

Chapter 36

Plate Numbers 27000-27999

Plate number 27000 was assigned to the 4c Lincoln coil stamp in July, 1961 and plate number 27999 was assigned to the 5c Washington sheet stamp in December, 1964. This 2 1/2 year period was very eventful for the U. S. stamp collector with most of the action centered around the commemorative stamps. The Nursing stamp of 1961 had difficult plate number combinations which caused a furor. Then the 1962 Dag Hammarskjold invert stamp was found. January 7, 1963 saw the domestic letter rate increase to 5c and 8c for air mail. All of this turmoil made for an interesting time to collect plate numbers.

The 6th Bureau series, the Liberty series regular issue, was the definitive series of this section. But changes began in 1963 with stamps which did not appear to be part of the Liberty series. The rate change in 1963 saw issuance of the 1c Jackson and 5c Washington stamps which were designated as series of 1963. For convenience, I have included them as part of the Liberty series, but some collectors may prefer them to stand alone. The first flag definitive appeared in 1963 and is not part of the Liberty series. For the first time, we have definitive stamps that are not part of a larger group. Most of the sheet stamp plates are easy to find, the exception being plates 27090 and 27091 on the 2.5c Bunker Hill stamp. These numbers are tough and it is surprising to me, with all of the plate number collectors searching during this time, that three of the eight positions of these two plates are still unreported. The 5c Washington sheet stamp has two tough numbers, 27866-7, and these are hard to find. The booklet plates are not easy but the real tough problems are with the 432 subject coils. 169 of the 451 regular issue plates to press are unreported, all coils. The new 5c Washington booklet is interesting, with three different slogans appearing during the life of the booklet, and all are found in the 27000 section.

Collecting matched sets of commemorative stamps was routine until the Nursing stamp which was issued December 28, 1961. This stamp required two passes through the Giori press which resulted in two plate numbers on each sheet. Collectors learned early on that this would be trouble. The BEP and post office said there were 12 combinations available with 5 common and 7 difficult. Collectors found the 5 common combinations, but they also discovered that 5 combinations were extremely scarce and that two combinations were rare. Hundreds or maybe thousands of collectors began screaming about the problems locating the combinations. An article in the SPECIALIST said that no stamp had ever caused the furor that the Nursing stamp had. The post office ordered the BEP to print additional quantities of the scarce combinations and they did except for combinations including plate 27099 which had already been cancelled. I remember making trips to the philatelic window in Dallas and buying sheets of what had been scarce to rare combinations.

The next stamp made national news when it was released on the day that John Glenn orbited the earth in the Project Mercury capsule. The BEP had printed and distributed this stamp with cold war security in place and postmasters were instructed to open the packages and place the stamps on sale on the day of the event. I learned about this in my local newspaper which had a picture of a smiling patron as he held up a sheet of the new stamp.

The next commemorative stamp to make two passes through the Giori press was the Dag Hammarskjold stamp of 1962. A sheet was found with one plate inverted in relation to the other. Collectors were stunned when the post office ordered the BEP to print additional quantities of the invert. And the BEP used all of the plate number combinations of the original printings on the invert. The original finder was left with a pane of stamps worth only \$2.00.

A tradition was started with the 4c Christmas stamp of 1962. This proved to be so popular that it became an annual tradition. 422 commemorative plates were assigned with 330 going to press and all of the plates are easy to find.

The air mail stamps had 68 plates assigned and 44 to press with four 8c Capitol coil plates unreported. The 8c Capitol booklet came in panes of 6 with 5 stamps and a slogan label. 3 different slogans appear on these booklets.

Two special delivery stamp plates and four postage due plates plus two plates for the testing coil stamp round out the 27000 section. Plate number copies of the testing coil have been found but these seem to be scarce.

The 27000 section had 851 plates to press but 173 are unreported which makes a high completion percentage very difficult. In fact, the 27000 section's 173 unreported plates hold the record for the most unreported plates in any section in the entire plate number series. The collector should not despair; since locating 600 of these plates should not be too hard. This is a very colorful section and a collection mounted in plate number order makes an interesting display, especially with the invert stamp and the different denominations on the postage due plates. The 28000 section has a lot of action and we will next look at these interesting plates.

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		27000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	851	851	172	
6th Bureau Series (Liberty Series)							
1954	1c Washington	400R	6	6	6	0	
1954	1c Washington coil	432R	2	2	2	2	
1954	2c Jefferson coil	432R	2	2	2	0	
1954	2.5c Bunker Hill	400R	2	2	2	0	
1954	3c Liberty	400R	28	28	28	0	
1954	3c Liberty coil	432R	8	8	8	2	
1954	4c Lincoln	400R	21	21	21	0	
1954	4c Lincoln book	360R	4	4	4	0	
1954	4c Lincoln coil	432R	64	63	63	48	
1954	8c Pershing	400R	6	4	4	0	
1954	10c Independence Hall	400R	4	4	4	0	
1954	15c Jay	400R	2	2	2	0	
1954	20c Monticello	400R	2	2	2	0	
1954	40c Marshall	400R	2	2	2	0	
1954	50c Anthony	400R	2	2	2	0	
1954	\$1 Henry	400R	2	2	2	0	
1963	1c Jackson	400R	14	14	14	0	
1963	1c Jackson coil	432R	8	6	6	3	
1963	5c Washington	400R	74	64	64	0	
1963	5c Washington book (6)	360R	4	0	0		
1963	5c Washington book (5) slogan 1	360R	16	14	14	0	
1963	5c Washington book (5) slogan 2	360R	18	18	18	0	
1963	5c Washington book (5) slogan 3	360R	22	22	22	0	
1963	5c Washington coil	432R	162	159	159	113	
Special Definitives							
1963	5c Flag	400R	27	18	18	0	
Commemorative							
1961	4c Naval Aviation	200R	4	4	4	0	
1961	4c Remington	200R	7	4	4	0	
1961	4c Workmen's Compensation	200R	4	4	4	0	
1961	4c Sun Yat-Sen	200R	4	4	4	0	
1961	4c Basketball	200R	4	4	4	0	
1961	4c Nurse center	200R	5	4	4	0	
1961	4c Nurse frame	200R	7	4	4	0	
1962	4c Project Mercury	200R	8	6	6	0	
1962	4c New Mexico	200R	7	4	4	0	
1962	4c Arizona	200R	8	4	4	0	
1962	4c Malaria Eradication	200R	7	4	4	0	
1962	4c Homestead Act	200R	4	4	4	0	
1962	4c Seattle Fair	200R	9	7	7	0	
1962	4c Louisiana Statehood	200R	7	6	6	0	
1962	4c C. E. Hughes	200R	4	4	4	0	
1962	4c Shiloh	200R	4	4	4	0	

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1962	4c Girl Scouts	200R	4	4	4	0
1962	4c Hammarskjold I	200R	7	4	4	0
1962	4c Hammarskjold II	200R	5	4	4	0
1962	4c McMahon	200R	4	4	4	0
1962	4c Rayburn	200R	7	6	6	0
1962	4c Apprenticeship Act	200R	4	4	4	0
1962	4c Higher Education I	200R	5	4	4	0
1962	4c Higher Education II	200R	5	4	4	0
1962	4c Christmas	400R	7	6	6	0
1962	4c Winslow Homer	200R	8	6	6	0
1963	5c Emancipation I	200R	9	4	4	0
1963	5c Emancipation II	200R	9	4	4	0
1963	5c North Carolina	200R	7	6	6	0
1963	5c Gettysburg	200R	7	6	6	0
1963	5c Food For Peace	200R	8	6	6	0
1963	5c West Virginia	200R	7	6	6	0
1963	5c Alliance For Progress	200R	7	6	6	0
1963	5c Christmas	400R	18	17	17	0
1963	5c Audubon	200R	7	6	6	0
1963	5c City Delivery	200R	7	6	6	0
1963	5c E. Roosevelt	200R	4	4	4	0
1963	5c Sciences	200R	7	6	6	0
1963	5c Cordell Hull	200R	4	4	4	0
1963	5c Red Cross	200R	10	8	8	0
1963	5c Sam Houston	200R	4	4	4	0
1964	5c John Muir	200R	6	4	4	0
1964	5c Russell	200R	13	6	6	0
1964	5c New Jersey	200R	8	4	4	0
1964	5c New York Fair	200R	4	4	4	0
1964	5c Battle of the Wilderness	200R	8	6	6	0
1964	5c Nevada	200R	5	4	4	0
1964	5c Kennedy	200R	24	12	12	0
1964	5c American Music	200R	7	6	6	0
1964	5c Register & Vote	200R	7	6	6	0
1964	5c Shakespeare	200R	4	4	4	0
1964	5c Christmas	200R	31	29	29	0
1964	5c Mayo	200R	4	4	4	0
1964	5c Amatuer Radio	200R	4	4	4	0
1964	5c Homemakers	200R	8	6	6	0
1964	5c Fine Arts I	200R	5	4	4	0
1964	5c Fine Arts II	200R	5	4	4	0
1964	5c Verrazano-Narrows Bridge	200R	4	4	4	0
1965	5c New Orleans	200R	7	6	6	0
1965	5c Physical Fitness	200R	4	3	3	0
Special Purpose Issues						
1958	7c Jet	400R	4	4	4	0
1963	6c Eagle	400R	4	2	2	0
1963	8c Capitol	400R	19	10	10	0
1963	8c Capitol book slogan 1	360R	6	4	4	0
1963	8c Capitol book slogan 2	360R	2	2	2	0
1963	8c Capitol book slogan 3	360R	9	6	6	0

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1963	8c Capitol coil	432R	10	6	6	4
1963	15c Blair	200R	4	2	2	0
1963	8c Earhart	200R	5	4	4	0
1964	8c Goddard	200R	5	4	4	0
1954	30c Special Delivery	200R	2	2	2	0
1959	Postage Due	400R	4	4	4	0
	Dummy coil	432R	2	2	2	0

27000-27001
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection



27006-27007
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection



27012-27013
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27018-27019
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27022-27023
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27030-27031
3c Liberty
side coil
unreported

27032
4c Remington
master plate
not used





27043-27044
1c Washington
side coil
unreported

27045-27046
4c Remington
not used

27047-27048
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection



27053
4c Project Mercury
master plate
not used







27069-27070
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27072
Postage Due
7c: scarce





27073-27074
4c Nursing
master plates
not used



27077
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

27078
4c Lincoln
side coil
see plate 27085

27079
4c Project Mercury
not used



27084
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

27085-27078
4c Lincoln
side coil



27087-27086
Dummy Coil



27088
4c Nursing
not used



27093
4c Nursing
not finished

27094-27095
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27097-27098
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27100-27101
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27106
4c New Mexico
master plate
not used





27115
4c New Mexico
not used

27116
4c Arizona
master plate
not used



27121
4c New Mexico
not used

27122
4c Arizona
master plate
not used

27123-27124
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27129
4c Arizona
not used



27132-27133
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

27134
4c Arizona
not used

27135-27136
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

27137-27138
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection

27139-27141
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

27142
4c Lincoln
side coil
not finished

27143-27144
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

27145
4c Malaria
master plate
not used





27156
4c Seattle
master plate
not used



27158
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

27159
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection

27160
4c Malaria
not used

27161
4c Seattle
master plate
not used

27162
4c Malaria
not used



27170
4c Louisiana
master plate
not used





27182
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection

27183
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported





27199-27202
5c Washington book
not used



27206-27211
5c Washington
side coil



27207
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection

27208-27209
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27211
5c Washington
side coil
see plate 27206

27212
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection





27223
4c Hammar skjold
master plate
not used



27234-27235
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

27236-27239
3c Liberty
side coil
rare, not in collection

27240-27241
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27244-27245
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

27246
4c Rayburn
master plate
not used



27251-27252
4c Hammar skjold
master plates
not used

27253-27254
4c Higher Education
master plates
not used



27256-27259
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27261
4c Hammar skjold
master plate
not used





27269-27270
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported





27284-27285
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27287-27288
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27291-27292
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



27294
4c Christmas
master plate
not used



27302-27303
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27305-27304
5c Washington
side coil





27306



27307



27308

27309-27310
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27311

27312-27313
8c Air Mail
not used



27314



27315



27316



27317



27318

27319-27322
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27323



27324



27325



27326



27327



27328



27329



27330

27331-27332
8c Air Mail
side coil
not used

27333
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection

27334
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27335-27190
5c Washington
side coil



27336
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27345-27346
8c Air Mail
not used





YOUR MAILMAN
DESERVES YOUR
- HELP -
KEEP HARMFUL
OBJECTS OUT OF
YOUR LETTERS



YOUR MAILMAN
DESERVES YOUR
- HELP -
KEEP HARMFUL
OBJECTS OUT OF
YOUR LETTERS

27353-27354
8c Air Mail
side coil
not used

27355-27356
8c Air Mail
not used



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YOUR LETTERS

27359
4c Winslow Homer
master plate
not used

27360-27361
8c Air Mail book
not used



27363-27364
8c Air Mail
not used



27367-27368
8c Air Mail
side coil
rare, not in collection





27373
 4c Winslow Homer
 master plate
 not used





27384-27385
1c Jackson
side coil



27389
5c Flag
master plate
not used



27394-27397
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27399-27400
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27401-27402
6c Air Mail
not used



27404-27407
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27409-27410
5c Emancipation
master plates
not used



27414-27418
5c Emancipation
not used

27419-27420
1c Jackson
side coil
unreported

27421-27424
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27427
5c North Carolina
master plate
not used



27429-27430
5c Washington
side coil
unreported





27440-27445
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27446-27447
5c Emancipation
master plates
not used

27448-27449
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27450
5c Emancipation
not used

27451-27452
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27454
15c Blair Airmail
master plate
not used



27457

1863-1963 UNITED STATES 5 CENTS



EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

27458

1863-1963 UNITED STATES 5 CENTS



EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION



27459



27460

1863-1963 UNITED STATES 5 CENTS



EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

27461

27462

1863-1963 UNITED STATES 5 CENTS



EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

27463



27464



27465



27466



27467
15c Blair Airmail
not used

1863-1963 UNITED STATES 5 CENTS



EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

27468

27469
5c Gettysburg
master plate
not used

27470-27471
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27472
8c Earhart Airmail
master plate
not used



27473



27474

27475-27476
5c Food For Peace
master plates
not used



27477



27480-27481
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27483
5c West Virginia
master plate
not used



27490-27491
5c Washington book
not used



27495-27496
5c Washington
side coil
unreported









27521-27522
5c Flag
not used

27523
5c Washington book
rare, not in collection

27524
5c Washington book
rare, not in collection



27527-27528
5c Flag
not used



27530
5c Flag
not used

27531-27534
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27535
5c Christmas
master plate
not used

27536-27539
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27540
5c Flag
not used



27542-27545
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27549
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27550
5c Washington
side coil
see last page

27551-27552
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27557
5c Alliance of Progress
master plate
not used







27580-27583
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27584
5c Audubon
master plate
not used

27585
5c City Delivery
master plate
not used



27592
8c Air Mail
not finished





27599



27600

CITY MAIL DELIVERY 1863-1963

UNITED STATES 5c



27601



27602



27603



27604

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

5c U.S. POSTAGE



27605

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

5c U.S. POSTAGE



27606

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

5c U.S. POSTAGE



27607

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

5c U.S. POSTAGE



27608

CHRISTMAS 1963

UNITED STATES 5c



27609



27610
5c Science
master plate
not used



27611

CITY MAIL DELIVERY 1863-1963

UNITED STATES 5c



27612

CITY MAIL DELIVERY 1863-1963

UNITED STATES 5c



27617-27620
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27628-27629
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27630
5c Washington
side coil
see last page

27631-27635
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27637
5c Red Cross
master plate
not used



27643-27645
8c Air Mail book
not finished



27647
5c Red Cross
not used

27648
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27649
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection







27665
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection

27666-27667
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27668
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection





27686
5c John Muir
master plate
not used



27689
5c John Muir
not used

27690-27691
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27694
Postage Due
\$5: scarce misregistration
(missing)





27699-27700
8c Air Mail
side coil
unreported





27707
5c Russell
master plate
not used

27708-27713
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27714-27715
5c Russell
not used



27717
5c Russell
not used



27719-27722
5c New Jersey
not finished



27726
5c Russell
not used



27729-27730
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27731
5c Russell
not used



27733
5c Russell
master plate
not used





27752-27753
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27754
5c Wilderness
master plate
not used

27755-27762
5c Washington
side coil
unreported





27764



27765



27766

27767-27770
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27771



27772



27773



27774



27777
5c Wilderness
not used

27778
5c Nevada
master plate
not used



27779



27780

27781-27783
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27784
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection



27791-27796
5c Kennedy
not used



27799
5c American Music
master plate
not used





27810
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27811
5c Washington
side coil
see last page





27816
5c Washington
side coil
see last page

27817
5c Washington
side coil
unreported



27820-27825
5c Kennedy
not used

27826
5c Register & Vote
master plate
not used





27835
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27836
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection

27837
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27838
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection



27841



27842



27843



27844



27845



27846



27847



27848





27850
Postage Due
no scarce plates





27851
Postage Due
no scarce plates





27855-27856
5c Washington
side coil



27857
5c Washington
side coil
not finished

27858
5c Washington
side coil
see plate 27890

27859
8c Goddard Airmail
master plate
not used



27868
5c Christmas
master plate
not used



27877
5c Christmas
not used





27881-27882
5c Washington
not used



27886-27887
5c Washington
not used



27890-27858
5c Washington
side coil



27891
5c Washington
side coil
not finished



27894-27784
5c Washington
side coil



27895
5c Washington
side coil
not finished





27907-27908
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection





27912
5c Homemakers
master plate
not used



27916
5c Homemakers
not used





27923-27924
5c Washington
side coil



27927-27928
5c Fine Arts
master plates
not used





27938-27939
5c Washington
side coil
unreported

27940



27941



27942







27963-27964
5c Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection



27966-27967
8c Pershing
not used



27971-27972
5c Washington
not used

27973
5c New Orleans
master plate
not used

27974
5c Flag
not used

27975-27976
1c Jackson
not used

27977
2c Jefferson
side coil
rare, not in collection

27978
2c Jefferson
side coil
unreported

27979
5c Flag
not used



27986
5c Physical Fitness
master plate
not used



27988-27989
5c Washington
not used





27997
5c Washington
not used



27999
5c Washington
not used

27630-27550
5c Washington
side coil



27816-27811
5c Washington
side coil

