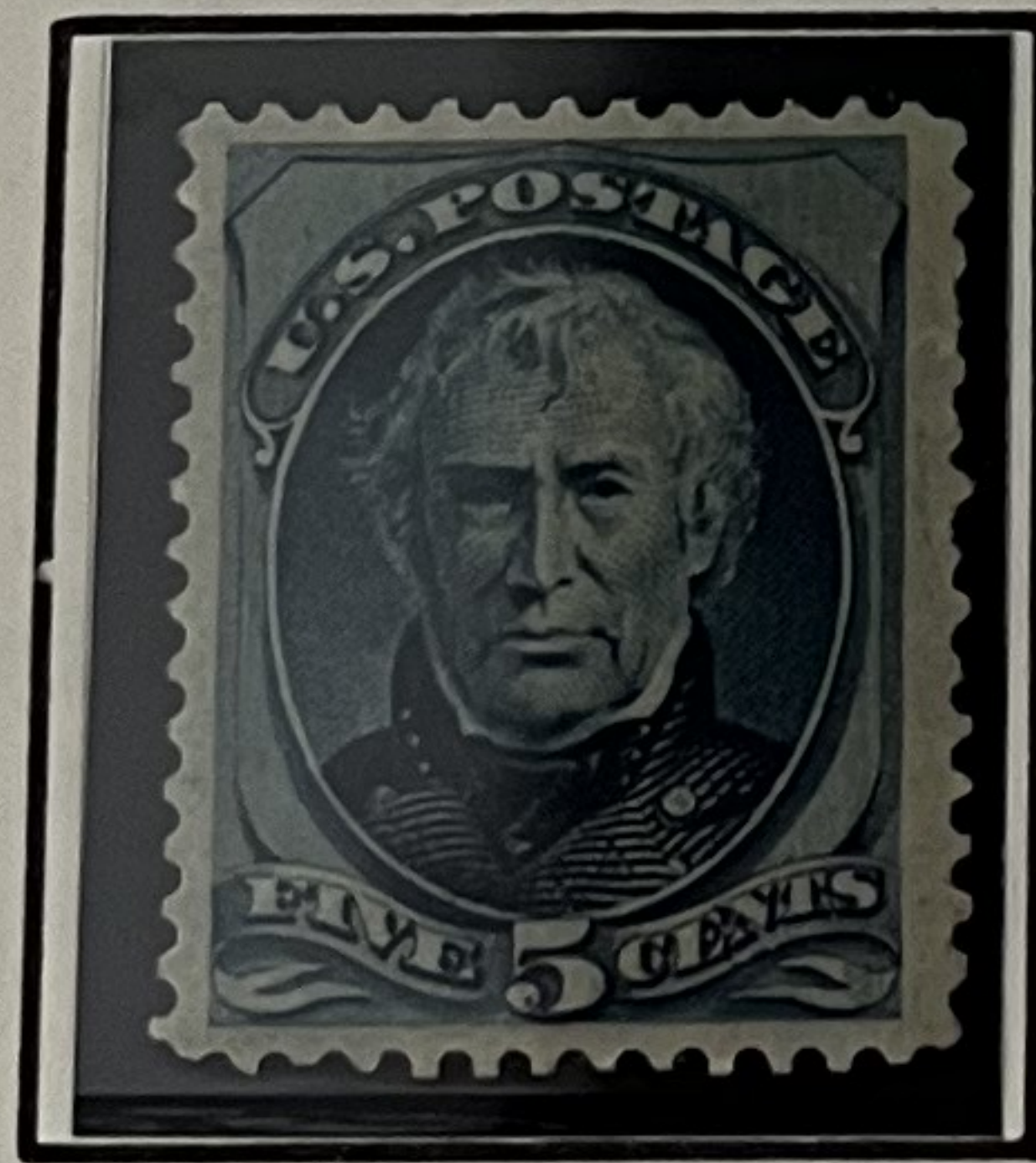
Benjamin Franklin  
182



Andrew Jackson  
183



George Washington  
184



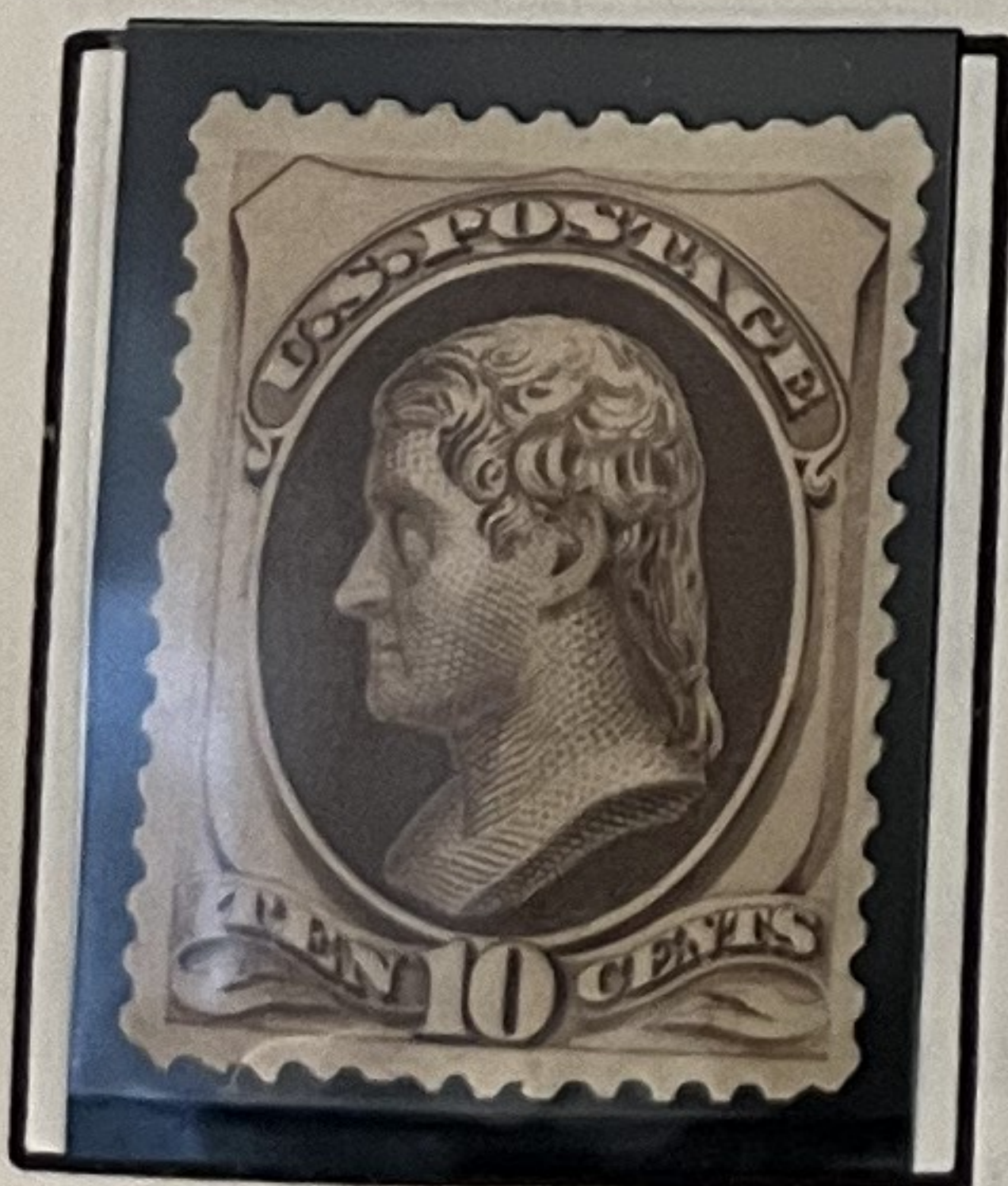
Zachary Taylor  
185



Abraham Lincoln  
186



Thomas Jefferson  
187



Thomas Jefferson  
188



Daniel Webster  
189



Alexander Hamilton  
190



Commodore Oliver Perry  
191

THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY, having consolidated itself with the Continental Bank Note Company printed this series. Added interest for the collector is found in this issue because of the soft, porous paper used in contrast to the hard, snappy, translucent paper of the previous issues.

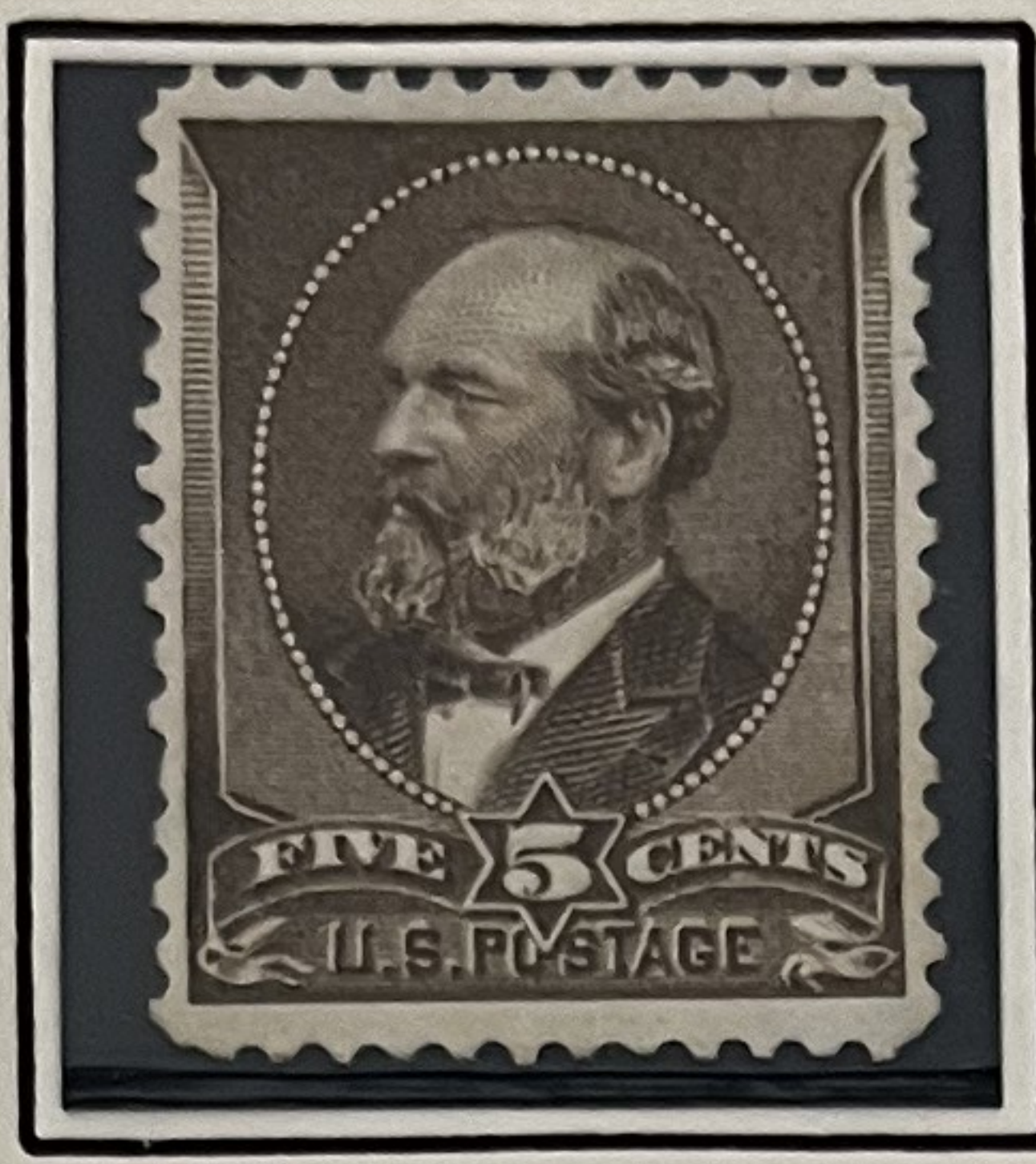




Issue of 1882

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James A. Garfield  
205

Issued as a memorial to President Garfield.

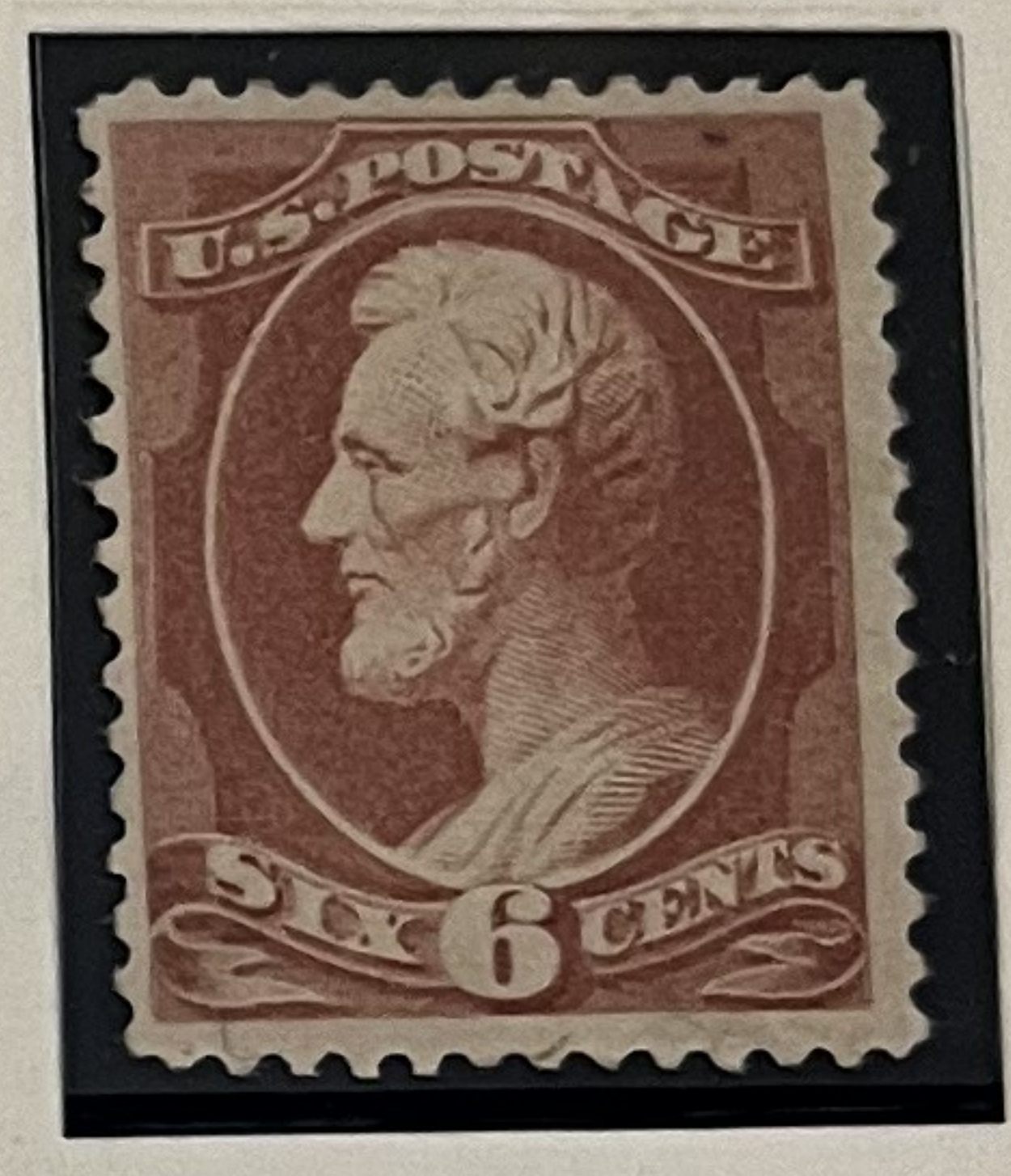


209b

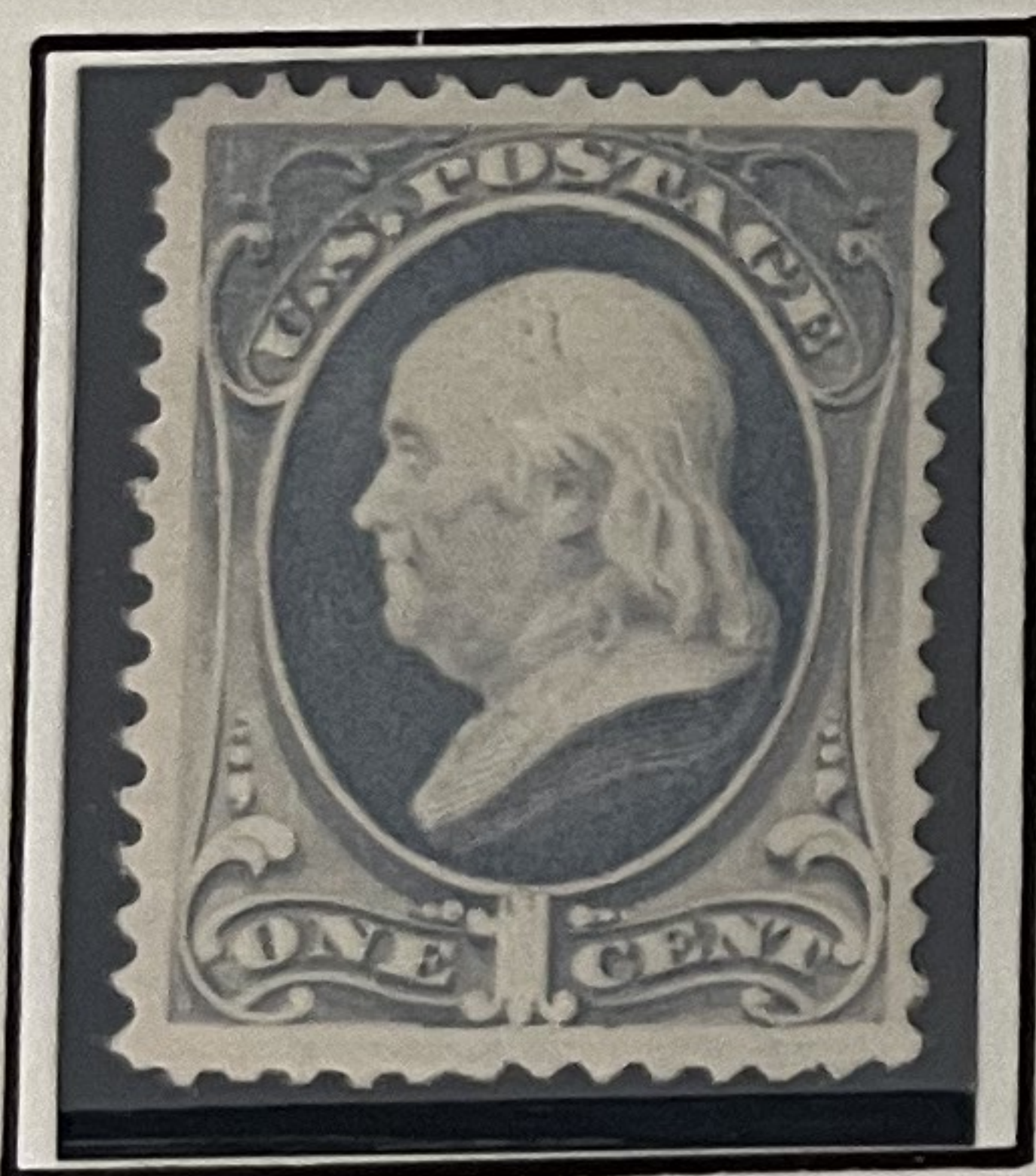
Issue of 1881-82

PERFORATED 12

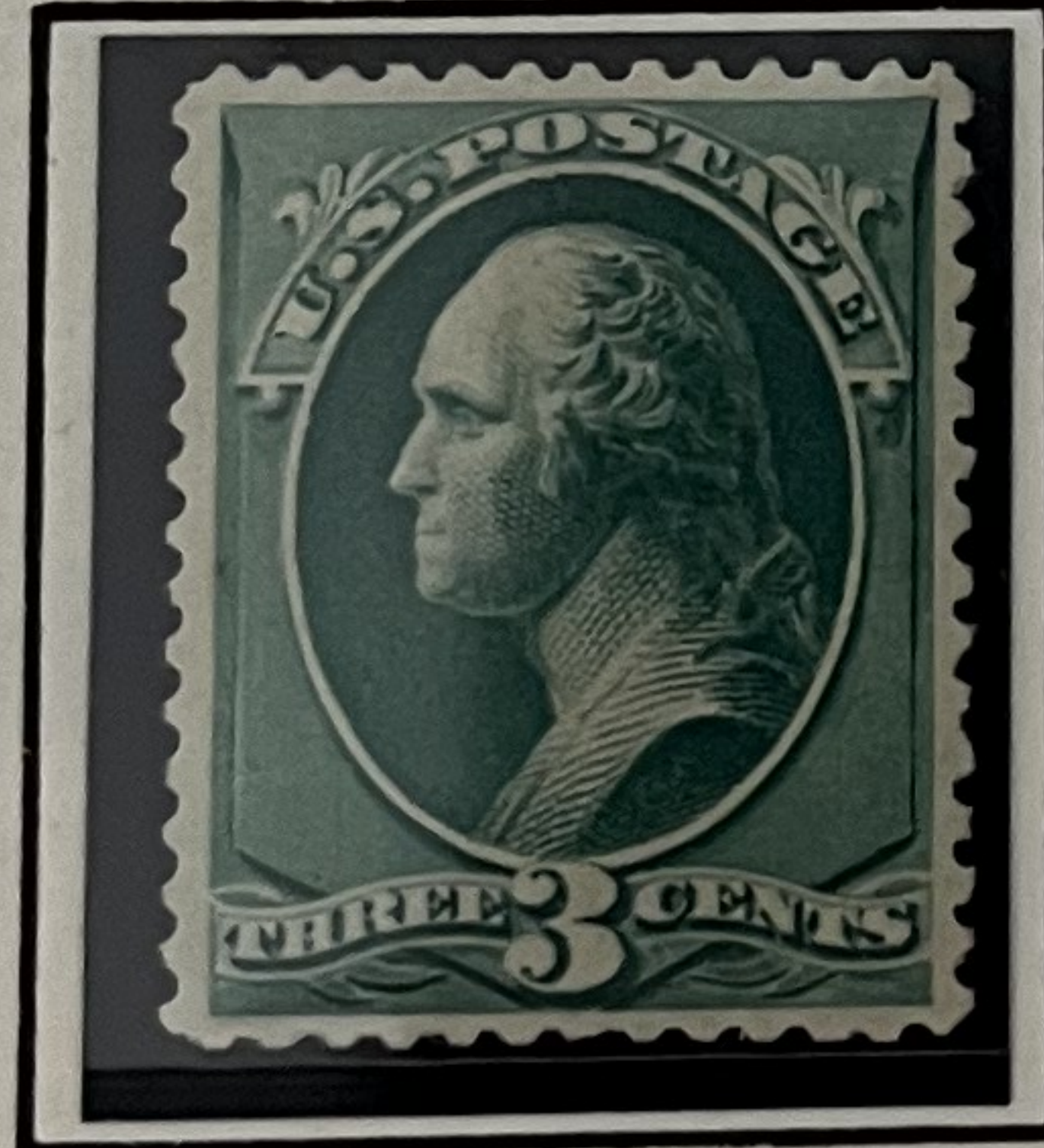
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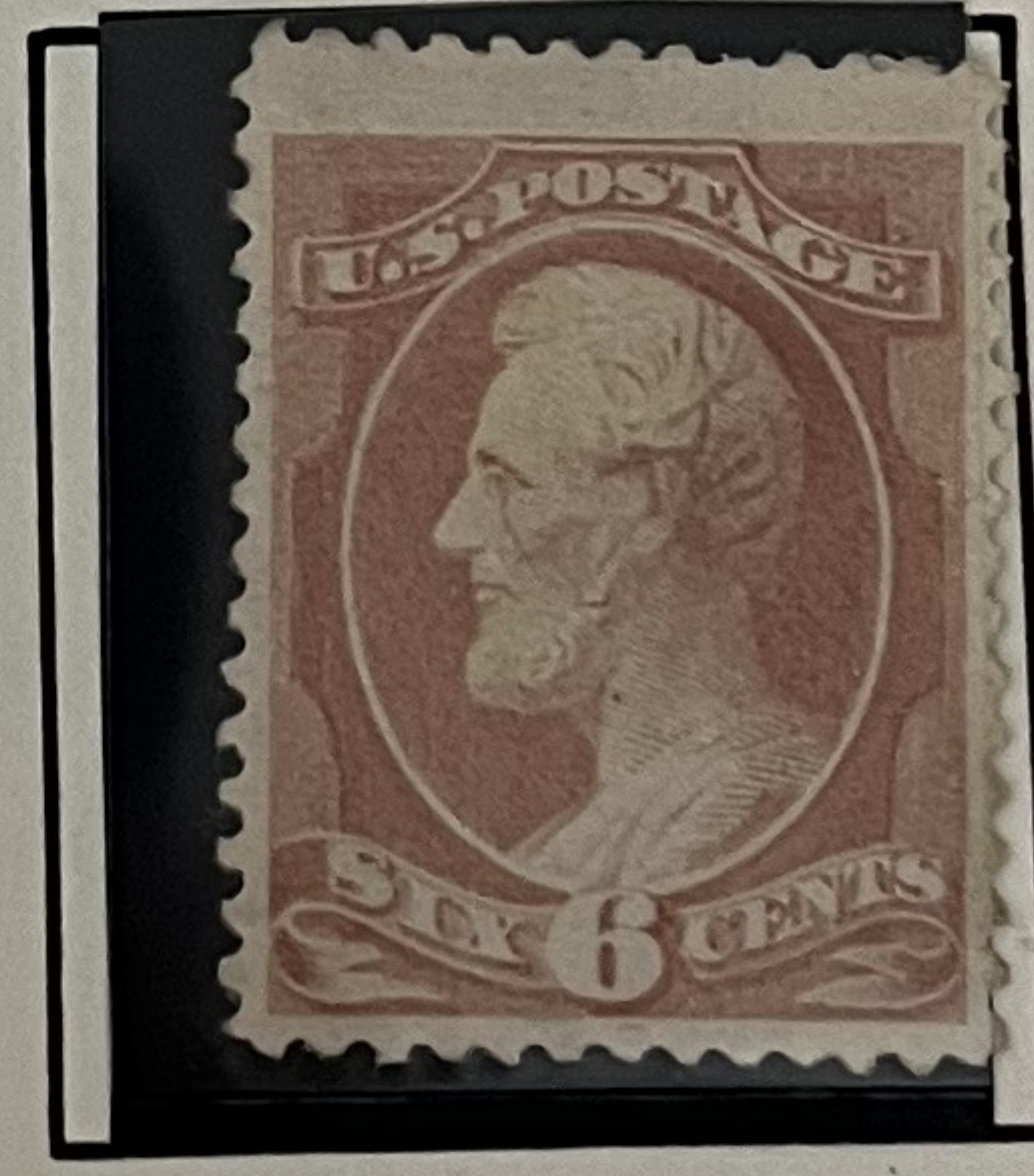
208A



Benjamin Franklin  
206



George Washington  
207



Abraham Lincoln



Thomas Jefferson

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

Illustrations of the re-engraving characteristics

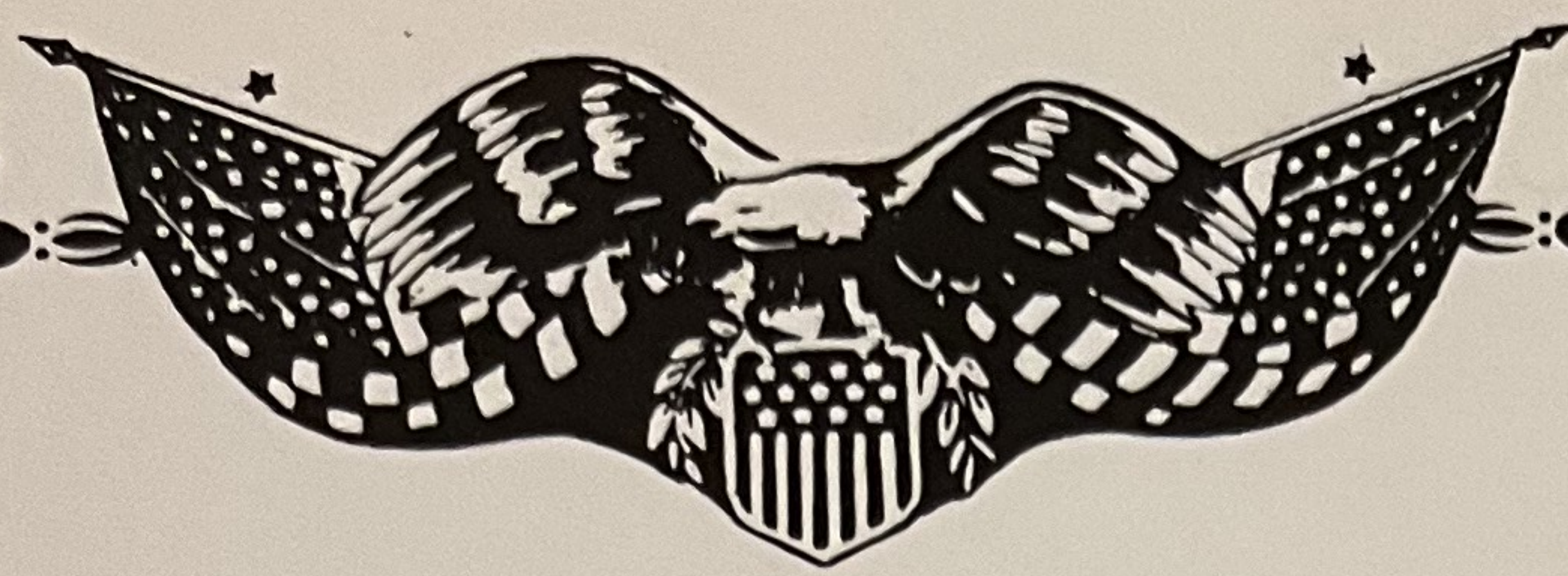


1¢—Lines of shading have been added to the upper arabesques, and vertical lines in the upper portion of the stamp have been deepened.

3¢—About 1mm. below the "ts" of cents a short horizontal dash has been etched. The width of the shading at the side of the central oval has been reduced.

6¢—Three lines can be counted from the edge of the panel to the outside of the stamp. Be-

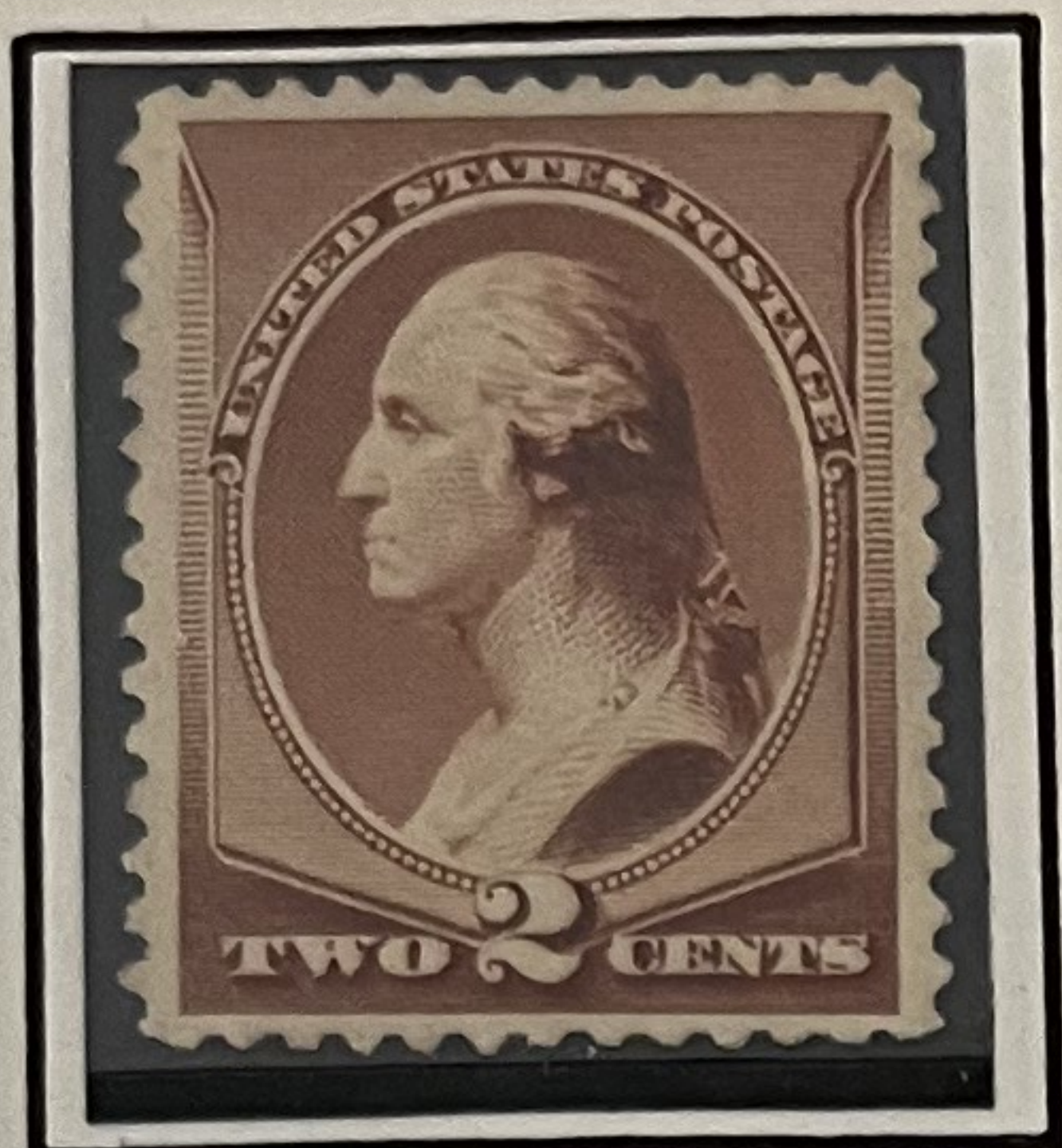




Issue of 1883

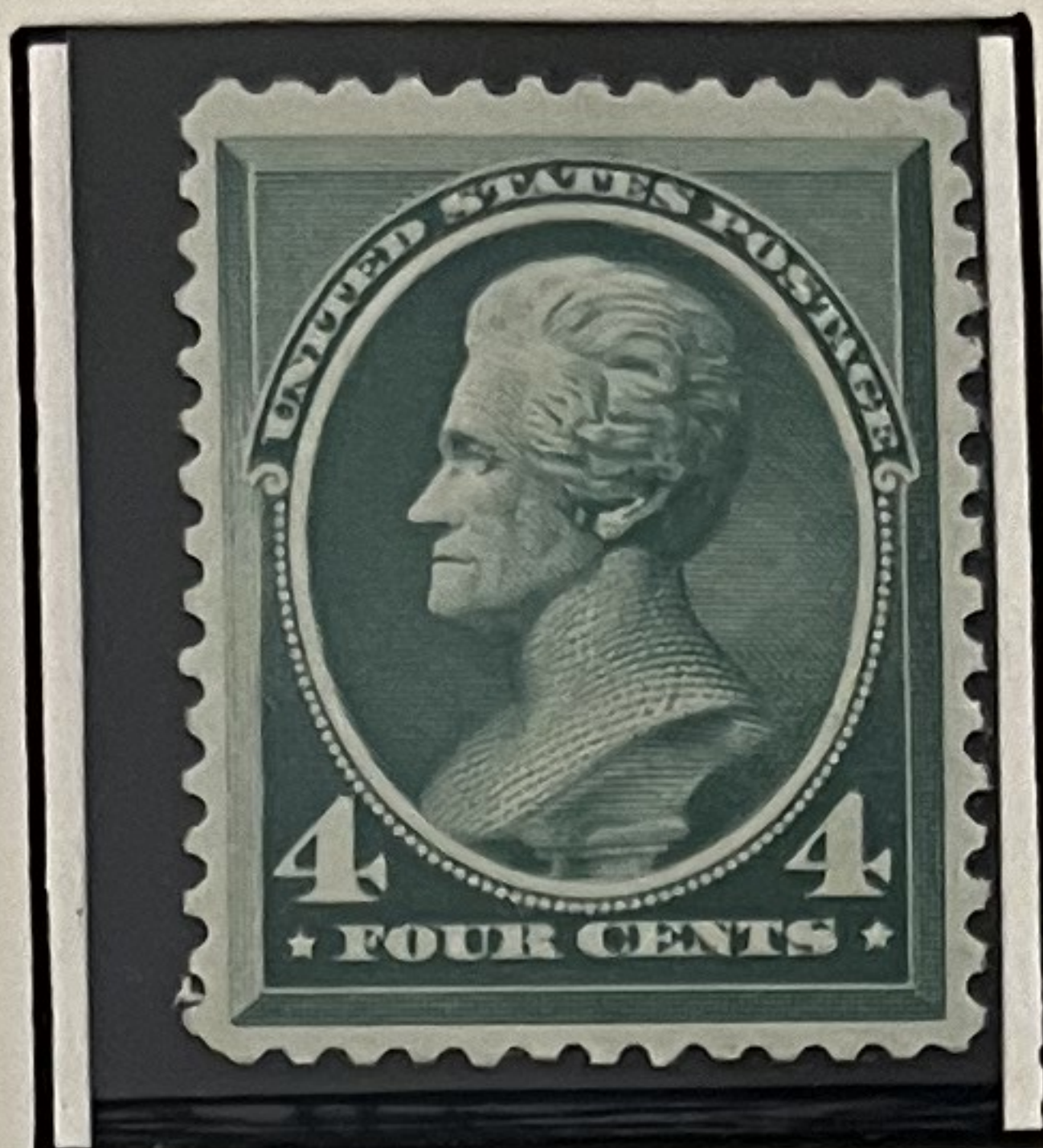
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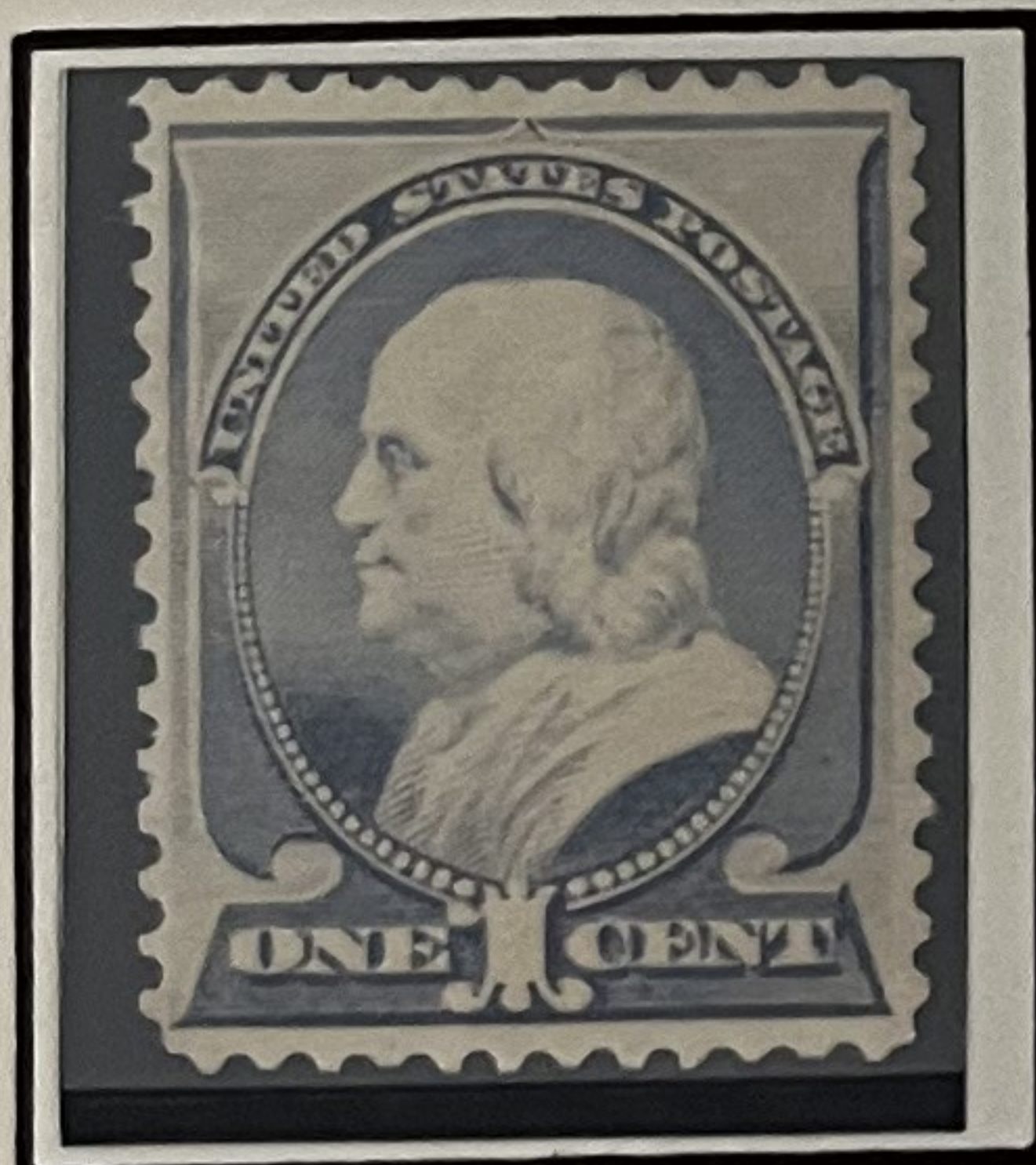
George Washington



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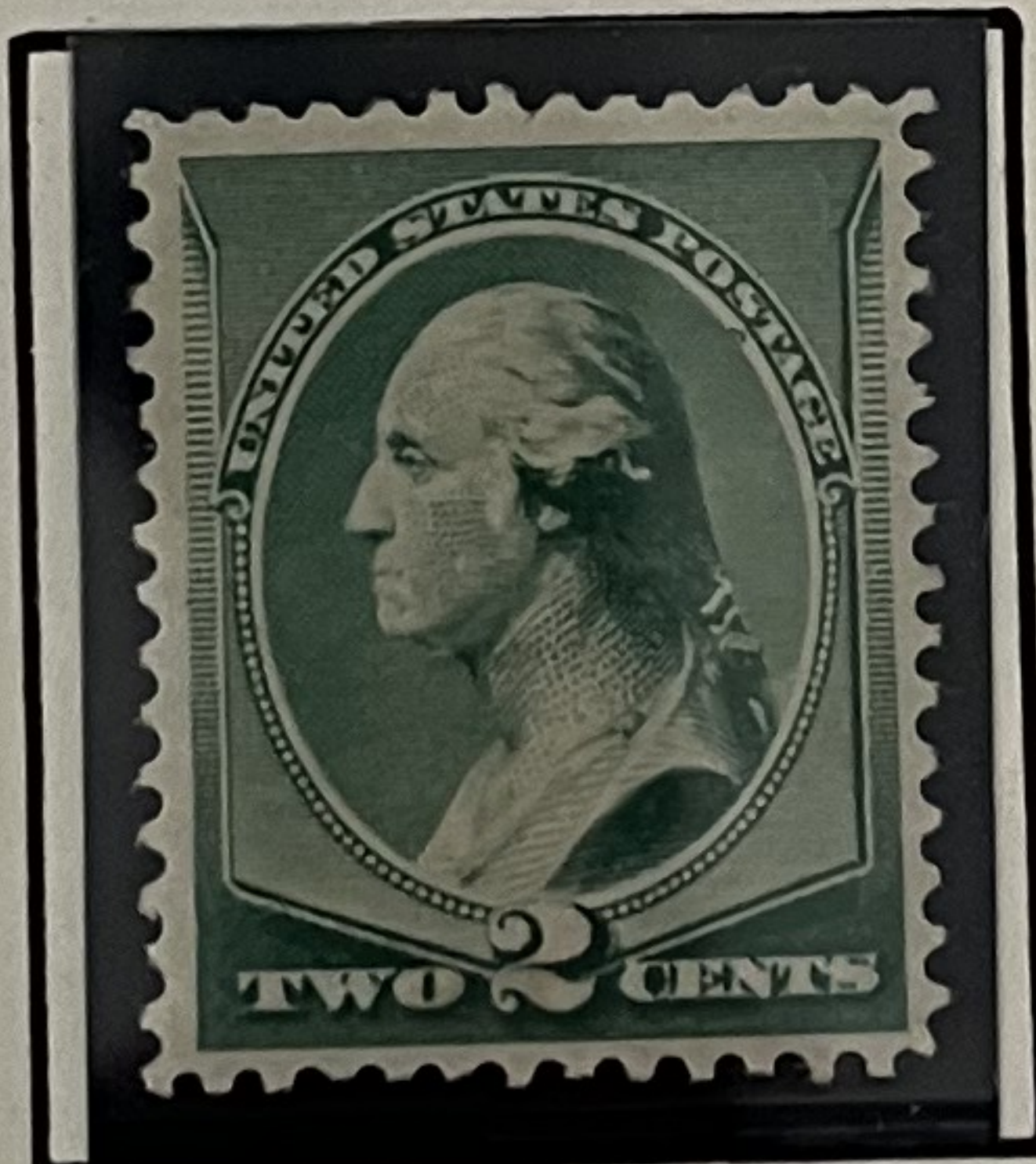
Andrew Jackson

Issue of 1887



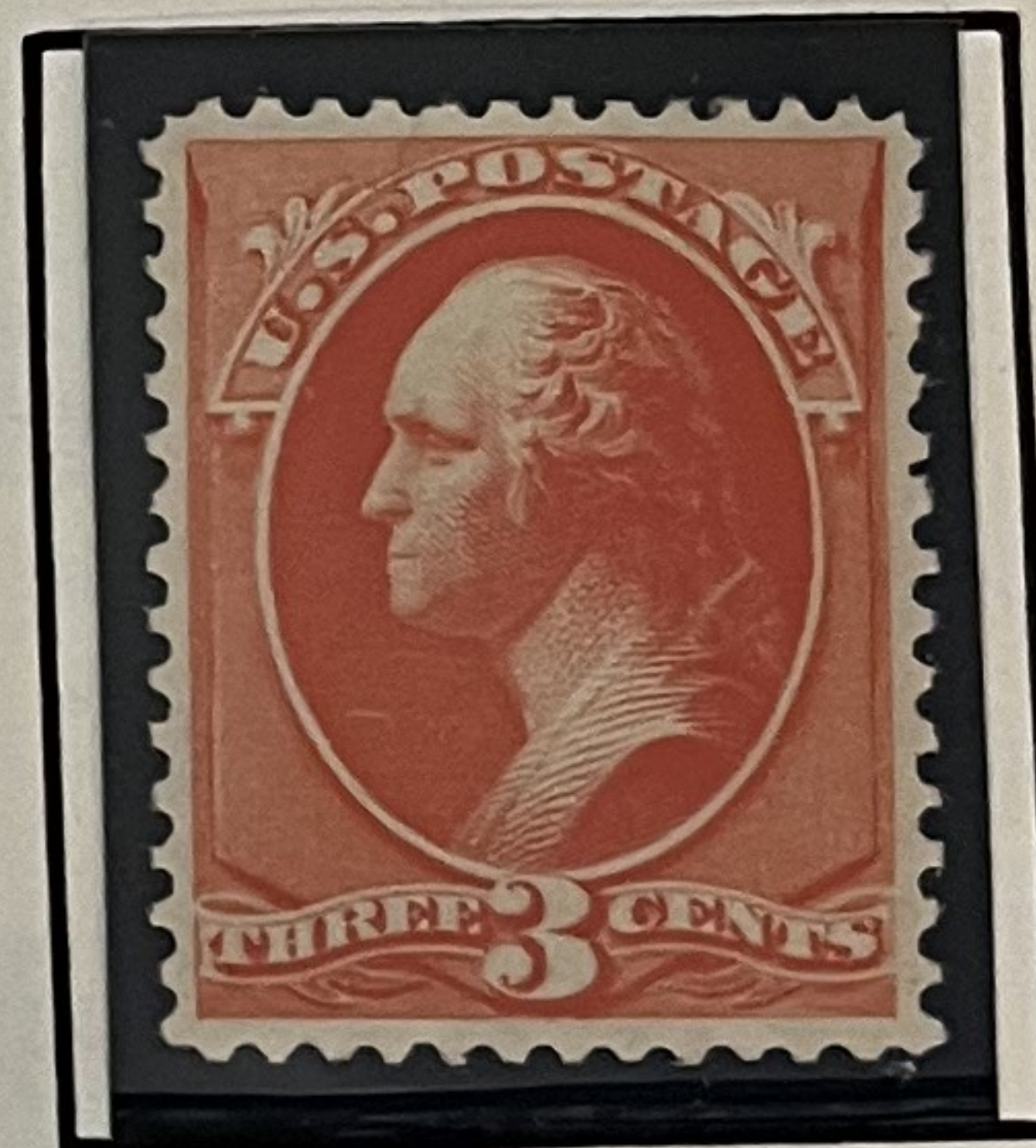
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Benjamin Franklin



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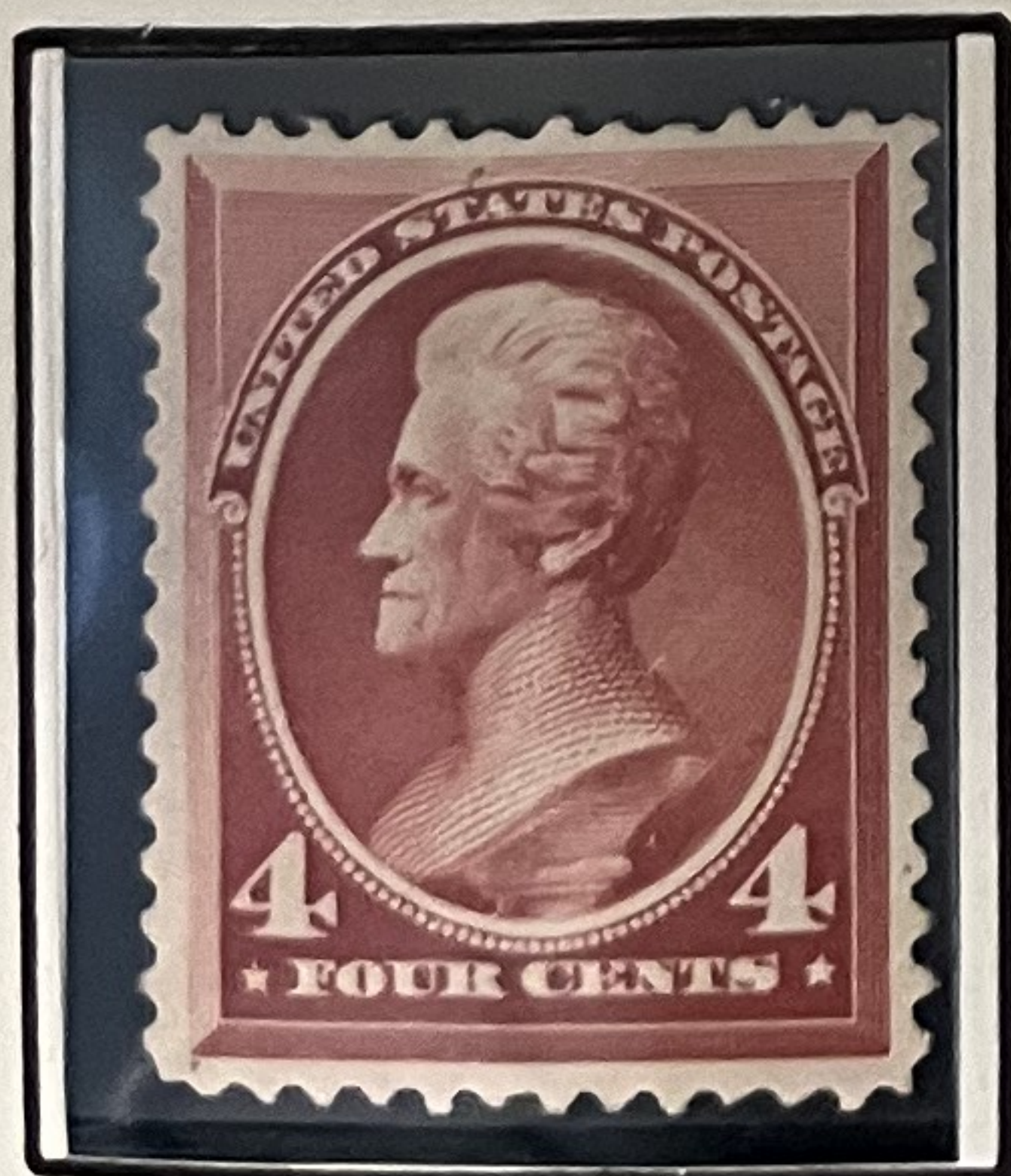
George Washington



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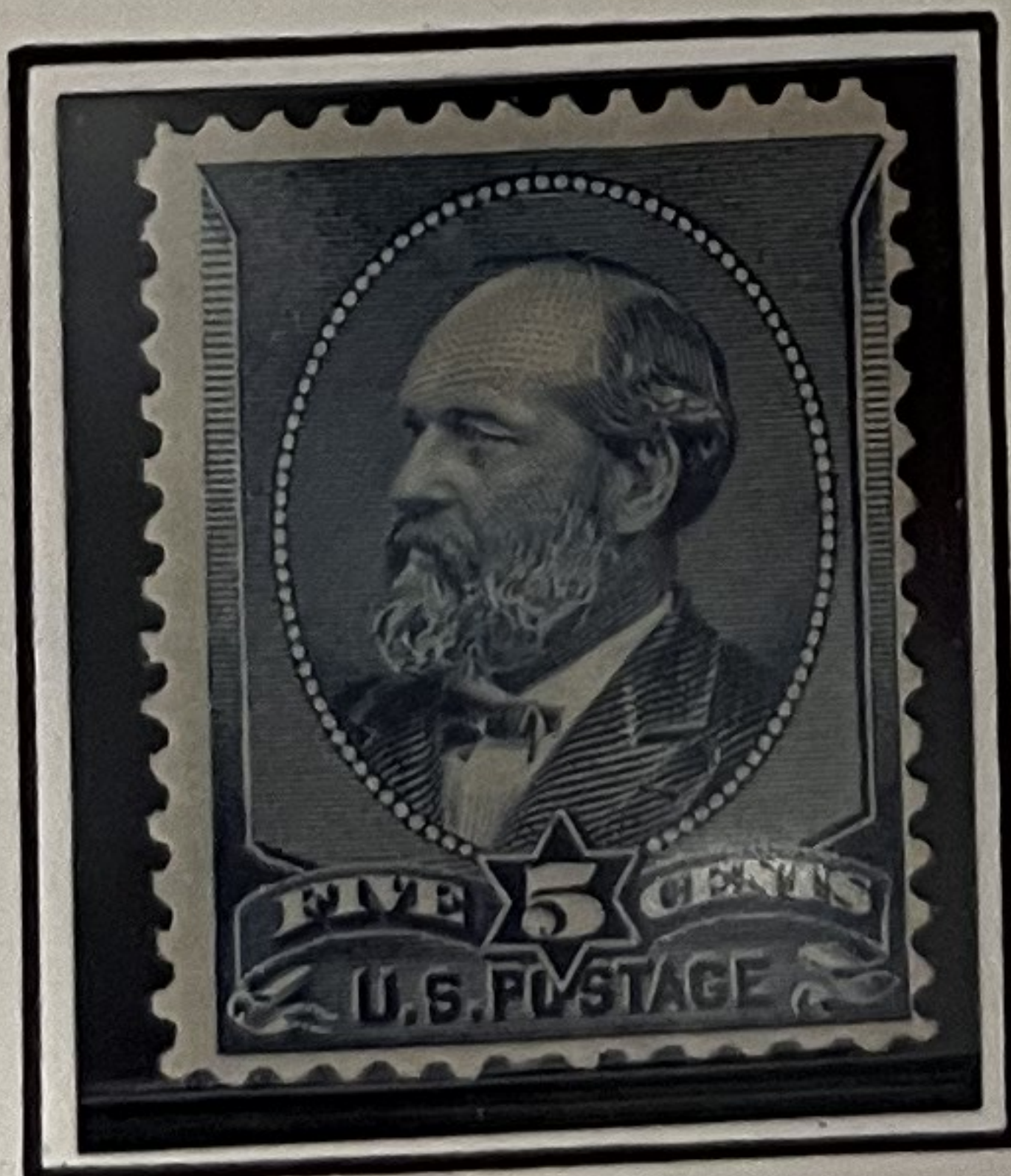
George Washington

Issue of 1888



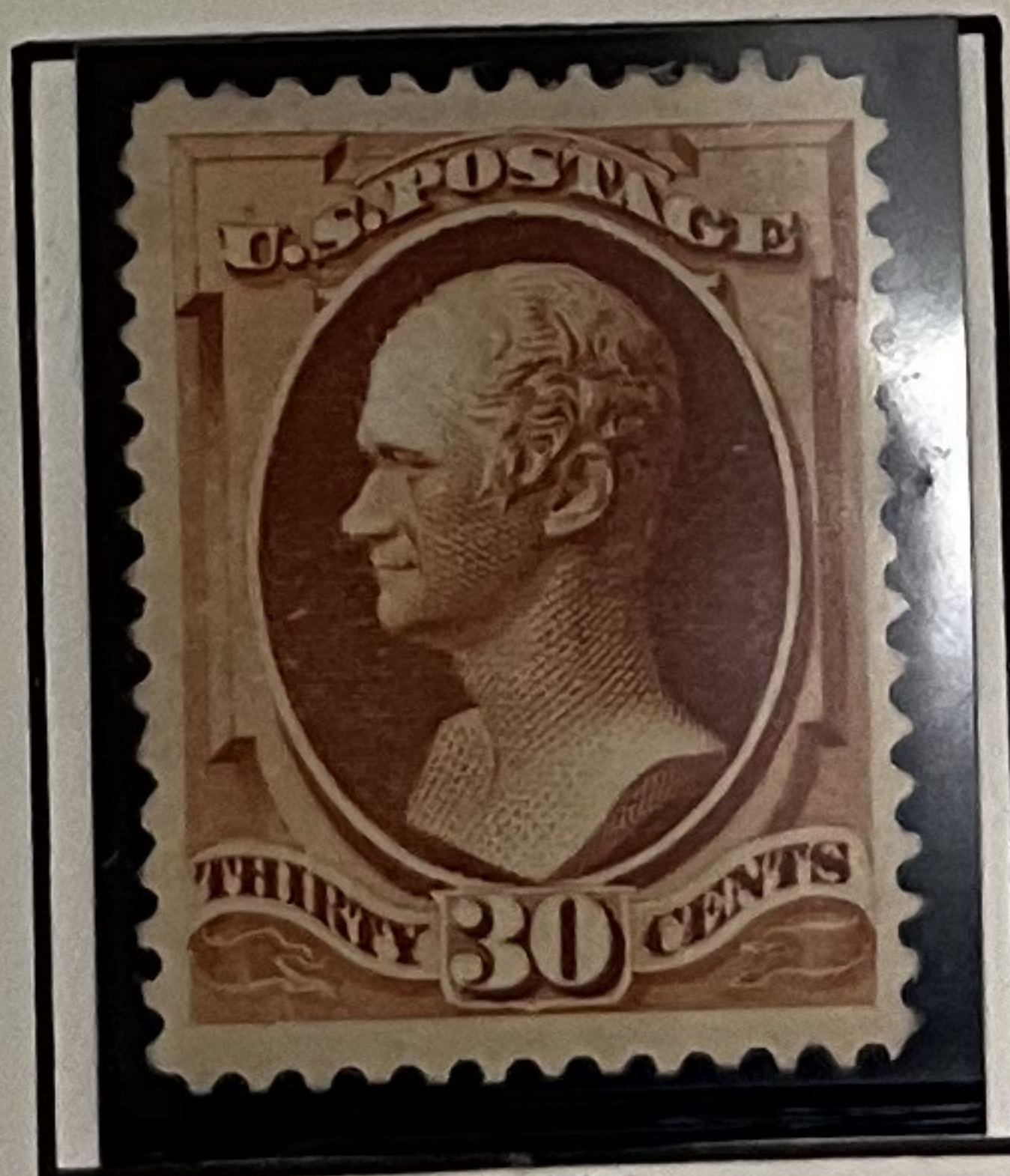
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Andrew Jackson



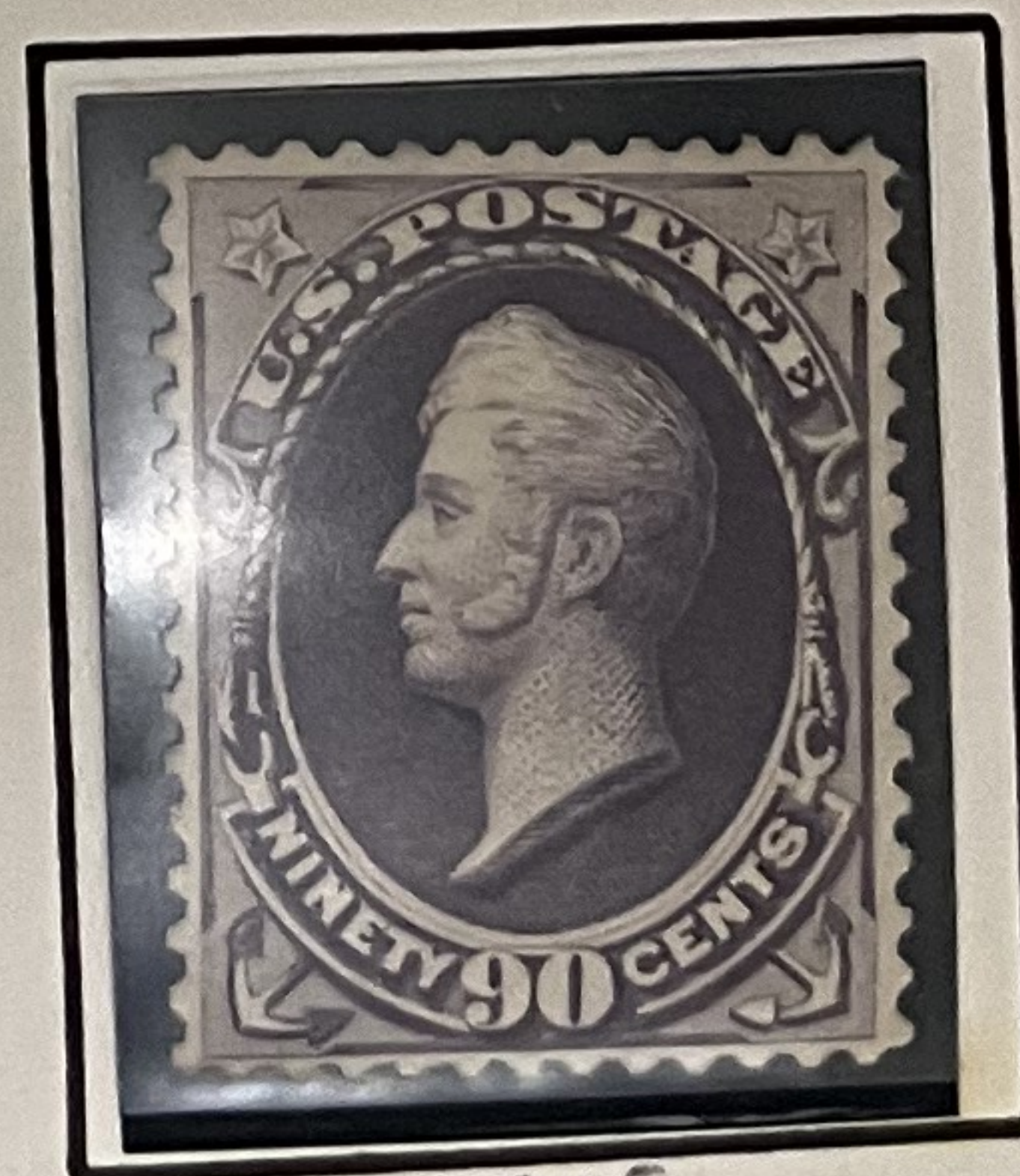
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James A. Garfield



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Alexander Hamilton



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Commodore Oliver Perry





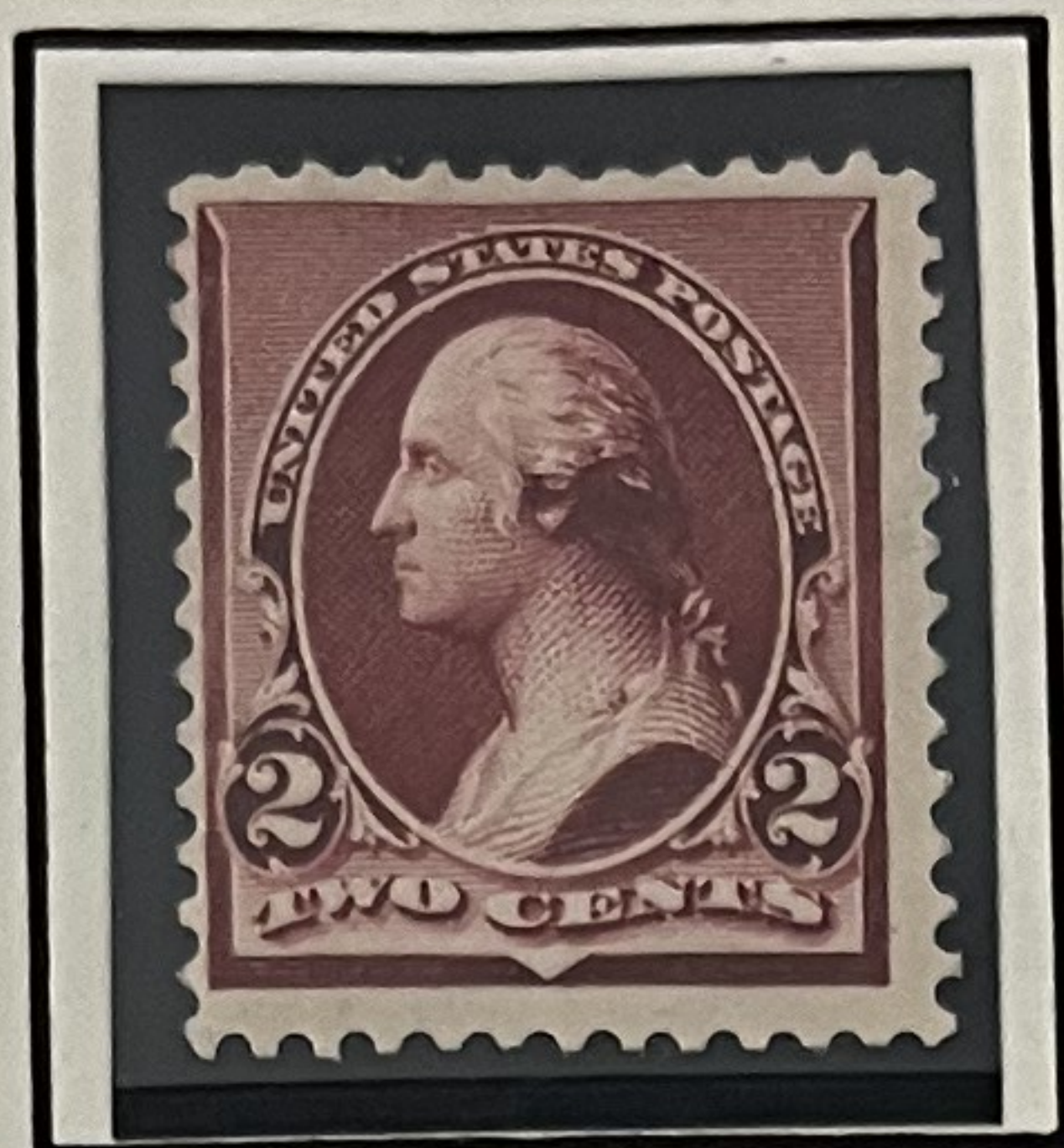
Issue of 1890-93

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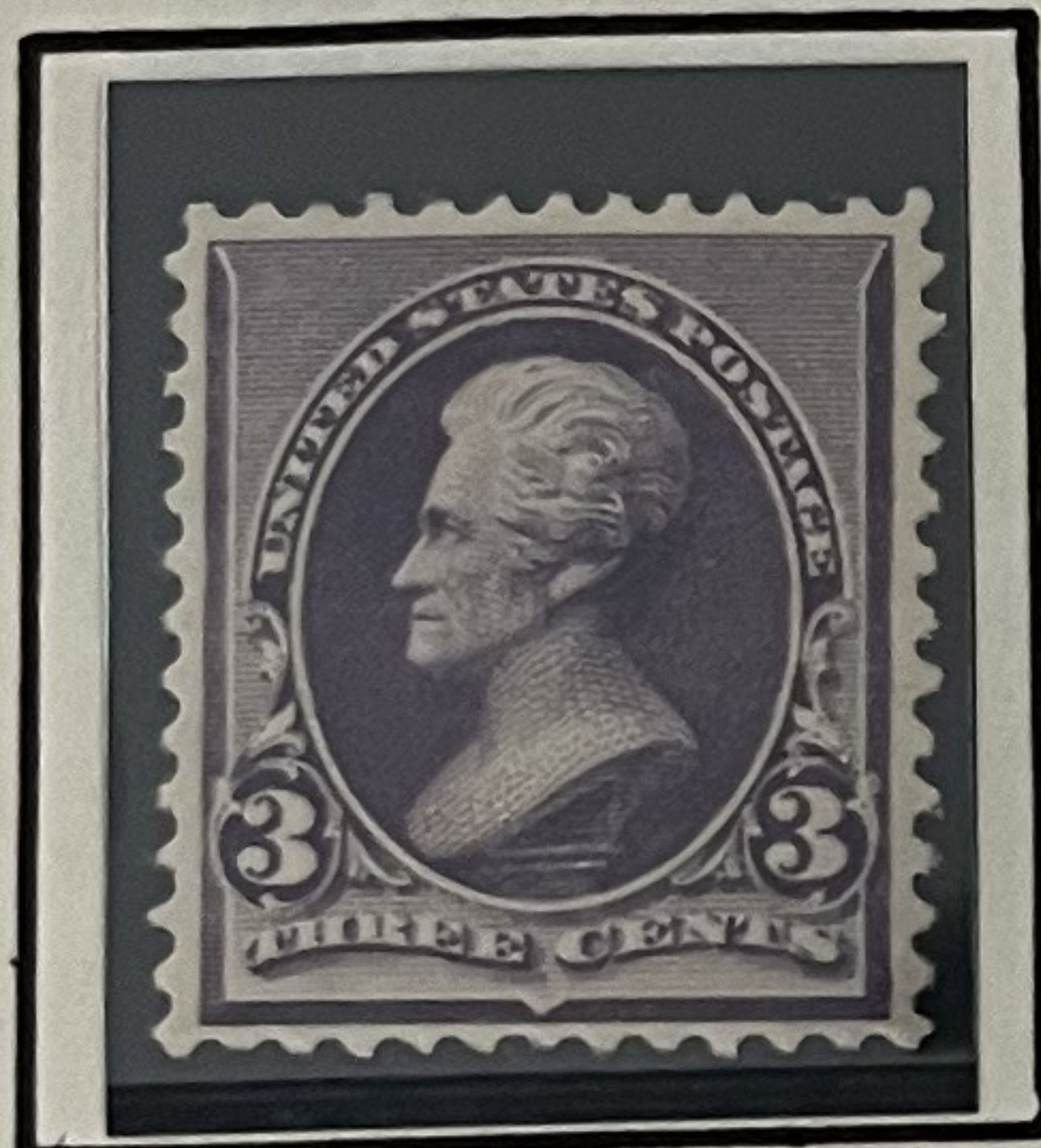
219 Benjamin Franklin



219 D George Washington



220 George Washington



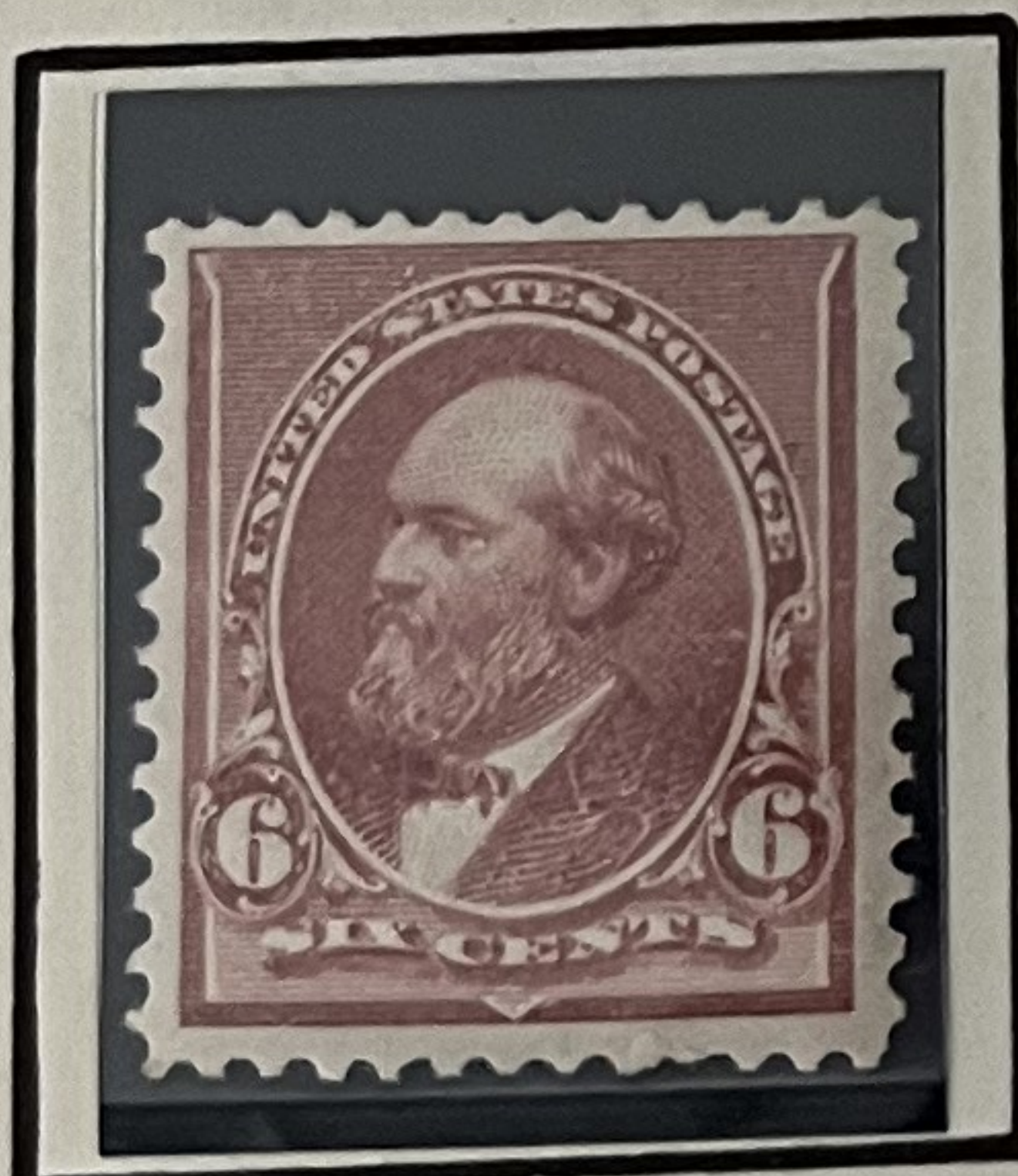
221 Andrew Jackson



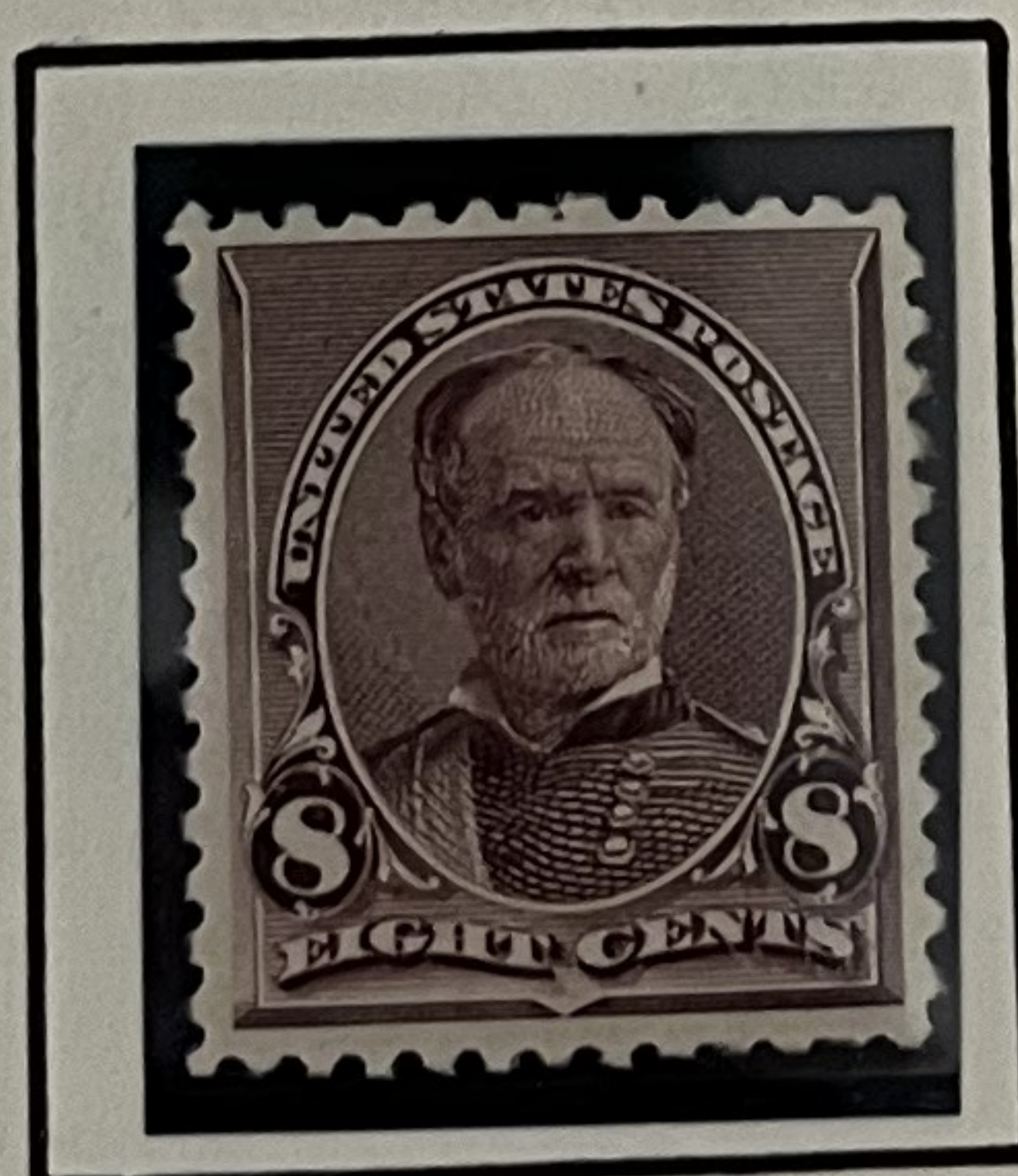
222 Abraham Lincoln



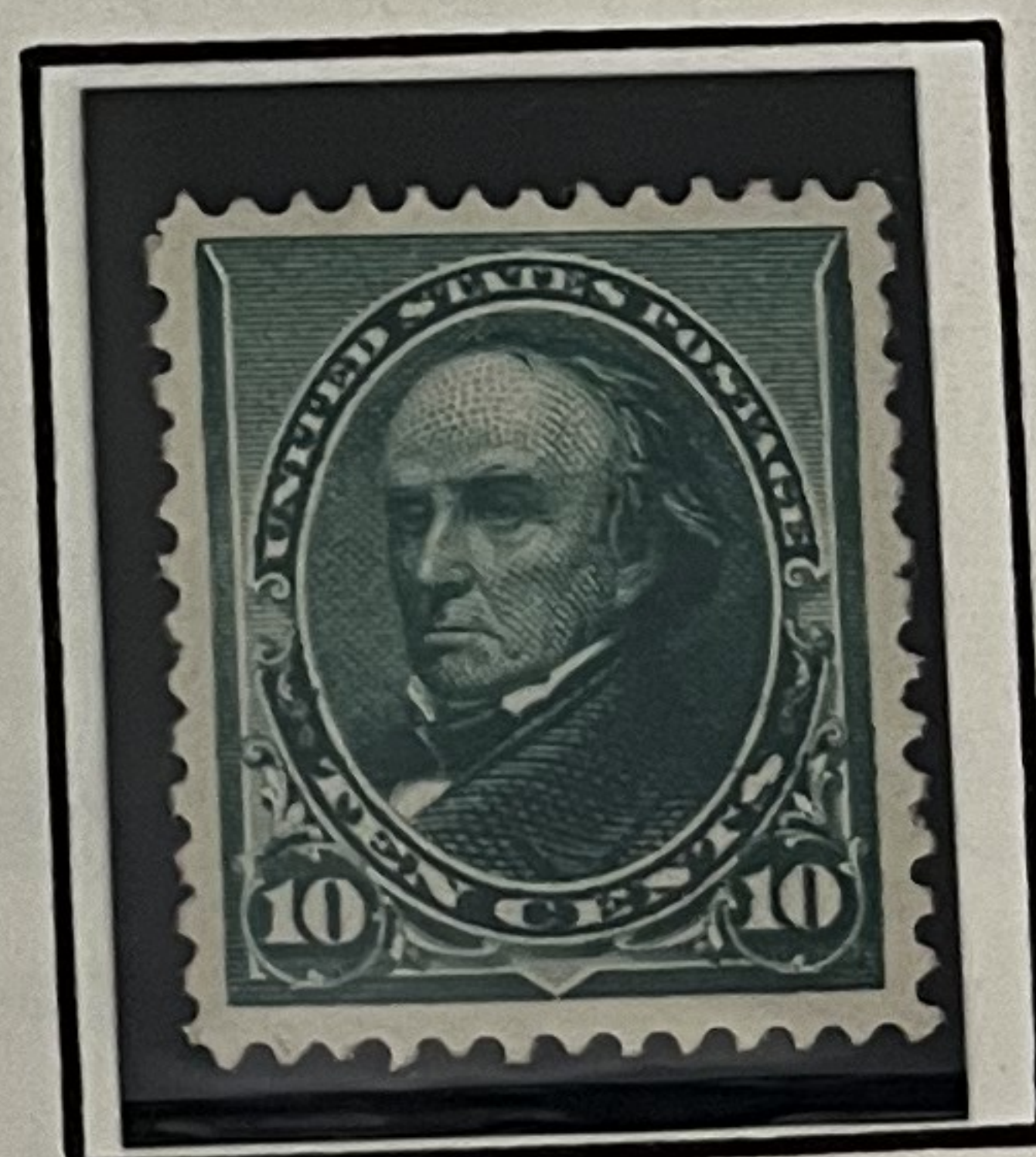
223 Ulysses S. Grant



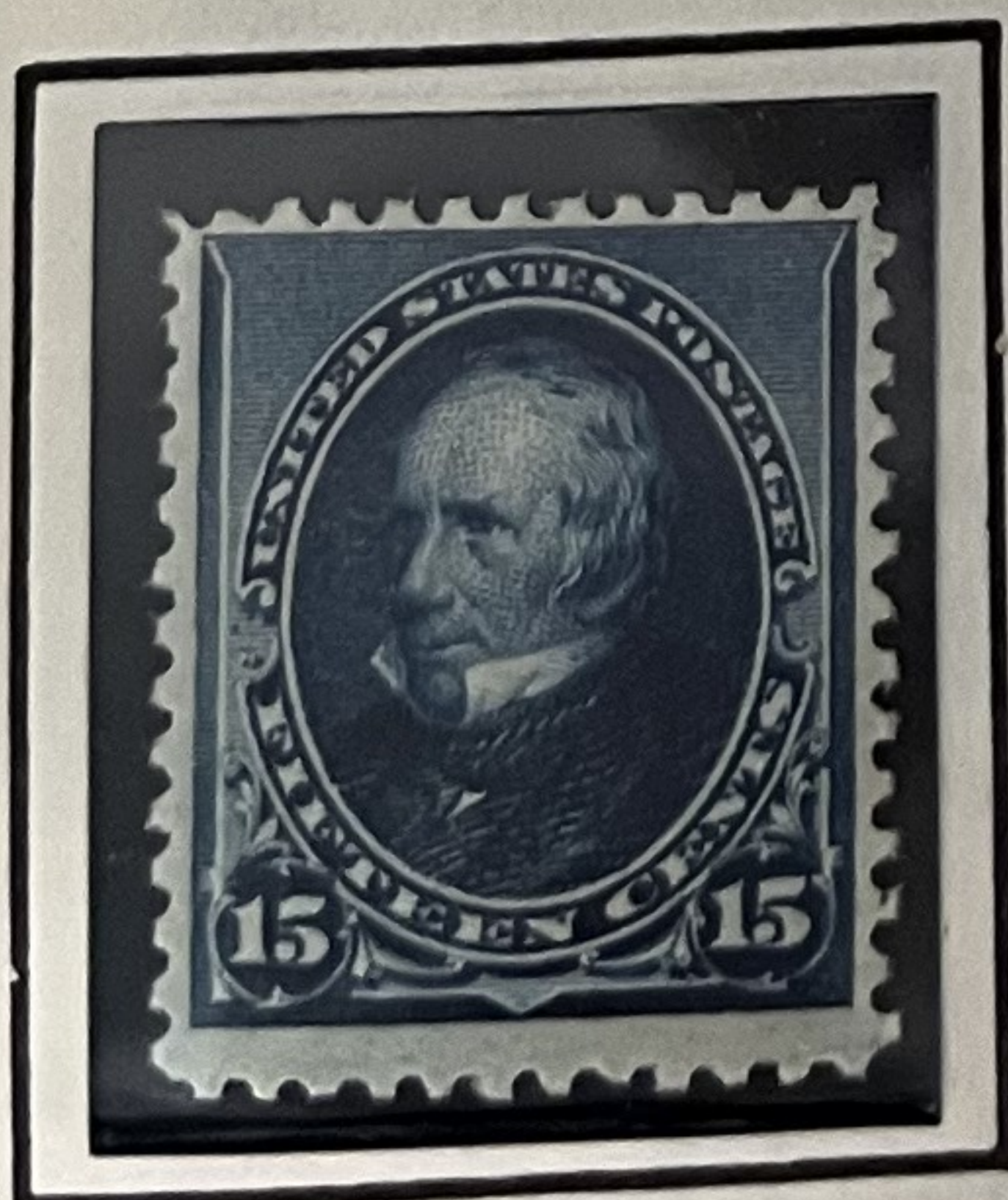
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225 William T. Sherman



226 Daniel Webster



227 Henry Clay



228 Thomas Jefferson



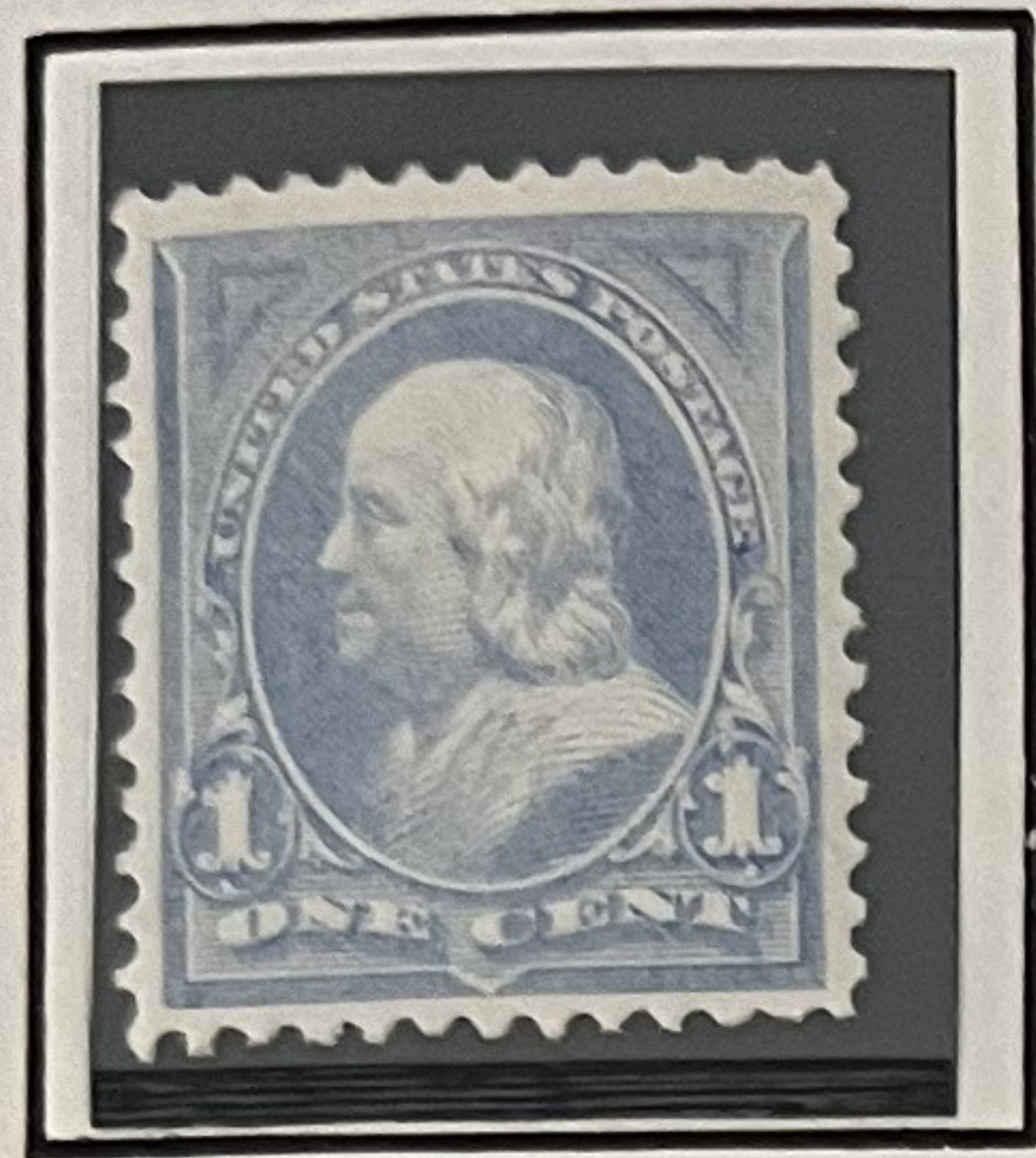
229 Commodore Oliver Perry

**T**HIS series of postage stamps was produced in the reduced size that is still used for regular issues and occasionally used for commemoratives. It features the portraits of several... The 24 value was originally issued in the lake

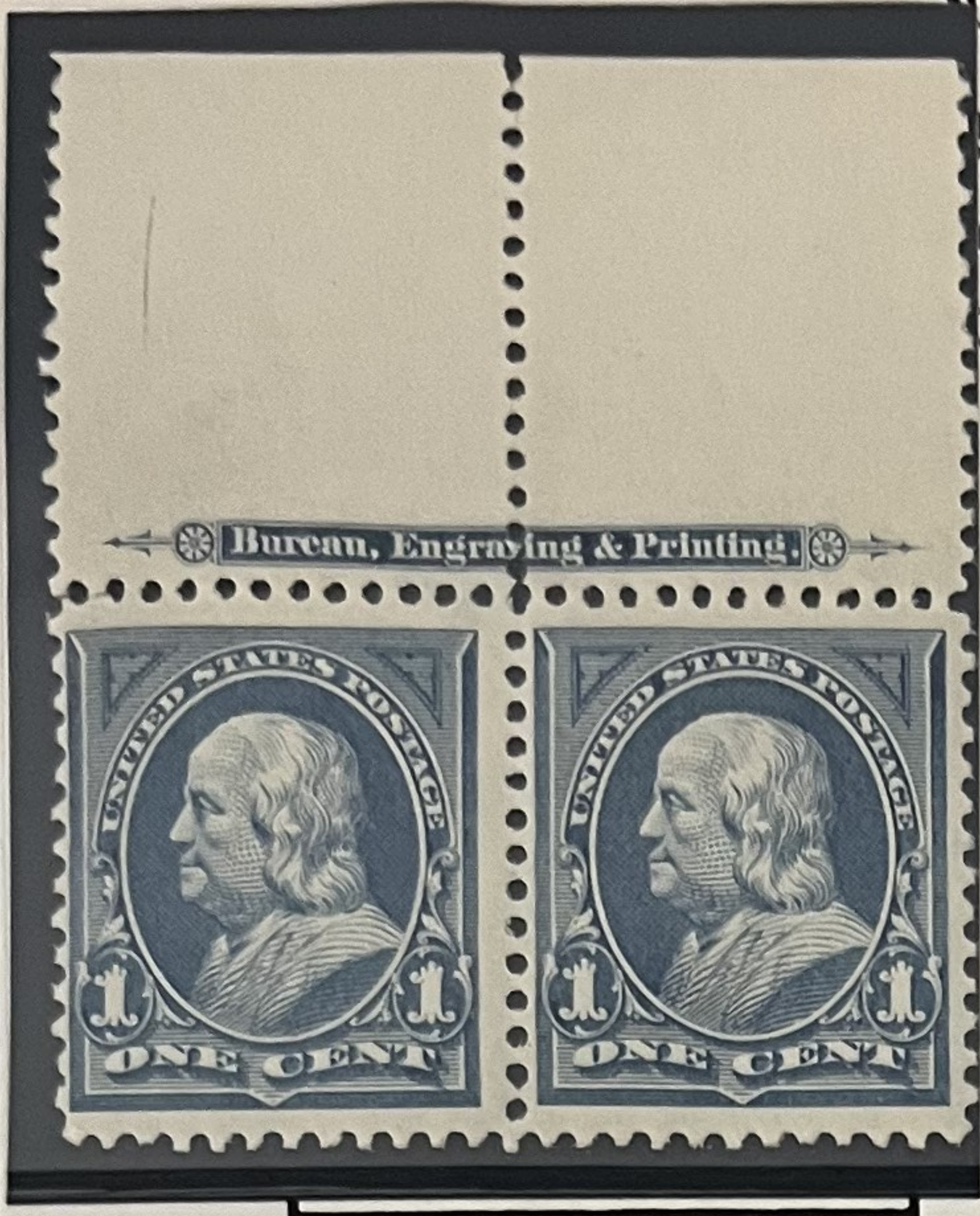




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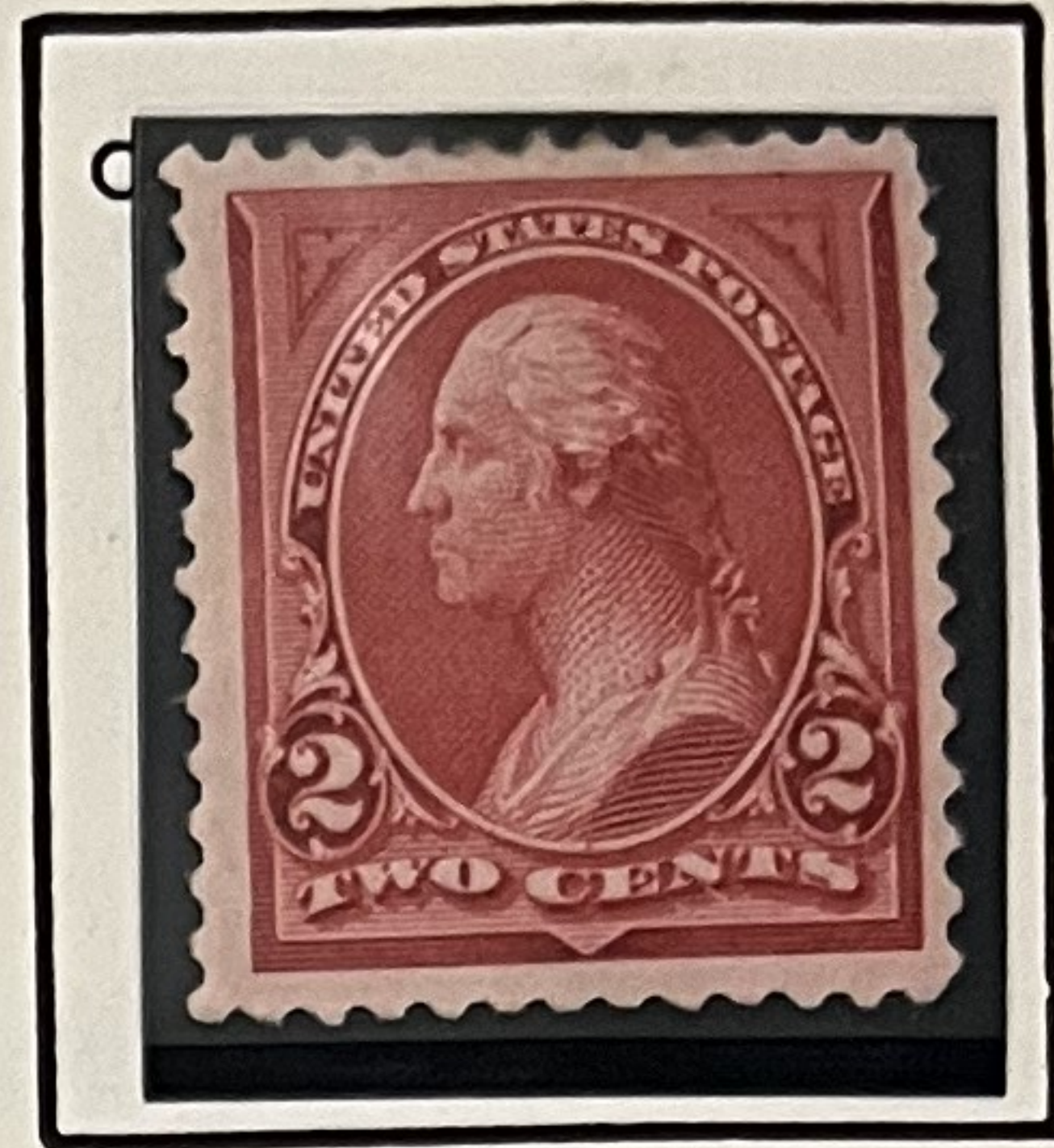
Benjamin Franklin  
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Benjamin Franklin  
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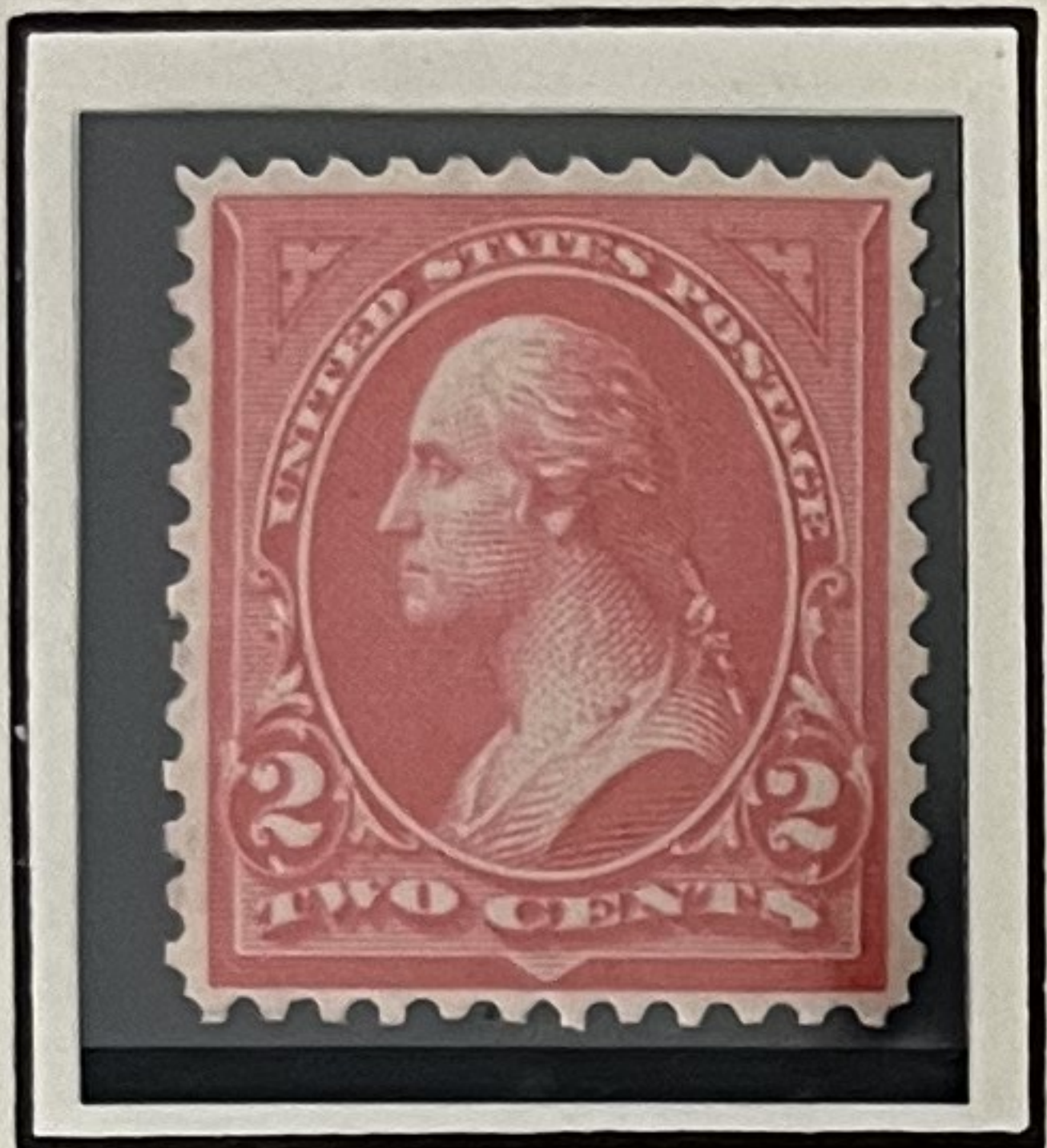
George Washington  
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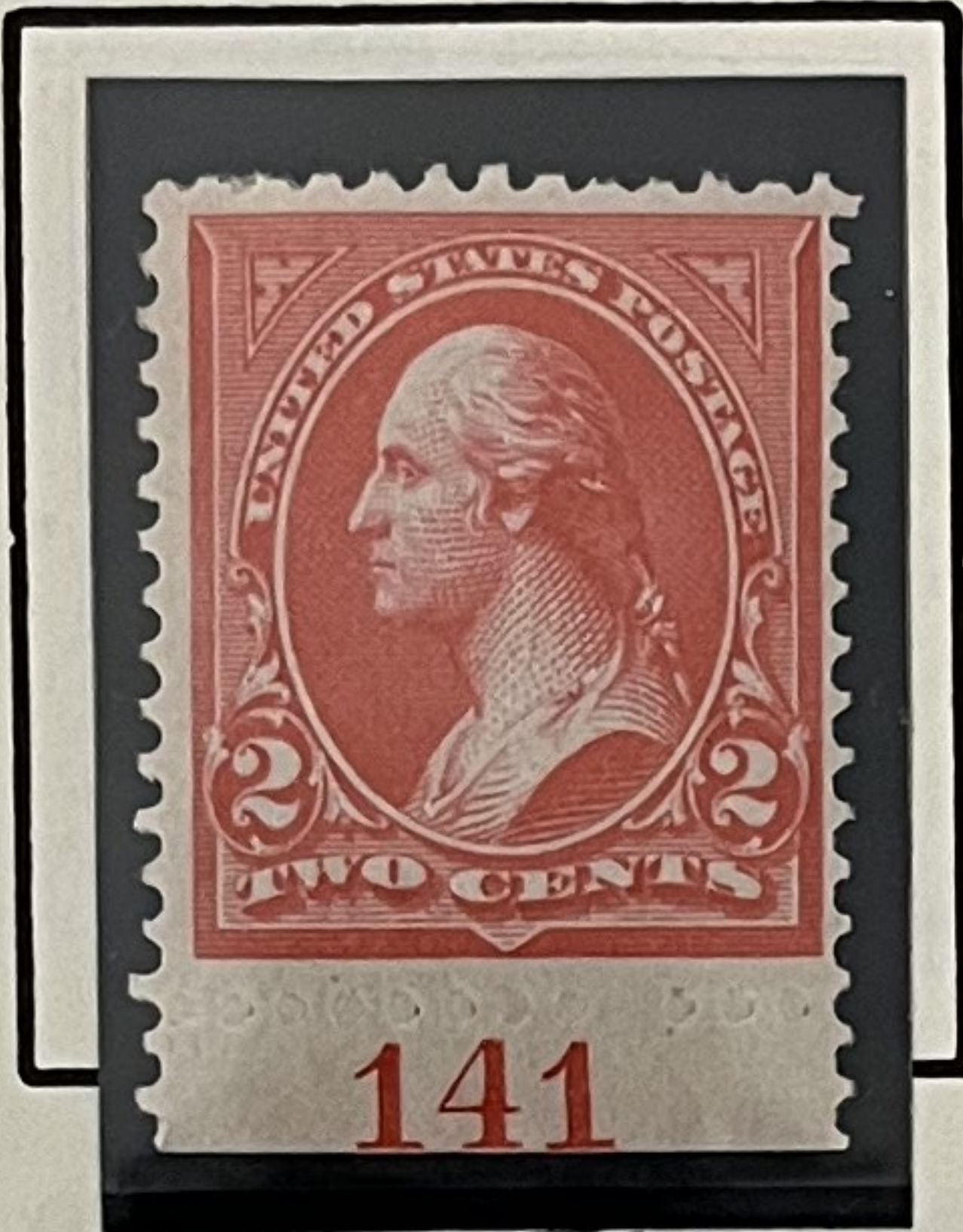
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George Washington  
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George Washington  
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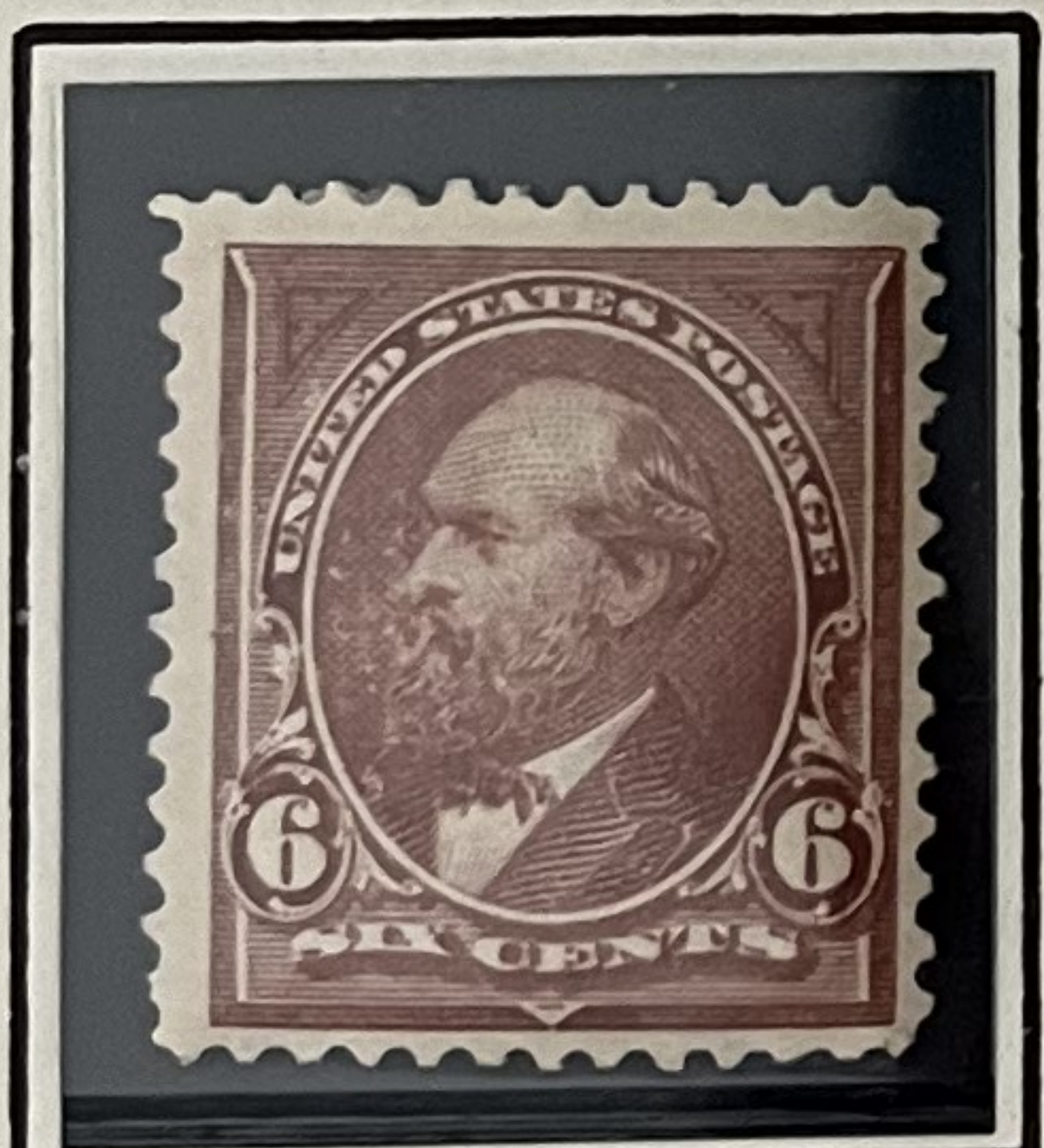
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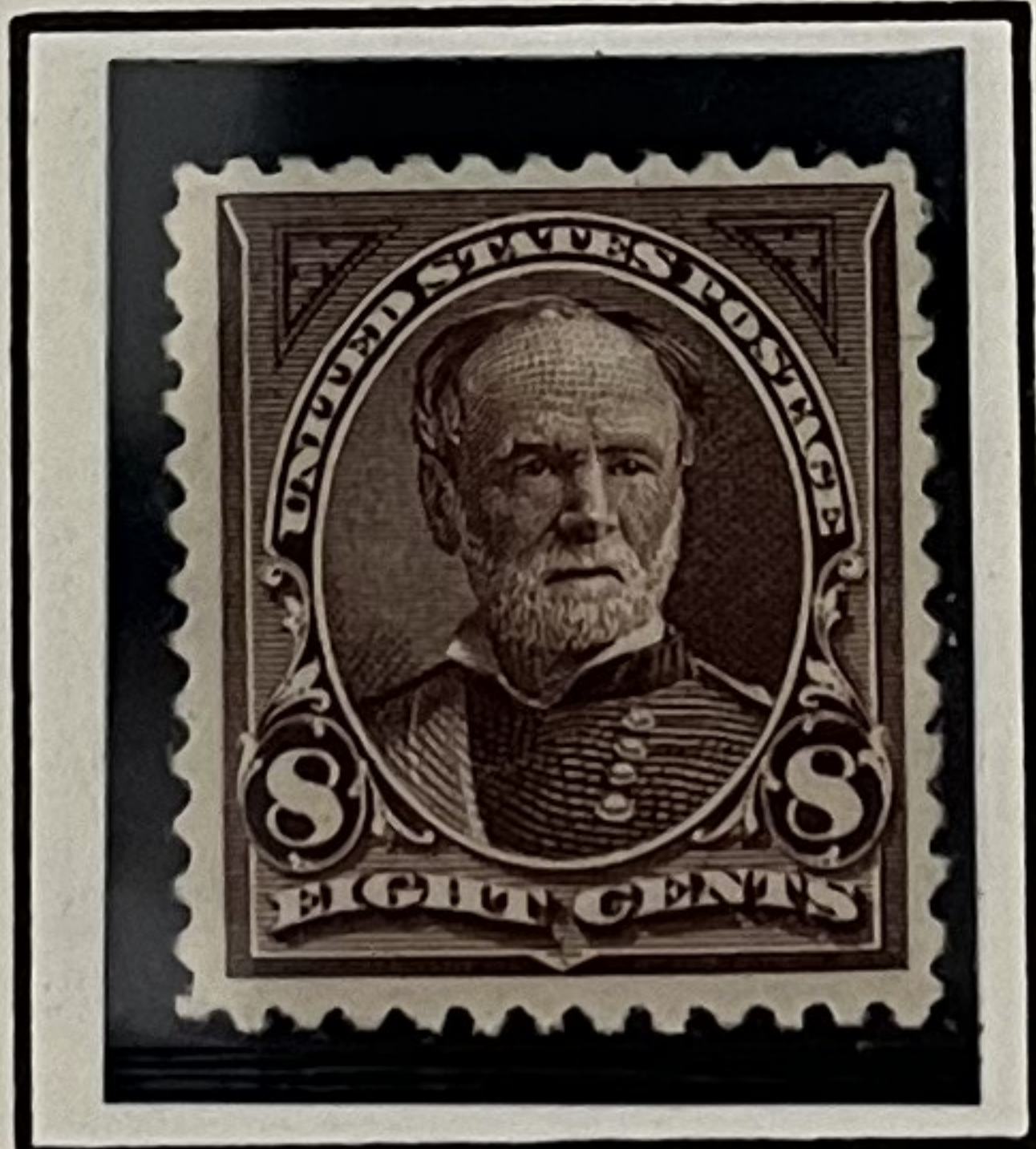
Abraham Lincoln  
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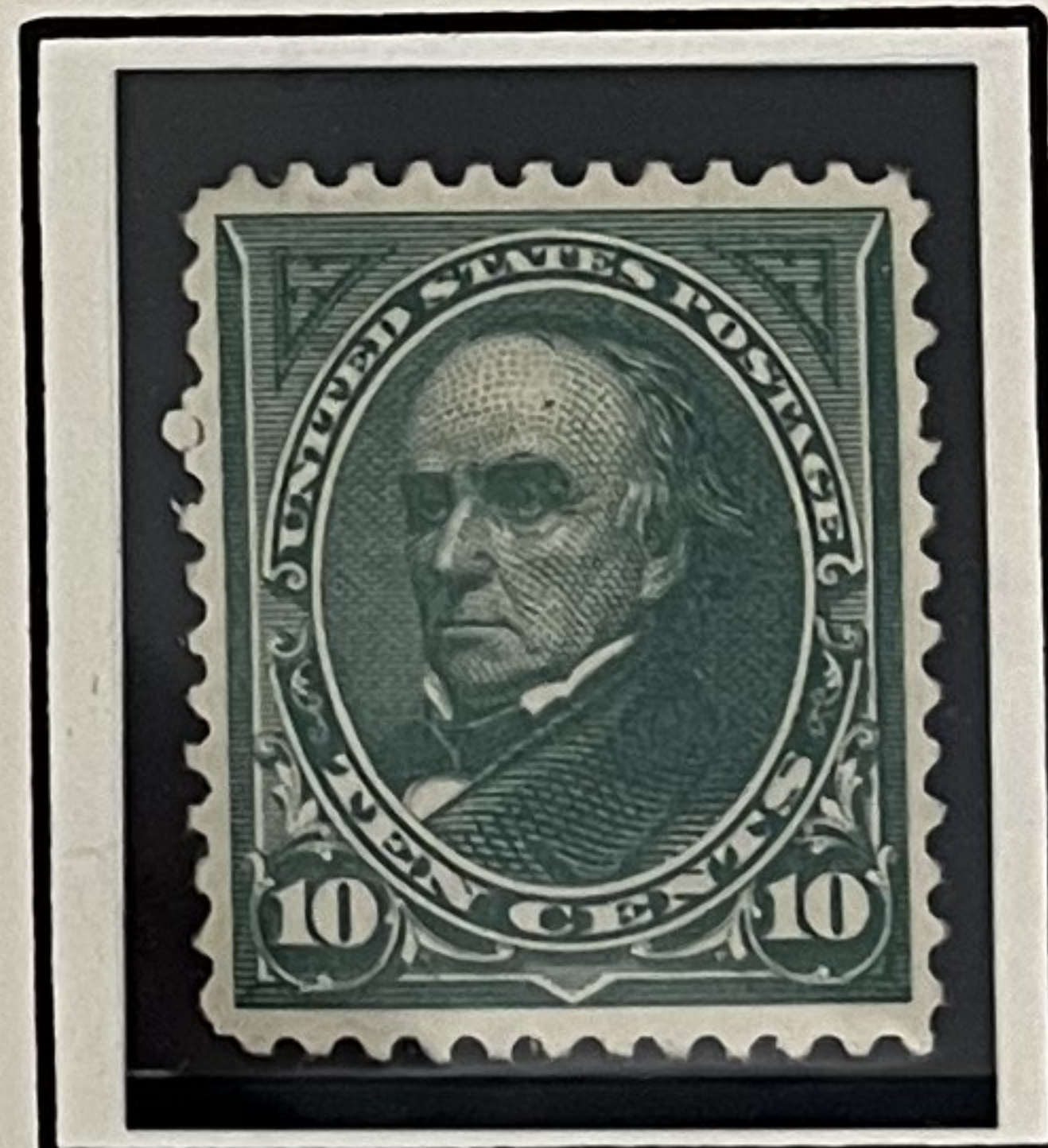
Ulysses S. Grant  
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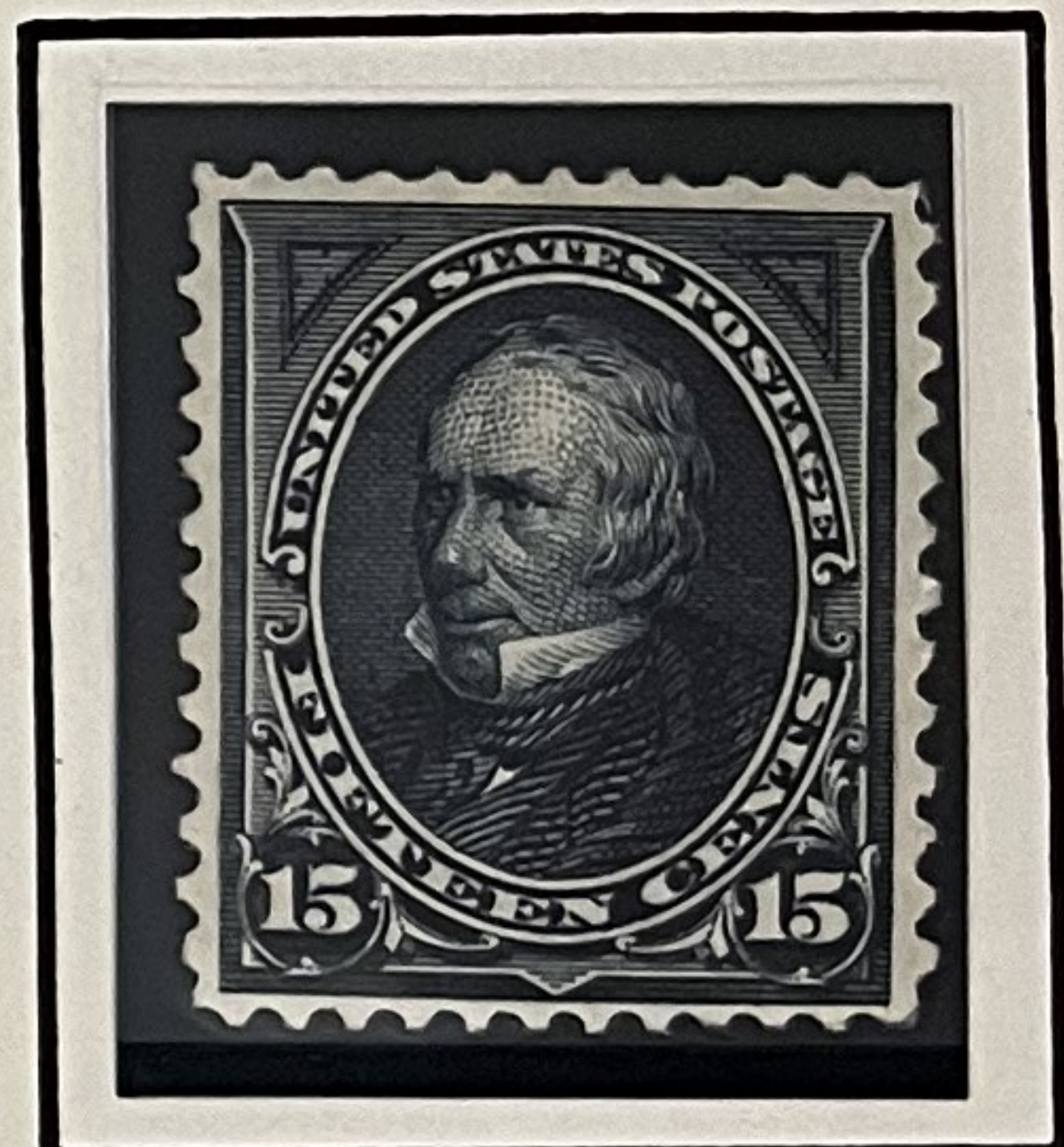
James A. Garfield  
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William T. Sherman  
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Daniel Webster  
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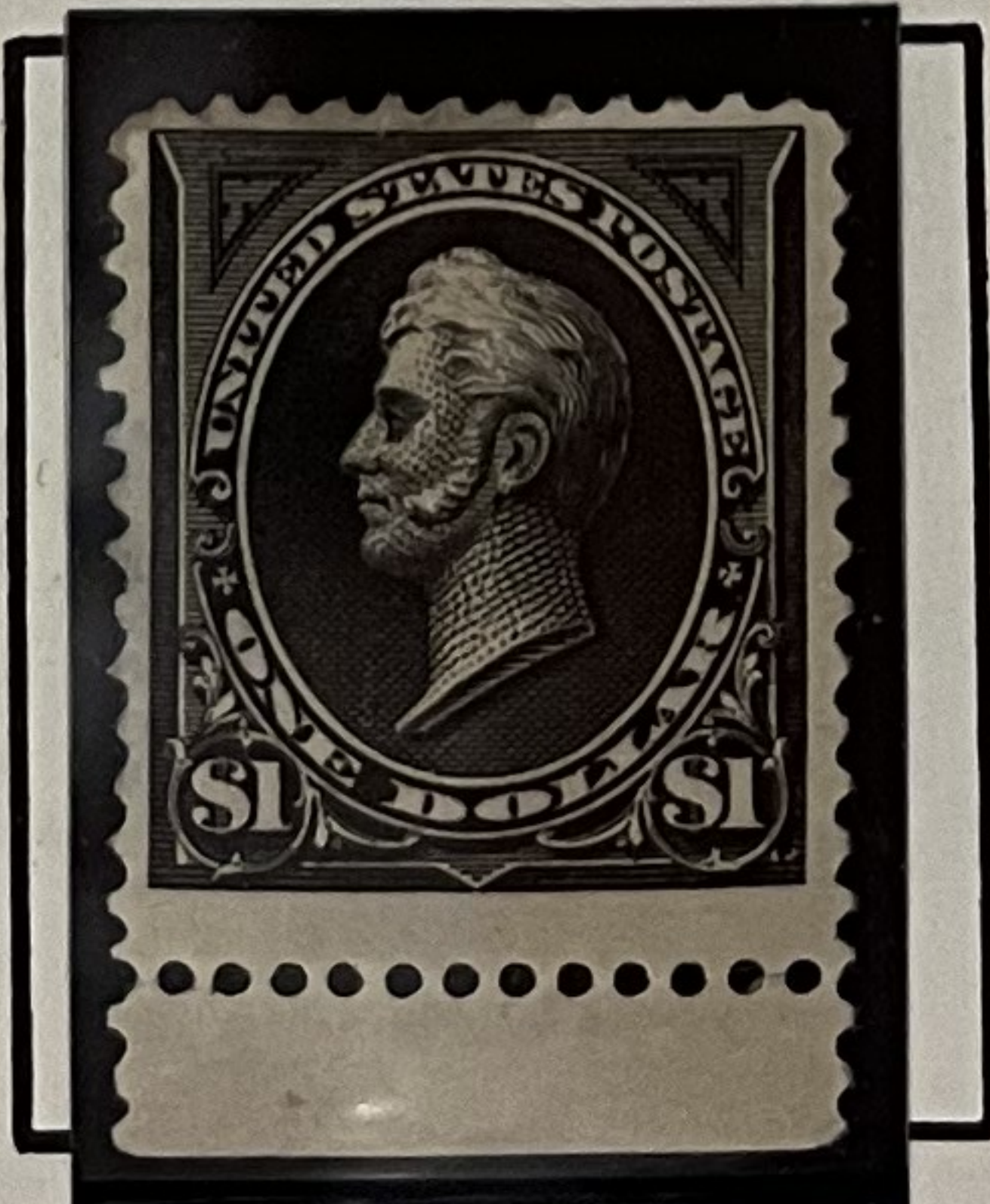
Henry Clay  
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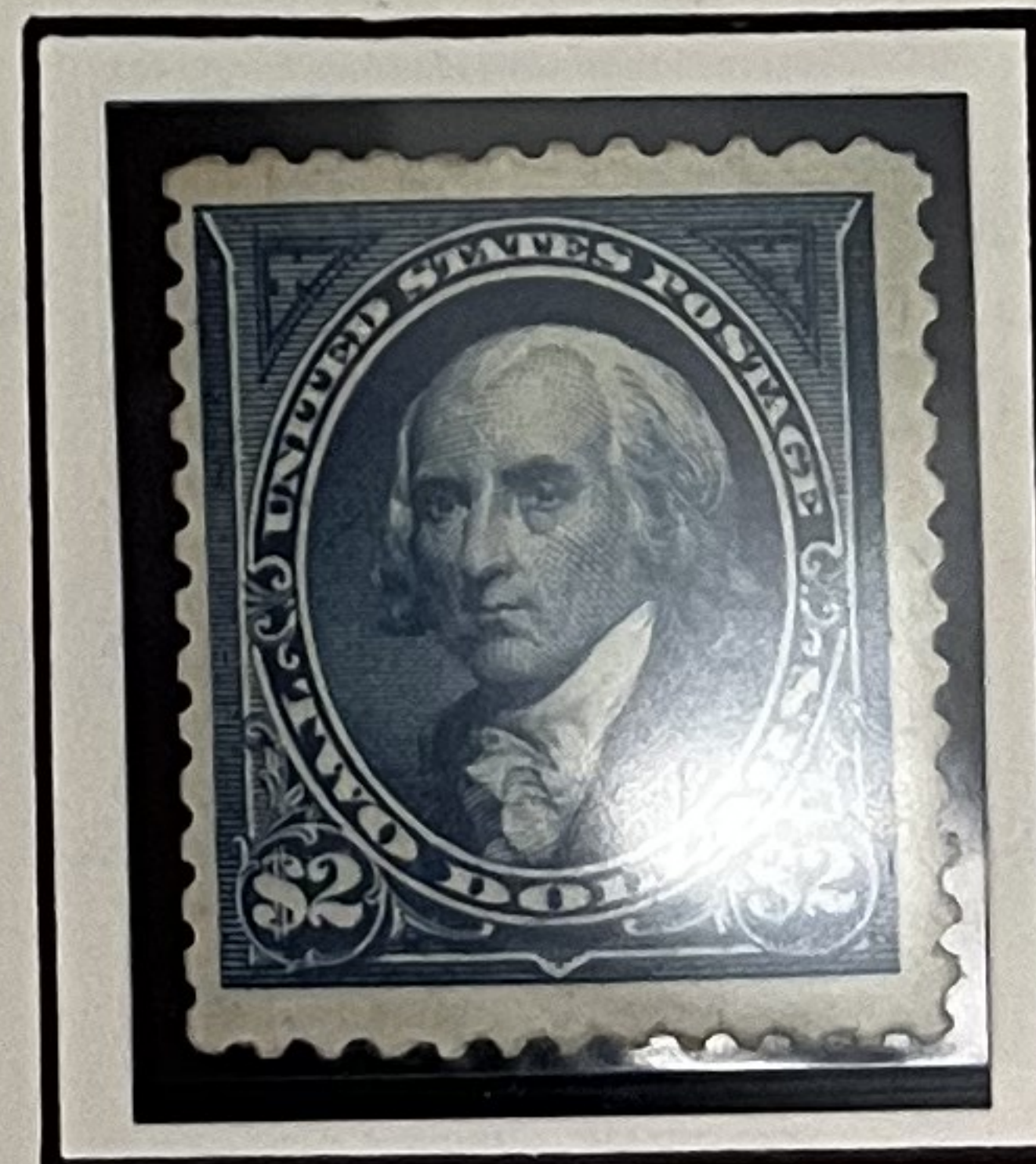
Thomas Jefferson  
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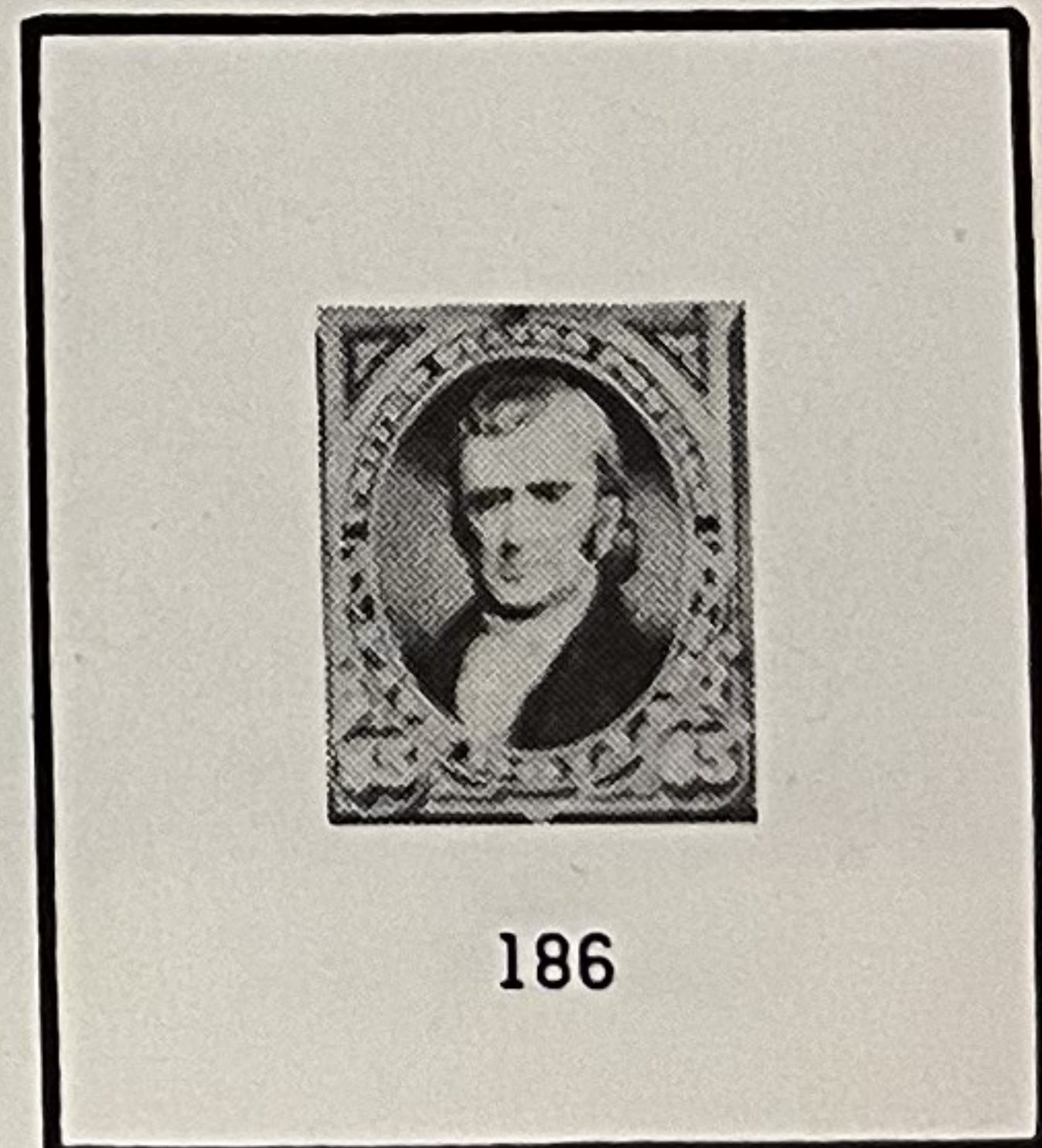
Commodore Perry  
261



Commodore Perry  
261A



James Madison  
262



John Marshall  
263

WITH this issue the task of printing United States postage stamps was turned over to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D.C. This new postage series was similar in design to the issue of 1890-93 but small ornamental triangles were added to the upper corners. One, two and five dollar denominations were added.

THREE TYPES OF THE 2¢ TRIANGLES ARE HEREWITH ILLUSTRATED:

TWO TYPES OF THE \$1.00 CIRCLES ARE HEREWITH ILLUSTRATED:



type 1



type 2





Issue of 1895

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DOUBLE-LINE WATERMARK



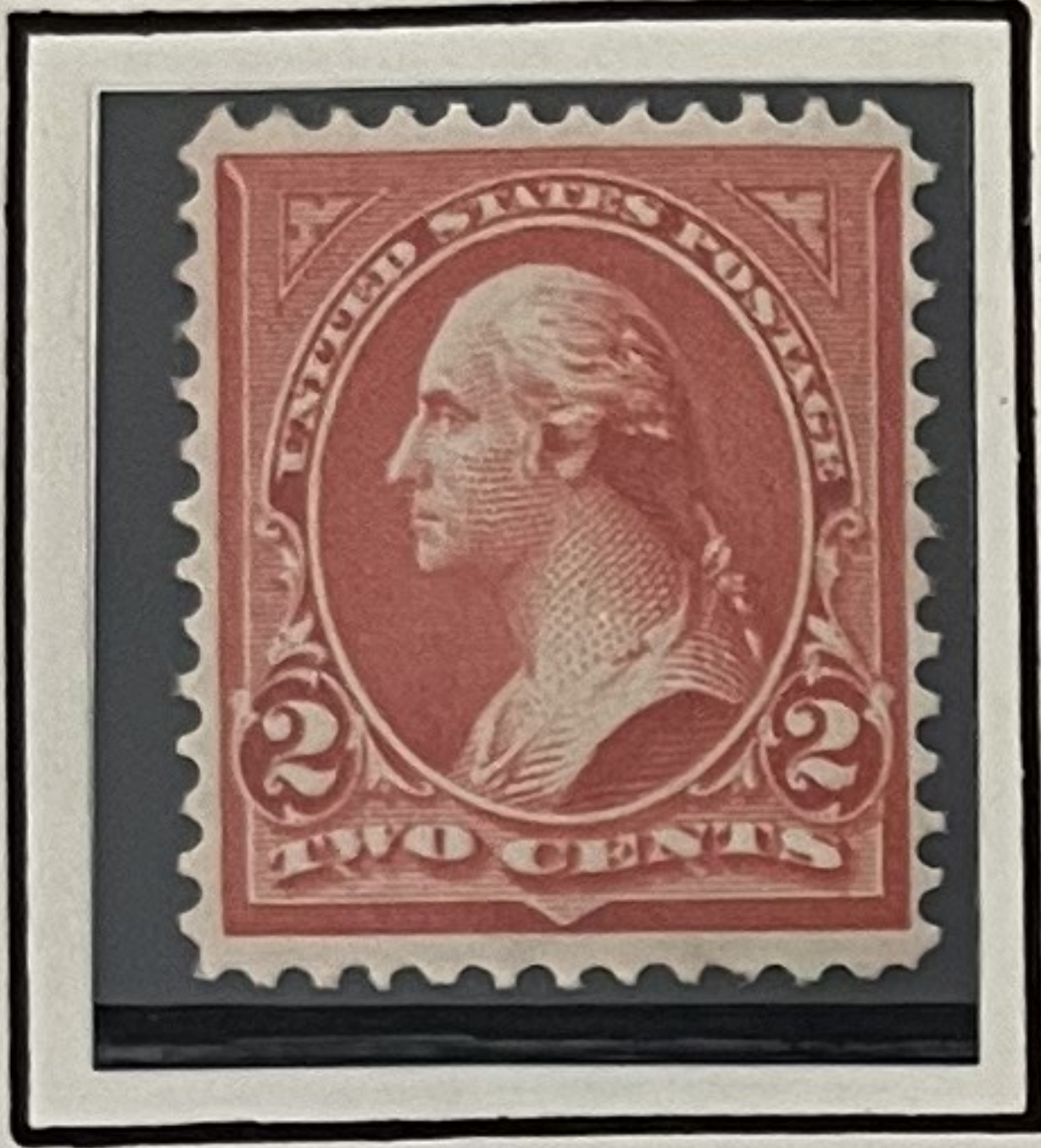
Benjamin Franklin  
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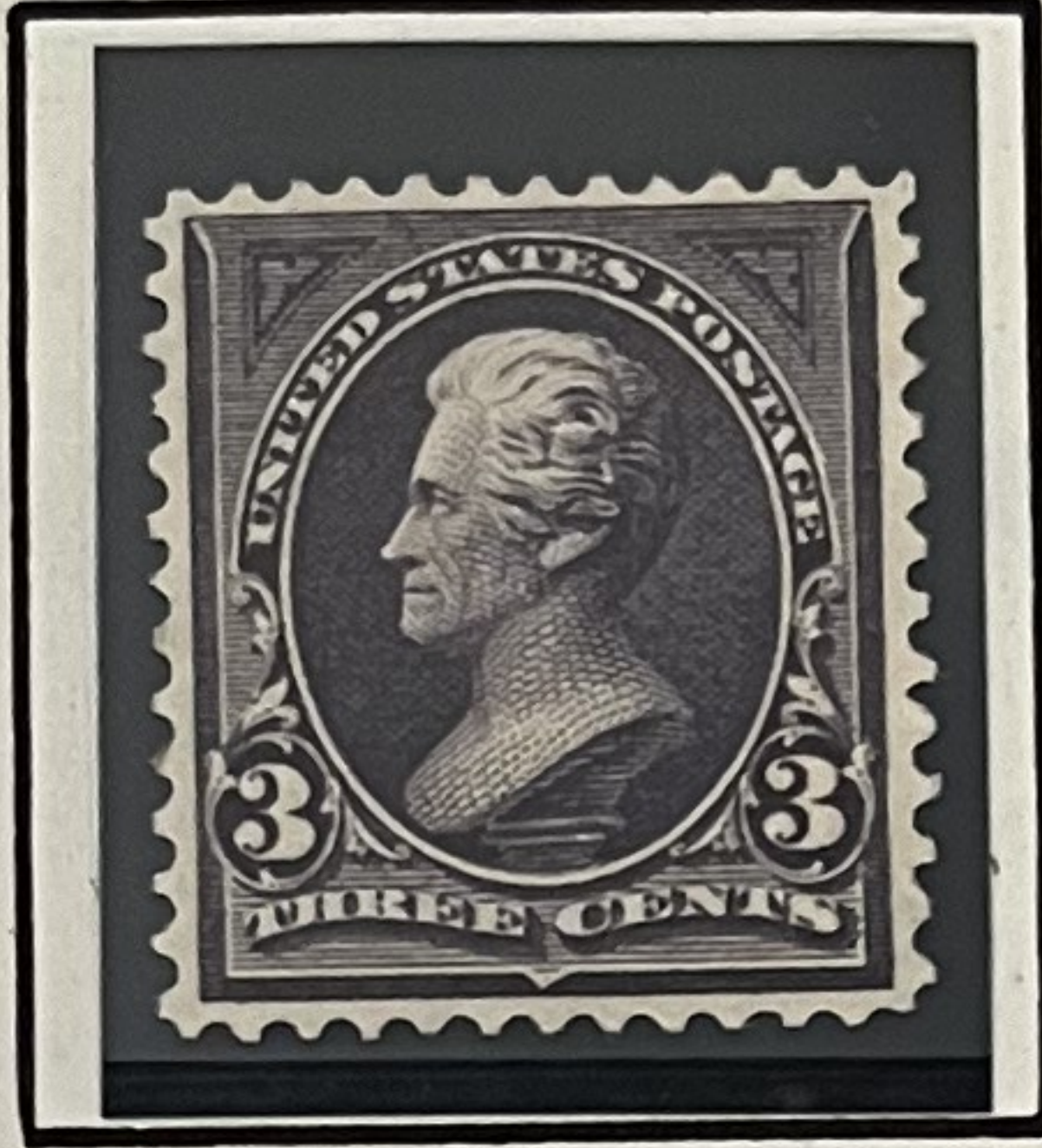
George Washington  
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George Washington  
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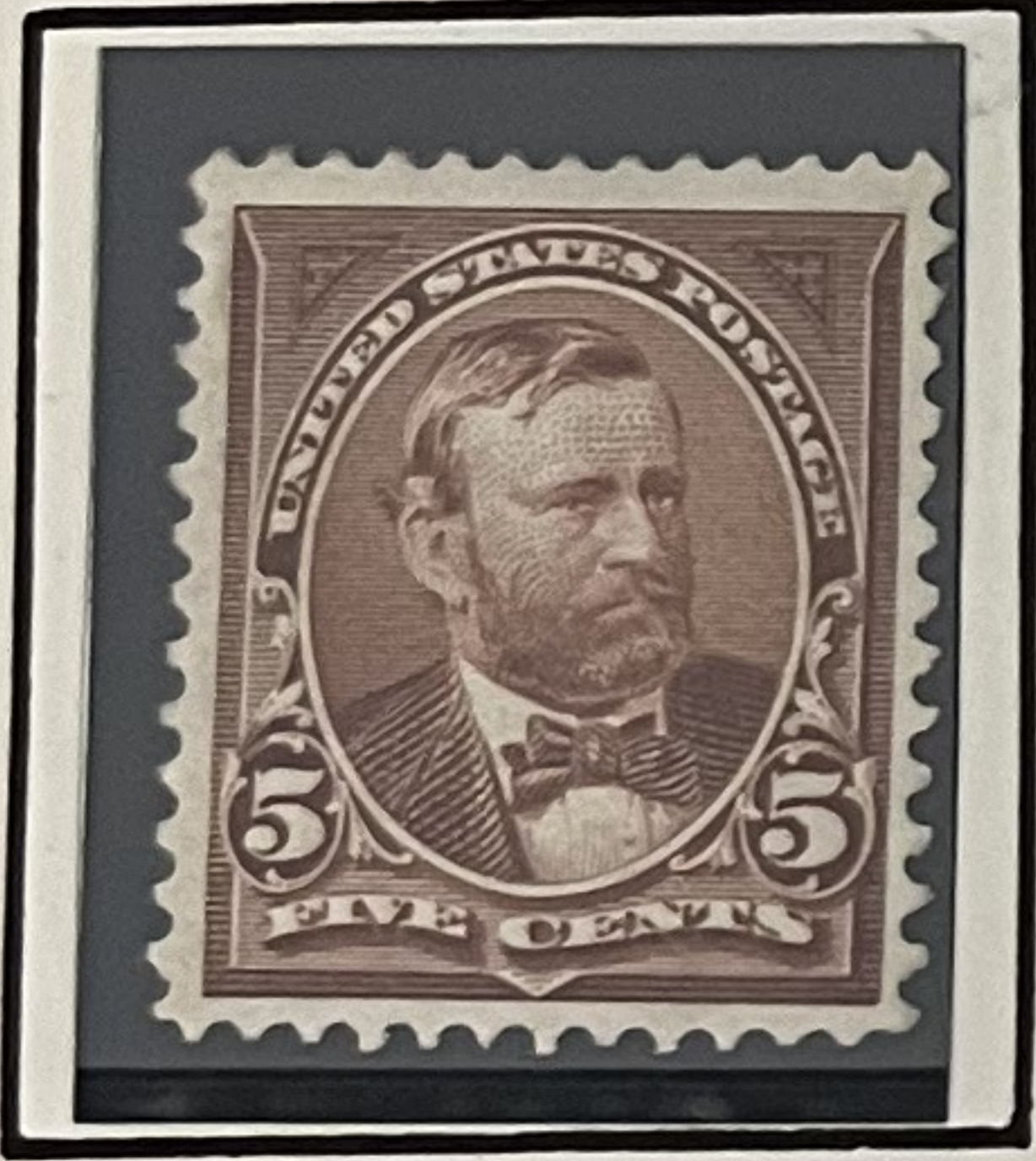
George Washington  
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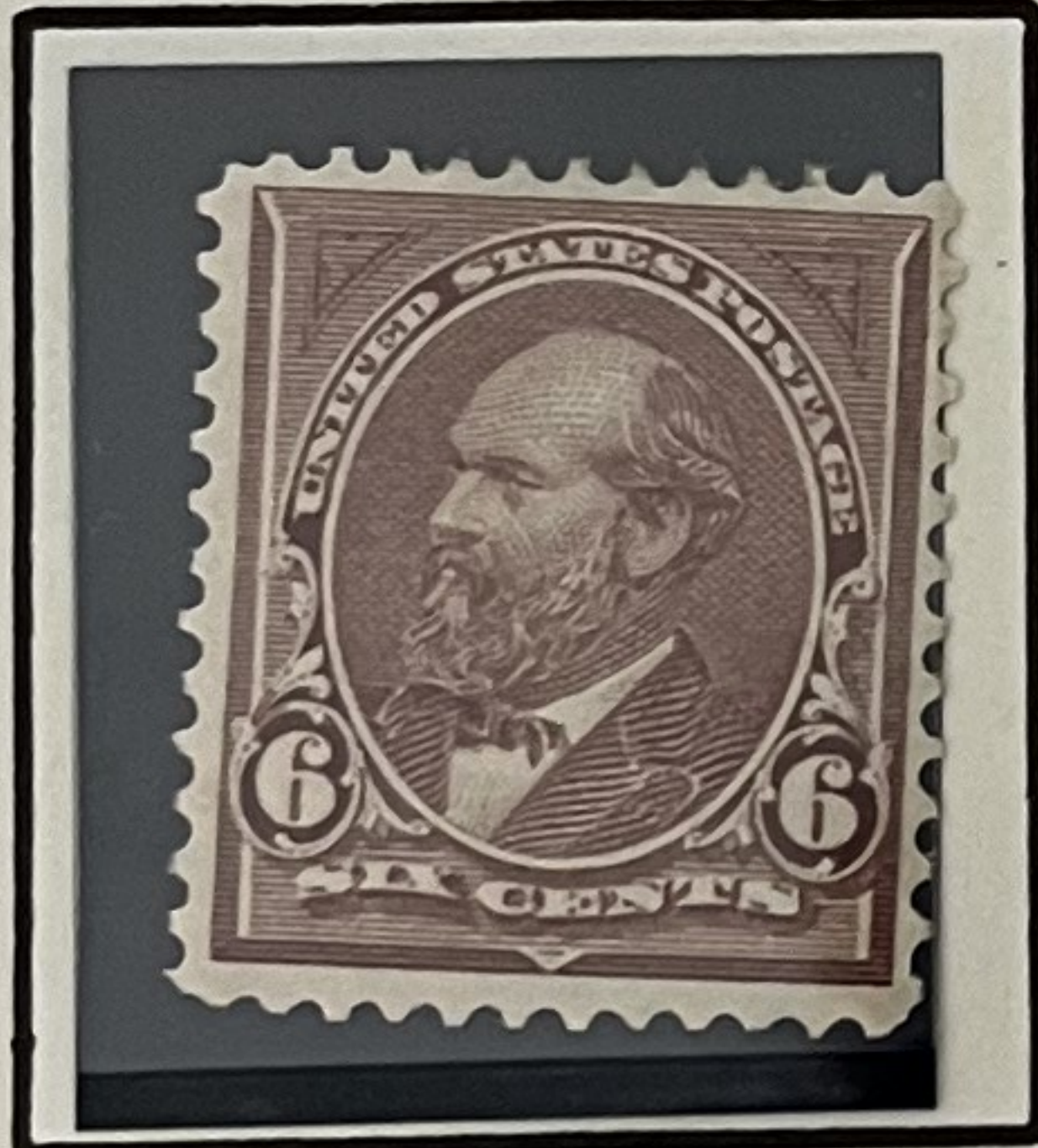
Andrew Jackson  
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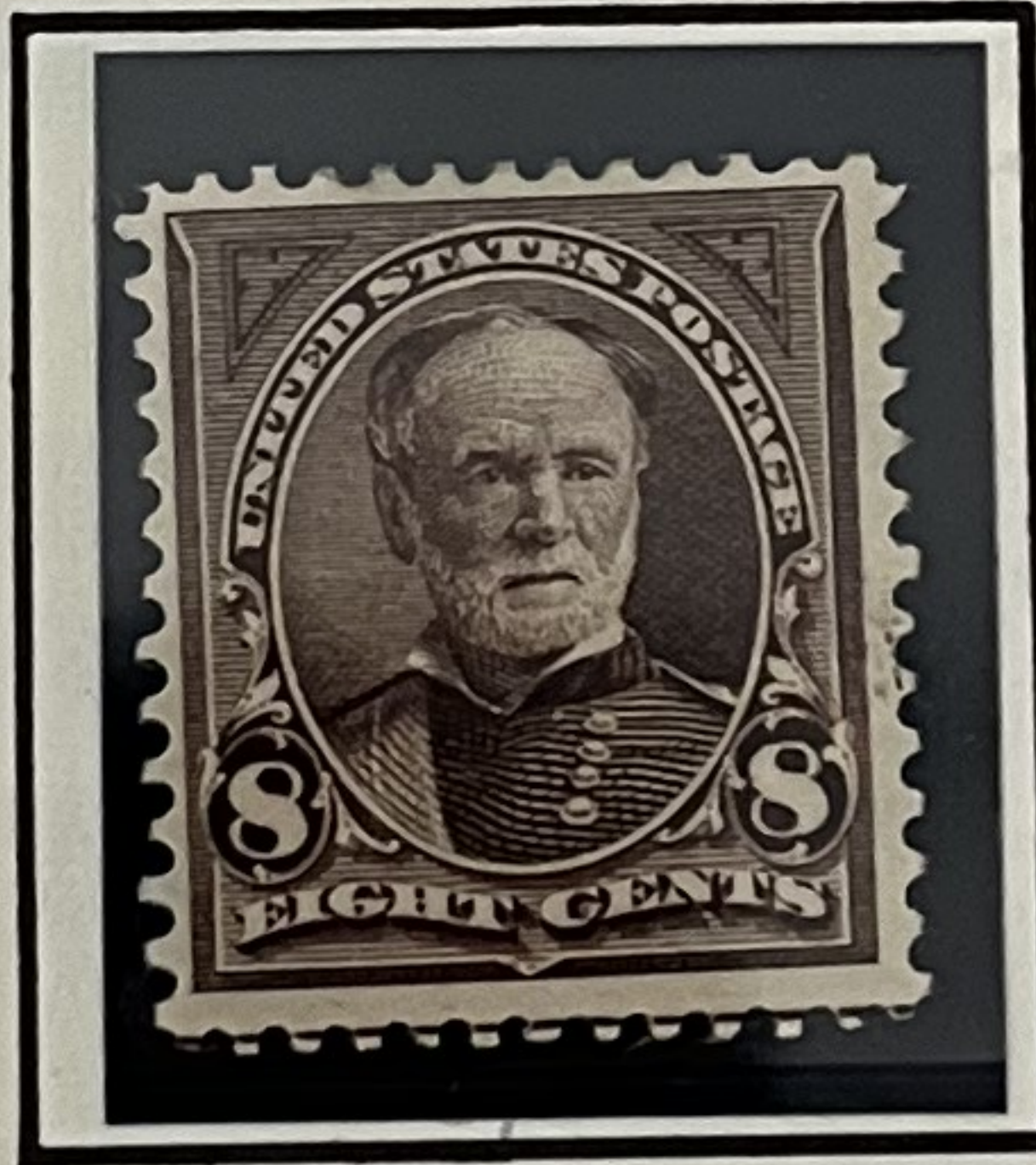
Abraham Lincoln  
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Ulysses S. Grant  
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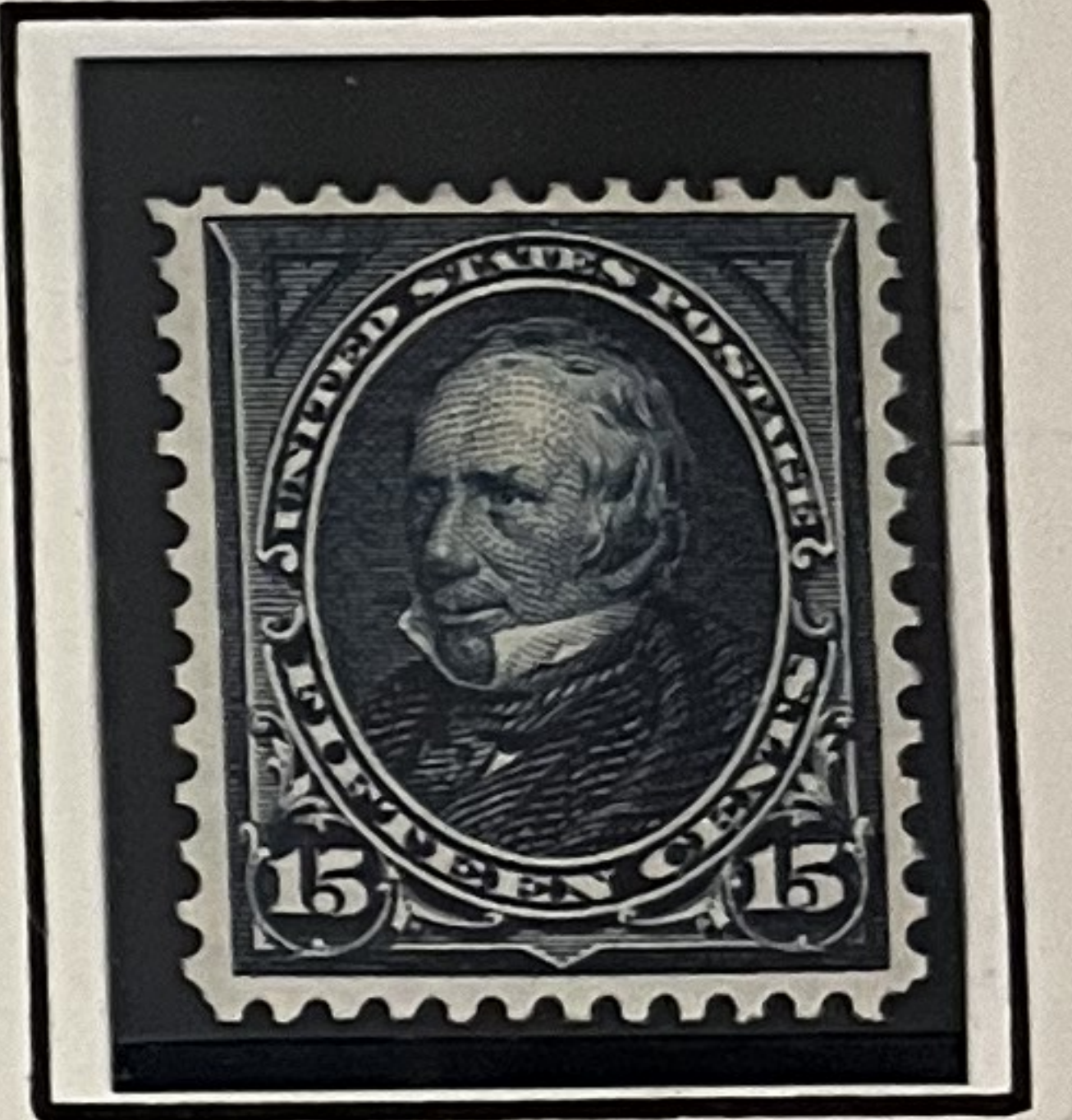
James A. Garfield  
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William T. Sherman  
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Daniel Webster  
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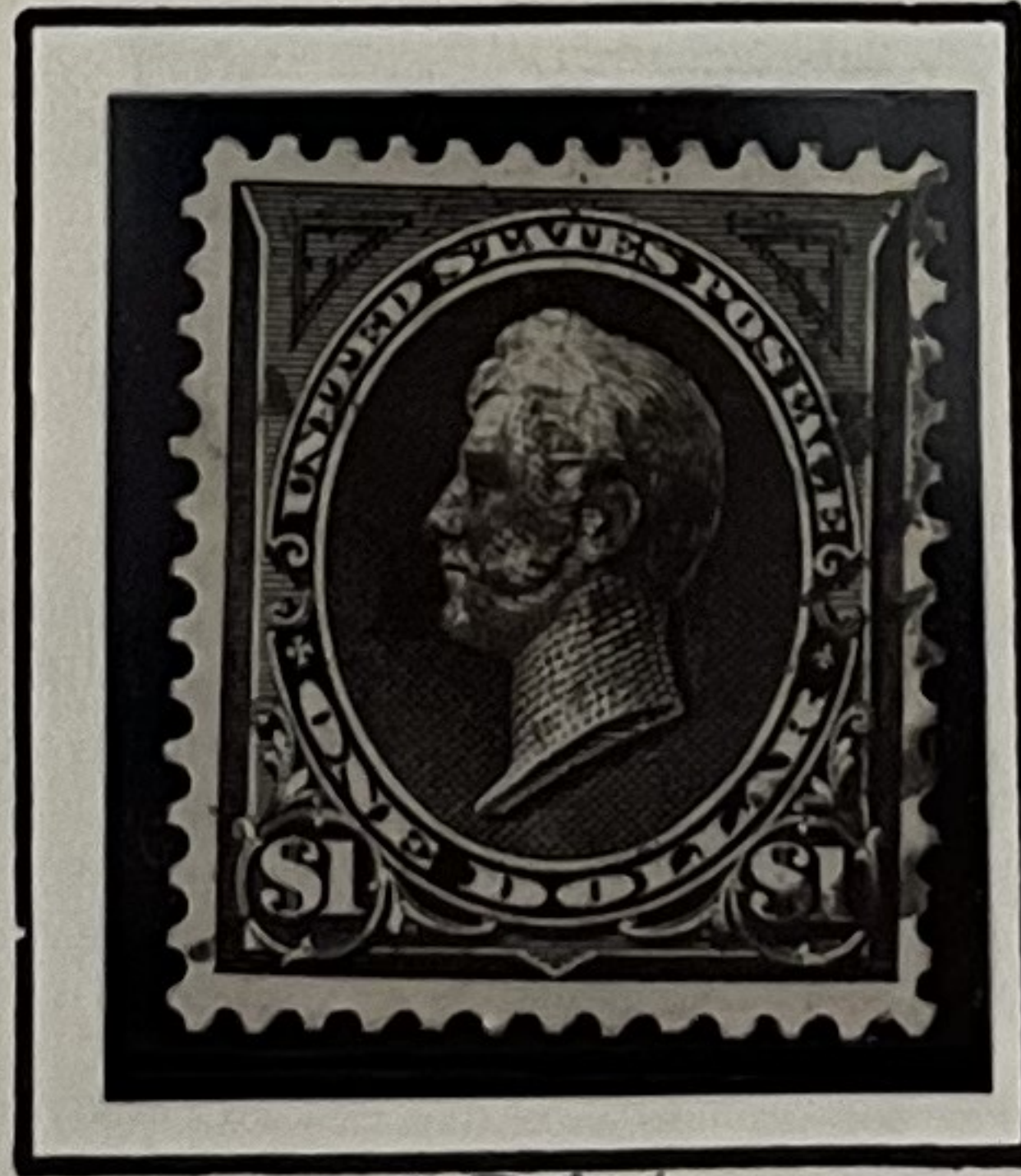
Henry Clay  
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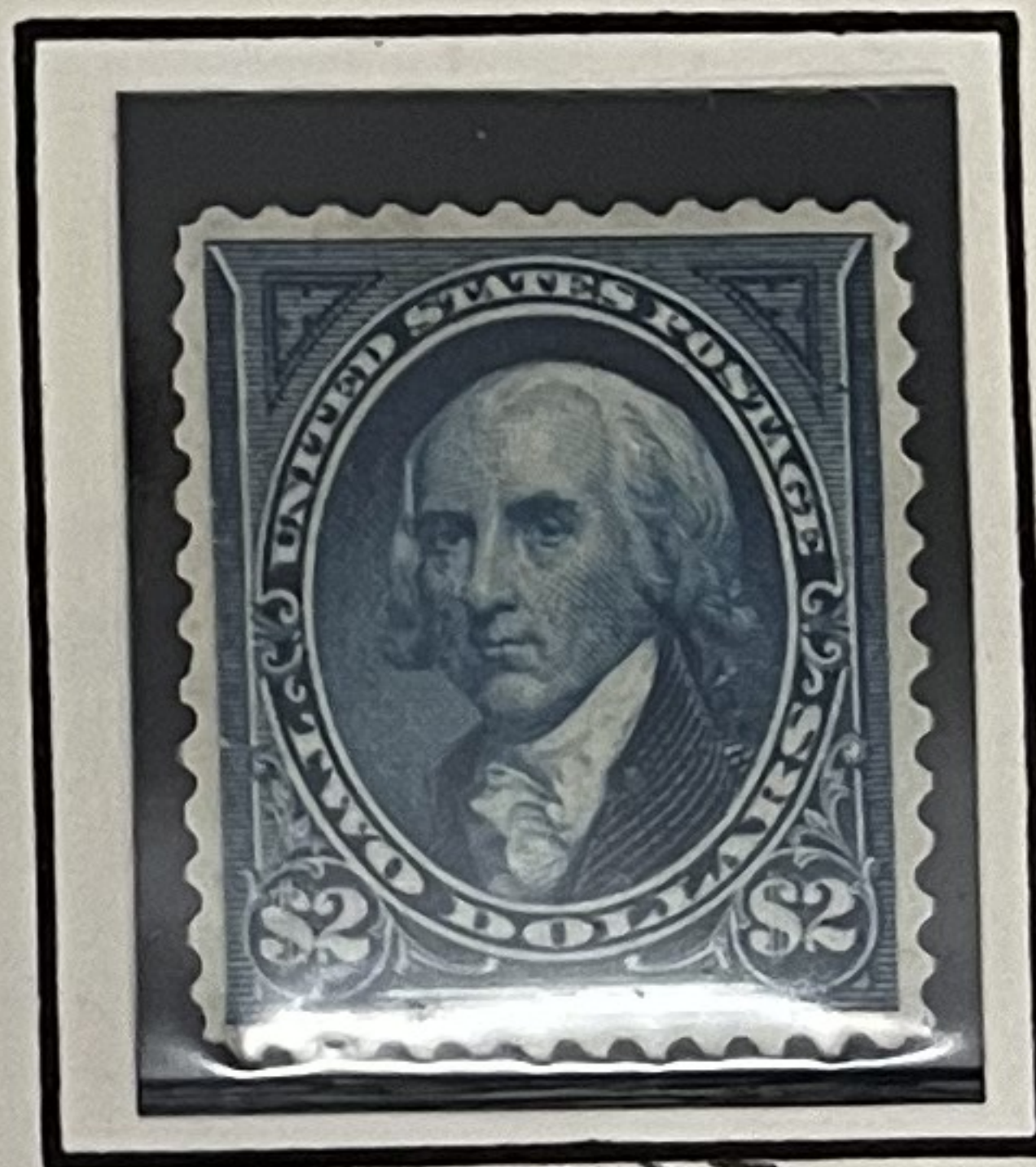
Thomas Jefferson  
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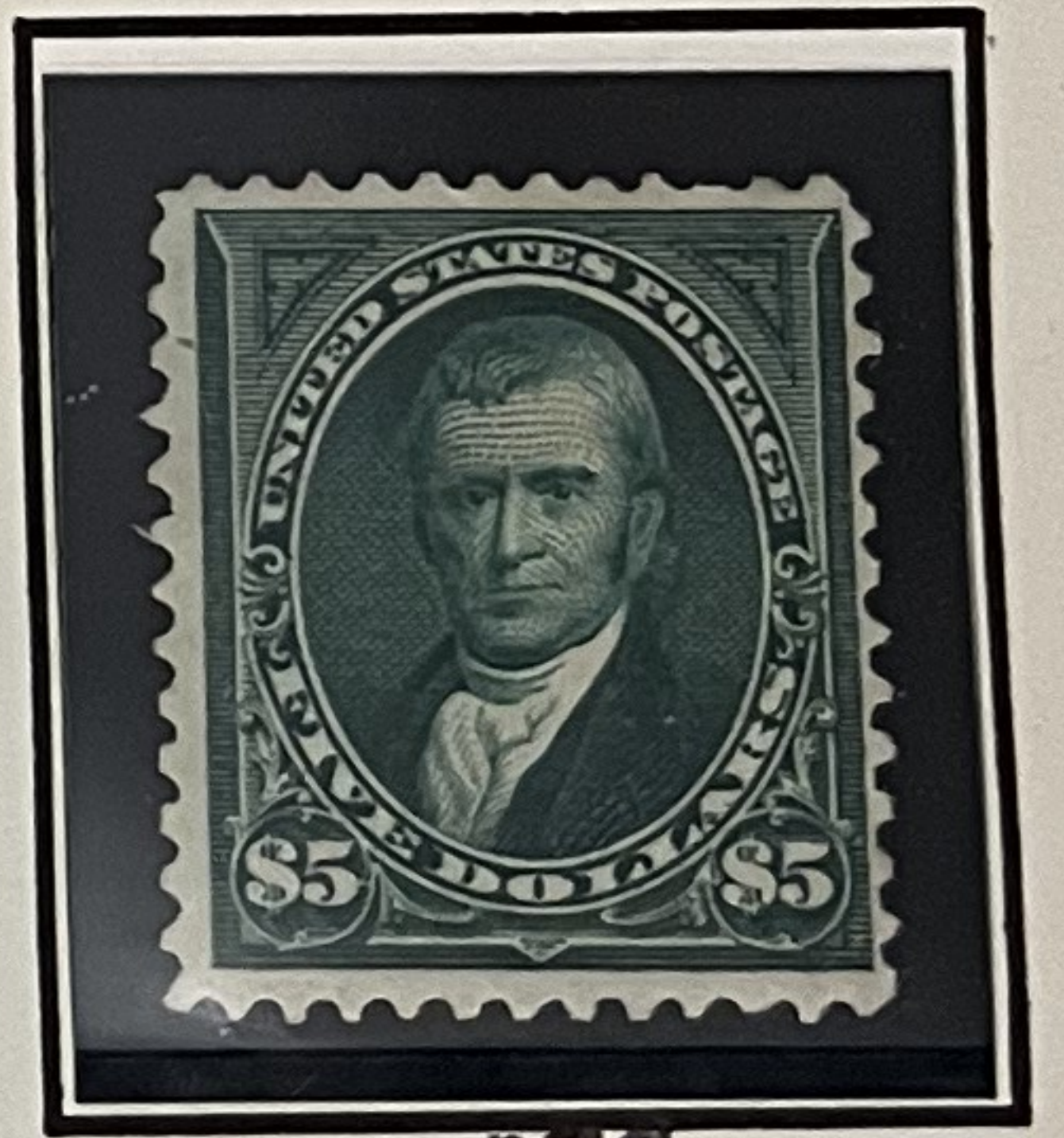
Commodore Perry  
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Commodore Perry  
276A



James Madison  
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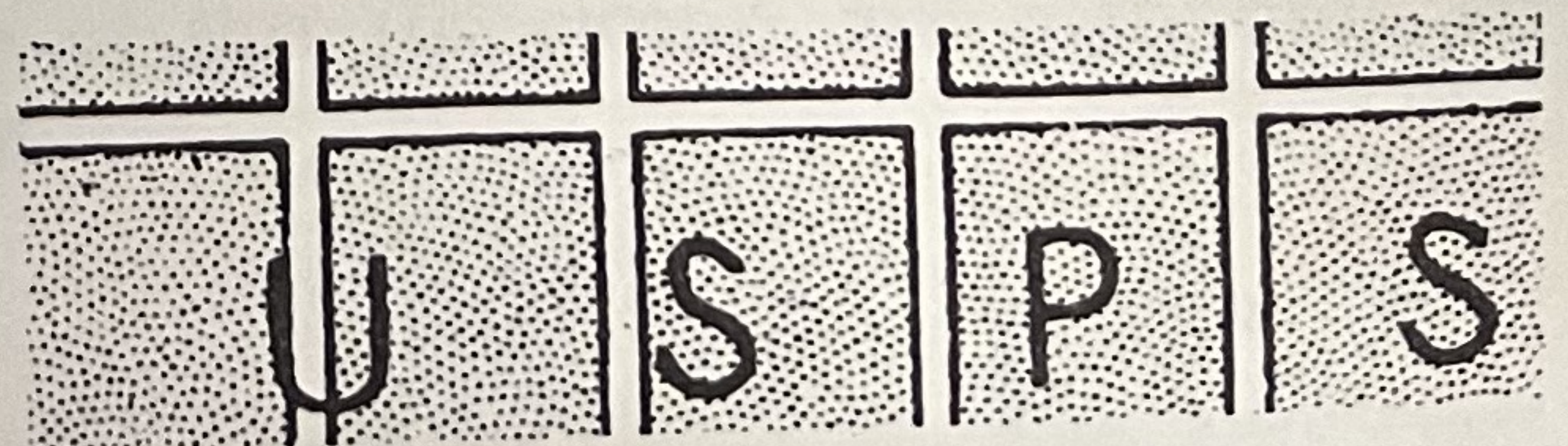
John Marshall  
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**I**N printing this new issue watermarked paper was used for the first time on stamps intended for postage purposes. Watermarking had been used previously for revenue stamps and postcards. The watermark consisted of Double-line letters "U S P S" so distributed that each stamp on the sheet shows at least a part of the watermarking, as illustrated below. In 1910 a single-line watermark was used for the first time by the Bureau.

Double-line



Single-line

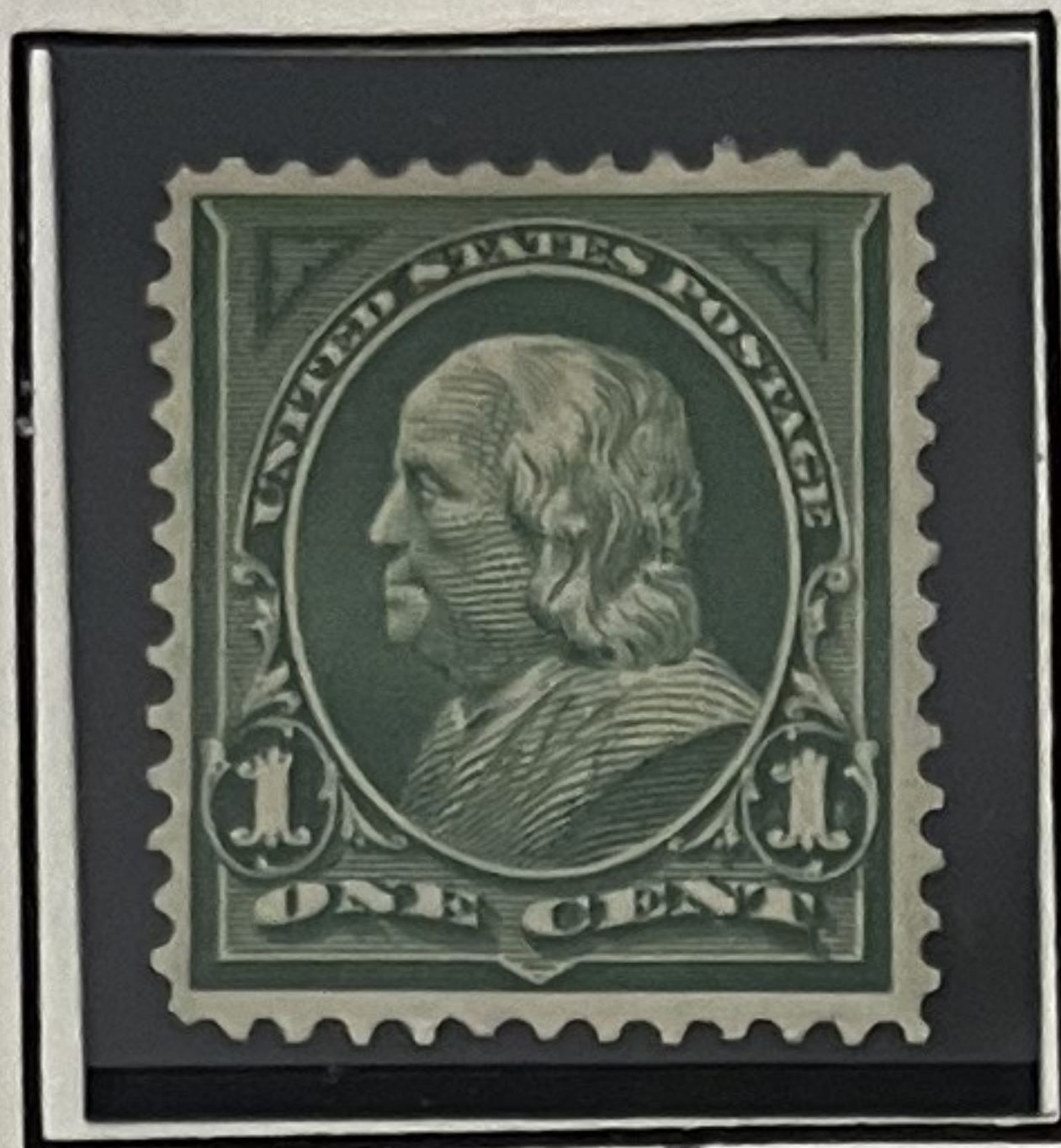




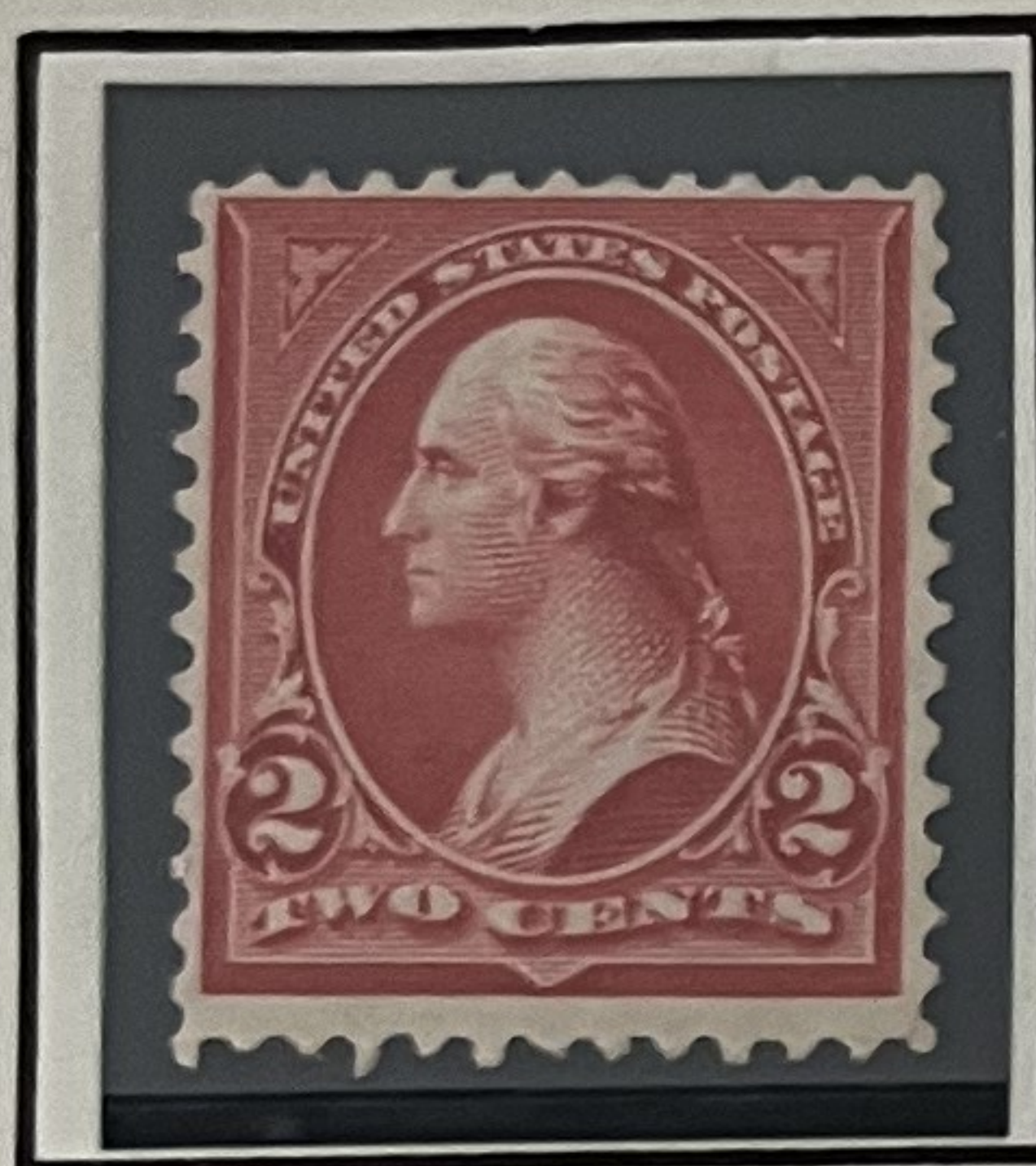


Issue of 1898

PERFORATED 12  
DOUBLE-LINE WATERMARK



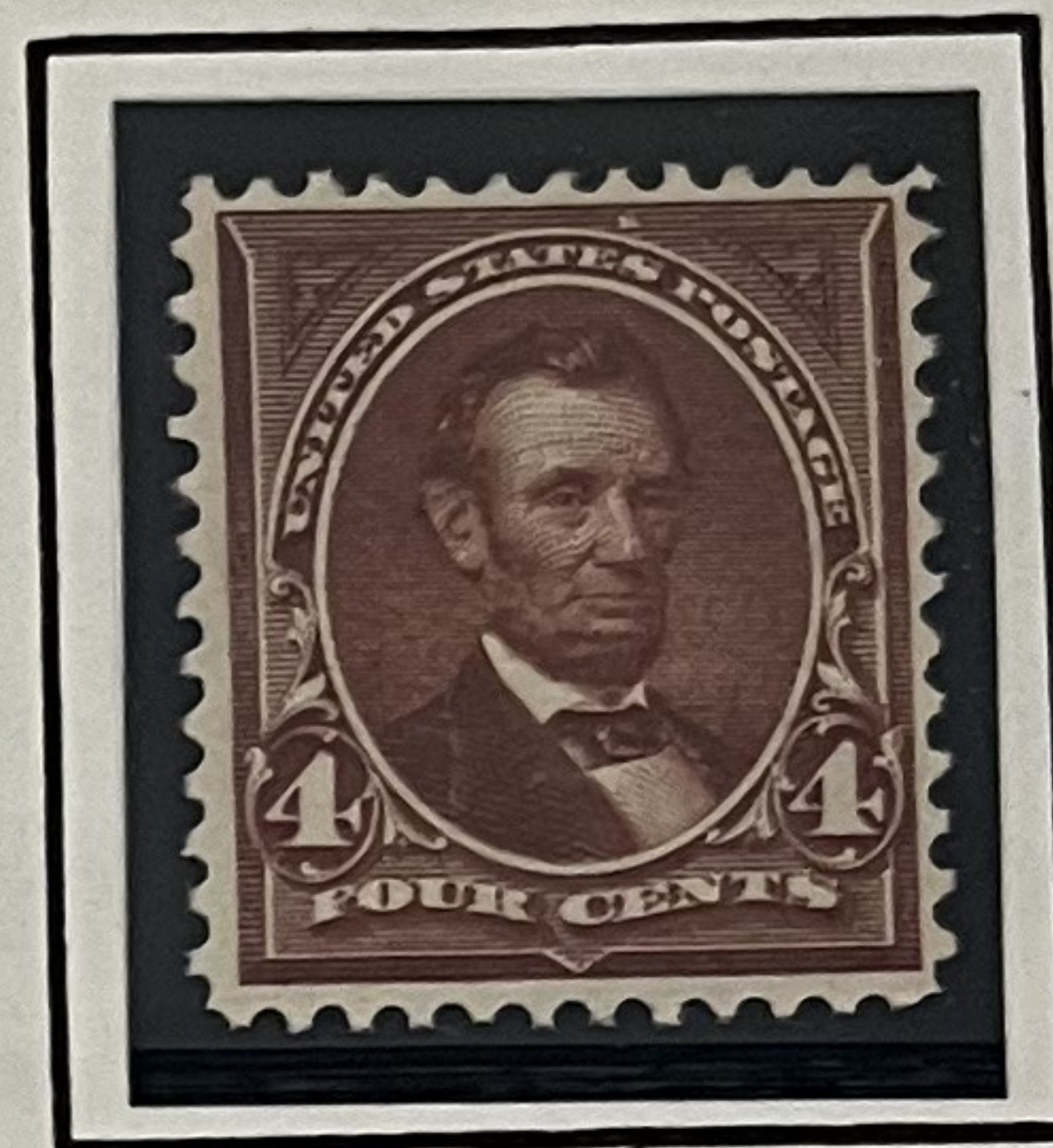
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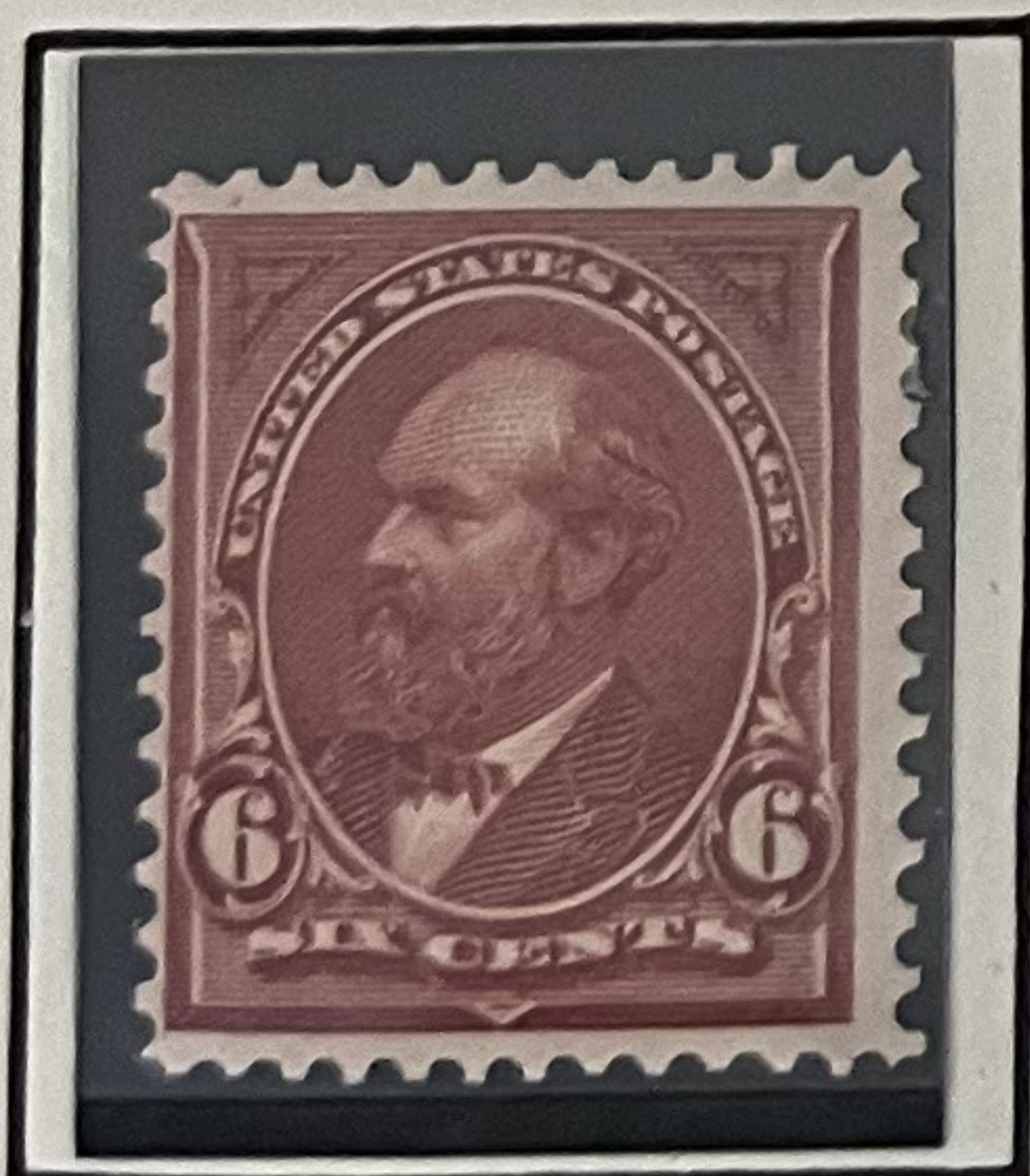
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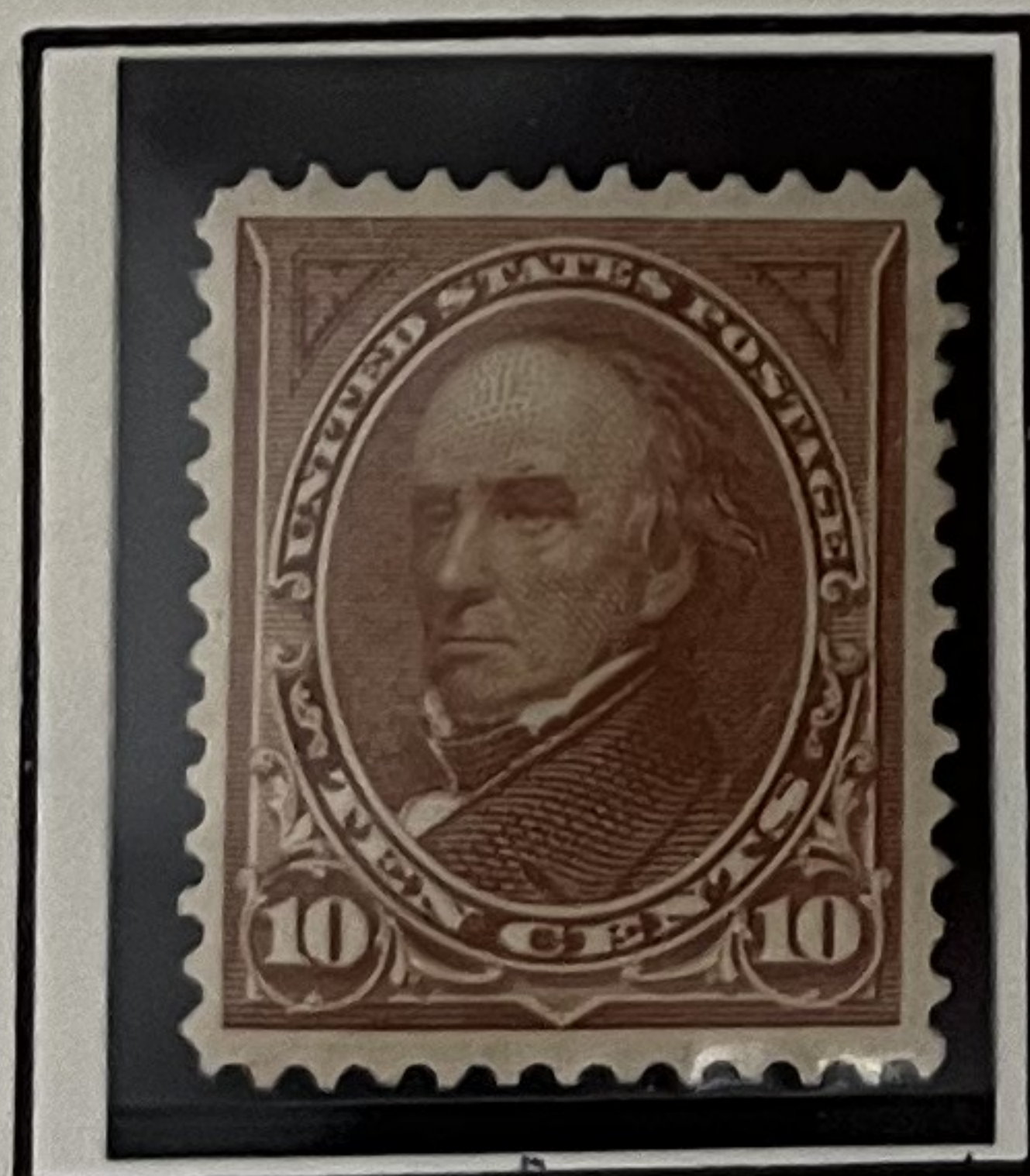
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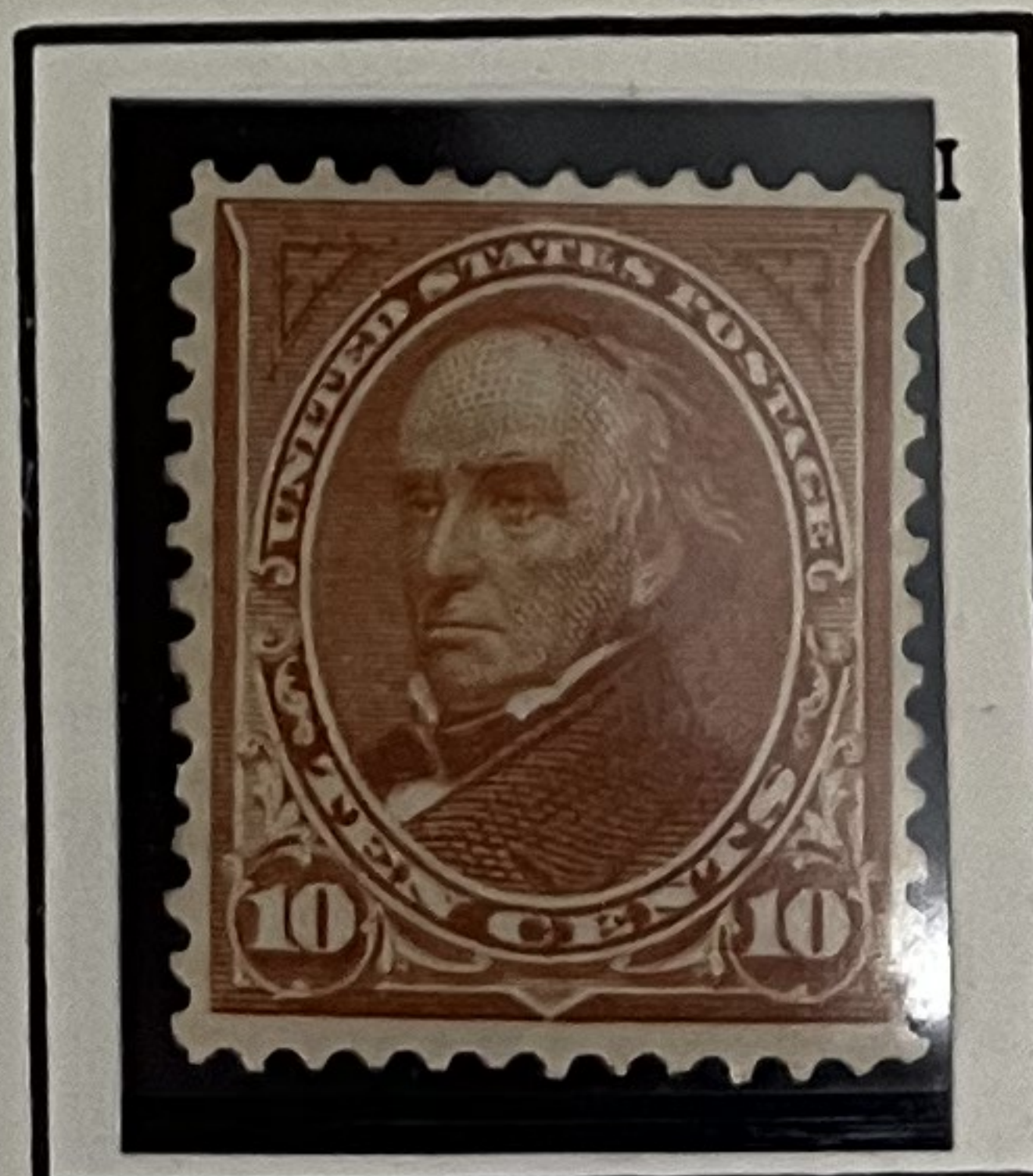
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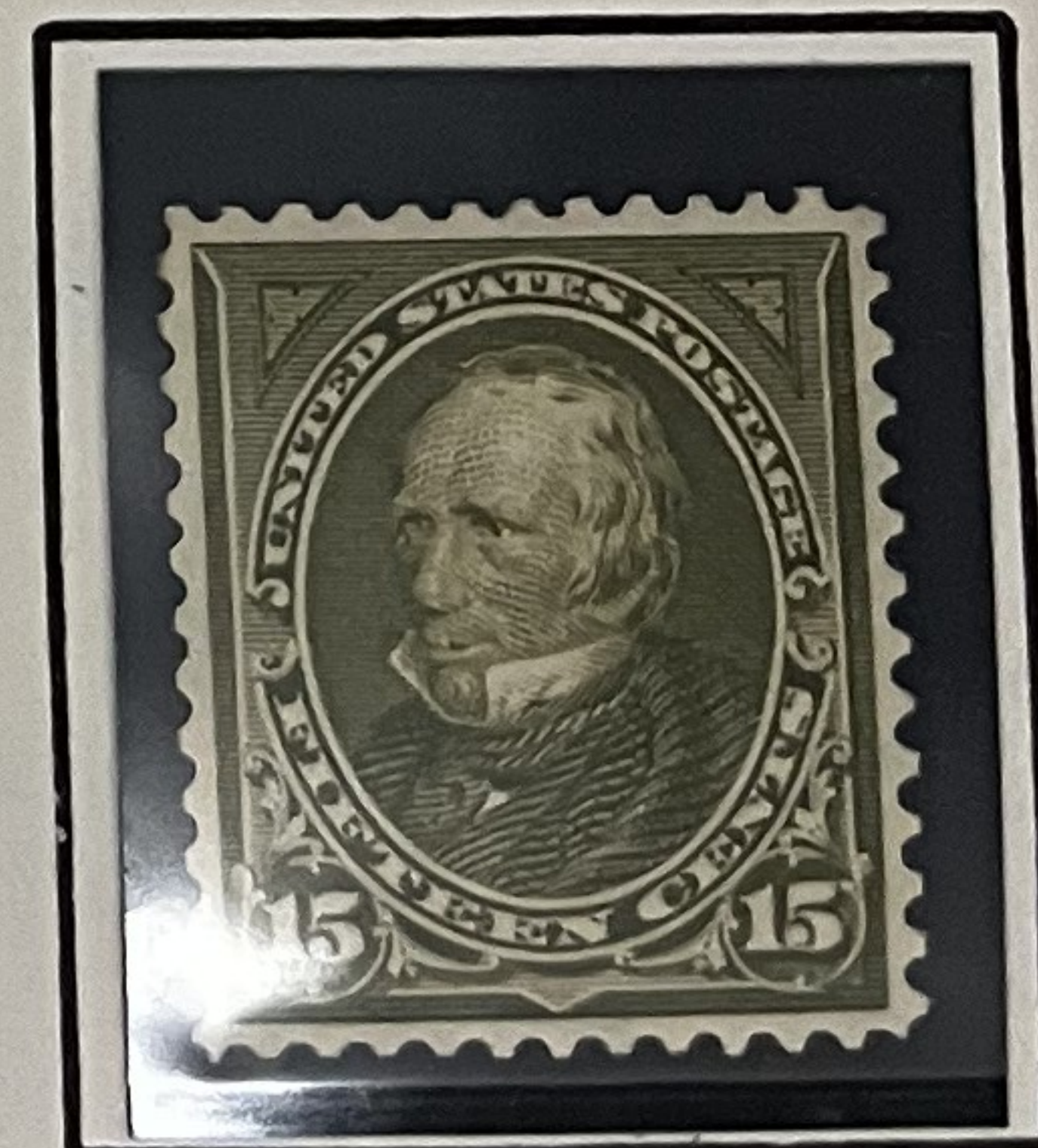
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Daniel Webster



283  
Daniel Webster



284  
Henry Clay

**S**IMILAR in design to the previous issue, the colors of the 1¢ and 5¢ stamps were changed to conform to the Universal Postal Union regulations. The colors of the 10¢ and 15¢ denominations were changed to avoid confusion. Two types of the 10¢ stamp are distinguished as indicated below:

type 1

Type II

type 2

A line of color appears in the white curve below "TS" of cents and "E" of Ten.





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Issue of 1902-03

DOUBLE-LINE WATERMARK



300 Benjamin Franklin



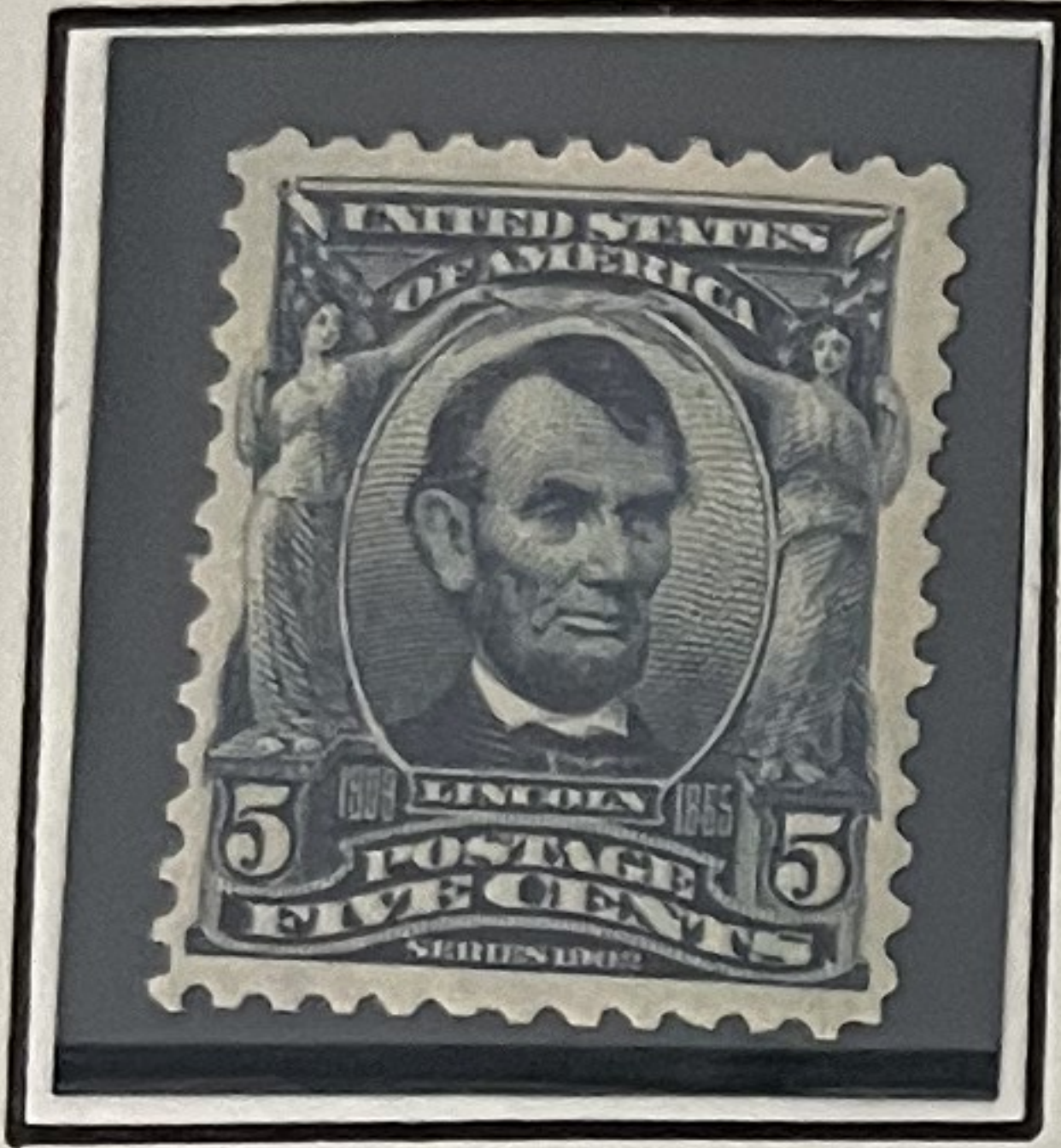
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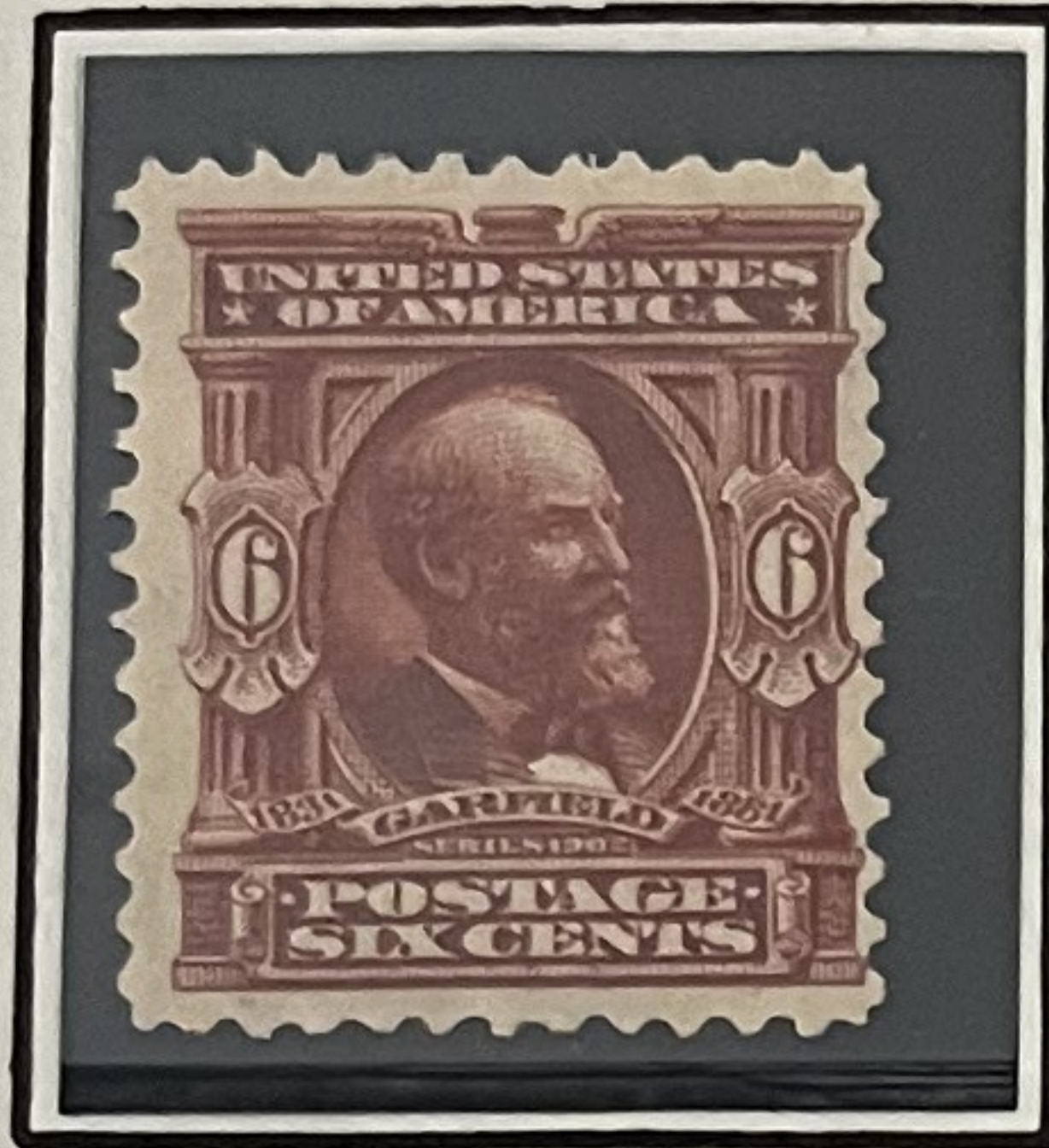
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303 Ulysses S. Grant



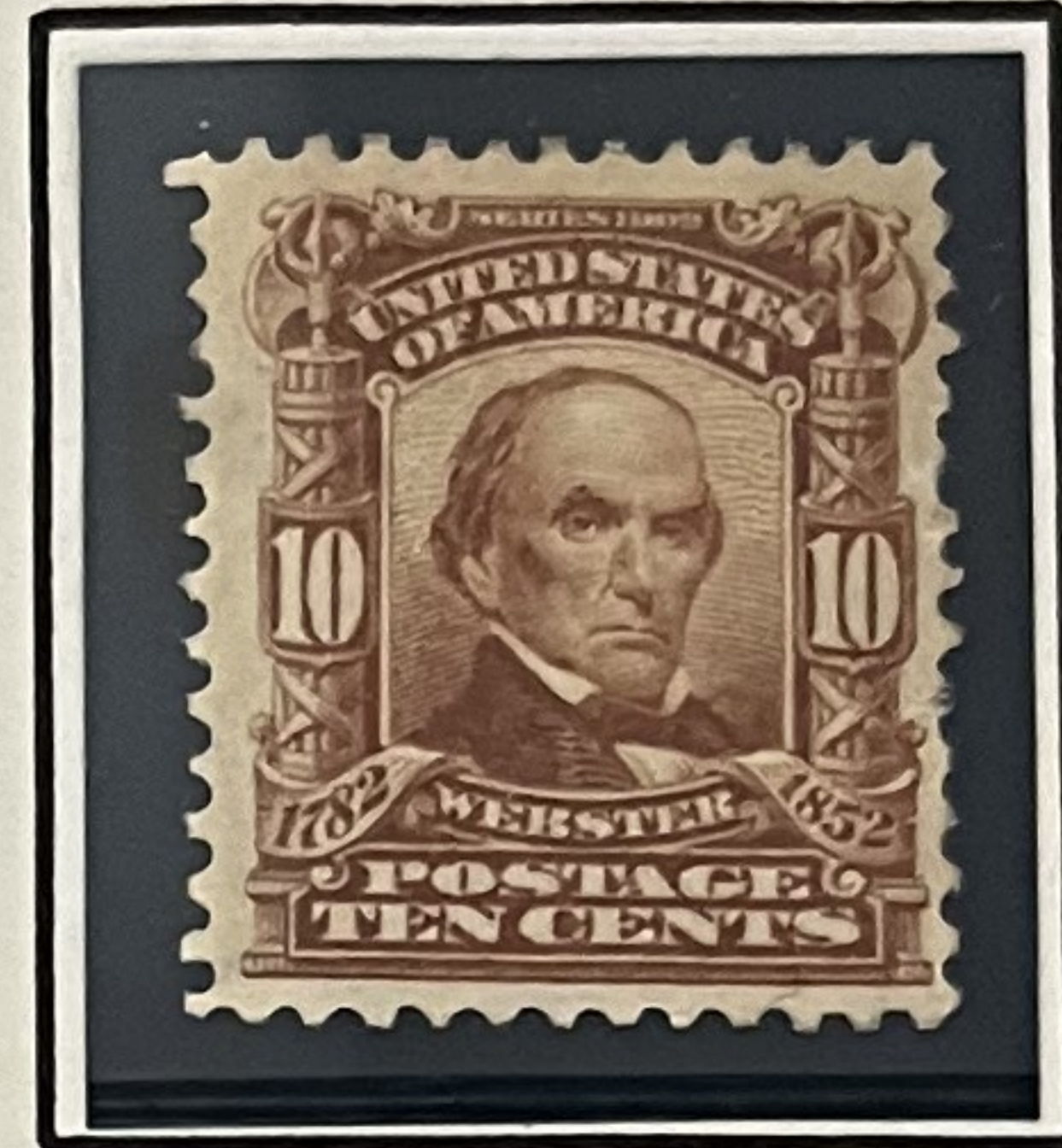
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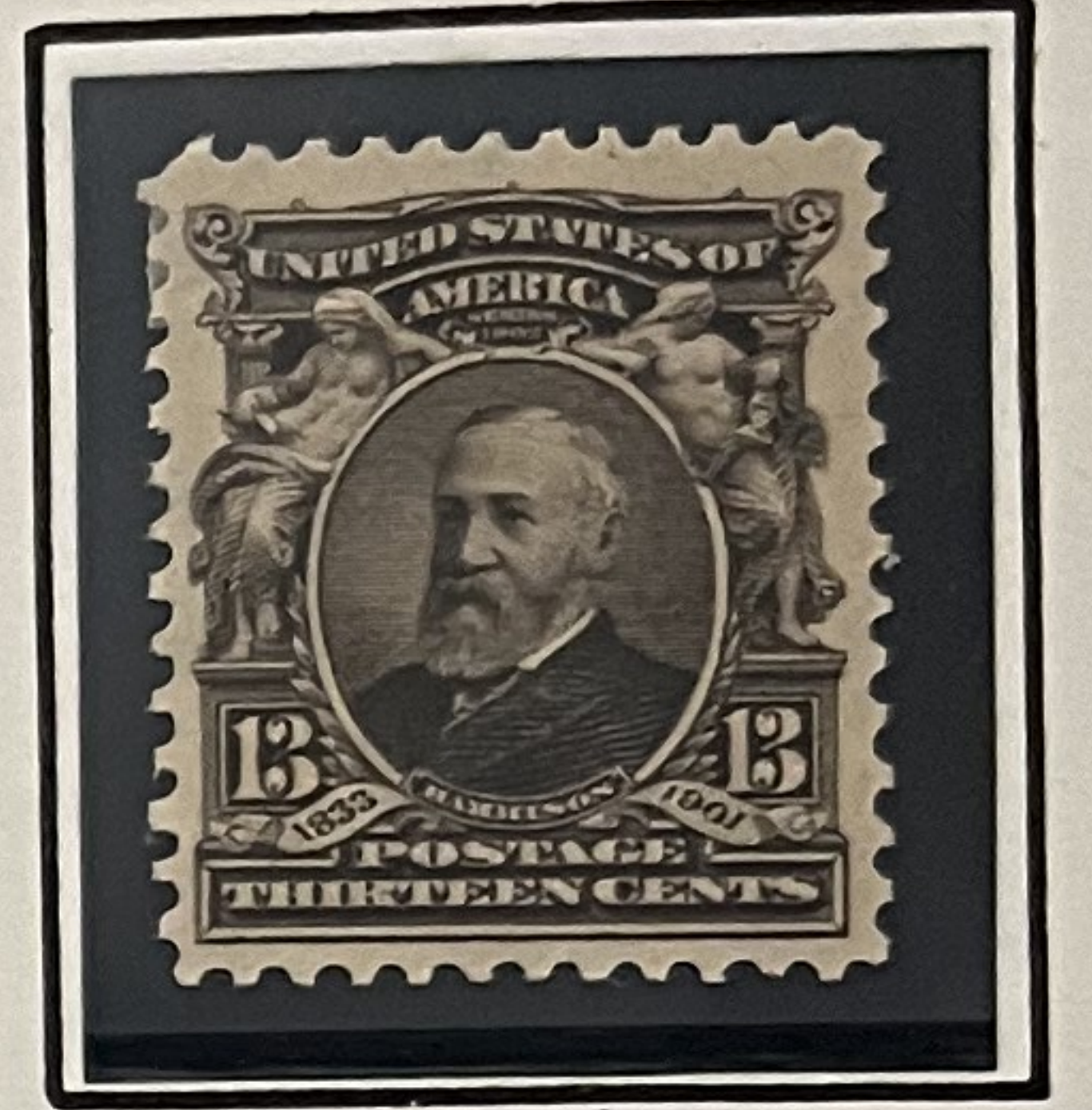
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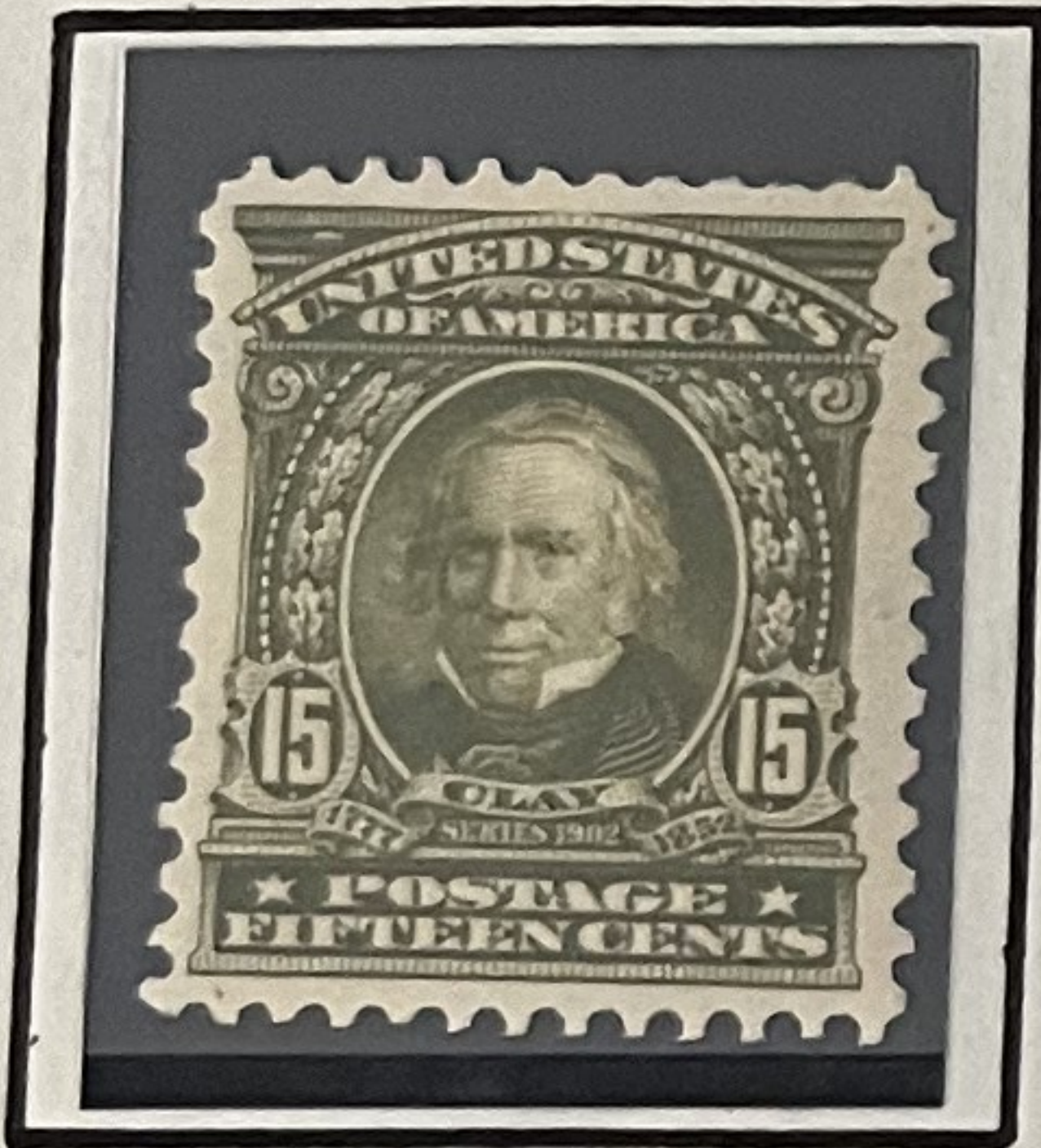
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307 Daniel Webster



308 Benjamin Harrison



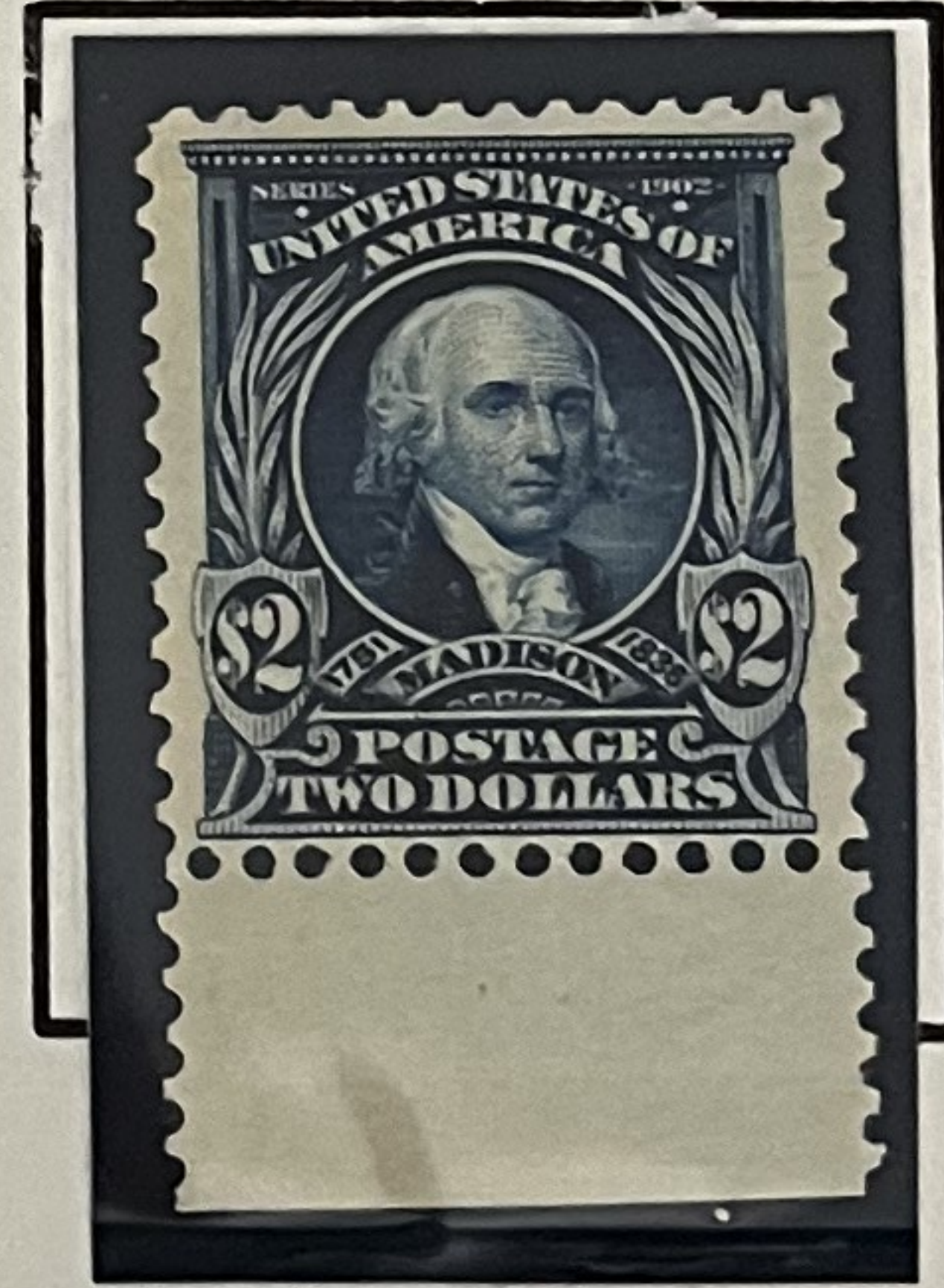
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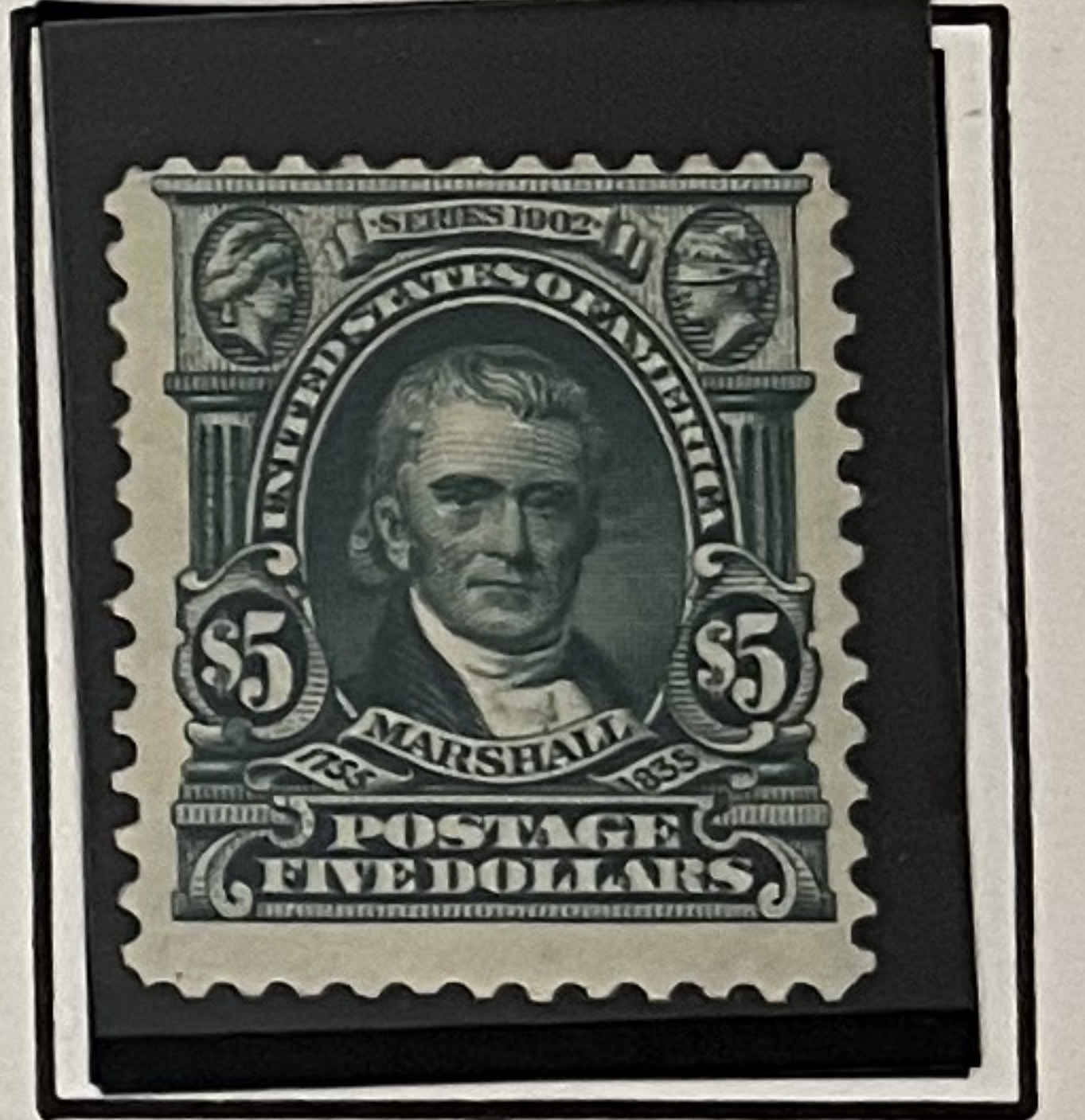
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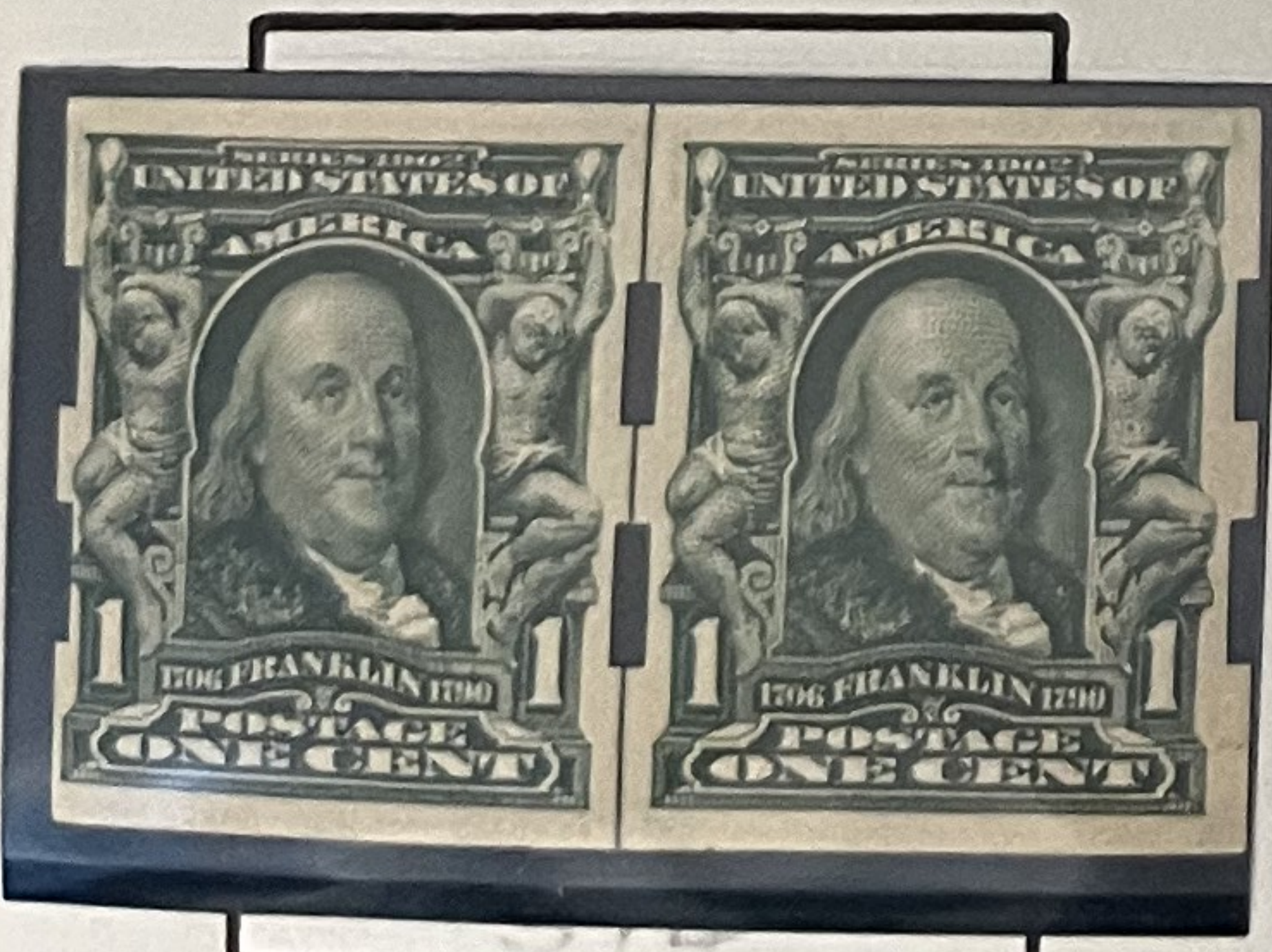
Issue of 1906-08

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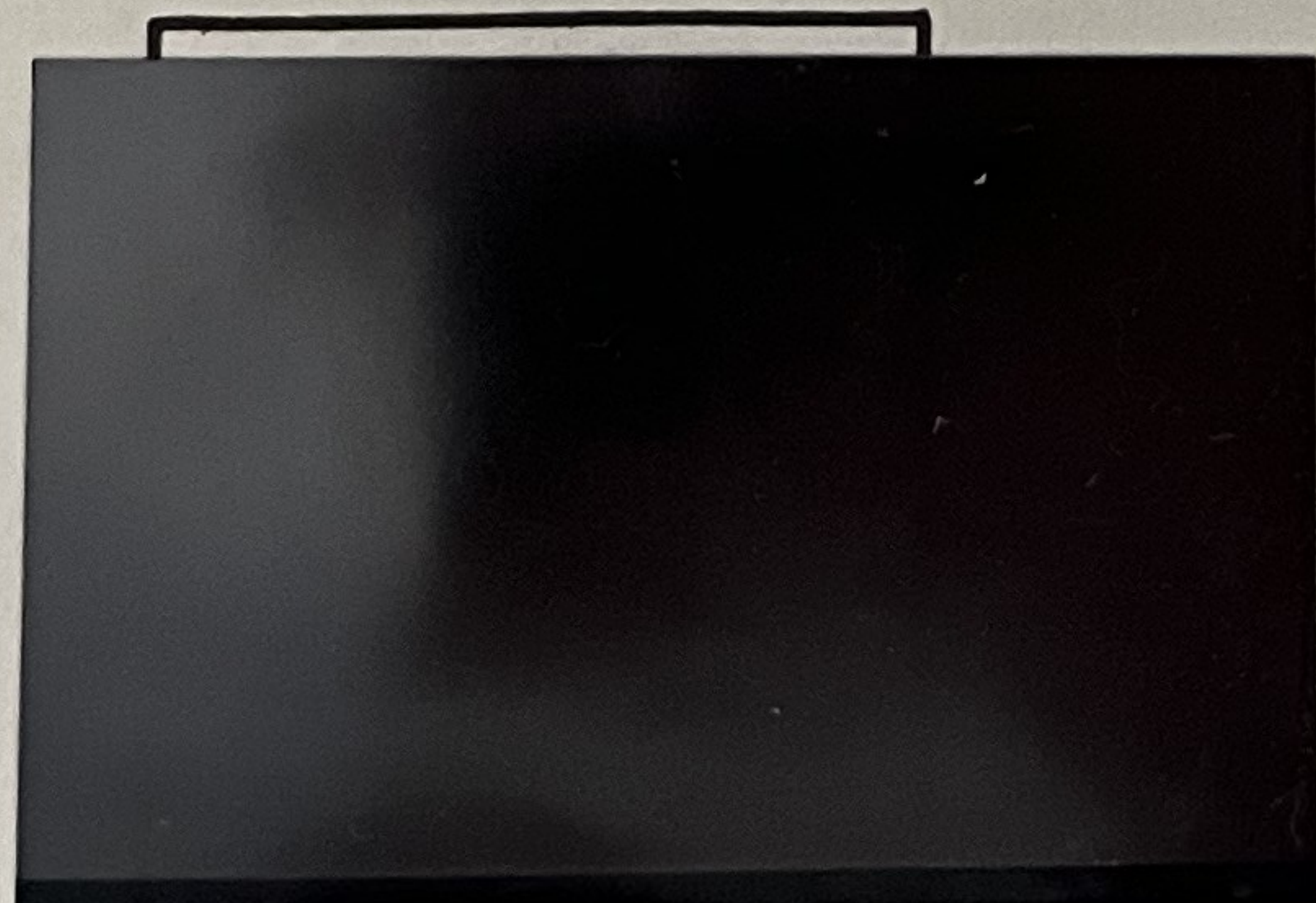
Issue of 1903-06

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314 Benjamin Franklin



315 Abraham Lincoln



319 George Washington



320 George Washington

**T**HIS series of postage stamps featured elaborately engraved framed designs with the name of the person and the years of birth and death on each stamp directly under each portrait. For the first time in United States postal history an American woman, Martha Washington, graced a stamp, the 8¢ value.