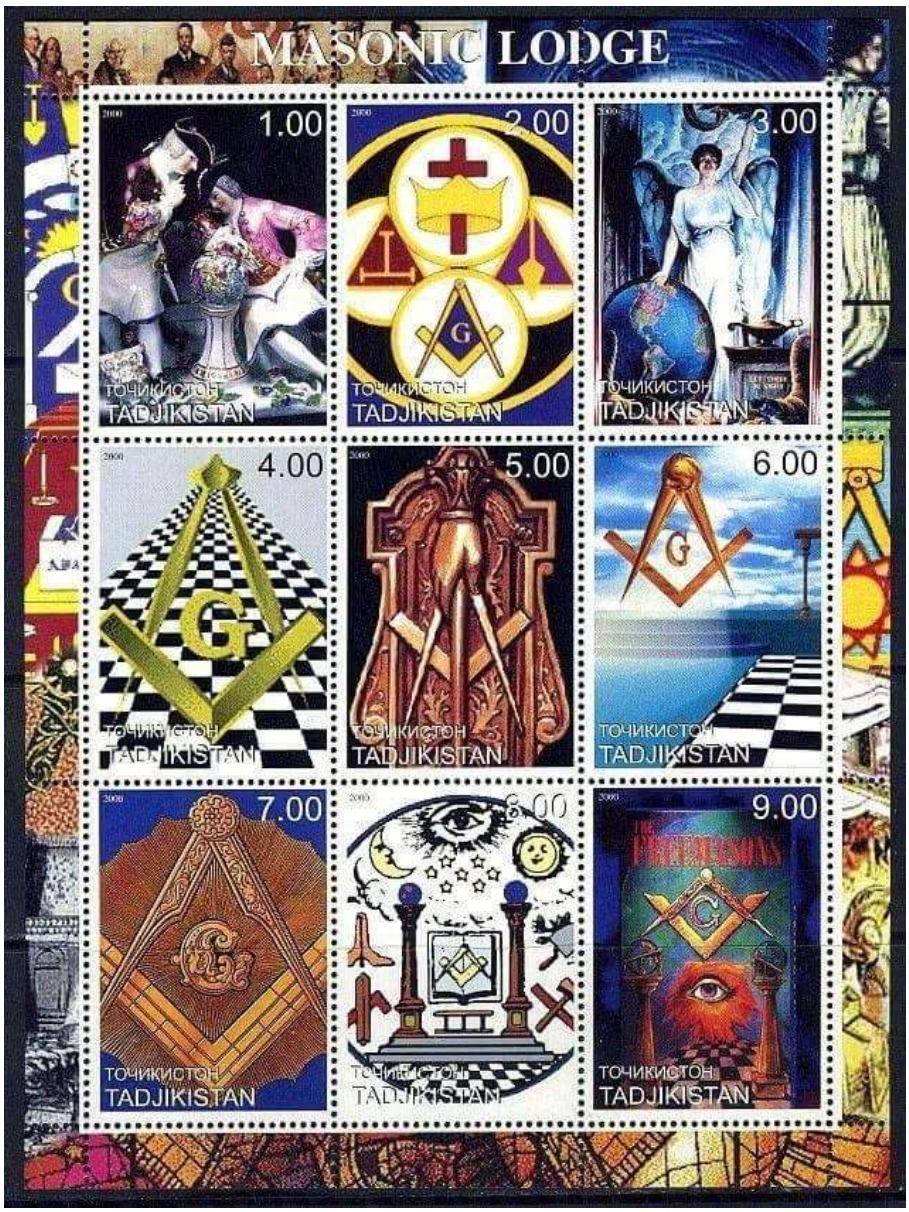
Freemasonry in Philately – 5
Turkiye, Middle East, Asia, Australasia, and Africa



Not: Bu derlemenin yapıldığı tarihte henuz İngilizce'de "Turkiye" kullanılmıyordu.

Turkiye

2005

International meeting of EME (Espace Masonic Europeenne) in İstanbul



2009

Freemasonry in Turkey: 100th year



Stamped and non-stamped postcards:






İstanbul
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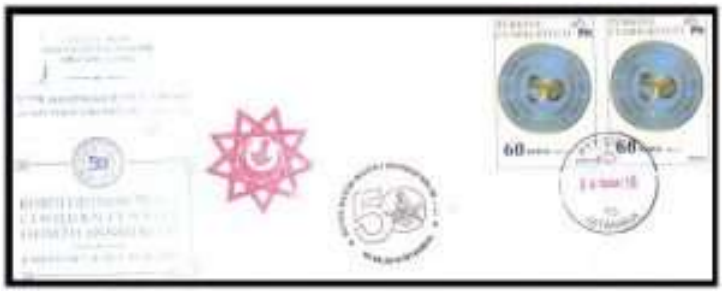
2011

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Supreme Council for Turkey: 150th year



2016

Liberal Grand Lodge of Turkey: 50th year



Lebanon

There are many stamps issued in this country with a picture or drawing of a cedar tree. However, the cedar tree is already the national emblem of this country. Therefore, such stamps could not be regarded as "masonic" even if they were shown in Masonic Philately.

Israel

1953

Establishment of the Grand Lodge of Israel…





1959

Masonic migration to Israel



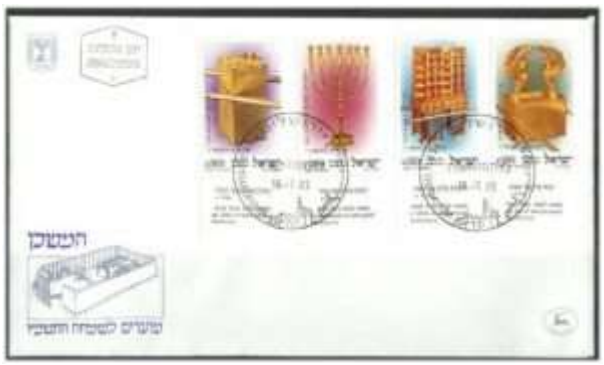
(The "migration" mentioned here is the settlement of some Jewish Freemasons in Israel, who had previously been living in foreign countries.)

1981

Famous Banker Moses Montefiore of 19th century.



Symbols in some masonic degrees…



1998

World Stamp Exhibition



(This stamp has been regarded as "masonic" due to incorporating a model of the Temple of Solomon.)

2004

Selection from masonic tools…



Worshipful Master…



Solomon's Temple



(Although it was written so, the building in the picture has no relation with Solomon's Temple. The stamp above, might be considered as appropriate in this respect, but a single illustration of that one couldn't be found.)

2006

The Crusaders in Israel…



(This historical subject matter has a relation neither with Freemasonry nor Israel.)

2017

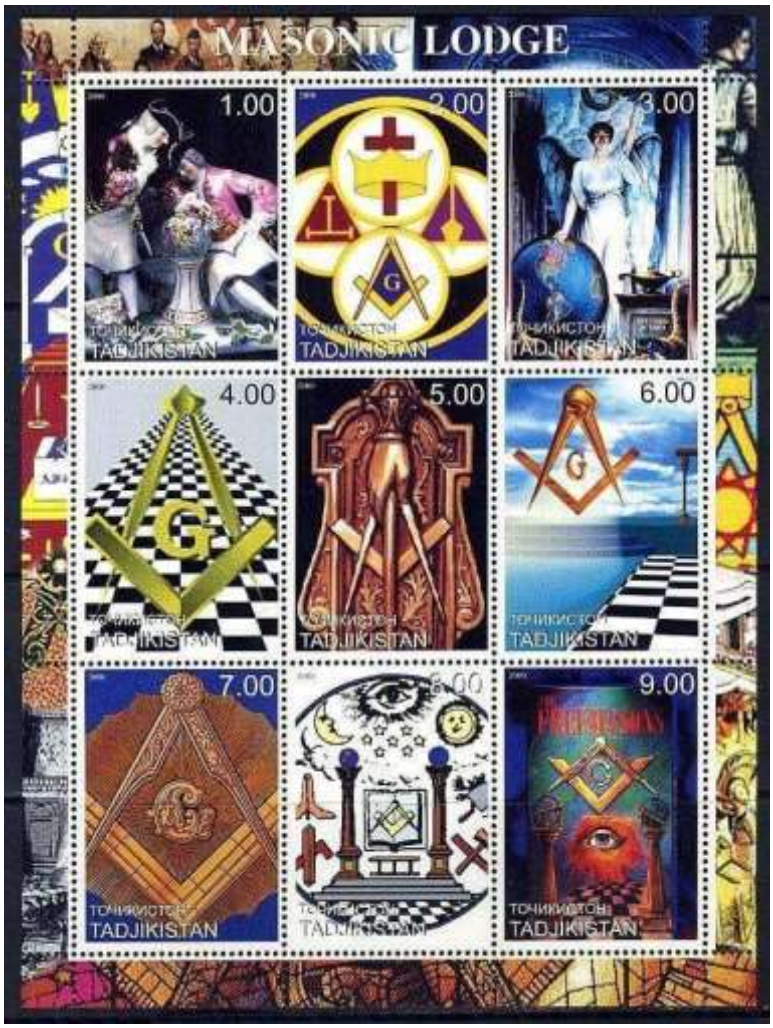
A series of masonic column heads and tools…



Tajikistan

2000

Block of nine stamps…



(It is rather surprising to come across with such a block in Tajikistan, but it is true... The presence of the York Rite emblem in the top center, suggests that it may have been organized by American Freemasons.)

2009

Single stamp…



India

1988

“Mangalore” Lodge: 25th year



1992

Bombay Grand Lodge building: 275th year of Freemasonry in India…



2011

Grand Lodge of India: 50th year…









Sri Lanka

1915

A letter with a masonic emblem on the rear lid…



2001

Masonic building in Colombo: 100th Year





Afghanistan

A series imitating masonic postage that may be anti-masonic…



(The reason for including this series under this title is that there is a region called Kafiristan in the north of Afghanistan. The word "kafir" in Arabic indicates a non-believer in God. The inscription "Masonic Kingdom" cannot be considered as related to any country.)

China

1908

Postcard: Hong Kong Lodge building…



1986

History of Freemasonry in China…



Republic of Maldives

1991

Mozart: 200th year death…



2018

Winston Churchill…



Eiffel, Pushkin, Fleming, Amundsen…



Japan

1956

"Kanto" Lodge established by the assistance of American freemasons: 10th year…



Republic of the Philippines

The richest country in Asia and the Far East regarding Masonic Philately …

A stamp and block in 19th century…





1899

Two postcards in the period of revolutionist junta…

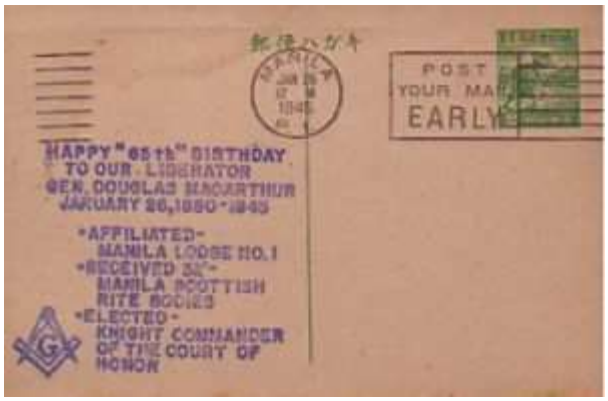




(There's a difference in detail between the two.)

1945

Postcard: General MacArthur, 65th year of birth…





(General Douglas MacArthur'un had an important role in the independence of the Philippines.)

(The stamping of the same postcard differ.)

1962

Jose Rizal, one of the national hero of the Philippines …



1974

Poet, writer, and politician Pedro Paterno …



1977

National hero Jose Rizal…



Manuel L. Quezon, first president after independence: 33rd year of death…



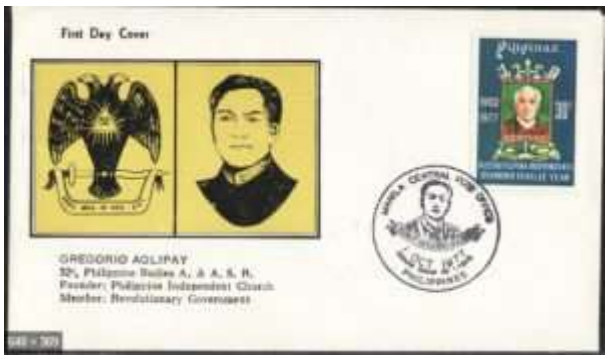
Second president Jose P. Laurel…



General MacArthur: 97th year of birth…



Gregorio Aglipay, first president of independent Church of Philippines …



Grand Lodge of Philippines: 60th year…



Rafael Palma, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Philippines



Reinstatement of Royal Order of Scotland in the Philippines…



(Royal Order of Scotland is one of the advanced degree applications in Britain.)

First solo transatlantic flight: 50th year…



1978

First president Manuel L. Quezon …



“Manila” Lodge: 75th year…



National hero Jose Rizal …



Fifth President Manuel A. Roxas: 30th year of death…



1980

General Douglas MacArthur: 100th year of birth





1982

Song composer Nicanor Abelardo…





1983

Celebrities in the stamps of Philippines: Camilo Osias, famous politician and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Philippines in1965…



1984

Famous politician (opposition leader) Juan M. Sumulong: 70th year of initiation in Freemasonry…



Famous General Artemio Ricarte in independence…



Famous statesman Quintin Paredes …



"Dagohoy" Lodge, Francisco Dagohoy, leader of rebel against the Spanish…



1987

Grand Lodge of Philippines, 75th year…











(There are obvious differences between the first day of issue covers.)

1990

Jose Rizal: 100th year of birth…



1991

Ambrozio Rianzares Bautista, who narrated the declaration of independence of the Republic of Philippines …



1992

"Nilad" Lodge: 100th year…



1999

Masonic Aid Association for Disabled Children, 75th year…



2012



Grand Lodge building and President Manuel R. Quezon…



2013

Medical doctor and writer Mariano Ponce …

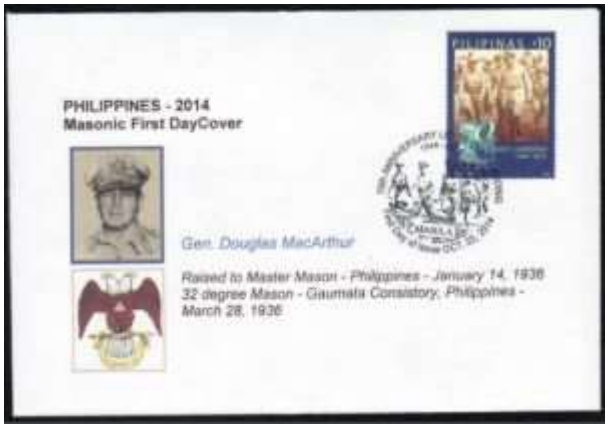


Revolutionist leader Andres Bonifacio: 150th year of birth…



2014

Douglas MacArthur…



(The point attracting interest here is the emblem of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.)

Apolinario Mabini, one of the revolutionist leaders: 150th year of birth…



2017

Grand Lodge of Philippines: 100th year



"Cosmos" Lodge: 100th year



(It seems that no stamp has been issued in the Republic of Philippines for the 300. year of Freemasonry.)

AUSTRALASIA



(While carrying out this study, it was thought that Masonic Philately in Australia would be similar to that in USA. The difference, being quite limited in particular is quite surprising.)

Australia

1978

50th year of national stamp week…



(If you ask "What is masonic in this first day of cover", it is the stamp application…)

The inauguration of the Masonic Centre in Sidney…



1979

Another first day of issue cover for the inauguration of the Masonic Centre in Sidney…



1988

Australia, 15th Jamboree…



1997

Investiture in the Grand Lodge of South Australia…



(This is written not on the envelope but on the stamp application.)

2000



2006

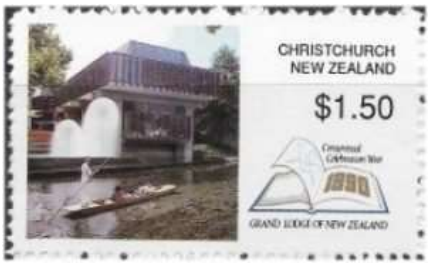
A block of 10 stamps…



New Zealand

1999

Building of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in Christchurch…



2003

Large scale social support activity of the freemasons in New Zealand…









(There are various other types of this first day of issue cover.)

2004

"Pacific Leister" Lodge: 150th year…



(This indicates that Freemasonry in New Zealand has a long historical past.)

2005

Dedication of the building named "North Shore Masonic Center"…



(As regard the picture, the building hasn't yet been completed.)

2008

The activity of social support campaign continues…



English Mark degree in Zealand, and the back side of the envelope…



(The drawing on the back side is a caricature concerning this degree.)

Papua New Guinea

Postcard: Building in North Yakima, in which masonic lodges work…



(This building belongs to the Grand Lodge of Papua New Guinea, but is some flats are leased to commercial companies.)

Polynesia

2000

Third Crusade and Richard, King of England…



(The theme in this stamp is not related to Freemasonry at all. King Richard wore a garment of Knights Templar, but this doesn't create a masonic connection as well. Nevertheless, it has been included in Masonic Philately... By an optimistic assumption, the reason may be the two pillars at either side of the block of two stamps. However, perhaps the reason is by a Christian approach is considering that the Crusaders in history are related to contemporary Freemasonry.)

AFRICA

Africa, like in many other respects, is a continent with less development in terms of Freemasonry... Nevertheless, there are many interesting examples of Masonic Philately. But when one examines the theme in most of them, but not all, one shouldn't be surprised and say "What's the connection?". That's how it works here. Unfortunately, the real owners of philately if Africa are not the natives, but the imperialists of the developed countries.

Botswana

1985

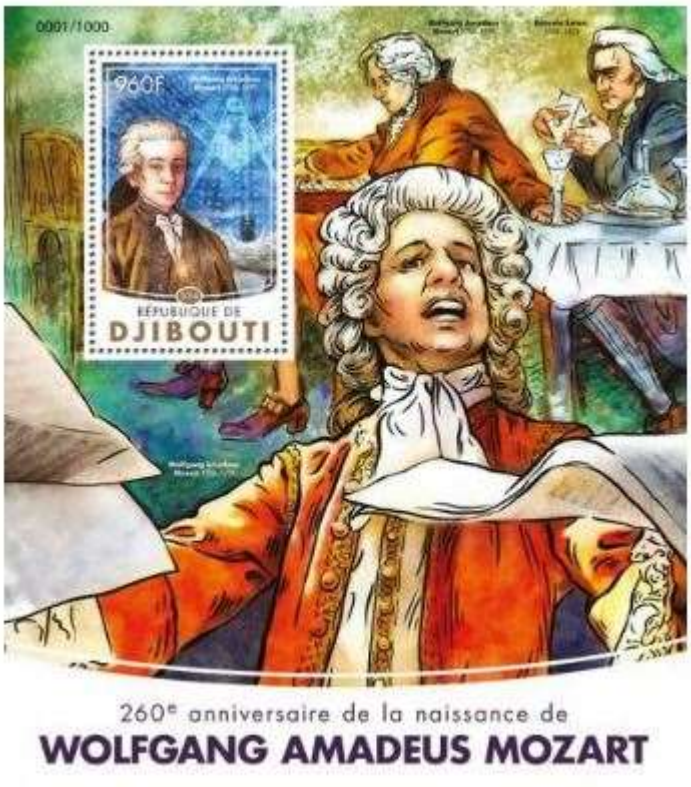
Sir Charles Warren, first master of Mafikeng Lodge: 100th Year…



Djibouti

2016

Birth of Mozart: 260th year:





Fujairah

1968

Building of the Solomon's Temple…



(A description that is somewhat different than the usual.)

Gabon

2009

10th International Congress of Regular Grand Lodges…





2 separate quadruple blocks concerning the same activity…





Gambia

1986

John Jacob Astor, German origin, who is one of the founders of Gambia in 19th century…



South Africa

1965

The inscription of the stamp is: Reform Church of the Netherlands…



(Accordingly, this stamp is not related to Freemasonry.)

Comoros Union

2008

Franklin Roosevelt, one of the past president of USA…



Famous selected freemasons: Alexander Pushkin, George Washington, Goethe, Conan Doyle, Mozart, and Liszt…



Congo

2003

Some famous persons, stated to be freemasons …





(Despite these blocks of stamps an-re included in Masonic Philately, "masonic connection" is rather dubious. However, since the blocks have been surrounded by various masonic symbols, the blocks turn out to be masonic in character.)

Madagascar

2017

15th conference of World Regular Grand Lodges…







(Regular Grand Lodge here refers to the almost recent "Regular Grand Lodge of England" that was established in 2005.)

Mauritius

2013

“Triple Esperance” Lodge: 235th year…



(This first day of issue cover indicates how old is Freemasonry in Mauritius, which is just a small island in the Indian Ocean.)

Egypt

1997

Heinrich von Stephan, founder of the German postage system…



(Connection with Egypt couldn’t be understood.)

Morocco

1951

Columns…



(It may be discussed whether these stamps are "masonic" or not. Nevertheless, they have been included in Masonic Philately.)

1988

Summary of the History of Freemasonry in Morocco…



Mozambique

20th Century (indefinite dates)

Postcard: Lourenço Marques Lodge Building



2002

Celebrated composers: Vivaldi, Liszt, Beethoven, Mozart



2018

American classical artists: Steve Wozniak, Nat King Cole, Walt Disney, Clark Gable



Franklin Roosevelt, one of the previous presidents of USA, and celebrated American sportsmen…



Nigeria

2019

Ronald Amundsen, Oscar Wilde, Mark Twain, Harry Truman…



Winston Churchill



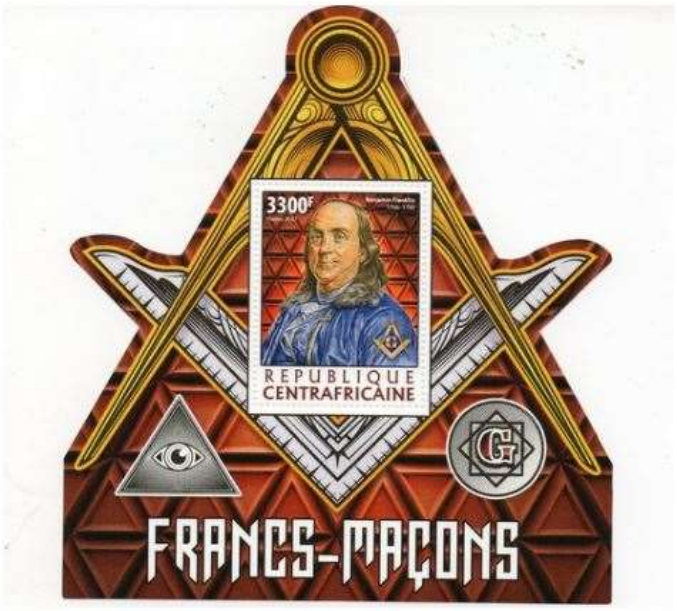
Central Africa

2017

Winston Churchill, Douglas MacArthur, John Glenn, George Washington…



Benjamin Franklin…



George Washington…



Winston Churchill…



John Glenn…



Douglas MacArthur…



Rhodesia

1980



Sao Tome & Principe

2009

An arrangement seen in sites of Philately: Louis Armstrong, Alexander Pushkin, Oscar Wilde, Mozart…

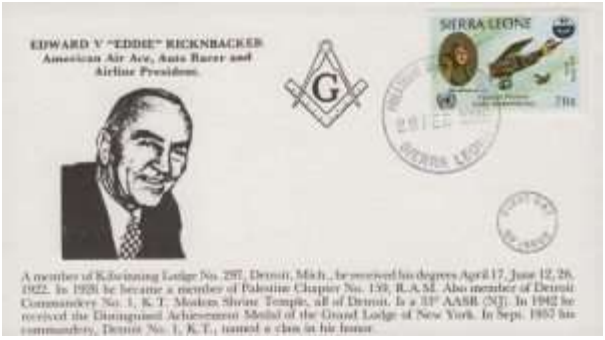


(In the decorative frame surrounding the stamps is Winston Churchill…)

Sierra Leone

1985

Edward V. Ricknbacker, famous president of American Airways…



2016

An arrangement in Masonic Philately: 260th year of birth of Mozart…



St. Helena

1980

Visit by Arthur, Duke of Wellington, 175th year…



Tanzania

1992

A series for remembrance of Mozart…



A different version of the same series…



Togo

1980

Rozkrua Örgütü (AMORC) Fransızca konuşan ülkeler meclisi toplantısı



(AMORC paramasonik nitelikli bir örgüt olsa da bu pulun Masonik Filatedli'de yer alışı doğal karşılanabilir.)

2019

Famous American Automobile Manufacturer Henry Ford, Victor Hugo, Mozart, Benjamin Franklin…





Winston Churchill



(It is interesting to observe that these celebrities have been collected in the same series.)

Transkei

1983

Doctor Edward Jenner who invented vaccination…



(Transkei, is a small republic southeast to South Africa.)