

Chapter 47

Plate Numbers 36000-36999

Plate number 36000 was assigned to a 10c Mariner commemorative offset plate in February, 1975 and 36999 was assigned to the 13c Aviation commemorative stamp in February, 1976. This section of 1000 numbers was very frustrating to me and many other plate number collectors in that the USPS refused to make available much of the information about plates in this section. The plate number reports from the BEP and the post office had, in years past, given collectors timely and important information about the hobby, and the relationship between these government entities and collectors seemed to be one of mutual cooperation and respect. It could be that personnel changes at the BEP prevented accumulation and/or dissemination of the information. The USPS also seemed reluctant to release information. It seemed that in many cases the information in the plate number reports contained errors in addition to being incomplete. Large gaps in the assigned numbers began to appear. I sometimes felt the people in control thought that the fate of the free world was at stake if any of this information was leaked to collectors. I am sure that, if the communists had known the BEP had actually assigned plates to print 11c and 12c flag stamps, the balance of power in the world would have undergone a dramatic shift.

Many big events occurred in this section. The postage rates again increased, this time to 13c, on December 31, 1975. The Prominent Americans series came to an official end with the introduction of the Americana series in 1975. The first non-denominated postage stamps went to press in this series. The first commemorative stamps with 50 different designs in the post office pane were printed from plates in this section.

The 1954 Liberty series 2c Jefferson coil was still alive. One more plate was sent to press and it has been reported.

It seemed hard to believe that the Prominent Americans series was 10 years old. The end was in sight for these stamps with the announcement of the new Americana series. 51 Prominent American plates were assigned and 39 went to press. 18 booklet and coil plates are unreported. Surprisingly, five of the ten 10c Jefferson memorial 400 subject booklet plates were reported. Only four sheet plates went to press. The two 3c Parkman plates (36123-4) are known only precancelled and are scarce. The two 10c Jefferson Memorial plates are no problem. One new stamp appeared at this late date. This was the 3c Parkman coil stamp with four plates to press and all four have been reported.

The new Americana stamps had an interesting concept. The stamps would come in sets of four with phrases involving a central theme. In addition, tinted paper was used to accent the stamp's colors. The idea was good in theory but problems surfaced in the real world. The built in complexity prevented some logical denominations such as a 5c

stamp from ever being released. The new series started with 9c, 11c, 13c (2 different designs), and a 24c stamp. The 13c eagle and shield was the first regular issue stamp to be printed on the gravure press. The 13c Liberty Bell stamp appeared only in the booklet and coil formats. Only three of the 22 13c Liberty Bell booklet plates were found. Seventeen of the 20 Liberty Bell coil plates are reported but these are tough. The sheet plates are all easy to find. 142 plates were assigned with 82 to press and four of the 62 available are unreported.

The BEP did not know what the new rate was to become but they had to be ready to quickly deliver product. Therefore, 9 color Huck plates were prepared for 11c, 12c, and 13c flag stamps. Of course, only the 13c version was issued and 109 sheet and 66 coil plates went to press. Six plates went to press to print the 13c flag coil on the new 'B' press. None of these plate numbers has ever been found and I consider coil plate numbers from this press to be unobtainable. One 13c flag sheet plate, 36252, is unreported. Some of these plates are tough, especially 36255. The totals for the flags stamps are 506 plates assigned, 181 to press and 109 available with one unreported.

I put definitives which cannot be conveniently categorized into a category called 'special definitives'. The 'A' and the 'B' stamps belong in this group. Six 400 subject plates went to press to print the 'A' stamp booklets and none are available. The 'B' stamp had three sheet and three coil plates to press and all are reported. The 'B' coils are not easy to find.

There were items of interest in the commemorative stamps. The 10c Apollo Soyuz was a joint issue with the USSR and it was the largest commemorative ever issued by the US (up to that time) with only 24 stamps to the pane. The Christmas stamps were the first non-denominated commemorative stamps. They were sold for 10c each because politics delayed the rate increase until after the holidays. The 10c Christmas Card stamp is available with three different perforations (the 10.5x11 variety is scarce) to add to the fun. The 13c 50 state flags was another interesting first with 50 different stamps in the pane. The plate block now becomes the pane. There are six plate number combinations on this stamp so a complete matched set consists of 24 panes! The 13c stamp issued to publicize INTERPHIL had 12 plates to press with four of these in the 37000 section. Plates 36987, 36990, 37003, and 37011 are tough to find. Otherwise, the commemorative plates in this section are easy to find. 247 commemorative plates were assigned with 213 to press and 187 available with no unreported plates.

Two new air mail stamps with 25c and 31c denominations were issued in 1975. All nine plates on these two stamps are easy to find. Twelve plates were used to print the 1974 22c aerogramme and these are unavailable. Two plates were assigned to 432 subject test coil stamps. These two plates have been found and they are scarce.

We have information about the subjects of the plates in the 36000 section now but a glance at the checklist shows a lot of information that used to be available, such as the date to press, the cancellation date, and the number of impressions, is now unobtainable. But from the available information we see 553 plates to press with just 411 available to collectors, the lowest of any section of 1000 numbers in the entire plate number series. 18 plates are unreported but a fairly good completion percentage is possible. This is a

fascinating section with lots of bicentennial related issues, the start of a new regular issue, and other innovations, and the plates that can be obtained tell a great story.

The 37000 section is the subject of the next chapter and this covers the year of the bicentennial of the United States. What surprises await the plate number collector?

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		36000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	553	409	13	
6th Bureau Series (Liberty Series)							
1954	2c Jefferson coil	432R	1	1	1	0	
7th Bureau Series (Prominent Americans)							
1965	2c Wright book	360R	4	4	4	1	
1965	3c Parkman	400R	2	2	2	0	
1965	3c Parkman coil	432R	4	4	4	0	
1965	7c Franklin	400R	2	0	0		
1974	10c Jefferson Memorial	400R	4	2	2	0	
1974	10c Jefferson Memorial book	360R	2	0	0		
1974	10c Jefferson Memorial book	400R	12	10	0	0	
1974	10c Jefferson Memorial coil	432R	21	17	17	9	
8th Bureau Series (Americana)							
1975	9c Freedom to Assemble	400R	6	6	6	0	
1975	9c Freedom to Assemble coil	432R	2	2	2	0	
1975	11c Freedom of the Press	400R	8	8	8	0	
1975	11c Freedom of the Press book	360R	8	0	0		
1975	11c Freedom of the Press coil	432R	6	0	0		
1975	12c Freedom of Conscience book	360R	6	0	0		
1975	12c Freedom of Conscience coil	432R	6	0	0		
1975	12c/13c Eagle (not issued)	400C	12	0	0		
1975	11c Eagle (not issued)	400C	2	0	0		
1975	12c Eagle (not issued)	400C	2	0	0		
1975	13c Eagle and Shield	400C	12	12	12	0	
1975	13c Liberty Bell book	360R	12	6	6	1	
1975	13c Liberty Bell book	400R	22	22	5	0	
1975	13c Liberty Bell coil	432R	20	20	20	1	
1975	21c Ordinary (not issued)	400R	6	0	0		
1975	24c Old North Church	400R	6	6	6	0	
1975	26c Ordinary (not issued)	400R	6	0	0		
Flags Series							
1975	11c Flag	80R	62	0	0		
1975	11c Flag coil	72R	68	0	0		
1975	12c Flag	80R	80	0	0		
1975	12c Flag coil	72R	80	0	0		
1975	13c Flag	80R	122	109	109	1	
1975	13c Flag coil	72R	86	66	0		
1975	13c Flag coil	936S	8	6	0		
Special Definitives							
1975	'A' coil	936S	2	0	0		
1975	'A' book	360R	4	0	0		
1975	'A' book	400R	9	6	0		
1975	'B'	400C	3	3	3	0	
1975	'B' coil	432R	4	3	3	0	

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1975	'B' book	400R	4	0	0		
Commemoratives							
1975	10c Mariner	200R	1	1	1	0	
1975	10c Mariner offset	200L	2	2	1		
1975	10c Griffith	200R	17	12	12	0	
1975	10c Griffith offset	200L	10	9	0		
1975	10c Bunker Hill	160C	12	8	8	0	
1975	10c Dunbar	200C	10	5	5	0	
1975	10c Uniforms	200C	12	12	12	0	
1975	10c Apollo-Soyuz	96C	19	13	13	0	
1975	10c USPS Bicentennial	200C	12	12	12	0	
1975	10c World Peace	200R	18	16	16	0	
1975	10c Women's Year	200R	6	6	6	0	
1975	(10c) Christmas Card	200C	19	19	19	0	
1975	(10c) Christmas Art	200C	18	18	18	0	
1975	10c Banking	160R	18	14	14	0	
1975	10c Banking offset	160L	18	13	0		
1975	13c State Flags	200C	12	12	12	0	
1976	13c INTERPHIL	200R	10	8	8	0	
1976	13c INTERPHIL offset	200L	2	2	0		
1976	13c Spirit of '76	200C	10	10	10	0	
1976	13c Chemistry	200C	12	12	12	0	
1976	13c Aviation	200C	9	9	9	0	
Special Purpose Issues							
1971	21c Air Mail offset	200L	2	2	0		
1975	25c Air Mail	200R	7	6	6	0	
1975	31c Air Mail	200R	4	3	3	0	
1974	22c Aerogramme	8C	12	12	0		
1975	Dummy Coil	432R	2	2	2	0	

36000-36001
10c Mariner
offset plates
unavailable



36005-36006
10c Jefferson Memorial
book plates
unreported

36007
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
not finished

36008-35761
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil



36009
A (15c) side coil
not used

36010
10c Griffith
master plate
not used

36011
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
not finished

36012
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
unreported

36013-36087
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil



36014
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
unreported



36021-36023
10c Bunker Hill
not used



36025
10c Bunker Hill
not used



36032-36036
10c Dunbar
not used

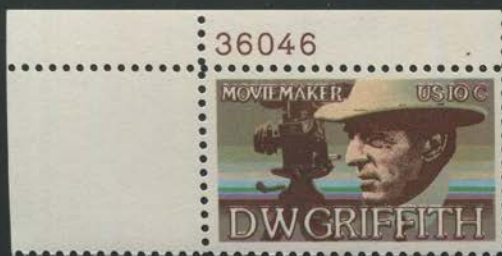


36038
13c Flag side coil
master plate
not used



36041-36043
10c Griffith
offset plates
unavailable

36044
13c Flag
master plate
not used



36049
10c Griffith
not used



36051
10c Griffith
not used

36052
A (15c) side coil
not finished

36053-36064
10c Uniforms
see next page



36053

36054

36055

36056

36057

36058

CONTINENTAL ARMY

CONTINENTAL NAVY

CONTINENTAL ARMY

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CONTINENTAL NAVY

US
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10c

36058

36057

36056

36055

36054

36053

CONTINENTAL ARMY

CONTINENTAL NAVY

CONTINENTAL ARMY

CONTINENTAL NAVY

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CONTINENTAL NAVY

US
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10c

CONTINENTAL MARINES

AMERICAN MILITIA

CONTINENTAL MARINES

AMERICAN MILITIA

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AMERICAN MILITIA

US
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10c

36053

36054

36055

36056

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CONTINENTAL MARINES

AMERICAN MILITIA

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AMERICAN MILITIA

US
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10cUS
10c

36058

36057

36056

36055

36054

36053

36066-36067
10c Griffith
not used

36068-36071
10c Jefferson Memorial
book plates
unreported



36074-36077
A (15c) book
unavailable

36078
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
not finished



36080-36081
12c Flag
master plate
not used

36082
13c Flag
master plate
not used

36083-36084
10c Jefferson Memorial
not used

36085-36086
10c Jefferson Memorial
book plates
unreported

36087
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
see plate 36013

36087-36088
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
unreported

36089
13c Flag
master plate
not used

36090-36091
3c Parkman
side coil



36092-36093
3c Parkman
side coil



36094-36096
10c Griffith
offset plates
unavailable

36097-36098
A (15c) book
unavailable

36099-36104
13c Flag coil
unavailable

36105
13c Flag
not finished



36108
13c Flag
not finished



36110
13c Flag
not finished

36112-36113
dummy coil
rare, not in collection

36113-36116
13c Flag
not finished



36119
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
unreported

36120-36205
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil



36121-36122
10c Jefferson Memorial
book plates
unreported



36131-36133
10c Griffith
offset plates
unavailable

36134
12c Flag
master plate
not used

36135
10c Griffith
offset plates
unavailable



36139-36140
13c Flag
not used



36142
A (15c) book
unavailable

36143
13c Flag coil
not used



36145



United States 13c

36146



United States 13c

36147



United States 13c

36148



United States 13c

36149



United States 13c

36150



United States 13c



United States 13c

36151

36152



United States 13c

36153



United States 13c



United States 13c

36154

36155



United States 13c

36156-36167
12c/13c Eagle
not issued

36168



United States 13c

36169



United States 13c

36170



United States 13c

36171



United States 13c

36172



United States 13c

36173



United States 13c

36174



United States 13c

36175



United States 13c

36176



United States 13c



United States 13c

36177



United States 13c

36178

36179



United States 13c

36180



United States 13c



United States 13c

36181

36182



United States 13c

36183



United States 13c

36184



United States 13c

36185



United States 13c

36186-36191
12c Flag
not issued

36192
13c Flag coil
not used

36193-36194
13c Liberty
side coil
rare, not in collection



36197-36202
12c Flag
not issued

36203
13c Flag coil
unavailable

36204
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
not finished

36205-36120
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil



36206-36207
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
unreported

36208
2c Jefferson
side coil
rare, not in collection

36209-36214
13c Flag coil
not finished



36221-36226
13c Flag coil
not finished



36233-36238
13c Flag coil
unreported



36245-36250
13c Flag coil
unreported



36252
13c Flag
unreported



36255
13c Flag
side coil
rare, not in collection



36257-36260
26c ?
not issued

36261-36272
13c Flag coil
unreported

36273-36274
13c Liberty
side coil
rare, not in collection

36275-36280
13c Flag coil
unreported

36281-36284
A (15c) book
unavailable

36285-36290
13c Flag coil
unreported

36291-36296
10c Apollo-Soyuz
not finished



36299



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APOLLO SOYUZ 1975

36306

APOLLO SOYUZ SPACE TEST PROJECT



10c

UNITED STATES - 1975

36299



us10c

APOLLO SOYUZ 1975

36306

APOLLO SOYUZ SPACE TEST PROJECT



10c

UNITED STATES - 1975

36306



us10c

APOLLO SOYUZ 1975

36299



10c

UNITED STATES - 1975

36306



us10c

APOLLO SOYUZ 1975

36299



10c

UNITED STATES - 1975

36301



us10c

APOLLO SOYUZ 1975

36302



10c

UNITED STATES - 1975

36301



us10c

APOLLO SOYUZ 1975

36302



10c

UNITED STATES - 1975

36302



us10c

APOLLO SOYUZ 1975

36301



10c

UNITED STATES - 1975

36302



us10c

APOLLO SOYUZ 1975

36301



10c

UNITED STATES - 1975

36303



APOLLO SOYUZ 1975



APOLLO SOYUZ 1975

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APOLLO SOYUZ SPACE TEST PROJECT

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UNITED STATES - 1975

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36315



36316



36317



36318



36319



36320



36321-36324
11c/12c Eagle
not issued

36325-36330
13c Flag coil
unreported







36343-36348
12c Flag
not issued

36349-36352
21c ?
not issued

36353-36358
13c Flag coil
unreported

36359-36360
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
unreported

36361-36364
10c Jefferson Memorial
book plates
not finished

36365-36370
12c Flag
not issued

36371-36376
13c Flag coil
unreported

36377-36383
12c Flag
not issued

36384-36389
13c Flag coil
unreported

36390-36395
12c Flag
not issued

36396-36401
13c Flag coil
unreported

36402
10c World Peace
master plate
not used

36403-36430
11c 12c Flag
not issued



36437-36466
12c Flag
not issued



36468-36469
11c Flag
not issued



36473-36486
12c Flag
not issued





36490-36495
12c Flag
not issued

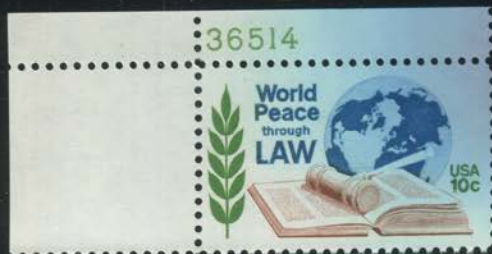


36498-36501
11c 12c book
not issued

36502-36505
13c Liberty book
unreported



36507-36512
12c Flag
not issued

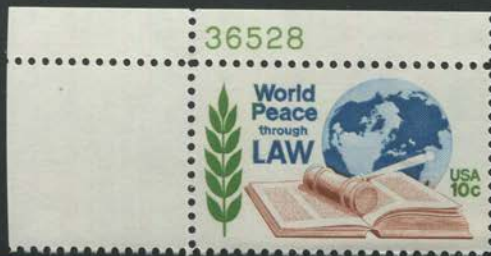


36516
13c Liberty book
rare, not in collection

36517
13c Liberty book
unreported

36518-36525
11c 12c
not issued





36529-36534
12c Flag
not issued



36536
10c World Peace
not used

36537
11c Flag
not issued



36539-36551
11c 12c Flag
not issued



36553-36568
11c 12c
not issued



36569
B (18c) coil
rare, not in collection

36570
B (18c) coil
not finished

36571-36576
12c Flag
not issued



36578-36621
11c 12c Flag
not issued

36622-36623
A (15c) book
not finished

36624-36629
11c Flag
not issued





36647

36648-36649
B (18c) book
not finished

36650-36651
13c Liberty book
unreported

36652-36721
11c 12c Flag
not issued

36722-36723
13c Liberty book
rare, not in collection

36724-36725
13c Liberty book
rare, not in collection

36726-36739
11c 12c Flag
not issued

36740
13c Flag coil
unreported

36741



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

36742



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

36743



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

36744



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

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Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

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Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

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Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

36748



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

36749



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

36750



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

36751



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage

36752



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery
Christmas US postage



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery Christmas US postage

36753



Ghirlandaio: National Gallery Christmas US postage

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Ghirlandaio: National Gallery Christmas US postage

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Ghirlandaio: National Gallery Christmas US postage

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Ghirlandaio: National Gallery Christmas US postage

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Ghirlandaio: National Gallery Christmas US postage

36758



36763-36764
B (18c) book
not finished

36765
10c Banking
master plate
not used



36768-36769
12c
not issued

36770-36771
13c Liberty book
rare, not in collection

36772-36775
13c Liberty book
unreported





36785
13c 50 State Flags
see matched
set collection









36800
13c Liberty
side coil
rare, not in collection



36814-36813
13c Liberty
side coil





36817
13c Liberty
side coil
unreported

36818-36820
10c Banking
offset plates
unavailable



36824
13c Flag
not finished



36826
13c Flag
not finished



36836
10c Banking
not used



36843

BANKING

us10c

0540

COMM BANKING

us10c

0540

36843

COMMERCE

us10c

0180

36844

BANKING

us10c

0540

COMM BANKING

us10c

0540

36844

COMMERCE

us10c

0180

BANKING

us10c

0540

COMM BANKING

us10c

0540

COMMERCE

us10c

0180

36845

36845

BANKING

us10c

0540

COMM BANKING

us10c

0540

COMMERCE

us10c

0180

36846

36846

36847

BANKING

us10c

0540

COMM BANKING

us10c

0540

36847

COMMERCE

us10c

0180



36849
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
unreported

36850
10c Jefferson Memorial
side coil
rare, not in collection

36851
13c Flag coil
unreported



36854-36853
13c Liberty
side coil



36856-36855
13c Liberty
side coil



36857-36858
13c Liberty
side coil
rare, not in collection
36860-36859 >>>



36861-36863
10c Banking
offset plates
unavailable





36869-36870
21c Airmail
offset plates
unavailable

36871-36872
10c Banking
not used

36873-36878
10c Banking
offset plates
unavailable



36880-36881
7c Franklin
not used



36883-36885
2c Wright book
rare, not in collection



36887-36889
10c Banking
offset plates
unavailable

36890-36901
22c Aerogramme
unavailable

36894
22c Aerogramme
rare miscut
see large sheet album

36902-36905
13c Liberty book
unreported

36906-36909
13c Liberty book
not used

36910-36911
13c Liberty book
unreported

36912-36914
10c Banking
offset plates
unavailable



36917-36918
13c Liberty book
unreported

36919-36920
13c Liberty book
not used

36921
13c Flag coil
unreported



36926
25c Airmail
master plate
not used

36927
31c Airmail
master plate
not used

36928
13c Flag coil
unreported



36930-36931
21c ?
not issued

36932
13c Interphil
master plate
not used



36937-36938
26c ?
not issued



36944-36945
13c Liberty book
unreported

36946

36947

36948

36949

36950



36950

36949

36948

36947

36946



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36952

36953

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36961-36962
13c Interphil
offset plates
unavailable







36983
13c Interphil
not finished



36986
13c Flag coil
unreported



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