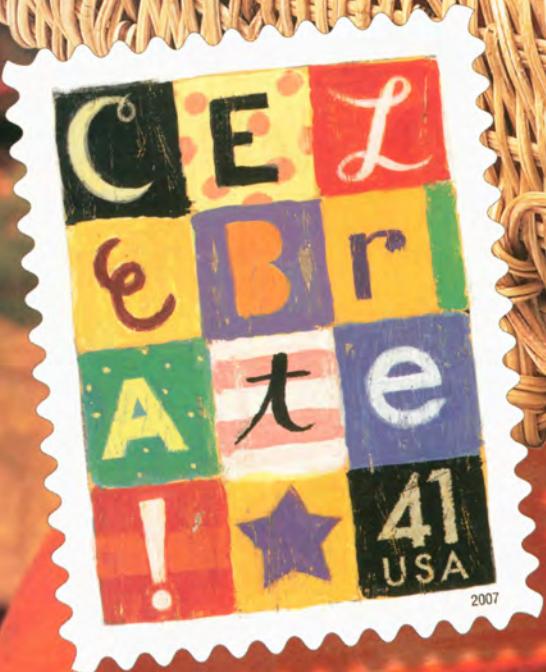


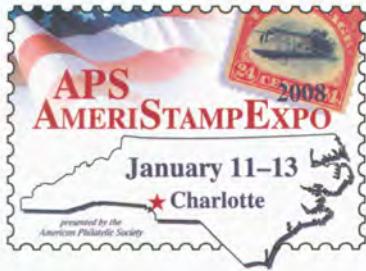
AMERICAN PHILATELIST

November 2007

\$4.95
Journal of the American Philatelic Society

Happy Thanksgiving!





Preregistration for APS AMERISTAMP EXPO 2008

January 11-13 • Charlotte Convention Center

501 South College Street • Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

If attending the show,
please complete form
even if not ordering
tickets. Your badges
will be prepared
in advance and
save you time
at the show.

Name _____ APS No. _____
Names of other adults attending _____
Youth attending _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

All those who preregister will receive a coupon for a discount on any show souvenir.

Quantity	Amount
_____	Tiffany Dinner — Hilton Hotel Promenade Room Friday, January 11, Cash bar 6:30 p.m.; Seating 7:15 p.m. Filet Mignon/Red Snapper \$125 \$ _____ <small>(includes \$50 donation)</small>
_____	Awards Banquet — Hilton Hotel Promenade Room Saturday, January 12, Cash bar 6:30 p.m.; Seating 7:15 p.m. Choose One: <input type="checkbox"/> Seared Atlantic Salmon Pommeray or <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Organic Chicken Breast \$45 \$ _____ <small>(\$50 after December 15)</small>
_____	Writers Unit Breakfast — Hilton Hotel Sunday, January 13, 8:30 a.m. Belgian Waffles with strawberries, bacon and breakfast pastries \$21 \$ _____ <small>(\$25 after December 15)</small>
_____	Stamp Saturday (Adult Beginner Course) Saturday, January 12 — 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Learn about soaking, identification, catalogues, and tools. Participants receive tongs, magnifier, stamps, and more. APS Member/Spouse \$15 \$ _____ General Public \$20
_____	Teacher Workshop — Stamps in the Classroom Sunday, January 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Training for teachers using stamps to achieve student mastery of state standards in a variety of content areas. Free resources included. \$25 \$ _____
_____	Boy Scout Merit Badge Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. A required, 6-hour session for Boy Scouts interested in completing the requirements for the stamp collecting merit badge. \$25 per family \$ _____

*Please attach a note indicating any special dietary needs.

*Tickets and badges will **NOT** be sent but may be picked up at
the registration desk in the exhibit hall.

Total \$ _____

Method of Payment: Check (Payable to APS) Visa MasterCard

Visa or MasterCard number: _____ • _____ • _____ • _____

Signature: _____

Expiration date: _____ • _____ V-Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Return Form and Remittance
by December 15, 2007, to:

APS AMERISTAMP EXPO 2008

100 Match Factory Place
Bellefonte, PA 16823
Fax: 814-933-6128

For more show information, hotel
options, or to preregister visit
www.stamps.org/Ameristamp/intro.htm

CHERRYSTONE AUCTIONS

One of the world's leading auctioneers
Featuring high quality United States &
Worldwide Stamps and Postal History



Combination Cover sold for a record \$517,500



U.S. and Worldwide Public Auctions held every six weeks.
Favorable commission rates, prompt settlement and generous advances.
We also purchase outright for immediate payment.
Contact us today to discuss the sale of your collection.

♦ CHERRYSTONE ♦

119 West 57th St, Suite 316

New York, NY 10019

Phone (212) 977-7734 Fax (212) 977-7734

info@cherrystoneauctions.com

www.cherrystoneauctions.com - blog.cherrystoneauctions.com

7

Top Reasons

to consign your stamps to Regency-Superior today!

- 1. Lavishly illustrated FULL COLOR catalogs.** We print and ship thousands of auction catalogs to active buyers worldwide – weeks in advance of each sale providing ample time for bidding.
- 2. Complete auction online.** Our user-friendly website offers full color images, descriptions and opening bids – ready for online bidding.
- 3. Comprehensive national advertising program.** Full page advertisements promoting each auction are placed in the leading philatelic trade papers assuring your material attracts the attention of important collectors and dealers.
- 4. No fees.** No photographic fees, no lotting fees, no insurance fees. Our seller's commission covers many labor intensive services at no additional cost to you.
- 5. Experts on staff.** Our experienced lotting team describes your material ensuring the best possible realization for your collection. We send you a detailed computerized report itemizing your lots along with the 'estimates' that we list in the Auction Catalog.
- 6. Excellent customer service.** We are committed to offering the best service needed to produce the best possible results.
- 7. Payment settlement 45 business days after the auction.**

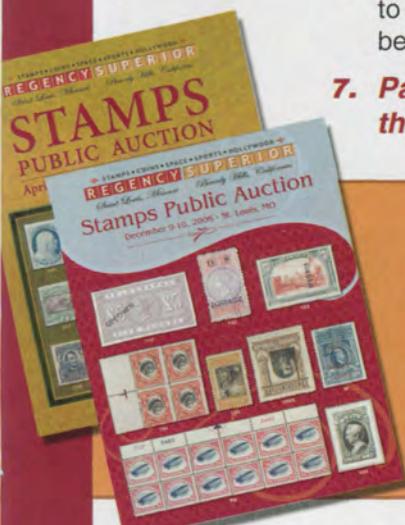


"Regency-Superior Auctions

has sold hundreds of thousands of stamps, covers, collections and box lots to collectors around the world. Let us help you get

TOP DOLLAR for your prized possessions."

— David Kols, President



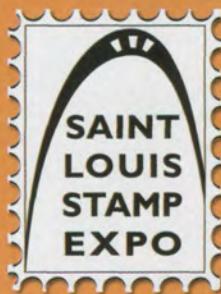
BE A PART OF OUR UPCOMING MEGA-AUCTION!

FEBRUARY 29 – MARCH 2

St. Louis Stamp Expo • St. Louis, Missouri

OFFICIAL AUCTIONEER

CONSIGNMENT DEADLINE / NOVEMBER 30TH



◆ STAMPS • COINS • SPACE • SPORTS • HOLLYWOOD ◆

REGENCY SUPERIOR

Saint Louis, Missouri

229 N. Euclid Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

Beverly Hills, California

9478 W. Olympic Blvd, Suite 200
Beverly Hills, California 90212

Official Auctioneer for these national Stamp Shows:

- **APS Stamp Show**
- **St. Louis Stamp Expo**
- **SESCAL Stamp Show**

1.800.782.0066 • www.RegencySuperior.com

Professionalism has staying power. So do the high prices we *always* pay.



Professionalism at Harmers includes our wide experience in bringing many of the world's greatest collections to auction. At left: Herbert Bloch and Bernard Harmer readying lots for the Alfred H. Caspary auctions in 1955.

Our message to you as a member of the APS is the same today as it was over six decades ago when we began advertising in *The American Philatelist* on a regular basis. The key difference in working with us in the disposal of your philatelic holdings is the way you are treated when you come to us. Professionalism is our hallmark.

Quite often, by the way, individuals come to us for the disposal of their collections because of the delightful personal experiences they have long had with us as bidders in our auctions. Do keep the following in mind...

You will continually find the most rewarding seller-buyer arrangements waiting for you when you begin a personal relationship with H.R. Harmer. With our expert professional philatelists to help you every step of the way, you can rest assured you'll have a wide choice of critically important ways to sell your holdings—far more than you can ever expect elsewhere. For instance:

- Consignment to one of our many public auctions. Not only are Harmers' world famous public auctions available to you, but also the resources of our worldwide affiliates which include such firms from John Bull Stamp Auctions Ltd. in Hong Kong, and Nutmeg Stamp Sales in the United States.

Your collection deserves the attention of the Harmer expert philatelists and auctioneers. Call us to learn the many ways we can help you achieve the highest possible value when you are ready to sell.



H.R. HARMER, INC.

www.hrharmer.com

Our New Address: 5 Francis J. Clarke Drive

Bethel, CT 06801 USA

Phone: +1.203.702.8490 | Fax: +1.203.702.8491

E-Mail: hrharmer@hrharmer.com

Among so many: three icons of American philately whose collections, when sold by Harmers, helped set the standard for over 65 years of name sales, record-setting prices, and overall excellence.

Louise Boyd Dale



Alfred Lichtenstein



Alfred H. Caspary

table of contents

November 2007 • Volume 121 • No. 11 • Whole No. 1,282

967 What I Did on My Summer Vacation

by Robert Budd Combining spousal hobbies leads to new discoveries.

996 Early Mail Robberies in the United States

by Steven J. Berlin and James W. Milgram A fascinating look at rare examples of early robbed mail, recovered, and finally delivered.

1010 A Cover That Will Make You Go 'Hmm...'

by Gary Dunaier A consideration of meters versus stamps on United Nations mail.

1012 A British Baby Born in the Transvaal

by Lou David Allen Why was a Natal stamp used as a revenue stamp on a Transvaal document?

1014 Ideas To Share: Truly a 'One of a Kind' Cover

by James A. Blaine How to create a special birthday gift.

1056 A Business Postcard from Iraq

by Charles A. Fricke Rare 1933 business postcard from newly independent Iraq.

FEATURED COLUMNS

982 Collecting Coast to Coast — Wayne Youngblood

The Pursuit of Auxiliary Markings — Extraneous cover markings can form a new speciality or add interest to an old one.

988 Exploring Back-of-the-Book — David Straight

Statistically Sampling the Mail — Thai and German stamps were used to monitor the volume of government mail.

992

Back to Basics — Ada M. Prill New Horizons

— Don't give up your collecting — get creative instead!

1022

In the Know — Mercer Bristow Expertizing the Usual Suspect — First in a series on identifying U.S. stamps most likely to be subject to fraud or misidentification.

1030

Inside the NPM — Allen Kane Part II of the Benjamin K. Miller Collection on Display — "Rarity Revealed" features stamps from 1894 to the 1920s.

APS News

Advertisers Online	1040
APS Affiliates	1026
APS Insurance Team Tips	1040
Classifieds	1045
From the Executive Director	1019
Index of Advertisers	1038
Letters to the Editor	970
Membership Report	1043
President's Column	1017
Sales Talk	1024
Show Time	1032
U.S. New Issues	1048

AMERICAN PHILATELIST

Since 1887
The Premier Philatelic Magazine in the Nation

BARBARA BOAL • Editor
babaoal@stamps.org

BONNY FARMER • Associate Editor
bfarmer@stamps.org

DORIS WILSON • Associate
Graphics Designer
doris@stamps.org

FRED BAUMANN • Public Relations/
Media Manager
fred@stamps.org

HELEN BRUNO • Advertising Manager
hlbruno@stamps.org • adsales@stamps.org

The American Philatelist (ISSN 0003-0473) is published monthly by the American Philatelic Society, Inc., 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

Periodicals postage paid at Bellefonte, PA 16823 and at additional mailing office. Price per copy \$4.95. Canadian Distribution Agreement Number 40030959.

Opinions expressed in articles in this magazine are those of the writers and are not necessarily endorsed by the Society and/or the magazine. *The American Philatelist* cannot be responsible for the accuracy of any information printed herein.

Postmaster: Send address changes to *The American Philatelist*, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

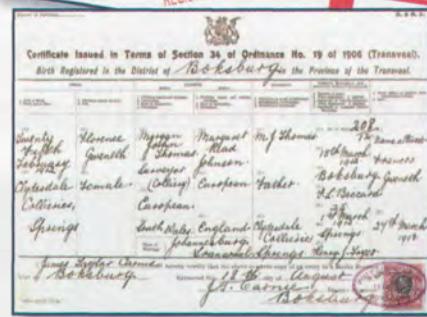
©2007, The American Philatelic Society, Inc.



Page 996



Page 1010



Page 1012

Charlotte, North Carolina



Charlotte Convention Center

APS AMERISTAMP EXPO

January 11–13, 2008
Charlotte Convention Center

American Philatelic Society American Philatelic Research Library

100 Match Factory Place • Bellefonte, PA 16823
Phone: 814-933-3803 • Fax: 814-933-6128

Executive Director

Peter C. Mastrangelo, ext. 204
pcm@stamps.org

Deputy Executive Director

Ken Martin, ext. 218
kpmartin@stamps.org

Director of Internal Operations

Rick Banks, ext. 216
rbanks@stamps.org

Director of Library Services

Gini Horn, ext. 246
gini@stamps.org

Director of Membership Administration

Wendy Masorti, ext. 202
wendy@stamps.org
Address Changes: requests@stamps.org

Director of Education

Gretchen Moody, ext. 239
gretchen@stamps.org
Young Stamp Collectors of America
Janet Houser, ext. 238
jehouser@stamps.org

Director of Expertizing

Mercer Bristow, ext. 205
mercer@stamps.org

Director of Information Technology

Brian Krasinski, ext. 220
brian@stamps.org

Director of the Sales Division

Thomas W. Horn, ext. 227
twhorn@stamps.org

Director of Internet Sales

Renee Gardner, ext. 270
StampStore@stamps.org

Director of Shows and Exhibitions

Dana Guyer, ext. 207
dana@stamps.org
Barb Johnson, ext. 217
barbj@stamps.org
Show Time Listings
showtime@stamps.org

The American Philatelist

Barbara Boal, ext. 221
babooal@stamps.org
Advertising Information:
Helen Bruno, ext. 224
adsales@stamps.org
Public Relations/Media Manager
Fred Baumann, ext. 212
fred@stamps.org
Webmaster, ext. 223
doris@stamps.org

Visit the APS & APRL online at

www.stamps.org • www.stamplibrary.org

To receive periodic e-mail announcements from APS, make sure we have your current e-mail address and enter "apsnews@stamps.org" in your computer's e-mail address book.

APS Official Family

-2007-2009-

President

Nicholas G. Carter
5406 Huntington Parkway
Bethesda, MD 20814
dngc@verizon.net

Board of Vice Presidents

Steven J. Rod
sjrod@aol.com
Wade E. Saadi
wade@pencom.com
David L. Straight
dls@library.wustl.edu
100 Match Factory Place
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Secretary

Wayne Youngblood
P.O. Box 111
Scandinavia, WI 54977
youngblood@tds.net

Treasurer

W. Danforth Walker
P.O. Box 99
Lisbon, MD 21765
dan@insurecollectibles.com

Directors-at-Large

Michael D. Dixon
P.O. Box 60007
Potomac, MD 20859-0007
mdd@iamdigex.net

Joann Lenz
P.O. Box 296
Sterling Heights, MI 48311-0296
joann@stampsjoann.net

Robert P. Odenweller
P.O. Box 401
Bernardsville, NJ 07924-0401
rpoenwel@cs.com

Denise L. Stotts
P.O. Box 690042
Houston, TX 77269-0042
stottsd@swbell.net

Immediate Past President

Janet Klug
6854 Newtonsville Road
Pleasant Plain, OH 45162
tongajan@aol.com

APS Insurance Plan

Hugh Wood Inc.
P.O. Box 414, Bowling Green Station
New York, NY 10274-0414
Toll Free: 888-APS-6494
Phone: 212-509-3777
Fax: 212-509-4906
insurance@stamps.org

Stamp Theft Committee

Ephraim W. Day
2700 Lake Avenue
Cheverly, MD 20785-3038
stamptheft@msn.com

Looking for the very best?

Regular Premier Public Auctions of the highest quality Graded Stamps

Don't miss our monthly-Premier Graded Public Auctions. The Prices Realized at these outstanding regular auctions are a clear indication of the emphasis and desire now being placed by the discriminating specialist on the highest possible quality in the stamp marketplace. Some examples:



Q1. SUPERB
(98J) Price
Realized:
\$2,600.



634. GEM
(100) Price
Realized:
\$2,100.



367. SUPERB
(98J) Price Re-
alized: \$1,200.

Nutmeg Stamp Sales
Top Quality U.S., Great
British Commonwealth Stamps

Premier Graded Stamps
Public Auction #127

Saturday, November 11, 2006

20090
UNITED STATES POSTAGE

Nutmeg Stamp Sales

397. SUPERB
(98J) Price Re-
alized: \$3,000.



748. GEM (100)
Price Realized:
\$1,150.

Our catalogs are
FREE. Call or email us
for our next catalogs—
including the next Nut-
meg Premier Graded
Public Auction.

www.NutmegStamp.com

Why not
become a bidder
in our great sales?

If you're on the hunt for any form of philatelic specialized material—whether outstanding Graded U.S. stamps, a scarce plate variety from a Central American country or an early airmail cover from Italy—you stand a better chance of finding it in a Nutmeg Mail Auction than any other form of philatelic auction in the world.

Ask around. Thousands of philatelists know that Nutmeg is the world's Number One source for specialized stamps and covers. Take a moment now and send for our next catalogs.



5 Francis J. Clarke Drive
Bethel, CT 06801
Phone: (203) 792-3862
FAX: (203) 798-7902
E-Mail: info@nutmegstamp.com
Website: www.nutmegstamp.com

Looking for the elusive
and exotic? From rare 19th
century covers to Brazilian
Bullseyes, you're likely to find
what you're searching for in a
Nutmeg sale.

SELLING?

Give us a call now and let's
have a chat. We have up to \$10
million available at any time
and would love to come to your
home or office to buy from you.



**NUTMEG
STAMP
SALES INC.**



StampWants.com

Buy & Sell Stamps Online

**Let Us Find Exactly
What You're Looking For**



Use our Want List Feature to enter in your want list, and let us find the perfect stamps for your collection. Choose to receive daily emails alerting you to the newest listings that match your want list, or click to view all of our current listings that match your needs. Log in to your StampWants account today and click on 'My Want List' in the 'My StampWants Area.'

WIN
a Rare C3a
Inverted
Jenny

Catalog Value \$275,000!



YOU CAN ENTER ONCE EVERY DAY FOR A YEAR FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

No Purchase Necessary. Void Where Prohibited. Ends December 31, 2007.
Visit www.stampwants.com to enter and for Official Rules.

Enter to Win Only On 
www.StampWants.com

What I Did on My Summer Vacation

by Robert Budd

For many of us, summertime is and always has been an occasion to go on holidays (as we say in Canada). Vacations can be spent at home working in the garden, catching up on sleep, and generally forgetting that we have jobs. Usually there is a trip planned. My wife and I like to pack up the car and head out to some destination at least one of us has never visited.

Having a stamp collector for a mate is quite a cross to bear, as the hobby invades every facet of life. I, of course, insist on taking my collecting habits "on the road." Covers are prepared and mailed home from all the little post offices along the way. (This is getting harder to do in the United States as mail placed even in the local bin is often canceled at the nearest city — sight unseen by the local postmaster.)

When we enter a new city, one of the first things I do is look up "stamps for collectors" in the Yellow Pages. I've come to the realization that stamp dealers are few and far between. A visit to two or three per city is usually the maximum enjoyment available.

A few years back, however, we were roaming through one of my wife's favorite haunts — an antiques store. Lo and behold, in a small corner was a pile of postcards, many of them USED! I quickly learned that there are wonderful covers to be had — well, not "covers" *per se*, but close enough for my taste. Foreign stamps, postmarks from exotic locations, censor markings, postage due, postal stationery, railway post offices — often from the turn of the twentieth century; everything one might desire, and for reasonable prices. I have purchased cards used from countries like Transvaal and Bavaria, all for ridiculously small sums (typically fifty cents or a dollar). The antiques dealers wonder why I turn the boxes around and look at the backs instead of the fronts, but that doesn't worry me.

Last summer, we had a few days of holiday left so we decided to take one last junket. We chose a U.S. city just a couple of hundred miles south of us, nicely close enough for a day trip. Only one stamp store — I'd been there before and knew they sold mostly philatelic supplies, coins, and ... baseball cards! My antique store visits, however, were much more successful. There were some nice U.S. Military markings from World War I, even a couple of Canadian RPOs — great fun. Then I came across the "catch of the day."

It was an inconspicuous black-and-white picture postcard from the Holy Land showing "The Virgin's Fountain, Nazareth" with a message dated April 12, 1904. A province of the Ottoman Empire prior to the Great War, the old Roman Judea was on the "Grand Tour" undertaken by the rich and famous of Europe and America. The card was postmarked Jerusalem, Oesterreichische Post, and the stamp was an overprinted Austrian definitive. Here, indeed, was something special.

As Europeans tended to distrust the Turkish mails, various Ottoman cities (*viz.*, Constantinople, Salonika, Beirut, and Jerusalem) had branches of European post offices to cater to their business and tourist interests. These offices were run by the Italians, the British, the Austrians, the Germans



Postcard mailed from the Austrian Post Office in Jerusalem, franked with Austrian Offices in Crete No. 2.



Reverse of card written in Swedish and inscribed to "Olga and Ruth," Alf Chial's wife and daughter.

— even the Russians. Almost always, the stamps were specially issued for the area of use, often by overprinting domestic stocks to show the value in the local currency. The card I found was from the Austrian Post Office in Jerusalem.

It was not marked with a price as others were, so I presented my choices to the dealer, a very kind and understanding woman, for her decision. She tallied the priced cards and when she came to the Jerusalem card, looked at it with nonchalance and said, "How about a buck?" "That would be great," said I, leaving quietly and quickly lest she change her mind.

Even while looking at the card the first time, something stuck out as not "quite right." Yes, it was nice and exotic and all those interesting things, but I'd been collecting Austrian area for a long time and this was different. I was to meet my family at a coffee shop nearby, so when we all got situated at a table, I revealed to them my precious treasures. I was telling the story about the overprinted stamps for use in the Ottoman Empire when the other shoe dropped.

This stamp should be overprinted "PARAS" — the currency of Turkey including Palestine. Instead, it was overprinted "CENTIMES." I racked my brain to discover just what territory the stamp was meant for. Centimes are used in areas of French influence, and much of the Middle Eastern French influence came after World War I. This was earlier than that and, besides, the "Offices Abroad" idea was largely over with by 1918. I couldn't wait to get home and look it up in the catalogue.

Upon sleuthing through the *Scott Catalogue*, I found that the stamp on the card actually had been issued for use in Crete (Scott 2). The notation for all these stamps states that they were valid in other areas, so clearly my example was tolerated. (I've since found a very few examples on the Internet of this sort of thing, where it is stated that the practice

was not encouraged but definitely allowed.)

Philately is a wonderful hobby, and, as I've often found in the past, only a small amount of research can garner tremendous rewards. As blind luck would have it, I also found out about the writer and his family, as he had been a regionally exhibited photographer.

Alfred Chial was born in Sweden in 1879, arriving in the United States in 1896. He married Olga Bergman of Lake Park, Minnesota, and together they had seven children, including the "Ruth" mentioned in the salutation on the reverse of the card. He often toured the world taking photographs, and circumnavigated the globe four times

between 1920 and 1930. He and his wife retired to Plentywood, Montana, where they passed away in 1953 and 1954, respectively.

So here we have evidence of a plausible story. Mr. Chial was a photographer on holiday in April 1904. As part of his travels he visited Crete and perhaps other Greek Isles. He located an Austrian post office on Crete in order to mail a few postcards home. He purchased a supply of these stamps and found that he had more than he needed after posting his cards. These extras were placed among his writing supplies until he traveled to Jerusalem. There he bought a few cards and again found the Austrian post office to send them off. All the stamps looked familiar, being all pink versions of the portrait definitives of Emperor Franz Joseph (Austria Scott 75 or 75a). His leftover stamps were duly affixed and the cards were dropped in the mailbox. Either missed or ignored, his postage was honored and his card journeyed to Minnesota, where it eventually made its way to the antiques store I visited. I know that I'll always remember that day last summer when I stumbled upon that special card.

References

- Cass County, North Dakota, City of Fargo — Volume B, Funeral Home Index (<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/nd/cass/funeral/hr-ag.txt>).
- eBay (http://stamps.listing.ebay.com/Europe_Austria).
- Jay Smith & Associates (<http://www.jaysmith.com/Specials/World/World-Europe-Austrian-Offices-Abroad-Stamps.html>).
- Photographers of Fargo — Exhibition — Alfred Chial, Institute for Regional Studies, NDSU (<http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/exhibitions/photographers/biography/chial.html>).
- Scott Postage Stamp Catalogue (Amos Press, Sidney, Ohio).

The Author

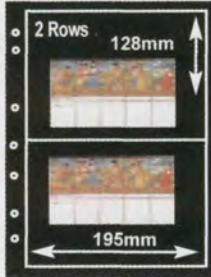
Robert Budd is a Canadian Customs Inspector who collects by the magpie method. He likes Dead Countries, pre-1918 Austria, and whatever "sparkles."

G&K Centurion Stock Sheets

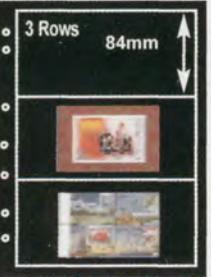
- All plastic top loading 8½x11" (216x280mm) stock sheets
- Double-sided crystal clear Jet-Black Back Pages or - Single-sided All-Clear pages (to view both sides)
- 100% Free of chemical softeners
- Fits Standard 3-Ring binders
- Sizes 1-8 Rows + special sizes
- Mix singles, covers, plate blocks, booklets, miniature sheets, all in the same album
- Pages always lie perfectly flat.



Black Back 1 All-Clear 1C



Black Back 2 All-Clear 2C



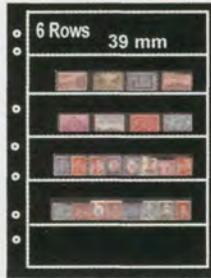
Black Back 3 All-Clear 3C



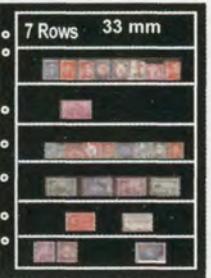
Black Back 4 All-Clear 4C



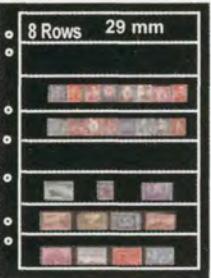
Black Back 5 All-Clear 5C



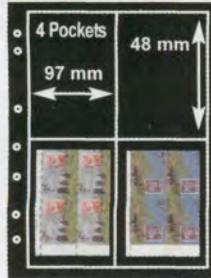
Black Back 6 All-Clear 6C



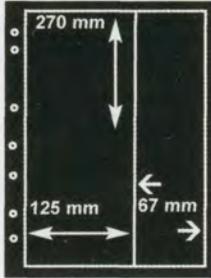
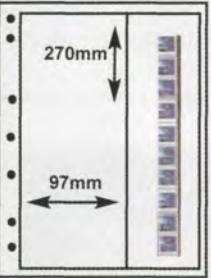
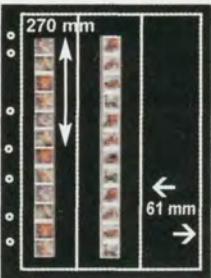
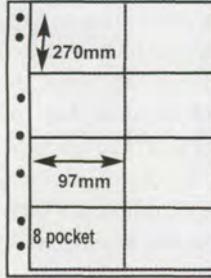
Black Back 7 All-Clear 7C



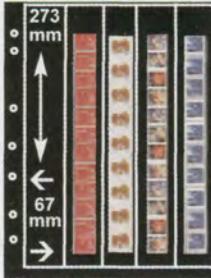
Black Back 8 All-Clear 8C



Black Back 22 All-Clear 22C

2 Vert. Rows
Black Back 2VS2 Vert. Rows
All-Clear 2VC3 Vert. Rows
Black Back 3V All-Clear 3VC

All-Clear 4VC

5 Vert. Rows
Black Back 5VInterleaving Black Only
GKCENI

**Standard
8½x11"
Page Size**



Sold in pkgs. of 5 pages per size

GK-CENR _____ (Fill in code)

\$4.50, Subway's Price \$3.60 ea. pkg.
(Net cost after bonus : \$3.00 pkg)Interleaving, pkg. of 5
(Bonus does not apply)**GK-CENI \$3.00,**
Subway's Price \$2.40**BONUS****Get 1 package****FREE!****with each 5 purchased****Buy 5 pkgs. -****Get 1 FREE****Buy 10 pkgs. -****Get 2 FREE****Buy 50 pkgs. -****Get 10 FREE****Buy 100 pkgs. -****Get 20 FREE**

G&K Nassau Binder & Dustcase



• Leather look Binder with matching

Dustcase

• 3-Ring mechanism

• Holds all 8½x11"

pages

• Binder Size

10⅓x11⅔x2⅓"

Available in:

Blue, Black, Burgundy, Hunter Green

GK-CLAB \$25.73,

Subway's Price \$19.30

THE MOST DELUXE BINDER & CASE
ANYWHERE FOR THIS PRICE!

Subway's Unbelievable Sale! #1



G&K Centurion Album

A G&K Nassau binder in your choice of 4 beautiful colors, a matching dustcase -plus- your choice of any 7 packages (35 pages) of Centurion. Colors: Blue, Black, Burgundy, Hunter Green Stock Pages

GK-CENX2 Subway's Price \$38.22

**DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY AND
HAVE IT DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR! ORDER
ONLINE OR CALL 1-800-221-9960**

America's (and the World's) Largest Stamp Collecting Supply Company

Call Toll Free

Phone: 1-800-221-9960

Fax: 1-888-221-9960

Email: orders@subwaystamp.com

Phone: 814-946-1000 Fax: 814-946-9997

2121 Beale Ave, Altoona, Pa 16601

SHIPPING and HANDLING CHARGES
By MAIL/UPS * Minimum Shipping \$5.50, Over \$46 ADD
12%. Over \$100 ADD 10% Over \$250 ADD 8%

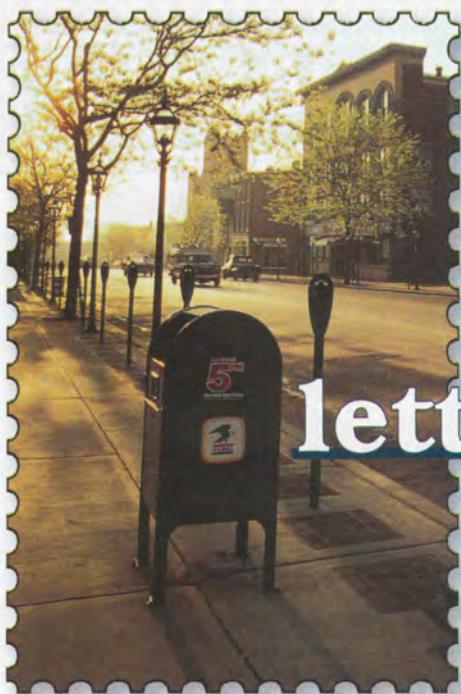
* Some Remote Area's Carry Higher Shipping charges.

ADD \$5/\$10 Per Parcel on some high weight orders
Shipped to the Western States and Texas - WriteAsk for Shipping Charges to
AK, HI, P.R., APO's, FPO's, Foreign

AD# APS2007

www.subwaystamp.com/

Not Responsible For Typographical Errors



letters to the editor

Best Ever

WOW! The September issue of the AP is the best publication in philately that I have read in ages. Color from cover to cover, including advertising. Easy to read and informative. The air craft sections were great. You missed a couple like Lindbergh and Admiral R. Byrd, but I have learned from experience that magazine publications have lim-

ited space. Hopefully, you will continue aerophilately.

The report from Nick Carter and the piece from the Executive Director Peter Mastrangelo were the most "up beat" articles on philately that I have had the pleasure of reading in a long time. With this leadership philately is growing. Both items were a boost to Stamp Collecting.

Thanks again for the wonderful, col-

orful articles. My stamp collecting started in 1929 when I was nine years old, interrupted for four years (1941-1946) while I was busy in the engine room of a ship. (Soaking envelopes to get stamps off was out of the question there.) Today I collect First Flight covers, regular (not air mail) stamps, and cachets with flight info. Again, the entire issue is a winner. The up beat attitude of the President and Director fall right in line with my long-time attitude of stamp collecting as a HOBBY.

Brookfield Philatelic Society

As a 25-year member of the APS, I enjoy reading every issue of *The American Philatelist*. In September, I read the letters, pro and con, about the future of philately. What a delightful surprise it was to see that our club, the Brookfield Philatelic Society, was referred to in the letter of Phil Edelstein, a former member.

However, he paints a bleak picture of the future and describes our club as "lacking the enthusiasm and flavor of youth." I am enclosing a picture of the Shaffer family — Scott, Lori and a very youthful Jonathan Bright Shaffer — taken at our monthly meeting on September 14th. As you can see, at nearly fourteen months of age, he has already taken a shine to kiloware, carries his own magnifying glass, and is a genuine member of the club since all our memberships are family memberships.

Perhaps if more of us spoke at a meeting, gave a presentation, wrote an article for the newsletter, or brought a friend to a meeting, we wouldn't feel the need to write negatively about the hobby.

Alan Vale
Treasurer, Brookfield Philatelic Society
Danbury, Connecticut



Lewis S. Janzow
North Oxford, Massachusetts

Great Visit

On August 22nd a group of us from the Juniata River Stamp Club paid a visit to the new headquarters building of APS. It was the first time any of us had visited the new location. Upon entering the building, who should we meet but the Executive Director, Peter Mastrangelo. He introduced us to a young lady who gave us a tour of the building. EVERYONE we met that day was very friendly and very helpful. Our tour guide was so pleasant, so knowledgeable, and so willing to answer any of our questions. We ended up in the sales room and, again, all the people were so willing to aid us. We missed lunch and, before we knew it, it was time for you folks to close for the day.

We held our regular meeting on

RUPP BROTHERS

Exceptional United States Postal History WANTED

EXPERTISE • INTEGRITY • HONESTY



POSTAL HISTORY 1845 TO 1869

Christopher Rupp needs to buy exceptional United States postal history for all American stamps from the U.S. Postmaster Provisionals through the 1869 Pictorial Issue. Foreign destinations, fancy cancellations, unusual domestic usages, Civil War era covers and Confederate Postmaster Provisionals are keenly desired. If you have a high-quality Postal History collection or choice individual covers for sale, please call Christopher Rupp to obtain the highest possible price.



Post Office Box 487 • Locust Valley, New York 11560
Telephone: 516-364-3701 • Fax: 516-364-3508 • E-mail: ruppbrothers@mindspring.com

— Established 1975 —

Wednesday evening, September 12th, and I wish you could have heard the rave reports about our visit, what we saw, what is available, and how we could sit down and look through stamp books searching for items we need. One member suggested that we make plans real soon to make a second visit, and it appears we will have more people joining us on the trip. I have been a member for many years, and I know of two club members who have requested membership in the APS.

Again, THANKS to everyone for the very enjoyable time we all had during our visit.

Howard A. Miller
Secretary, Juniata River Stamp Club
Richfield, Pennsylvania

Help from Readers?

I am showing a photocopy of the front and back of a postcard that was written by my wife's uncle during World War I. He was a member of the 3rd Troop, B Squadron of the Royal Scots Greys. You can see that his brief message to his fa-



ther was just to let him know the he (David) was still alive.

I am interested in the markings and would appreciate it if someone could supply me with answers to the following questions:

1. It was obviously "Soldiers Mail" but it was not "Free." Was this typical of the British military at that time?
2. What is the significance of the "2½ I.S.G." stamp?
3. What is the significance of the "T" marking?
4. Am I right in assuming that the

three circular markings are regular cancellations?

Thank you.

Heinz J. Heinemann
Newtown, Pennsylvania

End of Approval Service

In the short time since its inception, I feel that the new first class definitions that accompanied the recent postal in-

THE 1898 IMPERFORATES FROM THE NUMERAL ISSUE

Special Offer #A213

In the auction of the Archives of the American Bank Note Company in New York in 1990 was a treasure-trove of items for the collector of Canadian stamps. It is well known that many of the issues were represented in proof form. These were normally done in full sheets printed on india paper that was often mounted on card.

What is not generally known however is that one of these auctions lots contained a few sheets of imperforate stamps! This was the lot comprising the 1898 Numeral Issue. A small number of sheets in that lot were found to be printed on stamp paper! It was the only such lot in the entire auction. Only six values of the set were found in this form. I was fortunate lately to purchase a lot containing some of these rare Numeral imperforates, probably because they were not recognized for their true worth. The price was right, as they say, and a deal was quickly struck.

In this offer you will find imperforate pairs of the half cent, one cent, two cent, five cent, eight cent and ten cent values. The two cent value is the rare die II. The complete set of six pairs is in choice very fine condition and unguammed as printed. Current list price for the set is \$6,450.00. My price is just \$3,795.00. Payment terms are available if required.



Gary J. Lyon (Philatelist) Ltd.

P.O. Box 450 - Bathurst - New Brunswick - E2A 3Z4 - Canada
Toll Free Tel: 1(800) 667-8267 - Fax: 1(888) 867-8267
Email: glstamps@nbnet.nb.ca



No cherrypicking...guaranteed!

As the buyer of your collection, we won't select only the best material. We'll buy it all. No headaches. No worries. It's the way we do business.

We will come to your home and offer you MORE for all of your holdings.

Whether you have a small old collection you inherited from your grandfather—or 40 crates of albums and shoeboxes that would fill a trailer truck—we are prepared to give you *actual market value* for whatever you have to sell. We have \$1.5 million available for this purpose right now. *Over 95% of our offers for collections have been accepted.*

HERE ARE SOME SERIOUS FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

- You'll deal with a family-owned business.
- We will buy everything you have for sale, not just parts of it.
- Our low overhead always allows us to spend more for our purchases.
- Over 30 years in the stamp business.
- We're a buyer with a full service stamp shop in suburban Chicago.
- We're always happy to travel to your location, personally.
- We will pay actual market value for your material.

• **We will always buy it all.** We won't just pick a few nice things from your collections then tell you to keep the rest. Dr. Bob Friedman will buy everything you have—from disorganized accumulations to quality collections.

• **Do you need a quick response? Ship your collection to us right now —our insurance covers it up to \$10,000 per package if you let us know in advance of sending.** Dr. Bob will send you his check for his best offer within 24 hours. Cash it or return it. The amount will be larger than Dr. Bob's offer if he traveled to your location because he'll save the time and travel costs. *Or...*

• **Quick Payment.** No waiting. When you accept Dr. Bob's offer during his visit, he'll give you cash or a cashier's check on the spot.

Here are just a few of the things we're buying right now:

- Entire worldwide and U.S. collections of good quality stamps and covers—the more they're worth, the better!
- Any kind of philatelic exhibit
- Accumulations, large lots, entire garages full of stamps, covers, you name it!
- Dealers stocks of any kind.
- Specialized U.S. stamp and cover collections—no matter how high the value.
- Foreign specialized collections
- Country collections, Topical Collections

Call Toll Free & Ask For Dr. Bob:

1-800-588-8100



Dr. Robert Friedman

Dr. Robert Friedman Stamp Company

Dept. A • 2029 West 75th Street • Woodridge IL 60517

Toll Free: (800) 588-8100 • Fax: (815) 725-4134

Visit our website: www.drbobfriedmanstamps.com

E-Mail: drbobstamps@yahoo.com

Coins also wanted! Visit our
full service stamp and coin
shop in suburban Chicago.



STAMPS

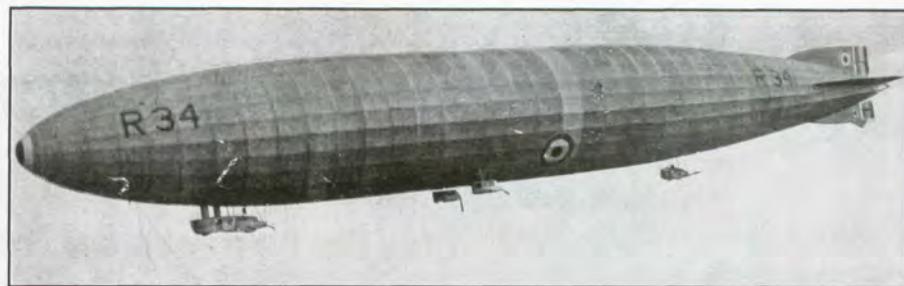


crease will spell the end of philatelic approval services as well as other small mail-order enterprises.

I tried to mail an approval return the other day that weighed 2.2 ounces, with \$.75 postage on it (.41 + .17 + .17). The clerk said it would cost \$1.47, because the item was a parcel, not a flat, and that even if it was a flat, it would cost \$1.14, because it wasn't flexible and therefore didn't qualify as first class! I bent both ends upward to show her it was flexible, but she said it didn't bend *enough*, and not in the middle so therefore it was RIGID.

Well, I don't have time to argue semantics and proper definitions with the ignorant, so I simply took my return back and went to another post office. Fortunately, this time my return was accepted with the \$.75 postage.

My point is that even if the approval mailers can find ways around the interpretations of misinformed postal clerks, the average person can't spend a lot of time (or gas, for that matter) searching for intelligent life on the opposite



side of a P.O. counter and will likely just stop sending for approvals. I may hang in there for a while, but I really prefer to avoid that kind of aggravation.

Robert L. Geary
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin

First Transatlantic Flight

Regarding the article by Richard Martorelli on U.S. Airships in the September AP, he mentions that the first Transatlantic flight by a British Airship was 1921, which is a surprising error as the R34 flew in 1919 and it was important, as it was the second occasion that air mail was carried across the Atlantic. I attach an extract from my book *The*

Postal History of British Airmails. The first occasion Transatlantic air mail was carried was a few weeks before by Alcock & Brown, who made the first non-stop crossing. It is interesting to note that most Americans believe that Lindbergh carried out this feat, which, of course, was many years later. I also attach a photo of the R34 in case it is of interest.

Edward Proud
Heathfield, East Sussex, U.K.

Lt. Luis Candelaria

In a recent issue of *The American Philatelist*, I read the very interesting article by Kenneth J. Gelms: "Aviation's Early Years" (September AP, page 804).

What Can't YOU Live Without?
It's waiting for you at
APS AMERISTAMP EXPO
Booth #216

❖ U.S. STAMPS ❖

Major stock of better pre-1940

❖ REVENUES ❖

Among the largest stocks in the USA

❖ POSSESSIONS ❖

From Canal Zone to Puerto Rico

FRANK BACHENHEIMER



Box 230, Glenview, IL 60025

E-mail: frankb@astampdealer4u.com

(847) 480-1880 • fax 480-7641

Visit us on the web at: www.astampdealer4u.com



Cherryland Postcard Auctions

cherrylandpostcards.com

- New Auction Format & Color Online
- Regularly Scheduled Auctions
- Consignments Accepted
- Always Interested in Buying

Each auction has over 1700 lots of quality postcards. Download it from our website or we will be happy to send you a printed copy.

• Also Offering Wholesale Approvals •
Over 25 Years in the Business

Ronald Millard

P.O. Box 427

Frankfort, MI 49635

(231) 352-9758

millard@net-port.com

cherrylandpostcards.com

EVERYBODY CAN SELL AT GIVEAWAY PRICES

but to obtain record prices in 5 or 6 figures as most of our single lots do is only achieved by us in Germany for decades. Here are some results (incl. premium) of our 100th Auction of 31st August and 1st September 2007



German Post Office in China Michel No 1



Russia, Airmail 1923 Wide „5“



Kiautschou Michel 2+3 on Postal Stationery



New Brunswick Scott 1b, 2



Collection of Proofs and Essays of Generalgovernment



German Post Office in China, Archive Overprint



Federal Republic of Germany Mi. XIII, the „Gscheidle“-Error



Russia, Airship 1932 imperforated block of four

SELL WHERE TOP PRICES ARE NORMAL



**WÜRTTEMBERGISCHES
AUKTIONSHAUS GMBH**



Relenbergstrasse 78, 70174 Stuttgart, Germany, Telefon 01149-711-228505, Fax 01149-711-2285080

info@briefmarkenauktion.de, www.briefmarken-auktionen.de

Edward D. Younger Co.

Serious professional buyers of philatelic properties for over 30 years

Collections - Accumulations - Dealer Stocks

We are a company that:

- Has a reputation for efficient, no-nonsense, honest transactions
- Has a Worldwide clientele allowing us to pay real market price for your **US or foreign collections**
- Has ready funds to handle any size property
- Can provide **immediate cash payment** with no waiting
- Has the need, knowledge and means to buy your stamps

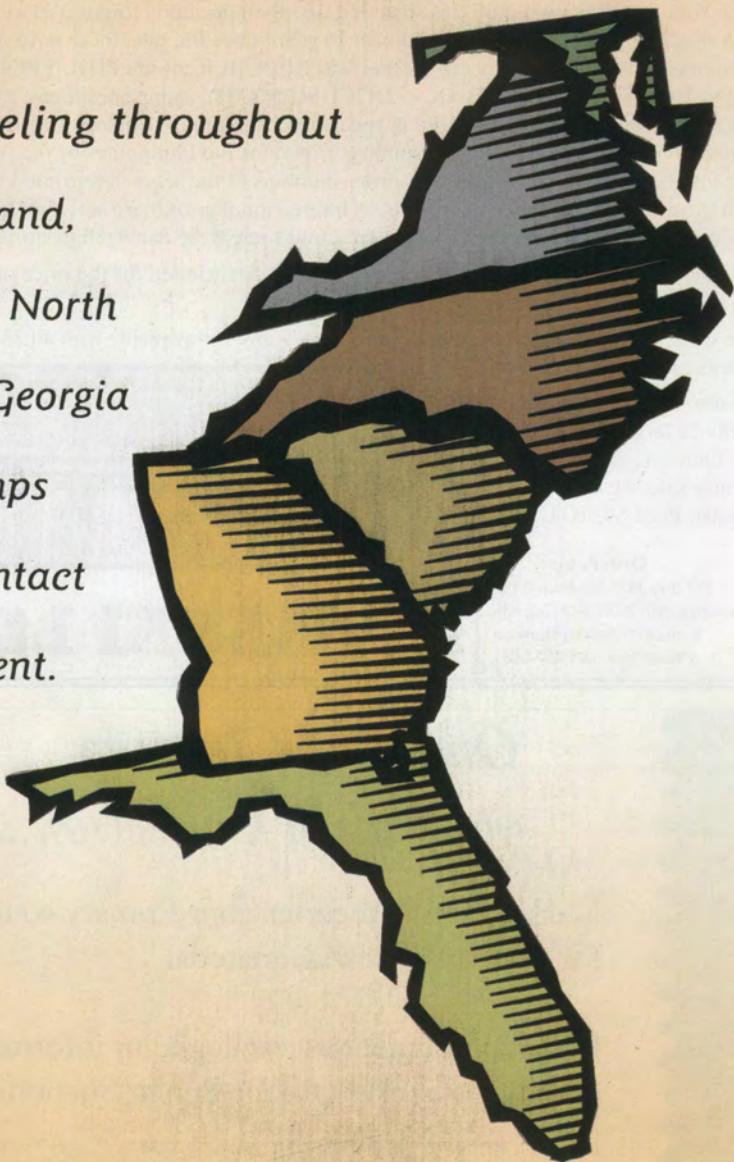


Contact:

George Bailey or Ed Younger for an appointment today!

November 2-29, 2007

*We will be traveling throughout
the eastern states of Maryland,
Washington D.C., Virginia, North
Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia
& Florida. If you have stamps
you'd like to sell, please contact
us to arrange an appointment.*



Member since 1976

Edward D. Younger Co.

67 Old Church Lane
Pound Ridge, New York 10576

Phone: (914)533-0004 • Fax: (914)533-0069 • Email: info@edwardyoungerman.com



Republic of the Philippines

In 1990 the American Banknote Company sold off their archives in the now famous New York Sale. We picked up this small lot, and then promptly forgot it as we were busy marketing other items. In the almost 16 years since the sale, these have not been offered anywhere. They are the 1947-50 REPUBLIC of the PHILIPPINES — INTERNAL REVENUE TAX — DOCUMENTARY stamp specimens. The set has 15 different values, and is listed in specialized Philippines catalogs and articles by Arnold Warren. These are the last stamps printed for the Philippines by the ABNCo. The lot also includes the two further order numbers of the set — 8 reprinted values with the different Specimen overprints. A limited number of these sets exist as the Archive only kept one sheet of some values, and some were damaged in storage.

A total of 23 specimens and all related information is included for the price of \$140 US postpaid. All sets offered are VF and not hinged.

The Order number upper left blocks of four set (only 1 is available with all 23 specimens) is available for \$800 US.

We also have a spectacular collection of the 15 large Die proofs of this set. Only one set was in the ABNCo archive sale; we believe they are unique. Price \$4,500 US.

Orders to:

PO Box 3659, Redwood PO
Winnipeg, MB R2W 3R4 Canada
E-mail: bileski@shaw.ca
Phone/Fax: 204-667-6881



K. BILESKI Ltd.

*One Step Closer to
your ideal Collection...*

Make Eastern Auctions your Primary source
for choice Worldwide material.

For a complimentary catalogue or information
on how to consign to our Public Auctions,
please call us today.



Members of: APS - ASDA - CSDA - PTS - RPSC

Eastern Auctions Ltd.

PO Box 250 - Bathurst - New Brunswick - E2A 3Z2 - Canada

Tel 1 (506) 548-8986 - Fax 1 (506) 546-6627

Email easternauctions@nb.aibn.com - Website www.easternauctions.com

However, I discovered an error on page 806 (Argentine Scott 1793, center stamp on bottom of page). The stamp shows the correct airplane mentioned in the text, a Morane-Saulnier, but the flyer pictured is *not* Roland Garros. The stamp commemorates the 75th anniversary of air flight over the Andes Mountains, and pictures the Argentine Lieutenant Luis C. Candelaria who piloted the plane on this historic occasion.

Vincent De Luca
Santa Clara, California

'Rigid Airship'

As a Navy veteran, I found the review of U.S. Airships by Mr. Martorelli in your September issue ("They Flew Through the Air with the Greatest of Ease..." page 810) quite interesting from a historical standpoint. However, I need to point out that the "ZR" designation for the USS *Shenandoah* stood for "rigid airship" not "Zeppelin Rigid" as stated on page 812 of the article. Verification can be found at the Naval Historical Center's website.

Robert D. Barclay
Boise, Idaho

Prexies Have Their Place

I enjoyed the many articles about air mail service in the September *AP*, especially the one about air mail rates to Central and South America in the Prexy era ("Flying South: Air Mail Rate to Central & South America During the Prexie Era," by Robert Schlesinger, page 818). I think that a lot of today's collectors have forgotten that 20-, 30- and 40-cent rates/fees were quite expensive in those times.

Fifty years ago the USA was still a nickel-and-dime economy — a nickel would buy a newspaper or a local transit fare. There was penny candy and penny postcards — and 3-cent letters! A quarter could buy a hamburger and cola, or get a kid into the double-feature movie on Saturday. And gasoline was cheap enough that no one worried about fuel economy. On the other hand, you thought twice or three times about making a long-distance phone call.

Thank you for showing how useful the Prexie series was in paying the rates of those days.

John E. Evan
Seminole, Florida

World Leading Auctioneers

Prestige

Professional Philatelists

PHILATELY

We're Full of Surprises!!



(1865 "Wild Rover" Blockade-Run Cover)

At Prestige Philately, we're best known for presenting the very best of philatelic material from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

But you never know what to expect at Prestige.

Auction 132 on December 1st 2007 will include outstanding United States Revenues and Postal History.



(RF5 with APES Cert)

Contact us today for your personal copy of our deluxe, large-format, full-colour catalog, only \$US15 paid by Visa, MasterCard or AmEx.

Website • www.prestigephilately.com



Prestige Philately Pty Ltd • P O Box 126 Belgrave Vic • 3160 • Australia



Email: info@prestigephilately.com • Phone: +61 3 9754 7666 • Fax: +61 3 9754 7677



R E S U L T S W I T H I N T E G R I T Y

Stamps on Broadway

Mauritius; A New Broadway Play

Stamps played a part in the movie, *Charade*, of some years ago. In a new play, *Mauritius*, now showing on Broadway in New York City, stamps, stamp collecting, stamp commerce, and stamp peculiarities have a many times larger part. Much of the dialogue is about stamps, and half of the scenes are set in a musty old stamp shop.

Two sisters each believe they are the rightful owner of their late mother's stamp collection. One is the legal beneficiary, the other was of much greater help to the mother in her last days. The story sounds familiar. The collection is brought to a stamp shop to determine its value. Well, I am not going to give away any more of the plot. But I will say that the title with the added words "Post Office" gives you an idea of the content of the collection. The inverted Jenny also has a role.

All the characters — including the sisters, shop owner, constant customer who is the fixture in the shop, and a wealthy collector — exhibit various levels of greed. These are not, however, one-dimensional characters. The latter three individuals exhibit a love of and reverence for stamps. This emotional attachment is never really explained, if it can be at all. The plot touches on various aspects of collecting — condition, expertizing, and such.

The plot is not just about stamp collecting. Sibling rivalry and relationships come in; indeed, there is even a love story. As in all good plays, tension develops, particularly at the end of Act One. You don't know which way things will go. These issues are slowly resolved in Act Two with an interesting twist at the end.

This play has Broadway quality acting and staging. All the actors were superb. I particularly liked F. Murray Abraham as Sterling, the wealthy collector, and Bobby Cannavale as Dennis, the stamp shop fixture. If you collect stamps, if you love the theater, or both, and if you can get to New York with a ticket, go see it!

Stephen Sacks
Clifton, Virginia



Stamps Brighten the Great White Way

Stamps are no strangers to the literary and dramatic arts, and the latest philatelic entry in the theatrical album is now to be seen on Broadway.

One reviewer described Theresa Rebeck's new play *Mauritius* — named for the Indian Ocean home of the rare 1847 colonial "Post Office" issues — as "a gimlet-eyed look at the seedy underbelly of stamp collecting ... a caper that's equally comic and captivating."

Sponsored by the Manhattan Theatre Club, opening night at New York's Biltmore Theatre was Thursday, October 4.

But when the curtain went down after the 2 p.m. Saturday matinee on October 6, the audience was treated to a discussion of the play with cast member Dylan Baker — and a cameo appearance by Mercer Bristow, director of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service (APEX), to shine a footlight on the play's philatelic underpinnings.

"They invited me to take part," quipped Bristow, a longtime community theater player, "because, at age 56, I don't know if I'll ever have another chance to appear on Broadway."

The Big Apple-based Philatelic Foundation and Collectors Club acted as consultants to the play while it was in development, "providing information, background and color to the actors and production company about stamp collectors and the hobby in general," according to Wade Saadi of the APS Board of Vice Presidents. "Actor F. Murray Abraham and the cast came to a regular Collectors Club meeting and spoke with several members and stayed for a presentation...."

Indeed, the Manhattan Theater Club website (www.ManhattanTheatreClub.com) has links to tell you about the cast — and about the stamps.

Mauritius is playing through November 25 at the Biltmore Theater, located at 261 West 47th Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue. For tickets, call or visit Telecharge.com at 212-239-6200.



"Mr. Opening Night"
Mercer Bristow,
APS Director of Expertizing

Manuscript Cancels

In regards to the letter "USPS Does It Again" in the July AP (Harris T. Janusch, page 594) criticizing the USPS for the use of ballpoint pens and other type markers to cancel nice collectible stamps on mail, I would like to point out that there is a logical reason for this being done. It is not the USPS as a whole but boils down to your local postmaster and his mail clerks. When it comes to incoming, uncanceled mail, they are between a rock and a hard place.

First of all, regular-sized post offices are authorized to have one four-bar city named ink hand cancelling device and one round registered mail cancellation device for each sales counter. Any additional devices must be purchased by the postmaster from his operating funds. Secondly, mail sorting tables have flat, bare surfaces with little or no room or other provision for any items besides the mail being sorted.

All sorting clerks and mail men are regularly "time checked" by postal inspectors who, over the years, have set sorting rate standards. Anyone falling below this standard rate is reprimanded

and duly reported. Consequently, if the sorter encounters an unpostmarked piece of mail matter, he or she is not inclined to waste time looking around the facilities for an available canceller. A ballpoint pen stuck in a pocket or behind the ear is much more readily available with hardly any loss in time.

In today's postal world, much of the arriving mail has already been sorted by name and address such that the mail man only has to sort out any locally received mail and insert it into its proper delivery bundle. As your mail man proceeds along his route, he notes that one of the letters in his presorted bundle has not been postmarked. His orders are not to deliver any uncanceled stamps. His only alternative is his trusty ballpoint pen.

This was explained to me by my local postmaster several years ago, when I received a parcel of philatelic material that had several desirable high-value stamps on it that were pen cancelled. As badly as we stamp collectors abhor the practice, it's going to be a fact of life and we must bite the bullet and bear the pain.

Ivan L. Pfalser
Caney, Kansas

Aron R. Halberstam

Philatelists, Ltd.

Specializing in

Pre-1960 Stamps of the Entire

British Commonwealth



AUSTRALIA

Scott: J49

SG: D73

Used, Very Nice

\$395

Visit our website **Browse, Search, and Order** securely from our Online Price List at www.arhstamps.com

Not on the Internet? No problem.

Call or write for a free price list.

We are eager to buy better British Commonwealth stamps!

Call or write to us first with a description of what you have to offer.

P.O. Box 150168, Van Brunt Station
Brooklyn, NY 11215-0168, USA
Tel: 1-718-788-3978 • Fax: 1-718-965-3099
E-mail: arh@arhstamps.com



ORCOEXPO STAMP SHOW

JANUARY 11-13, 2008

FRI. 11-6 • SAT. 10-6 • SUN. 10-4

Embassy Suites/Anaheim South

11767 Harbor Blvd., Anaheim/Garden Grove
(Just 1 mile South of Disneyland) PH: 714-539-3300

60 LEADING STAMP/COVER DEALERS
FROM THROUGHOUT THE U.S.

FOREIGN POST OFFICES • FREE APPRAISALS

SEMINARS • DOOR PRIZES • FREE PARKING



Stephen Pattillo Quality Stampshows
P.O. Box 604 • Fullerton CA 92832

888-995-0548

www.stampshowsteve.com



FREE ADMISSION WITH AD OR CARD

The Pursuit of Auxiliary Markings

One collecting area that has brought me a great deal of joy over the years is the pursuit of auxiliary markings. These markings are generally encountered on covers (although they can be found on individual stamps as well), and can comprise a specialty of their own or add significance to almost any other collection — whether it is a specialized study of a single stamp or series, a class of mail, or a topical or thematic collection or exhibit. These markings may be common or rare and cover a host of things that can happen in the mail stream.

The philatelic definition of an *auxiliary marking* technically includes any kind of extraneous marking on a cover other than the postmark, including labels. Thus, registration, certified, and other special-service markings can be considered auxiliary markings, but are not generally collected as such by most collectors. The most commonly encountered form of auxiliary marking is the ubiquitous pointing finger "Return to Sender" marking found on tens of thousands of common and rare covers from the nineteenth century to the present. These markings can be applied either by hand or machine and cover a host of different reasons why a mail piece is undeliverable.

But there are scores of other types of

auxiliary markings — both postal and private — that explain, enhance, and add depth to items that have traveled through the mail. Hand-stamped private auxiliary markings generally are limited to "Opened by mistake" or include notations that an individual is no longer at a firm, hospital, school, or other organization. But also there are handwritten markings — such as the one shown that refers to mail theft (explained further by the note from the St. Paul Dead Letter Office that was enclosed with official auxiliary markings). Despite the number and types of private auxiliary markings, we'll focus this month purely on a few postal examples.

Most auxiliary markings fall into at least one of four generalized loose categories, including those dealing with revenue protection, directives, apologies, and explanations. These categories can (and do) frequently overlap.

Revenue Protection

Those markings dealing with revenue protection generally refer to illegal postage, misuse of bulk mail, short-paid or unpaid mail matter, and the verification of postage. An early example of this type of mail is a postcard of the Statue of Liberty, mailed from New York City, April 23, 1906, most likely by a tourist — but without a stamp.

On April 24, the card was marked with a so-called "opera glass" auxiliary marking that reads: "New York, N.Y. / April 24, 1906 / Sent Notice of Detention," meaning that a note was sent to the recipient asking for the necessary postage (rather than sending the card postage due). A black "Held for Postage" marking also was applied.

On April 28, apparently after receipt of a penny, a 1-cent stamp was added and postmarked, along with the marking, "Originally Held for Postage / but now forwarded on Receipt / From You of Amount Due / N.Y.I.D." Although this is a definite example of revenue protection, this card also falls under the category of a directive.

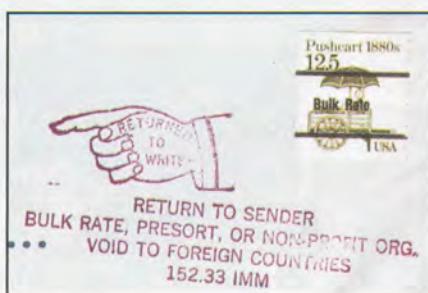
Another interesting example is a postcard with bulk-rate stamps that was marked "Return for Postage. Stamps Void if Coated Covered or Defaced. Nixie Unit — Tour 1" (presumably in Chicago, where the card was mailed). However, the card was delivered. A few other examples of revenue protection markings are shown, along with a 1947 use of a nineteenth-century "Due 3" marking!

Directives

Directive-style auxiliary markings tell either the sender or the recipient to do something, such as the two examples shown. The 1967 top example, which is an air mail envelope with printed lozenges, had a 5-cent first-class stamp affixed. It should have been returned for additional postage, and was marked "This Envelope for Air Mail Use Only" and "Postage Due 3 Cents." However, it



Hundreds of types of pointing finger "Return to Sender" markings are known, and they have been used for a nearly equal number of different reasons. Those markings, such as the two shown, may be applied either by hand or machine.



After 5 days, return to
STATE BANK OF NORTHLAND,
P. O. Box 129,
NORTHLAND, MINN.



Colen
Received Aug 14 1938

First National Bank,
Red Wing, Minn.

Although this cover bears a form of private auxiliary marking that explains three three-month delay in delivery, a note enclosed contains several official markings.

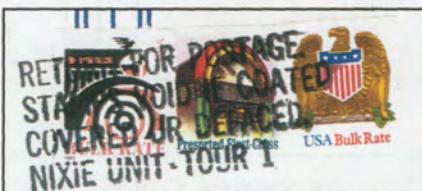


THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS.

An early — and labor-intensive — form of revenue protection auxiliary marking. Rather than being sent postage due, this card was held while a note requesting a penny was sent to the eventual recipient. The card was released and delivered upon receipt of the payment.

This was taken from a pouch, recovered at Taylor Falls Minn. and turned in to St. Paul, Minn. for distribution

NOV 10 1938
DEAD PARCEL
POST BRANCH
ST. PAUL, MINN.



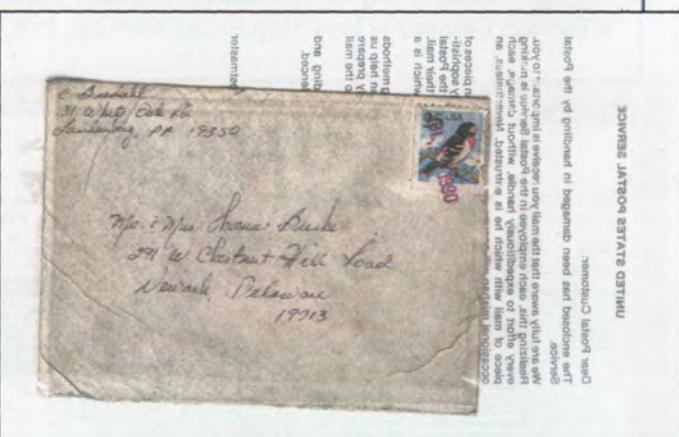
This marking, used to cancel the stamps (which had indeed been illegally reused), is a fairly unusual form of marking.

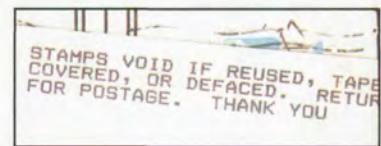
Whatever Happened to Auxiliary Markings?

Although various forms of auxiliary markings are known from all time periods, they were most commonly used from the early 1900s through the 1980s.

During this golden era of auxiliary markings, it wasn't unusual for individual post offices to create rubber stamps for whatever purpose was deemed necessary, ranging from mail disasters and theft to postage due and un-emptied mail sacks. As a result, highly localized auxiliary markings can be found for a host of reasons from numerous post offices throughout the country.

However, as the USPS became more automated and strove for more internal consistency, these markings began to disappear. Most were replaced by the now-common generic plastic "We're Sorry" ambulance bag that covers a multitude of sins. Although ambulance bags do count as a form of auxiliary marking, it is virtually impossible in most cases to tell whether a cover enclosed, such as the one shown, was dropped in the mud, run over, or suffered an airplane crash. Further, once the ambulance bag is removed and discarded by the recipient, the cover inside loses its identity as a collectible casualty.





Shown are other types of revenue protection auxiliary markings, including a 1947 use of a nineteenth-century "Due 3" marking.

Internal USPS Auxiliary Markings

Occasionally, auxiliary markings will turn up on stamps or covers that were never intended for external distribution. Generally, these markings — usually of a directive nature — have been applied to mail pieces that are not deliverable or returnable for whatever reason. Two such items are shown in the accompanying illustrations. The first, from 1978, is found on the torn, stamped half of a cover that was originally posted November 18, 1978. Although it is not known exactly what happened to the cover (which bears several other postmarks), it was deemed neither returnable nor deliverable and was hand-stamped with the "Return for Endorsement of Delivery Carrier and Final Disposition" marking. This, of course, meant the piece was supposed to be destroyed. It wasn't.

**RETURN FOR ENDORSEMENT OF DELIVERY
CARRIER AND FINAL DISPOSITION.**

The second internal auxiliary marking takes the form of a label applied over a business reply card taped to a larger envelope. The marking reads "Improper use of BRM / Not for use as labels / Treat as Waste / DMM 917.243B." This cover also should have been destroyed.

Although the marking is technically correct, its use saved a company a fair amount of postage. The envelope was jammed with as many sheets of paper as would fit, likely by someone who was fed up with receiving junk mail. It is a common (but unacceptable) practice for frustrated recipients to stuff business reply mail envelopes as full as possible and drop them in the mail with the mistaken hope that if a company has to pay for enough similar pieces it will stop sending out bulk mailings.



Some Covers Are Auxiliary Marking Magnets

The accompanying illustration is an example of a cover that seems to attract auxiliary markings. It was never intended to be mailed and was nothing more than a blank envelope that was accidentally deposited in the mail along with other company correspondence.

Because the envelope had no contents and was never sealed, it was marked "Received without contents" and postmarked February 16, 1989, with a Dayton, Ohio, "Loose in the Mails" marking. It also was "Returned for a Better Address" (or any address!), and was "Returned for Postage," since it was neither stamped nor stuffed.

Even though the business owner was a non-collector, this envelope, which received more than its share of attention from the USPS, provided him with a great deal of amusement. In retrospect, it's obvious to most that this was nothing more than a mistake, but the USPS couldn't just make that assumption and destroy the item if there was any chance of a delivery or return. I'm glad the USPS takes even loose mail matter so seriously.



apparently was neither assessed nor returned. The bottom example, paid with a pair of non-denominated E-series stamps and sent to Canada, was marked "Return to Sender. This Stamp not to be used on International Mail." At that time non-denominated stamps were restricted to domestic use only.

Apologies

Apologetic auxiliary markings usually have something to do with damaged mail, such as the example shown. Prior to ambulance bags such markings frequently were identified by the responsible post office.

Explanations

Arguably the broadest, loosest, and most interesting of auxiliary marking categories — and one that sometimes closely overlaps the apology category — is that of explanations. These markings tell the ultimate recipient (sender, addressee, or others) what happened to the mail, to a greater or lesser degree, often with specifics.

For example, in 1991 when the U.S. State Department staged a Visa lottery for immigrants to receive green cards, there were so many applicants in the



Shown here are two examples of directive-style auxiliary markings, explaining why the use of these particular stamps and envelopes was inappropriate.

This cover shows an apology style of auxiliary marking, usually used to apologize for or explain damage in handling.

NAY AESTHETICS INC.
249-16 HILLSIDE AVENUE
BELLROSE, NY 11425

DAMAGE DUE TO
HIGH SPEED EQUIPMENT
APOLOGIES
U.S. POSTAL SVC.



Debbie Moerissey
3145 Bellflower
Kettering, OHIO 45409

Elliott Lindsay
AUCTIONS
104 Seabright Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 Pho. 423-0077

Walter Potts
406 Orleans Cir. SW
PMB 1935
Vienna, VA 22183-8935

This Letter Was Delayed Due To
The Immigration VISA Lottery
Program (AA-1). We Regret
Any Inconvenience.
USPS
Northern Virginia Division
Merrifield, VA 22081-9996

The explanation on this cover describes circumstances leading to at three-week delivery delay.

closing hours of November 15 that the volume choked the mail stream, causing delays of other mail. The cover illustrated was affected by the lottery. It was mailed from San Jose, California, November 15, 1991, but was not marked by the Northern Virginia mail processing center for delivery until December 7, 1991, nearly three weeks later. It was appropriately marked "This letter was delayed due to the Immigration VISA Lottery Program (AA-1). We regret any Inconvenience. USPS Northern Virginia Division Merrifield, VA 22081-9996."

Several other examples of explanatory auxiliary markings, including quarantines and fraudulent mail, are shown.

A final type of auxiliary marking found primarily during the past twenty years involves ink-jet printers and postal automation. These sprayed-on markings have been used for all the reasons previ-



20031
FRAUDULENT.
Mail to this address returned
by order of Postmaster General

MR. PASCAL PALDACCHINO
ST. RITA DA CASCIA HOUSE
MAIN ST
GUDIA, MALTA.



These covers, also explanatory, describe quarantine conditions and fraud.



ously discussed, but some postal clerks have used them for personal messages as well. The most notable of these, during the early 1990s, contained obscenities, but many others were highly entertaining, including a unique example shown illustrated. In an attempt to endear himself, a Denver, Colorado, postal clerk set the ink-jet spraying mechanism to read "I Love You Josie." It is unknown how many pieces of mail were marked in this manner or whether he was able to secure

a date with the object of his affection.

If you are interested in auxiliary markings, you may wish to consider joining the Auxiliary Markings Club. The AMC (APS Affiliate #252) was founded in 2003 to promote the enjoyment and study of auxiliary markings worldwide. Annual dues are \$15, which includes a subscription to the quarterly *Auxiliary Markings Newsletter*, awards, meetings, and other benefits. For more information, write to Nancy B.Z. Clark,



A Denver-area postal clerk set the ink-jet canceling unit in a manner that allowed him to profess his love.

Box 427, Marstons Mills, MA 02648. Her e-mail address is nbc@postal-markings.org (www.postal-markings.org).

Let Mystic Turn Your Stamp Collection Into Cash...



Dear Stamp Collector,

Mystic has the resources to pay you what your high-value stamps are really worth — so you can get the cash you truly deserve!

Learn Why Mystic Pays More....

Every day Mystic supplies thousands of our collector-friends

with stamps. We need a lot of stamps to satisfy these active collectors. So we can't afford to miss an opportunity to acquire desirable stamps. That's why we'll pay you today's high market prices. In fact, we'll give you a check "on the spot."

Serving Dealers and Collectors for Over 80 Years

We've been around for a long time and we've always treated our clients the way we like to be treated — with respect, professionalism and honesty. Our spotless reputation assures you'll be paid the true value of your stamps — even if you don't know what they're worth.

What We Need

We need your valuable stamps now — award-winning and high-quality collections, both U.S. and worldwide,

Mystic

We Pay More For Your Stamps



World's Greatest Stamp Rarity

And We Have the Expertise to Pay What Your Stamps Are Really Worth!

country and topical collections, rare U.S. and foreign stamps, entire dealer stocks, store inventory, large accumulations and postage lots. We need it all.

Call Mystic today — you'll be glad you did.

Don Sundman

**We Pay More for Your Stamps
Call 800-835-3609**

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (include area code) _____

United States Worldwide Collection Accumulation

Approximate value _____

Based on _____

Brief description of stamps _____

Mystic Stamp Company

Attention: Buying Department
9700 Mill Street, Camden, N.Y. 13316
Phone: 1-800-835-3609 Fax: 1-800-385-4919
StampBuyer@MysticStamp.com

L-BA868

Copyright © 2007 by Mystic Stamp Company, Inc.

Statistically Sampling the Mail

While vastly different in appearance, the German and Thai stamps illustrated served a similar purpose — to sample the volume of government mail statistically for accounting purposes. In some countries, the post office has recovered the cost of delivering mail generated by other branches of government through the "sale" of official stamps for use on government mail. Rather than create a permanent apparatus for the distribution of official stamps, the German Empire and Thailand each opted to use statistical sampling to ascertain the cost of providing postal service to the rest of the government. In each country, all government mail for a set period of time was counted through the required use of these stamps. Annual reimbursement rates for postal service for each government agency were then calculated from the data collected.

During the unification of the German Empire in 1871 approximately thirty states, duchies, and administrative areas were allowed to retain their franking privilege for their official mail. In order for the Reichspost, the imperial post office, to bill each state and duchy for its postal service, it needed to know the volume of mail being handled. Using a statistical model, mail in one state was counted during one year, with postal charges for the other areas calculated on a prorated basis from the data collected. In 1903 data was collected in Prussia by requiring the use of official stamps on all Prussian state mail. Scott uses the prefix



From left: 1903 German local official for use in Prussia (Scott OL8); 1905 German local official for use in Baden (Scott OL18).

"OL" for these local official stamps; the Michel catalogue calls them "Zähldienstmarken" (Numerical Official Stamps).

The stamps were designed by taking the border from the current German definitive stamps and replacing the portrait of Germania with the text "FREI DURCH ABLÖSUNG Nr. 21" ("Free by Special Exemption in District 21"). The eight values, in the same colors as the corresponding definitive stamps, ranged from two pfennigs for the local postal card rate up to fifty pfennigs, five times the letter rate. While these stamps were in use, they were not available for sale to the public. After the study was completed, the remaining stamps were sold to a German dealer; unused copies are readily available today.

The Reichspost repeated this sampling procedure in Baden, the former grand duchy in southwestern Germany, two years later. Like the Prussian stamps, usage was only for a single year, from January 1 to December 31, 1905. The same frame was used with a different style of lettering, now reading "FREI DURCH ABLÖSUNG Nr. 16." However, only six values, from two pfennigs to twenty-five pfennigs, were issued. There must have been smaller quantities remaindered because an unused set from Baden will cost about 20–30 times as much as a Prussian set.

The use of these official stamps was only temporary; they did not replace the standard postal procedures for identifying official mail. As with the covers illustrated here, official mail required boxed messages, printed or handstamped, read-

ing "Frei lt. Avers. No. ___," followed by the name of the agency, plus the hand-stamped seals of the agency sending the mail. Like much of the surviving official correspondence, these covers relate to the judicial system.

Thailand tabulated government mail from all departments during four months, November 1, 1963 until January 31, 1964. Eleven stamps, in two sets, with values ranging from ten satangs to two baht were issued. The inscription reads, "For Government Service Statistical Research." Since these stamps were not for international use, the UPU requirements of Arabic numbers and the country name in an official language could be ignored. Unlike other Thai issues of that period, which were attractively printed by De La Rue or the Japanese Government, these two sets were crudely produced by the local Religious Printing Press and the Infantry Printing Center. They were roughly perforated and issued without gum.

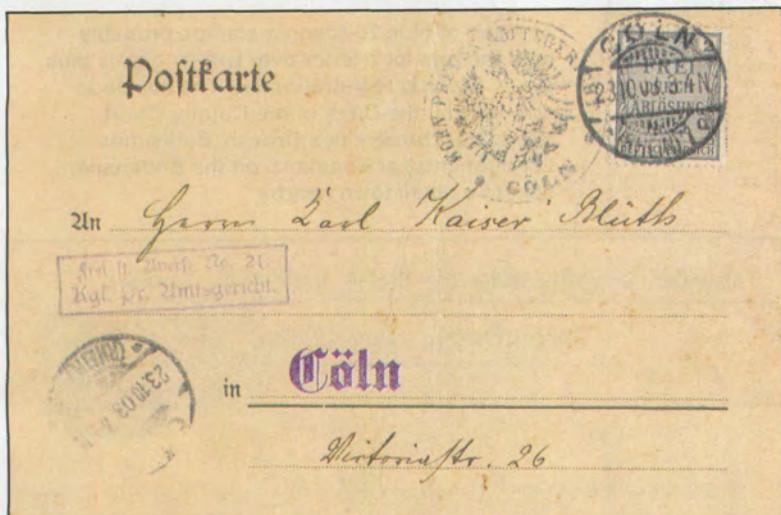
Newspaper Update

I had shown a Czech newspaper in the August issue (page 704) with what seemed to me a rather high rate of taxation for the delivery of a single newspaper. Two APS members in Europe have offered an explanation for the use of the 2-koruna tax stamp on this newspaper. Lubor Kunc, from Prague, wrote:

First some information about the newspaper. Based on its German title, this was a bulletin of Agricultural Cooperatives of Moravia, Silesia, and Slovakia being published in Brno (Brünn). The newspaper was sent from Brno to a cooperative in Moravia. The postage corresponds to 5 Heller newspaper stamp affixed on the newspaper. In my understanding, the 2K revenue stamp has nothing do with a tax or with postal delivery of the item. The cancel on the revenue stamp is as follows: (Okresni) soud ve Znojme, meaning (County) Court of Justice in Znojmo. You know, Znojmo is



Thailand printed two-color official stamps (left, Scott O2) in November 1963 and additional stamps in single colors in January 1964 (right, Scott O8).



The gray 2-pfennig value pays the local postcard rate on a jury summons to appear in the Royal Prussian Police Court (Kgl. Pr. Amtsgericht) in Cologne at 9 a.m. on November 4, 1903.

en November 1903, vormittags 9 Uhr

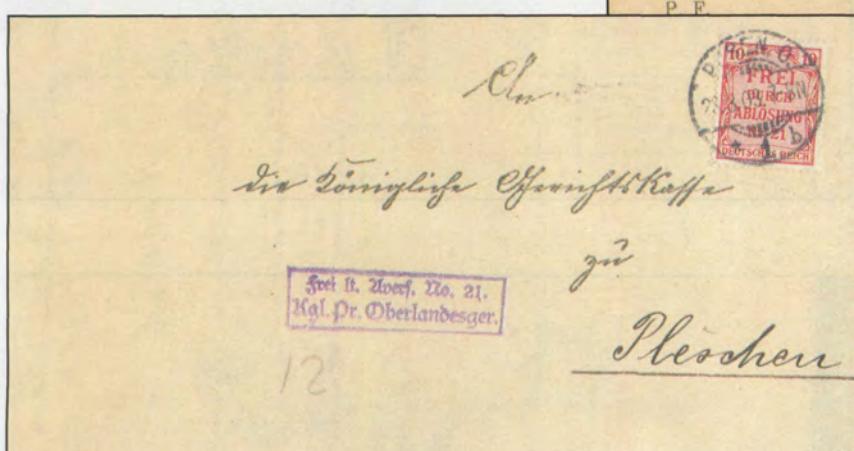
Siging des Schöffengerichts Cöln, Glockengasse 9
am 9
der Sie nach der Ihnen bereits gemachten Mitteilung als
zunehmen berufen sind.

Cöln, den 15ten Oktobr 1903

Königliches Amtsgericht. VI 3 Leyenbige:

Heinrich

Gerichtsschreiber



A folded document at the 10-pfennig letter rate from the Royal Prussian Provincial Court (Kgl. Pr. Oberlandesgericht) in Posen to Pleschen.



The green 5-pfennig stamp pays the postcard rate from Director of the Men's Penitentiary at Bruchsal, Baden, to an educational institution in Rastatt. The card is a receipt for 15 marks.





The pair of blue 20-pfennig stamps probably paid the rate for a letter over twenty grams plus the 20-pfennig registration fee. The envelope was sent by the Clerk of the County Court (Gerichtsschreiber des Grossh. Badisches Landgerichts) at Konstanz, on the Bodensee, sent to a small town nearby



A pair of 1-baht stamps used on a registered government letter from Chacheongsao, Thailand.



the Czech name for Znaim, a town in Southern Moravia. My opinion is that the newspaper was used in a lawsuit, as a proof — might be in a business legal action.

Lubor maintains extensive websites on Czech philately having considerable material in English at <http://philately.webpark.cz>.

Seppo Laaksonen, from Helsinki (whose wife is from Bratislava, Slovakia), wrote:

The newspaper has been used as a piece of evidence in a court of justice in Znojmo, and for this purpose 2 crowns have been paid by the fiscal stamp. The handstamp used is that of legal authorities. I think that the violet handstamp with 'Firm' and 'Dr.' + handwritten numbers is also that of the court, these are probably the file or registration numbers of the legal case and evidence material connected with it.

Research Tip

Responding to the Special Delivery letter addressed to the dock at Hoboken (also in the August issue), Leonard Piszkiewicz reminded me that my question of whether the letter had arrived in time to be delivered before the ship sailed was easily answered by consulting the local newspaper for that date:

I looked up the sailing time of the Berlin to see if the Chicago Tube Station cover you described made it there in time. It did. The ship sailed 11 AM and the 8 AM backstamp indicates plenty of time for delivery.

As Len pointed out, with *The New York Times* and so many other newspapers being available in full text online via the ProQuest™ databases at many public and university libraries, this type of research is relatively easy today.



2007

CHICAGOPEX

November 16, 17 & 18

Invites You to Attend
a PanSlavic Festival

featuring
the Annual Conventions of
the Czechoslovak, Polish, Russian &
Ukrainian Philatelic Societies,
as well as the
Geographically Closely-Related
Austrians & Hungarians

Sheraton Chicago
Northwest Hotel
3400 West Euclid Avenue
Arlington Heights, Illinois

www.chicagopex.com

Time To Pay Your Dues

Don't miss out on any of the APS Services!

Renewal notices for 2008 APS memberships have been mailed. If you do not receive your notice by November 30, please let us know. You may reach us by mail at 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823; e-mail at connie@stamps.org; or by phone at 814-933-3803, ext. 209.

The chart below reflects the 2008 dues amount for each membership category. Please make sure that you include your renewal statement with your dues payment to ensure proper credit.

Category	Amount
Regular	\$45.00
Junior (J prefix)	\$45.00
Youth (Y prefix)	\$22.50
Spouse (S prefix)	\$22.50
Canadian (Regular & Junior)	\$48.00
Foreign (Regular & Junior)	\$55.00

For your convenience, you also may pay your dues online at www.stamps.org

New Horizons

Every so often there's a letter in the philatelic press from someone who is giving up philately because he or she are upset with the United States Postal Service for issuing too many stamps or stamps honoring subjects that the writer feels are unworthy. Or because so many stamps are being issued worldwide that it is impossible to keep up. Or because catalogues and supplements cost too much. How sad! Okay, maybe you are not thrilled by stamps honoring *Star Wars* and think St. Vincent issues waaaaay too many stamps. But giving up this wonderful hobby should not be the solution you turn to.

As for the cost of catalogues and supplements, do you really NEED a complete new set of catalogues every year? My newest catalogue is from 2003, and I have no intention of replacing it in the next couple of years. Some catalogues in my library that I seldom use go back to 1995. Depending on what use you make of these indispensable reference tools, newer may be no better than older. And I gave up on supplements entirely. I bought some blank pages that fit my albums and typed in the year date at the top of each page. That way I could add a cover where I had one or use a coil strip instead of a single without crowding my pages. Much cheaper and much more flexible. I have considered making my own album pages from acid-free paper to fit in a regular three-ring binder, but so far I have not found the time.

There are no stamp police telling you what you *have to* collect if you

are a stamp collector. If you don't like modern stamps, pick a date and only collect stamps up to that date. Maybe 1940 would be a good choice, as that is the cutoff date for the Scott Classic Catalogue. But any date you choose is fine. Maybe your birth date or the date your first child was born. The year 2000 makes a handy cutoff for many people.

A few choose one stamp that annoys them (Elvis, maybe, for U.S. collectors) and collect nothing after the date of that stamp. The revenge of the curmudgeon! Or go the other way and collect only stamps issued *after* your chosen date, thus avoiding the expensive rarities in the front of the book.

Worldwide collectors who strive for completion and despair at the thou-

sands of new issues they see each year might choose to limit their collecting to a country that is no longer issuing its own stamps: New South Wales, Timor, Jaipur, North Ingemanland, or even the Soviet Union. There are plenty of these "dead" countries. As soon as one of these collections is complete, you can start a new one, but be careful — early stamps of Nova Scotia, for example, are pricey. And you might not get all that much satisfaction from collecting Alwar — four Scott numbers, with a catalogue value of under \$10 for all four! Even adding in the minor varieties, your collection could top out at eleven items, leaving you soon hungry for new challenges.

But *limiting* your collecting interests is not the only approach. How about *expanding* instead — starting a new collection? The options are inexhaustible. You might consider an area that has something to do with your existing collection — if you collect Sweden now and have few holes left to fill, how about Norway? Getting tired of trains? Try ships or airplanes



or maps. For me, it was going into a new area of U.S. postal history. My collection of Delaware County, New York, postal markings was stagnant. Most years only one or two new items would come my way. But then I started collecting U.S. *Return to Sender* markings, and suddenly the problem was which cover to choose and how much I could afford to pay, not just finding something — anything — to buy. The excitement came back.

Then again, for many people, an entirely new collecting interest is what really gets their juices flowing. Something totally unlike what they have done before. So a collector of cacheted U.S. First Day covers might start a collection of mint stamps from Costa Rica. Suddenly there is a different kind of challenge. Someone with a serious collection of U.K. Machin stamps might decide to collect worldwide stamps showing snowmen. Whoopee — lots of *different* pictures! And the topical collector who is tired of too many new issues showing butterflies might decide to collect revenue stamps from his or her home state — plenty of challenge, but not an unlimited supply of new issues each year.

If your old collection no longer holds your interest, go to a stamp show and look at the exhibits. Try to read the first two to four pages of *every* exhibit. Which ones kept you reading past the first four pages? Which ones were a chore to read past the title page, if you got that far? An exercise like that can give you considerable insight into where your next philatelic journey might lead.

Yet another way to rekindle the collecting enthusiasm you used to feel is to go back to what you used to collect. Many of us started collecting worldwide stamps in a preprinted album and gradually put that aside to pursue a specialty. How about buying a mixture of 500

There are no stamp police telling you what you *have to* collect if you are a stamp collector.

WHEN WILL YOU CONSIGN TO US?

easy and effective

5th AUCTION :: DECEMBER 11th - 14th, 2007



Extraordinary and numerous unusual consignments fetched in our autumn auction top realised prices. The realised prices and the unsold lots of this auction sale are listed on our website www.auktionen-gaertner.de – we will be pleased to send you the list of prices realised on request.



Here are some examples:

<u>lot 520</u>	CHINA postal stationery	start: 1.000,- €	hammer: 11.000,- €
<u>lot 2450</u>	THAILAND cancel „PERLIS“	start: 500,- €	hammer: 19.500,- €
<u>lot 2509</u>	THAILAND Hongkong usage	start: 20.000,- €	hammer: 24.000,- €
<u>lot 2535</u>	TIBET cover	start: 100,- €	hammer: 4.800,- €
<u>lot 11338</u>	big THEMATIC stock	start: 450.000 €	hammer: 410.000 €
<u>lot 14510</u>	WORLDWIDE stamp lot	start: 10.000 €	hammer: 46.000 €

For our upcoming auctions we are looking for interesting single lots, lots and substantial (special) collections, complete estates and coins – especially Overseas material.

YOUR CONSIGNMENT IS WELCOME AT ANY TIME!

Last date for consignment is October 10th, 2007.

More information on www.auktionen-gaertner.de or just call us +49 - (0)7142 - 789400

AUKTIONSHAUS CHRISTOPH GÄRTNER GmbH & Co. KG

Steinbeisstr. 6+8 74321 Bietigheim-Bissingen/Germany Tel. +49-(0)7142-789400
Fax. +49-(0)7142-789410 info@auktionen-gaertner.de www.auktionen-gaertner.de



Rediscover the joys of collecting *everything*!

worldwide stamps on paper, soaking them, and putting them in that old album of yours? Sound like fun? Maybe you've been taking your specialty too seriously — soaking, sorting, and hinging are among the most relaxing activities known to philately, and that packet of 500 stamps probably set you back less than a bagel and latte would have. No calories and the enjoyment lasts a lot longer. If you find this activity really suits you, consider joining the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors. You can find out more about this excellent and eclectic group at www.iswsc.org.

For some people, stamp collecting is more about friendships and getting together with other collectors than it is about the stamps themselves. In my local stamp club there is very little overlap in what people collect — mourning covers, Washington-Franklins, ceramics, revenues, minerals, plate



number coils, Germany, angels, picture postcards that have gone through the mail, and much more. But we all have a common vocabulary and can understand the joy that our friends derive from their collections, and the friendships are strong.

Some sixty-five years ago, one stamp club like mine determined that they needed something more in common.

They decided that everyone in the group, regardless of what else they collected, would collect some aspect of the philately of Mexico. To say that they were successful would be an understatement. Soon they had people from outside their home area (Elmhurst, Illinois) who wanted to join in the fun. Before long, the Elmhurst Philatelic Society became the Mexico Elmhurst Philatelic Society International (MEPSI), and today MEPSI has more than 700 members in twenty-seven countries and territories, with a number of local chapters! You can find out more at www.mepsi.org.

How about getting together with a few of your philatelic friends and choosing a common (but broad) area of interest for all of you to collect? You need not compete with each other — some may collect stamps from a limited period, while others may collect covers or ephemera. You might not have the spectacular success of MEPSI, but sharing knowledge and spare material might get all of you really enthused about the hobby all over again.

So don't give up because things aren't like they used to be. If you have the "collecting gene," you'll feel incomplete without some kind of collection, and nothing offers more variety and individuality than philately.

Cleanup in aisle 7

Since my November column, the Art Cover Exchange website has come back online. Visit it at www.artcoverexchange.org, and see what these fine folks are doing to make their mailboxes happy. Also, the URL (Internet address) of the USPS Postal Bulletin was somehow truncated in the November column. The correct address is <http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/pb2007.htm> — change the date near the end to view a year other than 2007.

As usual, I welcome your comments. My e-mail address is ada@stamps.org, but

the only way to be sure to get past my spam filter is to put APS somewhere in the subject line. And if you don't get a prompt reply, do try again. I travel a lot, and sometimes messages inadvertently get overlooked when I return and have dozens of messages to answer. Postal mail may be sent to me at the APS address in the front of this magazine, but it might take two weeks or longer to reach me.

Covers like this one revived my interest in postal history.



Don't overlook less-popular philatelic areas such as meters.

This Mexican stamp, from the 1934–40 definitive series, may have caught the attention of the founders of MEPSI.





WHY TAKE LESS?

Because We Pay MORE!

Paying 50%, 100%, 200%
And MORE!

The following countries desperately wanted:

India • Russia • Thailand • Spain • China
Greece • Spanish Colonies • PRC • Israel
Plus many other countries of the world!

Collections, accumulations, better single items

ALL WANTED!

So call Marv at any time up to 11:00 p.m. Eastern time

516-826-1852

or ship with confidence to:

BELLMORE PHILATELICS

1000 Park Blvd., Suite 209 • Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Bellmore209@aol.com

We buy all stamps — Bundleware to rarities.

If you can describe it, we will happily give you an idea of what we pay.

Immediate offers on shipments (min. \$500 Net please). Dealer's stocks also very much wanted.

Early Mail Robberies in the United States

by Steven J. Berlin, D.P.M. and James W. Milgram, M.D.

Robbery of the mail has always been considered to be a very serious crime. During the eighteenth century in England the sentence for mail robbery was death:

General Post Office, April 14, 1792

At the Lent Assizes, for the County of Cambridge, an Indictment was found by the Grand Jury against Spence Broughton and John Oxley for robbing the Cambridge Mail, near Bourn Bridge, on the 9th of June last; and at the same Assizes for the County of York an Indictment was likewise found against them for robbing the Mail between Sheffield and Rotherham on the 29 of January, 1791; on which last Indictment Broughton was tried and convicted.

Oxley escaped out of Clerkenwell Bridewell on the 31st of October last.

He is about Twenty-five Years of Age, Five Feet ten

Inches high, pale faced, rather pitted with the Small Pox, and his Nose turned a little to the Right.

Whoever shall secure the said John Oxley and lodge him in any of the Gaols of this Kingdom, within Three Months from the Date hereof, will be entitled to a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, to be paid immediately on his Commitment.

By Command of the Post Master General

Although his partner managed to escape prison, Spence Broughton faced the ultimate punishment for his crime:

*Record Book
York Assizes Lent 1792*

Spence Broughton — Guilty Highway Robbery —
To be Hanged

I do order that after the Execution of Spence Broughton his Body be hung in Chains on a Gibbet to be erected on some conspicuous Spot on Attercliffe Common in the County of York on the South of the Road leading from Sheffield to Rotherham not less than three hundred yards from the Road.

SIR :

Herewith you will receive a key, which is to be used with the new iron mail lock recently adopted by the Postmaster General, and which will be put in use on or before the 1st day of January next. You will be careful not to expose this key to public observation, or place it where it may be stolen or lost. On receipt of it, you will sign and send back, by first mail, the accompanying receipt, as the locks cannot be sent out until we have proof that the keys have *all been received*.

You will be careful to send all the old mail locks which are now at your office, or which may come into your hands from time to time, to the nearest distributing Post Office—advising the Postmaster of the number so sent. Also the keys of the old lock, say within thirty days after the new locks are in use.

J. S. SKINNER,

Third Assistant Postmaster General.

To the Postmaster at

An 1842 circular from Post Office Department advising postmasters of the availability of new locks for the mail bags and how to exchange locks and keys from the existing supply held by them.

Although mail robbery was not considered a capital offence in the United States, convicted thieves were still sent to jail for long periods of time. The penalties for various crimes involving the mails were outlined in many of the early Postal Laws and Regulations (particularly the Act of March 3, 1825), while the 1843 Postal Laws and Regulations, Sec. 21 addressed in-house theft:

...if any such person, employed as aforesaid [*employed by Post Office Department*], shall steal, or take, any of the same out of any letter, packet, bag, or mail of letters, that shall come to his or her

possession, such person shall, on conviction for any such offence, be imprisoned not less than ten years, not exceeding 21 years....

The earliest physical evidence that we have located related to robbery of American letters is a stampless cover with New London, Connecticut, FREE postmark to the postmaster at Marblehead:

Post Office New London 16th April 1804

Sir

I am under the disagreeable necessity of informing you of an unfortunate circumstance which took place at the Stage House in this town some few nights since. Some villain broke into the House and entered the room where the mail portmanteaus were deposited and had proceeded so far in his design of Robbery as to cut a hole in the portmanteau going westward and had pulled out the end of one of the Baggs and opened it. This bagg proved to be one containing quarterly accounts only amongst which (it is evident) was yours, as some papers have been found in the vicinity of this place that no doubt were taken out of the portmanteau, part of which were from your office consisting of a few letters which by the dates and postmarks were dead letters, also your account of letters received from other offices which is much defaced and mutilated by being cut or torn in such a manner as to render it almost unintelligible. I shall forward the peaces &c to the P.M.Genl. by the next mail and have given you this notice expecting that it is probable you may be requested by the P.M. Genl. to make out another sett. Fortunately the person who committed the depridation was ousted by the arrival of an extra stage and consequently did not succeed in getting what he wanted as I am confident he opened no other Bagg except the one mentioned, for answers have been returned to letters from this place from both East and West (that) were forwarded in the same mail.

As yet I have not been able to make any discovery who the person was but am using all diligence to detect him but almost dispare of success.

I am sir

Your most obdt.

Humble Servt.

Richard Douglass 2nd P.M.

P.M. Marblehead

A well-researched and documented article by Dr. Ralph R. Tingley in the March 8, 1952, issue of *The Weekly Philatelic Gossip*, entitled "Great Mail Robbery of 1823," describes how, in the early hours of July 8, 1823, one Patrick Green was serving as a guard on a mail coach from Havre de Grace, Maryland bound for Baltimore some forty miles to the southwest.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

September 20th, 1848.

Postmasters have been instructed (See Reg. 61) not to suffer "any person whatever" to have access to the mails whilst in their offices, except their sworn assistants and such officers of the Department as may have special commissions for that purpose. The omission to enforce this regulation has given an opportunity for the commission of numerous depredations producing great loss to the citizens and may render the Postmaster personally liable to the parties sustaining such loss in a suit at law for such negligence.

You are again required to see the regulation rigidly enforced, and special agents are required to report every departure from it for the further action of the Department.

C. JOHNSON,
Postmaster General.

Please stick this up in your office.

An 1848 circular to post offices advising more diligent security surrounding the mails.

The coach met with a barricade erected across the road at a time between one and two o'clock in the morning. Three robbers assaulted the driver and guard, despite shots fired in their defense. The driver managed to escape, but the guard was knocked senseless by a pistol. When he awakened, he was beaten by the three thieves, who also threatened his life. The driver reappeared in the morning with help. Clues left at the scene led the pursuers to a blacksmith forge where they apprehended the owner of a shirt left at the site of the robbery and later arrested two others who were found to have been injured by the shots first fired by Mr. Green. Eventually all of the looted mail was reported to be recovered. The legal case of Patrick Green to gain compensation from the United



An 1841 letter from Canandaigua, New York, with two-line backstamp "BROKEN OPEN BY MAIL ROBBER, AT FREDONIA, DEC. 10, E.A. LESTER, P.M."



An 1843 postmark on a cover originating at Meadville, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1843 with "This letter was in the Mail that was robbed at Evans, N.Y., May 21st, 1843"; matching Buffalo, N.Y. postmark in blue.

States Government for his injuries was not settled for sixteen years and involved many acts of Congress.

In the 1840s much effort was made by the Post Office Department to curtail the loss of letters in the mails. One effort was to provide more secure surroundings for the mail. An 1842 circular to postmasters from the Third Assistant Postmaster General advised them that new locks and keys were available to better secure mail bags. At the same time, the regulations advised postmasters that the department would make every effort to investigate alleged charges of valuables lost in the mail. Complaints of loss in the mail were required to include detailed descriptions of when the

letter was mailed, who mailed it, who received it, the address, the exact contents, etc.¹

Another circular from a slightly later date discusses keeping the mails secure:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
September 20th, 1848

Postmasters have been instructed (See Reg. 61) not to suffer "any person whatever" to have access to the mails whilst in their offices, except their sworn assistants and such officers of the Department as may have special commissions for that purpose. The omission to enforce this regulation has given an opportunity for the commission of numerous depredations producing great loss to the citizens and may render the

Postmaster personally liable to the parties sustaining such loss in a suit at law for such negligence.

You are again required to see the regulation rigidly enforced, and special agents are required to report every departure from it for the further action of the Department.

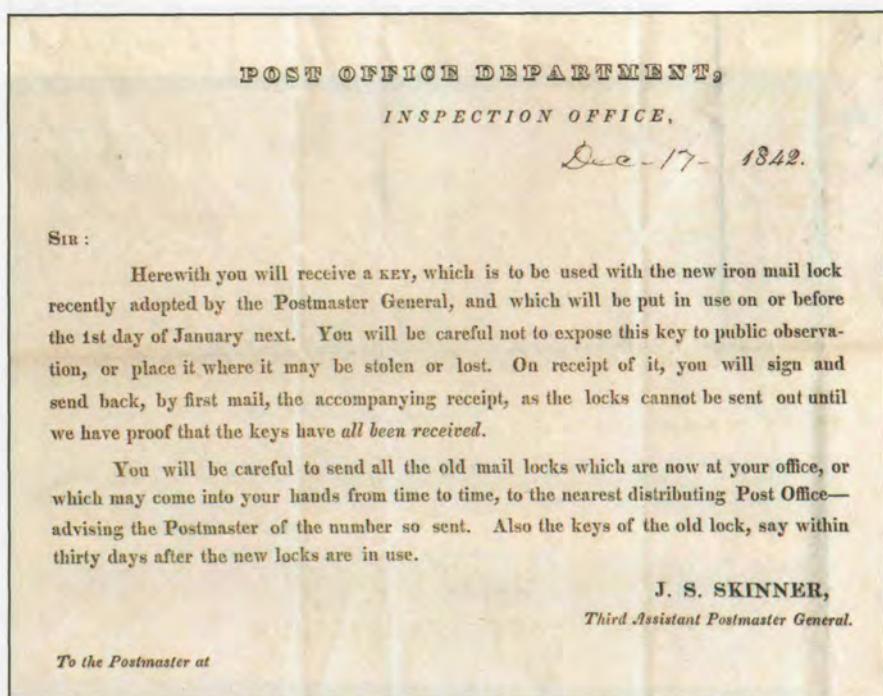
C. JOHNSON

Postmaster General.

Please stick this up in your office.

There are postal markings known on letters from two different mail robberies during this period. The earlier is a black two-line handstamp reading "BROKEN OPEN BY MAIL ROBBER AT FREDONIA DEC. 19 E.A. LESTER, PM." This marking is on the reverse of a stampless cover with 1841 letter written and postmarked "CANANDAIGUA N.Y. DEC 7" and "PAID" in red with written rate of 18½ cents. The letter does discuss a debt but it is to the writer and no money is described as being enclosed. This cover is the earliest documented mail robbery artifact known from the United States. As with almost all of the markings and labels to be described in this article, only the single example is known.

The second marking is the best-known early mail robbery postmark — the blue two-line marking from the 1843 Evans, New York, mail robbery. The finest of the three known examples of this marking is shown. The marking was undoubtedly applied in Buffalo and matches the blue hue of that town's postmark. It reads: "This letter was in the Mail that was robbed at Evans,



An 1843 letter postmarked in red "WASHINGTON D.C. SEP 20" (1843) with "FREE" and manuscript "P.O. Dept" to a postmaster. The enclosed letter was from the Mail Depredations Desk of the P.O.D.

N.Y., May 21st, 1843." The cover illustrated also bears a postmark "MEADVILLE Pa. MAY 20" from the day before the robbery. Note that the 25 rate marking is crossed out; this was probably done at Syracuse, not Buffalo, because another of the three known covers does not show the rate change.

The story of the robbery was documented from newspaper accounts by Adolph Steeg and a relative of his, and was reported by David L. Jarrett in *The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues*.² Briefly, the Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* reported that a mail bag sent between Erie, Pennsylvania, and Buffalo was found in the woods with some 400 letters "in a very wet mouldy condition which will be forwarded to their points of destination as soon as possible." Evidently the sending of the mails was so sloppy that the mail bag had never been missed by the contractor.

The Post Office Department had a group of special investigators who dealt with lost mail during the 1840s. A letter from 1843 gives us an insight as to how the postal inspectors of the day handled these cases. The letter is from a specialist at the Mail Depredations Desk of the Post Office and quotes an earlier letter written to him:

Copy
 Samuel B. Beach Esq.
 Special Agent P.O. Dept. Wilton Ct. Sep. 6, 1843
 Dr. Sir

I duly recd. your favor of July 7 dated at Oneonta, N.Y. I gave Mr. Hoyt a copy of the same & sent one to the P M General. The Mr. Northrop who said he mailed \$70 on the 30th March last at Jordan in a letter directed to S. S. Hoyt of this place, has been and I believe is now in this place with his Brother in law Samuel Morgan, and I am informed have made affidavit before a Justice of having mailed the money in question: they have not called on me nor do I think they will. I have not seen their affidavits nor been able to procure a copy. I am told that they state that you found such bad management about the Jordan Post Office that you have procured or are taking steps to procure Mr. Mason's removal. Mr. Northrop, I am informed, insinuated to Mr. Mason that I had taken the money, and now here insinuates all manner of things about Mr. Mason. I feel a desire to protect the innocent and confound the guilty, whoever it may be. I will therefore be much obliged if you will give me all the particulars in your power as to the state of affairs at Jordan in relation to this case. Did you examine Mr. Mason, Mr. Northrop & the Morgans?

(signed) Saml. F. Lambirt, P.M.
 Mail Depredation Desk

September 20, 1843

Sir,

In compliance with the request in yours of the 18th instant, I send you, above, a copy of yours to me, of the 6th instant. As to the affidavit of which you send me a copy, it may be every word true, and yet no money sent. You will observe that it says



An 1850 cover from New York postmaster with printed notice that the contents consist of a letter recovered from a Mail Robbery of three days earlier (the letter is not present).



An 1855 letter with matching cover bearing red arch "POST OFFICE BUSINESS FREE" and black "NEW - YORK JAN 20" by James Holbrook, Special Agent of the P.O.D.



An 1855 cover from Wyandotte, Michigan, July 14th that shows evidence of water soaking of the envelope and enclosed letter. The words "Robbed Mail" are written across the top, including where the stamp had been placed.

"I saw money in the letter", but don't say how much; nor does he say that the "money continued in the letter" when he "sealed it" or when he "put it in the Post Office."

In short, there are a dozen facts and circumstances which have already completely satisfied my mind (and I have had great experience in such matters,) that the money was not in the letter when it was put in the Jordan Post Office.

Respectfully,
Samuel B. Beach
Mail Depredations Clerk
Postmaster
Wilton, Ct.

The third cover concerning a mail robbery is a return envelope from W.V. Brady, Postmaster at New York City (his name is shown in the blue cameo cornercard on the back-flap of the envelope). Printed on the right side of the face of the envelope is "The Letter enclosed was in the Mail which was robbed at Philadelphia, October 12th, and is returned by the P.M. of New York. October 15th, 1850." There is a

faint red "NEW - YORK 15 OCT 10 cts." Newspaper clippings about this robbery are excerpted in full in Dr. Milgram's 1997 article.³ It was a robbery of a train. Considerable currency had been present in some of the letters; the robbers left the letters, taking only the money. Later issues of the newspaper describe the arrest of some of the robbers who, in turn, implicated others.

There is a fascinating book on the subject of early mail robberies entitled *Ten Years Among the Mail Bags or Notes from the Diary of a Special Agent of the Post Office Department* by J. Holbrook.⁴ The book also contains a number of illustrations made to complement the stories told in print. More about this book and its contents are to be found in Dr. Milgram's article, which describes one letter from Holbrook in which

he prepared a decoy letter for a would-be mail robber. Since then, three other letters by Holbrook have surfaced. These letters were all sent from New York and were enclosed in official business envelopes. They discuss mail losses between Willimantic, Connecticut, and New York and include his suspicion that the robberies could be localized to between Hartford and Norwich. The first letter discusses his book and thanks the postmaster for help in the facts of one of the previous cases to be described in the book. It is obvious that Holbrook embellished some of the stories to make them more interesting.

Next are two covers to and from Santa Fe, New Mexico Territory in 1855, each of which contains the original letter and shows the words "Robbed Mail" in manuscript on the front of the envelope. The very different dates indicate two separate mail robberies, probably at the same location or at least certainly involving the same mail route. The earlier of the two has a manuscript Wyandotte, Michigan July 14th (1855) date with a stamp missing from the upper right corner of the envelope where "Robbed Mail" has been written. The pencil "Paid 3" appears to be old and was probably applied after the robbery but before delivery at Santa Fe, giving credit for a lost three-cent stamp. Effective April 1, 1855, the rate for a letter under 3000 miles was three cents. The contents of this letter are just personal news. Nothing of value is mentioned as an enclosure.

The second letter is in poorer condition. It is an envelope going the reverse direction, west to east, with a stamp missing where the "SANTA FE N.MEX" postmark was struck. The address is to Mr. James J. Webb, who was a famous trader in Santa



An 1860 Pony Express letter with 10-cent Type V tied by a grid to an envelope "recovered from a Mail stolen by the Indians in 1860."

REWARD!

WELLS, FARGO & CO'S

Express was Robbed this Morning, between Ione Valley and Galt, by two men, described as follows:

One elderly, heavy set, and sandy complexion. The other tall, slim, and dark complexion.

\$200 Each and one-fourth of the Treasure recovered, will be paid for the **arrest and conviction** of the robbers.

JNO. J. VALENTINE, Gen. Supt.

San Francisco, May 3d, 1875.

Fe, but must have been visiting in Kent, Connecticut. "Robbed Mail" is written across the top of the envelope including where the stamp was once glued. The letter in this cover, although not relevant to the precise mail robbery which overtook this letter, paints a nice picture of politics in the rough country that included Santa Fe as its chief town:

Santa Fe, New Mexico

September 27th, 1855

My dear sir:

I embrace a few moments of leisure, this morning, to write you according to promise.... Since you left the workmen have worked as though they had all time to come, in which to finish the building, and neither coaxing nor persuasion would make them accelerate their speed. I believe they have done nothing at your side of the house, since you left, and if it shall be finished by the time you return next summer, you may consider it a fortunate circumstance [Webb had the great trading post in Santa Fe].

The election is over, and Mr. Gallegos is elected by a clear majority of ninety nine votes. There was considerable excitement as the returns were coming in, as the contest was a close one; and Madam rumour declared each candidate elected several times. The Whigs are a good deal down in the mouth, and Otero talks of contesting. Some of his friends committed the greatest outrage ever perpetrated in this Territory, in an election contest. Ashurst, Hovey, Redman, James Owens, Cherokee Bill and Pelham's man, armed with six shooters, met Clark on the road, as he

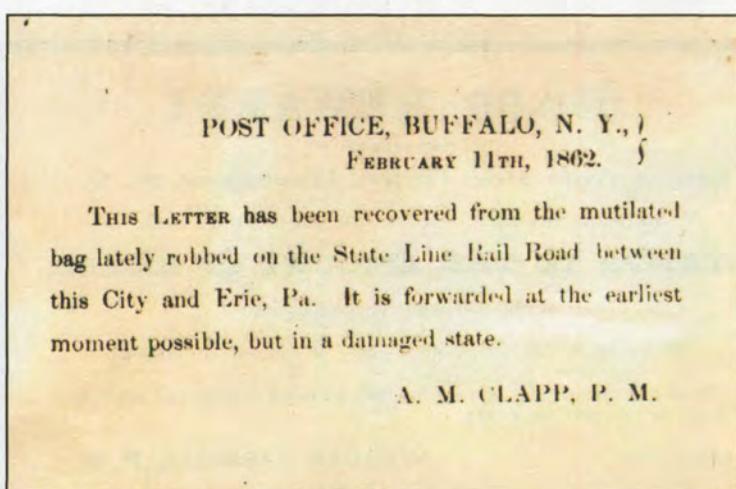


Above: An 1862 cover from Corvallis, Oregon, torn open through the stamp by mail robber. Written notation "San Francisco 14 Aug. 1863 Opened by a Mail Robber. Henry Baker Special Agt. P.O. Dpt."

Left: An 1875 wanted poster for a Wells Fargo & Co. stage coach robbery in 1875.



Front of 1862 cover showing considerable staining, although the stamp is still intact.



Label on reverse of cover describing how the letter was damaged and recovered from a mail robbery on the State Line Railroad in upper New York state.



Label on front of stamped envelope said to have been robbed by a mail clerk and held as evidence in his trial. The letter was being forwarded because the trial was over.

was bringing the poll-books and returns from Rio Arriba, and forcibly took them from him. Two of the number brought them down to Santa Fe the same evening, while the others continued on to Clark's house to endeavor to get the duplicates of his wife. Clark and Wheaton, who was with him, came in here, got out a warrant for their arrest and with a posse returned in pursuit of them. Ashurst and gang reached Clark's house early the next morning, and demanded the poll-book which Mrs. C. refused to deliver up. He tried to bully her, when she armed the peons and told him he would attempt to take them at his peril. He then went for an officer to frighten her into it, and while gone Clark and posse arrived, and when they returned nabbed the whole of them. There were brought to Santa Fe the same evening and admitted to bail. They were indicted the present term, plead guilty, and the Judge fined them only five dollars. What a farce!...

Truly yours
W.W. H. Davis

Certainly the most valuable robbed mail artifact is the

Pony Express cover from the Boyd and Lichtenstein collection sold by H.R. Harmer on May 14, 2004. This cover shows a Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company oval dated July 21 (1860) with manuscript "pr Pony Express." But across the address is the written notation "recovered from a Mail stolen by the Indians in 1860," and the letter was not received until May 3, 1862, almost two years later. A man called Howard Ranson Egan wrote, "Later I got it from friendly Indians that there had been a trap set to catch an Express rider for the purpose of seeing what he carried to make him travel so fast." This was evidently the only mail ever lost on the Pony Express to robbery.

Also illustrated is a typical wanted poster for a stage coach robbery. While most of the time it was treasure that the robbers were after, they did not hesitate to pilfer the mails when they could.

We have not seen any letters that were definitely from a western stage coach robbery, but we do not know the circumstances surrounding the robbery of one letter shown. This cover originally bore a 10-cent green stamp tied "CORVAL-LIS O.R. JUN 30 1862." The mail robber tore the letter open right through the stamp to get at the contents. On the front of the envelope in magenta ink is written: "San Francisco 14 Aug. 1863. Opened by a Mail Robber. Henry Baker Special Agt. P.O. Dept." The number "40" is found in the upper right corner, perhaps relating to a number it was given by the Post Office special agent.

While no mention of this particular robbery can be found in J. Holbrook's *United States Mail and Post Office Assistant*, a monthly journal for postmasters started in October 1860 by him, many other tales of different types of mail robberies are described. In the December 1860 issue, under a heading "Legal Penalties," Holbrook quotes from the current Postal Laws:

For robbing a mail carrier, or any person legally entrusted with the mail, imprisonment not less than five years, nor exceeding ten years.... If the life of the carrier is put in jeopardy, or he is wounded, the penalty is death.

Other penalties included that for an unsuccessful attempt to rob a mail (two to ten years imprisonment); stealing or taking from a post office (two to ten years, if item was not valuable, plus a fine of \$500, and imprisonment not to exceed twelve months); and mutilating a mail bag with intent to rob (one to three years imprisonment).

The subject of robbing the mail of Union soldiers was especially condemned by Holbrook in later issues. Although no such artifact actually documented to have been robbed appears to exist from a soldier, one of Holbrook's reports

\$50.00 REWARD!

Stolen from Post Office, Herkimer, N. Y..

BETWEEN THE 26TH OF JUNE AND 7TH OF JULY, 1880,

STAMPS TO THE AMOUNT OF \$102.50,

of the following denominations:

450 5-cent, 400 6-cent, 350 10-cent, 60 15-cent, 40 30-cent.

The above reward will be paid for the return of stamps and conviction of thief, or one-half for either.

(Please Post.)

WARREN CASWELL, P. M.

Postcards as reward posters are really the most common philatelic artifacts showing robberies. This 1880 card is unusual in that the robbery was from a post office and the objects taken were stamps.



An 1883 registered envelope from Macedonia, South Carolina, with three 3-cent stamps and a 10-cent for a triple rate with registration to New York, New York. The cover bears a handstamp: "REQUEST EXAMINATION ON DELIVERY. OBTAIN ENVELOPE IF IRREGULARITY IS REPORTED."

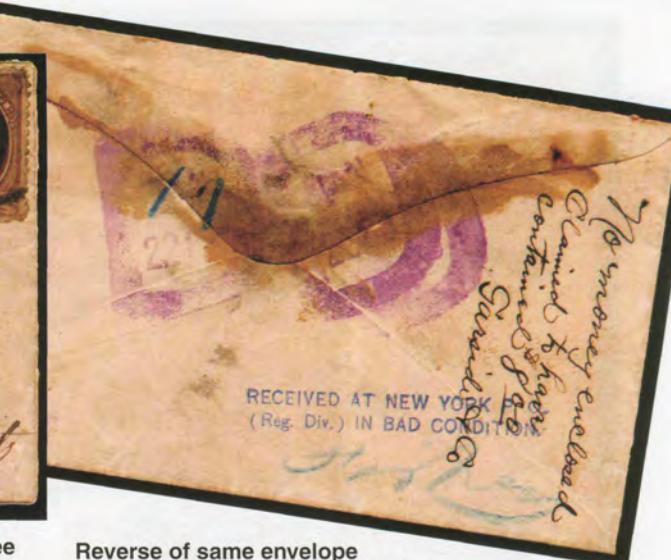
on the topic from the July 1863 issue gives details of a specific plot to rob soldiers' mail:

Speedy Justice

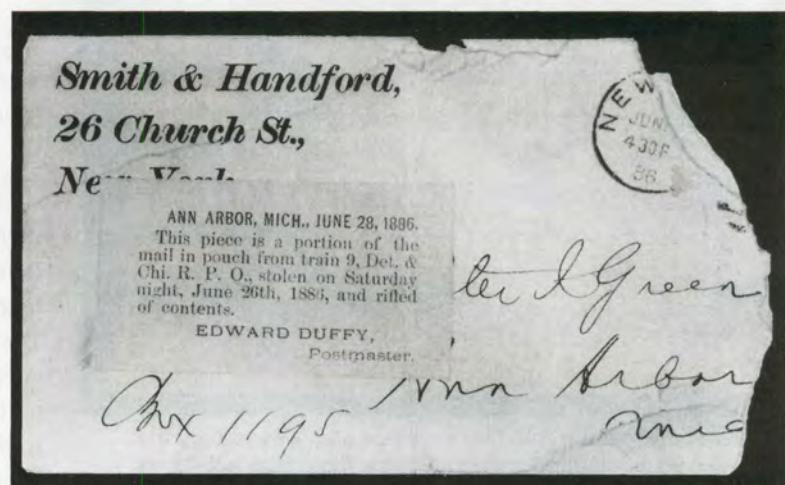
A rare case of conviction, under the Act of March 3, 1825, relating to offences against the Post Office Department, took place in the United States District Court, at Williamsport, Pennsylvania on the 18th of June [1863]....

The principal witness was Henry W. Fletcher, a lad about 13 years of age, son of the postmaster at Jackson, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.... He testified that a man named Pardon Barrett, and another ... suggested to him that as the boys in the Army were sending home money, he might have the luck to get some, if he were to take letters out of the post office. In order to entice him into the commission of the offence, these wicked men not only agreed to "see him out of the scrape," if he should happen to be detected, but they "promised to take him to Buffalo, and thence across the Lake into Canada, where, as one of them remarked, "nobody could find them."

Barrett, as the boy testified, gave him definite instructions how to proceed. Jackson having but a semi-weekly mail ... he was to take only such packages as were passing through the Jackson office, and these were to be confined to such as contained letters mailed at Washington City. The first package which the boy abstracted was taken out in the early part of May. He succeeded in getting \$20, two of the letters having each a \$10 U.S. Treasury note in them.... [He] reported the fact to Barrett, who said "Good, you had pretty good luck; keep it a-going!". And the lad did "keep it a-going" until he had abstracted upwards of forty letters, out of which he realized \$224 in money....



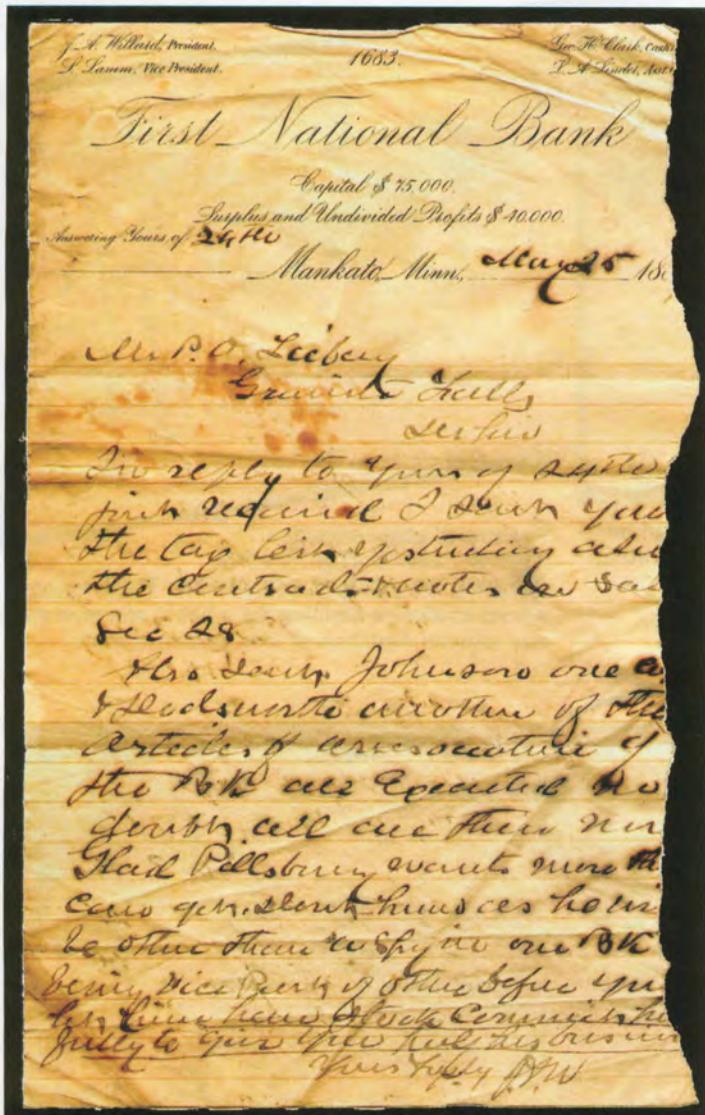
Reverse of same envelope with "RECEIVED AT NEW YORK P.O. (Reg. Div.) IN BAD CONDITION." The envelope shows extensive staining from being steamed open and reglued. Notation of loss written at edge.



Envelope that has been torn open to gain access to contents. The mail was stolen from a train near Ann Arbor, the intended destination of this letter, as explained in a post office label of June 28, 1886.



Postal entire postmarked "ST. PAUL & S. CITY AGT MAY 25 1889" that has been torn open. It has been stamped "STOLEN & RIFLED MAY 25 89 RECOVERED MAY 28 89 AT HOPKINS, MINN".



The letter enclosed within this envelope also was torn by the thief. The water staining and wrinkling indicate the letter may have been exposed. Other examples of the handstamp are present on the reverse blank side of this letter. It is possible that the envelope and its contents were separated as a result of the robbery and rejoined later. That would also explain the presence of the handstamps on the letter as well as the envelope.

The boy was corroborated in his statement ... by other witnesses ... the letters which were not entirely destroyed were found at the place he designated. The bulk of the money (\$169) was found.... There were other circumstances brought to light, but enough has already been narrated to give a correct idea of the case.... [Barrett] was put on trial; the next day the Jury rendered a verdict of guilty....

Other cases involved robbery in the Army camps and in the hospitals, but the most serious charges were brought against General Winder, the Confederate general responsible for prisoner exchange, who was accused with good documentation of removing gold from letters going to Union officers in prisoner of war camps.

A example of a railroad mail robbery from the same period can be seen in a water-stained cover originally mailed at Williamsfield, Ohio, and destined for Parma Center, New York. The printed label on its reverse reads:

Post Office, Buffalo, N.Y.,
 February 11th, 1862.

This letter has been received from the mutilated bag lately robbed on the State Line Rail Road between this City and Erie, Pa. It is forwarded at the earliest moment possible, but in a damaged state.

A.M. Clapp, P.M.

Another instance of employee theft from this era is exemplified by a cover with a Mobile, Alabama, cancellation. There is also a "pd 2/-" notation, which is a notation frequently seen on express covers and signifies 25 cents. The story is told by the label, which documents the letter as one of 400 robbed by a mail clerk and one that had been part of the evidence used against the accused. When the trial was over and the culprit sentenced, the letter was being forwarded to the original addressee by the Post Office Special Agent:

MOBILE, ALA., March 18, 1867.

This letter is one of near four hundred which were opened in the Postoffice at Camden, Wilcox county,

An 1895 envelope bearing the notation "Rifled by highwayman near Oak Run Calif. July 7th 95." There are several officially sealed stamps tied by San Francisco postmarks but torn by reopening. A 48 x 30 mm magenta oval handstamp is present to the left of the address: "OFFICE OF P.O. INSPECTOR P.O. DEPT. JUL 18 1895 SAN FRANCISCO CAL."



Ala., on the 14th and 15th of May last, and which have been held as evidence on the trial of WALTER R. PRIMM, a clerk in said office, who has this day been convicted and sentenced to the Penitentiary for ten years for the crime.

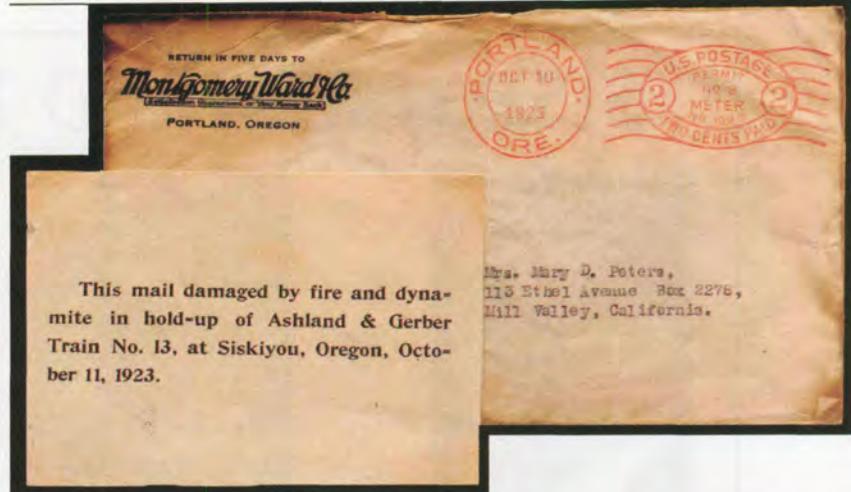
HARRISON REED,
Special Agent P.O. Dep't.

Government postcards offering a reward for stolen items are frequently seen from the 1870s through the 1890s. Most of these reward postcards deal with stolen objects or animals, and they are not rare. The 1880 card illustrated is from a post office at Herkimer, New York, and offers a \$50 reward for stolen stamps. While stealing stamps is not quite the same as stealing the mail, this does demonstrate a post office robbery.

The registered letter illustrated shows a soiled envelope addressed to New York City, which is backstamped "RECEIVED AT NEW YORK P.O. (Reg. Div.) IN BAD CONDITION." The envelope's poor condition evidently made a clerk in the Registry Division suspect that the letter might have been opened. He stamped the cover with a special postmark: "REQUEST EXAMINATION ON DELIVERY. OBTAIN ENVELOPE IF IRREGULARITY IS REPORTED." That appears to have been what happened because on the back is written "No money enclosed. Claimed to have contained \$8.00 Garside & Co." — Garside Jewelry Company is the addressee.

A collection of official Post Office seals offered in the Christie's auction of September 28, 1988, contained two additional examples of registered letters bearing both of these handstamps (lots 1923 and 1927). In addition, five lots (1932, 1933, 1936, 1937, and 1944) from the same sale have, instead of the second handstamp, a small pink label with the same text suggesting that the envelope should be obtained in the case of irregularity. Those covers with the labels are later usages from the 1890s. All of these covers show markings of the New York post office's registry division. Other covers in this sale included registered covers that were received in bad condition and were opened to ascertain that the contents were intact.

Another letter shows evidence of a violent opening where the stamp was removed. Although it was mailed from New York City, the mail pouch containing it was stolen from a train. The ransacked, recovered mail eventually



Label with burned envelope and contents from the train robbery by the De Autremont brothers. There was also a return envelope.

was delivered to the proper addressees with an explanatory label from the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Postmaster:

ANN ARBOR, MICH., JUNE 28, 1886.

This piece is a portion of the mail in a pouch from train 9, Det. & Chi. R.P.O., stolen on Saturday night, June 26th, 1886, and rifled of contents.

EDWARD DUFFY,
Postmaster

A stamped envelope from the First National Bank of Mankato, Minnesota, with a "ST. PAUL & S.CITY AGT MAY 25 1889" postmark, was torn through on the right side, tearing the contents of the letter at the same time. Both the envelope and the reverse side of the letter itself bear multiple strikes of a purple three-line handstamp: "STOLEN & RIFLED MAY 25 89 RECOVERED MAY 28 89 AT HOPKINS, MINN." The letter is wrinkled and stained, which indicates it was probably exposed to the elements and may have been

<p>\$5,300 Reward For Each Man!</p> <p>REWARDS TOTALING \$15,900 WILL BE PAID FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THESE MEN. THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS HAVE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE AND WILL TAKE CARE OF THE PROSECUTION.</p> <p>ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THESE MEN SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST POLICE OFFICER. IF CONVINCED THE SUSPECTS ARE THE MEN WANTED, NOTIFY THE PERSONS NAMED BELOW BY WIRE.</p> <p>C. RIDDIFORD, Post Office Inspector in Charge, Spokane, Washington, U. S. A.</p> <p>D. O'CONNELL, Chief Special Agent San Francisco, Calif. U. S. A.</p>	<p>To The Opticians and Optometrists— Below is given the prescription for Roy DeAutremont's glasses:</p> <p>O. D. plus 1.25 sph plus .75 cyl ax 165° O. S. plus 1.25 sph plus .75 cyl ax 80°</p> <p>The prescription for Ray DeAutremont's glasses is as follows:</p> <p>O. U. plus .75 cyl ax 90° Size of lens 42x36.</p> <p>Their eyes are light brown, peculiar looking, small and squinty. Watch out for these men. They may use new glasses soon.</p> <p>To The Dentists— Roy DeAutremont has had the following dental work done: Amalgam filling, upper right, first molar, occlusal surface. Amalgam filling, lower right, first molar, occlusal surface. Amalgam filling, lower left, first molar, occlusal surface. Hugh DeAutremont has had the following dental work done: Amalgam filling, upper right, first molar, occlusal surface. Amalgam filling, lower right, first molar, occlusal surface. Amalgam filling, lower left, first molar, occlusal surface. Please watch out for these men. It may mean \$15,900 in gold to you.</p> <p>Chicago P-O-Job-1-13 A -7-25-98-400-Emerg.</p>	<p>Kindly Post in a Conspicuous Place</p> <p>United States of America POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>ON OCTOBER 11, 1923, A SOUTH PACIFIC RAILWAY TRAIN WAS BLOWN UP NEAR SISKIYOU, OREGON, U. S. A. THE MAIL CLERK WAS KILLED AND HIS BODY BURNED, AND THREE TRAINMEN WERE SHOT AND KILLED. CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OBTAINED SHOWS THAT ROY, RAY AND HUGH DE AUTREMONT, THREE BROTHERS, WHO LIVED IN EUGENE, OREGON, COMMITTED THE CRIME. THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS AND GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS ARE SHOWN ON THIS POSTER.</p> <p>Help in locating the criminals who committed this terrible crime.</p>
---	--	--

Three panels of the mailed wanted poster showing rewards and describing the robbery itself. The poster was to be displayed on the wall of the post office to which it was sent.

\$15,900 REWARD IN GOLD!



ROY A. A. DE AUTREMONT.

(Picture taken early in 1923)

Roy A. A. DeAutremont, alias R. A. Harris, alias R. A. Burton, age 23 in 1923; weight 135-140 pounds; height 5 feet 6 inches. Complexion medium light. Hair medium light brown. Eyes peculiar looking, narrow and squinty, light brown. Wears glasses in reading. Favors glasses in reading. "Nose slightly pug. Nostrils large and prominent." Likes to argue against the Bible. Long, turned up nose and prominent nostrils. Tonsils have been removed. Head round. Wears No. 6 shoe. boastful and egotistical. Clips his words. Forward and presuming with women. First upper right molar tooth has amalgam filling, as have both first right and left lower molars.



RAY CHARLES DE AUTREMONT.

(Picture taken in 1923. He now resembles closely his twin brother Roy.)

Ray DeAutremont, alias R. C. Burton, alias William Elliott, alias Chas. R. Joseph, age 23 in 1923. Height 5 feet 6 inches. Weight 135-140 pounds. Complexion medium light. Hair medium light brown. Broad face. Prominent nostrils. Short cut neck. Eyes, peculiar looking, light brown, small and squinty. Wears glasses when reading. Big toe nail on left foot turned up. Cut scar at tip of left forefinger inner, and at back of second joint right middle finger, also round cut scar back of head. Gold fill in upper left cuspid, measil surface. Amalgam filling, upper left first molar, occlusal surface. Gold inlay, upper right cuspid, measil and incisive angle.



HUGH DE AUTREMONT.

(Picture taken in 1923)

Hugh DeAutremont, alias E. E. James, alias Hugh DeKay, alias Hugh DeLerious, alias Hugh DeCoy. Age 19 in 1923, looks older. Height 5 feet 7 inches. Weight about 155 pounds. Complexion fair, eyes blue. Nose slightly pug. Hair medium light, slightly sandy and curly. Amalgam filling right and left molars, and same in first right upper molar. Likes to argue and is good debater. Fond of sports, particularly boxing and running. Expressed desire for traveling, and has boasted of trips he has made by riding freight trains. He is bright and alert and has a high school education. Little fingers turn outward at first joint.

Views of the three De Autremont brothers along with their descriptions.

separated from its envelope. However, despite its promising return address, the robber gained nothing of value from this particular envelope.

The final nineteenth century cover shown is a large envelope that bears a handwritten notation: "Rifled by highwayman near Oak Run Calif. July 7th 95." The envelope shows evidence of being officially sealed by Post Office personnel, but does not contain its original contents. Since it only bore one stamp, it probably had no contents other than a one-page letter. A light strike in magenta of a handstamp appears

to the left of the address: "OFFICE of P. O. INSPECTOR P.O. DEPT. JUL 18 1895 SAN FRANCISCO CAL." This is the same date as the San Francisco postmark tying the Officially Sealed labels.

Because of its notoriety, we have decided to show an early twentieth-century robbed letter, an artifact of the famous train robbery by the De Autremont brothers — 19-year-old Hugh and the 23-year-old twins Ray and Roy. Having heard a rumor that on October 11, 1923, the Southern Pacific Express would be carrying a half million dollars in gold plus cash, the brothers planned a robbery to take place at Tunnel 13 just north of the California/Oregon border, where the train had to slow for the grade. Roy, having no experience with explosives, set off too large a charge of dynamite, blowing the mail car to bits and incinerating mail clerk Elvyn E. Dougherty, who had locked himself inside the car. Three other railroad employees, who had come running back the tunnel to see what was happening, were murdered before the brothers made their escape. The fire and smoke had made it impossible for them to search for valuables in the remains of the mail car; as the youngest brother, Hugh, would later admit, "It was all for nothing."



A 1976 cover mailed with a 13-cent stamp from Puerto Rico to California. The envelope was cut through the stamp. There is a bold handstamp: "DAMAGED IN THEFT OF U.S. POSTAL FACILITY."

SELLING YOUR COLLECTION?



THE STAMP CENTER
IS AT YOUR SERVICE...



When you are ready to liquidate your collection, be sure not to rush...
have a thorough and confidential appraisal made by our Professional & Bonded staff.
Ship your material fully insured for a **FREE** and prompt appraisal supported by:

- * OUR CASH OFFER FOR OUTRIGHT PURCHASE
- * An estimate of what you would realize by consigning to
Our Dutch Country Auctions with a GUARANTEED MINIMUM!

Features of Our Auction Service Include:

- ONLY 10% SELLER'S COMMISSION!
- INTEREST FREE CASH ADVANCES!
- SETTLEMENT IN 45 DAYS!
- 5,000+ COLOR CATALOGS DISTRIBUTED WORLDWIDE!
- AN EXPERIENCED STAFF WILL TAKE THE TIME TO
PRESENT YOUR MATERIAL IN ATTRACTIVE
COLLECTOR-SIZE LOTS

PLUS THE BENEFITS OF FULL, INTERNET EXPOSURE FOR ALL AUCTIONS...

- COMPLETE CATALOG & ALL PHOTOS ON THE INTERNET
(5 WEEKS BEFORE SALE!)
- SUPER FAST INTERNET BIDDING WITH CONFIRMATION!
- OPENING BIDS UPDATED DAILY!
- PRICES REALIZED IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE SALE!

AND WHERE BUYERS BID WITH CONFIDENCE KNOWING ALL LOTS ARE 100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!

For additional Details, Call, Write, Fax, or E-Mail

- I have stamps or covers to sell
- I have coins or currency to sell
- Call me to arrange for carrier pickup
- Send FREE Catalog

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

THE STAMP CENTER • DUTCH COUNTRY AUCTIONS

4115 Concord Pike • Wilmington, DE 19803 • (302) 478-8740 • Fax (302) 478-8779
www.thestampcenter.com • E-Mail: auctions@thestampcenter.com
Member ASDA, APS, ANA, AFDCS, etc.

A wanted poster for the perpetrators of this train robbery was widely circulated by mail. It opens to show five different panels and was printed on both sides. Selected portions of each side of the poster/circular that describe what happened and show pictures of the three brothers. It was four years before the men were captured, brought to trial, and sentenced to life imprisonment. Roy had a mental breakdown in 1949 and was lobotomized. Hugh was paroled in 1958 and died of cancer a short time later. Ray, who had planned the holdup, had his sentence commuted in 1972; he died in 1984.

Covers from this robbery show varying degrees of being burned; some are more burned than the example illustrated. Each recovered letter was mailed in an official Post Office Department penalty envelope together with a white label reading, "This mail damaged by fire and dynamite in hold-up of Ashland & Gerber Train No. 13, at Siskiyou, Oregon, October 11, 1923."

More recent mail showing evidence of theft is pretty rare. A final cover is from Puerto Rico to Altadena, California, and bears a magenta handstamp reading "DAMAGED IN THEFT OF U.S. POSTAL FACILITY." Note that, like the robbed mail letters of an earlier date, this envelope was cut right through the stamp in order to gain access to its contents, which are not present.

Acknowledgments

The authors are grateful to Eliot Landau, Van Koppersmith, and Jerome Krause for the loan of several of the items shown.

Endnotes

1. Dr. Milgram has postulated in his book, *United States Registered Mail 1845-1870* (N. Miami, FL: David G. Phillips Publ. Co., 1998), that these new regulations were responsible for an informal system of registering letters termed by him "Unofficial Registration" that is well-documented to have existed in all parts of the United States, even California, from 1845 to mid-1855 when official registered mail commenced. Other early Post Office regulations are described in Dr. Milgram's earlier article on this subject "Robbery of Mail in the Classic Period," *The Chronicle of the U.S. Classics Postal Issues* 49 (1997): 232.
2. David L. Jarrett in *The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues* 24 (1972): 177.
3. James W. Milgram, M.D., "Robbery of Mail in the Classic Period," *The Chronicle of the U.S. Classics Postal Issues* 49 (1997): 232.
4. J. Holbrook, *Ten Years Among the Mail Bags or Notes from the Diary of a Special Agent of the Post Office Department* (Philadelphia: H. Cowperthwait & Co., 1855).

The Authors

Dr. Steven J. Berlin is a podiatrist who has been a stamp collector for more than fifty years. He now has a major interest in interrupted and disaster mail.

Dr. James W. Milgram is an orthopaedic surgeon who has collected covers and letters since high school. He has a wide range of interests in U.S. postal history.

Don't wrestle with
your next stamp search!



With Zillionsofstamps.com vast inventories, multiple search options and secure checkout, it's easy to search and sort the way that works best for you!

Don't be overwhelmed trying to locate the best price or that hard to find item.

Check out the latest stamp offerings on the web:

www.zillionsofstamps.com

Zillions of Stamps

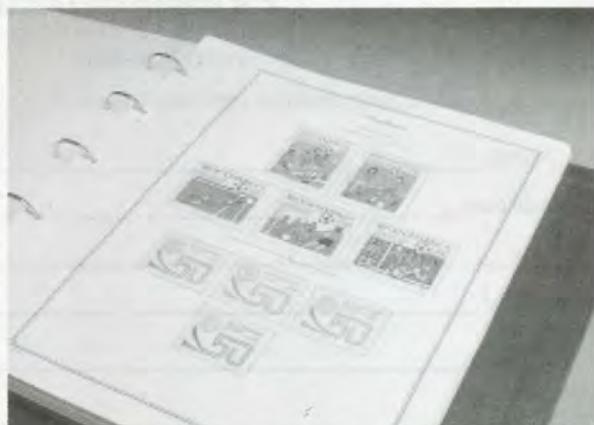
Interested in becoming an online dealer?
Contact us at 1-866-501-6063 or
sales@zillionsofstamps.com

AMOS

Linn's Stamp News **SCOTT**

Palo **ALBUMS INC.**
STAMP ALBUMS FOR
EVERY COUNTRY
IN THE WORLD!!!

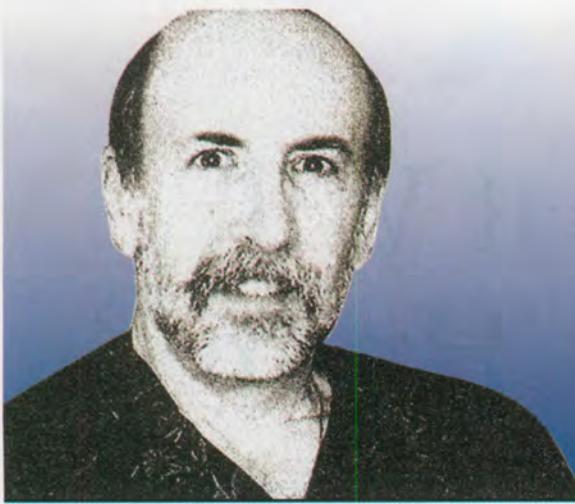
REGULAR and HINGELESS
Albums for Every Country in the
World! Call today for pricing.



SELECTION • SERVICE • SATISFACTION
For Superior Customer Service, call

I-800-572-5967

WWW.PALOALBUMS.COM



The Apfelbaum family presents...

17 Questions

ON A LIFE IN PHILATELY

with Gary Goldstein

What's the first stamp you remember buying? Not sure, but it probably cost only a penny or two. **How much is it worth now?** Probably a penny or two! **What fuels your passion?** The thrill of the chase. Finding the elusive stamp that was overlooked on the first go round. **Which countries do you specialize in?** United States, Western Europe, and Australia.

What's the most beautiful stamp you've seen? The 1-Pound Black 1929 St. George from Great Britain. I also like the 90c U.S. Banknote issue. **The ugliest?** There are so many, but I don't have a candidate for supreme ugliest. **How much time do you spend on your hobby?** Way too much; eighty hours a week. **Your early career?** I've had at least seven different career paths! I'm now in semi-retirement but am putting in more hours in philately now than I ever have in any other job. But, it's a labor of love, as they say. **Your favorite areas of philately?** U.S. Revenues. I still collect U.S. Match and Medicines, and used to have very nice collections of Cut Squares and general Revenues.

How do you perceive the health of stamp collecting today? I can honestly say that I think the hobby is very much alive and well, judging by the prices stamps sell for at auctions. **Where do you predict the hobby will be twenty years from now?** Hard to say. While the hobby is doing well, we

need to get younger people interested in collecting. **If you had one philatelic wish, what would it be?** Discover something previously unknown like a previously unrecorded invert, or something like that. **Which country issues the most attractive stamp designs?** Depends on the era. I think many countries issued attractive stamps when they were being engraved. I am not a fan of the new generation of printing methods. **The most expensive stamp you ever bought?** A one cent Pan Am Invert.

What has stamp collecting meant in your life?

At various times it has provided me with a means of support. And sometimes I look at it with a different eye and think that it's quite comical that someone can actually make a living buying and selling stamps. You'd be surprised at how many people look at me strangely when I tell them that I buy and sell stamps for a living.

How long have you been a customer of Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, Inc? Four years. I also was a dealer in the late 70s to early 80s and made purchases from their sales then as well. **What do you most like about the firm?** Apfelbaum offers a tremendous amount of material from all over the world. And with various sales appearing every other week or so, it would be difficult for a collector to not find something he or she needs. Besides, they're very friendly and easy to deal with.

Four generations of Apfelbaums have served stamp lovers worldwide, exactly as the firm's legendary founder would have wished. Today, thanks to our Public Auctions and Collector Sales, more lots are offered by Earl P. L. Apfelbaum Inc. than by any other company.

More sensitivity is shown in acquiring collections, too. If the stamp collection of a loved one has come into your possession, or you no longer have an interest in the hobby, please call for an appraisal. Fair market value is assured. As is the utmost in respect and attention to detail.



Sales occur every 3 weeks throughout the year.



Ask about our 30-day money-back guarantee!



STAMPS TO SELL?
CALL KEN APFELBAUM.

800-523-4648

The Pavilion, 261 Old York Road,
Suite 831 Jenkintown,
Pennsylvania 19046
www.apfelbauminc.com

EARL P.L. APFELBAUM, INC.



KING OF THE HOBBY OF KINGS, SINCE 1930.

A Cover That Will Make You Go 'Hmm...'

by Gary Dunaier

Submitted for your inspection is a cover mailed from the United Nations Headquarters to the office of the New York County Clerk. Non-philatelic mail from the United Nations is hard to find and this one has plenty to offer:

- A United Nations meter stamp in the amount of \$7.58. Most U.N. meter stamps encountered by collectors are philatelic first-day-of-slogan covers showing either the domestic First Class rate or the overseas air mail rate. This is a piece of commercial mail showing a rate seldom seen on U.N. covers — registered, return receipt requested.
- On the back, tabs used to affix the return receipt are tied by two strikes of a "UNITED NATIONS NEW YORK NY 10017 USPS" double-ring registry marking.
- Also on the back, an internal United Nations "Mail Unit Received" time and date stamp.



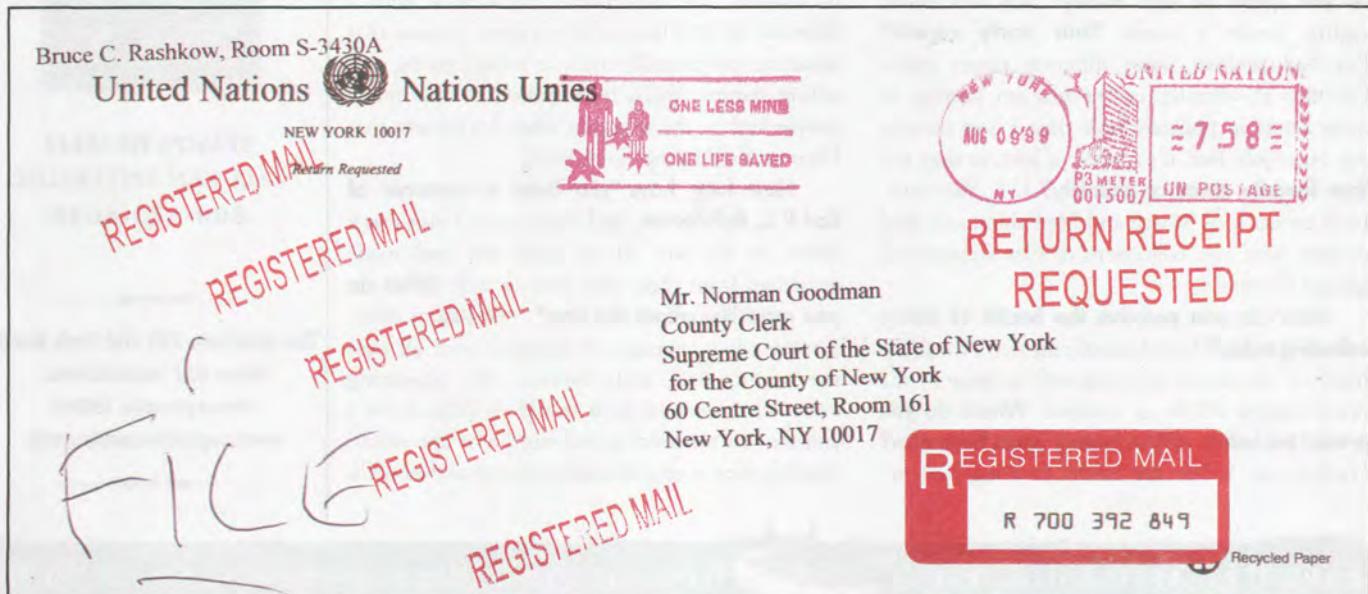
Mail Unit

The "Mail Unit Received" marking indicates the existence of a department within the U.N. that specializes exclusively in the processing of ingoing and outgoing correspondence. Many private businesses have such a unit, but they call it the "mailroom."

One of the most important pieces of office equipment you'll find in a mailroom is a postage meter. Much to the chagrin of stamp collectors, the majority of outgoing business mail is franked with meter stamps. But unlike private businesses, the United Nations is allowed to issue its own postage stamps, which are recognized and accepted by the U.S. Postal Service as "real" stamps with full postal validity. It's reasonable to expect the United Nations to use them on its outgoing mail.

\$5 Worth of Roses

The cover under discussion would have been an ideal place to use one particular U.N. stamp — the \$5 Roses definitive (Scott



Registered letter from the U.N. franked by a meter stamp.

753), issued February 5, 1999. Topicalists will want to add it to their collections; U.N. completists *need* it for theirs. It's also the highest face-value stamp the U.N. has ever issued in U.S. currency. (In 1970 the United Nations' office in Geneva issued a definitive with a face value of 10 Swiss francs, Scott 14. It's still available from the U.N. for face value — which, due to fluctuating exchange rates, has been as much as \$9.65 in U.S. currency.¹

Using U.N. Stamps on Mail

United Nations stamps fall in to a category of their own. Anyone can use U.N. stamps on their mail, but actually doing so is not easy.

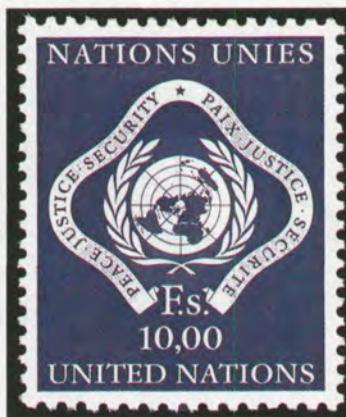
United Nations stamps in dollar values can only be used on mail sent from U.N. Headquarters in New York City. That's quite a trip if you live nowhere near the Big Apple. Once you get there, you have to pass through a metal detector and subject yourself to a search in order to enter the building. Even then, access to the actual U.N. Post Office is restricted to those affiliated with the United Nations.

For the general public, the U.N. Postal Administration operates a small sales counter on the lower level of the General Assembly building. There are mailboxes there where visitors can deposit letters and postcards, but, to the best of my knowledge, the UNPA sales counter is *not* an actual postal facility. The clerks don't have any postmarking devices, so you can't even make a "hand back" cover as a souvenir of your visit. (The sales counter is depicted on a 2003 U.N. postal card, Scott UX28. The image is shown twice, once as the 23-cent stamp and on the reverse as the "picture" part of the card.)

A Thought-Provoking Cover

I like meter stamps — I've been a member of the Meter Stamp Society for many years. So, in and of itself, I don't have a problem with the fact that this cover was franked with a meter stamp instead of adhesive stamps. Just as the U.N. issues its own stamps, the U.N. also has its own meter stamps, and I'm happy to add this one to my collection.

However:



- Most U.N. stamps are sold to collectors — thus furnishing the international organization with pure profit, because the stamps will never be used on mail.
- The difficulty of actually *going* to the U.N., as described above, makes the prospect of mailing letters franked with U.N. stamps a daunting one.
- The restricted access to the United Nations' postal facility prevents those members of the public who might want to use postal services requiring the use of high-value U.N. stamps from doing so.

- The meter stamp, U.N. postmark, and "Mail Unit Received" datestamp are all dated August 9, 1999 — only *six months* after the \$5 definitive was issued. It's as if the stamp was issued and then forgotten.

Understandably, most of the people who work at the U.N. are not there to play with stamps. But if it's easier to run a high-value cover through a postage meter, why bother issuing a \$5 stamp in the first place? (As it happens, this cover would have been an ideal use for the \$5 definitive. Combined with individual \$2, 50-cent, and 8-cent definitives, you'd have had a colorful four-stamp presentation showing commercial use.)

Taking all of the above into consideration, it's easy to form an opinion that the United Nations issued the \$5 Roses stamp not so much to fill a postal need as to take advantage of collectors.

Hmm....

Endnote

U.N. Philatelic Bulletin (March–April 2005).

Stamp images courtesy of the APS Reference Collection and StampStore.

The Author

TGary Dunaier, a member of the Meter Stamp Society and a Life Member of the American First Day Cover Society, considers himself an "informed accumulator," but his main interests are First Day Covers, event covers, postmarks, and meter stamps. He is the author of *The Beginning Collector: Stamps* (Mallard Press, New York, 1992) and has written numerous features for the American First Day Cover Society's journal.





A British Baby

by Lou David Allen

February 1912 introduced a new British subject, little baby Frances, to the Transvaal. The following year, the document that accompanies this article was used to change her name to Florence. After buying this item from an antiques dealer in Sweetwater, Texas, I noticed several items of interest on it that bear analysis. But, before that, a discussion about the origin of the document might be helpful.



B. & D. 3.

Certificate Issued in Terms of Section 34 of Ordinance No. 19 of 1906 (Transvaal).

Birth Registered in the District of *Bokshbury* in the Province of the Transvaal.

CHILD.		PARENTS.		INFORMANT.	DISTRICT REGISTRAR AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT REGISTRAR.
1. Date of Birth. 2. Place where born.	1. Christian names (if any). 2. Sex.	1. Father. 2. Christian names and surname. 3. Occupation. 4. Race or nationality. 5. Birthplace.	1. Mother. 2. Christian names and maiden surname. 3. Race or nationality. 4. Birthplace.	1. Signature or mark of informant. 2. Qualification of informant. 3. Residence of informant.	1. Number of entry. 2. When registered. 3. District. 4. Signature of District Registrar. 5. Name of Registrar. 6. Date. 7. Signature of Assistant District Registrar.
(1.) Twenty Fifth February (2.) 1912	(1.) Florence Gweneth (2.) Female	(1.) Morgan John Thomas. (2.) Surveyor (3.) (Colliery)	(1.) Margaret Read Johnson. (2.) European (3.) European.	(1.) M. J. Thomas. (2.) Father.	(1.) No. of Entry 208 (2.) 13th March 1912. (3.) Bokshbury Gweneth. (4.) F. L. Biccard. (5.) 25. (6.) 1st March 1912. (7.) 24th March 1913.
		Place of Marriage	South Wales. England.	Clydesdale Collieries Transvaal.	Frances Morgan J. G. Guyer.
<p>I, James Taylor Carnie, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in a Births Register kept at Bokshbury.</p> <p>Extracted this 18th day of August J. T. Carnie, District Registrar, Bokshbury.</p> <p>18 AUGUST 1913 REGISTRATION & TAXATION OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REGISTRAR PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL BOKSHURBY, TRANSVAAL ONE POUND SIX PENCE</p>					

Certificate changing the birth name of Frances Gweneth Morgan to Florence Gweneth.

Born in the Transvaal

In the early 1800s, the Boers (Dutch-speaking farmers) exited the Cape Colony to escape British domination. They moved beyond (trans) the Vaal River, hence the name Transvaal, and established farms there. The Transvaal possessed great wealth in gold and diamond deposits, in addition to rich farmland. Control of the Transvaal was contested by the British and the Boers over a long period, a conflict known today as the Boer Wars. Ultimately, the British overcame the Boers and the Transvaal was incorporated into the British Empire in 1900. The Boer Wars were the inspiration for the great English poet Thomas Hardy (1840–1928) to pen his lament for a fallen soldier, “Drummer Hodge,” with its use of Boer terms to describe the foreign land where the young drummer died and was buried (*kopje*-crest = small crest; *veldt* = open grasslands; *Karoo* = the great arid South African plain).

Transvaal was absorbed into the Union of South Africa in 1910. Today, the Union of South Africa is no longer a part of the British Empire; it is now called the Republic of South Africa.

Returning to the document, it is apparent that it is not a birth certificate but a legal instrument used to alter a name already on the original birth certificate. It was issued to record information according to the Terms of Section 34 of Ordinance No. 19 of 1906 (Transvaal). The instruction and recording of the original and altered names are a bit confusing, but the baby's original name seems to have been Frances Gweneth Morgan, which was altered to Florence Gweneth Morgan. She was born February 25, 1912, and her name was changed March 27, 1913 (thirteen months later) and officially registered six months after that. The certificate reveals that she was born in a place with a lovely sounding name — Clydesdale Collieries in the District of Springs — and registered in the District of Boksburg. The certificate further reveals that her father, John Thomas Morgan, was a surveyor born in South Wales, while her mother (Margaret Read Johnson)'s place of birth is simply given as "England." The couple was married in Johannesburg, Transvaal.

What happened to baby Florence?

Did she stay in South Africa?

Did she have children of her own?

We can only wonder.

This document required a revenue stamp for completion, which was accomplished with a 2-shilling 6-pence stamp from Natal. A very clear oval cancellation bearing the name "Office of the District Registrar" cancels the stamp. Why was a stamp from Natal, which was a bordering province, used? The answer comes from the website of the Royal Philatelic Society London. According to this site, after the Union of South Africa was formed on May 31, 1910, stamps from other countries were sent where needed from the office of the Distributor of Stamps in Pretoria. Obviously, when little Florence was born in the Transvaal, this stamp from Natal was available and was used on the certificate. It would be interesting to see other documents of this kind from the era and note the stamps used on them.

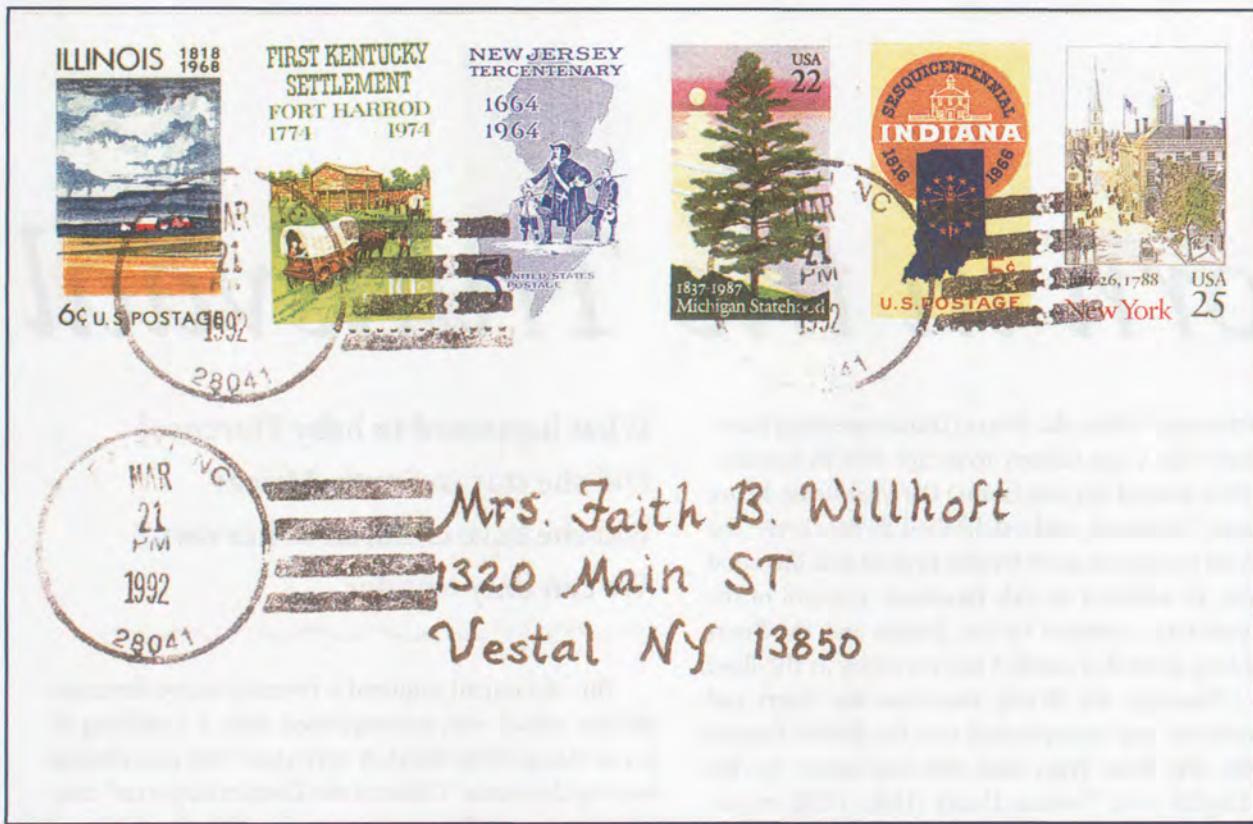
What happened to baby Florence? Did she stay in South Africa? Did she have children of her own? We can only wonder. Perhaps this philatelic snapshot will find its way to one of her descendants who may be searching at this moment for little Florence Morgan, a British baby born in the Transvaal.

References

- Barefoot, John. *British Commonwealth Revenues* (York, England: J. Barefoot Ltd., 1984).
The Encyclopedia Americana, Vol. 27 (Danbury, CT: Scholastic Library Publishing, Inc., 2006).
Royal Philatelic Society London at <http://www.rpsl.org.uk/>

The Author

Lou David Allen was an engineer on the Apollo Space Project in Houston in the early 1960s. He became interested in stamp collecting fifty years ago. He is also a poet.



Ideas To Share: *Truly a 'One of a Kind' Cover*

by James A. Blaine

Among the many things that both my wife and I have given to our only daughter is an introduction to the challenging and fascinating world of stamp collecting. In her early years, we provided her with an album and the other basic necessities of collecting. But, eventually, her philatelic interests came to occupy a smaller space in her life, because of the demands of college, marriage, and raising a family.

One year, an idea came for a memorable birthday gift that would help keep her philatelic interests viable. I prepared a cover with a stamp for each state where she had lived or attended college, beginning — in order — with her birth state, Illinois.

In planning for a trip to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, that year, I discovered that there was a town nearby with the same name as our daughter's — Faith. So while visiting in that area, we made the 40-mile drive south to the tiny speck on the map of Faith, North Carolina.

I located its post office and explained about our special cover to the postal clerk. She graciously agreed to hold the cover to the next day so that it could be postmarked on our daughter's birthday, March 21st. It then traveled by regular mail to our daughter's home.

With just a little creative planning, we gave our daughter a birthday gift that will always carry a very special meaning. To make this cover, I had to leave empty spaces in my U.S. album, but I don't regret using my mint stamps in this way. Perhaps my idea may spark some creative impulse in other collectors to design their own "one of a kind" cover.

The Author

James A. Blaine is a retired pastor who began collecting as a boy, and now specializes in the Washington-Franklins and in U.S. joint issues. His topical exhibit, "The Saga of the Emancipation of Black Americans on Stamps," has won awards in several shows.

Holiday Gift Ideas

APS Marketplace

*The Perfect Destination
for Your Holiday Shopping*

— Publications —

Bellefonte and the Early
Air Mail 1918–1927

The Liberty Series

100 Greatest U.S. Stamps

The Encyclopedia of Stamp Collecting

APS Stamp Identifier

APS Manual of Philatelic Judging

Collect Stamps, A Young Beginner's Kit

— APS Souvenirs —

Shirts • Ties • Scarves • Magnifiers

Letter Openers • Pins • Tote Bags

Puzzles • Patriot Board Game

and more!

www.stamps.org

Shop all day, every day!

To request a complete list of souvenirs
and publications or to place an order

Call — 814-933-3803

E-mail — requests@stamps.org



www.StampStore.org



More than 270,000 items!

Easy to use

4-day shopping cart

Purchases shipped quickly

Philatelic literature available

Convenient payment options

New items added each business day

APS 30-day money-back guarantee
on any item not as described

APS Internet Sales

100 Match Factory Place

Bellefonte, PA 16823

E-mail: renee@stamps.org

Phone: 814-933-3803, ext. 270

Fax: 814-933-6128

Fall brings
cool deals & brisk sales!
Log on today!

Learn More, Do More, Through the APS!

November — the time when we traditionally “come home” and gather with the family around a warm fireplace and the best cooking of the year. There is a chill in the air. The early twilight of fall tells us that the darkness of winter will soon return. The colors of fall surround us and in some parts of the country have already given way to the grays of winter.

We give thanks for all the blessings of the year — for friends, for family, and for the wonders of this year. I personally give thanks for all the shows and clubs across the country that welcomed me this past year. I give thanks for all the wonderful philatelists I have met, and thanks for the opportunity to represent their views.

Now is the time to get out the collection of stamps that we put aside in the “busyness” of spring and summer, and to bring things up to date. Hopefully, we remember where we stashed those lovely things we purchased! And, what better time to show off the wonders of philately than when the family is gathered together. Bring out those collections and accumulations that you have set aside and share them.

Pick a stamp and tell a story. Think of the grandchildren’s interests — Disney, soccer, dinosaurs, horses, space, and many others. Do you have stamps of these things? Perhaps you might visit a bourse with the youngsters and see if you can find something matching their interest.

Examine your own stash and pick out not only the things you have stored away for your own interests, but also the “odds and ends” — and watch for the “gleam in your grandchild’s eyes.” Explain what you have and let their own exploration begin.

And don’t forget the many other doors to philately. Perhaps you have a bunch of first day covers people have given you over the years, or ceremony programs, or cinderellas (that somehow seem to creep into one’s collection). Perhaps in those you will uncover the spark that creates a new and

enthusiastic collector.

If the kids know something about American history, then get out your “Patriot Challenge” game. This is an entertaining board game about U.S. history and its depiction on the stamps of our nation. Let your grandchildren win! This may not push them to collect but it will make for happy children.

And, above all, make sure you have a big box of mixed stamps on hand. If there is a “collector gene” in the house, sorting through those stamps will bring it out. Make sure

you have an atlas handy — I prefer one about sixty years old — that you can use to show people such places as Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Gold Coast, New Hebrides, and Bechuanaland.

Your young guests are not the only prospects for new collectors. Adults who have set aside an earlier or youthful collection may be bitten by the collecting bug again just by looking at *your* collection. Make place cards for your Thanksgiving table and put a different stamp on each one. It may start a conversation about collecting. Somebody is bound to be intrigued.

With all those possibilities, you may well have a new collector by the end of the weekend, and, if so, be prepared with an APS application form — the current entry fee is \$38. Next year it will be \$48, but if you submit a membership application with your own renewal, both you and the new member will save.

Thanksgiving is one of the few times in the year that families come together. What an opportunity! But, above all, remember to **Spread the Joy of Philately** throughout the year. Please let me know some of the ways you shared your collecting interests and love of philately with your family and friends, either at Thanksgiving or at other times of the year, and I will share your suggestions in a future column.





**When Mother Nature
is at her worst,
your stamp insurance
should be at its BEST!**

The world's leading provider
of stamp insurance.

-
- Low Rates • Quality Service
 - Excellent Coverage • Call Today
-

Toll-Free: 1-888-APS-6494

Online: www.hughwood.com

One of our APS insurance representatives will be happy to advise you on our NEW insurance options and discounts. HWI/APS Stamp Insurance is exclusively for APS Members, designed by philatelists for philatelists.

from the executive director

peter mastrangelo



A handwritten signature of Peter Mastrangelo is placed below his portrait.

I'm sure you'll agree it was a great way to celebrate Stamp Collecting Month in Bellefonte.

Hundreds of air mail enthusiasts touched down at the APC for AEROPHILATELY 2007 to attend this WSP exhibition and bourse, as well as various seminars and meetings. Our thanks go out to the American Air Mail Society and their leadership for bringing this exciting event to the APC.

Prior to the start of the show, APS offered a two-day course on the "Essentials of Aerophilately" for collectors interested in specializing in this area. Taught by Wayne Youngblood, this course is the first in our efforts to provide educational opportunities at selected WSP venues. A complete calendar of educational opportunities for 2008 will be available shortly.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the dedication of the Gordon and Mary Morison Pavilion, which will house the APC public contract post office out of the historic Headsville, West Virginia, Post Office, on loan from the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History, Kenneth E. Berling Center. Former Postmaster General Benjamin Bailar served as keynote speaker.

AEROPHILATELY was followed by the second annual Postal History Symposium, which brought together philatelists, historians, and other interested academics and collectors to hear presentations centering on this year's theme of "Moving the Mail." Presentations were broadcast on our local government access cable network (similar to CSPAN) and will be available on CD for interested parties.

We concluded our activities with the first meeting of the new APS Board of Directors on October 23, at which time they considered the APS budget for 2008 and heard a presentation on our recently completed membership survey. More details on the membership survey will appear in future issues of the *AP*.

Membership Dues

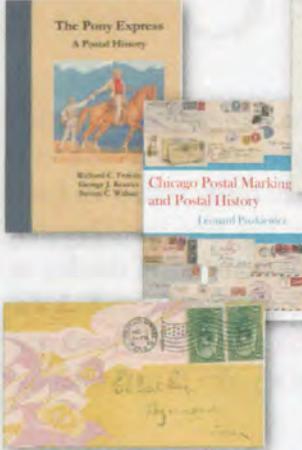
By now you have received your annual membership dues renewal information, and some of you may have additional questions regarding next year's dues levels. Please go to our website at www.stamps.org

A Busy Fall at the APC

October proved to be one of the busiest months at the American Philatelic Center. We started the month with a visit from a group of more than thirty collectors from eastern Pennsylvania. They arrived by bus late morning and following a tour of the APC spent the remainder of the day in the Sales Division, the Library, and chatting with staff. Later in the month, the APC hosted Aerophilately 2007, the second annual Postal History Symposium, and an APS Board meeting.



We build the finest of collections in all three of these specialized categories:



See us at Booth 415
AmeriStamp Expo
January 11-13, 2008
Charlotte Convention Center
Charlotte, N.C.

Essays & Proofs

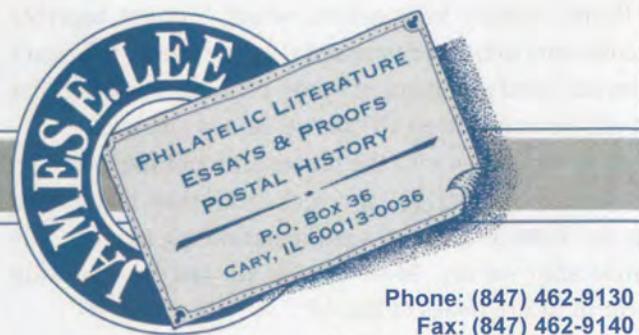
The premier stock of these historic, rare and beautiful forerunners of America's classic postage stamps.

Postal History

Countless unique items of 19th and early 20th century covers are coming into our stock every day of the year.

Philatelic Literature

Certainly one of the largest inventories of U.S., Confederate and BNA philatelic literature. Books, periodicals, auctions, etc.



Call us with your Want List or see our stock on our huge website:

www.JamesLee.com

for additional information. In order to insure no interrupted service from your APS, please renew your membership today.

Some Thoughts as We Approach Year's End

As the end of the tax year approaches, don't forget the APS, APRL, and the Campaign for Philately (see inside back of magazine wrapper). Our members are very generous with donations and pledges year in and year out. We understand that giving is a personal, voluntary decision. If you have not thought about us, please do so. If we can answer any of your questions, please give us a call.

Throughout the year a number of stamp collections are donated to the Society. We make good use of them to support a variety of programs. The Reference Collection gets first choice on all material, receiving all of the better items. Less expensive material goes to the education department to support our youth-oriented and beginner programs. The mid-range material is eventually sold, with the proceeds benefitting the Society. Please remember us at year-end. All donations are appreciated.

Other Thoughts

- Don't forget to check www.stampstore.org for your philatelic Christmas giving needs.
- Save the date! AMERISTAMP EXPO will be held January 11-13, 2008 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Visit www.stamps.org for the latest in show, hotel, and travel information. Our December issue of *The American Philatelist* will focus on the highlights of the show.
- Have a great Thanksgiving!

1847-1945

Quality U.S. Stamps

Singles (mint and used), Plate Blocks, Booklet Panes plus Complete Booklets, Price lists \$2 each category
We also buy quality US & foreign stamps.

Mountainside Stamps, Coins and Currency

P.O. Box 1116 • Mountainside, NJ 07092
Tel: 908-232-0539 or 908-419-9751
E-mail: tjacks@verizon.net
Tom Jacks, owner; member APS, ASDA

Washington-Franklins Go West!

WESTPEX 2008 — the popular World Series of Philately exhibition — will be held April 25–27 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel. As a prelude to this show, the American Philatelic Society, your paramount stamp collecting organization, is offering a special course on the Washington-Franklin issues.

The Washington-Franklin Issues

This class is not just for the expert collector, but for anyone who has collected, wants to collect, or is a bit intimidated by the thought of collecting these classic issues. Included will be hands-on sessions where you will use a variety of stamps from the series and be guided through the identification process. You will leave the course with resource materials to use for future collecting of the Washington-Franklins.

Dennis Gilson will teach this special two-day course **April 23–24, 2008**, using the latest technology to bring students the clearest understanding of the differing types of stamps in this series. The first day will include instruction on identifying the 2-cent and 3-cent types, use of the *Micarelli Identification Guide to U.S. Stamps*, and time to examine the stamps. The second day will emphasize recognizing fakes and forgeries. By the end of this course you will be able to accurately identify 200+ varieties of the Washington-Franklins, and correctly sort the stamps by Scott numbers.

While there are no prerequisites, a basic understanding of perforations, watermarks, and the different printing methods and papers used during the early U.S. stamp period will make it easier for you to learn all that this course covers. The introduction to the *Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue* will provide participants with much of the basic information.

Preregistration deadline is Wednesday, March 5, 2008. A minimum of eight students is required for the course to be held. Registrants will be given a month's notice in order for them to have sufficient time to arrange for transportation and accommodations. A \$25 cancellation fee applies after March 5 and no refund will be given if canceling after April 9.

Register Now!

Date _____ APS No. _____

First Name _____ Last name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP code _____

E-mail _____ Daytime Phone _____

Person/number to call in case of emergency: _____

The Washington-Franklin Issues, April 23–24, 2008

2-day registration — \$195, APS member \$ _____

2-day registration — \$295, non-member \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Method of Payment: Check (Payable to APS) Visa MasterCard

Visa or MasterCard number: _____ • _____ • _____ • _____

Expiration date: ____ • ____ V-Code: ____

Signature: _____



Mail completed form to APS Seminar, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823.
For more information, phone 814-933-3810, fax 814-933-6128, or e-mail gretchen@stamps.org.

Expertizing the Usual Suspects

Although most APS members have heard of expertizing, many tend to regard having a stamp examined by experts as an exotic sideline to the stamp hobby. It may be useful to fabulously wealthy collectors, they reason, but it has nothing to offer them. After all, they don't have great rarities in their albums, so why put up with the bother or the cost?

In fact, most mature U.S. stamp collections could benefit — some of them considerably — from the expertizing of selected items.

Acquiring a certificate of authenticity from the American Philatelic Expertizing Service is like getting American Kennel Club papers for a show dog, a pedigree for a prized thoroughbred horse, or the full paperwork recording the history and ownership of a fine lithograph. As a potential buyer or current owner, the certificate gives you the confidence and peace of mind of knowing that the item is what it appears to be. And, as a potential seller someday, the same document lets buyers know that they're getting the real McCoy as well, scrutinized and duly certified by experts in the field.

Any valuable stamp is worth expertizing, to confirm that it is genuine in all respects and unaltered. However, there are a number of U.S. stamps and philatelic items, not all of which are exceptionally rare or valuable, that are worth expertizing because they frequently have been the objects of fakery and fraudulent trickery, of attempts to tweak or modify their appearance so as to boost their apparent value, or even because they are often innocently misidentified. Many collectors have these items in their albums. And, I'm sorry to say, a shocking number may not be what they appear to be.

These are the stamps I see time and again, year after year, at APEX. Savvy collectors insist on having them authenticated and they are wise to do so. I call them "the usual suspects."

In this and future columns, I plan to review a number of these U.S. items, their characteristics and backgrounds, and how fraudsters have simulated these stamps to separate collectors from their hard-earned money or, as in this month's example, how simple misidentification can be the problem. And I hope, along

the way, to help more collectors see why selective expertization is a process that can serve them well.

The U.S. 1851 3-cent Washington imperforates (Scott 10–11)

One of the most common requests APEX receives is for the verification of the orange brown, deep brown orange, and copper brown shades for U.S. Scott 10, the 1851 3-cent Washington type I.

Extensive research on this issue is readily available. However, individual stamps can be a challenge for novices in classic U.S. philately trying to identify the shades of Scott 10 against the plethora of recorded shades for Scott 11 (dull red, orange red, rose red, brownish carmine, claret, deep claret, experimental orange brown, and plum).

Additional confusion on both issues comes from the listings in the R. H. White's *Encyclopedia of the Colors of United States Postage Stamps*. White lists Scott 10 in pale orange-brown, deep orange-brown, bright orange-brown, medium orange-brown, yellowish orange-brown, and "coppery" orange-brown (not to be confused with the copper brown shade). It's enough to give a beginner a rust-colored headache!

When all is said and done, most general collectors of classic U.S. stamps just want to know whether they have Scott 10 or Scott 11 — period. (No need to go into the varieties of recutting for either issue right now.) And they have good reason to. With the exception of the experimental orange brown and rare 1857 plum versions of Scott 11, Scott 10 is a substantially more valuable stamp — mint, unused, or used.

What the collector needs to know is that Scott 10 comes from Plate 1 Early (1E), Plate 1 Intermediate, Plate 2E, Plate 5E and Plate 0, all released between July and September 1851. So, if you can plate the issue to one of those printing plates, then you've got a Scott 10.

Scott 10 was produced on plates containing 200 subjects, divided into side-



Shown here from the APS reference collection is a rare canceled 1851 3-cent orange brown (Scott 10, left) and an uncanceled 3-cent dull red (Scott 11, right), which is much more common. Traces left by the plates used to print these two similar stamps remain the most reliable way to tell them apart, not the host of shades listed in various works. The American Philatelic Expertizing Service can make the determination for you.

by-side panes of 100. Since each impression has unique characteristics, every position on each of the plates used to print this stamp can be determined. The identification and classification of these minute differences in the design is used to assign a plate position for each stamp. The groundwork has already been done and attributed to Dr. Carroll Chase, who first published his reports in 1929 in *The Three Cent Stamp of the United States 1851-1857 Issue*.

Becoming familiar with the differences of the design in each position is an acquired taste, but there are specialists out there who spend a lifetime doing just

that. Although doing so is not a simple task, examiners on the APEX committee can provide the plating (in most cases) for this issue, and include the plate position as part of the final opinion on the certificate. In most cases, APEX also can identify the particular shade of Scott 10 as listed in the catalogue.

Human nature being what it is, most collectors would like to think that any imperforate 1851 3-cent Washington they encounter is the scarcer and more desirable Scott 10. Probability being what it is, the likelihood is that any given 3-cent imperf from the era is the more common Scott 11. Expertizing elimi-

An average of 615 items are submitted to the APEX committee each month! Since 1903, more than 173,000 items have been examined.

For more information, contact:
Mercer Bristow, Director of Expertizing
 814-933-3803, ext. 205
mercer@stamps.org

nates the guesswork, the bias that goes with wishful thinking, and the possibility of making an expensive mistake.

Send for Our United States Current Catalog in Full Color!

172-page catalog now with hundreds of graded stamps from PSE and PF.



U.S. Stamps from 1847-1938
Over 3,000 STAMPS!!
ALL in full Color!!



If you collect SUPERB,
XF or VF stamps,
This Catalog is a MUST!



Plus an additional listing of 2,000
Mint & Used
Stamps also enclosed.

Check out our Catalog on the web: century-stamps.com

Send \$3.00 Catalog Sent Priority Mail!

Outside the U.S. enclose \$8.00. Limit 1 catalog per request.

172 Pages!!

CENTURY STAMPS

30 Years of Quality & Service



P.O. Box 69, Dept. A
Huntington Station, NY 11746
Phone: 631-385-4647 Fax: 631-385-4699
E-mail: centurystamps@hotmail.com



Please rush my catalog to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Another Buyer/Seller Comment

The Sales Division has buyers who are very diverse in their purchasing habits, collecting interests, and collecting levels. We hear it all, from:

- "These circuits are great!"
 - "I filled a lot of holes in my collection."
 - "I can't wait for the next package to arrive."
- to:
- "I paid more in postage than I did for stamps."
 - "Your circuits have lot of trash in them."
 - "I haven't found anything in the last couple of circuits."

Then there are those folks who do not comment, but go about their buying frenzies quietly. Our job, as one of the sales arms of APS, is to provide a quality buying and selling service to our members.

Very few sales books have been rejected during the last five years. The main reasons for rejecting them were problems with mounting methods, legibility, misidentifications, and fakes. The pricing and condition of the material is also a concern, but we have to ride a fine line when reviewing the books for acceptance into our system.

Our job, as one of the sales arms of APS, is to provide a quality buying and selling service to members.

Pricing Circuits

When preparing items for selling through the sales books, it is VERY important to place yourself in the role of the buyer by asking yourself if you would buy an item at the price you have assigned to it. To get good results, offer deep discounts for items that have faults. Buyers only need to see one stamp that is priced high for its condition to decide in favor of skipping the rest of the material in your book. Most of the successful sellers will submit material with prices based on condition and priced to sell. If they offer faulted material, it is all mounted together in one book so that these items will not detract from better material, and it is priced in the 10-25 percent of catalogue range.

If you experience low sales, you should review your pricing policy and check to see if we really need material from the categories you have mounted. With today's postage costs, it does not make sense to spend the time to mount items that should be giveaways.

A substantial number of our buyers are purchase \$1,000 or more each year from circuit books. They will buy if the condition and price make sense. They

resent having to receive and mail books that are overpriced for the condition of the material contained in them. Such books will pass through the system with low sales and the seller will be paying postage for their return.

We appreciate members' comments, good or bad, because they help reinforce or correct the process for better service to all members. We cannot always implement a suggestion, but we do store them for periodic review, in case situations change.

StampStore Descriptions

We could almost cut and paste the preceding paragraphs into this section as well. Condition is *very* important to consider when pricing the items you are submitting to StampStore. A seller's idea of "very fine" centering might be a buyer's idea of "fine" centering. Others enter "very fine," referring to some other aspect, or combination of aspects, of the stamp. Describing the faults of a stamp are important for StampStore submissions, because the stamp is not in the buyer's hands to examine before the purchase decision is made, as it is with the traditional Sales Division circuits.

CALL US LAST...

We are the Ultimate Source for Buying:

- Pan American Clippers
- U.S. Pioneers & Early Flight Covers
- Shenandoahs, Graf Zeppelins, & Hindenburgs
- Hawaii & Pacific Rim Flight Covers
- Philippine Flight Covers
- Cuban Flight Covers
- WWII Patriotic Covers
- Autographs on U.S. Covers
- Better Early First Day Covers

Call us to discuss all your cover holdings

Call us at 1-800-332-3383



or write directly to:
10 Chestnut Drive, Bedford, NH 03110



Come in From the Cold — Come to **ARIPEX 2008**

February 22-24

Centennial Hall • Mesa, Arizona

Info: Bill Chesser 602-956-3497

Bourse: Michael Ball 480-844-9878

Exhibits: Pat Spencer 480-491-0306

American Airmail Society National Convention

APS World Series of Philately Show

Chapter Circuit Schedules

The deadline that assures uninterrupted mailings into 2008 is December 3, 2008. Our scheduling of the early January circuits must be done at the beginning of December.

Chapter Circuit Insurance is available as an optional service for an annual premium of \$25. This covers a sales circuit that is in the care and control of the chapter's sales representative or their assistant. Contact us for more information.

'5 For 10' Categories

(Needs)

We need ANY U.S. items, except U.S. First Day Covers, U.S. Mint 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 average \$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 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, and until the end of 2007, we will reward sales book suppliers of these categories with double coupons (5 for 5, 10 for 10):

- U.S. Air Mails (single stamps Only)
- U.S. Fancy Cancels
- U.S. Officials
- U.S. Plate Number Singles
- Baltic States

CONFEDERATE STATES

Stamps, Covers, Currency Letters, and Autographs

BOUGHT & SOLD



The Unique Kermersville, N.C.

BRIAN and MARIA GREEN, Inc.
P.O. Box 1816A, Kermersville, NC 27285-1816
Phone: 336-993-5100 Fax: 336-993-1801
—Member: APS, CSA, SCI, MSS, IADA—

BUYING



U.S. & WORLDWIDE

WE WANT IT ALL:

From Big Messy Rooms Full to Collections Worth \$5,000-\$250,000

We'll come to You!

We make regular road trips

East of the Mississippi ... & sometimes West!

Confidential & immediate payment.

More than 30 years of professional experience.

(Please contact us before sending any material.)

QUALITY STAMPS



PO Box 1905-A, Venice, FL 34284-1905



Ph: 941-376-5689

Fax: 941-493-1490

qualitystamps@verizon.net

BUYING

Tens of Thousands of Illustrated Topical Items

can be found on our website:

www.westminsterstamp.com

For a printed list of your topical interest, please contact us.

WESTMINSTER STAMP GALLERY, LTD.

E-mail stamps@westmin.win.net

P.O. Box 456
Foxboro, MA 02035
508-384-6157
Fax: 508-384-3130

FREE U.S. PRICE LIST

More than 700 images of seldom offered "One-of-a-Kinds" every month!

Call today for your free listing!
33 years of Satisfaction Guaranteed!
"Ask about our Monthly Mail Bid Sales!"

Visit our website today! www.dalestamps.com

DALE

Enterprises, Inc.

P.O. Box 539-AP • Emmaus, PA 18049
610-433-3303 • Fax: 610-965-6089
E-mail: daleent@ptd.net



Choice Early Classics to Modern Varieties

CANADA • BNA

View & shop our on-line database of Canadian & BNA stamps & literature at www.saskatoonstamp.com



Free on Request:

Our current private treaty catalogue of Canadian and BNA Stamps

Internationally Recognized as a Leading Dealer in Canadian Errors and Varieties

SASKATOON STAMP CENTRE

PO Box 1870, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3S2

Call TOLL FREE 1-800-205-8814 in North America

Phone: (306) 931-6633 Fax: (306) 975-3728

E-mail: ssc@saskatoonstamp.com



Web site: www.saskatoonstamp.com

it's young but ambitious

ALNEUM.com

your online philatelic auction house

A site that is easy to search

Sell for free and enquire about letting us do your listings

Contribute to our resources section

There is now available a good selection of African material, including a large collection of Mozambique cancels

www.alneum.com

Precancels, Postal Labels, & Archaeology

Precancel Stamp Society (Affiliate 65)

The PSS promotes the study and collecting of material relating to precancels, postage stamps that have been canceled before being used on letters or packages. Typically they are stamps cancelled with two lines, and the city and state where they were mailed. *Membership benefits:* a very fine monthly publication, *The Precancel Forum*, plus local chapters, directory, auctions, handbooks, exhibition and special awards, and an annual convention. *Annual dues:* U.S. \$17. *Website:* www.precancels.org. *Contact:* Arnold H. Selengut, P.O. Box 16681, Temple, FL 33687. *E-mail:* arnsel@worldnet.att.net

Old World Archaeology Study Unit (Affiliate 92)

The Old World Archaeology Study Unit (OWASU) is a thematic stamp collecting group that collects and studies postage stamps related to archaeology (and cultural anthropology for spice) from the Stone Age to the beginnings of recorded history. As its website defines OWASU members: "We're collectors with a passion for history and small bits of paper that take us on our mind's journey to ancient and mysterious places foreign, far and long ago." *Annual dues:* U.S. \$10. *Membership benefits:* the quarterly journal *Old World Archeologist* and exhibition. *Website:* www.owasu.org. *Contact:* Merle Farrington, 10 Clark Street, Medway, MA 02053. *E-mail:* merle.farrington@fmglobal.com.

Masonic Study Unit (Affiliate 94)

The Masonic Study Unit was founded for the collection and study of philatelic material portraying various aspects of Masonic personages. *Annual dues:* U.S. \$10, Canada \$12, others \$16. *Membership benefits:* the bi-monthly journal *The Philatelic Freemason*, slide programs, and speakers bureau. *Contact:* Stanley R. Longnecker, 930 Wood Street, Mount Joy, PA 17522-1926. *E-mail:* radpm@comcast.net.

Society of Israel Philatelists, Inc. (Affiliate 105)

The Society of Israel Philatelists (SIP) was founded in New York City shortly after Israel became a sovereign state (1948). SIP is devoted to the philately of the Holy Land, Israel and Judaica. *The Israel Philatelist*, the society's journal that is sent to 1,500 members worldwide. *Membership benefits:* the bimonthly *The Israel Philatelist*, local chapters, study groups, slide programs, speakers bureau, new issues service, cover service, handbooks, exhibition and special awards, library, and annual convention. *Annual dues:* U.S. \$25. *Website:* www.israel-stamps.com. *Contact:* Howard S. Chapman, 28650 Settlers Lane, Pepper Pike, OH 44124.

Mathematical Study Unit (Affiliate 130)

The Mathematical Study Unit (MSU) is a philatelic study unit whose purpose

is to acquire and disseminate knowledge of philatelic materials related to mathematics, mathematicians, and computers. Since its creation in 1979, the unit has registered more than 365 members from 25 countries. The unit, largely through the efforts of its president Monty Strauss, has compiled a checklist of more than 5,000 mathematical stamps and items of postal stationery. These stamps depict a wide variety of material, including mathematicians, mathematical symbols, equations, math journals, Möbius strips and other geometric shapes, statistics, measuring devices, the metric system, graphs, and mathematically significant globes and projections. There is also a list of the stamps that are related to computers. In addition to the stamps, the list includes a multitude of meters, special cancels, and cacheted covers of mathematical relevance. *Annual dues:* U.S. \$12, others \$15. *Membership benefits:* a directory and the quarterly publication *PHILAMATH*. *Website:* www.math.ttu.edu/msu/. *Contact:* Estelle A. Buccino, 5615 Glenwood Road, Bethesda, MD 20817-6727. *Fax:* 301-718-8898.

Ethiopian Philatelic Society (Affiliate 145)

The Ethiopian Philatelic Society (EPS) is a non-profit organization with its membership open to anyone interested in collecting postage stamps, covers, and related material of Ethiopia. Originally the Ethiopian Collectors Club of North America, the group was founded

[Home](#) [Getting Started](#) [Articles](#) [Literature](#) [Glossary](#) [Stamps](#) [Dealers](#) [Events](#) [Links](#) [PSS](#) [Search](#) [What's New](#)

 The Precancel Stamp Society's 

Precancel Information Page



What are precancels?

Precancels are postage stamps that have been canceled before being used on letters or packages. Typically they are stamps cancelled with two lines, and the city and state where they were mailed. I like them because of the many ways you can collect them, and the affordability of most of them. Above all, the best part of collecting precancels are the other great collectors you'll meet along the way.

 
Old World Archaeological Study Unit

[Home](#) [New Digs](#) [Gallery](#) [Library](#) [Members](#) [Primer](#) [Freebies](#)

Do you enjoy reading about ancient and classic cultures like the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans or the "more than dodos" Ice Age populated by Neanderthals or Cro-magnon men? Love learning about more modern cultures like the Olmec or Han? Mysterious places like Easter Island or Angkor Wat? How about prehistoric cave art, lost civilizations or mythology? If you do and you collect postage stamps, combining your interests in archaeology and stamps is a very rewarding hobby.

The Old World Archaeological Study Unit (OWASU) is a thematic stamp collecting group that collects and studies postage stamps related to archaeology (and cultural anthropology for spice) from the stone age to the beginning of recorded history. We're collectors with a passion for history and small bits of paper that take us on our mind's journey to ancient and mysterious places foreign, far and long ago.

The Society of Israel Philatelists

- >> Home
- >> Who we are
- >> The Israel Philatelist
- Officers
- Chapters
- Affiliated Chapters
- >> Affiliated Study Groups
- >> Areas of Study
- Educational Fund
- Endowment
- Membership
- Events
- Discussions
- Trade

ROMANO HOUSE OF STAMP SALES

Who we are
Please click for a description of our society.

The Israel Philatelist - PDF Format
This section contains articles from the SIP bi-monthly publication, The Israel Philatelist. Available 1P Articles are in PDF format.

Chapters
This section deals with chapter information such as officers, meeting information and chapter forums.

Areas of Study
This section deals with common areas of study associated with Israel philately.

Education Fund

Support the Endowment Fund

New Photos

Society of Israel Philatelist, Inc. — www.israelstamps.com

ETHIOPIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Floyd Heiser
5710 S.E. Garnet Way
Milwaukie, OR 97267
U.S.A.
APS Affiliate No. 0145

Centenary airmail cover from Addis Ababa to Milwaukee, WI, USA, via Beirut, Lebanon
Enlargement

The Ethiopian Philatelic Society (EPS) is a non-profit club with its membership open to anyone interested in collecting postage stamps, covers, and related material of Ethiopia. The major service to members is our medal-winning, 20-page or more quarterly bulletin titled *Menelik's Journal*. Sample pages may be clicked on below. For more details about the history of the EPS and the benefits it provides, click on [background](#). An application blank is also available for those interested in joining. Any questions that you have about the EPS can be directed to our Secretary-Treasurer Floyd Heiser at the above address or email him at fheiser@comcast.net.

Ethiopian Philatelic Society
<http://home.comcast.net/~fbheiser/ethiopia5.htm>

in November 1970 as part of the Jack Knight Collectors' Club Federation. In 1985 the club's members voted to break away from the Jack Knight "umbrella" organization and establish an independent society. *Membership benefits:* the award-winning quarterly *Menelik's Journal* (Menelik was the Ethiopian emperor at the turn of the century), reference library with a photocopying and borrowing service, mail sales, new issue service, and expertizing service. A sample copy of the journal is available for \$3 from Secretary-Treasurer Floyd Heiser, 5710 S.E. Garnet Way, Milwaukie, OR 97267; e-mail: fbheiser@comcast.net. Presently, the Society is updating its membership directory. *Annual dues:* U.S. and Canada \$10, others \$15. *Website:* <http://home.comcast.net/~fbheiser/ethiopia5.htm>. *Contact:* Hugh Gagnon, P.O. Box 8110-45, Baline, WA 98231-8110.

International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors (Affiliate 151)

Founded in 1980 to promote the collecting of postage stamps of the

world, members of the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors are not content with limiting their philatelic avocation to a specific nation or "category of collection" — they prefer a broader focus. More than 375 members in more than fifty countries believe that worldwide stamp collecting is the most fun and challenging area of philately today. The ISWSC also is dedicated to helping youngsters become stamp collectors. As part of their annual dues, each member donates 250 worldwide stamps to the society's Youth Program. Then, free packets of stamps are made available to youngsters under the age of 17. Free stamps also are supplied to school stamp clubs and other youth collecting clubs. *Member benefits:* the bimonthly journal *The Circuit*, several membership categories, free membership available, beginner's handbook, associate club program, "Stamps in The Classroom," stamp identification service, bogus stamp identification service, specialty groups, international collector contact, translation service, SWSC publications, youth and beginner services (including free stamp offer

Mathematical Study Unit



Enter

Mathematical Study Unit — www.math.ttu.edu/msu/

Dakota Postal History Society

P.O. Box 600039
St. Paul, MN. 55106

The Dakota Postal History Society's purpose is to promote the collecting of all aspects of North and South Dakota Postal History. The Society's Quarterly Publication, The Dakota Collector, is the Research Journal of North and South Dakota Postal History.

The Current Officers are as follows:

Ken Stack, President - [Email Ken](#)
Mike Ellington, Vice President - [Email Mike](#)
Gary Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer - [Email Gary](#)

Following you will find links to some past issues of the Dakota Collector, the History of the Dakota Postal History Society, an Application Blank to join the Dakota Postal History Society, a page with links to things that might be of interest to Postal History Collectors of North and South Dakota Postal History and some nice examples of Dakota Territorial Postal History.

[Click Here](#) to view the History of the Dakota Postal History Society and how it got started.
[Click Here](#) to view past issues of the Dakota Collector in PDF Format.

Dakota Postal History Society
www.dakotapostalhistorysociety.com

and Youth Exhibit Award), Youth Stamp Club Donation Program, auctions, sales and swap circuits, and regional meetings. *Annual dues:* \$15. *Website:* www.iswsc.org. *Contact:* Dr. Terry Myers, 9463 Benbrook Boulevard, #114, Benbrook, TX 76126. *E-mail:* ExecutiveDirector@iswsc.org.

Postal Label Study Group (Affiliate 207)

The Postal Label Study Group is an international group of philatelists interested in the collection and study of a wide variety of postal labels used in the processing of the mails, including: Air Mail labels, Registration labels, Express labels, Priority labels, Certified mail labels, Insurance labels, Official Seals, Parcel post labels and Mail Routing labels. *Member benefits:* The quarterly publication *Postal Label Bulletin*, containing extensive news and information from the world of postal label collecting; *Registration Labels of the World*, a catalogue listing the R labels issued by more than 317 countries; and a *Worldwide Airmail Label Catalog* covering 201 countries.

Collect stamps of the world!

The International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors serves the interests of all worldwide collectors. It strives to promote the fun and satisfaction of worldwide stamp collecting to young and old alike, and has an active outreach program serving youth, their leaders and beginners of all ages.

Look over the many benefits we have to offer. We'd like to hear from you!

- Membership Categories
- Free Membership Available
- Associate Club Program
- Stamps in The Classroom
- Stamp Identification Service
- Bogus Stamp Identification Service
- Specialty Groups
- International Collector Contacts
- Translation Service
- Links to other philatelic sites
- ISWSC Promotional Flyers
- ISWSC Publications
- "The Circuit," the ISWSC's member newsletter
- Youth and Beginner Services (including free stamp offers and our Youth Exhibit Award)
- Youth Stamp Club Donation Program
- Join Us!
- Contributions Welcomed

ISWSC Home Page
About ISWSC
Beginner Book
Bogus Stamp Identifier
Contact ISWSC
Exhibiting Basics
Free Album Pages
Free Postage Labels
International Contacts
ISWSC Affiliates
ISWSC Aerogram Options
ISWSC Bylaws
ISWSC Committees & Managers
ISWSC Trading Standards
ISWSC Youth Program
Links to Philatelic Sites
Postage Labels
Buying for Members Only
Promote ISWSC
Sign Overbook
Stamping Guide

International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors — www.iswsc.org

Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections
Since 1988

The Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections (ESPER) is a national stamp society which promotes the collecting of African Americans in postage and the collecting of stamps by African Americans.

ESPER
About ESPER
Organization & Contacts
Membership
Reflections Newsletter
Black Heritage Month
African Americans On U.S. Stamps
African American Themed Stamps
World Wide Issues
Philatelic Primer
Philatelic Terms
Current Events
Related Links
Bulletin Board

APS Affiliate #231
ATA Chapter

Dedicated to the Memory of Sanford L. Byrd
(His & Stamp Collection)

ESPER Fund Raiser (Note Bag Form)

Copyright 2002 © all rights reserved by ESPER
a non profit 501(c)3 organization Webmaster

Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections
www.esperstamps.org

www.stamp.org
For a Complete List of Affiliates

Have Affiliate News?
Contact J.E. McDevitt,
3561 Country Court North
Mobile, AL 36619-5335

The PLSG Library is without equal in the postal label field and access is available to all members for a small reproduction cost plus the cost of postage. Opportunities

to acquire material are offered through the *Bulletin* and through postal auctions. *Annual dues:* \$10 U.S. and Canada; \$15 overseas, via air mail. *Website:* <http://hometown.aol.com/teg43/index.html>. *Contact:* Charles H. Smith, 13910-B Rio Hondo Circle, La Mirada, CA 90638. *E-mail:* smithplsg@aol.com.

North & South Dakota Postal History Society (Affiliate 216)

Founded in 1982 to create a new interest in the postal history of North Dakota, the renamed North & South Dakota Postal History Society now promotes the knowledge of postal history and related subjects for Dakota Territory and North and South Dakota. *Membership benefits:* The quarterly publication *Dakota Collector* and an annual convention. Of note, the Society announces that "The Gordon Twedt Memorial Award" for an article on Dakota postal history is open to any society member. Please submit a research article pertaining to the postal history

of the Dakotas, North or South to *Dakota Collector*, P.O. Box 600039, St. Paul, MN 55106. The winner will have his or her article published in the *Dakota Collector* and receive a \$100 cash prize. *Annual dues:* U.S. \$15, others \$30. *Website:* www.dakotaphilatelysociety.org. *Contact:* Gary Anderson, P.O. Box 600039, St. Paul, MN 55106. *E-mail:* garydak@ix.netcom.com.

Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections, Inc. (Affiliate 239)

The Ebony Society promotes and fosters an interest in the study and collection of African-Americans on United States and foreign philatelic material. *Member benefits:* The colorful quarterly publication *Reflections*, local chapters, directory, and new issue service. *Annual dues:* \$20. *Website:* www.esperstamps.org. *Contact:* Manual Gilyard, 800 Riverside Drive, #4H, New York, NY 10032-7412. *E-mail:* esperstamps@esperstamps.org.

USA at CHICAGOPEX

Arlington Heights, IL • Nov. 16-18

US Postal History Colonial to Prexies: Maritime, Destinations, Expos, DPOs, Railroads, CSA, Territorial, Express, Possessions, and Military

STEPHEN T. TAYLOR

5 Glenbuck Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 6BS England
Phone: 011-4420-83909357 Fax: 011-4420-83902235
staylor95@aol.com

Your American Dealer in Britain

BETTER BRITISH EMPIRE



Labuan 1904-05 \$10 (123) used
(General Court of Labuan fiscal cancel)
VF – extremely rare (BPA Cert & signed T. Allen)

P.O.R.
The Labuan \$10 is one of the rarest Empire stamps, missing from the greatest collections including Ferri, Hind & Lilly, with the Labuan Court representing the quintessential used usage, as the stamp is not known with a postal cancel.

Visit our website!
www.philagallery.com

301 East 48th Street • New York, NY 10017 U.S.A.
email: info@philagallery.com • www.philagallery.com
Phone: +1 212 751 3709 • Fax: +1 212 755 3176



PhilaGallery

A Young Collector's Holiday Wish List

- ✓ YSCA Membership
- ✓ Stamps

Computer Games

iPod

Books

Cell Phone



The Young Stamp Collectors of America

A Division of the American Philatelic Society

Young collectors will unwrap hours of fun

- learning more about their stamps
- participating in monthly e-meetings
- winning free stamps, covers, & other prizes
- attending semi-annual meetings at APS STAMPSHOW and AMERISTAMP EXPO & more
- meeting other young stamp collectors
- receiving bi-monthly e-newsletters
- writing to a pen pal

YSCA Memberships

Regular — \$10

(one person, 17 years or younger)

Family — \$15

(more than one person in family
17 years or younger)

Supporting — \$20

(18 years or older)

**Make your favorite young
collector's holiday
wish come true!**

For more information or to request
a membership application

Call — 814-933-3803, ext. 238

E-mail — jehouser@stamps.org

Online — www.stamps.org/ysca/intro.htm

Part II of the Benjamin K. Miller Collection on Display

When Benjamin K. Miller, a Milwaukee attorney, donated his United States postage stamp collection to The New York Public Library (NYPL) in 1925, he wanted to share his philatelic accomplishment — a collection of one of every U.S. stamp known at that time. He requested permanent display in the largest city of the United States so that the collection could be seen by as many stamp collectors and interested viewers as possible.

If Miller were still alive in the twenty-first century, he would be stunned to learn that over one million people viewed part of his collection this past year and a half alone! This happened as the result of collaboration between the NYPL and the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. More of the collection will go on display this November at the NPM in Washington, DC.

Part II of Rarity Revealed: The Benjamin K. Miller Collection opens November 5, 2007, and remains on display through January 12, 2009. The second half of the exhibit features stamps from 1894 to the 1920s, the era during which the Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing took over postage stamp production from private security printers.

What makes Part II of the Miller Collection so exciting for collectors is that this meticulous assembly of rare stamps includes elusive varieties and errors of this Bureau period, especially of the Washington-Franklins and vending machine and coil issues.

New technology and experimentation in production by the Bureau and private companies resulted in many new discoveries during the period that Miller collected. He avidly followed the philatelic press and corresponded with many dealers in an effort to obtain each variety of perforation, paper, and printing method. While many of the advanced collectors of his day had deeper pockets, those buyers frequently focused on the classics period of stamps, allowing Miller to be-

come the major player in contemporary issues.

So what whetted Miller's appetite for stamps in the early twentieth century? Shortly after May 14, 1918, when William T. Robey bought an error sheet of the new air mail stamp with the airplane printed upside down relative to the border at a post office in Washington, DC, he sold it to Eugene Klein, a Philadelphia stamp dealer, for \$15,000. Klein then sold the sheet to collector Colonel E.H.R. Green and recommended breaking the sheet into blocks and singles to sell. The entire discovery and sales received enormous press.

One of the early buyers, Miller obtained a single, position #18, from the sheet of one hundred for \$250. The "Inverted Jenny" prices quickly soared, and Miller was eager to find other stamps with new varieties and errors before their values skyrocketed as well. At that moment he began in earnest to obtain one example of every known U.S. stamp in the Scott postage stamp catalogue.

Miller's "Inverted Jenny" has a story of its own. The stamp was stolen in 1977 and recovered in the early 1980s. By then, someone had trimmed the perforations along the top to disguise it as position #9. This stamp will be the centerpiece attraction in the Part II exhibition of



Twenty-four-cent 1918 air mail stamp, "Inverted Jenny," plate position #18 with perforations trimmed to disguise it as position #9.



Rarity Revealed. The "Inverted Jenny" is the most requested postage stamp for viewing by visitors at the museum.

There are other highlights as well. Three coil-pairs are some of the twentieth century's great philatelic rarities. Only forty-four used examples of the 4-cent Schermack Vending Machine Company slot-shaped Type III (Scott 314A) of 1906–1908 are known. Rarer still is the vertical 2-cent pair (Scott 321) from the BEP's experimental coils of early 1908, with only five known.

A showstopper is the 3-cent pair of the "Orangeburg coil." In 1911 a small number of the coils were sent to one firm, Bell & Company of Orangeburg, New Jersey. Only seven unused Orangeburg pairs are known today. Miller's collection includes a letter explaining how the mint pair was obtained and also includes an example properly used on mail from Bell & Company.

Miller collected several 1917 blocks and panes with the 5-cent stamp printed from a 2-cent plate. A single 400-stamp printing plate accidentally included three 5-cent stamps (resulting in Scott 467, 485, 505). Researchers believe a Bureau employee mistakenly touched-up three places on the plate with a 5-cent transfer roll, a device used to imprint stamp images on a plate. A transfer roll bears the mirror image of a stamp design, and the backwards 5 must have looked like a 2.

To provide museum visitors with a better understanding of this printing error, the museum is showing a certified plate proof from its own collection, plate #7942, approved on February 26, 1917. This unique piece shows the four panes with all three errors on one uncut sheet and will be on display in the pullout frames.

The late W. Wilson Hulme II curated both Part I and Part II of the Miller



Four-cent 1906-1908 coil pair, Schermack Type III perforations, only forty-four used examples recorded.



Three-cent 1910-11 "Orangeburg" coil pair, only seven unused pairs known.

Collection. He suggested to me that we obtain this collection for exhibition, part of his "accessing the inaccessible" strategy for philately at the museum. The first half, featuring classic U.S. stamps printed by private contractors, opened to rave reviews for Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition.

Wilson was right. When I walk through the philatelic galleries, I frequently see visitors of all ages admiring this collection. Philatelists spend hours in study, and some sit and read the entire book that accompanies the exhibition. *Rarity Revealed: The Benjamin K. Miller Collection*, written by Scott Trepel with Ken Lawrence, traces the history of U.S. postage stamps as well as tells the story of Miller and his collection. Available from the NPM website, it includes hundreds of color illustrations of great philatelic rarities.

Two exciting developments resulted

from the Miller Collection exhibitions at the NPM. First, the NPM has included over four thousand items from the Miller Collection on its Arago™ online research tool, with plans to add another thousand in the upcoming year. From your computer, you can access these at www.arago.si.edu and search by collection, by Scott number, or by key word.

Second, important new research and publications have resulted based on access to the Miller Collection. In addition to the book that accompanies the exhibition, articles have appeared in a variety of philatelic journals, including *Scott Stamp Monthly*, the *Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues*, the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, the *United States Specialist*, and *Postal Stationery*. We look forward to collaborating with philatelic scholars on future research projects.

Be sure to plan a visit to see the Miller Collection, a national treasure!



Two-cent 1908 Washington vertical experimental coil pair, the rarest perforated coil stamp.

Visit the Miller Collection online at www.arago.si.edu and the National Postal Museum at <http://postalmuseum.si.edu/>

Famous Weekly Lists!

Attractive collections, accumulations, individual rarities. Now in our 64th year of publication.

Try a 4 week trial for only \$1 Full year is only \$15. Thousands like yourself say it is the greatest bargain in philately.

MINER STAMP COMPANY

952 CITIZENS BANK CENTER

WILKES-BARRE, PA 18701 • 570-823-5818

For more than half a century...

Since 1939 first day cover hobbyists have been building collections with Artcraft covers...the world's most honored cachet. And no wonder, for every Artcraft cachet is a distinctively designed work of art that is engraved by master craftsmen on quality envelopes. Artcraft Engravings are available for all U.S. and U.N. new issues; they are sold at stamp shops throughout the country or can be ordered direct.



Write for information
and prices.

THE WASHINGTON PRESS
Publishers FLORHAM PARK, NJ 07932

show time

To obtain a listing in this section, submit a "Show Time" form, available online at www.stamps.org or by mail from APS headquarters. Information must be received 60 days before desired publication time. Listings are free to shows sponsored by APS chapters and affiliates. Shows that do not include exhibits are identified with *B*. Grand award winners from *WSP* shows are eligible for the annual APS World Series of Philately Champion of Champions competition.

All information is subject to change without notice. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, you should check with the specific show to verify information. The APS website listing includes shows much further in advance than we have space to include in The American Philatelist

Oklahoma **November 1-3**
OKPEX, Oklahoma City Stamp Club, First Christian Church Gym, 3701 N. Harvey, Oklahoma City. Contact Joe Crosby, jocrosby@cox.net; 405-749-0939. *WSP*

Pennsylvania

November 3
Annual Reading Stamp Show, Reading Stamp Club, Leesport Farmer's Market-Banquet Hall, State Route 61 in North Leesport. 8 Miles North of Reading, Reading. Contact Kent Weaver, kewsr@prodigy.net; 610-779-0175. *B*

Florida

November 3-4
Sarasota Stamp Show, Florida Stamp Dealers Assoc./Sarasota Philatelic & Venice Stamp Clubs, Sarasota Cay Club Resort & Marina, 7150 N. Tamiami Trail (Hwy 41), Sarasota. Contact Sheldon Rogg, h.rogg@verizon.net; 727-848-7697. *B*

Michigan

November 3-4
AAPEX, Ann Arbor Stamp Club, Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., Washtenaw Comm. College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. Contact Harry & Dottie Winter, P.O. Box 2012, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

Pennsylvania

November 3-4
PITTPEX 07, The Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, South Fayette Fire Hall, 661 Millers Run Rd., Bridgeville. Contact Ron Carr, rgc211215@aol.com; 412-561-6562.

Virginia

November 9-11
VAPEX, Virginia Philatelic Federation, Inc., Holiday Inn - Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg. Contact David B. Collins, rainbowx2@cox.net; <http://members.aol.com/vashow/>; 757-872-6264. *WSP*

Iowa

November 10
Tri-State Stamp Show and Bourse, Tri-State Stamp

Club, Dubuque Lifetime Center, 3505 Stoneman Rd., Dubuque. Contact Merwyn R. Ellis, 563-588-3057. *B*

Kansas

November 10

2007 Annual Topeka Stamp Show, Topeka Stamp Club, Activities Center of Town & Country Christian Church, 4925 S.W. 29th St., Topeka. Contact Roger Rake, 785-273-2561. *B*

Pennsylvania

November 10

Johnstown Stamp Show, Johnstown Stamp Club, Senior Activities Center (Main Hall), 550 Main Street, Johnstown. Contact Charles D. Holtzman, Jr., chazhjr@msn.com; 814-532-0199.

California

November 10-11

SUNPEX, Sunnyvale Stamp Society, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Dr., Sunnyvale. Contact Chris Clemens, jackrbrady@comcast.net; 707-322-8483.

California

November 10-11

POWPEX, Poway Stamp Club, Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Villa Rd., San Diego. Contact Al Kish, akish@san.rr.com; 858-449-3047. *B*

New York

November 10-11

SYRAPEX 2007, Syracuse Stamp Club, Holiday Inn, 6555 Old Collamer Rd. South, East Syracuse. Contact Dave Dempsey, ddempst@twcnry.rr.com; www.syracusestampclub.org; 315-487-1707.

**Get your catalog now for
our BIG Fall Mail Sale!**



**Major revenue stamps
are just the tip of the
iceberg for this sale.**



Our Fall '07 Mail Sale 39 is loaded with neat material... including a great estate collection of revenues beginning with first issues, proprietary, tax paid, beer stamps, wine stamps, red and green documentaries etc. Plus, over 100 lots of Federal Ducks. Plus 100s of lots of U.S. & worldwide stamps, covers, collections, accumulations. Email or call today for your free catalog!

www.belairestamp.com

**BEL-AIRE
Collectibles**

2589 Hamline Avenue, Suite D
Saint Paul MN 55113
Phone: (651) 633-8553
Fax: (651) 633-8554
E-mail: info@belairestamp.com

Visit the
online
Retail
Store on
our site!



E&M GRADED STAMPS

HIGH QUALITY STAMPS & SERVICE

**Thousands of fault-free, top-quality
graded U.S. stamps**

PSE Graded Mint, Used and Encapsulated U.S. Stamps.



Extensive inventory, superior service, and competitive prices.
100% satisfaction guaranteed. Free shipping.

eandmgradedstamps.com

Email us at sales@eandmgradedstamps.com
Tel. (925) 339-8989 Fax (925) 838-8977

Ohio**November 10-11**

Rubber City Stamp Club 88th Annual Stamp Exhibition and Bourse, Rubber City Stamp Club, Akron General Health & Wellness Center, Rt. 18 at Crystal Lake Road, Montrose (Akron). Contact Tom Hirschinger, P.O. Box 497, Wadsworth, OH 44282.

Texas**November 10-11**

Mid-Cities Stamp Expo, Mid-Cities Stamp Club of Arlington & Irving, Texas, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 South Main Street, Grapevine. Contact Stanley Christmas, elvira6@swbell.net; www.mid-citiesstampclub.com; 817-656-2925.

Illinois**November 16-18**

CHICAGOPEX, Chicago Philatelic Society, Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 W. Euclid, Arlington Heights. Contact Alfred Kugel, afkugel@hotmail.com; www.chicagopex.com; 312-368-7715; Fax 312-368-8136. "WSP"

New York**November 17**

Autumn Stamp Festival, Buffalo Stamp Club, VFW Post, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga. Contact William Witschard, billwitz@aol.com. "B"

Ohio**November 17-18**

Black River Stamp Club Show, Black River Stamp Club, St. Judes School, 590 Poplar Street, Elyria. Contact James M. Forbes, 440-324-2503.

Illinois**November 23-24**

SUPEX 2007, Suburban Collector's Club of Chicago, Union of Operating Engineers Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside. Contact Scott Mitchell, scott.mitchell@advocatehealth.com; 708-354-8208.

Ohio**November 24-25**

Worthington Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse, Worthington Stamp Club, Jessing Center Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street,

HARMERS OF LONDON

ESTABLISHED 1918

Now is the time to take advantage of the strong pound and the exciting market for Great Britain and British Commonwealth Rarities.



This and other fine and rare items feature in our auctions scheduled for November.

You can now bid at Harmers auctions via our new "Real-Time internet bidding" system, log on to www.harmers.com



Harmers - No. 11, 111 Power Road, Chiswick, London W4 5PY
Tel: 0044 20 8747 6100 Fax: 0044 20 8996 0649
auctions@harmers.demon.co.uk www.harmers.com

"Are you looking for collections or large lots?"

If you like to buy your stamps by the book full, or by the box full, you are going to enjoy our regular auctions. Each of our sales offers hundreds of worldwide collections, stocks, box lots, and accumulations that hold fun and profit for collectors and dealers alike. Contact us today for your FREE colour catalogue or view it online at www.vanceauctions.com



VANCE AUCTIONS LTD.

P.O. Box 267B, Smithville, Ontario, Canada L0R 2A0

Toll Free Phone: 1-877-957-3364

Fax: 905-957-0100

mail@vanceauctions.com



BUYING U.S.

LARGE QUANTITIES WANTED!

Collections & Stocks, Also!

If you own these stamps, you should be selling to us. Call us before you sell elsewhere!

Used U.S.	
Av-F+	Small Faults, Minor Flaws OK
Not Heavily Canceled	
1 \$175+	77 \$30
24 \$12	116 \$30
35 \$24	117 \$30
63 \$10	119 \$50
68 \$11	121 \$90

241-45, 292-93
U.S. \$1-\$5 Unused High Values
F-VF Minor Flaws (NG OK)
20%+ Scott OG CV Price
292 F-VF MF \$550+
293 F-VF MF \$500+

Great Britain	
#1 Used	
2-4 Margins, Back Flaws	OK Paying \$65
OK Paying \$65	VF 4 Margins \$90

WANTED! C1-6, C13-15, C18, E1, E3, E7, E8	
F+ MINT H or NH, Minor Flaws	TOP PRICES PAID!
C1-3 Hinged Pay \$100	• C4-6 Hinged Pay \$75
C13-C15 POR • C18 Hinged Pay \$33	
E1 Pay \$90+	E3 Pay \$40+ • E7 Pay \$17+ • E8 Pay \$18

— Full Sheets of ALL U.S. 1890-2007 Needed at TOP Prices! —

THIS IS JUST A SMALL SAMPLE FROM OUR U.S. BUY LIST. SEE OUR WEBSITE: www.hgitner.com or ask for FREE Buy List 1920 to date!

BUY TERMS Prompt payment! Please include itemized invoice with shipment. Ship with confidence! We are a major stamp dealership with 35 years of experience serving the philatelic community.

HENRY GITNER PHILATELISTS, INC.
"Philately - the quiet excitement!"
53 Highland Ave. (P.O. Box 3077) • Middletown, NY 10940
1-800-947-8267 (94-STAMP) 845-343-5151 Fax 845-343-0068
e-mail hgitner@hgitner.com • www.hgitner.com



NEEDED!

All Early Mint, Fine or Better, No Gum or Back Faults OK

Prices for singles may be at a lower or higher % according to need. May also consider average centering at a lower price. Quantities wanted of singles and sets.

230-40	\$295
285-90	\$180
291	\$225
294-99	\$105
300-8	\$130
323-27	\$145
328-30 (Ave-F OK)	\$55
368,71,73	\$28
397-400A	\$100
658-79	\$165
Q1-12 (Sound LH)	\$340



As Usual...

*Esoteric, Unusual
& Inimitable*

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

Our Public Auctions contain our usual array of unusual rare stamps, proofs, essays and postal history, often including important collections of errors and varieties.

We feature material not found elsewhere that will truly enhance your collection whether you are just starting or competing for an international gold medal.

MAIL SALES AND NET PRICE LISTS

Great news for collectors of unusual and esoteric material! Tired of scouring dealers' shoe boxes for that special piece of postal history or elusive stamp? Imagine examining, at your leisure, 1000 lots of unusual rare stamps and postal history presented in a well-organized, extensively described and photographed catalogue, in your own home!

We are pleased to offer our mail sales and net price lists for the collector of more moderate means. You will find wonderful material, virtually unavailable elsewhere, all in the \$20-\$150 range. You can add to your collection ANYTHING you wish, without having to buy an entire accumulation to obtain a few needed pieces. Based on our 15 years of experience in handling rare and esoteric material, you can rely on our integrity and be assured of high quality, GENUINELY INTERESTING material that is accurately and completely described as well as beautifully presented.

George Alevizos



P.O. Box 1408
Topanga, CA 90290-1408
Telephone: 310-455-2300

Wanted
**UNITED STATES
& FOREIGN
STAMPS, COVERS,
COLLECTIONS
DEALER STOCKS
ESTATES**
**Big or Small
We Buy It All**

RASDALE
Stamp Company

35 Chestnut Ave • Westmont, IL 60559
Phone 630-794-9900 • Rasdales@aol.com
www.RasdaleStamps.com

Exhibitors:

Don't take unnecessary risks with your award-winning philatelic treasures. Protect them with the same archival material used by the Library of Congress.

Keep your stamps & covers safe

Archival Quality Protective Pockets (Sleeves)
custom-made in the size you need.

Your precious philatelic material deserves the long-term protection our respected products can provide.

Offered in practically every size imaginable (and from your choice of **Du Pont Mylar D, Safety Vinyl or Archival Polypropylene**), you can depend on our high-quality protectors to keep safe your stamps, blocks, booklets, souvenir sheets, and covers and postcards of all sizes. We offer many standard sizes or let us give you a quote for a special size custom-made for you.

FREE SAMPLE KIT! And price list.

See the quality for yourself. Write or call now!

No obligation.

Call for prompt service: **516-822-2562**

E-mail: **kristalkar@aol.com**

KRISTAL KARE



P.O. Box 396 • Hicksville, NY 11802

USPCS • USCC



Worthington. Contact Chuck Wooster, cwooster@ao.com; 614-560-3689.

Connecticut

November 25

NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic Society, Annex YMA, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. Contact Brian McGrath, hukeda@comcast.net; <http://www.NHPS1914.org/>; 203-389-2863. *B*

Florida

November 30-December 2

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.

California

December 1-2

PENPEX, Sequoia Peninsula Stamp Clubs, Community Activities Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City. Contact Kristin Patterson, penpexredwoodcity@yahoo.com; www.penpex.org; 408-267-6643.

Michigan

December 1-2

FERNPEX, Ferndale Stamp Club, Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. Contact John N. Cummings, cummingj@juno.com; 586-254-6772.

Connecticut

December 23

NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic Society, Annex YMA, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. Contact Brian McGrath, hukeda@comcast.net; <http://www.NHPS1914.org/>; 203-389-2863. *B*

2008

New Jersey

January 4-6

35th Annual Garden State Stamp Show, New Jersey Stamp Dealers Assn., Bethwood Manor, 38

The West Coast's Premier Stamp Show

"The California Gold Rush"

WESTPEX 2008

April 25-27, 2008

San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel
1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA
1 mile south of the San Francisco Airport

Hosting

British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group
Colombia/Panama Philatelic Society
Ethiopian Philatelic Society

Featuring

A World Series of Philately Show
5000+ Pages of Exhibits in 300+ frames
75 National and International Dealers
Society and Specialty Group Meetings
Youth and Beginner Area
Souvenirs and Awards Banquet

Prospectus and Entry Forms Available
From Ross Towle

400 Clayton Street, San Francisco, CA 94112
or online

www.westpex.com



Lackawanna Avenue, just 2 blocks North of Route 46, West at the Union Blvd., exit, which is about 2 miles east of Route 23 and a short distance west of McBride Avenue, Totowa. Contact Larry Liebowitz, njshows@optonline.net; 732-247-1093; Fax 732-247-1094. *B*

California

January 11-13

ORCOEXPO Stamp Show, Quality Stampshows, Embassy Suites/Anaheim South, 11767 Harbor Blvd., Anaheim/Garden Grove. Contact Stephen Pattillo, number1banana@hotmail.com; www.stampshowsteve.com; 888-995-0548. *B*

North Carolina

January 11-13

APS AMERISTAMP EXPO, American Philatelic Society, Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128.

Pennsylvania

January 25-26

York County Stamp Show, White Rose Phil. Soc. ff York, York Fairgrounds, Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Ave., York. Contact John Hufnagel, glenrocktots@comcast.net; 717-235-1528.

California

January 25-28

SANDICAL, San Diego County Philatelic Council, Al-Bahr Shrine Temple, 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd., San Diego. Contact Jerry Santangelo, gsantang@cox.net; 619-463-8336. *WSP*

Florida

February 1-3

Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, Sarasota Phil. Club, Inc., Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Contact Sy Bricker, hto.stamps@gte.net; www.sarasostampclub.com; 941-993-0919; 941-907-6604. *WSP*

Need a Gift Idea for the Holidays?



Protect and organize *American Philatelist*. Slipcases are library quality. Constructed with heavy bookbinder's board and covered in a rich flag blue leatherette material. A custom gold label with the *American Philatelist* logo is included.

Shipped Within One Week

One - \$15 Three - \$40 Six - \$80

Send to: TNC Enterprises Dept. AP
P.O. Box 2475, Warminster, PA 18974
Enclose name, address and payment with your order. Add \$3.50 per slipcase for P&H.
PA residents add 6% sales tax. You can even call 215-674-8476 to order by phone.

Credit Card Orders

Visa, MC, AmEx accepted. Send name, number, exp. date and signature.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

To Order Online:
www.tncenterprises.net/ap

WANTED TO BUY

U.S., Canada, Israel,
British Colonies,
& Foreign
Dealers Stock,
Collections,
Accumulations

Paying TOP prices
for more than 40 years.

Send #10 SASE for U.S. & Israel
Buy Lists & Israel Sales Lists

Ideal Stamp Company, Inc.

Sam Malamud

460 West 34th St., New York, NY 10001

 E-MAIL: orders@igpc.net
PH: 212-629-7979
FAX 212-629-3350 
ASDA Member over 40 years

UNITED STATES Going Out-for-Business Sale

Quality Stamps at Huge Discounts. 10-Day Guarantee! Limit of 5 per customer.



329 F-VF OG NH, fresh \$45
F/VF OG H, nice stamp \$20



571 F-VF OG NH, \$55



584 F-VF OG NH, \$35

UNITED STATES IS OUR SPECIALTY!!
VIEW THESE PLUS 15,000 MORE STAMPS ON WWW.MALACK.COM

Internet Auction - 3000+ U.S. Lots.
Free registration! The Best On The Web!
WWW.MALACK.COM



C4 F-VF OG NH, \$23
F/VF OG H, \$14



C5 F-VF OG NH, \$80
F/VF OG H, \$40

656 F-VF OG NH, \$13 pair \$26
F/VF OG LH, pair \$8, pair \$16
1053 F-VF OG NH, \$48
F/VF OG NH, \$70
F/VF OG LH, \$35



C18 F-VF OG NH, \$65 F/VF OG H, \$47

1686-89 Bicentennial Sets Sheets \$12
1953-220¢ Birds and Flowers, Sheet \$14
1633-82 13¢ State Flags Sheet \$13
2235-86 22¢ World Sheet \$35

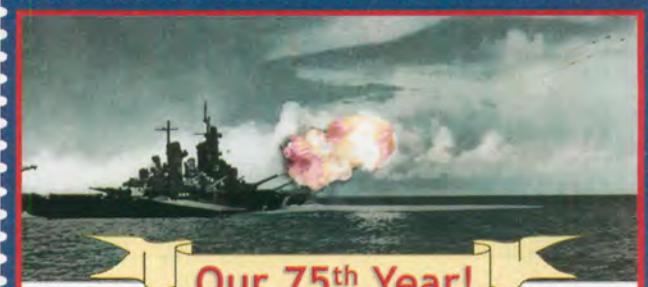
Limited Supply! Order Today! Call 607-862-9441 (phone/fax),
write, or e-mail malackweb@aol.com to order.
Terms: Payment with order (Check, MO, VISA, MC or DIS)
H&H add \$1.50. 10-day Guarantee!! SASE for complete U.S. pricelist!

Visit our site with over 15,000 photos
WWW.MALACK.COM

Steve Malack

P.O. Box 5628 Endicott, NY 13763

We BUY/SELL stamps & coins!



Our 75th Year!

Are You Interested in Naval and Maritime History?

Join the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and enjoy the fun of collecting Naval Covers and Postal History from Historic ships like the USS CONSTITUTION and USS MISSOURI.

Yearly US Dues: \$20.00 USD Others: \$33.00 USD



Navy Day 1932 Cover from USS CONSTITUTION



USS MISSOURI SEPT 2 1945 JAPANESE FORMAL SURRENDER TOKYO BAY

Post Office cancel used by USS MISSOURI on this historic Day

For more information, please contact:

Steve Shay, Department N
747 Shard Ct., Fremont, CA 94539
or
visit www.USCS.org

Visit our Booth at
APS AMERISTAMP EXPO 2008

— AUCTIONS —

Featuring Extensive Listings of
Canada • Newfoundland • Great Britain
British Commonwealth • British Empire

From Early Classics to Modern
Quality stamps with many choice and
superb items with much more NH!
More than 80% of lots photographed



Our auctions specialize in Canada strong in 1897-1942 issues with much NH, BR Commonwealth and BR Empire from Aden to Zululand with strength in the more popular ones with strength in King Edward, King George V, King George VI. Our auctions are live at our website.

• NO BUYER'S FEE •

Write, Call, Fax or
E-mail for a free catalogue

Northwestern Philatelic

Auctions, Inc.

Box 117 Penticton
B.C., Canada V2A 6J9

Phone (250) 493-0145 • Fax (250) 493-4076

Email: northwestern@img.net

Website: northwesternauctions.com

APS • CSDA • PTS • ASDA

QV • BRITISH AFRICA • QEII

A small selection of our specialized stock of interesting material.

BECHUANALAND	1961 Attractive fdc bearing set 1c to R1, scarce type I.	\$170.
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE	1863-64 4d Steel-blue SG 19c, neat P.E. cds. Exceptional & rare.	\$420.
K.U.T.	1960-62 10/- IMPERF PAIR, SG 197a n.h.	\$1,900.
LAGOS	1884-86 1d carmine, SG 22 with m/s "Specimen". Fine & rare.	\$350.
NYASALAND	1926 2/- Corner copy with "BREAK IN SCROLL" SG 109a n.h.	\$220.



RHODESIA	1917 "Half-Penny" on 1d, pair, both with INVERTED SURCHARGE plus one with wider spaced "N Y", SG 280a & 280ac. Only 3 can exist, superb used.	\$7,500.
SEYCHELLES	1901 3c DOUBLE SURCHARGE, SG 38b. Also has a short bar, v.f. mint.	\$775.
SOMALILAND	1903 1/2a MISSING "I" in "BRITISH" SG 1a v.f. mint.	\$250.
SOUTHERN RHODESIA	1964 1d REDDISH-VIOLET (Queen's head) OMITTED SG 93a n.h.	\$3,950.
SUDAN	1903 5m on 5p SG 29 showing unusual horizontal split surcharge, mint.	\$240.
SWAZILAND	1935 S. Jubilee 1d "EXTRA FLAGSTAFF" SG 21a contained in corner block of 4, v.f. mint.	\$750.
ZANZIBAR	1896 2½a on 2a INVERTED "1" in "½" SG 26j fine mint.	\$695.

EXCELLENT INTEREST-FREE CREDIT TERMS AVAILABLE.

MUSCOTT'S

P.O. Box 5319, Uplyme, Lyme Regis DT7 3ZJ, UK
Tel: 011-44-1297-444128 Fax: 011-44-1297-444129
Member: PTS, ASDA, APS

Buying Japan & China

See us at APS AMERISTAMP EXPO

Urgently needed PRC stamps

(Paying Beijing price)

#566a	\$375
#628	\$3,800
#782	\$750
#948a	\$850
#996a	\$1500
#1383a	\$160
#1399	\$160
#1452	\$120
#1518	\$650
#1586	\$300
#1626 (17 full sheets)	\$300



We buy other stamps, too.

Rising Sun Stamps

P.O. Box 716
Marshall Creek, PA 18335-0716
Phone: 1-888-696-6996
E-mail: haruyo_baker@msn.com

Ohio

COLOPEX, Columbus Phil. Club, Franklin County Veterans Memorial Hall, 300 W. Broad Street, Columbus. Contact Chuck Wooster, cwooster@aol.com; http://www.colopex.com. *WSP*

Alabama

ALAPEX, Birmingham Philatelic Society, Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9th Ave., S.W. (Exit 108 on I-20/59), Bessemer. Contact Robert Hamill, 303-880-0986.

Ohio

EUPEX, Euclid Stamp Club, Knights of Columbus Hall, 29101 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe. Contact Frank Zoretich, Jr., zoretich6@cs.com; http://members.aol.com/eupex; 440-347-9541.

Kansas

The Cessna Show, Cessna Stamp Club, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita. Contact Ralph E. Lott, 316-747-2118.

Arizona

ARIPEX, Arizona Fed. of Stamp Clubs, Mesa Convention Center, 201 N. Center St., Mesa. Contact Bill Chesser, mchesser@avale.com; www.aripexonline.com; 602-956-3497. *WSP*

Nebraska

LINPEX, Lincoln Stamp Club, Howard Johnson Inn, 5250 Cornhusker, Lincoln. Contact Kenneth Pruett, kppruett@aol.com; 402-464-6939.

Ohio

Toledo Stamp Expo, Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo, Holland Gardens, 6530 Angola Rd., Holland. Contact C. Campbell, treasure@toledostampclub.org; 419-874-6241.

Missouri

February 29-March 2
St. Louis Stamp Expo, Area Clubs, St. Louis

February 1-3

COLOPEX, Columbus Phil. Club, Franklin County Veterans Memorial Hall, 300 W. Broad Street, Columbus. Contact Chuck Wooster, cwooster@aol.com; http://www.colopex.com. *WSP*

February 9-10

ALAPEX, Birmingham Philatelic Society, Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9th Ave., S.W. (Exit 108 on I-20/59), Bessemer. Contact Robert Hamill, 303-880-0986.

February 9-10

EUPEX, Euclid Stamp Club, Knights of Columbus Hall, 29101 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe. Contact Frank Zoretich, Jr., zoretich6@cs.com; http://members.aol.com/eupex; 440-347-9541.

February 16-17

The Cessna Show, Cessna Stamp Club, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita. Contact Ralph E. Lott, 316-747-2118.

February 22-24

ARIPEX, Arizona Fed. of Stamp Clubs, Mesa Convention Center, 201 N. Center St., Mesa. Contact Bill Chesser, mchesser@avale.com; www.aripexonline.com; 602-956-3497. *WSP*

February 23-24

LINPEX, Lincoln Stamp Club, Howard Johnson Inn, 5250 Cornhusker, Lincoln. Contact Kenneth Pruett, kppruett@aol.com; 402-464-6939.

February 23-24

Toledo Stamp Expo, Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo, Holland Gardens, 6530 Angola Rd., Holland. Contact C. Campbell, treasure@toledostampclub.org; 419-874-6241.

February 29-March 2

St. Louis Stamp Expo, Area Clubs, St. Louis

Shine Some

LIGHT

on your Collection

Introducing a lighting revolution! With this one lamp, you can view your stamps under true white light, UV light, and an infinite spectrum of colors.

- UV feature to view phosphor patterns
- High-powered LED lights never burn out
- Digital microprocessor recalls your color settings
- Adjustable color light makes postmarks and overprints really stand out
- True white light for accurate color rendition
- \$295 without UV and \$495 with UV
- We accept Visa/Mastercharge and PayPal

NEW
Short
Wave
UV!

See us at APS AMERISTAMP EXPO
503.758.8447 • www.StampLamp.com

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 1-2**
McKinley Stamp Show, McKinley Stamp Club of Canton, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW, North Canton. Contact David Pool, lincolnway@sssn.com; 330-832-5992.

New York **March 7-9**
Spring Postage Stamp Mega-Event, American Stamp Dealers Assn., APS & USPS, Madison Square Garden, 4 Pennsylvania Plaza, New York. Contact Jim Roselle, asdashows@erols.com; www.asdaonline.com; 516-759-7000; Fax 516-759-7014. *WSP*

Ohio **March 8-9**
TRUMPEX 2008, The Warren Area Stamp Club, J.V. Johnson Community Center, 800 Gillmer Road, Leavittsburg. Contact Howard Lutz, howrex2@aol.com; 330-924-5124.

Massachusetts **March 9**
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*

Maryland **March 15**
26th Annual Stamp Show, Tidewater Stamp Club, Easton Volunteer Fire Department Auditorium, Aurora Street & Creamery Lane, 315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton. Contact Hope Messick, phalarope@dmv.com; 410-822-6471.

California **March 15-16**
FRESPEX 2008, Fresno Philatelic Society,

Veterans Memorial Building, 435 Hughes Ave., Clovis. Contact Dick Richardson, starstamps@thegrid.net; 559-431-5013.

Ohio **March 28-30**
Garfield-Perry March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Masonic Auditorium, 36th & Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Contact Tom Allen, tom@thomasallen.com; www.garfieldperry.org; 216-771-4000. *WSP*

Michigan **March 29-30**
KAZOOPEX, Kalamazoo Stamp Club, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo. Contact Mike Dennany, irishmike@mei.net; 269-623-5836.

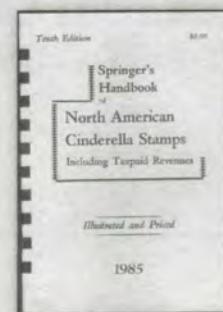
Texas **April 18-20**
TEXPEX, Southwest Phil. Foundation, Doubletree Hotel Dallas Near the Galleria, 4099 Valley View Lane (LBJ Freeway at Midway Rd.), Dallas. Contact Tom Koch, tkoch@utdallas.edu; http://www.texaphilatelic.org/texpex.htm; 972-883-4951; 972-883-2473. *WSP*

California **April 25-27**
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*

Michigan **April 26-27**
Plymouth Show, West Suburban Stamp Club, Plymouth. Contact Rod Watts, wssc@comcast.net; http://people.mw.mediaone.net/pnjstamps/plymshow.htm; 734-669-8674. *WSP*

Massachusetts **May 9-11**
Philatelic Show, Northeastern Fed. Of Stamp Clubs, Holiday Inn, Boxborough. Contact Jeff Shapiro, dirtyoldcovers@aol.com. *WSP*

The essential Springer.



Cards covers. 64 pages. Illustrated and priced catalogue; covers cigars, small cigars, snuff, tobacco, tobacco strips, butter & oleo, mixed flour, snuff specimens, express labels. \$10.00 postpaid
(PA residents add 6% sales tax)

Call or email us now to purchase this essential book or take a look at America's largest stock of Revenue Stamps & Literature on our website. Or send for our jumbo printed catalog. It's free!

www.ericjackson.com

Eric Jackson

P.O. Box 728
Leesport PA 19533-0728
Phone: (610) 926-6200
Fax: (610) 926-0120
E-Mail: eric@revenuer.com



**Need Cash?
(FAST Response!)**

**For Foreign
Covers,
Correspondences
& Postal History**

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE COVERS, SEND THEM TO ME FOR MY IMMEDIATE OFFER AND INSTANT CHECK: (All countries) Registered mail, Better Individual Items, Zeppelins & Flights, Maritime, World Wars I and II, all Military and Naval, Historical Covers/Letters, Rocket Mail, Crash Covers, Expedition Mail, Arctic and Antarctic, Prisoner of War Mail, Stampless, Airmails, Catapults, Expositions, Classic Postal History of all kinds, censored covers and much, much more!...and please: *No FDCs and no stamps!*

www.fredschmitt.com

Member: Manuscript Society, ASDA, APS, PTS (London), CSDA (Canada)



Schmitt



Investors Ltd.

International Postal History Specialists Since 1953

P.O. Box 387-AP • Northport NY 11768

Phone: (631) 261-6600 (24 hours)

Fax: (631) 261-7744 • E-Mail: fred@fredschmitt.com



**The most advanced
philatelic portal
on the internet
www.Philasearch.com**

The American First Day Cover Society

Invites you to become a member and discover

THE FUN! OF FIRST DAY COVERS

Handbooks, chapters, FDCs, and the award-winning *First Days* magazine are available to our members. Write for details.

AFDCS, P.O. Box 16277, Tucson, AZ 85732
Phone: 520-321-0880 Website: www.afcdcs.org

GERMANY

- WE MAINTAIN A VIRTUALLY COMPLETE STOCK OF THE ENTIRE GERMAN AREA, 1849 to date, mint or used, sets or singles, by Scott or by Michel.
- PRICE LISTS are available for the area you collect.
- ASK FOR OUR FREE MAIL AUCTION CATALOGUES, always offering a wealth of interesting and seldom offered material, at reasonable estimates.
- WE BUY for stock and accept better items or collections on consignment for our Mail Auctions.

GET IN TOUCH WITH US TODAY!

RICHARD PYZNAR

P.O. Box 527, Flemington, NJ 08822
Ph: 908-236-9211 Fax: 908-236-7015

Since 1955



UNITED STATES BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

Visit our website:

www.rcssstamps.com

Specializing in U.S. and Br. Commonwealth plus a large selection of Worldwide stamps.

Prices heavily discounted!

Website sales only. Sorry, no lists or catalogues.



RCS Stamps

P.O. Box 1913, San Leandro, CA 94577

Phone: 510-568-9344 • Fax: 510-895-1477

E-mail: bstolz308@comcast.net

Visa • MC • Discover • Am Ex

Topical Stamp Collecting

is an ADULT hobby for those who enjoy research and are creative.



We are a source for those people.

American Topical Association
P.O. Box 57 • Arlington, TX 76004
www.americantopicalassn.org

Just for the fun of it!

index of advertisers

Academy Stamp Co.	1042	Brookman/Barrett & Worthen	1024	Kristal Kare, Inc.	1034	Rupp Brothers	971
Alevizos, George	1034	Century Stamps	1023	Lee, James E.	1020	Sam Houston Philatelic	
Aineum	1025	Cherryland Postcard Auctions	974	Legion Stamps, Inc.	C6	Auctions/Duck Co.	C5
American First Day Cover Society/AFDCS	1038	Cherrystone Auctions	C4	Lippert, Robert	1055	Sandafayre Ltd.	1041
American Topical Association/ATA	1038	CHICAGOPEX 2007		Malack, Steve	1035	Saskatoon Stamp Centre	1025
Apfelbaum, Earl P.L. Inc.	1009	Stamp Show	991	McCusker, James	1042	SCDB Software, Inc./The	
APS Ameristamp Expo 2008 Registration	C2	Collins First Day Covers	1039	Miner Stamp Co., Irwin	1031	Stamp Collectors Data	
APS Credit Card/U.S. Bank	C8	Colonial Stamp Co.	1039	Weinberg Rarities	1020	Base, Inc.	1055
APS Development	C7	Columbian Stamp Co. Inc.	1042	Mountainside Stamps	1042	Schiff, Jacques C., Jr., Inc.	1053
APS Education WESTPEX Show Course: The Washington-Franklin Issues	1021	Confederate Stamp Alliance		Mowbray, J.R.	1042	Schmitt Investors, Ltd.	1037
APS Education: Young Stamp Collectors of America/YSCA Registration	1029	Membership	1039	Mozian, Lawrence	1036	Stamp Center/Dutch	
APS Insurance Plan	1018	Crown Colony Stamps	1055	Muscott's	987	Country Auctions	1007
APS Internet Sales	1014	CUREE Calendar	1041	Mystic Stamp Company	1042	Stamps Inc.	1042
APS Marketplace: Specialty Sales		Dale Enterprises	1025	New England Stamp	1042	Stamp Lamp	1036
APS 2008 Dues Reminder	991	Daugherty, H.J.W.	1042	Northwestern Philatelic	1008	StampWants.com	966
Argyll Etkin, Limited	1039	Davidson's Stamp Service	1042	Auctions, Inc.	1036	Subway Stamp Shop, Inc.	969
ARIPEX 2008 Stamp Show	1024	Dollar Cover Co.	1039	Nova Philatelic Sales	1042	Taylor, Stephen	1028
A to Z stamps and Coins	1041	E & M Graded Stamps	1032	Nutmeg Stamp Sales, Inc.	965	TNC Enterprises, Inc.	1035
Auctionhouse Christoph Gärtner GmbH & Co. KG	993	Eastern Auctions Ltd.	978	ORCOEXPO Stamp Show 2008	981	Torres, Antonio	1055
Bachenheimer, Frank	974	Gary J. Lyon (Philatelist) Ltd.	972	Palo Albums, Inc.	1008	Tropical Stamps, Inc.	1055
Beck Stamp Auctions	1042	Girls and Boys Town	1039	Paradise Valley Stamp Co., Inc.	1042	Universal Ship Cancellation	
Bel-Aire Collectibles	1032	Green, Brian & Maria, Inc.	1025	Pattillo, Stephen	981	Society/USCS	1035
Bellmore Philatelics	995	Halberstam, Aron	981	Penny Black Stamp Co.	1039	Van Dam, E.S.J.	1042
Bennett, Harvey/Matthew Bennett International	1039	Harmers of London	1033	PhilaGallery	1028	Vance Auctions, Ltd.	1033
Beverly Stamp Company	1039	Henry Gitner Philatelists, Inc.	1033	Philasearch.com	1037	WAP Württembergisches	
Bileski Ltd., K.	978	H.R. Harmer, Inc.	962	Philatlon	1042	Auktionshaus	
		Ideal Stamp Co. Inc./Sam Malamud	1035	Prestige Philately Pty Ltd	979	Postwertzeichen GmbH	975
		Interstamp	1042	Pyznar, Richard	1038	Washington Press	1031
		Jackson, Eric	1037	Quality Stamps	1025	Westminster Stamp Gallery	1025
				Rarity Ventures	1042	WESTPEX 2008 Stamp Show	1034
				Rasdale Stamp Co.	1034	Younger, Edward	976, 977
				RCS Stamps	1038	ZillionsofStamps.com/Amos	
				Regency/Superior	961	Hobby Publishing/Linn's	
				Richard Friedberg Stamps	1055	Stamp News/Scott	
				Rising Sun Stamps	1036		1008

Canada

May 16-18

ROYAL 2008 ROYALE, La Societe Philatélique de Quebec, Hotel Gouverneur, 3030 Boulevard Laurier, Sainte Foy, Quebec. Contact Jacques Poitras, chrisjac@megaquebec.net; www.royal2008royale.com.

Colorado

May 16-18

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (ROMPEX), Rocky Mountain Phil. Exhibition, Inc., Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, I-70 and Chambers Rd., Aurora. Contact Stephen A. Schweighofer, steve.schweighofer@comcast.net; www.rockymountainstampshow.com; 303-507-8597. *WSP*

New York

May 16-18

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

New Jersey

May 23-25

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*

Virginia

June 6-8

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

Oregon

June 13-15

National Topical Stamp Show, American Topical Association, Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE 93rd Ave. I-205 and Sunnyside Rd. Exit 14, Clackamas. Contact Ray Cartier, atadir@sbcglobal.net; www.

american topical classn.org; 817-274-1181; 817-274-1184. *WSP*

Nevada

July 12-13

Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show, Nevada Stamp Study Society, National Bowling Stadium, 300 North Center Street, Reno. Contact Harvey Edwards, renostamp@earthlink.net; <http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp/>; 775-246-4769.

Michigan

August 9-10

COLPEX, Collectors Club of Michigan, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights. Contact Charles Wood, jarnick@wowway.com; 248-546-1282. *B*

Connecticut

August 14-17

APS STAMP SHOW, American Philatelic Society, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext. 217; Fax 814-933-6128. *WSP*

Virginia

August 22-24

AMERICOVER, American First Day Cover Society, Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Contact Doug Kelsey, americoverexpo@aol.com; www.afdc.org. *WSP*

Canada

August 29-31

BNAPEX 2008, British North American Philatelic Society, Lord Nelson Hotel, 1515 South Park St., Halifax, Nova Scotia. Contact J. A. Forbes, Jr., jafbs@aol.com; www.bnaps.org; 902-435-7075.

Maryland

August 29-31

BALPEX, Baltimore Phil. Soc., Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawa Rd., I-83 Exit 20 E., Hunt Valley. Contact Robert E. Gibson, Sr., balpex@aol.com; www.balpex.org; 410-332-4741. *WSP*

Pennsylvania

September 5-7

Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. Contact Chip Blumberg, pnse@earthlink.net; <http://pnse.home.att.net>; 610-828-8631. *WSP*

Wisconsin

September 5-7

MILCOPEX, Milwaukee Phil. Soc. Inc., Four Points Sheraton Milwaukee Airport, 4747 South Howell Ave., Milwaukee. Contact Robert Mather, burrobob@wi.rr.com; 262-968-2392. *WSP*

New Jersey

September 20-21

CASDA, Doubletree Hotel, 515 Fellowship Road North, Mt. Laurel. Contact Jennifer Reeves, jreevesandcompany@hotmail.com; www.jamesreeves.com; 800-701-7091; 814-643-4585. *B*

Georgia

September 26-28

Southeastern Stamp Show, Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, Cobb County Civic Ctr., 548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta. Contact Scott Mark, mark_s@bellsouth.net; www.stampclubs.com; 770-619-2917. *WSP*

JAMAICA

Pre-stamp entires, postal history, postal stationery, die proofs, essays, and specimen stamps.
Enquires invited for similar material from other BWI areas.

Argyll Etkin Limited

27 Regent Street, Piccadilly Circus
London SW1Y 4UA, United Kingdom
Phone: (011) 44-207-437-7800
Fax: (011) 44-207-434-1060
E-mail: philatelists@argyll-etkin.com
Website: www.arryll-etkin.com

DONATE YOUR STAMPS!

TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Collections • Duplicates • U.S. • Foreign
Coins & Paper Money, too!

Call toll free 1-888-556-5123

Write to Leon Myers Stamp Center

Box 1, Boys Town, NE 68010

E-mail: mloetks@girlsandboystown.org

The Original Father Flanagan's Boys' Home

Changing the way America cares for her children and families.



**Visit www.stamps.org for
a complete listing of shows!**

VATICAN CITY YEAR SETS

Year	Mint
2006	\$52.81
2005	\$57.84
2004	\$59.75
2003	\$57.60

Please add 3% postage & shipping, minimum \$.50 maximum \$4. FREE 12-page price list.

PENNY BLACK STAMP CO.

P.O. Box 78, Dexter MI 48130-0078
Phone and fax: (734) 424-3043
www.pennyblackstamp.com



Our Name Says It All!

Enjoy an approval selection of covers from your favorite category to pick from at \$1 each. Values to \$20! Write today for a list of categories and an application.

The Dollar Cover Company

3305 Ventana Hills Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89117

ORDER ONLINE: www.dollarcover.com

LEADING AUCTIONEERS of Stamps and Postal History

Specializing in exhibition-worthy collections with worldwide clientele

MATTHEW BENNETT INTERNATIONAL

1954 Greenspring Drive, LL 18
Baltimore, MD 21093
410.453.9784 · www.bennettstamps.com

ITALIAN OFFICES & AEGEAN ISLANDS

Lists are available call
800-351-0350

We would be happy to quote on want lists for this area, and also for German Occ. WWII, German Colonies Michel varieties from 1875-1923.

BEVERLY STAMP COMPANY

POB 832004, Richardson, TX 75083
bsc7ekl@airmail.net
Members: APS, GPS, NSDA



THE CONFEDERATE STAMP ALLIANCE

a long-time APS affiliate, invites you to join other collectors of Confederate States material. Some advantages of joining the CSA include:

- ★ Quarterly Journal
- ★ Quarterly Newsletters
- ★ CSA Authentication Service

For more information: Patricia A. Kaufmann
10194 N. Old State Rd., Lincoln, DE 19960-3644
Tel: 302-422-2656 · trishkauf@comcast.net
www.csalliance.org · www.csacatalog.org

HANDPAINTED FIRST DAY COVERS

- Beautiful Watercolor Cachets
- Produced in Limited Numbers

Collins

P.O. Box 188, Allentown, NJ 08501
Write for details and FREE cover offer.
www.collinsfirstdaycovers.net

British Empire
Specialists in the Stamps and Postal History of the Entire Commonwealth 1840-1936

Buy, Sell, Private Treaty, Want Lists & Auctions

Colonial Stamp Company

5757 Wilshire Blvd, PH 8, Los Angeles, CA 90036-5816
Toll Free in North America:

Tel: 1 (877) 272-6693 Fax: 1 (877) 272-6694

Overseas: Tel: 1 (323) 933-9435 Fax: 1 (323) 939-9930

Email: info@colonialstampcompany.com

URL: www.colonialstampcompany.com





Notes from the Insurance Team

The holiday season brings its own distractions and winter is also with us. Make sure that the place where your philatelic material is stored is warm and dry. It's easy for an outside wall to become damp from a small leak, and if you don't check your collection regularly, mold and damp can permeate the albums.

Sadly, it's also common for there to be more burglaries at this time of year — always double-check your door and window locks. Many of us are very

lax about our home security, so make sure that whenever you go out your home is fully locked and secured. Easily jimmied patio doors and unlocked windows are an open invitation to thieves. For your overall protection, an alarm system can be a good investment. Happy and safe holidays to all!

For more information contact Hugh Wood Inc. at 1-888-APS-6494 or visit us online www.hughwood.com

advertisers online

Academy Stamp Co.	www.academystamp.com	Collins First Day Covers	www.collinsfirstdaycovers.net	Paradise Valley Stamp Co., Inc.	www.stamp-one.com
Alneum	www.Alenum.com	Colonial Stamp Co.	www.colonialstampcompany.com	Patricia A. Kaufmann	www.webuystamps.com
Alevizos, George	www.georgealevizos.com	Columbian Stamp Co.	www.columbianstamp.com	Pattillo, Stephen	www.stampshowsteve.com
American First Day Cover Society/ AFDCS	www.afdcs.org	Confederate Stamp Alliance Membership & Authentication Service	www.csalliance.org	Penny Black Stamp Co.	www.pennyblackstamp.com
American Topical Association/ATA	www.americantopicalassn.org	Crown Colony Stamps	www.crowncolony.com	PhilaGallery	www.philagallery.com
Apfelbaum/Earl P.L. Apfelbaum, Inc.	www.apfelbauminc.com	CUREE Calendar	www.curee.org	Philasearch.com	www.Philasearch.com
APS AMERISTAMP EXPO 2008	www.stamps.org/Ameristamp/Intro.htm	Dale Enterprises	www.dalestamps.com	Philaton	www.philaton.com
APS Credit Card/U.S. Bank	www.usbank.com	Daugherty, H.J.W.	www.hjwdonline.com	Prestige Philately Pty Ltd	www.prestigephilately.com
APS Development	www.stamps.org/Services/ser_donationprogram.htm	Davidson's Stamp Service	www.newstampissues.com	Rarity Ventures	www.rarityventures.com
APS Development/Headsville Post Office	www.stamps.org/services/ser_headsille.htm	Dollar Cover Co.	www.dollarcover.com	Rasdale Stamp Co.	www.rasdalestamps.com
APS Education Department	www.stamps.org/Education/edu_PhilatelicEducation.htm	E & M Graded Stamps	www.eandmgradedstamps.com	RCS Stamps	www.rcsstamps.com
APS Expertizing Guarantee	www.stamps.org/Services/ser_aboutexpertizing.htm	Eastern Auctions Ltd.	www.easternstamps.com	Regency/Superior	www.RegencySuperior.com
APS Insurance Plan	www.hughwood.com	Eastick, Michael	www.michaaleastick.com	Robert Kane Auctions, LLC	www.RobertKaneAuctions.com
APS Internet Sales	www.StampStore.org	eBay	www.ebay.com	Sam Houston Philatelic Auctions	www.shpauctions.com
APS Marketplace/Specialty Sales	www.stamps.org/Services/ser_Marketplace.htm	Excelsior Collection	www.theexcelsiorcollection.com	Sandafayre Ltd.	www.sandafayre.com
APS Membership Application	www.stamps.org/TheAps/abt_joinnow.htm	FLOREX 2007 — The Florida State Stamp Show	www.florexstampshow.com	Saskatoon Stamp Centre	www.saskatoonstamp.com
APS Sales Circuits Division	www.stamps.org/Services/ser_StampSalesDivision.htm	Franke Stamps	www.frankestamps.com	SCDB Software, Inc/ The Stamp	www.scdbsoft.com
APS STAMP SHOW	www.stamps.org/stampshow/Intro.htm	Friedman, Dr. Robert J.	www.drbobfriedmanstamps.com	Schmitt Investors, Ltd.	www.fredschmitt.com
APS Summer Seminar	www.stamps.org/Education/edu_summerseminar.htm	Gary J. Lyon (Philatelist) Ltd.	www.garylyon.com	Stamp Center/Dutch Country	www.TheStampCenter.com
Argyll Etkin Limited	www.argyll-etkin.com	Girls and Boys Town	www.girlsandboystown.org/home.asp	Auctions	www.TheStampCenter.com
ARIPEX 2008 Stamp Show	www.aripexonline.com	Guernsey Post/Guernsey Philatelic Bureau	www.guernseystamps.com	Stamp Lamp	www.stamplamp.com
A to Z Stamps and Coins	www.AZStampCoin.com	Halberstam, Aron	www.arhstamps.com	StampWants.com	www.stampwants.com
Auctionhouse Christoph Gärtner GmbH & Co. KG	www.auktionen-gaertner.com	Harmers of London	www.harmers.com	Subway Stamp Shop, Inc.	www.subwaystamp.com
Bachenheimer, Frank	www.astampdealer4u.com	Henry Gitner Philatelists, Inc.	www.hgitner.com	Taylor, Stephen	www.stephentaylor.co.uk
Bel-Aire Collectibles	www.belairestamp.com	Houston, Sam/Duck Co.	www.shduck.com	TNC Enterprises, Inc.	www.tncenterprises.net/ap
Bennett, Harvey/Matthew Bennett International	www.bennettstamps.com	H.R. Harmer, Inc.	www.hrharmer.com	Torres, Antonio	www.antonitorres.com
Bileski Ltd., K.	www.bileskistamps.com	Jack R. Nalbandian, Inc.	www.nalbandstamp.com	Universal Ship Cancellation Society/USCS	www.uscs.org
Brookman/Barrett & Worthen	www.coverspecialist.com	Jackson, Eric	www.ericjackson.com	Van Dam, E.S.J.	www.esjvandam.com
Century Stamps	www.century-stamps.com	Lee, James E.	www.jameslee.com	Vance Auctions Ltd.	www.vanceauctions.com
Cherryland Postcard Auctions	www.cherrylandpostcards.com	Lippert, Robert	www.relippert.com	WAP Württembergisches Auktionshaus	www.briefmarkenauktion.de
Cherrystone Auctions	www.cherrystoneauctions.com	Malack, Steve	www.malack.com	Postwertzeichen GmbH	www.washpress.com
CHICAGOPEX 2007 Stamp Show	www.chicagopex.com	McCusker, James	www.jamesmccusker.com	WESTPEX 2008 Stamp Show	www.westpex.com
		Mowbray, J.R.	www.mowbrays.co.nz	Westminster Stamp Gallery	www.westminsterstamp.com
		Mystic Stamp Co.	www.mysticstamp.com		
		New England Stamp	www.home.sprintmail.com/~stamps		
		Northwestern Philatelic Auctions, Inc.	www.northwesternauctions.com		
		Nutmeg Stamp Sales Inc.	www.nutmegstamp.com		
		ORCOEXPO Stamp Show 2008	www.stampshowsteve.com		
		Palo Albums Inc.	www.paloalbums.com		

Bellefonte and the Early Air Mail 1918-1927



Softbound,
6 x 9 inches, 112 pages

APS proudly announces the release of its newest publication, *Bellefonte and the Early Air Mail 1918-1927* by Kathleen Wunderly.

Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, was a refueling stop for the fragile and often unreliable biplanes flying the New York to Cleveland leg of the first transcontinental air mail route from 1918-1927. The book includes tales about the daredevil pilots and their ties to the region and its people, the machines they flew, and the coming of age of air mail service in America. It is based on contemporary local newspaper articles and features

numerous photographs, many of them published for the first time. This book offers a unique, local viewpoint on one of the most exciting periods of national history — when Bellefonte helped fly the U.S. mail.

Order Your Copy Today!

APS members — \$16 postpaid non-members — \$20 postpaid

Call 814-933-3803, or shop online at www.stamps.org, or
mail your order to 100 Match Factory Place,
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Visa/MasterCard accepted.

ALWAYS READ THE FINE PRINT!

A to Z Stamps of Scottsdale Arizona is now putting their famous US and Worldwide Stamp Stock online. They have one of the largest stocks of stamps in the entire USA at prices that'll please you! Tourists to Arizona can't believe their eyes when they see the long wall of stamps in the store. A to Z Customers get even more excited with the long-standing 20% future credit given on every single purchase. One man is saving his credits to buy a set of US Zeppelins and he's almost there! Another uses his credits from buying stamps to get FREE Albums and Mounts. With 7 people working 7 days a week and 7 continents ordering stamps their stock is constantly changing. Whether you collect Classic US, Modern US, or any country from A to Z you'll find it at A to Z and you'll find it priced to sell!

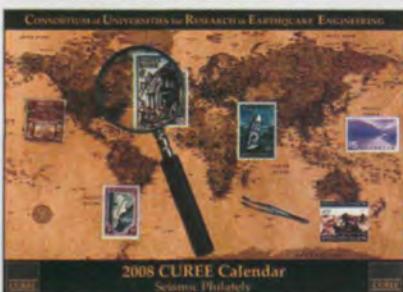
See them on the web at www.AZStampCoin.com

A to Z Stamps will also be at the huge APS Show in Charlotte Jan 11-13

Wantlists are gladly accepted and all mail is answered personally by Michael Ball

A to Z Stamps • 7579 E. Main St. Ste. 200 • Scottsdale AZ 85251
Toll-Free (866) 782-6799 or Michael@azstampcoin.com

• 2008 CUREE CALENDAR •



Seismic Philately
Featuring stamps from
the collection of David
Leeds on the topic of
earthquakes

This limited edition
color calendar is
available for \$20
(plus S&H) at
www.curee.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT EVERY WEEK



THOUSANDS OF FASCINATING STAMPS & COLLECTIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

LOTS FROM \$30 TO \$30,000

POSTAL HISTORY, REVENUES,
CINDERELLAS & EPHEMERA

SELLING STAMPS FOR
30 YEARS

Send the coupon today for your **FREE** introductory mail-sale catalogues or access our online sales at: www.sandafayre.com

SANDAFAYRE
THE WORLD'S MOST EXCITING STAMP SALES

SANDAFAYRE LTD, KNUTSFORD, WA16 8XN, UK
Tel: +44 (0)1565 653214 Fax: +44 (0)1565 651637

PLEASE SEND ME MY **FREE** INTRODUCTORY
SANDAFAYRE CATALOGUES

Name:

Address:

Zipcode:

E-mail:

My collecting interests are:



(APS)

SANDAFAYRE'S COLLECTORS REGISTER

- See lots that only match your interests
- No unwanted catalogues • **FREE** to register and use
- Just email your details to stampregister@sandafayre.com

Box & Country Lot Auctions

On-line or free printed listing

www.stamp-one.comParadise Valley Stamp Company, Inc.
PO Box 2884, Concord, NH 03302-2884**AUCTIONS WITH A DIFFERENCE**Postal history, revenues, BOB, paper Americana, even postage stamps.
Write for next catalogue.**H.J.W. DAUGHERTY**

P.O. Box 1146-AP Eastham, MA 02642

RARITY VENTURESPSE Graded U.S. Rarities
1-800-509-8682www.rarityventures.com**INDIA BUYING PRICES**

Scott #	Mint	Used	Scott #	MNH	MLH
1-7	50%	30%	203-206	110%	75%
8-202	40%	25%	207-222	55%	35%
01-092	35%	25%	223-273	60%	40%
0112A-D	100%	90%	275-319	40%	25%

STAMPS INC. APS • ASDA • PTS • RPSL
PO Box 8689 Cranston, RI 02920 401-490-0603 info@stampsinc.com**Do you collect oddball stuff?**

Then our sales are for you, with a good variety of worldwide stamps and EFOs, Cinderellas, Covers & collateral stuff.

BECK STAMP AUCTIONSPO Box 2506-A Mesa, AZ 85214-2506
Ph: 480-969-5835 • Fax: 480-813-3960
APS-Life, EFO, AAMS-Life

Try our FREE catalog!

British Commonwealth?
Discover...
www.philaton.com
...a world of stamp auctions on line!

When in Naples (Florida)

stop in and examine our large stock of U.S. and Foreign Stamps, Covers, Collections, Wholesale lots.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP4987 Tamiami Trail East
Village Falls Professional Ctr., Naples, FL 34113
Ph: 239-732-8000 Fax: 239-732-7701 Established 1893

James T. McCusker, Inc. U.S. FDC Specialist

BUYING and SELLING
Auctions and Shopping
www.jamesmccusker.comASDA • APS Call toll-free 800-852-0076 ATA • AFDCS
804 Broadway, Raynham, MA 02767-1797**Auctions**

New Zealand's leading auction house. Free monthly Auction Catalogues air mailed on request, or visit our website.

**J R MOWBRAY LTD**P O Box 63, Otaki Railway, New Zealand
Fax +64 6 364 8252 e-mail mowbray.stamps@xtra.co.nz
www.mowbrays.co.nz**FLOREX 2007****THE FLORIDA STATE STAMP SHOW**

November 30, December 1, & 2

Orlando, FL

www.florexstampshow.comshow@florexstampshow.com**GREAT BRITAIN****BRITISH COMMONWEALTH**all reigns, high quality, competitive prices
FREE LISTS (specify areas of interest)**NOVA PHILATELIC SALES**Box 161, Lakeside, NS B3T 1M6, Canada
email: novafil@ns.sympatico.ca**High Quality****Reasonable Prices**www.academystamp.com

US • Worldwide • Collections

Postal History?

Discover

www.philaton.com

...a world of

stamp auctions on line!

- WANTED -Customers for our
End-of-Year U.S. Sale

P O Box 5774

Williamsburg, VA 23188

Australia - British Commonwealth

Buying Stamps & Postal History Selling from \$5 to \$50,000 - Simplified to Specialized

Michael Eastick & Associates Pty. Ltd.PO Box 414 Blackburn, Vic 3130, Australia
Ph: 011 613 9894 8561 Fax: 011 613 9894 8561

Email: michael@michaeleastick.com

www.michaeleastick.com**CANADA — REVENUES**
Semi Official Air MailsHuge stock. Latest price lists — FREE
E.S.J. van Dam Ltd.P.O. Box 300-P Bridgenorth, Ont., Canada K0L 1H0
705-292-7013 fax: 705-292-6311 www.esjvandam.com**U.S. Rare Stamps**

Columbian Covers: Booklet panes and positions and many more. Send your want list to:

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., INC.Box B, New Rochelle, NY 10804
Phone: 914-725-2290**FRANCE & COLONIES****BRITISH COMMONWEALTH**

Better Quality

Pre-Independence

Stamps & Postal History

Send Your Want List! We also BUY!

(minimum order \$50)

PO. Box 827, Solana Beach, CA 92075

Phone: 858-755-2259

britfrenchdab@yahoo.com

INTERSTAMP

Try..
www.philaton.com
...and discover a world of stamp auctions on line!

NEW ISSUE SERVICE — No Frills, Nothing Fancy

Just dependable service since 1970

Reliable, affordable, worldwide standing order new issue service.

Complete topical coverage. Visa/MasterCard accepted.

Write today for full details.

— DAVIDSON'S STAMP SERVICE —

P.O. Box 36355, Indianapolis, IN 46236-0355

317-826-2620 — Email:Davidson@in.net

<http://www.newstampissues.com>

ASDA

January 11-13
Charlotte
North Carolina**Worldwide Topicals**

Sets, Singles, Souvenir Sheets, Covers, Postcards, & Cinderellas

Site fully illustrated • We buy collections

www.frankestamps.com**Latin America?**

Discover...

www.philaton.com

...a world of stamp auctions on line!



membership report

No. 9, September 30, 2007



NEW APPLICANTS

The following applications were received during September 2007. If no objections are received by the Executive Director (814-933-3803) prior to November 30, 2007, these applicants will be admitted to membership and notice to this effect will appear in the February 2008 issue.

Abaroa, Jaime J. (212629) **Elm Grove, WI** 47
Abdalla, Gary A. (212595) **Sebring, FL** US; 63; Appliance Technician
Abromaitis, Mary Ettac (212712) **Watertown, CT** CATS-FASHION-CASTLES; 61; Fashion Designer
Anderson, Deborah J. (212705) **Warren, MI** WORLDWIDE; 59; Electrician
Anderson, Jenny R. (212636) **Bloomington, MN** US-TOPICALS-DISNEY-WORLDWIDE-FDC; 36; Sales, Self Employed
Andresen, Arne R. (212647) **Fredensborg, Denmark**; 73
Attaway, Dean S. (212735) **Lilburn, GA** US; 54; Physician
Averill, John R. (212673) **Du Bois, PA** 52
Backlund, Gary (212699) **Tahuya, WA** CHINA-TAIWAN; 61; Retired
Blaufarb, Marshall J. (212659) **Benicia, CA** US-CANADA-GB; 69
Borofsky, Melvyn A. (212630) **Leesburg, FL** MINT US, FDC; 66; Retired
Boshart, David H. (212713) **Fort Myers, FL** DUCK; 68; Stamp Dealer
Bowen, Richard L. (212714) **Port Royal, PA** WORLDWIDE; 60; Accountant
Brennanan, Thomas R. (212619) **Downington, PA** 62
Brent, Stanley M. (212637) **Los Angeles, CA** PRE 1940 MINT US; 71; Architect
Bronner, Michael (212702) **New York, NY** MASONIC; 71; Professor
Butler, John G. (212681) **Fairfax Station, VA** US-BRIT; 80; Retired
Callahan, Robert D. (212682) **Fayetteville, NY**
Carson, C. Chance (212638) **Colorado Springs, CO** 60; Financial Planner
Casale, Jacqueline J. (212665) **Las Vegas, NV** 66; Real Estate Sales
Cassa, Manuel Pappaterra (212639) **Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-HAITI-CUBA; 57; Architect
Cherata, Iulian (212709) **Cluj-Napoca, Cluj, Romania** ROMANIA; 24
Clark, Gail E. (212683) **Laramie, WY** US; 57; Office
Clark, Richard (212640) **Portland, OR** MINT US; 46
Cohen, Irwin H. (212603) **Smithtown, NY** LIGHTHOUSES; 67
Coleman, William E. (212596) **Galion, OH** 66; Retired
Collins, David R. (212670) **Moffat, CO** US; 41; Painter/Artist
Dahlin, Joel P. (212715) **Fort Worth, TX** GOLF-TRAIN; 59; Engineer
Davidson, Peter S. (212674) **Rice Lake, WI** MINT US-ANIMALS-ART COVERS; 37; Graphic Designer
DeAmbrogio, Roy (212632) **Lansdowne, PA** 19TH & 20TH C US; 62; Software Developer
Degurski, John J. (212684) **Burlington, MA** US-WORLDWIDE; 65; Retired

Deshaines, Kenneth A. (212685) **Laconia, NH** MINT US; 61; Plant Manager
DiChristofaro, James (212605) **Lake Havasu City, AZ** EARLY US & WORLDWIDE-OLYMPIC; 52; Customer Service
Doberstein, Charles A. (212736) **North Fort Myers, FL** US PLATE BLKS; 63; Retired
Doll, Sandi (212716) **Elgin, TX** FDC; 60; FNP-C, PA-C
Downer, William R. (212664) **Jefferson Hills, PA** 50
Downing, Rebecca M. (212590) **Dallas, TX** GB, COMM-RUSSIA-US SPACE-KENNEDY; 36; Sr. Project Manager
Doyle, Brian C. (212686) **Medford, MA** 55; Retired
Elliott, Wesley (212649) **Lower Burrell, PA** US; 57
Ellis, Curtis G. (212641) **Amarillo, TX** US-CANADA-RUSSIA-LOST NATIONS; 59
Everly, Melvin E. (212663) **Mount Desert, ME** 79; Retired
Exarchos, Chris (212669) **Lemont, PA** 63; Commissioner
Figueira, Kenneth R. (212588) **Melrose, MA** SHEETS; 66; Retired
Fore, Mary E. (212656) **Eatonville, WA** FDC; 42; Teacher
Gersky, Robert H. (212717) **Danville, CA** Retired
Goatey, Diane M. (212667) **Columbia, IL** US-SHIPS-FISH-LIGHTHOUSE-SHELLS; 47; Paralegal
Griner, Sam (212687) **Greenwich, NJ** 56; Retired
Gruesen, Robert A. (212701) **Green Bay, WI** 48
Guattery, Peter D. (212660) **Sparks Glencoe, MD** 45
Gyan, Michelle (212738) **Laurinburg, NC** 47; Lecturer
Hagfeldt, Jay (212616) **North Las Vegas, NV** 53
Hannan, James K. (212707) **Saylorburg, PA** 20TH C US; 68

Hatfield, Michael R. (212718) **Fayetteville, AR** EARLY US, AIR MAIL, BOB; 53; Retired
Helfrich, David H. (212650) **Downington, PA** POLAR-SPACE; 40
Helgens, Reed (212719) **Richmond, CA**
Henderson, George A. (212642) **Bayonne, NJ** 65; Executive Limo Driver
Herzig, Michael A. (212688) **Brookville, NY** 39; Banker
Horner, Richard (212689) **Des Moines, WA** US-UN; 65; Retired
Horvath, Doreen A. (212680) **Racine, WI** 39; Massage Professional
Ikeda, Kazuhiko (212606) **Chiba, Japan**; 62
Isidro, Leana L. (212593) **Watsonville, CA** WORLDWIDE; 62; Retired
Karns, Dean (212700) **Saint Petersburg, FL** 45; Astronomer
Kaszynski, Richard J. (212671) **Omaha, NE** RAILROAD; 62; Retired
Kawczynski, Alec (212720) **Fort Lauderdale, FL** MODERN US-UN-WORLDWIDE; 74; Real Estate Broker
Kern, David M. (212668) **Charlotte, NC** PRESIDENTS-EXPLORERS-ANCIENT HISTORY; 51; Retired
Kieft, Denis (S-212655) **Palo Alto, CA** 36
Kieft, Mari (212654) **Palo Alto, CA** 34
Kolodzey, Jody (212633) **Philadelphia, PA**
Krikorian, Jacqueline D. (212622) **Brooklyn, ON**; 42
Kudelko, Jodi V. (212666) **Ellenton, FL** 30
Lee, Gary C. (212690) **Newport Coast, CA** MINT; 51; Physician
Leighton, David (212678) **Gardner, KS** MINT US; 59; Tech. Support Manager
Leonard, William R. (212721) **Phoenix, AZ** MINT US SINGLES-WORLDWIDE; 72; CPA
Leshchyshen, Bob (212591) **Toronto, ON** CANADA-US-UK-AUST; 57; Investment Analyst
Llach, Ignacio R. (212643) **Barcelona, Spain** SPAIN; 47; Stamp Dealer
Lockwood, Burton (212618) **North Olmsted, OH** 19TH C US; 63; CPA
Lozier, Lee P. (212607) **State College, PA** 62; Retired
Maccarrone, Carl (212627) **Aurora, CO** US, FDC, BOB, BLKS; 56; Financial/Tax Advisor
Martello, Daniel (212648) **San Francisco, CA** EARLY CALIFORNIA REV; 45
Martin, Hugh G. (212691) **Tucson, AZ** 80; Retired
Martinez, Edgar (212722) **Orlando, FL** SPAIN-CUBA-VAT-BIRDS; 50; Journalist
Mason, Charles (212723) **Boynton Beach, FL** US; 70; Clerk
Matson, Lee (212676) **Duluth, MN** 46
McCoy, Rick L. (212634) **Florissant, MO** CLASSIC US; 49; Financial Advisor
McKay, Donald B. (212692) **Harrisburg, OR** US; 82; Retired
Mejia, Pedro (212592) **Mexico DF, Mexico** MEX; 44; Stamp Dealer

NEW MEMBERS

Applications 212113 through 212131, and 212133 through 212279, and 212281 through 212307, and 212309 through 212316 as previously published have been accepted for membership by the Board of Vice Presidents.

SUMMARY

Total Membership, Aug. 31, 2007	42,621
New Members	201
Reinstated	41
	242
	42,863
Deceased	20
Resignations	4
Expelled	2
Total Membership, Sept. 30, 2007	42,837

Menns, Greg (212653) **Redding, CA** 51
 Metzler, Marc (212693) **Jamul, CA** US; 54;
 Machinist
 Morris, Donald H. (212601) **Annapolis, MD** US-
 CANADA-GB-VAT-ISRAEL; 76; Retired
 Mortenson, Dave (212625) **Newport Beach,**
CA US, CUT SQUARES, XMAS SEALS; 50;
 Administrative Assistant
 Muhleman, Roland O. (212675) **Shasta Lake, CA**
 EARLY US, COMMEM; 81; Retired
 Muroski, John (212708) **Toms River, NJ** PRE 1940
 US-OLD WORLDWIDE SETS; 48
 Murphy, James P. (212694) **Downington, PA**
 Newby, Lou (212635) **Southeastern, PA**
 GENERAL; 63; PC Technician
 Nikkel, Mike K. (212695) **San Augustine, TX** 48;
 Ranch Owner/Operator
 O'Hara, Elizabeth H. (212610) **Naperville, IL** 33
 Oekerman, Victor E. (11667-212608) **Tillamook,**
OR US-PACIFIC IS; 78; Retired
 Olesik, William J. (212609) **Somers, CT**
 CHRISTMAS-FLOWERS-WORLDWIDE-BRIT-
 AM-BUTTERFLIES; 60
 Olson, William D. (212696) **Palm Desert, CA** 82;
 Retired
 Owens, Edward (212623) **Alexandria, VA** 35
 Palley, Michael H. (212657) **El Dorado Hills, CA**
 US; 65; Retired
 Pattow, Robert E. (212697) **Spring Hill, FL** US-
 WORLDWIDE; 77; Retired
 Paull, Thomas W. (212679) **Smithtown, NY** MINT
 US; 66; Retired
 Perrell, Kenneth I. (212724) **Centerville, GA** US-
 VAT-MONACO-SAN MARINO; Senior Executive
 Pimentel Dume, Cristian (212725) **Santo Domingo,**
Dominican Republic DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-
 JAMAICA; 35; Lawyer
 Pitassi, David A. (212726) **Rumford, RI** PRE 1965
 MINT US-WORLDWIDE-ITALY-LIONS INTL-
 POP MUSIC; 66; Computer Consultant
 Plank, Samuel E. (212727) **Belleville, PA** US, STAT;
 80; Retired
 Plock, John (212611) **El Granada, CA** 81; Retired
 Profeta, Robert G. (212728) **Carmel, CA** 73;
 Business Owner
 Puetz, Vivian M. (212729) **Monticello, IN** US; 57;
 Retired
 Pursley, Milton L. (212672) **Houston, TX** POST
 1847 US; 60; Police Officer
 Raschio, Michael (212612) **Milwaukee, OR** US-
 ITALY-VAT-IRELAND-BRIT-GREECE; 59; Retired
 Risley, Ford (212662) **State College, PA** 49;
 Professor
 Roberts, Richard A. (212644) **Gresham, OR**
 WORLDWIDE-CANADA-NZ; 67; Retired
 Rodin, Steven R. (212730) **Mishawaka, IN** US-
 CLASSICS-COLUMBIANS-GB-ITALY-SPAIN-
 ADVERTISING COVERS; 65; Part-time Coin/
 Stamp Dealer
 Rogers, Bruce A. (212711) **Tucson, AZ** MINT
 SHEETS-BLKS; 54; Chef
 Rogers, Danny L. (212604) **North Myrtle Beach,**
SC 45
 Romano, Anthony W. (212617) **Bogalusa, LA** US;
 68; Retired
 Ross, David (J-212737) **Vienna, VA** 8
 Ruf, Richard (212613) **Springfield, OH** 49
 Rusch, Gregory P. (212628) **Madison, WI** LIBERTY
 SERIES; 37

Santarelli, Federico J. (212620) **Doral, FL** SPORTS;
 38
 Sayer, John (212740) **Livermore, CA** 1847-1950
 US; 61; Teacher
 Scarrow, James W. (212624) **Anchorage, AK** US-
 CANADA; 63; Retired
 Schmid, John J. (212706) **Panama City, FL** PRE
 1960 USED WORLDWIDE; 65; Retired
 Schwark, Ellen B. (212599) **Enterprise, FL** 56
 Sill, Joseph V. (212602) **Baltimore, MD** GB-US; 41;
 Library Circulation Assistant
 Slusser, Carrie M. (212739) **Scranton, PA**
 TOPICALS, ANIMALS, FLORA; 29
 Smith, Sidney W. (212652) **Plattsburgh, NY** 68;
 Retired
 Snow, James C. (212703) **Waterloo, NY** NEW US;
 64; Marketing Agency
 Sotnikov, Evgeny (212631) **Moscow, Russia** PRE
 1940 RUSSIA; 48
 Spalink, Jan-Dieter (212710) **Durham, NC** 60
 Spohn, Roberta (212645) **San Antonio, TX** 58
 Steindel, Hunter (212614) **Spring Brook Township,**
PA US, POSS-UN AIR POSTAL STAT OF
 AFRICA; 38; Estimator
 Sthapit, Punya R. (212677) **Kathmandu, Nepal**; 63
 Stilety, Dawn (212698) **Mifflin, PA** US; 64; Retired
 Stockton, John T. (212621) **Milwaukee, OR**
 YELLOWSTONE PARK; 61
 Sturgeon, Richard (212651) **Ava, MO**
 WORLDWIDE; 65; Retired
 Sweitzer, Sydney (212589) **Missoula, MT** 43
 Tomkie, Bo (212597) **Lathrup Village, MI** US,
 COMMEM; 55
 Tracy, Brian (212704) **Fairview, NC** USED US; 50
 Tyminski, Chester M. (212600) **Owings Mills, MD**
 US, CONFEDERATE STATES; 72; Human
 Resources
 Ulyatt, Chris (212661) **Mt. Pleasant, WA**, Australia
 GEORGE VI BRIT COMM; 54
 Viguers, Robert S. (212731) **Harrisburg, PA** USED;
 72; Retired
 Wakelee, Robert L. (212615) **Rome, NY** 71; Retired
 Wallenfelsz, Francis W. (212732) **Powell, OH** US,
 COVERS; 76; Retired
 Waterman, Michael D. (212594) **Mountain Home,**
ID SCOUTING; 44; Military
 Whitley, Jack (212658) **Marine City, MI** US-
 CANADA-AUST; 81; Retired
 Wulff, Dittmar (212734) **Plainsboro, NJ** 61
 Yaghmaie, Pouya (212598) **Portland, OR** IRAN-
 ETHIOPIA-ST PIERRE-CUBA-IRAQ-ROYALTY;
 24
 York, Frank (212733) **Big Rapids, MI** US-CANADA-
 UK; 66; Apartment Owner
 Zakhidov, Anvar A. (212646) **Mc Kinney, TX** SPAIN,
 COL-IFNY-RIO MUNI-SAHARA-GUINEA-
 RUSSIA-USSR SPACE EXPLORATION-
 SPORTS; 54; Physics Professor
 Zaveri, Hiren M. (212626) **Surat, Gujarat, India**
 INDIAN-MAN ON MOON; 42; Business

NEW CHAPTER

First Tuesday Stamp Club (212311), Rochester,
 MN, CONTACT: John E. Noonan, P. O. Box
 5823, Rochester, MN 55903-5823.

MERGERED CHAPTERS

Philadelphia Chapter No. 18 (0403-001978) and
 Collectors Club of Philadelphia (161483) both of
 Philadelphia, PA have merged to become the
 Greater Philadelphia Stamp and Collectors Club
 (0403-001978), CONTACT: Louis F. Calzi, Sr.,
 2223 Jenkintown Road, Glenside, PA 19038-
 5014.

DECEASED

Biddle, Joy (131699), Biddeford, ME
 Blauert, Steven A. (202936), Springfield, MO
 Davidson, Herbert M., Jr. (9418-062792),
 Daytona Beach, FL
 Digneo, E. J. (168012), Loma Linda, CA
 Fishman, Sara M. (191776), Dallas, TX
 Hibbard, Fred A. (140613), Mount Gilead, OH
 Hu, Ling-Wen (10534-071725), State College, PA
 Irvin, Richard K. (2591-055884), Boise, ID
 Novak, Frank J. (125925), Atherton, CA
 Pasco, John A. (195928), Atlanta, GA
 Ploshnick, Hershel (3366-106005), Beverly Hills, CA
 Prakapas, Jonas (10229-074000), Bakersfield, CA
 Roos, William P. (194057), Lancaster, PA
 Sanger, Eugene K. (4964-038740), Dallas, TX
 Saunders, Robert E. (204269), Seattle, WA
 Scroggie, Paul R. (096040), Medical Lake, WA
 Stossel, Regine (9086-084273), Lacey, WA
 Stucky, Jack E. (7427-052303), Sebastopol, CA
 Weinstein, Milton (6041-044623), Anchorage, AK
 Wyzanski, Selwyn J. (5033-038322), Merritt
 Island, FL

EXPELLED

Gettelfinger, Cindy (210040), 10801 E. Old State
 Road 56, Scottsburg, IN 47170, for failure to
 settle philatelic indebtedness (violation of APS
 Code of Ethics #8), and for failure to respond to
 official Society correspondence.
 McDermott, George G. (195250), 2700 N.W. First
 Terr., Pompano Beach, FL 33064, for failure to
 settle philatelic indebtedness (violation of APS
 Code of Ethics #8), and for failure to respond to
 official Society correspondence.

APPLICATION REJECTED

Pleasants, J. T., Jr.

DECEASED APPLICANT

Duffey, Mary L.

DEALER LISTING

The following have been approved for classification
 as full-time (D) or part-time (P) stamp dealers
 according to qualifications established by the
 Board of Vice Presidents.

Northmont Books and Stamps (Nicholas H.
 Altwerger 092494-D), 35375 Northmont,
 Farmington Hills, MI 48331, 248-553-7677.
CANADA-WORLDWIDE-FRANCE-GREAT
BRITAIN & COLONIES
 Coe, Joffre L., II (Joffre L. Coe, II 073452-P), 5300
 Orange Grove Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278,
 919-942-7537. **US-US POSTAL HISTORY-**
AIRMAIL-WORLDWIDE-WORLDWIDE
POSTAL HISTORY
 Double J Stamps (Jeffrey T. Fishman 212004-D), P.
 O. Box 1127, Arlington Heights, IL 60006-1127,
 8470843-8700. **US-WORLDWIDE**



Join online today at www.stamps.org

classifieds

UNITED STATES

U.S. OR U.N. approvals. Plate blocks, singles, mint or used. Send want list or request our approvals. Stewart's Stamps, Box 3204, Seminole, FL 33775 (1289)

BELOW MARKET prices for United States. Used and unused, most grades. Send 4¢ stamp for price list of older issues before the year 1940. Compare for proof of lowest prices before ordering. Lowell A. Donald Co., P.O. Box 728, Rutland, VT 05702 (1282)

ALL DIFFERENT used U.S. stamps! 500 different \$5.00; 1,000 different \$17.00; 25 airmails \$1.00; 25 coil pairs, \$1.00. Burke's Stamps, Box 4902-A, Springfield, MO 65808 (1290)

FOR SPECIALIST. We stock tagged, tag omitted, dull gum, precancel, coil, booklet, sheets, paper/tag varieties. Send your want list. UN wanted. UN available. UTE/TAG combo FDC. <http://avbstamps.com> (732)495-9491. E-mail: vicbove@avbstamps.com. VICTOR BOVE, Box 534, New Monmouth, NJ 07748 (1286)

U.S. CLASSIC PRICE LIST FREE. Seconds to superb, 3,500 lots, 48 pages, colored photos. No. 1 through B.O.B., Illustrated grading, special discounts, 48-hour service. Specify mint & or used. Layaways and credit cards accepted. IOWA STAMPS, Box 77-A, Ankeny, IA 50021. Phone: 515-964-1202 Website: www.iowastamps.com E-mail: iowasc@netins.net (1293)

USED PNC SINGLES and MNH PS55. Great prices! SASE for list. J. Himes, POB 453, Cypress, CA 90630 (1282)

FREE U.S. PRICE LIST by mail or the Internet. Mint & used singles, plate blocks, and BOB. Scott A. Shaulis, P.O. Box 549, Murrysville, PA 15668. scott@shaulisstamps.com, www.shaulisstamps.com (1286)

www.philbansner.com (1291)

US NAVY COVERS: www.shipcovers.com (1282)

NO FLAWS or heavy cancels. Most common VF-EF, 10 for 40¢; 25 for 75¢. Others 30-50% below retail. Want lists filled. Min. order \$20 plus P & I. JAY POB 1894, West Palm Beach, FL 33402. APS Life Member (1283)

www.mestampshoppe.com (1284)

MNH F-VF at www.mcfarlandstamps.com (1292)

EXPERTIZING — ANY U.S. STAMP, COVER, CANCEL, PROOF, etc. Only \$5 plus cost of shipping. Paper certificate also available at \$10 per item. Why pay \$35 or more only to find out the item isn't what you thought it was? Speedy one-week service, 40-year APS member and 32-year *Linn's* Advertiser. W.R. Weiss, Jr., P.O.B. 5358, Bethlehem, PA 18015 (610)-691-6857 (1283)

\$500 FACE VALUE unused US, mostly a wide var sheets, \$425. Robinson Box 35926, Richmond, VA 23235 (1285)

www.SuperbPhilately.com Highest quality graded U.S. stamps PSE/PF graded 95 and higher (1285)

U.S. STAMP NEWS MONTHLY

MAGAZINE, 1 year, \$14.95 (U.S. only). USSN-ap, 42 Sentry Way, Merrimack, NH 03054, 800-635-3351, stampnews@aol.com (1282)

LISTED ERROR, Scott 1949b, pane of 10 stamps, imperf between, MHN, lists \$100, Sale Price \$20 plus 3 shipping OR booklet of 2 panes, with imperf between for \$39 plus \$3 shipping. Howard Frank POB 340868, Brooklyn, NY 11234 (1282)

CANADA

CANADA, NEWFOUNDLAND, BNA. Free price list to serious collectors. Mint, used, panes, tagged, B.O.B.s. Philip S. Horowitz, P.O. Box 6595, Delray Beach, FL 33482 (1291)

SEE www.johnsheffield.com (1291)

www.alsstamps.com (1282)

COLLECT CANADA/BNA?: www.bnaps.org (1286)

CANADIAN POSTAL HISTORY & COVERS Regular email price list (Free) Subscription www.hdfphilatelist.com (1284)

BUY 107 DIFFERENT LARGE Canadian commemorative stamps, M.N.H. at \$10, our choice and postpaid! Satisfaction guaranteed! P.E. Stamps, 130 Wallace Avenue, Suite 105, Toronto, ON M6H 1T5, Canada (1292)

FREE! 25 different early mint Canada. Join Vista's stamp Club now! Unique bonus reward system. Vista, Box 1204 AMC, Station T, Toronto, ON, M6B 4H2 www.vistasstamps.com (1293)

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

BRITISH EMPIRE — Extensive stock with emphasis on pre-1960. Advise us of your wants. TOGA ASSOCIATES, Box 396, Fairfield, CT 06824 203-255-8885 (1287)

SEE www.johnsheffield.com (1291)

GB/Bermuda: U&M; reliable, personal service, wimaxwell@comcast.net (1291)

CLASSICAL GB & EMPIRE

WELLMAN, POB 370, Amherst, MA 01004 wellman.Robert@gmail.com (1293)

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND!

Attractive approval selections. Returns postpaid. Inquire today. Cheltenham Co., Box 5737P, Bethesda, MD 20824 (1284)

FREE PRICE LISTS for British Commonwealth stamps. Mint and Used. Also have worldwide. Good prices and quick, friendly service. Holbrook Box 15833, Richmond, VA 23227. E-mail: jimjh@comcast.net. Web: www.jimjh.com (1289)

AUSTRALIAN or CANADIAN everything mint & used, free lists **EROSTAMPS** Box 4861A or 4861C Martinsville, VA 24115-4861 (1291)

AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN STATES & C'WEALTH

issues (1850-present day) plus Perfins, Revenues, Railways & Cinderellas. New lists monthly with 1000+ lots. Mail auctions also.

Jimbo's, P.O. Box 2155, Ivanhoe East, 3079, Australia or fax 011 613 9499 7448 to join free mailing list. APS member 193796 (1286)

VF USED! www.nolimitsstamps.com (1282)

FREE PRICE LISTS: 1.

Australia 2. Australian States 3. Australian Territories 4. New Zealand 5. South Pacific. Pittwater Philatelic Service POB 259, Newport Beach. 2106. Australia. Member APS, APTA (IFSDA) & SCDA. Fax 011-612-9979-1577 Email pittwaterstamps@ozemail.com.au (1290)

VISIT www.stampsofvictoria.com (1289)

AUSTRIA

AUSTRIA, BOSNIA Free 22-page price list features covers, varieties and stamps in all price ranges. Consistent high quality, Austria only for 35 years. Jack J. Reber, P.O. Box 2239, Ramona, CA 92065-0938 (1291)

AUSTRIA AND RELATED AREAS

- Ask for our free price lists. R. Schneider POB 23049 Belleville IL 62223 (1283)

STAMPS & COVERS: www.abstamps.com (1284)

BALTIC REPUBLICS

VF USED! www.nolimitsstamps.com (1282)

AUSTRIA AND RELATED AREAS

- Ask for our free price lists. R. Schneider POB 23049 Belleville IL 62223 (1283)

BURUNDI

BUYING mint NH sets and MS from 1972 only. Also used, even singles, from 1982 only. J-P Godu — P.O.Box 10 — B.1000 Brussels 24 Belgium E-Mail: info@philagodu.be (1286)

CANAL ZONE

"CANAL ZONE ONLY" Conroy Philatelic Co. P.O. Box 81 West Redding CT 06896 E-Mail cphilatelic@sbcglobal.net Free Net Price List. (1282)

JOIN: www.CanalZoneStudyGroup.com (1285)

CZECH REPUBLIC

CZECH REPUBLIC/ Slovakia year sets 1999-2005. Request price list. Also fill worldwide want lists. Stamps Unlimited, Ste. 1460, 100 Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA 30303. 404-688-9161 (1287)

CHINA

LOOK AT www.washingtonstamps.com

com Bargains & discounts. (1285)

STAMPS OF CHINA (1878-1949)

on the Internet. All stamp images in color. Buy from a stamp store in your home. www.stampsofchina.com (1285)

Egypt

www.SPHINXauctions.com Egypt Proofs, Stamps, Covers, Errors (1289)

STAMPS OF EGYPT specialized Book 2 all NEW in deluxe color, hardbound. Order from balianstamps@yahoo.com (1287)

FRANCE

LOOK AT www.washingtonstamps.com Bargains & discounts. (1285)

www.denalistamps.com/aps.html (1285)

GERMANY

GERMANY COMPLETE 1849-Date.

Send for free price lists. RICHARD PYZNAR, Box 527, Flemington, NJ 08822 (1287)

BAVARIA covers & much more! www.stores.ebay.com/VarisellStampBoutique (1291)

HITLER-SWASTIKA & INFLATION mint sheets. Elmer Kreutzer, 1427 Alpine Hts. Payson AZ 85541 (928)-474-3791 (1286)

THIRD REICH specialized: Stamps, cards, covers, labels & poster stamps. M. HOFFELNER, Leop. Ernst-G 16/14, A-1170 WIEN, Austria (ASDA) (1287)

GERMANY AND RELATED AREAS

- Ask for our price free lists. R. Schneider POB 23049 Belleville IL 62223 (1283)

GERMANY and WWII Occup. Countries, Hitlercards, Occup. Covers, Specialties. Lists Free — Approvals ref. or APS #. W. HENNIG, Box 999, Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep. Visit our store <http://stores.ebay.com/hennig-stamps> (1283)

I AM SEEKING issues of the German newspaper "Marugamer Tagblatt" at the POW Camp Marugame, Japan 1914-1917. Prof. Dr. Terukazu Takahashi. E-mail: german@cc.okayama-u.ac.jp (1283)

GREECE

www.angelostamps.com (1291)

GREECE/CRETE Cyprus and related areas. Your \$ buys more stamps 1861/2005. Errors, Proofs, Topicals, Covers. E.G.P., 1824 Wayne, Dayton OH 45410 (1292)

INDONESIA

www.gitastamps.com Postal History (1290)

IRELAND

VF USED! www.nolimitsstamps.com (1282)

NEW ISSUE SERVICE available, jmhs@eirc.com.net for info. (1282)

ITALY

STAMPS&POSTALHISTORY. Lo Giudice, 62 V.Roma-94010 Gagliano Cto(EN) Italy. Email: stampsario@aol.com (1287)

JAPAN

JAPAN, RYUKYUS, KOREA, Manchukuo, price lists free upon request. Mint, used, Mihon. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. C. Pecorino, 45 Charles Street, Lodi, NJ 07644 (1286)
www.BaxleyStamps.com/japan.htm (1293)

LATIN AMERICA

LATIN AMERICA. Free 90-page list of mint and used sets from all 20 Latin American countries for beginner or specialist. Many elusive items. APS, ASDA, NSDA. Guy Shaw, P.O. Box 27138, San Diego, CA 92198 or visit <http://www.guyshaw.com> (1292)

MIDDLE EAST

www.SPHINXauctions.com Middle East Stamps, Covers, Errors (1289)

EXCHANGE/SELL: Egypt, Sudan, Yemen and Arab countries, mint, used, errors. Dr. Adel Hafiz, 112B Ammar Bin Yasser St., Helipolis, Cairo 11351, Egypt. Email: adhafez@bigfoot.com (1285)

FREE PRICE LIST. W/L Invited. ZM, 120 Brookside Lane, Hillsborough NJ 08844. Email: enterprises786@hotmail.com (1286)

PACIFIC ISLANDS

www.stamps-auctions.com (1286)

PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINES: All Periods: Stamps, Covers, Album Pages available. Want Lists Filled. Buying Single items, collections. K-Line Philippines, PO Box 100, Toast, NC 27049 (1291)

POLAND

POLAND FOR USA: Piotr Henel, 44194 Knurow P-2, Poland. E-mail: phpl@wp.pl (1283)

ROMANIA

EXTENSIVE STOCK of stamps, S/Ss, FDCs, Cancels, MPCs, New Issues. G. Arghir, Detunata 17, Cluj, Romania (1287)

RUSSIA

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE. 15 Diff Russian stamps 25¢ with Russian Approvals. M. Pehr, POB 4071, Hallandale, FL 33008 (1285)

RYUKYU ISLANDS

RYUKYUS — General Price List, Special Offers, Free with 39¢ S.A.E. John Head, Box 7, Bethel, ME 04217 (1286)

www.BaxleyStamps.com/ryukyu.htm (1293)

SCANDINAVIA

www.curtilgiddingsstampstore.com (1290)

SWITZERLAND

EXTENSIVE SWISS: www.igstamps.com (1284)

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. PRICE LIST. Wm. Henry Stamps, Box 150010, Kew Gardens, NY 11415 (1289)

WORLDWIDE

www.philbansner.com (1291)

www.stamp-one.com (1283)

MNH F-VF at www.mcfarlandstamps.com (1292)

APPROVALS

PRICES TOO HIGH? Send APS No. for foreign discount approvals from Ken-Ray, Box 7666, Warwick, RI 02887 (1288)

WORLDWIDE APPROVALS

DISCOUNT 66 2/3% from Current Scott. Send APS# to Robert Ducharme, C.P. 592, St. Jerome, QC J7Z 5V3, Canada (1291)

OUR STRENGTH IS IN 1840-1965.

Selections drawn from an enormous stock at very competitive prices. DeFreest, Rohrbaugh & Co., 3 Chestnut St., (P.O. Box 110), Hallowell, ME 04347 (1282)

CLASSIC ISSUES 1840-1940. Most countries in stock. Wide selection of stamps for beginners to advanced. Great prices — friendly service — write: Penny-Black Services, Box 30511, Brossard, QC J4Z 3R6, Canada (1284)

THE WORLD IS YOURS *

United States, Europe, British Commonwealth, Scandinavia, Former Colonies * Fair Prices

* Better Grade Approvals *

Personalized Service * Discounts

* Postage paid both ways. THE EXCELSIOR COLLECTION, Box 487, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 Ph:

1-800-285-8076. excelsiorcol@aol.com; www.theexcelsiorcollection.com (1284)

FREE! 100 WW to try our unique low-

price approval service. No obligation. API, Box 50 AWA, Highgate Springs, VT 05460. www.arpinphilately.com

(1293)

ALL COUNTRIES IN GLASSINES by Scott many hundreds different up to \$10 CV 90 days to check. Robert Zellers 350 Sproat Ave. Freedom PA 15042 (1285)

WORLDWIDE approvals, many from Br.Cols, Europe & U.S. Fair prices. Your APS # please. Earl Sheridan, 207 Connecticut Ave. Lynchburg VA 24502 (1282)

PICK 50% CAT. COUNTRY

COLLECTIONS write: Ken POB 127 Omaha, NE 68101 email: kenstampneb@cox.net, strong stock. (1283)

55% to 75% OFF FOREIGN

APPROVALS. Extensive collections by country on album pages & in packets. Pick only what you need. Must have 2003 or newer Scott catalog. Name 10 countries & send APS #: Franklin Stamp, 378 Crosswinds Dr., Lititz, Pa. 17543 or to bilgreen@ptd.net (1286)

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE Great Stamps, Great Service, Great Prices. State Interests. Carlton Stamps, POB 721, Indian Hills, CO 80454 USA (1286)

AUCTIONS

SEE www.johnsheffield.com (1291)

SELLING YOUR COLLECTION?

Get high prices by selling direct to collectors worldwide on eBay - we do it all for you, no computer needed. APS members' collections, accumulations and better single stamps sold for them on eBay for \$200 to \$20,000 in the last year, and we can do the same for you. Up to 200 pictures of your collection shown - compare that to a traditional auction catalogue! Call toll free 24/7 1-800-718-1123, email ebayhelp@harbourstamps.com or write Harbour Stamps, P.O. Box 728, Hawley, MN 56549. APS registered dealer #195036 (1282)

CATALOGUES

NEW ZEALAND STAMPS? You need the CP loose-leaf Color Catalogue. Send for the brochure and receive a copy of our CP Newsletter free. CAMPBELL PATERSON Ltd., P.O. Box 5555, Auckland 1141, New Zealand Fax: 011-64-9379-3087 E-mail: service@cpnzstamps.co.nz (1289)

BUYING SCOTT CATALOGUES in good used condition, set of six 2007 paying \$110.00, 2006 \$80.00, 2005 \$50.00, plus we pay your media mail shipping costs. Call first toll free 1-800-718-1123, email scottcats@harbourstamps.com or write to Harbour Stamps, P.O. Box 728, Hawley MN 56549 (1282)

COLLECTIONS

BARGAIN QUALITY COLLECTIONS, Lots — Free Lists. CLAUDE HELD, Box 515, Buffalo, NY 14225 (1283)

STRIPPED FROM COLLECTIONS.

Nothing recent. Advise collecting interests. Custom-made to your requirements. Super value lots from \$25. Philip S Horowitz, P.O. Box 6595, Delray Beach, FL 33482 (1286)

Classified Ad Rates

	1 month	6 months	12 months
1 line	\$ 3.75	\$20.50	\$36.50
2 lines	7.50	41.00	73.00
3 lines	11.25	61.00	109.00
4 lines	15.00	81.50	145.50
5 lines	18.75	101.75	182.00
6 lines	22.50	122.00	218.25
7 lines	26.25	142.50	255.00
8 lines	30.00	162.75	291.00
9 lines	33.75	183.00	327.50
10 lines	37.50	203.50	364.00
11 lines	42.50	223.75	400.25

To calculate the number of lines your ad will require, figure 34 characters per line. Count all letters, numerals, punctuation, and blank spaces between words. Only APS members may advertise; be sure to include your APS number. Classified ads are accepted on a prepaid basis only.

Send your copy and payment to: AP Classifieds, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

New classified ads will be accepted by fax or e-mail if charged to your VISA or MasterCard.

Please include your card number and expiration date. Renewals only are accepted by telephone

at 814-933-3803, ext. 224. Fax: 814-933-6128,

E-mail: adsales@stamps.org. Classified ads may also be submitted online at www.stamps.org.

Renewal Notice: If (1282) appears after your ad, it expires after this issue.

Deadline for the January 2008 issue is November 25.

Payment in advance. No change of copy. No refunds.

COVERS

PHOTOCOPY APPROVALS. U.S./Foreign covers; worldwide mint/used stationery; Civil War/WWII Patriotics; pre-1950 FDCs; Flights; Topicals. Visa/MasterCard. ASDA, B&K Friedman, Post Office Box 300459, Arlington, TX 76007-0459 Fax: 817-467-0966 E-mail: covercnr@comcast.net (1282)

www.philbansner.com (1291)

U.S. STAMPLESS COVERS. www.cortlandcovers.com (1293)

ZEPPELIN, CATAPULTS, DoX & early South Atlantic FFIts are our specialties. Also fabulous selection of early Italy, Germany, Brazil & Cuba FFIts! Heinz Gappe/HGI P.O. Box 47728, Phoenix, AZ 85068. Phone/FAX: 602-375-8949 (1287)

TOPICALS: www.spacecovers.com (1285)

WWII: www.PatrioticCovers.com (1286)

DONATIONS

DONATE STAMPS, coins, and other collectibles to hospitalized veterans/patients and earn valuable tax benefits. For information, write: ARIE Foundation, PO Box 64, Old Bethpage, NY 11804 (1287)

AA VETERANS NURSING HOME NEEDS stamps, collections, accumulations, supplies. Tax deductible. Veterans, 2200 Kings Hwy. 3L #78, Port Charlotte FL 33980-5760 (1287)

DUCK STAMPS

DUCK HUNTING STAMPS full list and photos - shduck.com. Largest selection in the world! Federal, State, Foreign, Prints, Albums, Frames, Literature, Mounts . . . we have it all! Send \$5 for color catalog and receive three free duck stamps! Sam Houston Duck Co., 14780 Memorial Dr. #110, Houston, TX 77079. E-mail info@shduck.com (1289)

EFOs

ERRORS WANTED! We buy U.S. errors and freaks. Life member APS. Sam Houston Philatelics, 14780 Memorial Dr. #110, Houston, TX 77079. Bob@shduck.com (1289)

ANYONE CAN OWN THE NORMAL! #1305 Misperf pair only \$1.00 to introduce EFO stamps on approval. APS # please. Ag P.O.B. 1, Medford NJ 08055 (1285)

EXCHANGE

YOUR NON US coins my WW/US stamps cv4cv postage compstd kjs2@rcn.com (1282)

EXCHANGE DUPLICATES in comfort at home. Your only expense is postage. SASE for info. SUFFOLK EXC., 1222 SW Bent Pine Cv., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986 (1287)

FIRST DAY COVERS

WILSON COVERS: USA Cacheted FDC standing orders now available.

Steve Wilson, 1433 Vintry Ln, Salt Lake City, UT 84121-1918, Phone 801-272-7235, credit cards ok (1283)

FORGERIES

FOURNIER FORGERIES of the world www.JamesBendon.com (1283)

GRADED STAMPS

shpgraded.com (1289)

www.SuperbPhilatelics.com Highest quality graded U.S. stamps PSE/PF graded 95 and higher (1285)

INTERNET

www.stamps-auctions.com (1286)

VISIT MY INTERNET STORE www.DavidSemsrott.com Revenues, Postal History, US Foreign Stamps, Cinderella's, M&M & more. Free Shipping (1287)

CLASSIC WORLDWIDE. Wise philatelists go to buyclassicstamps.com. Find out why! (1283)

MANY AUCTIONEERS SALES in the same website www.philatino.com. The best stamp deals and excitement (1284)

www.curtsgiddingstampstore.com (1290)

LOG ON TO STAMP COLLECTING! www.StampNewsNow.com (1283)

UNITED STATES and Collections - Auctions every six weeks. shpauctions.com (1289)

LITERATURE

www.philbansner.com (1291)

PHILATELIC BIBLIOPOLY: US, CSA, GB, Colonies, Maritime, Forgery. New & Used Philatelic Books stocked from over 100 publishers, 144 page Stock Catalogue \$3.00, 1,000 pages online at <http://www.pbbooks.com>. Leonard H. Hartmann, PO Box 36006, Louisville, KY 40233, ph: 502-451-0317 (1284)

www.templarphilatelics.co.uk (1284)

MAIL SALES

TAKE ADVANTAGE of the weak Canadian dollar. Monthly auctions of U.S., Canada, Br. Colonies, and worldwide. No buyers' fee. Free catalogue. VISA/MasterCard accepted. GORDON J. DOWNEY, 443 O'Connor Dr., Toronto, ON M4J 2W7, Canada (1283)

NUMBER 1s

#1s OF THE WORLD. Send for list. David Olson, Rindge, NH 03461-0287 (1285)

POSTCARDS

WANTED: Old Picture Postcards. Gary Ronk 6247 Cove Rd., Roanoke, VA 24019. 540-562-2368 (1282)

WWW.JUDNICK.COM (1291)

POSTAL HISTORY

www.philbansner.com (1291)

www.marksandcensors.com (1292)

www.forpostalhistory.com (1285)

WWW.JUDNICK.COM (1291)

QUARTERLY SALES specialized Austria & Hungary 1850-1955 incl. military on www.abstamps.com (1284)

ITALY? Email: stampsario@aol.com (1287)

PRECANCELS

PRECANCELS — Free lists. Precancel catalogs, publications, clubs. The Precancel Stamp Society invites you to enjoy Precancels. Art Damm, 176 Bent Pine Hill, North Wales, PA 19454 (1283)

PRICE LISTS

VF USED! Australia, Baltics, Germany, Ireland, World 1840/1940. Lists: NLP, Box 8795, Madison WI 53708 (1288)

REVENUES

WORLD REVENUES Buying & Selling. All Countries & Colonies. GORDON BROOKS, Box 396, Station N.D.G., Montreal, QC H4A 3P7, Canada (1290)

www.ericjackson.com (1287)

www.canadarevenuestamps.com (1285)

www.esjvandam.com (1285)

SPECIMEN STAMPS

SPECIMEN STAMPS of the world www.JamesBendon.com (1283)

STAMP BOURSES

www.metro expos.com (1286)

STAMP SHOPS

ATLANTA — Full Service Shop. Stamps Unlimited, 100 Peachtree St., Suite 1460, Atlanta, GA 30303 Ph: 404-688-9161 (1287)

SUPPLIES

www.mestampshoppe.com (1284)

TOPICALS

WRITE FOR YOUR FREE price list on one of our topics: autos, chess and chess covers, costumes, fish, military uniforms, planes, seashells, ships, trains, also France, Germany. A.R. Bunk, Box 1503, Columbus, OH 43216-1503. E-mail: Arbunk@aol.com (1282)

WANTED

FOREIGN POSTAL STATIONERY. I can use almost anything in foreign postal stationery. Steve Schumann, 2417 Cabrillo Drive, Hayward, CA 94545 sdsch@earthlink.net (1283)

U.S. FREAKS ERRORS. Mike Treister, 2400 Lakeview, Chicago, IL 60614 (1293)

FOREIGN PERFINS OF ALL COUNTRIES. Loose stamps, revenues and on covers. Postage

returned. Kurt Ottenheimer, 462 W. Walnut St., Long Beach, NY 11561 (1284)

PERFINS GERMANY and related, on and off cover. Prompt offer. Erik Nagel, P.O. Box 65, Taylors, SC 29687 (1289)

FAM-1 COVERS, Army Emergency Flights of 1934, FAM-14 and FAM-19 Trans Pacific Flight Covers 1935 to 1945. Ernest Wheeler, 7 Evelyn Terrace Wayne NJ 07470-3446 (1285)

U.S. FULL GUM POSTAGE. All values accepted, paying 50% to 70% of face. George Grossman, APS #27140, POB 4208, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-1208. Tel: 562-691-6009 (1291)

EBAY TRADING ASSISTANT. I can help you sell your stamps. Reasonable rates, high positive feedback. APS member. Email for details bklyn1926@charter.net (1283)

DC/BALT. AREA Collections Purchased/Appraised; Alex; 301-309-6637 (1284)

US C-46 80 CENT HAWAII AIRMAIL ON COVER for Exhibit jonpac@aol.com Krupnick 700 SE 3rd Ave Ft. L. FL 33316 (1287)

R.C.A. COVERS, MAIL – Anything R.C.A. Patrick Carter – APS #9588-42153, 705 Pelican Ave., New Orleans, LA 70114-1141 (504) 362-7487 (1283)

EXCHANGE HI-VAL STAMPS (\$20. up) – British Comm., Western Europe including Colonial issues and Scandinavia. Send list of what you have to offer and I will send list/procedures. No fees. Bill Jones, 16505 Virginia Ave., Unit C142, Williamsport, MD 21795-1386 (1282)

U.S. Wanted FDC'S, Clean, Uncacheted, Unaddressed (Blank FDC's) for Scott #1362 – \$10.00 each, Scott #2092 – \$5.00 each, Scott #2484 or #2485 – \$2.00 each. Offer good until met for both FDC's – Dr. A. Dreher, POB 100, Constable, NY 12926-0100. 1-(518)-483-5650 (1282)

PEAK OPTICS SCALE LOUPE, 10x Model 1983. Must be new or like new. James Teague 37 East 18th Street, Bayonne, N.J. 07002 (1282)

GB & BRITISH COMMONWEALTH George VI mint F/VF NH. Paying 50% Scott complete sets; 25% singles. Sgro, PO Box 1328, Jackson, NJ 08527 (1287)

SCOTT SUPPLEMENTS NEEDED: Luxembourg 1995, Haiti 1998-2000 (# 4 & 5) boblaas@yahoo.com Bob Flewin 923 Bishop Dr., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-6473 (1982)

WORLD WAR II

WORLD AT WAR - Stamp Album of WWII info: www.wwii-collectibles.com (1286)

U.S. new issues

Polar Lights



USA 41

Aurora Borealis



USA 41

Aurora Australis



USA 41

Aurora Borealis



USA 41

Aurora Australis



USA 41

Aurora Australis



USA 41

Aurora Borealis



USA 41

Aurora Australis



USA 41

Aurora Borealis



USA 41

Aurora Borealis



USA 41

Aurora Australis



USA 41

Aurora Borealis



USA 41

Aurora Australis

© 2006
USPS.41
x 20
\$8.20

USA 41

Aurora Australis

Polar Lights

USA 41

Aurora Borealis

USA 41

Aurora Australis

USA 41

Aurora Borealis

USA 41

Aurora Australis

XII111

PLATE
POSITION

XII111

On October 1, 2007, in Washington, DC, the Postal Service issued 41-cent, Polar Lights commemorative stamps in two designs that feature the polar auroras: the *aurora borealis*, or northern lights, and the *aurora australis*, a phenomenon of the southern polar region. These two designs were previously issued as 84-cent stamps on a \$1.68 International Polar Year Souvenir Sheet on February 21, 2007.

Denomination: 41-cent Commemorative
Format: Pane of 20 (2 designs)

Designer/Art Director/Typography:
Phil Jordan, Falls Church, VA

Photographers: Existing photo:

Per-Andre Hoffmann, Manila,
Philippines. Existing photo: Fred
Hirschmann, Wasilla, AK. Selvage
existing photo: LeRoy Zimmerman,
Ester, AK.

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset

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

Press Type: Muller Martini, A76

Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Cyan, magenta, yellow, black, green

Stamp Orientation: Horizontal

Sizes (w x h): 36.068 x 21.336 mm
(image); 39.624 x 24.892 mm (overall);
183.896 x 165.10 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by five (5)
single digits

Marginal Markings: Front: ©2006 USPS,
Plate position diagram, Price .41 x
20 = \$8.20, 4 plate numbers. Back:
Descriptive text on back of stamp,
Barcode 461900, USPS logo.

Eid Reissue

On September 28, 2007, in Washington, DC, the Postal Service issued a 41-cent, Eid special stamp in one design designed and calligraphed by Mohamed

Zakariya of Arlington, Virginia.

This stamp was previously issued with the same design and with a 34-cent denomination in 2001, with a 37-cent denomination in 2002, and with a 39-cent denomination in 2006.

Denomination: 41-cent special

Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Series: Holiday

Designer/Calligrapher: Mohamed
Zakariya, Arlington, VA

Art Director: Phil Jordan, Falls Church, VA

Engraver: Parmarco/Armotek Industries

Modeler: Avery Dennison, SPD

Manufacturing Process: Gravure

Printer: Avery Dennison (AVR),
Clinton, SC

Press Type: Dia Nippon Kiko (DNK)

Paper Type: Phosphor tagged, Block,
Nonphosphored, Type III

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Gray, blue, gold

Stamp Orientation: Vertical



Sizes (w x h): 19.558 x 26.67 mm (image);
23.114 x 30.226 mm (overall); 136.53 x
149.23 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "V" followed by three (3) single digits

Marginal Markings: ©2000 USPS, Price, Plate position diagram, Plate numbers in four corners of pane, Two barcodes 570800

Mendez v. Westminster

On September 14, 2007, in Santa Ana, California, the Postal Service issued a 41-cent, Mendez v. Westminster commemorative stamp in one design to mark the sixtieth anniversary of a groundbreaking World War II-era legal case in which a group of civic-minded Hispanic parents in California successfully sued to end segregation in their schools.

Denomination: 41-cent Commemorative

Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Art Director/Designer/Typography: Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, MD

Artist: Rafael Lopez, San Diego, CA

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

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Black, cyan, magenta, yellow

Stamp Orientation: Horizontal

Sizes (w x h): 36.068 x 21.336 mm (image);
36.624 x 24.892 mm (overall); 183.896 x
151.130 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by four (4) single digits

Marginal Markings: ©2006 USPS, Plate



position diagram, Price .41 x 20 = \$8.20, 4 plate numbers.

Jury Duty

On September 12, 2007, in New York City the USPS issued a 41-cent, Jury Duty commemorative stamp to call attention to the importance of jury service, a cornerstone of democracy in the United States.

Denomination: 41-cent Commemorative

Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Art Director: Carl T. Herrman,
Carlsbad, CA

Artist/Designer/Typographer: Lance
Hidy, Merrimac, MA

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset,
Microprinting, "USPS"

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

Press Type: Mueller Martini, A76

Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type I

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Black, cyan, magenta, yellow, red

Stamp Orientation: Square

Sizes (w x h): 27.559 x 27.559 mm
(image); 31.115 x 31.115 mm (overall);
149.86 x 180.848 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by five (5)
single digits

Marginal Markings: *Front:* ©2006 USPS,
Plate position diagram, Price .41 x
20 = \$8.20, 4 plate numbers. *Back:*
Descriptive text, Barcode 461700,
USPS logo.

Gerald R. Ford

On August 31, 2007, at joint ceremonies in Michigan and California, the USPS issued a 41-cent, stamp honoring the nation's thirty-eighth president, Gerald R. Ford.

Shortly after becoming President on August 9, 1974, following the resignation of President Richard Nixon, he announced amnesty terms for Vietnam-era draft evaders and pardoned his predecessor. Both acts were highly controversial at the time, but Ford courageously put America's best interests ahead of his own political popularity. The Presidency of Gerald Ford is defined by his personal integrity and unbending adherence to the truth. Ever the Eagle Scout — literally and metaphorically — in reflecting on his life, Ford consistently referred to the straightforward standards of conduct

taught by his parents: "Work hard, tell the truth, and come to dinner on time."

President Ford died on December 26, 2006 at his home in Rancho Mirage, California. After ceremonies in California, Washington, and Grand Rapids, he was interred on the grounds of the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids.

Denomination: 41-cent Commemorative

Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Designer/Art Director/Typographer:
Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, MD

Artist: Michael J. Deas, Brooklyn
Heights, NY

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

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Black, cyan, magenta, yellow, gold

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 21.336 x 36.068 mm
(image); 24.892 x 39.624 mm (overall);
151.13 x 183.896 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by five (5)
single digits

Marginal Markings: *Stamp Side:* ©2007

Trade stamps with best friends you haven't met yet.

With just a few clicks, discover a huge assortment of stamps all in one easy to visit location. And since eBay's sellers and buyers are avid collectors like you, it's like doing business with folks you already know.

To find out how easy using eBay can be, just go to:
www.ebay.com/stamps



USPS, Plate position diagram, Price, Plate numbers in four corners of pane. *Back Side:* 4 barcodes 571000, USPS logo.

James Stewart

On August 17, in Universal City, California, the USPS issued a 41-cent, James Stewart commemorative stamp in one design as the thirteenth issuance in the Legends of Hollywood stamp series. Art director Phil Jordan designed the stamp using a portrait of Stewart by Drew Struzan of Pasadena, California, who based his work on a publicity still for *The Stratton Story*. The painting on the selvage, also by Struzan, shows Stewart in *Mr. Smith Goes To Washington*, the 1939 film for which he received his first Academy Award nomination for Best Actor.

Denomination: 41-cent Commemorative
Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Series: Legends of Hollywood

Designer/Art Director/Typographygrapher: Phil Jordan, Falls Church, VA

Artist: Drew Struzan, Pasadena, CA

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset, Microprinting, "USPS"

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

Press Type: Mueller Martini, A76

Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type III

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Black, cyan, magenta, yellow

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 21.336 x 36.068 mm (image); 24.892 x 39.624 mm (overall); 215.240 x 182.093 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 4 single digits

Marginal Markings: ©2006 USPS; Header "LEGENDS OF HOLLYWOOD"; "13th IN A SERIES"; Depiction of James Stewart and biographical information on salvage; Plate block; Price; Plate numbers in 4 corners of pane; Proprietary notice; USPS logo and 4 barcodes (461100) on back of pane

Celebrate!

On August 17, in Stamford, Connecticut, the USPS issued a 41-cent, Celebrate! special stamp in one design that shows twelve colorful blocks arranged in four horizontal rows, with three blocks in each row. Each block in the top three horizontal rows contains a single letter of the alphabet, and together the blocks spell out the word "Celebrate." The three blocks in the bottom row contain an exclamation point, a star, and the denomi-

nation.

Denomination: 41-cent Special

Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Designer/Art Director: Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, MD

Artist/Typographygrapher: Nicholas Wilton, San Geronimo, CA

Modeler: Donald Woo

Manufacturing Process: Offset/

Microprinting "USPS"

Printer: Sennett Security Products/

Banknote Corp. of America, Inc., Browns Summit, NC

Press Type: Alprinta, 74

Paper Type: Phosphored tagged, Overall

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Cyan, magenta, yellow, black

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 19.05 x 26.16 mm (image); 23.11 x 30.23 mm (overall); 140.97 x 146.30 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "S" followed by 4 single digits

Marginal Markings: ©2007 USPS; Price;

Plate numbers on 4 corners of pane;

Plate position diagram; USPS logo and 4 barcodes (570500) on back of pane

The Art of Disney: Magic

On August 16, at the American Gardens Theater, Epcot Center, Walt Disney World, in Orlando, Florida, the USPS issued 41-cent, The Art of Disney: Magic commemorative stamps in four designs. The stamps honor the art of magic as imagined by Walt Disney and his studio animators, and feature Dumbo and Timothy Mouse, Peter Pan and Tinker Bell, Mickey Mouse as "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," and Aladdin and Genie.

(a) Denomination: 41-cent commemorative

Format: Pane of 20 (4 designs)

Designer: David Pacheco, Burbank, CA

Illustrator: Peter Emmerich, New York, NY

Art Director/Typographygrapher: Terrence McCaffrey, USPS, Washington, DC

Engraver: WRE ColorTech

Modeler: Avery Dennison, SPD

Manufacturing Process: Gravure

Printer: Avery Dennison (AVR), Clinton, SC

Press Type: Dia Nippon Kiko

Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Yellow, magenta, cyan, black, gray, blue

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 27.599 x 36.068 mm (image); 31.115 x 39.624 mm (overall); 180.34 x 209.55 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "V" followed by 6 single digits

Marginal Markings: *Front:* ©2006 USPS; Price; ".41 x 20=\$8.20"; Plate position diagram; Header "The Art of Disney" Magic; Tinker Bell image; Plate numbers in 4 corners of pane; "Disney Materials @ Disney." *Back:* Header "THE ART OF DISNEY: MAGIC"; Descriptive paragraph; Barcodes (569700) in 4 corners of pane; Descriptive paragraph on back of each stamp; USPS logo; Proprietary notice.

(b) Denomination: 26-cent Stamped Postal Card

Format: \$12.95 Stamped Postal Card Booklet of 20 (4 designs)

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset

Finished at: Ashton Potter Security Printers (APU)

Printed at: Sterling Sommer (Tonawanda NY)

Press Type: Heidelberg, Speedmaster

Colors: *Indicia Side:* Black, cyan, magenta, yellow. *Card Side:* Black, cyan, magenta, yellow

Sizes (w x h): 107.95 x 152.40 mm (card); 107.95 x 171.45 mm (booklet)

Marginal/Backside Markings: *Front:* Stamp design image. *Back:* ©2007 USPS; Proprietary notice; Descriptive paragraph.

Booklet Covers: *Front:* Stamps images; Tinker Bell image; "THE ART OF DISNEY MAGIC"; "20 stamped postal cards"; "4 designs"; "\$12.95." *Back:* "THE ART OF DISNEY MAGIC"; "\$12.95"; Promotional information; USPS logo; Proprietary notices; ©2007 USPS; "Item No. 896100"; "Price \$12.95"; "AIC 092"; "Package Not Suitable for Philatelic Archiving"

Another Flag Stamp

On August 15, in Washington, DC, the USPS issued a 41-cent, definitive stamp, American Flag (2007), available as a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) doublesided booklet of twenty, a PSA booklet of ten, a PSA coil of 100, a PSA coil of 3,000, and a PSA coil of 10,000.

Denomination: 41-cent Definitive

(a) Format: Convertible Booklet of 10 (1 design)

Designer/Art Director/Typographygrapher: Richard Sheaff, Scottsdale, AZ

Modeler: Joseph M. Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset/

Microprinting "USPS"

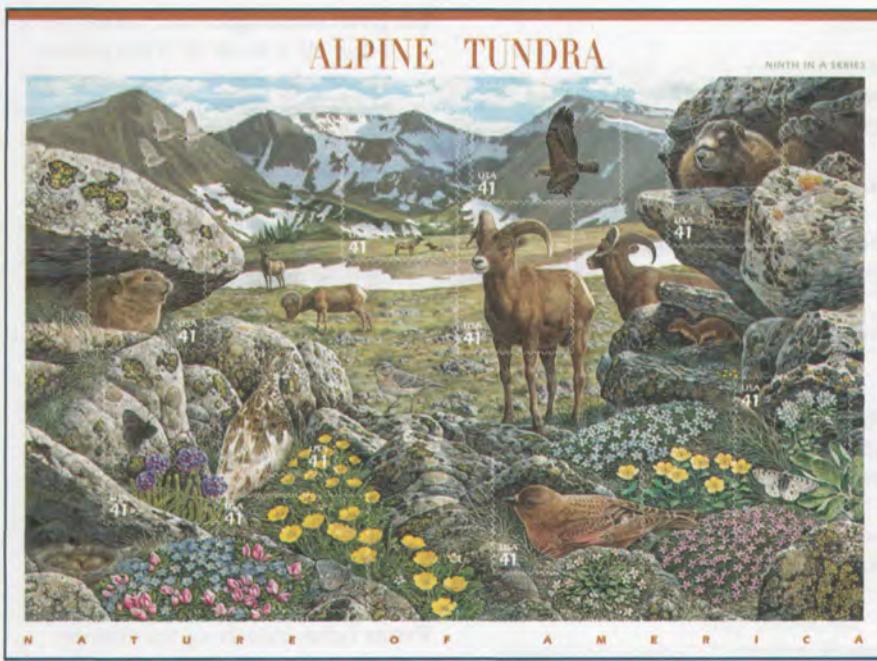
Printer: Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd., Williamsville, NY

Press Type: Mueller Martini, A76

Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type II

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: *Stamp Side:* Beige, black, blue, red,



light blue. **Cover Side:** Beige, black, blue, red

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 18.542 x 21.336 mm (image); 22.098 x 24.892 mm (overall); 44.196 x 165.10 mm (booklet)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 5 single digits

Marginal Markings: **Stamp Side:** ©2007 USPS; USPS logo; Plate numbers. **Cover Side:** Barcode (677000); Stamp image; Promotional information; "Ten 41 American Flag Self-Adhesive Stamps \$4.10"

(b) Format: Double-Sided Convertible Booklet of 20 (1 design)

Modeler: Donald Woo

Manufacturing Process: Offset/ Microprinting "USPS"

Printer: Sennett Security Products/ Banknote Corp. of America, Inc., Browns Summit, NC

Press Type: Alprinta, 74

Sizes (w x h): 18.03 x 20.83 mm (image); 22.10 x 24.89 mm (overall); 44.20 x 157.73 mm (flat booklet)

Plate Numbers: "S" followed by 5 single digits

Marginal Markings: **Stamp Side:** ©2007 USPS; Plate numbers. **Cover:** Barcode (677500); Stamp image; "Twenty 41¢"; "American Flag"; "Self-Adhesive Stamps"; "\$8.20"

(c) Format: Coil of 100 (1 design)

Press Type: Mueller Martini A76, 27

Sizes (w x h): 18.542 x 21.336 mm (image); 22.1223 x 24.892 mm (overall)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 5 single digits

Marginal Markings: Plate numbers on every 32nd stamp

(d) Format: Coil of 100 (1 design)

Modeler: Avery Dennison, SPD

Manufacturing Process: Gravure

Engraver: WRE/ColorTech

Printer: Avery Dennison (AVR), Clinton, SC

Press Type: Dia Nippon Kiko (DNK)

Paper Type: Nonphosphored, type III, (stamps, phosphor overtaged)

Sizes (w x h): 18.542 x 21.336 mm (image); 22.07 x 24.9428 mm (overall)

Colors: Beige, gray, blue, red, light blue

Plate Numbers: "V" followed by 5 single digits

Marginal Markings: Plate numbers on every 11th stamp around cylinder

(e) Format: Coil of 100 (1 design)

Modeler: Donald Woo

Manufacturing Process: Offset/ Microprinting "USPS"

Printer: Sennett Security Products/ Banknote Corp. of America, Inc., Browns Summit, NC

Press Type: Alprinta, 74

Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type II
Sizes (w x h): 18.28 x 20.57 mm (image);
22.10 x 24.38 mm (overall)

Colors: Black, beige, blue, red, light blue
Plate Numbers: "S" followed by 5 single digits

Marginal Markings: ©2007 USPS; Plate block numbers every 31 stamps

(f) Format: Coil of 3,000 (1 design)

Modeler: Avery Dennison, SPD

Manufacturing Process: Gravure

Engraver: WRE/ColorTech

Printer: Avery Dennison (AVR), Clinton, SC

Press Type: Dia Nippon Kiko

Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III

Sizes (w x h): 18.54 x 21.336 mm (image);
22.098 x 24.892 mm (overall)

Colors: Beige, gray, light blue, blue, red

Plate Numbers: "V" followed by 5 single digits

Marginal Markings: Plate numbers on every 10th stamp on coil

(g) Format: Coil of 10,000 (1 design)

Modeler: Avery Dennison, SPD

Beautiful Blooms

On August 10, at APS STAMPSHOW in Portland, Oregon, the USPS issued the

new 41-cent, Beautiful Blooms definitive stamps in ten designs that include images of flowers that may be seen across America.

Denomination: 41-cent Definitive

(a) Format: Double Sided Convertible Booklet of 20 (10 designs)

Designer/Art Director/Typographer:

Carl T. Herrman, Carlsbad, CA

Photographer: Mark Laita, Culver City, CA

Modeler: Avery Dennison, SPD

Manufacturing Process: Gravure

Engraver: WRE/Color Tech

Printer: Avery Dennison (AVR), Clinton, SC

Press Type: Dia Nippon Kiko (DNK)

Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type I

Adhesive Type: Pressure-Sensitive

Colors: Stamp Side: Yellow, magenta, cyan, black. Cover Side: Yellow, magenta, cyan, black, green

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 18.541 x 21.336 mm (image); 22.098 x 24.892 mm (overall); 139.7 x 49.784 mm (booklet)

Plate Numbers: "V" followed by 4 single digits

Marginal Markings: Stamp Side: ©2007 USPS in peel strip area; Plate numbers in peel strip area. Cover Side: Barcode (677200); "Beautiful Blooms"; Stamp image; Price; "Twenty 41¢ Self-adhesive Stamps"; "10 DIFFERENT DESIGNS"

(b) Format: Coil of 100 (10 designs)

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset

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

Press Type: Mueller Martini, A76

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 4 single digits

Marginal Markings: Plate numbers on every 30th stamp

Louis Comfort Tiffany

On August 9, at APS STAMPSHOW in Portland, Oregon, the USPS issued a 41-cent, Louis Comfort Tiffany commemorative stamp in one design as the seventh issuance in the American Treasures stamp series. The image is a memorial window (*Magnolias and Irises*, ca. 1908) designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany (American, 1848–1933).



SCHIFF AUCTIONS



Auctioneers of U.S., Worldwide Stamps, and Postal History
— Serving Philatelists Since 1947 —



Whether YOU are selling individual stamps and covers or an entire collection, please contact us. We have been serving collectors as buyers

and sellers since 1947. Put our experience to work for YOU. We will assist YOU in deciding which is best for YOU — to sell directly to us, by private treaty, or through our "Especially for Specialists"® auctions. Call or write to describe your material before sending. Be sure to include your address and telephone number. Our brochure "How to Auction Your Stamps and Covers" FREE upon receipt of your SSAE.

— Jacques C. Schiff, Jr. Inc. —

195 Main Street
Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660 USA
Telephone: 201-641-5566
FAX: 201-641-5705
Licensed & Bonded Auctioneer



Catalogues picked up at our office or AMERISTAMP EXPO are complimentary.

CATALOGUES

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1 Year with Prices Realized | \$10.00 |
| 1 Year Catalogues only | \$7.50 |
| 1 Catalogue with Prices Realized | \$1.50 |
| 1 Catalogue only | \$1.00 |

N. America	Overseas
Address	Address
\$18.00	\$18.00
\$15.00	\$2.50
\$2.00	\$2.00

Visit with us at
AMERISTAMP EXPO
January 11–13, 2008
Booth 405

Denomination: 41-cent Commemorative

Format: Doublesided Booklet of 20 (1 design)

Series: American Treasures

Existing Art by: Louis Comfort Tiffany

Designer/Art Director/Typographygrapher:

Derry Noyes, Washington, DC

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset/
Microprinting "USPS"

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

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Press Type: Mueller Martini, A76

Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type I

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Cover Side: Cream, cyan, magenta, yellow, black. Stamp Side: Cream, cyan, magenta, yellow, black

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 21.336 x 36.068 mm
(image); 24.892 x 39.624 mm (overall);
156.972 x 79.248 mm (flat booklet)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 5 single digits

Marginal Markings: Stamps Side: N/A.

Cover Side: ©2006 USPS; Plate numbers;
Header "AMERICAN TREASURES";
Barcode (676900); "LOUIS COMFORT
TIFFANY" Stamp image; "Seventh in
a Series"; "Twenty 41¢ Self-adhesive
Stamps"; Price

Alpine Tundra

A commemorative sheet of 41-cent Alpine Tundra stamps in ten designs was issued by the U.S. Postal Service August 8, in ceremonies at the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center in Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado. The Alpine Tundra stamps are the ninth in the Nature of America series designed to promote appreciation of major plant and animal communities in the United States. To illustrate the diversity of life associated with the alpine tundra, artist John D. Dawson of Hilo, Hawaii, depicted more than twenty-four animal and plant species in his beautiful acrylic painting.

Denomination: \$4.10 Commemorative Sheet

Format: Pane of 10 (10 designs)

Series: Nature of America

Artist: John D. Dawson, Hilo, HI

Designer/Art Director/Typographygrapher:

Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, MD

Modeler: Donald Woo

Manufacturing Process: Offset

Printer: Sennett Security Products/
Banknote Corp. of America, Inc.,

Browns Summit, NC

Press Type: Alprinta, 74

Paper Type: Phosphored tagged, Block

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Cyan, magenta, yellow, black,
brown

Stamp Orientation: Horizontal and
Vertical

Sizes (w x h): Horizontal 39.62 x 31.24
mm (overall); Vertical 31.24 x 39.62 mm
(overall); 171.45 x 231.90 mm (pane)

Marginal Markings: Front: Header "Alpine
Tundra," "NINTH IN A SERIES."
Back: Illustrative diagram and
descriptive text, Header, ©2006,
Barcode 461300, "NATURE OF
AMERICA."

Purple Heart Definitive Reissued

On August 7, in Washington, DC, the USPS issued a 41-cent, Purple Heart definitive stamp in one design in a pressure-sensitive adhesive pane of twenty.

Denomination: 41-cent Definitive

Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Designer/Art Director/Typographygrapher:

Carl T. Herrman, Carlsbad, CA

Photographer: Ira Wexler, Bethesda, MD

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset/
Microprint "USPS"

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

Press Type: Stevens, Vari-size Security
Press

Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type II

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Black, cyan, magenta, yellow

Stamp Orientation: Vertical

Sizes (w x h): 18.542 x 21.336mm (image);
22.098 x 24.892 mm (overall); 135.890 x
125.222 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 4 single digits

Marginal Markings: ©2003 USPS; Price;
Plate numbers; Header "Purple Heart
The Medal for the Combat Wounded";
Plate position diagram; Barcode
(107400) on reverse of pane in 4
corners; USPS logo on back of pane

Vintage Speedboats Cruise

On August 4, in Clayton, New York, the U.S. Postal Service issued 41-cent, Vintage Mahogany Speedboats commemorative stamps in four designs. The stamps feature photographs of a 1915 Hutchinson Brothers Launch; a 1931 Gar Wood triple cockpit runabout; a 1939 Hacker-Craft; and a 1954 Chris-

Craft Racing Runabout.

Denomination: 41-cent Commemorative

Format: Pane of 12 (4 Designs)

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

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset

Printer: Ashton Potter Security Printers,
Williamsville, NY

Press Type: Mueller Martini, A76

Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Cyan, magenta, yellow, black

Stamp Orientation: Square

Sizes (w x h): 27.559 x 27.559 mm
(image); 31.115 x 31.115 mm (overall);
143.327 x 174.622 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 4 single digits

Marginal Markings: Front: ©2006 USPS;
Header "VINTAGE MAHOGANY
SPEEDBOATS"; Barcode (461800).
Back: USPS Logo; Copyright date; Plate
position diagram; Price.

Marvel Super Heroes

On July 26, 2007, in San Diego, California, the Postal Service issued 41-cent, Marvel Super Heroes commemorative stamps in 20 designs. The Marvel Super Heroes stamps will be available in a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) pane of 20 and a booklet of 20 stamped postal cards.

With these twenty colorful stamps, the Postal Service salutes several stars from the world of Marvel Comics. For decades, Super Heroes have been nearly synonymous with the comic book medium; their adventures provide an escape from the everyday and demonstrate that individuals can make a difference. Ten of the stamps on this pane show covers of classic comic books devoted to the exploits of Marvel Super Heroes; the remaining ten stamps show portraits of individual characters.

(a) Denomination: 41-cent
Commemorative

Format: Pane of 20 (20 designs)

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

Engraver: WRE ColorTech

Modeler: Avery Dennison, SPD

Manufacturing Process: Gravure

Printer: Avery Dennison (AVR),
Clinton, SC

Press Type: Dia Nippon Kiko (DNK)

Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive
Colors: Yellow, magenta, cyan, black, grey
Stamp Orientation: Vertical
Sizes (w x h): 27.599 x 36.068 mm
(image); 31.115 x 39.624 mm (overall);
173.99 x 196.85 mm (full pane)

Plate Numbers: "V" followed by 5 single digits

Marginal Markings: Front: ©2006 USPS;
Price ".41 x 20=\$8.20"; Plate position
diagram; Header "MARVEL COMICS
SUPER HEROES"; Plate numbers in 2
corners on bottom of pane; "Chapter
Two." Back: Barcode (461400) in right
corner of pane; Descriptive paragraph
on back of each stamp; USPS Logo;
Proprietary notice

(b) Denomination: 26-cent Stamped
Postal Card

Format: \$12.95 Stamped Postal Card
Booklet of 20 (20 Designs)

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset

Finished at: Ashton Potter Security
Printers (APU)

Printed at: Sterling Sommer
(Tonawanda NY)

Press Type: Heidelberg

Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III

Processed at: Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd.

Colors: Indicia Side: Black, cyan,
magenta, yellow. Card Side: Black,
cyan, magenta, yellow

Sizes (w x h): 107.95 x 152.40 mm
(card); 107.95 x 171.45 mm (booklet)

Marginal Markings: Card Front: Stamp
Design Image. Card Back: ©2007
USPS; Proprietary notices; Descriptive
paragraph. Booklet Cover Front: Stamp
image; "Marvel Super Heroes"; "20
Stamped Postal Cards"; "20 Unique
Designs"; "\$12.95." Booklet Cover
Back: "20 Stamped Postal Cards";
"20 Unique Designs"; "\$12.95";
"marvel super heroes"; Promotional
information; USPS Logo; Proprietary
notices; "Item No.896000"; "Price
\$12.95"; "AIC 092"; "Package Not
Suitable for Philatelic Archiving"

The British Commonwealth of Nations



We are active buyers and sellers of stamps
and postal history of all areas of pre-1960 Brit-
ish Commonwealth, including individual items,
collections or estates.

Want lists from all reigns are accepted
with references.

L.W. Martin Jr.
CROWN COLONY STAMPS

P.O. Box 1198 • Bellaire, Texas 77402 • Phone: 713-781-6563
Fax: 713-789-9998 • E-mail: lwm@crowncolony.com



Visit our booth at
most major shows!



Worldwide Public Auctions

Collections, Topicals, Large Lots,
Better Singles, Covers
Send for our latest catalogue.

IT'S FREE!

Robert E. Lippert

18121 Eight Mile Rd., Suite 321
Eastpointe, MI 48021
E-mail: ric@relippert.com
Phone: 586-776-8990 Fax: 586-776-8815

★ WANTED! ★ UNITED STATES STAMPS AND ERRORS — TOP \$\$\$!

U.S. & WW Wanted
Get your highest offer then call us
toll free or send to...

TROPICAL STAMPS INC.

5170 N. Federal Hwy., #2
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308-3814
All U.S. Wanted — Any Amount \$
800-634-0666 or 954-351-9794



RICHARD FRIEDBERG STAMPS



Buyers & sellers of great U.S. revenue
stamps for more than 30 years.

Let us help you build
your collection!

310 Chestnut St. • Meadville, PA 16335
Phone: 814-724-5824 • FAX: 814-337-8940
E-Mail: richard@friedbergstamps.com
Website: www.friedbergstamps.com

COMPUTERIZE YOUR STAMP COLLECTION WITH...

The Stamp Collectors Data Base

- Now on CD-ROM • Runs on all versions of Windows • Current Pricing
- Yearly Catalogue Updates • 7,900+ Stamps based on U.S. Scott™ Catalogue
- 3,500+ Images with Scott™ Numbers • Plus many other features!

\$85

\$85 package comes with U.S. Data Base.
\$149 package "Take It All" includes all our data bases.

(+ \$5.50 postage)

Additional Data Bases Available: Canada, Cuba, Gr. Britain,
Israel, Italy, Russia, Spain, United Nations, Vatican City.



Order: Toll-Free 800-321-SCDB
or online at www.scdbsoft.com
SCDB Software, Inc. • Roger S. Edelman
8025 Thornley Ct., Bethesda, MD 20817



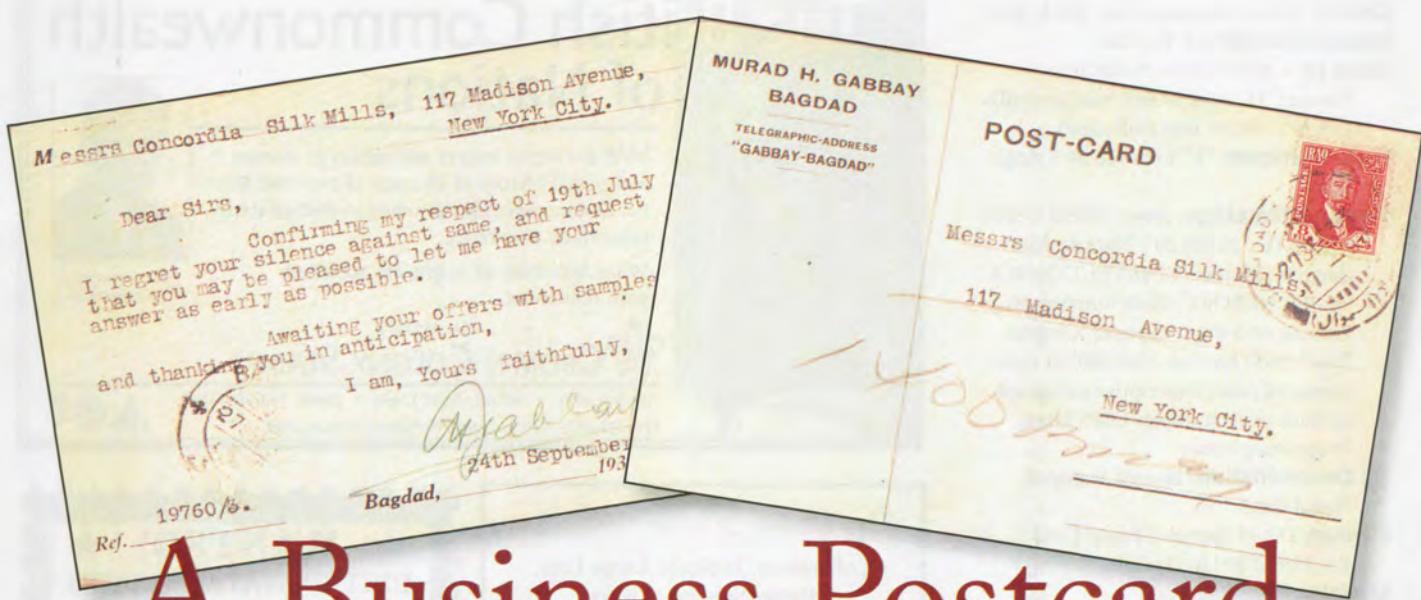
OUR STOCK ONLINE!



antoniotorres.com

Get better World Postal History and stamps of
USA, MEXICO, SPAIN & PORTUGAL,
BRAZIL & ARGENTINA, SIAM & MACAO
and more just FROM HOME!!!!

Antonio M. Torres
[www.antoniotorres.com](http://antoniotorres.com)
e-mail: TorresUK@aol.com



A Business Postcard from Iraq

by Charles A. Fricke

Going through a box of postally used postcards dating from World War II and later many times offers the collector an opportunity to see things from a different perspective. Most of the postcards to be found in such a box are picture postcards sent by tourists to friends and family back home. It is more rare to find postcards used for business purposes.

The business postcard shown was mailed from Iraq in 1933. Franked with an 8-fil stamp (Scott 48) to pay the UPU first class postcard rate to the United States, the card was postmarked in Bagdad on November 27, 1933, with a Bagdad/SOR marking of the same date. The stamp features the likeness of King Faisal I, which marked a special page in Iraqi history.

Once the heart of the great civilization of Mesopotamia, Iraq became part of the Ottoman Empire in the sixteenth century, a status it would retain until the end of World War I, when it became a League of Nations mandated territory under British control, known as the State of Iraq. The monarchy of King Faisal I was created when he received 96 percent vote in a 1921 plebiscite organized by the British government. On October 3, 1932, Iraq regained its indepen-

dent status. It would remain a kingdom until 1958, when the monarchy was overthrown by a military coup.

The postcard shown was mailed by Murad H. Gabbay to the Concordia Silk Mills in New York City. It was a followup request to an earlier one asking for samples from the company:

Confirming my respect of 19th July I regret your silence against same, and request that you may be pleased to let me have your answer as early as possible.

Awaiting your offers with samples, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Yours faithfully,
M.H. Gabbay

The request is a model of politeness mailed from a country that had won its independence a scant nine months earlier.

The Author

Charles A. Fricke has received the APS Luff Award for distinguished philatelic research and has been inducted into the APS Writers Unit 30 Hall of Fame. He continues to enjoy research and writing on unusual philatelic items.

• By Car • By Plane • By Bus • • By Train • By Boat •



We Want
To Buy!!

We Want
To Visit!!

HAVE TONGS, WILL TRAVEL!!

"SELLING A STAMP COLLECTION SHOULD BE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE."

The "BEST SALE" is when the buyer will personally visit your city and view your collection. The dealers listed will travel to "any city" to view appropriate holdings.

UNFORTUNATELY many collections in the \$2,000 to \$20,000 range do not economically justify the time and expense for a professional buyer to travel long distances to personally view your collection.

WE OFFER A SOLUTION: Each dealer listed has designated a state, and region, he will make every effort to personally visit. Contact that dealer direct and discuss your collection and options. If your state is not listed, contact the closest dealer, or a dealer of your choice.

YOUR GUARANTEE: While each dealer listed is an independently owned business, all are members of either the ASDA or the APS (most are both), insuring fairness and integrity in purchasing your collection.

IF YOU LIVE IN: WRITE OR CALL:

New York, Connecticut, Maryland, or New Jersey: Legion Stamps, Inc. Marvin Frey 1000 Park Blvd., Suite 209 Massapequa Park, NY 11762 Phone: 516-882-9345 Fax: 516-882-9005 Toll Free: 866-882-9345 bellphilat@aol.com

Arizona, Colorado B.J.'s Stamps 6342 West Bell Road Glendale, AZ 85308 Phone: 623-878-2080 Fax: 623-412-3456 Coins also wanted.

Northern Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, South/ North Dakota or Western Missouri: Stamps 'N Stuff Jerry & Barb Koepp 8190 Hickman Road Des Moines, IA 50325-4405 Phone: 515-331-4307 Orders: 800-999-5964 Fax: 515-331-4957

Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, or Tennessee: Randy Scholl Stamp Co. 7460 Jager Court Cincinnati, OH 45230 Phone: 513-624-6800

IF YOU LIVE IN:

Northern California, Oregon, or Washington: Stanley M. Piller & Associates 800 S. Broadway, Suite 201 Walnut Creek, CA 94596 (P.O. Box 559, Alamo, CA 94507) Phone: 925-938-8290 Fax: 925-938-8812 STMPDLR@aol.com

Southern California: Quality Philatelics Newport Harbor Stamp P.O. Box 2871 Newport Beach, CA 92663 Phone: 866-963-3258 (Glen) Phone: 800-722-1022 (Dave)

Massachusetts, Eastern Connecticut, New Hampshire, or Vermont: Suburban Stamp, Inc. Larry Bustillo P.O. Box 715 176 Worthington Street Springfield, MA 01101 Phone: 413-785-5348 Fax: 413-746-3788

Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, or Louisiana: Hunt & Co. 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 314 Austin, TX 78758 Toll Free: 800-458-5745 Fax: (512) 837-9904 E-mail: sellinfo@huntstamps.com

IF YOU LIVE IN:

Wisconsin, Northern Florida, Southern Florida, or Canada: Dr. Robert Friedman & Sons Phone: 800-588-8100 Fax: 630-985-1588 drbobstamps@yahoo.com www.drbobfriedmanstamps.com Coins also wanted.

Pennsylvania, Delaware, or Virginia: The Excelsior Collection Phone: 1-800-285-8076 E-mail: excelsiorcol@aol.com

North Carolina, South Carolina or Georgia: Randall T. Scribner PRM Enterprises, Inc. 4110 French Fields Ln. Harrisburg, NC 28075 Phone: (704) 575-2795 E-mail: scrib1@ctc.net Coins also wanted

Eastern Missouri, Southern Illinois, Mississippi, or Alabama: Bison Stamp and Coin Company P. Paul Albano 2006 North Truman Blvd. Crystal City, MO 63019-1021 Phone: (314) 283-0135 E-mail: ppa@bisonstamps.com



SPECIALS BUY & SELL OFFERS!

*Please give us a chance to make an offer on your material!!
"Continuing to Exceed Your Expectations!"*



711
Superb 98
Mint NH, PSE Cert.
Special \$375.



820
GEM 100!, Mint NH.
PSE Certificate.
Special \$950.



C30
Superb 98, Mint NH.
PSE Certificate.
Special \$350.



FA1
Superb 98, Mint NH.
PSE Certificate.
Special \$210.



PS8
Superb 98, Mint NH.
PSE Certificate.
Special \$550.

Incredible Airmail Special! 120 Different!

120 Airmail Stamps including

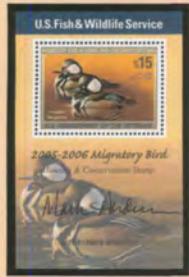
50¢ Zeppelin issue!! All Mint NH.

120 of the 141 U.S. Airmail stamps issued since 1918! The group begins with the map issues of 1926, C7-9, and includes the Charles Lindbergh issue of 1927; the beacon issue of 1928; the winged globe issue of 1930; the 50¢ Zeppelin issue of 1933; the Trans-Pacific issues of 1935; the seven-stamp large transport plane set of WWII; the Amelia Earhart issue; Hawaii; UPU; Man on the Moon; Olympic Air Post; Special Delivery and many more!



120 Stamps total! Only \$199.95

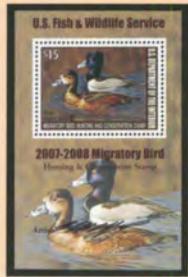
Duck Stamp Mini-Sheets



1,000 Issued
RW72b F-VF NH \$1,750.
RW72b XF NH with
PSE Cert..... \$2,475.



10,000 Issued
RW73b F-VF NH one sig ... \$165.
RW73b F-VF NH two sig ... \$235.



10,000 Issued
RW74b F+ NH \$115.
RW74b VF+ NH \$155.
RW74b XF NH \$185.

Call for availability of Graded and Certified examples.



BUYING

Solid VF NH. Certificates preferred.

414.....	\$ 85.	421.....	\$ 675.	479.....	\$ 350.	547.....	\$ 225.
415.....	100.	422.....	400.	480.....	300.	571.....	50.
416.....	85.	423.....	800.	523.....	850.	572.....	100.
417.....	90.	477.....	1,700.	524.....	300.	573.....	175.
420	200.	478.....	1,350.				



Postage 60¢ and up – Scrap OK – 88% until needs are met!

Fastest Check in the West!

Visit our Web Sites

shpauctions.com

Current auctions posted;
prices realized on prior
sales.

shduck.com

Federal, state, errors,
conservation, fishing
stamps, albums and
frames to display stamps.

Also on
stampwants.com

shpgraded.com

Thousands of Certified
and Graded stamps.
New postings weekly.

shopstamps.com

U.S. Year Sets from 1926
forward, airmails, albums,
mounts and supplies.

shpbuy.com

Some sample buying
prices listed.

Call today! 1-800-231-5926

*Sam Houston Philatelics
The Leader in Collectible Duck Stamps*

Bob Dumaine – APS Life, ASDA
P.O. Box 820087, Houston, TX 77282
281-493-6386 • 1-800-231-5926

We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Amex.
Add \$1.50 s&h. TX residents please add 8.25% sales tax.

A Rare Issue For Stamp Lovers

Apply Today!

American Philatelic Society



The Card of Choice!

Visit www.stamps.org, or Call 1-800-853-5576, ext. 8582
Make your mark — support the APS with this rewarding card.

- No annual fee
- 0% introductory APR for six months†
- No balance transfer fees for six months†
- Every purchase benefits the American Philatelic Society

†The introductory rate does not apply to cash advances and is valid for six months unless the account goes delinquent or over the limit. U.S. Bank allocates your payments to lower APRs first. We may change the terms, including APRs and fees, in accordance with the agreement and applicable law.



Year-End Giving

As the holidays approach and you are planning your year-end giving, don't forget the American Philatelic Society, the American Philatelic Research Library, and the Campaign for Philately. Our members have always been very generous with donations and pledges. Your continued support creates a solid foundation for the future of the hobby.

Whether you donate cash, stamp collections, or philatelic literature, your gifts are extremely helpful. Your 2007 donations will enable us to:

- continue with the renovations to the American Philatelic Center
- respond to needs and opportunities identified by our member survey
- support the Young Stamp Collectors of America and other youth-oriented programs
- add material to the Library shelves
- promote stamp collecting
- improve membership services

Your contributions, large or small, are very important and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Name: _____ APS No. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Please accept \$ _____ toward my pledge of \$ _____ to be paid over _____ years.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

Form of Payment: Check MasterCard/Visa

Money Order (*Checks/money orders should be made payable to: APS/APRL*)

Card No. _____ • _____ • _____ • _____

Expiration Date: _____ • _____ V-Code: _____ (*last three digits on the reverse side of the card*)

Signature _____ Date _____

Within the Campaign for Philately, you have the option to direct your gift.

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The American Philatelic Society | <input type="checkbox"/> The American Philatelic Research Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The APC Building Program | <input type="checkbox"/> The Gordon and Mary Morison Pavilion | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APS Tiffany Endowment Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> APRL Endowment Fund | <i>Contact APS for other Designations/Naming Opportunities.</i> |

All gifts receive written acknowledgment. Donors also are listed in the annual recognition issue of *The American Philatelist*.

- Please check here if you wish this gift to remain anonymous. Please contact me about planned giving opportunities.
 I would like to include APS/APRL in my will. Please contact me about how to make a bequest.

Mail your contribution to: American Philatelic Society, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823-1367

**For more information on donations, naming opportunities, planned giving, and bequests
contact Peter Mastrangelo at 814-933-3803 or pcm@stamps.org**

*The American Philatelic Society and American Philatelic Research Library have non-profit tax-exempt status under IRS Section 501(c)3.
No goods or services will be provided in exchange for your gift.*