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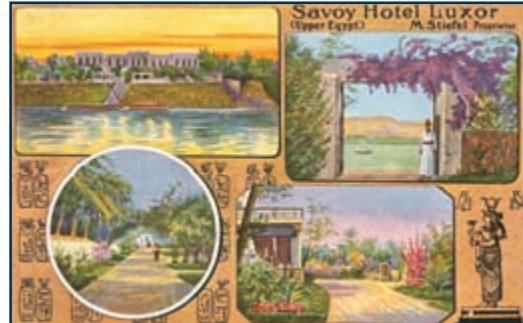


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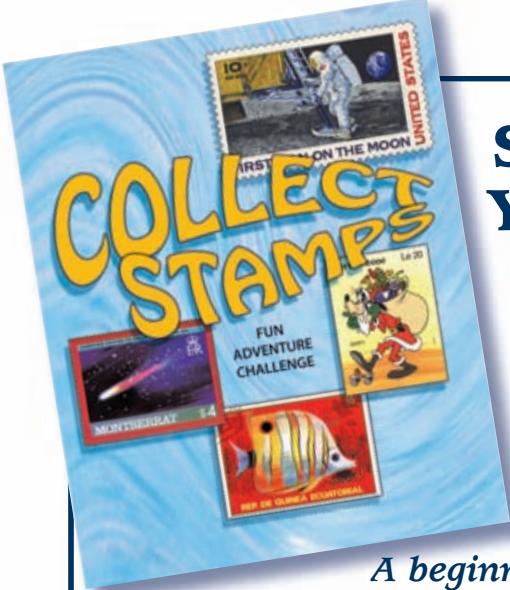
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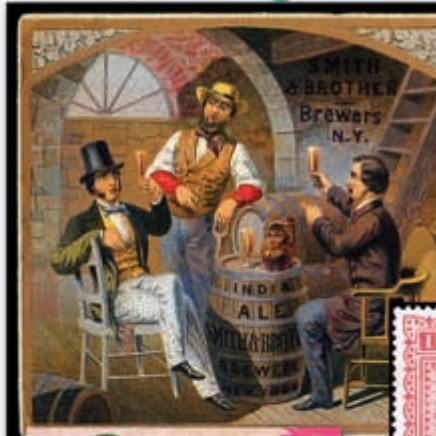
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Our open-ended challenge to you, as an APS member, is to commit yourself this year to adding a fresh perspective, a new activity, or another outlet for the hobby to your repertoire. Our goal is to broaden your experience and enjoyment of the hobby. We want you to choose a challenge that encourages you to make the most of your talents, and stimulates new awareness of the vast world of philately.

In practical terms, what can you do?

If you're a dyed-in-the-wool collector of *U.S. stamps only*, try collecting a *foreign country*. The nearest neighbors of the United States, Canada and Mexico, are readily accessible and affordable to collect, especially used post-World War II issues. Or collect stamps from a land that reflects your family's ancestry, stamps of a country you enjoyed visiting on a honeymoon or other vacation, or the issues of any foreign nation that intrigues you. (One APS member started collecting

1879–1918 Bosnia & Herzegovina because, when he was a kid, he thought "they looked like stamps Count

Dracula would have used on his mail.")

If you only collect stamps by *country*, make this the year to try a *topic*. Again, there are literally hundreds from which to choose. Some people collect stamps related to their profession (medicine or teaching) or a favorite hobby (railroads or sailboats). Others select topics for their beauty (flowers or wildlife) or their importance (space flight or American history). You can even collect the rarities you've always wanted to own by collecting "stamps on stamps."

Make *yourself* the topic of your new collection. Search attics and storage areas for old family correspondence. Look for stamps that highlight events and activities in your life and cancels of places where you have lived or visited. Be sure to include your favorite past times — sports, music, theater and the arts, travel, reading, etc. This kind of collection can involve the whole family. Mini-collections can be started for each member of the family. What a great gift idea! The sky is the limit. Create a modest budget and see how far you can stretch it.

You can also make 2008 the Year of the Collector by making this the year:

- You mentor a child in the fundamentals of the stamp hobby.
- You make your first simple sixteen-page, single-frame exhibit.



- You try an APS service that you have never used — StampStore, sales circuits, expertizing, Quick I.D., or the Library.
- You attend a local stamp show. Or better yet, come to the APS show in Hartford, Connecticut, August 14–17.
- You get involved with your local stamp club (or start one).
- You take a course.
- You tackle that article that you've always been meaning to write.
- You expand your album from stamps to postal cards and stamped envelopes.
- You make an exhibit on stamp collecting for the display case at your local public library.
- You contact your local scout troop and volunteer to be an advisor in helping the youngsters discover the hobby and get their merit badges.
- You create an album for those special covers you seem to buy at every show — covers that have been tucked away in plastic sleeves for so long.
- You resolve, once and for all, to finally get all your philatelic material — want lists, duplicates, stock books and the rest — in order.

Okay, that last suggestion clearly went too far — but you get the idea. Choose the challenge that is the best fit for you, or one we didn't think to include in this list. Making 2008 the Year of the Collector can help you reinvigorate your long-standing interest in stamps and postal history, and renew your enjoyment of philately. You have nothing to lose, and you may gain a great new attitude on our grand old hobby. Above all, remember, stamp collecting is supposed to be fun!

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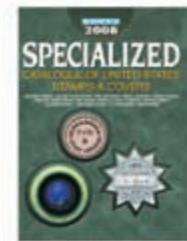
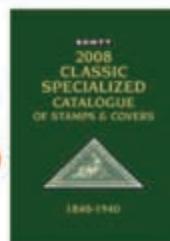
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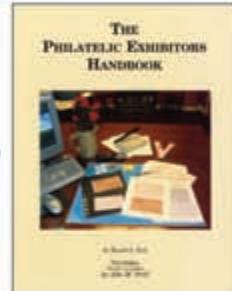
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The October *American Philatelist* included a letter from a reader discussing the benefits of stamp collecting, including the educational value to kids. I can attest to that with many examples from my own school days.

One goes back to when I first started collecting. The definitive stamps in use then were the 1938 presidential series (the "prexies"). Soon thereafter in school we took up learning the order of U.S. presidents. This was easy for me, because I already knew the complete order, via my knowing the name of the president associated with each denomination of the prexies.

Another example is geography. I came across a stamp from Serbia, but could not find it on the map. That led me to the encyclopedia where I learned that it had been a country (and of course now is one again!) and was where World War I began.

Dick McLane

Springfield, Illinois

## Counterfeit Coil?

My comment concerns the article by Allen Kane, "Part II of the Benjamin K. Miller Collection on Display" article (November AP, page 1030). I know it would be astounding if I'm correct and I have only been a stamp collector since the Truman administration. But if that

"Orangeburg" coil pair illustrated is not a perfect example of a perf trim counterfeit, I've never seen one — and as an often swindled eBay user I've seen many. The patent irregularity of the bottom margin supports my belief. Of course, there may be other evidence such as perf size, watermarks, toga button patterns, etc., that proves its genuineness, but it certainly looks questionable and I would be very surprised if I'm the only reader who queries this.

John Cooney  
Graham, Washington

## Soldier's Letter

I was interested to read the letter from Heinz J. Heinemann in the November *American Philatelist* concerning the postcard from a British soldier in Egypt to his father ("Help from Readers?" page 972).

Firstly, the British Army had been stationed permanently in Egypt since the 1880s and Egypt was at the time of the First World War a British Protectorate. So the card does not necessarily have anything to do with the war specifically.

Also, the only date stamp I can see clearly on the card appears to be dated 1921 (the top two cancellations appear to be from what was probably an army post office at the location of the soldier's unit, and the other, clearly dated, is

from the civilian post office in Alexandria) when the 5-millieme red Egyptian stamp was still current.

There were, to the best of my knowledge, no special postal privileges for British servicemen in Egypt at that time, certainly not "Free."

The boxed "T" is a long-standing UPU-designated indicator of underpaid postage (still used today in some countries).

What the correct postage for a card from Egypt to UK was at that time I am not sure, although the rate within the British Empire, which included Egypt, was certainly no more than 1d and may even have been only one halfpenny.

So I am afraid the meaning of the "twopence halfpenny I.S.C." handstamp is a mystery to me as well, although I suspect that it does indicate the amount of Postage Due. But why? An interesting bit of research for someone.

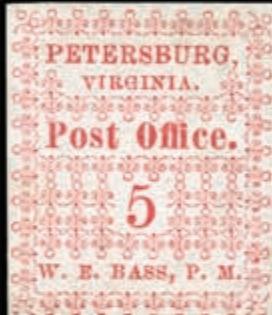
Peter F.J. Rodriguez  
Wanganui, New Zealand

## Transvaal Errors

Having lived in southern Africa, I really enjoyed the story by Lou David Allen in the November 2007 issue "A British Baby Born in the Transvaal" (page 1013). However, there are two errors in the article. The word "kopje" is not Afrikaans, but Dutch, and was taken into southern African English (see

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7 OED at 530 (2d ed .1989)). The word does not mean crest; it means small hill. Also, the statement "after the Union of South Africa was formed on May 31, 1910, stamps from other countries were sent where needed ..." is incorrect. When the Union was formed out of the British colonies of the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, the Transvaal, and the Orange River Colony, all of the stamps for each colony became valid throughout the Union. That is why the change of name document from the Transvaal bears a stamp from Natal. Stamps from other countries were not used.

Earle A. Partington  
Honolulu, Hawaii

## Postal Situation Resolved

I read with great interest the letter from Robert L. Geary ("End of Approval Service") in the November 2007 issue of *The American Philatelist*, because I had a similar disagreement about postal charges at my local post office. The purpose of this letter is to explain how I resolved the situation amicably through a course of

action that is available to all postal customers.

For several years, I have sold stamps on eBay and, therefore, understand the importance of being familiar with the various postage rates. So, when a new rate schedule was announced last spring, I accessed the USPS website, read through the changes that would become effective on July 15, and learned about the new "nonmachinable" category. The mail to my customers usually falls into that category because I place a stiffener in the envelopes to protect the stamps and, also, stamp "Do Not Bend" on the envelope. Such items are supposed to be charged the first class rate according to weight plus a 17-cent surcharge unless they have dimensions larger than specifically listed standards.

Before I continue my narrative, I feel compelled to interject that I visit my local post office several times a week to mail orders to my eBay customers. Over the years, I have developed friendly relationships with most of the window staff and I am on a first-name basis with most of them. Therefore, I was in a real quandary

when I presented one of the clerks with a 6 x 9 inch nonmachinable envelope and was told that it was considered a package. Further, he stated that *any* envelope stamped "Do Not Bend" is nonmachinable and because of that is considered a parcel regardless of the size. I questioned what he told me, but did not press the issue because he was supposed to know the rates better than I. However, I did go home and take another look at the rate schedule but I found no support for the clerk's statement. I even measured the envelopes I use to make sure they are small enough to qualify for the first class rate.

The next time I had a similar item to mail, I presented the envelope to a different clerk and was given the same misinformation. That told me that the problem was not confined to one clerk and maybe the whole staff was misinformed. They were not just overcharging me but also any other customer with similar items.

When once again I had an eBay item to mail, I took it to a post office in a neighboring town and was quoted the correct rate. That was when I realized



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that I needed to find a way to correct the error at the local office without offending my friends. The path to resolving the situation presented itself when I found a form on the USPS website that allows postal customers to submit questions about any aspect of the USPS. I used that form to ask if the local clerks were correct in stating that *any* envelope stamped "Do Not Bend" is considered parcel post mail. The reply I received the following day told me that the clerks were *not* correct.

I typed a polite note and mailed it to the postmaster, along with a copy of my question and the answer I had received. Needless to say, I was given an interesting greeting on my next visit to the post office. The clerks apologized and thanked me for correcting their error. The postmaster came out of her office and explained that she and the entire window staff had attended a meeting where the new rates were explained in detail. Unfortunately, the presenter had given them the incorrect information about that portion of

the rate schedule. She also told me that my letter had prompted her to call her regional supervisor who confirmed my information. The supervisor contacted the other offices in the region to be sure that they had the correct information.

Since that time, all of the clerks have charged the correct postage on my non-machinable envelopes and my friendships have been preserved.

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# Newspaper Receipt Books in Canada and the United States

A spectacular usage of the high value Canadian 1897 Diamond Jubilee stamps paying newspaper postage appeared on the Postal History Society of Canada's website last Fall ([www.postalhistorycanada.org/int\\_nbh.htm](http://www.postalhistorycanada.org/int_nbh.htm)). These receipts for mailing *The Toronto Globe* brought to mind a similar procedure for mailing newspapers in the United States. While publishers in both countries took their newspapers to their local post office to be weighed and these paid the appropriate postage with stamps affixed to and canceled in receipt books, there were differences in the procedures.

The small American newspaper stamps (Scott PR9-PR125) were introduced January 1, 1875, when the U.S. Post Office finally realized that collecting postage from newspaper publishers would be much more efficient than collecting postage from the subscribers. Instead of collecting postage on newspapers at every post office in the nation, under this sweeping reform of second class rates and procedures, only the post

offices at which publishers mailed second class materials were collecting postage on magazines and newspapers. For the 1880 Census, the Post Office counted more than 812 million newspapers and 40 million magazines handled in the mail. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, nearly \$1.4 million was collected from the sale of newspaper stamps at only 4,821 post offices. These being just under 11 percent of the 44,512 post offices in operation that year. More than 71 percent of the newspaper postage was collected in only fifteen cities, with New York contributing more than 27 percent of the total.<sup>1</sup> Prior to issuing newspaper stamps there also had been concern that not all of the newspaper postage collected actually was being remitted to the Post Office Department. Now, most of the newspaper postage would be collected at salaried presidential offices, rather than at fourth class post offices, where postmasters were paid a commission on their collections.

Beginning with the Post Office Act of 1792, Congress subsidized postal



Scott PR9.

rates for newspapers from the belief that widespread access to information was crucial to the functioning of a democracy. Until 1873, editors were permitted to exchange newspapers with other editors postage free, thus providing a national dissemination of news. From 1851 until 1962, except for a brief period in 1873-1874, weekly newspapers mailed within their county of publication were postage free, if not addressed to a carrier office. Consequently, publishers paid postage only on newspapers delivered by carrier in their county of publication, or those mailed to addresses outside the county of publication.<sup>2</sup>

After 1875, for newspapers on which postage was required, the rates were based on the gross weight of each mailing, not the individual pieces, without regard to distance. The rate was two cents per pound for those published weekly or more frequently; for those published less frequently than weekly, the rate was three cents per pound. On May 1, 1879, the frequency distinction was dropped and all periodicals went for the two cents per pound rate. The rate was reduced to one cent per pound on July 1, 1885; this rate remained in effect until long after



On June 29, 1897, page 71 of the *Toronto Globe* newspaper receipt book records a payment of \$22.08 for mailing 2,208 pounds of newspapers. The stamps used were two \$5, one \$4, two \$3, one \$2, and one 8-cent, from the just issued commemoratives marking Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

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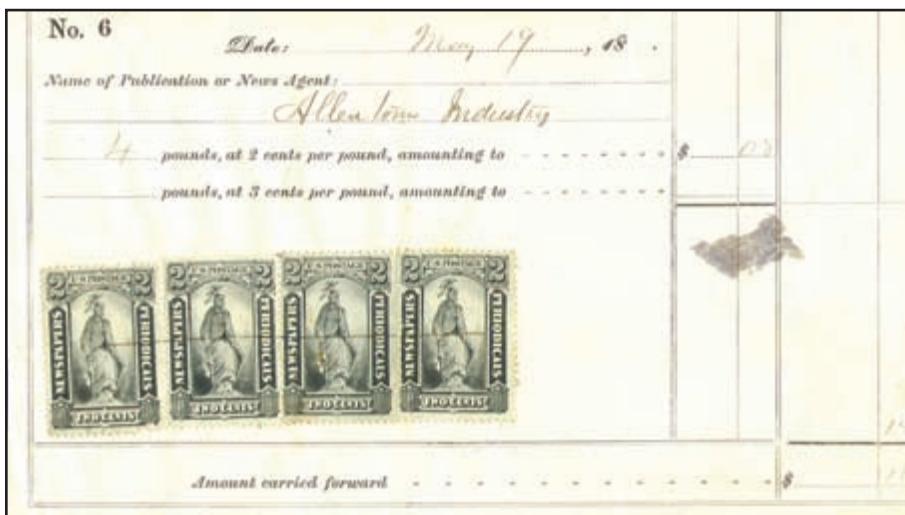
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A May 19, 1880, receipt with four pen-canceled copies of Scott PR57, paying eight cents to mail only the four pounds of the weekly *Allentown Industry* that were addressed outside of Monmouth County, New Jersey. When this newspaper was brought to the Allentown Post Office, copies addressed to Allentown residents were held at no cost until the subscribers called for them, and copies addressed to other residents of Monmouth County were transported to their respective post offices at no charge. I have two receipts, the one pictured and an April receipt for six cents. William Mooz recently published two receipts (April 30th with ten cents and August 25th with eighteen cents) in *The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues* (November 2007, pp. 327–31). From these receipts, it appears that the *Allentown Industry* paid less than \$5 in postage during the entire six months that it was published. For an extended exploration of the *Allentown Industry* see my article “Newspaper Stamps ‘On Cover’,” in *La Posta*, Vol. 36, no. 4 (September 2005): 25–27.

the use of newspaper stamps ceased in 1898.<sup>3</sup>

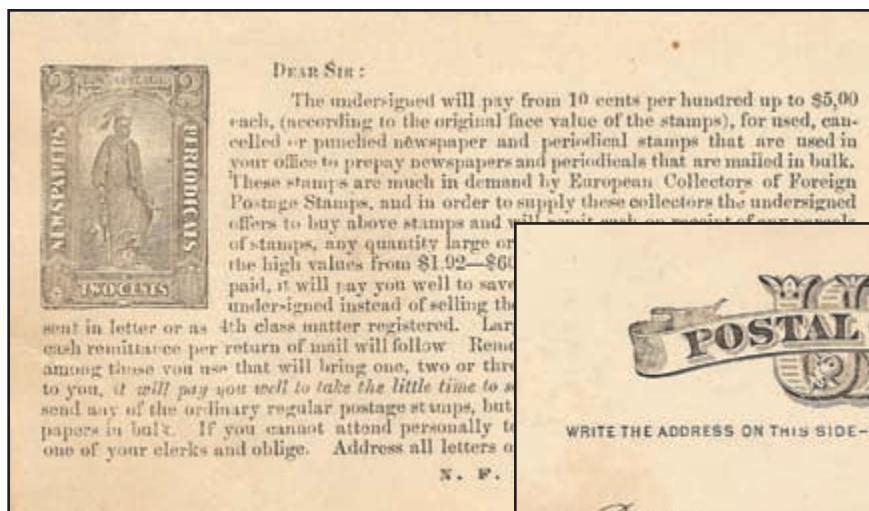
When publishers paid their postage bills for newspapers, it was recorded in Post Office receipt books, leaving no evidence of the postage paid on the in-

dividual newspapers. From 1875 until their elimination in 1898 the newspaper stamps were affixed to the stubs retained by the Post Office, not the receipt halves given to the publishers. Mint newspaper stamps could not be sold to publishers or

collectors and used stamps were to be retained in the post offices until their destruction. In 1879 the *Postal Laws and Regulations* instructed postmasters:

The stamps will then be affixed to the stub of the receipt, and at once effectually canceled. Stamps so used must be accounted as sold. The stub-books are to be kept permanently in the post-office, ready to be produced whenever demanded by the Department. The stamps attached thereto must never be removed, nor the books disposed of otherwise than as directed by the Department. Postmasters should never neglect to attach to the stub-book the necessary amount to cover all postage collected on newspaper and periodical matter. Failure to attach stamps to the stub-book will subject the offending postmaster to the penalty provided by law for embezzlement.<sup>4</sup>

Originally the Post Office Department provided instructions for the quarterly disposal of the receipt books as waste paper, with the stamps attached to the stubs. Obviously, as in the case of the *Allentown Industry* receipts, not all of them were destroyed. Stamp dealers, including the notorious Nicholas F. Seebeck, solicited postmasters with offers to purchase used newspaper stamps. Eventually, the Post Office Department required that the receipt books be sent to Washington for accounting and destruction, thus choking off the supply of stamps to dealers.<sup>5</sup>



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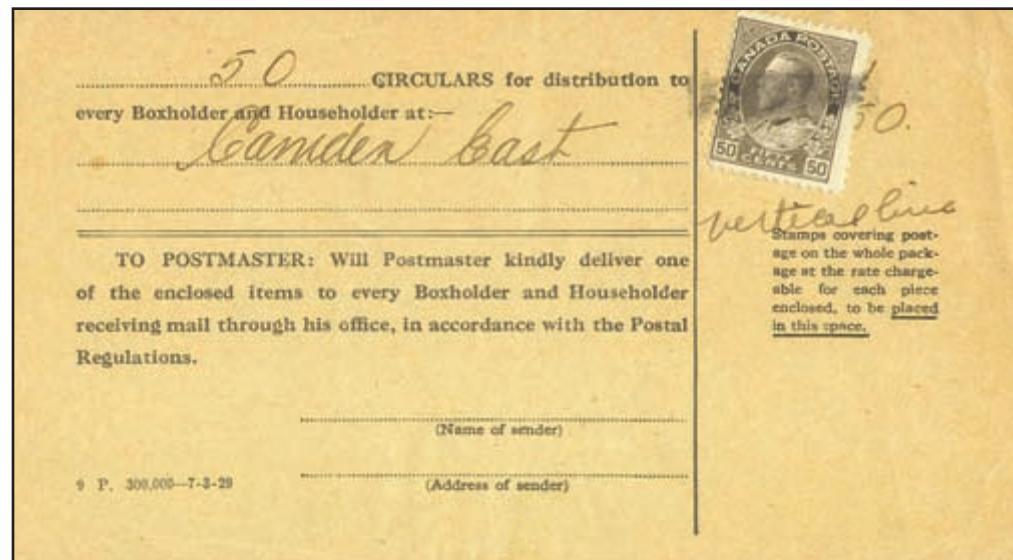
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A Canadian Post Office receipt circa 1929 for delivering fifty circulars, one for each household or box holder served by the Camden East Post Office.

Although the cancel on the 50-cent Admiral definitive is undated, the form was printed in 1929.



## The Canadian Experience

The Canadian Post Office did not introduce receipt books for newspaper postage until early in 1895 and, unlike the United States, did not issue newspaper stamps, instead using the current postage issues for newspapers. The use of postage stamps to record newspaper payments ceased in Canada on June 30, 1901; thereafter, receipts were given for payments in cash. An important procedural difference was that newspaper receipt books were issued to individual publishers and news agents, who brought them to the post office each time they mailed their publications. The front cover of each receipt book read:



The postage on this 1905 Registered tag to London was paid with the blue Colombian stamp overprinted for Panama, while the 10-cent green Registry stamp (Scott F27) doubles as the registry label.

This book is the property of the Canada Post Office. When it is filled in it must be returned to the Post Office where issued and it will be replaced by a new one. The used copy must then be at once forwarded to the Post Office Department enclosed with the Cash Account.<sup>6</sup>

So, in both countries the survival of newspaper receipts in private collections represents an exception to the established Post Office accounting procedures.

Canada, with the establishment of the Confederation in 1867, also elected to subsidize postage rates for newspapers in the interest of having an informed electorate and uniting a widely dispersed population. Unlike the United States, where free postage was limited to the county of publication, Canadian newspapers posted by the publisher and addressed to regular subscribers in Canada, the United States, and Newfoundland were mailed postage free, except in cities having a letter carrier service.

A rate of one cent per four ounces was charged for letter carrier delivery of newspapers. There was also a bulk-rate of one cent per pound for specimens or sample copies mailed by publishers to non-subscribers.

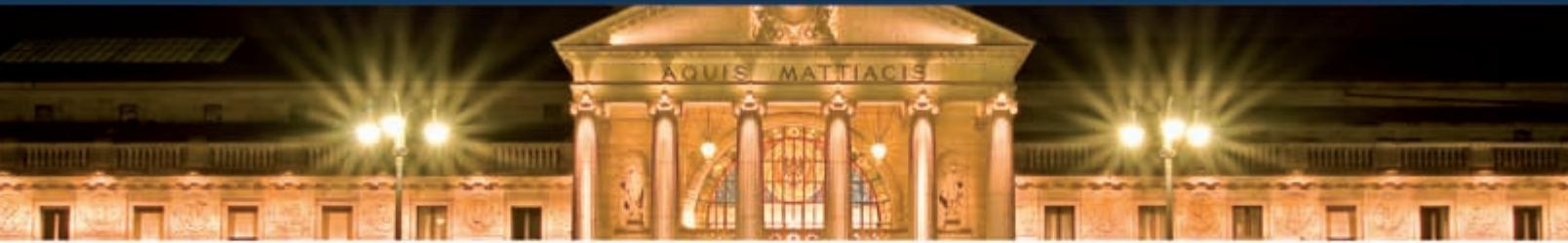
An intact newspaper receipt book used by *The Toronto Globe* from 1895 to 1897 was found last summer by Gray Scrimgeour as he assisted Joanna Drewry with the sale of her father's stamp collection.<sup>7</sup> Scrimgeour writes:

Many of us have single pages

from this type of newspaper book. The pages usually have low-value stamps on them. The *Globe* was a large-circulation paper, and I believe the large postage amounts usually were paid for the mailing of supplements to non-subscribers.

Matching Post Office receipt dates with special issues of *The Globe* that would be bought by non-subscribers, Scrimgeour found that a special Jubilee *Globe* was issued with the regular June 9, 1897, newspaper. While regular subscribers received a free copy of the 28-page special paper, the tens of thousands of copies were ordered by non-subscribers. This special Jubilee issue cost fifteen cents, or twenty cents if mailed to Canada or the United States, and twenty-five cents if mailed to Great Britain. For forty cents one could purchase both a copy of the special newspaper and a 21 x 28-inch, 14-color "Medallion Picture of Her Most Gracious Majesty." No doubt the heavy mailings beginning on June 24th, only five days after the Jubilee stamps had been issued, reflect orders by non-subscribers for the special Jubilee *Globe*. "The finding of this booklet with its high-value Jubilee stamps is a major philatelic event. The commercial usages of the dollar values show that — however infrequently — these commemorative stamps did find proper use."

Although the use of stamps on receipts for newspapers ceased in 1901, their use when paying for postage on third class circulars and other bulk mailings continued well into the twentieth century.



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## Registered ‘String Lines’ Correction

Several collectors of British Empire covers wrote to tell me that the original strings, which are today represented by the blue “string lines” on registered envelopes, were green not blue. With the beginning of modern British registered mail in 1841 (fourteen years before the United States), registered letters were wrapped in large sheets of green paper addressed to the postmaster at the delivery office. Acting as a receipt, these green sheets of paper were returned to originating postmaster. In July 1858 the green covers evolved into green receipts, and green silk ribbon was fastened around registered letters. Owing to the cost, linen quickly replaced silk, which later became green string in 1870. When Registered Letter Envelopes were introduced in 1878 the blue “string lines” represented the original green ribbons and strings.<sup>8</sup>

David Zemer remarked that he had not previously “seen the relationship between the Empire and these lines” and was prompted to go back and check his Panama covers. He found that “almost in every case between about 1905 and 1923 of a registered cover from Panama to England ... they all had the two blue lines added to them when they came



A 25-foot concrete arrow that was near beacon tower seven on the Cincinnati to Chicago airway. The beacon towers were built about 1931 and taken out of service in early 1942. The arrow remains in a barnyard southeast of Shelbyville, Indiana.

to England.” He shared an example of a 1905 tag for a registered parcel from Panama to London via New Orleans and New York. Since the blue “string line” is on top of the New York Exchange Office Registry Label, these lines were probably added to the tag as the parcel left New York for London.

## Air Mail Studies

Aerophilately 2007, along with its related seminars and the Postal History Symposium, focused considerable attention on Air Mail research. For some

of our members this extends far beyond just stamps and covers to locating and photographing the remains of the aerial infrastructure that supported early aviation and air mail. Russ and Ev Ryle, in their “Ghost Airfields of Indiana Project” have focused on the nearly 450 air fields that once dotted the Hoosier State along with surviving portions of the air navigation system, such as concrete arrows that pointed to the next beacon or landing field. Early experimental or demonstration flights in Indiana began about 1909 at fairgrounds and other public events. Between 1910 and 1919 permanent airfields were established at several major cities; the first legislation authorizing Indiana cities to establish airfields passed in 1929. The establishment of the air mail service in the 1920s created the need for primary, as well as auxiliary or emergency airfields, and for navigational beacons. Today fewer than 100 airfields still operate in Indiana.<sup>9</sup> Russ and Ev would like to hear from anyone having stories, memories, photos, or maps of Indiana airfields to share: [theryles@bluemarble.net](mailto:theryles@bluemarble.net).

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# EFOs — A Great Part of Philatelic Alphabet Soup

Once in awhile, it's good to rehash some basic concepts and terms regarding certain collecting areas. This month I'd like to take a look at those associated with the collecting of errors, freaks and oddities (EFOs).

In virtually any other area that utilizes the printed product, what we collect is considered trash or printers' waste. But among EFO collectors, anything that's not quite right is a treasure that frequently sells for far more than its normally printed counterpart. There are a number of commonly held misconceptions about what constitutes an error, freak or oddity, so let's first look at the definition of each.

## Errors

Although frequently misused by collectors and dealers, the term "error" — at least in its philatelic sense — has two very specific meanings. The first refers to stamps or postal stationery that have one or more inadvertent, complete and consistent **printing or production** errors; that is, a missing or botched step. This includes omitted colors, perforations, tagging or any other completely missing step; inverts of color, paper, or overprints; improper color or tagging type caused by the wrong ink; doubled printings, perforations, or grills; improper perforations or paper; wrong embossing die on a stamped envelope; and others.

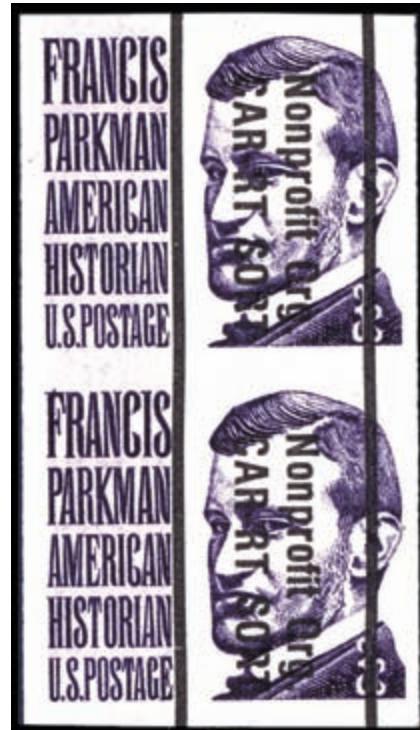
Again, to be a true error, a printing or production step must be *completely missing or botched*. For example, a "color omitted" error must have absolutely no trace of the missing color remaining. An "imperforate" error may not have even the slightest paper indentation of a perforation pin. Otherwise, such stamps are considered freaks, which are still quite collectible, although they do not carry the same cachet as a major error. Catalogue editors usually list most errors, but



Because there were two types of black ink used on the 25-cent Honeybee, there are two types of black omitted errors possible. The left stamp shows the black engraved intaglio ink missing; the right stamp is missing the offset black ink.

seldom list freaks. In general, errors are worth considerably more than freaks, although that is not always the case. Many imperforate errors of modern coil issues exist in such large quantities that they may be purchased inexpensively. Another example of a common error is the reversed yellow plate number on the 8-cent PTA issue of 1972, which is distinguishable only on plate blocks and exists on the entire press run of that specific plate (#33656). As a result, it, too, is very inexpensive. Even some inverts, such as the inverted "I.R." revenue overprints of 1898 (Scott R154a and R155Ah), won't break the bank.

The second philatelic definition of an error deals with **stamp design**. Mispellings, typos and incorrect factual or design information on a stamp give such issues design error status. Most design errors affect the entire press run of certain stamps and usually do not increase a stamp's value. Unless there is a normal or corrected version of a design error they are not usually noted by catalogues. Examples of both unlisted and listed design errors include the 2-cent Red Cross issue of 1931 (Scott 702), where Greenland is



A Bureau-precanceled imperforate coil pair of the 3-cent Francis Parkman stamp (Scott 1297c) proves that not all errors have to break the bank. A pair can be purchased for about \$5.

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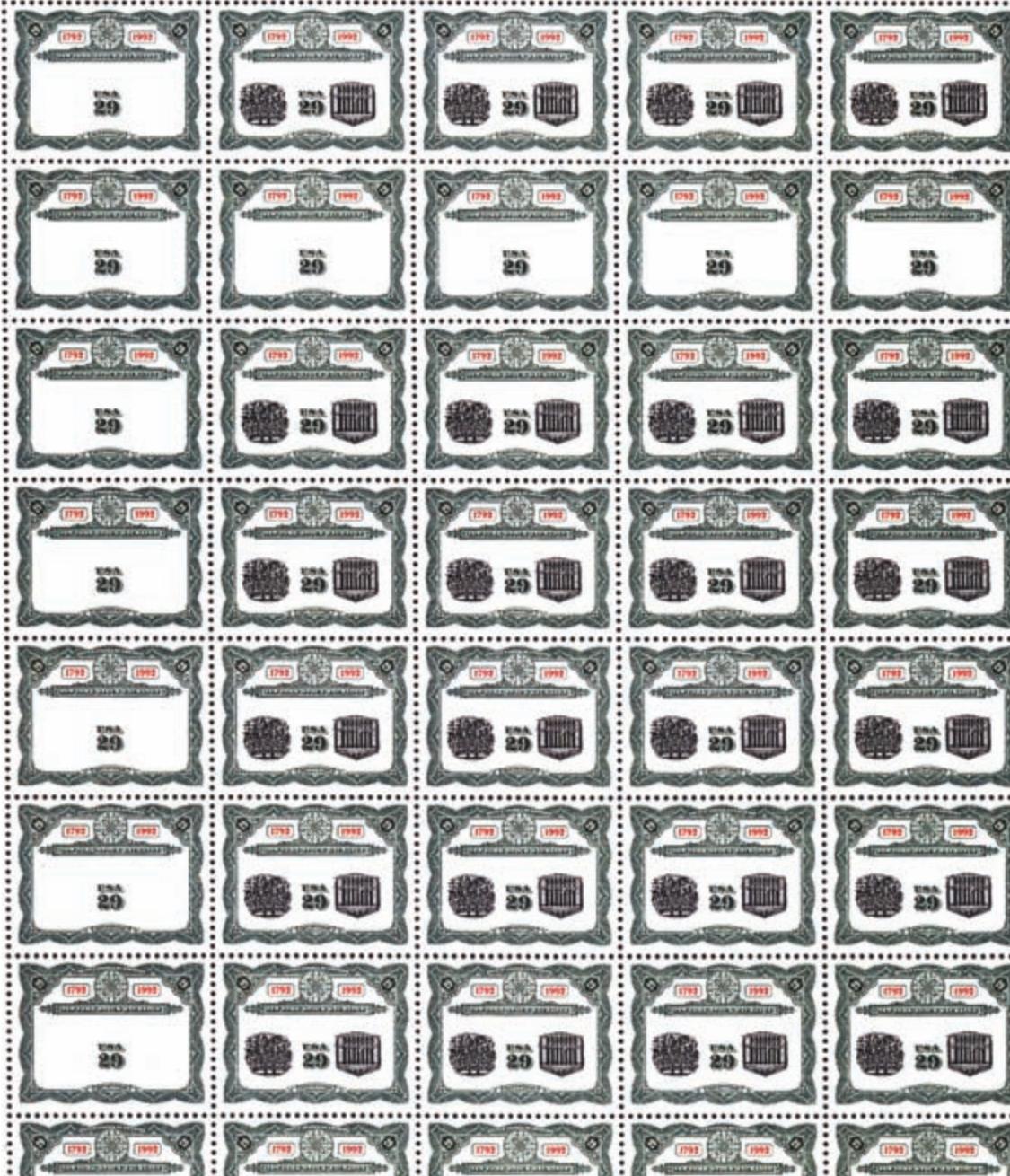
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Although it wasn't announced until a decade after its release, a pane of 29-cent New York Stock Exchange stamps was discovered with inverted vignettes. Because of the plate layout (four panes per plate with gutters between), the pane also included twelve vignette missing errors. A se-tenant pair from the pane is shown enlarged.

Some color errors, such as this lake shade of the 2-cent Parcel Post issue (Scott Q2a), are quite scarce. In the case of this issue, all known examples are poorly centered towards the top.



This 1982 air mail cover to Germany bears a strip of three of the magenta error of the 25-cent Frederick Douglass stamp, Scott 1290b. It is thought that it was accidentally printed with the ink intended for the 15-cent Holmes booklet. A single of the normal Douglass shade is shown.



These three examples of the 3-cent 1861 (Scott 65) show double perfs at top and bottom, and on both the right and left sides.



Most design errors are not considered in the same category as printing and processing errors. On this stamp, there is no Greenland on the globe. All Red Cross stamps have the same design error, so it is not scarce.

Although the reversed yellow plate number on this PTA issue is an error, it is not rare. All stamps from the lower-right pane with this plate number show the error.



Color shifts can occur in many different ways and degrees. Each affects the stamp design differently, as can be seen on these forty Philip Mazzei stamps.

entirely missing from the design, and the two versions of the 29-cent Legends of the West issue of 1994 (Scott 2869 and 2870), where the wrong individual was pictured as Bill Pickett and a corrected version was issued.

## Freaks

Freaks comprise by far the largest collecting area of the entire EFO spectrum. These highly collectible forms of

printing or production problems are often the most spectacular in appearance, and many are unique. A freak is differentiated from an error because it is a more random occurrence; may occur inconsistently on numerous stamps, envelopes, or postal cards; and may involve one or more printing and/or production steps. Because of their inconsistent and usually random nature, there are countless types of freaks. This is what makes cataloguing them an impossible task. In

most cases, freaks are more affordable than errors, although the more spectacular examples have values consistent with their appearance.

Typical printing freaks include color shifts, over- or under-inking, smears, blobs, nearly missing colors, and ink contamination. Typical production freaks include misperforated or miscut items, gutter snipes, set-offs, and a host of other odd-looking things that would cause the affected stamps or postal stationery



Over-inking can be minor or it can be so heavy that the stamp design is nearly indistinguishable.

Ink contamination freaks, such as this so-called "burning trees" example, occur when improper ink splashes on the printing plate.



A progressive misperforation on the 20-cent Fire Pumper stamp (Scott 1908) gives the appearance of the vehicle driving off the stamp.



This is a fairly major example of a gutter snipe, caused when panes are cut apart from the press sheet improperly.



A mis-setting of perforation pins can result in extra large stamps or — as in the case of this cover — stamps with plate numbers or other inscriptions showing.



The plate block of a 6-cent Eisenhower postal counterfeit is considered an oddity.



Pre-printing paper creases (not folds), leave unprinted voids when the crease opens up after printing.



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to have been withdrawn and destroyed if noticed during production. Less typical freaks include pre-printing paper creases, slime spots in paper, tagging ghosts, gum skips, and many others.

## Oddities

Oddity is a catch-all term to describe those desirable and collectible items that don't fit comfortably in the error or freak categories. Such items can include all types of plate varieties, odd or unusual cancels, postal counterfeits, color changelings, local precancel varieties, test and dummy items, cinderellas, and a host of other unusual items.

## Printers' Waste

Printers' waste in the printing trade simply refers to the unusual-appearing items created during the make-ready process or any form of substandard printing or processing. Although technically every form of stamp error or freak (and many oddities) is printers' waste, there is a specific application for the term in the collector community that affects how these items are treated.

Printers' waste generally refers to stamps that appear to be errors but are not, due to their origin. Most valid EFO material has been sold over a post office counter and is later sold to collectors and dealers. Printers' waste, however, is just that; misprinted material that was not only intended to be discarded, but was (usually illegally) retrieved from the trash. Such items are not as desirable to collectors as those sold properly.

Printers' waste frequently is crum-

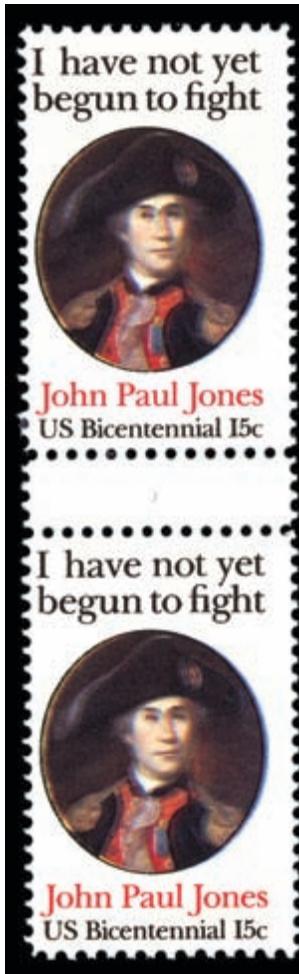
## Catalogues and EFOs

As stated in the accompanying feature, most catalogues will list errors but not freaks and only a few types of oddities. But listing policies have changed in the past and may do so again in the future. *Scott*, for example, for many years contained a highly incomplete listing of errors and was inconsistent in its application of listing policies. One editor for years steadfastly refused to list any major error that was caused by a freak occurrence. For example, stamps with color omissions due to misperforation were never considered.

But it didn't stop there. If a large paper foldover caused a color to be printed on the reverse of the folded stamps and missing on the front of the bottom ones, they were not listed as errors. Similarly, if the same foldover occurred prior to perforating, leaving either imperf or imperf-between errors once the pane was unfolded, those errors were not listable either. However, if the errors were broken out of the freak panes and submitted (without the editor knowing their origin), they could be listed. Yet the 1931 Red Cross missing error and 1967 Daniel Boone black omitted errors had been listed for years and were caused by similar occurrences. These subjective policies were changed some years ago, and *Scott* has not only caught up, but is now quick to list all errors as they are discovered and certified.

pled or has gum faults or other tell-tale features of its origin. Due to the nature of printers' waste, it usually sells for comparatively less than legitimate errors. The most famous printers' waste involves the 29-cent Richard Nixon invert sold a few years ago. Most were later recalled and presumably destroyed. When an item is known to be printers' waste it is not listed by catalogues, although it might be noted as such. Without question, there are items that are printers' waste being sold as legitimate EFOs, but unless its origin is known it cannot be considered as such.

Next month we'll take a look at some specific types of unusual EFOs and how they were created.



Printers' waste, such as this full-gutter pair of Paul Revere stamps, occurs when poorly printed stamps have been thrown away by a printer and are illegally retrieved and sold later.

## The EFOCC

The Errors Freaks and Oddities Collectors' Club (EFOCC) is an organization devoted specifically to the collecting and study of errors, freaks and oddities. In addition to providing members with its quarterly journal, the *EFO Collector*, the EFOCC conducts auctions and also meets at a number of APS shows.

If you are planning on attending the APS Ameristamp Expo 2008, to be held January 11–13 in Charlotte, North Carolina, please stop by the EFOCC booth. Also, I will be giving a presentation of EFOs and how they are created ("EFOs from Outer Space") on Saturday, January 12 at 11 a.m.

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with Justus Ruscher

**When did you start collecting stamps?** Back in 1938, when I was 10 years old. **What are the first stamps you remember buying?** Probably at the post office. The Presidents were coming out then! **How much did they cost?** A few pennies. **How much are they worth now?** Not much more! **What fuels your passion for stamps?** I just think they are beautiful, especially the earlies like the British Colonies. **What else do you collect besides stamps?** Tropical fish and sports memorabilia.

**Which countries do you specialize in?** The United States, Australia, and Canada. **What's the most beautiful stamp you've ever seen?** Too many to say! Early Colombia, early Canada and Newfoundland. **What's the ugliest?** Oh! There are so many of those, especially today! **Do any of your relatives have an interest in philately?** A sister-in-law. **How many hours a week do you spend on your hobby?** In the winter, around 14 hours. When the weather's warmer, about half as much time.

**Where were you born and raised?** Brooklyn, New York. **What was your early career?** Textile colorist. **How did you get interested in philately?** My father showed me his 1890 album when I was a boy. **Who were your mentors or role models?** I used to visit Nassau Street in the old days. There were stamp stores all over the place, and I learned a lot there.

**What are your personal favorite areas of philately?** I like the early issues and the pre-cancels. **How do you perceive the health of stamp collecting today?** It seems very strong to me. **Where do you predict the hobby will be 20 years from now?** We have to get more kids interested. They spend too much time with TV and computers!

**If you had one philatelic wish, what would it be?** To live longer, so that I can continue collecting! **Which country issues the most attractive stamp designs?** Canada and the United States. **How many shows a year do you attend?** Three. **What has stamp collecting meant in your life?** After having a bad day, I can go into my stamp room, and when I emerge I'm a new person. **What's the most expensive stamp you've bought?** Scott #101 U.S. **Which is your favorite stamp?** Too many to say!

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Bon Voyage postcard mailed October 18, 1911, and received aboard the SS *Berlin* at 9 a.m. October 21, the day of departure. Penciled notation "269" may be the cabin number.



The only known closeup portrait shot of the four travelers; location not identified but most probably taken in Palestine. Willis on the left, Dora sitting, then Mrs. Trauger, and Miss Rohr on the right.

# THEY TOOK THE LONG ROUTE FROM NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO

by W.C. Royall Jr.

**I**n my father's lifetime (1897–1981) his greatest adventure lasted from October 1911 to June 1912. His father Samuel had left for work in the Panama Canal Zone (where he would remain until 1914), when his mother Dora asked him, "Son, would you like to go around the world?" For the next nine months my father and grandmother circled the world, times traveling on more than twenty steamers, and visiting many places in distant lands — and he collected postage stamps along the way.

Many years ago he gave me his small album, and after he died I found his trip diary and thirty-one of the letters and postcards he and my grandmother mailed to our close kin back in Alabama. Unfortunately, few of the stamped covers survived, although Willis later placed the stamps from those covers in his album. Even more regrettably, none of the nineteen or more postal covers the travelers received from home were saved. I can only imagine how fascinating those covers must have been, some of them after multiple forwardings!

I share here some of the trip highlights and postal items that my father saved from his great adventure. The quotes are from his diary; the spelling and punctuation are Willis'.

## DEPARTING NEW YORK

They joined a Mrs. L.M. Trauger from Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and tour guide Miss Florence Rohr (a 30-year-old history teacher at Brenau College, in Gainesville, Georgia) in New York where they were to sail on the S.S. Berlin. On sailing day, October 21, they received a bon voyage postcard onboard just before their departure. The penciled "269" that can be seen most likely was their cabin number.

Had a fine voyage most of the way. Passed through the Azores and so near to some islands that you could see the houses.

## Gibraltar, October 29

The group visited the Monkey Cave and Dora mailed her first letter home. A King Edward VII stamp (Scott 55) in Willis' album might be the one torn from her Gibraltar cover, judging by the post-



Studio portrait of Willis and his mother taken around 1915 when Willis was enrolled in Sewanee Military Academy in Tennessee.



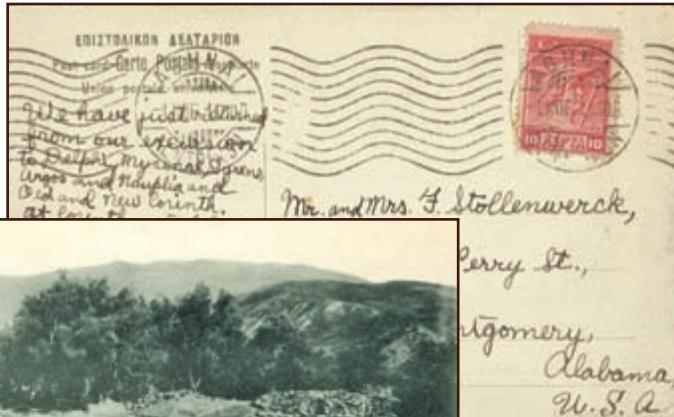
Torn envelope with Gibraltar postmark and 2½-penny stamp (Scott 55) from Willis' album filling in the missing corner.



Victor Emmanuel III stamps were used on mail from Italy (Scott 79–81 and 83).



Palace Hotel Athens cover (Greece Scott 202)



Postcard from Delphi from Willis to his aunt and uncle details their party's excursion to some of the ancient sites of Greece.



Picture postcard of the Acropolis in Athens (Scott 202).

mark match-up. Although King Edward VII had died in 1910, the first King George V stamps for Gibraltar did not appear until July 17, 1912.

The Mediterranean was rough and I was sick for about a day and a half. Could not get off at Algiers. Stormy.

### Italy, November 1–2

The group took a train across Italy from Naples to Brindisi. En route they met several trainloads of soldiers bound for North Africa. (Italy took Tripoli from the Ottoman Empire in the Italo-Turkish War of 1911–12.<sup>1</sup>) Victor Emmanuel III, King of Italy at the time, can be seen on a set of stamps in Willis' album.

On the way met several train loads of Italian soldiers going to the front. They were laughing and waving flags but at the stations women and children were crying.

### Greece, November 4–15

After arriving in Athens, Willis and his mother visited the classic sites of ancient Greece. A postcard from Delphi features the Temple of Tholos, and one from Athens shows the Acropolis. Willis wrote to his aunt and uncle "We have just returned from our excursion to Delphi, Mycenae, Tyrins, Argos and Nauplia and Old and New Corinth. At Corinth we took horses and rode 1500 ft. up the mountain and then



Cover from the Hotel Fast, Jerusalem, with Austrian Office Abroad 1-piaster stamp (Scott 49).

walked up 500 ft. We had a fine view but mother reached the top before I did." The Palace Hotel cover from Athens has an October 24 postmark, which was a real puzzle to me until I learned about the difference in dating between the Greek and U.S. calendars at that time.

Got out of bed very early and drove down the mountain to Itea in time to catch an early boat for Corinth.... The boat had a cargo of goats which were not pleasant to go near.

### Egypt, November 17–20

After a "miserable voyage" from Piraeus to Alexandria ("when I reached land I stamped my feet it felt so good"), the group spent a few days in Egypt, including a brief visit to Cairo to see the pyramids and the sphinx, before traveling on to Palestine. They took the Khedivial Mail Line steamer to Jaffa, where they were put ashore in a small boat.

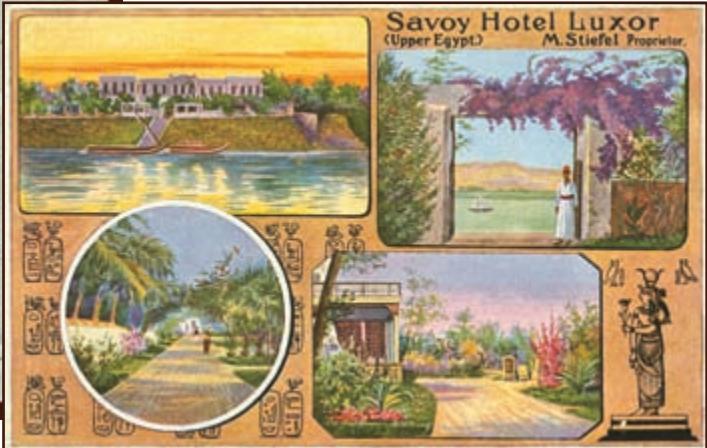
Had an exciting row to the shore through the rocks. The native men who rowed us kept time by singing a prayer to the prophet Mahomet.

### Palestine, November 20–29

The group's tour of Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, and the River Jordan (where they took a boat ride) occupied eight days. The house of Mary and Martha, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, David's Well, and the Mosque of Omar were among the many sites they reported visiting. A Hotel Fast, Jerusalem, envelope with a November 26 postmark on an Austrian Office Abroad 1-piaster stamp (Scott 49) is one of Dora's few covers that remains intact. In the enclosed letter she wrote, "In Jerusalem there are so many post offices that it is quite bewildering."

Went through the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We saw pilgrims of different denominations come in and kiss different stones. It is strange that the Turkish government

Picture postcard supplied by the Savoy Hotel Luxor showing some of the city's scenic views (never mailed).



Visiting the pyramids mounted on camels. Willis is the third from the left.

has to place a Mohammedan at the door to keep the keys in order that the Christians may not quarrel with each other. They say that on Easter day there are thousands of pilgrims there who fight and quarrel for the Holy Fire which the priests give out. This is said to come out of a crack in the rock of the sepulcher. We also saw what was said to be Calvary and the place where the blood of Christ dripped through the soil to the skull of Adam.

### Egypt, December 3–19

Reports of cholera in Jaffa, Palestine, delayed their return crossing to Egypt. And upon their arrival in Alexandria fear of the dread disease led to the party's being held in quarantine for three days, housed in barracks once occupied by soldiers protecting Said Pasha, Ottoman Viceroy of Egypt 1854–63. Among their fellow travelers quarantined in Egypt were Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, nationally known suffrag-



Cover with stamp showing Aswan postmark. Envelope supplied by the Savoy Hotel in Luxor; text under cachet notes that the hotel is "Open from November–April" and boasts "ELECTRIC LIGHT."

Stamp from Willis' album showing a forged Sudan overprint; note that the imprint is on top of the Alexandria postmark.



Suez Canal Company fakes from Willis' album.

Four-cent Queen Victoria (Ceylon Scott 65) stamp from Willis' album with numerical obliterator no. 21. This number was for the post office at Hambantota, Ceylon, located on the south coast of the island just east of Ambalantota. Another Ceylon stamp from Willis' album is this 5-cent King Edward with partial Kegalla postmark (either Scott 169 or 181; watermark undetermined).



ist leader, and Paul Cornuel, a graduate of the Sorbonne, who was traveling on a fellowship to study social conditions in the Orient. He and Miss Rohr later became engaged.

They finally arrived in Cairo at noon on December 7, where they managed to fit in a visit to the Cave of the Holy Family in the afternoon and a trip to the Island of Rhoda "where Moses was found" that evening.

Here we saw the first Nilometer that we had seen. The people were taxed according to the rise and fall of the water before the government had a dam made.

For twelve days they traveled up the Nile River and back, using train, steamer, and *felucca* to reach the antiquities at Sakarra, Heliopolis, Memphis, Luxor, Karnak, Thebes, Philae, and Esna. "Our felucca was rowed by Nubians who played the tom-tom and sang about the beauties of their town and told about each but we could not understand," reported the 14-year-old Willis. A Savoy Hotel, Luxor, envelope postmarked at Aswan survives (Scott 37).

Among Willis' Egyptian stamps are three with a Sudan overprint, almost certainly forgeries.<sup>3</sup> His album also held four Suez Canal stamps that probably are forgeries as well.<sup>4</sup> That issue was in use from July 18 to August 16, 1868, for mail transport between Port Said and Suez, Egypt.<sup>5</sup>

At Port Said, the four tourists embarked on the S.S. *Goeben* for Colombo, Ceylon. The Captain or someone else on board must have spent some time explaining nautical measurements to Willis, because for the next two weeks his diary entries consist largely of measurements in nautical miles, latitude, and longitude. On Christmas Day, as they steamed eastward through the Arabian Sea, they exchanged gifts.

Mother gave me a pretty scarf pin. Mrs. Trauger a knife, comb and 2 shilling piece. Miss Rohr gave me a ring. Had a good time. Distance 305 miles. Lat. 12°15' N 50°15' E.

### Ceylon, December 31–January 5

Their arrival in Colombo coincided with New Year's Eve and their hotel was loud with celebrations.

A drunk man had a room over Mrs. Trauger's and when he came in he fell a good many times trying to get his shoes off and she did not get much sleep. The English people were evidently drinking out the Old Year.

They traveled on to Kandy where, much to Willis' disappointment, they were forced by an unforeseen delay in money exchange to miss a parade of el-

ephants that were specially decorated because of the full moon. Life brightened up, however, when they visited the beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens at Peridanlya, which Willis described in great detail.

As we were on the way out of the garden we saw the flying foxes [a very large fruit-eating bat] on some trees. The driver took a pole and hit some bamboo in which some were in and made them fly about with violent screechings. When we were out of the garden the driver got some betel nut leaf and nut and chewed them for us. He first put some lime on it and soon his mouth was red.

In the island's mountainous region were some immense tea estates. Among Willis' Ceylonese stamps is a Queen Victoria (Scott 65) bearing the numerical obliterator 21, identifying the post office at Hambantota on the south coast. A King Edward VII stamp (Scott 169 or 181, watermark unclear) was postmarked at Kegalla, a city near Kandy.

On January 5th they returned to Colombo, only to depart that evening on the British India Steamer *Bharata* for Tuticorin, India. It was, Willis pointed out in his diary, the ninth steamer of the trip ("including one river steamer on the Nile, S.S. *Hatasoo*").

### India, January 6–February 3

At Tuticorin they began a full month immersion in the antiquities and grand human drama of India. In Trichinopoly they saw the famous rock and a funeral procession. Willis noted that "the temples here are those of the Brahmin religion while those in Ceylon are Buddhist." At Tanjore, a Nauch dance was arranged for payment of fifteen rupees ("it was very good").

In Madras they visited the Government House to see a picture of Lord Clive ("the best one of him ever painted") and a museum that displayed tribal arms and a collection of live snakes.

There was one case of cobras and one had been in only four days. When I went up to the case, he struck at me but fortunately the glass was between us.

In Bombay they visited the horse market ("we saw many fine Arabian horses") and the Museum (among the most interesting things...were little miniatures illustrating the Hindu gods"), and later saw the Tower of Silence where vultures devoured the dead of the Parsees:

They do this because they consider the earth, air, fire and water sacred and they must not defile them.

A Taj Mahal Palace Hotel cover ("Mahal" itself means "palace") from Bombay survives, but the stamp has been torn off.

Near Jaipur they visited Amber, the beautiful deserted capital of Akbar the Great (Mughal emperor 1556–1605), mounted on an elephant.

This was a great day.... The ride on the elephant was ideal and not jolting up and down as we expected. Only a slight motion when he raised and dropped his huge feet.



Torn Taj Mahal hotel cover, Bombay.  
One-anna Queen Victoria stamp (Scott 38) with Bombay postmark; possibly from the cover shown.



There are no philatelic items remaining from their stop in Burma. Shown is King George stamp with Royal Barge (Burma Scott 25) issued a few years later.



Their stop at Singapore yielded an assortment of Straits Settlements stamps, including these two blue King Edward VII stamps with partial "Singapore" postmarks ("SINGA" left; "PORE" right).



Willis was particularly taken with the tiger stamps of Malaya (Scott 18) and included a number of them in his album. He also collected the different denominations of the Sultan Ibrahim stamps (Johore Scott 62).



The Netherlands East Indies is well represented in his album, including this 1-gulden Queen Wilhelmina with a "JAVA" overprint (Scott 97).



Willis and Doris sailed from Singapore March 3, 1912 on the SS *Prinzess Alice* and arrived at Hong Kong March 7

Six days spent in Delhi and Agra added the Pearl Mosque, the Tomb of Akbar, and much else to the list of sites the group visited. They viewed the Taj Mahal ("the most beautiful building in the world") at sunset and Willis climbed one of the minarets.

While inside the building I called out Auntie's, Uncle Frank's, Aunt Flo Posey's and Eleanor's names to hear the fine echo. Sometimes the echo lasts fifteen seconds.

In Benares (now Varanasi) they watched fakirs, snake charmers, and Ganges River bathers. The botanical gardens at Calcutta featured an immense banyan tree with "562 aerial shoots actually rooted." Rising in the pre-dawn hours of February 1, the group traveled to Tiger Hill, near Darjeeling, to watch the sun rise on the snow-capped mountains.

Arose about three o'clock and I took a pony, mother a "dandy" (kind of palankin) for Tiger Hill where we saw the sun rise on the Himalayas. It was a grand sight. We saw Kinchinjunga very well but if we saw Mt. Everest I didn't know it.

### Burma, February 6-7

They traveled by the inevitable steamer to Rangoon on February 6, but were stranded on a mud bank until the tide changed. The next morning they went to watch elephants working in the timber yards ("a grand sight"), and then visited the Shwe Dagon Pagoda the largest in Burma. "The pagoda is covered with gold leaf and the top is solid gold," Willis reported with some awe. They finished up the afternoon with a drive through Victoria Park and a stop at the monastery with its statue of the "Marriage Buddha."

The Burmese come there and get a blessing and then run off and marry. There is no priest to marry them but when they come back the father of the bridegroom slaps the groom and it is all right.

### Singapore and Johore, February 13-16

At the Raffles Hotel, the ladies took time to read their accumulated mail before taking rickshaws to the Botanical gardens. Unfortunately, recent rains had made the ground too soft to permit the rickshaws in the gardens. On another evening Willis was permitted to go out for an adventure on his own:

I went out after dinner with a Frenchman [Jacques Mourichon] and a Dutchman [S.N.B. Halbertsma] in rickshaws through the native town near the hotel.... The noise was great in the crowded streets and the shouts 'Hey! Yo!' of the rickshaw men added to it. In some side streets there were many Japanese girls all dressed up and out in front of the houses. Some of them when they saw me, said "Hey boy!" I enjoyed the ride very much.

The party also visited Johore, a small independent state about one hour's train ride from the city.

### Java, February 18-24

After their arrival in Batavia (now Jakarta), they visited the botanical gardens at Buitenzorg ("considered the finest in the world"), but of more interest to Willis was an attempted purchase that fell through:

A native boy had a live leaf-insect he wanted to sell and I offered him ten cents for it but he said ten cts. was no good so I did not get it.

Next they visited Garoet and saw the local volcano, which was a disappointment — "[no] smoke or ashes, only boiling paint pots and steaming ponds." The next day the group traveled by train for Djocjakarta and then took an automobile ride to the ruins at Brambanam with their bas reliefs tracing the story of the Hindu epic "Ramayan." On a side excursion to Boro Boedorr they watched sarongs being made ("the work is very tedious") and "some natives with a cloth over them and a curious dragon head which they moved about."

Back in Batavia, they re-boarded the *Rumphius* to return



The SS *Tenyo-Maru* departed Hong Kong on March 15, 1912, and deposited the travelers in Nagasaki, Japan, on the morning of March 20.

to Singapore. Willis reported with pleasure that “just before the steamer sailed, I received a collection of Javanese [Netherlands East Indies] stamps which Mr. Halbertsma sent me and was very glad to get them.”

### Hong Kong, March 7–8, 11–15

They visited a Confucian temple and a Chinese theater and, like all good tourists, shopped. Willis reported that at Chinese hotels they saw men gambling and smoking opium in long pipes. On March 11 the group received four letters from home.

The music at the theatre was terrific. The musicians were nearly all in shirt sleeves and hard at work. There were no women on the stage and it was a sight to see men dressed up as women.

### Canton, China, March 9

On their one-day visit to Canton, they were told that 100,000 republican soldiers were in the city to keep the public peace, supported by shoppers and rich men. The Ch'ing Dynasty, China's last, had fallen the year before and a new republic, under the leadership of Sun Yat-sen, was proclaimed in 1912.<sup>6</sup>

The day was packed with activities. The party was carried about in sedan chairs to see the Temple of the Five Hundred Genii, a 2,000-year-old water clock, the Five-Story Pagoda, “a place where women would go to pray against their husbands’ enemies,” and “the old execution ground where criminals had their heads cut off.”

Two days later they read in a Hong Kong newspaper that a great riot had erupted in Canton on the 9th, after tourists had left the city, and a hundred people killed. The blame was laid on a number of the soldiers, some of them formerly pirates, who had been disbanded without their promised pay.

A British Offices in China stamp (Scott 6) shows a partial Canton postmark as well as the China overprint on a King George V Hong Kong issue.



Willis saved some mint stamps as well, including three Temple of Heaven stamps (Scott 131–133) from China.



The Hong Kong page in his album is filled with King Edward VII stamps.

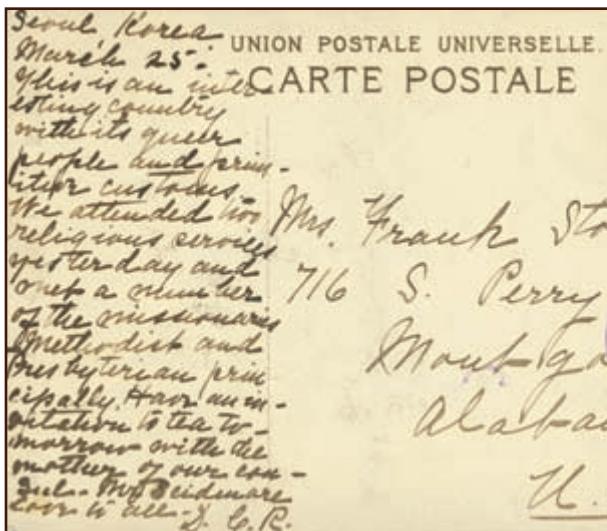
### Macao, March 10

The Portuguese colony of Macao was home to opium, tobacco, and firecracker factories, and Camoen's Grotto with its bust of the exiled Portuguese poet. Willis' album held seven Macao stamps portraying King Carlos, each with a socked-on-the-nose cancel of March 11, 1912 (Scott 88, 89, 93, 147, 147B, 148, 150). They lack gum and do not appear to be CTOs (canceled to order), so might have been on mail addressed to Willis' aunt and later soaked off.

We visited a temple where there was a fortune teller. Some of us pulled out little sticks from a box. In the little stick was a number which the fortune teller looked at and then got a piece of paper with the same number. He would read this paper and our guide ... translated. I was the only one whose fortune was good.

### Shanghai, China, March 18

After an “exciting time” waiting to see if his mother and Mrs. Trauger, who had gone shopping, would catch the boat in time, they left for Shanghai on March 15 (“Distance 819 miles”). During their one-day visit, the group reached the Native City part of Shanghai by rickshaws, then walked



Two postcards from Seoul, Korea, with Japanese stamps (either Scott 99 or 99a).

the narrow streets filled with shops selling silk, porcelain, brass, and ivory, and visited the Woo Sing Ding Teahouse. A French Offices in China stamp (Scott 37) is postmarked "Shanghai."

....we finally reached the famous Woo Sing Ding teahouse. It is a picturesque building in the center of a pool approached by a zigzag bridge. The zigzag bridge is put [in] to baffle the approach of evil spirits.

### Nagasaki, Japan, March 20

When the SS *Tenyo Maru* reached port, the tourists watched in some astonishment as local women helped refuel the ship.

We were very much interested in seeing women coaling our ship. There were men who filled little baskets and women would pass them from one to another with amazing rapidity.

They saw some early peach and cherry blossoms and visited a house made of what today would be called recycled material but were then considered "waste products."

There were gates made of old blinds and others of old steering wheels. Old bottles, boilers, beer cases and chains were made use of.

Then it was off by steamer to Fusán (i.e., Pusan) on the southern coast of Korea, and from there by train to Seoul.

### Seoul, Korea, March 24–26

The capital city's many points of interest included the North Palace, Independence Gate, Pagoda Park, Queen Min's Tomb,<sup>7</sup> the local museum ("I think the most interesting things were some curious Chinese birds"), and a glimpse of the deposed emperor as he passed by.<sup>8</sup> An important side excursion was a stop at a "postcard shop."

In a letter to his Aunt Flora, written on stationery from Sontag's Hotel in Seoul, Willis shares some of the sights he thinks would be of particular interest, including fashion history:

*American consul. We had tea with his mother and old lady eighty-eight years old this afternoon. I will write again later. Willis.*



A good many of the women wear a curious head dress that looks as if a green coat were drawn around their heads. We heard that many years ago in a siege of Seoul that the women threw their husband's coats on their own heads and ran out to help them. In after years it was considered a great honor to have been in this siege so that most of the women began to wear this head dress.

Interestingly, Willis' and Dora's postcards from Seoul have different postmarks. The "Keijo, Chosen" on one is Japanese for "Seoul, Korea." This card has a March 26, 1912, date. I interpret the "45-3-27" on the other card as the 45th (and final) year of the Meiji Dynasty. Both postcards have faint, incomplete lavender transit postmarks applied in Japan.

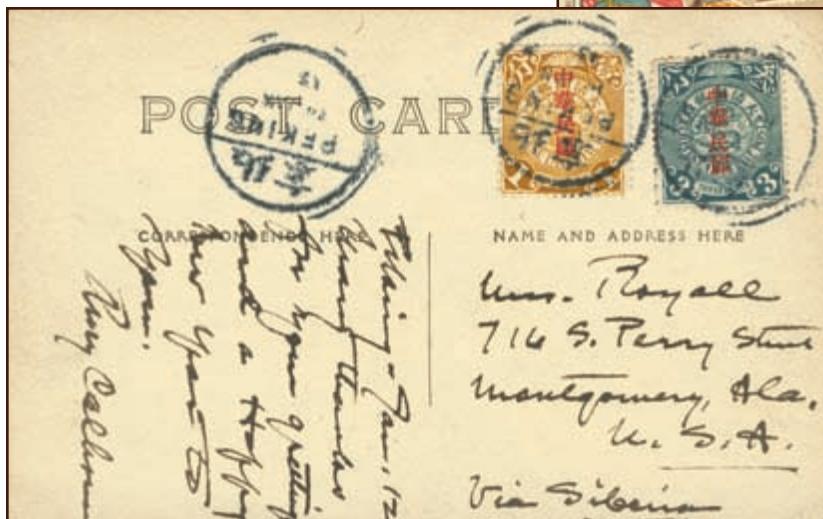
### Northeastern China, March 27–April 10

In Dalny (now Dalian) they saw the new Electric Park, a bean oil factory, and Japanese chemical laboratories. At Port Arthur (now Lushun) they visited the War Museum, with its relics of the Russo-Japanese War, and Monument Hill where more than 20,000 Japanese were buried.

In Port Arthur, the small party broke up temporarily: "We, here in Port Arthur, parted from Miss Rohr and Mrs. Trauger and went back to Dalny.... Our guide is M. r. Ko-o whom Miss Rohr released for our sakes, He is a Japanese."

In Mukden (now Shenyang) they visited the Pe Ling Tombs with their row of stone animals guarding the approach and, with a pass from the American Consul's office, they toured the old palace of Emperor Ta-tsung to see the Imperial treasures, including "two good scabbard daggers with diamond studded hilts" and "a very beautiful mandarin coat with dragons embroidered in seed pearls." They continued on to Shanhaikuan where they spent the night of April 1 at the Railway Hotel, with only one other white person in

In January 1913 Mrs. Calhoun, the American Minister's wife, mailed a postcard to Dora from Peking with New Year's greetings. Under the address are the words "Via Siberia."



residence. Willis commented privately to his diary, "If Auntie knew we were here she would probably be nervous."

The following day Willis reported that they "got up early and took a native cart to see the Great Wall. Arrived after a very bumpy ride. We climbed up in the first tower and got a fine view of the wall running up over the mountains."

Next they entrained for Peking (now Beijing). En route, "we saw a fierce dust storm which veiled everything like a fog." In the capital city, his diary continued, "we saw many soldiers of different nationalities, among them some of the 'good old U.S.A.'"

Touring the Temple of Heaven, the Hall of Classics, the Drum Tower, and other sights kept them busy for four days, and Willis' diary is crammed with details of the sights seen and the impressive architecture. One moment of particular satisfaction for the boy came at the massive city wall where, "we met an American soldier on guard and he lent us a field telescope which we looked through and saw part of the Forbidden City through an open gate."

In January 1913 Mrs. Calhoun, the American Minister's wife, who had graciously welcomed the tourists to her home when they visited Peking the previous year, mailed a postcard with New Year's greetings to Dora from Peking. The two stamps appear to be Scott 147 and 149. The *Scott Catalogue* transliterates the overprint characters to "Chung Hwa Min Kuo," meaning Republic of China. Under the address are the directions: "Via Siberia."

### Japan, April 12–May 11

For two days they traveled by a series of launches and steamers to reach Shimonoseki, where "after much hurrying" they caught a train for Miyajima. There the hotel launch carried them across the lake to the sacred island. Willis' du-



Japan is represented by an assortment of interesting stamps including Scott 85 and 86, with their design of cranes and the Imperial crest, commemorating the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Emperor Meiji and Empress Haru.

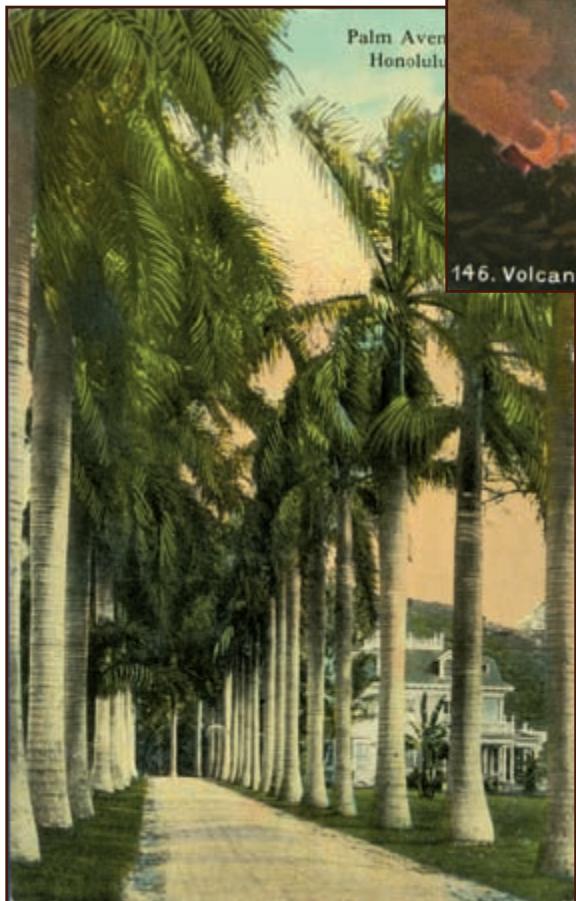
tifully notes that "Miyajima is one of the three most celebrated places in Japan" but does not seem otherwise moved by what he saw. The first shrine was built on the island in Hiroshima in the late 6th century; its final shape took form in the twelfth century. The approximately 52-foot-high, beautiful red wooden Otorii [Grand Gate] stands on the tidal flats before Itsukushima Shrine and when the tide is in appears to be floating on the water.

More important to the travelers was the package of letters sent on from Kyoto by Miss Rohr. The letters had followed them from city to city on their travels, as Willis recorded in his journal:

Our Peking letters were forwarded to Yokohama when we thought of giving up Peking. From Yokohama they were sent to Kyoto; from Kyoto to Shimonoseki where they reached too late and then to Miyajima.

They next took a train to Okayama where they stayed at a Japanese hotel, instead of the standard European establish-

Two picture postcards from Hawaii were never mailed: the volcano of Kilauea, Hawaii, where Willis "scorched postcards" to send home and a view of Palm Avenue in Honolulu.



146. Volcano of Kilauea, Hawaiian Islands.

mal dances that followed, which included "two small boys dressed up like butterflies, then a dragon dance and a devil dance." On the 17th he and his mother visited the Imperial Theatre and stayed for nearly six hours of performances "because it was so interesting," adding "we enjoyed the theatre very much." They also visited Miss Tsuda's School for Girls, where the young ladies were studying English.

The most interesting thing to me, though, was to see some of the girls playing some kind of game with a basket ball.

On April 26 Dora received a coveted invitation to one of the Emperor's garden parties, conveyed to her by the American Embassy. Willis was not included, being, as he noted in his diary, "too young to wear the required full dress suit." He probably was not too regretful, since he spent the afternoon with their guide, Mr. Ko-o, visiting the Asakusa Temple with its wooden image so rubbed by sufferers wishing to relieve various ailments that portions of it were worn away, then enjoying himself at the moving pictures and watching acrobats perform.

On April 27, in Yokohama, they bid a final goodbye to Miss Rohr and Mrs. Trauger, who had rejoined them earlier but were now prepared to sail for home on the SS *Siberia*, then climbed the stairs of the 101-Step Teahouse to watch the *Siberia* steam out of the harbor.

Dora and Willis continued to visit tourist sites in Japan. In Kamakura they saw the famous Diabutsu, a bronze image of the Buddha, and the Temple of the Goddess of Mercy. They also attended a large public geisha dance performance:

The dancing was queer but pretty and the music weird. Some of the singing of the old Classics sounded like a cat serenade. We enjoyed the evening very much though.

In Kyoto they visited the Gold Pavilion Temple where Willis saw a large topiary example on the grounds:

There is a curious pine tree in the shape of a junk which is a successful example of an art in which the Japanese excel.

ment.

The room was a little bit smaller than an ordinary American bedroom and the walls were of paper stretched over wooden frames and sliding screen doors. The maid put some comforts down for us to sleep on and some little hard round pillows which we did not use. Our bed coverings were two thickly padded kimonos which were to be put on and slept in. Over this were some more comforts. These were very curious circumstances for us to sleep under, but we slept all right.

On April 14 they crossed the Inland Sea from Honshu to Takamatsu, Shikoku, "to see what is said to be the most beautiful garden in Japan. In this garden ... were many little lakes containing islands with stone arched bridges to cross over to them." En route to Tokyo the next day, "We got a very good view lasting about fifteen minutes of Fujiyama." They arrived in Tokyo to find the cherry blossoms in full bloom and the citizens enjoying the season.

Travel had broadened Willis and he now thoroughly enjoyed attending services at a Buddhist Temple and the for-



Two covers from letters mailed in San Francisco. Both have postmarks advertising the World's Panama-Pacific Exhibition, to be held in 1915. The stationery envelope from the Hotel Stewart also includes a promotion for the Exposition in its cachet.



They also visited the Gosho Palace where the Mikados lived, and Willis recounted triumphantly in his diary, "When the guard was not looking I sat on the throne."

At Kameoka they took a thrilling boat ride nine miles down the Hozu River rapids:

At one moment we would be in very still water and the next plunging down the rapids with the water flying and surging and narrowly missing large rocks. The boat drew little water and the bottom was pliable, bending up as we passed over rocks.

At the Pine Bridge, a pine-covered sandbar across the Miyasu Bay, Willis wrote simply "We think that this is the most beautiful place in Japan."

Then, on May 9 in Miyanoshita, they met old friends:

We were much surprised to meet the young Frenchman Mr. Mourichon and also the young Dutchman Mr. Halbertsma. Mr. Mourichon told me he had sent me some stamps of French Indo-China to Yokohama and I was very glad to hear it.

On their return to Yokohama, Willis enquired at the Grand Hotel for mail. Much to his delight he found the stamps sent by Mr. Mourichon, along with letters for Dora.

Among Willis' stamps is one (Scott 110) issued to commemorate the taking over of the Korean postal service by the Japanese. This stamp is postmarked "38-7-22," or July 22, 1905, the same month it was issued.

### Hawaii, May 21-27

After an exchange of gifts with their guide and his wife, including ("best of all") a pair of bonsai trees, they sailed for Honolulu aboard the SS *Manchuria*, Pacific Mail Line, on May 11. Once at sea Willis resumed his nautical log, including accounts of an exciting fire drill and a variety of deck sports arranged for the passengers' entertainment. While en route they passed the westbound SS *Persia*, PML — "We all waved handkerchiefs." Dora wrote to her brother-in-law

Frank: "Willis has made so many friends. Persons from Paris, Rotterdam, Russia, Australia, China, and South Africa have either added to his stamp collection or promise to do so when he returns to the U.S.A."

After they reached Honolulu they boarded the SS *Mauna Kea* and arrived at Hilo the next day. There they were driven thirty-one miles up to Volcano House, then another 7.5 miles to see Halemaumau, the lake of fire in Kilauea's crater.<sup>9</sup>

It is very interesting to see this large lake seething and spurting molten lava. I had fun scorching post cards in the hot cracks in the lava.

Once back in Honolulu they toured Bishop Museum with its collection of feather cloaks worn by the Hawaiian nobility and the aquarium, then set out on a 98-mile automobile ride around the island of Oahu, pausing for lunch at the Haleiwa Hotel in Waialua. Willis also took the opportunity to try a traditional ocean sport — or perhaps only witnessed it:

The bottom of the beach is rough but the surf-riding on the boards is fine.

On May 28 they headed back to the mainland, arriving in San Francisco on June 3.

### San Francisco, June 3-5

Willis and Dora spent three days sightseeing in and around San Francisco, visiting the Golden Gate Park (where Willis saw buffalo) and the famous Cliff House (where they watched seals basking on the rocks), and taking a ride on the Mt. Tamalpais Scenic Railroad, said to be the crookedest railroad in the world. Once back in San Francisco there was time to do a little shopping.

Among our purchases were a stamp album and a picture album to hold my collections.

Two letters from Dora postmarked San Francisco (June 3 and 6) have a "World's Panama-Pacific Exposition 1915"

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publicity cancellation. The Hotel Stewart envelope also shows the Exposition logo.

With their oceanic travel behind them, Willis and Dora visited some of the grand national parks in California and Arizona before returning home to Alabama. In Yosemite they toured the park in a stage coach. They also visited the redwoods at the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, where Willis was hugely disappointed to discover that he had left the extra roll of film for his camera back at the hotel. On their visit to the Grand Canyon, the most intriguing sight seems to have been the prairie dogs.

It was quite interesting to see them jumping and playing. One stood up at about 50 yds. away and he looked just like a stone. I had a hard time trying to convince a German fellow that it was a prairie dog until the little animal moved. They were almost exactly the color of the soil.

On their way to Flagstaff, Arizona, and a visit with one of his Aunt Flora's former Sunday School students, now an Episcopal rector, they were forced to spend the night at Williams, and Willis noted with outrage:

The railroad hotel here is certainly a gouge. Mother paid \$3.50 for the use of a room, with only candle light, for the night.

They continued East, stopping to visit the Petrified Forest, which had been established as a National Monument by Teddy Roosevelt only six years earlier in December 1906.

They passed through Pueblo villages on the way to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and caught glimpses of the snow-clad Rocky Mountains as their train wound through Colorado. They continued on through Kansas ("the levelist state I have seen"), through Missouri, and across the Mississippi River, until they finally reached home in Greenville, Alabama.

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# Letter from a Worried Wife

by John S. Blakemore

Many things change rapidly in our modern world, making it hard for us to recognize that some traumas of human life today are not really very different from those of prior centuries. An example of one such “same old story” can be found in the letter reproduced here, from a young wife and mother to her husband far away. She was told by the authorities that the door to their London home was defective and must be fixed speedily, or there would be a fine. Knowing of this, several contractors showed up and solicited the work. Sounds familiar, doesn’t it?

The folded letter by Mary Clarke was written on September 3, 1678, and entered the mails the same day. She wrote “present,” meaning that postage would be prepaid, and her letter was handed to one of London’s many licensed “Receivers,” along with four pence in cash. The Receiver made two (rather ineffectual) efforts at stamping the back of the letter with his identification mark of “G” in a 16 mm circle. He retained one penny as his fee and took (or sent) the letter, along with the remaining three pence, to London’s General Post Office.<sup>1</sup>

We know that his delivery was timely, since the back of Mary’s folded letter received an SE/3 “Type 2” London Bishopmark datestamp.<sup>2</sup> Presumably the letter left for Taunton that night by horse-borne “postboy.” There is no notation as to when the letter arrived in Taunton (three days is plausible for the journey); or when a servant from Chipley Park came into Taunton (some seven miles east as the crow flies, considerably longer by road, even today) to obtain supplies, and collect “Edward Clarke ye younger’s letter.”<sup>3</sup> And maybe the servant paused for some refreshment at the Lambe before returning, but I digress....

For those who follow the strict postal history path of “rates and routes,” my story is already over. For those who enjoy the contents of letters from the past (and their corollaries), please read on.

The original of Mary’s letter is shown, as well as my transcription of the text. I am sure that some APS members are more adept than I at reading handwriting, but the following is my interpretation of her message. Spelling and punctuation of English were far from standardized in the seventeenth century, and for some things I had to guess.

London Septembre ye 3rd 1678

My Deare

I did not intend to have Given you the troble of a Letter soe sounre but that there must be allways some new thing arise wen you are out of towne to Give me troble. This day heare wase the Lord mayor & several others in theyr Long Gounds and Gould chains I know not who, to few [view] the dores how they weare repaired and with the rest they Looked on owrs which they found Great falt with. They toake up to or three of the stones and set downe your name, and Left word with the peopple that it must be mended in a weekes time or theare aboute or else you would be fined 5sh. I was not then at home, but heare have bin sevarall fellowes heare since to have under taken to mend it, but I did not Imploy them for I cannot tell the meneing of it nor doe I know att present who to advise withall about it nor whot to doe in the case for the best. I thanke God our Little Girle is very well and all the rest of our family but my selfe who have still a Great paine in all my bones, but I hope it will weare of though I cannot find it

one bitt better as yett. I pray God to keep you well in your Journey the assurance of which would be a very great sattissfaction to your truly affectionate wife and reall friend Mary Clarke

My duty to my father and my service to my sister and Love to every body else.

This reads to me as a legitimate “things are awful” letter from a young wife (at the time she was twenty-seven years old, three years married, with two infant children), raked with persistent pain, and harried during her husband’s absence both by the authorities and by ardent contractors. Alas, the “little Girle” referred to in the letter (Elizabeth, then seven weeks old) died in infancy, as did Mary’s first-born son Edward. Dangerous illnesses such as typhoid and smallpox were rampant in those times, although

six of Mary's eleven children did survive to adulthood.

Her husband Edward would have been in Somerset primarily to visit his father at the family's principal country estate, Chipley Park. His father was then in his final year of life. Possibly this letter speeded Edward back to his London home. He may even have foregone a side trip to Chew Magna, necessary to pay his respects to Mary's father and sister as she requested in her postscript.

Young Edward was Oxford-educated and a lawyer, whose activities (including politics) centered on London. As a newly minted lawyer in 1673, he met the noted philosopher and activist John Locke<sup>4</sup> (also a Somerset native), and married Locke's niece Mary (née Jepp). The relationship between Locke and the Clarkes was close until Locke's death in 1704, including massive correspondence<sup>5</sup> and visits back and forth. Never-married John Locke was devoted to the Clarke children and wrote a book on child-rearing and education (based on advisory letters to the Clarkes) that went through multiple editions.<sup>6</sup>

When Edward died in 1710 (Mary having predeceased him by four years), their fourth son Jepp inherited Chipley Park, three older sons having died by then. Jepp's line continued at Chipley, but died out in the nineteenth century. However, two of Mary and Edward's daughters married into a nearby land-owner family, the Sanfords of Nynehead Court. Ann married William Sanford, and then her sister Jane married Henry Sanford.

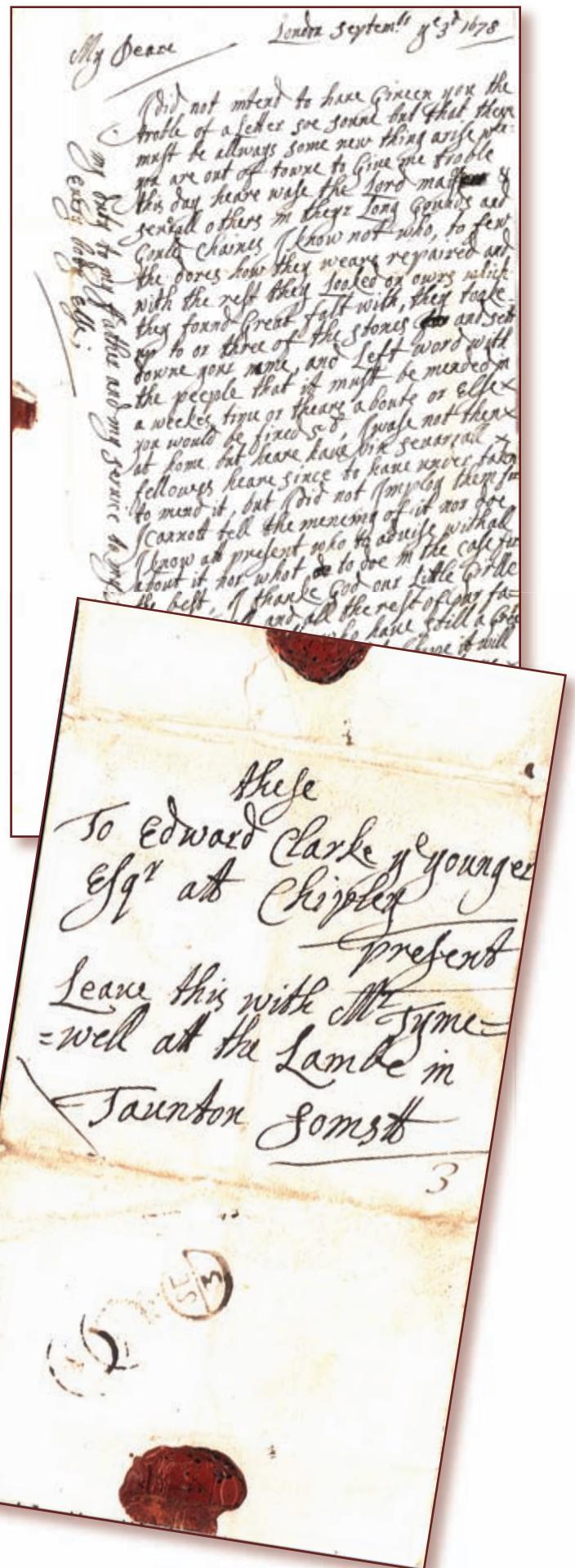
I made a brief and unannounced visit to Chipley in the 1980s, and my taxi driver urged me to ring the doorbell. The gentleman who answered told me that his name was William Sanford, and invited me to see portraits of Edward and Mary Clarke in his front hall. It was good to know that their lineage had been sustained into the current era.

#### Endnotes

1. The current postage rate within England was 3d for a single sheet letter sent more than eighty miles, easily qualified by the 140+ miles from London to Taunton.
2. The "Type 2" London Bishopmark datestamp, in use 1673–1712, used sans-serif letters, with month letters above the day numeral(s). Placing numerals above the month letters did not start in London until 1713, and London's revised practice was not followed in Edinburgh or Dublin, although it was in New York!
3. Both Edward's father and his late grandfather were named Edward, hence the form of address used here.
4. The writings of John Locke concerning religious freedom and personal liberty are known to have influenced the American revolutionary leaders, a century later. Locke's ideals were influential on Clarke, who later entered Parliament.
5. *The Correspondence of John Locke*, edited by E.S. de Beer (Oxford University Press, 1976). In eight volumes. Clarke correspondence is in Vols. 1 and 2.
6. *Some Thoughts Concerning Education*, by John Locke (1693). Reissued, edited by R.H. Quick (Cambridge University Press, 1880).

#### The Author

John S. Blakemore is a retired physicist, whose interest in (mostly used) postage stamps ranges over (probably too) many countries. At least with pre-stamp postal history, he has been able to concentrate on one topic: London Bishopmarks.



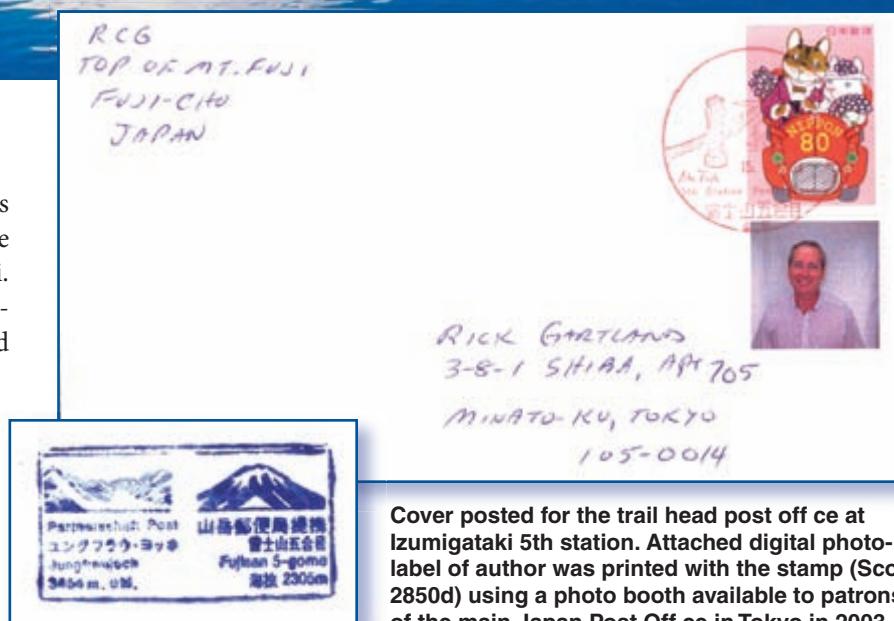
# Write from the Top; A Philatelic Journey Up Mount Fuji

by Richard Gartland

Sooner or later, anyone who spends time in Japan has to address the icon of that country — Mount Fuji. In 2003, with my work assignment in Tokyo coming to a close, my wife Ann and I decided to take on the challenge of climbing Mt. Fuji during the August climbing season. That is, Ann and I along with thousands of our “closest” Japanese friends.

The Mt. Fuji climb, considered by many as a pilgrimage, is undertaken by people from all walks of life and all levels of trekking ability. Nearly all the climbers taking on the challenge have one essential piece of gear, a sturdy walking stick that serves as a handy surface for applying the coal-fired brands one finds at each station along the trail. These brands gave my philatelic mind an idea. Perhaps it would be possible to have the brands applied to a small board that could then be mailed at the conclusion of our trek.

The day broke bright and clear; however, our arrival was delayed by traffic tie-ups on the way to the trail head at Izumigataki 5th station. As a result we got a late start, an issue that would haunt us later. It’s important to remember that we are flatlanders, originally from Michigan, where the highest point is 1,980 feet — now we were shooting for 12,388 feet



Cover posted for the trail head post office at Izumigataki 5th station. Attached digital photo-label of author was printed with the stamp (Scott 2850d) using a photo booth available to patrons of the main Japan Post Office in Tokyo in 2003.

with hope of reaching the volcanic lip of Fuji-san in time for sunrise.

With each station we reached, another brand “trophy” was applied to my board and walking stick. I was confident that I would have a great philatelic souvenir to commemorate reaching the top. But the gradient continued to increase, the sun began to set, and the crowd on the mountain made progress slow and treacherous. Eventually, my skittishness at heights and the degrading conditions led us to abandon our quest at the Gansomuro hut — the last point that intersects the return trail. Believe me, it was plenty high enough for both of us, and we joined a hut full of people similarly stuck

**Caution!**

Make sure you take the correct descending route at the Edoya Hut!



● No climbing outside trails

● Be careful of falling rocks and lightning

● Stay in the center of the trails

● Absolutely no throwing rocks

※ It takes about 120 minutes to descend to the Safety Guidance Center from the Original 8th Station.

※ There is one restroom along the way, however, there are no mountain huts on the descending route.

※ It takes about 60 minutes to walk around the crater.

※ Note - Both times do not include stopping for a rest.

Mt. Fuji Safety Guidance Center

Fujiyoshida Police Station

Summit 3730m  
About 800m  
Original 8th Station 2300m  
About 600m  
About 1000m  
About 800m  
About 450m  
Summit 2300m

**NOTICE TO CLIMBERS**

Welcome to Mt. Fuji! Please climb safely so that your experience will remain with you as a happy memory of the summer.

○ Mt. Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan. Due to the changeable weather on the mountain, it is best not to climb in casual clothing. Warm clothing, cotton gloves, and a raincoat should be used.)

○ Be sure to follow the officially fixed routes for climbing up and down. For your own safety, do not stray off the trails. (The sand slide is not to be used for descending the mountain.)

○ You are requested to keep in contact with each other while climbing and not to go astray from your group. There are no communication facilities on the mountain.

○ There is one toilet facility, however, there are no huts for climbers on the descending route.

○ During storms, stop climbing and find shelter in a hut.

○ Watch out for falling rocks and stones, especially in places under construction.

○ Feeling should become bad if the injured man needs to use the mountain trail of the 7th step, and the first-aid station of the 8th step.  
The 7th step first-aid station establishment period From 7/19 to 8/22.  
The 8th step first-aid station establishment period From 7/19 to 8/24.

○ Empty cans and garbage must be taken back down the mountain with you in order to keep Mt. Fuji clean. Be considerate of the people who live on or near Mt. Fuji as well as the other climbers. Thank you.

**Mt. Fuji Safety Guidance Center**

8th Station of Mt. Fuji (Phone: 0555-24-62233)

**Attention Mount Fuji Hikers:**

A public announcement regarding the use of the public toilets located at the Seventh Station of Mount Fuji along the descending mountain trail:

This toilet is located in the midst of a national park and is in a rigid natural condition. Although there is no water or electricity, please make a strong effort to keep it clean so that others may use it as well.

Devoting yourself to the environmental preservation of Mount Fuji:

For the purpose of preserving the environment and maintaining this facility, please leave a tip of at least 100yen when using it. Thank you.

It is up to everyone to preserve the environment and keep this facility looking clean.

● Please remember your manners and keep this facility looking clean. Thank you.

Route map and information for hikers from Izumigataki 5th station.

Posted from Izumigataki 5th station post off ce. Scott 2711 with Scott 2475 aff xed later by a sympathetic mail clerk.

Reverse of board with the cherished brands of various huts on the way to the summit.



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Sunrise from the top of Mt. Fuji.

by the increasing darkness.

The next day found us taking the return trail down from Gansomuro. Word reached us that some of our party had made the summit, although some became quite sick from the altitude. Eventually, we were all reunited back at station no. 5 and my board was duly accepted at the post office. Curiously, it arrived at my Tokyo apartment with an additional ten yen in postage affixed, although I previously had the board weighed and measured to assure it met Japan post office standards. Typical of the kindness we encountered all during our time in Japan, the additional postage was applied by some sympathetic clerk somewhere in the mail stream, for it did not arrive postage due.

Truly a great souvenir, it takes its place among my other philatelic keepsakes from our time in the Land of the Rising Sun.

## The Author

Rick Gartland has reported on several of his philatelic adventures in *The American Philatelist*. He continues to work on completing his one stamp/one cover collection from every stamp-issuing entity, and enjoys helping his wife Ann with her Orchid Topical collection.

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# Philatelic Memorabilia of St. Francis Xavier: Goa 1952

by Ron van der Holt

The commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Francis Xavier (1506–1552) was the cultural highlight of Goa in 1952. St. Francis, the patron saint of Goa, whose tomb and mortal remains still are venerated there, arrived in Goa in 1542, faced with the task of spreading Christianity among the subjects of the Portuguese Colonies in the East.

A former pupil of St. Ignatius Loyola, and one of the seven founding members of the Jesuit Order, St. Francis Xavier was ordered to the Far East in 1540 by the Pope, along with fellow Jesuit Fr. Simon Rodriguez. Rodriguez, however, had to remain in Lisbon, and St. Francis is remembered as the first Jesuit missionary priest. In his ten years as a missionary he traveled thousands of miles (often in his bare feet), visiting most of the Far East. He is given credit for baptizing more than 40,000 people. Considering the primitive methods of transportation available to him, his missionary voyages were nothing short of miraculous. He died while on a journey to China in 1552, in an attempt to carry the Gospel further into Asia. Considered one of the greatest Eastern missionar-

ies, St. Francis was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV. A Catholic enclave since the early decades of the sixteenth century, surrounded by the religious plurality of India, Goa remains approximately 38 percent Christian to this day.

This anniversary was considered to be of such cultural stature that, in addition to the eagerly anticipated “exposition” or viewing of the Saint’s body, a plethora of stamps, souvenir sheets, special envelopes, and cachets were issued throughout the last four months of 1952. The creation of philatelic souvenirs that commemorated the Saint culminated during Goa’s first philatelic exhibition, which was held from December 4, 1952 until January 7, 1953. This is an exploration of the philatelic memorabilia created between October 1952 and the beginning of 1953.

In such esteem was St. Francis held that his image graced a number of stamps issued by Portuguese India beginning in 1946 (Scott 464). While the same serene depiction of the Saint was issued in 1948 (Scott 476), it wasn’t until 1952 that a set of three stamps (Scott 517–519), two souvenir sheets, and a tête-bêche pair were issued. This proliferation of philatelic items of the Saint anticipated the formal commemoration of his death in December 1952, but the stamps and souvenir sheets were in keeping with the dominant themes or subject matter of the Portuguese India Postal Service between 1946 and 1953: saints, churches, priests, and icons.

Issued on October 25, 1952, three values comprising Scott 517–519 depicted a statue of St. Francis, his severed right forearm (which at some time in the past had been amputated to be sent to the Pope), and his ornate tomb. Two souvenir sheets (Scott 520–521) issued the same day repeated the images of the Saint and his tomb. On December 4 a tête-bêche pair (Scott 523a) was issued showing the Saint’s placid expression and a facsimile of the first stamp of the colony in 1871. A small advertising label was printed between the stamps to publicize Portuguese India’s first philatelic exhibition. The position and function of the advertising label serves to straddle a religious festival and a secular event, thus literally binding them together.



Canceled souvenir sheet (Scott 521) showing image of St. Francis Xavier and his ornate tomb



Special commemorative cachet cover sent to Calcutta December 4, 1952. Inside were saved a newspaper account of the exposition of the Saint's body and a small holy card.

## THE SUNDAY STAR

### EXPOSITION OF BODY OF ST. FRANCIS

#### COLOURFUL CEREMONIES IN GOA

From Our Special Correspondent

PANJIM (Goa), Dec 3.—The body of St. Francis Xavier (canonized in 1622) was taken out of its coffin today for the last public exposition. Rome has decreed that the body is to be placed in a specially constructed urn "never more to be opened."

The last time the coffin was opened was in 1941 by a private viewing to Cardinal Gilroy of Australia.

The last public exposition was in 1941; the first was in 1859,

were followed by exhibitions in 1860, 1866, 1876, 1912, 1931 and

When the coffin was opened the body was found in a state

of decomposition.

The opening of the five-foot-tall

and placing the body in a six-

glass-panelled sarcophagus was

most impressive ceremony.



Philatelic first day cover for set of three commemorative stamps, tied by special first day cancel, October 25, 1952.



Holy card of St. Francis Xavier with stamp showing the Saint tied to the card with a Philatelic Exhibition cancel.



Postcard of Our Lady of Fatima with the 1949 stamp issued in her honor (Scott 481) tied to the card with a Philatelic Exhibition cancel.



Philatelic covers prepared by Feremias X. de Carvalho and Luis Noronha.

Also provided in conjunction with the Saint's death anniversary and the issued stamps were special first day covers and a unique first day cachet.

A commemorative cover recently purchased on the Internet threw the fourth centenary of St. Francis' death into high relief for me. The cover was an attractive depiction of the haloed Saint with outstretched arms and one hand resting on a globe. The cover was sent to Calcutta franked with one of each of the St. Francis set of three and tied with two "Velha-Goa" (Old Goa) cancels on December 4, 1952. Saved inside was a carefully folded newspaper article and a small holy card. The article was published in Calcutta on December 7. Titled "Exposition of Body of St. Francis / Colourful Ceremonies in Goa / From Our Special Correspondent," it

gave details of the ceremonies surrounding the last public exposition of the Saint's remains. According to the account, more than 50,000 faithful gathered outside the Cathedral to receive the Papal blessing at the end of the ceremonies. The article concluded:

The exposition will last until Dec. 30. Thousands are pouring into Goa. In addition to the normal services, there are specially chartered steamers, special trains and extra buses. Forty buses have been requisitioned from India to cope with the rush. A party of ladies of the Spanish nobility are expected as well as pilgrims from many countries.

The holy card shows the Saint holding up a cross and surrounded by devoted people from many countries. The inscription, in French, reads "Saint Francis Xavier pray for us."

Philatelic memorabilia associated with the exposition can be divided into two groups:

1. Covers associated with the stamps issued on October 25 and special envelopes provided before December 1952.
2. All philatelic material associated with the Philatelic Exhibition.

## October to December 1952

The issuing of new stamps and souvenir sheets in October inspired the creation of a wide range of privately printed commemorative envelopes and an official first day cancel. Facsimiles of the set of three stamps decorate some of the envelopes, while various poses of the Saint adorn others.

Although some covers appear to have done postal duty others were clearly "philatelic" and can be described as composite philatelic souvenirs. One commemorative cover used a privately printed special envelope and has all three exam-



Postally used cover commemorating the fourth centenary of St. Francis Xavier; backstamped in Ottawa, February 10, 1953

ples of the 1952 set, tied by a special first day of issue cancel. The cover was assembled by Feremias X. de Carvalho, a prolific philatelic souvenir creator, who addressed it to his daughter (or wife), care of himself in the capital. It had approximately fourteen times the necessary postage for a journey across town, but as the lack of a back stamp indicates, the cover was not intended for postal use. Nonetheless, the result was an attractive and slightly elaborate philatelic souvenir. Covers using similar special envelopes that did legitimate postal duty were being used well into 1953.

## The First Goan Philatelic Exposition

The sheer variety of philatelic memorabilia that resulted from the first Goan philatelic exhibition of 1952–53 might offend the purist, but it surprises and even delights the enthusiast. The exhibition began on December 4, 1952, the day after the venerable Saint's body had been disinterred and laid to rest permanently in a specially constructed urn. The opening of the exhibit coincided with the issuance of the tête-bêche pair of stamps (Scott 523a) and it ended on January 7, 1953.

As would be expected, a special exhibition cancel was used for the duration of the event, and several official envelopes and postcards related to the Saint were produced, in addition to the items created for the Philatelic Exhibit alone. The enthusiasm for creating composite philatelic souvenirs of the Saint's fourth centenary culminated during the exhibit. Philatelic souvenirs, with at least one stamp and the exhibition cancel, that combine St. Francis commemorative material with the philatelic exhibition include:

- Philatelic Exhibition envelopes
- St. Francis fourth centenary envelopes
- Envelopes advertising both events
- Addressed covers on plain envelopes
- Canceled souvenir sheets (Scott 520–521)
- Postal stationery cards
- Philatelic Exhibition postal stationery cards
- Air mail letter sheets
- Images of St. Francis on small souvenir cards
- Religious postcards

The number of items listed may be an indication of the enthusiasm of the Goan philatelic community (be they collector or dealer), as well as the zeal of the devotees of St. Francis. The variety of uses of the St. Francis stamps and the philatelic exhibition cancel often was extended to non-philatelic material as well. The suspicion is that those with a canceling device at the exhibition applied a cancel to anything placed in front of them that had a stamp, such as the holy card of St. Francis shown and a postcard honoring Our Lady of Fatima.

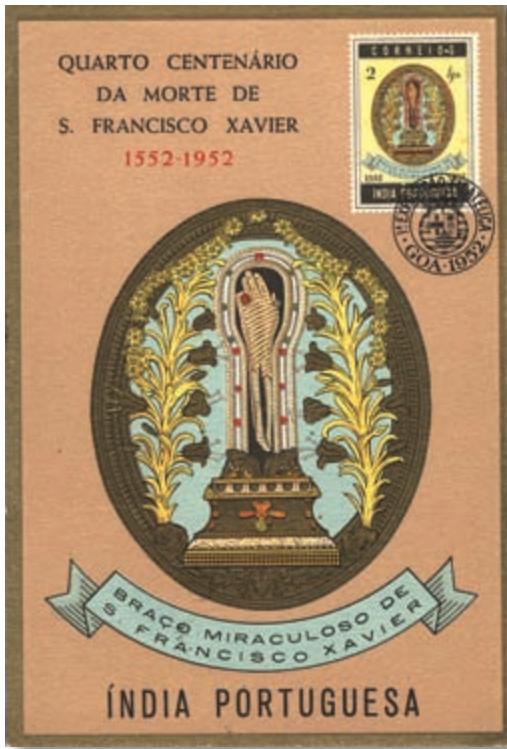


Cover cachet honors both St. Xavier and the Philatelic Exhibition; note Exhibition cancel for December 17, 1952.



Postcard commemorating the fourth centenary of St. Xavier's death has both a facsimile imprint of Scott 517 with faux cancel and an actual stamp, tied with a Philatelic Exhibition cancel.

During the post-World War II period in Portuguese India philately, a few names and their philatelic souvenirs reappear. Brother Hyacinth, perhaps the best-known "cover specialist," was active during this time, but other names emerge, including Feremias X. de Carvalho, Luis Noronha, and John Braganza. All four individuals were actively producing composite philatelic souvenirs in the latter half of 1952 and early 1953.



Postcard prepared for the fourth centenary of St. Xavier's death, featuring an image of the reliquary holding his severed arm and a facsimile of the corresponding stamp (Scott 518). The actual stamp is pasted on the address side of the card, tied with a Philatelic Exhibition cancel.



Postally used postcard, mailed from Lisboa, showing St. Xavier's tomb with a facsimile of the corresponding stamp. The card, however, does not use one of the commemorative stamps for franking nor does it show a Philatelic Exhibition cancel.



The proliferation of philatelic memorabilia inspired by the events surrounding the commemoration of St. Francis in 1952 proved to be of lasting influence in Goa. The philatelic and financial implications arising from the Philatelic Exhibition may have prompted postal officials to launch "Dia do Selo" (Stamp Day) in 1956. While no special stamps were issued for Stamp Day (which continued to be held through 1961), special envelopes and a cancel appeared each year that, in terms of format and overall appearance, echo the philatelic events of 1952.

Although there wasn't a second philatelic exhibition held in Goa until November 1960, most subsequent stamp issues from 1953 until 1960 were accompanied by official and privately produced first day covers and an official first day cancel. As a result of events in Goa in 1952, a religious celebration and a secular event can be said to have combined to inspire a diverse array of philatelic memorabilia and to set a trend for the next ten years of Portuguese India philately.

### The Author

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# Who Are We?

Last fall, for the first time in a decade, we conducted a membership survey. We did this because our membership changes — as it does in any organization over time — and we want to make sure we are addressing the needs of our current members. It was carried out for us by a firm that specializes in hobby surveys and it covered over one thousand people, scientifically sampled. This sample included members, former members, and stamp collectors who had never been members.

As a society we are getting older, but then people are living longer and our most loyal members are our older folk. Our average age is now 65. Three-quarters of our membership have a college education. We are predominately male — women represent only 11 percent of our membership, but this fraction continues to increase over time. More than half of us were “stamp collectors” by the age of ten. Half of these were helped by relatives. Whether this is a reflection of the particular environment of the “baby boom” generation or is something that will continue over time, it points up the need to spend our time and resources with young people, particularly those in our families.

Why are we into stamps? Other than the fact that we all were born with the “collector gene,” you told us that an interest in history is very important, followed by looking for a hobby for relaxation, an interest in geography, and just for plain fun!

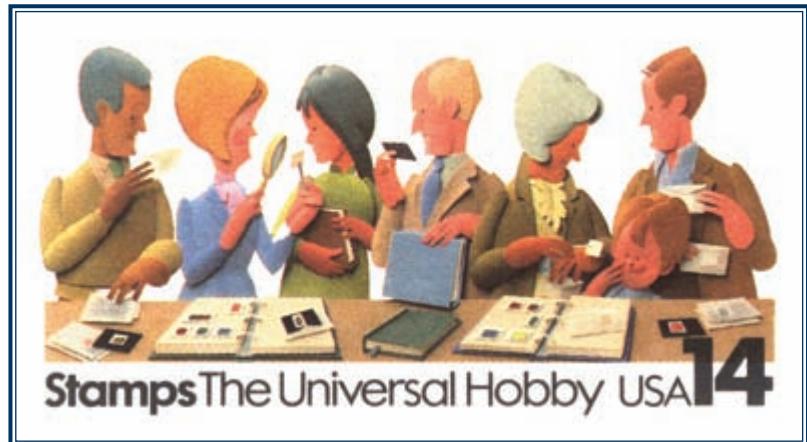
The median household income of our membership is between \$75,000 and \$100,000. A quarter of us spend more than \$2,500 a year on our philatelic activities; however, sixty percent spend less than \$1,000 a year. Ninety percent of us read about stamps this past year, while a similar percentage purchased stamps.

Surprisingly, you told us that the number one reason you are APS members is to support philately. After that, the next most important reason is your subscription to *The American Philatelist*. Two-thirds of us read most, if not all, of the *AP* on a regular basis. This is greater than in the past. We are very proud of our magazine, and are continuing to make it even better. Other significant reasons for belonging to the APS include our support for education and for youth.

Three things stand out to us when telling us what you would like us to make available:

- First, you would like to see us make recent articles from the *AP* available online as a regular feature of

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the “members domain” on our new website.

- The second thing you want is to have stamp album pages available online for downloading and printing.
- Finally, you would like us to offer philatelic courses online.

These three requests present us with a challenge to have our new website up and reliably running on a timely basis.

So, who are we? My conclusion is that we are a bunch of ordinary, but older, well-educated and economically better-off, people who share an intense passion about philately. The survey will be a guide for us in delivering the services you want and need in the coming years. This is important not only in helping us to serve you but also in making the Society even more attractive to those who might become members. To this end I have appointed Board member Michael Dixon to head up a special committee to focus on membership. He is expected to report to the Board at our meeting this month in Charlotte.

## Board Meeting in Bellefonte

Your Board met on October 23, 2007, in Bellefonte. Following the presentation and discussion of routine matters, the Board heard from India Wood, presenting the Member-

ship Survey I discussed above. The Board also asked the APS staff to look into the provision of pins for 25-year members. We then took up the matter of committees. At the beginning of every administration, the President names volunteer committees and their chairs, for approval by the Board. I received approval for many of these at the first, brief meeting following our installation in Portland. The rest were approved in Bellefonte.

Specifically, we approved three new committees. An *Awards Committee* has been formed to coordinate the many awards the APS gives out annually, including the Hall of Fame Award, the Kehr Award, and numerous other volunteer awards. An ad hoc committee to review *Election Policies and Guidelines* was created, as well as an ad hoc *Personnel Committee* formed to consult with the Executive Director on personnel matters.

We also approved the addition of two new Affiliates: the *Peru Study Group* and the *U.S. Yahoo Specialized Group*. We then made a small change in the rules for Chapters, so that smaller chapters with substantial numbers of APS members could qualify for free renewals. A proposal for a "coupon book" for members, and especially new members, to be used at APS stamp shows, was approved and remanded to APS staff for implementation. A proposal for early admission for APS members on the first day of our winter and summer shows was agreed to in principle by the Board but was sent back to staff for further work before being formally approved at a future date. We agreed that the winter show in 2010 would be held February 19–21 in Riverside, California. A decision on the 2011 winter show will be made once we have better information from the potential host cities.

We then took up the 2008 budget. This is a \$4.2 million

budget, balanced, including a full recovery of depreciation, without recourse to Campaign for Philately funds. This budget includes allowance for staffing the Headsville Post Office in the Gordon and Mary Morison Pavilion at our headquarters in Bellefonte. Finally, we spent some time with APS members who were present, describing and discussing the processes the Board and the APS use in addressing disputes and utilizing unrestricted donated funds for operations.

## January — A New Beginning

We now are in a cold and dark month. For most of us there is now snow and frozen ground outside our windows. The more adventuresome of us head for year-beginning stamp shows in places like Charlotte, Sarasota, and Phoenix. Most of us stay at home, bundled up, looking forward to warmer times. And yet, the days are already getting longer, and snowdrops and hellebores, scilla and early crocuses are peeking through — giving us signs that green days will return.

The Chinese New Year is upon us, and it should remind us to go back to our stamp collections. While evenings are still quite dark, it's a good time to put things in order and to think of what we plan to do in the philatelic season. And don't forget others — if you didn't give all your duplicates to family and friends in November, think about donating them to local schools and charities.

Remember, as our survey indicated, only one-third of us — a fraction that has remained unchanged for twenty-five years — are members of a local stamp club. There are almost 600 APS Chapters (stamp clubs) — chances are there is one in your area. Go and visit — you may find the new friendships and activities it has to offer just what you need to warm and brighten this cold, dark month.





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## from the executive director

by peter mastrangelo



A handwritten signature of Peter Mastrangelo in black ink.

It is my hope that each of you had a joyous holiday season surrounded by family and friends. As I write this column it is the day before Thanksgiving. Thinking ahead to January, I am reminded that the turn of the year marks an opportunity for new beginnings. The main topic for my column this month presents us with an opportunity to reflect upon how and where APS should direct its activities in the future.

In his comments this month, President Nick Carter has provided you with an overview of our recent APS Stamp Collector Survey. Now, with apologies to Paul Harvey, I'd like to tell you the "rest of the story."

### APS Stamp Collector Survey

Our last membership survey was conducted in 1996 and served us very well. Yet, time has a way of changing things. When I became your Executive Director in June 2006, one thing became apparent to me right away: our members are certainly not shy about sharing their ideas, suggesting new programs or services, and providing opinions on a variety of topics. As a matter of fact, I observed that many ideas that have been put forth over the years and were not acted upon for whatever reason found new life, since the "new guy" had not heard about them yet. The challenge then is how to distill so many ideas and to consider those that have merit in relation to the mission, goals, objectives, and resources available to the APS.

We needed a starting point, thus the need for an updated survey. As an illustration, about a year ago I asked the question, "What is the profile of our average member?" We could only take an "educated guess." Now we can say with certainty that our average member is wealthier, older, and better



# Happy New Year!

educated that the average American. Our membership is predominately male, about 65 years of age, with a median household income between \$75,000-\$100,000. Seventy-three percent have college degrees and about half are retired. Yet, this is only part of the story.

The 2007 APS Stamp Collector Survey went farther than earlier APS surveys, since we also queried former members and non-members about their stamp collecting habits and opinions about various APS programs and services. It may very well be the most comprehensive survey about the hobby in decades!

In some instances there are varying degrees of difference between member and non-member responses to key survey questions. Here are some examples:

- Philatelic spending of more than 50 percent of our members exceeded \$750 for the previous twelve months, compared to 36 percent for non-members.
- As a percentage of their philatelic budget, non-members spent 39 percent of their funds on purchases through the mail (mail order, circuits, approvals) compared to 19 percent for members. Members spent 29 percent of their budget on purchases through public auctions (non-online), compared to 12 percent for non-members.
- eBay is the most popular online site for stamp purchases, utilized by 60 percent of members and non-members. APS StampStore was used by 21 percent of our members (only members can buy and sell on Stamp Store). MysticStamp.com was used by 30 percent of non-members, compared to 10 percent of our membership.
- The collecting interests of members and non-members do not vary significantly. About two-thirds of survey re-

spondents collect by country only, 30 percent collect by country and topic, and 5 percent by topic only.

- About 60 percent of non-members and 45 percent of members also collect coins and paper money.
- Major reasons why members joined the APS are because they wanted to learn more about stamps, to receive *The American Philatelist*, and to support the hobby. The top reasons why they renew are similar to why they joined.
- The main reason why collectors have *not* joined the APS is that they don't think there is sufficient benefit to justify the cost. They also indicated they have not joined because they have not been invited.
- While a majority of our members (50 percent or more) are aware of major APS programs, products, and services (such as *The American Philatelist*, the annual AmeriStamp Expo and StampShow, Sales Circuits, Stamp Insurance, Stamp Store, Expertizing, the American Philatelic Research Library, and other programs), outside of the AP and our stamp shows, non-members are significantly *unaware* (about 75 percent) of what we have to offer. Additionally, even among our membership we can improve awareness in certain areas.
- Our members also provided a quality rating for our programs, products, and services. On a 1-to-5 scale (1 being poor and 5 being excellent), every item listed averaged above a 3.8 rating, with the highest-rated services being *The American Philatelist*, the APRL, and our stamp shows.

This is just a sample of some of the information and data that can be gleaned from the APS Stamp Collector Survey. Over the course of the coming months I will be dedicating a part of my column to selected aspects of the results. An Executive Summary and the full report also can be found on our website. The survey is rich in data. It can help us in marketing and promoting the hobby, as

well as in aiding us to refine our programs, services, and products for members.

In order to take advantage of the full promise these results have for the hobby and the APS, our Board of Directors has tasked Director-at-Large Michael Dixon to chair a committee to analyze the survey results and to recommend appropriate actions and strategies consistent with the survey. A preliminary report is scheduled for the Board of Directors meeting on January 10, 2008, prior to AmeriStamp Expo. That initial report will focus on some immediate actions that can be taken. It will be followed by a more in-depth analysis for consideration by the Board at StampShow next August in Hartford, Connecticut.

## APS Website

At our last Board meeting, I reported to the Board that we had made a business decision to search for a new developer for our website redesign. Reluctantly, I have to report that this will postpone the unveiling of a new website until mid-to-late 2008. In the interim, let's not forget that our present website, [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org), continues to serve us very well. Among other things, it is your portal to access a new, user-friendly catalogue search engine for the Library; to purchase and sell on StampStore; to view updated information on our shows; to pay your dues online; and much, much more. Internally, we have upgraded our membership database software that will facilitate updating and managing individual membership records, accounts, and transactions.

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The other stamp store can be described as a mini-stamp store that comes to you. As a buyer, you receive our sales circuits with the actual stamps mounted inside, so that you have the items in your hands for inspection before making your purchase decisions. With the dwindling number of brick-and-mortar stamp stores, the APS sales circuits offer members a chance to view and buy items that they might not otherwise see. Many of the items are not easily found online because of their relatively lower value, but there is a lot of material in the circuits that is also available online for comparison shopping.

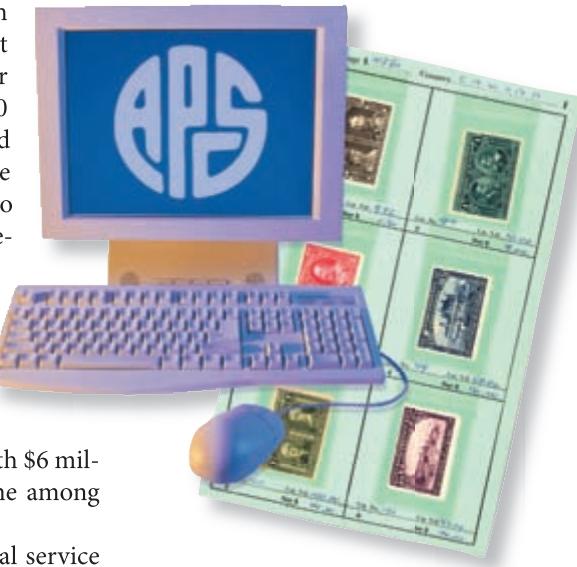
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one out there who is in that business. We are looking for a maker of rubber stamps to whom we can refer our members. The idea is to provide members with an inexpensive stamper, and we would like to be able to include vendor contact information when a member asks about obtaining one. We are presently suggesting that members order the stampers through their local office supply stores. Please contact me at (814) 933-3803 ext. 227 or [twhorn@stamps.org](mailto:twhorn@stamps.org) for a description of the desired stamper and other pertinent information.

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The first of those classes will be a special two-course offering held at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, April 11 and 12, 2008.

**Collecting the Revenues** will be taught by *Ron Lesher*, past president of the American Revenue Association. Ron is a former APS Director-at-Large, a Director of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, and a long-time revenues columnist online and in the weekly philatelic press.

Although the course is intended for the beginning collector of revenues, there will be enough depth to the topics so that even collectors with experience will come away with new knowledge. The first day will provide a broad overview of collecting revenues and examine some of the scope of United States revenues — including federal, state, and local revenues. On the second day special attention will be given to ways of collecting revenues (e.g., plate blocks, precancels, perfins, and covers).

*Lloyd DeVries* will offer a basic-to-intermediate course on **Collecting First Day Covers**. Lloyd is First Vice President of the American First Day Cover Society and a past APS Secretary and Director-at-Large, and has written columns on



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first day covers for more than twenty years for the philatelic press. Since 1983, he has produced his own line of first day of issue cards, and, for about eight years, was a weekend bourse dealer selling FDCs and related material.

The course will look at various facets of first day cover collecting, including the various types of FDCs, why FDC collecting may be the most participatory area of philately (and a great way to recruit new collectors), how FDC exhibiting has changed in recent years, and where to find resources for collecting, cachetmaking, and marketing.

Both classes will run concurrently from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Meals will be included in the registration cost and guests of participants may join us for a modest price.

## Other Workshop Opportunities

**The Washington-Franklin Issues** with *Dennis Gilson* (April 23–24, prior to Westplex, San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel). Learn how to identify and differentiate the more than 200 individual stamps that make up this challenging series, as well as how to detect the most obvious fakes and alterations. This class is not just for the expert collector, but for anyone who has collected or is interested in collecting these classic issues. Included will be hands-on sessions where you will examine a variety of stamps from the series and be guided through the identification process. You also will leave the course with resource materials to use for future collecting of the W-F Issues.

**Philatelic Research and Writing** with *Gini Horn and Bill Welch* (October 24–25, APC, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania). This course on pursuing philatelic research and writing up your results will be offered in conjunction with the fortieth anniversary of the American Philatelic Research Library. Gini Horn, APRL



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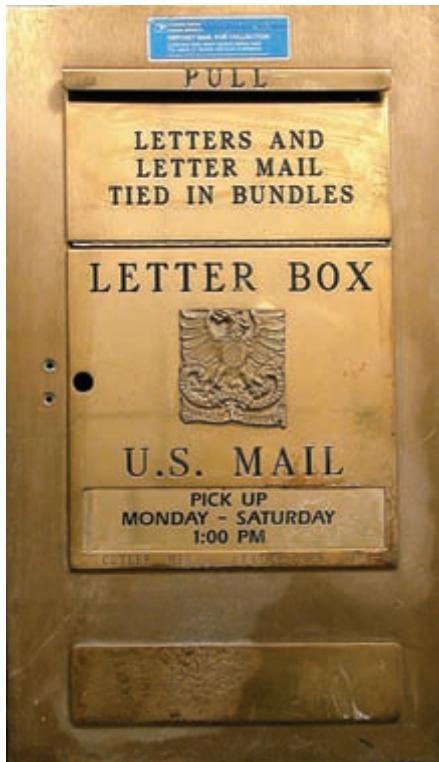


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I would like to begin this month's column by talking a little bit about how the Smithsonian National Postal Museum is funded. I believe it is important that our readers understand not only what the museum does, but how we manage to do it. As you know, our mission includes telling the story of the postal service and supporting the philatelic hobby. The financial support for this work comes from two sources — an operating budget and private funds. The operating budget (personnel, energy costs, etc.) is what we need to open the doors each morning. Those funds are supplied by the Smithsonian Institution and the U.S. Postal Service. Funding for building improvements, many programs, and all exhibits must be raised through private sources. As the new year begins, I would like to take this moment to thank our various stakeholders and volunteers for their efforts in helping the museum support the hobby of stamp collecting. The museum could not exist without their contributions of time and expertise.

## Mailboxes

This year marks a pair of anniversaries in the history of mailboxes — those landscape fixtures that have become so much a part of our daily lives that we rarely even notice them anymore. Until we need them, of course. One hundred and twenty-five years ago, James Cutler of Rochester, New York, recorded patent number 284,951 for his "letter-box connection" system. Cutler's work was in response to the growing number of ten- to twenty-story buildings under construction in the United States. Cutler noted the need for residents in these new "skyscraper" buildings to have easier mailbox access. In his patent, he described the invention's intention as to "enable persons upon the different floors of a building to deliver letters and other matter to be mailed into a letter-box or other receptacle on the lower floor." The system would enable "the numerous occupants of office-buildings, hotels, [and] tenement houses ... to secure the prompt delivery



This Cutler mailbox is part of the National Postal Museum's collections.

of their mail-matter within reach of the carrier ... without the labor and annoyance of visiting the receptacle." Further, it would allow patrons to send "letters of value directly into the official sealed letter-box without the interposition of servants, messengers, or others of doubtful reliability."

The Cutler mail system was a qualified success. Apartment and office building tenants became familiar not only with quick access to first-floor collection boxes, but also with the inevitable chute blockages that could cause mail to back up in a trapped mess for floors. Cutler Company's first mail chute was installed in Rochester's Elwood Building in 1884. The first chutes were limited to railroad stations and public buildings. In 1905 the Post Office Department allowed the installation of Cutler mail chutes in hotels with more than five stories and apartment houses with more than fifty apartments. The popularity of Cutler's mailbox design continues to this day. Each year the museum receives several



inquiries from architects or designers looking for original Cutler mailboxes for renovation projects.

The impact of the Cutler chute and mailbox system is dwarfed, however, by the impact of another mailbox patent. This year we also are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Albert Potts' patent for the first lamp-post mailbox. The progression of the street corner mailbox from Potts' 1858 design to today's four-footed mailboxes has been one of tests, trials, and eventually the adaptation of a mailbox so useful and ideal in its design that no substantive changes have been made to it in decades.

If you think the simple city collection box is an odd candidate for a celebratory anniversary, I'd like to draw your attention to two things. The first is the reaction that continues to greet the USPS across the country when low-volume mailboxes are removed from a community. Even if a mailbox is not receiving as many deposited letters as it used to, it is certainly noticed when it is removed. The second shows the nation's continued attention to the corner mailbox. My example is the press coverage and public attention given to the appearance last year on some street corners of mailboxes that looked remarkably like the popular *Star Wars* robot "R2D2." In fact, one of these mailboxes, which were decorated as part of the *Star Wars* stamp issues, was recently donated to the museum.

When Albert Potts first drew up his patent, postal officials were skittish about adding mailboxes to the postal network. However, by 1858 Americans had started to become comfortable with the idea of letters and letter writing. Exorbitant postage costs were a thing of the past, and the postage stamp had become a staple of American life. Stamps could be purchased and kept at home, giving



Cutler's 1883 patent included this illustration of how the chute system would operate. Notice the various chutes leading from the third and second floors to a ground floor receiving box.

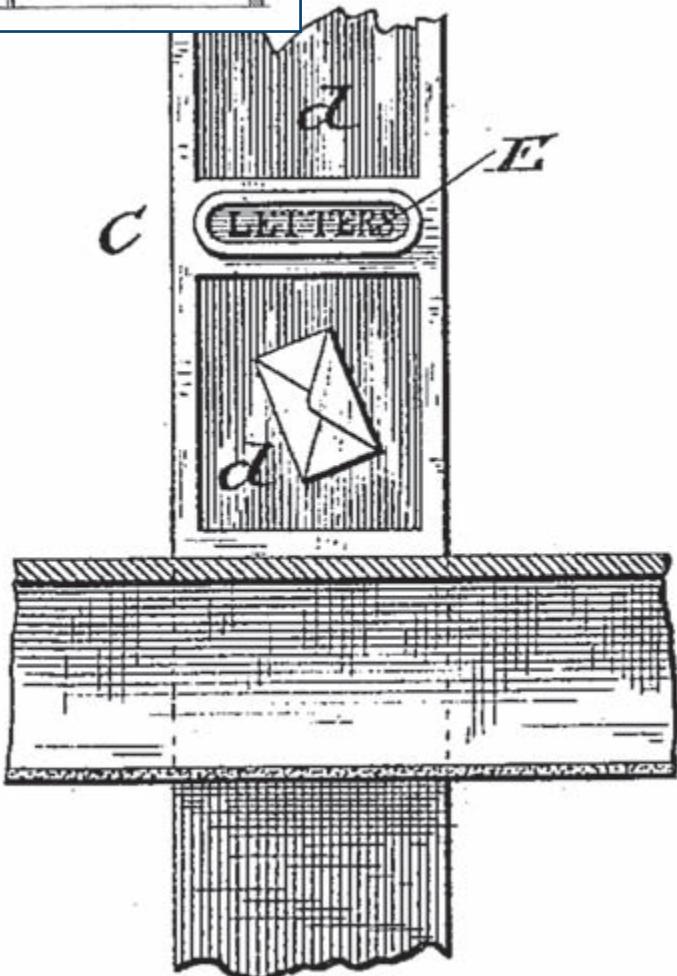
The Cutler mail chute shown from the 1883 patent in action. Notice the recently deposited letter traveling down the metal and glass chute.

people the freedom to post letters without the bother of traveling to the post office. And post them, they did. In the decade after 1845, the number of letters mailed more than tripled, reaching 132 million in 1855.

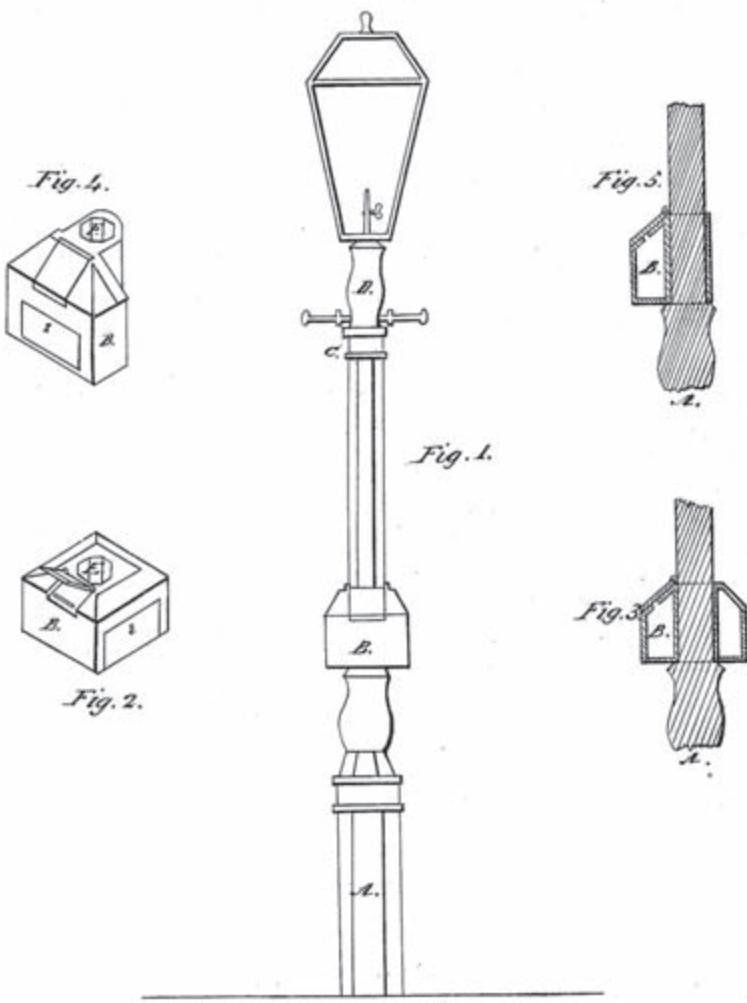
The first public mail collection boxes in the United States had been those placed in selected high-traffic locations by private mail carriers. The first mailbox officially sanctioned and used by the Post Office Department was Potts' "metallic letter-box." Potts' rounded mail receptacle was designed to fit securely around a lamp post. The lip would allow people to insert a letter into the box, where it would rest under secure lock until retrieved by a letter carrier. In his patent number 19,578, dated March 9, 1858, Potts noted that boxes would "afford greater facilities to the inhabitants of large cities for the depositing of letters, and to enable the carriers to collect, or the citizens to deposit therein, at any period of time."

Perhaps in recognition of Potts' Philadelphia residency, that city's postmaster was more receptive to adding these new mailboxes to the city streets. Within a year, 300 of Potts' mailboxes were attached to lampposts across the city. A writer in *Scientific American* referred to this development as "bringing the post office to everyone's door."

The convenience did not go unnoticed in other cities. In a November 9, 1859, *New York Times* article, the writer complained that while Philadelphia "has several thousands of these boxes attached to lampposts, on the corners of streets," New York City residents were not as



*A. Potts.  
Letter Box.  
Nº 19,578. Patented Mar. 9, 1858.*



The museum does not have an original 1858 Potts mailbox. This illustration from his 1858 patent shows elements of the mailbox and how it would attach to a lamppost.

fortunate. By the end of the next year, that city had 574 mailboxes, all of them located below 55th street. And, by 1870, a guide to San Francisco noted that mailboxes could be located throughout the city.

Mailbox development of the nineteenth century was a continual tale of problems (too easy for mail to be stolen out of the box, weak lips that broke off, flimsy metal design) and step-by-step solutions (better locks, stronger lips, firmer metals). Mailboxes adapted by the Post Office Department included

styles designed by postal personnel, private contractors, and even a dentist! The adapted styles represented only a small percentage of the more than 100 mailbox designs and improvements patented between 1858 and 1900.

The final step in the development of our corner mailbox came on March 30, 1931, when the four-footed square package box that accompanied some hanging lamppost mailboxes was renamed a large collection box. Over time, as mail volumes soared, this design came to replace smaller, pole-attached mailboxes.



This illustration of the Potts mailbox was used on the spine of Marshall Cushing's 1893 work, *Story of Our Post Office*.

Our collections include numerous examples of street corner mailboxes. You can browse through some of them on the museum's Arago website (<http://arago.si.edu>). The addition of mailboxes to America's street corners was one more step — following the appearance of cheap, prepaid letter postage — in the evolution of the mail network from an expensive, exclusive system to one available to the greater population, to be embraced for reaching family and friends, for commerce, and for gathering information.



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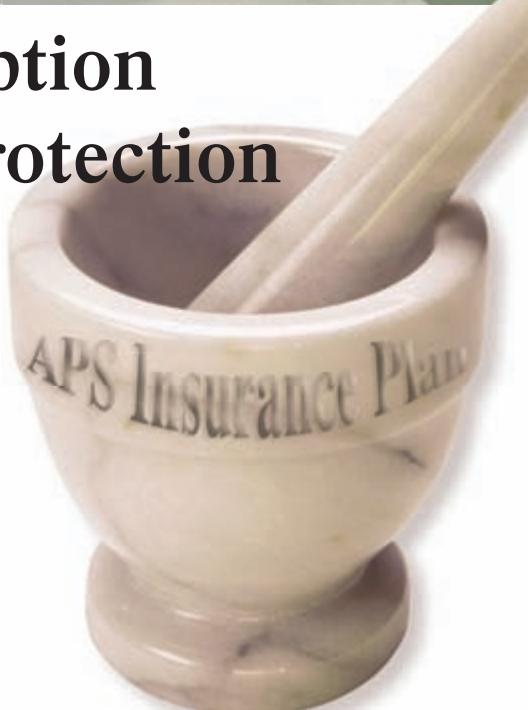
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**Michigan** January 19-20  
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Dearborn Heights. Contact John P. Gorney, 313-561-7024.

**Pennsylvania** January 25-26  
York County Stamp Show, White Rose Phil. Soc. of York, York Fairgrounds, Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Ave., York. Contact John Hufnagel, glenrockkots@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\*

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**Illinois** January 26-27  
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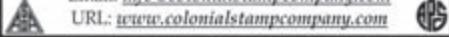
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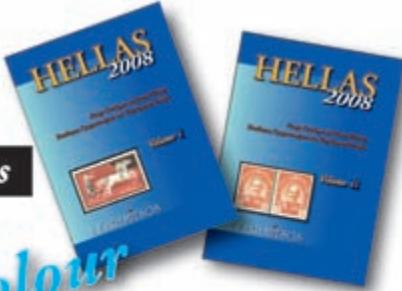
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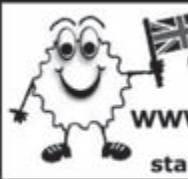
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The following applications were received during November 2007. If no objections are received by the Executive Director (814-933-3803) prior to January 31, 2008, these applicants will be admitted to membership and notice to this effect will appear in the April 2008 issue.

Adams, Dillard G. (212949) <b>Gallatin, TN</b> CLASSICS; 75; Retired	Epstein, David S. (213026) <b>Richmond, VA</b> US-FRANCE-IRELAND-BUTTERFLIES; 59; College Instructor	Henn, Mark A. (213024) <b>Alexandria, VA</b> 61; Real Estate Title Insurance
Albertsen, Anfelt (212953) <b>Long Island City, NY</b> 75; Retired	Evelhoch, Michael L. (213042) <b>Butler, PA</b> US-GER; 43; Accountant	Henry, Adam T. (212988) <b>Granby, CT</b> 36
Albus, Michael M. (212940) <b>Papillion, NE</b> US; 55; Computer Scientist	Feinstein, Charles S. (213055) <b>East Stroudsburg, PA</b> ISRAEL TABS; 51; Software Developer	Holcomb, Ray (212996) <b>Jacksonville, FL</b> MINT US; 44; Systems Analyst
Andersen, Sean S. (213022) <b>San Jose, CA</b> 34	Fernandez, Gustavo (213004) <b>Buenos Aires, Argentina</b> JAPAN-US-ARGENTINA-HAWAII; Surgeon	Huesmann, Louis C. (212960) <b>Franklin, TN</b> AMATEUR RADIO; 76; Physician
Barcus, Martin D. (213063) <b>Omaha, NE</b> EARLY US; 49; Caterer	Fincher, Stanley C. (213027) <b>Suffolk, VA</b> 67; Retired	Hunter, Craig (212937) <b>Rocklin, CA</b> 53
Barrus, Noel (213045) <b>Burlingame, CA</b> GENERAL; 59; Post Office Worker	Flack, Audrey M. (J-213020) <b>Cedar Falls, IA</b> 11; Student	Jablonki, Joseph (212993) <b>Sunny Isles Beach, FL</b> SPAIN-BRAZIL; 70; Business
Barton, Karen (213047) <b>Portland, OR</b> US-CANADA; 41	Fore, Karen K. (213012) <b>Atlanta, GA</b>	Jacobs, Dan (213056) <b>Highland, IN</b> 84
Bates, Mark F. (213009) <b>Little Compton, RI</b> 58	Fountain, Jolene S. (212992) <b>Haslett, MI</b> AUST-NZ; 58; Finance Technician	Jesson, Donald C. (213037) <b>Pierpont, OH</b> 1800s USED; 66; Retired
Beyer, Philip A. (212973) <b>Castorland, NY</b> US PLATE BLKS; 61; Sawmill Owner	Fournier, James M. (213028) <b>Franklin, VA</b> US-GER-NZ; 48; Maintenance Supervisor	Kabakov, Dantcho (212939) <b>Arvada, CO</b> 37
Bielski, David L. (212954) <b>Sanford, NC</b> MINT US, BLKS-UN; 64; Retired	Fournier, Rose I. (S-213029) <b>Franklin, VA</b> CANADA-AUST; 49; Teacher Assistant	Kale, Edward E. (213049) <b>Ebensburg, PA</b> US, PLATE BLKS, FDC; 70; Architect
Blessman, Phil (213043) <b>Culver, IN</b> 37	Garfinkel, Philip (212934) <b>Toms River, NJ</b> US; 53; Self Employed	Kerr, Randy B. (213005) <b>Greenville, MI</b> US, REV, POSS; 46; Auto Mechanic
Blicharski, Edward (212941) <b>Deerfield, IL</b> US-POLAND; 80; Architect	Gribbin, Robert E. (212957) <b>Springfield, VA</b> 61; Retired	Kishbaugh, Albert R. (212980) <b>Camp Verde, AZ</b> MINT US; 74; Retired
Boyd, Ella Nita A. (212942) <b>Wheaton, IL</b> 83	Hamilton, James D. (212944) <b>Rancho Cucamonga, CA</b> PRE 2000 US SINGLES, PLATE BLKS, COILS; 58; Gro. Warehouse	Kotowski, Raymond V. (212983) <b>San Marcos, TX</b> US; 77; Retired
Bradford, William (213023) <b>Cape Coral, FL</b> US; 56	Handley, Daniel (Y-212994) <b>Ortonville, MI</b> AIR MAIL-1800 LETTERS/COVERS-AUSTRIA-HUNGARY; 13; Student	Krawczyk, Thomas (213021) <b>Bradford, ON</b> ; 60; Retired
Breeding, Gregory (212943) <b>Charlottesville, VA</b> 44; Art Director	Hanski, Raimo K. (212925) <b>Edmonds, WA</b> US-CANADA-FINLAND-BRIDGES-ANTARCTICA; 64; Retired	Kyle, Neil F. (213050) <b>Woodbridge, VA</b> US, COMMEM, DEFINITIVES; 46; Principal
Brindza, Paul (212924) <b>Yorktown, VA</b> AUSTRIA-CZECH-HUNGARY-YUGOSLAVIA; 58; Engineer	Harms, Todd (212974) <b>Granville, OH</b> 35	Ladron, Howard J. (212997) <b>Maricopa, AZ</b> MINT US, SINGLES, BOOKLETS; 34; Sales
Brown, Edwin L. (212962) <b>Atlanta, GA</b> AFRICAN AM-MARTIN LUTHER KING; 60; Retired	Harrienger, Charles F. (212995) <b>Cortland Manor, NY</b> US; 84; Retired	Langley, Brian (212998) <b>College Park, MD</b> 44
Burback, John R. (213035) <b>Virginia Beach, VA</b> US; 64; Retired	Harrison, Robert (213048) <b>Portland, OR</b> MINT US; 68; Retired	Lauridsen, Morten J. (212964) <b>Portland, OR</b> US; 97; Retired
Butler, Jim (212948) <b>Beaumont, TX</b> 53	<b>NEW MEMBERS</b>	
Butler, Joseph W. (213040) <b>Macon, GA</b> 66	Applications 212280, 212567, 212588 through 212740 as previously published have been accepted for membership by the Board of Vice Presidents.	Lawrie, Jonathon (212930) <b>Asheville, NC</b> 57
Buzzelli, Aaron N. (212961) <b>Latrobe, PA</b> WORLDWIDE; 66; Clergy	<b>SUMMARY</b>	Lee, Donald B. (212926) <b>Terry, MT</b> 71; Rancher
Caddell, Deborah S. (212985) <b>Granbury, TX</b> WORLDWIDE; 52; Real Estate Appraiser	Total Membership, Oct. 31, 2007 43,187	Lidstrom, John (213006) <b>Benton Harbor, MI</b> US-CHINA-KOREA-THAILAND; 50; Nuclear Reactor Operator
Caesar, James (212972) <b>Watertown, CT</b> US-CANADA-UK; 68; Retired	New Members ..... 155	Loepp, Thomas R. (213057) <b>Casper, WY</b> POSTAL HISTORY; 53; Artist
Clay, John L. (212987) <b>San Antonio, TX</b> WORLDWIDE; 73; Retired	Reinstated ..... 48 203	Loew, Hal (212945) <b>Monticello, AR</b> US-FDC; 81; Retired
Cox, Ted (213046) <b>Richmond, VA</b> US; 41; Finance	43,390	Lower, Richard C. (212927) <b>Lebanon, NH</b> 54; Custodian
De Bedout, Jean Andre (212959) <b>Winooski, VT</b> US; 39; Management	Deceased ..... 79	Lyman, William P. (213033) <b>Chicago, IL</b> US STAT; 59; Business Manager
de Boer, Gerard (213011) <b>Davis, CA</b> GER HAND OVERPRINTS-NETH-PRE 1949 CHINA; 69; Retired	Resignations ..... 305 384	Lyons, Ellen C. (212946) <b>East Greenbush, NY</b> US-ICELAND; 83; Retired
Dean, Anil (213041) <b>Pleasant Hill, CA</b> 33	Total Membership, Nov. 30, 2007 43,006	Marcheski, Mark B. (212999) <b>Dundee, IL</b> US-CANADA; 47; Veterinarian
Dean, Robert L. (212955) <b>Sugar Land, TX</b> US-CANADA; 76; Retired		Marek, James F. (212990) <b>Kent, WA</b> WORLDWIDE; 60; Contracts Manager
Delanoy, Cynthia (212991) <b>Arlington, TX</b> 47		Marshall, Alfred H. (213015) <b>Marshalltown, IA</b> 60; Student
DeLuca, Ralph (213039) <b>Madison, NJ</b> 31		Martin, Arthur A. (213007) <b>Oshawa, ON</b> CANADA-US-GB-SCAND-IRELAND; 83; Retired
Doman, Thomas R. (212970) <b>Saint Simons Island, GA</b> MINT, SHEETS; 75; Retired		McCubbin, Marietta (212965) <b>Stillwater, OK</b> CHRISTMAS-DISNEY; 54
Donahue, John F. (212971) <b>Pawtucket, RI</b> US PLATE BLKS; 56		McFerrin, Philip N. (213034) <b>McHenry, IL</b> PRE 1960 US & WORLDWIDE; 65; Retired
Eckenrode, David E. (213003) <b>Patton, PA</b> US; 66; Retired		Meehan, James D. (212936) <b>Orangeburg, SC</b> US; 68; Retired
Elliott, Harold H. (212963) <b>Columbus, OH</b> US-EUR, COL-JAPAN-EGYPT; 76; Retired		Miller, Lois M. (213013) <b>Mountain View, CA</b> BRIT OCEANIA-US; 61; Jewelry Artist

Mitchell, Gary (212951) **Las Vegas, NV**  
WORLDWIDE; Retired

Moden, Ross (212958) **Cambridge, England**  
BIRDS; 57

Moll, Katherine K. (213018) **Hutchinson, KS** US-  
TOPICAL; 61

Monroe, Mark J. (213025) **Lewistown, PA** SPACE;  
42; Sales Management

Mooers, Judith B. (212928) **Jupiter, FL** PLATE  
BLKS-COMMEM; 68; Retired

Morrison, Curtis R. (213000) **Yaphank, NY** US; 30;  
Law Student/Construction

Muir, Thomas E. (212929) **Lamar, PA** US PLATE  
BLKS-FDC; 61; Retired

Munro, Joseph B. (212976) **Narragansett, RI** US-  
CANADA-NFLD; 77; Retired

Myers, Charles C. (213019) **Brevard, NC** US-  
CANADA-W EUR; 62

Narayanan, Kannan P. (212981) **Saint Louis, MO**  
WORLDWIDE; 28; Consultant

Ogrodnek, Lawrence (212952) **Palm Harbor, FL**  
88; Retired

Ortiz, Pedro H. (212977) **Las Vegas, NV** SPAIN,  
COL; 39; Finance

Ottawa Philatelic Society, The (1566-213062)  
**Ottawa, ON**

Parker, Allen (212933) **Ef and, NC** GENERAL; 38;  
Financial Advisor

Perham, John (213051) **Gorham, NH** 86

Perry, Robert (212966) **Baltimore, MD** TRUCIAL-  
WORLDWIDE-US; 53

Puleo, Vincent (212967) **Brooklyn, NY** US  
DEFINITIVES, COMMEM; 67; Retired

Rawe, Donald E. (212932) **Kennedale, TX** US-  
SPACE; 60; Financial Analyst

Robbins, Matthew (212986) **Greensburg, PA** 40

Roeder, George A. (212956) **Wilton, CT** US-UN-  
BRIT-CANADA; 66; Retired

Sage, Peter W. (213038) **Stephentown, NY** 41

Salyer, Brian K. (212935) **Ellensburg, WA** 49;  
Teacher

Sandoval, Alexandra L. (213008) **Sacramento, CA**  
US; 46

Sanford, Budd (212975) **Los Osos, CA** HAWAII-  
VAT-ROMAN PAPAL-CSA-PITCAIRN IS-US; 53;  
Retired

Schilling, Thomas K. (212938) **New Lisbon, NJ**  
FDC-MINI/FULL SHEETS; 54; Teacher

Schmidt, Steven P. (212950) **Wellesley, MA** 52; CIO

Schoeffel, Joan C. (212979) **Palm Coast, FL** 70;  
Retired

Schussel, Leonard (213052) **San Jose, CA** US-  
CANADA-ISRAEL-OLD PALESTINE; 82;  
Enrolled Agent

Schwitzke, Gerald E. (213059) **Sun City West, AZ**  
US-CANADA-GER; 66; Retired

Sears, Alton T. (212989) **Danville, NH** US; 58;  
Software Engineer

Shook, Allan A. (213044) **West Hills, CA** 60

Slavkovsky, Ferdinand (213053) **Barneget, NJ**  
EARLY US; 71; Retired

Smith, James M. (212931) **Pensacola, FL**  
MEDICAL; 50; Physician

Smith, Jay C. (213010) **Merritt Island, FL** 46; Real  
Estate Appraiser

Spiewak, Gerald W. (212984) **Saint Clair Shores,**  
**MI** US-CANADA-BERMUDA; 65; Medical  
Therapist RT

Stassi, Peter P. (213014) **Houston, TX** NFLD-US-  
PRE 1945 S AM; Retired

Steensma, David P. (212982) **Rochester, MN**  
NETH; 37; Physician

Stoddard, Lawrence G. (213001) **Charlotte, NC**  
COVERS-FDC-POSTAL HISTORY; 57; Sales

Tainter, Leland B. (213030) **Riverside, CA** US-FDC;  
71; Retired

Thompson, Marilyn F. (213054) **Mattoon, IL** US  
COMMEMS; Nursing Administrator/Educator

Umstead, L. A. (213016) **Gower, MO** USED US; 81;  
Retired

Van Emburgh, Lois N. (11679-213060) **Crossville,**  
**TN** 68

Vera, Manuel A. (213017) **Silver Spring, MD**  
SHIPS-CANOES-KAYAKS; 58; Manager

Vignolo, Stephen (213002) **Williamsburg, VA** PRE  
1955 MINT US, BRIT COMM, CANADA; 65;  
Retired

Voos, Larry (213061) **Longview, WA** GB-US-  
CANADA-JAPAN-AUST-NZ; 47; Engineer

Weant, Jeffrey D. (213036) **Lexington, NC** 19TH &  
20TH C US RARITIES; 46; Sales Manager

Weast, Gerald (212968) **Reno, NV** DUCK; 34

Weiss, David D. (212978) **Chagrin Falls, OH** US-  
CANADA; 42

Whiting, Isabel D. (213031) **Williamsburg, VA** US-  
CANADA-GB; 74

Willman, Susan (213058) **Leesport, PA** US; Retired

Wynkoop, Blair A. (212969) **New York, NY** 49;  
Sales/Development

Zitomer, Burton (212947) **Morristown, NJ** US; 64;  
Attorney

Zornetzer, Robert B. (213032) **Williamsburg, VA**  
US; Retired

## CHANGE IN NAME

Gervais, Rothwell E. (179053), Mesita, CO, has  
changed his name to Rothwell J.E. Thompson-  
Stewart.

Lamando, Lester A. (5401-151385), Las Vegas, NV,  
has changed his name to Alan J. Lamando.

## DECEASED

Anderson, Glen R. (123333), Thiensville, WI

Bauer, Robert D. (116787), Lincoln, NE

Black, Emily J. (078436), State College, PA

Bontor, Edward (6526-046203), East Meadow, NY

Brewer, William E. (096165), Paradise, CA

Bristow, Charles A. (107080), Hilton Head  
Island, SC

Cahill, Wilma J. (S-185160), Fort Myers, FL

Calvert, Marion K. (140585), Copley, OH

Cannarsa, Dante N. (5691-042151), Naples, FL

Cave, John E. (7355-050770), Huntsville, AL

Cowan, James E. (6899-049899), Wenatchee, WA

Dailey, Arthur H. (5259-039251), Valley, AL

Daum, Phillip E. (163342), The Villages, FL

Dauterman, Robert (170546), Carson City, NV

Davis, Richard H. (2617-038189), Peoria, AZ

Doolittle, Albert W. (177493), East Derry, NH

Elberg, Charles A. (203039), Orlando, FL

Feigenbaum, Clive H. (200093), Harrow, Middlesex,  
England

Finch, Wilfred J. (5335-040312), Scottsdale, AZ

Fitzsimmons, Thomas J. (7774-055251),  
Parksville, MD

Flohre, Joseph W. (192730), Mason, OH

Ford, Jack D. (4659-037149), Billings, MT

Foxworth, Virginia D. (9472-065019), Lake Orion, MI

Gayles, John L. (4917-038945), Vicksburg, MS

Glick, John T., Jr. (171491), Broadway, VA

Goedhart, Hill (10832-075493), Riverside, CA

Goyden, William M. (131465), Fort Myers, FL

Granger, Arthur W. (094887), New Port Richey, FL

Grdinich, Anthony (100575), Siloam Springs, AR

Gregorio, F. Peter (087356), Burke, VA

Hall, Eugene C. (078520), Fairview Heights, IL

Herrick, Robert G. (197995), Mason City, NE

Hinchman, Daniel E. (118468), Richmond, VA

Johnson, Donald F. (078140), Duluth, MN

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 Kane, Howard S. (120529), Delray Beach, FL  
 Keeslar, LD, Jr. (9181-064178), Newton, NC  
 Kuhn, Arthur J. (176724), Vancouver, WA  
 Laing, Gary T. (125307), Wytheville, VA  
 Laprade, Marguerite A. (104995), Council Bluffs, IA  
 Levin, Robert A. (5712-042190), Albuquerque, NM  
 Mallette, M. Frank (076941), State College, PA  
 Mays, Ron F. (090345), Grand Junction, CO  
 McNeal, Herbert P. (4579-037458), Winter Park, FL  
 Nix, Ralph W. (119094), Capitola, CA  
 O'Donoghue, Edward J. (9548-063531), Aurora, CO  
 Olson, Arthur E. (5983-044358), Brownsville, OR  
 Ott, G. Sherman (9541-064600), Pittsburgh, PA  
 Patrizzi, Madeleine R. (206477), Thonex, Geneva, Switzerland  
 Perrino, John J., Jr. (090424), Sarasota, FL  
 Picone, Helen S. (4314-071425), Corpus Christi, TX  
 Reuter, Calvin H. (8889-062221), Wisner, NE  
 Roberts, Darryl I. (132187), Waterford, MI  
 Robertson, Donald B. (5801-041995), Redwood City, CA  
 Rosenfeld, Perry P. (5073-042614), Delray Beach, FL  
 Rosenstock, Charles J. (076620), Spokane, WA  
 Rowe, Robert S. (159005), Sebring, FL  
 Rundell, Lilla Belle (175973), Eustis, FL  
 Schloss, Ronald L. (5584-031346), Chicago, IL  
 Sconn, Edward I. (10105-068735), Mims, FL  
 Shibley, Richard M. (150767), Wooster, OH  
 Shira, Gerry (171055), Hilton Head Island, SC  
 Smith, R. Gordon (8572-060704), Roseville, CA  
 Snider, Jerry L. (7921-051874), Lennox, CA  
 Snyder, William L., Jr. (140276), Brookville, PA  
 Sparks, James V. (142131), Norridge, IL  
 Spirkoff, Mary J. (157078), Sacramento, CA  
 Sundman, Maynard (4072-032177), Littleton, NH  
 Thurston, Marlin O. (5544-041390), Columbus, OH  
 Villano, John R. (154583), Ronkonkoma, NY  
 Warden, Robert L. (080980), Houston, TX  
 Warnock, Albert M., Jr. (18188), Gulf Breeze, FL  
 Waud, Morrison, (4443-032362), Lake Forest, IL  
 White, Eugene B. (5931-043506), Darien, CT  
 Wurst, Jeffrey A. (192512), Columbus, OH  
 Young, Robert C. (173764), Monrovia, MD  
 Zelonka, Ron A. (102408), Oakville, ON, Canada  
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- Overt and covert censorship of civilian and military mail in times of war and civil disturbance.
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- Development of soldier's free franking privilege.
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**Beware of Cat and Other Encounters of a Letter Carrier**, by Vincent Wykoff. Published 2007 by Borealis Books/Minnesota Historical Society Press. Hardcover, 184 pp., ISBN 10: 0-87351-582-X, ISBN 13: 978-0-87351-582-5. Available for \$22.95 from Borealis Books, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102-1906; telephone 800-647-7827; website [www.borealisbooks.org](http://www.borealisbooks.org).

Despite its attractive title, this memoir of a postal carrier in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is as leaden as a carrier's feet at the end of a long day. It is clear that the author loves his job and enjoys his encounters with the people he serves; however his story is written in an over-simplified language that will appeal to some but not all readers.

— B.F.

**Bulgaria: From the Ottoman Empire to the Kingdom — History, Stamps, and Postal History 1840–1908**, by Roberto Sciaky. Published 2006 by Vaccari s.r.l., Vignola, Italy. Paperback, 119 pp., b/w illus., ISBN 88-85335-82-9. Available for €27 from Vaccari s.r.l., via M. Buonarroti 46, 41058 Vignola (Mo), Italy; e-mail [info@vaccari.it](mailto:info@vaccari.it); website [www.vaccari.it](http://www.vaccari.it).

Part of Vaccari's History Through Documents series (No. 18), this volume provides a useful overview of Bulgarian philately from the mid-nineteenth century to the beginning of the twentieth. Although there are numerous clear black-and-white illustrations of stamps, postmarks, and covers throughout the book, Sciaky notes that he has emphasized the postal history of the country rather than individual stamps: "This new book is intended for the average collector who would like to have some more information on the history and postal history than that reported by the well known catalogues and to start a new collection. Therefore this book is more concerned with those topics than on varieties of stamps, watermarks and perforations, and other specialized varieties."

Beginning with a brief history of the Ottoman Period, the author goes on to discuss the Ottoman period, the Russian period, the Alexander period, the organization of the Bulgarian post, and

the various types of issues that have been released over the years. The seven appendices cover Ottoman cancellers, Bulgarian cancellers, village postmarks, traveling Post Offices, postal rates, transport of mail on the Danube River, and registration postmarks.

Roberto Sciaky passed away before the publication of *Bulgaria*, and there is an Editor's dedication note: "We started cooperating with professor Roberto Sciaky in 1999 on the occasion of the first volume of four about Ethiopia he wrote.... Even for this volume he worked with passion till the end, with the precious support of his wife and his sons. With appreciation and affection, we dedicate this work to beloved professor Sciaky, an author pioneer of philately."

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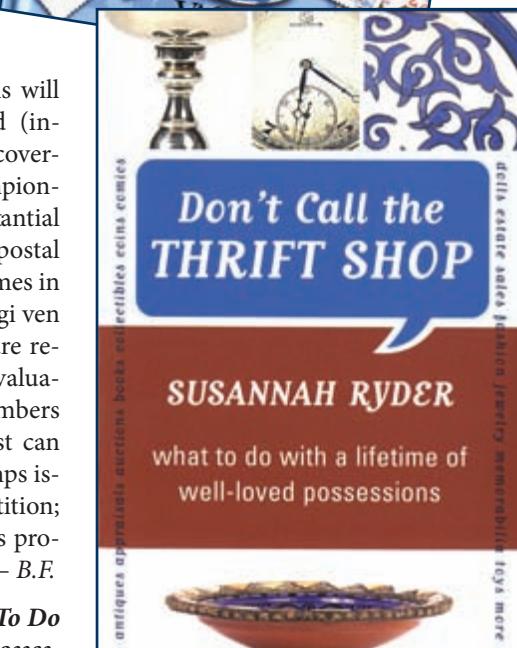
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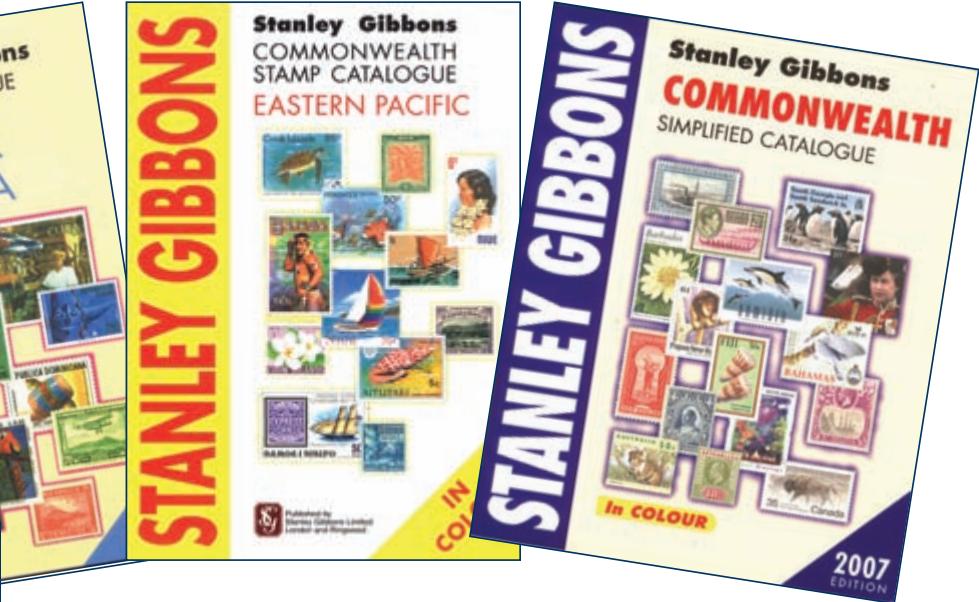
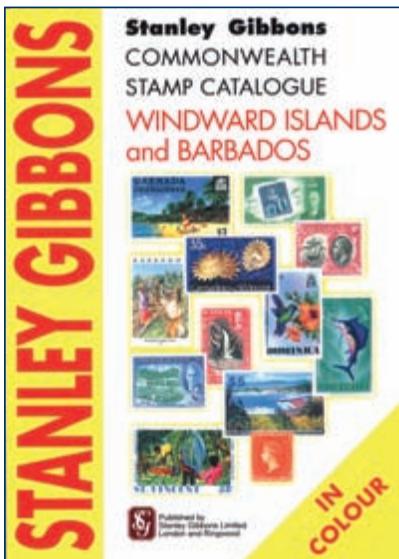
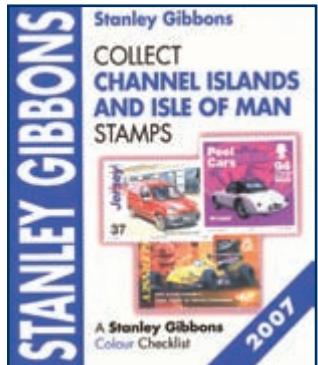
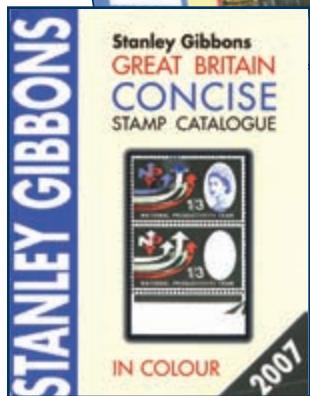
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Although not primarily a philatelic publication, this book by a California financial advisor addresses the many-faceted collectibles market and how best to deal with disposing of your or a family member's possessions should the need arise. The volume is intended as a beginning resource on estate planning, appraisals, using an auction company, selling on eBay and the Internet, charitable donations, and much more.

Chapter 13, "Stamps, Comics, Photos, and Other Paper Pastimes," begins with a brief overview of "philately" and defines the various components of a typical stamp collection. This is followed by a section titled "Find Out About Stamps," and the American Philatelic Society is the first resource listed (although, unfortunately, no contact information is provided).

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## Catalogues Received and Noted

**Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue: Part 15 Central America** (3rd edition). Published 2007 by Stanley Gibbons Publications. Softbound, 195x165mm, 399 pp., ISBN 10: 085259-643-X, IS BN

Gibbons Publications. Softbound, 216x146mm, 410 p.p., ISBN 10: 085259-648-0, ISBN 13: 978-0-85259-648-7. Available for £39.95 from Stanley Gibbons Publications, 5 Parkside, Christchurch Road, Ringwood, Hants, BH24 3SH, U.K.; e-mail sales@stanleygibbons.co.uk; website www.stanleygibbons.com.

The last edition of this catalogue was published in 1984 and this new edition has been eagerly awaited by collectors. Like other recent catalogues in this acclaimed series, *Central America* is published in color for the first time and is in the A4 format adopted for the larger "Foreign" volumes.

There have been a number of editorial additions and improvements, following research and discoveries made by collectors and members of the trade. The stamps of the Canal Zone are included for the first time and the listings of cancellations used by the British Post Offices during the nineteenth century have been enhanced. As well as including more than twenty years of new issues, there have been a huge number of price changes, particularly among the errors and varieties, so any collector interested in the fascinating stamps of the Central American countries will be certain to benefit from this catalogue.

**Stanley Gibbons Collect Channel Islands and Isle of Man Stamps; A Stanley Gibbons Checklist.** Published 2007 by Stanley Gibbons Publications. Softbound, 195x165mm, 399 pp., ISBN 10: 085259-643-X, IS BN

13: 978-0-85259-643-2. Available for £24.95 from Stanley Gibbons Publications, 5 Parkside, Christchurch Road, Ringwood, Hants, BH24 3SH, U.K.; e-mail sales@stanleygibbons.co.uk; website www.stanleygibbons.com.

The colorful and attractive stamp issues from the Independent Postal Administrations of Guernsey (including Alderney), the Isle of Man, and Jersey are exceedingly popular with collectors. This checklist provides a comprehensive listing of all the stamps from these islands up to the end of 2006. Much detailed information is included and the scope incorporates listings for the German Occupation issues, the British Post Office Regional issues, miniature sheets, first day covers, presentation packs, commemorative covers, and postcards.

#### **Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth Simplified Catalogue 2007.**

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**Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth Stamp Catalogue: Eastern Pacific** (1st edition). Published 2007 by Stanley Gibbons Publications. Limpbound, 220x297mm, 60 pp., ISBN 10: 085259-644-8, ISBN 13: 978-0-85259-644-9. Available for £9.95 from Stanley Gibbons Publications, 5 Parkside, Christchurch Road, Ringwood, Hants, BH24 3SH, U.K.; e-mail sales@stanleygibbons.co.uk; website www.stanleygibbons.com.

This series of color catalogues lists and prices the stamps of Commonwealth countries from SG1 to date. The *Eastern Pacific* volume includes the stamps of the Cook Islands (including Aitutaki and Penrhyn Island), Niue, and Samoa. For the first time in any Stanley Gibbons listing, the stamps of the German Post Office in Samoa are included, as are German stamps cancelled in Apia. Major plate flaws, watermark varieties, and booklets are all listed and the catalogue is complete to mid-2006. Prices for issues up to 1952 have been taken from the *2007 Commonwealth and Empire Stamp Catalogue*. Later issues have been specially priced for this volume.

#### **Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth Stamp Catalogue: Windward Islands and Barbados** (1st edition). Published 2007 by Stanley Gibbons Publications. Limpbound, 220x297mm, 212 pp., ISBN 10: 085259-663-4, ISBN 13: 978-0-85259-663-0. Available for £19.95 from Stanley Gibbons Publications, 5 Parkside, Christchurch Road, Ringwood, Hants, BH24 3SH, U.K.; e-mail sales@stanleygibbons.co.uk; website www.stanleygibbons.com.

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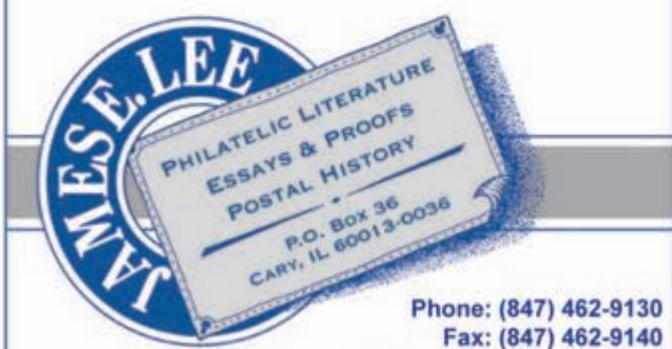
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**Stanley Gibbons Great Britain Concise Stamp Catalogue** (22nd edition).

Published 2007 by Stanley Gibbons Publications. Softbound, 210x160mm, 362 pp., ISBN 10: 085259-647-2, ISBN 13: 978-0-85259-647-0. Available for £24.95 from Stanley Gibbons Publications, 5 Parkside, Christchurch Road, Ringwood, Hants, BH24 3SH, U.K.; e-mail [sales@stanleygibbons.co.uk](mailto:sales@stanleygibbons.co.uk); website [www.stanleygibbons.com](http://www.stanleygibbons.com).

The ever-popular *Stanley Gibbons Great Britain Concise* provides the perfect catalogue for the collector seeking more detailed information than that provided by the *Collect British Stamps* checklist, without the comprehensive coverage of the five-volume specialized series.

This new edition is again in full color throughout, providing priced listings of definitives and commemoratives, regionals, postage dues, departmental

officials, postal fiscals, errors, first day covers, booklets, specimens, and post office label sheets ("smilers"). Listings are complete from May 1840 to March 2007 and nearly thirty new items have been added to earlier issues. There is an updated design index and helpful diagrams of the "X" Machin booklet panes.

Re-set in a new, more readable typeface, there have been a number of editorial additions and improvements. Footnotes have been provided describing further unlisted items and, following requests from catalogue users, separate prices are now given for gutter pairs of the 1977-87 Machin high values, and there are clear illustrations to aid correct identification of the self-adhesive Machin perforation varieties (SG2039-2040a).

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# St. Pierre & Miquelon

**Country:** St. Pierre and Miquelon

**Political:** self-governing overseas collectivity of France

**Location:** in the north Atlantic 15 miles south of Newfoundland

**Population:** about 7000 (2007)

**Area:** 64 square miles

**Currency:** 100 cent = One Euro; € = US\$1.44

**Number of stamps issued in 2006:** 18 stamps and 1 souvenir sheet

The end of the French and Indian War in 1763 left Great Britain the dominant colonial power in the world. The French, who had once controlled a vast North American empire, were struggling to retain a foothold for access to fishing off the Great Banks. The British negotiators offered them the island of St. Pierre, which had been French for a century and a half before it was taken from them, along with their settlements in Newfoundland, by the British in the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht.

The French initially refused St. Pierre. They wanted a more important colony such as Prince Edward Island or Cape Breton, or at least the port of Canso in northern Nova Scotia. But having lost the war, the French were in a weak negotiating position, and when the British threw in the neighboring island of Miquelon, they accepted.

Many in France considered the offer insulting, while many British, including important commercial interests, considered it a sell-out because it gave a rival access to the lucrative Great Banks cod-fish trade. In the end, the 1763 Treaty of Paris transferred St. Pierre and Miquelon and its 1,600 inhabitants back to France, where it remains today.

The general Colonies issue of France were the first stamps to be sold in St. Pierre. Limited quantities were available in St. Pierre and Miquelon soon after the stamps were issued in 1859. The earliest known cover from St. Pierre is dated September 1860. In 1885 the Peace and Commerce issue for the French Colonies was overprinted for use in the colony, and gradually issues for the colony replaced the general French Colonies issues. In 1892 all remaining stocks of the general issue stamps were demonetized.

There was only one post office in St. Pierre until about 1892, although individuals, such as the innkeeper in Ile des Chiens, were authorized to sell stamps. Today there are two post offices, one in St. Pierre and one in Miquelon.



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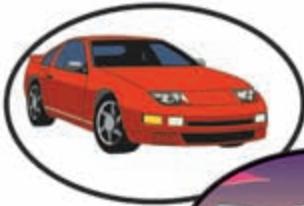
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APS members are encouraged to vote for the best article published in *The American Philatelist* during 2007. The winner will receive the United States Stamp Society – Barbara R. Mueller Award which includes a cash payment of \$1,000 and recognition on a permanent plaque in the editorial offices of *The American Philatelist*.

Vote today by completing and returning the form at the bottom of this page or indicating your favorite online at [www.stamps.org/services/MuellerAward.htm](http://www.stamps.org/services/MuellerAward.htm). All votes must be received by March 1, 2008. The Mueller Award Committee will select the winner from the top five as voted on by members and the top five as selected by the staff of *The American Philatelist*. The 2007 winner will be announced in the August 2008 issue of *the American Philatelist* and at StampShow in Hartford.

### Volunteer Recognition Awards

The APS Board has approved four new awards to recognize volunteers that contribute their talents to benefit stamp collecting. These are for

- **National Promotion/Service** — Maximum of 5 awardees/year
- **Local Promotion/Service** — Maximum of 10 awardees/year
- **Outstanding Young Adult Philatelist** (Ages 25–40) — One/year
- **Outstanding Young Philatelist** (Ages 15–24) — One/year

Winners receive a pin and certificate. All of these awards require at least five years of service. APS board members, staff, and Luff Award winners are not eligible. APS membership is not required.

### Continuing Awards

**Luff Award (1940)** — The most prestigious award presented by the American Philatelic Society is given to up to three philatelists annually in categories for Research, Service to the Hobby, and Service to the Society. Winners sign the Luff Scroll, receive a ring and certificate.

**Hall of Fame (1941)** — Honors deceased philatelists who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of national or international philately.

**Kehr Award (1991)** — The APS Kehr Award recognizes one living philatelist each year who, for a period of at least five years, has demonstrated one or more of the following:

- making philately attractive as a hobby to newcomers
- working directly with newcomers, especially young people
- developing and administering programs aimed at recruiting newcomers

Nomination forms are available on the APS website or by request. Deadlines vary by award but nominations received too late for consideration in 2008 will be considered for 2009.

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The best article in *The American Philatelist* during 2007 was: