

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**FALL MEETING 1:30 pm NOV.12  
HOLIDAY INN CARRIER CIRCLE, SYRACUSE,  
in conjunction with Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show**

**Presentation and talk by Dave Proulx & annual four-page exhibit competition**

Yes, Virginia, there IS an Empire State Postal History Society. Those who began to doubt our existence, or at least our continued viability, can blame me. Our quarterly *Bulletin*, the lifeblood of the Society, hasn't appeared since March because I hoped (in vain) that holding up its publication would mean less delay for our overdue Sept. 2005 and March 2006 issues of *Excelsior!* Previous issues of the *Bulletin* and *Excelsior!* have been printed and mailed by the *Excelsior!* editor, Drew Nicholson, since June 2005. Well, it didn't work; now the *Bulletin* is two issues overdue and *Excelsior!*, as of Oct. 28, three issues overdue. I'm hoping Glenn Estus, our *Bulletin* editor, will forgive my error and will accept my suggestion this *Bulletin* be considered a double issue dated "June/September 2006." I'm also hoping it will appear in time for our membership to have adequate notice of our fall meeting in Syracuse. Unless the overdue issues of *Excelsior!* suddenly appear, this *Bulletin*, which you are reading now, has not been printed and mailed by the *Excelsior!* editor.

Drew Nicholson sent me an email September 29 submitting his resignation as editor of *Excelsior!* "as of completion of the September 2006 issue." He said he would complete and mail the three delayed issues (Sept. 2005, March 2006 and Sept. 2006) during the month of October. The appointment of a new editor for *Excelsior!* hopefully will be made at an Executive Board meeting of the Society to be held prior to the membership meeting in Syracuse November 12. Anyone interested in this important position, or having suggestions for qualified candidates, should contact either Drew or myself prior to the meeting.

As you will read in the minutes of our May 7, 2006 annual meeting found elsewhere in this *Bulletin*, amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws separating the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, changing our fiscal year to the calendar year and giving the Executive Board greater flexibility in managing the affairs of the Society, PASSED by a substantial margin. Please refer to your March 2006 *Bulletin* for a detailed description of the amendments and the rationale for them, and thanks to the 60 members who took the trouble to vote.

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**Secretary's Membership Report**

**We welcome the following new members:**

Holmes, Timothy A.  
 3 Collins Terrace  
 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-1050

Steele, Laurence G.  
 184 Cottonwood Dr  
 Williamsville, NY 14221-1645

Bohart, Allen  
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**Applicants for membership:**

Basket Historical Society of the Upper Delaware Valley  
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 P.O. Box 198  
 Long Eddy, NY 12760  
 Interests: local history  
 References: Sullivan Co Historical Society

Bramwell, Robert B.  
 P.O. Box 4150  
 Pinehurst, NC 28374-4150  
 Interests: Schenectadym origin to 1900, esp. stampless covers  
 References: APS, ESPHS member Douglas Penwell

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Pursuant to our newly-amended governing documents George McGowan of East Schodack, NY was elected Secretary of the Society and George F. Dekornfeld of Millerton, NY, Treasurer, at the annual meeting, to take over from interim Secretary-Treasurer Maris Tirums. Both become members of the Executive Board, enlarging its size from 12 to 13. Maris Tirums, who had been a Society director-at-large with term expiring May 7, 2006 prior to becoming interim Secretary-Treasurer, was again elected a director-at-large, term expiring 2009, to fill the vacancy created when he became interim Secretary-Treasurer. Bill Hart was reelected a director-at-large, term expiring 2009, and Robert W. Davison of Camillus, NY was elected the third director-at-large for a term expiring in 2009.

I wish to personally welcome the three new members of our Executive Board, George McGowan, George Dekornfeld and Bob Davison, and look forward to working with them. They clearly have the potential to bring fresh perspectives to the management and programs of the Society.

The annual meeting approved an interim dues assessment of \$20 to cover the last eight months of 2006 and all of 2007. As in the past, the initial dues notice will appear in the Bulletin (see page 7), with follow-up letters to be sent to those still unpaid after three or four months. To save time and expense, members should pay their interim 20-month membership dues as soon as possible, but no later than January 31, 2007.

Thanks to Vice-President Joe Rowbottom for arranging our annual meeting at Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant in Canastota again this year, possibly for the last time. Under our amended By-Laws we no longer have to hold this meeting on the first Sunday in May, and the Executive Board, hoping to increase attendance, will doubtless schedule the 2007 and subsequent annual meetings at a major stamp show in N.Y. Joe has been our liaison with Graziano's Casa Mia for many years, and has never failed with the coffee, doughnuts and comfortable meeting space we needed.

Looking forward to the fall meeting Nov. 12, there will be a report on the state of the Society, a time for comment and questions, a talk by Society author Dave Proulx and now curator of the Margie Pfund Memorial Post Mark Museum and Library at Historic Lyme Village in Bellevue, OH, and, at the end, our annual four-page exhibit competition. PLEASE BRING TO THE MEETING FOUR PAGES OF CONNECTED N.Y. POSTAL HISTORY TO BE DISPLAYED ON A TABLE IN THE MEETING ROOM FOR THE KENNETH R. DELISLE AWARD. The winner is determined by vote of those present, taken at the conclusion of the meeting. The deLisle Award is a handsome walnut plaque outline of New York State, suitably engraved, and will be given to the 2006 winner at the 2007 annual meeting.

See you soon in Syracuse!

Al Parsons

**New Applications (continued)**

DeSalvo, Glen J.  
88 Bar Beach Rd  
Port Washington, NY 11050-4029  
Interests: US classics, postal history of North  
Hempstead, Long Island, NY  
References: APS,

Fuhrman, Richard A.  
76 Station Rd  
Great Neck, NY 11023-2426  
Interests: New York PH during Erie Canal era -  
1820-1901 Pan Am Expo  
References: APS

Peloquin, G. Peter  
130 Dahlia Dr  
Mahopac, NY 10541-3761  
Interests: postcards, postal history, naval covers,  
maritime covers (ocean liners, etc)  
References: ESPHS member Drew Nicholson

**Address Changes:**

Conrow, Clyde R.  
126 Melondy Hill  
Afton, NY 13730

Todaro, Nicholas  
210 N. Geddes St  
Syracuse, NY 13204-2252

**Resignations:**

Kabelac, Karl S.

**Membership Dropped for  
Nonpayment of Dues:**

Amberman III, John B.  
Beiderbecke, Edward J.  
Brouillette, Daniel A.  
Doubleday, Elwyn J.  
Ellman, Lewis

Flannery, John B.  
Griffin, Carl  
Huneke, Arthur J.  
Leszak, John A.  
Merchant, Stephen

Montgomery, Robert  
Morgan, Douglas J.  
Pettersen III, William J.  
Resnick, Stephen A.  
Seyfried, Vincent F.

Vooy, Daniel F.  
Wright, Chauncey R.

**A Pre-emptive Apology and a Challenge:** Firstly, my apologies for any bad editing in this issue. It was completely put together in less than 4 days to meet a deadline so that members could have it in time to learn about the regional meeting in Syracuse on November 12. I had received no material from any one since March and then received all this material in a time space of Sunday through Thursday afternoon. I am also mailing it myself for the first time.

**The challenge:** as some of you may know I am the president of the Vermont Philatelic Society for 2005-2010. We have about 175 members. This year we will add at least another 20+ members to our roster. That's more than a 10% growth.

How did we do it? We had a presence at a number of stamp show and local events, **AND**, I watched Vermont postal history on eBay and contacted EVERY bidder on those items to tell them about the VPS. Is there some one doing that for the ESPHS? **WHAT ABOUT YOU?**



## DEKORNFELD BEST-IN-SHOW AT STEPEX 2006;

### HOWDEN EARNS ESPHS AWARD

New York postal history exhibits made a strong showing at STEPEX 2006, the Elmira Stamp Club's annual show held October 6-7 at the Arnot Mall, Horseheads, NY. There were three NY postal history exhibits in the show, with two of them earning Gold and vying for Best-in-Show.

George F. Dekornfeld's three frame exhibit, Hudson, NY Postmarks and Postal Markings 1794-1900 received the nod for Best-in-Show as well as Gold, with William J. Howden's five frames of Allegany County postal history, Eighty 19th Century Allegany County Post Offices, so close in the scoring the judges gave it not only Gold but the ESPHS Waterford Clock as well. They felt this was appropriate since Dekornfeld had won the ESPHS award at STEPEX 2005.

The third NY postal history exhibit, a single frame by Alan Parsons entitled 19th Century Railroad Postal Markings Related to Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler and Tioga Counties, NY received Silver.

Eight Golds, four Silvers and four Bronze awards were spread among the 16 adult exhibits at STEPEX 2006 by judges Bob Meegan of East Aurora, Tom Fortunato of Rochester and Ray Stone, also of Rochester.

### AUCTION #120 & #121 STATUS

Auctions 120 and 121 are closed. Winning bidders have **NOT** been notified of their wins because of the loss of my hard drive over the summer just before closing on the Auction #121 in July. This drive contained the records of these auctions. I am slowly recovering bit by bit from this hard drive and expect to have its data in about 26.625 more days at the rate of recovery continues. On recovery, I will send the winning bidders their material with a mailing of the covers. Consignors will be paid about a month following this mailing when funds due are expected to be received. The next Auction #122 is expected to be issued in January with the next *Bulletin*.

John J. Nunes, Auction Manager

### Have You.....

- ....found a new Doane cancel? Send the information to Maris Tirums.
- .... discovered a new star cancel? Send the information to David Williams
- .... a new early or late manuscript cancel? Send the information to Doug Penwell
- .... a new RFD cancel? Send the information to Bill Hart
- .... checked the ESPHS website ([www.esphs.org](http://www.esphs.org))?

## ESPHS SHOWS SINGLE FRAME OF NEW YORK POSTAL HISTORY AT WASHINGTON 2006

There were many facets to the eight-day Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition held at the Washington, DC Convention Center May 27-June 3, not the least of which were the 85 single-frame exhibits prepared by specialist societies showing the type of material collected by the society and providing contact and other information about the society. Seven state or regional postal history societies joined in this impressive showing, including the Empire State Postal History Society.

Excelsior! editor and ESPHS Board member Drew Nicholson coordinated preparation of the Empire State frame. Using his own covers and those loaned by Frank Braithwaite, John Cali, Bill Hart, Nick Zevos and Larry Laliberte, Drew prepared a comprehensive display of New York postal history under 14 page headings as follows:

- °Stampless Covers (three items displayed)
- °Canceling by Manuscript (three covers, two with stamps)
- °Postmark Designs (four covers)
- °Postmarks of Color (true red, purple, magenta and true blue)
- °“Fancy” Postmarks (three shown, all from Yonkers)
- °American Flag Postmarks (two items, both 1890s;  
included 1¢ printed matter rate to foreign destinations)
- °Via New York Railroads (two Route Agent markings shown)
- °Via Hudson River Steamboat (two items, both stampless)
- °Registering the Mails (two items, one manuscript and one handstamp)
- °Advertising Ones Wares (two eye-catching ad covers, one 19th century, one 20th century)
- °Rural Free Delivery (four covers, four different RFD markings)
- °Auxiliary Markings (two items, “return to writer” and “held for postage”)
- °Postal Accounting Forms (Postal Money Order Notice & Registry Return Receipt)
- °Military Mail (2 items, both relating to Camp Whitman)

On the frame’s title page Drew sets forth the mission and purpose of ESPHS and explains what is meant by “postal history”. On the final page he tells more about the Society (including contact information) and acknowledges the help he has received from the members listed above.

The frame was not only attractive to view, but informative on the subject of postal history in general and New York postal history in particular. Drew and the other contributors to this excellent display clearly deserve a long round of applause and thanks from the Society.

Alan Parsons

## **2006-2007 DUES NOTICE**

A change to the calendar year from a fiscal year ending April 30, approved at the 2006 annual meeting, resulted in an eight-month fiscal year ending December 31, 2006. To avoid the need for a prorated short period dues payment, the meeting approved a single \$20 dues assessment for the balance of 2006 and all of 2007, thus allowing more time for consideration of a new annual dues rate beginning in 2008. Dues for the period May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007 are now payable. Please make your check for \$20 payable to ESPHS and send it (with your free Trading Post ad if you wish) to ESPHS, c/o George McGowan, P.O.Box 482, East Schodack, NY 12063-0482

## **2006-2007 DUES NOTICE**

### **REGIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 3 AT RS STAMP SHOW IN ROCHESTER**

Weather permitting, there will be an ESPHS regional meeting at the RS Stamp Show in Rochester Sunday, December 3 at 1 pm. The RS Stamp Show, presented by Society Board member John Nunes, runs from 10 am to 4 pm at Eagles Club #52, 100 Buffalo Road (Rt. 33), Rochester. From Thruway exits 45 or 47 take I-490 to Exit 7A (Rt. 33 east), go 1.7 miles east to the Eagles Club on the left.

Regional meetings are held for the purpose of interaction among Society members, receiving updates on Society programs and affording an opportunity for members to offer suggestions and express concerns. Non-member postal history collectors are invited to attend in the hope they would become members after learning about the Society.

### **New York State Discussion Group Created**

Are you interested in exchanging ideas and information about New York State Postal History. I have created a Yahoo! Group for that purpose. If so, open your web browser and type in "http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nysph". That will lead you to the group. At the present time you need my permission to join the group. This is a security precaution to make sure that spammers, etc. don't access the group. Currently (March 29), we have 4 ESPHS members participating.

*Glenn Estus*



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
MAY 7, 2006**

The annual meeting of the Empire State Postal History Society was called to order by President Alan Parsons at approximately 11:00 am at Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant in Canastota. Attending were Alan Parsons, Joe Rowbottom, John Nunes, John Cali, Heather Sweeting, Bill Hart, Gerry Wiley, Bob Davison, Mike Ammann, Nick Todaro, and Maris Tirums. Including proxies that had been submitted by non-attending members, a quorum was achieved, and business of the Society could be transacted.

Secretary Maris Tirums reported on the results of the balloting on proposed amendments to the Society's Constitution and By-laws. Sixty ballots had been received of which 55 were in favor of all the amendments. Five ballots were cast in opposition of one of more of the amendments or were incorrectly filled out so that they could not be counted either for or against the proposals. Thus, the proposed amendments were carried by a substantial margin of the ballots cast.

Nominations for ESPHS officer positions were announced. A petition for electing Bob Davison to the vacant Director's position created when Al Guenzburger died last December was submitted. It was noted that the amendments to the Constitution and By-laws created separate Secretary and Treasurer positions in place of the combined Secretary-Treasurer office. Other nominees were George Dekornfeld of Millerton for Treasurer, George McGowan of East Schodack for Secretary, and Bill Hart of Shrub Oak and Maris Tirums of Albany for Director, class of 2009. All nominees were duly elected by the members present and voting.

Outgoing Treasurer Maris Tirums presented a financial report for 2005-06. A copy of the report is published in this edition of the ESPHS Bulletin. The net assets of the Society declined by \$1376.62 during the year. It was noted that this was caused by the transition in printing and preparation procedures of the Society's publications and the purchase of a new printer and other auxiliary equipment for the use of the editor and Publications Committee. The financial report was approved as presented.

In consideration of the financial report and the approval of an amendment to the By-laws which changed the fiscal year from May 1st through April 30th to a calendar year basis, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a dues increase. The new dues will be \$20 for the period of May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. This interim dues must be replaced with an annual dues rate, and it was the intent of the members at the annual meeting that a long term dues rate be discussed and determined at the semiannual (fall) meeting this coming autumn.

The outgoing Treasurer then presented a proposed budget for May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The new Treasurer will be expected to propose a budget for the next full fiscal year which will be calendar year 2007. The budget was approved as presented and is published in this edition of the ESPHS Bulletin.



Awards Chairman John Nunes announced that he has purchased four clocks as ESPHS awards for future exhibitions. John expects that two of these will be awarded this year while the others will be held in reserve. The cost is up to \$135 each. These are to be delivered by June 16, 2006. Engraving is expected to cost an additional \$15 each. The budget was revised to reflect these expenditures.

Secretary Tirums reported that to date, 38 members were still in arrears with their 2005-06 dues. We shall make additional efforts to collect these outstanding dues to minimize the number of members who must be dropped for failure to pay their dues.

Auction Manager John Nunes reported on the postal history auctions that are included with the ESPHS Bulletin. Only sale number 119 was conducted and concluded during 2005-06. Sale 120 was conducted but John is still working to complete all financial transactions. Sale number 121 is ongoing.

Nick Todaro suggested that the ESPHS could purchase suitable covers for the purpose of reselling them at a profit. This was briefly discussed but no decisions were reached.

David Williams reported via Pres. Parsons on his project to update the New York State star cancel compilation. David reported that the project continues to grow and many new additions have been sent to him. The members agreed that David Williams should be free to arrange the data in the manner which he feels is most agreeable rather than being committed to the arrangement that the original author, David Proulx, used.

Bill Hart reported on his progress with the New York State rural free delivery cancellation book. Bill said that Part 1 of his study has been forwarded to Excelsior! editor Drew Nicholson for publication, and Bill is anxious to receive comments and reactions after that information is published and available to the membership. Bill's goal is to prepare county lists of RFD cancels.

Maris Tirums reported on the New York State Doane cancellation project. Data continues to roll in and the compilation is constantly being improved. Tirums indicated that the project is receiving constant attention, and that a final publication should be ready in the foreseeable future.

President Parsons reminded the members that some regions of the State are still lacking regional ESPHS representatives, and volunteers would be enthusiastically accepted and appropriately guided as to what is expected of them in this position - which is intended to help the Society and promote New York State postal history collecting.

John Cali reported that an archive depository at the Rome Historical Society facility has been indefinitely postponed due to a lack of personnel to work on this project. To succeed, such a depository requires the active involvement of a nearby volunteer with the time and commitment to work on accepting and organizing submitted materials for

the benefit of our membership.

A discussion ensued regarding a suitable venue for the fall 2006 meeting of the ESPHS. Several options were considered, and the bourse at the Holiday Inn Carrier Circle in Syracuse scheduled for September 10th, 2006 was selected as the best choice for the ESPHS meeting. (note—the fall meeting was later rescheduled for the same bourse on November 12)

Assignments were made for authors of the ESPHS page in the Stamp Insider for the next 12 months. They are: Nick Todaro for the July-August 2006 edition, Heather Sweeting for the September-October 2006 edition, Gerry Wiley for the November-December 2006 edition, Maris Tirums for the January-February, 2007 edition, and Frank Braithwaite for the March-April, 2007 edition.

Al Parsons reported that the ESPHS did not participate in the Northeast multi-state postal history exhibiting competition held this year at March Party in Cleveland. The Ohio Postal History Society won the award at that show in competition with Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

STEPEX, sponsored by the Elmira Stamp Club in autumn 2006 is possibly the only available upstate venue for exhibitors to show their New York postal history material this year. Drew Nicholson is preparing a one frame display to be shown at Washington 2006.

An updated ESPHS membership application form is needed to show the new Secretary's address and the new dues amount.

The deLisle Award was not presented because there was only one entrant vying for the award at the 2005 fall meeting. This is presented annually to the best four-page display as determined by a vote of the members present.

The meeting was adjourned at about 12:45 pm after which most of the members enjoyed a delightful lunch ordered from the menu at the Casa Mia Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maris Tirums, (outgoing) Secretary-Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT for 2005-2006 (May 7, 2006)

**BANK and MUTUAL FUND BALANCES at end of 2004-2005 Fiscal Year**

Checking account (Trustco Bank)	\$ (1219.95)
Checking account (First Niagara)	\$ 100.00
CD # *****1590 (First Niagara, maturity 12/22/09 @ 2.98%	\$ 928.61
CD # *****8280 (First Niagara, maturity 10/24/09 @ 2.98%	\$13,451.79
CD # *****1417 (First Niagara, maturity 8/20/06 @ 4.63%	\$ 7601.76
T. Rowe Price Reserve Fund (MM) #522073967-7, 30 day yield 2.04%	\$ 3662.01
T. Rowe Price Spectrum Inc. Bond Fund #520497031-3, 30 day 3.77%	\$ 12,932.74
<i>Total Bank &amp; Mutual Fund Balances</i>	<i>\$ 37,456.96</i>

**REVENUES DURING 2005-2006:**

*DUES & FEES*

2005-2006	\$ 1180.00
2006-2007	\$ 200.00
2007-2008	\$ 20.00
2008-2009	\$ 10.00
2009-2010	\$ 10.00
Fees	\$ 11.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 1431.00</i>

**INTEREST & CAPITAL CHANGE**

Checking account @ Trustco	\$ 6.55
CD #*****1590 @ First Niagara	\$ 27.87
CD #*****8280 @ First Niagara	\$ 404.14
CD #*****1417 @ First Niagara	\$ 357.05
T. Rowe Price Prime Reserve Fund	\$ 8.61
T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income Fund	\$ 540.43
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 1344.65</i>

**PUBLICATIONS**

Manuscript Post Offices of NYS (2)	\$ 19.40
Star Cancels of NYS (2)	\$ 15.00
County & Postmaster Cancels of NYS (2)	\$ 15.00
Federal Post Offices of NYS (1)	\$ 4.00
New York Postal History, Smith & Kay (1)	\$ 29.00
Cayuga County PH (1)	\$ 32.00
Oswego County PH (1)	\$ 24.00
Wayne County PH (1)	\$ 8.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 146.40</i>

**DONATIONS (Daisley, Juceam & Raugh)**

\$ 60.00

*AUCTIONS*

Receipts from Auction #119, March 2005 Bulletin \$ 438.75

**EXPENDITURES DURING 2005-2006:**

*AUCTIONS*

Paid to consigners for Auction #119, March 2005 Bulletin \$ 393.85

*ADMINISTRATION*

Secretary Treasurer's costs (mailing, copying, supplies) \$ 40.42

Meeting expenses \$ 43.01

Dues for APS Writer's Unit for journal editor \$ 15.00

Dues for Federation of New York Philatelic Societies \$ 15.00

*ESPHS WEBSITE* ( maintained by Glenn Estus) \$ 107.40

*PUBLICATION & EDITING OF ESPHS JOURNAL & BULLETIN*

Laser jet printer (HP 3550) \$ 720.22

Scanner \$ 51.94

Printer cartridges \$ 882.89

Printing \$ 32.36

Paper \$ 155.46

Mailing expenses \$ 967.09

Misc supplies (stapler, address labels, envelopes, etc) \$ 181.60

*AWARDS - ROPEX* \$ 191.16

*DONATION TO APS BUILDING FUND* \$ 1000.00

*BANK and MUTUAL FUND BALANCES at end of 2005-2006 Fiscal Year*

Checking account # \*\*\*\*\*5917 (Trustco Bank) (4/12/06) \$ ( 164.05)

Checking account (First Niagara) - account closed during year \$ 0

CD # \*\*\*\*\*1590 (First Niagara, maturity 12/22/09 @ 2.99% (3/31/06) \$ 956.48

CD # \*\*\*\*\*8280 (First Niagara, maturity 10/24/09 @ 3.00% (3/31/06) \$13,855.93

CD # \*\*\*\*\*1417 (First Niagara, maturity 8/20/06 @ 4.68% (3/31/06) \$ 7958.81

T. Rowe Price Reserve Fund - account closed on 5/6/05 @ \$3668.95 \$ 0

T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income Bond Fund #520497031-3, 30 day yield 4.15% \$ 13,473.17

Total Bank & Mutual Fund Balances \$ 36,080.34

**NET DECLINE IN FINANCIAL ASSETS DURING 2005-2006 (\$ 1376.62)**



**EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
BUDGET FOR MAY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006 (8 Months)**

**REVENUE:**

Dues and Fees	\$ 1000.00
Publications	\$ 100.00
Auction Commissions (Net Income)	\$ 100.00
Interest and Capital Change	\$ 1000.00
Advertising	\$ 50.00
Donations	\$ 50.00
 Total Revenues	 \$ 2300.00

**EXPENDITURES:**

Administration	\$ 200.00
(This includes expenses of President, Secretary, & Treasurer for mailing & copying, membership dues, meeting expenses)	
Website	\$ 110.00
Awards	\$ 550.00
Donation to APS Building Fund	\$ 1000.00
 Publication of Bulletin & Society Journal:	
Printer Cartridges	\$ 600.00
Paper	\$ 150.00
Supplies (envelopes, labels, staples, etc)	\$ 125.00
 Mailing costs	 \$ 800.00
 Total Expenditures	 \$ 3535.00
 DEFICIT	 (\$ 1235.00)

**A reminder: each member  
may use ONE FREE Trading  
Post Adlet a year**

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**A reminder: each member  
may use ONE FREE Trading  
Post Adlet a year**

**Trading Post ads can be emailed to Glenn Estus at [gestus@esphs.org](mailto:gestus@esphs.org). If requested, the  
ads will also be placed on the ESPHS website for 1 year.**

## Country and Postmaster Cancels

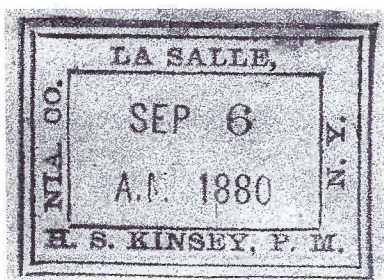
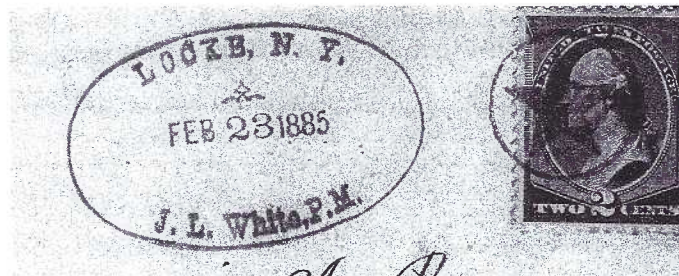
Postal History affords so many different avenues of collecting. Many New York collectors will usually have a small collection dealing with some aspect of the town, city, or county in which they live. Others will tend to search for subtopics that may extend across the state or across all 50 states. One such subtopic is POSTMASTER AND COUNTY CANCELS.

In the late 19th Century, smaller post offices were expected to provide their postmarking devices at their own expense. Many of these offices purchased devices that included either the county location in the postmark, the postmaster's name, or both.

It actually makes sense that the COUNTY NAME would be included in the postmark. If you lived in Malone (Franklin County) and received a letter from your great-aunt Tilly telling you that she had just moved to Prospect Grove and to write soon, it would be a great help to know what county she lived in. It could even speed up your mail a bit if you included the county name in the address of your response to Aunt Tilly. In the days before postal automation, all sorting was done by hand. It would be a help to the mail sorters to see the county name. BTW, Prospect Grove was in Suffolk County and today is known as Shelter Island Heights.



But why would anyone include the POSTMASTER'S NAME? I believe in this case it's simply a matter of pride or ego. You're proud of being a postmaster and want to let the world know about it.



Of course, you could have the best of both worlds if you included BOTH the COUNTY NAME and the POSTMASTER'S NAME as is the case in the La Salle, N.Y. postmark.

Are there even more subtopics of Country and Postmaster cancels that one can collect? How about oval postmarks, rectangular postmarks (a very small subtopic), etc. And why be limited to New York States, every state and almost every territory in the United States has the same possibilities. Good hunting.

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