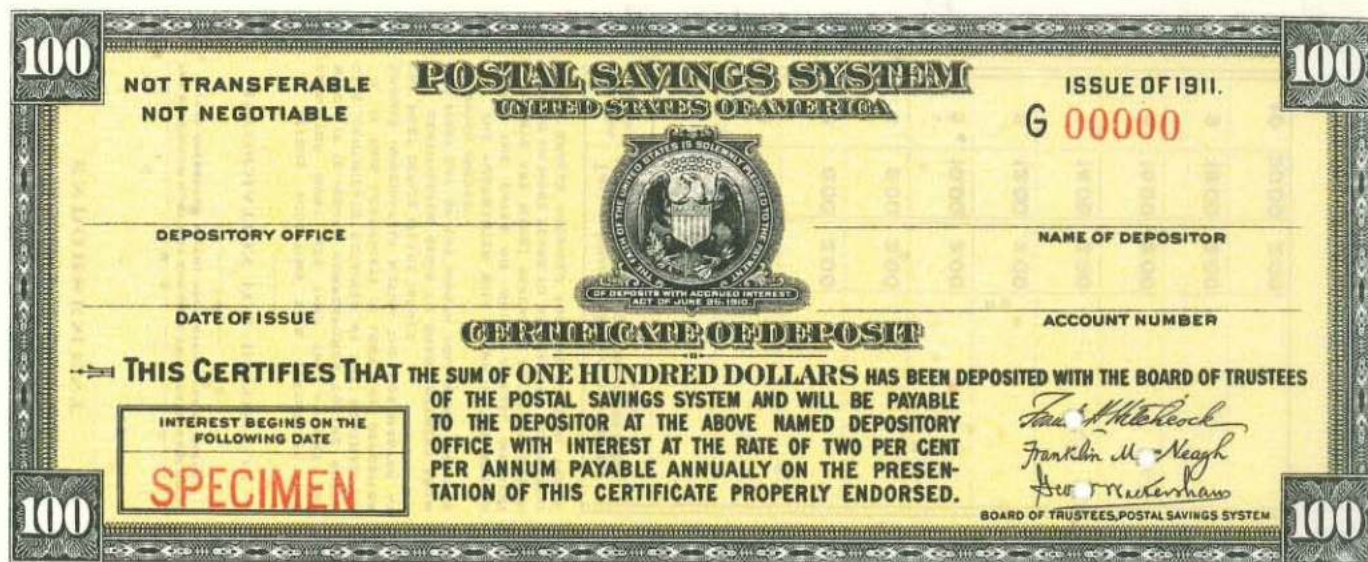


United States Postal Savings Certificates

1911-1967



Series of 1911 Postal Savings Certificate, \$100 denomination
Specimen

The United States Post Office Department served a banking and savings function for over 50 years. The Postal Savings System provided an alternative to commercial banks and encouraged savings by those who were not otherwise bank customers. Postal Savings customers could deposit funds into interest-bearing accounts, receiving certificates of deposit ("Postal Savings Certificates") in return, all over the counter at designated post offices. Postal Savings Certificates could be redeemed, and interest collected, at any time.

This exhibit traces the development of Postal Savings Certificates from the establishment to the discontinuance of the Postal Savings System. The exhibitor maintains a census of Postal Savings Certificates and solicits additional information and data. Numbers reported in the exhibit come from this census, which includes more than 700 items. Certificates are recorded for 39 states, two territories (Alaska and Hawaii), Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.


Six major series of certificates were issued: 1911, 1913, 1917, 1918, 1939 and 1954. Each certificate bore the name of the issuing office. Most 1917, 1918 and 1939 certificates were preprinted with the office name; other certificates have a handstamped name. Depositors signed certificates when redeeming them; redeemed certificates were marked "paid." Both redeemed and unredeemed certificates are available.

Most series have additional variations based on Postmaster General signatures or the text appearing on the reverse of the certificates. As the limit on individual deposits increased, new and higher denominations of certificates became available. \$200 and \$500 certificates were issued starting in 1917; \$1000 and \$2500 denominations were added in 1954. The \$2 denomination was omitted from the 1954 series, and the \$1 denomination was discontinued in 1956.

The United States Postal Savings System stopped accepting deposits on April 27, 1966 and ceased operations on July 1, 1967, as commercial banks became more reliable and other investments (including Savings Bonds) offered higher rates of return.

Series of 1911

1	NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE	POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ISSUE OF 1911. A 886001	1
SHEBOGAN FALLS, WIS.			<i>Chester L. Granger</i>	
DEPOSITORY OFFICE			NAME OF DEPOSITOR	
2	NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE	POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ISSUE OF 1911. B 606898	2
PROVIDENCE, R. I.			<i>Raffaele Di Guglielmo</i>	
DEPOSITORY OFFICE			NAME OF DEPOSITOR	
50	NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE	POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ISSUE OF 1911. F 131505	50
COFFEYVILLE, KANS.			<i>W. A. Parker</i>	
DEPOSITORY OFFICE			NAME OF DEPOSITOR	
JAN 8 1912			105	
DATE OF ISSUE			ACCOUNT NUMBER	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT				
THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE SUM OF FIFTY DOLLARS HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY ENDORSED.				
INTEREST BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING DATE <i>Feb 1 - 1912</i>		 BOARD OF TRUSTEES, POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM		

NOT TRANSFERABLE NOT NEGOTIABLE	POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ISSUE OF 1911
BATH, ME.		A 485200
DEPOSITORY OFFICE	DUPLICATE TO BE RETAINED BY THE POSTMASTER	SIGNATURE OF DEPOSITOR
OCT 15 1912		<i>89</i>
DATE OF ISSUE		ACCOUNT NUMBER
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT		
THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR		
HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY ENDORSED.		
INTEREST BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING DATE <i>NOV 1 1912</i>	FRANK H. HITCHCOCK, FRANKLIN MACVEAGH, GEO. W. WICKERSHAM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM.	

The original series of Postal Savings Certificates, the "Issue of 1911," was released in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Duplicate certificates were retained by postmasters to assist in record-keeping. 26 recorded Series of 1911 certificates.

Series of 1913

ONE

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
THE FAITH OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IS SOLEMNLY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF DEPOSITS WITH ACCRUED INTEREST
Indianapolis, Ind. ACT OF JUNE 25, 1910

DEPOSITORY OFFICE
Anna R. Hark
NAME OF DEPOSITOR
1624
ACCOUNT NUMBER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS

A **2713025**
SERIAL NUMBER
APR 25 1917
DATE OF ISSUE
MAY 1 1917
DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS

ONE DOLLAR

NOT TRANSFERABLE
NOT NEGOTIABLE

SERIES OF 1913

A. S. Burleson
POSTMASTER GENERAL

THIS CERTIFICATE THAT THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY INDORSED

TWO

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
THE FAITH OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IS SOLEMNLY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF DEPOSITS WITH ACCRUED INTEREST
ACT OF JUNE 25, 1910

DEPOSITORY OFFICE
Philip Senner
NAME OF DEPOSITOR
6475
ACCOUNT NUMBER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS

B **1679517**
SERIAL NUMBER
DATE OF ISSUE
DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS

TWO DOLLARS

NOT TRANSFERABLE
NOT NEGOTIABLE

SERIES OF 1913

A. S. Burleson
POSTMASTER GENERAL

THIS CERTIFICATE THAT THE SUM OF TWO DOLLARS HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY INDORSED

TEN

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
THE FAITH OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IS SOLEMNLY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF DEPOSITS WITH ACCRUED INTEREST
ACT OF JUNE 25, 1910

DEPOSITORY OFFICE
Miss Louie Thompson
NAME OF DEPOSITOR
615
ACCOUNT NUMBER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS

D **2806563**
SERIAL NUMBER
NOV 22 1915
DATE OF ISSUE
DEC 1 1915
DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS

TEN DOLLARS

NOT TRANSFERABLE
NOT NEGOTIABLE

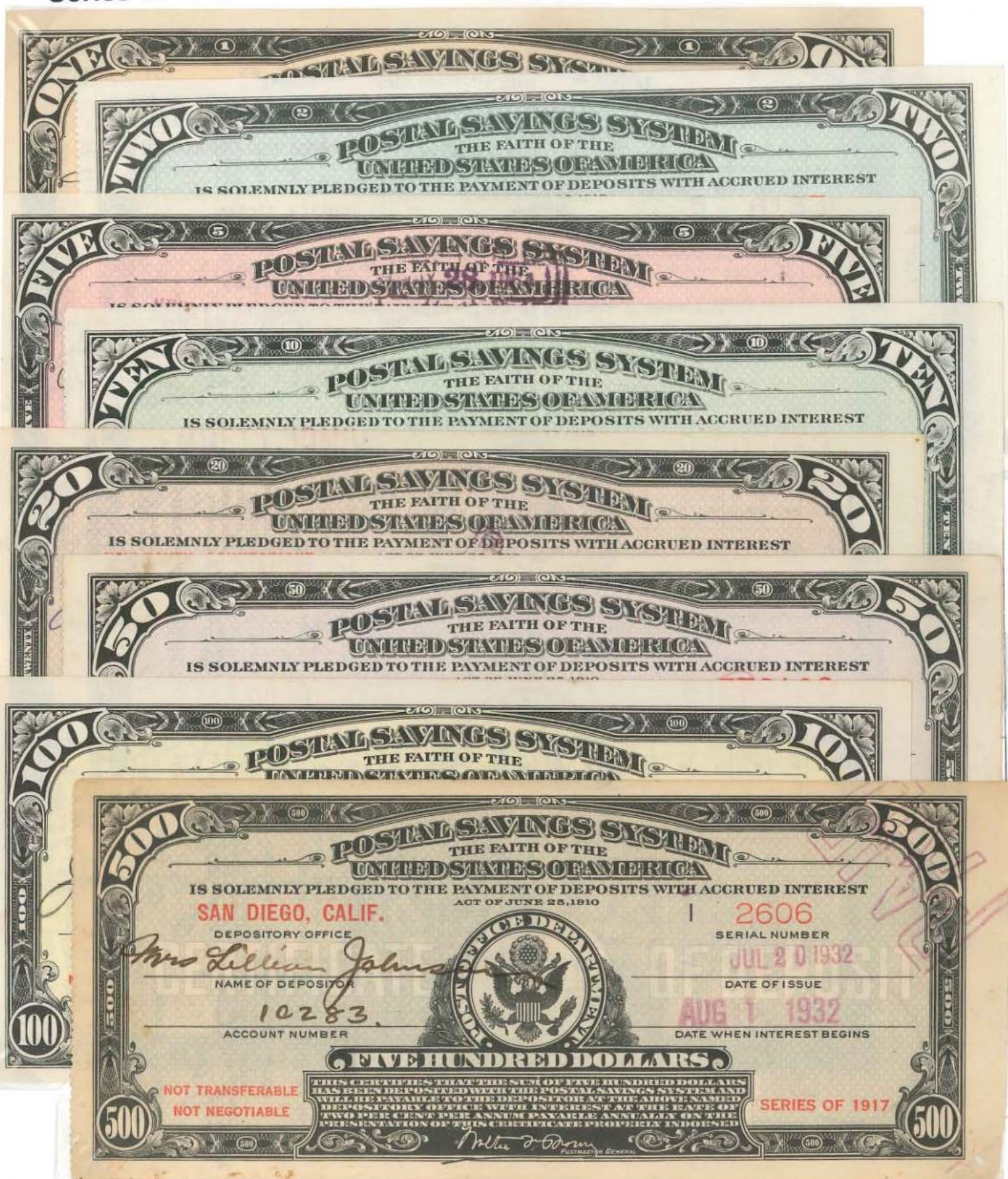
SERIES OF 1913

A. S. Burleson
POSTMASTER GENERAL

THIS CERTIFICATE THAT THE SUM OF TEN DOLLARS HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY INDORSED

A new series was released in 1913, bearing the signature of Postmaster General A.S. Burleson. Denominations were the same as the 1911 series. Seven recorded Series 1913 certificates.

Series of 1917



Another new series, of similar design, appeared in 1917. \$200 and \$500 denominations were added.

Series of 1917—Signatures

PORT HAMILTON		POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM		THE FAITH OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
IS SOLEMNLY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF DEPOSITS WITH ACCRUED INTEREST		ACT OF JUNE 25, 1910		A 16318	
DEPOSITORY OFFICE		SERIAL NUMBER		DEC 6 - 1918	
NAME OF DEPOSITOR		DATE OF ISSUE		JAN 7 - 1919	
1980		DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS			
ACCOUNT NUMBER					
NOT TRANSFERABLE		THIS CERTIFICATE THAT THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY INDORSED		SERIES OF 1917	
NOT NEGOTIABLE					
1		ONE DOLLAR		1	
DEPOSITORY OFFICE		SERIAL NUMBER		MAY 5 1930	
NAME OF DEPOSITOR		DATE OF ISSUE		JUNE 1 1930	
76024		DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS			
ACCOUNT NUMBER					
NOT TRANSFERABLE		THIS CERTIFICATE THAT THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY INDORSED		SERIES OF 1917	
NOT NEGOTIABLE					
1		ONE DOLLAR		1	
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS		SERIAL NUMBER		A 130637	
DEPOSITORY OFFICE		DATE OF ISSUE		APR 23 1933	
NAME OF DEPOSITOR		DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS		MAY 1 1934	
917					
ACCOUNT NUMBER					
NOT TRANSFERABLE		THIS CERTIFICATE THAT THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY INDORSED		SERIES OF 1917	
NOT NEGOTIABLE					
1		ONE DOLLAR		1	
DEPOSITORY OFFICE		SERIAL NUMBER		MAR 22 1947	
NAME OF DEPOSITOR		DATE OF ISSUE		APR 1 1948	
1644		DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS			
ACCOUNT NUMBER					
NOT TRANSFERABLE		THIS CERTIFICATE THAT THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE ABOVE NAMED DEPOSITORY OFFICE WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM PAYABLE ANNUALLY ON THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CERTIFICATE PROPERLY INDORSED		SERIES OF 1917	
NOT NEGOTIABLE					
1		ONE DOLLAR		1	

Certificates exist with the signatures of Postmasters General Burleson (1917-1921), New (1923-1929), Brown (1929-1933) and Farley (1933-1939).

Series of 1917—Reissued Certificates



"Issued in Lieu of Lost Certificate"
Washington D.C.
1921, Burleson



"Reissued Certificate"
Darby, Pennsylvania
1938, Farley

Certificates could be re-issued if the originals were lost or destroyed. *Three recorded reissued Series of 1917 certificates.*

Series of 1917—State Names



In some instances, certificates bore a state name at lower right, perhaps as a control device for blank certificates distributed to small offices. 17 recorded certificates with state name.

Series of 1918

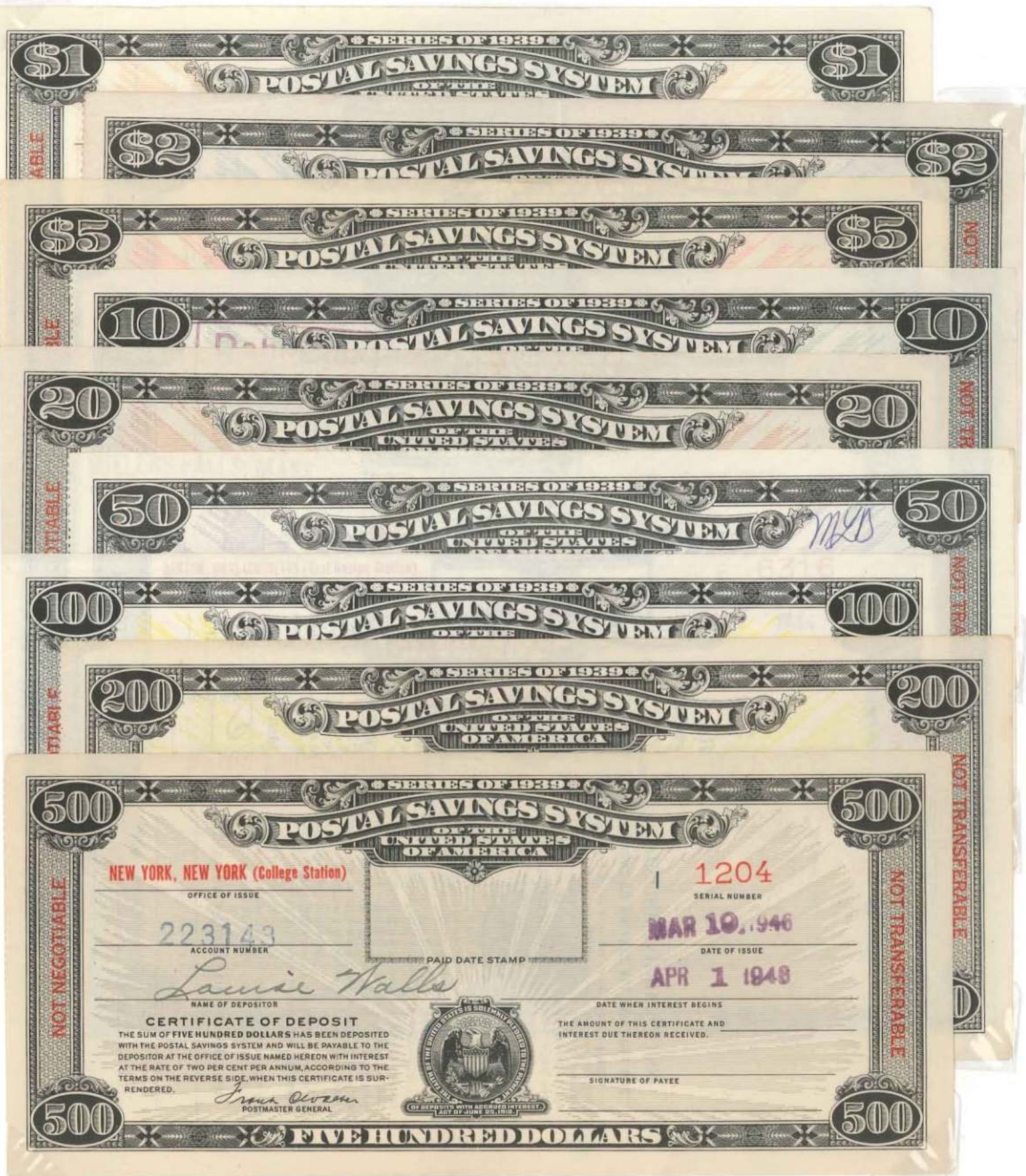


Miami, Arizona

Four recorded Postal Savings Certificates of any series from Arizona

A Series of 1918 issue was briefly released but received limited distribution. All reported examples bear the signature of Postmaster General Burleson but were used between 1927 and 1934, perhaps reflecting the use of old stock. *Six recorded Series of 1918 Certificates.*

Series of 1939



The Series of 1917 was not fully replaced until a new series of new design appeared in 1939. Denominations remained the same as the Series of 1917.

Series of 1939

\$1 **SERIES OF 1939** **POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM** **OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** **\$1**

TOLEDO, OHIO
OFFICE OF ISSUE

14931
ACCOUNT NUMBER

A 76
SERIAL NUMBER

JUN 6 1941
DATE OF ISSUE

JUL 1 1941
DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS

Berton Leroy Rickard
NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
THE SUM OF **ONE DOLLAR** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

John H. Farley
POSTMASTER GENERAL

RECEIVED THE AMOUNT OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND INTEREST DUE THEREON.

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

\$1 **CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT** **\$1**

DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

John H. Farley
POSTMASTER GENERAL

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

\$1 **CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT** **\$1**

THE SUM OF **ONE DOLLAR** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

John H. Farley
POSTMASTER GENERAL

DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS

THE AMOUNT OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND INTEREST DUE THEREON RECEIVED.

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

100 **CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT** **100**

22905
ACCOUNT NUMBER

PAID DATE STAMP

JUN 1 1952
DATE OF ISSUE

Beatrice Parnell
NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
THE SUM OF **ONE DOLLAR** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

John H. Farley
POSTMASTER GENERAL

DATE WHEN INTEREST BEGINS

THE AMOUNT OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND INTEREST DUE THEREON RECEIVED.

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

100 **CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT** **100**

THE SUM OF **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

John H. Farley
POSTMASTER GENERAL

THE AMOUNT OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND INTEREST DUE THEREON RECEIVED.

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

NOT NEGOTIABLE **NOT TRANSFERABLE**

Series of 1939 certificates can be found with the signatures of Postmasters General Farley (1939-1940), Walker (1940-1945), Hannegan (1945-1947), Donaldson (1947-1953), and Summerfield (1953-1954). A Bureau of Engraving and Printing imprint appears on the Donaldson and Summerfield issues.

Between July 1, 1939 and July 1, 1946, certificates issued in New Jersey received only 1% interest. Overprinted text indicated the variation. *Three recorded certificates with interest rate modification overprint.*

Series of 1939—Reissued Certificates

SERIES OF 1939
POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

REISSUED
4-18-44

COLUMBUS, OHIO
OFFICE OF ISSUE

47067
ACCOUNT NUMBER

MAY 15, 1942
DATE OF ISSUE

MARION ROCK
NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
THE SUM OF **ONE DOLLAR** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

30857 *John Owen*
POSTMASTER GENERAL

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE NOT TRANSFERABLE

SERIES OF 1939
POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

REISSUED

Station D, Phila., Pa.
OFFICE OF ISSUE

44943
ACCOUNT NUMBER

November 27, 1945
DATE OF ISSUE

Carrie Mears
NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
THE SUM OF **TWO DOLLARS** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

84158 *W. Mearns*
POSTMASTER GENERAL

TWO DOLLARS

NOT NEGOTIABLE NOT TRANSFERABLE

SERIES OF 1939
POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

REISSUED
5-5-50

ROCKFORD, ILL.
OFFICE OF ISSUE

28885
ACCOUNT NUMBER

NOV. 15, 1941
DATE OF ISSUE

ELEANOR MAC FALLS
NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
THE SUM OF **ONE DOLLAR** HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR AT THE OFFICE OF ISSUE NAMED HEREON WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, WHEN THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUR-RENDERED.

75009 *Robert MacFall*
POSTMASTER GENERAL

ONE DOLLAR

NOT NEGOTIABLE NOT TRANSFERABLE

Reissued certificates included a red border and the word "reissued" at upper right. Five recorded reissued Series of 1939 certificates.

Series of 1939—Early Redemption Fee



Waterbury Connecticut, 1954
Redeemed 8 days after issue



Boston, Massachusetts (East Boston Station), 1954
Redeemed 21 days after issue

Between October 1, 1953 and October 31, 1955, a 10-cent fee was charged when a Postal Savings Certificate was redeemed within 30 days of its issuance. *Ten recorded Series of 1939 certificates showing early redemption fee.*

Series of 1954



A re-designed series of certificates, on computer punch cards, was released starting on September 1, 1954. No \$2 denomination was issued, but \$1000 and \$2500 denominations were added. The \$1 denomination was discontinued in 1956.

Series of 1954



140.01

1000

SERIES OF 1954

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2500

NOT TRANSFERABLE

ISSUED AT

267,310

X

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

MAR 13 1963

INTEREST BEGINS FIRST DAY OF NEXT MONTH

RECEIVED THE AMOUNT OF THIS

CERTIFICATE AND \$ 140.01 INTEREST DUE THEREON.

Carmen B. de Velez

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

PAID DATE STAMP

FEB 14 1966

19356

ACCOUNT NUMBER

Carmen B. de Velez

NAME OF DEPOSITOR

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

HAS BEEN DEPOSITED IN A POSTAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT AT THE

OFFICE NAMED HEREON AND WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR

AT THAT OFFICE WITH INTEREST ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS

OF THE POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM.

Adelina Rangel

POSTMASTER GENERAL

2500

2500

TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

1000

NOT NEGOTIABLE

\$1000 and \$2500 denominations were added.

INFORMATION FOR DEPOSITOR

It is not necessary to surrender this certificate in order to receive credit for interest.

The rate of interest accruing on this deposit may be determined by reading the leaflet "Instructions Concerning Interest on Postal Savings Certificates."

A depositor may have only one postal savings account at one time and never more than \$2500 principal amount on deposit. Interest will be paid on one account only and on total principal deposits of \$2500 or less.

If this certificate is lost, the depositor should immediately notify the postmaster at the post office where it was issued.

The depositor must not sign the receipt on the face of this certificate until after the postmaster or clerk has entered the amount of interest due on the certificate in ink except when withdrawing by mail or through a representative.

The deposit represented by this certificate is accepted and the certificate is issued subject to laws of the United States and regulations of the Board of Trustees of the Postal Savings System, now or hereafter in force.

The space below is for signatures of participating distributees in the event of death, depositor's fingerprints, or other data which may be required.

INFORMATION FOR DEPOSITOR

It is not necessary to surrender this certificate in order to receive credit for interest.

The rate of interest and the amount of interest accruing on this deposit may be determined by reading the leaflet "Instructions Concerning Interest on Postal Savings Certificates."

A depositor may have only one postal savings account at one time and never more than \$2500 principal amount on deposit. Interest will be paid on one account only and on total principal deposits of \$2500 or less.

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Do Not Fold, Spindle or Mutilate

Two types of reverse text exist on the Series of 1954 certificates, mostly notably the addition of "Do Not Fold, Spindle or Mutilate" at left.

Series of 1954—Signatures and Early Redemption Fee



New York, New York (Manhattanville Sta.), 1965
Two recorded Gronouski-signature Series of 1954 certificates

Most Series of 1954 certificates are found with the signature of Postmaster General Summerfield (1954-1961). The \$50 denomination also exists with the signature of Postmaster General Gronouski (1963-1965).



New Britain, Connecticut, 1963
Redeemed 3 days after issue

Effective November 1, 1955, the fee for early redemption of a Postal Savings Certificate was raised to 20 cents. Seven recorded Series of 1954 certificates showing early redemption fee.