

● PSF: Post Office

FDR's Designs for
Postage Stamps

PPF
61

PPF
61

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

April 29, 1936.

Dear Owen:-

The idea of a portrait of Edison on a stamp is excellent. This year we are having an Army series of five stamps and a Navy series of five stamps. It is my thought that next year we will have a series of perhaps six or eight stamps with portraits of great inventors - such as Eli Whitney, Fulton, McCormick, Ericsson, Morse, Bell and Edison.

x PPF
19
12 Ohio
13
x PPF 37

If you are interested in this sort of thing, why don't you spend a quiet evening at Van Hornesville thinking up an appropriate list for me? It would be a great help.

As ever yours,

Honorable Owen D. Young,
Lexington Avenue at 51st Street,
New York, N. Y.

LEXINGTON AVENUE AT FIFTY-FIRST STREET
NEW YORK

PPF
61

OWEN D. YOUNG

April 24, 1936.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As you probably know, the Edison Pioneers, that small band of survivors who worked with Mr. Edison, are promoting as a memorial, The Edison Foundation, the prime object of which is to provide something like one hundred scholarships for young people of unusual capacity but who may not have had the formal educational preliminary training. This was an undertaking which Edison himself initiated and was greatly interested in.

I am told that during the year new issues of commemorative stamps are made from time to time and that you take great personal interest in them. The question has been raised by the Pioneers as to whether or not it might not be possible to have an Edison stamp issued during the present year.

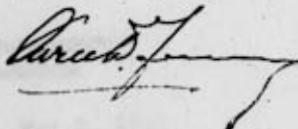
I put the question to you realizing fully that such recognition of a private citizen is unusual, but also feeling that Edison has such an unique place in the history of this time that it could scarcely be an embarrassing precedent. Indeed, if we could only be embarrassed more frequently by men of such genius we could well afford the stamp issues.

PPF
61

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt -2-

As I am to see you next week, I am only sending this preliminary note so that you may be thinking about the matter and perhaps be prepared to give your expressions when I see you.

Very respectfully yours,



P31F Churchill Folder

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR
WINSTON CHURCHILL

I found this envelope among my things yesterday. Even if you prefer the trade of bricklaying to the great science of philately, you may have a descendant who collects stamps. I think this was postmarked on the AUGUSTA at the moment you stepped over the side.

F. D. R.

331 -

The files show nothing but
sent to Roy North. We do not know
the original request. Do
someone could have given to
President personally?

DJE

file

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service

Papers of President Franklin D. Roosevelt



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT LIBRARY
HYDE PARK, N. Y.

(2933)

memo

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

19

May 18, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

What do you think of this
design for a postage free stamp
for the armed forces?

x5/30

F. D. R.

2 designs of a stamp for the Armed Forces.

113

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT LIBRARY
HYDE PARK, N. Y.



Papers of President Franklin D. Roosevelt



Post Office Department
THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
Washington 25, D. C.

May 30, 1944.

Memorandum for the President.

Reference is made to your memorandum of May 18, transmitting a proposed design for a postage free stamp for the armed forces.

We have given the question of issuing a special stamp of this character very careful consideration in response to various suggestions heretofore received, the findings of which have not seemed to favor the provision of such a stamp. The present plan of providing free use of the mail by the armed forces is working reasonably well and the new proposal might well complicate the matter. It is believed, therefore, that any benefits would only in a small measure compensate for the obligations to be incurred in the issuance and wide distribution required of the stamp.

In my opinion this design in its present form would not be a credit to the armed forces, by reason of the lack of detail and effectiveness in depicting the central figures. Furthermore, bi-color printing is indicated, which would retard production besides being very expensive.

Therefore, on the basis of present understanding of the lack of definite need for a distinctive stamp for use on this free postage mail, disapproval of the plan is recommended.

By direction of the Postmaster General.


Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service

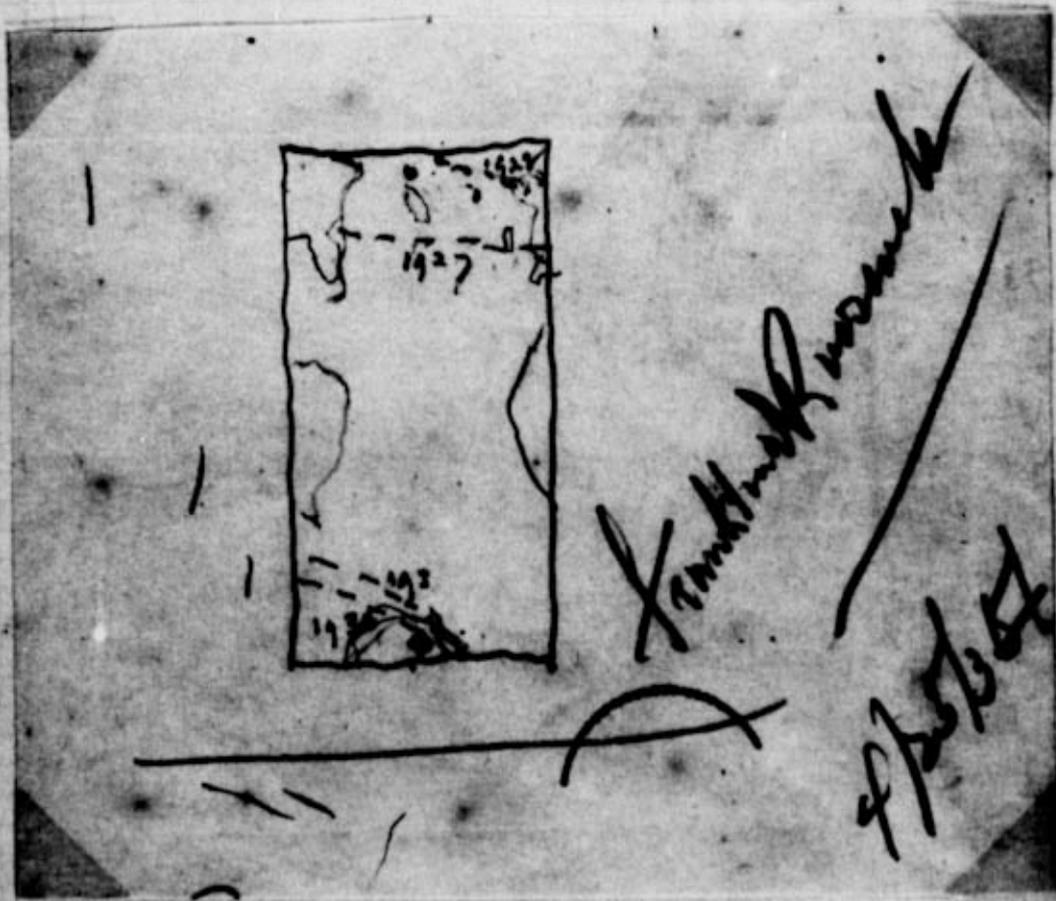
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT LIBRARY
HYDE PARK, N. Y.

Papers of President Franklin D. Roosevelt



LITTLE AMERICA POSTAGE STAMP

Issue of 1933



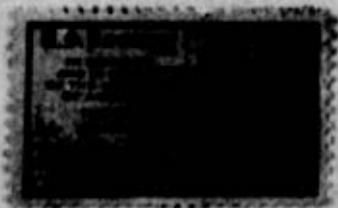
U.S. POSTAGE

IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR



OF THE MOTHERS OF AMERICA

THREE CENTS



In fine handwriting - "The Original Design of the Mothers Day Stamp by Franklin D. Roosevelt"

2/16/34 FAR

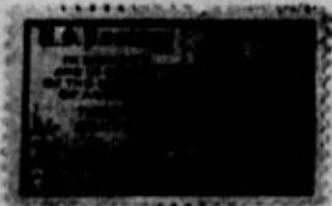
U.S. POSTAGE

IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR



OF THE MOTHERS OF AMERICA

THREE CENTS



To Jim Farley - "
The Original Design of the
Mothers Day Stamp
by Franklin D. Roosevelt

2/16/34 FAR

NATIONAL PARKS SERIES
Issue of 1934



*This is what
I wanted
I have it now!*

Approved _____

[Signature]
Park Commissioner General

Date _____

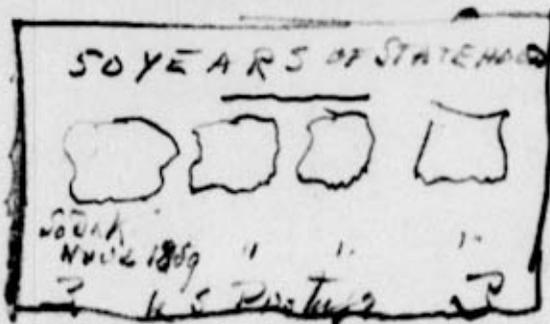
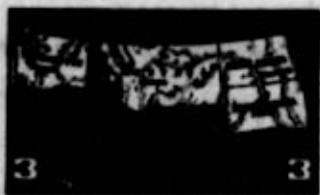
(See reverse side for additional data)

CONNECTICUT TERCENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
Issue of 1935

21392



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



5/4/29

Design drawn by
FDR

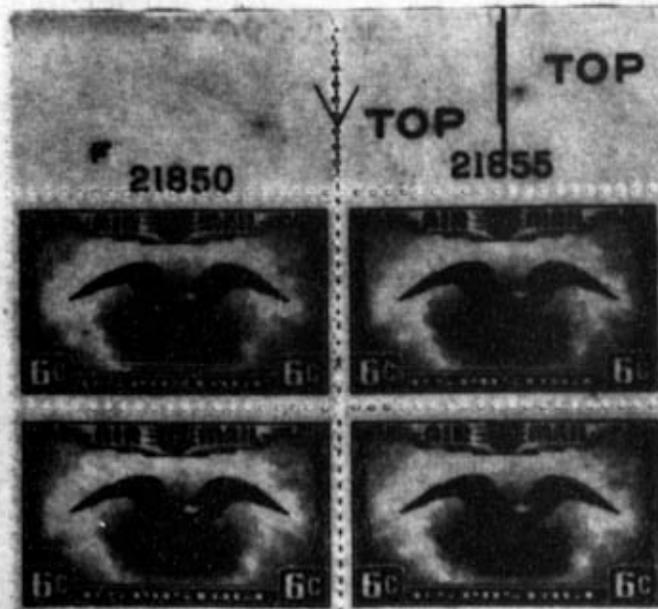
FDR
Fruit
1929

Original drawing made by President Roosevelt on March 22,
1938, for the new Air Mail postage stamp. Autographed by
him on May 10, 1938.



*red border
blue eagle
in white background*

*Franklin D. Roosevelt
Pres.*



4/10/37

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



square stamp
5 cents

Blue Blue

afford by

FDR

6/18/37

FDR

SUSAN B. ANTHONY COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
Issue of 1936

