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LOCK SEALS a preliminary study

by Thomas W. Priester, ARA

From discussions held recently with other collectors, it appears that little attention has been given to the study of Lock Seals. Recently two collections of Lock Seals were examined and a census was tabulated using the Springfield List as a basis for varieties. In addition to the census, notes were taken on information furnished in the collections supplemented with facts from the few articles that have been written on the subject. This is a report on the findings. Purpose? To encourage other collectors of these seals to furnish additional information, and to add their collection census to the beginning census that is shown. (Members desiring a census form should address their request to me at Box 400, Davenport, Iowa 52805.) At some future date new and corrected data plus a revised census will be offered in The American Revenuer.

The basic reason-for-being for Lock Seals will not be restated here, for this was done in the article that Ken Trettin and Lou Alfano reported in The American Revenuer in May, 1980, which basically recited data on Lock Seals from the Springfield List, and in Henry Tolman's work showing the physical locks in which Lock Seals were placed, The American Revenuer, January, 1981.

Seal numbers utilized in this article are for reference only. Reports of new varieties and subsequent information on dates of use will require a revised numbering of seals. Seal and number colors are listed as: color/number color.

Types of Seals

The collections examined included eight types of Lock Seals:



Type 1. Glass seals were the first Lock Seals used. However, they often broke in the lock, jamming the mechanism and their use was evidently short lived. The specimen shown measures 15/16 inch horizontally, 3/4 inch vertically and 1/16 inch thick with unground edges. It is back painted with tan paint and is hand lettered "A/97668" in dark red. Various presumably extraneous dark red blotches are spread across the seal.



Type 2

Type 2. The Caton Seal, Types I and II (see Plate Varieties).

Type 3. The first Slaight Seal, engraved, with two impressions of serial number on each stamp, one in the tablet below the slot and again diagonally over a perforated diamond shaped area at bottom. Each seal bears a position number of the seal in the sheet, centered below the bottom margin.

Type 4. Similar to Type 3 with added "Series" in arc

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Type 3

Type 4

above a large series letter. The word "Series" is noted in various sizes and spread of letters embracing a letter height from 1 to 1-1/2 mm and a spread of 9-1/2 to 11 mm. The bottom serial number is printed diagonally except seal #42, Series letter "U" on which the serial number is horizontal.





Type 5

Type 6

Type 5. Engraved or Lithographed, with serial number horizontally top and bottom as in Type 4. "Series" in straight line above small letter. No position number of seal in sheet on this or subsequent types of Slaight Seals. This seal type in blue/red series F has been seen engraved. Series M of this type and color is lithographed. The annual reports of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing indicate that in the early years of this century 1 to 4 sets of 100,000 Lock Seals would be delivered per year to the Internal Revenue Service. Thus, it appears sometime between series F and M color blue/red the switch was made from engraved to lithographed. Other colors were lithographed.

Type 6. Lithographed, larger than previous Slaight types (22 mm X 54 mm). Serial number once in tablet with series letter at bottom. No perforated diamond area.

Type 7. Similar to Type 5 with "U.S. Prohibition" at top in place of "U.S. Inter. Rev."

Type 8. Similar to Type 5 with "U.S. Bureau of" at top in place of "U.S. Inter. Rev" and "Industrial Alcohol" horizontally below slot.





Type 7

Type 8

Series Letters

Series Letters found on Seal Types 4 through 8 are listed. Letters I, J, O and Q were not used because of their similar appearance to the numbers 1 and 0.

Each series letter was used with seals #1 through #100,000 making 1851 full sheets of 54 position-numbered seals of each series letter. Sheet 1852 included the last 46 numbers (to #100,000) and eight seals without series letter or serial number (blanks). This was the case for Type 4 seals as noted in the Springfield List. It is not known if the same situation is also true for other types.

Series letters found on Type 4 seals

Number 38, black/red: A, E, G, H, S, V, W, X, Z

Number 39, green/red: D, P, V

Number 40, blue/red: A through Z except G with

exceptions noted

Number 41, brown/red: A thro

A through Z with exception noted

Number 42, red/blue:

A through U plus blank with

exceptions noted

Series letters found on Type 5 seals

Number 43, green/black: B, C, D, E, F, L, P, T, U, W, X, Y

Number 44, orange/black: G, S

Number 45, blue/red: D, E, F, M, P, S, T, V, X. M and

V were found on horizontally laid paper with the other series letters

on wove paper.

Number 46, rose/blue: V, W, X, Y, Z

Series letters found on Type 6 seals

Number 47, orange/black: M

Series letters found on Type 7 seals

Number 48, orange/black: A Number 49, green/red: B

Series letters found on Type 8 seals

Number 50, green/red: Number 51, blue/red:

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Dates of Use

Caton Seals The Springfield list indicates that Caton Seals were used from 1879 to 1892. Dates of use noted for individual seals in the collections examined were: #58-1890, #57-1892, #56-1893(?), #55-1894(?).

Slaight Seals The only notes found relating to dates of use of the early Slaight Seal, Type 3 were: #1-1875-80, #5-1891, #6-about 1890. Number 38 was evidently the first used of the Type 4 seals as one copy was noted "1893."

Extensive dates of use were shown for seals #40,. 41, 42 and 46: (see chart)

The above four varieties covers the use of Lock seals from January, 1903, to May, 1914. Note that #46, a Type 5 seal, was utilized with starting series letter V following the use of Series letter U for Seal #42, a Type 4 seal. As further evidence of the tie between these two types is the fact that #46 series letters V and W were on horizontally laid paper as were all of #42 (and other Type 4 seals). Number 46 series letters X, Y and Z were on wove paper.

The assumption may be made that seals #43, 44, 45 and 47 were used following May, 1914, until the advent of Prohibition. Seal types 7 and 8 were utilized during Prohibition as a control on authorized distilled spirits. The findings of this report do not indicate if Lock Seals were used after Prohibition, or, in fact, are they in use today?

Paper Varieties

Caton Seals Three paper varieties were found with the Caton Seals, vertically laid (alternate dark and light lines running vertically), horizontally laid (lines running horizontally), and wove (uniform appearance without alternating lines).

Two complete sheets of 50 of the Caton Seals were examined, one each of #56 and 72, both on vertically laid paper. Both sheets were watermarked "AMERICAN/LINEN PAPER" once vertically along the right side of the sheet in large double-lined serifed letters. On the #56 sheet the watermark read from the back and on #72 it read from the front. "AMERICAN" letters were 16 mm high and "LINEN PAPER" 15 mm high. The watermark only affected the right vertical row of 10 seals. Surface examination of the paper ridges of the laid paper showed them most visible from the paper side on which the watermark read correctly. The reverse side of the paper appeared almost flat. (The ridges were naturally most evident when looking through the paper at a light background.)

Slaight Seals The three paper varieties noted for Caton Seals were also found in the Slaight Seals with the wove paper running from medium to soft. In addition, a hard thin wove paper was found on several varieties as noted in the census. This paper is quite thin to the point of being translucent. Perhaps the thicker wove paper could be further divided into medium wove and soft wove, but from stamps studied there was no clear line of demarcation between the

DATES OF USE

SERIES LETTER	#40 BLUE RED	#41 BROWN RED	#42 RED BLUE	#46 ROSE BLUE
A	1/03	4/07	2/11	1
В	2/03	6/07	4/11	
C	5/03	8/07	6/11	
D	9/03	11/07	8/11	
por .	12/03	1/08	10/11	
Port.	3/04	4/08	12/11	
G		6/08	1/12	
H	8/04	8/08	3/12	
K	11/04	11/08	5/12	
L		1/09	7/12	
M	3/05	3/09	9/12	
N		5/09	11/12	
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R	9/05	8/09		
S	10/05	10/09	4/13	
tops:	1/06	12/09		
U	3/06	2/10	8/13	
٧	5/06	4/10		10/13
W.	7/06	7/10		12/13
X	10/06	8/10		1/14
γ	12/06	10/10	×	3/14
2	2/07	12/10		5/14

two and it might be a subjective decision to separate the thicker wove papers into two classes. It is interesting to note that for Slaight Seals the only use of vertically laid paper was seal #13.

Two complete sheets of Slaight Seals were examined, #41, series Z, and #42 series H, both horizontally laid paper. The #41 sheet was watermarked with a single impression of "THE/AMERICAN/LINEN PAPER", 15 mm/17 mm/17 mm, in double-lined serifed letters affecting 12 of the 54 seals in the sheet. The end of an adjoining watermark showed in the sheet margin with approximately 8 cm between the two watermarks.

The sheet of #42 contained a script double-lined watermark, the first line/word of which was not decipherable. The



Caton Lock Seal, Type I



Caton Lock Seal, Type II

second line was "LINEN" affecting with the first line 10 of the 54 seals. No other parts of adjacent watermarks were visible on the sheet of #42.

Watermarks were also found on wove paper Slaight Seals but sheets or large pieces showing complete watermarks were not included in the collections to provide information desired. A strip of three of #43 showed the watermark letters "CERT...."

Plate Varieties

Caton Seals Two types of Caton Lock Seals were described in an article by Robert M. Leard in the March, 1966, issue of *The American Revenuer*. Three of the discernible differences between Types I and II will be described so that those responding to the census may include this data with their report.

In Type I the left vertical border extends very slightly beyond the top border while in Type II the corner is well formed. The flowers in the upper and lower left corners have a single thin stem in Type I but the stems are doubled close to the flower in Type II. The stem of the large leaf to the right of "Internal" at the top is terminated when it approaches the frame line in Type I, but in Type II it continues to the upper right corner of the slot border. An examination of all the Caton Seals included in the collections showed that all seals were Type II with the exception of #64, green/blue and #67, black/green, all copies of which were Type I.

The two sheets of Canton Seals included in the census, #56 and #72, both Type II, produced a disproportionately large number of seals reported of these varieties. The Type II sheet reported in the Leard article was #71, black/red A. The sheet studied in this report of #72 black/red B was printed from the same state of plate as the Leard sheet with the long string of 19 identical plate printer's initials along the top of the plate.Both sheets bore plate #1461 in the bottom margin with the 4 double struck. The second sheet studied in this report, #56 buff/green, was printed from an earlier state of the same plate with the last four sets of initials missing. The plate number was not present on the sheet of #56.

Colors and Shades

Caton Seals It was difficult to differentiate between green and blue serial numbers for both the Caton and Slaight Seals as both were very dark shades. Over-lay comparisons allowed accurate determination of these colors.

It was also found difficult to differentiate between the orange and buff colored seals in the Caton series. Most seals which were originally though of as orange were later placed with the buffs after comparison with the same colors in the Slaight Seals (assuming that such a comparison was valid). Oxidation may further complicate color determination between buff and orange seals.

In determining seal colors, one must be careful that the color of the serial number does not trick the eye into thinking that the seal is of the same family of colors. For instance, the red serial number on a buff Canton Seal tends to make the seal look orange. Similarly, a green serial number on a black seal tends to make the seal look dark green.

The blue/red seal #62 included in the census was not listed in the Springfield List and is a medium bright blue color.

Slaight Seals. The following shades were noted:

•Number 9 engraved, red/red: a brownish red seal was noted. This may be a color changling (assuming all red serial numbers would be the same shade of red) in that both the seal and the serial number were of the same shade.

•Number 41 engraved, brown/red: series letters A through G, dark brown; series letters H through Z, red brown.

•Number 45 lithographed, blue/red: shades ranged from blue to dark blue with one specimen almost powder blue.

•Number 46 lithographed, rose/blue: seal colors ranged from pale rose to deep rose.

Closing Remarks

We hope the ARA membership will respond to this request for additional information and a census of Lock Seals in their collections. Much information needs to be filled in and corrections made to erroneous data or conclusions that may be present in this article. A meaningful census will establish relative numbers of the various seals, and will certainly increase the interest in this segment of our addiction.

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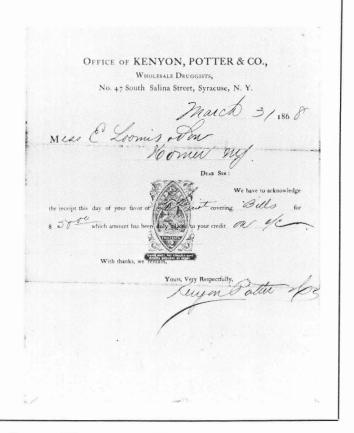
B17 on a receipt

Our eastern collector has come up with yet another puzzler. Shown here is a receipt (actual size 9 ³/₄ X 8 inches) with a B17 imprint. Of course this imprint should not be on a receipt as technically such use made the instrument invalid. We all know of others like this but this is believed to be the first report of such use for B17.

The collector indulged in a fanciful exercise to account for the issuance of a receipt on March 31, 1868, for a remittance (check or draft) that came to hand on March 30. It is sure that the Kenyon, Potter Co. could not have known that the check or draft would be paid. Therefore, he reasoned, they used an invalid receipt so that if the payment were to be refused, the receipt would not be binding. It is highly questionalbe that any company would have created invalid receipts to cope with such possibilities. Any one care to comment?

Niagara Fire Insurance B1a multiples

A further report on the Niagara Fire Insurance Company B1a multiples—it seems that Peggy Howard had or has a group of them, all examples of four on each side. There could have been as many as ten, it is said. If any collector wants to, a letter to Peggy would be in order—prices are, in my opinion, reasonable.



Special Tax-Paid Stamp for Grape Brandy

by Eidsel C. Stanford, ARA

Paul R. Fernald writing in the March, 1947, issue of *The Bureau Specialist* told of paging through an old revenue collection "dated by the time when hinges were cut pieces of lined paper from old copy books, and when Aunt Tilly wore half-fingered mits on the gala occasions." He tells that the collection contained a mint copy of the 1868 issue of Distilled Spirits used as a "Special Stamp for Brandy distilled from Apples, Peaches or Grapes Exclusively."

This stamp came about under an Act of July 20, 1868. On October 8, 1869, the Office of Internal Revenue issued a directive titled Additional Exemption relating to Brandy Distilled from Apples, Peaches, or Grapes, Exclusively Embracing a Special Tax-Paid Stamp for Casks Containing Quantities less than 20 Gallons under Act of July 20, 1868.

This was published as Series 5, No. 7.-Supplement No. 3 and reads as follows:

ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION
RELATING TO
BRANDY DISTILLED FROM APPLES,
PEACHES, OR
GRAPES, EXCLUSIVELY

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF INTERNAL
REVENUE
Washington, October 8, 1869

SPECIAL TAX-PAID STAMP FOR GRAPE BRANDY.

It being apparent that the interests of the government, and the necessities of the business of distillers of brandy from fruit, require further exemption of such distillers from the provision of the law than that heretofore prescribed in Series 5, No. 7, under section 2, act of July 20, 1868, it is now ordered that they be exempted from so much of the provisions of Section 23 of said act as requires them to put up the brandy they distill from fruit in casks of not less capacity than twenty gallons, wine measure, and that hereafter, until otherwise ordered, they be allowed to put up such spirits in packages of ten proof gallons or upwards.

Under the authority conferred in Section 101 of said act, with a view to the better collection of the tax derivable from brandy distilled from fruit, and the further prevention or detection of frauds on the revenue, a special stamp for fruit brandy has been issued, for packages of ten gallons, with coupons attached for use on packages containing more than ten gallons and not in any case exceeding nineteen gallons, the stamp now in use still applying to all packages of twenty gallons or upwards.

Collectors will make immediate requisition for supplies of this special stamp, in the use of which the blanks must be filled in accordance with the facts in

German Railway Ticket Tax Stamps





by Martin Erler, ARA

The German issue is described and priced in volume 1 of the Catalogue of the Adhesive Revenues of Germany. It appears that the stamps from 2.40 M on are rarer than were first estimated. Here is some additional information for specialists.

According to the law of June 3, 1906, a tax on railway tickets was raised.

price of ticket:	amount of tax	for class	s: (in Pf	enning)
•		III	II	I
0.60 M to 2 M		5	10	20
more than 2 to 5 M		10	20	40
more than 5 to 10 M		20	40	80
more than 10 to 20 M		40	80	160
more than 20 to 30 M		60	120	240
more than 30 to 40 M		90	180	360
more than 40 to 50 M		140	270	540
more than 50 M		200	400	800

Tickets with a price below -.60, reduced military, students, and workers tickets, and those for IIId class and IVth class with a price not more than 2 Pfenning per km, were not taxed.

There are two series of ticket tax stamps issued in the Netherlands, the proceeds of which were to be transferred to the German Treasury. These stamps were used for tickets bought in the Netherlands for passage into the territory of Germany.

One series is inscribed S.S./Duitsche Rijksbelasting op reisbiljeten'' (S.S. = Staats Spor = state railways/German state tax on Tickets) and the other "H.Y.S.M." (Hollandse Yzeren Sporweg My. = Dutch private railways company). These stamps are valued in German Marks (Rmk.). Both series have the following values: Rmk 0,05, 0,10; 0,20; 0,30; 0,40; 0,45; 0,60; 0,70; 0,80; 0,90; 1,00; 1,20; 1,35; 1,40; 1,60; 1,80; 2.00; 2,40; 2,70; 3,60; 4,00; 5,40; 8,00. The inscription of these two issues is in black on lilac underprint.

Hence it appears that there must have been an additional tax for tickets bought in the Netherlands, for there are denominations which do not apply to the tariff of the German law. Actually these two issues pertain to the Netherlands, but for a tax raised in Germany. These stamps are very rare.



Königl. Eisenbahndirektion Berlin namens der deutschen Eisenbebraterwalforgen.

Ausgabestelle Bureau d'émission Ufficio di distribuzione

Nummer des Heftes Numéro du livret Numero del libretto

/ HOPE



Die Deutsche Reichsfahrk von den in diesem Heft enthaltenen steuerpflichtigen deutschen Fahrscheinen entrichtet worden. — Timbre des billes allemands. La somme ei-contre a élé perçue du voyageur comme timbre des coupons allemands du présent livret, en tant que ces coupons sont sujets à ce timbre. — Imposta tedesca sui biglietti di viaggio. La somma indicata qui a fianco è stata riscossa dal viaggiatore a titolo di imposta su quei tagliandi tedeschi del presente libretto che sono soggetti ad imposta.

Dieser Schein bleibt mit dem Umschlag des Fahrscheinheftes in den Händen des Reisenden. — Ce coupon reste avec la converture de livret entre les mains du voyageur. — Questo tagliando resta, insieme alla copertira del libretto, in mano al viaggiatore.



each case. The stamp will be in book form, of two sizes, the larger containing three hundred, the smaller one hundred and fifty, each. A filled form of the stamp will read as follows:

Received 8th day of October, 1869, from William Compton, tax on ten gallons proof brandy, cask No. 1, for delivery to William Compton, at his distillery in Oldham county.

Attest: W. J. WHITE U.S. Gauger JAMES F. BRUCKNER, Collector, 5th District, State of Kentucky.

C. DELANO, Commissioner.

Approved:
GEO. S. BOUTWELL,
Secretary of the Treasury.

A Checklist of Precanceled 1914-16 Proprietary Stamps

by Harold Field, ARA; edited by Joseph S. Einstein, ARA

(Continued from AprTAR '85, page 58)

	Cancel 6 (Continued)	
June, 1915	D: 1 1/4¢	
Oct. 1915	S: 1 1/4¢ D: 1 1/4¢	t
Nov. 1915	D: 1 1/4¢	
Dec. 1915	D: 1 1/4¢	
Jan. 1916	D: 1 1/4¢	
Feb. 1916	D: 1 1/4¢	
Mar. 1916	D: 1 1/4¢	
Apr. 1916	D: 1/8, 1 1/4¢	
Aug. 1916	D: 1 1/4¢	

 Cancel 7

 AWP
 Printed
 red

Company unknown Apr. 1915 D: 5/8¢



Cancel 8

B.B. Printed red
Borroughs Brothers Manufacturing Co., 123 Market Place,
Baltimore, Maryland or also attributed to Barker Bros., Los
Angeles, California.

12-1-14 S: 1/8¢ D: 1/8, 1/4, 5/8, 4¢

Cance

	Cancel 9	
B.E.L.	Printed	
	Company unknown	
OCT. 15	D: 1 7/8, 2 1/2, 10¢	
JAN 16	D: 3 1/8, 5, 10¢	
	Cancol 10	

B.J.J.S.CO. Printed red
B. J. Johnson Soap Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin



(Cancel 9)

(Date serifed or sanse	rif)		
DEC. 1, 1914	D:	1 1/4,	8¢ (sanserif)
JAN. 2, 1915	D:	1/4, 1	1/4, 8, 10¢ (serifed)
FEB.2, 1915	D:	1/8, 1	1/4¢ (serifed)
MAR. 8, 1915	D:	1 1/4¢	(serifed)
APR. 14, 1915	D:	1 1/4¢	(sanserif)
MAY 7, 1915	D:	1 1/4¢	(serifed)
SEPT. 1, 1915	S:	1 1/4¢	D: 1 1/4¢ (Serifed)
OCT. 7, 1915	D:	1 1/4¢	(sanserif)
NOV. 15, 1915	D:	1 1/4¢	(serifed)
DEC. 7, 1915	D:	1 1/4¢	(serifed)
JAN. 1, 1916	D:	1 1/4¢	(serifed)
FEB. 9, 1916	D:	1 1/4¢	(sanserif)
MCH. 3, 1916	D:	5/8, 1	1/4¢ (sanserif)
APR. 6, 1916	D:	1 1/4¢	(serifed)
MAY 4, 1916	D:	1 1/4¢	(serifed)
JUNE 5, 1916	D:	1 1/4¢	(sanserif)

Cancel 11

B. L. Co.	Printed	red
	Company unknown	
Dec. 1, 1914	D: 1 1/4¢	

Cancel 11a

B.L.CO.	Roller	Red-violet
APR 1915	D: 1 1/4¢ (cancel appears	twice)

Cancel 12

B N CO	Mimeographed	black
	Company unknown	
IAN 1015	D. 1/14	

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(Cancel 11)



(Cancel 11a)



Cancel 13

Printed Page Nut Page in Co	black
D: 4¢	
	Beech Nut Packing Co. D: 4¢

July 1915	D: 4¢
Aug. 1915	S: 4¢ D: 4¢
Sept. 1915	D: 4¢ (normal & inverted)
Oct. 1915	D: 4¢
Nov. 1915	D: 4¢
Dec. 1915	D: 4¢ (also without hyphen between B
	and N)
Jan. 1916	D: 4¢
Feb. 1916	D: 4¢
Mar. 1916	D: 4¢
April 1916	D: 4¢
May 1916	D: 4¢
June 1916	D: 4¢
July 1916	D: 4¢
Aug. 1916	D: 4¢
Nov. 1916	D: 4¢

Blue:

Dec. 1914

D: 4¢

This company also used a blue handstamp on 4¢.

Red:

Dec. 1914

S: 4¢

D: 4¢

Dec. 3, 1914 D: 4¢



Cancel 14

Callan New York Printed red Dec 9 1914 S: $1/4\phi$ (?)

Cancel 15 Mimeographed

Company unknown

(No Date) S: 3/8¢

Cancel 16

C F B Co Norwich

C.D.CO.

NY Printed (script type)

black

red

C. F. Booth Company, Norwich, NY (Perfume Manufacturers). This firm was identified by letter from Mr. D. M. Copley, Chief Chemist, the Norwich Pharmacal Company, Norwich, NY dated January 7, 1952, who said the company was a former manufacturer of perfumes but was now out of business, and that the company was absorbed by Commercial Laboratories, Newark, NY.

(No date)

D: 3/8 (inverted), 1 7/8¢ (inverted)



Cancel 17

C.M.Co. printed blue Company unknown, possibly Chamberlin Medicine Co., Des Moines, IA or Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, TN. May 11 '15 D: 5/8¢ (?)



Cancel 18

C. R. Co. Printed black Company unknown, possibly Cactus Remedy Co., San Francisco or Casmith Remedy Co., Washington.

Dec. 1, 1914

S: 3/8, 1 1/4, 2 1/2¢

Red:

Dec. 1, 1914

S: 2 1/2¢

D: 1/4, 5/8¢

D: 1/4¢ (inverted)



Cancel 19

Printed

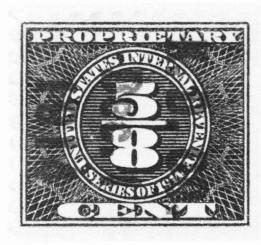
Clay W. Holmes, Elmira, NY

red

D: 5/8¢

C.W.H.

1915



Cancel 20

D C CO Printed red Company unknown, possibly Dearborn Chemical Co., 332 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL. Oct 28 1915 D: 1/4, 5/8¢ (inverted)



Cancel 21

D. P. Co.	Printed	red
	Company unknown	
Jan. 1915	D: 10¢	
FEB. 1915	D: 10¢	

Cancel 22

DR.M.S.&S's	Printed (mimeographed?)	red
	Company unknown	
July 15, 1916	D: 1/4¢	

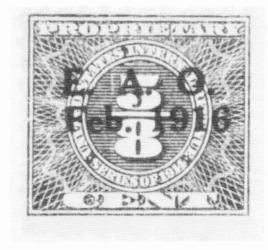
Cancel 23

E. A. O.	Printed	black
	E. A. Osterhont or hart	
Feb. 23, '15	D: 5/8¢	

Blue:

Jan. 23, '15 D: 5/8¢ (also double and inverted)

Feb. 3, '15 Mar. 1916 July, 1916	D: 5/8¢ (also inverted) D: 5/8¢ D: 5/8¢
Green: Dec. 1915 Feb. 1916 Mar. 1916	D: 5/8¢ D: 5/8¢ (also inverted) D: 5/8¢
Red: 12-16-14 12-29-14 1-7-15 Mar. 1915	D: 5/8¢ (reading up or down) D: D: 5/8¢ (reading down) D: 5/8¢ (reading up) D: 5/8¢



(to be continued)

Current Indonesian Revenues



by A. Soesantio, ARA

The current nationally used Indonesian revenues are called "meterai tempel," which is a direct translation from the Dutch-Indies issues called "plak-zegel," which means a sticker-stamp for documents. The series now in use was issued about 1967 and consists of the following values: 0.50 (light blue), 1.- (light blue), 5.- (greyish violet), 10.- (light green), 25.-, 100.-, 250.-, and 500.- (the color is that of the dominate foreground not the lighter background).

Other revenue stamps used nationwide are those for tobacco products such as cigars and cigarettes. Their denominations vary according to the value of the package. Their color is changed every year. There are two main formats for these stamps; a vertical imperforate issue and a more popular





horizontal strip stamp.

All of these stamps feature the national coat of arms featuring a garuda bird. \Box

Mexican Telegraph Tax Cancels

by Victor Kreloff, ARA

Telegraph tax rate was 1 Centavo per message, paid by Documentos y Libros stamps, according to Dr. F. Kalkhoff writing in the *Fiscal Philatelist*. "In this country (England) we usually see these stamps have been used on Bills of Exchange, but I possess many obliterated by the Mexican Telegraphic Department."

This cancel may be found on the 1895-1896 Renta Interior one centavo Mexico D.F.

The cancel is a horizontal 21 x 32mm oval in metal handstamp in blue or black. A lozenge of four diamonds flanks MEXICO.

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Partials have been found on the following Documents:

- 1879 1 Cent. AHUALULCO

AGUASCALIENTES (same blue-overprint and cancel.)

- 1881 5 Cents. GUADALAJARA





- 1887-1888 1 Cent. Mexico D.F.

Any city having a telegraph office produced these cancels on 1 Centavo revenues.

References

Kalkoff, Dr. F. The Fiscal Philatelist 1893; 1 (Feb): 33 □

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The Editor Notes...

...that the May issue of TAR arrived at the printer about two days before the carpenters began to tear down the darkroom and build a new one. The delays that resulted pushed that issue back almost to this one. For the information of readers, contributors and advertisers the following schedule is given:

Issue date Copy due Editor Copy to printer July/August August 2 August 12 September September 6 September 16 October October 11 October 21 November 22 Nov/Dec December 2 January '86 December 27 January 6

...that the end of Summer is fast approaching; the end of the season is marked with the Labor Day weekend. This weekend also marks the 1985 ARA Convention which will be held in conjunction with BALPEX '85 at the Hunt Valley Inn. This is a major national philatelic exhibition sponsored by the Baltimore Philatelic Society. Copies of the Prospectus have appeared on the inside mailing wrapper. This is a top quality Saturday, Sunday & Monday show. Make your plans to attend – it will be a truly grand way to top off the summer. More information can be had from ARA member Kimber Wald.

...that in the near future we will begin to list revenue articles appearing in the current philatelic press in a bibliographic or abstract form. We need members willing to report such items to us in a standard format. We are interested in journals from any country in any language. We need volunteers to cover most journals. Please contact the Editor if you can help.

Current Philippine Taxpaid



by Robert W. Haubrich, ARA

A correspondent recently sent me the item illustrated here, a revenue or taxpaid strip or stamp.

As the inscription on the left states, it was used for repacked denatured alcohol. No denomination appears. The date written on the right is that of 3-10-84.

It is illustrated full size: 120 mm. x 29 mm. or 30 mm. It appears to be rouletted along the length, top and bottom. I see no such treatment on the sides. Possibly they were issued in rolls, attached along the tops and bottoms. It was printed on

gummed, white paper.

The basic color is red, with the background (wavy lines or rays) in green. This includes a red border, a red coat-of-arms, and most of the printing in red. The number across the center, 0000238073, is in carmine. The large numbers to the right, 133, are in violet.

This is the first such item to come to my attention. If a reader has more information about similar items, please communicate. \Box

Secretary's Report

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with Article 4, Section 2(c) as amended December 31, 1979, of the ARA By-Laws, the following have applied for membership in the ARA. If the Secretary receives no objections to their membership by the last day of the month following publication the applicants will be admitted to membership.

- William L. Gillborn 4239, 107 Shepherd Rd., Taupo, New Zealand, by Secretary. GB, US NZ, Germany, Australia, Russia, Switzerland, Hungary, Romania.
- J.R. Hunt 4240, 1919 Cottonwood Ave, Birmingham, AL 35214, by Richard Friedberg. All revs and cinderellas.
- Steven M. Jeske 4235, 4834 N. Mulligan, Chicago, IL 60630, by Eric Jackson. British Commonwealth, incl Br. Africa, North and South Rhodesia.
- Arthur G. Klein 4241, 30 Church St., Hudson, OH 44236, by Kenneth Trettin. Danish West Indies and US Virgin Is revs.
- Dr. Joe Odziana 4236, 339 Irene, Rochelle, IL 61068, by E.S.A. Hubbard. US R1-216, RB1-73 with printed or hdstpd cancels; playing cards.
- James C. Petersen 4242, 1601 Schuring Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49002, by Richard Friedberg. Private die medicine, genl BOB.
- Edward M. Peterson 4237, 8726 Ferris Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053, by Secretary. US revs.
- Steven L. Shafer 4243, 2403 Anthony Ave., Anderson, IN 46011, by Michael Aldrich. Revs all areas.
- John H. Spruhan 4244, 6501 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60634, by Richard Friedberg. US Scott-listed, taxpaids.
- Lawrence M. Spychala 4245, 5111 N. Forster Ave., Schiller Park, IL 60176, by Eric Jackson. US, Canada and GB revs, M&M.

- Rev. Leroy Treit 4238, 3022 E. 49th Ave., Vancouver, BC V5S 1K9, Canada, by Eric Jackson. All US and Canada revs and cinderellas.
- Donald L. Watson 4246, 9043 12th Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55420, by Eric Jackson. Collector/dealer, Watson Supply Co. World.

Highest membership number assigned on this report is 4246

NEW MEMBERS

Numbers 4211-4220

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

- Leonard Baskin 1303, Audubon Road, Leeds, MA 01053, by Secretary. Spanish Antilles, GB, US-all pre-1875; US locals.
- R. R. Smith 1899, 10923 135th St., Edmonton, AB T5M 1J9, Canada, by Secretary. World tobacco stamps.

REINSTATED FROM 1985 NPD LIST

James K. Leonard 3781, 8700 Ann Arbor Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240

DECEASED

Donald R. Lee

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Previous membership total	1449
Applications for membership	12
Applications for reinstatement	2
Reinstated from NPD list	1
Deceased	1
Current membership total	1463

Literature in Review

Publishers, authors or distribtors of books, catalogues, periodicals or other publication about revenue or cinderella stamps who wish their works reviewed should forward a copy to the Editor, The American Revenuer, Rockford, IA 50468-0056. A second copy for the ARA library would be appreciated.

Two publications have recently crossed your Editor's desk. The first is a supplement to an ongoing work while the second is a new publication.

An Addendum to Insurance Cancellations on United States Revenue Stamps of the 1862-1874 Issues, Henry Tolman II. 8.5 X 11 inches, 8 pp + 11 pp of

plates. Information from Henry Tolman II, Box 603, Orange, CT 06477.

This is an update of the publication which was originally reviewed in the July-August, 1984, issue of *The American Revenuer*. Three indexes list the illustrated cancels by company name, by initials found on the cancels along with the company name, and by initials or name of agents and company officials along with the company name.

There are nine pages of carefully drawn actual size newly discovered cancels and two pages of completions, corrections or improvements of previous drawings. The addendum (Literature-Continued on page 96)



WHITTIER PHILATELIC SERVICES Eric Jackson 213-698-3193

132 -202 F-VF

135

137

139

133 -208-11 F-VF

-226 VF

142 -406-7 F-VF

145 -418 VF PHOTO

146 -420 VF PHOTO

147 -422 VF tone spots

-259a F-VF

138 -237A F-VF

140 -265 VF

143 -409 F

134 -212 F-VF PHOTO

136 CIGARETTE 225a VF

141 CONSULAR SERVICE 403 F-VF

144 -416a VF thin PHOTO

SALT SELLERS' LICENSE 213* VF

2.00

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6727 S. Washington Ave., P.O. Box 651, Whittier, CA 90608

MAIL BID SALE #4

CLOSING DATE: AUGUST 28, 1985

TERMS OF SALE: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at a slight advance over the second high bid. Tie bids go to the earliest received. Bid on any sheet of paper. Please check your bidsheet as your errors are your responsibility. Successful bidders who are known to us will have their lots sent prior to payment. For others, payment must be received before lots will be sent. Cost of postage & insurance will be charged to the buyer, minimum \$1.50. All payments are due upon receipt of invoice, U.S. funds only. We accept VISA and MASTERCARD. Send all raised information on the card. Any lots found to be unsatisfactory due to error in description may be returned within five days of receipt. Minimum bid is \$2.00. The placing of a bid signifies acceptance of the foregoing terms.

	The placing of a bid signifies acceptance of the foregoing	ng te	ms.		147 -422 VF tone spots	2.50
	All stamps are in used con	ditio	n unless noted as mint (*).		148 -432 VF	4.00
	UNITED STATES	6	RV5* F 11.		149 -447 F-VF PHOTO 150 -460 F PHOTO	15.00
	Scott Catalogue Numbers		RV8* F+ 25.		151 MEDICAL PROFESSION 836a* margin single VF	2.50
			RV11* VF PHOTO 18.		SI PEDICAL PROFESSION 6504 Margin Single VI	2.50
1	R163a* imperf horiz pair F 7.50		RV21* F-VF .35.		FINLAND-SCANDINAVIA REVENUES By Andrew Hall (19	83)
2	R188 F-VF thin spots 9.00		RV38* VF PHOTO 17.		Catalogue values are in British currency	
3	R249 VF uncut 30.00		RV52* VF 13.		152 DOCUMENTARY 4 VF	3.00
4			RVB1* VF with plate number PHOTO 30.	1	53 -6 insignia 1 F	6.00
	RE19 F printed MDC cancel 20.00	7	RY2 VF thin PHOTO 120.	1	.54 -6 insignia 2 VF several tone spot	6.00
6	RE44 F-VF perfin cancel 10.00				55 -9 imperf proof, no insignia VF PHOTO	
7	RE47* F+ 30.00	100	BEER STAMPS-Priester Catalogue Numbers		56 -9 F heavily tone	2.00
8	RE157* F-VF 15.00	7	1 cut to shape, multiple faults VG 20.	1	57 -10 F perfs just cut at bottom, tone spot	3.00
9	RE160* F-VF 16.00	7	3 cut to shape F thin & small stain 5.		58 -12 F+	3.00
10	RE162 VF thin 65.00	7	38F F-VF crease 7.	.00	59 -15 VF PHOTO	20.00
11	RE183* VF 40.00	7	39B VF light soiling 2.	.00	60 -18 VF	12.50
12	RE184* F 20.00	8			61 -19 F one short perf PHOTO	25.00
13	RE195* VF 40.00	8	48A VG-F 15.		62 -47 F+ PHOTO	15.00
14	RG15 VF thin spots 20.00	8			.63 -69 F-VF PHOTO	10.00
15	RG58-66 unused, no gum VF 17.10	8	83D VF crease & 4 3/16" punch holes 7.		.64 -74a MARKKA error F-VF	5.00
	RG67 unused, no gum VF 7.00	8			65 -78a MARKKA error F-VF	3.00
	RG68 unused, no gum VF 9.00		114A VG-F upper left corner with initials PH 10.		.66 -79 F embossed cancel, pinhole	15.00
	RG69 unused, no gum VF 15.00		151C F PHOTO 17.	1	.67 -82 w/ rare KS4 insignia F 3 pinholes PHOTO	
	RG70 unused, no gum VF 18.00	8	219 XF usual square cut hole 1.		68 -89 F-VF crooked perfs touch upper left PH	
	RJ4a* inverted overprint F-VF 8.00		TAXPAIDS-Springer Catalogue Numbers		69 -92 VF PHOTO	20.00
	RJA11* VG 15.00				70 -108 VF short 5 top (2mm) embossed cacel	2.50
	RJA63b VF thin spot 20.00		FERMENTED FRUIT JUICE 8 oz green F-VF PHOTO 15.		71 -109 F-VF	3.50
	RJA64b VF PHOTO 45.00		-13 oz olive F+ few short perfs s/e at left 10. -24 oz orange F-VF crease s/e at right PHOTO 20.	1	72 -110 F	2.50
	RJA666 VF thin 10.00 RJA66b VF 15.00		-32 oz orange red unused VF s/e at rt PHOTO 20.	1	73 -120 inverted watermark F-VF (Olander 100)	RARE
					74 -120a* error 50 on 25 VF	7.50
	RJA69a VF 9.00 RJA74b VF red printed numeral cancel 10.00	18	-FE70 VF wrinkles 2.		75 -122(2) imperf proofs, light brown w/ red	
	RK2 F straight edge at bottom 22.50		CIGARETTE TA17 plate proof on india VF est 10-1		ovpt & brown w/ blue ovpt VF 76 -122 inverted watermark F-VF (Olander 102)	RARE
	RK6 VF embossed cancel 15.00		-TA18 plate proof on india VF est 10-15		77 -122 Inverted watermark r-vr (Glander 102)	2.50
	RK8 F crease 20.00		TOBACCO TF9 VF cut cancel 2 sm repairs PHOTO 10.	00	78 -137 inverted watermark (Olander 117)	RARE
	RK30 F-VF 9.00		-TF10 VG multiple faults 7.		79 -139 perf 13 x 13½ VF (Olander 119)	RARE
	RK32 VG 22.50	35	-TF57 VF punched remainder 15.		80 -140 perf 13 x 13½ VF (Olander 120)	RARE
	RN-B16 VF Tallant & Co, San Francisco check 17.50	8	-TF84B F thin & small tear 10.	00 1	81 -162 thick paper F-VF (Olander 142)	RARE
	RN-C1 F-VF New York, Providence & Boston RR		-TF107B VF punched remainder 20.	00 1	82 STOCKS & SHARES 1-5, 7* F-VF	6.00
34	check, FNB, Stonington, CT 2.00		-TF124 VF punched remainder 7.	FO 1	83 -14* VF small tone spot	2.00
35	RN-C5 VF Mutual Bank, New York check 17.50		-TF430 F-VF cut cancel, creased 2.		84 -20 no gum VF	4.00
	RN-C9 F-VF Wm. Lambert Jr., New York draft 35.00	8			85 -(18) 50m value, unnumbered & unpriced VF PH	
	RN-C21 VF FNB of Ithaca, NY check 10.00	10	-TF458 F-VF cut cancel 2.	25		
	RN-D7 VF N. Pac. Trans. Co., SF draft 7.50	10	BREWER'S PERMIT First Series violet paper PH 10.	.00	MEXICO-Stevens Catalogue Numbers (1979)	
	RN-U1 VF Dayton & Michigan RR stock cert.,		HAMAII Seett Catalogue Numbers	1	86 COAHUILA CH7* VF PHOTO	15.00
	vignette of train at station 30.00	100	HAWAII-Scott Catalogue Numbers	1	87 -CH12* VF PHOTO	35.00
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41	RO37b VG multiple faults 80.00	10	R3 VF 5.1	00 1	89 -MORELOS MO349 VF	10.00
42	R062c F+ sound 12.50	10	R4 F-VF creased PHOTO 25.1	.00 1	90 -SINAOLA SN11C* tete-beche pair	2.00
43	RO65a VG-F thin 20.00	10	R5 VF tone spots PHOTO 25.	.00 1	91 -SN12C* tete-beche pair	2.00
44	RO66ua ultramarine F sound PHOTO 125.00	11	R7 VF h/s cancel breaks paper 8.5	50 1	92 -SN13C* tete-beche pair	3.00
45	RO110b F thin spot 4.00	8	R8 F PHOTO 20.0		93 -SN14C* tete-beche pair	4.00
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