United States Postal Savings Certificates

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THE UNITED STATES
POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
A NONCOMPETING INSTITUTION
IS A VALUABLE AID IN THE PRACTICE OF
ECONOMY AND THRIFT
TO ENCOURAGE THRIFT IS TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE
THROUGH THE SYSTEM, IDLE MONEY—MONEY ASLEEP AND
BEYOND THE REACH OF THE BUSINESS WORLD—IS BROUGHT
TO THE LIGHT OF DAY AND PUT TO WORK FOR THE BENEFIT

ONE DOLLAR WILL OPEN AN INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT
Any person ten years old or over may start an account.
A married woman may deposit in her own name.
Any number of dollars may be deposited, and at any time, until the
balance to the credit of a depositor amounts to $2,500.
Deposits may be exchanged for United States bonds of small
denominations.
Withdrawals may be made at any time.
Postal Savings Stamps may be purchased at ten cents each.

THIS POST OFFICE IS A POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY
Inquire at the window where Postal Savings business is transacted
for further information.

JAMES A. FALLEY,
Postmaster General.
The Basic Unit
Series 1911
Series 1911 - Duplicate
Series 1913
Series 1917
Series 1917 – State Variety
Series 1918
Series 1939
1939 – NJ Interest Variation
Series 1954
Denominations

1911, 1913: $1, $2, $5, $10, $20, $50, $100

1917, 1939: add $200, $500

1954: no $2; add $1000 and $2500. $1 dropped 1956
Series 1917 - Signatures
Series 1939 - Signatures
1939 Reverse Varieties
1954 Reverse Varieties
10 Cent Early Redemption

Rate effective October 1, 1953
20 Cent Early Redemption

Rate effective November 1, 1955
The End of Postal Savings

New deposits not accepted after April 27, 1966
System closed effective July 1, 1967
Reissued Certificates
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Geographic Distribution

• 42 States
  • DC
  • PR
  • Includes AK and HI territories

• Remaining to be found:
  • AR, DE, MD, NC, ND, NV, UT, VT
What’s the Next Discovery?

• Denomination/signature combinations
• Reissued Certificate Varieties
• Post-Closure Redemption
• Redemption for Savings Bonds
• Interest Varieties
• Who knows?