

Heroes of Peace

R OYALTY, 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.













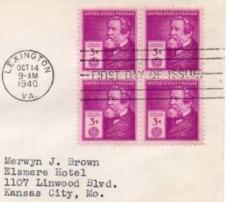
FAMOUS AMERICANS SERIES





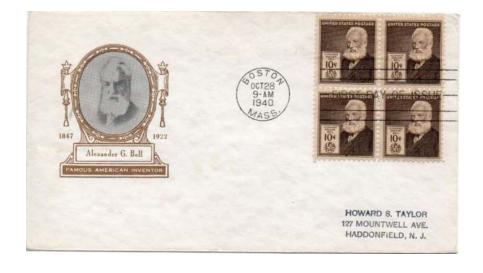




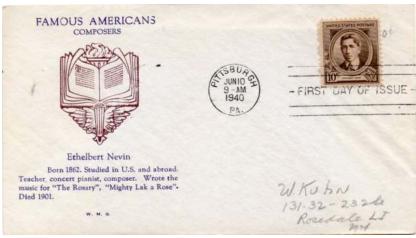


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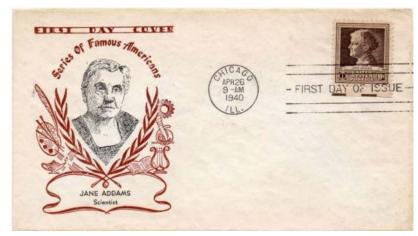


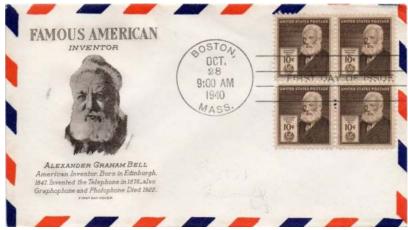


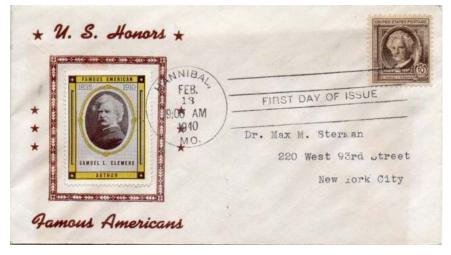














IRST American author to win world fame. His first significant humorous work was "Knickerbocker's History of New York". Irving traveled abroad and while in London he wrote "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon" which contained the now famous "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Though mostly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

WASHINGTON IRVING

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April 3, 1783

New York, N. Y.

Died

November 28, 1859

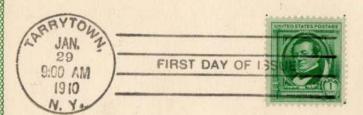
Tarrytown, N. Y.

First Day of Issue

January 29, 1940

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Tarrytown, New York





OST 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."

JAMES FENIMORE COOPER

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September 15, 1789

Burlington, N. J.

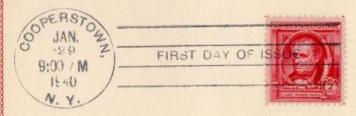
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Cooperstown, N. Y.

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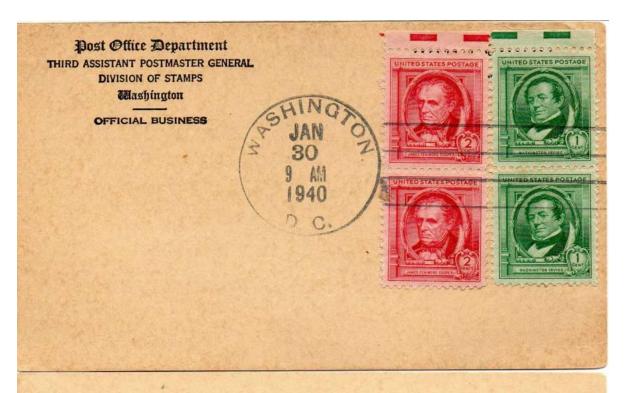
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Knoxville College

Knoxville, Tenn.







Post Office Department THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL Washington

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:

			First Day Sale		
Value	Color	Central Subject	Place	Date	
1-cent	Green	Washington Irving	Tarrytown, N. Y.	Jan. 29	
2-cent	Red	James Fenimore Cooper	Cooperstown, N. Y.	Jan. 29	
3-cent	Purple	Ralph Waldo Emerson	Boston, Mass.	Feb. 5	
5-cent	Blue	Louisa May Alcott	Concord, Mass.	Feb. 5	
10-cent	Brown	Samuel L. Clemens	Hannibal, Mo.	Feb. 13	

The stamps will be 0.85- by 0.98-inch in size, arranged vertically, issued in sheets of 70, and printed by the otary 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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May 14-15, 1938
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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 onecent postage stamps by delaying a full day thousands of covers enroute here to be postmarked today with the magic words of philately. "Portland, Maine, Feb. 16, 1940-First Day of Issue.

Twenty-five special Longfellow stamp employes were laid off at the Postoffice Thursday because no mail came through from Boston between late Wednesday and 10 p. m. Thursday due to snow conditions in Boston's North Station yards. They will go back to work today.

Mrs. Helen C. Donahue, postmaster, announced that covers delayed by the transportation tieup will be treated as first-day covers, but she predicted the storm will cut into the total of covers submitted for first-day cancella-

This total is expected to reach at least 150,000 and may mount as high as 190,000, she said. Late Thursday afternoon more than 100,000 envelopes had already been prepared.

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for President Roosey Art Museum at Bowd Henry F. Merrill of Pi The President's covernearly two feet long.
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of the United States,
House," it bears a rare Longfellow and the s Henry Wing, president of Philatelic Society; George president of the Portland Club; Mrs. Donahue; and Cummings, assistant posts It is a gift to the Presi the Maine Philatelic Society

go through the regular mails

The Bowdoin cover is for framing and bears a pen-and-ink sketch of Longfellow by Philip C. Beam, curater of the museum. Part of the stamps will be left uncancelled.

Mr. Merrill's cover, another large

employes, is a gift to him from nis employes. It bears a picture of the Longfellow Home and of Longfellow. The first full sheet issued has been

framed, uncancelled, for presentation to Miss Mary K. Longfellow, niece of the poet. It is signed by Mrs. Donahue and by James B. Bell, assistant philatelic agent for the Post-office Department.

The special Longfellow stamp windows at the postoffice will open at 8 a. m. today and remain open till midnight. If necessary, storm-delayed covers will be cancelled Saturday. Mrs. Donahue said. The canceling machine sent here for first-day mailings will then be shipped to Tuske gee Institute, Ala., where first-day issue of Booker T. Washington stamps is approaching.

The statue in Longfellow Square

has been decorated with bunting for the day, designated in a proclamation of Council Chairman Harry E. Martin as Longfellow Day in Portland.

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

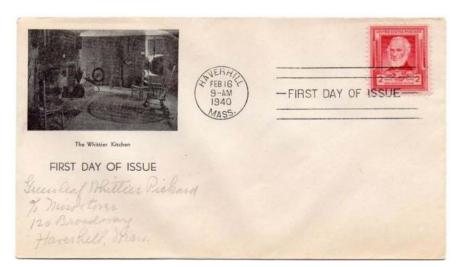
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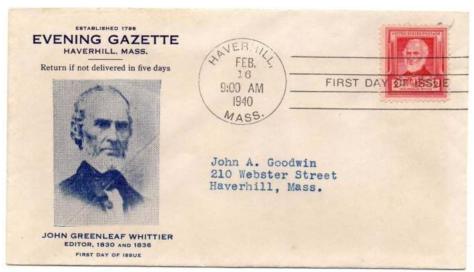
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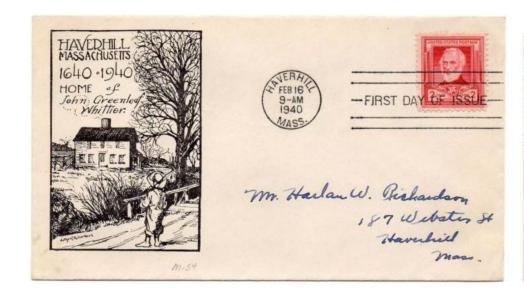
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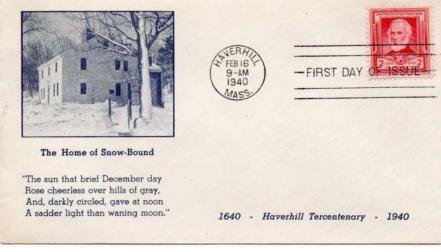
Very truly yours.

"Local News Hits Home."-









COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS-FAMOUS AMERICANS SERIES

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

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These stamps will be \$\%00 by \$\%00 inch 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 at the top is the inscription "U. S. Postage". Below the portrait frame is a horizontal tablet containing on a white ground 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 cancelations 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 cash or postal money-order remittance to cover only the cost of the stamps required for affixing. Postage stamps will positively not be accepted in payment. In order to obtain the official cancelation 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 pencil endorsement 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 3 by 6 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 cancelations will be provided if the envelopes contain medium-weight enclosures.

Requests for uncanceled 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

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RAMSEY S. BLACK, Third Assistant Postmaster General.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1940

"Reprint of notice which appeared IN THE POSTAL BULLETIN OF JANUARY 18, 1940".

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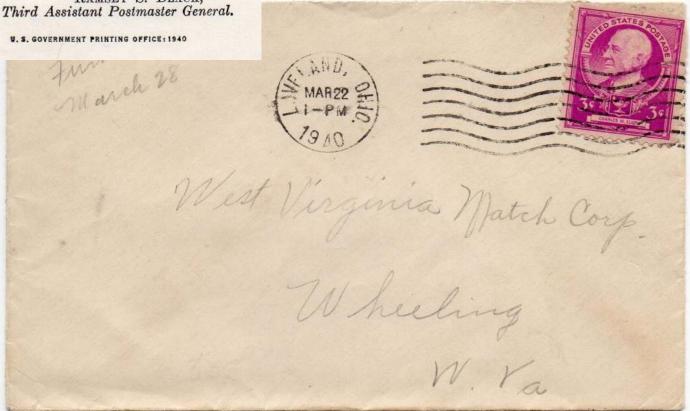
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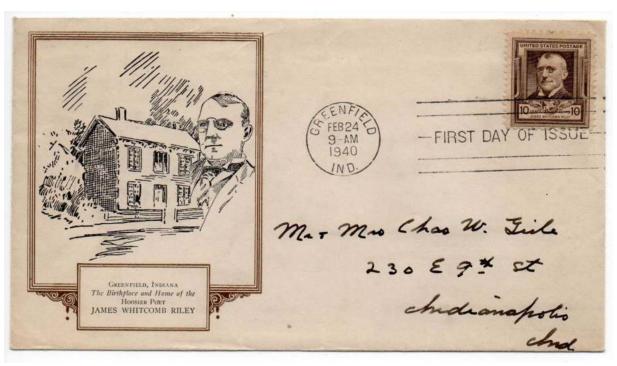
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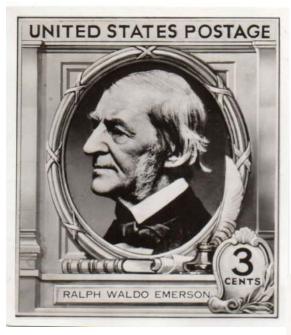


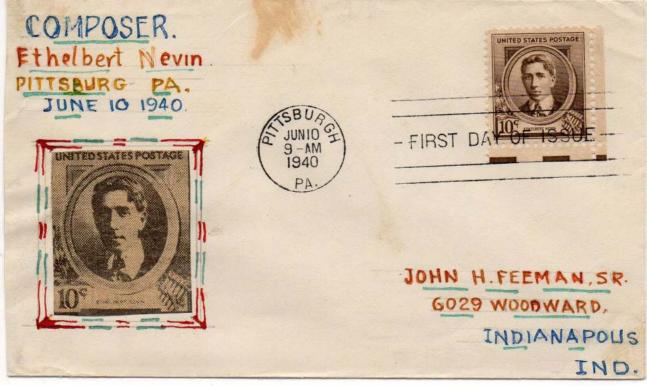












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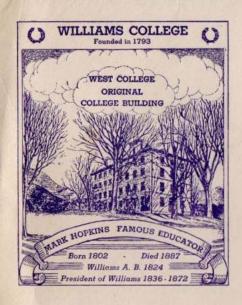
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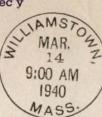
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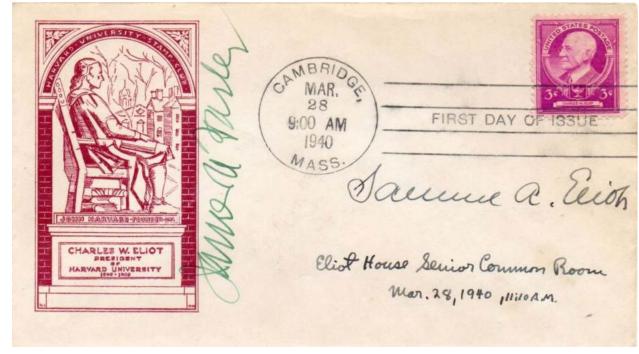




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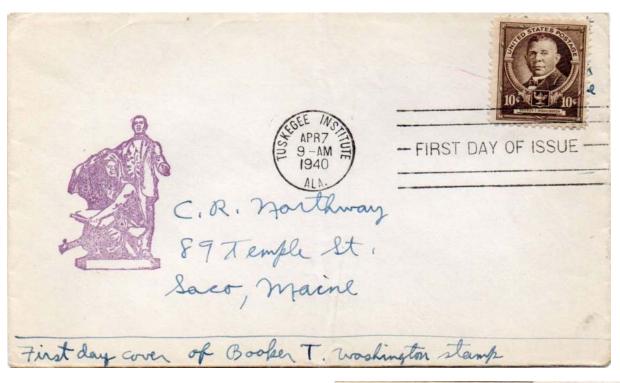
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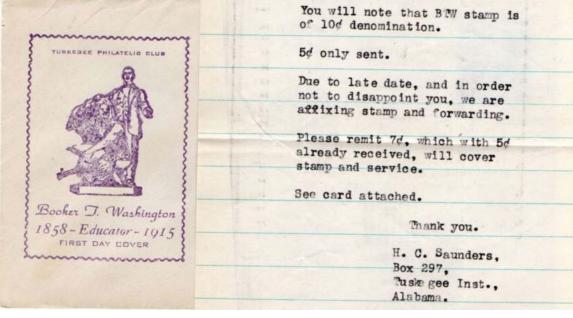
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FIRST DAY COVER

John James Audubon

1780-1851

Saint Francisville, Louisiana







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



FIRST DAY COVER

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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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This First Day Cover

of a 'Famous Americans' stamp commemorates the discovery of transmission of yellow fever by Major Walter Reed of Dirginia.

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Saint James Episcopal Church, Parish House

May 13, 1940 - 6:30 P. M.

PROGRAM

PRESIDENT SPRAGUE W. DRENAN, Toatimaster
Welcome to guests and Central New England Stamp Club
Response by President Everett Stevens
Introduction of Mrs. Edward MacDowell by Major A. Erland Goyette,
President of the Monadnock Region Association
Address by Roy North, Third Assistant Postmaster General
Address by H. L. Lindquist, publisher of "Stamps"
Award of prizes by Heyliger de Windt

MACDOWELL DAY MEMORIAL LUNCHEON

Town House Twelve noon May 13, 1940
Peterborough in the Monadnock Region of Southern
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PETERBOROUGH ROTARY CLUB

President
Francis B. Donovan, presiding
Toastmaster
Judge Chester B. Jordan,
Speakers

Governor Francis P. Murphy
United States Senator Charles W. Tobey
United States Congressman Foster Stearns
Third Assistant Postmaster General Roy North
Mrs. Edward MacDowell
H. L. Lindquist, publisher of "Stamps"
Otho L. Rogers, United States Post Office Department
Philatelic Agent
Dr. Curtis Hidden Page, Rotary District Governor

Guests of Honor

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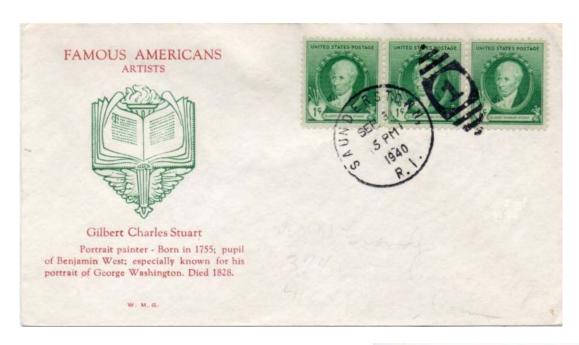
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Postmaster Robert E. Gould, Newport
Miss Margaret Howeson,

New Hampshire Federated 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

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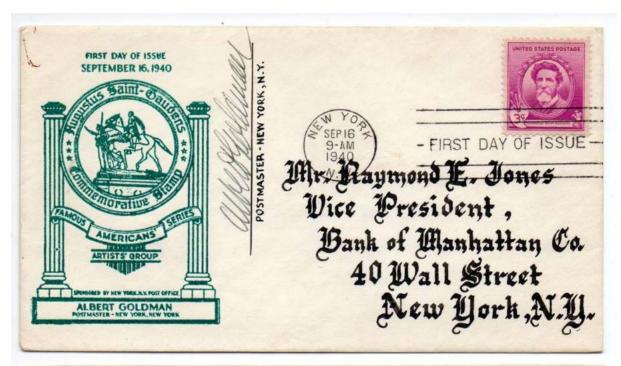












W. a. Miller Costa Mesa, Calif.



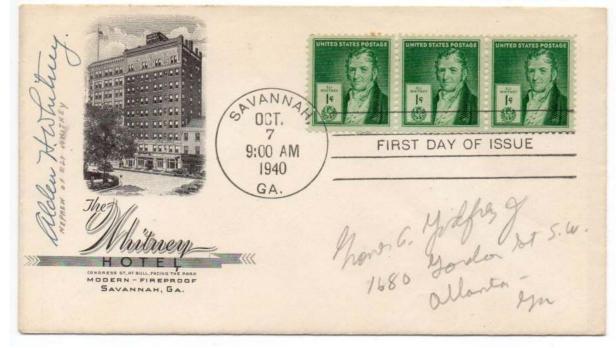


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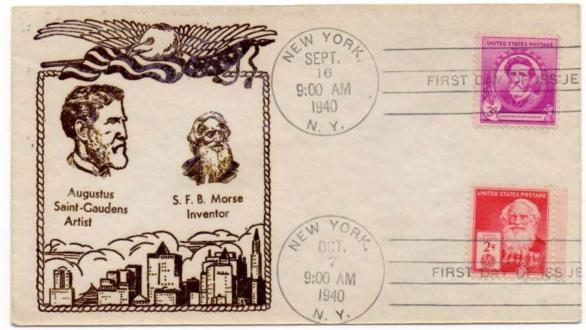


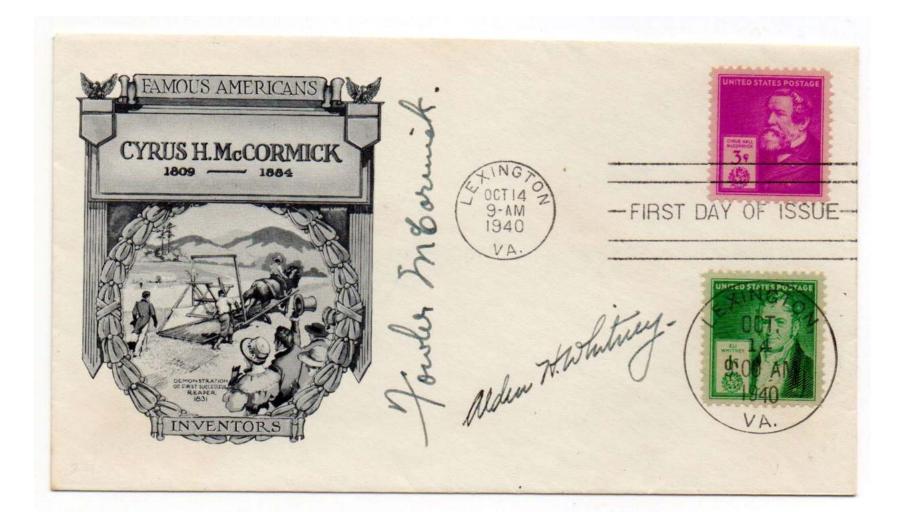












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