

DOMESTIC RATES AND USES OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL SERIES

The purpose of this display is to illustrate the domestic rate structure in effect while the Prexies were in active use. The time period covered is from issuance in 1938 until 1960, when the last shipments of the 15 cent and 6 cent coil were delivered to postmasters. Every denomination, from the ½ cent to the five dollar stamp, and every printing format are illustrated by showing their use on all major classes of domestic mail including payment of postal fees and use on postal forms. Various aspects of the influence of the Second World War on domestic mail are also included. Items of exceptional interest or importance are matted in burgundy.

The importance of this exhibit lies in the facts that the United States had the largest postal service delivering the most mail of any country in the world at the time the use of this series of stamps was at their peak. The numerous rates and services offered by the Post Office Department as well as the effects of World War II and the fact that many of the stamps issued in this series were not issued for a specific rate provide the opportunity to find many fascinating and seldom seen rates and uses.

The exhibit is organized in outline format with the following categories:

- I. Domestic Surface Mail
 - First Class Mail
 - Second Class Mail
 - Third Class Mail
 - Fourth Class Mail
- II. Domestic Air Mail
 - Basic Letter Rate
 - Military Rates
 - Possessions Rates
 - Post/Postal Card Rates
 - Air Parcel Post
- III. Domestic Mail Special Services
 - Registered Mail
 - Certified Mail
 - Special Delivery
 - Insured Mail
 - Return Receipt Service
 - Collect on Delivery
 - Special Handling Service
- IV. Domestic Mail Postal Fiscal Uses
 - Certificates of Mailing
 - Return Receipt After Mailing
 - Alter Terms of Delivery
 - Mail Held for Postage
 - Dead Letter Office Fee
 - Customs Clearance Fees
 - Postal Savings Early Redemption
 - Postage Due
 - Stock Transfer Fee

The "Workhorse of the Prexies", the three cent Thomas Jefferson with over 87 billion sheet stamps issued, paying first class rate to **Ellis Island, New York Harbor**. Mr. Schneider-Paas was a resident German alien arrested shortly after the beginning of World War II and briefly interned at Ellis Island.