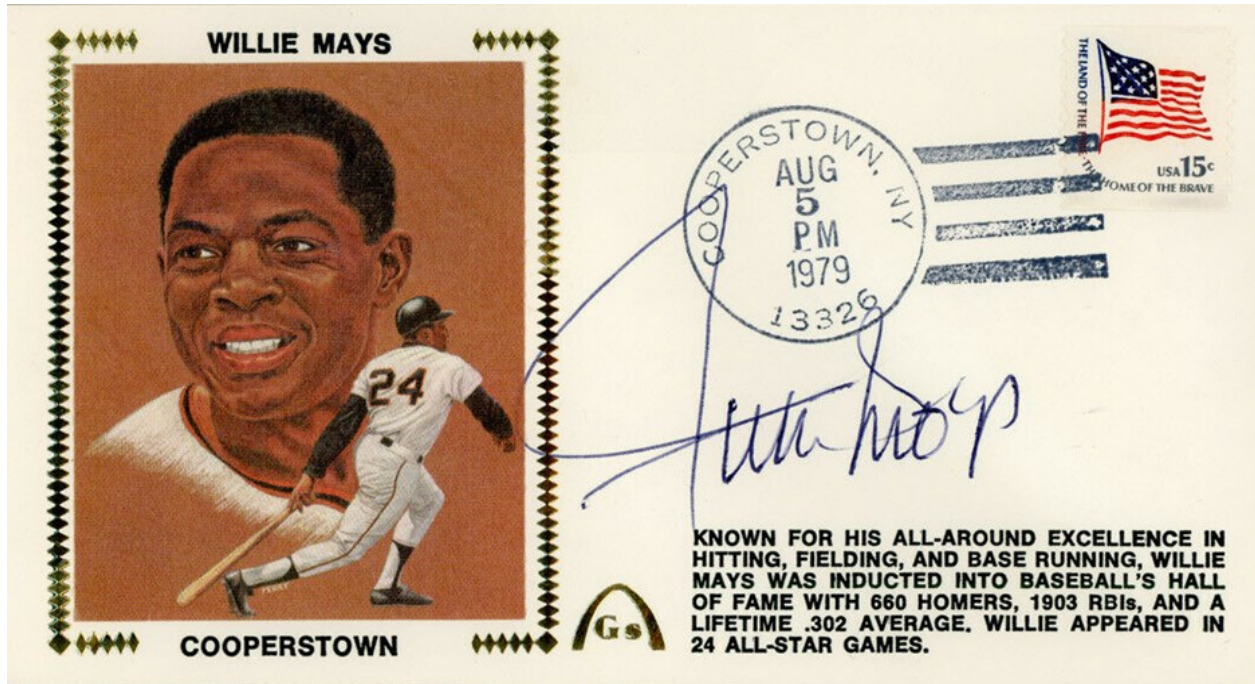
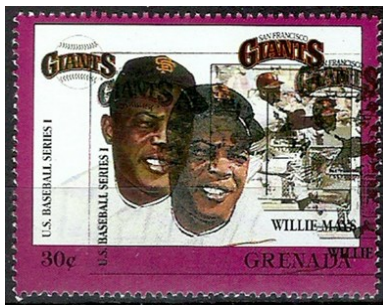


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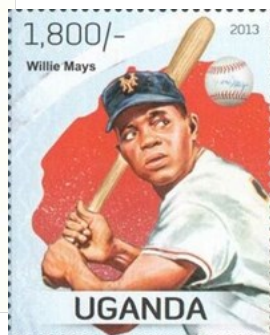
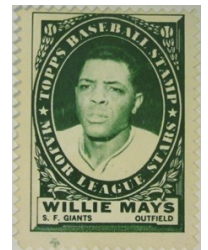


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Above: Double impression error: From 1964 Major League Baseball in Stamps mini sheet. Below: Negro Leagues stamp first day ceremony held at Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Kansas City, MO.

Baseball legend Willie Mays turned 90 in 2021. The National Baseball Hall of Fame inducted him in 1979. An Alabama native, Mays learned the game from his father, a semi-pro player on a steel mill team. Willie Mays played for Birmingham Black Barons in the Negro Leagues, then joined the New York Giants at the Polo Grounds, earning Rookie of the Year honors in his first season in the major leagues. He stayed with the Giants 21 years, moving with them across the country in 1958 to San Francisco. A hitting, catching and fielding powerhouse, Mays was known for the long ball, amassing 660 career home runs plus 24 appearances on All Star Game rosters. Mays is still solidly a Giant. He mentors new players and attends many home games.



Clockwise from top left: Mays' first major league park, from 2001 Baseball's Legendary Playing Fields minisheet; from the 1989 Major League Baseball in Stamps minisheet; 1961 Topps baseball poster stamp; from 2013 Famous People of African Origin: Baseball Players mini sheet.

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