Chapter 25

Plate Numbers 18000-18999

Plate number 18000 was assigned to the 2c Washington side coil in November, 1925 and plate 18999 was assigned to the 10c Lindbergh air mail commemorative stamp in June, 1927. This section of 1000 numbers lasted 17 months and one reason for the slowing of the plate usage rate was the emergence of the rotary press as the primary producer of postage stamps. Only 784 of the 1000 numbers assigned went to press as many of the flat press plates were canceled without being used. The rotary press sheet stamps saw another major change as the perforations changed from perf 10 to perf 11 by 10.5.

871 plates were assigned to stamps of the 4th Bureau series. The 1c Franklin made a modest return with 7 rotary sheet plates and 4 rotary booklet plates. 26 of the 1.5c Harding plates went to press and plate 18700 with only 5200 impressions is a really tough plate to find. 23 Harding coil plates went to press with only 1 unreported but these are a hard group to find.

The flat press status as the primary stamp producer ended in early 1926 as only 38 2c Washington plates went to press. Fortunately for collectors, there were no short runs on these plates as sometimes happens at the end of an issue and these 38 plates are not difficult. 244 rotary press plates went to press. Two of these, plates 18124 and 18125, are unreported with 4231 impressions. Typically with these early rotary press plates, finding all the numbers is a tough task. Collectors were becoming more aware of how to locate coil plates as only 39 out of 93 side coil plates were unreported.

The last four 3c Lincoln flat plates went to press in this section and the last two, 18122 and 18123, are very hard to find as only 2500 impressions of each were printed. The rotary press plates of the values 3c through 10c are not too rough. But the last two flat plates of the 5c Roosevelt and the 10c Monroe are very difficult. 5c plate 18035 is the easiest of the four. 5c plate 18060 had only 1390 impressions and 2 reports in the BIA survey and is rare. The 10c plates 18033 and 18034 each had 3125 impressions and are rare with 3 and 4 reports in the survey. The flat press plates on the higher values pose no problems.

The 18000 series saw the last use of the star marking for wide gauge plates. All of the 2c Washington flat plates had the 5 point star positioned next to the right side plate number of the upper right pane, as did 12c plate 18398 and twelve 20c plates. Again, some wide gauge plates (three each of the 12c, 15c, and the 20c) did not receive a star.

Action in the commemorative arena picked up a bit in this section. The major plate user was the 2c Sesquicentennial stamp of 1926. 60 plates were used and heavily collected and none of these is scarce. Some of these plates were overprinted for use in the Canal Zone. The 5c Ericsson stamps and the 2c White Plains stamp were also

issued. History was made as the first souvenir sheet, the White Plains issue of 1926, was printed in this section. Four plates were used for the souvenir sheet and the plates are quite common. The sheets are expensive but plate singles seem to be plentiful.

There was action with the air mail stamps. A new set of 10c, 15c, and 20c stamps depicting a map was issued totaling 20 plates and all common. The electrifying event of Lindbergh crossing the Atlantic was as exciting then as men on the moon were in 1969. The last 3 plates in this section were assigned to the special 10c Lindbergh air mail stamp.

The 10c special delivery stamp moved from the flat press to the rotary press. The flat press issue gave the collector one more headache with the last 2 of the 4 plates that went to press. Plate 18685 printed 2250 impressions and is scarce. But 18686 was even rougher with only 350 impressions. Plate 18686 is rare. Four 10c postage due plates were used and all are common.

784 plates went to press in the 18000 section with 44 unreported. The coil plates make a high percentage of completion difficult in this section. But this section has enormous interest because many of the rotary plates are available with both perforation types. Many of these plates have the Kansas and Nebraska overprints. Two each of the 2c Washington and 5c Roosevelt sheet plates were overprinted for use as the Hawaii commemoratives. A challenging goal would be 600 of these plates. A lot of fun awaits the plate number collector in the 19000 section which we shall explore next.

		18000 Seri	es Totals				
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
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	(totals)		1000	784	784	44	
4th Bureau Series							
1922	1c Franklin	400R	7	7	7	0	
1922	1c Franklin book	360R	4	4	4	0	
1925	1.5c Harding	400R	26	26	26	0	
1925	1.5c Harding coil	170R	24	23	23	1	
1922	2c Washington	400F	95	38	38	0	
1922	2c Washington	400R	249	244	244	2	
1922	2c Washington book	360F	48	19	19	0	
	2c Washington book	360R	26	26	26	2	
1922	2c Washington coil	150R	4	4	4	0	
	2c Washington coil	170R	95	93	93	39	
	3c Lincoln	400F	14	4	4	0	
1922	3c Lincoln	400R	20	20	20	0	
1922	3c Lincoln coil	170R	8	8	8	0	
1922	4c M. Washington	400F	10	0	0		
	4c M. Washington	400R	11	5	5	0	
	4c M. Washington coil	170R	6	0	0		
	5c Roosevelt	400F	24	2	2	0	
	5c Roosevelt	400R	30	27	27	0	
	5c Roosevelt coil	170R	2	0	0		
	6c Garfield	400F	2	0	0		
	6c Garfield	400R	12	12	12	0	
	7c McKinley	400F	12	8	8	0	
	7c McKinley	400R	8	8	8	0	
	8c Grant	400F	5	0	0		
	8c Grant	400R	12	12	12	0	
	9c Jefferson	400F	11	0	0		
	9c Jefferson	400R	8	8	8	0	
	10c Monroe	400F	19	2	2	0	
	10c Monroe	400R	22	22	22	0	
	10c Monroe coil	170R	3	0	0		
	12c Cleveland	400F	9	8	8	0	
	13c Harrison	400F	9	9	9	0	
	15c Statue of Liberty	400F	3	3		0	
	17c Wilson	400F	12	8		0	
	20c Golden Gate	400F	17	16		0	
	\$1 Lincoln Memorial	200F	4	4	4	0	
Commemo	prative						
	2c Norse frame	100F	1	0	0		
	2c Norse center	100F	1	0	0		
	5c Norse frame	100F	1	0	0		
	5c Norse center	100F	1	0	0		
	2c Sesquicentennial	200F	60	60		0	
	5c Ericsson	200F	14	12		0	
	2c White Plains	400F	5	5		0	
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1926	2c White Plains sheet	100F	5	4	4	0	
Special Purpose Issues							
1926	10c Map Air Mail	200F	9	8	8	0	
	15c Map Air Mail	200F	8	4	4	0	
1926	20c Map Air Mail	200F	9	8	8	0	
1927	10c Lindbergh Air Mail	200F	3	3	3	0	
1922	10c Special Delivery	200F	6	4	4	0	
1922	10c Special Delivery	200R	2	2	2	0	
1894	10c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0	

18001 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18002 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection 18003 2c Washington side coil not finished

18004 2c Washington side coil unreported

















18014-18016 2c Washington side coil unreported

18017 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection 18018 2c Washington side coil unreported

18019 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection 18020 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection





























18033 10c Monroe rare, not in collection

18034 10c Monroe rare, not in collection











18040-18041 2c Washington side coil unreported









18046 2c Washington side coil unreported

18047 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection 18048-18053 2c Washington side coil unreported

18054 2c Washington side coil not finished 18055 2c Washington side coil unreported





18058-18059 10c Monroe not used 18060 5c Roosevelt rare, not in collection













18067 2c Washington side coil unreported

18068 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18069 2c Washington side coil unreported

18070 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection 18071 2c Washington side coil unreported

18072 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18073-18075 2c Washington side coil unreported

18077-18078 2c Washington side coil unreported

18079-18081 10c Monroe not used





18084-18087 4c M. Washington not used

18088 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18089 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18090 2c Washington side coil unreported 18091 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection









18096-18099 10c Monroe not used

18100-18103 2c Washington side coil unreported

18104 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18105 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection



































18123 3c Lincoln rare, not in collection

18124-18125 2c Washington rotary unreported









18128-18129 2c Washington side coil unreported

18130-18134 8c Grant not used













18142 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection 18143-18146 17c Wilson not used 18147-18148 2c Washington side coil unreported

18149-18152 3c Lincoln not used

18153-18156 4c M. Washington not used





























18172 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18173-18174 2c Washington side coil unreported













18181-18188 5c Roosevelt not used

























































































18229-18230 2c Washington not used











18236-18239 2c Washington not used









18245 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection















18253 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18254 2c Washington side coil unreported







18285-18288 10c Monroe not used





18291 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection 18292-18293 2c Washington side coil unreported

18294 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

















18303 2c Washington side coil unreported

18305 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18306 2c Washington side coil unreported 18307-18310 2c Washington not used 18311-18314 5c Roosevelt not used 18315 2c Washington side coil unreported

18316
2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection





18319-18322 2c Washington not used 18323 2c Washington side coil not used

18324 2c Washington side coil unreported 18325-18328 10c Monroe not used





18331-18336 2c Washington not used





18339 2c Washington side coil unreported 18340 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18341 2c Washington side coil (missing)

18342 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection





18345-18350 2c Washington not used





18353-18354 2c Washington side coil unreported















18361-18362 2c Washington not used









18366 2c Washington side coil unreported

18367 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection







18370-18372 2c Washington not used





18375-18376 9c Jefferson not used



18378 20c Golden Gate not used





18381-18382 2c Washington not used





























18389-18391 9c Jefferson not used

18392 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18393 2c Washington side coil unreported



















18402 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18403 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18405 2c Washington side coil unreported 18406-18407 2c Washington rotary not used





18410-18411 2c Washington book not used











18416 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection 18417 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection









18422-18423 2c Washington not finished



18425 12c Cleveland not finished

18426 2c Washington side coil rare, not in collection

18427 2c Washington side coil unreported 18428-18431 2c Washington not finished

18432-18433 5c Roosevelt not used 18434-18436 3c Lincoln not finished

18437-18438 9c Jefferson not finished









18443-18444 5c Roosevelt rotary not used









18447-18448 2c Washington side coil unreported 18449-18450 9c Jefferson not finished 18451-18452 2c Washington book not used 18453-18454 2c Washington not finished

18455-18456 5c Roosevelt rotary not used









18461-18462 5c Roosevelt not finished

18463-18464 9c Jefferson not finished

18465-18466 2c Washington book not finished 18467-18468 2c Washington not finished 18469-18470 4c M. Washington not finished 18471-18472 6c Garfield not finished 18473-18475 3c Lincoln not finished

18476-18477 5c Roosevelt not finished

18478 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection

18479 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection 18480-18481 4c M. Washington rotary not used





18484-18487 2c Washington book not finished





18490-18491 2c Washington book not finished

18492 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection

18493 1.5c Harding side coil not finished 18494-18495 2c Washington book not finished 18496-18497 5c Roosevelt side coil not used 18498-18500 10c Monroe side coil not used 18501-18512 2c Washington book not finished 18513-18514 1.5c Harding side coil unreported

18515 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection

18516 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection











18522-18524 2c Washington book not used



























18536 2c Washington rotary not used





























































































18642



18644
1.5c Harding
side coil
scarce, not in collection

































































18676 2c Norse American center not finished 18677 2c Norse American frame not finished

18678 5c Norse American center not finished 18679 5c Norse American frame not finished













18686 10c Special Delivery rare, not in collection

18687 10c Special Delivery not used









18692 10c Special Delivery not used





18695 2c Washington book rotary unreported 18696 2c Washington book rotary rare, not in collection

18697 2c Washington book rotary scarce, not in collection

18698
2c Washington book rotary
scarce, not in collection



18700 1.5c Harding rotary rare, not in collection













18709 2c Washington book rotary rare, not in collection



18711 2c Washington book rotary unreported



18713 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection

18714 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection 18715 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection

18716 2c Washington book rotary (missing)





































































18749-18752 15c Air Mail not used













18759-18760 1.5c Harding side coil unreported

18761 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection 18762 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection



















18772 2c White Plains souvenir sheet not used































18786 5c Roosevelt rotary not used













18793-18794 4c M. Washington rotary not used











18800 3c Lincoln side coil rare, not in collection









18805-18806 4c M. Washington rotary not used



























18817 1.5c Harding side coil unreported

18818 1.5c Harding side coil rare, not in collection 18819-18820 4c M. Washington side coil not used



















18823 1.5c Harding side coil scarce, not in collection 18824 1.5c Harding side coil scarce, not in collection



























































18900 20c Air Mail not used











18906 10c Air Mail not used







































































18960-18961 2c Washington rotary not finished









































