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Collecting Cats on Stamps
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Do you have a pet cat? Would you like to learn more about the wonderful world of felines? Collecting stamps is a fun way to get acquainted with all kinds of cats.

Domestic cats are our pets. Maybe you have a Siamese or a Persian at home. Many of us



adore our domestic shorthair cats, or moggies as they are called in Australia, that are no specific breed and appear on many stamps. Did you know there are dozens of different cat breeds? One cat association recognizes 73 different breeds, another only 45. Most of these beautiful and sometimes quite unusual cats are on stamps from countries all around the world. Despite their differences, they are all one species, *Felis catus*.

The stripe pattern on every tiger is different. The male lion has a bushy mane, while the female does not even have one, a difference not found in other cats. There are 37 other wild species—40 in all to choose from, along with 77 subspecies or variations of many wild species. Some wild cats are quite exceptional: the jaguarundi, Pallas' cat and the

fishing cat to name a few.

So not only will you learn about cats, but as a bonus, you'll discover more than 100 countries that have issued cats on stamps.

In addition to domestic and wild cats, heraldry is a popular subject. Dozens of countries have a lion on their coat of arms. Some countries even have a tiger or a leopard to represent their country.

To learn more about cats on stamps, you can request a complimentary pdf file of *Cat Mews*, the quarterly journal of the Cats on Stamps Study Unit. Visit us at catstamps.info.

Seneca Falls, New York - the beginning of Women's Suffrage in the U.S.

The town of Seneca Falls is located about 275 miles north-west of NYC – about a 5-hour drive. Its population in the 2010 census was 9,040. Its population 170 years ago (1850) was 4,296. Seneca Falls was the site of the Seneca Falls Convention, a foundational event in the Women's Rights Movement.



The town is believed by some to have been the inspiration for the fictional town of "Bedford Falls, N.Y." portrayed in filmmaker Frank Capra's classic 1940s film "It's a Wonderful Life".

If you visit Seneca Falls today you will not see any falls. In 1915 Van Cleef Lake was formed, and the falls are now beneath the surface of the lake. Hence, today there are no falls in Seneca Falls.

So what makes the small town of Seneca Falls interesting?

In 1847, Henry Stanton, his wife, **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** and their children moved to Seneca Falls. On **July 19-20, 1848**, the first women's rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, attended by about 300 people. The meeting comprised six sessions including a lecture on law, a humorous presentation, and multiple discussions about the role of women in society. Stanton and some Quaker women presented two prepared documents, the **Declaration of Sentiments** and an accompanying list of resolutions, to be debated and modified before being put forward for signatures. A heated debate sprang up regarding women's right to vote, with many – including Lucretia Mott (pictured at right side of above stamp) – urging the removal of this concept, but Frederick Douglass, who was the convention's sole African American attendee, argued eloquently for its inclusion, and the suffrage resolution was retained. Exactly 100 of approximately 300 attendees signed the document, mostly women.

The **Declaration of Sentiments** was simply: **We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.**



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