

ONCE UPON A TIME ...

Entities that at some point issued or overprinted postage stamps,
and that ceased to exist as such

ALEXANDRETTA



Period : 1938

Under French mandate

HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE STAMPS



Overprint

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Its origins date back to 333 BC. A seaport on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea (currently in southern Turkey), it was of great importance before the creation of the sea routes around Africa and before the construction of the Suez Canal, serving as a trade route between Europe and Iran, India, and East Asia.

Traditionally, it was the port for the Ottoman province of Aleppo (currently in Syria). The Treaty of Versailles (1919), signed after World War I, granted the League of Nations guardianship and a mandate over the former Ottoman provinces in the Fertile Crescent (the entire eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea: parts of what are now Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, and Egypt). Alexandretta was located within Syrian territory, on the border with Turkey, under French mandate. In 1938, its name was changed to Hatay, and in 1939, France, in exchange for certain concessions, returned the territory to Turkey.

The stamps are from those issued by Syria during 1930-36 and then overmarked (1938) in black or red with the legend "Sandjak d'Alexandrette", discontinued and replaced by those of Hatay in 1938.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION



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