

BULLETIN OF THE

# EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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APRIL 1980

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### PRESIDENT'S CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

All members are notified that the Annual Meeting of the Empire State Postal History Society will take place on May 4, 1980, at 1:20 P.M. at the usual location, Karratt's Restaurant, Route 5 west of Utica, N.Y.

The meeting will be following its normal format, with the election of three directors, presentation of annual reports by designated officers and to consider such other business as may properly come before it.

If you plan to attend be advised that we generally sit down to dinner at 12:00 noon and members and guests are cordially invited to join in this "Dutch Treat" meal.

### PRESIDENT'S CALL TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Members of the Executive Board are notified that the Board's Annual Meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. on May 4, 1980, at Karratt's Restaurant. The business meeting should be brief and we will adjourn before the noon meal.

Given this 31st day of March, 1980.

Emma G. Koberg,  
President.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Applications have been received from:

SMITH, HARRY S. R.D.#2, Box 30, Unadilla, NY 13849

References: Clifford Tuttle, Sidney N.Y.  
Sidney Federal Credit Union, Sidney NY.

Interests: Stampless of Delaware & Otsego Counties (NY)  
Antartica, Polar.

WADSWORTH, RICHARD 2400 Frankfort, El Paso, TX 79930

References: None required (Member APS)

Interests: Postal History of El Paso County, (TX); New Mexico  
Territory; New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maine.

We welcome to membership Mary Anne T. Sommo, Charles I. Ball, John V. Crowley, John Gunderson, Joseph A. Haynes, Gordon McHenry, Leonard Schwartz and Arnold Skoler, whose applications were posted in the February Bulletin.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

BARWIS, JOHN H. Now is 1514 Buckman Ct. Houston TX 77043

HAYWARD, LHOYD T. Now is 13 Independence Green Montpelier, VT 05602

RAU, ROBERT J. Now is RD 2, Box 223-28 Kingston NY 12401

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

The Secretary reports the following nominations in response to the President's invitation on the front page of our February Bulletin:

William A. Seifert, Jr.	8 nominations
Joseph Romanelli	7 "
Jack Haefeli	6 "
Warren Stevens	1 "

Nominations closed March 20th in accordance with our By-Laws. It is required that a nominee be named on three or more nominating ballots to be eligible for election.

Only the first three named received the required number of nominating petitions, therefore Seifert, Romanelli and Haefeli will run unopposed at the Annual Meeting, May 4, 1980.

OFFICIAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Please note that effective March 1, 1980, the Empire State Postal History Society has a change of address for all correspondence to the Society's Secretary-Treasurer, for ALL matters directed to him and to other officers of the Society in their official capacity on ESPHS matters.

Mail directed to the Secretary-Treasurer should now be addressed

Empire State Postal History Society,  
PO Box 8684, Academy Sta.  
Albany, NY 12208

It is not necessary that the Secretary-Treasurer name or title be used, although this is a matter of choice on the part of the writer. This change was initiated by President Koberg with the thought that eventually all mail of an official nature will come to the official address of the Society and then be re-directed to the appropriate officer.

It will accomplish one objective which the Secretary-Treasurer has thought necessary - the direction of heavy mailing, especially at dues paying time, away from the residential carrier. We trust that all our members will use this new address for non-personal letters.

ANNUAL REPORTS:

All officers and committee chairman are reminded that President Koberg has asked for WRITTEN reports to be submitted to the Secretary on or before the date of the annual meeting. This includes, but is not limited to Secretary, Treasurer, Awards, Publicity, Library, Publication and Stampless Cover Catalogue. While it may not be feasible to read all of them in detail at the meeting, they will be reviewed at the Executive Board session on the same day and excerpts read at the full general meeting.

DUES NOTICE

Enclosed is the dues notice. Please fill in your name and address and return as directed. If no notice is enclosed, you are paid up. It will be appreciated if this notice is promptly returned to avoid unnecessary expense of a reminder.

AUCTION

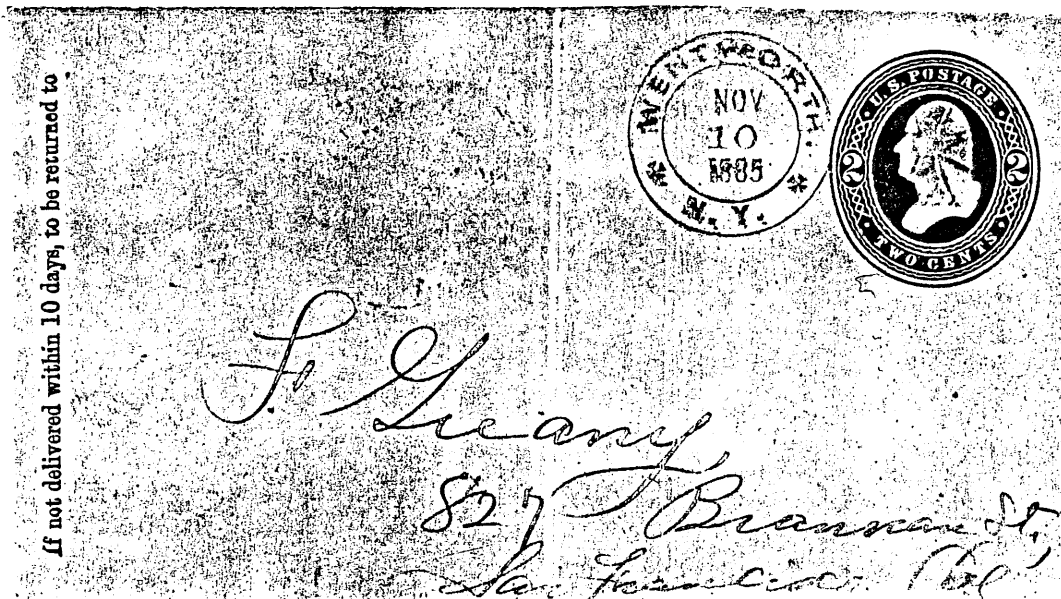
BID on the auction included with this Bulletin. Then send in items for the next auction. Support these auctions. George is putting a lot of work so let's do our share. Submit bids on any piece of paper. Write CLEARLY. Give lot number, amount of bid, name and address.

NEW YORK POST OFFICES

a firm decision has been made for APS to publish the book by Kay-Smith on New York Post Offices. Release date will be in the fall. As yet, price isn't firm. Will keep you posted in future Bulletins.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Read carefully the Secretary's notification of official change of address. As noted, this will be used on all official correspondence, return mailing address, all publications, applications for membership, and all matters pertaining to the society with non-members. All members please make note of this and address communications accordingly. This does not pertain to informal, personal letters between members, letters between committee members, requests for library books, and auction material.



INFORMATION WANTED: Location of Wentworth, N. Y. Research of Postal Records has failed to produce a Wentworth. Somebody should be able to help. Send any information to Emma Koberg, 295 Hamilton St. Geneva, NY 14456

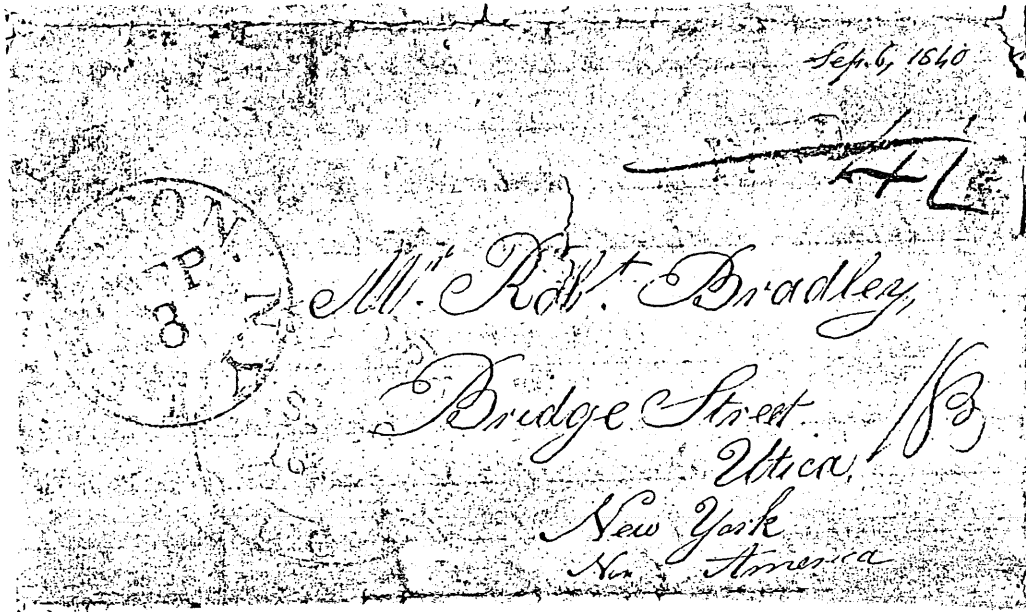


Illustration for article, page 4

Toronto, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1840.

My Dear Father, — In compliance with your request, and in the fulfillment of my promise, I take the first opportunity of writing, to give an account of my journey, and also of my reception into Toronto.

August 5<sup>th</sup>, started from Utica, about seven O'clock in the evening, carried my Luggage to York Mills, waited there till half past nine O'clock, when the Boat Galina, Capt. Atkinson came along, and I agreed with him to take me to Rochester for a Cent and half p<sup>r</sup> mile. He is a pleasant man, and I was well treated by him and the Boat crew all the way. The next morning the 6<sup>th</sup>, I found myself passing through New London, a place which differs in appearance, from Old London as much as possible, for here it is all Swamp, and hemlock Timber, and a few Log-Cabbing, and one Tavern and two or three Groceries. Then passed through Oneida Creek Till, and

## Bradley's Trip:

Utica to Toronto, A Postal History Letter of 1840

Member Pat VanBuskirk shares this very interesting postal history letter which is in his collection. This stampless cover indicates postage paid from Toronto at the rate of four and half pence to the lines at Lewiston, New York, September the 8th, 1840. There was posted marked Lewiston, the paid was crossed out and 18 3/4 cents in manuscript was added to the cover to indicate postage due to travel to Utica, New York, a distance of over 150 miles.

Pat tells us the Bradley's were portrait painters in Utica and are mentioned in several "Who's Who" of painters in early United States. The markings are Toronto, September the 6th, upper Canada, 1840, and Lewiston, September the 8th, N.Y. both in black circles. The Canadian marking of PAID is scratched out and the four and a half pence marking is in dark reddish brown and the 18 3/4 cent manuscript is in blue ink.

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August 7, - This morning at day break we arrived at a pleasant but small village called Bridge-port, about 23 miles from Syracuse. Port Byron, three miles further, and from Port Byron about four miles further is Monazuma (95 miles from Utica), stands at the junction of the canal and leading to Jenivia (Geneva) and at the head of the Monazuma Lake or marshes, as it is called.

It is an extensive piece of water about two miles across, but the marshy parts which surrounded are actually about 10 or 12 miles and there are two wooden bridges which are about two miles long. Here we had to travel about 14 miles from Monazuma to a place called Clyde which stands by the river Clyde. It is a pretty little village with the churches and the glass factories. In the evening we arrived at a small but pleasant village called Rions. The country begins to make quite a different appearance, the soil and the timber are quite different. Here you lose sight of hemlock and become acquainted with the oak, ash, hickory and several kinds of furs and here you begin to see extensive wheat fields, and the land is in a higher state of cultivation.

August 8, - Saturday morning at daybreak when he just passed through Palmira, a place I very much wanted to see as I had heard so much talk about it, but we passed it in the night. About twelve o'clock we passed through a small village called Pittsford, about 17 miles from Rochester. There the land is more cleared and better cultivated than any that I have seen since I have been in America. Here the peach trees begin to make their appearance and are very full of fruit and here we passed under the great western railroad which runs from N. York to Lake Erie. At six o'clock in the evening we arrived in Rochester, where I was informed that the most direct road to Toronto was to go down the Genesee River and cross the lake direct and that it was the cheapest too, so I took my luggage to the Ontario Lake boat office and here I was informed that the boat would not start until Monday evening at seven o'clock so I left my luggage at the office and took a walk around the town and inquired with a Charles Osborn, whom I took supper with and his family. After supper I went with him to see his sister, Mary Willson now, and her husband. Here I was pleasantly received and well treated and here I stayed until Monday afternoon.

August 9, - Sunday - I spent the day walking and seeing what I could see and in the evening I took a walk with Charles Osborn to see Genesee Falls. I saw the place where the noted Sam Patch took his last jump from. They say that when he jumped from it, it was 126 feet, but it does not appear to me to be so much but such places are deceptive to the eye. The water in the river is very low and scenery about the place is not good by any means. It is a mean concern altogether compared to Trenton Falls. There is no fancy work about them. Rochester is a fine place, pleasantly situated and there are many good buildings in it but I have not swarmed to give any more account here so must leave it for the present.

August 10 -

Monday. I left Rochester at two o'clock in the afternoon. Rode three miles along the railroad to Catridge for one shilly, that is the port where the steam boat sails from and where the Genesee becomes navigable. Here I took my passage in the Gare for two dollars and set forth to Toronto at seven o'clock in the evening. The vessel was very heavily laden. There was almost 120 passengers beside 105 sheep on board so we were very much crowded, so much that we could not get any seat in the night at all. At nine o'clock we sailed from the lower landing as it is called, that is where the river empties itself into a lake. At twelve o'clock at night we arrived at Port Hope that is a landing place in the lake about 60 miles from Toronto where we took on some fuel. We stayed there about an hour and then started and arrived at Toronto about two o'clock in the afternoon the 11th day of August. I was recommended by Mr. Willson of Rochester to stop at the Red Lion in the market place, so I stopped there and found the landlord to be a William Wallace, from Yorkshire, a very homely and pleasant .. living in a house which John Wilmont built. . Wilmont died of the Colerut in 1834.. I went to several of the shoe shops, but found business very slack. The first shop that I called at when asking for work he said, "Are you from the States?", I answered "Yes", he says "no". That was the answer with them all so I went back in despair to my lodgings and thought to try again the next day. When I was telling Wallace how I had fared, he said that the shoe makers here do not like men from the states, they do not make their work strong enough and they like old country men better than a Yankee so the next morning I went into first shop I got to and the boss happened to ask me, "are you from the old country?" and I answered, "Yes". He said that he would give me a pair or two if I would come and board with him so the next morning I went to work and to board with him. . been in business about four years, has a wife and one child and they are very pleasant and seem to be very respectful, with good credit in the town and Mr. Wallace said that I could not get a better boss in town. His name is William Hamilton. I think that times are better here than they are in the states, there is not so much complaining at any rate. People are well paid for their labors and provisions are cheap. You can buy good fat bacon, not pork, for 4 pence, half penny per pound. I pay two dollars a week for board but I have nothing to pay shop rent, parts or --...



My expenses of traveling from home to Toronto, passage to Rochester, 237 (dollars, 2.37), Rochester to the Lake, 3 cents, across the Lake, 2 rolls - provisions 150, total expenses - six dollars ...

*Sam. W. Bradley*

### EDITORS NOTE:

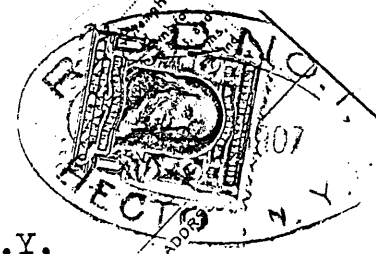
It seems probable that the writer has chosen the canal route from Utica to Rochester instead of going by the canal to Oswego because he knew Mr. Williams in Rochester. Passenger and cargo boats at this time were loading from Oswego and going to Toronto every day as well as from Rochester. It must of been some experience to share the boat ride with 105 sheep for a whole night.

*Direct as follows  
Mr. Wm Hamilton 101  
Kings Street, Toronto M. P. Canadd  
you must excuse this short Letter, for to give  
an account of the Lake and Toronto would  
fill a sheet of paper itself. But it is a beauti-  
full place, and I wish that I had come here at  
first.*

### RFD Cancellations:

Walt La Force shares a new one: R.F.D./APR 20 P.M. 1903/BRIGHTON/N.Y. This is a four bar strike, the numeral in die space is unclear, but could be '16'. (Mr. La Force also sent xwrox of nine star cancels.)

William T. Hart has sent a list of 106 RFDs, eight of these are manuscript! One is a double circle, and one a double oblong. His complete list with early dates follow on pages 8,9,10 and 11. It is planned a complete list with photos to be published, (Oct?)  
Illus. DO, RFD NO. 1/AUG(?) 7,1907/HECTOR,N.Y.



## NAME/DATE

## BARS

## ROUTE

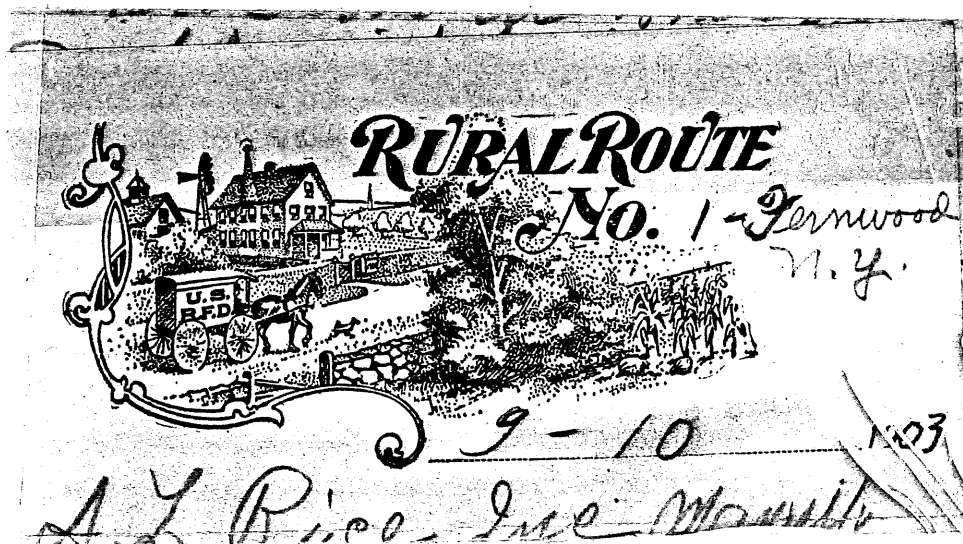
## COLOR

May 26, 1909 p.m.	Alden	4	?	
Nov 17, 1906 p.m.	Alexander	4	18	
Jun 15, 1906 p.m.	Altmar	4	2	
Amsterdam	Dec 9 1901	5	2	
Antwerp	Mar 7, 1907	5	4	
Oct 10, 1906	Ballston Spa	4	1	
Aug 3, 1906 p.m.	Barnaveld	4	?	
Jun 2, 1906 p.m.	Bern(e)	4	?	
Feb 24, 1904 p.m.	Bernhards Bay	4	1	(P)
Oct 20, p.m. 1902	Black Creek	4	1	
Bliss	Aug 30, 1906	5	1	
✓ Bliss	Oct. 14, 1906	CDS	3	
Oct 1, 1906 p.m.	Bluff Point	4	?	
Mar 27, 1906 p.m.	Bolton Landing	4	?	
✓ Boonville (m)	Nov. 4, '08	(m)	--	
Oct. 12, p.m. 1903	Branchport	4		(no space)
Aug 3, p.m. 1905	Bushville	4	?	
Apr 10, 1909 p.m.	Byron	4	?	
May 28, 1903	Cameron Mills	4	1	
May 19, 1904	Camillus	4	2	
Canandaigua	Jun 6, 1904	5	4	
Canastota	Mar 12, 1903	5	1	
May 4, 1906 p.m.	Canton	4	2	(P)
Cassadaga	Jun 14, 1902	5	2	
Castile	Feb 24, 1902	5	1	
Feb 2, p.m. 1907	Clarkson	4	17	(V)
Clifton Springs	Feb 18, 1907	5	?	
May 4 PM 1903	Clymer	4	?3	
Aug 4 PM 1905	Collins Centre	4	1	

NAME/DATE		BARS	ROUTE	COLOR
Aug 25 p.m. 1904	Cuba	4	?	
May 19, 1903	Dansville	5	5	
Darien Center	Dec 1, 1907	4	?	
Nov 19, 1903	Deerfield	4	?	
May 8, 1906	East Bethany	4	?	
East Chatham	Dec 24, 1904	5	?	
✓ Apr 15/11	Fonda (m)		rfd#2	
Forestville	Sep 26 1907	4	9	(V)
Jul 3, 1906	Franklin Springs	4	1	
Gage	Dec 20, 1905	5	1	(P)
? 12, 1907 p.m.	Gainsville	3	1	
✓ Gansevoort (m)	1-22-08		RD#3	
Apr 26, 1906	Gardenville	4	1	(P)
Oct 8 p.m. 1904	Glens Falls	4	?	
✓ Nov 19, 1907	Gouverneur	4 <sup>(wavy lines)</sup>	5	(P)
Jun 19, 1906 p.m.	Greenville	4	?	(G)
Sept 4 p.m. 1903	Greenwich	4	?	
✓ Greenville (m)	12/22/11		RFD2	
Nov 8, 1906	Guilford	4	2	
✓ Hague (m)	Jul 16, 1913		RFD No1	
Harpersville (m)	4/15/11			
✓ ? 7, 1907	Hector	oval	RFD No1	(B)
Highland	May 30, 1901	5	?	
May 2, 1903	Holland Patent	4	1	
? M Feb 14, 1905	Hillsdale	4	1	
May 5 p.m., 1903	Hoosick Falls	4	2	
Irondequoit	Aug 27, 1901	5	1	
✓ Jan 31, 1901	Jamestown	5	2	
Aug 3, 1903	Johnsonville	4	2	

NAME/DATE	BARS	ROUTE	COLOR
Jul 27 p.m. 1903 Kennedy	4	74	
Le Roy Nov 7, 1905	4	?	
Aug 31, 1906 Limerick	4	2	
✓ Aug 3, 1908 Limerick (m)		RFD#1	
Dec 15 p.m., 1902 Madison	4	1	
Oct 28 p.m. 1907 Madrid Springs	4	1	
Manlius Sep 7, 1906	5	1	
Nov 23, 1906 Marlboro	4	1	
Mohawk Sep 8, 1906	5	1	
Oct 22, 1906 Mooers Forks	?	?	
Mar 25, 1910 Mooers Forks	4	2	(P)
Feb 10, 1909 p.m. Morrisonville	4	1	
Jun 17, 1903 Naples	4	6	
Ontario Nov 15, 1905	5	?	
Mar 10, 1906 Oriskany Falls	4	?	
Aug 7, 1907 Orleans Four Corners	4	?	(blank space)
Otego Jul 22, 1903	5	1	(P)
Jul 20 p.m. 1906 Oxford	4	?	
Jul 20, 1907 p.m. Pavillion	4	34	
Aug 24, 190? p.m. Peekskill	4	2	
Penn Yan Jan 24, 1905	5	9	
Plattsburg Jan 26, 1902	5	?	
Porterville Jul 15, 1906	none		
Apr 6, 1903 Poughkeepsie	4	1	
Prattsburg July 16, 1901	5	4	
Ransomville Jan 3, 1906	5	?	
✓ Richmondville (m) Aug 21, 1908		RFD#11	
Nov 21, 1906 Rock Stream	4	?	
May 19 p.m. 1902 Romulus	4	3	

NAME/DATE	BARS	ROUTE	COLOR
Jul 29 x 1905	Sacket Harbor	4	1
Feb 5, p.m. 1906	Sandy Creek	4	?
Feb 26, 1904	Schenectady	4	2
Nov 3, 1906 a.m.	Scottville	4	?
Selkirk	Dec 20, 1909?	5	1 (P)
Jul 23 p.m. 1907	Shortsville	4	?
Silver Springs	Nov 9, 1901	5	1
Aug 3, 1906 p.m.	Spencer	4	1
Jul 1, 1908	Stillwater	4	7
Jan 16, 1907 a.m.	Townline	4	1
Vernon Center	Oct 21, 1907	4	1
Warsaw	Jul 20, 1901	5	1 (P)
Watkins	Apr 13, 1902	5	3
Aug 2, 1907 p.m.	West Camden	4	?
West Chazy	Jul 22, 1904	5	1
Westerlo	Oct 12, 1906	none	No. 1
Nov 12, 1902	West Falls	none	No. 1
Sep 1, 1902 a.m.	West Seneca	4	1
Apr 15, 1904	White Plains	4	3



## The First U. S. Mail Steamer

**T**HE Meriden Britannia Company, of Meriden, Conn., publish a little paper, under the caption, "The Silver Standard, Established in 1847 by Rogers Bros."

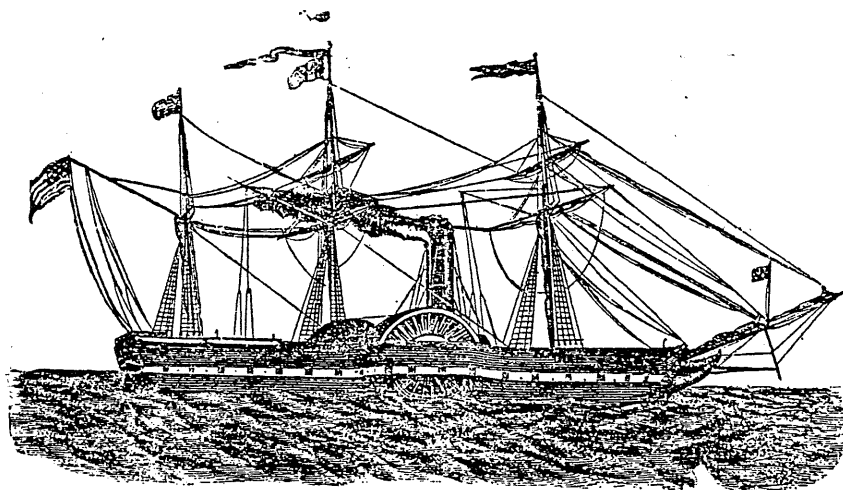
In its typographical form, this publication is a reduced fac-simile of a seven-column newspaper. Editorially, the paper is designed to reflect accurately—in the then prevailing forms of newspaper expression—the news events and political opinions current in the year 1847.

As may be imagined, this makes very interesting reading.

There are numerous entertaining items, all of which would be quoted if space were

tration of the steamer Washington, the first United States mail steamer. Her keel was laid on the 7th of September, 1846, and on the 1st of last June the Washington, of 2,000 tons burden, left New York, carrying the United States mail for Southampton, Havre and Bremen. Major Hobbie, the First Assistant Postmaster-General, was on board to carry out the enlightened views of the Postmaster-general, and as she left the wharf, thousands cheered her on her mission of peace.

Crossing the Atlantic, and with some reason to expect a friendly reception in England, almost before her anchor touched bottom at Southampton, the American Consul



Steamer Washington

available. One of these deals with the initial voyage of the United States mail steamer to England and its reception by the English Postoffice Department. This article in full follows:

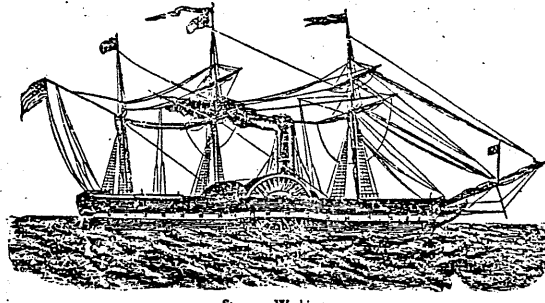
### U. S. STEAMER CARRIES MAIL

FIRST TO BE BUILT IN THIS COUNTRY.

THE WASHINGTON MEETS WITH DISCOURTESY  
UPON ITS ARRIVAL AT SOUTHAMPTON.

Our engraving is a fine and faithful illus-

tration of the steamer Washington, the first United States mail steamer. Her keel was laid on the 7th of September, 1846, and on the 1st of last June the Washington, of 2,000 tons burden, left New York, carrying the United States mail for Southampton, Havre and Bremen. Major Hobbie, the First Assistant Postmaster-General, was on board to carry out the enlightened views of the Postmaster-general, and as she left the wharf, thousands cheered her on her mission of peace. Crossing the Atlantic, and with some reason to expect a friendly reception in England, almost before her anchor touched bottom at Southampton, the American Consul



Steamer Washington

## First U.S. Mail Steamer, cont.

mitted by the Washington, be charged one shilling precisely the same as if carried by the Cunard steamers." The object of this, of course, being, by doubling the postage upon all letters by the American mail, to drive all correspondence into their own line; and, in good keeping with this illiberal spirit, the rumor was general at Southampton that these same Lords of the Treasury intended to start the Cunard steamers, now building, for New York from Southampton, instead of Liverpool, so as effectually to run off the American line!

And these friendly demonstrations were in return for the courtesy of our government, in receiving and distributing all letters by the Cunard line free of all charge or claim of any kind, for carrying their mails across our territory in sealed boxes, taking their own account of the contents, and waiving the usual charge of six cents upon all foreign letters, and in all other post-office matters showing them the extreme of liberality and courtesy.

A foreign writer pays the following just tribute to American mechanical skill:

"The American Mail Steamer Washington, the noble pioneer of a new line, arrived at Southampton on Tuesday, the 16th inst., in less than fourteen days from New York. For a first voyage, and new machinery, this may certainly be considered a triumph to American enterprise, skill and talent, and but for the ridiculous expectations formed on her being able to cross the Atlantic in eight or nine days on her first trip, this voyage would have been considered a remarkable one. The passengers complained of the length of the voyage, but if a daring, reckless commander had driven this noble vessel forward merely for the sake of gaining a few hours' time and had thereby endangered the lives of all on board, then complaints would not have been out of place.

"The great experience and skill of Captain Hewitt, together with his new steamer, were sufficient to induce a very large number of passengers to embark on board one of the finest specimens of naval architecture that ever floated on any ocean. That a new bolt

or a new rod should not fulfil its duty in the engine-room for the first time on a long and severe trial, is not to be wondered at, that the machinery worked so admirably during the whole voyage, reflects the highest credit on the head that planned and the hand that formed such an intricate, elaborate and wonderful work of art."

The Daily News, in describing the Washington's arrival at Southampton, says that "as soon as she made her appearance the bells of the Southampton churches sent forth a merry peal in honor of the event. The townspeople were quite elated, and rushed to the pier in vast crowds to look at this magnificent American steamer."

Not many years ago, the celebrated philosopher, Dr. Lardner, is said to have asserted that the Atlantic ocean could never be successfully navigated by steam. The Dr. disclaimed this report. But, be that as it may, it only shows how even learned science may be deceived. In 1818 the American steamer Savannah crossed the Atlantic from Savannah to Liverpool. This was the first time this ocean was crossed by steam.

In 1839 the British steamer Sinus (recently lost) arrived in New York. This was a novelty. But in the same year the gigantic steamer Great Western made her appearance as a regular packet. Immense crowds of persons went to see her in the docks, and while all were astonished and filled with admiration at her huge, though graceful proportions, many shook their heads and said they would give her a few weeks to run, and she'd go to the bottom. This beautiful vessel has, however, been remarkably successful, having made regular and profitable trips ever since. The next great steamship was the British Queen. Then came the President, a gallant ship, which was mysteriously lost. The next was the enormous iron steamship, Great Britain, a mammoth vessel with six masts. The Boston and New York lines of steam packets have produced a wonderful change in travel. We can now keep a constant communication with the Old World.

Town Postmarks on Stampless Covers

Hand Struck Circles of Oswego, N.Y.

These examples complete the known postmarks of major types, (the first five major types are shown on page 15 of the February Bulletin).

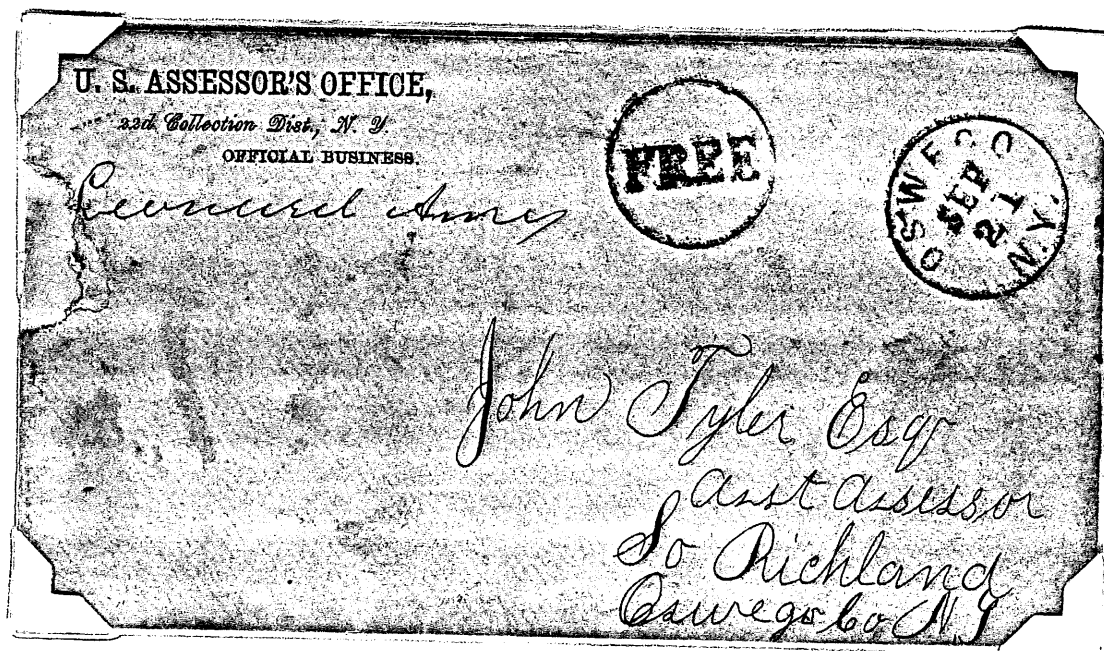
Types VI and VII are of a different usage in that the markings were generally used on covers bearing adhesives. Stamps were unnecessary on letters to Canada and prepayment of postage not required in 1860.

Type VII in a sense is not usually thought of as a STAMPLESS cover, and better described as an official free franked cover.

The supplemental markings were also used on prestamped covers and are good examples of the transition to the adhesive period.



Type VI



Type VII

Comments and inquiries should be sent to Nick Todaro, P.O. Box number 225, Oswego, New York 13126.



AUCTION ACTION

Our Feb. Auction was well received considering that it was a first effort. I hope interest will increase as more members participate. HOWEVER, the big problem is still lack of material! I have enough for this sale, BUT--unless sufficient reasonably good lots are forthcoming by May 1st., this will be our last auction!

## Prices realized

1. \$ 9.25	13. \$ 1.75	25. \$ 4.-	37. \$ 10.25
2. 8.-	14. 1.25	26. passed	38. 3.-
3. 8.-	15. 1.-	27. 6.50	39. 4.75
4. 4.-	16. 3.75	28. 6.-	40. 1.25
5. }	17. 1.25	29. 2.75	41. 2.50
6. } 78.-	18. 5.-	30. passed	42. 2.25
7. }	19. 11.25	31. "	43. 2.-
8. }	20. passed	32. "	44. 11.-
9. 6.50	21. 4.25	33. 2.50	45. 2.50
10. 5.50	22. 4.-	34. 1.-	46. passed
11. 3.-	23. 1.-	35. 10.-	
12. 3.75	24. 7.50	36. passed	

A brief analysis of bids shows the better material brought by far the majority of bids.---A word to the wise!

Send your bids and lots to: George Bernadt  
1470 Wyoming Ave.  
DEADLINE for BIDS-4/19/80 Schenectady, N.Y. 12308

## SALE #10

- | Lot # | Description  |
|-------|--|
| 1.    | RARE** ALBANY LETTER EXPRESS cover with special Local stamp tied by Albany Letter Express strike. Also has Sc.#1305 tied by date-3/24/70. On reverse is "Recieved" HS. This local delivery service lasted just 2 days and was permitted by P.O. Regs.  |
| 2.    | 3 PORT OF ALBANY dedication coverseach with a differant color cachet, franked with Wash. Bi- Cenntennial stamps tied by Albany Air Mail Field strikes.   |
| 3.    | 3 Albany Air Meet covers with blue or black cachets & franked with #C11---all are properly backstamped.  |
| 4.    | 1st FLIGHT Covers(2)--Montreal-Albany with CANADA #C1 & blue Canada cachet.-2nd N.Y.-Montreal flight, same day- with #C11 & purple U.S. cachet. Both backstamped. Slightly aged appear.  |
| 5.    | V. unusual illustrated cover bearing across face a picture of the steamboat "St. Lawrance" in a light bistre color. Also has C.C. of THOUSAND ISLAND STEAMBOAT CO.Ltd., Clayton, NY & is clearly Post Marked CLAYTON/SEP10 9 PM 1892/N.Y..Has 2¢ red of 1890. The left side of cover has 3/4 inch cut away in opening thus reducing slightly the CC. Still a nice 19th Cent. St. Lawrance River Cover. |
| 6.    | CROSSBORDER cover with pr. of #94(1 creased at corner) with CDS of BRITISH HOLLOW, WIS. on slightly soiled ENV with faint Canadian backstamp.  |
| 7.    | Similar to above but with DCDS of EAU CLAIRE, WIS.   |

8. Similar to above but with CDS of LANCASTER, WIS.
9.     "     "     "     "     "     2 #65s(1 st. edge)-CDS-WEYAUWEGA, WIS.
10.     "     "     "     "     "     pr. #94 & CDS-MATTOON, ILL.
11.     "     "     "     "     "     #94s & CDS of SYRACUSE, N.Y.
12. 2 FLSs with orange CDS- ANGELICA/DATE/N.Y. (1838) with msc 183/4 .  
rates--F-VF-- *ONE is slightly over-size.*
13. 2 somewhat aged yellow official type, ENVs. 1 has #94(st. edge)  
with ALBANY CDS & printed-"TO THE ASSESSOR/TOWN of(msc NEWCOMB)/  
msc ESSEX& printed CO./N.Y.--2nd-#65 with printed CC-FROM SEC-  
RETARY OF STATE/ALBANY,N.Y. but with CDS of ELIZABETHTOWN,N.Y.-  
Also has partially printed address "TO THE SUPERVISORS of the  
TOWN of/ mscNEWCOMB/ msc ESSEX CO/N.Y.--No contehts.
14. CDS-SOUTH EDMESTON/JAN11/N.Y. & 3¢ B.N.(st. edge) tied by overlap-  
ping neat GEOMETRIC killers-has cont. OTSEGO CO. item.
15. RICHFIELD SPRINGS/OCT11/N.Y.-CDS on neat ENV with #147 & clear  
S.O.N. GEOMETRIC(Shield with rays??) OTSEGO CO.
16. 3 neat ENVs with 2¢ & 3¢ B.N.s & clear small town CDSs- OSWEGO  
CENTRE; FRIENDSHIP; & PEMBROKE, N.Y. 1 has fancy emb."S" cc. *DP6(2)*
17. #65 with bold 4 pointed star-in-circle of NYC on small F, ENV.
18. Clear, violet DCDS-ORWELL/MAY23/N.Y.& unusual violet 6 bar killer  
on 3¢ #184.
19. ILION,N.Y.- 3 covers with 3¢ B.N.s-2 have blue cork killers & 3rd  
has black cork killer with negative triangle in center.
20. Clear purple DCDS-PIEREPONT MANOR/DEC13 1883/N.Y. & STAR tying 2¢  
B.N. to clean blue ENV.-JEFFERSON CO.
21. \*RAYMERTOWN\*/MAY27/N.Y.--blue, light CDS ties 2¢ B.N. to neat ENV  
docketed *1884* RENSSELEAR CO.
22. Neat, multi-colored 1888 simulated ENV & stamp. ADV. CARD for  
PEARLINE SOAP--nice.
23. Circular rate-NYC- with fancy"unrolled poster" type cc,promising  
"CANCER CURED/without knife or pain,by/ Prof. J.M. Comins,M.D./  
345 Lexington Ave. NY" has 1¢ B.N. tied by NYC oval grid with  
19 in center on slightly aged ENV.
24. OLD WESTBURY\*/JUN6 1870/\* N.M.in v. lightly struck blue 31x24mm  
DODS with pen-can. 3¢ B.N. on slightly soiled ENV.-QUEENS CO.
25. R.F.D./JUL 20 1905 P.M./PEEKSKILL on view card of Cranstons Hotel  
on HUDSON River.(Apparantly HS was badly bent since *last* 2 lines  
of strike are at an angle to 1st 2 lines)
26. R.F.D./DEC22 1906 P.M./ALEXANDER/N.Y. on lovely Xmas card-ties #300
27. MCGRAWVILLE/N.Y./DEC 19/D.A. JONES, P.M. & STAR killer on F 2¢ 1884  
Entire add. to Col. Daniel S. Lamont, EXECUTIVE MANSION, Wash.DC.
28. Striking overall Illustrated ENV of P.K. PEDRICK & CO- with picture

- 28.(cont'd)--of large industrial plant etc, etc.ALBANY.N.Y. & in upper right corner "After 10 days /Return To"& hand pointing to the illustration. Has ALBANY CDS tying 2¢ B.N. Similar to cover recently on exhibit at Albany Institute Of History & Art. VF.
29. Large fancy CC of LIFE & RESERVE/ASSOCIATION--etc. of Buffalo. Has Buffalo CDS & oval bar killer containing 2, tying 2¢ gr. BN
30. Bright yellow ENV with large ADV. of K. DEHNHOFF **PIANOS** & MUSIC, etc. 2¢ red type **III** tied by NYC flag can. with 3 in stripes. v.nice.
31. "WHAT'S THE USE OF BEING MAD?" in 17mm high fancy letters in deep purple across bottom of neat ENV with Palmer Music Publishing CC in same color with 2¢ red ty. **III** tied by NYC CDS--V. pretty Cov..
32. #65 killed by NYC 6 bar can. on somewhat soiled ENV with "BRITISH NATION LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION" <sup>united</sup> with /BRITISH **COMMERCIAL LIFE** INSURANCE Co/65 Wall St. NYC--across entire top of env. in 1/4 inch type---Contents on letterhead of same firm. Early for this.
33. Clear, embossed oval CC of FOX, HOWLAND & CO, etc. TROY, NY--on #U35 Entire with DCDS of TROY, N.Y.
34. OTSEGO CO.--31mm CDS-SOUTH VALLEY/SEP29/N.Y. tying a #65 stamp to a small slightly aged ENV. A nice clear strike.
35. RICHMOND CO.--26mm CDS-SOUTH SIDE/JAN13/N.Y. & target killer tying a # 65 stamp to a neat white ENV.
36. 1804-Or.-red 26 1/2mm CDS-NEW YORK/SEP5 (a clear strike of NYC's first circular TM.) also has msc 12 over-written by 51(cont. were triple not single as NYC post office tried to charge. VF, clean FLS.
37. ONTARIO CO.-red 24mm DLDCDS-GENEVA/MAR9/N.Y., light but legible strike with msc 183/4 & HS PAID(slanted, neg. letters)VF 1827 FLS.
38. ONEIDA CO.-Bold, red 25mm CDS-CLINTON/DEC3/NY & msc 12 1/2 (1831) F, neat FLS--Contains long personal letter.
39. Early TELEPHONE CO. cov. (1913)-Has CC showing picture of factory of CENTURY TEL. CONSTR. CO.-BUFFALO with CDS of BUFFALO on slightly aged & stained ENV addr. to STOVER TEL CO. (typewritten).
40. N.Y. CENTRAL R.P.O.--29mm CDS-LYONS & WILLIAMSPORT/OCT4 1907 Tr6/ R.P.O.(almost complete)-ties #300 to view card picturing YMCA at Geneva, NY-- Card has slightly worn appearance. **Retails \$7.50**
41. #65 tied by 30mm CDS-WEST DRESDEN/OCT17/N.Y..YATES CO. D.P.O.
42. UX6--2¢ UPU PC--Unused with slight discoloration at left & hinge remnants on reverse. Still a nice item. Retails for \$9.00..
43. UX18-1¢ McKinley PC--Unused- somewhat shopworn. Retails for \$2.75
44. UXC3-5¢ Mint Air Mail PC--VF & clean-- Retails \$3.75..
45. D.P.O.-clear FARMER VILLAGE- CDS on U166 Entire-slightly aged but VF. Has CC of Banking House & contents with same letterhead(1875)
46. D.P.O.-HORNELLSVILLE CDS on 2¢ Br. BN-ENV slightly foxed-has CC in fancy box-of McCONNELL & CO, HORNELLSVILLE. Dealer lists \$2.w/o CC.

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47. HEMLOCK LAKE- D.P.O.(LIVINGSTON CO) with pair #212. Also tied by ROCHESTER CDS as orig. addr. Xed out & returned to Hem. Lk. (1889)
48. Beautiful ADV. cov.-Jerome B. Rice Co.- BI-COLORED picture of Dutch farmer hefting huge cabbage. Incl. letter has  $\frac{1}{4}$  page view of Co. buildings. ENV has CAMBRIDGE, NY CDS 1897--a VF item.. Own E.\$5.
49. LOCKPORT/JAN 11/N.Y.(with fleurons) in or.-red 32x25mm DODS & HS PAID on over-sized FLS. Also has ~~asc~~-3 oz. 3.00--has 1 in. closed tear at top & usual ffs. V. high, scarce rate multiple. O. E.\$10.
50.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  margin #11 tied to FRONT with clear 30mm CDS-PIERMONT/AUG23/N.Y.

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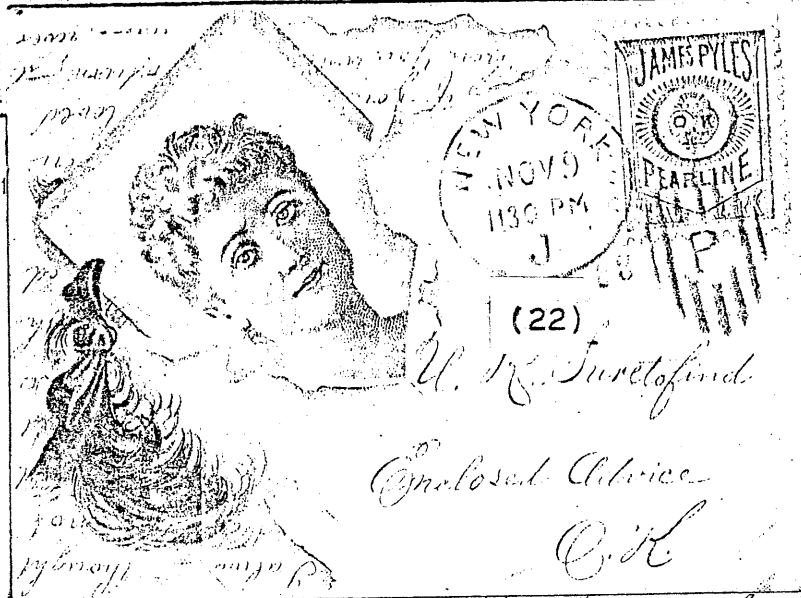


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PALME



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U. R. Sureford

Enclosed Advice

C.R.

W. Marchessault

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"WHAT'S THE USE OF BEING MAD?"



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IF NOT CALLED FOR IN TEN DAYS RETURN TO  
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Hornellsville, N. Y.

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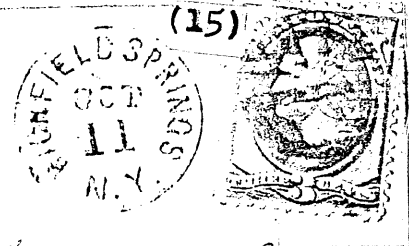
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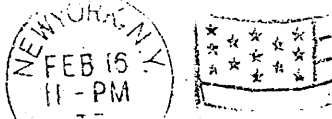


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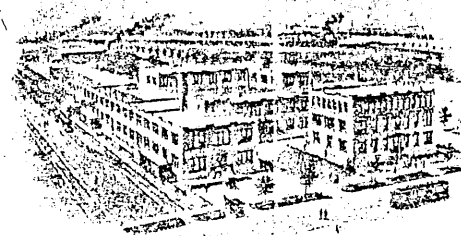
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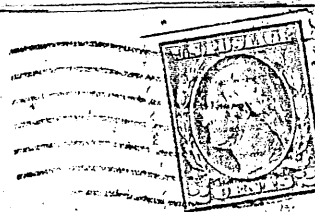
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GENERAL OFFICE AND FACTORY, BUFFALO, N. Y.

In 5 days return to

CENTURY TELEPHONE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY



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 British Commercial Life Insurance Co.

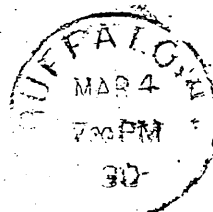
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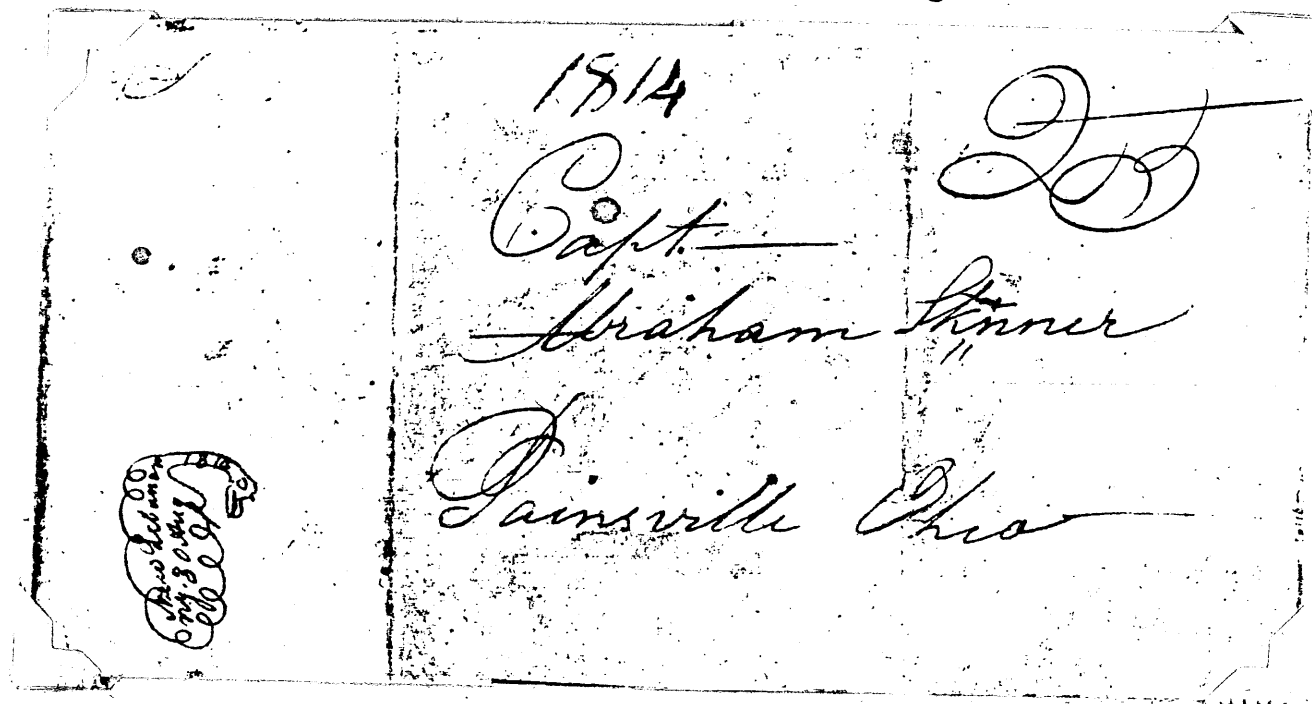
A Most Unusual Manuscript Cancel

by Charles I. Ball\*

For many years the Ohio Postal History Society has placed emphasis on manuscript cancellations. In the course of this activity, thousands of manuscript covers have also been seen from other states, particularly from the Eastern United States. Once in a great while, a manuscript cancel is seen that is unusual or unique in some manner. At the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio, I recently saw a manuscript cancel of truly unusual design.

The letter, of political content, was written by William Avery and datelined New Lebanon, N.Y. (Columbia County), August 26, 1814. The cover was addressed to Painesville (Painesville), Ohio with a manuscript rate marking of 25 cents. The manuscript cancellation on the back reads "New Lebanon/N.Y. 30 Aug" in a small looped oval frame with the year date "1814" in a sort of tail. When this is turned upside down relative to the writing, the frame becomes a swan or some other kind of long-necked bird. Certainly a most unusual style of manuscript marking.

Has anyone seen a cancel like this, or can anyone shed any light on the significance of the pictorial design?



(Photo courtesy of Western Reserve Historical Soc., Cleveland, Ohio.)

\* Mr. Ball is president of the Ohio Postal History Soc. and was very kind to share the amazing manuscript cover with us. They too, are involved in a manuscript postmark project. His address is 4085 West 214th St. Fairview Park, Ohio 44126. The information wanted is Post Office, date, rate and other supplementary information available.

Last Minutes

Member address changes just received :

Bunkhoff, Mrs. Chris, now P.O.Box 12069, Albany, N.Y. 12212

Shafer, Dr. William, now 25 W. Boscawen St., Winchester, Va. 22601

Wyckoff, Edith Hay, Box 468 Bird Hill Road, Locust Valley,  
N.Y. 11560. (now collects Long Island covers.)

Baker, Carl F. now 140 Lewis Road, Northport, N.Y. 11768



Star cancels submitted held over, G. Wiley, D. Sanderson, etc.

(This Bul. will probably be over two ounces, caused by short  
deadline and I'm not perfect, am I ?)



Editor's Observations:  
Nick Todaro

Have you noticed the logos  
used by many other societies?  
Would it not be worthy to con-  
sider a logo for ESPHS ?

Much interest is indicated by  
members to research various types of cancels and to share  
the findings. Some members have volunteered projects as did  
Chester Wilcox and Henry Chalanda, to name just two. It takes  
a smaller sacrifice of time for the rest of us to help out by  
sending in the information desired. Then too, I for one feel  
as soon as I send in my dope, I'll find another one or two  
but don't delay, send Henry your manuscripts today.

New books have been recently published and others will  
appear shortly on postal markings and fancy cancels. One of  
our members has suggested a listing of NYS fancy cancels;  
perhaps this could be limited to cancels that are unlisted.

The ESPHS is a possession of each and everyone of us.  
As such we are all responsible to take part in all areas as  
we may be able to. Putting out this Bulletin is a time con-  
suming necessity and I wish to state here that Emma Koberg  
has helped right along, she prepared six pages for the Feb-  
ruary issue and she alone is responsible for pages one through  
two in this issue. The Bulletin is here for you and by you,  
for the edification of all of us. By the way, Emma also supplied  
the address labels. Yes, every little operation takes time.

Auction item # 36 illustrates the first circular town  
postmark of NYC. Since these are not generally shown and  
known drawings are scattered about, it might be of interest  
to publish some first known circle town marks in each issue.  
Of course credit will be given to each contributor.

Your comments are sought as to what you want to see  
in the Bulletin, tell me about it at Karatts on 4/13 or 5/4/80.  
Nick Todaro

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A space filler: I was surprised to find in Vol XII of Appelton's Encyclopedia of 1887 on page 686 that a formal petition for the government to issue stamped paper especially destined to serve as envelopes for letters was made in 1823. The idea was that of a Swedish artillery officer, Lt. Frekenbar. Formally proposed as a convenience to the public and the Post Office, it was rejected by the majority of the Chamber of Nobles.

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