



Figure 9

The “Philatelic Truck” was a philatelic museum in a bus-like vehicle that toured the U.S. between May 9, 1939 and December 13, 1941. These souvenirs were given to visitors.



Figure 10

This plate block of the Yorktown Issue (703) is signed by its designer, C. Aubrey Huston, and its two engravers, J. Eissler, and E.M. Hall, all BEP employees.

runner of these cards is the 1939 Philatelic Truck souvenir sheet (fig. 9). None of these items are valid for postage.

Material signed by, or otherwise associated with BEP employees, can also be collected. Figure 10 shows the autographs of Clair Aubrey Huston, and of two engravers.

Figure 11 shows a data card used by the Washington Bicentennial Commission for Alvin W. Hall, a Director of the BEP.

FILE No. 11

WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL PHILATELIC DATA

FROM Mr. Alvin W. Hall,

Director Bureau Printing & Engraving,
OFFICIAL TITLE

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married, Nov. 20 1910, to Ruth A. Banner. Two
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Figure 11

This “Washington Bicentennial Philatelic Data” card was filled out by Mr. Hall, and mailed in the envelope shown in Figure 13.

Almanac

1862 – The division of the Treasury, eventually named the BEP, begins operations in the basement of the Treasury Building.

1880 – The BEP moves into its own facility on July 1.

1894 – The BEP assumes responsibility for printing postage stamps on July 1.