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The APS ~~Plans Ahead~~ Plans Ahead

Whatever failures I have known, whatever errors I have committed, whatever follies I have witnessed in private and public life have been the consequence of action without thought. — Bernard Baruch

Sometimes when writing this column, I know the message being fashioned has been delivered many times before by those with prowess greater than I possess and in words more eloquent than I am capable of crafting. Hence, I will use their quotes to introduce my notions.

The American Philatelic Society has more than thirty employees and a \$4+ million annual budget and must operate as a business, not a fraternity, sorority, or social club might. It needs to construct a strategy, just as do for-profit corporations, that allows for and anticipates the changes that will have some bearing on our membership over the years to come. This strategy must embrace the reality of the advancement of technology and the evolution of society and how it can affect our practices, services and policies. It should look forward over twenty years and target the ends of 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025, and 2030, with outlined goals for each period.

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.
— Benjamin Franklin

While we cannot predict the future, we can look to the past for trends and inclinations. To wit, if we go back twenty years to 1990, we remember that eBay was not yet founded (1995), PayPal and Google didn't come along until 1998, and Steve Jobs was seven years away from re-taking the helm of Apple Computer (1997). Leaded gasoline would be available for another six years. There were no iPhones, DVDs, or Blackberrys; FaceBook and YouTube were not even imagined; and only 2 percent of the U.S. population had cell phones subscriptions (today it is more than 90 percent). The World Wide Web (www) was

invented just the year before, which subsequently led to the development of websites in the mid to late 1990s. It is difficult to imagine how our lives would be on a daily basis without these things. In many ways, these new technologies drive the way our culture behaves and forms its customs. What lies ahead over the next twenty years?

When planning for a year, plant corn. When planning for a decade, plant trees. When planning for life, train and educate people. — Chinese Proverb

The model that is being examined will address the five core practices of the APS/APRL and the associated strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats inherent in each. They are:

- ✗ Provide educational opportunities
- ✗ Provide marketplace opportunities
- ✗ Provide research opportunities
- ✗ Provide housing and preservation of philatelic materials/ objects
- ✗ Promote and grow stamp collecting

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Under construction is such a plan called *Into the Future*, written by Immediate Past President Janet Klug and based on significant input from the Staff and the Boards of the APS and APRL. Janet's executive summary of this plan follows:

In October 2008, American Philatelic Society (APS) President Wade Saadi began a long-range planning process to address the immediate financial challenges the Society and Library were facing. Additionally, the then newly formed Long Range Planning Committee began development of a 20-year plan that, when completed, would be reviewed, discussed, amended and approved by the APS and American Philatelic Research Library (APRL). The goal of the planning process was — and is

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— to assure a bright future for both the Society and the Library in their missions to provide outstanding service to members and the philatelic community.

Both boards, as well as the staff of the APS, completed a number of exercises to aid in the planning and to help verbalize a clear vision for the future. The Long Range Planning Committee reviewed the current operations and challenges, best practices and suggestions for the future. The committee took those ideas and visions and attempted to put them into a workable strategy that will help to assure the Society's bright future and continued excellent service to members. This vision for the future now exists in a 51-page report called *Into the Future*. This document has been placed on the APS website (www.stamps.org). The Long Range Planning Committee solicits your suggestions. Please send your comments to IntoTheFuture@stamps.org

Is there value in long range planning; is the future predictable; does creating goals and planning for them eliminate the chance of taking advantage of opportunity when it comes knocking? No. We study history with hope that mistakes of the past will not be repeated. We study current trends to help guide decisions that will affect the future. Neither of these prudent actions negates the possibility of taking advantage of opportunity when it knocks on our door.

Setting a goal is not the main thing. It is deciding how you will go about achieving it and staying with that plan.
— Tom Landry

Using this planning practice, the APS and APRL will examine each goal and create a tactic(s) to achieve the target. The bulk of the goals fall in the early years, as expected, since we can see proximate objects more clearly than those that are twenty years out. Your Society is presenting this paradigm as a way to anticipate what lies ahead. We are at the dawn of this implementation, and everything is not yet in full light, but it is far better "to light a candle, than to curse the darkness" (author unknown).



April is the Donor Recognition Issue of *The American Philatelist* for contributions made during 2009, and I want to thank all of those who thought of the Society and made a gift. If you missed giving to the APS/APRL in 2009, why not consider a gift in 2010? Every gift counts the same, as giving is an expression of your caring and wishes for our future success, and is heartfelt and appreciated. Please think about it and contact me if you have any suggestions or thoughts.

Staff Spotlight

Wendy Masorti, APS Complaint Manager & Webmaster of New Site

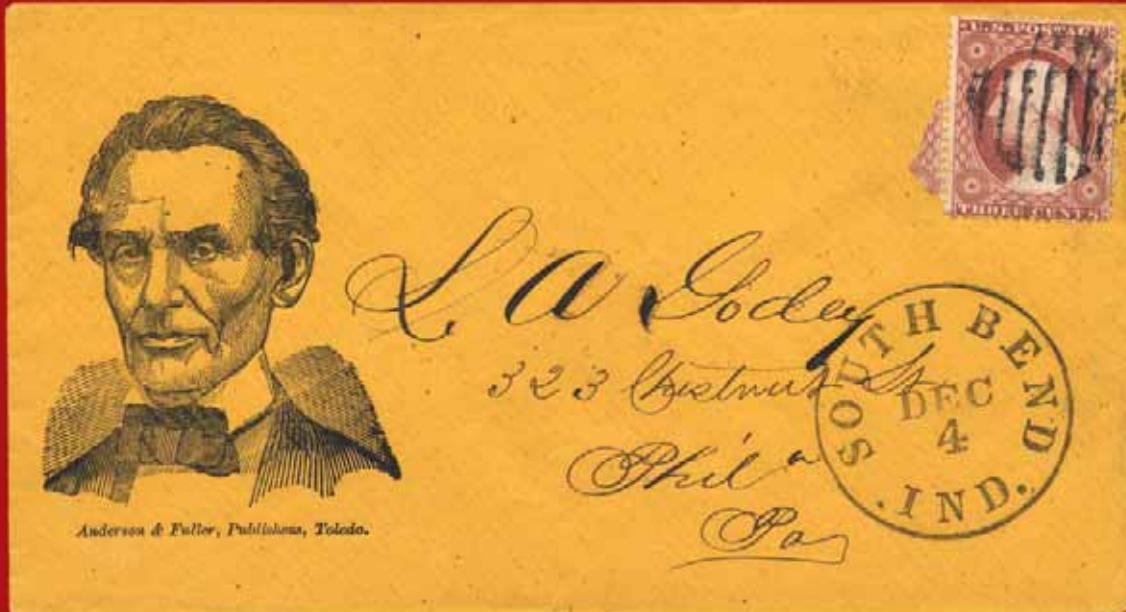
I will never forget my first day at the APS, October 31, 1989. I entered the front door and ran into a television camera crew doing an interview with a giant dinosaur and *AP* editor Bill Welch (this was during the release of the dinosaur stamps and, of course, it was a blow-up dinosaur). As I went further into the building I was greeted by a giant pumpkin, a witch, and a cow girl! It was Halloween after all, but I sure wondered what I was getting myself into.

I was hired by Director of Administration, Frank Sente as his assistant. Over the years Frank became a wonderful friend and mentor. In 1998 I left the APS for a short while thinking there was something better for me — but after only a few short months I realized I had made a mistake. I approached Bob Lamb and asked for my job back. He told me my position was filled but that he needed a webmaster and asked if I could build web pages. I had no clue how to build web pages but I assured Bob I was not afraid to learn. He believed in me and hired me back; together we brought the APS website in-house.

In 2001 I was hired into the Shows & Exhibitions Department by Ken Martin and became the first shows assistant to travel to StampShow to help. In 2003 I transferred to an open position in the Accounting Department where I became very familiar with the Sales Division payment processes, library processes, and entered thousands of dues payments! When we moved to the new building in 2004, Helen Bruno took a position in Editorial. Now Bob Lamb needed an assistant and a Complaints Manager. So my thirst for knowledge took me once again into a new position. In 2006 the position of Director of Membership Administration opened up and I was asked if I wanted the job. In 2009 we found ourselves struggling with the creation of the new website. When approached about taking on the project, I was ecstatic. The website is the face of the APS and to me it would be an honor. The project has been a very trying one and we have been experiencing some snags with the developer on bringing all departments into the new web-based environment. You see, we are not just building a new look; we are rebuilding all departments to be integrated with the site so that our members can view their transactions and dealings with the APS all from the Internet.



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Do I collect stamps? Yes, for fun! Frank Sente always asked me when I was going to start collecting, and my response was "as soon as Bugs Bunny is released on a U.S. stamp." Well, sure enough, in 1997 Bugs Bunny was issued and Frank bought me my first cover. I now have small collections of Bugs Bunny, Snoopy, and teddy bears. And with the constant nudge of Ken Martin, I hope to exhibit some day when I find the time.

I have enjoyed working for the APS for the last twenty

years and I am here to stay as long as the APS needs me. Outside of work, I have been married for seventeen years and have two children, Darrin 13 and Abigail 7. I spend most of my time at wrestling, baseball, and soccer sporting events. I have enjoyed working on home renovations with my husband and for the last two years have been having a blast dancing jazz with my friends. My latest goal is to learn how to play the guitar — we are never too old to learn, right?



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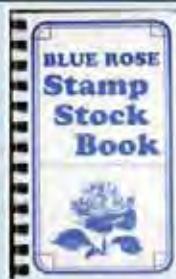


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Letters to the Editor

Most Useful

Tom Horn's article on mounting circuit book stamps was one of the best, most useful pieces EVER! Many thanks.

William E. Atkinson
Stephenville, Texas

Unfortunate

This letter is in response to the unfortunate situation incurred by Lewis Sprague, who, at the end of the day, was out both his stamps and his money due to the workings of what appears to be an unscrupulous buyer in the PRC. A few points: First of all, there is no eBay requirement to my knowledge that one ship to the PRC using DHL. Federal Express, UPS and the US Postal Service have first-class tracking systems, and as a seller on eBay for over 20 years I have always used either UPS or the Postal Service for international shipments (and the latter can surely use the business right now!).

Second, I have had hands-on experience with the perils of shipping to the PRC and other areas, having worked in the shipping department of a professional dealer for a time, shipping items that had been purchased via eBay. The Postal Service can supply a list of countries where even private insurers would not participate; our shipments were always sent via Express Mail International, and problems, while extant, were relatively minor, due in no small part to the PRC's membership in the UPU.

Third, I am personally appalled that

eBay/PayPal would unilaterally refund a buyer's money without return of the items; I would suggest that there seems to be some breach of fiduciary responsibility; perhaps someone with legal knowledge of Estates and Trusts in California could weigh in on this topic, I am not an attorney and do not pretend to be one.

Fourth, and this is something I would recommend to anyone selling on eBay: Do *not* keep any significant funds in your PayPal account; transfer them to your bank account immediately. This would obviously prevent any third party from accessing your PayPal funds. Buying items? Use a credit card or an e-Check via PayPal.

Rob Friedman
Brooklyn, New York

Endorsement!

Once again, I have thoroughly enjoyed reading my latest *AP*. The articles, columns, and even the ads are all worthwhile and interesting, even when not pertinent to my current collecting focus.

But I particularly enjoyed reading the Letters to the Editor and especially one from Lewis Sprague ("Heed Fellow Members' Advice," February, page 106). I am embarrassed to admit that I have not yet bought anything from StampStore (although I did get a number of good buys from circuit books while I was attending Summer Seminar on Philately in 2008), but I sure will now! I have had the pleasure of meeting APS staff members Tom

There is the human element that you can always depend on when conducting business with Renee Gardner and Tom Horn: it is called honesty and integrity.

Horn and Renee Gardner at APS Headquarters.

Although I have only been an APS member for the last several years, I have been a professional association executive and consultant for thirty-three years. The compliment Mr. Sprague paid Ms. Gardner and Mr. Horn is most likely the single best endorsement and testimonial I have ever come across for an association and its employees: "There is the human element that you can always depend on when conducting business with Renee Gardner and Tom Horn: it is called honesty and integrity." What more can be said?

What a tremendous tribute to those two people and what a sterling reflection on the APS and its staff, members, and volunteer leadership.

Lastly, I want to applaud Ken Martin and his team for continuing to do a really great job given the current tough times in our country and in the association world. This too shall pass, but until then we have good, caring people steering our ship.

I can't wait to get to StampShow in Richmond this August.

Terry Dempsey
Grayson, Georgia

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eBay Sale

My sympathies to Lewis Sprague who lost money on an eBay stamp sale to China. ("Heed Fellow Members' Advice," February AP, page 106) The solution to that problem is for eBay users to make a concerted effort to force eBay to change its policy and disallow a buyer to refuse delivery because of customs regulations or charges. It is the responsibility of the buyer to be knowledgeable of the tariff requirements of his own country. eBay should never put one of its sellers at this type of disadvantage. I feel that eBay should be penalized in some way for this action.

Robert B. Heggie
Penn Yan, New York

Sequoyah and Stand Watie

I enjoyed reading Wayne Youngblood's recent column "American Indians on Stamps" in the February issue of *The American Philatelist* (p. 122). However, in spite all of the famous Indians he cited, it was surprising that he did not include the noted Sequoyah (aka George

Gist) who was featured on the 19-cent Great Americans issue (Scott 1859). It was Sequoyah who devised the "Talking Leaves" that became the alphabet for the Cherokees, thereby making the Cherokees literate.

John Oppelt
Bridgewater, New Jersey

Add to the list of "American Indians on Stamps" the name Stand Watie, a Cherokee who led a regiment of Indians for the Confederacy during the Civil War. He appears on the 1995 Civil War souvenir sheet (Scott 2975l).

Dolph H. Hatcher
San Diego, California

Editor's Note: Wayne Youngblood's column was not meant to be a complete listing of American Indians appearing on U.S. stamps, but only a discussion of the sorts of items one might include in a topical collection. He chose American Indians as his "topical" and used a sampling of items from his own collection to illustrate his point.

Excellent Article

May I congratulate Stephen Breitkopf on his excellent article, "Follow the Postmarks; A Story of Nazi Germany" (February AP, page 146). It is a fascinating story combining history and humanity. Interesting papers such as Stephen's take a lot of time to construct. One gem fact leads to another and you finally realize you have to shut it down or you will never finish! So much history in little pieces of paper!

One sidenote, I think all history and geography teachers should have to have an element of philately in their course work. They would be better teachers and the students would find out about philately early in their lives. After all, a stamp collector makes a better student and ultimately, citizen. Good job, Stephen.

Lou David Allen
Merkel, Texas

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Scrambled Captions

I was quite intrigued by the article by Stephen Breitkopf in the February issue ("Follow the Postmarks; A Story of Nazi Germany," February, page 146). How I wish the letters contained in the envelopes had been preserved! I am sure they would have told a most interesting story.

As it is, the author has patiently pieced together an important story. The presentation in your journal, however, was seriously marred by having several of the illustrations with incorrect captions: on p. 146, the caption describes the envelope pictured at the top of p. 147; on p. 147, the caption at the top describes the envelope found on the bottom of p. 148; and the bottom caption on p. 148 describes the envelope pictured on p. 146. This proved quite confusing to me, at least. Also, as a minor note, the label on the front of the envelope from Sara to Gretel pictured on the top of p. 147, does not read "Party not at that address," but rather "Departed, no forwarding address." I suppose it comes to more or less the same thing, but I believe the latter is more precise. You would do the author a favor, I think, to reprint the article with these corrections.

William W. Kibler
Austin, Texas

Editor's Reply: No one has better eyes than our readers! Similar letters were received from J.L. Lawrence (Brooklyn, NY) and Michael Salvio (Clarksburg, WV).

old memories about my relatives and friends from Germany who were shipped to Gurs in Southern France because they were Jews. There was one statement in the fine article: "I also learned that she had a middle name, Sara," that I would like to expand upon. I believe that "Sara" was not her middle name, as we know it today, but was added due to the Nazi imposed laws which made it mandatory for women to include "Sara" and for men "Israel" in their given names in order for them to be immediately identified by the public and officials as Jews.

Ernest L. Bergman
State College, Pennsylvania

Carriage Labels

I would like to correct a couple of minor misstatements in Bob Lamb's article on Guernsey ("The Bailiwick of Guernsey," February AP, page 192). There are five Scott listings for stamps issued under German Occupation, but only three denominations. Scott N4 and N5 have the same values as N1 and N2. Unlike the originals, they were printed on blued, watermarked paper, thus the distinction. The occupation stamps remained valid for use until April 13, 1946. For the population as a whole, philatelists excluded, they were used up well before the end of that period.

Mr. Lamb states that "British stamps were used exclusively until August 18, 1958, when 3d regional stamps appeared." The regional stamps are British stamps; they were valid for postage throughout the area covered by British Post and were available



Front and back of cover sent by Gretel Weil on April 24, 1941 from Camp de Gurs internment camp in France (see return address on flap). Note also the censor's mark on the front.



Front and back of cover sent to Gretel Weil in Gailingen, Germany on November 1, 1940; returned as "Party not at that address." Gretel had been deported to Camp de Gurs in France on October 22, 1940. Opened by the Commandant of the Wehrmacht and resealed.

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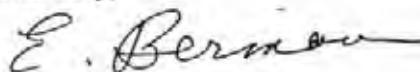
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Robert Ausubel
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Scott Catalogues

In reference to the letter from Andrew Kapochunas suggesting establishing a database, through APS or Scott's Publishing, of local libraries that do or do not carry Scott catalogues ("APS Outreach," January AP, page 14), I believe that such a database is unnecessary and would be a waste of effort. The only libraries anyone would be concerned with would be one or two local libraries, and all you have to do is call them and ask whether they carry the catalogues!

Our local library has a volunteer "Friends of the Library" of over 100 members who support the library by operating a "used" bookstore. One of our projects is Library "sweetheart" month, when we ask all (for Valentine's Day) to donate for subscriptions to magazines, periodicals, and catalogues. Donors can request their donation go toward specific publication(s) of their personal interest or use. I ask for *Scott Stamp Monthly*, *The American Philatelist*, or *Scott* catalogues. Through these donations the library maintains a full current set of *Scott* catalogues. These are kept on reserve for reference use on location, but the year-old set is available for checking out for two weeks, with an extension for another two weeks if it hasn't been called for.

Also, our local stamp club maintains a full set of *Scott* catalogues by purchasing two volumes each year, so we always have on hand two current, two 1-year, and two 2-year-old volumes. At the end of each year we auction off the two volumes being replaced and get enough to pay more than half the cost of the new volumes. Thus, at low cost, we have recent catalogues available at all times. (The local city library does the same thing by selling the old volumes — two years old.) Members of the stamp club may check out any volume at each meeting, so long as they have it back by the next meeting (in two weeks). They pay a fine if they "forget" to bring it back, but that seldom happens.

Exercising a little creativity and

"common sense" can result in the availability of these expensive references for everyone at low cost. Try it at your library or stamp club and see what you can do to help it along. This is more a matter for local organizations than a national project.

Robert E. Berry
Secretary, Winter Haven Stamp Club
Winter Haven, Florida

Keep Writing!

Please let Mr. Zografopoulos know that many of us are not only interested in collecting the stamps of an area, but also in the history ("Macedonia," March AP, page 216). The article written by Bob Lamb was excellent, and very helpful. I am a collector of countries occupied by the German Army during the First and Second World War, and any and all information of and about those countries is of importance to me. Each of my specialty areas — in this case countries — are preceded with a written description of their existence, political situation, and what brought them into German Army control, and is followed up with their present day status. Although much of this information is available in the internet, Mr. Lamb's well written information is greatly appreciated. Mr. Lamb please keep writing, and APS please keep printing it.

I am purposely preparing these albums with that much detail since very little information of the World is presented to our children in the public school system, and am hoping that my daughter and grandson one day will be able to say, oh wow, that is where Macedonia is and their history is really amazing, and look at the stamps used during their occupation, which will hopefully help tie some of this together.

Also please let Mr. Lamb know that I am looking forward to his articles on Laibach, Montenegro, Albania, Slovenia, Zara, and Zante (wow, those are a mouthful).

Gunther Monteadora
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Postal Vehicles

Allison Cusick's article, "Motorized Mail," in the March AP (page 252) especially interested me since Johnson Controls (renamed in 1974 from Johnson Electric Service Company) is located in neighboring Glendale, Wisconsin. Its founder, Warren S. Johnson (1847–1911), was a self-taught man, working variously as a printer, a county surveyor, and superintendent of schools in a small Wisconsin town (New Lisbon). He became a professor in 1876 at the State Normal School in Whitewater, Wisconsin. While at the college, he developed a system of indoor temperature regulation that became the basis of Johnson Service, which he founded in 1885 in partnership with another Wisconsin pioneer, financier William Plankinton of Milwaukee.

In his lifetime, Johnson received over fifty patents in a variety of fields including the first electric room thermostat, storage batteries, tower clocks, wireless telegraphy and automobiles. He died of Bright's disease in California in 1911.

As to the postal vehicles discussed in Mr. Cusick's article, the Johnson Service Company located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin built steam automobiles from 1905 to 1908, and petrol cars until 1912. (Ref: G.R. Doyle, *The World's Automobiles 1880–1955*. London: Temple Press, 1957).

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Indians & Naval Covers

In regards to Wayne Youngblood's article, "Indians on Stamps," in the February *AP*, another fertile area for that collecting topic is Ship Covers. There has been more than 100 U.S. Navy vessels named after tribes or individual Indians over the past 150 years. Common tribes like Sioux, Cherokee and Apache as well as obscure tribes like the Shakori, Luiseno, Atakapa, and others can be found on Naval covers. Although the most of them are the "small boats" of the fleet and not the glamourous carriers, battleships and cruisers, they exhibit the traits Mr Youngblood gives of "Strong and Brave."

More information on ship covers can be found at the Universal Ship Cancellation Society (www.USCS.org) website.

Greg Ciesielski

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Canada-Israel

Canada Post, in the April-June issue of *Details*, announced a new stamp for sixty years of Canada-Israel Friendship. As a former Canada Post Stamp Advisory Committee member (2000–2007), I am amazed and mystified by the totally political nature of this stamp. The stamp, to be issued on April 14, 2010 in booklets of six at the current international rate (\$1.70 CAD), is a joint issue with Israel. It shows small red and blue male and female silhouettes crisscrossing the stamp to form the red Canadian maple leaf on the left and the blue Israeli Star of David on the right.

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The year of issue for the commemoration is historically inaccurate. Canada recognized Israel on May 11, 1949, established its first embassy in Tel-Aviv in 1953, and Israel reciprocated in 1958. None of these years equate to a 60-year anniversary.

Sixty years is, in itself, a very unusual anniversary to be commemorated by a Canadian stamp. It is normal practice, with very few exceptions, to commemorate anniversaries in multiples of twenty-five years. One of the exceptions includes the 30th anniversary of the Canadian flag (1995).

Furthermore, many other Canada Friendship stamps could have been issued in the last ten years and they were all for a more acceptable 50th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relationships: in 2003 (Colombia, Indonesia and Uruguay), in 2004 (Egypt, Haiti and Lebanon), in 2005 (Iran), in 2006 (Morocco), in 2007 (Tunisia), in 2009 (Cuba), in 2010 (Ethiopia and Nigeria). And there are likely others.

Last year (2009), Canada Post issued no stamp but printed a special envelope for the 80th anniversary of Canada-Japan diplomatic relations. However that

year was also the 80th anniversary of our first diplomatic relations with Ireland and there was nothing to commemorate that event.

Canada Post also has missed far more important occasions to be commemorated than this event. In 1997 it did not commemorate the 50th anniversary of Newfoundland joining Canada and in 2009 it did not issue a stamp for the 50th anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway. These are two more important events in the life of our country than the current proposed Canada-Israel stamp.

Canada Post's Stamp Advisory Committee is a relatively conservative and politically correct group when it comes to selecting subjects to be honored by a stamp. Additionally, the Committee's rules and regulations are supportive of their cautious approach. It is unlikely that the Committee, left to its own devices, would have approved of such a stamp.

Finally, the print run is very small, 660,000 (110,000 booklets). It should be a sell-out, not only because of its small printing but also because it targets a very specific and receptive community.

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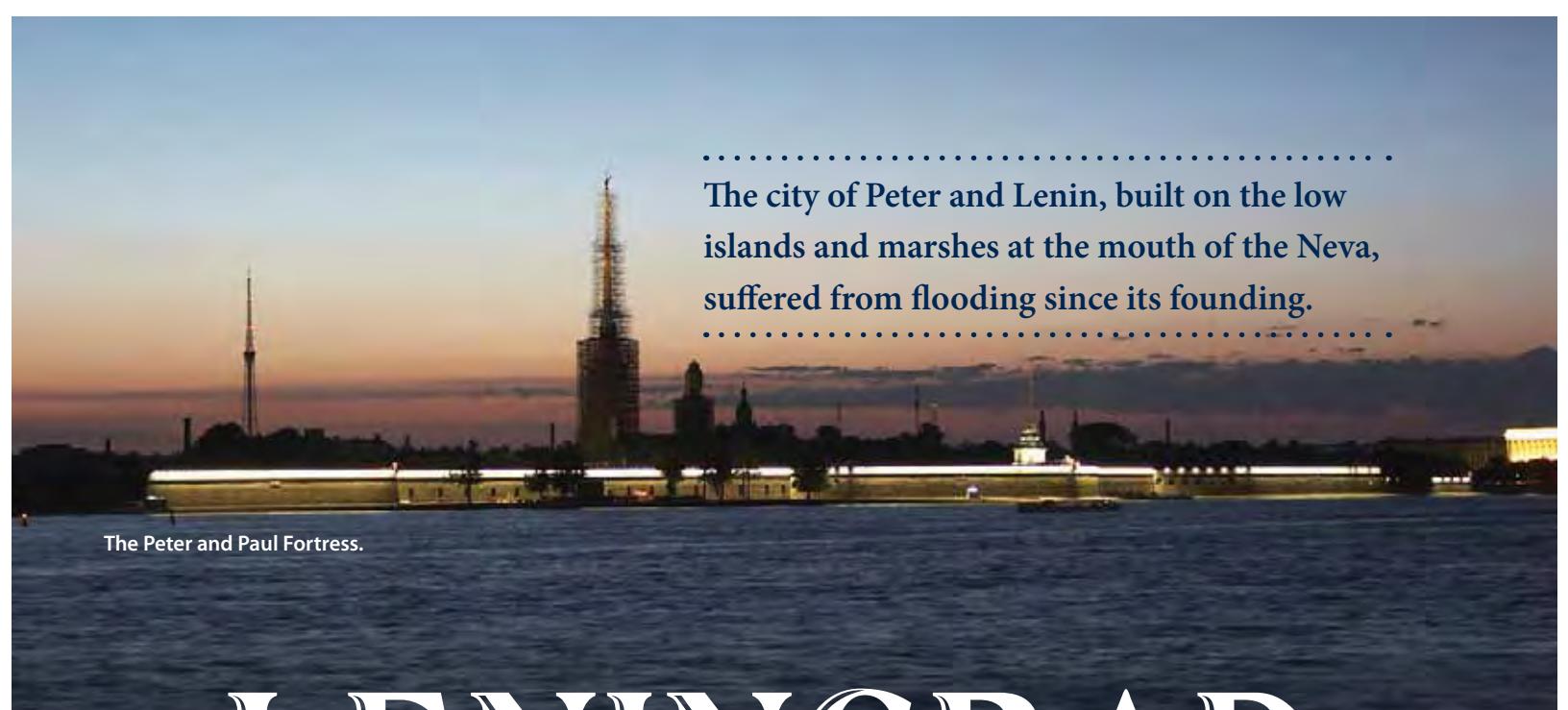
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The city of Peter and Lenin, built on the low islands and marshes at the mouth of the Neva, suffered from flooding since its founding.

The Peter and Paul Fortress.

LENINGRAD

The Flood of 1924

by William Moskoff and Carol Gayle

On September 23, 1924, a fierce hurricane tore through Leningrad, formerly called St. Petersburg, leading to a destructive flood. This was the second worst flood in the city's history, surpassed only by the 1824 flood that devastated St. Petersburg exactly a century earlier.¹ The 1924 flood caused great harm to Leningrad's inhabitants and industry, and to the city's urban infrastructure. While several newspapers reported at length on the flood, none offered a pictorial record of what happened. It is only through good fortune that a visual record of the event survives. In this article we use a number of remarkable photographic postcards that illustrate the many ways in which the flood brought havoc into the lives of the citizens of Leningrad. The photographs, taken in the immediate aftermath of the flood, are credited to the Bulla Brothers firm and were probably taken by Viktor Bulla.²

In 1703 Peter the Great founded his city at the place where the Neva River and its several branches empty into the relatively shallow Neva Bay and thence into the Gulf of Finland and finally into the Baltic Sea. The heart of the original city was built on a number of islands, which were generally the most low-lying areas. A little more than fifteen miles west of the city on the Neva Bay Peter erected his summer residence, Peterhof (now Petrodvorets), later built up with elegant Tsarist palaces. Just a few miles further west lies the fortress and town of Kronstadt, which marks the transition from the Bay to the Gulf of Finland.

St. Petersburg — founded as a major port, a military center, and ultimately a great cultural center — served as the capital of the Russian Empire for more than two centuries. A city of canals and wide tree-lined boulevards, it was filled with grand palaces and mansions. In the nineteenth century it became an industrial center as well, with factories and working class suburbs ringing the central city, spreading out along the banks of the rivers and onto the islands in the harbor. The city was renamed Leningrad on January 24, 1924, three days after Lenin died. Later that year, it was reported that this "second city" of the Soviet Union had a population of 1,154,000.



"The Level of Water in 1824 and 1924 at the Former Winter Palace."

"Flooded Boulevard."

Уровень воды 1824—1924 г. у б. Зимнего дворца

The city of Peter and Lenin, built on the low islands and marshes at the mouth of the Neva, suffered from flooding since its founding. The typical mechanism of a flood was the following: a strong wind would blow in from the west — from the Neva Bay and the Gulf of Finland — forcing water back into the Neva River, which would overflow its embankments and canals and breach the levees, flooding the islands and, in the case of bad floods, soon reach the suburbs and then the center of the city. This is what happened in 1824 and again in 1924.

The storm that brought the terrible flooding in 1924 came up very suddenly on September 23. There were no signs of a bad storm as the day began. But the winds were high and toward the end of the morning began to blow steadily from the west, out of the Gulf of Finland and into the Neva Bay, pushing water back from the Bay into the Neva itself. Around noon, as the wind gathered momentum, it ripped the roofs off several houses. At the same time, the water in the Neva and its branches rose rapidly and wood that had been unloaded onto the shore floated off into the water. In little more than an hour the water level rose by five feet. At that point officials acted to warn the citizens of the danger. At 1:20 p.m. five warning shots were fired from the Peter and Paul Fortress and, thereafter, warning shots were fired with regularity every half hour and eventually every fifteen minutes. But the warnings came too late to allow people to prepare themselves for the flood.

The water continued to rise with great speed during the afternoon, and soon there was flooding in the lowest-lying portions of the city, especially on the shorelines of the islands. By early afternoon water inundated the lower floors of buildings on Vasilevsky Island, in the harbors, and in the areas around the Narva Gate and the Nevsky Gate. Industrial plants, such as the radio plant Komintern, reported being flooded and the Elektrik plant sent a message that its workers



were unable to get out of the factory. The worst phase of the storm began about 3 p.m. and it became ever more violent during the next several hours. Flood water in the Peter and Paul Fortress reached nine feet at 4:55 pm, even flooding the water measuring device, and at 5 p.m. the water overflowed the levees and flooded the city itself. Water flowed down city boulevards, including the Nevsky Prospect, Leningrad's most famous street, which "resembled a Venetian scene."³

The buildings on the islands and the banks of waterways flooded. There was waist-deep water in key areas. People moved their household goods to upper floors where possible and climbed to the attics themselves. The Neva rose to 12.9 feet, its second greatest height in history and just a few inches below the level reached in the 1824 flood. The water stopped rising somewhat after 8 pm. when the wind shifted to the north, but high winds continued to pummel Leningrad. The storm continued unabated into the night, as did the flooding, and strong winds prevailed for several days. About three-quarters of the city was eventually under water, much of it for as long as thirty-six hours.

Transportation came to a complete standstill as the waters rose. Trolleys were stopped by the waters and also by branches and trees that had fallen on the trolley wires. By 4 p.m. clerks and office workers struggling to get home could

"Railroad Tracks Washed Away."



"A Line for Drinking Water."



Очередь за водой



С фот. бр. Булла

А. Размытые пути

During the worst of the storm the wind was so ferocious that it literally picked people off the ground and threw them into walls or into the flood waters.

only walk, holding on to fences, risking their lives in chest-high water. Some passengers on the stalled trolleys removed their clothing "without any sense of shyness" and plunged naked into the water in an effort to get home.⁴ Railroads were out of commission by late afternoon, stranding people who lived in the suburbs or beyond. The tracks of one line were pushed about 1,500 feet to the side by the flood waters and the line from Leningrad's port to the main station was completely destroyed.

During the worst of the storm the wind was so ferocious that it literally picked people off the ground and threw them into walls or into the flood waters. Pravda reported that "the wind carried sheets of iron in the air as if they were paper."⁵ Thousands of trees were uprooted by the high winds, ripped out of the ground, roots and all — hundreds were lost in the Summer Gardens and more than 800 were felled at Peterhof down the coast from the city.

Water supplies were seriously interrupted and potable water was scarce. The day after the flood people were lining up to draw water from "weakly running water taps that usually served to wash the streets."⁶ Two days after the flood the supply of water was only 75 percent of what was normally required.

"Boats Torn from Their Moorings."



У Бирневого моста. Выброшенные и затопленные пароходы и барки

More than 100 barges on the Neva, some empty, some loaded with goods, were blown away during the flood, producing “gigantic islands of wood” in the waterways and covering the embankments with debris. The loose wood damaged a number of stone buildings, creating huge holes in some houses, making them look as if they were in a war zone. There were great piles of debris all over the city, some including collapsed bridges. Boats were torn from their moorings and the raging water carried them onto the shore or left them floating on the waterways. A fire ship sank in the river. Some streets had pieces of docks floating on them. The flood dislodged the wooden blocks used as paving on many streets and these floated on the surface of the water, so thoroughly clogging some streets as the waters receded that initially it was impossible even for pedestrians to pass through. Severely damaged streets had to be closed to all but pedestrian traffic until they could be repaired.

There were a number of large fires, most of them caused by short-circuits. The largest occurred at an aviation plant on one of the low-lying islands, but many apartment buildings caught fire throughout the city. One fire started in a six-story apartment building and within a half hour it was engulfed in flames. The only way to escape was to climb down the gutter pipes. Two women fell from the third floor into the water and suffered concussions.

Conditions were nightmarish. Large parts of the city lost power during the flood. Household goods and carcasses of cattle and dead farm animals swirled in the flood waters. Hordes of rats tried to outrun the rising waters in the streets, according to one observer who later said that his most vivid memory of the flood was of seeing a man attempting to cross the street who was covered with rats.⁷ A group of hysterical women mobbed St. Isaacs Cathedral, yelling that this was the flood that would end the world, some even jumping into the raging waters. Martial law was imposed almost immediately; mounted police and military forces, including Red Army men, patrolled the city to carry out rescue work and to prevent looting.

The city's communication system was severely disrupted. Contact with the outside world, even the ability to



"A Wooden Barge Cast Ashore."

С. фот. Бр. Булла

communicate with Moscow, was lost right after the flood. The main post office was so badly damaged that in some places the telegraph replaced the postal system. By late afternoon on the day of the flood the headquarters of the city commandant, who exercised control over the local military, was knee-deep in water and no longer had the capacity to communicate with the rest of the city or Moscow. Telephone and telegraph service went out in a number of places. One consequence was that boats were used to carry communications back and forth in some places, as on Vasilevsky Island, for the first days after the flood.

Miraculously, early reports said that no more than twenty people in the Leningrad region had died as a result of the flood, the low number being attributed to successful efforts to evacuate people from their homes. Even so, the high and



"Dislodged Wooden Pavings Clogging October 25th Avenue."

С. фот. Бр. Булла

Проспект 25 Октября после наводнения. Смытая тротуарная мостовая



На окраинах Новой деревни. Пришла за молоком

С фот. Бр. Булла

"Carcass of Dead Bloated Cow."

violent nature of the waters of the Neva, Moika and Fontanka rivers caused a number of drownings, and the number of victims continued to rise. On September 25th a Leningrad journalist checked eleven area hospitals and found fourteen dead individuals, five severely injured people, and 151 more lightly injured. Three girls were killed by falling fences, and two drivers of horse-drawn carts died near the shoreline. Among the other victims was a roofer who was blown off a roof while he was working, and an individual who was electrocuted. "Several" male corpses, most wearing naval uniforms, washed up on a beach opposite the Kronstadt naval base. In Kronstadt itself, four children died. A rescue ship sank but the crew was rescued. At the naval rescue station, 1,100 people were treated for injuries, 300 of whom were brought in unconscious. Even the Leningrad zoo was not

spared: eighty-seven animals died, including the only hippopotamus, two ostriches, and a few monkeys.

On the evening of the September 23rd an ad hoc committee of local officials gathered to assess the disaster still unfolding and figure out how to cope. There were representatives of Leningrad's city and regional Communist Party organizations, and the city and provincial governments. They met in Smolny, the Communist Party headquarters, in a half-dark room because the electricity was out. Neighborhood committees, factory committees, trade unions and communist organizations, including the Young Communist League (Komsomol) went into action during the flood to help rescue people, equipment, and goods. Generally speaking, relative calm prevailed and martial law was lifted on the evening of September 25th.

Because the Soviet system was fairly centralized, even in 1924, how the national government responded was significant for the recovery process. Most of the financial resources were controlled by Moscow. What occurred was a quick response in sending a high-level delegation to Leningrad but relatively little economic support, partly because national resources were stretched so thin. Within a few days of the flood the central government appointed a special commission of high ranking officials, which arrived in Leningrad at the end of September. The head of the commission was Mikhail Kalinin, the President of the USSR. Other important members included Vyacheslav Molotov, a top leader of the Communist Party Secretariat who was a close ally of the party leader, Josef Stalin, and two key economic officials, the Vice-President of the Commissariat of Finance, and the chairman of the State Planning Committee. Grigorii Zinoviev (a major figure in the national Communist party who was also head of the Leningrad party organization) joined in the deliberations of the commission.

The delegation's chief responsibility was to assess the damages and to determine how much financial aid would be provided by the central government for reconstruction. The scene they surveyed was a bleak one. The damages to the city and its environs were widespread, and little had been spared. There was standing wa-



Правительственная комиссия во главе с тов. М. И. Калининым

С фот. Бр. Булла

"Investigating Commission from Moscow."

ter in large areas, great damage to the infrastructure, commerce, cultural institutions, and transport and communication. The only bright spot was the relatively low death toll and the overriding calm of the population during the disaster.

In general, the city's infrastructure was seriously hit: 159 miles of wooden pavement, 36 miles of the cement sewer system, and 143 miles of the wooden sewer system were damaged or destroyed. The granite embankments along the Neva River were washed away and the prediction was that it might take decades to fix them. The destruction of these protective embankments threatened the housing along the Neva. All residences that were close to the shoreline were flooded and the people who lived in them were in danger. Nineteen city bridges were damaged; the rising waters simply washed them out and carried them away. In one way or another, 103 industrial enterprises were adversely affected by the flood, although within three days, seventy-four of them were said to be functioning as before and another eight were partially operational. Crucial supplies were lost because of the flood — for example, 361,000 pounds of sugar and a great deal of coal in factories got wet and became useless. An early estimate said total damages were 25 million rubles, with damages to the municipal economy alone said to be 5–6 million rubles and damages to Leningrad's industry pegged at 11 million rubles.

The tremendous amount of water that flowed through the city inundated basements and the work of pumping out the water took two weeks, not only because there were so many basements to work on, but because Leningrad did not have enough equipment to get the job done. The work went on twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, but there were only twenty-nine steam-operated machines and 300 hand-operated machines for the entire city. It took about three weeks for electricity to be fully restored.

As of September 25th, the telegraph was back in operation and communication with the outside was again possible. However, restoring telephone service was more difficult. Of greatest urgency were the ongoing problems of the central telephone apparatus because of the



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"Wading Through the Water."

continued presence of water, and several phone mechanics and supervisors were brought in from Moscow to help. Even so, efforts to pump water out at central operations were slow because of the equipment shortage and the dearth of skilled workers.

The housing stock was severely damaged by the flood. First, flood waters had washed through the basements and lower floors of apartment buildings. Second, the flood-damaged basement transformers short-circuited, leading to many fires. These transformers had to be replaced, a job that could not be started until basement water was pumped out. It required about two weeks to complete the task of pumping out the water from basements. The roofs of a number of buildings had blown away. Early estimates said that 3,000–



С фот. Бр. Булла

"Transporting Residents in Rowboats."



"Uprooted Trees and a Fallen Statue."

5,000 apartment buildings suffered flood damage. By mid-October two thousand people were working three shifts doing housing repair round the clock.

In the meantime, families were assigned new apartments. For example, in one neighborhood, 450 families were assigned new living accommodations by September 29th. There was a practical reason for finding alternative housing for the population: the government wanted workers to get back to their factories and without housing this was not possible. By early October, all those who had been displaced from their apartments had been relocated. To some degree, the provision of "new" apartments actually meant that people who lived in apartments located on lower floors that were flooded were moved to dry apartments on upper floors; that

is, the displaced were likely crowded into already occupied apartments — at least temporarily. All of the injured residents of the Okstenskaia Bay area were placed in the apartments of other families.

Some financial assistance, based on need, was provided to people whose apartments were uninhabitable and required repairs or whose furniture or other household items had been damaged or washed away. Workers were given interest-free loans for a period of one to two years to assist them in the repair of their homes. At least part of the funding for housing repair work was subsidized by a tax on those whose residences survived intact.

Some of the most treasured places in the Leningrad area were severely damaged by the flood. At Peterhof, there was more than two feet of standing water in the palaces close to the Gulf of Finland. The magnificent marble palace Monplezir was completely destroyed. The flood waters had tossed around the old cannons that were located on the embankments as if they were matchsticks and they were washed away into the sea. In the city's Russian Museum, workers were able to rescue 250 boxes of art objects, although fifty other boxes floated helplessly in the water. In all, twenty-eight rooms in the museum were flooded, with losses amounting to about 10 percent of the museum's holdings.

Illnesses rose significantly as a result of the flood. An early report said there were 100 cases of typhus a day. Cases of typhoid fever, bronchitis, and pneumonia increased.

There was an outbreak of scarlet fever among children, and a lot of people contracted colds. The National Health Commissariat reported that many were traumatized by the suddenness of the flood. There was broad concern that medical facilities were not adequately sanitary, in part because they had been flooded.

The most important food problem was a bread shortage due to the limited availability of flour. Bread prices rose shortly after the flood hit. This was unsurprising since the demand for bread was high. Although 1.8 million pounds of bread was baked daily, it sold out immediately, suggesting that a fear of shortages contributed to the rise in bread prices. The price of rye flour rose im-



"Children at a City Nursery."



The overprint for Scott B43-B45 reads (in Russian): "U.S.S.R. / For the victims of the Leningrad Flood."

mediately after the flood and only fell several days later when rye flour arrived in the city, probably on the 27th of September. The shortage of wheat flour lasted until early October and was only alleviated by a shipment of 1.8 million pounds of wheat flour from Ukraine and shipments from other areas near Leningrad. In an effort to prevent a rise in food prices, the central government sent 900 tons of flour and gave permission to the Leningrad Soviet to release butter and sugar from its emergency reserves. By September 26th, two days after the flood, bread supplies were mostly normal, with all but two bakeries up and running. One reason for the more stable state levels of production is that bakeries were operating on a round-the-clock three-shift day instead of the usual two-shift production regimen.

Food assistance was provided for flood victims. One railroad line set up three dining facilities — two at train stations and one at the club "Kultur." Together, the three dining rooms provided 2,000 free meals for food victims. Children were of special concern. The children of workers were provided with free food starting the day after the flood hit and the children of injured residents who lived on Okstenskaia Bay received free dinners. The national government's Children's Commission donated 8,000 rubles to help institutions serving children.

There appears to have been speculation in the aftermath of the flood, in spite of official efforts to bring in sufficient supplies, but it was short-lived. Speculation was criminalized, and fifty tradespeople were arrested for selling products at above normal prices. Their property was confiscated, several were expelled from Leningrad, and the worst offenders were tried before a military tribunal. Still, there were some areas where there was a surplus of bread and others where bread could not be delivered because of damage to the roads, leaving a number of sections of Leningrad completely isolated from other parts of the city. By early October bakeries and bread plants were producing twice as much bread as before the flood to meet the demand, implying an ongoing concern about shortages of bread supplies or a shortage of



The overprint for Scott B46-B47 reads: "U.S.S.R. / For the Leningrad Proletariat / 23, IX. 1924" (the day of the flood).

other food for which bread was a substitute in the population's diet.

Immediately after the flood, the city tried to cope with its food shortages by redirecting perishables that had been intended for export to consumption in Leningrad. There was also a sense of urgency about food crops still in the field because the flood waters had damaged vegetable and root crops. An extraordinary effort was made to pick the two staples, potatoes and cabbage. There was also a shortfall in the supply of meat. Some butchers tried to profit from the market shortages, but city inspectors forced them to roll back their prices.

Among the various official efforts to raise funds for flood relief was a national effort to raise money for Leningrad through special postage stamps. A series of five semi-postals appeared in November 1924 in selected large cities. They were issued in five different denominations at regular postage plus a surcharge that was allocated to the flood relief fund: 3 kopeks + 10 kopeks; 7 kopeks + 20 kopeks; 14 kopeks + 30 kopeks; 12 kopeks + 40 kopeks; and 20 kopeks + 50 kopeks. The 1921 "Symbols of Agriculture" and "Symbols of Industry" stamps were overprinted with two different inscriptions. The inscription for Scott B43-B45 reads: "U.S.S.R. / For the Victims of the Leningrad Flood." The inscription for Scott B46-B47 reads: "U.S.S.R. / For the Leningrad Prole-

tariat / 23, IX, 1924" (the day of the flood).

This was not the first time the nation had called on its citizens to donate funds through the postal system. In 1922 there was an surcharged issue whose proceeds were to help alleviate the terrible famine in the Volga region (Scott B18-B23). Later that same year there was a one-day sale of overprinted stamps, in Moscow only, with 80 percent of the proceeds devoted to child welfare (Scott B24-B29, "Philately for Children"). In 1923 another surcharged issue was released for one-day sale in Moscow (Scott B38-B42). The surcharge went to support general charitable causes and the overprint reads: "Philately's Contribution to Labor."

Conclusion

Most accounts in the contemporary Soviet press about the flood and its aftermath stressed the self-sacrifice of workers and young people in working together to rescue flood victims and to save industrial equipment. For example, there was the story of workers who only left their plant at the very last moment and were forced to swim to safety clinging to floating barrels. And there were the 1,500 Komsomol workers, both men and women, who worked overtime during the night in a wood warehouse to save the wood that had been scattered by the flood. However, these same sources were singularly lacking in references to panic, looting, and other signs of the fraying of the fabric of society. Indeed, in a September 26th report, *The New York Times* said that there were "no robberies" during the flood or shortly thereafter.⁸ By the same token, the accounts published in the Soviet press imply that there were very few deaths directly attributable to the hurricane and flood, the number ranging between twenty and about two dozen. About two weeks after the flood, President Kalinin said that the number of dead was only twenty, a very low estimate. But later reports did not significantly enlarge the number of casualties. Instead, the tone of published reports was markedly positive.

The same can be said of the postal cards issued by the Bulla Brothers firm. They show pictures of physical destruction, but not of individuals suffering nor of groups of people in extremis. The theme of the Bulla postcards, like the press accounts, is of Leningraders coping with the adversity and challenges created by the great flood of 1924.

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Edison's Empire

"Genius is one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration. Accordingly, a 'genius' is often merely a talented person who has done all of his or her homework."¹

by Marshall C. Lipton

With 1,093 patents in his name (the last one awarded when he was 83 years old), Thomas Alva Edison (1847–1931) may comfortably be labeled a genius. This remarkable journey of ideas began in 1868 when, at the age of twenty-two, he was awarded a patent for his Electrical Vote Recorder, an idea so far ahead of its time that he vowed never again to "waste time inventing things that people would not want to buy."² The following year he received a patent for his Universal Stock Ticker, an improved version of an earlier inventor's work, and one that would remain in use until the 1960s. Thereafter, his renown began to attract a flock of investors like J.P. Morgan and Cornelius A. Vanderbilt, which in turn would spawn a vast corporate tangle beginning with the formation of the Edison Electric Light Company in 1878.

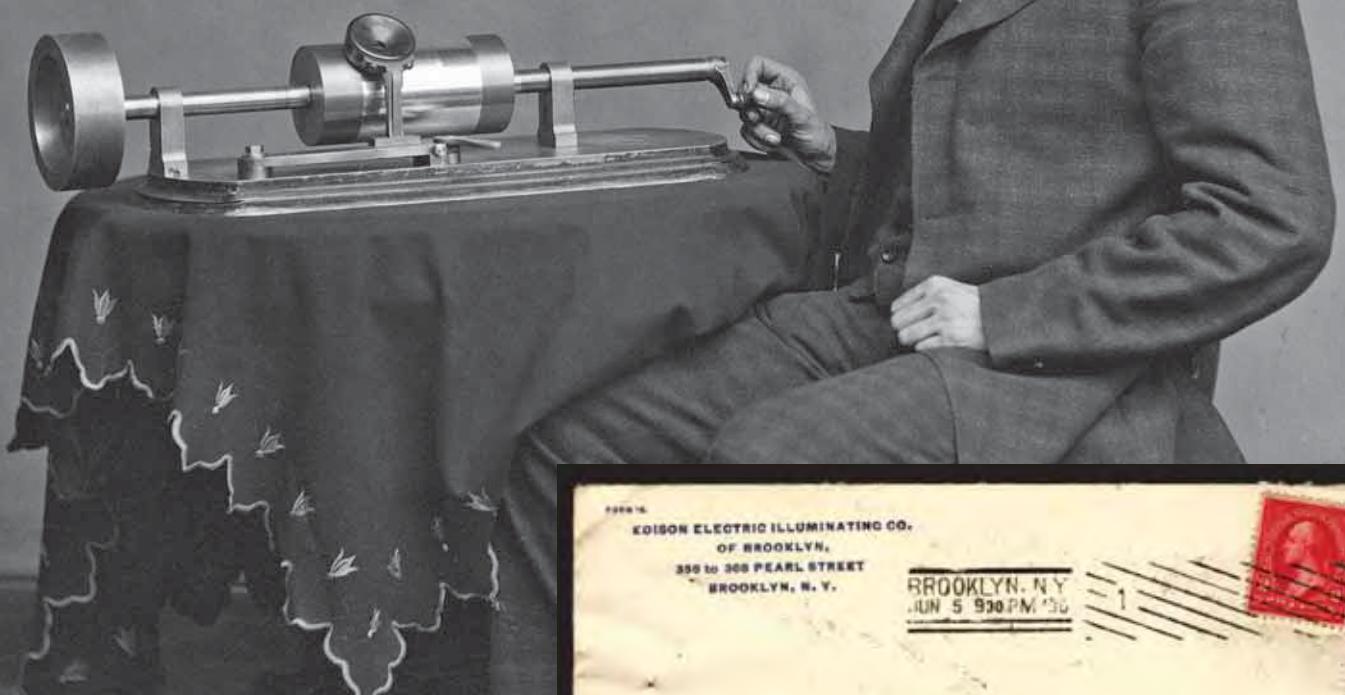
Much of Edison's early work centered on the incandescent light bulb, and in 1879 he succeeded in developing the first commercially practical incandescent lamp. Within three years he began operation of the first central lighting station in the United States. It wasn't long before his invention literally illuminated the cities of America. An 1896 Scott U311 local usage from the Edison Light Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan is an example of a commercial cover from one of the



Postmarked February 20, 1896, this corner card from the Edison Light Co. of Grand Rapids reflects the rapid incorporation of the new incandescent lights into city-wide lighting systems.



Early advertising card for "The Edison Phonograph — the Acme of Realism." Copyright 1901 by the National Phonograph Company, the image is titled "Looking For The Band."



The Edison Company for Isolated Lighting of Baltimore addressed the needs of smaller customers. This forwarded cover shows the postal markings it acquired following a traveling salesman for the company.

A June 5, 1886 cover from the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brooklyn, New York shows a Barry Machine cancel



The original Edison National Phonograph Company was renamed Edison Phonograph Works in 1899, illustrated by this window cover mailed December 10, 1917, from the company offices in Orange, New Jersey.

Although he was not the first to develop a working telephone, Edison's interest in sound transmission embraced the concept, and a telephone features prominently in this corner card from the Edison Manufacturing Company of New York City. The iconic bell hanging in the window has the text: "Local & Long-Distance Telephone."

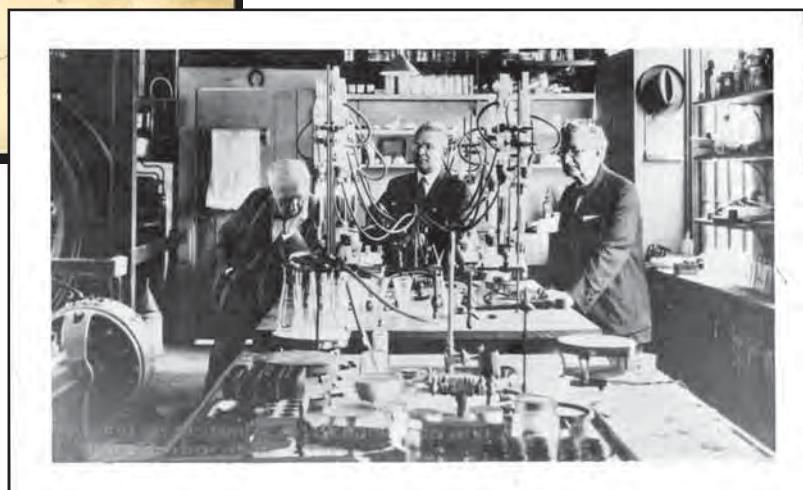


One of Edison's brilliant inventions was the development of a practical alkaline storage battery, reflected in these two commercial covers: (left) the Edison Storage Battery Co. (1928) and (below) Thomas A. Edison Inc., which sold Edison Signal Batteries — Primary and Storage (1929)



As the corporate web expanded internationally, it was necessary to include a "Foreign Department" to Thomas A. Edison, Inc., shown on this 1913 cover to Breslau, Germany.

Thomas Edison, looking more gloomy than thoughtful, poses in his New Jersey laboratory in this picture postcard. The caption on the address side reads: "Edison and assistants, Mr. Schumurica and Mr. Ott at work in the Ft. Myers Laboratory, 1912."



many large municipalities that installed his lighting system.

He also foresaw a market for a smaller system, the so-called "isolated" usage for department stores, hotels, factories, small businesses, and villages or small towns. This led to the formation of the Edison Company for Isolated Lighting in 1888 (now Consolidated Edison). A corner card from the company office in Baltimore, Maryland, postmarked July 27, has an Erie, Pennsylvania forwarding cancel, and a Pittsburgh receiving cancel, both acquired as it followed salesman H. A. Clark on his route. His interesting pen notations on the front refer to the prospect of sales in Erie and Allentown, Pennsylvania (e.g., "Allentown estimate ready in 3 or 4 days").

On December 17, 1880, the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, a subsidiary of Edison Electric Light Company, was formed. A commercial cover from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn, postmarked June 5, 1886, with a Barry Machine cancel, reflects the various municipalities using the Edison name under a form of licensing agreement.

Edison also studied the reproduction of sound, leading to his invention of the Edison Phonograph, shown in an advertising card. The copy boasts that it is "The Acme of Realism" and the illustration shows a small boy, hatchet raised high, with the title, "Looking For The Band." The Edison Phonograph was manufactured by Edison's National Phonograph Company, formed in 1894 and renamed in 1899 the Edison Phonograph Works. Text on the back of the card boasts:

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At the bottom of the advertising text is a box for the name of the local dealer; in this case, Greenwood & Sons Music Company of Youngstown, Ohio.

The Edison Manufacturing Company was organized in 1894 to develop the kinescope, predecessor to his motion picture system, but continued the production of other items. An 1899 commercial cover features an electric fan and a telephone with the now familiar "bell" silhouette advertising "Local & Long Distance Telephone" hanging in the window.

Edison began work on developing an alkaline storage battery in 1899, forming the Edison Storage Battery Company in 1901. A commercial cover from the company postmarked March 2, 1928, features a cancel reading: "Let's Go! Citizens Military Training Camps."



A gathering of some of the industrial luminaries of their day, including Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone, Henry Ford, Russell Firestone, and President Calvin Coolidge, shown in this 1924 picture postcard.

It was only a matter of time until the manufacture of these various products would seek global markets, and Edison was advised to consolidate his vast, unruly corporate network into Thomas A. Edison, Inc. By 1913 commercial covers can be found with the corner imprint "Thomas A. Edison, Inc. / Foreign Department." That alkaline batteries continued to be an important product is reflected in a 1929 cover with the imprint of Thomas A. Edison Inc., advertising "Edison Signal Batteries — Primary and Storage."

Two real picture postcards offer glimpses of the man himself. In the one taken circa 1912 he poses, unconvincingly, in deep thought in his New Jersey laboratory with assistants Schumurico and Ott. The second is a more formal gathering of national luminaries in Plymouth, Vermont on August 19, 1924. Edison is seated in the central chair, surrounded by Harvey Firestone, President Calvin Coolidge (who appears to be signing or writing on a cheese box), Henry Ford, Russell Firestone, and Col. and Mrs. John Coolidge.

All of the above serves as a small philatelic sample of this unwieldy corporate empire sparked by one man's genius. More mind-boggling are the complete compilations of products and inventions shown in biographical indexes. It is a snapshot of the sheer magnitude of Edison's creativity, which remains unparalleled and is a tribute to the human mind.

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The imposing façade of the medical school at Number 6, Salemba Avenue: (Lower right) As portrayed in a 1930 publication. (Lower left) On a 1946 stamp printed by the American Bank Note Company (Scott 252). (Left) On a stamp commemorating the golden anniversary of the University of Indonesia in 2000 (Scott 1884).



The Medical School at Salemba, Batavia



The stylized symbol of the University of Indonesia, depicting a tree and the fountain of knowledge. Green is the color of the Medical School.

by Mardjohan Hardjasudarma

In the mid-nineteenth century the Netherlands Indies government, faced with various epidemics (small pox in particular) decided to start training health workers locally. The school was opened in Weltevreden in 1851 with twelve students. The duration of the training was two years and encompassed fifteen subjects: basic Dutch, arithmetic, geography (Europe and East Indies), geometry, inorganic chemistry, astronomy, physics, medical equipment, geology, botany, zoology, human anatomy, principles of pathology, obstetrics, and surgery. Applications were invited from native young men from good families. They were required to be sixteen or older, literate, and conversant in Javanese and Malay. Training commenced at the Military Hospital in Weltevreden.



A late nineteenth-century letter to a physician (Dutch: *arts; geneesheer*) in Klaten, Central Java. In 1881 Dr. Charlouis studied the transmission of yaws, a tropical infection that also carries his name, Charlouis disease. Until the early decades of the twentieth century, medical doctors in the Netherlands Indies were products of European, primarily Dutch schools.

In 1856 the training period was extended to three years. Graduates were awarded the degree of Java(nese) Doctor (*Dokter Djawa*) and were employed as smallpox vaccinators. A momentous milestone, but still a far cry from being full-fledged physicians. The new graduates worked independently, although under the supervision of Dutch physicians. In 1875 the training grew to seven years, i.e., two years of preparatory studies and five years of medical studies. The first two years were dedicated to learning the Dutch language in which the training was conducted.

Dr. Christiaan Eykman,¹ Director of the Dokter Djawa School from 1888 to 1896, proposed lengthening the basic training period from two to five years, and in 1898 the School for Training of Indies Physicians, or (in Dutch) *School Tot Opleiding Van Indische* (or *Inlandsche*) *Artsen* (STOVIA) was established. It was, in effect, a continuation of the Java Doctor School. While enrollment initially was limited to native men, in 1913 women and ethnic Chinese and Dutch students also began to be accepted. Graduates were awarded the degree of Native Physician (*Inlandsche Arts*).

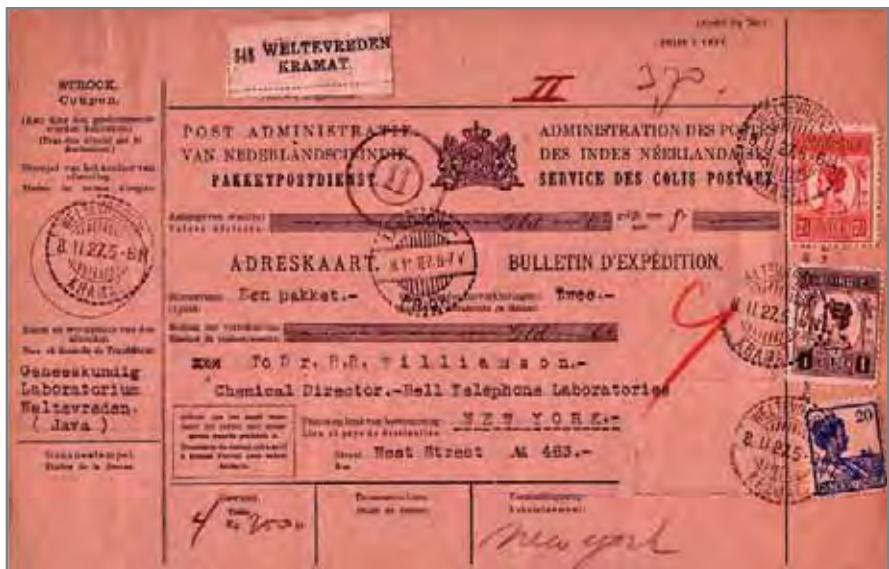
Although Army engineers built the physical facilities, construction was interrupted for a while until sufficient private donations could be found to complete the school building. It officially opened March 1, 1902, with a dormitory, classrooms, laboratory, library, and a recreation room. That same year the training period was increased to nine

A letter (cropped) from the Pathology Institute of the Geneskundige Hoogeschool [Dutch for Medical (High) School], STOVIA's successor. Mailed from Meester Cornelis, a small town equidistant from the GH as the Kramat Post Office, but in a southerly direction. Known as Jatinegara, it is now part of metropolitan Jakarta.



STOVIA air letter to the Netherlands mailed from the Kramat Post Office, a few miles north of the medical school. The school's name was the Dutch acronym for "School for Training of Indies Physicians." It operated from 1898 to 1927. Dr. Salter, a hygienist, conducted ecological studies of the plague on Java.





Parcel post card to the United States, mailed in 1927 from the Medical Laboratory in Weltevreden. Dr. Eijkman headed both the Doctor Djawa School (STOVIA's precursor) and the laboratory from 1888–1896.



Dr. Christiaan Eijkman on a 1993 stamp, part of a three-stamp set honoring Nobel Prize winners (Netherlands Scott 843).



Parcel post card sent from central Java in 1943, during the Japanese occupation, to the Opium Factory at Salemba. The facility processed opium for controlled consumption regulated by the "Opium Regie." It was a source of income for the government. Anecdotally, geckos crawling on its walls would become so intoxicated by the opiate-laden fumes that they would stop dead in their tracks and fall to the ground, totally stoned.

years, and in 1913, with refinement of the curriculum, ten years. Graduates were now called Indies (*Indische Arts*).

In 1920 modern facilities in the Salemba suburb were completed, and the entire training program was transferred to there and to the adjacent Central Public Hospital, or *Centraal Burgerlijk Ziekenhuis* (CBZ). The level of education now satisfied requirements for acceptance to universities in the Netherlands for a few more years additional studies that would allow students to graduate as fully qualified physicians.

Seven years later the STOVIA was disbanded and the institution renamed the Medical (High) School, or *Geneeskundige Hoogeschool* (GH). It now graduated fully trained and certified physicians. Until 1927 applicants were required only to have a grade school diploma. After the establishment of the GH this requisite was upgraded to a high school diploma.² At the end of



The sender of this postcard practiced in a small town in West Java during the Indonesian War of Independence. He successfully completed his specialty training at the Medical (High) School in 1956 to become one of its first pediatricians. Dr. Liem Djwan Lioe mailed this letter to a pharmacy in Bandoeng (Apotik, from the Dutch word Apotheek, means Pharmacy).



Two letters from the USAID officials attached to the United States Embassy in Jakarta (top — 1969, bottom — 1962). The U.S. Agency for International Development sponsored an affiliation between FKUI (School of Medicine, University of Indonesia) and the University of California at Berkeley in the 1950s.

1928, forty-six students were enrolled: seventeen native Indonesians, fourteen Europeans (mostly Dutch), and fifteen ethnic Chinese.

During the Japanese occupation in World War II, the school was renamed *Ika Dai Gaku* and reportedly continued in operation, although not much is known of this period.

The Dutch maintained a parallel medical school called the Medical Faculty of the Provisional (or Emergency) University of Indonesia. After the sovereignty transfer early in 1950, the two schools were combined under the new name of Medical Faculty of the University of Indonesia (*Fakultas Kedokteran Universitas Indonesia*, or FKUI). The fledgling FKUI started classes in twenty-eight disciplines with 288 students. Some of the professors were still Dutch and the lectures continued to be given in Dutch. Additional facilities in Batavia (now renamed Jakarta) were used for the training.

In 1950 there were fewer than 1,000 Indonesian physicians in the entire country, or one physician for every 77,500 persons (compared to one for every 700 persons in the United States). The faculties of medicine graduated no more than forty physicians a year, too few even to replace those lost to death and retirement. In 1954, in co-operation with the U.S. Agency for International Development, an affiliation with the University of California at Berkeley began. American physicians and technicians were sent to Jakarta to work at FKUI, while more than fifty FKUI faculty went to the United States for advanced training in various areas of medicine. When, in 1960, 136 persons graduated from FKUI, it was felt that the affiliation had reached its goal. The result was modernization, reorganization, and restructuring, and a new six-year curriculum consisting



A 1966 money order sent from the University of Indonesia post office at Salemba on January 10. That was the day thousands of students, backed by the Army, poured into the streets of Jakarta, the beginning of demonstrations and a campaign of civil disobedience that brought down the sitting president and his government in just two short months.



Two FKUI air letters, one with a blank registration label (1995); the other with an imprinted label (1969).



of biology (including genetics and embryology), chemistry, and physics in the first year; the basic sciences in years two and three; and the clinical sciences in years four through six. The degree of *Doctorandus Medicinae* (Drs. Med.), or junior doctor, was awarded at the end of the first clinical year, and *Doktor* (Medical Doctor) at the successful completion of the entire six years.

FKUI's first graduating class in 1950 consisted of just twenty-three new physicians. In the first ten years, 440 students graduated. In the decade ending in 2001 there were 1,439 new graduates from the medical program. Many of these young men and women went on to become prominent figures in society, in politics, and in the government of the country. Several ministers of health call FKUI their alma mater.

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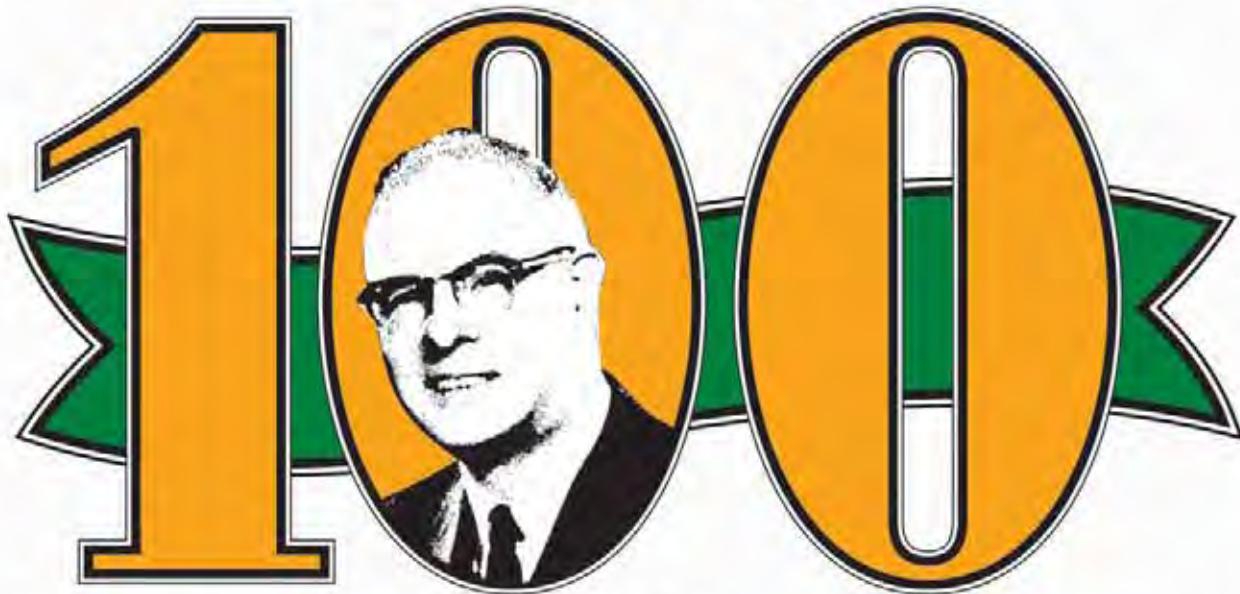
Mardjohan Hardjasudarma is a student of the postal history of Indonesia. Almost fifty years ago he was himself a student at the Salemba school. The article attempts to combine two essential facets of his life: medicine and philately. Or perhaps it's philately and medicine.

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76883 — Below: July 1990,
Left: December 1993.



Update: Small Post Offices

by Steven J. Bahnsen

In the August 2009 issue of *The American Philatelist* there was an interesting article by Ken Aldridge titled “Smallest, Largest, Lowest, Highest Post Offices in the United States.”¹ Unfortunately, some of the information was not current. The Post Mark Collectors Club’s (PMCC)² *Directory of Post Offices* is the sole source of current, up-to-date data on what post offices are actually in operation today, and I would like to offer the following corrections to the Aldridge article.

In the sidebar titled “Smaller, Smallest,” some of the small post offices in ten communities are reported as “presumably no longer in operation” because the U.S. Postal Service lists number six, the Ochopee, Florida Post Office (62 square feet), as the smallest post office in the United States. A review of the PMCC’s *Directory of Post Offices* reveals otherwise. In fact, only three post offices on the list of ten have closed:

No. 1 — Brixey, Missouri, 54 sq. ft.

(October 8, 2006)

No. 9 — Millhousen, Indiana, 63 sq. ft.

(October 31, 2003)

No. 10 — Telegraph, Texas, 63 sq. ft.

(February 27, 2009)

The towns listed as numbers two through eight continue to have their post offices.

My October 2008 article in *The American Philatelist*, “Tens of Thousands of Post Offices,”³ reported on how the PMCC Margie Pfund Postmark Museum in Bellevue, Ohio had 40,700 photographs of U.S. post offices. That number is now approaching 44,000 pictures. This includes all of the “Smaller, Smaller” buildings listed except Brixey, Missouri and Lowry, Virginia.⁴

Endnote

1. Ken Aldridge, “Smallest, Largest, Lowest, Highest Post Offices in the United States,” *The American Philatelist* Vol. 123, No. 8 (August 2009): 742–43.

2. The Post Mark Collectors Club (Affiliate 62) has a useful website at www.postmarks.org. Click on the Post Office Photos link to access a state index of post office photographs.

3. Steven J. Bahnsen, “Tens of Thousands of Post Offices,” *The American Philatelist* Vol 122, No. 10 (October 2008): 924–926

4. For more information about the museum contact curator Beverly Proulx, 7629 Homestead Drive, Baldwinsville, NY 13027; e-mail stampdance@twcny.rr.com

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Roosevelt, Kimble Co., Texas 76874
(October 1991)



Sealston, King George Co., Virginia 22547 (March 2001)



Rhodelia, Meade Co., Kentucky 40161
(August 2007)

Head Waters, Highland Co., Virginia
24442 (November 2005)



Millhousen, Decatur Co.,
Indiana 47261 (n.d.); Right..

Estillfork, Jackson Co., Alabama 35745 (July 2001)



"A Russian Countryside"

ZEMSTVO

Russian Rural Post; A Primer

by George G. Werbizky

In pre-1917 Russia, there were two postal organizations: the postal service provided by the central government and the mail service that functioned only in the rural areas, called "zemstvo post." The central government introduced stamped envelopes for city post in St. Petersburg in 1845 and a year later in Moscow. Stamps for general use did not appear until 1858. The countrywide mail service served customers along ancient trade routes and, later, along the railroad lines. However, this did not meet the needs of the rural areas where trade routes and railroad lines did not reach. To provide adequate mail service to these areas, country administrations called "zemstva"¹ took it upon themselves to establish local mail service and to connect it with the mail service provided by the central government.²



Schlisel'burg No. 1.



Left: Anan'ev Zemstvo, Cherson Province, No. 4, complete sheet of two, 1879.

Below: Bobrov Zemstvo, Voronezh Province, No. 6, 1879.

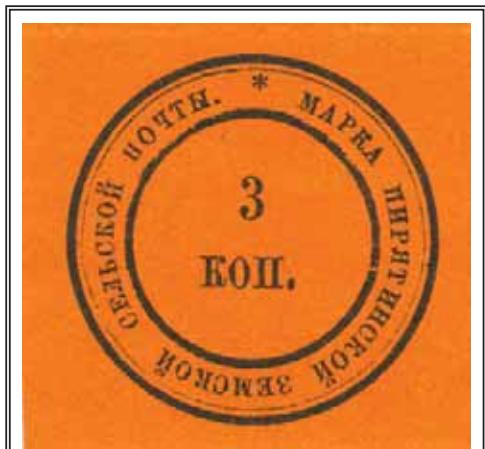


Zemstvo responsibilities already included road maintenance; establishing and running elementary schools, clinics, hospitals, and veterinary services; upholding law and order; and promoting trade and other activities that benefitted their counties. Therefore, it was only natural to add mail service to these existing local civic functions. It must be noted, however, that zemstvos existed only in the European part of Russia.

Under the law of the land, the Russian mail service was an imperial monopoly — the zemstvo post could not operate in competition against that monopoly, only as an extension of it. Thus, a zemstvo was permitted to handle official and private mail only within its own specific county. Imperial mail delivery, as a rule, did extend to the various county seats and it was there that the two postal systems exchanged mail. Incoming mail was transferred into the zemstvo mail system, which handled its final distribution. Local mail that was addressed to places *outside* that county had to be transferred to the central government mail service and required the payment of state postage fees, in addition to the zemstvo postage. However, not all zemstvos required a local payment for outgoing mail.

The central government postal system had a postmaster-general and operated under a single set of rules that applied across the nation. The zemstvo postal system had no central postmaster-general and each zemstvo operated under its own rules, in terms of establishing fees for internal mail as well as for outgoing and incoming mail. No one set of postal regulations applied. Some zemstvos handled internal mail free of charge; some delivered incoming mail from the government post free of charge; and some charged for one or both. Most of the zemstvos that provided mail services issued stamps and stamped envelopes of their own design (printed locally), and one zemstvo even issued postal cards. Only one rule governed the design of zemstvo stamps: they could not be the same as or even resemble government-issue stamps. The resulting lack of uniformity in the stamp designs is the major stimulus that makes collecting them a challenging and fascinating area.

Zemstvo postal history is a difficult area to study because not all of them kept detailed records of their postal activities. Furthermore, many zemstvo postal records were destroyed during the Civil War in Russia (1917–22) as well as during World War II. During the period of Soviet rule, particularly in the early years, zemstvo stamps and records were considered “useless remnants of the old autocratic regime” and were summarily discarded.³ Later on, especially during the purges of the 1930s, it was dangerous to have in one’s possession any material that could be linked to the imperial past. Further-



Piryatin Zemstvo, Poltava Province, No. 1, 1868.

Under the law of the land, the Russian mail service was an imperial monopoly — the zemstvo post could not operate in competition against that monopoly, only as an extension of it.



Zolotonosha Zemstvo, Poltava Province, No. 5, 1890. Partial sheet showing last vertical row and stamps printed sideways.

more, the zemstvos, which were freely elected county administrative units, were eliminated by the victorious Bolsheviks in order to maintain a one-party dictatorship. But it is also true that by 1917 zemstvo postal services largely had become unnecessary, because roads and railroads built by the central government now reached many of the outlying areas previously serviced by local zemstvo posts.

The accompanying table summarizes zemstvo post activity by years.⁴

| | Number of zemstvos issuing stamps | Number of major varieties issued |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1865–1869 | 30 | 53 |
| 1870–1879 | 102 | 433 |
| 1880–1889 | 92 | 469 |
| 1890–1899 | 94 | 793 |
| 1900–1909 | 70 | 331 |
| 1910–1917 | 48 | 348 |

Locally Printed Zemstvo Stamps

The Schlisel'burg Zemstvo Post Office, St. Petersburg Province, opened in 1865; it was the first among the zemstvos to issue a postage stamp, which consisted of a single one denomination, Schlisel'burg No. 1.⁵ The design of the stamp is sophisticated, unlike the primitive designs of many other early zemstvo issues that relied on local printing businesses.

As printing technology improved, so did the design of zemstvo stamps, and many issues were multicolored and perforated. In addition, a number



Above: Zmeinogorsk Zemstvo, Tomsk Province, No. 2, tête-bêche, 1918–1919(?) About 300 of these stamps were discovered in 1925. The sheet consists of four stamps printed horizontally, 2x2.

Left: Zadonsk Zemstvo, Voronezh Province, No. 52, 1913. Left column inverted. Note poor perforation positioning, which is not uncommon for local print shops.





Above left: Shadrinsk Zemstvo, Perm' Province, No. 27M1, 1890; inverted center, enlarged 150%.

Right: Gadyach Zemstvo, Poltava Province, No. 36, 1895(?); first letter of the word ЗЕМСК. at the top of the stamp has been (abbreviation of the word ЗЕМСКОЙ) replaced with a C.

Left: Block of four Khvalynsk Zemstvo, Saratov Province, No. 6, 1913, with horizontal perforations missing as well as a tête-bêche.



Three types of stamps printed by the Government Printing Office in St. Petersburg.



Pskov Zemstvo, Pskov Province: (left to right) Nos. 26 and 25, followed by Nos. 27 and 28 surcharged 1-kopek on 40 and 3-kopeks on 10, 1896.



Folded letter sent by official mail from the village of Kudimkor via the Solikamsk Zemstvo post, Perm Province, on August 27, 1903, to the Kuvinskoye Volost' Administration. A *volost'* was the administrative unit for several villages.

printing plate would stay in position while the sheet of paper was rotated 180 degrees in order to print additional stamps on the same sheet of paper. One can also encounter skips in the perforation.

Printing *errors* include inverted centers and misspelled words.

On occasion, when the supply of the most needed denominations became exhausted as the result of a late order by a zemstvo or a late delivery by the printer, surcharged stamps were used. More rarely, partial stamps, mostly bisects, were used to solve temporary shortages. As a rule, no one recorded how long these partial stamps were in use, but it was always a short-lived response to a shortage of a particular denomination and one that could be employed instantly instead of waiting for a printed surcharge to become available.

Zemstvo Stamps Printed by the Government

By the beginning of the twentieth century, a number of zemstvos began ordering stamps from the Government Printing Office in St. Petersburg. There were basic three designs, known as "key types." The center of the stamp usually depicted the coat of arms of the province at the top and that of the county below it.

Collecting Zemstvo Stamps

Early zemstvo stamp enthusiasts collected primarily mint stamps and the occasional



Private postcard mailed by Bakhmut Zemstvo post, Ekaterinoslav Province, to the town of Mariupol'. Although Mariupol' was located in the same province, it was outside the Bakhmut Zemstvo and required a central government 3-kopek stamp in addition to the local zemstvo stamp required.



Private postcard mailed locally on December 24, 1903, by Bakhmut Zemstvo post, Ekaterinoslav Province; only a Bakhmut Zemstvo stamp was required.



Postcard mailed January 12, 1912, through the imperial mail to a farmstead in Poltava Zemstvo. The rectangular handstamp dated January 13 indicates acceptance by the zemstvo post office for further handling without addition charges.



Front and back of a cover sent from St. Petersburg on July 7, 1889, to a village in Dankov Zemstvo, Riazan' Province. Zemstvo post accepted the letter on July 10 and levied a 3-kopek fee for delivery, as shown by the oval handstamp, which reads: "recover [i.e., postage due] 3 kopeks D.ankov Z.emstvo Post."



stamp on cover. Even today, interest in used stamps is not high. This seems to be something of a self-fulfilling prophecy, because most of the zemstvo material offered by auction houses is in the form of mint stamps. The accepted rarity rating for zemstvo stamps is as follows:

- Single **R**: 16–25 examples known.
- Double **RR**: 9–15 known.
- Triple **RRR**: 4–8 known.
- Quadruple **RRRR**: 1–3 known.

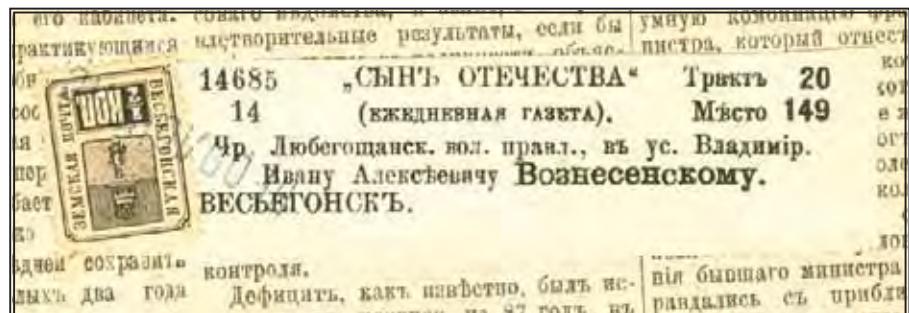
Covers and Postcards

Most of the zemstvo mail was local (i.e., sent within the borders of a zemstvo) and falls into one of two categories: official mail or private mail. Official mail was free frank, while private mail required postage at the rate established by that particular zemstvo.

As mentioned above, it was up to each zemstvo to decide if an additional local fee should be charged for handling mail coming from or going to a destination outside the province. For example, Poltava Zemstvo handled incoming mail free of charge, while others such as Dankov Zemstvo, Bogorodsk Zemstvo, and Ves'egonskt Zemstvo delivered incoming mail with a "postage due" assessment that ranged from one to three kopeks.

Registered Mail

With zemstvo mail there is not a single prescribed method for identifying registered mail. In fact, an exami-



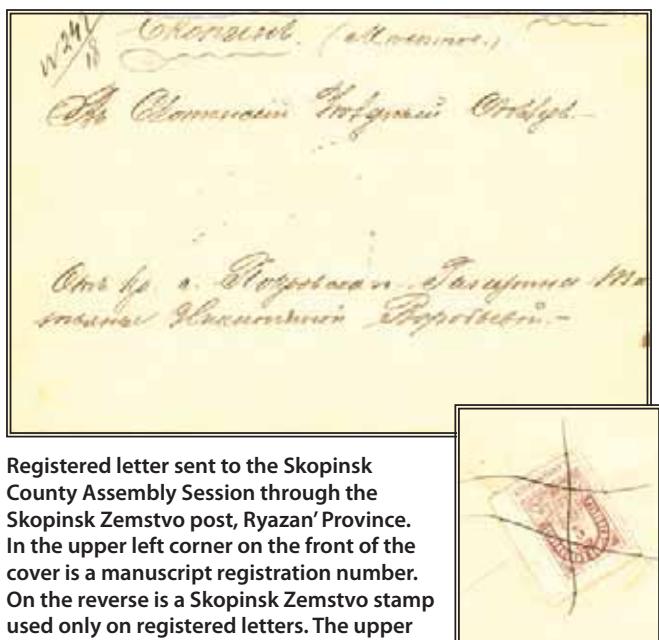
Newspaper wrapper from Ves'egonsk Zemstvo, Tver' Province. Across the Ves'egonsk Zemstvo stamp is a handstamp that reads "not paid for" (i.e., postage due).



Bogorodsk Zemstvo, Moscow Province, used actual postage due stamps for incoming mail from the central government postal service. This letter originated in Warsaw and was sent on December 18, 1893, to a village in the Bogorodsk Zemstvo, where the zemstvo post accepted the letter on January 5, 1894. The 1-kopek Bogorodsk postage due stamp is in the upper left corner..



Pskov Zemstvo, Pskov Province. Letter sent on May 19, 1911, to the County Assembly Session in the town of Pskov. The word "Registered" is handwritten in the upper right-hand corner; the registration number is in the upper left.



Registered letter sent to the Skopinsk County Assembly Session through the Skopinsk Zemstvo post, Ryazan' Province. In the upper left corner on the front of the cover is a manuscript registration number. On the reverse is a Skopinsk Zemstvo stamp used only on registered letters. The upper portion of the stamp bears the inscription "for registered [letters]." Most of the zemstvos used regular (non-specific) stamps for registered mail.

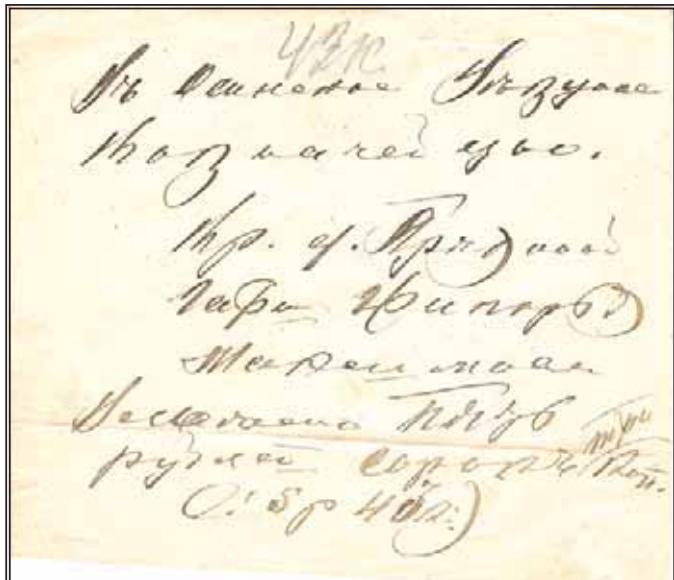


Both sides of a registered cover sent from Odessa to Shadrinsk Zemstvo, Perm Province. The rectangular handstamp with the letter "3" is the registration mark of the central government postal service, while the manuscript notation "258" is the zemstvo registration mark. A zemstvo 6-kopek stamp is on the front of the cover.



Both sides of a registered cover sent from Ust'sisol'sk Zemstvo, Vologda Province, to Moscow. At the county seat and zemstvo center — the town of Ust'sysol'sk — the letter was transferred to the central government postal service, as shown by the 5-kopek zemstvo stamp and the 14-kopek Imperial Arms-type stamp.





An example of a transfer of money within a zemstvo, with the amount enclosed written on the cover, in this case "5 rubles, 43 kopeks." The money — probably a tax payment — was sent to the treasurer of Osa Zemstvo, Perm' Province. Of note is the partial 8-kopek stamp, with one-quarter of it cut out to pay the required postage of six kopeks, marked below the stamp.



A transfer of money carried by the central government postal service to a recipient residing within a zemstvo's borders required that a special pickup notice be sent to the intended recipient. The stamp at the left is that of Podol'sk Zemstvo, Moscow Province

Imperial postal money order form sent to pay for subscription to the newspaper Light. Imperial postage prepaid with Arms-type stamps; zemstvo postage paid with Zolotonosha Zemstvo stamp in lower right.

nation of several hundred used covers strongly suggests that not all zemstvos even had registered mail as a separate class. Nevertheless, both manuscript and handstamp registration identifications exist, as does the occasional registration label.

Money Transfers

Zemstvos, like the central government postal system early on, did not use money orders to transfer funds from one party to another. The cash simply would be enclosed within an envelope and the amount being sent would be written on the cover. Money arriving via central government post to a recipient residing within a zemstvo's borders was not delivered directly to the recipient, as ordinary letters and printed matter were. The Imperial Post would deliver the envelope containing the money to the zemstvo post at the transfer point between the two services, usually the county seat. A notice would be sent by zemstvo post to the intended recipient, informing him that a sum of mon-





Postcard sent from Nikol'sk Zemstvo, Vologda Province, to Germany. The zemstvo stamp is in the lower left corner. The Arms-type stamps at the upper right were canceled at the district seat by the central government postal service.

ey in his name was being held at the main zemstvo post office and that he or his official representative could pick it up during stated business hours. (Outlying stations were served on specific days, based on established routes that would start and end at the zemstvo's administrative seat.) This routine for delivering money sent by mail was the accepted procedure by most, though perhaps not all, of the zemstvo mail services as shown by the existence of many similar notices collected from other zemstvos.

By the early twentieth century, Imperial postal money orders had become available for the transfer of funds. The money order shown was sent from Zolotonosha Zemstvo, Perm Province, to St. Petersburg to pay for a subscription to the newspaper *Light*. Probably the newspaper supplied a prepaid money order with the Arms-type stamps to cover the Imperial Post fees. The zemstvo stamp is in the lower right-hand corner, and to its left is the zemstvo registration handstamp with "No. 7" added by hand.

International Mail

Zemstvo mail sent to or received from addresses in other countries is scarce. Most zemstvo mail is intra-county, followed by domestic mail to and from large cities served by the central government postal service. Most of the population in rural areas was engaged in agriculture or small business and had little to do with the world abroad.

Stamp Catalogues

Of historic interest are two early catalogues, the first of them — *Les Timbres de Russie* — published in 1893 in Brussels, Belgium, by J.B. Moens, a well-known stamp dealership of that time. It lists Russian and zemstvo stamps and postal stationery. All of the illustrations are shown full size, are well executed, and are printed from wood blocks. There

is, however, a problem with the wording on the stamps. It is apparent that whoever created the print images was not familiar with the Russian language and the Cyrillic alphabet. Many words are misspelled. If a letter resembled one in Latin script, then a Latin letter was used instead of a Russian one. It also should be noted that early forgers of rare zemstvo stamps used illustrations from this catalogue for their creations.

The second catalogue was published in 1896 in the United States by "The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Limited" of New York. The author was William Herrick and it was titled *Catalogue of the Russian Rural Stamps*. The stamps are illustrated at 100 percent of their original size. The catalogue was reprinted in Italy in 1978 by Giorgio Migliavacca on sturdier paper.

The catalogue that became the mainstay for zemstvo collectors for many years, however, was first published in Moscow in 1925. It is known as the "Chuchin" catalogue, after the name of its listed editor. In actual fact, a group of well-known Russian zemstvo philatelists of the day compiled the catalogue, and Chuchin was simply a Communist Party *apparatchik* with no specific knowledge of stamps. The catalogue is difficult to use, because the stamp illustrations were placed at the end of the volume, separate from their descriptions. In 1988 J. Barefoot Ltd. of York, England did a great service to all zemstvo stamp collectors by reprinting the Chuchin catalogue, this time with improved illustrations placed with the stamp descriptions, making this version of the catalogue much easier to use. Later research discovered a few errors and omissions, but the catalogue continues to be referenced today.

In 1932 Carl Schmidt, a zemstvo stamp expert, published (in Germany) his pioneering zemstvo catalogue, known as "Big Schmidt." The first volume consists of 296 typewritten pages; the second volume is 375 pages. A wealth of information is contained in both volumes: year of issue, color, type of paper, perforation, reference where first reported. In 1934, after he donated his immense zemstvo collection to the Postal Museum in Berlin, Carl Schmidt issued an abbreviated, illustrated zemstvo catalogue called "Small Schmidt." Both of the catalogues are in German; the fate of his collection is unknown.

Alex Artuchov published a very informative, illustrated catalogue, *The Zemstvo Postage Stamps of Imperial Russia*, in several volumes. The first volume of the Canadian publication appeared in the 1987 and the concluding volume in 2008. The text is in English; the illustrations are in black and white.

Finally, two excellent zemstvo stamp catalogues were published recently in Russia. They are quite complete and

the errors in the “Chuchin” catalogue have been corrected. The stamps are illustrated in color and all pages are printed on glossy paper. Prices have been updated, but the user needs to follow zemstvo stamp auctions to be current. Both catalogues give stamp descriptions in Russian, but this need not be a deterrent because one can learn a few Russian words used in catalogues repeatedly to identify stamps. The stamps are numbered according to both the Chuchin and Schmidt catalogues (numbering in the two catalogues does not always coincide), expanded by the authors based on new findings.

The first of the two new offerings, *Stamp Catalogue of Russian Zemstvo Post*, was published in 2004 and has three authors: Y.E. Gurevich, O.M. Poltorak, and I.A. Strebulaev. In addition to the stamps, it lists tête-bêche, couché, and varieties.

The author of the second new catalogue is V.Y. Solov'ev. This is volume one in a planned series of catalogues on the stamps of Russia and the USSR, with a publication date given as 2006/07. The title of this work is *Specialized Catalogue (Russia 1857–1919, Zemstvo...)*. The stamps are numbered using the latest information found in the listed references. A brief Russian-English dictionary of philatelic terms is included.

It is unfortunate for collectors that modern stamp catalogues like *Michel*, *Scott*, and *Stanley Gibbons* do not list the zemstvo stamps.

Concluding Remarks

Collecting zemstvo stamps and covers is interesting, challenging, and at times frustrating. There are still many zemstvos whose postal history is only partially known. Yet by examining existing documents, one discovers just how a given zemstvo post operated. I was fortunate on my visit to the town of Borovichi, Novgorod Province, the seat of that zemstvo, to find in the Regional Studies Museum several yearly reports, summarizing zemstvo activity. The report for the year 1913 is significant in that it is the first official document to reveal the exact date the Borovichi zemstvo post ceased operations: “Effective 1 August, with the opening of the required (state) post office, the zemstvo post will cease to exist. The zemstvo PO department will also close.” Prior to this find, the date of closure was not known.⁶

Over the last several years, the interest in Russia of “dangerous” philatelic areas including zemstvo post has significantly increased, and at auctions here and abroad prices have moved upward, especially for rare material. Since (a) the early issues of zemstvo stamps were relatively small (a few thousand stamps, if that many), (b) there were only a dozen or so



A world “industrial achievement” exposition took place in Paris in 1900. Most of the countries with exhibits had a post office at their pavilion. This postal card was sent from the French post office at the Algiers section, district of Alma, to a village in Shatsk Zemstvo, Tambov Province. The zemstvo stamp is at the top left. Below it is the Bogoyavlenskoye P.T.O. cancel of the central government postal service.

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serious collectors in the country at that time, and (c) there is no reliable information about these issues, many zemstvo stamps issued prior to 1900 are scarce and command a high price. Therefore, one should enter this collecting field with caution and deep pockets.

Endnotes

1. The plural form of “zemstvo” in Russian. Henceforth, the Anglicized plural “zemstvos” will be used.
2. Preface to *Catalogue of the Russian Rural Postage Stamps* (Moscow, 1925). J. Barefoot Ltd., of York, England, reissued this catalogue in 1988 with significantly better layout and stamp illustrations.
3. *Ibid.*, page 3.
4. *Ibid.*, page 6.
5. The stamp numbering system is based on the Chuchin catalogue as used in the *Catalogue of Zemstvo Posts in Russia 1866–1919*, by Gurevich, Poltorak, and Streblaev (Moscow, 2004).
6. G.G. Werbizky, “Borovichi Zemstvo Post,” *The Journal of the Rossica Society of Russian Philately*, No. 124 (April 1995): 22–28.

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Desolation Island

by Steve Pendleton

Look as hard as you may, you won't find any place with the name "Desolation Island" on any of today's maps — that is, assuming you'd want to. However, it was once a place well known to whalers, sealers, and seekers of the "Terra Australis" (or Southern Continent). They called it Desolation because, well, it's pretty desolate. The islands are treeless, cold, notorious for their constant winds, and the most prevalent native plant is a form of cabbage. Today we call it the Kerguelen Archipelago, after its French discoverer, Captain Yves-Joseph de Kerguelen Tremarec.

Actually, if anyplace comes close to being eligible to be called the southern "continent" (besides the Antarctic itself), it is the Kerguelens. At 7,215 square kilometers, or 2,785 square miles, they comprise the largest bits of land in the Southern Ocean, outside some of the island neighbors of Tierra del Fuego or the Antarctic Peninsula. They are 3,000 miles from Australia, and a long ways from Africa as well. The archipelago consists of one main island and perhaps 300 outliers.

The coastline of the island is very irregular, with many deep, fjord-like bays. Inland there are a number of valleys, plateaus, and a mountain range. The west central part of the island has a large ice cap, called the Calotte Captain Cook.

Captain Kerguelen first saw the archipelago on February 12, 1772. He returned to France, and was promptly sent on a return voyage.

Shortly after that, in 1776, the great English navigator Captain James Cook also explored the group. They both seemed to agree that "desolation" fit the place. Since the honor (if you want to call it that) of discovering the islands went to Kerguelen, the French maintained a claim on the islands, but for many years they didn't do much about it — not until the coastal beaches and surrounding waters were examined more closely. The beaches proved to be the home grounds of numerous seals, and the Southern Ocean the home of swarms of whales. During the 1800s whalers and sealers became the major visitors, along with the occasional castaway.

First Philately

Records are very scanty about the earliest letters from the Kerguelen Archipelago. Whalers' letters, usually from American ships, are known from the mid-1800s from the nearby Crozet Archipelago, so

Kerguelen Archipelago (NASA)



it is likely that letters from Kerguelen also exist. Sealers' letters may exist as well.

A card from the Valdivia German Deep Sea Expedition of 1898 mentions a visit. However, the card itself was written in the Netherlands Indies.

The first known mail from the island is from the 1901 German South Pole Expedition (commonly called the Grauss Expedition), which built a temporary station at Royal Sound at the easternmost part of the island. Surviving letters (which are very rare) are known with at least two different crude handstamps. One reads "Deutsche Südpol Exped/Kerguelen Insel/Royal Sound 9.NOV 1901." The other reads "Deutsch/Südpolar Expedition Kerguelen Station."

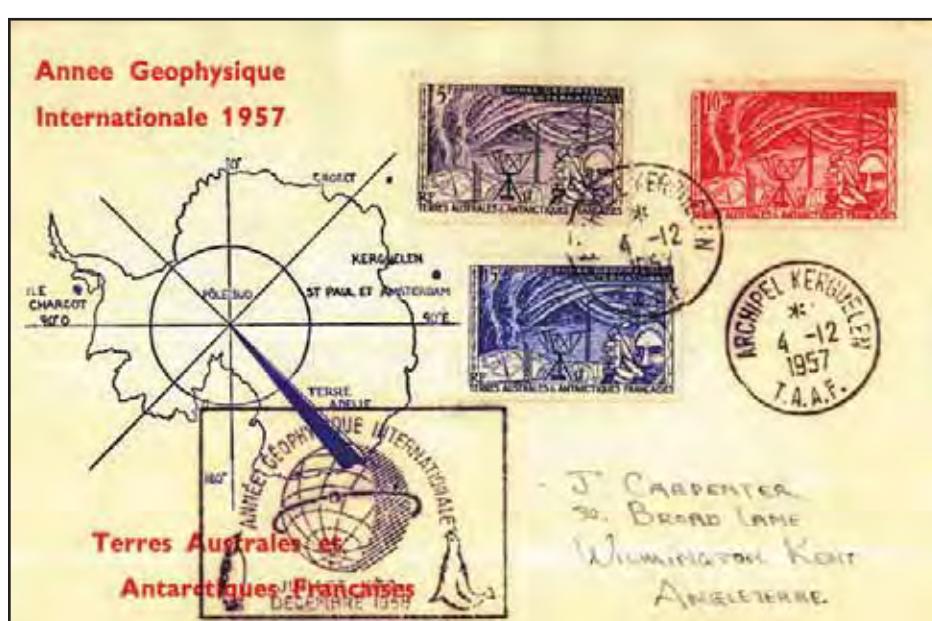
A much more ambitious program directed at making the Kerguelens profitable was begun a few years later by the Boissiere brothers, who planned to turn the islands into a huge sheep ranch and whaling center. The older brother, Henri, had convinced the French government to give him development rights to the islands in 1893, but he didn't actually make his first visit to the Kerguelens until 1908. For some reason he gave certain development rights to a Norwegian firm called Storm Bull, who built an onshore whaling station there during the 1908–1909 whaling season. It was named Port Jeanne d'Arc, which may have derived from the name of the company whaling ship. The station



Whaling ship *Jeanne d'Arc* made a voyage from the Kerguelens to South Africa in early 1909.



A 1955 Kerguelens-Madagascar postmark, pre-FSAT.



First FSAT postmark on a 1957 International Geophysics Year cover.





Two 1972 stamps show the 1950 scientific station in Kerguelen, with First Day cancel.



Kerguelen helicopter detachment had a special cachet. Note base name in cancel.



Special cachet for base chapel, Notre Dame du Vent (Our Lady of the Wind).

was located on the side of a sheltered bay on a large peninsula on the southeastern edge of the island. Several houses were built, and at one time as many as 140 men worked there.

Mail immediately began to be directed to the Kerguelens. The Frenchman Rallier du Baty sailed a tiny boat with several companions to the island in 1908. While there they met Captain Ring of the *Jeanne d'Arc*, who had a sack of mail aboard.¹ However, the life of the whaling station proved to be brief. It survived only five years, until 1913, when Storm Bull went out of business. By 1914 the only inhabitants were two caretakers who must have led a lonely existence until they were finally relieved. A few letters in the Bossiere Correspondence are known from 1909. These reached Le Havre, France in May of that year.

After the end of World War I, however, the Boissieres tried again with two whaling stations: a reopened Port Jeanne d'Arc and a new station at Port Covreaux. But once again their period of operation was short, only four years from 1921 to 1925.

In the meantime the communications needs of the whalers — who hailed from a variety of countries, including Norway and South Africa, as well as France — needed to be met. This task was undertaken by the Compagnie Generale des Isle Kerguelen, St. Paul et Amsterdam, which took over from Storm Bull. Mail was carried to and from the Kerguelens by company steamers, and it is believed that the company entertained the possibility of creating its own postage stamp. This was never done, however, and regular issues of France are known on island mail. In the Kerguelens during this period two cancellation devices were used, each with the words "Residence de France / Iles Kerguelen." Neither had a date indicia.

Mail from the Kerguelens usually was deposited at Durban, South Africa, although occasionally it was routed through Bunbury, West Australia. A few covers had South African stamps added to pay registration fees.

Port Jeanne d'Arc finally was abandoned in 1925.

Rather strangely, mail to and from this settlement was little known in the philatelic community. It was not until 1939, when a bundle of covers was discovered in the old Boissiere Bros. headquarters in France, that collectors learned of its existence.

Kerguelens, Madagascar

After the close of the whaling stations, it seemed that France pretty much forgot about her southern possession. At any rate, no French expeditions are known for the next two decades. But that is not to say that the islands remained without visitors. During World War II German commerce raiders used the inviting — and unwatched — fjords as ports of refuge, where supplies and fresh water could be obtained. Eventually the Allies sent a warship to mine some of these ports to prevent their use by enemy vessels. Some of these mines are still present in the waters.

When air travel became more common after the war, the Kerguelens were seen as offering a good location for a meteorological station. It was also discovered that the offshore waters were full of crayfish, not to mention other tasty denizens of the deep. The result was that France became much more actively interested in its southern claims. In December 1949 a small meteorological station was established on the coast of the Gulf of Morbihan. It was given the name Port-aux-Français, which it bears today. At first the station was a temporary establishment, but in 1951 it became a permanent installation.

During this time the Kerguelens were



Meteorological station cachets on 1984 cover.

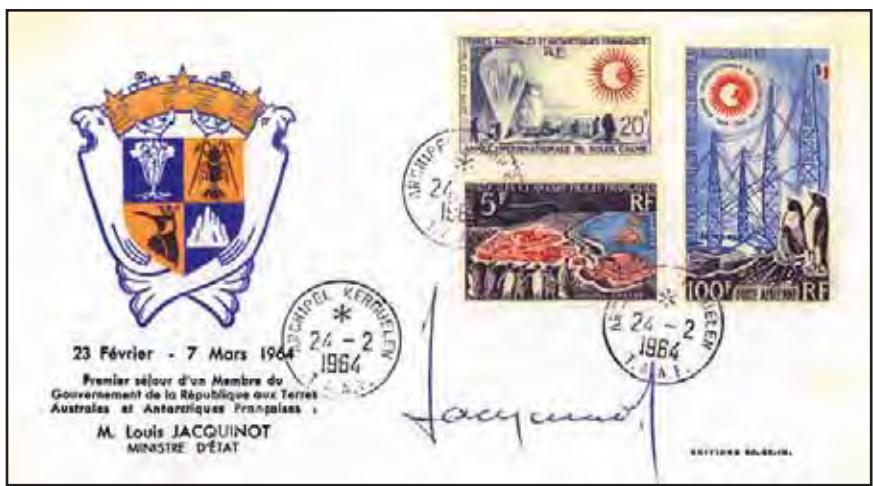
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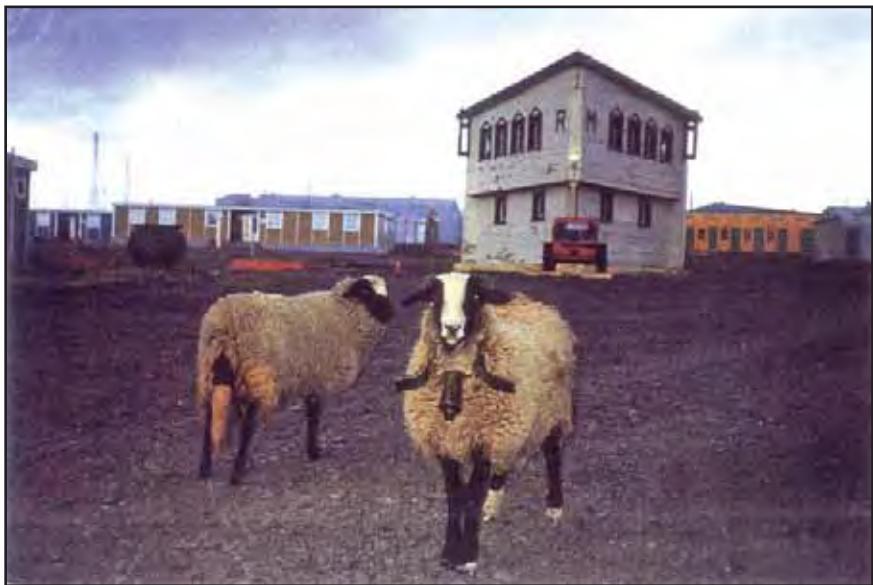
FDC for the last voyage of the supply ship *Gallieni*, which made voyages to the Kerguelens and other islands from 1954–1972.



Fishing vessels such as the *Austral* from Réunion visit the waters around the Kerguelens.



A 1964 special cover notes visit by Louis Jacquinot, French Minister of State.



Sheep in the streets of Port aux Français.



Unusual machine cancel from Port aux Français, 1993.

governed as a dependency of Madagascar, and in January 1950 a post office was opened that used Madagascar stamps. Only one cancel is known from this era, a one-ring circular datestamp with the wording "Archipel Kerguelen Madagascar." It is a much simpler design than the canceller in use at the Amsterdam Island base in this period.

French Southern and Antarctic Territories (FSAT)

By the mid-1950s it was evident that Madagascar would soon gain its independence from French occupation. On August 6, 1955 the new colony of French Southern and Antarctic Territories was created. The "Southern" part consisted of the Kerguelens, the Crozet Archipelago, and St. Paul and Amsterdam Islands. There was also a slice of the Antarctic continent, Terre Adélie.

The colony was divided into four districts. The only inhabitants were the small groups of scientists at the meteorological and scientific research stations. In 2007 a fifth district, the Iles Eparses, was added. These were several islands around Madagascar that also only had meteorological stations. These extended the boundary of FSAT all the way from the South Pole almost to the Equator.

The Kerguelen station has grown until it can support as many as 120 researchers during the summer season. "Winteroverers" can number as many as eighty. In addition to living space, there is a residence for the "Chef de District," the Chapel of Notre Dame du Vent, a station shop, and a post office. There is also a satellite tracking station. In addition, there is a network of about forty refuges and cabins in scattered locations around the islands. Some are in areas that have never been named. They are very handy for field research and possible emergency use.

Desolate as they may be, the Kerguelens are an excellent location for many scientific investigations. Rockets have been launched from there since the 1970s. The area is relatively free from electromagnetic interference, and the portion of atmosphere above the archipelago is one of the three least polluted on Earth. The French have even considered using the land for

atomic bomb testing, should they have to leave.

France also claims a distance of 200 miles from land as its territorial waters. While whaling is long gone, the ocean around the Kerguelens has been visited by large fishing vessels from a number of nations. Many of them are illegal. This means that one of the officials required in this isolated spot is a fishing inspector.

Kerguelen Postal History

The first stamp issued for French South and Antarctic Territories was released in October 1955. It was an overprint of a Madagascar stamp. Since that time there has always been a post office at Port aux Français. The mail is largely philatelic — sometimes more than 50,000 letters are received in a season.

There have been some very odd denominations on FSAT stamps. One reason — a use I have never seen — is that they pay for tags on rolls of photographic film sent from scientists.

Since 1955 I have seen eight different regular postmarks. (This list does not include a number of pictorial First Day cancels.) There is also a common base cachet, which is rectangular in shape, with the Port aux Français name and location in a total of three lines. The cancels are of three types. The first are regular handstamps. Then there are two machine cancels. Finally, there are three pictorial cancels.

Handstamps

1. A simple single ring design reading "Archipel Kerguelen TAAF"
2. A variation that includes the word "des" between "Archipel" and "Kerguelen."
3. A variation that has added "Port-aux-Français" to "Archipel Kerguelen TAAF"

Machine cancels

1. Five wavy lines to the left of a circular single ring. It reads "Archipel Kerguelen TAAF"
2. A variation reading "Port-aux-Français Kerguelen TAAF"

Pictorial cancels

- (These also appear to be machine cancels.)
1. A leopard seal is featured in a rectangular box on the left. To the right is a circular "Port-aux-Français Kerguelen TAAF"
 2. Essentially the same cancel. The only difference is in the placement of the description "Léopard de mer."
 3. An elephant seal on the left, a circular "Port-aux-Français Kerguelen TAAF" in the middle, and five wavy lines on the right.



Aerial view of Port Jeanne d'Arc shows its desolation.

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Private cancel and stamp from tourist vessel Kapitan Khlebnikov.

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Two examples of cancels from the Boissiere Bros. whaling stations: Double-ring circular marking, "Résidence de France Iles Kerguelen." Triple-ring circular marking, "République Française ★ Iles Kerguelen /Résidence de France."



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Shipping and the Kerguelens

Since the Kerguelens are sub-Antarctic islands, voyages generally are made during the southern summer (October through March). There are no airfields in the Kerguelens, so mail is brought in entirely by ship. Before Madagascar's independence, ships usually came from Tamatave, Madagascar. Nowadays, their home port is usually Reunion.

Many Kerguelen covers carry the cachets of different ships, which broadly fall into one of three categories: French supply and military vessels, fishing vessels, and tourist ships and yachts. However, this is by no means a complete listing of these visitors.

French supply and military vessels

For many years the *Gallieni* was a major supply ship. More recently the *Marion Dufresne* has taken on that duty. In addition to transporting scientists, she occasionally has thirty or so berths available for tourists.

The *Albatross* is a long-range patrol ship. For years she was based in Reunion. The helicopter carrier *Jeanne D'Arc* has made a number of cruises in the area. This French Navy vessel often has been escorted by smaller ships.

Fishing vessels

SAPMER is a large fishing company headquartered in Reunion. Each year it sends out ships to catch crayfish, patagonian toothfish (Chilean sea bass), and other delicacies. Company ships visiting FSAT have included *Cap Horn*, *Cap Horn II*, *Austral*, and *Mascareigne III*. The captains of these vessels were often very generous in applying cachets to philatelic mail.

Fishing vessels of many other countries also sail the southern waters. Noted are ships flying the colors of Belize, Russia, and Spain, among the many.

Tourist vessels

Antarctica has become a major tourist destination — at least that part called the Antarctic Peninsula. Few tourists reach FSAT, and their ships are scarcely luxury liners. The

Kapitan Khlebnikov visited in 1992, with fewer than 100 passengers. The *Akademik Shokalskiy*, which stopped in 1997 and 2002, only carried thirty-eight. The main reason for this under-utilization seems to be distance.

On the 1997 visit to the Kerguelens, the *Shokalskiy* scheduled a thirty-day voyage from Australia. This included four days in Kerguelen, plus visits to other South Indian Ocean islands. While I haven't voyaged on this vessel, I did visit the Antarctic in a sister ship. Luxury? Not really. But the size made it an ideal ship for visiting such isolated spots.

I don't know how their visit to Desolation Island went, I only know that I would have liked to have been among the passengers.

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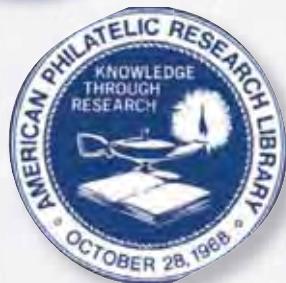
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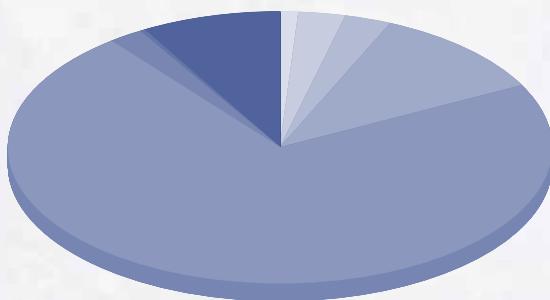


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Along with our priority to finish the restoration of the historic American Philatelic Center, other services and initiatives that will benefit from the Campaign include:

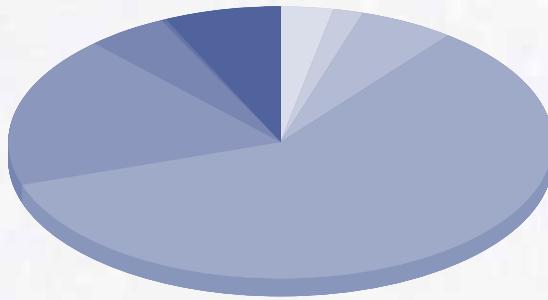
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- technology upgrades;
- youth and education programs;
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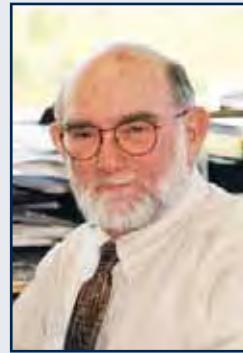
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For the seventeenth time in the last eighteen years, Donald Sundman of Mystic Stamp Company, Camden, New York, has sponsored the most new applicants for membership.

Traditionally, the top recruiters of new APS members have been users of APS promotional business reply cards, although recently application links provided on websites have become a significant source of new members. Still, the single most important source for the applicants remains the personal recommendations of current, individual members.

Most months a membership application appears on the back outer wrapper of *The American Philatelist*. The satisfaction you receive from helping a friend increase his or her philatelic enjoyment is a high return on the investment of the few moments it takes to explain the Society's basic services and invite someone to join. Add your name to the 2009 Recruiting Honor Roll by proposing a new member (or two!) this year.

The complete list of 2009 recruiters and the number of applications sponsored (all one each, unless otherwise noted) is as follows:

| Top Recruiters for 2009 | |
|--|-----|
| Donald J. Sundman | 230 |
| Virginia Goldberg | 14 |
| Christopher Diaz | 13 |
| Marios Theodossiou | 11 |
| Alexander T. Haimann | 10 |
| David F. Hoover | 10 |
| James E. Biehl | 7 |
| Chris W. Calle | 7 |
| Marc S. Bedrin | 6 |
| Alfredo Frohlich | 5 |
| James E. McDevitt | 5 |
| John M. Zupancic | 5 |
| Robert F. Dumaine | 4 |
| Lyle F. Lueck | 4 |
| James R. D. Yeaw | 4 |
| Lester M. Yerkes | 4 |
| Abel, Dennis R. (3) | |
| Ace, Myron (3) | |
| Adams, Robert H. | |
| Alaska Collectors Club | |
| Allen, Lou D. (2) | |
| Anchorage Philatelic Society | |
| Anderson, Marilyn L. | |
| Applegate, Henry J. | |
| Arapahoe Stamp Club | |
| Aronson, Michael | |
| Ash, Thomas J. | |
| Athens Philatelic Society | |
| Atkins, Charles E. | |
| August, Edward J. | |
| Austin Texas Stamp Club | |
| Ball, Michael | |
| Balner, Peter | |
| Barie, Michael J. | |
| Barkdoll, John E. | |
| Barker, Dewey J. | |
| Baton Rouge Stamp Club | |
| Baum, Robert A. | |
| Beals, Roger | |
| Bedrin, Marc S. (6) | |
| Bernstein, Seymour H. | |
| Berry, Robert E. | |
| Bialo, Robert A. | |
| Bibb, H. B. | |
| Biehl, James E. (7) | |
| Bieniecki, Hank | |
| Billerth, Michael J. | |
| Birmingham Philatelic Society | |
| Bishop, John M. | |
| Blackhurst, David C. | |
| Bloomington Stamp Club | |
| Boardman, Lyle C. (2) | |
| Bonser, John | |
| British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group | |
| Britton, Bill (2) | |
| Bruno, Helen L. (3) | |
| Burchett, Lewis (3) | |
| Burdick, William H. (2) | |
| Burgess, Hugh | |
| Butler County Philatelic Society | |
| Butler, Daniel T. | |
| Butler, Peter (3) | |
| Butterbaugh, James F. | |
| Button Gwinnett Stamp Club | |
| Calle, Chris W. (7) | |
| Camolli, Garry L. (2) | |
| Canupp, Richard W. (2) | |
| Cape Cod Area Philatelic Group | |
| Caulfield, Josephine A. | |
| Chase, Larry | |
| Cheyenne Philatelic Society | |
| Cieslinski, Thomas J. | |
| Cochrane, William W. | |
| Columbia Philatelic Society | |
| Corn Belt Philatelic Society | |
| Crain, Leroy | |
| Curtis, Leonard A. | |
| Curulli, Albert R. | |
| Dakota Postal History Society | |
| Dallas/Park Cities Philatelic Society | |
| Danziger, Erwin M. | |
| Dave, Markand Dipakkumar | |
| Davidson, Edward L. (2) | |
| Davis, Dale R. (2) | |
| Davis, Ronald H. | |
| De Luca, Thomas M. (2) | |
| De Vries, Lloyd A. | |
| Del Vecchio, Joseph A. | |
| Devaney, Timothy J. | |
| Diaz, Christopher (13) | |
| Dimond, James R. | |
| Dominguez, Hugo E. | |
| Donaldson, Charles R. | |
| Dumaine, Robert F. (4) | |
| Durka, John A. | |
| Edelman, Roger S. (2) | |
| Edelstein, Philip R. | |
| Ephemera Society of America | |
| Espinosa Prescott, Laurie | |
| Euclid Stamp Club | |
| Europa Study Unit (2) | |
| Feibusch, Martin H. | |
| Felts, Vera R. (2) | |
| Finger Lakes Stamp Club | |
| Finney, Clayton | |
| Fischbein, Edward | |
| Fox, John C. | |
| Fraser, Colin G. | |
| Frasketi, Joseph J. | |
| Friedman, Harriet L. | |
| Frohlich, Alfredo (5) | |
| Frost, Robert W. | |
| Fusco, Paul J. | |
| Ganz, Cheryl R. | |
| Gaupp, Dieter E. | |
| German Colonies Collectors Group | |
| Gilson, Dennis R. (5) | |
| Gilyard, Manuel | |
| Goldberg, Harold | |
| Goldberg, Virginia (14) | |
| Goldstein, Gary M. | |
| Gouda, Joseph Farag | |
| Greater Richmond Stamp Club (3) | |
| Green, Vincent A. | |
| Gregory, Leland H. | |
| Grossblat, David | |
| Haimann, Alexander T. (10) | |
| Harris, Henry E. | |
| Harris, Labron E. | |
| Harwood, Jack | |
| Hastey, Clayton | |
| Heifner, Thomas E. | |
| Heitmann, Tina | |
| Henry Clay Philatelic Society | |
| Herzig, William A. | |
| Hillenberg, James W. | |
| Hino, James H. | |
| Hirschinger, Tom (2) | |

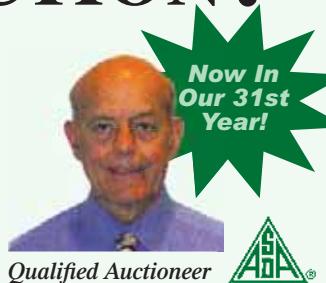
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| Hoecker, F. Gary | Mayer, Vernon W. | PSPS, Michigan Postal History Society | Sullivan County Philatelic Society |
| Holbrook, Jim | McAlonan, Frank | Puerto Rico Philatelic Society | Sundman, Donald J. (230) |
| Hood, Mark D. | McCann, Peter P. (2) | Ramkisson, Reuben A. | Sunnyvale Stamp Club |
| Hoover, David F. (10) | McCoy, Rick L. | Redding Stamp Club (3) | Sussex County Stamp Club |
| Horton, William F. | McDevitt, James E. (5) | Reinhard, M. Jack | Tallahassee Stamp/ Cover Club |
| Houde, Michel J.R. | McGlenn, Richard E. (2) | Reiser, Edward | Taylor, Robert F. |
| Houston Philatelic Society | McHenry, Victor L. | Reisman, Richard J. | Tejon Garzon, Angel B. |
| Howard County Stamp Club | McMillan, Troy A. | Rhode Island Philatelic Society | Theodossiou, Marios (11) |
| Hughes, William M. | Mead, Lawrence R. (2) | Ridge Stamp Club of Lakeland | Tjia, Glenn C. |
| Humboldt Stamp Collectors' Club | Mead, Michael E. | Rind, Joel M. | Tomchuk, Richard A. |
| Ibsen, Henry G. | Memphis Stamp Collectors Society | Rivet, Michael L. | Topper, Jonathan |
| Indiana Stamp Club | Mettler, James R. (2) | Robinson, William B. (2) | Tricard, Marc |
| Inland Empire Philatelic Society | Mexico-Elmhurst Philatelic Society International | Rockford Stamp Club | U. S. Philatelic Classics Society |
| International Society for Japanese Philately | Mid-Florida Philatelic Society | Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library (3) | Utah Philatelic Society |
| Jackson, Eric A. | Miller, Foster E. | Roderick, Gilbert M. (2) | Vavrovsky, Jean |
| Jamieson, John I. | Miller, Irving R. (3) | Rosenblatt, Philip | Venn, Porter W. (2) |
| Jamieson, Norton B. | Miloie, Chastven | Rubinson, Richard M. | Ventura County Philatelic Society |
| Janse, W.G.T. | Miner, Dennis L. | Ryukyu Philatelic Specialist Society (2) | Vergara, Carlos |
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| Johnson Space Center Stamp Club | Moss, Douglas | Sampson, James L. | Vigsnes, Richard A. |
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| Kentucky Stamp Club (4) | Mykulowycz, Alex G. | Segal, Neil M. | Warren, Daniel C. |
| Kinner, Richard D. | Nashville Philatelic Society | Selby, Neil B. | Watt, Charles E. |
| Kleskovic, Peter Z. | Nevada Stamp Study Society | Sepper, Werner | Weinstein, Joel (2) |
| Klug, Janet R. (2) | Nieset, Victor C. | Shalaby, Kamal | Weiss, William R. |
| Koch, Thomas M. | Nix, Larry T. | Shallenberger, Karl V. | Weisz, Douglas S. |
| Koepf, Jerry B. | Northeastern Pennsylvania Philatelic Society | Shaw, Guy | Welky, Robert L. |
| Kondrikov, Nikolai B. | Northwest Philatelic Library, Inc. (4) | Shea, Timothy G. | West Suburban Stamp Club |
| Kostka, Richard A. | Oklahoma City Stamp Club | Shedroff, Lee F. (2) | White Mountain Stamp Club |
| Kuhn, George E. | Olson, David L. | Sheffield, William J. (2) | Williamsburg Stamp Society |
| Kutzke, Henry A. | Oregon Stamp Society | Shupe, Martin L. (2) | Wilmington Philatelic Society |
| Lakeshore Stamp Club | Ouellette, Gregory P. | Sieling, Richard A. | Wilson, Doris M. (7) |
| Lawrence, Ken | Patkin, Robert Z. | Slocum, Phillip R. | Witsil, Jack D. |
| Lenz, Joann (12) | Pawlak, Victor J. | Smith, Herbert M. | Wolfe, Richard L. (2) |
| Leonard, Robert B. | Pensacola Philatelic Society | Smith, Jay C. | Wood, Hugh W. (2) |
| Lerner, Eric J. | Pfaff, Stephen J. | Smith, John H. | Wood, Stephen F. |
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| Ludwig, Ray N. | Plachte, William M. | South Miami Stamp Club | Yeaw, James R. D. (4) |
| Lueck, Lyle F. (4) | Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (2) | Space Topics Study Group | Yerkes, Lester M. (4) |
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| Marsack, Charles P. (2) | Poway Stamp Club | Steele, Randall A. | Zupancic, John M. (5) |
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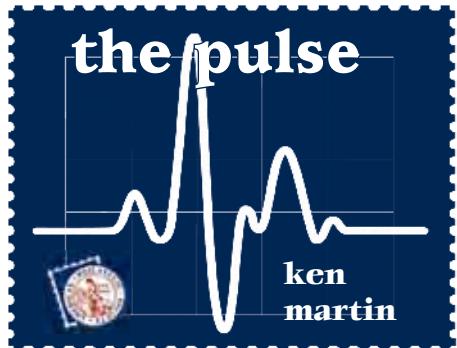
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Growth & Change



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I write, snow is beginning to melt in Bellefonte and we are seeing the first signs of spring. Before long we will begin to see new growth on plants and trees. Most will look similar to what we recall but may have subtle differences reflecting age, climate, and conditions. The same applies to the APS and APRL.

One of the most visible changes of the season at the APC is the number of visitors to the American Philatelic Center. While we were pleasantly surprised that despite the weather there was little decrease in the number of visitors through November and December, we still expect to see the normal spring and summer surge. We enjoy the opportunity to meet with and serve members and visitors.

To make it easier for more of you to visit, the APS and APRL will be open five Saturdays during the summer. Please understand that limited staff are present on these Saturdays. Tours will be available; the Headsville Post Office will be open; and Circuit Sales and the Library will be available for use. If there is another service you are hoping to use, please call ahead. We may be able to accommodate you. (With advance notice we sometimes can assist members at other times when we are not normally open.)

There is an extra incentive to visit on June 19 as the Mt. Nittany Philatelic Society will be holding its annual bourse and exhibition in the American Philatelic Center. With about ten dealers it is not a huge show, but with Summer Seminar opening the following week it is well attended. The Library also will be open Sunday afternoon, June 20.

Earlier in the year some of us were concerned about representation on the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC), which makes recommendations to the Postmaster General on the subjects and designs for new U.S. stamps. After twelve years of service, past APS President John Hotchner faced mandatory retirement from the Committee. While John is not replaceable, I am delighted that two APS members have been added to the Committee.

Few collectors are as well known as John, but Janet Klug just might be. Like John she is a *Linn's* columnist and past president (and current board member) of the APS. Also like John she is an exhibitor and accredited judge and has served on numerous committees, including the National Postal Museum Council of Philatelists for which she currently chairs the New Initiatives Commit-



Summer Events at the APC

- June 5** — Circuit Sales and Library Open
- June 17-18** — Expertizing First Day Covers and Earliest Documented Uses (Course prior to Summer Seminar) with Ken Lawrence and Allison Cusick
- June 19** — Circuit Sales and Library Open
- June 19-20** — SCOPEX (Exhibition & Bourse of the Mt. Nittany Philatelic Society)
- June 20** — Circuit Sales and Library Open
- June 20-25** — APS Summer Seminar
- July 17** — Circuit Sales and Library Open
- July 31** — Circuit Sales and Library Open
- July 26-30** — APS Volunteer Work Week
- August 7** — Circuit Sales and Library Open



tee. I am sure APS members will be generous in sharing their ideas for the U.S. Stamp program with Janet.

Less well-known as a stamp collector, but better known nationally, Dana Gioia also has been appointed to serve on CSAC. The former chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, Gioia is an acclaimed and award-winning poet, and has been an APS member for the past twenty years. We are sure he will also provide wise counsel and also thank him for agreeing to serve.

A change that may be harder for some members is Gini Horn's departure as Librarian of the APRL. Gini has been

a dedicated employee for more than twenty-five years. Many members have come to rely on her for finding the resource materials they need for an article, exhibit, or other project. A short note from Gini to the membership follows my column. While we seek a replacement for Gini, Ellen Peachey will serve as Interim Librarian. Ellen is also fantastic at serving members and matching their needs with the



unparalleled resources in the Library.

Our Librarian position is being advertised nationally. A copy of the job announcement is provided here so that any qualified APS member could apply or share the opening with others they believe would be good candidates.

The American Philatelic Research Library is very important to the APS. Although only a small percent of the membership regularly borrows materials, the whole membership benefits from this international resource. The Library is invaluable to our Expertizing Service, for fact-checking manuscripts for *The American Philatelist*, for answering member questions, and in many other ways. In addition, because the APRL is a *public* philatelic library (the second-largest in the world) it is also a great resource for the non-collectors in introducing them to the hobby through magazines, books, stamp albums, and a wealth of related philatelic material.

A significant responsibility for the new Librarian will be devising plans to make the Library's resources better known and more easily accessible. We expect this will include development of indexes and other finding aids, and the increased digitizing of material. This is important for new member recruitment and improved member retention.

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- Exploring how to reduce overseas delivery costs and production of a digital version.
- Enhancing the current online catalogue by incorporating the holdings of other philatelic libraries and developing partnerships to lessen the workload and share resources.
- Establishing a methodology and timetable to create a group of volunteers to engage in indexing philatelic journals.
- Reviewing and making recommendations for updated bylaws, including possible implementation of term limits.
- Creating a digital delivery committee to identify library holdings, equipment, and other issues involved in delivering some of the library's holdings through the APS website.
- Developing arrangements with Societies to receive their journals digitally and making them available to APS members and/or the non-member public.
- Establishing rules and conditions for donated library and research collections (notes, data, correspondence) of collectors and postal historians. Conditions should include funding for housing and maintenance.

- Establishing a program to provide a digital archive of Champion of Champion exhibits.
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With the conclusion of our Riverside, California AMERISTAMP EXPO — thanks to everyone who helped make the show a success! — our focus turns to the August 12–15, STAMPSHOW in Richmond, Virginia, which is already shaping up to be a great show. The Confederate Stamp Alliance will have its 75th annual convention in conjunction with the show and already has a full slate of activities planned. With the proximity to Washington, DC, the Smithsonian National Postal Museum is planning special activities and hopes that many collectors will visit the facilities either before or after the show.

Many other groups are also planning their involvement. Some, such as the American Philatelic Congress and the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, routinely take booths and have their annual meetings at nearly every APS summer show, but others such as the International Society for Philippine Philately (ISPP) are planning larger than normal roles. Society tables and meeting/seminar space are available to our affiliates and chapters.

We have offered the ISPP an “e-blast” to all our members who have indicated an interest in the Philippines to promote their participation in the show. If your group would like

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to have an annual meeting at the show we will work with you to make it as successful as possible. Tables and meeting space are limited so we would need to hear from you soon for Richmond, but APS shows are scheduled several years in advance, so it is not too soon to begin planning for future years.

We understand that no matter where we hold APS shows many of you will not be able to attend. However, with the help of a few volunteers willing to videotape a small portion of the 150 planned meetings and seminars, we could make a some portion of the benefits to attendees available to members over the Internet. If you have the equipment, expertise, and time to help in this way please let us know.

The APS Board met by phone the Tuesday following AMERISTAMP EXPO. A big welcome to the Penguins on Stamps Study Unit, which was approved as our newest affiliate. The meeting included several reports, including an overview by me of the progress of the Society over the past year and, specifically, how we have been working to accomplish the goals set forth in our Strategic Plan. At six single-spaced pages, the report is too long to include in *The American Philatelist*, but I would be glad to provide a copy to any interested member. E-mail me at kpmartin@stamps.org or call me at 814-933-3817. Further, the end of year statements showing the great progress we have made in getting our finances in order are now available on our website, www.stamps.org.

Finally, this is the annual Donor Recognition issue. I am constantly reminded of the generosity of the membership. This extends not only to individuals but also chapters such as the Merchantville Stamp Club, which recently made a gift in memory of member Joseph Murphy. A few days ago an individual posted concern about staff appreciation on the Virtual Stamp Club and within hours three individuals made pledges for the Employee Appreciation Fund.

It is impossible to adequately express thanks to the more than 3,000 of you who gave generously to the APS in 2009, including the 1,100 individuals who have signed up as contributing or supporting members. Another 300 of you made in-kind donations. In addition, many others volunteer their time and talents in support of the hobby. Thank you all, very much!

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A Librarian's Farewell

by Gini Horn

When I applied for the position as librarian of the American Philatelic Research Library, I remember calling my cousin Tom, who worked at the American Philatelic Society, and asking, "It's a stamp library, how big can it be?" I was interviewed in mid-June and again in mid-July, and received a call July 31, 1984, saying the position was mine if I wanted it. My start date was September 1, 1984.

I had no idea what I was getting into! Although my father was a stamp collector, the gene didn't get passed on to me. I was intrigued when, less than a week after I started, one of the employees left to go to a stamp show, many people in the hall wishing her a good trip. "What is this place?" I thought.

Now, twenty-five years later I've come to the end of my tenure with the APS. I had many opportunities that I never thought I'd have. I've traveled to numerous stamp shows across the country and even made a few overseas trips as well. I have given banquet talks, seminars, and had the pleasure of meeting many of our members.

The APS/APRL staff all share the sense that we are here to help you enjoy your hobby.



The APRL staff — Ellen Peacheay, Gini Horn, Betsy Gamble, and Roseann Staie.

Here in the philatelic world, we know you by what you collect. More often than not, if someone asked "What does he/she do for a living?" we would have no idea, and would be surprised to learn that someone was a leading authority on this, or had patents on that, or in at least one case, that the member was a Nobel laureate!

To say that I enjoyed my stay with the APS/APRL would be an understatement. The APS/APRL staff all share the sense that we are here to help you enjoy your hobby. I appreciate having met so

many of you either in person, through e-mail, or on the telephone. Looking back, I can remember meeting so many people, and having so many pleasant experiences that it's hard to count them all.

I'm leaving knowing that the staff of the APRL will continue to see to your needs. If there is anything they need from me going forward, I am only a phone call / e-mail away.

I will always have fond memories of all the wonderful events throughout the last twenty-five years. Now on to a new challenge!

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- *Germany* — a very general category containing any mixed German area sales books.
- *West Germany* — contains the West Germany, West Berlin and Allied Zones.

If you were requesting circuits to buy the more recent German material, in which of these two categories would you expect to find it?

Another possibility might be to change the designation of West Germany to *Germany post-1945*, including anything from 1945 to the present. Send us your thoughts on this, and include any comments you might have for any other category designations.

Direct Circuit Offer

Speaking of Germany, we are offering a one-time direct circuit of *Berlin* material in April and May, waiving the \$5 fee for members in the United States and discounting the \$20 fee by \$5 for members outside the United States in countries to which we can send approvals. Just send us a note saying that you saw this offer, provide us with your membership number, mailing address, and your choice of mint, used, or both. *Great Britain Victorian Era* also may be requested with the fees waived or discounted for these two months. The direct circuit will be sent to you in a small flat-rate Priority box and you will need to obtain one of these boxes at your post office (the boxes themselves are free) for returning the circuit to us, because the box may not be used a second time. Delivery Confirmation may be used for sending the circuit to APS only.

Postage Costs Update

Along with our research into reducing postage costs, we have had several suggestions to switch to the small flat-rate Priority boxes supplied free by the U.S. Postal Service. There have been problems with this switch, including availability of the

flat-rate boxes at all post offices and members assuming they can use the same box twice, which is not permitted by USPS. However, since the USPS has been advertising heavily about their flat-rate packaging, we must assume that all post offices now have some supplies of these boxes and they are FREE. You also may order them online at www.usps.com and have them sent to your home, again for FREE. The USPS provides these specifically as a one-time-use product and any reuse, even in a padded envelope, is not permitted.

The Sales Division control of the packaging is important for the safety of each circuit. Wrapping the provided circuit box in paper or placing it in a padded envelope gives the contents added protection against moisture. The outer wrapping is the first defense against moisture damage to the contents and also acts as a wick to pull moisture from the contents. We have had just a few instances where the contents have been damp when received by the addressee, so we know this system has worked well for us. The use of the flat-rate Priority box provides one barrier to moisture. Wrapping the circuit itself in paper before placing it in the flat-rate box helps add the extra protection. Wrapping

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the circuit in plastic wrap works, but any moisture that gets into the circuit will not escape, possibly causing more damage. Resealing food storage bags might offer good protection against moisture and add padding as well.

When we send circuits in the USPS flat-rate boxes, a note will be placed on the route sheet giving the recipient instructions about the use of a new box from the USPS to forward the circuit. Please also note that there will be some circuits that are too thick for the small flat-rate boxes. Depending on your categories of interest, some of the circuits will come to you in these boxes and some will not. USPS instructions for the use of the small flat-rate Priority box include: "Contents must reasonably fit within the Priority Mail packaging." This means the box should not be stuffed to the point of bulging the sides and it should be easy to seal. Thanks to all who offered this suggestion to help us all save money.

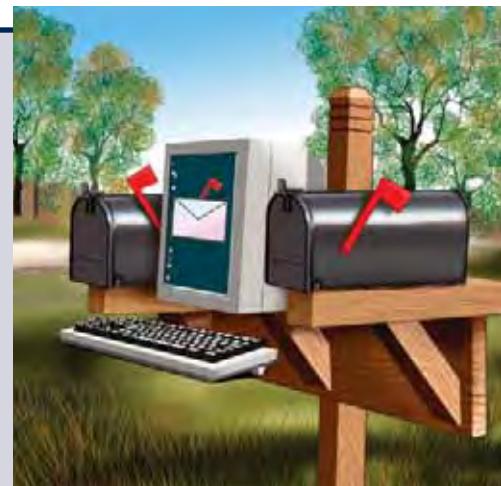
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If the answer is "Yes," please notify us at least two weeks in advance, so we can process a bypass for your name on your circuits. This ensures the smooth travel of each circuit without delays. Have a great time this summer!

Speaking of Summer

Make your plans to visit the Sales Division on selected Saturdays this summer. The hours on June 5 and 19, 2010 will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (June 19 is the Saturday before the Summer Seminar begins). In the month of July we will be open July 17 and July 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In August we will be open August 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; in addition, we will have sales circuits available at STAMPSHOW in Richmond, Virginia. (More on this later.)

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Riding with the Pony Express

No doubt many of you know that next month marks the 150th anniversary of one of the liveliest and exciting mail delivery systems of all time — the Pony Express. The National Postal Museum will be undertaking a number of projects throughout the year that are tied to this colorful bit of American history. I am sometimes amazed at the breadth and reach of this short-lived mail service into our contemporary popular culture. Where mention of much longer-lived projects such as the "Overland Mail" or "Railway Mail

Service" can be met with blank stares, the Pony Express remains immediately recognizable 150 years after its creation.

The service, which began on April 3, 1860, was created and managed by The Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company (COCPP). The company's owners, William Russell, Alexander Majors, and William Waddell, lost \$30 on every letter they carried. By the time they sold their assets for debts, employees joked that the company's initials stood for "Clean Out of Cash and Poor Pay." The Pony Express became the



1861 Wells, Fargo & Company Pony Express Stamp — Unlike the service's previous owners, Wells, Fargo & Company printed a series of stamps for use on the Pony Express. This \$2 red stamp, issued in April 1861, was good for the price of a half-ounce letter on that route.

property of the Wells, Fargo & Company and the new company soon created a series of stamps for use on Pony Express mail. The service officially ended on October 26, 1861.

We will be celebrating this anniversary with a renovation of the museum's *Pony Express* exhibit and public programs celebrating the service over the next eighteen months. Of course, April will see the bulk of our Pony Express activities, including a day-long Pony Express Family Festival in the museum on the anniversary date of April 3. That Saturday the museum will be filled with a variety of lively hands-on activities.

Visitors to the museum on April 10 will have a chance to learn more about the Pony Express Diamond Jubilee ride of 1935. During that celebration, Boy Scouts carried mail along the trail route and presented one piece to President Roosevelt. On April 14, speakers from the National Pony Express Association, Inc., will talk about some of their rides, including the 1983 "Slide Ride" to carry mail between two California towns made inaccessible by an avalanche. Remember you can always check on the museum's latest public programs by clicking the purple "upcoming events" tab on our home page, <http://postalmuseum.si.edu>.

Visitors to the museum last October had a chance to preview an extraordinary Pony Express cover on loan to the museum by William H. Gross. The cover

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is one of three items that will again be on loan to the museum as part of the upcoming William H. Gross Stamp Gallery. Mr. Gross, the founder of PIMCO, has donated \$8 million to the National Postal Museum to create a new 12,000-square-foot gallery that will be named in his honor. The new gallery, which will give the museum public space at the street level, is expected to open in 2012.

The new William H. Gross Gallery will house the three rarities from Gross and other great items from the National Stamp Collection. In addition, there will be space for educational exhibits, temporary exhibitions and public programs.



Above: 1861 Pony Express Cover — Patriotic cover used on the Pony Express includes a \$2 red Wells, Fargo stamp and two separate cancellations, one dated San Francisco June 12 [1861], and the second dated St. Joseph, Missouri, June 24 [1861]. The envelope was carried from San Francisco, California, to A.W. Canfield in New York, New York.

Left: 1860 Pony Express Cover Recovered from Mail Stolen by the Indians — Cover carried via the famous Pony Express service from San Francisco to New York City. Native Americans disrupted the delivery of the letter when the Pony Express rider was overtaken (and purportedly scalped) in Nevada. The pony escaped with the letter pouch, which was subsequently recovered out on the plains and the letters ultimately forwarded to their destination in 1862. This is the only such cover known and is poignantly notated on the front of the envelope "recovered from a mail stolen by the Indians in 1860." Courtesy of William H. Gross.



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Crossroads Stamp Show, Upper Valley Stamp Club, Mid-Vermont Christian School, Gilson Avenue, Quechee. Contact John Lutz, jalutz@yahoo.com; www.vtstamp.com; 802-728-6212.

Pennsylvania April 9-11

Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, Greater

Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Contact Steve Washburne, info@pnse.org; <http://www.pnse.org>; 215-843-2106. *WSP*

Alabama April 10

Montapex 2010, Montgomery Area Stamp Club, Doster Community Center, 424 South Northington St., Prattville. Contact Alan Thomason, 334-272-4964.

Wisconsin April 10

WISCOPEX, Oshkosh Philatelic Society, Oshkosh Christian School, 3450 Vinland Rd., Oshkosh. Contact Allen C. Marcus, allan.marym@hotmail.com; 920-725-0798.

Illinois April 10-11

PARFOREX 50, Park Forest Stamp Club, St. Irenaeus Church Gymnasium, Indianwood Blvd. and Orchard Drive, Park Forest. Contact Ed Waterous, ewwaterous@hotmail.com; 219-769-2840.

Oregon April 10-11

SOPEX 2010, Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, Padgham Pavilion, Jackson County Fairgrounds/Expo, 1 Peninger Road, Central Point. Contact Jerry Shean, geraldshean@yahoo.com; 541-245-3136.

New Hampshire April 11

QPEX, Manchester Stamp Club, American Legion Hall, 5 Riverside Rd., Hooksett. Contact Robert Dion, ihadzip@yahoo.com; 603-860-5082.

New York April 15-18

Spring Postage Stamp Mega-Event, American Stamp Dealers Assn., APS & USPS, New Yorker Hotel, 481 Eighth Ave., New York. Contact Matthew Hansen, mvhansen@asdaonline.com; www.asdaonline.com; 516-759-7000; Fax 516-759-7014. *WSP*

Texas April 16-18

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

Delaware April 17

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

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AWSS 2010, Anthony Wayne Stamp Society, Concordia Lutheran High School, 1601 St. Joe River Road, Fort Wayne. Contact Jim Mowrer, stamp4@verizon.net; 260-471-2469. *B*

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

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Ohio **April 24**
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Pennsylvania **April 24-25**
LANCOPEX, Lancaster County Phil. Soc., Farm & Home Ctr., 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster. Contact J. Boyles, jboyles@dejazzd.com; 717-394-5118.

Connecticut **April 25**
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Massachusetts **April 30-May 2**
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| Tennessee | May 8 | Ohio | May 16 | Nevada | May 28-30 |
| HOLPEX 2010-A Stamp Odyssey, Holston Stamp Club, The Best Western Johnson City Hotel and Conference Center, 2406 North Roan Street, Johnson City. Contact Dennis Bowman, dbo_4855@yahoo.com; 423-256-2794. *B* | | Hudson Stamp Bourse, Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 240 Hines Hill Rd. (Just north of Rt. 8 and I-80), Hudson. Contact David G. Pool, lincolnway@sssnet.com; 330-832-5992. *B* | | VEGASPEX, International Coin and Stamp Collectors Society, Imperial Palace, 3535 Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas. Contact Israel Bick, iibick@sbcglobal.net; www.bickinternational.com; 818-997-6496. *B* | |
| Colorado | May 14-16 | Georgia | May 22-23 | New Jersey | May 28-30 |
| Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (ROMPEX), Rocky Mountain Phil. Exhibition, Inc., Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, John Q. Hammonds Trade Center, Chambers Rd & I-70, Denver. Contact Ronald Hill, rmss@rockymountainstampshow.com; www.rockymountainstampshow.com; 303-241-5409. *WSP* | | Spring Stamp Show 2010, Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia, The Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta. Contact Kim Conti, cc1999@bellsouth.net; 770-426-6504. | | NOJEX, North Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs, Inc., Crown Plaza, Meadowlands, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus. Contact Robert G. Rose, rrose@daypitney.com; www.nojex.org; 973-966-8070. *WSP* | |
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louisvillemetrostampsoociety.org; 502-558-0046.

Colorado **June 25-27**

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

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Connecticut

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

Minnesota

Minnesota Stamp Expo, Twin City
Philatelic Society and Various Local Clubs,
Crystal Community Ctr, 4800 Douglas
Dr, N, Minneapolis. Contact Randy A.
Smith, rasmuary4@frontiernet.net; www.
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952-431-3273. *WSP*

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Annex YMA Hall, 554 Woodward Ave., New
Haven. Contact Brian McGrath, soggy3@aol.
com; www.NHPS1914.org/; 203-389-2863. *B*

June 27

North Carolina

CHARPEX 2010, Charlotte Philatelic Society,
Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel, 2800
Coliseum Centre Drive, Charlotte. Contact Gene
Zhiss, ejzhiss@carolina.rr.com; www.charpex.
info; 704-563-8110.

July 31-August 1

Ohio

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

August 1

Michigan

Northwestern Michigan Coin, Stamp and
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| NSDA St. Louis Stamp Show, National Stamp Dealers Association, Heart of St. Charles Banquet Center, 1410 S. Fifth Street, St. Charles. Contact Terry Kurzinski, tkurzinski2002@yahoo.com; www.nsdainc.org; 815-262-9117. | | | |
| Illinois | August 6-8 | AMERICOVER, American First Day Cover Society, Marriott Hotel, Oak Brook. Contact Norm Elrod, showinfo@afdcos.org; www.afdcos.org; 931-473-6164. *WSP* | |
| Washington | August 7 | Strait Stamp Show, Strait Stamp Society, Sequim Masonic Lodge, South 5th and Pine, Sequim. Contact Cathie Osborne, rickcath@waveable.com; 360-683-6373. | |
| Michigan | August 7-8 | COLPEX, Collectors Club of Michigan, Sokol | |
| Virginia | August 12-15 | APS STAMP SHOW, American Philatelic Society, Richmond Convention Center, Richmond. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128. *WSP* | |
| Nevada | August 21-22 | Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show, Nevada Stamp Study Society, National Bowling Stadium, 300 North Center Street, Reno. Contact Harvey Edwards, renostamp@earthlink.net; http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp/; 775-246-4769. | |
| Connecticut | August 22 | NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic Society, Annex YMA Hall, 554 Woodward | |
| Ohio | August 28-29 | | |
| Canada | September 3-5 | BNAPEX 2010, British North America Philatelic Society, Fairmont Empress Hotel, 721 Government Street, Victoria, BC. Contact Peter Jacobi, pjacobi@shaw.ca; www.bnaps.org; 604-538-0246. | |
| Maryland | September 3-5 | BALPEX, Baltimore Philatelic Society, Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Rd., I-83 Exit 20 E., Hunt Valley. Contact Robert E. Gibson, | |

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New Hampshire **September 11**
Carroll County Stamp Show, White Mountain Stamp Club & Wolfeboro Stamp Club, The Moultonborough Lions Club, 139 Old Route 109 off Governor Wentworth Highway, Moultonborough. Contact Bob Dion, ihadzip@yahoo.com; 603-860-5082.

Ohio **September 11**
Mahoning Valley Stamp Club Annual Stamp Show, Mahoning Valley Stamp Club, Highway Tabernacle Church, 3000 S. Racoon Rd., Youngstown. Contact George Riebe, georgeriebe@aol.com. *B*

Arkansas **September 11-12**
33st Annual Stamp & Postcard, Mountain Home Area Stamp Club, Ramada Inn Convention Center, Hwy. 62 and Commerce Drive, Mountain Home. Contact Bill Burdick, whbj@suddenlink.net; 870-425-7799.

Florida **September 11-12**
Ocala Stamp Show, General Francis Marion Stamp Club & Florida Stamp Dealers Assoc., Ramada Inn, 3810 NW Bonnie Heath Blvd. (I-75 & US 27), Ocala. Contact Sheldon Rogg, h.rogg@verizon.net; www.floridastampshows.com; 727-364-6897.

Nebraska **September 11-12**
Omaha Stamp Show, Omaha Philatelic Society, Metro Community College-South Campus, 2909 Babe Gomez Ave., Omaha. Contact Edgar Hicks, grangered@mail.com; www.

omahaphilatelicsociety.org; 402-691-8576.
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Texas **September 17-19**
Greater Houston Stamp Show, Houston Philatelic Society, Humble Civic Ctr., 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy., Humble. Contact Denise Stotts, stottsjd@swbell.net; www.houstonphilatelic.org; 281-955-9664.

Nova Scotia **September 24-26**
NOVAPEX 2010, Nova Scotia Stamp Club, Dartmouth Sportsplex, 110 Wyse Road, Dartmouth. Contact Michael Peach, michael.peach@ns.sympatico.ca; www.nsstampclub.ca; 902-832-1662.

Wisconsin **September 24-26**
MILCOPEX, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc., Wyndham Milwaukee Airport Hotel & Convention Center, 4747 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee. Contact Rob Henak, henak8010@sbcglobal.net; www.milwaukeephilatelic.org. *WSP*

Connecticut **September 26**
NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic Society, Annex YMA Hall, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. Contact Brian McGrath, soggy3@aol.com; http://www.NHPS1914.org/; 203-389-2863. *B*

Canada **October 1-2**
VANPEX 2010, British Columbia Philatelic Society, West Burnaby United Church Community Hall, 6050 Sussex Avenue, Burnaby, BC. Contact Derren Carman, verdraco@uniserve.com; www.bcphilatelic.org.

California **October 1-3**
SECAL, Federated Phil. Clubs of Southern California, Hilton LAX Hotel, 5711 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles. Contact Carl Shaff, II, c2shaff@aol.com; www.sescal.org; 213-383-7111. *WSP*

Indiana **October 1-3**
INDYPEX, Indiana Stamp Club, Wyndham Hotel Indianapolis West, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis. Contact Randy Marcy, indypex@indianastampclub.org; http://indianastampclub.org. *WSP*

New Jersey **October 2-3**
Clifton 2010 Fall Stamp, Cover, and Post Card Show, Clifton Stamp Society, Inc., Clifton Community Recreation Center, 1232 Main Avenue @ Washington Ave., Clifton. Contact Thomas Stidl, stidl@verizon.net; www.cliftonnj.org/stamp; 973-471-7872. *B*

Illinois **October 9**
Will County Stamp Show, Philatelic Club of Will County & Naperville Area Stamp Club, Messiah Lutheran Church, 19901 S. Houbolt Road (Jefferson-Route 52 & Houbolt), Joliet. Contact Max Zollner, mezollner@comcast.net; 815-725-7544; 815-729-4711.

Illinois **October 9-10**
CUPEX, Champaign-Urbana Stamp Club, Urbana Civic Center, 108 E. Water Street, Urbana. Contact Louise B. Toft, louiseb@pubserv.com; www.prairienet.org/cusc/; 217-359-9115.

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EVANSPEX Stamp and Postcard Show, Evansville Stamp Club, Scottish Rite Shrine, 203 Chestnut St. (Downtown Evansville), Evansville. Contact Jack Zahn, jzahn@brake.com; www.evansvillestampclub.com; 812-867-5855; 812-759-6701.

Oregon

October 16-17

STAMPFEST 2010, Umpqua Valley Stamp Club, Seven Feathers Casino & Resort, Exit 99 off I-5, Canyonville. Contact Doug Holloway, dough@rio.com; www.geocities.com/uvsc9; 541-673-4949.

New York

October 21-24

The 2010 ASDA Fall Postage Stamp Mega-Event, American Stamp Dealers Association, New Yorker Hotel, 481 Eighth Ave., New York. Contact Joseph Savarese, asda@erols.com; www.asdaonline.com; 516-759-7000; 516-759-7014.

Oklahoma

October 22-23

OKPEX, Oklahoma City Stamp Club, Express Events Center, 8512 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City. Contact Joe Crosby, joecrosby@cox.net; 405-749-0939. *WSP*

Connecticut

October 24

NHPS 4th Sunday Show, New Haven Philatelic

Society, Annex YMA Hall, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. Contact Brian McGrath, soggy3@aol.com; <http://www.NHPS1914.org/>; 203-389-2863. *B*

Arkansas

October 30-31

PINPEX, Pinnacle Stamp Club of Arkansas, Jacksonville Community Center, #5 Municipal Drive, Jacksonville. Contact Ann Austen, anniephant@aol.com; 501-868-4553.

Florida

October 30-31

Fall Sarasota Stamp Show, Sarasota Philatelic & Venice Stamp Clubs/Florida Stamp Dealers, Sahib Shriners, 600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota. Contact Sheldon Rogg, h.rogg@verizon.net; www.floridastampshows.com/floridastampdealers.org; 727-364-6897. *B*

Indiana

October 30-31

AWPEX 2010, Anthony Wayne Stamp Society, Concordia Lutheran High School, 1601 Saint Joe River Road, Fort Wayne. Contact Jim Mowrer, stamp4@verizon.net; 260-471-2469.

Ohio

October 30-31

Cuy-LorPex 2010, Cuy-Lor Stamp Club, Memorial Hall, 21012 Hilliard Boulevard, Rocky River. Contact Ray Simko, cuylorstampclub@hotmail.com; http://www.virtualstampclub.com/apschap_cuylor.html; 440-871-7701.

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Michigan November 6-7
AAPEX, Ann Arbor Stamp Club, Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., Washtenaw Comm. College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. Contact Harry & Dottie Winter, <http://aastampclub.googlepages.com/>.

Pennsylvania November 6-7
PITTPEX 10, Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, South Fayette Fire Hall, 661 Millers Run Rd., Bridgeville. Contact Ron Carr, rgc211215@aol.com; www.virtualstampclub.com/apschap_psp; 412-561-6562.

California November 12-14
Filatelic Fiesta 2010, San Jose Stamp Club, Santa Clara Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose. Contact Stephen Schumann, sdsch@earthlink.net; filateliciesta.org/; 510-415-6158. *WSP*

Virginia November 12-14
VAPEX, Virginia Philatelic Federation, Inc., Holiday Inn - Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg. Contact David B. Collins, rainbowx2@cox.net; 757-872-6264. *WSP*

Pennsylvania November 13
Johnstown Stamp Show, Johnstown Stamp Club, Senior Activities Center (Main Hall), 550 Main Street, Johnstown. Contact Charles D. Holtzman,

Jr., chazhjr@msn.com; 814-532-0199.

Ohio November 13-14
Rubber City Stamp Club 91st Annual Stamp Exhibition and Bourse, Rubber City Stamp Club, Akron General Health & Wellness Center, Rt. 18 at Crystal Lake Road, Montrose (Akron). Contact Tom Hirschinger, 330-336-8227.

Texas November 13-14
2010 Mid-Cities Stamp Expo, Mid-Cities Stamp Club, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 South Main Street, Grapevine. Contact Stanley Christmas, elvira6@swbell.net; www.mid-citiesstampclub.com; 817-656-2925.

Illinois November 19-21
CHICAGOPEX, Chicago Philatelic Society, Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca. Contact John Kevin Doyle, doyle-stamps@att.net; www.chicagopex.com. *WSP*

Connecticut November 28
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Florida December 3-5
FLOREX-The Florida State Stamp Show, FSDA & Central Florida Stamp Club, Central Florida Fair Grounds, Commercial Exhibit Hall, 4603 West Colonial Drive (SR 50), Orlando. Contact Francis Ferguson, show@florexstampshow.com; www.florexstampshow.com.

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ARIPEX, Arizona Fed. of Stamp Clubs, Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church Street, Tucson. Contact Steven Staton, mman3@comcast.net; www.aripexonline.com; 520-572-8980; 520-794-3921. *WSP*

Pennsylvania

January 21-22

York County Stamp Show, White Rose Philatelic Society of York, York Fairgrounds, Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Ave., York. Contact John Hufnagel, glenrockotts@comcast.net; 717-235-1528.

California

January 21-23

SANDICAL, San Diego County Philatelic Council, Al-Bahr Shrine Temple, 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd., San Diego. Contact Linda Mabin, lmabinl@juno.com; http://www.sandical.org/; 760-746-1505. *WSP*

Connecticut

January 23

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

South Carolina

February 11-13

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

Missouri

February 25-27

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

California

March 5-6

NOVAPEX, Redding Stamp Club, Senior Citizens Hall, 2290 Benton Dr., Redding. Contact Bob Grosch, bobgrosch@frontiernet.net; www.reddingstampclub.com; 530-549-4872.

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

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

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

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

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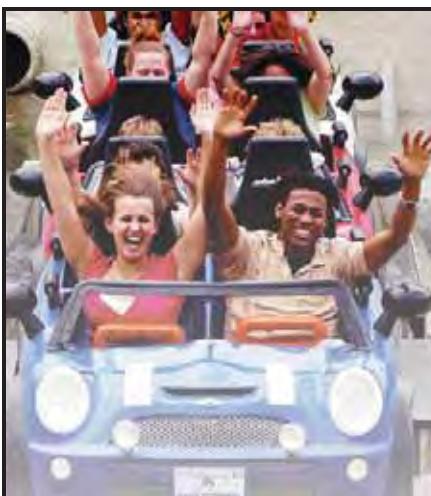
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Adams, Michael W. (217167) **Snellville, GA** US-UN-WORLDWIDE-DUCK; 59
Afanasiev, Mikhail (217036) **Moscow, Russia** STAMP GEOGRAPHY; 46
Allen, Harold T. (217150) **Indianapolis, IN**; 63; Mechanical Designer
Anthony, Paul W. (217064) **Hilton Head Island, SC** US, UN, CANADA PLATE BLKS; 68; Retired
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Barnett, Alonzo S. (217120) **Adamsville, AL** MINT US; 61; Senior Technician
Bartlett, Robert L. (217043) **Granite Bay, CA** MINT US, PLATE BLKS, COMMEM; 59; Executive Recruiter
Baum, Lawrence F. C. (217044) **Sumter, SC** CONFEDERATES-US POSTAL HISTORY; 52; Antique Dealer
Binczewski, Joseph J. (217153) **Philadelphia, PA**; 73
Blaney, H. Clay (217135) **Washington, DC** US-BRIT-EUR-AISA; 71; Coin & Stamp Dealer
Bloxham, William M. (217105) **Arden, NC** 1840-1940 WORLDWIDE; 81; Retired
Bogart, Michael (217195) **Spring Grove, IL**; 46
Bolling, Robert D. (217102) **Huntington, WV** PRE 1960 US & CANADA; 60; Retired
Bond, John (217117) **Mesa, AZ** MINT US; 54
Bove, John W. (217070) **Bristol, NH** US REV; 61; Antique Dealer
Bridges, Paul (217142) **Valley Springs, CA** US-WORLDWIDE; 70
Briggs, Charles C. (217055) **Washington, DC** PRE 1900 US; 65; Physician
Brill, Earl E. (217085) **South Gardiner, ME** US-CANADA-ROTARY INTERNATIONAL; 63; Retired
Broese, Tanner (J-217098) **Redondo Beach, CA** BEGINNER; 9; Student
Bushnell, William A. (217058) **Collegeville, PA** US-CHINESE-COMMONWEALTH NATIONS; 47; Legislative Staff
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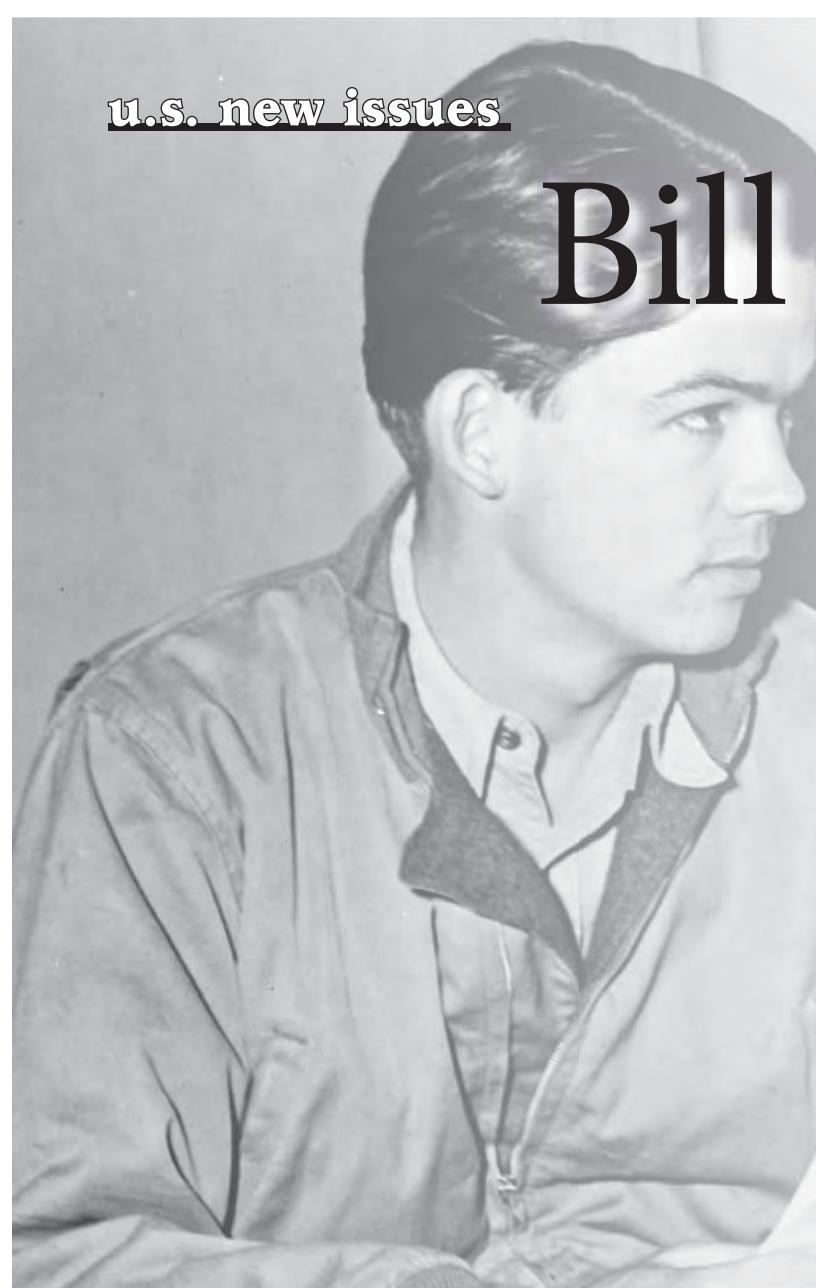
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Bill Mauldin



On March 31, 2010, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Postal Service issued a 44-cent, Bill Mauldin commemorative stamp in one design in a pressure-sensitive pane of twenty stamps. The stamp honors Bill Mauldin, one of America's favorite cartoonists. During World War II, military readers got a knowing laugh from Mauldin's characters Willie and Joe, who gave their civilian audience an idea of what life was like for soldiers. After the war, Mauldin became a popular and influential editorial cartoonist.

U.S. Postal Service Art Director Terrence W. McCaffrey chose to honor Mauldin through a combination of photography and an example of Mauldin's art. The photograph of Bill Mauldin is by John Phillips, a photographer for *Life* magazine; it was taken in Italy on December 31, 1943. Mauldin's cartoon, showing characters Willie and Joe, is used courtesy of the 45th Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Denomination: 44-cent Commemorative

Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)

Art Director/Designer: Terrence W. McCaffrey, USPS

Engraver: N/A

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset, Microprint "USPS"

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

Press Type: Mueller Martini, A76

Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III, Block Tagged

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow

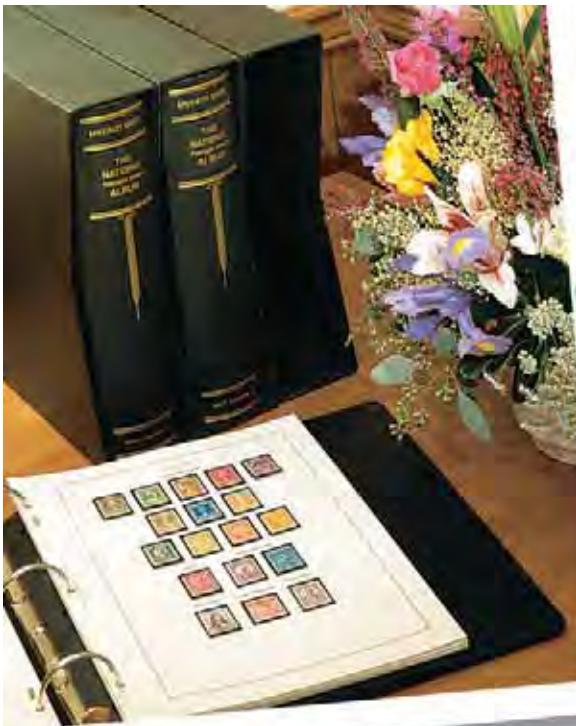
Stamp Orientation: Horizontal

Sizes (w x h): 36.07 x 21.34mm (image); 39.62 x 24.89 mm (overall); 183.90 x 151.13 mm (pane)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 4 single digits

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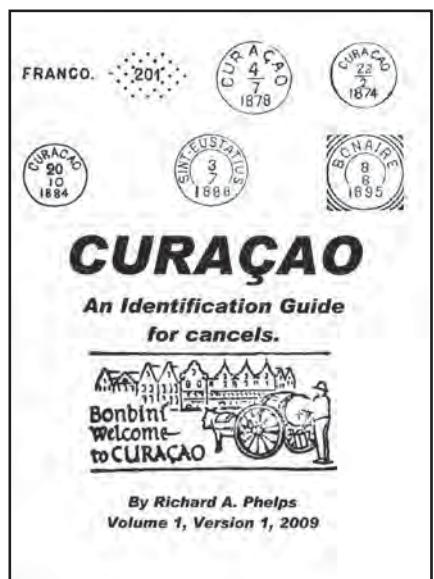
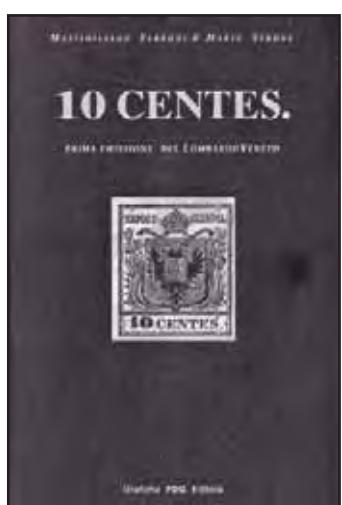
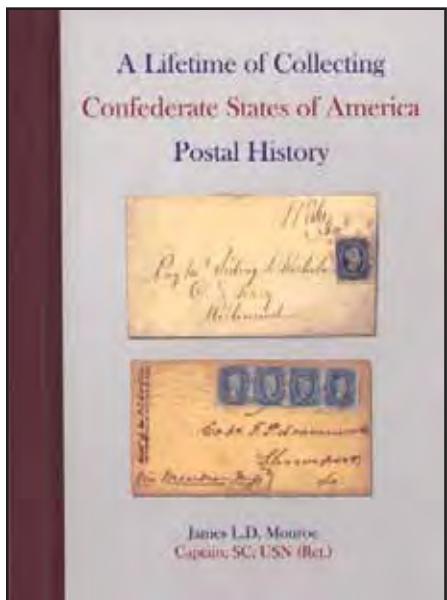


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A Lifetime of Collecting Confederate States of American Postal History, by James L.D. Monroe. Published 2009 by the Confederate Stamp Alliance, Inc. Hardcover, 156 pp., color illus., ISBN 978-0-692-00668-9. Available for loan from the American Philatelic Research Library or as a gift to new members of the Confederate Stamp Alliance, as long as supplies last. For further information contact Patricia A. Kaufman, 10194 N. Old State Rd., Lincoln, DE 19960-3644; *e-mail* trishkauf@comcast.net or visit the CSA website at www.csalliance.org/.

If you enjoy looking at Confederate States postal material, this is the book for you. Another philatelic labor of love, opening this volume is like holding a major philatelic exhibit in your hands. The presentation is divided into two parts: My Confederates States of American General Collection and My Confederate States of American Navy Collection. The captions provide enough information to engage the reader who is not familiar with Confederate States postal history and the amazing range of images will capture the attention of the experienced collector. There seems to be an exceptional example of every possible usage. While the overall presentation would have been better served by the use of a single type font and the removal of the items from their corner mounts before scanning, this is nevertheless a very engaging look at Confederate postal history.

10 centes; prima emissione del Lombardo Veneto, by Massimiliano Ferroni and Mario Serone. Published 2009 by Grafiche FDG Editore, Verona, Italy. Softcover, 147 pp., color and b/w illus. In Italian and English. Available from Grafiche FDG s.r.l., via T. Edison 9, 37136 Verona, Italy; telephone 045-8230730; fax 045-8209155. Price not given.

In 1850 a series of Austrian stamps were introduced for use in the Lombardy-Venetian Kingdom in northern Italy, then a part of the Austrian Empire. The central vignette reproduces the coat of arms of the Habsburg family. The issue included a 5-, 10-, 15-, 30-, and 45-cen-

tesimi denominated stamp. This small book takes an extremely detailed and well-illustrated look at the 10-centesimi stamp, the rarest stamp in the issue.

Each stamp in the issue was intended for use within a specific, limited area, based on distance, but they are often seen used in combination to meet postal rates for mail traveling from one postal district to another. Curiously, the 10-centesimi also was intended specifically to cover postage for printed matter sent to Switzerland. A concluding chapter addresses "The Clichés Defects" and includes more than 147 enlarged views of defects introduced during stamp production. An amazing amount of information packed into a book that is further limited in size by providing text in both Italian and English.

Curaçao; An Identification Guide for Cancels, Volume 1, Version 1, by Richard A. Phelps. Published 2009 by the Author. Spiral bound, 51 pp. (not paginated), with overlay templates (4 leaves & instruction sheet). Available from Richard A. Phelps, P.O. Box 867373, Plano, TX 75086-7373; *e-mail* dick.phelps@verizon.net. Price not given.

The author notes that the book "is written to be used as a supplement to the excellent book *A Postal History of Curacao*, written by Frank W. Julsen and A.M. Benders...in 1976." It is based on research on his own "almost totally complete" collection of Curacao cancels. Identification of the subtle differences between the various cancels is best undertaken under high magnification (the author uses three different levels) and the precise positioning of the various elements is vital. This led the author to the development of the four overlay templates included in a separate pocket on the back cover.

While the information contained in the book will certainly be helpful to collectors in the field, the "so-so" quality of the color photocopying and some inconsistencies in the font size detract from the overall appearance of the volume.

211 Days in Space: Anatoli N. Berezovoy — The Diary, Mail and History, 13 May–10 December 1982, Orbital

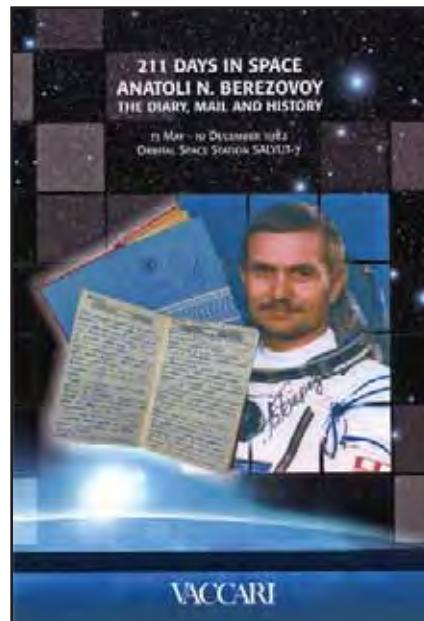
Space Station Salyut-7, by Silvia Vaccari. Published 2009 by Vaccari s.r.l. Softcover, 54 pp., color illus., ISBN 978-88-96381-05-2. Available for €15 from Vaccari s.r.l., via M. Buonarroti 46, 41058 Vignola (Mo), Italy; telephone 39-059-771-251; fax 39-059-760-157; e-mail info@space-diary.info.

This colorful monograph is based on the original diary kept by Anatoli N. Berezovoy, pilot and commander of the 1982 Elbrus expedition, during the record-breaking 211 days he spent on board the Orbital Space Station *Salyut-7*. With the arrival and departure of mail by resupply ships, the author notes that “with all probability, the first written correspondence between Space and Earth can ... be traced back to Berezovoy.”

The introduction, “From the Conquest of Space to Space Mail,” explores the history of air philately from the 1870 balloon mail employed during the Siege of Paris to mail from the moon in 1969. This is followed by two short, but profusely illustrated, chapters on the Salyut Space Stations and the Elbrus Mission. A lengthier section featuring excerpts from Berezovoy’s diary, kept as a series of letters to his wife, follows.

All this is presented as background to the section that looks at “Postal Transport in Space” and the variety of stamps, covers, and postal stationery that has grown in its wake. Which is then followed by a discussion of the eighty-two “cosmograms” sent to and from the space station during resupply flights in July and August 1982. The first private Space to Earth letters are the two Berezovoy wrote to his 13-year-old son Sergei and to his wife Lydia. The first private message sent Earth to Space was from Lydia, written to her husband May 2 and delivered by resupply ship July 12.

The monograph concludes with a look at special instructions regarding philatelic procedures that were followed by the crew, special postmarks on the actual diary itself, and the commemorative postage stamps (a strip of three, a set of which is included in the volume) issued to commemorate the *Salyut-7*’s historic mission. Perhaps the best single line in the text comes at the end of the chapter of Berezovoy’s mail: “[The letters] prove that mail, along with its best interpreter,



philately, have become the best chroniclers of history.”

A Postal History of the Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees in East Asia During the Second World War; Volume 5, The Philippines and Taiwan 1942-1945, “No Uncle Sam,” by David Tett. Published 2010 by BFA Publishing, Wheathampstead, U.K. Hardcover, xvi + 391 pp., color illus., ISBN 978-0-9544996-3-1. Available in the U.S. for \$83 (ppd) from Leonard H. Hartman, Box 36006, Louisville, KY 40233, e-mail Leonard@pbbooks.net; website <http://pbbooks.com> or in the U.K. for £52 (ppd) from BFA Publishing, P.O. Box 34, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8JA, U.K.

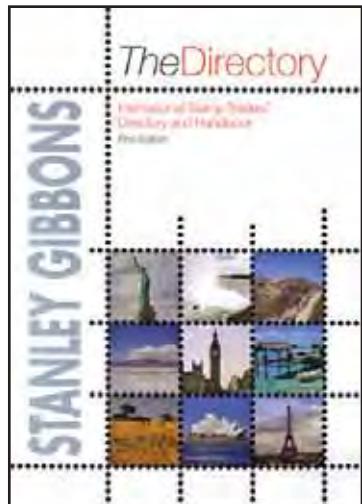
This is the penultimate volume in David Tett’s comprehensive work on the postal history of prisoners of war and civilian internees in East Asia during World War II. Although the camps themselves have largely vanished with time, a surprisingly large amount of philatelic material remains housed in private and public archives. Unfortunately, documentary evidence is lacking as the official records were destroyed by the Japanese and thus statistical evidence is often scant, forcing the researcher to fall back on anecdotal reports. In his introduction Tett notes, “As with the first four volumes, [he] has tried to place the postal history in the context of the political, military and social history of the times,” something which he succeeds in doing throughout the book.

Chapter 1, “Prelude to Captivity,” looks at the territory involved on the eve of war. This is followed by chapters on “Mail from the Prisoners of War in the Philippines,” “Mail to the Prisoners of War in the Philippines,” “Mail from the Civilian Internees in the Philippines,” and “Mail to the Civilian Internees in the Philippines.” Chapters 6 and 7 cover “Mail from the Prisoners of War in Taiwan” and “Mail to the Prisoners of War in Taiwan.” Chapter 8 examines “Philately in the Internment Camps”; Chapter 9, “Guerrillas in the Philippines”; Chapter 10, “The Story of Oscar Brown”; Chapter 11, “The Story of Elmer Thomas”; and Chapter 12, “Japanese Marks and Censors’ Seals Used in the Philippines and Taiwan. Chapter 13 concludes the story with “Some Went Home.” A final chapter, Chapter 14, offers an “Update to Volumes 1, 2, 3, and 4.” Then follow seven appendices, a bibliography, and index.

This is an amazing work combining as it does a huge amount of philatelic material and a very readable text. It would have been easy for a work of this nature to grow into the dullest of tomes; instead, the author has provided us with the human side of postal history.

Catalogues Received and Noted

Stanley Gibbons The Directory; International Stamp Traders’ Directory and Handbook (1st edition). Published 2010 by Stanley Gibbons Ltd. Softcover, xiv + 104 pp., ISBN



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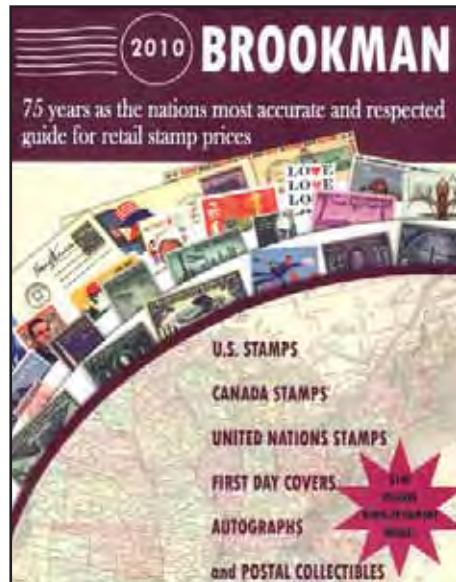
Designed to provide collectors and dealers with information on stamp dealers, auction houses, societies, and postal administrations, this has the potential to be an enormously useful tool. The first section of the *Directory* is a dealer listing presented by geographic region or country (with an emphasis on British Commonwealth). However, the layout is not

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completely clear. For example, within the geographic listings, some sections follow "dealers" with "auctions" but give the auction heading the same format as the major geographic heading. Nor does there seem to be one logical way to work through the listings to find a specialty of interest. And a personal quibble: the bright blue used for all headings and titles is nearly blinding. Fortunately, there is a 10-page "Index by Company Name" that will get you to the page where the pertinent information is located — if, of course, you know the company's name. Overall, this is a good idea poorly executed; not at all up to the usual Stanley Gibbons' standard.

2010 Brookman Price Guide: United States, United Nations & Canada Stamps & Postal Collectibles, edited by David S. Macdonald. Published 2010 by Brookman, Barrett & Worthen. Softcover, available in two versions: perfect bound or spiral bound, xxvi + 386 pp., b/w illus. Available for \$28.95 (perfect bound, ppd) or \$32.95 (spiral bound, ppd) from Brookman, Barrett & Worthen, 167 So. River Road, Unit #3, Bedford, NH 03110; telephone 603-472-8795; website www.coverspecialist.com. Each edition contains \$100 worth of coupons and a free one-year subscription to the bimonthly, full-color magazine, *The Brookman Times*, which is included if the *Price Guide* is ordered from the publisher.

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The 2010 edition has many more price increases than decreases, particularly in nineteenth and early twentieth-century U.S. stamps (both used and unused), early used coils, and early Canadian issues (with numerous adjustments in the stamps of the Canadian Provinces). United States First Day Covers also remain strong and there is an increasing interest in cachets of the 1930s and 40s. The Autographs market has seen increases in early historic figures (presidents, military, early aviators, etc.).

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The Vatican City

Status: Independent ecclesiastical state

Population: 826 (2009 est.)

Area: 0.2 square miles

Currency: 100 cents = 1 euro (about \$1.35)



The Vatican City is an enclave situated on Vatican Hill on the right bank of the Tiber River in the city of Rome. With an area slightly less than the Mall in Washington DC, it is considered the smallest country in the world.

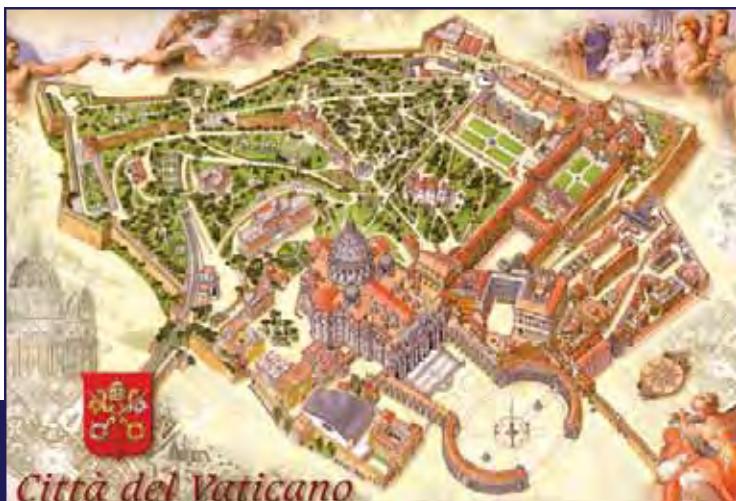
Vatican Hill became a center of Christianity in the first century as the site of the martyrdom of St. Peter. After Emperor Constantine I embraced Christianity in the third century, he built a basilica on the site, which became known as the "Cathedral of the Pope" and the "mother church of and head of all churches of the city and of the world." During the Renaissance, the Vatican became a world-renowned center for art and culture.

Although the church was a large property owner as early as the third century, it did not enjoy sovereignty over its lands. In the eighth century, when the Papal States were formally part of the Byzantine Empire, papal sovereignty increased as Byzantine power weakened. In 781 the Emperor Charlemagne codified the Pope's role as the temporal ruler of the States of the Church. By the fifteenth century the Popes had become absolute monarchs over a large swath of central Italy extending from Ravenna in the north to the Neapolitan frontier in the south. By 1859 the Papal States consisted of 16,000 square miles with a population of more than 3 million.

Napoleon's conquest of Italy in 1799 fueled nationalism in Italy, including the Papal States. Italian unification in the 1860s saw the States of the Church reduced, and by 1870 they consisted of Rome and its surroundings, which were under the protection of a French garrison. When the French withdrew in 1870, Italian troops entered Rome and it, too, became part of the Kingdom of Italy. The papacy refused to accept the annexation and the Pope moved into the Vatican as a self-declared prisoner.

This situation ended on February 11, 1929 with the signing of the Lateran Treaty between the Holy See and the Kingdom of Italy. The treaty recognized the Pope as sovereign of a clearly defined territory called "the City of the Vatican." Within this area, Italy recognized "the full and exclusive dominion and sovereign jurisdiction" of the Holy See.

The Papal States issued their first postage stamps January 1, 1852. They were discontinued on September 20, 1870, when Italian troops entered Rome. The first stamps of the Vatican City appeared August 1, 1929. The Vatican City operates two public post offices — one on each side of the St. Peter Piazza — that sell stamps and accept mail. In addition, through an arrangement with the Italian Post Office, mail with Vatican stamps deposited in Italian post boxes near the Vatican are accepted as a courtesy (and returned to the Vatican for cancellation).



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