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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to be able to state that the LIPHS is alive and well with increasing membership, increasing interest in the Society by its members, and a journal which is receiving increased attention in the Philatelic Press.

I am particularly delighted that my suggestion of changing the name of our journal-newsletter to the "Long Island Postal Historian" was received well at the Spring Meeting. We now have an official title for our journal and I wish it a long life.

Publication of our journal is probably our most important activity. However, publication has never been easy. The actual typing and preparation of our journal has been largely done by Calvet Hahn and Fred Rodriguez. The photocopying, stapling, addressing and mailing of the journal has been done largely by Calvet Hahn, Fred Rodriguez and myself. The absorption of time and money by the three of us has allowed the LIPHS to publish the journal with minimal expense. This has allowed us to form a growing treasury which we will be able to draw upon in the future for selected projects.

Obviously, it will not always be possible for us to produce the journal for free. For this reason, it has been suggested that we have membership levels, ranging from \$10.00 for Regular Membership to \$200.00 for Lifetime Membership. In this way, individual members, at their discretion, can contribute to the Society's treasury to help insure further issues of the journal and other projects which the LIPHS pursues. I will take this opportunity to contribute \$200.00 to the LIPHS treasury and thus become the first Lifetime Member. I urge all of you, who can afford to do so, to consider alternative memberships of \$25, \$50 or \$200 to the Regular Membership of \$10.00.

During the past year, Fred Rodriguez has been the principle person in promoting membership in the LIPHS and has personally recruited several new members. I urge all of you to have your postal history colleagues join our group. One need not collect Long Island postal history to derive benefit from the LIPHS. Many postal history collectors belong to multiple state societies in order to keep-up with newly published information.

I am now in the process of writing a brief article on County and Postmaster Cancellations from Kings and Queens Counties. I need your help. Please... send me photocopies of these cancels so that I can put together a complete listing for this article.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Fred Rodriguez on his new position in Florida and wish him good fortune. Fred has been an invaluable member of our Society and I hope that he will continue his activities for us, even though he is now far away from Long Island.

Best regards,

Daniel

Daniel M. Knowles, M.D.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



This edition of the newly named LONG ISLAND POSTAL HISTORIAN is coming to you a few weeks late and slightly smaller in size. I expect things back to normal once I'm settled in my new home in Florida.

Please notice that membership comes up for renewal for the fiscal year beginning this August 1st. Don't delay, send your dues check to Carl F. Baker, Treasurer at 140 Lewis Road, Northport, N.Y. 11768. We need members willing to contribute at higher membership levels. This and all the previous issues have been reproduced at virtually no cost to the Society thanks to a number of members who have donated their time and money to put out each quarterly issue. However, this will not continue for long. The Society needs members to contribute with \$25 or more towards sustaining it and this Journal, otherwise our treasury will be depleted in no time once the "subsidies" cease. If you can't contribute with articles, then perhaps this is a good way to give something in return.

I'm glad to report that Bob Miller has accepted to write a quarterly column dealing with the airmail postal history of Long Island. If you have any interesting airmail covers or information about any aspect of L.I. aviation in connection with the mails don't fail to tell Bob about it. He can be reached at 126 Drake Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10314. The next issue will include his first article under this new regular column.

I want to thank the members that attended the Spring meeting of the Society at my home in Huntington. Your good wishes to my family and me are appreciated. Others have written extending their best wishes as we move to Florida. Thank you. Some fellow editors who don't know me personally have wished for my happy retirement in Florida. If only that could be true!, but I don't think that at 36 I'm ready to retire...maybe at 40.

The next issue will include the regular Auction Action column and other interesting articles. Theron Wierenga is currently writing an article on the whaling correspondence of the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Company. Some great covers with real nice markings and fantastic contents are included. That article will be serialized here. An article on the registry system is in the works as well as one by Dan Knowles on Kings and Queens county postmarks. Another on fancy cancels is in the offing. Support your Society!

J. Fred Rodriguez

SECRETARY'S NOTES and
MEMBERS CORRESPONDENCE



We welcome one new member to our Society:

Mrs. Mitzi Caputo
Huntington Historical Society
209 Main Street
Huntington, New York 11743

Change of address:

J. Fred Rodriguez
P.O. Box 112005
One Biscayne Tower Sta.
Miami, Florida 33111

Mitzi Caputo is the curator of the HHS photograph collection and a friend of the editor. She has been very helpful in providing copies of interesting photos some of which have been illustrated in this pages. We welcome Mitzi and her organization to the LIPHS.

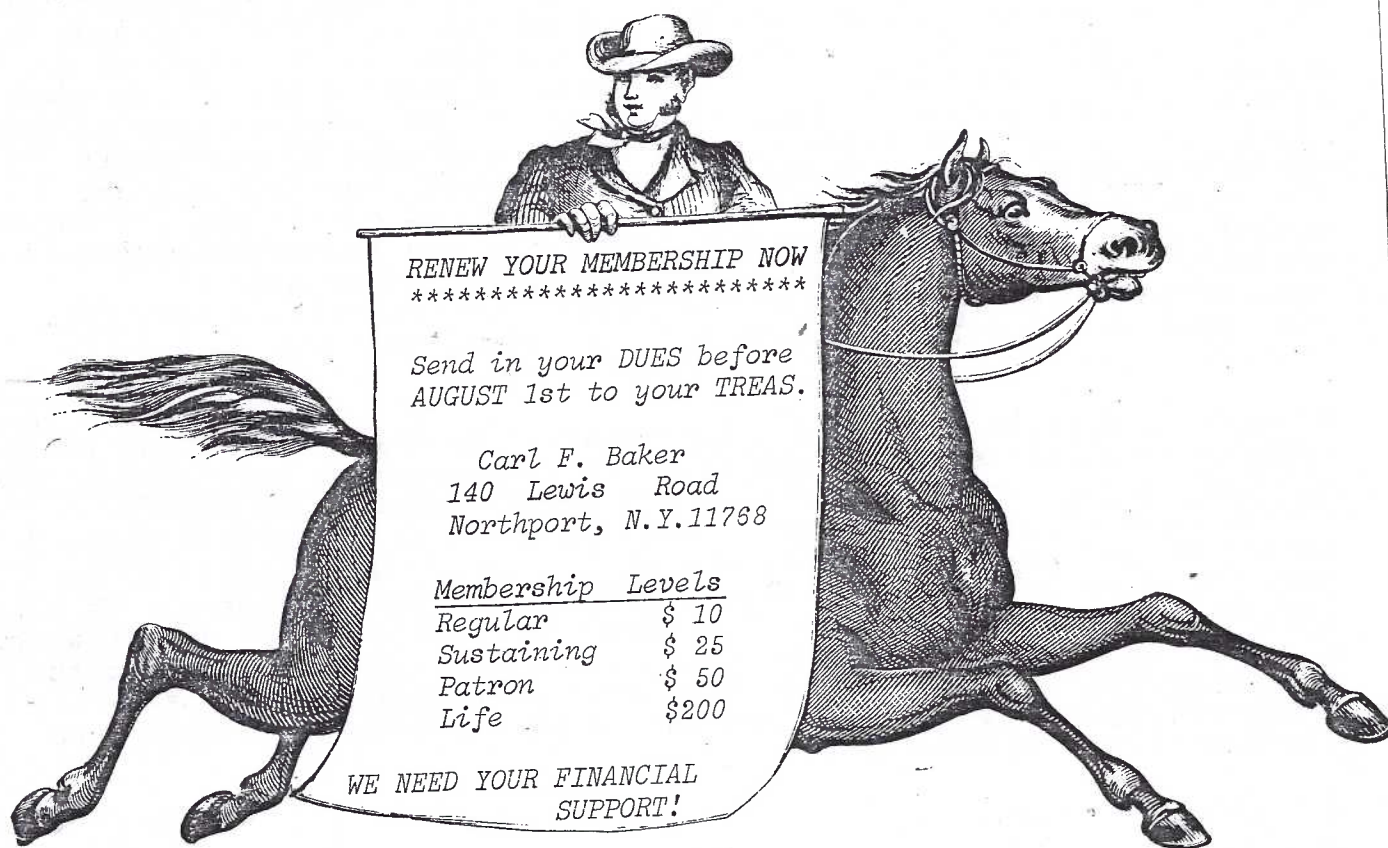
On page 16 in the last issue we illustrated a LIRR cover which had an unusual rectangular handstamp on one corner and the initials "R.R.S." in manuscript in the lower left hand corner. Fred Lightfoot tells us that the initials stood for Rail Road Service and that the cover was handled outside of the mails. The handstamp is a LIRR ticket or back office cancel and not a marking used by the railway mail clerk.

Member Edward Volavka writes: "Thank you very much for the back issues of Long Island Postal History. They make fantastic reading. I have collected post cards for several years and never noticed the postmark on them. Now I can double the pleasure." Post cards and postal history do go together as shown by the articles that John Price and Fred Rodriguez have been writing on L.I. post offices. Some unusual and valuable postal markings can be found on post cards. Many interesting auxiliary markings are often noticed on post cards. Long Island has a fine post card club which meets every first Thursday of the month from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 52 Hawthorne Ave. in East Islip. Everyone is welcomed. A good number of dealers always have thousands of post cards to sell and only a few look at the back of the cards for postmarks. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5.

We receive a post card from member Robert Sklarz mailed from Israel. Bob was vacationing there and wanted to let us know that he was very sorry that he could not make the Spring Meeting on April 21st, much to his dismay as he had been looking forward to it.

Other members who had been regular attendees at previous get-togethers could not make it for personal reasons. Arthur Pollinger, Art Fitzpatrick and John Price were unable to attend and were sorely missed.

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MANUSCRIPT POST OFFICES OF LONG ISLAND
Compiled and written by: J. Fred Rodriguez

INTRODUCTION

The Empire State Postal History Society published in 1984 Manuscript Post Offices of New York State Edited by Henry Chlanda and Chester E. Wilcox. It is the third edition (first printing limited to 500 copies) of a work begun by the late Lee S. DeGraff, a founder of the ESPHS. The book lists numerous post offices which are known to have manuscript town postmarks, some designating the county where located. Manuscript RFD cancellations are also listed. It has twelve pages of illustrations and a good introduction setting the ground rules for the listings. Emma G. Koberg, immediate past President of the ESPHS and a member of our Society, and Henry Chlanda have graciously agreed to let us reproduce from their book those listings of manuscript post offices from Kings, Queens and Suffolk Counties. Their listing includes 92 different manuscript post offices from Long Island showing the earliest and latest date reported. Information, where known, of the Scott's Catalog No. of the stamp affixed to the listed cover and any other pertinent markings are also listed. That information can often help in approximating the year date of the manuscript post office when that year date is otherwise unknown, as it is often the case with early covers.

We want to express our deepest appreciation to Emma, Henry, and to the ESPHS for permitting us to use portions of Manuscript Post Offices of New York State for the benefit of the LIPHS members. We highly recommend this book and suggest that you write to the Empire State Postal History Society at P.O. Box 5475, Albany, N.Y. 12205 and buy one. The cost is \$12.00 postpaid and \$9.60 for ESPHS members. We also recommend that you join the ESPHS. Membership dues are \$5 a year which includes discounts on various publications and a subscription to the bi-monthly ESPHS Bulletin. The Newsletter, although small, has interesting articles, classified ads, a postal history auction, and various ongoing projects.

BACKGROUND

Manuscript town postmarks and cancellations are valid postal markings which were written on the face of stampless folded letters, stampless covers and cover with postage stamps on them denoting the name of the remitting post office, the postage charge, whether paid or unpaid by the sender, and other auxiliary information when appropriate. Usually, postmasters at small offices had to pay for their own postmarking and cancelling devices. Many opted not to spend the money on them as their compensation was small. They simply wrote the name of the post office, the State, and the month and date on one corner of the cover and the postage charge or to be charged on the other. If a stamp was affixed then it was usually cancelled by applying pen strokes to the stamp. Almost always the ink in use was black, but sometimes brown, red blue, magenta and even green inks were used.

You will usually find that manuscript postmarks are found only during the early years of a post office existence, the postmasters opting to buy handstamps and other cancelling devices as the volume of mail increased. However, in some cases certain post offices may have two or more distinct periods where manuscript postmarks are recorded from. The reason is simple, when there was a change of postmasters some of them did not transfer the handstamps and cancellers to the incoming official as these were often private property. The new postmaster would resort to manuscript postmarks until new town handstamps and cancellers could be ordered.

The opening and closing of a post office and a later re-establishment of that post office with the same name or a new one is another reason for the existence of two or more manuscript postmark periods for a particular post office. There are a few examples of this right here on Long Island. Syosset is one that comes to mind.

THE LONG ISLAND MANUSCRIPT POST OFFICES

A total of 107 different L.I. post offices are listed herein known to have used manuscript town postmarks during their existence. In order to differentiate newly reported information from data originally reported in Manuscript Post Offices of New York State we have used an asterik next to the post office name, or earliest date or latest date as appropriate. Any post office listed in capitalized letters denotes a completely new listing first reported here. We have also opted to separate and list those post offices of Queens County which are now part of Nassau County. Illustrations of some interesting Long Island manuscript cancellations accompany this article. We are also listing for the first time an early county manuscript postmark and the first manuscript RFD cancel from L.I.

We want to thank the following members for submitting photocopies of covers and providing data on newly reported manuscript post offices: Mrs. Edith H. Wyckoff, John M. Price, Jr., Arthur Fitzpatrick, Carl F. Baker, Joel Shapiro, Brendan McCann, and Linda Wierenga. We also want to thank Mr. Robert Farwell, Curator of the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum for allowing us to examine the whaling correspondence in the museum archives. Various newly reported manuscript post offices were uncovered there. Without the generous help of members like these an article of this type is difficult to produce.

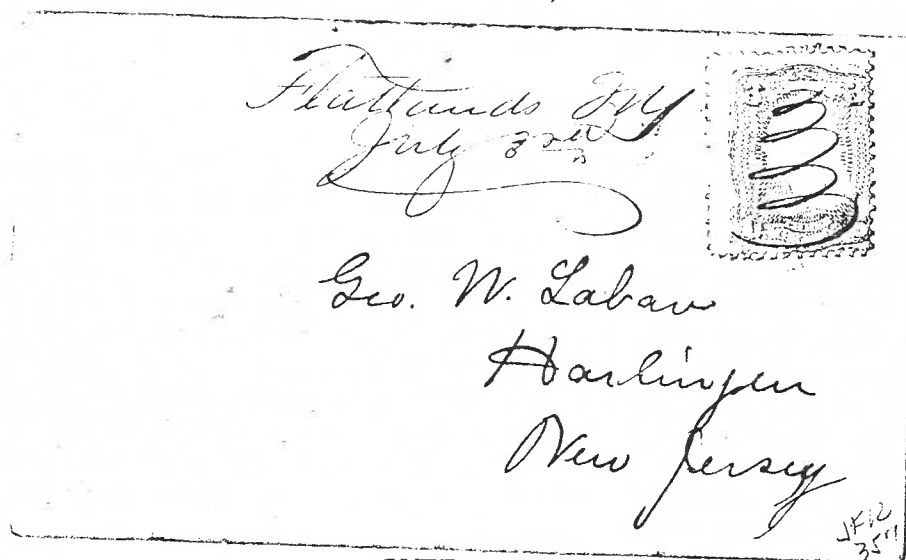
Please write to me at P.O. Box 112005, Miami, Florida 33111 if you can add in anyway to this listing. I will appreciate hearing from you. Some of you undoubtedly have new post offices to report. Please contribute.

LONG ISLAND MANUSCRIPT CANCELLATIONS

KINGS COUNTY

P.O. NAME	EARLIEST DATE	OTHER DATA	LATEST DATE	OTHER DATA
Brooklyn	03/08/1821		08/30/1826	
*EAST NEW YORK	*10/16/1841			
Flatbush	02/19/1816		NYD	#26
*FLATLANDS	*07/03/NYD	*#65		
Fort Hamilton	06/17/1837		1848	
New Utrecht	07/28/1854		*12/30/NYD	#65
Williamsburg	03/31/1832			

Flatlands, N.Y. July 3rd circa 1865. Pen swirls cancel the common 1861 3-cent stamp. (Rodriguez Collection)



QUEENS COUNTY

P.O. NAME	EARLIEST DATE	OTHER DATA	LATEST DATE	OTHER DATA
Alley	11/08/1823			
Astoria	1843			
Atlantic	01/08/1870	#114		
Cedar Swamp	NYD	#26		
Flushing	*07/25/1831		1840	
Halletts Cove	*02/01/1837			
Head of Cow Neck	1827			
Jamaica	1804		07/21/1831	
Newtown	10/17/1836		*1859	
*PEARSALLS	*07/19/NYD	*#134, #146		
Ravenswood	*02/11/NYD	*#11	*1866	
Rockaway	NYD	#65		#65
*WHITESTONE	*11/27/1868	*#94		
*WOODHAVEN	*NYD	*#11		

NASSAU COUNTY

P.O. NAME	EARLIEST DATE	OTHER DATA	LATEST DATE	OTHER DATA
*BUCKRAM	*NYD			
Central Park	04/23/NYD	#65	NYD	#65
East Williston	06/21/1880	#UX5	*06/22/1881	*UX5
Farmingdale	09/02/NYD	#11	1853	#26
*GLEN COVE	*05/22/NYD	*12 1/2	*07/15/1847	
Hempstead	*07/22/1833			
Hempstead Branch	1845		1856	#11
Hempstead Harbor	1842			
Hicksville	12/19/NYD	#11		
Jericho	1815		08/19/1844	
*JERUSALEM SOUTH	*05/13/1843	*Way 11	*06/16/1845	
*JERUSALEM STATION	*11/05/1845	*5		
Manhasset	08/18/1846		NYD	#65
Mineola	02/09/NYD	#65	11/21/NYD	#65
Moscheto Cove	03/28/1828		1830	
North Hempstead	07/26/1844		04/12/1861	#26
Old Westbury	1869	#114		
Roslyn	1846		12/01/NYD	#26
South Oyster Bay	1833		NYD	#26
Syosset	1871	#U82	1879	#U163
*WOODBURY	*06/14/NYD	*3c BN		

SUFFOLK COUNTY

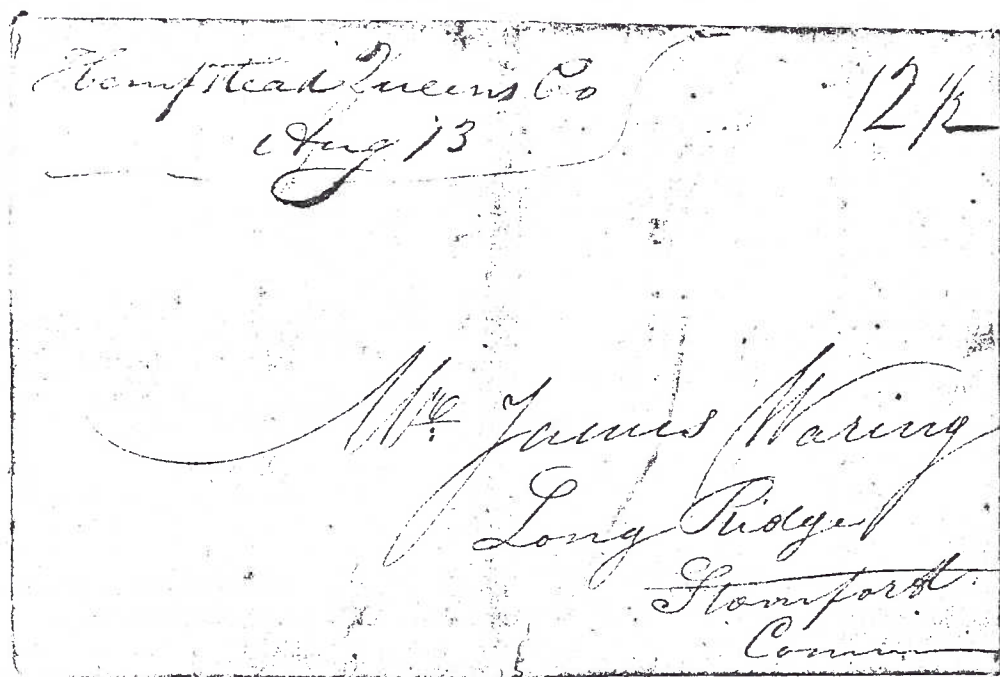
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Amagansett	NYD	#11	08/20/NYD	#26
Babylon	08/05/1840		11/25/1842	
Baiting Hollow	1848		*05/10/NYD	#65
Bay Shore	05/07/NYD	#94		
Bellport	1846			
Bridgehampton	*03/05/1823	*P.M.FREE	*03/01/1856	*Paid 5
Centre Moriches	*01/28/1855			
Centreport	08/18/NYD	#26	05/14/1866	#65
Cold Spring Harbor	1836		1851	
Commack	*06/25/1845		02/15/1847	
Coram	*07/30/NYD	*Way 7	*04/25/1857	#11
Crab Meadow	10/23/1821		*03/27/1832	*FREE
Cutchogue	1842		*11/22/1872	
Deer Park	NYD	#26		
Dix Hills	1818		NYD	#65
Drown Meadows	1821			
East Hampton	10/11/1819		*12/08/1860	*#U10
East Marion	12/15/NYD	Paid 5	04/20/1867	#65
East Setauket	03/14/1863	#65	*04/14/1863	*#65
Elwood	08/25/1862	#65		

SUFFOLK COUNTY (continued)

	EARLIEST DATE	OTHER DATA	LATEST DATE	OTHER DATA
Farms	*01/31/1830	*25 c		
Fire Island	07/14/1858	#26		
Fire Place	1847			
Flanders	1845		*02/23/NYD	*#10
Fresh Pond	03/08/NYD	#25	NYD	#65
Good Ground	05/08/1843		01/18/NYD	#26
Greenport	*03/15/1835		1845	
Holtsville	11/13/1884	2c BN	01/06/1885	2C BN
Huntington	*06/04/1816		05/19/1848	
Islip	11/15/NYD	18 3/4	02/11/1842	
Jamesport	*02/13/1850		*10/26/1854	*#11
Lakeland	NYD	#25	*07/01/1857	*FREE
*MATTITTUCK	*06/11/1811			
Melville	02/27/1877	#156		
Middle Island	*12/29/1836	*WAY 11	07/10/NYD	#65
Moriches	*06/01/1838		07/11/1848	
Mount Sinai	1850			
New Village	*12/25/1834		1839	
Northport	1847		1855	
Orient	*09/29/1842	*183/4	*02/17/1853	
Patchogue	*01/20/1843		06/14/1847	
Penataquit	NYD-Stampless			
Port Jefferson	1835			
Quogue	1844		NYD	#65
Ronkonkoma	NYD	#65		
Sag Harbor	1815		1846	
Seatuck	*11/07/NYD	*Paid 3		
Setauket	1821		1844	
Shelter Island	1851		08/18/1856	#U10
Smithtown	1820		11/05/1847	
Smithtown Branch	11/20/NYD	#1	11/01/1853	
Southampton	1812		11/30/1849	
South Haven	*06/09/NYD	*#11	*1868	*#69 Pair
Southold	*03/01/1806	*PM FREE	*07/25/1848	*Paid 5
Speonk	08/05/1847		*12/23/1863	*#65
Springs	NYD	#26		
*ST. JAMES	*07/16/1857	*#9		
*SUCCESS	*06/22/1862	*#65	*07/22/NYD	*#65
Suffolk (C.H.)	*08/30/1814	*P.M.FREE	1849	
Thompsons Station	1853		04/04/NYD	#65
Upper Aquebogue	10/31/1841		07/22/NYD	*#65
Wading River	03/15/NYD	#U10		
*WEST DEER PARK	*03/29/1878			
*WEST SOUTHOLD	*06/23/1851	*#11	*01/18/1855	*#26
Yaphank	02/20/1849		01/01/1851	

MANUSCRIPT COUNTY CANCELS

*HEMPSTEAD, QUEENS CO. *08/13/1822

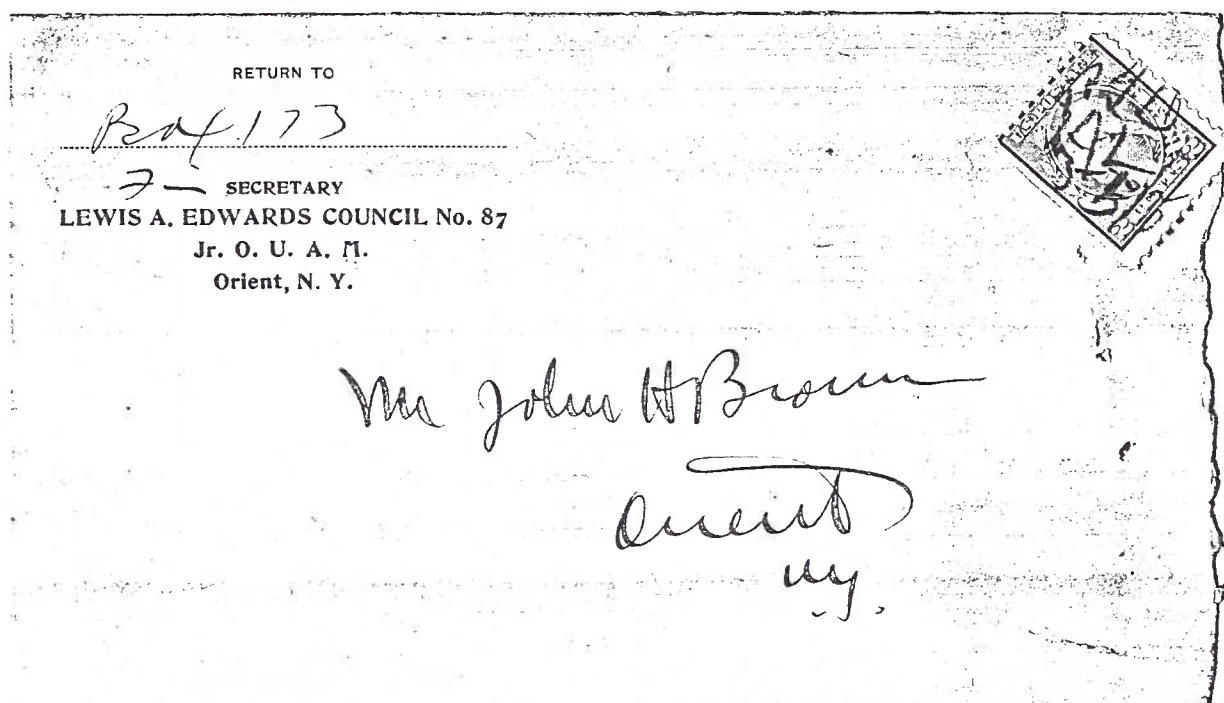


MANUSCRIPT R.F.D. CANCELLATIONS

*ORIENT

*03/05/1915

*RFD NO.2



Halletts Cove Feb 1st

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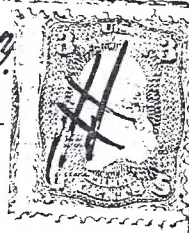
M^{rs} Cynthia Morgan

Ledyard

Connecticut

Halletts Cove (now Astoria) February 1, 1837 with interesting contents about local village life. Earliest reported date. (Rodriguez Collection)

(East Setauket N.Y.)
Apr 14. 1863



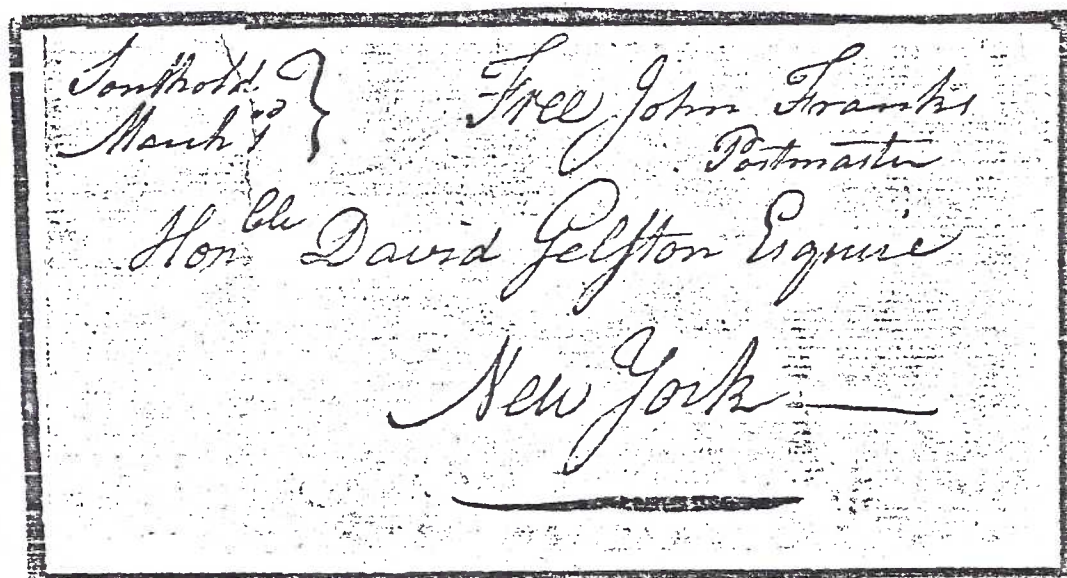
Mrs. Mary J. Sanford

Vernon Valley

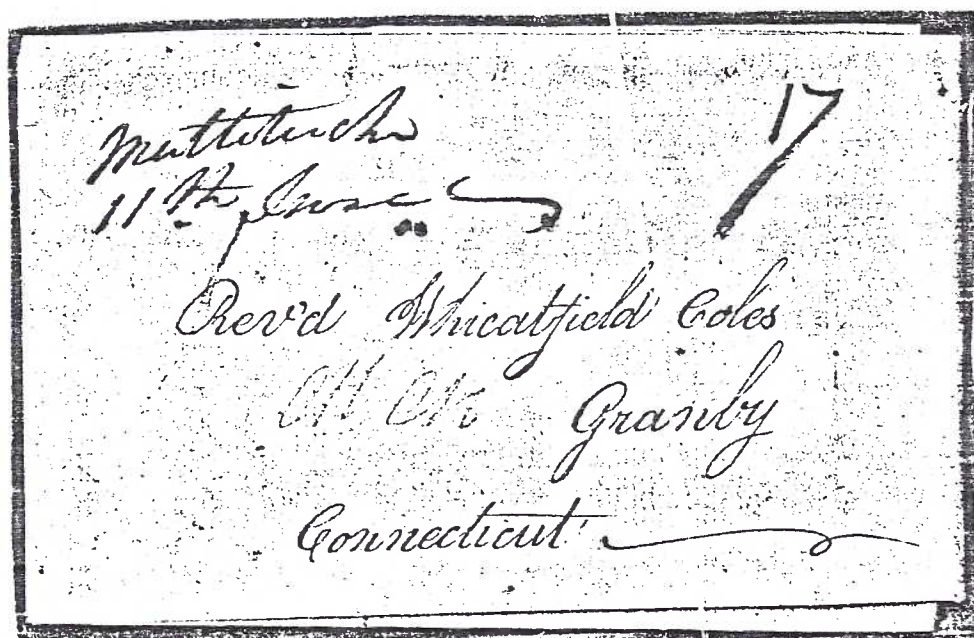
Northport, L.I.

An attractive ladies cover from East Setauket mailed to Vernon Valley in Northport, L.I. 1863 year date and a nice 3¢ 1861 stamp makes this cover extremely attractive. (Rodriguez Collection)

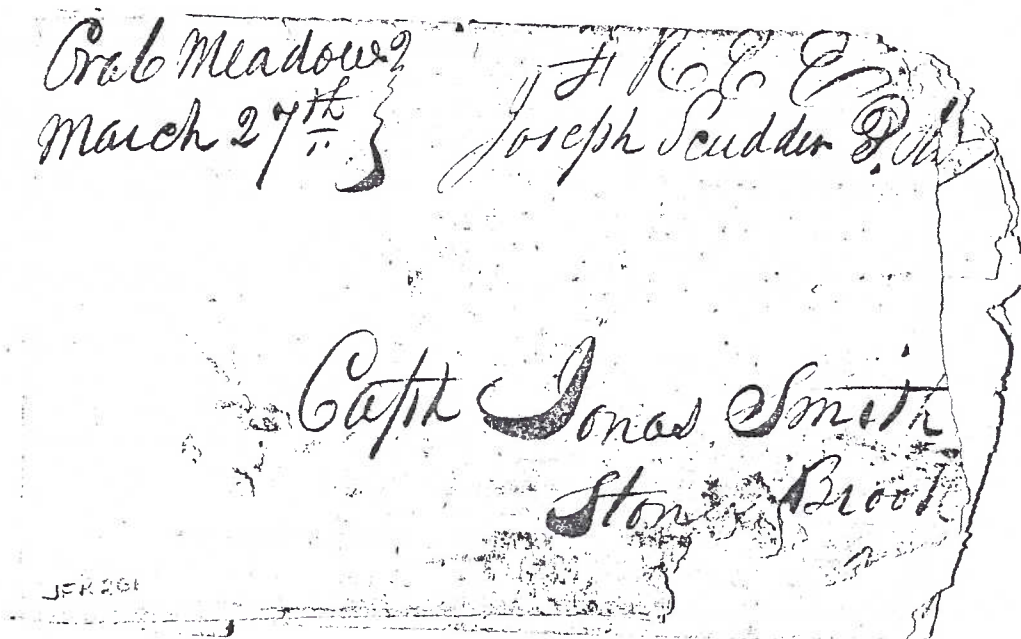
Stampless folded letter from Southold March 1, 1806 franked by Southold's first postmaster John Franks. (A. Fitzpatrick Collection).



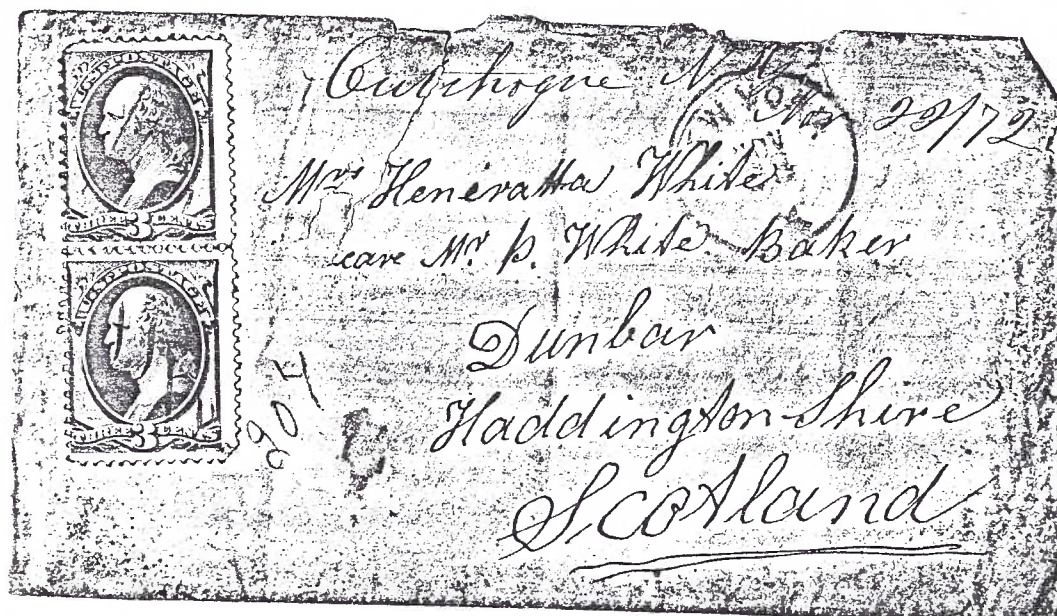
Mattituck June 11 (1811) stampless folded letter to Conn. (A. Fitzpatrick Collection).



Crab Meadow March 27th (1832) stampless folded letter from the postmaster to Captain Jonas Smith of Stony Brook. (Rodriguez Collection)



Latest known manuscript postmark from Cutchogue, N.Y. Nov 22, 1872 in red ink. Red pen strokes tie a pair of 3 cent banknotes. A red New York Nov 23 cds was applied in N.Y.C. before the letter was put on board a boat bound for Scotland. A red backstamp "Dunbar/C/DE 3/72" denotes receipt 10 days later. (Rodriguez Collection)



Huntington
N.Y. March 29 } 12^u

Mr. Jesse Ogden
Care of Mr. Thomas Tell
Merch^t No. 309 Market Street
1819 Philadelphia JFR 394

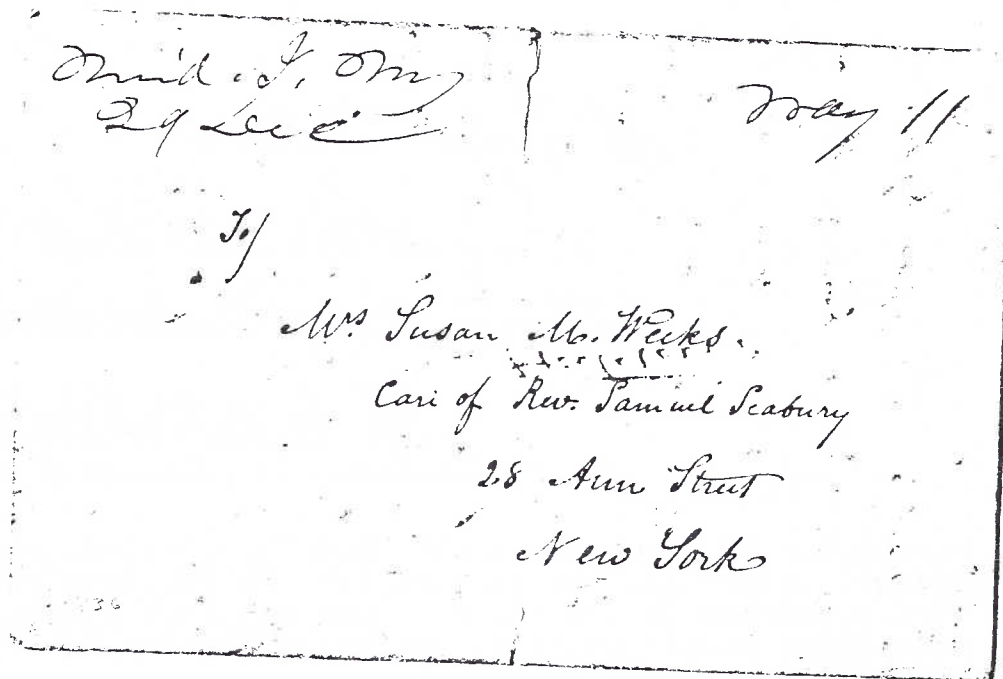
Huntington NY March 29 (1819) stampless folded letter franked in red ink. An earlier 1816 letter from the same correspondence is now the earliest reported Huntington manuscript postal marking. (Rodriguez Collection).

Jerusalem Sta NY
Nov 5th } 12^u

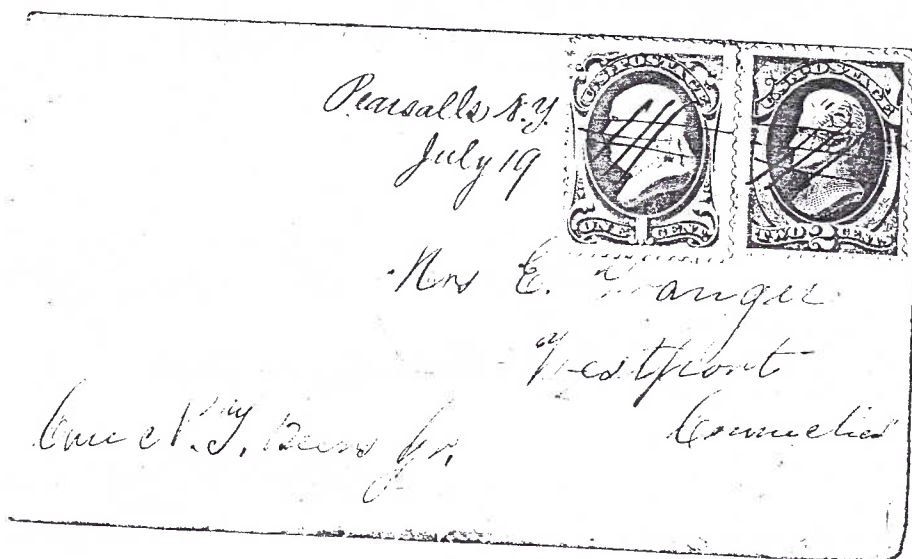
Benj^r T. Kissam Esq^r
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New York

"Jerusalem Sta NY, Nov 5th (1845)" on a stampless letter sent collect to New York City. (John M. Price, Jr. Collection)

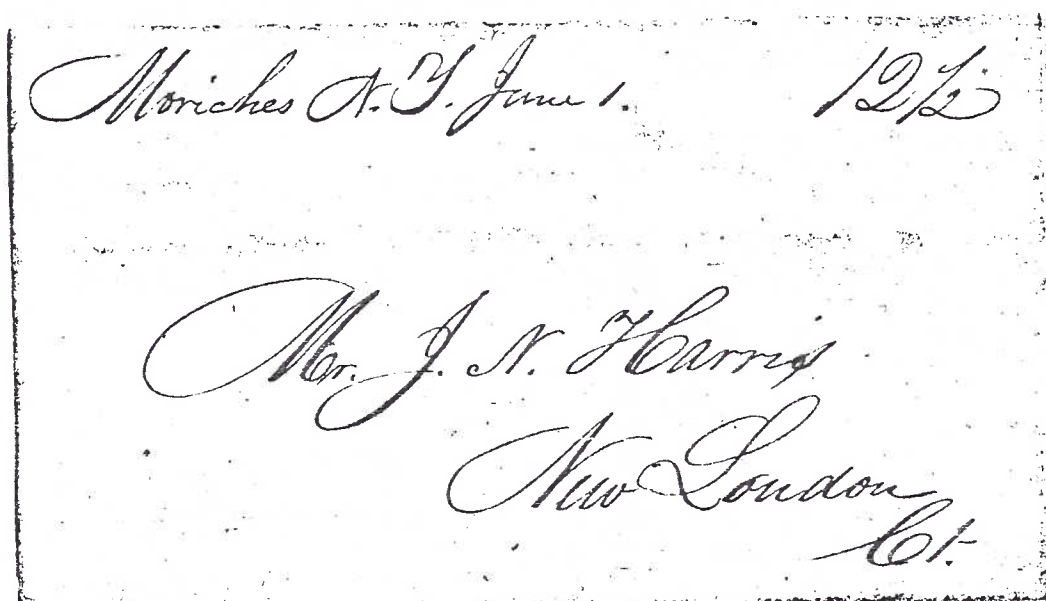
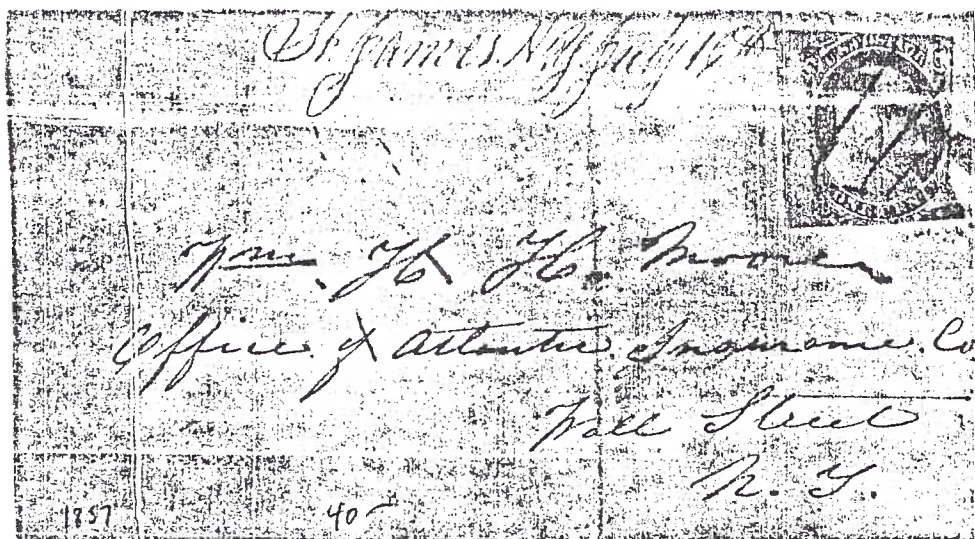
A very nice "Way 11" Middle Island, NY stampless folded letter dated Dec. 29, 1836 datelined from "Longwood" (John M. Price, Jr. Collection).



Newly reported Pearsalls, NY July 19 ladies cover circa 1874. (John M. Price, Jr. Collection).



St. James, N.Y. July 16 (1857 contents) franked by a Scott's #9 1 cent Ben Franklin imperforate stamp. (Shapiro Coll.)



Moriches, N.Y. June 1 (1838). Earliest reported date.
(L. Wierenga Collection)

Two Jerusalem South stampless folded letters addressed to John H. Jones, President of the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Company. (Collection of the Cold Sp. Harbor Whaling Museum).

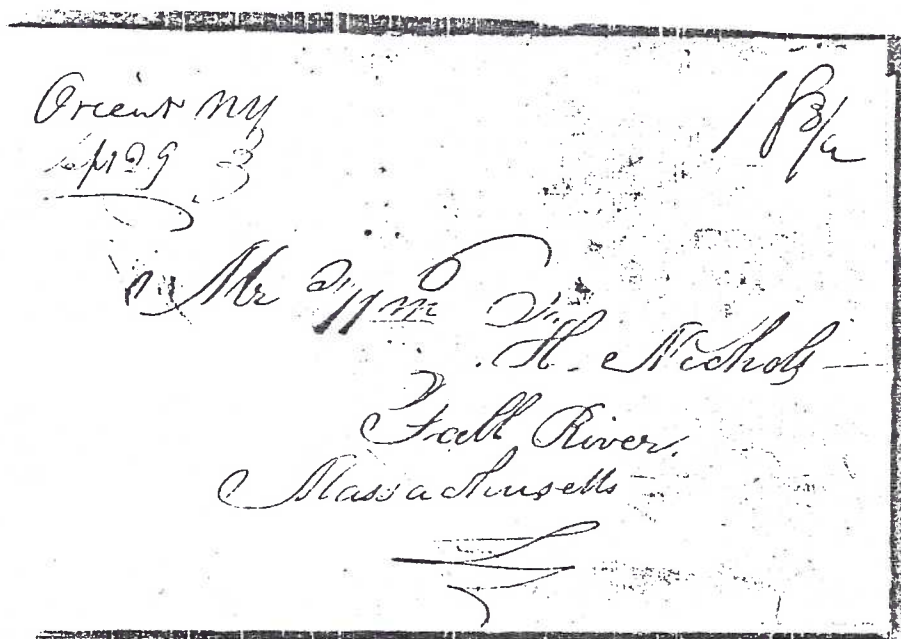
cto
Jerusalem So NY
May 13
John H Jones
11 Way
Cold Spring
LI

"Jerusalem So NY May 13 (1843)" and "11 Way" in blue ink written at Babylon and handed over to the post rider on his way to Jerusalem South. The writer, Edward Sammis request to be considered for a captain's position on a whaler.

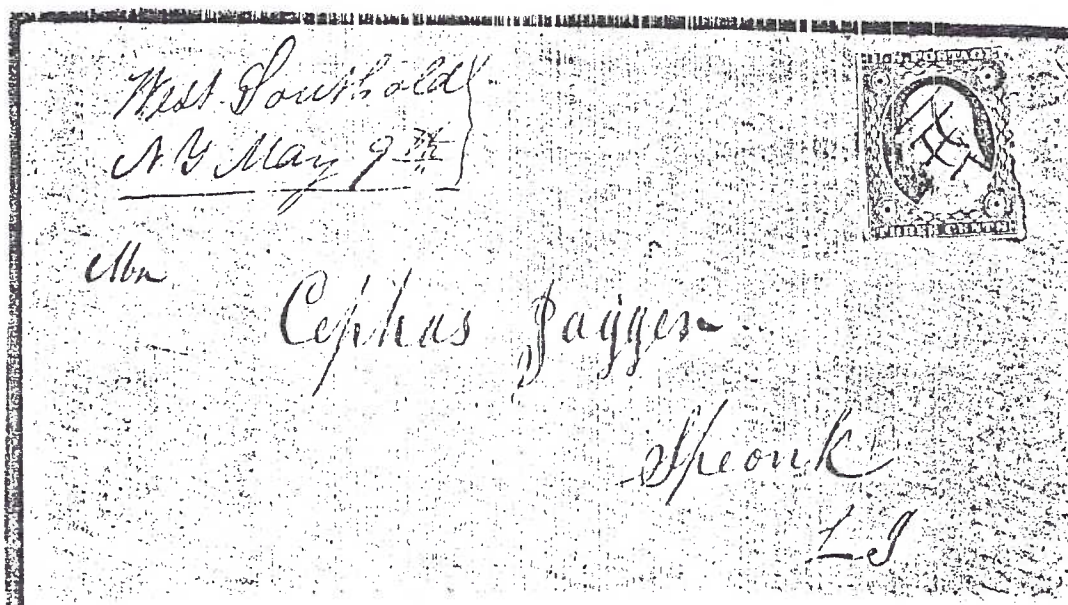
Mr John H Jones
Cold Spring
Jerusalem So NY
June 16
LI Island
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"Jerusalem So NY June 16 (1845)". Letter from an prospective investor in the Whaler Sheffield.

Orient, N.Y. Sept. 29 (1842) 18 3/4 cent rated stampless folded letter.
(A. Fitzpatrick Collection)



West Southold, N.Y. May 9 (1855) on cover franked by a damaged 3¢ 1851 Washington issue. (A. Fitzpatrick Collection)



SPRING MEETING - A FAREWELL TO FRED

Our Society held its Spring meeting at our editor's home in Huntington on April 21st. The original plans had called for a friendly get-together, but plans like letters can go astray. While this meeting proved to be an enjoyable one, the news that Fred and family would be leaving Long Island did have a dampening effect.

Our host graciously welcomed our president, Dr. Daniel Knowles (Office of Origin, Forest Hills), Martin Margulis (Bronx), I.H. Cherrington (New Hyde Park), Herbert Stannard (Patchogue), Brendan McCann (Flushing), Gary Hammond (Farmingdale), Catherine and Henry Gifford (Jamaica), Richard Jones (Massapequa), William Stearns (Syosset) and Carl Baker (Northport). Needless to say those "meeting the mails" at Fred's did not represent a "Full Pouch" of the membership by any means.

A brief business meeting was held for the purpose of voting on the change of name for our publication. Suggested names solicited from both the Board and the Membership to provide it with greater brevity and an identity of its own included:

Long Island Philatelist
Long Island Post Rider

Long Island Postal Historian
Long Island Postscript

A unanimous vote for "Long Island Postal Historian" made this change of name official with this issue, unavoidably delayed due to Fred's move to Florida.

Following the voting Fred entertained us with a showing of a videotape taken at our first meeting ever (1980) at the Hicksville Post Office Annex. Member Tom Gaynor, Public Information Officer at Hicksville had taken the pictures, but being a novice with the video camera at that time, his takes were not always on the mark, resulting in a number of "missents". However, by the time Tom had gotten around to the associate editor he had somewhat improved upon his "facing slips". Much to the embarrassment of yours truly everyone spotted THE SHIRT, worn on the two occasions, five years apart! No one seemed satisfied with my retort that shirts are cheaper by the dozen! It may mean that I'll have to wear that same shirt at our next get-together for its historic value. What Long Island Postal Historian would want to miss THAT meeting?

Some swapping and buying followed the video of that historic "milestone". Catherine Gifford with help of husband Henry sold some nice Long Island post cards and William Stearns managed to lighten several bank accounts with a fine selection of rare fancy cancels on Long Island covers and post cards. The guy with that famous shirt had a few Long Island covers to sell as well. Dan Knowles showed his outstanding collections of Long Island Railroad and Sag Harbor covers while a few of us drooled.

Refreshments followed and then it was time to say our farewells to Fred, whose "Star Route" was about to become Florida. No "Nixie Clerk" will have the pleasure of handling his fine collection of Long Island postal history as it is destined to go to Florida along with Fred. Nor will the editorship of our Journal, the Long Island Postal Historian, change, though considerable more support from the membership will be needed.

We wish Fred success in his new position and the best of everything for him and his family in their new home. Sadly, the personal contacts we have enjoyed in the past, will be rather infrequent and he shall be missed.

Carl F. Baker

A newspaper clipping of some years ago about the post office at College Point. Although not entirely accurate at times, old newspapers are nevertheless a great source of information about the local post offices and mail delivery in general. See Long Island Post Offices - Part V for more on Queens County post offices.

LONG AGO ON LONG ISLAND

By J. ERNEST BRIERLY

For years following the construction of the Kings Highway out of Brooklyn in 1704, and its later lengthening to Jamaica, there was no regular mail delivery on Long Island.

Only the most important letters from the outside world were delivered by the King's Deputies. Following the mid-eighteenth century, this condition was temporarily improved, when a Scotchman named Dunbar, voluntarily undertook to supply Long Islanders with their mail. He left Brooklyn on horseback, rode down the south shore, and back on the north, and mail was delivered every week or two.

As the highways improved, stage drivers dropped off letters at various towns, and College Point got its letters from Flushing by stage coach via 14th Avenue, through Whitestone, until the Plank Road was built across the marshes, making more direct deliveries possible. However, in 1854, after Conrad Poppenhusen had established his Enterprise Rubber Works employing

several hundred workers, there was a real need for better mail service.

On May 11, 1857, Herman Zuberbier was appointed first postmaster, in a store on Nichols Avenue, between West Street and Amity Street in Flammersburg (now 116-11 14th Road, College Point). This building was owned by John Tibbs,

who became College Point's 3rd postmaster on June 10, 1864, when Charles Marks, the second postmaster, left town to join the Union Army in the Civil War.

College Point's last postmaster was Albert Humm. On June 30, 1906, the Post Office was discontinued, to become a station of the Flushing Post Office.



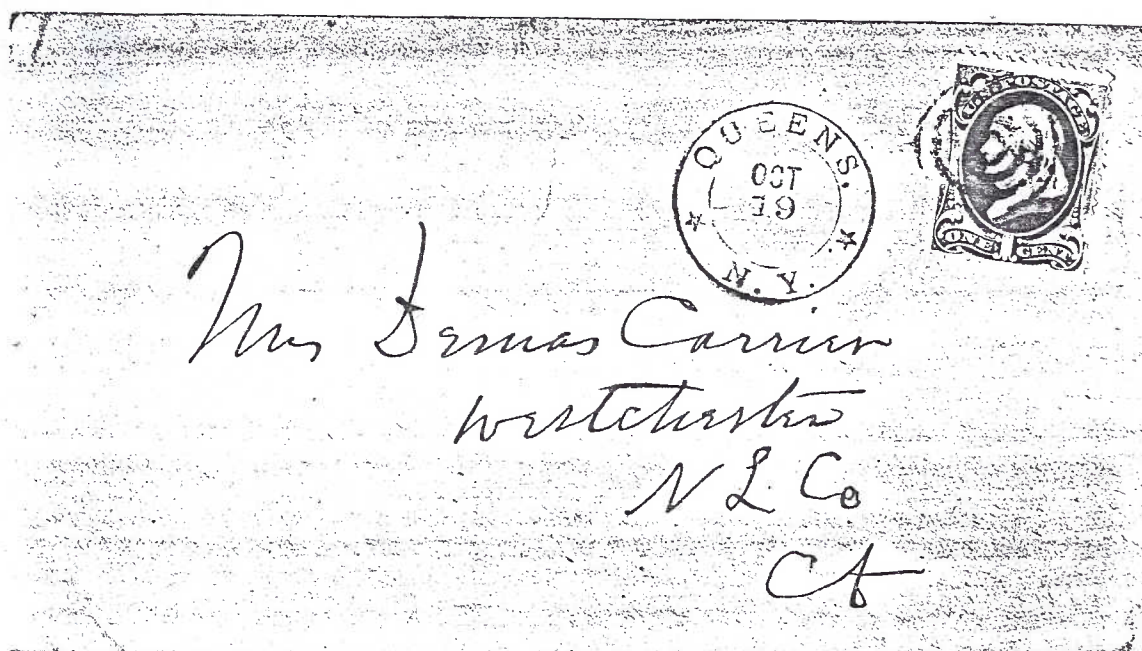
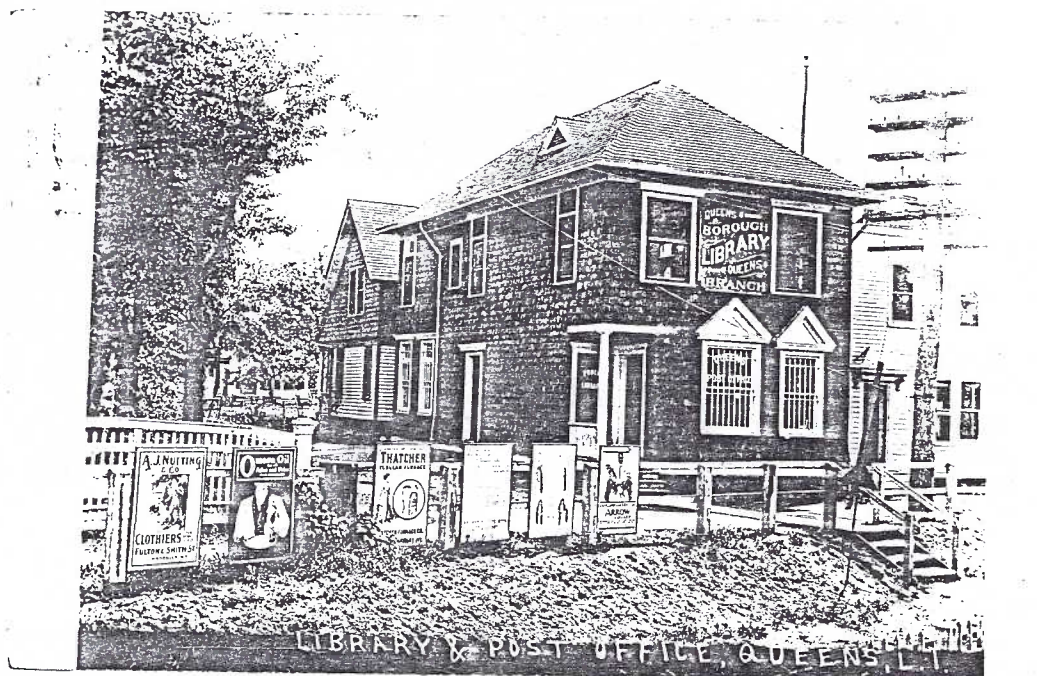
First Post Office at College Point.

Long Island Post Offices - Part V - Queens Revisited
 By: John M. Price, Jr. and J. Fred Rodriguez

The first installment of this series of articles depicting Long Island post offices on turn of the century post card views paired with covers from those post offices, covered the counties of Kings and Queens. In subsequent parts we have covered Nassau County and the Towns of Huntington and Babylon. We will continue to cover Suffolk County in subsequent installments which should take us into 1987 (we have over 100 Suffolk Co. post offices to illustrate). In this installment we will revisit Queens Co. post offices. Member Robert Stonehill has provided us with some superb real photo post cards of some Queens Co. post offices from his extensive post card collection from that area. Bob and his wife Helene are avid collectors of these post cards and will travel hundreds of miles to post card shows around the country searching them out. Other post card views and the covers shown here come from the Rodriguez Collection.



A fantastic photo view of the Queens Post Office located on the first floor of the Queens Borough Public Library branch building at Queens. This is an unusually sharp 1915 photo post card which also shows great outdoor advertising across from the railroad tracks. (Stonehill Collection)

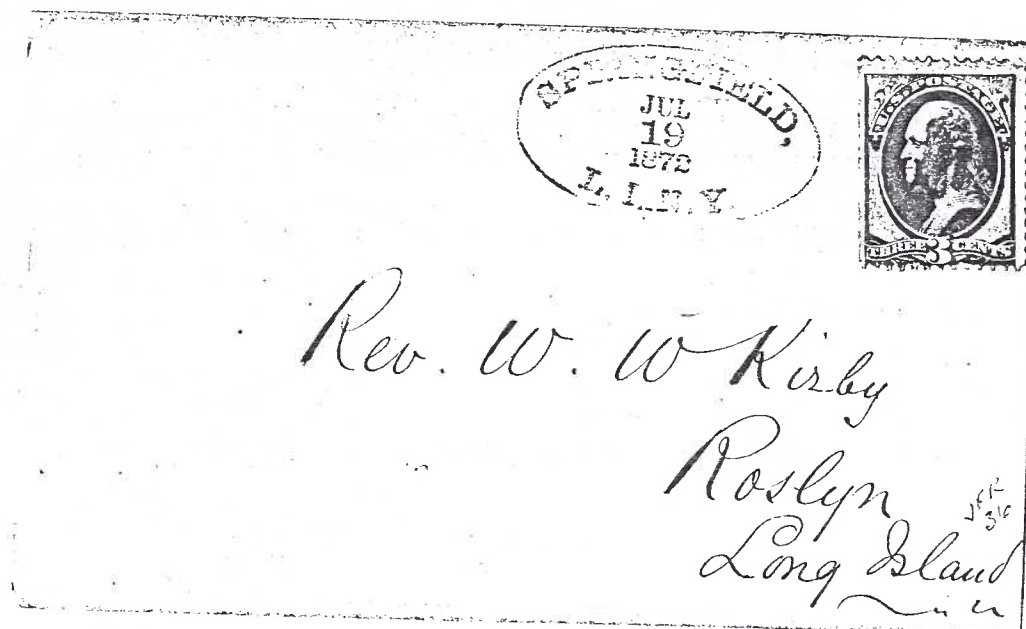


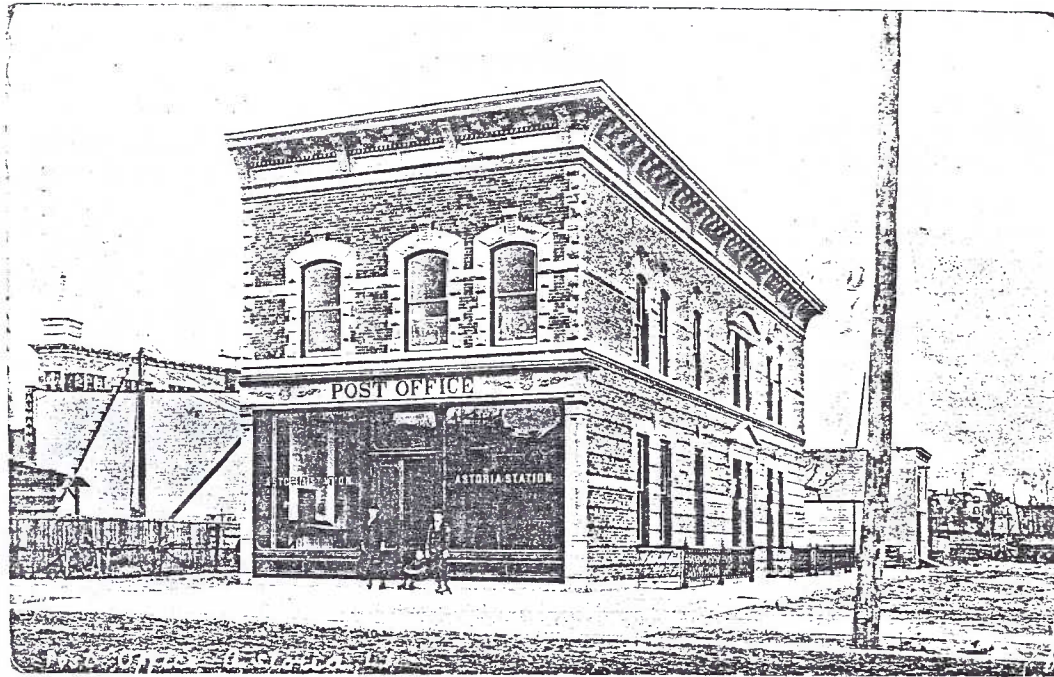
A pretty dcds from QUEENS, N.Y. with two small stars within the circle. Circa 1870's circular-rated cover. (Rodriguez Collection).

Post Office Springfield Gardens, L. I.

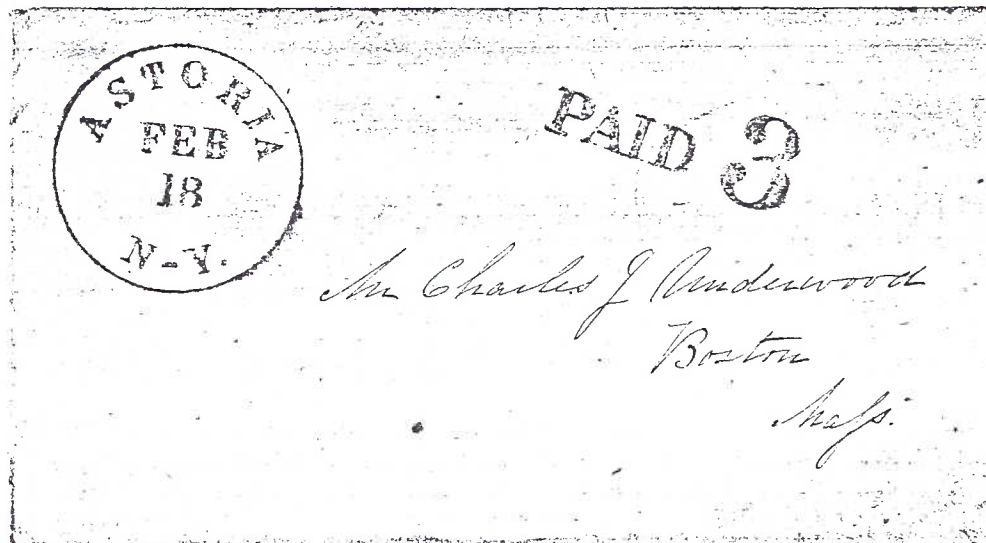


A handcolored post card of the SPRINGFIELD GARDENS branch of the Jamaica Post Office, circa 1910. This post office was originally established as Springfield Store, however some early covers are known with just Springfield, L.I. in the postmark. One of these covers is shown below.



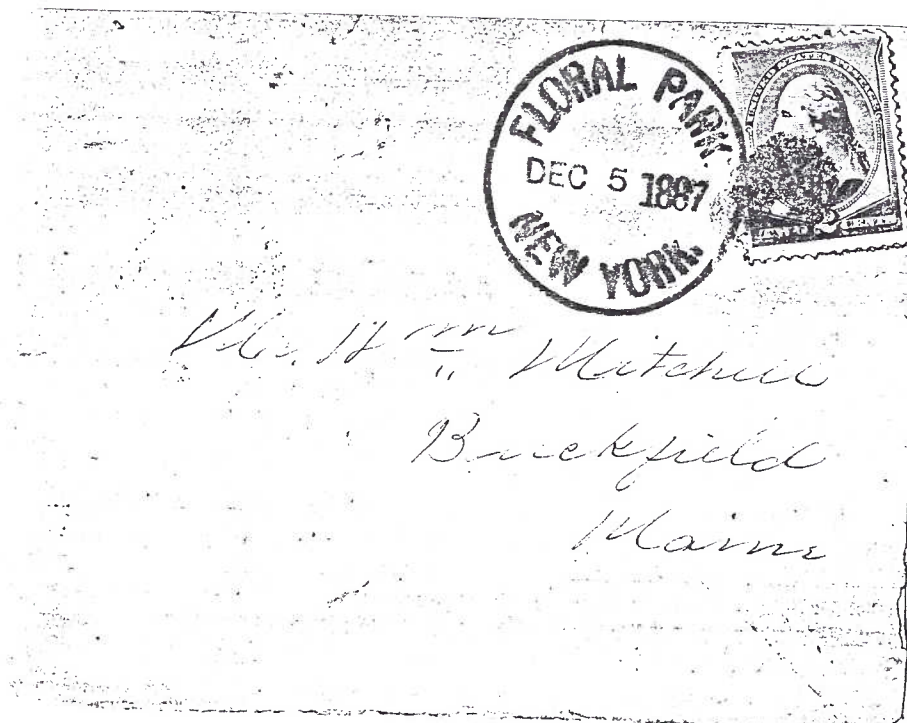
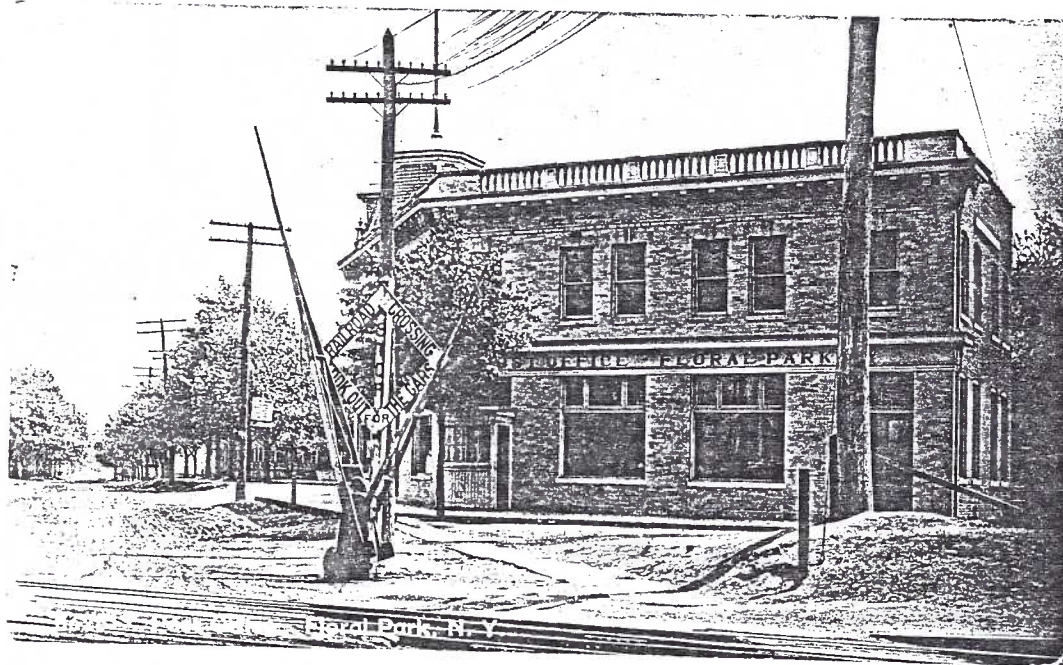


Another great photo post card showing the Astoria Post Office, Station of Long Island City Post Office. The building was located at 21st Street, near Astoria Square. The three boys on roller skates stopped to pose for the photographer in this 1911 view. (Stonehill Collection)



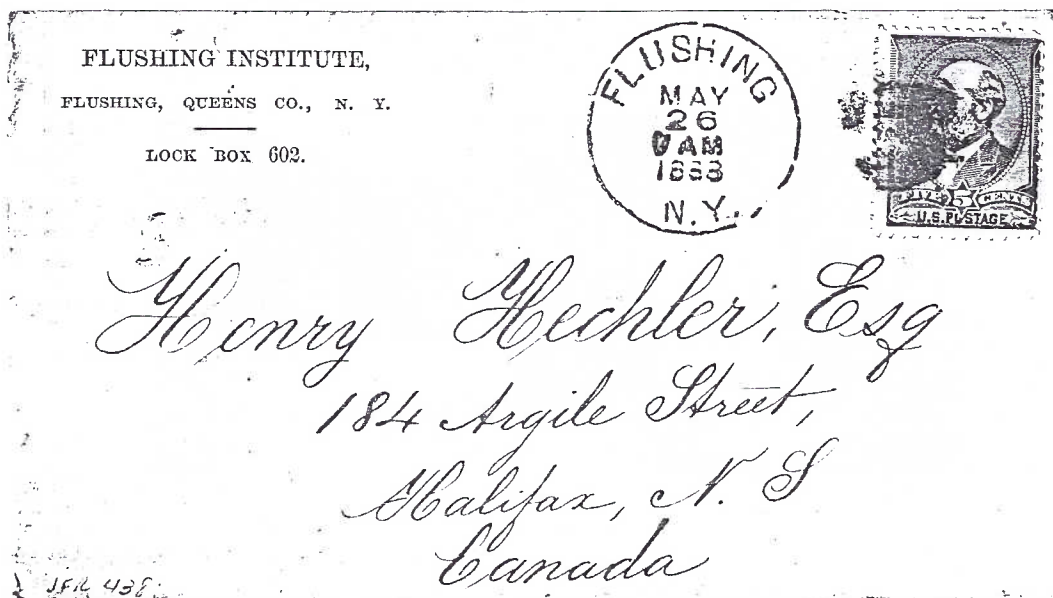
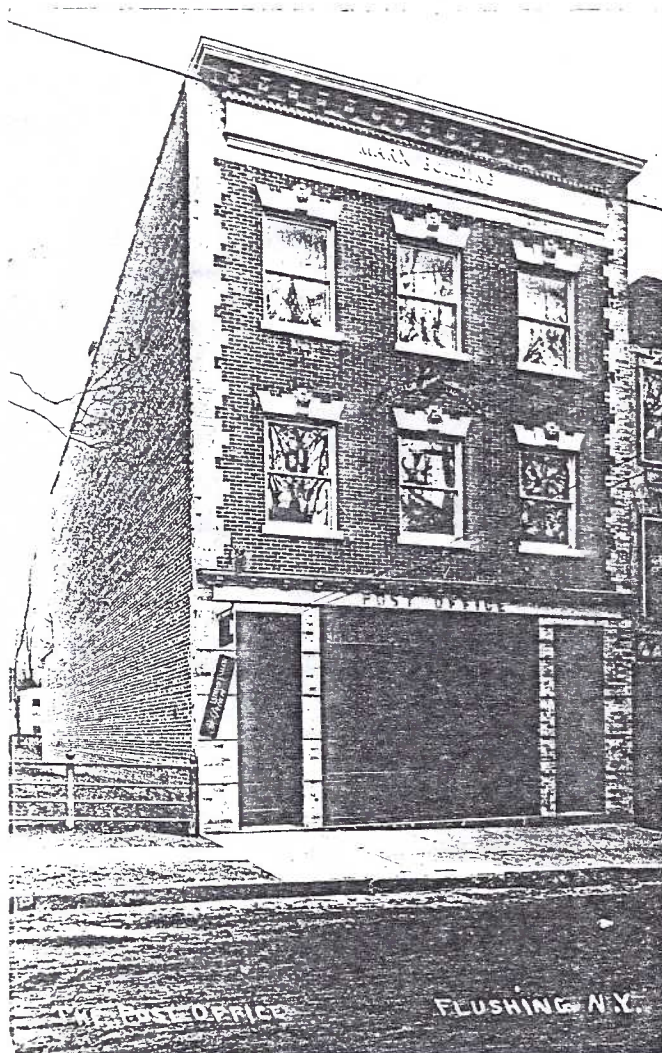
A beautifully struck "ASTORIA N-Y. FEB 18" circa 1853 cds in red with matching red "PAID 3" on cover to Boston. (Rodriguez Collection).

Another crisp photo post card from the Stonehill Collection. This one shows the FLORAL PARK post office at the crossing.



Balloon circle date stamp from FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK 1887 on cover to Maine. Only a few handstamp from Long Island have the state name spelled out within the postmark during this period. (Rodriguez Collection).

A photo view of the FLUSHING
post office located at the
Mark Building circa 1912.
(Stonehill Collection).



A corner card of the Flushing Institute with an 1888 cds from
Flushing addressed to Canada. The 5 cent brown U.S. Grant
stamp pays the 5 cent postage to Canada. (Rodriguez Coll.)

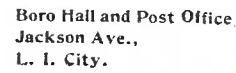


ESPOSITO BUILDINGS SUB-STATION POST OFFICE, Oceanside. L. I.

A sepia post card used in 1916 at Rockville Center showing the Oceanside Post Office Sub-Station, the one with the awning in the raised position. (Rodriguez Collection).

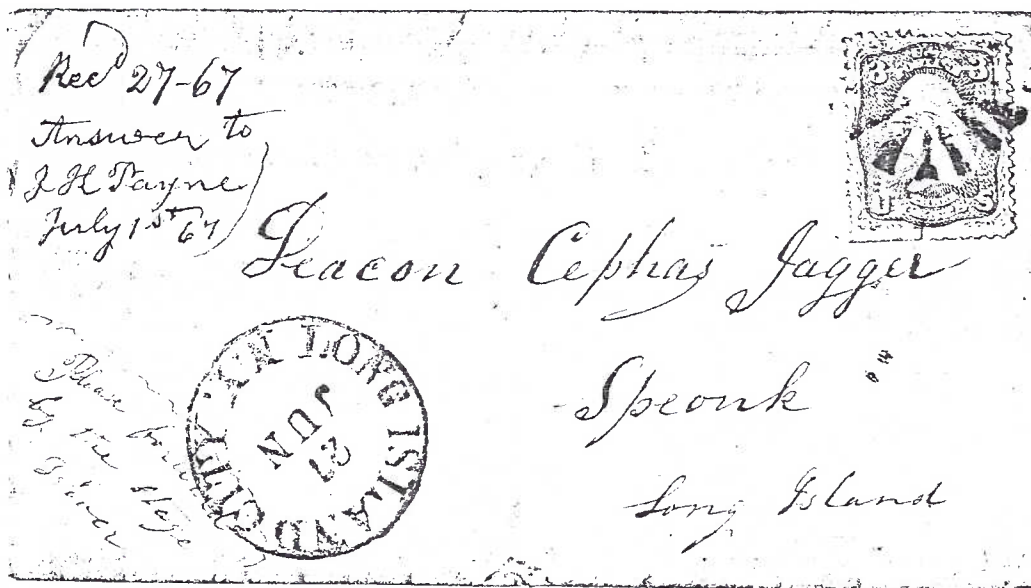


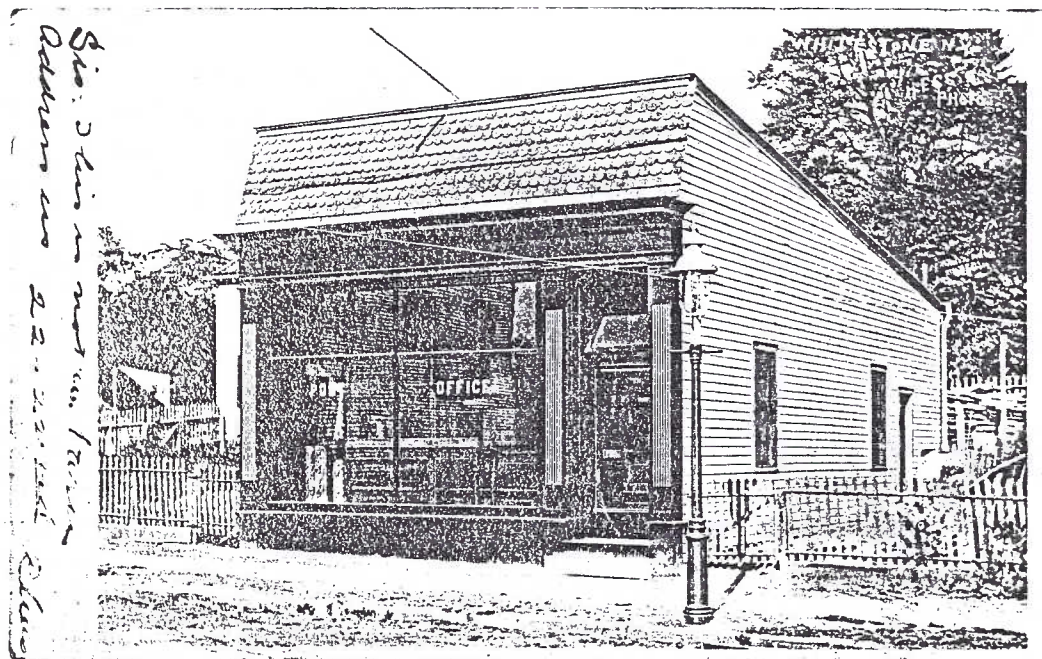
A 1942 photographic view of the Oceanside Branch of the Rockville Center P.O. You can see the lockboxes through the open door. (Rodriguez Collection)



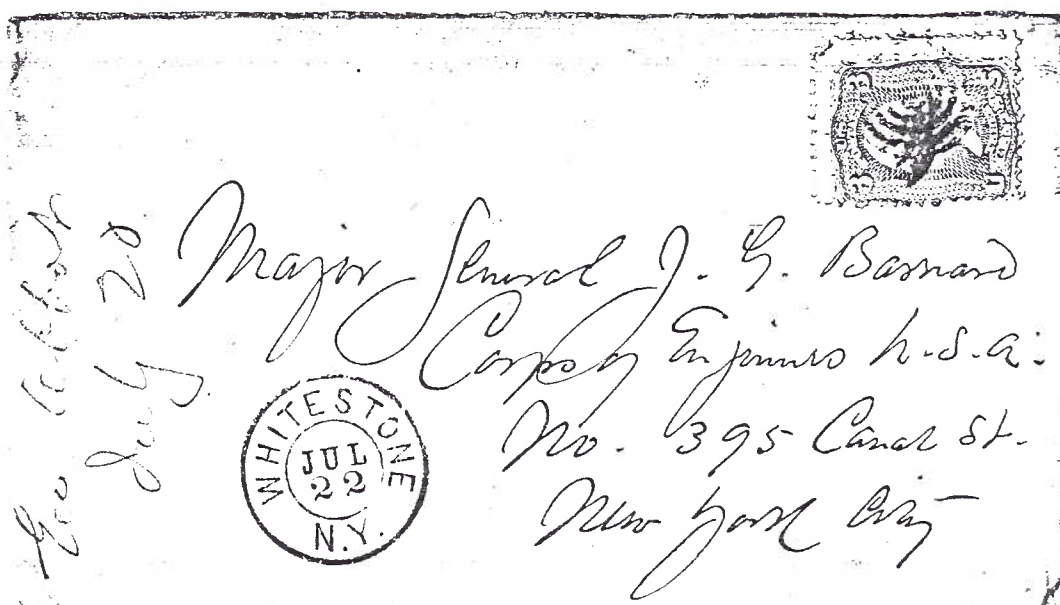
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A nice photo post card of the WHITESTONE post office. The caption on the side of the view says: "this is not a barn". The card was mailed in 1906 to Florida. The post office was closed at the time the photo was taken; notice the flagless flag pole at the top. A beautiful gas lamp post is at the side of the p.o. (Bob Stonehill Collection)



Nice double circle "WHITESTONE N.Y. JUL/22" postmark on cover to NYC (Rodriguez Collection)..

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