

**Bibliography of the *Correo Oficial* Stamps of Cuba
by Ernesto Cuesta**

<[ABRE9600](#)> **Abréu Pérez, José Ignacio**

Catálogo Histórico Postal de Cuba (1855-1898) (Postal History Catalog of Cuba (1855-1898))

Madrid, Spain: Federación Española de Sociedades Filatélicas (Spanish Federation of Philatelic Societies), Colección Cuadernos de Filatelia No.7 (Collection of Philatelic Notebooks, No. 7), 1996, 256 pp.+ list of errata, profusely illustrated, in Spanish.

This is an outstanding work comprising the stamp and postal stationery issues of Cuba during the Spanish Administration. It includes regular postage stamp issues and postal forgeries, **official stamps**, telegraph stamps, revolutionary war stamps, and postal stationery.

Pages 80 to 91 of this catalog cover the stamps for official mail:

[Sellos del Correo Oficial \(Official Mail Stamps\)](#)

<[GARCF8911](#)> **García-Frutos, Silvia**

"Large front wrapper bearing a one 'libra' (Havana lithographed) official mail stamp, sent on May 23, 1863, to the Lt. Governor of San Antonio" "Envoltura oficial con el franqueo de una libra, litografiado en La Habana, enviada el 23 de mayo de 1863 al Gobernador de San Antonio"

CPa, Vol.I, No.3, Nov-Dec 1989, p.45, ill., Eng. & Span.

<[GOME4903](#)> **Gómez III, Máximo**

"Nuevas emisiones cubanas" & "Los sellos oficiales usados en Cuba de 1858 a 1868"
("New Cuban Issues" & "The Official Stamps Used in Cuba From 1858 to 1868.")

Carteles, 18 Mar 1939, one unnumbered page, ill., Span.

News of the issue of two stamps (Scott 433-434) simultaneously commemorating the bicentennial of the construction of the castle at Jagua and the centennial of the start of publication of the first newspaper of the city of Cienfuegos. Another section of the philatelic column discusses the typographed Spanish official mail stamps that were used in Cuba in the period cited. The article makes no mention of the lithographed versions of these stamps that were made in Havana and which are much rarer (see <[SORO8111](#)>).

<[GUER5805a](#)> **Guerra Aguiar, José Luis**

"Historia y Filatelia Cubana. Sellos de Franqueo Previo Usados en Cuba para la Correspondencia Oficial"
("Cuban History and Philately. Prepayment Stamps Used on Official Correspondence in Cuba")

BMI, Yr.2, No.5, May 1958, pp.2-6 (5), ill., Span.

<[GUER8010](#)> **Guerra Aguiar, José Luis**

"Uso de los sellos de Correo Oficial de España (1854) en sus Dependencias Antillanas"
("Use of Spanish Official Mail Stamps of 1854 in the Spanish Antilles")

Boletín Núm. 2 de ESPAMER 80, held in Madrid, Spain, 5-12 Oct 1980, pp.31-33 and 35-37 (5), ill., Span.

<[HEIJ0909](#)> **Heijtz, Stefan**

The First Official Stamps in the World, 1854-1855

Stockholm, Sweden: Received from the author on 3 Sep 2009, 42 pp. Microsoft PowerPoint presentation, profusely illustrated.

This presentation is an overview of world's first stamps issued for the franking of official mail that Spain issued between 1854 and 1855. The presentation lists, describes and illustrates the Spanish "Correo Oficial" stamps and shows outstanding pieces and usages of these issues on cover. The use of these stamps was eventually extended to the Spanish colonies, by a Royal Order of 23 January 1857 that made their use mandatory effective 1 January 1858, and the presentation includes examples of their use in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and the Philippines. In particular, the Cuban examples shown are numerous and remarkable and include the set of these stamps printed by lithography in La Habana and known as the "Litografiados de La Habana" with numerous examples shown of these extremely rare usages on cover.

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"Catálogo de Sellos de Cuba: Emisiones de sellos de correos, impresos, telégrafos y servicio oficial usados en Cuba desde 1855 hasta 1898 que cesó la soberanía de España sobre esta isla"

("Catalog of the Stamps of Cuba: Stamp issues for the regular mail, newspapers, telegraph, and official service used in Cuba from 1855 until 1898 when Spain's sovereignty over this island ceased")

AF, Yr.III, No. 8, Jan 1938, pp.19-22;

AF, Yr.III, Nos.9,10,11, Feb-Mar-Apr 1938, pp.10-11;

AF, Yr.III, Nos.12-14, Jul 1938, pp.15-16;

AF, Yr.IV, Nos.15-20, Jan 1939, p.15;

AF, Yr.IV, No.21, Nov 1939, pp.25-26;

AF, Yr.V, No.22, Nov 1940, p.17;

AF, Yr.VIII, No.23, Apr 1943, pp.21-22, 14 pp. total, Span.

This is a fairly complete catalog of the stamps of Cuba during the Spanish administration, including identification of mayor varieties, forgeries, and usages, such as bisected stamps. The catalog also includes the revolutionary issues of 1874 and 1896, and **stamps for official mail on p.22 of the last installment.**

<[NAVAPyymm](#)> Navarro Payá, Alfredo

"Los Sellos de Servicio Oficial 1855/1866 y sus Falsos Filatélicos"

("The Official Service Stamps of 1855/1866 and Their Postal Forgeries")

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<[SORO8111](#)> Soro Bergua, Enrique

"Los Sellos de Servicio Oficial y los Litografiados de la Habana"

("The Official Mail Stamps and the Havana Lithographed Stamps")

Butlletí Informatiu, Círculo Filatélico Numismático de Ripollet (Ripollet Philatelic-Numismatic Circle), No.2, 2 Nov 1981, pp.12-19 (8), ill., Span.

Description of the differences between the 1855 Spanish official mail stamps used in Cuba and their Havana lithographed counterparts. Illustrated with photos showing the differences.

<[SORO8305](#)> Soro Bergua, Enrique

"Los Sellos de Servicio Oficial y los Litografiados de la Habana -- The Havana Lithographed Counterparts of the 1855 Spanish Official Mail Stamps"

BM, No.15, May-Aug 1983, pp.127-129 (3), ill., Span. & Eng.

Reprint of entry <[SORO8111](#)> and edited translation by Ernesto Cuesta.