Computers in Philately
Creating Album Pages

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Computers in Philately: Inventory
Before We Begin...

Full Course Modules

• Album Pages
• Exhibit Pages
• Inventory
• Publishing
• Optional
  – Expertizing
  – Graphics
  – Reference

Sample Topics

• Inventory
  – Spreadsheet Creation
  – Spreadsheet Customization
• Expertizing On A Computer
• Graphics
  – Scanning Principals
  – Manipulating Graphics
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
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**Album Page Design**

- Create Album Page
- U.S. Scott Numbers 1 & 2
- OpenOffice 4.0.0 Draw
Computers in Philately: Album Pages

Typical Album Pages
Computers in Philately: Inventory
Launch OpenOffice
Computers in Philately: Inventory
Launch AOO Draw
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
Name & Save File
Computers in Philately: Album Pages

Set Document Preferences (Mac)
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
Hide Page Pane & Resize Window
Computers in Philately: Album Pages

Add Text Box
Computers in Philately: Album Pages

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Computers in Philately: Album Pages

Create & Duplicate Title
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
Customize Titles & Format

Postage
General Issues

1847
Printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, & Edson
Imperforate
Computers in Philately: Album Pages

Change Shape Properties
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
Snap to Grid Property
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
Select Rectangle Tool & Draw Stamp Space
Computers in Philately: Album Pages

Double-Click on Frame & Add Text
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
Select Text Tool & Add Text
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
Format Text

Postage
General Issues
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Scott 1
Computers in Philately: Album Pages Position Text
Postage
General Issues

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Scott 1

Scott 2
Computers in Philately: Album Pages

Insert Scott 1 Image
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
Format Scott 1 Image

Postage
General Issues
1847
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Scott 1
Scott 2
Postage
General Issues

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Scott 1
Scott 2
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
Add Cover Images

Postage
General Issues
1847
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Scott 1
Scott 2

Scott 1 on Cover

Scott 2 on Cover
Computers in Philately: Album Pages
Completed Album Page

Postage
General Issues
1847
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Imperforate

Scott 1
Scott 2

Scott 1 on Cover

Scott 2 on Cover
Computers in Philately: Album Pages

Inconvenient Size

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Computers in Philately: Exhibiting
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Leveraging Computer Technology

- Scanning, PhotoShop Elements & OpenOffice
- Creating Album Pages
- EXPONET Online Exhibits
Computers in Philately: Exhibiting Perfins

**Danziger Lochungen**

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EXPONET Exhibit: Perfins of Danzig by Peter Witkop, Bonn, Germany
Computers in Philately: Exhibiting Graphs & Cancellations

EXPONET Exhibit: The Progression of the New York Mail Cancellation 1870 - 1878 by Nicholas M. Kirke, Prague, Czechia
www.japhila.cz/hof/index02.htm
Computers in Philately: Exhibiting Maps

EXPONET Exhibit: The Canadian Pacific Railway, Railway Post Office Postmarks Used in Southern Manitoba, The "Glenboro" Line
by Robert (Bob) Lane, St. Albert, Canada
www.japhila.cz/hof/index02.htm
1. The Att on Siam Surcharges

Siam's 1883 first issue was intended solely for use within the Kingdom. When Siam joined the UPU in 1887, the first regular set of definitive stamps was issued. However, the set lacked a one att value needed to pay the rate for local and inland postcards and wrappers. Initially, the att value of the 1883 first issue was used. By 1889, however, supplies of this issue were used up. As a result, the Post and Telegraph Department surcharged the one att value of the first issue by hand stamp to sheets of 80 to cover the original word “5 ct” in the value tablet with the word “att” (5a). The hand stamps used were prepared from type borrowed from two local printing houses, Bradley's Printing, Publishing and Binding House and the Bangkok Printing Office and Publishing House, and set up in a computing stick from which a cast was made for use in printing.

**Type 1**

Hand stamp surcharge applied by the Post and Telegraph Department in August 1889 using type obtained from Dr. Dan Beach Bradley and Bradley's Printing, Publishing and Binding House. Number surcharged 80,000. There are three subtypes that are traditionally differentiated by the bar at the bottom of the letter “g”. However, a close examination of large multiples shows that the surcharge was frequently over and under-inked. In some cases, the bar is missing or partial due to under-inking. In other cases, the bar appears incomplete due to over-inking. Thus, identification of the subtypes cannot rely solely on the appearance of the bar between the two loops of the “g”. Other identifying characteristics are described below.

**Errors and Varieties**

- **A.** Bar complete, "$\times\$" ovved or close to the "g", the gap measuring 0.3mm to 0.7mm.
- **B.** Bar partial, "$\times\$" lateral and 2 mm to 5 mm from the "g". Acute angled shape to the bottom of the "g".
- **C.** Bar missing, "$\times\$" flat with curved or undulating bar. The gap to wider than in the other types, measuring 0.3mm to 1.0mm.

**Subtype A - Large Block (Position 01-04)**

Dr. Bradley Type

EXPONET Exhibit: The "ATT" Surcharges of Siam 1889 – 1908 by Vincent P. Polizatto, United States of America
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Custom Software

• AlbumGen
  – EZSTAMP.COM/ALBUMGEN/INDEX.HTM

• Stamp Album Studio
  – STAMPALBUMSTUDIO.NL/EN

• AlbumPro
  – ALBUMPRO.COM

• Stamp Albums Web
  – STAMPALBUMS.COM

• AlbumEasy (Freeware)
  – THESTAMPWEB.COM

• Many Others...
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Software

- Adobe InDesign (PC/Mac)
- QuarkXPress (PC/Mac)
- OpenOffice (PC/Mac) [Free]
- NeoOffice (Mac) [Free]
- Microsoft Publisher (PC)
- Microsoft Word (PC/Mac)
- Many, Many Others...

Experiment!
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Working With Shapes

- Creating
- Customizing
- Positioning
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Wrapup

• Paper
  – Archival Has Been Co-Opted
  – Acid And Lignin Free
  – Heavy Stock
  – “Album” Size Or Letter Size

• Email Address For Copy Of Presentation

• Questions? Comments?