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THE WILLIAMS BRIDGE POST OFFICE
by Martin Margulis

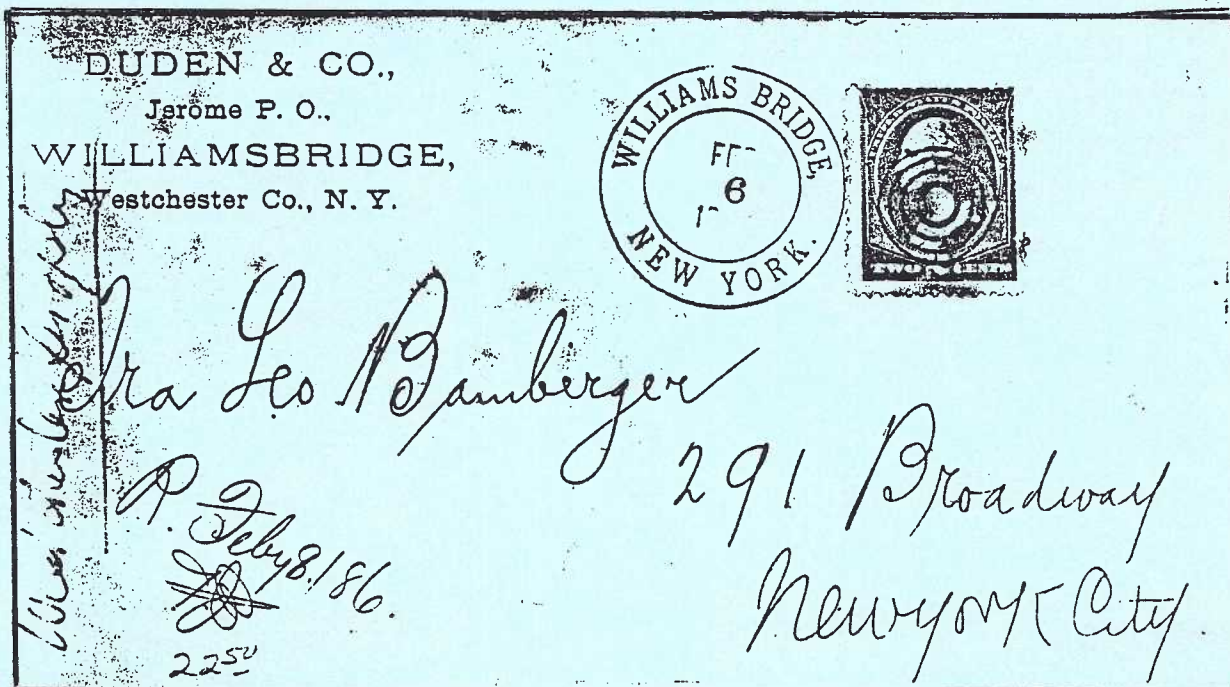
In the 1640's, settlers purchased tracts of land from the Indians in what is now the Bronx. Jonas Bronck purchased 500 acres in the southernmost portion of the Bronx in 1641. However, in 1643 the Indians burned Bronck's farm and the family moved further north into what is now southeastern Westchester County. Bronck died very soon thereafter.

Land near what is now Westchester Square/Trogg's Neck was purchased from the Sinoway Indians in 1639/40. John Throckmorton settled what is now Throgg's Neck (a corruption of Throckmorton's name) in 1640 but, like Bronck, was driven off by the Indians. (Those Sinoway Indians who lived near what is now Van Cortland Park were still there during the Revolutionary War. They supported the American cause and were wiped out by the British Army).

In 1658, the Dutch Director-General of New Netherlands authorized a ferry between the Village of Haerlem and "Brouncksland", across the Harlem River. However, the population of Brouncksland was so small that a ferry was not economically feasible. (The authorization was for a privately financed ferry.)

In 1666, the British Governor of New York, Governor Nicolls, gave a charter to Johannes Verveelen to operate a ferry from a site near the present First Avenue and 123rd Street in Manhattan to the Bronx. For this purpose Verveelen built boats and a tavern. Ferry fees and profits from the tavern were to cover his costs. They didn't, since the Harlem River was fordable further north.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Sure seems strange not seeing Emma's words up here. She was a good president. I always felt secure in the knowledge she was on top of things and if there was anything that needed to be done she would see to it in plenty of time. If I am to stay on top of things I'll need your help, so contact me on anything you feel we should (or should not) be doing.

One thing Emma was always asking for, was articles for the Bulletin. Lately we have been getting a bit more. Looks like some of you took her advice. Thanks. We will only get out what you, the members, put in. How about more of you contributing? You can write articles, or just a word or two about a cover, or even just a clipping or photo copy of something you read and saved from somewhere else. If it is NYS PH our members will enjoy reading it.

Send George some lots for our auction. He will get a good price for you and someone else will enjoy the new treasure. Take the time NOW to pull out some of your surplus or unwanted items. We need them to keep up the auction that so many of you enjoy. George will be happy to hear from you!

Have a good summer! Work with your collection! Visit with PH friends! The very best to you all!

Jack

Get a friend to join ESPHS. You will be doing both your friend and the Society a favor.....Send to us for applications

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PARCEL POST



Ranger Keller

"It's glass, but please don't stamp it 'fragile' and call attention to it."

Society News

NEW MEMBERS

The ESPHS welcomes one new member whose name was posted in the April, 1985 Bulletin:

David E. Lyman

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

Applications for membership have been received from the following:

Bachner, C. Holden

18 Baker St, Gloversville, NY 12078

Interests: US-19th century; Back of book

References: APS

Burlingame, Billings G.

5 Harrison Ave, Oneonta, NY 13820

Interests: US; especially covers

References: APS

Brenner, Paul

P.O. Box 402, South Orange, NJ 07079

Interests: Special cancellations

References: APS

Cali, John

613 W. Fourth St, Fulton, NY 13069

Interests: PB's; Souvenir cards;
Stamps on stamps;
Pictorial cancels

References: APS

Dwyer, Dale

1004 Franklin Dr, Bartlett, IL 60103

Interests: Stars on 3¢ issue of 1861

References:

Kline, Roger W.

2194 Lewis Rd, South Wales, NY 14139

Interests: Canada; Erie Co PH

References: ESPHS member Cliff Tuttle

Martonis, Vincent P.

35 Monroe St, Silver Creek, NY 14136

Interests: Chautauqua Co PH;
Columbia postal supply co
; Silver Creek history,
artifacts, cancels

References: ESPHS member Todaro

McCann, Brendan

61-21 182 St, Flushing, NY 11365

Interests: L.I. PH; N.J. PH;
Confederate covers;
N.Y.C. covers

References: APS

Purcell, Leonard P.

Apartado Postal 99-016, Unidad
Independencia, 10100 Mexico D.F.,
Mexico

Interests: Stampless covers; US
revenues

References: APS

RESIGNATIONS

A resignation has been received from:

Robert Motelow
Yonkers, NY

DUES ARE DUE

Dues for the 1985-86 club year are payable now. The last issue of the Bulletin included a dues payment slip in combination with a "Trading Post" ad form. Dues remain at \$5 per year.

Most of our membership subsequently sent in their dues. For those who haven't paid yet, please don't put it off any longer, and send in your check as soon as possible.

As a reminder, those members who still owe dues for 1985-86 will find a star by their address label.

When sending in your dues, include your

- suggestions and comments
- directory corrections and changes
- free ad for the year

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please note the following address change. Only the new address is shown below.

Arthur Fitzpatrick
263 Cushing Ave
Williston Park, NY 11596

Mario Turums
Secretary-Treasurer

LIPHS JOURNAL

We are now exchanging our Bulletin for the LIPHS Journal. We have many mutual members in both Societies. Both organizations are making an effort to cooperate where possible. We look forward to a much closer relationship as time goes on.

NJPHS AUCTION

A 1200 lot auction of NJ PH will be auctioned by the NJPHS July 15, 1985. A listing is available by sending 56 cents in mint postage to Brad Arch, 144 Hamilton Av, Clifton, NJ 07011.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY ON MAY 5, 1985

The annual meeting of the ESPHS was called to order by President Koberg at 1:41 PM at Karrat's Restaurant in New Hartford, NY. Approximately 25 members and guests were in attendance.

The minutes of the semi-annual meeting held on October 7, 1984 were accepted without any additions or corrections. These had been published in the February, 1985 issue of the Bulletin.

The Secretary-Treasurer read his annual report for the 1984-85 year. This report is published in this edition of the Bulletin. The report was accepted as read.

Similarly, the financial report for 1984-85 was presented to the membership. The financial report is also included in full in this issue of the Bulletin. The report shows a deficit of \$350.85 for the year which is due to the difference between the cost of publishing the book on manuscript post office cancels and the receipts to date from the sale of the book. The financial report was accepted as presented.

A brief report on publicity emphasized that news releases on the Society are appearing more frequently in the philatelic press, and news of our activities is becoming more widely known.

Publications chairman Bill Seifert summarized his committees' affairs for 1984-85. The major accomplishment was publication of the manuscript P.O. book which took several years to compile and prepare. One of the main goals of this committee for 1985-86 will be to advertise and promote this book to generate sales.

Bill also offered for free to anyone who was present, old copies of ESPHS journals. In addition, a number of NYS postal history books are currently available through the ESPHS, and these were reviewed.

Articles for the Bulletin are always in short supply, and everyone is encouraged to share their knowledge and their interesting covers through an article in the Bulletin.

Future projects of the publications committee include a booklet on star-type fancy cancels used in NYS by Dave Proulx, and a reference on NYS RFD's by Bill Seifert. Other projects are also being advanced at the current time.

There was no old business to bring before the membership.

Under new business, the Secretary-Treasurer presented a proposed budget for 1985-86. This budget had been reviewed

by the Executive Board at its meeting on March 24, 1985, and was agreeable to that body. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the budget for 1985-86 as read. A copy of the budget is published in this issue of the Bulletin.

Dave Proulx announced that SYRAPEX 86 will be held during April, 1986. This show is sponsored by the Syracuse Stamp Club. Dave also announced that the annual meeting and exhibition of the Postmark Collectors Club will occur at LeMoyne College on August 8-11, 1985 and all postal historians are cordially invited.

President Koberg read a personal statement on the occasion of her descent from the office of president. She acknowledged the assistance and contributions from the membership and other officers of the Society during the last six years. The members present recognized her efforts on behalf of the Society with a well deserved round of applause.

Nominating committee chairman Bill Seifert then announced the slate of candidates that were nominated. They were: Jack Haefeli for president, Ken delisle for V.P., Maris Tirums for secretary-treasurer, and Dave Proulx, Emma Koberg and John Azarkevich for directors. Also nominated to complete Jack Haefeli's term as director was Charlie Sweeting.

The secretary cast a single vote in favor of the entire slate, and thus the elections were concluded. President elect Haefeli made a brief inauguration statement.

The date and location of the semi-annual meeting was determined to be October 6, 1985 at Karrat's Restaurant. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maris Tirums
Secretary-Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY FOR 1984-85

Membership

The Society continued to attract new members during the 1984-85 year. Applicants found out about ESPHS through personal contact with members and by reading about the Society in the philatelic press. The rate of membership was steady over the year.

The 1984-85 year ends with 196 members. During the year, we had 19 new members, 4 resignations, 9 expulsions, and 2 reinstatements. There were no known deaths.

A number of applications are on hand for posting in the June, 1985 edition of the Bulletin.

Meetings

The 1984-85 year contained the usual number of meetings of the ESPHS. On May 6 1984, the annual meeting was held, and on October 7, 1984, the semi-annual meeting was conducted. The Executive Board convened two meetings also. These were on the morning of the semi-annual meeting on October 7th and on March 24, 1985. All of the meetings of the ESPHS were at Karrat's Restaurant in New Hartford.

One regional meeting occurred during the year, this on February 3, 1985 in Albany. The Albany regional meeting attracted about 20 members. Arrangements were made by Director Bill Seifert.

The minutes of the general meetings were subsequently published in the Bulletin.

Bulletin

The Bulletin of the ESPHS was issued on its regular bi-monthly schedule. Editions appeared during June, August, October, and December, 1984, and February and April, 1985. Jack Haefeli continued his editorship during the year. Mailing was handled by Nettie and Bill Seifert.

Substantial cost increases were sustained during the year. Printing costs rose about 30% in mid 1984. On top of that, the first class postage rate rose 10% in early 1985. The Bulletin is mailed by first class postage to make the members' auction timely.

Articles for the Bulletin continue to trickle in. However, there is a constant shortage of postal history material to print, and present contributions will continue to limit expansion of the Bulletin.

Publications

A major project of the ESPHS came to fruition with the publication of "Manuscript Post Offices of New York." Editing was done by Henry Chlanda and Chet Wilcox. The forward was authored by Ken deLisle. The publications committee arranged for the photography, typing and printing of the book. The cost of the book was set at \$12. Members are entitled to a 20% discount.

Although no other books were published by the Society during the 1984-85 year, other titles were still available through the Society. "New York Postal History" by Smith & Kay was reordered from APS, and is available to members for \$28.50. "Wayne County Postal History" by Emma Koberg is still available as is the list of federal post offices in New York.

In addition, an independently published book on the postal history of Seneca County was offered to ESPHS members at a preferred price.

The year under review saw several publication projects advance, and this should lead to a number of books on NYS postal history in the years to come.

Roster

The Society's roster was redistributed with the December, 1984 Bulletin for the first time in several years. The membership information has been computerized thereby making annual revisions of the roster much easier, and it is expected that yearly rosters will now be feasible. The computer work for this was done by Jack Haefeli.

Awards

The ESPHS was quite active during 1984-85 in sponsoring awards and otherwise recognizing achievements in exhibits of NYS postal history.

A certificate of achievement was presented at COPEX 84 in Cobleskill. A silver award and several certificates were presented at CINCOPEX 84 in Hamilton and at FOPEX 84 in Albany. Finally, a silver award was provided for ROPEX 85 in Rochester. A number of advertisements in show programs were also taken. Ken deLisle handled this activity for ESPHS.

Elections

The 1984 annual meeting saw the election of three directors. Elected to three year terms were Bob Waite, Peter Mason, and Nick Todaro.

A nominating committee was established at the October, 1984 semi-annual meeting consisting of Bill Seifert, George Bernadt, and Gerald Wiley. The committee presented a slate of candidates which includes: Jack Haefeli for president, Ken deLisle for V.P., Maris Tirums for secretary-treasurer, and for directors, Emma Koberg, Dave Proulx, and John Azarkevitch. Also nominated to fill Haefeli's expected vacancy as director was Charlie Sweeting. This slate will be voted on during the 1985 annual meeting.

Maris Tirums
Secretary-Treasurer

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Bank balances on May 1, 1984:

Checking account	600.80
Savings account	3324.98
Time deposits	6336.60
Total funds in bank	\$10262.38

Revenue:

Dues payments:	
1984-85	722.00
1985-86	440.00
1986-87	15.00
1987-88	5.00
Fees with applications	18.00
Sub-total	\$ 1200.00
Auctions, gross receipts	\$ 4910.85
Publications:	
Wayne County P.H.	166.00
N.Y. Postal History, Smith-Kay	313.50
Seneca County P.H.	25.40
Manuscript P.O.	677.60
Inventory sales	70.20
Sub-total	\$ 1252.70
Advertisements	\$ 64.90
Interest:	
Savings account	139.83
Time deposits	811.19
Sub-total	\$ 951.02
Misc.	\$ 7.00
Total revenue	\$ 8386.47

Expenditures:

Administrative:	
President	28.54
Secretary-Treasurer	45.03
Bank charges	15.81
P.O. box rental	29.00
Sub-total	\$ 118.38
Bulletin:	
Printing	999.37
Mailing	363.87
Expenses	60.67
Roster	62.50
Sub-total	\$ 1486.41
Publications:	
Manuscript P.O. book	2163.30
Smith-Kay book	242.70
Seneca County PH book	21.60
Research & misc expenses	85.59
Sub-total	\$ 2513.19
Auctions:	
Paid to consignors	4168.60
Auction manager's expenses	265.00
Sub-total	\$ 4433.60
Misc:	
Slide program preparation	18.80
Awards & show support	140.44
Refunds	1.50
Meeting expenses	25.00
Sub-total	\$ 185.74
Total expenditures	\$ 8737.32
Deficit for 1984-85	\$ 350.85

Bank balances on May 1, 1985:

Checking account	594.93
Savings account	2168.81
Time deposits	7147.79
Total funds in bank	\$ 9911.53

BUDGET FOR 1985-86

Estimated revenue:

Dues 1985-86	650.00
Dues 1986-87	350.00
Fees with applications	15.00
Sub-total	\$ 1015.00
Sale of publications:	
Manuscript P.O.	900.00
Wayne County P.H.	50.00
Inventory sales	30.00
NYS Star cancel booklet	250.00
Sub-total	\$ 1230.00
Advertisements	\$ 30.00
Auction earnings	\$ 400.00
Interest earned	\$ 750.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$ 3425.00

Estimated expenditures:

Bulletin:	
Printing	1100.00
Mailing	360.00
Expenses	100.00
Sub-total	\$ 1560.00
Administration:	
President	75.00
Secretary-Treasurer	75.00
Meetings	50.00
P.O. box rental	30.00
Reimb. E/B meet. expenses	120.00
Promote regional meet.	100.00
Misc other	50.00
Sub-total	\$ 500.00
Committees & projects:	
Roster	40.00
Misc publication/research	150.00
Printing "Star" book	325.00
Manuscript P.O. supplement	50.00
Manuscript P.O. book advertising	75.00
Awards & show support	300.00
Publicity	50.00
Slide program expenses	50.00
Misc other	20.00
Sub-total	\$ 1060.00
Misc & contingencies	\$ 100.00
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WAYNE COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY by Emma Koberg. 81 pages, maps, postmarks, and illustrations. Retail \$10, members only price \$6.00, postpaid.

MAIL ORDERS TO ESPHS, P O BOX 5475, ALBANY, NY 12205.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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POSTAL HISTORY OF SENECA COUNTY. Regular Retail price is \$12. Special offer to ESPHS members is just \$8, postpaid. Send your order to W. E. Morrison & Co., Ovid, N.Y. 14521. and let them know you are a ESPHS member.

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CORRECTIONS TO NEW YORK POSTAL HISTORY

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- Brn Co (Add) Drieser Loop (Sta
Bronx 10475 Esr Mr 10, 1980
(Add) Spuyten Devil (Sta
Bronx 10463) Est NV 11,
1984
- Dut Co New Hamburg (12560) Disc
Je 29, 1982
- Eri Co (Add) Clearfield (Br Buffalo
14221) Est Mr 3, 1983
- Kin Co Classon (Sta Brooklyn 11238)
Disc My 3, 1984
Neptune (Sta Brooklyn 11224)
Disc My 3, 1984
- Mnr Co River Campus (Sta Rochester
14627) Changed Fb 13, 1978
to River (Sta Rochester 14627)
- Mnt Co Wardsbridge Eliminate entire
entry
- Ono Co Clinton Square (Sta Syracuse
13201) Changed Ap 1, 1983 to
Downtown (Sta Syracuse 13201)
Colvin (Sta Syracuse 13205)
Disc Je 1, 1983
Elmwood (Sta Syracuse 13207)
Disc Je 1, 1983
(Add) Colvin Elmwood (Sta
Syracuse 13207) Est Je 1,
1983
- Orl Co Hulberton (14473) Disc Oc 8,
1984* Mail to Holley
- Ren Co Cherryplain (12040) Changed
Ag 30, 1983 to Cherry Plain
(12040)
Stephentown Center (12168)
Disc Dec 21, 1983* Mail to
Stephentown
- Sen Co McDougall (14501) Disc
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Romulus
- Sul Co (Add) Forestburgh (CPO
Monticello 12777) Est
Ag 2, 1983
Saint Joseph (12777) Disc
Ag 1, 1983 Mail to
Monticello
Mileses (12761) Disc Oc
13, 1984* Mailto Hankins
- Yat Co Bluff Point (14417) Disc
Oc 1, 1984* Mail to Keuka
Park

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minated. Date shown is official
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trative purposes.

FREE FRANK 5 CENT DUE
or
ONE HULL OF A POSTMASTER
By Nick Todero

Postmasters enjoyed the benefits of the franking privilege from 1799. However the act of March 3, 1845 put an end to the practice. Exemption from postage expense had often been the reason that made the postmastership desirable, and an end to the "PM-Free" surely caused a "Hull-a-baloo" as the old timers would say. The postmaster could however, continue to use the free franking privilege for the transmission of public documents.

At this period BURR HULL was PM at Hull's Corners and the office served about 18 houses, (French's Gazateer). The act of March 2, 1847 (9 stat. 153) restored the free frank privilege to postmasters whose compensation for the previous year did not exceed \$200, providing letters were not more than 1/2 oz sent by or to him on his affairs.

The illustration is a ms FREE B HULL, PM / HULLS CORNERS NY and addressed to messers F Townsend and Co, Albany NY, postmarked with red 32 mm CDS of Fulton, NY, April 10. A manuscript "5" indicates a 5 cent due charge. The letter is datelined Hulls Corners, April 8, 1848.

Could it be that an official at the Fulton, NY PO was not knowledgeable regarding the limited use of the franking privilege?

The author would appreciate comments with other possible conclusions.

(Hulls Corners 1836-1855)



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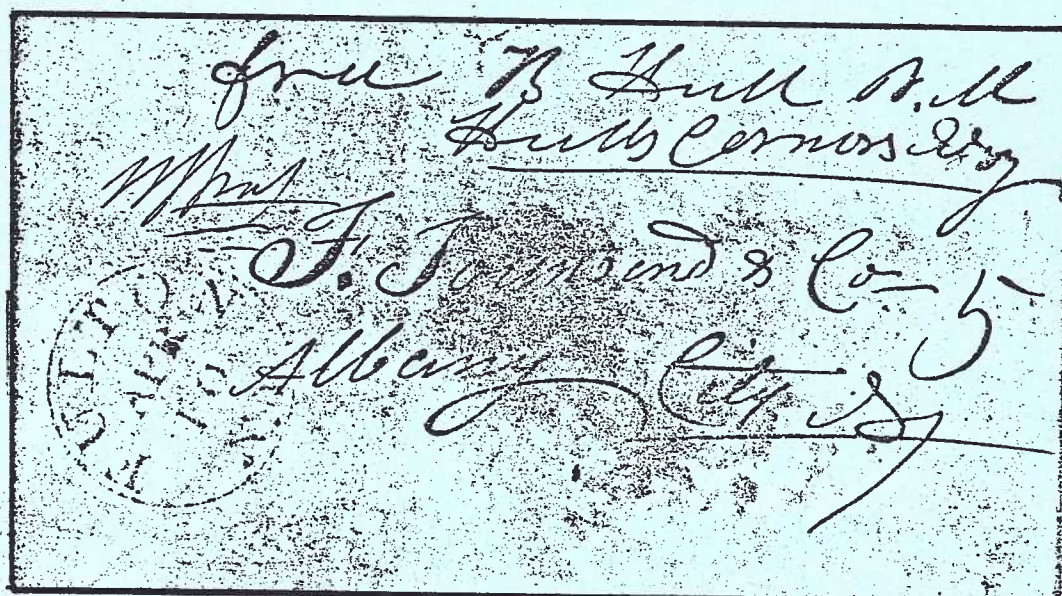
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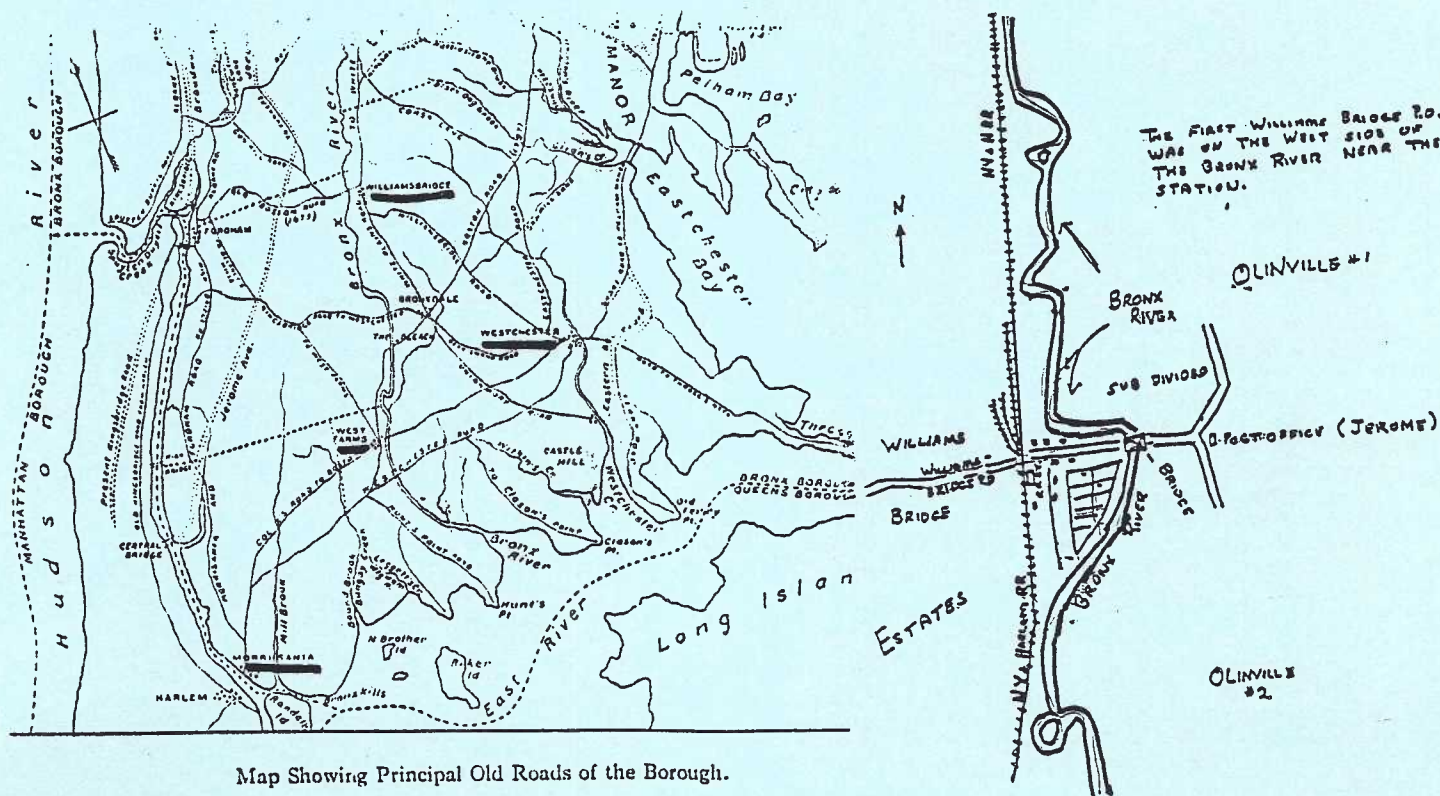
The importance of a ferry or bridge across the Harlem River was twofold. First, it made possible a land route to Albany and the villages in between. Secondly, it made it easier for farmers in the north Bronx and on Long Island to bring their produce and cattle into the New York City market. This was especially important to the Long Island farmers. It was very difficult for them to get their goods to market by water because of the currents at Hell Gate. As a consequence, a ferry ran from Long Island to the Bronx, across the East River, (Long Island Sound). The goods then crossed the Bronx (at that time the Town of West Chester) and forded the Bronx River and Harlem River-Spuyten Duyvil Creek. The latter ford was near what is now 228th Street where the Tibbetts (Tippetts) Creek joined Spuyten Duyvil Creek. The Spuyten Duyvil Creek and Harlem River formed a strait separating the Bronx from Manhattan (see map).

Because the ferry across the Harlem River in the south Bronx was not sufficiently profitable, Verveelen was permitted to move his operation to the fording place across the Spuyten Duyvil Creek. The ford was fenced off. A schedule of fees was set and a tavern built. Government personnel were permitted free use of the ferry.

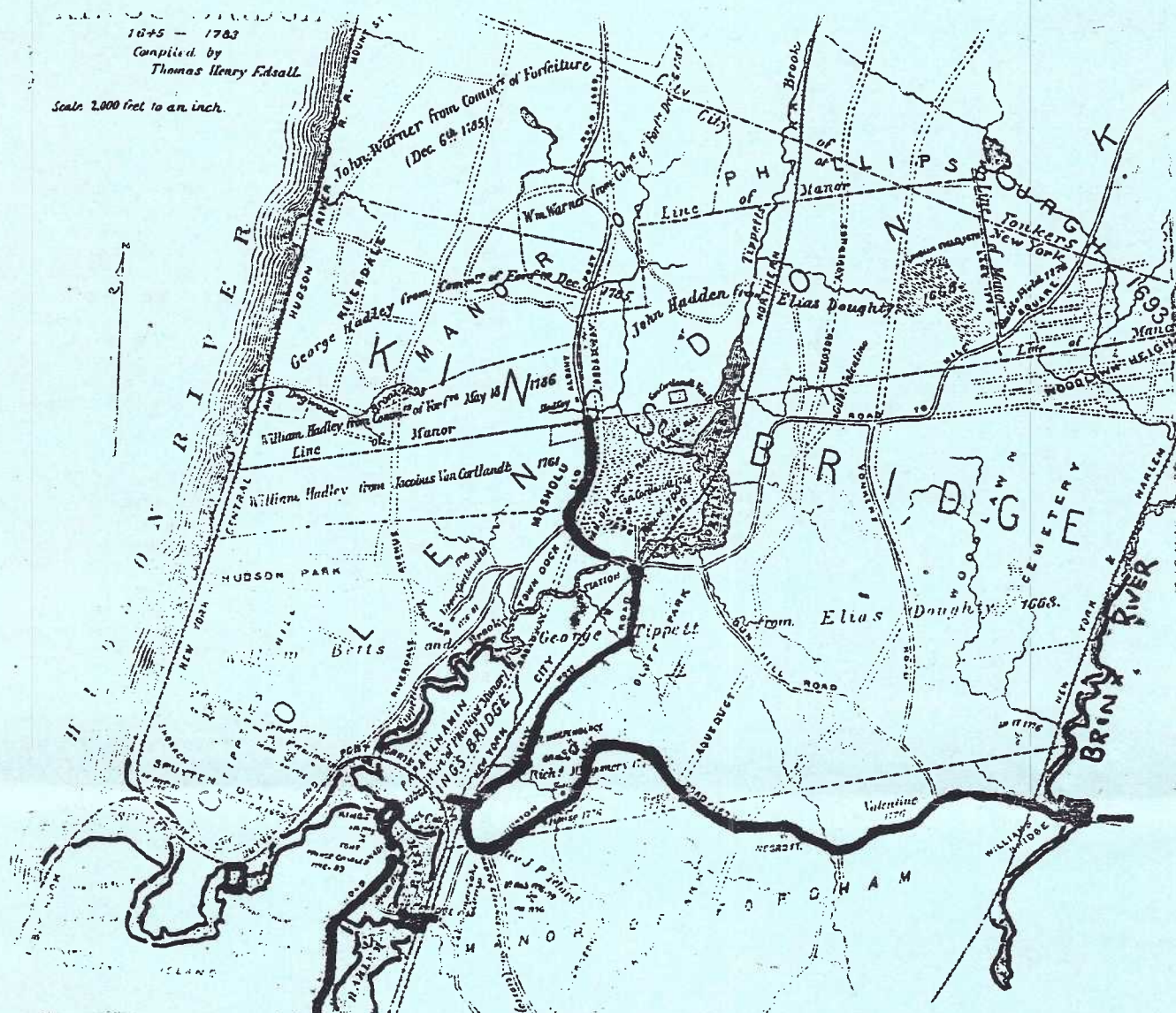
At this time provision was also made for a similar service across the Bronx River at what is now Williams Bridge. The facility, in this case a bridge, was built by John Williams, a farmer in the area. He was helped, financially and otherwise, by Messrs Betts, Tippet and Hadden, landowners in the area who also had farms in the Town of East Chester. They were given free use of the bridge. A tavern was built, as per specification, near the bridge. The ford was fenced off here also. Roads were built connecting Williams Bridge with Verveelen's ferry as well as with the villages of West Chester and West Farms. (The villages were both in the Town of West Chester, as was Williams Bridge.)

In 1673, monthly overland mail service was started between New York City and Boston, and villages in between. Convenient spots, stores and inns primarily, were selected, at which mail and packages were picked up and left. Thus Verveelen's ferry and Williams Bridge became, in effect, post offices. The service did not prosper, and was discontinued.

In 1685 the service was restarted. A fee was set at three cents per hundred miles for letters. The service prospered this time, possibly because of the increased population, and in



Map Showing Principal Old Roads of the Borough.



1698 the schedule called for weekly service in the spring, summer and fall. Winter service was to be bi-weekly. In 1754, when Benjamin Franklin became postmaster, the service was put on a weekly basis all year round.

Mail coaches were put on the line in 1772. These coaches also carried passengers. Originally they ran every two weeks. The service was so popular that the coaches were soon scheduled for twice a week and then three times a week. All this mail passed through Williams Bridge and on to New Rochelle en route to Boston.

In 1690, the Provincial Assembly authorized (but failed to allocate money for) a bridge to be called the King's Bridge to replace Verveelen's ferry. It was built by Frederick Philipse in 1693, at which time the ferry ceased operations.

II

At the end of the Revolutionary War, things returned to normal in the Bronx. The 1790 census lists a population of 1,761 persons, including slaves. Inhabitants were listed by family name. The families were divided into male and female members. Males were classified by age group, females only as adult or child. Slaves were listed under the owners' family name.

With the establishment of the national government, provisions were made for toll roads to West Farms and West Chester Village (1790's). The road to and through West Farms continued on across the northern Bronx until it joined the Old Boston Road. The stage coaches to Boston ran over this new branch of the Boston Post Road. West Farms became the first official post

office in the Town of West Chester in 1811, resulting in the bypassing of Williams Bridge.

Another blow to Williams Bridge's importance came with the invention of the steamboat, which allowed for direct shipment of Long Island farm produce to New York City. Steam powered boats were able to overcome the Hell Gate currents.

The building of the New York and Harlem Railroad lead to Williams Bridge becoming a post office again. The railroad reached Williams Bridge in 1842 and opened the area to the less affluent. The 1865 census showed 543 inhabitants in the area. Much of the land, especially west of the Bronx River, consisted of large estates. East of the river, near the area where the Williamsbridge (now Gun Hill) Road crossed what is now White Plains Road, the area was subdivided into small lots.

The hamlet of Williams Bridge itself was small (see map). While subdivided, most of the land was unoccupied. It contained the railroad station, a post office (in a store), a school, and express office, two stables, a telegraph agency, a saloon, a carpentry shop, a wool shed, railroad yards, and two hotels. It also had a number of stores. It was not too far from the Jerome Race Track and just south of the area where the New Haven Railroad joined the New York and Harlem Railroad. The hamlet would thus seem to have been a communications and transportation hub for the surrounding area as well as a shopping center. It also had the only school in the area.

The first United States Post Office at Williams Bridge was opened on August 16, 1849. Benjamin Valentine, Jr was the Postmaster. It was discontinued on May 11, 1852. The office reopened on December 2, 1853 with John T Briggs as postmaster. On February 8, 1869, the name of the post office was changed to Jerome. Mr Briggs continued as postmaster. In 1870, he was receiving a salary of \$130 per year. This was less than one third the compensation of the postmaster of West Farms (\$430), and one fifth that of the postmaster of West Chester (\$670). Only the postmaster of City Island received less (\$57).

The name of the Jerome Post Office was changed back to Williams Bridge on December 4, 1884. The postmaster at this time was John E Burke. Mail to Williams Bridge (and Jerome) arrived by train. When the name of the post office was changed to Jerome, its location was moved across the Bronx River and back into the Town of West Chester. Prior to that it had been in the Town of West Farms, which became part of New York City in 1875.

Williams Bridge ceased to be a post office on December 13, 1895, shortly after the Town of West Chester and other areas in what is now Bronx County were made a part of New York City. At the time, Elizabeth Heilman was postmistress.

On January 1, 1898, a post office was re-established at Williams Bridge. It consisted of a superintendent, 3 clerks and 6 carriers. It was designated Station "N". This time it was part of the New York City Post Office. It continued as part of the New York City system until October 3, 1962, at which time the Bronx Post Office was established.

The hamlet of Williams Bridge became a part of what is now Bronx Park and thus has ceased to exist. The railroad station was rebuilt outside the park limits, and is still in use. A viaduct crosses the valley of the Bronx River where the hamlet had once been. The bridge itself is long gone.

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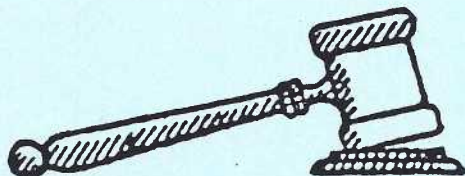
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4. 92.50	30. 17.00	56. 4.00	82. NB
5. 15.50	31. 21.00	57. 1.00	83. 10.50
6. 11.00	32. 3.75	58. 2.25	84. 1.25
7. 7.00	33. 12.50	59. 2.50	85. 1.00
8. 6.00	34. 21.00	60. 2.50	86. 1.50
9. 13.00	35. 3.75	61. NB	87. 4.00
10. 11.00	36. 1.25	62. 3.00	88. 9.50
11. 11.00	37. 3.25	63. NB	89. NB
12. 1.25	38. 1.25	64. NB	90. 7.00
13. 10.50	39. 13.50	65. 1.00	91. W
14. 18.50	40. NB	66. NB	92. NB
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- 2 "BROKEN BANK" Bank Notes-\$1.(1889) has pic-
ture of same Portrait off FRANKLIN used on SC.
#1(facing opposite way, as usual) & \$2. has
illus. of same WASH. Portrait used on SC#2
& many other U.S. stamps - LOVELY collat-
eral material-- \$2 is NY EXCHANGE BANK dat-
ed 1840(has sm piece worn off at bottom)--
\$1 is MERCH. & PLANTERS BK-STATE of GA. with
sm spindle hole near top. THIS BN ALSO HAS
illus. same as that used on SC#114.(LOCOMOT.)
- NEHER/JAN7/N.Y. in 31m CDS with msc 12+ on F(ff)
slightly aged 1837 FLS. Lg. int. students let.
- SARATOGA SPRINGS/JUN10/N.Y. in or. 32 m CDS
(slightly blurred) with msc 10 on FOLDED
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etc. as agents for COHOES CO, a dwlg in
COHOES.NY for \$2000.00. Pol. signed by RAN-
SOM COOK & Pres. & T.J. MARVIN, Tr.-Has lg. fan-
cy letterhead- Illus EAGLE EMBLEM of Ins Co.
Another pg. lists officers incl. DAWSON, MAR-
VIN, PUTNAM; etc..Some breaks at folds o/w F.
- Red CHICAGO/12 NOV/-ILL. in clear 30m CDS wi-
th bold 10(IN-NOTCHED-OVAL) HS on sl. aged ENV.
- Huge 3 overlaying center of PAID in 21m cir-
cular HS with WORCESTER/MAY11/MS. in bold
32m CDS on F, sl. aged & worn ENV---
- 2 items- BALT.MD/DEC22/--- in bold or. 28m CDS
with msc 30 on F+ 1819 FLS- 2.BALTIMORE/
SWP2/Md. in blue 30m CDS with bold hs 5-in-
Oval on VF 1846 FLS. An outstanding lot!!!
- NEWHAMPTON/DEC11/N.H. in 35m CDS with HS PAID/
3-in -circle(unlisted) on VF ENV. NICE!!!
- SL. black HS-PATENT OFFICE & FREE(red) & fran-
ked H.L. ELLSWORTH- Also had red WASHINGTON
CDS. Docketed at left edge of VF sl. aged
ENV- Cont datelined 10/23/44 on int. letter.
ENV sealed with wax impressed with Pat. Off.
SEAL. UNUSUAL!!!
- ALBY & BUFFALO/FEB24/R.R.(inverted) in blue
31m CDS(ff thru center) & HS PAID & 5 on F
(ffs)folded ADDRESS SHEET ONLY-dktd 1848...
- BOSTON & ALBANY/SEP22/R.R.(inverted) in red
30m CDS with HS 5 -Letter datelined EAST
BROOKFIELD (9/22/1849 & addr to OTIS CO.,
WARE. MS. F(ffs) FLS....
- BINGHAMTON/OCT30/N.Y. in clear blue 30m CDS
with F 3 marg. #11(10?) on F+ sl. aged sm.
embossed Ladies ENV(fancy)- stamp ltly can.
& affixed at each corn. with a drop of the
same Sealing Wax used to seal the ENV.NICE!
- V. Fancy (ENOS & SKINNER #PS-C9) SHIELD with
bars around circumference & STAR in center-
(One of the spectacular scarce Fancies)
s-o-n of #65(faults) neatly tied by DCS
of MADALIN, NY to VF sm ENV---BEAUTIFUL!!!!
- Fancy SHIELD with STARS in top & vert bars
below(S&K #PS-ST55)s-o-n on F #65 with D.D.C
of FORT PLAIN, NY on VF ENV- Strike is light
but clearly recognizable...A tough one!!!
- CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC-Unused--Multi-colored
picture of ELLSWORTH with vignette of flags,
bayonnetted rifles & swords--Verse below--
"He who noteth even the fall of a sparrow/
will have some purpose even in the fate of/
one like me." ENV almost pristine in front
while reverse has heavy hinge remnants-o/w
VF--Col. ELLSWORTH was 1st U.S. officer kil-
led in Civ. war & became martyr for the UNION.
- #114 on F sm ENV with fancy embossed cc of
CHI PHI Fraternity-Has CLINTON, NY CDS- HAM-
LTON COLLEGE item!!!
- V. SCARCE MIXED FRANKING--#114(well centered)
& 3c GRILLED BN #136, neatly tied to F+ sm
ENV with EAST HAMPTON, NY-CDS + er. NEW-
YORK CDS ++ er. LONDON/B/PATD/A/5 SP 70 CDS
all on face of cov.--Addr to ENGLAND--An
outstanding SUFFOLK CO. item!!!!!! A GEM!!

15. #114s on 2 covs- 1 pen-canc with LEROY, WIS. CDS--Other has blue CINCINNATI, O CDS--Beth on F slightly aged ENVs.....
16. #114s on 2 covs--1 has cc BENTLEY & STOW/ DRY GOODS & CARPETS/etc. & CDS of NILES. MICH. & cork kil on VF er. ENV with cont.-- Other on sm VF ENV.....
- 16A. WALLKILL, MA23 1887/ULSTER CO./N.Y. in bold 26m CDS with bold s-o-n 4 bladed, encircled WINDMILL tying 2c br BN(1 pulled perf). Has HS cc &, on reverse almost overall HS ADV of ALFRED PERRINE--All on VF ENV--UNUSUAL!!!
17. 2- 3c RN covs- MORRISANIA/MAR21 5 30 PM/N.Y. CITY & bar kil on F+ sl. aged ENV--Other Lg, bold s-o-n STAR with NYC CDS & boxed cc of VIRGIL, PRICE, BROWN & CO./MASONIC GOODS/Manf./ 63-Prince St./NYC -on sl worn ENV.....
18. 2 NYC covs- NEW YORK/MAV1 6 PM/A in CDS with Vert. barred Oval Kil(A in center)& 88 between, tying 3c gr BN-ALSO has HS DUE/N3V/CENTS in circle + cc all on sl. aged yel. ENV--2. NEW YORK/NOV24 6 30 PM/O & vert barred Oval grid kil (O in center) tying 2c WASH HEAD- ALSO has HS DUE/2/CENTS in circle & cc on F ENV!
19. Fancy canc-Lg, s-o-n, MALTESE CROSS with 1885 CDS of WILLARD, NY +cc WILLARD ASYLUM on F+ ENV slightly cut off at right in opening..
20. SOUTH SALEM/JUN6 1884/NEW YORK. in clear DLDC DS with bold NEG. STAR in solid circle tying 2c br RN to F ENV--Also has CDSs NY TRANSIT & KATONAH, NY + MERIDIAN, NY on F, sl. soiled ENV with contents!!!!
21. 2 covs-1 has pr 3cBNs tied by NEG. C in solid circle(on each) with BUFFALO, NY CDS & cc of JEWETT STOCK FARM WILKIN, ERIE CO. NY on F sl. aged ENV(flap missing)-2. has WASH HEAD PRE-CANC-NIAGARA/FALLS/N.Y. on F ENV with cc of SHREDDED WHEAT, etc.!!!!
22. 10c br & 2c gr RNS tied by clear 4x28m violet ODS-REGISTERED/MAR 27 1889/MUSKEGON. MICH on VF ENV...NICE!!!
23. 2c Orange RN tied by clear NEW YORK/MAY10 7 PM/CITY DELIVERYCDS & barred Oval kil with C in center-ALSO has NEW-YORK/MAY to 1 PM/E & bar. Ov. kil with E in center on reverse as rec.mk. FINE EXAMP. OF DROP LETTER-CARRIER USE!!!!
24. 2 VERMONT covs-1-D.P.O.-BENNINGTON CENTRE/APR 24 1879/VT. in purple CDS with STAR kil tying 3cgr RN to VF ENV-2. WILLIAMS-VILLE/OCT16 1882/VERMONT. CDS & lg s-o-n double lined hollow MALTESE CROSS. Has 3c ar RN (cut into at left in opening)VF ENV!!
25. 2 Legal Size covs- 1 has lg illus of wing-spread EAGLE on SHIELD at rt surrounded by instructions to Pensioners items #1-14, etc. on somewhat aged ENV with 2c br RN tied by KNOXVILLE, TENN CDS & kil--2. SOLDIERS BALLOT ENV with printed Notice To Postmaster cc & SOLDIER MAIL FREE Frank- with 19 42 CDS-TUSKEGEE, ALA.- on F sl. aged ENV...
26. 5c COL.#234(VF) tied by PHILADELPHIA PA/D/F.D. CDS of 1893 & red PARIS DCDS on ENV to FRANCE!!! (Some minor closed tears)!!
27. Multi-col. SPAN-AM WAR Patriotic--Unused- F+ ENV with lg red, white & blue SHIELD draped with FLAGS covering entire upper 1/2.....
28. Same as above!!!
29. 2 SPAN-AM WAR PATS-1. Invelute U.S. FLAG covers left 1/2 of somewhat aged ENV with dam. 1c blue & WRENTHAM, MS. 1898 CDS &-2. Smaller multi-col FLAG with cc & 1898 CDS of HURON, MICH. on 2c gr ENT somewhat shorted at right into stamp. in opening...
30. MIL. STA.No.1PHILIPPINE ISLANDS/JAN1 1899/ SAN FRANCISCO/CAL. in 32m DCDS tying 2c Trans-Miss. to somewhat aged and foxed ENV-- Also has SAN FRANCISCO--CAL--FEB2 3 30 '99 in SL Machine canc on reverse--Unusual!!!!
31. 1c gr & 2-2c reds of 1898, all overprinted PHILIPPINES, tied by CDS-CERN/JUL28 3PM 1900/P.I. to somewhat aged ENV to VIENNA!!!!
32. 2 covs-1. VF #281 on F MORNING ENV to ENG, tied by 1903 ALBANY, NY Mach. canc.-2.#302 tied to 2c red ENT(embossed stamp just cut into in opening).Has WORMS, Germany rec. mk HS!!!!
33. Searce WAR DEPT #1022 ENT-VF-has scarce BROCKWAY'S MILLS, ME CDS & PRINTED Addr-Chief Signal Officer, U.S.ARM, WASH.DC + Printed admonition--This env will only be used by Postmaster in the Transmission of Weekly REPORTS on Form 39. !!!!Cat#30.in '81 Sc.
34. 2 BROOKLYN items- #1X3 with BROOKLYN CDS & Fancy Geometric Cork kil & on reverse-Printed Letterhead of EDW. A. CASWELL/METAL BROKER--2. #1X5 with BROOKLYN CDS & different Cork kil. Both have hor. ffs o/w F....
35. Huge E Cork kil & ELMIRA, NY CDS on F+ #1X5!!!
36. Lg NEG. 12 in solid 26m Cork kil with NYC CDS & Printed-Subscription Received-Form of "THE NATION" on reverse....
37. 23m PUMPKIN HEAD fancy kil with RONDOUT, NY CDS on #1X5- Horiz. ff- o/w F+....
38. (LEOMINSTER) well known STOVE PIPE fancy kil (S & E #GE-C7) on VF + #1X1--Scarce se!!!!
39. Mint VF #1X6- 2c blue PC-----!
40. Lovely, Mauve ENV with bold WHEEL OF FORTUNE kil & ALEXANDRIA BAY./AUG7 1888/N.Y. CDS tying pr. #206. Has cc HOTEL WESTMINSTER-- Also, lg. illus. of Hotel, Deck & Grounds on reverse----A GEM!!!!
41. R.R.-CANAL item-Boxed cc of DELAWARE & HUDSON CANAL CO/NORTHERN R.R. DEPT/GENERAL PASSENGER & TICKET AG'T ALBANY, NY with ALBANY CDS & Cork kil tying 3c gr BN-F+ ENV!!
42. Lg illus of TROTTING HORSE in cc of THOS. S. GAYNOR & CO, etc. ALBANY, NY with ALBANY CDS tying 3c gr BN to F sl. aged ENV--V. NICE!!
43. ADV cov-Lg illus of COVERED PAIL with picture of bldg. inset & R.PAYN'S SONS TORACCO CO. above & 820-22 Broadway/ALBANY, NY below with 1899 Oval Mach. canc of ALBANY, NY tying 2c red to VF+ ENV.!!!!
44. ADV & R.R. item- Lg illus of BUMPERSHOOT(Baby Carriage) with UMBRELLA & cc of KELLY BROS. etc & CDS-BOST. NTROY & ALBANY/JAN24 1907 TR 3/R.P.O.& barred Oval RMS kil on 2c red ENT. F+!!!!
45. BINGHAMTON, NY ADV cov-Lg blue illus of a bearded JOE WHEELER in Uniform with-5c on each side CIGAR below portrait & THE GREATEST EVER above same + ELMER E. KIRKLAND/Manf. of Cigars/BINGHAMTON, NY below IN BROWN. Has 1910 CDS tying 2c WASH HEAD to VF ENV. A GEM!!!!
46. 4 covs with int. ccs-1. Multi-col.-DAIRYMEN'S LEAGUE, etc. etc.) with UTICA, NY CDS(1922) tying 2c WASH HEAD--2 diff. ccs of QUAKER HILL FARM, HONBOYE FALLS, NY(1 illus) with 1922 & 1925 CDSs of same. &-4. Fancy cc of THE CROSS FARM/FAYETTEVILLE, NY with 1924 CDS tying #554--All are on F-VF ENVs....
47. ADV cov-Lg RED illus of HORSES HEAD & Adv of STANDARD FOOD for HORSES & CATTLE/AME & CO. etc. etc. with 1903 BOSTON Mch. canc on 2c red WASH. CENTENNIAL ENTIRE--VF!!!!
48. 2 MULTI-COL ADV covs-1. NEHI BOTTLING CO, etc. with CHARLSTON, W.Va. 1939 CDS.-2. COCA COLA with CHARLSTON, W.Va 1940 CDS. Both have colored illus of Soft Drinks & 3c Pres. st/p
49. Two items on legal sized ENVs-1 has 2c PARCEL POST #Q2 tied by TIMES SQ. STA. 1913 CDS & cc of HENRY W. SAVAGE, INC/NEW YORK- Other has embossed WINE col. 52m cc of THE/CALVERT/REALTY CO./GOODLAND, KANSAS & glued on PATRIOTIC Seal-OUR MEN OF MIGHT HELP WIN THE FIGHT around portraits of WILSON, UNCLE SAM & PERSHING-over crossed Flags. Has 3c WASH HEAD tied by GOODLAND 1918 CDS--Both somewhat aged

50. HOTEL cc-Has illus of HOTEL LAFAYETTE, BUFFALO, NY & 1934 CDS of BUFFALO Mach canc tying #720 to VF ENV. Also has letterheaded cont.
51. HOTEL cc-Has lg illus of HOTEL JAMESTOWN & 1934 Mach canc of JAMESTOWN tying #720-Conts.
52. 2 HOTEL ADV covs-1 has illus of PANTLIND HOTEL/GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. & 1935 CDS of that place tying #720 to VF ENV-2. has illus of NEW WHITCOMB SULPHUR SPRINGS HOTEL, ST. JOSEPH, MICH & 1935 canc of ST. J. tying #720 to F+ENV-sl-smearing)--Has conts.---
53. 2 covs- 1-R.F.D./DEC 31, 1906 PM/BREWERTON, NY-TYING #317 to sm F ENV-cont. & 2. TYPE II PNEUMATIC MACH Canc of SYRACUSE, NY(1900)F..
54. R.F.D./ARLINGTON, /DEC20 1907/VT. tying #300 to VF CHRISTMAS Card.....
55. R.F.D./OXFORD/JUL15 1907/N.Y.(2) & #300 on COMIC PC showing Bey holding Rooster & saying "Did you lay dis egg?" F.....
56. R.F.D./JAN13 1908/LIMERICK/N.Y. with #300 on PPC showing BLACK RIVER Suspension Bridge.F+
57. ORLEANS FOUR CORNERS./N.Y./OCT1 1909/R.F.D. on creased PPCshowing Photo-main bldg on a dirt street-with msc caption-LAFARGEVILLE, N.Y.- Has One Cent FRANK HEAD!!!!
58. Purple DEC8 1906/ALDEN/N.Y. & 4 bars with 1 in center tying #300 to COMIC PC, captioned "His Masters Feet"& Dog frowning at slippers F+--PROBABLY AN R.F.D.???
59. 1909 XMAS SEAL #WX5, neatly tied, with One Cent FRANK HEAD, by MILFORD, 1909: CDS to VF XMAS PPC...
60. 1911 XMAS SEAL #WX7, neatly tied by WEEDS-PORT 1911 CDS (used as rec.mk on face)VF PPC picture of GATES CIRCLE & 1911 BUFFALO, NY CDS tying One Cent FRANK HEAD-VF.
61. 1915 XMAS SEAL #WX16, neatly tied, with WASH HEAD, by 1915 SEATTLE, WASH. 1915 Mach cancr-Fancy backed, E.E. MITCHELL XMAS card-VF...
- 61A. 4 XMAS SEALS tied to 4 F-VF XMAS cards-1917 (with 2c PC rate); 1920; 1921 & 1922 with appropriate cancs of BUFFALO; ROCHESTER; ONTARIO & NYC...An Unusual Lot!!!!
62. PORT JEFFERSON/DEC20 3PM/N.Y. CDS & barred Oval Mail neatly tie 1923 XMAS SEAL & 1c WASH HEAD to F+ PC(Phot of East Shore of HARBOR, PORT JEFFERSON, L.I. & L.I. Sound!!!!
63. Perf. 10 #401(PAN-PAC) 1c neatly tied by 1915 CDS of MACEDON, NY to F-PC-V. scarce thus!!!
64. WWI PATRIOTIC-Has red, white & blue involute FLAG in upper left corn. & msc U.S. Sailors Mail-& canc by ARMY duplex-1/22/1918(701)-Also has Magenta DCDS-PASSED AS CENSORED/STARS & EAGLE/*A.52* - & BLUE SL-PASSED BY CENSOR/JAN22 1918--Top of ENV rough from opening- has cont with Y.M.C.A. multi-col symbol & printed legend-ON ACTIVE SERVICE/with the/AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE-!!!!
65. Photo PC-Glase up of MR. SEYMORE(JOE)-early bird AVIATOR in V.EARLY BI-PLANE with Bi-cycle wheels-Has 1c FR. HEAD tied by FLUSHING, NY CDS- Probably 1909--SCARCE-SCARCE!!!
66. 20th ANNIV. of 1st AIRMAIL-GARDEN CITY, L.I., NY-Has Magenta Cachet- 1911-1931 20th ANNIV FIRST AIRMAIL FLIGHT, etc., etc.++ 2nd Mag. CACH. WITH sketch of EARLY AIRMAIL PLANE & EARL OVINGTON-SANTA BARBARA, CAL/Flying since 1911/FIRST U.S. AIR MAIL PILOT--Also has AUTOGRAPH of EARL OVINGTON & F. HITCHCOCK, PMG in 1911 + LOS ANGELES 1931 bksp..
67. V.UNUSUAL AIRMAIL item-HS-VOID-in 85x19m SL (violet) across BLUE Cachet- U.S. AIR MAIL/FIRST FLIGHT A.M. 94 & MAP of Route over C.H. AUBURN, N.Y. & 6c #C45 on VF+ UNUSED (matureally) ENV--Cent from POSTAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE/etc., etc., explaining that Air Mail Service at AUBURN on A.M.94 had been suspended, etc./WM. H. LEMMERMANN/Sup't.
68. 4 items-1. BUFFALO/JUL11/1907 N.Y. in blue ODS with msc 183/4 on F 1839 FLS-2. WILLIAMSVILLE, /SEP12 1887/NY in 26m DCDS with 2c br BN on F+ENV-3. WEST SOMERSET/JUL22 1887/N.Y. on F 2c br ENT.3-4.#UX7(sm crease across LL corn) Has, on reverse, ADV of DECKER & GLASSMAN-FRESH & FROZEN FISH-with lg illus of a FISH & 1893 CDS of BUFFALO, N.Y.---A Nice Lot!!!!
69. 6 NYS covs with 3c gr BNS- 2 diff BROOKFIELD CDSs-1 with cc; SHARON SPRINGS; FAYETTEVILLE with cc; BERLIN & GAINSVILLE, (in lg DCDS)F+.
70. 30 NYS covs-BN Period-MANY with ccs-23 are NY IC with wide variety of cancs. Others are Upstate NY:-LOCKPORT, with W.C.T.U. cc; NEWARK, WITH pair 3c BNS; etc., etc.!!!!
71. 17 diff. U.S. COAST GUARD covs-All cacheted-Many with SPECIFIC SHIP ccs-2 from MONTAUK L.I.; 1 each from BUFFALO; OSWEGO; CAPE VINCENT; ROCKAWAY & 11 diff. GOVERNORS ISLAND- All F-VF--A SPECTACULAR LOT!!!!
72. 1791 FRENCH stpls- SL NANTES with msc 8 on VF FLS-Cent in Fr. Paper has lg wmk(maker)!
73. 1806 ITALIAN AREA stpls-Red HS-L.I./-MILANO (arced) & msc rate on VF FLS. Printed & written cont(Fr)& v. fancy wmk in paper.!!!
74. 1802 GREAT BRITAIN stpls-HS rimless, red, OVAL TWO-PENNEY /POST/OXFORD 12 -& huge HS 2 in black+, on reverse, lg Fancy 2 o'clock/17 FE/1802AN on VF(ff) FLS!!!
75. SL-DUNDEE/PAID/MY9/1842 in red rect. + lg HS 1 & on reverse, redDUNFERM---/10MY/1842-in circ. HS--VF(ffs) Lovely exam. BR. PEN.POST
76. BRITISH-AMERICA stpls---ez Unpaid-by Br. Packet from Dublin to NYC-Has lg HS 24 & 19 CENTS(arced)+ red CDS- R/AU24/1849/M. Reverse has HS-L/AU25/A-London Transit Mk:FLS
77. MEXICAN stpls- Has SL PUERTO DE MAZATLAN in lg rect. with HS 3 on VF 1843 Addr. Sheet only. Decketed....
78. MEX. stpls-Red SL-PARRAL in rect box with HS 3 on F+(ff) Addr Sheet only- Dktd 1839!
79. MEX stpls-Red 38m CDS-FRQ DE MAZATLAN/SEP6 + HS 2 on VF(ff) Addr sheet only.Dktd 1859!!!
80. 5c Beaver(CANADA #14)- Minor faults-not tied with St.REMI/OC19/1883/LC-CDS on somewhat soiled & worn ENV---
81. 4 CANADA items-3c #43 tied to somewhat soiled & stained ENV; 2. #77 on F ENV with cc; 3. Used, lg. Queen type, 1c blue PC(1875) F+&-4. 2c red GEO.V PC with 1921 CDS-somewhat creased---A nice lot!!!
82. 4 CANADA items-3c dull red sm Queen with 1891 GODERICH, ONT.- 1891 CDS on F, sl.aged ENV-2. Block of 4 #208 tied by SAINT JOHN, NB, 1937 CDS to F Regis. cov with Fancy Flag canc of St. JOHN on reverse.- 3.Regis. cov with #172 & #181 tied by SHARBOT LAKE, ONT.- 1934 CDS with TORONTO & OTT C.P. R.M.C./N#4 on reverse &-4. #171 & 182 on VF ENV 1934 W. RIVER CDS.
83. TONGA #58 tied by NUKUALOE/23 JAN 45 2 PM/TONGA CDS with msc Tax 10. & purple SL HS. "U.S. Postage, charge/to collect 2 cents./S. P. Calif.-on F ENV released by-OPENED BY EXAMINER/WW/2-seal---V interesting item!!!
84. GERMAN WW II OCCUPATION cov-has lg FORM covering most of face & 25% of reverse on which Address, & An die/Stadtverwaltung/ MUNCHEN, is typed & in LL corn, is printed DER Oberbürgermeister/(13a) der Stadt ASCHAFENBURG -& across top, tying 24pf German stamp, -RELEASED *7CDD/GRUPA" *-Reverse of Form repeats some face data + word "GERMAN"...It looks as though these FORMS were sold pre-canc with stamp affixed. Another HS CDS of same PO is struck thereon-UNUSUAL & V. SCARCE item!!!!

85. 5 GERMANY 1947 OCCUP. covs all with BRITISH Censorship HSS & SEALS & various combinations of early post WWII stamps-All F for Peried....
86. 3 GERMANY Early post WWII covs- ALL with MARK value stamps.(DOVE or BUILDINGS)-1 censored with slogan canc--All F-VF!!!
87. 3 GERMANY covs-1 has NAZI Censorship Seal(parted in opening) on reverse flap & 50 GROSCHEN 50/DEUTSCHE POST/OSTEN everprinted on 25pf Hindenburg stamp with SL canc DEUTSCHE POST OSTEN/POSEN/8JAN 1940--Other 2 have CIVIL or MILITARY Censor mks--A V Nice Lot!!
88. 2 GERMAN Regis. covs--Several GERMAN stamps-160pfs worth-tied by 1920 HAMBURG CDSs + Regis.Label HS 222 in double cir.--2. BAVARIAN stamps everprinted-DEUTSCHES REICH-& tied by 1921 MUNCHEN CDS + additional stamps partially covered by MONETARY INSPECTION SEAL- 1st cov also has this scarce seal+++.
89. ROMAN STATES #3a(or 3d)- 1g margins- neatly tied to Addr Sheet only-F+, Has ROMA/21 DEC 64 in sm DGDS--V nice VATICAN forrunner!!!
90. 10 R.R. covs-Mostly Eastern U.S. Area-R.P.O.s + WYOMING TRANSFER CLERK & 2 other S.WEST-Area R.P.O.s- 1931-44 Peried----
91. R.R. item- Somewhat soiled ENV with #65 tied by black cork kil with red DGDS of BOSTON, MAS--Cont very fine BILL OF LADING with letterhead-illus 1g LOCOMOTIVE & CARS & legend-Via NY CENTRAL RR;NY & ERIE RR;LAKE SHORE RR; etc. etc.--Lovely item!!!
92. MAIL-O-METER Sc #409 Type IV tied to F ENV with Fancy cc of SHAPLEIGH HARDWARE CO./trade mark/DIAMOND EDGE/St LOUIS,U.S.A. & addr to Central RR Co of N.J.-Scarce on c.
93. Vert strip of 3 unused & unaddr perforated between #UX38 PCs with RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENT NGY,Inc. printed message to customer of Shipment arrival--VF & V v UNUSUAL!!!!
94. 2 SHIP Canc items-1.V early-U.S.S./OCT8 1920/NEVADA tying 2c WASH HEAD to F ENV.- 2.U.S.S./APR10 1939/PORTLAND. with MOBILE ALABAMA between kil bars tying 1c Prexy to PPC showing Mobile Infirmary--VF...
95. 2 legal size ENVs with 2 diff ccs showing huge portraits of GEN'L R. MONTGOMERY,etc. etc. & 1g COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY,etc.-Both ENVs have 1930's AMSTERDAM,NY CDSs----!!
96. "WESSELAER COUNTY/1791-1941/SESQUICENTENNIAL"--31 page illus Pamphlet with 1791 MAP of TROY,NY & much useful histor. data!!
97. "ESSAYS ON POSTAL HISTORY" by C.M.HAHN-1970-97 pg soft cov.book-Packed full of valuable data & illustrations-Limited ed.--VF!!!
98. NYS LEGISLATIVE MANUAL-1881-Contains complete List of NYS POs ' PMs for that year + 1881 Callender & much other historical data-F--!

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