



US REVENUE STAMPS – FIRST ISSUE “USING COMMERCE TO FUND THE CIVIL WAR”



“A VIEW OF OUR HISTORY THROUGH CIVIL WAR ERA DOCUMENTS AND THE REVENUE STAMPS USED TO AID IN FUNDING THAT WAR AND THE SUBSEQUENT DEBT”

This exhibit illustrates the breadth and depth that the US government went to fund the Civil War. These are all period stamps and documents which are organized by denomination to the extent possible. Documents that have survived over 140 years are quite rare but rewarding to acquire and read. It gives a glimpse of a time both popular and long past.

Over the following several pages are examples of these First Issue revenue stamps on actual period documents. Each document is a vignette of commerce during and after the Civil War. The pages will have a brief description of the document content, the Scott number(s), value and relevant printing information.