

US Imperforate Stamps-1847 thru 1856

-1847 Issue Five & Ten Cent Stamps

Printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson of New York, NY, valid Jul 1 1847-Jul 1 1851

imperf



Benjamin Franklin

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George Washington

imperf proof



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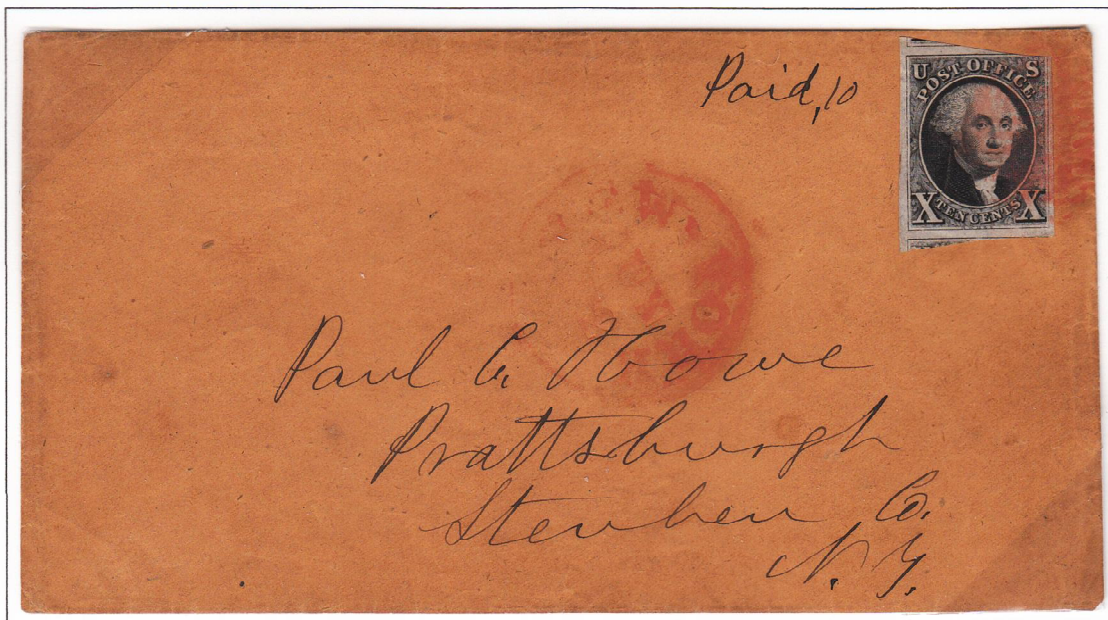
These stamps were printed in sheets of 200 divided into panes of 100.
The largest known multiples are a block of sixteen five cent & six ten cent.

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- 1847 series uses on cover



US #1 reddish brown, an 1849 color according to note on back by Ashbrook. Very late use, June 28, 1851, two days from last legal day of use, June 30, 1851. Troy, NY to Plattsburgh, New York. Stamp paid single 1/2 oz. or less rate for letter traveling less than 300 miles.



US #2 1847 series ten cent stamp, which paid single rate (1/2 oz. or less) for mail traveling over 300 miles and less than 2000 miles. Postmarked June 2 (circa 1849-50) to Prattsburgh, NY. Cover also marked "Paid 10", which was not needed to indicate prepayment when a stamp was used.

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-1851 One Cent Series

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Cassilear & Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Type II



Benjamin Franklin
Scott # 7

Type IIIa



Benjamin Franklin
Scott # 8a

Type IV



Benjamin Franklin
Scott # 9

Type II Imperf.



Vertical strip of 3 one cent Type II #7 stamps, postmarked Lowell, Mass. 3 cts PAID Dec 17, circa 1851-53. Stamps canceled with blue circular grids. Stamps paid the new single (1/2 oz.) or less rate on mail traveling under 3000 miles within the US.

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-1851 One Cent Series Covers



Omaha City N.T. Jul 6 postmark on cover with three types of one cent imperf stamps, Type II (#7), Type III (#8) and Type IIIa (#8a). Stamps are pen cancelled. VERY RARE USE.



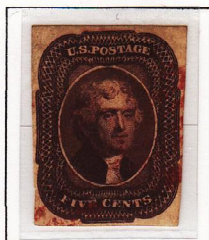
New York Feb 25 (1855) cancel on preprinted circular to Maquoketa, Iowa. One cent stamp paid the unsealed circular rate. The circular announced a new address for a company that sole "soft finished bleached goods".

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-1856 Five Cent Issue Stamp & Cover

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Company of Philadelphia

1856 Series Imperf.



Five cent red brown
#12 with red cancel



1856 series five cent stamp postmarked New Orleans, La Nov 17 (1856) to Paris, France, 13 centimes postage due. Stamp paid the inland "shore to ship" rate on letters carried from the US to Europe via steamship. In 1856 postage could not be full paid from US to France, so five cent stamp paid the inland postage rate and two cent sea rate to England. Thus the postage due in France. Carried on Cunard Line steamer "Europa".

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-1855 Series Ten Cent Stamps

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Company of Philadelphia

Stamp was produced to pay the new rate to the West Coast, effective April 1, 1855. Also used on foreign destinations.

Type I



Scott# 13 ten cents

Type II



Scott# 14 ten cents

Type III



Scott# 15 ten cents

Type IV



Scott#16 ten cents



Ten cent #13 type I with blue Schoolcraft, Mich. Mar. 7, 1857 cancel to Union, Canada West (Ontario) Canadain credit marking and receiving marks on back.

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-1855 Series Ten Cent Covers

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Company of Philadelphia

Type II & III Imperf.



Transcontinental cover with San Francisco Cal. Jun 5 (1856) cancel to Boston. One stamp (left) is type III #15 and right is type II # 14. Carried on Pacific Steamship Line "Golden Age". Stamps paid the double ten cent rate for a letter over 1/2 oz, traveling over 3000 miles.



Ten cent #16 type IV stamp Pos. 65L.1 recut at top. Boston, Apr 22 cancel to Montreal, Canada. Canadian receiving marks on back. Has faint Canadian exchange office marking on front. Stamp was used in 1856.

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-1851 Series Twelve Cent Stamp

Printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Caselear & Company of Philadelphia

12 cent imperf



Scott #17 1851
series twelve cent
stamp.



The #17 twelve cent stamp was primarily printed to be used in pairs to prepay the treaty rate to Great Britain. It is seldom seen on domestic mail, and then usually as a single on a large envelope containing court documents. This letter is postmarked Ottawa, Ill. Aug 14 (1861) to Treverton, Devon, England. Red "3" indicates credit to US for the domestic portion of rate, and there is also a British exchange office marking on the front and a receiving mark on the back of the cover. The two twelve cent stamps full paid the single 1/2 oz. rate to England.