

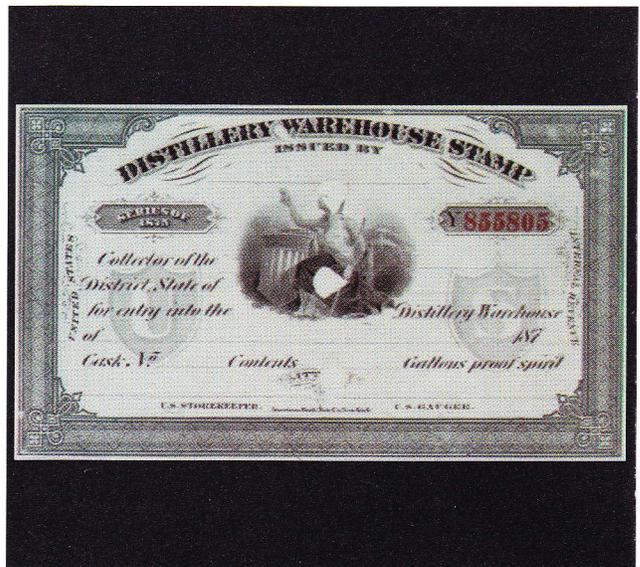


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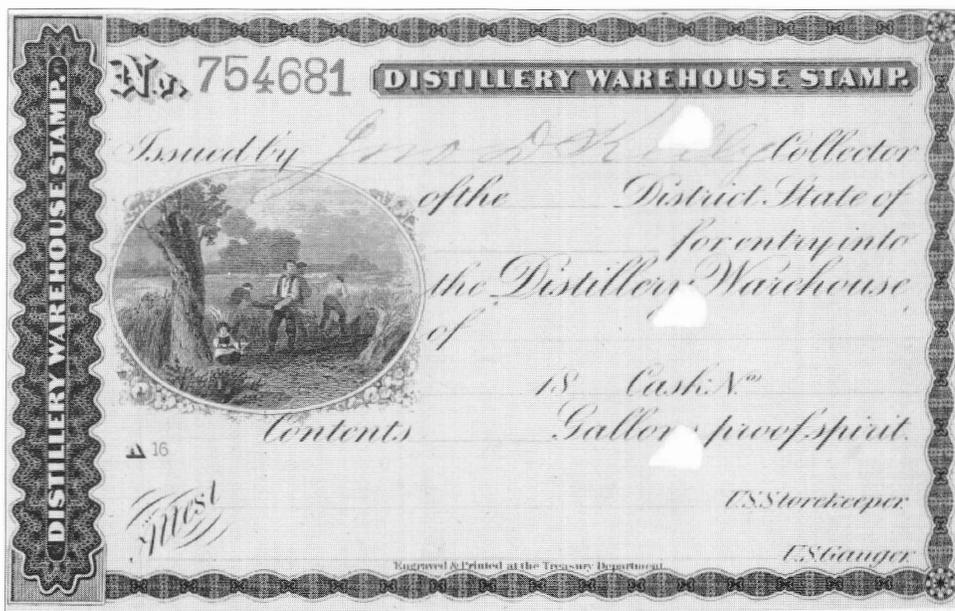
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Distilled Spirits (including Brandy) Warehousing stamps

by Ronald Lesher, ARA

These stamps were used to signify that the spirits in casks had not yet been gauged to determine its proof and the amount of tax due. The significance of these stamps is that at a glance the government storekeeper (and later the storekeeper-gauger) could tell if a given cask contained taxpaid spirits (in which a taxpaid stamp such as the distilled spirits stamps) or not yet taxpaid spirits. Upon removal from the warehouse, the tax had to be determined by the gauger and paid by the distiller.

From their inception in 1868 there was a 25¢ fee that was charged for the application of a stamp to be applied to barrels of distilled spirits to be placed in a distillery warehouse without the payment of the tax on distilled spirits. That fee was lowered to 10¢ in 1872. The Act of March 3, 1877, established special bonded warehouses for brandy. The use of all the then current warehousing stamps was terminated in 1918. During National Prohibition the practice was revived for the transfer of industrial alcohol from one warehouse to another.



1A & 1B—1868. Harvesting.

1868. Distillery Warehouse

Harvest scene. Engraved and printed by the Treasury Department. Red serial numbers.

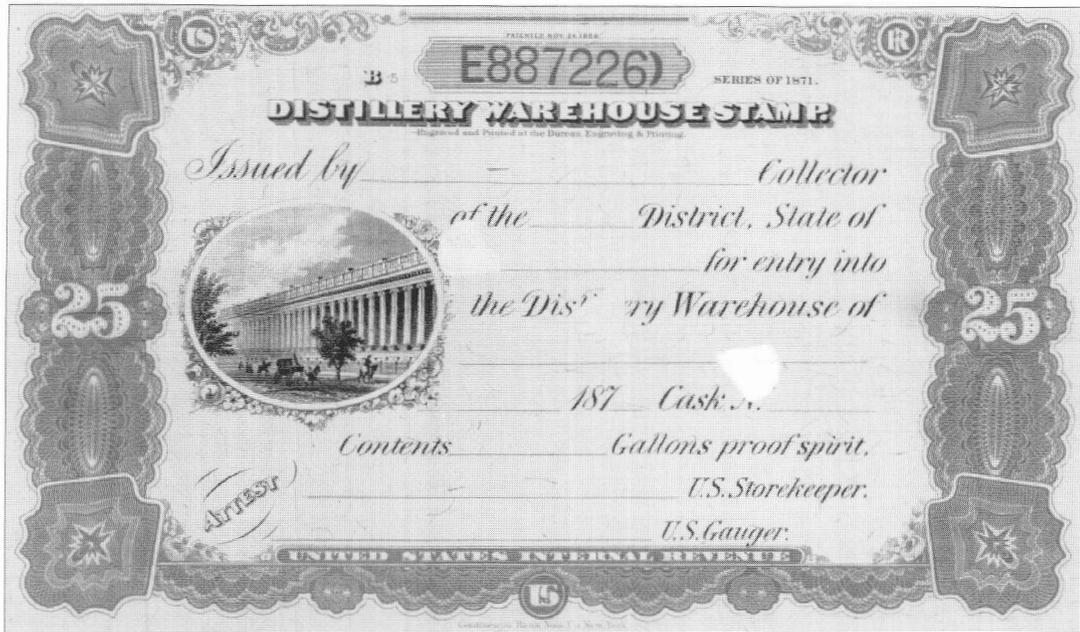
	A. White wove paper	B. White silk paper wtmk IR (1870)
1 (25c) Black	x	x

In the lower left quadrant is a letter and number. The letters A, B, C and D were used to identify the position within the pane of four. The number is the

plate number. The author has recorded plate number 16 on the white wove paper and 17 on the water-marked paper.

The serial numbers on the silk paper variety have been seen with the prefix letter D.

The vignette used on the Issues of 1868 and 1870 is the right portion of a larger vignette entitled Harvesting. A tree conveniently divides the vignette into two. The tree is seen at the left of the vignette on the stamp. The left portion of the vignette (including the tree again) was the central vignette used on the distilled spirits tax paid stamps of 1868.

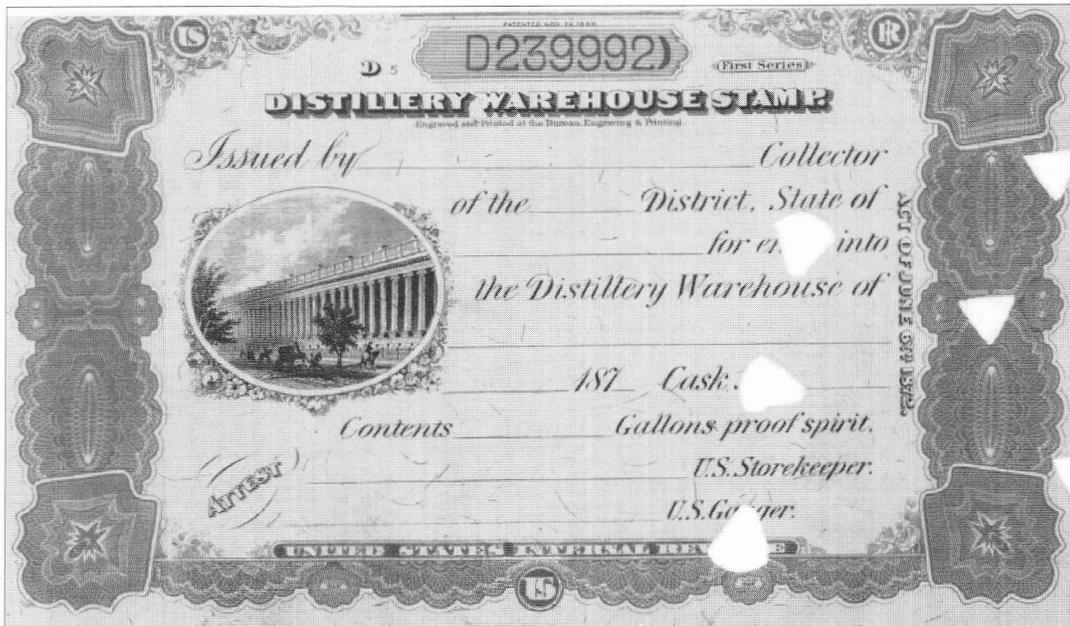


Series of 1871. Distillery Warehouse

White silk paper. Frame printed by the Continental Bank Note Company. Vignette engraved and printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Red serial number with prefix letter E.

2 25c Brick red and black Treasury Building

Similar to the issue of 1868, the position letter and plate number are found to the left of the serial panel. Plate numbers 5 and 6 have been reported.



3—1872. Treasury Building.

1872. Distillery Warehouse. First Series.

Frame printed by the Continental Bank Note Company. Vignettes engraved and printed by the Bu-

reau of Engraving and Printing. Red serial number with prefix letter.

3 (10c) Vermillion and black.

On violet silk paper, serial number with

prefix letter D or E

Plate numbers reported: 5 (prefix D); 10 (prefix E).

4 (10c) Green and black.

On violet silk paper, serial number with prefix letter B, D or E

a. same, but on green silk paper, serial number with prefix letter A

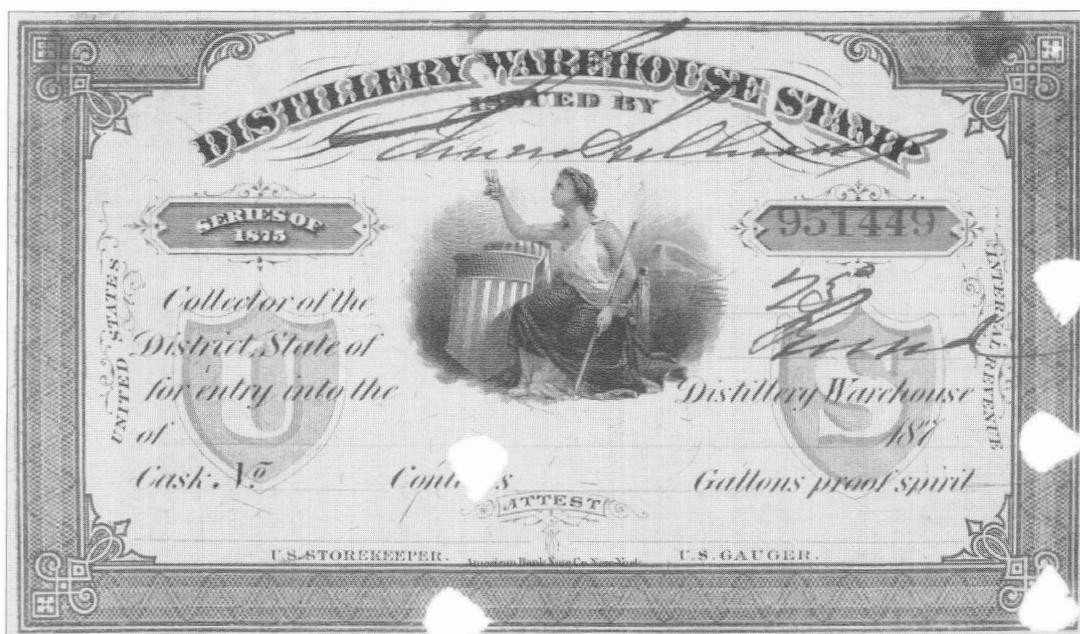
Plate numbers reported on #3, violet silk paper: 1 and 7 (prefix B); 8 (prefix letter D); 4 (prefix letter E).

Plate numbers reported #4a, green silk paper: 6.

The violet and green silk papers are well known for their use on the general proprietary issue of 1872. These are the Willcox's patented Chameleon Papers

that were one of the measures used to discourage the washing of the cancellations so that the stamps could be reused. Given that these stamps were applied to wooden barrels or casks with five nails and canceled with five wavy lines that ran over onto the container by a U.S. Storekeeper-Gauger, it is hard to imagine anyone attempting the reuse of these stamps.

The 1912 Springfield List includes listings of the vermilion stamp on white silk paper and green silk paper. Confirmation of the use of the white silk paper is sought. Given that the green silk paper came into use in 1874, it seems improbable to this author that the green silk paper variety exists.



5—1875. Allegorical woman and shield.

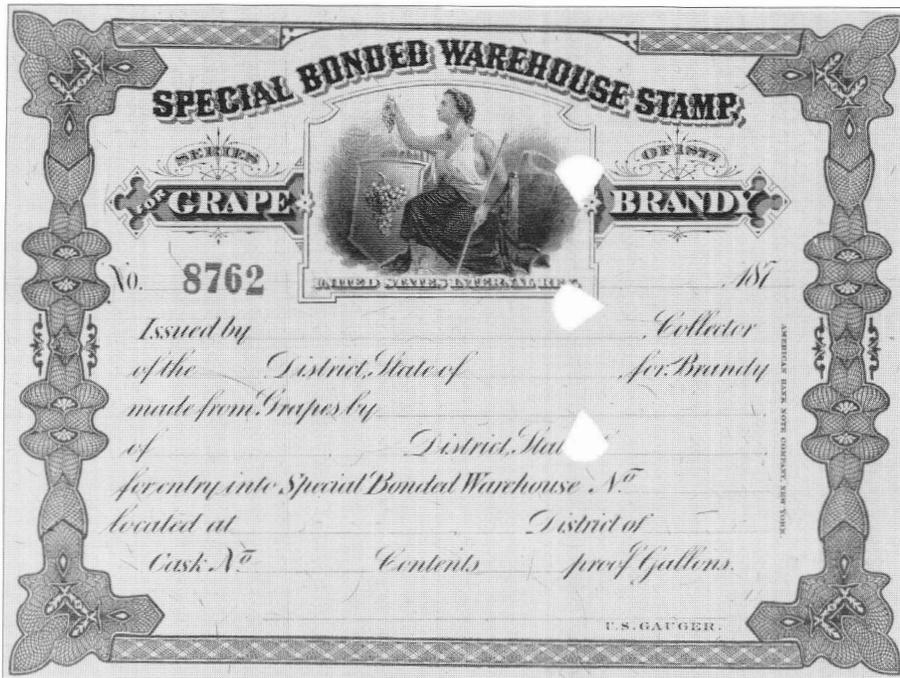
Series of 1875. Distillery Warehouse

Green silk paper. Frames and vignettes printed by the American Bank Note Company. Red serial numbers.

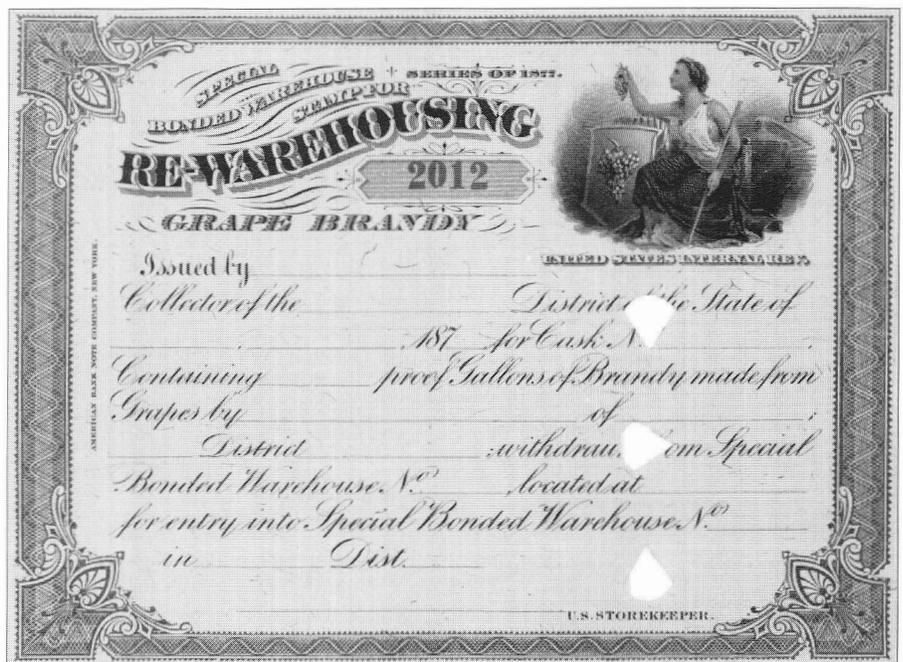
5 Green and black

- a. with Z added to the design inside the serial number panel
- b. with Y added to the design inside the serial number panel

Students of these issues believe that the Z was added to the design to signify when the deliveries of these stamps exceeded 1 million and the Y was added when the deliveries exceeded 2 million.



6—1877. Allegorical woman and shield. (82% actual size)



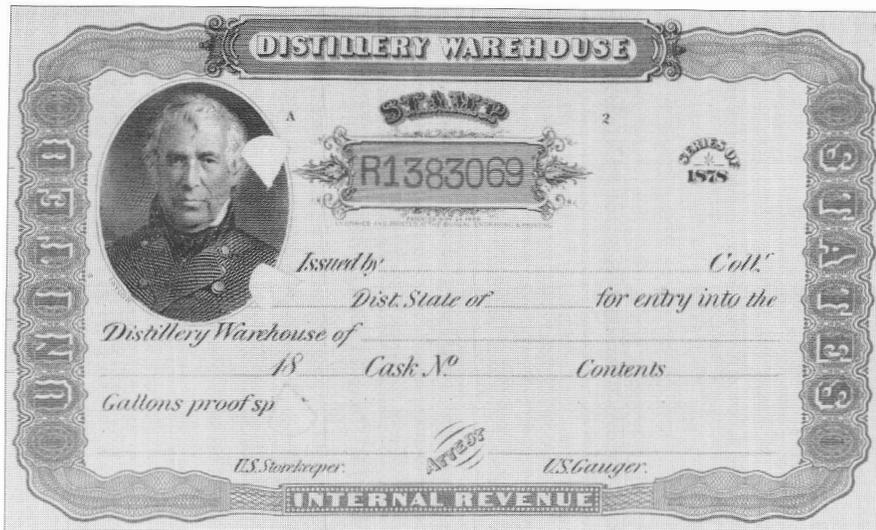
7—1877. Allegorical woman and shield. (82% actual size)

Series of 1877. Warehousing Grape Brandy

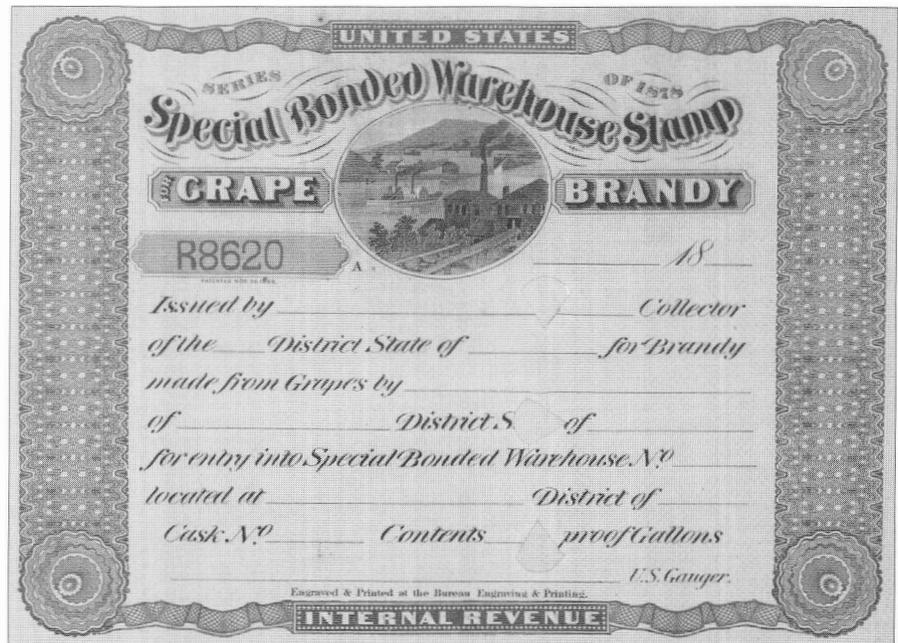
Green silk paper. Frames and vignettes printed by the American Bank Note Company. Red serial numbers.

- 6 Green and black, Special Bonded Warehouse
- 7 Green and black, Re-Warehousing

Stamps 6 and 7 were issued under the Act of March 3, 1877, which established special bonded warehouses exclusively for the storage of grape brandy.



8—1878. Zachary Taylor. (80% actual size)



9—1878. Industry and transportation. (80% actual size)

Series of 1878.

Various papers. Frames and vignettes printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Serial numbers with prefix letter R in red.

8 Green and black. Distillery Warehouse

Plate numbers reported: 1, 2, 3.

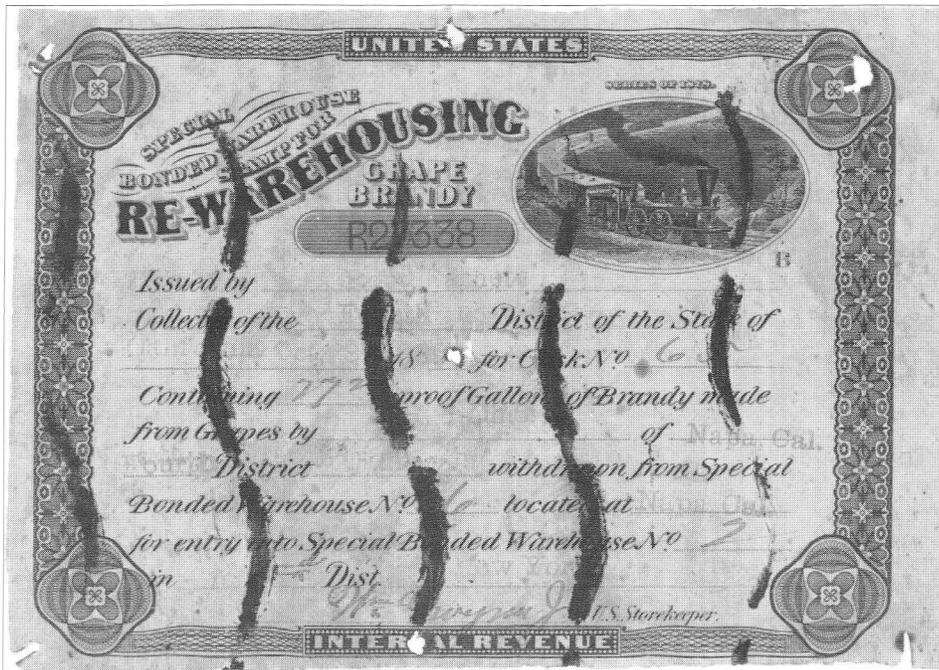
Plate numbers reported: 9, 14, 1657 (prefix letter A); 13, blank (prefix letter B).

9 Green and black, Special Bonded Warehouse

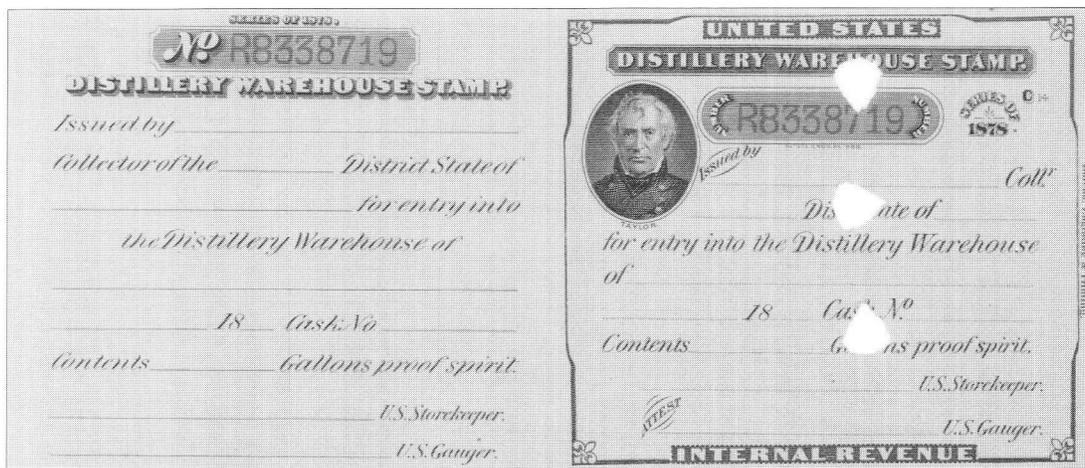
10 Green and black, Re-Warehousing

On September 22, 1880, the Bureau of Internal Revenue requested a reduction in the size of the distillery warehouse stamps, the first instance of such a cost cutting measure. On November 11, Internal Revenue approved the change and authorized the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to begin printing the smaller size stamps.

11 Green and black. Distillery Warehouse, reduced size, serial number with prefix letter A or B



10—1878. Industry and transportation. (80% actual size) (Two recorded copies).



11—1878. Zachary Taylor. Reduced size. (80% actual size)



Series of 1890.

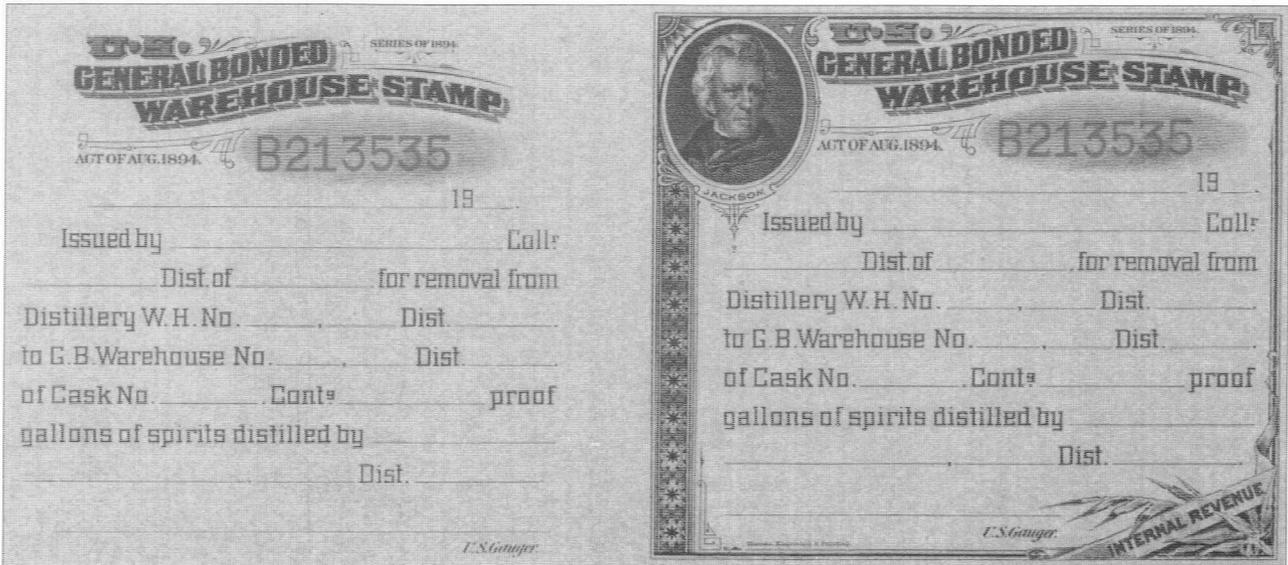
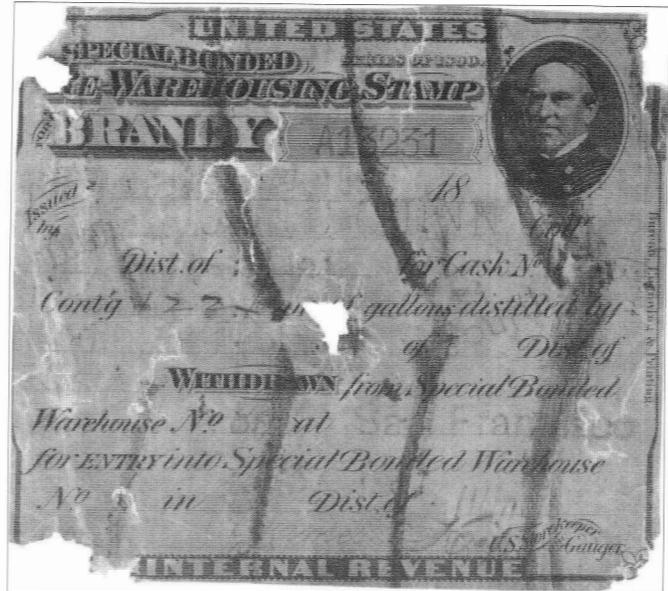
In 1890 reductions in the size of the special bonded warehouse stamps for grape brandy were implemented. The annual report of the Bureau of engraving and Printing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, lists a delivery of 27,000 for the Series of 1889 Special Bonded Warehouse Stamp. None of these is known to have survived either in proof or issued condition. It seems curious to this author that in such an era of cost consciousness that the Bureau would design a stamp one year

12—1890. Grant. Only known used copy.

13—1890. Sherman. Only known used copy.

and replace it the next. It is the considered opinion that the Series of 1889 stamps listed in the Springfield List (taken from the 1890 Bureau annual report) do not exist. The series of 1889 stamps may be an error in description, in fact being the first delivery of the Series of 1890 stamps.

- 12 Green and black, Special Bonded Warehouse
- 13 Green and black, Special Bonded Re-Warehousing

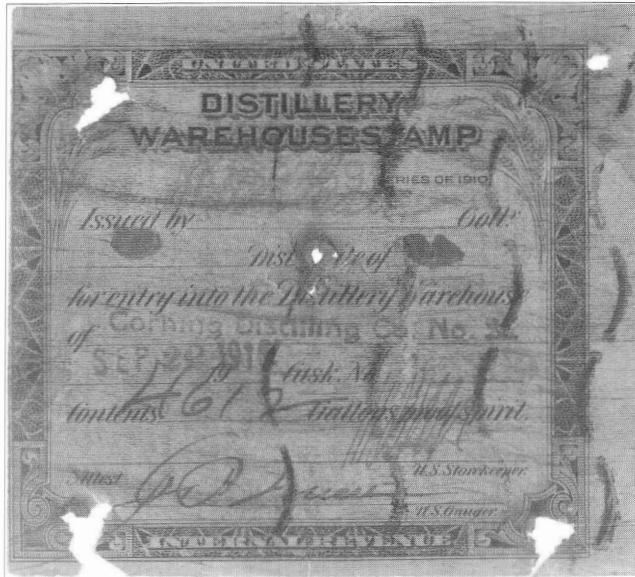


14—1894. Andrew Jackson.

Series of 1894. General Bonded Warehouse

14 Black, General Bonded Warehouse, Jackson vignette
 Plate number reported 334768 to the left of the stub.
 General bonded warehouses were established in 1894 when the bonding period was extended from 3 to 8 years, thus allowing the distiller to store whiskey for up to 8 years before having to pay the excise

taxes. The distillery warehouses were not large enough to house the anticipated additional casks of distilled spirits, so the law permitted the establishment of general bonded warehouses. These stamps were used on casks and barrels being transferred from a distillery warehouse to a general bonded warehouse.



15—1910. (87% actual size)



16—1910. (82% actual size)

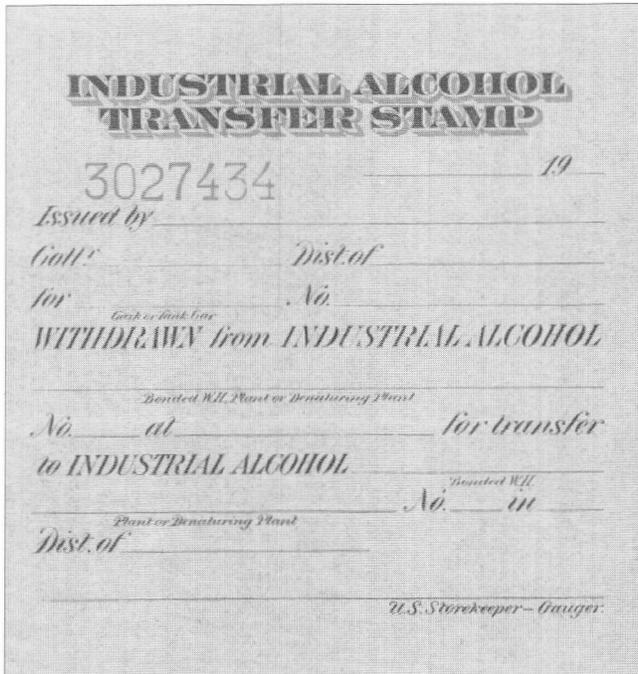
Series of 1910

- 15 Black, Distillery Warehouse
- 16 Black, Special Bonded Warehouse for Grape Brandy
- 17 Black, Special Bonded Re-Warehousing

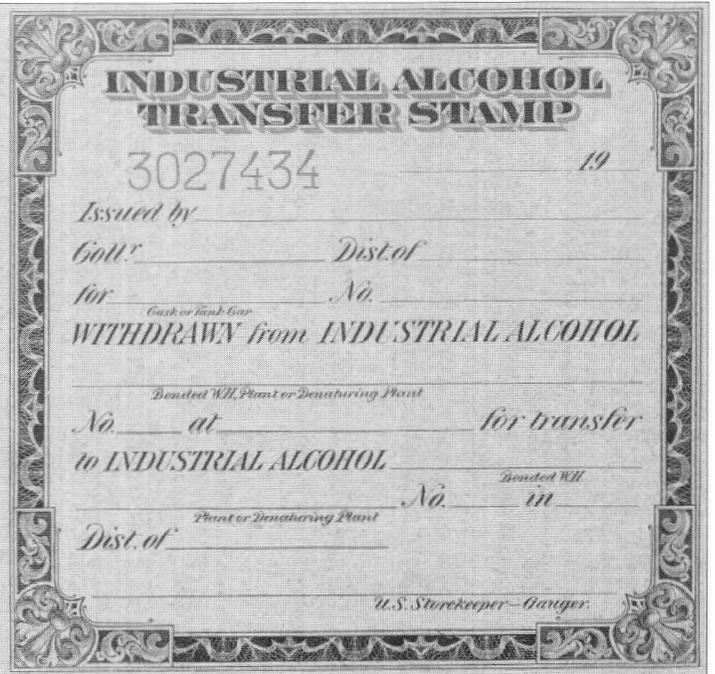
The Series of 1910 reduced the warehousing stamps to one color, a common feature in the general cost-

cutting measures that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing introduced on taxpaid stamps in the 1909–1911 period. Together with the General Bonded Warehouse stamp of 1894, the Series of 1910 stamps remained in service until 1918, when the then current warehousing stamps were discontinued.

Series of 1923. Industrial Alcohol Transfer



18—1923. Thin serial number.



1937.

Both thick and thin serial numbers (reminiscent of the book wine stamps) have been noted. This

18 Black

The use of this stamp continued at least as late as

change may have occurred beginning with the seven digit serial numbers. To date all serial numbers observed under 1 million are the thick variety and all above 1 million are the thin variety. Further information is sought.

Plate number 98908 has been seen on this stamp to the left of the stub on position 2 of the full page of four stamps.



18—1923. Thick serial number.

A few additions on black proprietary stamps

by Scott Troutman, ARA

The September-October 2004 supplement on black proprietary stamps generated more information, as such things tend to do. The most interesting is that the cover features two stamps not listed in the cancellations. This is because Ken Trettin, who did yeoman's work on hundreds of pictures, substituted some of his own nice examples to give a more interesting cover and did not discover they were unlisted until after everything went to the printer. The two stamps not listed are the "P.C. Co./Mar. 1914," a newly discovered date for Pabst Chemical Company with a typo "G" for the first "C" and a new "R.M. Co./2 20 15" handstamp in purple.

Steve Wittig, that intrepid collector of revenue plate numbers, checked his collection

and found some newer acquisitions that had not been reported.

Stamp	Value	Watermark	Plate #	Position
RB33	¼¢	S	3??	L
RB34	⅝¢	S	266	L
RB48	⅝¢	D	PLA11	R
RB51	1 ½¢	D	PL256	L
RB52	1 ⅞¢	D	PL274	L

Steve has also acquired the following large panes.

RB44	⅛¢ D	2 panes of 200	PL 464
RB44	⅛¢ D	partial pane of 160	PL 402
RB45	¼¢ D	partial pane of 190	PL 272

I had seen two additional panes of 100 for ⅝¢ values in October 2004 in a dealers stock.

Lastly E.J. Guerrant sent a picture of a most unusual misuseage of one of these stamps—an RB63 ten-cent used on a futures contract for a wheat delivery in place of a documentary revenue. As the 10 cents were used almost exclusively by perfume and cosmetics companies it is a real curiosity how a commodities dealer got hold of one. But there it is tied with both the company and a December 2, 1914, handstamp. As the tax was just coming into effect, possibly the stamp agent just gave him the wrong 10 cent stamps. Being in New York City there shouldn't have been a shortage of the ten cent documentary.



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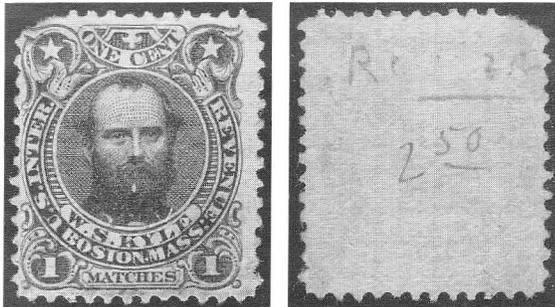
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W. S. Kyle US private die proprietary match stamp found on experimental silk paper



by Paul Weidhaas, ARA

I delight in poring over the match and medicine stamps that were issued between 1869-1871, ostensibly on old paper, in search for the elusive silk thread. Such diligence can result in the discovery of a new ex. silk paper variety. I know that I am not alone in this endeavor; a west coast specialist I have conversed with has gone over thousands of M&Ms on old paper, otherwise known as ex. silk candidates, and has actually amassed hundreds of ex. silks in the process, many uncataloged.

Oftentimes, what appears to be a silk thread evaporates once I soak the stamp to remove hinge gum and other extraneous matter. But if it is still there, I submit the suspect to an expertizing service for verification.*

A copy of the W. S. Kyle match stamp, Scott RO122a (e?) was dutifully shipped off to the American Philatelic Expertizing Service in early 2001. I was pleased that, in this instance, the experts agreed with me, via certificate number 133342, that this stamp was indeed RO122e.

But such was suspected over a century ago. The authors of the Boston Revenue Book (Toppan, Deats and Holland 1899), in their reference list tabulated in the back of the text, show the Kyle match stamp as being known on this paper. Further, Richard Riley, in his article appearing in this journal thirty years ago (1974; 28:175) predicted that this issue may indeed exist on ex. silk. Now we know for certain.

Moral: Check your stamps. You may have a sleeper in your album.

*Expertizers are not infallible. I once sent off what I thought was a Scott RU9e, only to have it come back as RU9a. I resubmitted it, with a note describing the precise location of the single blue silk thread visible on the *obverse*, and only then was my suspicion confirmed with a certificate.

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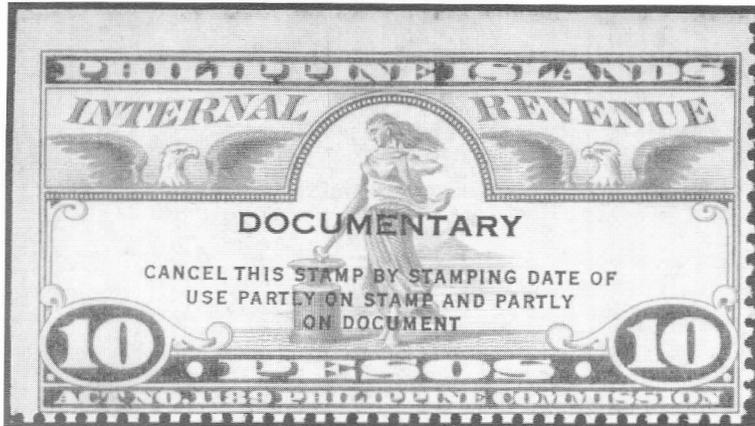
Three issues of the *Canadian Revenue Newsletter* have arrived since we last reviewed its contents. The June 2004 issues leads off with two short items; the first being a look as “United States Playing Card Company Precancel on Three-cent War Tax Stamp” by editor Christopher Ryan. The discussion centers on the fact that there was no 3¢ tax rate on playing cards. The second short item is “Specimen Cancellations on Plate Proofs of Second Issue Bill Stamps” by J. Richard Fleet; here the discussion is about the markings which are often looked upon with suspicion.

The main article in this issue (almost

eleven pages long) is an examination of “Canada’s Excise Tax on Cheques and other Types of Commercial Paper: 1915-1953” again by editor Chris Ryan. This article is an expansion of the same work published under another title in *The Revenue Journal of Great Britain* in 1997.

The September issue contains several, more varied and shorter articles. J. Richard Fleet takes a look at marginal markings in “Counters and Imprints on the Second Issue Bill Stamps.” Christopher Ryan gives an overview of what is becoming one of the most common of tax stamps in “Ontario Municipal
(Canadian/on 15)

The lady with the hammer and anvil



By John Semeniuk, ARA

One of the most readily recognizable images found on the U.S. territorial revenue stamps of the Philippines is that of the lady with the hammer and anvil (Figure 1). But there is a surprising twist behind this design which makes for a most interesting story.

The design made its philatelic debut on the Philippine internal revenue stamps of January 1, 1905, appearing on all thirteen values of this issue (W- 526-W-538). The same was true for all the values of the internal revenue stamps from the 1906 issue (W- 539-W-547). Please note: the catalog numbers cited in this article are all from *The Warren Update* (Lehmann and Lueck, 1993).

In 1907 the fractional, centavo-denominated internal revenue stamps received a different design. The peso-value stamps continued however to utilize the motif of the lady with the hammer and anvil.

This dual design arrangement held true for the duration of all the subsequent series of Philippine territorial/commonwealth internal revenue stamps, including the stamps issued during the period of Japanese occupation (W- 659-W-663, W-668B) and the "Victory" overprint issues of 1945 (W-675-W-683).

In 1940-41 and again in 1945-46 the internal revenue stamps of the 1934-41 issue (W- 639-W-649) were adapted for use as documentary stamps by the application of a black "Documentary" overprint (W-751-W-755). The stamps from 1945 and 1946 re-

ceived a "Victory" overprint simultaneously with the "Documentary" one (W- 768-W-772).

In addition to the internal revenue and documentary stamps noted above, the motif of the lady with the hammer and anvil was also adopted for use as a design element on forms of the Philippine internal revenue service, as a 2-centavo documentary stamp imprint on Philippine checks from 1907-11? (*W-772A) and on sweepstakes tickets from 1943-46 (*W-782a-*W-783b). Finally, it also appeared as a motif on the official cigar and cigarette export stamp labels from 1909 (cigars: *W-1450L—*W-1451L, *W-1453L; and cigarettes: *W-1470L and *W-1474L).

Paradoxically, the rather widespread philatelic use of this popular motif belies the rather surprising fact that the design of the lady with the hammer and anvil was actually created originally for use on Philippine coins.

Briefly, the story is as follows. Shortly after the United States gained possession of the Philippines in the wake of the Spanish-American War of 1898, due consideration was given to the task of overhauling the monetary system inherited from the Spanish colonial regime.

In December 1901 the Philippine Commission (the territorial ruling body) established a special committee to look into the matter of creating suitable coin designs, preferably by native artists.

A number of such designs-were submitted for consideration by Melecio Figueroa, a talented Filipino artist, sculptor and engraver, known popularly to posterity as the "Prince of Filipino Engraving Art." Born on May 24, 1842, he had studied in Spain and in 1893 had been appointed a first class engraver with the Manila Mint in the Philippines.

On December 18, 1902, the Philippine Commission selected three of Figueroa's designs for use on the future territorial coinage of the Philippines. One of these designs depicted the image of a young, standing, bare-foot native woman holding a hammer to an anvil, her long hair and gown swept back as if by a powerful gust of wind. Added to the right-hand background of the design was a billowing volcano, Mt. Mayon (Figure 2).

The new Philippine coinage was to consist of seven denominations, three of base metal and four of silver. It was on the front sides of the four silver coins that Figueroa's alluring motif of the lady with the hammer and anvil was selected to appear. A warm touch of human interest is added to the story of this design by the fact that the model for the figure of the young woman was actually a ten-year old girl, Figueroa's sole surviving daughter, Blanca.

As fate would have it, Figueroa succumbed to tuberculosis on July 30, 1903, shortly after the new Philippine coinage with his designs entered into circulation. But his popular design of the lady with the hammer and anvil continued to live on for decades, enjoying a very extensive, successful run on the revenue stamps and currency of the Philippines. In both cases, revenue stamps and coins, the motif outlived the period of American sovereignty (1946) and passed over into the period of Philippine national independence.

Brief mention should also be made here of three additional uses of the motif.

The first was on the official seal which appeared on a series of Philippine bank notes from 1903. The second was on the back side of a 20-peso emergency note issued in 1942 in Iloilo City.

The third usage constitutes an interesting hybrid utilization which blurs the line between stamps and currency. It may even be called ironic in light of the numismatic origin of the design.

Early in 1942, during the period of Japanese occupation, the Provincial Board of Cagayan Province issued a series of emergency currency notes with an internal revenue stamp affixed to each note. The purpose of the stamp was both to validate the note



and to indicate its denomination. The internal revenue stamps used for this purpose included a number of the peso-value stamps with the motif of the lady with the hammer and anvil.

Philatelists can surely appreciate this nice turn of events in the "eternal struggle" between the hobbies of philately and numismatics!

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User-pay Garbage Tags and Bags"; these things are just everywhere. He also writes about "Canada's Excise Tax on Receipts: 1923-1926."

The December issue has a short item picturing "Ontario Stock Transfer Varieties" and an "Excise Tax Meter Update" both by David Hannay. Then Christopher Ryan examines "Canada's Excise Tax on Advances of Money: 1920-1927." This article was one

promised in the June issue as a follow-on to the study of excise tax on checks.

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U.S. Sales Circuit notes

by **Paul Weidhaas, Circuit Manager**

The following unsolicited letter was received from one of your fellow members who submitted material to the ARA's U.S. Sales Circuits. This is evidence that the circuits work and they can for you as well.

If you have any excess U.S. revenue or cinderella stamps, consider selling them through our sales circuits to your fellow ARA members. Contact me at Box 147, Leonardville KS 66449 or by email at <paulweidhaas@msn.com>.

Dear Paul,

Thank you for the great job that you are doing with the ARA US sales circuits. The sales results have surpassed my wildest expectations. When I began entering material a couple of years ago, I did not know what to expect. Based on my experience of many years ago, my expectations were not that high felt that most of the duplicate material that I had was to common and would not be of interest to the membership.

For several years I had been entering revenue material through several of the other major and secondary sales groups. The sales results had been satisfactory.

With some prodding from you and Eric Jackson I decided to enter several books and see what would happen. Wow! With other groups I was getting 35 to 50% sales. Through the ARA my books were well over that amount, with many selling out or nearly selling out.

Other groups take 18 to 24 months to retire and settle up with

you. The ARA was turning my books in an average of 12 months or less.

As I found out, our membership has an interest in all Revenue Stamps. Even nice copies of minimum catalogue value stamps sold well. Any item for study, such as multiples, cancellations, perf varieties, color and printing variations were in great demand. As were cinderellas and collateral material.

Material that I felt was below our membership also sold. Wounded stamps, properly identified and discounted went well.

I would encourage you to get more of our membership involved with the sales division as both buyers and sellers. In many cases, most of us have not used the sales division lately and are not aware of the opportunities that are available.

Once again, Thank You,
Tim McRee, ARA

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Topical revenue stamps from Bangladesh

by **Parvez Ali Anwar Khan**

Revenue stamps are sold over the counters just like postage stamps. The purpose of the two are, however, quite different. Postage stamps are affixed to letters, postcards, money order forms, etc., as proof of prepayment for transmitting the same through the services of the postal department. On the other hand, the revenue stamps are used for paying tax levied on financial transactions.

Some countries, like the United Kingdom and its colonies, issued stamps that served both purposes. Others printed separate stamps for postage and revenue. The later practice is followed by Bangladesh.

When Bangladesh won its independence after a short but bloody liberation war in 1971, the war-ravaged country faced shortages of food, medicines and other life-saving materials. Coupled with these shortages was the need to restore normal trade and commerce, and, therefore, the need for revenue stamps was immediately felt.

Almost all post offices were damaged by the marauding occupation forces and official records and stocks of postage and fiscal stamps were ransacked and destroyed. To tide over the situation, stamps of Pakistan were salvaged and overprinted with the name of the new-born country, Bangladesh.

Table I

Summary of Bangladesh revenue stamps

Figure	Year of issue	Denomination	Color	Perforation	Printer	Topic
1	1972	15 paisa	red	13.5	Nasik Security Printing Press India	map, cartography
2	1974	15 paisa	red	13.5	[as 1]	numerals
3	1977	30 paisa	red	13.5	[as 1]	numerals
4	1978	30 paisa	red	14	Harrison and Sons	numerals scroll
5	1980	20 paisa on 30 paisa of 1978	black surcharge	14	Surcharged by Postal Printing Press, Bangladesh	numerals scroll
6	1981	50 paisa	red	14	Harrison and Sons	numerals scroll
7	1983	50 paisa	brown and pink	11	Mezdonarodh Niya Kniga, USSR	numerals eye, scroll
8	1987	50 paisa	purple	11	[as 7]	numerals, scroll, flora
9	1990	1 taka	violet-blue	11	[as 7]	tiger, fauna, water lily, flora, scroll
10	1991	2 taka	brown	14	Bangladesh Security Printing Press	water lily, flora
11	1994	4 taka	blue	14	[as 10]	water lily, flora
12	2002	4 taka	blue and pinkish	14	[as 10]	water lily, flora



Figure 1.



Figure 2.



Figure 3.



Figure 4.



Figure 5.



Figure 6.



Figure 7.



Figure 8.



Figure 9.



Figure 10.

These provisionals continued to be used until Bangladesh issued its first revenue stamp in 1972. (The overprinted provisionals are purposely left out of the purview of this article.)

Since 1972 Bangladesh has issued only thirteen revenue stamps mainly in order to cope with the rise in the tax rates. Their motifs are simple in design and do not pose any problem in classifying them according to their topics. The revenue stamps are all listed in Table I.



Figure 11.



Figure 12.

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Happy New Year!

I hope that all of you have a very successful 2005 and that you are able to find some great items for your collection. If you do find that special item, please consider writing an article about it and sending it to our editor for publication.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your membership. It has been a pleasure to speak or correspond with many of you this past year and to serve as your president. I would also like to recognize and thank our board members, editor, librarian, auctioneer and sales manager for the fine jobs they do. Without all of you, we would not have this wonderful organization.

Please keep up the good work in building fiscal philately by collecting, studying, exhibiting, and writing about revenue stamps.

National Postal Museum Revenue Stamps

The revenue stamp saga at the National Postal Museum continues. In a release posted on their website on December 17, they flip-flopped their decision to destroy the stamps and will now place a mark on them and offer them for sale. They offer no explanation for this decision, but I believe it is the direct result of the opposition to the destruction we have made known.

The decision to not burn the stamps is a step in the right direction. But marking the stamps is not the answer. There is no compelling reason to mark any of the stamps; it is just another form of destruction in that it destroys the market value of those that are marked, thereby manipulating the market value of those that are not marked. It is an attempt to create rarity where rarity does not exist.

Of the 1.1 million stamps that the museum now plans to mark, about 300,000 of them do not exist outside the museum in any manner or condition whatsoever. Of the remaining 800,000 stamps, which are all in mint condition, I estimate that about one-half of those are unknown in collectors hands in mint condition.

One has to wonder just how and why the museum officials arrived at the decision to mark the stamps. I believe it is simply bureaucratic arrogance. They finally realized, because of the public opposition to their plan to destroy stamps, that their plan was flawed. But their egos will not allow them to admit they are wrong because that would be an admission that somebody else is right.

Their solution? Create 1.1 million reminders of their arrogance for all of philatelic posterity by marking the stamps.

If the museum officials truly believe that marking any of the stamps is such a wonderful idea, then they should mark all of the stamps. Of course, doing so devalues the market value of the stamps tremendously. But then again, they have worked extremely hard this past year to devalue the stamps anyway.

The solution is so simple and obvious. Just sell all the stamps for the biggest price possible. The museum wins, the taxpayers win, and philately wins. What is so wrong with that?

The Matthew Bennett International auction of the first group of stamps to be sold is scheduled for February 12. It will be interesting to see how this release of the marked stamps will impact those being sold.

Of course, there is still time for the museum to do the right thing, which is to stop playing games and just sell all of the stamps without defacing them. They have already made two large steps in the right direction, so let's hope for the best.

'T Cleyn Segel

I just received two sample issues of this interesting journal published by our Dutch counterpart, the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Fiscale Filatelie. Both issues have many interesting articles on world revenue stamps. Membership is 20 Euros annually; there is a 5 Euro initiation fee. Contact their secretary, Oscar van der Vliet at <vliet307@wxs.nl> for further information.

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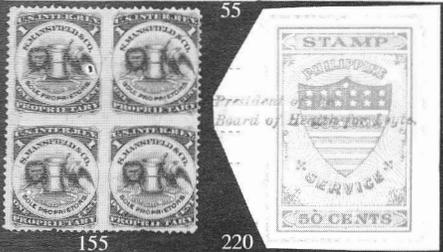


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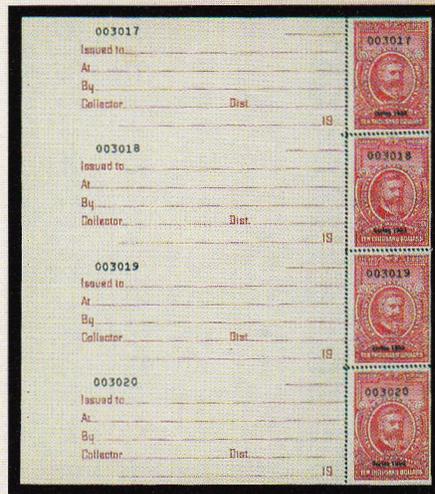
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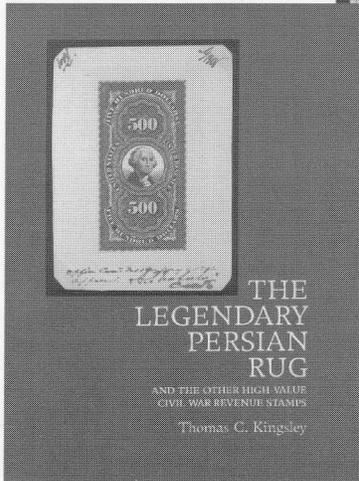
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