

BULLETIN OF THE

# EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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AUGUST 1979

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The next meeting of the Society will be held October 7, 1979 at Karrat's Restaurant, Route 5 west of Utica. Plan to attend.

I would like to hear more from members. What do you like or dislike about the Society? What innovations would you care to see? Is there anything that you would like to have eliminated? Let me hear from you. This is a big job and no one can do it alone. Serve on committees, volunteer your services, write articles. Remember you are the the Society. Try to get new members. If each member brought in one new member, we would double our membership.

I think it would be helpful if comments were received on the articles published. It would show that they were being read and would give encouragement to the authors.

I cannot emphasis too strongly the necessity of members cooperating with Henry Chlanda on the update of "Manuscript Post Offices of New York State". Please furnish the data necessary to make this an outstanding publication. Henry is spending a lot of time and effort to make the project a success, so lets get behind him. Read page 6 of April 1978 "Bulletin" for detail instructuon as to the information required, the format and manner of submission.

Emma G. Koberg  
President



MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Applications for Membership have been received from

DOUBLEDAY, ELWYN J. Box 259, Alton Bay, NH 03810

Interests: DEALER

References: None Required (APS# 67347)

AVON, RICHARD RD BOX 142, Cape Vincent, N.Y. 13618

Interests: 19th Cent. US; incl. Locals, Officials, Postal History.

Postal History of Jefferson County, N.Y.

References: None Required (APS #93343)

Reinstatements:

STEVENS, WARREN C. 10 Hillcrest Drive, Fairport, N.Y. 14450

VOOYS, MAJ. DANIEL F. P.O. Box E Bedford, MA 01730

Address Change: CHERNS, LARRY Now 6 Arvona Drive, St. Catherines L2T 3J4  
Ont. Canada

We welcome to membership Nancy B. Zielinski, whose application was published in the June Bulletin and ask that you change your records of her mailing address to: P.O. BOX 4482, ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14613.

DUES PAYMENTS 1979-80:

Please take note of your address label on this Bulletin. If it includes an asterisk, the Treasurer does not have a record of your dues payment for the member year ending May 31, 1980.

This will be the last Bulletin you will receive until current in your dues. Our October number will - under our Constitution - contain the names of members dropped for non-payment.

Footnotes to Financial Statements:

Lower case letters opposite the figures on Page 4 indicate:

- a. Portion of rooming charges, Philadelphia bus excursion May 1976, formerly carried in escrow pending payment. Now carried in operating account until claimed.
- b. Mailing expense included with Bulletin mailing cost.
- c. Library lists, rules and regulations.
- d. Mailings to Executive Board, election ballots, etc.
- e. Payment received for publications temporarily out of inventory.
- f. Ontario County book.
- g. Set up to honor life members on election.
- h. Portion of Fopex budget expended in 1978-79.
- i. Outstanding liabilities of \$91.14 - FOPEX; \$17.09 Excelsior editor (see Note b, Treasurer's 1977-78 Report) paid in June 1979.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT: Fiscal Year 1978 - 1979

The past fiscal year was one of rather modest gains, but still we continue to forge ahead despite sizeable increases in everything we do for the members. Printing and postage again lead the expenses of general operations, as will be seen from the detailed statement of income and expense on another page.

Separation of fund income and expense is as follows:

	<u>GENERAL OPERATIONS</u>	<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>	<u>INVESTMT INCOME</u>	<u>EXTRA- ORDINARY</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Income	\$1,147.59	\$ -	\$570.04	\$259.55	\$1,214.08	\$3,191.26
Expense	<u>988.66</u>	<u>64.24</u>	<u>608.76</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>861.00</u>	<u>2,522.66</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit)	158.93	(\$ 64.24)	(\$ 38.72)	\$259.55	\$ 353.08	\$ 688.60

General operations stayed in the black, but only because the bulletins for February and April, 1979 were not issued. Contributing largely to this small surplus was the income from Auction #6 and #7, which netted the Society \$239.59. The figure for fiscal 1979-80 will not be as rosy, already we have had to skip the Spring auction for lack of material.

The library fund is regularly budgeted \$50.00, with additional funds at the disposal of the librarian on approval of the Executive Board. The library has no source of income under present rules.

Publications are another source of rather steady income. Emma Koberg's Ontario County book was published in 1978, full cost of printing and distribution charged to the fund. There are, of course, books on hand and for sale which will add to the 1979-80 income without expense.

Investment income consists of the idle funds of the Society placed in an interest-bearing savings account. The Treasurer has no authority to invest in any other method of time deposit or income production.

The extraordinary items are discussed in the financial footnotes. In 1976 our bus trip to the Philadelphia show produced a small surplus. There was, however, an outstanding debit which we have carried in an escrow fund. The debit, an unclaimed portion of the rooming charge, has been credited to the Society as an extraordinary item of income.

In 1978 the Society agreed to support FOPEX '79 with frame fees and trophies, in accordance with our constitutional obligation to support and further the study and presentation of the postal history of New York State. The Executive Board voted an allowance not to exceed \$500. Our total contribution to the regional event will amount to \$402.14. A \$500.00 cross-entry is merely a bookkeeping figure to reflect a transfer of that amount from savings to checking when our checking acct. balance fell to a low level immediately before dues became payable.

(For footnotes to financial details, see Page 2)

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT: Fiscal Year 1978-1979 (Cont'd)

Bank Balances: Checking Account, Bank of NY, Apr. 30, 1978	\$	507.98	
Savings Accounts, Bank of NY, Apr. 30, 1978		<u>4,728.28</u>	
Bank Balance	\$	5,236.26	
Less, Held in Escrow		<u>(714.08)</u>	
Unencumbered Balance	\$	4,522.18	

REVENUES:

Current Dues 1978-79	\$	432.50	
Dues in Advance 1979-80		450.00	
Dues in Advance 1980-81		5.00	
Application Fees		<u>12.00</u>	\$ 899.50
Sales Ontario Co. Book		473.00	
Other Publications		<u>97.04</u>	570.04
Adlets in Bulletin		8.50	
Comm. Auction #6		108.03	
Comm. Auction #7		<u>131.56</u>	248.09
Interest Earned			259.55

Extraordinary Items

Escrow Fund Trans. to Operating Fund	714.08	a	
Transfer from Savings	<u>500.00</u>		<u>1,214.08</u>
			<u>3,191.26</u>
			\$ 7,713.44

EXPENSES:

Postage: Bulletin Mailing	275.78		
Roster Mailing	30.60		
Ontario Book	30.54		
Secretary	<u>44.56</u>		381.48
Printing: Bulletin	171.68		
Roster	75.14		
Table of POs	76.24	b	
Supplements	173.44	b	
Ontario Book	561.66		
Library	13.24	c	
Unclassified	<u>29.43</u>	d	1,100.83
Administ: Materials, etc.	46.02		
Mailing Labels	65.77		
Public. Refunds	6.56	e	
Copyright Fee	<u>10.00</u>	f	128.35
Library Acquisitions			51.00

Extraordinary Items

Life Member Fund	50.00	g	
FOPEX '79	311.00	h	
Transfer from Savings	<u>500.00</u>		<u>861.00</u>
			<u>2,522.66</u>

Cash on Hand April 30, 1979 \$ 5,190.78 i

Bank Balances: Bank of NY: Savings and Checking Apr. 30/79 5,190.78

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## COMMITTEES

For your information the individuals listed have accepted the Chairman of the following:

Membership	Cliff Tuttle
Publication	Bill Seifert
Bulletin	Nick Todaro
Librarian	Dave Prosser
Manuscript P/O	Henry Chlanda
Auctions	George Bernadt

Letters pertaining to these activities should be addressed to the proper Chairman. Addresses are in the Roster.

## Book on New York Post Offices

Information has been received that the long awaited New York Post Office book being prepared by John Kay and Chet Smith is about ready for publication and in all propability will be released around the first of 1980. Future "Bulletin" will note additional information.

## LOCAL EXHIBITION

Rochester Philatelic Assoc. will hold an exhibition at the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Bldg. 55 St. Paul Street, Rochester, N. Y 10AM to 7PM Friday and Saturday- Oct 19 and 20, and 10AM to 5PM Sunday Oct 21, 1979. For information write: ROPEX 79, PO Box 3806 Brighton Sta. Rochester, N. Y. 14610. Free Admission.

## REGIONAL MEETING:

Albany area; August 5, 1979 at the Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave. Use exit 24 if you use the Thru-way, at the exit keep right and turn left or East onto Rte 20 which is about 1/10th. mile from exit 24. You are on Western Ave., and the Motel is on your right or the south side of Western Ave., about 3/4 mile from the Thru-way. I was unable to get the time from Bill Seifert, but in the past those that could were there at 10 AM and the philatelic flea market peaked by 1 PM. Syracuse.

Sept. 30, 1979 at the Sheraton Motor Lodge at 7th North St., Exit from the Thru-way at Exit 37 (Electronic Park). Again the meeting place is close to the exit. A short distance north. Tel 315/487-6118. Time is 10 AM to 4 PM and they would appreciate about 15 dinners.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the June 8, 1979 meeting of the Upstate Post Card Club held at Fort Johnson, N. Y., Bill Seifert presented Lee Degraff with his Life Membership plaque. It was well deserved. Lee has contributed much to the Society. There were four ESPHS members present. The following letter was received from Lee.

June 25, 1979

Empire State Postal History Society  
Mrs. Emma Koberg, President.

25 Hamilton Street Ap. 21

Holiday Manor

Geneva, N.Y. 14456

Dear Emma:

Bill Seifert presented me with the beautiful plaque that was awarded me by the club. It is beautiful and I'm so proud to have received it that I have shown it to to about everyone that will look. And being the first member to receive life memberships is an honor that I never dreamed of.

Please read this letter at the club's next meeting. Altho I can no longer take as active a part as I formerly did, I can assure you that I wish the ESPHS continued success in the future.

Best regards,

( Lee )

New application for membership:

Rick Carter, 5987 Belle Isle Rd., Syracuse, N.Y. 13209.  
Interests are interesting and intriguing covers. References are Nick Todaro and Dave Proulx. He is also listed as a new member of the APS in this months issue. APS # 107099.

BACHHUBER, FRANCIS X 5140 Bradfield Drive Annandale, VA 22003

References: None required: SPA #10-32632

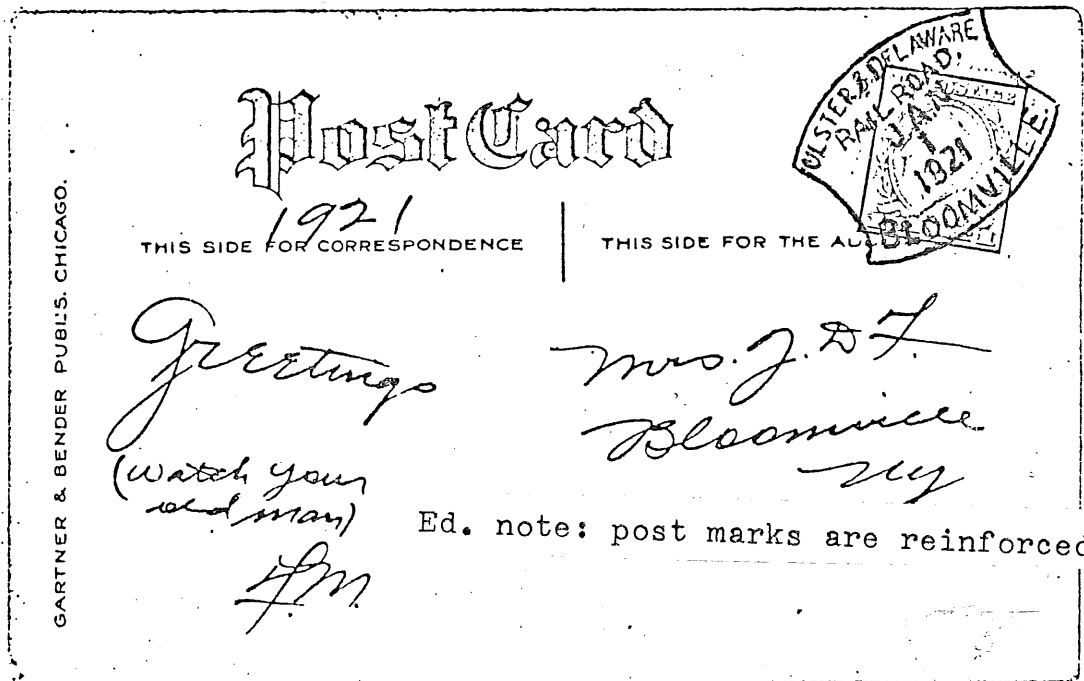
Interests: 19th Century Rome, N.Y. & Oneida County

FOR SALE: Small selection of Long Island Covers for sale by private collector. Write Daniel Knowles, 39 East 12th Street, Apt. 308, New York, N.Y. 10003

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RAILWAY POST OFFICES of the central part of New York State.  
by Cliff. Tuttle



The Ulster and Delaware Railroad at Bloomville  
Jan 1, 1921. A very unusually shaped cancel.

After reading R.H. LOUNSBERRY'S article on "Tale of a New York Railroad" in our POSTAL HISTORY journal back in 1972 or '73, it brought to mind my youth days living and working near the New York Ontario and Western Railway, then dubbed the "Old and Weary". Many a time I watched when a fast freight, not scheduled to stop at all small stations, would pass through a "V" shaped arm extended from the Railway Postal Car and hooked into the top of the mail bag which was suspended on a rope. The clips resembled an oversize version of a clothes pin.

The oversize bags and probably those containing packages were picked up by the "Way Freight", which stopped at all stations and probably took the mail and other baggage to a larger station where they met the railway post office car. The incoming mail sometimes was delivered from the fast freight by throwing the mail bag on the ground in front of the station. Can you imagine any fragile article in this bag?

The railway postal cars had clerks sorting mail just as did the post offices and each had their own cancel. Many of these are very interesting and not too easy to find today.

While I have not done any serious collecting of these post marks, I have become interested in making a list of those that were in use in the central part of New York State, or more specifically within a radius of about 100 miles of my home. Any additions to the following list would be appreciated. (C.Tuttle, 20 E. Pearl St., Sidney, N.Y.)

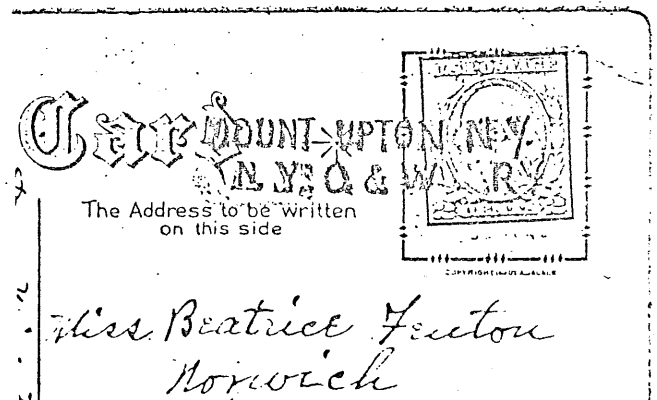
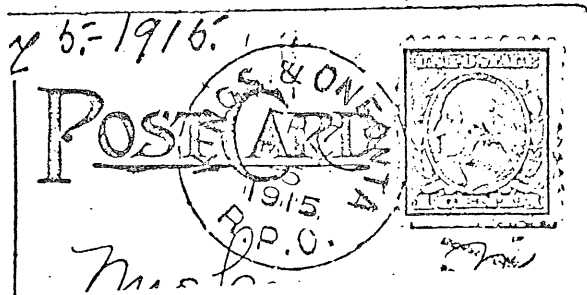
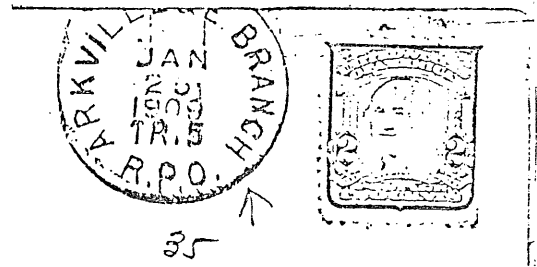
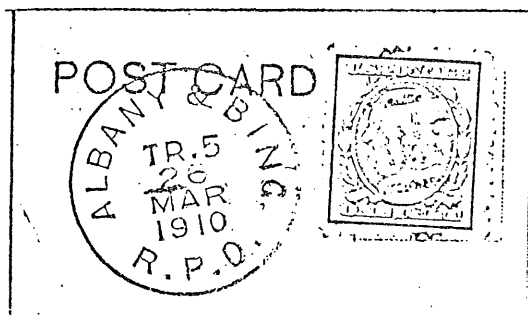
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RAILWAY POST OFFICES, cont.

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ALBANY & BING. R.P.O. TR. 5 MAR 1910  
OSWEGO & NORWICH R.P.O. TR. 41 JUN 1915 (O & W Railroad)  
ARKVILLE & E. BRANCH R.P.O. TR. 5 JAN 1909 (Del. & Northern RR)  
KINGS. & ONEONTA R.P.O. TR. 7, MAY 1915 (Ulster & Delaware RR)  
UTICA & BING. R.P.O. TR. 815, AUG 1907  
MON. JCT. & LONG BRANCH, R.P.O. TR. 387, OCT. 1906 (O & W Railroad)  
EDMESTON & SIDNEY R.P.O. , DEC. 1912 (Unadilla Valley RR)

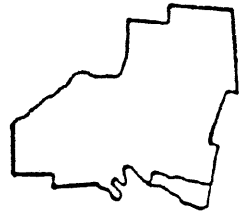


HERKIMER & ONEONTA TR. 13 JUL. 1922 (Trolley)  
ONEONTA TRANSIT DEC. 23 1905 (Trolley)  
MOUNT UPTON, N.Y. / N.Y.O. & W RY (Two straight lines, no date.)  
O. & W. RY / APR 10 '21 / MT. UPTON, N.Y. (Two straight lines with date in middle. Cancelled on the Ontario & Western Railroad.)



# OSWEGO COUNTY

## POSTAL HISTORY



The canceling machines manufactured by the BARRY POSTAL SUPPLY COMPANY of Oswego, N.Y. were invented by Wm. Barry. His sworn statement claims he built the first machine in 1883. In 1885 he put a model in the post office at Oswego, N.Y. for a test.

He chose Mr. Hey as a patent attorney, but Hey then entered production as the Hey-Dolphin Co. in Boston, Mass.

Barry made changes for a new patent and the machines built for the government contracts at the Kingsford Foundry in Oswego, N.Y.



WILLIAM BARRY

This is the postal machine inventor, born of Irish immigrants in western N.Y. Oct. 10, 1841.

He was an inventor by occupation and sold the patents to others. He invented the 'Crane' hoist and many other mechanical devices. The first Interference case was for a successful soldering machine in 1875.

He had to fight many postal machine manufacturers, e.g. Ielfield, Hey & Dolphin, and B.S. Molyneux.

The Barry Postal Supply Co. was organized in July 1895 to manufacture the first 200 machines.

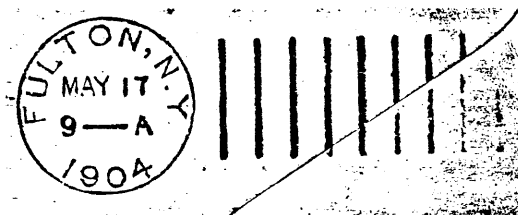


Above is a letter to William Barry who was educated in Montreal as his father felt he should obtain the best. The postage paid is 1¢ over the rate to Canada. His brother was also brilliant and educated by the Jesuits. He was the renowned religious and civil leader in Oswego, Monsignor Dean Michael Barry, pastor of St. Paul's. There is little doubt that he assisted William in obtaining the cooperation of Postmaster Alexander, that he was sworn in as a worker with privilege to experiment.

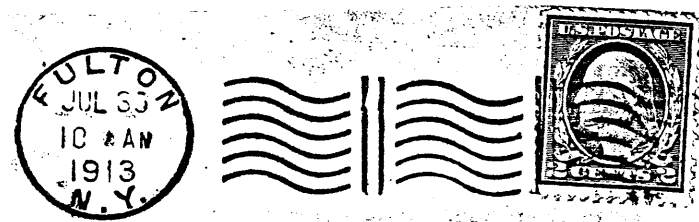
FULTON, NEW YORK

A study of the machine cancel postmarks prior to 1920.  
by Nick Todaro

A Doremus Co. cancelling machine was installed in the Fulton post office by March of 1903, prior to the close of the Oswego Falls office on July 1. The village of Fulton at that time was composed of all the area on the east side of Oswego river and Oswego Falls was on the west end of the bridge. Perhaps the rapid cancelling machine was installed in anticipation of a projected increased work load. At least some of the mail from the new 'Oswego Falls Sta.' was probably <sup>canceled</sup> at the main post office by machine, however many covers exist with the hand cancel of Oswego Falls Sta.

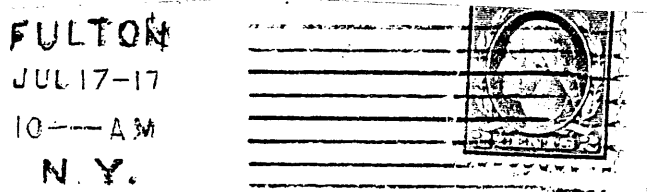


The above is a DOREMUS machine cancel. It's earliest known use, (or EKU), is Mar. 19, 1903 and the LKU is May 22, 1907.



COLUMBIA machine cancel

Portrayed is a type G cancel. The number of horizontal and vertical lines identify it as a G - 6-2-6-2-6. A rather fancy cancel. The EKU is May 28, 1907 and the LKU is Aug. 11, 1913.



This is a COLUMBIA type K-8, (8 bars); EKU Apr. 28, 1914, LKU May 27, 1918

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S U P P L E M E N T

Some of you received advance copies of the first six pages of this issue in order that you could receive timely notice of the Regional Meeting in Albany on August 5 th.

I am honored that our dear friend and president of our Society, Emma Koberg has asked me to get out the Bulletin. I said, "Sure Emma." But the truth is I do feel it is a less than the best selection, as there are several of you more capable and knowledgable than I. Anyway, I am grateful for the chance to do what I can for the ESPHS.

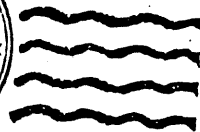
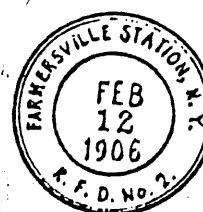
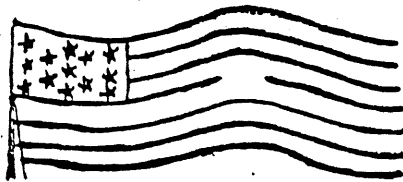
I beleive you friends know I do wish to publish material which you send to me. I'm YOUR editor and publisher of this Bulletin so please let me have your critical comments.

William H. Bauer may be sending you a county check list of stampless covers for your comments and additions. This project is a major undertaking and prepares the way for an improved N.Y.S. section of the next issue of the Amer. Stampless Cover Catalog. If you have the spirit of what ESPHS stands for you can show it by making the sacrifice of your time to send it in to Bill.

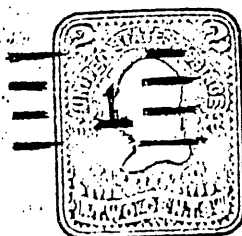
You are all encouraged to send in parts of your write ups on your covers for publication in the Bulletin.

Nick Todaro, ed.

Rural Free Delivery Postmarks  
of N.Y.S.



R.F.D.  
AUG 17 A.M. 1903  
SOUTH BUTLER,  
N.Y.



ORLEANS FOUR CORNERS  
N.Y.  
DEC 29 1910  
R.F.D.



"R.F.D."

The ESPHS published a list of the known handstamps about 1967 or '68 and since then several collectors have sent to me additions to that listing. A new list is now being prepared and will be published here. Later we may publish a separate pamphlet if warranted. Pictured on page 7 are four examples of R.F.D. cancels. Does anyone wish to offer a typing system? I'd like to have your suggestions before typing the list for the October "Bulletin".

A partial listing of contributors include :Charlie Sweeting, Arthur H. Bond, Edith R. Doane, Robert Doolittle, Harry Taber, John G. Gemmill, Eugene Funk, William Seifert, Ray Staplin, Lee De Graff, Paul Fisher, Gilbert M. Burr, Edna Nelson, Ralph Reynolds, Ken de Lisle, Peter G. Brown, and Mrs. Everett Perkins. Anybody else? Yup, William J. Bomar.

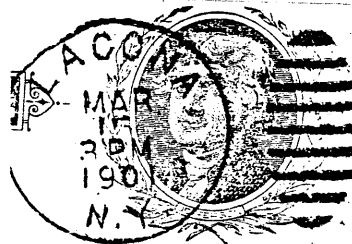
These hand cancels are much sought after and when found are a prized. Often a single copy is known and becomes a part of a collection that may not have high value but is a conversion piece. These cancels usually sell at auction for two to ten dollars depending in condition of stamp and cover.

DUPLEX CANCELS

Does anyone wish to respond to the possible researching of ' DUPLEX ' cancels? Any suggestions as to a suitable typeing system? Maybe we should start by picturing different varieties as some are unusual if not unique. These hand canceled covers are a very interesting area of collecting, however not as much is known about them as the machine cancels. ( Interested in machine cancels ? Get a sample copy of Machine Cancel Forum from John R. McGee, Box 98, Greenbelt, Md., 20770. Send a RASE with 28 ¢ postage. You'll be pleased you did.)



Ty. I



Ty. II