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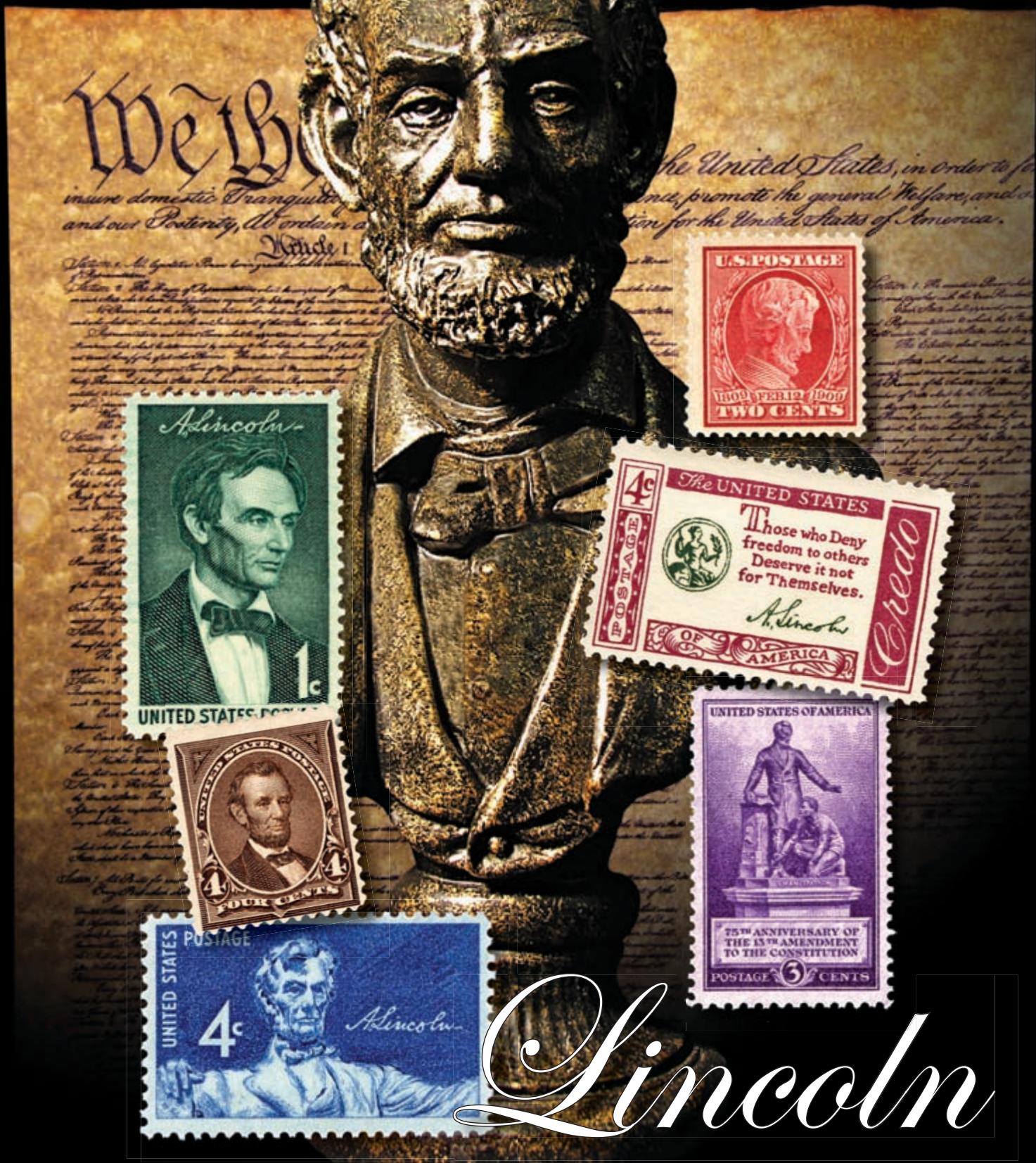


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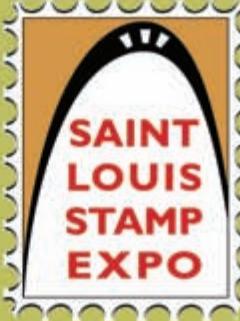


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# Celebrating the Hobby *and a President*

**L**et the party begin! The APS and the Texas Philatelic Society invite you to join them at **AMERISTAMP EXPO/TEXPEX** in Arlington, Texas, February 20–22. Show highlights include the Tiffany Dinner with featured speaker Rich Drews, international exhibitor and APS- and FIP-accredited judge; the Awards Banquet, a USPS First Day Ceremony celebrating Civil Rights Pioneers; and the APS Membership Meeting. The show is free and open to the public.

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Gini Horn, APRL Librarian, answers members' questions at the APS Booth.

Join in the celebration for the grandest hobby of them all. Be sure wear comfortable shoes and bring your want lists. For more information, see page 125 or visit the show online at [www.stamps.org/Ameristamp](http://www.stamps.org/Ameristamp). See you at the Arlington Convention Center!

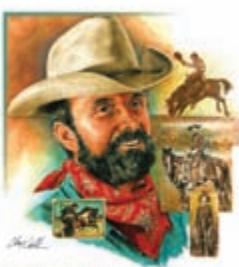
## Celebrating Lincoln

Just weeks after the inauguration of a new president, we pause to celebrate a past president. Many historians consider Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States, to have been our greatest president, because he led the country through one of the most devastating times in our nation's history — the Civil War.



This month we celebrate his legacy, philatelically speaking. Three collectors — Mercer Bristow, David Kent, and Eliot Landau — share their favorite Lincoln items. The United States Postal Service will issue a set of four stamps honoring Lincoln's bicentennial. The stamps picture him at various stages of his life, from rail splitter to lawyer to politician to president.

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# letters to the editor

## Another New Territory

I enjoyed Dr. Robert Crossman's article in the December *AP* ("Walter Arndt Elected Postmaster General of McDonald Territory," page 1114). There is a parallel story in Callaway County, Missouri, except that we were about a hundred years ahead of the McDonald Territory boys. Now, I am doing this from memory, so don't hold me too closely to facts. After all, when tales have been around for over a hundred years, then, by George, they're facts!

It seems that in 1862, I think, all of the able-bodied men were away in one army or the other. Callaway County, being in the "Little Dixie" area of Missouri, settled mostly from Kentucky and Virginia, was almost 100% in sympathy with the Southern cause. It was reported that a militia from Pike County was on its way to occupy Fulton (the county seat). An elderly gentleman, Col. Jefferson Jones, undertook to counter that invasion by gathering a rag-tag crew of old men and boys. They set up camp at the Callaway/Montgomery border, cut some logs to install in the brush, protruding to resemble cannons, and waited for the Yankees to arrive — which they did. There was parley and the Union troops agreed not to invade Callaway County. Therefore, it is contended, a treaty had been negotiated with the United States

and by that virtue, de facto recognition had been granted by the U.S. to the Kingdom of Callaway — as it has been known since! Colonel Jones dispersed his troops and they all went home without firing a shot. If you look at the local telephone book, businesses are named "Kingdom" this and "Kingdom" that all over the place, including the Kingdom Philatelic Association.

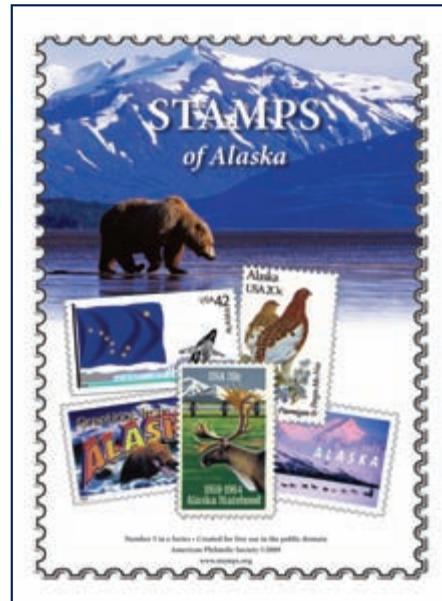
The irony of this story was that the Union troops violated the "treaty" within days and occupied (appropriately) the local mental institution as their headquarters. As a consequence, we never really had an opportunity to issue passports, set up a sovereign government, issue stamps, etc. Perfidy!

I am not aware of any special philatelic material from the period. I suspect that the Postmaster was a Union sympathizer and would not have supported any such efforts. Independence was so short-lived that developing a postal service was not possible. Anyway, the legend has lived on even if the "kingdom" did not. There have been a number of covers in recent years that perpetuate the story.

I am really kind of glad that Arkansas did not get McDonald County — and maybe Arkansas is, too.

Thanks for a fun article.

O.T. Harris  
Fulton, Missouri



## Perfect Pages

I write to commend the APS and the creator of the various album pages available on your website. My kids and I love the new, brightly colored, informative album pages. They are the perfect tool for introducing newcomers (young and old) to philately. Keep up the good work!

Donald Chenevert Jr.  
Peoria, Illinois

*Editor's Note:* Our new album pages are researched and created by Fred Baumann, APS Public Relations Manager. There currently are nine albums online covering topics from "Baseball," to "Alaska" to "Flags of Our Nation." Visit [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) and click on "Free Albums" to download or print any of the albums.

## Protecting the Mail

In his December Letter to the Editor ("Weight Requirements," page 1102), Bill Moore complained that his 2 lb package was returned because he used stamps and

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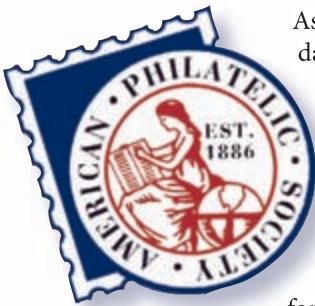
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**All nominations and seconding endorsements must be sent to Election Monitor, APS, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823 to be received by March 31.**

Personal photographs, candidate statements, and a ballot listing all qualified candidates will appear in the May issue of *The American Philatelist*.

An asterisk has been placed after the names of those candidates who have secured the seconding nominations required to be placed on the ballot. Ten seconds are required for the APS Board positions and one second is required for candidates for the APRL Board of Trustees position.

Rules and other election information is available from the APS website at [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) or by contacting the Society at 814-933-3803.

did not bring it to a post office. This is, of course, due to the 16 oz rule enacted as a result of the activities of Ted Kaczynski, the Unibomber whose bombs killed and injured a number of people.

Mr. Moore used the USPS website and this warning is clearly stated there. He could have printed out a label from the USPS website with or without paying postage with his credit card, because he would have to identify himself in doing so either way. That is all the USPS needs.

The world is a more dangerous place than perhaps it once was, and we have to deal with that.

**David Crotty**  
Covington, Kentucky

## Inadvertently Inverted

I collect EFOs, especially *inverts*. The photo of the Victorian Mail Box on page 1143 of the December AP ("Singapore's Postal Museum," by Dr. Arthur A. Delaney) was a classic!

**Dr. Thomas Sale**  
Hampton, Virginia

*Editor's Note:* A number of sharp-eyed readers caught this particular "invert." Why, we ask ourselves, must the biggest errors be in bright red?

## Upside Down?

Could it be that the image of the Singapore Philatelic Museum pillar box shown on page 1143 of the December 2008 issue of *The American Philatelist* is upside down? It seems to be "right" in the photo of the museum on page 1144. Either way, it makes for a nice page layout and display.

**Regi Ausmus**

La Verne, California

*Editor's Note:* That's it. It wasn't an error, it was "art"!

## Not for Adults

Dr. Arthur A. Delaney doesn't tell us in his "Singapore's Postal Museum" article in the December AP when he visited the museum, but I can tell you that I was there in June 2007. And when I was there, the room that was supposedly

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the museum's real philatelic section — showcasing early stamps and covers in thick glassed cases, dimmer lights, etc. — was filled with nothing but life-size color photographs of stamps and covers where the "real deal" should have been. The museum provides no explanation of whether it owns the pictured stamps and covers and, if so, where they happened to be. My reaction to that room — thus making me feel less than impressed by the overall museum — was somewhere between "what a joke!" and "what a fraud!"

The rest of it is more or less the way Dr. Delaney describes it, although it is much more obviously designed for busloads of 10-year-old schoolchildren than he lets on. Yet another example of a museum with the disease of being designed for kids and not really for adults.

**Dr. Dane S. Claussen**  
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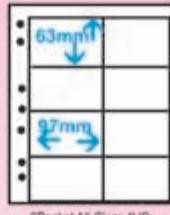
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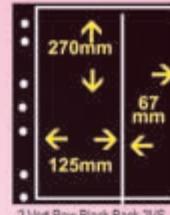


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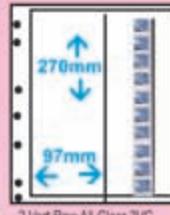
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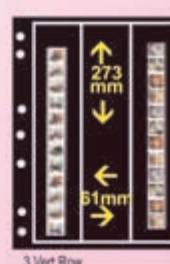
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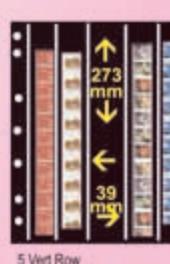
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Shermack Type III private perforations (on Scott 343) with the control perforation. I was reading Wayne Youngblood's column in the October issue of the *AP* ("Wayne's Chamber of Philatelic Horrors") and there on page 917 in the lower right-hand corner were two examples of U.S. stamps with the control perfs.

My cover is in two colors, red and black, on an orange paper, with receiving marks indicating that it was received in Shutesbury, Massachusetts, on April 11, 1910. I paid \$1.75 for it — heaven knows when. My 1999 *Scott Catalogue* lists it as \$450 on cover. I hope to send it off for a certificate, thanks to Mr. Youngblood!

Roger S. Hinze  
Goleta, California

## \$1 Airlift Stamp

I would like to commend Ken Lawrence for his fascinating and informative article about the 1968 \$1 Airlift stamp ("The \$1 Airlift Stamp of 1968 in Historical Perspective," page 1120, December 2008). In his article Mr. Lawrence seems to imply that Dr. King and Robert Ken-

nedy are the only prominent opponents of the Vietnam War to be honored on U.S. stamps. Unlike Dr. King and RFK, Malcolm X (Scott 3273) opposed the war from its outset and didn't delay disclosing his opposition to the war over concerns about the impact on his political effectiveness. To his credit, Dr. King did weather significant criticism from other civil rights leaders such as Roy Wilkins (Scott 3501). I found three other African Americans commemorated on U.S. stamps who were vocal opponents of the war: Langston Hughes (Scott 3557), Paul Robeson (Scott 3834), and James Baldwin (Scott 3871).

Mr. Lawrence is certainly correct that no other political leaders who opposed U.S. involvement in Vietnam have been commemorated. However, a little searching among other stamp subjects reveals several prominent Americans who voiced opposition to the war: Alexander Calder Scott (Scott 3198–3202), Dr. Albert Sabin (Scott 3435), Cesar Chavez (Scott 3781), Henry Fonda (Scott 3911), and John Hersey (Scott 4252). I think we

can all be proud to live in a country that commemorates its voices of opposition in stamps.

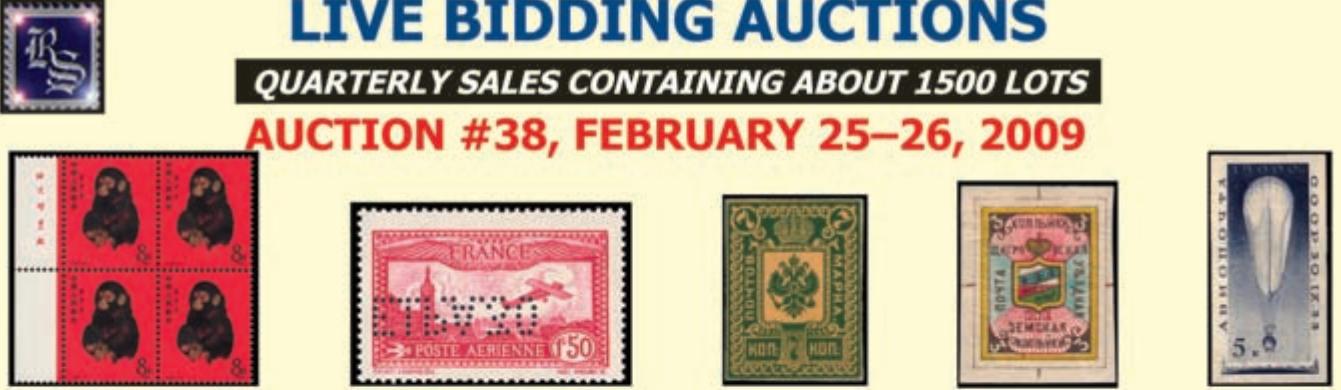
Joseph E. Skidmore  
Mountlake Terrace, Washington

## Forever Stamp Tagging

After I first read about the tagging variety for the "Mottled & Solid" tagging on the Forever Stamp, I started checking all my stamps. In that endeavor I discovered the mottled variety appeared only on the Sennet-produced stamps. As I am sure all collectors know, the plate number for these starts with an "S."

On all my mint booklets, the mottled tagging was always on the 12 stamp side. The 8 stamp side ranged from light to normal solid tagging, including the label. On my vending booklets, they were all solid tagged. Of course, the plate number started with a "V."

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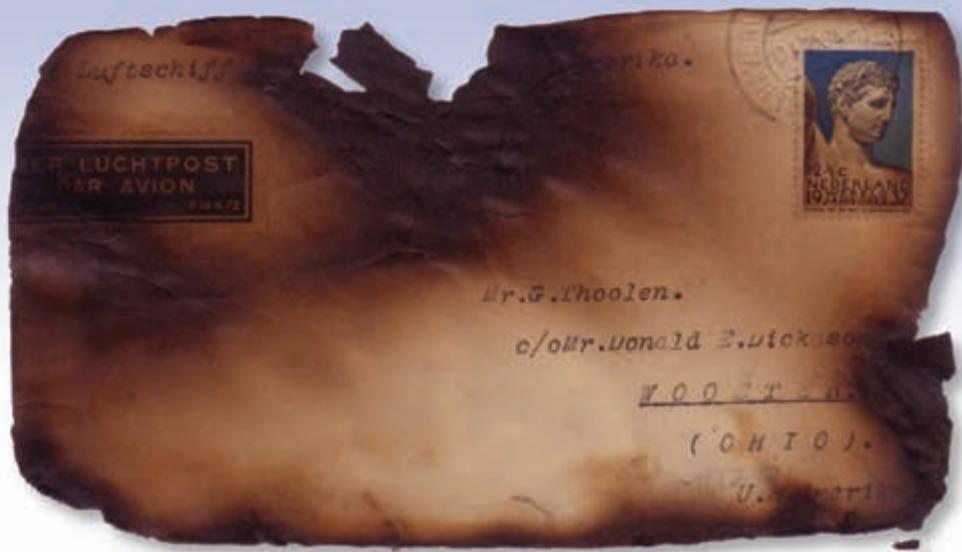
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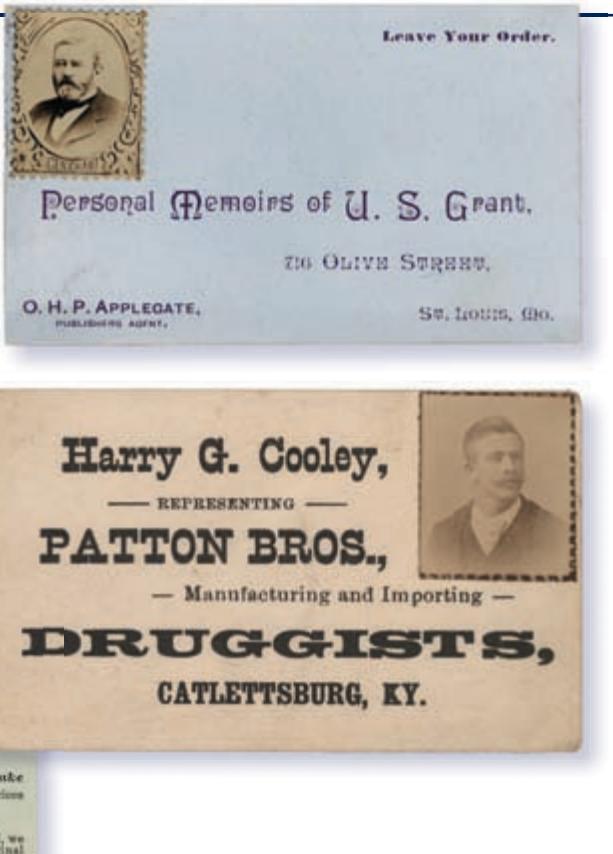
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**STAMPS**  


# Photostamps

I particularly enjoyed Wayne Youngbloods piece on nineteenth-century photostamps in the December *AP* ("True Photostamps Date Back Beyond 2004," page 1148), as I have casually collected those items for years. I though perhaps readers might like to see scans of a few additional examples.

Dick Sheaff  
Scottsdale, Arizona



I have found this to be true on both the 2007 and 2008 issues.

The mottled variety can be identified on singles, since the word "FOREVER" is not as bold. It is slightly smaller when you have the stamps side by side for comparison.

The next question to be answered is why this happened. The USPS quit using the uncoated phosphored paper in the early 1990s. Maybe it is the contracted paper companies who are cutting costs?

**William M. Moore**  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

## Railroad Answers

I recently completed reading the article by Scott Troutman in the November *AP* ("A Postal Card with 1898 Documentary Revenues," page 1034), and I have some additional information that may be of interest to readers. Railroads are another hobby of mine; the following information is taken from Thomas T. Taber II's book on the *Railroads of Pennsylvania*.

1. The Bell's Gap Railroad (BG) was built in 1873–1882 with a 36-inch gauge from Bellwood, PA, through

Coalport, PA, to Irionia, PA. This was converted to standard gauge in 1883.

2. The Clearfield & Jefferson Railroad (C&J) was built from Irionia, PA, to Horatio, PA, in 1886–1888 as standard gauge.
3. The BG and C&J were merged in December 1889 to form the Pennsylvania & Northwestern Railroad (P&NW RR). This railroad, in turn, became a Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) subsidiary in 1902.
4. The postcard weight units were probably in thousand pound units. Note that a total was entered at the bottom of 437.4 units. The typical hopper/gondola car at this time had a capacity of about 60,000–70,000 pounds (60–70 "thousand pound" units), depending on the size and type of car.
5. This weight report was probably done by the P&NW and sent to the shipper in Coalport, PA, to show the total shipments, and may have been used in determining the freight weights to be paid. Also, this information would have to be

provided by the P&NW to the PRR for freight rate division purposes.

6. The railroad abbreviations appear to be "Reporting Marks" used to identify car owners. Those shown are:

PRR	Pennsylvania RR
BG	Bell's Gap RR
NC	Northern Central RR
P Co.	Pennsylvania Company (PRR subsidiary)

Cars from predecessor railroads (like the BG and C&J) often were not relettered to the initials of the new owner after a merger or consolidation. This is still a common practice today. (For example, the Union Pacific still used MP, SP, WP, and other reporting marks.)

**John A. Grant**  
Nixa, Missouri

## Dunes Cards

In your October 2008 issue, in the U.S. New Issues section, the Great Lakes Dunes issue was discussed. I was at the ceremony at the Sleeping Bear Dunes on October 2, 2008. It was cold and rainy but saved by a big tent covering all of us. I purchased the new stamp pane

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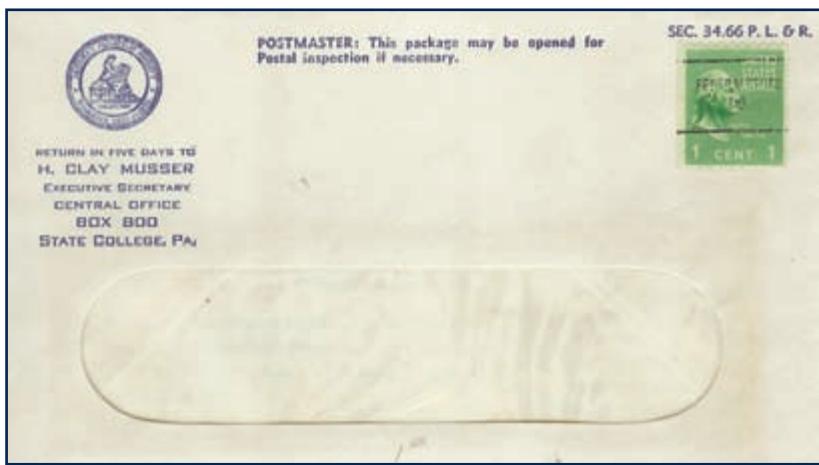


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## Dollar-Box Find

Recently at a stamp show in Florida I found this in the \$1 box at a dealer's booth and thought it might be of interest to your readers.

It is a small 3.5 x 6-inch window envelope and is mailed using a 848 perf., 10 horz. precanceled, Frederick, Md. No post mark was used or is evident.

Mitchell E. Sapp  
Gainesville, Florida

and the postal cards. Your listing of the postal cards is incorrect in some ways. The *USA Philatelic Catalog* lists these as Oversize Premium Stamped Cards (they are larger than a typical "Disney"-sized card). They have 42¢ imprinted postage on the writing side, not 27¢ as listed in the article. They did not come in a booklet. They came as two cards together (5 of these) with a cardboard backing measuring 7x10 inches. The cost was \$8.95, not \$13.95.

Edward G. Pulse Jr.  
Caro, Michigan

*Editor's Note:* We try to keep our U.S. New Issues information as accurate and current as possible, but because our magazine goes to press weeks in advance of its actual appearance in members' mailboxes, it is impossible to keep up with changes made by the USPS. The Great Lakes Dunes issue is a case in point. At the time the column was prepared, the

*USPS Postal Bulletin* was listing the stamp pane and a 27-cent stamped postal card booklet of ten. What the USPS Postal Store is now offering for sale, however, is the Oversized Stamped Cards in a "10-pack" as reported by Mr. Pulse. We are grateful for readers' corrections.

### No Microprinting

For many months I have been collecting mint U.S. stamps incorporating microprinting. Microprinted stamps have been in existence since 1992, and for me the acquisition and study of these stamps has been a source of pleasure with a hint of technicality. It makes for a "fun collection."

The only source of information I consult as to what forthcoming stamps will incorporate microprinting has been the U.S. New Issues section of *The American Philatelist*. However, lately, this column has described stamps as

having microprint where the microprint does not exist. For example, in the September 2008 issue the five Vintage Black Cinema stamps are all described as "Microprinting USPS"; however, nowhere on any of these stamps does the microprinting appear. At least I can't find it.

I normally buy modern U.S. stamps for the microprint feature and, as I stated above, use your New Issues column as my only guide. I would appreciate whatever action the APS could undertake to insure that the existence of microprint information in the New Issues section is accurate.

George W. Bowman  
Lompoc, California

*Editor's Note:* All of our technical information on new releases comes directly from the USPS. We have no way of checking their accuracy in advance, and, unfortunately, changes occasionally are made between the time the initial information reaches us (and we go to press) and the stamps themselves are printed. Our only other option would be to wait until the stamps have been on sale for a month and then report on them, thus ensuring we have the latest information "updates" from the Postal Service. Reader preference to date has been for the early reporting, even at the risk of an occasional bit of technical misinformation. Readers, your thoughts?

### Ordering Info Update

The book *America on the Map*, reviewed in the last issue of *The American Philatelist*, is available from the Carto-Philatelic Society for \$25 postpaid to U.S. addresses, \$30 postpaid to other locations. Ordering information is available on the Society's website, [www.mapsonstamps.com](http://www.mapsonstamps.com), or by sending an e-mail to me at [dewolf2@swbell.net](mailto:dewolf2@swbell.net).

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# Mailing Farm Produce: Eggs

The tiny scratches and dents on the egg crate displayed in the Headsville Post Office<sup>1</sup> are testimony to its many trips through the mail between a farm along Rural Route #2 outside Weedville, in southern Elk County, Pennsylvania and Mrs. Carl Jones, on Excelsior Street in Pittsburgh. Six dozen seems to be a quite a few eggs for a single family to purchase at one time; perhaps Mrs. Jones operated a boarding house in her neighborhood south of the Monongahela River.

The notion of consumers having direct contact with the farmers who produce their food may seem quaint and old-fashioned in this age of a global air-freight network delivering a year-round abundance of perishable farm products to our grocery stores. Yet, environmental concerns along with high energy costs have challenged the viability of our food transportation network in the minds of some consumers.

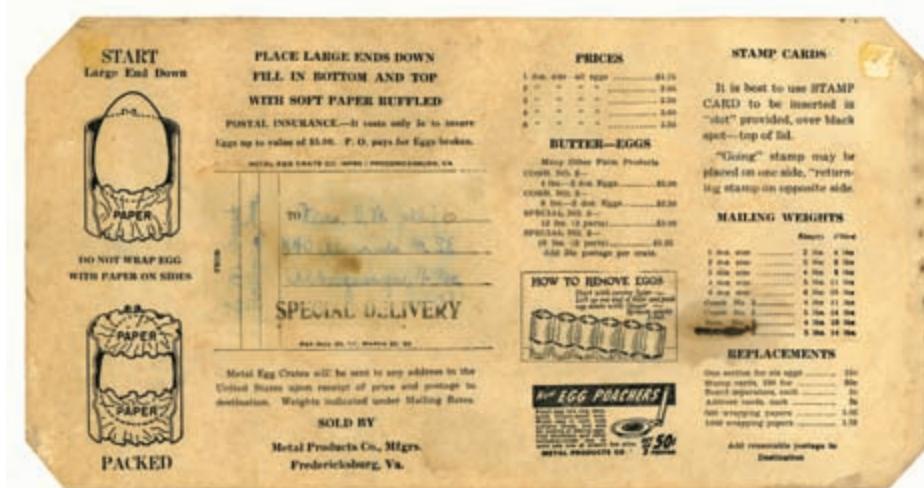
Localvores, a small but growing movement of chefs, restaurants, and individual consumers, who restrict their consumption to locally produced foods, are seeking closer relationships with local farmers and food suppliers, particularly for perishable foods such as meats, dairy, and fresh produce. Antecedents for this contemporary trend date back almost a century to when farm state Congressmen and Senators overcame the powerful, en-

trenched express company interests to enact Parcel Post legislation. Combined with the already established Rural Free Delivery (RFD) service, Parcel Post not only brought urban manufactured products to rural America, but also opened urban markets for individual farmers to ship their products directly to consumers.<sup>2</sup>

In cities and towns across America, during the first minutes of the New Year, on January 1, 1913 eggs were often the first Parcel Post packages dispatched.<sup>3</sup> Eggs became the most frequently mailed farm produce,<sup>4</sup> and egg mailing crates are among the most popular collectible items from the era of mailing farm produce that began in 1913. The Metal Egg Crate Company in Fredericksburg, Virginia manufactured this thin-gauge metal box, weighing 5 pounds, 1.5 ounces, for mailing six dozen eggs, each in its own protected cell. Allowing for packing paper around each egg, the tare weight was less than 6 pounds. One dozen large eggs weigh 24 ounces; the six dozen eggs required to fill the crate have a net weight of 9 pounds. The total shipping weight for the filled crate was 15 pounds and the return shipping weight for the empty crate was 6 pounds.



This metal box designed for mailing six dozen eggs, with three layers of cardboard cells to hold the individual eggs, is displayed in the Headsville Post Office.



The egg crates had a window in the lid; brackets on the inside held the reversible card so that the appropriate address appeared through the window. (Courtesy Smithsonian National Postal Museum.)

Examination of other egg crates in the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's collection suggests that the Headsville crate is typical of the reusable crates sold to farmers in the first half of the twentieth century. Several of these egg crates are displayed on the Arago website ([www.arago.si.edu](http://www.arago.si.edu)).<sup>5</sup> An address card printed by the Metal Egg Crate Company in the 1920s provides packing instructions along with pricing information for their products. Complete Egg Crates ranged in price from \$1.75 for the smallest, holding only one dozen eggs, up to \$3.50 for the six-dozen egg model shown here. Replacement cells for holding six eggs cost 15¢, the address cards were 3¢ each, and 1,000 pieces of egg wrapper paper (two per egg were recommended) cost \$1.50.

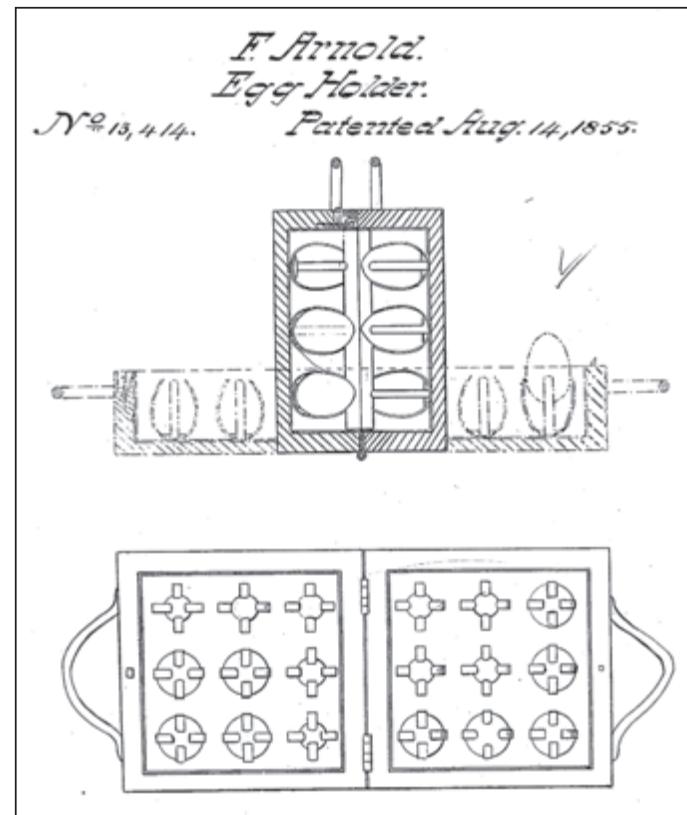
More than 28 billion eggs were produced in the United States in 1913, and American farmers received an average of 19.4¢ per dozen eggs<sup>6</sup> or approximately \$1.16 for a crate of six dozen eggs. How much would the farmer in Weedville retain after paying the postage on six dozen eggs mailed approximately 130 miles to Pittsburgh? When Parcel Post was introduced on January 1, 1913, the rates were too high and the weight limits too low to be profitable for many farmers. For packages in the First Zone (up to 50 miles) the rate was 5¢ for the first pound and 3¢ each additional pound and in the Second Zone (50–150 miles) it was 6¢ for the first pound and 4¢ each additional pound. This would have been too costly (47¢ in Zone 1, or 62¢ in Zone 2) had the shipment of six dozen eggs not been prohibited by the 11 pound weight limit. On August 15, 1913, the rates for the first two zones were reduced to 5¢ for the first pound and 1¢ each additional pound and the weight limit was raised to 20 pounds within the first two zones. Postal insurance, introduced with Parcel Post, initially cost 10¢ for \$50 indemnity. However, on September 1, 1913 it was lowered to 3¢ for up to \$5 in coverage, more than the value of six dozen eggs. Other postal services available to farmers included C.O.D. with a 10¢ fee for collecting up to \$100; Certificates of Mailing were introduced in 1915 for a 1¢ fee; and Return Receipts on insured parcels were free until 1925 when a 3¢ fee was introduced.<sup>7</sup> In the fall of 1913, a crate with six dozen eggs could be mailed to any market within 150 miles for 19¢ and



A diagram on the address card showed the correct way to cushion each egg with paper. (Courtesy Smithsonian National Postal Museum.)

returned empty to the farmer for 10¢. Including 3¢ for Post Office insurance against breakage, the farmer's postal cost to market six dozen eggs, using one of the Metal Egg Crate boxes, was 32¢. After paying the postage, the farmer retained approximately 84¢ to cover the cost of his chickens, their feed, the crate, packing materials, and his profit.

However, the urban market for eggs,



Francis Arnold's 1855 box for shipping eggs held with metal clamps.

as well as other farm produce, existed long before Parcel Post. The earliest design that I have seen for an egg shipping container is the 1855 Patent awarded to Francis Arnold of Haddam, Connecticut for a box fitted with "elastic" clamps "formed of two metallic stripes bent in elliptical form" placed "at suitable distances apart."<sup>8</sup> Following the Civil War, numerous Patents were awarded for a



The use of Scott 182 dates this third class cover mailed from Chicago to Genoa, Ohio to no earlier than 1879.



Another style of egg crate, with a sliding lid, on a cover mailed from Whitney's Point to Binghamton, New York in 1911.

wide variety of ingenious contraptions intended to protect eggs during shipping: india-rubber discs, cloth pockets, crossed strings, springs, and even a large metal jar filled with eggs and water.<sup>9</sup>

Simple designs are often the best. A rectangular box divided into "compartments of a such a size as to hold one egg each (the box may be of any depth) by placing a separating diaphragm horizontally between each tier," patented by John L. and George W. Stevens of San Francisco in 1867, is shown on the corner card of Chicago manufacturer Billings, Coburn & Company. Although constructed in various styles using different materials, most manufacturers, including the Metal Egg Crate Company, adopted this

simple idea of individual compartments for each egg. The egg cartons found in grocery stores today continue this concept. Besides illustrating different styles of egg crates, an examination of egg-related, pre-Parcel Post advertising mail reveals how Parcel Post changed the egg trade.

Urban commission merchants, like W. P. Wilder & Co. of New York, regularly mailed *Prices Current* to potential suppliers. Published on Saturdays, these circulars described market conditions and quoted the prices paid for various grades of butter, cheese, eggs, live poultry, dressed poultry, game, meats and stock, fruits and nuts, dried fruits, beans and peas, potatoes, and vegetables in

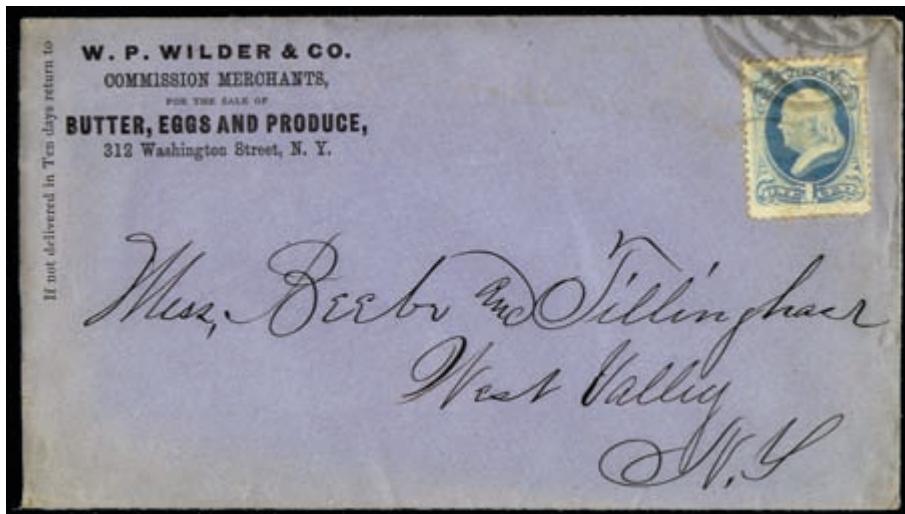
the New York market during the previous week. The February 14, 1880 issue noted, in the section devoted to eggs, "Weather is a trifle more favorable this morning, which rather tends to impart a little more confidence to holders of strictly choice marks of fresh eggs." The highest prices quoted for fresh eggs were for those shipped the shortest distances to New York, from nearby Long Island and New Jersey. *Prices Current* were not mailed to individual farmers and growers, who only collected their mail on trips to town, but rather to merchants, probably general stores owners, in rural areas who acted as agents and collection points for farm produced shipped into the cities.

The four-page brochure promoting the Steven's Patent Egg Case, enclosed in the Billings, Coburn & Company cover, also was addressed to store owners, not farmers:

Country Merchants who ship eggs to the city, can save money by using Egg Cases instead of packing in old boxes and barrels. Any one can pack eggs in Cases, and the youngest boy in the store can do it just as well as your best man. Consequently, instead of waiting to accumulate enough eggs to fill a barrel, and then waiting until you can spare time to pack them (perhaps a week, the eggs in the meantime standing in a warm room), you can drop them into a Case as they are counted out of the farmer's basket, and when the case is full can start it for the city.

While it would be a large farm that could regularly collect the 30 dozen eggs needed to fill a standard shipping crate, a busy general store trading with a number of farmers could easily gather that many eggs while the first ones were still fresh enough to ship to market. Crates of eggs, along with most farm produce, were prohibited from the U.S. Mail by the Act of March 3, 1879 that established Fourth-Class mail with a maximum weight of 4 pounds (except in the case of a single book weighing more) and charged 1¢ per ounce. Consequently, only rural merchants, who were those served by adequate railroad connections, could ship eggs into the cities.

Unlike twentieth century Parcel Post, which offered uniform national



This cover mailed to a firm in West Valley, Cattaraugus County shows that New York commission merchants solicited butter, eggs, and produce at least as far away as western New York state. The 1¢ blue Franklin (Scott 182) paying the printed matter rate is tied with a mute New York oval.



rates based upon weight and distance, the railroads and express companies had a confusing jumble of rates for shipping different products. Rates changed frequently and varied widely in different parts of the country. The five major express companies formed a cartel in 1868 that limited competition and kept their rates high until the advent of competition from Parcel Post. In recognition of this, Billings, Coburn & Company offered two grades of Egg Cases. The No. 1 Case built of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch lumber with 1-inch ends and fitted with "heavy strawboard insides" was for those who could afford to have their empty cases shipped back to be reused. While the No. 2 Case built of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch lumber with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch ends and fitted with "light strawboard insides" was intended for one-time use, but perhaps the insides could be folded compactly and returned as second or third class freight for reuse. The section of their circular dealing with freight charges further emphasized the complexity of late nineteenth-century shipping rates:

We endeavor to save our cus-

tomers as much as possible on freights. Egg Cases complete, or empty Boxes, are charged for at first-class rates of freight, consequently we seldom ever put the insides into each case separately, but we pack ten sets of No.1 or fifteen sets of No. 2 "Insides" in a Case and ship them as boxes of strawboard at second, third, and sometimes fourth-class rates of freight, shipping the cases as empty boxes. Knocked down boxes are taken by all roads at lumber or fourth-class rates of freight.

By the time Parcel Post was introduced in 1913, RFD had been growing rapidly for more than a decade and many farmers already had daily mail service. Collection service at their farms, combined with low, uniform rates, freed farmers from dependence on railroads, express companies, or country merchants and enabled them to send their produce directly to urban consumers. In September 1913, not long after Postmaster General Albert Burleson raised the weight

limit in Zones 1 and 2, the Department of Agriculture appointed Lewis B. Flohr to investigate the feasibility of mailing farm products. He traveled in the Railway Mail cars, "practically as a member of the mail-car crew, for the purpose of getting first-hand knowledge of the conditions under which parcel-post matter is handled, with especial reference to perishables."<sup>10</sup> Particular attention was given to marketing eggs. During that fall and winter, he mailed 466 experimental shipments, totaling 9,131 eggs, from all parts of the country in a wide variety of patented and unpatented egg containers. Of the 327 eggs broken (less than 3.6%) in the mailing tests, only 209 were too badly broken to be usable. While only the metal crates that have survived as collectibles, Flohr also tested various sizes and styles of corrugated pasteboard eggs shipping boxes. The prices farmers paid for these cardboard boxes ranged from 8¢ for a container and wrapping paper sufficient for two dozen eggs up to 22¢ for a ten-dozen size box. His studies showed that cardboard containers

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could be reused from two to four times for shipping eggs before wearing out and that the cost of having empties returned was less than the cost of a new box. All of Flohr's findings were published in the summer of 1914 in *Shipping Eggs by Parcel Post*.<sup>11</sup> In addition to the mechanics of shipping, Flohr's report also advised farmers on how to locate customers, keep records, set prices, and write contracts with customers as well providing advice about selecting and grading eggs to maintain quality and not lose customers: "Eggs irregular in shape, those which are unusually long or thin-shelled, or which have shells otherwise defective, should be kept by the producer for home use."<sup>12</sup>

While the egg may have come first, there were many other types of farm produce in the mail, some of which will be discussed in another column later this year. Readers are invited to share interesting egg covers, or other evidence of farm produce in the mail. Please send scans to me at dls@wustl.edu.

Special thanks to Barb Boal for weighing and photographing the egg

crate; James O'Donnell and Lynn Heidelbaugh at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum for images and access to the collections; G. Scott Ward; and my wife and APS member Carol Giles-Straight, PTDL librarian at the St. Louis Public Library, for patent searching assistance.

#### Endnotes

1. This country store and post office served the residents of Headsville, West Virginia from 1860 to 1914. Purchased by the Smithsonian in 1971, it was installed in the Museum of American History. When the Smithsonian retired the exhibit as part of refurbishing the museum, the APS offered to continue exhibiting this important piece of American history. Today, the Headsville Post Office, displayed in our Bellefonte, Pennsylvania headquarters, reminds us of the important role general store post offices played in our nation's growth. It also provides a contract postal facility for the APS. Members and local residents have donated spice tins, shoes, patent medicines, buttons, and other items, including the egg mailing crate, found in a 1910-era general store.
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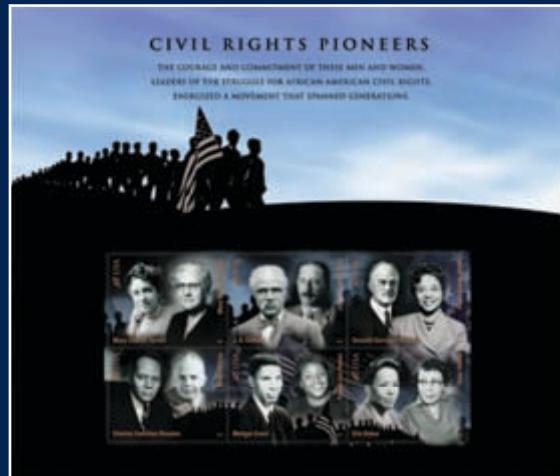
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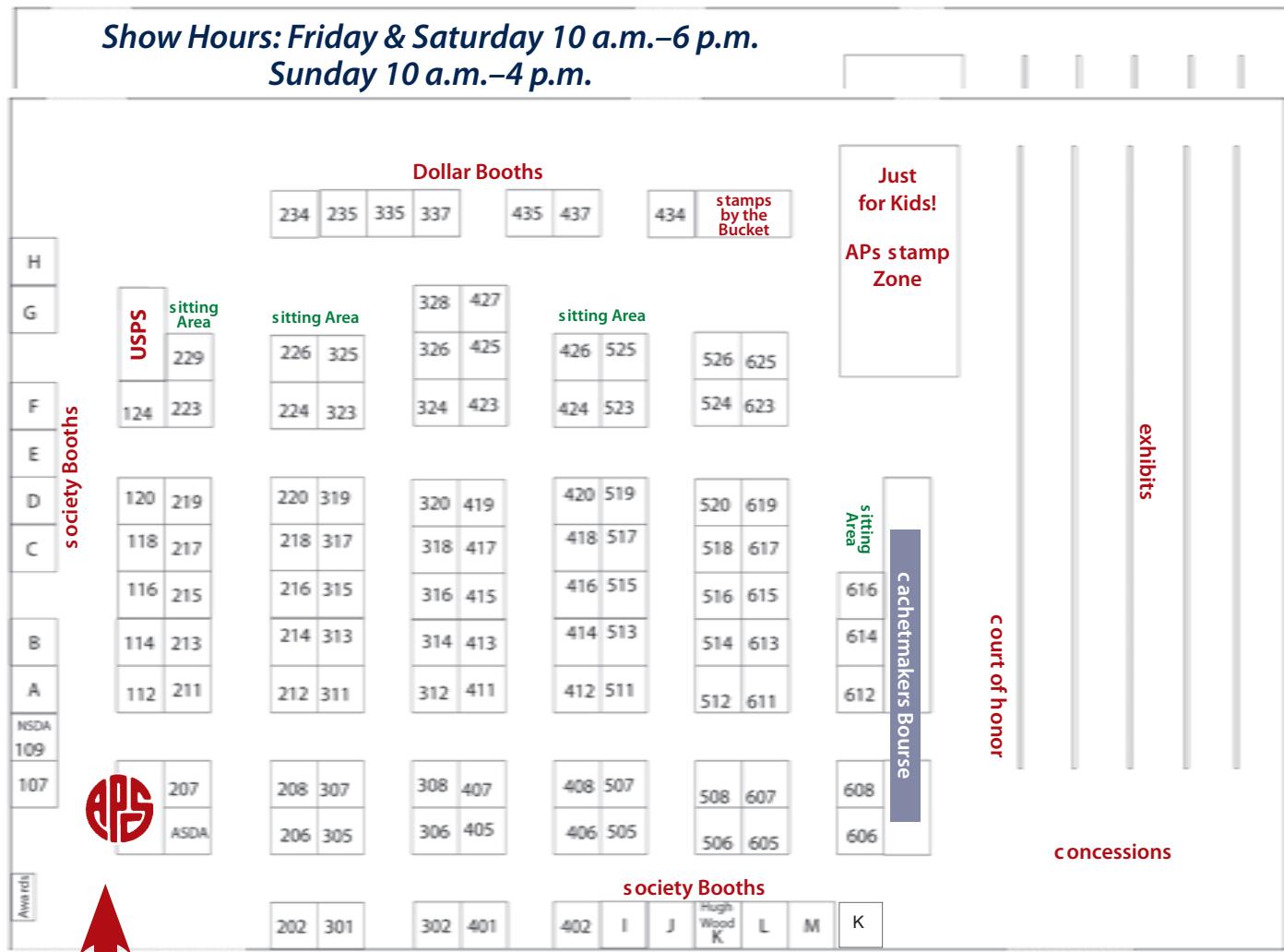
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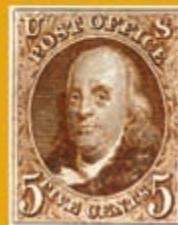
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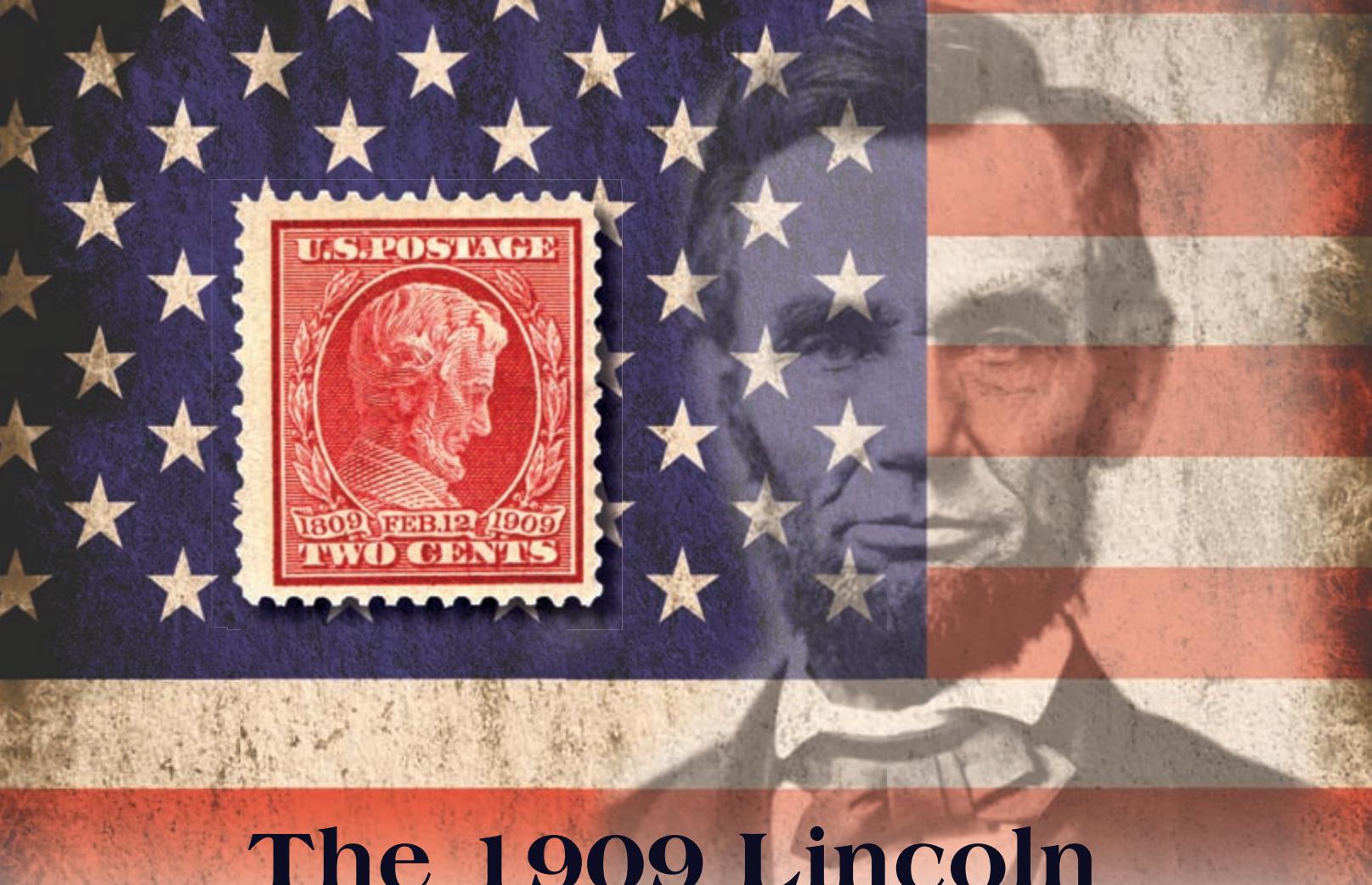
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# The 1909 Lincoln Centenary Memorial Stamp

by Mercer Bristow, Director APS Expertizing Services

Abraham Lincoln, without question, is one of our most revered presidents. Interest in his life and political career has never waned. Go to any large chain bookstore and you can see upwards of four new biographies. No doubt this year's bicentennial of Lincoln's birth may have encouraged the publication of some of these new bookshelf items, but regardless of national celebrations, there remains the vast admiration the American people have for this man.

The U.S. Postal Service will release four new commemorative stamps on February 9, 2009, in ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois, in part to recognize Lincoln's brief tenure as Postmaster of New Salem, Illinois, 1833–34. The stamps will commemorate four



U.S. Scott No. 367, perf 12 — mint single (above), block of four, and used single.





U.S. Scott No. 368, imperf — pair, mint single, and used single.



stages of Lincoln's life and legend: rail-splitter, lawyer, politician, and sixteenth president of the United States.

There was also a memorial postal issue in 1909 celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, but it came about in a rather convoluted way.

Just a few months earlier, the series of stamps known by collectors as the Washington and Franklin issue had been released. However, large numbers of citizens complained to their elected officials that it should have been a set of stamps known as the Washington, Franklin, and *Lincoln* issue, and remedying the situation was placed on the fast track during the first month of 1909. By the last week in January a successful Congressional resolution to create a commemorative stamp had been passed and the Post Office Department geared up to release a Lincoln stamp just two weeks later — in time to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, February 12, 1809.

The earliest documented use of the new stamp on cover is a first day of issue; however, there are a number of printings of this stamp. We start with the normal perforated sheet stamp (Scott 367, perf 12, printing quantity 148,387,191) and an imperforate printing of the same design (Scott 368, printing quantity 1,273,900). Eight plates (4976, 4977, 4978, 4979, 4981, 4982, 4983, and 4984) with the 400-subject star plate layout were used to print both the perforated and imperforate sheets of stamps. Printed on white wove paper with a double-line watermark, these sheets were then separated into panes of 100 prior to distribution.

In addition, there is the experimental blue paper variety (Scott 369, perf 12, printing quantity 637,000). The blue paper stamps were printed on the first four plates listed above (4976–4979). No first day covers are known. Scott lists the earliest documented use of the bluish paper variety as February 12, 1909 (for a stamp off cover) and March 27, 1909, for a stamp on cover.

Many imperforate sheets were shipped off to private vending and affixing machine manufacturers. The four primary manufacturers were the Brinkerhoff Company (Type I and both Type IIs), The Mailometer Company (all three type perforations), the Schermack Company (all three types of perforations), and the U.S. Automatic



A picture postcard with the 2-cent Lincoln canceled in Boston, Massachusetts, on the first day of issue: February 12, 1909, Lincoln's 100th birthday. The multicolored embossed postcard shows Columbia holding a laurel wreath over a portrait of Lincoln. (Courtesy Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries.)



U.S. Scott No. 369 — mint with selvage and mint single — printed on experimental blue paper.

Vending Company (perf I and II).

Many of the first day covers (FDCs) prepared for the perforated stamp were actually colorful picture postcards canceled in Boston. More typical FDCs, with a stamp on envelope, can be found postmarked at a variety of city post offices. Whether on postcard or cover, these typically retail for between \$400–\$500.

It's a much different story for the imperf stamps from this issue. Apparently only a handful of these were processed on February 12, 1909, from a limited number of cities. Robert Colby lists in his "Census of Scott 367–9 FDCs" (1994) only six covers all originating in Michigan, New York, or Ohio. This has resulted in a *Scott Catalogue* value of \$13,000!

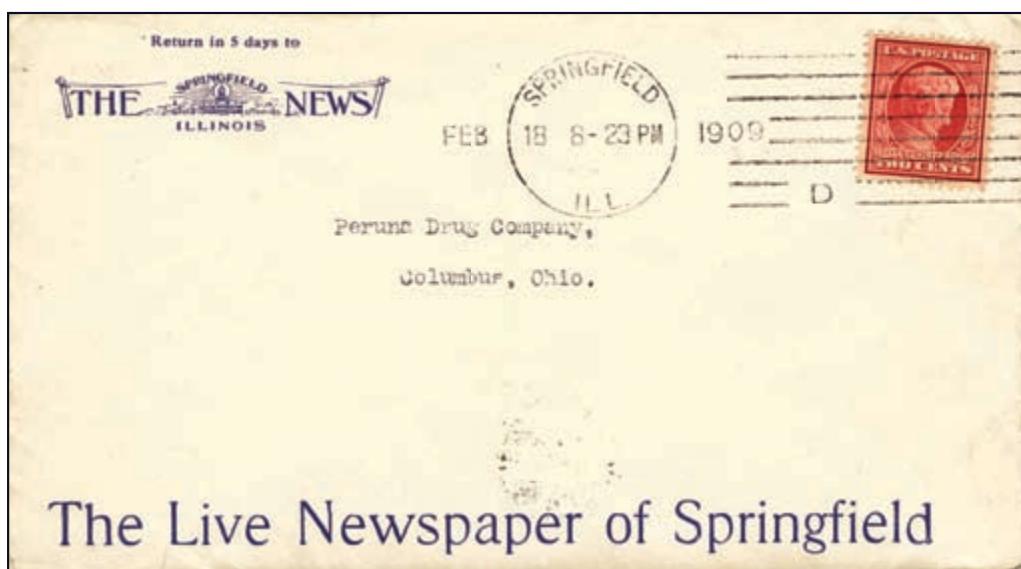
There is a bright side to this story: Given the low catalogue value for an unused copy of Scott 367 (\$5.25), it's quite possible — even likely — that many of these 100th anniversary stamps will be used to create new commemorative covers when February 12, 1909 arrives. Think about it — an FDC with stamps printed 100 years apart! What a great hobby!

Note: Stamps illustrated (unless otherwise indicated) are from the APS Philatelic Reference collection, Mercer Bristow, curator.



U.S. Scott No. 367 with Schermack Type III perforations, used.

Cover from *The Springfield (Illinois) News*, February 18, 1909 (backstamped Columbus, Ohio, February 19, 1909).



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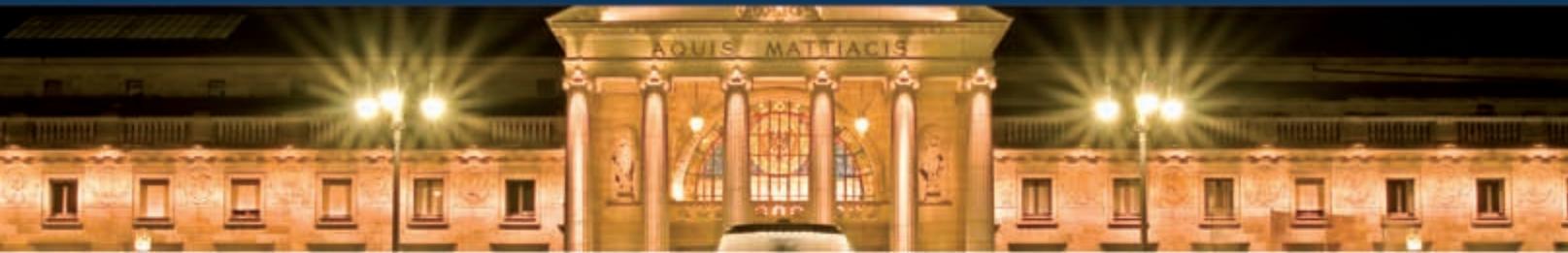
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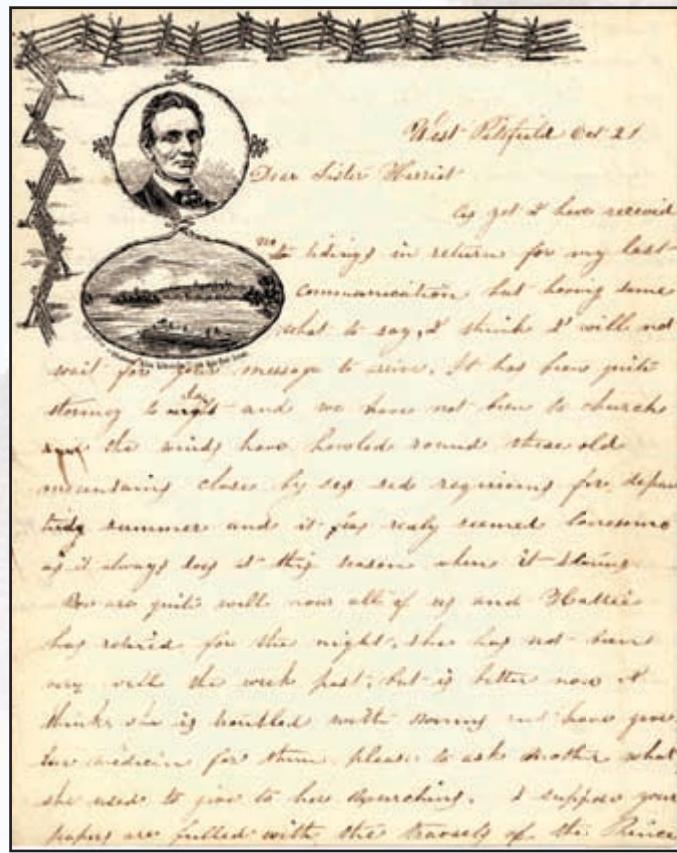
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# My Favorite Lincoln Items



1860 campaign lettersheet combining images of "Honest Abe Lincoln" as a rail splitter and flatboatman.

by Eliot A. Landau

**W**hen I was about eighteen years old, I read a life of Lincoln condensed from Carl Sandburg's six-volume work. As a third generation American immigrant, I was struck by how a man of such humble origins was able to work his way up to become President of the United States. I began collecting Lincoln stamps, hoping to own one of each major variety.

My fascination with Lincoln stamps soon progressed to in-depth studies of the 6-cent Large Bank Notes of 1870–1889 and their essay, proof, printing, perforation, and paper varieties, and opened my mind to philately. The study of the different rates, routes, services and destinations of covers provided an introduction to postal history. I also started collecting the story of his life and times as shown in covers and documents from 1822 through 1866.

I have been fortunate enough to own many of the rarities of Lincoln philately. I have been more fortunate to have helped mentor other collectors whose own collections and bigger budgets permitted them to acquire the rarities I could not afford.

Throughout all of this, it was not just the philately but the story of Lincoln and his life that most attracted me to this area of collecting. This is why my favorite covers and lettersheets are those from the 1860 Presidential Campaign that show the young Lincoln in manual labor as a rail splitter (cutting



A Howell's 1860 campaign cover of Lincoln, "The Rail Splitter."

logs to make fences) and as a flatboatman steering his boat down the Mississippi to New Orleans. It was thinking about his early occupations — including surveyor, shopkeeper, postmaster of New Salem, Illinois, and so forth — that led me to suggest to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee in 2003 that the bi-centennial issues for his birth be ones that showed him performing some of these occupations, to show how he rose from humble origins and a life of manual labor to the presidency.

A major turning point in his life was when, as a flatboatman, he was in New Orleans and saw first-hand men, women, and children chained and sold at the slave market. This experience of seeing people being treated as less than

human deeply saddened him, and he promised himself that, when he had a future opportunity, he would work against this evil.

The cover shown here is an 1860 campaign cover printed by J. A. Howells of Jefferson, Ohio, showing Lincoln as a rail splitter and, in the picture next to the stamp, as a flatboatman. The letterhead, printed by S. A. Raynor of Boston, Massachusetts, shows a young beardless Lincoln working his flatboat down the Mississippi. It is because of the way they show his common origins

and imply the turning point in his life and forming his opposition to slavery that these are my favorite Lincoln items.

## The Author

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# MY FAVORITE LINCOLN STAMP



by David A. Kent

The scope of Lincoln philately is vast, but selecting a favorite item seems to turn on having a favorite portrait of this remarkable man. There are, to be sure, an endless number of portraits from which the stamp designer can choose. When the American Topical Association held its annual convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, some years ago, we had a chance to tour the state capitol building. If there was ever any doubt whether the city was named for the Great Emancipator, touring the building quickly removed that doubt, for portraits and sculptures of Lincoln seemed to decorate every wall and niche in the structure and filled the grounds surrounding the capitol as well.

Nevertheless, what has to be my favorite Lincoln stamp is a simple release from Colombia (Scott C376), issued in 1959 for Lincoln's sesquicentennial. It pictures the statue in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, which today seems to have taken on considerably increased significance.

I first saw Daniel Chester French's amazing sculpture in 1965, as a newly-commissioned military officer traveling to my first duty station. I passed through Washington on the way, and made a point to visit the Memorial. I arrived at dusk. The sculpture is made of pure white marble, and, brilliantly lighted against the fading light, it made a permanent impression on me. Lincoln, after all, could be con-

sidered a victorious commander-in-chief, having succeeded in a prosecuting a major war and achieving his purpose. French might have shown him as a great commander, or a man savoring victory. Instead, Lincoln is seated, looking ahead, almost downward, an image of immense sadness on his face, illustrating his sorrow at the devastation that a civil war had brought to his country.

A 1959 U.S. stamp (Scott 1116) provides a closeup of the sculpture's head, but it is a sketch by Fritz Busse rather than a photograph of the actual statue, and is not as satisfactory as an actual view of French's sculpture.

One of the joys of philately is that two common, modern

used stamps of no commercial value and available to every collector can evoke an emotion and tell a story that is so much more powerful than the legend of a rare stamp produced for the invitations to the governor's dress ball on the island of Mauritius in 1847.

## The Author

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# Stamp Collecting in a Time of War & Mass Murder

by Frank N. Schubert

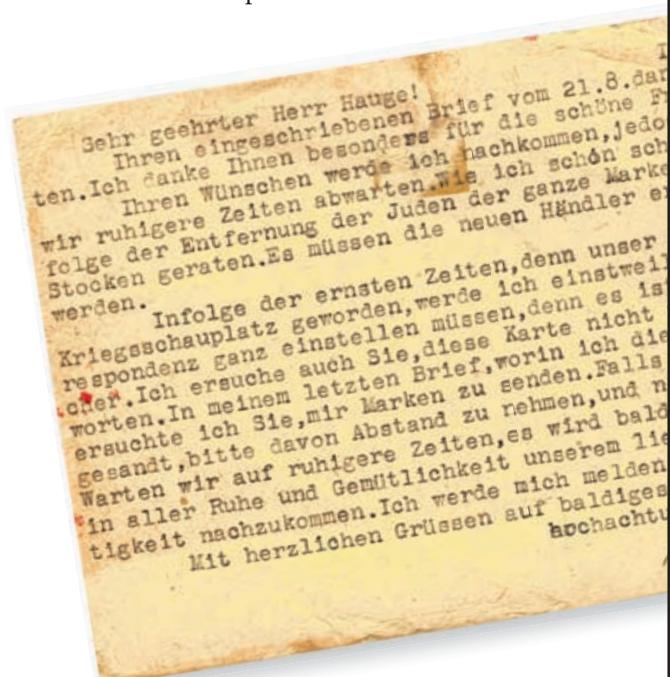
The summer of 1944 was a bad time to be a stamp collector in Hungarian-occupied northern Transylvania. Soviet forces were pressing westward, and in mid-August Romania abandoned the Axis and aligned itself with the Russians, joining the offensive against Hungary. Soon the region would be overrun and returned to Romanian sovereignty.

At the beginning of that horrible summer, the Hungarians and their German partners completed the deportation of almost all of the 150,000 Jews of northern Transylvania. These included 840 people from Szamosujvár, a small town about thirty-five kilometers north of Kolozsvár (Cluj), the regional center. Like many towns in this region, Szamosujvár had names in Romanian (Gherla), German (Armenierstadt), and Latin (Aremopolis) — the last reflecting its remote history as an outpost of the Roman Empire. From the makeshift ghetto in the Szamosujvár brickyard, Jewish citizens were taken first to Kolozsvár and then to death camps in Poland.



Lajos Tamasi, the town's mayor, along with senior police officials Erno Berecki and Andor Ivanyi, had immediate command of ghettoization and the transfer to Kolozsvár.

In the registered postal card shown (dated September



IX.17.1944

Dear Mr. Hauge!

Your registered letter of 21 August received with thanks. I thank you especially for the beautiful franking.

I will comply with your wishes, but we must await more peaceful times. As I have already written, the whole stamp market has ended up in delays as a result of the removal of the Jews. New dealers will first have to be found.

As a result of the difficult times, since our country has also become a theater of war, I will for the time being have to suspend our correspondence, because everything is so uncertain. I also request that you do not answer this card. In my last letter, in which I sent you stamps, I asked that you send me stamps. In the event they have not been sent off yet, please hold off and send nothing. We will wait for more peaceful times. It will soon be possible in all relaxation and comfort to pursue our dear collecting activity. I will be in touch.

With hearty greetings [and in hopes of] a quick re-contact.

Yours faithfully,

Vidovich

Tranquility was far in the future, as one murderous tyranny replaced another in both Hungary and Romania.

17, 1944, and cleared by the German censor), Leo von Vidovich, a Szamosujvár stamp collector, noted the effects of these events on his hobby.<sup>1</sup> He told his pen pal in Tonsberg, Norway, that he would be happy to send stamps but, alas, the times were far too tumultuous. His country had become a theater of war, and he could no longer continue their correspondence. In any case, the removal of the Jews had disrupted the stamp market, and new dealers would have to emerge before normal collecting could be resumed. "It will soon be possible, he wrote optimistically, "in all relaxation and comfort to pursue our dear collecting activity."

Of course, the future did not turn out as he hoped. The massive tank battle at Torda (Romanian Turda), between units of the 2nd Hungarian Army and the 4th Soviet Tank Army, still raged along a 25-kilometer front on the day that this postcard was written. The Russians and Romanians occupied Torda on October 8, and four days later rolled into Szamosujvár. Tranquility was far in the future, as one murderous tyranny replaced another in both Hungary and Romania.

### Acknowledgment

Thanks to APS member Alfred M. Beck for translating the postcard and to Janos Muradin of Cluj, Romania, who provided information on the military situation in the summer of 1944.

### Endnote

The censor mark used by the German censor office in Vienna that checked mail from Hungary is number G-6, based on the classification system of Karl-Heinz Riemer, *Die Überwachung des Auslandsbreifverkehrs während des II. Weltkrieges durch deutsche Dienststellen* (1979). It is shown in Jan-Jaap de Weerd, "Hungarian Mail Handled by the German Censor Office in Vienna During the Second World War," *News of Hungarian Philately*, Vol. 37 (Jul-Sep 2006): 7.

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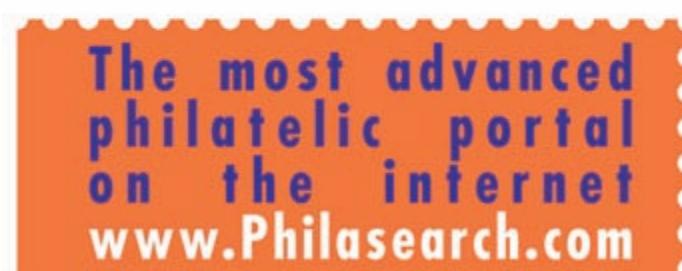
### The Author

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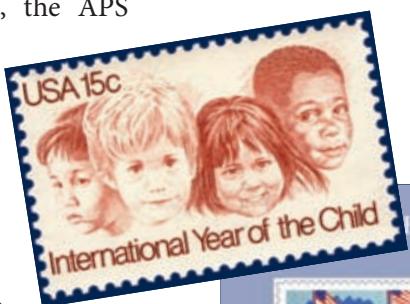
With the news that the APS AMERISTAMP EXPO is to host the First Day event for the Civil Rights Pioneers Issue, I got to thinking once again about diversity in stamp collecting. Let's face it, our hobby is by and large comprised of "older white males." Such a homogeneous content is not just limiting and narrow, but unhealthy and hindering to growth and building membership in our pastime.

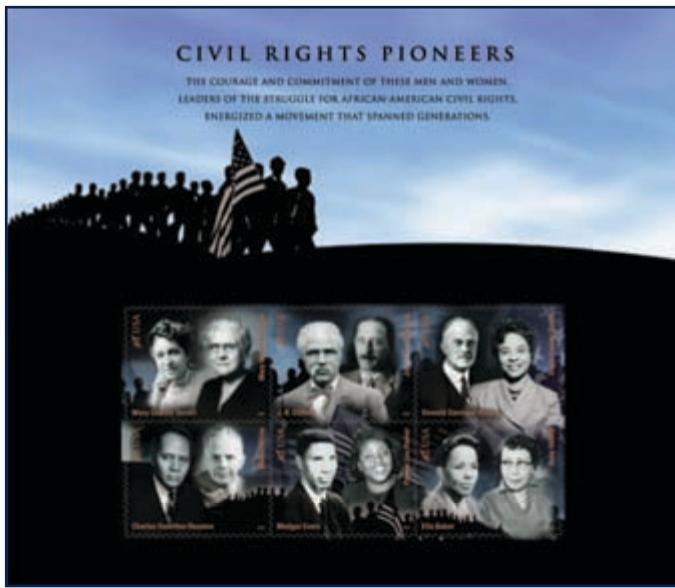
We, as Americans, are supposed to be a heterogeneous people. In my lifetime, we have come a long way in the acceptance of "other than white males" and are becoming more embracing every day. While it may appear that we have broken the gender barrier with Women's Suffrage and are breaking the color barrier with the election of Barack Obama, stamp collecting is decades behind in becoming diversified. A cross-section of the APS could certainly stand as an example of "who collects stamps" in the United States. Our member survey, taken in 2007 says the APS membership is 89 percent male. The average age of our members is sixty-five, with more than 70 percent being older than sixty. The survey did not ask for the race of those questioned, but it is clear our membership is not reflective of the racial makeup of the United States. Youth, women, and minorities are a very small part of the makeup of our Society. Metaphorically, we must change our monochromatic Society and bring it into "full living color."

Some might say, "Well, the APS does not discriminate against minorities," but, while correct, our responsibility does not end there. We must openly encourage and pursue diversity to be a viable organization in the twenty-first century. To be called the *American* Philatelic Society, our constituency should more closely echo this country's population.

This should not be done because it is "politically correct," but for the reason that this amalgam would make the APS stronger, just as an alloy is stronger than the individual metals that comprise it. Besides strength, diversity would bring new perspectives and concepts into the mix that would otherwise be absent. A multiplicity of benefits awaits our hobby if we can achieve this goal.

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The American Philatelic Society, with permission and support from the United States Postal Service, will conduct a First Day ceremony for the Civil Rights Pioneers issue during the AMERISTAMP EXPO/TEXPEX 2009 in Arlington, Texas. This event, marking the first day of issue of this six-stamp pane will be held on Saturday, February 21 — which is the second day of the three-day stamp show at the Arlington Convention Center. A pane of six stamps, each commemorating two civil rights leaders, will honor the twelve luminaries. In tribute to the event, the APS and the USPS jointly will produce a commemoration program.

Earlier in February, on the 9th, the USPS will issue a four-stamp set depicting Abraham Lincoln as a rail-splitter, lawyer, politician, and president. Lincoln, called The Great Emancipator because of his position against slavery (regardless of why this position was taken), was the first president to admonish the “peculiar institution” and take action against it. Putting aside cause, the effect of Lincoln’s actions has furthered diversity incalculably.

The New Initiatives Committee of the National Postal Museum is working in concert with the APS, the U.S. Postal Service, and the American Stamp Dealers Association in designing and implementing plans to aid diversity in order to increase awareness, build mutually rewarding relationships, and foster collaboration with a broad range of business, community, and foundation leaders and other individuals from diverse backgrounds, perspectives and experiences. A website — [www.AllAboutStamps.com](http://www.AllAboutStamps.com) — is under construction and we expect a rollout imminently.



The first pass of the web outline is nearly complete. The website will cater to entry level and beginner collectors, act as a finding guide. A Youth Initiative is under discussion, exploring the use of social networking sites (Facebook, MySpace, etc.) and targeted outreach (fellowships, focus groups, etc.) methods. In addition, YouTube videos are being considered, to connect to all ages, all groups, etc., around the world. We hope to encourage collectors to create and upload short video segments, such as:

- *Stamp Production* (Behind the Scenes, Life of Stamp, etc.)
- *Collecting Interests* (Topicals, Fakes, Forgeries, etc.)
- *Instructional Videos* (How To Mount, How To Soak, etc.)
- *News About Stamps* (Commemoratives, Rare Stamp Stories, etc.)

I took the initiative and made a simple video and uploaded it to YouTube. It can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvC0xRMyYvs> or just go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search “stamps trains” or “apsbellefonte.”

Use your own creativity to “up load” videos featuring the part of our hobby that you are passionate about. These kinds of pro-activity are examples of outreach tactics that can make a difference. What can you do as an individual

or as a stamp club to help foster diversity and prepare our hobby for the twenty-first century? As a great poet/songwriter of my generation wrote, “...you better start swimmin’ or you’ll sink like a stone, for the times they are a-changin’....”

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"In my 33 years, it has been my pleasure to be the Secretary to three Executive Directors: Colonel DeVoss, Keith Wagner, and, until June of 2004, Bob Lamb, with whom I also worked as Complaints Manager. I've enjoyed representing the APS at WSP shows. I have also worked as a clerk, bookkeeper, editorial assistant — even expertizing clerk for a short time.

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"I joined the APS 27 years ago in 1982 because I wanted to contribute in some small way. Little did I suspect that the bug would get me, but it sure did. I got into collecting stamps, covers, and other items related to Alaska, archery, and my family history. I enjoy helping build the collection of one budding philatelist in the family, my grandson Brandon — but he is getting interested in girls now so stamps will be on the back-burner for awhile.

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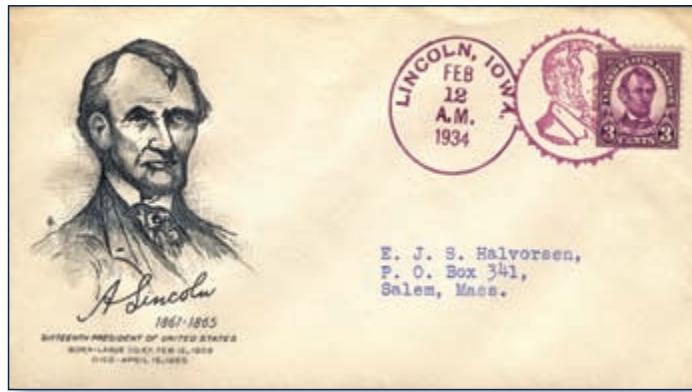
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# Lincoln Favorite

Elsewhere in this issue Eliot Landau, David Kent, and Mercer Bristow discuss their favorite Lincoln material in celebration of Abe's 200th birthday and the issuance of four new Lincoln commemorative stamps by the USPS on February 9, 2009. As a novice collector of Lincoln material, I thought I would add my two cents worth (ok, three cents) with my favorite cover shown above. I call it "Lincoln on Lincoln on Lincoln on Lincoln."



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# APS Hall of Fame Inductees for 2009

The Hall of Fame was established at the 1940 APS Convention by President Rollin E. Flower. The award recognizes collectors posthumously for a lifetime of outstanding service in philately. The first class of honorees in 1941 included philatelic luminaries Sir Rowland Hill, John Nicholas Luff, John Walter Scott, Thomas Keay Tapling, John Kerr Tiffany, James Ludovic Lindsay (26th Earl of Crawford), Philip Mathias Wolsieffer, Charles Esterly Severen, Frederick John Melville, Charles Lathrop Pack, Charles James Phillips, Edward Spring Knapp, Beverly Sedgwick King, Hugh McLellan Southgate, and Ralph Andrews Barry.

This year's honorees are Diane Dumble Boehret, Col. James T. DeVoss, and Maryette Brown Lane.

## Diane Dumble Boehret (1927–2008)

Diane Boehret was a leading advocate for the advancement of organized philately. She held many offices including leadership positions in the two societies she is most often identified with, the Postal History Society and the American Philatelic Congress. She joined the Postal History Society in the 1970s and served as treasurer, secretary, and then president (1989–2005). She was secretary of the American Philatelic Congress and was named president (1984–1990), the first woman to hold that position. In 1990 the Congress created the Diane D. Boehret award, one of the most prestigious honors in the field of philatelic literature. She received the Walter R. McCoy award and the James Waldo Fawcett award for her writing and service to the Congress. She was an APS accredited philatelic and literature judge.

Diane served on the board of the Council of Philatelic Organizations for ten years. She was a member of the board of the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition and in 1997 she and husband Jesse Boehret received both the local and national merit awards of PNSE. The husband and wife team was honored again in 2003 with the Outstanding Service award of the Military Postal History Society. After moving to Virginia Beach she

held office in the Virginia Philatelic Federation. Her exhibits on German post offices abroad, especially in the Boxer Rebellion and the military mission in Turkey, achieved national grand awards.

In 1999 Diane Boehret was elected to the American Philatelic Society's board of vice presidents and served until 2001. In 2004 she received the John N. Luff award for exceptional contributions to philately. She demonstrated uncanny skills in organizing and heading philatelic organizations, a field usually dominated by men.

## Col. James T. DeVoss (1916–2008)

Jim DeVoss was one of the greatest philatelists of the twentieth century. He was an expert on Canal Zone stamps and postal history, building outstanding collections in those fields. His postal history collection "Via Panama" won the highest national and international awards. He will long be remembered for his outstanding service to national and international philately.

During his residence in Washington, DC, he was a leading force in the activities in this region. He served the Washington Philatelic Society as an officer and its Outstanding Service award is named after him. He helped organize the area's national stamp show NAPEX and was a founder of the Pentagon Philatelic So-

ciety. While in Hawaii, he was an active member of the Hawaiian Philatelic Society, editor of the *Honolulu Advertiser*, and arranged for the APS to hold its national convention there.

Jim DeVoss joined the APS in 1946, and held his first of many positions with the Society, International Secretary, from 1949–1954. He won his first Luff Award in 1952 for Service to the APS. After his retirement from the Army, he became Assistant Executive Secretary of the APS in 1951. In 1953 he became Executive Secretary (later called Executive Director), serving until 1981. During his term he reorganized and expanded the services offered to APS members, leading to a dramatic increase in membership. Most notable were the Expertizing services and insurance for APS members' collections. He revived the Sale Circuits, making it an important part of APS members' activities. He also introduced philatelic correspondence courses, which expanded to the APS Summer Seminar.

DeVoss chaired the Committee that put the forger deThuin out of business and wrote the 1974 APS book *The Yucatan Affair*. He also co-wrote, with Robert H. Schoen, *Counterfeit Kansas-Nebraska Overprints in the 1922–1934 Issues*, published by the APS in 1973. He wrote numerous articles in the *American Philatelic Congress Books*, winning its McCoy Award in 1953 and 1959, and the Jere

Hess Barr Award in 1959.

Jim helped found the American Philatelic Research Library, serving as its president from 1980 to 1983. During his tenure he saw the establishment of the first American Philatelic Building in State College, Pennsylvania. On the international level, he was vice-president of Federation International de Philatelie from 1978 to 1986.

The Collectors Club of New York awarded DeVoss in the Lichtenstein Award in 1978. He signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1981. He received the Neinken Award from the Philatelic Foundation in 1991. Jim received two Luff Awards from the APS: in 1952 for his outstanding service to the APS, and in 1958 for his Distinguished Philatelic Research on Canal Zone stamps and postal history.

### Maryette Brown Lane (1910–1986)

Maryette B. Lane was a philatelic author and editor, but her most memorable philatelic achievements were as organizer and head of the APS Stamp Theft Committee.

Maryette wrote a series of articles in *The American Philatelist* for which she won the Chemi Award, and the Perry Cup of the United States Philatelic Classics Society. Her research led to the book *The Harry F. Allen Collection of Black Jacks: A Study of the Stamp and Its Use*, published by the APS in 1969. As a result of the theft of part of the Allen collection, Maryette reorganized and led the APS Theft Committee from 1969 to 1981.

She also served Florida philatelic in many capacities over three decades. She wrote on many aspects of Florida philately. Her article on the fumigation of mail in Florida during the 1888 yellow fever epidemic was reprinted in K.F. Meyer's book *Disinfected Mail* (1966). She edited *The Florida Philatelist* for four years.

Maryette was president of the St. Petersburg Stamp Club on ten occasions. She was a member of the organizing committee of FLOREX, the national philatelic exhibition of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs.

For her distinguished service to the APS, she received the Luff Award in 1970, and in 1982 was inducted to the American Philatelic Society's Writers Unit Hall of Fame.

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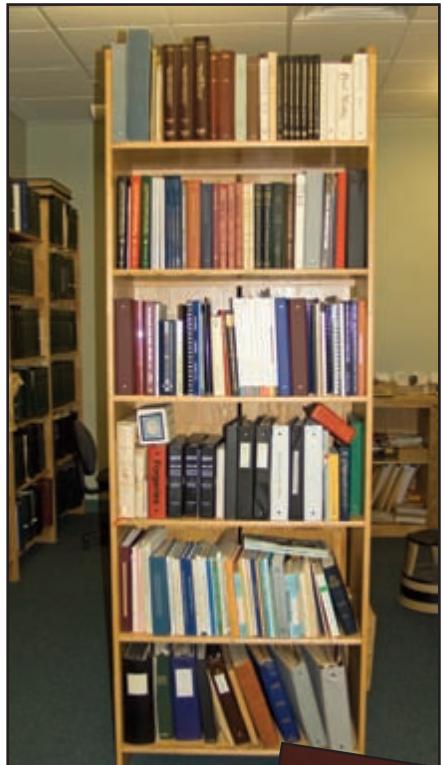
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# Building Your Own Philatelic Reference Library



Most APS members and stamp collectors are familiar with the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) holdings, either from a visit to the library itself or from searching the library's complete catalogue of published works on the APS/APRL website ([www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org)). However, many fewer collectors have given thought to the books that are housed with the Philatelic Reference Collection and are used mainly for the operations of APEX, the expertizing service offered by the Society.

If you are thinking of building up your own research library — especially if your interests include the United States — I would like to suggest a few titles that you might like to include in your own reference collection. Some are still in print; others are out-of-print, but still available from philatelic literature dealers. Check out the APS StampStore Internet sales listings at [www.stampstore.org/](http://www.stampstore.org/) for hard-to-find titles. Go to StampStore and click on "Search Stamps," then hit "search." This will bring up a "stamp type" box. Just scroll down to "literature" and hit "search" to see what's currently available on StampStore.

Other potential resources for those hard-to-find titles are the "Clearinghouse" section and the "Dealer Directory" in the APRL's quarterly publication, the *Philatelic Literature Review*. In the "Clearinghouse," one dollar buys you a classified "request" under the "Literature Wanted" category. Or you may find just what you're looking under "Literature for Sale."

Keep in mind that most hardbound philatelic literature is printed in limited runs (usually less than 1,000). Due to the specialized nature of the material and the low print runs, expect prices to be higher than you might have anticipated.

## General Reference Works

*Fundamentals of Philately*, by L.N.

Williams, revised edition, 2nd printing 2008, published by the American Philatelic Society.

Available from APS online at [www.stamps.org/Services/ser/market\\_place.htm](http://www.stamps.org/Services/ser/market_place.htm) or by phone 814-933-3803.

*Fakes Forgeries Experts Journal*, various editors and publishers, Vols. 1–11, 1998–2008, published by the International Association of Philatelic Experts.

*Opinion — Philatelic Expertizing — An Inside View*, various editors, 7 volumes, 1983–2006, published by the Philatelic Foundation, New York, NY.

*Focus on Forgeries; A Guide to Forgeries of Common Stamps*, by Varro E. Tyler, revised, expanded edition, 2000, published by *Linn's Stamp News*.

The annual philatelic catalogues published by Scott Publishing Company. Face the fact that you can't do without them. The *Scott 2009 Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers* is a feast to peruse, and I know people who actually read it cover-to-cover when the new edition arrives each year.

## United States

*The United States Postage Stamps of the 19th Century*, by Lester G. Brookman, Vols. 1–3, published by L. Lindquist Publications, Inc.

NOTE: the 1967 edition has been reprinted with identical information and is less expensive than the original.

*Encyclopedia of United States Stamps and Stamp Collecting*, edited by Rodney A. Juell and Steven J. Rod,

2006, published by Kirk House Publishers. Available from APS online at [www.stamps.org/Services/ser/market\\_place.htm](http://www.stamps.org/Services/ser/market_place.htm) or by phone

814-933-3803.

- Encyclopedia of the Colors of United States Postage Stamps*, by R. H. White, Vols. 1–3, 1981, published by Philatelic Research Ltd.
- The Expert's Book; A Practical Guide to the Authentication of United States Stamps, Washington/Franklin Issues, 1908–1923*, by Paul W. Schmid, 1990, published by Palm Press, Huntington, NY.
- The 1851 Issue of United States Stamps: A Sesquicentennial Retrospective*, edited by Hubert C. Skinner and Charles J. Peterson, 2006, published

by the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, Inc.

### "Just for Fun" Reading

*Bakers' U.S. Classics*, by Hugh J. and J. David Baker, compiled columns, 1985, published by the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society.

*Sloane's Column*, by George B. Sloane, compiled by George T. Turner, 1961, published by the Bureau Issues Association, Inc. (now the United States Stamp Society, Inc.).

*Pat Paragraphs*, by Elliott Perry, compiled by George T. Turn and Thomas E. Stanton, 1981, published

by the Bureau Issues Association, Inc. (now the United States Stamp Society, Inc.).

This list is just the tip of the iceberg for building a personal philatelic library. I will be expanding this list to include more United States and worldwide publications and handbooks during a special two-day expertizing seminar this spring. It will be held April 22–23 (the two days prior to WESTPEX) in San Francisco, California. For additional information for this one-time event, contact the APS Education Department at [www.stamps.org/Education](http://www.stamps.org/Education) or call 814-933-3803.

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There are no plans to change the posting fees for items that a member chooses to leave on the site for a third year. The present charge for these items is 10¢ per item.

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2. Another direct circuit is the *Busy Person Circuit*. Members in the United States may request a direct circuit consisting of sales books from one category

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chosen from a list of available categories that are in good supply. This type of circuit was established to cater to those who are too busy to have the regular multiple-name circuits delivered unannounced. These circuits are sent on-demand only and will be mailed within two weeks of receipt of the request. There is a charge of \$5 for this special circuit. Contact us for a list of categories and more detailed information or you may visit [www.stamps.org/Services/images/BusyPerson.pdf](http://www.stamps.org/Services/images/BusyPerson.pdf).

3. The *E-Circuit* is the newest addition to our array of direct circuits and is available only for members at addresses outside the United States and Puerto Rico. This one works by placing images of the sales book pages on a website for the member to view. An order is placed by e-mail for the items the member wants. We remove the items from the sales books and send them in an envelope.

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lope, thus eliminating the very high cost of registered mail. This circuit also allows us to serve members in countries where the approval package is not an option, because of customs and value-added taxes. Members at APO/FPO addresses should use this circuit for buying. More information is available at [www.stamps.org/Services/ecircuitinfo.pdf](http://www.stamps.org/Services/ecircuitinfo.pdf).

4. Then, there is the *in-house direct circuit* that you select in person. These are the circuits that visitors to the American Philatelic Center can take with them, or they may buy items while they are here. Visitors may browse through sales books that are in transition between circuits and take a circuit home for mailing back to us, take it out overnight for return the next day, or buy items here on the day of their visit. Pennsylvania sales tax is applicable for purchases made here, and the circuits that do not enter the mail system do not incur the \$1.50 insurance fund fee. We have members returning to browse through circuits once or twice each year — once they have been hooked by the adventure of searching for their “want list” items among the sales books. Make plans to visit YOUR headquarters, take a tour, visit the research library, and relax in the Sales Division while poring through sales books.

We also house some of the in-kind donations that are being sold to benefit APS programs and operations. Browse through boxes, albums and sales sheets of stamps, covers and collections at bargain prices.

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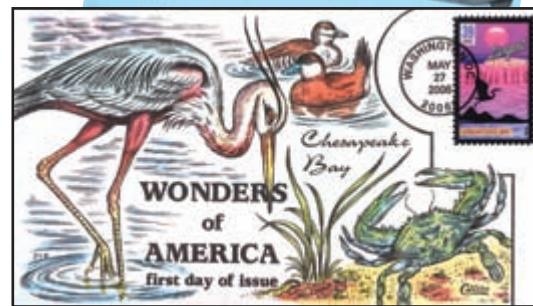
We need U.S. items, **except** U.S. First Day Covers, U.S. Mint post-1950, U.S. Used post-1950 and U.S. Plate Blocks post-1950. You can earn coupons for free blank books and mounts for every 10 completed books containing material from a set list of categories. (*Each group of 10 or more qualifying books must be received at the same time and at least \$50 per book. The coupons are issued when the qualifying books are reviewed soon after arriving.*) Each book

must be designed to fit one of the categories, exclusively. Details are sent with blank sales book orders. You also may visit [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) and click Sales Division and How to Sell. [NOTE: Single-country books usually have better sales.] Below are categories that are in very short supply at this time:

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Miniature Sheets  
Nicaragua  
Turkey

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It is important that circuit members use collectible postage when forwarding circuits. The member receiving a circuit



likes to have some used postage to add to his/her collection as some payback, however minimal, for the cost of forwarding each circuit. Continue to ask the postal clerk for a meter stamp, even if it is for \$0, to indicate that the package was mailed through a clerk, giving it quicker passage through the postal system. Postage stamps and meter stamps are officially recognized as indicators that postage on a package has been prepaid. The proper mailing method must be used to forward circuits. Our main concern is for the circuit content.



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# From Alaska to Brazil & Biology to Markings

**Editor's Note:** The APS Affiliates column has a new look for 2009. The Affiliates highlighted in each issue will feature a more in-depth presentation, written by the Affiliates themselves, in addition to the standard "how to join" information. We would also like to remind Affiliates that photographs of club/society activities also are welcome. They will be featured in the online version of the Affiliates Column.

## Alaska Collectors Club (AF0218)

The ACC was formed to promote interest in and to encourage research and study on all subjects pertaining to Alaskan Postal History. We are a group of collectors attracted to the "Last Frontier"—the State of Alaska. The organization was formed about 1959, the same year Alaska became a state.

Today, new opportunities in Alaskan collecting are emerging in several fields. Are you a topical cover collector? You will find items appearing regularly from local clubs and from organizations working with events like the Iditarod Dog Team Race. Military and Coast Guard activity has been documented for a number of years but there are still many historical cards and letters to be found.

The initiation of air mail in the early 1920s, as well as increased exploration activities, made aviation an important part of our colorful past. Another popular collecting topic is town cancellations. The search for these is a fascinating challenge for all of us, because some sites have become ghost towns, while others, particularly in the westward region, may be only summer camps for the annual subsistence search.

Join us in the search for covers from the Russian Colonial period to today. The field offers an amazing variety for collectors.

*Annual Dues:* U.S. \$15; outside

U.S. \$20. *Website:* [www.alaskaphilatelic.org](http://www.alaskaphilatelic.org). *Contact:* Eric R. Knapp, 4201 Folker Street, #C102, Anchorage, AK 99508. *E-mail:* [eknapp@gci.net](mailto:eknapp@gci.net).

## Auxiliary Markings Club (AF0252)

Founded in 2003, the Auxiliary Markings Club is devoted to the study and classification of all auxiliary markings on worldwide mail. These markings provide evidence of mail that had problems, such as delays, insufficient postage, and non-delivery during transit in the mailstream.

*Benefits:* A popular "Show and Tell" session is featured at several national shows each year. The club publishes the quarterly *Auxiliary Markings Newsletter* with many research articles; sponsors an exhibit copying service; provides exhibit awards at national shows; conducts annual meetings; and is working on two publications. The next annual meeting is scheduled May 22–24, 2009 at PIPEX in Portland, Oregon.

*Annual Dues:* \$15. Membership applications can be accessed on the website or by writing the membership chairman, Gerald Johnson, 6621 West Victoria Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99336. *Website:* [www.postal-markings.org](http://www.postal-markings.org) provides a variety of collector information on auxiliary markings. *Contact:* Ralph H. Nafziger, P.O. Box 1476, Albany, OR 97321. *E-mail:* [ralphn-2008@postal-markings.org](mailto:ralphn-2008@postal-markings.org)

## Biology Unit (AF0172)

The Biology Unit was organized in May 1951 and is the largest group (to our



knowledge) dedicated to the international co-operative study of biological postage stamps and related material. It is a nonprofit organization

and dues are based on cost of operations, chiefly the production and mailing of our quarterly journal *Biophilately*. This publication averages fifty pages per issue, covering the new ZOOLOGICAL and BOTANICAL issues of the world, identified and classified to the best of our ability and arranged in seven categories. Our membership includes many professional persons in the zoological and botanical fields who share their expertise in the interest of increasing our knowledge, as well as many amateurs who give their time so this knowledge is kept current.

All members are encouraged to contribute articles and checklists on various biological subjects for publication. Many of our members have contributed to *Biophilately*, the official publication of the unit, and to *Topical Time*, and have also

been responsible for ATA Handbooks. The unit participates in the National Topical Stamp Show, and presents an award to the best exhibit featuring a Biological theme.

*Annual Dues:* U.S. \$20 (\$15 for the web-based edition of the journal). *Website:* [www.biophilately.org](http://www.biophilately.org). *Contact:* Chris Dahle, Secretary, 1401 Linmar Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. *E-mail:* chrisdahle@biophilately.org.

### Brazil Philatelic Association (UN0032)

The BPA was formed to promote Brazilian philately. *Benefits:* BPA offers interesting articles in our quarterly publication, *The Bull's Eyes*. There is also a "Members Exchange," which allows members to buy/sell or trade material or information. Members receive discount prices on Brazil specialized catalogues.

*Annual Dues:* U.S. \$15; outside U.S. \$20. *Website:* [www.brazilphilatelic.org](http://www.brazilphilatelic.org). *Contact:* Kurt Ottenheimer, 462 West Walnut Street, Long Beach, NY 11561. *E-mail:* oak462@optonline.net.

### The American Ceremony Program Society (Affiliate 217)

The ACPS is a non-profit organization devoted to the collection, preservation, and documentation of ceremony programs and related items. Printed programs are distributed at official stamp ceremonies and unveilings. These programs are not only collectible souvenirs of the event, but also function as postal historic documents. Programs usually contain a short narrative about the postal item being issued or honored, a listing of speakers or event participants, and a cancelled stamp or postal item affixed to or accompanying the program. As such, ceremony programs are important philatelic artifacts.

Programs can be collected many ways. Some specialists attempt to obtain all types of available programs and program varieties for their collections. It can be its own collecting specialty or an adjunct to another philatelic assemblage such as a particular definitive or commemorative series, theme or topic. Some collectors pursue programs pertaining to their region, state or city, or even just for events they have attended or that have a subject matter of personal

interest. Ceremony programs can fit into a larger, more general or specialized collection to round it off or perhaps to "spice it up."

Autographs of participants and significant attendees to embellish programs are another active pursuit. Additional appropriate unofficial cancels and added stamp formats may further dress up a standard program to create an attractive personalized souvenir. This endeavor often is practiced while at a ceremony along with obtaining the signatures of dignitaries.

Can't attend a ceremony? Current official U.S. programs are available through the USPS by subscription or individual purchase. Foreign ceremony programs occasionally are produced under the authority of other postal agencies. There are as many ways to collect ceremony programs as there are collectors and collections. The thrill of the chase or the chance of a new discovery keeps it exciting.

*Benefits:* Members receive our quarterly journal, *The Ceremonial*. In addition, a renovated website is fin the works, as well as a membership directory to stimulate interaction with other members, including trading activities and sharing knowledge or experiences. The ACPS is also a chapter of the American First Day Cover Society. A catalogue listing of programs is maintained to assist member collecting activities. A lively annual convention and regional meetings also are slated. The ACPS encourages dealer participation and also actively secures small quantities of programs not readily available through normal channels for purchase by its members. In addition, Society auctions of program material are sponsored.

*Annual Dues:* \$5 per year; life membership in the ACPS is \$100. *Contact:* John E Peterson, ACPS Secretary/Treasurer, 6987 Coleshill Drive, San Diego CA 92119-1953. *Email:* jkpete@cox.net.

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# show time

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**Florida** **February 6-8**  
Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, Sarasota Phil. Club, Inc., Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Contact Sy Bricker, mto. stamps@gte.net; [www.sarasostastampclub.com](http://www.sarasostastampclub.com);

941-993-0919; 941-907-6604. \*WSP\*

**Ohio** **February 6-8**  
COLOPEX, Columbus Phil. Club, Franklin County Veterans Memorial Hall, 300 W. Broad Street, Columbus. Contact Chuck Wooster, cwooster@aol.com; <http://www.colopex.com>; 614-560-3689. \*WSP\*

**Maryland** **February 8**  
Eastern Shore Stamp Club 48th Annual Stamp Show, Eastern Shore Stamp Club, Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, 500 Glen Ave., Salisbury. Contact Kye Parsons, esstampclub@yahoo.com; 443-365-0882.

**Michigan** **February 8**  
Lansing Stamp Show, Lansing Area Stamp Club, Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, 4722 West Grand River, Lansing. Contact Jim Adams, 48jim15@comcast.net; 517-394-5953. \*B\*

**Wisconsin** **February 8**  
Janesville Stamp Club Exhibition & Bourse, Janesville Stamp Club, Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Place, Janesville. Contact Gary Wentworth, wnstamps@aol.com; 608-756-1380. \*B\*

**Alabama** **February 14-15**  
ALAPEX 2009, Birmingham Philatelic Society, Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 Ninth Ave., SW, Bessemer. Contact Robert Hamill or Chuck

Donaldson, 205-823-7364/205-410-8383.

**Kansas** **February 14-15**  
The Cessna Show, Cessna Stamp Club, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita. Contact Ralph E. Lott, 316-747-2118. \*B\*

**Washington** **February 15**  
Sno-King Stamp Show, Sno-King Stamp Club, Everett Boys & Girls Club, 2316 12th St., Everett. Contact Diane Gordon, [snokingstampclub@hotmail.com](mailto:snokingstampclub@hotmail.com); 206-948-8744.

**Texas** **February 20-22**  
APS AmeriStamp Expo/TEXPEX, American Philatelic Society, Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington. Contact Dana Guyer, [stampshow@stamps.org](mailto:stampshow@stamps.org); [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org); 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128. \*WSP\*

**Florida** **February 21**  
West Volusia Stamp Club Annual Show, West Volusia Stamp Club, Wayne Sanborn Activities Center, 751 S. Alabama, DeLand. Contact Mike Daley, [miked531@bellsouth.net](mailto:miked531@bellsouth.net); <http://floridacsp.com/wvstamp/>; 386-668-5021.

**Wisconsin** **February 21**  
CENWISPEX '09, Central Wisconsin Stamp Club, St. John Episcopal Church, 320 Oak St., Wisconsin Rapids. Contact J. D. Manville, [jadeco@charter.net](mailto:jadeco@charter.net); 715-341-5555.

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LINPEX, Lincoln Stamp Club, University Place Inn, 5250 Cornhusker, Lincoln. Contact Kenneth Pruess, kppruess@aol.com; www.lincolnstampclub.org; 402-464-6939.			27th Annual Stamp Show, Tidewater Stamp Club, Easton Volunteer Fire Department Auditorium, 315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton. Contact Hope Messick, phalarope@dmv.com; 410-822-6471.		
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>February 22</b>	BUFFPEX, Buffalo Stamp Club, VFW Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga(Buffalo). Contact George Gates, gghg53@aol.com; 716-633-8358.	<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>March 14</b>	
NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic Society, Annex YMA, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. Contact Brian McGrath, soggy3@aol.com; http://www.NHPS1914.org/; 203-389-2863. *B*		McKinley Stamp Show, McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Apple Grove St., NW, North Canton. Contact David Pool, lincolnway@sssnet.com; 330-832-5992.	Westfield Stamp Show, Westfield Stamp Club, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St., Westfield. Contact Ed Grabowski, edjjg@alum.mit.edu; http://westfieldstampclub.org/.		
<b>Alaska</b>	<b>February 27-March 1</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>March 7-8</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>March 14-15</b>
Anchorage Philatelic Exhibition, Anchorage Philatelic Society, Post Office Lobby Ship Creek Center, 334 W. 3rd Avenue, Anchorage. Contact Patrick Hoffmann, phoffmann@alaska.net; http://home.gci.net/~akphilsoc; 907-346-2717.		Knoxplex, Knoxville Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn Select Cedar Bluff, 304 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville. Contact Gerald Schroedl, gschroe1@utk.edu; http://www.stampclubs.com/knoxville/index.htm.	Frespex 2009, Fresno Philatelic Society, Veterans Memorial Building, 435 Hughes Ave., Clovis. Contact Dick Richardson, starstamps@thegrid.net; 559-431-5013.		
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>February 27-March 1</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>March 7-8</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>March 14-15</b>
St. Louis Stamp Expo, Area Clubs, St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis. Contact Penny Kols, expo@regencystamps.com; www.stlouisstampexpo.org; 800-782-0066; Fax 314-361-5677. *WSP*		Stampfest 2009, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc., St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1414 S. 92nd Street, West Allis. Contact Carol Schutta, harryncarol@hotmail.com; www.milwaukeephilatelic.org; 414-464-6994. *B*	Rockford Stamp Club/Wiscopex 2009, Rockford Stamp Club, Forest Hills Lodge, 9572 Forest Hills Rd. & Hwy. 173, Rockford. Contact Tim Wait, twait@comcast.net; 815-262-9117.		
<b>Florida</b>	<b>February 28-March 1</b>	<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>March 8</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>March 14-15</b>
FSDA BAYPEX Stamp Show, Clearwater Stamp Club & Florida Stamp Dealers Assoc., Minnreg Building, 6340 126th Ave. North, Largo. Contact Sheldon Rogg, h.rogg@verizon.net; www.floridastampshows.com; 727-364-6897.		SOPEX, Samuel Osgood Stamp Club, BPO Elks Lodge, 652 Andover St., (Exit 45 off I-93), Lawrence. Contact Roger Brand, rogandsue@comcast.net; 978-468-1773. *B*	CALUPEX, Calumet Stamp Club, Highland Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Highland. Contact John Koval, calumetstamps@sbc.net; www.calumetstampclub.org; 219-214-4836.		
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>February 28-March 1</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>March 8</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>March 14-15</b>
2009 SCCT Stamp Expo, Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo, Holland Gardens, 6530 Angola Rd., Holland. Contact John R. Brilla, brilla6@yahoo.com; www.toledostampclub.org; 419-475-3221.		Spring CAPEX, Capital City Philatelic Society, Linglestown American Legion, 505 N. Mountain Road-I-81 Exit 72, Harrisburg. Contact Linn Kinney, 717-732-7813.	Nashville Stamp Show, Nashville Philatelic Society, Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley Drive, Nashville. Contact Tom Tribke, ttribke@bellsouth.net; www.nashvillephilatelic.org; 615-833-5161.		
<b>California</b>	<b>March 7-8</b>			<b>Maryland</b>	<b>March 21</b>
NOVAPEX, Redding Stamp Club, Senior Citizens				Spring Tripex Stamp Show, Tri-State Stamp Club, St. Ambrose Church, 14923 Winchester Rd., SW, Cumberland. Contact Jeffrey Hutter, jeff.hutter@twrcommunications.com; 301-777-0379.	

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**Wisconsin** **March 21**  
BAYPEX '09, Green Bay Philatelic Society, Best Western Midway Hotel, 780 Armed Forces Drive (1 block east of Lambeau Field), Green Bay. Contact Ray D. Perry, fiveperrys@athenet.net.; 920-469-8925. \*B\*

**Florida** **March 21-22**  
NAPLEX, Collier County Stamp Club, The Conservancy, 1450 Merrilue Drive (just off 14th Ave. North from Goodlette-Frank Rd.), Naples. Contact Robert Hausin, newengstamp@aol.com; 239-732-8000; 239-732-7701.

**Indiana** **March 21-22**  
Spring Stamp Fair, Indiana Stamp Club, Sterrett Center @ Former Ft. Harrison, 8950 Otis Ave., Lawrence. Contact Tom Chastang, tchast5@sbcglobal.net; www.indianastampclub.org; 317-913-9319.

**New Mexico** **March 21-22**  
Mesilla Valley Stamp Show, Mesilla Valley Stamp Club, Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave., Las Cruces. Contact Richard Hiss, RHHiss@comcast.net; www.zianet.com/mvsc; 575-2021937.

**Connecticut** **March 22**  
NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic Society, Annex YMA, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. Contact Brian McGrath, soggy3@aol.com; http://www.NHPS1914.org/; 203-389-2863. \*B\*

**Ohio** **March 27-29**  
Garfield-Perry March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Masonic Auditorium, 36th & Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Contact Roger Rhoads, rrrhoads@aol.com; www.garfieldperry.org; 440-209-8800. \*WSP\*

**Florida** **March 28-29**  
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**Michigan** **March 28-29**

KazoopeX, Kalamazoo Stamp Club, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo. Contact Mike Dennany, irishdennany@yahoo.com; 269-623-5836.

**Delaware** **April 4**

DELPEX Stamp Show and Bourse, Brandywine Valley Stamp Club, Nur Shrine CenterTemple, 198 S. Du Pont Hwy (US Routes 13 & 40), New Castle. Contact John Graper, jcgraper@comcast.net; www.brandywinevalleystampclub.com; 302-994-5222.

**New Hampshire** **April 4**

Great Bay Stamp, Coin, Post Card and Ephemera Show, Great Bay Stamp Club, K of C Hall, Columbus Ave., Rochester. Contact Edmund H. Vallery, ehvallery@aol.com; 603-868-5523.

**Illinois** **April 4-5**

PARFOREX XLIX, Park Forest Stamp Club, St. Irenaeus Church Gymnasium, South Orchard and Indianwood, Park Forest. Contact Ed Waterous, ewwaterous@hotmail.com; 219-769-2840.

**Oregon** **April 4-5**

Southern Oregon Philatelic Exhibition, Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, Padgham Pavilion, Jackson County EXPO Park, 1 Peninger Rd., Central Point. Contact Nick Follansbee, 541-772-3871.

**New York** **April 16-19**

Spring Postage Stamp Mega-Event, American Stamp Dealers Assn., APS & USPS, Madison Square Garden, 4 Pennsylvania Plaza, New York.

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### Virginia

April 18

ROAPEX, Big Lick Stamp Club, First Presbyterian Church/Fellowship Hall, 2101 S. Jefferson St., Roanoke. Contact Ali Nazemi, [nazemi@roanoke.edu](mailto:nazemi@roanoke.edu); <http://Biglickstampclub.home.att.net>; 540-375-2217. \*B\*

### Pennsylvania

April 18-19

WILKPEX, Wilkinsburg Stamp Club, Garden City Hall, Inc., 600 Garden City Drive, Monroeville. Contact Tom Donohue, [wilkinsburgstampclub@yahoo.com](mailto:wilkinsburgstampclub@yahoo.com); 412-373-8697.

### California

April 24-26

WESTPEX Stamp Show, Western Phil. Exhibitions, Inc., San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame. Contact Edward Jarvis, [ejarvis@westpex.com](mailto:ejarvis@westpex.com); [www.westpex.com](http://www.westpex.com); 415-387-1016. \*WSP\*

### Michigan

April 25-26

Plymouth Show, West Suburban Stamp Club, Central Middle School, 650 Church Street, Plymouth. Contact Sandra Strzalkowski, [mywssc@msn.com](mailto:mywssc@msn.com); [www.plymouthshow.com](http://www.plymouthshow.com); 313-533-7737. \*WSP\*

### Pennsylvania

April 25-26

LANCOPEX, Lancaster County Phil. Soc., Farm & Home Ctr., 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster. Contact J. Boyles, [jboyles@dejazzd.com](mailto:jboyles@dejazzd.com); 717-394-5118.

### Connecticut

April 26

NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic Society, Annex YMA, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. Contact Brian McGrath, [soggy3@aol.com](mailto:soggy3@aol.com); <http://www.NHPS1914.org/>; 203-389-2863. \*B\*

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Tuscopex, Tuscora Stamp Club, Tuscora Park Pavilion, 161 Tuscora Avenue, NW, New Philadelphia. Contact James Shamel, jmhelenshamel@hotmail.com; 740-922-4610. \*B\*

**Wisconsin April 29**

DANEPEX, Badger Stamp Club, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington Ave., Madison. Contact Bob Voss, lestamps@charter.net; www.wfscstamps.org; 608-221-3211.

**Massachusetts May 1-3**

Philatelic Show, Northeastern Fed. Of Stamp Clubs, Holiday Inn, Boxboro. Contact Jeff Shapiro, dirtyoldcovers@aol.com. \*WSP\*

**Pennsylvania May 2**

HAVEX, Havertown Stamp Club, Union Methodist Church, Allston Rd. & Brookline Blvd., Havertown. Contact Ernie Anderson, drexelhillernie@comcast.net; 610-259-1045.

**Utah May 8-9**

Utah Spring Stamp Fest, Utah Philatelic Society, Utah State Fair Park, Bonneville Building, 155 North 1000 West, Salt Lake City. Contact Dave Blackhurst, dblackhu@wcfgroup.com; 801-580-9534.

**Ohio May 9**

Trumplex 2009, The Warren Area Stamp Club, J V Johnson Community Center, 800 Gillmer Road, Leavittsburg. Contact Howard Lutz, howrex2@aol.com; 330-924-5124.

**Colorado May 15-17**

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (ROMPEX), Rocky Mountain Phil. Exhibition, Inc., Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, John Q. Hammonds Trade Center, Chambers Rd & I-70, Denver. Contact Ronald Hill, rmss@rockymountainstampshow.com

com; www.rockymountainstampshow.com; 303-241-5409. \*WSP\*

**New York May 15-17**

ROPEX, Rochester Phil. Assoc., ESL Sports Centre, 2700 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd., Rochester. Contact Dave Robinson, stampmf@frontiernet.net; http://www.rpastamps.org/ropex.html; 585-266-2524. \*WSP\*

**Ohio May 16-17**

FALLSPEX 46, Cuyahoga Falls Stamp Club, Lions Park Lodge, 6th Street and Silver Lake Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls. Contact Hugh Kleasen, blixtenAR@aol.com; 330-923-5856.

**New Jersey May 22-24**

NOJEX, North Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs, Inc., Crown Plaza, Meadowlands, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus. Contact Robert G. Rose, rrose@phks.com; www.nojex.org; 973-966-8070. \*WSP\*

**Oregon May 22-24**

PIPEX, Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs/Oregon Stamp Society, Double Tree Hotel, Lloyd Center Exhibition Hall, Portland. Contact Ron Sumner, rmsumner1@juno.com; www.oregonstampsoociety.org; 503-774-2344. \*WSP\*

**Connecticut May 24**

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414-464-6994. \*B\*

**Ohio** **March 19-21**  
Garfield-Perry March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Masonic Auditorium, 36th & Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Contact Roger Rhoads, rrrhoads@aol.com; www.garfieldperry.org. \*WSP\*

**Texas** **April 16-18**  
TEXPEX, Southwest Phil. Foundation, Doubletree Hotel Dallas Near the Galleria, 4099 Valley View Lane (LBJ Freeway at Midway Rd.), Dallas. Contact Tom Koch, tkoch@utdallas.edu; http://www.texasphilatelic.org/texpex.htm; 972-883-4951; 972-883-2473. \*WSP\*

**California** **April 23-25**  
WESTPEX, Western Phil. Exhibitions, Inc., San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame. Contact Edward Jarvis, ejarvis@westpex.com; www.westpex.com; 415-387-1016. \*WSP\*

**Massachusetts** **April 30-May 2**  
Philatelic Show, Northeastern Fed. Of Stamp Clubs, Holiday Inn, Boxborough. Contact Jeff Shapiro, dirtyoldcovers@aol.com. \*WSP\*

**Colorado** **May 14-16**  
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (ROMPEX), Rocky Mountain Phil. Exhibition, Inc., Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, John Q. Hammonds Trade Center, Chambers Rd & I-70, Denver. Contact Ronald Hill, rmss@rockymountainstampshow.com; www.rockymountainstampshow.com; 303-241-5409. \*WSP\*

**New York** **May 14-16**  
ROPEX, Rochester Phil. Assoc., ESL Sports Centre, 2700 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd., Rochester. Contact Dave Robinson, stampmf@frontiernet.net; http://www.rpastamps.org/ropex.html; 585-266-2524. \*WSP\*

**Virginia** **June 4-6**  
NAPEX, National Phil. Exhibitions of Washington D.C., McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean. Contact Thomas Lera, frontier2@erols.com; www.napex.org; 703-205-0600. \*WSP\*

**Colorado** **June 25-27**  
National Topical Stamp Show, American Topical Association, Crowne Plaza Denver Airport, 15500 East 40th Avenue, Denver. Contact Robert J. Mather, burrobob@wi.rr.com; www.americantopicalassn.org; 262-968-2392. \*WSP\*

**Illinois** **August 6-8**  
AMERICOVER, American First Day Cover Society, Marriott Hotel, Oak Brook. Contact Norm Elrod, showinfo@afdcos.org; www.afdcos.org; 931-473-6164. \*WSP\*

**Ohio** **August 7-8**  
CINPEX '10, Greater Cincinnati Philatelic Society, Hugh Watson (Greenhills) American Legion Hall, 11100 Winton Road, Cincinnati. Contact Jim Siekermann/Ron Maifeld, jims150320@aol.com; www.freewebs.com/gcps; 513-825-4379/714-759-5580 Cell. \*B\*

**Virginia** **August 12-15**  
APS STAMP SHOW, American Philatelic Society, Richmond Convention Center, Richmond. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128. \*WSP\*

**Wisconsin** **September 10-11**  
MILCOPEX, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc., Mount Mary College Bergstrom Hall, 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee. Contact Carol Schutta, harrycarol@hotmail.com; www.milwaukeephilatelic.org; 414-464-6994. \*WSP\*

**Michigan** **November 6-7**  
AAPEX, Ann Arbor Stamp Club, Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., Washtenaw Comm. College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. Contact Harry & Dottie Winter,

http://aastampclub.googlepages.com/.

**Illinois** **November 19-21**  
CHICAGOPEX, Chicago Philatelic Society, Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 W. Euclid, Arlington Heights. Contact John Kevin Doyle, doyle-stamps@att.net; www.chicagopex.com. \*WSP\*

**Virginia** **November 19-21**  
VAPEX, Virginia Philatelic Federation, Inc., Holiday Inn - Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg. Contact David B. Collins, rainbowx2@cox.net; 757-872-6264. \*WSP\*

**Florida** **December 3-5**  
FLOREX--The Florida State Stamp Show, FSDA & Central Florida Stamp Club, Central Florida Fair Grounds, Commercial Exhibit Hall, 4603 West Colonial Drive (SR 50), Orlando. Contact Francis Ferguson, show@florexstampshow.com; www.florexstampshow.com; 407-493-0956-Cell. \*WSP\*

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APS AMERISTAMP EXPO, American Philatelic Society, Charleston Convention Center, Charleston. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217.

**Missouri** **February 25-27**  
St. Louis Stamp Expo, Area Clubs, St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis. Contact David Kols, expo@regencystamps.com; www.stlstampexpo.org; 800-782-0066; Fax 314-361-5677. \*WSP\*

**Ohio** **March 25-27**  
Garfield-Perry March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Masonic Auditorium, 36th & Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Contact Roger Rhoads, rrrhoads@aol.com; www.garfieldperry.org. \*WSP\*

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 Barrett, Dixie G. (215227) **Evansville, IN** Retired  
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 Breen, Stephen (215254) **Manchester, CT** US, FDC-UN-CANADA; 59; Teacher  
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 Brooks, Harry (215215) **Knoxville, TN** 62  
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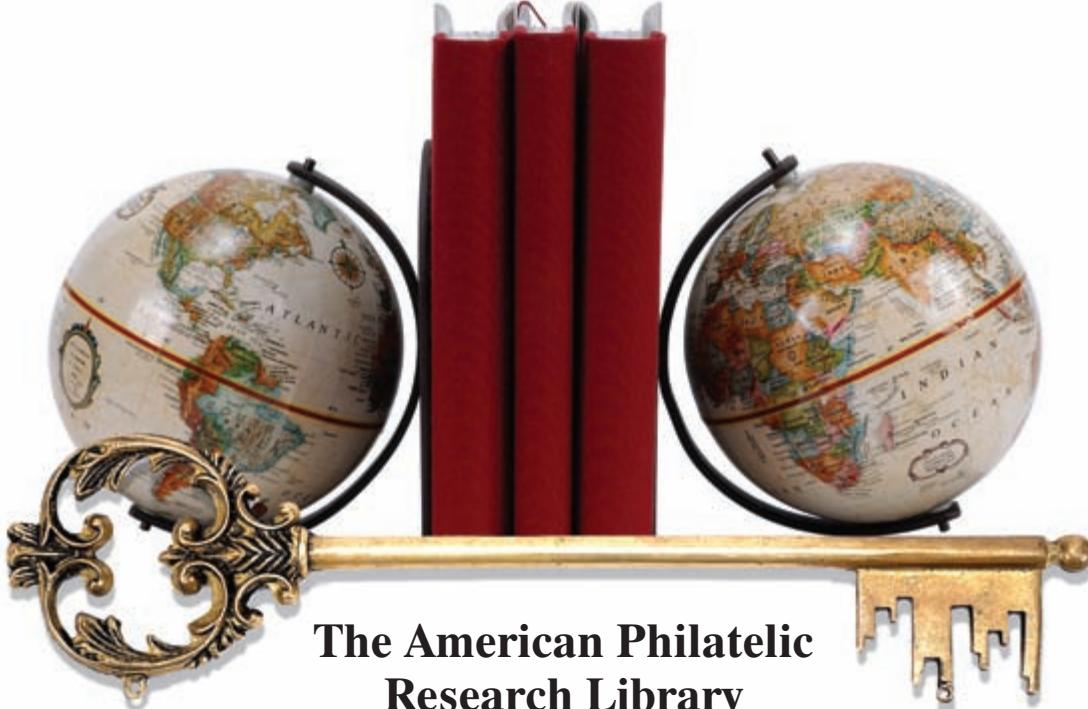
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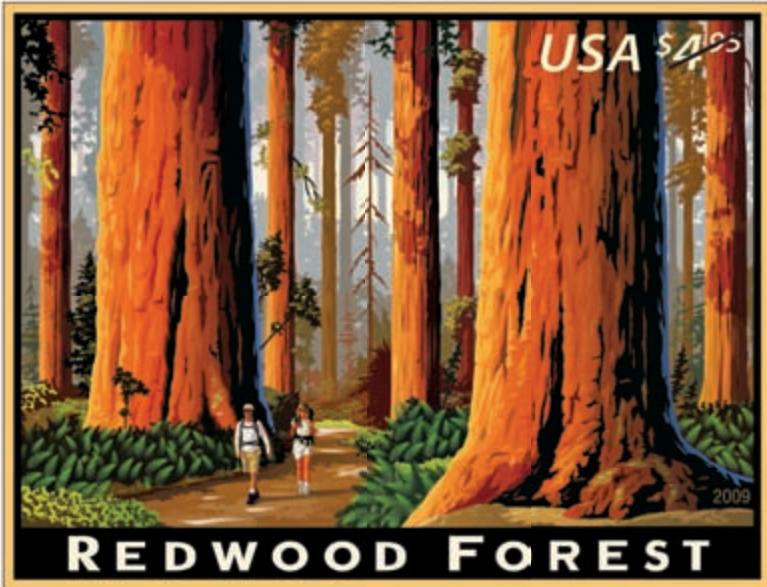
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On January 16, 2009, in San Diego, California (SANDICAL Stamp Show), the Postal Service issued a \$4.95, Redwood Forest (Priority Mail) definitive stamp in one design in a pressure-sensitive pane of 20 stamps. The 2009 Priority Mail stamp pays tribute to the redwood forests of the United States. The stamp features a digital illustration by Dan Cosgrove, Clarendon Hills, Illinois, that depicts two people walking through a typical forest of redwood trees.

**Denomination:** \$4.95 Definitive

**Format:** Pane of 20 (1 design)

**Series:** Priority Mail

**Designer/Art Director/Typographer:** Carl T. Herrman, Carlsbad, CA

**Artist:** Dan Cosgrove, Clarendon Hills, IL

**Modeler:** Joseph Sheeran

**Manufacturing Process:** Offset, Microprinting, "USPS"

**Printer:** Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd., Williamsville, NY

**Press Type:** Mueller Martini, A76

**Paper Type:** Nonphosphored, Type III, Block Tag

**Adhesive Type:** Pressure-sensitive

**Colors:** Black, cyan, magenta, yellow

**Stamp Orientation:** Horizontal

**Sizes (w x h):** 36.07 x 27.56 mm (image);  
39.62 x 31.12 mm (overall); 183.90 x 180.85 mm (pane)

**Plate Numbers:** "P" followed by 4 single digits

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## Old Faithful (Express Mail)

On January 16, 2009, in San Diego, California (SANDICAL Stamp Show), the Postal Service issued a \$17.50, Old Faithful (Express Mail) definitive stamp in one design in a pressure-sensitive (PSA) pane of 20 stamps. The stamp features a digital illustration of Old Faithful Geyser created by Dan Cosgrove, Clarendon Hills, Illi-



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**Denomination:** \$17.50 Definitive

**Format:** Pane of 20 (1 design)

**Series:** Express Mail

**Designer/Art Director/Typographyher:** Carl T. Herrman, Carlsbad, CA

**Artist:** Dan Cosgrove, Clarendon Hills, IL

**Modeler:** Joseph Sheeran

**Manufacturing Process:** Offset, Microprinting, "USPS"

**Printer:** Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd., Williamsville, NY

**Press Type:** Mueller Martini, A76

**Paper Type:** Nonprephosphored, Type III, Block Tagged

**Adhesive Type:** Pressure-sensitive

**Colors:** Black, cyan, magenta, yellow

**Stamp Orientation:** Horizontal

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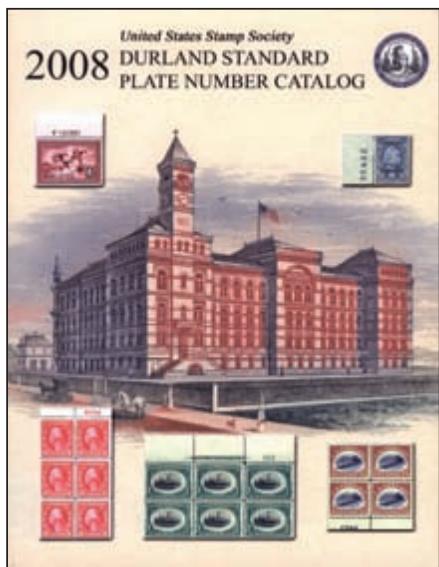
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The Durland Catalog, now in its eighth edition, remains the most comprehensive research source for plate number information on U.S. postage, special service, revenue, and other back-of-the-book stamps listed in the *Scott Specialized Catalogue*. The new edition includes plate number information for the last three years of new issues, plus many previously unreported numbers for pre-Bureau and back-of-the-book issues. The catalogue also includes plate number information on all Confederate issues, overprinted Possessions postage, Carriers, and World War II American Military Government stamps, and is the most comprehensive reference for marginal markings on U.S. issues.

In addition to an all-color presentation and a five-fold increase in illustrations, with this edition the traditional two-column 6"x9" format has been changed to a three-column 8½"x11" format, available in either perfect or spiral bound versions. Other new features include the listing of plate position diagrams and their locations on recent issues, and the plate numbers on a number of minor varieties. Non-postal booklets are included, as well as a greatly expanded section of taxpaid revenues.

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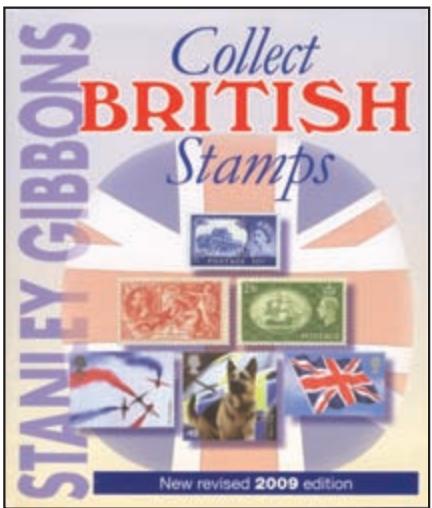
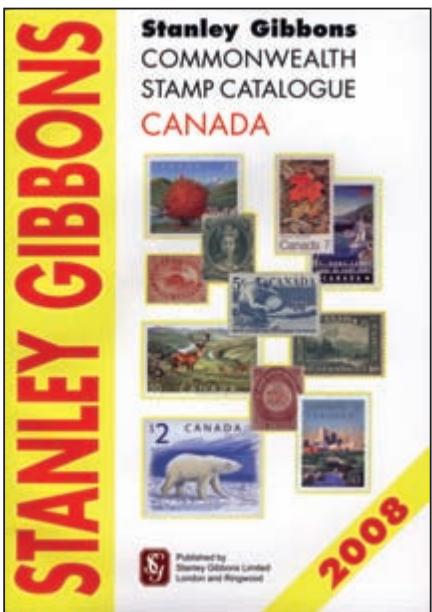
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Prices have been reviewed since the last edition, with a number of significant increases to both early issues and to recent commemoratives, as demand for Great Britain stamps shows no signs of slackening. The 11-page commemorative design index also has been updated, allowing collectors to look up any stamp quickly and easily.

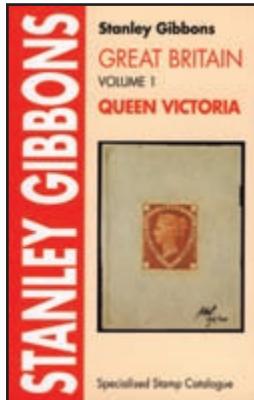
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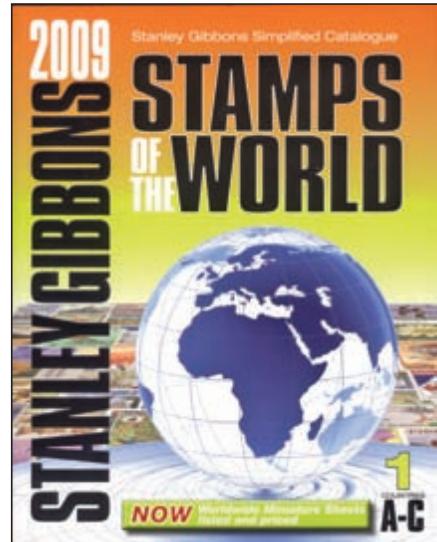
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**Population:** 246,000 (2006 est.)

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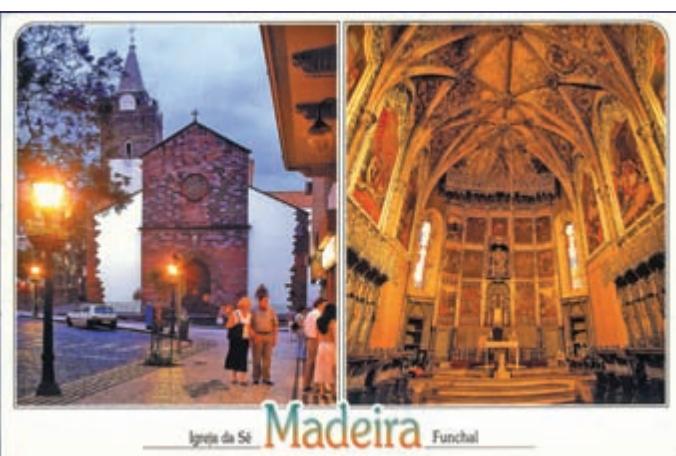
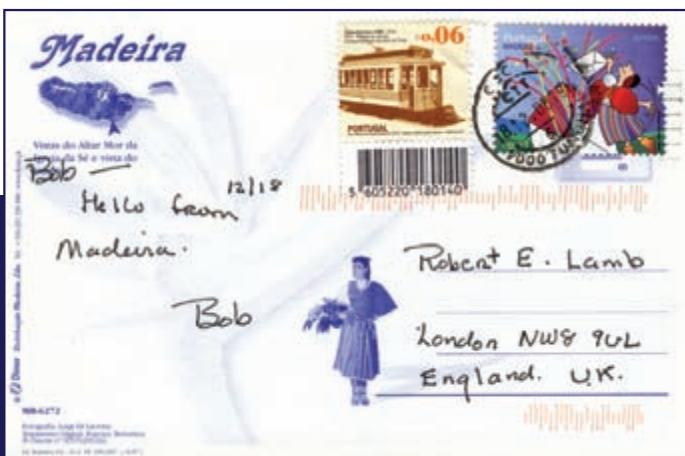
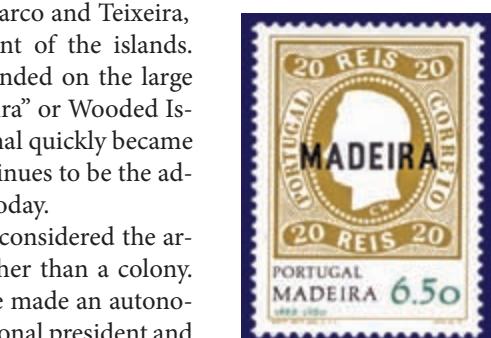
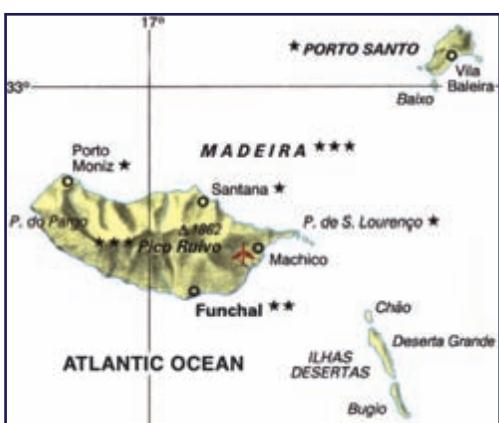


Although Madeira was known to the ancients and appeared on Moorish maps of the period, it was unknown to Europeans until 1418, when Zarco and Teixeira, leaders of an expedition to Guinea were blown hundreds of miles off course by a horrendous storm. They landed on an uninhabited island, which they called Porto Santo (Sacred Port) out of gratitude for its saving their lives.

Based on the reports from Zarco and Teixeira, Prince Henry ordered settlement of the islands. On their return the mariners landed on the large island, which they called "Madeira" or Wooded Island after its dense forests. Funchal quickly became the dominant settlement. It continues to be the administrative capital of Madeira today.

The Portuguese have always considered the archipelago a part of Portugal rather than a colony. On July 1, 1976, the islands were made an autonomous region, with their own regional president and legislative assembly.

From time to time since 1880 special stamps inscribed Madeira have been sold on the island, mainly as a fund-raising measure. In 1980 permanent Madeira stamps finally appeared. Although Portuguese stamps and meters are more prevalent, the Madeira stamps are widely available at the island's roughly 141 post offices. Stamps issued for the Azores are also valid for postage in Madeira.



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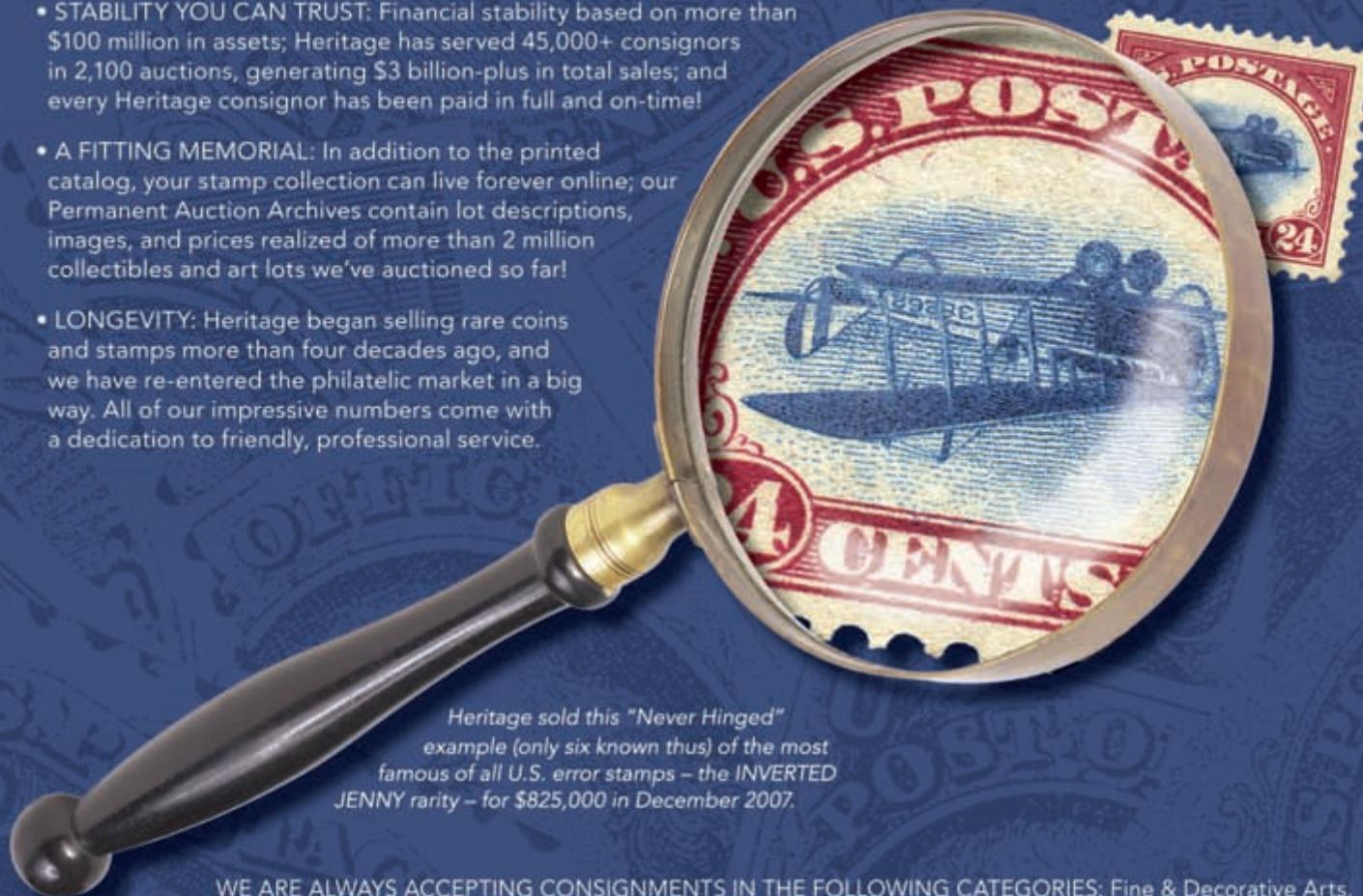
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