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[<AJP89902b>](#) **American Journal of Philately**
"Cuba"
AJP, Vol.12, No.2, 1 Feb 1899, pp.100-101, ill.

Report of the Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps with a list of the surcharges known at the time of publication. Also a report of the United States stamps surcharged for use in Cuba with a list of the values known and a list of the known plate numbers of each value.

[<AJP89905>](#) **American Journal of Philately**
"Counterfeits of Puerto Príncipe Surcharges"
AJP, Vol.12, No.5, 1 May 1899, p.218.

Report of a "liberal supply" of counterfeits of the Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps in the market. Advises collectors that the differences between the genuine and the counterfeit is "more in the character of the impression than in the surcharge itself and accurate knowledge of the genuine varieties is required in order to distinguish the real from the false". Also mentions that the counterfeits occur with both genuine and forged cancellations.

[<AJP89907a>](#) **American Journal of Philately**
"The Surcharged Stamps of Puerto Príncipe"
AJP, Vol.12, No.7, 1 Jul 1899, pp.301-305 (5), ill.

Substantial article reporting on the various printings of the Puerto Príncipe surcharges and listing the known values and major varieties. See <AJP89908> for a follow-up on this article.

[<AJP89908>](#) **American Journal of Philately**
"The Surcharged Stamps of Puerto Príncipe"
AJP, Vol.12, No.8, 1 Aug 1899, p.345.
Reference to <BARR89907> as providing clarification on some of the information contained in <AJP89907a>. The article also mentions some discrepancies in the information reported by both.

[<AJP90104a>](#) **American Journal of Philately**
"Cuba"
AJP, Vol.14, No.4, 1 Apr 1901,p.120.

Report of a new variety of the Puerto Príncipe surcharges in J.M. Andreini's collection: a 3c on 2m orange brown, in the type of the first series of surcharges measuring 17 1/2 mm. (Scott 179F) and the correct deduction that the corresponding surcharge with small numeral (Scott 179G) must also exist based on knowledge of how the stamps were printed.

[<AJP90104b>](#) **American Journal of Philately**
"Cuba"
AJP, Vol.14, No.4, 1 Apr 1901,p.192.

Report of a horizontal pair of stamps, the left stamp being a Puerto Príncipe surcharge of 5c on 1/2m green (Scott 190), but the right one bearing no surcharge.

[<ANDRE89902>](#) **Andreini, José Manuel**
"Cuba"
MK, Vol.13, No.6, WNo.423, 9 Feb 1899, p.58. Published under the pseudonym of "Iberius".
Notes on several Puerto Príncipe surcharges.

[<ANDRE89903>](#) **Andreini, José Manuel**
"Cuba"
MK, Vol.13, No.9, WNo.426, 2 Mar 1899, pp.88-89. Published under the pseudonym of "Iberius".
Mostly historical notes on the Puerto Príncipe issues.

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<[ANDRE89907](#)> Andreini, José Manuel

"Puerto Príncipe Provisionals"

MK, Vol.13, No.28, WNo.445, 13 July 1899, p.259. Published under the pseudonym of "Iberius".
Good notes on printing, varieties and forgeries of Puerto Príncipe surcharges.

<[ANDRE89911](#)> Andreini, José Manuel

"Foreign Items"

MK, Vol.13, No.48, WNo.465, 30 November 1899, p.418.

A lucid defense of the Puerto Príncipe issues as bona fide stamps.

<[ANDRE90105a](#)> Andreini, José Manuel

"Puerto Príncipe"

MK, Vol.15, No.18, WNo.539, 2 May 1901, p.146.

<[ANDRE90305](#)> Andreini, José Manuel

"Puerto Príncipe"

MK, Vol.17, No.18, WNo.644, 2 May 1903, p.177.

A rather in depth report on counterfeits and counterfeiters of the Puerto Príncipe surcharges, indicating that there are three counterfeiters well known among local collectors and the civil authorities in Puerto Príncipe, but fails to identify them by name. The report also details the method of distribution of these counterfeits in the U.S. market. Mr. Andreini states that he has interviewed the printers of the original stamps and provides assurance that none of them are involved in the counterfeiting and have not sold the types used in the production of the original surcharges even when offered considerable sums of money for them. Details of the process used to print the surcharges are also provided to drive the point that their counterfeiting would be quite hard to accomplish. The article also identifies by location and name of the owner the main collections of genuine Puerto Príncipe surcharges that are known to exist and identifies whether the author has verified in person their existence. The places mentioned are Puerto Príncipe itself, Santiago, Habana, and the U.S. The article end by pointing some rarities of this issue in a couple of U.S. collections.

<[ANDRE90400](#)> Andreini, José Manuel

Puerto Príncipe: An Interesting Issue of Stamps in Cuba.

Chicago, Illinois: The Blue Sky Press, 1904, 58 pp. Copyright by J. M. Andreini. Fifty copies were printed by A. G. Langworthy for private distribution.

The book is a collection of articles on this issue published by the author in MK from 1899 to 1903.

<[ANDRE90505](#)> Andreini, José Manuel

Catalogue of the Stamp Collection of Mr. J. M. Andreini, Part 1—United States, U.S. Colonies, and Possessions

New York: J.C. Morgenthau & Co., catalog of the stamp collection sold 16-17 May 1905, Cuba lots 319 to 370 (52 lots), including 40 lots of provisional Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps (lots 331-370), no photos provided. This item is also listed as <[MORGE90505](#)>.

The Puerto Príncipe stamps are advertised as being "a small selection from Mr. Andreini's well known collection of these stamps...nearly all of them are on portions of the original cover. Each stamp bears the guarantee of their owner", but no indication is given of whether they are actually signed on the back by Mr. Andreini.

<[ANDR90512](#)> Andreini, José Manuel

J. M. Andreini Collection. Part 2: U.S. and Foreign Postage Stamps.

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; December 6-8, 1905, Auction Catalog; ill. Also listed as <[MORGE90512](#)>. One of the highlights was the sale of a Cuba Puerto Príncipe 5c. on 1m. (Scott 182a) inverted surcharge for \$101.

<[ANDR90602](#)> Andreini, José Manuel

J. M. Andreini Collection. Part 3: U.S. and Foreign Postage Stamps.

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; February 7-8, 1906, Auction Catalog; ill. Also listed as <[MORGE90602](#)>. Sale featured some Cuba Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps.

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<ASCO900mm> Alfred Smith & Co.'s Monthly Circular

"Surcharges of 1898-99"

ASCO, 1900, p.277. [Need month of issue.]

<BARR89907> Barreras, Antonio

"Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe" ("Puerto Príncipe Surcharges")

CA, Epoch 3, No.1, Jul 1899, pp.9-15, ill., Span.

Detailed background on the creation of the Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps with documentation legitimizing their creation and use, together with a thorough listing of the known printings and major varieties.

See <AJP89908> for comparison between the information contained in this article and in <AJP89907a>.

<BARR89910> and <BARR90209> expand the information contained in this article. See also <HAAS90012>.

<BARR89908> Barreras, Antonio

"Más sobre los Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe" ("More on the Puerto Príncipe Surcharges")

CA, Epoch 3, No.2, 15 Aug 1899, p.12, Span.

Refutation of the the allegations made by Emilio J. Power in <POWE89906> that the Puerto Príncipe surcharges were speculative and not postally valid. Power alleges in his piece that all remnants of the 1896-97 stamp issue were returned to the main office of the Banco Español de la Isla de Cuba in Havana and were thus not available for surcharging. Barreras refutes this by citing a document in his possession from the Director of the Puerto Príncipe branch of the bank stating that the bank had sold a number of these stamps to the U.S. Commander General in Puerto Príncipe. (A confusing fact in Barrera's citation of the above document is that the only stamps that he mentions as taking part in the transaction are those of the 1896-97 issue--he doesn't mention the stamps of the 1898 issue that were also included in the transaction). The second part of the article is in response to the discrepancies noted in <AJP89908> between the Puerto Príncipe stamp facts and listings provided in <AJP89907a> and in <BARR89907>. Barreras notes that the 5c. on 2m. orange brown stamp was not listed by his source in Puerto Príncipe and was thus absent from his listing, and that he had reported the existence of 3c. on 4 and 8m. blue green stamps because he had been told that all the milésima stamps of the issue had been surcharged. Power subsequently responds to this article in <POWE89909b>.

<BARR89910> Barreras, Antonio

"Más sobre los Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe" ("More on the Puerto Príncipe Surcharges")

CA, Epoch 3, No.4, 15 Oct 1899, pp.61-63, Span.

Reiteration of refutation of the the allegations in <POWE89906>, and subsequently in <POWE89909b>, that the Puerto Príncipe surcharges were speculative and not postally valid by fully reproducing testimonials from Don Lope Recio y Loinaz, General of the Liberating Army and Ex-Director of Posts of the Province of Puerto Príncipe and from Arturo Roca Silveira of the Spanish Bank of the Island of Cuba in the Province of Puerto Príncipe certifying that the Puerto Príncipe surcharges were ordered and authorized by U.S. Commanding General Carpenter for use as postage until 20 Jan 1899 when replaced by the U.S. surcharged stamps.

<BARR90209> Barreras, Antonio

"Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe" ("Puerto Príncipe Surcharges")

RSFC, Yr.I, No.6, September 1902, pp.81-95 (15), ill., Span.

Detailed background on the creation of the Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps with documentation legitimizing their creation and use and a thorough listing of the known printings and major varieties. The article expands on the information previously presented in <BARR89907>.

<BARR92903> Barreras, Antonio

"Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe" ("Surcharged Stamps of Puerto Príncipe")

FPA, Yr.II, No.III, March 1929, pp.1-2, 4-5 (4);

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FPA, Yr.II, No.IV, April 1929, pp.1-3 (3), Span.
Supposed to be continued in the next issue, but was not.

<BARR92905> Barreras, Antonio

"Los Sellos Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe"
("The Surcharged Stamps of Puerto Príncipe")
RFA, Yr.I, No.V, May 1929, pp.9, 11-14 (5), Span.

<BART89903b> Bartels, J. Murray

"Washington Notes" MP, Vol.10, No.29, 18 Mar 1899, pp.258-259.
Some notes on Puerto Príncipe stamps.

<BREW7807> Brewster, Geoffrey

"The Puerto Príncipe Issue -- An Introduction"
POSS, Vol.1, No.1, WNo.1, 3rd Quarter 1978, pp.3-5.

This article provides a general historical overview and rationale for the creation of these provisional surcharged stamps in the city of Puerto Príncipe, currently Camagüey, shortly after its occupation by U.S. troops at the end of the Spanish-American War while waiting for the U.S. stamps surcharged for use in Cuba (Scott 221-226, E1) to arrive from the U.S. The article then goes on to describe each of the five printings of these stamps in detail and also provides information on their rarity, cancellations used, format in which they are usually found (singles, pairs, strips, frequently on piece, rare on cover), warns of the numerous forgeries circulating in the marketplace, and provides tips to prospective collectors on collecting these issues properly.

<BREW7810> Brewster, Geoffrey

"Juhring Puerto Príncipe -- Prices Realized"
POSS, Vol.1, No.2, WNo.2, 4th Quarter 1978, pp.3-4.

Report and discussion of selected prices realized at the auction of the outstanding collection of Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps of John C. Juhring (see <[JUHR7810](#)>) held on 25 October 1978 by Stanley Gibbons of Frankfurt, West Germany (Auction No.14). The Juhring Puerto Príncipe collection was one of the best collections ever assembled of these provisional surcharges. The stamps are listed in order of the five printings and Scott catalog number. Prices are converted to equivalent U.S. dollars at the time of the sale.

<BREW8001> Brewster, Geoffrey

"Juhring Puerto Príncipe Again"
POSS, Vol.3, No.1, WNo.7, 1st Quarter 1980, p.19.

The author notes that in November 1979, Sotheby, Parke, Bernet of New York offered 74 lots of Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps in their Sale No.39, and that a large number of these stamps were also in the Juhring sale of Stanley Gibbons of Frankfurt a year earlier (see <[BREW7810](#)>).

<BREW0601> Brewster, Geoffrey

Unpublished Letter of 15 January 2006 to Ernesto Cuesta

One page letter from Mr. Brewster acknowledging receipt of photocopies of several Puerto Príncipe sales and making reference to additional sales of these stamps known to Mr. Brewster. See <[CUES-PPauctions](#)> for additional details on some of the sales referenced in the letter.

<BREW1007> Brewster, Geoffrey

Unpublished Letter of 7 July 2010 to Ernesto Cuesta

One page letter from Mr. Brewster on various Puerto Príncipe topics and a two page listing of auction sales where these stamps have been offered. Interesting topics for discussion and very good source information for further research of the pedigree of these elusive stamps. See <[CUES-PPauctions](#)> for additional details on some of the sales referenced in the letter.

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<BROC4103> Brock, Henry G.

"The Henry G. Brock Stamp Collection. Cuba: Puerto Príncipe 1898-99"

Philadelphia, Pa.: Eugene Klein Auction House, 123th Auction Sale Catalogue, 15 Mar 1941, pp.1-40, profusely illustrated, prices realized.

<CA90104b> El Curioso Americano

"Variedades" ("Varieties")

CA, 3rd Epoch, Yr.2, Nos.4-5, Apr-May 1901, pp.86-93 and two unnumbered pages of photos (corresponding to the first segment in the article) which I have labelled pp.86a and 86b in my files. The article is in Spanish.

This piece comprises several segments, some with sub-headings, some without. The first segment is titled "Cuba 1833", but should have read 1883 because it refers to two loose photos which are included in the journal showing full sheets of the 5 and 10 cent 1883 surcharged stamps with double surcharges [the sheet on p.86a is currently in my collection; it was purchased as part of lot 336 of the Soler y Llach auction of 14 Dec 1995]. The segment observes that in many cases the double surcharges of this issue present different intensities in the inking of the two surcharges and states that this is a normal occurrence and that such double surcharges should be considered genuine. The second segment is titled "Rarezas de Cuba" ("Cuban Rarities") and reports existence of the following great Cuban rarities: two used Scott 222c (inverted surcharges) with Havana cancellations, one each Scott 221 and 226 with "Xc. de PESO" in the center of the stamp and another two of the same values with "Xc. de PESO" at the top and "CUBA" at the bottom, a 4 pta. 1877 telegraph stamp in green, two sheets of the 1 pta. 1874 telegraph stamp in the same color as the 2 ptas. value of the same year, and several 1883 surcharged telegraph stamps with inverted and double surcharges. The following segment is titled "Tres Variedades de Y 1/4" ("Three varieties of Y 1/4") and is a follow-up on the Y 1/4 discussion in <CA90101> reiterating that there exist three types of these surcharges on five different stamps. This is followed by an untitled segment reporting the receipt of a letter from the author of the article in the Chilean journal that started the discussion of the existing types of these surcharges alleging that he has been misunderstood. Another untitled segment follows reporting the free-franking privileges given by the U.S. Government to General Máximo Gómez upon his arrival in Havana in February 1899 and describing an envelope printed for this purpose (but not used). The next three titled segments don't deal with Cuban philately. The next segment is titled "El Correo de Cuba" and is a brief notice about the recent demise of that weekly philatelic journal published in Havana. This is followed by two untitled segments. The first one identifies several varieties found in a full sheet of newspaper stamp Scott P25 and states that one of the varieties described also occurs in Scott P13 and P19; it also identifies several varieties of Scott P23. The second untitled segment reproduces a listing of all stamps and postal stationery issued by the U.S. Postal Administration for use in Cuba since January 1, 1899. This listing includes quantities issued. These segments are followed by two titled segments that deal with non-Cuban philately. The segment that follows is titled "Retoques a los sellos de las islas de Cuba y Filipinas de 1882" ("Retouches of the 1882 stamps of Cuba and Philippines") and describes three retouches of Scott 103 corresponding to Scott 125 and 126--the second retouch described falls between these two but seems to correspond more closely to Scott 125. Another titled non-Cuba segment follows, followed in turn by another untitled segment referring to an article in Le Timbrophile Belge reporting that some European catalogers vouch for the existence of four Cuban postal cards that are unknown in Cuban philatelic circles. After another titled non-Cuban philatelic segment, a segment titled "Sin perforar" ("Imperforate") discussed the cataloging and pricing of some Cuban imperforate stamps of the Spanish Administration and concludes that they are proofs, whether issued in the same color as the issued stamps or not. The final segment is a quite long segment labelled "Puerto Príncipe" which discusses details and known facts about the various printings of these issues, including quantities of stamps printed and authenticity issues.

<CAMP89904> Camp, G. A.

"Washington Notes"

MK, Vol.XIII, No.14, WNo.431, 6 Apr 1899, p.143;

MK, Vol.XIII, No.18, WNo.435, 4 May 1899, p.170.

Notes on Puerto Príncipe stamps, envelopes, and plate numbers.

<CANTA7504> Cantens, Agustín J.

"Postal History Notes"

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CP, Vol.4, No.4, April 1975, pp.5-6, ill.
Postal history notes on Puerto Príncipe.

<CP7304b> The Cuban Philatelist (CPC)

"Los Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe" ("The Puerto Príncipe Surcharges")

CP, Vol.II, No.4, April 1973, p.8-10 (3), Span. For English version see <CP7404>.

<CP7404> The Cuban Philatelist (CPC)

"The Puerto Príncipe Issue"

CP, Vol.III, No.4, April 1974, p.5-6 (2).

English translation of <CP7304b> by Mrs. Mercedes C. Stein.

<CUES-FILACUBA> Cuesta, Ernesto

FILACUBA Website

Bethesda, Maryland: Continuously updated.

The FILACUBA Website contains a section called "Pages From Cuban Collections" that contain the following subsections addressing the Puerto Príncipe issues:

Puerto Príncipe Stamps 1898-1899

The Ignacio Prats Puerto Príncipe Collection

Archive of Genuine Puerto Príncipe Stamps

U.S. Military Postal Stations in Cuba, Part 4

Cuba: Revolutions and Their Impact on Its Philately, Part 2

Cuban Postal and Philatelic Forgeries

<CUES-PParchive> Cuesta, Ernesto

"Archive of Genuine Puerto Príncipe Stamps"

Bethesda, Maryland: Continuously updated photo archive of "supposedly" genuine Puerto Príncipe stamps and covers in current collections or from illustrated auction catalogs. Note that I said "supposedly" genuine because there is no guarantee that images taken from auction catalogs are indeed genuine unless supported by a certificate of authenticity from a recognized authority. The archive is maintained within the "[U.S. Administration: 17 July 1898 to 20 May 1902](#)" section of "[Pages from Cuban Collections](#)" in my [FILACUBA Internet Website](#).

Material from the following renowned collections has been or will eventually be incorporated in this inventory:

[Henry G. Brock](#), sold 15 March 1941 by Eugene Klein of Philadelphia, PA;

[Ferrars H. Tows](#), sold 7 January 1949 by Carl E. Pelander of New York City, NY.;

[John C. Juhring](#), sold 25 October 1978 by Stanley Gibbons of Frankfurt, West Germany;

[Peter A. Robertson](#), sold 15 March 1988 by Christie's Robson Lowe of NYC, N.Y.;

[Ignacio Prats](#), sold 24 June 2006 by Greg Manning Auctions, West Caldwell, N.J.

Additionally, examples from many [other auctions](#) with holdings of these stamps have also been included and are referenced in the body of the inventory. Of special note is the archive of the [5th Printing](#) of these stamps that includes images all known examples of this rare printing for which I have been able to obtain a photo image. Additionally, for each stamp illustrated, I have indicated all of the sales in which it has appeared along with any associated information that may have a bearing on ascertaining its authenticity, such as existing expertization certificates, initials of experts that have examined it (usually appearing on the back of the item), and type and date of the cancellation on the item if discernible—basically each stamp's "pedigree". The [5th Printing](#) link above is a direct link to the [5th Printing Archive](#) at the FILACUBA Website. The following links provide PDF versions of the archive: [CUES-PP5Arch-Intro](#), [CUES-PP5Arch-1](#), [CUES-PP5Arch-2](#), [CUES-PP5Arch-3](#), and [CUES-PP5Arch-4](#).

<CUES-PPauctions> Cuesta, Ernesto

Bibliography of Auctions of Puerto Príncipe Surcharged Stamps

Bethesda, Maryland: Continuously updated section within the <CUES-Biblio> and <CUES-LBiblio> Internet Websites. This is a sub-bibliography, extracted from the main bibliography, listing only citations of auctions with significant content of Cuban Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps.

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<CUES-PPsurcharges> Cuesta, Ernesto

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<CURI3905> Curie, Charles

Catalogue of the Charles Curie Collection of Postage Stamps—Part II, United States of America

London: Harmer, Rooke & Co., Ltd., catalog of the sale held in London 3-4 May 1939, Cuba lots 547-579 (33) on pp.41-42 and illustrations on plate V. **Most of the Cuba portion of the sale consisted of provisional Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps.**

<ECHE9411> Echenagusía García, Carlos

“El expertizaje o peritación de sellos. Estudio de la emisión de Puerto Príncipe 1898-1899”

RF, Yr.XXX, No.300, Nov 1994, pp.1, 3-15 (14 pages total; p.2 is blank), ill., Span.

Included as a separata with individual page numbering in the center of the magazine.

Detailed study of the Puerto Príncipe issue intended as a guide for the expertization of the five printings of the surcharges that comprise the issue. The article provides a brief historical background of the circumstances that led to the surcharging of the stamps, followed by an overview of the known facts about each printing, and ending with a detailed presentation of the identifying characteristics of each printing and of each surcharge position within each printing. The salient characteristics of the surcharges of each position are clearly described and illustrated. This is an excellent succinct reference for the expertization of this issue. The author cites the work of Barreras, later published by Guerra Aguiar (see <GUER7100>), as a foundation for the study of these issues.

<ECHE9601> Echenagusía García, Carlos

“México: Emisión provisional de Sonora 1913. Cuba: Emisión habilitada de Puerto Príncipe 1898/99”

RF, Yr.XXX, No.313, Jan 1996, pp.61-66 (6), ill., Span.

Comparative study of the two issues cited in the title, pointing to the coincidences in their printing: both resulted from war situations, both were printed in rows of five stamps, and both consisted of five printings. That's where the similarities end; the rest of the article is dedicated to highlighting the salient characteristics of each of the five positions in each of the five printings of both the Mexican and Cuban stamps. The author refers the reader to <ECHE9411> for a more detailed discussion of the Puerto Príncipe issues.

<ECHE0908b> Echenagusía García, Carlos

El secreto de los sellos Puerto Príncipe—Expertizaje).

Madrid, Spain: Published by the author, 2009, as part of a series of “Estudios Filatélicos” (“Philatelic Studies”) comprising <ECHE0900a> and <ECHE0900c>. Available on a compact disk (CD) for 40 Euros.

<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.

<FCb6604c> Filatelia Cubana (FFC)

"Algo de historia sobre los 'Habilitados' de Puerto Príncipe"

("A Little Bit of Background on the Puerto Príncipe Surcharged Stamps")

FCb, Yr.2, No.2, April-June 1966, pp.9-11 (3), Span.

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<FERRA2504> Ferrari de la Renotière, Philippe

Catalogue des Timbres Poste composant la collection de M. Ferrari de la Renotière (Douzième Vente)

(Catalog of Postage Stamps comprising the collection of Mr. Ferrari de la Renotière (Twelfth Sale))

Paris, France: Catalog of the auction produced by Mr. G. Gilbert, auction held 22-24 Apr 1925, Cuba in lots 560-583 (24) on pp.58-60 and photo plate 15.

This sale included exceptional material of Cuba's Spanish colonial period (lots 560-573), including the famous Scott #15 Y1/4 surcharge with inverted fraction 4/1 offered together with an unused block of 9 of the same stamp as lot #561. Lots 574-582 (9) were of Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps, and lot 583 offered a collection of Cuban telegraph stamps and some revenue stamps.

<GARCF7911b> García-Frutos, Silvia

"Sellos de Puerto Príncipe" ("Puerto Príncipe Stamps")

BM, No.2, November 1979, p.3, ill., Span. & Eng.

Short note on the surcharged stamps of Puerto Príncipe with an illustration of an ex Tows trial proof strip of five.

<GSW0508># Gibbons' Stamp Weekly

"Revolutions and Postage Stamps"

GSW, Vol.2, No.7, WNo.32, 12 Aug 1905, pp.106-107.

Brief article reporting the results of the question posed to readers of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News "How many Revolutions have been signalized by changes in Postage Stamps" or more aptly "postage stamps that have been issued by revolutionary governments. The article lists four such issues for Cuba on p.106: the Habilitados por la Nación of 1868, the Republic issue of 1873, the Cuba 1875 issue signalizing the overthrow of the Spanish Republic and the restoration of the monarchy, and the 1898 Puerto Príncipe surcharges.

<GUER5801a>* Guerra Aguiar, José Luis

"Historia y Filatelia Cubana. Algo de Historia Sobre los Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe"

("Cuban History and Philately. A Little Bit of History About the Surcharged Stamps of Puerto Príncipe")

BMI, Yr.2, No.1, Jan 1958, pp.2-4 (3), ill., Span.

<GUER7100> Guerra Aguiar, José Luis

Estudio Sobre los Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe y sus Falsificaciones

(Study of the Surcharged Stamps of Puerto Príncipe and Their Forgeries)

La Habana: Museo Postal Cubano (Cuban Postal Museum), 1971, 73 pp., profusely illustrated, Span.

The author has put together Barreras' original research (see entry <BARR90209>), Dr. Cruz Planas' material and notes, and added some of his own to produce and bring together almost everything known about this challenging issue.

<GUER7312>* Guerra Aguiar, José Luis

"Estudio Sobre los Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe y sus Falsificaciones"

("Study of the Surcharged Stamps of Puerto Príncipe and Their Forgeries")

Actualidad Filatélica, Vol.6, No.100, Dec 1973, pp.25-26,28-29 (4);

Actualidad Filatélica, Vol.7, No.101, Jan 1974, pp.12-13 (2);

Actualidad Filatélica, Vol.7, No.103, Mar 1974, pp.12-13 (2);

Actualidad Filatélica, Vol.7, No.105, May 1974, pp.20-21 (2);

Actualidad Filatélica, Vol.7, No.106, Jun 1974, pp.18-19 (2), 12 pp. total, Span.

Based on the previous work <GUER7100>.

<GUTIH0104> Gutiérrez Hermanos

"Sellos habilitados de Puerto Príncipe" ("Puerto Príncipe Surcharged Stamps")

CA, 3rd Epoch, Yr.2, Nos.4-5, Apr-May 1901, pp.83-85 (3), ill., Span.

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Gutiérrez Hermanos are identified in <LAZA0104> as the authors of this article and as being from Santiago de Cuba and probably are José Gutiérrez Hernández and Emilio Gutiérrez, who was the printer of <GUTIHJ1400>.

<HAAS899mm> Haas, Theodor

"Die Kubanischen Aufdruckmarken von Puerto Príncipe" ("The Cuban Surcharges of Puerto Príncipe")
Beiträge zur Postwertzeichen-Kunde, Vol.IV, No.3, month? 1899, pp.1-8, 1 plate, written in German.

Also published (perhaps originally) in Senf's Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal in 1899 and later reprinted in French in Le Timbrophile-Belge according to <AMRH9700>. See <HAAS90012> for English translation of the French version that was published in SGMJ.

Extensive article on the Puerto Príncipe surcharges. The article is based on information extracted from PO, MK, ME, AJP, CA (<CA89907>) and the extensive stock of the stamps in the possession of Mr. Senf. The article provides background information on the issue, gives details of their various printings, discusses resulting varieties, talks about their reported places of use and known postmarks, reports counterfeits of the surcharges and postmarks, discusses doubts as to the authenticity of the surcharged stamps, and provides a reference list of the known printings.

<HAAS90012> Haas, Theodor

"Cuban Stamps Surcharged at Puerto Príncipe"

SGMJ, Vol.11, No.126, 31 December 1900, pp.124-128 (5);

SGMJ, Vol.11, No.127, 31 January 1901, pp.150-152 (3), 1 plate.

Translation from Le Timbrophile-Belge which in turn is a direct translation of <HAAS89900>. See the latter for an annotation.

<HARM3506> Harmer, H.R. (Philatelic Auctioneer)

Catalogue of the Eleventh Portion of the "Arthur Hind" Collection of Postage Stamps

London: H.R. Harmer Philatelic Auctioneer, Sales 768-771, Hind Sale No.11, 24-27 June 1935, Cuba on pp.20-22, lots 207-227, selected lots illustrated on plates V-VI.

This was not a large holding of Cuban items but the sale included some outstanding rarities, including a block of 12 (4x3) of Scott #5; a block of 9 of Scott #15; an important collection of the 1883 ornamental surcharges that included three full sheets of the 5c value with different settings of the surcharges, one full sheet each of the 10c and 20 c values, and a block of 45 of the 20c value with displaced surcharges; **several rare Puerto Príncipe stamps**; the inverted centers of 1910; and a complete set of horizontal imperforate pairs of the 1914 map issue.

<HATF1802> Hatfield, Charles E.

"Specialized Collection of Puerto Príncipe property of Charles E. Hatfield"

New York: Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 192nd Auction Sale, 20 Feb 1918, Cuba in lots 282-414 (133), pages

unnumbered, no illustrations. Lots 282-288 were Spanish Cuba items; **lots 289-413 (125) were all Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps**; and lot 414 was a block of 4 of Scott 226 showing the surcharge displaced to the top.

<HIND3506> Hind, Arthur

Catalogue of the Eleventh Portion of the "Arthur Hind" Collection of Postage Stamps

London: H.R. Harmer Philatelic Auctioneer, Sales 768-771, Hind Sale No.11, 24-27 June 1935, Cuba on pp.20-22, lots 207-227, selected lots illustrated on plates V-VI. This item is also listed as <HARM3506>.

This was not a large holding of Cuban items but the sale included some outstanding rarities, including a block of 12 (4x3) of Scott #5; a block of 9 of Scott #15; an important collection of the 1883 ornamental surcharges that included three full sheets of the 5c value with different settings of the surcharges, one full sheet each of the 10c and 20 c values, and a block of 45 of the 20c value with displaced surcharges; **several rare Puerto Príncipe stamps**; the inverted centers of 1910; and a complete set of horizontal imperforate pairs of the 1914 map issue.

<HOPK9902a> Hopkins, S. B.

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"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.

<[HOPK9902b](#)> **Hopkins, S. B.**

"Chronicle of New Issues"

MK, Vol.13, No.8, WNo.425, 23 Feb 1899, p.77, ill.

Additional details of the Puerto Príncipe surcharges and principal varieties.

<[ISR4104](#)> **The International Stamp Review**

"Cuba--Puerto Príncipe Issue"

ISR, 12 April 1941, 1 p.

<[JARV6901](#)> **Jarvis, Ernest G.**

The Ernest G. Jarvis Collection, Part I: United States, Canal Zone, Cuba, Guam, Hawaii, Philippines

Also listed as <[SIEGR6901](#)>.

New York, Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc., 545th Sale, 8 Jan 1969, Cuba lots 386 to 415 (30) on pp.31-33 plus two pages of photo illustrations. 28 out of the 30 lots in this sale were Puerto Príncipe printings covering all five printings. The last two lots were of U.S. Administration period stamps, including a choice copy of Scott 226A—another great rarity of Cuban philately.

<[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.

<[JUHR7810](#)> **Juhring, John C.**

"Puerto Príncipe Issue 1898/99"

Frankfurt, West Germany: Stanley Gibbons Merkur GmbH, catalog of the 14. Auktion von 25. Oktober – 28.

Oktober, 1978, Cuba lots 604-774 (171) on pp.39-49 (11), **with the bulk of the lots being Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps (lots 605-771 (167)) plus lots 772-773 of reference forgeries.** Lot 604 contained two covers ca. 1874 with a combination of Cuban and U.S. stamps; lot 774 was a collection of Spanish Antilles material.

Although the owner of the collection is not mentioned in the catalog, the collection belonged to John C. Juhring (see <[BREW7810](#)>, <[BREW8001](#)>).

<[KINGH7109](#)> **Kinghorn, Alexander D. M.**

"Los Sellos de Puerto Príncipe" ("The Stamps of Puerto Príncipe")

Boletín Especial Puripex XVII (Special Puripex XVII Bulletin)

San Juan, P.R.: Puripex XVII, September 1971, pp.7-8, Span.

<[KELL8801](#)> **Kelleher, Daniel F. Co., Inc.**

United States and Possessions Stamps and Covers

Boston, MA: Catalog of the 577th Sale held 20-22 Jan 1988, Cuba lots 3712-3732 (21), where lots 3712-3730 featured Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps, lot 3731 offered a Scott 226A, and lot 3732 offered a Scott E1.

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<KLEI3403> Klein, Eugene (Auction House)

"The Senator Thomas J. Walsh Collection of Cuban Stamps"

Philadelphia, Pa.: Eugene Klein Auction House, 88th Auction Sale Catalogue, 16 March 1936, pp.1-13, 4 photo plates. Also listed as <WALS3403>.

<KLEI4103> Klein, Eugene (Auction House)

"The Henry G. Brock Stamp Collection. Cuba: Puerto Príncipe 1898-99"

Philadelphia, Pa.: Eugene Klein Auction House, 123th Auction Sale Catalogue, 15 March 1941, pp.1-40, profusely illustrated, with prices realized. This entry is also listed as <BROC4103>.

<LAZS8211> Laiz Subastas

Subasta de Sellos de Todo el Mundo (Auction of Worldwide Stamps)

Madrid, Spain: Laiz Subastas auction house, Catalog of the auction held 15-19 Nov 1982; Cuba lots 1817-1931 (115 lots), 5400-5415 (16 lots), 5437-6119 (683 lots), and 7328-7405(77 lots) for a total of 891 lots; ill.; Span.

Catalog of an extensive auction of Cuban items spanning stampless covers of the internal and maritime mails; British and French postal agencies in Cuba; Empresa de Correos Marítimos; incoming and outgoing foreign mails with the United States, Spain and colonies, and Europe; Spanish Cuba stamp issues on and off cover; Spanish military mail from military units operating in Cuba; **84 lots of provisional Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps, most of them supposedly "signed" by the Cuban Postal Museum (MPC)**; and 77 lots from the Republican period.

<LAZA0104> Lázaro Puentes, Miguel

"Más sobre los 'Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe'." ("More About the 'Puerto Príncipe Surcharges'.")

CA, 3rd Epoch, Yr.2, Nos.4-5, Apr-May 1901, pp.76-82 (7), ill., Span.

<LILL6704> Lilly, Josiah K.

The Josiah K. Lilly Collection, Part III: Canal Zone, Cuba...

New York, Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc., 317th Sale, 27 Apr 1967, Cuba lots on pp.93-103 (11) on pp.12 & 14, ill. **Lots 93-97 featured Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps**; the rest were Cuba U.S.

Administration rarities such as Scott 221-225 Paris special printings, a vertical pair of Scott 226A, Scott 227P-231P and E3P small die proofs, and Scott E3P large die proof.

<MF89908> Madrid Filatélico

"Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe" ("Puerto Príncipe Surcharged Stamps")

ME, Yr.III, No.32, August 1899, pp.135-137 (3), Span. Reprinted from El Curioso Americano.

Short summary, including quotations, from several documents to back up the genuineness of the stamps.

<MILI7405> Milián Cantero, Richard

"Comentarios sobre los Sellos Habilitados y Sobrecargados de Cuba"

("Comments on the Overprinted and Surcharged Stamps of Cuba")

FCb, Yr.9, No.2, May-Aug 1974, pp.37-42, ill., Span.

<MORGE90505> Morgenthau, Julius Caesar

Catalogue of the Stamp Collection of Mr. J. M. Andreini, Part 1—United States, U.S. Colonies, and Possessions

New York: J.C. Morgenthau & Co., catalog of the stamp collection sold 16-17 May 1905, Cuba lots 319 to 370 (52 lots), including 40 lots of provisional Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps (lots 331-370), no photos provided. This item is also listed as <ANDR0505>.

The Puerto Príncipe stamps are advertised as being "a small selection from Mr. Andreini's well known collection of these stamps...nearly all of them are on portions of the original cover. Each stamp bears the guarantee of their owner", but no indication is given of whether they are actually signed on the back by Mr. Andreini.

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<MORGE90512> Morgenthau, Julius Caesar

J. M. Andreini Collection. Part 2: U.S. and Foreign Postage Stamps.

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; December 6-8, 1905, Auction Catalog; ill. Also listed as <ANDR0512>.

One of the highlights was the sale of a Cuba Puerto Príncipe 5c. on 1m. (Scott 182a) inverted surcharge for \$101.

<MORGE90602> Morgenthau, Julius Caesar

J. M. Andreini Collection. Part 3: U.S. and Foreign Postage Stamps.

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; February 7-8, 1906, Auction Catalog; ill. Also listed as <ANDR0602>.

Sale featured some Cuba Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps.

<MORGE90610> Morgenthau, Julius Caesar

Stamp Collection of Charles H. Wilson

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; October 18-19, 1906, Auction Catalog; ill. Also listed as <WILSC0610>.

<MORGE90612> Morgenthau, Julius Caesar

Stamp Collection of Eugene Wilson

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; December 11, 13-14, 1906, Auction Catalog; ill.

This item is also listed as <WILSE0612>.

This sale featured a 5c. Puerto Príncipe orange-brown surcharged stamp considered unique which sold for \$155. (However, see <MORGE90702> where a pair of the same stamp is offered for sale.)

<MORGE90702> Morgenthau, Julius Caesar

William Thorne Collection. Puerto Príncipe, Panama, Canal Zone, and Coamo.

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; February 14, 1907, Auction Catalog; ill. Also listed as < THORNE0702>.

Sale featured 5c. Puerto Príncipe orange-brown as pair!

(See <MORGE90612> where a single copy was featured as unique.)

<MORGE90705> Morgenthau, Julius Caesar

William Thorne Collection. Part II. U.S. and Colonies, South America, Denmark, Germany, Spain and Colonies.

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; May 23-24, 1907, Auction Catalog; ill. Also listed as < THORNE0705>.

<MORGE91501> Morgenthau, Julius Caesar

Catalog of the Collection of Dr. F. Penichet and Other Consignments

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; 88th Sale, Jan 13-14, 1915, Auction Catalog, Cuba on pp.15-17 (3).

Of significance in this sale are **24 lots of Puerto Principe stamps**, an 1899 postage due stamp with inverted surcharge (Scott J2a), and 1910 1c regular issue (Scott 239a) and 10c special delivery (Scott E4a) stamps with inverted centers.

<MORGE91503> Morgenthau, Julius Caesar

"Judge F. Spiegelberg Collection. Cuba, Puerto Príncipe Issues."

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; 93rd Sale Catalogue of a Collection of United States and Foreign Stamps to be sold at Auction March 30 and 31, 1915 at 8 p.m. This item is also listed as <SPIE1503>. The Second Session held Wednesday, March 31, 1915 featured **the Collection of Cuba, Puerto Príncipe Issues of Judge F.**

Spiegelberg, offered as lots 501 to 569 (69) on pp. 24-29 without any illustrations provided. The Judge F.

Spiegelberg Collection of Cuba won a silver medal at the 1913 International Philatelic Exhibition of New York.

<MF89908> Madrid Filatélico

"Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe" ("Puerto Príncipe Surcharged Stamps")

ME, Yr.III, No.32, August 1899, pp.135-137 (3), Span. Reprinted from El Curioso Americano.

Short summary, including quotations, from several documents to back up the genuineness of the stamps.

<NORO4106b> Norona, Delf

"Postmarks on the Puerto Príncipe Stamps of Cuba (December 1898 to February 1899)"

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WCP, Vol.4, WNo.18, June 1941, p.23, ill.

<PELA4901> Pelander, Carl E.

Sales of Distinction: Cuba and Puerto Rico. The Ferrars H. Tows Collection. Part III

New York: Carl E. Pelander. Catalog of the unreserved public auction held at the Collectors Club of New York, January 6th, 7th and 8th, 1949; 96 pp., thoroughly illustrated. Prices realized included.

Outstanding sale of Cuba and Puerto Rico. In the Cuba section, the sale featured 28 lots of stampless covers, 11 lots of U.S. stamps used in Cuba (most on cover), 17 lots of British stamps used in Cuba or British postal marks on Cuban stamps, 14 lots of French stamps used in Cuba (most on cover), 55 lots of proofs and essays, 204 lots of Spanish Administration issues, **268 lots of Puerto Príncipe issues (one on cover)**, 14 lots of military station cancellations (all on cover), 43 lots of U.S. Administration issues, 55 lots of Republic of Cuba issues, 32 lots of airmail, special delivery, and postage due stamps, and 32 lots of postal stationery for a total of 773 lots of Cuban material. The sale also featured over 430 lots of Puerto Rican material.

<PG1012a> The Philatelic Gazette

"Some New 'Fakes'."

PG, Vol.1, No.4, 15 Dec 1910, p.59.

Report of new forgeries of the U.S. stamps surcharged "CUBA 2c." with inverted surcharge (Scott 222c) and of several stamps of the Puerto Príncipe issues (not specifically identified). Opinion that the rarest Puerto Príncipe stamps are the narrow 3c. on 2m. orange brown (Scott 179G) (3 copies known) and the narrow 5c. on 1m. blue green (Scott 212) (only one copy known).

<PO9902b> The Post Office

"Cuba-Puerto Príncipe Provisionals"

PO, Vol.8, No.95, February 1899, pp.213-214 (2).

<PO9902e> The Post Office

"New Issues and Discoveries"

PO, Vol.8, No.95, February 1899, pp.230-231.

Report on several Puerto Príncipe surcharges.

<POWE89906> Power, Emilio J.

"Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe" ("Surcharges of Puerto Príncipe")

ME, No.30, Jun 1899, Span.

Letter to the editor in which Mr. Power states his belief that the Puerto Príncipe surcharges are all fabrications of speculators and were never legally sanctioned by the proper authorities for postal use.

<POWE89909b> Power, Emilio J.

"Habilitados de Puerto Príncipe. Réplica"

("Surcharges of Puerto Príncipe. Reply")

CA, 3rd Epoch, No.3, 15 Sep 1899, pp.45-46, Span.

Reply to <BARR89908> in which Dr. Barreras presents evidence legitimizing the use of the Puerto Príncipe surcharges in opposition to the views presented by Mr. Power in <POWE89906>. In this reply, Mr. Power reiterates his belief that the surcharges were speculative and not legally valid, but fails to provide any arguments of substance to support his convictions.

<PRAT0606> Prats, Ignacio

The Ignacio Prats International Large Gold Collection of Spanish Antilles and Cuba

West Caldwell, NJ: Greg Manning Auctions, Public Auction 186, 24 Jun 2006, 92 numbered pages plus 9 unnumbered pages plus prices realized, profusely illustrated in color.

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This sale consisted of five large lots; the first four were the bulk of the Prats collection; the fifth lot was not part of the Prats collection and its source is unknown. The auction catalog illustrated only the highlights of each lot—just the tip of the iceberg of what each lot contained as this was one of the best collections of Cuba ever assembled (over a period of more than 40 years). Following is a brief description of each lot.

[Lot 1](#): Spanish Antilles; estimated at 600-800K, sold for 500K +15% commission to an unknown buyer;

[Lot 2](#): **Puerto Príncipe; est. at 200-300K, sold for 240K + 15% to Jack Thompson & Yamil Kouri;**

[Lot 3](#): U.S. Administration; est. at 125-150K, sold for 120K + 15% to an unknown buyer;

[Lot 4](#): Republic of Cuba; est. at 200-300K, sold for 260K + 15% to Patrick Mangan;

[Lot 5](#): Cuba Imperforates and Proofs; est. at 100-150K, did not sell.

See <PRAT0704> for a sale of additional material from the Prats collections.

<[RCFC](#)> **Revista del Círculo Filatélico de Cuba (Journal of the Cuban Philatelic Circle)**

[Yr.I, No.6, Sep 1910, pp.41-60; plus 6 pp. photos \(CCNY, Tyx\)](#)

Orden del Gobernador Americano de Puerto Príncipe (Order of the American Governor of Puerto Príncipe)--between pp.46 and 47;

Carta del General Carpenter al Dr. Barreras (Letter from General Carpenter to Dr. Barreras)--between pp.50 and the following page of photos;

Diversos tipos de la Habilitación (Various types of the Puerto Príncipe surcharges)--after the letter to Dr. Barreras and before p. 51;

Matasellos usados en la provincia de Puerto Príncipe en 1898-99 (Cancellations used in the province of Puerto Príncipe in 1898-99)--between pp. 54 and 55.

<[ROBEP8803](#)> **Robertson, Peter A.**

The Peter A. Robertson Collection of Cuba--Insurrection and Puerto Príncipe Issues

New York: Christie's-Robson Lowe, Auction Sale, Tuesday, March 15, 1988, 58 pp., profusely illustrated.

Catalog of the auction sale of one of the greatest collections of insurrection and Puerto Príncipe issues ever assembled. The collection is remarkable for its completeness and for the incomparable number of covers of these issues that Mr. Robertson was able to acquire. The catalog contains an extremely detailed description of the material and is beautifully illustrated, and thus constitutes an excellent handbook for the collector/student of these issues. Note, however, that the Puerto Príncipe issues are organized according to Scott's U.S. Specialized catalog listings of the five printings of these issues which do not correspond to those listed by Guerra Aguiar in <[GUER7100](#)>. Also note that the cancellations on some of the Puerto Príncipe stamps in the collection may not be genuine--for example, lots 2143, 2188, and 2199 were stamps of the 5th printing of January 11, 1899, but have December cancellations. The bulk of the collection was bought by Dr. Yamil Kouri (the father). Ignacio Prats was the second largest purchaser. The remainder went to other bidders.

<[ROSE7207](#)> **Rosende, Roberto M.**

"¿Sabía Usted Que...?" ("Did You Know That...?")

[CP](#), Vol.2, No.1, July 1972, p.4, Span.

Miscellaneous notes on: Use of same stamps by Cuba and Puerto Rico until 1877; Scott Nos. 23-30; 54-57; Puerto Príncipe overprints; Scott 223; 225a and J3a; 226a; E2 and E3; 232.

<[ROSE8302b](#)> **Rosende, Roberto M.**

"¿Por qué las sobrecargas de Puerto Príncipe se imprimieron en tiras de cinco?"

("Why were the Puerto Príncipe surcharges printed in strips of five?")

[BNJ](#), No.2, Feb 1983, p.13, ill., Span. See <[ROSE8312b](#)> for follow-up correspondence about this article.

<[ROSE8302c](#)> **Rosende, Roberto M.**

"¿Por qué algunas sobrecargas de Puerto Príncipe aparecen impresas sobre espacios blancos?"

("Why are some of the Puerto Príncipe surcharges printed on blank paper?")

[BNJ](#), No.2, Feb 1983, p.14, ill., Span. See <[ROSE8312b](#)> for follow-up correspondence about this article.

<[ROSE8306b](#)> **Rosende, Roberto M.**

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"Grandes Piezas" ("Showpieces")

BNJ, No.4, Jun 1983, p.5, ill., Span.

Description of a previously unreported Puerto Príncipe registered cover addressed to India and bearing two Scott No.178 singles (positions 3 and 4) and two strips of 3 of Scott No.221. Photos of the cover's front and back are shown.

<[ROSE8312b](#)> **Rosende, Roberto M.**

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

BNJ, No.7, Dec 1983, p.15, ill., Span.

Notes about correspondence received with reference to the article on Puerto Príncipe surcharges which appeared in the February 1983 issue of the BNJ (see <[ROSE8302b](#)> and <[ROSE8302c](#)>) and with reference to the article on the postal marking "Correo Interior" used on some covers of Scott No.15 which appeared in the August 1983 issue of BNJ (see <[ROSE8308b](#)>).

<[ROSE8406b](#)> **Rosende, Roberto M.**

"Grandes Piezas" ("Showpieces")

BNJ, No.10, Jun 1984, p.9, ill., Span. with Eng. summary on p.21.

Background information on the fifth printing of the Puerto Príncipe surcharges highlighting a unique strip of 5 of the 3c on 3m blue green (containing samples of Scott 205, 205b, and 206).

<[SCM2903](#)> **Stamp Collector's Magazine**

"The Puerto Príncipe Issue of Cuba"

SCM, Vol.5, No.12, WNo.60, Mar 1929, pp.35-36.

Discussion of the varieties of the Puerto Príncipe surcharges (Scott 176-220) and how they came about. The stories narrated don't seem to be factual. However, the article gives a flavor of the lore of the time about these much debated stamp issues.

<[SCOTSPEC](#)> **Scott Publishing Company**

U.S. Specialized Postage Stamp Catalogue

New York: Scott Publishing Company, ? to date, published yearly.

Scott's U.S. Specialized Postage Stamp Catalogues are the standard catalogs used by the stamp trade in the U.S. to identify the postage, special delivery, postage due, postal stationery, and proofs and specimens used in Cuba during the U.S. Administration after the Spanish American War until the inception of the Republic in 1902. Note, however, that the listings of the Puerto Príncipe issue printings do not coincide with those listed by Guerra Aguiar in <[GUER7100](#)>.

<[SIEGI0410](#)> **Siegel, Irwin**

Sale No.55—United States Possessions: Canal Zone, Cuba...

Columbus, NJ: Irwin Siegel, Catalog of Sale No.55, held 16 Oct 2004, Cuba lots 167-179 (13) on one unnumbered page plus one photo plate. **Lots 168-175 (8) offered Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps.** The remaining lots were covers of the U.S. Administration period of Cuba.

<[SIEGR6403](#)> **Siegel--Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.**

Catalog of the 268th Sale: Canal Zone, Cuba & Philippines. The collection of Elliot H. Robinson of New York.

New York, Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc., 268th Sale, 25-26 Mar 1964. Cuba on p.15, lots 399-414. Lots 399 to 408 (10) featured Puerto Príncipe stamps including a single Scott 196 on cover (no photo provided). Five of the Puerto Príncipe stamps are shown on an unnumbered page of photos. The rest of the Cuba lots in auction were all U.S. Administration period and included several lots of large die proofs (Scott 227P to 231P, E2P) and other rarities.

<[SIEGR6704](#)> **Siegel--Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.**

Catalog of the 317th Sale: The Josiah K. Lilly Collection, Part III: Canal Zone, Cuba...

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New York, Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc., 317th Sale, 27 Apr 1967, Cuba lots on pp.93-103 (11) on pp.12 & 14, ill. **Lots 93-97 featured Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps**; the rest were Cuba U.S. Administration rarities such as Scott 221-225 Paris special printings, a vertical pair of Scott 226A, Scott 227P-231P and E3P small die proofs, and Scott E3P large die proof.

<SIEGR6901> Siegel--Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.

The Ernest G. Jarvis Collection, Part I: United States, Canal Zone, Cuba, Guam, Hawaii, Philippines

Also listed as <JARV6901>.

New York, Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc., 545th Sale, 8 Jan 1969, Cuba lots 386 to 415 (30) on pp.31-33 plus two pages of photo illustrations. 28 out of the 30 lots in this sale were Puerto Príncipe printings covering all five printings. The last two lots were of U.S. Administration period stamps, including a choice copy of Scott 226A—another great rarity of Cuban philately.

<SIEGR7011> Siegel--Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.

United States: The Collection of a Country Gentleman

New York: Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc., catalog of the sale of 29 Nov 1970, featuring **43 lots of Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps** in lots 1055-1097 on pp.84-87 (photos on p.85).

<SIEGR7802> Siegel--Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.

Catalog of the 524th Sale: United States and U.S. Possessions

New York, Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc., 524th Sale, 23-27 Feb 1978, Cuba lots on pp.108-111 plus two pages of photo illustrations and 4 pages of prices realized.

This sale included 60 lots of exceptional Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps all examined and declared genuine in the opinion of Dr. Roberto M. Rosende, an expert in this field. The sale also included 14 lots of Imprint and Plate Number strips of 3 of Scott 221-226 and one lot offering a Scott E1.

<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 <ISRA8001> 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 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.

<SIEGR8306> Siegel--Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.

Catalog of June 1983 sale featuring some major Puerto Príncipe surcharge rarities

New York: Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc. Catalog of Sale 620, 15-17 June 1983.

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Cuba lots #1678 to 1683 (6 lots total). Lot #1678 was an unused strip of five of the 1898 3c on 3m surcharged stamps of Puerto Príncipe (5th Printing, Scott #205, 205b, and 206).

<[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.

<[SOTH7911](#)> Sotheby Parke Bernet Stamp Auction Co., Inc.

United States, British Empire, Foreign Postage Stamps & Postal History

Danbury, Connecticut: Catalog of the November 12-15 Public Auction, Cuba lots on pp.80-121, ill.

Catalog of the auction featuring "An Important Cuban and Puerto Príncipe Collection of Postage Stamps and Postal History". The sale included a significant holding of pre-philatelic material, including pre-stamp postal town markings, postmarks of origin or destination, Empresa de Correos Marítimos, Cuban forwarding agents, U.S. Consulate in Cuba, Cuba-U.S. postal routes, Cuba-Europe postal routes, British and French postal offices in Cuba, Cuban postal issues on cover, Cuban revenues used as postage, individual postage stamps, and **a substantial holding of Puerto Príncipe in singles and strips, some on pieces (no covers)**.

<[SPIE1503](#)> Spiegelberg, F.

"Judge F. Spiegelberg Collection. Cuba, Puerto Príncipe Issues."

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; 93rd Sale Catalogue of a Collection of United States and Foreign Stamps to be sold at Auction March 30 and 31, 1915 at 8 p.m. This item is also listed as <[MORGE91503](#)>. The Second Session held Wednesday, March 31, 1915 featured **the Collection of Cuba, Puerto Príncipe Issues of Judge F. Spiegelberg, offered as lots 501 to 569 (69)** on pp. 24-29 without any illustrations provided. The Judge F. Spiegelberg Collection of Cuba won a silver medal at the 1913 International Philatelic Exhibition of New York.

<[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

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<THORNE0702> Thorne, William

William Thorne Collection. Puerto Príncipe, Panama, Canal Zone, and Coamo.

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; February 14, 1907, Auction Catalog; ill. Also listed as <MORGE90702>. The Thorne collection of Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps was "considered the best in America" according to an article reporting the results of the sale in the New York Times (see <NYT0702>). The sale featured great Puerto Príncipe rarities, many from the Andreini collection, with the highlight being lot #40, a 5c on 5m Puerto Príncipe orange-brown pair with a faint double surcharge (Scott 188b-189b). [With regards to lot #40, see also <MORGE90612> where a single copy had been previously offered as being "unique"].

<THORNE90705> Thorne, William

William Thorne Collection. Part II. U.S. and Colonies, South America, Denmark, Germany, Spain and Colonies.

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; May 23-24, 1907, Auction Catalog; ill. Also listed as <MORGE90705>.

<TOWS4901> Tows, Ferrars H.

Sales of Distinction: Cuba and Puerto Rico. The Ferrars H. Tows Collection. Part III

New York: Carl E. Pelander. Catalog of the unreserved public auction held at the Collectors Club of New York, January 6th, 7th and 8th, 1949; 96 pp., thoroughly illustrated. Prices realized available.

Outstanding sale of Cuba and Puerto Rico. In the Cuba section, the sale featured 28 lots of stampless covers, 11 lots of U.S. stamps used in Cuba (most on cover), 17 lots of British stamps used in Cuba or British postal marks on Cuban stamps, 14 lots of French stamps used in Cuba (most on cover), 55 lots of proofs and essays, 204 lots of Spanish Administration issues, **268 lots of Puerto Príncipe issues (one on cover)**, 14 lots of military station cancellations (all on cover), 43 lots of U.S. Administration issues, 55 lots of Republic of Cuba issues, 32 lots of airmail, special delivery, and postage due stamps, and 32 lots of postal stationery for a total of 773 lots of Cuban material. The sale also featured over 430 lots of Puerto Rican material.

<TP99yymm> Le Timbre Poste

"Les Cuba surchargés a Puerto Príncipe"

("The Cuban Stamps Surcharged at Puerto Príncipe")

TP, 1899, p.122, in French.

<TYLE4011> Tyler, George Frederick

"The Collection of Mr. George Frederick Tyler of United States Possessions—Shanghai, Cuba, Guam, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Puerto Príncipe"

Philadelphia, PA: Philip H. Ward, Jr.; Auction Sale of Postage Stamps, held 29 Nov 1940; the Cuba section included lots 73-76 (4) of Cuban inverted centers on pp.8-9, and **lots 287-320 (34) on pp.21-25 of mostly provisional Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps (29 lots)** and 5 lots of U.S. Administration issue rarities.

<WALS3403> Walsh, Thomas J.

"The Senator Thomas J. Walsh Collection of Cuban Stamps"

Philadelphia, Pa.: Eugene Klein Auction House, 88th Auction Sale Catalogue, 16 March 1936, pp.1-13, 4 photo plates. This item is also listed as <KLEI3403>. Lots 1-89 covered the Spanish colonial issues of Cuba; **lots 90-196 (107) were Puerto Príncipe surcharged stamps**; lots 197-203 (7) covered the U.S. Administration period and lots 204-243 (40) covered the Republic and specialty areas such as telegraph stamps and postal stationery.

<WILSC90610> Wilson, Charles H.

Stamp Collection of Charles H. Wilson

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; October 18-19, 1906, Auction Catalog; ill. Also listed as <MORGE90610>.

<WILSE90612> Wilson, Eugene

Stamp Collection of Eugene Wilson

New York: J. C. Morgenthau & Co.; December 11, 13-14, 1906, Auction Catalog; ill. This item is also listed as <MORGE90612>.

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This sale featured a 5c. Puerto Príncipe orange-brown surcharged stamp considered unique which sold for \$155.
(However, see <MORGE90702> where a pair of the same stamp is offered for sale.)