

## Chapter 22

### Plate Numbers 15000-15999

The 15000 section began October 4, 1923 when this plate number was assigned to the 2c Harding memorial stamp. Plate 15999 was assigned to the 1c Franklin flat plate sheet stamp in July, 1924. The usage rate was over 100 plates per month. The 4th Bureau series was now well established and 823 numbers were assigned to this issue.

The rotary presses were primarily used for coil production and only 15 1c Franklin rotary sheet plates were used. 1c Franklin rotary plates 15653 and 15655 are really rare. Many of these rotary plates printed stamps that were given precancel overprints and copies may be found in precancel accumulations. The flat plate presses did most of the 1c Franklin work with 169 plates to press. This long run of plates has some tough ones. Eight 1c Franklin booklet plates are common. 40 coils are tough to find although the coil waste helps but the 1c Franklin coil waste plates are scarce and expensive. Eight of the 1c Franklin coil plates are unreported.

The majority of the 15000 section plates were assigned to the 2c Washington. 252 flat plates were used and one plate, 15433, remains unreported. Most of these plates are common. 38 booklet plates were used and 15732 and 15805 appear to be the toughest as each had only 6 reports in the BIA plate number survey. The basic letter rate finally appeared on the rotary press as 24 plates were used but two are scarce. 32 of the 112 2c side coil plates are unreported. Collectors seemed to finally start finding partial plate numbers on coils. Five of the six 2c end coil plates have been found but finding your copies will be a challenge.

The higher values seemed to require more plates than the corresponding values in the 3rd Bureau series. Twenty-one 5c Roosevelt plates went to press along with thirty-five 10c Monroe plates. Four of the Monroe plates seem to be tough. 15510-11-12-13 are not seen as often as the others. However, these plates exist overprinted for use in the Canal Zone. Copies of items such as this really add spice to a collection.

Commemorative use of plates was higher than at any time since the Trans-Mississippi stamps of 1898. 113 2c Harding flat plates and 4 rotary plates were assigned. Of these, 95 flat plates went to press. This was a very popular stamp but completing all of the Harding plates is not easy. Plate 15195 is the scarcest with 7 reports in the plate number survey. The 3 Huguenot-Walloon stamps were issued in 1924 using 32 plates which are all common.

The difficult 1922 10c special delivery stamp had 8 more plates sent to press but these plates present no real problems.

Six postage due denominations involving 14 plates went to press and 12 of these plates are easy. There are two very rare plates on the 10c due. Plates 15861 and 15862

had 4 and 3 reports in the survey. I have been on the lookout for 40 years and have never even seen these plates. Perhaps I just look in the wrong spots.

The 15000 section is tougher than the 14000 group. Coils are the big problem. The BEP ended its practice of releasing coil waste by the end of this section so now collectors have to really find the partial plate numbers that may exist on the coils. 963 plates are available in this section. Locating 800 of these plates should not be a terrific task but pushing beyond that barrier is tough. Just how badly will coils affect the completion percentage in a section? We need to look at the 16000 section for the answer.

## Chapter 22-15000

		15000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	963	963	43	
4th Bureau Series							
1922	1c Franklin	400F	169	169	169	0	
1922	1c Franklin	400R	16	15	15	0	
1922	1c Franklin book	360F	8	8	8	0	
1922	1c Franklin coil	150R	6	4	4	0	
1922	1c Franklin coil	170R	39	36	36	8	
1922	2c Washington	400F	252	252	252	1	
1922	2c Washington	400R	24	24	24	0	
1922	2c Washington book	360F	38	38	38	0	
1922	2c Washington coil	150R	6	6	6	1	
1922	2c Washington coil	170R	114	112	112	32	
1922	3c Lincoln	400F	9	9	9	0	
1922	4c M. Washington	400F	16	16	16	0	
1922	5c Roosevelt	400F	21	21	21	0	
1922	5c Roosevelt coil	170R	2	2	2	1	
1922	6c Garfield	400F	4	4	4	0	
1922	7c McKinley	400F	13	13	13	0	
1922	8c Grant	400F	16	16	16	0	
1922	9c Jefferson	400F	8	8	8	0	
1922	10c Monroe	400F	35	35	35	0	
1922	11c Hayes	400F	4	4	4	0	
1922	12c Cleveland	400F	8	7	7	0	
1922	14c Indian	400F	3	3	3	0	
1922	20c Golden Gate	400F	8	8	8	0	
1922	50c Amphitheater	400F	4	4	4	0	
Commemorative							
1923	2c Harding	400F	113	95	95	0	
1923	2c Harding	400R	4	0	0		
1924	1c Walloon	200F	12	12	12	0	
1924	2c Walloon	200F	16	16	16	0	
1924	5c Walloon	200F	4	4	4	0	
Special Purpose Issues							
1922	10c Special Delivery	200F	8	8	8	0	
1894	2c Postage Due	400F	2	2	2	0	
1894	3c Postage Due	400F	4	0	0		
1894	5c Postage Due	400F	6	4	4	0	
1894	10c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0	
1894	30c Postage Due	400F	2	2	2	0	
1894	50c Postage Due	400F	2	2	2	0	



15001-15002  
2c Harding  
rotary  
not finished



15013-15014  
2c Harding  
rotary  
not finished























15123-15124  
2c Harding  
flat  
not finished







15140  
2c Harding  
flat  
not used

15141  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported







15166  
2c Harding  
flat  
not used



15168-15170  
2c Harding  
flat  
not used







15175-15176  
2c Harding  
flat  
not used



15179  
1c Franklin  
end coil  
rare, not in collection

15180  
1c Franklin  
end coil  
rare, not in collection



15189-15190  
2c Harding  
flat  
not used



15193  
1c Franklin  
end coil  
rare, not in collection

15194  
1c Franklin  
end coil  
rare, not in collection





15196-15198  
2c Harding  
flat  
not used



15207-15210  
2c Harding  
flat  
not used







15239  
1c Franklin  
end coil  
rare, not in collection



15241-15242  
1c Franklin  
end coil  
not finished

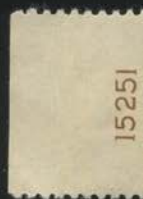
15243  
2c Washington  
end coil  
scarce, not in collection



15244  
2c Washington  
end coil  
unreported

15245  
2c Washington  
end coil  
scarce, not in collection

15246  
2c Washington  
end coil  
scarce, not in collection







15279  
5c Roosevelt  
side coil  
rare, not in collection

15280  
5c Roosevelt  
side coil  
unreported







15304  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection

15305  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
not finished





15315  
1c Franklin  
rare, not in collection



15322  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
unreported

15323  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection





15340  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
unreported

15341  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection





15353  
12c Cleveland  
not finished







15371  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
unreported







15406-15407  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported







15418  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported

15419  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection







15433  
2c Washington  
unreported



15442-15444  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported





15450  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported



15452  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not finished











15496











15520  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not finished

15521  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection







15530  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection







15541  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported



15543  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported







15565  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported







15581  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection





15590  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported

15591  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection





15600  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection



15617-15618  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported







15638  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported





15653  
1c Franklin  
rotary  
rare, not in collection

15654  
1c Franklin  
rotary  
not finished







15665-15666  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported



15676  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection



15678  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection









15704  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection

15705  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection

15706-15707  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported



15720  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection





15722  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection

15723  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection







15740  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
not used



15742  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection











15776  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection

15777  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection











15808  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
unreported



15809  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection



15811  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
rare, not in collection



15824-15825  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported

15826  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection

15827  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection





15830-15833  
3c Postage Due  
not used



15838-15839  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported



15846  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported





15858-15859  
5c Postage Due  
not used



15870  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported

15871  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection











15908  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection

15909  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported



15911  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported



15916  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported

15917  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection

15918  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported





15922  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection

15923  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection



15928-15931  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported



15936-15939  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported













15973  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
unreported

15974  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
not finished

15975-15976  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
unreported



15996

