

# 1949: My Birth Year

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I was born in May 1949 (see the 3-cent “stamp” to the right created by my wife for my 74<sup>th</sup> birthday). There were only six U.S. stamps issued that year, all commemoratives at a 3-cent denomination, so they make a nice small collection. Below is some information about each of them in order: Scott #981 to 986.



The Minnesota Territory stamp (Scott #981) was issued March 3, 1949 at St. Paul, Minnesota. It celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Minnesota Territory. It shows a pioneer and a Red River Ox Cart.

The Washington and Lee University stamp (Scott #982) was issued on April 12, 1949 at Lexington, Virginia. It celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of this educational institution. It pictures Washington, Lee, and a university building.



The Puerto Rico Election stamp (Scott #983) was issued on April 27, 1949 at San Jaun, Puerto Rico. It celebrates the first gubernatorial election in the territory which was held on November 2, 1948. It pictures a farmer holding a cogwheel and ballot box.

The Annapolis Tercentenary stamp (Scott #984) was issued May 23, 1949 at Annapolis, Maryland. It celebrates the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the town in Maryland. It depicts a 1718 map of the region by James Stoddert.



The Final National Encampment of the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) stamp (Scott #985) was issued on August 29, 1949 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It shows a union soldier and a veteran of 1949. The encampment was held from August 28 to September 1.

The Edgar Allen Poe stamp (Scott #1986) was issued on October 7, 1949 at Richmond, Virginia. It marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. Poe, who lived from 1809 to 1849, was a famous writer of horror stories.

