# Odds and Ends

A Quick Presentation of Interesting Philatelic Items in My Collection

by Rich Spinelli

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What Year, Month and Day was this Japanese Stamp Cancelled? 11.4.30

# Japanese Calendar

Japanese calendar years are counted based on the reigning emperor. Each emperor has a corresponding era; for example, the emperor Yoshihito's era was "Taisho" and emperor Hirohito's era was "Showa". The first year of an era starts with the enthronement of the emperor, and ends on the 31st of December of the same year. The following years are counted analogously to the common era calendar.

Shōwa 1. 昭和元年 1926.

Taishō 15. 大正一十六年

1925. Taishō 14. 大正十四年

1924. Taishō 13. 大正十三年

1923. Taishō 12. 大正十二年

1922. Taishō 11. 大正十一年

1921. Taishō 10. 大正十年

1920. Taishō 9. 大正九年

1919. Taishō 8. 大正八年

1918. Taishō 7. 大正七年

1917. Taishō 6. 大正六年

1916. Taishō 5. 大正五年

1915. Taishō 4. 大正四年

1914. Taishō 3. 大正三年

1913. Taishō 2. 大正二年

Taishō L 大正元年 1912.

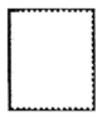
Meiji 45. 明治四十五年

Japanese stamp configuration Scott A34 was issued at least four times: 1913 (Taisho year 2), 1914-25 (Taisho years 3 - 14), 1924-33 (Taisho year 13 to Showa year 8) and 1937 (Showa year 12).

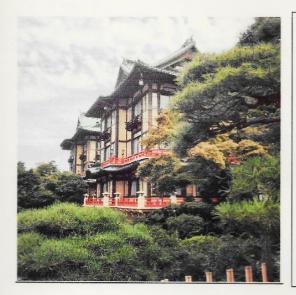
The Japanese hand cancel on the below left stamp, 11.4.30, begins with the emperor's era year (Taisho 11), followed by the month (4) and then the day (30). Thus, this stamp was canceled on common era calendar April 30, 1922.



Cancel date: April 30, 1922



The stamp is of the second printing and is on granite paper with zigzag watermark #141



The **Fujiya Hotel** is a historic hotel in Miyanoshita In Hakone, Kanagawa, Japan.

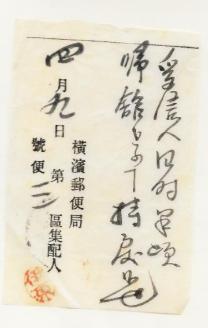
The hotel was constructed in 1891 and consists of different sections constructed in a mixture of traditional Japanese and western architecture that was popular during the Meiji period (1868 – 1912). Many famous guests have stayed there, including Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria on his tour of Japan in 1893, and John Lennon and Yoko Ono with their son Sean in 1978.

The hotel was a refuge for the German Embassy after 1945 in World War II, including German Ambassador Heinrich Georg Stahmer. On September 6, 1945, agents of the US Counter – Intelligence Corps arrested Gestapo Colonel Josef Albert Meisinger here.

Receipts from the Fujiya Hotel, April 9, 1969 (44th year of the Showa Reign)

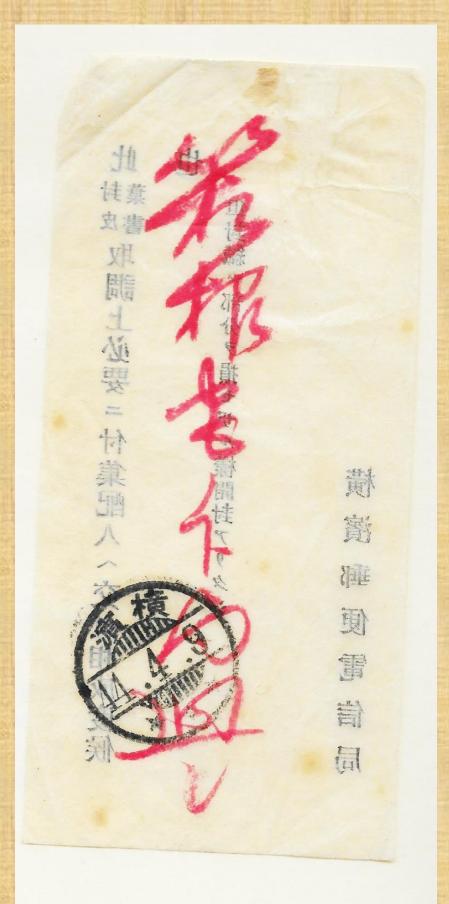
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44<sup>th</sup> Year of Hirohito = 1970



### Very Late Usage of U.S. Stamp Scott #94

The Earliest Known Usage of U.S. stamp #94 is identified in the Scott catalog as March 21, 1868, a mere three years following the close of the Civil War. The use and cancel of stamp #94 below, is September 8, 1915, some 47 years after Earliest Known Usage and about two years before the United States formally entered The Great War (WWI).

No one knows why **Arthur E. Carr** chose to use a nearly fifty year old stamp to complete his four cent postage in 1915, nor for that matter why he used four cents postage when the local rate was only three cents, but some information is available about Mr. Car's family.

According to the Carr Family Records of 1894, Arthur E. Carr is an eighth generation American who traced his ancestry to **William Carr**, a "Pilgrim" who came to America from England on the ship "Fortune" with his wife **Susan Rothchild Carr**, their infant son and 32 others on November 5, 1621, under the captaincy of **Roger Williams**, the founder and settler of the state of Rhode Island.

Susan's diary clearly notes here feelings of the time:

"It was a summer day in 1621, as I stood upon our ship's deck beside my husband with my infant son closely folded to my breast, while our noble Captain, Roger Williams, stood by our side. I took a last view of my native isle, and forever bid it adieu and all the scenes of my childhood home. My heart ached while bitter tears blinded my eyes. Never shall I forget the scenes of that day, as we took a last farewell of our friends with many promises that they would soon join us in America."

Born on 8/30/1880, Arthur was the second child of **Moses Francis Carr** and **Addie M. Small**, Massachusetts natives.





Mailed 1915 with a Scott #94.

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# Autographed Letter From Rochester Congressman Frank Horton

Dear Mr. McGuire:

Mr. Erwin McGuire

27 Howland Street

Rochester, New York 14620

Thank you very much for taking the time to contact me and express your strong opposition to H.R. 5158, the so-called "Telecommunications Act of 1981." I appreciate having the benefit of your thoughts on this important and controversial piece of legislation.

As you know, H.R. 5158 was introduced on December 10, 1981 by the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Consumer Protection and Finance; Congressman Timothy Wirth. Among other things, the bill would set tough guidelines for the coming breakup of AT&T and its 22 local companies, which was mandated by the January 8th consent decree that settled a seven-year anti-trust suit against AT&T. I have received many letters from citizens who are concerned that this bill will destroy some of the terms and conditions of the decree by removing some of the leeway that was granted AT&T in the settlement.

H.R. 5158 was reviewed in Chairman Wirth's subcommittee and passed on to the full Energy and Commerce Committee in amended form on March 25. Since that time, the Committee has held an extensive number of hearings on this issue and is now in the process of "marking-up" the bill. I have closely monitored these proceedings and am continuing to research this matter in order to determine the impact the enactment of H.R. 5158 could have on AT&T employees and stockholders, as well as customers. Please be assured that I have taken note of your strong opposition to this bill and that I will bear you thoughts in mind should it reach the floor of the House for a vote.

Again, thank you for bringing your thoughts to my attention. I value your input and look forward to hearing from you in the future regarding this or any subject of mutual concern.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank Horton

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#400.00 Ebay Value

# SIG: FRED COLLINS

2013 RopeX

**Autographed Collins Hand Painted First Day Cover** Honoring "Stars and Stripes Forever" For Staff Sgt. Eric Spinelli

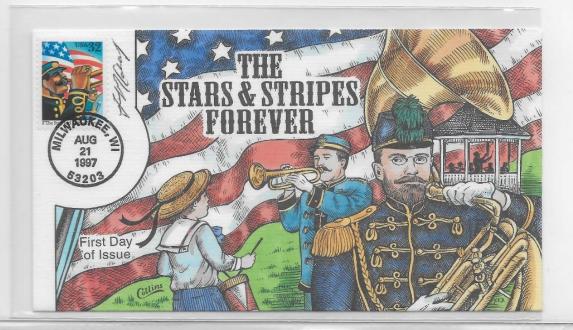
Collins Hand Painted First Day Covers have been produced since 1978 and their reputation for superb quality has continued to grow.

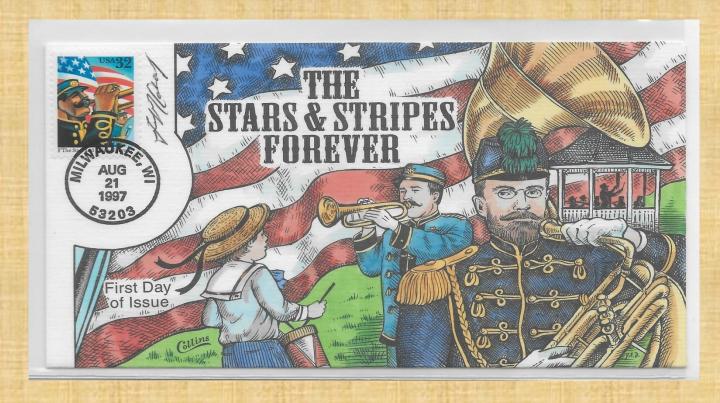
Fred Collins has made Collins First Day Covers his life's work. He is an involved member of the philatelic community, including co-founder and charter member of the National Cachetmakers Association, a life member of the American First Day Cover Society, a member of the American Philatelic Society, a member of the National Stamp Dealers Association, an elected member of Earl Planty's First Day Cover Hall of Fame, and an honorary lifetime member of the Molly Pitcher Stamp Club of New Jersey.

Each and every Collins cachet is individually hand painted in beautiful watercolors. Brush stroke after careful brush stroke bring each cover to life, and they truly are miniature works of art.

Fred was awarded the Cachetmaker of the Half-Century (1951-2000) as voted by the membership of the American First Day Cover Society.

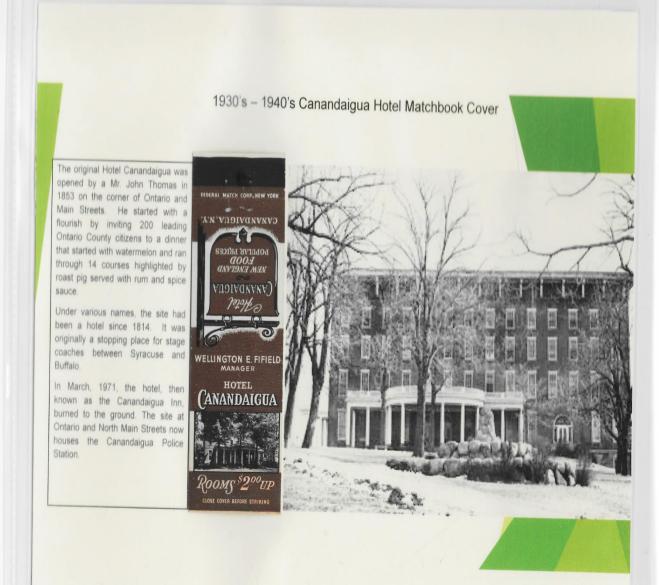
The Collins "Stars and Stripes Forever" Cachet, below, was obtained directly from Fred on May 17, 2013 at the Rochester, New York Ropex exhibit and autographed by Fred for fellow Air Force member Staff Sgt. Eric Spinelli, currently Stationed at Scott AFB, near St. Louis, Mo.





One of My Favorite Autographed Fred Collins; For My son, who has just completed 18 Years in the Air Force Band.

# Another of My Hobbies: Match Book Covers



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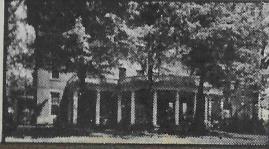
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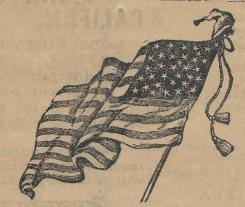


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Changeling or Color Changeling: - a stamp whose color has been changed, either accidentally or intentionally, through a chemical reaction, heat, moisture, or sunlight.

**Sulfuration**: When lead in an ink constituent combines chemically with the sulfur in the atmosphere, the color of a **red-orange** stamp changes to **orange-brown**.

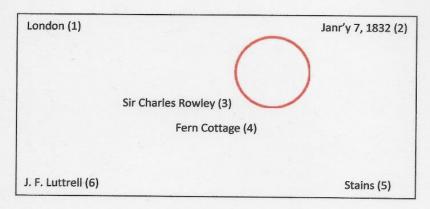






All three stamps are Scott #506 (A40), red-orange color, perforation 11 x 11, unwatermarked, pre-cancelled, with first printing in March, 1917. The middle stamps is a **sulfurated changeling**.

### Example #2: 1832 Free Frank / Free Front Cover from London to Staines, England



- (2) Sender's Location: London, capital of England.
- (6) Sender and Signature: J. F. Luttrell: significant wealth from his father, lived in a patron of the Church of England in member of Parliament from diocese of Bath and Wells.



Member of the gentry who inherited Dunster Castle (pictured), and was Somerset County. He was a Carhampton, Somerset County,

(3) Recipient: Admiral Sir Charles Rowley, on December 16, 1770. He was the son of Sarah Rowley. Sir Charles gained the rank the Royal Navy. He married Elizabeth King, December 7, 1797. He died on October 13,



1st Baronet Rowley, of Hill House, born Rear Admiral Sir Joshua Rowley and of Admiral of the White in the service of daughter of Sir Richard King, on 1845 at age 74.



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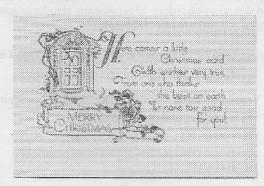
### History of Christmas Cards

## Christmas Cards by the Decade 1910s

### **American Publishers**

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### A.M. Davis Company



This 4" x 2.75" single sided flat A.M.Davis card reads "MERRY CHRISTMAS, Here comes a little Christmas card, With wishes very true, From one who thinks the best on earth, Is none too good for you!" Many of the A.M.Davis cards in my collection are of door-ways, as in this card.

In 1906, Albert M. Davis was managing a wholesale bookhouse in Boston when he received a New Years greeting card with a verse by Charles Dickens that made a impression on him. He felt that this was the kind of sentiment that the

American public needed. He looked for more like this and found one. Davis then wrote another six verses himself and published all eight in postcard format. He had them priced at 5 cents retail.

The following year Davis published forty cards, sixteen of which were Christmas cards. They were very successful sellers, so successful that Davis resigned his position at the bookhouse and founded the A.M. Davis Company. He surrounded himself with some of the best in the industry and his postcard business thrived until about 1916. It then went into a four year slump and almost became non-existent. But Davis had started a line of enveloped flat cards and folders back in 1909. The cards had decorative covers tied with ribbons. It was them that helped increase the company's business over the years. These cards were part of what would become known as the American greeting card.

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