Chapter 12

Plate Numbers 7000-7999

Plate number 7000 was assigned to the 2c Washington sheet stamp in March, 1914 and plate 7999 was assigned to the 1c Washington sheet stamp in March, 1917. 976 of the 1000 plate numbers were assigned to the third Bureau series. The experiments with coil stamps on the rotary press had proved successful and coils were printed for 5 denominations. The plate numbers were entered around 1/8 inch from the stamps which was far enough away that most were trimmed off during manufacturing. But cutting of the coils was not as precise as in the modern era and I believe many more numbers would have been found if collectors were aware of the possibility of their existence. Partial plate numbers on these early coils are rare. Perhaps there is a chance of locating some of these plate numbers by checking off-center copies of used coils. 975 plates in the 7000 section went to press and 131 of these plates are unreported. All of the unreported plates are coils. Only 18 coil plates were reported. 2 of these were issued in sheets as coil waste and even these are expensive and very scarce.

The 1c Washington stamp had 221 sheet plates and 24 booklet plates go to press. There are many of the 1c plates available imperforate and new ones are occasionally discovered. None of these plates are rare but completion is difficult. Sometimes the chase is really frustrating. For years I have needed sheet plate 7902. This is supposedly a common number with 17 reports in the plate number survey. To me, this number is rare because all of those copies have managed to be in a different location from me. I will have to throw a party when I finally locate the elusive 7902. (I finally located 7902. I did not throw a party.) 4 endwise and 30 sidewise 1c Washington coils went to press with only 3 sidewise coils being found.

The 2c Washington had the most plates to press with 438 and none is really rare but, as with any large group, those empty spaces will taunt you. Again, many of these 2c plates are also known in imperforate condition. The 36 2c booklet plates are not hard. 6 endwise coil plates were used, all being unreported. Three design types were used on the side coils. The 2c type I had 12 plates used, all unreported. The 2c type II had 28 plates with 8 reported. Plates 7462 and 7463 were the only plates to produce type II coil waste. These plates are scarce and very expensive. The post office economy practice of releasing remainders of coil stamp press runs as coil waste provided most of the copies of these coil plate numbers. The 2c type III used 59 plates and 6 are reported.

Coils were printed for the 3c, 4c, and 5c stamps. Out of a total of 10 plates, only one 4c plate is known. Check out third Bureau coils when you can. Any partial plate numbers, especially on the earlier four digit plate numbers are rare.

Small numbers of plates were used to print the 3rd Bureau series higher values and all of these plates are easy to find.

Four plates were used early in the 7000 series to finish the 2c Panama-Pacific press run. These four plates occur on the perf 10 variety and are not difficult. These four plates are the only commemoratives in the 7000 section. Four plate numbers each on the 10c special delivery, 1c postage due, and 2c postage due round out the 7000 section.

Except for the coils, the 7000 section has plenty of material available to go along with the 5000 and 6000 sections. I think a realistic goal in the 7000 section is 800 plate numbers. That would be almost 95% of the reported plate numbers and would be a spectacular showpiece. Next on the agenda is the 8000 section of plates with a new set of challenges for the plate number collector.

		7000 Serie	es Totals				
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	975	975	129	
	(totals)		1000	913	913	129	
	reau Series						
1911	1c Washington	400F	221	221	221	0	
1911	1c Washington book	360F	24	24	24	0	
1911	1c Washington coil	150R	4	4	4	4	
1911	1c Washington coil	170R	33	30	30	27	
1911	2c Washington	400F	440	438	438	0	
1911	2c Washington book	153R	3	0	0	0	
1911	2c Washington book	360F	36	36	36	0	
1911	2c Washington coil	60R	1	0	0	0	
1911	2c Washington coil	150R	6	6	6	6	
1911	2c Washington coil Type I	170R	12	12	12	12	
	2c Washington coil Type II	170R	28	28	28	18	
1911	2c Washington coil Type III	170R	65	59	59	53	
1908	3c Washington	400F	8	8	8	0	
1908	3c Washington coil	150R	2	2	2	2	
1908	3c Washington coil	170R	2	2	2	2	
1908	4c Washington	400F	16	16	16	0	
1908	4c Washington coil	170R	6	4	4	3	
1908	5c Washington	400F	24	24	24	0	
1908	5c Washington coil	170R	2	2	2	2	
1908	6c Washington	400F	8	8	8	0	
1914	7c Washington	400F	8	8	8	0	
1911	8c Franklin	400F	4	4	4	0	
1911	10c Franklin	400F	8	8	8	0	
1915	11c Franklin	400F	4	4	4	0	
1914	12c Franklin	400F	2	2	2	0	
1911	15c Franklin	400F	4	4	4	0	
1914	20c Franklin	200F	1	1	1	0	
1911	50c Franklin	200F	4	4	4	0	
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	1c Panama-Pacific	280F	4	0	0	0	
1912	2c Panama-Pacific	280F	8	4	4	0	
Specia	l Purpose Issues						
•	10c Special Delivery	200F	4	4	4	0	
1894	1c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0	
	2c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0	















































































































































































7073 2c Washington not finished





























































































































































































































7170-7171 1c Washington side coil unreported





7174-7175 2c Washington side coil unreported













7182-7183 1c Washington side coil unreported

































































































7230-7231 2c Washington side coil unreported





















































































7270-7271 2c Washington side coil unreported















7279-7280 1c Panama Pacific not used

















7286-7287 1c Panama Pacific not used





































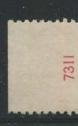






















































































































































7408-7409 2c Washington side coil unreported



7411-7413 2c Panama Pacific not used

7414-7415 2c Washington side coil not finished



7417-7418 2c Washington side coil unreported 7419 2c Panama Pacific not used





7422-7423 2c Washington side coil unreported



7425-7429 2c Washington side coil unreported

7430 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

7431-7432 2c Washington end coil unreported

7433-7434 1c Washington end coil unreported

7435-7436 5c Washington side coil unreported 7437-7438 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection 7439 4c Washington side coil not finished

7440 4c Washington side coil unreported 7441-7442 3c Washington side coil unreported

7443-7446 2c Washington side coil unreported











7452 4c Washington side coil rare, not in collection 7453 4c Washington side coil not finished







7457 2c Washington side coil rare >>>>>



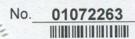
7458 2c Washington side coil unreported







7462-7463 2c Washington side coil plate blocks \$15,000 each



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We have examined the enclosed item submitted to PSE, of which an image is shown below, and are of the opinion that:

Cat #	Issue	Denom.	Color
US#539	1919	2c	Carmine rose

"it is a genuine unused, o.g., previously hinged, top Plate No. 7463 & S 20 block of four."



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7467-7470 2c Washington side coil unreported























7482-7483 2c Washington side coil unreported













7489 2c Washington side coil unreported 7490 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection













7496-7497 2c Washington side coil unreported













7502-7503 2c Washington side coil unreported









7506-7509 1c Washington side coil unreported

7510-7513 2c Washington side coil unreported

























7521-7523 2c Washington side coil unreported

7524 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection























































7549





7552-7553 1c Washington side coil unreported















7558-7559 1c Washington side coil unreported





7561-7562 2c Washington end coil unreported 7563-7564 1c Washington end coil unreported

7565-7567 1c Washington side coil unreported





































































































7616 2c Washington experimental coil not finished

7617 2c Washington side coil unreported



7619 1c Washington side coil unreported



7621 2c Washington side coil unreported







7624 2c Washington side coil unreported

7625 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

7626-7627 1c Washington side coil unreported

7628-7629 2c Washington end coil unreported

7630 2c Washington side coil unreported

7631 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection





7634-7635 3c Washington end coil unreported

7636-7637 2c Washington side coil unreported





7640













7643



































































7675-7676 4c Washington side coil unreported

7677-7680 2c Washington side coil unreported











7687-7688 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

7689 2c Washington side coil unreported 7690-7691 1c Washington side coil unreported











































































































7741













7746-7747 2c Washington side coil unreported













7751-7752 2c Washington side coil unreported











7753

































7766-7767 1c Washington side coil unreported













7781

7782 2c Washington side coil unreported



































7813-7814 2c Washington side coil unreported

























7829-7830 2c Washington side coil unreported









7835-7836 2c Washington side coil unreported















































7860-7861 1c Washington side coil not finished





















































































































7915-7916 2c Washington side coil unreported 7917-7918 2c Washington book experimental not finished

















































7942
2c Washington
printed the 5c error
3 of 400 subjects were 5c stamps
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7954 2c Washington side coil not finished





7957-7958 1c Washington side coil unreported



7960 2c Washington book experimental not finished 7961-7962 2c Washington side coil unreported

7965-7967 7963-7964 2c Washington 1c Washington side coil side coil unreported unreported 7968 7968 6962 Stantage Commence 7970













7977 2c Washington side coil not finished 7978-7979 1c Washington side coil unreported









7984 2c Washington not finished

















7992 2c Washington side coil not used













