

THE
MIKE FARRELL
COLLECTION
OF PRIVATE US MAIL SERVICES
INCLUDING THE HISTORY, FORGERIES, & FANTASIES OF
UNITED STATES LOCAL POSTS, CARRIERS,
INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

UNITED STATES LETTER EXPRESS



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Little is known about these bogus stamps. They could have been based on an unknown express company, but there are no records available. These stamps are perforated, and come in four colors for all five denominations: 1¢, 2¢, 5¢, 10¢, and 20¢.



BOGUS
1¢ BLUE
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
1¢ LIGHT GREEN
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
1¢ ORANGE
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
1¢ VIOLET RED
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
2¢ BLUE
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
2¢ LIGHT GREEN
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
2¢ ORANGE
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
2¢ VIOLET RED
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
5¢ BLUE
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
5¢ LIGHT GREEN
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
5¢ ORANGE
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
5¢ VIOLET RED
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5

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BOGUS
10¢ BLUE
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
10¢ LIGHT GREEN
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
10¢ ORANGE
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
10¢ VIOLET RED
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
20¢ BLUE
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
20¢ LIGHT GREEN
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
20¢ ORANGE
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5



BOGUS
20¢ VIOLET RED
ON WHITE
PERF 12.5