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## Where to Find More Information

- The best over-all description of the Washington-Franklin issues is Larry Weiss' *The Washington-Franklin Heads: Simplified!*
  - Martin A. Armstrong's *United States Coil Issues 1906-38* covers the history and characteristics of all the Washington-Franklin coil stamps; and his *Washington Franklins 1908-21* separates the Washington-Franklins into nine groups, or series, and covers their history and characteristics.
  - The classic text on these stamps is Max Johl's *United States Postage Stamps 1902-1935*.
  - Larry Weiss' "Designing and Engraving the Washington-Franklin Series" presents the history of the conception and design, artwork, engraving, symbolism, and controversy over the choice of subjects.
  - *The Micarelli Identification Guide to U.S. Stamps* groups the Washington-Franklins by denomination and provides concise charts and procedures for the identification of the many varieties.
  - Paul W. Schmid's *The Expert's Book* provides detailed coverage of the Washington Franklins most commonly faked, identifies the issue(s) that can be altered to fake them and procedures for detecting the fake.
  - Two excellent web sites assist in the identification of Washington-Franklin stamps, providing step-by-step instructions:  
<http://www.1847usa.com/washfrank/washfrankmain.htm> and  
<http://www.askphil.org/W-F/Index.htm> .
- "Exploring the Washington-Franklin Era," by Paul Bourke.
- For a helpful website that deals with plate finisher and siderographer initials found on Washington-Franklins, see  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~davinod/Initials.htm>.
- *Encyclopedia of Plate Varieties on U.S. Bureau-Printed Stamps* by Loran C. French provides detailed information on many plate varieties.