

Chapter 30

Plate Numbers 22000-22999

Plate number 22000 was assigned to the 2c Adams stamp in June, 1938 and plate 22999 to the 2c United Nations stamp in January, 1943. The 22000 section saw all values of the new Presidential series introduced. Technological changes included conversion to electric eye plates. We see the impact of the war years as commemorative stamp production seemed to almost end and the special National Defense stamps and the Win the War stamps were issued. These stamps supplanted their Presidential series counterparts during these trying times. Postal savings made a comeback with two new issues using plates assigned in the postage stamp series. War savings stamps were also issued but these plates were given numbers in the miscellaneous plate number series.

514 of the plates in this section were assigned to the Presidentials, the 5th Bureau series, and 471 went to press with 5 plates, all coils, unreported. The conversion to electric eye plates involves all denominations except the dollar values which were printed on the flat plate presses. Many of the higher value plates were available in the post offices for years. This series was very heavily collected and during that time many of the scarcer plates commanded high premiums. Today, there are probably few collectors trying to obtain matched sets in this series and the scarcer numbers should be plentiful. One exception on the sheet plates is the famous 20c Garfield plate 22176. This plate was originally reported as canceled with no impressions but when a copy turned up, the BEP said 2550 copies were printed. Apparently this plate was at post offices in the St. Louis area and eventually all positions were found but this will be the hardest sheet plate to find.

The hard parts of this section are the booklet and coil plates. Most plates that were found resulted in many copies being saved but some plates are scarce to rare. I have a line pair of the 10c Tyler coil with only about 10% of the plate number showing which I got very early in my plate number collecting pursuits. The bottom part of the number shows which makes it easy to identify as plate 22102. This plate, along with 22103, went to press in July, 1954! Only 3300 impressions were made from each of these plates. When I found out this was an unreported plate, I made the report and this may still be the only known copy. I wish I could have remembered where I got this pair because the companion plate was obviously in the same roll. But if I got the pair from a dealer, then somewhere there may be other unrecognized copies of 22102 and 22103, so never stop looking!

The dollar values provided action for the combination collectors but it was an expensive undertaking. A \$5 plate block was a lot of money in the 1940s. The dollar values originally appeared with arrows between the plate numbers. These arrows were later removed and all plate number combinations consisting of only 22000 section plate numbers exist both with and without these arrows.

Commemoratives were active through 1940 with the most notable item being the long set of 35 Famous Americans. After that, there were only a handful of commems for the remainder of the 22000 section. The 1c, 2c, and 3c national defense issues came out in 1940. This issue had a long and widespread run using 100 plates. Some are a bit scarcer than the others but none are rare. The entry of the US into World War II prompted the 3c Win the War and the 2c United Nations stamps. 343 commemorative plates were assigned and 289 went to press.

The air mail stamps continued to be active. The 6c eagle bicolor ended its run with 4 frame and 4 center plates which added to the proliferation of combinations already available on this stamp. This stamp was very popular and many thousands of plates were probably saved, but it seems to be a somewhat expensive plate block today which might discourage potential combination collectors. The transport air mail stamps were issued in 1941 with the four 6c booklet plates being the toughest to find. 78 air mail plates were assigned and 38 were used.

22 special delivery and postage due plates went to press and these are easy to locate. A new set of postal savings stamps was issued in 1940. These had a short life and the 6 plates can be troublesome to find. Plate 22545, the \$1 value, printed only 700 impressions. None of the plates used printed more than 1700 impressions. The 1941 issue used more plates but was available longer and is much easier to find. 9 plates were used on the large \$5 stamp. This is a very handsome issue which adds to the eye appeal of a consecutive number collection.

The 22000 series is one of the easy sections and a high percentage of completion is possible. 850 plates went to press with 5 unreported. An aggressive collector should be able to locate 800 of these plates without enormous effort. This is a very interesting and colorful section. The war years continue with the 23000 section which is next on the agenda.

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		22000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	849	849	5	
5th Bureau Series							
1938	0.5c Franklin	400R	6	6	6	0	
1938	1c Washington	400R	49	46	46	0	
1938	1c Washington book	360R	18	14	14	0	
1938	1c Washington coil	150R	8	2	2	0	
1938	1c Washington coil	170R	17	16	16	0	
1938	1.5c M. Washington	400R	38	38	38	0	
1938	1.5c M. Washington coil	150R	4	4	4	2	
1938	1.5c M. Washington coil	170R	8	8	8	0	
1938	2c Adams	400R	35	35	35	0	
1938	2c Adams book	360R	13	6	6	0	
1938	2c Adams coil	150R	4	2	2	0	
1938	2c Adams coil	170R	24	24	24	0	
1938	3c Jefferson	400R	64	64	64	0	
1938	3c Jefferson book	360R	20	14	14	0	
1938	3c Jefferson coil	150R	4	2	2	0	
1938	3c Jefferson coil	170R	36	32	32	2	
1938	4c Madison	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	4c Madison coil	170R	4	4	4	0	
1938	4.5c White House	400R	3	3	3	0	
1938	4.5c White House coil	170R	4	2	2	0	
1938	5c Monroe	400R	10	10	10	0	
1938	5c Monroe coil	170R	4	4	4	0	
1938	6c J. Q. Adams	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	6c J. Q. Adams coil	170R	4	4	4	0	
1938	7c Jackson	400R	8	6	6	0	
1938	8c van Buren	400R	5	5	5	0	
1938	9c Harrison	400R	8	6	6	0	
1938	10c Tyler	400R	10	10	10	0	
1938	10c Tyler coil	170R	4	4	4	1	
1938	11c Polk	400R	5	5	5	0	
1938	12c Taylor	400R	5	5	5	0	
1938	13c Fillmore	400R	5	5	5	0	
1938	14c Pierce	400R	5	5	5	0	
1938	15c Buchanan	400R	7	7	7	0	
1938	16c Lincoln	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	17c Johnson	400R	5	5	5	0	
1938	18c Grant	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	19c Hayes	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	20c Garfield	400R	6	6	6	0	
1938	21c Arthur	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	22c Cleveland	400R	6	4	4	0	
1938	24c Harrison	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	25c McKinley	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	30c Roosevelt	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	50c Taft	400R	6	6	6	0	

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1938	\$1 Wilson frame	100F	4	4	4	0
1938	\$1 Wilson center	100F	4	4	4	0
1938	\$2 Harding frame	100F	2	2	2	0
1938	\$2 Harding center	100F	2	2	2	0
1938	\$5 Coolidge frame	100F	2	2	2	0
1938	\$5 Coolidge center	100F	2	2	2	0
Commemorative						
1938	3c NW Territory	400R	4	4	4	0
1938	3c Iowa Territory	200R	3	2	2	0
1939	3c Golden Gate Bridge	200R	4	4	4	0
1939	3c New York Fair	200R	4	4	4	0
1939	3c Washington Inaugural	200F	9	9	9	0
1939	3c Panama Canal	200F	13	8	8	0
1939	3c Baseball	200R	4	4	4	0
1939	3c Printing Press	200R	5	4	4	0
1939	3c Four States	200R	8	4	4	0
1940	1c Irving	280R	4	2	2	0
1940	2c Cooper	280R	4	4	4	0
1940	3c Emerson	280R	4	4	4	0
1940	5c Alcott	280R	4	2	2	0
1940	10c Clemens	280R	4	2	2	0
1940	1c Longfellow	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	2c Whittier	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	3c Lowell	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	5c Whitman	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	10c Riley	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	1c Mann	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	2c Hopkins	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	3c Eliot	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	5c Willard	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	10c Washington	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	1c Audubon	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	2c Long	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	3c Burbank	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	5c Reed	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	10c Addams	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	1c Foster	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	2c Sousa	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	3c Herbert	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	5c MacDowell	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	10c Nevin	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	1c Stuart	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	2c Whistler	280R	6	2	2	0
1940	3c Saint-Gaudens	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	5c French	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	10c Remington	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	1c Whitney	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	2c Morse	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	3c McCormick	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	5c Howe	280R	3	2	2	0
1940	10c Bell	280R	3	2	2	0

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1940	3c Pan-American Union	200R	3	2	2	0
1940	3c Pony Express	200R	4	4	4	0
1940	3c Wyoming	200R	4	4	4	0
1940	3c Idaho	200R	4	4	4	0
1940	3c Coronado	200R	4	4	4	0
1940	3c 13th Amendment	200R	4	4	4	0
1940	1c National Defense	400R	28	28	28	0
1940	2c National Defense	400R	28	28	28	0
1940	3c National Defense	400R	44	44	44	0
1940	3c Vermont	200R	3	2	2	0
1940	3c Kentucky	200R	3	2	2	0
1942	3c Win the War	400R	30	30	30	0
1942	5c China	200R	3	2	2	0
1943	2c United Nations	400R	14	14	14	0
Special Purpose Issues						
1938	6c Eagle frame	100F	20	4	4	0
1938	6c Eagle center	50F	22	4	4	0
1939	30c Winged Globe	200F	4	4	4	0
1941	6c Transport	200R	8	8	8	0
1941	6c Transport book	180R	4	4	4	0
1941	10c Transport	200R	4	4	4	0
1941	15c Transport	200R	4	4	4	0
1941	20c Transport	200R	4	2	2	0
1941	30c Transport	200R	4	2	2	0
1941	50c Transport	200R	4	2	2	0
1922	10c Special Delivery	200R	4	4	4	0
1930	0.5c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	1c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	2c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	3c Postage Due	400R	4	4	4	0
1930	5c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	10c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	30c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	50c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1940	10c Postal Savings	400F	2	2	2	0
1940	25c Postal Savings	400F	2	2	2	0
1940	50c Postal Savings	400F	1	1	1	0
1940	\$1 Postal Savings	400F	1	1	1	0
1941	10c Postal Savings	400R	4	4	4	0
1941	25c Postal Savings	400R	4	4	4	0
1941	50c Postal Savings	400R	4	4	4	0
1941	\$1 Postal Savings	400R	4	2	2	0
1941	\$5 Postal Savings	100F	13	9	9	0
	Non-Postal Plate	400F	4	0	0	
	Non-Postal Plate	400R	4	0	0	



22013-22014
2c Adams book
not finished





22032
7c Jackson
not used



22034
7c Jackson
not used



22037-22038
9c Harrison
not used





22071-22072
1c Washington
side coil
not used



22083-22084
4.5c White House
side coil
not used





22093
3c Iowa
not used



22103
10c Tyler
side coil
rare, not in collection



22128
3c Jefferson
side coil
not finished



22149
3c Jefferson
side coil
not finished







22176
20c Garfield
rare, not in collection

22177-22178
3c Jefferson
side coil
not finished



22181-22182
1c Washington
end coil
not used



22187-22188
3c Jefferson
side coil
not finished





22195-22196
3c Jefferson book
not used



22201-22202
1c Washington book
not finished



22208-22209
1.5c M. Washington
end coil
unreported





22217-22218
3c Jefferson book
not used



22223-22224
3c Jefferson
side coil
unreported





22229-22230
22c Cleveland
not used

22231-22232
2c Adams
end coil
not used

22233
non-postal plate
not used





22252
1c Washington
side coil
not used







22273-22274
non-postal plate
not used







22303-22306
1c Washington
end coil
not used







22331-22332
1c Washington book
not used

223332-22334
3c Jefferson book
not used



22336
non-postal plate
not used







22374-22375
1c Washington
not finished

22376-22379
3c Panama Canal
not finished

22380
1c Washington
not used





22391
2c Adams book
not finished



22393
3c Panama Canal
not used





22416-22419
non-postal plate
not used





22441-22443
3c Four States
not finished



22451
3c Printing Press
not finished

22452
3c Four States
not finished



22461
2c Adams book
(missing)





22476
1c Irving
not used





22484

22485
5c Alcott
not used



22486

22487
10c Clemens
not used



22488

22489
1c Irving
not used



22490



22491

22492
5c Alcott
not used

21493
10c Clemens
not used

21494-22501
6c Eagle Airmail
frame
not used



22502



22503

22504
1c Longfellow
not used



22505



22506

22507
2c Whittier
not used



22508

22509
3c Lowell
not used



22510



22513
5c Whitman
not used



22516
10c Riley
not used

22517-22520
6c Eagle Airmail
center
not used



22523
1c Mann
not used



22526
2c Hopkins
not used



22529
3c Eliot
not used



22531
5c Willard
not used



22534
10c Washington
not used

22535



22536-22539
6c Eagle Airmail
center
not used

22540



22541



22542



22543



22544



22545



22546



22547

22548
1c Audubon
not used



22549



22550

22551
2c Long
not used



22552



22553

22554
3c Burbank
not used

22555



22556



22557
5c Reed
not used

22558



22559
10c Addams
not used

22560



22561



22562



22563
3c Pan-Am Union
not used

22564



22565



22566
1c Foster
not used

22567



22568



22569
2c Sousa
not used

22570



22571



22572
3c Herbert
not used

22573
5c MacDowell
not used



22574



22575

22576



22577



22578
10c Nevin
not used



22579



22580



22581



22582

22583



22584



22585



22586





22589
1c Stuart
not used

22590-22592
2c Whistler
not used



22595
3c Saint-Gaudens
not used



22598
5c French
not used



22601
10c Remington
not used



22604
2c Whistler
not used

22605-22614
6c Eagle Airmail
center
not used





22621
1c Whitney
not used



22623
2c Morse
not used



22327
3c McCormick
not used



22630
5c Howe
not used





22633
10c Bell
not used



22639-22642
6c Eagle Airmail
frame
not used

22643-22644
2c Adams book
not used





22657-22660
6c Eagle Airmail
frame
not used







22708
3c Vermont
not used





22721
\$1 Postal Savings
not used



22729
\$1 Postal Savings
not used



22741-22744
\$5 Postal Savings
not used







22761-22762
20c Transport Airmail
not used



22776-22777
30c Transport Airmail
not used



22780-22781
50c Transport Airmail
not used



















22927
3c Kentucky
not finished



22934-22935
2c Adams book
not used





22956
5c China
not finished







