Heroes of Peace

Royalty, dictators and presidents are the usual choice when governments want to picture individuals on their stamps. This was especially true during the 19th Century. But when commemorative issues came into their own, many a nation's famous civilians began to turn up in stamp albums. There were warriors, explorers, statesmen, saints, scientists and creative artists.

The United States has honored a number of men and women, besides its Presidents, by depicting them on stamps. But not until 1940 did the Post Office Department attempt a comprehensive survey of outstanding Americans in the fields of literature, poetry, education, science, music, art and invention.

The resulting "Famous Americans" series of stamps pays tribute to 35 "heroes of peace." It is really seven series of stamps each, picturing a select group of the great authors, poets, educators, scientists, composers, artists and inventors that this country has produced.

This booklet is designed to interest the beginner in stamp collecting, and to help all collectors to know better the inspiring achievements of these 35 Great Americans who are joining the ever-expanding philatelic gallery.
WASHINGTON IRVING
Author

Born
April 3, 1783
New York, N. Y.

Died
November 28, 1859
Tarrytown, N. Y.

First Day of Issue  January 29, 1940  Tarrytown, New York

JAMES FENIMORE COOPER
Author

Born
September 15, 1789
Burlington, N. J.

Died
September 14, 1851
Cooperstown, N. Y.

First Day of Issue  January 29, 1940  Cooperstown, New York

First American author to win world fame. His first significant humorous work was "Knickerbocker's History of New York". Irving traveled abroad and while in London he wrote "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon" which contained the now famous "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Though mostly known for his humorous stories, he also wrote biographies of Goldsmith and Washington. In later life he became minister to Spain.

MOST famous of America's novelists, and the first to receive world acclaim. He served three years in the Navy which influenced his later writings of the Sea. Cooper at his best are "The Pilot" and "The Red Rover." Other famous works are the "Leather Stocking Tales" which include "The Deerslayer," "The Last of The Mohicans," "The Pathfinder," and "The Spy."
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STAMPS HONORING FAMOUS AMERICANS—AUTHORS GROUP

A special series of postage stamps honoring Famous American Authors will be placed on sale on the dates and at the offices listed below:

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<td>1-cent</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Washington Irving</td>
<td>Tarrytown, N. Y.</td>
<td>Jan. 29</td>
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<tr>
<td>2-cent</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>James Fenimore Cooper</td>
<td>Cooperstown, N. Y.</td>
<td>Jan. 29</td>
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<tr>
<td>3-cent</td>
<td>Purple</td>
<td>Ralph Waldo Emerson</td>
<td>Boston, Mass.</td>
<td>Feb. 5</td>
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<td>5-cent</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>Louisa May Alcott</td>
<td>Concord, Mass.</td>
<td>Feb. 5</td>
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<tr>
<td>10-cent</td>
<td>Brown</td>
<td>Samuel L. Clemens</td>
<td>Hannibal, Mo.</td>
<td>Feb. 13</td>
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The stamps will be 0.85- by 0.98-inch in size, arranged vertically, issued in sheets of 70, and printed by the rotary process.

Collectors desiring first-day covers may send addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmasters at the above offices with cash or postal money order to cover only the cost of the stamps. Postage stamps will positively not be accepted in payment. Covers should be pencil-marked in the upper right corner to show the number of stamps to be affixed. To receive the official first-day cancelation, covers must bear at least three 1-cent, or two 2-cent, stamps. Envelopes should not be smaller than 3 by 6 inches. Requests for unusual arrangements and plate numbers cannot be honored. Orders for uncanceled stamps must not be included with requests for covers.

Patrons desiring selected stamps for philatelic purposes may obtain the above issues at the Philatelic Agency, Washington, D. C., on the days following their initial release.

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Julius Mathews, President

Established 1894

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New York

Many Longfellow Stamp Covers Delayed By Storm In Boston

Boston's weather put a crimp in Portland's first-day sale of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow commemorative covers on Tuesday by delaying the transportation tie-up that was scheduled to take place on Wednesday. The storm caused delays in getting stamps to post offices on time, but the post office was able to process the covers as they arrived.

Twenty-five special Longfellow covers were issued for the first day sale, each featuring a portrait of Longfellow. The covers were available at post offices throughout the country, but due to the weather, some of them were delayed in reaching their destination.

By way of explanation...

We take this opportunity to say, first that we didn't know how many people were interested in collecting stamps... and second that we were snowed under double by weather and replies.

All first day mailings were to be in the Postoffice at Portland, Maine not later than four o'clock on the afternoon of February 15th.

We rushed lists on each arrival of mail. These were sent to the Press and Express by airmail and by regular mail.

Only two hundred and twenty names got there in time, the rest being delayed in transit somewhere. We knew that there were three hundred or more names on the list and that there was a long distance to have to send.

Sincerely yours,

James J. Todd
The Julius Mathews Special Agency,
400 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Robert Todd, son of President Abraham Lincoln, is a stamp dealer in Portland, Maine. He is also a member of the Portland Philatelic Society.

Mr. Todd has been active in the chip and die business since 1900. He is the owner of the Portland Philatelic Society, which he founded in 1901. He is also a member of the Portland Philatelic Society and the Portland Philatelic Society.

It is a gift to the Press, to the Portland Philatelic Society, and to the public in general that Mr. Todd has been able to secure these Longfellow covers for the first-day sale.

The Portland Philatelic Society is one of the oldest philatelic societies in the United States, having been founded in 1895. It has a membership of over 1,000 and is one of the largest and most active philatelic societies in the country.

The society is devoted to the study and preservation of stamp collecting, and it holds regular meetings, lectures, and exhibits. It is also one of the few societies in the country that has a library of stamp literature and a collection of stamps.

The society is located at 1001 Congress St., Portland, Maine.
COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS—FAMOUS AMERICANS SERIES

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, January 17, 1940.

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<td>Portland, Maine, Feb. 15</td>
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<td>3 cent</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>John Greenleaf Whittier</td>
<td>Haworth, N.J., Feb. 18</td>
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<td>5 cent</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>James Russell Lowell</td>
<td>Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 20</td>
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<td>10 cent</td>
<td>Brown</td>
<td>William S. Schaeffer</td>
<td>Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 27</td>
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<td>15 cent</td>
<td>Brown</td>
<td>James Whitcomb Riley</td>
<td>New York, Feb. 28</td>
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These stamps will be available by Feb. 10 in dimensions arranged vertically. They will be printed by the rotary process and issued in sheets of 70.

The central subjects are enclosed in inner and outer frames of Georgian design, between which are the inscriptions "U.S. POSTAGE." Below the portrait frame is a horizontal tablet containing the name of the artist and the denomination designation at each end with the word "Cent" or "Cents" between, separated by an ornamental shield-shaped panel in which is depicted in white on a solid background a reproduction of the winged horse Pegasus, which forms the symbol of this group. All lettering is in solid gothic.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the new stamps on the above dates may send a limited number of addressed covers, not in excess of 10 in each case, to the postmaster at the respective offices, with a cachet or postal money-order remittance to cover only the cost of the stamps required for affixing. Postage stamps will not positively not be accepted in payment.

In order to obtain the official cancellation reading, "First Day of Issue," it will be necessary to have the covers stamped at the first-class rate. For example, this will require the use of not less than three 1-cent or two 2-cent stamps. Each cover must be addressed and should bear a pen cancels which are acceptable in the upper right corner to show the number of stamps to be attached thereto. It is also necessary to allow sufficient space to affix the stamps and the postmark. Envelopes should not be smaller than 8 1/2 by 11 inches. The use of large and irregularly shaped envelopes should be avoided. All cover envelopes should either be sealed or sent with the flaps turned in. Better cancellations will be provided if the envelopes contain medium-weight endpapers.

Requests for unsealed stamps must not be included with orders for first-day covers to the postmasters at the above offices.

For the benefit of collectors desiring stamps of selected quality for philatelic use, the new stamps will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency on the day following the date of release. To insure prompt shipment, mail orders to the Agency must exclude other varieties of stamps.

POSTMasters AT DIRECT- AND CENTRAL-ACCOUNTING POST OFFICES WILL RECEIVE A SUPPLY OF EACH DENOMINATION STAMP IN THIS GROUP ON ORDER PREPARED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THEREFORE, POSTMasters AT THESE OFFICES WILL NOT SUBMIT REQUISITIONS FOR ANY OF THESE STAMPS UNLESS THE INITIAL STOCK IS FOUND IN ADEQUATE, IN WHICH CASE PROPER EXPLANATION WILL ACCOMPANY THE REQUISITIONS. THE STAMPS WILL BE CHARGED ON THE SAME INVOICE AND SHIPMENT WILL BE MADE IN TIME FOR PLACING THE FIRST STAMP OF THE GROUP ON SALE ON THE SECOND DAY OF ISSUE SO FAR AS MANUFACTURING CONDITIONS WILL PERMIT. UPON RECEIPT OF THESE SHIPMENTS, THE DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS WILL BE SEPARATED AND PROPER PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO PREVENT THE PLACING OF ANY OF THE STAMPS ON SALE BEFORE THE SECOND DAY OF ISSUE.

Postmasters at district-accounting post offices may obtain small quantities of the new postage stamps by requisition on the central-accounting postmaster.

RAMSEY S. BLACK,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

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Postmasters at district-accounting post offices may obtain small quantities of the new postage stamps by requisition on the central-accounting postmaster.

RAMSEY S. BLACK,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1940

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W. Va.
GREENFIELD, INDIANA
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GREENFIELD, INDIANA
First Day of Issue
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A FIRST DAY COVER

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Trust this Horace Mann Card, may be of interest to Local Teachers' College mailed out about 2500 of these Mar 15th

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FIRST DAY COVER

John James Audubon
1780-1851
Saint Francisville, Louisiana

Dr. Cecil C. Blakeney,
St. Francisville,
Louisiana.

FIRST DAY COVER

John James Audubon
1780-1851
Saint Francisville, Louisiana

Type of train operated during Audubon’s time. Today the same right of way is part of the Illinois Central System. . . .
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Aristide Agramonte, and Jesse W. Lazear,
to the heroic volunteers
who risked or sacrificed their lives
in the experimental study, to Carlos J. Finlay, Surgeon General George
M. Sternberg, Major William C.
Gorgas, and others who were influential in the discovery and in the
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Winthrop Chemical Company, Inc.

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Lt. Col. Joe H. St. John, M. C.,
Pl. Sheridan,
Illinois
Mr. Richard St. John
422 Prospect Ave
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II

Personal
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We thought you might also be interested in the enclosed fiddle shaped song book. It contains the verse and chorus of seven of Stephen Foster's best known songs.

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BARDSTOWN DISTILLERY, Inc.

Henry Morris,
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Town House  Twelve noon  May 13, 1940
Peterborough in the Monadnock Region of Southern New Hampshire

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(Open meeting)

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Speakers
Governor Francis P. Murphy
United States Senator Charles W. Tobey
United States Congressman Foster Stearn
Third Assistant Postmaster General Roy North
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H. L. Lindsley, publisher of "Stamps"
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Guests of Honor
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Mrs. Fay Lewis, President, Peterborough Women's Club
Postmaster Martin J. Keenan, Peterborough
Michael J. Carroll, President, New Hampshire Postmaster's Association
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Postmaster Robert E. Gould, Newport
Miss Margaret Howes, New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs
Hon. Alvin A. Lucier, Nashua, Former Colonist

Program will be broadcast through WFEA and WNBX, marking the first time that a broadcast has originated from Peterborough.

The American Cuney Club consider it a privilege to participate in this Memorial Program.
Ethelbert Nevin
Composer

Nevin was at one time on the faculty of the School of Music at Yale University. He composed “Narcissus”, “In Tuscany” and “The Rosary”.
Born 1862 – Died 1901

First Day Cover
Famous Americans
Gilbert Charles Stuart
Portrait painter - Born in 1755; pupil
of Benjamin West; especially known for his

STUART'S BIRTHPLACE - SAUNDERSTOWN, R. I.
FROM A WATER COLOR
BY FREDERICH WHITAKER
CORRECTANUM
The oft repeated statement that Gilbert Stuart,
first American Portrait Painter, was born in Narragansett,
is incorrect without the explanation that "Narragansett" at that time was merely a popular
name for Narragansett Country, the vague territory
west of Narragansett Bay and after 1677, South of East Greenwich.
He was born December 3, 1755 at North Kingstown,
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the Gilbert Stuart Memorial, Inc.
Greetings!

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Meetings!

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N.Y. Chapter.

G. B. Stanton.

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