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# United States Album Pages

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#### ISSUES OF 1861-1869

This set of album pages provides spaces for the issue of 1861-1869.

THE UNGRILLED ISSUES OF 1861-1866: Pages 2 and 3 are the same except for the inclusion of the 1851 10¢ deep yellow green type I. Some collectors regard this stamp as an essay inadvertently sold over post office counters, while others regard it as a real stamp. Use one or the other in conjunction with the third page, which covers the shades and designs issued between 1862 and 1866.

If you want less detailed coverage of the shades of the ungrilled issue, use page 5 or 6. Either of these pages limit the shades to those which catalog roughly \$1,000 or less. Page 5 does not have the 10¢ deep yellow green type I, while page 6 does. Then use the individual denomination colors pages for all the colors.

Finally, if you want to show just the face-different stamps, use page 7.

THE GRILLED ISSUES OF 1867-1869: Page 8 is an "impossible" page. I've provided spaces for every different grill on all denominations. Where 8 or fewer are known, I've noted this in the spaces. Page 9 covers the same stamps as page 8, but with the "impossibles" omitted. Use either page 8 or page 9 with page 10, which has spaces for the E and F grills.

Or, if you just want to show the face-different stamps bearing grills, use page 11.

"SET" PAGES: One popular specialty is to collect the face-different stamps bearing San Francisco "cogwheel" cancels. Another is to assemble the set bearing obvious revenue cancels, either with manuscript cancels (must bear name or initials plus full date including year) and/or revenue handstamp cancels. I've included pages for both options, pages 12 and 13 respectively. Page 14 is a "set" page without a header.

THE FIRST 1861 PRINTING: This is a difficult and expensive page to fill but is wonderfully eerie when complete. The catalogs are hugely inconsistent in their categorizing and coverage, but all the 1861 denominations first appeared in distinctive shades on thin, soft paper.

I designed these album pages to accommodate bottom-sealed mounts; thus, the sizes are more spacious than what one usually finds. Obviously, you will want to adjust your Adobe Acrobat Reader so that it prints the pages full size. To check calibration of your Adobe Acrobat Reader and printer, the line at the bottom of this page is exactly 100 millimeters long. These pages are  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  inches. I do not intend to produce free album pages in European or other sizes.

These pages are designed to slip into page protectors, but I provided enough room at the left if you want to punch them for a standard three-ring binder. I encourage you to print these out on card stock, if your printer can handle it. One example is Wausau Papers Bright White Acid-Free 65 pound Card Stock, which is available at most national chain office supply stores and is quite inexpensive.

WHY FREE ALBUM PAGES? I have two reasons for making these pages available for free:

- I) I hope you will peruse my listings for stamps to inhabit the spaces. So I've included my domain name at the foot of every page in unobtrusively tiny type.
- 2) I will typeset album pages to your specifications in this identical format. I charge \$25.00 per hour with a minimum charge of \$15.00 per order. It takes me between 15 minutes and an hour to do a page, less if I have a batch of pages to do all at once. For examples, it took me about 15 minutes to lay out the 1847 page and 30 minutes to lay out the 1894 regular issue page. Pages for covers take 10 to 30 minutes, depending on how many covers you want on the page and the amount of verbiage below the covers.

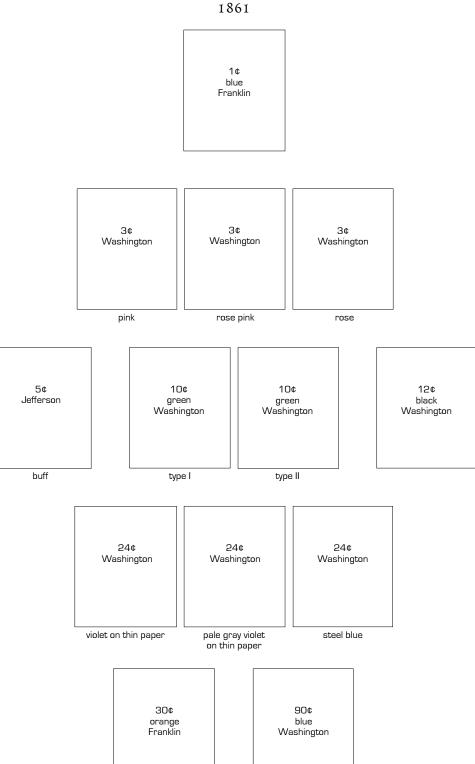
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1¢ blue Franklin

3¢ Washington 3¢ Washington 3¢ Washington pink rose pink rose 10¢ green Washington 12¢ black Washington 5¢ Jefferson buff 24¢ 24¢ 24¢ Washington Washington Washington violet on thin paper pale gray violet on thin paper steel blue 30¢ 90¢ orange Franklin blue Washington





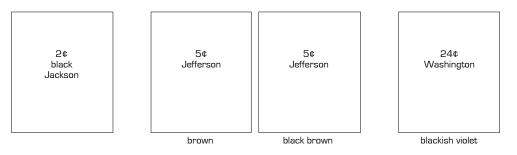
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5¢ Jefferson

red brown

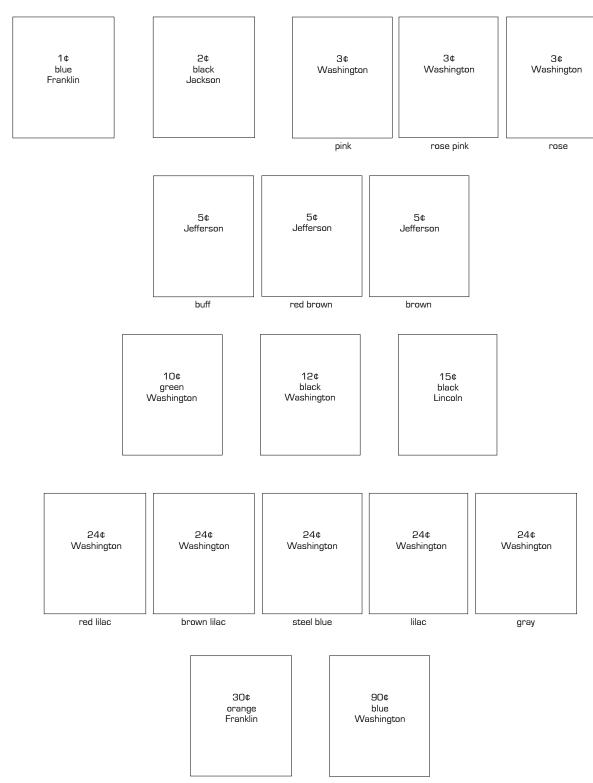
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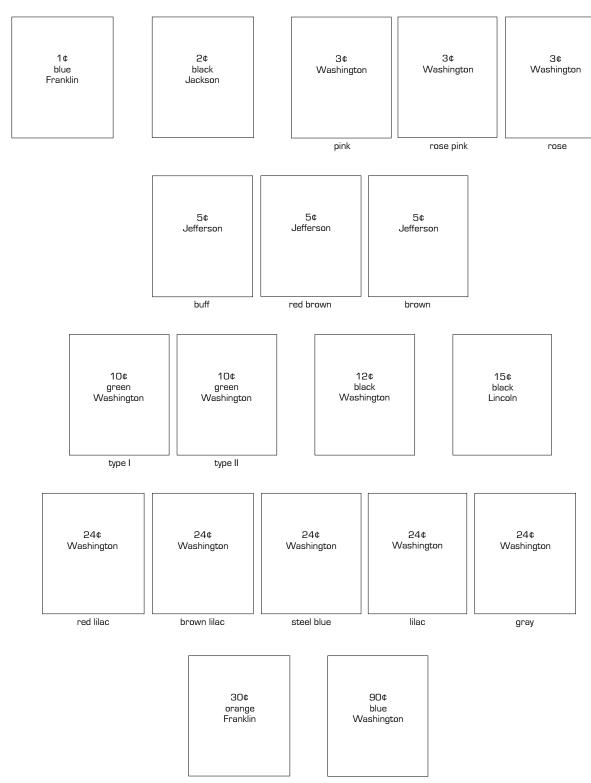
#### 1866

15¢ black Lincoln

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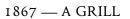


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### 1861-1867 — WITHOUT GRILLS

1¢ 2¢ З¢ 5¢ rose Washington buff, red brown or brown blue black Franklin Jackson Jefferson 10¢ 12¢ 15¢ green Washington black Lincoln black  ${\sf Washington}$ 24¢ red lilac, 30¢ orange Franklin lilac or gray Washington

> 90¢ blue Washington



3¢ 5¢ 30¢ Washington Jefferson Franklin 8 known 8 known 7 available

### 1867 — B GRILL

3¢ Washington 4 known

### 1867 — C GRILL

3¢ Washington

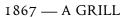
### 1868 — D GRILL

2¢ 3¢ Jackson Washington

### 1868 — Z GRILL

1¢ 2¢ 3¢ 12¢ 15¢ Incoln 2 known 1 available

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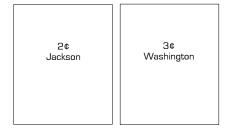




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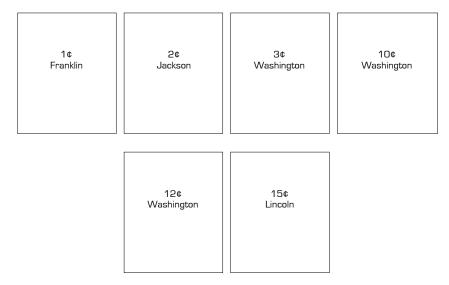
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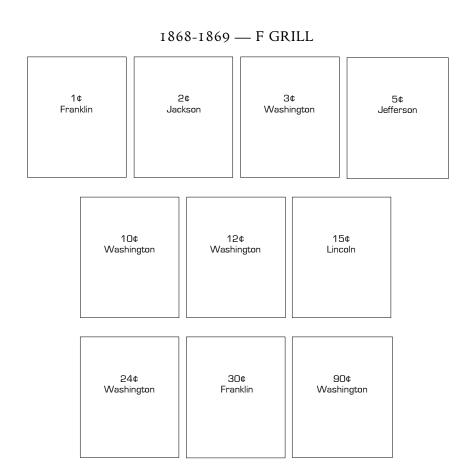


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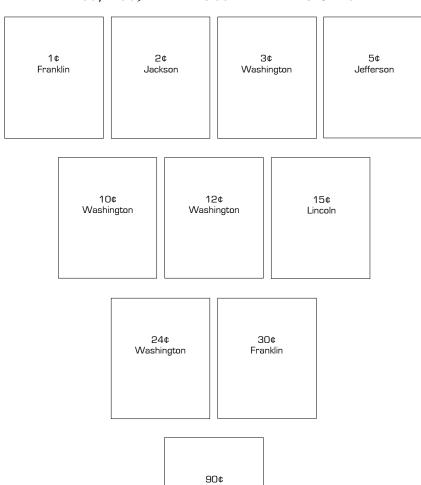


#### 1868 — E GRILL



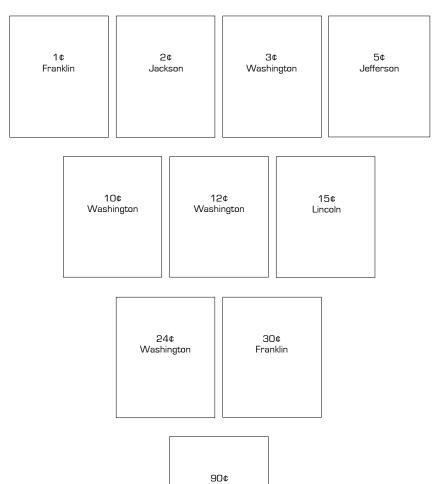


### 1867-1869 — EMBOSSED WITH GRILLS



Washington

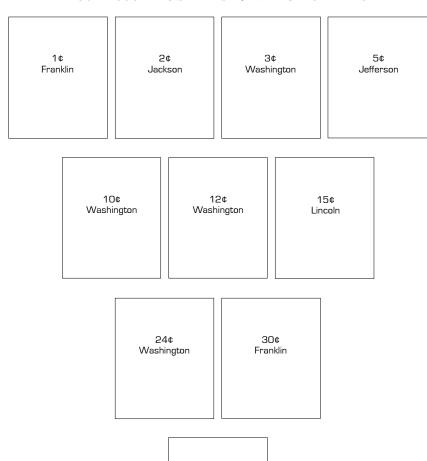
#### 1861-1868 — CANCELLED WITH SAN FRANCISCO "COGWHEEL"



Washington

1861-1868

#### 1861-1868 — USED AS REVENUE STAMPS



90¢ Washington may not exist used as a revenue

### 1861 — FIRST PRINTINGS ON THIN, SOFT PAPER

1¢
Franklin
blue or dark blue

3¢
Washington
pink

3¢
Washington
rose pink

10¢
Washington
deep yellow green
on thin paper

3¢
Washington
buff

12¢
Washington
black

24¢ Washington violet on thin paper

30¢ Franklin red orange

90¢ Washington dark blue National Bank Note Company Engraved Unwatermarked Perforated 12

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