

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

*Destined to be
America's # 1 Stamp Collector*



Warren Delano II

FDR's maternal grandfather

**Retired in 1846 at age 37
having become a
millionaire working as a
trader while living in
Canton, China.**

**Lost his fortune in the
economic crash of 1857**



Warren Delano II

FDR's maternal grandfather

Moved to Hong Kong in 1859 leaving his large family behind to again work as a trader.

Became a millionaire supplying the US Army with opium during the Civil War.



Sara Delano

FDR's mother

While Warren was in Hong Kong he wrote to his family frequently.

His six year old daughter Sara soaked the stamps off the envelopes and started a stamp collection.

The first stamp catalog published in 1861 listed 1080 postage stamps.



Sara Delano

FDR's mother

As Warren's wealth grew his family joined him in Hong Kong.

They continued to live there during the Civil War and traveled frequently to visit other countries.

Sara added to her collection during each trip.



Sara Delano

FDR's mother

The Delano family returned to the States after the war and then took a year long vacation in Europe.

Sara stayed in Europe until 1870 to finish her formal education.

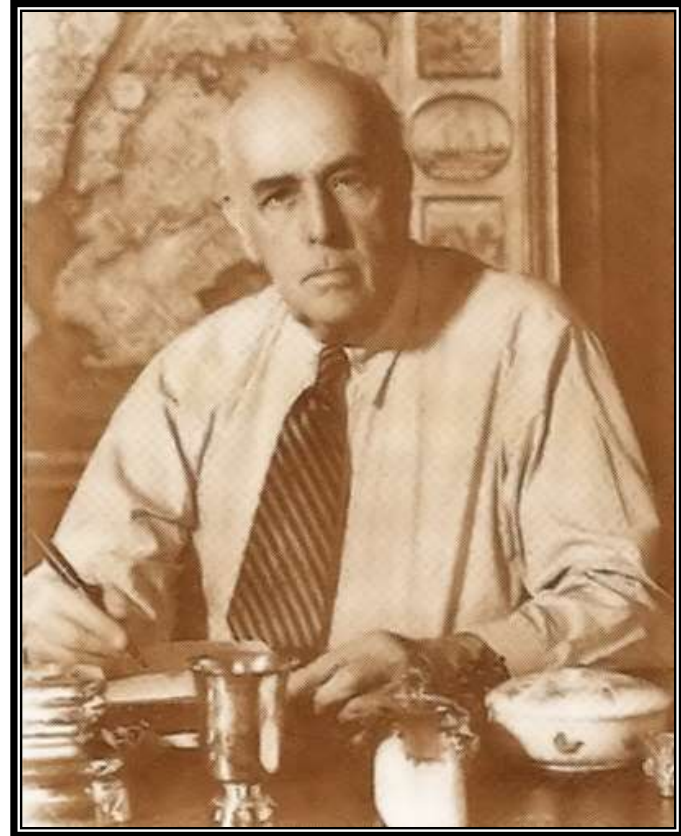
On her travels throughout Europe she added more stamps to her collection.



Fredrick Delano

Sara's brother

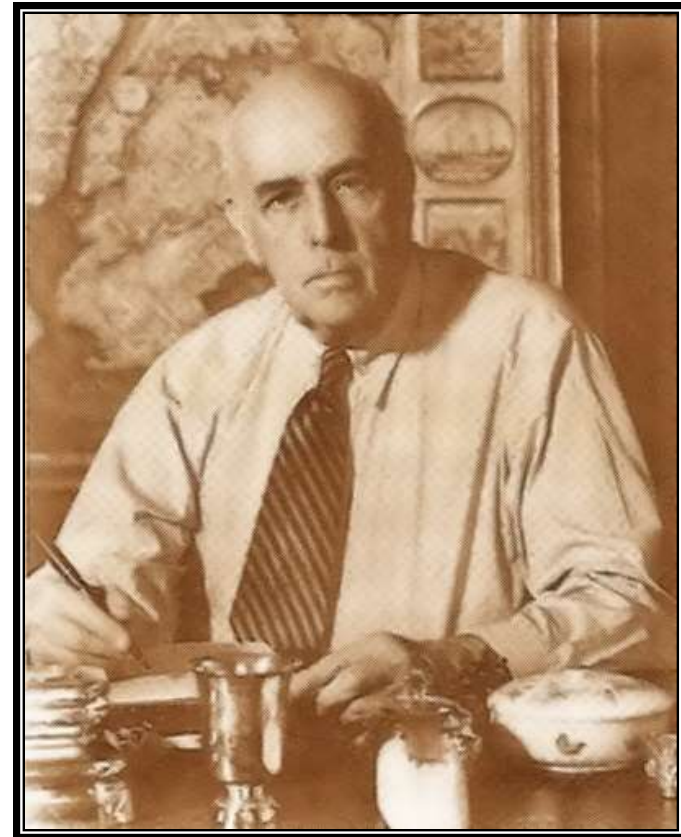
Soon the young lady's attention diverted to other pastimes and she gave the stamp collection to her younger brother Frederick Delano.



Fredrick Delano

Sara's brother

Frederic became a serious philatelist and was able to add considerably to the collection including covers and many rare Chinese stamps on his business travels to the Far East, Europe, South and Central America.



Sara and James Roosevelt



Twenty six year old Sara became the bride of James Roosevelt in 1880.

He was a widower twice her age with a son the same age as Sara.

Sara's marriage was a happy one and on January 30, 1882 she gave birth to a son. They named him Franklin Delano.



Young Franklin

Uncle Frederic was so impressed by 10 year old Franklin's interest in stamps that he gave the entire collection to him in 1892 for his birthday



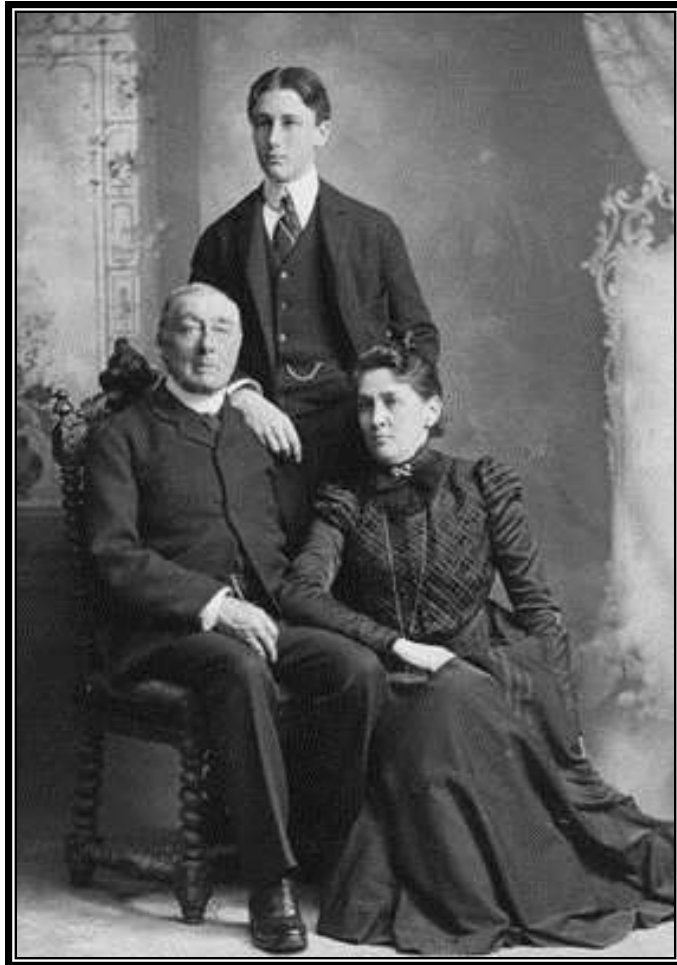
Young Franklin

The stamp collection that had been started by Sara Delano, then added to by his Uncle Fredrick, had now grown into an impressive collection that would be the envy of any philatelist.



James and Sara Roosevelt

Franklin's parents



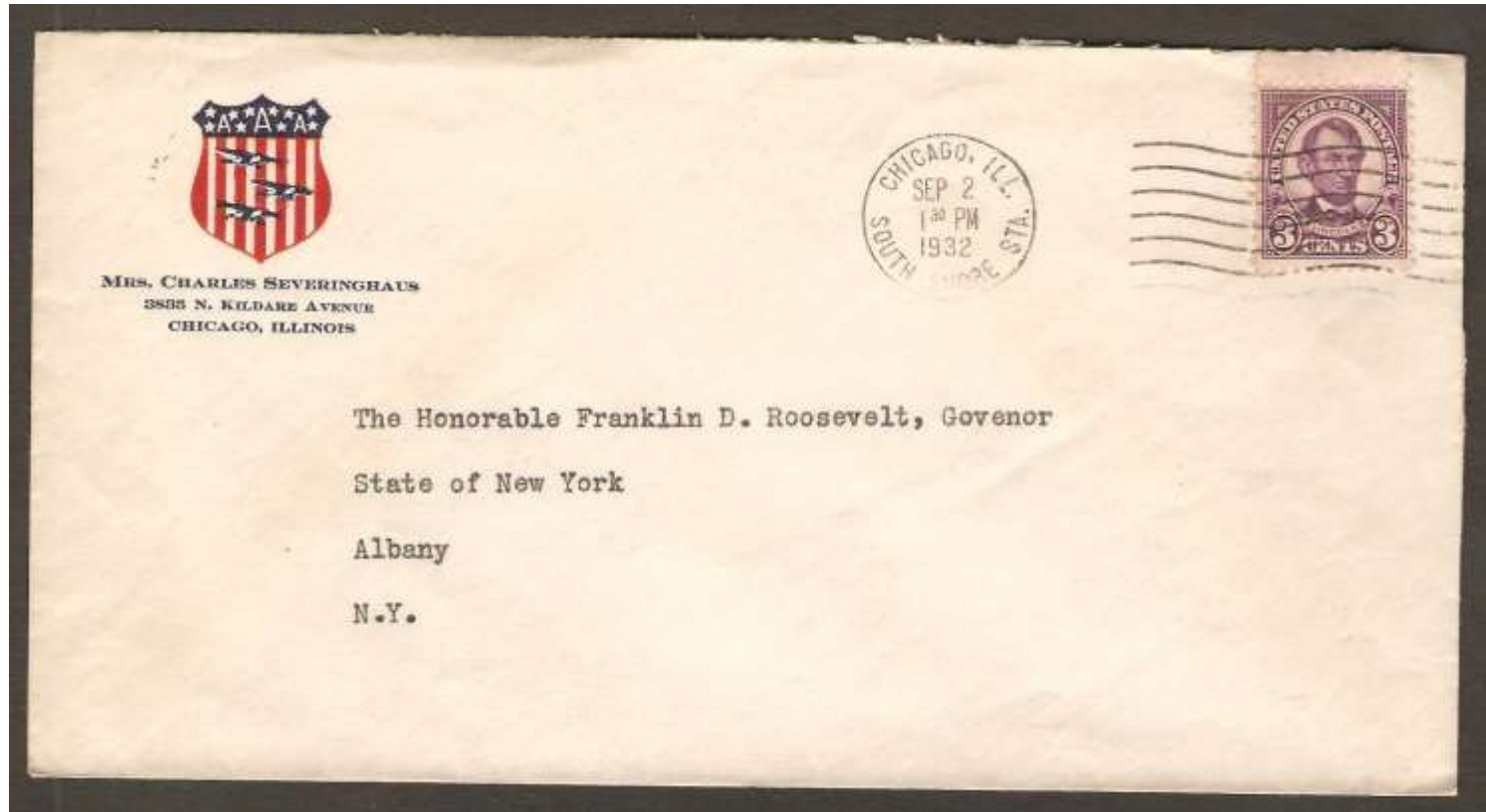
The Famous Collector

While running for governor of New York in 1928, his campaign manager James Farley, let it be known that FDR was a stamp collector.



The Famous Collector

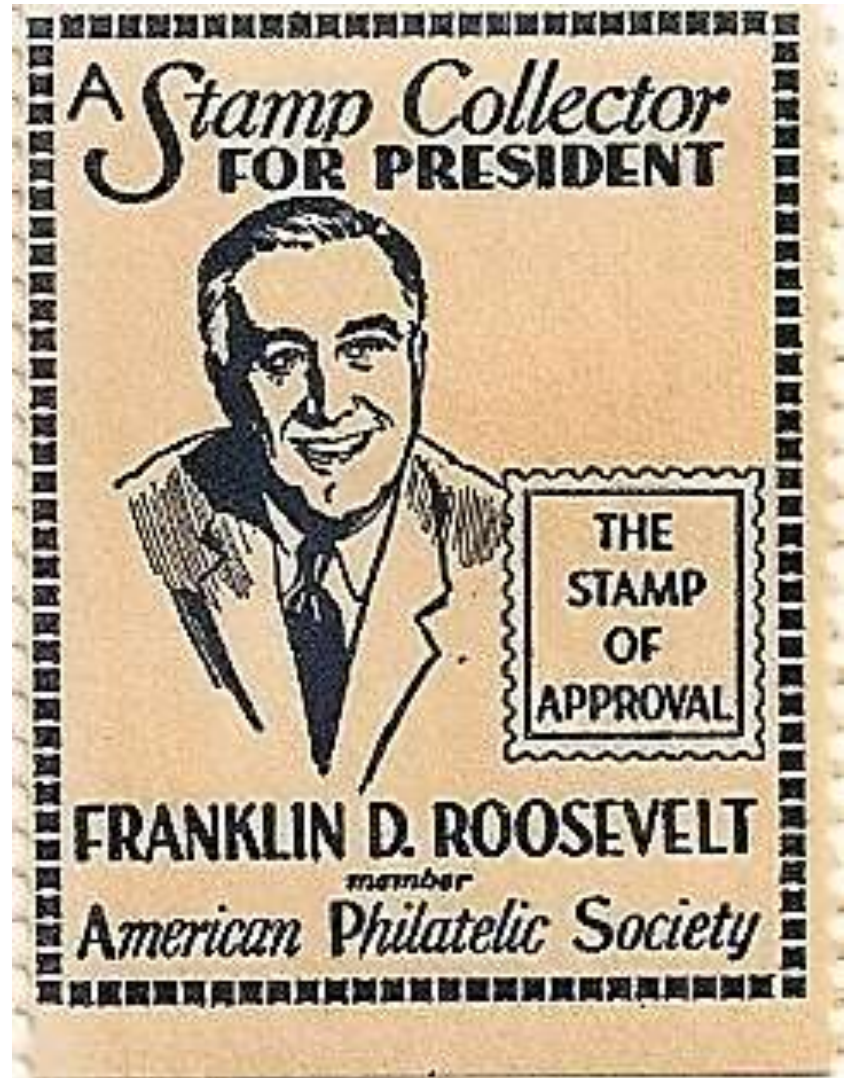
After he was elected governor the public started sending him stamps and covers for his collection.



The Famous Collector

This poster stamp appeared during the election campaign of 1932.

It has been erroneously attributed to the A.P.S. in numerous articles and books.



The Famous Collector

This editorial comment from the August, 1932 issue of The American Philatelist caused considerable controversy.

“And so, not as a Wet or Dry, not as a Democrat or as a Republican, not as a liberal or a conservative, but simply as an enthusiast in Philately, we bespeak the favorable consideration by of all the members of the A.P.S. of the candidacy of our fellow member, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, A.P.S. #11590, for the office of President of the United States.”

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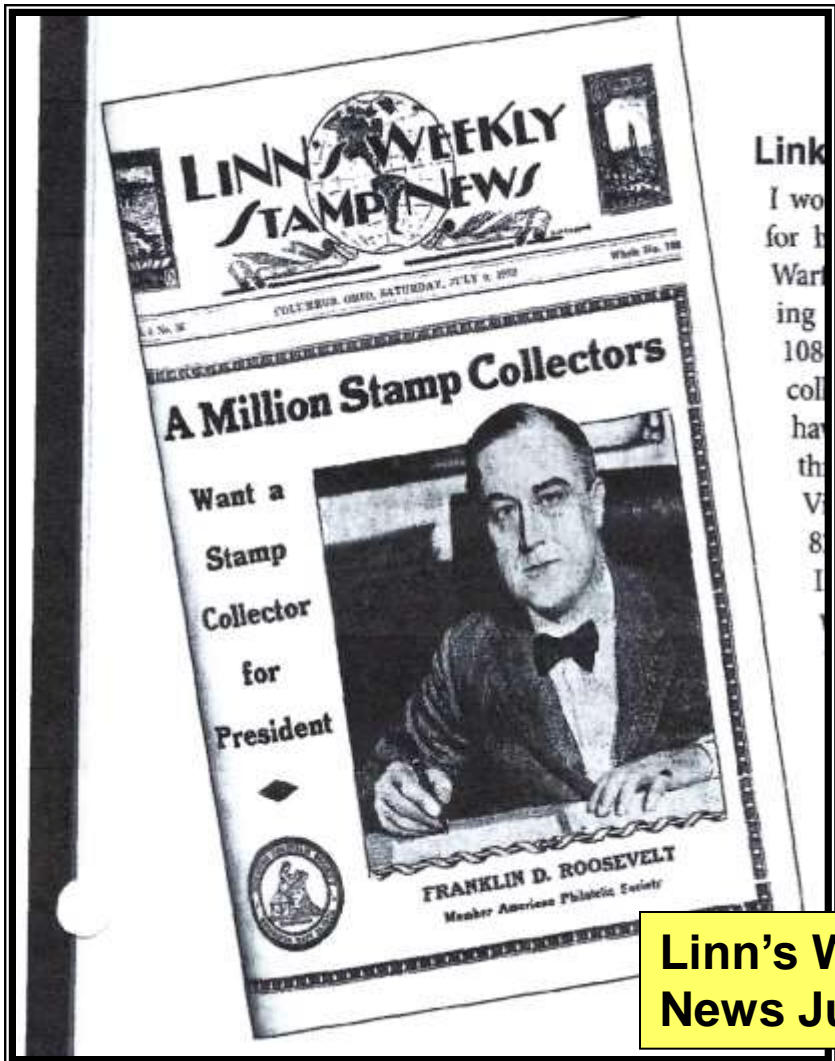
PATRONIZE A. P. ADVERTISERS ————— THERE'S MANY A REASON!

EDITOR'S COLUMN



OUR FELLOW MEMBER in the American Philatelic Society, Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of the State of New York, is a candidate this year for the high office of President of the United States! Governor Roosevelt, a high bred, highly educated and charming gentleman, represents the best American type in public service. He has proven himself a valiant and popular leader and a protagonist of liberalism. In a stirring address before the Democratic Convention in Chicago which followed his dramatic arrival by airplane from New York, he outlined to the Nation the major policies on which he will base his campaign. Outright repeal of the 18th Amendment; immediate revision of the Volstead Act; Unemployment relief through productive public works, such as reforestation; Reduction of State and Federal Taxes and an economic system that will remember the "forgotten man" and give

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Linn's Weekly Stamp
News July 9, 1932

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ROOSEVELT POSTER STAMPS

**Stick Them on Your Letters, Stick Them Everywhere
Boost a Philatelic Brother —
A Stamp Collector for President**

Roosevelt Poster Stamps, gummed and perforated, in sheets of 20 stamps, same design as the Roosevelt envelope, postage stamp size. Printed in various colors.

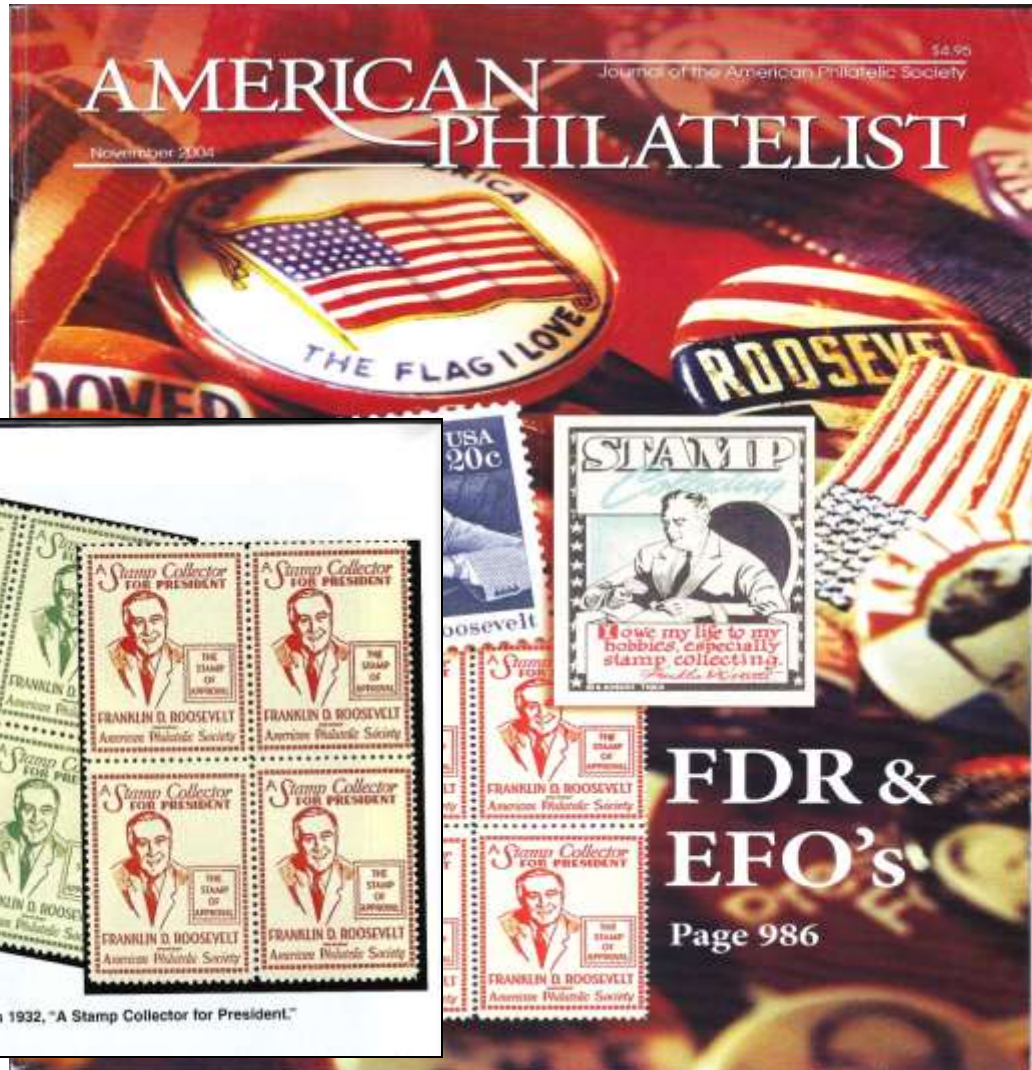
12 sheets, 240 stamps, postpaid, 25c. 25 sheets, 500 stamps, postpaid, 40c. 50 sheets, 1000 stamps, postpaid, 75c.

Special Dealer's Discount on Lots of 10,000

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The Famous Collector

The American Philatelist
November 2004

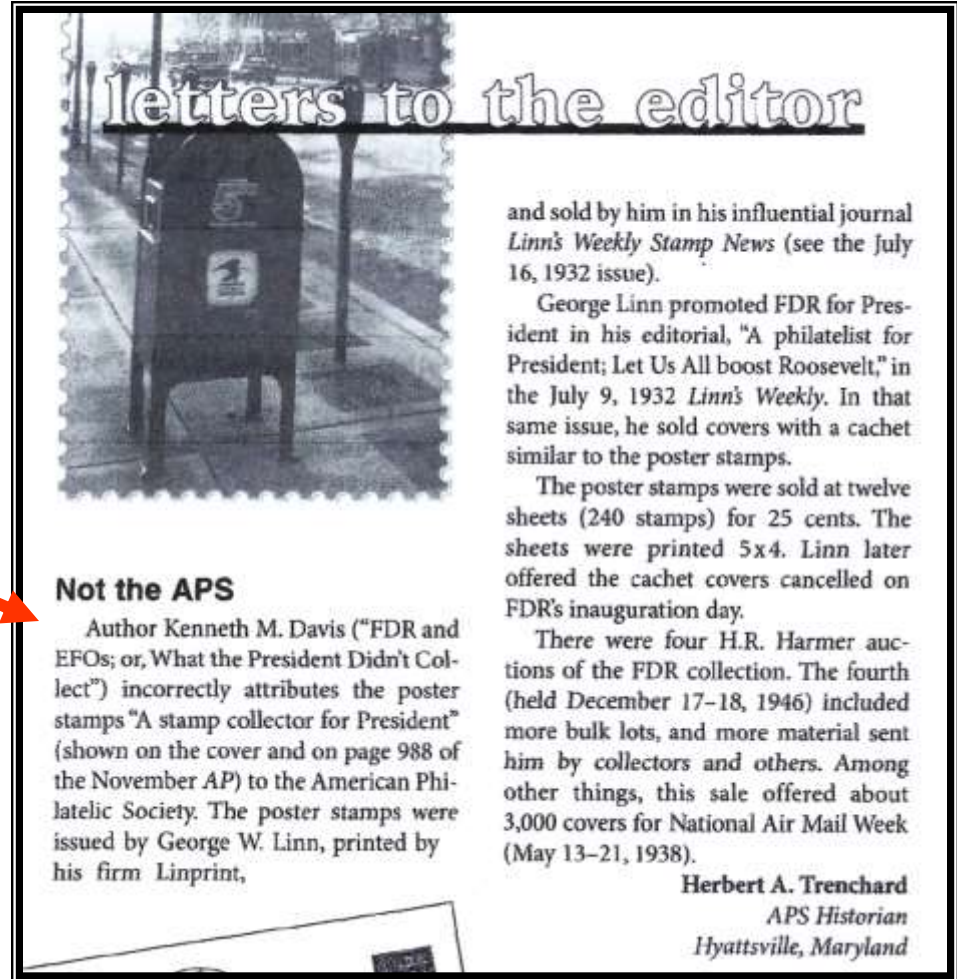


Adhesive labels issued by the American Philatelic Society in 1932, "A Stamp Collector for President."

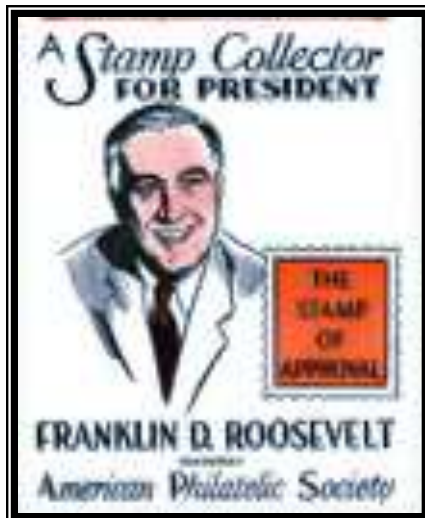
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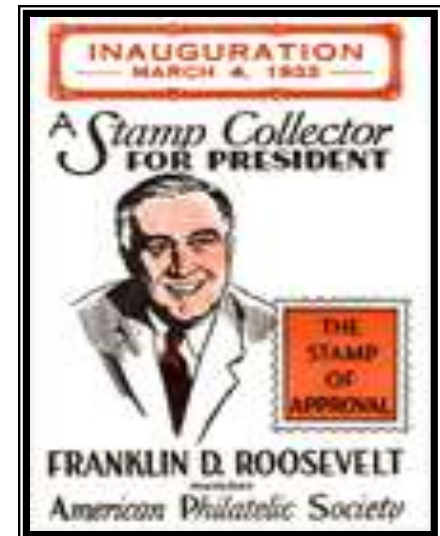
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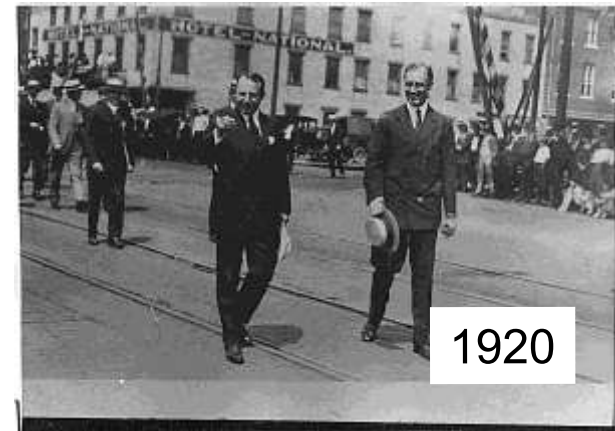
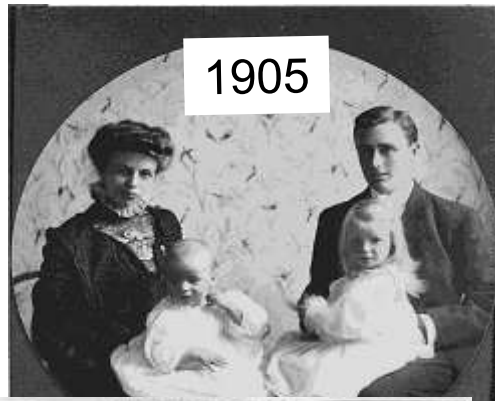
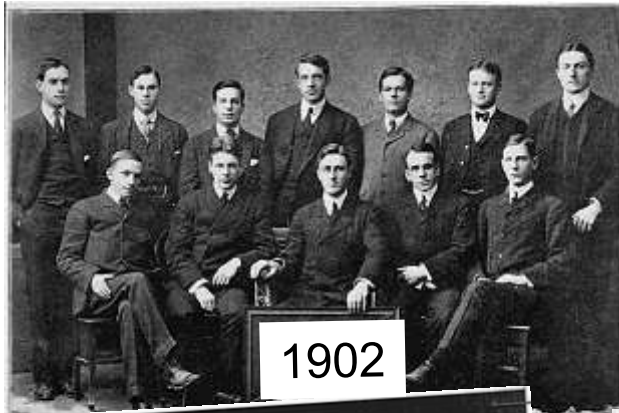
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George Linn, editor and publisher of the four year old Linn's Weekly Stamp News, created these poster stamps and cachet covers during the presidential election of 1932 when FDR was running against Herbert Hoover.



Franklin's journey to the White House



The President Collector

He collected common stamps and covers

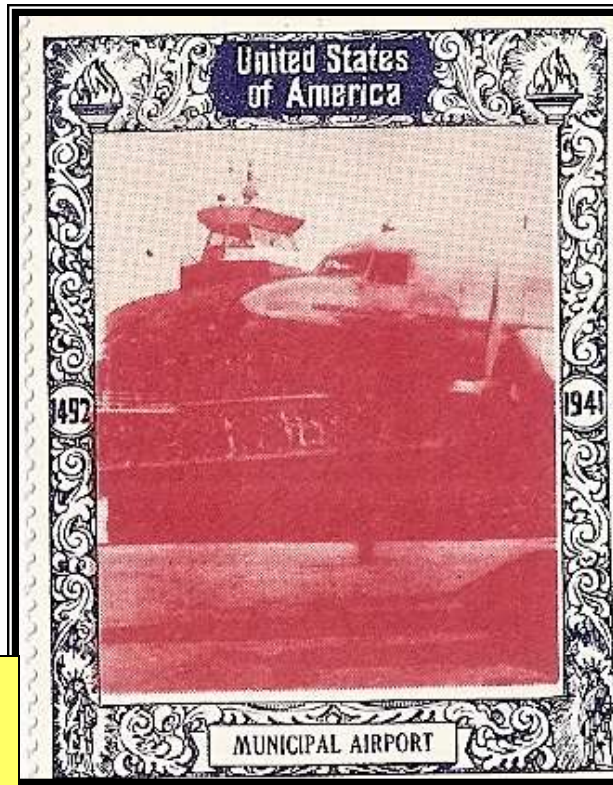


The President Collector

He collected everything including non-postage stamps



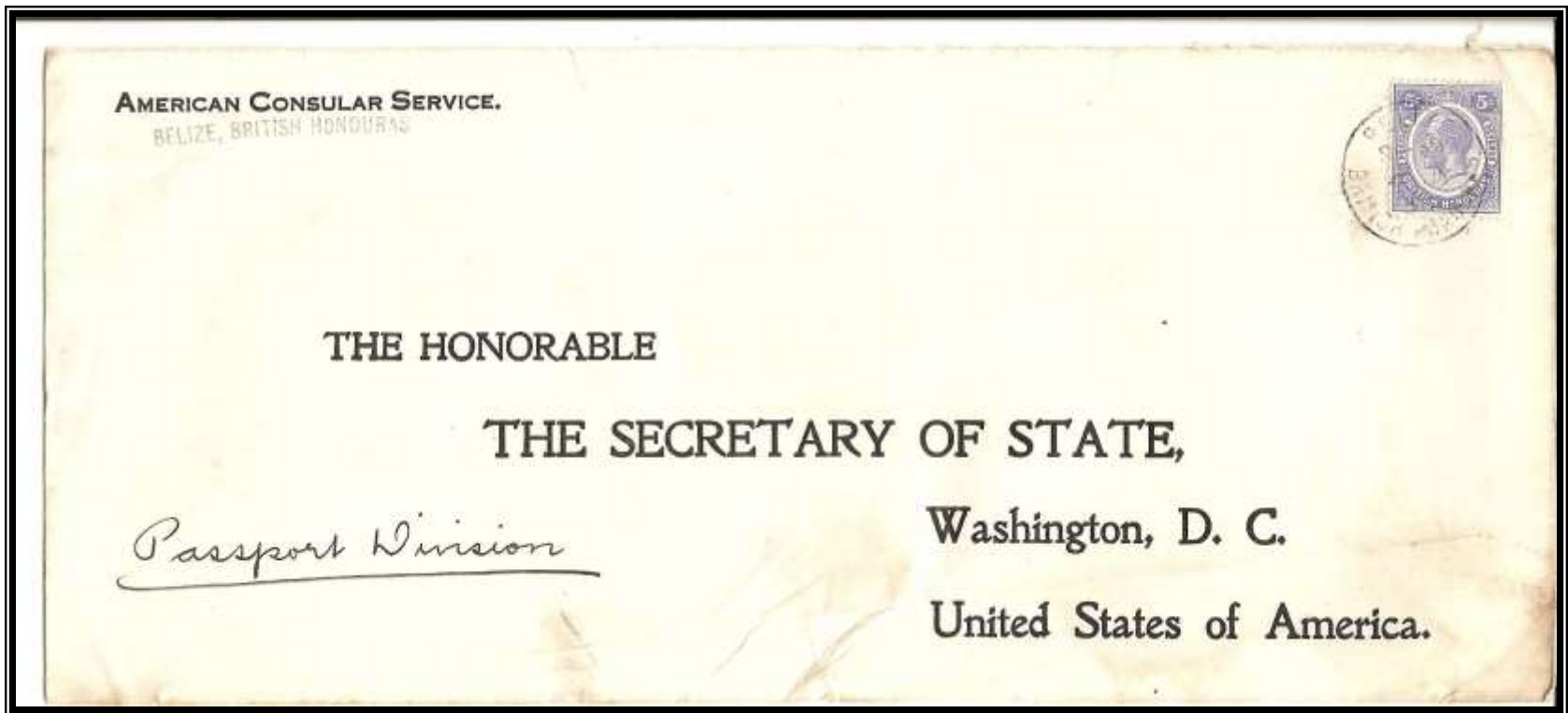
Charitable organizations sent him full sheets of stamps



1936 election campaign

The President Collector

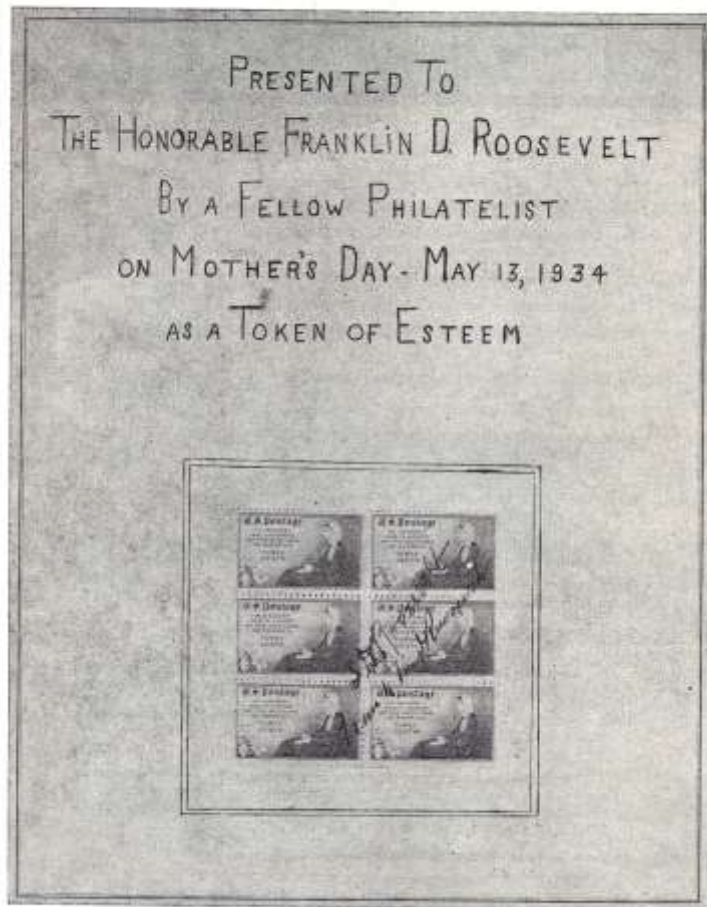
Every week the State Department would send him a box full of covers.



The President Collector

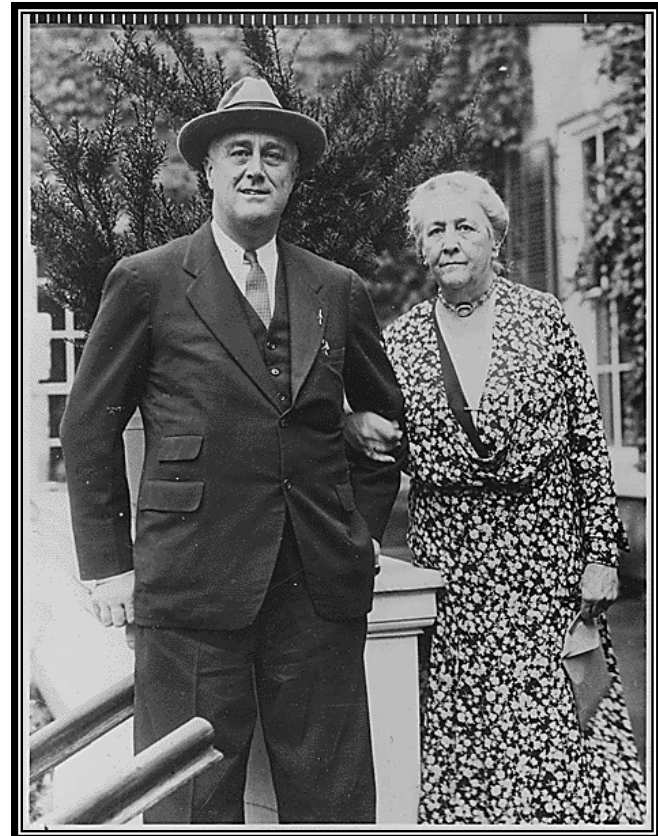
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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 6th



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His mother Sara gave him this personalized sheet of Mother's Day stamps.



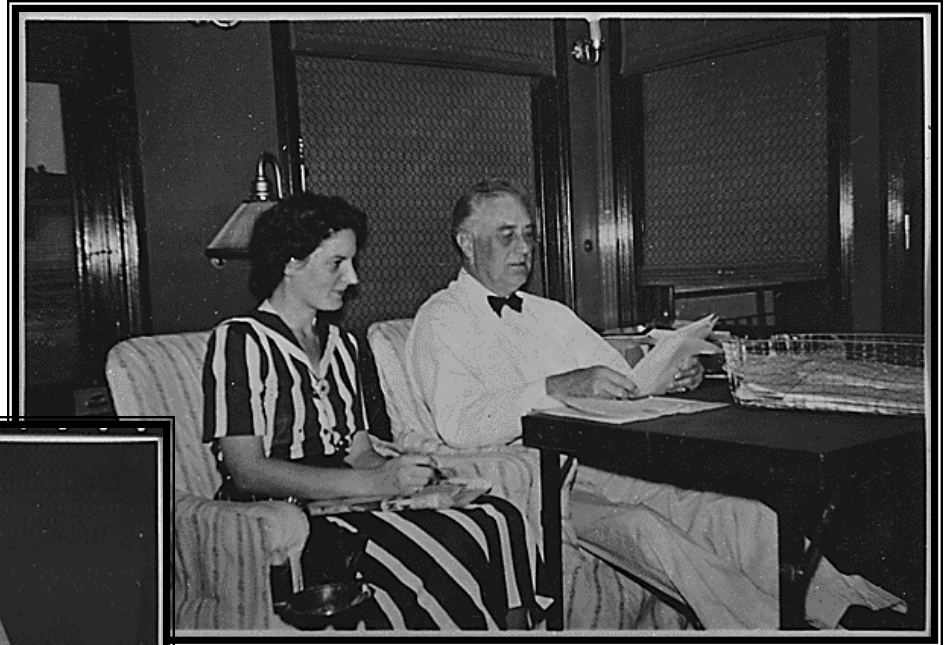
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Postmaster James B. Farley asked the public to use the new "Mother" stamp to send a card to their mother.



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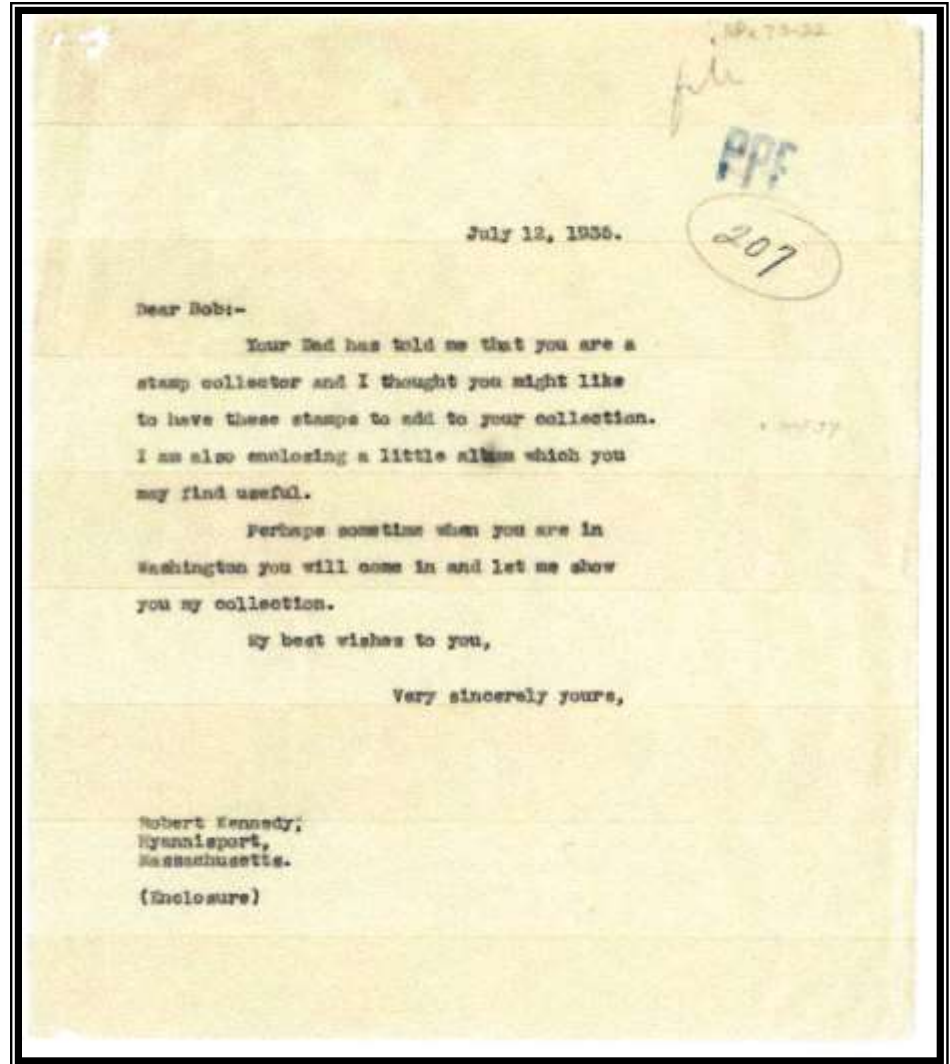
The White House mailroom was instructed to save all envelopes with stamps on them for the president's perusal.



The president sorted through these boxes, saved the ones he wanted and had his secretaries make up envelopes of the rest to be given away.

The President Collector

The president received many requests from boys and girls requesting stamps for their collection. This boy also received a small album.



The President Collector

STANFORD
MASSACHUSETTS
July 19, 1935

Dear Mr. President,
I liked the stamps
you sent me very much
and the little book is very
useful. I am just starting
my collection and it would
be great fun to see yours
which mother says you
have had for a long
time.

I am going to
frame your letter and
I am going to keep it
always in my room.
Daddy, mother,
and all my brothers and
sisters want to be remem-
bered to you.

Bobby Kennedy

Son of Joseph P. Kennedy

Thank you letter from a young Bobby Kennedy

The President Collector

National Air Mail week 1938. Postmaster General Farley asked the public to send the president a letter using the new 6c air mail stamp.

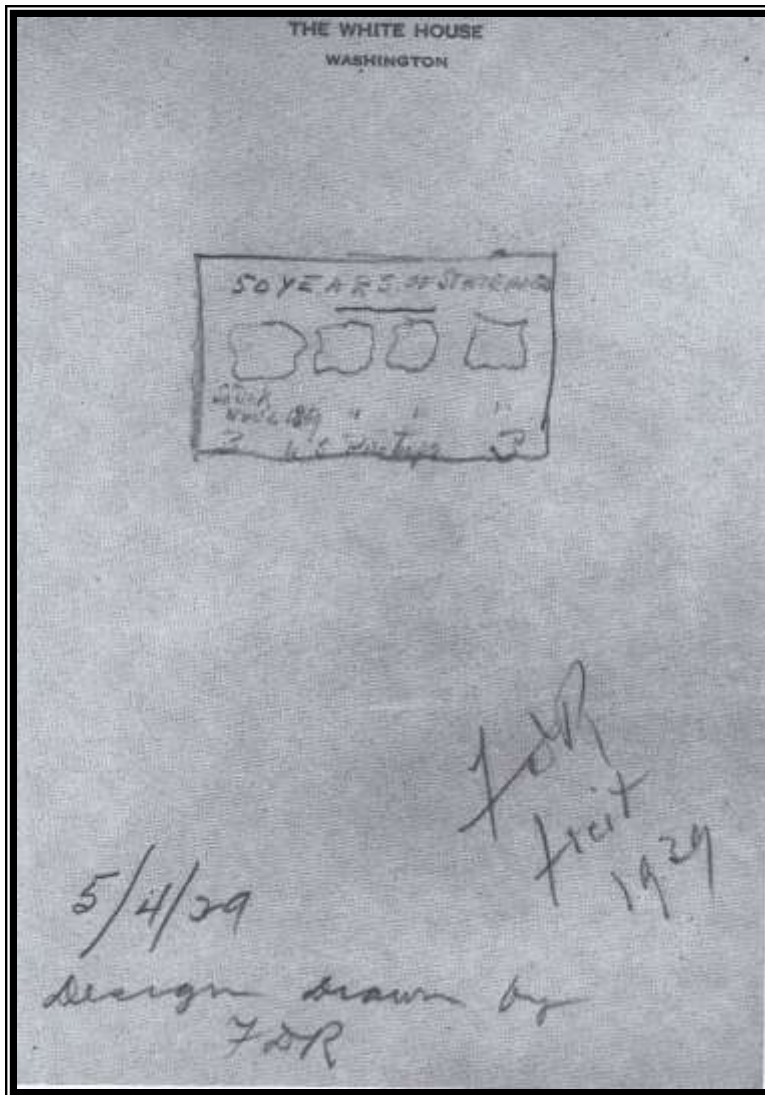


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Farley also asked for Postmasters to send an airmail letter. Those signed by the PM and pilot were special to the president.



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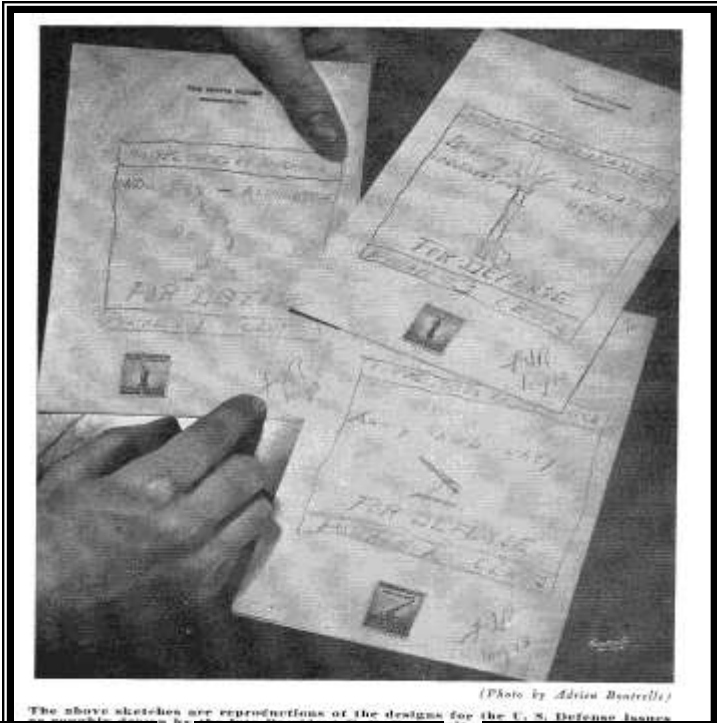
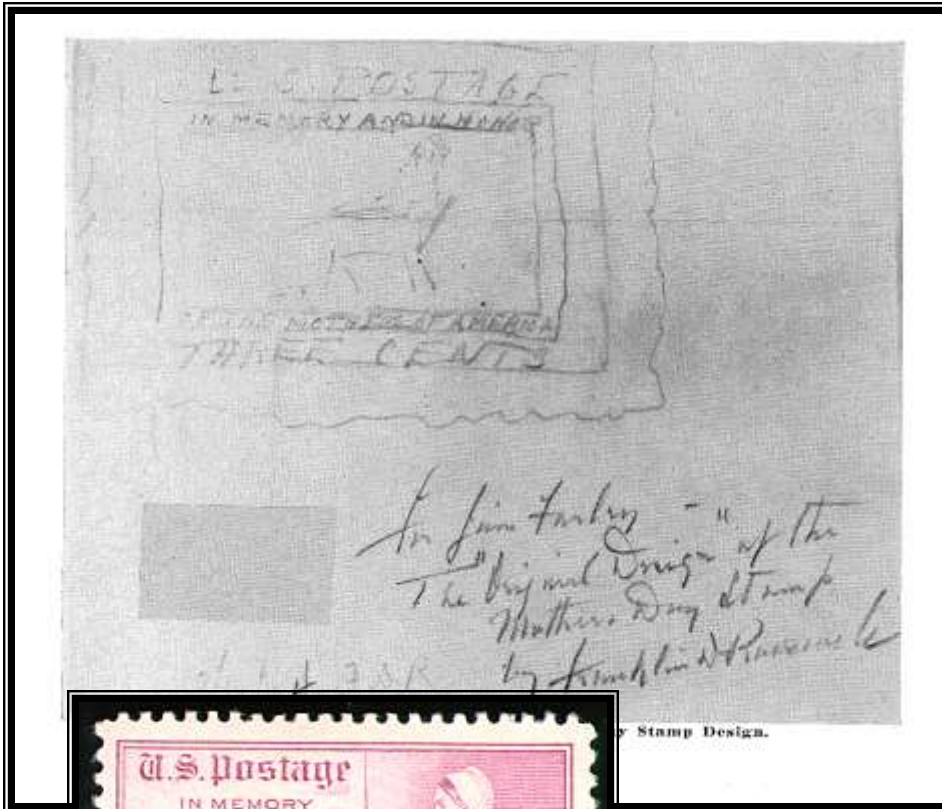


The president personally approved all 225 stamp designs during his 12 years in office. He suggested many changes and designed 10 himself.



50th Anniversary of Statehood 1939

The President Collector



Mother's Day 1934



National Defense 1940

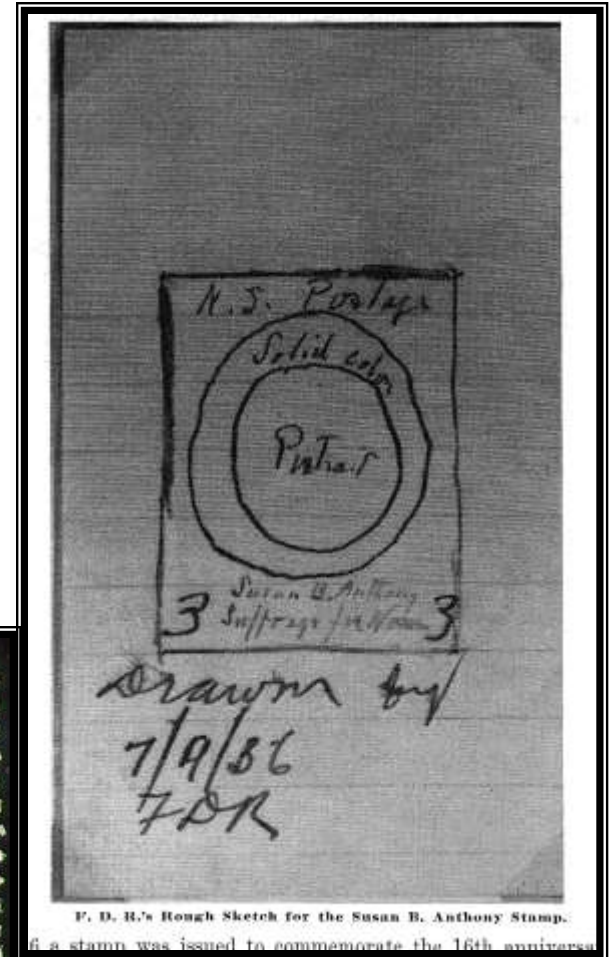
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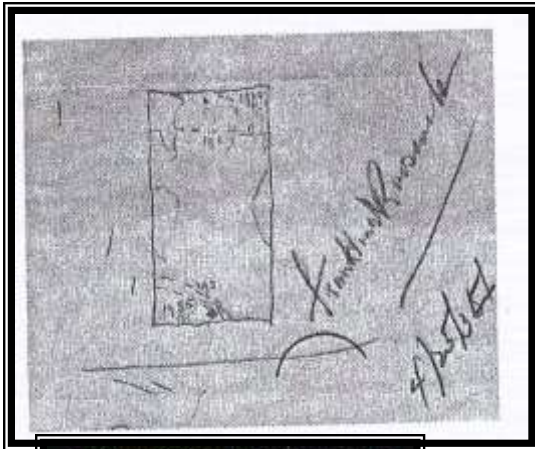
Virginia Dare 1937



Susan B Anthony 1936



The President Collector



Byrd Expedition 1933



6 cent Airmail 1938

The President Collector

Although the president played no part in the actual design of the proposed "Blood Plasma" stamp that was scheduled to be issued in 1945, he considered this design "too horrific." He vetoed the issuance of the stamp.



The President Collector

Farley's Follies

The first stamp printed after Roosevelt took office was the 3c Newburg Peace issue of 1933.

Postmaster James Farley bought a proof sheet as a gift for the president.

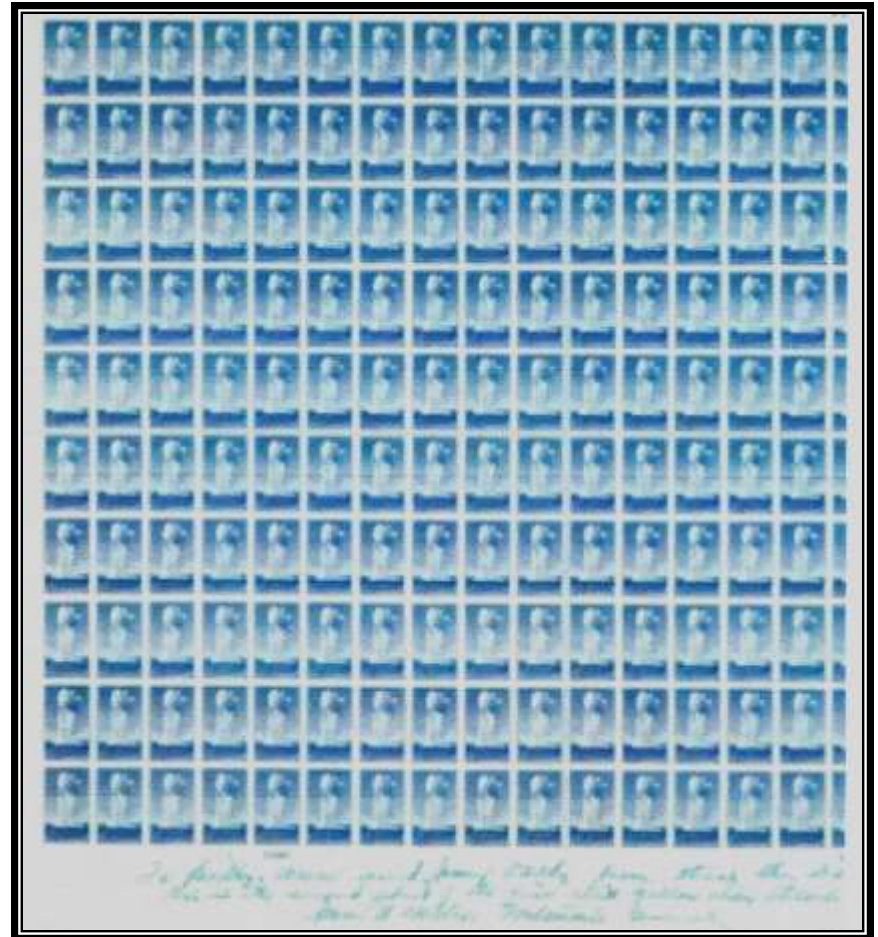


The President Collector

Farley's Follies

Farley continued this practice throughout 1933 and 1934, buying a total of 20 proof sheets for gifts to the president and other officials.

Farley also purchased full proof sheets for the president to give away. This sheet was given to the Farley family and signed by the president.



The President Collector

Farley's Follies



The President Collector

Farley's Follies

When stamp collectors found out about Farley purchasing proof sheets that were not available to the public they demanded an equal opportunity.

George Linn stroked the fire with editorials in his weekly newspaper. Other philatelic publications joined the crusade.

The Post Office Department relented and reissued the 20 stamps with a special printing and made them available for a limited time only.

The President Collector

Farley's Follies

Special printing (Nos. 752-771)
“Issued for a limited time in full sheets as printed, and in block thereof to meet the requirements of collectors and others who may be interested.”

Issuance of these 20 stamps in complete sheets resulted from the protest of collectors and others at the practice of presenting to certain government officials complete sheets of unsevered panes, imperforate (except 752 and 753) and generally ungummed.

Copied from Scott Catalog

752 Newburg Peace-753 Byrd Expedition



These were sold for three months only, March 15 to June 15, 1935.

The President Collector

- **Entering the White House in 1933 FDR's collection was estimated to contain about 22,000 items in 30 albums. In addition he had 1000's more in boxes still to be sorted.**
- **When he died in 1945, the collection had over 1.2 million items. About 80% was still in boxes that had never been opened.**

The President Collector



- There were an estimated two million stamp collectors in the United State in 1932.
- Due to the popularity of the president's hobby it was estimated that over ten million stamp collectors were enjoying this hobby in the US by 1945.



The President Collector

His last official act on the day before he died, April 12, 1945 was to approved the design for the United Nations stamp.

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT
Memorial

ROOSEVELT'S LAST OFFICIAL
ACT. SELECTING DESIGN FOR
PEACE STAMP CELEBRATING
OPENING OF SAN FRANCISCO
CONFERENCE.



TOWARD UNITING THE NATIONS FOR PEACE.

FIRST DAY COVER



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



The President's Collection



Auction of Collection

Auctioned by H.R. Harmer in New York in four parts

- 1. February 4 and 5, 1946, three sessions**
- 2. April 1 and 2, 1946, two sessions**
- 3. July 16, 1946, mainly unopened boxes of covers**
- 4. December 17 and 18, 1946, items offered by buyers in part 1**
 - Estimated by George B. Sloane to worth \$80,000 not counting most covers and unique items**
 - Total sales for parts 1-3 was about \$220,000**

Auction of Collection

Part one - February 4 and 5, 1946



Auction of Collection

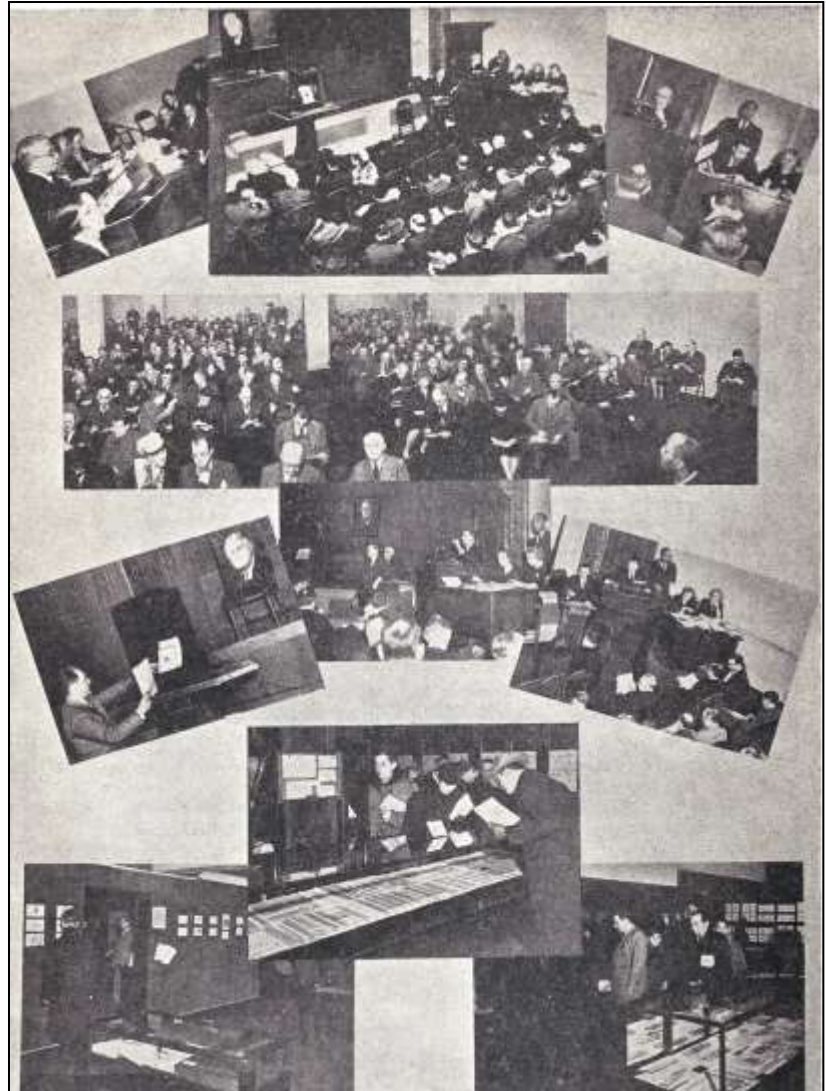
Part one



"I owe my life to my hobbies, especially stamp collecting."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dec. 21, 1932



Auction of Collection

Part one

500 Attend Bidding on His Famous Collection at Galleries Here.

FIRST OF THREE SALES

Small Die Proofs Presented by
Government Officials Net
\$200 Apiece.

By FRANKLIN R. BRUNS JR.

Stamp dealers and collectors, drawn by the name of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, last night surpassed the appraised valuation of his stamp collection in one long sitting. The collection was appraised for estate purposes at \$80,000. The 281 lots sold last night alone surpassed that total, and assured a gross realization for the six scheduled auction sessions of well over the \$100,000 set by H. R. Harmer, Inc., the auctioneers.

The sale took place at the Parke-Bernet Galleries and attracted over 500 persons. Divided into four sections, last night's session established at least two trends. The small die proofs of United States stamps, presented to President Roosevelt by officials of the Bureau of Engraving



New STATE Photo by Albertus.

These men were in the front row at the sale of Roosevelt's collection at the Parke-Bernet Galleries. The man in the center, whose bidding is George B. Sloane, who appraised the collection.

Auction of Collection

Part one

16 of the 20 proof sheets known as Farley's Follies were sold at the auction in 9 lots.

Scott # 727, 733, 738(2), 739-751 and CE1

A 2nd sheet of 738 given to Mrs. Roosevelt was included

All sheets signed by James Farley

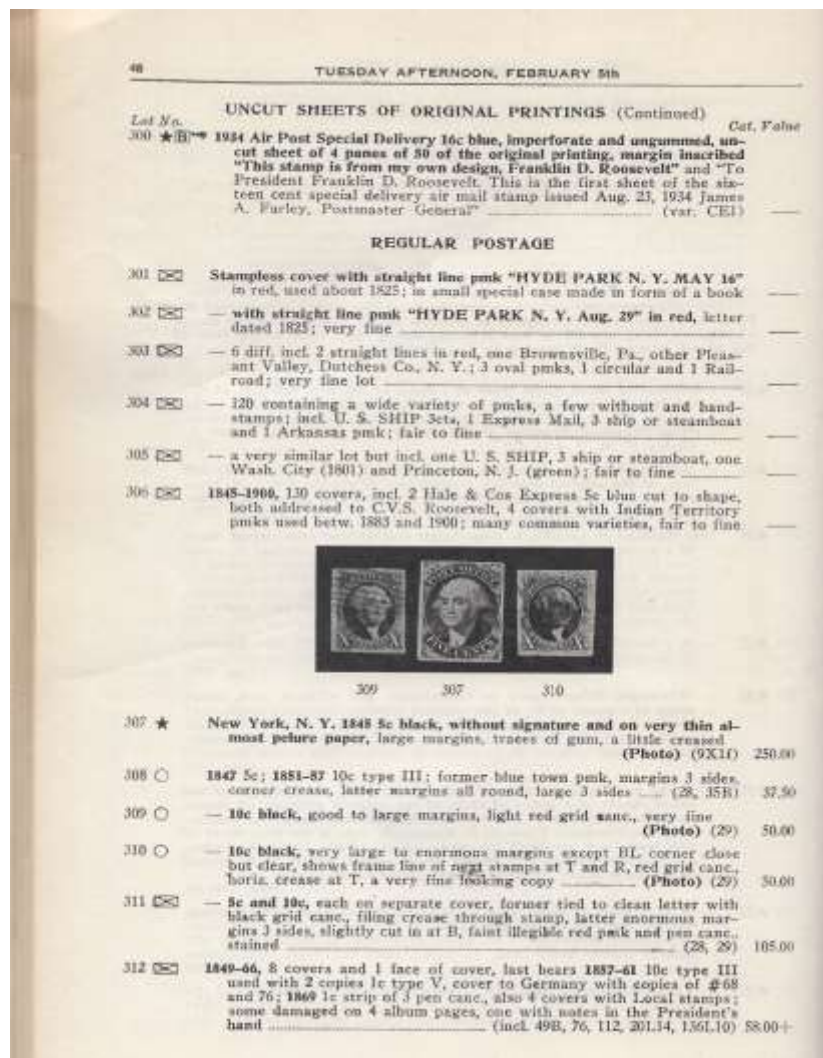
Admiral Byrd also signed 733

Total realized at auction \$4,425

SECOND SESSION OF SALE		47
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1946		
AT 2 P.M.		
at the Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., 30 East 37th St., New York		
—○○—		
UNCUT SHEETS OF ORIGINAL PRINTINGS		
The following 9 lots comprise uncut sheets of four panes each, except the Parks 1c 1c and Trans-Mississippi 1c souvenir sheets which are uncut sheets of 20 panes. They are all the first printing, having been made at the time of the issued stamps. Each sheet is in a special cover.		
Lot No.		Cat. Value
222 ★	1933 Peace 3c violet, uncut sheet of 4 panes of 100, with full o.g., of the original printing, the shade is entirely different from that of the Special Printing of 1933, inscribed across the sheet in black crayon "For President Franklin D. Roosevelt For Collection, James A. Farley, P. M. G. 4/11/33" (var. 727)	—
260 ★	Byrd Antarctic 3c dark blue, uncut sheet of 4 panes of 30 with full o.g., of the original printing, a small part of margin detached, margin at bottom autographed Richard E. Byrd and James A. Farley 9/29/33 (var. 733)	—
264 ★	1934 Mothers of America 3c imperforate and without gum; uncut sheet of 4 panes of 50, of the original printing, margin inscribed in green ink. This is the first sheet of this stamp. Compliments of James A. Farley, Postmaster General, 4/13/34, also inscribed "This is to certify that only 3 sheets were issued unperforated and in this condition. This and the other four sheets were autographed as they came off the press. James A. Farley, Postmaster General" (var. 738)	—
265 ★	3c a similar sheet and inscription except inscribed "To Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt" and "This is the second sheet of stamps of this issue" (var. 738)	—
266 ★	Wisconsin Tercentenary 3c imperforate and without gum, uncut sheet of 4 panes of 50, of the original printing, margin autographed by the President and inscribed in green ink "To President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This is the 1st sheet of the Wisconsin Tercentenary stamp issued today 6/29/34 James A. Farley, Postmaster General" (var. 739)	—
267 ★	Parks 1c to 10c, imperforate and without gum, complete set of ten uncut sheets of 4 panes of each, of the original printing, all sheets have the autograph of the President in the margin and also inscription "To President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This is the first sheet of this issue as it came off the press today" (date) James A. Farley, or similar wordings. The sheets are in special album of 20 pocket pages with heavy cellulose acetate fronts and tanvas case (var. 740-49)	—
268 ★	A. P. S. issue 3c, uncut sheet of 20 panes of 6 of the original printing, margin autographed by the President and inscribed "To President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This is the first sheet of the Souvenir M. L. Rainier stamp issued Aug. 15, 1934. James A. Farley, Postmaster General" (var. 750)	—
269 ★	Trans-Mississippi Phil. Esp. 1c uncut sheet of 20 panes of 6 of the original printing, full o.g., bottom margin autographed and inscribed as previous lot except description and dated accordingly (var. 751)	—

Auction of Collection

Part one



Lot 308

5c Franklin

Scott 28

10c Wash Green type III Scott 35B

Lot 309

10c Washington

Scott 29

Lot 310

10c Washington

Scott 29

Lot 311

5c Franklin

Scott 28

10c Washington

Scott 29

Then

Now

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35B

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Auction of Collection

Part two April 1 and 2, 1946

SALES 16205 16209 16210	<p>The Famous and Valuable General Collection of Postage Stamps formed by FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT <i>President of the United States of America, 1933-1945</i> <i>offered by H. R. Harmer, Inc. on instructions received from</i> THE EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE <i>JAMES ROOSEVELT, BASIL O'CONNOR, HENRY T. HACKETT</i></p>	American Sales Nos. 303 209 210
<p>PART TWO</p> <p>VENEZUELA a specialized collection, including singles, blocks of four, errors and varieties.</p> <p>THE REST OF THE WORLD other than United States and Latin America INCLUDING PRESENTATION COLLECTIONS, particularly, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Denmark, France (Die Proofs), French Colonies (Free French Administration), Norway, Russia, Sweden, Vatican City, Canada (Die Proofs), Cape of Good Hope (Pre-stamp covers), Great Britain, Irish Free State, THE PRESIDENT'S GENERAL COLLECTION strong in Cameroons (Free French issues), Congo (1942 imperf. in sheets), France, Germany, Lebanon, Tibet, Turkey, HONG KONG (80 lots), Queensland, Miscellaneous lots, Album binders, Literature, etc.</p>		
<p>PUBLIC AUCTION MONDAY, APRIL 1, at 8 p.m. TUESDAY, APRIL 2, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1946</p>		
<p>PUBLIC EXHIBITION WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th to MONDAY, APRIL 1st Daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Closed Sunday</p> <p>Both at the PARKE-BERNEY GALLERIES, Inc. 30 East 57th Street, New York, 22 (Adjoining our premises)</p> <p>SALES CONDUCTED BY BERNARD D. HAEMER (of H. R. Harmer, Inc.) A. M. BADE (of Parke-Berney Galleries, Inc.)</p>		
<p>H. R. HARMER, Inc. International Stamp Auctioneers 32 EAST 57th STREET, NEW YORK 22, N. Y. Telephone: PLaza 3-6482 Cable: Harmersale New York</p>		

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THIRD SESSION OF SALE

TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1946

AT 8 P.M.

at the Parke-Berney Galleries, Inc., 30 East 57th St., New York

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THE SPECIALIZED COLLECTION OF HONG KONG

THE PRESIDENT'S FAVORITE COUNTRY

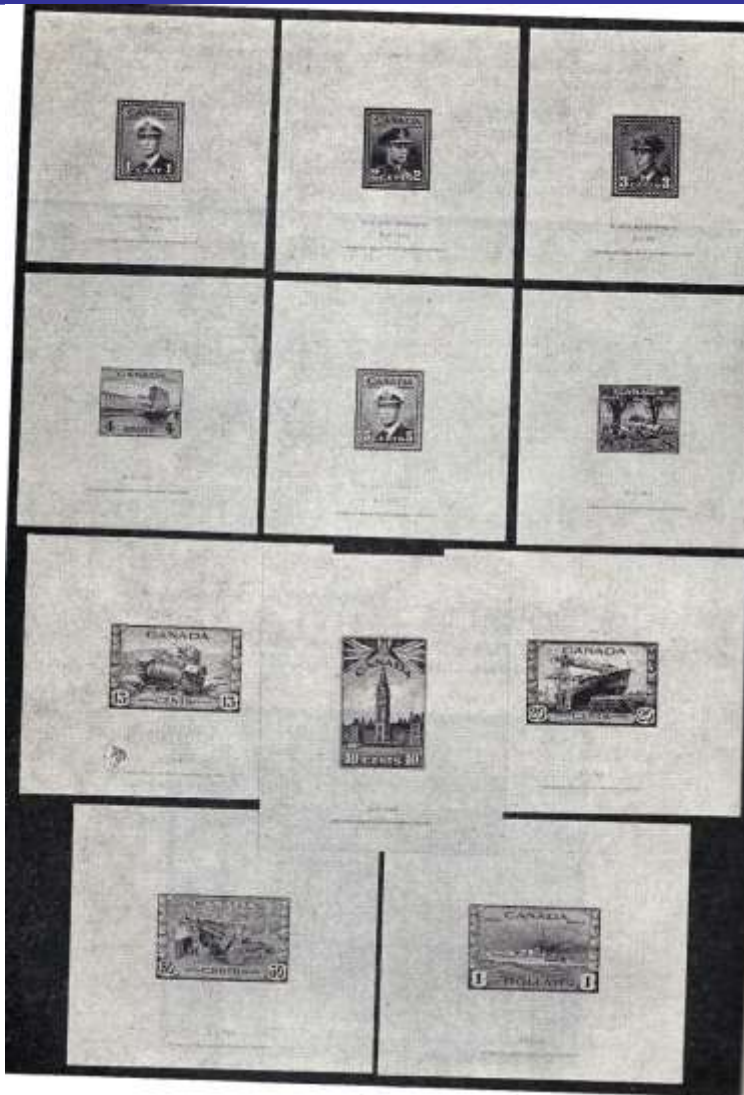
Attention is drawn to the fact that this collection includes a number of defective items which have not been included in the stated catalogue values. The album pages have, in most cases, been "written up" in the President's handwriting; many interesting varieties of shade and cancellation are included in the majority of the lots.

Lot No. 555 <input type="checkbox"/>	PRE-STAMP COVER bearing small PAID in double lined frame handstamp in red on front and HONG KONG JV 21 1845 in black on back of cover. It is addressed to Amoy "to be forwarded" and through the cover is vertically creased, it is exceedingly rare.	Col. Value 100.00
556 <input type="checkbox"/>	HONG KONG to LONDON via MARSEILLES with small circular blue pink on back HONG KONG JV 10 62 and London receiving pink in red on front LONDON AU 27 62 PAID; a fine and neat cover.	25.00
557 <input type="checkbox"/>	NEW YORK to AMOY via Southampton Overland Mail with red New York BR. PKT. cancel in red dated June lat, a small red London pink. LONDON BY JUL. 14 38 PAID both on front; black receiving pink on back HONG KONG * AU 188. This cover has a small tear at T and other defects but is of nice appearance.	37.50
558 ★ <input type="checkbox"/>	1862 no wmk 2c brown, o.g. blk of four, centered to B but fine and scarce (11) 100.00	100.00
559	no wmk 2c to 9c, coll. of 54 stamps on album pages incl. 8c(2), 12c and 9c unused, others used, condition fair to very fine (1-7) 175.00	150.00
560	1862-27 wmk C. C., coll. of 346 stamps on album pages comprising a fine range of shades and pinks, incl. 2c brown two mint blks of four, a good lot of the 30c, 45c and 9c values; condition fair to very fine (Betw. 8-24) 274.00	20.00
561 <input type="checkbox"/>	1886 5c ultramarine with the scarce S2 (SWATOW) pink, fine used copy (11)	20.00
562	Collection of 91 stamps, incl. unused blk of 4 of the 2c dull rose, a good range of shades and pinks mounted on four album pages; condition fair to very fine (9, 11, 14, 22) 86.00	42.50

<u>Hong Kong</u>	
<u>Lot Sold for</u>	
555	100.00
556	25.00
557	37.50
558	17.50
559	70.00
560	150.00
561	20.00
562	42.50

Auction of Collection

Part two

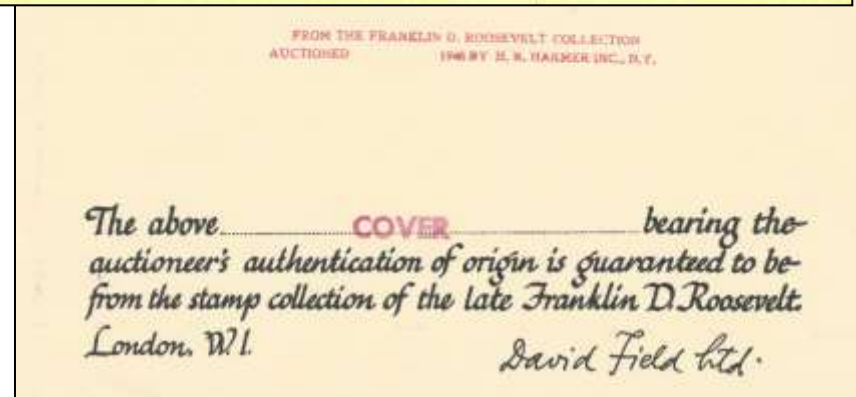
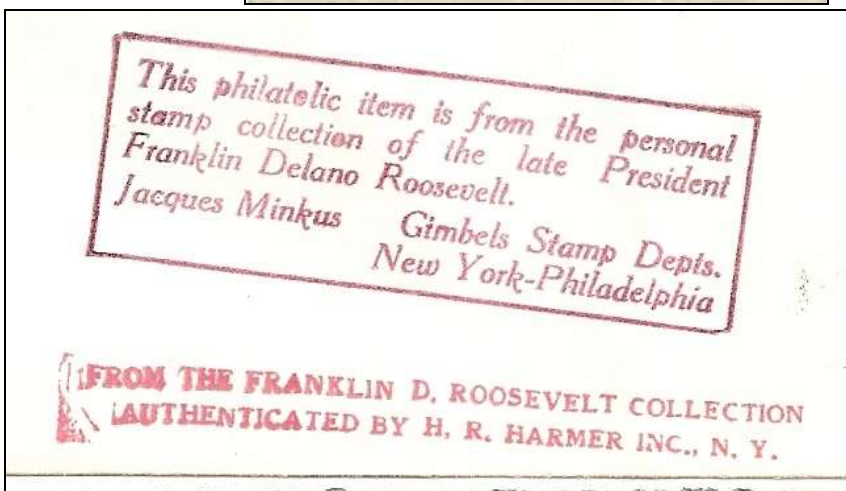
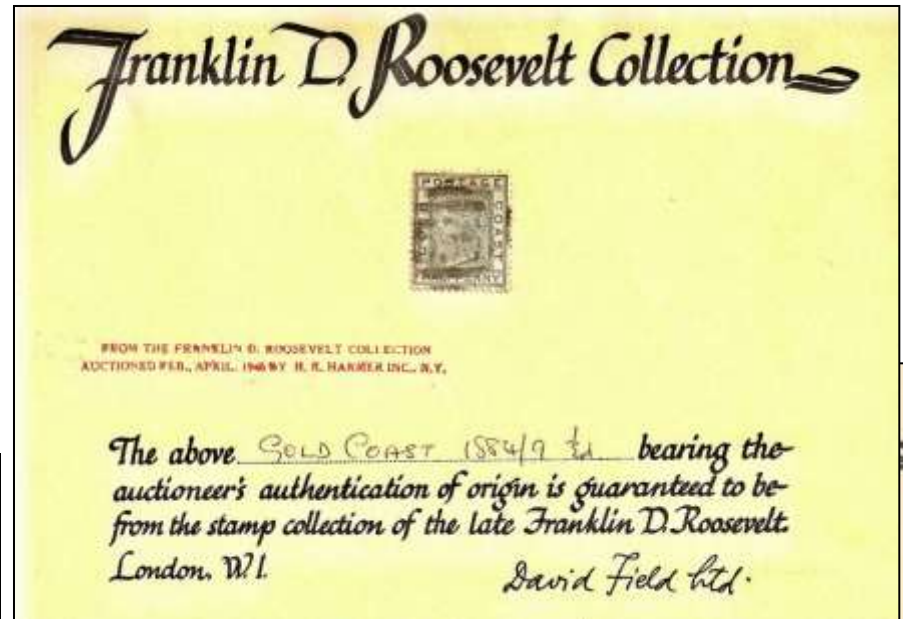


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CANADA		
Lot No.		Cat. Value
438 P	1942-43 Large Die Proofs of the issue to publicize Canada's contribution to the war effort, 1c to \$1, the complete set of 11 values as issued in 1942, in normal colors on India paper mounted on card, size of the 1c to 8c appr. 60x65mm, of the 10c 60x74mm and the 15c to \$1 appr. 76x65mm. In the lower margins Die numbers "X-G-739" to "X-G-749" respectively and "CANADIAN BANK NOTE COMPANY, LIMITED"; the 1c, 2c, 3c and 5c also "H. M. KING GEORGE VI". An excessively rare set in superb condition. In special presentation folder with silk pockets. Also incl. is a presentation letter to the President from the Postmaster General of Canada (Illustrated on next page) (249P-51P, 52P, 53P-56P, 57P-59P)	

The highest price paid was for this Canadian lot (438) of die proofs that sold for \$1700.00

Auction of Collection

Items purchased at the auction could be stamped to authenticated them.



The President Collector

After the Auction

Strip of six poster stamps, including one depicting FDR, produced by stamp dealer and stamp show promoter A. August Tiger in 1947.

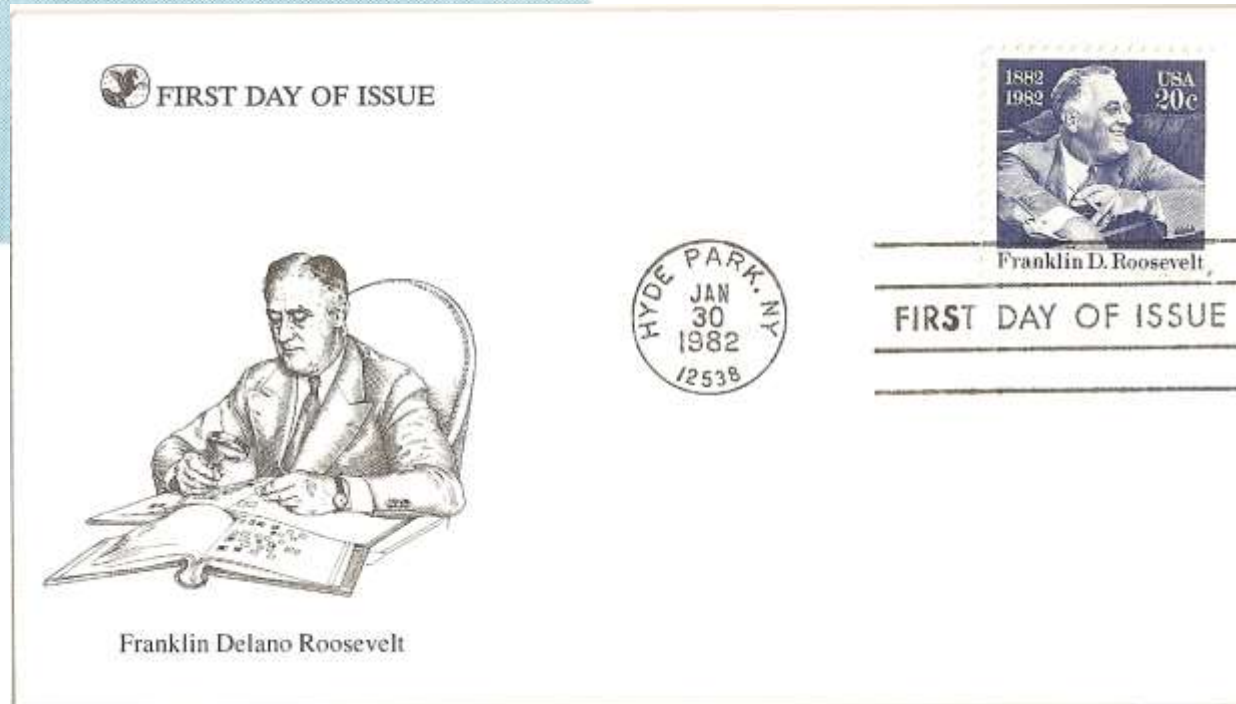
I owe my life to my hobbies, especially stamp collecting.

Franklin D. Roosevelt



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The President Collector Honoring FDR

90 countries
have issued
485 stamps
honoring
FDR. This is a
nice set
depicting life
events from
Manama 1970
(now United Arab
Emirates)



The President Collector

Honoring FDR the philatelist

11 countries have issued 19 stamps honoring FDR the stamp collector.



Nicaragua 1946



Monaco 1947

Infamous
6 finger
design



Philippines 1950



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Honoring FDR the philatelist

Kingdom
of Yemen
1968



Upper
Volta
1970



Republic of
Rwanda
1970



The President Collector

Honoring FDR the philatelist

Nicaragua 1970



Dahomey 1970



Western Samoa
1981

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Turks & Caicos 1982



Cook Islands 1982



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India 1983

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