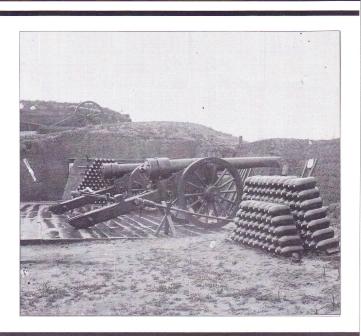


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The second seal started out as RD88, the \$60 green Stock Transfer Stamp featuring Howell Cobb. Cobb was the Secretary of the Treasury under President James Buchanan, 1857–60. The overprinted words "series 1940" were graphically removed from this stamp and, therefore, cannot be distinguished from this same base stamp printed through 1951. The serial number in the top tablet has also been removed and replaced by "NAPEX 2008" in one line also in black ink.

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Philippine Cattle Certification by John Hunt—Silver, ARA Silver and International Philippines Philatelic Society Eugene A. Garrett Award.

Ohio Taxation: No Taxation Even With Representation by Kimber Wald—Silver-Bronze, ARA Silver, SRS Silver.

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### Incoming Bills of Exchange, 1862 and 1863 rates

#### by Michael Mahler, ARA

Throughout the decade of broad documentary stamp taxes of the Civil War era commencing October 1, 1862, bills of exchange or other orders to pay, drawn outside the U.S. but payable within it, were liable to the same taxes as domestic bills of exchange or promissory notes. That is, if payable at sight, they were to be taxed at the 2¢ Bank Check rate, and if payable otherwise than at sight, at the Inland Exchange rate(s). The stamps were to be affixed upon payment, or acceptance for payment, by the party paying or accepting the instrument (Mahler 1988).

The original Inland Exchange taxes, comprised of ten separate rates from 5¢ to an open-ended rate of \$2.50 and above, had been in effect only a little over five months when they were abruptly replaced by a new set of rates on March 3, 1863. Moreover, the requisite Inland Exchange stamps had not been generally available for some weeks to months after the taxes took effect (Toppan et al 1899). The 30¢ and 5¢ values had been

first delivered by the printers October 21 and 23, 1862, respectively; the 10¢ and \$1.50 followed on November 15 and 26; with the exception of the \$2.50 and \$3.50, the remaining five denominations—15¢, 20¢, 40¢, 60¢ and \$1—were all delivered during the first week of December; and the two high values were delivered only on April 17, 1863, six weeks after the rate they were intended to pay had been eliminated! Given these data, it is not surprising that nearly all surviving documents taxed at the Inland Exchange 1862 rates were generated during a period of only about three months, from mid-December 1862 till mid-March 1863. Any example is a scarce item, and for the higher rates very few have been recorded (Mahler 1999).

In general, surviving incoming foreign bills or drafts taxed at the Inland Exchange rates are several orders of magnitude scarcer than domestic examples. In a previous survey only three incoming documents taxed at the 1862 rates had been recorded, all handwritten time drafts made in Peterboro, Canada, by John C.

Figure 1. The earliest of three previously known incoming Bills of Exchange, Dated January 12, 1863, this handwritten draft was made in Peterboro, Canada, for \$2,500 bears the correct tax of \$1 under the 1862 rate.



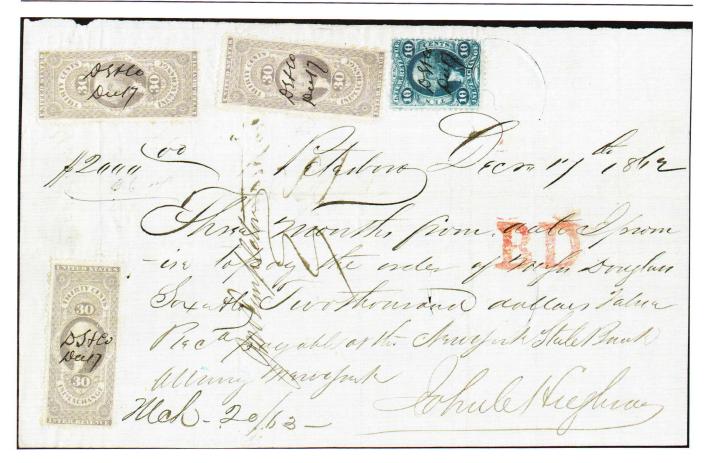


Figure 2. A fourth example of a Foriegn Bill of Exchange from the Hughson find, dated December 17, 1862. The cancel on the stamp is incorrectly dated the same day as the bill was executed and not the date of its acceptance.

Hughson, drawn on Douglass, Saxa & Co. of Albany, New York, for \$2,500, stamped on acceptance with \$1 Inland Exchange imperforates, correctly paying the tax for amounts above \$1,500 to \$2,500 (Mahler 1999). The earliest of these, dated January 12, 1863, is shown in Figure 1. Hughson & Co. were commission lumber merchants in Albany with extensive family connections and timber holdings in Canada. Figure 2 shows a fourth example from this find, dated December 17, 1862, bearing Inland Exchange  $30^{\circ}$  (x 3) and  $10^{\circ}$ . In all these cases, the cancel dates match the date of execution, not the date of acceptance as was required.

In the aforementioned census, among true incoming foreign bills of exchange—drafts made in sets of two or more—about 200 were listed from the "Danford Knowlton find" (see also Mahler 1995), all taxed at the 1864 rate of 5¢ per \$100;¹ also another dozen or so, drawn on seven different firms, taxed at the same 1864 rate; two made in Honolulu taxed at the 1863 rates (see also Mahler 2007); but none taxed at the short-lived 1862 rates.

1. Effective August 1, 1864.

It is my pleasure to report the existence of two incoming foreign bills taxed at the Inland Exchange 1862 rates. Figure 3 shows a First of exchange of Meyer, Ulmo & Co. of Matanzas, Cuba, drawn February 2, 1863, on Stevens Bros. of New York, for \$170 "New York Currency" payable 60 days after sight. Two 5¢ Inland Exchange correctly pay the 10¢ tax for amounts above \$100 to \$200, canceled "S. Bros Feb 21/63"; in the same hand, written vertically in the center of the bill, its acceptance for payment is also dated Feb. 21. Stevens Bros. were sugar brokers.<sup>2</sup>

Figure 4 shows a Second of exchange involving the same parties, made January 1, 1863, for \$832 at 60 days sight. A 40¢ Inland Exchange part perforate correctly pays the 40¢ tax for amounts above \$750 to \$1,000. The cancel date, January 9, 1863, again matches the date the bill was accepted. Paid Seconds are rare. These bills were from sets of three, the First and Second evidently sent for payment by different routes, the first to arrive

2. The same find included 1857 incoming bills from Cardenas, Cuba, drawn on Stevens, Angulo & Co., who were sugar brokers (http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/guides/sugresources. html); Stevens Bros. were similarly engaged.

being accepted and paid, the latecomer left unpaid, and the Third held in reserve. Nearly all paid incoming bills are Firsts.

### 1863 Rates

The Inland Exchange 1863 rates were similarly short-lived, in effect a little less than 17 months, from March 3, 1863, to August 1, 1864. There were six rates, dependent on the duration as well as the amount of the instrument, as follows:

Duration	Tax per \$200 or frac	tion
Up to 33 days (30 days	plus three days grace)	1¢
33 to 63 days		2¢
63 to 93 days		3¢
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to six months, three	days,	6¢
More than six months,	three days,	10¢
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Figure 5 shows a third recorded incoming foreign bill taxed at the Inland Exchange 1863 rates, a First of Fran-

Figures 3 and 4. Two incoming foreign bills of exchange incorrectly taxed at the 1862 Inland Exchange rate. The stamps on both bills are canceled the day the bill was accepted. The paid Second of exchange is unusual as normally the First was paid and the Second left unpaid.

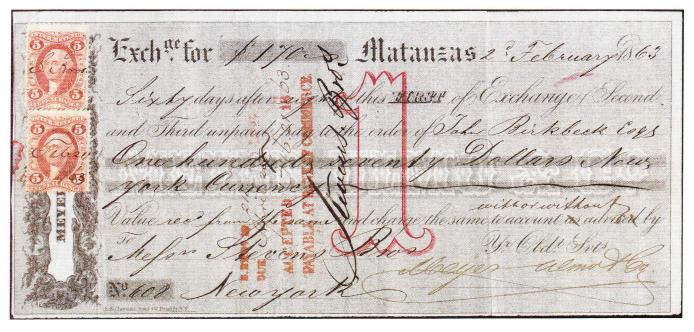






Figure 5. A third recorded incoming foreign bill of exchange incorrectly taxed at the 1863 inland rate.

Firure 6 (right). The reverse of the document above in Figure 5 bears a Cuban 2.50e Giro stamp.

cis Toscano, Havana, but drawn by Davis & Toscano, September 30, 1863, on Wm. Grove & Co., New York, for \$2,160.75 payable sixty days after sight. 20¢ Foreign Exchange and 2¢ Bank Check blue stamps correctly pay the 22¢ tax, canceled by "W. G. & Co. OCT 3 1863" datestamps. The bill was accepted by Grove & Co. October 5. On the reverse is a Cuba 2.50e Giro revenue, for amounts above 4,000 to 5,000 escudos, canceled by penstroke (Figure 6). Its presence is puzzling, since these stamps were not issued until 1868. However, the denomination is correct: one escudo was the equivalent of roughly 50¢ U.S.,<sup>3</sup> so \$2,160.75 was equivalent to about 4,300 escudos.

This bill is number 108 of Toscano, and 107 has also survived, made the same day and involving all the same parties, for \$2,850.50 at sixty days sight, stamped with 30¢ Inland Exchange canceled by the same "W. G. & Co." datestamp. It also bears a Cuba Giro on the reverse, again in the correct denomination.

Notations on the front of these bills furnish a possible explanation for the presence of the Cuban stamps.

\*\*Bills/21\*\*

3. In 1856 the real plata fuerte ("strong silver real") was valued at one tenth of the silver "piece of eight," and roughly equivalent to the U.S. dime. In 1866 a decimal currency based on the escudo was introduced, the escudo being valued at five reals plata fuerte (information courtesy of Donn Lueck).



### A negative tax?

### The 1890 License for Sugar Producer

#### by Alan Hicks, ARA

A "negative tax" sounds like a contradiction in terms, doesn't it? But when the Office of Internal Revenue, usually tasked with collecting taxes, issues a License and pays a Bounty to produce a commodity, it begins to make sense. This is the case with the License for Sugar Producer.

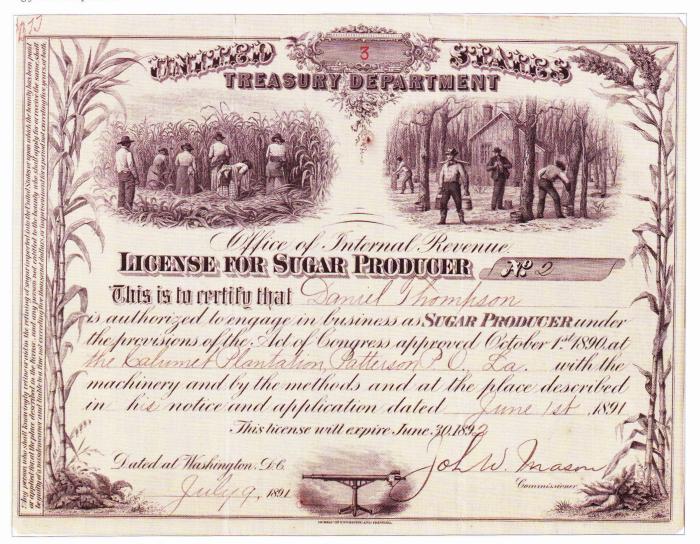
The story leading up to the Tariff Act of October 1, 1890, and the issuance of the License for Sugar Producer is an interesting one. It involves new technologies developed for sugar production in Europe, foreign trade competition, protective tariffs, the development of the

American sugar industry and complex political maneuvering.

In the early 1800s in the U.S. principal sugar production was from cane, grown mostly in Louisiana. Production followed the traditional methods of the Caribbean area. It was in Europe that technological developments, such as the use of the steam engine, greatly increased sugar output later in the 1840s and 1850s. The Tariff Act of 1842 offered protection to the American sugar industry from imports of cheaper European sugar.

In the 1860s and 1870s scientific advances in Germany led to more increases in sugar production, primar-

Figure 1. License for Sugar Producer number 2 and serial number 3. This was issued to Daniel Thompson of the Calumet Plantation, Patterson, Louisiana, where sugar was made from sugar cane. Calumet still exists and in 1984 was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is now a gift and antique store.



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Figure 2. A USIR form number 323, "Application For Weighing and Inspection." It was used by the sugar producer when he was ready for the I.R. Collector to weigh and inspect his sugar. This form was for maple syrup. (40% actual size)

Figure 3. A USIR form number 321, "Claim For Bounty." This is

the document used to claim the bounty and also served as a record of the sugar producer's operation, in this case for maple sugar. (56% actual size)

ily from sugar beets. These increases were stimulated not only be technological and scientific advances, but by bounty legislation, government payments to sugar

To meet this competition from Europe and the threat of cheaper imported sugar, there was a movement in the U.S. to make the country self-sufficient in sugar by employing a bounty and a protective tariff.

The Tariff Act of October 1, 1890, (26 Stat. 567, c. 1244) also known as the McKinley Act, became effective April 1, 1891. It allowed for a bounty to be paid on domestically produced sugar beginning July 1, 1891, through July 1, 1895. The bounty was to be two cents per pound on sugar that tested above 90 degrees on the Polariscope, an instrument used to measure sugar content. The bounty was 134 cents on sugar testing between 80 and 90 degrees. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue protested that the bounty program was not connected with the normal duties of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and recommended the program be transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture. (IRS Historical Fact Book 1993, 68) Nevertheless, the program remained

(IN DUPLICATE.)-Form No. 321 UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE PRODUCER'S RECORD OF MAPLE SUGAR AND CLAIM FOR BOUNTY. INSTRUCTIONS. UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE Every licensed producer of sugar from maple sap will keep a record of operations on this form in dupli-cate during the sugar season. Forms can be obtained from the Collector of Internal Revenue.
 All the data required under the various headings of Schedule No. this record must be entered daily during the season, be this record must be entered daily during the season, te-ginning with the first day on which trees are tapped.

3. If the form furnished by the Collector is for any reason insufficient to contain all the data required, the same may be kept on blank leaves properly ruled and attached to the record and made to constitute a part MAPLE SUGAR RECORD thereof.

4. For the purpose of this record a day shall be considered as beginning at 4 o'clock a. m. and ending at the same hour next morning.

5. When this record is completed at the close of the season, it should be footed, verified by affidavit, and both CLAIM FOR BOUNTY, SEASON OF 189 . copies forwarded to the Collector of Internal Revenue of copies forwarded to the Collector of Internal Revenue of the district. The Collector will retain one copy and forward the other to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue with the Weighers' and Inspectors' certificates, Forms 328 and 327, attached.

6. This record shall always be open to the inspection of any revenue officer, and care should be taken to keep the record to the control of the record to the record to the control of the record to Maple Sugar Producer. the record properly and in the manner prescribed, in order to facilitate consideration and action upon the claim for bounty,
7. If the sugar producer keeps for his own convenies License No. books containing a more extended record of the opera-tions of the factory they shall also be open to inspection District of in like manner.

8. The affidavit should be made by the proprietor or principal manager of the factory. It may be made before a Collector, Deputy Collector, or any officer authorized to administer oatis. It may be made before the Collector or Deputy Collector without fee. Where the affidavit is not taken before a Collector or Deputy Collector, it must be made before authorized to administer oaths generally. In the latter case, if the authority to administer oaths is not shown by official seal, it should be shown by certificate under official seal from competent authority.

27 Any person not entitled to the bounty who shall apply for or receive the same becomes guilty of a mispectic of the collector of the collection of the Greasury Department, OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE Evamined and recommended for approval for the sum of \$

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sand dollars or imprisonment not exceeding five years,

The Act went on to describe the procedure for obtaining the bounty. It required a lot of information and record keeping and may have discouraged some small producers from applying. Sugar Producers needed to file a notice with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue before July 1 of each year. This notice required the place of production, description of machinery used, methods employed, estimate of sugar to be produced, an application for a license, a bond for 50% of the estimated rebate and, in the case of maple sugar, the number of trees to be tapped! The minimum production requirement was 500 pounds. A license was to be valid for one year. See Figure 2 for an "Application for Weighing and Inspection" for maple sugar and Figure 3 for a "Claim For Bounty," also used for maple sugar.

The Act also stipulated that imported sugar, if produced with the aid of a bounty in the original country, would be subject to an import duty. Machinery imported for sugar production would be duty free. A duty of five cents per pound would be charged on candy or colored sugar valued at twelve cents or less per pound. The duty

Chief Sugar-Bounty Division.

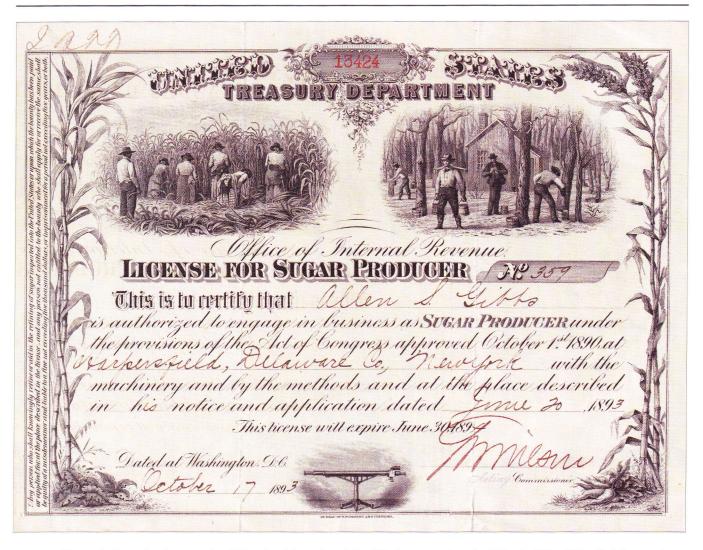


Figure 4. License for Sugar Producer number 359 and serial number 13424. This license was issued to Mien S. Gibbs of New York State and was certainly used for sugar produced from maple syrup.

on glucose was ¾ cents per pound. In the month before the law went into effect certain sugars could be refined in bond duty free.

The license itself (Figure 1) is a beautifully engraved document, produced by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Because its size and engraving is somewhat similar to Special Tax Stamps of the period, it is often confused with being one, which it is not. Where Special Tax Stamps for various taxed occupations and businesses were required in order to conduct business legally, the License for Sugar Producer was acquired voluntarily in anticipation of receiving a bounty from the government. No tax or fee was provided by the producer and if he chose to ignore the bounty program, he was free to do so and to continue in business.

The license was printed in black on tan double line USIR watermarked paper. The image measures 247~mm wide x 184~mm high, border to border. The overall docu-

ment measures 253 mm wide x 200 mm high. The predominant artwork is two vignettes of sugar production. In the upper left we see a scene of workers cutting sugar cane in a field. This is from die number 3743, engraved by William H. Dougal in 1891. The source of the image is an albumen photograph taken by George Francois Mugnier of New Orleans. The vignette in the upper right is of workmen tapping maple trees. This is from die number 3751, also engraved by Dougal in 1891. Correspondence with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Historical Resource Center in 2007 revealed that the text was engraved by George U. Rose Jr. and Edward E. Myers in 1891, on die number 3756.

The left side shows sugar cane; the right side shows sorghum and sugar beets. All were commercial sources of sugar. At the bottom is an image of a Polariscope, the instrument used to determine the sugar content of a liquid.

The license shown was issued to Daniel Thompson of Calumet Plantation, Patterson, Louisiana, where sugar was produced from sugar cane. It is serial number 3 and license number 2. Presumably, serial number 1 was put into an archive and serial number 2 became license number 1, and so serial number 3 became license number 2. It is dated July 9, 1891, and is signed by John W. Mason, Commissioner of Internal Revenue. It is the only copy seen so signed, as all others seen have been signed by Deputy or Acting Commissioner J. S. Miller, as evidenced by the rubber stamped "Deputy" or "Acting" before his signature. Later, when Miller became Commissioner, the rubber stamp designations for "Deputy" or "Acting" were no longer used or scraped off the license.

Apparently, Joseph S. Miller functioned as Deputy Commissioner under Commissioner Mason. After Mason's resignation on April 18, 1893, we see Miller signing as Acting Commissioner. This is confusing, as Miller became Commissioner on April 19, 1893, for the second time. (IRS Historical Fact Book 1993, 69) This would have left him no time to serve as Acting Commissioner, unless perhaps he was awaiting confirmation. He served until November 26, 1896.

Daniel Thompson was a noted Louisiana planter and his letters (Marquette 1940, 521–46) describe the difficulties, challenges and rewards of trying to make a yearly sugar crop. Weather, floods, labor problems, fever, lack of government concern and the high expense of new and up to date equipment were constant threats to successful sugar production in Louisiana.

His innovations included experiments to test various fertilizers and the early use of the Polariscope. He also installed the latest refining equipment available in order to remain competitive. Like other planters, he was a pawn in the maneuverings of Congress, politicians and business interests in the battles over free trade versus protective tariffs.

The Tariff Act of 1894, effective August 1, 1894, repealed the statute authorizing the payment of the sugar bounty, effective August 28, 1894. (28 Stat. 509,c. 349) Treasury Secretary Carlisle refused to pay the bounty for that reason. A case was heard before the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, which unanimously upheld the decision of the District Circuit Court not to compel the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to examine sugar produced preparatory to paying the bounty. The court pointed out that the legality of the original legislation, the McKinley Act of October 1, 1890, had never been tested in court, but that the underlying principal had been. The court stated that the government could not take property from citizens (tax revenue) and bestow it upon favored individuals (sugar producers). Since no specific tax had been levied to pay the bounty, the government could

not simply take the money from the public revenues. The court added that if such a bounty were allowed, even if considered for the general welfare of the United States, conceivably bounties could be paid to producers of wheat, corn, cotton, wool, coal, iron, etc. Does this sound quaint today? (Sugar Bounties 1895)

The 1894 Tariff Act also provided a 40% ad valorem tax in addition to a  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent per pound tax. If the imported sugar came from a country that paid its producers a bounty, an additional  $\frac{1}{10}$  cent per pound was charged. There were separate rates for molasses.

The Appropriations Act of March 2, 1895, (28 Stat. 910, c. 189) restored funds for the payment of the bounty. For sugar production prior to August 28, 1894, the bounty remained at the rates of two cents and 1¾ cents per pound. However, for sugar produced after August 28, 1894, through June 30, 1895, the bounty would be ¾ of a cent per pound for all sugars testing above 80 degrees. The power of Congress to provide this bounty was upheld in a Supreme Court decision in May of 1896. (U.S. Reports, vol. 163, 427)

In spite of the disagreements between those who favored free trade or tariff protection for struggling American industries, the sugar industry flourished both in the U.S. as well as world wide and the American in-

Quantities of licenses delivered by the BEP to the Bureau of Internal Revenue

FYE	Volumes	Sheets/stamps	Number per volume
6/30/1892 *	50	10,000	200
6/30/1893 <sup>†</sup>	750	15,000	20
Totals	800	25,000	
*Report BEP 1892 †Report BEP 1893			

Table II

Number of licenses issued to sugar producers\*

FYE	Total	Maple	Cane	Beet	Sorghum
6/30/1892	4,980	4,240	727	7	6
6/30/1893	6,753	6,095	650	6	2
6/30/1894	6,349	5,761	579	7	2
6/30/1895 <sup>†</sup>	154	7	?	?	?
Totals	18,236	16,096	1,956	20	10

<sup>\*</sup>Report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue 1892-1895

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Quantities reported for 1895 provide only the total number of licenses issued with no break down of the four categories of sugar producers.

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Figure 5. The only known unused License for Sugar Producer, serial number 23197. The stub from the bound book of licenses is still intact. Ex Weill.

dustry continued to need, and got, government support by way of tariffs, subsidies and price supports to this day. These Licenses For Sugar Producer are witnesses to that economic development and provide us with beautiful and scarce documents that illuminate the history of that development.

A total of 25,000 licenses were delivered to the Bureau of Internal Revenue and only 18,236 were issued. We can safely assume that the unused licenses were destroyed, save for the one example that was rescued. (see Figure 5) Of the more than 18,000 issued it seems odd

that only one to two dozen have survived (Table IV). Perhaps the many small producers were not efficient record keepers and their licenses were not saved. The larger corporations most certainly were better record keepers but their files were probably destroyed or otherwise lost when their operations ceased. Nevertheless, there is fertile ground out there for fiscal collectors to make new discoveries.

Although the greater number of licenses were issued to maple sugar producers, the greatest amount of bounty money was paid to cane sugar producers. The maple sugar producers were smaller businesses scattered throughout New England and the upper mid-west states, while the cane sugar producers were larger plantations, centered in Louisiana. These are the states where each type of sugar was principally produced (Report of the Commissioner 1892, 187–95).

Maple Sugar—Vermont, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania and to a lesser degree Maryland, West Virginia, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Cane Sugar—Louisiana and smaller amounts in Mississippi, Texas and Florida.

Beet Sugar—California and Nebraska followed by Utah, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Sorghum Sugar—Kansas and smaller amounts from Missouri, Minnesota and Michigan.

By knowing what state a license was issued for it is

#### Table III

### **Bounties paid to sugar producers**

FYE	Total	Maple	Cane	Beet	Sorghum
6/30/1892	\$ 7,342,078	\$ 2,466	\$7,077,316	\$240,099	\$22,197
6/30/1893	\$ 9,375,131	\$60,119	\$8,763,831	\$531,364	\$19,817
6/30/1894	\$12,100,209	\$116,122	\$11,114,600	\$852,175	\$17,312
6/30/1895	\$ 7,289,579	\$122,120	\$ 6,681,493	\$479,430	\$ 6,536
Total	\$36,106,997	\$300,827	\$33,637,240	\$2,103,068	\$65,862
	to August 27, 189	4, at 2 cents f	or 90 degrees pl	us, 1¾ cents fo	or 80 to 90
degrees					

August 28, 1894 to June 30, 1895, at 8 cents for 80 degrees plus

\*Report of the Commissioner 1897, 187-95.

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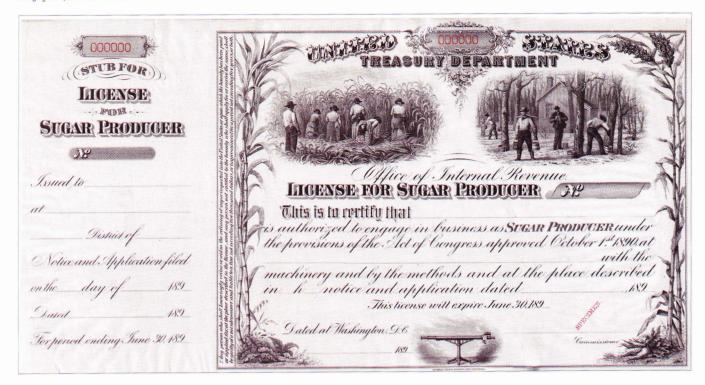
Figure 6. The only reported proof of a License for Sugar Producer, serial number 000000. Ex Joyce. (Turner ST3Sa)

possible to have a very good idea of what source was used for the sugar produced. Clearly, Vermont would have produced sugar from maple syrup.

All used licenses seen bear the manuscript initials

"IBTT" in the upper left margin. The handwriting seems uniform from one license to another and does not match the handwriting which has filled out the license or the Commissioner's signatures. I am not sure about

Figure 7. The only reported specimen of a License for Sugar Producer, serial number 000000. Note the red "specimen" handstamp in the lower right. Ex Joyce. (Turner ST3Sb



Known Licenses for Sugar Producers					
Serial No.	License No.	State	Date Signed	Signed by	
3	2	Louisiana	July 9, 1891	John W. Mason	Commissioner
4288	2035	Vermont	Dec. 16, 1891	J.S. Miller	Deputy Commissioner
8132	593	New York	Jan. 11, 1893	J.S. Miller	Deputy Commissioner
8578	1106	Vermont	Jan. 21, 1893	J.S. Miller	Deputy Commissioner
9208	750	Vermont	Jan. 14, 1893	J. S. Miller	Deputy Commissioner
9514		Vermont	Feb. 3, 1893	J.S. Miller	? Commissioner
10911	3036	Vermont	Feb. 2, 1893	J.S. Miller	<b>Deputy Commissioner</b>
13,424	359	New York	Oct. 17, 1893	J.S. Miller	Acting Commissioner
13,522	457	New York	Oct. 17, 1893	J.S. Miller	Acting Commissiorter
15,665	1234	Vermont	Dec. 22, 1893	J.S. Miller	blank Commissioner
23,197					

the meaning of it but speculate that it was an internal control at the Bureau of Internal Revenue, where all licenses were processed. (Report of the Commissioner 1895, 181)

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### Seals: NAPEX/ARA seals now available by mail/from page 2

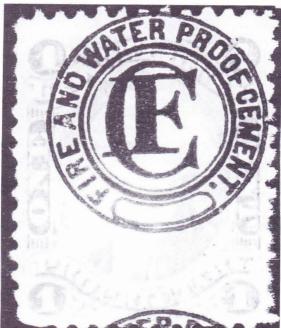
The perforated and gummed pane is about 7 x 6 inches and has top and bottom inscriptions with the serial number in the lower right corner.

Seals were sold at the NAPEX show. The ARA is now selling unsold panes by mail. Orders (including request's for specific numbered panes) are being accepted at: NAPEX, P.O. Box 1312, Falls Church, VA 22041. Seals are \$1 each and panes \$12.50 each. Include a stamped, return-addressed envelope with orders for

loose stamps and \$1.50 extra for mailing full flat panes. Make checks payable to NAPEX. Expenses have been recovered and all profits are being split between the ARA and NAPEX.

This is the third Cinderella seal issued by NAPEX. The other two were printed in 1950 and 2000 in conjunction with the first NAPEX and its fifieth anniversary. The 1950 seal is now scarce.





Figures 1 and
2. First Issue
1¢ Proprietary
stamps with the
printed FC monogram. The offcenter cancel on
Figure 2 indicates
the alignment
and spacing of
the impressions
would be from
a printing plate
designed to cancel
the 1¢ stamps.

### Fire and water proof cement

By Michael J. Morrissey, ARA

The FC monogram Fire and Water Proof Cement cancel on the First Issue 1¢ Proprietary, Scott R3c, shown here in Figure 1, has been well known to collectors for well over a century. As a general rule, in reading monograms, the small letter is read first and the larger letter last. Whether the FC is the initials of the person or firm or whether it is merely the initials for Fireproof Cement is not presently known and the user of the particular precancel has never been identified. It is one of only a handful of printed precancels that are fancy or figural rather than the typical straight lines of type. The exact method of its creation is unknown and may have been by lithography or electrotopy. At any rate there can be no doubt that it was created in a printing press by the use of a multiple cliché or multiple position plate of an unknown number of subjects. The incontrovertible evidence of this fact is shown here in Figure 2. It is an example of an off-center application of the cancel, causing a splitting of an impression at the bottom of the subject stamp so that the cancel's top portion falls on the bottom of the stamp which includes a primary impression of its own above that. The alignment and spacing of the impressions is precisely consistant and if one does the measurements between the impressions, it is clear that the plate was designed to create an impression directly upon the center of each stamp the exact size of the 1¢ Proprietary, the only stamp upon which this precancel is known to exist.

It should also be noted that each stamp upon which the cancel is found is usually on the thin old paper in the dull reds of the earlier printings. None are known on the imperforate or partly perforated 1¢. Likewise, none are used on stamps with thicker and softer papers and deeper hues of later printings. This tends to establish the period of usage between 1863 and 1865. Later than the earliest printings, but earlier than the middle and late period printings.

Clearly, these stamps were used to pay a proprietary tax. The Act of July 1, 1862, which took effect October 1, 1862, often called the Civil War Revenue Act, established numberous taxes, some of which were payable by adhesive stamps. It was this stamp tax that the First Issue of revenue stamps were created to pay. There were two schedules for stamp-taxable items. The first was Schedule B, which provided for a tax on a huge array of legal documents. Schedule C provided an excise tax on products deemed fraudulent, frivolous, or morally damnable. These originally were: a.) patent medicines, b.) cosmetics including perfume, and c.) playing cards.

If the fire and water proof cement was taxable under schedule C, exactly what product line did it fall under?

Fire and water proof cement has been around for quite some time and there is probably more than one formulary. Nonetheless, at least on of the recipes can be found in a book called *Scientific Secrets* by Rowsell Ellis published in 1861 and reads generally as follows:

To half a pint of milk add half a pint of vinegar to

curdle it; then separate the curd from the whey, and mix the whey with four or fiveeggs; beating the whole well together; when it is well mixed, add a little quick-lime through a sieve, until it has acquired the consistence of a thick paste. This is a prime article for cementing marble, in or out of the weather. It is excellent for broken vessels, & etc.

In all probability, the product upon which our subject stamps paid the tax probably followed this formula, or one like it very closely. Clearly, such a compound was not akin to a pack of playing cards. Nor could one possibly confuse this product with a patent medicine. Could glue or adhesive cement be considered a perfume or a cosmetic? Absolutely not! Where then did this product fit into the Propriety Tax Schedule?

To find the answer to this puzzle, we must go not just to the law itself, but to the rulings of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue interpreting the law. Let us first look at the language of Schedule C, i.e. the law, to see if we can better understand Congress's intent.

#### Schedule C

**Medicines or preparations.**—For and upon every packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, con-

taining any pills, powders, tinctures, troches or lozenges, syrups, cordials, bitters, anodynes, tonics, plasters, liniments, salves, ointments, pastes, drops, waters, essences, spirits, oils, or other preparations or compositions whatsoever, [emphasis added] made or sold, or removed for consumption and sale, by any person or persons whatever, wherein the person making or preparing the same has, or claims to have, any private formula or occult secret or art for the making or preparing the same, or has, or claims to have, any exclusive right or title to the making or preparing the same, or which are prepared, uttered, vended, or exposed for sale under any letterspatent, or held out or recommended to the public by the makers, vendors, or proprietors thereof as proprietary medicines, or as remedies or specifics for any disease, diseases, or affec-

tions whatever affecting the human or animal body, as follows: where such packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, with its contents, shall not exceed, at the retail price or value, the sum of twenty-five cents, one cent .01¢

Where such packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, with its contents, shall exceed the retail price or value of twenty-five cents, and not exceed the retail price or value of fifty cents, two cents. .02¢

When such packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, with its contents, shall exceed the retail price or value of seventy-five cents, three cents. .03¢

When such packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other

enclosure, with its contents, shall exceed the retail price or value of seventy-five cents, four cents. .04 c

When such packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, with its contents, shall exceed the retail price or value of one dollar, for each and every fifty cents or fractional part thereof over and above one dollar, as before mentioned, an additional two cents. .02¢

Perfumery and cosmetics—For and upon every packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, containing any essence, extract, toilet water, cosmetic, hair oil, pomade, hairdressing, hair restorative, hair dye, toothwash, dentifrice, tooth paste, aromatic cachous, or any similar articles, by whatsoever name the same heretofore have been, now are, or may hereafter be called, known, or distinguished, used or applied, or to be used or applied as perfumes or applications to the hair, mouth, or skin, made, prepared, and sold or removed for consumption and sale in the United States, where such packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, with its contents, shall not exceed at the retail price or value the sum of twenty-five cents, one cent .01¢

Where such packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, with its contents, shall exceed the retail or value of twenty-five cents, and shall not exceed the retail price or value of fifty cents, two cents. .02¢

Where such packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, with its contents, shall exceed the retail or value of fifty cents, and shall not exceed the retail price or value of seventy-five cents, three cents. .03¢

Where such packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, with its contents, shall exceed the retail or value of seventy-five cents, and shall not exceed the retail price or value of one dollar, four cents. .04¢

Where such packet, box, bottle, pot, phial, or other enclosure, with its contents, shall exceed the retail price or value of one dollar, for each and every fifty cents or fractional part thereof over and above the one dollar, as mentioned, an additional two cents. .02¢

Playing Cards—For and upon every pack of whatever number, when the price per pack does not

exceed eighteen cents, one cent .01¢

Over eighteen cents and not exceeding twenty-five cents per pack, two cents .02¢

Over twenty-five and not exceeding thirty cents per pack, three cents.  $.03 \, \text{¢}$ 

Over thirty and not exceeding thirty-six cents per pack, four cents .04  $\ensuremath{\varepsilon}$ 

Over thirty-six cents per pack, five cents .05¢

Clearly, this schedule applies to patent or proprietary medicines, cosmetics and playing cards and none other; or does it. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in the person of George Sewall Boutwell, whose continu-

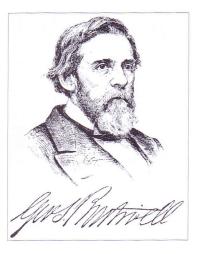


Figure 3. George Sewall Boutwell, Commissioner of Inernal Revenue, whose October 1863 decision expanded the items taxed under Schedule C.

ance may be seen in Figure 3, ruled otherwise. In October 1863 Mr. Boutwell released Decision No. 26 to the public. It reads in pertinent part as follows:

The stamp duties imposed in the first paragraph of Schedule C, in the act of July 1, 1862, having been deemed by many persons to apply only to proprietary medicines, it becomes necessary to call the attention of manufacturers and dealers to the true interpretation of said schedule.

In section 99, the subjects of the duty imposed in said schedule are spoken of as "proprietary articles;" in section 107 and they are described by the words "drugs, medicines, preparations, compositions, articles, or things;" in the proviso to section 109 and they are described as "medicines, preparations, and compositions;" in section 110 they are spoken of as "articles or commodities." In the first paragraph under Schedule C the articles or commodities made subject to stamp duty are distributed in four classes, as follows:

1st. Any preparation or composition whatsoever wherein the person making or preparing the same has, or claims to have, any private formula or occult secret or art for the making or preparing the same.

2d. Any preparation or composition whatsoever wherein the person making or preparing the same has, or claims to have, any exclusive right or title to the making or preparing the same.

3d. Any preparation or composition whatsoever which is prepared, uttered, vended, or exposed for sale under any letters patent.

4d. Any preparations or composition whatsoever which is held out or recommended to the public by the makers, vendors, or proprietors thereof, as a proprietary medicine, or as a remedy or specific for any disease, diseases, or affections whatever affecting the human or animal body.

The descriptions contained in these four clauses embrace four distinct classes of commodities, and the first three are by no means to be treated as a mere limitation upon the fourth. The fourth class is limited and qualified by the proviso in section 107, which must be construed as heretofore explained in Decision No. 114. The mere fact of the publication of a formula in one of the text-books or journals specified in that section will not exempt a preparation, compounded according to such formula, from stamp duty, when the fact of such publication is ignored, and the claim to a private formula, or occult secret or art, is distinctly set forth upon the labels and wrappers accompanying the preparation, as is usually the case with such preparations as Godfrey's Cordial, Betton's British Oil, Turlington's Balsam of Life, Lee's Billious Pills, & c.

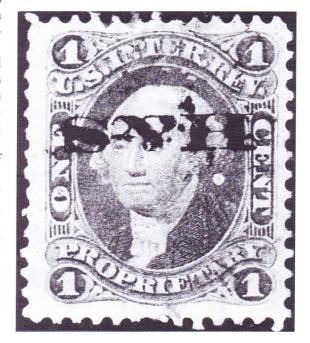
All articles belonging to either of the first three classes, such as ink's blackings, *cements*, (emphasis added) sauces, flavoring extracts, polishes, culinary preparations, or compositions of any nature whatsoever, which purport to have been prepared under any private formula, or occult secret or art, or in the making of which

the maker claims any exclusive right or title, or which are prepared under any letters patent, are as fully subject to the stamp duty as those in the fourth class.

Clearly, the Commissioner was being overly aggressive in his revenue enhancement technique. There is a rule of statutory construction known as *in pari materia*, which is Latin and literally translated as, "in regard to the same matter." Statutes or related portions of statutes are to be read together and construed jointly, the legal presumption being that the legislative body intended that the law's meaning is best understood in its entire context rather than by separate compartments, which in certain

circumstances would result in ridiculous interpretations.

Mr. Boutwell flouted this principle and as a result demanded additional tax tribute from proprietors of products never targeted by Congress. Mr. Boutwell decided that since the word "medicinal" had not been inserted prior to the word "preparations" in Schedule C, that he



was free to assume that Congress intended to tax any compound of any product claimed to be proprietary in nature. This, despite the clear language listing medicinal product after medicinal product, with nary a mention of any other sort of products such as these named by the Commissioners in Decision 126. This had the effect of a usurpation of legislative authority by the executive branch. What is that French saying? The more things change, the more they stay the same.

As a result of the overly aggressive revenue enhancement posture by Commissioner, a series of compounds not intended by Congress fell subject to the proprietary tax. This lasted for a period of eleven months and possibly a bit longer due to slight delays in promulgation of the change. On June 30, 1864 Congress passed an amended revenue act that was to take effect for most provisions, including the one at issue here, on August 1, 1864. In it, Schedule C was amended by adding the word "medicinal" before the word "preparations". This

Fire & waterproof/21

Figure 4. The cancel used by Howe and Stevens, dyemakers from Boston, whose product was taxed as the result of Decision 126.

### A tale of two foundries

By D.A. Woodworth, Jr., ARA

I have an irresistible weakness for neat cancellations on First Issue revenue stamps. I especially like those



Figure 1. R15c with Mar 18 1865 date.

combining the name of a firm with that of a state and city. I enjoy this to the point where I have currently categorize such stamps by state, city and type. Doing this, I have discovered that I have strikes for every state in the Union at the time of the Civil War except Minnesota and Oregon and every state of the Confederacy except Arkansas. The greatest treat when hunting cancels is to find a stamp canceled in one of the (former) Confederate states prior to cessation of hostilities in April 1865. These tend to be a bit scarce, so it's

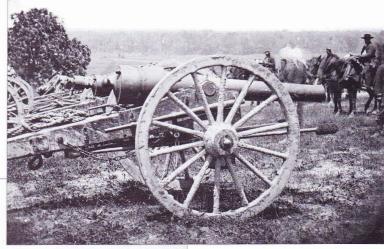
always fun when one turns up.

I am always curious to know more about cancels that I find. Therein lies the "Tale of two foundries." Some years ago, on March 6, 1999, to be specific, I let

out a small whoop at a local stamp show when I found an inexpensive R15c USIR bearing a blue oval hand-stamped cancel "Robert P. Parrot / Cold Springs, N.Y. / Mar / 18 / 1865" (Figure 1). My dealer friend's immediate response was "OK, Woodworth, what have you swindled me out of now?" I laughed and replied—"Nothing Ron, I've just made a very interesting connection."

Students of the Civil War have undoubtedly heard of Parrott rifled guns—the highly accurate rifled cannons made in a wide variety of sizes that could fire projectiles weighing from ten (most common) to 300 pound to distances of up to several miles (Figure 2). Parrott rifles had a unique appearance occasioned by the wrought iron reinforcing band shrunk onto the breech end of the cast iron barrel and intended to provide greater strength at the point where the weapons powder charge was exploded.

Parrott rifles were very accurate but suffered a poor reputation for safety, with their barrels prone to explode forward of the wrought iron reinforcing area. Preferred by Civil War artillerists were the wrought iron three-inch Ordnance Rifles, which did not have this nasty tendency. The Parrott's, with their high muzzle velocity and accuracy, were considerably cheaper to manufacture than the Ordnance Rifles, so high accuracy and lower cost resulted in a compromise that saw a very large number of them manufactured during the course of the Civil War. Many Parrott rifles still exist on Civil War battlefields today.



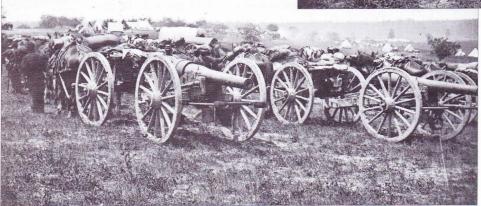


Figure 2a and 2b. Twenty-pound rifled Parrott guns belonging to the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Pettit's Battery. The rifling grooves can be seen in the gun's muzzle (left). These guns have the charateristic wrought iron band shrunken onto bye breech end of the barrel (above). Photo by James Gibson, June 1862, near Richmond, Virginia, during the Peninsular Compaign. (Library of Congress)

What students may not know is that these rifled guns were developed and manufactured by the same Robert

Parrott (Figure 3) of Cold Springs, New York, whose cancellation appears on the R15c that I bought.

Cold Spring is a picturesque small village on the east bank of the Hudson River just upstream from the military citadel of West Point on the west bank. It is the site of the West Point foundry (1817-1911), in its heyday one of the early "Silicon Valleys" of American industry. It produced some of the earliest locomotives built in the United States, pipe for the New York City water system, and a huge amount of ordnance in support of the Union during the Civil War. Robert Parker Parrott (1804-1877), a graduate of the West Point Military Academy and former Army officer, was superintendent (and later head of the entire plant) during its most productive period from 1837-67. It

was during his tenure that the Parrot rifle was developed and popularized.

At least one of the foundry buildings still exists (in rather decrepit condition when I visited some years ago). Considerable archaeological investigation/preservation work is currently being done by the Scenic Hudson Land Trust in conjunction with Michigan Technical University. There is an interesting little museum in Cold Springs (the Foundry School Museum at 63 Chestnut Street) where one can learn more about Robert Parrot, the West Point Foundry, and the many products it made. Peak activity occurred during the Civil War, when this foundry produced about 2,000 cannon and some three million shells for the Union army.

While New York cancels are quite plentiful, those from North Carolina definitely are not. I own only two. My most recent acquisition was on an R6c with a black circular hand-stamped cancel reading "Hart & Bailey / Wilmington, N.C. / Oct / 10 / 1867" (Figure 4). While I immediately recognized the name of Robert Parrott when I saw it in connection with the Cold Springs, New York, cancel, I certainly had no idea who Messrs. Hart & Bailey were on the Wilmington stamp. I did know that Wilmington was the last open port of the Confederacy and that this vital shipping lifeline was guarded by the powerful Ft. Fisher until it fell to a combined assault of the Union Army and Navy in January 1865. Loss of this important life-line for supplies presaged the ultimate defeat of the Confederacy only three months later. It was thus reasonable to assume that Hart & Bailey played some part in the commercial life of the city.

A bit of research revealed who Messers Hart & Bailey

were. Mr. Levi Hart and Mr. John C. Bailey were the founders and proprietors of the Hart & Bailey Iron Works (1859–92), which later became the Wilmington Iron Works. Hart & Bailey went through a number of name changes during their corporate existence, being variously called Hart, Bailey & Co., Burr & Bailey, and Burr & Bailey Co. before becoming the Wilmington Iron Works.

The iron works made beautiful decorative iron work that still graces some of the preserved historical homes in Wilmington. In addition to decorative and practical iron work, the company undoubtedly made iron products to further the cause of the Confederacy. This is borne out by an interesting item found in the Southern Claims Commission Disallowed Claims Index

Digest of Disallowed Claims, No. 14695.

Figure 3. Robert Parker Parrott (1804-

1877), graduate of U.S. Military Acad-

emy, Class of 1824 and Superintendent

of West Point Foundry (1837-67).

Claim of Hart & Bailey, of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, 1877.

For work and labor done and materials supplied the Army of the United States \$424.75

Remarks. Claimants owned a foundry in Wilmington, which was run for the most part to supply the confederacy with articles in their line. Part of these articles were paid for, but Bailey swears there was several hundred thousand dollars due when the war closed. In

view of this fact we are not satisfied with the sufficiency of the evidence in support of their loyalty, and therefore reject the claim.

Presumably, this work would have done between the time that Wilmington was captured by Union forces on Wednesday, February 22, 1865, and the end of hostilities in April of the same year. Apparently the proprietors did not rehabilitate themselves quickly enough and therefore ended up being out their claim against the Federal government as well as the much larger amount owed by the erstwhile Con-

federate government.

I was unable to learn if any vestiges of the works remain, though I did find that the home of one of the

partners was located at the northeast corner of South

Figure 4. R6c with Oct 10 1867 date.

Foundries/24

### The American Revenue Association

### President's Letter

Philately lost a wonderful friend and supporter on April 18 with the passing of Robert H. Cunliffe of Pittsburgh, Pa., at the age of 83.

Bob was a WWII veteran having served as a B-17 pilot stationed in England. His plane was shot down by enemy fire over Belgium in which he was injured and for which he received the Purple Heart. He later flew for the Air Transport Command. Bob was past president of the 388th Bomb Group Association and a member of the Delaware Medal of Honor Society and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was a volunteer for Sharing and Caring, an organization that provides assistance to hospitalized veterans.

Professionally, Bob was a stock broker for over 50 years specializing in life insurance company stocks. He was still working at the time of his death.

Bob was an avid philatelist his entire life. He built one of the finest collections of U.S. Revenue stamps ever formed as well as a spectacular collection of inverts of the world. His interest in inverts was sparked by his acquisition of the revenue stamp inverted centers of the 1870s.

One achievement in which he took a lot of pride was his winning the first American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately Champion of Champions competition in 1968 with his exhibit of Nineteenth Century U.S. Revenues. This was a tremendous feat at the time for a revenue stamp exhibit.

Bob was also a very active judge at stamp shows for many years and was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the establishment of the Revenue Class of the FIP for international exhibitions. He was a member of the Club de Monte Carlo, the American Philatelic Society and the American Revenue Association.

Personally, I met Bob about thirty-five years ago, when I was getting started in the stamp business in a



serious way. He was very helpful in many ways, including philatelic and business, and some of the practices I follow today I learned from him.

Bob was predeceased by his wife Carolyn in 1996. She was a special person who traveled with him extensively to stamp shows in the U.S. and abroad. The American Revenue Association remembers her annually with the Carolyn Cunliffe Memorial Award that is given to the most popular revenue stamp exhibit at our annual convention. He is survived by their children, Frank, Susan and John, and four grandchildren.

Eric Jackson

### Secretary's Report

### **Applications for Membership**

In accordance with Article 4, Section 2(c) as amended December 31, 1979, of the ARA By-laws, the following have applied for membership in the ARA. If the Secretary receives no objections to their membership by the last day of the month following publication the applicants will be admitted to membership. **CHANDLER, STEVEN C 5562.** 

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INGENITO, MARK 7013. 716 Oak Way, Havertown PA 19083. Proposed by: Eileen Trettin. Canada, Canada-Provincials, United States, US-Non-Scott Listed.

MASSEO, GEORGE P 7019. 1 Chadwick Rd, White Plains NY 10604. Proposed by: Martin Richardson

1507. United States.

RODGERS, GREG 7015. 1045 Santa Inez, Soledad CA 93960. British Commonwealth, UK-Adhesive, UK-Colonies, UK-Embossed, United Kingdom.

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### Dropped-Non-Payment of Dues

448 GIACOMELLI, ANTHONY

### Bills: Cuban stamp issued five years after bill 108 was written/from 7

At the far left of bill 108 is written "1865 Oct 25 Recd. from Cyrus Curtiss Esqr Receiver \$8582 30/100 on account of the judgments received on this Bill & Bills No 92, 101, 102 & 100 107. Noy & Stocker by Wright...Atty." Bill number 107 has a similar notation, with "107" replaced by "108." Noy & Stocker were the payees on both bills 107 and 108, and presumably on the others as well. As shown in Figure 6, Noy & Stocker endorsed the bills to Peter V. King & Co. (note the small "P.V.K. & Co" blue handstamp, Figure 5), but notations of payment are conspicuously absent. Both bills show evidence of having been attached to other documents, probably relating to legal proceedings: bill number 108 has a wafer seal on reverse, and number 107 has a small internal piece missing in the same area. We know court proceedings lasted at least until October 1865; might they have taken till 1868 or later to be finally resolved? If so, the Giros might have been affixed in an attempt to ensure that the bills met all legal requirements. It is difficult to imagine how documents executed in 1863 could be subject to a tax that did not exist until 1868,4

but the correct denominations of the stamps argue that their usage was contemporary and genuine.

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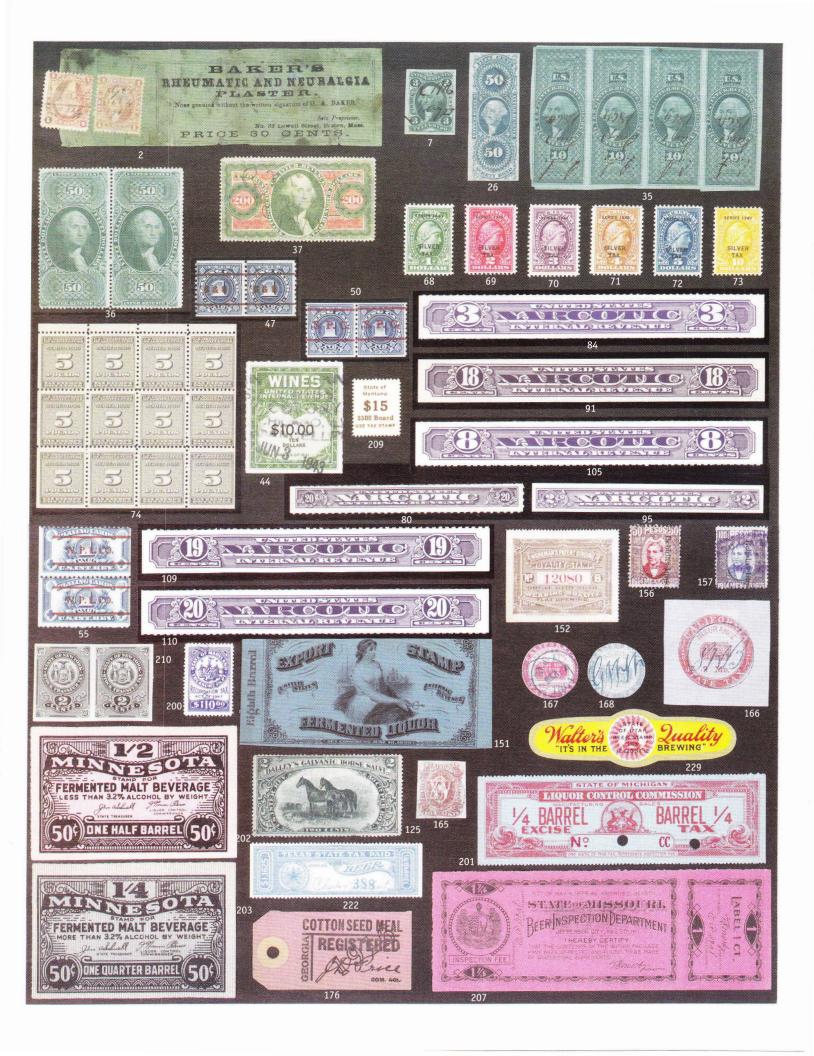
4. Forbin lists no Giro issues prior to those of 1868.

### Fire & waterproof: Decision 126 had far-reaching effects/from 17

remedial legislation finally removed glue and dyes (other than hair dye) and other non-medicinal compounds or preparations from the proprietary tax law.

The greatest implication to stamp collectors seems to be in the problem with identification of the users of certain proprietary cancels during this odd tax interlude. The pool of potential proprietors subject to the tax would have increased significantly making identification of certain cancels, usually composed of little more

than initials and date, considerably more difficult. It also explains the H & S precancel also found only on the early printings of the 1¢ Proprietary of the First Issue, an example of which is shown here in Figure 4. It is that of Howe and Stevens, dyemakers of Boston. Their dyes were not used for cosmetic purposes, but for dying fabrics and therefore, but for Decision 126, would never have been subject to the proprietary stamp tax.



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0	f invoice. I accept American Express, Discover, Mastercard, an	d Visa.	Pennsylvania residents will have 6% sales tax ac	lded to their		Fertilizer Tags AL F
p	urchases. All stamps are in used con	ndition	unless noted as mint.			ARIZONA Fertiliz
	UNITED STATES - Scott Catalogue Numbers	1				ARKANSAS Beer
	CHILD STATES - Scott Catalogue Numbers	62	RG43 unused, no gum, F-VF	\$27.50		Feed Tags AR FET
1	First Issue Revenue Stamps R1b F-VF corner crease	63	RG44 unused, no gum, VF	\$30.00 \$27.50		AR FET2 unused, V
	\$40.00	65	RG45 unused, no gum, VF RG46 unused, no gum, VF	\$47.50	165	CALIFORNIA Do
2	R3c two examples on a Baker's Rheumatic and Neuralgia	66	RG47 unused, no gum, VF	\$47.50	166	PHOTO Bill of Lading CA I
2	Plaster label, F small faults PHOTO	67	RG48 unused, no gum, F-VF	\$47.50	100	unused, cut to shape
3	R6c on Bank of New York, Columbia College bank check. 1863. Autographed on back by Charles Anthon,	68	RG49 unused, no gum, F-VF PHOTO	\$175.00	167	Bill of Exchange Ca
	classicist & author. VF	69	RG50 unused, no gum, VF PHOTO	\$275.00		cut, used, D & B h/s
4	R7a horizontal pair, VF light crease in left stamp \$45.00	70 71	RG51 unused, no gum, XF PHOTO	\$350.00 \$675.00		Insurance CA DN1
5	R14c on the back of a CDV of a young man. C.H.	72	RG52 unused, no gum, VF PHOTO RG53 unused, no gum, VF PHOTO	\$800.00		CA DN62a SHB Co
6	Williamson's gallery, Brooklyn, N.Y., F-VF \$60.00+	72 73	RG54 unused, no gum, F-VF PHOTO	\$925.00		CA DN67 SHB Con FLORIDA Liquor
6	R17c on the back of a tintype of a young man standing with a chair, Jordan's New Style Pictures. New London,	74	Tax Exempt Potatoes RI15a booklet pane of twe		1771	small flaws
	Conn. F-VF age spots	7.5	mint, F-VF PHOTO	\$450.00	172	GEORGIA Cotton
7	R19a XF PHOTO \$80.00	75 76	R116a booklet pane of twelve, mint, F	\$450.00		VF not listed in the
8	R19c used on a Telegram. Lenox., Mass. F-VF age	77	Narcotic Tax RJA49b mint, VF RJA53b mint, VF	\$10.00 \$21.00		GA CST3 unused, V
0	stain at LL	78	RJA56b mint, VF	\$10.50	174	GA CST4 unused, V GA CST5 unused, V
9	R34e tied by embossed cancel to The Farmers' Mutual Fire Assurance Assoc. of New Jersey policy, 1870, VF	79	RJA57b mint, VF	\$26.00		GA CST3 unused, V
10		80	RJA58b mint, VF PHOTO	\$200.00		Fertilizer Tags GA
	stamp \$34.00	81	RJA59b mint, VF	\$10.50 \$20.00		new catalog
11	R36b block of four, F crease in top pair \$80.00	82 83	RJA60b mint, VF RJA61a mint, VF	\$52.50		GA FTT3 unused, V
12	R40b vertical strip of three, F crease in center stamp \$62.50	84	RJA61b mint, VF PHOTO	\$350.00		GA FTT9 unused, V
13	R41a VF \$75.00 R42a horizontal pair, VF light crease \$50.00	85	RJA62b mint, VF	\$26.00	180	ILLINOIS Liquor IOWA Feed Tags I
15	R42a horizontal pair, VF fight clease \$30.00 R45a horizontal pair, VF corner crease \$70.00	86	RJA63b mint, VF	\$21.00		IA FET1A 50 lbs., u
16	R49a horizontal pair, F-VF crease between stamps \$200.00	87	RJA64b mint, VF	\$47.50		catalog
17	R51a SON red h/s, F-VF \$120.00	88 89	RJA65a mint, VF RJA66b mint, VF	\$26.00 \$15.00		IA FET4 unused, VI
18	R52b blue oval h/s, F-VF \$75.00		RJA67b mint, VF	\$10.00		IA FET16 unused, VI
19	R54a vertical pair, VF creases \$100.00 R54c tied by black h/s to an Entry of Merchandise.	91	RJA68a mint, XF PHOTO	\$250.00	186	IA FET16 unused, V IA FET19A black P
20	Custom House, Philadelphia. 1869. VF		RJA69a mint, VF	\$16.00		KANSAS Feed Tag
21	R54e, R23c tied by blue h/s to a Lease from the Morris		RJA71b mint, VF	\$21.00 \$125.00		abrasion at left
	Canal & Banking Co. Hudson, New Jersey, 1869, VF		RJA78b mint, VF RJA80a mint, VF PHOTO	\$375.00		KS FET2 unused, V
22	R55d F crease \$80.00		RJA81b mint, VF	\$10.00	189	KS FET3 unused, V
23 24 25	R58a VF \$40.00 R59a horizontal strip of four, VF horizontal crease \$200.00	97	RJA83b mint, VF	\$10.50		KS FET16 unused, V KS FTT1 unused, V
25	R62b VF crease \$160.00		RJA85b mint, VF	\$50.00 \$10.50		KENTUCKY Expo
26	R63a VF light crease PHOTO \$275.00		RJA86b mint, VF RJA87b mint, VF	\$4.25		creases PHOTO
27	R64b horizontal pair, VF crease \$150.00		RJA91b mint, VF	\$15.00		Wine KY W4 mint,
28 29	R65d F-VF crease \$90.00 R67a horizontal strip of five, F-VF small tear & ink	102	RJA92b mint, VF	\$52.50	194	KY W5 mint, VF PF KY W6 mint, VF PF
29	erosion hold in second stamp \$342.50		RJA93b mint, VF	\$125.00		LOUISIANA Fertil
30	R72a horizontal pair, SON black h/s & ms. cancels, VF		RJA94b mint, VF RJA94Ab mint, VF PHOTO	\$52.50		torn at left
	crease at top, tiny tear between stamps \$120.00		RJA95b mint, VF	\$125.00		LA FTT6 used, F-V
31	R73c F \$200.00 R75a on a release to the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. to		RJA96b mint, VF	\$60.00		LA FTT10 used, F-\ LA FTT14 used, F-\
32	build a tunnel in the Third Ward of Pittsburgh. 1863.		RJA97b mint, VF	\$21.00		MARYLAND Reco
	F-VF \$90.00		RJA98b mint, VF PHOTO RJA99b mint, VF PHOTO	\$400.00 \$500.00		perf PHOTO
33	R89a horizontal pair, VF crease in left stamp \$200.00		RJA100b mint, VF	\$250.00		MICHIGAN Beer
34	R89d F light crease \$125.00 R94a horizontal strip of four, F-VF tiny scissor cut		RJA102b mint, VF	\$32.50		PHOTO
33	between third & fourth stamps PHOTO \$700.00	113	Embossed Revenue Stamped Paper RM2 sharp			MINNESOTA Beer PHOTO
36	R101c horizontal pair, light ms. cancel, F corner crease		on a penal bond. Bradford, Essex Co., Mass. 1756	S400.00		MN B50 mint, VF th
	PHOTO \$325.00	114	foxing, some reinforcement along fold RM3 sharp strike on a warrant. Lynn, Mass. 1755			MN B83b mint, VF
37	R102c F-VF light corner crease PHOTO \$900.00 Second Issue R112 tied by embossed cancel to a Cape		bit of paper loss along fold	\$200.00	205	MISSISSIPPI Feed
38	Cod Railroad Co. \$500 bond. 1871. F-VF	115	RM4 clear strike on a conveyance of an interest in	an	206	faults MISSOURI Beer M
39	R131 two examples tied by rivets to a vellum Deed for	116	estate, 1757, F-VF bit of reinforcement along fold			MO B36 mint, VF P
	property in Philadelphia sold to the Philadelphia and	110	RM9 mostly clear strike on March 20, 1758 issue The New York Mercury, F-VF	\$2,250.00	208	MO B41 mint, VF
10	Reading Rail Road Co. 1872. VF \$1,300.00	117	RM305a die cut, F-VF usual pinhole	\$17.50		MONTANA Punch
40	Proprietary RB11b tied by violet h/s to a Dr. O. Phelps Brown's Renovating Pills label. F-VF small faults	118	RM306a die cut, F-VF usual pinhole	\$17.50		NEW YORK Stock
41	RB11b black h/s, on a Dixon's Vegetable Liver Pills		RM308a die cut, F-VF usual pinhole	\$25.00 \$17.50		pair, unused, VF son NY ST21c vertical p
	label. F-VF small faults	121	RM310a die cut, F usual pinhole, light toning RM311a die cut, F-VF usual pinhole	\$17.50		back
42	RB11b on a Parmelee's New Vegetable Pills label. F-VF		RM319a die cut, F-VF usual pinhole	\$17.50		PENNSYLVANIA
43	small faults RB12b top plate #6 and imprint block of 24. BEP &	123	Private Die Match RO143a F	\$55.00		SOUTH CAROLIN
75	obliterated NBNC imppints and plate printers initials.		Private Die Medicine RS14d top plate #79, mint,	605.00		on manila, arrow pur SC FTT3A red on m
	Unused, VF hinge reinforced		F-VF RS73b F couple short perfs, tone spot at LL PH	\$85.00		SC FTT4 black on m
44	Wines and Cordials RE161 used, VF crease PH \$200.00		RS110c F thin spot	\$180.00	216	SC FTT4A red on m
45	RE189 mint, VF \$125.00	127	RS178d F thin spot	\$30.00		SC FTT6 black on m
46	Playing Cards Bureau Precancels RF23-16A (PC62) on deck of BATTLE AXE Playing Cards. Unopened, VF	128	Merchant's Gargling Oil Liniment advertising on (			SC FTT7 black on m SC FTT7A red on m
47	RF26-14.5 (PC111) coil pair, F PHOTO \$275.00	120	Opera House, Coalport, Pa. admission ticket. F-V	\$100.00		SC FTT13A red on r
48	RF26-21 (PC201) coil pair, VF \$80.00		Private Die Perfume RT15d F-VF small thins Tobacco Tinfoils Hicks TF1-4 F-VF small faults	\$50.00	221	Case Liquor SC CL
49	RF26-20 (PC202) VF S1,000.00		TF3-4 VF small faults	\$15.00		TEXAS Beer TX B
50	RF26-24 (PC234) coil gap pair, F-VF PHOTO \$800.00 RF27-14 (PC133) coil line pair, F \$21.00	132	TF3-34 F-VF small faults	\$50.00		Cigarette Essays Do
52	RF27-14 (PC135) coil line pair, F \$10.50	133	TF4-6 F-VF small faults	\$40.00		denomination, nine d Feed Tags TX FET1
53	RF27-18 (PC181) coil strip of four, VF \$4.00	134	TF5-70 F-VF small faults TF5-77 VF small faults	\$25.00 \$40.00		TX FET4 unused, V
54	RF27-19 (PC191) coil line pair, F \$21.00		TF5-78 VF small faults	\$25.00	226	TX FET5 handstamp
55	RF27-19 (PC194) coil pair, F PHOTO \$200.00 Silver Tax RG37 unused, no gum, F-VF \$27.50	137	TF6-1 VF small faults	\$25.00		UTAH Beer Labels
56	RG38 unused, no gum, F-VF \$27.50		TF6-17 VF small faults	\$25.00	228	used, VF small hole UT BF17 used, VF c
58	RG39 unused, no gum, VF \$27.50		TF6-44 F-VF small faults TF6-65 VF small faults	\$25.00 \$40.00	229	UT BW1a mint, VF
59	RG40 unused, no gum, F-VF \$30.00		TF10-9 VF small faults	\$40.00	230	VIRGINIA Fertilize
60	RG41 unused, no gum, F-VF \$19.00 RG42 unused, no gum, F-VF \$30.00	142	TF10-17 VF small faults	\$40.00		crease, small faults WISCONSIN Beer
0.1		143	TF10-21 VF	\$40.00	231	WISCONSIN Beer

144 TF10-33 VF tiny flaws 145 TF10-45 VF 146 TF10-47 XF 147 TF10-49 VF small faults 148 TF10-81 VF small faults 149 TF10-101 VF small faults 150 TF12-87 VF small faults	\$40.00 \$40.00 \$40.00 \$25.00 \$20.00 \$40.00 \$40.00
151 Fermented Liquor Export Stamp Series of 1891 PHOTO 152 License & Royalty Stamps Workman's Patent B	
No. B stamp. Brown, unused, VF PHOTO  U.S. OCCUPATION OF VERACRUZ, MEX	ICO
153 US46aC used, VF 154 US48a with talon, mint, F-VF 155 US48aC used, VF 156 US49aC used, F PHOTO 157 US50aC used, F PHOTO 158 VIRGIN ISLANDS Tobacco Tax VI RJ40 mint,	\$10.00 \$10.00 \$50.00 \$300.00 \$350.00
State Revenues - SRS Catalog Numbers and Va 159 ALABAMA Beer AL B7 used, VF corner crease	
staining 160 Fertilizer Tags AL FTT12 F-VF small faults 161 ARIZONA Fertilizer Tags AZ FTT3 unused, VI 162 ARKANSAS Beer AR B15a mint, VF 163 Feed Tags AR FET1 unused, VF 164 AR FET2 unused, VF 165 CALIFORNIA Documentary CA D48 used, VF	\$30.00 \$30.00 \$30.00
PHOTO 166 Bill of Lading CA DBL3b GWW Controller's h/s	
unused, cut to shape, VF  167 Bill of Exchange CA EX107 GO Controller's h/s, cut, used, D & B h/s cancel, F-VF PHOTO  168 Insurance CA DN12 used, cut to shape, F PH  169 CA DN62 SHB Controller's h/s, unused, F-VF  170 CA DN67 SHB Controller's h/s, unused, VF PH  171 FLORIDA Liquor FL L6 pane of ten, mint, VFfe	\$350.00 \$55.00 \$100.00
small flaws 172 GEORGIA Cotton Seed Meal Tags GA CST2 u VF not listed in the new catalog	
173 GA CST3 unused, VF not listed in the new catalo 174 GA CST4 unused, VF not listed in the new catalo 175 GA CST5 unused, VF not listed in the new catalo 176 GA CST7 unused, VF not listed in the new catalo	g g
<ul> <li>175 GA CST5 unused, VF not listed in the new catalo</li> <li>176 GA CST7 unused, VF not listed in the new catalo</li> <li>177 Fertilizer Tags GA FTT2 unused, VF not listed i</li> </ul>	g PH
new catalog 178 GA FTT3 unused, VF 179 GA FTT9 unused, VF 180 ILLINOIS Liquor IL L15 pane of ten, mint, VF 181 IOWA Feed Tags IA FET1 unused, VF 182 IA FET1A 50 lbs., unused, VF not listed in the ne	\$70.00 \$10.00 \$150.00 \$15.00
catalog 183 IA FET4 unused, VF	
184 IA FET8 unused, VF 185 IA FET16 unused, VF 186 IA FET19A black P serial letter, unused, VF	\$20.00
187 KANSAS Feed Tags KS FET1 unused, VF small abrasion at left	\$60.00
188 KS FET2 unused, VF 189 KS FET3 unused, VF 190 KS FET16 unused, VF	\$35.00
<ul> <li>191 KS FTT1 unused, VF small tear</li> <li>192 KENTUCKY Export Liquor KY EL2 used, F-V creases PHOTO</li> </ul>	\$60.00 F \$50.00
<ul> <li>193 Wine KY W4 mint, VF</li> <li>194 KY W5 mint, VF PHOTO</li> <li>195 KY W6 mint, VF PHOTO</li> </ul>	\$25.00 \$300.00 \$200.00
<ul> <li>LOUISIANA Fertilizer Tags LA FTT4 used, F-1 torn at left</li> <li>LA FTT6 used, F-VF small faults</li> </ul>	\$40.00
198 LA FTT10 used, F-VF small faults 199 LA FTT14 used, F-VF small faults	
200 MARYLAND Recordation MD D21 used, VF sh perf PHOTO	\$80.00
201 MICHIGAN Beer MI B43S punched specimen, V PHOTO	F \$25.00
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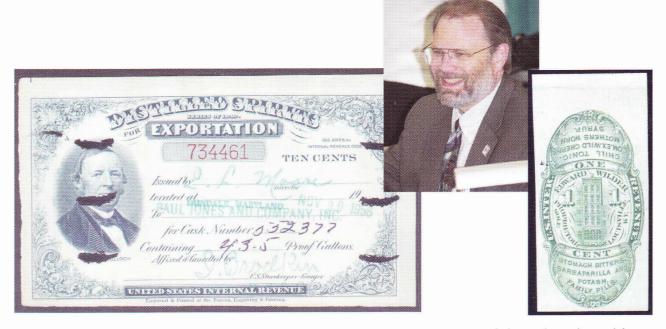
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