

U. S. PLATE VARIETIES

SHIFT HUNTER LETTER

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Dear Shift Hunter:

We present herewith in this S. H. L. part of the data on Scott No. 384 imperforate, Plate #5092. From the information on hand we find that this plate was also used for the 2¢ issues, Scott No. 332, 344 and 375. About a year or two ago we tried to purchase plate number blocks of six (6) to match those in the Bedford collection, but with no success. It is quite evident from the numerous inquiries we sent out that this particular stamp must be exceedingly hard to obtain and those who have any plate number block from Plate # 5092 in their collection are exceedingly fortunate.

It is quite possible that this plate gave the Bureau a lot of trouble as a reworking of the plate

is evident on the stamps and records of Mr. Bedford's. Misalignment of the stamps is also to be found, as a block of eight (8) in his Educational Book gives us a fine example of this type of Plate Variety.

Some of Mr. Bedford's records were obtained by him from the collections of others who did not specialize in plate varieties. I find numerous notes about

the Joyce and Judge Emerson collections. It seems that on many of C.W.'s business trips, that took him to all parts of the United States, that he made comprehensive notes from famous collections to be carefully filed for future use. These notes bore the name of the owner and the date he visited them. We can but marvel at the magnitude of the Bedford collection. At the thoroughness and detail he applied to his hearts interest:- namely,----- Philately.

Yours sincerely,

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