

Explanation of the Periodical Database

The Periodical Database is an index of several periodicals that can be searched by subject, author, date, etc. This is a continuing project, with future additions, changes and refinements planned. The database was prepared by Donald R. Alexander. Any errors or omissions should be sent to the President for transmission to Mr. Alexander.

The current edition - Periodical Database, Update 1.1 - contains a searchable database for The China Clipper through Vol. 71, No. 2 (Jan. 2007); Chiu's Supplement, Vols. 1-12 (1952 to 1964), complete; Asian Philately, Whole Numbers 1-172 (1977 to 1991), complete; the Flying Goose (published by the China Stamp Society), Nos. 1-25 (1948 to 1951), complete; and Cheng's Stamp Journal, Vols. 1-4, Whole Nos. 1-13 (1976 to 1979), complete.

The software needed to search Periodical Database 1.1 is called "Cardbox Client" and it is a free download from <http://www.cardbox.com/downloading/client.htm> Do not download any of the other versions of Cardbox. **It does not work very well and we are working on creating a more user friendly way to access the Periodical Database. When it is ready it will be offered for free to everyone that has the Periodical Database.** The software only runs on Windows and is not MAC-compatible. You should download the free Read Only version of the software. This will enable you to search the database for the articles you want.

The protocol of 2001/05/20 (year, month, date) has been used. Scott catalogue numbers have not been used. New issues and stamp listings are by date of issue, or year if the date of issue is not known. Enter the year, month, etc., to obtain information on an issue. Articles are listed in multiple ways so that they can be readily located. In some cases words have been added to the title to facilitate searching. Also articles are often listed in multiple categories.

During the wartime years a mistake was made in numbering the issues (Whole Numbers) of The China Clipper. The Periodical Database starts numbering forward with issue number one and so the count is off for several years. These Whole Numbers are prefaced with an "A" to indicate this inconsistency. This only applied to a few years. To be safe, when looking up a specific issue use the Volume and Number within that Volume, and not the Whole Number.

PUBLICATIONS INCLUDED

The Periodical Database covers several publications and more will be added in the future. The publications currently indexed are:

CC	The China Clipper through Vol. 71, No. 2 (January 2007)
AP	Asian Philately, Whole Numbers 1-172 (1977 to 1991), complete
CJ	Cheng's Stamp Journal, Vols. 1-4, Whole Nos. 1-13 (1976 to 1979), complete
CW	Chiu's Supplement, Vols. 1-12 (1952 to 1964), complete
FG	The Flying Goose (published by the CSS), Nos. 1-25 (1948 to 1951), complete

The following will be added in the future:

CP	China Philately (PRC)
GW	Great Wall (Australia)
JC	Journal of Chinese Philately (CPSL London)
PS	Postal Service Today (Taiwan) (English Articles Only)
SW	Stamp World Magazine (Hong Kong)

ABBREVIATIONS USED

Anniv	anniversary
Btm	bottom
CKS	Chiang Kai-Shek
Env	envelope

Estab	established
Mao	Mao Tse-Tung
Ovpt	overprint
Perf	perforation
Ref	reference
Surch	surcharge
SYS	Sun Yat-Sen
Var	variety
Wmk(d)	watermark(ed)

HOW TO DO A SEARCH

Start by clicking on the word “SEARCH,” then scroll down and click on “DATA,” and then “SELECT.”* The “Select (data)” screen will appear. In the “Field” drop down box you can “leave it blank to search all fields” or you can choose a field within which to search. You can search all publications, or specify a particular publication, e.g. “CC,” for The China Clipper.

In the “Search For” box enter the data for which you are searching. Remember this can be done in any of the Fields. Use the “Fields” drop down box to select fields and narrow your search. This will speed up your search.

Selecting the category of “INDEX” in the search “Field” enables you to use a system of codes that have been used to classify entries by subject matter. Articles have been classified as many as eight different ways. This is one of the best features of the Periodical Database. The tables below explain the codes. For example a code of “2J” is “Republic of China to 1949 – Gold Yuan Surcharges.”

A WORD OF CAUTION. Start with the ‘LEVEL’ indicator (lower left corner) set to “0.” This assures you are searching the entire database. The results of your first search are what is termed the LEVEL 1 responses.

If you chose a particular publication for your first search then that will be in essence your first level of search and you will be on LEVEL 1 with everything in that publication as your LEVEL 1 responses.

If you started by searching the entire database that will be your first search and your responses will be on LEVEL 1. For example, you may search the entire database for “1940” and receive eleven responses. You are on LEVEL 1. Next you might search within those eleven responses for “Ruland” (an author) and receive two responses. You are now on LEVEL 2. If you now search by subject you are only searching those two responses on LEVEL 2 and your results of that search will be LEVEL 3 responses. To return, for example, from LEVEL 2 to LEVEL 1 use the “Undo Search” button on the taskbar.

* It is also possible to promote “Data” to the task bar to save keystrokes. See Help.

TABLE OF CODES

Here are the numbers that appear as the first part of a code.

1. IMPERIAL CHINA
2. REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO 1949
3. REPUBLIC OF CHINA – PROVINCES
4. REPUBLIC OF CHINA – 1950 –
5. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA 1949 –
6. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA-REGIONALS/LOCALS
7. FOREIGN OFFICES IN CHINA
8. TREATY PORTS/LOCAL POSTSS
9. MANCHUKUO
10. JAPANESE OCCUPATION
11. TIBET
12. MISC.

A complete code consists of a number followed by a letter. (e.g. 1D = Red Revenues)

- 1. IMPERIAL CHINA**
 - A. Large Dragons
 - B. Small Dragons
 - C. Dowager/Surcharges
 - D. Red Revenues
 - E. Japanese Litho Issue
 - F. Coiled Dragons/Bisects
 - G. Postal Stationery
 - H. Post Office Seals

- 2. REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO 1949**
 - A. Commemoratives
 - B. Neutrality/Republic overprints
 - C. Junks/Reaper/Hall of Classics
 - D. Martyrs
 - E. Sun Yat-Sen Type I and II, Sgl double sun rings
 - F. Sun Yat-Sen Chung Hwa Print
 - G. Sun Yat-Sen Dah Tung Print
 - H. Surcharges (other than CNC, Gold and Silver Yuan)
 - I. Chinese National Currency Surcharges (CNC)
 - J. Gold Yuan Surcharges
 - K. Silver Yuan Surcharges
 - L. Airmail issues
 - M. Parcel Post issues
 - N. Postage Due issues
 - O. Semi-Postal issues
 - P. Military Post issues
 - Q. Special Delivery/Registration/Express
 - R. Perfins
 - S. Anti-Bandit
 - T. Revenues
 - U. Other

- 3. REPUBLIC OF CHINA – PROVINCES**
 - A. Taiwan (also Black Flag issues)
 - B. Szechwan
 - C. Yunnan
 - D. Manchuria (Kirin & Heilungkiang)
 - E. Sinkiang
 - F. Offices in Tibet
 - G. Northeast provinces

- 4. REPUBLIC OF CHINA – 1950 –**
 - A. Commemorative/Special issues
 - B. Definitives
 - C. Airmail
 - D. Semi-postal
 - E. Postage due
 - F. Misc.

- 5. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA 1949 –**
 - A. Commemorative/Special issues

- B. Definitives
- C. Airmail
- D. Semi-postal
- E. Postage Due
- F. Military Post
- G. Revenues
- H. Misc.

6. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA-REGIONALS/LOCALS

- A. Northeast China
- B. Port Arthur and Dairen
- C. North China
- D. Northwest China
- E. East China
- F. Central China
- G. South China

7. FOREIGN OFFICES IN CHINA

- A. German Offices
- B. French Offices
- C. Italian Offices
- D. Russian Offices
- E. Japanese Offices
- F. Belgium Offices
- G. British Offices – BRA
- H. U. S. Offices
- I. Austrian Offices
- J. Indian Offices

8. TREATY PORTS/LOCAL POSTS

- A. Shanghai
- B. Amoy
- C. Chefoo
- D. Chinkiang
- E. Chungking
- F. Hankow
- G. Ichang
- H. Kewkiang
- I. Nanking
- J. Wuhu
- K. Hainan-Samah Land Post
- L. (reserved)
- M. Wei Hai Wei Courier Post
- N. Misc. Locals

9. MANCHUKUO

10. JAPANESE OCCUPATION

11. TIBET

12. MISC.

- A. Book Reviews
- B. Obituaries
- C. Auctions
- D. CSS Business/notices