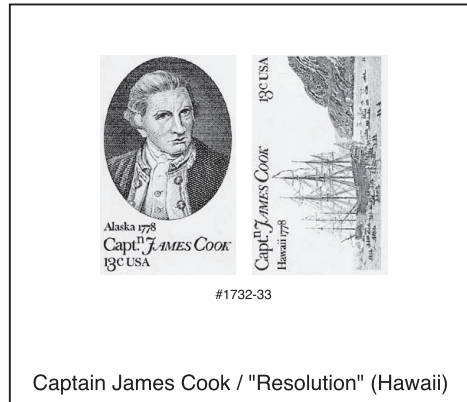


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Harriet Tubman - 13¢: This issue honors Harriet Tubman, who was known as the Moses of her people. A former slave, she escaped bondage by fleeing to Pennsylvania. However, she returned to the South at least 19 times in order to help more than 300 slaves escape to freedom.

American Quilts - 13¢: This original block of four was based on a "basket" design from an American quilt made in New York City in 1875. Although the industrial revolution made it possible to mass produce inexpensive blankets, the quilt was considered to be attractive, practical, and very economical.

American Dance - 13¢: This block of four stamps was issued to commemorate the contribution of dance to American society. Represented are ballet, folk, or square dance, modern dance, and theater.

French Alliance - 13¢: Marks the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the 1778 Treaty of Alliance with France. Historians agree that the resulting French military and financial support was essential to the winning of the Revolutionary War.

Dr. George Papanicolaou - 13¢: Through dedicated research, Dr. Papanicolaou developed the pap test, used to detect uterine cancer. The stamp not only honors the doctor and his work, but reminds us that early detection of cancer is the best defense against the disease.

Jimmie Rodgers - 13¢: Country music legend Jimmie Rodgers is honored with this issue. Called the "Father of Country Music," Rodgers was the first person ever inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. First Day ceremonies for this stamp were held during the annual Jimmie Rodgers Festival, in Rodgers' hometown of Meridian, Mississippi.

George M. Cohan - 15¢: Marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of this American actor and popular songwriter, playwright, producer, and director. Cohan wrote "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and was awarded a special Congressional Medal of Honor for his patriotic songs.