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Centenary of the Telegraph
1844-1944

Stamp Album Pages by William L. Rink

Stamp collecting has always been a passion of mine. I strive for excellence in most things, and for that reason I started creating my own stamp album pages. I think you will find this set of pages for U.S. telegraph stamps to not only be the utmost in quality, but also the most extensive and inclusive ever produced.

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Other great reference materials on Telegraph Philately:

Scott Specialized Catalogue of US Stamps & Covers

Published annually by the Scott Publishing Co.

Telegraph & Telephone Stamps of the World

S. E. R. Hiscocks - Published in 1982

United States Telegraph Issues

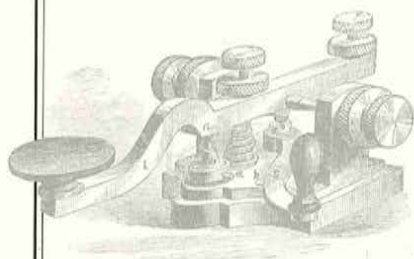
Published in 1947 by the Society of Philatelic Americans

United States Telegraph Stamps and Franks

George Jay Kramer - Published in 1992 by The Collectors Club

Some Notes on the Telegraph Companies and their Stamps

Joseph S. Rich - Privately printed 1900 New York



I would love to hear from you regarding your stamp collecting needs in the above areas. Also if you have any corrections, suggestions or just want to discuss this amazing hobby, please drop me a note at william@telephonestamps.com

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Civil War Telegraph Revenue Stamps: 1862-1871

As funding for the Union war efforts, a federal tax program was passed by the House and approved by the Senate in June of 1862. Most types of transactions were taxed by way of one of over 100 different first issue revenue stamps produced. There were two telegraph stamps of which one must be applied to each telegraph/telegram message sent. The one cent for messages costing less than twenty cents for the first ten words and a three cent stamp for those over twenty cents.

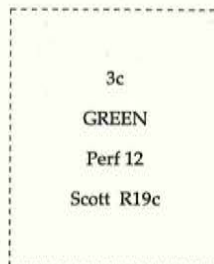
First Issue Revenues 1862-1871

U.S. Internal Revenue Service Telegraph Stamp
First printing September 25, 1862 by
Butler & Carpenter of Philadelphia



First Issue Revenues

U.S. Internal Revenue Service Telegraph Stamp
First printing October 29, 1862 by
Butler & Carpenter of Philadelphia



3c

GREEN

Perf 12

Scott R19c

TELEGRAPH

American Rapid Telegraph Company: 1879-1891

The American Rapid Telegraph Company began operating in 1879 in New York. The company had lines reaching into Massachusetts and Ohio. Unable to pay its bills, the company was sold to a purchasing committee in 1891. It wasn't until June 25th 1894 that the committee deeded the properties and franchise to the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Telegram Stamps: 1881

Stamps inscribed "Telegram" were sold to the general public for prepayment of messages, which they would then drop in collection boxes. They were issued in sheets of 100, perforated 12 without straight edges on any sheet margin. Engraved by the American Bank Note Company



1c BLACK Perf 12
Scott 1T1

3c
ORANGE
Perf 12
Scott 1T2

5c
BISTRE BROWN
Perf 12
Scott 1T3

5c
BROWN
Perf 12
Scott 1T3a



20c
R&D
Perf 12
Scott 1T6



50c
BLUE
Perf 12
Scott 1T8

Telegram Stamps: Remainders

After bankruptcy, all stamp stock was sold to a stamp dealer in New York. All stamps were punch cancelled with a 2.25 mm hole. This punch cancel should not be confused with a 3.6 mm filing hole punch often seen on used stamps.



Scott 1T1

3c
ORANGE
Perf 12
Scott 1T2



5c
BROWN
Perf 12
Scott 1T3a



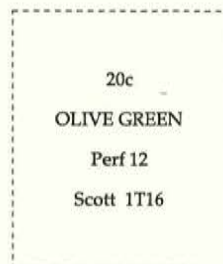
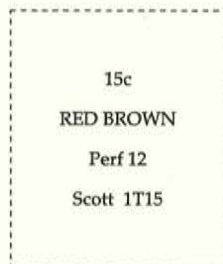
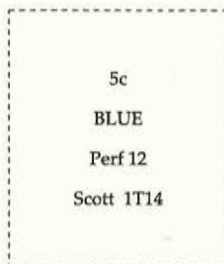
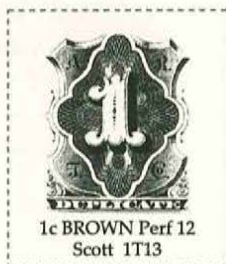
50c
BLUE
Perf 12
Scott 1T8

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American Rapid Telegraph Company: 1879-1891

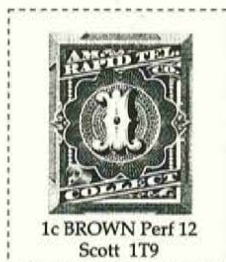
Duplicate Stamps: 1881

Stamps inscribed "Duplicate", also known as office coupons,
were kept by the company as a receipt.
Engraved by the American Bank Note Company



Collect Stamps: 1881

Stamps inscribed "Collect" were attached to telegrams
sent collect in which the receiver paid the amount.
Engraved by the American Bank Note Company



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Western Union Complimentary Franks: 1880-1894

Printed in panes of four and sold in booklets - American Bank Note Company

Signature of Norvin Green

1880
LILAC ROSE
Perf 12
Scott 16T10

1881
GREEN
Perf 12
Scott 16T11

1882
BLUE
Perf 12
Scott 16T12

1883
YELLOW BROWN
Perf 12
Scott 16T13

1884
GRAY VIOLET
Perf 12
Scott 16T14

1885
GREEN
Perf 12
Scott 16T15

1886
BROWN VIOLET
Perf 12
Scott 16T16



RED BROWN Perf 12
Scott 16T17



BLUE Perf 12
Scott 16T18

1889
OLIVE GREEN
Perf 12
Scott 16T19

1890
PURPLE
Perf 12
Scott 16T20

1891
BROWN
Perf 12
Scott 16T21

1892
VERMILION
Perf 12
Scott 16T22

1893
BLUE
Perf 12
Scott 16T23

Signature of Thos T. Eckert



1894 GREEN Perf 12
Scott 16T24

TELEGRAPH

Western Union Complimentary Franks: 1914-1916

Engraved by the E. A. Wright Bank Note Company

Printed in panes of six and sold in booklets

Signature of Theo N. Vail



BROWN Perf 12
Scott 16T45



Signature of Newcomb Carlton

5c

1915

ORANGE

Perf 12

Scott 16T47

25c

1915

OLIVE GREEN

Perf 12

Scott 16T48

Engraved by the American Bank Note Company

Signature of Newcomb Carlton



LIGHT BLUE Perf 12
Scott 16T49

25c

1916

CARMINE LAKE

Perf 12

Scott 16T50

TELEGRAPH

Western Union Complimentary Franks: 1917-1920

Engraved by the Security Bank Note Company
Printed in panes of six and sold in booklets
Signature of Newcomb Carlton

5c
1917
YELLOW BROWN
Perf 11
Scott 16T51



5c
1918
OLIVE GREEN
Perf 11
Scott 16T53

25c
1918
DARK VIOLET
Perf 11
Scott 16T54

5c
1919
BROWN
Perf 11
Scott 16T55

25c
1919
BLUE
Perf 11
Scott 16T56

Engraved by the E. A. Wright Bank Note Company
Signature of Newcomb Carlton



25c
1920
OLIVE GREEN
Perf 12
Scott 16T58

TELEGRAPH

Western Union Complimentary Franks: 1921-1927

Engraved by the Security Bank Note Company

Printed in panes of six and sold in booklets

Signature of Newcomb Carlton

5c

1921

CARMINE RED

Perf 12

Scott 16T59

25c

1921

DEEP BLUE

Perf 12

Scott 16T60



25c

1922

CLARET

Perf 12

Scott 16T62

5c

1923

OLIVE GREEN

Perf 12

Scott 16T63



5c

1924

BROWN

Perf 12

Scott 16T65



OLIVE GREEN PERF 12
Scott 16T67



TELEGRAPH

Western Union Complimentary Franks: 1928-1932

Engraved by the E. A. Wright Bank Note Company
Printed in panes of six and sold in booklets
Signature of Newcomb Carlton



YELLOW BROWN Perf 12
Scott 16T73

25c

1928

DARK BLUE

Perf 12

Scott 16T74

Engraved by the Security Bank Note Company - Not imprinted
Signature of Newcomb Carlton



5c

1930

OLIVE GREEN

Perf 12

Scott 16T77



25c

1930

CARMINE

Perf 12

Scott 16T78



25c

1932

ROSE CARMINE

Perf 12

Scott 16T82



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Western Union Complimentary Franks: 1933-1940

Lithographed by the Oberly & Newell Company

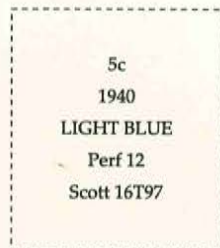
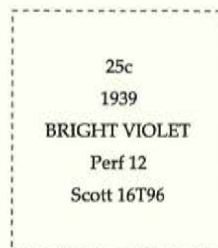
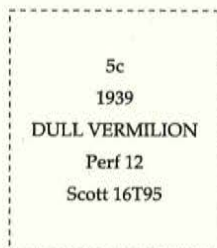
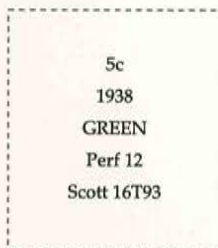
Printed in panes of nine and sold in booklets

Signature of Newcomb Carlton - Perf 14 x 12.5



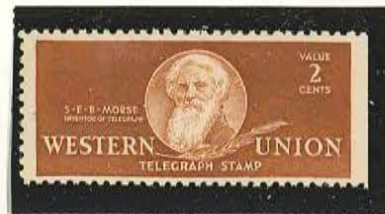
Lithographed by the Security Bank Note Company

Signature of R. B. White



TELEGRAPH

Western Union Telegraph Stamps: 1940
 Engraved by the Security Bank Note Company of Philadelphia
 Printed on sheets of 90, sold as panes of five in booklets



TELEGRAPH

Western Union Complimentary Franks: 1941-1946

Lithographed

Signature of R. B. White

5c
1941
DULL ROSE
LILAC
Perf 12.5
Scott 16T104



Signature of A. N. Williams



5c
1944
LIGHT GREEN
Perf 12.5
Scott 16T110



25c
1944
BUFF
Perf 12.5
Scott 16T111



5c
1945
LIGHT BLUE
Perf 12.5
Scott 16T112



25c
1945
LIGHT GREEN
Perf 12.5
Scott 16T113

5c
1946
LIGHT BISTER
BROWN
Perf 12.5
Scott 16T114

