

PROVISIONALS - Stamps intended for temporary use pending arrival of regular issues. During the 1840s, postmasters in certain American cities issued stamps that were valid only at specific local post offices. These were known as 'postmaster provisionals.' An 'Offspring' depicts the provisionals from New York, Baltimore and St. Louis.



• 'Offspring'
Umm Al Qiwain - 1966



Postmaster James M. Buchanan
Baltimore, MD - 1845



• 'Mother'
The 'ST. LOUIS BEARS'
St. Louis, MO 1845-46

Certificate



• 'Mother'
George Washington
New York, N.Y. - 1845-46
Expertised



BI-SECTS - Stamps cut into sections (usually in half) to create a lower value to match the appropriate rate.



• 'Offspring'
Montserrat - 1976

MONTSEERRAT - 1883
Vertical half of 1p Antigua stamp
sent to Dominica by steamer.
Certificate



• 'Offspring'
Faroes I. - 1979



FAROE ISLANDS - 1919
One-half of a 4 ore Danish stamp
used with 5 ore Danish stamp to
pay internal postage.



• 'Offspring'
Guernsey - 1990

GREAT BRITAIN - 1941
2p orange Q, Victoria/K. George VI
issue bisected and used in Guernsey
for eight weeks (12/27/40 - 2/24/41).

