

Chapter 10

Plate Numbers 6000-6999

Plate number 6000 was assigned to the 2c Washington sheet stamp in May, 1912 and plate 6999 was assigned to the 2c Washington sheet stamp in March, 1914. 710 plates were assigned to stamps of the third Bureau series, 704 plates were used and 8 of these (all coil stamp plates) are unreported. The Panama-Pacific commemorative stamps were printed by 6000 series plates. The entire parcel post series of stamps is embedded in the 6000 section. During the life of many of these plates, a change was made from perf 12 to perf 10 so many of these plates exist with both perforation types. Imperfs continue on the low values. The Shanghai overprints exist on some of the higher value plates.

211 plates were used to print the 1c Washington sheet stamp and 19 plates to print the 1c Washington booklet. None of these plates is rare. Four 1c 400 subject flat plates were made for the production of vertical coil stamps. The words "COIL STAMPS" were placed in the sheet margin of these plates on the upper right and the lower left panes and plate strips or blocks from coil waste from these plates make really attractive additions to a collection. Collectors were quick to save these plate strips with the "COIL STAMPS" wording and it is ironic that plates from the upper left and the lower right panes which do not show the wording are very rare since they did not appear so interesting to collectors.

The 2c Washington stamp required 352 plates and the 2c booklet used 32 plates. There are no great rarities among these plates. Eight 2c 400 subject flat plates were made to print vertical coils and were inscribed "COIL STAMPS" in the same manner as the 1c plates. All 8 went to press but only four were later issued as coil waste and saved by collectors. Plate 5990 was a 2c Washington plate used as a master plate to produce 3 electrolytic plates in the 6000 series. Only one of these electrolytic plates (6023) went to press and it is the rarest 2c Washington sheet plate in the 6000 series. Only 2,591 impressions were made from this plate and the BIA plate number survey shows only 2 collectors reporting this plate number. The rotary press makes its appearance in this section with two plates for the 2c endwise coil and 2 plates for the sidewise coil. All four of these plates are unreported. The coil plate numbers were trimmed off during production and plate number examples were possible only on miscut coils. I am sure that collectors were unaware that plate numbers were possible on these early coils and these early coil plates now replace the early booklet plates as the great rarities of this time.

Third Bureau series high values were produced in this series and many of these plates were used over a considerable period of time. As a result, the same plate can appear on many varieties such as the perforation changes and the change to unwatermarked paper. There are no really difficult plates in the high values in the 6000 series.

The Panama-Pacific commemorative series starts in the 6000 section. The original 2c stamp was intended to show the Gatun Locks of the Panama Canal and 16 plates were started with 8 being finished and sent to press, but all printed sheets were destroyed because someone noticed that the design actually depicted the Pedro Miguel Locks. This design inscription was changed to read "Panama Canal" and 23 other plates were made and sent to press. This set of stamps was in use over a year and the change from perf 12 to perf 10 occurs on all four values. Many of the plates are known with both perforation types. Some of the early 1c and 2c plates are known only perf 12 and some of the late 1c and 2c plates are perf 10 only.

Three special delivery plates and 6 postage dues plates were made and used in the 6000 series and none present the collector with a problem.

The entire range of plate numbers of the parcel post issue is contained within the 6000 section. This issue is one of my favorites and will be the subject of the next chapter. The 6000 section is one of the great sections for plate number collectors with many interesting stamp issues. There are few unreported plates and most of the plates are relatively easy to get. Like the 5000 section, a high percentage of completion is possible. At this point, collecting the third Bureau series looks great. But dark clouds are on the horizon when we get to the 7000 section.

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		6000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	911	902	8	
3rd Bureau Series							
1911	1c Washington	400F	211	211	211	0	
1911	1c Washington book	360F	19	19	19	0	
1911	1c Washington (Coil Stamps)	400F	4	4	4	0	
1911	2c Washington	400F	352	352	352	0	
1911	2c Washington book	360F	32	32	32	0	
1911	2c Washington coil	150R	2	2	2	2	
1911	2c Washington coil Type I	170R	6	2	2	2	
1911	2c Washington (Coil Stamps)	400F	8	8	8	4	
1911	2c Washington (Electrolytic)	400F	3	1	1	0	
1908	3c Washington	400F	12	12	12	0	
1908	4c Washington	400F	8	8	8	0	
1908	5c Washington	400F	8	8	8	0	
1914	7c Washington	400F	8	8	8	0	
1914	9c Franklin	400F	8	8	8	0	
1911	10c Franklin	400F	4	4	4	0	
1914	12c Franklin	400F	6	6	6	0	
1911	15c Franklin	400F	4	4	4	0	
1914	20c Franklin	400F	7	7	7	0	
1914	30c Franklin	400F	8	8	8	0	
Commemorative							
1912	1c Panama-Pacific	280F	16	16	16	0	
1912	2c Panama-Pacific (Gatun Locks)	280F	16	8	0		
1912	2c Panama-Pacific	280F	23	23	23	0	
1912	5c Panama-Pacific	280F	8	4	4	0	
1912	10c Panama-Pacific	280F	4	4	4	0	
Special Purpose Issues							
1902	10c Special Delivery	200F	3	3	3	0	
1894	2c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0	
1894	10c Postage Due	400F	2	2	2	0	
1912	1c Parcel Post	180F	32	25	25	0	
1912	2c Parcel Post	180F	35	24	24	0	
1912	3c Parcel Post	180F	4	4	4	0	
1912	4c Parcel Post	180F	16	13	13	0	
1912	5c Parcel Post	180F	21	20	20	0	
1912	10c Parcel Post	180F	9	8	8	0	
1912	15c Parcel Post	180F	8	4	4	0	
1912	20c Parcel Post	180F	8	4	4	0	
1912	25c Parcel Post	180F	12	6	6	0	
1912	50c Parcel Post 1st design	180F	4	1	0		
1912	50c Parcel Post 2nd design	180F	4	4	4	0	
1912	75c Parcel Post	180F	8	4	4	0	

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1912	\$1 Parcel Post	180F	4	4	4	0	
1912	1c Parcel Postage Due	180F	8	4	4	0	
1912	2c Parcel Postage Due	180F	5	4	4	0	
1912	5c Parcel Postage Due	180F	8	6	6	0	
1912	10c Parcel Postage Due	180F	4	4	4	0	
1912	25c Parcel Postage Due	180F	4	4	4	0	
1913	1c Parcel Post	400F	8	0	0		
1913	2c Parcel Post	400F	8	0	0		
1913	5c Parcel Post	400F	4	0	0		





6021-6022
2c Washington
electrolytic plates
not used

6023
2c Washington
electrolytic plate
rare





6056
2c Washington
rotary coil plate
not used



6060
2c Washington
rotary coil plate
not used









6123-6126
2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued

2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued
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6136-6137
2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued



6140-6142
2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued



6145
2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued



6149
2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued



6152
2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued



6156
2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued



6160
2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued



6166
10c Parcel Post
not finished





6185
2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued



6187-6188
25c Parcel Post
not used







6224
2c Panama Pacific
design error
not issued





6233-6236
1c Parcel Post Due
not used

6237-6328
5c Parcel Post Due
not used





6248



6249



6250



6251



6252



6253



6254



6255



6256



6257



6258



6259

6260



6261



6262



6263



6264



6265



6266



6267

6268



6269



6270



6271

6272



6273



6274-6277
50c Parcel Post
not used

6278



6279-6280
2c Washington Coil
unreported

6281



6282

6283



6284











6351
15c Parcel Post
not used



6356
15c Parcel Post
not used

6357
25c Parcel Post
not used



6366
2c Parcel Post Due
not finished





6375-6376
1c Parcel Post
not used



6380
1c Parcel Post
not used

6381
4c Parcel Post
not used

6382-6383
1c Parcel Post
not used



6385-6386
20c Parcel Post
not used



6389
20c Parcel Post
not used



6391
1c Parcel Post
not used



6394
1c Parcel Post
not used



6396
75c Parcel Post
not used

6397
2c Parcel Post
not used



6400
4c Parcel Post
not used

6401
20c Parcel Post
not used

6402
75c Parcel Post
not used



6404
2c Parcel Post
not used



6408
25c Parcel Post
not used

6409
2c Parcel Post
not used

6410
15c Parcel Post
not used



6412
75c Parcel Post
not used



6416
2c Parcel Post
not used



6418
75c Parcel Post
not used



6421
25c Parcel Post
not used



6425
25c Parcel Post
not used

6426
4c Parcel Post
not used



6431
2c Parcel Post
not used



6434
15c Parcel Post
not used

6435
2c Parcel Post
not used



6439
2c Parcel Post
not used



6448
2c Parcel Post
not used

6449
5c Parcel Post
not used



6458
2c Parcel Post
not used





6463
2c Parcel Post
not used



6470
2c Parcel Post
not used









6544



6552-6553
5c Panama Pacific
not used



6557-6558
5c Panama Pacific
not used



6566-6567
2c Washington Coil
unreported



6569
2c Washington Coil
unreported

6570

COIL STAMPS



6571

COIL STAMPS



6572

COIL STAMPS



6573
2c Washington Coil
unreported

6574



6575



6576



6577



6578



6579-6580
New Parcel Post
not issued



6583-6584
New Parcel Post
not issued



6586-6587
New Parcel Post
not issued



6590-6599
New Parcel Post
not issued



6602-6605
5c Parcel Post
not used





























6856-6857
2c Washington Coil
unreported







6906
2c Washington Coil
not finished







6941



6942





6957
2c Washington Coil
not finished





