

## Chapter 27

### Plate Numbers 20000-20999

Plate number 20000 was assigned to the 2c Washington stamp of the 4th Bureau series in March, 1930. The section ended with plate 20999 being assigned to the 3c Stuart Washington stamp in August, 1932. The 20000 section is one of the most interesting of all the sections with many important occurrences. For the first time, but not the last, less than half of the plate numbers were assigned to the regular issue stamps. The fourth Bureau series had 493 plates assigned. The production change from flat plates to rotary plates finally hit the high values. July 6, 1932, saw the postage rate rise to 3c. The 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington saw the issuance of a set of 12 stamps which virtually replaced the 4th Bureau series for a year. The 2c design was modified to become the principal 3c stamp. Commemorative plates hit a record high of 392. The famous Graf Zeppelin stamps appeared. The postage due stamps were given the first design change since the BEP's original issue in 1894. The new dues were initially printed from flat plates but then soon changed to the rotary press. The 20000 section saw the maturing of the art of collecting partial plate numbers on booklet and coil plates. All plates sent to press in this series are reported.

The 4th Bureau series plates in the 20000 section are the easiest of any group to date. The booklet plates and the coils are the most difficult. The 1.5c Harding stamp was issued in a new design showing Harding's full face. A new 4c stamp featuring Taft replaced the 4c Martha Washington stamp. The 4c Taft was issued in sheet and coil formats and all 14 of their plates are common. The new 3c Stuart Washington stamp was issued in sheet, booklet and coil formats. Some of the booklet and coil plates are tough but no problem exists with the sheet plates. The big difficulty in the sheet plates is with the final flat plates on some of the high values. The 15c Statue of Liberty plate 20180-1-2 are difficult. The four toughest plates printed the 20c Golden Gate. Plates 20271-2-3-4 had only 1500 impressions each and these plates are rare.

392 commemorative plates were assigned and 301 went to press. There are no rarities and this group of 301 should be fairly easy to complete. Most of the commems were simple issues except for three. The Washington bicentennial stamps consisted of 12 values which used 130 plates. It could have been more interesting since plates were assigned for booklets and coils, but they were never issued. The Red Cross and Yorktown commems provided complex combination issues for collectors to hunt. So many of these Red Cross and Yorktown plate blocks were saved that today these plates are quite cheap.

Only 15 plates went to press for air mail stamps but 12 were for the Graf Zeppelin air mail stamps. The plates are common but the stamps are costly. When I was a teenager, I had a paper route and this provided some stamp money. At that time, I was trying to build a US collection of plate singles rather than ordinary singles. They did not fit the printed album well and it looked like a mess, but I thought those plate singles

were really cool. I saved my money and finally was able to buy a set of Zepp plate singles from the part time dealer in my hometown. They cost \$125 and my parents were horrified that I would spend so much money for three stamps. I was really proud of that set. None of my collector friends had the Zepps and I proudly showed them off at every chance. I still have that set and have never regretted the purchase.

The 1894 postage dues came to an end after a long 36 year run. Four 3c plates and 2 50c plates brought this series to a close. All 6 of these plates are tough. The new issue began on the flat press but within a year the issue was transferred to the rotary press except for the \$1 and \$5 values. The flat plates are somewhat tough to find, especially the 30c and 50c values. These items used to be cheap (when they could be found), but their scarcity is recognized today.

The 20000 section has 780 plates available and a high percentage of completion is possible. It should not be difficult to accumulate 700 of these plates. I mounted the 20000 and 21000 sections in a blank album in consecutive number order and it is very interesting to turn the pages and see the great variety. I think the 20000 section is a terrific starting point for a collector who would perhaps like to tackle all the numbers. A very nice collection can be built without spending a fortune. More big happenings are about to occur as the drama continues with the 21000 section.

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		20000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	780	780	0	
<b>4th Bureau Series</b>							
1925	0.5c Hale	400R	12	8	8	0	
1922	1c Franklin	400R	36	36	36	0	
1922	1c Franklin book	360R	4	0	0		
1922	1c Franklin coil	150R	8	4	4	0	
1922	1c Franklin coil	170R	16	12	12	0	
1930	1.5c Harding	400R	16	16	16	0	
1930	1.5c Harding coil	150R	6	0	0		
1930	1.5c Harding coil	170R	14	14	14	0	
1922	2c Washington	400R	60	60	60	0	
1922	2c Washington book	360R	14	8	8	0	
1922	2c Washington coil	150R	2	0	0		
1922	2c Washington coil	170R	60	51	51	0	
1922	3c Lincoln	400R	2	2	2	0	
1922	3c Lincoln coil	170R	2	2	2	0	
1932	3c Washington	400R	70	70	70	0	
1932	3c Washington book	360R	6	6	6	0	
1932	3c Washington coil	150R	2	2	2	0	
1932	3c Washington coil	170R	30	24	24	0	
1930	4c Taft	400R	18	10	10	0	
1930	4c Taft coil	170R	12	4	4	0	
1922	5c Roosevelt coil	170R	4	0	0		
1922	6c Garfield coil	170R	2	2	2	0	
1922	8c Grant	400R	8	4	4	0	
1922	11c Hayes	400F	3	0	0		
1922	11c Hayes	400R	4	4	4	0	
1922	12c Cleveland	400F	4	0	0		
1922	12c Cleveland	400R	5	4	4	0	
1925	13c Harrison	400F	5	0	0		
1925	13c Harrison	400R	4	4	4	0	
1922	14c Indian	400R	4	2	2	0	
1922	15c Statue of Liberty	400F	7	3	3	0	
1922	15c Statue of Liberty	400R	4	4	4	0	
1925	17c Wilson	400R	4	2	2	0	
1922	20c Golden Gate	400F	16	12	12	0	
1922	20c Golden Gate	400R	4	4	4	0	
1922	25c Niagara Falls	400F	4	0	0		
1922	25c Niagara Falls	400R	5	4	4	0	
1922	30c Bison	400F	8	4	4	0	
1922	30c Bison	400R	4	4	4	0	
1922	50c Amphitheater	400R	4	2	2	0	
<b>Commemorative</b>							
1929	2c Ohio River	400F	1	1	1	0	
1930	2c Massachusetts Bay Colony	400F	8	8	8	0	
1930	2c Charleston	400F	8	4	4	0	

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1930	2c Braddock	400F	4	4	4	0
1930	2c Von Steuben	400F	8	8	8	0
1931	2c Pulaski	400F	12	12	12	0
1931	2c Red Cross frame	200F	28	24	24	0
1931	2c Red Cross center	200f	31	20	20	0
1931	2c Yorktown I frame	100F	27	16	16	0
1931	2c Yorktown I center	100F	25	22	22	0
1931	2c Yorktown II frame	100F	8	8	8	0
1931	2c Yorktown II center	50F	16	16	16	0
1932	.5c Washington Bicent.	400R	10	6	6	0
1932	1c Washington Bicent.	400R	30	28	28	0
1932	1.5c Washington Bicent.	400R	16	8	8	0
1932	2c Washington Bicent.	400R	70	60	60	0
1932	2c Washington Bicent. book	360R	2	0	0	
1932	2c Washington Bicent. coil	150R	4	0	0	
1932	2c Washington Bicent. coil	170R	4	0	0	
1932	3c Washington Bicent.	400R	6	6	6	0
1932	4c Washington Bicent.	400R	6	4	4	0
1932	5c Washington Bicent.	400R	8	4	4	0
1932	6c Washington Bicent.	400R	6	2	2	0
1932	7c Washington Bicent.	400R	4	4	4	0
1932	8c Washington Bicent.	400R	4	2	2	0
1932	9c Washington Bicent.	400R	4	2	2	0
1932	10c Washington Bicent.	400R	8	4	4	0
1932	2c Lake Placid	400F	12	12	12	0
1932	2c 10th Olympiad	400R	4	0	0	
1932	3c 10th Olympiad	400R	6	6	6	0
1932	5c 10th Olympiad	400R	6	4	4	0
1932	2c Arbor Day	400R	6	6	6	0
Special Purpose Issues						
1930	65c Graf Zeppelin	200F	4	4	4	0
1930	\$1.30 Graf Zeppelin	200F	4	4	4	0
1930	\$2.60 Graf Zeppelin	200F	5	4	4	0
1930	5c Winged Globe	200F	8	5	5	0
1930	5c Winged Globe	200R	4	2	2	0
1922	10c Special Delivery	200R	6	0	0	
1925	15c Special Delivery	200R	4	2	2	0
1894	3c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0
1894	50c Postage Due	400F	2	2	2	0
1930	.5c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0
1930	1c Postage Due	400F	8	4	4	0
1930	2c Postage Due	400F	8	8	8	0
1930	3c Postage Due	400F	8	4	4	0
1930	5c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0
1930	10c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0
1930	30c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0
1930	50c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0
1930	\$1 Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0

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1930	\$5 Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0
1930	0.5c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	1c Postage Due	400R	4	2	2	0
1930	2c Postage Due	400R	4	4	4	0
1930	3c Postage Due	400R	4	4	4	0
1930	5c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	10c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	30c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	50c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0



20004  
13c Harrison  
not used



20008-20010  
11c Hayes  
not used

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20065-20068  
2c Charleston  
not used







20089  
\$2.60 Graf Zeppelin  
not used



20093  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
not in collection





20102  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
not in collection

20103  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
not in collection





20108-20109  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
not used

20110-20111  
2c Washington book  
rotary  
not used

20112-20113  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
not used



20116-20117  
2c Washington book  
rotary  
not used





20124-20125  
2c Washington book  
rotary  
not used

















20245-20246  
4c M. Washington  
not used

20247-20250  
3c Postage Due  
not used



20257-20258  
4c M. Washington  
not used





20273  
20c Golden Gate  
rare, not in collection

20274  
20c Golden Gate  
rare, not in collection

20275-20278  
30c Buffalo  
not used

20279-20280  
4c M. Washington  
side coil  
not used





20287-20288  
4c M. Washington  
  
not used

20289-20290  
4c M. Washington  
side coil  
not used

20291-20294  
10c Special Delivery  
not used



20299-20300  
4c M. Washington  
  
not used



20305-20308  
20c Golden Gate  
not used

20309-20310  
5c Roosevelt  
side coil  
not used

20311-20314  
15c Statue of Liberty  
not used





20317-20320  
12c Cleveland  
not used



20324-20326  
5c Globe Airmail  
not used

20327-20328  
5c Roosevelt  
side coil  
not used



20333-20334  
10c Special Delivery  
not used

20335-20338  
13c Harrison  
not used



20340  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not used



20343-20346  
25c Niagara Falls  
not used





20359-20362  
4c Taft  
side coil  
not used

20363  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not in collection



20366-20367  
8c Grant  
rotary  
not used

20368-20369  
1c Franklin book  
not used



20372-20375  
1c Franklin  
side coil  
not used



20378-20381  
1c Postage Due  
not used



20384-20387  
1.5c Harding  
end coil  
not used





20400-20401  
8c Grant  
rotary  
not used



20404-20405  
1.5c Harding  
end coil  
not used

20406-20407  
1c Franklin book  
not used





20428-20429  
2c Washington  
end coil  
not used



20442-20444  
2c Red Cross  
center  
not used





20451

20452



20453



20454



20455



20456



20457



20458-20460  
2c Yorktown  
frame  
not used

20461



20462



20463



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20464



F

20465



20466



20467



20468



20469



F 20470



20471  
2c Yorktown  
center  
not used

F 20472



20473



20474



20475



F 20476





20477



F 20478



F 20479



20480



F 20481



F 20482



F 20483



20484



F 20485



20486



20487



F 20488



20489



20490



20491



20492



20493



F 20494



F 20495



20496



20497



F 20498



20499



F 20500





20513  
2c Red Cross  
frame  
not used



20517-20524  
2c Red Cross  
center  
not used



20526-20528  
2c Red Cross  
frame  
not used





20544  
12c Cleveland  
rotary  
not finished





20575-20576  
2c Washington Bicent  
side coil  
never issued



20581-20582  
2c Washington Bicent  
end coil  
never issued





20585-20592  
2c Yorktown  
frame  
not used



20603-20604  
2c Yorktown  
center  
not used



20608-20609  
2c Washington Bicent  
book  
never issued





20625-20626  
2c Washington Bicent  
end coil  
never issued

20627-20628  
2c Washington Bicent  
side coil  
never issued







20672-20673  
1c Postage Due  
not used





20682-20683  
5c Washington Bicent  
not used



20700-20701  
5c Washington Bicent  
not used

20702-20703  
5c Globe Airmail  
not used

20704-20705  
15c Special Delivery  
not used



20710-20711  
4c Washington Bicent  
not used



20718-20719  
6c Washington Bicent  
not used

20720-20721  
14c Indian rotary  
not used



20724-20725  
17c Wilson rotary  
not used



20728  
25c Niagara rotary  
not used



20735-20736  
8c Washington Bicent  
not used

20737-20738  
9c Washington Bicent  
not used



20745-20746  
50c Amphitheater  
rotary  
not used



20748  
1c Washington Bicent  
not used



20757-20758  
10c Washington Bicent  
not used





20765  
1c Washington Bicent  
not used



20769-20770  
.5c Washington Bicent  
not used



20777  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not in collection





20785  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not in collection



20797  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not in collection



20799  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not in collection

20800  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not used



20807-20810  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not used

20811-20814  
2c Washington Bicent  
not used



20827-20830  
2c Washington Bicent  
not used



20833-20834  
1.5c Washington Bicent  
not used



20837-20838  
1.5c Washington Bicent  
not used



20841-20842  
1.5c Washington Bicent  
not used



20845-20846  
1.5c Washington Bicent  
not used



20849-20850  
6c Washington Bicent  
not used

20851-20852  
5c Washington Bicent  
not used

20853-20854  
10c Washington Bicent  
not used

20855-20856  
2c Washington Bicent  
not used

20857-20859  
2c Washington  
side coil  
not used

20860-20863  
2c 10th Olympiad  
not used



20866-20867  
2c 10th Olympiad  
not used



20868



20869



20870



20871



20872



20873



20874



20875



20876



20877



20878



20879



20880



20881

20882-20883  
3c Washington  
side coil  
not used



20884



20885



20886



20887



20888



20889



20890



20891



20892





20896-20899  
3c Washington  
side coil  
not used





20918  
3c Washington  
side coil  
not in collection

20919  
3c Washington  
side coil  
not in collection



20926-20929  
.5c Hale  
not used











