

U.S. Envelope Watermarks

Watermark 4 was intended for Official envelopes, but some leftover paper was used for regular envelopes. Watermarks 9 and 10 were intended for (penalty) paper only but some manila/amber manila paper envelopes were produced and released due to a factory mix up. Watermarks 17 & 18 were the last laid paper.



Wmk 1 (1853-70)



Wmk 2 (1870-78)



Wmk 3 (1876)



Wmk 4 (1877-82)



Wmk 5 (1878-82)



Wmk 6 (1882-86)



Wmk 7 (1886-90)



Wmk 8 (1890-94)



Wmk 9 (1886-87)



Wmk 10 (1886-99)



Wmk 11 (1893)



Wmk 12 (1894-98)



Wmk 13 (1899-1902)



Wmk 14 (1903-07)



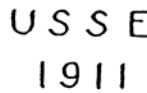
Wmk 15 (1907-11)



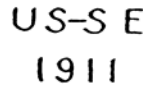
Wmk 15A (1907-11)



Wmk 16 (1911-15)



Wmks 17 & 18 (1911-15)



Wmks 19, 20 & 21 (1915-19)



Wmks 22 & 23 (1919-20)



Wmks 24 & 25 (1921-24)



Wmks 26 & 27 (1925-28)



Wmks 28 & 28A (1929-32)



Wmks 29, 30 & 30A (1929-32)



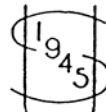
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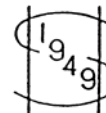
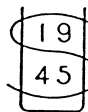
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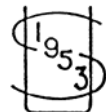
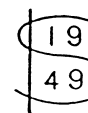
Wmks 38 & 39 (1941-44)



Wmks 40 & 41 (1945-48)



Wmks 42 & 43 (1949-52)



Wmks 44 & 45 (1953-56)



Wmk 46 (1957-60)



Wmks 47 & 48 (1961-88)
48A has larger star



Wmks 49 & 50 (1965-92)
49A has less rounded bottom of 'U'



Wmk 51
Official envelopes (1991)