ONCE UPON A TIME…

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

BRITISH HONDURAS



Period : **1866 – 1973**

British Colony

HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE STAMPS



Design (Various formats)
1907

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

During the era of the colonization of the Americas, the Spanish—though they held nominal sovereignty over this territory—never attempted to colonize it; however, they always viewed the British, who did establish settlements there, as intruders. British settlers began to push into the interior as coastal timber reserves became depleted.

The British settlement was recognized in several treaties, and Spain's final attempt to seize the settlement by force was defeated in 1798.

In 1862, the territory became a British Crown colony under the name "British Honduras." However, a provision in a treaty signed between Great Britain and Guatemala went unfulfilled, leading the latter to lay claim to the territory. The local indigenous population resisted this encroachment, and the 19th century was marked by conflicts between the two sides.

When the British granted the territory independence in 1981, Guatemala maintained its claim. The name reverted to "Belize"—a term with roots in the ancient Maya civilization, derived from the river of the same name that flows into the Caribbean Sea. The city of Belize—which served as the capital until 1970, when the capital was moved to Belmopan—originated along this river.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION





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