

United States Two Cent Columbian Stamp 1893

Exhibit Synopsis

Frames 1 and 2 Design

- 1.2 Letter from John Vanderlyn regarding part payment for Landing of Columbus painting that is located in Rotunda of capitol building Washington DC
- 1.3 Proposal for 2 cent value in Columbian stamp set (unique)
- 1.4-1.5 Source of engraving for design of 2 cent Columbian, American Bank Note Company Archives
- 1.6-1.8 Stages of vignette engraving
- 1.10-2.5 Trial color essays
- 2.6 Progressive die proofs
- 2.7 Large Die Proof Trial Color Albino imprint (Discovery)

Frame 3 Plate Arrangement

- 3.1 India plate proof blocks: plate block of 8, block of 20 with combination broken hats
- 3.3 Plate proof block 30 on card, broken hat. Only item known to prove plate imprint arrangement for 100 subject plates.
- 3.4 Specimens Type E, H, and double overprint type E
- 3.5-3.6 Pane 50 explaining how transfer roll entered the positions on the plate
- 3.9 Broken Hat combination blocks, plate block 12; block 20

Frame 4 Production

- 4.1-4.2 Freak perforations, paper folds, and creases
- 4.3 Imperforate error Block of 4, horizontal strip of 3
- 4.4 Paper imperfection "rope" variety, missing ink
- 4.5-4.6 Major triple transfer, major rotated double transfer, quadruple transfer

Frame 5 Cancellations

- 5.1 Fancy cancellations, Magnolia Wisconsin anchor, globe, precancels
- 5.8 Barry Experimental Machine 21 bars
- 5.12 3rd class cancel on smallest recorded envelope with Columbian stamps

Frame 6 Domestic Uses.

- 6.1 Earliest recorded use of any Columbian stamp Dec 30 1892
- 6.2 Earliest recorded First Day use Jan 1 1893 1 AM
- 6.3 First day use January 2 1893
- 6.5 Earliest known use of orange special delivery Feb 10 1893

Frame 6 Domestic Uses

- 6.9 Two Cent Columbian used to pay postage due
- 6.10 Ambulance and patient Dead Letter Office territorial
- 6.12 Turned cover reused after 3 years.

Frame 7 Domestic Use

- 7.1 Used with first Street Car post office system Saint Louis Missouri
- 7.2 ARU strike, used with Bicycle Local, Last Day Last run; Wells Fargo provisional frank
- 7.3 First run of Pneumatic Tube mail in the United States Philadelphia Pa.

Frame 8 Foreign Use

- 8.1 Australia unclaimed; England removed from the mails, re-mailed to Belgium
- 8.2-8.3 Destinations: Persia; Apia Samoa; Transvaal; Cape of Good Hope non UPU
- 8.4 Forwarded : To Ceylon via Burma; to Brazil from London via B F Stevens agents
- 8.5 Kerguelen Islands located in Indian Ocean above Antarctica; Shanghai China
- 8.9-8.10 Supplementary mail 2 hours before sailing: 10 minutes before sailing

Frame 9 Unusual Domestic and Foreign

- 9.1 California Mid Winter Station cancels, duplex number 4 unlisted (discovery)
- 9.3 Consular mail Foochow China local post; Ningpo China
- 9.4 Mixed franking Vera Cruz Mexico
- 9.6 Around the world Germany to Germany
- 9.12 1893 Venezuela 25 centavo look alike used in place of Two Cent Columbian

Frame 10 Exposition

- 10.2 Worlds Fair Station duplex 1 (3 recorded) ; Third class mute I to H (1 recorded)
- 10.3 Worlds Fair pointing hand; Worlds Fair RPO shield and star (1 recorded)
- 10.4 Worlds Fair Station special delivery from fair
- 10.11 Worlds Fair handstamp received
- 10.12 Worlds Fair registered-special delivery use Nov 17 1893

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