



**U.S. Bank Note Company Issues: 1870-1890
with Clark Frazier**

Course Description

Imagine the complexity of stamp issues printed by three different printing companies over a 20-year period. Also, major changes in paper production technology occurred during that period, not necessarily coinciding with the contract periods, a source of major confusion among catalog producers and collectors. You will learn identification of design changes including secret marks and re-engraving, paper types from hard to soft, grills and special printings. The course will also touch on current controversies, new research, and will demonstrate expertizing techniques for identifying Bank Note stamps. This is an intermediate-level course but can accommodate beginners at the instructor's discretion.

Instructor Biography

Mr. Clark Frazier, Redwood, WA

Clark is an American Philatelic Society instructor of philatelic marketplace, buying and selling on the internet, and fakes/forgeries courses. After graduating from MIT for a Master of Science degree in Transportation, he worked for Microsoft. He has a side career as a philatelic dealer of better United States stamps.

Clark's philatelic activities include: member and auctioneer of the Collector's Club of Seattle; long-time member of the United States Stamp Society; life member of the APS and a Vooy's Fellow and Tiffany donor; ASDA and USPCS member; member of the Collector's Club (New York). His specializes in the Washington-Franklin issue and expertizes early 20th century US stamps for the American Philatelic Society. His collecting interests include US paper varieties, grills including Peru Grills. He is researching the use of computers for expertizing and has developed techniques for spotting fakes and forgeries from scans.