

# U.S. PLATE VARIETIES SHIFT HUNTER LETTER

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Dear Shift Hunter:



C. W. Bedford

CLAYTON WING BEDFORD, who originated the Shift Hunters with The Shift Hunter Letters. Nationally known in the Rubber Industry and in Philately he had in his possession one of the finest collections of Plate Varieties in the United States, part of which is published in the present letter. He won high standing in the Industrial and business circles, as well as among the Nations Philatelists. Respected for his achievements, he was referred to by many journals of Philately as a leading authority on the United States Stamps and an ardent and talented collector. At the same time

he was kindly, generous and sincere in his personal relationships and was a man of rare public spirit and enterprise. He will be long and affectionately remembered. His work will continue to be a source of joy and inspiration to those with whom he was associated over a period of years. The thoroughness that went into all his business efforts and activities also characterized his activities as a Philatelist. He was a member of the American Philatelic Society; the Rubber City Stamp Club of Akron; and the Garfield Perry Club of Cleveland. He was a recognized authority on the plate variety of stamps and his knowledge of stamps and stamp making was unquestioned.

One of the outstanding features of Mr. Bedford's life was his Church work. For many years he was one of the leading and most active members and officials of the Goodyear Heights United Presbyterian Church. His father, the Reverend O. C. Bedford, was an evangelist and a brilliant Bible student and had dedicated his life to religious work.

GEO. BLACK

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Plate No. 12418  
Dr. W. E. Booker

25 Lower Right  
Plate No. 12418

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