## A Philatelic Survey of U.S. Waterfowl Hunting Jurisdictions

Most collectors are familiar with the federal "duck stamps". More accurately described as waterfowl stamps, additional stamps have been issued by all levels of government in the U.S. The purpose of this exhibit is to:

- 1) Survey these stamps, providing an overview to this area of philately by classifying issues according to jurisdiction.
- 2) Tell the story by detailing the requisite for autonomous yet interdependent jurisdictions to issue stamps
- 3) Place an emphasis on their revenue usage by presenting hunting licenses and related documents that when the stamps were affixed conveyed specific rights.



1899 North Dakota Resident Hunting Permit

The jurisdictions have been identified and the story organized in separate chapters as

- 1) Pre Stamp or Forerunner Period
- 2) Federal including U.S. Military State. Territorial and Local
- 4) Tribal (Indian Reservations)

Items with the greatest difficulty of acquisition have been indicated through the use of red ink. To make them easier to pick out, the most important of these have been matted. These include:

- 1904 South Dakota Hunting License
- 1935 Federal on Hawaiian Form 3333
- 1939 Federal Essay
- 1948 Federal and Marion County combination usage
- 1953 Illinois Daily Usage 1956 Honey Lake
- 1963 Rosebud usage on state license 1969 Marion County pair showing "DUSK" error

When the more common stamps are not an essential part of the story, they have been excluded. The exception to this rule applies to usages. Even the more common stamps can have a high degree of difficulty of acquisition when showing their usage on original licenses and forms.