The Statue of Liberty on postage stamps from around the world



Souvenir packet sold in the 1970s in the gift shop at the Statue of Liberty.

This packet contains USA 696 (1921,black 15c), 896 (1940,green 1c), A949 (1947, green 15c) 1033 (1954, violet 3c), 1140 (1959, black & orange 15c), 1300 (1966, multicoloured 5c)



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The Statue of Liberty 1886 – the present day

Why Lady Liberty appears on so many stamps

Some personal connections to my collection

Zoom Competition: name the first stamp to feature the Statue of Liberty – put your answers in the Zoom Chat!

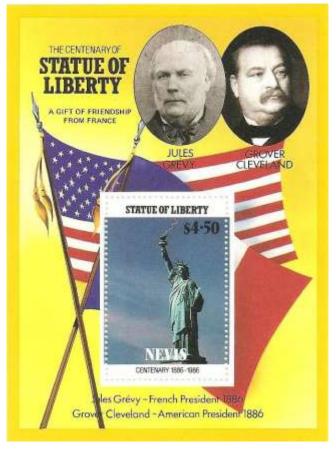






Liberty Island March 2007

A gift from the people of France





Miniature sheet issued by Nevis in 1986 (MS543c)

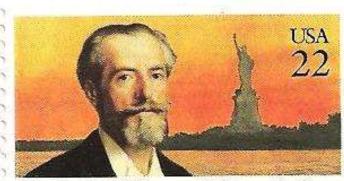
The Sculptor: Frederic Bartholdi



Maxi-card issued 1959 featuring *France 1433*, postmarked Colmar, Alsace (Bartholdi's birthplace).



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F.A. Bartholdi, Statue of Liberty Sculptor

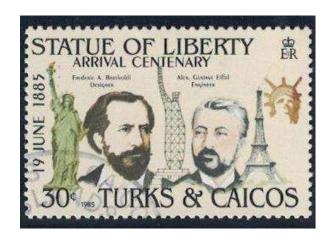
In 1985, Bartholdi achieved an important philatelic first. This stamp, USA 2189, was the first USA stamp to be designed using computer software.



The colour transparency of Bartholdi was put onto digital tape by a company called Kwik International (NY); designers then cropped it to eliminate the background, put an outline around the head to contain the image and enhance the shape, and proceeded to play with it to provide a more suitable stamp illustration. The right ear was in deep shadow; this was lightened and redrawn. The face was retouched, the hair improved, the eyes highlighted. A red ribbon was removed entirely; all this at five times eventual size.



The Engineer: Gustav Eiffel



Eiffel and Bartholdi depicted together on Turks & Caicos 840



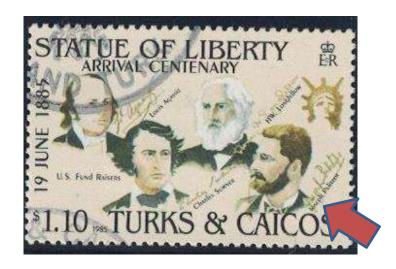
The Statue of Liberty and Le Tour Eiffel are both depicted on this stamp commemorating a doomed attempt at crossing the Atlantic St Pierre et Miquelon 759 (1997)



Joseph Pulitzer – fundraiser



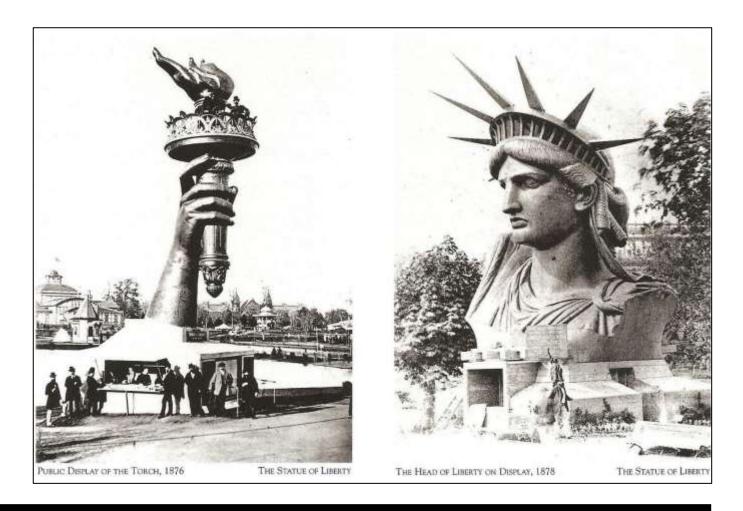
Pulitzer also founded the prestigious journalism award that bears his name. He was honoured with a USA stamp (943) in 1947, the centenary of his birth.



Pulitzer is depicted alongside other fundraisers on this Turks & Caicos stamp (842)



Construction





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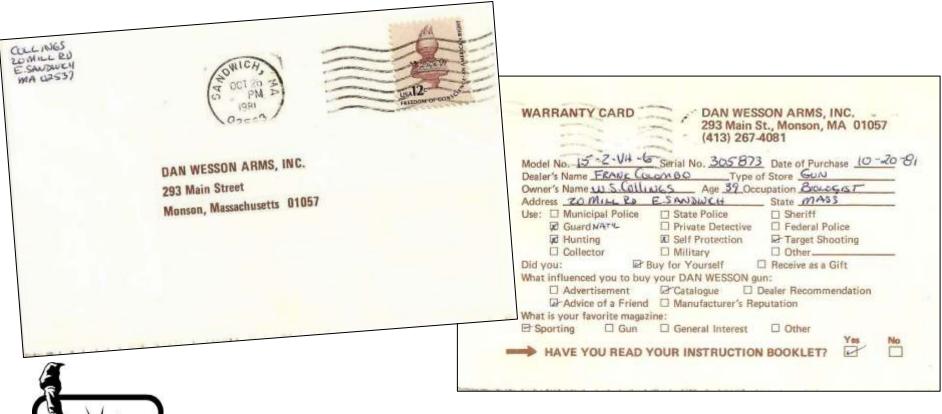
Niue 622-623 depict the Statue under construction in Paris in 1883 and the unveiling in New York harbour



Penrhyn 397-399 show the Statue under construction in Paris and New York, and a contemporary 'artist's impression'.

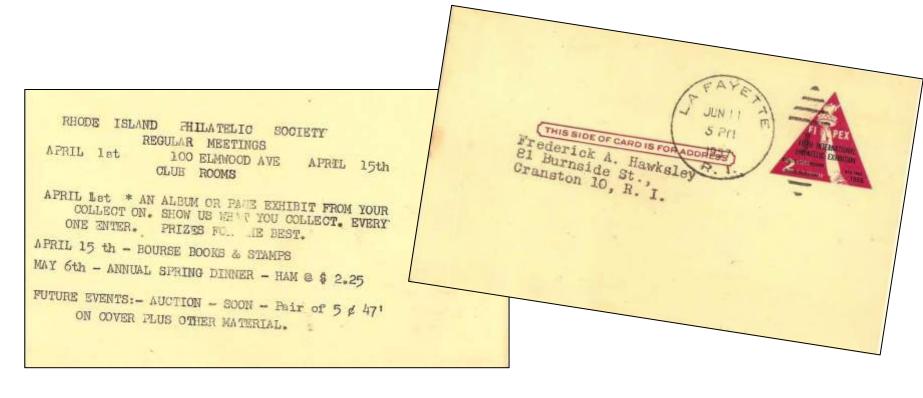


Illumination



USA 1585b, used to register the warranty on a firearm

Illumination





FIPEX 2c postcard used by Rhode Island Philatelic Society

Why is Lady Liberty so popular?

- 398 different stamp designs
- 97 issuing countries / postal administrations
- Postmarks, postal stationery, meter-mail





Belgian meter-mail, 1964



USA 696 (1921)



USA 896 (1940)

Liberty series 1954 - 1958



USA 1033 (1954)



USA 1039 (1954)



USA 1040 (redrawn, 1958)



USA 1044 (1958)





Poland 335 block (1938)



Spain MS846 (1938)



Treaties and diplomatic links with America



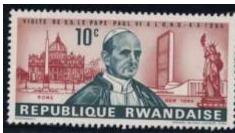
Brazil 742, visit of President Truman (1947)



Bulgaria 1177, Visit of Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev to USA (1959)



Jordan 701, Royal visit to USA(1965)



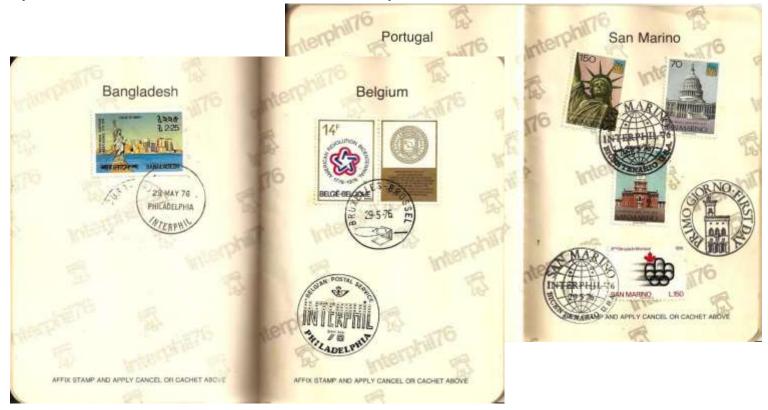
Rwanda 144, Papal visit to United Nations, New York (1966)



Liberia 864, Presidential visit to USA (1962)



200 years of America – the Bicentenary 1976



Philatelic passports produced for Interphil, Philadelphia, 1976, featuring *Bangladesh 81 (1976) & San Marino 1057*.

Designer's shorthand – New York City





France 638 and 638a (World's Fair -1939)

Various countries commemorated the World's Fair in 1964







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Bulgaria 649 (CIPEX - 1947)



Monaco 336, 340 & 341 (CIPEX - 1947)

Designer's shorthand - New York City

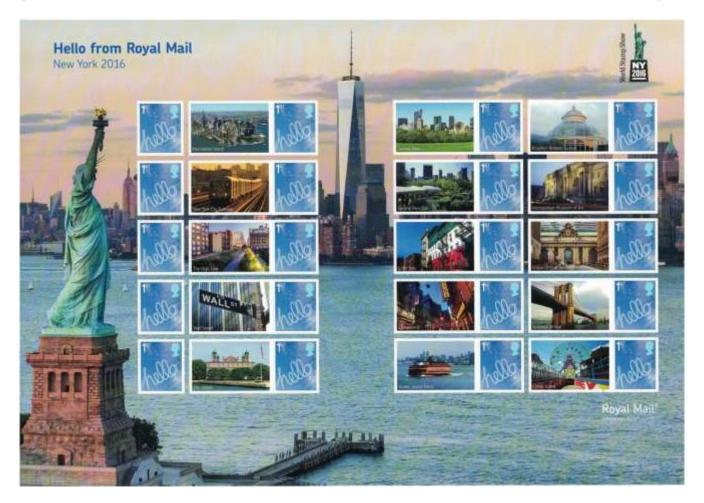




FIPEX miniature sheet and example of FDC



Designer's shorthand – New York City





Designer's shorthand – foreign travel



Brazil 486 (1930) Airmail stamp.





4 x Brazil 486 used as part postage on a commercial cover to the UK via the USA (opened by censor).

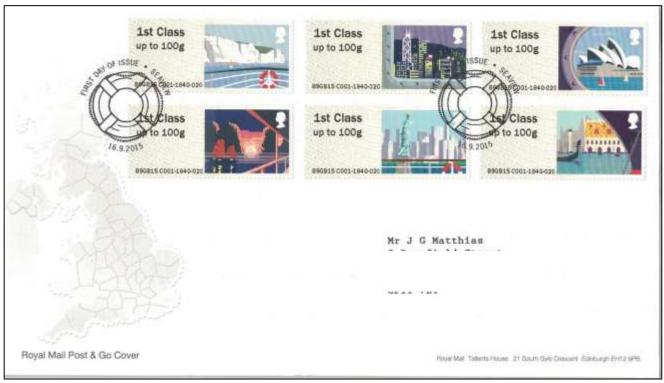
Designer's shorthand – foreign travel

First flight to New York City



France 638 on a 'first flight' cover from Marseilles to New York, 1939

Designer's shorthand – foreign travel





Royal Mail Post & Go FDC, 2015

Designer's shorthand

Topics / themes that have used the Statue of Liberty

- Democracy (Cuba, Haiti)
- Human Rights (Philippines)
- Patriotism (USA)
- Peace (Uruguay, Palau, Marshall Islands)
- Racial Equality (Mali, Yemen)
- 'United we Stand' against terrorism (Cook Islands, Kiribati, Zambia)

International events

- World's Fairs
- FIFA World Cup 1994 (held in the USA)



Designer's shorthand

A symbol of... Peace



Uruguay 360, 361, 362, 364 (1919)

Marshall Islands 98 (1986)

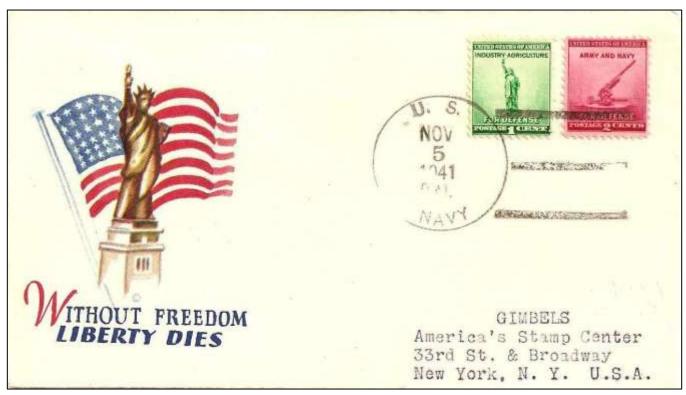


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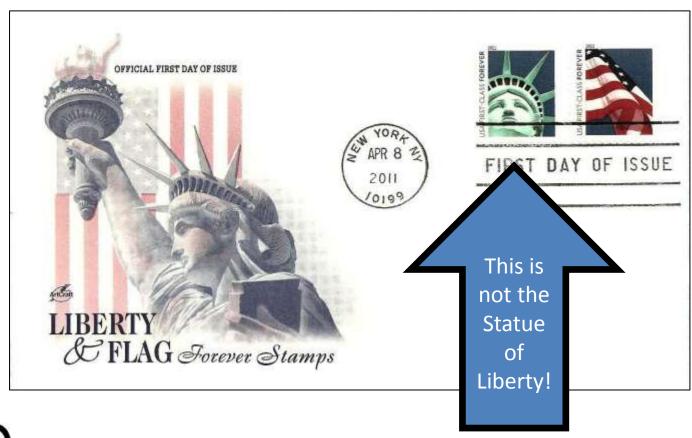
A symbol of... Patriotism





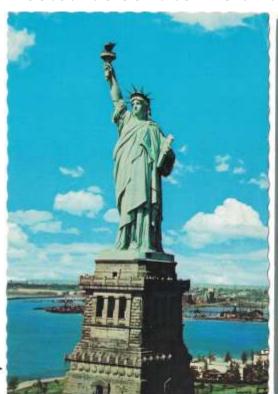
USA 896 & 897 on a patriotic cover (US Navy postmark) 1941

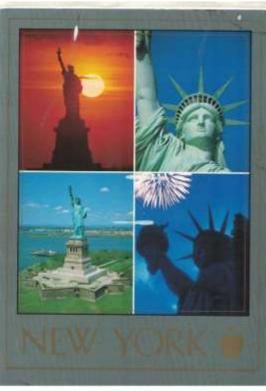
Mistaken Identity



USA 5074 & 5075 FDC

Postcards sent to me and family members







San Marino 1838 and 1839 depict emigration to the New World.







Ireland 1218
and USA3570
on joint issue
cover with
Statue of
Liberty cancel



