

The philately of the Mexican Revolution is complex. Many of the stamp issues were overprints of various types on previous issues, notably the 1910 *Centenarios* issued to commemorate the centenary of the first revolution which led to Mexico's independence from Spain. Forgeries of these overprints are numerous, and mint stamps, especially the higher values, are often suspect. "Philatelically-inspired" overprints and covers, as well as completely "bogus" issues are also not uncommon.

In addition to the *Centenario* issue of 1910, there are 24 postal issues which belong to this period, as well as 37 different Local "Provisional" Overprints used in various cities and regions during 1914-1915. In this exhibit, all of these issues, as well as selected areas of the Local "Provisional" Overprints, will be examined.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
(1) State of Sonora: "White Seal" Issue	June 1913
(2) State of Sonora: "Green Seal" Issue	July-September 1913
(3) "Ejercito" Revenue Issue	October 1913
(4) "Transitorio" Issue - Rouletted	January 1914
(5) "Victoria de Torreon" Overprint	3 April 1914
*** Occupation of Veracruz by the Armed Forces of the United States	April-November 1914
(6) "Large GCM Monogram" Overprint (Hermosillo)	May 1914
(7) "Denver" Revenue Issue	June 1914
(8) "Transitorio" Issue - Perforated and Redrawn (5 centavos)	July 1914
(9) "Denver" Postal Issue	July 1914
(10) "Dollar-Sign" Overprint	September 1914
(11) State of Sonora: "Green Seal" Re-issue	September 1914
*** Local "Provisional" Overprints	1914-1915
(12) State of Sonora: "Coach Seal" Issue	October 1914
(13) State of Sonora: "ES" Overprint	November 1914
(14) "Large GCM Monogram" Overprint (Veracruz)	December 1914
(15) "Gothic GCM" (Villa Monogram) Overprint	December 1914
(16) "Script GCM" (Carranza Monogram) Overprint	January 1915
(17) State of Baja California: "Coach Seal" Issue	March (?) 1915
(18) State of Oaxaca: "Provisional" Issue	July 1915
(19) "Famous Men" Issue - Rouletted	September 1915
(20) State of Sonora: "Anvil Seal" Issue	October (?) 1915
(21) "Famous Men" and "Pictorial" Issue - Perforated	January 1916
(22) "G.P.deM." ( <i>Corbata</i> ) Overprint [Silver Currency]	March 1916
(23) Venustiano Carranza "Commemorative" Issue	1 June 1916
(24) "G.P.deM." ( <i>Barril</i> ) Surcharge [Currency Reevaluation]	June 1916

[There has been great confusion in the catalogues regarding the dates of issue and usages of the various stamps and overprints, and much controversy over which ones should be accepted or ignored. The existence of many spurious items has made the issues of the period even more circumspect. Scott catalogue ignores all of the local "provisional" overprints. Minkus and Gibbons list many of them, but their lists are incomplete, and both include fictitious items. In 1996, Nicholas Folansbee published the definitive work on these stamps, entitled *The Stamps of the Mexican Revolution 1913-1916*. The exhibitor has used this book in the delineation of the various issues, but with the exception of the local "provisional" overprints, has kept treatment of the issues in chronological order and historical context, rather than use the Folansbee methodology of grouping them together (e.g. State of Sonora, Constitutionalist General Issues, Inflationary Period Issues).]