

EVENTS IN 1940

- Selective Service Act signed.
- The first Social Security benefit checks are paid out (Jan 30).
- The Pennsylvania Turnpike opens. It is the first multilane U.S. superhighway.
- The first Los Angeles freeway opens.
- The first McDonald's hamburger stand opens in Pasadena, Calif.

Stamps from the year 1940

The United States post office issued the following number of stamps in 1940:

- 44 Commemorates

Name of Stamp	Stamp Issue Date	City Stamp Was Issued From
American Authors - Famous Americans Commemorative Issue		
Washington Irving 1c	January 29 th	Tarrytown, New York
James Fenimore Cooper 2c	January 29 th	Cooperstown, New York
Ralph Waldo Emerson 3c	February 5 th	Boston, Massachusetts
Louisa May Alcott 5c	February 5 th	Concord, Massachusetts
Samuel L. Clemens 10c	February 13 th	Hannibal, Missouri
American Poets - Famous Americans Commemorative Issue		
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1c	February 16 th	Portland, Maine
John Greenleaf Whittier 2c	February 16 th	Haverhill, Massachusetts
James Russell Lowell 3c	February 20 th	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Walt Whitman 5c	February 20 th	Camden, New Jersey
James Whitcomb Riley 10c	February 24 th	Greenfield, Indiana
American Educators - Famous Americans Commemorative Issue		
Horace Mann 1c	March 14 th	Boston, Massachusetts
Mark Hopkins 2c	March 14 th	Williamstown, Massachusetts
Charles W. Eliot 3c	March 28 th	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Frances E. Willard 5c	March 28 th	Evanston, Illinois
Booker T. Washington 10c	April 7 th	Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

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American Scientists - Famous Americans Commemorative Issue		
John James Audubon 1c	April 8 th	St. Francisville, Louisiana
Crawford W. Long 2c	April 8 th	Jefferson, Georgia
Luther Burbank 3c	April 17 th	Santa Rosa, California
Dr. Walter Reed 5c	April 17 th	Washington, D.C.
Jane Addams 10c	April 26 th	Chicago, Illinois
American Composers - Famous Americans Commemorative Issue		
Stephen C. Foster 1c	May 3 rd	Bardstown, Kentucky
John Philip Sousa 2c	May 3 rd	Washington, D.C.
Victor Herbert 3c	May 13 th	New York, New York
Edward A. MacDowell 5c	May 13 th	Peterborough, New Hampshire
Ethelbert Nevin 10c	June 10 th	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
American Artist - Famous Americans Commemorative Issue		
Gilbert Charles Stuart 1c	September 5 th	Narragansett, Rhode Island
James A. McNeill Whistler 2c	September 5 th	Lowell, Massachusetts
Augustus Saint-Gaudens 3c	September 16 th	New York, New York
Daniel Chester French 5c	September 16 th	Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Frederic Remington 10c	September 30 th	Canton, New York
American Inventors - Famous Americans Commemorative Issue		
Eli Whitney 1c	October 7 th	Savannah, Georgia
Samuel Morse 2c	October 7 th	New York, New York
Cyrus Hall McCormick 3c	October 14 th	Lexington, Virginia
Elias Howe 5c	October 14 th	Spencer, Massachusetts
Alexander G. Bell 10c	October 28 th	Boston, Massachusetts
Commemoratives		
Pony Express Rider 3c	April 3 rd	St. Joseph, MO & Sacramento, CA

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Pam-Am Union 3c	April 14 th	Washington, D.C.
Idaho Statehood 3c	July 3 rd	Boise, Idaho
Wyoming Statehood 3c	July 10 th	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Coronado Expedition 3c	September 7 th	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Nation Defense Issue		
Statue of Liberty 1c	October 16 th	Washington, D.C.
Ant-Aircraft Gun 2c	October 16 th	Washington, D.C.
Torch 3c	October 16 th	Washington, D.C.
Commemorative		
Emancipation 3c	October 20	World's Fair, NY

This custom stamp album contains the following categories of stamps:

- Single mint
- Mint plate blocks
- First day of issue cover

Each stamp within the album has a caption about the stamp.

FAMOUS AMERICAN AUTHORS

1940 Commemoratives Famous Americans Series

American Authors



Washington Irving



James F. Cooper



Ralph W. Emerson



Louisa May Alcott



Samuel L. Clemens



Washington Irving an American Author -
1c Bright Blue Green issue date January
29, 1940.

Irving was most famous for writing "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle."





James Fenimore Cooper an American

Author - 2c Rose Carmine issue date

January 29, 1940. His best-known works are the "Leatherstocking Tales." They include "Last of the Mohicans," "The Pathfinder," and "The Deerslayer."





Ralph Waldo Emerson an American Author
- 3¢ Bright Red Violet issue date February
5, 1940. Emerson was an American
 philosopher whose essays made him the
 leading spokesman for the "American
 Transcendentalism" movement. Some of his
 best-known works included "Self-Reliance"
 and "Nature."





Louisa May Alcott an American Author - 5c
Ultramarine issue date February 5, 1940.

This stamp honors Louisa May Alcott, a novelist who gained financial success writing under the name "A.M. Barnard." But she achieved literary immortality when she wrote "Little Women" under her own name. The tale of four sisters – Jo, Meg, Beth, and Amy – has become one of the most beloved stories in American literature.

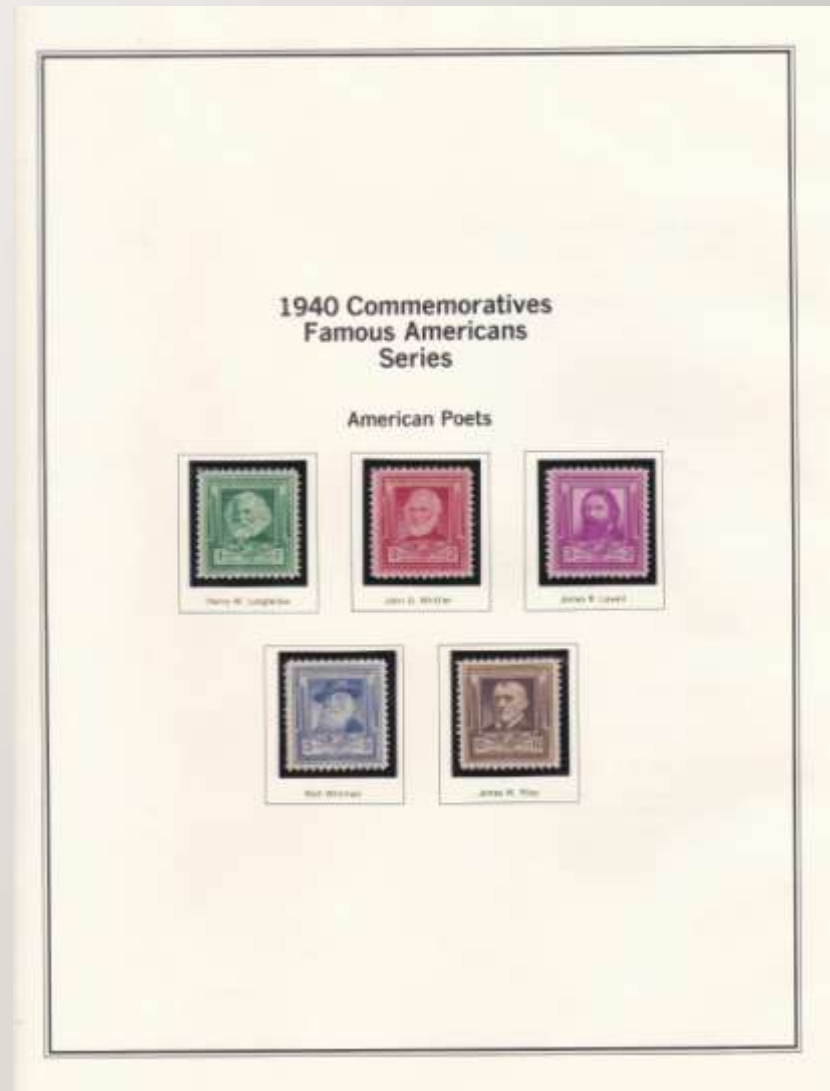




Samuel L. Clements an American Author -
10c Dark Brown issue date February 13,
1940. Clements is far better known by his
chosen name of "Mark Twain." Twain
gained fame as both an author and a
humorist, and was renowned for his wit. His
stories of life on the Mississippi River
typically included sharp critiques on
people's behavior.



FAMOUS AMERICAN POETS





Henry Wadsworth Longfellow - 1c Bright Blue Green issue date Febuary 16,1940. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote poems that often-featured subjects of myths and legends. His "Song of Hiawatha," "Evangeline," and "Paul Revere's Ride" made him one of America's most respected poets.





John Greenleaf Whittier - 2¢ Rose Carmine
issue date February 16, 1940. Whittier was one of the "Fireside Poets" — a group of American poets who rivaled classic British poets in fame and success. Known as the "Quaker Poet" for his religious beliefs, Whittier was a passionate abolitionist. His work gives a detailed view of 19th century life.





James Russell Lowell American Poet - 3¢
Bright Red Violet issue date February 20,
1940.

Lowell was the editor of "The Atlantic Monthly," a prominent literary magazine of national renown. He used both the magazine and his poetry to share his views on topics like slavery and the Mexican-American War.





Walt Whitman an American Poet - 5¢

Ultramarine issue date February 20, 1940.

Called the "Father of Free Verse," Walt Whitman's controversial style captured the imagination of his readers. Whitman spent years constantly updating his best-known work – the masterpiece poetry collection called "Leaves of Grass." His poem, "O Captain! My Captain!" gave voice to a nation's grief following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.





James Whitcomb Riley an American Poet -
10c Dark Brown issue date February 24, 1940.

James Whitcomb Riley, a poet best known for revealing the culture of America's Midwest. Riley's popularity during his lifetime was so great that newly elected President Benjamin Harrison suggested Riley be named "poet laureate" (nation's official poet) – an honor that was not granted to any U.S. poet until the 1930s.



FAMOUS AMERICAN EDUCATORS

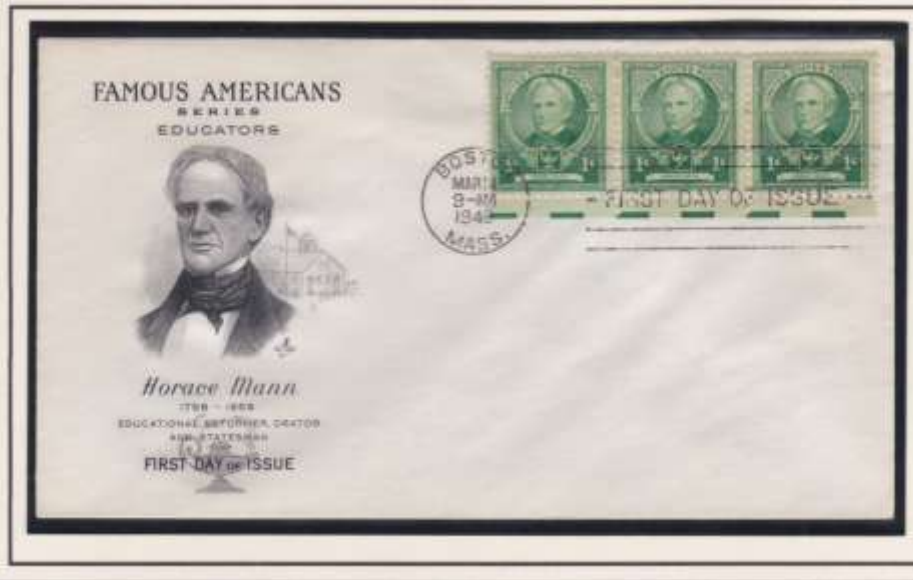
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American Educators



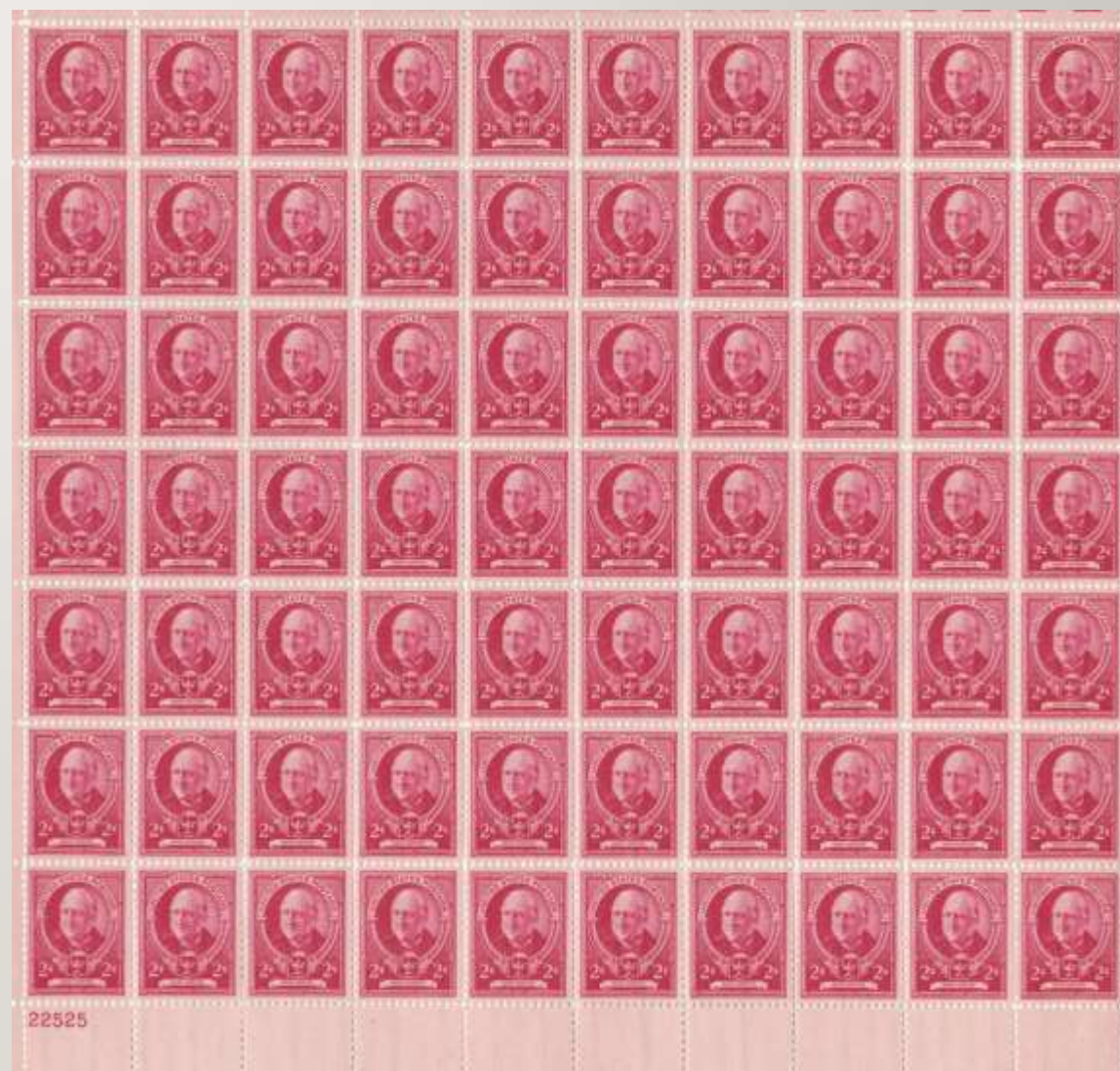


Horace Mann an American Educator - 1c Bright Blue Green issue date March 14, 1940. Mann, whose interest in education began with a position as secretary on the Massachusetts Board of Education in 1837. He also developed Massachusetts' "normal school" system (schools to train teachers). Mann's work at revamping Massachusetts's education influenced reform in other states, as well.





Mark Hopkins an American Educator - 2c Rose Carmine issue date March 14, 1940. Hopkins, was president of Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, for 36 years. His influence was so great that U.S. President James Garfield once called a university "Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other." As a theologian, he was a professor of Moral Philosophy and Rhetoric, and his essays "Evidences of Christianity" became an influential textbook in the 19th century.





Charles William Eliot - Educator - 3¢ Bright Red Violet issue date March 28, 1940. Eliot published an article in "The Atlantic Monthly" called "The New Education." He wrote, "We are fighting a wilderness, physical and moral. For this fight we must be well trained and armed." That same year Eliot became the youngest president of Harvard, at age 35. He served as president for 40 years, reforming the university and empowering Harvard's rise to the forefront of American institutions.



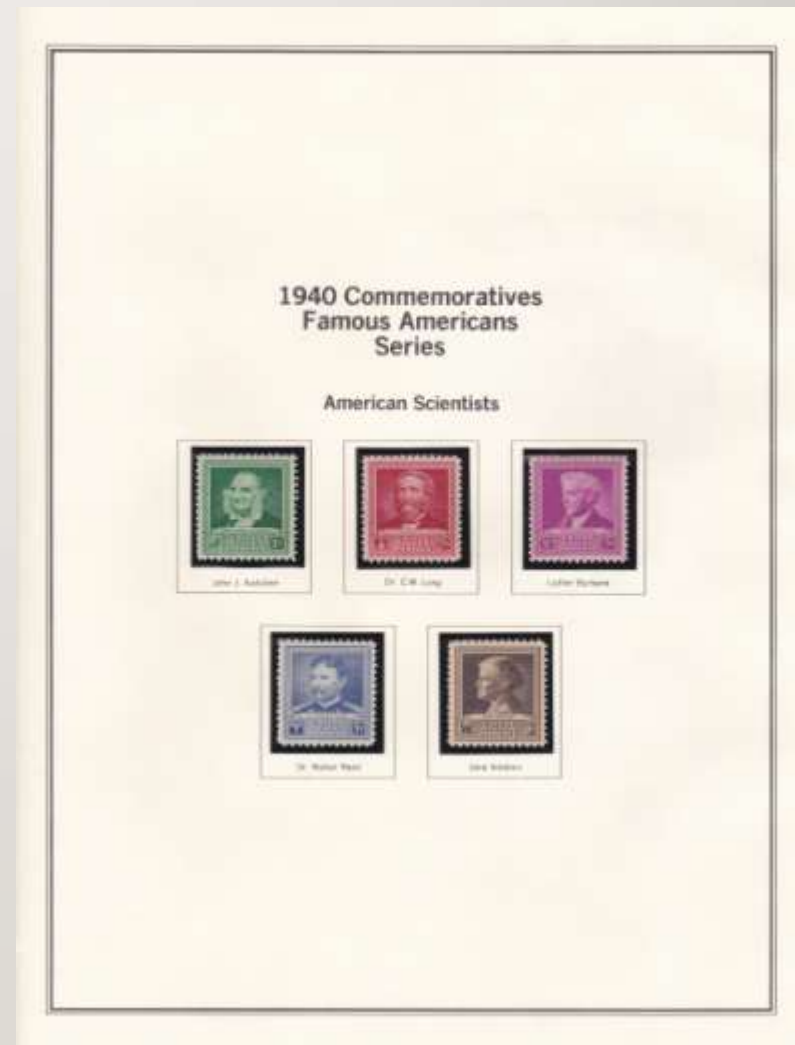


Booker T. Washington an American Educator
- 10¢ Dark Brown issue date April 7, 1940.

It was the first time an African American was pictured on a U.S. postage stamp. Washington was born a slave, and after the Civil War he worked his way through the Hampton Institute and Wayland Seminary. In 1881, at age 25, he was named the first president of the newly created Tuskegee Institute.



FAMOUS AMERICAN SCIENTISTS





John James Audubon an American Scientists - 3¢ Bright Blue Green issue date April 8, 1940. A most well-known wildlife artist. His "Birds of America" publication was the product of 14 years of observations in nature and remains an inspiration for naturalists.





Dr. Crawford W. Long an American Scientists -
2c Rose Carmine issue date April 18, 1940.

In 1842, Long became the first person to use ether on a patient in surgery in Jefferson, Georgia. He published the effects of ether as an anesthetic/pain-killer in the "Southern Medical and Surgical Journal," helping influence its widespread use among other doctors.





Luther Burbank an American Scientists - 3¢
Bright Red Violet issue date April 17, 1940.

A plant breeder for over 50 years, Burbank raised hundreds of thousands of plants, resulting in over 113 new varieties of fruits, vegetables, and ornamental plants.





Dr. Walter Reed an American Scientists -
5c Ultramarine issue date April 17, 1940.

Dr. Walter Reed, a U.S. Army physician who established that yellow fever, a deadly infectious disease, was transmitted by mosquitoes. Reed's breakthrough helped wipe out the disease in Cuba and enabled work to resume on the Panama Canal. Reed died in 1902 of a burst appendix – a year after his life-saving discovery.



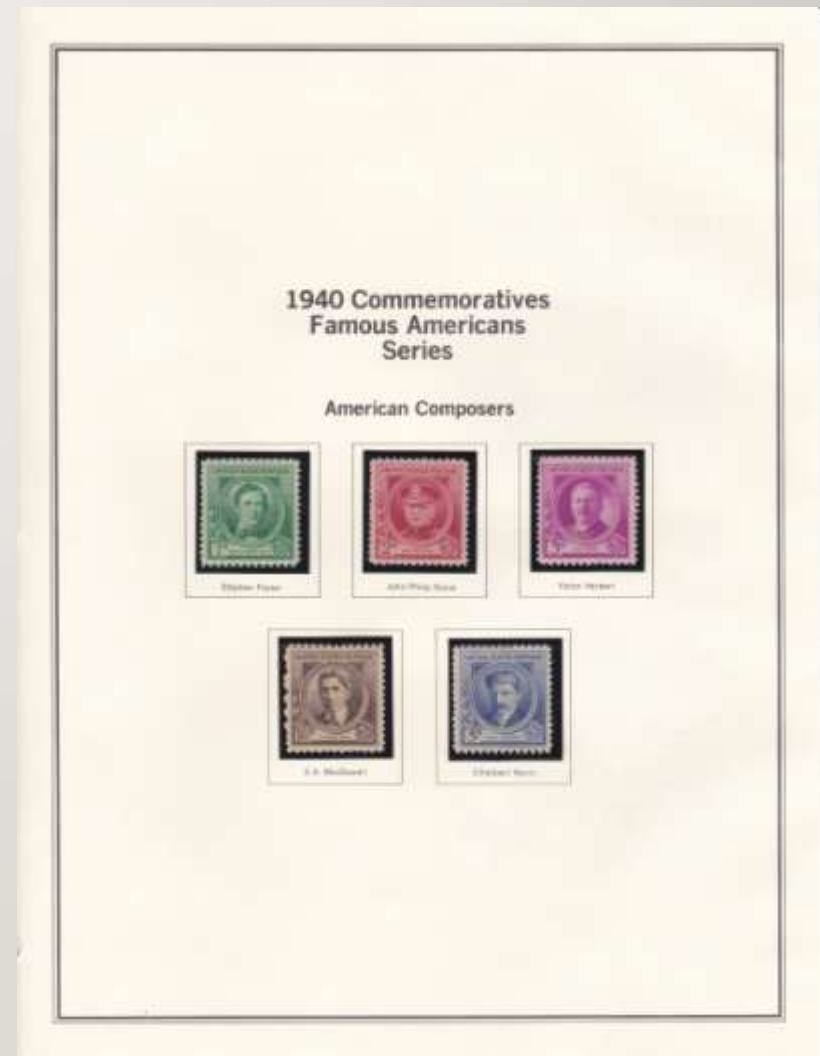


Jane Addams an American Scientists - 10¢
Dark Brown issue date April 26, 1940.

Addams was a social reformer who was the co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931. She was most remembered as the founder of Hull House, which offered social, educational, and cultural opportunities to the large immigrant population of Chicago.



FAMOUS AMERICAN COMPOSERS





**Stephen Collins Foster an American Composer -
1c Bright Blue Green issue date May 3, 1940.**

Foster's songs were so popular they led to his nickname of the "father of American music." Foster wrote his songs in the mid-1800s, before dying at age 37. Despite his popularity, Foster died poor, with just 38 cents in his pocket. Foster is famous for folk songs such as "Oh! Susanna," "The Camptown Races," "Beautiful Dreamer," and "My Old Kentucky Home," now the state song of Kentucky.





John Philip Sousa an American Composer - 2c
Rose Carmine issue date May 3, 1940. Sousa,
was the Director of the U.S. Marine Corps
Band. He was famous for his marches, including
"Semper Fidelis (or the "Marine's Hymn), "Stars
and Stripes Forever," and "The Washington Post
March." Sousa's music style led to him gaining the
nickname, the "March King."





Victor Herbert an American Composer - 3¢
Bright Red Violet issue date May 13, 1940.

Herbert became famous for composing operettas (short, light-hearted operas). His most famous work was "Babes in Toyland," which included characters from Mother Goose nursery rhymes in a Christmas-themed operetta. It also drew influence from the classic ballet, "The Nutcracker Suite."





Edward Alexander MacDowell an American Composer - 5c Ultramarine issue date May 13, 1940. MacDowell known mainly for his piano pieces and for helping establish an independent American school. The MacDowell Colony was a long-held dream of Edward and his wife Marian – a place where artists could share ideas and inspiration. It was established in 1907, one year before his death.



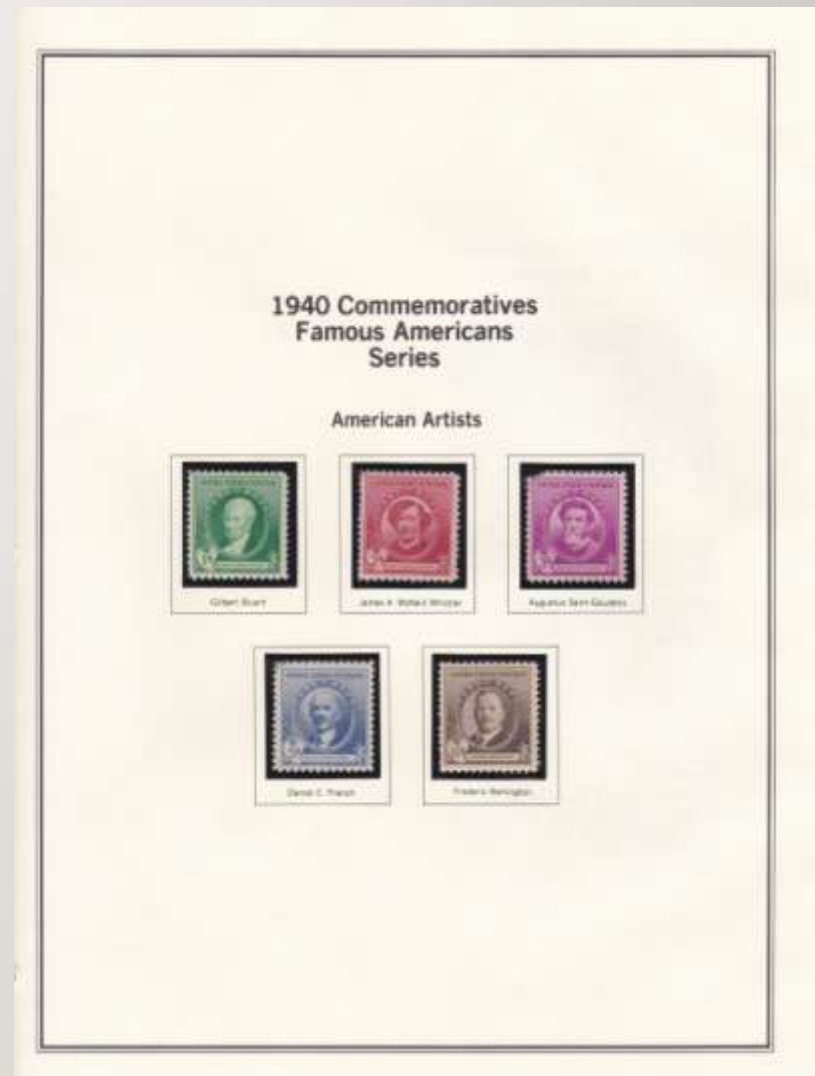


Ethelbert Nevin an American Composer - 10c
Dark Brown issue date June 10, 1940.

Nevin, a famous composer of light songs and piano pieces. He studied in New York, Boston, and Berlin and wrote "Rosary" and "Mighty 'lak a Rose."



FAMOUS AMERICAN ARTISTS





Gilbert Charles Stuart - Artist - 1c Bright Blue Green issue date September 5, 1940. Stuart was just 19 years old when he traveled to England to study art in 1775. He had already proven himself to be a promising portrait painter, and the American Revolution threatened to disrupt his progress. More importantly, his portrait of George Washington provided the image that is used currently on the one-dollar bill.





James McNeill Whistler - 2¢ Rose Carmine
issue date September 6, 1940. James Whistler, was a popular U.S. painter who turned to art after dropping out of religious studies and West Point Army Academy. His painting "Whistler's Mother" is one of the most recognizable paintings in U.S. culture.





**Augustus Saint-Gaudens - Artists - 3¢ Bright
Red Violet issue date September 16, 1940.**

His life-size works decorate many American cities. He's still regarded as America's greatest sculptor. Saint-Gaudens also designed coins for the U.S. Mint. He and his brother Louis established the "Cornish Art Colony," a retreat for artists in Cornish, New Hampshire.





Daniel Chester French - 5¢ Ultramarine issue
date September 16, 1940. Daniel Chester French, whose best-known work is the 30-foot-high statue of Abraham Lincoln, seated in the Lincoln Memorial. French also created the famous "Minute Man" statue in Concord, Massachusetts.





Frederic Remington - 10c Dark Brown issue

date September 30, 1940. Frederic

Remington, an American artist famous for his portrayals of the Wild West. Remington often accompanied soldiers and witnessed several skirmishes and battles – including Teddy Roosevelt's charge up San Juan Hill in the Spanish-American War. His statuettes usually featured cowboys, Indians, and soldiers on the Western plains.



FAMOUS AMERICAN INVENTORS

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Eli Whitney



Samuel F. B. Morse



Cyrus H. McCormick



Elias Howe



Alexander G. Bell



Eli Whitney an American Inventor - 1¢ Bright Blue Green issue date October 7, 1940.

Whitney's cotton gin helped shape the 19th century economy of the American South. He also developed the concept of "interchangeable parts," which allowed for mass production, instead of making them one at a time. First used to mass-produce muskets for the U.S. Army, Whitney's principles are often credited as the basis for the American system of manufacturing.





Samuel F.B. Morse an American Inventor -
3c Rose Carmine issue date October 7,
1940. Samuel Morse, was a U.S. artist and
inventor. He was the first president of the
National Academy of Design but is most
remembered for inventing the telegraph.





Cyrus Hall McCormick an American Inventor -
3c Bright Red Violet issue date October 14,
1940.

McCormick, who finalized plans for a horse-drawn reaper that cut and gathered crops. McCormick's father had worked on the concept for 28 years before passing the project to his son. The machine revolutionized farming techniques.





Elias Howe an American Inventor - 5¢
Ultramarine issue date October 14, 1940.

Elias Howe perfected the concept of the sewing machine and was the first man to successfully patent it in the U.S. Howe successfully defended his patent rights from Isaac Singer, earning large royalties from Singer's successful copy.





**Alexander Gram Bell an American Inventor -
10c Dark Brown issue date October 28, 1940.**

Bell was the founder of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf, inspired by his mother's deafness. Bell is best known for his invention of the telephone. His first words over a telephone were to his assistant in the next room, saying, "Mr. Watson, come here - I want to see you."

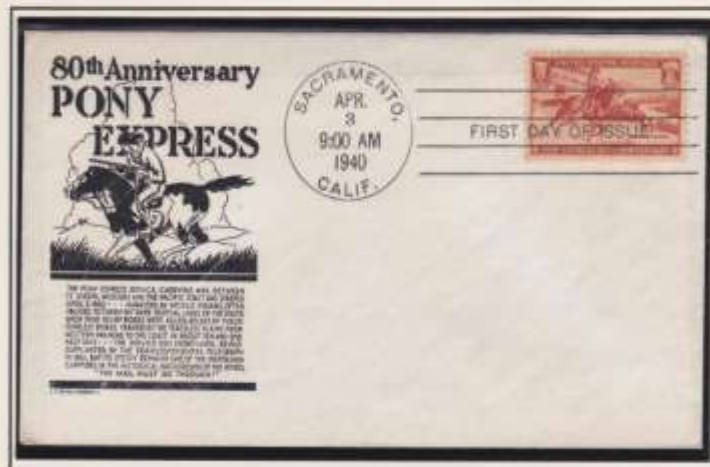


1940 COMMEMORATIVES





Pony Express Rider - 3¢ Henna Brown Issue date April 3, 1940. This stamp was issued to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Pony Express. It pictures a rider leaving a relay station with a parcel of mail.



Pony Express Rider - 3¢ Issue date April 3, 1940. There were two First Day Issue events in two different cities for this stamp, Sacramento, California and Saint Joseph, Missouri.





Pan-American Union - 3¢ Light Violet issue
date April 14, 1940. This was issued to
 commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Pan-
 American Union. President Franklin Roosevelt
 specifically requested the stamp, which along
 with his own Good Neighbor Policy, promoted
 the closest bond ever made between the
 nations in the Western Hemisphere.





Idaho Statehood - 3¢ Bright Violet issue date July 3, 1940. This stamp was issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Idaho's statehood. The stamp pictures the State Capitol at Boise, which was built in 1913.



Wyoming Statehood Seal - 3¢ Brown
Violet issue date July 10, 1940. This stamp was issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Wyoming's statehood. Since the Idaho statehood stamp (issued just one week before) pictured that state's capitol building, President Franklin Roosevelt suggested that the Wyoming stamp should picture something else. The Wyoming State Seal was selected.





Coronado Expedition - 3¢ Violet issue date September 7, 1940. The 1940 Coronado Expedition stamp commemorates the 400th anniversary of Francisco Vasquez de Coronado's two-year exploration of the American Southwest. The stamp features a reproduction of Gerald Cassidy's painting, *Coronado and His Captains*. The top right corner of the stamp features the Coronado coat of arms.



Statue of Liberty - 1c Bright Blue Green
issue date October 16, 1940. This stamp
 was the first in a 3-stamp series issued to
 raise consciousness of the need for a strong
 national defense, which President Franklin
 Roosevelt considered especially important as
 World War II raged in Europe.

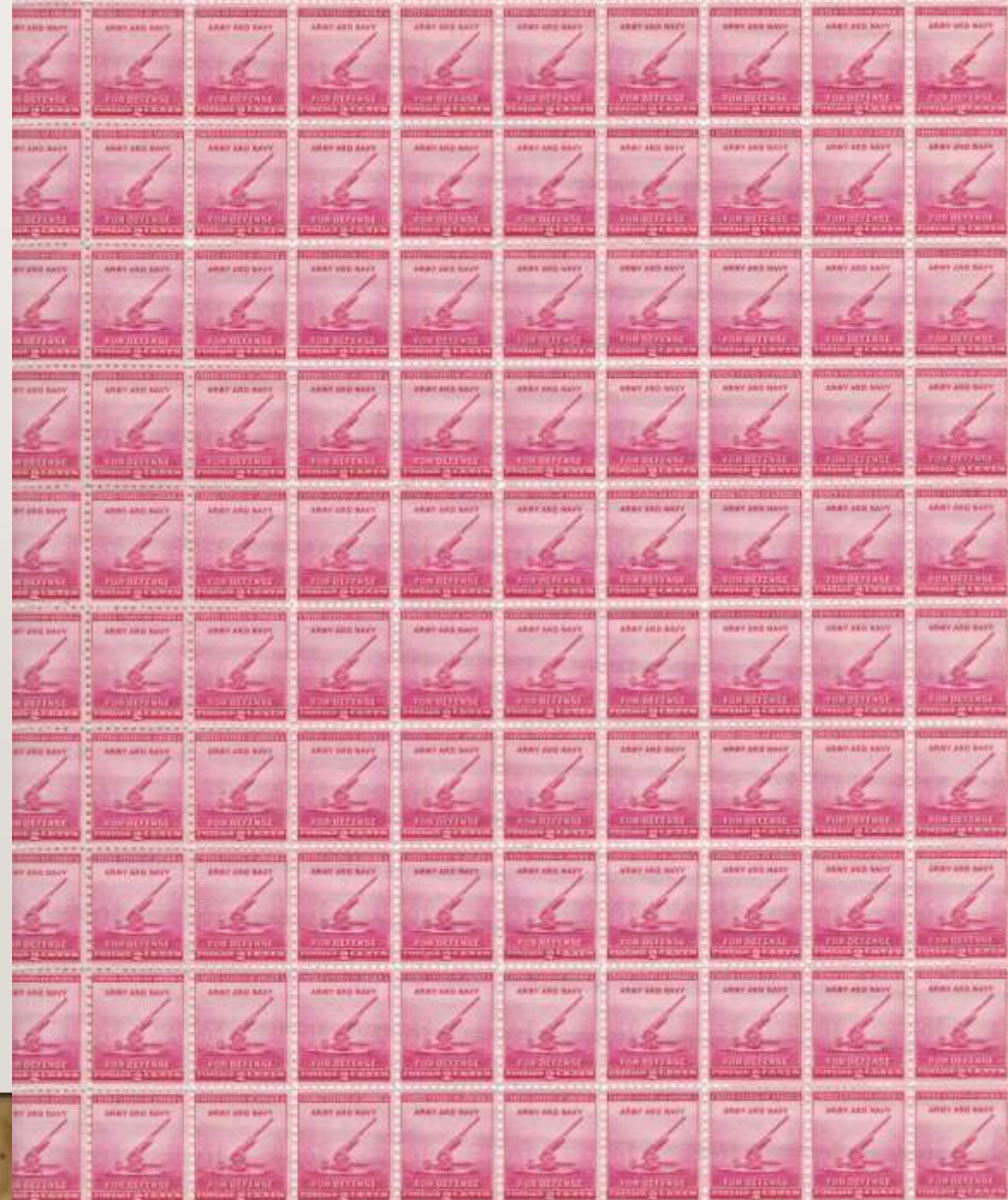


Pre-Canceled 1¢ Statue of Liberty Issue Year 1940





Anti-Aircraft Gun - 2¢ Carmine issue date **October 16, 1940**. This stamp was the second in a 3-stamp series issued to raise consciousness of the need for a strong national defense, which President Franklin Roosevelt considered especially important as World War II raged in Europe. The stamp pictures a 90-millimeter anti-aircraft gun.



Pre-Canceled 2¢ Anti-Aircraft Gun Issue Year 1940





Torch of Freedom - 3¢ Bright Violet Issue date October 16, 1940. This stamp was the third in a 3-stamp series issued to raise consciousness of the need for a strong national defense, which President Franklin Roosevelt considered especially important as World War II raged in Europe. The stamp pictures a 90-millimeter anti-aircraft gun.



Pre-Canceled 3¢ Torch of Freedom Issue Year 1940



Nation Defense Issue 1940

Statue of Liberty

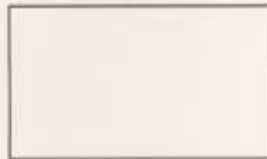


Horizontal Pair Imperfect Between



Vertical Pair Imperfect Between

Anti-aircraft Gun



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Torch of Enlightenment



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