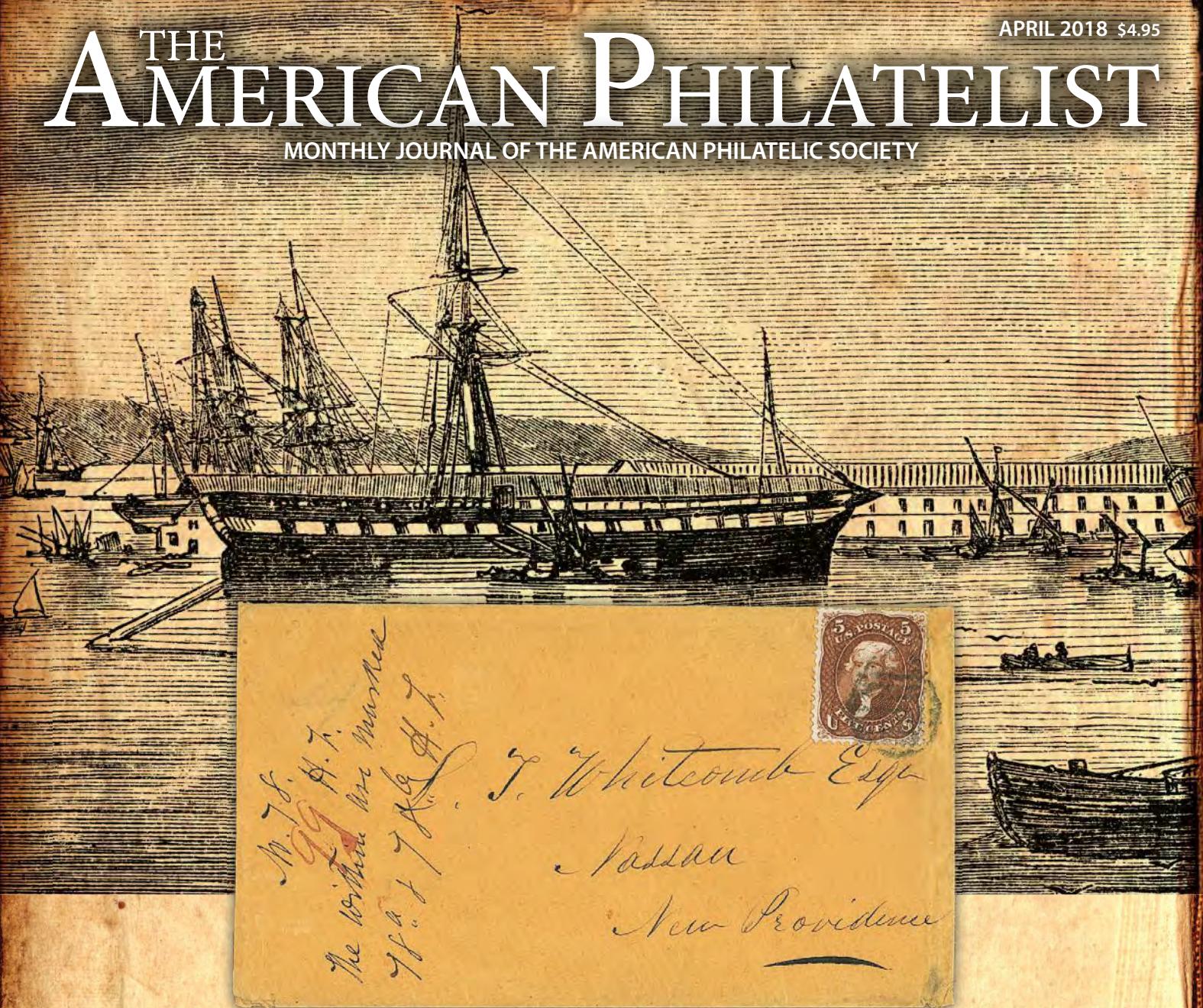


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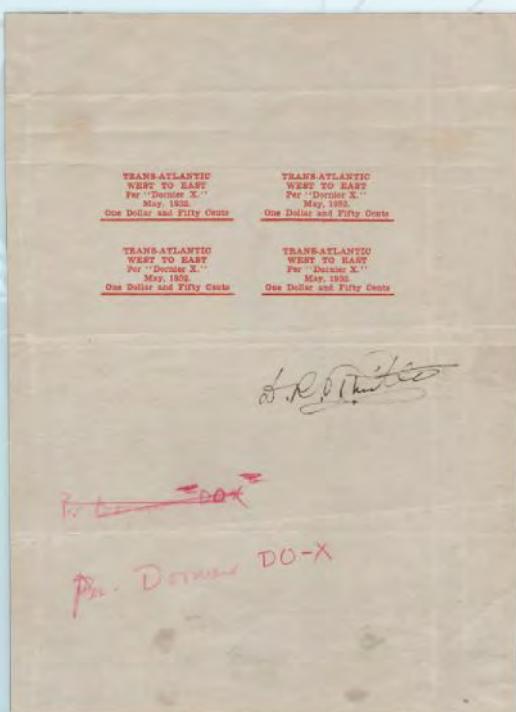


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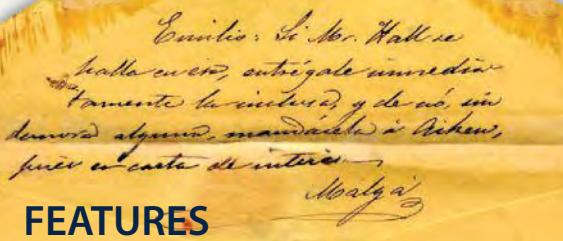
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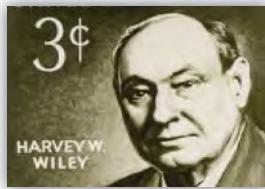
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Civil War Controversies in Iconic Issues

1937 Army Series Riled the Public in the North and the South

Since this issue of *The American Philatelist* has the Civil War as one of its themes, I thought it appropriate to showcase some Civil War related covers. These are not Civil War era covers, but rather covers with stamps issued in 1937. According to Max Johl's *The United States Commemorative Stamps of the Twentieth Century* (1947), these stamps were "to commemorate the American Army..." When the subjects of the five Army stamps were announced, there was enormous controversy and intense criticism of both the 3-cent and 4-cent stamps.



Five commemoratives issued in 1937 honored the United States Army and included this 3-cent stamp depicting Union generals Sherman, Grant and Sheridan (Scott 787).

The 3-cent stamp of this Army series (Scott 787) honored three heroes of the Union Army: generals William T. Sherman, Ulysses S. Grant and Philip Sheridan. The stamp was exceedingly unpopular in the southeastern United States. Grant had commanded the Army that crushed the rebellion and resentment of Sherman's burning and looting in Georgia and South Carolina still lingered.

In 1864, Sherman succeeded Grant as Commander of the Military Division of the Mississippi. Sherman soon turned his force of almost 100,000 soldiers to the east and began his (in)famous invasion of the Confederacy. Beginning in Georgia, it did not take long to capture Atlanta.

After ordering almost all civilians to leave the city, Sherman gave instructions that military and government buildings were to be burned. Many private homes and commercial buildings were incinerated as well. This set a precedent for the rest of Sherman's campaign.

After burning Atlanta, his army began their "March to the Sea." Forced to live off the land, his forces took what they wanted while causing extensive damage to both government and private property. Sherman's invasion of Georgia culminated with a telegraph sent December 25, 1864 to President Lincoln offering the city of Savannah as a Christmas present.

From Savannah, Sherman's Army turned north, moving into South Carolina and capturing the capital city, Columbia. On the night of February 17, 1865, Columbia was consumed by fire. To this day, controversy exists as to whether these fires

were accidental or part of what Sherman termed "hard war."

Small wonder that honoring Grant, and especially Sherman, on a U.S. postage stamp engendered resentment in a region despoiled by soldiers under their command. The Atlanta Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy passed a resolution protesting the stamp and asking Postmaster General Farley to send none of the stamps to Georgia. *The News and Courier* of Charleston, South Carolina published an editorial condemning the stamp and describing Grant as "one of the three great barbarians of America" for the cruelties and outrages inflicted on the civilian population.

Similar feelings, no less intense, were expressed on the northern side of the Mason-Dixon Line when the design of the 4-cent value of the series was announced. This stamp honored Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. Northern citizens were incensed that two "traitors to the nation" should be so recognized.

The 1937 Army Issue pictured Confederate generals Lee and Jackson on the 4-cent commemorative (Scott 788).



Sons of Union Veterans and Daughters of Union Veterans organizations protested to Farley and President Roosevelt. Many chapters of the Grand Army of the Republic did likewise, decrying a stamp which honored men who "took up arms against their country."

There were other controversies around the 4-cent stamp. Many believed Lee had been deliberately or unintentionally slighted by the stamp's engravers; his uniform shows two stars on the collar rather than the three stars to which he was entitled.

Additionally, stamp dealer August Dietz organized a campaign among philatelic groups across America to support his alternative design. Dietz wanted a reproduction of the painting *The Last Meeting*, which shows the two generals on horseback.



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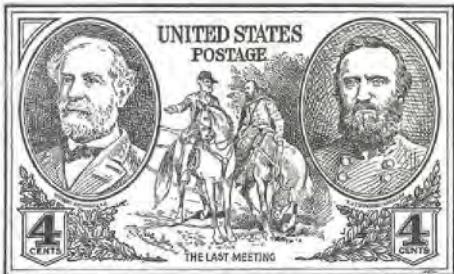
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Stamp dealer August Dietz organized a campaign to rally support for his alternative (shown in this essay) to the design of the 4-cent stamp.

back, between the busts of Lee and Jackson. Instead, the final version depicted Lee's home, Stratford Hall.

Shown are three unusual uses of each of these two stamps. The 3-cent stamp paid the 1-ounce rate for a domestic letter or the international Universal Postal Union postcard rate.

The first example is a December 1939 censored postcard from Philadelphia to Germany. The censor hand-stamp reads "Geprüft/Uber Commando der Wehrmacht" (Examined/High Command of the Wehrmacht). At this time, all incoming foreign mail, including postcards, was censored in Berlin.



A 1939 postcard sent from Philadelphia to Weissenberg in Bayern, Germany was franked with a single 3-cent Army commemorative.

The next cover is franked with a block of four 3-cent stamps, plus a 2-cent Washington Franklin. The 14 cents pays the 3-cent airmail surcharge in the U.S., 8 cents for a 2-ounce letter to Europe traveling by surface, and 3 cents for airmail in Europe. The letter crossed the Atlantic on the S.S. Europa, a German ocean liner built in 1928 for the Norddeutsche Lloyd Line for trans-Atlantic use.

The last 3-cent cover pays the 1-ounce domestic letter rate. From Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, it is addressed to Argonne Forest Park Inc., Dayton Ohio. The letter was re-



The cover, including a block of four of the 3-cent Army issue, crossed the Atlantic on the S.S. Europa.

turned hand-stamped "REFUSED" and "FRAUDULENT" Mail to this address returned/by order of the Postmaster General."



Postmasters were authorized to return mail (like this example marked "FRAUDULENT") involving any scheme to obtain money or property through the mail under false pretense.

Argonne Forest Park was an amusement park located southwest of Dayton. This area is now known as Possum Creek Metropark. The park was in business from 1925 to 1945 and in its heyday had a go-kart track, swimming pool, baseball fields, dance hall, carnival midway, pony and canoe rentals, and concessions.

Fraudulent mail is a little-known aspect of postal history. Postmasters were authorized to return mail to the postmaster of origin upon notification by the postmaster general of any scheme to obtain money or property through the mail by misrepresentation or pretense. In such cases, local postmasters were directed to affix the auxiliary marking shown. Evidently, the park management had run afoul of the law.

Now for some interesting covers with the Confederate heroes. First is a registered, airmail cover to Pereira, Colombia. The city is in a mountainous, coffee-growing region of western Columbia. The cover has a block of ten 4-cent stamps plus a 10-cent John Tyler stamp from the Presidential series. The 50-cent franking pays a 15-cent registration fee plus 35 cents per half ounce for air mail travel to Miami, then foreign airmail to Columbia, then airmail in Columbia.

Next is an airship Hindenburg cover franked with a block of four 4-cent stamps plus an additional 28 cents in postage. This 44-cent total paid the 3-cent airmail surcharge for airmail from Philadelphia to Lakehurst, New Jersey, the 40 cents per half ounce Zeppelin rate to Germany, plus a 1-cent convenience over payment.

The letter was postmarked May 5, 1937, in Philadelphia. Tragically, the next day, the Hindenburg exploded and burned while docking at Naval Air Station Lakehurst in Manchester Township, New Jersey. Mail for the doomed flight to Europe was taken to New York City and forwarded by air to the specified destinations.

The final cover with Confederate heroes is franked with a strip of five. It's postmarked March 23, 1937, the first day of issue, in Washington, D.C. and is addressed to Budapest, Hungary. On the reverse is a receiving date stamp: Budapest, April 11, 1937. The cover is autographed by Vincent C. Burke, the Washington, D.C. postmaster. In 1948, Burke was named the First Assistant Postmaster General. The 20-cent franking pays the 15-cent registration fee plus the 5-cent per ounce UPU surface rate.

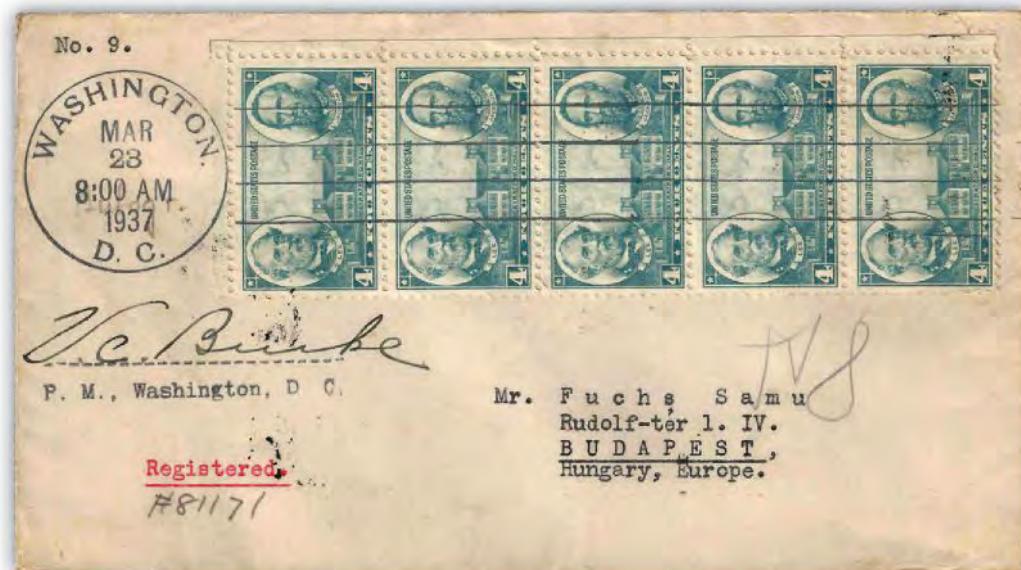
These examples of modern, 20th century postal history demonstrate one method of collecting Civil War related postal history without items from the classic, 19th century period and are a reminder of a conflict and controversy that continues to reverberate through our society. ☾



This registered, airmail cover to Pereira, Colombia includes ten, 4-cent Army commemoratives honoring the Confederate generals (Scott 788) and a single 10-cent Presidential Issue (Prexie) depicting John Tyler (Scott 815).



This airmail cover is postmarked one day before the tragic Hindenberg accident in Lakehurst, New Jersey.



Originally bound for Budapest, Hungary this cover bears the autograph of Vincent C. Burke, the Washington, D.C. postmaster at that time.



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A Full, Rich Issue Feasting on Philately, With Gratitude

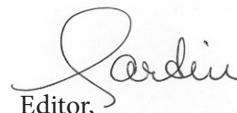
Even if you only glanced at the table of contents, you will know already that this is a very full issue for *The American Philatelist*. As I have stressed in previous columns, and as the name of the column implies, the philatelic experience is an important underlying premise for the journal. As I listen to fellow philatelists describe what they collect and why, I hear stories that reinforce my assertion that collecting is as much about the experience as it is the specimen. So with that in mind,

we pursue themes for each issue but we also strive to include a broad cross section of the hobby. This month you will find a groundbreaking article on Civil War postal history and the announcement of an error found at The American Philatelic Center. This issue continues our march through the commemoratives of the 1950s and introduces the details of new worldwide releases. In the pages to follow, we cover postmasters, controversies, activists and pirates – all for the purpose of growing our knowledge and enriching the philatelic adventure.

And we also say thank you. The April issue is traditionally referred to as the Recognition Issue, when we take the opportunity to thank our members, contributors and volunteers. And while this acknowledgement is important, I want you to know that we are thankful in every issue. We are thankful for a membership that enables our work. We are appreciative of the authors

who share their knowledge and dedicate time in preparing articles and columns. We are encouraged by the positive feedback and constructive criticism offered by those who are invested in the success of the journal, the APS and, indeed, the hobby. This month we identify many by name but there simply aren't enough pages to thank everyone who makes a difference in philately.

So now, sit back, adjust your reading light and dig in. I always hope we have prepared a philatelic feast to satisfy every craving. And then I remember that enough is as good as a feast. There is always next month.


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P.S. Before you write a letter, read Wayne Youngblood's column on page 322. The Texas Statehood commemorative (Scott 938) is upside down for a reason.

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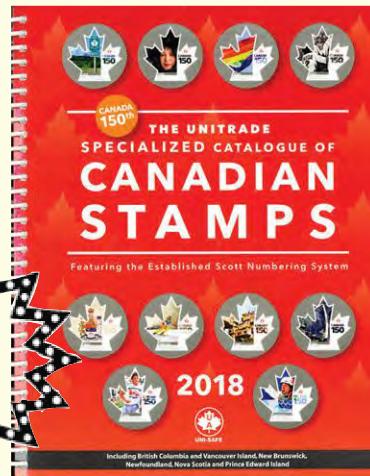
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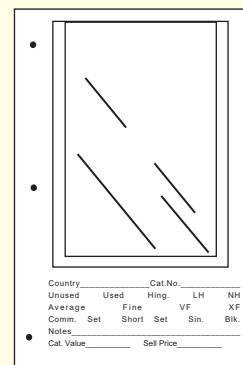


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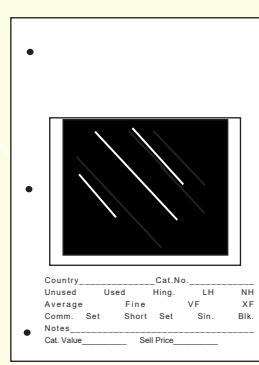


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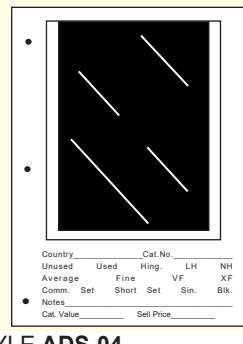


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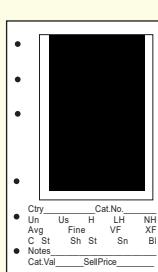


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Member of Germany Philatelic Society Appreciates Column

The “Philatelic Happenings” article in February was again most informative. The portion about Chicagopex particularly well done. Thank you and please continue the column by Ken Martin. It is the first article that I read after receiving the magazine.

However, please note a correction regarding the photo on Page 180 (lower right). The Chicago-based Chapter Five of the GPS is Germany Philatelic Society, not “German Philatelic Society,” as stated in the caption (This is just like China Stamp Society, not “Chinese”).

Germany Philatelic Society members are 99 percent from English-speaking countries, and particularly North America. For more information, visit the GPS website at www.germanyphilatelicsocietyusa.org.

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Founding of Veracruz Predates St. Augustine

In the January issue of *The American Philatelist*, Diann Pinkowski and Jeff Stage wrote about joint issues of the U.S. with other countries. On page 30, when they write about the joint issue with Spain commemorating the 400th anniversary of the founding of St. Augustine, Florida, they mention “Spain and the U.S. wanted to celebrate the first permanent settlement on the North American continent ...”

Sorry, but that fact is not true; Hernán Cortés landed on April 22, 1519 (Good Friday) and on that date he founded the Villa Rica de la Vera Cruz (the Rich Villa of the True Cross) as a permanent settlement, known today as Veracruz. That was about 46 years before the foundation of San Agustín in 1565. So Veracruz is the true first permanent settlement on the North American continent.

Veracruz was followed by the conquest and settlement of the Spaniards in Tenochtitlan (Mexico City) in 1521 and the founding of Puebla and Campeche among others before 1565.

Fernando Perez-Maldonado

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Florence and Dick Were Married

I just read your article in the latest edition of *The American Philatelist* and couldn't help do some digging regarding Florence Haynes via our subscription to the Ancestry database.

Florence and Dick are listed as being married and living in Youngstown, Ohio (Ward 9) in the 1920 Census. His name

was Richard Thomas Ward. While I cannot locate a marriage record, I have them in the 1930 census with his widow mother living with them, and then Florence in 1940 living with her widowed mum and a couple of her siblings.

I found info on Dick's death date and am trying to get info from the Ohio library to see if an obit or news article was written. He passed in 1936 at the age of 57, had been a first lieutenant in the Army and his occupation was a police officer.

The records say that Dick enlisted August 5, 1917 and he was born October 4, 1879 in (Rome), New York, so he may have been joking when he told her he was turning 29.

Kathy Hartley

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Writing on Soldier's Covers Might Refer to Station A

As a long time postmark collector, and the recently retired director of the Post Mark Collectors Club (APS Affiliate No. 62), I was intrigued by your article in the February 2018 issue of *The American Philatelist*. You obviously had fun sleuthing this case, and it made for very interesting reading. I would like to add several comments.

The first regards Dick. At the bottom of page 135 is a photo of Dick's Camp Sheridan address, which shows his full name as Richard T. Ward. Perhaps reference to Census data, other obituaries or news articles might elicit more information on him.

The second has to do with “Station 9” on the front of the envelopes. Looking at the envelopes I immediately read it as “Station A”, and I found an “East Liverpool Sta. A” postmark in my collection dated 1945. With help from PMCC members Kelvin Kindahl and John Gallagher the following timeline has been established:

Sometime between 1890 and 1894 this office was established as East End Station. As of March 1, 1896 the name was changed to Sub-Station No. 1. As of January 1, 1898 the classification and name was changed to Station A. On September 9, 2005 the office was closed.

Most of the material for this research can be found in the National Postmark Museum operated by the Post Mark Collectors Club in Bellevue, Ohio. The museum has



The “Station A” written on this cover
may be the East Liverpool Station A.

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postmarks from "Sub-Sta No. 1" dated March 1, 1897, and several from "Sta. A," the earliest being dated March 19, 1901. The museum and its library contain extensive information for postal historians. Our curator is Gary Hendren.

And speaking of the museum, the next work week is scheduled for the week of April 22, and the museum will be open every day that week. Everyone is invited to come on over.

John B. Flint
Granby, Connecticut

New Collecting Group Formed From Questions, Curiosity and Coup d'Etat

Having been a member of the American Philatelic Society for many years and a collector most of my life, I have read many articles and commentary on the state of our hobby. Some express despair, some hope for the future, others somewhere in the middle. I would like to share an interesting experience regarding the introduction of stamp collecting to a group of people I wouldn't have expected to express any interest whatsoever.

I normally receive a number of auction catalogs, approvals, circuits and the like at my office address. Our small company's administrative staff is made up mostly of younger women and I noticed that some started asking about what all this mail is about.

Remembering that collecting stamps began as an almost exclusively female endeavor, I thought, "What could I do to help them get interested in our hobby?" While my own collection has evolved to a more sophisticated level over the years, I remembered what interested me in stamps in the beginning. As my father did when I was a boy, I started giving them a few stamps from my "accumulations" and a stock page or two in which to save them.

This has seemingly started a movement at my company to the degree that we now hold a monthly "lunch and learn" in the conference room. We discuss the basic aspects of stamp collecting, some of the things that can be learned from stamps and many other topics. I bring a number of items to the meetings like old approval sets and the like for drawings, interesting items from my more sophisticated collection to discuss, collecting supplies and the like. Even some the older guys in the office joined us and expressed interest in the proceedings.

One young lady asked the question, "How does one collect stamps?" I paused for a moment and answered that one can collect stamps any way you want and collect whatever interests you. We dumped out a bag of stamps on a table and everyone proceeded to look through the pile, taking the stamps that interested them. Another young lady and new mother even declared herself the de facto president of the group in a sudden and unexpected coup d'etat.

One of the guys stated he had an old Netherlands collection his father gave him years ago and wanted to bring it to

the next meeting. Of course you can. The young lady who processes our daily mail now goes through all the covers looking for interesting stamps and when she finds one, she comes running into my office to show me her new discovery.

I believe that new collectors can be all around us and it might just take a little effort on our own part to expose them to the fascinating hobby of stamp collecting. Of course we can.

Greg Doll
Katy, Texas

The Road to Selling a Collection is Filled with Obstacles

Selling a mature stamp collection will surely bring tears.

I inherited an excellent and relatively complete stamp collection more than 50 years ago, and continued to indulge as a keen collector ever since. Perhaps five years ago it became time to sell.



I had done some research for a while and was in no hurry, so I contacted some major dealers. A few, with excellent references, seemed interested, so I started by sending them all the stuff of my strongest and most complete country – Germany. I valued them by estimating the collection at 30 percent of the catalog values for only the really high-value stamps.

It is mostly a collection of used stamps with only occasional mint never hinged stamps, where there are special reasons.

Somewhat surprising to me, offers were quite similar, at about 5 percent to 6 percent of the valuation I had made. It might make you think that the stamps were below par, which was not the case. When I refused their offers, they upped the price by 50 percent or so, but this was still far below what I wanted.

Eventually I got tired of all the packing and mailing, and decided to use one of the largest and most respected American auction houses. It appeared thrilled to get the lots, and felt they could easily get me at least double the previous offers; and their commission was only 10 percent.

They did get double the price the dealers had offered, as assured, but that hardly made me happy. Perhaps I am looking through rose-colored glasses. We all think our collections are special, and I have noticed what the vast internet sales and the diminishing number of stamp collectors have done to the demand side of the market over the last decade or two.

When the auction catalog was issued, I felt that the estimated prices were a little low, even though the stamps were described as generally very fine or better. I also felt the lots deserved more prominence, like extra photos. Their reasoning was that the stamps were used, and that the catalogs' used stamp valuations were miles out of whack. Also, mine were not the only stamps of the type in the auction. I guess they know their market. But remember, 10 percent commission

sounds great, but buyers know about the 10 percent premium; sellers are actually paying almost 20 percent on the real sales price the auctioneer gets.

This is such a standard complaint from any collection seller, so let me give an example of an item:

My used collection of Berlin, was totally complete from inception, 1948 up to 1980, excluding one rare stamp block, but included all stamp varieties and diverse watermarks, as well as a number of interesting unusual items and faults. Only the top value of the first issue set was included among the auction catalog pictures, to portray the set, and even the collection itself.

The sale description was: Berlin. A desirable, very interesting and really complete, well maintained used collection, up to 1980, including all desirable top values of sets and definitives and varieties. Mostly f, vf some exc. with neat, clear cancellations, (possibly a few damaged or forged stamps.) This lot should not be overlooked. Viewing pages on our auction site highly recommended. est: \$2,200 to \$2,800.

Well, it sold for \$395 (excluding buyer's premium). This was less than 20 percent of the Scott valuation of the first 1948 definitive series. And, Scott values are considerably less than Michel's, the German specialist. When I queried this, the excuse was that they were used stamps, less and less demand, too much on the market and to get a decent price on such good stamps they need to be expertized, especially as they were cancelled and many overprinted. In reality, catalogs value Berlin used stamps considerably higher than mint never hinged because they are less common when genuinely used with West Berlin cancellations, as these stamps were.

What struck me later was that working with the large dealers and auctioneers is possibly not that great an idea. They have so much volume that they just want to get the bulk out the door. They work with stamp trade dealers and don't have the facilities or inclination to break lots into smaller and more appealing portions, especially if not everything sells at each auction, and they have to store and re-offer. Also, I noticed that any stamps featured by photograph usually got more noticed and much better bids. I guess the economics of all that extra work do not add up when you're doing volume, and, after all, they are in it for their own profit not yours.

In retrospect, smaller dealers and auctioneers who cater to the retail trade and collectors themselves would have been a far better approach; or try retail dealers who specialize in a specific area, and or know someone who is looking for the material.

I hope this experience will help some members thinking about selling. Perhaps I was too hasty. Admittedly I did not research local dealers well, but local shops, too, are disappearing.

What do other long-time collectors and dealers think?

Eric Adler

*North Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada*

Editor's Note: I strive to publish all of the letters that we receive from members. There are some situations where I would omit a letter: numerous letters with the same information; letters arriving too long after the publication date of a referenced article; letters that are factually inaccurate, and; letters that make specific accusations against others. However, there are also topics that always give me pause. Mr. Adler's letter deals with such a topic.

One of the primary goals of *The American Philatelist* is to promote collecting stamps, postal history and other philatelic materials. While I am a realist and understand the desire to realize a worth from our collections, it saddens me to think of selling my collection. I know that my children will probably have no desire to continue my philatelic pursuits, but hopefully I can develop some other options for passing on my stamps.

Most of the accounts I hear from collectors selling their collections eventually come around to the issue of price. I worry that we often rely too heavily on catalog

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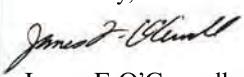
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values and, maybe, the emotional investments we have made in our collections. Virtually every philatelist can recount the time they paid too much, the time they got an incredible bargain and the dealers with whom they have the best relationships. Furthermore, the value of everything offered in a market is entirely dependent on what someone else is willing and able to pay for that item. I once heard an experienced philatelist explain that he covered up the values listed in a catalog so as not to be distracted from the information he really needed.

I also worry that we are too quick to condemn dealers. Yes, I know there are good dealers and there are not-so-good dealers, but dealers are businessmen and businesswomen who must make a profit to continue what they are doing. As our economy changes, these business have to adjust how they sell and adapt to how we buy. At the same time, they are trying to navigate a contracting marketplace with shrinking margins. Retail stamp stores are nearly gone because they simply cannot make enough money to survive with that business model. Because of these challenges, I have heard from numerous dealers suggesting that I start a column that discusses various aspect of philately as a profession. We are working on it. If you have experience past or present, please consider sharing your story.

Finally, do not misunderstand my motive. I am in no way dismissing Mr. Adler's letter; I hope it will spark lively debate on the issues outlined here. For so many of us, philately is a passion and, as that word implies, it evokes strong emotion. As Mr. Adler ends his letter, he asks for input from experienced collectors and dealers; that is the key to the future. There are no magical solutions and no single person has the answer. But together we can manage our expectations, share our knowledge and continue to grow the hobby even as the world changes around us.

Corrections from Delta Sigma Theta

The February edition of *The American Philatelist* included an article on Delta Sigma Theta sorority members honored on U.S. stamp issues. The article listed several women, including Ida B. Wells and Ella Baker, as members of that organization. While several sources refer to both Wells and Baker as members of the organization, the sorority has advised that neither were ever initiated into Delta Sigma Theta.



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Thanks to your support, we were able to retire one of the bank loans for the Match Factory and we are well on our way to retiring another one this year. The Mighty Buck program allowed us to invest in technology to improve member services by adding scanners in the library, helped us modernize our outdated accounting system and our membership database, enabled us to invest in camera equipment to bring APS events to you and supported our efforts for online education and membership recruitment.

We embarked on a campaign to raise \$150,000 to begin modernizing our efforts to promote, recruit, and serve the membership in ways we've talked about for years, but have been unable to accomplish. In 2018, we will begin implementing those programs and hopefully, you will see and enjoy the added benefits and the transformation in recruitment.

We delivered more On-the-Road courses, putting 14 classrooms around the country from some of the most knowledgeable collectors in our hobby to educate more collectors than we even expected. This year, we will bring online learning opportunities to the membership so that you can learn at home on your schedule.

As we enter the 10th year of the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship, we are seeing more of our alums take prominent positions in the hobby from show chairs to the Scott catalog to running a very successful auction house in Southern California. Your support of the program is starting to bear fruit as our hobby's future leaders are emerging before our eyes.

None of this is possible without you. The energy in the hobby continues to rebound and our future prospects are far brighter than when I joined the APS in 2015. We have momentum and now is the time for us to keep pushing ahead. You have been making meaningful investments and I hope you will support these critical missions again this year.

I will be traveling around and visiting many great clubs and shows



throughout the year, promoting the impact you are having. I hope we get a chance to visit, but you are always welcome to reach out to me at 814-933-3814 or scott@stamps.org. Of course, a letter is always welcomed too, and yes, we save the stamps.

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During AmeriStamp Expo, the single-frame exhibiting competition takes center stage. Congratulations to the winners:

Single-Frame Grand: (and large gold), Robert Mayo, "The Straightlines of Richmond, Virginia, 1782-1800."

Single-Frame Reserve Grands: (and large gold), Richard E. Drews, "Trans-Oceanic and Domestic Usages of the 30 Cent U.S. Issues of 1861-1868" and Larry Lyons, "Swarts' City Dispatch, the King of Local Posts at Chatham Square, 1847-1856."

Best Multi-Frame: (and large gold), Charles J. O'Brien III, "Georgia Bicentennial"

AmeriStamp Expo 2018 Most Popular: Mark Thompson, "Women of the Black Heritage Series – From the Fields of Slavery to the Halls of Congress," which also received a Large Vermeil.

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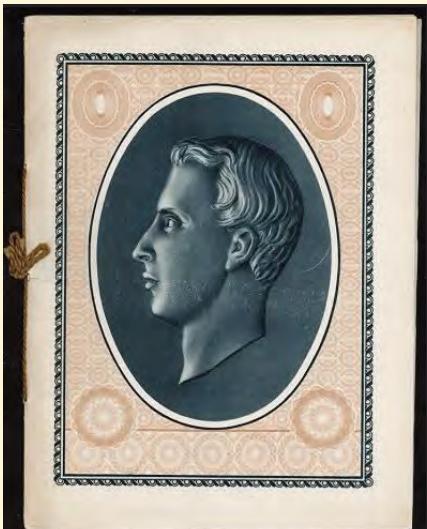


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Group photo of the women exhibitors at the AmeriStamp Expo awards banquet.

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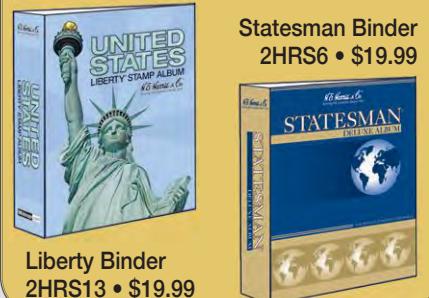
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The next and last AmeriStamp Expo will be held together with Aripex, February 15 to 17, 2019 in Mesa, Arizona.

End of an Era

At the APS Board of Directors meeting in Birmingham, I presented a historical overview of AmeriStamp Expo, which started in 1998. The APS winter show started largely to promote single-frame competitions, in hopes of giving novice collectors a chance to enter competitive exhibiting without requiring a multi-frame exhibit. Today, single-frame competitions are alive and prospering at many World Series of Philately shows around the country.

At the onset, financial success of the show was a concern and since 1998, only six of the 20 shows have operated in the black. Throughout the history of the show, society boards have attempted different ways to offset the costs of the show, but none have proven effective.

With AmeriStamp, there are four objectives to accomplish:

Promote the hobby in different geographical areas.

Promote the growth of single-frame and non-traditional exhibiting.

Give APS members a chance to meet the APS board and staff in person.

Give the society a chance to meet in person.

Since the exhibiting objective has been met, the question

remained, does the APS need to organize and promote two shows a year to meet the other objectives?

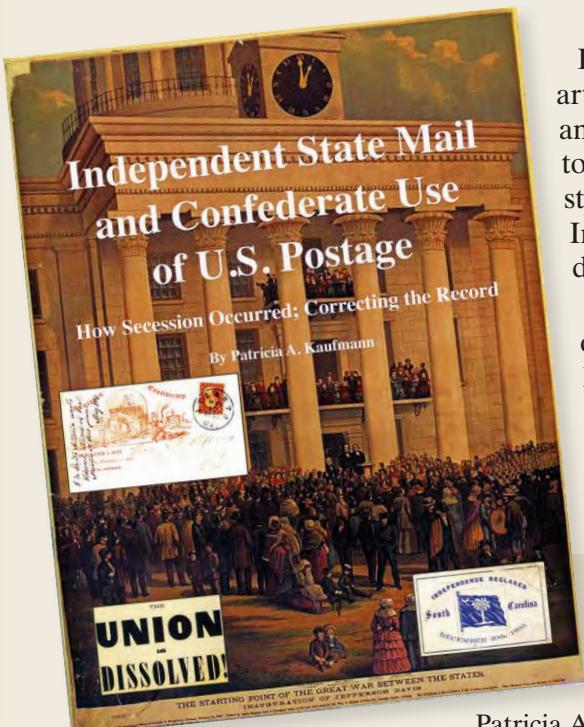
AmeriStamp Expo evolved from the APS Spring Meeting, which started in 1958 at March Party, sponsored by the Garfield-Perry club. The meeting was a second meeting each year, this time with the hobby's grassroots to update them on APS business and solicit input from the membership directly.

My recommendation was to return to the spring meeting model and, instead of organizing and running two shows a year, the APS can visit an already-existing show to allow our board to meet in person and with the APS membership. Through this model, we would also be able to promote an existing show. In this way, we can continue to meet with the hobby's grassroots while spotlighting the hard work going on at annual shows throughout country.

The board has deferred action until the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors is able to identify a home for the annual single-frame competitions. There has already been interest expressed by shows around the country and the APS will work to support the AAPE in its mission to find a long-term solution. I expect that to be successful and we will be revisiting the issue very soon. It was not an easy decision, but ultimately, I believe the change will allow the APS to better focus on making the annual StampShow a great experience for collectors and dealers alike and give us greater ability to grow our recruitment efforts and serve our membership. ☾

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A Perfect Pair

Young Baby-Boomer Collector Sought and Obtained Autographs on Stamps

For those of us with a collecting gene that stretches back to early childhood, it's not unusual to have several different hobbies – or even mix them.

For example, as a child I not only collected stamps, but also coins, rocks, insects, bottles, arrowheads and more. While these are fairly disparate collectibles in terms of hobby mash-ups, there were ways of combining them, such as liquor bottles with stamps still affixed, philatelic-numismatic covers (the original PNCs, where coins were actually included on a cover) or, of course, the obvious topical approach whereby I collected all of my favorite objects as depicted on stamps. Some hobbies are easier to overlap with stamps.

During the so-called prosperity years following World War II (1945-60), it was not unusual for many boys (and some girls) to have these varied collecting interests. One of these boys, a young man from Cincinnati, Ohio, named Bobby Hayes, seems to have not only successfully combined two hobbies (stamps and autograph collecting), but also appears to have significantly impressed former Postmaster General James A. Farley with his politeness. Bobby was like millions of other kids of the time, a Baby Boomer child, growing up prosperous, but not particularly wealthy, in the afterglow of a jet-infused economy.



Figure 1. A recent image of where the young collector of the 1960s featured in this column grew up.

The relatively simple house he grew up in was a small, three-bedroom home, built in 1951, shown from a recent photo [Figure 1].

Like many young collectors who eventually hung up their tongs in exchange for car keys, we know little about Bobby other than from the philatelic artifacts of his creation. Although I cannot find a record that Bobby ever belonged to the American Philatelic Society, based on the evidence I've found, he seems to have been a fairly knowledgeable young collector who also loved autographs. He collected these by writing and sending letters with postage stamps to various notables with a request they sign the stamps and return them

to him – not just perfunctory requests, but actual letters with substance, based on some of the responses he received.

I do not know when Bobby was born or how long he collected, but between 1959 and 1965, he seemed to manage to assemble a fairly nice collection of autographed stamps. As a guess, I'd say he was about 10 when he started. Even more interesting, again, from a philatelic standpoint, young Bobby Hayes chose stamps that were particularly appropriate to each of the individuals from whom he requested signatures – and he was apparently very polite.

Surprisingly, Bobby's primary interest in autographs didn't seem to lie with pop culture icons of the day (actors, musicians and television stars); he was apparently more interested in government – specifically surviving former members of President Roosevelt's administration, state governors and the federal administrative branch.



Figure 2. Vice President Richard M. Nixon signed this 1950 National Capitol Sesquicentennial issue for a young collector. The same collector requested and received an autograph on a block of four from Vice President Hubert Humphrey.



To that end [Figure 2], he managed to obtain Vice President Richard M. Nixon's autograph in 1959 on a 1950 National Capitol Sesquicentennial issue and Vice President Hubert Humphrey's 1965 signature on the plate block.

In 1960, he cornered three different state governors [Figure 3]: New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller, and the governors of the new states of Alaska – William Egan – and Hawaii – William Quinn.

Hayes even managed to obtain the signature of noted au-



Figure 3. Young collector Bobby Hayes snared autographs on postage stamps from three governors: New York's Nelson Rockefeller, who signed a plate block of 3-cent stamps honoring the 300th anniversary of the founding of New York; Governor William Egan, from the new state of Alaska; and Hawaii governor William F. Quinn, who signed a Hawaii Statehood stamp.

thor, politician and feminist Clare Boothe Luce [Figure 4]. Luce was the first American woman to ever hold a major ambassador position (to Italy in 1954, later to Brazil). She also was married to publishing magnate Henry Luce of *Time*, *Life*, *Fortune* and *Sports Illustrated* fame. That stamp is on a very appropriately chosen 1948 Women's Progress issue.

Among those connected with Roosevelt, Hayes received



Figure 4. Clare Boothe Luce, known not only as a politician, but as a playwright and author, signed this 1948 Women's Progress stamp.



Figure 5. "Texas Jack" Nance, FDR's first vice president from Texas signed this Texas Statehood issue – upside-down.

autographs from two out of three of Roosevelt's vice presidents, "Cactus Jack" John Nance Garner, and Henry A. Wallace, both difficult signatures to obtain.

Garner, who served under Roosevelt during his first two terms, was particularly known for making deals and getting legislation passed, becoming one of the most powerful men on Capitol Hill. As vice president, however, Garner felt he was just "a spare tire of the government." After falling out with Roosevelt after the 1936 election (he was more conservative), he left office frustrated and bitter. Garner became rather reclusive after leaving Washington in 1941 for his home state of Texas. He vowed to never go east of the Potomac again – and didn't – for the remaining 26 years of his life. Appropriately, Hayes chose the Texas Statehood centennial stamp. Ironically, Nance signed it upside-down [Figure 5].

Henry Wallace's primary claim to fame was as a primary developer of hybrid corn, proving (among other things) that there is no relation between the relative beauty of corn (how it was judged) and vigorous yield, denouncing once and for all the idea that hybrids represented "mongrelization" of plant species. He was named first as Roosevelt's secretary of agriculture, then was tapped as the vice presidential nominee after Garner was ousted. The stamp Hayes chose for this signature was the Future Farmers of America issue (Scott 1024), released in 1953 [Figure 6].

The most interesting aspect of Hayes' efforts to me, however, was a short correspondence he developed with Former Postmaster General James A. Farley in 1965.

As near as I can tell, sometime in early 1965, Hayes wrote to Farley, sending him a 10-cent Society of Philatelic Americans souvenir sheet, asking for his autograph [Figure 7]. But Hayes didn't stop there. According to a typed, signed letter from Farley on Coca-Cola letterhead (Farley was by then serving as chairman of the board for the Coca-Cola Export



Figure 6. FDR's second vice president, Henry A. Wallace, autographed this FFA stamp. Wallace was instrumental in removing the stigma from hybrid corn.

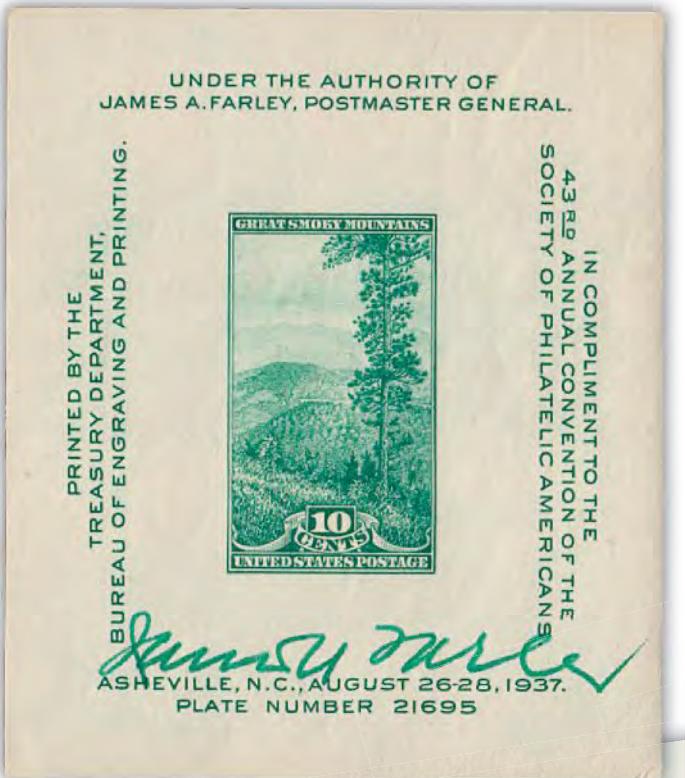
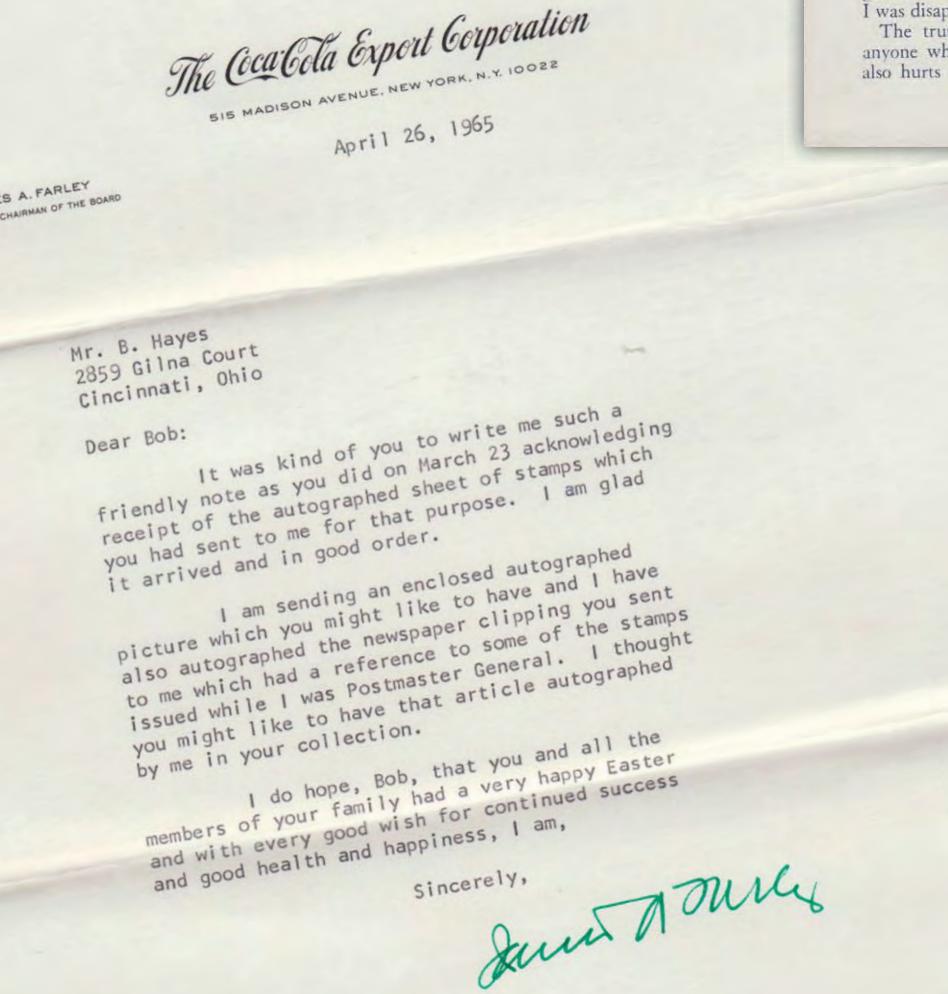


Figure 7. Former Postmaster General James A. Farley gladly autographed this souvenir sheet for a polite young collector in a color that particularly complements the item.



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To Bob Hayes
With all good
Wishes
James A. Farley
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Why, asks a distinguished American, do we neglect this simple means of adding to the world's happiness?

The Two Magic Words

Condensed from GUIDEPOSTS
JAMES A. FARLEY

NOT LONG ago I received a request from a college student in Pennsylvania who said he was writing a thesis on government. He asked me to fill out a questionnaire with at least 40 items, some of which called for complex answers. Believing that any interest in government should be encouraged, I dictated a long reply and sent it off with the little glow of satisfaction that comes from completing an arduous voluntary task.

I looked forward to receiving from this young man some acknowledgment. I never heard from him.

I told myself that it was a matter of no great consequence and to forget it. But I didn't forget it because I was disappointed.

The truth is, ingratitude hurts anyone who is the victim of it. It also hurts the person who fails to

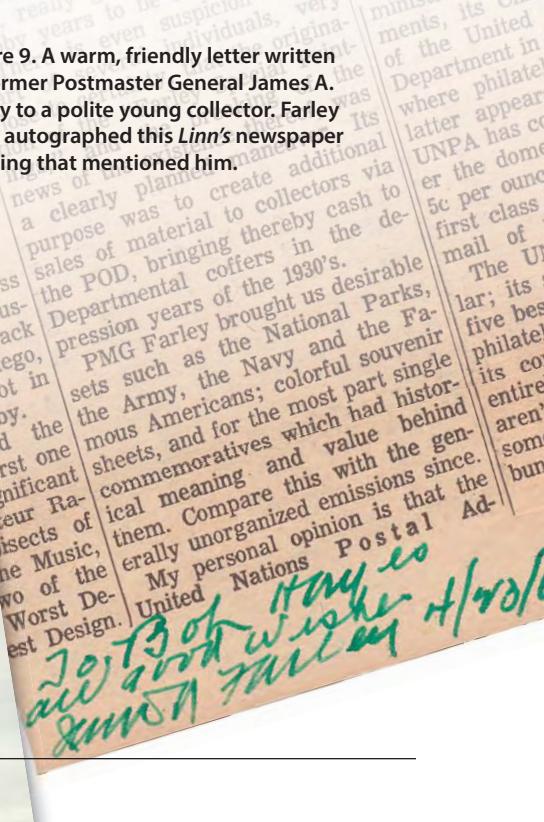
show appreciation, because he may make an enemy where he could have kept a friend. Nor is it enough simply to feel gratitude; it has to be demonstrated. Perhaps the boy in Pennsylvania *was* appreciative, but if so his appreciation was wasted because he never told me. Two words — *thank you* — could have made all the difference.

When someone's performance hurts or displeases, it is a good idea to ask yourself whether traces of his unpleasant characteristics may not exist in *you*. So I asked myself, how much do most of us appreciate the countless little daily acts of kindness by others that make our lives more comfortable? How grateful are we, really, for the privilege of living in a country where most of us can take freedom, justice and security for granted? How much

Figure 8. "The Two Magic Words," the title of an essay written by Farley, was an autographed reprint sent to an appreciative young collector.

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Figure 9. A warm, friendly letter written by former Postmaster General James A. Farley to a polite young collector. Farley even autographed this Linn's newspaper clipping that mentioned him.



Corporation, a post he held from 1940-73), Hayes had written a letter of substance, referencing Farley's work to enhance the hobby of philately.

In return, Farley returned not only the autographed souvenir sheet, but also an autographed *Reader's Digest* reprint of an article Farley had written for *Guideposts*, titled "The Two Magic Words." Both Farley's letter and inscription on the article reprint are extremely warm and friendly. The reprint is shown in [Figure 8].

A grateful Hayes replied to Farley on March 23, not only thanking the former postmaster general for the souvenir sheet, but also discussing Farley's philatelic career and enclosing an undated clipping from *Linn's Stamp News*, where Editor George Linn criticized a limp stamp program and gave Farley credit for "interesting and meaningful commemoratives," such as "the National Parks, the Army, the Navy and the Famous Americans; colorful souvenir sheets, and for the most part single commemoratives which had historical meaning and value behind them." In response, Farley once again took time from his busy schedule to write a letter to the young collector, as well as to return the autographed newspaper clipping and an autographed photograph [Figure 9].

Exchanges like this are highly unusual these days, but when a young person takes the time and energy to write a meaningful letter to a person who has had significant influence – not only on the hobby, but on the government at large – the response is fairly emotionally moving. ☾

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Profits and Bounty on the High Seas Led to Philatelic Treasures

BY PATRICIA A. KAUFMANN

Blockade-running and Prize Law

Civil War blockade-running could be a highly profitable enterprise. Outbound ships carried compact, high-value cargo, while inbound vessels brought necessities and luxuries, such as shown in a painting of Confederate blockade runners (c. 1864) at St. George's Harbor, Bermuda [Figure 1].



Figure 1. A painting of Confederate blockade runners at St. George's Harbor, Bermuda, 1864. (Courtesy of St. George's Historical Society.)

It is estimated that two round trips a month, which incurred \$80,000 in wages and expenses, generated \$250,000 in revenue. More importantly to postal historians, they often carried mail.

The definition of "prize" is property taken at sea from an enemy. "In admiralty law, the term prize is used to signify any goods, the subject of marine capture; property taken at sea from an enemy, *jure belli*; a technical term expressing a legal capture; maritime capture effected by maritime force only, ships and cargoes taken by ships. Recaptures are emphatically cases of prize."

Officers and crew of the capturing ship divide the spoils after adjudication by a Prize Court, which can order the sale or destruction of the seized vessel and distribution of any proceeds to the captain and crew of the seizing ship, usually at auction.

Prize courts derive jurisdiction from the belligerent states that establish them. Jurisdiction varies by country. In the United States, pursuant to Title 10 of the United States Code, U.S. district courts have jurisdiction. In the U.S., the National Archives and Records Administration maintains Prize Court records dating from 1701 to present. In England, the Admiralty Court has jurisdiction.

Prize Courts were common in the 17th through 19th centuries during times of American and European naval warfare. Due to changes in naval warfare, no prize cases have been heard since the statutes were adopted in 1956. But that doesn't mean Prize Courts and governing laws have been totally forgotten.

Letters of Marque and Reprisal

A letter of marque and reprisal is a government license authorizing a person, known as a privateer, to attack and capture enemy vessels and take them before Prize Courts for condemnation and sale. Cruising for prizes with a letter of marque was considered an honorable profession, in contrast to universally reviled unlicensed piracy.



Figure 2. U.S. Representative Ron Paul (R-Texas).



WHAT IS ADMIRALTY LAW?

Admiralty, or maritime law, is a body of law that governs questions or offenses that take place on navigable waters. Admiralty law is distinguished from the Law of the Sea, which is a body of public international law dealing with navigational rights, mineral rights, jurisdiction over coastal waters and international law governing relationships between nations.

In April 2009, former U.S. Representative Ron Paul (R-Texas) [Figure 2] and numerous national security experts called on Congress to consider using letters of marque and reprisal, a power written into the Constitution that allows the United States to hire private citizens to keep international waters safe. This proposal was prompted by the hijacking of MV *Maersk Alabama* [Figure 3] by Somali pirates, made famous by news broadcasts, books and the 2013 film *Captain Phillips*, which starred Tom Hanks in the title role of the ship's captain.

Paul suggested lawmakers consider issuing letters of marque and reprisal, which could relieve American naval ships from being the nation's primary pirate responders — a free-market solution to make the high seas safer for cargo ships.

"I think if every potential pirate knew this would be the case, they would have second thoughts because they could probably be blown out of the water rather easily if those were the conditions," Paul said. None of the Congressional bills Paul introduced were enacted into law.

According to Senate historians, Congress hasn't issued a letter of marque since the War of 1812, but the Confederate States of America (CSA) issued them during the Civil War to deliver goods and supplies behind enemy lines.

There are also some indications that a letter was granted to a flying band of armed civilians during World War II to

operate the *Resolute*, an L-class Goodyear Blimp used to patrol the ocean for enemy submarines. But the issuance isn't apparent in the Congressional Record.

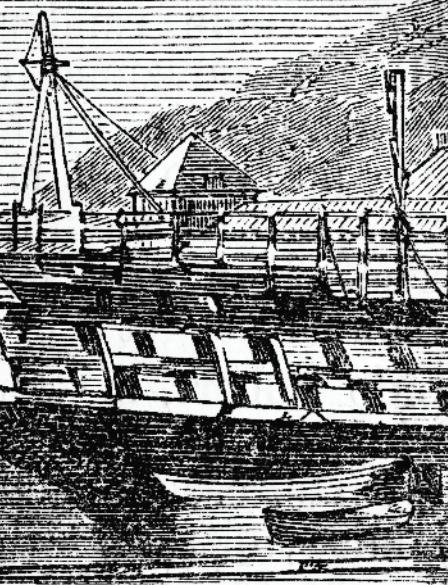
The surrender of Fort Sumter on April 13, 1861, was the initial act of the War Between the States. On April 15, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation, calling out 75,000 troops. Two days later, Confederate President Jefferson Davis published a counter-proclamation, inviting applications for letters of marque and reprisal to be granted under the seal of the Confederate States, against ships and property of the United States and its citizens.

Davis determined not to commission privateers until duly authorized by the Confederate Provisional Congress. That body assembled in special session on April 29, in obedience to a proclamation of the president, in which he advised legislation for the employment of privateers. On May 6, 1861, Congress passed an act, entitled, "An act recognizing the existence of war between the United States and the Confederate States, and concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods."

The act lay down, in detail, regulations as to the conditions on which letters of marque should be granted to private vessels, as well as the conduct and behavior of the officers and crews of such vessels, the disposal of such prizes made by them, and so forth. It was patterned after the regulations which had been ordinarily prescribed and enforced with re-



Figure 3. The MV *Maersk Alabama*, April 2009.



spect to privateers in the United States, and by the maritime powers of Europe. A further act regulating the sale of prizes and distribution thereof, was also passed by the Congress of the Confederate States on May 14, 1861.

Paris Declaration Respecting Maritime Law

On April 16, 1856, the Paris Declaration Respecting Maritime Law, was issued to abolish privateering. It regulated the relationship between neutral and belligerent and shipping on the high seas, introducing new prize rules. The major points in the declaration were:

“Privateering is, and remains, abolished;

The neutral flag covers enemy’s goods, with the exception of contraband of war;

Neutral goods, with the exception of contraband of war, are not liable to capture under enemy’s flag;

Blockades, in order to be binding, must be effective, that is to say, maintained by a force sufficient really to prevent access to the coast of the enemy.”

The declaration was not binding except between those powers that acceded to it. The declaration did not, as such, make privateers into a new category of international criminals, but rather made it a treaty obligation of states that they refrain from commissioning privateers in the first place. Most normally treated foreign privateers as pirates in any case.

The United States, which aimed at a complete exemption of non-contraband private property from capture at sea, withheld its formal adherence in 1857 when its “Marcy” amendment was not accepted by all powers, chiefly because of British influence.

The U.S. also was keen on maintaining privateers. It argued that, not possessing a great navy, it would be obliged in time of war to rely largely upon merchant ships commissioned as war vessels, and therefore the abolition of privateering would be entirely in favor of European powers, whose large navies rendered them practically independent of such aid. The rules contained in this declaration later came to be considered as part of the general principles of international law and the United States too, though not formally a party, abides by the provisions.

U.S. Blockade of Southern Ports

A week after the attack on Fort Sumter, on April 19, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln ordered a blockade of ports of seven southern states [Figure 4]. In the proclamation, Lincoln added that any vessels found interfering with United States merchant shipping would be treated like pirates under international law. This was a critical component.

The blockade proclamation provided that “a competent force will be posted so as to prevent entrance and exit of vessels” from the ports of the states in rebellion. Then, to make the proclamation official, he signed the document, April 27, 1861, authorizing “the Secretary of State to affix the Seal of the United States to a Proclamation setting on foot a Blockade of the ports of the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.” The

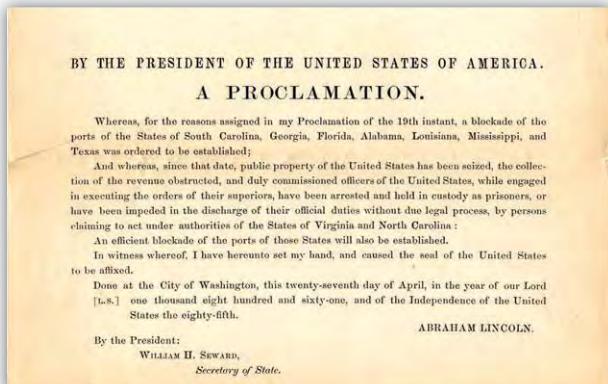
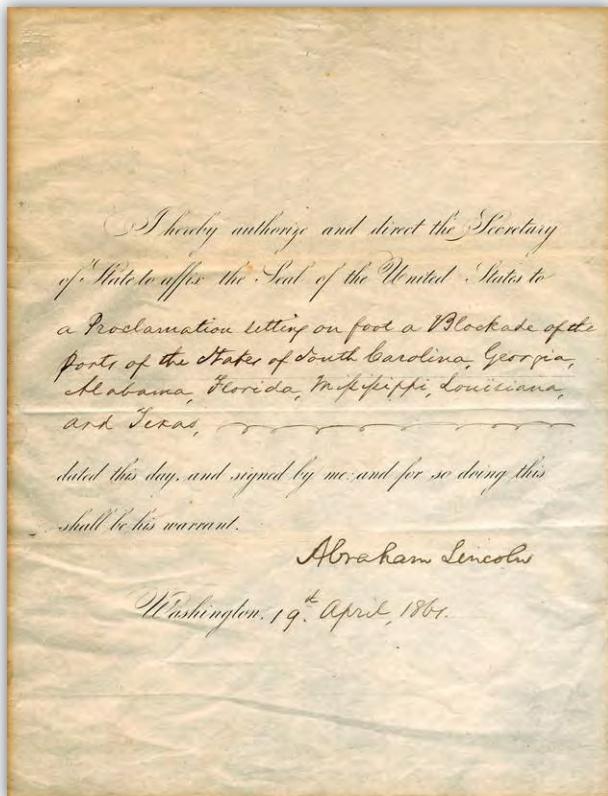


Figure 4. President Lincoln's Blockade Order (top) & Proclamation.

seal was affixed to the blockade proclamation, which was announced that day. It was a de facto declaration of war by the Union against the Confederacy.

The blockade limited both the import of military and other needed supplies and the export of income-producing cotton. It reduced the South's seaborne trade to less than a third of normal. The Confederacy's need for supplies was much greater than the peacetime norm. The blockade was one of the causes of the ruinous inflation that reduced the Confederate dollar to 1 percent of its original value by the end of the war.

Independent of Lincoln's proclamations, the Anaconda Plan, or Scott's Great Snake [Figure 5], was proposed by General Winfield Scott (1786-1866) as a similar strategy for subduing the seceding states. Scott, known as “Old Fuss and Feathers” for his insistence on proper military bearing, courtesy, appearance and discipline, served on active duty as a general longer than any person in American history.

Scott is ranked by many historians as the best American

SCOTT'S GREAT SNAKE.

Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1861 by J. B. Elliott of Cincinnati in the Clerks Office of the District Court of the Southern District of Ohio.



Figure 5. The Anaconda Plan, also known as Scott's Great Snake.

commander of his time. Although he was born and raised in Virginia, Scott remained loyal to the Union, for which he had served for most of his life, and refused to resign his commission. He served under every president from Jefferson to Lincoln, a total of 14 administrations and 53 years as an officer.

Logistics and Legality of a Blockade

A blockade was an ambitious challenge, even for the U.S. at that time. At the beginning of the war, there were only 42 ships in commission and only 24 of those were steamers. Enforcement of 3,540 statute miles of coastline was not a simple task. Nearly 200 harbors and river openings also needed to be secured.

Facing the secession of several states from the Union and the possibility of open hostilities, Lincoln did not ask Congress to declare war on the Confederate States as he believed this would be tantamount to recognizing the Confederacy as a nation. Instead, Lincoln instituted a naval blockade, which had important legal ramifications because nations do not

blockade their own ports. By ordering a blockade, Lincoln essentially declared the Confederacy to be belligerents instead of insurrectionists.

Thus came before the U.S. courts the question of seized ships. In admiralty, a ship captured during war may be kept as a prize. If there is no formal war, capturing ships and impounding them is piracy.

Plaintiffs contended that the blockade was not legal because a war had not been declared, thus making it perfectly legal to run the blockade and sell war material in the blockaded southern ports. On March 10, 1863, the Court ruled that the states of the Southern Confederacy were in insurrection and at war against the United States by acts of belligerency on April 12 and April 17, 1861, to wit: the firing upon Fort Sumter and the Privateering Act proclaimed by Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

Lincoln's Proclamation of Blockade was made on April 19, 1861, two days after Davis' call for privateers and it was founded upon acting against privateers, not an open policy of

warfare, as was later recommended by Scott.

Justice Robert Cooper Grier wrote the 5-4 majority opinion stating, "... it is not necessary to constitute war, that both parties should be acknowledged as independent nations or sovereign States." While the court acknowledged that the U.S. Congress had, in July 1861, adopted a law ratifying and approving the president's proclamation after the fact, as well as other actions taken since then to prosecute the war, that was not the point.

Grier further wrote, "... The President was bound to meet it [the war] in the shape it presented itself, without waiting for Congress to baptize it with a name."

By this decision, the Supreme Court upheld the president's executive powers to act in accordance with the presidential oath of office, "to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States" and to act expediently as the commander-in-chief in time of war — a de facto war existing since April 12, 1861.

York Prize Court Commissioner who initialed the envelope as evidence in the case.

Under the back flap is a note in Spanish to Puig signed "Malga" [Figure 6]. This translates to, "Emilio, If Mr. Hall is in Charleston, deliver the enclosed letter to him immediately and if he is not, send it without any delay to Aiken, as it is an important letter."

Addressee Emilio Puig was a resident of Charleston who is believed to have been engaged in running Cuban commodities into the South through the Union blockade. Puig attempted to leave South Carolina on the Spanish ferryboat *Nuestra Señora de Regla* out of New York en route to Cuba. The vessel was forced to put into Georgetown, South Carolina, for coal and repairs due to storm damage. It was there that Puig boarded.

Nuestra Señora de Regla was initially allowed by the Blockade Squadron patrol to pass as a Spanish vessel. Per the *New York Times* dated December 21, 1861, "After her entrance into

Port Royal, some suspicious circumstances induced General Sherman to order a search... [and] hidden beneath the false bottom of a trunk...in a carpetbag under the pillow of the engineer...mail for Havana [was discovered as well as] other papers under the Consular seal."

She was illegally captured on November 29, 1861, by the USS *Aries*, a rare seizure by the Army rather than the Navy.

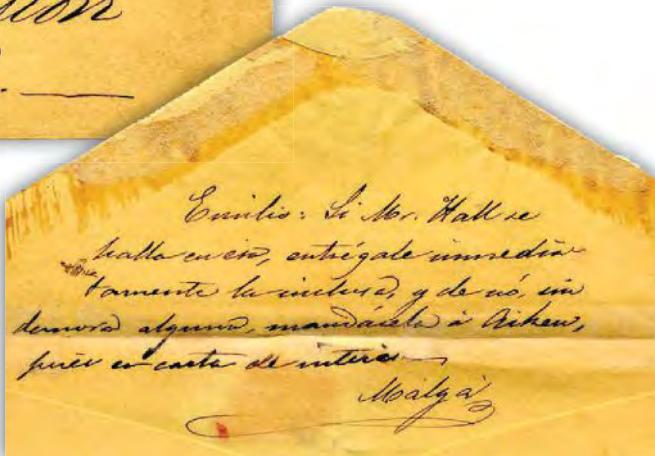


Figure 6. Mail entered into evidence in New York Prize Court with magenta manuscript court docket of "A N° 7 HHE" – Henry H. Elliott, NY Prize Court Commissioner initials. Under the back flap is a note in Spanish to Emilio Puig signed "Malga."

Prize Court Evidentiary Mail

New York Prize Court

Mail on captured blockade runners was useful in identifying contraband and was often introduced into evidence. The cover shown [Figure 6] appears to be a simple stampless cover from Anderson C.H., S.C., dated August 26 (1861). It is addressed to "Emilio Puig, Esqr., Care of Spanish Consul, Charleston So. Ca." The date is easily determined by the 5-cent Confederate postage rate, which appears in manuscript next to a straightline "paid" marking to the left of the postmark. The only month of August in which this rate applied was the first year of the war, 1861. On July 1, 1862, the postage rate was increased to 10 cents, regardless of distance.

What makes this cover out of the ordinary is the court docketing over the datestamp in magenta manuscript of "A N° 7 HHE." Henry H. Elliott (the HHE noted) was the New

The vessel and cargo were taken to New York and Puig, a Spanish citizen, was held prisoner for violating neutrality laws. Puig's letters were among the contraband seized and used as evidence in the court case. Eventually, the U.S. government lost its case in the Supreme Court, and the ferry

was declared neutral. On June 20, 1863, a decree of restitution was ordered, as the court ruled that the seizure had been without cause.

Even then, Puig's letters were not returned to him. Blockade-run mail often involved complex handling systems that took advantage of all available connections between CSA ports and neutral ports, thereby providing access to the U.S. and Europe.

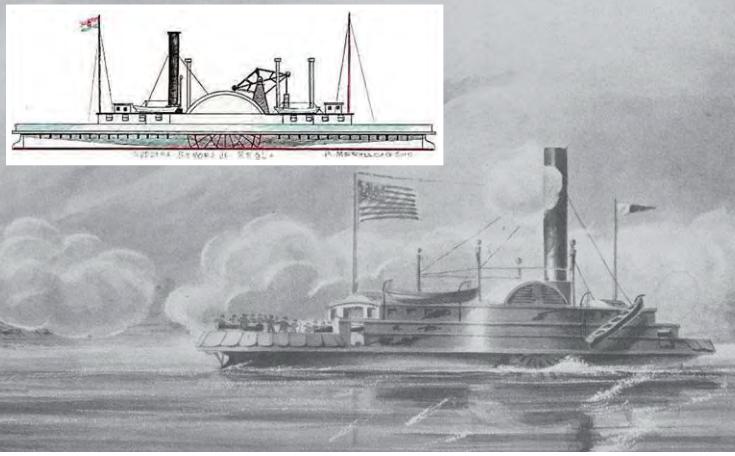


Figure 7. The *Nuestra Señora de Regla* (inset), captured and taken to Philadelphia Prize Court and the USS *Commodore Hull*, the refit side-wheel ferry boat formerly called the *Nuestra Señora de Regla*.

Nuestra Señora de Regla, built in 1860 or 1861 as a civilian side-wheel ferryboat intended for use at Havana, Cuba, was purchased by the U.S. Navy on September 1, 1862, in a prize-court-ordered auction. She was converted to a gunboat and commissioned the following November. She remained active to the end of the war as the USS *Commodore Hull* [Figure 7].

Puig was involved in Prize Court cases both in 1861 and 1863. Undoubtedly more often than just these two instances, he smuggled mail and important dispatches from Charleston to Cuba aboard blockade vessels. Victor Malga also was captured twice.

Emilio Puig was a cousin of Malga. V. Malga & Co. of Havana, Cuba was in the import / export business and was connected to the W. P. Hall Co. Victor Malga was a brother-in-law of Hall. Their respective companies were involved in shipping, maritime trade and blockade running in and out of Charleston during the Civil War. William Peroy Hall is shown in the 1880 census as born in Cuba in 1835.

Another 3-page folded letter from the Emilio Puig correspondence is shown [Figure 8]. All the Puig letters of which I am aware went through the New York Prize Court.

Philadelphia Prize Court

There also was a Prize Court in Philadelphia and evidence there was similarly docketed by Philadelphia Prize Court Commissioner Henry Flanders, a prominent maritime lawyer.

Shown [Figure 9] is an example of Philadelphia Prize Court evidentiary docketing "No. 78 / H.F. / The within [letters] are marked 78a & 78b H.F." (The H.F. stands for Henry Flanders). The cover is franked with a U.S. 5-cent red-brown Jefferson (Scott 75) tied by grid cancel on a cover originating in Baltimore, Maryland, and addressed to Nassau, New Providence, with a "Bahamas NO 15, 1862" backstamp.

This cover was captured aboard the schooner *Lightning* on March 9, 1863, by the USS *Bienville* off Georgia and taken to Philadelphia Prize Court. Upon her capture, it was determined that *Lightning* was not safe enough to sail to Philadelphia, so her cargo was sent there on the U.S. barque *Mander-*s.

Evidentiary Markings vs. Archival Markings – Setting the Record Straight

It was not until 1997, thanks to the article "Prize Court Covers" by Joseph T. Holleman in the *Confederate Philatelist*, that Confederate students came to a better understanding of the tell-tale magenta markings. Joe's tenacity and research skills finally explained — or partially explained — the unusual docketing on these covers that for decades had puzzled earlier students. But, as is often the case, there is always more to be learned.

Case 1: Note the magenta "99" in the middle of the Flan-



Figure 8. A stampless Confederate folded letter posted from Pendleton, S.C., with a "PAID 10." This was entered into evidence with a magenta manuscript court docket of "E 16 HHE." New York Prize Court Commissioner initials.

ders evidentiary docketing on the cover [Figure 10]. The "99" has long been considered as part of the Prize Court case number and has been incorrectly written up in auction catalogs, stamp catalogs and other articles and publications for more than 20 years.

But an epiphany moment occurred a couple years ago when I had a conversation with Mitchell A. Yockelson. Mitch's official title is investigative archivist, Office of the Inspector General, National Archives and Records Administration. Yockelson is head of the Archivist Recovery Team. His main duty is to investigate stolen historical document cases. He holds a Ph.D., is a military historian and an author best known as an authority on World War I. Yockelson lectures internationally and has acted as consultant for programs on the History Channel, PBS, *60 Minutes*, The Pentagon Channel and more.

Yockelson corrected a long-held erroneous belief. The evidentiary docketing applied contemporaneously ("No. 78 H.F.") is the case number applied by the Prize Court commissioners. It is not the same as the archival inventory markings added decades later in magenta ink ("99"). To my knowledge, with this article, this is the first time the record has been set straight.

This makes sense, as the numbers on the subject cover are completely different numbers, handwriting, and colors of ink. I believe the confusion may have occurred because some of the New York Prize Court evidentiary markings by Henry Elliott, which were made in magenta ink, led earlier students to conclude all markings were done at the same time. To further contribute to the confusion, not all covers have these archival inventory markings.



Figure 9. A
Philadelphia Prize
Court evidentiary
docketing "No. 78 / H.F.
/ The within [letters]
are marked 78a & 78b
H.F." The inscription is
from Henry Flanders.

Figure 10. A close-up of evidentiary docketing showing magenta "99" archival numbering within the black-inked evidentiary markings.

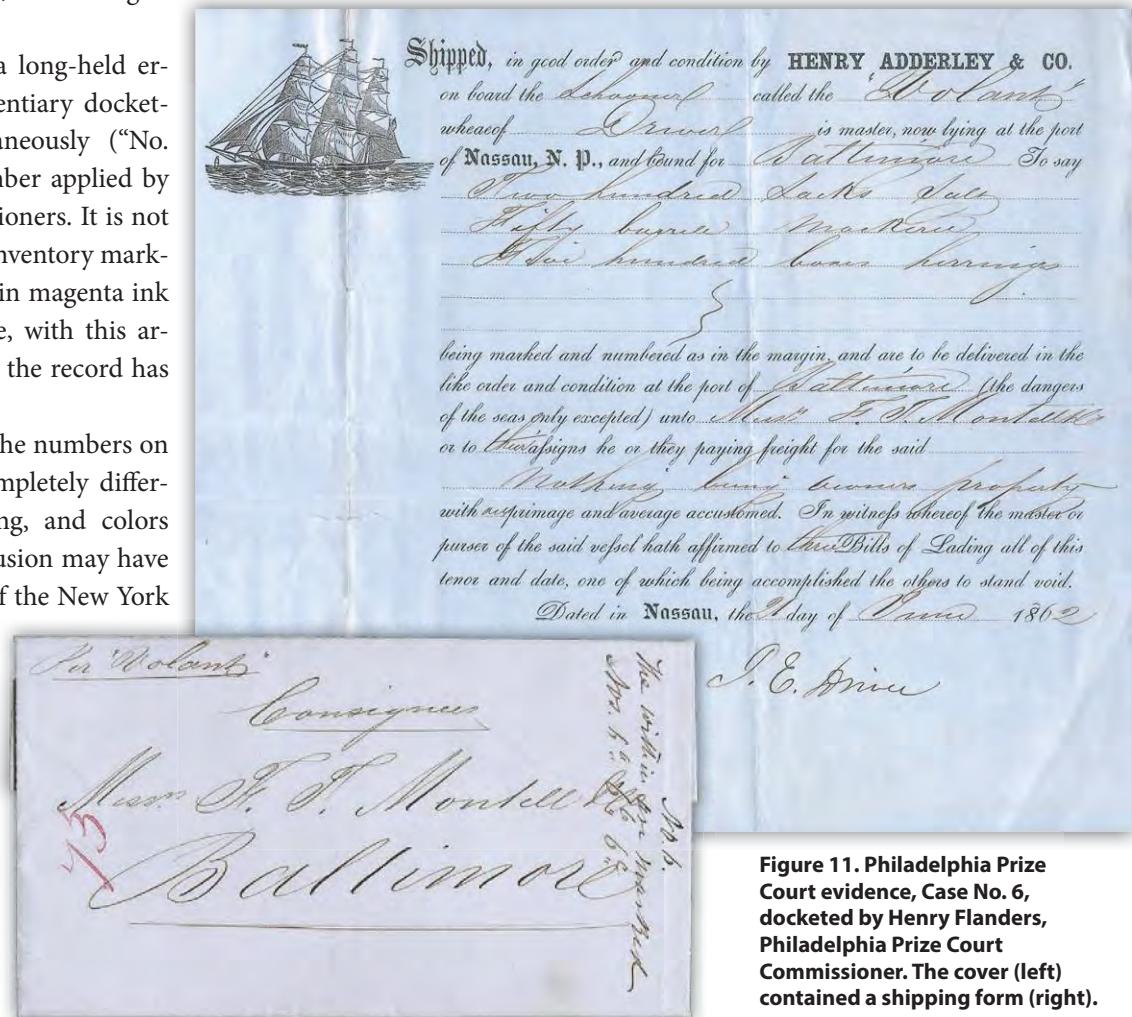


Figure 11. Philadelphia Prize
Court evidence, Case No. 6,
docketed by Henry Flanders,
Philadelphia Prize Court
Commissioner. The cover (left)
contained a shipping form (right).

Case 2: Another Philadelphia Prize Court cover is shown [Figure 11]. The evidentiary case markings “No. 6 / The within is unmarked / Nos. 6a, 6b, and 6c” are in the hand of Philadelphia Prize Court Commissioner Henry Flanders at the right end. A magenta archival marking “73” is at the left end. Clearly, the numbers at either end are quite different. This letter was captured on the Schooner *Volant*.

The folded consignee letter is datelined “Nassau 21 June 1862” from Henry Adderley & Co., endorsed “Per ‘Volant’” and “Consignees,” deceptively addressed to the shipping firm of F.T. Montell & Co. in Baltimore.

It enclosed a part-printed bill of lading dated June 21, 1862 [Figure 11] for goods purported to be routed to Baltimore, as well as an Adderley & Co. invoice for 200 sacks of salt in the same shipment.

The letter and two accompanying documents were on board with the cargo when the *Volant* was captured by the USS *Western World* on July 2, 1862, in Winyeh Bay, South Carolina.

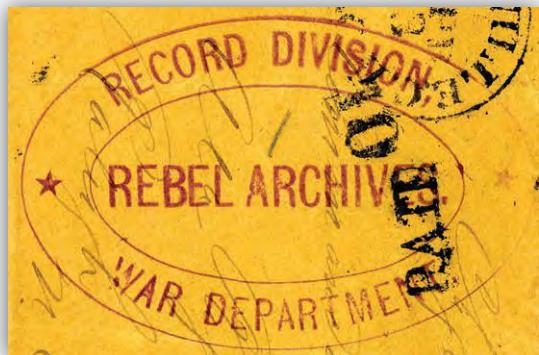


Figure 12.
A Rebel
Archives
handstamp.

Rebel Archives Handstamps

Another archival marking that gives collectors pause is the Rebel Archives handstamp [Figure 12], which indicates the item so marked was at one time in federal custody. Such handstamps often send students needlessly fleeing in fear. There are at least two varieties of “Rebel Archives” handstamps, a light red and a dark purplish red.

After World War I, many old files were de-accessioned by the War Department and intended for destruction. Some made their way to waste paper dealers. An unknown person or persons rescued thousands of items from the rubbish heap.

Unless the National Archives and Records Administration have clear evidence of theft, there is no way of proving such items were intended as a permanent federal record and, therefore, would not attempt recovery.

Nevertheless, it is advisable to check with the National Archives if in doubt, so as not to naively be trafficking in stolen goods. It is my experience that the National Archives will generally respond within 24 hours or less. Documents with rare autographs appear to be targets of theft more often than postal covers, which were decades ago discarded as having little or no value. How extremely fortunate for postal historians.



Figure 13. Captured mail from the CSS *Calhoun* (docketing on verso) used in Prize Court case as evidence to prove the ship was a Confederate privateer.

Prize Court Evidence from a Rebel Commissioner to Europe

The showy cover formerly in the albums of Steven C. Walske [Figure 13] is a Prize Court cover that was captured aboard the CSS *Calhoun*. The addressee is Hon. T[homas]. Butler King in Paris, France. The cover is franked with a pair and two singles of Great Britain Penny Reds (Scott 33), tied by “466” in grid cancels and “Liverpool SP 11 61” circular datestamps. It bears an “Insufficiently / Prepaid” two-line handstamp, as well as London and Calais transit datestamps.

This letter was on its way back from Europe aboard the privateer CSS *Calhoun*, when it was captured by the USS *Colorado* on January 23, 1862, off Southwest Pass, Louisiana. On the back flap is manuscript “Envelope of letter to T. B. King, Rebel Commissioner from Ga. to Europe – found on the capt[ured]. sch[ooone]r. ‘Calhoun’ 1862.”



Figure 14.
Drawing of the
recommissioned
USS *Calhoun* by
Assistant Engineer
John Everding, USN,
1864.

The *Calhoun* [Figure 14] was taken to Ship Island and then north to Philadelphia Prize Court. It was re-commissioned for federal service as the USS *Calhoun* and assigned to the West Gulf Blockading Squadron, where it was involved in the capture of 13 ships.

Thomas Butler King (1800-1864) was a Georgia lawyer and career politician who served as a commissioner of the Confederacy in Europe 1861-1863. King was aboard the *Calhoun* when it, along with his papers, was captured. King managed to escape, but his papers were used as evidence to condemn the ship as a Confederate vessel. King's career and stories of his family are worth individual articles in themselves.

Fabled Prize Court Evidence – Captured Stamp Printing Plate

On April 27, 1862, the U.S. warship *Meredita* drew alongside the British steamer *Bermuda*, a blockade-runner; a boarding party swarmed her decks. Two boxes of postage stamps bearing the likeness of Confederate President Jefferson Davis were thrown overboard by the captain's brother, who was an officer on board. This was a futile attempt to disguise the vessel's purpose and destination. The boxes sank to the bottom of the sea, but they were only a part of the consignment of 24 cases of roughly 5 million stamps printed for the Confederacy by the prominent printing company, Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd.



DE LA RUE RECORDS

The London printing works of De La Rue were badly damaged on the night of December 29, 1940, during a World War II air raid, but the Day Books and Correspondence Books of the firm did survive. After the war, the Royal Philatelic Society London was granted access to the records to compile a philatelic history of the first 50 years of De La Rue. These records became the basis for John Easton's *The De la Rue History of British and Foreign Postage Stamps 1855 to 1901*.

The British blockade runner *Bermuda* carried the third order of stamps from De La Rue, their order "C," which was shipped on February 20, 1862, by Fraser Trenholm and Co., owners of the vessel, on her second run across the Atlantic. The *Bermuda* had arrived safely at Bermuda on March 19, 1862, and remained there for five weeks either awaiting orders or, more likely, awaiting favorable conditions to make a break for Charleston.

On April 24, 1862, *Bermuda* slipped out of St. George's and made her way southwest to the northern Bahamian island chain of Abacos, where she was spotted a few days later by the *Meredita* who fired a shot across her bows, boarded her, and took her to Philadelphia as a prize of war. Such arrests were common among the islands during the Civil War when British vessels attempted to run the tight Union blockade of the Southern ports.

The presence of the remaining De La Rue stamps along with ink, stamp paper, and cutlery engraved "Jeff Davis, our first President, the right man in the right place," openly addressed to Charleston, sealed their fate. There was no denying their destination.

After arriving at that port on May 3, the ship was arraigned before the U.S. District Court at Philadelphia. Proceedings began on August 12 and concluding arguments were heard four days later. However, the court did not condemn the steamer until March 5, 1863, almost a year after her capture. The vessel was then purchased by the Union Navy and fitted out as a supply and dispatch vessel in the West Gulf Blockading Squadron.

Because of the delay in the court, some of the value of the *Bermuda* cargo was lost by deterioration. Most of the cargo was sold, but the stamps were ordered destroyed. The court allowed some stamps to be saved and given to the U.S. District Attorney's office and other officers of the Court, presumably as souvenirs. No information has been discovered as to the disposition of the Confederate printing plate at that time.

The Smithsonian National Postal Museum acquired the legendary Confederate printing plate from the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia in April 2011 for its new William H. Gross Gallery. The Franklin Institute had the plate on display for years, while it was actively building a philatelic collection. Subsequently, the institute deaccessioned and disposed of most of its postal-related objects, finding that philately was no longer consistent with its educational mission. A close-up of the plate along with a photo of the author posing by it is shown [Figure 15].



Philip H. Ward Jr. (1886-1963), a prominent Philadelphia stamp dealer, announced the find of the “Lost Plate” (more appropriately called the “Captured Plate”) in the October 22, 1954, edition of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. The plate [Figure 15] was in a Philadelphia historical society for an unknown period until it was discovered in 1954 by Major Thomas Coulson, then director of museum research at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.



Figure 16. At left, a Confederate States 5-cent blue De La Rue typographed issue, which ran the blockade from England. At right, a private printing made by Philip Ward from a captured De La Rue stamp plate.

Ward subsequently made ungummed private printings from the plate, in both black and in a blue shade very close to the genuinely issued Confederate stamp [Figure 16]. While they don't fool serious students, these private printings are offered by unsuspecting collectors and dealers most every day on venues such as eBay. The decision to print them in a similar blue shade to the original was the subject of angry objections from the philatelic community at the time.

Confederate Prize Courts

There were Confederate Prize Courts, too. The Confederate Act of March 11, 1861, established “a Court of Admiralty and maritime jurisdiction at Key West, in the State of Florida,” and adopted for its guidance the “laws of the United States,” until otherwise provided. There were other such offices in New Orleans, Louisiana; Mobile, Alabama; Savannah, Georgia; and other port cities.

The act of March 16, 1861, “to establish the Judicial Courts of the Confederate States,” gave to all district courts jurisdiction of all admiralty and maritime cases under the same laws of the United States in force on December 20, 1860, with “force and effect in the courts of the Confederate States.”

The act of May 6, 1861, authorized the issuance of letters of marque, which unleashed a fleet of privateers to prey upon the commerce of the United States across the globe.

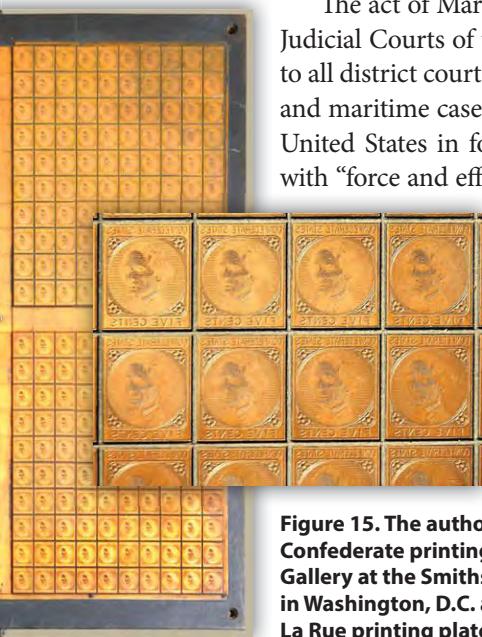


Figure 15. The author (far left) poses with a captured Confederate printing plate in the William H. Gross Gallery at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C. and a close-up section of the De La Rue printing plate.

Y THE PRESIDENT OF THE
A PROCLAMATION.
Whereas, for the reasons assigned in my Proclamation of the 19th instant, a blockade of the
parts of the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and
Texas was ordered to be established;
And whereas, since that date, public property of the United States has been seized, the collec-
tion of the revenue obstructed, and duly commissioned officers of the United States, while engaged
in executing the orders of their superiors, have been arrested and held in custody as prisoners, or
have been impeded in the discharge of their official duties without due legal process, by persons
claiming to act under authorities of the States of Virginia and North Carolina:
An efficient blockade of the ports of those States will also be established.
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States
to be affixed.
Done at the City of Washington, this twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord
[L.S.] one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United
States the eighty-fifth.
By the President:
WILLIAM H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

PRIVATEER OR PIRATE?

The *Enchantress* Affair

BY PATRICIA A. KAUFMANN

In his blockade proclamation on April 19, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln warned that any vessels found interfering with United States merchant shipping would be treated like pirates under international law, rather than privateers.

On July 6, 1861, not long after setting sail from Massachusetts, the Cuba-bound merchant schooner

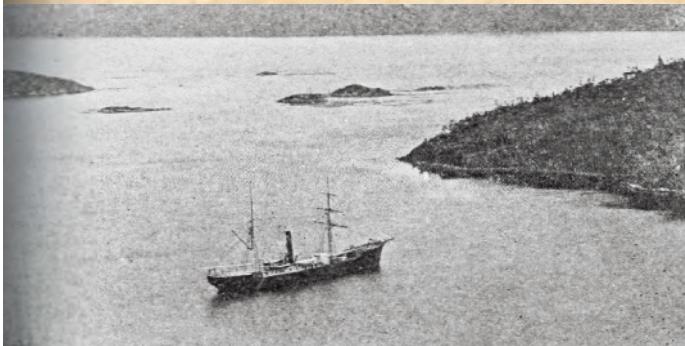


Figure 1. A photo of the USS *Albatross* after the end of the Civil War.

Enchantress was captured by the Confederate privateer *Jefferson Davis* and immediately put into use by the Confederacy. On July 22, 1861, just one day following the Union Army's humiliating defeat at Manassas (Bull Run), the *Enchantress* [Figure 1] was captured off Hatteras, North Carolina by the USS *Albatross*. So in a matter of roughly two weeks, the *Enchantress* was back in Union hands.

The 14 Confederate privateers aboard *Enchantress* were sent to prison and charged with piracy. Four of the crewmen, plus 10 more from another captured privateer, *Petrel*, were found guilty and sentenced to be hanged.

Outraged by the whole affair, especially the verdicts, the Confederate government responded by selecting an equal number of captured high-ranking Union officers and threatened to execute these prisoners of war should the U.S. carry out the sentences of the condemned privateers.

Ultimately, the U.S. government reconsidered the case and decided to treat the captured Confederate privateers not as pirates but as prisoners of war. Thus, their sentences of execution were voided. (I wrote more about this in "The Enchantress Affair," published in February 2012 in *American Stamp Dealer & Collector*.)

John Yates Beall – Privateer Hanged as Pirate

In the last weeks of the war, Confederate privateer John Yates Beall (1835-1865), was arrested as a spy in New York and executed at Fort Columbus, Governors Island, New York.

Beall was born in Jefferson County, Virginia, in what is now West Virginia. At the start of the war he joined Bott's Grays, Company G, in the 2nd Virginia Infantry. He received a wound in the lungs that left him incapable of active service.

Inspired by John Hunt Morgan, he conceived a plan to launch privateers on the Great Lakes. He presented his plan to Confederate authorities, who were interested but declined to act since it might endanger relations with neutral Great Britain. However, Beall was commissioned as acting master in the Confederate States Navy on March 5, 1863, though he was not given a command.

Beall proceeded on his own as a privateer, active in the areas of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. He was captured in November 1863 and jailed at Fort McHenry in Baltimore until exchanged on May 5, 1864. He continued his activities until captured with George S. Anderson while attempting to free some captured Confederate officers by derailing a passenger train. Anderson agreed to testify against Beall in return for leniency.

Beall's trial began on January 17, 1865. His arrest had not

been published in any newspapers and the Confederate authorities were unaware of his perilous status. Although James T. Brady, a prominent New York City attorney, argued ably that Beall was a *bona fide* Confederate naval officer acting under orders, he was convicted. On February 8, he was sentenced to death. Handwritten court records listing Beall's charges are shown [Figure 2].

When the story of Beall's arrest and trial finally appeared in the newspapers, efforts were made to save him. Appeals were made to President Lincoln by many prominent people, including six U.S. Senators and 92 members of Congress, but Lincoln refused to intervene, not wanting to undermine the authority of General John A. Dix, who had ordered the trial.

Beall was executed on February 24, 1865. A photo of Beall was taken the day he was executed [Figure 3].

His last words were, "I protest against this execution. It is absolute murder—brutal murder. I die in the service and defense of my country."

There is a legend discussed by Civil War author Lloyd Lewis in which Lincoln was approached by John Wilkes Booth, who was a friend of Beall's, to save his life. It is said

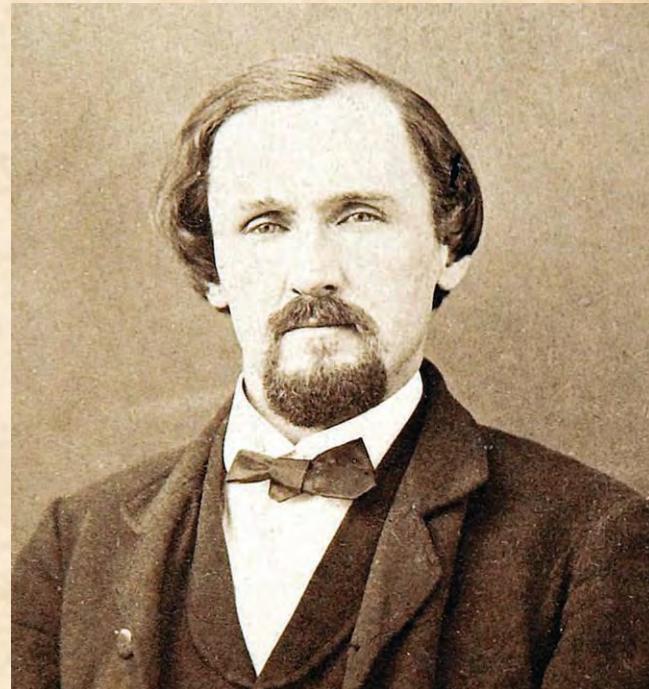


Figure 3. John Y. Beall on the day he was hanged.

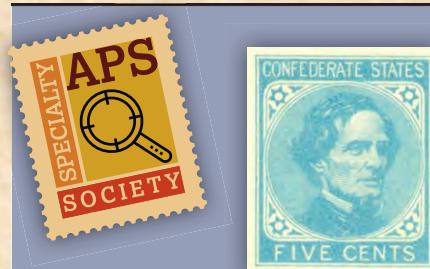
that the president agreed to do so, but changed his mind when he was approached by Secretary of State William H. Seward, who insisted that Beall's activities had been dangerous to the citizens of New York, Seward's home state. Supposedly, a furious Booth determined to kill Lincoln and Seward for this betrayal after Beall was executed. Mind you, this is unsubstantiated lore. ↩

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Those interested in the stamps and postal history of the Confederate Stamps of America might want to check out the Confederate Stamp Alliance (APS #AF0073), which promotes the collecting and study of Confederate philately. The society offers expertizing, handbooks, exhibition awards and special awards. Website: www.csalliance.org. Dues are \$32 in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. For information, contact Dr. Deane R. Briggs, 2000 N. Lake Eloise Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33884; email drb@gte.net.



England and France, in accordance with the 1856 Treaty of Paris, closed their ports to both Confederate and U.S. privateers. The British Queen's Proclamation of Neutrality was filed May 13, 1861; the Emperor of France followed suit on June 10, 1861.

The Mailing Process

Incoming mail to the Confederacy was typically sent inside another envelope to a foreign staging port for transfer to a blockade runner and then posted in the Confederate arrival port, where inland postage and a 2-cent ship fee were assessed. No West Indies postal markings appear on incoming mail.

Outgoing mail was typically forwarded under cover by a blockade runner to a foreign port, where it was placed in the mail. Confederate postal markings do not appear on outgoing mail, with very few exceptions.

Fewer than 400 letters carried by blockade runners are known today and only a small percentage of them were Prize Court evidence.

Captured Blockade-run Mail Should Not Exist

Under international maritime law as it existed before, during and exists since the Civil War, a blockade was lawful and recognized in law only if, among other criteria, it was imposed by one sovereign nation against another sovereign nation as part of an officially declared war.

Since the United States refused to recognize the sovereignty of the CSA (declaring the Confederacy to be in a state of rebellion, not war), the blockade was unlawful. Therefore, every ship captured by the Union and taken as a prize of war should have been found by the court to have been unlawfully taken through an act of piracy. Piracy is committed when one nation, the U.S., illegally acts against the commerce of another sovereign nation, such as Spain or Britain. The vessels should all have been returned to their owners with payments for damages incurred because of official piracy committed by the United States during a state of rebellion.

Closing Thoughts

U.S. Prize Court markings were cataloged for the first time in the *Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook of Stamps and Postal History* (known as the CSA catalog) as Type PC-01 for manuscript docketings "HHE" (Henry H. Elliot) and Type PC-02 for manuscript docketings

"HF" (Henry Flanders).

An average Confederate stampless cover sells for \$100 to \$200, while a similar cover with these treasured markings would elevate it to thousands of dollars. A U.S. Prize Court cover catalogs \$3,500 in the 2012 CSA catalog.

The magenta markings on Prize Court covers convert them from simple stampless covers to captured blockade-run rarities. Yet they are often still overlooked today, enabling knowledgeable students to pick up a bargain.

At the time this article was written, I was unaware of any Southern prize court evidentiary markings, covers, or letters. All prize court uses of which I was aware were from New York or Philadelphia—none from the Confederate court system. Before this article went to final layout, just such a cover and letter fortuitously became known to me—a Union ship captured by the Confederate Navy with a cargo of 3-cent U.S. postage stamps as part of the cargo. To be continued! ↗

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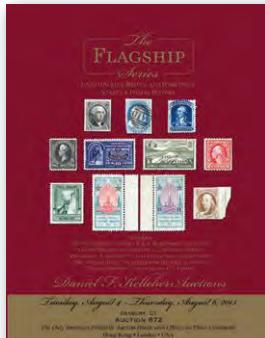
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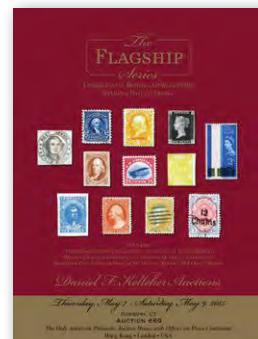
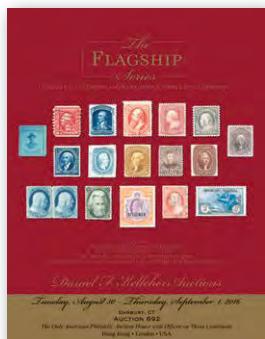
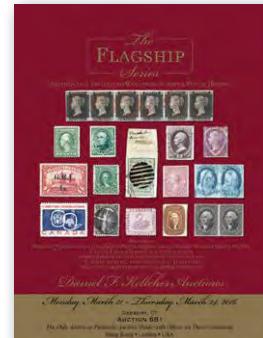
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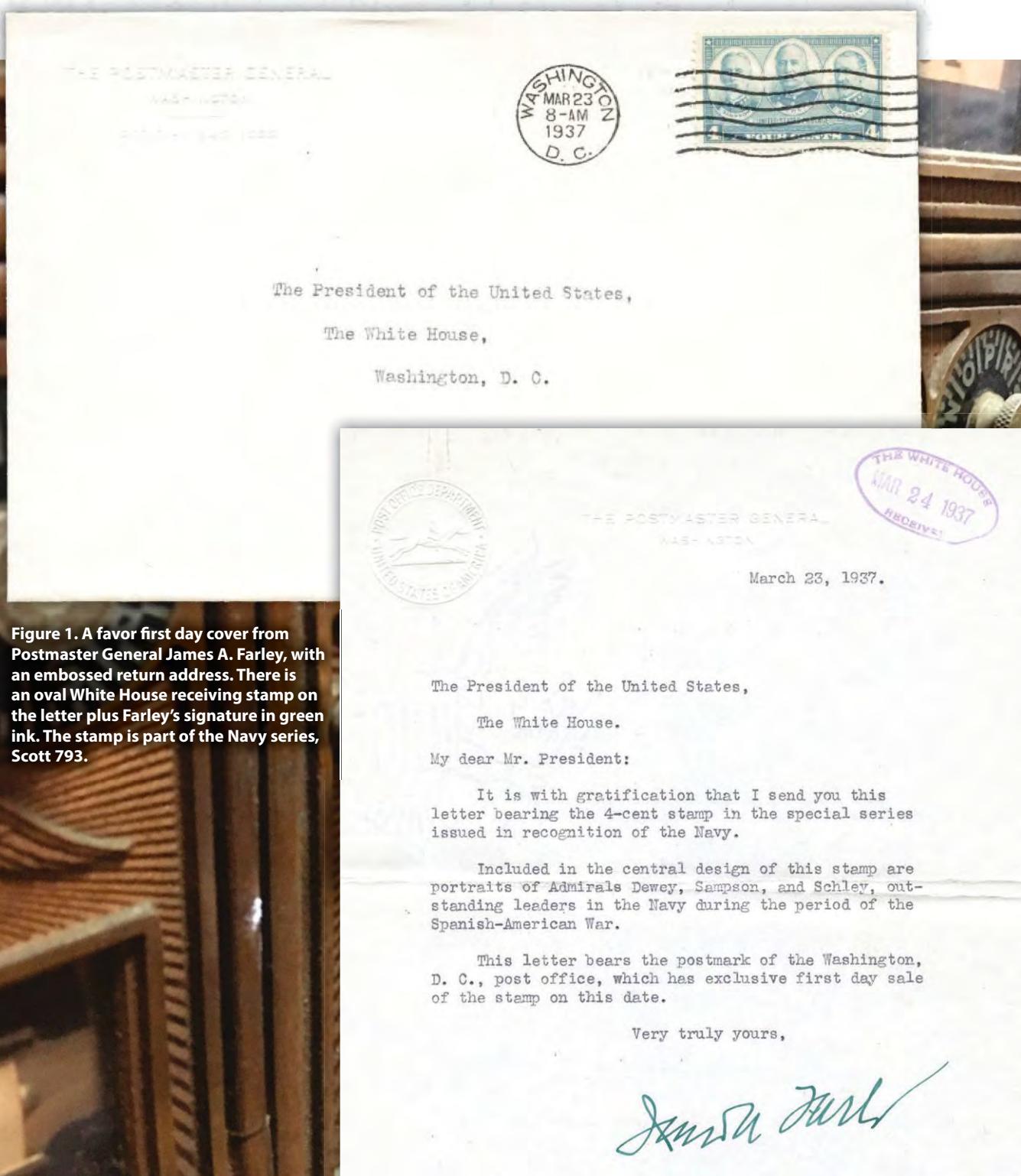
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A Collector's Favored Niche

Postmaster General Favor First Day Covers with Letters

BY PAUL M. HOLLAND



Some collectors may dream of having a time machine so that they could visit a post office window and buy stamps over the counter that they know will someday become rare, but this would be of little help to me. You see, I collect what I call postmaster general favor first day covers with signed enclosed letters.

What are favor first day covers?

Sometimes favor cancels are administered – often for collecting purposes – onto stamps on covers that are likely not going through the regular mail. For this article, though, we are talking about uncacheted, oversize first day covers sent through the mail to a small number of favored individuals by the postmaster general. To receive these you need to have connections. Part of the fun of collecting such covers is trying to figure out the special connection of the addressee that somehow put them on the list to receive these interesting items.

The practice of sending out postmaster general favor first day covers with signed letters seems to have originated with Franklin D. Roosevelt's postmaster general, James A. Farley, and ended at the beginning of the Eisenhower administration.

Unlike the 1934 brouhaha over Farley's Follies – in which large uncut imperforate sheets of stamps were given out as favors to a few people – how could anyone object if Postmaster General Farley decided to write a letter to someone telling them all about a new stamp on its first day of issue?

Farley was a very colorful figure and certainly the most interesting of FDR's postmaster generals, not to mention the fact that he typically signed his letters in green ink! His personality is reflected in the wide range of recipients of these special covers represented in my collection.



Figure 2. Favor first day cover from Postmaster General Frank C. Walker for the 50-cent 1941 airmail, Scott C31.

Farley was FDR's campaign manager, a political genius, a glad-hander and certainly no snob, as examples in my collection from Farley include everyone from the president of the United States (FDR himself) and cabinet members, including Secretary of War Harry Woodring and Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace, down to Pat McKenna, chief doorkeeper at the White House. Other recipients range from His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, to congressmen (letters often signed simply in green ink as "Jim"), and a Master Eddie White (beginning when he was 8 years old), who came from a family of famous diplomats. An example from my collection for the Navy series that was sent to FDR by Farley, with its accompanying letter addressed to "My dear Mr. President" is shown [Figure 1].

On September 10, 1940, Farley resigned as PMG and was succeeded by Frank C. Walker. While these special first day covers continued to be sent out, Walker seemed less interested in signing letters and most simply contain printed new issue notices from the Post Office Department. I'm fortunate to have some nice examples with signed letters from Walker sent to FDR [Figure 2]. This shows a change in the White House receiving stamp to a time and date type.

A special favorite of mine is Robert E. Hannegan, who served as PMG under President Harry S. Truman from July 1, 1945 to December 15, 1947. I have a number of first day covers with signed letters from him. These include ones from the 1947 U.S. postage stamp centenary, an example of which is shown with a detail of its accompanying letter [Figure 3]. Hannegan himself was a key historical figure who in 1944 was the driving force behind the selection of Harry Truman as FDR's vice presidential running mate. This led to

May 19, 1947

Dear Mr. Sigler:

Today in New York City there is being sold for the first time a souvenir sheet of stamps which has been issued in compliment to the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition being held in that city at the Grand Central Palace from May 17 to 25.

This sheet reproduces the original 5-cent and 10-cent stamps issued in 1847. It was in that year postage stamps were adopted by the United States for the prepayment of postage.

I am pleased to send you a cover to which is affixed one of the souvenir sheets.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Charles E. Sigler, Jr.
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Figure 3. Favor first day cover from Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan. The embossed Postmaster General information on the cover and letter do not show up well, but look very official.



Figure 4. Four favor first day covers from Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson.

Truman becoming president when FDR died in April 1945. However, I'm perhaps most intrigued by the brief mention given Hannegan by name as postmaster general in the classic film *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947) that was used in capping the argument before the judge that Kris Kringle is the one and only Santa Claus!

The last postmaster general who sent out favor first day covers with signed letters was Jesse M. Donaldson, who

served under Truman from December 16, 1947 to January 20, 1953. While I have a number of these, my favorites from him commemorate the Four Chaplains, Fort Bliss Centennial, Annapolis Tercentenary and Lafayette stamps [Figure 4]. All were sent to the same address. So what is the connection for these favor FDCs, and who are Tommy and Susan Carpenter?

This is where having enclosed letters signed by the post-

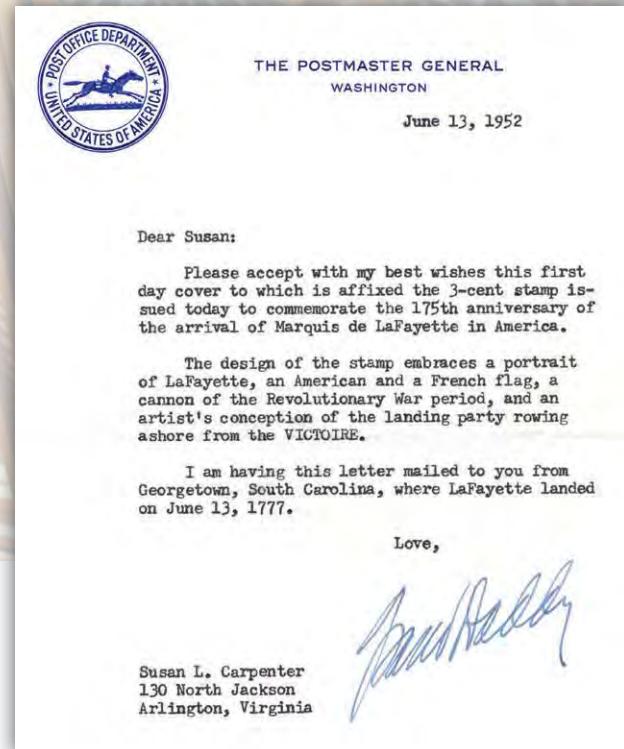
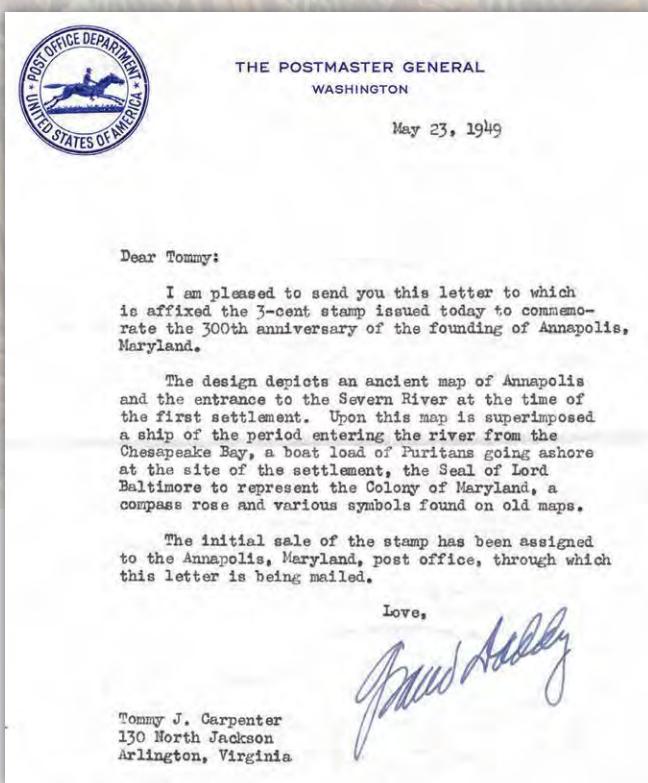
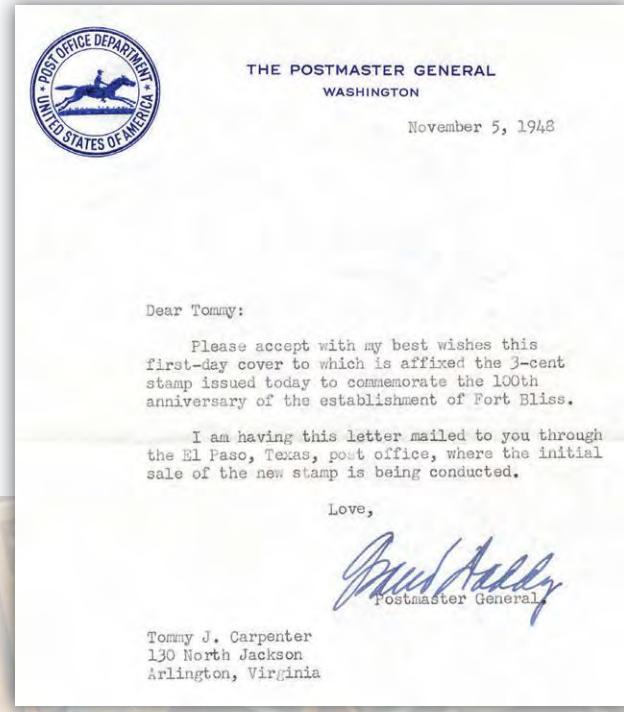
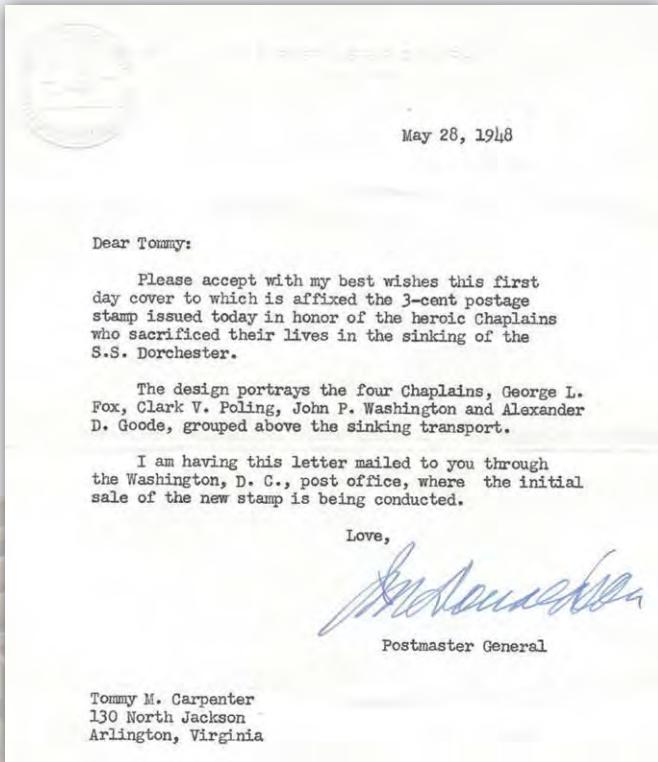


Figure 5. Four enclosed letters from Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson.

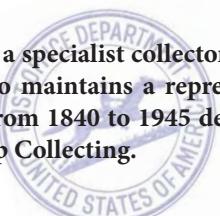
master general can be so helpful [Figure 5]. These letters accompanied the covers shown in Figure 4. Each of the typed letters describes the stamp, along with why and where it was issued. However, it is the signature line that reveals the story as to why these favor first day covers were sent out.

An initial hint is provided by the first letter's close just over Donaldson's official signature, which reads "Love" instead of "Sincerely yours" as in all my other Donaldson letters. By the

second and following letters, he simply signs "Grand Daddy," and now you know the rest of the story. ☺

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A 1-cent surcharge was mistakenly added to the back side of this 5-cent Eagle envelope.

U.S. Stationery Error Found

Donation to APS Yields a Surcharge Error

BY APS STAFF

We pretty much all know what happened with stamps when the United States Postal Service raised rates over many decades.

The United States could have overprinted existing stamps, but that practice – used often by many foreign governments before World War II when the printing process was more tedious and expensive – was wide open to counterfeiting and fraud.

So even a penny more in postage might prompt long lines at post offices as customers bought low-value definitives to make up the new rate. Or, there came nondenominated, letter (from the A Eagle of 1978 to the H Hat of 1998) or “First-Class” (first issued in late 2000) stamps matching the new rate, which hadn’t been determined when the stamps had to be printed [Figure 1]. Forever stamps, which began in 2011, solved many of the problems.

But what should be done with preprinted envelopes that carried an imprinted stamp? The 5-cent postage on such printed envelopes in 1967 would be difficult to sell on January 7, 1968 when the domestic first-class rate rose from 5 cents to 6 cents.

A new 6-cent Head of Statue of Liberty envelope was issued but there were millions of 5-cent Eagle envelopes (U550), along with some old 4-cent Old Ironsides envelopes (U549), stored at the printing contractor’s warehouse that would go to waste [Figure 2].

The Post Office Department’s solution: run the envelopes through the presses again and add a surcharge.

This had been done before. In 1958, printers added the 2-cent shield surcharge to 2-cent red Washington stationery to meet the new 4-cent first-class rate (U537).

The 1-cent green Eagle also was used in 1958 on 3-cent



Figure 1. For many decades, when U.S. postal rates changed, temporary fixes created some out-of-the-ordinary stamps. Examples include the A Eagle of 1978, which paid the new 15-cent rate, Scott 1735; the nondenominated (20 cents) Christmas stamps of 1981, including the Bear on Sleigh, Scott 1940; and nondenominated (34 cents) “First-Class” stamps of late 2000, including the Flag Over Farm, Scott 3450.

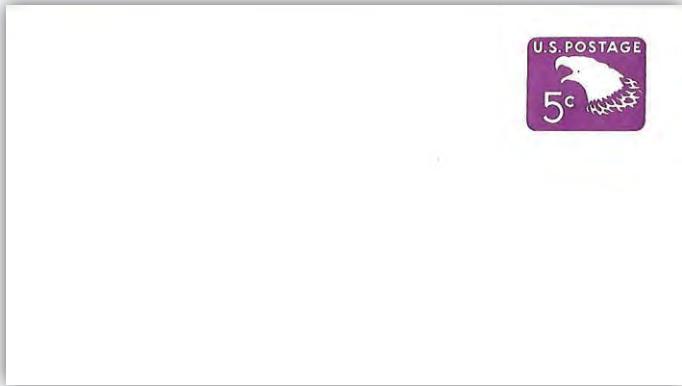


Figure 2. The original 5-cent purple Eagle envelope. Scott U550.

purple Washington envelopes, creating a 4-cent item (U539). And the 1-cent green Eagle also was used in 1962 [Figure 3], as it was surcharged onto 4-cent purple Franklin envelopes, creating a 5-cent envelope (U545).



Figure 3. A green 1-cent Eagle surcharge was added to 4-cent purple Franklin envelopes in 1962, Scott U545.

a keen-eyed local volunteer, Darlene Bloom, of West Decatur, Pennsylvania, was sorting through a big pile of stationery pulled from a box of donated materials. All of the items were common until she found one that had a note stuck to the front of the glassine. “Overprint on back instead of front,” the note said. There was no indication of the item’s value.

The envelope was a revalued 5-cent Eagle envelope with the 1-cent surcharge (Scott U553). But, as simply as the note stated, the Eagle imprint was not on the front [Figure 5].

The surcharge print is in the correct position from the top and sides of the envelope, but is found on the flap of the envelope’s reverse side. Somehow, the envelope traveled backwards through the Jet and Verner presses applying the surcharges stamped in green.

The error was certified as genuine by local expert William Lehr and determined to be previously unreported by a United Postal Stationery Society editor and by a collector of major postal stationery errors, freaks and oddities. It will be listed in the UPSS catalog as No. 3537a-



Figure 4. The green 1-cent Eagle surcharge was used again in 1968 to increase postage to old 5-cent purple Eagle envelopes, Scott U553.

49, with an estimated value of \$1,200, according to the catalog’s editor.

The error will now reside in the American Philatelic Society Reference Collection. This is the second stationery error found this decade in donations to the APS. In 2011, a revalued 6-cent White House Conference on Youth envelope with 2-cent surcharge inverted on the reverse was found.

Many thanks go to all the donors of material to the APS. You never can tell what might be discovered.

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Figure 5. A 1-cent surcharge was mistakenly added to the back side of this 5-cent Eagle envelope. The error, found earlier this year in donations at the American Philatelic Center, is unique and has not previously been reported.

BY CHARLES POSNER

50th Anniversary of Pure Food And Drug Laws (Scott 1080)



United States 3-cent 50th Anniversary of Pure Food
And Drug Laws commemorative stamp.

The Making of the Stamp

The philatelic press – led by Franklin Bruns Jr. – expressed surprise when on January 9, 1956 Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield announced that a stamp would be issued to mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Pure Food and Drug Act.

By 1956, most Americans were living in the safety of a society where federal and state agencies protected their citizens against food, cosmetic and medicinal contamination. One could be reasonably certain that the list of ingredients on the packaging of a product was what it contained. Yet very few Americans were aware that 1956 was the golden anniversary of the Pure Food and Drug Act. The act was the first of a series of pioneering laws to prevent “the manufacture, sale or transportation of adulterated or misbranded or poisonous or deleterious foods, drugs medicines and liquors, and for regulating traffic therein, and for other purposes.”

Many prominent applied scientists who worked in state and federal governmental and quasi-governmental institutions made it known through a representative organization, the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the United States, that they intended to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Pure Food and Drug Act. Their organizing committee went so far as to set up a special body to plan for the

issuing of a commemorative postage stamp in recognition of the act. The Food Law Institute Inc., representing industry, concurred. At the same time, reformers pushing for an extension of the law were convinced that a stamp would provide them with the publicity they needed to convince Congress that the act needed strengthening. In an election year the government itself was convinced that it should be seen to be doing something to improve the quality and purity of food, cosmetics and drugs although it continued to cut funding for the enforcement agencies. The conjuncture of these interests guaranteed that a stamp would be issued.

Another area of agreement was that the stamp should also honor Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley (1844-1930) who not only devised, wrote, defined and was initially in charge of implementing the act, but was something of a hero to the



The photograph that served as a model for the stamp.

scientists who worked to improve health and well being. Even to organizations that were, by definition, opposed to independent testing, regulation and control, he was seen as the acceptable personification of the movement that led to the act. As Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield pointed out, Wiley's face and his trail-blazing role and, indeed, his actions, were largely unknown to the general population; yet, every time they ate their food, bathed or took medicine, they benefited from his fight for purity.

For many years, Wiley was the chief

chemist of the Department of Agriculture where he painstakingly developed techniques to test food and other products for adulteration, dangerous additives and preservatives. Because of the ultimate success of his campaign for congressional action he was called the father of the Pure Food and Drugs Act.

How could one depict a Pure Food and Drug Act on a postage stamp? There were no recognizable symbols. Portraying test tubes, microscopes and other scientific apparatuses would convey little that was precise and to the point. Moreover, given that the mid-century Post Office Department did not look kindly on abstract design some realistic or representation was required.

The philatelic press expressed surprise when the Postmaster announced that a stamp would be issued to mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Pure Food and Drug Act.

Another problem was that Harvey Wiley was so unassuming and modest that he would not have been happy about being portrayed on a postage stamp. After much discussion, the decision was to show Wiley at work in his laboratory and provide a very short explanatory text. If one takes into account the results of Linn's annual popularity poll it was the wrong decision. The Pure Food and Drug Laws stamp shared the distinction of being considered to be the worst designed stamp of the year, an honor shared with the stamp marking the 200th anniversary of Nassau Hall (Scott 1083). It also was judged to be the least necessary stamp of the year.

To put it mildly, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had an impossible task. They had to produce a design that combined a law and a scientist who shunned publicity. In an endeavour to overcome these obstacles, they produced 11 design proposals.

What the approved design and nine of those that were rejected have in common is the use of portrait of Wiley that was adopted from a photograph favored by his wife, Anna Kelton Wiley (1877-1964). The photograph of a seated and very officially posed and serious Wiley was taken by the father of noted photographer Frank Lafayette "Del" Ankers (1916-2008), who often took pictures of Washington, D.C. notables. Because of the limitations of the postage stamp, serious cropping was required and the area beneath his chest disappeared.

The Famous American Designs

The tried-and-tested Famous Americans format from the 1940 series was tried for five of the designs. The Ankers photograph is cropped so that a bust-type presentation of Wiley dominates the composition.

1. In one of the compositions Wiley is seen at work in his laboratory. To his right the upper portion of a generic microscope is visible and he holds a slide in his left hand. "United States Postage" extends across the top of the design and the denomination in larger typeface is beneath it on the left side of the submission. "Harvey W. Wiley" appears in white just above the microscope. Within a wide border at the bottom over two lines is the legend "50th Anniversary - Pure Food and Drug Laws." Why the plural form of "law" is used is a mystery.

On the other four stamps formatted in a similar way the explanatory legend omits any mention of law or laws and appears as "50 Years of Pure Food and Drugs." The wording hardly provides an explanation about the subject of the stamp.

2. The second design is the closest to the layout of the Famous American series. A chemical flask placed at the bottom left of the composition just where the symbols were placed in the 1940 series. The size and placement of Wiley's face is, again, reminiscent



Rejected stamp designs, some of which were based on the Famous Americans series of 1940.

of that series. The inadequate and, indeed, incomplete and misleading legend "50th Anniversary Pure Food and Drugs" is placed within a band across the top of the stamp. Wiley's name appears as "Dr. Harvey W. Wiley" just above the bottom band that encloses "United States Postage." The denomination is enclosed within a square at the lower right side of the composition.

3. The only difference between the second and third designs is that in the latter the background is filled with a collection of various chemical flasks.

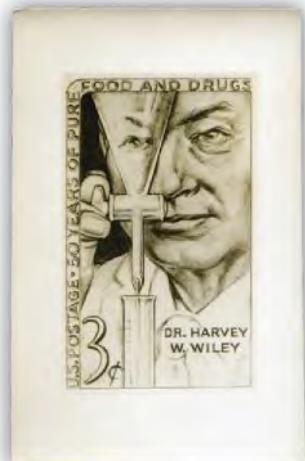
4. The portrait and its placement are similar to the preceding designs. The difference is that in the upper left portion of the composition there is a microscope highlighted by a halo-like shape. "50 Years of Pure Food and Drugs" stretches across the top of the stamp. The denomination is in the lower right corner and below it "U.S. Postage" "Dr. Harvey W. Wiley" is just under the microscope and parallel to Wiley's nose.

5. The fifth design consists of a chest up reproduction of the photograph. "50 Years of Pure Food and Drugs" features along the top. The placement of the denomination and the country identification are the same as the fourth design. Aside from that there is no text.



The Horizontal Design

The one horizontal proposal has the appearance of a collage. The vignette consists of a much enlarged microscope surrounded by a halo on the left side of the composition. An adaptation of the photograph of Wiley occupies the right side of the stamp. The text "50 Years of Pure Food and Drugs" stretches across the top of the stamp. Beneath the truncated portrait of Wiley is the wording "1844-1922" and "Dr. Har-



vey W. Wiley." Along the bottom of the stamp is the denomination and "United States Postage."

Vertical Designs

1. One proposal is not based on the photograph having as its center of interest a three-quarters face occupying the center and upper right of the vignette. The face is partially obscured by chemical instruments occupying the center and left side of the stamp. In the lower right quarter of the stamp is the wording "Dr. Harvey W. Wiley." Within a band along the left and top sides of the composition is the text "U.S. Postage - 50 Years of Pure Food and Drugs." The denomination is found in the lower right corner. The style is startlingly different from any previous depictions of a subject.

2. Here, Wiley is visible from his waist up and wearing a waistcoat is at laboratory bench replete with chemical flasks. In his right hand he holds a stopper and in left hand a test tube. United States postage and denomination across the top and 50 years in a panel at the bottom.

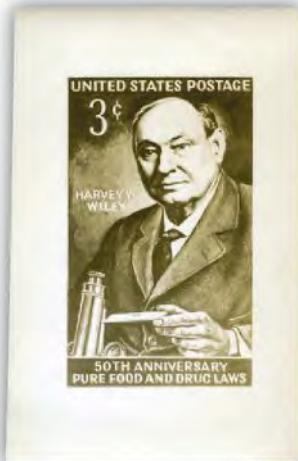
Designs three and four are similar to the accepted model. On one, the microscope is elongated and the title "Dr." precedes Wiley's name. On the other, the position of his left hand holding a slide is somewhat altered.

The Design Itself

As we have seen, the design is taken from Anna Kelton Wiley's favorite photograph of her husband. The vertical design depicts Wiley visible from the chest up and facing right. In his left hand he holds a slide that is in close proximity to a microscope found on the bottom right side of the composition. His name, "Harvey W. Wiley," is featured over two rows to the left of the portrait and "50th Anniversary Pure Food and Drug Laws" is in a panel along the stamp's base; the two inscriptions are in white-faced Gothic.

A comment – "Wiley did wonderful work, but he doesn't look good on a stamp" – was widely shared and the design of the stamp was condemned by readers of *Linn's* as the worst and least necessary stamp of the year.

Despite its poor acceptance, Robert Fellers maintained that due to "increased public demand" up to 120 million were to be printed. In fact, the run was just less than 113 million.



The Subject

In the aftermath of the American Civil War scientific advances that led to the longer term preservation of food, the development of chemical additives, and long distance refrigerated transportation became the cornerstone of the creation and expansion of large national food, cosmetic and drug monopolies. Only large-sized enterprises could bear the high costs of such innovations. Local producers and retailers could no longer effectively compete. Urbanization

led to a decrease in home-grown products and a growing dependency on buying processed food and other household essentials.

At the outset, safety and health took a back seat to lowering the cost of production and standardization. There were few safeguards and recourse to the use of untested chemical additives and adulteration legally could not be prevented. Many adulterants, like lead chromate in mustard,

benzoate of soda used in the preservation of fruit, mercury and arsenic compounds as colorants in confectionary, and picrotoxin in beer, were commonly used. Spices were loaded with sawdust and powdered charcoal. Tinned peas and French beans were dyed green with copper sulphate. Chemical antiseptics, such as borax and formaldehyde were used to offset the consequences of insanitary packing. "Patent medicines" some of which contained narcotics had labels that made extravagant claims but gave no hint of dangerous or habit-forming ingredients.

The basic food basket was the most severely affected and, in particular, that of the urban poor. They no longer had either the time or the space to grow and produce their own foodstuffs. They regularly spent more than half their income on food and lived in squalor with little access to health services. At the turn of the 19th century, up to 22 percent of families in the poorest districts of the largest cities contracted typhoid and other illnesses related to fecal-contaminated food or unsafe and polluted drinking water.

Traditional products like bread were mass-produced. New inventions like oleomargarine were introduced to replace more expensive butter that had a shorter shelf life. Alum baking powder replaced more traditional products. By the 1880s the marketplace was flooded with poor, often harmful products. With almost no government controls, some manufacturers freely tampered with their products, substituting cheap ingredients for those represented on labels: honey was diluted with glucose syrup; olive oil was made with cotton-seed; and even "soothing syrups" given to babies were laced with morphine.

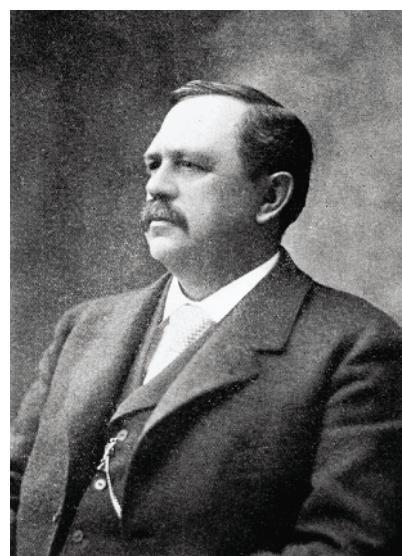
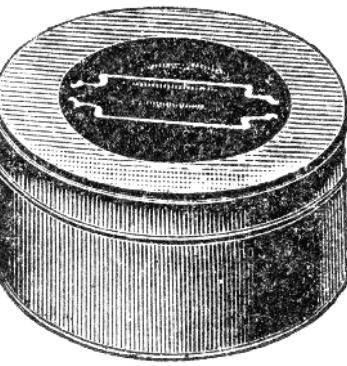
The economic and social transition to a more urban and industrial society had the consequence of creating mass-produced food and domestic products of dubious provenance and purity. A new generation of scientists, many originally

self-educated, began to investigate the relationship between the purity of many products and its effect on health and nutrition. They lacked the tools for research and called upon the government to create mechanisms to investigate the new range of products. They also promoted stringent laws to achieve quality control and against the adulteration of basic products as well as educational programs to make people aware of health and nutrition and the relationship between them. They were convinced that the real problem facing the fast-industrializing society was the need for regulation rather than market share, corporate profit and bureaucratic growth hidden behind the cloak of rhetoric about "public interest."

Two of the new generation of activist-scientists were the almost exact contemporaries: chemists Wiley and Wilbur Olin Atwater (1844-1907). Their areas of studies – health, nutrition and purity – required financial backing that no university or research center could give, and almost none of the cartels and monopolies were willing to finance. Moreover, they saw the need for some kind of umpire to oversee the process and this, in their view, could only be a federal government committed to ensuring the health of its citizens and, in particular, of the urban poor.

Wiley came from a family of teachers and after service in the Union Army during the Civil War was able to enroll in higher education. He received a degree in medicine from Indiana Medical College and a science degree from Harvard University. By his late 30s, he was a professor of chemistry at Purdue University.

In 1882-83 he was persuaded to give up academic life and move to Washington, D.C. to become chief chemist in what is now the Department of Agriculture. His main task was to support the new agricultural industries, but he was also able to continue his private passion, developing tests for food purity. His achievements while at the Department of Agriculture were of both a technical and, uniquely, social character. He devised instruments and methods for processing glucose, grape sugar and sorghum sugar and practically established the beet-sugar industry in the United States. He also supervised the preparation of his landmark Bulletin No. 13: Foods and Food Adulterants (1887-1889), which covered all classes of food products and described methods of analysis. However, Wiley's dynamic personal qualities, expressed on the public platform and, informally, in such a private publication as *Songs of Agricultural Chemists* (1892) carried the subject beyond the realm of technicians.



Food safety activist and scientist Wilbur Olin Atwater was a contemporary with Harvey Wiley.

All through the 1880s and 1890s, pure-food bills promoted by Wiley and other scientists were introduced into Congress and all were killed by powerful lobbies. To bring his cause to the public, and with a budget of \$5,000, Wiley set about organizing a reform movement.

Firstly, in 1902 he set up a volunteer group of healthy young men, called the Poison Squad, who tested the effects of chemicals and adulterated foods on themselves. Encouraged by Wiley and his close associate, Alice Lakey (1857-1935), women banded together to push the campaign for pure foods. These included the Federated Women's Clubs, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the National Consumers League, led by Florence Kelley (1859-1932). They bombarded the White House with letters and petitions. In fact, more than 1 million women wrote to the president in support of legislation. Major canners became supporters of the legislation and voluntarily abandoned the use of questionable chemicals. Finally, after two decades of wrangling, the battle was won on June 30, 1906, when President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Pure Food and Drugs Act, largely written by Wiley, who was then appointed to oversee its administration.

Secondly, he orchestrated a publicity campaign. Although, as journalist Gilbert Seldes (1893-1970) reminds us that more than 90 percent of the press opposed the law because much of their revenue came from advertising patent medicines, he had the support of writers like Upton Sinclair, who in his 1905 book, *The Jungle*, exposed practices in the Chicago-based meat-packing industry. The book sold 1 million copies in its first year of publication. Journalists like Samuel Collins Adams in *Collier's* magazine exposed patent medicines and advertising fraud. These and other articles served to highlight the widespread adulteration of drugs as well as of food.

Thirdly, Wiley formed a temporary but much criticized

backed up by the new generation of pharmaceutical chemists who like their university research centers depended on these growing companies for their survival.

Fourthly, he mobilized the chemists and administrators who served in government and quasi-governmental organizations connected with food and drugs.

In 1907, Wiley published his magnum opus, *Food and Their Adulteration*, detailing the history, preparation and subsequent adulteration of basic foodstuffs. In 1929, he summed up his views in *The History of a Crime Against the Food Law*. It is subtitled, "The Amazing Story of the National Food and Drugs Law Intended to Protect the Health of the People Perverted to Protect Adulteration of Foods and Drugs."

The battle had been won – but not the war. The press, food processors and the patent medicine industry could not forgive him. Their congressional allies hammered away incessantly in attempts to make the law inoperative. They launched a war of attrition against Wiley calling the law "socialistic" and saw it "endangering free enterprise, as being illegal, unfair and un-American." By 1912 Wiley's position was untenable and he resigned his government post because the fundamental principles of the act, he stated, had been paralyzed. A headline of the day read: "Women Weep as Watchdog of the Kitchen Quits After 29 years."

Wiley moved to *Good Housekeeping Magazine*, started in 1885, and its Good Housekeeping Institute, where he had already encouraged the set-up of laboratory to ensure the reliability of its editorial pages and to monitor government activities. In his 19 years as director of the bureau at Good Housekeeping, he led the fight for tougher government inspection of meat; for pure butter unadulterated with water; and for whole-meal flour, which growers until that time had been mixing with other grains. The bureau analyzed food products and published its findings. Its "Tested and Approved" seal



alliance with the new pharmaceutical companies like Squibb (founded in 1858); Parke Davis and Company (1871); Eli Lilly (1876); Upjohn Company (1886); Abbott Laboratories (1888); Bristol-Myers Company (1887); and Smith Kline and French Company (1891). They saw the law as a splendid opportunity to ban patent medicines, elixirs and local herbal remedies and substitute them with their own synthetic products. They gave the campaign their wholehearted support

became the coveted symbol of responsible industry, and the Good Housekeeping Seal remains the pre-eminent consumer emblem today. He campaigned against reliance on sugar and against tobacco.

Like all innovators and campaigners Wiley was controversial. For some, he acted too quickly without solid research to back him up; for others, he acted too slowly and was in league with some of the organizations responsible for pollu-

The 50th Anniversary of Pure Food And Drug Laws stamp article is the 18th in a series by Charles Posner on the nearly 120 United States stamps issued from the 1950s to the mid-1980s. Because of the large number of annual stamp issues, and the detailed information provided, the articles on the stamps below are found online as bonus content on *The American Philatelist* webpage.

Wheatland Home of James Buchanan (Scott 1081)

On June 5, 1956 Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield made what Franklin Bruns called a “surprise move.” He declared that his department would issue a stamp on the following August 5 featuring Wheatland, the Lancaster, Pennsylvania home of James Buchanan (1791-1868), who had served as president between 1857 and 1861. Summerfield was well aware that the decision both puzzled and disquieted many commentators.



In Honor of Labor Day (Scott 1082)

The Labor Day commemorative stamp was originally to have been issued in 1955. That year, the two major labor federations – the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations – merged to create the familiar AFL-CIO. So, why wasn't the stamp issued? Explore the mix of circumstances and interventions that postponed the release until 1956.



3-CENT 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PURE FOOD AND DRUG LAWS COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Date of issue: June 27, 1956
Designer: Robert L Miller Jr.
Vignette engraver: Charles Alton Brooks
Frame engraver: John Samuel Edmondson
Letter engraver: John Samuel Edmondson
Color: dark blue green
Format: Electric eye plates of 200 divided into four post office panes of 50 by horizontal gutters – arranged 10 horizontally by 5 vertically

Perforation: 10.5 by 11
Size: 0.84 inches by 1.44 inches (21.34mm x 36.58mm)
Printing: Bureau of Engraving and Printing on Stickney rotary presses

Anomalies: horizontal perforation shift
Quantity issued: 112,930,200
First-day site: Washington, D.C.
First-day covers serviced: 411,761

PLATE NUMBER REPORT

Plate No.	Impressions	Printed
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25438	166,060	June 1, 1956
25439	166,060	June 1, 1956
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tion, contamination and ill health. He achieved much by putting food purity and safety on the agenda for the first time in a society whose principle of a "free economy" did not at that time include regulation. He was instrumental in obtaining the first, albeit not comprehensive, laws against adulteration. As a member of the government he practiced "the art of the possible" based on "the inevitability of gradualism." That is, he was forced to compromise to obtain the measure of success he achieved and when he saw the laws he sponsored and even authored were less effective than he hoped he resigned from the government and campaigned from the position he took on at Good Housekeeping. He died on day of 24th anniversary of the signing of the Pure Food and Drug law. He was given a patriot's funeral and buried in Arlington Cemetery.

The act itself laid the foundation for future initiatives. There were follow-ups in 1912, 1913, 1919 and 1923. However, the growing area of cosmetics was not covered. This came to the fore in 1937 when a number of people died because a manufacturer was able to introduce a solvent chemical analog of antifreeze into a product. This led to the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938. But even that act did not place a requirement upon a manufacturer to make certain that a drug had to be effective before it came onto the market. Not until 1960 were steps taken in that direction.



tener (1903-1989) the assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare presided. Introductory music was provided by the United States Marine Band.

Following an invocation and the presentation of the colors by the U.S. Marines Color Guard and the playing of the national anthem, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson (1899-1994) delivered the commemorative address.

He was followed by Assistant Postmaster General Albert J. Robertson in representation of the postmaster general. He presented the usual leather-bound souvenir album containing an autographed sheet of stamps on behalf of the postmaster general.

Recipients were Anna Kelton Wiley, the widow of Dr. Wiley and in her own right a noted suffragette; Marion Bayard Folsom (1893-1976), secretary of Health, Education



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Portrait of Anna Kelton Wiley with sons John Preston Wiley and Harvey W. Wiley, Jr. (Photo: Library of Congress)

and Welfare, who modestly accepted the album "on behalf of the American people"; Ezra Taft Benson (1899-1994), the secretary of the Department of Agriculture; Dr. George P. Lerrick (1901-1968), commissioner of food and drugs of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Charles Wesley Dunn (1885-1959), founder and president of The Food Law Institute, Inc., (a manufacturers' organization); Eugene H. Holeman (1910-1989), chair of the 50th anniversary committee of the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the United States; and A.M. Gilbert, chair of the stamp committee of the 50th anniversary committee. Additional albums had been prepared for presentation to the president, vice president and the postmaster general.

The words of Postmaster General Summerfield were communicated to the audience. He said that a postage stamp is more than a "tiny promissory note guaranteeing delivery of a letter or a package. ... Stamps portray the ideals and aspirations of men and women of nations – the traditions, the progress, the geographic blessings. Stamps are, in fact a picture gallery of a nation's glories. They show in miniature its famous citizens, the great events of its history, its industries, its natural wonders. They disseminate ideas, and their study is a rewarding cultural hobby."

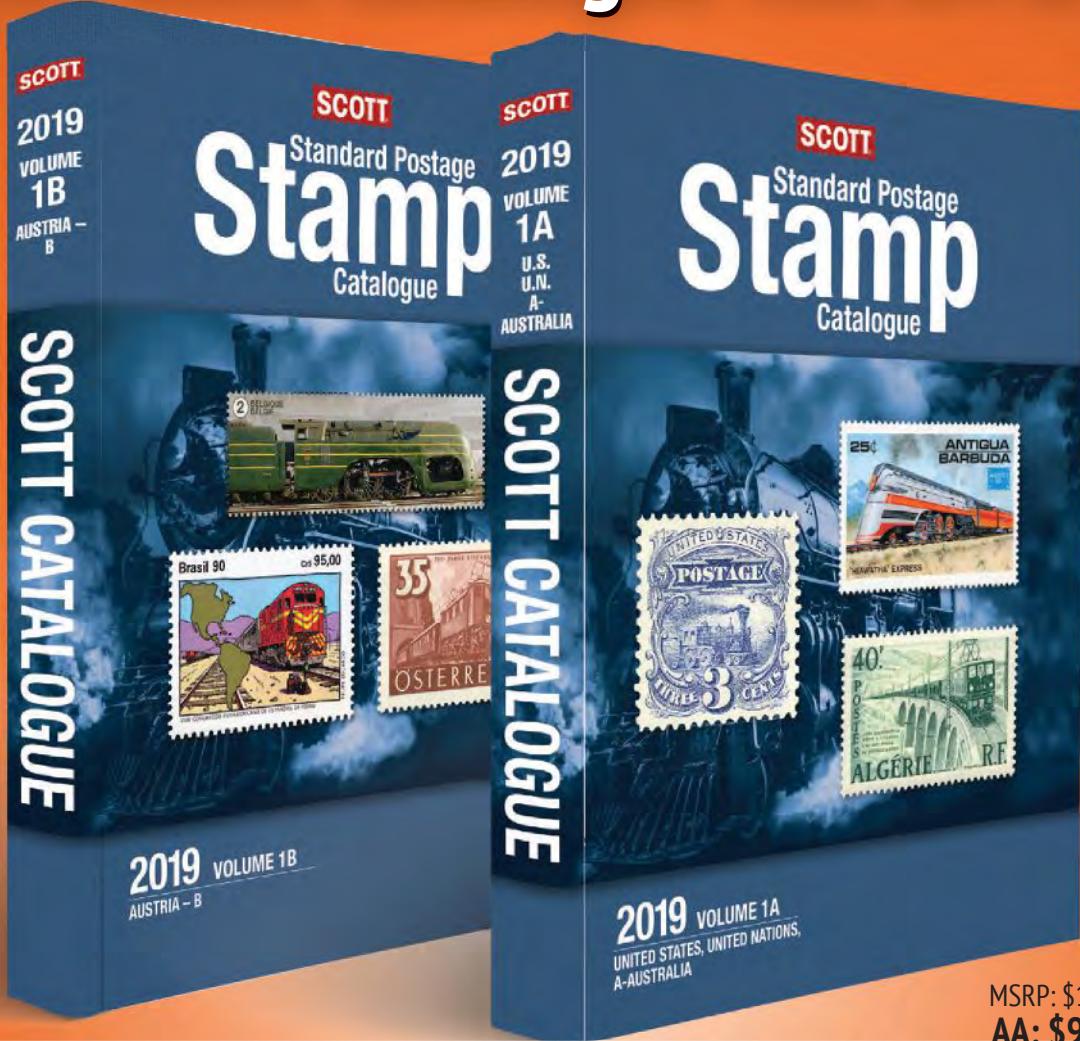
He concluded that in other countries the stamp "will lead to study and discussion of these laws." In that sense, Wiley and his stamp, despite its unpopularity with collectors and philatelists, were a success. ☪

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While many stamp collectors focus on a particular country or time period, there are many others who choose a theme or topic of interest to them – nature, wildlife, art, sports, historical events, famous people – virtually anything imaginable. For topical collectors, locating stamps for their collection on StampStore should be as easy as entering their topic in a search field – or so you would think.

StampStore offers a keywords search, which is a great option for the topical collector to locate items – but only if sellers are actually listing meaningful keywords in their descriptions. For example, if someone collects birds on stamps, they can enter “bird” in the keywords field and hit search to locate items from every country listing “bird” in the description.

We suggested just the word “bird,” but birds on stamps are very common. In fact, the “bird” search on StampStore yields 1,500 results, which is the maximum number our search function will show. Results showed bird stamps from Abu Dhabi through Albania, barely touching the thousands of bird stamps available on StampStore.

For many topics, a single keyword

will produce good results, but if you are searching a common topic and the search produces an overwhelming number of results, we suggest you narrow the topic. We tried this a few ways.

First, let’s say you are only interested in bird stamps of a specific country. For our test, we entered “birds” but just for the country of Bermuda. We get 17 listings, a much more manageable number than the general “birds” search.

Now, let’s say we want a worldwide search for parrots. We enter both “birds” and “parrot” on the keywords line, which yields 24 results. Just to make sure we catch all the parrots stamps, we decide to eliminate “birds” and just search “parrot.” That search yields 55 results.

Entering multiple keywords or plurals can either limit results or show additional results for each individual word within the description.

So we recommend that you try simple, individual words and then start adding more descriptive words to produce your desired list.

Reminders to Sellers

Sellers can expand their potential marketplace with topical collectors by simply including a few keywords in their description. Always think in terms of the buyer when writing the description – every stamp has a topic, why not include it?

The Scott catalogs provide topics, series and subject information for every stamp listed. Sellers should include that basic information in descriptions. For example, in this illustration you see Scott number 3901. In the Scott catalog it is listed under a header of “Spring Flowers” with the subtitle as “Daffodil.” Enter that information



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Additional Help for Topical Buyers

Of course, if you know the Scott numbers for items, it makes it super easy to search for them by simply entering the country and Scott number in the search fields. But where can collectors find the Scott numbers for just items within their specific topics? There are resources that can help locate listings based on topics or subjects – the Scott catalog and the American Topical Association (www.americantopicalassn.org) can be of assistance.

In the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers*, look for the "Subject Index of Regular Commemorative & Air Post Issues." Here you will find subjects listed along with corresponding catalog numbers, but, of course, those are just for United States stamps.

The American Topical Association is the world's largest topical stamp collecting organization providing valuable resources to its members including the "Topical Stamp Checklists." These lists can be a valuable resource to topical collec-

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42312	SI	Austria and Burdufka	1873	Aug 1 1873	1873	1873	1873		

and is another great resource for adding to your collection. Come, say hello to the APS staff, connect with the ATA, and visit our dealer members who come from all over the U.S. and abroad to share their experience and inventory.



Circuit Sales Categories Needed

Each month we list a few categories that are in particular short supply, shown below – to see our full list of stamps needed for circuits visit www.stamps.org/Stamps-Needed. If you have material in these areas that you are interested in selling, consider using circuit sales. For those new to selling, seller information is available online or can be requested by contacting our Circuit Sales staff at 814-933-3803, ext. 231.

- U.S. 1900-1940
- U.S. Airmail Stamps
- U.S. Officials
- U.S. Cut Squares

- U.S. Mint (no blocks or plate blocks)
- U.S. General – no block or plate blocks
- Danzig
- German Colonies
- Spanish Colonies
- Baltic

Overstocked Categories

We are currently overstocked and would not recommend submitting material from these areas at this time:

- Africa
- Russia
- General Germany
- Europe
- General Global
- First Day Covers/First Flight Covers
- Scandinavia

Clearance Reminder

Please remember each month to review the updated “Clearance” Circuit Book topics. Clearance circuits are previously circulated books that sellers are now discounting the remaining value at a “buy all or nothing” opportunity. Members can request a direct clearance circuit that contains 10-20 sales books from the categories available. Visit our website at www.stamps.org/Clearance-Request for more details and to request clearance material. ☺

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One Design with Many Varieties

Franklin Stamp Image of the 1920s Keeps Collectors Searching for Rarity



Shown are nine of the Benjamin Franklin stamps created with the 1920s design noted as A155 by the Scott catalog. Scott 552, 575, 578, 581, 597, 604, 632, 658 and 669.

The online Quick ID service offered by the American Philatelic Society gives us clues as to what stamps have been emphasized in print or online.

For the past couple of months, we have had inquiries, through Quick ID, phone calls and email, about the 1-cent Benjamin Franklin stamp, listed in the Scott catalog as image A155, part of the 27 designs of the Fourth Bureau issues, which started in 1922. The 1-cent Ben Franklin design was first issued in 1923, used into the 1930s, and is listed with no less than 11 Scott numbers: 552, 575, 578, 581, 594, 596, 597, 604, 632, 658 and 669.

Because the Scott catalog values for this design range from \$1.40 unused and 25 cents used to as high as \$175,000, most of the inquirers think they must have the \$175,000 stamp (Scott 596), or at least, the \$11,000 version (Scott 594, used).

A couple of points to keep in mind are that a scan will not confirm the stamp's identity, since color from the scan can be deceiving, and measurements are difficult. Describing any stamp on the phone will not get you a definitive answer on a stamp's identity either.

The first detail to check is the back of the stamp. If there is some green (regardless of the green shade) ink on the back, it is not the expensive variety of the stamp. Also, a straight edge on the stamp indicates that it is a flat plate printing. If you carefully measure the width and height of the design and check the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers* for the dimensions associated with the versions of the design, you may save yourself time and money.

We always say that there is a reason why the expensive version of a design is priced at \$150,000. That's because it is

just that scarce! If you still question its identity, you can submit it to APEX for certification.

If you haven't used Quick ID, you can find the details on our web page at www.stamps.org/Stamp-Identification.

Identifying Using Quick ID

Our Quick ID service helps collectors make basic identifications of more than 800 stamps and covers per year. But identification from a scan on Quick ID does have one difficult area and that is if the watermark is important and cannot be seen on the scan.

If you cannot see some of the identifying details noted in the catalogs, check them and tell us what you discover. Watermarks and set-off ink that are not scanned should be checked and mentioned in your write-up when asking your questions.

Stamps on covers for which the watermark or gum variety are the deciding details for one catalog value or another usually cannot be checked for a definitive answer without lifting the stamp off the cover. Some collectors don't want a cover that has had the stamp removed for identification and others insist on making sure the stamp is the higher valued one, even if it means the stamp must be removed and reattached. APEX does not tamper with items we receive.

We don't want to discourage you from researching your collection to look for the hidden gem, because many of the great stamp discoveries have and can come from the most unexpected collections. But a little attention to details will help you gain experience identifying stamps in your collection. ☾

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REPORT TO OUR VALUED MEMBERS

As the American Philatelic Society celebrates its 132nd year, we remain a financially strong organization, serving our members' needs and promoting the growth and development of philately.

The society has been blessed with countless people who have accepted the challenge to help the society and American Philatelic Research Library keep pace with an ever-changing hobby. This 2017 Roll of Honor publicly acknowledges our members and friends who made an investment in the future of philately through their contributions during the year. We deeply appreciate their support.

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making a donation
to Society or Library**

2,800 In-Kind
Gifts

15,000 Hours
Donated by Volunteers

MEMBERS VERY GENEROUS

The Society and Library received about \$780,000 in cash from gifts during 2017. For the third consecutive year more than 14% of our membership made a cash gift.

For the second consecutive year we had two gifts of \$100,000. The Travers Family of New York gave the Library \$100,000 for the naming of the auction catalog collection. While our Library space is complete, there are still many naming opportunities which help us pay down the debt more quickly.

The second \$100,000 gift was to the Library from a member who wishes to remain anonymous. For the fourth year out of five, this individual gave the maximum distribution from his IRA which he is allowed to exclude from income.

World Stamp Show New York 2016 gave the Society \$75,000. Half of this has been successfully matched by members to support APS technology initiatives. Hugh Wood gave us personal gifts totaling slightly more than \$40,000. This does not include the royalties the Society receives for members who purchase insurance for their collections from the Hugh Wood firm.

In addition to being a sponsor for the Richmond Soiree, APS Director at Large

Mark Schwartz donated stock valued in excess of \$15,000. The Library received two \$10,000 gifts as payments toward naming opportunities. Lamar Stout and Carol Giles-Straight made payments toward the naming of the Librarians office and the on-line catalog. \$20,000 was also received from the estate of Pearl Raines and \$10,000 from the estate of David Bize.

We received more than 50 gifts in memory of members who passed away, 5 gifts in honor of members, and fourteen gifts that were matched by employers. In addition the Society and Library received more than 2,800 in-kind gifts that helped our Library, improved our Reference Collection, and provided material to help promote the hobby to youth and adults. The Society saved about \$35,000 by using donated mint U.S. stamps it received from members.

Although not treated as donations, two sponsors provided invaluable support in 2017. The United States Postal Service which continued its assistance with our August StampShow, and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, which sponsored all the major awards for our winter show.

Stephen Washburne completed his \$5,000 gifts to become



a Vooys Fellow of the Library. Many donors made significant commitments to support a Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship.

About 15 donors have current multi-year pledges, which are accepted for as little as \$100. We also have more than 40 Future Builders who make regular monthly gifts to the APS/APRL, which are charged to their credit card or deducted from their checking account.

Gifts of all size are important. For example, it just takes a few relatively small gifts to fund the APS Stamp Talk internet radio show. Many members are incredibly faithful.

Roger S. Cichorz has made cash gifts for 44 consecutive years, Ernest L. Bergman for 40 consecutive years, Drew A. Nicholson for 39 years, and Robert C. Merrill for 38 years.

We also should not forget the invaluable volunteer support provided by a few hundred APS members, at both the American Philatelic Center and from a distance. During 2017 more than 15,000 hours of volunteer support were provided at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte. This is the equivalent of seven full-time employees.

The recognition pages chronicle the year 2017 gifts totaling \$25 or more and in-kind donations valued at \$100 or more. This includes about 1,500 members who support us as contributing or supporting members. We appreciate the confidence of the many members who provide unrestricted gifts that allow us maximum flexibility to put the money to the best use. At the same time we thank those members who chose to support specific activities such as our youth programs, the Library, our Expertizing Service, and our endowment funds. These donor-directed contributions help us to achieve and maintain

the quality programs and services members have come to expect from your APS and APRL.

A special thanks to the Campaign for Philately Committee, which provides assistance with the Society's fundraising. The Committee, chaired by Alex Haimann includes Michael Bloom, Trish Kauffman, Patricia Stilwell-Walker and Mick Zais.

We welcome your suggestions and questions. Please contact Executive Director Scott English, scott@stamps.org or 814-933-3814, with your inquiries. Thank you for your continued support.

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR PHILATELY



The Campaign for Philately is the banner under which the APS and APRL jointly conduct fundraising activities. The purpose of our Campaign is to provide additional resources for the Society and Library to better serve the membership and to promote stamp collecting. Donors may direct gifts for specific purposes. Undesignated gifts are utilized consistent with the purpose of the campaign, including current programs and services.



Along with our priority to finish our permanent library space, other services and initiatives that will benefit from the Campaign include: membership promotion; technology upgrades; youth and education programs; advertising and public relations promoting the hobby; as well as the creative use of emerging digital and Internet resources.

2017 Fundraising Snapshot

Cash Received

Sale of Donated Stamps	\$ 104,824
Use of Donated Postage	\$ 35,391
Pledge Payments	\$ 24,075
Naming Gifts	\$ 132,000
Memorial Gifts	\$ 5,133
Sale of Donated Lib Matl	\$ 5,943
Estates	\$ 47,728
Matching Gifts	\$ 2,208
Honorary Gifts	\$ 262
Other Cash	\$ 559,875
Total	\$ 922,439

2017 Fundraising Costs

Personnel	\$ 98,767
Credit Card Costs	\$ 2,598
Postage	\$ 9,308
Other Office Expense	\$ 25,748
Campaign for Philately Recept	\$ 11,684
AP Donor Recognition	\$ 5,584
Inter Office Services (Accounting, Mailroom, etc.)	\$ 10,028
Total	\$ 152,033

% Cost of Fundraising	19%
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Cash by Designation

(Excludes Non-Cash Gift Proceeds)	
APRL Acquisitions	\$ 5,650
APRL Endowment	\$ 9,280
APRL General	\$ 163,867
APS Endowment	\$ 2,350
APS General	\$ 114,973
Building/Library Construct	\$ 112,688
Debt Reduction	\$ 10,188
Education	\$ 3,168
Employee Appreciation	\$ 2,419
Expertizing	\$ 2,533
Mighty Buck	\$ 60,239
Sales	\$ 200
Show	\$ 4,772
Soiree	\$ 41,890
Stamps Teach	\$ 4,976
Summit	\$ 35,033
Technology/Website	\$ 72,032
Unrestricted	\$ 112,452
Young Phil Leaders	\$ 23,096
Youth	\$ 2,855

For more information on how you or your organization can support the Campaign for Philately please contact Scott English, scott@stamps.org, or 814-933-3814.

VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE CRITICAL SUPPORT

Both the Society and Library have always relied on volunteer support to maintain their high level of member services. Both of our boards and all our committee chairs and members are volunteers. In recent years additional volunteer support has become increasingly important to the APS and APRL. During 2017 more than 15,000 hours were provided in person at the American Philatelic Center which does not include the many volunteer hours provided by individuals working from their homes nor the dedicated service of our 85 nationally accredited judges whose honorariums typically cover a small fraction of their out of pocket expenses. This is the equivalent of nearly eight full time employees.

Our eighth Volunteer Work Week was held in 2017 with 35 volunteers spending at least part of the week at the APS at their own expense. We extend special thanks to those volunteers: Irving Adams; John Baillis; Charles and Paula Belair; Mary Ann Bell; Charles and Shirley Bentley; Tom and Laurie Bieniosek; Andy Blanchard; Darlene and Leonard Bloom; Brian Christian; Debbie Cleton; Bob Cowells; Richard Colberg; Peg Donor; William Donovan; Dennis Gilson; Don Hargy; Richard Judge; Jim Koncz; Ken Krivy; Hugh Lawrence; William Melver; Arthur and Marcia Meyers; Richard Nakles; Dick Osman; Susan Schnell; Donna Shawley; Paul Smith; Ben and Janet Stauss; and Joe Sullivan.

We look forward to the 9th Annual Volunteer Work Week, July 16-20, 2018. Register now at stamps.org/volunteer.

Volunteers continue to be a valuable resource in the American Philatelic Research Library's mission to provide outstanding library services. Kitty Wunderly, Ellen Peachey and Bill Monsell volunteer on a weekly basis in order to mend and repair materials identified in the collection that are in need of restoration.

In the fall Jeremy Gamble began volunteering in the library helping to reshelf previously used materials as well as to shelf read the collection in order that it remained organized. Ron Gruici volunteers twice a month to sort and organize donated materials for inclusion in the American First Day Cover Society Archives.

We are dependent on volunteers for book reviews in the *Philatelic Literature Review*. Thanks especially to John Bowman, Christopher Kolker, Gary Loew, Peter Martin, Giorgio Migliavacca, Ken Sanford, and Alan Warren.

The article index available through the David Straight Memorial Philatelic Union Catalog is built almost entirely through volunteer contributions. Thanks to Gene Fricks, who indexes many journals, and to those who contribute to his index: Alan Warren (*Posthorn*), David Crotty (*Meter Stamp Society Quarterly Bulletin*), and Randy Woodward (*Philamath*). Thanks also to our library-trained volunteer indexers: Tony Croce (*The American Philatelist*, *American Stamp Dealer and Collector*, and *Linn's Stamp News*), Chris Steenerson (older is-

sues of *American Revenuer*), and Robin Gates Elliott (*Bulletin of the Polonus Philatelic Society*).

Summer Seminar is a wonderful learning experience for all who attend because of our members who generously give of themselves. Thank you to the 2017 Summer Seminar instructors: David Ball; Lynn Batdorf; Rodney Juell; Trish Kaufmann; Ron Lesher; Gary Loew; Doug McGill; Irv Miller; Keith Stupell; Wayne Youngblood; and Steven Zwillinger. Thanks also to those volunteers who presented general sessions, electives, and special programs to those in attendance at Summer Seminar 2017: Dennis Gilson; Virginia Goldberg; David Hunt; Eric Jackson; Ken Lawrence; Bill Lehr; Mary-Anne Penner; Dan Piazza; and Telah Smith.

On-the-Road Courses happen because knowledgeable collectors are willing to share with others. In 2017, 25 individuals provided 13 different courses at a variety of locations around the country. A few of these were done by out staff but thanks to volunteers Mark Banchik, Michael Ball, John Birkinbine, Alan Campbell, Ardy Callender, Roger Curran, Craig Eggleston, Gordon Eubanks, Lois Evans de Violini, Larry Gibson, Fred Gregory, Bob Grosch, Nick Kirke, Ken Lawrence, Ron Lesher, Gary Loew, Michael Mahler, Scott Murphy, Stephen Washburne, Angela Watson, Wayne Youngblood, Steven Zwillinger.

Irv Adams, Andrew Blanchard, Kay Boob, Shirley Brungart, Debbie Cleton, Jerry Gill, John Gonzales, Tom King, Ron Houser, Cheryl Rowe, Donna Shawley, Diane Snyder, and others provided close to 6,000 volunteer hours for our education and youth efforts.

Several volunteers work from their home soaking, trimming and stripping stamps from donated albums. They include Ken Krivy, Joan Kulikowski, Dennis Lamm, Doug Mueller, Geoff Meyer, and Louis Zeelsdorf.

Richard Nakles put in over 2,500 hours helping us to process in-kind donations. Richard is assisted by volunteers John Baillis and Bill Donovan. Debbie Cleton and Helen Watkins affixed thousands of dollars of donated postage to envelopes. The sale of in-kind donations and use of donated postage resulted in about \$140,000 to help offset the costs of Education and Youth projects.

Our sales divisions rely on volunteers to assist with the large volume of material we sell on behalf of our members – online and through the mail. Irv Adams and Ken Krivy assist Circuit Sales with book photography and sorting sales books for recirculation. Irv Adams, Debbie Cleton, Peg Donor, Dennis Gilson, and Ben Stauss assist Internet Sales with scanning the thousands of images each week for items that will go on sale at stampstore.org.

Our two annual stamp shows often use over one hundred volunteers who help staff the registration booth, Stamps by the Bucket, the youth area and help with mounting and dis-

mounting of exhibits. Volunteers at the shows include Lorraine Bailey, Parker and Hilda Bailey; Tom and Laura Bieniasek; Chris Calle; Tony Dewey, David Eeles; Richard Judge; David Kent; Ralph Nafziger; Patricia Salsman, Jay and Denise Stotts; and Charlie Wood. Darlene and Leonard Bloom helped prepare badges in advance of the show. These and additional unnamed volunteers provide more than 350 hours of support at our winter show and about 500 hours of assistance at our summer show.

Dennis Gilson was another APS member who volunteered on a weekly basis in 2017 helping with Expertizing, scanning Internet Sales orders, proofreading *The American Philatelist* and nearly anything else we need.

Since January of 2010, members of our local community

have provided regular assistance. The Retired and Senior Volunteers of Centre County, PA have donated more than 3,000 hours during 2017 either at the American Philatelic Center or from home, preparing in-kind stamp donations to be used in programs with children and adult beginners. We also thank weekly community volunteers: Ron Houser in his seventeenth year and Jerry Gill in his ninth year.

We understand that not every member is financially able to assist the Society and Library, but we will do our best to find a way that every member can help us! With an organization and membership as diverse as the APS/APRL, there is always a job to be done. Information on volunteering is available on our website at stamps.org/volunteer.

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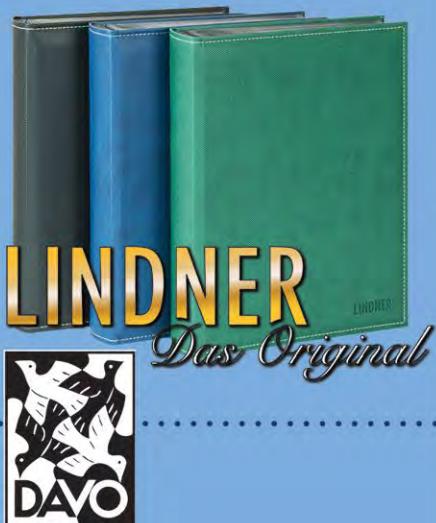
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PHILATELIC HAPPENINGS



BY KEN MARTIN chief operating officer

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The 2018 show season really kicked into high gear with four recent World Series of Philately shows. The grand award winners' exhibits all will be eligible to compete in this year's Champion of Champions competition at StampShow in August in Columbus, Ohio.

The annual Sandical show in San Diego was held January 25 to 27, with exhibitors receiving more than four dozen awards. Daniel Telep won the multi-frame grand award for "Vietnam's Communist Insurgent Military Mail, 1959-1975." Art Bunce's "Canada: The Quebec Tercentenary Issue of 1908" received the multiframe reserve grand while the single-frame grand award went to Fran Adams, for "The Charter of the United Nations."

Stephen DeWit won Sandical's youth grand for "Bayonet Baseball." Congratulations to Art Bunce who received his 50-year APS medal at Sandical.

The Southeastern Stamp Expo held in Atlanta, Georgia from January 26 to 28 celebrated the 100th anniversary of United States airmail with the display of the American Philatelic Society's Inverted Jenny stamp. Pat Walters won the multiframe grand award for his exhibit "U.S. Government [Airmail] Flights (1918-1927)." Edwin J. Andrews received the David L. Hill multiframe reserve grand for his exhibit, "The 1924

Eagle in Wreath Issue, The First Gold Currency Stamps of Poland."

The Athens Philatelic Society Memorial One Frame Grand went to Thomas W. Broadhead for "Balloon Post Cards of the Franco-German War – 1870-1871." The Youth Grand went to Addie Amos for "The Penguin: A Bird That Does Not Fly." The show also presents the Rowland Hill Award for Service to the Hobby in the Southeastern States. This year's recipient was John T. Burnett, a prominent philatelic writer and exhibitor perhaps best known for his "Collecting Canada" column that ran in *Linn's Stamp News* for more than a decade.

Ricardo Botero-Escobar's exhibit, "SCATA – The First Years (1920-1923)," won the grand award at the Sarasota (Florida) National Stamp Exhibition held February 2 to 4. Tony Dewey's "A Postal History of Hartford, Connecticut" took the reserve grand and the single frame grand was awarded to Alfredo Frohlich's, "Replating Columbia's 1861 One Peso Stamp." The show hosted annual conventions for the Scandinavian Collectors Club, Columbia-Panama Philatelic Study Group and Canal Zone Study Group.

Ariplex, in Mesa, Arizona, the site of the 2019 APS winter show, was held February 16 to 18. It celebrated Medal of Honor winner Frank Luke Jr. (also known as the "Balloon

Buster") and hosted the Collectors Club of New York, the Arizona and New Mexico Postal History Society, and the American Ceremonial Program Society.

The F. Bud Sellers Memorial multiframe grand award was won by Stephen Rose for his exhibit, "The 2¢ Stamp of the 1869 U.S. Pictorial Issue." Joe Yousseff received the multi-frame reserve grand for "Classic Persia." "The Collection of Postage Due Fees in Ireland, 1914-1925," by Bob Benninghoff, won the single-frame grand. Jeffrey Varga won the youth grand for "Maersk Group."

Upcoming Symposia and India Study Circle

Special programs are being offered in conjunction with two World Series of Philately shows in May.

Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History

The Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History in Weston, Massachusetts will host its sixth annual postal history symposium to commemorate the centennial of the first U.S. government airmail service. The symposium will be on the campus of Regis College a day before the opening of Philatelic Show in nearby Boxboro. The displays in the museum's galleries, open to the public, will include an example of the Inverted Jenny U.S. airmail stamp error, on loan from the American Philatelic Society.

The India Study Circle has a similar event preceding the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show being held May 25 to 27. Ten Indian-related seminars are planned for the day before the show and a commissioner from India has been appointed to bring a number of exhibits.

Although not in the same city or even state, individuals planning to attend the 10th annual Blount Postal History Symposium November 1 and 2 at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C. may wish to consider a visit to Bellefonte, as our library will have a special celebration of its 50th anniversary on November 2 and 3.

Out and About

The Shenandoah (Virginia) Stamp Club was prominently featured in the February 16 *Winchester Star*. Formed in 1968, the club became an APS chapter in 1970, but in 2008 dropped to only three members and became inactive. We're pleased to



report that the club's meetings every fourth Tuesday now have an average attendance of about 20.

In February, the Collectors Club of Chicago elected its board for the next two years. Congratulations to Jacquelyn S. Alton, Chuck Cwiakala, Leonard H. Hartmann, William Oran Maddocks, Robert A. Schlesinger, Carlos Vergara and Ed Waterous. The board then elected officers. Cwiakala was elected president and Maddocks vice president. Ronald H. Harris will be treasurer and Alton secretary.

The Northern Philatelic Library, 1110 Lowry Ave., North Minneapolis, Minnesota is now open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Several clubs utilize the library space and a monthly bourse is held at the library.

Sad Losses

First day cover collectors have lost a good friend. Mike Mellone passed away in February. Mike was the publisher for the *Planty's Encyclopedia* for first day covers. He also ran the Americover Convention for many years for the American First Day Cover Society. The hobby also lost two other dealers: Jim Mettler and Tom Baron. Jim did a thriving business at several APS StampShows in the late '90s and early 2000s selling thousands of stamps at 10 cents each.

Heavy Participation Expected at StampShow

The dime booths at APS StampShows are now quarter booths. Booth, exhibit and meeting/seminar requests should be made soon for anyone interested in our event set for August 9 to 12. With the show also serving as the American Topical Association's National Topical Stamp Show, demand may exceed supply.

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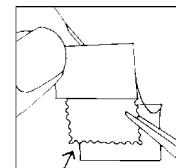
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This photograph shows Theodore Roosevelt Jr. with a French soldier in France during World War I. *Library of Congress*



A photograph of General Ted Roosevelt with his famous cane in France on July 12, 1944, just hours before his death.

D-DAY'S OLDEST SOLDIER

Former First Lady Writes to Her Son as He Returns to Active Duty



Free-frank cover sent from Edith K. Roosevelt to her son on July 25, 1940.

BY PAUL M. HOLLAND

Who was the oldest man and the only general to hit the beaches during the D-Day invasion on July 6, 1944? If you answered Theodore Roosevelt Jr. – age 56 – you are correct.

The unusual military postal history item shown here is a small, handwritten free-frank cover addressed to "Colonel Theodore Roosevelt" from his mother, Edith K. Roosevelt, former first lady and wife of President Teddy Roosevelt. It was mailed on July 25, 1940 from Brooklyn, Connecticut, and

received at the mail room of Rockefeller Center the next day.

Where does this fit into military postal history? Roosevelt, the oldest son of the president, was a decorated World War I veteran. Hobbed by arthritis and an old war wound, he walked with the aid of a cane. He also had heart problems that he kept under wraps. Nonetheless, he remained in the



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Modern photo of Utah beach in Normandy, France.

Army Reserves and in 1940, with war raging in Europe, he volunteered for active duty. After attending a military refresher course, he was promoted to the rank of colonel. This cover, which was sent to him about one month after the fall of France, provides direct evidence of this.



Insignia of the 26th Infantry Regiment

Ted Roosevelt formally went on active duty in April 1941, being given command of the 26th Infantry Regiment, the same unit he fought with in World War I. Later in 1941, he was promoted to brigadier general. Successful in the North African campaign as a fighting general who “led from the front,” he was popular with his soldiers and disdained regulation uniforms and spit-shined ways leading to a clash with General George S. Patton, who had him reassigned.

Afterwards in England, to support invasion planning, Ted Roosevelt was able to convince his superiors to allow him to go ashore with the first wave of troops on D-Day at Utah Beach. When they landed more than a mile off-course, he famously said “we’ll start the war from right here.”

Ignoring enemy fire and walking with the aid of his cane and carrying a pistol, he then distinguished himself by improvising a successful attack on the enemy positions confronting them, making a major contribution to the success of D-Day operations. For this, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, although this recognition came posthumously since he died of a heart attack in Normandy on July 12, about a month after D-Day. This dramatic D-Day episode was recreated by Henry Fonda in the epic 1962 film *The Longest Day*.

What makes military postal history so interesting to me are the stories and connections like this one. Years later, when General of the Army Omar Bradley was asked to name the single most heroic action he had ever seen in combat, he replied, “Ted Roosevelt on Utah Beach.” Bradley and Patton were among Roosevelt’s pallbearers.

The Author

Paul M. Holland is a specialist collector of the FDR era, broadly defined. He also maintains a representative worldwide stamp collection from 1840 to 1945 designed to reflect the Golden Age of Stamp Collecting.

DIGITAL DISCOVERIES



FEATURE FOLLOW-UP

In the February 2018 edition of Digital Discoveries, I discussed the updated magnifier tool available in Apple iPhones and iPads running iOS11 and later. True to form with technology, differences in hardware and previous versions of the software meant that some readers were not immediately able to access the feature. If you have difficulties accessing the magnifier as described in the February article, the likely solution is that you simply need to turn on the feature through the following steps:

1. Launch the Settings app on your iPhone or iPad.
2. Tap on General.
3. Tap on Accessibility.
4. Tap on Magnifier
5. Tap the slide button to turn it on (green).

If, after activating the feature, you still cannot access the magnifier by triple clicking, follow the steps below to make the magnifier your tripleclick shortcut:

1. Launch the Settings app on your iPhone or iPad.
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The listings are free to World Series of Philately and other shows that are sponsored by an APS chapter or affiliate. Other shows/bourses may purchase listings for the month of the show/bourse and the month prior **only**. The listing fee is \$25 per show per issue. Shows designated ***B*** are bourse only.

Grand award winners from shows are eligible for the annual APS World Series of Philately Champion of Champions competition. Visit www.stamps.org>Show-Calendar for a complete listing of shows and APS events.

Listings with blue shading indicate a World Series of Philately show.

Illinois April 6-7

Metro East Postcard Show VFW Hall, 1234 Vandalia Ave (IL Hwy 159), Collinsville. ***B***
Contact: Tom Snyder, 618-531-4189
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Illinois April 7

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Spring Stamp Expo Cumberland Valley Philatelic Society, Eugene Clarke Center, 235 S. Third Street, Chambersburg. ***B***
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April 7-8

MSDA Spring Show North Midwest Stamp Dealers Association, Ramada Inn- Chicagoland Executive Airport, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. ***B***
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Oregon

April 14-15

SOPEX 2017 (Oregon) Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, Jackson County Expo/ Padgham Pavilion, 1 Peninger Lane, Central Point.

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Website: www.facebook.com/Southern-Oregon-Philatelic-Society-SOPS-563441663733915/

Pennsylvania

April 14-15

WILKPEX 2018 Wilkinsburg Stamp Club, Gateway Firehall, 4370 Northern Pike, Monroeville.

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April 21

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April 21

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Maine

April 21

MUDPEX Waterville Stamp Club, VFW Winslow, 175 Veteran Dr, Winslow. *B*

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Iowa

April 21-22

CERAPEX Cedar Rapids Stamp Club, Machinists Union Hall, 222 Prospect Place, SW, Cedar Rapids.

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Michigan

April 21-22

Plymouth Show West Suburban Stamp Club, Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. *WSP*

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Mississippi

April 21-22

GULFPEX 2018 Gulf Coast Stamp Club, St. Martin Community Center, 15004 LeMoyne Blvd., Biloxi.

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Connecticut

April 22

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California

April 26

WE Fest VI Women Exhibitors, San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame. *B*

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Pennsylvania

April 27-28

Lancopex 2018 Philatelic Society of Lancaster County, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster. *B*

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April 27-29

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Ohio

April 29

Montrose Stamp Show Lincolnway Stamps, Holiday inn Akron, West 4073 Medina Road, Akron. *B*

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May 2-3

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May 4-5

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May 4-6

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Oklahoma **June 29-30**
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2018 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show Nevada Stamp Study Society, National Bowling Stadium Museum, 300 N. Center St., Reno.
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North Carolina **July 28-29**
CHARPEX 2018 Charlotte Philatelic Society, Worrell Bldg, Central Piedmont Community College, 1228 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte.
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Georgia **August 3-5**
AMERICOVER 2018 American First Day Cover Society, Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993

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Ohio **August 9-12**
APS STAMP SHOW American Philatelic Society, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, Columbus. ***WSP***
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Washington **August 11**
Strait Stamp Show Strait Stamp Society, Sequim Masonic Lodge, South 5th and Pine, Sequim. ***B***
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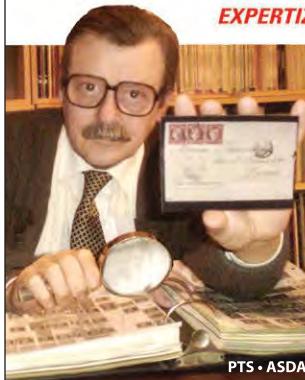


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Andreasen, Danielle (228566) **Cornelius, NC**; 33

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Beck, Graham (228662) **Piscataway, NJ**; 31

Birmingham, William B. (228580) **Harrietta, MI** US SHEETS; 57; Biomedical Equipment Technician

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Daly, Derek (228675) **Carrigaline, Cork, Great Britain** IRELAND-GREAT BRITAIN, MACHINS; 66; Accountant
Donna, Linda M. (228579) **Colchester, VT**; 73
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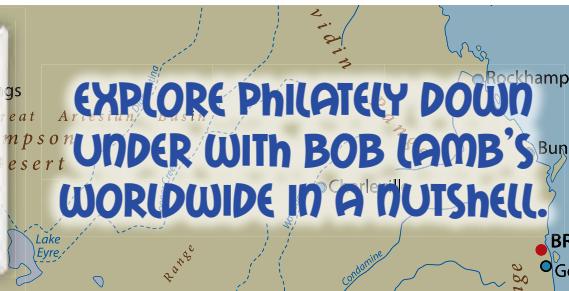
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A Flag and Glowing Life Forms Appear on New Stamps

Only two new stamp issues – one patriotic and another scientific – were issued in February by the United States Postal Service.

The first is a new Flag stamp, which assures that the nation's colors can continue to grace first-class mail in a string that dates back to the mid-20th century.

The other is a set of 10 stamps displaying the up-close and fascinating world of bioluminescent life, much of which is found in the oceans.

Here is a closer look at the new stamps:

U.S. Flag

A United States Flag stamp has been available to the public for use on mail continuously for more than 50 years. To keep that string alive, the U.S. Postal Service, on February 9, issued its latest Flag stamp, this one showing a stiff flag with two crisp folds.

"Since 1957, the Postal Service has produced colorful stamps that celebrate the American flag in all of its beautiful red, white and blue glory," said U.S. Postal Service District Manager Timothy Costello in dedicating the stamp. "Through this stamp, the Postal Service reminds us all of the importance of showing our patriotism and pride all year round."

Looking at the design up close might be a little disorienting, but from a distance you can see the folds as the flag seems to take on a three-dimensional quality.

The forever stamp was formally issued in a first-day ceremony, February 9, at the American Stamp Dealers Association Winter Stamp Show in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. ASDA Executive Director Dana Guyer served as master of ceremonies.

The stamp is being sold in double-sided booklets of 20 and coils of 100. With the postage increases of January 21, the stamp costs 50 cents, but will forever pay the first-class domestic letter rate. Both formats were produced by two printers – Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd. and Banknote Corporation of America.

The flag's vivid red, white and blue colors come through strong and clear via a digital illustration by Kit Hinrichs, of San Francisco, California. Hinrichs' illustration shows crisp folds and a contemporary look, with a shadow on the small,



visible portion of the back to suggest a sense of depth.

Ethel Kessler was the art director.

Although the American flag had appeared on U.S. stamps as far back as 1869, usually as a small element in a larger vignette, it was only in 1957 that the U.S. Post Office Department developed a quick and economical way to produce bicolor or multicolor stamps that could depict the flag in red, white and blue, thanks to a special press acquired from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Postal Service said in a news release. In the decades since, multicolored flags

have become a consistent motif on U.S. postage.

Hinrichs, award-winning principal and creative director of Studio Hinrichs, is a longtime student and expert in American flag design and has written and/or designed four books on the flag: *Stars and Stripes*, *Long May She Wave, 100 American Icons* and *The American Flag: Two Centuries of Concord and Conflict*. His works are included in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the Library of Congress.

John Hotchner wrote a story about U.S. flag stamps that was published December 18, 2016 via the Virtual Stamp Club.

"With the 1963 5-cent Flag Over White House (Scott 1208) issue, the U.S. Postal Service began an unbroken run of definitive (regular postage) stamps that extends to today," Hotchner writes. "This movement really got into high gear with the issuance of the first plate number coil (18-cent) Flag stamps in 1981."

Hotchner's article reviews some printing and flag stamp history, including a review of several design errors, or perceived errors.

The big question I had, though, was how many Flag stamps has the U.S. produced? Of course, Hotchner, always a thorough researcher would supply us the answer:

"Would you like to guess how many face-different U.S. stamp designs include the various forms of the American flag? 25? 50? As many as 100? When I sat down with the catalog to count them, I was surprised to tally over 200! Now, that does include denominated and non-denominated flag stamps that are otherwise the same, and the different color

denominations of the 32¢ “G” definitives; but it does not include Stars-and-Stripes shields, or hard-to-identify dots flying from flag poles on federal buildings and ships, on monuments, uniforms and airplanes.”

Thank you, John. Now you can add the crisp bifold Flag stamp to your lineup. Hotchner’s full story can be found at www.virtualstampclub.com/lloydblog/?p=5021.

By the way. Those who collect postally used versions will need some luck and a great magnifier to find the single size variety among the four versions. The image area of the Ashton Potter coil is 0.8709 of an inch wide. The image area on the other three versions is 0.87 of an inch wide. The Ashton Potter coil is a mere 9/10000 of an inch wider!

Bioluminescent Life

Some of Earth’s most fascinating and mostly unknown life forms appear on 10 new Bioluminescent Life stamps, which were formally issued February 22 in a ceremony at the Sunrise Theatre, Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Bioluminescence – the ability of some living things to generate their own light – occurs on many branches of the tree of life. Eight stamp images represent the work of some of the top explorers of the bioluminescent ocean realm, and two

portray land-based species.

The forever stamps, featuring stunning photography from the world of science, are produced in panes of 20. Derry Noyes designed the stamps and pane. On each row, the third and fourth stamps repeat the first two designs.

Shown on the stamps are:

Row 1: Deep-ocean octopus and midwater jellyfish, photos by Edith Widder.

Row 2: Deep-sea comb jelly, photo by Widder; mushroom, photo by Taylor F. Lockwood.

Row 3: Firefly, photo by Gail Shumway; bamboo coral, photo by Widder.

Row 4: Marine worm and crown jellyfish, photos by Widder.

Row 5: Marine worm, photo by Steve Haddock; sea pen, photo by Widder

At center top, the selvage – or area outside the stamps – features a transparent deep-sea comb jelly (Gregory G. Dimijian photo), surrounded by images of the firefly squid (Danté Fenolio).

Seven photographs on the pane were taken by Widder, Ph.D., recognized as one of the world’s foremost authorities on deep-sea exploration. Widder is founder, CEO and



FLAG DEFINITIVE FOREVER STAMP, ASHTON POTTER VERSION

USPS Item Numbers: 678200 (Double-sided booklet pane of 20); 749700 (coil of 100)

Format: Double-sided pane of 20 (convertible booklet), 1,040 stamps per revolution; coil of 100, 744 stamps per revolution

Issue Date and City: February 9, 2018, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Art Director: Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, Maryland

Designer and Typographer: Kit Hinrichs, San Francisco, California

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset with microprinting

Printer: Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd., Williamsville, New York

Press Type: Muller A76

Print Quantity: 1.25 billion stamps (pane of 20); 2 billion stamps (coil)

Paper Type: Nonphosphored Type III, block tag applied

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive adhesive

Ink Colors: Black, PMS 2145, PMS 186

Pane of 20 Stamp Sizes: Image Area (w x h): 0.73 inch by 0.84 inch, 18.54 millimeters by 21.34mm (image area); 0.87 inch by 0.98 inch, 22.10mm by 24.89 mm (image area)

Full booklet size: 5.52 inches by 1.96 inches, 140.21mm by 49.78mm

Coil of 100 Stamp Sizes: Image Area (w x h): 0.73 inch by 0.84 inch, 18.54 millimeters by 21.34mm (image area); 0.8709 inch by 0.98 inch, 22.11mm by 24.89 mm (image area);

Plate Numbers: “P” followed by three single digits

Marginal Markings (booklet): Header. “US Flag” Twenty First-Class Forever Stamps, Plate number in peel strip area, © 2017 USPS in peel strip area, barcode

Coil Number Frequency: Plate numbers every 31st stamp below stamp image

FLAG DEFINITIVE FOREVER STAMP, BANKNOTE CORPORATION OF AMERICA VERSION

USPS Item Numbers: 678200 (Double-sided booklet pane of 20); 749700 (coil of 100)

Format: Double-sided pane of 20 (convertible booklet), 960 stamps per revolution; coil of 100, 744 stamps per revolution

Issue Date and City: February 9, 2018, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Art Director: Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, Maryland

Designer and Typographer: Kit Hinrichs, San Francisco, California

Modeler: Sandra Lane/Michelle Finn

Manufacturing Process: Offset with microprinting

Printer and Processor: Banknote Corporation of America, Browns Summit, North Carolina

Press Type: Alprinta 74

Print Quantity: 1.25 billion stamps (pane of 20); 2 billion stamps (coil)

Paper Type: Phosphor tagged paper, block tag applied (booklet); phosphor tagged Paper, overall (coil)

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive adhesive

Ink Colors: PMS 2145 Blue, PMS 186 Red, Black

Pane of 20 Stamp Sizes: Image Area (w x h): 0.73 inch by 0.84 inch, 18.54 millimeters by 21.34mm (image area); 0.87 inch by 0.98 inch, 22.10mm by 24.89 mm (image area)

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Plate Numbers: “B” followed by three single digits

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Coil Number Frequency: Plate numbers every 31st stamp below stamp image

senior scientist at the Ocean Research & Conservation Association (ORCA). Widder spoke at the first-day ceremony. Widder, a specialist in bioluminescence, has many accomplishments to her credit including being part of the team, in 2012, that was the first to film a live giant squid in its natural habitat. The giant squid can grow to more than 40 feet in length but remains one of the most elusive of sea creatures. In 2006, Widder was named a Fellow by the MacArthur Foundation.

Information from the ORCA website offers the following: Widder has been a leader in helping to design and invent new submersible instrumentation and equipment to enable unobtrusive deep-sea observations. Working with engineers, she conceived of and built several unique devices that enable humans to see beneath the waves in new ways, including HIDEX, a bathyphotometer that is the U.S. Navy standard for measuring bioluminescence, important information for keeping submarines hidden from above.

Widder also built LoLAR, an ultrasensitive deep-sea light meter that measures light in the deep ocean, and a remotely operated deep-sea camera system, known as ORCA's Eye-in-the-Sea (EITS). EITS has produced footage of rare sharks, jellyfish and discovered a new species of large squid, all in their natural habitats.

In an online interview connected with the PBS show "Nature", Widder said she was working on her Ph.D. thesis at the University of California at Santa Barbara when she went on a marine biology trawler cruise.

"The animals brought up in the nets were fantastic, and their light-producing capabilities were incredible. I was enthralled," Widder said. She learned how to pilot deep-sea apparatus and was soon able to see the incredible glowing life forms in their natural habitat.



BIOLUMINESCENT LIFE FOREVER STAMPS

USPS Item Number: 475700

Format: Pane of 20, 180 stamps per revolution

Issue Date and City: February 22, 2018, Fort Pierce, Florida

Designer, Art Director and Typographer: Derry Noyes, Washington, DC

Photographs: Existing photos by Edith Widder, Ph.D., Steven Haddock, Taylor F. Lockwood, Gail Shumway, Gregory G. Dimijian and Danté Fenolio

Modelers: Sandra Lane and Michelle Finn

Manufacturing Process: Offset

Printer and Processor: Banknote Corporation of America, Browns Summit, North Carolina



Press Type: Alprinta 74

Print Quantity: 40 million stamps

Paper Type: Phosphor Tagged Paper, Block Tag

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black

Stamp Sizes: 1.42 inches by 0.84 in., 36.07mm by 21.34 mm (image), 1.56 inches by 0.98 inches, 39.62mm by 24.89 mm (overall), 7.24 inches by 7.32 inches, 183.90mm by 185.93 mm (pane)

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Widder in the interview recalled an eye-opening brush with bioluminescence.

"... I was using a light meter to measure the penetration of sunlight in the water. I was at a depth where the sunlight had almost disappeared and I had my head down ... when suddenly the whole inside of the suit seemed to explode with blue light. It was so bright I could see all the dials and gauges inside the suit without a flashlight. I thought it was an electrical arc from something malfunctioning ... but it wasn't electrical; it was biological. I had brushed against one end of a siphonophore chain, a colony of jellyfish more than 30 feet long."

The glowing fish had hooked her.

An online search for Widder yields several interesting links, including the interview noted above via Nature (www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/the-beauty-of-ugly-interview-dr-edith-widder/426/) and a Ted Talk.



Derry Noyes, Stamp Designer

When did you start working on these stamps?

March, 2016

I am not even sure where to start. Which came first, the concept to offer stamps showing these unusual organisms, or did someone discover photos and say, "wow, these would make great stamps!?"

The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee decided on this subject matter before photo research was conducted.

From the dominance of sea creatures, am I right to guess that the majority of our living glowing plants and animals make their home in the ocean, which is why 8 of 10 of these show sea creatures?

Bioluminescence developed in the oceans and is much more common there than on land. It is also very rare in fresh water.

Were these all photographed in natural states or in a controlled environment?

Various means. Many of the sea creatures were collected by scientists in a submersible deep in the ocean and brought aboard for study in a laboratory. Some are in active bioluminescent display and some are photographed under white light.

So, let's backtrack. Do you know if the firefly is the only out-of-water animal that glows? If not, do you know if there are others in the U.S. or elsewhere in the world?

There are also bioluminescent snails, gnats, and earthworms, as well as some centipedes and millipedes. There are hundreds of species of fireflies — which are beetles — and they live in many parts of the world. The glowworm, which is the firefly larva, is also bioluminescent.

And, the same for the mushroom shown? What kind is it and where does it grow?

The mushroom on the stamps (*Mycena lucentipes*) is a Brazilian mushroom.

Are there other glowing mushrooms or other plants that glow?

Foxfire is a well known type of glowing mushroom that grows on rotting wood and is sometimes seen glowing on the forest floor. Foxfire is found in Europe, Asia, and eastern North America.

I know these were from existing photographs, but do you have any idea how difficult is it to get a firefly to sit still for a photo? Are there any tricks to it?

While male fireflies fly around signaling for a mate, the females do not; they hide under leaves by day and signal from the ground, where a male might join her. The image was an existing photograph and (I am) uncertain whether the one depicted is male or female.

Can you say what period of time these sea creatures were photographed?

We don't have this information.

Were there other glowing creatures that didn't make the cut? If so, do you remember what any of them were?

Many were considered; many of them were various jellies. Some others, such as the anglerfish, would not have made beautiful images.

Can you tell us which are the smallest and largest creatures photographed and their basic sizes? What kind of factors went into the choices of the creatures shown?

We sought a variety. Fireflies are the best known and most often seen terrestrial bioluminescent creatures, so a firefly was chosen to represent them. Much of scientists' understanding of the purposes and chemistry of bioluminescence came from studies of fireflies. Exploration of deep ocean has been largely limited to the last few decades, so many of the images represent relatively recent discoveries.

In general, are all of the sea creatures ocean dwellers? If not, which one(s) live in fresh water?

No freshwater species are shown. Freshwater is much shallower than marine environments on average, so light penetrates it and glowing has hardly ever developed among freshwater creatures.

Just from looking at them, the deep sea comb jelly kind of looks like the oddest. Was this one of the most difficult to photograph? How was it photographed?

It is a type of ctenophore. This one has an amazing bioluminescent display of rippling, flashing light, which it uses as sort of a burglar alarm. To photograph the display, the scientist simply needs to agitate the creature a little. This one was captured and photographed in a lab.

The names of the glowing creatures are not shown on the stamps. Why is that? Did you consider including the names?

While some of the species have common names (such as "firefly"), others are limited to cumbersome scientific classifications--multi-word Latin names too long and difficult to be legible at postage-stamp size.

Is there anything else interesting you can tell us about these stamps?

I love the way they have turned out. ☺

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LATVIA

BOBSLED

On February 2, just a week before the start of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games, Latvia issued a single stamp showing a four-man bobsled team.

Latvia had two teams, both ranked in the Top 7, bound for the Games in South Korea.



FINLAND

EASTER

Finland on, February 28, issued three stamps showing contemporary children dressed up to celebrate Easter, which for children is celebrated similarly to the trick-or-treating tradition on Halloween in America. The stamps show a little boy dressed as the Easter Bunny, children preparing to present traditional rhymes at people's doors to receive treats, and a little witch with her treats.



CANADA

BLACK HISTORY

On February 1, Canada issued a pair of stamps for Black History Month that recognize the achievements of two pioneers, Kathleen "Kay" Livingstone (1918-1975) and Lincoln M. Alexander (1922-2012). Livingstone,

a longtime Toronto resident, was an activist, humanitarian and popular radio host. Alexander had a distinguished career as a public servant and in 1968 was the first black Canadian elected to the House of Commons.



SWITZERLAND

RAILROADS

On February 22, Switzerland honored a pair of cogwheel railways that started in 1893: the Wengernalp Railway and Schynige Platte Railway, which climbs up to a viewing platform called Schynige Platte at 6,450 feet above sea level.



ICELAND

BRIDGES

Iceland, on February 15, issued two stamps showing bridges, including the suspension bridge over the Jökulsá River, which at .3 mile is the shortest glacial river in the country. Bridges are this year's theme for Europa, which annually picks a basic subject for participating countries.

NEW WORLDWIDE STAMPS

A quick peek at stamps issued in February from ten different countries around the world.



GUERNSEY

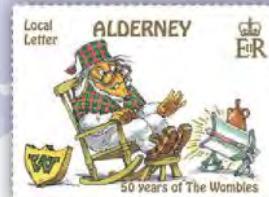
BLACK RHINO

Guernsey, on February 14, issued a souvenir sheet of one depicting a black rhinoceros, which is classified as critically endangered. The black rhino, actually colored gray, can grow to about 5 feet tall, weigh nearly 1.5 tons and run at 35 mph. The population has dwindled to just more than 5,000 in four African nations.

HUNGARY

POSTCROSSING

Hungary, on February 2, issued a single stamp promoting Postcrossing, a worldwide organization that encourages the exchange of postcards worldwide. Reminiscent of old pen-pal systems, users can track their cards – both those received and sent – online.



ALDERNEY

WOMBLES

On February 14, a sheet of six stamps in as many denominations was issued for Alderney celebrating the 50th anniversary of the publication of the first Wombles book by children's author Elisabeth Beresford (1925-2010). Beresford lived on Alderney for 30 years and got her inspiration on a Boxing Day walk to Wimbledon Common, which her daughter mispronounced as "Wimbledon." There are six books altogether about the fictional creatures with human personalities.



THE NETHERLANDS

MUSEUM TREASURES

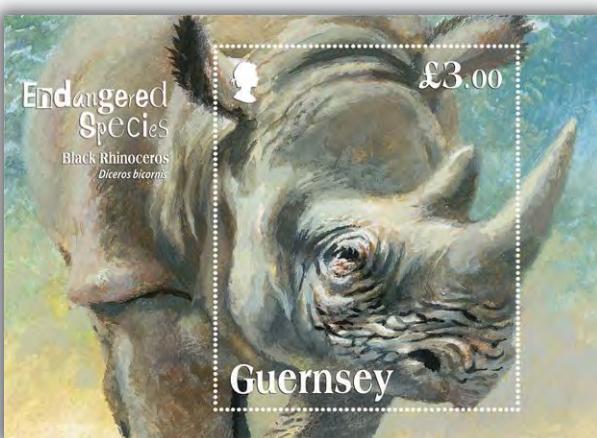
On February 19, the Netherlands issued a sheetlet of 10 stamps honoring the the 200th anniversary of the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden, the national archaeological museum of the Netherlands, in Leiden. The stamps feature 10 masterpieces – from an Egyptian cat and magic sword to Bacchus and a figure from 5500 B.C. (shown) from the museum that have been enhanced with whimsical modern drawings.



INDIA

JOINT ISSUE WITH IRAN

India and Iran, on February 17, released a joint issue of two stamps, including a two-stamp souvenir sheet, depicting shipping in the Deendayal Port Harbor.





AUSTRALIA

Status: Parliamentary Democracy under a Constitutional Monarchy

Population: 23,232,413 (2017 est.)

Area: 2,988,902 square miles

Currency: 100 cents = 1 dollar. (Australian dollar equals about 78¢ US)



Australia was probably discovered by the Portuguese early in the 16th century. The Dutch explored its coasts a century later. But the Europeans showed little interest in this continent, roughly the size of the United States, until 1770 when Capt. Cook claimed it for the British. It was known as Terra Australis (Southern Land) until 1644, when Abel Tasman named it "New Holland." In 1817, explorer Matthew Flinders proposed the name "Australia."

After the loss of its prison colonies in America, the British jails began to experience severe overcrowding. In 1786, after several years of study, the government announced that its new penal colony would be in New South Wales. The first fleet of convicts, consisting of 11 small wooden ships carrying 1,400 people, sailed from England on May 13, 1787. Five difficult months later, they established a tiny, starving and corrupt convict settlement, called Sydney, which would grow into a remarkable nation.

Although the British gave them some assistance, the supply lines were long and unreliable. The settlers endured almost incredible hardships. New South Wales was proclaimed a Crown Colony in 1788 and settlements began to spread around the coast.

Much early expansion was aimed at heading off the French. Rumors of French interest led to the settlement of Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) in 1803 and Western Australia in 1828. Founded in 1835, Melbourne became capital of the new colony of Victoria. South Australia was founded in 1836 uniquely as a "free" province, rather than a penal colony. The last colony, Queensland, was established in 1859. The Northern Territory was removed from South Australia in 1911 and placed under the federal government.

From the very beginning, communications were essential to the colonists. The postmaster was generally one of the first designated officials in a settlement. It is not surprising that each colony soon found the need for postage stamps. New South Wales was the first to issue stamps on January 1, 1850, only a decade after the appearance of the Penny Black. Victoria followed two days later. Hobart's *Courier* newspaper produced Van Diemen's Land stamps on November 1, 1853. When the name was changed to Tasmania, new stamps were issued in August 1857. Western Australia released its "Black Swans" on August 1, 1854. South Australia produced a 2-cent value for use in its 75 post offices on January 1, 1855. Queensland was separated from New South Wales on December 10, 1859 and its first stamps appeared less than a year later.

After decades of debate and political negotiations, the six colonies joined together on January 1, 1901 as the Commonwealth of Australia. New Zealand was initially asked to join with them, but declined citing its different national experience. The federal government took responsibility for the postal system on March 1, 1901, but the individual states were allowed to use their own stamps until commonwealth stamps could be produced.

Interestingly, the first stamps issued for Australia were postage due stamps in 1902. They consisted of the current New South Wales dues with the "NSW" removed from the design (though it remained in the watermark.). Australia may have the distinction of being the only country whose first stamps were postage dues. Regular stamps – the famed "kangaroos" – did not appear until 1913. Australia converted to decimal currency in 1966. ☀



Australia may be the only country that created postage dues before regular postage stamps. The New South Wales postage due stamp of 1891 was the basis for the first Australian postage due issued in 1902. Both are catalogued by Scott as J1.



Australia's first set of 15 postage stamps, in 1913, featured a map of the continent with a kangaroo in the center. The design was highly criticized for not including an image of the king. Scott 5.



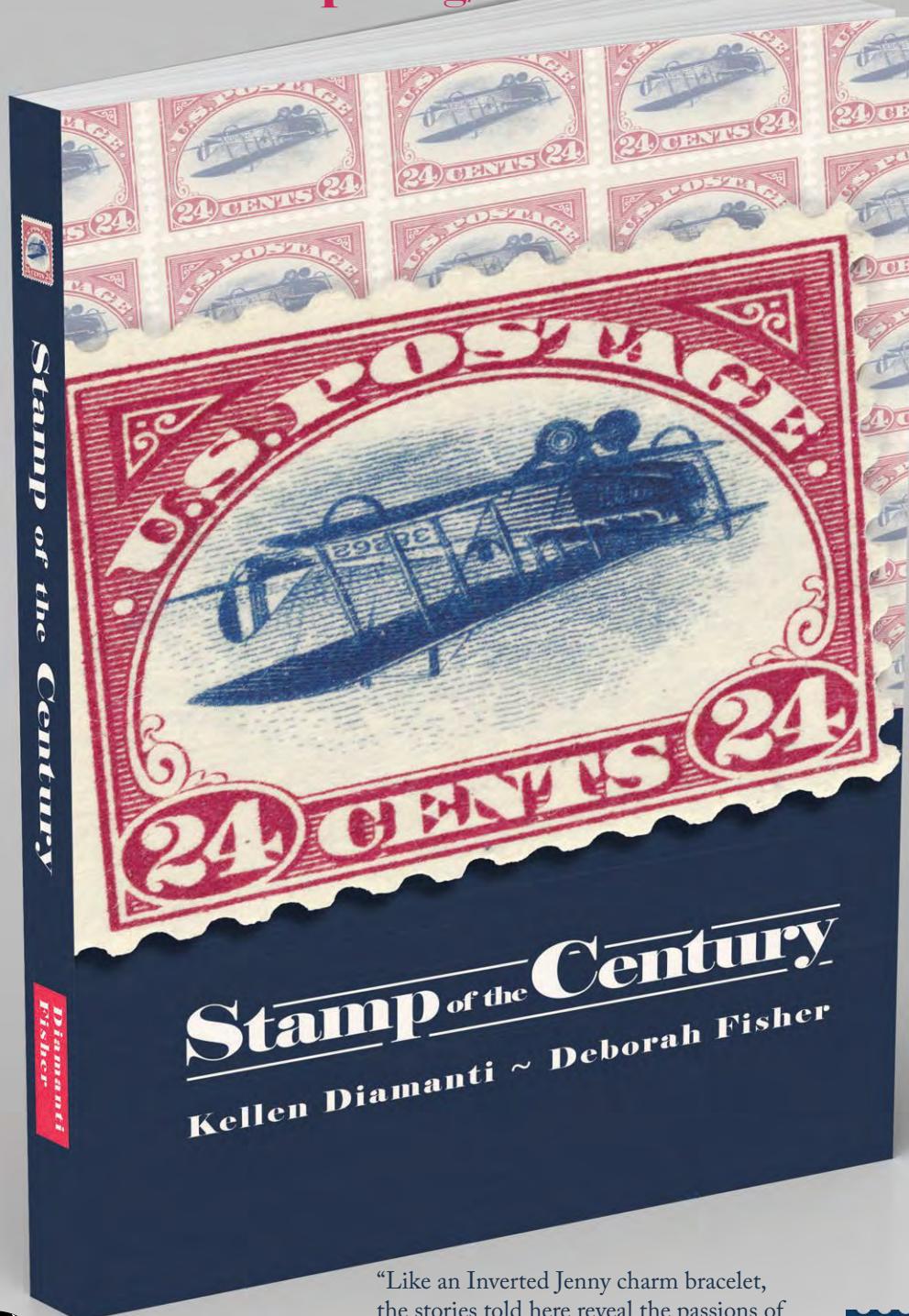
A single stamp featuring King George V at the center, Scott 17, was hurried into service to counteract the criticism of the map stamps, though the kangaroo remained, this time along the left side. A crown is at the top, an emu is at the right and sprigs of the wattle plant (acacia) are shown in the two corners at top. A set of 19 similarly designed King George V stamps were put into service in 1914.



A set of stamps from 1937 included royal figures plus popular animals, such as the Merino sheep, from Down Under, Scott 172. Other animals appearing in the set include the kangaroo, koala, platypus and kookaburra (kingfisher).

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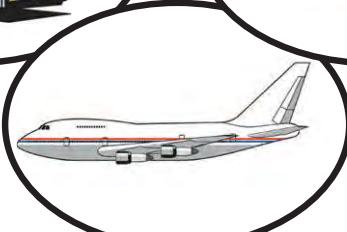
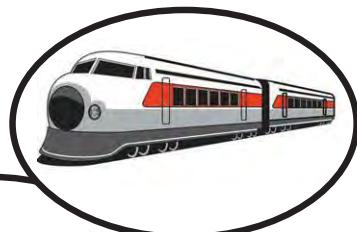


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