

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER IN PHILATELY– GENERAL TO PRESIDENT

Synopsis

Exhibit Scope: This exhibit displays the many ways Eisenhower is presented in philatelic material. In this exhibit can be found First Day Covers, commercial covers, individual stamps, booklets and booklet panes, and printing errors.

Exhibit Layout and Organization: I organized the material chronologically according to Eisenhower's lifetime. This starts first with his service during World War Two, then his inauguration and terms as president, the 6 and 8 cent definitive issues from 1970 to 1972, stamps issued in his honor, and lastly items honoring his legacy.

Collecting Challenges: Items prepared by Eisenhower are hard to obtain, especially for a youth exhibitor. Many of these items are quite expensive and out of the budget of a youth exhibitor. In the future, I would like to obtain covers personally prepared by Eisenhower, especially ones from during his time as a World War Two general.

Completeness of the Subject: I have been collecting Eisenhower material for around two years. In this exhibit is the best Eisenhower material in my collection.

Resources: Personal Research on Eisenhower was obtained from:

1. Eisenhower Foundation, <https://eisenhowerfoundation.net>
2. White House Historical Association, <https://www.whitehousehistory.org>

Material and Rare Items: The material displayed in this exhibit is mostly obtained from other collectors who know of my interest. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time any of the material has been publicly exhibited. Though there are no significant rarities, there are a few printing errors included. The most significant of these are:

- I. Misperforated 6 and 8 cent booklet panes
- II. An imperforate pair of 8 cent coil stamps
- III.

Expertised Items: There are no items with certificates included in the exhibit.

Quality and Condition: The material displayed in this exhibit is in very fine condition. Some covers may have some minor stains or small creases that do not distract the viewer from the overall appearance.

Inclusion: The material found within this exhibit is personal covers, commercial covers, First Day covers, inauguration covers, special event covers, coil pairs and strips, booklets and booklet panes, and individual stamps.

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Dwight D. Eisenhower was born on October 14, 1890. He was born in Denison, Texas, but soon moved to Abilene, Kansas, where he grew up. Two years after he graduated from high school, he started his military career at the West Point Military Academy. He became a general in World War Two and was Supreme Commander of the D-Day invasion. Even as early as 1948, Eisenhower had fans that wanted him as President of the United States. However, Eisenhower was not interested in becoming president until the growing pressure on him finally persuaded him to decide to run. His slogan "I like Ike" was a catchy one; millions of supporters used it to rally for him. On November 4th, 1952, Eisenhower was elected President of the United States. During his second term, 1957 was a very hard year for him; he had the pressure of Sputnik and the Cold War and a recession that brought criticisms from many citizens. To make it worse, he suffered from a stroke later that year, subtly afflicting his health. In the last two years of his presidency, he decided to try to make peace with the Soviet Union. He wanted a nuclear test ban and a possible disarmament.



The above cover is an example of a first day cover for a stamp commemorating the centennial of Eisenhower's birth. This stamp was issued on October 13, 1990, in Abilene, Kansas.

The cover also is franked with other stamps related to Eisenhower:

1937 stamp commemorating West Point Military Academy.

1945 Texas statehood centennial stamp.

1969 Eisenhower commemorative stamp.

1971 Eisenhower definitive stamps, three examples.

1982 Kansas commemorative from the State Birds and Flowers issue.

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Rare items are highlighted with a red box.

Personal research and comments are annotated in italics.