

Chapter 32

Plate Numbers 24000-24999

Plate number 24000 was assigned to the 2c Adams sheet stamp in February, 1949 and plate 24999 to the 3c Liberty sheet stamp in June, 1954. The end of this section occurred in the 16th year of the Presidential series, the 5th Bureau series, and a new regular issue made an appearance. Collecting of plate number blocks in matched sets had become hugely popular and the new Liberty series brought in hundreds of new collectors anxious to be in on the beginning of a new regular issue. There had been few changes in stamp production in these 16 years and plate number collectors had settled into a comfortable routine. But changes were very near. The \$1 Wilson stamp was about to be changed with printing experiments on 400 subject flat plates using dry paper. The new 8c Liberty was printed from both flat and rotary plates using dry paper. The 1952 Red Cross commemorative stamp caused a sensation by utilizing a single plate to produce a bicolored stamp.

The 5th Bureau series, the Presidentials, was just about completed in the 24000 section. 558 plates were assigned, 434 went to press, and two 3c booklet plates and one 4c coil plate are unreported. It is interesting to see how few high value plates went to press in this series compared to the 4th Bureau series. It appears only a handful of plates was required on most values. The rotary press was very effective in printing large quantities. Most of the sheet plates are easy to find. The coils and booklets are more difficult. The last two 3c Jefferson booklet plates, 24739-40, are unreported. The four 4c Madison coil plates are very rare. Very few impressions were made from these plates. The Durland catalog lists 4c Madison coil 24052 as unreported but at least one copy is known. I have a line pair showing 10% of plate number 24052 which I have had since I was a young collector. I did not realize this plate was unreported until I became a BIA member and read the plate number survey reports. Always check those coils and booklets; there are discoveries yet to be made.

The Liberty series, the 6th Bureau series, began in March, 1954, with the issuance of the 8c Liberty stamp. This issue was a hit with collectors as they were able to again chase plate number combinations. Completion of these combinations was very difficult and I wonder if anyone ever got all the positions. Plate number 24920 is the rare plate with only 525 impressions reported. I wonder if that figure is correct since 24920 appeared in two combinations, and one of the combinations also exists as precancels from more than one town. Only plate 24920 is difficult. The 3c Liberty stamps followed in sheet, booklet, and coil form and all plates are relatively common.

300 commemorative plates were assigned and 299 went to press. All are very easy to locate. The NATO stamp had a long run and seemed to replace the 3c Jefferson for a while. As a kid, I remember seeing nothing but NATO stamps on mail received at home. Matched set collectors were really getting spoiled by the commems. Issue after

issue had mostly 4 or 6 plates, and all were common numbers. Only the regular issue sheet stamps offered just a bit of a challenge.

51 of the 52 assigned air mail plates went to press. The 10c Pam-Am building stamp's two plates were the last wet printing plates for this stamp and are somewhat scarce. I remember finding some of these in Texas post offices but they were not plentiful. The 6c Skymaster booklet and coil plates offer the real challenge. Three plates were used for the 80c Hawaii stamp and the 3rd had, with 5200 impressions, only around 1/16th the impressions of the other two plates but it is not difficult to find. The UPU set was issued in 1949 with 8 total plates used. I was able to buy sheets of these at face value at the Pacific '97 show. Not a good investment for the original buyers.

A rotary press version of the 20c special delivery stamp was issued and four plates were used. And one lone 5c postage due plate went to press to round out the 24000 section.

Two revolutions swept through the BEP in the 25000 section. Details follow in the next chapter.

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		24000 Series Totals						
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have	
	(totals)		1000	848	848	3		
5th Bureau Series								
1938	0.5c Franklin	400R	2	0	0			
1938	1c Washington	400R	34	18	18	0		
1938	1c Washington book	360R	8	0	0			
1938	1c Washington coil	170R	24	8	8	0		
1938	2c Adams	400R	51	47	47	0		
1938	2c Adams book	360R	6	2	2	0		
1938	2c Adams coil	170R	14	4	4	0		
1938	3c Jefferson	400R	166	150	150	0		
1938	3c Jefferson book	360R	32	23	23	2		
1938	3c Jefferson coil	170R	117	109	109	0		
1938	4c Madison	400R	16	8	8	0		
1938	4c Madison book	360R	2	0	0			
1938	4c Madison coil	170R	18	4	4	1		
1938	4.5c White House	400R	1	1	1	0		
1938	5c Monroe	400R	4	4	4	0		
1938	6c J. Q. Adams	400R	6	6	6	0		
1938	6c J. Q. Adams coil	170R	2	2	2	0		
1938	7c Jackson	400R	2	2	2	0		
1938	8c van Buren	400R	4	4	4	0		
1938	9c Harrison	400R	2	2	2	0		
1938	10c Tyler	400R	4	4	4	0		
1938	11c Polk	400R	1	0	0			
1938	12c Taylor	400R	2	2	2	0		
1938	15c Buchanan	400R	8	8	8	0		
1938	18c Grant	400R	1	1	1	0		
1938	19c Hayes	400R	1	1	1	0		
1938	20c Garfield	400R	4	4	4	0		
1938	21c Arthur	400R	1	0	0			
1938	22c Cleveland	400R	1	1	1	0		
1938	25c McKinley	400R	5	5	5	0		
1938	30c Roosevelt	400R	2	0	0			
1938	\$1 Wilson frame	100F	5	5	5	0		
1938	\$1 Wilson center	100F	5	5	5	0		
1938	\$1 Wilson frame	400F	2	1	1	0		
1938	\$1 Wilson center	400F	1	0	0			
1938	\$2 Harding frame	100F	1	1	1	0		
1938	\$2 Harding center	100F	1	0	0			
1938	\$5 Coolidge frame	100F	1	1	1	0		
1938	\$5 Coolidge center	100F	1	1	1	0		
6th Bureau Series (Liberty Series)								
1954	3c Liberty	400R	26	25	25	0		
1954	3c Liberty book	360R	4	4	4	0		
1954	3c Liberty coil	170R	16	16	16	0		
1954	8c Liberty frame	400F	10	9	9	0		

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1954	8c Liberty center	400F	11	9	9	0		
1954	8c Liberty frame	400R	5	5	5	0		
1954	8c Liberty center	400R	5	2	2	0		
	Commemorative							
1949	3c Minnesota	200R	6	6	6	0		
1949	3c Washington and Lee	200R	6	6	6	0		
1949	3c Annapolis	200R	6	6	6	0		
1949	3c Puerto Rico	200R	4	4	4	0		
1949	3c G. A. R.	200R	6	6	6	0		
1949	3c Poe	280R	4	4	4	0		
1950	3c Bankers	200R	6	6	6	0		
1950	3c Samuel Gompers	280R	4	4	4	0		
1950	3c Statue of Freedom	200R	7	6	6	0		
1950	3c Casey Jones	200R	6	6	6	0		
1950	3c Kansas City	200R	7	6	6	0		
1950	3c Executive Mansion	200R	6	6	6	0		
1950	3c Boy Scouts	200R	7	6	6	0		
1950	3c Indiana	200R	6	6	6	0		
1950	3c Supreme Court	200R	4	4	4	0		
1950	3c California	200R	4	4	4	0		
1950	3c U.S. Capitol	200R	2	2	2	0		
1951	3c Confederate Veterans	200R	4	4	4	0		
1951	3c Nevada	200R	6	6	6	0		
1951	3c Cadillac	200R	6	6	6	0		
1951	3c Colorado	200R	6	6	6	0		
1951	3c American Chemical Society	200R	6	6	6	0		
1951	3c Battle of Brooklyn	200R	6	6	6	0		
1951	3c Betsy Ross	200R	6	6	6	0		
1952	3c 4-H Club	200R	4	4	4	0		
1952	3c B & O Railroad	200R	6	6	6	0		
1952	3c American Auto Association	200R	6	6	6	0		
1952	3c NATO	400R	18	18	18	0		
1952	3c Grand Coulee Dam	200R	6	6	6	0		
1952	3c LaFayette	200R	6	6	6	0		
1952	3c Mount Rushmore	200R	6	6	6	0		
1952	3c Civil Engineers	200R	6	6	6	0		
1952	3c Service Women	200R	6	6	6	0		
1952	3c Bible	200R	6	6	6	0		
1952	3c Newsboys	200R	6	6	6	0		
1952	3c Red Cross	200R	8	6	6	0		
1952	3c National Guard	200R	6	6	6	0		
1953	3c Ohio	280R	4	4	4	0		
1953	3c Washington Territory	200R	6	6	6	0		
1953	3c Louisiana	200R	6	6	6	0		
1953	5c Perry	200R	4	4	4	0		
1953	3c Future Farmers	200R	4	4	4	0		
1953	3c American Bar Association	200R	6	6	6	0		
1953	3c Sagamore Hill	200R	6	6	6	0		
1953	3c Truck Industry	200R	12	6	6	0		
1953	3c General Patton	200R	6	6	6	0		
1953	3c New York City	200R	7	6	6	0		

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1953	3c Gadsden Purchase	200R	6	6	6	0		
1954	3c Columbia University	280R	4	4	4	0		
1954	3c Nebraska	200R	4	4	4	0		
1954	3c Kansas	200R	4	4	4	0		
Special Purpose Issues								
1947	10c Pan-Am Building	200R	2	2	2	0		
1947	15c NY Skyline	200R	3	3	3	0		
1949	6c Skymaster	400R	7	7	7	0		
1949	6c Skymaster book	360R	8	8	8	0		
1949	6c Skymaster coil	170R	4	4	4	0		
1949	6c Wright Brothers	200R	4	4	4	0		
1949	6c Alexandria	200R	6	6	6	0		
1949	10c UPU Air Mail	200R	3	2	2	0		
1949	15c UPU Air Mail	200R	4	4	4	0		
1949	25c UPU Air Mail	200R	2	2	2	0		
1952	80c Hawaii Air Mail	200R	3	3	3	0		
1953	6c Powered Flight	200R	6	6	6	0		
1925	15c Special Delivery	200R	2	0	0			
1951	20c Special Delivery	200R	4	4	4	0		
1930	0.5c Postage Due	400R	2	0	0			
1930	5c Postage Due	400R	1	1	1	0		
1930	10c Postage Due	400R	1	0	0			
1930	30c Postage Due	400R	1	0	0			
1930	50c Postage Due	400R	2	0	0			





24027-24028
2c Adams
side coil
not used







24053
4c Madison
side coil
rare, not in collection



24059
10c Postage Due
not used



24066-24067
.5c Postage Due
not used

24068
30c Postage Due
not used

24069-24070
50c Postage Due
not used



24080
21c Arthur
not used



24091-24092
1c Washington book
not used



24103
3c Jefferson
side coil
not finished



24108
3c Jefferson
not finished



24118-24119
1c Washington
side coil
not used

24120-24121
2c Adams
side coil
not used





24134
3c Jefferson
not finished







24149



24150



24151

24152
10c UPU Airmail
not finished



24153



24154



24155



24156



24157



24158



24159





24182
3c Statue of Freedom
not finished

24183



24184



24185



24186



24187



24188



24191



24192







24207
3c Kansas City
not finished





24217



24218



24219



24220



24221



24222

24223



24224



24225

24226
3c Boy Scouts
not finished



24227



24228



24239-24240
1c Washington
side coil
not used



24247-24248
2c Adams
not used



24253-24254
1c Washington
not used







24271
11c Polk
not used





24283
1c Washington
not finished



24291
1c Washington
not used







24317-24318
2c Adams
not finished



24328-24329
1c Washington
not finished





24341-24344
3c Jefferson
not used



24348-24349
3c Jefferson
not used





24370-24371
1c Washington book
not finished



24374-24375
.5c Franklin
not finished

24376-24377
1c Washington
not finished



24380-24381
1c Washington
not finished



24386-24387
1c Washington
side coil
not finished

24388-24389
2c Adams book
not used



24392-24395
1c Washington
side coil
not finished

24396-24397
1c Washington
not finished





24400-24401
2c Adams book
not used

24402-24403
2c Adams
side coil
not finished



24410-24411
1c Washington book
not finished







24432-24433
1c Washington
side coil
not finished



24442
3c Jefferson book
not finished

24444-24445
1c Washington book
not finished



24454-24455
3c Jefferson book
not used

24456-24457
1c Washington
not finished







24479
\$2 Harding
center
not used



24487
3c Jefferson
not finished



24503-24504
15c Special Delivery
not used





24512
4c Madison
side coil
rare, not in collection

24513
4c Madison
side coil
rare, not in collection

24514-24517
4c Madison
side coil
not used

24518-24525
4c Madison
not used

24526-24535
4c Madison
side coil
not finished

24536-24537
4c Madison book
never issued

24538-24539
1c Washington
side coil
not finished



24548-24549
1c Washington
side coil
not finished







24571
3c Jefferson
not finished





24589
3c Jefferson
not finished





24595-24596
3c Jefferson book
not finished







24627-24628
3c Jefferson book
not finished





24636



24637



24638



24639



24640



24641



24642



24643



24644



24645



24646



24647



24648



24649



24650



24651



24652



24657-24658
3c Jefferson book
not finished











24703-24704
3c Red Cross
not used

24705-24706
2c Adams
side coil
not finished







24729-24730
2c Adams
side coil
not finished



24739
3c Jefferson book
unreported

24740
3c Jefferson book
unreported







24755-24756
30c Roosevelt
not finished











24809-24810
1c Washington
not finished



24814
3c Jefferson
side coil
not finished







24835
\$1 Wilson
center
not used



24842-24844
3c Jefferson
not used





24861-24866
3c Trucking
not finished





24873
3c Jefferson
side coil
rare, not in collection

24874
3c Jefferson
side coil
rare, not in collection





24878



24879



24880



24881



24882



24883



24884



24885



24886

24887
3c New York City
flat plate
not used



24888





24900-24905
3c Jefferson
side coil
not finished

24906-24907
3c Jefferson
not finished



24909
6c Airmail book
scarce, not in collection





24921-24922
8c Liberty
rotary center
not used



24925
8c Liberty
flat center
not used





24931
8c Liberty
flat center
not finished



24934
8c Liberty
flat frame
not used



24941
8c Liberty
rotary center
not finished



24956
3c Liberty
not finished







24997
\$1 Wilson
frame
not used

