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COMING EVENTS

ROPEX 2015

An APS "World Series of Philately" Event

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May 15 to 17 (Friday to Sunday)

The Greater Canandaigua Civic Center

250 North Bloomfield Road, Canandaigua

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Also at ROPEX: ESPHS Board & Membership Meetings

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**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Postal History & Ephemera Show**

(also featuring stamps & postcards)

July 25 & 26

For information contact George McGowan at [GEOLOTUS2003@NYCAP.RR.COM](mailto:GEOLOTUS2003@NYCAP.RR.COM)

## SWEETING MULTISTATE POSTAL HISTORY COMPETITION

The biennial conduct of the Multistate Postal History Competition, the winning society to receive and hold The Sweeting Award for two years and then have the honor of conducting the next such competition, took place March 19 through 21, 2015 at March Party in Cleveland, Ohio, under the auspices of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

Eligible postal history societies come from the states of Connecticut, , New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and all New England states. Postal history exhibits entered by members of those societies garner points for their respective societies based on the category (multi-frame, single frame) and ribbon level (from bronze to gold) of their exhibit or exhibits.

In a landslide of participation and quality, the Massachusetts Postal History Society took the 2015 edition of the "Sweeting Competition". Empire State Postal History Society was represented by Frank Braithwaite (single frame *John Lewis Childs*), Bob Bramwell (4 frames of *Postal Markings of the Schenectady, NY Post Office, 1797-1907*) and Al Parsons (10 frames of *Corning NY Postal History including DPOs*).

The idea of a Multistate Postal History Competition came from Charles Sweeting quite a number of years ago – well before I joined ESPHS – and I consider it the road which allowed me to advance from *collector* to *exhibitor* since every entry contributes to our society's result while also giving me input on my effort from the panel of judges.

*Bob Bramwell*

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**Secretary's Membership Report****Welcomed into Membership:**

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**Applied for Membership:**

Steve Main      Wildwood, Fla.

**Resigned Membership:**

Glenn Mallory

**PRICES REALIZED, AUCTION #9***(Closed February 15, 2015)*

Our recently completed auction saw spirited bidding across the board, and particularly for a group of marking devices with post-office ink at least 100 years old still on them. Here are the Prices Realized:

|        |          |        |          |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Lot 1  | \$ 16.00 | Lot 19 | \$ 16.00 |
| Lot 2  | \$ 15.00 | Lot 21 | \$ 75.00 |
| Lot 3  | \$ 33.00 | Lot 24 | \$ 3.00  |
| Lot 4  | \$ 41.00 | Lot 25 | \$ 87.50 |
| Lot 5  | \$ 41.00 | Lot 26 | \$ 36.00 |
| Lot 6  | \$ 15.00 | Lot 27 | \$ 52.50 |
| Lot 9  | \$ 24.00 | Lot 28 | \$ 26.00 |
| Lot 10 | \$ 90.00 | Lot 29 | \$102.50 |
| Lot 12 | \$ 21.00 | Lot 30 | \$ 23.00 |
| Lot 17 | \$ 11.00 |        |          |

In these mail auctions, lots that attract a single bidder are awarded at the consignor's minimum bid, otherwise called a reserve. Lots that attract multiple bids are awarded at one bidding increment over the underbid. In the event that two or more Bid Sheets contain the same maximum bid for a lot, the bidder whose sheet is received earliest is awarded the lot.

*Bob Bramwell*


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## **The Trading Post**

### **Where Members Meet To Buy, Sell or Trade NYS Postal History**

All members in good standing may submit one notice to **The Trading Post** each year.

**Trading Post** ads should relate to New York State or other collecting interests or a New York State research project on which you seek members' help.

(3 line maximum. Send to *Bulletin* Editor)

WANTED TO BUY: picture post cards, used or unused, from Delaware County, NY. Especially **Corbett** showing acid factories, creameries, logging, &c., or Pepacton Reservoir. Descriptions/scans to Ada M. Prill, 130 Trafalgar St., Rochester or [aprill@rochester.rr.com](mailto:aprill@rochester.rr.com).

Glen Cove native seeks covers from **Glen Cove, NY** pre-1945. Will trade, buy or barter for covers. Joseph V. Gallagher, 275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington, NY 11747 or (631) 398-8813 or [DEANTOVAR@AOL.COM](mailto:DEANTOVAR@AOL.COM)

**1,100 New Hampshire covers & cards (mostly 1880-1915) from a dealer's stock** with town and rarity ratings in glassines, ex-Feldman from 1980 sale. Inquire of Bran Levy, [bellobl@aol.com](mailto:bellobl@aol.com)

NEW YORK WANTLIST: Essex & Clinton Counties; County/Postmaster postmarks from all NY counties; Wheel of Fortune killers. VERMONT WANTLIST: Sc#'s 10, 11, 114, 120 on cover; Octagons, Ovals, Stars, Attached Rates, Doanes, RFDs; County/Post-master postmarks. Covers from U.S. to Canada showing 1852 country of origin marking. Glenn Estus, P O Box 451, Westport NY 12993 or [gestus@westelcom.com](mailto:gestus@westelcom.com)

***Always Looking*** for Long Island postal history – singles pieces or entire collections. ***Benjamin Harrison*** on cover (Sc#'s 308, 622, 694, 828, 1045); ***19¢ Fawn*** (Sc# 2479); ***NYS Bedding Revenues***. Frank Braithwaite@Gmail.com

U.S. Postal History **Mail Bid Sales**: 7,000+ lots in each catalog, always including many New York listings. Send \$3.00 for next issue. Jim Mehrer, 2405 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island Illinois 61201 and on the web: [www.postal-history.com](http://www.postal-history.com) (remember the hyphen).

Wanted for Research Project: **Letters Returned to Writer, before 1880**. Any state, but must have preprinted **or manuscript** indorsement on corner card requesting return if not delivered. Scans or buy outright. Bob Bramwell, [rbramwell@nc.rr.com](mailto:rbramwell@nc.rr.com) or 910 295 5808

Interested in **Hicksville** and **Plainview**, New York covers and post cards (before 1900). R Boos at [R-Boos@msn.com](mailto:R-Boos@msn.com) (remember the hyphen)



**Wanted: Ithaca, NY Attached Rates** on stampless folded letters; **Ithaca War Rates** (1815-16) and **1¢ Drop Letter** usages. Stefan Jaronski [bug@midfivers.com](mailto:bug@midfivers.com)

Interested in **multiples** of Sc#26 and 26A both **on and off cover**. Contact Dr. Greg Hanson at [hansong441@aol.com](mailto:hansong441@aol.com)

See me at ROPEX 2015, Canandaigua Civic Center, May 15 – 17<sup>th</sup>  
In the meantime, check my website [www.postalnet.com/dontocher](http://www.postalnet.com/dontocher) Lots of NYS there. [dontocher@earthlink.net](mailto:dontocher@earthlink.net)

**Wanted: Unusual War Rates** of War of 1812; also Hudson River Mail stampless covers. Keith Bantz, MD (631) 940-8400 or  
[keithphilately@cs.com](mailto:keithphilately@cs.com)

**Auburn, NY, corner card covers** and **cancels** shown in Sweeting's *Cayuga County Postal History Catalog*.

Tom O'Hagan, P O Box 32, Lewes, DE 19958.

ESPHS Applicant **Steve Main** of Wildwood Florida collects **Allegany County** and other Western NY counties. Give him a warm welcome at [buffalomills@aol.com](mailto:buffalomills@aol.com) with offers.



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### **The NY Metro**

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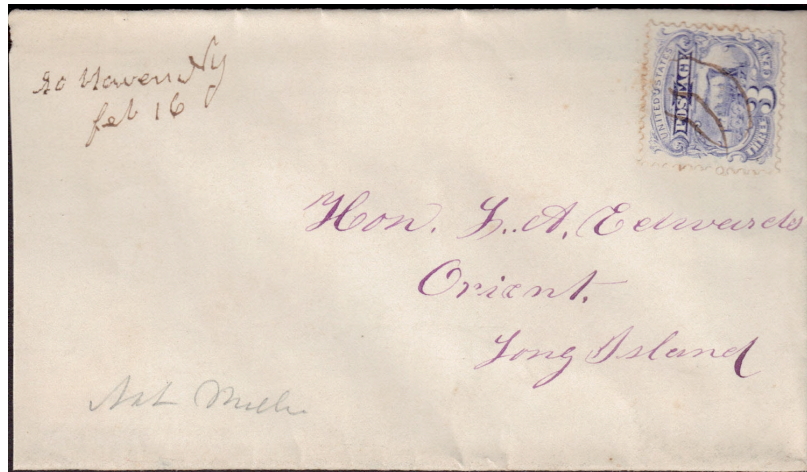
Friends,

The New York Metro section is back!!! It has been a while since I have written, but I am re-energized and hope to make this a regular column. I am currently working on an article about Camp Wickoff, where soldiers returning from the Spanish/American War were quarantined until they were cleared of communicable diseases.

That being said, I hope to get a little support from some of the members in our area. The NY Metro section in Excelsior is not MY column, it is open to anyone interested in writing about the above 9 counties. My material is concentrated in Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties, so please consider writing about one of your areas of interest.

I am continuing the census begun by the late Brad Arch, former editor of the Long Island Postal History Journal, of the 1869 issue used on Long Island. Below is the current list of the three cent usages. Next bulletin I will post the census for the 1c through the 24c. Items with an\* are additions to Brad's original census. If you own any towns not listed here, please contact me at [frankbraith@gmail.com](mailto:frankbraith@gmail.com).

*Frank Braithwaite*



### **NY Metro Census of Postmarks known with the 3¢ 1869 Issue**

|               |               |                |                |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Astoria       | Farmingdale   | Jericho        | Sayville       |
| Atlantic      | Flatbush      | Lakeland*      | Shelter Island |
| Bayside       | Flushing      | Long Island    | Southaven*     |
| Bellport      | Fort Hamilton | City           | Springfield    |
| Bridgehampton | Glen Cove     | Millers Place  | Store          |
| Brooklyn      | Green Point   | New Village    | Stony Brook    |
| Cold Spring   | Greenport     | Oyster Bay     | Suffolk*       |
| Harbor        | Hauppauge*    | Patchogue      | Whitestone     |
| Commack       | Holbrook      | Peconic        | Williamsburgh  |
| Dix Hills*    | Huntington    | Port Jefferson | Long Island RR |
| Easthampton   | Jamesport     | Riverhead      |                |

