

The PhilateliKid

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Try Collecting Something New (Well, new to you!)

Recently I was looking through a small accumulation of used U.S. postage stamps from the 1950's. I ran across this nice SON (socked on the nose) cancellation dated August 1 (?) 1956, postmarked Washington 18, D.C.



There are at least five interesting things about this stamp, in addition to having a SON cancel (which seems to be pretty scarce, maybe 1 out of a thousand stamps.)

First interesting thing: This cancel occurred back in the days of postal zones. The section of Washington D.C. where this was postmarked was zone 18. I have not yet researched what geographical area was included in that zone, but it definitely was somewhere in Washington D.C.

Second, this stamp features George Washington and Nathaniel Greene, and between the two busts on the stamp is a representation of Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. Who was Nathaniel Greene, and why was he important enough to share a stamp with George Washington, (Scott 785) ? You will find the answer at the end of this *The Philatelikid*.

Third, this stamp, Scott 785, was issued on December 15, 1937. By the time this stamp was used, it was almost 19 years old. Why was there such a long time between purchase and use of this 1¢ stamp? (I have no idea.)

Fourth, this stamp was cancelled back in the days when the time was included in the postmark. 8 – PM.

Fifth, this 1¢ stamp was issued as part of five stamps about the US Army. The 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, and 4¢ stamps in this series each featured two individuals who were famous Generals. The 5¢ stamp features the US Military Academy at West Point, New York. The 1¢ features Revolutionary War generals George Washington and Nathanael Greene. The 2¢ stamp features generals in the Creek War and War of 1812 (Andrew Jackson) and The War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, and the Civil War (Winfield Scott). The 3¢ stamp features US Generals from the Civil War (Sherman, Grant, and Sheridan) and from the Mexican-American War (Sherman and Grant) and the Indian Wars (Sheridan.) The 4¢ stamp features two generals from the Confederate Army, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. In the middle is a representation of Stratford Hall, birthplace of Robert W. Lee.

So, one minimum-value common stamp can have quite a lot to say to us!

Souvenir Cards

This is a fun and inexpensive way to collect stamp-collecting related materials, which often are very artistic and often feature famous stamps. Coins and currency also are frequently featured.

What is a souvenir card? The following explanation is found at www.souvenircards.org which is the website for the Souvenir Card Collectors Society:

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING
WASHINGTON, D.C.



This engraving, with certain deletions, portrays the first United States special delivery stamp produced by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The basic design of this stamp had been used for the three earlier issues of special delivery stamps produced by private industry prior to the Bureau's production of postage stamps, beginning in 1894. This version incorporates the several alterations made to distinguish the Bureau's product from the earlier issues.

NATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP SHOW—NEW YORK CITY—1969

Souvenir cards typically include these features:

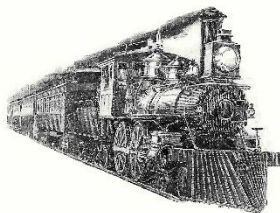
They are mementos or souvenirs of a particular occasion, exposition, or hobbyist show. They are not postally valid or intended for use as postcards. Most are printed on high quality card stock using intaglio methods (steel plate engravings). Intaglio souvenir cards showcase the finest work of American bank note engravers. "Official" cards are authorized and printed by the U.S. government or commercial bank note printers. "Unofficial" cards are printed by private printing companies or individuals.

This card features the design and color used for the 1894 Special

Delivery stamp, Scott E2. Note that the panel at the bottom where the stamp indicates its value (10¢) is blank. Also, the arch above the runner's head has blank white boxes. On the stamp as issued the words "United States" appear. The actual size of this card is 8 ½ inches by 10 ½ inches – almost the same size as this entire page. It was issued in 1969.



*The Souvenir Card Collectors Society honors the
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1869 - 2019



This is a much more modern souvenir card – issued in 2019. The actual size of this card is 6 inches by 7 ¾ inches.

Answer: Nathaniel Greene. First of all, his name is spelled **Nathanael Greene**. General Greene (1742–1786) was one of General Washington's best generals in the American Revolutionary war. Greene first served as a soldier, and then took charge of supplying the troops with food and ammunition. Greene made a name for himself

commanding the Southern forces in the Revolutionary War. He died at the age of 43, apparently from a heart attack.

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