

## Synopsis/Further Information Perkins Bacon Liberian Stamps of 1897-1912

Features of this traditional exhibit include Perkins Bacon archival material, 1909-12 10c triangle stamp variations, and some interesting usages. The main archival material comments are in the title page.

An effort was made to document how many rarer pieces are known/reported. Any reference to "Rare" in the exhibit means only 3 or less are known.

### **10c Triangle Stamps (1909 Definitive and the 1910-12 3c Inland Postage surcharges on these stamps)**

This exhibit contains the perforation varieties for these stamps, including some very scarce or rare varieties. A key perforation to note is the 7½ roulette, which is not well documented, and not known used on cover.

- Two die proofs perforated 7½ roulette.
- The 7½ roulette stamps are shown perforating Ordinary, Official, and on 3c Inland Postage surcharged Ordinary and Official, as well as Official and Inland Postage Official stamps without an Official "OS" overprint.
  - Scott catalogue lists the Inland Postage Officials without an Official "OS" overprint as a separate catalogue/issue listing, but the author considers it a variety, as these are very scarce (and not at all "common" as implied by the listed catalogue prices).
- This exhibit contains the following only documented copies of the Official Service 3c Inland Postage without an Official "OS" overprint:
  - 1) a 7½ roulette imperf between, and 2) a mint (non-CTO) copy of Perf 12½ x 14.
- Block of 20 imperforate Inland Postage double-overprint, with one at 90 degrees. Likely only one sheet existed.

### **Usage of note**

- A 1903 Registered Replycard and a 1912 registered Wrapper.
- A 1906 German (SWA) Fieldpost card datelined Monrovia, with a 1903 3c Inland Postage cancelled "Kaiser Schutztruppen Fur Sudwestafrika Transport Kompagnie".
  - Likely unique (for any stamp) as this handstamp was not meant to cancel postage.
- 1909-1910 use of large purple registration etiquettes (Monrovia, Robertsport and Harper are shown).
  - Only one to three examples are known for each city.
- Two solo uses of the 1906 1c Elephant (1910/1911) – the only two examples known. Both are 1c deficient in postage, but not marked postage due.
- A 1910 Cover sent from the Liberian Post Office that includes a Waterlow die proof color trial used as postage.
- Four examples of Spanish and French shipping line cancellations on cover (1911-1916).
- Registered 1911 cover with a 10c bisect, and "5 cents" typewritten on the half. One of two known.
- Two WWI German POW covers sent to "Deutscher Hilfsverein" in Stockholm Sweden (1916-1917).

Registered covers were preferentially used when possible to illustrate usage.

Use of 1903 10c Registration stamps are scarce, and nine covers using these stamps are shown.

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