

THE “CLASSIC” PERIOD 1978 and 1979

The first Collins was the “Quiltmaking” issue on March 8, 1978. Listed below are the 1978 and 1979 Collins FDCs by issue and Collins number for reference. They have become classic collectibles within the hobby..

IMPORTANT

In addition to “01” covers, scarcer cancel varieties also exist on some early covers. Open-market prices on these covers have reached high levels and continue to advance. Scarce postmark varieties exist on many of the covers. If you decide to collect the 1978 and 1979 cachets, it is highly recommended that you refer to the illustrated catalog portion of his book Collins First Day Covers - The First Twenty Years - 1978 -1997 for precise cover variety identification. (Quitmaking A103, A104 and A105 information below table)

Collins Number	Issue	Postmark	Date
A101	Quiltmaking – First Collins cachet	FDOI Charleston, WV/New York, NY	3/8/78
A102	Quiltmaking	Blue Charleston Pictorial/New York, NY	3/8/78
A103	Quiltmaking – First Collins cachet	Hand-addressed & mailed Charleston, WV	3/8/78
A104	Quiltmaking – First Collins cachet	Hand-addressed & mailed – Pittsburgh, PA	3/8/78
A105	Quiltmaking – First Collins cachet	Hand-addressed & mailed – New York, NY	3/8/78
A106	Quiltmaking – First Collins cachet	Hand-addressed & mailed – NYC bullseye	3/8/78
B101	16¢ Statue of Liberty	Machine FDOI New York, NY/Liberty, NY	3/31/78

B102	16¢ Statue of Liberty	Hand FDOI New York, NY/Liberty, NY	3/31/78
B103	16¢ Statue of Liberty	Magenta New York, NY/Liberty, NY	3/31/78
C101	29¢ Lighthouse	FDOI Atlantic City, NJ/Highlands, NJ	4/14/78
C102	29¢ Lighthouse	Atlantic City Ship PICT./highlands, NJ	4/14/78
C103	29¢ Lighthouse	Hand-addressed /mailed -Atlantic Highlands, NJ	4/14/78
C104	29¢ Lighthouse	Hand-addressed & mailed Highlands, NJ	4/14/78
C105	29¢ Lighthouse	Hand-addressed/ mailed -Highlands, NJ bullseye	4/14/78
C106	29¢ Lighthouse	Hand-addressed & mailed – Neptune, NJ	4/14/78
D101	American Dance	FDOI New York, NY/Roseland, NJ	4/26/78
D102	American Dance	Bullseye New York, NY/Roseland, NJ	4/26/78
D103	American Dance	FDOI NY, NY/Broadway, NJ/Roseland, NJ	4/26/78

E101	French Alliance	FDOI York, PA/Valley Forge, PA	5/4/78	
F101	Dr. George Papanicolaou	FDOI Washington, DC/New York, NY	5/18/78	
F102	Dr. George Papanicolaou	Bullseye Washington, DC/New York, NY	5/18/78	
F103	Dr. George Papanicolaou	Washington, DC Philatelic Center, NY, NY	5/18/78	
G101	Jimmie Rodgers	FDOI Meridian, MS/Nashville, TN	5/24/78	
G102	Jimmie Rodgers	Bullseye Meridian, MS/Nashville Killer Bars	5/24/78	
G103	Jimmie Rodgers	Bullseye Meridian, MS/Nashville Bullseye	5/24/78	
	CAPEX Wildlife			
H101	Souvenir Sheet	Toronto Star/Maple Leaf Oval Pictorial	6/10/78	
H101a	Cardinal	Oval Toronto Pictorial	6/10/78	
H101b	Blue Jay	Oval Toronto Pictorial	6/10/78	
H101c	Mallard	Oval Toronto Pictorial	6/10/78	

H101d	Canada Goose	Oval Toronto Pictorial	6/10/78	
H101e	Moose	Oval Toronto Pictorial	6/10/78	
H101f	Chipmunk	Oval Toronto Pictorial	6/10/78	
H101g	Raccoon	Oval Toronto Pictorial	6/10/78	
H101h	Red Fox	Oval Toronto Pictorial	6/10/78	
H102a	Cardinal	Toronto Circular Postmark	6/10/78	
H102b	Blue Jay	Toronto Circular Postmark	6/10/78	
H102c	Mallard	Toronto Circular Postmark	6/10/78	
H102d	Canada Goose	Toronto Circular Postmark	6/10/78	
H102e	Moose	Toronto Circular Postmark	6/10/78	
H102f	Chipmunk	Toronto Circular Postmark	6/10/78	
H102g	Raccoon	Toronto Circular Postmark	6/10/78	
H102h	Red Fox	Toronto Circular Postmark	6/10/78	
H103	Wildlife – two strips of four	Oval Pictorial/Circular Postmark/Bullseye	6/10/78	

H104	Seven CAPEX Geese "Flying V"	Circular Postmark and two Bullseyes	6/10/78	
H105	CAPEX Souvenir Sheet	Toronto (same cachet as H101-different cancel)	6/10/78	
I101	Photography	FDOI Las Vegas, NV/Magenta Hollywood, CA	6/26/78	
J101	Fort McHenry	Coil pair; Single FDOI Baltimore, MD/ Washington, DC	6/30/78	
J102	Fort McHenry	Coil pair; Single FDOI Baltimore, MD Francis Scott Key in combo, Washington, DC	6/30/78	
J103	Fort McHenry	Ft. McHenry pictorial Baltimore/Washington/ Francis Scott Key stamp in combo	6/30/78	
J104	Fort McHenry	Single FDOI Baltimore/Single Washington, DC	6/30/78	
K101	George M. Cohan	FDOI Providence, RI/Broadway, NJ	7/3/78	
L101	Viking Lander on Mars	FDOI Hampton, VA/Kitty Hawk, NC	7/20/78	
L102	Viking Lander on Mars	Bullseye Hampton, VA/Kitty Hawk, NC	7/20/78	

L103	Viking Lander on Mars	Bullseye Hampton/Magenta Hampton/Kitty Hawk	7/20/78	
M101	Fort Nisqually	FDOI Tacoma, WA/Seattle, WA	8/11/78	
N101	Owls	FDOI Fairbanks, AK/McKinley Park, AK	8/26/78	
O101	Wright Brothers	Large Bullseye Dayton, OH/Pictorial Indianapolis, IN	9/23/78	
O102	Wright Brothers	FDOI Dayton/Pictorial Indianapolis, IN	9/23/78	
P101	American Trees	FDOI Hot Springs, AR/Pine Bluff, AR	10/9/78	
P102	American Trees	Two Bullseyes Hot Springs, AR/Pine Bluff, AR	10/9/78	
Q101	Christmas Religious '78	FDOI Washington, DC/Bethlehem, PA pictorial	10/18/78	
R101	Christmas Horse '78	FDOI Holly, MI/Magenta Mt. Holly, NJ	10/18/78	
S101	Robert F. Kennedy	FDOI Wash., DC/Senate Station 22, Wash, DC	1/12/79	

S102	Robert F. Kennedy	Smithsonian Pic./Senate Station 22, Wash., DC	1/12/79	
S103	Robert F. Kennedy	Arlington, VA/Senate Station 22, Wash., DC	1/12/79	
T101	Martin Luther King	FDOI Atlanta, GA/Birmingham, AL	1/13/79	
T102	Martin Luther King	FDOI Atlanta, GA/Birmingham, AL with 4¢ Lincoln	1/13/79	
T103	Martin Luther King	Selma, ALBirmingham, AL	1/13/79	
U101	International Year of the Child	FDOI Philadelphia, PA/New York, NY	2/15/79	
V101	John Steinbeck	FDOI Salinas, CA/Monterey, CA	2/27/79	
V102	John Steinbeck	Salinas, CA/Soledad, CA	2/27/79	
V103	John Steinbeck	FDOI Salinas, CA/King City, CA	2/27/79	
W101	Albert Einstein	FDOI Princeton, NJ/White Plains, NY pictorial	3/4/79	
W102	Albert Einstein	FDOI Princeton, NJ/Nashua, NH pictorial	3/4/79	
X101	Octave Chanute	FDOI Chanute, KSK/Chanute AFB, IL	3/29/79	

Y101	American Toleware	FDOI Lancaster, PA/Cooksville, MD	4/19/79	
Z101	American Architecture	FDOI Kansas City, MO/Jefferson City, MO	6/4/79	
Z102	American Architecture	Kicking Mule pictorial/Jefferson City, MO	6/4/79	
A201	Endangered Flora	FDOI Milwaukee, WI/Wild Rose, WI	6/7/79	
A202	Endangered Flora	Milwaukee/Blak Earth/Sun Prairie/Waterloo, WI	6/7/79	
B201	Guide Dog	FDOI Morristown, NJ/Hope, NJ	6/15/79	
B202	Guide Dog	Bullseye Morristown, NJ/Hope, NJ	6/15/79	
C201	Special Olympics	FDOI Brockport, NY/Victor, NY	8/9/79	
C202	Special Olympics	FDOI Brockport, NY/Greece, NY	8/9/79	
C203	Special Olympics	Brockport pictorial and Bullseye/Victor, NY	8/9/79	
D201	American Schools	FDOI Devils Lake, ND/Schoolcraft, MI	8/27/79	

E201	Decathlon-Olympics	FDOI Olympia, WA	9/5/79	
F201	Antique Lighting	FDOI San Juan, PR/Menlo Park, NJ	9/11/79	
G201	John Paul Jones	FDOI Annapolis, MD/Philadelphia, POA	9/23/79	
Summer Olympics				
H201	Sprinting	FDOI Los Angeles, CA/Moscow, ID	9/28/79	
H202	Hurdling	FDOI Los Angeles, CA/Moscow, ID	9/28/79	
H203	Diving	FDOI Los Angeles, CA/Moscow, ID	9/28/79	
H204	Rowing	FDOI Los Angeles, CA/Moscow, ID	9/28/79	
H205	Equestrian	FDOI Los Angeles, CA/Moscow, ID	9/28/79	
I201	Christmas Religious '79	FDOI Washington, DC/Bethlehem, PA pictorial	10/18/79	
I202	Christmas Religious '79	FDOI Washington, DC/Nazareth, PA	10/18/79	

I203	Christmas Religious '79	FDOI Washington, DC/FDOI North Pole, AK On Santa	10/18/79	
J201	Christmas Santa '79	FDOI North Pole, AK/Fairbanks, AK	10/18/79	
J202	Christmas Santa '79	North Pole, AK Killer Bars/Fairbanks, AK	10/18/79	
J203	Christmas Santa '79	FDOI North Pole, AK/FDOI Washington, DC On Madonna	10/18/79	
K201	31-cent High Jump-Olympics	FDOI Colorado Springs, CO/Moscow, ID	11/1/79	
L201	Will Rogers	FDOI Claremore, OK/Butler, MO pictorial	11/4/79	
	Vietnam – Photo cachets (Fred Collins)			
M201	The Children	FDOI Arlington, VA/Washington, DC pictorial	11/11/79	
M202	The Street	FDOI Arlington, VA/Washington, DC pictorial	11/11/79	
M203	The Church	FDOI Arlington, VA/Washington, DC pictorial	11/11/79	

M204	The Beach	FDOI Arlington, VA/Washington, DC pictorial	11/11/79	
N201	Wiley Post	FDOI Oklahoma City, OK/LaGuardia, NY	11/20/79	
N202	Wiley Post	FDOI Oklahoma City, OK/Wichita, KS pictorial	11/20/79	

After Fred obtaining his Charleston cancels, he headed to the airport where he realized he had a little extra time and, on the spur of the moment, hand-addressed some envelopes to himself and mailed them. He repeated the process at the Pittsburgh, PA airport during his layover in route to his next stop, New York City, from which he mailed a final batch of covers. In total, he hand-addressed and mailed 80 covers during his inaugural first day cover trip as follows:

- o 7 from Charleston, WV (Collins #A103) o
- 23 from Pittsburg, PA (Collins #A104) o 37
- from New York City, NY {Collins #A105}
- o 13 from New York City, NY- bullseye cancel {Collins #A106}

Those early hand-addressed covers did not see the light of day until they were rediscovered. These 80 Quilting covers were actually sent through the mail-stream on the first day of issue which makes them very important to the overall story of Collins First Day Covers.