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POSTAL HISTORY

by Diane DeBlois
aGatherin'

It concerns me that attempts are continually being made to limit the definition of "Postal history" - when I feel that it needs to be generously expanded.

I imagine that the term "postal history" was at first a convenient separation device among philatelists. People who collected postal history had covers in their collections rather than stamps. Dealers who advertised that they stocked postal history had boxes of covers for sale. Researchers who wrote about postal history concentrated their attention on codifying what appeared on an envelope that wasn't a stamp: primarily the postmarks. For most philatelists, "postal history" is synonymous with "covers" - itself a philatelic word embracing envelopes, postal cards, and the address section of folded letters. When a collector avers that he collects both stamps and postal history, he is indicating that he has found room for covers in his collecting interest.

Classically, the collecting of postal history bifurcates into postmark studies and usage studies for a particular stamp issue. The gold medal exhibits of a particular postage stamp include the proofs, essays, and variants of the stamp itself, as well as covers showing the whole gamut of its use through the mails.

But, of course, this is really postage stamp history, or an investigation of postage use - not truly "postal" history. The postage stamp may be the most easily examined and collected evidence of the transmission of communication - but it is also one of the most abstracted. The history of the postal system in a country; the assumptions of both a citizenry and its government about the limits and responsibilities of a post; the development of means to transport the post; the correspondents who most relied on the post: all these, and more, are considerations that lie at the very heart of a culture.

Academic historians are just now arriving at a more serious consideration of the postal system to shed light on matters of interpretation. It is surely time for the postal historians in the world of philately to broaden their vision and share their findings. A philatelist brings a peculiarly disciplined attention to detail to the study of evidence. His conclusions should be worthy additions to the canon of History (capital H).

That is, if he doesn't restrict the range of his evidence. It isn't enough to solely study covers. Granted, covers are ideal primary source clues, and there is information imbedded in them which has largely been ignored (examination of paper, printing & handstamp design; investigation into the histories of the correspondents, etc.). But there is other postal evidence to be investigated which isn't as easily collected or exhibited. The transportation of communication has left a paper trail of official instruction, contemporary report, and statistical survey which promises very rich mining.

Some of you may remember that a study of ours of Official Register figures pinpointed a drastic drought that dealt a crushing blow to Schaghticoke NY in 1847, which did not appear in any history of the area. Or the study of our own town that exploded the myth of a glass factory moving to Massachusetts because of a devastating fire: the fire actually occurred after a significant drop in postal activity indicated that the factory business had already moved out of town.

History is never a closed chapter, the definitive works are always in progress. We, who designate ourselves postal historians, should be continually examining a wide range of evidence: to broaden our own understanding of our collections, and to share in the shaping of an ever-deeper understanding of our cultural history.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello all! Really great news for the membership today! Martin Margulis has volunteered to be the new editor of our Bulletin. Thank you Martin!

Let me digress, I have been your Bulletin editor since May 1980. That is eight and a half years! I have enjoyed going the job and made many new contacts. I hope that some of you feel that, together, we have done some good!

However, due to health, business and personal problems, I have not been able to properly execute either the office of Editor of the Bulletin nor of the President of our Society. Certainly not both positions. Therefore I asked to be relieved of both duties almost two years ago. The nominating committee was unable to come up with a candidate for President and a replacement Editor was not found.

In looking back on the situation from the present, I should have just vacated the office of Editor and let the Board of Directors find a solution. However I did the best that I could under the circumstances and tried my best to limp along. I thought this would be in the best interests of the Society.

A big mistake! During this period I have gotten nothing but complaints. I did not get much help. I did not get encouragement. However I did get a good lesson in how most people react in real life. Not a pretty picture! At least you find out who your friends really are.

Thank you for putting up with my personal feelings. I realize they don't belong here, but now that I have put them on paper, I do not have to carry them with me any longer!

Now is the time to help our new Editor! Please give him all the support that you can, especially in the beginning. Martin needs new articles. He needs your reports. He needs your input. He needs your encouragement!

Send most everything regarding the Bulletin directly to Martin at his Bronx address. His complete address is prominently displayed for you in this Bulletin. Please send other society business, including address changes and Trading Post Ads and payments, to the secretary in Albany. As always, send your auction business to George in Schenectady.

I will have appointed a nominating committee to see what we can do about having a slate of officers that will be able to properly discharge their duties. A report will be available before the spring elections. If you feel you would like to take a larger role in our society either as an officer or in some other capacity, please contact me.

Well, I guess that's it for now. Thanks for putting up with me. Have a good holiday season. Get lots of time in on your postal history collections..

Best wishes!

Jack Haefeli

SOCIETY NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a welcome to our newest member: Gerald S. Birk

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

Membership applications have been received from the following:

Amberman John

PO Box 975, Middleburgh, NY 12122

Interests: Schoharie Co.

References: APS

Forster, Betty Mae

PO Box 159, Lake Hill, NY 12448

Interests: Ulster Co. PH, postcards, and photos

References: ESPHS members Seifert & Rau

Luftig, Richard L.

EDP, 201 McGuffey Hall, Miami Univ., Oxford, Ohio 45056

Interests: Southern tier NYS PH - esp. Binghamton & Broome Co.; Suffolk Co. PH

Reference: APS

Margulis, David

RR 1, Box 345 Howell St., Pine Bush, NY 12566

Interests: Orange, Ulster, Sullivan Co. PH

References: ESPHS members Margulis & Bernadt

Muren, Dr. Joseph C.

50 East No. Temple, 18th floor, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

Interests: US classics - 1851 3 cent and 1861 3 cent cancels

References: APS

Remond, Geoffrey

RR#1 Box 81A, Fish Pond Road, Wells River, VT 05081-9610

Interests: modern PH dealer & collector

References: ESPHS member Penwell & philatelic trade ref.

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Nicholas Todaro

PO Box 15, Saint Marys, KS 66536

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

You may have noticed that there is a new name listed as the editor of this publication. (If you hadn't, you have now.) And so I thought that this would be a good opportunity to introduce myself and my qualifications to those of you who don't already know me.

I have had some experience in editing and writing in print. As a former teacher and guidance counselor, I was the faculty advisor for my school's newspaper and yearbook. I also attended the University of Oklahoma as a journalism student, although I graduated with a BA in History.

While I expect to contribute to our bulletin, I have no intention of authoring all the articles. I assume this will be unnecessary as I have been promised submissions by some of our members.

I welcome contributions from all of our members, which deal with regional history, hopefully with some connection to the posts. Articles which include photostats of covers (clear) would be most welcome, as would articles which include illustrations via picture post cards. Some people collect pictures of old post offices, which is also postal history.

In a recent issue of P.S. (which is published by A Gatherin' PO Box 175 Wyantskill, N.Y. 12198), Diane De Blois wrote on "The Postmaster as Commercial Agent." I consider this prime postal history, even though the article does not discuss mail routes or anything of that nature, and is, in my opinion, primarily social history. Your opinions are solicited.

Martin Margulis

CLOSED ALBUMS - Gustav Detjen, Jr.

A member of the ESPHS since October, 1977, died July 28, 1988. He had lived in Dutchess County until 1980 when he moved to Florida. The following information is derived from the August 29 edition of Linn's Stamp News:

Mr. Detjen, born in Germany, came to the U.S. in 1926. He is credited with founding four philatelic organizations: the FDR Philatelic Society; the Society of Philaticians; the Journalists, Authors and Poets on Stamps Study Group; the Ferrary Society. He wrote a stamp column for many years and had been editor of "The Philatelic Journalist" and "Fireside Chats". He was also a member of APS, ATA, AFDCS, and the Collectors Club of NY.

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LIFE OF A RURAL CARRIER

by Edward J. Beiderbecke

While rummaging through a box of papers I acquired sometime ago, I came across two envelopes containing the monthly trip reports for a rural mail carrier for the period July 19, 1908 through December, 1910. After examining them more closely than before, I realized they contained some interesting insights into rural mail delivery during the period.

The reports were made by Charles F. Rauscher, carrier on Route 1, West Leyden, New York. At the time, the Post Office was housed in the store of the Postmaster, Henry Schmoker, located on the main street of the hamlet of West Leyden in the Town of Lewis in the southernmost part of Lewis County. The community is some eight miles west-southwest of Boonville and eighteen miles north of Rome and in an area called the Tug Hill Plateau, and known for record winter snowfall. The United States Official Postal Guide for July, 1913 lists West Leyden as having only one rural route and this was also probably the case at the time of the reports.

Unfortunately, the reports do not specify the length of the route. It probably was in excess of 20 miles, because in the column for "Remarks" the carrier noted in the winter and early spring how much of the route he omitted to cover when he could not complete it and there are several references to 20 miles. Since the annual salary of rural carriers was computed by the length of routes as shown by the records of the post office department, and ranged from \$396.00 for routes of 6 to 8 miles to \$900.00 for routes of over 24 miles, Rauscher was one of the better paid carriers, earning at least \$810.00 a year. (United States Official Postal Guide, July 1909, page 62.

But, he also clearly earned every penny of his compensation. His official time schedule printed at the top of the form had him reporting to the office at 6:30 in the morning, leaving on his route at seven and returning at 1:30 in the afternoon. Presumably, he used some horse-drawn conveyance for delivering purposes. This deduction is supported by a single entry on the second day of the first report, July 1908, where, under remarks, we find the single word "auto." On this occasion, the route was completed in three hours and 25 minutes, rather than the allotted six and a half hours. When the roads were either snowed in or soft from a thaw, Rauscher occasionally went by "foot."

The worst period of bad weather causing interruption of services was from December 13 through the 23rd, 1909, when the route was left uncompleted from 10 to 20 miles because of snow blocking the roads. The report for that month also discloses an interesting piece of postal trivia, for it shows that the mail was delivered on December 25th, Christmas Day. The following year this was avoided because Christmas fell on a Sunday. The 1913 Postal Guide lists the six holidays upon which rural delivery service should be suspended and specifically excluded Christmas Day. It goes on to note that rural carriers were not to be granted annual leave of absence on that day.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
RURAL DELIVERY SERVICE

CARRIER'S TRIP REPORT, ROUTE NO. 1

Month of December, 1909 Carrier's Name, Charles F. Rauscher
West Lynden P. O. N.Y. State. Substitute, George F. Mauer

CARRIER'S OFFICIAL TIME SCHEDULE. (Postmaster must fill in, giving time Carrier is DUE.)

To Report at Office 6 ^{H.}30 ^{M.}a. m. or p. m. To Leave on Route 7 ^{H.}1 ^{M.} To Return 1 ^{H.}30 ^{M.}a. m. or p. m.
 Second trip (if Carrier makes one). To Leave on Route _____ To Return _____ a. m. or p. m.

DATE.			REPORTED AT OFFICE.		LEFT TO SERVE ROUTE.		RETURNED.		DAILY TIME ON ROUTE.		REMARKS.
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	3	R	S	6	30	7	1	30	6	30	
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	8	R	S	6	30	7	1	30	6	30	
	9	R	S	6	50	7	1	5	6	05	
	10	R	S	6	30	7	2		7		
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	23	R	S	8		8 30	12	20	3	50	13 " " "
	24	R	S	6	40	7 20	1	50	6	30	1
	25	R	S	6	30	7 10	2	15	7	5	
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	27	R	S	8	40	9 10	2		4	50	15 miles
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	29	R	S	6	40	7 10	2		6	50	
	30	R	S	6	30	7	1	45	6	45	
	31	R	S	6	30	7 15	1	1	5	55	

We, the undersigned, hereby certify to the correctness of this Report.
H. Schmuck Postmaster. Charles F. Rauscher Carrier.

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2. 2 diff. ALBANY, NY CDSs-1828 & 1850 FLSs-Cont. letter by John Spencer & signed by him--He was Sec'y of TREASURY & WAR- 1841-48- Some inner fold breaks!
3. ALBANY/D in or.-red 27m CDS w msc 12+- Cont. let. of Ed. C. DELEVAN early temperance leader & proprietor of DELEVAN HOUSE--VF 1834 FLS.
4. GR-DELHI/D/N.Y. (NY invert) & HS PAID w msc 10 on sl. aged 1843 FLS-Also has msc Mail Paid/JWS.
5. 2 items- JAMESTOWN/D/N.Y. in clear or-red 31m CDS w msc 183/4-1840-22. OSWEGO, NY/D in or-red 26m CDS-1836--Both F+ FLSs.
6. 5 stpls.covs w FREE- 1 HS + POUGHKEEPSE NY/D on VF 18 26 FLS-2nd has msc free & MALDEN/D/N.Y. (ltly. str.) on F+(ff) 1840 FLS-Last has "f" & v. ft. RENSSELAERVILLE/D/N.Y. CDS on F(ff) 1845 FLS..
7. NEW-YORK/D/5 cts. in BOLD red 31m CDS- Datelined Office of NY & ERIE R.R. Co. 1848-Re: Bonds of same- on VF FLS.... UNUSUAL R.R. Item.
8. NEW-YORK/D/5cts in BOLD black 31m CDS- Has outer rim only at left between N & 5 -Unusual-F ENV!
9. 3 POUGHKEEPSIE items-1. Bold red 33m CDS w HS 10 On VF 1851 FLS-Long int. let.-2 has clear black 33m CDS & HS PAID/3-in-circle on F ENV dock. 18 52 & 3 has black 22m CDS w msc Free on VF ENV!!!
10. RUSHVILLE/D/N.Y. in blue 30m CDS w HS PAID/3-in-circle on slightly ratty ENV--No flap!!
11. SACKETS HARBOR-NY/D in Bold red 27m CDS w msc free on F(some fold breaks) 1835 FLS-Nice!!
12. 5 items-CANANDAIGUA/D/N.Y. in red 30m CDS w msc 183/4 on F 1838 Address Sheet-2. VERNON/D/N.Y. in red 30m CDS (just off at bottom) w HS V-in-circle on F(ffs), 1850 FLS-3. SCHENECTADY/D/N.Y. -lt. str.-in red 30m CDS on sl. aged 1846 FLS---!!
13. WATERTOWN/D/N.Y. (NY neg & v. ltly. str.) in maroon 21m dotted rim CDS w msc 183/4 on somewhat aged 1831 FLS---Some inner fold breaks..
14. WATERTOWN/D/N.Y. in or-red ltly. str., almost complete, 26m CDS w msc 18 1/2 on partial 1819 FLS(ff)
15. 5 LIVINGSTON CO. stpls covs-or-red MOUNT MORRIS w HS X on F+ 1845 FLS; YORK in red CDS (just off at bot.) w HS PAID & msc 5 on F 1850 FLS; 2 GENESEO covs w red CDSs w HS PAIDs w msc 183/4 & 12 on F+ 1840 & 41 FLSs.-2 DANVILLE/D/N.Y. in or. CDSs 1 w HS 5 other has HS 10 on VF ENV---All strikes clear!!!



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16. 9 diff. NYC stpls. Covs-1803/1852-1 has HS FREE(18 30); another has HS 5(1805) & msc 34; etc., etc. 8 are FLSs & 1 is ENV--F to VF!!!
17. 17 diff. UPSTATE NY stpls. covs-inc blue CATSKILL oval-Ave to VF FLSs & strikes-1 is DROP let. Several w HS PAIDs or Rates--A nice Lot!!!
18. 16 diff UPSTATE NY stpls covs-Some int. conts.- Ave to F FLSs & strikes-Several w HS PAIDs or Rates inc. FREE..Another nice Lot!!!
19. PROVIDENCE, R.I./D/3 PAID-in sl. blurred 32m CDS w HS (P)AID(P missing) on F+ 1851 (Address Sheet only)-Also has red HS-LXXXV-in-ribbon?
20. WASHINGTON, D.C./D/TREE in partial (off at top) 22m CDS w msc JAMES DIXON/U.S.S.--Probably late 1860's-- on VF ENV!!!
21. MSC-BELLVILLE NY/Nov 28 & 6 on somewhat soiled FLS--NYD--NICE JEFFERSON CO. item!!!
22. MSC-BURLINGTON, NY/April 21 & Paid 12 on VF 1853 FLS
23. MSC-H H COBB PM. WHITTENANGO/Free- on clear F+ 1833 FLS addr. to HUGH WHITE at WATERFORD...
24. MSC-FELTS MILLS/May 15 & 12 1/2 on sl. stained 1845 FLS
25. MSC-Free WM H SPENCER PM GENESEO-He was 1st EM-on VF(sm. stain) 1828 FLS-Cont-POLITICAL letter-- SPENCER was seeking nomination for State Senate
26. MSC-HARFORD NY Oct 4 & 3cts paid in money- on F sl. aged kraft ENV--Cont. dated 1857..
27. MSC- LIMERICK NY/Sept 29 & Paid 3 on F sl. aged kraft ENV dock. 1853 on face & cont....
28. 2 LIVINGSTON CO items- MSC-MOSCOW NY/Aug 28 & 18 1/2 on F(ff) 1822 FLS-Cont-Legal doc.-minor inner fold breaks- & 2. MOSCOW/JUN 5 1879/N.Y. in clear magenta OCTAGONAL DS w 3c gr BN tied by cork killer--An unusually nice lot!!!!
29. MSC-RUTLAND NY/Sept 16 & 5 on F+ sl. aged FLS-1847.
30. MSC-SCHENECTADY/Jan 1 1823 & 18 1/2 on F+ FLS-Cont Re: work on CANAL etc.-Datelined Alexander B.
31. MSC SCHEW 22 Nov & 10 -Partial conts (page missing signed by W. NORTH (former Aide to Gen. VON ST-EUBEN)-F(ff) 1805 FLS...
32. MSC-SO RUTLAND/June 25 & 6 on F somewhat aged 1842 FLS--V int. contents---
33. MSC-STOKES NY/Nov 4 & 10 on VF 1847 FLS---
34. 2 items- MSC-CORNWALL BRIDGE/Oct 6 & Paid 37 1/2 Long let. & notarized doc. datelined NY 1829... 2. Barely decipherable HAMPTON FALLS, N.H. w HS PAID & msc 5 on F sl. aged ENV...
35. 2 items- MSC-GT BARRINGTON. (Mass) An 18 & free on F sl. aged kraft ENV-Cont datelined BREMONT-1828. Long pol. let.- 2. Has v. v. ft. red ODS NANTUCKET, MASS & msc 10 on worn 1834 FLS---
36. 1c #24-o/c to rt.-neatly tied by blue MERIDEN, N.H. CDS to sl. soiled yel. ENV-Cont. 1860 circular of PHILADELPHIAN SOCIETY & 1859 Senior Class Bulletin of KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY!!
37. #11-just about 4 marg.-tied by blurred BURNT HILLS, NY CDS to V+ ENV-Dock. 1856-Has cont.
38. 2 LIVINGSTON CO. items-w #11s(2 v. diff. shades) 1 has clear red INVERNESS 31 1/2m CDS-other has Bold black 32m DANVILLE CDS--A w nice pair!!!
39. #10 (3 marg.-close at top)-tied by PRATT'S HOLLOW CDS w added str. at left-to somewhat soiled & stained ENV-Cont-Long let. datelined 12/28/1851.
40. #26 (about 2m of lower 1/2 of rt. side folded over end of cov)-tied by bold tan kil. to forwarded or. ENV (rough at top) w clear 34m CDS of SUSSEX PENSION BRIDGE/JUN 15 1861/N.Y. & also-SALEM/JUN 22/N.Y. CDS w cc of TREMONT HOUSE-w cont.
41. Bold WAMPVILLE/D/N.Y. CDS ties s/e #26 to F sl. stained ENV-Has Fancy colorless embossed cc or flap..
42. 4 marg. #10 neatly tied by ltly. str. blue MANCHESTER N.H. CDS w s-o-n JUN 1, to F+ Fancy embossed Lady's ENV--No YD or conts...

- 42A 2 #65 items-BERGEN,NY-not tied-by3-in-circle HS..
2. Has WESTPORT,NY CDS w segmented cork kil--
Roughly torn across top in opening---
43. 3 LIVINGSTON CO. items w #65s-from scarce sm. Pos-
CONES U.S. CENTRE/D/NY in Balloon CDS on VF or.
ENV-2:JUNDA/NOV19 1862/N.Y. on VF ENV. & 3.
SOUTH LIVONIA/D/N.Y. on F+ ENV tied by grid
kil,---A remarkably fine lot!!!!
44. FORT PLAIN,NY CDS on VF ENV w #65 & cc-THE SHIP-
MAN SPRING & AALE CO,etc. Has letterheaded cont
dated March 10 1862---
45. 2 #65 covs-1 has blue 31m CDS-NEW BERLIN,NY on F+
ENV w cont dated 1868-2. has PULTNEYVILLE,NY in
32m CDS w grid kil on F+ yell ENV. Cont dated
1866 & addressed to GEORGE BUSH!!!!
46. MSC-PORTERS CORNERS/NY Aug 1 w o/c pen-canc #65
on sl aged ENV addr. to SETH HILL/CO.H 153 Reg-
iment/NYSV,Wash.,D.C.-Nice CIVIL WAR item!!!
47. #65 w clear Fancy incircled Hollow STAR w dots
between Points-sm. circle in center.Also has
Balloon CDS-UNION SPRINGS/D/N.Y.-Addr. to
Gen.PO Box 851/Wash.,DC--V.early use of box #
as address---UNUSUAL!!!!
48. #65 tied by HS PAID(struck twice) -Has fancy
almost complete AUBURNDALE,MASS/D/1864 in 34m
DCDS(inner circle is wavy line)-on VF or ENV!!
49. #65 tied by crude neg. STAR-in-solid-circle cork
kil of BOSTON,MS. VF ENV---
50. #65 tied by neg. Hollow STAR(somewhat blurred)in
solid circle kil of BOSTON---
51. 3 #65 covs-EAGLE HARBOR,NY;LAWRENCE,MS; & DEN-
VILLE,NJ--All on slightly aged ENVs...
52. 2 #65 covs-1. s/e-w NORTH CAMBRIDGE,MS CDS & Grid
kil. on somewhat aged ENV w msc "Soldiers Letter
in haste"-2.has blue TAUNTON,Ms./SEP9 1867 CDS
& cork kil on VF orange ENV---
53. o/c #65 tied by PAID-in-circle, has SOUTH ABING-
TON,MS CDS on F+ ENV---
54. 2 #65 covs-1 tied by GARDINER,ME. in 32m CDS(str-
uck twice) to F somewhat soiled ENV.-2.ROCKLAND,
ME. in DCDS w cork kil on F sl. soiled ENV--
Has long letter dated 1864---
55. 2 PITTSFORD,MS(D.P.O.) items- 1.w #65 on F+ ENV &
other w #94 on F+ LADY'S ENV w background pic-
turing Dove pulling lg Ribbon forming address
lines---A lovely pair!!!!
56. 2 #65 covs-1 pen-canc w LIVERMORE FALLS,ME. CDS
on somewhat stained ENV. & 2-tied by Bold WAR-
REN,ME. CDS to F ENV(some light scribbling)!!
57. #65 w blue s-o-n PAID(struck twice) & HOPKINTON,
N.H. CDS on VF ENV-(Docketed at left on face)!
58. #65 w Bold STAR kil & ELIZABETH,NJ CDS on yellow
ENV w 1/2"x2 1/2" piece missing at top left away from
stamp & markings--Still a nice Fancy killer cov.
59. MSC-PINE BROOK/NJ.JUN29 & pen-canc + msc "PM pl-
ease deliver as soon as possible & oblige A.W."
on VF sl.aged ENV- Has let. dated 1865...
60. #114 tied by grid kil. to VF ENV-has 32m CDS of
SACKETS HARBOR,NY- Cont. long let. date 1870!!!
61. Pair #114 & s/e single tied by grill kil. to F+
sl. aged ENV w 32m CDS-SACKETS HARBOR,NY--Cont
dated 1870- Same addressee as previous lot!!
- 62.MERRIFIELD,NY/MAR25 1888/6.A.MORGAN,P.M.-in 32m
DCDS tying 2e gr. BN-Has lovely blue illus. cc
picturing a Horse in lg. square, captioned EM-
WOOD STOCK FARM,etc of SCIPIO,NY on VF ENV!!!!
63. ALEXANDRIA/DEC21 1881/JEFF.CO.N.Y. in CDS w Oval
DUE/3 Cents on somewhat soiled 3e green ENT.
(Cut off slightly at rt). ALSO has 3e #J3 Post-
age Due. Cont. w POST OFFICE/ALEX. JEFF CO.,NY
letterheaded note--Unusual cov. & conts....
64. EAST KENDALL,N.Y./MAY13 1879/ANDREW CLARK, P.M.
in clear violet DLDCDS w outlined MALTESE
CROSS kil-on VF #UX5 PC-STRIKING!!!!
65. PINE HILL/FEB23 1885/ULSTER CO.,N.Y. in clear
CDS w 1/2" circled 4 bladed FAN kil on VF
clean #UX8 PC---!!!
66. ADV Cov-#26 tied by grid to F ENV w OVERALL Gray
Adv picturing 4 story bldg & cap. TRACT HOUSE/
23 CORN HILL/BOSTON & across bal. of ENV-Fancy
working Re; Tracts & Books pub. by same. Has
faint red BOSTON DCDS--A v.v. nice early ADV.Cov.
67. Bright Red Fancy cc of STANTON,SHELDON & CO./
GROCERS/81 Front St./NEW YORK. on FLAP of VF
PINK 3e ENT. Since this was never sealed, flap
can be opened for display. Has NYC CDS-Dock.
1865--Also has Letterheaded contents---
68. ADV cov w 1e blue BN-Has 2 lg.illus. of unusual
looking(to modern eyes) BED SPRINGS & cc of C.
T.SEGAR,SPRING BED CO. 48-Liberty St./UTICA,NY
on F+ ENV w Fancy Letterhead invoice dated 1880!
69. V. unusual FRATERNAL item-Has lg yellowish illus.
of GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC STAR MEDALLION(w
picture of Soldier,etc in center) & EAGLE per-
ched on top of FLAG RIBBON attached to Medall-
ion above same-Also has cc of Dept of PENNA
GAR-All on VF ENV w 1e #212.-Cont-GEN.order#26
12/24/1889-listing new Officers to be installed
in various Posts-6 pgs-A superlative item for
the collector and/or historian!!!!
70. Lg.illus. of HORSE DRAWN Fancy HEARSE-cap. PETER
MALEIS,Mfr of FURNITURE,THETESA,NY & blue
CDS of that place.-Cont. dated Jan.31,1880-F.
71. #220 tied by blurred partial RONDOUT,NY CDS to
VF ENV w 3 colored FLAG of RONDOUT CANCE CLUB
& blue cap. of same.Cont has colored letterhead
and dated 1891---
72. Spectacular ADV cov of SANTARIA SPRINGS,NY w lg.
illus. of Sanitarium & Cancertherapim grounds
& bldgs + framed PORTRAIT cap. Prop'r & Medi-
cal Supt.etc.. w #247 tied by BINGHANTON,NY
mach. canc. of 1896 to VF ENV--Conts. lg illus
card describing CANCER DRAWING PLASTER,etc.!!!
73. 2 ADV covs-1 OVERALL Adv. of MERCHANT'S GARGLING
OIL LINIMENT,ETC. on REVERSE of F+ ENV w cc
HOTEL CLARENDON,SYRACUSE,NY & 1889 CDS of same
place w 2e gr. BN. & 2.-Has cc-THE J.W.JAMES CO.
EAST BRADY,PA w 1e#264 on F sl. aged ENV w long
message from Dr. SALENI ARMSTRONG-HOPKINS on
Flap...
74. ADV cov-BUNDLE of CIGARSsquare,w R.C.HUNT/CHOICE
CIGARS/OTEGO,NY & 1902 CDS of that place tying
#279B to F+ ENV
75. V. lg. V. Fancy lt. brown cc-E.O.BOYLE/INSURANCE
& REAL ESTATE/SARATOGA SPRINGS,NY-w 1900
mach. canc. of that place tying #279B-VF ENV!!
76. 2 covs-1. Lg. OVERALL illus. of HATFIELD HOUSE &
grounds w horses, bldgs. etc. & Massena Springs
on Raquette River, St. Lawrence Co.,NY on Reverse
of sl soiled ENV w 1890 REC'D CDS of HATFIELD,
NY & #219D..2.Has illus. cc of PAUL SMITH'S/
in the ADIRONDACKS/PAUL SMITH'S,NY & 1902 CDS
of that place w s/e #279B on F ENV....
77. 1908 SCHENECTADY,NY cc of FISKE & CO.Inc/FACE
BRICKS/FIRE BRICKS/Est.1864- w 1908 Flag canc.
of that place tying #300 to somewhat soiled
ENV. Contains several items of a related nat-
ure, incl. descriptions of Fire Places Old & New.
78. ADV cov-V unusual ENV w illus. (4) of Landmark
Bldgs in SCHENECTADY-OLD LIBRARY;OLD HIGH SCH-
OOL,C.H. & Round UNION COLLEGE Bldg.-- on re-
verse, overall Publicity Blurb, headed SCHENECT-
ADY LIGHTS & HAULS THE WORLD..Those were the days.
Has TWO CENT Wash. Head tied by Schen. Flag canc
79. 2 OVERALL ADV covs-1 in bright yellow w M.H. HAR-
MANN/ARTISTS MATERIALS,etc/19 Union Sq.,NY in
Fancy rectangle surmounted by Doves,etc; Has
NYC 1910 mach. canc. tying TWO CENT Wash. Head
to F ENV..2.Gray background w COMPTROLLER'S
Office & Circ. Seal of same w STATE OF NEW YORK/
ALBANY-around it. Has ALBANY,NY CDS & 3e gr BN
on ENV with minor faults...

89. 2 OTSEGO CO. items-1 has MSC DECATUR NY/Nov27 tying strip of 3 1¢ blue BNS to somewhat aged ENV (unusual msc cancel). 2. has 1¢ Revalued PC w GILBERTSVILLE, NY SL cancel. On reverse is a printed Adv for IRVING'S MARKET---Unusual!!!
81. 4 items- 1 has 1¢ blue & 2¢ or. BNS w DEMPSTER, NY 1883 CDS & bar kil on sl aged NV.-2. Has 2¢ gr BN w OCTAGONAL GREENFIELD CENTRE, NY 1887 DS on F+ ENV; 3. & 4. have purple LAKE, NY 1878 & 1879 CDSs w 3¢ gr. BNS on F+ ENVs---.
82. 2 SKANEATELES, NY items-1 has lg blue circ. illus. cc of R. THURLOW, DEALER in TEASLES surrounding Crossed TEASLES(?) on somewhat stained 3¢ gr. ENT. of BN period.-2nd has 10¢ #273 tied by 1897 CDS to VF E.V. (Registered Cover)
83. UTICA, NY CDS w 1¢ Bold NEG. E kil. on F #UX5 PC w printed OFFICE OF COMSTOCK BROS. dated May 4, 1882, on reverse--NICE!!!
84. 5 R.F.D.s-3 PCs & 2 ENVs-(SCOTTSVILLE, NY-1 w #301 other has pr. #300s-- PCs w NEWFIELD, NY; BERN, NY & WEST FALLS, NY- An int. group!!
85. MOUNTAIN MILLS, VT. in purple 1912 CDS ties ONE CENT Frank. Head to view card (D.P.O.) Lists \$15.
86. \$1.50 blue INLAND EXCHANGE U.S. Revenue #R18 on Complete WARRANTY DEED of SARATOGA CO, NY dated Aug 31, 1868--F.!!!
87. 14 PREXY covs-13 REGIS.-w diff. values, from 1¢ to 25¢-noticed-13¢; 18¢; 24¢ etc.. Ave 60 F comm. covs
88. 13 PREXY covs with 16 diff. values, 2¢ to 25¢-All on F-VF Registered commercial covers!!!
89. Lg size PREXY cov w WAR DEPT cc & PENALTY CL-ause w 37¢ in added PREXY'S to cover AIRMAIL, SPECIAL DEL. & REGISTRY FEES-DEC 22, 1941--WAR TIME MAIL*2 weeks after PEARL HARBOR- Has WASHINGTON, D.C. CDS---
90. 2 Mint MAURITIUS (BR. COL.) ENVs w embossed R.V. Head Stamps-8p gray & 25p purple (H&G #s 10 & 13.)
91. 4 Br Col items-1 is Reply Card combo w brown 1½p imprinted stamps & 3 PCs-1 has 1d black stamp of BR. CENTRAL AFR. PROTECTORATE; 2p red of same place & 1½p brown overprinted 1d of TURKS ISLAND- All mint---A lovely lot!!!
- THE FOLLOWING 8 lots are early foreign STAMPLESS-.
92. FRANCE-SL 35/AUXERRE & 1829 CDS w msc 8-to PARIS! This has red CDS on reverse--a F+ FLS!!!
93. FRANCE-SL-52/NANCY & msc 4 on F+ 1812 FLS!!!
94. GR. BRITAIN-msc 2 on face & 5 diff HSs on reverse--An int 1842 F+(ffs) FLS...!
95. GR. BRITAIN-to FRANCE- HS 1d inOval (black) + P-E in brown + C/PAID/24 FE 24/1840 in brown TONESTONE HS w msc France & rate--On reverse- 3 BR. & French CDSs---Has int letter!!!
96. FRANCE-SL-NANTES & msc 6 on VF 1791 FLS-EARLY!!!
97. ITALY-SL-SPILIMBERGO & msc 2. On reverse- SL 10 LUGLIO & VENEZIA/1.LUGO- on VF 1810 FLS!!!
98. ITALY-SL-LAPIETRA & msc rate. On reverse-red SL 2.9 BRE- on VF(ff) 1818 FLS....!
99. SPAIN-SL-red CADIZ + HS 90 & E-in-circle. Addr. to U.S.C NSUL, LISBON-on F(minor fold breaks) 1805 FLS!!!

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