IDENTIFYING THE EIGHT U.S. ANTEBELLUM 3¢ WASHINGTON STAMPS

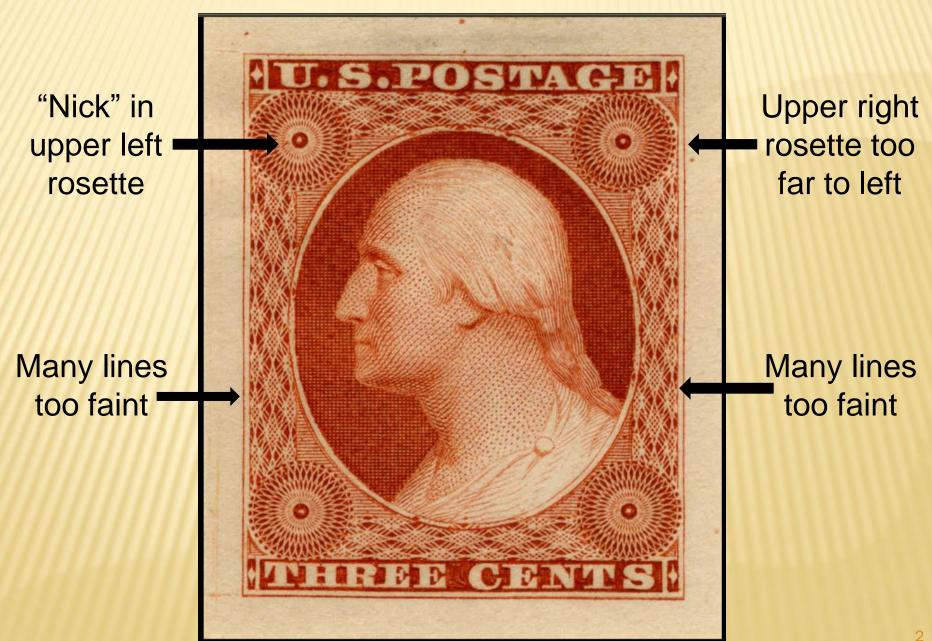


or

A Brief Introduction to "Flyspeck" Philately

By Don Getzin

MASTER DIE FAULTS



THESE STAMPS USED FOR THE DECADE 1851-61

July 1, 1845: 5¢ per ½ oz. for up to 300 miles; 10¢ per ½ oz. for over 300 miles – either prepaid or collect

July 1, 1851: 3¢ per ½ oz. for up to 3000 miles; 6¢ per ½ 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.

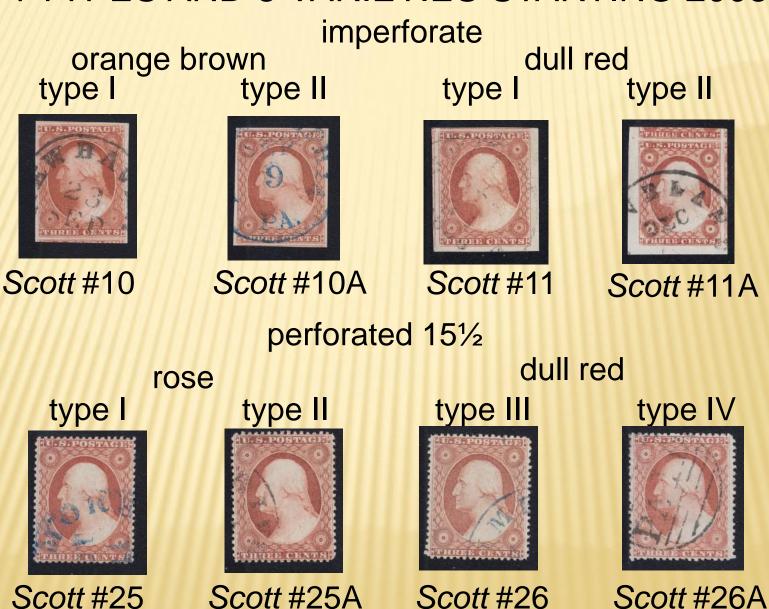
May, 1857: First U.S. perforated stamps (Issue of 1857)

Fall, 1861: Postmaster General demonitizes all these stamps.

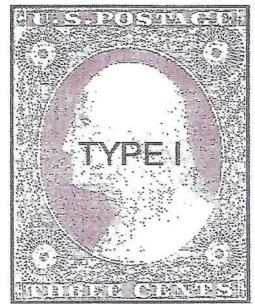
ONLY 2 TYPES AND 4 VARIETIES IDENTIFIED BEFORE 2008

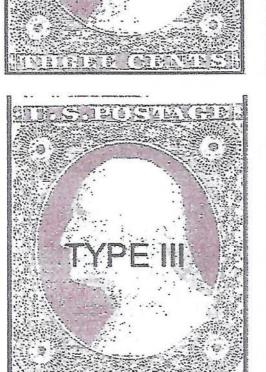
imperforate perforated 15½ type I type I type I type II orange brown dull red dull red rose S.POSTAGE U.S.POSMACE U.S.POSTAGE U.S. POSTAG TERLE CENTS Scott #10 Scott #11 Scott #25 Scott #26

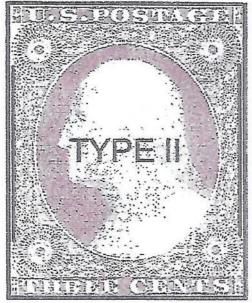
4 TYPES AND 8 VARIETIES STARTING 2008

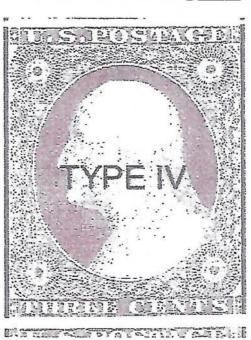


THE 4 NEW TYPES, AS OF 2008







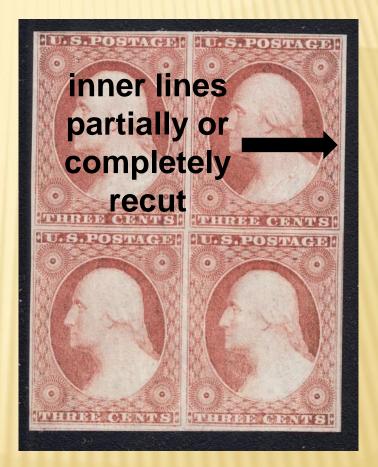


TYPE I & TYPE II

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



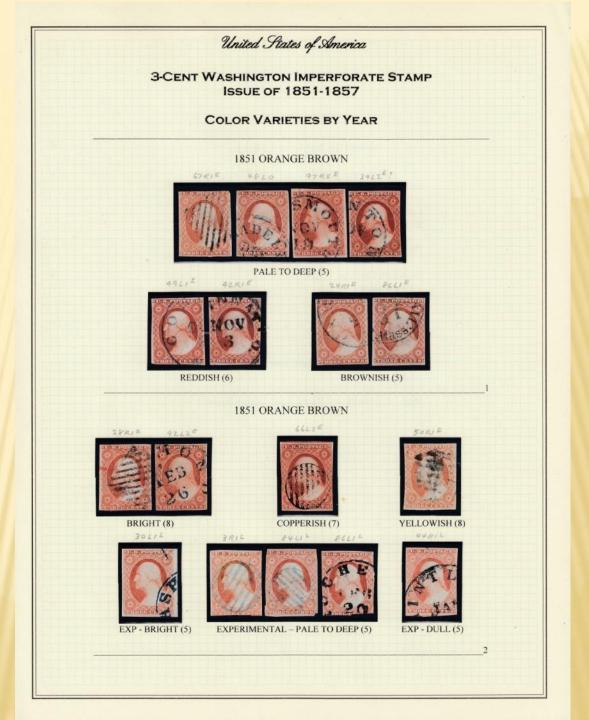
type II

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!

George is almost bald!



orange brown

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 <u>RED</u> BOSTON PAID CANCEL





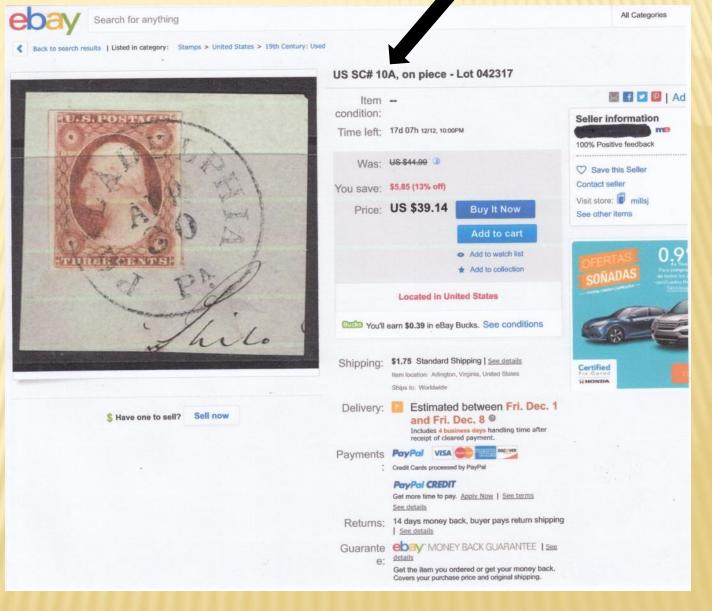
This small red Boston PAID cancel is know used only from July 7, 1851 to July 26, 1851. The only ink used during that period was orange brown. Other color ink was used no earlier than October 1851.

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?



No one's buying! It had to be marked down!

LAST RESORT: PLATE THE STAMP!

- orange brown type I (Scott #10): From some positions on Plates 1^E & 1^I only
- orange brown type II (Scott #10A): Only from the remaining positions on Plates1^E & 1^I and from Plates 0, 2^E & 5^E
- dull red type I (Scott #11): From Plates 4, 6, 7 & 8 only
- dull red type II (Scott #11A): From Plates 1^L, 2^L, 3 & 5^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 151/2 STAMPS

rose dull red









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.

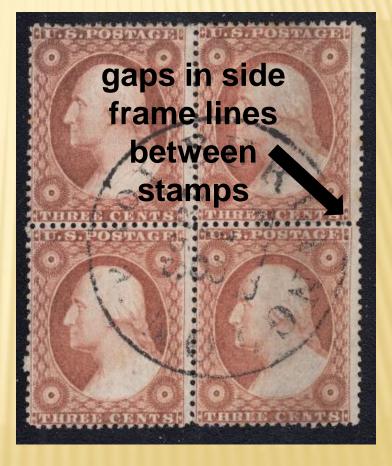
TYPE III & IV

type III

type IV



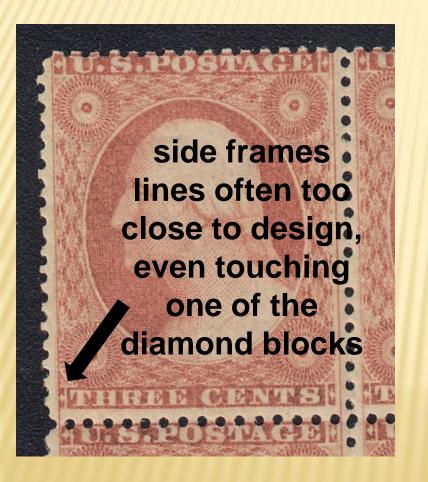
Scott #26

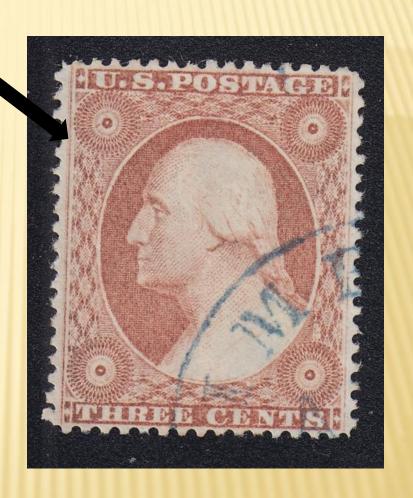


Scott #26A

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.

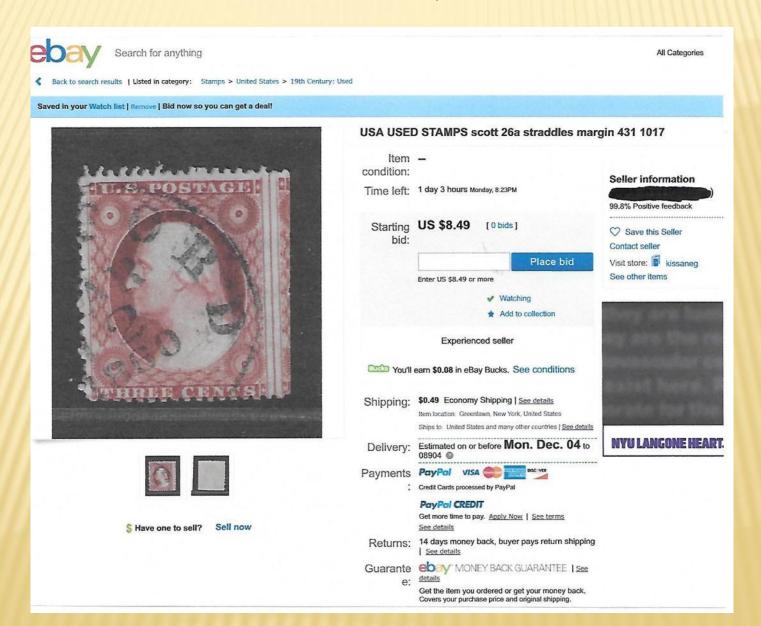
Side lines must show "wiggles" and/or "bows."
They are not straight.

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



PHOTO COURTESY OF WADE SAADI

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



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

plate flaw above lower left guide dot rosette gaps at top right corner right frame line touches This is a upper right top row diamond A-relief, block type III This is a Type III, Scott #26!

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).

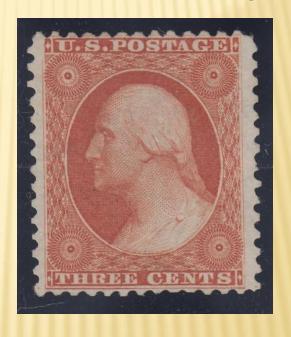
PERFORATED STAMPS NOT ISSUE OF 1857

"Chicago Perf"



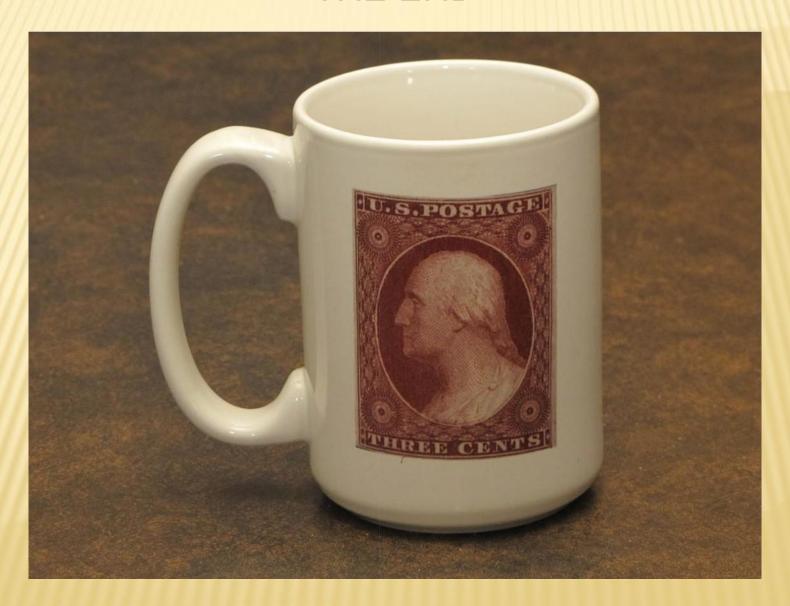
Scott #11A VAR
Perf 12½, unofficial
Elijah W. Hadley

1875 Special Printing

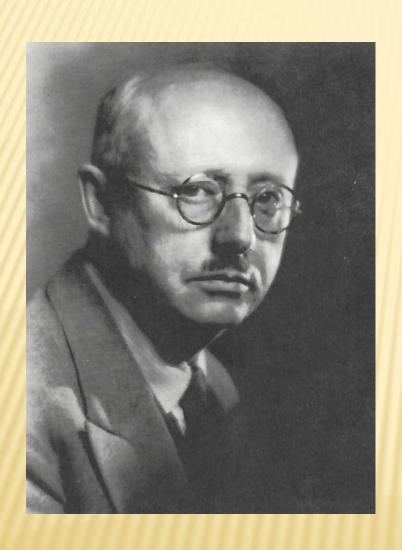


Scott #41
Perforated 12
Continental Banknote Co.

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