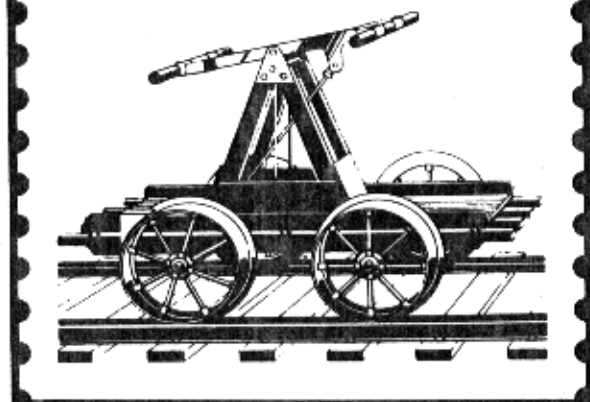


# Handcar 1880s USA 3c



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## THE 3¢ HANDCAR - ROCHESTER'S FIRST TRANSPORTATION COIL

Designed by Walter Brooks - issued on 25 March 1983.

The 10th stamp in the transportation coil series.

U.S.P.S. publicity photo shown at the top.

Issued in coils of 500 and 3,000 stamps. Four plate numbers used: plate #1 paired with plate #2 (examples shown on pages 2&3); plate #3 paired with plate #4 (examples shown on page 4). 306,033,000 copies of all plate numbers were printed. - Starting with page 5, the remainder of the exhibit features first day covers for this stamp. All four plate numbers appear on first day covers. 77,900 Covers were cancelled, according to the literature. I believe that this estimate is too low. - In the exhibit:

Small cancel = machine cancel, usually applied at the Philatelic Agency;

Large cancel = rubber hand stamp used at the first day site and for 30 days after.