

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our annual meeting this year, and the Board meeting preceding it, generated more change than usual. The dry results can be found in the minutes to be published in the September 2005 *Bulletin*, but they do not convey the turmoil leading to the decisions made.

John Lange, our Secretary/Treasurer, was hospitalized with a mild stroke the day before and thus unable to attend the meetings. Thanks to John Cali for taking minutes in John's absence and to our Vice President, Joe Rowbottom, for the meeting arrangements at Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant in Canastota, NY.

Since we have not had a Publications Committee for many years, John Lange has filled the role this committee would perform in arranging for and supervising the printing and mailing of *Excelsior!* and the *Bulletin*. John has performed extraordinary service in this regard, and in the process developed a strong affinity for using BOCES in Albany to do the printing and mailing.

Our use of Albany BOCES has unquestionably saved the Society money, helped keep our annual dues at \$10 for at least 14 years, and contributed to our reserve funds now generating approximately \$1,700 in annual income. But BOCES has also had problems with quality control and lacks the necessary equipment for producing what I consider a quality postal history publication. It cannot print in color, and its black and white product is a photocopy of computer-printed "masters."

Drew Nicholson, *Excelsior!* editor, began using color on a limited basis with the March 2004 issue, printing the color pages on his own printer and then sending them to John Lange with the black and white master pages for printing at BOCES; BOCES had to insert the color pages in the proper sequence while printing the black and white pages.

After printing just 11 color pages for *Excelsior!* (four in March 2004 and seven in September 2004), Drew's non-commercial grade printer was no longer able to do these pages within a reasonable time frame, and Drew requested the Society purchase a commercial grade laserjet printer to be owned by ESPHS but located at his home. In order to achieve maximum cost effectiveness from a Society-owned commercial grade printer, he offered to print all of both the *Bulletin* and *Excelsior!* and perform the finishing work and mailing at no charge for his labor.

While Drew's proposal would eliminate BOCES charges, there was concern that the cost of laserjet ink cartridges to print our periodicals (aside from the cost of the printer itself) would greatly exceed what BOCES charged. There were two responses to this concern: (1) because of Drew's offer to do all the work at no cost to the Society we no longer would be paying BOCES,

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Secretary's Report

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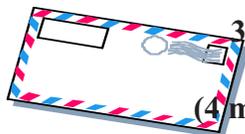
Dues for the year May 1, 2005 thru April 30,2006 are now payable. In addition to the 16 members who prepaid, I have received only 31 dues payments plus our life members. Hopefully, those of you who have not yet responded will do so promptly; if not, I will have to reluctantly remove names from the mailing list..

Please make out your \$10 check to the ESPHS and send it (with your Free trading post ad if you wish) to

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2 Great Shows!



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NYS Thruway, I-490 Exit 7A
(Rte. 33 east), 1.7 miles
Aug. 7, 2005



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Dr. John & Alice M. Nunes
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and (2) my own conviction, shared by Drew, that the improvement in quality of black and white cover and other illustrations by switching from photocopy to laserjet was worth the extra cost.

Drew made it clear the new printer would be used exclusively for Society business and that his own printer still functioned adequately for his personal requirements.

Since the Finance Committee, consisting of John Lange, Maris Tirums and myself, could not come to an agreement on Drew's proposal, the Board meeting May 1 was called particularly to review and vote on this matter. Nine of the 12 Board members were present; Maris spoke for John's concerns and delivered his updated cost analysis, but the Board still gave strong endorsement to all aspects of the proposal, authorizing up to \$1,000 for the purchase of a commercial-grade laserjet printer and peripherals required for our printing needs.

It should be noted that John Lange printed the color pages for the March 2005 *Excelsior!*, since Drew was unable to do this. John offered to continue printing the color pages, but the black and white would still be done at BOCES and since John was retiring as our Secretary/Treasurer in April 2006, this would be only a temporary arrangement.

All the Society officers except one whose terms expired at the annual meeting were reelected without opposition. The exception was Lou Call, who chose not to seek another term on the Board of Directors. We are grateful to Lou for his many years of service to the Society, including two terms as President, and wish him well in his retirement from Board membership.

Frank Braithwaite, our Long Island/New York City Regional Representative, was elected to a three-year term on the Board in place of Lou Call. I was pleased to present Frank with the 2004 deLisle Award at the annual meeting, and I am equally pleased to welcome him as the newest member of our Board of Directors.

Albert Guezburger, our Awards Committee Chair for many years, announced at the meetings May 1 he had been advised by his doctor to step down from this role, although he could remain a Board member. Al has set a high standard with our awards program, and we are glad he remains on the Board to help us through the transition to a new Committee Chair. Any volunteers?

Our *Bulletin* editor and webmaster, Glenn Estus, *Excelsior!* editor Drew Nicholson, auction manager John Nunes, Secretary/Treasurer John Lange, and cancel compilers and researchers Maris Tirums, Bill Hart, Doug Penwell and David Williams all continue to do good work and deserve the full gratitude of the Society.

Thanks also to those who brought or sent covers to sell at the annual meeting: George McGowan, Bill Hart, Frank Braithwaite and Paula Leszak (Cover Connection).

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Last but not least, I had the pleasure of delivering the first installment of our five-year pledge to the APS/APRL building fund when I attended the May 15 monument dedication honoring 1918-1927 U.S. Air Mail Pioneers at the APS/APRL campus in Bellefonte, PA. With the weather cooperating, there was good turnout for the ceremony and the APS/APRL open house. Although much of the former match factory is still not renovated, both the APS and the library are fully installed and functioning well in attractive and spacious new quarters. It's an impressive example of building renovation, with much more, perhaps the best, yet to come!

Plan to attend ROPEX 2005 in Webster, NY June 10-12. Spend time at the Society table. Check out the exhibits and what the dealers have to offer. Join our group for dinner Friday evening. And don't forget our regional meeting Saturday —check at the Society table for exact time and location and bring a cover for Show and Tell. See you there!

Alan Parsons (alatholleyrd@aol.com)

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REACTIVATED; DREW NICHOLSON WILL CHAIR

Our long-dormant Publications Committee was reactivated May 1 when Excelsior! editor Drew Nicholson agreed to chair the Committee and requested that Bulletin editor Glen Estus, Excelsior! production editor Larry Laliberte, and Society Board members Heather Sweeting and Frank Braithwaite be appointed to serve on the Committee with him. The requested appointments were made.

In general, this Committee coordinates all the publishing activities of the Society, both periodicals and books. It arranges for the necessary people to fill the positions needed for the Society's on-going work and for any special projects. It establishes standards for these activities and keeps records and information for future use. The Committee makes regular reports to the Executive Board and recommendations regarding the Society's publishing activities.

Have You.....

-found a new Doane cancel? Send the information to Maris Tirums.
- discovered a new star cancel? Send the information to David Williams
- a new early or late manuscript cancel? Send the information to Doug Penwell
- a new RFD cancel? Send the information to Bill Hart

AREAS CHANGED FOR REGIONAL REPS; NEW REGIONS CREATED, TWO NEW REPS NAMED

Dividing New York State into workable regions for Society outreach, and what “outreach” means, has been a challenge to each Society governing board since ESPHS was created in 1967. A proposed Suggested Activities for Regional Representatives has been in circulation for almost a year, and this, together with division of the State into ten regions instead of five and the areas assigned to the regions, was approved at the Executive Board meeting May 1.



The appointment of two new Regional Representatives, Buffalo dealer Jim Littell for the Western Region and Camillus resident Bob Davison for the Central Region, was also approved by the Board with thanks for their agreement to serve. Still needed, however, are four more Regional Reps, as shown by the blank brackets in the list of new regions and assigned counties below. Members who live in the regions without a Rep please take note and step forward if you are willing to serve. Contact the Society President by mail, 809 Holley Rd., Elmira, NY 14905, phone (607) 732-0181 or email, alatholleyrd@aol.com.

AREAS BY COUNTIES AS FOLLOWS:

NORTHERN (#1) (Wiley): Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton

UPPER HUDSON (#2) (Tirums): Warren, Saratoga, Washington, Schenectady, Albany, Rensselaer

MOHAWK (#3) (*vacant*): Herkimer, Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie

LOWER HUDSON (#4) (*vacant*): Greene, Columbia, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam

NYC/LI (#5) (Braithwaite): Westchester, Rockland, New York, Bronx, Richmond, Kings,
Queens, Nassau, Suffolk

LEATHERSTOCKING/CATSKILL (#6) (*vacant*): Chenango, Otsego, Delaware, Sullivan, Broome

CENTRAL (#7) (Davison): Oswego, Onondaga, Oneida, Madison, Cortland, Cayuga

WEST CENTRAL (#8) (*vacant*): Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, Ontario, Yates, Seneca

SOUTHERN TIER (#9) (Parsons): Alleghany, Steuben, Schuyler, Chemung, Tompkins, Tioga

WESTERN (#10) (Littell): Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming, Genesee, Erie, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The role of the Regional Representative can be both passive and proactive. To a large extent, it can be what the Representative wants it to be. If the Representative wishes to make a positive impact, the role could involve membership recruitment, exhibiting, articles for Society publications, holding regional meetings, presenting programs and developing contacts at local clubs, attending shows and bourses held in his/her area and generally “spreading the word” and promoting the Society in as many ways possible.

The Regional Representative should make contact with all existing stamp clubs, historical societies and other affinity groups in his/her region and supply these organizations with promotional materials and information on Society speakers and subjects they will present. The Regional Representative should be prepared to make presentations on the Society itself.

The Regional Representative should develop contacts with other Society members within his/her region to help in fulfilling the Representative’s role. Different contacts could have different roles, e.g., one could be the person to develop and encourage prospective exhibitors, another, the one who assists postal history researchers and authors, a third person could develop and coordinate a speakers’ bureau for the region, and so on.

Regional meetings (at least once a year) should be high on the list of the Rep’s activities. These should not take the place of periodic gatherings, if any, by smaller (local) groups of Society members within the region, but should be offered as an opportunity for every Society member or prospective member in the region to meet, become acquainted, share collecting experiences and concerns, and hear about Society activities.

The Regional Representative serves as liaison between his/her area of the State and the Society as a whole. The Rep is encouraged to submit reports to the Bulletin on meetings or other activities within his/her region. The Rep should forward suggestions for Society programs and concerns about Society operations to the Society officers.

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If the Regional Representative has reference works useful to NY postal history collectors, and is willing to loan them, this information should be made known to the Society members within the region and procedures set up for making the loans. Since the APRL as well as other lending libraries both in and out of New York have reference works useful to NY postal historians, there should be at least one person in each region available as a resource for locating needed books and periodicals.

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In summary, then, within each region the Regional Representative is encouraged to:

1. Blanket the area with postal history and ESPHS membership brochures.
2. Make presentations to promote the Society at appropriate venues.
3. Hold informational meetings of current and prospective Society members.
4. Seek out and assist authors for Society publications.
5. Seek out and assist prospective exhibitors of NY postal history.
6. Create and publicize a speakers' bureau for talks on NY postal history.
7. Organize displays of local postal history at appropriate locations, e.g., post offices, schools, libraries, historical societies, local history museums.
8. Increase awareness and accessibility of NY postal history publications.
9. Attend shows and bourses to help maintain ESPHS visibility.
10. Seek out and assist Society auction consignors.
11. Act as liaison with Society officers and editors.

I suspect there will be many suggestions for changes in the above "job description." I welcome having them. I would also welcome any suggestions for changes in the proposal to accompany this document realigning areas and creating more regions in order to downsize the present ones and spread the role of the Regional Representative among more people. The problem, of course, will be to find the people. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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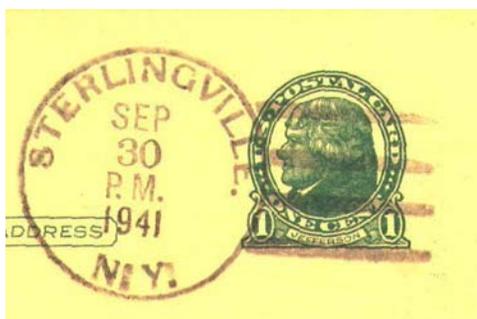
PINE CAMP MILITARY RESERVATION

By Gerald E Wiley

In 1908, the first year of its operation, the post office at Pine Camp, N.Y., located near Watertown in Jefferson County, was open for only a short time. Established on June 1, it was discontinued on July 18. The first encampment at that site took place in June and July of that year. About 8,000 regular Army soldiers and National Guardsmen took part under the command of Maj. Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, son of President Ulysses S. Grant.

The post office was reestablished in 1910, discontinued in 1914, reopened briefly in 1917, and operated again from 1941 to 1944. Since 1974, the military reservation has been called Fort Drum. That name appears in the postmarks of the post office currently operating there.

When Pine Camp was expanded in 1941, more than 500 families and several small communities were displaced. One post office was affected. When postmaster Merton J. Hoover closed his store and post office on Sept. 30, 1941, postal service at Sterlingville, which had been initiated in 1839, came to an end.



This article originally appeared in *Stamp Insider*, the publication of the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies. Mr. Wiley is a director of the ESPHS and Northern Regional Representative.

A Major Postal History Auction

in Switzerland recently held a number of pieces of New York postal history. The Allan R. Steinhart Collection of Prestamp and Stampless Covers to, from, and through British North American 1685-1865 had at least 13 items of special interest to New York Collectors.

Realizations are in Swiss Franc which is worth about 80c.

The complete auction is online at <http://bennettstamps.com>. The information below was taken from the company's website.

•••Lot 1020 1781 (Oct. 13) Fort Hunter, N.Y. to London, England, via Montreal, Canada, datelined folded cover, "MONTREAL" straightline, "QUEBEC" straightline and "17 OC" bishop mark, "AMERICAN INLAND POSTAGE DUE (pointing finger)" handstamp, red manuscript "8" and "11", Fine **REPORTEDLY THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF THE AMERICAN INLAND POSTAGE DUE (POINTING FINGER) HANDSTAMP.**

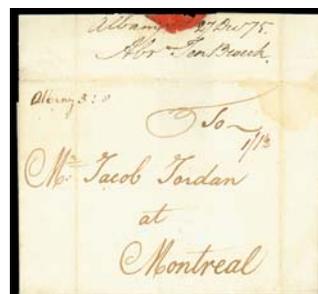


The letter was written by Reverend W. Stuart, missionary at Fort Hunter, New York, a loyalist in the Mohawk Valley during the American Revolution, rated 8d Stg from Montreal to Quebec (normally rated 9d Cy), carried by Naval vessel or Provisional Packet during the period of irregular service due the American Revolution. The "American Inland Postage due" rating handstamp was applied at Montreal and is possibly a unique usage. Realized SFr10,000

•••Lot 1176 1831 (Apr. 23) Montreal, L.C. to Champlain, New York, U.S.A., folded letter, manuscript "Plattsburg April 30", "Ship 8", Very Fine **SHIP LETTERS ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN ARE QUITE UNCOMMON.**

The letter was carried outside the post by Lake Champlain steamboat to Plattsburgh, New York where it entered as a ship letter; rated 2¢ ship, plus 6¢ postage for less than 30 miles to Champlain, N.Y. Realized SFr550

•••Lot 1195 1775 (Dec. 27) Albany, New York to Montreal, Canada, datelined folded cover, manuscript "Albany 3:8", "1/ 1_"; stain upper right, Fine to Very Fine **THE ONLY REPORTED COVER TO MONTREAL WHILE UNDER ADMINISTRATION OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENTAL POST OFFICE.**

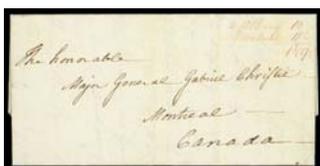


The letter was rated 3:8 dwt or 1/1_d Cy collect to occupied, Montreal. Montreal was occupied during the American Revolutionary War by American forces from November 13, 1775 to June 16, 1776, and subsequently this letter was sent and received under the administration of the American Revolutionary Post Office. The letter is from Abraham Ten Broeck, a brigadier in the American Revolutionary War forces to Jacob Jordan, who was a contract supplier to the British Forces and Deputy Paymaster General. Realized SFr21,000

•••Lot 1197 1782 (Aug. 20) Niagara, New York to Montreal, Canada, folded letter, manuscript "His Majesty's Service", Very Fine

*The letter was written by the famous John Butler, of Butler's Rangers, from Niagara to Montreal during the American Revolution. Fort Niagara remained in British control until 1796. Col. Butler raised a 100 man company of Indian Department Rangers who defended the Indian Territory against the Sullivan-Clinton Expedition, commanded raids against Schoharie and Mohawk Valley and established his headquarters at occupied Fort Niagara (New York). In the letter, Butler expresses a legal opinion regarding one Christopher Chrysler. **Realized SFr2,700***

•••Lot 1200 1785 (Feb. 7) New York, New York to Montreal, Canada, folded letter, red manuscript "to Albany 10 / Montreal 11_ " / 1N9_ ", Very Fine **AN EARLY POST-AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR CROSS BORDER COVER.**



The cover is from New York to Montreal and bears no U.S. postal markings but is rated 10d to Albany, 11_d to Montreal for a total of 1N9_ collect. The letter is from B. Livingston to Major General Gabriel Christie and concerns a dispute with Brig. General Moses Hazen. The letter is an early Pre-Treaty cross-border cover just following the resumption of cross-border mail after the

*American Revolution. **Provenance: Wellburn. Realized SFr1,200***

•••Lot 1202 1785 (July 28) New York to Montreal, Lower Canada, folded letter, partial "N-York, July 29" straightline handstamp, Quebec triangle at base handstamp with bishopmark "19 IA" insert, manuscript "2:16", crossed out and "To Pay 2N"; Very Fine

*The letter was likely sent by ship from New York to Quebec, rated 2:16 dwt from Quebec to Montreal which was effective from Nov. 17, 1775. The letter was re-rated 2/0 representing double the 1/0 Stg overland rate from New York to Montreal. **Realized SFr800***

•••Lot 1204 1795 (May 20) Oswego, New York to Glengary or Montreal, Canada, folded letter, endorsed "care of Ens Fraser Kingston", no postal markings, Fine **A RARE COVER FROM BRITISH OCCUPIED U.S.A.**

*The letter was written from Fort Ontario, by a military officer in the Royal Canadian Volunteers, which was a British Line Regiment raised in Canada. The letter was carried by favor outside the post, addressed to Captain Hugh Macdonnell, also of the Royal Canadian Volunteers. Fort Ontario was still under British control after the 1783 Treaty of Paris and was not returned to the U.S.A. until 1796 **Realized SFr1,300***



REGIONAL MEETINGS HELD IN BUFFALO, NY CITY AND ALBANY; ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHEDULED FOR ROPEX JUNE 11 IN WEBSTER

Two regional meetings were held on March 6 this year, one in Buffalo at BUFPEX and led by Society President Al Parsons, and the other in New York City at the Spring Mega Event conducted by our NYC/Long Island Regional Representative Frank Braithwaite. Frank reports on the Mega Event regional meeting on page 13.

Six members including Parsons attended the Buffalo meeting: Ann Triggler, John Nunes, Walter Orton, John Cali and our newly-appointed Western Region Representative Jim Littell. Both Nunes and Littell were working as dealers at BUFPEX and took time to attend the meeting. Walter Orton brought an early telegraph cover he had just purchased and spoke briefly about the early telegraph companies and their contribution to the history of communications. Parsons updated the group on Society activities and made note of suggestions for membership recruitment.

Parsons also conducted the Albany regional meeting, held March 20 at Cover Mania VII. Those attending besides him were members John Cali, Drew Nicholson, Larry Laliberte, Bob Davison, Albert Guenzburger, Elwyn Doubleday and guest Richard Komulainen, who filled out and submitted a membership application at the meeting. Discussion at this meeting included postal history websites, our awards program, membership recruitment, need for Society exhibitors and deLisle competition entries, and the possible creation of new Society regions and need for more regional representatives.

There will be a regional meeting of the Society at ROPEX in Webster, NY on Saturday, June 11 at 1 p.m. in Room #1 adjacent to the Show site. ROPEX is the annual WSP show sponsored by the Rochester Philatelic Association. It runs for three days, June 10-12, and is held in the Webster Community Field House adjacent to Webster Thomas High School at 800 Five Mile Line Road. There is no admission charge and ample free parking. For more info, go to www.geocities.com/rpastamps/ropex.html.

At our ROPEX meeting we will discuss the benefits and challenges of exhibiting postal history and persons attending are encouraged to bring a cover for “show and tell.”

At both upstate New York meetings to date this year and at the New Hampshire Postal History Society annual meeting at Philatelic Show in Boxborough, MA April 30 and the New Jersey Postal History Society annual meeting at NOJEX in Secaucus, NJ May 29 Parsons displayed the Charles H. Sweeting Memorial Award and briefly described the multi-state postal history exhibiting competition for which the Award was donated.

Regional Rap: N.Y. Metro Area

By Frank Braithwaite

The last issue of *Excelsior!* saw the debut of the NY Metro section. My article on John Lewis Childs was my first of many (hopefully) articles designed to shed some light on the Long Island, NY City, Westchester and Rockland areas. This section is not exclusively Long Island, nor is it exclusively mine.

I encourage and implore the members who live in or collect these areas to consider contributing an article or two. We all have a few covers we would love to show off, or a special collecting area we would love to share our knowledge of with the membership. If you are apprehensive about writing it yourself, let me ease your mind a little. I had been kicking around the idea of writing for a few years now, but never dove in. I loved my hobby, but didn't know if I could write about it. Well, I'm here to tell you that I finally broke the ice.

Yes, the JL Childs article was the first ever for me, anywhere. (How many of you said, "Yeh, I could tell"). I started off with a few covers that I thought told an interesting story. Finding out about J.L. Childs took a little web surfing and an hour at the library. I never thought it would be so much fun to do! One last point, our editor, Drew Nicholson helped me to polish my rough draft into something I am proud of... 'nuff said.

In March, the N.Y. Mega Show at Madison Square Garden provided our Society with an opportunity to showcase itself. For the first, and definitely not the last time, we had a table at the show. On the first and last day of the show, our table was staffed by yours truly and Caroline Scannell. We spoke to several interesting people and hopefully convinced some of them to join us. We had a nice display on our table of our Society publications and a slide show of N.Y. covers, courtesy of member Gerald Wiley. Initially, when I received the CDs from him, I was planning to print out the covers to make a "WOW" book. Well, my kids got a portable DVD player from Santa this year, and I decided to test it out. The scans on the CDs looked great.

I encourage other members to try this, as it makes an eye-catching display. Unfortunately, we did not get any volunteers to staff the table on Friday or Saturday. Please consider helping out at the fall Mega Show, even for an hour or two. The regional meeting we planned for Sunday did not happen, for lack of attendance. Local meetings are in the works; I will keep you informed. If you would like to be on my email list, to stay abreast of regional happenings, please email me at fbraith@optonline.net.

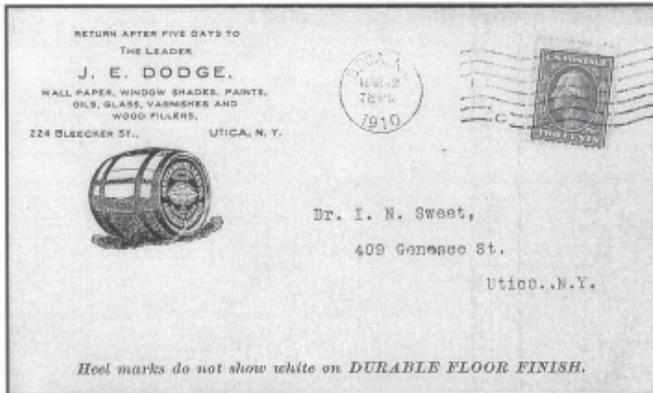
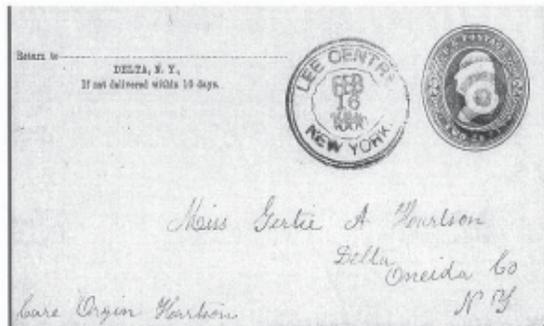
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TREASURER’S REPORT for 2004-2005

April 20, 2005

Accounting period is April 21, 2004 thru April 20, 2005

REVENUES during 2004-2005:

DUES and FEES: This tabulation includes all dues deposited between April 17, 2004-April 16, 2005

2004-2005	\$ 1345.00
2005-2006	223.00
2006-2007	30.00
2007-2008	10.00
Liife memberships for Jeffrey Hayward (\$225) and John DeSanto (\$200)	425.00
Total	\$ 2033.00

PUBLICATIONS , net (See Appendix I for details)	\$ 178.49
AUCTIONS , net (See Appendix II for details)	\$ 315.63

INTEREST and CAPITAL CHANGE

Checking account @ Trustco, #XXXX5917	\$ 7.26
Checking account @ First Niagara, #XXXX1514	0.00
CD #XXXXXX1590 @ First Niagara	41.68
CD #XXXXX8280 @ First Niagara	619.38
CD #XXXX1417 @ First Niagara	340.35
T. Rowe Price Prime Reserve Fund (MM), #XXXXXX3967-7	41.74
T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income Bond Fund #520497031-3	643.69
Capital gain or Loss () for this fund	(16.08)
Sub-total of Interest and Capital Change	\$ 1678.02

DONATIONS: Harry Dow (\$8.20), Robert Juceam (\$5.00),
Joseph Gallagher (\$10.00 & \$2.00)

Joseph Gallagher (\$10.00 & \$2.00)	\$ 25.20
Sale of some Doubleday stock at the 04 Annual meeting	\$ 11.00
ADS IN THE BULLETIN AND JOURNAL	66.80

TOTAL REVENUES for 2004-2005 \$4308.14

BANK and MUTUAL FUND BALANCES

Checking account @ Trustco, #XXXXXX5917	\$(1219.95)
Checking account @ First Niagara, #XXXXXX1514	100.00
CD #XXXXXX1590 @ First Niagara, maturity 12/22/09, APY 2.98%	928.61
CD #XXXXX8280 @ First Niagara, maturity 10/24/09, APY 2.98%	13,451.79
CD #XXXXXX1417 @ First Niagara, maturity 08/20/06, APY 4.63%	7601.76
T. Rowe Price Prime Reserve Fund (MM) #522073967-7, 30 day yield is 2.04%	3662.01
T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income Bond Fund #520497031-3, 30 day yield is 3.77%	12,932.74
Total Bank and Mutual Fund Balances	\$37456.96

RECONCILEMENT

Bank and Mutual Fund Balances, April 20, 2005	\$ 37,456.96
Bank and Mutual Fund Balances, April 20, 2004.....	\$ 37,219.80
Net Change for 2004-2005	+ \$ 237.16
Revenues for 2004-2005	\$ 4308.14
Expenditures for 2004-2005	4070.98
Net Change fpr 2004-2005	\$ +237.16

EXPENDITURES during 2004-2005

BULLETIN (four issues)

1. **Printing** (Albany BOCES):

1.1 June 04 issue cost was \$69.35 which was waived by BOCES because of the difficulties they had with the March 04 Journal.

1.2 Sept. 04 (134.00) Dec. 04 (136.00) March 05 (111.62) \$ 381.62

Note: BOCES furnishes the 20 lb. paper and does the printing.

They charge us 3 cents per double-sided sheet for printing but don't charge us for collating, stapling, 3-hole punching, insertion into envelopes, applying address labels and return address labels, applying the stamps furnished to them plus bringing the boxes to the post-office for mailing.

2. Postage: June 04 (159.63) Sept. 04 (246.41), (unable to mail with Journal)

Dec. 04 (249.28) March 05 (no charge, mailed with Journal)..... 655.32

3. Editor's Expenses: Donated by Glenn Estus - Thank You! 0.00

4. Clasp Envelopes: 18.99

JOURNAL \$ 1055.93

1. Printing:

a. Color cartridges, Nicholson using our paper \$ 175.35

b. Printing, Sept. 04 (47.00) March 05 (57.90) BOCES

(1/2 cents per page with our paper) 104.90

c. Printing, March 05 by Lange, color laser printing per request ,

1800 color, pages @ 14c..... 252.00

(225 sets, 8 pages, one sided, 1800 pages. One yellow cartridge lasted for 1600 copies; one Cyan and one magenta so-called 2000 page capacity cartridges were exhausted after 1800 copies.

225 pages using the yellow cartridge, $225/1600 \times 72.99 = 10.26$ 10.26

Also, all pages had some black printing, $0.002 \times 1800 = 3.60$ 3.60

Imaging drum, ($1800/20000$) x 173.99 = 15.66 15.66

Remaining consumable items (transfer roller, printer pickup roller, printer separation pad, and fuser assembly roller not charged at this time because of unknown life and cost)..

d.. Total printing cost for the Journal \$ 561.77

2. Editorial expenses (includes postage charges to and from editor)

Other Editor Expenses were donated by Drew Nicholson – Thank you! \$ 44.30

- 3. Paper
 - a. Color laser paper, 28 lb., \$ 508.15
 Note: Nicholson will have 16+ reams left over; Lange will have 32+ reams left over.
 - The last purchase of 24 reams was made to take advantage of a low price.
 - b. Vellum yellow Bristol card stock, 8 pkg. of 250 sh. @ 6.49 + tax, hndl. 85.01
- 5. Postage: Sept. 04, 268.38 and March 05, 287.78 556.16
- Journal total \$1755.39

MEMBERSHIP LIST

- 1. Maintenance of the membership list by Ray Coco
 using label stock furnished to him 10.00
- 2. Printing by BOCES @ 3 cents per double sided sheet using their paper 33.25
- 3. Postage is included with the March Excelsior! and Bulletin Total \$ 43.25

ESPHS WEBSITE (www.esphs.org) maintained by Glenn Estus \$ 107.40
 AWARDS: \$ 803.82
 FEDERATION OF CENTRAL NEW YORK PHILATELIC SOCIETIES \$ 15.00

ADMINISTRATION

- Annual Meeting, May 2, 2004 Doughnuts & Coffee \$ 44.85
- Treasurer’s postage 105.35
- Treasurer’s copier expense 57.80
- Gray paper for correspondence & membership applicatrions 37.89
- Printing by BOCES 23.30
- Dues payment to the APS Writers Unit, requested by President , for Nicholson 15.00
- Total, Administration \$ 290.19

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$4070.9

SCHEDULE FOR ESPHS PAGE IN STAMP INSIDER MAGAZINE

Stamp Insider, bimonthly magazine of the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies (to which ESPHS belongs), provides a page in each issue for ESPHS use. Following are the members who have agreed to fill this page for the next six issues:

	Issue Date	Deadline for Copy
Gerald Wiley	July/August 2005	June 1, 2005
Maris Tirums	Sept/Oct 2005	August 1, 2005
Heather Sweeting	Nov/Dec 2005	October 1, 2005
Drew Nicholson	Jan/Feb 2006	December 1, 2005
Joe Rowbottom	March/April 2006	February 1, 2006
Frank Braithwaite	May/June 2006	April 1, 2006

Since many of our members do not receive the magazine, ESPHS contributors should also send their copy to Glenn Estus for inclusion in the Bulletin. The brevity and nature of the articles written for our S1 page make them more suitable for the *Bulletin* than for *Excelsior!* (a longer, in-depth article on the same postal history subject would be *Excelsior!* material). Glenn's e-mail and regular mail addresses are found on p. 2 of the Bulletin.

APPENDIX I - PUBLICATIONS

1. New York Postal History, Kay/Smith	
1.1 Expenditures (none purchased but postage for 3 was \$6.45)	\$ 6.45
1.2 Revenues for 3 sold	88.00
Inventory: 4	
2. Federal PO of NYS	
2.1 Expenditures, postage	\$ 2.27
2.2 Revenues for 4 sold	\$ 18.00
Inventory: (17) minus (1) loaned to Braithwaite	
3. Postal Route Maps, Expenditures: postage for 14, all media mail @ 1.84	\$ 25.76
Inventory: 10	
4. Cayuga Co. Postal History, Sweeting	
4.1 Expenditures, postage	\$ 2.29
4.2 Revenues for one sold	\$ 29.00
Inventory: 14	
5. Oswego Co. Postal History, Sweetings	
5.1 Expenditures, postage	\$ 4.44
5.2 Revenues for two sold	\$ 48.00
Inventory: Hardbound., the re-bound copy (1) and Softbound (5)	
6. Wayne Co. Postal History, Koberg	
No activity. Inventory: (10) minus (1) loaned to Braithwaite	
7. County. & PM Cancels of NYS, Proulx	
7.1 Expenditures, postage	\$ 1.04
7.2 Revenues for two sold	\$ 16.00
Inventory: (16) minus (1) loaned to Braithwaite	
8. Star Cancels of NYS, Proulx	
8.1 Expenditures, postage	\$ 1.04
8.2 Revenues for two sold	\$ 16.00
Inventory: (19) minus (1) loaned to Braithwaite	
9. MSPO + Master Supplement, Chlanda, Wilcox, Penwell	
9.1 Expenditures,	
a. Editor's expenses involved in a future revision ,	\$14.08
b. Postage	1.54
total expense	\$ 15.62
9.2 Revenues for two sold	22.40
Inventory: (14) minus (1) loaned to Braithwaite	
10. Summary, Publications	
10.1 Expenditures	\$ 58.91
10.2 Revenues	237.40
10.3 Net (note that this not a profit because expenses for producing these were incurred in prior years. Also, the Kay/Smith stock will be replenished in 2005-2006 thus incurring a future expense which did not occur this year).	\$ 178.49

APPENDIX II - AUCTIONS

	#115	#116	#117	#118	Totals
Auction Gross Receipts	795.00	168.50	1256.75	1098.25	3318.50
Paid to Consignors	697.05	153.65	1117.60	982.70	2951.00
Auction Mgr. Expenses	9.50	3.50	17.75	11.50	42.25
Treasurer's Postage	2.96	2.22	2.96	1.48	9.62
Subtotal of Expenses	709.51	159.37	1138.31	995.68	3002.87
Net	85.49	9.13	118.44	102.57	315.63

FALL MEETING AT SYRACUSE SHOW NOV. 13

Our fall meeting this year will be held on Sunday, November 13, the second day of SYRAPEX, the biannual show sponsored by the Syracuse Stamp Club at the Holiday Inn on Carrier Circle, Thruway Exit 35.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend! SYRAPEX offers the full range of stamp show activities: exhibits, bourse, youth activities, show cover, USPS Station, banquet and meetings. Free parking, friendly atmosphere and no admission charge.

Our meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in a room adjacent to the show. A traditional feature of this meeting is the annual **four page exhibit competition for the Kenneth R. deLisle Award**, a handsome, suitably engraved walnut plaque outline of New York State. This is an excellent opportunity to try your hand at exhibiting by assembling four pages of related N.Y. postal history material for display in the meeting room, with the winner to be chosen by vote of those present at the meeting!

BE THERE! BRING AN EXHIBIT!

EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY BUDGET FOR 2005-2006

REVENUES

Dues and fees	\$2,000
Publications, net	400
Auction commissions, net	300
Interest	1,500
Ads in Society periodicals	100
Donations	100
 <i>Total Revenue</i>	 <i>\$4,400</i>

EXPENDITURES

- Capital purchases (estimated life 5 to 10 years): new commercial grade laserjt printer and peripherals, scanner, heavy duty stapler and heavy duty three-hole punch..... \$1,000•
- Ink cartridges and paper
- Assembling and mailing Journal and Bulletin
 (staples, envelopes, labels, postage, etc)

Note: labor for producing and mailing Journal and Bulletin donated by Publications Committee members.

•ESPHS website	108
•FCNYPS dues	15
•Donation to APS/APRL Project 1 (first installment of \$5,000 pledge)	1,000
•Dues for Journal Editor’s membership in APS Writers Unit	15
•Show exhibiting awards and deLisle Award	500
•Meeting expenses, Secretary/Treasurer’s postage and copier expenses and miscellaneous printing by BOCES, including membership list and dues notices	265
 <i>Total Expenditure</i>	 <i>\$4,653</i>

The Lake Champlain Mails 1809-1875

Allen Lovey and Terence Fitzgerald have recently authored “The Lake Champlain Mails 1809-1875”. The latest addition to a series of books on Vermont Postal History, the book describes in detail, in an extensive introduction, the mail rates pertaining to mail carried on ships plying waterways. The 16 page introduction contains many rate tables for ship mail and allows even the novice collector to comprehend ship rates. The introduction is followed by page after page of illustrations of Lake Champlain ship covers...all carefully analyzed as to routing and rates, and numerous illustrations of related documents of the 19th Century. The book is 86 pages on 28# stock, with card covers and comb bound. available from Paul G. Abaijian, PO Box 475, Essex Junction, VT 05453 for \$16.95 plus \$4.00 for shipping (\$1.02 sale tax for Vermont delivery).

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•••Lot 1206 1813 (Aug. 31) New York, NY to Fort George, U.C (U.S. OCCUPATION), folded letter postmarked red "NEW YORK 31 AUG", red manuscript "25", addressed to "Ensign John Gifford, 25 Regt U.S. Infantry, Fort George, Upper Canada"; aging, Fine **THE ONLY REPORTED EXAMPLE ADDRESSED TO THE OCCUPIED FORT GEORGE.**

The letter was rated 25¢ to a U.S. soldier while Fort George was under U.S. occupation during the War of 1812. The mail was handled between the fort and Niagara by Dr. James West, special agent to the army. Provenance: Frajola. Realized SFr3,750

•••Lot 1207 1814 (Apr. 16) Occupied Fort Niagara, New York to Montreal, L.C. folded letter, manuscript "1N2", manuscript forwarding endorsement crossed out, red "YORK/ 27 APR 1814" straightline handstamp on reverse, Fine to Very Fine

A WAR OF 1812 COVER FROM BRITISH OCCUPIED FORT NIAGARA, U.S.A. AND THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF THE RED YORK STRAIGHTLINE.

The letter was from a British Officer Lt. John A Stevenson (100th Regiment) while Fort Niagara was under British occupation during the War of 1812, which lasted from Dec. 19, 1813 until the end of the war. The "YORK" straightline on the reverse is the only recorded example in RED. Realized SFr2,400

•••Lot 1210 1829 (Apr. 20) New York, NY to York, U.C. folded cover, red New York (Apr 20), manuscript "18_", black Niagara, U.C (28 Apr 1829) datestamp and three-line "AMERICAN POSTAGE / FERRIAGE / FORWARDED" handstamp with corresponding postage charges of "11_", "2", "7" for a total of "1/8_", docketing at left, Very Fine



AN EXCELLENT STRIKE OF THE THREE LINE FERRIAGE HANDSTAMP, WHICH IS OFTEN POORLY STRUCK.

The cover was rated 18¢ from New York to the border, with the three line handstamp applied at Niagara, the U.S. postage converted to 11¢, plus 2¢ Ferriage across the river, and 7¢ B.N.A. postage to York, U.C., for a total 1/8 Cy collect. Realized SFr525

•••Lot 1212 1843 (Jan. 17) New York, U.S.A. to Montreal, L.C. folded cover, red "NEW YORK JAN 17 NY", manuscript "18_", "1/4_", Very Fine

The letter was rated 18¢ U.S. postage collect, converts to 11¢ plus 1/2¢ EXCHANGE SURCHARGE during 2.5% exchange premium, plus 4¢ to Montreal, total of 1/4 Cy collect. A similar cover rated 1/4 Cy collect before the exchange surcharge was put in place from May 17 1842 to Dec 27, 1843. Realized SFr105

•••Lot 1220 1853 (Dec. 6) Middleport, N.Y., U.S.A. to Forestville, C.W. illustrated cover front postmarked "PAID" and "U. STATES" straightlines with manuscript "10 cts" and "Dec 13 1853"; minor staining, Fine. Prepaid the 10¢ cross-border rate



The cover features numerous scenes from Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin; or, Life Among the Lowly" printed in 1852 and 1853. It bears the imprint "Uncle Tom Right Secured Sold by D.M. Dewey, Rochester, N.Y." and "Miller MXSO". Stowe was an important anti-slavery advocate, and Lincoln is said to have claimed that her book was a catalyst for the Civil War. Realized SFr575

Lot 1224 1761 (July 2) "Camp at Crown Point, NY" to Invercald, Scotland, folded letter, manuscript "21", "1N", "in all 1N6", "3", red "NEW/ YORK" straightline, indistinct bishop mark, Very Fine **A LETTER FROM A MUCH TRAVELED SOLDIER INVOLVED IN FORT CONSTRUCTION AT THE END OF THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR.**



The letter is rated 21¢ as a single rate by military express to New York. It then went by Falmouth packet to England, rated 1/0 Stg, plus 6d to Edinburgh, and apparently an additional 3d to Aberdeen. The letter is written by Alexander Farquarson, a British officer in Lord Amherst's army, who writes, "We are just now building a very large fort which when finished will surpass any in North America, it is supposed we will soon move from here towards York, in order to embarque on a second expedition... we marched to Montreal the 12th last month...". Realized SFr1,100



**75 Years Ago: June 1, 1930
Dedication of the Plattsburgh Airport**