



NEWSLETTER

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Dayton Stamp Club Holiday Festivities

Meetings / Activities

Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Mondays (adjusted for holidays) at Christ Church 3440 Shroyer Rd Kettering OH 45429

For the Zoom invitation and link, please email daytonstampclub@gmail.com

Member's Socializing and Silent Auctions begin at 7:00 PM - Club Meeting & Programs begin at 7:30 PM Board Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.



1/6 **AUCTION #1 - Regular Member Auction**

1/13 Board Meeting Come to the Bd Mtg & Get Extra Stamp Bucks!!

1/20 Pizza Party - 6:30 PM Marion's Piazza Town & Country Shopping Center 50 E Stroop MLK Day Holiday - Church Closed

2/1 Mid-Winter Stamp & Coin Show, Mozelle Hall, Ashland Fairgrounds, 2042 Claremont Ave., Hrs: 10am-3pm, Tom Zuercher, 419-496-1317.

2/3 **Club CASH Auction PREVIEW 7-7:25PM** Holograms on Stamps DSC Member Speaker - Mike Komienksy

2/8-9 MSDA Cincinnati (Greenhills) Stamp Show. America Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd. Greenhills

2/10 Board Meeting

2/17 No Meeting Presidents' Day Holiday - Church Closed

2/24 4th Monday **AUCTION #2 - Club CASH Auction**

3/1-2. McKinley Stamp Club Show of Canton, St. George Serbian Social Hall, 4667 Applegate St. NW. Canton

3/3 Member Bourse & Club Open House - Buy, Sell, Trade

3/8 Saturday Ohio Precancel Club Meeting Hosted by Dayton Stamp Club 9am-2pm All members welcome to buy, sell, trade, and talk about precancels

3/10 Board Meeting

3/14-16 Garfield-Perry March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville.

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DSC Photographer Greg Brown

The Independent Postal Service of America (IPSA)

By Douglas Files

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Have you ever wished for an alternate postal system in the United States?

Well, you are not the only one.



In 1968 a group of men were having coffee in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. One of them was 43-year-old hotel owner Tom Murray who had been born in Ireland and emigrated to the U.S. as a young man. He worked in a hotel and eventually purchased the hotel himself.

Anyway, over breakfast one morning Tom's 31-year-old friend Darryl Hinshaw spoke up. Hinshaw's job was to distribute handbills and advertisements door-to-door. And he mused that it might be possible to develop a way to distribute advertising for cheaper than the U.S. Postal Service's third-class mail service.

Tom Murray consulted an attorney who felt such a local post business would be legal. This may not be surprising to us today as we know United Postal Service (UPS) and Federal Express (FedEx) deliver packages in competition with the USPS.

By Congressional mandate, however, the USPS has a monopoly at least on first-class mail delivery.

Murray and Hinshaw formed a corporation and called it the Independent Postal Service of America (IPSA). The men invested \$2 million of capital into

the new venture. The business delivered advertising for only half of what the post office would charge. The use of mailboxes by non-USPS carriers was prohibited by law so the IPSA hung advertising on people's doorknobs. It also delivered parcels (4th class mail) to homes and businesses. Originally the IPSA made home errors and lost money. This is not a huge surprise since the postal service also lost money on its 3rd class service in 1968.

But eventually Murray and Hinshaw began to make a profit. Time magazine published a 1968 article which recounted the inefficiencies of the U.S. Post Office and glorified the IPSA. Hanfelder claimed that it was Murray himself who wrote this article for Time, which highlighted the staggering amount of mail the post office employees were handling at that time. In the 1960s postmasters were still political appointees, often friends and supporters of powerful politicians.

As the IPSA evolved, Murray permitted franchisees in other cities to operate using the IPSA's model. One of these enterprising people who purchased a franchise was Art Hanfelder who began operations in St. Louis and southern Illinois. Soon thereafter Art's brother took over the St. Louis business and Art became Tom Murray's deputy in Oklahoma City. The IPSA soon expanded into the Chicago and Indianapolis markets, as well as Vancouver, Canada. Event

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3/17 ***SILENT AUCTION 7-7:20PM***
Team Stamp Quiz Competition

3/29-30 MSDA Columbus Stamp Show,
Westgate Park Shelterhouse, 3271
Wicklow Rd. Columbus.

4/7 My Biggest Stamp Mess with Photo - Member Participation 4-6 Minutes

4/14 Board Meeting

4/21 AUCTION #3 - Regular Member Auction

5/2-3 Ohio Precancel Club (OPC) SPRING Gathering. McKinley Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2370, 5024 Monticello Ave NW, Canton HRS: Fr9am-9p Sat9am-3pm. Bill Latchie 740-260-2891 or Marty Adams.

5/5 Rattlesnake Island Post DSC Member Speaker - Jack Matheney

5/12 Board Meeting

5/19 ***SILENT AUCTION 7-7:20PM***
Red, White, and Blue item from your Collection

Member Participation 4-6 minutes

6/2 >>Club CASH Auction PREVIEW 7:00-7:25PM<< International Baseball DSC Member Speaker - Joe Shearer

6/9 Board Meeting

6/16 AUCTION #4 - Club CASH Auction

7/7 German Influence on Airmail to South America DSC Member Speaker - Jeff Fisher

7/14 Board Meeting

7/21 Picnic at Church Picnic Shelter - 6:30 PM

8/4 My Other Hobby - Member Participation - 4-6 minutes

8/11 Board Meeting AIRPEX Preview

8/18 Panel of DSC Members Discuss What and Why They Collect Foreign Stamps Led by DSC Member Carol Costa

Aug 22-23 (Fri-Sat) *AIRPEX @ IBEW Hall (F:12-6pm; Sa:10am-4pm)**

9/1 No Meeting Labor Day Holiday - Church Closed

9/8 Board Meeting AIRPEX Review

9/15 AUCTION #5 - Regular Member Auction

9/29* 5th Monday Stamp/Cover That Illustrates an Item on My Bucket List (or would, if I had a one) Member Participation - 4-6 minutes

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CANADA POSTAL RATES TO INCREASE IN 2025

Interesting information about postal rates. U.S. isn't so bad after all.

Canada intends to increase the letter rates effective January 13, 2025. First class letter rates (up to 30grams) will increase from 99 cents to \$1.24, plus tax. Single stamps currently \$1.15 will increase to \$1.44. Large letters and out of country rates will also increase. Canada Post experienced a \$748 Million loss in 2023.



The cost of sending a standard letter within Mexico is relatively inexpensive, with a typical price around 10 Mexican pesos (approximately \$0.50 USD) for a basic letter, depending on the weight and distance; however, prices may vary slightly depending on the location and postal service provider.

Mail Outside of Mexico, stamps for standard-sized letters and standard-sized postcards up to 1 oz start at \$1.65 for all countries

International letter rate for USPS

To mail 1 oz letters or postcards around the world with one Global Forever[®] stamp, currently costs \$1.65.

Hazardous effects of using chemicals to soak stamps

INK COLORS, EVEN FOIL, NEGATIVELY AFFECTED

I am not going to lie when it comes to soaking stamps off of paper by using any sort of chemicals — you won't find me doing it.

The risk of damage and long-term effects from any chemical are really unknown, which is one of the contributing factors as to why Scott catalog editors use closely clipped on-piece examples in order to value used modern self-adhesive stamps.

In mid-December collector Tom Zuercher of Ohio contacted *Linn's* with two cautionary tales of his soaking adventures using the product Pure Citrus. One website I found stated the product's usefulness as being "excellent for adhesive removal, ink removal, gum removal, oil and general grease and grime stains."

Removal was the part that jumped out at me after Zuercher sent in



Two examples of the United States 2024 3¢ Peonies coil stamp (Scott 5904) that were removed from envelope paper using the product Pure Citrus. The product was applied to the stamp at top with light pressure; moderate pressure was used on the stamp at bottom, resulting in removal of some of the ink. *Scans provided by Tom Zuercher.*

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examples of the United States 2024 3¢ Peonies coil stamp (Scott 5904). He stated that with the stamp shown

on the top nearby he applied light pressure using the adhesive remover; on the stamp at the bottom, he used moderate pressure. Moderate pressure removed the denomination and other inks.

Zuercher also commented that Pure Citrus has an effect on the foil used on some recent U.S. stamps such as the 2022 Year of the Tiger stamp (Scott 5662) where the purple foil was removed fairly easily, as shown nearby.

The cautionary tale with foil being easily removed is that you should definitely have stamps expertized if a foil-missing error does turn up. There are ways to tell if the foil was removed chemically.

While Zuercher stated that he's been successfully using Pure Citrus on stamps for more than 15 years, I'm still very hesitant in suggesting its use. The risk of damaging a good stamp just seems to be too high. 🚫

Reprinted from *Linn's Stamp News* January 13, 2025



Two examples of the 2022 Year of the Tiger forever stamp (Scott 5662). The untreated used example at left has the purple foil intact, while the stamp at right shows the foil removed after applying the product called Pure Citrus.

Never Buy Stamps on These Ten Websites

Counterfeit postage is rampant, especially here in the U.S., and it is a billion-dollar black market. Beware! Malicious websites masquerading as legitimate U. S. Postage Service pages are everywhere. The USPS is a common target for phishing — a type of scam where fraudsters mimic a legitimate company to take your personal information such as credit card numbers. Scammers will include "USPS" in their fake domains so that they look legitimate to users who may not know otherwise.

Scammers are able to make websites that look like they're associated with the USPS, but that's far from the case. Paying close attention to site's URL can help you dodge malicious websites. The most popular malicious and non-legitimate domains include:

Usps-post.world	Uspspost.me	Usps-postoffices.top	Stamps-usps.online
Usps-shop.shop	uspspostoffice.top	Uspspostoffices.top	Usps-post.today
Uppshelp.store	Uss-pst.xyz		

Although the above are the most popular, they aren't the only fraudulent USPS websites out there. Don't be fooled. To shop for stamps, go to your local post office or visit the USPS online store directly. The legitimate website domain for USPS is **USPS.com**. You also can purchase stamps from retailers like supermarkets and office supply stores.

Reprint from *Reflections, The Ebony Society Of Philatelic Events and* Fourth Quarter 2024

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10/6 >>Club CASH Auction PREVIEW
7:00-7:25PM<< Mineral & Fossil

Stamps DSC Member Speaker - Greg Brown and Pat Westby

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11/17 Club Election for 2025 & How to Evaluate (or Research) a US Cover DSC Member Speakers - Dennis Callison & Doug File

12/1 HolidayPEX Party Starts at 6:30 pm at Church Dinner Party at Church

12/8* 2nd Monday AUCTION #7 - Auction - Type TBD

12/15* 3rd Monday Board Meeting
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Costs eventually ate up their profits and the grand project failed.

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ually the IPISA carried 3rd class mail to 33 different states and 18,000 people delivered its advertising. Over one 2-year period the IPISA sold \$6.5 million in franchises.

The IPISA printed three stamp issues, each with several denominations. The company sold stamps to collectors as well as to customers.



Two men ran the home office while Murray and Hanfelder travelled around the country selling franchises. In November 1971 the IPISA expanded into the first class mail market, which caused much consternation at the postal service...and at the headquarters of its workers' unions.

Note that it was also in 1971 that Congress reorganized the Post Office Department into the U.S. Postal Service.

The postmaster general would no longer serve in the President's Cabinet and other changes were enacted as well. The Justice Department quickly got a federal judge to prohibit the IPISA from operating a first-class



mail service. He allowed the 3rd and 4th class IPISA mail services to continue, however. In 1974 a federal judge re-affirmed that 2nd, 3rd and 4th class mail could be delivered in the U.S. by private carriers.

Despite this ruling in its favor, over the next several years the IPISA was sued several times by postal workers' unions. The

legal costs mounted. As a result of the many legal challenges the IPISA shrank from running offices in 120 cities to only operating in 42 cities by 1975.

Within a few more years the IPISA had gone bankrupt and ceased operations completely; overall its tenure lasted less than ten years.

After the company's demise Art Hanfelder and Tom Murray remained friends until Murray's death in December 2003. Decades later Hanfelder still maintained their operation was completely legal. They just could not pay all the lawyer fees that were needed to defend against lawsuits, etc. Hanfelder died in 2017.

Mint IPISA stamps and first day covers remain fairly common in the philatelic marketplace. Postally used IPISA issues on cover (not counting first day covers) are tough to find and probably command a premium.

Fifty years have passed and the rise and fall of the IPISA local post makes for an engaging philatelic story.

It can even be reminiscent of Daedalus and Icarus in Greek mythology. The teenager Icarus was overly

ambitious and he flew too close to the sun. His wax wings melted and he plunged to his death.

The third-class mail business was so lucrative that the IPISA leaders expanded into first-class mail service.

But this was a step too far for federal judges and postal workers unions. Their IPISA's legal

January Dayton Stamp Club Meetings

January 6 — Dayton Stamp Club Meeting — **Regular Member Auction**

January 13 — Board Meeting

January 20 — **NO MEETING** — MLK Day Holiday

Pizza Party — 6:30 pm - Marion's Pizza Town & Country Shopping Center
50 East Stroop, Kettering



Introduction to Stamp Collecting - Topical Style!

With Jennifer Miller

Saturday, January 11, 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Join ATA executive director Jennifer Miller in the topical classroom for some basic information about getting started in topical collecting. It's fun and easy to get started, and you'll soon be on your way to a topical adventure! Share the information about this session with your friends and on social media - it is a great way to introduce stamp collecting to non-collectors!

Jennifer is an enthusiastic topical collector who lends her many talents to keeping the ATA office running efficiently. Under her leadership, ATA has added significantly to member services and efficiency.

Registration to each of the workshops is easy and FREE

Email: americantopical.org

Public Auctions and the Topical Collector

With David Ball

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. Eastern

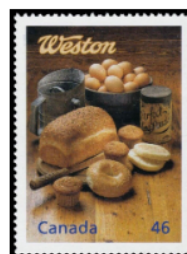
Join David S. Ball as he discusses how public auctions can support your topical collection, improve your exhibits, and provide an avenue to sell your philatelic material. David is a proud member of the ATA and a collector, exhibitor and nationally accredited philatelic judge. He is a describer for Daniel F. Kelleher, the nation's oldest philatelic auction house.

Social Philately - A Window to the Past

With Jean Wang

Saturday, January 25, 4:00 p.m. Eastern

The philatelic covers and cards in our collections have interesting stories to tell. These stories are often enhanced by related printed material such as picture postcards and letters. Join one of our most popular speakers, Jean Wang, as she explores stories from medical history as illuminated by social philately. Jean's exhibit, *Blood: A Modern Medicine*, won the grand award at the National Topical Stamp Show competition in 2023.



The Story of Bread

With Alan Barasch

Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. Eastern

It's always fun when inveterate topicalist Alan Barasch presents one of his many topics. Alan is a member of the Gastronomy Study Unit, and has held leadership positions in many philatelic organizations. His humor and creativity make all of his programs entertaining.

Dayton Stamp Club Auction Information

Regular Member Auctions (1/6/2025, 4/21/2025, 9/15/2025)

Regular member auctions are just like auctions we had in past years.

Members may put up to five items for sale, either for cash or stamp bucks. Use the standard club form and submit your list before the auction begins.

The club may also put in lots of stamps from the club inventory, stamp bucks only.

Club Cash Auctions (2/24/2025, 6/16/2025, 10/20/2025)

During this auction, better stamps from the club inventory will be sold, cash only.

Club Cash Auction Preview Nights (2/3/2025, 6/2/2024, 10/6/2025)

Stamps to be sold at club cash auctions will be put out for viewing (and taking pictures if you want) from 7:00 to 7:25 the meeting before the club cash auction meeting. Auction preview sheets will be available which will list the items, catalog value, minimum bid, and any other pertinent information about the stamp. You can make notes on the preview sheets and take them home for reference to prepare for the coming auction.

Silent Auctions (3/17/2025, 5/19/2025, 11/3/2025) - How They Work

The silent auction came about as a way to move some of the more common philatelic items that have been donated to the club.

During this auction, these stamps from the club inventory will be sold, stamp bucks only.

A silent auction uses a paper bid sheet next to the item being offered for sale. The sheet contains the item description and multiple lines for incremental bidding. Each new bid must be on a separate line with your name and bid amount so it is clear who has the highest bid and what that bid is. All bidding is in stamp bucks.

The starting bid per item is \$5 stamp bucks. Bids need to be raised by a minimum of \$5 up to \$25. Once the bidding exceeds \$25, bids must be in \$10 increments.

Bidding starts at 7pm. The last bid on the sheet at 7:20 pm wins the item. If two people are having a spirited arm-bumping, pencil-hoarding competition at 7:20, we will convert that item to a live auction between those two people. The Westby's will collect the items and tally the winning bids. Present your stamp bucks to Pat and Eric before the meeting starts at 7:30 to claim the won items.

Don't forget to bring your stamp bucks (and a box or bag to carry your winnings home)!

Your stamp collections and philatelic pastimes are interesting to Club Members

Your club is a valuable resource worth your time and effort. Each member devotes time to read and spends time to gather material and information about his/her interests.

Attending club meetings provide new discoveries and different understanding of the world around us that opens new opportunities. All of

us can offer new and interesting worlds with others. Share your hobbies and learnings with others. Write an article for the newsletter. Bring to a meeting pictures or stories about your hobby and recent travels about places and events.

Philately and stamp collecting is a range of places, culture, history and art to explore and share.

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Nuevos hallazgos de sellos de Rentas Internas de Puerto Rico

New finds of Puerto Rico revenues

Update Number 4

Gregg E. Greenwald and Kean W. Spencer

A pesar de los 3,500 sellos listados que ya se encuentran en el **Catálogo de Sellos de Rentas Internas de Puerto Rico bajo la Administración de EE. UU. 1898-al Presente**, nuevos sellos se siguen descubriendo. En esta continua columna, mi colega y detective de sellos de rentas internas Kean y yo resaltaremos los nuevos sellos descubiertos desde el lanzamiento del catálogo. La siguiente es una actualización con algunos de los nuevos hallazgos. También proporcionamos los nuevos números de catálogo junto a la imagen para que los coleccionistas en sus hogares puedan actualizar el Catálogo de Greenwald.

Despite the 3,500 stamp listings found in **Catalogue of Puerto Rico Revenues U.S. Administration 1898-Present**, new stamps continue to be discovered. In this ongoing column, fellow revenue stamp sleuth Kean and I will highlight new stamps discovered since the catalogue release. The following is an update with some of the new findings. We also provide the new catalogue numbers alongside the image so that collectors at home may update their Greenwald catalogues.



DOCUMENTARY (page 23)

R179A \$3 blue violet, perforated 11 horizontally

TOBACCO, CIGARS, IMPORTED (page 73)



RCGI41 10c black on 25 Cigarros “Más de \$50 por millar”, *tan* paper



RCGI50 37½c black on 25 Cigarros surcharged “IMPUESTO PAGADOS 37½ ¢” in red, “ENTRE \$20 Y \$50 por millar”, *tan* paper

ALCOHOL, BEER (page 79)



RABR8 ½ bottle, blue, black sans-serif typeface, rouletted 7 horizontally

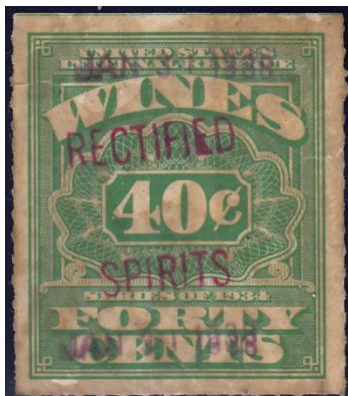
TOBACCO for EXPORT to the UNITED STATES without the “PORTO RICO” overprint (page 120)

TC530a Class C 10 Cigars stamp of 1920 with surcharge “REVENUE ACT OF 1926”, cancelled “P. R. A. T. Co. San Juan, P. R.”, rouletted 3½



TC568b Class A 50 Cigars stamp of 1926, cancelled “P. R. A. T. CO SAN JUAN, P. R.”, rouletted 7

ALCOHOL PRODUCTS for EXPORT to the UNITED STATES (page 132)



RERS65 40c U. S. Wine stamp of 1933-34 handstamped “RECTIFIED SPIRITS” in red, sans-serif typeface with “RECTIFIED” 22½mm long, ‘I’ characters shortened and “SPIRITS” 17mm long.

RERS92 72c U. S. Wine stamp of 1933-34 handstamped “RECTIFIED SPIRITS” in blue, serif typeface with “RECTIFIED” and “SPIRITS” 4mm apart.



ASSOCIATION/TRADE – COLEGIO (page 171)



RTRA1 \$1.00 Colegio de Técnico de Refrigeración y Aire Acondicionados de Puerto Rico, hyphen-hole 6½

Note: **RTRA1**, **RTRA2**, **RTRA3** and **RTRA4** will be renumbered to **RTRA2**, **RTRA3**, **RTRA4** and **RTRA5** respectively.

Si usted encuentra sellos de rentas internas que no aparecen listados en el **Catálogo de Greenwald**, por favor póngase en contacto conmigo al correo electrónico bluebird@tznet.com para informarnos de sus hallazgos.

If you have found revenue stamps that are not listed in the **Greenwald Catalogue**, feel free to contact me at bluebird@tznet.com to report your findings.

¿Quién diseñó el sello postal del Barquito?

Raúl Armando Pérez-Rivera

El Barquito es el sello conmemorativo del cuarto centenario del descubrimiento de Puerto Rico. A pesar de que hay tres libros escritos sobre el Barquito y cerca de 50 artículos, todavía hay una serie de asuntos sobre este sello que se desconocen. Como por ejemplo: ¿Cómo se diseñaron los primeros bocetos? y ¿Quién los creó?

El objetivo de este trabajo es analizar las diferentes hipótesis que hay sobre el diseño del Barquito y la evidencia que las sostiene.

En realidad no sabemos nada de cómo eran los primeros bocetos sobre el Barquito. Estos primeros diseños han sido acreditados a varias personas incluyendo algunos con el mismo primer nombre. A Pedro Blanes (Anónimo 1894), a Pedro Blanes Viala (Preston, 1942), Pedro Blanco Viola (García-Lomas 1977), Pedro Blanes Vidal (Preston 1942, Storer 1984a), al Sr. Baden (litógrafo del Boletín Mercantil -Storer 1984b) y a Don Francisco Blanes Piales (Gándara Rodríguez 2021). Todos los propuestos tienen algo en común y es que ninguno de los autores indica la referencia de la cual obtuvo la información. Analicemos las personas propuestas.

Los llamados “Pedro”

Es probable que esta historia haya pasado de boca en boca y a esto debemos las diferencias en los apellidos del tal “**Pedro**”. El Philatelic Record (1894) [indica que el diseño del sello se le encomendó a Pedro Blanes, cuando solo tenía 14 años].

Pedro Blanco Viola – No encontramos información sobre esta persona. No obstante hay un **Pedro Blanco Rivera**, (no Viola), que nació en el 1874 y que vivió en Mayaguez con su esposa Baudilla Gonzalez desde el 1914. (De Jesús 2009). En el 1893 tenía 19 años. Sus padres eran Miguel Blanco y Vicenta Rivera.

De Jesús (2009) estudio la genealogía de los Blanes en Mayaguez y de acuerdo con este y lo apoya el record en Ancestry (2024).

Hubo un **Pedro Blanes** pero su segundo apellido o el materno era **Mestre**. No obstante, en el 1893 tenía cuatro años ya que nació en el 1889 por lo que es imposible que a esa edad se le encomendara el construir bocetos del Barquito. En el 1914 se fue a España a estudiar medicina (Ancestry 2024).

El Dr. Dennis De Jesús (op cit) encontró otro **Pedro Blanes** que nació en 1849 y



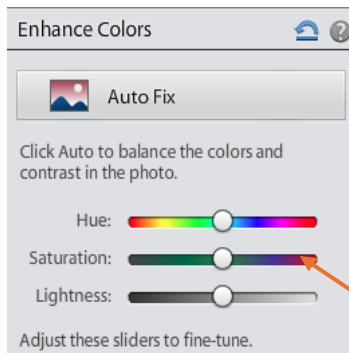
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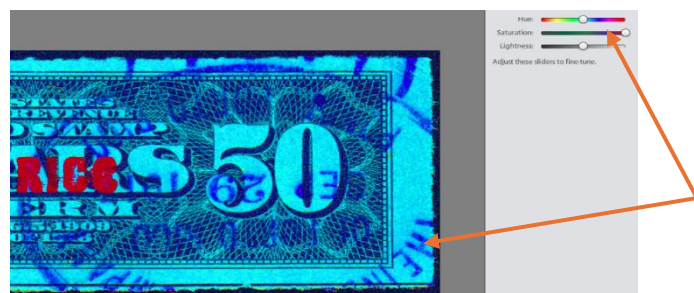
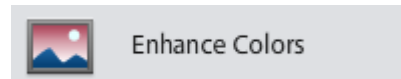
Using Adobe Photoshop® Elements for Viewing Hidden Text while working to identify a selection of United States cigar and cigarette stamps overprinted for export from Puerto Rico for sale in the U. S., I was looking for a “Quick and Dirty” way to view any hidden overprints and/or surcharges that may not have been discernable due to the dark color of the underlying stamp and the violet color of the additional markings.



The process for enhancing an existing scan is quite simple. For example, I wanted to see more details about the cancellation found on the 50 Cigars stamp. If the cancel was November or December 1917 or any date in 1918, then there is a possibility that there would also be an “Act of 1917” surcharge present.



Using the “Enhance Colors” option at the right the violet cancel can be enhanced for better viewing.



By moving the “Saturation” slider to the right, the cancellation becomes easier to read. In this case, the cancellation was “SEP 29 1917” and no surcharge was to be expected.

Below are additional examples of how adding saturation to scans can enhance the markings found on stamps:

The first example shows how the “P.R.” overprint was enhanced to show the proper size.



The second example shows how the serif “PORTO RICO” can now be seen reading down on the cigarette stamp.



The final example shows how orange colored stamps cannot be enhanced as the color of the stamp will overwhelm the markings due to the lack of contrast.



1840

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1856

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Beverage revenue stamp (Greenwald RDBV17)

One of many Puerto Rico documentary stamps overprinted SPECIAL TAX, these were first issued during the Depression era. This stamp was further overprinted BEVERAGES for use by non-alcoholic beverage suppliers. Released in multiple denominations (related to quantity), the tax collected was paid to the Puerto Rico Treasury.



Auto license stamp (Greenwald RDAL61)

This stamp was also a SPECIAL TAX stamp overprinted on a basic documentary stamp. Overprinted again with AUTO LICENSE, the stamp was required by automobile drivers in Puerto Rico.

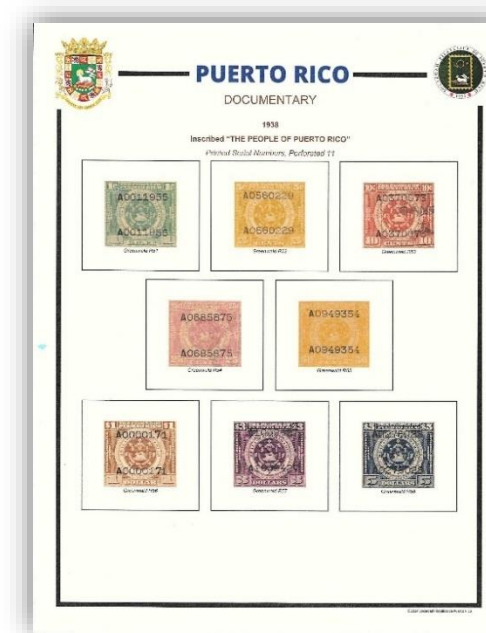
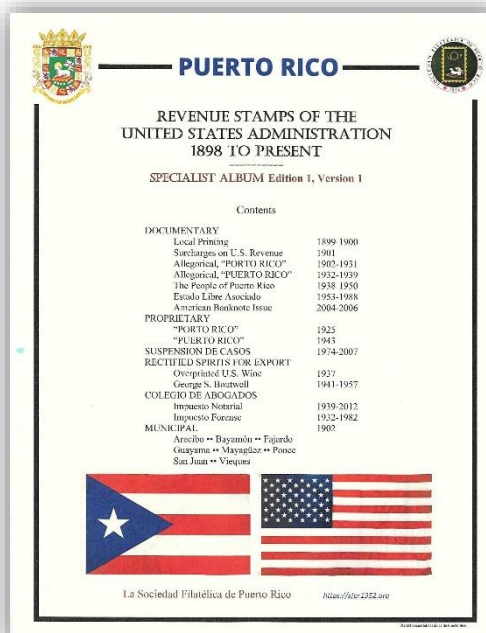
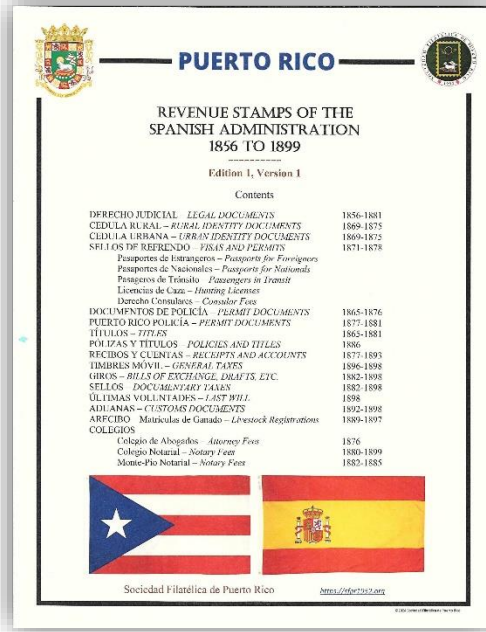
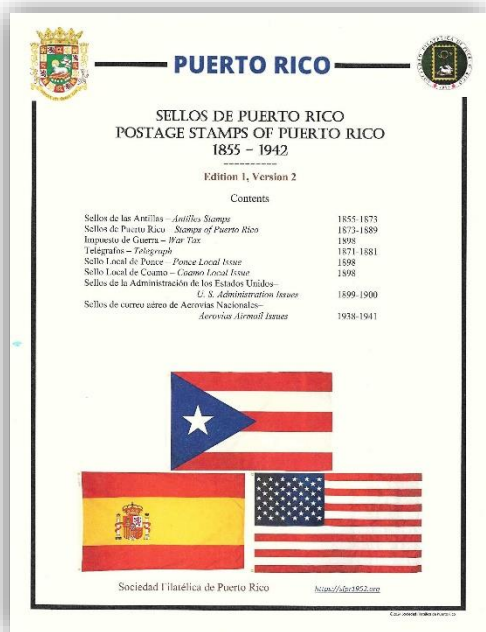
Coffee revenue stamp (Greenwald RDFC3)

This stamp was issued for use by importers/distributors of coffee NOT grown in Puerto Rico. It supported domestic production of coffee, where local growers had their own revenue stamps.



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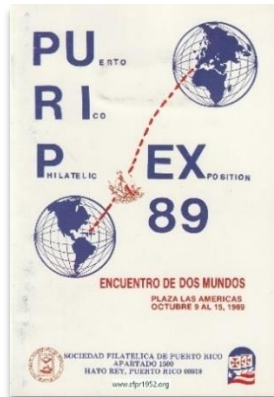
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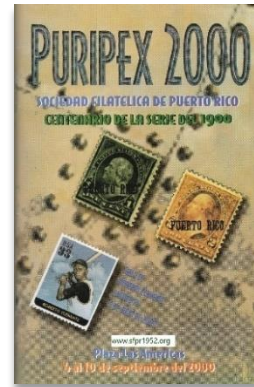
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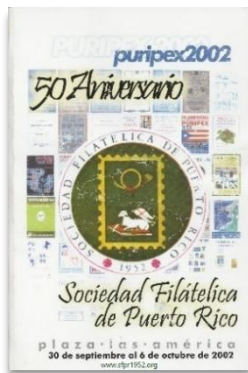
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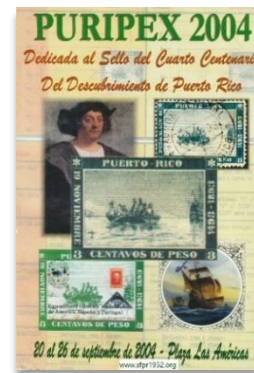
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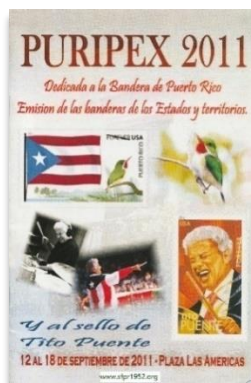
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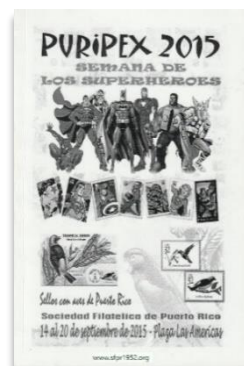
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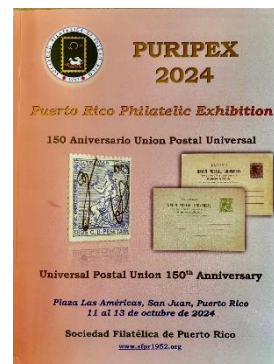
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