Stamping American Memory

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American Commemorative Stamps
Issued, 1892–1940

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1892–93  World’s Columbian Exposition (16 stamps)
1898  Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition (9 stamps)
1901  Pan-American Exposition (6 stamps)
1904  Louisiana Purchase Exposition (5 stamps)
1907  Jamestown Exposition (3 stamps)
1908  Lincoln Centenary of Birth
1909  Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition
1910  Hudson-Fulton Celebration
1915  Panama-Pacific Exposition (4 stamps)
1919  Victory Stamp
1920  Pilgrim Tercentenary (3 stamps)
1923  Harding Memorial (issued following President Harding’s death)
1924  Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary (3 stamps)
1925  Lexington Concord Sesquicentennial (3 stamps)
1926  Norse-American Centennial (2 stamps)
1926  Sesquicentennial Exposition (Philadelphia)
1926  Ericsson Memorial
1926  Battle of White Plains Sesquicentennial
1927
Vermont Sesquicentennial (Green Mountain Boy)
Burgoyne Campaign Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary of the battles of Bennington, Oriskany, Fort Stanwix, and Saratoga)

1928
Valley Forge, Sesquicentennial of Washington’s Encampment
International Civil Aeronautics Conference (2 stamps)
Battle of Monmouth Sesquicentennial (Molly Pitcher overprint)
Hawaii Sesquicentennial overprint

1929
George Rogers Clark (150th anniversary of the surrender by the British of Fort Sackville at Vincennes, Indiana)
Electric Light’s Golden Jubilee
Sullivan Expedition (Major General John Sullivan’s military campaign against the Iroquois)
Battle of Fallen Timbers (135th anniversary of the battle near the Maumee River, Ohio)
Ohio River Canalization (1875–1928)

1930
Massachusetts Bay Colony (300th anniversary)
Carolina-Charleston (260th anniversary of the founding of Carolina Province and the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the city of Charleston, South Carolina)
Braddock’s Field (175th anniversary of the Battle of Braddock’s Field, Pennsylvania, 1755)
Von Steuben (200th anniversary of the birth of Baron Frederick Wilhelm von Steuben)

1931
Pulaski (Anniversary of General Casmir Pulaski’s death at the Battle of Savannah, Georgia, 1779)
Red Cross (50th anniversary of founding of organization)
Yorktown (150th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown)

1932
Washington Bicentennial (12 stamps)
Olympic Winter Games (Lake Placid, New York)
Arbor Day (60th anniversary)
Olympic Games (Los Angeles, California) (2 stamps)
Three-cent Washington
William Penn (250th anniversary of Penn’s 1682 landing)
Daniel Webster (150th anniversary of his birth)

1933
Peace of 1783 (150th anniversary of George Washington’s proclamation of peace ending the Revolutionary War)
Century of Progress World’s Fair (2 stamps)
National Recovery Act
Byrd Antarctic Expedition
Kosciuszko (150th anniversary Kosciusko’s naturalization as an American citizen)

1934
Maryland Tercentenary (anniversary of establishment of the colony of Maryland)
Mothers of America
Wisconsin Tercentenary (anniversary of explorer Jean Nicolet’s “discovery” of Wisconsin)
National Parks Year (10 stamps celebrating national parks)
1935
Connecticut Tercentenary (anniversary of charter granted by Charles II)
California Pacific International Exposition
Boulder Dam (marked the completion of Boulder, now Hoover, Dam)
Michigan Centenary (anniversary of statehood)

1936
Texas Centennial (anniversary of Texas Declaration of Independence)
Rhode Island Tercentenary (anniversary of the first settlement)
Arkansas Centennial (anniversary of Arkansas statehood)
Oregon Territory (anniversary of the establishment)
Susan B. Anthony (16th anniversary of the 19th Amendment)

1936–37
Army and Navy (10 stamps honoring military men)

1937
Ordinance of 1787 Sesquicentennial
Virginia Dare (350th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare)
Constitution Sesquicentennial
Territorial (tributes to territories of Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands) (4 stamps)

1938
Constitution Ratification
Sweden-Finnish Tercentenary (anniversary of founding of New Sweden, Delaware)
Northwest Territory Sesquicentennial
Iowa Territory Centennial

1939
Golden Gate International Exposition
New York World’s Fair Issue
Washington Inauguration (150th anniversary of Washington’s inauguration)
Baseball Centennial
Panama Canal (25th anniversary of the opening of the canal)
Printing Tercentenary (anniversary of printing in colonial America)
50th anniversary of statehood (North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington)

1940
Famous Americans (35 stamps honoring American artists, scientists, educators, authors, poets, composers, and inventors)
80th anniversary of the Pony Express
Pan American Union (50th anniversary of the founding of the Pan-American Union)
50th anniversary of Idaho statehood
50th anniversary of Wyoming statehood
400th anniversary of the Coronado Expedition
National Defense (coincided with the first day of registration for America’s first peacetime draft)
Thirteenth Amendment (75th anniversary)