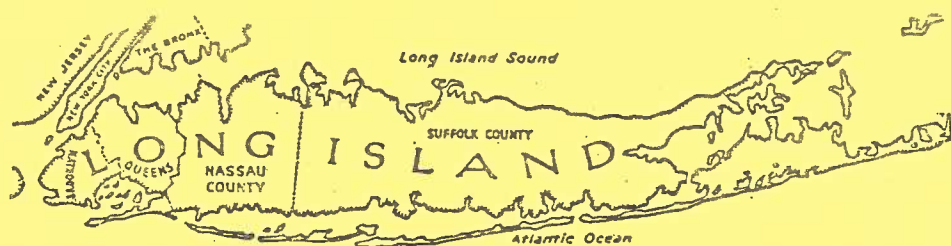


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been pleasing to me to note the great job that Fred Rodriguez has been doing as editor of our "Long Island Postal Historian". Having been Fred's friend long before this club was organized, I had always known of his abilities, but there is more to this job than talent. One must be able to find the time despite a very busy career and then one must have the drive as well to get things done.

In a sense Fred's successful editorship bothers me simply because unlike him I am a retiree and should have all that "free time" we are believed to possess. And yet it was Fred who had to remind me to prepare this message as his deadline approaches. I did have a plausible (?) excuse - I actually believed our next issue was that for the Spring with plenty of time to spare!

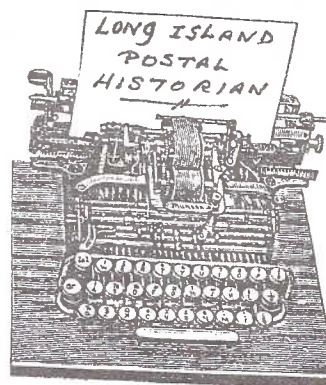
I must also apologize for not having a membership or at least a board meeting this past Fall. Can't think of a good reason for that failure, but will only say that we do have a number of important proposals to consider and must hold a meeting in early Spring, possibly in the City (New York). For some reason meetings held in the past in this part of the Island have not been as well attended as those held further west.

We do have an active Board. Director Brian Levy, who successfully arranged for our affiliation with the American Philatelic Society, continues to act as our representative with them. And Joel Shapiro, also a director, continues as our advertising manager for our Journal and in that capacity has helped offset certain expenses occurred in our publication. Both Brian and Joel are to be commended.

Several of our members are also members of the Long Island Post Card Club which meets in East Islip the first Thursday of each month except when there is a conflict with a holiday such as this year, when the January meeting had to be canceled. The April meeting will not be held either, due to our very successful show on Sunday, April 5th. Both at our regular meetings and at our show, there is a great opportunity to look through countless post cards for DPO cancels and other special markings. If one has the time it is important to search through all the New York State cards, since dealers are not always aware that an "Echo" should be filed under Long Island and a "Lake Huntington" should not be, etc..

Good post cards are no longer as reasonable as some years back. And as one dealer friend remarked: I can't sell them for less, as I have to pay high prices to get them and consider myself lucky to even find some." Even at that one can find post cards for far less than what one would have to pay for postal history covers of the same era. And it bothers this "old timer" to see how high some Long Island covers have gone! Admittedly some are truly rare and it only takes two or more eager buyers to reach the stratosphere in their bidding at auction. Come to think about it, though, even in back then we used to complain about the "high prices", while regretting our failure to buy when things were really cheap!

Carl F. Baker



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The New Year is upon us, a time to reflect on the one just past and to look optimistically at the one just beginning. 1986 was a good year for the LIPHS. Our membership grew, our publication got better, we affiliated with the American Philatelic Society and a new slate of officers was elected. We look to continue progressing, making the Long Island Postal Historian better all the time, in form and in content. Our membership continues to grow, not as much from new collectors but from the local history ranks that are slowly realizing that postal history is an integral part of local history. We welcome the new year enthusiastically!

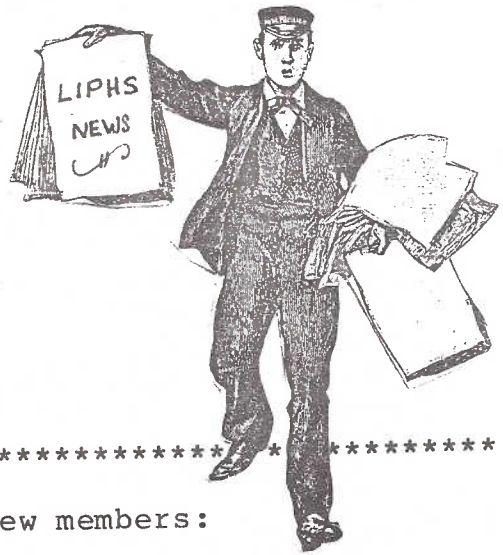
This issue has a good variety of material which should prove interesting reading. Let us know what else you would like to see. As always, your contributions to these pages is welcome and sought.

We promised a comprehensive index in this issue which would cover everything publish by your Society to date. The index is now in production and will be included as a separate publication in the Spring issue of the LIPH.

In the next issue we plan to include the second part of Linda Wierenga's story on the Whaling letters of Cold Spring Harbor. The interesting story of the Central Park (now Bethpage) post office by Carl Baker will also appear. Other short articles will roundout the issue.

In closing, I would like to wish a healthy, prosperous NEW YEAR, and especially philatelically fruitful.


J. Fred Rodriguez



Secretary's Notes

& Correspondence

We welcome the following six new members:

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No.73 Dr. Edward Coher
No.62 Alexander Hyde
No.97 Arthur Spear

We are pleased to welcome the Suffolk County Historical Society to our ranks in its 100th anniversary. The history of the SCHS is recounted in the current issue (12/86) of the Long Island Forum. Founded the same year that the American Philatelic Society was formed, the SCHS has been serving the people of Suffolk well during their first century and are looking forward to another successful century ahead.

Al Hansen is known to many of you as a dealer in Americana, post cards and stamps. His wife Norma and he are members of the L.I. Post Card Club and have helped many of us get nice DPOs, RPOs, and other goodies for our collections.

The Plainview~~Old~~ Bethpage Public Library joined our group in July of this year at the time when a change of command in our Society was underway. Their check was deposited, but unfortunately they were never formally welcomed to our group. Our apologies! A very SPECIAL WELCOME is due. Back copies of our publication have been mailed and the next issue of the Long Island Postal Historian will have a nice article about the history of the post office at Central Park (now Bethpage) which should be of great interest to this newest member.

We also welcome David G. Phillips, the well known philatelic auctioneer and publisher of various philatelic books like the American Stampless Cover Catalog.

Arthur Dunckelman is interested in all aspects of Long Island postal history. Charles Raff, an attorney in Riverhead joined our group as a SUSTAINING MEMBER at the \$25 level which is much appreciated.

Henry Stollnitz, already past his 80th birthday, regretablely resigned as he is curtailing his philatelic and other activities. He recently disposed of his Long Island and NYC collections through Richard C. Frajola, Inc. the results of which are reported in the Auction Action column in this issue.

*****IN MEMORIAM*****

We regret to inform our members of the death of a fine gentleman, Mr. Ernest A. Kehr. A well known philatelist and columnist, Mr. Kehr was a great promoter of our group via his weekly column in NEWSDAY. Some of you owe your knowledge about the LIPHS to Mr. Kehr. His letter to John Price, our first president, congratulating him and the founding members of the LIPHS for our efforts in starting this Society was published in the first issue of our Newsletter in August 1980. He visited our booth at LISDA in 1982 and reviewed our journal numerous times. He will be missed indeed.

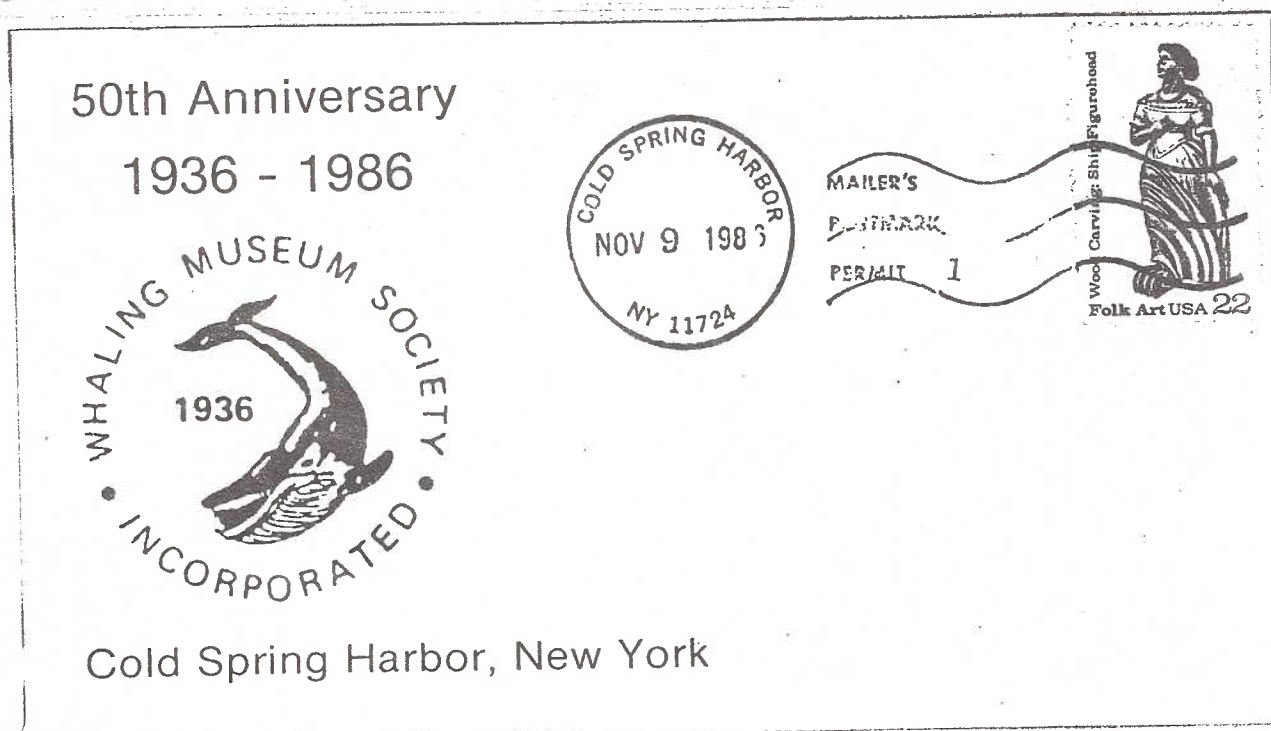
Your editor was honored at MIDAPHIL 86 with a VERMEIL award in the Collector's Club of Kansas City Journalism Competition held at their annual show. There were five categories in this competition. The fifth was for the editor or publisher of a philatelic periodical. The Vermeil award is below a gold and above a silver.

Member Stephen Reinhard won a GOLD at BALPEX 86 for his "United States Pioneer Airmail, 1910-1916" exhibit. The Sol Glass Memorial Award was also awarded to him. Well done!

DID YOU NOTICE?..... In the November 29th issue of STAMP COLLECTOR there is an article about a possible earlier pioneer airmail flight to that of Earle L. Ovington's now famous Sept. 23, 1911 flight from the Garden City Estates. The article mentions a flight by Frederick Wiseman on Feb. 17, 1911. Although no mail from that flight has been found, there is a report of three letters carried on board, one being from the Petalumn, Calif. postmaster to the Santa Rosa postmaster. That same issue also has an interesting article by member Calvet M. Hahn about the rare postal marking "Via United States" on cover. Also in that issue is a lengthy report on the death of Ernest Kehr.

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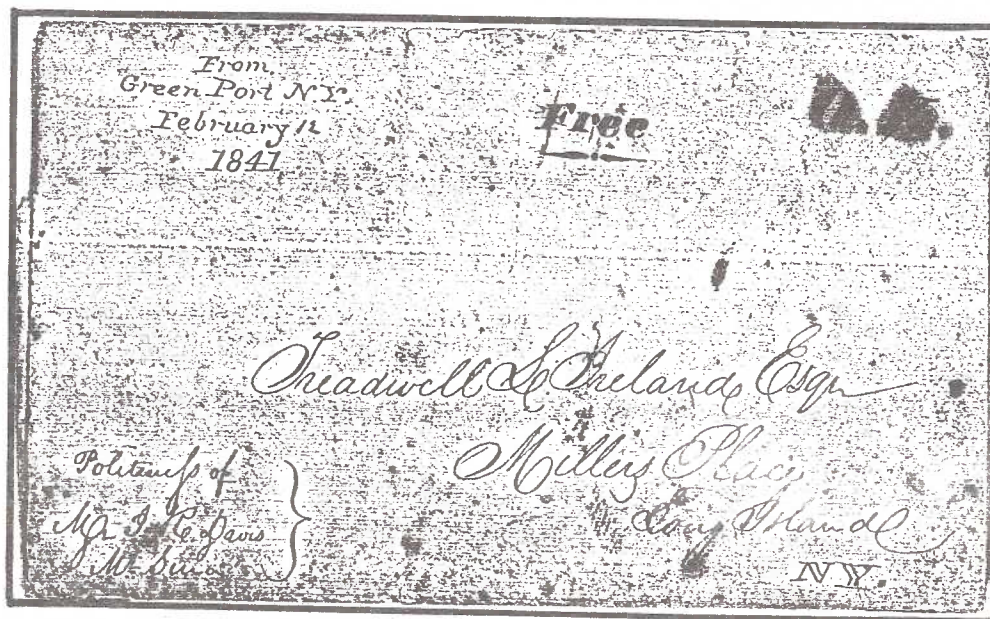
Member Harriet Valentine of Cold Spring Harbor just sent us various newspaper clippings about the Whaling Museum there. On Sunday November 9th the Whaling Museum celebrated its 50th birthday. Festivities were held and a photographic exhibit of the museum's earlier years was on display. Mrs. Valentine was there, 50 years after she attended the 1936 festivities for the start of the construction of the Whaling Museum building. Your editor subscribes to the Huntigton Long Islander and read the article about the celebration and was sorry to learn that he missed getting a special Postal Service commemorative envelope hand cancelled at Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. 11724 Nov 9 1986 for the celebration. I was pleasantly surprise when I opened Mrs. Valentine's letter with the commemorative cover enclosed. It is shown below thanks to her.



Member Frederick P. Schmitt, honorary trustee and a past Director of the Whaling Museum was at the celebration. A second edition in paperback of his book, MARK WELL THE WHALE! has been issued. On Sunday, December 7th he was at the Whaling Museum autographing copies.

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MORE ON O.K. = OK!



In the first installment of The Greenport Post Office in the Nineteenth Century by J. Fred Rodriguez which appeared in Whole No. 17 (Summer 1986 Vol. 10 No. 2) an 1842 cover from Greenport with "O K" on the cover was illustrated. It is shown here once again. Since the publication of that article we have uncovered more information about the origin of the phrase "O K". We told you that "O K" stood for "Old Korrekt" and that it originated in Boston in 1840 used by a literary group. That version is correct, however during the 1841-42 presidential campaign of the Democrats vs. the Whigs, the Democrats used the "O K" to represent Martin Van Buren. The OK CLUB of New York was a prominent Democratic group strongly in support of Van Buren who lived at his estate called "Old Kinderhook", thus the use of "O K" by the Democrats. The letter from Greenport was written by Charles Clarke who was a Democrat judging from his criticism of the Greenport Whigs. He was also an artist and literary, thus his use of "O K" could reflect the two origins of that phrase.



A. P. S. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
By Brian Levy
Director and APS Rep.

At our Spring meeting at past President Dan Knowles' residence, the question of affiliation with the American Philatelic Society was discussed. I happily took on the responsibility to put our application to the APS in order. The APS 100 Anniversary STAMPSHOW 86 was to take place in August at Washington D.C. and my wife Joan and I like to combine vacation with shows.

Various documents had to be assembled; President Carl Baker provided a list of those LIPHS members who were also APS members. Dan Knowles provided a copy of our By-Laws. A new membership form was developed (over the phone with Carl Baker). Fred Rodriguez provided copies of our last two issues of the HISTORIAN. I sent everything off to the APS in State College, Pa. and waited their reply. A few weeks before STAMPSHOW 86, F. Sente of the APS called to confirm my attendance at the 100th anniversary meeting. APS president, Burton Sellers presented me with Certificate # 154, Affiliation of LIPHS with APS, August 23, 1986.

APS affiliation brings the LIPHS many benefits. Most important, the very recognition of our society by the APS and the publicity given in the monthly APS publication the AMERICAN PHILATELIST. I have received inquiries from people who have seen the resulting publicity with the first issue. A full description of our society will be placed in the next APS Biennial Handbook and the AMERICAN PHILATELIST will accept our news releases for publication.

The APS will also provide us with the names and addresses who have similar collecting interests. Membership applications will be sent to these prospective members. I hope to report great results. The APS will also let us share in booth facilities at STAMPSHOW 87 in Boston, Mass. this summer. LIPHS information and membership forms will be distributed. (Who else is going?)

I will keep you posted as to APS doings; STAMPSHOW 87 and more. 'We are looking forward to a mutually advantageous affiliation between our respective organizations.' - APS Executive Director, Keith A. Wagner, in his welcome to the LIPHS.



THE GREENPORT POST OFFICE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY - PART II

By J. Fred Rodriguez

On June 6, 1849 John Lewis took over the mails from Capt. John Clark. Evidently Capt. Clark had more ambitious plans for in late 1849 he was elected to the three-year term of Suffolk County Sheriff. ¹The cover shown below (Figure 1) is a folded letter used to Greenport bearing a red LIRR cancel (Towle -A-1, Remele L7a) which has faded with age. The first regular issue U.S. postage stamp (Scott #1) cancelled by a pen stroke prepays the 5 cent rate applicable to letters mailed within 3,000 miles of the remitting post office. This rate became effective July 1, 1845 and was later reduced to 3 cents if prepaid by stamps or cash effective July 1, 1851. ²

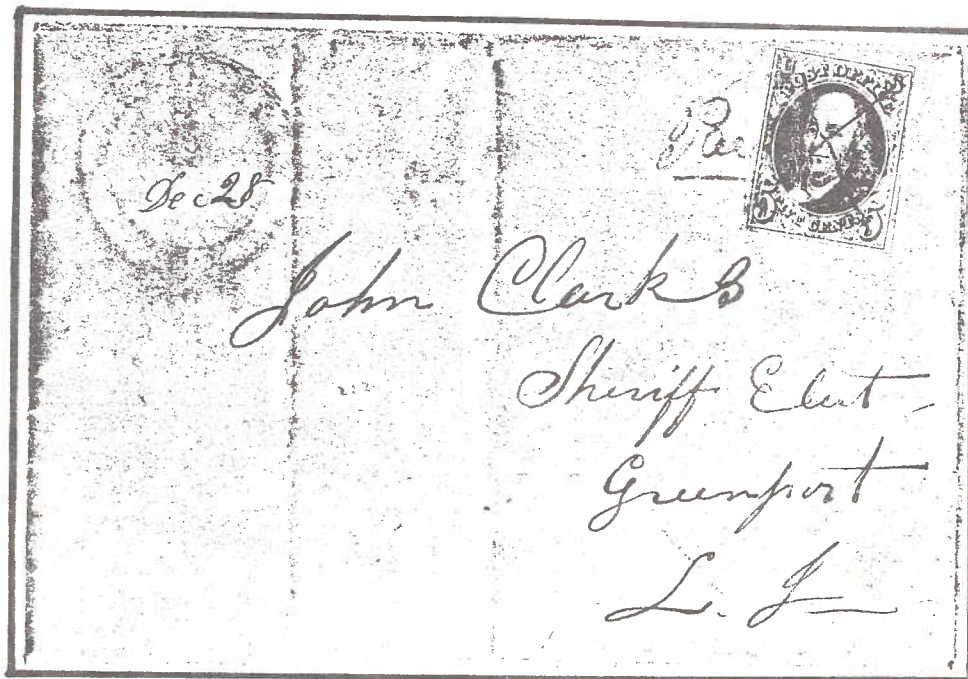


Figure 1

Scott No. 1, 5 cent Ben Franklin on an 1850 folded letter postmarked by the LIRR agent on its way to the eastern terminus at Greenport.
Collection of Joel Shapiro

The letter in Figure 1 is addressed to Capt. John Clark, Sheriff-elect, and is datelined "Islip December 26th/49" written by Walter Scudder wherein he recommends D. C. Brush for deputy sheriff.

Another rare cover from the Joel Shapiro Collection is an envelope bearing a pair of number 1's paying the 10 cent rate to Canada. (Figure 2). The cover was expertized by the Philatelic Foundation in 1985 as a genuine usage. A beautiful red 30 mm GREENPORT N.Y./SEP/6 circle date stamp denotes the post office. This marking first came into use at Greenport in 1847. It is accompanied by a red 7-bar grid killer which cancels the two stamps. Although not tied to the cover by the killer, ink and other age stains tie the stamps to the cover. The cover, which lacks its contents, was received in Montreal on Sept. 10, 1850 as evidenced by a red MONTREAL receiving stamp on the back of the cover. This cover was sold at auction in 1984 by Robert E. Siegel for a price in excess of \$1000. This is indeed a rare philatelic gem from Long Island!



Figure 2

Rare Greenport, N.Y. cover with a pair of #1's to Montreal, Canada.
Collection of Joel Shapiro.

A stampless folded letter from Greenport addressed to the prominent attorney Samuel L. Gardiner at Sag Harbor is shown below. (Figure 3) The now familiar 30mm red circular date stamp (cds) is used by postmaster John Lewis on April 18 (1850). A roman numeral "V" in deep red and beautifully struck denotes the postal rate, which in this case is collect.

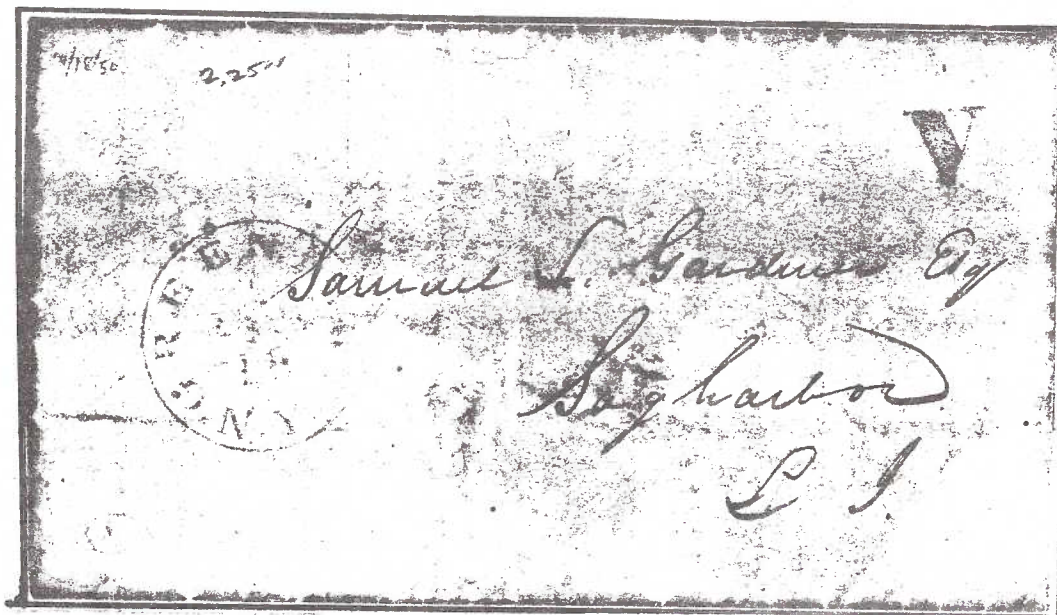


Figure 3

GREENPORT, N.Y. with "V" on stampless folded letter to Sag Harbor, L.I.
Collection of Kenneth Pitt

Another Roman numeral "V" in red is found on a cover used from Greenport, N.Y. on Feb. 4 (1850) to Riverhead shown below courtesy of Arthur Fitzpatrick. (Figure 4)



On July 1, 1851 the post office reduced the rate for prepaid letters to 3 cents, per 1/2 oz. Letters sent collect required 5 cents to be paid by the recipient. Although prepayment was optional, it was clear that the POD wanted to induce patrons to use postage stamps. Nevertheless, during the first few years after postage stamps were introduced many small post offices did not have stamps to sell because they were too small to receive them directly, and postmasters didn't take the trouble of going to the nearest distributing post office to buy a supply of stamps. Therefore, many postmasters simply indicated on the letters, either in manuscript or with a handstamp, that postage was PAID. The lack of the word PAID meant the letter was sent collect. Two different examples are shown below.

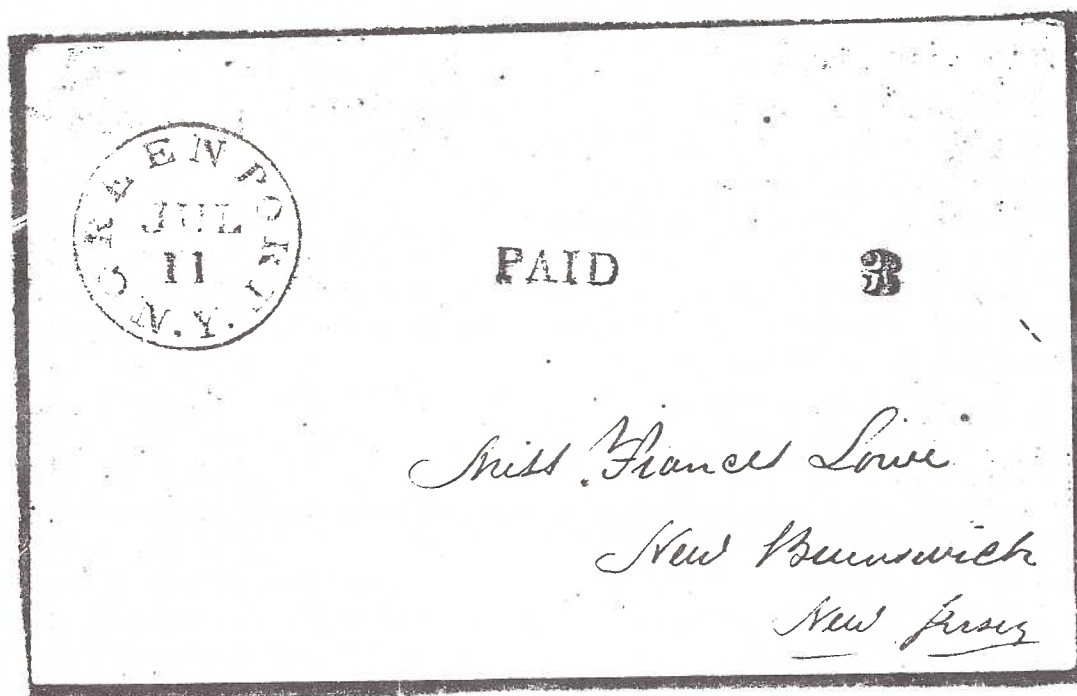


Figure 5

A cover bearing three different handstamps, cds from GREENPORT N.Y./JUL/11 with a red "PAID" and a separate red "3" to New Brunswick, N.J. This cover is probably circa 1851 or 1852 as postmaster Lewis liked to use red ink. This cover is in the Arthur Fitzpatrick collection.

On November 5, 1852 John L. Church took over the Greenport P.O. from John Lewis, however he was only in office for less than six months for on April 26, 1853 William J. Wheeler became the postmaster. It is probably from this period that the next cover was mailed from Greenport. (Figure 6)



Figure 6

A black 30mm cds from GREENPORT/N.Y./JUL/3 is used with a different rate marking. This one a black "PAID/3" integrated into one handstamp. The PAID in an arc over the numeral three was a popular rate marking handstamp used by many post offices around the nation. A handful are known from Long Island post offices. This particular cover is shown as a courtesy of Arthur Fitzpatrick.

An interesting and possibly rare cover from Greenport is now shown handled by postmaster Wheeler in 1853. (Figure 7)

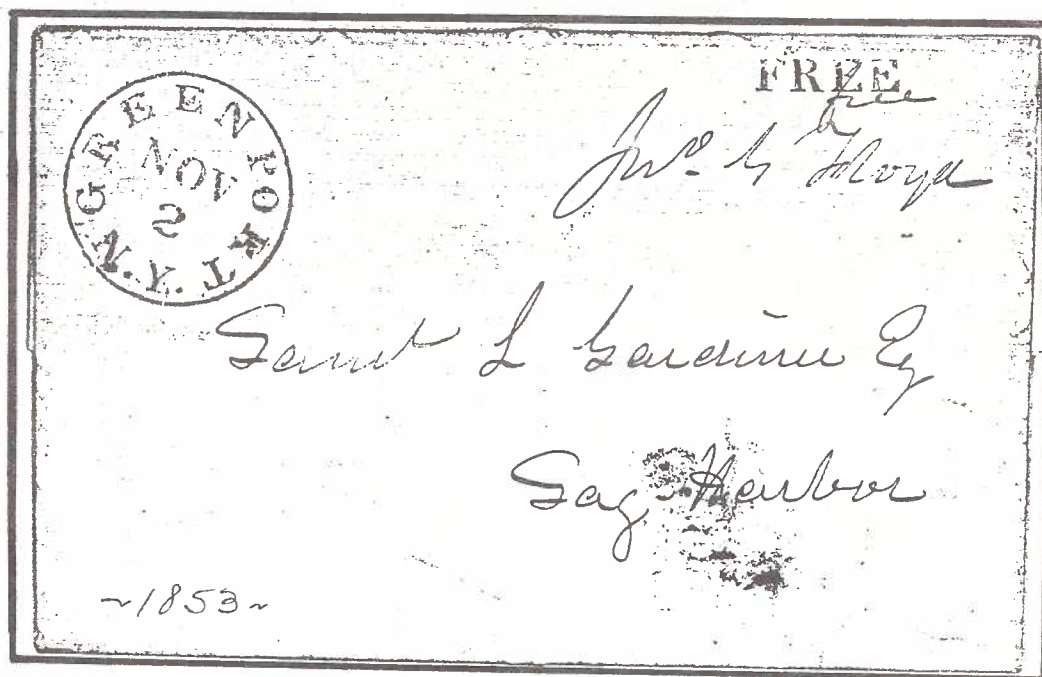


Figure 7

A Congressional Free Frank from Greenport, N.Y.
John G. Floyd, Congressman 1851-1853
Author's Collection

A stampless folded letter with a 30mm black cds GREENPORT N.Y./NOV/2 (1853). A black straight line "FREE" handstamp acknowledges the free franking privilege of John G. (Gelston) Floyd who also wrote "free" above his signature. The letter written to Samuel L. Gardiner at Sag Harbour is datelined "Mastic Oct 31, 1853." Mr. Floyd replies to Mr. Gardiner thanking him for his "kind encouragement" as John G. Floyd was persuing re-election to the House in Washington. Floyd is apparently in trouble with the people of East Hampton and Southampton for he asks Mr. Gardiner to talk to King, Smith, Rose, Gardiner etc. on his behalf because you "can do much by seeing them than I can by writing." Floyd says that "my own election is of little moment(?), but the election is mostly important to the administration and its friends - whatever division has existed heretofore the only one the President recognizes now is that between the supporters and opponents of his administration." He closes his letter by telling Samuel Gardiner: "I leave Southampton and East Hampton to you."

John Gelston Floyd was elected to the 32nd Congress under the Democratic ticket and served from March 4, 1851 to March 3, 1853.³ He was preceded by John A. King from Jamaica and lost his re-election bid to James Maurice of Maspeth, Queens Co.

(Millard Fillmore of New York became President on July 10, 1850 due to the untimely death of President Zachary Taylor on July 9, 1850. Like Floyd, Pres. Fillmore also lost and Franklin Pierce became the new President on March 4, 1853.)

John G. Floyd was empowered to send and receive mail free according to the Laws and Regulations of the Post Office Dept. Chapter 40, Section 268 of the Regulations of 1848 state: "Members of Congress and Delegates from Territories may send and receive free, through the mails, from thirty days before the commencement of each Congress, until the meeting of the next Congress, letters and packets not exceeding two ounces in weight, and public documents not exceeding three pounds in weight."⁴

In Section 275 of that same chapter it explains how the franking was to be made. "Persons entitled to the privilege of franking should endorse on all letters or packets weighing under two ounces, "Free", and sign the same, designating the office they fill." John G. Floyd did not designate his elected office, however he was well known in the area, thus it was not necessary to do so for in the Regulations it says: "If the name of the individual be known as the handwriting of a person entitled to frank, the letter may be regarded as free, although the style of the office be omitted."⁵

The first session of the 33rd Congress began on December 5, 1853, thus John Floyd was correct in using his franking privilege in accordance with the law.

The author at one time owned a cover postmarked with a LIRR cancel and free franked by Congressman Floyd. It now resides in Dr. Dan Knowles collection and it is shown here courtesy of Dr. Knowles. (Figure 8)

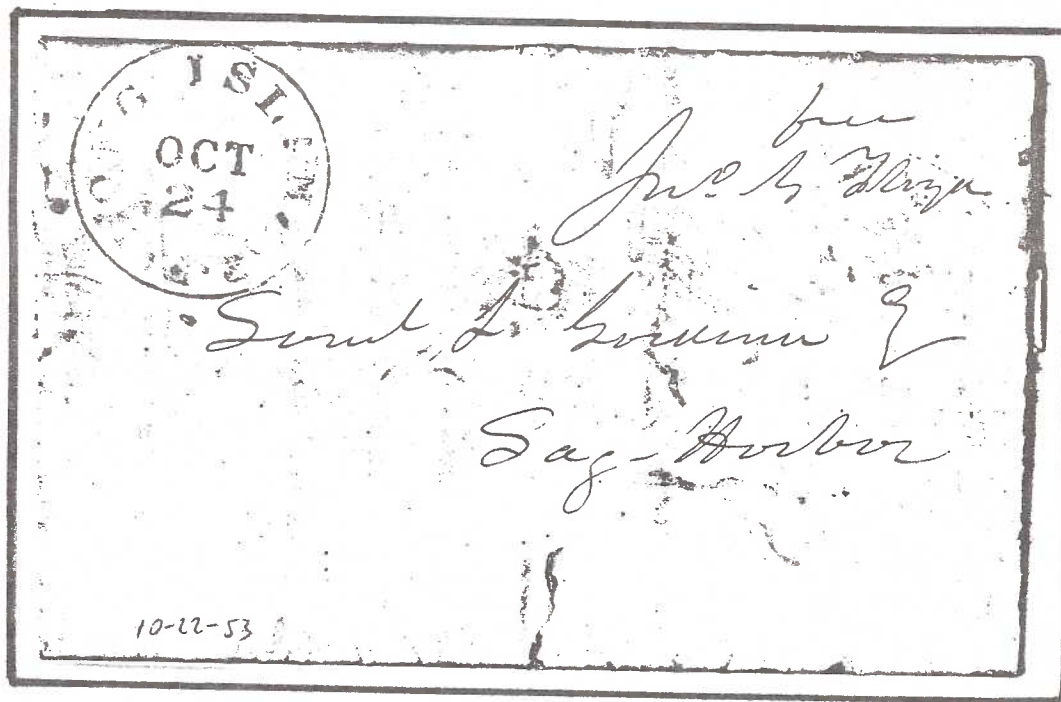


Figure 8

A partially struck black 34mm LONG ISLAND R.R./OCT/24 cds (Towle No. 112-B-2, Remele L7e) on a stampless datelined "Mastic Oct 22, 1853" bearing the free frank of Congressman John G. Floyd. Collection of Dr. Daniel M. Knowles.

John G. Floyd was born at Mastic, near Moriches on Feb. 5, 1806. He was a grandson of Gen. William Floyd, signer of the Declaration of Independence. John's father was Colonel Nicoll Floyd, heir to the 4,000 acre Floyd estate in Mastic. John was one of eight children.⁶ He graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. in 1824. He was admitted to the bar in 1825 and commenced practice in Utica. Upon his return to Long Island he was appointed judge of Suffolk County. John Floyd was a member of the N.Y. State Assembly from 1839 through 1843. He ran for Congress and was elected as a Democrat to the 26th and 27th Congress (March 4, 1839 through March 3, 1843). He returned to Mastic about 1842. He was elected a State Senator in 1848. He ran again for Congress and was elected to the 32nd Congress (March 4, 1851 to March 3, 1853). He joined the Republican party upon its formation in 1856. Shortly thereafter he retired from public office and remained in Mastic until his death in 1881.⁷

He probably visited Greenport often, thus his letters from that post office and the nearby LIRR depot. His brother David Gelston Floyd was a prominent and wealthy citizen of Greenport. David owned several whaling ships at the time when Greenport was a well known whaling port. He was engaged in the ship chandlery business under the trade name of Floyd and Skillman.⁸ He outfitted the Whaler ITALY, a 299 ton ship in 1847 under the command of Captain Weld. The ITALY set sail for the N.W. Coast on August 17, 1847 and returned on April 7, 1849 with a catch of 53 sperm whales valued in excess of \$50,000. The ITALY set sail again in 1848 and returned home on May 14, 1851 with another successful cargo.

David G. Floyd added the PIONEER, a 235 ton Bark to his fleet in 1850 outfitting her for the South Atlantic under Captain Weeks. The catch was valued at \$33,000 upon her return to Greenport on Sept. 9, 1851. Subsequent excursions were not successful. The PIONEER was sold to New Bedford, Mass in 1855 and the ITALY was condemned in Honolulu in 1857, refitted from Honolulu but condemned again in December of 1858.

Mr. Floyd outfitted the PRUDENT, a 298 ton Bark from Stonington, Conn. in 1855. It sailed the Atlantic until its return in 1859 with a cargo valued at \$65,000. During that voyage the second mate was killed by the natives of Easter Island (of Kon Tiki fame) in 1856. Upon its return the ship was sold.

Just recently a rare Greenport SHIP cover came up for auction at Christie's. Dan Knowles was fortunate to get it and to share it with us via these pages. (Figure 9) The cover does not reproduce well. It has the GREENPORT N.Y. 31mm cds in red accompanied by a straightline SHIP cancel in red and the date "May 3," and "7" in black ink. The seven cents included 2 cents for the captain of the ship paid to him by the Greenport postmaster. The folded letter is datelined "Honolulu, April 29, 1848" to Captain Benjamin Stark of New London, Ct. The sender indicated the desired routing "Via Panama" on the bottom left.

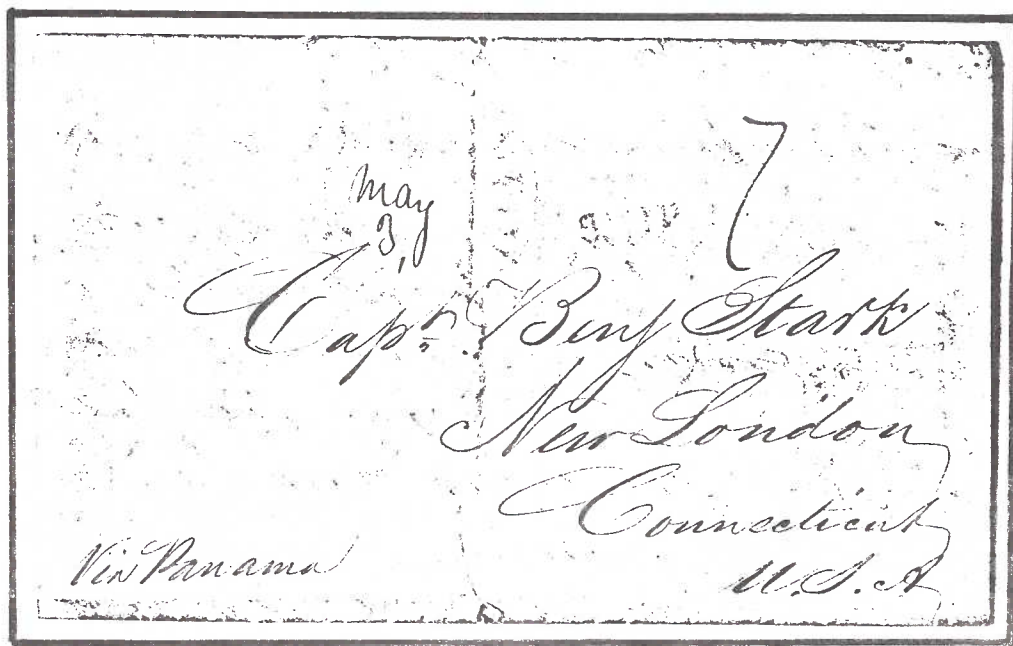


Figure 9

Rare GREENPORT N.Y. folded letter with SHIP marking placed upon entry to Greenport. Collection of Dr. Daniel Knowles.

Postmaster Wheeler remained in charge of the mails at Greenport for about a year and a half for on October 14, 1854 John O. Ireland took over the mails as postmaster. However, Wheeler regained command of the post office just five months (in Feb. 26, 1855) after Postmaster Ireland had displaced him.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1855 the Greenport P.O. generated \$495.12 in net revenue for the Post Office Dept. in Washington. The combined compensation of the two postmasters for that fiscal year was \$423.38.¹⁰

In a Greenport Business Directory for 1857 Postmaster Wheeler is listed as "Editors and Publishers of Papers". In that same directory two future Greenport postmasters are also listed. Ebenezer Clark as a Dealer in and Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes, and David Wiggins as a Dealer and Manufacturer of Hats, Caps and Furnishings.¹¹

About this time a new handstamp comes into use at Greenport. A large 34mm circle date stamp with 4mm letters as shown below. (Figure 10)

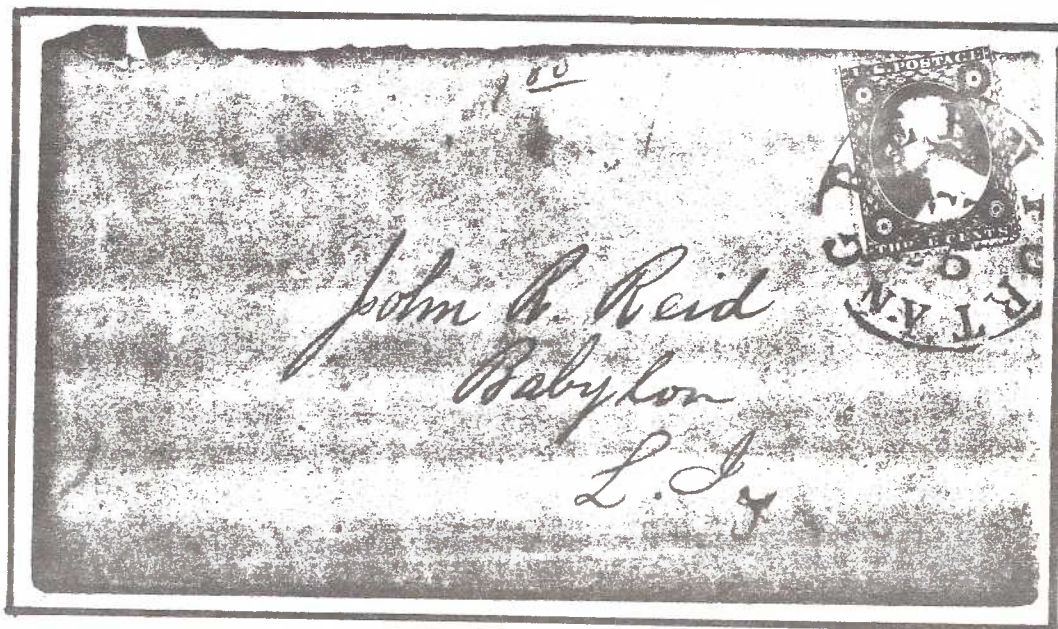


Figure 10

GREENPORT N.Y./OCT/25 34mm cds used in 1857 tying a 3 cent Washington stamp issued in July 1857 (Scott #26). Collection of Kenneth Pitt.

The 30mm cds used in Greenport from 1847 reappears used on a Scott #26 (Figure 11) and probably was still in use when the 34mm cds was introduced.



Figure 11

GREENPORT N.Y./AUG/7 30mm black cds. Author's Collection.

On June 26, 1858 Postmaster Wheeler was replaced by S. Wells Phillips, Editor of the Republican Watchman, one of the two principal weekly newspapers in Greenport. The Republican Watchman was started at Sag Harbour in 1826 by Samuel Phillips, and was moved to Greenport in 1844. In 1852 the editorial management was transferred to his son S. Wells Phillips. In 1858 Samuel died and the paper was sold to Henry A. Reeves on Dec. 4, 1858.¹²

On November 30, 1860 Joseph H. Skillman became postmaster but was quickly replaced by Ebenezer Clark on April 27, 1861, one of the numerous postmaster changes that took effect on that date. Abraham Lincoln had just been elected President, barely beating out Stephen A. Douglas for the top post in America. Lincoln appointed Montgomery Blair as Postmaster General on March 9, 1861¹³ and immediately upon becoming PMG Blair initiated a purge in the postmaster ranks. The wholesale replacement of postmasters became effective on April 27, 1861 and probably affected hundreds or perhaps thousands of small town postmasters around the country. In Suffolk County alone 31 post offices received new postmasters on that date. They are listed in a page that follows.

Figure 12
An advertisement for The Republican Watchman which appeared in Bayle's
Sketches of Suffolk County published in 1874.

THE
REPUBLICAN WATCHMAN,
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Post Office Name	Name of New Postmaster on April 27, 1861
1. Amityville	Frederick W. Sizer
2. Babylon	Walter W. Robbins
3. Bellport	Oliver H.P. Robinson
4. Centre Moriches	Lyman F. Smith
5. Centreport	Luther Rowland
6. Cold Spring Harbor	Henry Sarmis
7. Commack	Caleb Smith
8. Coram	James M. Oakley
9. Cutchogue	Orrin T. Goldsmith
10. Dix Hills	Gilbert P. Akerly
11. Fire Place	Edward S. Raynor
12. Fresh Pond	Robert Rogers
13. GREENPORT	Ebenezer Clark
14. Islip	Joseph Brown
15. Manorville	Moses H. Akerly
16. Mattituck	John Shirley
17. Miller's Place	Ebenezer Miller
18. Northport	Samuel B. Brown
19. Orient	John B. Young
20. Patchogue	Samuel C. Hawkins
21. Penataquit	Seth R. Clock
22. Port Jefferson	Bryan G. Norton
23. Riverhead	Joshua L. Wells
24. Sag Harbor	Philander R. Jennings
25. Sayville	John Wood
26. Setauket	William F. Smith
27. Smithtown	Sandford Newton
28. Smithtown Branch	James Darling
29. Stony Brook	Edward Oakes
30. Upper Aquebogue	William H. Wells
31. West Hampton	Sidney B. Topping

Even though Ebenezer Clark officially became the Greenport postmaster on April 27, 1861, he apparently did not take over the mails until May 21, 1861 as evidenced by an original manuscript in the author's collection. Illustrated in the next page is the inventory of post office items received by Ebenezer Clark on May 21, 1861.

The inventory of stamps and articles is listed below:

14 sheets of three cent Stamps	\$3 ea.	\$ 42.00
42 three cent stamps		.1.26
83 Ten cent stamps		8.30
286 One cent stamps		2.86
		\$ 54.42

Figure 13

Manuscript of the transfer of stamps and post office items belonging to the Greenport Post Office dated May 21, 1861 signed by incoming postmaster Ebenezer Clark.

Received Greenport N.Y. May 21 st 1861 of Joseph		
A. S. Fillmore former Post Master N.Y.		
14 Sheets of three Cent Stamps & Pen		42 00
42 three Cents	do	1 26
83 New Cents	do	8 30
286 One Cent	do	2 86
		<u>34 42</u>
Also all the articles belonging to the Post Office		
department viz.		
1 fw P.O. Scales		
1 Letter Box wrapping paper		
1 Ball Tinned Sealing wax		
50 Blanks of a/c mail Riv		
50 Blanks of a/c mail Book		
20 Blanks of a/c papers & circulars		
100 Sheets Signatures Post Office		
And all other blanks belonging Post Office		
2 Signs & Book laid & registered Books		
2 mail Bags 5 mail locks & mail Key		
Stamps No ^s & dates		
And all Mail Matter at the time in the Office		
all at the above date		
Ebenezer Clark P.M.		

Articles belonging to the POD:

- 1 pair P.O. scales
- 1 letter Box
- 1 Ball twine
- wrapping paper
- sealing wax
- 50 Blanks of A/C mail Rec.d
- 50 Blanks of A/C mail sent
- 20 Blanks of A/C papers & circulars
- 100 Sheets Signature Post Bills
- And all other blanks belonging Post Office
- 2 Signs
- 8 Book law & register Books
- 2 Mail Bags
- 5 Mail locks & mail key
- Stamp Nos & dates (Possibly the handstamps with the month and day slugs -Ed.)

And all mail matter at the time in the P. Office at the above date

Ebenezer Clark P.M.

Ebenezer Clark took office during a crucial period in our nation's history. A Civil War was looming in early 1861 and the patriotic sentiment in Greenport was strong. In 1861 Suffolk County's first telegraph line was opened. Wires between Greenport and Easthampton by way of Sag Harbor were put in place. Underwater cables to Shelter Island were also laid. On the opening day of the telegraph line many messages sent alluded to the perilous times. The editor of the Suffolk Weekly Times, Mr. Riddell, published some of those messages: "May the beauty and brightness of this morning of the new year foreshadow the future of our country's destiny."¹⁴ Editor Riddell volunteered for military service in 1862 and Condello D. Elmer temporarily took charge of the Times until Riddell's return. The Union and the Constitution was defended vigorously by Long Islanders, and Greenport had its share of heroes who fought in that war.

During the 1861 to 1864 period the familiar 30mm cds remained in use and was used both as a town postmark and as a killer or canceller of the stamp. The latter used is shown below. (Figure 14).



Figure 14

30mm black cds from GREENPORT tying a 3 cent 1861 (Scott #65) on cover to Southold. Author's Collection.


Postmaster Ebenezer Clark was not related to Capt. John Clark, Greenport's second postmaster and owner of the Clark House. Ebenezer was a cobbler by trade and had his shop on Main Street across from the Clark House.

Even though Greenport was no longer an important whaling port, it nevertheless was an important commercial port. Thousands of ships, brigs, boats, steamers and sloops came into Greenport Harbor to discharge merchandise, commodities, and passengers. One such steamer was the Massachusetts. She was built in 1836 of "live oak and cedar and measured 713 tons. She was 202 feet on deck, 29 feet beam, and 12 feet hold...She made her first trip from New York to Providence"¹⁵ and was part of an impressive fleet of steamboats owned by the Boston and New York Transportation Company which held tremendous influence upon Long Island Sound. By 1861 the steamboat Massachusetts was relegated to local runs due to stiff competition from railroads. A rare illustrated letterhead in vivid red colors is shown in the next page. (Figure 15). The route is listed as New York, Orient, Greenport and Sag Harbor. The invoice is dated June 4, 1861 addressed to Msssr. W. & G.H. Cooper for Brig Myra & Owns.

"For Freight	4 Casks	4.00
	7 Coils Rope	.84
		\$4.84

Figure 15

Rare Illustrated Invoice showing a vignette of the original Steamboat MASSACHUSETTS used in 1861. Author's Collection.

 NEW YORK, ORIENT, GREENPORT <small>AND</small> Sag Harbor.	<p><i>New York, June 4 1861.</i></p> <p><i>Messrs. Wm. G. & Co. For</i> <i>Trig Myra & Co. Owners</i></p> <p>To Steamer Massachusetts, Dr.</p>
<p><i>For Freight 4 Casks</i> <i>7 Coils Rope</i></p>	<p><i>4 00</i> <i>84</i> <hr/> <i>\$ 4.84</i></p>
<p><i>Charged</i></p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>	

The steamer Massachusetts was replace in 1876 with a new and magnificent Steamer Massachusetts under the skillful command of Capt. William M. Jones. Capt. Jones "left a record of long service remarkably free of accident. He did run the big Massachusetts ashore in an October gale in 1877 but she was little damaged."¹⁶

This particular accident was captured by Louis Hammond, the Greenport photographer who specialized in stereoscopic photographs. That rare stereoview of the Steamer Massachusetts is shown in the next page. (Figure 16)

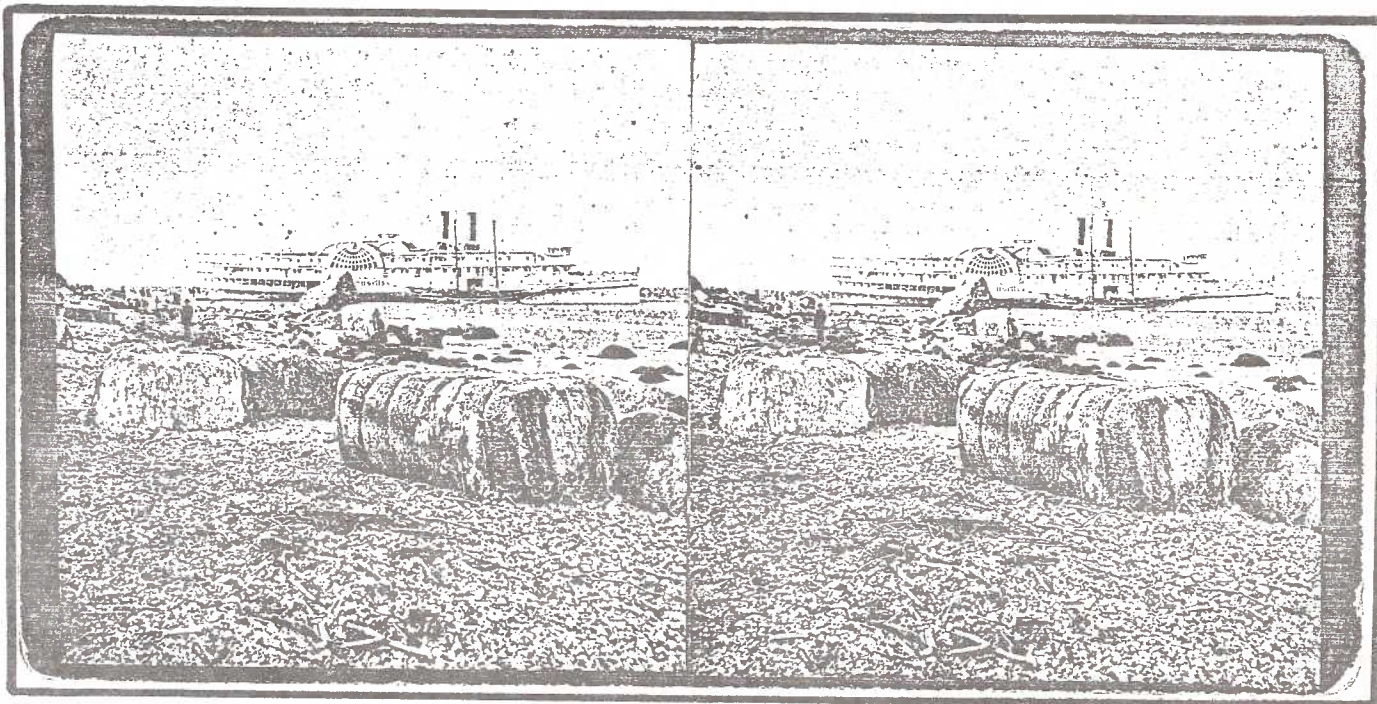
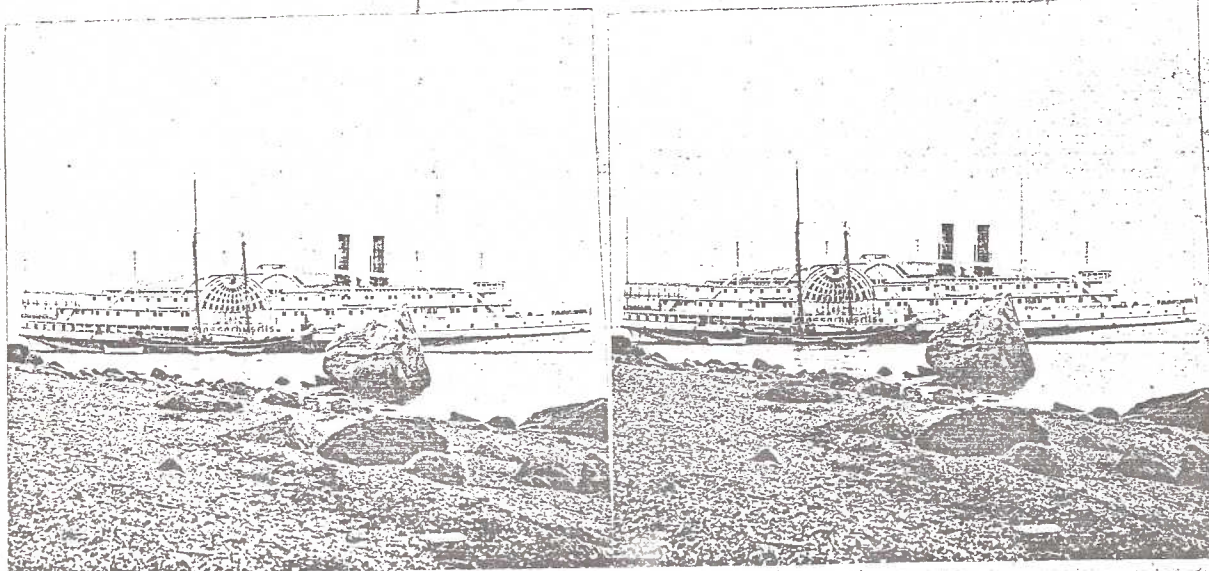


Figure 16

Steamer Massachusetts grounded by a storm Oct. 5, 1877. Bales of cotton can be seen in the foreground. Photo by L. Hammond, Greenport. Author's Collection.

Another stereoview, a much closer shot, was taken by a photographer of the Rhode Island View Co., Natick, R.I. and reproduced in various formats and sizes. It is shown here, front & back. (Figure 17a & b)

Figure 17a
The new Steamboat Massachusetts ashore at Rocky Point, L.I.



STEAMER MASSACHUSETTS,

Showing her position upon ROCKY POINT, Long Island, where she grounded at 2 A. M., October 5th, 1877, during a severe storm, on her passage from New York to Providence.

Photographs, 13 x 16.....\$1.00 each.

" 10 x 12......75 "

Stereoscopic......25 "

DISCOUNT TO THE TRADE.

Address orders to

RHODE ISLAND VIEW CO.,
NATICK, R. I.

Figure 17b

The reverse side of the Rhode Island View Co. stereoview. One of the original 10x12 photographs advertised on the stereoview label is also in the author's collection.

Around 1863 Postmaster Clark began to use a separate stamp canceller or killer, namely an 18mm circle with 7-bars within the circle. This cork killer appears to be a stock handstamp purchased by Clark rather than one made by him. Two examples are shown below.
(Figure 18)



Figure 18

Examples of the first separate killer used at Greenport to obliterate postage stamps.

The cover shown on Figure 18 used on January 7 is a patriotic cover showing a negative embossed eagle & shield above a wreath with the "Union and Constitution" in an arc above the eagle. The envelope flaps are attractively highlighted in red and blue.

In 1865 a new postmark from Greenport appears in use. Possibly this new postmark was used before 1865, as early as 1861, but no earlier examples are known to the author. It is a 26mm circle and for the first time the year date appears in the postmark. the 7-bar killer continues in use to cancel the stamps. See examples in the next page (Figure 19).

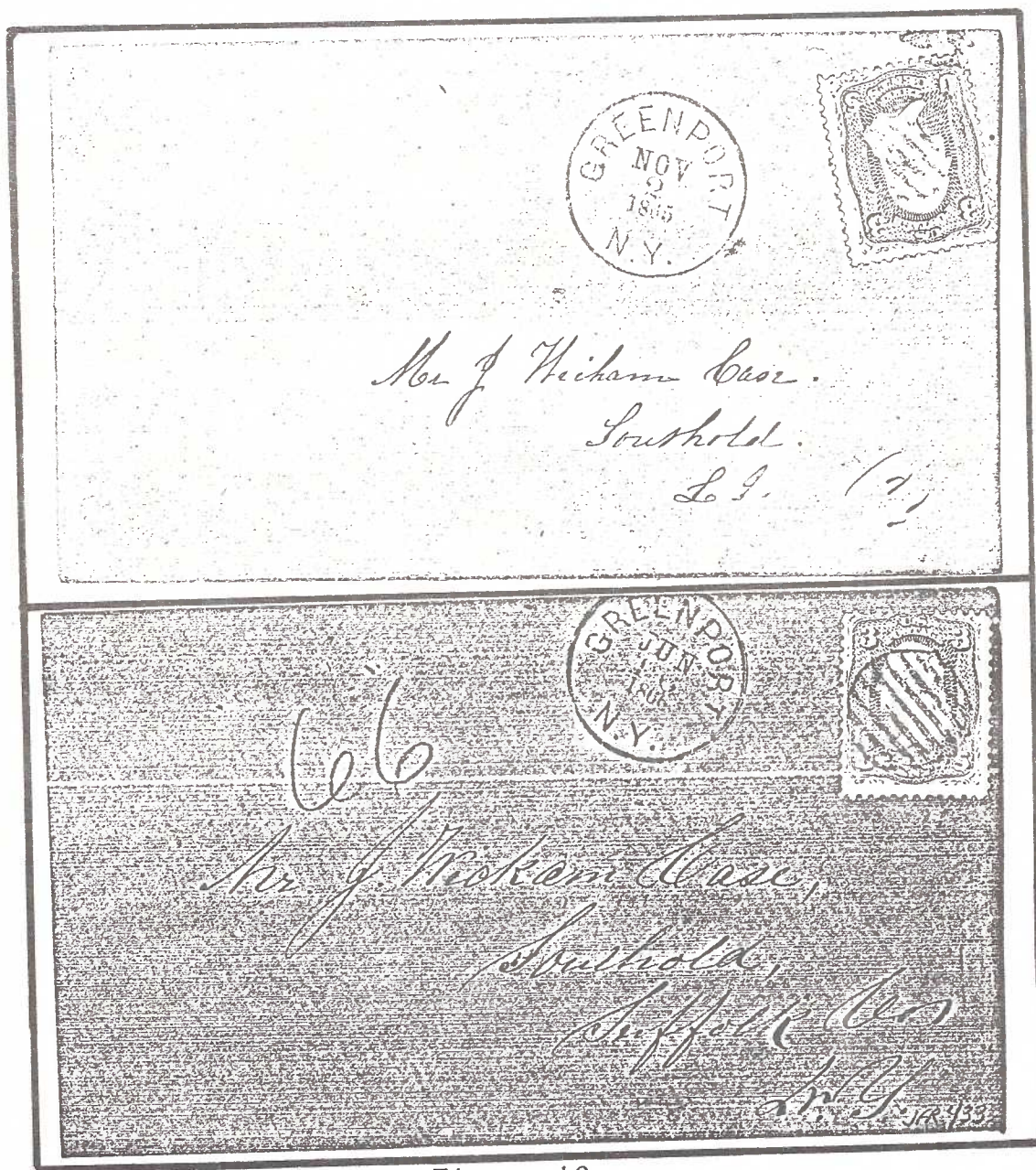


Figure 19

26mm circle in black ink, GREENPORT N.Y./NOV/2/1865 and JUN/16/1866 on two covers to Southold. Author's collection.

On December 17, 1867 David O. Crawford's appointment as the new postmaster at Greenport became effective, but not long after, on April 13, 1869 Ebenezer Clark regained his post as overseer of the mails at Greenport.

- To be Continued -

One of the leading weeklies in Suffolk County was the Greenport based "Suffolk Weekly Times". A full page ad was placed in Bayles' Historical & Descriptive Sketches of Suffolk County published in 1874 and is reproduced below. From the author's collection.

THE
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Is Published every Saturday Morning at
GREENPORT, Suffolk Co., L. I.
WM. R. DUVALL,
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Devoted to local intelligence and the advancement of Long Island. It aims to keep up fully with the day and be alive on all live subjects.

Already it has done much towards the development of the east end of the Island, and the full and graphic descriptions of Shelter Island that have been published in its columns have attracted enterprises which promise to make that place one of the most popular summer resorts.

The "TIMES"

Desires all parties who are solicitous to develop its advantages and resources to contribute to its columns, as it has an extensive circulation among capitalists interested in Suffolk Co. lands.

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"Long Island Wind Sock"

First Flight To Africa

Robert S. Miller

The first Pan Am flight to Africa was most unusual in that three aircraft were used to implement it and the aircraft that actually performed the service departed from New York while the Authorized route was from Miami.

The "Capetown Clipper" a Boeing B-314A flying boat, the newest aircraft in Pan Am's fleet and the last of the Boeing B-314s to be produced, with Captain William Masland at the controls, took off from the waters of La Guardia Field at 3:46am on December 6, 1941. By coincidence this was the second night take off for a flying boat at La Guardia Field.

Bermuda was not a scheduled stop on the route to Africa however it was on the track to San Juan and since there was a large load of mail for Europe at New York 10,472 pounds of mail as well as 1,074 pounds of maintenance material were carried to Bermuda on the Capetown Clipper. On board the aircraft were large quantities of first flight covers that were to be serviced at points along the route and which the authorities at Bermuda wanted to censor. Captain Masland concerned about the effects a delay would have on the inaugural flight intervened and the event is best described in his own words which are quoted from his book "Through The Back Doors of the World on a Ship That Had Wings". "For the next half hour the second Battle of Britain raged in a tiny office overlooking the placid blue green waters of Hamilton harbor." For once I won.



Miami - Leopoldville cover signed by Capt. Masland

At San Juan, Puerto Rico mail and passengers from Miami, the city of origin, joined the "Capetown Clipper" to complete their journey. The connecting load had arrived at San Juan in the Puerto Rican Clipper and the Clipper Comet.

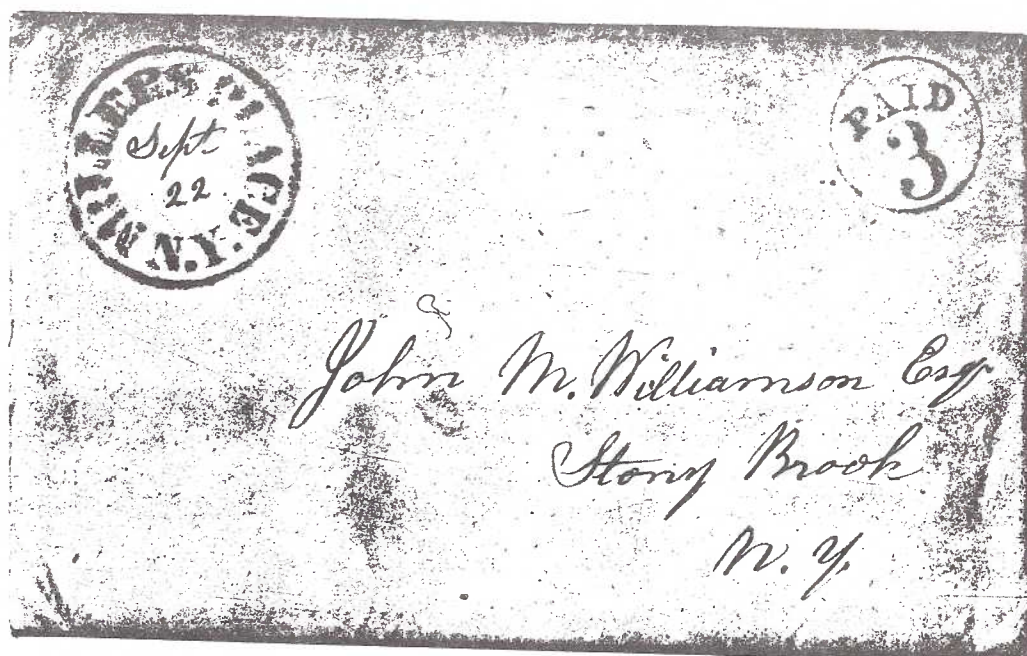
The route of the new service was Miami, San Juan, Port of Spain, Trinidad; Belem and Natal, Brazil; Bathurst, the Gambia; Lagos, Nigeria; and the Belgium Congo. The first leg of the new service to be flown by the "Capetown Clipper" was from San Juan to Port of Spain. Just prior to departing from Port of Spain news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was received. Capt. Masland continued on the scheduled route and received an enthusiastic welcome when he arrived at Leopoldville.

War time conditions resulted in Bathurst being eliminated as a stop on the return flight. Fuel for the Trans Atlantic leg would have been obtained at Bathurst therefore other arrangements had to be made. Captain Masland parachuted a message to Father Simmons, a friend, at Fishermans Lake with a request for 2,000 gallons of gasoline and 200 gallons of water which was obtained.

When the "Capetown Clipper" departed from Fishermans Lake Captain Masland sent the following message to the flight watch center. "Depart Simmonstown destination Boydsville". The message which meant that he had departed from Fishermans Lake and was destined to Natal, Brazil where Boyd was the airport manager was understood. The "Capetown Clipper" completed the first flight when it landed at Miami on December 16, 1941.



FIRST FLIGHT COVER PORT OF SPAIN - BATHURST



Stampless covers originating in the smaller Long Island towns are very difficult to find, especially in fine condition. Two uncommon Long Island stampless covers are illustrated here. One is from Lakeland and the other is from Miller's Place. Each of these towns employed a circular CDS and a Paid 3¢ handstamp to indicate that the sender prepaid the postage in cash. The Lakeland markings are in black and the Miller's Place markings are in reddish-brown. Both letters travelled only within the confines of Long Island, the Miller's Place cover being addressed to Stony Brook and the Lakeland cover being addressed to Smithtown Branch. Both covers are attributed to the 1850's.

According to the New York Postal History Text by Kay and Smith, the Lakeland Post Office was established on January 24, 1851 but was discontinued on April 25, 1870 when the office name was changed to Ronkonkoma. Therefore, the Lakeland town marking was used for only a very brief period of time. Colton's United States Post Office Directory published in 1856 states that the net revenue of the office to the Post Office Department was \$141.63 for the year ending June 30, 1855. Charles Wood, who was Postmaster at that time, received a net compensation of \$194.02 for the fiscal year. This is the only Lakeland stampless CDS and rate handstamp style recorded in the American Stampless Cover Catalogue.

The Miller's Place Post Office was established on April 2, 1825 but was discontinued on March 23, 1894 when the name was changed to Miller Place. According to Colton, Miller's Place represented a far smaller post office operation than Lakeland. The Postmaster in 1856, Samuel R. Davis, only received compensation of \$60.97 for that fiscal year, while the Miller's Place Post Office provided \$26.77 in net revenue to the Post Office Department.

Although the Lakeland Post Office had revenue six times that of the Miller's Place Post Office, this represents the only Lakeland, New York stampless cover which I have ever seen. Obviously, others may exist. I am aware of the existence of four copies of the Miller's Place stampless cover. All four Miller's Place covers have the same reddish-brown ink and the same Paid 3¢ handstamp. I have a duplicate Miller's Place stampless cover in less fine condition than the one illustrated here if any members of the Long Island Postal History Society are interested in obtaining an example of this rare post office marking.



122. Vechte-Cortelyou House (built 1699), Third St., Brooklyn, N.Y., c. 1853.

PAN AM STUDY GROUP FORMED

Robert S. Miller who writes the Air Mail History of Long Island for this publication has been appointed coordinator of the newly formed "Pan Am Study Group" an activity of the American Air Mail Society. The purpose of this group is to consolidate all of the isolated information that now exists in various publications about individual aspects of Pan Am's postal history, to research the areas where information is lacking and to publish the group's findings for the benefit of collectors in general.

Pan Am's history is closely linked with Long Island and in fact dates back to 1933 when the property formerly operated by the American Aeronautical Corporation was purchased by Pan Am.



This cover is a typical example of the thing that the Study Group is concerned with. On May 20, 1939 the "Yankee Clipper" with Arthur E. La Porte in command inaugurated service between New York (Port Washington) and Lisbon. On March 31, 1940 Pan Am moved it's operation from Port Washington to La Guardia Field. On the same day the "Yankee Clipper" with Captain Charles A. Lorber in command performed the first flight from La Guardia Field to Lisbon. Who prepared the cover which is unlisted because the flight was not the first between New York and Lisbon?

The group is open to anyone who would like to assist in researching Pan Am's postal history. Contact "Pan Am Study Group", 126 Drake Ave, Staten Island, New York, 10314-3012.

WORLD'S FAIR COLLECTORS SOCIETY INC.



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WORLD'S FAIR COLLECTORS PLAN MEETING AND SHOW

On Sunday, February 1, 1987 the World's Fair Collectors Society will meet in Coral Gables, Florida. This one event will include a Society meeting, exhibits of World's Fair memorabilia and a show featuring dealers in World's Fair items.

The meeting will be held in the George Merrick Troop 7 (Boy Scouts of America) Building deep in the heart of the Granada Golf Course and Country Club at 1107 South Greenway Drive in Coral Gables.

The WFCS meeting and show, called WORFCEX 87, will be held during the time period of the nearby "Original Winter Miami Beach Antique Show" (Jan 30 to Feb 4)

For more details on the meeting, show and dealer space please contact the WFCS President Tom Diddle, 802 North Road Boynton Beach, FL, 33435, or the show chairman Tom Dixon, The Plumer Bldg, 5915 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Suite 19, Coral Gables, FL, 33146 (305-666-6523).

The show will be open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm and donations of 50¢ per person are suggested.

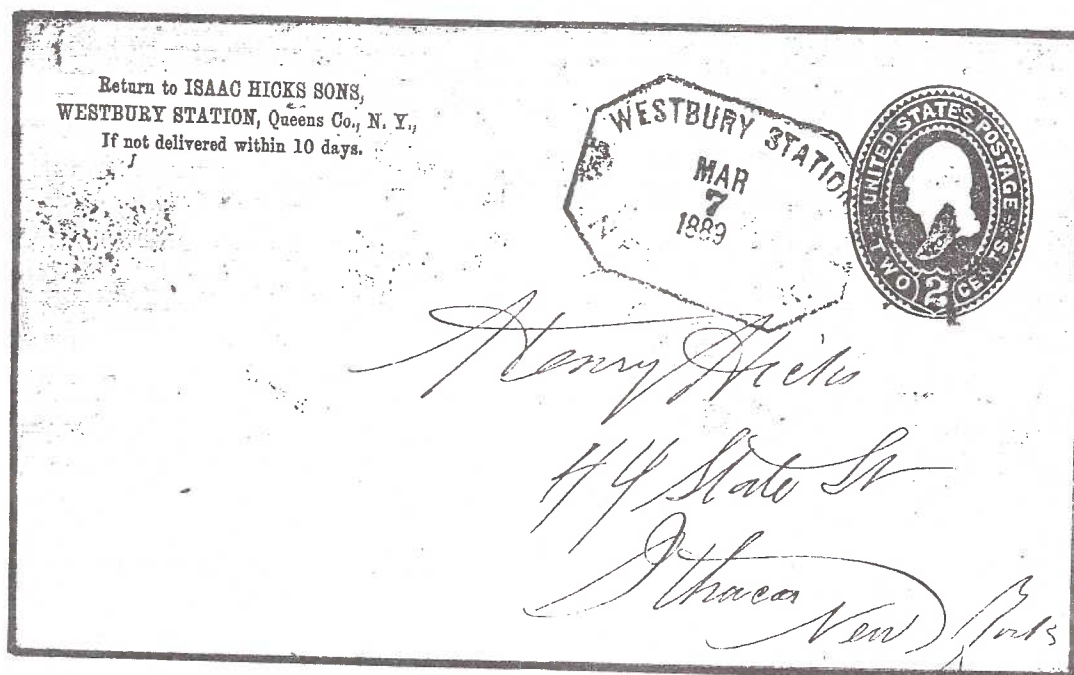
LONG ISLAND STAR CANCELLATIONS - An Update

By J. Fred Rodriguez

Twice previously we have reported and illustrated the STAR cancellations found on Long Island covers. These are the most plentiful fancy cancels used by Long Island postmasters in the nineteenth century and we continue to find more covers bearing these attractive star cancels. Although plentiful (47 different post offices are listed herein), some L.I. star cancellations are rare. One of them, the Huntington Masonic Star is reported here on cover for the first time.

Member David Proulx has researched and compiled all of the known star cancels on cover from New York State. His book on the subject has been completed and is at the printer. Through mutual cooperation, Dave has advanced us tracings of the many different types of star cancels in order for us to report the star cancels used on Long Island using the same star classifications or types. Three star types are not shown by Proulx, but they exist on Long Island covers, therefore we've opted to classify them as new star types and have assigned numbers 65, 66 and 67 to them following the Proulx numbering which ended with number 64.

A total of 17 different types of star cancellations are reported from Long Island. Undoubtedly other types were used and similar ones used at other Long Island post offices. The author would appreciate hearing from you with reports of new finds, revisions to year date usages, new types, photocopies, etc. Write to him at P.O. Box 112005, Miami, Fla. 33111. All illustrations are from the author's collection unless otherwise noted.

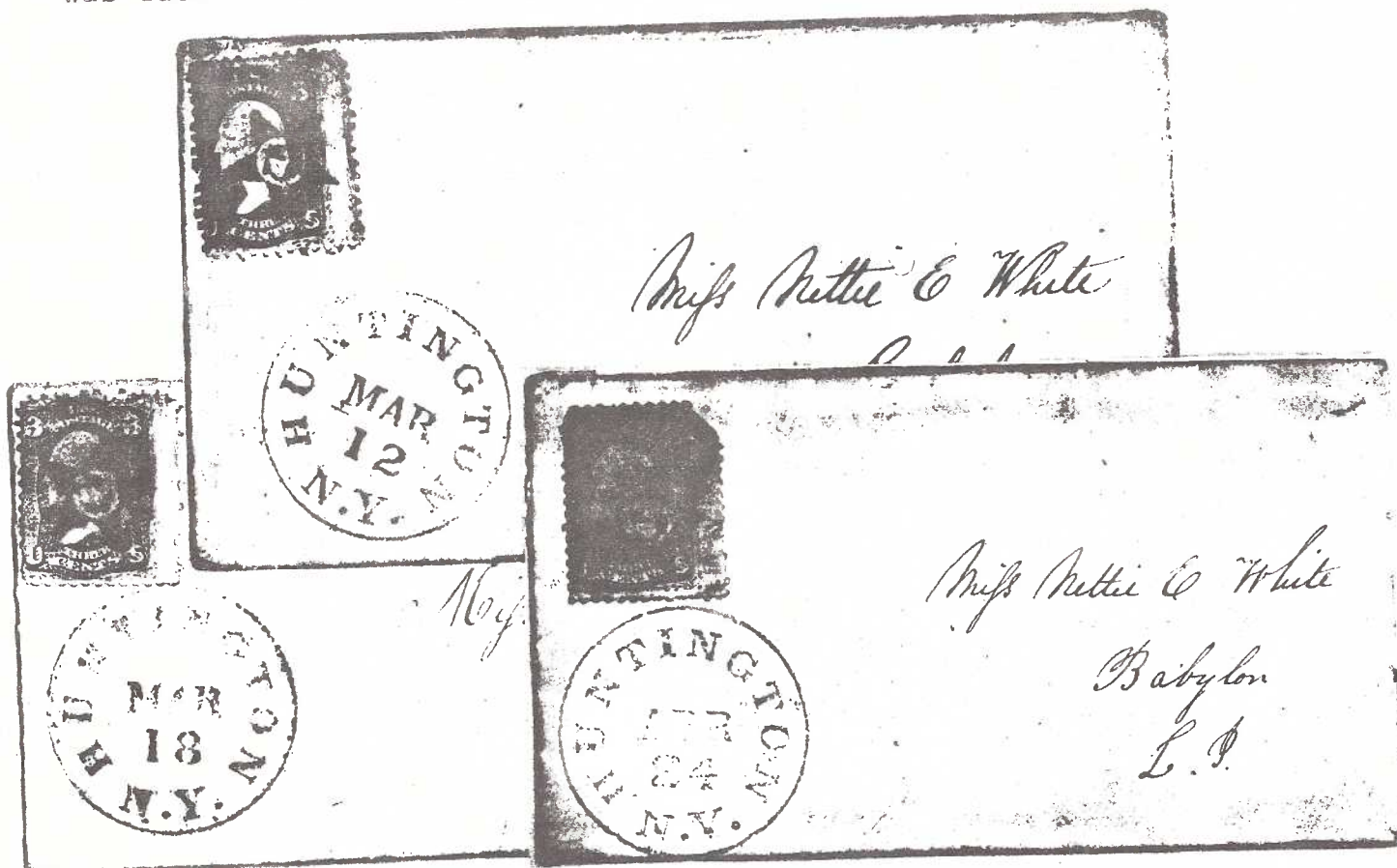


WESTBURY STATION, NEW YORK 1889 in an unusual hexagonal box postmark accompanied by a solid star (Type 1) cancel.

MASONIC STAR from HUNTINGTON has been reported previously by Herst-Sampson in the book 19th Century United States Fancy Cancellations (Third Revised Edition, 1963) on page 240 as fancy cancellation No. 1713. It is reported by the authors on the 3 cent 1869 locomotive stamp (Scott's No. 114). They value this fancy cancel at "C" off cover (\$5-10) and "D" on cover (\$10-20). Of course, these valuations are now obsolete. This strike on cover would probably sell today at a hefty multiple of the Herst-Sampson valuation.

The MASONIC STAR is also listed by Skinner-Eno in their book on fancy cancels (published in 1980 by the APS) on pages 101, 242 and 286 as fancy cancel ST-C7. They do not report it on cover or on piece. It is also listed as used in 1869 on a #114 stamp. I suspect that Skinner-Eno based their listing on the previous report by Herst-Sampson.

The Huntington Historical Society acquired an 1867 correspondence of a courtship between a Huntington lad and a young lady living in Babylon, L.I. Three of the covers have the Masonic Star cancel postmarked on March 12, March 18, and April 24, 1867. The three covers are shown below courtesy of member Mitsi Caputo of the Huntington Historical Society. One other cover is known with the stamp tied to the cover by the Masonic Star. A 3c 1861 stamp with the Masonic star was auctioned by John Fox about 25 years ago. It was identified as from Huntington and fetched \$20.



****STAR TYPES****



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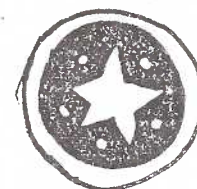
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LONG ISLAND STAR CANCELLATIONS

Post Office Name	County	Type	Year	Color	Remarks
Amagansett	S	1	ca.1878	B	
Babylon	S	1	1877	B	
Bay Ridge	K	2	1891-92	B	
Bay Shore	S	2	1894	B	
Bridgehampton	S	4	1861	B	
Brooklyn	K	5	1875	B	New Listing
		1	ca.1885	B	
		1	1898	B	
Cedarhurst	N	1	1887	B	New Listing
Cold Spring Harbor	S	9	1886-87	B	
Coney Island	K	2	1887	P,B1	
		2	ca.1866	B	
Cutchogue	S	2	1879	P	
Easthampton	S	1	1884	B	Previously reported as Typel
Eastport	S	2		B	New Listing
Far Rockaway	Q	10	1898	B	
Far Rockaway					
Oceanus Station	Q	10	1904	B	
Freeport	N	1	1882	B	
Garden City	N	1	1888	B	
Glen Cove	N	1	1886	B,P	
Good Ground	S	1	1884	B	
Great Neck	N	1	1884,86	B	
Greenpoint	K	14	ca.1862	B	
	K	1	ca.1865	B	New Listing
Hempstead	N	1	1875,80-81	B	
Huntington	S	67	1867,69	B	Newly reported on 1867 covers
Little Neck	N	1	1884	B	
Locust Valley	N	1	1886	P	New Listing
Long Beach	N	1	1890	P	New Listing
Long Island City	Q	66	ca.1866	B	
Manhasset House	S	1	1880	R,B	
Manhasset	N	1	1880	P	New Listing
Mineola	N	2	1879-80	B,P	
Northport	S	2	1870	B	
		7	1884-85	P	
		1	1883	B1	New Listing
Old Westbury	N	7	1883,84,86	B,P	
Oyster Bay	N	1	1884	B	
Patchogue	S	19	1891,94,97	B	
		5	1890	B	New Listing
		52	1898	B	
		5	1885	B	New Listing
Queens	Q	11	1886	B	New Listing
Ridgewood	N	65	ca.1865	B	New Listing
Rockaway	Q	1	1886-87	B,P	
Roslyn	N	20	1885	B	New Listing
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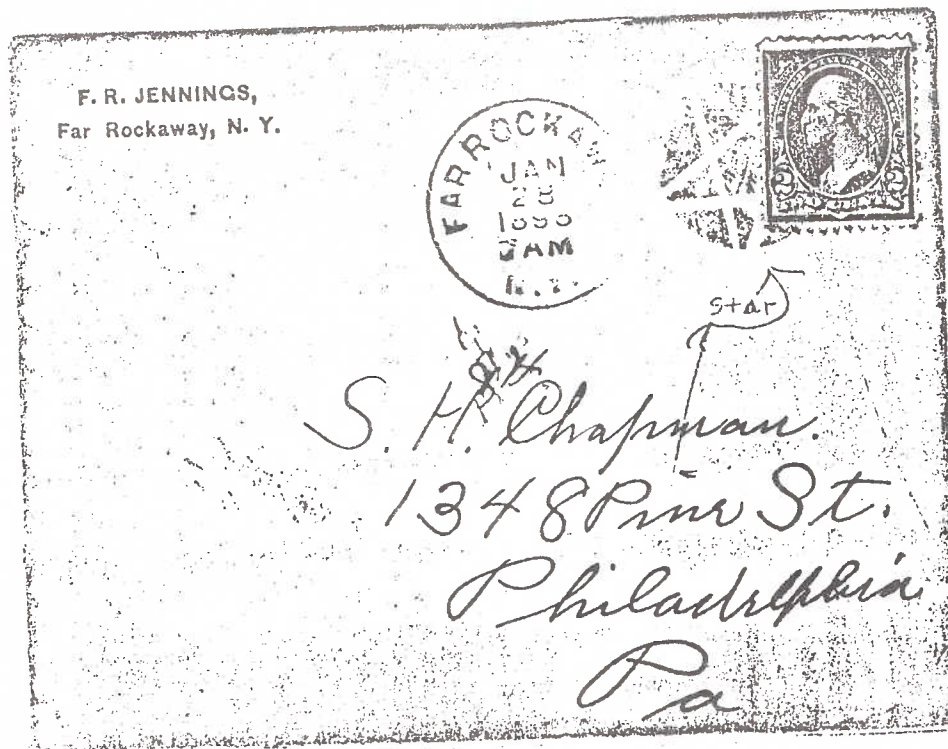
Post Office Name	County	Type	Year	Color	Remarks
Sea Cliff	N	2	1882, 84-86	B	
Shelter Is. Heights	S	1	1886	P	
Smithtown Branch	S	2	1879-80	B	
Speonk	S	5	1897	B	
Springfield	Q	1	1884	Bl	
Thompson's Station	S	53	1864	B	
Water Mills	S	20	1867	B	
Westbury Station	N	7	1885-87	B, P	
		1	1889	B	
Yaphank	S	2	1879	P	New Listing

Counties: K=Kings; Q=Queens; N=Nassau; S=Suffolk
Colors : B=Black; Bl=Blue; P=Purple; R=Red

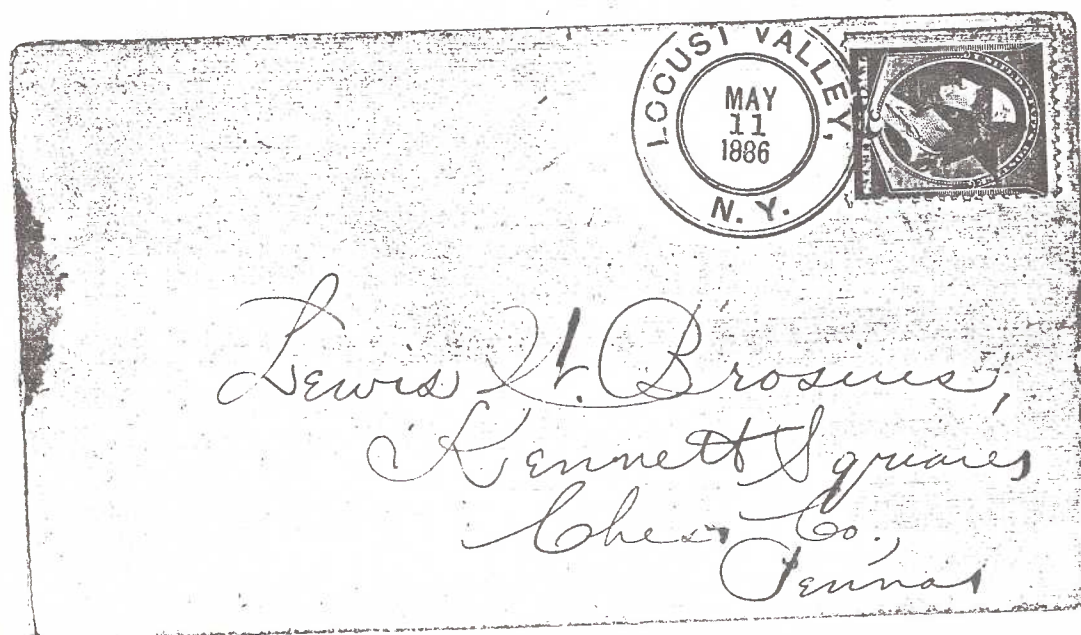


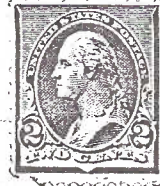
Three examples of the STAR OF DAVID cancel used at Rockaway in the 1860's

Far Rockaway, N.Y. Jan. 28, 1898 cds with negative star
Type 35 from the collection of Richard O. Jones.



A beautiful dark purple LOCUST VALLEY NY. 1886 quadruple circle postmark tying a 2c banknote stamp and solid star fancy cancel Type 1. Originally in the H. Stollnitz coll., now in the author's collection.





*Mr. Edwin Buchanan
Beth. Falls*



Mrs. Ida Rose



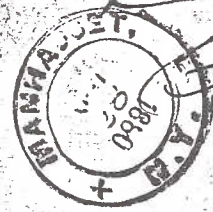
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A grouping of Long Island Star Cancels from the author's collection.

AUCTION ACTION

Daniel M. Knowles

Richard C. Frajola 9-14-86

Lot 122: 217 covers, letters and cards
from Long Island towns

650/1100 (F)

Lot 123: 347 Kings County covers, letters
and cards

625 (F)

Lot 124: 86 Queens County covers, letters
and cards, including 12 stampless covers

50/280 (F)

Lot 372: Salvaged mail cover with post
office label from sinking of the Oregon

170 (B)

Robert G. Kaufmann

Lot 297: Rail R. rare North to South usage
from Boston to New York with matching
5 on 1846 folded letter

64/135 (F)

William A. Fox 9-20-86

Lot 209: Steamer 5 Oregon steamboat marking.
Very rare North to South usage from Providence,
Rhode Island to New York, 1846 folded letter

70/85 (F)

David G. Phillips Company 9-20-86

Lot 654: 13 horse advertising covers,
including 1 Huntington, Long Island, New York
cover with a 3 green bank note cancelled with
the Huntington, Long Island, New York CDS and
a prominent maltese cross.

80/105 (F)

Christies' 10-30-86

Lot 239: Honolulu, April 29, 1848 dateline
on folded letter to Connecticut with red
Greenport, New York CDS, matching red SHIP
handstamp, manuscript date and manuscript
7 rate. Extremely rare Long Island ship
cover from the Stark correspondence which
contains lengthy contents concerning relation-
ships between the United States and Mexico and
the Oregon territory.

60/240 (F)

William A. Fox Auctions 10-25-86

Lot 100: Shelter Island Heights, NY Duplex
cancels vertical strip of 3 purple #268
on 1 green entire (U352). Registered
used to Port Townsend, Washington.
Taxidermist corner card. 42/55 (F)

Richard C. Frajola 11-15-86

Lot 154: Steamer 5 Oregon red oval Route
Agent handstamp on August 25, 1846 folded
letter from New York to Providence 120 (B)

Lot 155: Steamer 5 oval handstamp in red on
January 5, 1847 folded letter to Mass. 65 (B)

Al Zimmerman 11-29-86

Lot 230: Steinway, N.Y. 1885, handstamp
tying 3c banknote imperforate. Scarce
Queens Co. postmark with unusual stamp use. 100 (F)

Lot 220: Fire Island, N.Y. large cds with
separate grid killer tying #184. 25 (F)

Lot 233: Port Washington, N.Y. scarce
illustrated fire engine corner card, 1896. 60 (F)

Lot 239: Advertising cover from Fishers
Island, N.Y. 1896 postmark showing turkey
illustration. Very fine postmark on
desirable cover. 110 (F)

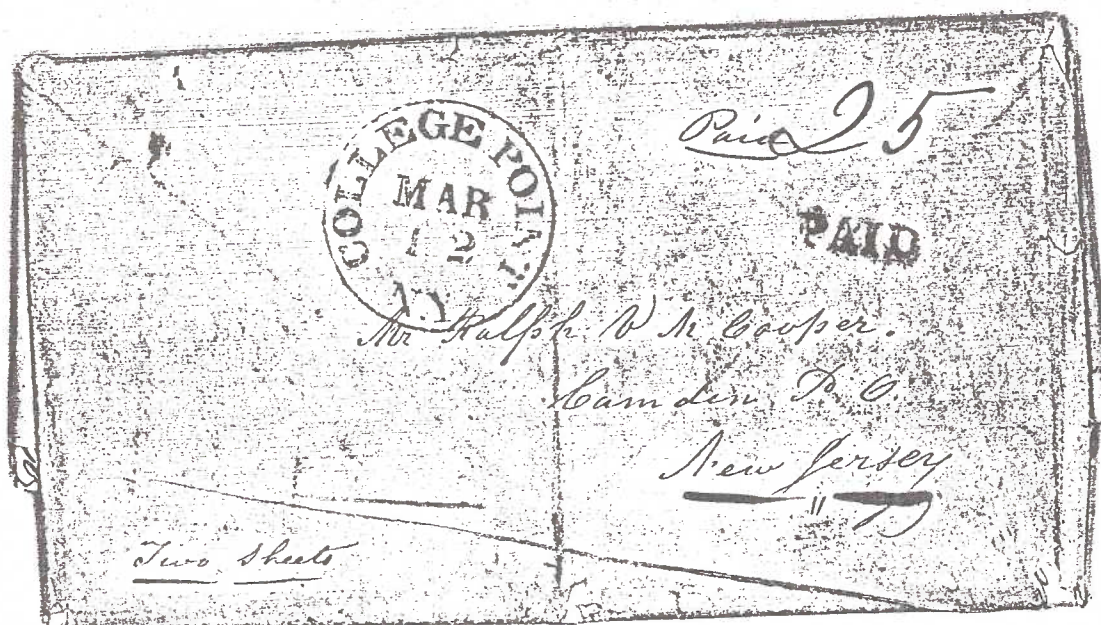
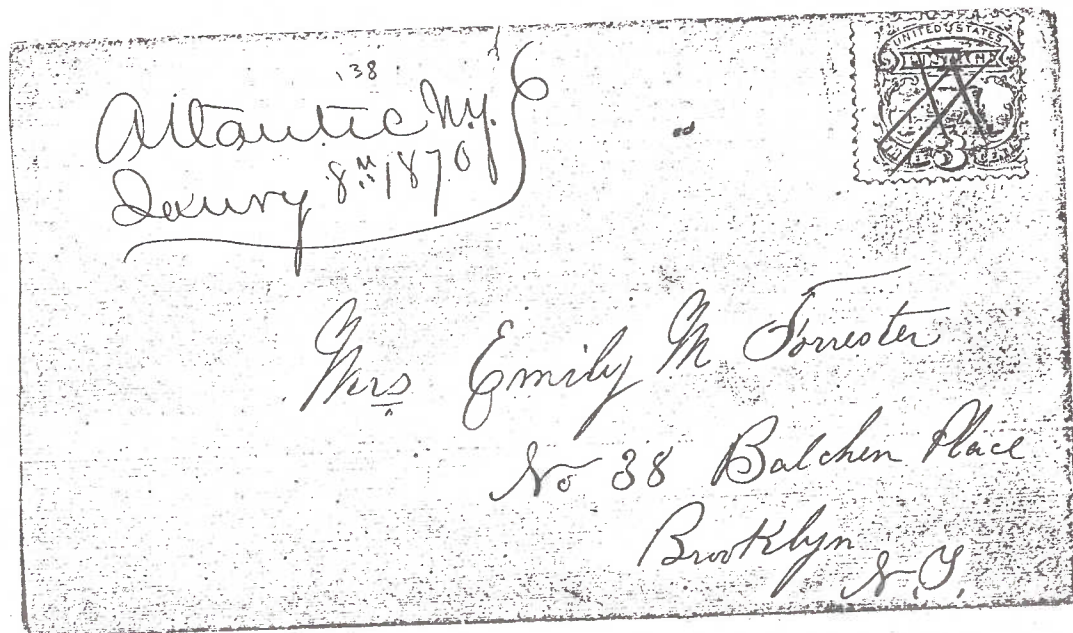
Lot 399: United Nations, Lake Success, N.Y.
1946 machine cancel with "Courier of the
United Nations" within killer. Very
scarce. 40/55 (F)

Joe Merman 10-31-86

Lot 182: Garden City Estates, AAMC #3
opening day Sept. 23, 1911 on ppc.
Very fine postmark. 650 (B)

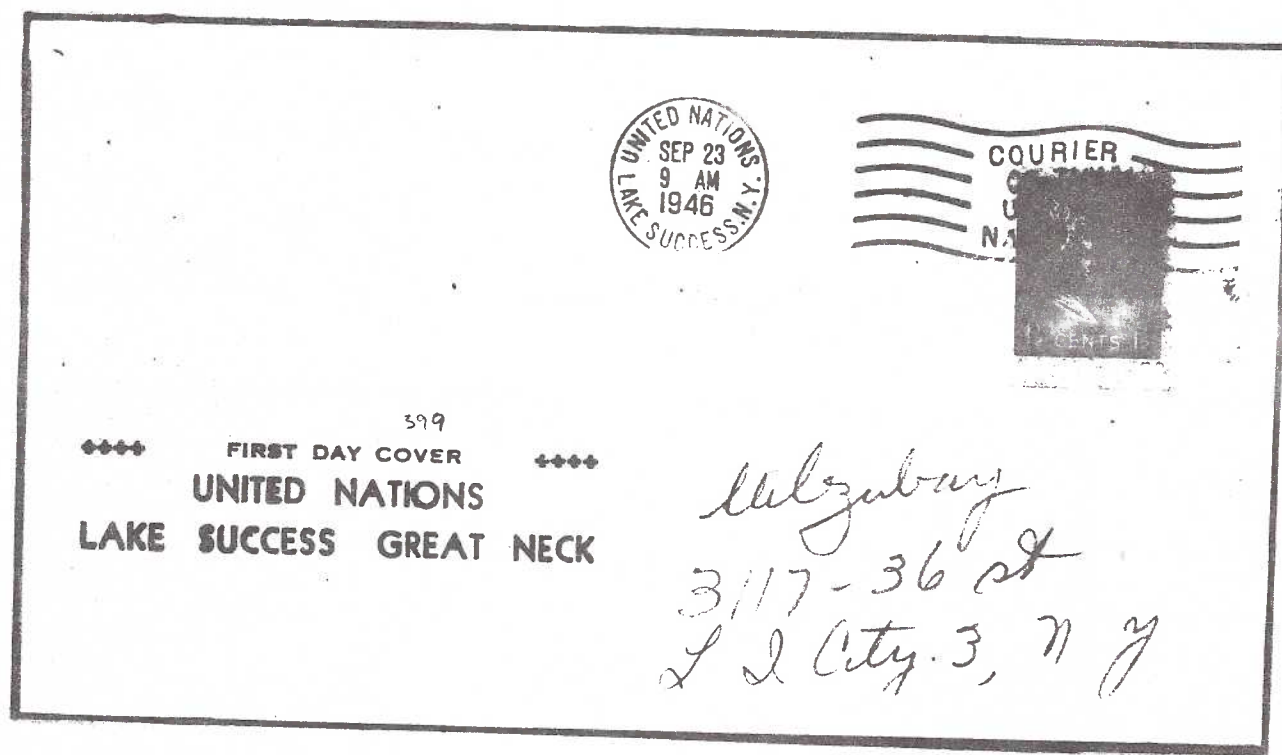
Some covers from the 86 Queens County covers sold as Lot 124 in the Richard C. Frajola, Inc. Sept. 14, 1986 auction.

Rare ATLANTIC, NY January 8, 1870 manuscript postmark with a #114 postage stamp on cover to Brooklyn. This post office was only in existence from April 2, 1868 to Feb. 9, 1870 when it changed to EAST ROCKAWAY.



Bluish green COLLEGE POINT, NY and handstamp PAID on 1840 stampless letter double rated 25 cents (due to the 2 sheets).

The Lake Success post office in what is today Nassau County was established on June 23, 1920 as per the official records of the Post Office Dept. The records indicate that it was never in operation as apparently it was "declined". The records show that in 1965 the New Hyde Park P.O. established Lake Success as a Station of that post office using zip code 11043. It was changed to zip code 11040 on January 15, 1966. Understandingly, the official POD records make no mention of the United Nations post office at Lake Success, N.Y. but there was such a post office as evidenced by the postmark on this cover which sold as Lot 399 in the Al Zimmerman auction of Nov. 29, 1986 for \$55. Member Brian Levy was the successful bidder and we show it here thanks to him.



United Nations, Lake Success, N.Y. 1946 machine cancel on FDC as per the cachet. An excellent example of an unusual 20th century postal history item from Long Island. Collection of Brian Levy, Seaford, N.Y.

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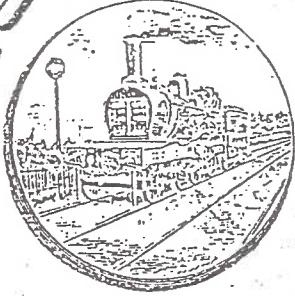
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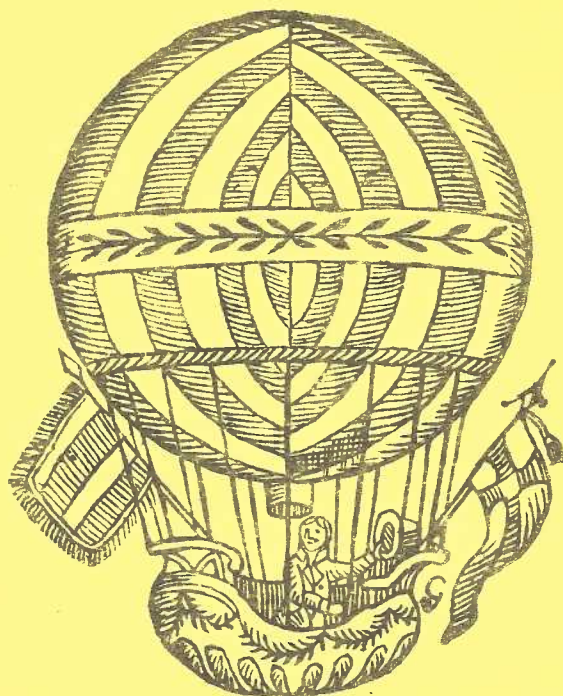
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