

USES OF THE 17 CENT PREXIE

The 17 cent Andrew Johnson stamp of the 1938 Presidential (Prexie) series was issued on October 28, 1938. There was no single 17¢ rate at the time but the denomination was required for the new Presidential series because Johnson was the country's 17th president.

This exhibit shows the wide variety of ways the 17¢ Prexie was used. Twenty-five items are shown, with no two items alike. All are franked with one or more copies of the 17¢, but no other postage stamps. Twelve of the items included are solo uses of the 17¢, all needing different multiple weight rates and/or combinations of rates that add up to seventeen.

Many items in this exhibit are extremely rare. Those that are the only or one of two reported examples are triple framed in rose red.



EXHIBIT PLAN

First Class

Surface

Air

Second Class

Third Class

Fourth Class

FIRST CLASS SURFACE MAIL

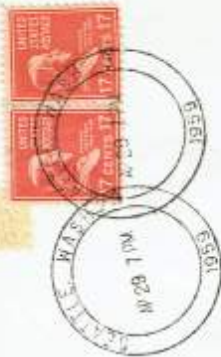
CERTIFIED LETTER WITH RETURN RECEIPT

WALSH & MARGOLIS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
JOSEPH VANCE BUILDING
SEATTLE 1, WASHINGTON

CERTIFIED
No 232732
MAIL

Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Clifford E. Hagmo
c/o County Jail
County-City Building
Seattle, Washington



Seattle, WA - April 29, 1959

4¢ per oz. letter rate - Aug 1, 1958 thru Jan 6, 1963, 20¢ certified - Jul 1, 1957 thru Mar 25, 1966, 10¢ return receipt - Jul 1, 1957 thru Jul 13, 1969

SOLO PAYING FOR 4-5 OZ UPU SURFACE FOREIGN MAIL - ONE OF TWO REPORTED



Mr H.F. Phippard
Messrs Gieves Ltd.
27 Old Bond Street.
London. W.I.
England.

New York - March 18, 1950

5¢ 1st oz + 3¢ each additional oz x 4 - Jan 1, 1919 thru Oct 30, 1953

LOCAL REGISTERED FIRST CLASS LETTER



JOHN D. BURNHAM
433 SOUTH SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES 13, CALIF.

N.R. Retd - 3-8-44 H
Notice 3-8-44 N

Mr. H.C. Dieckmann
2077 Ridgeview Avenue
Eagle Rock
Los Angeles, California

REGISTERED

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Los Angeles backstamps: March 7, 1944 and March 8, 1944

2¢ per oz local letter rate - Jul 2, 1933 thru Mar 25, 1944 + 15¢ minimum registration - Jul 1, 1928 thru Mar 25, 1944

Synopsis:

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Purpose: This first-time exhibit will demonstrate the surprisingly wide variety of ways in which the 17 cent Prexie stamp could be utilized on covers, wrappers, labels, and documents to pay rates to domestic and foreign destinations. Both solo uses and multiple uses are shown.

Scope: The exhibit is limited to items with one or more 17 cent prexie stamps but no other denominations.

Treatment: The items are organized as described on the title page. The description of each item shows the date sent, the rate paid, and the time period for which the rate or rates were in effect. Some fourth-class items are undated, but the time period in which they were used can often be extrapolated by the zone and amount paid.

Knowledge, study, research: I have been collecting, studying, and researching prexies for the last thirty-five years, and been a member of the United States Stamp Society Prexie Study Group.

Rarity: There is no census information available. When I state that an item is “the only one reported” it is the collective knowledge and experience of myself and others Prexie students such as Bob Hohertz, Louis Fiset, Jeff Shapiro, Chip Briggs, Steve Suffet, Mike Ley etc. They have all been given the opportunity to weigh in on these items. The highly regarded Bob Hohertz website listed in the references illustrates eight solo uses. This exhibit shows twelve all-different solo uses and thirteen multiple uses. Bob has requested scans of many of these items to make his website up to date.

Condition: When there is a choice, the finest condition possible is shown. Some items are unique or nearly so. In such cases the condition is what it is and has to be accepted.

References:

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The Prexies, Roland R Rustad, Bureau Issues Association 1994, pp 246-252

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Presidential Issue Usages – 17 ¢, Leonard Piszkiwicz, United States Specialist, Feb. 2001, pp 63-69. Available on the United States Stamp Society website.

Prexie Era Postal History and Stamp Production 1938-1962, American Philatelic Society?

www.rdhinstl.info/prexies/seventeen.htm Part of the Bob Hohertz Prexie website.