

Summer Seminar 2016
Monday - Tuesday
2 – Day Course

Civil War General and Private Die Proprietary Stamps (1862 – 1883) – Ron Leshner & Tim Wait

Course Description:

Why were there so many proprietary stamps issued during the Civil War? Explore the world of Civil War Era general and private die proprietary stamps. Particular attention will be paid to the paper varieties and to press-printed cancelations applied by manufacturers of matches, medicines, playing cards, perfumes, and canned goods. The social context of why these products were considered fair game for being taxed will be investigated.

Participants will learn:

- The reasons for different proprietary stamps
- The role of private die proprietary stamps
- Skills needed for differentiating the type of paper used on proprietary stamps

Intended Audience (who should attend):

- Collectors interested in revenues and the history of how proprietary taxes were collected

To get the most out of this course, participants should have:

- Familiarity with the U.S. Revenue section, Scott RB1 – 18

Materials that participants will need to bring:

- Tongs
- Lighted magnifier