

A Bicentennial Tribute:
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
on U.S. Stamps



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The great man, in a few of his own words ...

“The probability that we may fall in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just; it shall not deter me.” 1839

“A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half-slave and half-free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved - I do not expect the house to fall - but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other.” 1858

“It is said an Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent him a sentence to be ever in view, and which should be true and appropriate in all times and situations. They presented him the words: ‘And this, too, shall pass away.’ How much it expresses! How chastening in the hour of pride! How consoling in the depths of affliction!” 1859

“We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.” 1861

“The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country.” 1862

“... we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.” 1863

“I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me.” 1864

“I happen temporarily to occupy this big White House. I am living witness that any one of your children may look to come here as my father’s child has.” 1864

“Neither party expected for the war, the magnitude, or the duration, which it has already attained. Neither anticipated that the cause of the conflict might cease with, or even before, the conflict itself should cease. Each looked for an easier triumph, and a result less fundamental and astounding. Both read the same Bible, and pray to the same God; and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God’s assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men’s faces; but let us judge not, that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered; that of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes.” 1865

“With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation’s wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan - to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.” 1865

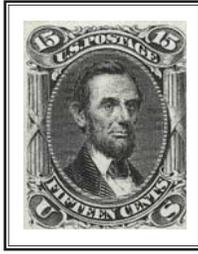
“If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how — the very best I can — and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what’s said against me won’t amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.”

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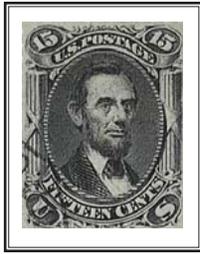
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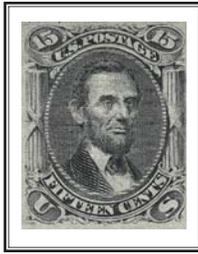
ABRAHAM LINCOLN ON U.S. STAMPS 1866-1873



1866 15c black
(Scott 77)



1867 15c Z Grill
(Scott 85F)



1868 15c E Grill
(Scott 91)



1868 15c F Grill
(Scott 98)



1869 90c Pictorial
(Scott 122)



1875 90c reissue
(Scott 132)



1870 6c H/I Grill
National Bank Note Co.
(Scott 137)



1870 6c ungrilled
National Bank Note Co.
(Scott 148)



1873 6c dull pink
Continental Bank Note Co.
(Scott 159)

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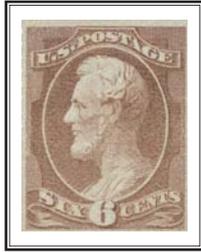
ABRAHAM LINCOLN ON U.S. STAMPS 1879-1908



1880 6c dull rose
Special Printing
(Scott 195)



1879 6c pink
American Bank Note Co.
(Scott 186)



1882 6c rose
American Bank Note Co.
(Scott 208)



1882 6c deep brown rose
American Bank Note Co.
(Scott 208)



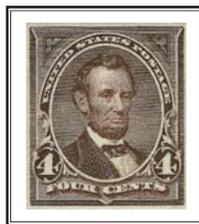
1890 4c dark brown
American Bank Note Co.
(Scott 222)



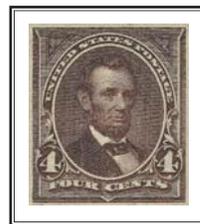
1894 4c dark brown
Bureau of Engraving & Printing
(Scott 254)



1895 4c dark brown
Double-Line "USPS" Wmk.
(Scott 269)



1898 4c rose brown
Double-Line "USPS" Wmk.
(Scott 280)



1898 4c lilac brown
Double-Line "USPS" Wmk.
(Scott 280a)



1898 4c orange brown
Double-Line "USPS" Wmk.
(Scott 280b)



1903 5c blue perf 12
Double-Line "USPS" Wmk.
(Scott 304)



1908 5c blue imperf
Double-Line "USPS" Wmk.
(Scott 315)



1908 5c blue vertical coil
Double-Line "USPS" Wmk.
(Scott 317)



ABRAHAM LINCOLN ON U.S. STAMPS 1909-1929

1909 LINCOLN CENTENNIAL ISSUE



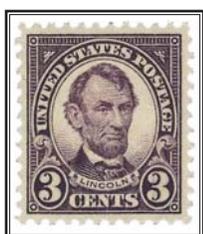
1909 2c carmine perf 12
Double-Line "USPS" Wmk.
(Scott 367)



1909 2c carmine imperforate
Double-Line "USPS" Wmk.
(Scott 368)



1909 2c on bluish paper
Double-Line "USPS" Wmk.
(Scott 369)



1923 3c violet perf 11
(Scott 555)



1924 3c violet perf 10 vertically
(Scott 600)



1925 3c violet perf 10
(Scott 584)



1927 3c violet perf 11x10½
(Scott 635)



1934 3c bright violet perf 11x10½
(Scott 635a)



1929 3c violet - "Kans." overprint
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1929 3c violet - "Nebr." overprint
(Scott 672)



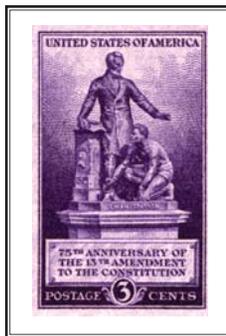
1923 \$1 Lincoln Memorial
(Scott 571)



ABRAHAM LINCOLN ON U.S. STAMPS 1938-1960



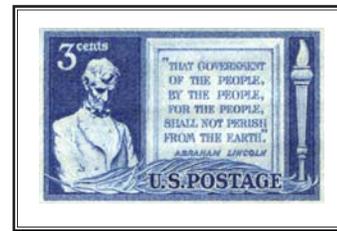
1938 16c Presidential Series
(Scott 821)



1940 3c Emancipation Proclamation
(Scott 902)

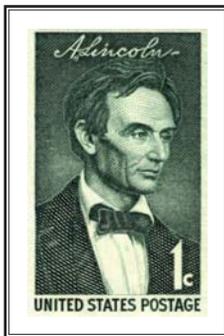


1954 4c Liberty Series
(Scott 1036c)

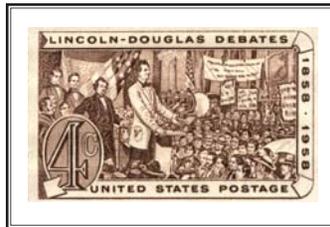


1948 3c Gettysburg Address
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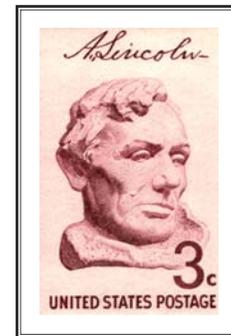
1958-59 LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL ISSUE



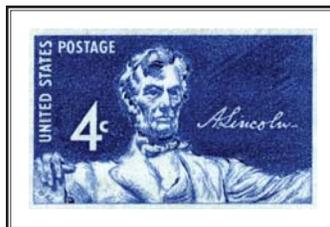
1959 1c Lincoln by George Healy
(Scott 1113)



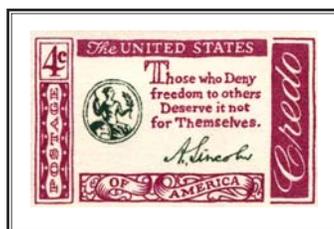
1958 4c Lincoln-Douglas Debates
(Scott 1115)



1959 3c Lincoln by Gutzon Borglum
(Scott 1114)



1959 4c Lincoln by Daniel Chester French
(Scott 1116)



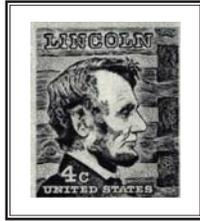
1960 4c American Credo - Lincoln
"Those who Deny freedom to others / Deserve it not for Themselves."
(Scott 1143)



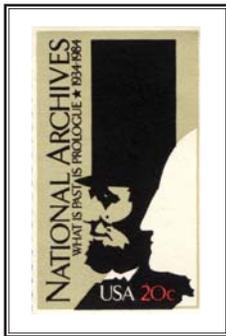
1960 25c Lincoln air mail stamp
"Of The People / By The People / For The People"
(Scott C59)



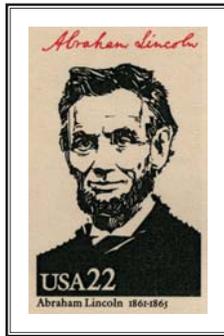
ABRAHAM LINCOLN ON U.S. STAMPS 1965-1989



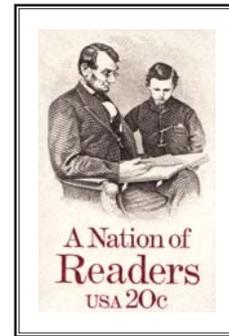
1971 4c Prominent Americans Series
(Scott 1282)



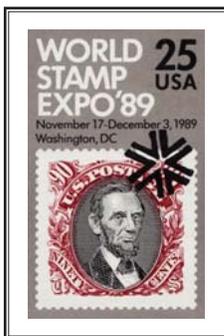
1984 20c National Archives
(Scott 2081)



1986 22c Lincoln from Ameripex panes
(Scott 2217g)



1984 20c Lincoln Reading to His Son, Tad
(Scott 2105)



1989 25c World Stamp Expo
(Scott 2410)

WORLD STAMP EXPO '89 SM



The classic 1869 U.S. Abraham Lincoln stamp is reborn in these four larger versions commemorating World Stamp Expo '89, held in Washington, D.C. during the 20th Universal Postal Congress of the UPU. These stamps show the issued colors and three of the trial proof color combinations.

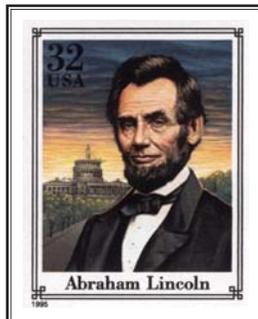
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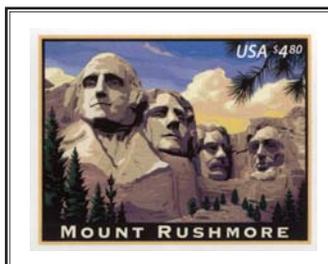
1989 \$3.60 World Stamp Expo souvenir sheet
(Scott 2433)



ABRAHAM LINCOLN ON U.S. STAMPS 1995-2009



1995 32c Lincoln from Civil War pane
(Scott 2975j)



2008 \$4.80 Mount Rushmore
(Scott 4268)

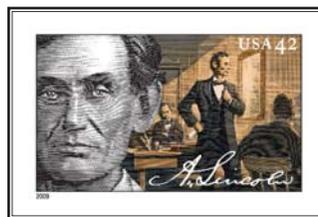
2009 LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL ISSUE



2009 42c Lincoln the Rail-Splitter

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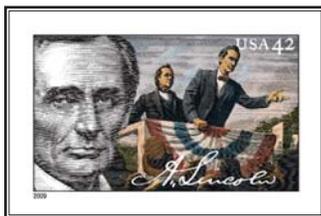
As a youth, Lincoln split logs for rail fences on the American frontier. When he became a candidate for president in 1860, the Republican Party used the "rail-splitter" image to enhance Lincoln's appeal to the workingman.



2009 42c Lincoln the Lawyer

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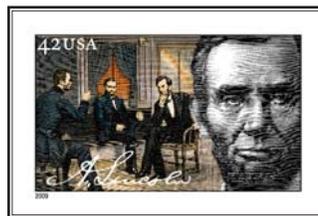
Lincoln practiced law in Springfield, Illinois, for nearly 25 years. He became a prominent attorney in the state and learned the concerns of citizens from all walks of life.



2009 42c Lincoln the Politician

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Lincoln was little known nationally until 1858, when he ran as the Republican nominee against Democrat Stephen A. Douglas for a U.S. Senate seat from Illinois. Lincoln gained national exposure during his historic series of debates with Douglas.



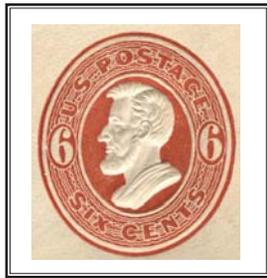
2009 42c Lincoln the President

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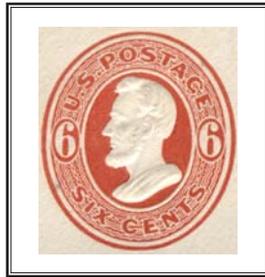
As President from 1861 to 1865, Lincoln faced the crisis of the Civil War. He preserved the Union, while giving added meaning to the conflict, by issuing the Emancipation Proclamation and by calling for "a new birth of freedom."



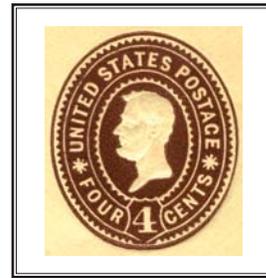
LINCOLN ON U.S. STAMPED ENVELOPE INDICIA



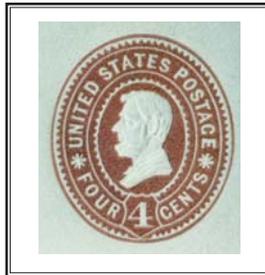
1874 6c red Plimpton
envelope cut square
(Scott U181)



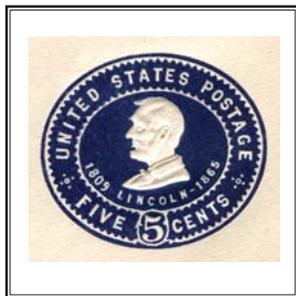
1870 6c dark red Reay
envelope cut square
(Scott U85)



1899 4c brown on amber
paper cut square
(Scott U372)



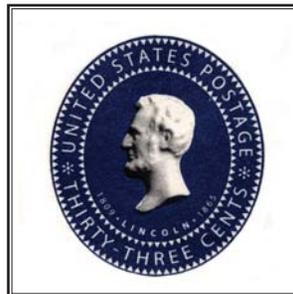
1899 4c brown
broad bust variety
(Scott U373)



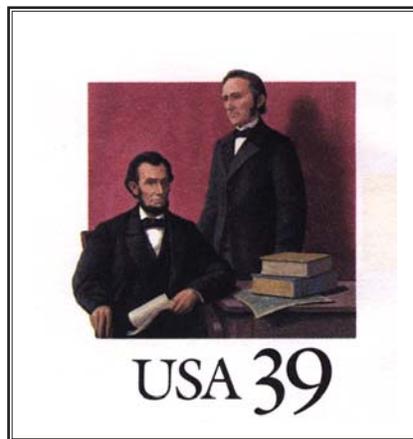
1903 5c blue Hartford
envelope cut square
(Scott U393)



1962 5c dark blue, die 2
envelope cut square
(Scott U544)



1999 33c blue and black
envelope cut square
(Scott U645)



1989 39c Lincoln & Blair
air letter sheet cut square
(Scott UC62)

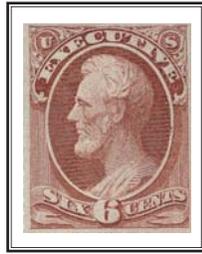


ABRAHAM LINCOLN OFFICIAL ISSUES OF 1873-79

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. - THIN, HARD PAPER



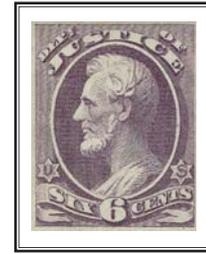
1873 6c yellow
Agriculture Department
(Scott O4)



1873 6c carmine
Executive Department
(Scott O13)



1873 6c vermilion
Department of the Interior
(Scott O18)



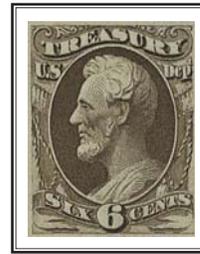
1873 6c purple
Department of Justice
(Scott O28)



1873 6c ultramarine
Navy Department
(Scott O38)



1873 6c green
State Department
(Scott O60)



1873 6c brown
Treasury Department
(Scott O75)

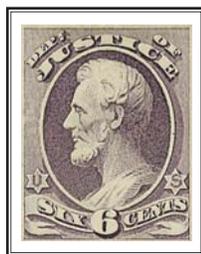


1873 6c rose
War Department
(Scott O86)

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. - SOFT, POROUS PAPER



1879 6c vermilion
Department of the Interior
(Scott O99)



1879 6c bluish purple
Department of Justice
(Scott O107)

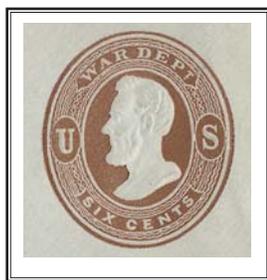


1879 6c brown
Treasury Department
(Scott O110)

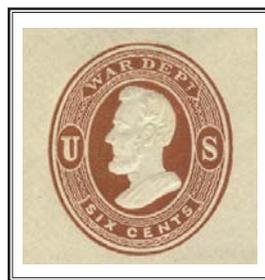


1879 6c rose red
War Department
(Scott O117)

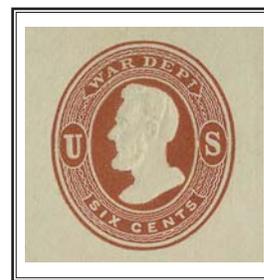
1873 WAR DEPARTMENT STAMPED ENVELOPE INDICIA



1873 6c dark red Reay
War Department cut square
(Scott UO23)



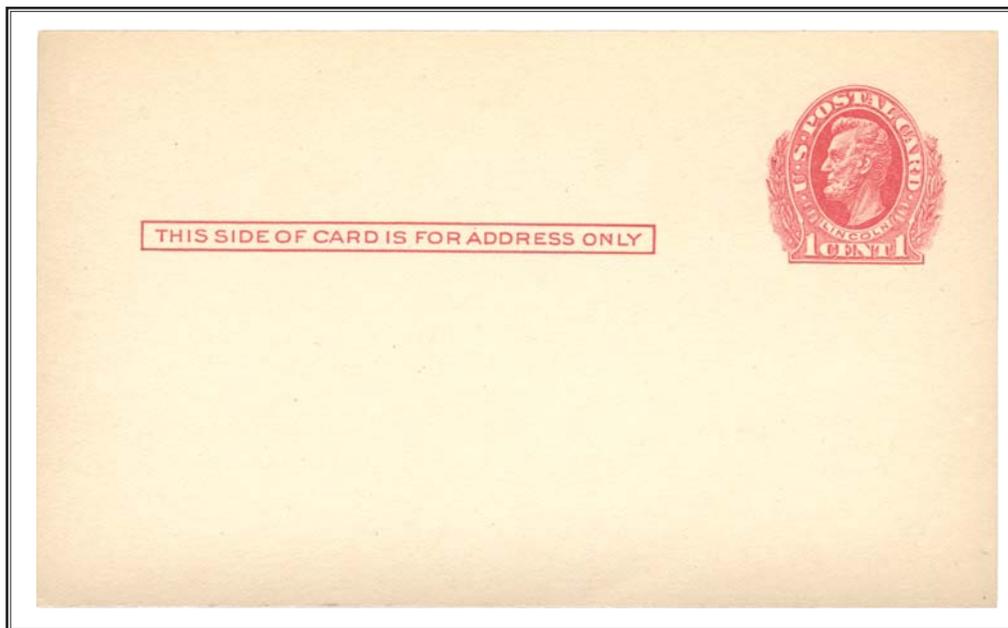
1873 6c dark red on cream Reay
War Department cut square
(Scott UO24)



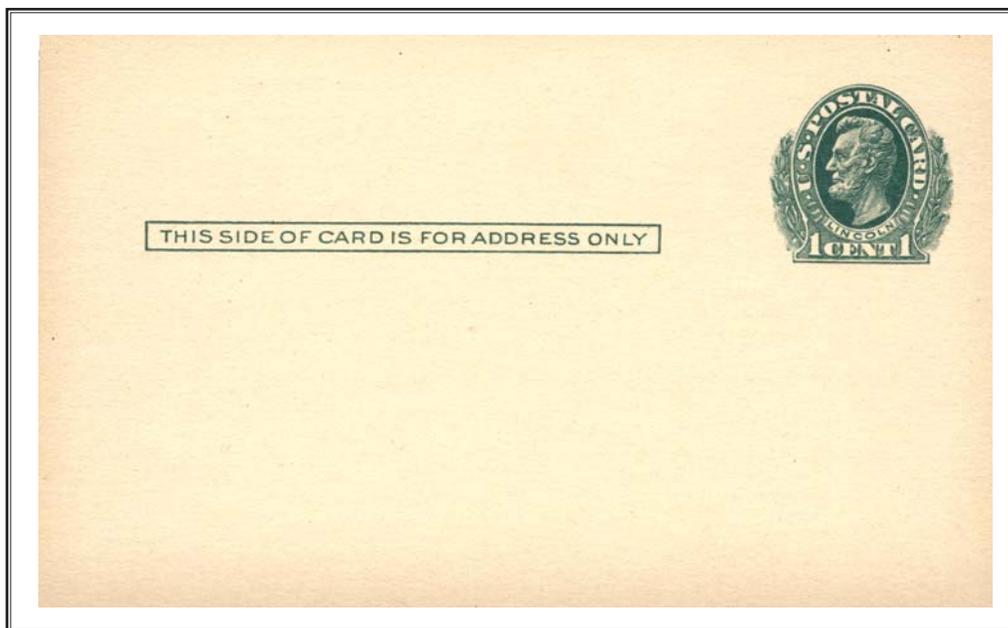
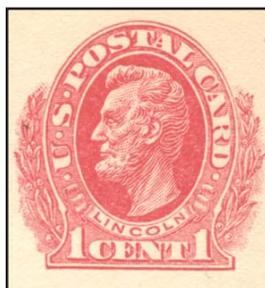
1873 6c vermilion on cream Reay
War Department cut square
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ABRAHAM LINCOLN POSTAL CARDS 1911-1913



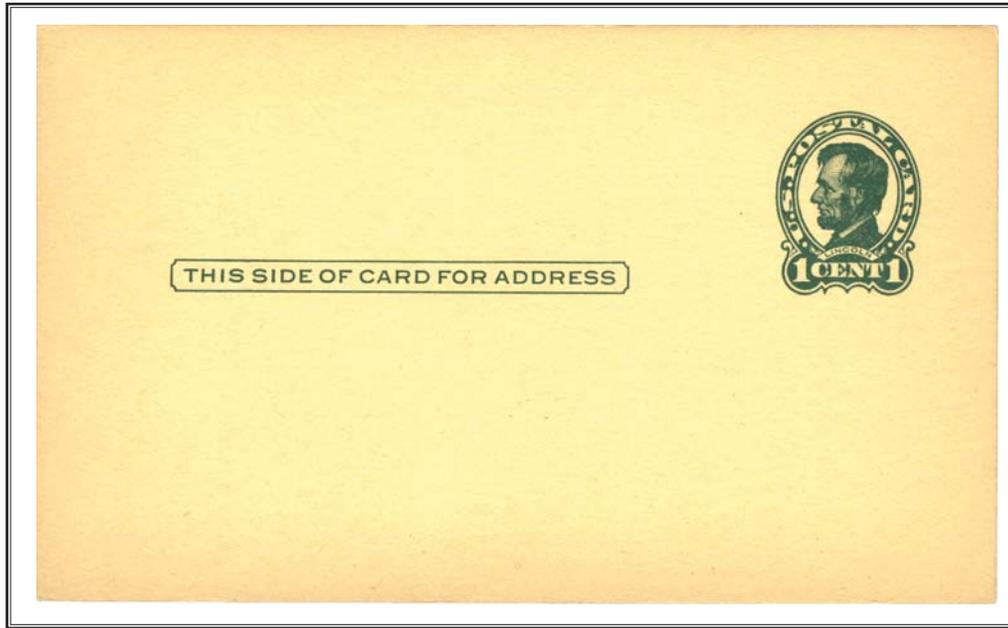
1911 1c red on cream
127 millimeter x 76 mm postal card
(Scott UX23)



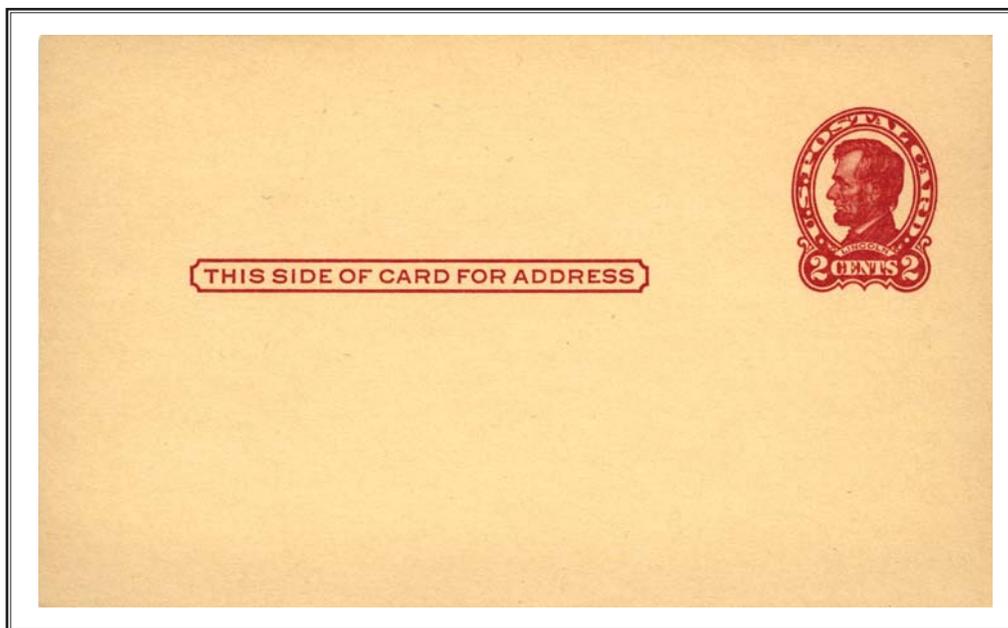
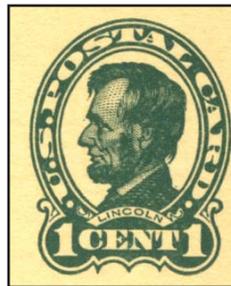
1917 1c green on cream
127 millimeter x 76 mm postal card
(Scott UX28)



ABRAHAM LINCOLN POSTAL CARDS 1917-1952



1917 1c green on cream
127 millimeter x 76 mm postal card
(Scott UX28)

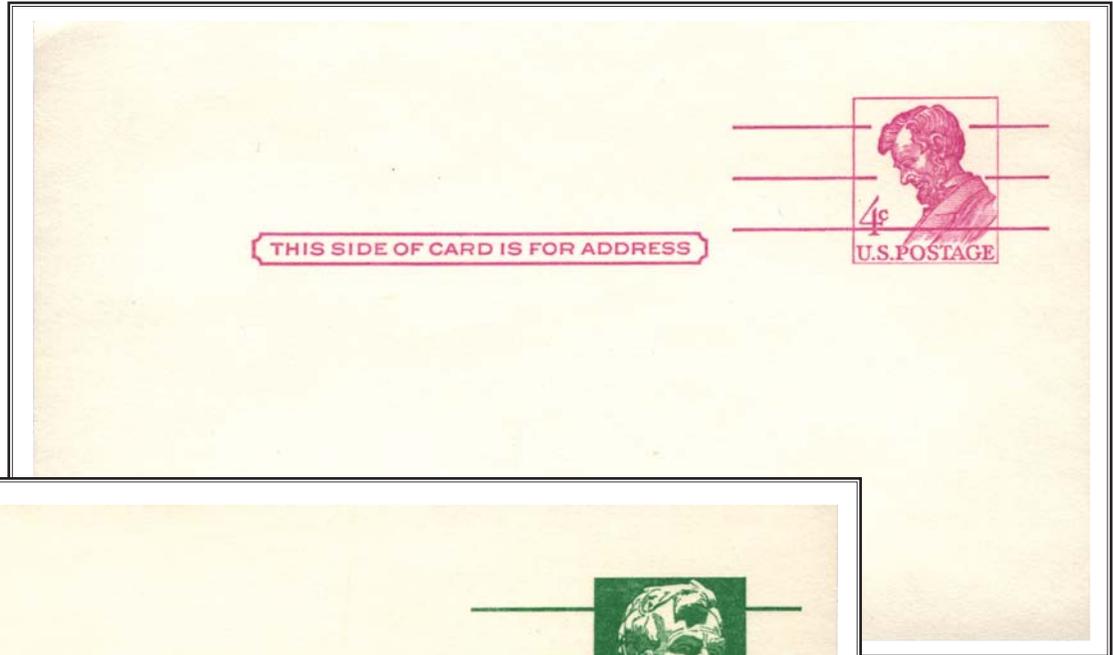


1952 2c carmine on buff
127 millimeter x 76 mm postal card
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ABRAHAM LINCOLN POSTAL CARDS 1962-1994

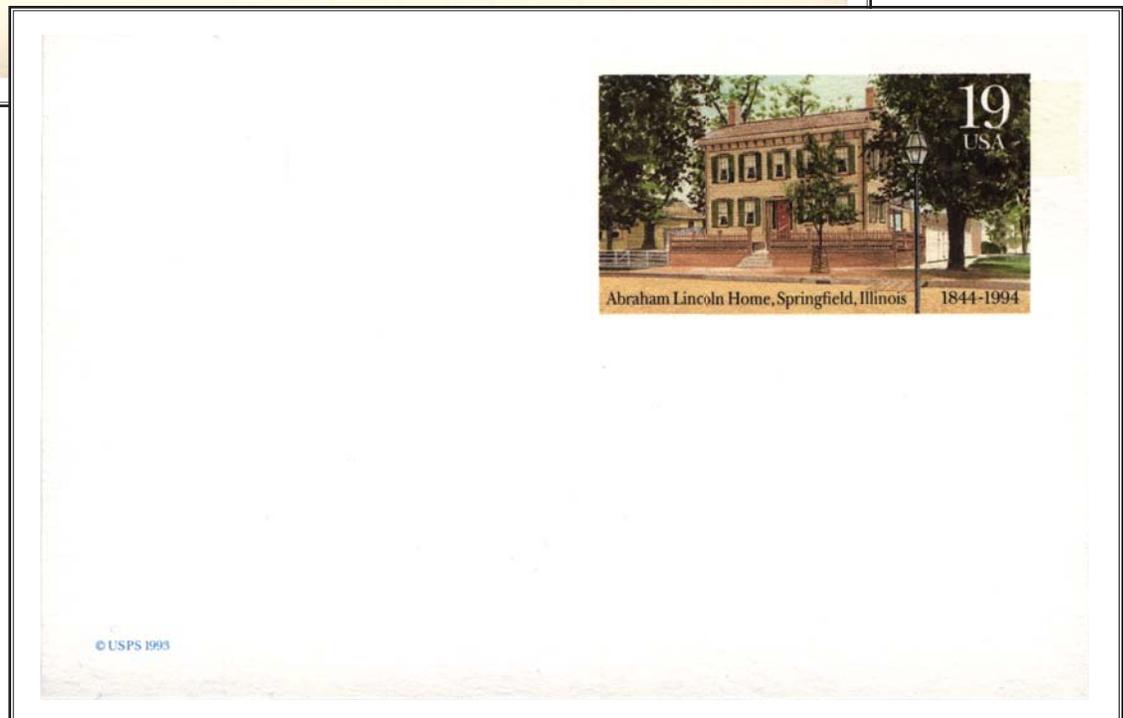
1962 4c red violet
precanceled postal card
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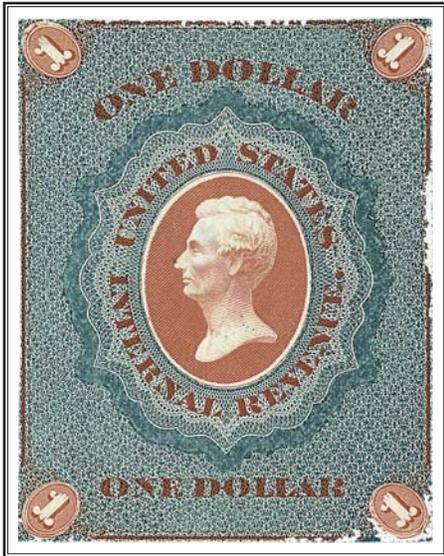
1968 5c emerald
precanceled postal card
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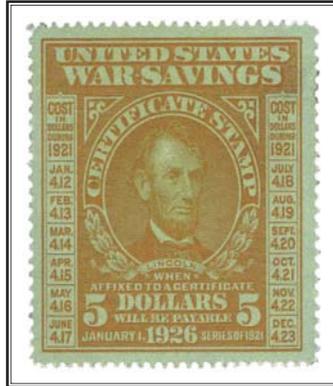
1994 19c
Abraham Lincoln Home
Springfield, Illinois
postal card
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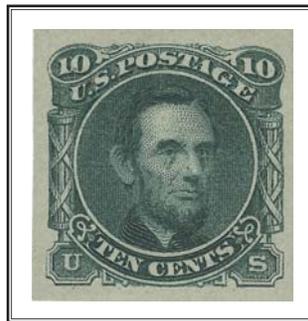
ABRAHAM LINCOLN PHILATELIC MISCELLANIA



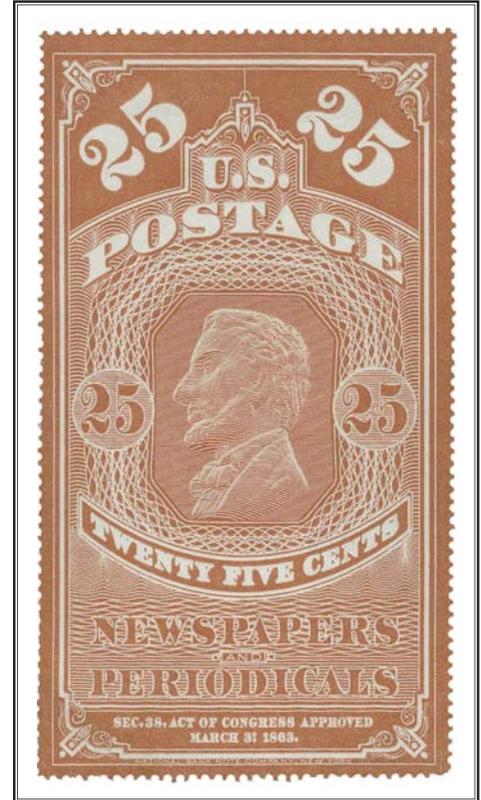
unadopted Lincoln essay for
a \$1 revenue stamp



1920 \$5 war savings stamp
(Scott WS6)



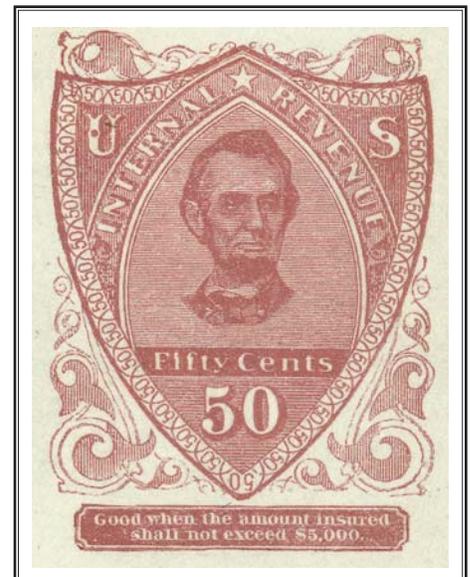
rejected Lincoln essay for
the 10c 1869 Pictorial Issue



1865 25c orange red
newspapers & periodicals stamp
(Scott PR3)



1871 16 2/3c vermilion 1/6-barrel beer tax stamp
(Scott REA21)



Lincoln Type "V"
50c revenue stamped paper design
(Scott RN-V9)



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