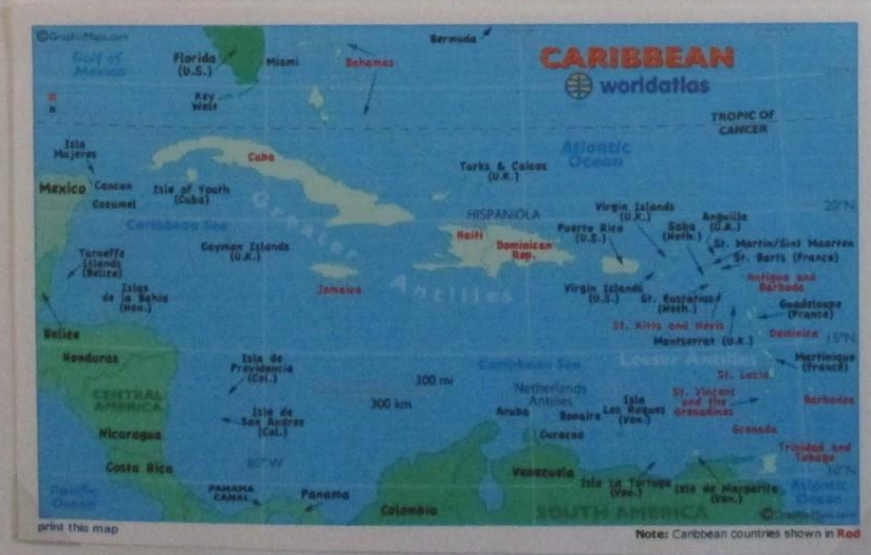


HAITI

HAITI SHARES THE ISLAND OF HISPANIOLA WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. COLUMBUS LANDED ON HAITI, AS DID THE FRENCH, THE ENGLISH, AND THE SPANISH. EVENTUALLY, CONTROL WAS ASSUMED BY FRANCE, FROM WHOM HAITI BECAME INDEPENDENT IN 1803. OVER THE YEARS, POLITICS AND LIFE WERE ERRATIC AND UNSTABLE. THE FIRST POST OFFICE USED BRITISH STAMPS WITH OVAL POSTMARKS "C59" AND "E53", WHICH ARE NOW HARD TO FIND. HAITI ISSUED ITS FIRST POSTAGE STAMPS IN 1881, FEATURING AN ALLEGORICAL FIGURE OF LIBERTY FACING LEFT. SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE HEAD IS ALSO OF A WOMAN FACING RIGHT, POSSIBLY THE WIFE OF THE HAITIAN PRESIDENT, GENERAL LOUIS ETIENNE FELICITE SALAMON.



1881 FIRST ISSUE
IMPERFORATE



1881 SECOND ISSUE
PERFORATED 13 1/2



IN 1887, A FOUR - STAMP SET WAS ISSUED, SHOWING GENERAL LOUIS ETIENNE FELICITE SALAMON, PRESIDENT OF HAITI. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT FROM 1879 THROUGH 1888, AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING HAITI'S POSTAL SYSTEM AND FOR JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL POSTAL UNION.



IN 1890, SUPPLIES OF TWO CENT STAMPS (THE COMMON LETTER RATE) WERE LOW. A HAND STAMPED TWO CENTS (DEUX CENT) WAS SURCHARGED ONTO STOCKS OF THREE CENT STAMPS.



FORMER PRESIDENT SALOMON FLED TO CUBA, AND THE NEW PRESIDENT, TERESIAS AUGUSTIN SIMON SAM, APPEARED ON A LONG SET ISSUED IN 1898 - 1899. THE DENOMINATION "CENTIMES" WAS FULLY SPELLED OUT ON POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE FIRST TIME.



BECAUSE OF A THEFT OF POSTAGE STAMPS, THE ENTIRE STOCK OF STAMPS IN USE AT THAT TIME WAS OVERPRINTED IN MAY OF 1902. THE OVERPRINT (Mai - Gt. Pre. - 1902) WAS TO VALIDATE STAMPS FOR POSTAL USE.



IN 1906, THE 1898 ISSUE WAS OVERPRINTED FOR FOREIGN POSTAL USE. THE OVERPRINT READS "EN PIASTRE FORTES" ENCIRCLED BY "SERVICE EXTERIEUR PROVISOIRE"



1906 - 13
 ISSUE FOR FOREIGN POSTAGE (CENTIMES DE PIASTRE)



1906 - 10
 ISSUE FOR DOMESTIC POSTAGE (CENTIMES DE GOURDE)



FEBRUARY 1914
OVERPRINTED WITH INITIALS OF NEW PRESIDENT ORESTE
ZAMOR, AND THE DATE OF HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO
PORT - AU - PRINCE



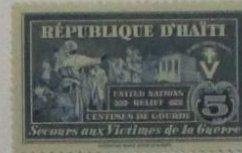
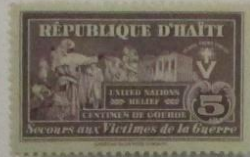
STARTING IN 1933, A NINE - STAMP SET FOR DOMESTIC POSTAL
USE WAS ISSUED. PRESIDENT VINCENT, BUILDINGS, AND OTHER
STRUCTURES APPEAR ON THE STAMPS.



POSTAL TAX STAMPS

THESE STAMPS WERE ISSUED IN 1944 AND 1945, AND SHOW
HAITIAN WOMEN, WAR INVALIDS, AND RUINED BUILDINGS.
THE PROCEEDS WERE FOR UNITED NATIONS RELIEF.

1944 ISSUE



1945 ISSUE

