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The Eagle on United States Covers

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A presentation for the Rochester Philatelic Association

This presentation is a mostly chronological look at U.S. covers featuring America's iconic symbol, the eagle.



It all started when I purchased a small collection of them at the American Philatelic Society's Stampshow a few years back.



The eagle is also the national symbol of many other countries around the world, so I'm preparing a follow-up titled, "Eagles on Worldwide Covers."

1869
Regular Issue



22kt Gold Replica
30¢ Shield, Eagle and Flags

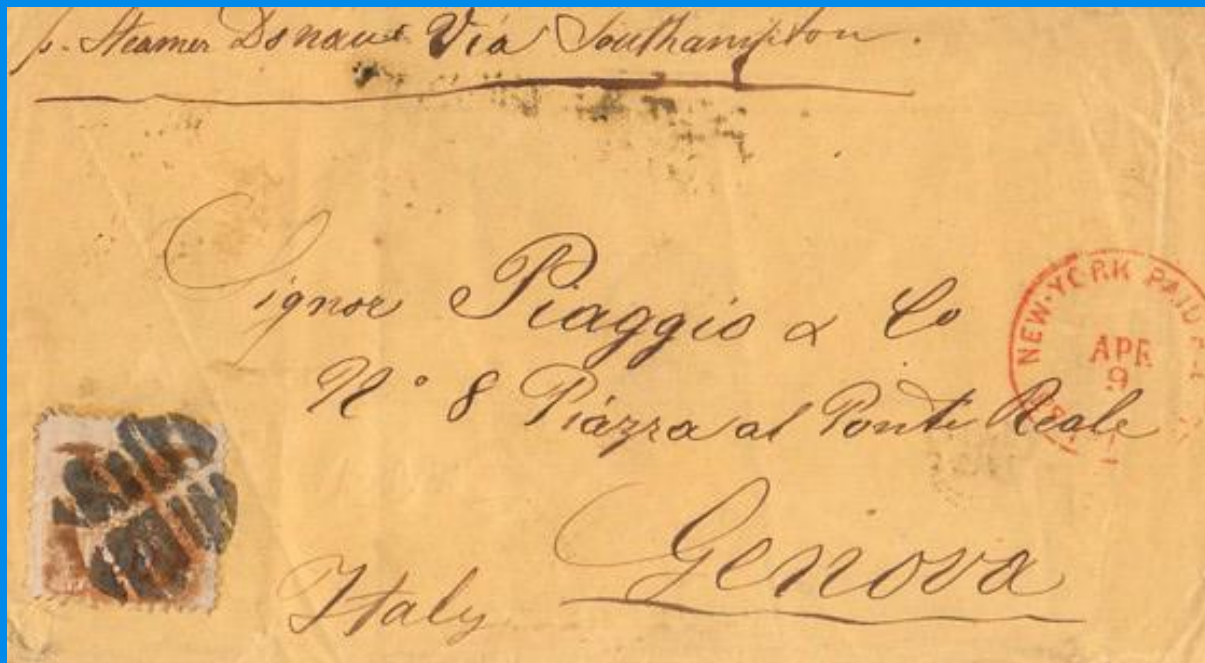


Enlarged Reproduction
of the Original Stamp

First Day of Issue
of the Original Stamp:
May 15, 1869



(#2) #121b - 30¢ Eagle and Flags invert
May 15, 1869 7 unused and 37 used examples exist



(#3) #116 - 10¢ Shield & Eagle with "NEW YORK PAID ALL" exchange postmark
April 9, 1870 New York, NY (via England) to Genoa, Italy

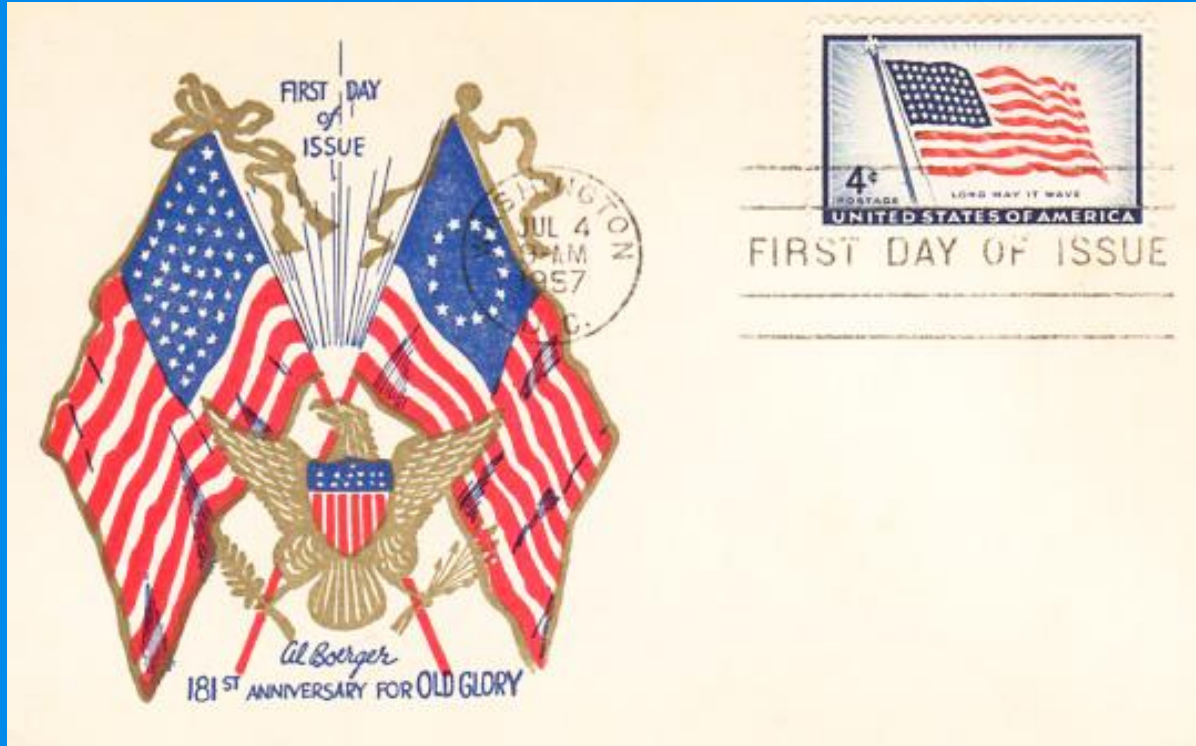


(#4) #654 - 2¢ Edison's first lamp

July 4, 1932 Henton, IL illegal use of registry cancel on 1st class letter



(#5) #UXC1 - 4¢ first airmail postal card
January 10, 1949 Washington, DC (FDC 236,620)



(#6) #1094 - 4¢ 48 star Old Glory (eagle atop flag pole)
July 4, 1957 Washington, DC (FDC 523,879)



(#7) #UXC3 - 5¢ airmail eagle in flight postal card
June 18, 1960 Minneapolis, MN (FDC 228,500)



(#8) #UXC9 - 8¢ stylized eagle
March 1, 1968 New York, NY (FDC 179,923)

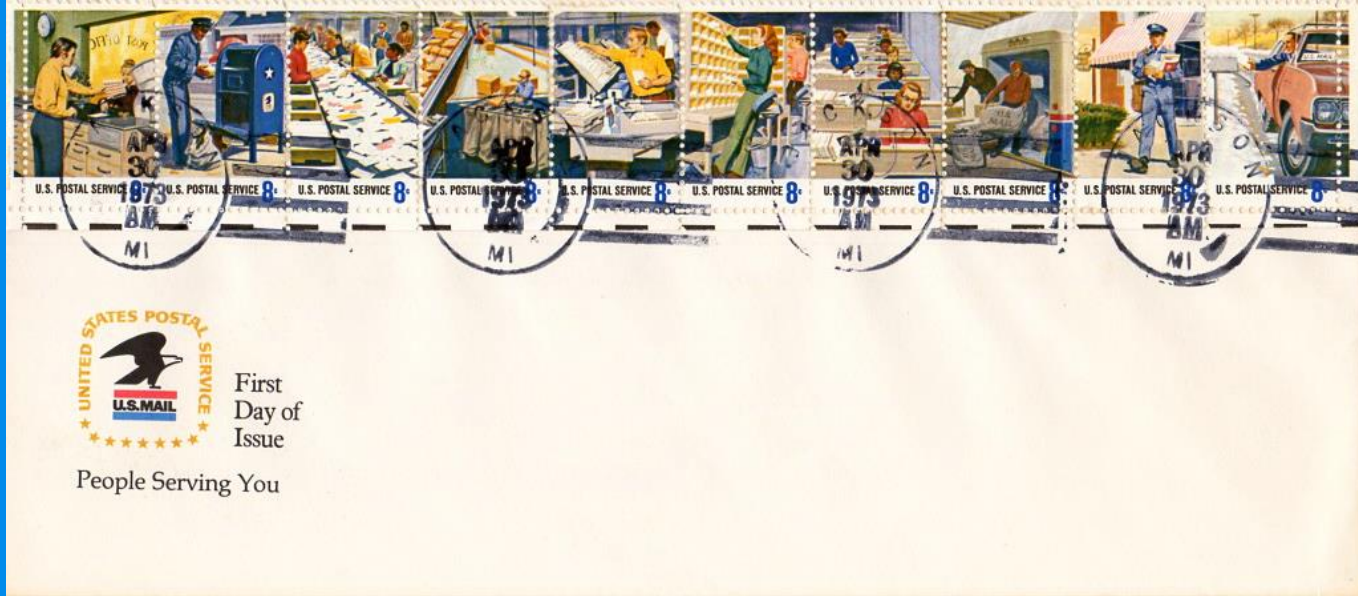


(#9) #1387 - 6¢ American Bald Eagle

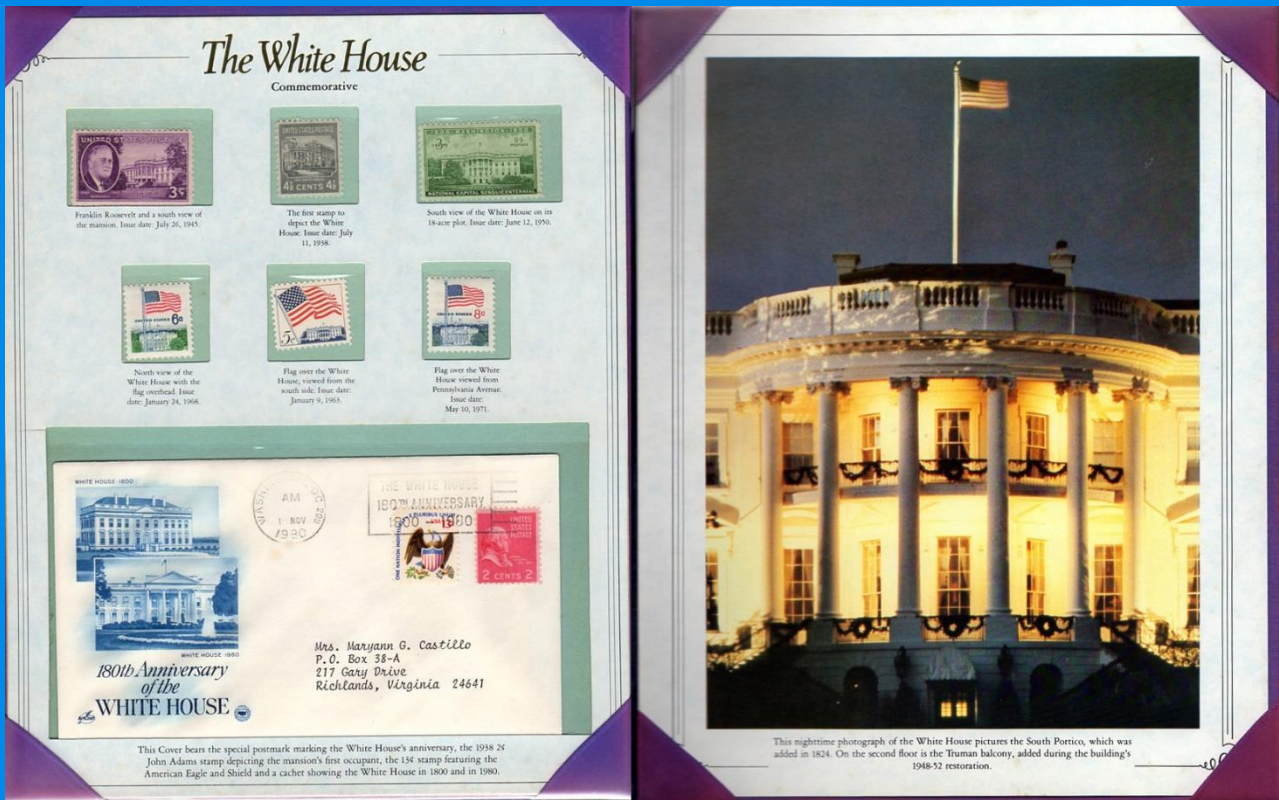
May 29, 1970 USS John F. Kennedy-CVA 67 (JFK's posthumous 53rd birthday)



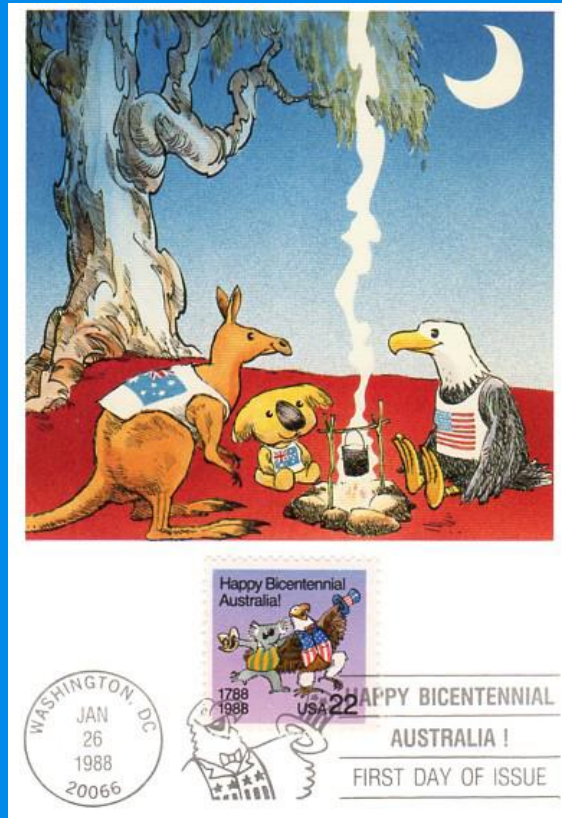
(#10) #1396 - 8¢ US Postal Service Emblem
July 1, 1971 Omaha, NE (FDC multi-city 16,300,000)



(#11) #1489/1498 - 10¢ Postal Service Employees (eagle on mailbox)
April 30, 1973 Jackson, MI (FDC multi-city, quantity unrecorded)



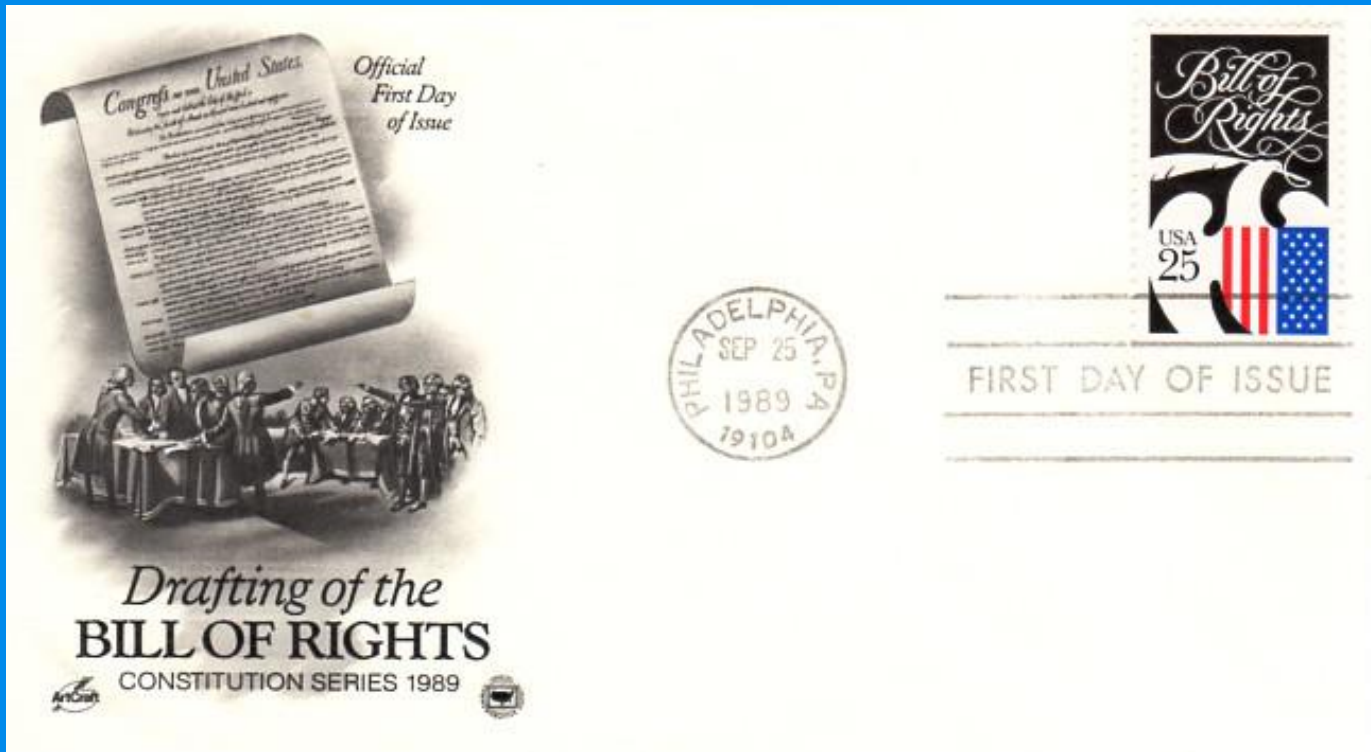
(#12) #1596 - 13¢ Eagle and Shield + #806 - 2¢ John Adams
November 1, 1980 Washington, DC (180th White House Anniversary cancel)



(#13) #2370 - 22¢ Australia Bicentennial (koala and eagle country symbols)
January 26, 1988 Washington, DC (joint issue FDC 523,465)



(#14) #2394 - \$8.75 Express Mail Eagle and Moon
October 4, 1988 Terre Haute, IN (Friedman hand-painted FDC 66,558)



(#15) #2421 - 25¢ Bill of Rights/Constitution Bicentennial
September 25, 1989 Philadelphia, PA (FDC 900,384)



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Issue Date: November 10, 1989

First Day City: Virginia Beach, Virginia

Designer and Typographer: Jay Haiden
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Note Company (ABNC)

Printing Process: Photogravure by J.W. Ferguson
& Company of Richmond, Virginia
(in conjunction with ABNC)

Colors: Yellow, red, blue, and black

Image Area: 0.72 x 0.81 inches or
18.2 x 20.6 millimeters

Plate Number: Four gravure, preceded by the
letter "A"

Stamps per Pane: 18

Marginal Markings: Self-adhesive. Do not wet.
EXTRAordinary Stamps®

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Peel this strip and Fold here (with arrows)

Eagle and Shield EXTRAordinary® Self-Adhesive Booklet Stamp

The 25-cent, self-adhesive EXTRAordinary Stamp—also described as the new self-adhesive postage stamp—was issued November 10 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The dedication ceremony was held in conjunction with the VAPEX '89 stamp show.

The stamp, designed by Jay Haiden of Bryans Road, Maryland, features a colorful Eagle and Shield motif. This is the first stamp Haiden has designed for the Postal Service.

The stamps are in a revolutionary do-it-yourself booklet format. Eighteen 25-cent stamps are arranged on a backing sheet so that the customer may fold it into thirds to form a booklet. The booklet costs \$5.00, which includes a 60-cent charge for its special features. It is expected to appeal to consumers willing to pay for a deluxe product.

Designed and produced to meet customer demand, the Eagle and Shield self-adhesive stamp provides many convenient features and addresses the concerns stamp collectors have about self-adhesive issues.

Consumers will appreciate that they do not have to be torn from a pane or coil, or licked for affixing to an envelope. The stamps will not stick together under high-humidity conditions. Their adhesive produces a superior bond, but acts slowly enough to permit repositioning on envelopes.

Although the EXTRAordinary stamps are new, they are not the first self-adhesive stamp produced by the Postal Service. In 1974, the 10-cent "Dove of Peace" Christmas stamp was produced in a precanceled, self-adhesive format. Consumers loved it, but high production costs, slow production rates, and problems in mail processing made it a failure, except to demonstrate consumer demand for self-adhesive stamps.

In subsequent years, consumer demand intensified while technology improved. Self-adhesive labels became commonplace in the workplace as well as in almost every household. During this period, the Postal Service became the world's largest user of self-adhesive labels. By 1986, it became obvious that the Postal Service should respond to customer demand for self-adhesive stamps.



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

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(#16) #2431 - 25¢ Eagle and Shield
November 10, 1989 Virginia Beach, VA (FDC quantity unrecorded)

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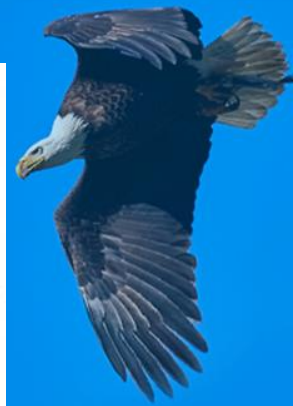
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(#17) #U079 - 45¢ Official Great Seal envelope
March 17, 1990 Springfield, VA (FDC 5,956)



(# 18) #2540 - \$2.90 Priority USPS 1992 Barcelona Olympic Sponsor
July 7, 1992 San Diego, CA (FDC 79,555)



(#19) #1831 - 29¢ Organized Labor

September 1, 1980 Washington, DC (cover postmarked February 21, 1994)



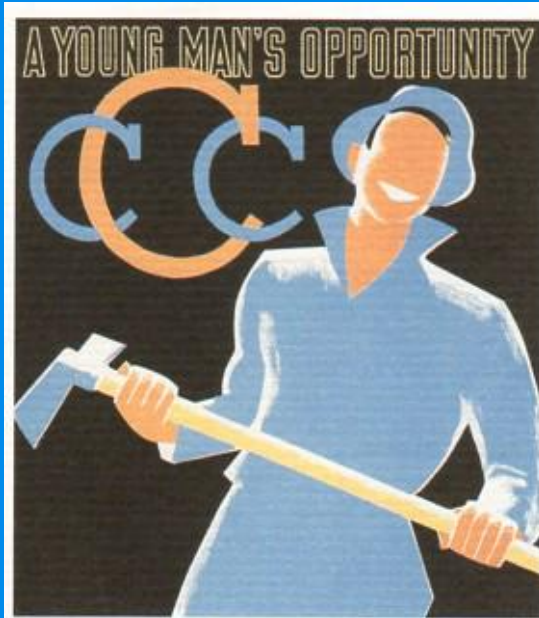
Celebrate the Century
Federal Reserve System
1913



FIRST DAY
OF ISSUE
1900-1910



(#20) #3183B - 32¢ 1910's Celebrate the Century/Federal Reserve System 1913
February 3, 1998 Washington, DC (FDC 3,896,387)



Posters like this one, created in 1937 by the Illinois WPA Art Project, were used to recruit young men to work for the CCC.

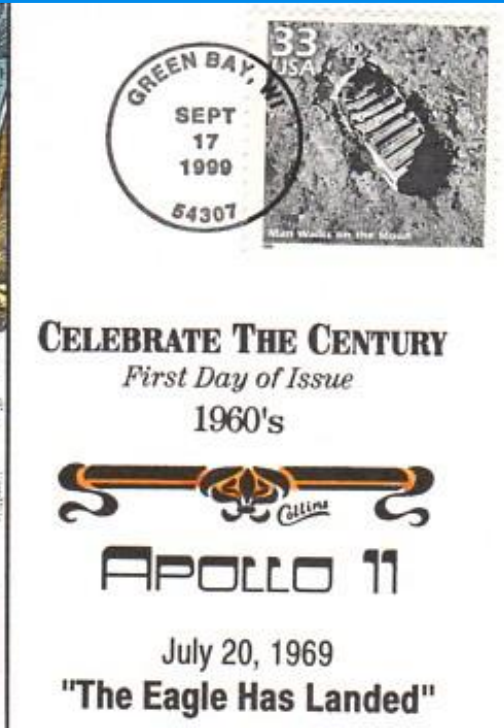
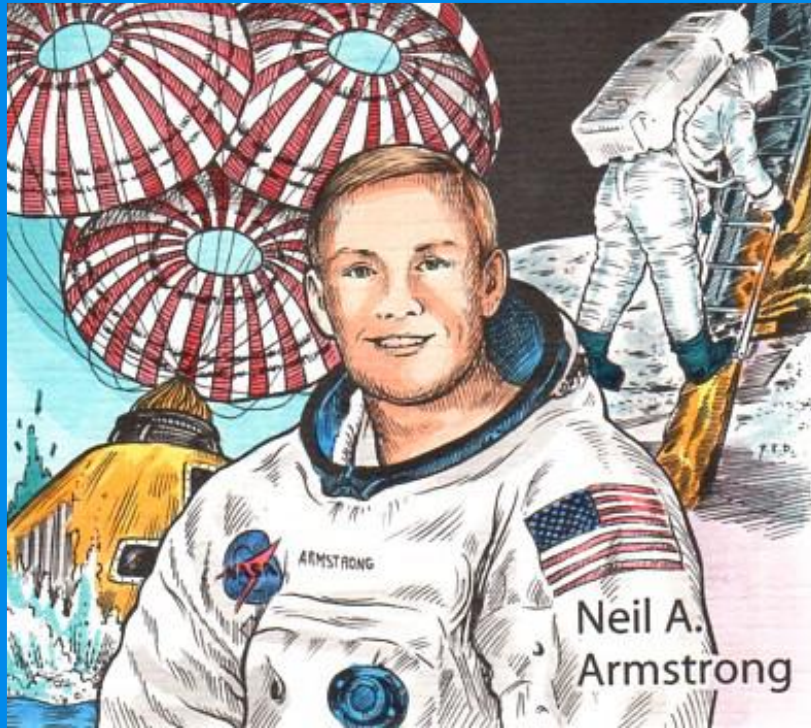
Celebrate the Century
FDR's New Deal
1933-1939



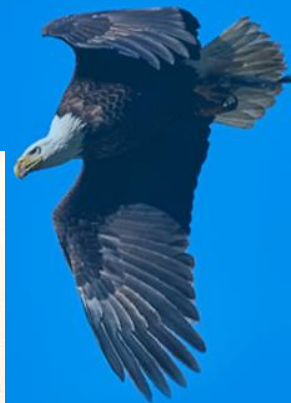
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1933



(#21) #3185E - 32¢ 1930's Celebrate the Century/FDR's New Deal/Work Progress Administration/Civilian Conservation Corps/NRA Eagle/Eagle w/painters board September 10, 1998 Cleveland, Ohio (FDC 999,017)



(#22) #3188C - 33¢ 1960s Celebrate the Century/Man Walks on the Moon
September 17, 1999 Green Bay, WI (Fred Collins FDC 1,252,243)



 THIS ENVELOPE IS RECYCLABLE AND MADE WITH 100% RECYCLED PAPER, 30% POST-CONSUMER CONTENT

(#23) #U646 - 34¢ Blue gray & gray Eagle stamped envelope (recycled paper)
January 7, 2001 Washington, DC (FDC quantity unrecorded)

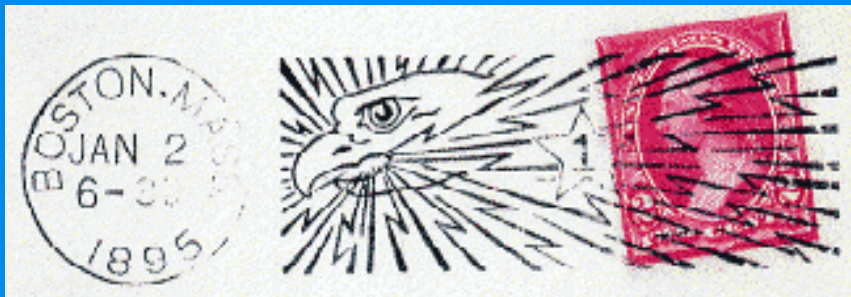


(#24) #3471 - 55¢ Eagle
February 22, 2001 Wall, SD (Fred Collins FDC quantity unrecorded)



 THIS ENVELOPE IS RECYCLABLE AND MADE WITH 100% RECYCLED PAPER, 30% POST-CONSUMER CONTENT

(#25) #U650 - 10¢ Presort Graphic Eagle envelope + #2480 - 30¢ Cardinal
August 8, 2002 Washington, DC (FDC quantity unrecorded)



proof strike

Among the rarest eagles in US philately – Boston’s “Eagle and Thunderbolt” experimental American Company machine cancel. Less than 10,000 covers were postmarked on only one day, January 2, 1895, between 2-5 PM.

(read details: <http://machinecancel.org/forum/eagle/eagle.html>)

Thank you for watching!



July 4 postcard