

## HISTORY OF U S STAMPS – THE ONE CENT VALUES

WITH THE ADVENT OF PRE-PAID POSTAGE STAMPS IN 1847, RATES WERE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SHEETS AND DISTANCE TRAVELED. THERE WAS ONLY A NEED FOR 5 AND 10 CENT STAMPS, SO OTHER VALUES WERE NOT PRINTED.

THE ACT OF 1851 ESTABLISHED A RATE OF 3 CENTS FOR ALL LETTERS SENT LESS THAN 3000 MILES AND A RATE OF ONE CENT FOR "DROP" OR LOCAL LETTERS- LETTERS SENT AND RECEIVED WITHIN THE SAME POST OFFICE.

THIS MADE NECESSARY THE PRINTING OF THE ONE CENT FRANKLIN BLUE IMPERFORATE STAMP. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT VARIETIES DEPENDING ON THE DESIGN. WE SHOW THE COMMON SCOTT #7 AND #9 AND #9 ON COVER. THESE STAMPS ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY; PRIMARILY DUE TO THE SMALL MARGINS AND CLOSE CUTTING OF THE IMPERFORATE STAMP.



THE SAME STAMP WAS PERFORATED (15 ½) IN 1857, ALSO RESULTING IN MANY VARIETIES, THE MOST COMMON OF WHICH IS SCOTT #24, SHOWN HERE BOTH ON AND OFF COVER.

