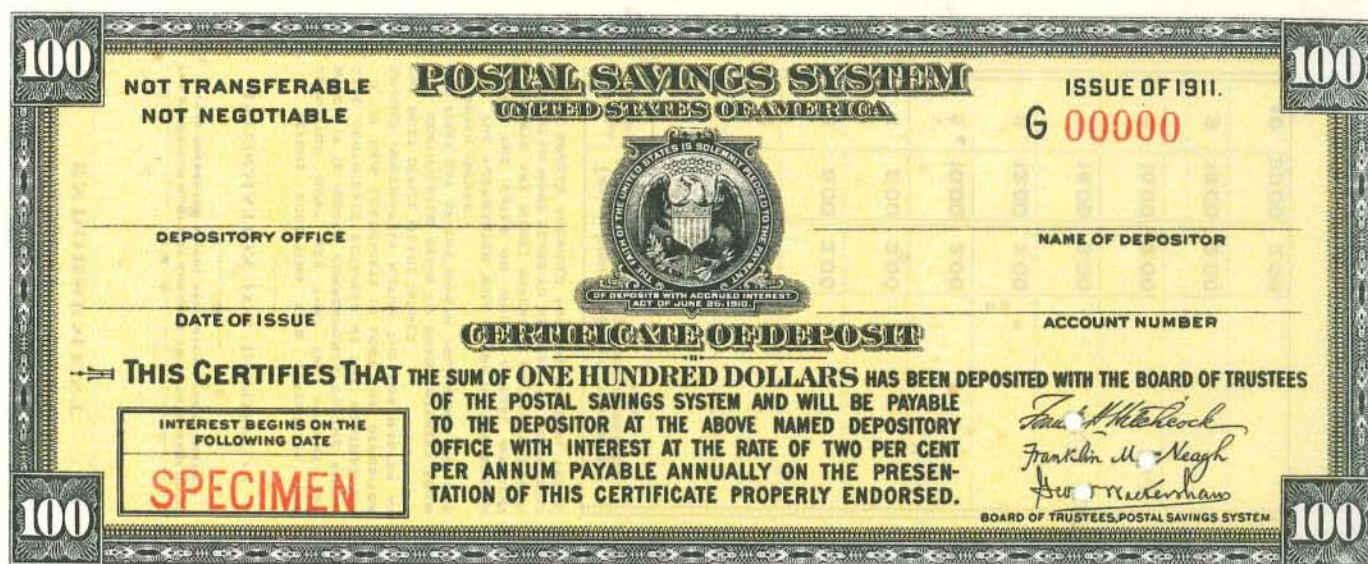


United States Postal Savings Certificates

1911-1967



Series of 1911 Postal Savings Certificate, \$100 denomination
Specimen

The United States Post Office Department served a banking and savings function for over 50 years. The Postal Savings System provided an alternative to commercial banks and encouraged savings by those who were not otherwise bank customers. Postal Savings customers could deposit funds into interest-bearing accounts, receiving certificates of deposit ("Postal Savings Certificates") in return, all over the counter at designated post offices. Postal Savings Certificates could be redeemed, and interest collected, at any time.

This exhibit traces the development of Postal Savings Certificates from the establishment to the discontinuance of the Postal Savings System. The exhibitor maintains a census of Postal Savings Certificates and solicits additional information and data. Numbers reported in the exhibit come from this census, which includes more than 700 items. Certificates are recorded for 39 states, two territories (Alaska and Hawaii), Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.

Six major series of certificates were issued: 1911, 1913, 1917, 1918, 1939 and 1954. Each certificate bore the name of the issuing office. Most 1917, 1918 and 1939 certificates were preprinted with the office name; other certificates have a handstamped name. Depositors signed certificates when redeeming them; redeemed certificates were marked "paid." Both redeemed and unredeemed certificates are available.

Most series have additional variations based on Postmaster General signatures or the text appearing on the reverse of the certificates. As the limit on individual deposits increased, new and higher denominations of certificates became available. \$200 and \$500 certificates were issued starting in 1917; \$1000 and \$2500 denominations were added in 1954. The \$2 denomination was omitted from the 1954 series, and the \$1 denomination was discontinued in 1956.


The United States Postal Savings System stopped accepting deposits on April 27, 1966 and ceased operations on July 1, 1967, as commercial banks became more reliable and other investments (including Savings Bonds) offered higher rates of return.

Series of 1911

1	NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE	POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ISSUE OF 1911. A 886001	1
SHEBOYGAN FALLS, WIS.			<i>Chester L. Granger</i>	
DEPOSITORY OFFICE			NAME OF DEPOSITOR	

2	NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE	POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ISSUE OF 1911. B 606898	2
PROVIDENCE, R. I.			<i>Raffaele Di Guglio</i>	
DEPOSITORY OFFICE			NAME OF DEPOSITOR	

50	NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE	POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ISSUE OF 1911. F 131505	50
COFFEYVILLE, KANS.			<i>W. A. Pickering</i>	
DEPOSITORY OFFICE			NAME OF DEPOSITOR	
JAN 8 1912			105	
DATE OF ISSUE			ACCOUNT NUMBER	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT				
THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE SUM OF FIFTY DOLLARS HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY ENDORSED.				
INTEREST BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING DATE <i>Feb 1 - 1912</i>		<i>Frank H. Hitchcock</i> <i>Franklin MacVeagh</i> <i>Geo. W. Wickersham</i> BOARD OF TRUSTEES, POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM		

NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE	POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ISSUE OF 1911
BATH, ME.		A 485200
DEPOSITORY OFFICE	DUPLICATE X TO BE RETAINED BY THE POSTMASTER	SIGNATURE OF DEPOSITOR
OCT 15 1912		<i>89</i>
DATE OF ISSUE		ACCOUNT NUMBER
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT		
THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR		
HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY ENDORSED.		
INTEREST BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING DATE NOV 1 1912	FRANK H. HITCHCOCK, FRANKLIN MACVEAGH, GEO. W. WICKERSHAM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM.	

The original series of Postal Savings Certificates, the "Issue of 1911," was released in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Duplicate certificates were retained by postmasters to assist in record-keeping. 26 recorded Series of 1911 certificates.

Series of 1913

ONE

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
THE FAITH OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IS SOLEMNLY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF DEPOSITS WITH ACCRUED INTEREST
Indianapolis, Ind.
ACT OF JUNE 25, 1910

DEPOSITORY OFFICE
Anna R. Hook
NAME OF DEPOSITOR
1624
ACCOUNT NUMBER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS

SERIAL NUMBER
A 2713025
DATE OF ISSUE
APR 25 1917
DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS
MAY 1 1917

ONE DOLLAR

NOT TRANSFERABLE
NOT NEGOTIABLE

THIS CERTIFICATE THAT THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY INDORSED

A. S. Burleson
POSTMASTER GENERAL

1

TWO

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
THE FAITH OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IS SOLEMNLY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF DEPOSITS WITH ACCRUED INTEREST
ACT OF JUNE 25, 1910

DEPOSITORY OFFICE
Philip Senner
NAME OF DEPOSITOR
6475
ACCOUNT NUMBER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS

SERIAL NUMBER
B 1679517
DATE OF ISSUE
1914
DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS
1914

TWO DOLLARS

NOT TRANSFERABLE
NOT NEGOTIABLE

THIS CERTIFICATE THAT THE SUM OF TWO DOLLARS HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY INDORSED

A. S. Burleson
POSTMASTER GENERAL

2

TEN

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
THE FAITH OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IS SOLEMNLY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF DEPOSITS WITH ACCRUED INTEREST
Memphis, Tenn.
ACT OF JUNE 25, 1910

DEPOSITORY OFFICE
Mrs. Louie Thompson
NAME OF DEPOSITOR
615
ACCOUNT NUMBER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS

SERIAL NUMBER
D 2806563
DATE OF ISSUE
NOV 22 1915
DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS
DEC 1 1915

TEN DOLLARS

NOT TRANSFERABLE
NOT NEGOTIABLE

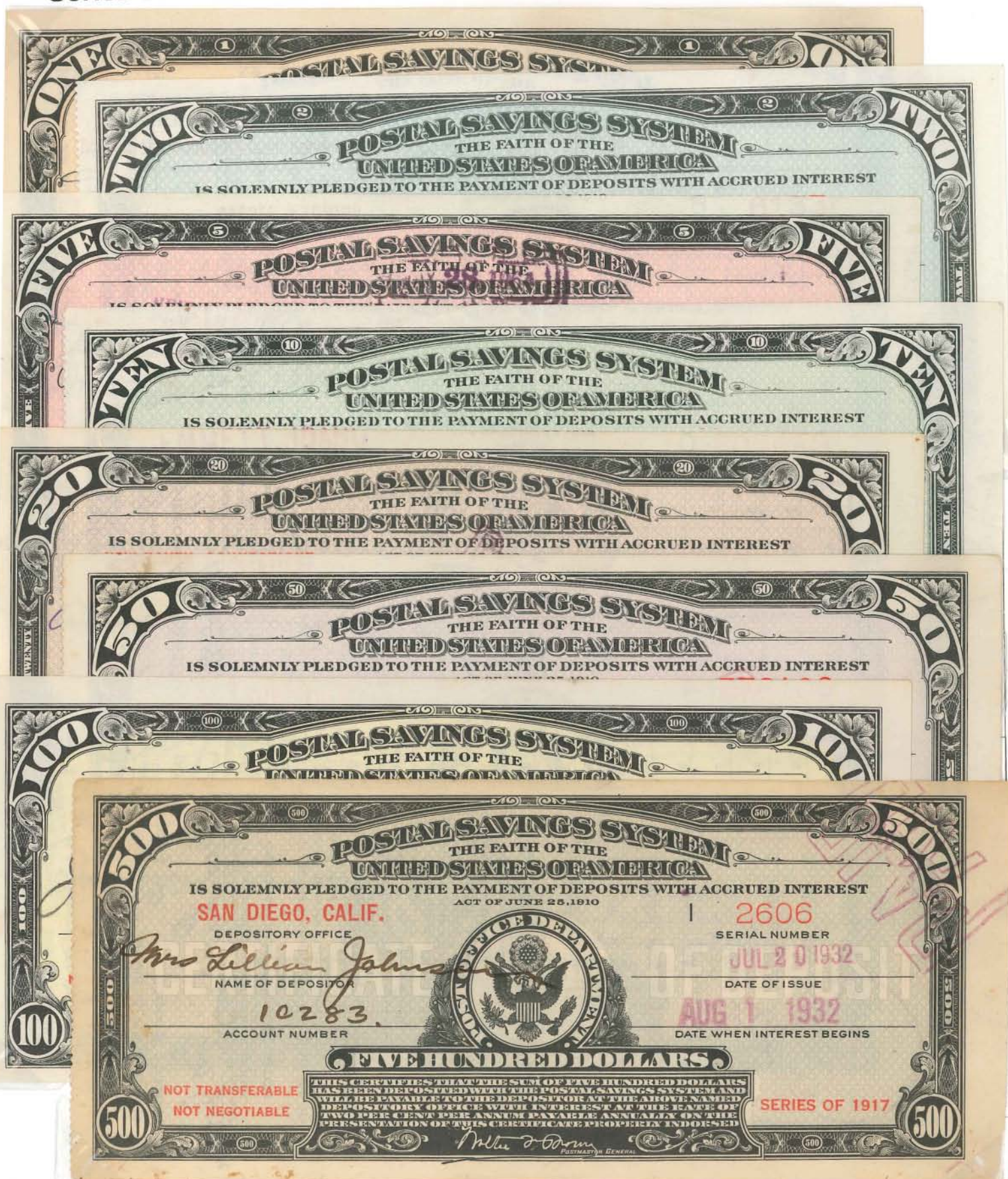
THIS CERTIFICATE THAT THE SUM OF TEN DOLLARS HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY INDORSED

A. S. Burleson
POSTMASTER GENERAL

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A new series was released in 1913, bearing the signature of Postmaster General A.S. Burleson. Denominations were the same as the 1911 series. Seven recorded Series 1913 certificates.

Series of 1917



Another new series, of similar design, appeared in 1917. \$200 and \$500 denominations were added.

Series of 1917—Signatures

DEPOSITORY OFFICE		SERIAL NUMBER	
FORT HAMILTON BROOKLYN, N. Y.		A 16318	
NAME OF DEPOSITOR <i>Mrs Anna Amers</i>		DATE OF ISSUE DEC 6 - 1918	
ACCOUNT NUMBER 1980		DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS JAN 1 - 1919	
NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE		SERIES OF 1917	

DEPOSITORY OFFICE		SERIAL NUMBER	
JULIUS D. HELFER		MAY 5 1930	
NAME OF DEPOSITOR		DATE OF ISSUE	
76024		JUNE 1 1930	
ACCOUNT NUMBER		DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS	
NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE		SERIES OF 1917	

DEPOSITORY OFFICE		SERIAL NUMBER	
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS		A 130637	
NAME OF DEPOSITOR <i>Ellen D. Oliver</i>		DATE OF ISSUE APR 23 1932	
ACCOUNT NUMBER 917		DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS MAY 1 1934	
NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE		SERIES OF 1917	

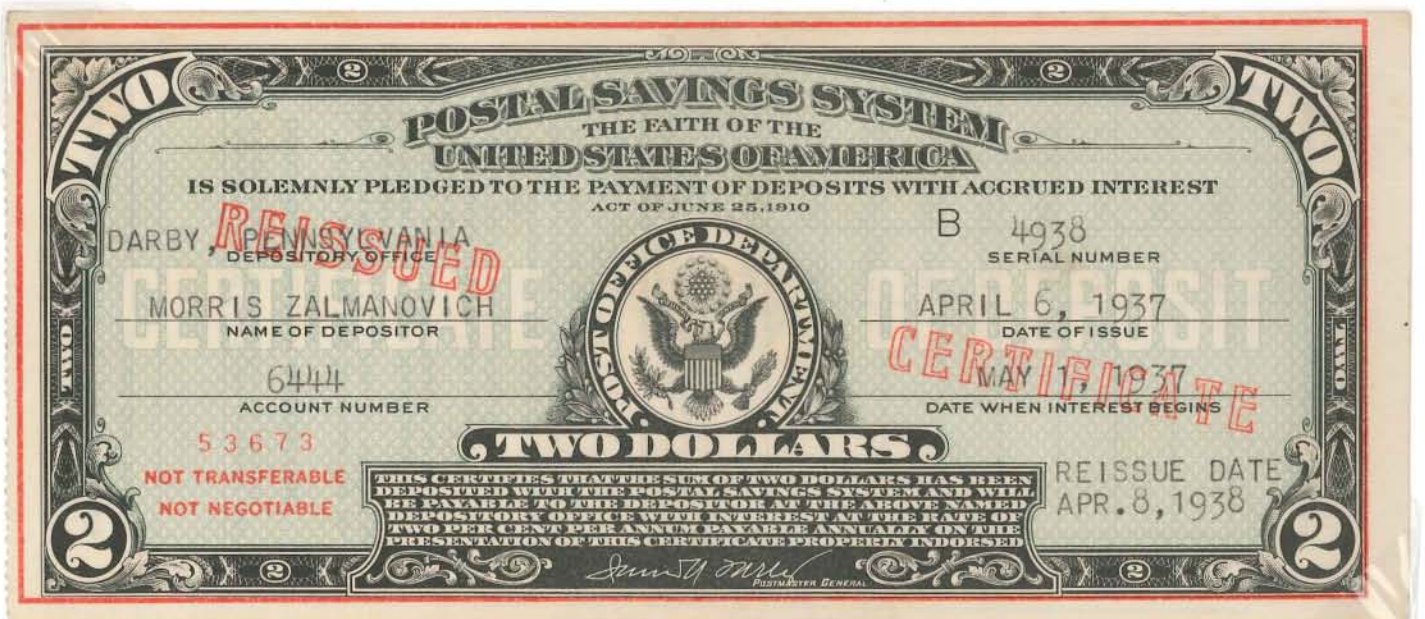
DEPOSITORY OFFICE		SERIAL NUMBER	
GERRY G. THOMPSON		MAR 22 1947	
NAME OF DEPOSITOR		DATE OF ISSUE	
1644		DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS APR 1 - 1948	
ACCOUNT NUMBER		SERIES OF 1917	
NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE			

Certificates exist with the signatures of Postmasters General Burleson (1917-1921), New (1923-1929), Brown (1929-1933) and Farley (1933-1939).

Series of 1917—Reissued Certificates



"Issued in Lieu of Lost Certificate"
Washington D.C.
1921, Burleson



"Reissued Certificate"
Darby, Pennsylvania
1938, Farley

Certificates could be re-issued if the originals were lost or destroyed. *Three recorded reissued Series of 1917 certificates.*

Series of 1917—State Names



In some instances, certificates bore a state name at lower right, perhaps as a control device for blank certificates distributed to small offices. 17 recorded certificates with state name.

Series of 1918

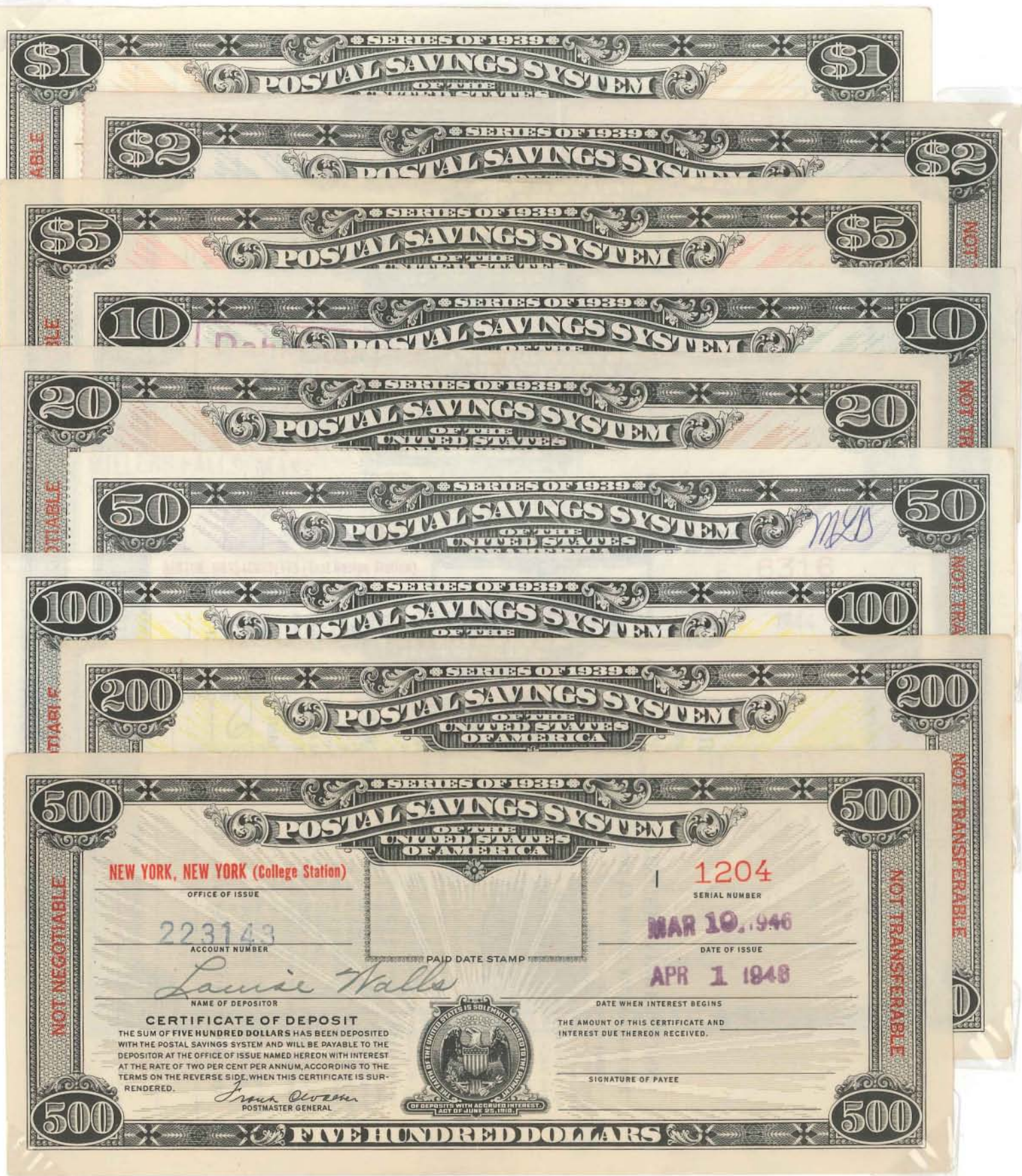


Miami, Arizona

Four recorded Postal Savings Certificates of any series from Arizona

A Series of 1918 issue was briefly released but received limited distribution. All reported examples bear the signature of Postmaster General Burleson but were used between 1927 and 1934, perhaps reflecting the use of old stock. *Six recorded Series of 1918 Certificates.*

Series of 1939



The Series of 1917 was not fully replaced until a new series of new design appeared in 1939. Denominations remained the same as the Series of 1917.

Series of 1939

\$1 **SERIES OF 1939** **\$1**

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
OF THE
UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

TOLEDO, OHIO
OFFICE OF ISSUE

19931
ACCOUNT NUMBER

A 76
SERIAL NUMBER

JUN 6 1941
DATE OF ISSUE

JUL 1 1941
DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS

Berton Leroy Rickard
NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
THE SUM OF **ONE DOLLAR** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

John H. Farley
POSTMASTER GENERAL

RECEIVED THE AMOUNT OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND INTEREST DUE THEREON.

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

\$1 **ONE DOLLAR** **\$1**

DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

Frank O'Brien
POSTMASTER GENERAL

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

\$1 **ONE DOLLAR** **\$1**

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
THE SUM OF **ONE DOLLAR** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

Edith Hannegan
POSTMASTER GENERAL

DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS
THE AMOUNT OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND INTEREST DUE THEREON RECEIVED.

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

100 **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS** **100**

22905
ACCOUNT NUMBER

Beatrice Parnell
NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
THE SUM OF **ONE DOLLAR** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

John H. Walker
POSTMASTER GENERAL

JUN 1 1952
DATE OF ISSUE

DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS
THE AMOUNT OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND INTEREST DUE THEREON RECEIVED.

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

100 **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS** **100**

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
THE SUM OF **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

Arthur E. Summerfield
POSTMASTER GENERAL

THE AMOUNT OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND INTEREST DUE THEREON RECEIVED.

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

Series of 1939 certificates can be found with the signatures of Postmasters General Farley (1939-1940), Walker (1940-1945), Hannegan (1945-1947), Donaldson (1947-1953), and Summerfield (1953-1954). A Bureau of Engraving and Printing imprint appears on the Donaldson and Summerfield issues.

Series of 1939—Signatures

Additional space for signatures of participating distributees in the event of death.

INFORMATION FOR DEPOSITOR

1. Before accepting this certificate the depositor must see that the amount for which it is issued is correct.
2. If this certificate is lost, the depositor should immediately notify the postmaster at the post office where issued.
3. A deposit made on any day of a month begins to earn interest on the first day of the following month. Quarterly interest is allowed, and interest accruing during any quarter is payable on or after the first day of the next quarter.
4. The interest rate is two percent per annum, and the yield on a deposit of \$2.00, the amount of this certificate, is as follows:

One quarter of a year.....	\$ 0.01
One half of a year.....	0.02
Three quarters of a year.....	0.03
One year.....	0.04
5. Interest will continue to accrue on this certificate until it is paid.
6. The depositor may collect all interest due on a certificate by exchanging it for a new one, and he may make the exchange at any time; but if he waits at least one year from the "Date when interest begins" and then makes the exchange during the FIRST month of a quarter, he will avoid loss of interest on the deposit.
7. **IMPORTANT**—Except when withdrawing by mail or through a representative, the depositor must not sign the receipt on the face of this certificate until the postmaster or clerk has entered the amount of interest in **INK**.

BE SURE TO COLLECT ALL INTEREST DUE.

FINGER IMPRESSIONS

Additional space for signatures of participating distributees in the event of death.

INFORMATION FOR DEPOSITOR

Before accepting this certificate the depositor must see that the amount for which it is issued is correct.

If this certificate is lost, the depositor should immediately notify the postmaster at the post office where issued.

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BE SURE TO COLLECT ALL INTEREST DUE.

FINGER IMPRESSIONS

Certificates issued during Farley's administration have two varieties of text on the reverse. Paragraph 4 in the top type is omitted in the second.

NOT TRANSFERABLE

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

OFFICE OF ISSUE 103869 **ACCOUNT NUMBER**

NAME OF DEPOSITOR Edward Rogers

SERIAL NUMBER B 27037

DATE OF ISSUE OCT 3 1941

DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS NOV 1 1941

THE AMOUNT OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND INTEREST DUE THEREON RECEIVED.

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

PAID DATE STAMP

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

THE SUM OF TWO DOLLARS HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAID TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE ON OR AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH OF A QUARTER, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS RENDERED.

1% PER ANNUM

POSTMASTER GENERAL

NOT NEGOTIABLE

Between July 1, 1939 and July 1, 1946, certificates issued in New Jersey received only 1% interest. Overprinted text indicated the variation. Three recorded certificates with interest rate modification overprint.

Series of 1939—Reissued Certificates

SERIES OF 1939
POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

REISSUED
 4-18-44

\$1

COLUMBUS, OHIO
 OFFICE OF ISSUE

47067
 ACCOUNT NUMBER

MAY 15, 1942
 DATE OF ISSUE

MARION ROCK
 NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
 THE SUM OF **ONE DOLLAR** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-
 RENDERED.

30857 *John Quinn*
 POSTMASTER GENERAL

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

SERIES OF 1939
POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

REISSUED

\$2

Station D, Phila., Pa.
 OFFICE OF ISSUE

44943
 ACCOUNT NUMBER

November 27, 1945
 DATE OF ISSUE

Carrie Mears
 NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
 THE SUM OF **TWO DOLLARS** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-
 RENDERED.

84158 *W. Mearns*
 POSTMASTER GENERAL

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

SERIES OF 1939
POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

REISSUED
 5-5-50

\$1

ROCKFORD, ILL.
 OFFICE OF ISSUE

28885
 ACCOUNT NUMBER

NOV. 15, 1941
 DATE OF ISSUE

ELEANOR MAC FALLS
 NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
 THE SUM OF **ONE DOLLAR** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-
 RENDERED.

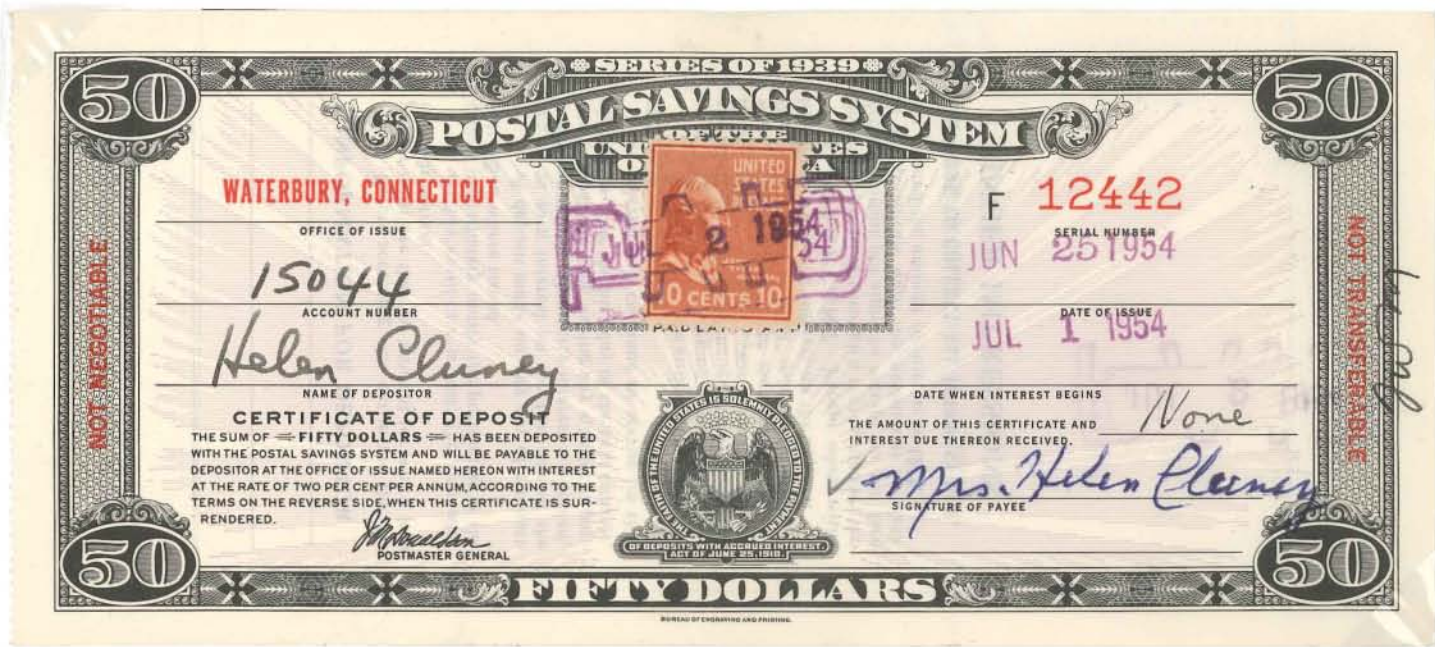
75009 *Robert MacFarlane*
 POSTMASTER GENERAL

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

Reissued certificates included a red border and the word "reissued" at upper right. Five recorded reissued Series of 1939 certificates.

Series of 1939—Early Redemption Fee



Waterbury Connecticut, 1954
Redeemed 8 days after issue



Boston, Massachusetts (East Boston Station), 1954
Redeemed 21 days after issue

Between October 1, 1953 and October 31, 1955, a 10-cent fee was charged when a Postal Savings Certificate was redeemed within 30 days of its issuance. Ten recorded Series of 1939 certificates showing early redemption fee.

Series of 1954



A re-designed series of certificates, on computer punch cards, was released starting on September 1, 1954. No \$2 denomination was issued, but \$1000 and \$2500 denominations were added. The \$1 denomination was discontinued in 1956.

Series of 1954



140.01

NOT NEGOTIABLE

SERIES OF 1954

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2500

2500

2500

2500

19356

ACCOUNT NUMBER

ISSUED AT

FEB 14 1966

PAID DATE STAMP

INTEREST BEGINS FIRST DAY OF NEXT MONTH

RECEIVED THE AMOUNT OF THIS

CERTIFICATE AND \$ 140.01 INTEREST DUE THEREON.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

MAR 13 1963

NAME OF DEPOSITOR

Carmen B. de Velazquez

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

HAS BEEN DEPOSITED IN A POSTAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT AT THE

OFFICE NAMED HEREON AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR

AT THAT OFFICE WITH INTEREST ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS

OF THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM.

POSTMASTER GENERAL

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

Carmen B. de Velazquez

TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

NOT TRANSFERABLE

\$1000 and \$2500 denominations were added.

INFORMATION FOR DEPOSITOR

It is not necessary to surrender this certificate in order to receive credit for interest.

The rate of interest accruing on this deposit may be determined by reading the leaflet "Instructions Concerning Interest on Postal Savings Certificates."

A depositor may have only one postal savings account at one time and never more than \$2500 principal amount on deposit. Interest will be paid on one account only and on total principal deposits of \$2500 or less.

If this certificate is lost, the depositor should immediately notify the postmaster at the post office where it was issued.

The depositor must not sign the receipt on the face of this certificate until after the postmaster or clerk has entered the amount of interest due on the certificate in ink except when withdrawing by mail or through a representative.

The deposit represented by this certificate is accepted and the certificate is issued subject to laws of the United States and regulations of the Board of Trustees of the Postal Savings System, now or hereafter in force.

The space below is for signatures of participating distributees in the event of death, depositor's fingerprints, or other data which may be required.

INFORMATION FOR DEPOSITOR

It is not necessary to surrender this certificate in order to receive credit for interest.

The rate of interest and the amount of interest accruing on this deposit may be determined by reading the leaflet "Instructions Concerning Interest on Postal Savings Certificates."

A depositor may have only one postal savings account at one time and never more than \$2500 principal amount on deposit. Interest will be paid on one account only and on total principal deposits of \$2500 or less.

If this certificate is lost, the depositor should immediately notify the postmaster at the post office where it was issued.

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Do Not Fold, Spindle or Mutilate

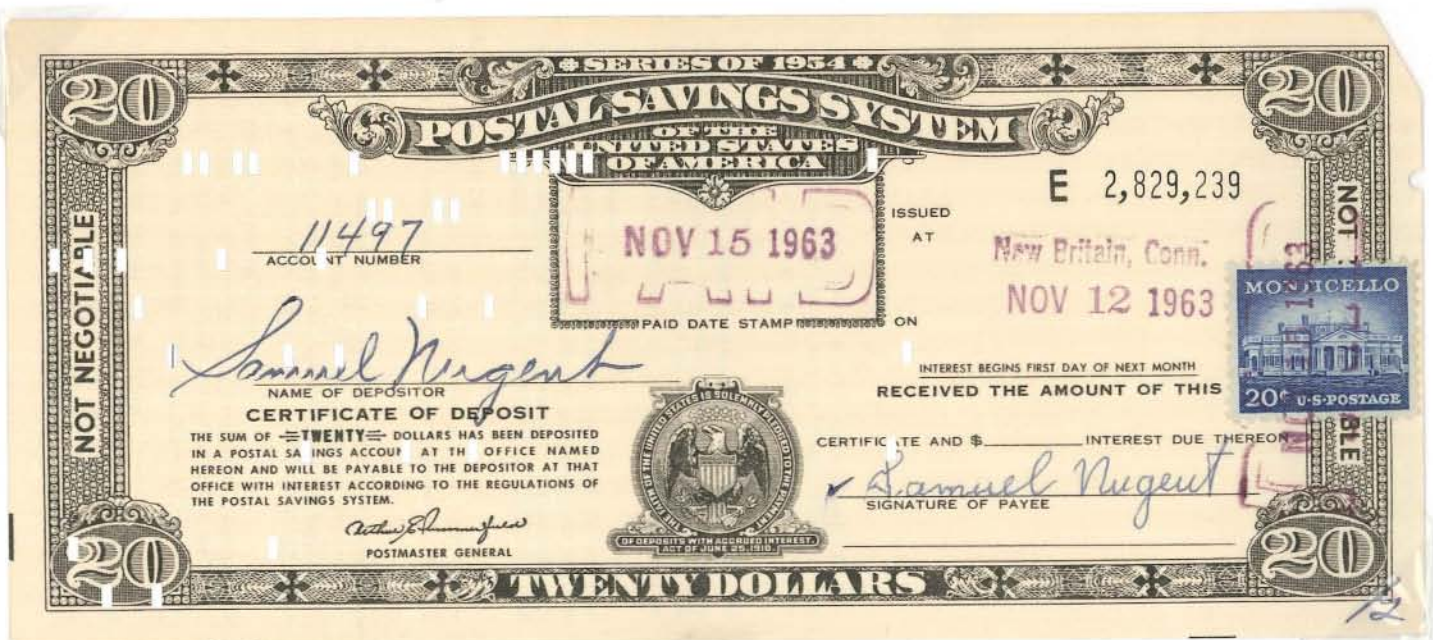
Two types of reverse text exist on the Series of 1954 certificates, mostly notably the addition of "Do Not Fold, Spindle or Mutilate" at left.

Series of 1954—Signatures and Early Redemption Fee



New York, New York (Manhattanville Sta.), 1965
Two recorded Gronouski-signature Series of 1954 certificates

Most Series of 1954 certificates are found with the signature of Postmaster General Summerfield (1954-1961). The \$50 denomination also exists with the signature of Postmaster General Gronouski (1963-1965).



New Britain, Connecticut, 1963
Redeemed 3 days after issue

Effective November 1, 1955, the fee for early redemption of a Postal Savings Certificate was raised to 20 cents. Seven recorded Series of 1954 certificates showing early redemption fee.