Cuba Postal Stationery 1902 - 1958

The Cuban Republic Era

PURPOSE/SCOPE - An exhibit of the postal stationery issued by the Cuban Republic from 1902 to 1958. Its purpose is to show how Cuba adjusted the postal system inherited from the US Administration to one that met the needs of a small country with very limited resources.

ORGANIZATION - The exhibit follows a Traditional presentation, with the issues shown in a chronological order (See Exhibit Plan, at right). The Patriot cards circulated for over fifty years, experiencing numerous reprints and temporary domestic rate increases. Thus, they are appropriately represented in the exhibit.

RARITY -Rare/Significant items are framed in blue and highlighted by Cuba's Coat of Arms.

RESEARCH - Exhibitor's research denoted by the icon:

Exhibit Plan		
Date of Issue	Section	Pages
1902	Caught in Transition	2
1902 Series	Columbus Envelopes & Wrapper	3-32
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1949 Series	Writers & Airplanes Envelopes	102-135
1955	3c. Marti Card	136-138
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Cuba's Columbus envelopes continued to be printed by the U.S., but were now printed on unwatermarked paper.



Most of the postal stationery issued during the U.S. Administration continued to circulate during the early years of the Cuban Republic. Those items, however, are not a part of this exhibit.

Registered use of a 2 c. Columbus envelope, postmarked Havana, Jan 12, 1906.