

U.S. PLATE VARIETIES SHIFT HUNTER LETTER

COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS

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of
C. W. BEDFORD

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Dear Shift Hunter:

Here are eight Plate Varieties---all from the upper left pane. An article "Notes On Shifted Transfers" in the American Philatelist by C.W. Bedford, regarding plate #12418 dealt in detail with the data available at that time. This plate appeared to cause considerable trouble with the layout or perhaps with the transfer roll mechanism.

It is evident that C.W.'s article appeared shortly after Aug. 23, 1929 as S.H.L. #1 was issued at that time. This letter gives considerable information about the 1st Pilgrim.

Ten men (C.W. Bedford, H.M. Jones, Allan P. Vestal, Le Grande Payne, Philip E. Hamilton, Dr. E.M. Gearhart, Arthur R. Davis, Robert E. Chambers, Major C.H. Bonesteel & Beverly S. King.) were exchanging information between each other. Positions #3 & #25 upper left were illustrated in this article. These are re-illustrated as well as six shifted transfers found in the records. C.W.

had no data on positions 36-37-43-44 and from 48 to 70 inclusive of the upper left pane. The upper right, lower left and lower right panes are complete. The varieties on these panes will be illustrated later.

Previous to Feb. 18, 1933 Mr. Bedford had forwarded to Beverly S. King information and complete panes from Plate #12418 describing varieties prevalent on this plate. These were returned by Mr. King, registered letter #226883 from N.Y. City on Feb. 18, 1933. A recheck of stamps and mats discloses that the data as presented is correct.

We will receive any correspondence at either 1258 Penna. Avenue in Tyrone, Penna. or at 319 Vaniman Street in Akron, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

GEO. B. BLACK

