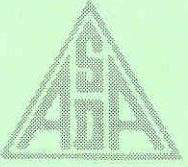


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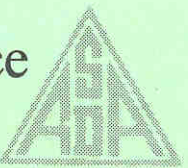
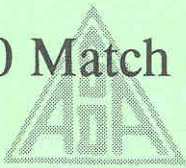
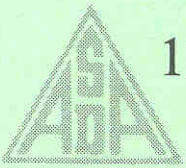
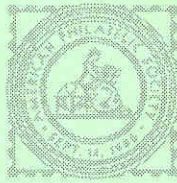


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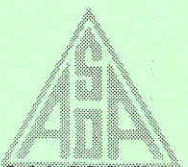
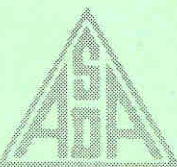
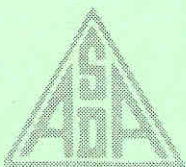
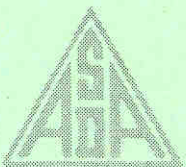
*Expertizing Service*



*Application*



100 Match Factory Place





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100 MATCH FACTORY PLACE

BELLEFONTE, PA 16823

TEL.: (814) 933-3803

Fax: 814-933-6128

E-mail: [ambristo@stamps.org](mailto:ambristo@stamps.org)

[krharter@stamps.org](mailto:krharter@stamps.org)

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Enclosed herewith for examination is the following item believed to be:

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Cat. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cat. Value \_\_\_\_\_  
(Enter one number only)

- Unused o.g.     Unused part o.g.     Used  
 Unused no gum     On cover

Catalogue used \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Other information \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The item submitted has been previously expertized  yes,  no.

If yes, give committee name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Opinion rendered \_\_\_\_\_, date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following information is desired:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Owner's Certificate

(Owner **MUST** complete all entries on the first two panels.)

I have read and fully understand the American Philatelic Expertizing Service Rules and Requirements and I accept them without qualification. I further certify that the item submitted is the property of the undersigned and I will, if desired, provide my own insurance coverage against loss or damage.

The Scott catalogue value of the item attached is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and, as required below, I am enclosing the fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I am enclosing a No. 10 (large 9½") addressed envelope for the return of the item(s) submitted, plus a small SASE for each group of items submitted at one time for the acknowledgement of receipt forms.

Return postage costs are the responsibility of the owner and must be sufficient to cover items returned by any method where a signature is required upon receipt (Certified, Insured or Registered), plus First-Class postage (2 oz. minimum). Individuals who carry APS/ASDA insurance should check their policies for coverage and mailing requirements. Owner has option of providing postage on or off return envelope, or of adding postage fees to check.

Postage fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_

Total remittance enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Date submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Print or Type)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

(signature)

APS No. \_\_\_\_\_ ASDA Member \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card we accept only

VISA or MasterCard Expiration Date \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ .

Card # \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ .

Required V-Code \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ .

**Credit Card Payments will be charged at time of submission.**

**Send to: APS, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823**

**FAX: 814-933-6128**

Receipt is hereby acknowledged for the items submitted. Please use the number assigned when referring to this item in correspondence.

Fee Charged \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

  
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## FEES

### Effective February 1, 2006

	APS Members	Non-APS Members
<b>Current Scott Catalogue</b>		
Value \$1,000 or less	\$25	\$45
\$1,001 or more	2% of current Scott value regardless of condition	4% of current Scott value regardless of condition
<b>Uncatalogued/Unpriced Items:</b>	Minimum fee \$25	Minimum fee \$45
<b>Maximum Fee charged:</b>	\$400	\$800

The above fees do not include return postage costs, a discretionary expense of the owner. Older application forms will be accepted but the new rates will be in effect. Please contact us if you would like a new supply of current forms.

#### **Refund Policy:**

No opinions: a refund is provided if an item is returned to the owner without an opinion by the committee, less an \$8 administrative fee.

Items where the original fee is above the base \$25: If an item is determined by APEX to be a counterfeit or identified as a less expensive item, the fee is adjusted to a minimum of \$25 and a refund for the difference is provided.

APEX certification, a service of the APS since 1903, is a benefit to members of the American Philatelic Society and the American Stamp Dealers Association (ASDA).

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each stamp or cover submitted for examination must be mounted or affixed to a separate form and addressed directly to the American Philatelic Expertizing Service, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823. A coil pair, block, or multiple stamps on a cover or piece shall be considered a single item. Sets of stamps will be accepted, but each stamp must be individually mounted on a separate form. Any number of forms may be included in a single package or envelope.
2. Each item must be the bona fide property of the individual submitting it for examination.
3. The fee for a certificate of opinion, in accordance with the enclosed schedule, must accompany each item submitted unless special arrangements have been made.
4. One stamped addressed No. 10 (large 9½") envelope must accompany the item(s) submitted plus one small stamped addressed envelope for the item(s) submitted at one time. The small envelope will be used to acknowledge receipt by returning Owner's Receipt of Expertizing Service form after a number has been assigned.

The No. 10 envelope will be used to return the item submitted with the report of the opinion rendered. Unless necessary, do not use an oversized envelope since it is easily folded and frequently damages the enclosure. Insurance against loss in the mails both to and from the owner and the American Philatelic Building will be the responsibility of the owner.

5. The American Philatelic Expertizing Service reserves the right at all times to decline to examine or give an opinion on any item which may include certain coil and imperf singles. Requests for the plate position of a stamp or overprint will be addressed when possible. **Used stamps and stamps without gum must be thoroughly cleaned of all hinge or paper remnants.**

6. Requests for the market or net value of an item will not be accepted.

7. There are no refunds unless no opinion is given. A minimum \$8 administrative fee will be deducted from the refund if the item is returned without an opinion following examination.

8. Since the meaning of the terms "superb", "very fine", etc., are debatable, no opinion as to centering will be given. Defects and alterations not readily apparent will be noted.

9. All reasonable care will be taken of items submitted for examination, but all items are accepted with the full understanding on the part of the owner that neither the American Philatelic Society, the American Stamp Dealers' Association, nor members of their expertizing committees are liable for any loss or damage resulting from any cause whatever except for gross negligence.

10. The American Philatelic Society and the American Stamp Dealers' Association reserve the right to make such changes without notice to the rules and requirements as they deem necessary, but such changes will be announced as soon as possible.

11. The request for an examination constitutes an acceptance by the owner of all rules and requirements of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service.

12. No item will be accepted if the owner insists upon a deadline date for its return. Owners should allow at least 90 days before expecting a certificate. Since items are submitted to expert committee members for their opinions by mail, unavoidable delays are often experienced.

**Now Guaranteed!**  
**See final certificates**  
**for details.**