

# FORGERIES AND THEIR REFERENCES OF SPANISH PHILIPPINE POSTAL STAMPS

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## INTRODUCTION

There are many forgeries of Spanish Philippine postal stamps. Many of these are difficult to detect and often create confusion among stamp dealers, novice, and advance collectors alike. The purpose of this study is to provide a list of forgeries and their references of postal stamps listed in the current Scott Catalogue to Philippine collectors to facilitate more accurate identification of genuine and forged Spanish Philippine stamps.

This list of forgeries and their references applies only to genuine Scott-listed postal stamps of the Spanish Philippines (1854-1898). It includes forgeries listed in published references, as well as unlisted forgeries in the Peterson collection, and from other collectors. The list does not address forgeries and their references of fiscal, revenue, or telegraph stamps, stamps overprinted with MUESTRA, altered genuine stamps, Scott-unlisted stamps, bogus stamps, or Cinderella stamps.

Each forgery in this study is identified by a "Peterson Forgery Number." This number consists of the Scott # of the stamp forged, the letter "F" (for forgery), and a sequential number for the forgery (e.g., 4-F1). All known published references are listed for each forgery. The full citations for the references are at the end of the study. "Other Related References" follow that section. Most of the references can be obtained from the American Philatelic Research Library, P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16803, at (814) 237-3803.

Gooding (1995) should be commended for illustrating many of these forgeries that have never been illustrated by any previous author. Although I have included references of forgeries from my own or other collections that have not been described anywhere else, I apologize for not providing any descriptions. Hopefully, descriptions of the "Peterson (unlisted)" and "other collector (unlisted)" forgeries will be published in the future.



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We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: PHILIPPINES

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
6	1855	5¢	pale vermilion

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, NO GUM

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS A FORGERY MADE AND SIGNED BY JEAN DE SPERATI \* \* \* \* \*



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Finally, it is interesting to note the inconsistency of stamps selected, or not selected, by forgers to forge. For example, of the six high-priced 1854-1855 Queen Isabella issues (#1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7), only two (#4 and 6) are widely forged. Surprisingly, only one forgery is known of the scarce #7. It is not surprising, however, that #16 and 17 were widely forged, due to their high value. Yet, only one forgery is reported for #25 and none for #25A, the two most valuable Spanish Philippine stamps. I suspect, however, that further study of these two stamps will result in the identification of more forgeries. The most commonly forged Spanish Philippine stamps are #94, 94a, and 94b, relatively low-priced stamps, of which 14 different forgeries are reported by this author. Of the Scott Catalogue surcharge types, types (d) and (m) were most commonly forged. No forged surcharges are known of Scott surcharge types (G), (h), and (k).

This list identifies a total of 254 different forgeries of genuine Scott-listed Spanish Philippines postal stamps.

As a researcher and expertizer of Spanish Philippine stamps, this list has proved indispensable. It is usually the "starting point" for me, since it identifies the references I will use to determine, in part, if a stamp is genuine or a forgery. As such, I hope it proves useful to you as well.

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**Ed. Note:** *Don Peterson has very graciously offered to share his information concerning forgeries of the Spanish period. Considering the increased interest in this area in recent years, this type of information seems increasingly important. Many thanks to Don for his generosity. Part Two will be printed in the next Journal.*

# LIST OF FORGERIES AND THEIR REFERENCES OF SPANISH PHILIPPINES POSTAL STAMPS

## Part 1

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Peterson Forgery No.	1999 Scott No.	Forgery In Peterson Collection	Forgery References
<b>1854 - 1855 Issues</b>			
1-F1	1	Y	Bartels (C1.1), Earee (first forgery - page 206), Gooding (1F1)
1-F2	1	N	Bartels (C1.2), Earee (second forgery - page 207), Gooding (1F2)
1-F3	1	N	Other Collector (unlisted)
1-F4	1	Y	Peterson (unlisted)
2-F1	2	N	BPA (Sperati - page 133)
2-F2	2	N	Bartels (C2.1), Gooding (2F1)
2-F3	2	Y	Bartels (C2.2), Earee (page 207)
2-F4	2	Y	Bartels (C3.1)
2-F5	2	N	Bartels (C3.2), Earee (page 207), Gooding (2F2)
4-F1	4	N	Bartels (C4.1), Earee (second forgery - page 208), Gooding (4F1)
4-F2	4	Y	Bartels (C4.2), Earee (first forgery - page 208), Gooding (4F2)
5-F1	5	Y	Bartels (C5.1), Earee (page 209), Gooding (5F1)
6-F1	6	N	BPA (Sperati - first reproduction - page 134)
6-F2	6	N	BPA (Sperati - second reproduction - page 134)
6-F3	6	N	Lowe (Schroder - page 9)
6-F4	6	Y	Peterson (unlisted)
6-F5	6	Y	Peterson (unlisted)
6-F6	6	Y	Peterson (unlisted)
6-F7	6	Y	Peterson (unlisted)
7-F1	7	Y	Bartels (C7.1), Gooding (7F1)

### 1856 - 1862 Issues

8-F1	8	N	Bartels (C8.1)
9-F1	9	N	Bartels (C9.1)
10-F1	10	N	Earee (page 210), Serrane (page 224)
10-F2	10	N	Harradine (first forgery - page 10)
10-F3	10	N	Harradine (second forgery - page 10)
10-F4	10	N	Ragatz (Fournier)
10-FS	10	N	Gooding (IOF1)
11-F1	11	Y	Bartels (C11.1), Gooding (11F1)
11-F2	11	N	Serrane (page 224)
12-F1	12	Y	Bartels (C15.1) (see C16.1), Gooding (12F1)
13-F1	13	N	Bartels (C16.1) (see C15.1), Earee page 211), Serrane (page 224), Gooding (13F1)

### 1863 Issues

14-F1	14	Y	Bartels (C17.1), Gooding (14F1)
14-F2	14	Y	Bartels (C17.2), Collin (page 640), Earee (page 212), Serrane (page 225), Gooding (14F2), Atlee (page 104)
14-F3	14	N	Hanciau (4/29/05 - page 212)
5-F1	15	Y	Bartels (C18.1), Serrane (page 225), Collin (page 640), Earee (page 212), Gooding (15F1)
15-F2	15	N	Gooding (15F2)
16-F1	16	Y	BPA (Sperati - page 135), Gooding (16F3)
16-F2	16	N	Bartels (C19.1), Collin (page 640), Gooding (16F1)
16-F3	16	N	Bartels (C19.2), Earee (first forgery - page 213), Serrane (page 225), Gooding (16F2)
17-F1	17	Y	BPA (Sperati - page 135), Harradine (forgery B - page 13)