GEORGE L. LEE COLLECTION OF THE
ROYAL IMPERFORATE PRINTINGS OF
EGYPTIAN STAMPS

FINDING GUIDE

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COLLECTION SCOPE & CONTENT

The Collection of Royal Imperforate Printings of Egyptian Stamps (NPM accession number 233849) consists of one volume of imperforate singles, pairs and blocks of stamps from 1926 to 1952. The collection is housed on the original pages as mounted by George L. Lee.

PROVENANCE

The collection was formed by George L. Lee and donated to the museum on December 23, 1960.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

In April 1926, the Survey Department, a government agency in Cairo, took over the printing of Egyptian stamps. One sheet of each stamp printed by the Survey Department, not those printed out of the country or overprints, was sent to the Royal Collection starting with the 12th Agricultural and Industrial Exposition Issue in 1926 up to and including the stamp celebrating the Birth of Crown Prince Ahmed Fuad in 1952.

The Royal Imperforate Printings were printed on stout, unwatermarked, ungummed paper and were not perforated. On the reverse of each sheet was diagonally printed “cancelled” in English. On later issues, starting in 1947, the printing on the reverse was changed to Arabic by King Farouk.

The Royal Imperforate sheets were confiscated with the rest of the Royal Collection, by the Republic of Egypt when King Farouk was deposed. The Palace Collections of Egypt were auctioned off at the Koubbeh Palace, Cairo on February 12 - 15, 1954 by H. R. Harmer of London.

CONTAINER INVENTORY

Volume One consists of 71 pages.

- 1926 - International Congress of Navigation – “Ship of Queen Hatshepsut”, Scott 118 – 120
- 1927 - International Cotton Congress, Scott 125 – 127
- 1927 - 1934 Portraits of King Fuad I, Scott 128 – 149 (singles and pairs)
- 1931 - 14th Agricultural and Industrial Congress, Scott 163 – 165 (singles with margins)
- 1933 - International Railway Congress, Scott 168 – 171
- 1933 - Air Post - International Aviation Congress, Scott 172 – 176 (various planes)
- 1934 - 10th International Postal Union Congress, Khedive Ismail Pasha, Scott 177 – 190
- 1937 - Portrait of Boy King Farouk I, Scott 206 – 216 (with trial color shades)
- 1938 - International Radio Congress, Scott 228 – 230
- 1938 - International Leprosy Congress, Branch of Hydnocarpus, Scott 231 – 233
- 1939 - 1946 Portrait of King Farouk I, Scott 234 – 240
• 1942 - **Essays Unissued Set** “Millenium of Al-Azhar Mosque”
• 1944 - 1950 - Portrait of King Farouk I new designs, Scott 242 – 251 (with trial color shades)
• 1946 - Withdrawal of British Troops from Cairo Citadel, Scott 257 (single and block of four)
• 1946 - Conference Heads of Arab States, Scott 258 – 264
• 1947 - 36th Congress of the Interparliamentary Union – Parliament Bldg, Scott 265 (singles and pairs)
• 1948 - Gaza Strip – Map and Infantry Column, Scott 271 (singles and pair)
• 1949 - 16th Agriculture and Industry Exposition and Statue of the Nile, Scott 273 – 277 (with pairs)
• 1951 - Second Marriage of King Farouk I, Scott 291
• 1951 - 1st Mediterranean Games, Arms of Alexandria and Olympic Emblem and King Farouk, Scott 292 – 294
• 1952 - Birth of Crown Prince Ahmed Fuad, Scott 317
• 1940 - Children’s Fund Portrait of Princess Ferial, Scott B1 (Semi-Postal) (single and block of four)
• 1946 - 80th Anniversary of First Postage Stamp and Portrait of Khedive Ismail Pasha, Scott B3 – B6 (singles and pairs) (Semi-Postal)
• 1947 - 25th International Exposition of Contemporary Art, Scott B9 – B12 (Semi-Postal)
• 1929 - DeHaviland BiPlane (D.H. 34) in Flight over the Nile, Scott C2 (Airmail)
• 1933 - Handley Mail Plane in Flight over the Giza Pyramids, Scott C5 – C23 (singles and center line blocks of four, and trial colors) (Airmail)
• 1941 - 1943 – Type 1933 reissued in different colors, Scott C34 – C37 (singles and center line blocks of four) (Airmail)
• 1947 - Portrait of King Farouk I and Douglas DC3 in Flight over Nile Barrage, Scott C44 – C50 (singles, pairs and center line blocks of four) (Airmail)
• 1926 - Motorcycle Postman en Route Color Error, Scott E1 (single and block of four) (Special Delivery)
• 1929 - Motorcycle Postman en Route, Scott E2 (Special Delivery)
• 1944 - Motorcycle Postman en Route, Scott E4 (Special Delivery)
• 1927 - 1941 - Postage Dues, Scott J30 – J39
• 1939 - Army Post Stamps, Scott M14 – M15
• 1926 - 1935 - Official Stamps, Scott O39 – O50
• 1938 - Official Stamps, Scott O51 – O59

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