PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES WITH GAMBIA

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Agenda

• The Nation of Gambia
• The First Stamps of Queen Victoria
• The Stamps of Edward VII
• The Stamps of George V
• The Stamps of George VI
• Postal History of the River Villages and Towns — Marcophily & Routes
• Gambia’s Role in Aerophilately
• Modern Philatelic, um, “Opportunities”
The Nation of Gambia

– Geography
  • Maps & Boundaries
  • Key Postal Villages

– History
  • Early explorers
  • The 1870 negotiations with France

– Economy
  • Slavery
  • Ground Nuts, Beaches & Eco-tourism
The Nation of Gambia - Geography
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The Nation of Gambia – Postal Villages

A. Bathurst
B. Bansang
C. Barra
D. Basse
E. Brikama
F. Bwiam
G. Cape St. Mary (Bakau)
H. Farafenni
I. Fattoto
J. Georgetown
K. Macarthy Island
L. Gunjur
M. Half-Die
N. James Island
O. Jessadi
P. Jowara (Jawarra)
Q. Karantaba
R. Kaur (Kau-ur, Kaour)
S. Kerewan
T. Kunta-Ur
U. Mansa Konko
V. Serekunda
W. Soldier Town
X. Yundum
The Nation of Gambia – Postal Villages
The Nation of Gambia – History

Early Explorations

• Portuguese (1455)
• Italians (1500s)
• British (1600s)
• French (1600s)

Mungo Park (1803 & 1805)

Popular Reading in late 1800s
The Nation of Gambia – History

Almost Giving Up?
The Nation of Gambia – Economy

Early Trade - Slavery

Modern Economy

- Ground Nuts
- Beaches
- Eco-tourism
The Nation of Gambia – Economy

Ground Nut Harvest
The First Stamps of Queen Victoria

The Negotiations with de La Rue

• 1867 Gambia Administrator requests stamps
• 1868 Colonial Office budgeted £100 for plates
• 1868 de La Rue requests £270
• 1869 de La Rue “caves in” at £75
The First Stamps of Queen Victoria
The Cameo Issue 1869-72

4d Brown

6d Blue

SG1 (Sc. 1a) Unwatermarked

SG3a (Sc. 2a) Unwatermarked
The First Stamps of Queen Victoria

Miniature Sheet of 15 - SG 21  1886-93
Crown CA Sideways (Crown to Left of CA)

Perf Comb Down
The First Stamps of Queen Victoria

Miniature Sheet of 15 - SG 25  1886-93

Perf Comb Down – Overlapping Combs
The First Stamps of Queen Victoria

Miniature Sheet of 15 - SG 27  1886-93

Perf Comb Up
The First Stamps of Queen Victoria

Miniature Sheet of 15 - SG 28  1886-93

Perf Comb Down – Misperf Left Margin
The First Stamps of Queen Victoria

Key Plates of 1898-1902

SG 37-44
The First Stamps of Queen Victoria

Varieties

Color Studies

SG 35 (Violet) & 36 (Deep Violet)
The First Stamps of Queen Victoria
Varieties

Sloping Frame – Left

Sloping Frame – Right

SG 18B, 18Bc

SG 17Bc
The First Stamps of Queen Victoria

Varieties

Malformed “S”

Repaired “S”

SG 44a
Plating Queen Victoria

Case 1 of 5

What is the position of this stamp? Click on one of the four answers below.

1. Spur on “N”
2. Blob over “M”
3. Dot in the frame above “G”
4. None of the above

Click here for next case
Stamps of Edward VII
Key Plates of 1902-1905

SG 45-56
Stamps of Edward VII

The Overprint “Story” of 1906

SG69-I

SG69-II

SG 70a
Stamps of Edward VII

Key Plates of 1909

SG 72-85
Stamps of Edward VII

Dented Frame ("Glover" Flaw)  Slotted Frame (Maisel Discovery)

SG 57a 59a 60b 63a 65a
Stamps of George V
Key Plates of 1912-1922

SG 93 96 97 102
Stamps of George V

Key Plates Color Varieties
- Pale sage-green
- Deep sage-green
- & Carmine

Key Plates Paper Varieties
- Purple on yellow
- Purple on Orange-Buff

SG 96 96a
SG91 91b
Stamps of George V

Key Plates Split “A” Variety

SG 92d
Stamps of George V

Portrait & Shield – Elephants of 1922-1929

SG 124s 127-128s 130-133s 137-138s
Stamps of George V

Portrait & Shield – Elephants of 1922-1929

Printing Errors

SG 122var 134var
Stamps of George V

Silver Jubilee Issue of 1935

SG 143-146
Stamps of George V
Silver Jubilee Issue of 1935
Stanley Gibbons Printing Errors

SG 143d 144b 145c
Stamps of George V
Silver Jubilee Issue of 1935
Non-Gibbons Printing Errors

SG 143, 146
Stamps of George VI

Elephant & Badge Issue of 1938-1946

SG 152b 153 161
Postal Villages and Towns
Marcophily & Routes

The Up River Villages - Jessadi

Only Known Strike of this Village CDS on Cover
Postal Villages and Towns
Marcophily & Routes

The Up River Villages
Bathurst “Wireless” CDS  Georgetown “Wireless” CDS

Jawarra CDs  Karantaba CDS
Postal Villages and Towns
Marcophily & Routes

The Up River Villages - Basse

One of 3 Known Uses of Registered Stationery from Basse
Postal Villages and Towns
Marcophily & Routes

The Up River Villages – Cape St. Mary

Lakeside Bible House
Postal Villages and Towns
Marcophily & Routes

The Up River Villages – Macarthy Island

“Madame Joseph” Forgeries
Postal Villages and Towns
Marcophily & Routes

Early Up River Village - 1899
Postal Villages and Towns
Marcophily & Routes

World’s Only Exclusively River-Based Traveling Post Office (TPO)
Postal Villages and Towns
Marcophily & Routes

Bathurst & Censored Mail
Postal Villages and Towns
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Postage Due Markings
Postal Villages and Towns
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Ships Mail & Paquebotts
Gambia’s Role in Aerophilately

Early French Routes

Paris – Casablanca – Dakar – Bathurst & Returned
Gambia’s Role in Aerophilately

Early French Routes

Bathurst – Dakar – Toulouse - Scotland
Gambia’s Role in Aerophilately

Early German Routes
Gambia’s Centrality to European/South American Routes

Condor – Zeppelin Mail

São Paolo Brazil - Bathurst – Friedrichshafen - Bulgaria
Gambia’s Centrality to European/South American Routes

Condor – DLH – Zeppelin Mail

Argentina - Bathurst – Friedrichshafen - Zurich
Gambia’s Centrality to Other Routes

Despatched from an American Army Post Office (No. 218) within Burma, the route this cover took to reach its destination is interesting: From Burma via India to East Africa (probably Durban), to Gambia (West Africa), by air from there by the American War Airline across to Brazil, and so to Jamaica.
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You’ll Be Amazed at Today’s Cultural Icons Closely Associated with Gambia
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