

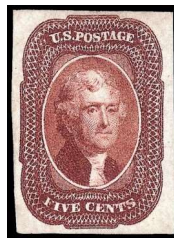
# How Stamps Help Tell A Story of Injustice in U. S. by Bill Schultz

I would like to highlight a common bond of 12 U. S. Presidents on U. S. Postage Stamps . We can pretend as the country has done for about 400 years that injustice is not a menace or an ongoing significant aggravation. I would like to present images for your viewing of 12 presidential images shown on the postal adhesives issued by the U. S. for citizens' mailing uses. Please note I have selected only one image per President, but be advised most, i.e. George Washington, had numerous postal adhesives issued in their honor over many, many decades.

The following Presidents on stamps had a common bond.



George Washington (1st President) (317)\*  
10¢ - Black or gray black  
Imperf - Thin bluish Paper - Scott #2 - 1847



Thomas Jefferson (3rd President) (600+)\*  
5¢ - Red brown or dark red brown  
Imperf - Scott #12 - 1856  
*(only 50 MH copies survive)*



James Madison (4th President) (100+)\*  
\$2. bright blue; Scott # 262 - 1894

Watermark: Unwatermarked



James Monroe (5th President) (75)\*  
3¢ - Violet Scott #325 - 1904



Andrew Jackson (7th President) (200)\*  
2¢ - Black, gray black or intense black  
Scott #73 - 1863



Martin Van Buren (8th President) (1)  
8c Olive Rotary Press Printing - Perf. 11 x 10½  
Scott #813 - 1938

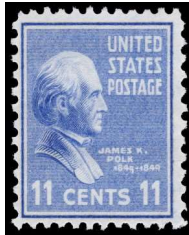
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William Henry Harrison (9th President) (11)  
9¢ Pink  
Rotary Press Printing - Perf. 11 x 10½  
Scott #814 - 1938



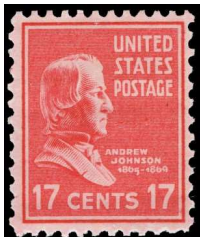
John Tyler (10th President) (70)\*  
10¢ Brown red  
Rotary Press Printing - Perf. 11 x 10½  
Scott #815 - 1938



James K. Polk (11th President) (25)\*  
11¢ Ultramarine  
Rotary Press Printing - Perf. 11 x 10½  
Scott #816 - 1938



Zachary Taylor (12th President) (<150)\*  
Large Banknote Issue  
5¢ - Bright Blue  
Yellowish Wove Paper - Scott #179 - 1875



Andrew Johnson (17th President) (8)  
17¢ Pink red  
Rotary Press Printing - Perf. 11 x 10½  
Scott #822 - 1938



U. S. Grant (18th President) (1)  
5¢ - Chocolate brown  
Scott #223 - 1890

After each notation above to the right of each stamp image is a number that is pertinent to our understanding of the history of injustice in the U. S. Stamps do tell us a story to be sure. The large number in blue is the recognized number of slaves “owned” by these 12 Presidents. These twelve owned slaves at one point in their lives and more startling is that 8 owned slaves while serving as the President of the United States. The asterisk after the blue number indicates the Presidents owning slaves while serving in office. There have been many other slave owners pictured/honored on U. S. postage stamps such as Vice Presidents, Cabinet Secretaries, Court Justices, and Governmental Department Heads. I leave those listings for others.