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.

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

1954	8c Liberty center	400F	11	9	9	0			
	8c Liberty frame	400R	5	5	5	0			
	8c Liberty center	400R	5	2	2	0			
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Comm	Commemorative								
	3c Minnesota	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Washington and Lee	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Annapolis	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Puerto Rico	200R	4	4	4	0			
	3c G. A. R.	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Poe	280R	4	4	4	0			
	3c Bankers	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Samual Gompers	280R	4		4	0			
		200R	7	4	6				
	3c Statue of Freedom			6		0			
	3c Casey Jones	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Kansas City	200R	7	6	6	0			
	3c Executive Mansion	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Boy Scouts	200R	7	6	6	0			
	3c Indiana	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Supreme Court	200R	4	4	4	0			
	3c California	200R	4	4	4	0			
	3c U.S. Capitol	200R	2	2	2	0			
	3c Confederate Veterans	200R	4	4	4	0			
	3c Nevada	200R	6	6	6	0			
	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			
	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			
	3c Mount Rushmore	200R	6	6	6	0			
1952	3c Civil Engineers	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Service Women	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Bible	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Newsboys	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Red Cross	200R	8	6	6	0			
	3c National Guard	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Ohio	280R	4	4	4	0			
	3c Washington Territory	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Louisiana	200R	6	6	6	0			
	5c Perry	200R	4	4	4	0			
	3c Future Farmers	200R	4	4	4	0			
	3c American Bar Association	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Sagamore Hill	200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c Truck Industry	200R 200R	12	6	6	0			
	3c General Patton	200R 200R	6	6	6	0			
	3c New York City	200R 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	
	l Purpose Issues						
1947	10c Pan-Am Building	200R	2	2	2	0	
1947	15c NY Skyline	200R	3	3	3	0	
	6c Skymaster	400R	7	7	7	0	
1949	6c Skymaster book	360R	8	8	8	0	
	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	
	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		
	5c Postage Due	400R	1	1	1	0	
	10c Postage Due	400R	1	0	0		
	30c Postage Due	400R	1	0	0		
1930	50c Postage Due	400R	2	0	0		































24027-24028 2c Adams side coil not used





































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















































24152 10c UPU Airmail not finished

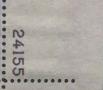




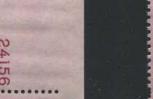






















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24207 3c Kansas City not finished

















































24226 3c Boy Scouts not finished



















































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

























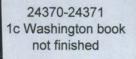
















24374-24375 .5c Franklin not finished 24376-24377 1c Washington not finished





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















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24454-24455 3c Jefferson book not used 24456-24457 1c Washington not finished



































24479 \$2 Harding center not used















3c Jefferson not finished 24494 24498 24493 24495 24497 \$1* WOODROW \$1 24500 24499 UNITED STATES POSTAGE 24503-24504 15c Special Delivery not used 24505 AIR MAIL UNITED STATES POSTAGE









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



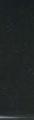






































24589 3c Jefferson not finished











24595-24596 3c Jefferson book not finished































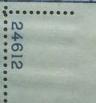








































24627-24628 3c Jefferson book not finished



















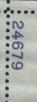
































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24703-24704 3c Red Cross not used

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

















































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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

















24852





24854







































24861-24866 3c Trucking not finished













24873
3c Jefferson
side coil
rare, not in collection

24874 3c Jefferson side coil rare, not in collection



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24900-24905 3c Jefferson side coil not finished 24906-24907 3c Jefferson not finished



24909 6c Airmail book scarce, not in collection



















24956 3c Liberty not finished











































