## IDENTIFYING THE EIGHT U.S. ANTEBELLUM $3 \phi$ WASHINGTON STAMPS


or
A Brief Introduction to "Flyspeck" Philately

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## MASTER DIE FAULTS



## THESE STAMPS USED FOR THE DECADE 1851-61

July 1, 1845: $5 ¢$ per $1 / 2$ oz. for up to 300 miles; $10 ¢$ per $1 / 20$. for over 300 miles - either prepaid or collect

July 1, 1851: 3¢ per $1 / 2$ oz. for up to 3000 miles; 6¢ per $1 / 2$ oz. for over 3000 miles - if prepaid, but still $5 ¢$ and $10 ¢$ if collect

July 1, 1851: First day of issue of this stamp to meet the new rates (Issue of 1851)

April 1, 1855: All mail must be prepaid by cash, stamps or postal stationary. Collect $5 ¢$ and $10 ¢$ rates eliminated.

January 1, 1856: All mail must be prepaid by stamps or postal stationary.
May, 1857: First U.S. perforated stamps (Issue of 1857)
Fall, 1861: Postmaster General demonitizes all these stamps.

## ONLY 2 TYPES AND 4 VARIETIES IDENTIFIED BEFORE 2008

imperforate
type I orange brown


Scott\#10
type I
dull red


Scott\#11
perforated $15^{1 / 2}$
type I
rose


Scott \#25
type II dull red


Scott \#26

## 4 TYPES AND 8 VARIETIES STARTING 2008

 imperforate

## THE 4 NEW TYPES, AS OF 2008




2\% 20 ,

## TYPE I \& TYPE II

Both types have four recut frame lines!

type I
type II

## THE FOUR IMPERFORATE STAMPS

orange brown

type I
Scott \#10

type II
Scott \#10A
dull red

type I
Scott \#11

type II
Scott \#11A

The difference is apparently only COLOR: orange brown vs. dull red

## FIRST PAGE OF A COLOR CHART: 1851 COLORS

Specialists recognize 34 different colors on the imperf stamps! There were 9 colors used in 1851 alone.



## HELPFUL HINT - IMPRESSION

George has hair!

orange brown

George is almost bald!

dull red

## HELPFUL HINT: SMALL BOSTON PAID CANCEL



Used from middle July 1851 to middle January 1852

After then, Boston used a large black PAID cancel.


## HELPFUL HINT: SMALL RED BOSTON PAID CANCEL



This small red Boston PAID cancel is know used only from July 7, 1851 to July 26, 1851. The only ink used during that period was orange brown. Other color ink was used no earlier than October 1851.

## HELPFUL HINT: BLUE PHILADELPHIA CDS CANCEL



Philadelphia changed from blue ink to black ink around January 1, 1854 ..... long after the orange brown ink was used to print the $3 ¢$ Washington stamps. A stamp with a blue cancel might be an orange brown stamp.

## WHAT ABOUT THIS EBAY GEM?

 ebayNo one's buying! It had to be marked down!
< Back to search results I Uisted in category: Stamps > United States > 19th Century: Used

\$ Have one to sell? Sell now

US SC\# 10A, on piece - Lot 042317
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Time left: 17d 07h 1212, 1000PM
Was: $48 \$ 44.99$
You save: $\$ 5.85$ ( $13 \%$ off)
Price: US $\$ 39.14$
Buy It Now
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Get the item you ordered or get your money back Covers your purchase price and original shipping.


## LAST RESORT: PLATE THE STAMP!

- orange brown type I (Scott\#10): From some positions on Plates $1^{\mathrm{E}} \& 1^{\text {' }}$ only
- orange brown type II (Scott \#10A): Only from the remaining positions on Plates $1^{\mathrm{E}} \& 1^{\mathrm{I}}$ and from Plates $0,2^{\mathrm{E}} \& 5^{\mathrm{E}}$
- dull red type I (Scott \#11): From Plates 4, 6, 7 \& 8 only
- dull red type II (Scott\#11A): From Plates $1^{\text {L }}, 2^{\text {L }}, 3$ \& $5^{\text {L }}$ only

Sometimes plate positions are written in pencil on the back of the stamp. If you don't know how to plate one of these stamps: (1) ask me or (2) send it away for a certificate. Some of this information is listed in the Scott Specialized Catalog.

## THE FOUR PERFORATED $15 ½$ STAMPS <br> rose



Type I
Scott \#25

type II
Scott \#25A

type III
Scott \#26

type IV
Scott \#26A

Toppan, Carpenter \& Company acquired a perforating machine from William Bemrose \& Son, Darby, England to start perforating stamps in 1857. Scott \#25 and \#26A are simply perforated Scott \#11 and \#11A. The perforations cut into the design on almost all these stamps.

## TYPE III \& IV

## type III



Scott \#26
type IV


Scott \#26A

## TRICKS IN IDENTIFYING TYPES III STAMPS

## side frame lines often show faint doubling



Side frame lines are "arrow" straight when viewed at low angle.

## TRICKS IN IDENTIFYING TYPES IV STAMPS



Gaps must be seen at both top and bottom.

Side lines must show "wiggles" and/or "bows." They are not straight.

## TYPE IV: LEFT AND RIGHT FRAME LINES ARE NOT "ARROW" STRAIGHT!

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## IS THIS A SCOTT \#26A, TYPE IV STAMP?

## ebay

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Saved in your Watch list | Remove | Bid now so you can get a deal!
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\$ Have one to sell? Sell now

USA USED STAMPS scott 26a straddles margin 4311017
Item -
condition:
Time left: 1 day 3 hours monday, 8 238

Starting US \$8.49

[ 0 bids]

Place bid
Enter US $\$ 8.49$ or more
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* Add to collection

Experienced seller

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Shipping: $\$ 0.49$ Economy Shipping I See details
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Ships to. United States and many other countries | See detals
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## IS THIS A SCOTT \#26A, TYPE IV STAMP?

plate flaw above lower left rosette

This is a top row A-relief, type III stamp!


## WHAT ABOUT THIS STAMP?



This stamp is a Type III, Scott \#26, position 6R20, A-relief (top row), with the larger left flaw repaired. The bottoms of both frame lines have been fraudulently scraped off to make this stamp appear to be the more valuable Type IV, Scott \#26A (i.e. SCV \$95 vs. \$650).

## PERFORATED STAMPS NOT ISSUE OF 1857

"Chicago Perf"


Scott \#11A VAR
Perf $12^{11 / 2}$, unofficial Elijah W. Hadley

1875 Special Printing


Scott \#41
Perforated 12
Continental Banknote Co.

## THE END



## CARROLL CHASE, M.D. 1878-1960



- American, born NY State
- French Medical Corps
- French Legion of Honor
- Plated 1851-57 3¢ Imperfs
- 3¢ Washington Book, 1929
- Lived in Paris 1929-41
- Plated 25 Centimes French Stamp of 1871
- Returned to USA 1941
- Lived in New Hampshire

