

Shift Hunter Letter No. 11.

319 Vaniman St.,
Akron, Ohio.

2/15/30

Dear Mr Shift Hunter:-

Sorry to bother "you-all" with so many letters, but when the Hunters stop sending in so much fine data, we will not send out the letters so frequently.

#1304
1923

MrMcAlpin sends this small air mail shift on the 16¢-1923. The stamp has a sheet margin at the left and the plate number 14830 is attached to the stamp just below the shift.

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Both Mr Vestal and Mr Hobbs send us a new shift on the 5¢-1902. That makes three with the one found by Mr Jones. Perry Hobbs, as he used to be called in Cleveland, also finds a small shift on the 13¢-1902. Watch the lower left side of this stamp just outside the left numeral. You will find the shading lines running out into the margin and the left frame doubled.

F.R. McAlpin.

Mr Hobbs also finds two varieties of the 8¢-1902 shift which was reported in our 3d letter. The shift also shows in "POSTAGE" and in "EIGHT CENTS"

SENTINEL

5¢-1902
A.P.
VESTAL 5

5¢-1902
PERRY M.
HOBBS
PO
FIVE

Now here is real news. "Perry" has found that which I have long sought for and never found. A real shift on the 1¢-Ultramarine No. 214. It's a wow! He says there was only one in 40,000 stamps. Yea it was worth going over forty thousand to get this one. My crude sketch does not do justice to this beautiful shift. I get just as much of a "kick" out of the finds of the Hunters as if I found them myself and I hope these letters pass the thrills on to you. Who will find another on this stamp. If there is one there may be more.

Thos. H. Hawk and R. W. Becker of the P.P.N.A. have been kind enough to loan the Shift Hunters two panes of the First 2¢-Harding Plate (14852) and it is a pleasure to pass the data on to the Hunters.

#214
1¢
Ultra-
marine
P.M. Hobbs
ONE
1 in
40,000

Lower left pane. Plate 14852. The largest shift is 20-LL-14852, the next best is 39-LL-14852. In these positions the shows in the scroll below the vignette which contains the word "Harding". In the rest of the positions the shift is the usual doubling of the shading lines in the bust. Positions in this pane showing the usual shift are 4, 6, 9, 12 to 19 inclusive.

27, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 40, 49, 54, 56, 57, 59, 63, 67, 69, 73 to 76 inclusive and 80. A more powerful glass will show shifts in other positions but they are not worthy of listing. This pane is the property of Mr R.W. Becker.

The upper left pane of this plate belongs to Mr Thos.H. Hawk. Two positions deserve special mention. 9-UL-14852 and 80-UL-14852 show plainly in the Harding scroll. There are three other positions that are a little better than the average shift. They are positions 20, 27, 40 and 50. The following positions show the usual shift more or less plainly. 8, 10, 17, 36, 37, 49, 53, 56, 59, 63, 66, 70, 73, 76, 78, 79, 86, 90, 94, 95, 99, and 100.

Position 9-UL-14852 is the best shift in these two panes and shows slightly in "TWO CENTS". There are still better shifts still to be located. It is hoped that some of the Shift Hunters will be able to locate the other two panes of the first plate.

Shifts in Plate Number Blocks of Six have been located on the following plates, thanks to Mr Hawk. Right plate block 14906 ~~41906~~. Left plate blocks 15080, 15137 and 15131. Both the upper and lower plate number block from plate 15131 contain 4 to 6 shifts. These are all the usual or small shift.

Just a word of explanation. I may answer a second letter before a previous one is replied to, the answer may come quickly or be delayed, but each letter is sure to receive attention. With the approach of Spring, I will often be away from home for a week or two at a time, so I hope you will not worry over a delayed reply. There are four grown people in the house and a Fire Proof Safe so all valuable mail will be well taken care of in my absence.

Another item. I find that I have returned shifts sent in for sale or exchange and retained stamps sent in for inspection or broadcasting only. Not less than 15 letters a week come in and I will appreciate your cooperation in stating clearly just what you wish on each stamp. Of course there will be some errors, but they will always be corrected 100%. There must be nothing but harmony among the Hunters.

I have several shifts sent in for exchange and many of my own for the same purpose. There is no time for an exchange circuit and probably not enough material, but "here's how" it can be done. Send me a list and description of material for exchange and I will place the list in one of the Shift Hunter Letters and let the Hunters deal direct.

Thanks to the following for \$2.00 contributions toward expenses. Ganser, Robison, Claflin, Hobbs, Gearhart, Behr and Wolcott. The appreciation means more than the cash. The Shift Hunter Letters are gratis to all who cooperate in compiling Shift Data. There is no membership except that obtained and maintained by cooperation. (We keep repeating this little ditty for the benefit of the new Hunters).

C.W. Bedford.