

THE SULLIVAN COMMEMORATIVE OF 1929

Issued June 17, 1929 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign during the American Revolution.

Perforation: 11 Color: carmine rose Press: flat plate
Press layout: 400 subjects cut into panes of 100 Quantity issued: 51,451,880
Plate numbers: 19783, 19784, 19785 and 19786 Designer: C. Aubrey Huston

Fifteen New York communities were selected for the first day of issue:

Auburn	Geneseo	Perry
Binghamton	Geneva	Seneca Falls
Canandaigua	Horseheads	Waterloo
Canajoharie	Owego	Watkins Glen
Elmira	Penn Yan	Waverly

No U.S. stamp has ever had more official first-day sites.

EXHIBIT PLAN

small die proof on white wove

FRAME ONE – THE STAMP (includes 12 pages from 1930 collection):

Portrait of John Sullivan – Map of Campaign – Post Office Department announcement – P.O.D. letter February 21, 1930 – Model for stamp vignette – Block of 72 Sullivan commemoratives – Production variety and two production errors -- Bureau of Engraving and Printing (B.E.P.) letter October 24, 1929 – P.O.D. letter November 11, 1929 – B.E.P. letter March 7, 1930 – Matching plate blocks for each plate number – Full selvedge top plate blocks with “F”.

FRAME TWO – FIRST DAY COVERS:

Earlier P.O.D. announcement – Map showing first day sites – First day covers from official sites showing contemporary cachets and variety of official cancellations.

FRAME THREE – FIRST DAY COVERS:

Unofficial first day covers from Lowman, NY, where the Battle of Newtown, the major engagement of the Campaign, took place – More first day covers from official sites with contemporary cachets and variety of official cancels – Unofficial Syracuse NY machine cancel and Binghamton Terminal RPO hand cancel.

FRAME FOUR – FIRST DAY COVERS:

Add-on (non-contemporary) cachets from official sites – Corner cards and curiosities, including first day covers autographed by Alfred E. Smith and Franklin Delano Roosevelt – Machine and hand cancels from official sites not previously shown.

FRAME FIVE – FIRST DAY COVERS:

More official cancel varieties not previously shown – Unofficial first day cancels, mostly upstate NY communities but including RPO and USS Pennsylvania cancels.