

PLATE VARIETIES COMMITTEE

Report No. 6.

Dear Mr. Shift Hunter:

This report is concerned with the many interesting varieties on the 2¢ Hudson-Fulton. Approximately 72,850,000 stamps were issued according to published data. There were 10 horizontal rows of 6 stamps in each pane, or 240 subjects per sheet, therefore only about 300,000 stamps were printed from each position. All of the major shifts and Double Transfers so far observed are illustrated in the Rotaprint that goes to contributing members under separate cover. There is also one Triple Transfer that will be described in a later report.

In the lower left pane of plate 5394, there are 6 minor shifts in positions 3, 13, 19, 22, 25 and 26 wherein the right inner frame line of the vignette is nicely doubled. The following panes have been checked. Plate 5388, none; 5389, L.R.; 5390, L.R., L.L.; 5391, L.R.; 5392, none; 5393, complete; 5394, L.L.; 5395, L.R. This is only 10 panes out of a total of 32. Your assistance is requested in bringing to the attention of the Committee full panes not listed above or any other data relative to the plate positions of plate varieties.

In regard to plates 5388 and 5394, Mr. J.E. Swigart, Ass't. Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, states "we have no record of the plates being reworked or reentered." It appears, therefore, that the varieties found on these plates are double transfers by error and Shifts of the Transfer Roll during the original preparation of the plate. They are not reentries on a used plate. 7-LL-???? and the Shifts in the L.L. pane of plate 5394 are probably "Rocking-Chair Shifts". The other varieties here illustrated are probably misplaced entries that were corrected before the plate was first hardened.

Georges Creed has submitted a Shift on the 15¢--No. 416, similar to the shifts on the 12¢ shown in report no. 4. I also find in my own collection the same shift on the 10¢--No. 416. The same illustration will serve for all. Who will add another stamp to the list?

Your attention is called to the new S.U.S. Scott's Catalogue in which several Double Transfers are priced for the first time.

1¢-1902 No. 300. \$3.00 unused, \$2.00 used.

On this basis we would expect the corresponding unperforated copies to list \$5.00 each up to \$10.00 for the largest errors and the one Triple Transfer to approximate \$25.00

2¢-1903 Shield. \$3.00 unused. \$2.00 used.

Figure your own values for Double Transfers on imperforated, lake shade and booklet panes. Sure they exist. Keep your eyes open and it is surprising what you will find in a few months.

1¢-1908 No. 331. \$1.50 used.

2¢-1908 No. 332. \$1.50 used.

The catalogue experts are correct in not pricing Doubles on the 1910 issues, on the coils or Blue Paper. On these paper and perf. varieties the Doubles are very scarce but most of them have been found even to Doubles on booklet panes. They will be described later.

2¢-No. 411 Perf. 8½ Coil. Listed for the first time. Not priced.

2¢-No. 425 1914. New listing. Not priced.

2¢-No. 539 1919. New listing. \$5.00 unused.

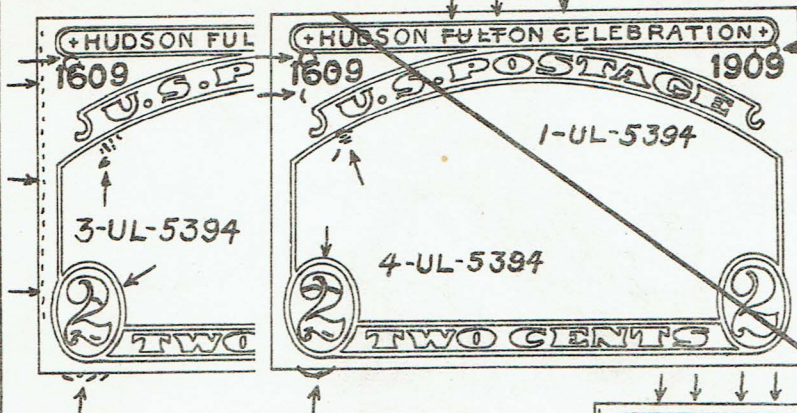
15¢ Justice. No. 1530. New listing. Not priced.

In the U.S. Revenues there are many new listings thanks to the energy of Mr. Beverly S. King and his co-workers.

Cordially yours,

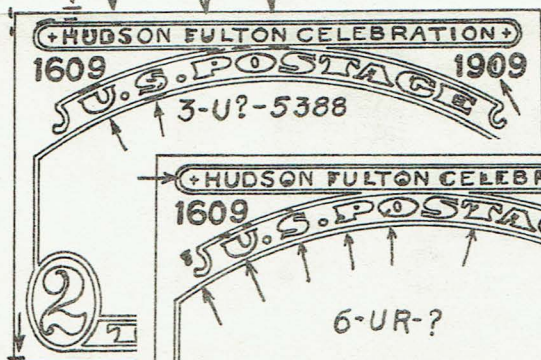
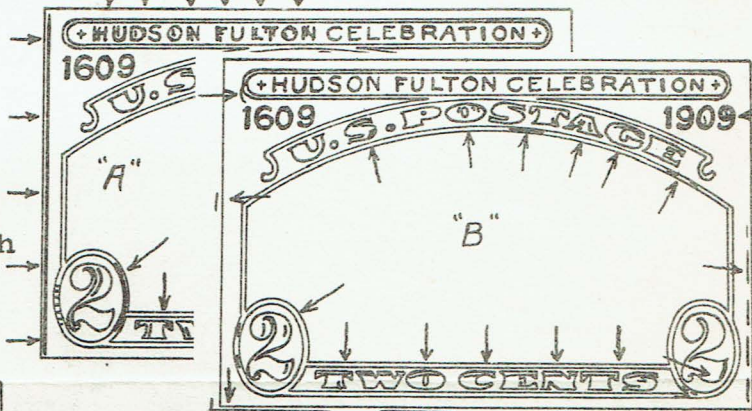
C. W. Bedford,
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Akron, Ohio.

DOUBLE TRANSFERS ON THE 2¢-HUDSON FULTON.



3-UL-5394 & 4-UL-5394 are well known, due to the curved, left end of the upper label showing double as a small circle? in the 6 of 1609. 1-UL-5394 is a small shift showing in "FULTON" and in 1909. Nos. 3 & 4 are easily differentiated by the lines in the left numeral. Major shifts on this stamp are justly priced in the S.U.S. catalogue.

Shifts A & B are found as the upper and lower stamps in a vertical strip of three. They are major varieties and data regarding their positions is needed. There were only eight plates or 32 panes, Nos. 5388 to 5395 inclusive, so that with a little cooperation the complete data on this stamp will soon be available.



The third stamp in an upper pane of the first plate shows a nice little shift as illustrated at the left.

6-UR-???? is the UR-corner stamp in an upper right pane from an unknown plate. The shift shows heavily in "TWO". This is the best shift so far observed.

Using averages, there were only about 30,000 stamps printed from each of the 1920 plate positions.

Mats are available for mounting and illustrating the Hudson-Ful-

ton plate varieties and make a handsome addition to the album.

Positions 7 & 8 in a lower left pane of an unknown plate, show the minor and major shifts as illustrated at the right.

7-LL-???? is a neat little shift making the stamp appear as if heavily inked at the right side. Under a glass the true cause is easily apparent.

