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Five Countries Honor Saint Adalbert

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Five postal administrations participated in a joint issue honoring St. Adalbert, who died 1,000 years ago on April 23, 997.

The Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Vatican City each issued a stamp April 23 featuring the same portrait of the saint. The stamp from the Czech Republic is pictured below.



This stamp from the Czech Republic is part of a five-nation joint issue honoring St. Adalbert on the 1000th anniversary of his death.

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"In 994, Adalbert left Bohemia, stayed in Hungary and Poland, after which he left Bohemia for a Christian mission to the pagan Prussians, where, on April 23, 997, he was killed. In 999, he was canonized."

The Czech Republic stamp bears a denomination of 7 koruny. The republic's Post Printing House produced it by the intaglio (engraving) process in sheets of eight.

According to information from Czech Republic post office, the portrait was inspired by a medieval stained glass window.

The new issue announcement from the Czech Republic also reported that Vladimir Suchanek's design for the stamp won an international competition for the best design for this joint issue. In addition, the new-issue announcement provided a brief history of the saint's life: "Adalbert, from the powerful Slavník clan, was born at Lidice in Bohemia about 956. He received the name from the bishop of Magdeburg after his confirmation.

"He prepared for his calling as a churchman in Magdeburg and after his return to Prague, he was ordained a priest. After the death of the bishop of Prague, Detmar, in 982, he was elected bishop.

"In 993, on the basis of his experiences in Italy, he founded the Benedict monastery in Brevnonv, which became an outstanding spiritual center.

Germany's Federal Printing Office printed both the German and Vatican City stamps by the intaglio process. The German stamp bears a denomination of 1 deutschemark, and the Vatican City stamp has a denomination of one lira.

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ST. ADALBERT MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

Early in 1997 an International Committee For Celebrations Honoring the 1000th Anniversary of the Death of St. Adalbert, was formed in Gniezno. It was made up of representatives of Poland, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, France and other countries. Among their plans were commemorative stamps and special cancellations of these nations. Following is what has appeared thus far.



VATICAN CITY



GERMANY

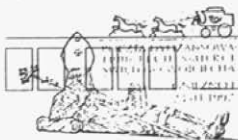


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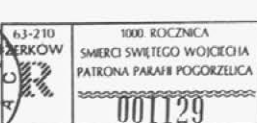


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SPECIAL CACHED POSTCARD ISSUED IN GNEZNO



POLECONY



Various special cancellations and markings issued for St. Adalbert commemoration.

TURKEY (1940 - 1945)

BY TADEUSZ HARBANK-KOSSOWSKI

In the beginning of 1941, the Polish government in exile in England made arrangements with the governments of Portugal and Turkey to have their underground post offices and Red Cross agencies in Lisbon and Ankara to allow Poles in occupied Poland and in exile to send letters and parcels between each other.

The activities of Polish undercover agency in Lisbon has been fully analyzed and described in numerous works. Unfortunately, very little is known about a similar agency in Turkey, which was organized and set up by Lech Duleba, a Polish engineer. He was trained and well prepared for this task in Lisbon (see Figure 1).



Figure 1. Postcard send to Duleba to Lisbon on March 31, 1941 from Wilno (Vilnius).

Shortly after his stay in Lisbon, Duleba established his first office in Istanbul, Turkey (see Figure 2).

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Turcja
J.W. Pan Draynier
Sekret Duleba
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Wienatra 4 punkty

Figure 2. A letter send by Gen Tokarzewski to Duleba using courier service.

In October of 1941, Duleba operated from his new office in Ankara, where also the Polish embassy and the Red Cross were located. It is very likely that Duleba cooperated with these two institutions.

According to my research and available documentation, the shipment of parcels to Poland was only a small part of Duleba's and his associates' responsibilities. Other activity included help in solving problems which were sent to him in through hidden messages in postcards and letters sent by citizens living in occupied Poland and the concentration camps. The majority of problems were requests to help finding missing relatives, such as those deported to the Soviet Union (see Figure 4).

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**69th Apostolic Journey of Pope John Paul II
to Central and South America
Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador
and Venezuela (2nd trip to each country)
February 5-11th, 1996**



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Commemorative postmark announcing the visit of Pope John Paul II, February 9-11, 1996. Holy Father with crozier.

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de s.s. Juan Pablo II a Venezuela - 9 al
11 de Febrero de 1996.**



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9 al 11 de Febrero de 1996**

Guanare - February 10, 1996

Commemorative postmark used for the dedication of the National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Coromoto: **IPOSTEL - Segunda Visita Apostolica de S.S. Juan Pablo II Venezuela - Inauguracion del Santuario Nacional Nuestra Senora de Coromoto - Guanare, Estado Portuguesa, C.P. 3350 - 10 de Febrero de 1996.** John Paul II with crozier, Our Lady of Coromoto, view of the Sanctuary.



**Segunda Visita Apostolica de S.S. Juan Pablo II a Venezuela
Inauguracion del Santuario Nacional Nuestra Senora de Coromoto
Guanare, Estado Portuguesa, C.P. 3350 - 10 de Febrero de 1996**

Caracas - February 11, 1996

Commemorative postmark used for the Holy Mass at the La Carlota Airport. IPOSTEL - Segunda Visita Apostolica de S.S. Juan Pablo II a Venezuela - Santa Misa en el Aeropuerto de la Carlota - Caracas, C.P. 1064. 11 de Febrero de 1996.



Segunda Visita Apostolica de S.S. Juan P. bto II a Venezuela
Santa Misa en el Aeropuerto de La Carlota
Caracas, C.P. 1064 - 11 de Febrero de 1996

VENEZUELA:

AIR LETTER

Issued to commemorate the second visit of Pope John Paul II to Venezuela. Tasa Pagada - Postage rate prepaid.

Front side shows John Paul II with crozier.

Reverse side shows the statue of Our Lady of Coromoto.



70th Apostolic Journey of Pope John Paul II to Tunisia (14th trip to Africa)

April 14th, 1996

On Sunday, April 14, 1996, the Holy Father made a one-day Pastoral Visit to Tunisia. The Holy Father was met on arrival at Tunis International Airport by President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali, the civil authorities, Archbishop Fouad Twal of Tunis and members of the diplomatic corps.

After the arrival ceremonies at the airport, the Holy Father was taken to the Cathedral of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Olive, built on the site of St. Anthony Abbot Cemetery, which in the 18th century had been donated to the Catholic community by Hamuda Basha, Bey of Tunis. There the Holy Father celebrated Mass for the faithful of the Diocese of Tunis. Later the Holy Father met the bishops of the Regional Episcopal Conference of North Africa.

Early in the afternoon, the Holy Father went to Carthage. At the Presidential Palace in Carthage, the Holy Father addressed political cultural and religious leaders.

Before leaving Tunisia, the Holy Father stopped to pray at the Roman amphitheatre of Carthage, where Saints Perpetua and Felicity suffered martyrdom. In the evening the Holy Father returned to Tunis for departure ceremonies.

VATICAN: April 14, 1996:

Commemorative travel postmark in Latin marking the Holy Father's trip to Tunisia.

* IO. PAULUS II SINCERO AFFECTU
SALUTAT TUNESIAM * / POSTE
VATICANE - 14. IV. 1996 /



TUNISIA: April 14, 1996

Rectangular rubber stamp applied in black or blue. In Arabic and French.

Two lines in the Arabic Language.

VISITE DU PAPE / JEAN PAUL II
A TUNIS / 14 - 04 - 96. /



**71st Apostolic Journey of Pope John Paul II
to Slovenia (May 17-19, 1996)**

The Holy Father arrived at Brnik Airport near Ljubljana, on Friday, May 17, 1996, to begin His Pastoral visit to Slovenia.

The Holy Father was greeted by President Milan Kucan, diplomatic corps and Archbishop of Ljubljana, Alojzij Susterš.

After visiting the Marian Sanctuary in Brezje, the Holy Father was taken to the St. Martin Cathedral in Ljubljana for a prayer service with the clergy, religious and lay faithful.

In the morning on Saturday, May 18, a group of young children wished the Holy Father a Happy Birthday. Later the Holy Father celebrated Holy Mass at Stožice Racecourse in Ljubljana. Over sixty thousand young people met the Holy Father at the airport in Postojna near Ljubljana.

On Sunday, May 19, the Holy Father celebrated a solemn Mass in Maribor in Eastern Slovenia. Over one hundred thousand faithful including pilgrims from Austria, Croatia, Italy and Hungary, gathered at the Maribor airport. Later the Holy Father addressed representatives of the world of science and culture in the St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Maribor.

In the evening after the farewell ceremony at the Maribor Airport the Holy Father returned to Rome.

VATICAN:

Commemorative travel postmark in Latin.

* SLOVENIAM IO. PAULUS II
PATERNO ANIMO VISIT * /
POSTE VATICANE + 17-19.V.1996



SLOVENIA:

First Day of Issue: April 18, 1996. Stamp 75t. Portrait of Pope John Paul II by Tone Seifert and papal coat of arms.

Souvenir sheet. 200t. Stamp of same design. Logo of Visit. Imprints in Slovenian and English.



Ljubljana - April 18, 1996.

Commemorative First Day of Issue Postmark. PRVI DAN 18.4.1996 - 1106 LJUBLJANA - JANEZ-PA-VEL-II.



Ljubljana - May 17, 1996.

Commemorative postmark. Logo of the visit. OCE, POTRDI NAS V VERI - PAPEZ JANEM PAVEL II PRIHOD V SLOVENIJO 1106 LJUBLJANA 17.5.1996.

Ljubljana - May 18, 1996

Commemorative postmark. Logo of the Visit. OCE, POTRDI NAS V VERI — PAPEZ JANEZ PAVEL II - 1250 LET KRŠČANSTVA - 1106 LJUBLJANA 18.5.1996.

Postojna - May 18, 1996

Commemorative postmark. Logo of the Visit. OCE, POTRDI NAS V VERI — PAPEZ JANEZ PAVEL II - ROJSTNIDAN Z MLADINO. 6230 POSTOJNA 18.5.1996.

Maribor - May 19, 1996

Commemorative postmark. Logo of the Visit. OCE, POTRDI NAS V VERI — PAPEZ JANEZ PAVEL II - SERCANJE Z PAPEZEM. 2102 MARIBOR 19.5.1996.

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AN ELUSIVE POLISH STAMP OF THE NOVEMBER 1918 ISSUE

By STANLEY KRONENBERG

The photograph shows a pair of stamps from the set of overprinted stamps issued on November 17, 1918, Scott No. 11 through 14. The first stamp is the overprint error "52 fen. 52" instead of the normal "25 fen. 25" as it appears on the right stamp. This error is not listed in Scott but several other catalogs list it; for example it is No. 4 F in Michel, No. 4 W in Ruch, No. 4.1 in the Gryzewski catalog. It is described in "Polskie Znaki Pocztowe", Ikaros, 1935 and in "Polskie Znaki Pocztowe" 1960, vol. I. Nowhere in philatelic literature could I find the illustration of this error.

I consulted prominent Poland collectors, dealers and experts in Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Poland, Switzerland and U.S.A., but none of them has seen such a stamp. Thus this error is possibly unique. It appears that after the first sheet was overprinted with the applicable overprint form, the error was noticed right away. This pair was removed from the sheet, and the typographic plate corrected.

These stamps were overprinted in sheets of 9 x 6 stamps. The error "52" occurs in the position 10 of the sheets. I could determine this from the placement of small red dots and of other small design details which are characteristic for most individual positions in the sheet of the basic unissued Warsaw Citizens' Committee 10 gr. stamps which were printed with a large lithographic plate of 2 x 3 sheets.

Zbigniew M. Wlodarski wrote (in Polish) the booklet sponsored by the Society of Polish Philatelists in Great Britain about Scott Nos. 11 thru 14: "Pierwsze Polskie Wydanie Prowizoryczne 17.XI.1918," London, 1980.

According to Wlodarski the 10 gr. stamps were overprinted with three typographic forms into Polish 25 fen. stamps. He calls these forms 25A, 25E and 25L. They can be distinguished among each other by the groupings of small variations and details of the overprints in applicable positions. Studying sheets of overprinted stamps, I noticed that



the horizontal spacings between the overprints (distances A and B in the illustration) vary for different positions in the three overprint forms. In the pair with the "52" error for positions 10 and 11 $A = 19.1$ mm, $B = 8.2$ mm. In the form 25A for the same positions $A = 18.65$ mm, $B = 7.85$ mm, in the form 25E $A = 19.0$ mm, $B = 8.3$ mm, and in the form 25L $A = 18.95$ mm, $B = 8.22$ mm. This excludes the possibility that this error occurred in the form 25A. From fine details in the numerals of the overprint one can conclude that the "52" error occurred in the form 25E and not in the form 25L.



ENGRAVER SŁANIA VISITS PACIFIC 97

Czesław Słania, Sweden's court engraver and the world's most famous stamp engraver, appeared at the Swedish booth, at the Pacific 97 world philatelic exhibition in San Francisco, Calif., according to Sweden Post Stamps. Słania was at the booth during the entire exhibition, May 29-June 8, and visitors were able to get his autograph and watch as a new Swedish stamp was engraved.

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Watermarked Papers Used In Areas of Poland

By CONRAD P. STRAUB, Ph. D.

There have been several articles on watermarks found on papers used in Polish correspondence, but all have referred to papers in use in the Kingdom of Poland during the period 1815-1865.^{1,6} Three of the articles^{1,3} contained illustrations of the watermarks seen, and identified by place of origin, whereas the latter three^{4,6} were concerned primarily with manufacture and/or the origin of the papers themselves.

In this article, Jakubowski⁵ describes the techniques used in producing the man-made papers of the period. He states that the screens consisted of wires attached to the frame at distances of 2 to 3 cm, to which were fastened cross-wise finer wires approximately 1 mm apart. To these wires a filigree design was attached, which, along with the vertical and horizontal wires, formed the design of the watermark imprinted on the paper. These papers were generally heavy and coarse and varied in color (e.g. white, sandy, gray, green or blue). Machine production of paper occurred in 1838, but was not used extensively in Poland until 1850.¹ In general, the paper produced was thinner and without watermark.

In my collection, I have a number of covers, some from the Kingdom of Poland, some from German cities which were incorporated into Poland after the Armistice of 1918, and from areas of Poland which were a part of Austria-Hungary; all covering the same general period 1820-1865. Covers showing watermarks were selected, but all watermarks were not equally visible, depending, as stated by Jakubowski,⁵ on the quality of the paper produced. Another factor influencing identification was the written correspondence, and the seal used, either paper or wax, to seal the letter. The watermarks shown are tracings from the original correspondence, and dimensions reported are approximate. Some of the watermarks may have been improperly identified because of their visibility. A scale is shown with all watermarks illustrated. The intent of this article is to stimulate interest in this area, and to foster further study of watermarks found on correspondence of this period, as well as to identify additional varieties to those illustrated by Trzebski¹ and Gust.^{2,3} As stated earlier, all articles known to me have dealt with watermarks encountered on Kingdom of Poland correspondence. I have included my findings on Austria-Hungary (Poland) and German correspondence of approximately the same period. Unfortunately, at this time I have no knowledge of literature describing watermarks found on such correspondence.

Kingdom of Poland

I was able to identify eight watermarks on correspondence of this era and area. These are illustrated in Fig. 1 and listed in Table I, by dates found in the correspondence or from the cancellation.

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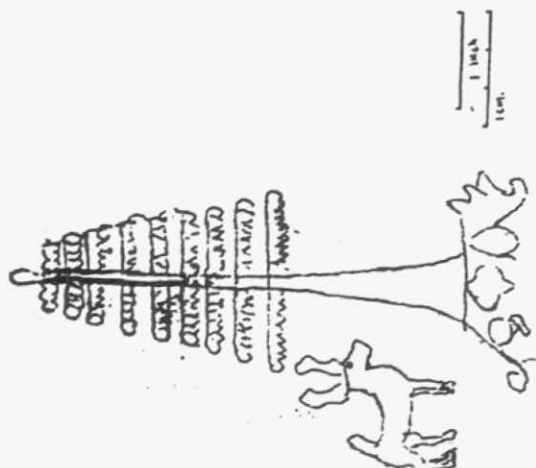
3K

SOPEL
WT

4K



6K



7K

ILQAD
PULAW

5K

D&E. TEB

8K

Fig. 1.

Fig. 1. (continued)

Table 1. Kingdom of Poland Correspondence Showing Watermarks

No.	City of Origin	Type *	Color	Date	Watermark	Size, mm	Remarks
5	Lublin	e.IB	red	24Aug(1830)	LAD/PULAW	71x15/88x17	Shown as KAV/PULAW #35. ¹
2	Ozorków	a.	black	22Aug(1839)	E & R	65x18	Not shown previously
4	Zgierz	e.IIA	black	(c.1845)	Stag/SOPEL/WT	95x67/70x15/50x15	Not shown previously
1	Łęczyca	c.IIA	red	21Jan()	SOPEL/WT	63x17/50x17	Similar to #42-43. ²
3	Pilica	c.IIIA	black	6Jan()	Framed bust	90x105	Similar to #88. ²
6	Kielce	b.IB	red	25Feb()	Stag and tree	78x140	Not shown previously
7	Kielce	b.IB	red	8Apr()	Design	39x47	Similar to #79. ²
8	Piotrków	b.IB	red	7May()	D & E TEB (?)	130x14	Not shown previously

* Reference 7, pp.36-53

Several of the watermarks shown (Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 7) are similar to those illustrated and listed earlier.^{1,2} Watermarks numbered 2, 4, 6 and 8 have not been illustrated before, and those numbered 4 and 5 have multiple components, which are partially similar to those listed singly.^{1,2}

Austria-Hungary (Poland)

Forty-one different watermarks are illustrated in Fig. 2 and listed in Table II by year as before.



Fig. 2.

6 K A R I S T M A L



7 G H A T W I G E R

8 W I E R M S D O R F

9 J. W E I S

10 J B

Fig. 2. (continued)

N I E M I R O W

11 A T N. I

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