

# THE 3c 1936 OREGON TERRITORY ISSUE

## Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this exhibit is to show the development of the 3c 1936 Oregon Territory stamp from design to final production, to describe the first day activities, to show first day cancellations and the wide variety of cachets used on first day covers (FDCs), and to illustrate various contemporary stamp uses.

## Background

The Oregon Territory consisted of the present-day states of Washington and Oregon, as well as portions of northwestern Montana and western Wyoming.

On March 26, 1936, Postmaster General James A. Farley announced the issuance of the stamp. Senator Charles McNary (R-Oregon), who initially proposed the stamp, requested that Astoria, OR, the terminus of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, be considered as a first day city. The Spalding Park Memorial Association in Lewiston, ID had requested a stamp to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Rev. Henry A. Spalding, and Dr, Marcus Whitman near Lewiston and Walla Walla, WA., thus ushering in the opening of the Oregon Territory. The two families first entered the Oregon Territory at Daniel, WY. Missoula, MT was one of the first trading posts in the area.

The stamp was issued on July 14, 1936 in the five aforementioned cities. No formal first day ceremonies were conducted, but the local postmasters were documented selling the first panes of stamps in each location.

Unusual, scarce, and difficult-to-acquire items are highlighted by a blue dot (●).



## Exhibit Plan

The Stamp  
First Day Activities  
Cancellations  
First Cachets  
Issue-Specific  
Cachets  
Add-On Cachets  
Autographed FDCs  
Embossed FDCs  
Uncacheted FDCs  
FDCs to Foreign  
Destinations  
Usages  
Epilogue