

**Corrections and Supplemental Material for  
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As a result of additional material received after the publication of Rubec (2024) by the Royal Philatelic Society London, the information presented here corrects or adds to that published text. The page numbers involved are noted below.

**Part One 1<sup>st</sup> page, Page 5**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> line of the italic text at the top of this page should read “and “Special Purpose Revenue Issues” not “Specialty Revenue Issues.”

**Fourth 1935 General Revenue Stamps, page 62 and Third 1935 Telegraph Stamps, page 243**

Stroub (1935) shows an example of this overprint in blue in a vertical orientation, versus horizontal as I have indicated in my book, but not on any actual stamps. I suggest that these stamps (BK187-BK201 and JB240A-JB240C) may not exist.

**General Revenue Stamps, pages 75-88**

These are corrections and additions to Tables 3 to 7.

**p. 75 - Table 3:**

1960: 25 C, delete “red-br”; 50 C, delete “gy”.

1961: 10 c, add “or”; 30 c, add “gn”; 2 C, change “bl” to “bl-gn”; 25 C, delete “rd-br”.

1962: 50 C, add “yw-br”.

**p. 79 - Table 4 (Cont., Higher Values):**

1963 line: Delete all of this line.

1965: 50 C, add “gn”.

1966: 1 C, change “yw” to “br”; 2 C, change “bl-gn” to “bl”; 25 C, change “br” to “yw”.

1967: 10 C, change “rd” to “pk”.

1969: 5 C, change “bl-gn” to “bl”.

1977: 10 C, change “rd” to “pk”.

1978: 1000 C, add “gy”.

1979: 10 C, change “rd” to “pk”.

1980: 100 C, 500 C and 1000 C, all exist.

1982: 10 C, change “rd-br” to “pk”.

**p. 80 - Table 5:**

1983: 2 C and 25 C, two typefaces seen.

**p. 81 - Table 6:**

1997: 10 C, change “rd” to “pk”.

2010: 1 C, change “rd-yw” to “or-yw”; 10 C, change “pk-yw” to “rd-yw”.

**p. 86, 87 and 88 - Table 7:**

10 c: under EA Wright column: add “1966/or” and “1966/yw-br”.

30 c: under EA Wright column: add “1961/gn”.

50 c: under ABNCo column: change “1960-1963/rd” to “1960-1963/gy”; add “1962/yw-br”. column: change “2010/rd-yw” to “2010/or-yw”.

2 C: under EA Wright column: delete “1966/bl-gn”.

10 C: under EA Wright column: change “1966/pu” to “1966/pk”; change “1967/rd” to “1967/pk”; change “1977/rd” to “1977/pk”; change “1979/rd” to “1979/pk”; under Unidentified Printer column: change “2010/pk-yw” to “2010/rd-yw”.

25 C: under EA Wright column: change “1965/yw” to “1965/yw-br”.

50 C: under EA Wright column: add “1965/gn”.

100 C: under Unidentified Printer column: add “1980/known.”

500 C: under Unidentified Printer column: add “1980/known.”

1000 C: under Unidentified Printer column:  
 add "1980/known."  
p. 88, unlisted – Table 7 additions:

Under Unidentified Printer column:  
 2014: 20 C gy and yw.  
 2018: 10 C rd and yw.

**Capital Gains Tax Stamps, page 89**

Under the "Used Copies" header, more examples exist as follows: BK400 vermilion (2½ centavos), BK403 purple (20 centavos) and BK404 green (50 centavos). These are in addition to the examples of BK405A slate (2 Córdoba) and BK406 red-brown (5 Córdoba) shown on page 89.



BK400. BK403. BK404.

An ABNCo black, photographic artwork piece on cardboard backing, Record No. 6055, is also known of the BK400 (2½ centavos) stamp. It is dated "12/7/14", ex Byerley Collection.

**Customs Duty Stamps pages 125-126**

BK708a also exists with a second type of "SPECIMEN" overprint in red. It is larger, measuring 13x2.5 mm. This should be listed as BK708b. Two sizes of hand punch on these stamps are also known.

**Military Tax, page 136**

This stamp (BK1000) may not exist. I have not seen an image of it in any Nicaragua philatelic document. However, the image below may be a better representation of the overprint in the three versions (BK1000, BK1000a and BK1000b) that are *claimed* to exist (Birks 1998).



**Social Security Stamps, pages 139-140**

Corrections are noted here.

p. 139: In paragraph of "1957 Series" header, delete text on Lines 5 and 6 reading "A red...1957 Series."

p. 140: In paragraph with "1963 Series" header: delete sentence on Lines 8 and 9 reading "I have seen...to include here."

p. 140: The text line for BK1060 is revised as follows:

"BK1060 Not seen Categoria 1. Delete 4<sup>th</sup> column information."

p. 140: Images of BK1072-BK1083, as shown below, were received after publication of my book.





1963 Nicaragua social security stamps (BK1072 to BK1083), ex Byerley Collection.

**1891 Telegraph Stamp, page 155**

The image for the JB12 two-Peso green telegraph stamp of 1891 is incorrect. It should not include a black vertical “Specimen” handstamp. The correct image (with a dark red “TELEGRAFOS” overprint) is shown here.



JB12, the correct 2-Peso green telegraph stamp of 1891.

**Specimen Handstamps on 1893 Telegraph Stamps, page 164**

Additional examples of the eleven 1893 telegraph stamps (JB26-JB36) that exist handstamped “SPECIMEN” have come to my attention. This note thus corrects the text at the top of page 164. There are two versions of the handstamp, both all in serified capital letters: *Type (a)*: The handstamp uses black or mauve ink; is 12 mm in length and with all its letters of equal height; and *Type (b)*: The handstamp is 19 mm in length; uses mauve ink; and its first letter “S” is taller than the other letters

**1895 Telegraph Stamp, page 168**

I have a copy of JB50 with the overprint apparently spelled “TELEGRAFCS”. This is likely due to the letter “O” being broken. It could thus be listed as JB50a.



JB50.

**Telegraph Stamp Image, page 178**

An imperforate proof JB82 (2 Peso rose) is illustrated in my book on page 178. I have noted JB78 (20 centavos brown) in the same format, as illustrated here. All the stamps of this set, JB76 to JB83, likely exist as imperforate proofs.



*JB78, 1900.*

**Corrections, page 193**

Near the middle of this page: The text line currently for “JB92” should read “JB92a” in the first column of the text line. A text line should be added above to create a new version of the JB92 text line. Delete: “1901 omitted in 4<sup>th</sup> column.” The new JB92 text line should read:

JB92 10 c on 15 c Grey-blue

**Telegraph Stamp Images, page 197**

The first row of images for JB111-JB112aa are slightly smaller than other similar images on this page. Ideally the five rows of images should all be shown with matching width and height of the design.

**1912 Telegraph Stamp, page 221**

The description of JB181a of the 1912 telegraph stamps in the book is incorrect. It should read “5 c on 15 c on 5 c (rd)” not “15 c on 5 c on 5 c (rd)”.

**1913 Telegraph Stamp, page 228**

In the JB206 text line near the bottom of page 228, at the right-side end of the line, delete “lower case” in the 4<sup>th</sup> column.

**1919 Telegraph Stamp, page 230**

At the bottom of page 230, the far-left image for JB220A is incorrect. The red-brown image shown below is the correct stamp with a small 1.5 mm “SPECIMEN” handstamp and small punch.



*JB220A Specimen.*

**1911-1912 Postal Overprints on Revenue Stamps, page 271**

The caption under image “Sc1L104d” should read “Sc1L104c.” I also have forgeries of six of the 1904 stamps that originated as Birks (1998) revenues BK16-BK26. These were reissued as national and Bluefields postal issues. One example is shown here.



*"1904" overprint  
forgery of BK20.*

**1908 Zelaya Revenue with Genuine Handstamp, page 286**

The version of this stamp in my book is a mock-up. I believe the version shown below is genuine.



*JBB2 likely with a genuine, small vertical black  
"B/Dpto. Zelaya" handstamp.*

**Fake Handstamps on Nicaragua Telegraph Stamps**

The following telegraph Nicaragua material all appeared on eBay after the printing of my book in December 2024. I believe that the stamps shown below, reading *"Cabo"* in italics, and "COSTA/ATLANTIC", "B", "B/Dpto Zelaya", "COSTA/ATLANTICA/B" or "COSTA/ATLANTICA/C" with violet, blue, black or red handstamps in various versions, and any "TELEGRAFOS" handstamps in diagonal violet and serified typeface are fake. These all originate from the Byerley Collection and were labelled as fakes.



*These copies of JB135 and JB140 both likely have  
fake "Cabo" handstamps in violet.*



Pair of JB201 likely with fake "B" handstamps with extended serif bars and in violet. Compare to a copy of JBB32 that has a genuine "B" overprint in black with no serif bars.



Example of JB199 likely with fake "B" handstamp in violet. Pairs of JB197 and JB200 are also shown with the likely fake "B" handstamp in violet.



JB100 likely with fake violet "B/Dpto. Zelaya" handstamp.



JB127, Blue "COSTA/ATLANTICA" JB135, Red "COSTA/ATLANTICA" JB135, Blue "COSTA/ATLANTICA" JB140, Blue "COSTA/ATLANTICA" JB140, Red "COSTA/ATLANTICA"



JB143, Red COSTA/ATLANTICA JB143, Black COSTA/ATLANTICA/B JB135, Black COSTA/ATLANTICA/B-- JB135, Black COSTA/ATLANTICA/C-- JB139, Black COSTA/ATLANTICA/B



JB139, Black "COSTA/ATLANTICA/C" Unlisted, Black "COSTA/ATLANTICA/B" & "TELEGRAFOS" in Violet Unlisted, Black "COSTA/ATLANTICA/B" & "TELEGRAFOS" in Violet (twice)

*Above: Thirteen telegraph stamps with questionable red or blue "COSTA/ATLANTICA" handstamp or black overprint. The last two also have fake "TELEGRAFOS" handstamps.*



*Above: A block of 20 green JB190/JB190a (at left) and a block of 20 brown JB192/JB192a (at right), each with three versions of the black "B" overprint or handstamp. These likely are all fakes.*

### Additional Cinderella Issues 1930

A non-government printer, Lito La Nueva in Managua, in about 1930 created two designs for proposed new stamp issues in Nicaragua. Neither design was accepted by the government. Below are the colour essays I have seen, but more may exist.

The first set of undenominated essays (possibly for a postal issue) exists in six colours (purple, red, yellow, olive green, blue-green and dark blue). These feature a man holding a machete and a bundle of bananas. The stamps are perforated 11½x11½. The design is known as the *Banana Man* essay.



*The Banana Man Essays*

A second set of essays features a twin-engine aircraft in flight. Undenominated essays in eight colours exist (dark brown, dark pink, cerise, dark blue, blue-green, light green, red and yellow). Most are perforated 11½x11½ but two are also known imperforate (dark brown and red). Possibly for an airmail postal issue.



*Airmail Essays.*