
L.W. CHRISTENSON'S SPECIALIZED COLLECTIONS OF TAIWAN (FORMOSA) AND THE TREATY PORTS FINDING GUIDE

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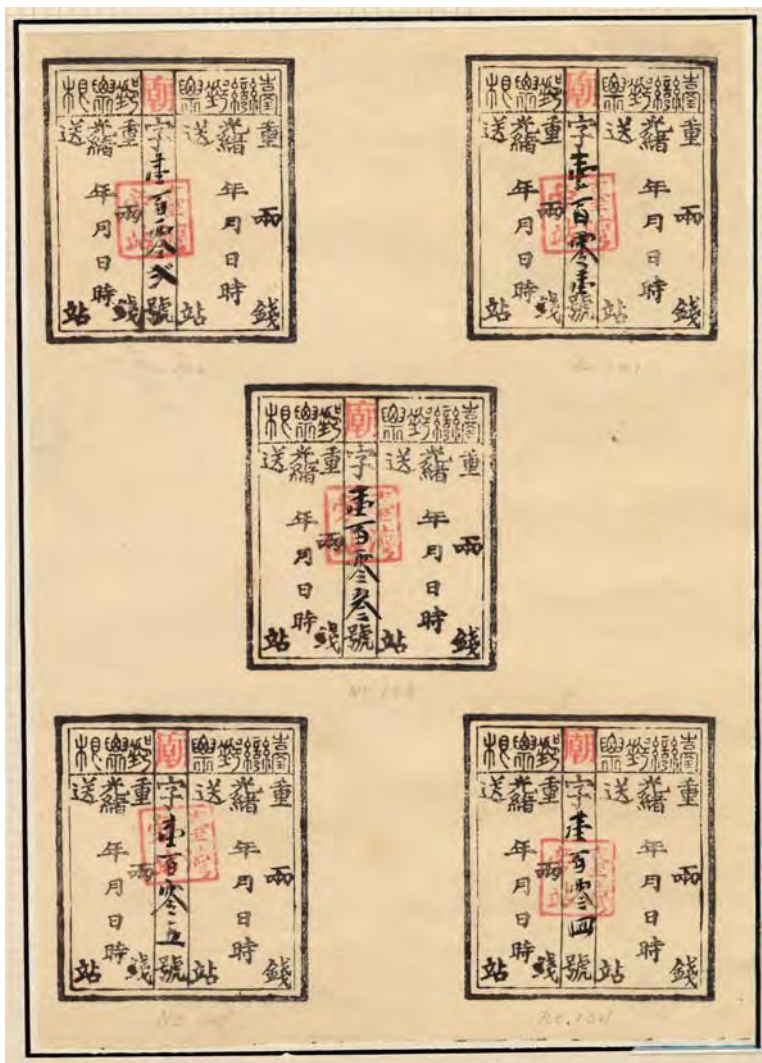
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1894 sheet of five with control character BIO with Red Square Chop for the Taiwan Sub Station

COLLECTION SCOPE & CONTENT

This specialized collection of L.W. Christenson of Taiwan (Formosa) from 1886 to 1895 and certain of China's Treaty Ports are contained in five albums and two gray boxes.

PROVENANCE

The five volume collection was a bequest from L. W. Christenson, finalized on November 6, 1970 (Accession Number 289220). There are 9,869 items contained in the five albums, labeled Volumes 1 to 5, and two gray boxes.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

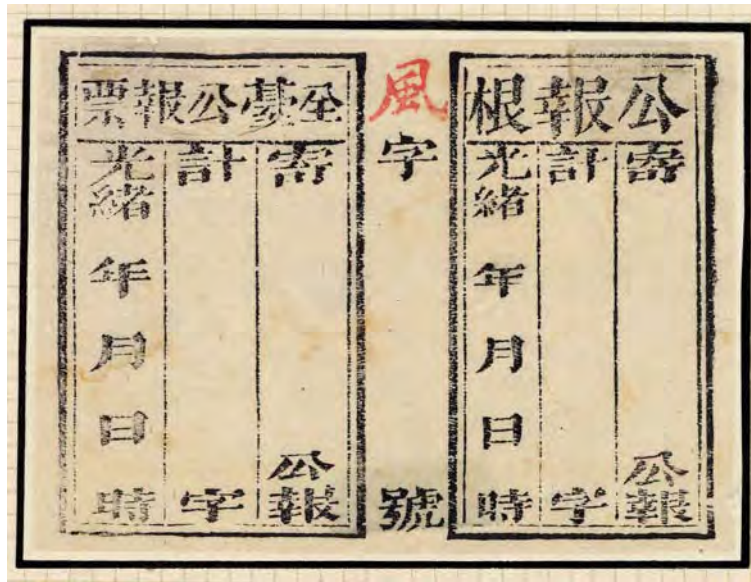
This specialized collection includes two albums of the first issues of Taiwan (Formosa) and three albums of the Chinese Treaty Ports of Chefoo, Foochow, ChinKiang, ChungKing, Hankow, IChang, Kewkiang and Nanking, and the HaiNan – Samah Land Post and Wei-Hai-Wei Courier Post. There are also two gray boxes with folders containing large multiples and post office sheets, mainly of Kewkiang Treaty Port, and stamp stock book pages.

CONTAINER INVENTORY

Album 1: 46 pages of Taiwan's first issues as described in *Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalog Part 17 – China Third Edition*, 1986, pages 164 - 167 and in *The Postage Stamps of Japan and Dependencies*, Volume 2, Chapter 33 and 34, pages 475 - 497.

- The 1886 First Official Issue (Wood Block Printing) on vertically and horizontally native laid and wove papers with control characters in Red “Japanese pronunciation - ZEN, SHIN, TO, GI, HO, TEN, and SAI” “Chinese pronunciation - ZAN, CHING, DUNG, FUNG, TIEN and CHEE”, some with characters below the control character reading Number 46 and 120
- 1894 Second Official Issue - Sheet of five with control character “Japanese pronunciation - BIO, Chinese pronunciation -MAIO” and Red Chop Taiwan Substation
- 1894 Second Official Issue - ½ stamp used with control character “Japanese pronunciation - RO, Chinese pronunciation - LUER”
- 1894 Second Official Issue - vertically and horizontally native laid and wove papers with control characters in red and a Red Personal Chop, one with a control character in red “Japanese pronunciation - RO, Chinese pronunciation - LUER” with Red Chop Taiwan Branch Post Office; and one with control characters “Japanese pronunciation - BIO, Chinese pronunciation - MAIO” with no red chops
- Three sheets of five of the 1894 Second Official Issue, two with control character “RO” and red square chop “Taiwan Substation” on horizontally laid paper with characters below the control characters reading 578 - 581 and 723 – 726, and one on vertically laid paper with “BIO” control character and characters below the control characters reading 101 - 105

- 1888 Commercial Postage Stamp on letter dispatched from Kilung, Keelung with Red Chop “YOTEN” Branch Office, the top line reads “Yu-Cheng-Sang-Piao,” meaning Postage Stamp for General Public, Not Official Use
- 1888 Commercial Postage Stamp used on cover postmarked November 24, 1892 from Hobei to Taipei
- 1894 Second Official Issue, 3 stamps used and all dated in 1895
- 1896 forgeries
- 1888 Commercial Postage Stamps on thin native wove paper used, several pages of examples



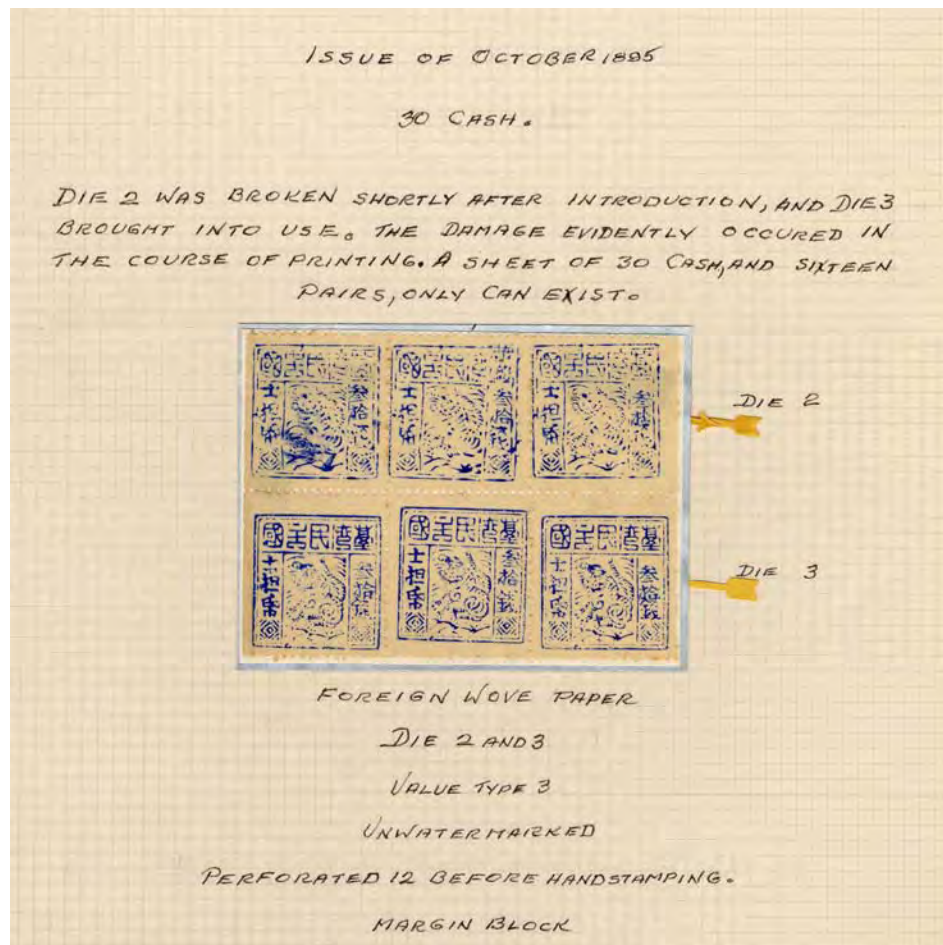
1888 – Official Telegraph Receipt

- Explanation of the 1888 Horse and Dragon Issue with 5 trial color proofs on foreign wove paper
- 1888 - 6 different surcharges as ‘railway tickets’ and two trial color proofs
- 10 forgeries of the 1888 Horse and Dragon Issue
- Essays of the Formosa 1888 Small Dragon unissued stamps
- A page of the paper money of Taiwan

Album 2: 55 pages of Taiwan’s first issues as described in Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalog Part 17 – China Third Edition, 1986, pages 164 - 167.

- 1895 - Tiger stamp drawing and construction diagram in pen and ink, detailed drawings of the three printings and four stamps
- 1895 Black Flag Republic Issue, Die I, three sets of mint and used with values inserted of the ‘30, 50 and 100 cash’ stamps
- 1895 Black Flag Republic Issue, Die I, 30c block of 4, block of 12 and block of 4 on laid paper with a narrow setting, 50c block of 4 with a double impression, on native wove paper with wide setting and a block of 12 with narrow setting, 100c block of 4 on native wove paper with a wide setting, block of 9 on laid paper with a wide setting, and a vertical strip of 3 on laid paper
- 1895 Black Flag Republic Issue - all three values used on covers cancelled Tainan dated September 5, 1895, September 22, 1895 and October 15, 1895, one cover with two 50c and one 100c cancelled Tainan dated September 12, 1895

- Description page discussing the three dies of the 1895 issue
- 1895 Black Flag Republic Issue, Die II, three sets of mint and used with values inserted of the '30, 50 and 100 cash' stamps
- 1895 Black Flag Republic Issue, Die II, 30c blue block of 12 on foreign wove paper, block of 4 with a double impression and margin block of 6



- 1895 - 30c full sheet of 144 stamps (9 by 16)
- 1895 Black Flag Republican Issue, Die III, 4 stamps used (30c, 50c, 100 c violet and 100c sky blue)
- 1895 Republic Issue, Die III, 30c block of 4 with a double impression, blocks of 6, 15, and 24 with narrow settings and watermarked, and block of 12 watermarked on buff paper
- 1895 Republic Issue, Die III, 30c full sheet of 144 stamps (9 by 16) watermarked and one value with double impression
- 1895 Republic Issue, Die III, 50c blocks of 12 and 24 on foreign wove paper watermarked and narrow setting
- 1895 Black Flag Republic Issue, Die III, 50c Red sheet of 63 stamps (7 by 9)
- 1895 Black Flag Republic Issue, Die III, 100c block of 4 and 100c blocks of 12 and 15 on buff paper

- 1895 Black Flag Republic Issue, Die III, 100c violet sheet of 63 and 100c sky blue sheet of 63 stamps (7 by 9), 100c sheet of 63 stamps watermarked (7 by 9), and 100c sky blue block of 49 stamps (7 by 7)
- Several covers and post cards with Taiwan Type Cancels mailed during the Japanese occupation
- Oct. – Nov. 1945 Taiwan Numeral set of three (3sen, 5sen, and 10sen), singles and blocks
- One postcard with the 1945 5sen tied by a Taiwan cancel

Album 3: 58 pages of Treaty Ports of **Chefoo** (10 pages), **Foochow** (10 pages), **ChinKiang** (23 pages), and **ChungKing** (15 pages) as described in Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalog Part 17 – China Third Edition, 1986, pages 1 - 12.

- **Chefoo** – 10 pages of selected First and Second Issues mint and used, including some covers, 1894 postal cards, 1895 newspaper wrappers and 1897 letter card
- **Foochow** – 10 pages of the First and Second Issues mint and used, block of 4, different perforations and newspaper wrappers



Newspaper with French Office Abroad overprinted in red 'CHINA' (Scott No. 1) in combination with Second Issue 5c ChinKiang

- **ChinKiang** – 10 pages of the First Issue mint and used, blocks of 4 and 6 and different perforations, overprinted Postage Dues with oval cancel “To Pay”, inverted overprints and horizontal imperforate pairs, 10 pages of the Second Issue mint and used, imperforate pairs color trial proofs, Postage Due overprints, permanent issue Postage Dues of April 1895 mint, imperforate 6c block of 4, and one 6c and one 10c imperforate pairs, full sheet of 50 6c stamps imperforate (5 by 10), 3 pages of mint and used overprinted “SERVICE”, and an overprinted Postage Due *tete-beche* blocks of 4



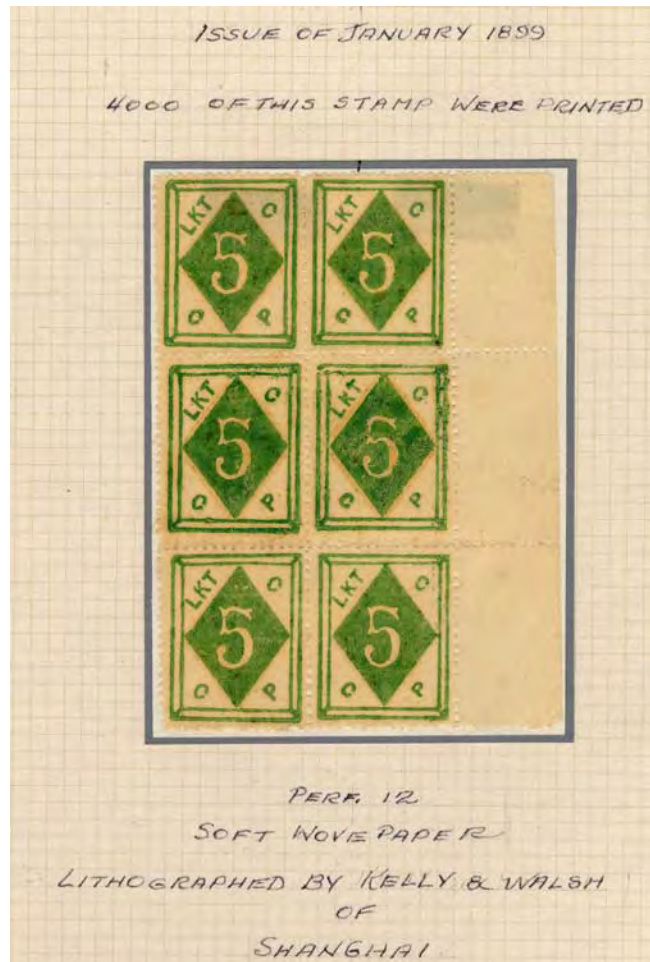
Cover with 8c used in combination with 10c Hong Kong (Scott No. 44) to Marseilles

- **ChungKing** – 15 pages of the First and Second Issue, First Later Printing March 1894 strip of 10 mint and used, singles, blocks of 4 and various cancels, Second Issue December 1894 mint and used, overprinted Postage Dues, 24c inverted overprint, handstamps Postage Due, vertical imperforates and a double perforation, blocks of 10 (2 by 50) and 15 (3 by 5) of the 16c Second Issue, handstamps and Postage Dues and imperforates, and complete set of trial color proofs (pairs) of the Second Issue

Album 4: 29 pages of the Treaty Ports of **Hankow** (1 page), **IChang** (12 pages) and **Nanking** (7 pages), and the **Wei-Hai-Wei** Courier Post (9 pages) as described in Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalog Part 17 – China Third Edition, 1986, pages 1 - 12.

- **Hankow** – one page of the May 20, 1893 First Issue stamps in mint condition
- **IChang** – 12 pages of the First Issue (December 1894) used and mint on wove paper unwatermarked with perforation varieties including roulette and surcharged “2 Candarins”, strip of four and a pair of 3 Candarins imperforate vertically, First Issue used with custom seals and ICHANG Post Office postmarks, and the 1896 provisional issue surcharged “2 Candarins”

- **Nanking** – 7 pages of the First and Second Issue mint on white wove paper, gummed, and without watermark, First Issue used with Nanking Local Post postmark and Second Issue used with various Nanking postmarks, and Second Issue “1 Candarin” imperforate



- **Wei-Hai-Wei** Courier Post – 9 pages, provisional 2c and 5c First Issue, 2c used on cover as Postage Due (letter mailed from Dover, 11/25/98), 2c and 5c essays on soft wove paper, essay of 5c in block of 6, 5c stamps on soft wove paper and one with a double perforation, 5c block of 6 on waxy wove paper, and 2c used with Chefoo cancel and 5c used with Wei-Hai-Wei cancel

Album 5: 42 pages of the Treaty Ports of **Chefoo** (3 pages), **Foochow** (2 pages), **Kewkiang** (16 pages) and **Hankow** (20 pages), and the **HaiNan – Samah Land Post** (1 page), as described in Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalog Part 17 – China Third Edition. 1986. pages 1 - 12.

- **Chefoo** – 3 pages, stampless cover dated 6/29/1893, used newspaper wrapper dated 1/8/1895, and covers with Second Issue 1c used in combination with 5c Hong Kong (Scott No. 40) stamp
- **Foochow** – 2 pages, First Issue on native cover dated 6/19/1896, and 1c used in combination with two copies of the 5c Hong Kong (Scott No. 40) stamp to New York City via Yokohamo and San Francisco

- **HaiNan** – Samah – one page, 1894 stampless local cover with HaiNan Type a2 handstamp in violet dated August 29, 1894 and a red brown circle handstamp (Hai Samah Nan), and one cut square of HaiNan Land Post Cancel dated September 24, 1894



- **Kewkiang** – 16 pages, Postage Due overprints mint and used, two postal cards (1/2c), Second Issue on double paper (block of 8 – before, and block of 9 after separation), second printing of Postage Dues 5c error on 15c, Third Issue used block of 6, Third Issue block of 15 and block of 16 surcharged 1c on 15c and 2c on 6c, Third Issue surcharge 1/2c on 20c mint and used, 2 combination covers one with two different color 1/2c stamps and a 25c France with 1c to San Francisco, two covers with 40c First Issue used, and a double paper variety block of 9
- **Hankow** – 20 pages, a 5/20/1895 cover with the Fourth Issue, Fourth Issue mint and used on thin white wove paper, Third Issue mint and used with different perforations, a Second Issue on cover, Second Issue used with different postmarks on native colored wove paper, a First Issue on native cover, First Issue used stamps, provisional issue (March to May 1896) surcharged One, Two and Five Cents both mint and used and surcharged, three covers with Postage Due stamps, two pages of Second and Third Issues surcharged in black on native wove paper and roulette, provisional issue of August 1895 surcharged in black ONE CENT both mint and used, and Fifth Issue with various postmarks on covers and the 5c with a vertical imperforate

Gray Box 1: 14 folders containing stamps on stock pages with multiples of mint and used copies of the Treaty Ports, strong in Kewkaing

Gray Box 2: 57 folders containing blocks and full sheets of Kewkiang Treaty Ports (see table below for details)

Chan Number	Scott Number (Number of Folders)	Notes
LK1 w/ LK1a	1 w/ 1a (1)	Sheet of 50
LK2	2 (1)	Sheet of 50
LK3	3 (3)	Sheets of 50 / 50 / 44
LK4	4 (3)	Sheets of 35 / 50 / 50
LK5	5 (6)	Sheets of 35 / 50 / 50 / 50 / 50/ 50
LK6	6 (3)	Block of 15, Block of 20, Sheet of 50
LK7	7 (3)	Sheets of 35 / 50 / 50
LK8	15 (3)	Block of 6 / Sheets of 35 / 35
LK8 w/ LK8a	15 w/ 15a (1)	Sheet of 50
LK9	9 (2)	Sheets of 35 / 50
Lk10	10 (4)	Sheets of 35 / 50 / 50 / 44
Lk11	11 (4)	Sheets of 34 / 44 / 49 / 50
LK12	12 (1)	Sheet of 50
Lk13	13 (2)	Sheets of 29 / 50
Lk14	14 (1)	Sheet of 50
LKD1	J1 (1)	Sheet of 50
LKD2	J2 (1)	Sheet of 50
LKD3	J3 (1)	Sheet of 50
LKD4	J4 (1)	Sheet of 44
LKD9	J7 (1)	Sheet of 45
LKD14 w/ LKD14a	J12 w/ J12a (1)	Sheet of 38
LKD14 w/o LKD14a	J12 w/o J12a (1)	Sheet of 50
LKD16	J14 (1)	Sheet of 50
LKD17	J17 (1)	Block of 25
LKD18	J18 (1)	Sheet of 45
LKD19	J19 (1)	Sheet of 30
LKD20	J20 (2)	Block of 25, Sheet of 50
LKD21	J21 (2)	Block of 20, Sheet of 50
LKD22	J22 (2)	Block of 12, Sheet of 50
LKD23	J23 (1)	Sheet of 50
LKD25	J24 (1)	Sheet of 50

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