Washington & Franklin Rotary Press Coil Waste 1919-1922

The intent of this exhibit is to define what coil waste is and why it was produced. It will also show production varieties with domestic and foreign uses on cover.

Key Items Are Matted In Deep Red

Exhibit Plan

- I. Production of Coil Waste
 - A. Plate Layout
 - B. Imprints & Marginal Markings
 - C. Perforation Varieties
- II. Uses By Denomination & Perforation

A. 1 cent: 11x10, 11x11 B. 2 cent: 11x10, 11x11

C. 3 cent: 11x10

Perforated 11x10





Type II



Type III



320

Perforated 11x11





Type III

Coil Waste is defined as: Stamps produced from existing stock intended for coil stamp production. It was produced by the Bureau in an attempt to save money and use up the left over pieces that came from the long rolls of paper used to produce the 500 and 1,000 roll coils. Coil waste was only produced from the excess horizontal coil stock.

Perforation Varieties

The 11 x 10 perforated issues were produced from sheets that had already been perforated gauge 10 vertically while the 11 x 11 perforated issues were produced from sheets that had not been perforated during coil production. The gauge 11 perforations were applied by a flat bed perforating machine.



First Plate

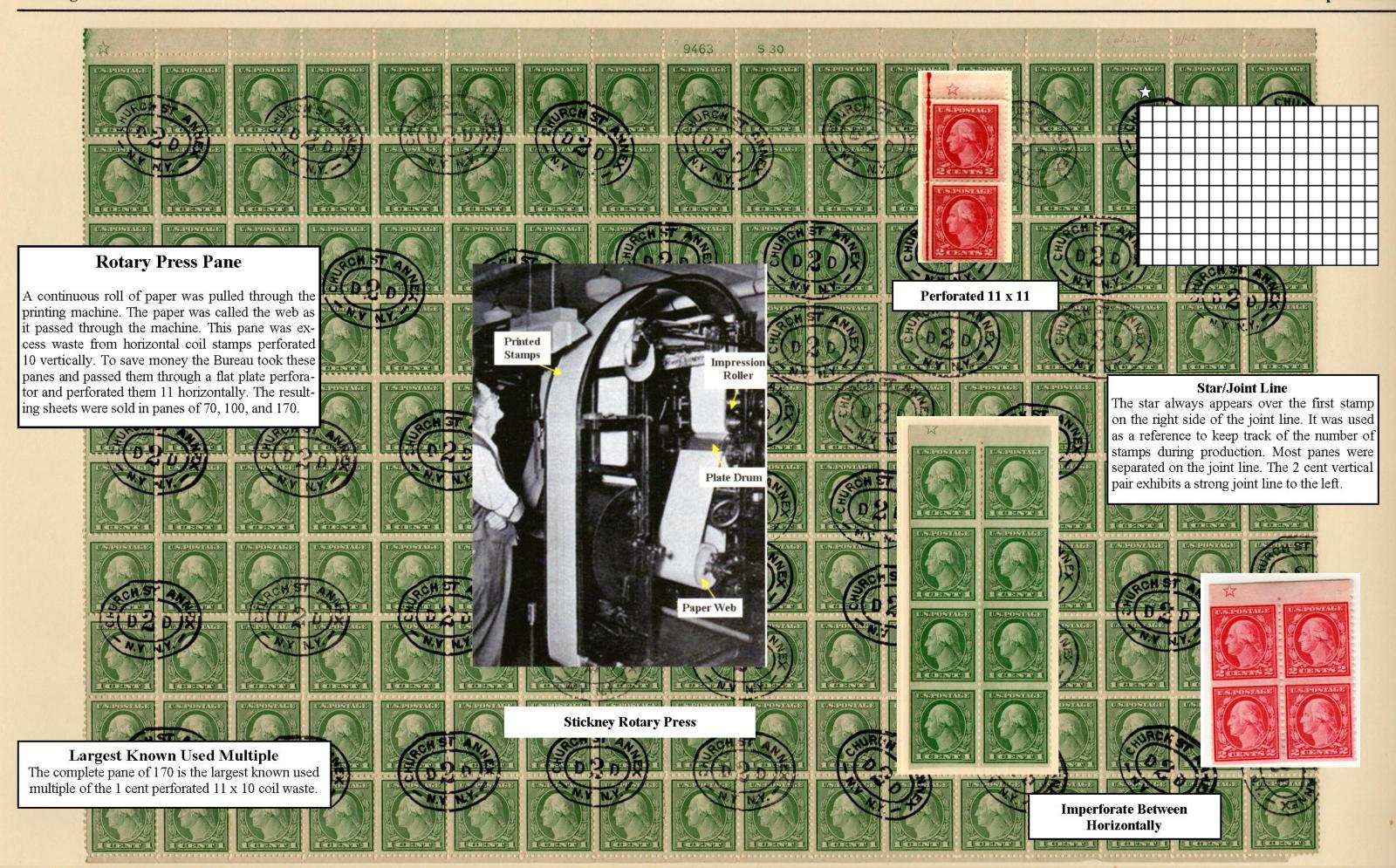


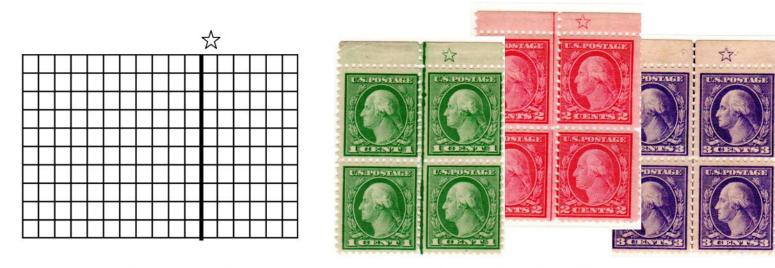


Last Plate

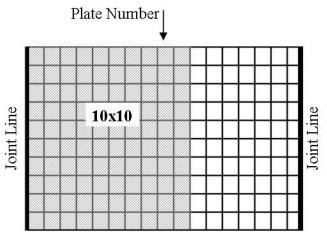
Rotary Press Coil Waste Plates

The first coil waste, perforated 11 x 10, were issued June 14, 1919 These plates were the earliest and latest plates used to produce the first coil waste issue.

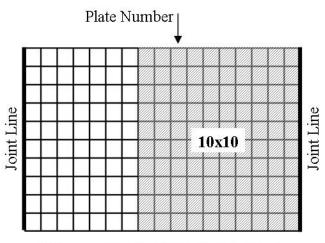




In some cases the panes were not separated on the joint lines. These blocks of four illustrate this procedure. These type of blocks are much scarcer than the regular blocks with the star in the upper left corner.



Joint Line Left/Straight Edge Right



Joint Line Right/Straight Edge Left



The straight edge can be on either side of the stamp next to the plate number. It just depended on how the 170 subject pane was separated into panes of 70 and 100.



Coil Waste Panes

Straight Edge

- Coil waste panes were first issued in 17 by 10 format, or 170 subjects.
- These panes were the same size as one of the plates used on the Rotary Press.
- Later, the panes were divided into smaller panes of 70 and 100 to make them easier to handle.
- The straight edge identifies these blocks came from panes of 100.



The **first type** of marginal marking, **plate number and S30**. The S30 marking indicated the strength of the frame line around the stamp design.



The **second type** marginal marking, **plate number only**, was placed over the ninth subject from the left of the 170 subject plate.



The **third type** of marginal marking, **plate number** and open star was placed over the first subject on the left side of the 170 plate.



S30 Lower

This plate is the only one found with the S30 marking closer to the stamp design.



Inverted S30

Out of 271 plates used to print the 2 cent horizontal coil, only plate #10471 is found with the inverted S30 marking.

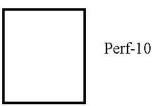
Marginal Markings

- The three different types of marginal markings occur on both 11x10 and 11x11 perforated coil waste issues.
- The second marginal marking was a result of the Bureau dropping the S30 marking.
- When the Bureau moved the plate number over the first stamp on the left they created star blocks.



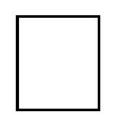


Perf-11



The first coil waste issues were made from part perforated sheets. They had first been perforated 10 vertically for coil production on the rotary press. They were then perforated 11 horizontally on the flat bed perforator.

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The second coil waste issues came from imperforate sheets. These sheets were perforated 11 vertically and horizontally on the flat bed per-

Perf-11



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Coil waste issues are found with three types of vertical perforations in the top and bottom margins. The earlier issues had vertical perforations all the way, and part way through the margin. Later, the perforations stopped before the margin. This was done to strengthen the paper on the edges so it would not separate during production.



forator.

All The Way Through



One or Two Holes



None At All

Perforation Varieties

Imperforate Horizontally

The previous imperforate margin varieties created a great deal of collector demand for more of this variety. An order was placed and it was misunderstood. Instead of full panes being imperforate in just the top and bottom margins, the result were full panes that were completely imperforate horizontally in every margin. There were 100 panes of 170 for each denomination, 50 of each number.



There were two plates used for the 1 cent denomination from previous coil waste issues, #13611 and #13612







There were two plates used for the 2 cent denomination from previous coil waste issues, #13740 and 13741



Imperforate Vertically One of 25 documented pairs of this error.

There is little known as to how this error occurred. It is believed to have been caused by a worker at the Bureau not paying attention to the perforating machine.



Top Left Fold Over

The black line indicates where the sheet was folded over. The sheet was fed into the perforator left to right. Note the open star in the upper left corner.



Top Right Fold Over

The black lines indicate where the sheet was folded over three times. Note the excess paper to the right side of the pair. This example came from the end of the large roll of paper. It was fed into the perforator left to right.



Bottom Left Fold Over

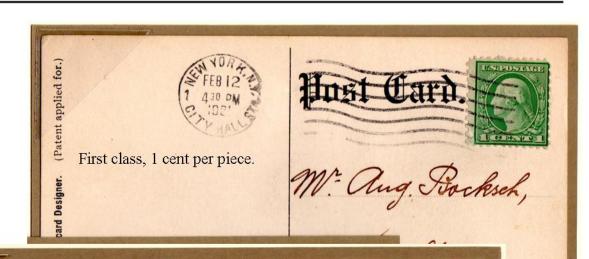
The black indicates where the sheet was folded over causing the misperforation. The sheet was fed into the perforator left to right.

One Cent Issue Domestic/UPU

Perforated 11 x 10

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Perf-10





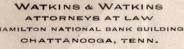


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The Carlyle Johnson Machine Co., 52 Main St.
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Third class, printed matter, 1 cent per 2 ounces









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Combination 11 x 10 One Cent and Two Cent Type III

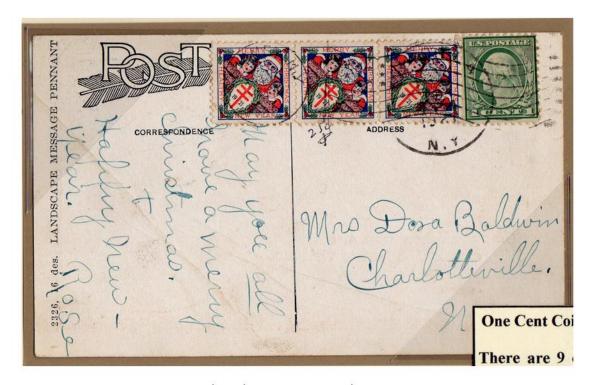
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Times Square station back stamp, December 16, 1919.

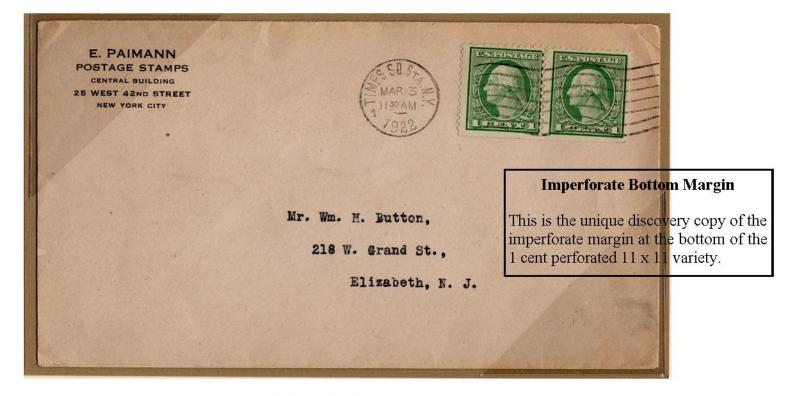
Chattansoga, 5827 Leen One Cent Issue

Domestic

Perforated 11 x 11



First class, 1 cent per piece.



First class, 2 cents per ounce.

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Third class, printed matter, 1 cent per 2 ounces.

One Cent Coil Waste Perf. 11 x 11

There are 10 certified examples of this scarce issue. Of those 9, three are on post card, four pairs on covers, one local use, and <u>only 1 third</u> <u>class use known</u>.

Perforated 11 x 10

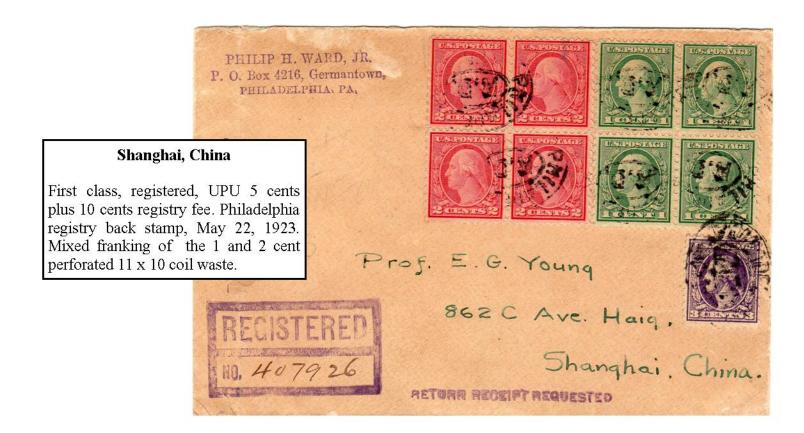


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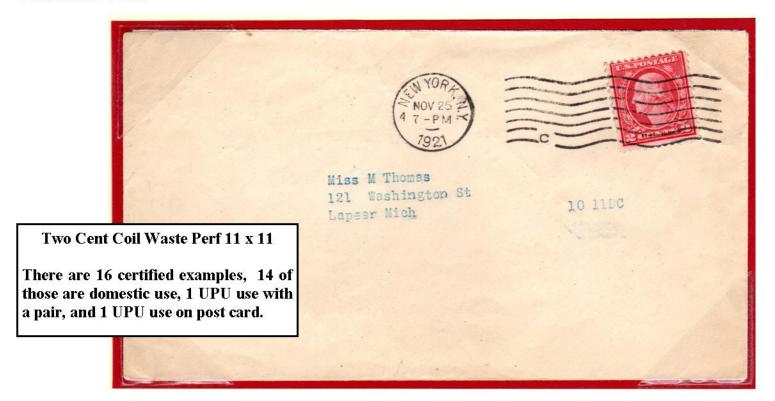
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Perforated 11 x 10



Perforated 11 x 11



First class, 2 cents per ounce.



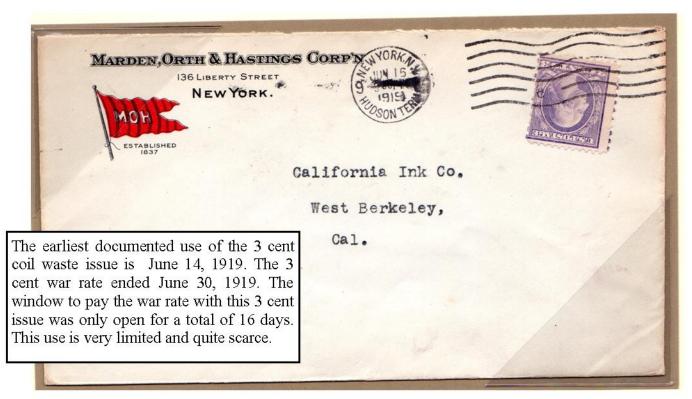


First class, local use, 2 cents per ounce.

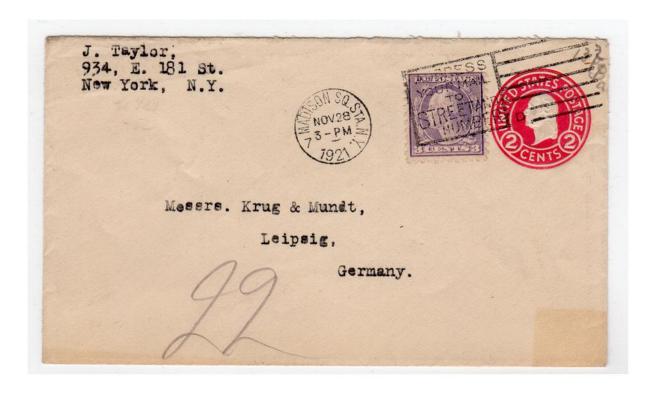
Three Cent Issue Domestic

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Perforated 11 x 10



second day, EDU June 14, 1919.



First class, war rate, 3 cents per ounce. Early use,



First class, 2 cents per ounce plus 10 cents registry fee. Washington, D.C. registry cancel December 16, 1920, returned to writer unclaimed January 2, 1921.



First class UPU, 5 cents per ounce.

Largest Known Multiple First class, airmail, 10 cents per half ounce