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The New York Central under the microscope

by Michael Mahler, ARA

Over the years I have encountered numerous stamped receipts of the New York Central Railroad, always one or a few at a time, but never thought too much of them. Virtually all bore the 2¢ USIR (R15c), often with sharp company handstamp cancel. The details of the various transactions made no impression at all on me. A nice representative example seemed well worth acquiring, but beyond that, my attitude was strictly "If you've seen one N.Y. Central receipt, you've seen 'em all."

Oneida, for 3,823 cedar ties delivered at Syracuse.

Figure 1.

receipt form

executed at

1866 tie

Thus when I acquired nearly 300 of these

receipts as part of a large lot, I was less than thrilled. Closer inspection, though, changed my attitude completely, revealing an unsuspected variety. I noted at least seven distinct forms for markedly distinct purposes, with nine face-different subtypes, numerous subclasses of goods and services, and a wealth of interesting detail. This whole was definitely greater than the sum of its parts; here, in microcosm, was a fascinating description of the day-to-day running of a railroad—a detailed article just waiting to be written, that can only be summarized here.

As a bit of background, the New York Cen-

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY. 1E1 186 /. Dellars. Inches on Face. Kind of Timber. Cents. 7988 9to 12 Cedar Syracus erne 21 Totals, 382.3 Received, of THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAIL TOME COMPANY, by the hands of T. A. KNOW Daymaster, Novek on Herndred Jifly a ere for the above account. nerda Suly 6. 1866 Witness.

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tral, as its name more or less implies, traversed the middle of the Empire State, from Albany to Buffalo. It had been formed in 1853 by the consolidation of ten smaller roads.

1. Tie Receipts

Road repair evidently created a huge demand for rail ties. A separate form was created acknowledging receipt of ties (Figure 1), inscribed on reverse "Repairs of Road." This holding contained 27 such receipts, for ties of eight kinds of wood: (ash, black oak, cedar, cherry, chestnut, hemlock, maple and white oak) of various sizes and at varying prices, at 16 different places:

Albany Batavia Brower Hill/ Kirkville Clarence Centre East Clarence Fonda Fort Plain Herkimer Manlius Rome Rome Branch

Charlotte

Clyde

St. Johnsville Sanborn Syracuse Utica Wampsville

2. Firewood Receipts

There must have been a huge and constant need for wood to stoke the engines. A separate form was created acknowledging receipt of wood in four categories: first and second quality, in two foot or four foot lengths, all measured in cords (Figure 2), inscribed on reverse "Fuel." This holding included 54 such receipts, the wood delivered at 28 different places:

> Corfu West Fairport

Figure 2.

1865 cordwood receipt form, amount \$2,002.82 in gold, paid with \$2,703.81 in currency.

THE N	IEW-YOR	K CENT	RAL RA	IILROAD	COMPANY	¥.			
	68.			To-	11.		und)	Ð	t.
DATE.	Cords 1st Quality 4 ft. Wood.	Cords 2d Quality 4 ft, Wood.	Cords 1st Quality 2 ft, Wood.	Cords 2d Quality 2 ft, Wood.	PLACE	OF DELIVERY.	PRICE per Cord.	Dollars.	Cents,
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Farmington Halls Station Halls East Macedon East Macedon Station Macedon West Manlius Mud Creek New Water House Port Byron Richville Richville East Sanborn Sanborn West Savannah Sawyers Creek Seneca Falls Sennett Shortsville Tonawanda North Transit Transit West Victor Waterloo

The illustrated example is particularly interesting. \$2,002.82 worth of wood was delivered at Charlotte; alongside the total is written in red, "Gold—Gold @ 135. Add premium \$700.99," and below, "Equivalent in Currency \$2,703.81," both initialed "E.D.W." The date of the transaction was July 1, 1865. Since the introduction of government currency in 1862, gold had traded at a premium over "greenbacks."*

* "[The gold premium] existed for two reasons. First, as a wartime measure to conserve gold and silver coin ("specie"), the U.S. Government had suspended specie payments, and declared its newly-issued currency to be legal tender for all debts, public and private. The second factor caus-

Figure 3. 1865 claim receipt form. A prior claim had been made on the Hudson River Rail Road Co. for loss of six tubs of butter carried by them to Philadelphia, but before that carried by NYCRR from Troy to Albany; here the HRRR in turn made a claim to be reimbursed by the NYCRR for the latter's proportion of the original claim.

(The general character of the damage or injury, and the circumstances under which it occurred, together with the time and place of its occurring, should be briefly stated.) THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY. To Hud Rin, R.R.d. Ce. newyork 1865 Statement of Claim. Tor The Newfork Central RRCP. properties 12 24 of # 283. Ho claimed by Corro Bro. 4 Co. Ricad ce plin la. for 6 Dieto Butter "I 345 ets. a 32° billed to their address, Rome to Droy Deer. 31.184 Car H32 ~ 12238 12238 Received, of THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, by the hands of T. A. KNOWER, 38 Dollars Paymaster Me Hundred and twenty two satisfaction and settlement of all claims and demands I may have against said Company, for the damages or injurgieferred to in the above account. Witness.

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In the same illustrated receipt the number of cords first quality wood was entered "45696 " but at middle left. "456.75" is pencilled. A little digging explained the discrepancy. A cord of wood is a pile 4x4x8 feet, or 128 cubic feet; "45696" evidently meant 456 96/128, or in decimal notation, 456.75. The quantity of second quality wood was originally entered as "188 1/2," which seems to have created a problem. Did that mean 188.5 cords, or 188 plus an additional 1/2 cubic foot? Whoever pencilled in "188.02" evidently thought it was the latter (although to be strictly accurate, this should have been 188.004), but it was charged as 188.5, for at \$2.75 per cord, this comes to \$518.38, which matches the amount of the bill.

3. Claims Receipts

A separate form was created for receipt of payment of claims made against the New York Central for loss or damage to freight. This holding contained 14 such forms. The

earliest (Figure 3) is for payment to the Hudson River Rail Road Co. of the N.Y. Central's proportion, namely 114/264, of a claim by a Philadelphia firm for six tubs of butter made against the latter road, but carried by the N.Y. Central from Rome to Troy in December 1864. A red handstamp reads "N.Y. Central R.R. Gen'l Freight Agt's Office. DAMAGE ALLOWED FEB 4 1865." The receipt itself is dated February 15, stamped with 2¢ Bank Check blue tied by manuscript cancel dated the same day. Both stamp and cancel are unusual; nearly all other receipts bear the 2¢ USIR tied by company datestamp. The N.Y. Central's responsibility for 114/264 of the damages was probably based on their share of the mileage the tubs travelled; 114 miles Rome to Troy, 150 miles by the Hudson River Rail Road Co. (and possibly others).

These claim forms are filled with interesting detail, for example:

Statement of Claim	Amount
"For damage in consequence of a collision at Rochester on Jany. 6th 1869 on One	
Car Cattle shipped from Buffalo to Albany." Amount Claimed \$680,	
Allowed \$500	\$500.00
"For loss of 316 Gallons Oil from consignment of 50 Bbls shipped from Buffal	.0
to Albany The Car was in a Collision at Amsterdam on March 18th 1868."	69.52
To Hudson River Rail Road Co. "For N.Y.C. Proportion for 6 Pcs. Cassimere	
stolen from Our Case to New York shipped from Utica July 17th 1869."	
USIR tied by "HUDSON RIVER R.R. CO GEN'L FREIGHT OFFICE PAID NO	\mathbf{V}
15 1869" circular datestamp.	64.79
"In settlement of claim of \$127.75 for damage by red Paint on a lot of Trace	
Paper shipped from Albany to St. Johnsville November 24th 1868."	50.00
To Swift.sure Line of Albany "For loss of One Bag Coffee shipped from Athens	3
to Auburn Nov 2, 1867." The Swift.sure a shipping line plying the Hudson	
between Albany and New York.	41.98
"For damage by Fish Brine on One Box Goods shipped from Albany to	
Canandaigua Apr. 27th 1869."	26.25

ing the gold premium was the public's confidence, or lack thereof, in the government, or more particularly in the probability that it would be able to fully back its currency with specie after peace was restored. The gold premium was initially non-existent or small, grew rapidly as the military strength of the Confederacy became apparent, and fluctuated wildly with the fortunes of war during 1863–5. In June 1864 gold reached its high water mark of \$2.85 against the greenback (equivalently, \$1 in currency was worth just 35φ in gold), then declined steadily thereafter to reach about \$1.45 at war's end. Not until 1878, however,

was \$1 in currency worth \$1 in gold." (Mahler, 1990). "Startling as it seems in these days of trillion dollar national debt and readily expandable money supply, the gold premium disappeared at the end of 1878 because the government, having suspended specie payment by the Treasury on December 30, 1861, and issuing \$450 million in greenbacks during 1862–3, an emergency measure of arguable constitutionality, resolved at the end of the war to retire this outstanding debt and resume specie payments. It took thirteen years, but by December 1878 a greenback dollar was worth a dollar in gold." (Mahler, 1988).

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4. Tax Receipts

The railroad paid taxes to municipal entities through which it passed, based on the value of its property there. Three different receipt forms were created, for Villages, Towns, and School Districts.

A. Villages. The holding included receipts for the villages of Green Island, Albany County (Figure 4), and Savannah, Wayne County.

B. Towns. The holding included receipts

for the town of Watervliet District No. 1, Troy Division, Albany County (Figure 5), and Watervliet District No 3, Cohoes, same county. In both towns the company's property was valued in excess of \$2.9 million. The illustrated receipt was given at Van Vrankens Corners, which not surprisingly does not appear in modern gazetteers. A good Dutch name nevertheless!

C. School Districts. The holding contained 14 such forms (Figure 6), from the following towns:

Figure 4. 1868 village tax receipt form, for Green Island, Albany County.

Town Alden Galen Glenville Herkimer

County	School District	Receipt Given at
Erie	6	Wendo
Wayne	(Clyde High School)	Clyde
Schenectady	9	Hoffmans
Herkimer	2	Herkimer

THE NEW-	YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, To Village of Inn Island
ca C	County of Albany Dr.
R 1867.	For Taxes assessed in said Village for year 186 7.
100	Total valuation of Railroad property in Village, 3 74.350.
Sector 1	Rate of Tax,
	Railroad Company's proportion of Tax, H 3 97
	Collector's fees per cent, 2 2 0
ð	Total,
	THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, by the hands of T. A. KNOWER,
in full for the	Sorty Vix 4 - To Dollars, above account. M Deland Dece 2 /6 8
Witness,	Thankensen John M Deal Collector.

	3.5		
Mohawk, Amsterdam	Montgomery	1	Amsterdam/Tribes Hill
Palatine	Montgomery	1	Palatine B.
Rome	Oneida	10	Rome
Victor	Ontario	1, 4, 12	Victor
Watervliet	Albany	22	Green Island
Whitestown	Oneida	1	Oriskany
		2	Whitesboro

5. General Receipts

Most N.Y. Central receipts are on a general form with columns for date, items, and cost (Figure 7). At least nine slightly different forms exist, created for Paymasters John. D. Eliot (three types), T. A. Knower (three types), and D. F. Gates (two types), and General Western Freight Agent B. F. Smith. The Knower and Eliot receipts come in two sizes: a standard form which, like all other forms described in this article, measured 8.25 x 6.75 in., and a double-size form of 8.25 x 13.5 in., used for long lists of items (Figure 8).

On examination, several subclasses suggested themselves based on the goods or services receipted for.

A. Monthly Salaries. This holding contained 37 receipts for monthly salary, 34 different:

Figure 5.

1867 town tax receipt form, for Watervliet District No. 1, Albany County, executed at Van Vranken's Corners.

THE NEW-	YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, Forgolinien To Town of Materdiet District Hol
	County of Albany Dr.
1867.	For taxes assessed in said town for year 186 7: Dollars. Crs. Detal valuation of property in town, § 2.965. 470.00 Rate of tax,
	Railtoad Company's proposition of Tax, 144150 Collectors fees Ore per cent,
Daymaster O in full for the Dated, Nau	THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, by the hands of T. A. KNOWER, The Thoreward Power Necessian Cify Power I go Dollars, above account. Thankens borness Muy6/68

Figure 6. 1869 school district tax receipt form, for District No. 4 in town of Victor, Ontario County.	Amount \$416.66 300.00 291.99 250.00 250.00 229.16 250.00 200.00 166.67 166.66 125.00 125.00 125.00 100.00 100.00	Position Supply Agent General Freight Agent Auditor Assistant Supt. Assistant Supt., Middle Division Assistant Supt., Eastern Division Assistant Supt., Eastern Division Assistant Supt. Master Mechanic General Ticket Agent Agent for Bonded Freight Office Agent N.Y.C.R.R. North Western Agent Receiver General Western Freight Agent Personal services auditing accounts Receiver Services in Gen. Freight Agent's Office	Location Albany Albany Albany Buffalo Syracuse Utica Albany Albany Albany Albany New York Detroit Chicago New York Buffalo Albany Albany Albany
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	YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, O School District No. 4 Town of Victor County of Ontario	2. Dr.
Daymaster, in full for U	FOR TAXES ASSESSED IN SAID DISTRICT FOR FUEL, REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSE AND APPURTENANCES, &c., FOR YEAR 186 Total valuation of property in district, & <u>73, 384, 59</u> Rate of tax,	Dollars. Cents. 30 93 21 21 14 21 14 9. A Roman D. E. GATES, 14 100 Dollars,
~~~ A& 64.6 (2,3)	Contraction of the second seco	Conector,

85.00	Road Master, Troy & Schenectady Division	Troy
83.33	Ticket Agent	Cleveland
83.33	Assistant General Freight Accountant	Albany
83.33	Assistant Receiver	New York
75.00	Outside Passenger Agent	New York
75.00	Road Master, Athens & Schenectady Division	Schenectady
75.00	Traveling Agent	Detroit
70.00	Clerk, Freight Dept.	Albany
70.00	Clerk, Office of Locomotive Dept., West Albany	Albany
60.00	Clerk, Bill of Lading Dept.	New York
60.00	Personal services as Receiver	Troy
50.00	Clerk, General Offices	Albany
45.00	Services Inspecting, Counting and Receiving Ties	Syracuse
30.00	Services in General Freight Agent's Office	Albany
25.00	Outside Man, Great Western Railway (NYCRR portion)	Not stated
20.00	Personal services as Telegraph Messenger	Albany

*Figure 7.* 1866 general receipt form, for coffin, handles, plate, box, carriages, hearse, laying out, keeping on ice, cartage & services, "furnished for the remains of Richard English, a Brakeman, who was killed, while on duty, on Local freight, West Auburn Road...by striking overhead bridge, 3 miles east of Auburn."

the items, date of s contract, by giving THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILBOAD COMPANY 0 A DATE. ITEMS. DOLLARS. CTS. RAILROAD CEN -YOR% A. KNO WER. 100 in f Witness.

**B. General Merchandise.** The holding low. An additional 26 were for wood other than ties and fuel, which are listed separately in the next subclass.

**Place** Albany Item(s) Looking Glass Plates, four in various sizes **Cost** \$15.50

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, To 1860 Orastus 1/ds 520 56 Mah 21 3 140 Jall borlos Oilo I dhlo 08 20 Dog #10 1/00 50 23 11 Keg 30 93 83 cent in la 23 4 50 Japan 302 600 hal 100 or mar alle on 195 90 2.9 63 48 00 35 190 4991 13/1 35 800 9 95 13 50 23 Acron 6% 9 38 10 0 41 3 00 50 210000 84 883 91 Received, of the NEW YORK CENTRAL RAIL ROAD COMPANY, by the hands of JOHN D. BLIOT, Paymaster, Eight Houndred - eighty P/ Dollars, in full for the above acc Dated, Marffalo Ap E. Coming & C. Witness

Figure 8. 1866 double-size general receipt form for long list of items furnished by Erastus Corning & Co. Corning had been the first President of the New York Central, serving 1853–64.

	Patent Riddles, 2 Doz.	39.00
	Bell Cord, 5 Coils	150.00
	Deck Brooms, 10 Doz.	30.00
	Printing 25,000 ½ sheet Note Telegraph Headings	93.75
	Printing 1000 Telegraph Reports of Movement and	00.10
	Positions of Freight Cars	10.00
	Printing, folding & ruling 1000 Blank Station Receipts	22.50
	Printing & ruling 20,000 Syracuse Receipts	45.00
	Spark Cloth, 409.25 Sqr. ft.	98.22
Auburn	Gas from Auburn Gas-Light Co., their receipt attached	24.30
Batavia	Gas from Batavia Gas-Light Co., then receipt attached	69.93
Buffalo	1500 R.R. Spikes	69.38
Dullalo	Two Grindstones, extra large, cut to order	68.70
	1300 Time Tables Buffalo & Rochester No. 4	58.50
Clyde	Cobble Stone delivered east of Clyde used to protect	00.00
Ciyde	bank at Seneca River	98.54
Fonda	Use of ground for piling wood, for year 1865	50.04
Getzville	15,000 Shims, delivered at Tonawanda	90.00
Harrisburg	Engine Castings, 475lb, 1 Wrot Iron Drawhead, from	90.00
Harrisburg	North Central Rail Way Co., to repair their cars run	
	on NYCRR	26.00
Herkimer	56 Meals furnished to Employees during the High	20.00
Herkinner	Water in March 1868 (Engineers, Firemen, Conductors	
	and Brakemen)	28.00
Rochester	30 Loads Clay for Coffer Dams at Rochester	52.50
St. Johnsville	56 Meals furnished to Employees at the High Water	02.00
St. Johnsville	between St. Johnsville and Fort Plain (March 1869)	22.40
Suspension Bridge	Gas from Niagara Falls Gas Co. supplied at Suspension	22.10
Suspension Druge	Bridge Depot	64.40
Syracuse	Coffin, Handles, Plate, Box, 4 Carriages, Hearse, Laying	01.10
Syracuse	out, Keeping on ice, Cartage & services. "The above	
	furnished for the remains of Richard English, a	
	Brakeman, who was killed, while on duty, on Local freig	oht.
	West Auburn Road Aug 8/66 by striking overhead	50,
	bridge, 3 miles east of Auburn."	63.50
Utica	Feather Dusters, two	5.25
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C. Other Wood. The general merchandise receipts included 26 for wood, of ten different kinds (ash, white ash, basswood, cedar, white elm, hemlock, hickory, black oak, pine, spruce), purchased at eight different places, including Fairport, Town Line and Waterloo. One receipt was for ties, the others for a nice array of uses other than ties or fuel, the most interesting listed below.

Place	Wood	Cost
Buffalo	57,226 ft. Black Walnut ex Schooner "Maid of the Mist"	\$3,891.36
	4 Pieces Pine, "Stringer Bridge Attica Road 5 miles from	
	Batavia	79.80
Herkimer	2000 Cedar Posts	440.00
	4000 Cedar Shingles	23.00
Manlius	45,881 ft. Hewed Oak Timber	825.85
	Rebuilding Dock at Slip No. 2	
	Repairing Dock at Ohio St. Ft. House	
	Repairs of Road	
Town Line	11,509 ft. Hemlock Fence Boards	161.12
	5,000 ft. First Class Elm for Gang Plank	41.00

	50,500 Flour Barrel Chocks	277.75
Utica	1,000 ft. Basswood "For Snow Shovels"	30.00
Not stated	1 Car Load 2 in Hemlock Planks "For Syracuse Sewer"	79.10

**D. Miscellaneous Services.** This holding vices, some that caught my eye listed below. contained 26 receipts for miscellaneous ser-

Place	Service(s)	Cost
Albany	Unloading 510 Bars Steel Rail from Barge "Montreal" & loading Same on Cars, Albany & Canal Line to pay one half	\$30.60
	Unloading 960 Bars Brown Steel Rail from	
	Austin's Barge "D. D. Tompkins" & loading on Cars,	
	Austin to pay one half	57.60
Athens	15 ½ Days Board while Tallying Lumber	31.00
Buffalo	Membership in Board of Trade of Buffalo	20.00
	9,860 Splices by Buffalo Iron Works	4,012.64
Chittenango	Moving 538 Cords Wood into shed at Chittenango	80.70
Rochester	Sawing 2,891 Cords wood	1,445.50
Syracuse	Repairing Cushions, four (also two Balls thread, 38¢)	6.00
	Shoveling 62 Cars Hard Grain @ 50¢, 13 Cars Oats @ 75¢	40.75
West Albany	Fitting One pair Cylinders, Steam Chests, Yoke & Heads	
	Engine # 13	135.00

**E. Transportation by Other Lines.** The items by ships, boats, or other railroads, as holding contained 13 receipts for payment by follows.

Shipper Ro	eceipt Given at
Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway	Buffalo
Rensselaer & Saratoga Rail Road	Albany
Boat "Belle"	Schenectady
Boat "Fall Brook N. 17"	Schenectady
Boat "Fred Davis"	Utica
Boat "G. L. Cottman"	Utica
Boat "J. R. Kyser"	Albany
Boat "L. C. P. Seelye"	Albany
Boat "Maj. H. A. Barnum"	Utica
Boat "N. Young"	Utica
Boat "Peter Henry Clinton"	Albany
Boat "S. B. Couch"	Utica
Boat "William Bull"	Schenectady
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There were a total of 297 receipts in this pile—and as it came to me it was just that, an unsorted pile. Its size was a key element in the eventual recognition of the wonderful variety hidden within. Certainly an eye for detail was required too, but had the pile not remained largely intact, important detail would have inevitably been lost. One wonders how many other holdings of this size have survived.

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## Haiti's "Ugly Ducking": the airport construction tax stamp

#### by Gerald L. Boarino, ARA

Bowen Field which was located just outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti, serviced the aeronautical needs of that country through World Wars I and II. Indeed, during Haiti's military occupation by the United States (1915-1934), the U.S. Marine Corps conducted scheduled daily flights from this field and was instrumental in overseeing its maintenance. During the second international conflict, the United States ostensibly had a weather station near the airport that was staffed by personnel from the U.S. Army. Be that as it may, as Haiti entered the Jet Age, it became apparent that for a country wanting to derive much of its income from tourism that the airport was inadequate.

Thus, Dr. François "Papa Doc" Duvalier (1957-1971) signed into law on October 29, 1960, (see Le Moniteur, October 31, 1960, for full details) the means whereby money could be raised for the construction of an international airport. Three modes were prescribed for raising the needed money. First, hotels were required to charge a flat 5% on all bills presented their guests; second, all tickets sold within Haiti for international travel, as well as tickets sold outside Haiti with a destination to said, were required to add a 10 gourdes surtax to tickets; third, there were the revenues that would be raised via the Gdes: 5 fiscal under discussion. Regarding the latter, the law decreed that all receipts from air and maritime companies would have the fiscal attached. Too, all packages-incoming and outgoing-that passed through



Figure 3. Scott number 593. The Airport along with a vignette of President François Duvalier.

Haitian Customs would bear this 5 gourde fiscal.

Our revenue stamp is far from aesthetic, with muddy colors of green and gold. It measures  $32 \times 22$ mm and has rough perforations. When there are measurable perforations, they are either 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 13.

This, along with the different shades of colors, would suggest at least two, if not more, printings. Lithographed, the fiscal bears the name of the printer in the margin bottom right ("CIE LITHO D'HAITI," or the COMPAGNIE DE LITHOGRAPHIE D'HAITI]. The "CCAI" that forms part of the design represents *Contribution à la Construction d'un Aéroport [Internationa]*.

The three used examples in this writer's collection show a circular perforation. Canceling fiscals in this manner was typical of Haitian Customs. As well, two of the three bear the signature of a seeming customs official, which is also typical of Haitian Customs. Additionally, the copy illustrated (Figure 1) also has a customs handstamp, whereon at the lower left is found the French word for customs, Douane. To further substantiate that this and the other hole-punched fiscals passed through customs, there is llustrated is an enlargement of the back of one of the three examples (Figure 2) whereon is found a fragment of a pink customs slip. In the fifth line from the bottom, one can

read the word, Customs. On September 22, 1968, Haiti issued a set of six postage stamps (Figure 3) commemorating the inauguration of the airport. Not surprisingly, the name given to the new airport was the Dr. François Duvalier International Airport.

With the ouster of the Duvalier clan in 1986, the name was again changed to the prosaic, apolitical International Airport of Port-au-Prince.



Figure 1. Used example, with Douane handstamp lower left.

Figure 2. Enlarged back of example showing Customs fragment.



## More discoveries in East African revenue stamps



#### by Regis Hoffman, ARA Introduction

The field of British Commonwealth revenue stamps is highly complex. Though the standard reference (Barefoot, 2000) continues to grow in size and the number of revenue stamps listed. new varieties of revenue stamps continue to be discovered. Of particular interest to the author are the revenue stamps of the East African nations of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, and Zanzibar. Several previous articles have appeared on this subject (see

Gibson, 2001; Hoffman, 1993, 1995

Figure 1. Use of embossed Kenya revenue with fiscally canceled 2/50 postage stamp. and 1996). This article updates the listing with recent finds and sheds new background on the use of East African revenue stamps by illustrating usage of East African revenue stamps.

#### Kenya

Kenya revenue stamps on document come in two forms—postage stamps used fiscally (often with a dramatic defacing), or embossed revenue stamps. I have never seen an example with both types on a single document. Figure 1 shows both—a 2/50 Kenya & Uganda postage stamp with a bold red cancel

Figure 2. Kenya Butter Levy revenue stamped paper.

(dated January 15, 1934), together with an embossed 50c Kenya revenue stamp applied the same day. This piece also significantly extends the earliest recorded date of the embossed revenue stamp (Barber, 1998).

The first recorded example of revenue stamped paper from Kenya is shown in Figure 2. It is a large piece of paper reading "Kenya Butter Levy Ordinance 20 Cents Per Pound." Possibly the butter was wrapped in this paper. The significance of "Lawrie M'Bakasi" is not known. The year of issue is also unknown, but the words on the stamp reading "Kenya Colony" indicate that this was used during the colonial period.

A quantity of the Kenya Graduated Personal Tax stamps has surfaced imperforate (Figure 3). These are from the archives of the bank note company that printed them.





Figure 3. Imperforate Kenya Graduated Personal Tax stamps.

The use of the Kenya Graduated Personal Tax stamps is demonstrated by Figure 4. This shows a set of 50 shilling Graduated Personal tax stamps used on an employee card. Apparently the monthly tax was 50 shillings—this is shown paid from January 1966 through June 1966. Also of note are the stamps that do not bear any district control marking. Most of the Kenya Graduated Personal Tax stamps on the market are remainders bearing the "MSA" (for Mombasa) district control overprint. Examples without this overprint are very scarce.

On the back of the card, several relevant

instructions to the employer read:

* Income includes the value of any quarters, rations, board or residence and any allowance received in respect of employment or service, whether in money or otherwise.

* A personal tax stamp at the appropriate value must be affixed to this card at the time deduction of tax is made from the employee. For rates of tax, reference should be made to the scale on the front of this card.

* Only stamps purchased from the City Council of Nairobi or agencies authorised by the City Council of Nairobi may be used.

* A stamp affixed must be cancelled immediately by writing the date across the face of the stamp in ink or by indelible stamp.

* The card properly stamped up-to-date must be kept securely by the employer for inspection by an authorised officer of the City Council of Nairobi.

This indicates that these stamps were receipts for the monthly deduction of the income tax.

#### Uganda

The 1898 Queen Victoria issue from Uganda is overprinted "Inland Revenue,"



Figure 4. City Council of Nairobi Graduated Personal Tax card. Figure 5. One Rupee stamp showing standard placement of overprint at the bottom, and the new discovery of the overprint at the top of the stamp.



Figure 6. New value of "Uganda Revenue" reading up.



generally at the foot of the stamp (there is some small variation in the placement of the overprint). Recently, the one rupee value has been discovered with the overprint at the top (Figure 5).

An additional value of the 1918 King George V East Africa and Uganda Protector-

> ate definitive is now known with the "Uganda Revenue" reading up overprint. The new value is the 12c stamp, with a black overprint (Figure 6).

The Uganda "Commercial Transactions Levy" stamps are surprisingly scarce. Two new items are of interest. First, the stamp appears to come in two parts (see Figure 7). The top portion is the cataloged stamp—the counterfoil below is perhaps placed on a copy of the taxed item or document. In addition, there are at least two printings of this series of stamps. The first is on plain paper, the second is on paper with a security underprint with the words "UGANDA" repeating across the design.

The values recorded with the security underprint are:

10c green

1/- red

2/- blue-black

10/- light brown

In addition, this selvage (Figure 7) identifies the printer of these stamps as Thomas De La Rue.

#### Zanzibar

Hoffman (1995) describes a Zanzibar postage stamp with an overprint reading "GOVT SAVINGS BANK". At that time, the purpose of this overprint was not clear. A recent document with Zanzibar postage stamps may explain this overprint (Figure 9).

The back reads:

This form is intended for the assistance of children and others unable to save more than few cents at a time.

Any such person desiring to save One Shilling by means of small contributions for deposit in the Government Savings Bank may do so by purchasing postage stamps and affixing them to this form. When stamps to the value of 100 cents have been so affixed, the form may be taken to any Post Office in the Protectorate authorized to transact Savings bank business where it will be received by the Postmaster and One Shilling be allowed for the stamps which One Shilling will be accepted either as the first deposit in a new account then to be opened, or as an ordinary deposit if the



Figure 7. Uganda Commercial Transactions Levy with counterfoil and security underprint reading "Uganda".

Figure 8. Plate strip of four with "Thomas De La Rue" in selvage.





Figure 9. Zanzibar Government Savings Bank certificate. It bears ten copies of the 10c Zanzibar postage stamp.

owner of it has already opened an account. Not more than Ten Shillings may be deposited by this means.

If the stamps affixed to this form are perforated, or defaced or in any way damaged, they will not be received by the Postmaster. Apparently Zanzibar stamps were used as part of a government savings program - perhaps those stamps overprinted "GOVT SAV-INGS BANK" were used for this purpose.

Figure 10. Passport bearing six Zanzibar LE 4852 postage stamps to pay a passport / ZANZIBAR visa fee. CERTIFICATE OF PURMANENT RESI I certify that the holder of this passport is a permanent resident of the Zanzibar Protectorate *and was in the of a person resident in Zanzibar on 1 st August, 1948 35 is entitled to re-enter the Protectorate at any time ai Immiarati Data 31 - 1 - 1956



Hoffman (1996) discussed East African Passport and Airport Departure tax stamps. At the time it was written, little was known about the use of these stamps in Zanzibar. An example of Zanzibar postage stamps used to pay a passport fee is shown in Figure 10. The passport was issued in 1956, and bears two 5/stamps and four 7/50 stamps fiscally cancelled with a blurred oval handstamp (possibly reading "Customs Department - Zanzibar").

Figure 11. Zanzibar Airport Departure Service Charge Tax stamps. Examples of Zanzibar airport departure tax stamps (or "service charge") have also come to light (Figure 11). This pair of stamps was used in 1993.

If any member has additional information on these items, please contact me at 109 Center Church Rd. McMurray, PA 15317 USA or vial e-mail at rmh@cobweb.net.

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## Literature in review



July 1, 1887, Consular Service

The Revenue Stamps of The Republic of Argentina, by Clive Akerman, FRPSL, ARA (ISBN 0 9525123 8 6). 214 + viii pages, A4, card cover, Wire-O binding, unpriced, illustrated. Published by the author (Bell Hill Cottage, Lydbrook, Royal Forest of Dean, Glos. GL17 9SA, UK). Available from the publisher for £35/US \$50 ("cheapo mail included"), add £5/\$8 for airmail; available in the U.S. from Don Reuter or Eric Jackson.

So, five volumes (six if you count the two editions of the first volume) of the provincial and municipal revenues of Argentina was not enough to satisfy the masochist in Clive Akerman, that he now gifts philately with this tome. Many of you may recall the series of articles on the subject of Argentinian federal issued revenue stamps that appeared in both *The American Revenuer* and *The Revenue Journal of Great Britain* beginning in 1979. This catalog is both a compilation and a second edition of those articles.

The listings are packed with all new, high quality illustrations. The tabular listings still do not assign catalog numbers or any valuations. However, the tables have been flushed out; many check marks are now replaced with an indication of color. More varieties have been listed and the text expanded in some cases. Additional lists of private dies and precancels have been added.

This is a catalog and, therefore, focuses on the stamps (and stamped paper), their production and their varieties. What might be considered handbook aspects of these issues are not considered; i.e. the usage aspects including tax legislation and tax rates.

Two useful indices to this series of catalogs appears at the end of this volume. The first is an index to municipal placenames; its purpose should be self evident. The second is a subject index that list stamps by the type of taxation (such as matches, consular service, etc.) and by the subject depicted on the stamps (such as knickers or people such as Eva Peron). This should prove useful for those collecting various types of tax stamps or for thematic collectors.

What a set of books! Kenneth Trettin

## **Any Other Weapon**

## The use for the \$5 Firearms Transfer Tax stamp



Figure 1. The \$5 Firearms Transfer Tax stamps, Scott RY5, 9 and 10.

#### By Charles R. Biro, ARA

When I wish to broaden my knowledge on revenue stamps, I frequently look to my Scott catalog for help. This resource often supplies me with the information I am searching for, or at least gets my research started in some specific direction. However, when I wanted to know more about the Federal Firearms Tax stamps, no information other than the listings was presented in the current catalogue. The Firearms Transfer Tax (RY) section listings did not even contain any introductory material on the subject stamps. This seemed somewhat strange since these taxes were first authorized in 1934. The catalogue lists ten varieties in three denominations: two one-dollar, three five-dollar and five two hundred-dollar issues. It is the five-dollar stamps (RY 5, 9 and 10) and their purpose that I will attempt to explain (Figure 1).

First, some background on the National Firearms Act weapons is in order. There are two types of firearms under United States law. These are Title 1 (generally called the Gun Control Act—18 USC. sec. 921) and Title 2 (The National Firearms Act—of the 1968 Gun Control Act—26 USC. sec. 5801) firearms. Additionally, most National Firearms Act (NFA) weapons are also Title 1 firearms. These weapons may be further regulated by state or local governmental bodies and may be owned under federal law subject to any local restrictions. The NFA



Branch of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) currently administers the taxation and registration of these weapons. ATF registers NFA weapons in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.



Figure 3. Another AOW, the Serbu Super Shorty 12 guage shotgun is based on a Mossberg Cruiser. It holds two shells plus one in the chamber. It is 16.5 inches long overall with a 6.5 inch barrel.

Figure 2. The Mossberg Mariner 14 inch 12 guage shotgun is capable of holding three to four shells plus one in the chamber. It is an "Any Other Weapon."

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Figure 4. The obverse and reverse sides of ATF Form 4. NFA weapons are machine guns, sound suppressors (silencers), short barreled shotguns, short barreled rifles, destructive devices, and any other weapon.

Any other weapons (AOWs) are any number of things: any weapon or device capable of being concealed on one's person from which a shot can be discharged through the energy of an explosive, smooth bore pistols or revolvers designed to fire a fixed shotgun shell, any pistol with more than one grip, any number of a long list of gadget type guns (i.e. cane and pen guns), and shoulder fired weapons with both rifled and smooth bore barrels between 12 and 18 inches in length, from which only a single discharge can be made from either barrel without manual reloading, including any weapon which may be readily restored to fire. Such term shall not include a pistol or revolver having a rifled bore, or rifled bores, or weapons designed, made, or intended to be fired from the shoulder and not capable of firing fixed ammunition (26 USC sec 5845(e)). These descriptions have been simplified. To see if a specific weapon is a Title 1 or 2 firearm, you must refer to the

specifics under the statutes and/or consult with the Technology Branch of ATF or review applicable case law.

Thus, to determine if a firearm could be a AOW one must ask if it pass any of these tests: 1. Is the weapon not a pistol or revolver, and capable of being concealed on one's person? 2. Is the weapon a smooth bore pistol or revolver? The receiver of a smooth bore pistol, must not have ever had a shoulder stock attached to it. If the shoulder stock is attached this makes the firearm a short barreled shotgun and subject to the \$200.00 transfer tax. 3. Is the weapon a combination gun, a shoulder fired gun with both rifled and smooth barrels between 12 and 18 inches long, which has to be manually reloaded? By ATF determination machine guns are not AOWs, however, they are subject to the \$200.00 transfer tax (Figures 2 and 3).

While it is illegal to possess any Title 2 weapon that is not registered in the NFA registry, it is also not possible to register an existing NFA weapon that is not registered, except within twenty-four hours of its production by a class 2 special occupational tax-

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Figure 5. An ATF Form 4

transfering an AOW from the manufacturer to a dealer.

payer (manufacturer of NFA firearms). A class 2 manufacturer may also deal in NFA firearms with the appropriate additional Federal Firearms License. This is due to the fact that most NFA Title 2 weapons are also Title 1 weapons and both sections of the law

must be complied with. Transferring NFA weapons to individuals involves paying the transfer tax (\$5.00 for AOWs), obtaining the signature of the local chief law enforcement officer having jurisdiction in the area of residence of the transferee on the application for

transfer Form 4 (Application for Tax Paid Transfer and Registration of Firearm), submitting two sets of fingerprints on FBI form FD-58, and attaching a photo of the transferee on the Form 4.

This certification is not a big deal for the chief law enforcement officer as he is only affirming that the buyer is otherwise able to purchase this weapon. This requirement and the officials that may sign this certification are found in 27 CFR sec.179.63. The list includes the police chief, sheriff, District Attorney, Chief of the state police, and the state Attorney General.

The transfer tax is by law levied on the seller, but in practice the buyer is expected to reimburse this fee. On a tax paid transfer ATF puts the tax stamp on the original Form 4 and returns it to the seller if approval is granted. Transfers tend to take about four months for the paper work to be processed. The buyer would also have to complete form 4473 if the weapon is also a Title 1 firearm. Prior to the passage of the Gun Control Act of 1968 transfers of NFA weapons were processed by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Since the transfer paperwork is technically a tax return, taxpayer privacy laws apply to the transfer form, and ATF may not discuss the pending transfer with anyone but the transferor (seller) the status of a pending transferor. A tax free transfer of AOWs to lawful heirs can be made provided the heir is entitled to inherit these weapons under applicable law. The heir must comply with all the transfer requirements except payment of the transfer tax. This includes the local law enforcement certification, fingerprints and photos (Figure 4).

Obtaining current copies of National Firearms Tax stamps has become increasingly difficult. In a letter to this writer from

Arthur Resnick, Chief National Firearms Act Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms it was stated the stamps are ". . . only for the purpose of showing proof that a particular firearm has been approved and that the applicable tax amount has been paid. The stamps are not for sale due to the possibility of fraudulent misuse." To obtain these stamps collectors must seek out the secondary market for transfer documents no longer needed by NFA weapons former owners. Or, as an alternative purchase an AOW firearm from a licensed Class 3 special occupational taxpayer, and return the weapon after approval and payment of the \$5.00 transfer tax. The transfer form and tax stamp would be retained by the buyer. After all, this is what we revenue collectors really care about (Figure 5).

What this little five-dollar stamp does is pay the required transfer tax on a small subset of National Firearms Act weapons known as any other weapon. This transfer is a one time only tax and not an annual tax and must be paid each time the AOW is transferred subject to taxation. So there you have it, a Federal revenue stamp that is still in use to this day.

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## **The American Revenue Association**

#### **Applications for Membership**

In accordance with Article 4, Section 2(c) as ammended 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.

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KINNEY, LINFORD N. COL 6804. 1050 Tunberry Court, Mechanicsburg PA 17055. US-Non-Scott Listed, US-Occupied Territories, US-Possessions, US-Scott Listed, US-Telegraphs.

**KOVAL, JOHN 6805.** Box 83, Griffith IN 46319. Proposed By Eric Jackson/Joe Poplas 1563. Cinderellas, US-State.

MAKINEN, JUKKA 6807. Koskitie 26 A8, FIN-90500 OULU, Finland. Colombia, Finland, France, Hungary, South America. **MURIN, ANDREW 6803.** 329 Harbour Drive, Dawsonville GA 30534. Proposed By Martin Richardson. US-1,2,3 Issues, US-First Issue, US-Literature, US-Private Die Canned Fruit, US-Private Die Match, US-Private Die Medicine, US-Private Die Perfumery, US-Private Die Playing Cards, US-Wines.

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### The Editor notes...

Secretary's Report

...that the 2003 ARA convention in Indianapolis was a success and all who attended had a great time. But that is now in the past and we should be looking forward to and planning to attend our future conventions. We have made arrangemets to meet at the following shows for future conventions (dates given if known, otherwise just the month is given):

2004 PNSE, Philadelphia, October 1–3

2005 Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, Sarasota, Florida, January

2006 St. Louis Stamp Expo, St. Louis, Missouri, March

2007 Westpex, San Francisco, April 27–29 2008 Napex, Washington, DC area, June 6–8

2009 Chicagopex, Chicago, November

...that any of us that receive email over the Internet are finding that spam (the unwanted, often distasteful and often fraudulent advertising offers) is increasing to the point of overwhelming our email systems. I have reached the point where I heavily filter my incoming mail including using a service that filters mail before it even is sent to my Internet service provider. Right now I am requesting that anyone sending me email use one of the following code words in the subject line: stamp, revenue, philately. This will insure that you message will be placed in a priority folder and I will read it first. In the near future one of these code words will be required unless you are on a list of approved senders; otherwise, your message will be trashed without review. <revenuer @omnitelcom.com> is my preferred email address for all philatelic communications. It is really to bad that this is happening.

...that once again I must remind everyone about address changes. First, make them early; at least one month before you move. Second, send address changes to the Secretary and not to the Editor. I send all changes I receive to the Secretary. The only address changes I send to the printer are those received in the bimonthly Secretary's Report. Any change sent to me after I receive the report will not get made before that issue. Missed issues will not automatically be replaced; you will be asked to pay postage if we have to replace issues lost or destroyed as undeliverable by the USPS due to last minute address change notification.



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All stamps are in used condition unless noted as mint.

	UNITED STATES - Scott Catalogue Numbers	
1	First Issue Revenue Stamps R1b used on an 1864 New Y	ork 40.00+
2	R2c deep copper red shade, used on an 1863 New York Cit	
3	R5b on an 1864 Stateler & Arrington, Bankers, check, Virg	
4	Nevada Territory. VF R13b a Fine example on a James Sterling, Sterlingville, N. Jeffersonville County Bank check. 1863. F-VF	Y., 50.00+
5	R15c Daily Morning Call billhead, San Francisco, Ca. 1867 & red, VF	7. Blue
6	R23c Narragansett Steamship Co. \$1000 First Mortgage Bo 1869. VF	ond.
7	R32c black h/s, on an Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. certifi profits. 1866. VF	
8	R41c vertical pair & R36c, on a Petition for Partition, Nobl Ohio. 1863. VF	25.00+
9 10	R44c Lancaster Oil Co. Canada West, stock cert. 1864. VF R44c South Western Rail Road Co., Macon, Ga., stock	
11	certificate. 1871. VF R53a F-VF PHOTO	50 00
11 12	R54e tied by blue Franklin Paper Co., Holyoke, Mass. h/s. for the sale of the Albion Paper Co. 1869. F-VF	550.00 deed
13	R79a appears unused, F-VF tiny sealed tear, pinhole PH 1,0	00 00
14		150.00
15	R100c blue h/s, F-VF couple pinholes PHOTO	50.00
16		25.00
17	Second Issue Revenue Stamps R119 VF light crease PH 3	150.00
18	R121 VF thin spot PHOTO 4	50.00
19		25.00
20	R229 paying the parcel post tax on a parcel front with eight Washingtons, F-VF	5c
21	R230 paying the parcel post tax on a tag with six Washington/Franklins, F-VF	
22	R302 used, F-VF light crease PHOTO	85.00
23	R305A natural s/e at top, cut cancel, F-VF PHOTO 4	75.00
24	R329 natural s/e at top, F PHOTO 2	75.00
25	R329 natural s/e at top, F PHOTO 2 R687 cut cancel, F-VF lt. glue stains on back PHOTO 3	50.00
26	Proprietary RB12b block of fifty-five, mint, F-VF some pe	erf
27	reinforcement and minor faults 10 RB28p horizontal strip of three, black MICROBE KILLER	5.00+
28	h/s, F-VF corner creases PHOTO Stock Transfer RD115 perfin & staple holes, F-VF small r	 ust
		50.00
29		00.00
30	Wines And Cordials RE107B used, tab removed, varnishe	:d,
	staple holes, lower left corner missing, a rare stamp in poor	0000
		50.00
31	RE170 used, F-VF small faults including tiny hole PH 2,2	50.00
32		75.00
33 34		50.00
	REA12 (12B) F-VF sm faults, UL corner added PHOTO 9	
35		100.00 75.00
36 37	REA15 (15B) F thin spot, small repair at LR corner 1 REA216 (22B) E VE creater a small foulte PHOTO 2	00.00
38		00.00
39	REA38e (39E) LR corner margins, F small faults	00.00
40	Playing Cards RF5 Racine, Wi., surcharge, L.P.H./12-13-1	8
41		60.00
42		25.00
43	RF21 mint, F RF24 mint, F	16.00
44	RF26 dry printing, pair, mint, VF	50.00
45	RFV2 usual crease, F-VF	45.00
46		92.50
47	RG129 used, VF crease PHOTO 5	25.00
48	RG130 strip of four, used, VF creases in two stamps 1	40.00
49	Narcotic Tax RJA19 McK. & R. Inc. p/c, VF small faults	18.00
50	RJA92b mint, VF	50.00
51	RJA92b mint, VF RJA105 mint, VF PHOTO	00.00
52	Embossed Revenue Stamped Paper RM46 sharp strike on	n an
	unused printed bill of lading, back has been used as scratch	paper, 25.00
53	RM72 sharp strike, 1800 promissory note, lt. foxing VF 2	00.00
54	RM102 bluish paper, superb strike on a 1798 performance to execute a writ of replevin to recover a horse. VF	25.00
55	RM114 sharp strike on the back of an 1800 promissory note affects stamp, VF 9	, fold 50.00
56	RM163 sharp strike on a 1799 single bond, VF	50.00
57	RM163 sharp strike on a 1799 promissory note, fold affects stamp, F-VF	
58	RM261b sharp strike, unused, crease affects stamp, F	20.00
59	RM2010 sharp surke, unused, crease anects stamp, r RM276a die 1, unused, few tone spots, VF	10.00
60	Revenue Stamped Paper RN-A1 John Hait & Co., New Y	
50	receipt. 1867. F small faults, nick at right	75.00
61	RN-B10 Fourth National Bank, C. S. Sloane & Co., New Y check. 1866. VF	22.50
62	DN D12 American Exchange National Bank W A Dancon	2.

itio	n unless noted as mint.	
	Co., New York, check. 1866. VF	40.00
63	RN-B24 Merchants National Bank, Burlington, Vt., certifica	
64	deposit. Stamp is at left. 1868. VF RN-C19 Mitchell, Vance & Co., New York, receipt. 1873. F	90.00
04		50.00
65	RN-U1 St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad stock	
"		35.00
66 67	Private Die Medicine Stamps RS112a F small faults PH 40 RS125a F creases PHOTO 22	50.00
68		10.00
69	Private Die Perfume Stamps RT10c VF light crease PH 32	
70	Firearms Transfer Tax RY6 used on transfer document for	
71		25.00
72	RY8 used on transfer document for a machine gun, F-VF 12 Federal Firearms Act License, 1946-47, VF	
73	Cigarettes, Class A TA17P3 plate proof, india on card, VF	
74	foxing on back	
74 75	TA18P3 plate proof, india on card, VF light foxing Cigars TC95P3 VF	
76	TC96P3 VF	
77	TC129 VF tiny margin nick	0.00
78 79	TC161 VF torn & rejoined, creases, small repairs TC179b VF rejoined tear, small piece filled in	35.00
80	Snuff TE528a mint, F-VF	30.00
81	Tobacco TF259A light blue, VF thins light blue	6.50
82		8.50
83 84		5.00
85	TG67TC3 black, F-VF PHOTO TG68TC3 black, VF PHOTO	
86	Fermented Fruit Juice REF4, 12 oz. blue, eight examples v	vith
07		18.00
87 88	Distilled Spirits For Export Series of 1940, 10c blue, used, Special Tax Stamps Retail Liquor Dealer, 1927, a difficult	V Pt-
00	stamp to find due to Prohibition VE tack holes small stain	
89	Retail Liquor Dealer, 1936-7. VF tack holes Retail Liquor Dealer, 1937-8. VF tack holes	
90	Retail Liquor Dealer, 1937-8. VF tack holes	
91 92	Retail Liquor Dealer, 1939-40. VF tack holes, creases Retail Liquor Dealer, 1941-2. VF	
93	Retail Liquor Dealer, 1943-4, VF	
94	Retail Liquor Dealer, 1944-5. VF tack holes Retail Liquor Dealer, 1946-7. VF tack holes Retail Liquor Dealer, 1947-8. VF tack holes	
95	Retail Liquor Dealer, 1946-7. VF tack holes	
96 97	Retail Dealer in Fermented Malt Liquor, 1937-8. VF creases	
98	Retail Dealer in Fermented Malt Liquor, 1939-40. VF tack h	oles,
	creases	
99	Retail Dealer in Fermented Malt Liquor, 1940-1, with h/s Va increased under Revenue Act of 1940. VF tack holes, It stain	lue
100	Retail Dealer in Fermented Malt Liguor, 1942-3. VF tack holes, it stand	les
101	Retail Dealer in Fermented Malt Liquor, 1942-3. VF tack ho Retail Dealer in Fermented Malt Liquor, 1945-6. VF tack ho	les,
102	creases Retail Dealer in Fermented Malt Liquor, 1946-7. VF	
102	Retail Dealer in Fermented Malt Liquor, 1940-7. VF	
104	Wholesale Dealer in Fermented Malt Liquor, 1951-2. VF tac	k
105	holes	
105 106	One Coin-Operated Amusement Device, 1942-3. VF Coin-Operated Amusement Devices, \$10.00, 1946-7. VF tac	 1
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107	Coin-Operated Amusement Devices, \$10.00, 1947-8. VF tac	k
100	holes	
108 109	Coin-Operated Amusement Devices, \$10.00, 1949-50. VF Coin-Operated Amusement Devices, \$10.00, 1950-1. VF tac	r
107	holes, light toning	
110	Coin-Operated Amusement Devices, \$10.00, 1951-2. VF tac	
111	holes Practitioner Dispensing Onium Etc. 1927 VE	
111 112	Practitioner Dispensing Opium, Etc., 1927. VF Practitioner Dispensing Opium, Etc., 1930. VF crease	
113	Practitioner Dispensing Onium Etc. 1930-1 VF light crease	
114	Practitioner Dispensing Opium, Etc., 1946-7. VF	
115	Practitioner Dispensing Opium, Etc., 1947-8. VF	
116 117	Retail Dealer in Opium, Etc., 1931-2. VF tack notes	
118	Practitioner Dispensing Opium, Etc., 1946-7. VF Practitioner Dispensing Opium, Etc., 1946-7. VF Retail Dealer in Opium, Etc., 1931-2. VF tack holes Retail Dealer in Opium, Etc., 1933-4. VF Retail Dealer in Opium, Etc., 1933-6. VF thin spot Parcil Dealer in Opium, Etc., 1935-6. VF thin spot Parcil Dealer in Opium, Etc., 1935-6. VF thin spot	
119	Retail Dealer in Oplum, Etc., 1939-40. VP tack holes	
120	Application for Weighing and Inspection of Maple Sugar, US Form 323. Unused, VF	SIK
121	Cotton Order 1G3S black SPECIMEN overprint, booklet pa	ane
	of four E-VE	
122	Food Order 2G1 booklet pane of four, mint, small stain at U corner, o/w, VF	R
123	2G2 booklet pane of four, mint, sm stain at UR corner, o/w,	VF
124	Private Die Match Proofs RO72P1 BEP die proof, india die	£
	sunk on 150x230mm card, VF tone spots on card 50	0.00
125	Postal Note Trial Color Proofs PNITC 1c bister, VF PHOT State Revenue Essays American Bank Note Co. Specimen	0
126	booklet pane of ten, ovpt, in red SAMPLES (NOT	
	NEGOTIABLE) FOR TRIAL USE ONLY, VF PHOTO	
127	ALASKA Sport Fishing Wooton 11 used on license, VF 50	.00+
128	CALIFORNIA KINGS CO. Documentary .55-\$550.00, set seventeen, used, VF	10
	sevencen, used, vi	

129	Honey Lake Waterfowl Stamps A19 mint, VF	50.00
130	A20 mint, VF PHOTO	150.00
131	A21 mint, VF PHOTO	150.00
132	A22 mint, F-VF PHOTO	150.00
133	A24 mint, VF PHOTO	150.00 110.00
135	A27 mint, VF	95.00
136	A28 mint, VF	45.00
137	A29 mint, VF	42.50
138		37.50
139	Bootherin representation of the bird bird	
	Day, 1997-98, \$45.50 black on orange on 1/2 of license on back EVE	, Scott 18
140	on back. F-VF NEW YORK Hunting, Fishing, Big Game, Archery, 19	00.07
140	nine different, mint, VF	54.00
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	se-tenant with NR Small Game Stamp, #20, mint, VF P.	H 640.00
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143		65.00
144		8.00+
145		8.00+ 8.00+
147		8.00+
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	Deed, F-VF	
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150		ooklet
151	with one pane of 25 stamps, mint, VF 3 complete booklet with one pane of 25 stamps, mint, V	150.00 F 75.00
152	4 complete booklet with one pane of 10 stamps, mint, V	F 200.00
153	GUAM Fish & Wildlife Hunting License 1977 block of	four.
	CTO, VF	
154	1978 sheetlet of four, CTO, VF	
155	1979 sheetlet of four, CTO, VF	
156		
158	1982 block of four CTO VF	
159	CANADA Bill Stamps FB24 mint, F	17.50
160		2,000.00
161	Excise Tax FX28b mint, F	35.00
162	FX70 used, VF crease	85.00
163	Newfoundland - Inland Revenue NFR35 used, VF PH	500.00
164	GREAT BRITAIN Playing Card Wrappers Booth W62	De La
165	Rue Stationers, Limited, London, VF light creases as us W72 De La Rue Stationers, Limited, London, VF lt crea	ual
166	BERMUDA Customs Inspected Baggage green, bookle	
	of five, w/o serial number, mint, VF	
167	green, booklet pane of five, w/o serial number, Columbi Note Co. specimen perfin, VF light blue, booklet pane of five, w/o serial number, mint light blue, booklet pane of five, w/o serial number, Colu	an Bank
100	Note Co. specimen perfin, VF	
168 169	light blue, booklet pane of five, w/o serial number, mint	, VF
109	Bank Note Co. specimen perfin. VF	
170	Bank Note Co. specimen perfin, VF dark blue, booklet pane of five, w/o serial number, mint,	. VF
171	dark blue, booklet pane of five, w/o serial number, Colu	mbian
	Bank Note Co. specimen perfin, VF	
172	BASUTOLAND Revenue 64 English, used, VF PH	£100.00
173 174	64 Afrikaans, used, VF PHOTO 76 used, F	£100.00 £10.00
175	BECHUANALAND (STELLALAND) 5 unused, F-VI	
110	perf PHOTO	£35.00
176	10 used, F	£10.00
177	13 unused, F short perf 15 unused, F-VF short perf	£10.00
178	15 unused, F-VF short perf	£15.00
179	16 unused, F-VF 17 used, F-VF PHOTO	£20.00
180 181	18 unused F short perf PHOTO	£35.00 £75.00
182	18 unused, F short perf PHOTO INDIA & STATES 44 various, most on small pieces, F	
183	ST. VINCENT 10B used, F PHOTO	£25.00
184	11B used, F	£10.00
185	12B used, F PHOTO	£25.00
186	16 used, F	£7.50
187 188	18 used, F 19 used, F	£7.50 £10.00
189	20 used, VF crease PHOTO	£35.00
190	20 used, VF crease PHOTO 29 used, F	£10.00
191	30 used, F	£10.00
192	SOUTH AFRICA 70a language error, English/Afrikaar	
102	VF pinhole PH	£35.00
193 194	70a language error, Afrikaans/English, used, F PHOTO 74a language error, Afrikaans/English, on small piece w	£35.00
1.74	used, VF	£10.50
195	Documents, lot of 39 with various revenues, F	
196	SOUTH AFRICA - BOPHUTHATSWANA 3 on a sto	ck .
107	certificate, staple holes in stamp, VF	£5.00
197	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, seven stamps on an agreement, VF	£42.50
198 199	7 used, VF 7 on a multi-page document concerning the repossession	£5.00
199	of a car for non-payment, VF	£5.00+
200	8 used, VF	£7.50
201	9 used, VF	£7.50
202	10 used, VF	£10.00
203	SOUTHERN RHODESIA 1 used, F-VF short perf PH	£25.00
204	ARGENTINA San Juan Province Wine stamp, 4c orang	ze, VF
205 206	AUSTRIA B1-5 Baden Champagne Tax, 1920, mint, F COLOMBIA Timbre Nacional 50P blue-green, 22 copi	es plue
200	2P violet x 3 on a 1976 document, VF one stamp faults	-s prus
207	FRANCE Revenue 1960-90's, 25 different, a few in blo	cks
	for a total of 40 stamps, mint, VF	
208	Municipal revenues, collection of about 275 different arr	ranged
209	in a stockbook, mint & used, F-VF GUATEMALA 41 RSM block of six, Hamilton Bank N	lote Co
209	imprint, mint, F	
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