

# EVENTS OF 1948

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- Truman ends racial segregation in the U.S. military.
- Margaret Sanger founds the International Planned Parenthood Federation.
- Communists seize power in Czechoslovakia.
- Israel is declared as an independent state.
- The First Polaroid Camera goes on sale at the Boston Jordan Marsh department store for \$89.75.

The United States post office issued the following number of stamps in 1948:

- 28 Commemoratives
- 2 Airmail

Name of Stamp	Stamp Issue Date	City Stamp Was Issued From
<b>Commemoratives</b>		
George Washington Carver	January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
California Gold Rush Centennial	January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Coloma, California
Mississippi Territory	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Natchez, Mississippi
Four Chaplains	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Washington, D.C.
Wisconsin Statehood	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Madison, Wisconsin
Swedish Pioneers	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Washington, D.C.
Progress of Women	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Seneca Falls, New York
William Allen White	July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Emporia, Kansas
United States - Canada Friendship	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Niagara Falls, New York
Francis Scott Key	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Frederick, Maryland
Salute to Youth	August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Washington, D.C.
Oregon Territory	August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Oregon City, Oregon
Harlan F. Stone	August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Chesterfield, New Hampshire
Palomar Mountain Observatory	August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Palomar Mountain, California
Clara Barton	September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Oxford, Massachusetts
Poultry Industry	September 9 <sup>th</sup>	New Haven, Connecticut
Gold Star Mothers	September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Washington, D.C.
Fort Kearny Centenary	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Minden, Nebraska
Volunteer Firemen	October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dover, Delaware
Indian Centennial	October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Muskogee, Oklahoma
Rough Riders	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott, Arizona
Juliette Gordon Low	October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Savannah, Georgia
Will Rogers	November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Claremore, Oklahoma
Fort Bliss Centennial	November 5 <sup>th</sup>	El Paso, Texas
Moina Michael	November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Athens, Georgia
Gettysburg Address	November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
American Turners Society	November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cincinnati, Ohio
Joel Chandler Harris	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Eatonton, Georgia
<b>Airmail</b>		
DC-4 Skymaster 5¢ - coil	January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Washington, D.C.
New York City Jubilee 5¢	July 31 <sup>st</sup>	New York, New York

This custom stamp album contains the following categories of stamps:

- Single mint, Mint plate blocks, First day of issue cover

Each stamp within the album has a caption about the stamp.



Dr. George Washington Carver - 3¢  
Bright red violet, issue date January 5,  
1948. This stamp commemorates the 5<sup>th</sup>  
 anniversary of the death of Dr. George  
 Washington Carver, noted educator and  
 scientist.





California Gold Rush Centennial - 3c Dark Violet issue date January 24, 1948. This stamp pictures Sutter's Mill in Coloma, California and commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of gold there.





Mississippi Territory- 3c Brown Violet issue date April 7, 1948. This stamp was issued to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Mississippi Territory.



Four Chaplain Brothers - 3¢ Gray Black issue date May 28, 1948. Honors the Four Chaplains Brothers who sacrificed their lives in the sinking of the S.S. Dorchester, February 3, 1943 during World War II.



Wisconsin Statehood - 3¢ Dark Violet issue date May 28, 1948. This stamp was issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Wisconsin's admission to the Union. The stamp pictures the state capitol and an outline of Wisconsin.



Swedish Pioneer Centennial - 5c Deep Blue stamp issue date June 4, 1948.

Commemorates the 100th anniversary of Swedish pioneers traveling to the Middle West. The stamp pictures a Swedish pioneer's covered wagon traveling westward. On either side of the wagon are 12 stars, representing the 12 Midwestern states the Swedish settled.





**Progress of Women - 3c Dark Violet issue date July 19, 1948.**

Commemorates a century of progress of American women and picture three prominent American woman from the past – Elizabeth Stanton, Carrie Chapman, and Lucretia Mott.



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William Allen White - 3¢ Bright red violet, issue date July 31, 1948. This stamp honors the renowned U.S. journalist, born in Kansas, whose books and articles gave him the reputation of an interpreter of rural life in the Midwest. White won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing in 1923 and his autobiography won the Pulitzer in 1947.

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United States - Canada Friendship - 3c Ultramarine issue date August 2, 1948. This issue celebrates 100 years of friendship with our Canadian neighbors to our north.




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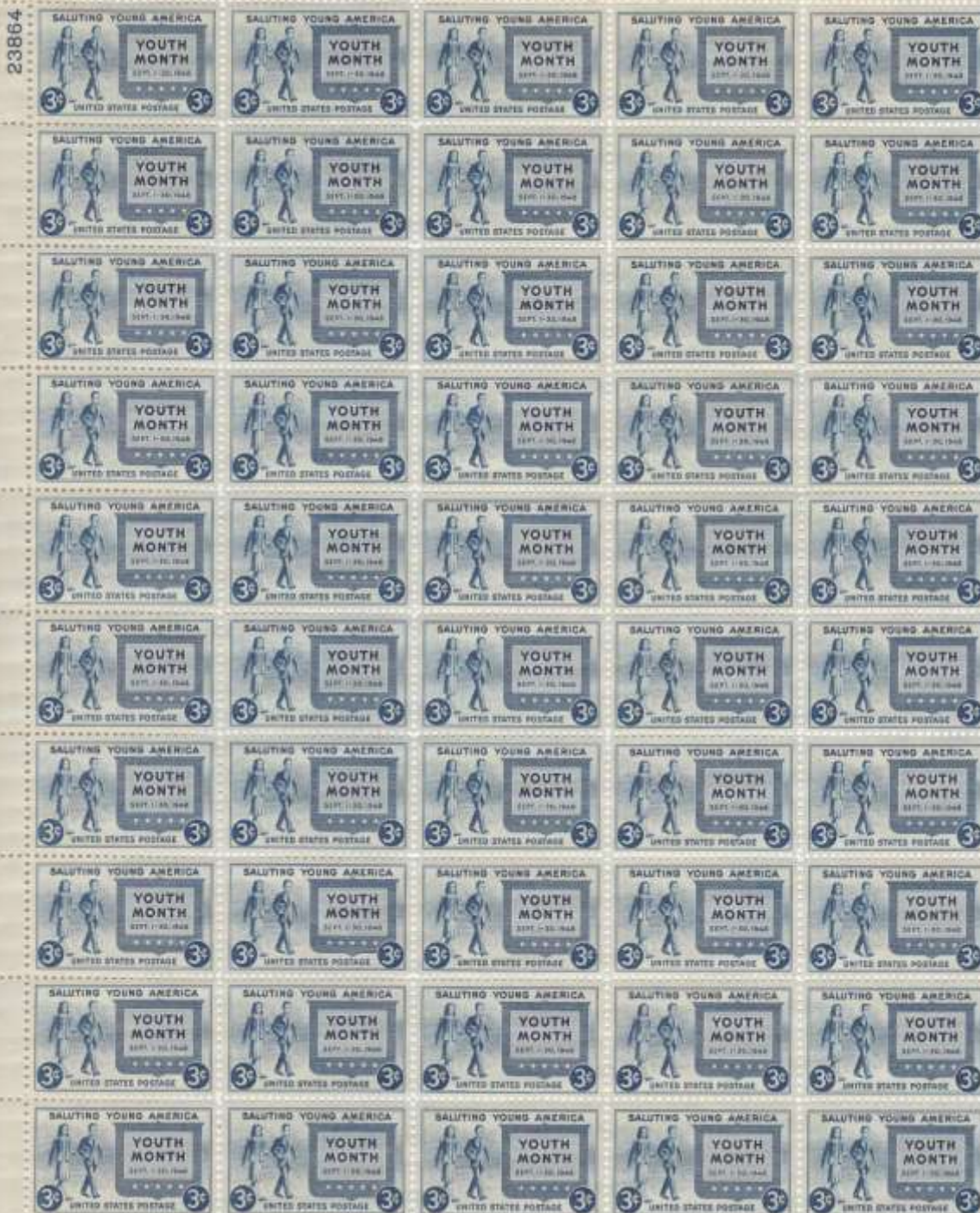
**Francis Scott Key - 3c Rose Pink, issued date August 9, 1948.** This stamp honors "Star Spangled Banner" author Francis Scott Key. The stamp features a portrait of Key, American flags from 1814 and 1948, his family home, and Fort McHenry.

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**Salute to Youth - 3¢ Deep Blue issue date August 11, 1948.** Honors the youth of America. The stamp pictures a young boy and girl walking together carrying books. President Harry Truman hosted the first day ceremony for this stamp at the White House.







**Oregon Territory - 3¢ Brown Red, issued date August 14, 1948.**

Commemorates the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Oregon territorial government. The stamp pictures a wagon on the Oregon Trail and portraits of John McLoughlin and Rev. Jason Lee.

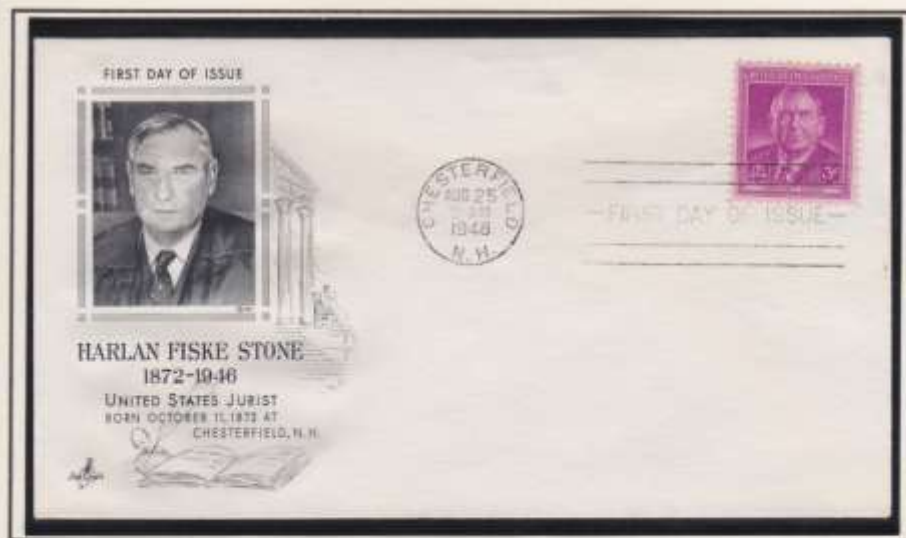




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**Harlan F. Stone - 3¢ Bright Red Violet,**  
**issue date August 25, 1948.** This stamp  
honors late U.S. Chief Justice Harlan Fiske  
Stone. The stamp features a portrait of  
Stone in the format of the Famous  
Americans stamps, which includes the  
scales of justice.

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**Palomar Mountain Observatory - 3¢ Blue,**  
**issue date August 30, 1948.** This stamp  
 honors the dedication of the Palomar  
 Mountain Observatory, home of the 200-  
 inch Hale telescope. Located atop Palomar  
 Mountain in southwestern California, the  
 Palomar Observatory houses the Hale  
 telescope, one of the world's largest optical  
 telescopes.

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Clara Barton - 3¢ Rose Pink Issue date September 7, 1948. This stamp honors the founder and first president of the American Red Cross who at the outbreak of the American Civil War, distributed supplies for the relief of the wounded soldiers of both armies.



**Poultry Industry - 3¢ Sepia issue date September 9, 1948.** Commemorates 100 years of the poultry industry. The stamp pictures a Brahma male rooster, the oldest breed in America. The stamp's denomination is placed in an egg – making it the first U.S. stamp to picture an egg.





Gold Star Mothers - 3c Orange Yellow,  
issue date September 21, 1948. This  
stamp honors the mothers of the  
deceased members of the United States  
armed forces.





**Fort Kearny - 3c Voile issue date September 22, 1948.** This stamp commemorates the 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Kearny, Nebraska. It was an important trade center in the middle of the 1800s. It was the first of many forts built to protect the large numbers of settlers traveling on the Oregon Trail, the longest of the overland routes to the West.







**Volunteer Fireman - 3¢ Bright Rose Carmine issue date October 4, 1948.**

Commemorates the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first volunteer fire department in America. New Netherlands leader Peter Stuyvesant appointed four men to act as "fire wardens" in New Amsterdam — now known as New York City.





Indian Centennial - 3¢ Dark Brown issue date October 15, 1948. This stamp arose from the request of Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, who asked Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan in 1947 for a stamp to commemorate the arrival of the Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma, the name given to the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek, and Seminole Indian tribes.





**Rough Riders - 3¢ Violet Brown issue date October 27, 1948.** This stamp commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization of the Rough Riders, the first volunteer United States cavalry, of the Spanish American War. While the Rough Riders are most often associated with Theodore Roosevelt, the stamp shows an image of William "Buckey" O'Neill.





**Juliette Gordon Low - 3c Blue Green issue date October 29, 1948.** This stamp honors Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of America. Low is pictured along with the Girl Scouts emblem.





**Will Rodgers - 3¢ Bright Red Violet,**  
**Issue date November 4, 1948.** This  
 stamp showcases "Oklahoma's Favorite  
 Son," cowboy comedian Will Rogers. A  
 popular humorist who also at one time  
 was the highest-paid actor in  
 Hollywood, Rogers' tombstone bears  
 one of his most famous quotes –  
 "I never met a man I didn't like."





**Fort Bliss Centennial - 3¢ Henna Brown,  
issue date November 5, 1948.**

A theme of old and new is featured on the centennial issue commemorating Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Texas. The design of the stamp features a 19th century Spanish-style mission to commemorate its role as a key defense for the region. It also pictures a rocket launch, signifying the fort's history in the development of the American rocket program.





**Moina Michael - 3c Rose Pink issue date November 9, 1948.** Moina Michael, who is featured on this stamp, was a World War I volunteer and a primary contributor to the use of poppies as a memorial for veterans of that conflict.







**Gettysburg Address - 3¢ Bright Blue, issued date November 19, 1948.** This stamp was issued on the 85th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Considered one of the greatest speeches in U.S. history, it is more remarkable compared to the events of the day.







American Turners Society - 3¢ Carmine,  
issue date November 20, 1948. This  
 stamp was issued to commemorate the  
 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the  
 American Turners, a society for the  
 advancement of physical education and  
 recreation.





**Joel Chandler Harris - 3¢ Bright Red Violet, issue date December 9, 1948.**

This stamp features Joel Chandler Harris, a journalist and writer who became famous for his "Uncle Remus" stories. Strongly considered for inclusion in the 1940 "Famous Americans" series, Chandler's stamp had a similar design to the "American Authors" set within that series.





**DC-4 Skymaster - 5c Carmine issue date January 15, 1948.** This stamp was issued in a horizontal coil perforated edge format and was the first ever coil airmail stamp issued by the United States post office.





**New York City Jubilee 5¢ Bright Carmine issue date July 31, 1948.** This stamp commemorates the 50th anniversary of the consolidation of New York's five boroughs (depicted in the ring of the design) into a central government of New York City. It was the first airmail stamp to commemorate an event not related to airmail history.