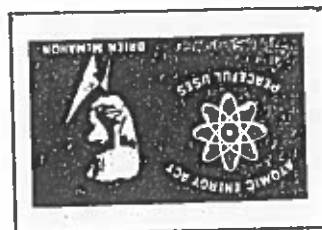
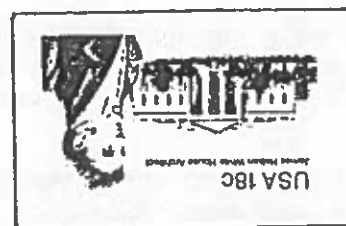
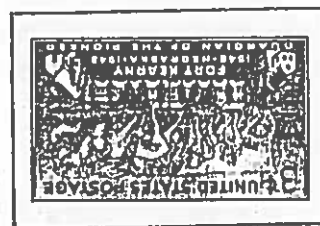


Mid Western Philatelic Society



FAMOUS AMERICANS

OF

IRISH DESCENT.

ON

U.S. STAMPS.

By:

James P. McAllister.



A Supplement to the MWPS

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Sean Moore

The Mid-Western Philatelic Society is indeed indebted to Mr. James McAllister for his study - "Famous Americans of Irish Descent" the results of which are published in the following pages.

So many Irish men and women over the years have contributed to to all aspects of American life that his task must have taken many hours of painstaking research. The end result is a most pleasing and worthwhile study, even for those philatelists who do not collect U.S. material, and, for those who do, it will indeed be seen as a 'labour of love'.

There is no doubt in my mind that the research undertaken by James will be very much appreciated by all those who are interested in the link between our two countries; a link which has existed for over two centuries, and which, I am sure, will continue into the future.

We offer our congratulations to the author for a great job, well done, and we express the hope that his studies will continue for many years to the further benefit of philately.

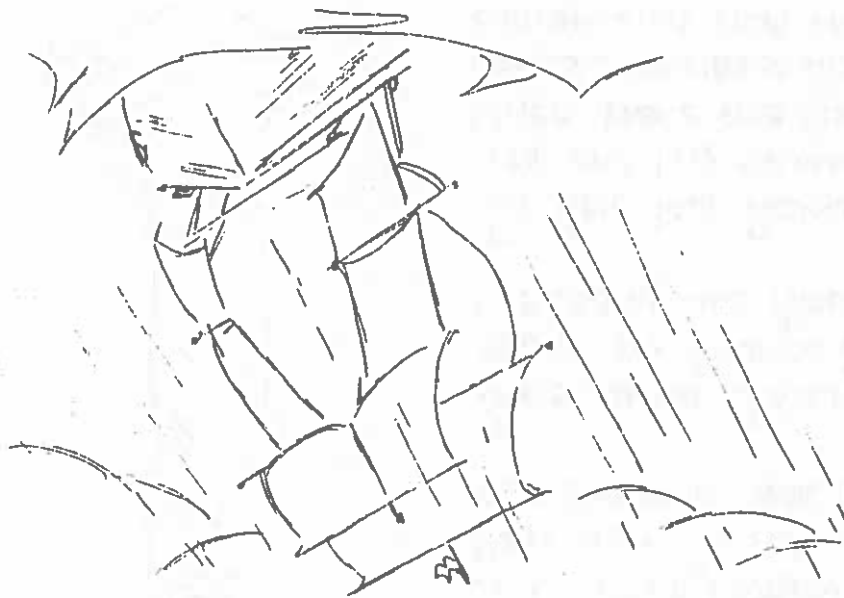
Foreword by Sean Moore, President, Mid-Western Philatelic Society.

Famous Americans of Irish Descent.
By: James P. McAllister.

Chronology

Jamestown, Virginia settled in 1607.

Irish settlers from Co. Cork emigrated to Virginia in 1662. After being banished to the Barbados and their land taken from them, 100 Irish families eventually sailed to Virginia and the Carolinas in 1678.



The year 1704 saw its first newspaper in America - The Boston News Letter.

In 1706 Rev. Francis Makemie (1658-1708) from Co. Donegal founded the Presbyterian Church in America.

Plymouth, Massachusetts colonized for over 80 years.

In 1720 2000 Irishmen arrived in Boston.
 In 1721-22 over 3000 immigrants arrived from Ulster alone.
 In 1735 John Peter Zenger, New York editor, acquitted of
 libel in New York, establishing press freedom.

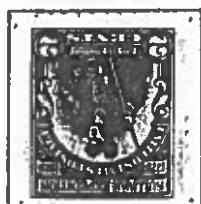
In 1768 Philip Embury (1728-1773)
 of Co. Down founded the first
 Methodist Church in America at
 John Street in New York City.

Some 30,000 Ulstermen and women
 sailed for America in the five years
 preceding the American Revolution.
 The American Revolution begins in
 1775 and 1777 saw the decline in the
 Linen trade and rise of exorbitant
 rents spurring a new wave of
 emigration from the north of Ireland.

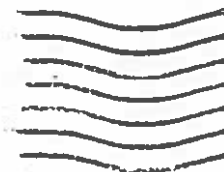
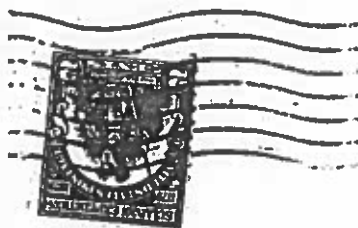


In 1789 George Washington was elected President.
 In 1790 the first census recorded 44,000 Irish born residents
 In 1794 U.S. Navy and Post Office established.
 Between 1820 and 1860 almost two million Irish entered
 the United States.

Famous Americans of Irish descent on U.S. stamps



SULLIVAN EXPEDITION ISSUE
JUNE 17, 1929



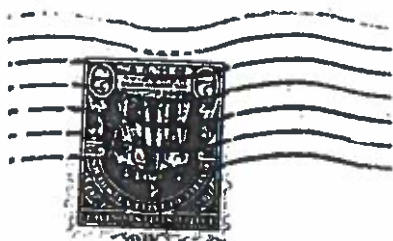
Miss Vivian Harrell Berchtold,
P. O. Box 112,
Troy, Ohio

Gen. John Sullivan - 1740-1795. Revolutionary War general. He was the first to take up arms against the King. Served as Gov. of New Hampshire from 1786 to 1789. His father emigrated to U.S. from Co. Limerick in 1723.

Sources: New Dictionary of American History - Irish in America.

Anthony Wayne. 1745-1796. Revolutionary General born in Pennsylvania. Distinguished himself in the battles of Morristown, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stony Point and Yorktown. Appointed by Washington to command American troops in the Battle of Fallen Timbers against the Indians (1794). He was called "Mad Anthony" because of his daring and adventurous spirit.

Mr. B. Frank Rinn,
City Hall,
Allentown, Pa.

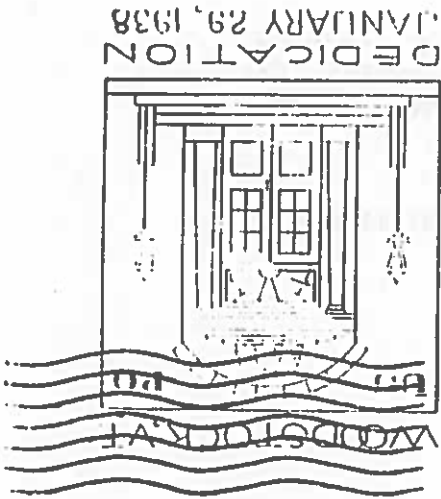


Battle of Fallen Timbers issue
Sept. 14, 1929



John Barry - 1745-1803. Commanding the brig Lexington during the Revolutionary War he captured the first British ship, the tender Edward. Along with the commander John Paul Jones he was considered one of the outstanding naval heroes of the War. Father of the U.S. Navy, he was born in Tacumshane, Co. Wexford.

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Mr. Fred R. Allen
109 Main St.
Roxbury
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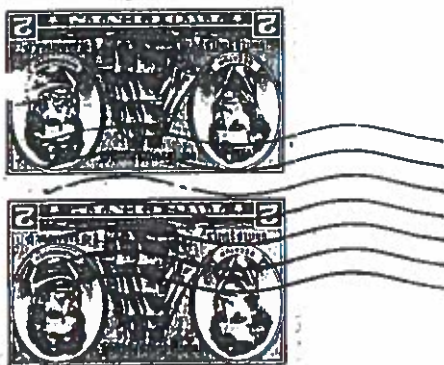
Navy issue
Dec. 15, 1936



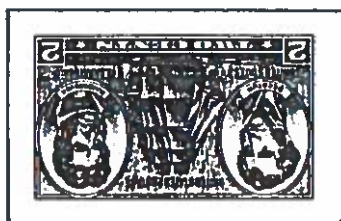
Thomas Mac Donough. 1783-1825. Naval officer. Served with Decatur during the war with Tripoli; commanded the American fleet on Lake Champlain (1812-14). With his ship Saratoga he defeated a superior British squadron at Plattsburgh thereby saving New York from invasion. He died aboard a trading ship sent by the U.S. to bring him home. His grandfather emigrated from Co. Kildare in 1780.

John O. Muller,
11 Commerce St.,
Newark, N. J.

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Stephen Decatur and Thomas Mac Donough
Navy issue
January 15, 1937



Gen. Philip H. Sheridan

Army issue

February 18, 1937



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1861-1865

→ Wm. T. Sherman



→ U. S. Grant

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The Heroes of the
Union Forces During
The Civil War



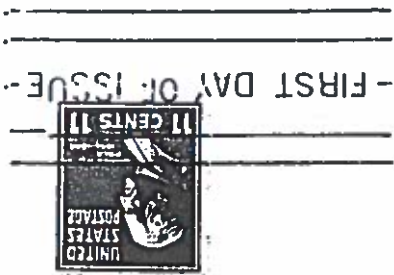
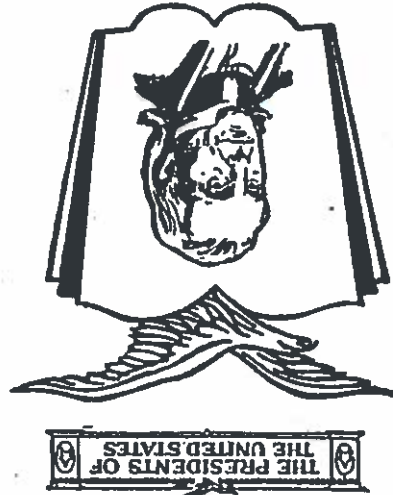
Phil H. Sheridan



Philip Henry Sheridan, 1831-1888, Union General in the Civil War. Served with the Army of the Potomac and forced Gen. Robert E. Lee to surrender at Appomattox (1865). Served with German armies in Europe (1870-71); succeeded Sherman as Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army (1894). His parents had emigrated from Co. Cavan in 1830.

James Knox Polk, 1795-1849. Eleventh President of the U.S. Born in Mecklenburg County, No. Carolina he was President from 1845 to 1849. More territory was added to the United States during his administration than any President, with the exception of Jefferson. His great, great grandparents were from Co. Donegal and Co. Derry respectively.

JAMES KNOX POLK
11th President—1845-1849
Born Nov. 2, 1795 Died June 15, 1849
816 E-359



James K. Polk
Presidential issue
September 8, 1938



William McKinley, 1843-1901. Twenty-fifth President of the United States was born in Niles, Ohio. Largely responsible for the McKinley Tariff Act (1890). He was elected Republican President of the U.S. in 1896-1900. Signed currency Act putting the country on the gold standard. He was assassinated on Sept. 6, 1901 and died Sept. 14. His grandfather emigrated from Co. Antrim, Ire. in 1798.



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Presidential issue
Dec. 2, 1938



Victor Herbert. 1859-1924. Born in Ireland he came to New York in 1886. He was a cello soloist at the Metropolitan Opera House and organized and conducted his own orchestra from 1904. He was famous for his light operas such as The Fortune Teller, Babes in Toyland, The Red Mill, Mlle. Modiste and Naughty Marietta.



Victor Herbert
Famous Americans issue - May 13, 1940



Augustus St. Gaudens. 1848-1907. Born in Dublin, Ireland of a French father and an Irish mother, this famous sculptor worked in a studio in New York City (1873-85) and in Cornish, New Hampshire (1885-1907). He was well known; his statue of Lincoln is in Lincoln Park, Chicago as is his Farragut, Madison Sq., New York and many others.



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Mr. Richard Howell

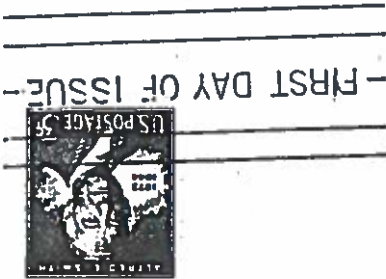
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Augustus St. Gaudens
Famous Americans issue
Sept. 16, 1940



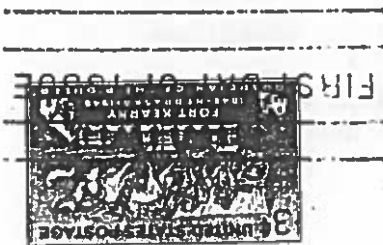
Alfred Emanuel Smith, 1873-1944. Governor of New York for four terms (1919-20; 1923-28), he was born in New York City. He was defeated for the presidency (1928) on the Democratic ticket largely because of his religion and his opposition to Prohibition. He was the first Catholic of Irish origin nominated by a major party. Known as "The Happy Warrior."



Alfred E. Smith issue
Nov. 26, 1945



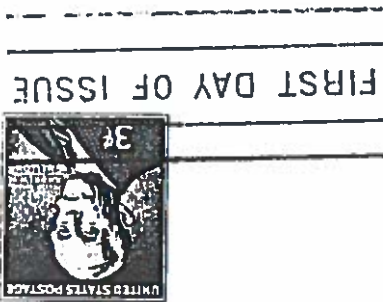
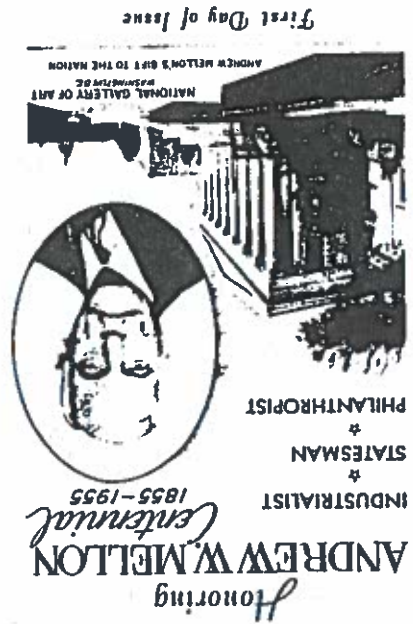
Stephen Watts Kearny. 1794-1848. Army officer. Served in War of 1812, brigadier general in Mexican War and conquered New Mexico. Captured Los Angeles and military governor of California territory. Related to the Delancys, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaers but earliest ancestor was Michael Kearny who emigrated from Ireland in 1704.



Fort Kearny issue
September 22, 1948



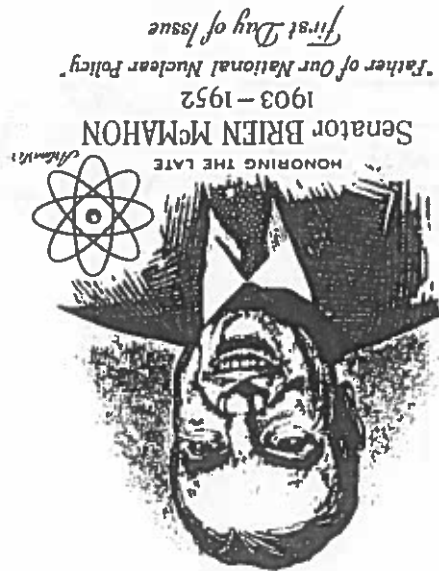
Andrew William Mellon. 1855-1937. Financier, born in Pittsburgh, Pa. he inherited a fortune from his father and greatly increased his wealth by investing in coke, coal and iron enterprises. He was U.S. Secretary of the Treasury (1921-1932); U.S. ambassador to Great Britain (1932-33). His ancestors emigrated from Co. Tyrone and settled in Pennsylvania.



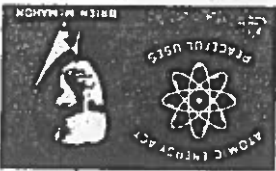
Andrew W. Mellon
December 20, 1955



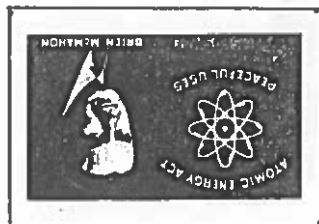
Sen. Brien McMahon, 1903-1952. Born in Norwalk, Conn. he was a lawyer and politician. He was nominated for the United States Senate in 1944. He seized the opportunity created by the advent of atomic energy and became expert on the subject. He sponsored a bill in 1945 to establish a special committee on atomic energy with control given to civilians. Many hoped him to be the first Catholic President but while the convention met in Washington, D.C. he became ill and died of Cancer.



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Sen. Brien McMahon issue
JULY 28, 1962



Samuel Houston. Known as Sam. 1793-1863. Born in Virginia. Frontier hero and political leader he lived with the Cherokee Indians as a boy and served in Creek campaign with Jackson. Governor of Tennessee (1827-29). Went to Texas (1833). Defeated Santa Anna at San Jacinto and became first President of the Republic of Texas (1836-38). Refused to join the Confederacy and was deposed (1859-61).



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Sam Houston issue
January 10, 1964



John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1917-1963. Thirty-fifth President of the United States was born in Brookline, Mass. U.S. Senator from Massachusetts (1953-1961). Served and disabled in the navy in W.W.II. Author of *While England Slept*; Profiles in Courage, Strategy of Peace. A great grandson of Irish emigrants in both ancestral lines. Assassinated in Dallas, Texas in 1963.

Our 35th President
 John Fitzgerald Kennedy
 DEPARTED
 BORN MAY 29, 1917
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963

IN MEMORIAM

John Fitzgerald Kennedy



ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY
 CAN DO FOR YOU -
 ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO
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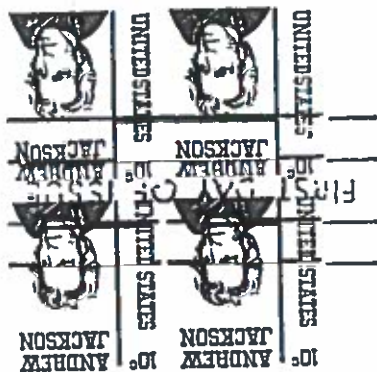
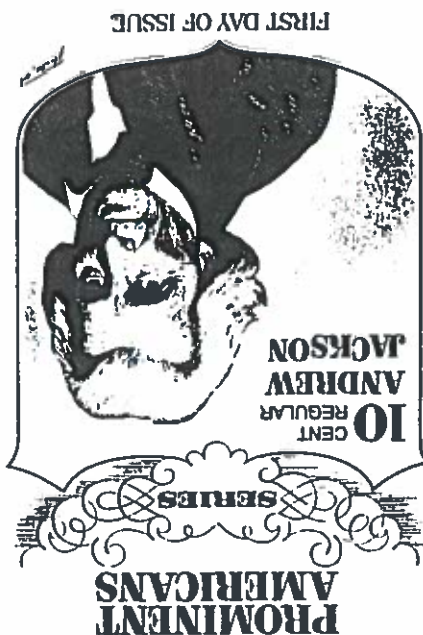


John F. Kennedy

Kennedy Memorial Issue

May 29, 1964

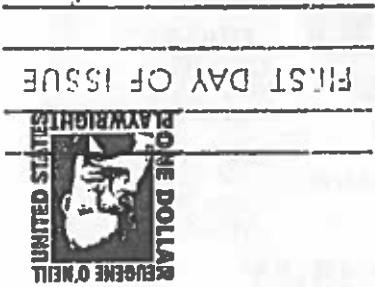
Andrew Jackson. 1767-1845. Seventh President of the United States. He was born in Waxhaw, So. Carolina while serving during the Revolution he was captured by the British and held prisoner at Camden. He later defended New Orleans against the British in the War of 1812. He was elected President (1828 and 1832) known as Old Hickory he was the son of Co. Antim emigrants.



Andrew Jackson
Prominent Americans series
March 15, 1967



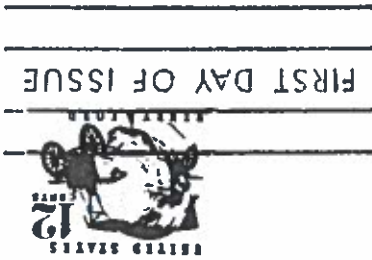
Eugene O'Neill, 1888-1953. Born in New York City this famous playwright won the Pulitzer Prize for drama (1920, 1922, 1928). He also won the Nobel Prize for literature (1936). His greatest dramas were, The Great God Brown, Strange Interlude, Mourning becomes Electra and Anna Christie, An Idealist, The Iceman Cometh, Long Voyage Home, Beyond the Horizon.



Eugene O'Neill
Prominent Americans issue
October 16, 1967



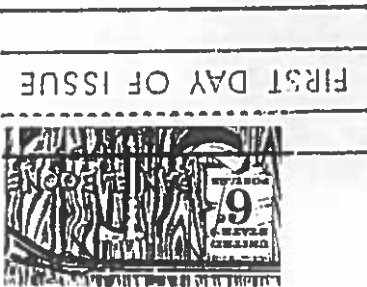
Henry Ford, 1863-1947, Automobile manufacturer born in Michigan. Worked as a machinist, chief engineer for the Edison Illuminating Co. Detroit (1887-89). He organized and became president of the Ford Motor Co. (1903). He put profit sharing plan into effect in his company (1914). Headed a peace delegation to Europe at his own expense in an attempt to end World War I. Inaugurated the assembly line. Grandfather John was from Co. Cork.



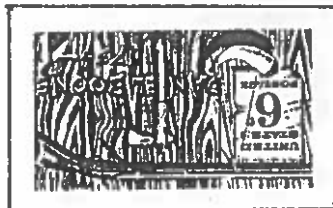
Henry Ford
Prominent Americans issue
July 30, 1968



Daniel Boone, 1734-1820. Most famous American pioneer frontiersman. Born in Pennsylvania and moved to No. Carolina in 1750. He was the first pioneer in the region which is now Kentucky (1767, 69-71); created a fort at a site that is present day Boonesboro. Despite his service to the frontier territory all his land titles were invalidated (after 1780). Finally secured land in Missouri! (1790).



Daniel Boone
American Folklore issue
September 26, 1968



George M. Cohan. 1878-1942. Born at 536 Wickenden St. Providence R.I. on July 3 although he always celebrated on July 4. His parents Jerry and Nellie (Costigan) Cohan and sister Josie formed a vaudeville team until the mid 1890s. George became an actor, playwright and producer. Composed more than 500 songs such as Over There, You're a Grand Old Flag.

George M. Cohan
His music captured the vitality and
excitement of America's patriotic spirit.



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George M. Cohan
Performing Arts issue
July 3, 1978



Robert Francis Kennedy, 1925-1968. Brother and political heir to John F. Kennedy. In 1953 he joined the legal staff of Sen. Jos. McCarthy. Committed to investigate subversive activities. Became chief adviser to his brother John in the 1960 election and appointed Attorney General. Elected Senator from New York after his brother's death. Announced his candidacy for the presidency in 1968. Defeated by Sen. Eugene McCarthy. Killed by an assassin's bullet moments after winning California.

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Colorano "Silk" Cachet

Robert F. Kennedy
1925-1968



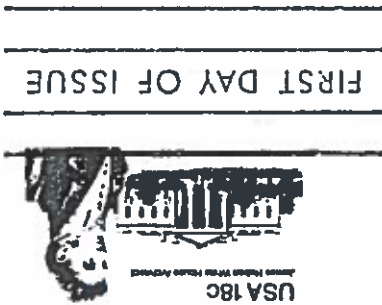
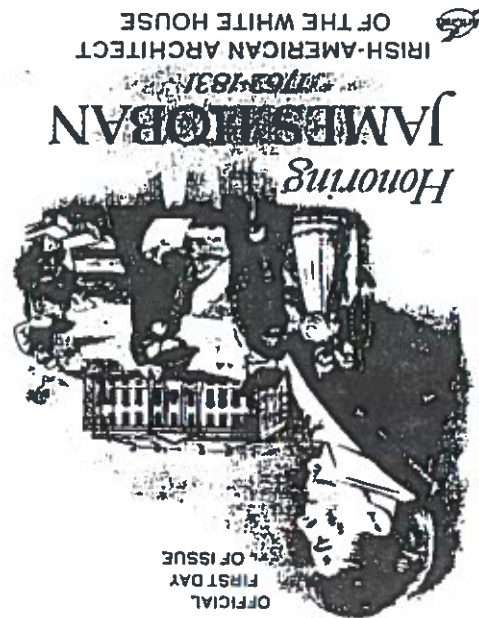
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Robert F. Kennedy
January 12, 1979



James Hoban. 1758-1831. First of two different denominational issues. This Co. Kilkeny architect also supervised the rebuilding of the White House after it was gutted by fire during the War of 1812.



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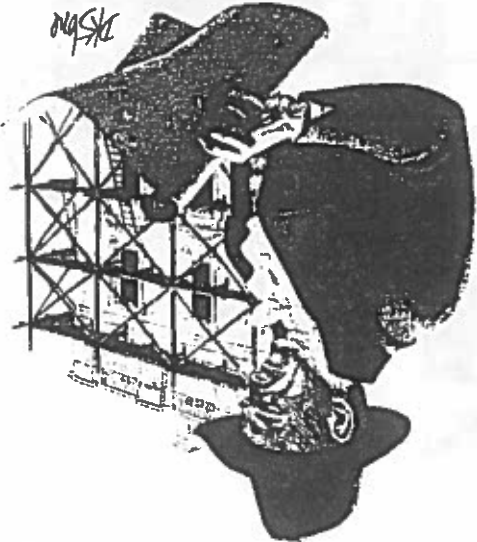
James Hoban issue
October 13, 1981



James Hoban, 1758-1831. Born in Callan, Co. Kilkenny he emigrated to America as a young man and settled in Philadelphia first, then in Charleston, So. Carolina. In hopes of winning a prize of \$500 he submitted a plan for a "Presidential Mansion. Thomas Jefferson, himself a renowned architect, was among his competition.

One of the most influential architects of early America, he designed our Presidential mansion, the White House.

James Hoban



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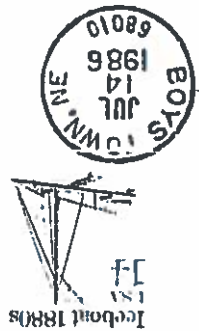


James Hoban issue
October 13, 1981



Father Edward Joseph Flanagan, 1886-1948. Established a workmen's hotel in Omaha, Nebraska to care for the poor and derelict (1914). Had to attack the problem (crime and alcoholism) in childhood and so in 1917 he rented a house with five boys under his care. In 1918 they moved to a tract of land outside Omaha where together they built Fr. Flanagan's Boys Home. In 1922 it was incorporated as a municipality and by 1939 the population was 500. There is no such thing as a bad boy.

Father Edward Flanagan
With \$90 and a lot of faith,
his dreams of a home for troubled youth came true.



JULY 14, 1986

Fr. Edward Flanagan



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