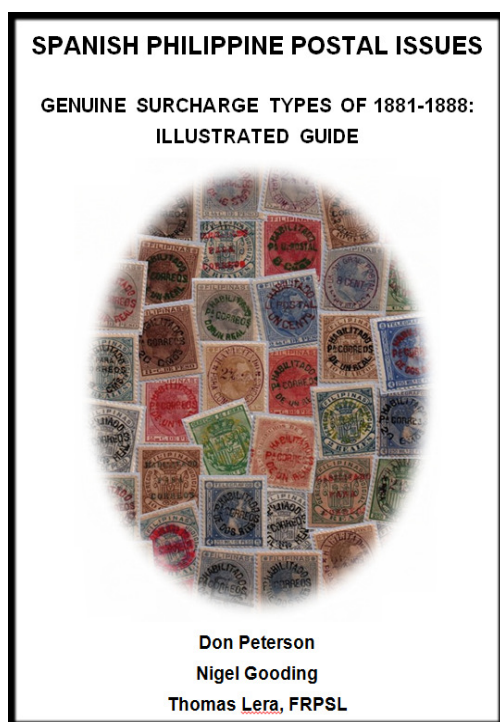


NEW BOOK

ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO GENUINE SURCHARGE TYPES OF 1881-1888 SPANISH PHILIPPINE POSTAL ISSUES

What does the “2 centavos” yellow surcharge on green Scott #120 look like? Are you aware there are four different genuine DOS REALES surcharge types on Scott #94? Can you distinguish Scott #97 with its two genuine surcharges from the 14 recorded surcharge forgeries?

Don Peterson, Nigel Gooding, and Thomas Lera are pleased to announce the publication of a 98-page all color hard-bound book “SPANISH PHILIPPINE POSTAL ISSUES - GENUINE SURCHARGE TYPES OF 1881-1888: ILLUSTRATED GUIDE”. The book provides new and updated information to the 1904 “Postage Stamps of the Philippines” book written by Bartels et al. It includes a wealth of corrections, additions, and deletions to the 1904 book. The Illustrated Guide, provides clear pictures of each of the genuine surcharges of the 1881-1888 period. In the 2015 Scott Catalogue, the book covers the issues from Scott #89 through #136. The Illustrated Guide shows all of the genuine surcharges, of which there are as many as four different genuine, authorized surcharges for some of the issues. The book will assist in distinguishing the genuine surcharges from over 200 recorded forgeries.



Our technical approach for “retrieving” genuine surcharges from the stamps includes the use of a new forensic technology, the Video Spectral Comparator, Model VSC 6000, at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, as well as Adobe Photoshop. A total of 32 different, genuine surcharges are identified and illustrated. Each of the surcharge types is identified by a unique numbering system, for example “PG-4”.

In addition to making many corrections to Bartels, the Illustrated Guide notes that some surcharge dies were used exclusively for postal purposes, while others only for telegraph use. We noted different paper types and inks were used for many of the surcharges. We confirmed that some of the surcharge handstamps in one color were subsequently cleaned, and were re-used in another color on another stamp.

We hope this book will be helpful to collectors, stamp dealers, and expertizing services in the proper identification of these issues. Finally, we also hope the book will serve as a catalyst to encourage greater collecting interest and further study of the 1881-1888 surcharged issues.

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