

United Postal Stationery Society

Auction Guidelines

Conditions of Sale

General

UPSS auctions are open to all collectors.

The placing of a bid will constitute acceptance of the conditions of sale. Bids will be accepted by mail, phone, or website/email.

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All bids are per lot number as listed. The right is reserved to withdraw any lot or lots and to group two or more lots.

Lots are sold to the highest bidder at one advance over the second highest bid. However, please note that since there are no starting bids, if yours is the only bid, the lot will be sold at your bid amount. There is no buyer's commission. Bid intervals are listed below.

Up to \$30.00	1.00
32.00 to 70.00	2.00
75.00 to 150.00	5.00
150.00 to 400.00	10.00
400.00+	25.00

In the case of duplicate bids, the earliest postmark or email date will prevail. The auctioneer shall regulate the bidding and in the event of any dispute the auctioneer's decision shall be final.

Unrealistic bids and bids believed not to be made in good faith will be respectfully declined. Please note there will be a \$5.00 minimum bid on each lot.

Successful bidders will be notified of lots purchased and must remit before lots are delivered. Payment is due upon receipt of invoice in U.S. funds. Make checks payable to United Postal Stationery Society Auctions or UPSS Auctions.

Buyer pays all postage, insurance and handling. Lots will be sent by First Class or Priority Mail, unless otherwise requested.

Maryland residents will be subject to that state's sales tax.

Any lot which is incorrectly described may be returned within five (5) days from receipt. Lots graded "average" or below, lots listed "as is", and lots containing more than five (5) items cannot be returned because of condition.

DESCRIPTIONS USED:

- ** =Mint only markings would be light pencil marks.
- * = Unused may have printed address or message, but no evidence of having passed through the mail. "**a" indicates that the printing is on the address side. "**m" indicates that the printing is on the message side.
- O = Used bears an address, postmark or receiving mark. Precancelled stationery may not have a postmark, but will be addressed.

/uf = unfolded
/wcc = with corner card.
/waa = with added adhesive
VF = very fine – has no detracting qualities unless noted.
F = fine – possibly some minor faults as noted.
Avg = average – will have faults as noted.
Toned = brown or yellowish markings resulting from age or poor storage conditions
MB = Minimum bid
Withdrawn = Lot has been removed from auction

To Consignors

1. The UPSS Auction Manager is accepting consignments of all postal stationery, single items and collections, and related items such as books, posters, catalogs, etc relating to **USA and Possessions** (no foreign at this time).
2. There is a sellers commission charged for all lots sold. The rate is:15% on lots realizing up to \$300. 10% on lots over \$300 to \$500 and 7% on lots over \$500. This commission is on each lot not on the total value of the consignment.
3. The minimum value of lots offered for consignment is \$5. This is the estimate of true value not catalog value. The auctioneer can refuse any part of or an entire consignment. The auctioneer may combine lots to bring the estimated value over \$5. The auctioneer makes final decisions on the lotting of items.
4. Sellers are expected to correctly describe their own lots. All materials submitted must have a detailed inventory of material sent along with an estimated price. Material submitted without an inventory will be returned to the sender at sender's expense.
5. Minimum bids are acceptable if they are realistic, and approved by the auctioneer.
6. Payment on items sold will be as soon as possible after the sale, usually within 45 days.

Please send all consignments, insured, to:

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