

The Lexington-Concord Issues of 1925

Synopsis

This one frame exhibit provides an in depth study of an early commemorative stamp set. This exhibit brings together for the first time since 1925, a public showing of the stamp design essays, seven progressive die essays in issued and non-issued colors, twelve die proofs, stamp production and key varieties created for this tribute. The stamps were issued in 1^c, 2^c and 5^c denominations. These varieties exhibit interesting printing flaws of 1925 flat plate printing technology: an ink smear, a preprinting paper foldover and a constant plate flaw. Full panes are shown, each from a different position on the four pane sheet as well as plate proof diagrams of each denomination.

Title and Treatment

This exhibit studies the stamp design essays, seven progressive die essays in issued and non-issued colors and twelve die proofs. The exhibit further studies stamp production with plate diagrams and key varieties created for this tribute. These varieties include an excess ink smear, a preprinting paper fold-over and a constant plate flaw.

Knowledge, Study and Research

The elements for this exhibit tell a comprehensive story of stamp design through the engraving process to stamp production. Examples of Die Essays or Proofs are shown to the right along with an example of a constant plate flaw.

Rarity and Condition

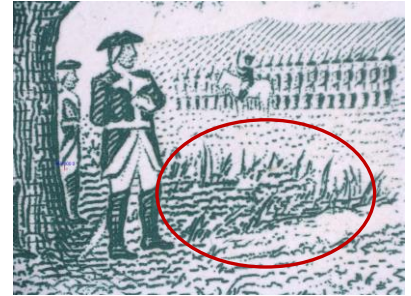
The seven die essays and twelve die proofs in this exhibit represent all known essay and proof types. These provide an interesting study in a one frame exhibit. This exhibit cannot be duplicated.

Presentation

The exhibit is displayed using AAPE standards for Exhibition. Note enlargements views (*right*) show comparisons of progressive die essays vs die proofs study areas or a constant plate flaw in this comprehensive exhibit.

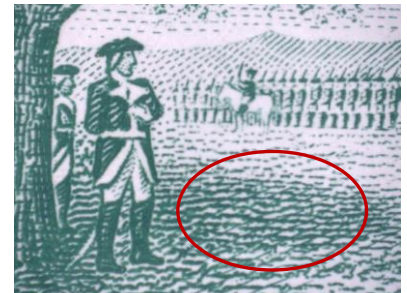
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Die Essay of 1^c issue

Note: **Tall** grass under tree



Die Proof of 1^c issue

Note: **Short** grass under tree



Die Essay of 2^c issue

Note: Lettering is incomplete,
(*outline only*)



Dot Plate Flaw 5^c issue

Note: This constant plate variety occurs in the lower left pane of plate 16807, stamp # 36 only.