

Overlooked Issues Part 29a

Early Modern 1917-1950

Architecture and Archeology series 1950-1975

Last week after I sent out my weekly message, I had an email conversation with Mike Roberts, he was the editor of the book about these definitive issues of 1950-75. The following is from his short emails to me.

Mike wrote, “Slowly and steadily, I am working on a rewrite of that book. Most of it will involve replacing the illustrations in the original with the appropriate color ones. I also have sourced better copies of the watermarks. All of this is in line after I have completed an update/revision of the revenue catalog.



“The series is more properly called the Architecture and Archeology Series or THE DEFINITIVE ISSUE OF 1950 - 1975. There are more stamps with Architecture or Archeology than art. An interesting thing about the A & A series is that it includes archeology, architecture, colonial art, and famous persons. The padlock series of postal insurance stamps are a part of it as well as the mailbag and strong box stamps. A & A is a ‘MEPSI’ kind of definition. The post office calls it the Definitive Issue of 1950 - 1975 and for good reason.”



So, hopefully we will have a revision of the book that covers this series and it will be a great help to any specialist of this series. You may also notice that I have changed the title of the series above after Mike cleared up the better name to use.

Since I am revisiting these stamps, it should be noted that there are 12 different types of these stamps depending on paper, watermarks, perforations, coatings and printing styles. Not only do the watermarks differ in style (type), they also differ in the orientation of the watermark. The series also has a number of postal stationery items from envelopes, postal card and letter sheets to make up additional items that a specialist would want to add to their collection.

Next week I hope to touch on the Exporta series, one of the most interesting and collected types in Mexican philately.

Thanks to those of you that have followed my weekly messages and I look forward to many more.

I realize that this may be time consuming, but do a quick read of these and other weekly articles I have done, for obvious needed corrections due to mostly typos or autocorrect mistakes. I have tried to be better with my reread corrections, but things still slip by me in my haste in trying to get these up each week, on very busy days.

Thanks for your efforts in putting these up on Meximail, because I am often ask by people on my list when will I put these into a book or pamphlet. I have no intentions of doing this in printed form. Putting them on mepsi.org is a good place to start. Someday we can turn these into a complete digitized set to be downloaded or printed off. Anyone can do this on our web pages, but they may be harder to put into someone's PC for a direct reference. These weekly messages also need to someday be put into order by issue rather than a haphazard style they are in now. Bubba