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**<[A2301b](#)> Adelante**

"Nuevas variedades en Cuba" ("New Cuban Varieties")

A, Yr.2, No.7, Jan 1923, p.15, Span.

Report of a major error in the 2c. bicolor stamp of the 1910 Patriots stamp issue (Scott 240): only the redframe was printed; the bust of Máximo Gómez in the center is missing. Report of constant variety in plate S-291 of Scott 267 in which the upper part of the "e" of "de" in "República de Cuba" is missing. Reference to the constant variety occurring in plate S-250 of Scott 265, known as "variedad de la cicatriz" ("variety of the scar"); further discussed in <[A2407](#)>.

**<[AJP89904](#)> American Journal of Philately**

"Cuba"

AJP, Vol.12, No.4, 1 Apr 1899, p.182.

Report of the appearance of the 2c stamp of the United States surcharged 2c for use in Cuba (Scott 222 or 222a) with each sheet of 100 stamps showing the error "CUPA" on the 99th stamp (Scott 222b). Also report of the United States postal cards surcharged for use in Cuba: 1c de Peso on 1c black and 2c de Peso on 2c black (Scott UX1 and UX2).

**<[ASSE8412](#)> Asseo, Julio**

"La Doble Sobrecarga del Tren Aéreo Internacional"

("The Double Surcharge of the International Sky Train")

BNJ, No.13, Dec 1984, pp.13-14, ill., Spanish with English summary on p.29.

For related article see <[ROSE8504a](#)>.

Story of the discovery of a double surcharge on a sheet of 100 of the perforated international sky train stamp (Scott C16) by Rafael R. García, the well-known Cuban dealer, his accusation by the postal authorities of forging the double surcharge, and his subsequent exoneration from any wrongdoing. The stamps were printed using a plate of 200 subjects in two sheets of 100, but it was not until some time later that a portion of the second sheet (86 stamps) was found by another philatelist who had bought them and put them aside, not noticing the error. This finding helped dispel doubts about the authenticity of the error.

**<[ASSE8506](#)> Asseo, Julio**

"Ministerio de Comunicaciones: Suspenso en Historia"

("Ministry of Communications: Flunked History")

BNJ, No.16, Jun 1985, p.12, ill., Span. with Eng. summary on p.27.

Report of the discovery of errors in the dates of birth of the three Cuban patriots shown in the 2c, 5c, and 50c values of the definitive issue of 1954 honoring Cuban patriots (Scott 519-528). The discovery of the errors was first reported in a major Cuban daily newspaper and caused such commotion that it prompted the Ministry of Communications to create a special commission to look into the matter with the result that they found additional date errors in the 10c and \$1 values. Also see report of error in <[ROSE8510a](#)>.

**<[BENNM0006a](#)># Bennett, Inc., Matthew**

An Exhibition Collection Sale—The Edward Goldsmith Collection of Spanish Antilles to 1866

Baltimore, Maryland: Matthew Bennett, Inc.; 223<sup>rd</sup> Public Auction; June 10, 2000; 55 pp.; ill.

Catalog of the auction of the Edward Goldsmith Gold Medal Collection of Spanish Antilles to 1866 containing great rarities of Spanish Antilles, including the controversial Y¼ cover of the interior mail of Habana with the error 4/1 inverted numerals in the fraction of the surcharge that was offered as lot #1633 and sold for \$38,500 plus 10% commission—the highest price ever paid to date for an item of Cuban philately. The auction realized a total

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of \$171,840 plus 10% commission. Photocopies of some of the larger lots that could not be included in the auction catalog are available in my library (<[BENNM0006b](#)>).

<[BLAN3510](#)> **Blank, Alton J.**

"Airs of the Month... Cuba"

APJ, Vol.VII, No.1, WNo.66, Oct 1935, p.8, ill.

Report of the discovery of the existence of a double overprint on the perforated variety of the 1935 air train stamp (Scott C16). A block of 4 of the stamp is shown.

<[BLAN3601](#)> **Blank, Alton J.**

"Airs of the Month... Cuba"

APJ, Vol.VII, No.4, WNo 69, p.12.

Report that the double overprint variety of the air train stamp (Scott C16) reported to exist in <BLAN3510> was declared fraudulent by the Cuban government. (The double overprint variety is now a recognized error, Sanabria No.16a).

<[BNJ8304](#)> **Boletín--Bulletin of the CPSA, N.J. Chapter**

"Errores Curiosos" ("Interesting Errors")

BNJ, No.3, Abr 1983, p.15, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, Span. Although no author is listed, this piece was probably written by Roberto M. Rosende.

Reference in the first paragraph to the error in spelling of "immediata" instead of "inmediata" in Scott E2 which was corrected in Scott E3. The article refers to the error as an error in translation which it was not—the translation was correctly made from the English "special delivery" to the Spanish "entrega inmediata". The error in spelling was either introduced by the translator or by the engraver upon reading the translation because of the similarity of spelling of the word "inmediata" in Spanish with the spelling of "immediate" in English. The rest of the errors mentioned in this piece do not pertain to Cuban stamps.

<[CA90001](#)> **El Curioso Americano**

"Variedades" ("Varieties")

CA, 3rd Epoch, No.7, Jan 1900, pp.15-16, Span.

Report of the existence of two versions of the special delivery stamp: one with the error "immediata" and a replacement stamp that is being prepared with the correct Spanish spelling "inmediata" and speculates that the former will be the more valuable in the future since they will be withdrawn from sale as soon as the replacement stamps arrive. The third paragraph of this article reports that the supply of U.S. postage due stamps surcharged for their use in Cuba has been exhausted in Cuban post offices, but mentions that the Scott firm of New York is offering complete unused sets at 75c. and questions why the sale to the public of the unused stamps was prohibited in Cuba by the U.S. postal authorities.

<[CA90101](#)> **El Curioso Americano**

"Variedades" ("Varieties")

CA, 3rd Epoch, Yr.2, Nos.1-2, Jan-Feb 1901, pp.36-37, Span.

Comments on several articles on Cuban stamps written in foreign philatelic journals reporting varieties, errors, and forgeries. The entry is really a regularly appearing subsection in the journal. The first segment is subtitled "Corrfo Corlo Correcs ó CORFOS CORLOS CORRES?" and challenges the accuracy of a report in Cádiz Filatélico of some varieties in the lettering of the word CORREOS in the heading of the stamps of the first issue of Cuba. The second segment gives an account of four stamps that are extremely rare used and which often bear counterfeit cancellations (Scott 16, 22, 83, and 159). The third segment discusses the error "immediata" on Scott E2. The fourth segment challenges the genuineness of the Y 1/4 stamps in a lot of stamps containing several of

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them that was offered in an ad in Madrid Filatélico at a ridiculously low price. The final segment talks about the report of a counterfeit Y 1/4 stamp in the Boletín de la Sociedad Filatélica de Chile and challenges the claim by author of the existence of 9 types of Y 1/4 surcharges. For a follow-up on this last segment see <CA90104>.

<[CAMP89906a](#)># **Camp, G. A.**

"Washington Notes"

MK, Vol.XIII, No.22, WNo.439, 1 Jun 1899, p.207.

This item contains two notes about Cuban stamps. The first one mentions that a collector has found the 10c U.S. stamp surcharged for use in Cuba (Scott #226) with the surcharge reading "10c. de Peso, Cuba" instead of "Cuba, 10 c. de Peso" and correctly supposes that the error resulted in a shift of the surcharge when it was applied to a sheet of stamps being surcharged. The other note reports that upon examining a sheet of the 3c U.S. stamp surcharged for use in Cuba (Scott #224), the B and A of "CUBA" were joined together in several of the stamps.

<[CAMPO5900](#)> **Campo, Ricardo del**

Catálogo Ilustrado de los Sellos de Cuba 1959

(Illustrated Catalog of Cuban Stamps 1959)

La Habana, Cuba: Editado por Librería y Filatelia *Venecia* (Edited by the Bookstore and Stamp Shop *Venecia*), 1959, 32 pp. (9 x 16 cm.), ill., Span. Priced in U.S. dollars.

Small format catalog of current prices for unused and used postage, airmail, special delivery, postage due, newspaper, and postal tax stamps, including prices for some errors and varieties.

<[CAPO7605a](#)> **Capote Abreu, José Raúl**

"Un Error de 36 Años" ("A 36 Year Error")

FCb, Yr.11, No.2, May-Aug 1976, pp.18-20 (3), ill., Span.

Article describing an error in the design of the stamp issue commemorating the centenary of the first Cuban postage stamp which went undetected for 36 years.

<[DEWE3407](#)> **Dewey, A.A.**

"When Stamp Artists Err"

MK, 9 Jul 1934, pp.341-342, Cuba on p.342.

Brief mention of the error "Immediata" on Scott E2 issued in 1899 that was corrected to "Inmediata" on Scott E3 issued in 1902.

<[DIAM8701](#)>\* **Diamond, J. Leonard**

"Cuba--Gummed on Both Sides"

POSS, Vol.10, No.1, WNo.35, 1st Quarter, 1987, p.5.

Report of Scott 224, 3c plate strip of three (Plate no.447) that is gummed on both sides and has been certified as genuine by the Philatelic Foundation. Apparently, it is the first such variety reported for any of the U.S. Possessions.

<[DIAM9004](#)> **Diamond, J. Leonard**

"Cuba--Gum on Both Sides"

POSS, Vol.13, No.2, WNo.48, 2nd Quarter, 1990, p.5. This is a repeat of <DIAM8701>.

<[EDIFILb](#)> **EDIFIL, S.A.**

Catálogo Unificado y Especializado de España y Dependencias Postales

(Combined Specialized Catalog of Spain and Postal Dependencies)

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Madrid-Barcelona, Spain: Published by EDIFIL, S.A. (a consortium of Spanish philatelic dealers), printed by M. y R. Gilabert of Barcelona until the 1980-81 edition (16th ed.) and by Heraclio Fournier de Vitoria thereafter. Published yearly from 1965 until the 1980-81 edition when it became biennial. Illustrated, priced catalog, with text in Spanish.

Catalog expands on the complete listing of Cuban postage, newspaper, and telegraph stamps issued during the Spanish administration presented in <EDIFILa> by adding Spanish official stamps used in Cuba and by listing major varieties of the issues. Among the varieties listed are imperforates, bisects, color varieties, errors and varieties in surcharges and overprints, cliché varieties, postal forgeries, etc. In addition to prices for unused and used stamps, the specialized catalog includes listings for blocks of four, bisects on cover, selected items on cover, etc. Prices are given in Spanish pesetas.

### **<EDIFILd>\* EDIFIL, S.A.**

Catálogo Especializado de Sellos de Cuba, 1855-1996

(Specialized Catalog of Cuban Stamps, 1855-1996)

Madrid, Spain: EDIFIL, S.A.; 1st edition 1997; 341 numbered catalog pages preceded by several unnumbered pages, including title, publication, and introduction pages, several pages of advertisements, and three pages of guidance in the use of the catalog. A brief section index is included at the back of the catalog. Profusely illustrated; priced in Spanish pesetas; text in Spanish. EDIFIL hired Carlos Echenagusía García, Cuban philatelic expert and designer of numerous stamp issues of the Castro Government, as a consultant for the production of this catalog (see <ECHE9700>). The catalog builds upon <EDIFILc>, but is so much more specialized and improved that it bears no comparison with those predecessors.

The catalog is a comprehensive specialized catalog of all Cuban postage, airmail, postage due, special delivery, newspaper, official mail, officially sealed, semi-postal, postal tax, and telegraph stamps, and postal stationery covering the Spanish Administration, Cuban Revolutionary Governments of 1874 and 1896, the U.S. Administration, the Republic, and the Castro Government up to 1996. The catalog includes pricing for used and unused stamps, used and unused blocks of four, sheet center blocks, stamps on cover, bisects on cover, first day covers (FDCs), postal forgeries, essays, proofs, specimens, and countless printing varieties and errors. Each issue is illustrated and described, including major varieties. Descriptions include the motif and numbers printed of each value, and the designer of the issue when known. Also illustrated are typical cancellations of each period, including official FDC cachets of the Republican period. Plating and plate number information is included where significant and available, but no pricing is given for plate number strips and blocks of the U.S. Administration and early Republic issues, except for a few strips and blocks with Bureau of Printing and Engraving imprints. Listings for regular postage, official mail, newspaper, airmail, and special delivery stamps appear in chronological order. Listings for the stamps of the Cuban Revolutionary Governments of 1874 and 1896 follow the Spanish Administration entries. Listings for postage due, semi-postal, postal tax, telegraph, and officially sealed stamps and for postal stationery are in the back of the catalog, also in chronological order. Overall this is the most outstanding specialized catalog of Cuba ever published because of the depth and breadth of the material covered and its profuse number of illustrations (it advertises having more than 5000 illustrations). The presentation and format are also quite appealing; the catalog is hardbound and printed in good quality paper. The only possible criticism that can be made of this excellent work is in the pricing of some of the rarer material, which could be adjusted, usually in an upward direction.

### **<ELDR0208> Eldredge, William D.**

"Items From the Hub"

WPE, Vol.16, No.49, WNo.586, 30 August 1902, p.392.

Reporting the Puerto Príncipe error 3c. on 2c. in one strip of five, four stamps with thick type surcharge and one stamp with thin type. Today we know that this difference in types is not considered to be an error, but rather a constant variety of the setting of types used to print these surcharges.

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**<[FCb6607b](#)> Filatelia Cubana (FFC)**

"Emisiones de Cuba Revolucionaria" ("Issues of the Cuban Revolution")

FCb, Yr.2, No.3, Jul-Sep 1966, pp.12-15 (4), Span.

This article is divided in two sections: 1) "Los habilitados para dos centavos" ("The stamps surcharged two cents"), and 2) "Hallazgos Reportados" ("Reported Discoveries"). The first section is a study of the surcharge varieties in the surcharged stamps Scott 641-643, with identification of the plate positions where the varieties occur. The second section discusses several errors and varieties found in stamps of the Cuban Revolution that were unlisted in catalogs at the time.

**<[FCb6701a](#)> Filatelia Cubana (FFC)**

"Hallazgos Reportados" ("Reported Discoveries")

FCb, Yr.3, No.1, Jan-Mar 1967, pp.12-16 (5), ill., Span.

Report of several errors and varieties found in stamps of the Cuban Revolution that were unlisted in catalogs at the time.

**<[FCb6704e](#)> Filatelia Cubana (FFC)**

"Hallazgos Reportados" ("Reported Discoveries")

FCb, Yr.3, No.2, Apr-Jun 1967, p.31, ill., Span.

Report of errors and varieties found in stamps of the Cuban Revolution that were unlisted in catalogs at the time.

**<[GARC4501](#)># **García, Rafael R.****

"Sellos Fiscales de Cuba: Emisión del Consejo Provincial de Matanzas."

("Cuban Revenues: Issue of the Matanzas Provincial Council.")

AF, Yr.XX, No.30, Jan-Mar 1945, p.17, ill., Span.

Listing of the revenue stamps issued in 1903 by the provincial council of Matanzas, again without prices. The listing is accompanied by a short note about these revenues indicating that they saw little acceptance and were removed from circulation by November 30 of the same year of issue and indicates that used samples in good condition are rather rare. The note also mentions that these stamps exist perforated and imperforated, that some can be found as tete-beche pairs, and that errors in the printing and perforation are abundant.

**<[GARCF8003d](#)> **García-Frutos, Silvia****

"Errores y Variedades" "Errors and Varieties"

BM, No.4, Mar-Apr 1980, p.18, ill., Span. & Eng. Photos by Arturo A. Codina.

Illustration and description of some of the printing varieties occurring in the U.S. stamps overprinted for use in Cuba during the U.S. Administration (Scott 221-226). See <[GARCF8104](#)> for a follow-up.

**<[GARCF8104](#)> **García-Frutos, Silvia****

"Errores y Variedades" "Errors and Varieties"

BM, No.9, April-May 1981, p.61, ill., Span. & Eng. Photos by Arturo A. Codina.

Many more illustrations and descriptions of some of the printing varieties occurring in the U.S. stamps overprinted for use in Cuba during the U.S. Administration (Scott 221-226) than those presented in <[GARCF8003d](#)>.

**<[GARCF9806](#)> **García-Frutos, Silvia****

Cuba: Errors and Varieties—Republican Era

Black and white photocopy of the collection exhibited at the NAPEX 98 Philatelic Exhibition held 5-7 June 1998 at the McLean Hilton of Tysons Corner, Virginia; 128 pages (8 frames of 16 pages each). The collection received a Vermeil medal at the exhibition. Available in PDF files: [Frames 1-4](#) and [Frames 5-8](#).

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**<GUER5908> Guerra Aguiar, José Luis**

"Historia y Filatelia Cubana. La Actual Emisión de Sellos para Correo Ordinario de Uso Permanente y sus Errores Históricos" ("Cuban Postal History. The Current Definitive Postage Stamp Issue and Its Historical Errors")  
BMI, Yr.3, No.8, Aug 1959, pp.4-11 (8), ill., Span. For addendum see <GUER5909c>.

**<GUER5909c> Guerra Aguiar, José Luis**

"Algo Más Sobre los Errores Históricos en la Emisión Permanente"  
("Some Additional Notes on Historical Errors in the Definitive Stamp Issue")  
BMI, Yr.3, No.9, Sep 1959, p.7, Span. Addendum to <GUER5908>.

**<GUTHJ1511> Gutiérrez Hernández, José**

"¿Error o Defecto de Impresión?" ("Error or Printing Flaw?")  
C, No.6, Nov-Dec 1915, p.16.  
Description of varieties in the 5c. value of the 1914 Map stamp issue (Scott Nos.253-262).

**<HOLM9608> Holmes, Joseph**

"Chronicle"  
MP, Vol.7, No.5, August 1896, p.74.  
Reporting an error in the 1882, 3 c. reply postal card.

**<HOPK9902a> Hopkins, S. B.**

"Chronicle of New Issues"  
MK, Vol.13, No.5, WNo.422, 2 Feb 1899, p.49, ill.  
Report of several Puerto Príncipe surcharges and the 1899 U.S. surcharged 5 c. error "CUPA" as a constant variety in the sheet.

**<HOTC8401> Hotchner, John M.**

"Readers explain Puerto Rican maculatura"  
LINN, 2 January 1984, p.56, ill.

Response to a previous Linn's "Errors, Freaks, and Oddities" column that illustrated an example of a Puerto Rican stamp with a double impression and asked readers for further information on the item. Responses were received from Cuban Philatelic Society of America members Alfredo Valdés and Mark Tyx explaining that the subject item was printer's waste, known as a "maculatura" in Spanish. Comments received from both correspondents explain how these maculaturas were created, state that these are known for various Spanish and Spanish colonies stamps printed by the Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre in Madrid, and give the opinion that these oddities should not command a high premium, except in the case of large blocks that are less common. The article illustrates an example of a Cuban Alfonso XII stamp maculatura with a double impression, one inverted with respect to the other.

**<IGLEF7707> Iglesias, Fernando J.**

"Cuba 1960: El Error de Navidad en el Valor de 2 Centavos"  
"Cuba 1960: The Christmas Issue Error of the 2 Centavos Value"  
CP, Vol.VII, No.1, July 1977, pp.23-24, ill., Span. & Eng.

Report of the existence of 16 sheets of the 1960 Christmas stamps of 2 cents (Scott 653-657) imperforate horizontally. The author explains that these sheets were perforated in groups of 16 and using the knowledge of the sheet numbers of four of these sheets he has seen, presents some mathematical calculations to confirm that they all belonged to a group of 16 that should have been fed into the perforating machine together, but apparently missed being perforated in the horizontal position. A photo of one of the subject sheets is shown.

**<IGLEF7807> Iglesias, Fernando J.**

"A Few Varieties of Cuban Stamps"

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CP, Vol.VII, Nos.3-4, July 1978, p.96, ill.;  
CP, Vol.VIII, No.1, October 1978, p.23, ill.

4 photos of U.S. Administration and 20 photos of Republic period items showing fairly well known printing varieties, each with a brief description of the variety. Following is a list of the items by Scott catalog number: 222: 'CUPA' error, position 99; 225: 'CUPA' error, position 50; 225: top serif of 'B' in 'CUBA' broken; 312: missing palm trees variety; 316: blurr at left of monument; 317: date missing in overprint; 319 and 320: 'CORREOSI' varieties; 325: top of 'E' in 'CORREOS' deformed; 332: line from house to '1935', position 94; 336: dot on right wing of dove, position 23; 355: small circle over '10¢'; 360: curved line outside left margin; 365a: small circle over 'HABANERO' and 'IMPRESA'; 365b: small '5' in bottom left corner of book; 372: line over 'A' of 'CUBA', position 10; 404: shows non-existing 'islands' in the Atlantic; 404: dot inside bottom loop of '8' in '1864'; 668: dot on dove's wing; C18: line on plane's fuselage, position 41; C18: dot over 'N' in 'MATANZAS', position 5; C30: dot besides top left end of 'W' in 'WEST'; J2: no period after 'PESO'; U3 and U4: broken top of 'C' in 'CUBA'.

### **<IGLEF9000> Iglesias, Fernando J.**

#### Republic of Cuba Collection of Specimens, Booklets, Proofs, Varieties, Errors, and Waterlow Die Proofs

Unpublished spiral bound photocopies distributed at an East Coast philatelic exhibition in the early 1900s by an auction house that had the collection for sale by consignment from the owner, Mr. Iglesias. The collection was divided into the following sections, each preceded by a summary page detailing the contents of the section and its estimated value:

["Muestra" & "Specimen" Stamps \(17 Pages\)](#)

["Booklets" \(9 Pages\)](#)

["Proofs/Pruebas" \(24 Pages\)](#)

["Varieties/Varietades" \(13 Pages\)](#)

["Errors" \(20 Pages\)](#)

["Waterlow Die Proofs & Plate Proofs Study" \(44 Pages\)](#)

The collection did not sell and is still owned by Mr. Iglesias who thereafter has exhibited it at various philatelic exhibitions in the United States. It is the best collection of this type of material ever assembled.

### **<ISRA8001>\* Israel, Samuel**

#### Ex. The Samuel Israel Collection of CUBA & PORTO RICO

Photocopy of the portion of the Samuel Israel Collection of Cuba and Puerto Rico which Mr. Israel donated to the Philatelic Foundation of New York (probably in the mid 1930's) and which the Foundation sold through Harmers of New York at an auction held 17 Jan 1980; 242 pp. Available at the library of the Philatelic Foundation and in my library. See <HARM8001> for additional details of the auction. See <SIEG8210> for details of a subsequent auction by Robert A. Siegel for the Philatelic Foundation of major rarities from the collection which were withheld from the Harmers auction. Photocopies of the material sold at the Siegel auction may be available at the library of the Philatelic Foundation.

The Samuel Israel Collection was an extraordinary accumulation of material of the highest quality starting from a few stampless covers, through the Spanish and U.S. administrations, and into the early 1930's during the Republic. The strength of the collection, however, was in the Spanish Administration period. The collection included used and unused singles, pairs, strips, and blocks; full sheets; varieties; errors; stampless and stamped covers; postal stationery; etc. In blocks, it contained an almost complete run of unused blocks of 4 of all stamps of the periods covered.

### **<JONE8200>\* Jones, William McP.**

#### A Handbook of the Stamps of Cuba. Part I. The Spanish Dominion 1855 - 1898.

Co-author: Rudy J. Roy, Jr. (also listed under <ROY8200>).

Winter Park, Florida: The Authors, 1982, 87 pp., 4 photo plates, other illustrations.

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Excellent specialized catalog of the philatelic material of Cuba during the Spanish colonial period. It includes an introduction titled "Pre-Philately" which is really a very high level overview of the evolution of the mail system during the Spanish Administration. The main part of the catalog is Section 1 covering the regular postage stamp issues. This is followed by separate sections on bogus stamps, cinderella stamps, fakes and forgeries, official stamps, stationery, telegraph stamps, Cuban stamps used in other countries, a catalog concordance, and four plates of photos. For stamps the concordance is between the Jones-Roy catalog and Scott, Gibbons, Yvert, and Guerra catalog numbering systems; for postal stationery the concordance is between the Jones-Roy catalog and the Higgins & Gage catalog.

### **<JONE8400>\* Jones, William McP.**

A Handbook of the Stamps of Cuba. Part II. The U.S. Administration 1898 - 1902.

Co-author: Rudy J. Roy, Jr. (also listed under <ROY8400>).

Winter Park, Florida: The Authors, 1984, 44 pp., ill.

Excerpting from <PLAS8407>: Detailed, fully illustrated description of the stamps, stationery, and fakes and forgeries of the U.S. Administration of Cuba. The handbook includes a detailed listing and identification of all the Puerto Príncipe issues with all the data provided to determine the genuineness of any of these frequently forged and faked stamps. The U.S. overprinted issues include the correct dates of issue, plate varieties, and plate numbers used. The stamps issued for Cuba are completely described, including the first booklet issued for use in Cuba. Postal stationery listings include all knives and papers, known quantities, plus a listing of the Specimen envelopes prepared for the Cuban issues. An illustrated guide to stationery knives is also provided.

### **<JONE8800>\* Jones, William McP.**

A Handbook of the Stamps of Cuba. Part III. The Republic 1902-1961.

Co-author: Rudy J. Roy, Jr. (also listed under <ROY8400>).

Winter Park, Florida: The Authors, 1988, ix intro pages plus 322 pp. and 7 fold-out pages, ill.

Excellent specialized unpriced catalog of the stamps of the Republic of Cuba into the first few issues of the Castro government. Postage, airmail, special delivery, postage due, and postal tax stamps are listed in the main body in chronological order. Special sections on cinderellas (pp.255-259), fakes and forgeries (pp.261-265), post office seals (pp.267-270), postal stationery (pp.271-291), "souvenirs" issued by the Government (pp.293-294), and telegraph stamps (pp.295-297) follow the main body of the catalog. Since the catalog uses its own numbering system, several catalog number concordance tables are provided at the back of the catalog. For stamps the concordance is between the Jones-Roy catalog and Scott, Gibbons, Yvert, and Guerra catalog numbering systems; for postal stationery the concordance is between the Jones-Roy catalog and Higgins & Gage and Guerra; for post office seals and telegraph stamps the concordance is between the Jones-Roy catalog and Yvert and Guerra. The catalog provides descriptive and printing information for each issue, exact date of issue when known, listing of all values in each issue, quantities of each printed, plate number information, and major known varieties. This is the most comprehensive specialized catalog of Cuban stamps published to date.

### **<LINN3512># Linn's Stamp News**

"Cuban Error of No Legal Value"

LINN, Vol.8, No.8, WNo.373, 21 Dec 1935, p.171.

Report of the finding of a pane of 100 stamps with a double surcharge of the air train stamp issue, Scott C16. The pane is reported by the article to be outside of Cuba and the Cuban Post Office Department having requested to examine it and not being successful in doing so, declared it fraudulent. These stamps were printed in sheets of two panes of 100 stamps each, but no news of the complementary pane of 100 stamps corresponding to the other half of the sheet had been reported at the time this news item was printed. The second pane was eventually discovered and both panes were proven to be authentic as reported in <JONE8800>, pp.56-57.

### **<LUFF2710> Luff, John N.**

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"Notes of the Month

SMJ, Vol.8, No.8, Issue 92, October 1927, pp.201-202.

Notes on the Pan American Conference issue and on the color error (really a variety) of the 1927-1928 postage due stamps.

**<MCIN7003> McIntire, Walter A.**

"The Special Design Series of 1899 for Cuba"

USS, Vol.41, No.3, WNo.481, 10 March 1970, pp.93-100 (8), ill.

Detailed information about the first issue of specially designed Cuban postage stamps (Scott 227-231, E2), engraved and printed by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing under orders of the U.S. Post Office Department while in charge of Cuban postal operations during the U.S. Administration after the Spanish-American War. Among the details discussed in the article are the layout of the printing plates; plate numbers; selvedge imprints; notes on the 2 centavo die, roll, and plates; the error "immediata" of Scott E2 and its replacement correcting the error (Scott E3); the paper watermark; the revalued 3 centavo stamps (Scott 232); historical notes about the U.S. Postal Administration in Cuba; and a table summarizing the deliveries of Scott 227-231 and E2-E3 to the postal authorities. The article refers the reader to <KERN7003> for details on the 2c. booklet pane of the issue (Scott 228b) and also refers the reader to <RYDE4705>, <TRUM4901>, and <SLOA5701b> for related or supporting information.

**<MF95901a> Madrid Filatélico**

"Catálogo Cronológico de Sellos de Cuba 1959. Publicaciones Filatélicas José L. Guerra-Aguiar"

("Chronological Catalog of Cuban Stamps 1956. Philatelic Publications José L. Guerra-Aguiar")

ME, Yr.LIII, No.1, WNo.606, Jan 1959, p.38, Span.

Review of <GUER5600>, 1959 edition. See <MF95601> for review of the 1956 edition. The catalog contains numerous additions of varieties, errors, and new philatelic discoveries and issues not present in previous editions. An appendix includes listings for postal stationery, official stamps, telegraph stamps, and stamps for officially sealing damaged or inadvertently opened mail.

**<PEMB3103> Pemberton, P. L.**

"Artists' Errors on Stamps. Special Delivery Stamp of Cuba."

MK, Vol.45, No.12, WNo.2098, 23 Mar 1931, p.214

Reference to the error of spelling "immediata" instead of "inmediata" in Scott E2.

**<PLAS7810b> Plass, Gilbert N.**

"Postal Stationery Errors"

POSS, Vol.1, No.1, WNo.1, 3rd Quarter, 1978, pp.5-6, ill.

POSS, Vol.2, No.2, WNo.4, 2nd Quarter, 1979, p.4, ill.

**<ROSE8510a> Rosende, Roberto M.**

"Nos Escriben..." ("They Write to Us...")

BNJ, No.18, Oct 1985, p.16, Spanish with English summary on p.30.

Correspondence from Hector Juárez Figueredo of Camagüey, Cuba, reporting another error of fact in the 1954 Cuban patriots issue (refer to original report in <ASSE8506>). The 8c stamp shows the incorrect year of death for General Ignacio Agramonte: he died in 1873 and not in 1871 as is indicated in the stamp. Mr. Juárez also shares the research that he and other Cuban philatelists are doing on the 1898 "Autonomía" post cards (H&G 28-35). With reference to these postal cards, we must point out that Mr. Juárez in his correspondence is confusing the meaning of Types I, II, and III in Ascher and H&G (which refer to the serif on the "r" of the abbreviation "Sr."

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and the relative position of the "S" in the same abbreviation with reference to the "T" of "Tarjeta Postal") with the meaning of Types A and B in <JONE8200>, p.68, (which refer to the spacing between the 1st and 2nd address lines being either 10 or 17 mm.). This error is unnoticed by Rosende and carried over to a report of subsequent correspondence in <ROSE8512c>. Mr. Juárez also shares his research in trying to establish the actual date of issue of the Columbus stamped envelopes printed on paper without the US POD watermark at the beginning of the Republican era (H&G 8A-10A). A call for help in gathering information about all of these items of Cuban postal stationery is made to all philatelists specializing in the area.

**<ROSE9009> Rosende, Roberto M.**

"Is the Correo Marítimo No. 9 for Real?"

The Philatelic Foundation Quarterly, Vol.8, No. 4, Autumn 1990, pp.10-11, ill.

See <ROSE9110> for Spanish translation.

Historical account of the maritime mail service operated by the "Empresa de Correos Marítimos" of Havana from 1827 until 1851 (25 years) and the various markings that were used to identify correspondence carried in their ships. The article then focuses on a recently discovered and previously unrecorded "Correo Marítimo No.9" marking submitted for expertization to the Philatelic Foundation of New York and speculates on how this marking might have come about since it is known that there was no ship or sailing of the Empresa that used that number. After discussion of some possible explanations for its existence, the article concludes that the marking probably resulted from an error and provides two possible explanations for its generation. See <ROSE8512c> for a previous reference regarding the existence of Correo Marítimo No.9. See <PINI9404> for irrefutable proof that a Correo Marítimo No.9 did in fact exist.

**<ROSE9110> Rosende, Roberto M.**

"El Correo Marítimo Número 9"

Boletín Número 6, ESPAMER 91, Bulletin No.6 of the philatelic exhibition ESPAMER 91 held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct 1991, pp.450-453 (4), ill., Span. This is a Spanish translation of <ROSE9009>.

**<SCM2702> Stamp Collector's Magazine**

"Cuba Imperforate"

SCM, Vol.3, No.11, WNo.35, Feb 1927, p.18.

Notice of the inadvertent release of imperforate sheets of Scott Nos.274 and 275 by the post office and their subsequent release of additional stocks of those imperforates to thwart speculation with the error; thus creating Scott Nos.280 and 281. No mention is made of the 5c. value (Scott No.282).

**<SCM2703> Stamp Collector's Magazine**

"A Correction"

SCM, Vol.3, No.12, WNo.36, Mar 1927, p.22.

Correction of the number of imperforate stamps Scott Nos.274 and 275 that were reported in <SCM2702> to have gotten into the hands of speculators and which prompted the postal authorities to release additional imperforate stocks of those stamps to thwart speculation with the error; thus creating Scott Nos.280 and 281. Initially reported as 5000 sheets of each, it is corrected to 5000 stamps each of the 1c. and 2c. values and none of the 5c.

**<SCM2704> Stamp Collector's Magazine**

"New Issues: Cuba"

SCM, Vol.4, No.1, WNo.37, Apr 1927, p.68.

Report of the receipt by the magazine of a copy of Scott J9, 2c. rose red postage due, thought to be an error of color of which 10,000 were printed. See <SCM2708> for a follow-up.

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**<SCM2708> Stamp Collector's Magazine**

"New Issues: Cuba"

SCM, Vol.4, No.5, WNo.41, Aug 1927, p.42. Follow-up on <SCM2704>.

More news about the error of color reported in <SCM2704> of the 2c. and 5c. postage due stamps, Scott J9 and J10, which were printed in rose red ink. According to the article, there were 10,000 stamps each of the 2c. and 5c. values in the wrong color. No mention is made in the article about the 1c. stamp (Scott J8).

**<SICK8403> Sicker, John**

"U.S. Possessions: Provisionals used briefly at Cuban town"

LINN, 19 Mar 1984, p.32, ill.

Short article on the Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps (Scott 176-220) giving overall background information about the surcharges, the reason for their existence, and provides a general overview of the five printings, major varieties, errors, rarities, and counterfeits. The article cites Andreini's columns in MK from 1899 to 1902, later gathered in <ANDRb90400>, as an early source of information on the issue.

**<SICK8512> Sicker, John**

"U.S. Possessions: Pictorial set supplied Cuba for three years"

LINN, 16 Dec 1985, p.26, ill.

Half page article on Cuba's 1899-1902 stamps, Scott 227-231 and E2, which were the first regular issues of the Republic to show Cuban motifs in their designs. Discusses quantities printed, plate numbers, and various varieties, including the booklet pane of the 2c value, Scott 228b.

**<SICK8601># Sicker, John**

"U.S. Possessions: Cuba's orange special delivery notable"

LINN, 20 Jan 1986, p.36, ill.

Half page article on Cuba Scott E1-E3. Talks about the design of E2 and E3 and about the erroneous spelling "immediata" instead of "inmediata" on E2 which motivated its subsequent replacement with E3 showing the correct spelling.

**<SIEGR8210> Siegel--Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.**

ESPAMER '82 Exposition Auction Catalog

New York, N.Y.: Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.; catalog of the 603rd sale, held 15 Oct 1982 at the ESPAMER '82 Exposition of 12-17 Oct 1982, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Cuba on pp.36-42 plus photo plates (pages unnumbered), lots 283-390A.

Included in the auction were major rarities from the Samuel Israel Collection of Cuba and Puerto Rico which Mr. Israel donated to the Philatelic Foundation of New York (probably in the mid 1930's). The material in this sale was withheld because of its rarity and value as reference material for expertization purposes when the bulk of the Israel Collection was sold at auction by the Foundation through Harmers of New York in January of 1980. See <HARM8001> for details of that sale and <ISRA????> for further details of the contents of the Israel Collection. The Siegel sale included 48 lots of Spanish Administration issues, 36 lots of U.S. Administration issues, and 22 lots of Republic issues, plus 3 lots of stamp and cover accumulations. Among the Spanish Administration rarities in the sale were Scott Nos. 5, 7 (3), 8 (one of 3 known), and 15 all on cover, and a combination cover with 15 and 15a sent to Puerto Príncipe; a vertical pair of Nos. 6 and 8 (unique and one of the greatest rarities of Cuban philately); and 2 sheets of the 5c. and one of the 10c. 1883 surcharged stamps. Among the U.S. Administration rarities were Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps Scott Nos. 179G, 197 Pos. 3 tied on cover, 214 Pos. 4 tied on piece, 218a Pos. 3, 219a Pos. 1, 219b Pos. 3 "eents" error, 219c Pos. 3 "eents" error inverted surcharge, and three 220a Pos. 4. Also offered were Scott No. 226A and small die proofs 227P2-231P2 and E3P2. Among the

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Republic period rarities were Scott Nos. 239a, 239a unused horizontal strip of 3, 240a, 244a, and E4a inverted centers; 3 lots of Chambelona overprints; and 1-10c. Máximo Gómez imperforate set. Beyond the illustrations in the catalog, photocopies of the material sold at auction may be available at the library of the Philatelic Foundation.

**<[SLOA4409](#)> Sloane, George B.**

"Cuba, 1899, Special Delivery Error"  
S, Vol.48, No.10, WNo.625, 2 Sep 1944, p.337.

**<[SLOA4712](#)> Sloane, George B.**

"Special Delivery Error in the U.S. Issue for Cuba"  
APCB, No.13, 5-7 Dec 1947, pp.108-110 (3), ill.

Detailed background and printing information pertaining to the Cuban special delivery stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Administration with the spelling error "immediata" (Scott E2) and the stamp that was issued to correct the error (Scott E3). The article also notes that both stamps and also Scott E4 and E4a present another error that was never corrected: the bicycles do not have a right pedal.

**<[SLOA5701a](#)> Sloane, George B.**

"Cuba--U.S., 1899, Proof Error"  
S, Vol.98, No.2, WNo.1269, 12 Jan 1957, p.49.

**<[SLOA7507](#)> Sloane, George B.**

"The Special Delivery Error in the U.S. Issue for Cuba"  
CP, Vol.5, No.1, Jul 1975, pp.9-10. Reprint of <[SLOA4712](#)>.

**<[SMJ2710](#)> Scott Monthly Journal**

Untitled article on color error of postage dues.  
SMJ, Vol.8, No.8, WNo.92, Oct 1927, pp.201-202.

**<[THOM0602](#)> Thompson, Jack**

**Cuba: Revolutions and Their Impact on Its Philately**

Color photocopy of the collection first exhibited by Mr. Thompson at the WESTPEX 2005 Stamp Show held at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel April 15-17, 2005. This is a subsequent revised version of that exhibit dated February 2006, consisting of 80 pages.

Quoting from the exhibit's introductory page: The purpose of the exhibit is to show the impact of revolutions on Cuban philately over the years. The exhibit uses covers, stamps, blocks, proofs, errors, forgeries, etc. to present the story. A chronological sequence grouped by specific revolutionary events is used (the links take you to color copies of each part):

**Part 1:**

- 1860's – Revolutions Outside Cuba
- 1868-1878 Ten Years War
- Insurrection of 1895

**Part 2:**

- United States Occupation and Administration
- Puerto Príncipe Provisional Issue
- United States Issues Overprinted

**Part3:**

- 1917 – "La Chambelona" Issue
- 1933 – Machado Overthrow
- 1959 – Castro Revolution