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THE COVER STORY

What's The Difference? (Part 2)

In Part 1, (November Issue) we looked at the genesis of the first four United States postage stamps in the Scott Catalogue and started with a study of the differences between the 5-cent Franklin regular issue from 1847 and the reproduction version from 1875, Scott# 1 and 3. This segment focuses on the 10-cent Washington stamps, Scott# 2 and 4.

As a reminder from Part 1, the 1875 reproductions were all issued with no gum, or "no gum as issued" (NGAI). They were also issued in very limited numbers. According to the 2023 Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers, only 4,779 of Scott# 3 and 3,883 of Scott# 4 were actually sold and none are known postally used.

With that out of the way, let us turn our attention to "smiling George." Well, smirking is more like it .



Scott# 2 - 1847 Original Issue



Scott# 4 - 1875 Reproduction

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Upcoming Schedule— 2024

**** Pre-meeting sessions in 2024 will only be on the third Thursday of the month from 2-4pm. CFSC will continue to host the German Philatelic Society at that time, but CFSC members are welcome to use the room and equipment during that time.**

Upcoming February meetings:

February 1st—Called Auction—Tom Hart auctioneer and Door Prize available

February 15th—Presentation **TASCO Booklets** by Francis Ferguson; Silent auction and Door Prize available.

Recap of January meetings:

January 4th A CFSC donation fundraiser auction was conducted and all lots but two were sold raising almost \$400 for the club. Thank you to those who donated and purchased items. Jim Cooney auctioneered. Door prize was won by John Bailey.

January 18th **CFSC Business meeting—annual awards and BOD election was conducted.** Door prize was won by David Girshoff (new member who just signed up). Newsletter stamp contest won by David Zambon and Donald Bourassa. Annual Awards were announced (See article on page 6) A Silent auction was conducted with 19 lots selling and total sales of \$312.00.

Event Calendar 2023

Winter Show—Maitland Civic Center—Feb. 3, 2024

Venue on the Lake 641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland, FL
10am-4pm

(same hours and location for all four Maitland shows)

Spring Show—Maitland Civic Center— Apr. 6, 2024

Summer Show— Maitland Civic Center— June 1, 2024

Fall Show— Maitland Civic Center—Sept. 7, 2024

FLOREX 2024 December 6-7, 2024

Friday 10am-5pm & Saturday 10am-4pm

Tommy Lawrence Arena

Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland, FL

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Newest Members

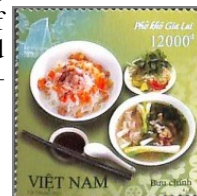
Welcome to our newest member(s):

David Girshoff—member number 772. He is a retired Editor and his collecting interests include: Pre-WWI picture postcards/worldwide. Welcome David!

Who will be new member number 773?

Pre meeting Dinner Plans:

At the Chuan Lu Garden at 1101 E. Colonial Drive at 4:30pm. Located on the north side of Colonial Drive one block west of Mills Ave. Plenty of parking behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and topics for discussion.



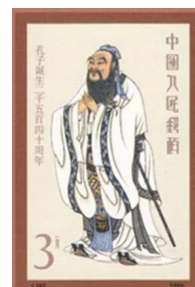
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Quoted

*"Everything has its beauty,
but not everyone sees it."*

Confucius

(Certainly not the case with
Philatelists who enjoy collecting
stamps for the artwork, detail
and design that can be found on stamps.)



The Editor's Box

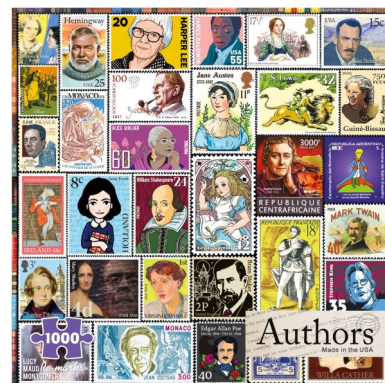


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Newsletter articles needed for 2024 Philatelic Missive!

Articles can be submitted in a word document with scans
and attached to an email.

Submit articles to: **Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org**



Past President's Message by Mike Schumacher

Greetings CFSC Members:



How quickly time seems to fly by—it has been two years since I was elected CFSC President and now my term is up and the reins are passing back to Francis Ferguson. It has been an honor to serve as CFSC President and I have certainly learned a lot more about what it takes to manage a stamp club of this size and I have gotten to know many of you much better. One of the things that I appreciated, was the significant number of members who consistently step forward and work hard to make the CFSC and the stamp shows that are a major part of CFSC activities a success and an inspiration to the greater Philatelic community. Thank you!

I also want to say “Thank you” to the CFSC Board Members and other elders of the CFSC who have provided your insights and guidance to me over the past two years. I look forward to our continuing efforts to lead the CFSC on into the future and fully support Francis Ferguson, as he once again serves as CFSC President. Having been elected to the Board again, I will serve as VP of Operations and as Editor of the Philatelic Missive and as FLOREX General Show Chair. As CFSC members continue to stay involved and chose to participate in CFSC activities the friendships will flourish and the experiences will continue to make the stamp collecting hobby a joy and a success. The shared experiences fosters growth and learning. So don't be shy about getting involved and continuing to be a part of the success of CFSC and our stamp shows. Volunteerism is alive and well in CFSC! Thank you and the very best to all members and their families in 2024 and the years ahead!



Sincerely, Mike Schumacher CFSC Past President

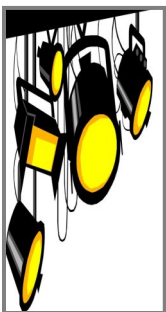
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Reminder: **FEBRUARY 3, 2024 CFSC Winter Stamp Show at Maitland Civic Center 10am to 4pm!**

March 2, 2024 West Volusia Stamp Club Stamp Show American Legion Post 470 Summerhave Dr. DeBary, FL 10am—3pm

FLOREX 2024: Speaking of volunteer opportunities: The 2023 FLOREX planning committee was a huge factor in the success of our 2023 show and I invite those members back to be a part of the 2024 FLOREX planning committee and invite and encourage other CFSC members to join and be a part of the committee as well. I will be selecting some planning meeting dates for the coming months, so if you are interested just let me know and I will include you in the email meeting announcements. An Exhibit chair is still needed and a team of members who can lead this component of FLOREX. The 2024 FLOREX Show will be the celebration of the 75th year of FLOREX! Email me at: mikes.florexchair@gmail.com



Member Spotlight - John Latter & Jean Schneider

John has been a CFSC member since 2012. Jean has been a member since 2016. John is also a member of APS and FSDA. John has been a dealer since 1980 and Jean has been a Certified Florist for more than 60 years. They can be found at many local shows at their Dealers' booth—"Collectors Exchange" specializing in stamps of Great Britain and Colonies. Collectors Exchange has participated in stamp exhibition around the world (Asia, Australia, Europe, India and North America. John's collecting interest is in folded letters that were carried on the SS Great Britain or SS Great Western as both ships were designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel—the initial B in John's name is for Brunel. Thank you John & Jean for your contributions to CFSC and Philately!



Cover Story: What's The Difference? cont.

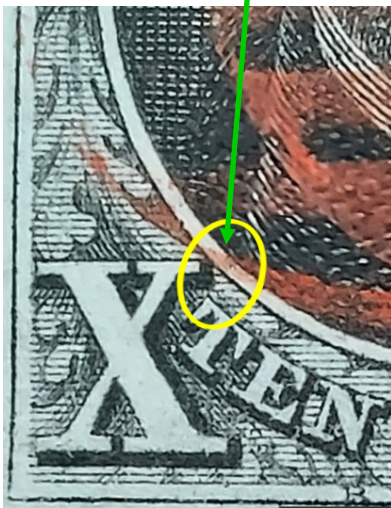
By: Mike Smith

As in the 5-cent stamps, you can easily see the bluish hue to the paper, which is typical for both the original and reproduction issues.

Also, the same differences regarding the crispness/faintness of the "R. W. H. & E." engraver's initials at the bottom of the stamp exist on the 10-cent version as on the 5-cent stamp and are not highlighted again (refer to Part 1 for graphics).

The most noticeable difference in the 10-cent design lies in Washington's coat.

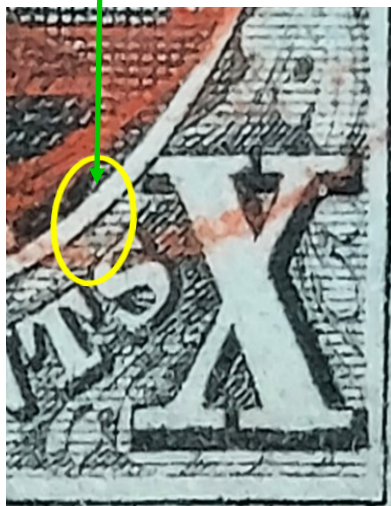
On the original issue, the line of the coat at left side is straight and points to the "T" of "TEN"



On the reproduction, it curves slightly outward and points to the right tip of the "X".



Similarly, the line of the coat at right is straight on the original and points between the "T" and "S" of "CENTS" (a bit difficult to see on this example because of the postmark).

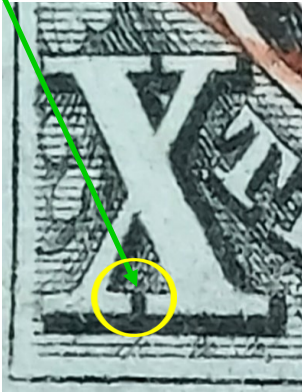


On the reproduction, the line of the coat angles slightly outward and points more towards the center of the "S" in "CENTS".

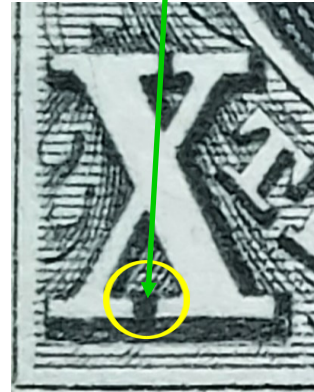


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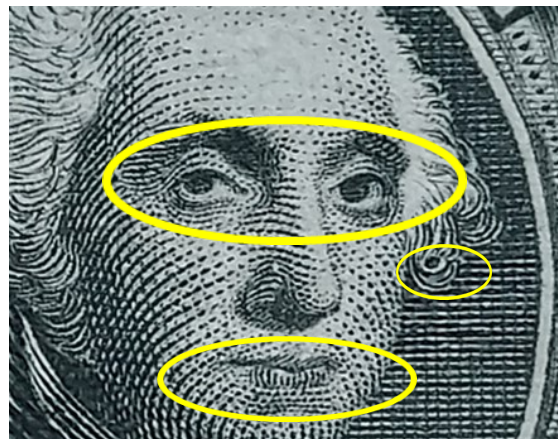
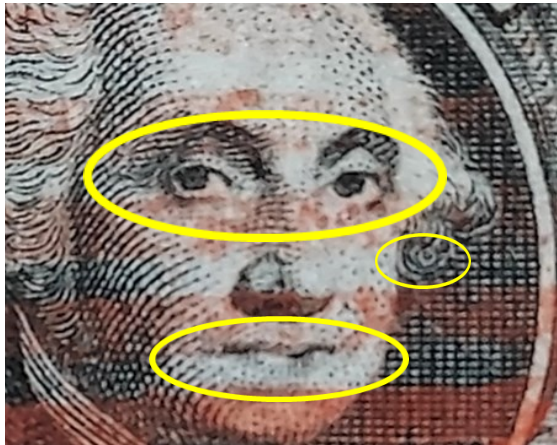
A more prominent difference is the gap between the bottom legs of the left "X". On the originals, the gap is small and has the same spacing as the gap in the right "X".



On the reproductions, the gap is visibly wider in the left "X" only, retaining the same spacing on the right "X" as in the original issue.



One obvious visual difference you can discern from the full-sized images above is the sleepy look in Washington's eyes on the reproduction. The reproduction also has a straighter line to the mouth. Another subtle difference is the curl of the hair near his left cheek on the reproduction contains a strong black dot while on the original, this is faint. These are all circled in the images below.

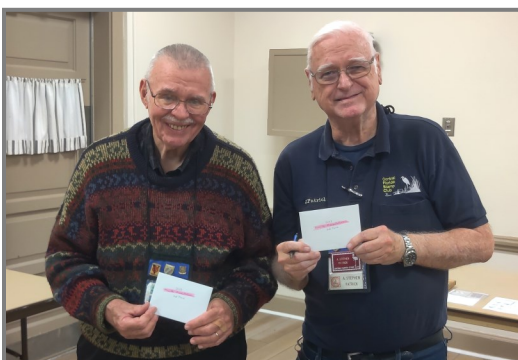


If you happen to have any of these stamps in your collection, one sure way to know whether you have an original 1847 issue, or an 1875 reproduction is fairly straight-forward. If it is used, it has to be an original issue. No genuine reproductions are known postally used. If it is unused, it is most likely a reproduction and will not have gum since they were all issued with no gum. Unused original 1847 issues are very rare and valuable and may contain gum or some portion of gum. If you have an unused stamp with no gum and are unsure whether it is an original issue or a reproduction, use this article to help further the identification process. Ultimately, a certificate of authenticity is warranted from an accredited professional company and is always your best bet.

In closing, while credit is given to Amos Media for much of the verbal information contained in Part 1 and 2 of this article (as provided in their 2023 Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers), the lack of images/graphics highlighting the type differences have a lot to be desired. I hope by using actual stamp subjects from my own collection and highlighting the type differences by applying the verbal knowledge provided from the Scott catalogue, the reader will have a better understanding and appreciation for the evolution of engraving from our country's early stamp history.

2023 CFSC Award Winners!

At the January 18th club meeting the annual CFSC awards were announced. John Bailey won Best attendance with perfect attendance in 2023! The “Glue Awards” (given to those who hold the club together with all of their work for the club) were won by: Gene Perry and Carlos Guffain (not shown in the photo below) and (from left to right) Newt Kulp, Robert Fisher, Francis Ferguson, Mike Smith, Stephen Patrick, Richard Cohen, David Zambon and Daniel Wagenknecht. Congratulations to all of the winners!



Best Presentation awards were won by: Phil Fettig, Stephen Patrick and John Catiller (not shown in photo).



Best Newsletter article awards were won by: Mike Smith, Francis Ferguson and Mike Schumacher

The CFSC 2023 Service Award winner was Mike Smith (left) being presented by CFSC President Mike Schumacher.



Once again, Congratulations to all of the award winners and thank you for all that you do for the CFSC and the Philatelic community.

- ⇒ 24 club meetings in 2023
- ⇒ 4 one-day stamp shows
- ⇒ 1 two day stamp show
- ⇒ 12 monthly newsletters
- ⇒ 24 significant articles
- ⇒ Several members involved in researching and writing books and articles for other philatelic journals
- ⇒ A Spring Picnic
- ⇒ A Holiday Party
- ⇒ Numerous members involved in other local stamp clubs, philatelic societies, and exhibiting at other stamps shows
- ⇒ 10 members who are also stamp dealers
- ⇒ Many other members who also volunteer!
- ⇒ THANK YOU CFSC MEMBERS/VOLUNTEERS!!!!

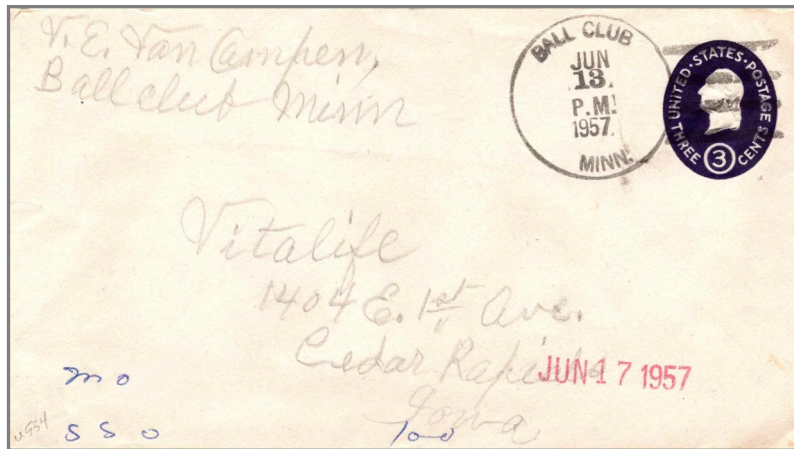
Interesting Covers by Mike Schumacher

Sometimes while attending a stamp show, I find myself not finding anything special to add to my major collecting area (Iceland), so instead I end up checking the cover boxes for something interesting that catches my eye. Of course they catch my eye for a variety of reasons—a particular cachet, postmark, person's name, etc. The covers highlighted here caught my eye at the recent Sarasota Stamp Expo.

The first is a plain pre-stamped envelope from 1957. Nothing unusual about that.

What caught my eye was the postmark—Ball Club, Minn.

Having grown up in Minnesota and spent most of my life living there and oh, by the way, worked a part-time job for the Minnesota Twins for 14 years—I had never heard of Ball Club, Minn. So of course, my curiosity had to find out where was “Ball Club, Minn”.



Ball Club, Minn. is an unincorporated community located within the Leech Lake Indian Reservation on the border between Itasca and Cass counties. The Mississippi River surrounds the community on both the east and west side. The town received its name from a type of Native American lacrosse stick. (Modern day lacrosse descends and resembles games played by various Native American communities.)

Population of Ball Club, MN in 2020 was 354. The community consists of two churches, a community center, a clinic, a water tower, a Head-Start office and a Cordell.



(A maker of cord/string used for decorative ties and ribbons.) The Ball Club zip code is—56636. The Ball Club Postmistress was Rosanna Catherine Payne who also served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1927 to 1932.

The second cover to catch my eye was a small “Mourning cover” (cover marked with a black outline sent with a note/letter to inform someone of a death) postmarked from Bendersville, PA.



Where is Bendersville, PA you may ask.

Bendersville, PA (See map)

Bendersville is a borough of less than half a square mile. It was first settled by John Schlosser in 1811 and the tract of land was sold to Henry Bender in 1819. (Henry Bender 25 May 1787 to 10 August 1863) The Bender brothers Henry, Conrad, Michael and John officially founded the town in 1832 and a post office was established.

Currently its zip code is 17306. Population 736



However, the enclosed letter was written long before the U.S. Postal system developed the zip code system. The enclosed letter was written on April 16, 1873, by Amanda Studebaker to her brother, the Reverend Elias Studebaker in Liverpool, Perry Co. PA to inform him that mother had passed away on Friday. Unfortunately, my research for this article was unable to uncover any information about either Amada Studebaker or her brother. The population of Bendersville, PA in 1880 was only 331. Aside from the cover being a very nice looking cover, the thing that caught my eye was the recipient's name—Studebaker. It of course brought back memories of when I was a young child and our family owned a Studebaker. (Fondly remembered as the “Steady-breaker”.) How many other CFSC members remember the Studebaker?



Studebaker's automotive history dates back to 1842 when the Studebaker brothers built covered wagons. By 1860, they were producing thousands of covered wagons to aid the early American settlers to head west. The Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company built their first electric car in 1902 and their first gas-powered automobile in 1904. In the 1920's their Studebaker Big Six model was a popular, great looking automobile. During World War II they manufactured army and cargo trucks, along with the Cyclone nine-cylinder radial engines for the B-17 Flying Fortress.

And some people think stamp collecting is just putting stamps in albums.

Closed Album: James (Jim) Arthur Corrigan

Jim Corrigan passed away February 8, 2023. Jim was born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin in 1961. He is survived by his wife Patricia "Trish" Corrigan and other family members. He had been a member of the CFSC since July 2018. His collecting interests included—U.S., Canada and Australia. His father was a Navy man and thus the family moved about while Jim was growing up (California and Hawaii). Jim earned his engineering degree from DeVry Institute of Technology. He worked in San Diego before moving to Reno, Nevada to pursue work in manufacturing Quality Assurance. He later moved to Orlando, Florida and worked for Gas Turbine Efficiency for the past 11+ years in both Quality Assurance and Program Management. Services were held privately. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the American Heart Association in the name of James Arthur Corrigan. Thanks Jim for having been a part of the CFSC. Rest in Peace.

Questionable eBay, # 17

Too Little for Too Much! - By Francis Ferguson



Listing: "Lincoln|Jefferson|Adams|Washington| Roosevelt|Liberty assorted U.S. Presidential". Offered for \$40.99. Mailing fee of \$4.20 with returns accepted. Seller has NO feedback number.

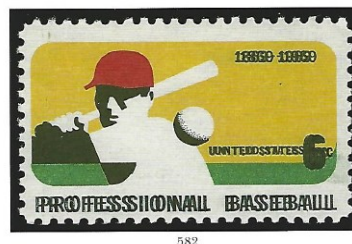
A total of 15 extraordinary common stamps that are worth nothing of any note. There are four duplicates in this small group.

Just how special do you think this offering is?
The seller does have "Make Offer" enabled.

A Different Perspective of Collecting Material

Francis' "Questionable eBay" columns provide us with many interesting and not so top quality of stamp collecting material. The information provided here by Mike Smith from a recent auction catalog provides us with an interesting stamp collecting rarity.

Siegel auction catalog from September 8, 2023. (Scott 1381c) 6-cent Baseball stamp with double impression of the engraved portion of the black ink only. It sold in their Rarities sale for \$5,750. One has to wonder where the rest of the stamps from the sheet are? Certainly would make for an exhibit highlight in an exhibit on the topic of baseball (probably fit nicely into a section on a double-header, or a double-play). Might not be a bad idea to take a double look at those common 6-cent Baseball stamps.



582 ** 6c Professional Baseball, Black (Engr.) Double Impression (1381c). Mint N.H., showing clear doubling of all text including "1869-1969" at top, country, denomination and label at bottom, bright color

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- Membership is a reasonable \$30 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z.
- The meeting is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for more than 25 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting is prior to 6:00pm. The business side of things will be brief. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 6:15 until 7:15 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 8:00 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the one day shows in February, April, June & September. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Central Florida area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to submit and bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.
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- As of 12.2023

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