

Navy 1873

Official stamps produced for the Navy Department are printed in ultramarine (shades: ultramarine, bright ultramarine, dark ultramarine) or dull blue.

Details for the Navy Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

01 C. (1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

02 C. (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

03 C. (1873) - George Washington - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

06 C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

07 C. (1873) - Edwin M. Stanton - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

10 C. (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

12 C. (1873) - Henry Clay - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

15 C. (1873) - Daniel Webster - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

24 C. (1873) - Winfield Scott - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

30 C. (1873) - Alexander Hamilton - Ultramarine.

90 C. (1873) - Commodore Perry - Ultramarine.

1879 American Banknote Co. printing on soft, porous paper not included for this study.



10c Jefferson



12c Clay



15c Webster



30c Hamilton



90c Perry

Post Office 1873

Official stamps produced for the Post Office Department are printed
in BLACK.

Details for the Post Office Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote
Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

- 1 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 2 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 3 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 6 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 10 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 12 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 15 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 24 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 30 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 90 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.

1879 American Banknote Co. printing on soft, porous paper not
included for this study.



1C Post Office



2C Post Office



3C Post Office



6C Post Office



10C Post Office

Post Office 1873

Official stamps produced for the Post Office Department are printed
in **BLACK**.

Details for the Post Office Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote
Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

- 1 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 2 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 3 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 6 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 10 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 12 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 15 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 24 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 30 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.
- 90 C. (1873) - Numeral - Black.

1879 American Banknote Co. printing on soft, porous paper not
included for this study.



12C Post Office



15C Post Office



24C Post Office



30C Post Office



90C Post Office

State 1873

Official stamps produced for the State Department are printed in dark green (shades: green, bright green, dark green, yellowish green). The four very-large-format, first multiple-dollar denomination State Department Swards are not included in this study.

Details for the State Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

- 1 C. (1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Dark Green.
- 2 C. (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Dark Green.
- 3 C. (1873) - George Washington - Dark Green.
- 6 C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Dark Green.
- 7 C. (1873) - Edwin M. Stanton - Dark Green.
- 10 C. (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Dark Green.
- 12 C. (1873) - Henry Clay - Dark Green.
- 15 C. (1873) - Daniel Webster - Dark Green.
- 24 C. (1873) - Winfield Scott - Dark Green.
- 30 C. (1873) - Alexander Hamilton - Dark Green.
- 90 C. (1873) - Commodore Perry - Dark Green.



1C Franklin 1875



2C Jackson 1875



2C Jackson



3C Washington



6C Lincoln

State 1873

Official stamps produced for the State Department are printed in dark green (shades: green, bright green, dark green, yellowish green). The four very-large-format, first multiple-dollar denomination State Department Swards are not included in this study.

Details for the State Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

- 1 C. (1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Dark Green.
- 2 C. (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Dark Green.
- 3 C. (1873) - George Washington - Dark Green.
- 6 C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Dark Green.
- 7 C. (1873) - Edwin M. Stanton - Dark Green.
- 10 C. (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Dark Green.
- 12 C. (1873) - Henry Clay - Dark Green.
- 15 C. (1873) - Daniel Webster - Dark Green.
- 24 C. (1873) - Winfield Scott - Dark Green.
- 30 C. (1873) - Alexander Hamilton - Dark Green.
- 90 C. (1873) - Commodore Perry - Dark Green.



7C Stanton



10C Jefferson



15C Webster



24C Scott



30C Hamilton

Treasury 1873

Official stamps produced for the Treasury Department are printed in brown (shades: brown, dark brown, yellowish brown).

Details for the Treasury Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

- 01 C. (1873 - Sc. #O72) - Benjamin Franklin - Brown.
- 02 C. (1873 - Sc. #O73) - Andrew Jackson - Brown.
- 03 C. (1873 - Sc. #O74) - George Washington - Brown.
- 06 C. (1873 - Sc. #O75) - Abraham Lincoln - Brown.
- 07 C. (1873 - Sc. #O76) - Edwin M. Stanton - Brown.
- 10 C. (1873 - Sc. #O77) - Thomas Jefferson - Brown.
- 12 C. (1873 - Sc. #O78) - Henry Clay - Brown.
- 15 C. (1873 - Sc. #O79) - Daniel Webster - Brown.
- 24 C. (1873 - Sc. #O80) - Winfield Scott - Brown.
- 30 C. (1873 - Sc. #O81) - Alexander Hamilton - Brown.
- 90 C. (1873 - Sc. #O82) - Commodore Perry - Brown.



1C Franklin



2C Jackson



3C Washington



6C Lincoln



7C Stanton



10C Jefferson



12C Clay



15C Webster

Treasury 1873

Official stamps produced for the Treasury Department are printed in brown (shades: brown, dark brown, yellowish brown).

Details for the Treasury Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

- 01 C. (1873 - Sc. #O72) - Benjamin Franklin - Brown.
- 02 C. (1873 - Sc. #O73) - Andrew Jackson - Brown.
- 03 C. (1873 - Sc. #O74) - George Washington - Brown.
- 06 C. (1873 - Sc. #O75) - Abraham Lincoln - Brown.
- 07 C. (1873 - Sc. #O76) - Edwin M. Stanton - Brown.
- 10 C. (1873 - Sc. #O77) - Thomas Jefferson - Brown.
- 12 C. (1873 - Sc. #O78) - Henry Clay - Brown.
- 15 C. (1873 - Sc. #O79) - Daniel Webster - Brown.
- 24 C. (1873 - Sc. #O80) - Winfield Scott - Brown.
- 30 C. (1873 - Sc. #O81) - Alexander Hamilton - Brown.
- 90 C. (1873 - Sc. #O82) - Commodore Perry - Brown.



24C Scott



30C Hamilton



90C Perry

War 1873

Official stamps produced for the War Department are printed in rose
(shades: rose, pale rose, rose red).

Details for the War Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co.
printing on thin, hard paper.

- 1 C. (1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Rose.
- 2 C. (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Rose.
- 3 C. (1873) - George Washington - Rose.
- 6 C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Rose.
- 7 C. (1873) - Edwin M. Stanton - Rose.
- 10 C. (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Rose.
- 12 C. (1873) - Henry Clay - Rose.
- 15 C. (1873) - Daniel Webster - Rose.
- 24 C. (1873) - Winfield Scott - Rose.
- 30 C. (1873) - Alexander Hamilton - Rose.
- 90 C. (1873) - Commodore Perry - Rose.



1c Franklin



2c Jackson 1875



2c Jackson



3c Washington



6c Lincoln



7c Stanton



10c Jefferson



12c Clay

War 1873

Official stamps produced for the War Department are printed in rose
(shades: rose, pale rose, rose red).

Details for the War Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co.
printing on thin, hard paper.

- 1 C. (1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Rose.
- 2 C. (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Rose.
- 3 C. (1873) - George Washington - Rose.
- 6 C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Rose.
- 7 C. (1873) - Edwin M. Stanton - Rose.
- 10 C. (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Rose.
- 12 C. (1873) - Henry Clay - Rose.
- 15 C. (1873) - Daniel Webster - Rose.
- 24 C. (1873) - Winfield Scott - Rose.
- 30 C. (1873) - Alexander Hamilton - Rose.
- 90 C. (1873) - Commodore Perry - Rose.

On May 1, 1879, US official stamps were replaced by penalty envelopes, and on July 5, 1884 these postage stamps were declared obsolete.



15c Webster



24c Scott 1875



30c Hamilton



90c Perry

United States Officials 1873 - 1875

The "Franking Privilege" was abolished and the use of special stamps was ordered by an Act of Congress which passed on July 1st, 1873. In addition to the first issues of 1873, issues to some of the Departments were also made in 1879. Printers were both the American Bank Note Company and the Continental Bank Note Company. The Continental Bank Note Company created what is now referred to as a "special printing" in 1875 which included all of the Officials. The "Special Printings" are printed on very white paper, are not gummed, and all overprinted with the word "SPECIMEN". A few stamps are known to exist with the printing error "SEPCIMEN". A few additional printings were issued by the American Bank Note Company in 1881. The Official Departments represented in my exhibit are those of Agriculture, Executive, Interior, Justice, Navy, Post Office, State, Treasury and War.

Portraits are 1c, Franklin; 2c, Jackson; 3c, Washington; 6c, Lincoln; 7c, Stanton; 10c, Jefferson; 12c, Clay; 15c, Webster; 24c, Scott; 30c, Hamilton; 90c, Perry.

The Specimens of 1875 & Overprint Colors



Agriculture
Carmine



Executive
Blue



Interior Blue



Justice Blue



Navy Carmine



Post Office Carmine



State Carmine



Treasury Blue



War Blue

Agriculture 1873

Official stamps produced for the Agriculture Department are printed in yellow (shades: yellow, golden yellow, olive yellow). 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper. Stamps overprinted "SPECIMEN" are 1875 special printings.

- 1 C. (1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Yellow.
- 2 C. (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Yellow.
- 3 C. (1873) - George Washington - Yellow.
- 6 C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Yellow.
- 10 C. (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Yellow.
- 12 C. (1873) - Henry Clay - Yellow.
- 15 C. (1873) - Daniel Webster - Yellow.
- 24 C. (1873) - Winfield Scott - Yellow.
- 30 C. (1873) - Alexander Hamilton - Yellow.



1C Franklin 1875



2C Jackson 1875



2C Jackson



3C Washington



6C Lincoln



10C Jefferson



15C Webster



24C Scott



30C Hamilton

Executive 1873

All of the official stamps produced for the Executive Department are printed in carmine (shades: carmine, pale carmine, deep carmine).

The 3 cent Washington was also printed in violet rose.

Executive Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

1 C (1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Carmine.

2 C (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Carmine.

3 C (1873) - George Washington - Carmine, Violet Rose.

6 C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Carmine.

10 C (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Carmine.



1C Franklin 1875



2C Jackson 1875



6C Lincoln



10C Jefferson

Interior 1873

Official stamps produced for the Interior Department are printed in vermilion (shades: vermilion, dull vermilion, bright vermilion).

Details for the Interior Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

- 1C(1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Vermilion.
- 2C. (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Vermilion.
- 3C. (1873) - George Washington - Vermilion.
- 6C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Vermilion.
- 10C. (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Vermilion.
- 12C. (1873) - Henry Clay - Vermilion.
- 15C. (1873) - Daniel Webster - Vermilion.
- 24C. (1873) - Winfield Scott - Vermilion.
- 30C. (1873) - Alexander Hamilton - Vermilion.
- 90C. (1873) - Commodore Perry - Vermilion.

1879 American Banknote Co. printing on soft, porous paper not included for this study.



1C Franklin



2C Jackson



3C Washington



6C Lincoln



10c Jefferson

Interior 1873

Official stamps produced for the Interior Department are printed in vermilion (shades: vermilion, dull vermilion, bright vermilion).

Details for the Interior Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

- 1C(1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Vermilion.
- 2C. (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Vermilion.
- 3C. (1873) - George Washington - Vermilion.
- 6C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Vermilion.
- 10C. (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Vermilion.
- 12C. (1873) - Henry Clay - Vermilion.
- 15C. (1873) - Daniel Webster - Vermilion.
- 24C. (1873) - Winfield Scott - Vermilion.
- 30C. (1873) - Alexander Hamilton - Vermilion.
- 90C. (1873) - Commodore Perry - Vermilion.

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12C Clay



15C Webster



24C Scott



30C Hamilton



90c Perry

Justice 1873

Official stamps produced for the Justice Department are printed in purple (shades: purple, dark purple, bluish purple).

Details for the Justice Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper. All stamps are not watermarked, perforated 12 and engraved.

- 1 C. (1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Purple.
- 2 C. (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Purple.
- 3 C. (1873) - George Washington - Purple.
- 6 C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Purple.
- 10 C. (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Purple.
- 12 C. (1873) - Henry Clay - Purple.
- 15 C. (1873) - Daniel Webster - Purple.
- 24 C. (1873) - Winfield Scott - Purple.
- 30 C. (1873) - Alexander Hamilton - Purple.
- 90 C. (1873) - Commodore Perry - Purple.

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1c Franklin



2c Jackson



3c Washington



6c Lincoln



10c Jefferson



12c Clay



24c Scott

Navy 1873

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Details for the Navy Department -- 1873 Continental Banknote Co. printing on thin, hard paper.

01 C. (1873) - Benjamin Franklin - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

02 C. (1873) - Andrew Jackson - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

03 C. (1873) - George Washington - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

06 C. (1873) - Abraham Lincoln - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

07 C. (1873) - Edwin M. Stanton - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

10 C. (1873) - Thomas Jefferson - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

12 C. (1873) - Henry Clay - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

15 C. (1873) - Daniel Webster - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

24 C. (1873) - Winfield Scott - Ultramarine, Dull Blue.

30 C. (1873) - Alexander Hamilton - Ultramarine.

90 C. (1873) - Commodore Perry - Ultramarine.

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1c Franklin



2c Jackson



3c Washington



6c Lincoln



7c Stanton