

# American Folklore Series

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These six U. S. stamps were issued from 1966 to 1974 to highlight the people and stories that make America unique, including four real life persons (Johnny Appleseed, Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone, and Grandma Moses) and two fictional stories (*Tom Sawyer* and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*). Many legends and tales have arisen about these characters.

The Johnny Appleseed stamp (Scott #1317) was issued on September 24, 1966 at Leominster, Massachusetts, the hometown of John Chapman (his real name). He traveled over 100,000 miles planting apple orchards throughout the Midwest.



The Davy Crockett stamp (Scott #1330) was issued on his 181st birthday, August 17, 1967, in San Antonio, Texas. He has been called the "King of the Wild Frontier." He served six years in the U.S. House of Representatives from Tennessee. He died at the Alamo fighting for Texas independence from Mexico in 1836.

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The Grandma Moses stamp (Scott #1370) was issued on May 1, 1969 at Washington, DC. She produced over 1,500 paintings over three decades after she turned 76. The stamp shows her painting "July Fourth."

The Tom Sawyer stamp (Scott #1470) was issued on October 13, 1972 at Hannibal, Missouri. The character is from the book *Tom Sawyer*, written by Mark Twain, who lived in Hannibal.



The Legend of Sleepy Hollow stamp (Scott #1548) was issued on October 4, 1974 at North Tarrytown, New York. The stamp pictures a scene from Washington Irving's folk tale *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.