

Updates to 2025 Electronic Edition

These are further updates to the 2025 electronic version to aid identification of recent additions to the internet version.

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A

[AFF \(1938\)](#). **Philippine stamps shoot up in catalog values Scott advance sheet shows**. A.F.F. (Magazine of the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas), vol 3 no 4, p8. (Jul-Aug 1938).

List of prices increases expected in the [Scott 1939](#) catalogue.

[AFF \(1953\)](#). **Untitled (design of the centennial stamp)**. AFF Annual Yearbook 1953, (p37 unnumbered).

A description of the design of the centennial stamp to be issued by the Bureau of Posts in honour of the centenary of the first postage stamps in the Philippines which features the 1854 5c stamp issue.

B

[Bowring, J. \(1859\)](#). **A visit to the Philippine Islands**. 434pp. (pp. 302-303). publ. Smith, Elder & Co, London.

Bowring a past governor of Hong Kong describes details of the people and commerce of the islands. Provides an early description of the post-office establishments as imperfect, unsatisfactory and high charges. Provides details of the infrequent service to the islands and the service to Hong Kong.

C

[Callanta, C. \(1954\)](#). **100 years of the Philippine stamps**. In 'PHICIPEX Souvenir Book 1854-1954, Philippine Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition', (pp. 95-99) publ. Philippines.

A general description and summary of the stamps issued during the Spanish-era.

[Catala, R. \(1939b\)](#). **Stories behind Philippine stamps. King Amadeo**. A.F.F. (Magazine of the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas), vol 4 no 2, pp. 11-12. (April-May-June 1939).

Biography and political history of King Amadeo (1845-1890).

D

[Dasmarinus, J. \(1960\)](#). **Philately's Word Famous Personages**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 10 no 2, pp. 3-4. (May-June 1960).

Brief biographies of some famous collectors including Count Ferrari, Colonel Edward Green, Arthur Hind and Maurice Burrus. [The Philippines formed part of the collections held by these personalities although the article does not mention this].

[Dato, R. \(1964\)](#). **The Philippine postal service**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 14 no 4, pp. 11-13, 17. (March-April 1964).

An outline of the development of the postal service in the Philippines noting dates of railroad operations.

[dela Cruz, J. \(2015\)](#). **Exploring Philippine culture through philately**. Selyo, vol 1 no 1, p2. (January-March 2015).

In the introduction to the new Philpost bulletin, 'Selyo' the author states that a full set of the 1854 postage stamps are now estimated to be worth US\$ 1 million. [This claim appears to be grossly over-estimated, in 2015 the Scott catalogue listed the four issues at only US\$ 7,525 mint, even converting to PHP does not explain the high value quoted].

E

[Escalambre, J. \(1954\)](#). **El centenario del sello 1854-1894**. [The centenary of the stamp 1854-1894]. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 6 no 5 pp. 33-36. (May-June 1954). (in Spanish).

The first part of the essay describes the stamps of the 1854 issue. Perhaps most interesting is that the article is a potential reflection of the understanding of this issue in the Philippines in 1954.

[Esperidion, P. \(1954a\)](#). **Postscraparium**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 6 no 3 p26. (January-February 1954).

Anecdote that Queen Isabela II as illustrated on 12 different early issues of the Philippines displays 12 different hair styles.

[Esperidion, P. \(1954b\)](#). **Philippine philatelic literature**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 6 no 6. pp.13-17. (July-August 1954).

A preliminary bibliography of Philippine philatelic publications including a brief and generally incomplete information about the journals. Reprinted in [Esperidion \(1954b 1987a, 1987b\)](#).

[Esperidion, P. \(1954c\)](#). **Philippine philatelic literature**. In (pp. 70-74). PHICIPEX Souvenir Book 1854-1954., Philippine Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition, Philippines.

Reprint of [Esperidion \(1954a\)](#). A preliminary bibliography of Philippine philatelic publications including a brief and generally incomplete information about the journals. Referenced as a source in [Aracil \(2011\)](#).

F

[Fernando, F. \(1954\)](#). **A century of Philippines stamps**. In 'PHICIPEX Souvenir Book 1854-1954, Philippine Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition' (pp. 85-88), publ. Philippines.

A general description of details around the use of postage stamps during the Spanish period, including account that postage stamp vendors would receive a 10% commission on sales.

[Ferrer, F. \(1950\)](#). **Gleanings on the ... Early postal history of the Philippines ... from the collection of Don Francisco Ferrer Llull**. A.F.F. Silver Jubilee Issue (yearbook) pp. 32-34, (May 1950) (in English with Spanish excerpts).

Extracts from correspondence dated December 1948 to Arnold Warren providing descriptions of the baeza cancels and their usage on various covers. The letter continues by providing examples of the 1847 proofs and suggests that the [1854] 10 cuartos black was a proof rather an essay.

[Filipinas Correos. \(2025\)](#). **Two interesting Spanish covers uncovered**. Filipinas Correos. no 2, p3. (October 2025).

Description and illustration of two recently identified covers highlighted on the Spanish-Philippines Philatelic Site website. The first is of the 1862 5cuartos issue and the second is to Ingancio Garreta who is associated with several covers related to the French-Spanish campaign in Indochina.

[Foreman, J. \(1906\)](#). **The Philippine Islands. A political, geographical, ethnographical, social and commercial history of the Philippine Archipelago. Embracing the whole period of Spanish Rule with an account of the succeeding American insular government**. 3rd edition, 668pp. (pp. 262-263, 267-268) publ. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

The book provides an interesting account of many aspects of the Spanish Philippines, with the referenced sections describing information on the mail service to destinations overseas and the telegraph service.

G

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1871a\)](#). **9 February 1871**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 11 vol 1 no 40, p277. (in Spanish).

Published the Order of the Secretary of the Chief Civil Government (Gobierno Superior Civil) of the Philippines issued **7 February 1871**. The decree authorised the use of the new stamps recently received from Spain and reconfirmed the postage rates and how the stamps which were in a new currency were to be applied.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1871\)](#). **17 November 1871**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 11 vol 2 no 319, p1005. (in Spanish).

Published the Order of the Chief Civil Government (Gobierno Superior Civil) of the Philippines issued **15 November 1871**. The decree described that the recently withdrawn stamps could be continued to be used providing they were surcharged "Habilitados por la Nacion". The value of the stamps would remain as indicated except for the 6 2/8c de escudo [i.e. the 3 1/8 centavos de peso, [Scott #34](#)] which would be revalued at 5 centavos or 4 cuartos.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1883a\)](#). **25 February 1883**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 23 vol 1 no 56, p233. (in Spanish).

Published the Order of the 'Intendencia General de Hacienda' of the Philippines issued **22 February 1883**. The decree authorised the surcharging of telegraph and postal stamps for the use as postage stamps. The order is noted by [Hanciau \(1905\)](#).

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1883b\)](#). **7 June 1883**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 23 vol 1 no 156, p661. (in Spanish).

Published the Order of the 'Intendencia General de Hacienda' of the Philippines issued **4 June 1883**. The decree authorised the surcharging of telegraph and postal stamps for the use as postage stamps. The order is noted by [Hanciau \(1905\)](#).

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1885\)](#). **27 February 1885**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 25 vol 1 no 48, p243. (in Spanish).

Published the Order of the 'Intendencia General de Hacienda' of the Philippines issued **24 February 1885**. The decree authorises the need for surcharging various stamps including 6 2/8c surcharge on judicial stamps for postal use and 25c surcharge on postal stamps for telegraph use.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1885b\)](#). **13 September 1885**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 25 vol 2 no 75, p318. (in Spanish).

Published the Order of the 'Intendencia General de Hacienda' of the Philippines issued **10 September 1885**. The decree authorises the need for further surcharging various stamps including 25c surcharge on 2 4/8c postal stamps for telegraph use and 1p submarine stamps on 2 4/8c postal stamps for telegraph use.

[Galvez, M. \(1952\)](#). **Islas Filipinas sellos de servicio 1867-68**. [Philippine Islands Service Stamps 1867-68] Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 4 no 4, pp. 32-33. (March-April 1952).

Illustration of two covers and description of four covers with official stamps sent from Manila to Spain. Reportedly the only four covers known at the time of writing.

[Gooding, N. \(2025i\)](#). **Filipino Involvement in the French-Spanish Campaign in Indochina 1858 - 1862**. Web page retrieved 17 September 2025 from Spanish-Philippines Philatelic Site: <https://www.nigelgooding.co.uk/Spanish/Cochinchina/cochinchina.htm>

An update of [Gooding \(2007a\)](#). Compiled page describing an account of the campaign and a list of known covers. The web page provides additional links to images each example (last updated 16 September 2023).

[Gooding, N. \(2025j\)](#). **Queen Isabella II covers 1862, 5-cuartos**. Web page retrieved 17 September 2025 from Spanish-Philippines Philatelic Site: <https://www.nigelgooding.co.uk/Spanish/Covers/Isabella/Sc13.htm>

Compiled list of known covers of the 1862 5-cuartos issue, Scott #13 / Edifil #10. (last updated 16 September 2023).

H

[Harmer, Rooke & Co. \(1954\)](#). **Advert**. In 'PHICIPEX Souvenir Book 1854-1954, Philippine Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition', (rear cover page) publ. Philippines.

Advertisement for the stamp auction house featuring an illustration of the 1854 10c stamp.

[Hiscocks, S. \(1982\)](#). **Telegraph and telephone stamps of the world, a priced and annotated catalogue**. 357pp. (pp. 242-247), publ. S.E.R Hiscocks, Surrey, England.

A key catalogue listing the telegraph stamps of the world and the most recent update since those of [Morley \(1900\)](#) and [Barton et al \(1905\)](#).

K

[Kehr, E. \(1963\)](#). **To auction Burrus Collection**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 13 no 3, pp. 14-15. (January-February 1963).

A commentary on the Burrus collection, although not specifically mentioning the Philippines, it was part of his collection.

L

[Loyola, F. \(1954\)](#). **Philippine history on postage stamps 1854-1941**. In 'PHICIPEX Souvenir Book 1854-1954, Philippine Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition' (pp. 89-90), publ. Philippines.

A brief description of the issue of the 1854 stamps, including mention of the precursors of 1847. Reference is made to the 1863 provisional issue for overseas use. Generally, lacks details and substance.

M

[Mencarini, J. \(1937\)](#). **Some forged overprints**. A.F.F. (Magazine of the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas), vol 2 no 3, pp. 10-12. (May-June 1937).

Description of handstamp seals (some forged some genuine) found at the premises of Lino and Jesus Lazaro in 1931. Includes forged Habilitado por la Nacion overprint and parrilla cancel, which are illustrated.

[Morley, W. \(1900\)](#). **Catalogue of the telegraph stamps of the World**. 179pp. (pp 83-87 & 169-171), publ. Walter Morley, London.

One of the first world telegraph stamp catalogues. The even numbered pages were left blank.

O

[Oquindo, F. \(1959\)](#). **Telecommunications in the Philippines**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 9 no 2, pp. 28-29 & 33. (May-June 1959).

Mainly discusses the telephone system but provides an outline description of the establishment of the telegraph service in the Philippines.

P

[Palmer, M. \(2025e\)](#). **1897 5c blue surcharge inverted (not catalogued)**. Filipinas Correos. no 1, p1. (September 2025).

Description and illustration of the 5c blue surcharge on the 5c green occurring inverted which is not currently mentioned in catalogues. Notes that inverted examples of other 1897 surcharges which are mentioned in catalogues are probably forgeries.

[Palmer, M. \(2025f\)](#). **Spanish-Philippines in the Taping Collection, provenance of the 1854 sheets**. Filipinas Correos. no 2, pp. 1-3. (October 2025).

Description of two intact sheets and two reconstructed sheets of the 1854 issues held in the Taping Collection, London. The article notes that these sheets have generally been omitted from listings of existing sheets and provides notes on provenance and other references of the sheets elsewhere.

[Palmer, M. \(2025g\)](#). **Fournier forgeries**. Unpublished notes. October 2025.

Illustrates three types of Fournier Forgeries and varieties for the 1898 issues. (update from 2024).

[Palmer, M. \(2025h\)](#). **Translucent paper in the 1864 issues**. Filipinas Correos. no 3, p1. (November 2025).

Description and illustration of semi-transparent paper and very thin paper types found in the 1864 issues.

[Palmer, M. \(2025i\)](#). **1897 Surcharge updates**. Filipinas Correos. no 3, p1. (November 2025).

Description and illustration of a new handstamp forgery type (A22) for the 1897 surcharges and confirmation of gum type for the scarce A6 type.

[Palmer, M. \(2025j\)](#). **Retouching of the 1854 10c carmine plate – Position 13**. Filipinas Correos. no 3, p2. (November 2025).

Notes that there appears to have been retouching of the 10c carmine plate, producing two distinct types to which position 13 can be allocated. Description and illustration of retouched stamp.

[Perez, G. \(1939\)](#). **Stamps on cover**. A.F.F. (Magazine of the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas), vol 4 no 3, p7. (Jul-Aug-Sept 1939).

General article regarding collecting stamps on covers, briefly noting that covers from the Spanish period are very elusive in the Philippines). Describes a forged cover with the surcharged stamp Scott #97.

[Philippine Journal of Philately. \(1954a\)](#). **Philippine centenary stamp**. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 6 no 3, p2. (January-February 1954).

Illustration and description of the commemorative stamp celebrating the centenary of the 1854 stamp issue which features a replica of the 5c stamp.

[Philippine Journal of Philately. \(1954c\). News and Notes – New Spanish Catalog.](#) Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 7 no 1, p11. (September-October 1954).

Review of the Galvez 1954-1955 stamp catalogue, noting that questions of centring for the Spanish stamps are addressed in the catalogue.

[Philippine Journal of Philately. \(1959\). Philippine history as seen through stamps.](#) Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 8 no 6, pp. 3-5 and rear cover. (January-February 1959).

A description of the first stamps and early post office distinguishing the duties of the General Post office and the Bureau of Posts. [A brief history of the stamps during the Spanish era, although no supporting references are provided].

[Prado, E. \(1953\). Compendium of Philippine postage stamps, the era of surcharged stamps, 1881-1888.](#) AFF Annual Yearbook 1953, pp. 2-9.

A summary and detailed description of the postage stamps issued over this period but without illustrations. Discusses the reason for the surcharges. The article suggests that the stamps surcharged "COMUNICACIONES" were done so such that stamps could be used for dual purpose: mail and telegraph. A list of illustrations is provided which appears to suggest that illustrations were intended to be provided but also provides a cross reference to illustrations in the [Scott 1953](#) catalogue.

Q

[Quinones, P. \(1948\). Our history as reflected on stamps.](#) Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 1 no 1, p25. (September-October 1948).

A brief overview of the Spanish stamps noting the wording CORREOS INTEROR or CORREOS only was used in the early stamps until 1872 when the words "CORREOS FILIPINAS" appeared on the stamps and later in 1880 "FILIPINAS". The article mentions that all the pre-war [i.e. World War II] philatelic records of the Bureau of posts were burned and destroyed during the battle of liberation of Manila.

R

[Reyes, R. \(1936\). Los sellos Antiguos de Filipinas cancelados a pluma. \[Old stamps of the Philippines cancelled with a pen\].](#) A.F.F. (Magazine of the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas), vol 1 no 9, pp. 19-20. (September 1936) (in Spanish).

The author disputes the assertion in the Senf catalogue that pen cancels on old stamps represented unused remnants. Reyes notes that unused sheets of the 1854 issues were found without cancels or pen markings in the old warehouses of Manila. He also describes the baeza cancel and notes it is only found with "Manila" and suggests that pen cancels were used in the provinces and other towns to cancel stamps and that the pen cancels therefore indicate postal usage.

[Rio, B. \(1953\). La filatelia en Filipinas. \[Philately in the Philippines\].](#) AFF Annual Yearbook 1953, pp. 10-12. (in Spanish).

A critical resume of the postal issues of the Philippines under different regimes. Suggests that there was little variation during the Spanish period with those responsible lacking imagination or perhaps equipment.

T

[Tagle, V. \(1954\). Contribution of the Philippines to philately.](#) In 'PHICIPEX Souvenir Book 1854-1954, Philippine Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition' (pp. 91-94, 111-?), publ. Philippines.

Account based on [Reyes \(1938\)](#) regarding the printing of the 1854 stamps. Includes mention of some errors on Spanish era stamps and a summary of present and past philatelic journals and catalogues. Also lists past stamp exhibitions held in the Philippines. [The article is continued on p111 which currently is not available.](#)