

# Washington and Franklin Coils

## 1914 Issue Perf-10

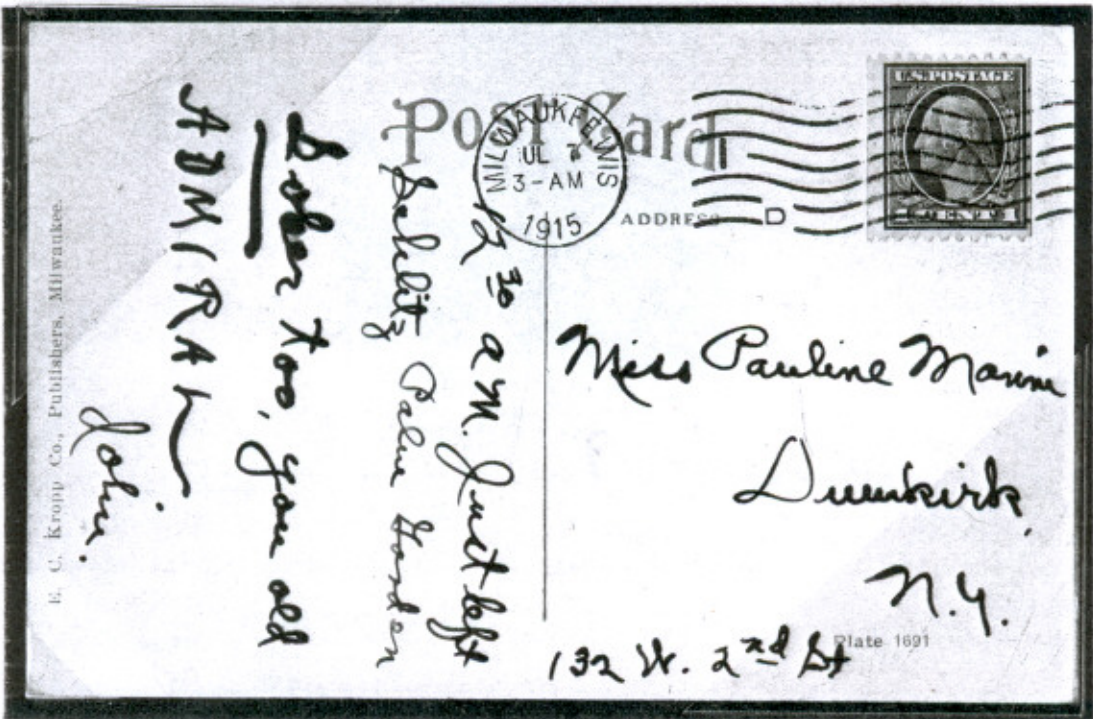
The 1914 issue was the last of the flat plate coils. The key difference was the change in perforations. The Bureau experimented with perf-12 and found them to be too brittle to handle the stress of rolling them into coils during production. They changed to perf-8.5 to strengthen the paper, but found out it was then too difficult to separate the stamps without tearing them. The Bureau finally settled on perf-10 which made the paper strong enough to handle the coiling process, but easy enough to separate without damaging the stamps.

**Key items matted in red**

1914 Postal Usages	
1 cent:	First class post cards, third class printed matter
2 cent:	First class letters, treaty rate. First class post cards, UPU
3 cent:	First class letters, third class.
4 cent:	First class letters double weight
5 cent:	First class letters UPU rate



The 1914 perf-10 coils consisted of five values. The 1 and 2 cent denominations were printed in vertical and horizontal format while the 3, 4, and 5 cent values only came in horizontal format.



**Earliest Documented Use**  
 First class post card, 1 cent per piece. One of 7 documented single uses.