

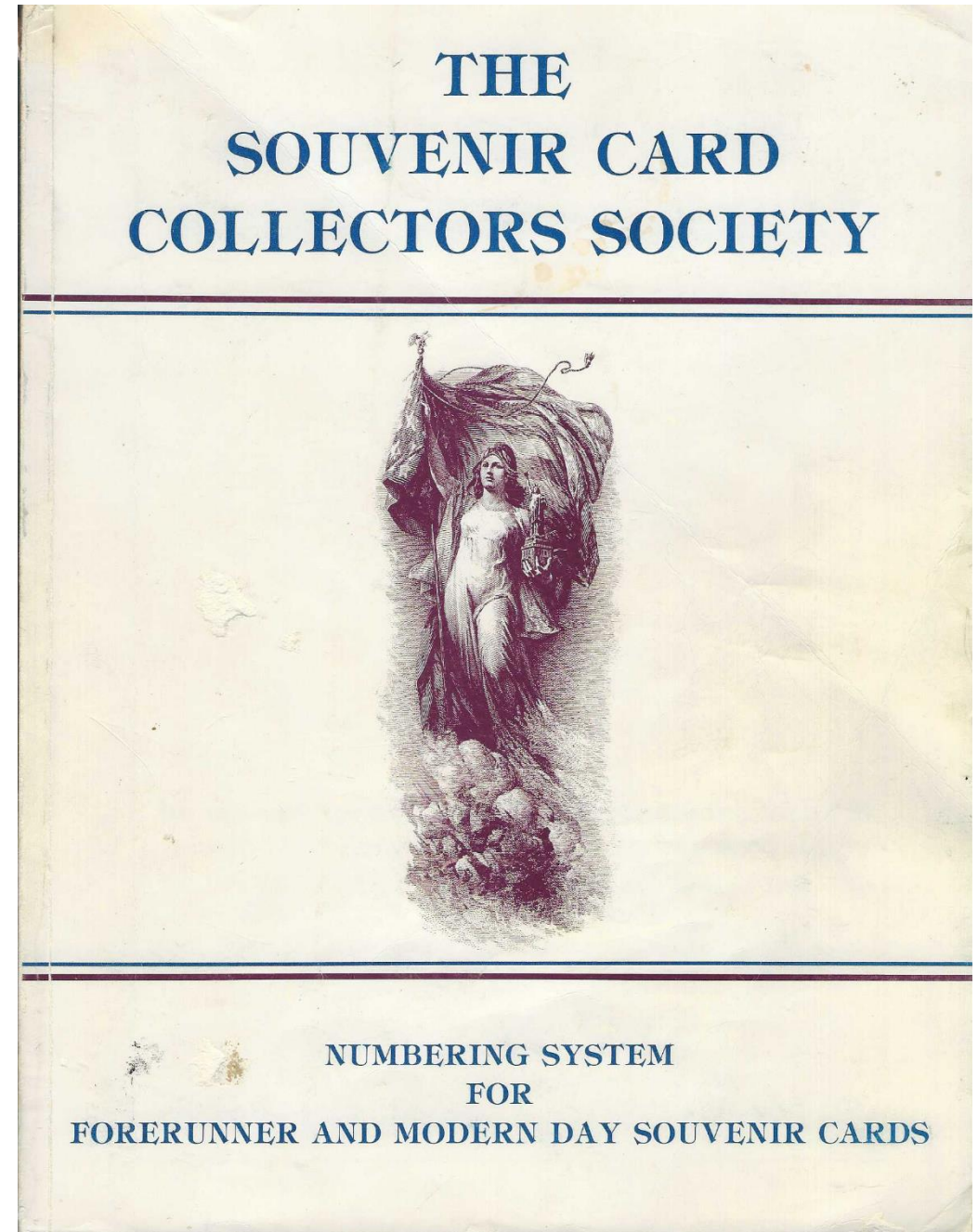
# Collecting First Day Cancelled Souvenir Cards



Scott #2609 (PNC 2) on PV 310 with overprint by Doug Holl on UNCOVERS

# What are souvenir cards?

- *Souvenir cards are:*
- *They are mementos or souvenirs of a particular occasion, exposition, or hobbyist show.*
- *They are not postally valid or intended for use as postcards.*
- *Most are printed on high quality card stock using intaglio methods (steel plate engravings).*
- *"Official" cards are authorized and printed by the U.S. government or commercial bank note printers. "Unofficial" cards are printed by private printing companies or individuals.*





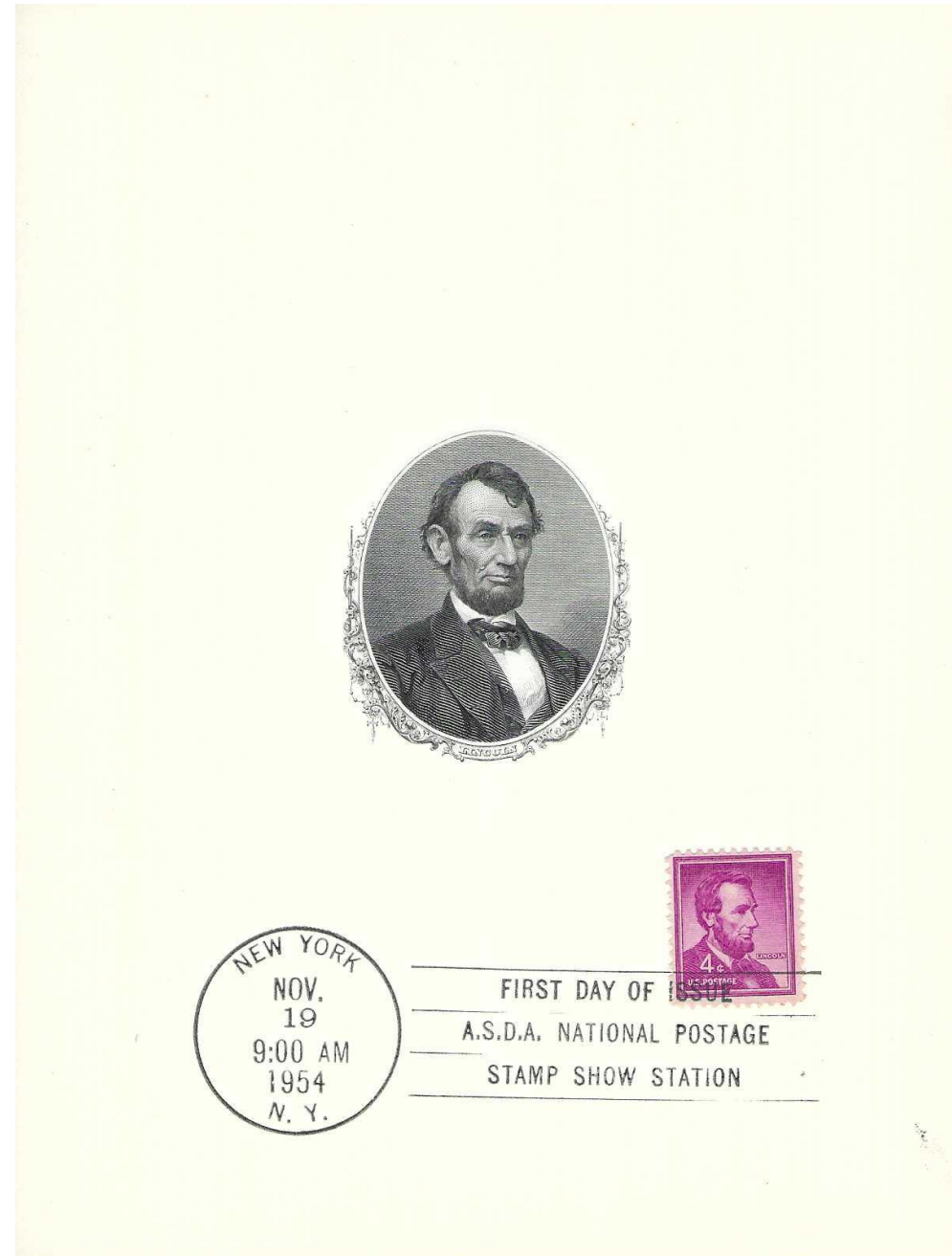
# Meet the Souvenir Card Collectors Society



- Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) 336, (PV) portrait view cards
- United States Postal Service (PS) 71
- Semi Official (ABN) 171
- American Stamp Dealers (ASDA) 300 +
- American Philatelic Society (APS)
- United Nations (UN)
- American Numismatic Association (ANA)
- Duck cards (D) 147
- Forerunner cards – BEP, USPS, FSO, etc.
- Union cards and convention books PP,DS&E
- SCCS – National, Chapter One, Metro Four
- Mike bean (MB) 75, Lee Quast (Q) 50 etc.
- 100's of private cards

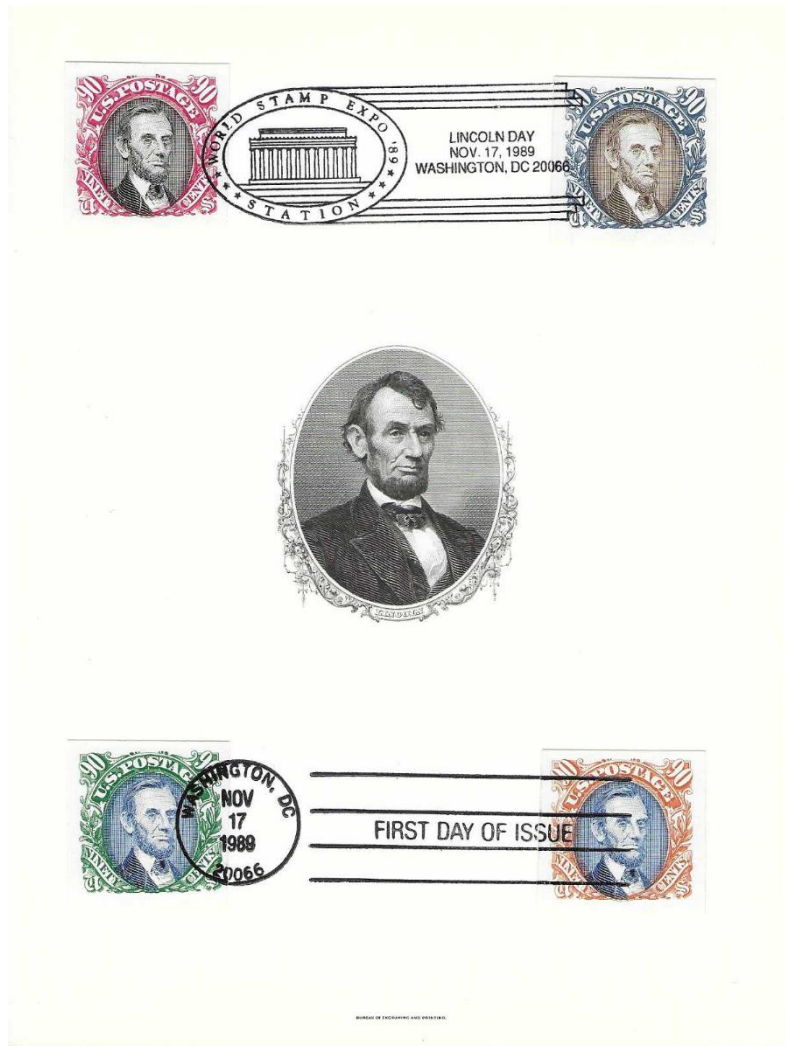
What is the oldest  
first day cancelled  
souvenir card?

- Collector obtained a PV16 from the BEP for the ASDA Stamp Show.
- First day cancel of the Liberty Issue four cent Lincoln #1036 on Friday, November 19, 1954 at the show.

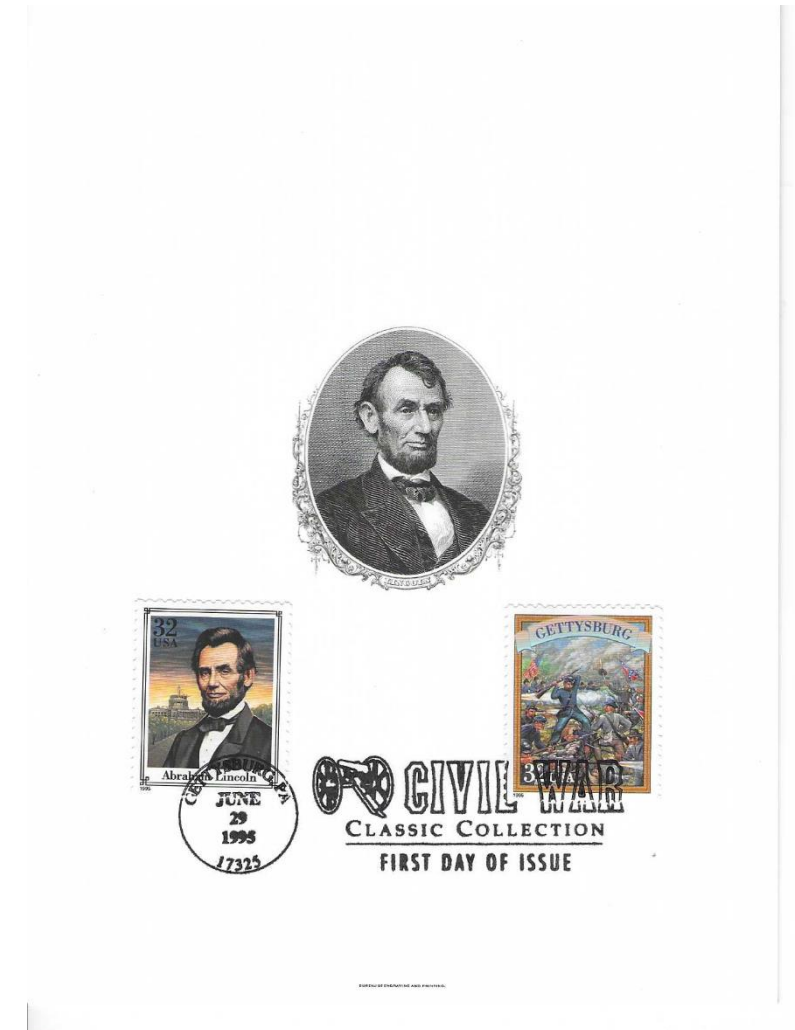




PV 16 can be used for any Lincoln theme stamp.



- Left: Scott: #2433  
S/S of four with first  
day and Lincoln Day  
show cancel from  
World Stamp Expo  
in 1989.
- Right: Scott #'s  
2975j and 2975t  
from sheet of 20  
Civil War  
commemoratives of  
1995.



# PS 1 - First Modern Souvenir Card ?

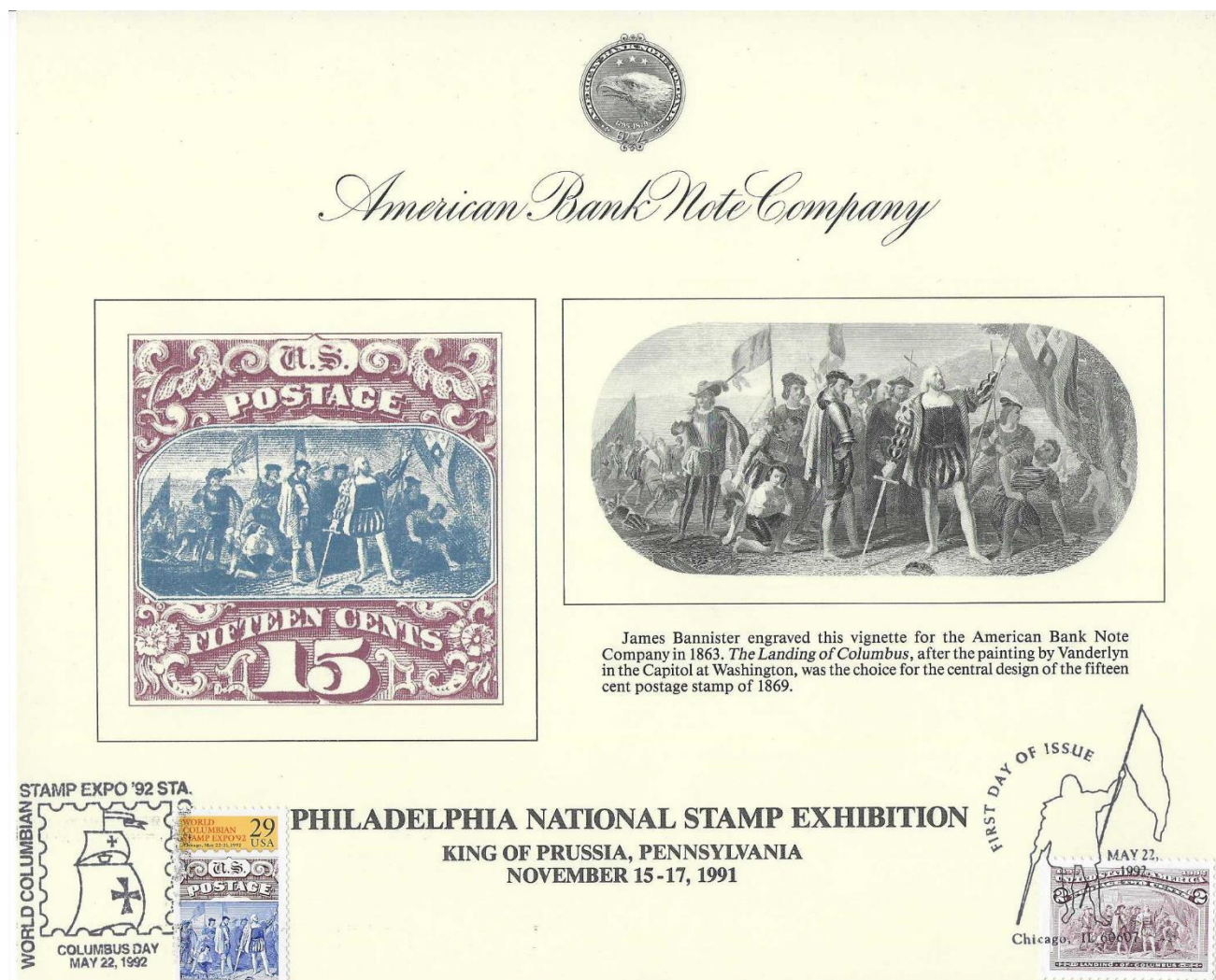
March 26 –April 5, 1960 Barcelona, Spain



- The U.S. Post Office Department traveled to Spain for the First International Philatelic Congress.
- The central design is from Scott #231 two cent stamp for the Columbian Exposition.
- This card is **show cancelled** by two Spanish stamps picturing Ferdinand and Isabella.
- Few American collectors attended the show and there was a minimum dispersal. Years later the demand rose along with the cost.

# Semi official (SO)83 The Landing of Columbus, the first of more than 20 cards prepared for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Columbus' discovery.

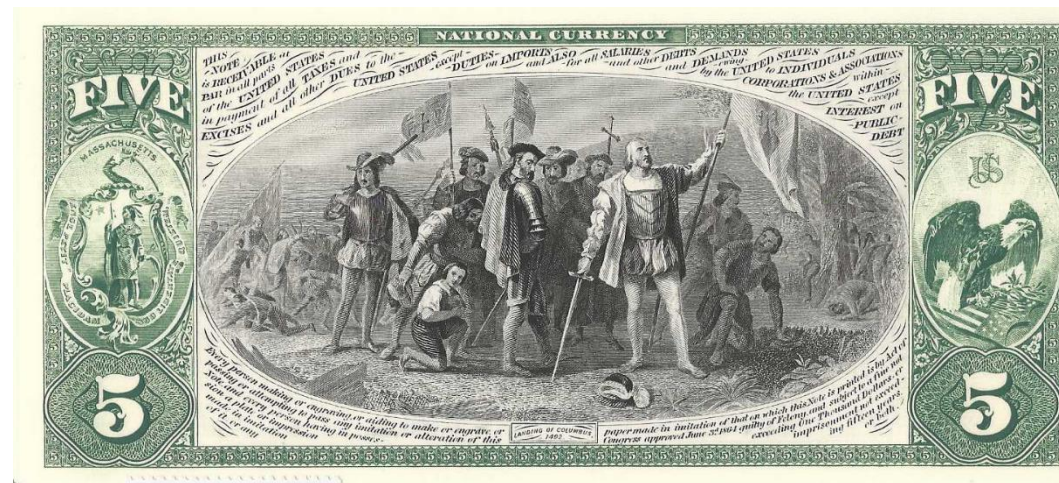
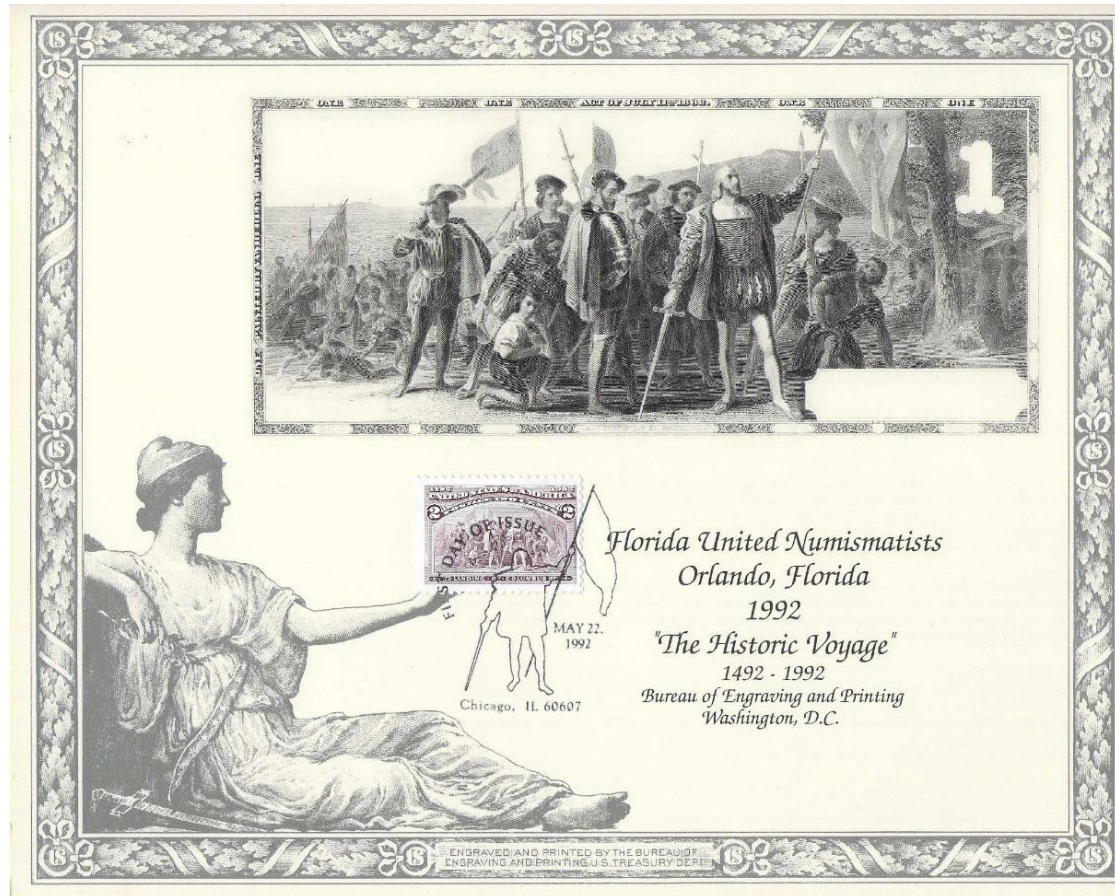
- James Bannister of the American Bank Note Company engraved *The Landing of Columbus* after the painting By James Vanderlyn in the Capitol.
- The image was first used on Scott # 116 in 1869 and repeated on Scott #231 in 1893, both printed by ABN.
- Modern images are on Scott #2616 Jan. 24, 1992 and #2625a. for the World Columbian Stamp Expo.





# B-153 FUN 1992

- B-153 focused on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of America. The “unfinished masterpiece” was engraved in 1869 by Lorenzo Hatch as part of a proposed series. The silver border mimics the frame of the World Columbian Exposition diploma.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> day is Scott #2625a.
- The central vignette was used on B-159 for the ANA convention in Orlando.





# Sixth International Philatelic Exposition – May 21-30, 1966

Scott #1310 May 21

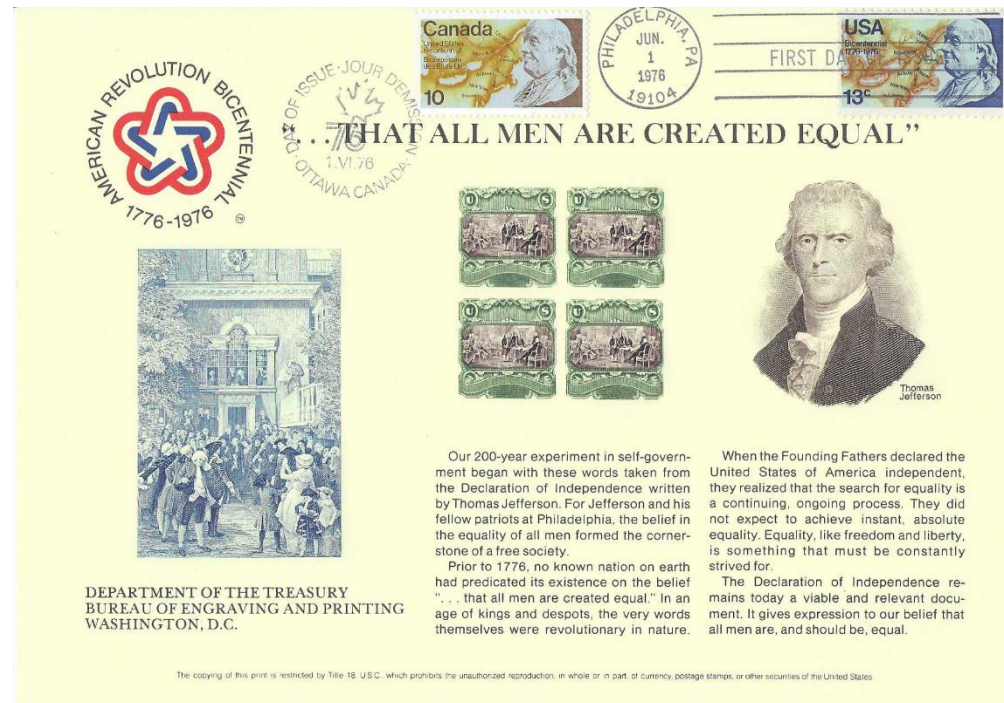
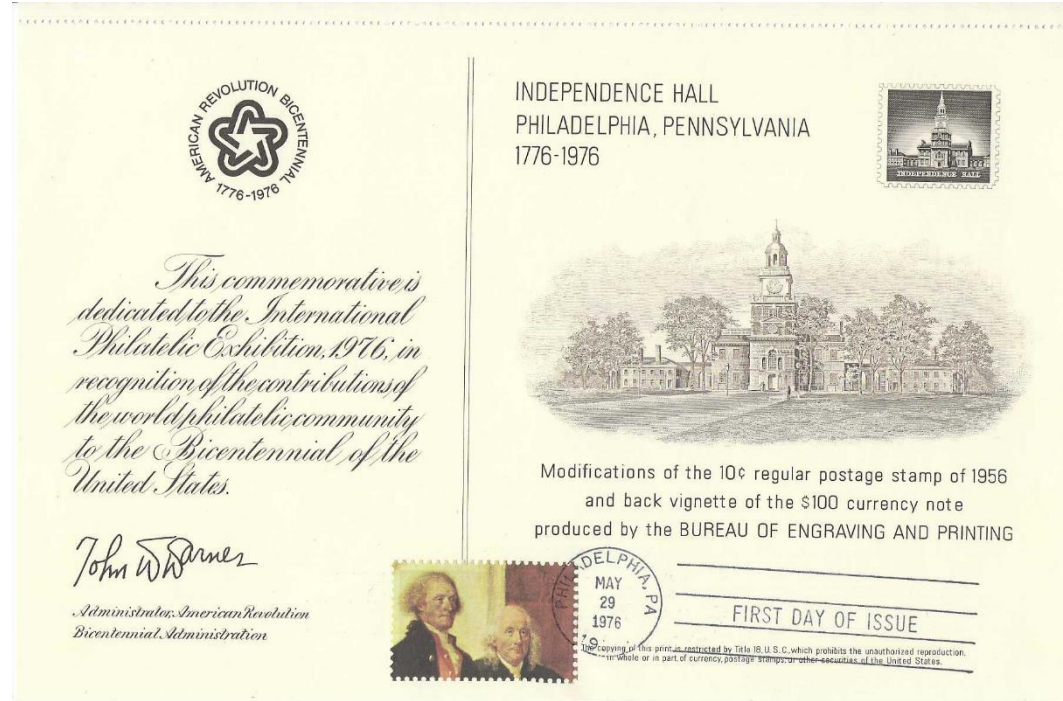
- Left: 1<sup>st</sup> day cancel #1310, May 21 on SO #1, the first semi-official card produced by American Banknote Company.
- Right: SIPEX May 29 show cancel on F1966A, a B.E.P. product for distribution at the show, a fore runner to their subscription program.



# B 34 & B 35 INTERPHIL 1976

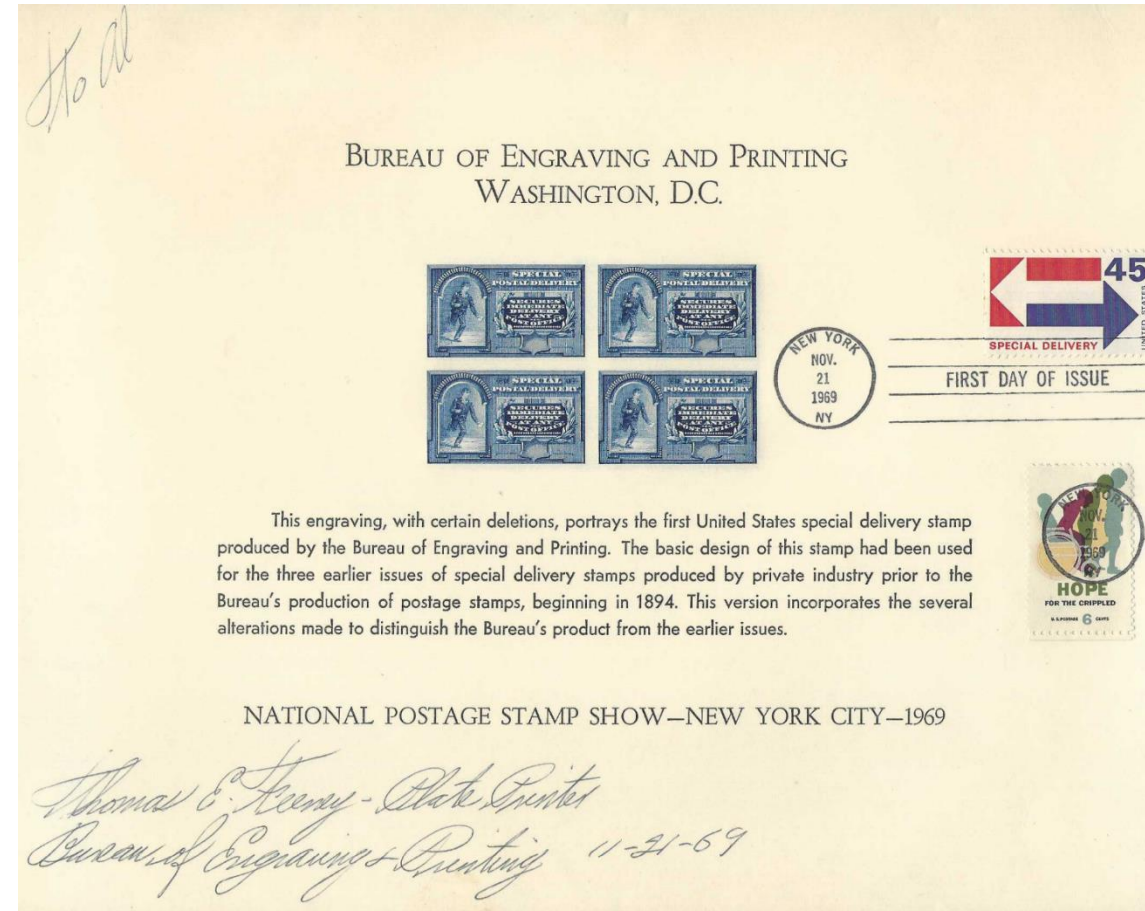
Philadelphia May 29 – June 6

- Scott #1687b. May 29, 1976 with Franklin and Jefferson from the souvenir sheet on B35, a tipped in page in the show program that features Independence Hall and Scott #1044 from 1956.
- Scott #1690 (US) & #691 (Canada), a joint issue presented on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the show on June 1, 1976. The card has three engravings: Independence Hall, a block of Scott #120, and a Jefferson engraving.





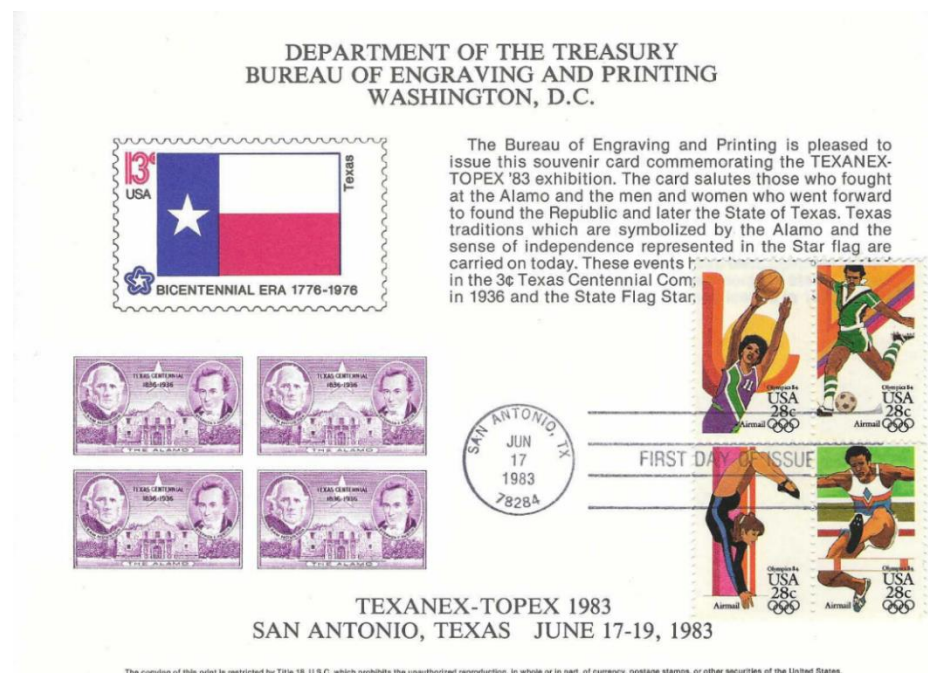
B-4 ASDA 1969 with Scott #E22 Special Delivery Nov. 21, 1969  
& 2<sup>nd</sup> day cancel of #1385 Hope for Cripple Children  
Signed by BEP plate printer. Was there a demonstration press?



## B - 60 TEXANEX-TOPEX 1983

June 17 – 19, 1983

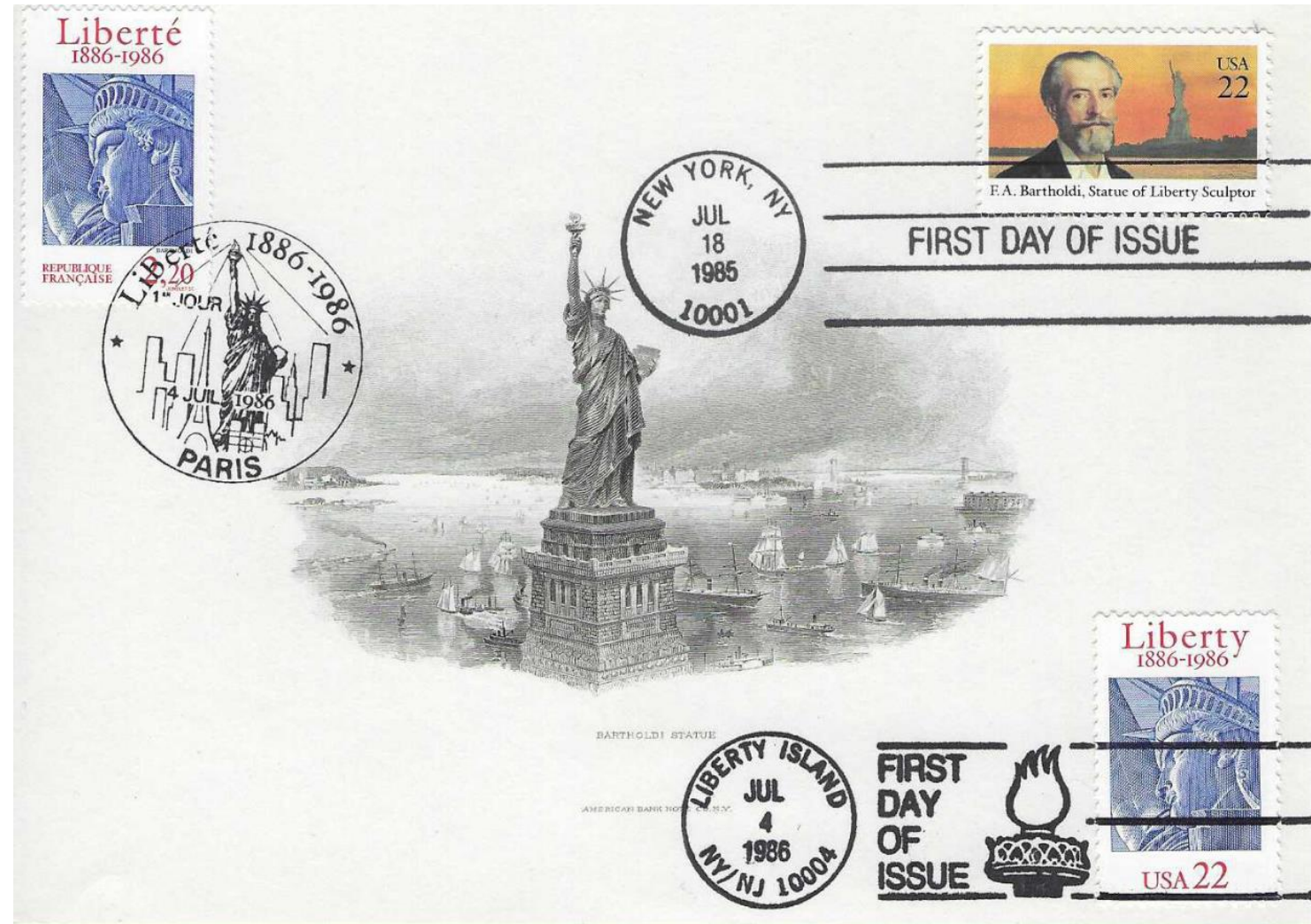
- Collectors often collect a mint and a show cancelled card, If a show also has a first day program, this works too.
- Five different Texas themed stamps are show cancelled along with two D.C. cancels.
- Scott #'s C101 – C104 for 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles





# SO 38 – American Bank Note Statue of Liberty, 1984

- Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, sculptor of the Statue of Liberty; Scott 2147 July 18, 1985
- Joint issue with France for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Statue of Liberty Scott U.S. #2224 and France #2014 July 4, 1986





# B – 80 NAPEX '85, June 7 – 9, 1985

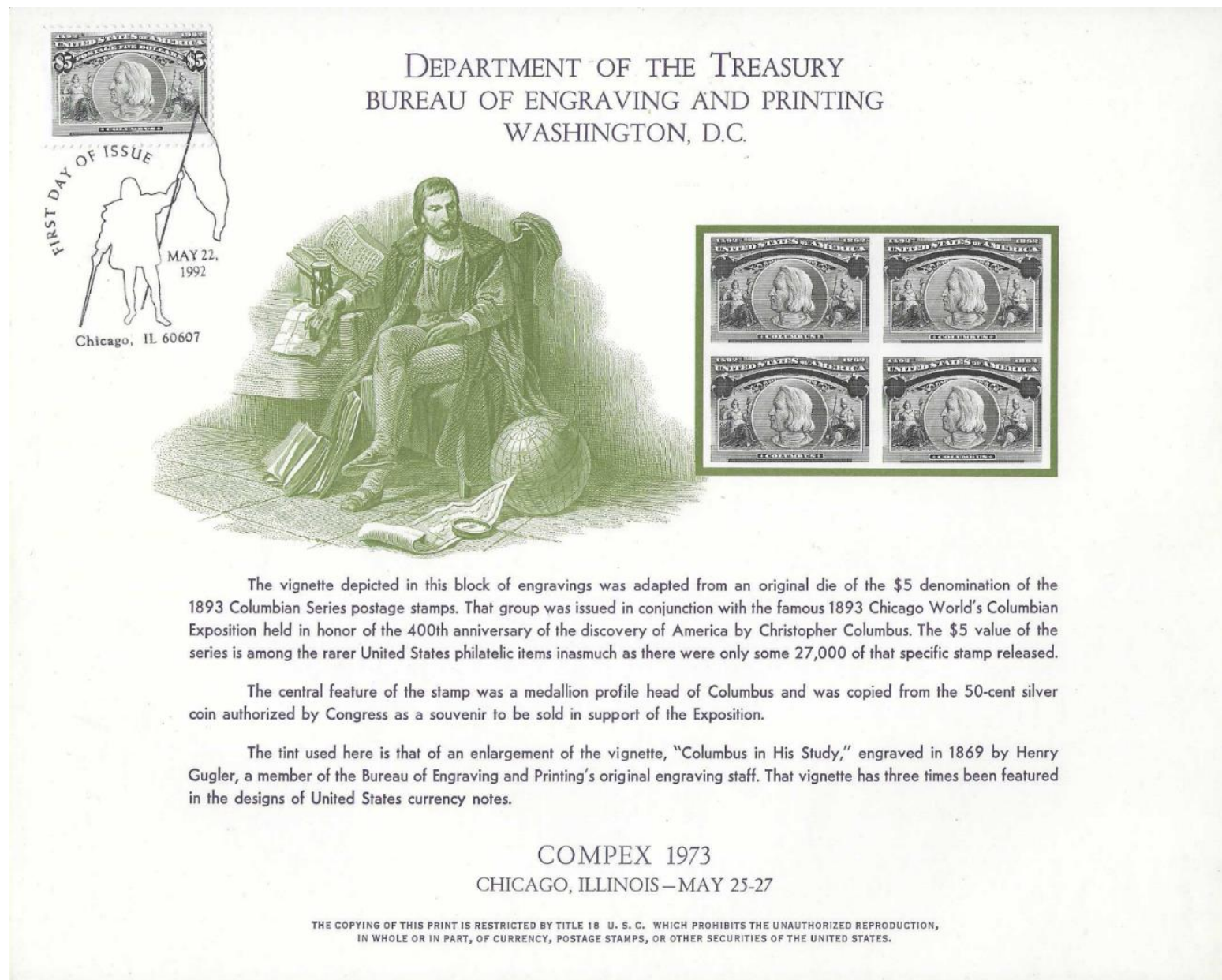
- NApEX often gets 1<sup>st</sup> day ceremonies because of time and location. The card has Scott #2123, the school bus stamp from June 8, 1985.
- It almost is lost with all three day show cancels and a DC Visitor Center's cancel.





B – 23 COMPEX 1973;  
Scott #2629a.

Worlds Columbian  
Exhibition May 22,  
1992



B – 58  
ESPAMAR '82,

1<sup>st</sup> day of  
Scott #2625c.  
of image  
from Scott  
#244

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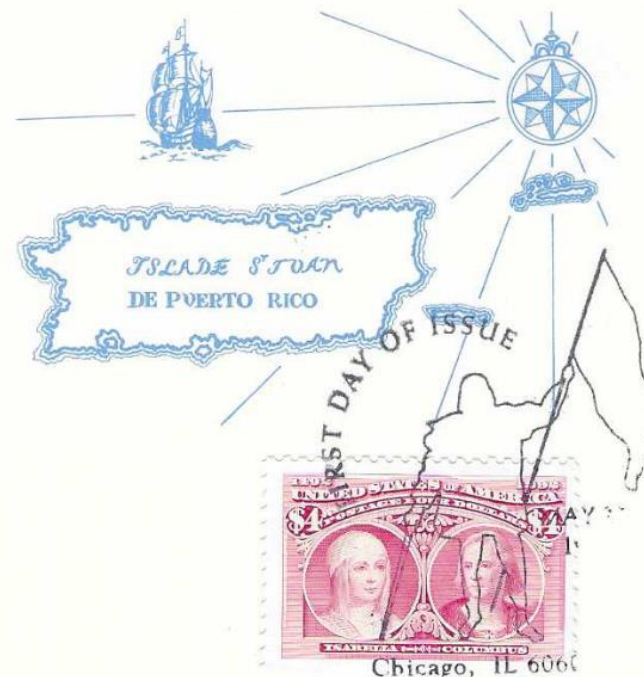
The Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the United States is pleased to participate in ESPAMER '82, and to honor it by issuing this souvenir card. The postage stamp chosen is the \$4 Isabella-Columbus issue, which is illustrated in a block of four stamps. This stamp was originally placed on sale on January 2, 1893 as part of the 16-stamp Columbian Stamp series. The stamps are reproduced here in their original carmine color.

The portrait of Isabella is based on a well-known painting by Bartolome Bermejo and the Columbus portrait is based on the Lorenzo Lotto painting. Queen Isabella, who ruled Spain with King Ferdinand from 1474 to 1504, sponsored the voyages of Columbus. Puerto Rico was discovered by Columbus on November 19, 1493, during his second voyage to the New World.

El Buró de Grabado y Imprimir de los Estados Unidos tiene el gran placer de participar en la Exposición Internacional Filatelica de America y Europa, ESPAMER '82. En honor de esta gran ocasión, el Buró emitirá una tarjeta de recuerdo, la cual conmemorará los viajes de Cristobal Colón al nuevo mundo. Durante el segundo viaje al nuevo mundo, en el día 19 de noviembre de 1493, Cristobal Colón descubrió la Isla de Puerto Rico.

El sello eligido para esta ocasión es la de Isabela y Colón con valor de 4 dolares, representado en un grupo de quatro sellos. Este sello fué uno de diez y seis sellos conmemorando los viajes de Colón. El retrato de la Reina Isabela fué pintada por Bartolomeo Berméjo, en tanto que la de Colón fué pintada por Lorenzo Lotto. Isabela y Ferdinando reinaron España desde 1474 a 1504, durante cual fueron los fiadores de Colón.

ESPAMER '82  
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO OCTOBER 12-17, 1982





# FLORIDA UNITED NUMISMATISTS

Orlando, Florida

January 1993

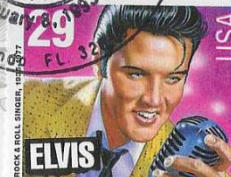


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Washington, DC – Ft. Worth, Texas

Orlando



## Elvis!

B-165 FUN '95

- The country anticipated the debut of the Elvis Presley stamp in Memphis on January 8, 1993 Scott #2721.
- The first day ceremony was at midnight Friday, January 8, and the stamps was sold at every post office in the country on the same day.
- The temporary post office at the Orange County Convention Center had the stamp and so it was easy to get a first day cancel of this popular stamp.
- The back of the \$1000 Treasurer/Coin Note of 1890. The shape of the zeros result in the nickname as the “watermelon note.”



# Pacific 97 souvenirs

- Left: a private card for the Ben Franklin #3139 May 29 first day ceremony with additional Franklin stamps. Autographs from the two BEP engravers and June 3 show cancel honoring the BEP.
- Right: a second card to include the George Washington May 30 stamp #3140. Autograph by Karl Malden ("The Streets of San Francisco") actor also member of Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee. Two real stamps for San Francisco Day cancel.





# Pacific 97 – The Irish Post Office card

- The Ireland Post Office produced a 7" X 8" souvenir cards given for free at the show. They become a perfect vehicle for UX 282 and 283 with same day show cancels on funky combos.



# Pacific 97 Just for fun!

- Irish cards as vehicles for a visit to the opera and a base ball game. (not 1<sup>st</sup> days)





# PS-4 London International Stamp Exhibition, PHILYMPIA - September 18-26, 1970

- Most postal service cards honor foreign stamp shows. On April 1, 1970, Britain produced Scott #615 to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower.
- In September the USPOD made this card as a souvenir that honored the Mayflower voyage.
- On November 21, the Post Office introduced Scott #1420 to mark the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.
- This card matches #1420 with **matching stamps** #'s 548-550 tied by the 1<sup>st</sup> day cancellation, plus the British stamp tied by a Plymouth circular cancel.



# PS-6 Olympia Philatelie Munchen 72

- The U.S.P.O.D. has created many stamps over the years to honor the Olympics. Most summer meets have a stamp show attached to the sports.
- The pictured stamps had their 1<sup>st</sup> day on August 17, 1972, in the U.S. This card has a **second day cancel** on the four stamps Scott #'s 1460-1462 and #C85.



Diese Andenkenkarte wird zu Ehrender Olympia Philatelie München 1972 ausgegeben. Dargestellt sind Briefmarken der Vereinigten Staaten, die zum Andenken an die XI. Winterspiele im Februar 1972 in Sapporo, Japan, und die XX. Sommerspiele in München, Deutschland, im August und September 1972 ausgegeben werden.

  
OLYMPIA  
PHILATELIE  
MÜNCHEN 72  
  
18 AUGUST BIS  
10 SEPTEMBER 1972

  
Postmaster General

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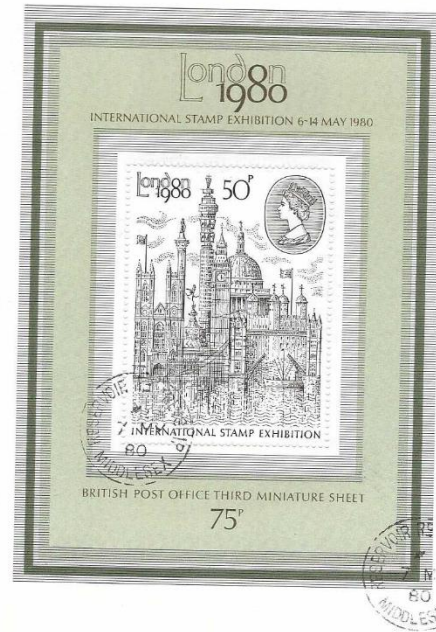
# PS-21 Colorado, "The Centennial State"

- Only a few of the PS cards deviate from foreign shows. PS 21 honors the centennial of Colorado's entry into the union on August 1, 1976 even though the state entered the union on July 4.
- The irony is that The USPS waited until May 21, 1977, to make a stamp to honor the anniversary. The 1<sup>st</sup> day cancel on Scott #1711 in the upper right 10 months later.



# PS-31 LONDON 1980

- Great Britain Scott #'s 910-914 were introduced on the second day of the show on May 7, 1980. They honor Buckingham Palace, Albert Memorial, Royal Opera House, Hampton Court, and Kensington Palace.
- An added feature is on the reverse. A large format stamp Scott #909 to publicize the show had appeared April 9. The same stamp in souvenir sheet format had its 1<sup>st</sup> day on May 7. The cancelled S/S is on the reverse.





# PS 42 & 43 Joint Stamp Issues

- Left is PS 42 honors the 200<sup>th</sup> year of US-Sweden friendship. The U.S. stamp is Scott #2036 and Sweden #1453 is the Sweden. Slania engraved.
- Right is PS 43 with Scott #2040 and Germany #1397 to honor the first shipload of German colonizers in Pennsylvania.
- Also is a 1<sup>st</sup> day of German born scientist Charles Steinmetz Scott #2055.





# PS-47 1983-1984 International Philatelic Memento Card

- For 1983 to 1985 the USPS decided to create a generic card to take to some shows.
- PS 47 pictured Scott #1387 the American Bald Eagle.
- This collector used the card for three first day cancels:

Scott #2122 April 29, 1985  
Eagle and Half Moon

Scott #2394 October 4, 1988  
Eagle and Moon

Scott #2541 June 16, 1991  
Eagle and Olympic Rings

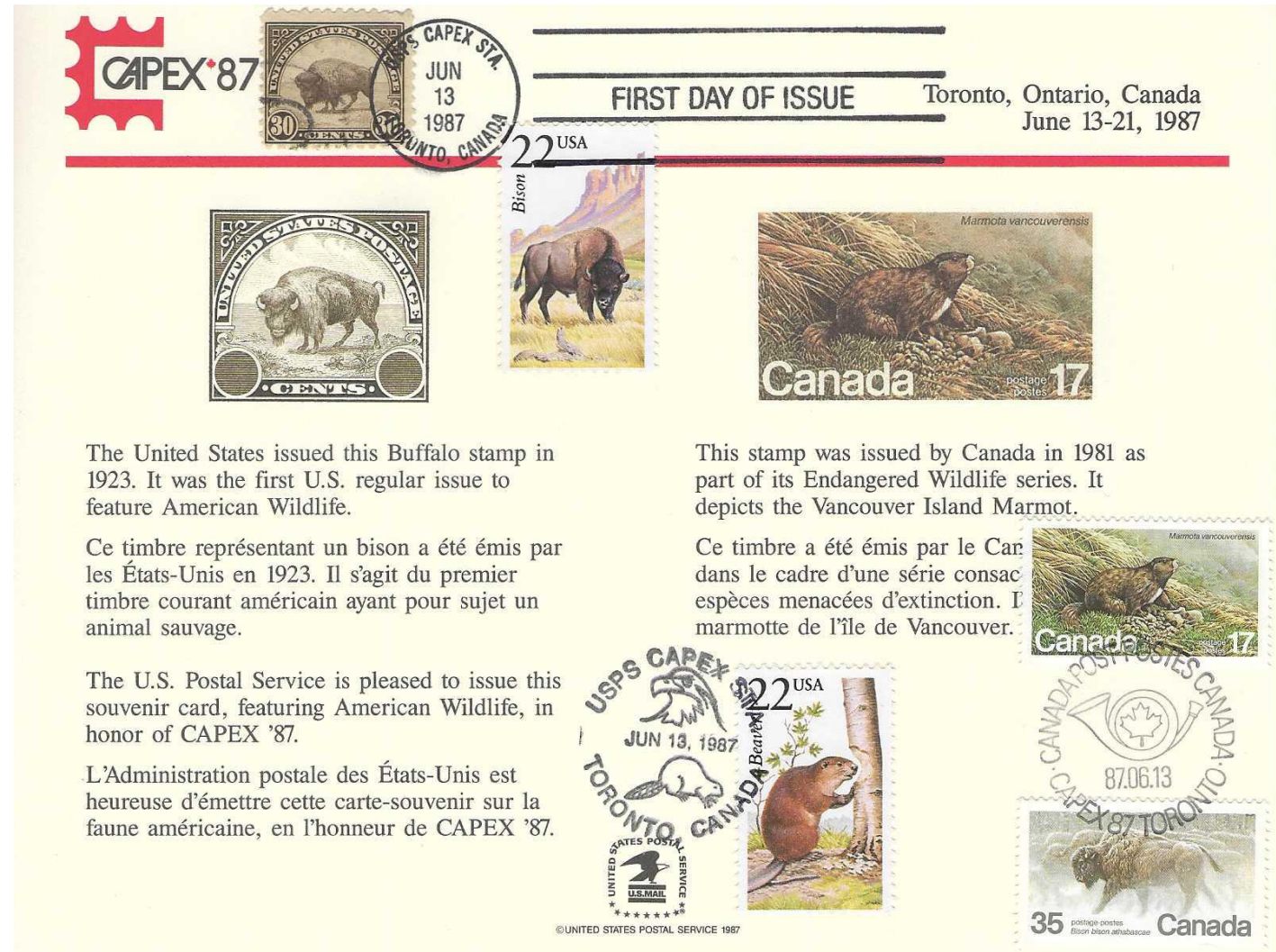
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# PS 64 – Bison and beavers

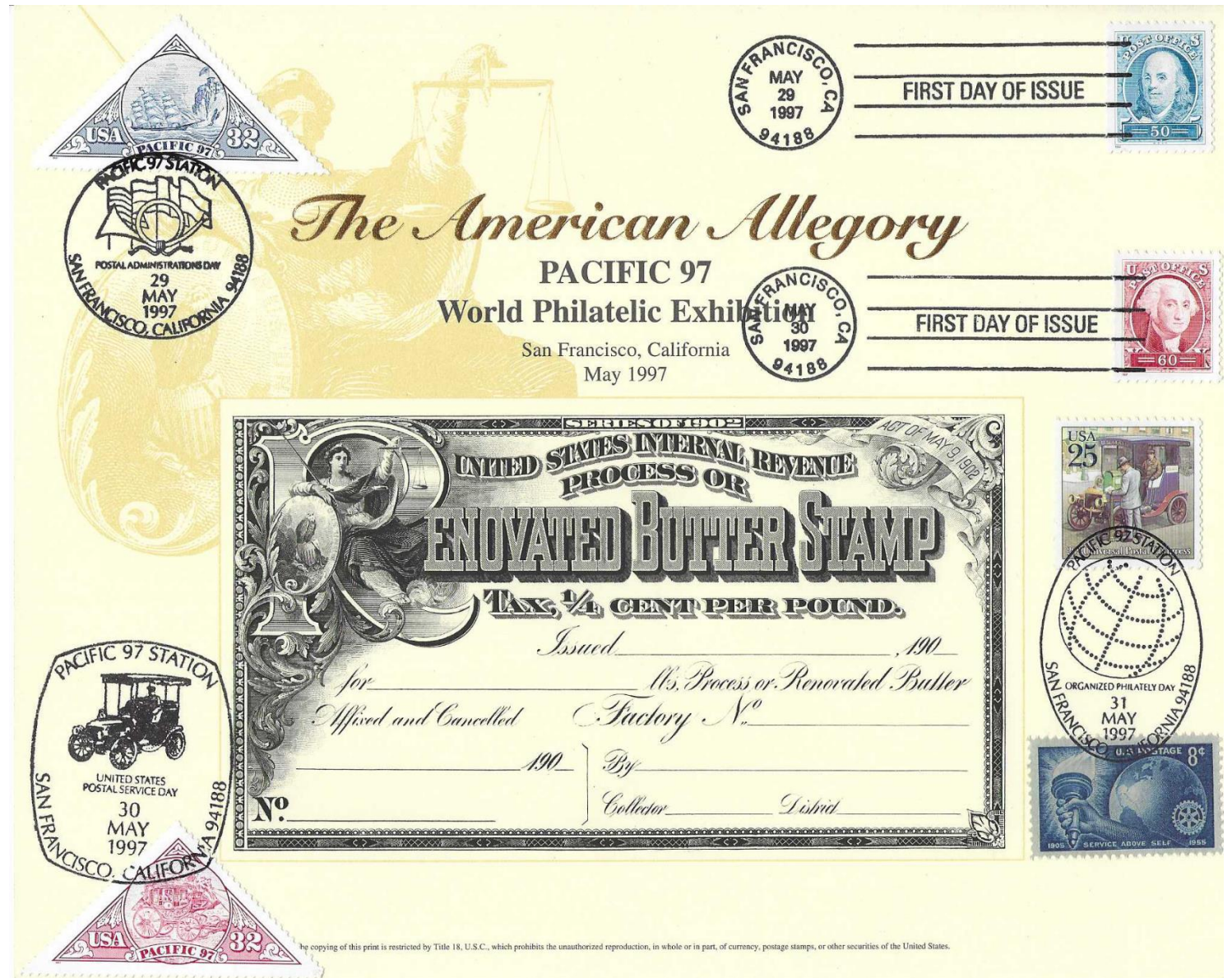
- CAPEX 87 was an international stamp show held in Toronto. The USPS chose this venue as the first day ceremony for Scott #'s 2286 – 2335, 50 stamps that celebrate North American Wildlife. June 13 was the first day of the show.
- PS 64 featured US Scott #569 bison stamp from 1923 and a 1981 Canada #883 beaver stamp. Matching stamp with companion bison #884.
- Official 1<sup>st</sup> day for Scott #2320 bison (with used stamp) and a show cancel for the #2316 beaver.





# B-217 Pacific 97 World Philatelic Exhibition

- Pacific 97 was the international stamp show of the World Philatelic Exhibition. United States internationals are usually held in years ending with six. It happens on a year seven on anniversaries of the first U.S. stamp issue.
- Scott #3139, the Ben Franklin stamp debuted on May 29 and #3140, the George Washington stamp on May 30.
- The butter stamp is interesting, but only to revenue collectors.





Reverse of B-217  
revealing all 11  
days of show.

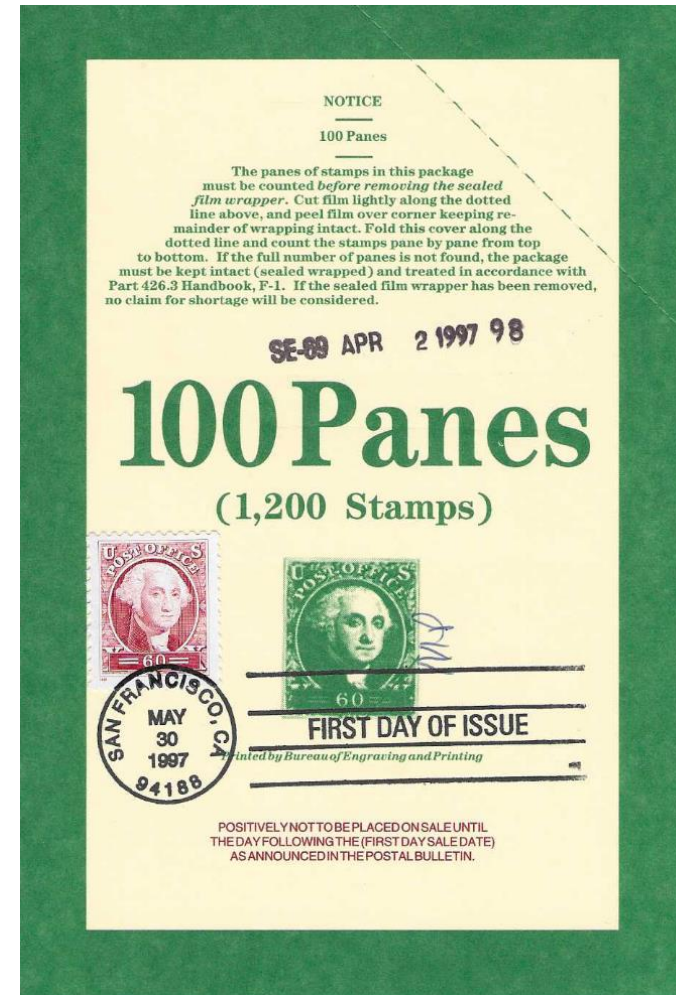
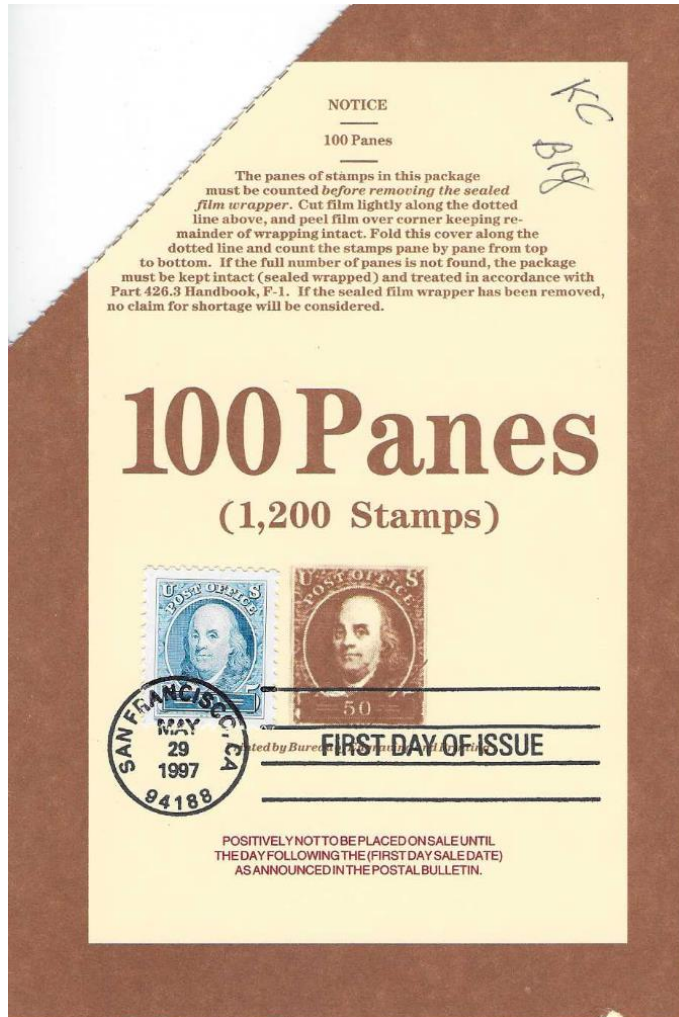
- The international shows have a different theme for every day. The challenge is to find stamps to match the theme.
- The June 2 theme was San Francisco Day and shows reduced cards with the indicia for UX282 and UX283. June 2 was the first day for UX282.
- Technically it is wrong to pre cancel UX283 a day early!





# Pacific 97 - Two one of a kind?

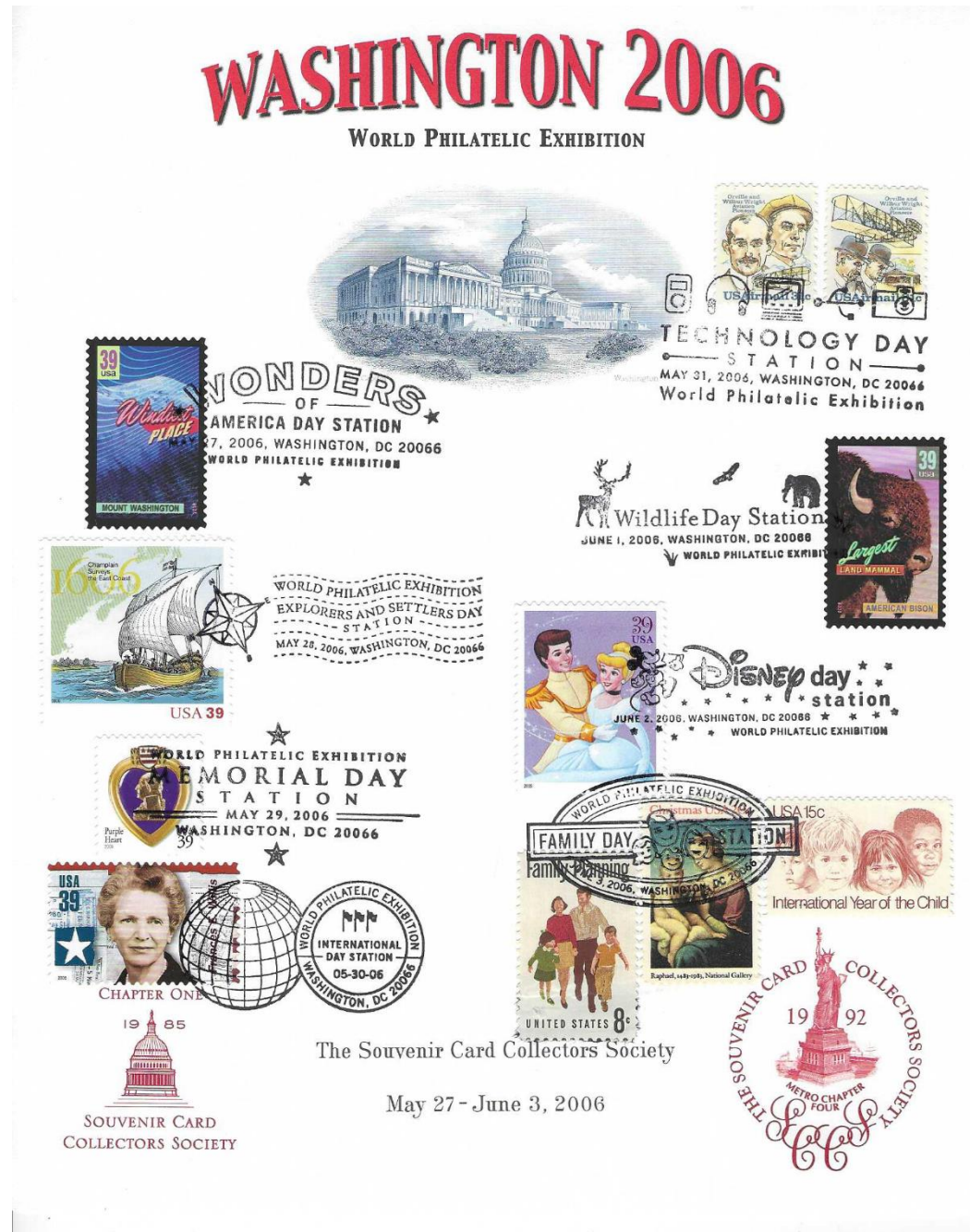
- When stamps are delivered to the USPS, they come in packs with a cover card indicating the stamp and number of panes. If a collector happens to be in line buying stamps when the bundle is opened, he may receive the card if he asks nicely. Thus two first day souvenirs for #'s 3139 and 40.





# Washington 2006 – May 27 – June 3

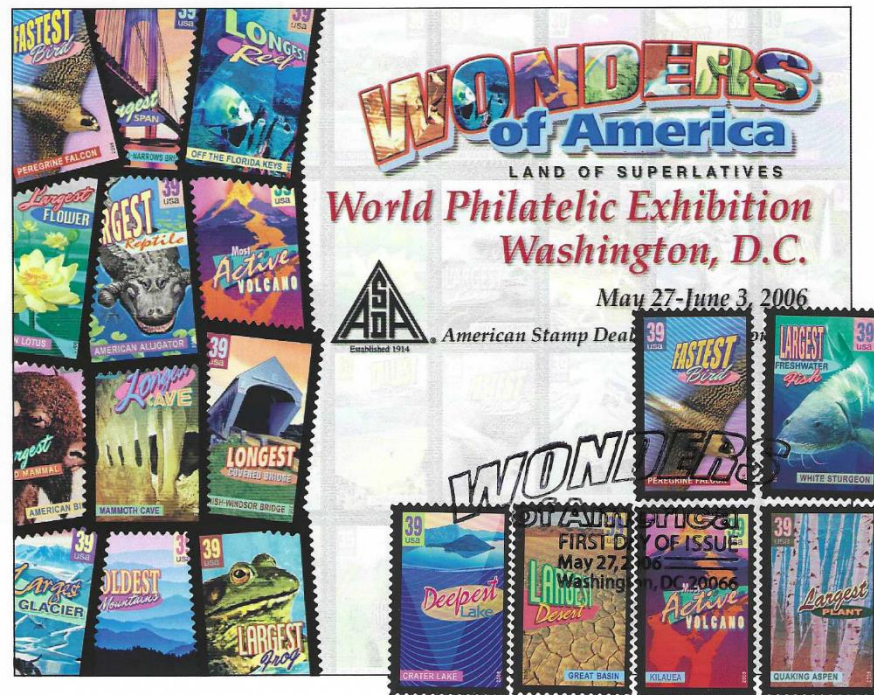
- Chapter Four of the SCCS made this card M-44 for Washington 2006. It was good for recording eight cancellations for the eight day show.
- One first day cancel #4073 May 28 on the Champlain stamp.





# ASDA cards at Washington 2006 1<sup>st</sup> day ceremonies

- Scott #4033 – 72, May 27
- Scott #4073, May 28
- Scott #4075, May 29

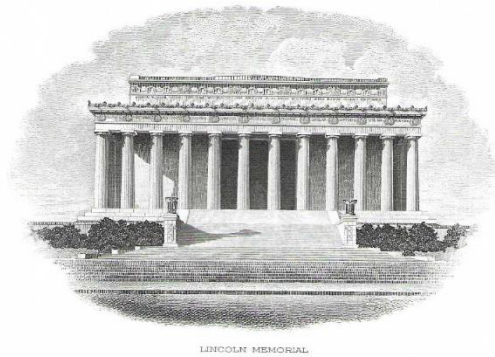




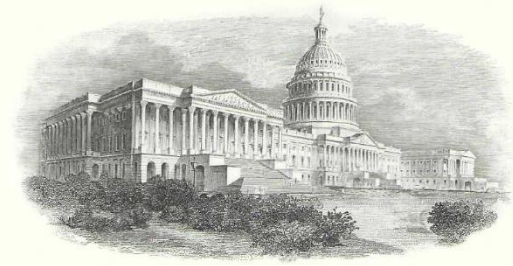
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# Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition

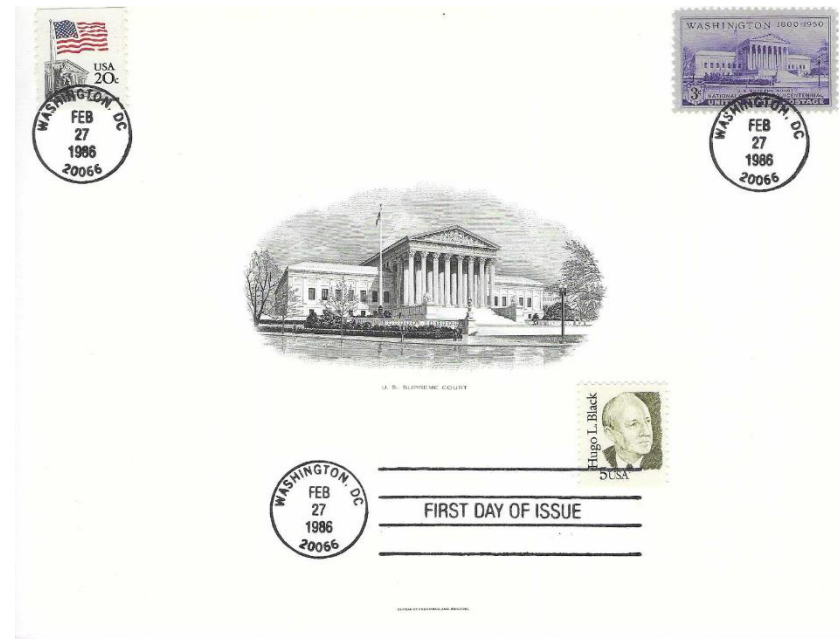
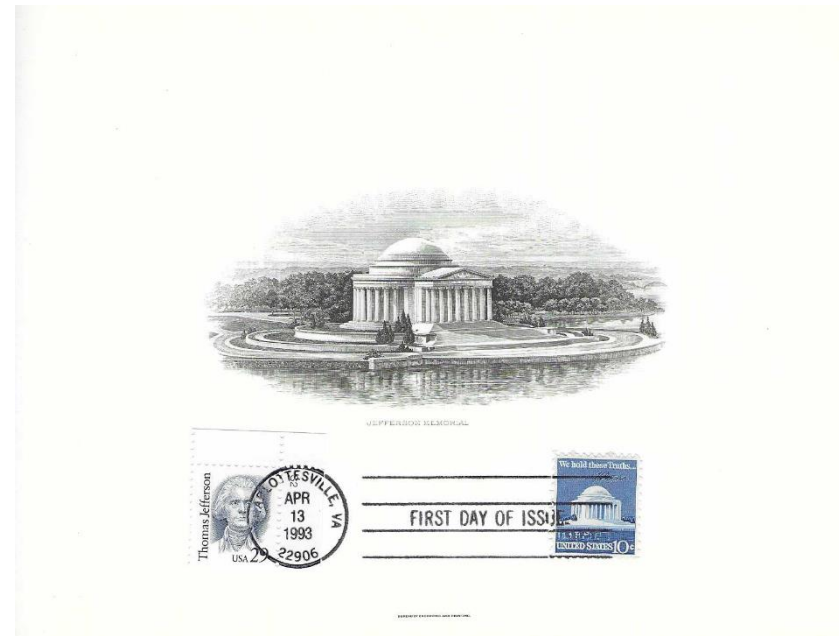
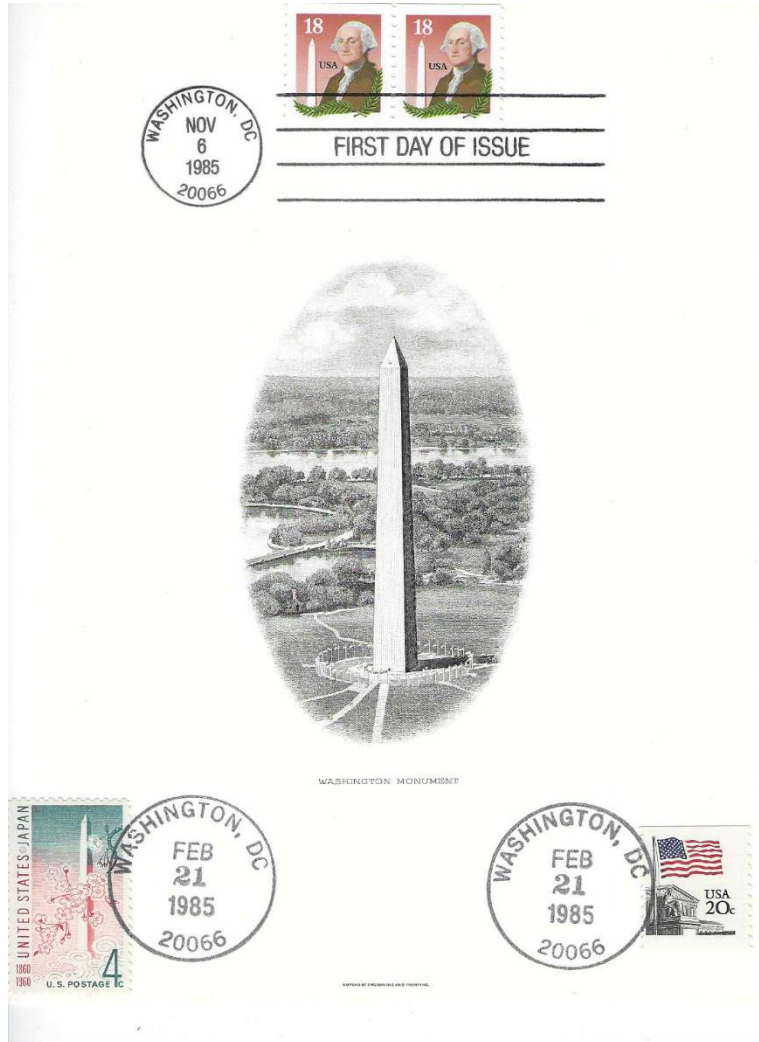


- A small souvenir sheet Scott #4075 reproduced Scott #'s 571-573 from 1923.
- Left: 1<sup>st</sup> day of #4075a. on PV 315 with a #824
- Right: 1<sup>st</sup> day of #'s 3075b. & c. on PV 302



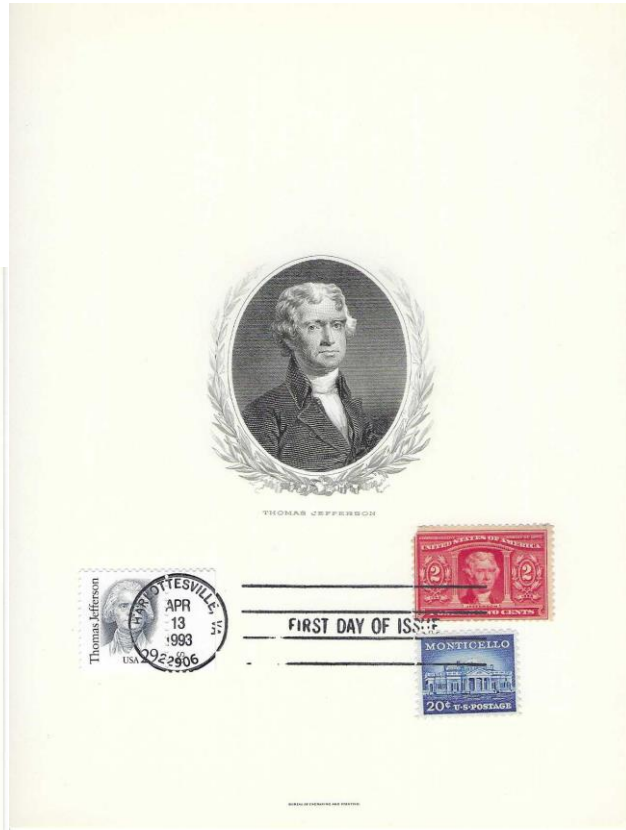
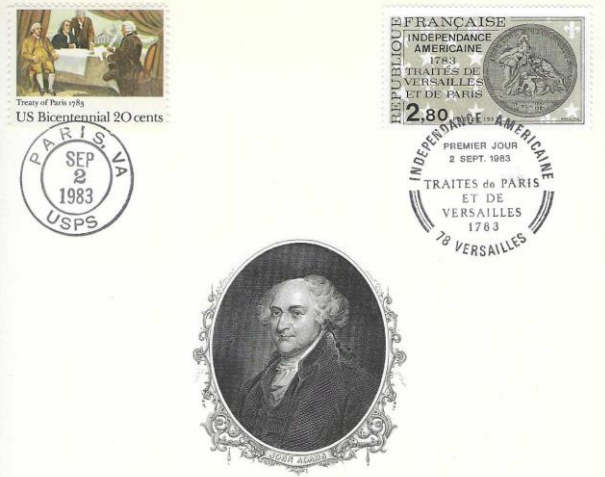
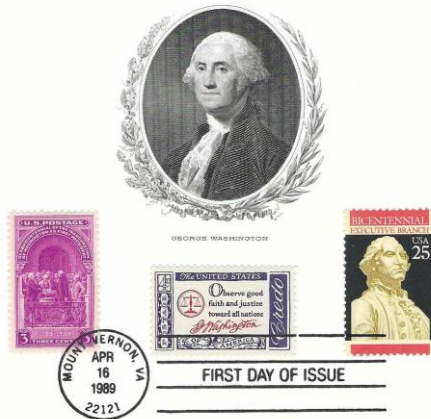


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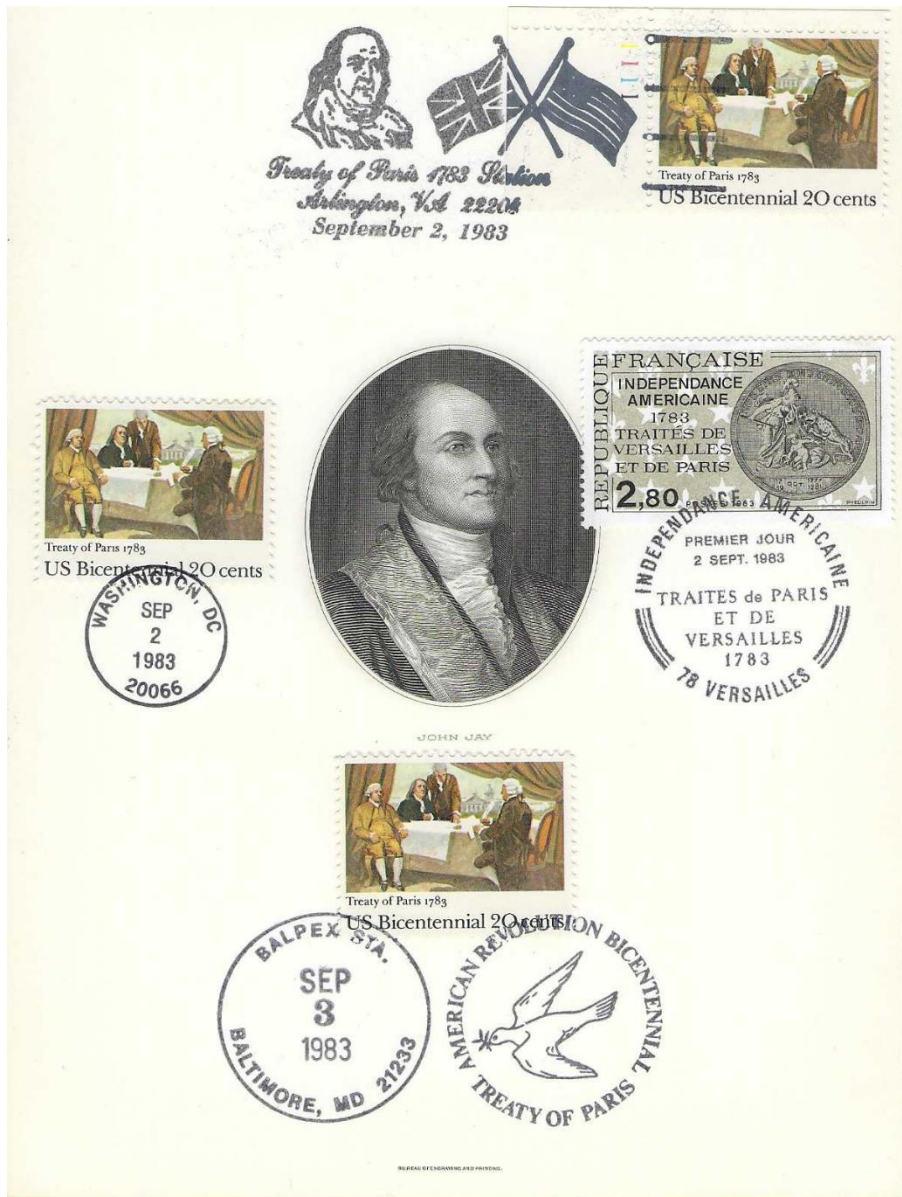


- PV 314 Washington Monument #2149    PV 315 Jefferson Memorial - #2172    PV 306 Supreme Court - #2185

# B.E.P. Presidential Portraits PV #'s 1 - 4



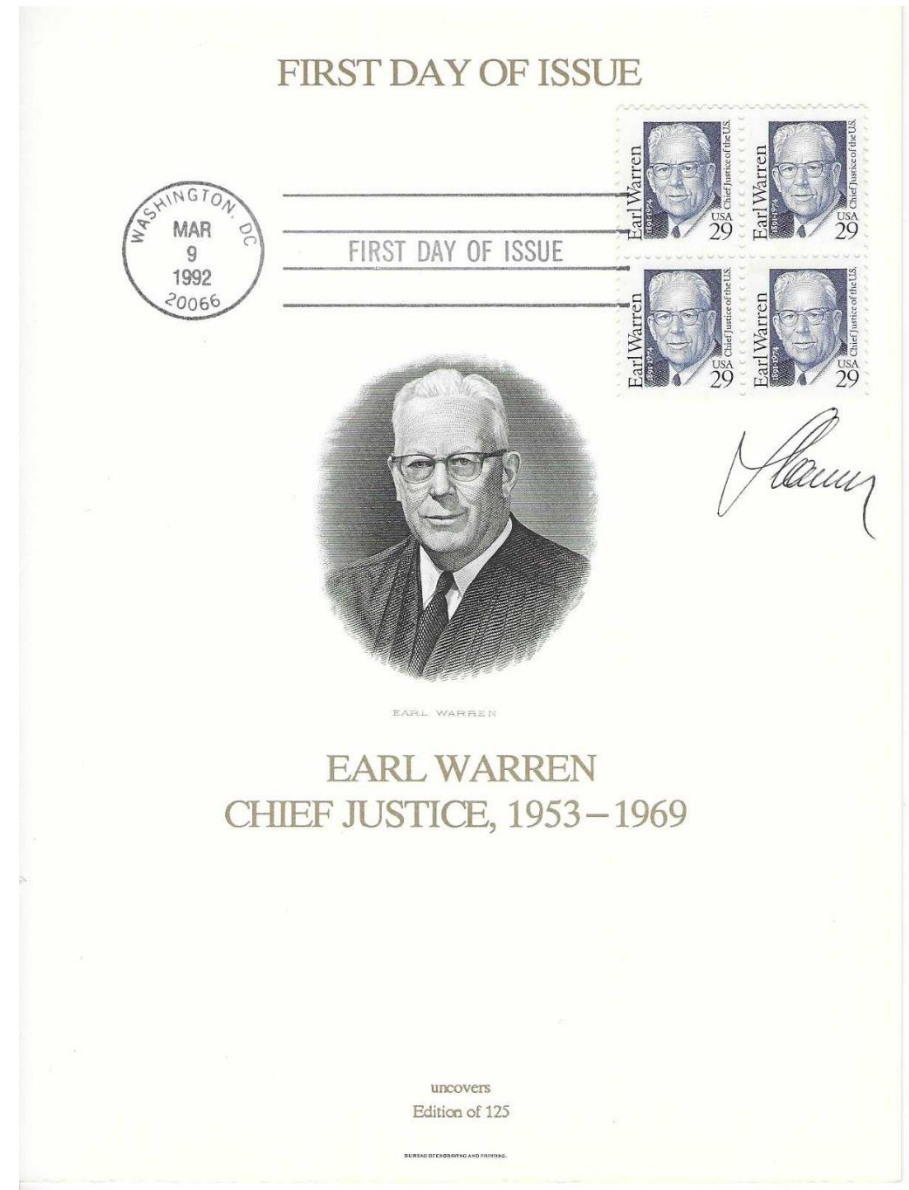




## BEP PV cards Chief Justices of Supreme Court

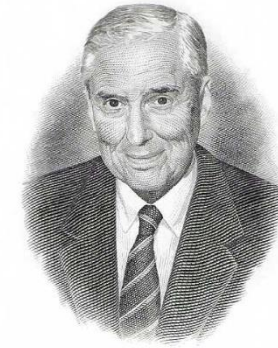
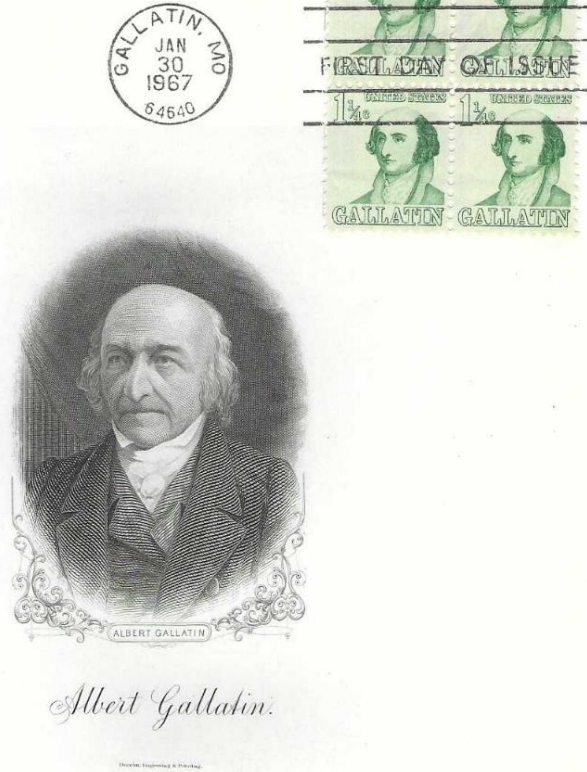
The B.E.P has produced at least 15 portrait cards for Chief Justices.

- Left: PV 100 – John Jay. Scott #2052 celebrates the bicentennial of the Treaty of Paris. John Jay was a negotiator. Joint issue with France Scott #1899.
- Right: PV 113 – Earl Warren. Scott # 2184 of the Great American series honored Chief Justice Earl Warren. UNCOVERS overprinted the card and obtained an autograph of Czelaw Slania, the stamp engraver.



# PV Secretary of the Treasury

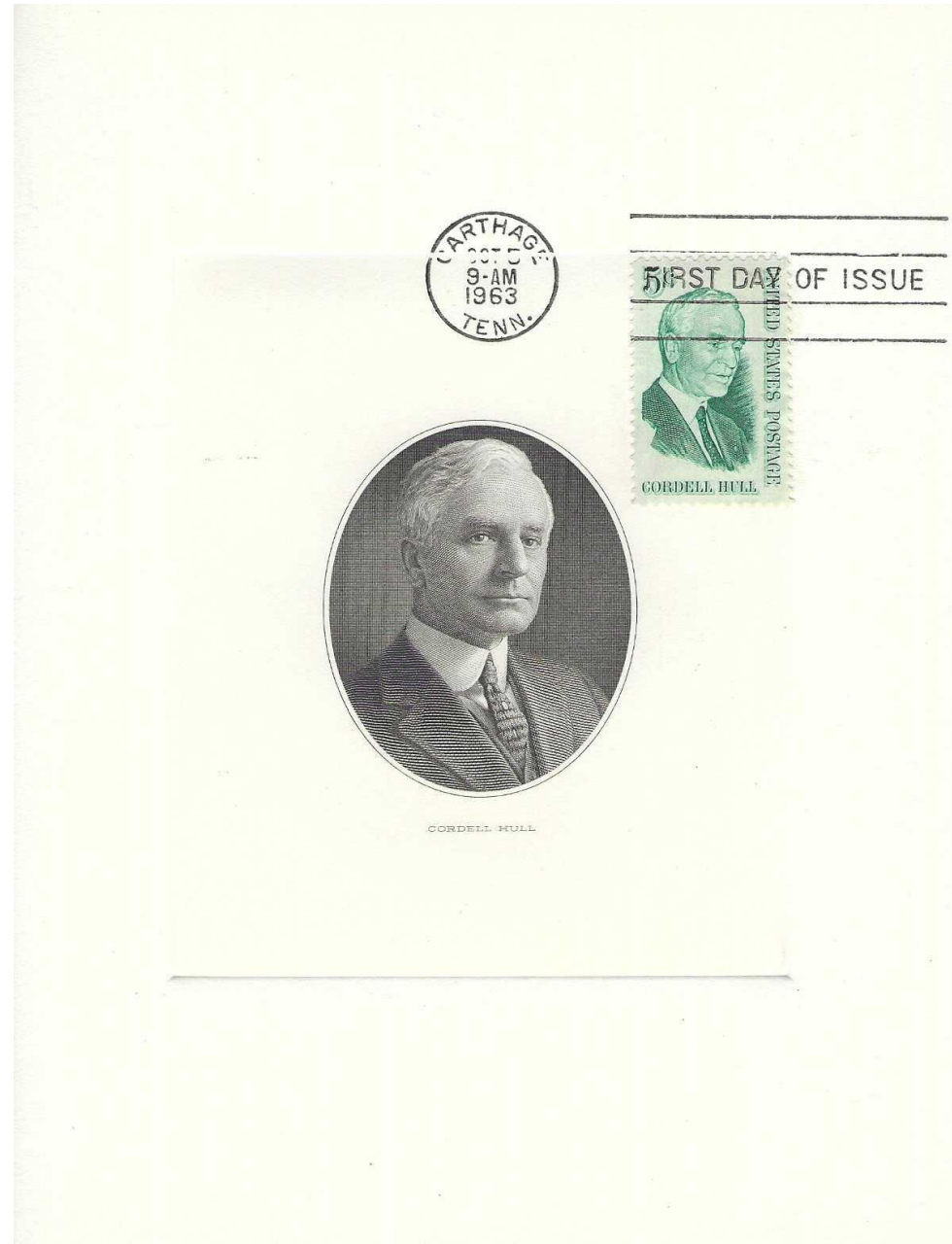
- Not well known is that the B.E.P. has made portrait cards for many cabinet offices. These are not catalogued by the SCCS, but they do exist.
- Left: Albert Gallatin, longest serving secretary 1801 – 1814. Scott #1279, Jan. 30, 1967.
- Right: Lloyd Bentsen, 1993-1994. NOT a first day. Only tie is vice president Hubert Humphrey #2189 who lost run for president and Bentsen who lost as a vice president candidate in 1988.





# PV – Secretary of State

- The B.E.P has prepared many cards for the 71 Secretaries of State. Cordell Hull was the longest serving from 1933 – 1944. Scott #1235, Oct. 5, 1963.



# Large Format Portrait View cards

**John Fitzgerald Kennedy**

35th President of the United States  
Born May 29, 1917  
Inaugurated January 20, 1961  
Died November 22, 1963



*And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.  
My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.*

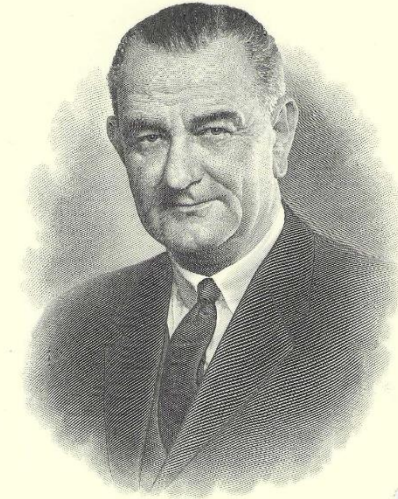
*John F. Kennedy*



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



- The BEP has done a small vignette portrait card of every president up to Trump. They have done large format 8 ½ X 11 portrait cards of 20 of the 46 presidents. It remains to be seen whether this tradition will continue.
- Left: John F. Kennedy, a private card with Scott #1246, May 29, 1964.
- Right: Lyndon B. Johnson, PV #215, with Scott #1503, Aug. 27, 1973.



LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON

AUGUST 27, 1908      JANUARY 22, 1973



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

