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POSTAGE STAMP HONORS ACCOUNTANTS

On September 22, 1987, the United States Postal Service issued a postage stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Institute of CPAs. The 22-cent stamp bears the words "Certified Public Accountants" and the acronym "CPA." The tip of a fountain pen is depicted along with a sheet of columnar paper.

The items depicted caused some controversy among a few CPAs who felt that the subjects were too historical. They would have preferred to see a computer instead of a fountain pen.

Regardless of a person's feelings about the items depicted, it is still an honor for the profession of accountancy to be honored on a postage stamp. Unlike many countries, the United States issues very few commemorative stamps, and subjects honored on stamps must undergo an extensive screening process before selection. CPAs throughout the nation felt a tinge of pride in that each felt that he or she personnally was being honored.

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ACCOUNTANTS

Biographies of Notable Accountants, edited by Horace R. Givens and published by Random House, can now be obtained from Random House free of charge. The booklet is 44 pages in length and contains bibliographies of the following Notable Accountants:

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Abdel Agami is coordinating efforts that will, hopefully, result in the publication of a second set of biographies. If you have a list of names of notable accountants or are interested in writing about certain notable accountants, please write to Abdel at:

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