

The 6¢ Theodore Roosevelt Stamp 1955-1968

United States definitive stamps of the Liberty Series, phased in over a period of six years from 1954 to 1960, gradually replaced stamps of the 1938 Presidential Series. The 6¢ Theodore Roosevelt stamp, issued November 18, 1955, was a utility value, which met the double domestic surface letter and single domestic air mail letter rates. In combination with other postage it was also used for many other domestic and international rates. In 1968 six cents became the rate for single domestic surface letters. The 6¢ Franklin D. Roosevelt stamps in the Prominent Americans Series, first issued January 29, 1966, replaced the 6¢ Theodore Roosevelt stamp.



Exhibit Plan, Traditional Class:

- Archival material — model photograph, die proofs (Frame 1, Pages 2-3)
- Official notice — publicity photo, Postal Bulletin announcement (Frame 1, Pages 4-5)
- Production material — wet and dry printings; plate number blocks; printing, perforating, and gum varieties; precancel overprints (Frame 1, Page 6, to Frame 2, Page 2)
- First Day material — ceremony program, cover and cancellation varieties, foreign destinations (Frame 2, Pages 3-8)
- Perforated Initials (Frame 2, Page 9)
- Domestic usage:
 - First Class Surface (Frame 2, Pages 10-13)
 - Air Mail (Frame 2, Page 14, to Frame 3, Page 8)
 - Third Class (Frame 3, Pages 9-15)
 - Other Class and Rate usage (Frame 4, Pages 1-7)
 - Special Services (Frame 4, Page 8, to Frame 6, Page 6)
- International usage:
 - Surface and Air Mail to Canada (Frame 6, Pages 7-11)
 - Surface and Air Mail to other countries (Frame 6, Page 12, to Frame 7, Page 14)
- Conclusion (Frame 7, Page 15)

Especially significant material:

- Archival design model photograph.
- Two large die proofs (only ones known in collector hands).
- Stamp multiples autographed by the designers and engravers.
- Complete matched sets of plate number blocks, both wet and dry printings.
- Postmaster General's first day cover and other unusual FDCs – domestic airmail, foreign destination. All four official FDOI cancels are included. Above is a nonstandard first-day cancel.
- Full pane of dry print Bureau precancels.
- Insured air mail used to expedite a shipment of live leeches for medicinal use. The combination of postal insurance and air mail was seldom used with any type of postage.

Especially important items in this exhibit are mounted on deep red mats or designated by red dots.