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In the May 2022 issue of *The PhilateliKid*, we began brief descriptions of various "Back of the Book" ("BOB") listings in the Scott Catalogues. In subsequent issues we looked at stamps which begin with the letter "B," "BK," "C," "CB," "CBO," "CE," "CL," "CM," "CO," "CP," "CVP," "D," "E," "F," "FA," "J," "JQ," "K," "L," "LO," "LOX," "M," "MR," "O," "OXF," "P," "PC," "PN," "PR," "PS," "Q," "QE," "QI," "R" (Part 1), "R" (Part 2), "RA," "RC," "RD," "RE," "REA," "REF," "RF," "RG," "RH," "RJ," "RK," "RL," "RN-D," "RO," "RS," "RV," "RX," "RY," "RZ," "-S," "SPCVP," "TD," "U," "UC," "UX," "UXC," "UY," "UZ," "WS," "WX," "#X," and State, followed by a number. This month we will look at "NSC." All stamps illustrated are from the author's personal collection, unless otherwise noted.

Stamps Beginning with the prefix "NSC"

In the Scott Catalogue, prefixes of NSC are for Numismatic Souvenir Cards, which are not stamps at all, and which do not feature any stamps. I am not sure exactly why these Numismatic Souvenir Cards are included in the Scott Catalogue. "Numismatic" means coins and paper currency, not stamps. However, NSC items are beautifully engraved, and with only one exception (NSC 2) they each have catalog values of less than \$50.00. Scott lists the first NSC card beginning in 1969, and the catalogue I have (2023) does not list any NSC after 2018. In all, there are 134 different NSC cards. Perhaps Scott lists NSC items because Scott lists SC items, which are Souvenir Cards that feature stamps, or both stamps and Currency on the same card.

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This engraving, printed from a plate prepared from the original master die, is a replica of the back of the 1896 \$1 Silver Certificate. It complements the face printing of this class, denomination, and series which was issued as a souvenir card in 1971.

Portraits were placed on the backs of notes of the 1896 Educational Series because the face designs were very detailed and extended over the entire obverse of the notes.

This back was designed and executed by Thomas F. Morris, Chief of the Engraving Division of the Bureau at the time. The portrait of Martha Washington was engraved by Charles Burt in 1878, and Washington's portrait was engraved by Alfred Sealey in 1867.

During 1975, International Women's Year, it is particularly fitting to honor Martha Washington, the only woman whose portrait has ever appeared on United States currency.

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The NSC card at left is Scott NSC 8. Color: green. The actual size is 10 ½ inches wide by 8 ½ inches high.

Interesting fact:

As of the 2023 Scott Catalogue, the image shown of this NSC card is in black and white, although most of the images in the catalogue are now in full color.

Also, the Table of Contents in the Scott Catalogue no longer has any pages listed for NSC, which is still there, and can be found immediately following the SC listings.