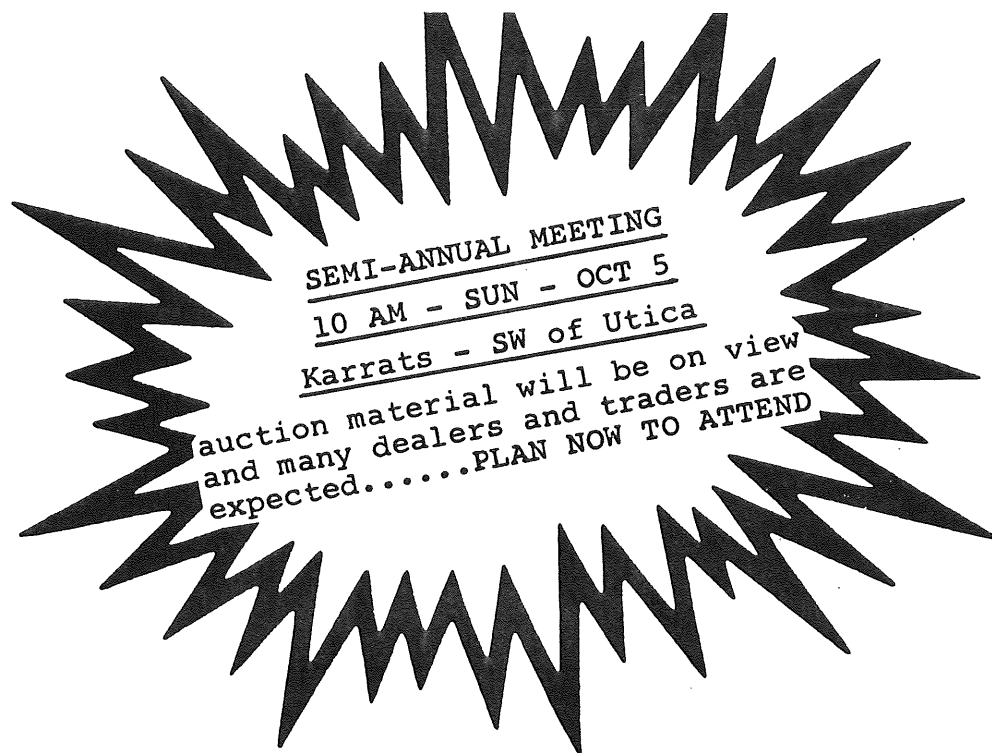


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CONTEMPORARY POSTAL HISTORY

by William F Rapp

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To many students of philately the term postal history is considered to be a study of stampless covers, the early stamps of Thurn and Taxis, or the replating of the early 19th century Queen Victoria stamps. True, all of this is a segment of the discipline known as postal history. However, in many respects contemporary postal history is one of the least studied areas in the discipline.

First, we should give our definition of what we mean by contemporary postal history. We believe that contemporary postal history may be simply defined as a study of what is going on in the postal services of today. Unfortunately, this is a very broad definition. However, it is necessary to have a very broad definition if we are to be able to cover all the current phases of the postal systems as they operate in the second half of the 20th century. There are many facets of contemporary postal history and it is doubtful if any one person can be an expert in every facet.

For example, the study of the development of new printing processes that are being used in the production of stamps is a very highly specialized area and one in which only a very few postal historians are interested. Yet, every serious student of philately will agree that within the past ten years there have been more changes & improvements in the printing of stamps than occurred in the first 100 years of postal stamp printing. On the other hand, there are other phases of contemporary postal history, which are far less complex, but of equal importance.

The study of modern day cancellations is for a large part a neglected area of postal history. Many postal historians say that there are only one or two types of cancels being used in the modern day post office. To a degree this statement is true, and one sees on today's mail mainly machine cancels or occasionally the standard four-bar rubber stamp cancel which is used by the majority of third and fourth class post offices. However, if one carefully examines the present day cancel situation, he will find that the average post office has a number of cancels which it can and does use in its normal daily operation.

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**PRESIDENT'S**

**MESSAGE**

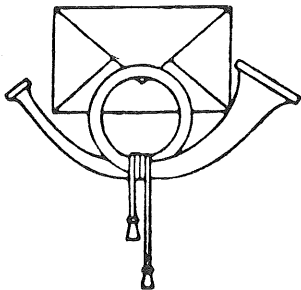


Plan to attend the October 5, 1980 meeting! Lets have a big attendance.

Thanks goes to all those members who have been supporting the auctions. A special thanks goes to George Bernadt who has worked hard to make them so successful. Keep bidding. Keep submitting material.

Thanks to Bill Hart for his message saying that the article on RFD's in the August Bulletin was a very nice summary. Why don't more members send the Editor comments??? Pro or con, they are all welcome. It is only by knowing what the members like and want that a useful and informative Bulletin can be published. Lets have more notes from members expressing their opinions. It only takes a few minutes of your time and means so much.

Am looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting.



We are sorry to report that JOE ROMANELLI has had a heart attack. We certainly hope that by the time you read this he will be much better. We all wish you a speedy recovery Joel

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We welcome to membership Messrs Brad Arch, Henry Bordwell, Joe Pal and Ronald Traino whose applications were published in the August Bulletin.

We regret to announce the resignations of William B Robinson and Robert M Shaw, whose collecting interests have changed to the extent that membership in the Society is not of any value.

The following changes of address should be noted:

Arthur Fitzpatrick, South Harbor Road  
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George M Gill, Box 861  
Dennis, MA 02638

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

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References: None required: APS #113528

Interests: NY State, esp Oneida County

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Brooklyn, NY 11209

B Dettmer, 83 Celeste Dr, Brooklyn 11229

Interests: New York City & Brooklyn

SCHRIER, EUGENE E  
3117 Cortland Drive, Box 393  
Vestal, NY 13850

References: None required: APS # 98511

Interests: 19th Cent fancy cancels,  
both on and off cover, Early Binghamton,  
NY covers.

Members whose dues are delinquent at  
this time will not receive the October  
Bulletin. They will be dropped from  
membership in November and their names  
published in December.

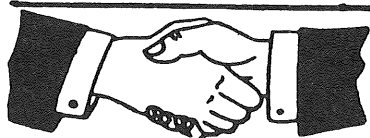


Now let me see...the stamp shows you "just  
can't miss" cover my birthday, your birth-  
day, our anniversary and Valentines Day.  
Sure you don't want to try for Christmas too!!!

PLEASE HELP

We need your help. After reading the  
various articles that we publish each  
issue, your help in correcting errors,  
adding more information, etc, etc, is  
urgently wanted and needed to add to our  
store of information to pass on to the  
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thing on what has been written up, please  
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our society address. Thank you...your  
help will help us all.

**LET'S GET ACQUAINTED**



How well do you know these members of our Society? Here is a little information about them you may not know. Continuing in the next issues we will have information on some more of our members for you.

**GEORGE J BERNADT**

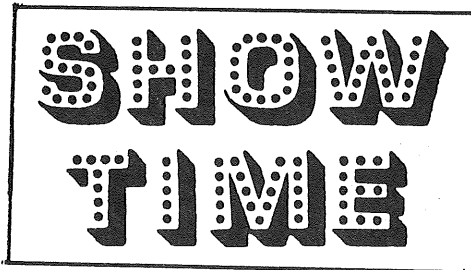
George lives in Schenectady but was born in Utica, over 60 years ago. He and his wife Loleta (Lee) have 4 children & 7 grandchildren. He graduated from Union college in '39, has been in the Insurance business most of his life, but is now retired. George is our auction manager & catalog co-ordinator and is both a past vice president & president. He's been collecting since 1933 and has narrowed his interests to NY State postal history, US 1851-61 on cover, and Canada. Now that George is retired he only is in the Fort Orange & Schenectady stamp clubs, the Durant Air Mail Society, APS, Vermont PS, Europa study group, & US Classics Soc.

**CHARLES L EDWARDS**

Charles lives right were he was born over 60 years ago in New Berlin. He and his wife Inga have two children and two grandchildren. He is a graduate of New Berlin High and West Point Prep. During World War II he was in the Air Corps B-24 heavy bombardment in the Pacific theatre. Charles has been with the Preferred Mutual Ins Co in New Berlin for 43 years and is now executive VP & Secy. He's been collecting stamps since he was 12 years old & postal history for 4 years. He's also interested in US plus revenues & Scandanavia in addition to the ph of Chenango & Otsego Counties. He is also a member of APS, ARA & SCC.

**DAVID W PROSSER**

Dave was born in Hackensack, New Jersey but now lives in Watertown. He's 41, and he and his wife Elizabeth have two children - Catherine (18) and Donald (14). Dave is a civil engineer with a BS from Worcester Polytecnic Institute and & MS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He works for the NYS dept of Environmental Conservation as an air pollution control engineer in the Watertown office. Dave has been a director and is now our Librarian. He's been collecting since 1950 and collects US, Canada, & flag cancels. He is an APS member and is a very active worker in the Flag Cancel Society.



If you have information of suitable shows please contact the editor for inclusion in future columns. Considerable lead time is necessary for publication...particularly if members are to have the opportunity to exhibit. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

**ELMIRA STAMP SHOW** Oct 25

details at a later date

**CINCOPEX** Oct 25-26 **SHERRILL**

at CAC Club house. This show is sponsored by five combined stamp clubs; Chenango Valley of Hamilton; Community of Oneida-Sherrill; Copper City of Rome; Tri-County of Sidney and Utica Stamp Club. An all out effort is being made to get New York State Postal History exhibits in this show. The ESPHS awards will be given. Write to Don Connelly for application blanks. His address is 68 Glenwood Av, RD #1, Oneida, NY 13421.

**FOPEX 81** Apr 10-12, 1981 **ALBANY**

to be held again at the Empire State Plaza. Prospectus will be available soon for a #10 SASE sent to: FOPEX 81, PO Box 5102, Albany, NY 12205. Plan to exhibit at this show...more details will be available in the next Bulletin.



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AGATHERIN' STOCKS, IN ADDITION TO PHILATELIC PERIODICALS AND HANDBOOKS, NON-PHILATELIC MATERIALS ABOUT THE US POSTAL SERVICE. HERE IS A LIST OF SOME BOOK TITLES THAT WE ALMOST ALWAYS HAVE ON HAND, WITH A PRICE RANGE REFLECTING CONDITION AND EDITION. ALL COPIES WILL BE TEXTUALLY COMPLETE, BUT THE LOWER PRICED EXAMPLES OF THE 19TH CENTURY BOOKS MAY HAVE SUBSTANTIAL DEFECTS IN BINDING. WE WILL BE GLAD TO SHIP AND BILL FOR THE TITLES YOU WANT; BUT PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU PREFER OR REQUIRE A PARTICULAR CONDITION OR EDITION.

Ten Years Among the Mail Bags or Notes from the Diary of a Special Agent of the Post Office Department. J. Holbrook. editions 1855/1888 \$25/40  
*Besides detailing the exploits of Holbrook, this also contains 'capsule biographies' of the PMG and supplementary material on post office laws and practice. The 1888 edition omits a section on laws and another on 'improved mail case'.*

Guarding the Mails or the Secret Service of the Post Office Department. Being a record of Mail Robberies and their Detection. P.H. Woodward. editions 1876/1886 \$20/35  
 1971 reprint, new \$35  
*The 1971 Reprint was taken from one of the later editions re-entitled "The Secret Service of the Post Office Department" with an additional 17 page chapter on the Star Route Frauds and a reworked conclusion.*

The Story of Our Post Office. Marshall Cushing. Boston, 1893 1034 pp. \$25/40  
*A proud book, heavy with illustration and anecdote of "The Greatest Government Department in all its Phases".*

United States Postal Policy. Clyde Kelly. 321 pp. with index. editions 1931/1935 \$10/15  
*The philosophy of the postal service in its evolution. Contains a day-by-day calendar of postal progress. "June 8, 1872 - Post Office Establishment first recognized as a department in Act of Congress."*

Mailman USA. William C. Doherty. 308 pp. with index. NY 1960 \$10/15  
*The letter carrier and the postal service and labour legislation.*

The United States Postal Service. Gerald Cullinan. editions 1968/1973 \$10/15  
*This is a volume in the Praeger Library of U.S. Government Departments and Agencies. The dustjacket of the 1973 edition (completely revised from the 1968 edition) calls it: "a lively account of the history, politics, and operations of the American postal establishment."*

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Postal Laws and Regulations:	1879	434 pp	\$35/55
	1887	597	35/50
	1893	526	30/45
	1902	772	30/45
	1913	816	25/35

*During this period, these are the only complete compilations of the postal laws and regulations published.*

Street Directory of the Principal Cities of the United States embracing Letter-Carrier Offices Established to April, 1908. Wash., 1908. 904 pp \$15/30  
*Useful for determining the city and state of destination from an incomplete address.*

\*WE ALSO HAVE POSTAL GUIDES, REPORTS OF THE POSTMASTERS GENERAL, OFFICIAL REGISTERS AND MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS.

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All first, second, and many third class post offices have some type of machine cancelling devices. These may vary from the highly complex electronic machine located in the large mail terminals down to the simple hand operated cancelling machines found in many third class post offices. We need to know the name of the manufacturer and the type or model of the machine that is used to produce these cancels.

The small hand operated cancelling machines which are found in many third class post offices are of interest. Many of these machines are 35 to 50 years old, and were originally in larger post offices, but were replaced by motor driven cancelling machines as mail volume increased. Oftentimes the postmaster or the clerks in a third class post office can tell you where their cancelling devices came from. How many different makes and types or models of hand operated cancelling machines which are still in operation are not known. It behooves the student of postal history to carefully examine this field and to carefully record the situation as it exists today. The present trend of the postal service is to cancel all mail at regional centers and thus do away with cancelling equipment in the smaller post offices.

At the present time, third and fourth class post offices are still allowed to cancel all of their mail. The vast majority of fourth class post offices use the four-bar rubber stamp cancel with black ink. However, there are a surprising number of exceptions. The Postal Manual says that only black ink shall be used to cancel mail; yet, there are Postmasters who consistently use red or purple ink to cancel their mail.

We have used the term standard four-bar cancel; yet, a study of the four-bar cancel leads us to ask the question, what is a standard four-bar cancel? At the present time there are in use a number of different styles of four-bar cancels. The principal difference appears to be in the diameter of the circle. In some cases there is some variation in the length of the bars. It is known that the post office department contracts with a number of different rubber stamp manufacturing companies for the four-bar cancels and this may account for the different styles. Again, very little has been published on the four-bar cancel.

At least one post office is using a double-circle 4 bar cancel. In the past a number of post offices used this type, but today only Fort Thompson is using the double circle 4-bar.

All post offices have a double circle universal type rubber stamp cancel. These are seldom used for cancelling mail and their principal use is on money order and registry receipts. If one examines the double circle cancel, he will find several types of wording used. Some will give only the name of the post office and the

letters, M.O.B. (Money Order Bureau); still others, the word Registry. In all cases the month, day and year are within the inner circle. In many stations and branches of the large post offices the double circle cancel identifies the specific location at which the transaction took place. Our knowledge of the various types of double-circle cancels and where they are being used is extremely limited.

Many post offices today have what we term a straight line or two line cancel. This cancel gives the name of the town, the abbreviation for the state and sometimes the ZIP code. There is a large amount of variation in a straight line cancel which is used principally on parcel post. This is a comparatively new type of cancelling device and published information about it is scarce.

Although steel cancelling devices are becoming rare and few, if any, are being manufactured, there are a surprising number still in use. Most steel cancelling devices being used today are old; yet, when properly applied will give a good clean cancel. Many clerks do not like to use steel cancels, as it is a trick to apply a good, clean cancel. Many branches and stations of large post offices still have steel cancels which identify that particular branch or station. A good example exists in Lincoln, Nebraska, where the State House Station has a steel cancel which is used on mail, mailed at the State House Post Office for delivery in the State House.

At any given time the post offices use a number of different printed forms to carry out their operations. The type and design of the forms represent a part of postal history; yet, very few students of postal history collect the various forms used by the Post Office. For example, about 15 years ago the patron was required to fill out a money order application. These small white forms were printed by the millions and were available by the handful in any post office; yet, how many students of postal history have one of these forms in their collection?

The recording of data about post office buildings and their location is almost totally forgotten. When a community becomes 100 years old, somebody usually decides to write a community history and at that time somebody is assigned the task of determining the location of the post office. Oftentimes, information on post office locations within a specific community is limited to the memory of old-timers and few if any photographic records are available. A good collection of photographs of the post offices in your area will be of good historical value to future generations of historians.

In summary, I would like to say that contemporary postal history is the gathering & the recording of present day postal operating practise. The recording of this data will make the work of the future generations of postal historians easier and more accurate.



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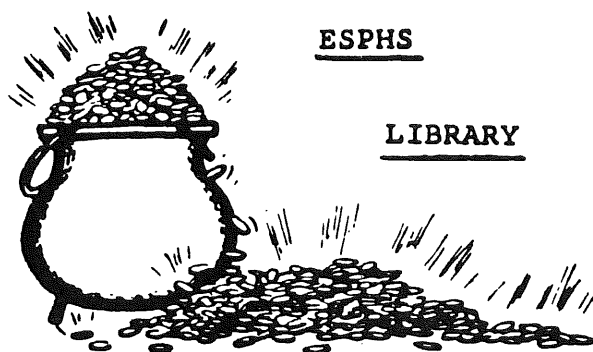
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POPULAR PUBLICATION

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"Federal Post Offices of New York State - Alphabetical List" is now available thru the courtesy of Nick Todaro.

This popular 69 page booklet in 5½" x 8½" pocket size lists all past and present New York State Post Offices. Discontinued offices are marked. Listing in thru March 1, 1973. Lee S DeGraff was the original editor.

Cost per copy is \$4.00 each for non-members and \$3.00 each for members. Postage and shipping, 50¢ additional each. Limit of two copies per person. Send your order to ESPHS, PO Box 8684 Academy Sta, Albany, NY 12208.

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May 1938 AIRMAIL WEEK covers, all States, \$1.00 each, many from small towns & only time to have air mail service. Bill Seifert, 4 Russel Road, West Albany, NY 12205

WANTED - USS Albany & Dayliner SS Albany covers & view cards. Write first with price & description: Jack Haefeli, P O Box 106, Delmar, NY 12054



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## EARLY POST OFFICES of the GENESEE COUNTRY

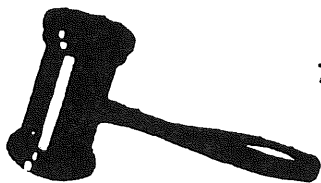
Dr. Levi Ward, a native of Connecticut, emigrated with his family to the Genesee Country in 1807. He was responsible for the establishment of many of the early post offices in the region. The following is a quotation from Turner's "History of the Phelps and Gorman's Purchase."

There were no mail routes or post offices north of the main Buffalo road until 1812. In that year, Dr. Ward interceded with the then P. M. General, Gideon Kanger, and obtained from him authority to transport a weekly mail from Caladonia, via Riga, Murray, Parma, Northampton, to Charlotte, at the mouth of the Genesee River. His compensation was the net proceeds of letter and newspaper postages collected on the route. It was provided in the contract that the P.M.G. would appoint deputy postmasters, in any location the contractors should designate, which were seven miles distant from each other. The plan was put in successful operation. Routes were extended by Dr. Ward, upon the same terms, along on Ridge Road to Oak Orchard Creek; from Clarkson corners through Sweden, to Bergen; from Bergen to Batavia. This system continued until 1820, supplying the early convenience of mail facilities to a wide sparsely populated region, when it was superseded by the ordinary contract system. Pretty liberal time was allowed, corresponding with the condition of primitive roads. It was stipulated that the mail should "leave Caladonia every Monday at 8 A.M. and arrive at Charlotte on Tuesday by 4 P. M."



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6	15.50	26	5.50	46	4.00
7	11.50	27	8.00	47	2.75
8	4.00	28	15.00	48	5.00
9	2.50	29	19.50	49	7.00
10	3.50	30	10.50	50	7.50
11	7.00	31	9.00	51	3.00
12	18.50	32	7.00	52	2.25
13	4.75	33	16.50	53	3.00
14	9.00	34	6.00	54	2.25
15	6.00	35	16.00	55	2.25
16	6.50	36	5.50	56	N.B.
17	4.00	37	4.50	57	N.B.
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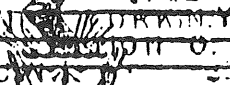

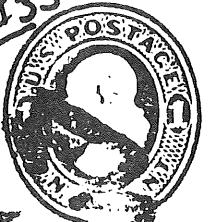
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- 2 ADV cov-STRIKING multi-colored ENV-overall ADV of THE FOSTER MUNGER CO-minor wear- (ILL)

- 3 OVERALL gray-striped ENV with fancy belted cc of ADAMS EXPRESS CO/59/ BROADWAY/NEW YORK-3¢ BN tied by N.Y.C. CDS & negative "M" (for MISSENT?) plus HS MISSENT-Slightly reduced at left in opening. (ILL)
- 4 ADV cov-lg Illus of OSCAR FROMMEL & BRO/FRUITS & PRODUCE warehouse at W. WASH. MKT. N.Y.C.--N.Y.C. CDS with letter C at bottom & again in oval bar-red killer ties 1894-98 2¢ red---NICE ITEM - (ILL)
- 5 V early OVERALL ILLUS ENV of JOHN TAYLOR & SONS/ALBANY BREWERS, etc-including waterfront scene. 32m ALBANY CDS ties SE #65-Cont printed circular dated 1862 giving new NATIONAL (WAR?) TAX as reason for \$1 price increase. v v unusual cover (ILL)
- 6 2 ALBANY ADV covs-1st has lg illus of CHARLES L BLAKESLEE Lumber Yard-VF ENV with 2¢ red of 1894-98 tied by ALBANY CDS--2nd F entire with blue & white ADV of BROWN PATENT PROCESS & cc of ALBANY rep MCKINLAY & CO - (ILL)
- 7 3 N.Y.C. ENVs-1st has Illus of HOTEL MARLBOROUGH BLDG at 36th & 37th sts-Av 2¢ 1894-98 red tied by MACH CANC to ENV with ragged right side-2nd blue ENV with Illus of & cc of MERCANTILE LIBRARY at ASTOR PL with #219 tied by mach canc-3rd has cc of ELLINGHAUSON & CO etc with 2¢ or BN tied by N.Y.C. "E" oval killer.
- 8 STRAIGHT LINE - 17x14 m C. VALLEY/ msc Oct 22/N.Y. Red strike is light but legable on Av 1825 FLS-has SEVERE ff reinforced with SCOTCH TAPE-OTSEGO Co item. (ILL) Own Est \$75.
- 9 LITTLE FALLS NY/Oct 25 (MDD at bottom) Red 30 m NOR CDS & HS FREE on F slightly aged 1828 FLS. Own est \$15.
- 10 WILLIAMSBURG/JUL 24/N.Y. in light 30m CDS with HS PAID 5 on VF (small stain at top) 1849 FLS. O.E \$20.
- 11 2 FLSs-UTICA/date/N.Y.-in red 31 x 23½ m DODS (1843 & 1845)- 1 has HS PAID in scroll, both with msc ¢- F(ffs)
- 12 Bold, red MANLIUS/FEB 9/N.Y. & matching HS PAID & msc 6 on F(ff) 1837 FLS. ONON CO O.E. \$15.
- 13 (RICHMOND) with msc red ink PAID 18+ & free-all scratched out & black ink 55 substituted-Cont datelined RICHMOND, ONTARIO CO 23rd April 1817 & docketted Mark Smith Septr 23, 1817-ALSO-instructs "direct to me in town of Richmond"-Had cont money hence triple rate. F(ff) FLS

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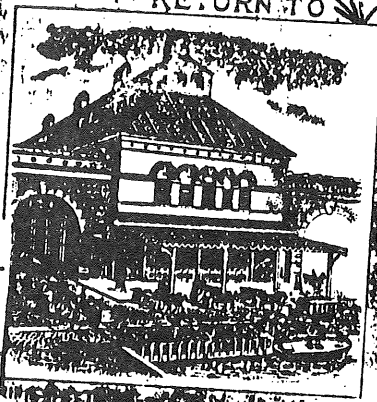
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- 16 Red SARATOGA/FEB 16/SPRINGS in 25m split CDS with msc Free M Beach/PM/ Sara Sp on F 1834 FLS. O.E. \$45.
- 17 3 STAMPLESS COVs-Blue 30m ITHICA/JAN 11/N.Y. CDS with HS PAID & msc 5 on F 1846 FLS-SEVERE FF--2nd 30m RICHVILLE/AUG 11/N.Y. CDS (several letters missing) with HS PAID/3 in circle on F ENV docketed 1855-no cont-3rd light red 30m CDS SENACA-FALLS/JUL/N.Y. & HS PAID 5-has some penciled docketing on face-1848 & FLS. O.E. \$12.
- 18 21x7m red SHIP with 31m red NEW LONDON/MAR 12/CT. & msc 8 (6+2¢) on Av 1838 FLS datelined SAG HARBOR
- 19 MSC-TRENTON NY Dec 6th & 6 on VF-FLS datelined Oldenbarnveld Dec 6, 1817-Long personal letter-ONEIDA CO Own est \$20.
- 20 MSC-WURTSBORO N Y/Jan 10 & 10- VF 1839 FLS has long personal letter SULLIVAN CO. O.E. \$15.
- 21 PATRIOTIC-Beautiful multi colored flags-eagle etc across entire upper 2/3 of somewhat aged CIVIL WAR PAT. #65 tied by msc BAYVIEW, N.Y./ Sept 1-has S.E. & small 2x5m piece torn off top of stamp-A striking & scarce RICHMOND CO item. (ILL)
- 22 #65 tied by Cork killer to VF ENV with TROY, N.Y. CDS & double circle HS CC of STARBUCK BROTHERS/Jan 31/1867/ TROY N.Y. - 22m - unusual
- 23 #65 tied to VF neat, yellow ENV-Has DCDS-TROY/JUN 12/N.Y. & double lined rectangular CC FIELD & CO/COLLAR MANUF/TROY, N.Y. Nice
- 24 F #65 on neat VF ENV with CDS ROUSES POINT/FEB 10?N.Y.-Cont datelined 2/9/1862. Long personal letter.
- 25 Pen cancelled #65 on VF ENV with msc HOPEWELL CENTRE NY/JAN 6 - ONT CO item. O.E. \$12.
- 26 Lt MOUNTLEBANON/OCT 27 1870/N.Y. in 27½x23 m blue DODS with pen canc 3¢ BN & 2nd CDS (transit mk?) of NEW LEBANON NY all on face of slightly tatty yellow ENV
- 27 #68 (corner perfs ribbed & 1m nick at left edge) on ENV with SHARON/Mar 25/MS CDS addr to NAPA CITY, CALIF. (ILL)
- 28 SCARCE-23½m CDS NEW YORK CITY/DEC 14 drop letter-carrier CDS ties above Av #73 BLACK JACK to slightly aged ENV with small closed tear on side away from stamp & strike. Cont datelined 12/14/1863 (Carrier charges were dropped 6/30/63 & drop letter rate made 2¢ with compulsory pre-payment. This is v early PROPER use of this stamp & mkg for which same were designed. v.v. unusual.
- 29 LOVELY purple 32m SHELTER ISLAND HEIGHTS/SEP 1886/N.Y. with lg matching STAR killer tying 2¢ Br BN to VF+ ENV (ILL)
- 30 UX7 with bold STAR-within-a-STAR killer & NEW WOODSTOCK/JUN 29/N.Y. CDS & ITHACA rec CDS-VF (ILL)
- 31 Clear magenta DLDCDS MOUNTAINDALE/JUL 15 1881/NEW YORK & STAR-in-circle tying #184 BN to VF ENV (ILL)
- 31A Lovely, clear red EDEN VALLEY/ Dec 2 1880/N.Y. with matching NEG STAR in solid circle within another circle tying 3¢ gr BN to repaired orange ENV (part of front missing & repaired with 25x72 m piece cut from reverse) still attractive (ILL)
- 32 UX7 with lg bold STAR killer & CDS WEBSTER/MAR 13 1883/N.Y. F-(ILL)
- 33 Lg 26m hollow MALTESE CRDSS killer (N.Y.C.-says owner) on VF, clean ENTIRE (U113) NO tmk & addr "City" Never sealed so probably a circu(ILL)
- 34 32m DLDCDS-LODI/JAN 24 1885/SENECA CO, N.Y. & STAR-in-circle killer on VF # UX7-Also has CDS of WILLARD NY with ½ of MALTESE CROSS killer-usual (ILL)
- 35 UX5-BOLD magenta DCDS OVID/SENECA CO/OCT 28 1879/\*N.Y.\*-Horiz ff o/w VF(ILL)
- 36 Lt but legible magenta 32m DCDS-PALERMO, OSWEGO CO/JUN 30 1878/N.Y. on slightly aged ENV with 3¢ gr BN(ILL)
- 37 BINOCULAR type N.Y.C. rec mk(on face) NEW YORK/12-5 3-/REC'D-in 1st circle & LATE ARRIVAL/MAIL/DETENTION in 2nd circle & 84 between 2 circles. (RR mkg?) ALSO CDS ITHICA/Dec 4 6:30pm/N.Y.and lg barred oval killer with "1" in center-VF
- 38 BOSTON & ALB/JUN 26/R.P.O. & v lg "W" killer on VF UX9 datelined 1888
- 39 EAST PATCHOQUE/NOV 3 1889/N.Y. in DLDCDS on VF ENV with boxed rect MISSENT tying 2¢ gr BN-3 rec mks on reverse-NICE
- 40 3 items-all VICTORY/FEB 11/N.Y. in 33m DLDS with 3¢ gr BN tied by segmented cork killer-2 are ladies ENV with embossed initial CC-all VF



- 41 2 COVS-1st with 3¢ gr BN killed by lg CROSS (crossroad?) NOT TIED-has CAMBRIDGE, N.Y. CDS-2nd-poor 2¢ columbian tied by RACEVILLE, N.Y. CDS-F to VF ENVs- O.E. \$15.
- 42 MSC-WEST BURLINGTON/JAN 1st/1874 on VF ENV with pen canc 3¢ gr BN-some docketing at left NICE-unusual OTSEGO CO item
- 43 2 strikes of WATER MILL, N.Y. CDS (slightly blurred) on VF or ENV with GRILLED #136-v unusual & hard to find on cov.
- 44 2 BROOME CO items-clear purple DCDS CHENANGO FORKS/MAY 7 1879/N.Y. on F ENV with 3¢ gr BN & somewhat soiled UX7 with sm cr & tr with CDS KILLAWOG/FEB 2/N.Y. datelined 1886
- 45 Incredible piece of ETHNIC HIST-CDS-NEW YORK, N.Y./MAR 10 4:30pm & 90¢ mach canc on 2¢ gr BN with CC of the HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK-Cont 6 printed forms with fancy HOLLAND SOCIETY letterheads etc + mint return addr ENV to Sec'ty of same-different
- 46 5 miniature ENVs (no longer legal) 1900-1911-smallest 2 15/16 x 1½ inches-largest 4 x 2½ in-all F-VF NOVEL
- 47 BUTTERNUT GROVE/OCT 9/NY CDS on F slightly aged amber ENTIRE #U278 with CC B P BUCKLEY & SON-Cont invoice with fancy LETTERHEAD of same (DEL CO item) Own est \$7.
- 47A FLYCREEK/JUL 30 12m 1896/N.Y. CDS with 2¢ red of 1894-98 tied by segmented cork killer. F, slightly soiled ENV
- 48 SHELTER ISLAND HEIGHTS/NOV 1 1898/N.Y. - on VF Regis ENV with (2) 4¢ browns (diff shades) & glued on cut out of U278-all tied making proper 10¢ rate ALSO, has lg GREEN BKSP-REG etc PORT TOWNSEND, WASH (ILL)
- 49 Regis Cov-#U312 or #U319 ENTIRE with 8¢ #225 & LAMBSBURGH Va CDS (1896) plus lg purple SL REG/RICH.VA on reverse.
- 50 Vert pr 5¢ chocolate 1894-95 issue on F, somewhat soiled ENV with GARDEAU/DEC 18 1897/PA CDS & SL Registered on reverse.
- 51 NEW YORK/7AM MAR 9/CITY DELIVERY-CDS on F UX5 card with int example of cross-hatch writing on message side. Own est \$7.50
- 52 KEUKA COLLEGE/APR 27/N.Y. as rec CDS on VF UX10 card from Baltimore-dated 1894. V scarce PO in existence only 10 yrs (College cov) O.E.\$7.50
- 53 V UNUSUAL PH item-Censored ENV has AURORA/DEC 4/N.Y. cds tying #899(2) & #901 3 days before US entered WWII. ALSO has HIGHGATE/9:30 am 3 JAN 1942/N.6 (London branch office) NOTE 30 day transit-long delay caused by war-time conditions & US changed status-Has "OPENED BY/EXAMINER 4984" seal
- 54 20 view & greeting cards mostly NY State including small POS-some dup-mostly used & mostly pre-1919
- 55 Similar to above
- 56 FDC of #644 (Burgoyne) uncached & unaddressed CDS-ALBANY/AUG 3 1:30pm 1927/N.Y. Cat \$15.+
- 57 3 ALBANY 1st flight covs-1)THIS LETTER /CARRIED BY AIRPLANE/FROM ALBANY/ TO NEW YORK CITY in 63x20m rect. Has ALBANY CDS dated Feb 10, 1928-Reverse is RETURN use with STATEN ISLAND CDS & Feb 1 (1928) same day! Both sides FRANKED with #644-SCARCE 2)Pictorial cachet with 1st AFTERNOON-NIGHT FLIGHT /CAM #20 May 1, 1929-ALBANY CDS- 3) KNICKERBOCKER PRESS pictorial cachet for 5th Anniv of Air Mail in Albany-June 1, 1933-3 nice ALBANY items
- 58 10 Covs-1940-All with CCs of well known stamp dealers with a broad variety of stamps franking same-1 is CANADA & 1 is Great Britain. G-VF
- 59 3 Covs-1922-46-all with CCs of St Dirs-1 has SE#pr#548 & SE #338 & 334 (env poor)-2nd has pr oc #647 ENV F. 3rd has #938-F
- 60 RARE PHIL LIT - Excerpts from THE SPUD PAPERS-pgs 23&24 + 37&38 - Contains write up of forgeries & 2 actual copies of forged stamps-vis DENMARK 2RBs blue of 1851 & MEXICO 25 cent red issue of 1872 - These are the original pgs.
- 61 Similar to above but pgs 49-52 with examples of FIJI & SIERRA LEONE forgeries.
- 62 Similar to above but pgs 39-40 & 147-148 with samples of DECCA 1 Anna oblong BOLIVIA 100 cent orange of 1868 & reproduction of 1st Stamp Newspaper pub in US - #1 of the STAMP COLLECTORS RECORD pub at ALBANY NY 12/15/1864.

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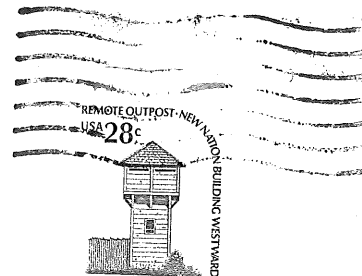
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