

Chapter 20

Plate Numbers 14000-14999

Plate number 14000 was assigned to the 1c Washington sheet rotary press stamp in August, 1922 and plate number 14999 to the Harding memorial stamp 14 months later. The 14000 section transitioned quickly from the third Bureau series to the fourth Bureau series. Twenty-one new stamps in various formats appeared in the new issue of 1922 and this accounts for the rapid use of plates in this section.

The regular issue of 1908, the third Bureau series, made a quick and quiet exit. The last plate number used was 14293, a 1c rotary press sheet plate. Seven of the 1c rotary sheet plates were used and all are common. Only one 1c coil plate was used and it is scarce as all these coils are. Nineteen 2c Washington sheet flat plates went to press. Plate 14011 is scarce and 14018 is rare. Sixteen of the 2c coils went to press and they range from tough to rare.

The first 4th Bureau series plate number is 14042 which printed the 50c Amphitheater stamp. 814 4th Bureau series plates went to press and 5 account for all the unreported plates in the 14000 section. The unreported plates are all coils. The practice of issuing coil waste helped save many of these plate numbers. The use of the rotary press was restricted to the coils and the 1c Franklin sheet stamp. The expensive stamps in the regular issues are usually the high values. It was interesting to note that in the BIA plate number survey, more collectors owned copies of the \$2 US Capitol plate 14306 than just about any other plate number in the regular issue! The \$5 America was a bicolor requiring two plates and these plate numbers are also very common. Its those pesky 1c and 2c plate numbers that drive us collectors nuts!

The 1c Franklin had 27 plates used on both the flat and rotary sheet formats. The rotary press issues are much more difficult to find than the flat plates. The 1c was issued in booklets and coils. The booklet plates are common but the 21 coil plates are really tough with one unreported. The 2c Washington saw the heaviest use with 395 flat plates, 44 booklet plates, and 117 coils. 3 coil plates were unreported including both of the 2c endwise coil plates. Most of the sheet plates are common. Plate 14209 on the 2c booklet seems to be the most difficult. All of the 4th Bureau series high values made an appearance in the 14000 section. The 5c Roosevelt with 40 plates and the 10c Monroe with 36 plates were the most active but most of the high values are common. The new series appears to be very popular with collectors and more plate number copies appear to be available to collectors.

The death of President Harding caused issuance of a 2c memorial stamp on September 1, 1923. The BEP was hard pressed to get the desired quantity to the public so we see the rotary press being used to supplement the flat plate presses. 71 flat plates went to press along with 8 rotary plates. Most of these are common but, as in any issue with a large amount of plates, it takes time to locate all of even common plate numbers.

Three new airmails appeared in 1923 and four plates were used for each. The stamps are not cheap but the plates are common. The 10c special delivery required 13 plates and 14579 is difficult to find. In my experience, plates of the 1922 10c special delivery are much more difficult to find than those of the 1902 issue. Four 1c postage due plates were used and they are a bit scarce. Eight 2c due plates were used and they pose no problem.

The 14000 section marks the beginning of a new and interesting series of plate numbers and they were heavily collected. This is nice for today's collector since a high percentage of completion of the 973 available plates is possible. I think a collection of 800 plates in this group is feasible and would make a beautiful display. The 3rd Bureau series is now history and next we will put it all together and see what is involved in tackling the entire group.

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		14000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	973	973	5	
3rd Bureau Series							
1911	1c Washington	400R	7	7	7	0	
1911	1c Washington coil	170R	1	1	1	0	
1911	2c Washington	400F	20	19	19	0	
1911	2c Washington coil type III	170R	16	16	16	0	
4th Bureau Series							
1922	1c Franklin	400F	28	27	27	0	
1922	1c Franklin	400R	28	27	27	0	
1922	1c Franklin book	360F	12	12	12	0	
1922	1c Franklin coil	170R	22	21	21	1	
1922	2c Washington	400F	402	395	395	0	
1922	2c Washington book	360F	45	44	44	0	
1922	2c Washington coil	150R	2	2	2	2	
1922	2c Washington coil	170R	117	115	115	1	
1922	3c Lincoln	400F	8	8	8	0	
1922	3c Lincoln coil	170R	2	2	2	1	
1922	4c M. Washington	400F	8	8	8	0	
1922	4c M. Washington coil	170R	5	4	4	0	
1922	5c Roosevelt	400F	40	40	40	0	
1922	6c Garfield	400F	9	8	8	0	
1922	7c McKinley	400F	12	12	12	0	
1922	8c Grant	400F	4	4	4	0	
1922	9c Jefferson	400F	4	4	4	0	
1922	10c Monroe	400F	36	36	36	0	
1922	11c Hayes	400F	4	4	4	0	
1922	12c Cleveland	400F	4	4	4	0	
1922	14c Indian	400F	5	5	5	0	
1922	15c Statue of Liberty	400F	8	8	8	0	
1922	20c Golden Gate	400F	8	8	8	0	
1922	25c Niagara Falls	400F	4	4	4	0	
1922	30c Bison	400F	4	4	4	0	
1922	50c Amphitheater	400F	4	4	4	0	
1922	\$1 Lincoln Memorial	200F	1	1	1	0	
1922	\$2 U.S. Capitol	200F	1	1	1	0	
1922	\$5 America frame	100F	1	1	1	0	
1922	\$5 America center	100F	1	1	1	0	
Commemorative							
1923	2c Harding	400F	72	71	71	0	
1923	2c Harding	400R	8	8	8	0	
Special Purpose Issues							
1923	8c Air Mail	400F	4	4	4	0	
1923	16c Air Mail	400F	4	4	4	0	
1923	24c Air Mail	400F	4	4	4	0	

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1922	10c Special Delivery	200F	13	13	13	0	
1894	1c Postage Due	400F	8	4	4	0	
1894	2c Postage Due	400F	8	8	8	0	
	Experimental plates		6	0	0		



14018
2c Washington
not used





14046-14047
N.Y. precancel
experimental
not finished

14048-14049
2c Washington
experimental
not finished









14097



14109
2c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection





14137
2c Washington
side coil
not finished





14155-14156
2c Washington
end coil
unreported







14189
4c M. Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection

14190
4c M. Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection





F 14207



F 14208



14209
2c Washington book
rare, not in collection

F 14210



F 14221



F 14222



F 14223



F 14224



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14227



14228



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F 14231



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F 14252



F 14253



F 14254



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14264



14265



F 14269



F 14270



F 14271



F 14272



14273-14276
2c Washington
not finished



14278



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14282
1c Franklin
not finished



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14294
4c M. Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection

14295
4c M. Washington
side coil
not finished





14321
4c M. Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection





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F 14333



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EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the
applicant described as follows:

Country USA Issue 1925 Denomination 2¢

Color carmine Cat. No. 595

Brief description or additional
information

All Catalogue numbers are Scott's unless
otherwise specified.

Star Plate #14416, block of 4, unused,
of which a ^{o.g.} photograph is attached and are of the opinion
that it is genuine.-----



Irwin S. Francis
For The Expert Committee
Chairman

submitted by Irwin S. Francis





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F 14485



F 14486



F 14487





14499
2c Washington
not finished





14516
2c Washington
side coil
not finished









14575



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14578

14579
10c Special Delivery
scarce, not in collection



14580



14581



14583



14584



14585



14586



14587



14592-14595
1c Postage Due
not used



14600
1c Franklin
side coil
rare, not in collection

14601
1c Franklin
side coil
rare, not in collection







14631
1c Franklin
rare, not in collection



14632
1c Franklin
side coil
not used



14634-14635
Chicago Precancel
experimental
not finished



14640
1c Franklin
side coil
rare, not in collection

14641
1c Franklin
side coil
rare, not in collection



14648
1c Franklin
side coil
rare, not in collection

14649
1c Franklin
side coil
rare, not in collection

14650
1c Franklin
rotary
not used



14652
1c Franklin
rare, not in collection



14654
1c Franklin
side coil
rare, not in collection

14655
1c Franklin
side coil
unreported



14659
2c Washington
not finished

14660
1c Franklin
side coil
unreported







14720
3c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection

14721
3c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



14728
2c Washington
not finished



















14936
2c Washington Book
not finished





14957
2c Harding
not finished



14965
6c Garfield
not finished





14980
2c Washington
side coil
unreported



