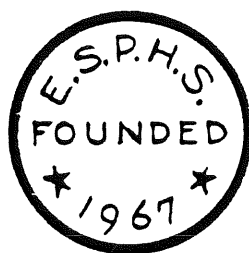


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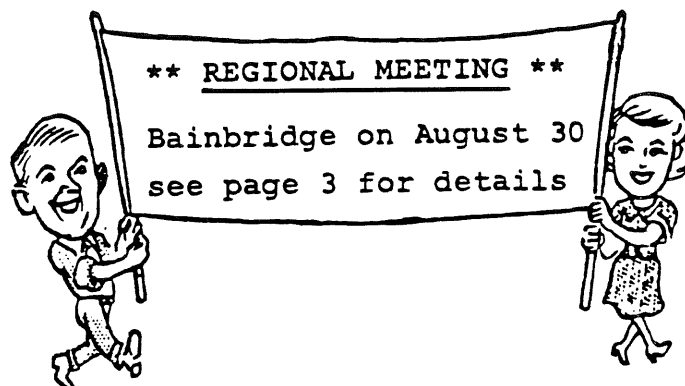
EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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FAST MAIL, 1875-1917



An experiment in mail transportation called "FAST MAIL" was begun early in the morning of September 16, 1875, when a mail train moved out of Grand Central Station in New York City. The New York Central & Hudson River, The Lake Shore & Southern Michigan railroads cooperated with the Post Office Department in placing especially constructed trains on the New York to Chicago run. The first train carried 43 pouches of letters, 663 sacks of newspapers and periodicals - a total of 33 tons, to be handled, worked, and distributed intransit. The trip of 900 miles was made in 26 hours. Stops were made at large cities and the letter car was provided with a mail catcher. This device snatched mail pouches from posts at wayside stations where stops were not made. The experiment was considered a success but was discontinued July 22, 1876 because Congress ordered a 10% reduction in the amount paid the railroads for carrying the mails. So the railroads refused to give the extra service.



After a public outcry and a ruling by the Postmaster General that letter mail should be carried between important points "within the same time required to convey passengers between the same points over the speediest means of transportation"; the Fast Mail trains were returned to service in 1881 by the New York Central - Lake Shore.

The cars were white with cream tinted borders- gilt ornamented. Midway on the outside was a large gilt oval within which was the name of the car. Above the name was UNITED STATES and below POST OFFICE. Cars were named for the Governors of the state. Along the upper edge center was FAST MAIL TRAIN; at upper edge right, New York Central; at upper edge left, Lake Shore. The letter car was 50 feet in length; the other cars 60 feet. The car next to the engine was always the letter car, followed by express and baggage cars; then a passenger coach. Each car was divided into three sections.

At 4 PM each afternoon, the mail train backed down the New York Central tracks opposite 45th Street in New York and so placed that they were convenient to the big mail wagons. A crew of 19 men, skilled in handling mail and experts in the geography of the country waited to receive mail from the wagons. Mail was sorted and segregated according to the geograph-

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PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE



With this issue of the "Bulletin" are Proposed changes to our Constitution. These have been reviewed by the Executive Board and have received their unanimous approval. I urge you to show your interest in the Society by casting your vote. Ballot is with this "Bulletin". I wish to extend my thanks to Tony Zahm who gave of his time and expertise to review the proposals and offer many helpful suggestions.

Cliff Tuttle has organized a Regional Meeting to be held August 30th at Bainbridge. Read details in this issue of the "Bulletin". Cliff has done a great deal of hard work toward making this meeting a success. A good attendance will show the Society's appreciation.

I hate to be repetitive but once more must request articles for the "Bulletin". Please submit an article to the Editor.

Emma Koberg
President.

Emma

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PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES : CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

At a meeting of the Executive Board held April 5, 1981, certain amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were discussed pro and con. The Board then agreed to present these amendments to the membership after taking the necessary steps.

Our Constitution provides that amendments may be adopted "at any regular or special meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership casting ballots, provided notice shall have been given to all members in good standing at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. The membership shall have the privilege of casting ballots for such amendments by mail."

THIS THEREFORE IS SUCH NOTICE. The date on which the meeting will take place is Oct. 4 1981 . Members unable to attend this meeting will please vote on the enclosed ballot, returning it to: BALLOT COMMITTEE, ESPHS, PO BOX 8684, ACADEMY STA. ALBANY, N.Y. 12208.

Seal your envelope and do not enclose anything else inside but ballot. Sealed envelopes will be taken to the meeting and there publicly opened and cast as instructed, to be tallied with the votes of those present.

THE AMENDMENTS:

CONSTITUTION

Article 4, Section 2 now reads:

The President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected every two (2) years in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws. The President, however, shall not succeed himself in office; a two-year period from the date of the expiration of his term must elapse before he shall again be eligible for such office.

It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 2 by striking out all language of the second sentence beginning "The President, however....."

PURPOSE: To remove the restriction limiting a President to one term of office. It is needed to eliminate "holdover presidents" due to lack of nominations.

BY-LAWS

Article 4, Section 4 now reads:

The newly elected officers shall assume their office June 1.

It is proposed to strike this out completely and replace with:

The newly elected officers shall assume their offices as of the date of their election.

PURPOSE: To remove the time lapse which is inefficient. The present method creates a lame-duck set of officers who do not have the opportunity to turn over the operation of the Society's business to the new officers from the May election until the Fall meeting, often in October.

BY-LAWS

Article 4, Sect. 5 now reads:

Five (5) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

It is proposed to amend this sentence by inserting "voting" so that it will read "Five (5) voting members of the Executive Board, etc.."

PURPOSE: To clarify the original intent of this section which was that five members of the Board in addition to the President or Vice-President (non-voting) would constitute a quorum.

Article 6, Sect. 4 now reads:

The Treasurer (Secretary-Treasurer) shall receive all moneys paid to the organization and shall keep such moneys (beyond a petty cash fund not to exceed \$10.00) in a bank under the name of the Empire State Postal History Society. He shall pay all bills that exceed \$5.00 by check. Payment of all bills and other proper obligations in excess of the sum of \$50.00 must be approved by the Finance Committee before payment. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all moneys received and paid out and such record shall be available to the Executive Board at any time. He shall render a written report at the annual meeting of all financial transactions of this organization, the same to be audited by a committee of not less than two members of the Society appointed by the President for that purpose.

It is proposed to amend this section by striking out all of that sentence beginning "Payment of all bills and proper obligations....." and ending "...before payment." In its place would be substituted:

Payment of all bills and other proper obligations of the Society in excess of \$25.00 above the amount specified in the approved budget must be authorized by the Finance Committee.

Article 6, Sect. 4a now reads:

The Finance Committee of this organization shall consist of the President, Treasurer and one other member of the Executive Board who shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The Finance Committee shall have the authority to pass on any expenditures in excess of the sum of \$50.00 and shall be responsible for the fiscal policies of the Society.

It is proposed to amend this section by striking out all that language beginning "The Finance Committee shall have..... etc." and substitute in its place:

BY-LAWS

The Finance Committee shall prepare a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year and present same to the Executive Board at its meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting of the Society. Upon adoption, the proposed budget and any amendments thereto shall become the approved budget for the coming fiscal year. The Finance Committee will evaluate all matters referred to it by the Treasurer.

PURPOSE: The amendments to Sections 4 and 4a will place responsibility for fiscal policy of the Society with the Executive Board. The annual budget submitted by the finance committee; the review and approval by the Executive Board, with its adoption and later presentation to the membership would set the upper limit of expenditure for and project or committee. Only when and if the amount would exceed the approved budget amount by \$25.00 would the Treasurer refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

Please tear off the ballot below and mail as directed on or before September 15, 1981. Members planning to attend the meeting have the privilege of casting their ballots at that meeting.

Albany, N.Y.
July 31, 1981

Kenneth R. de Lisle
Secretary-Treasurer.

Tear off here and mail completed ballot to: BALLOT COMMITTEE
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Please cast my ballot as follows at the meeting:

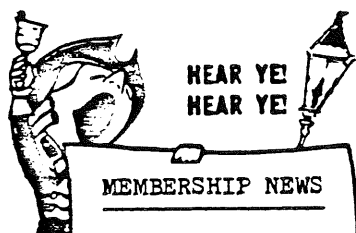
AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: Article 4, Sect. 2	YES.....	NO.....
AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS: Article 4, Sect. 4	YES.....	NO.....
Article 4, Sect. 5	YES.....	NO.....
Article 6, Sect. 4	YES.....	NO.....
Article 6, Sect. 4a	YES.....	NO.....

The Executive Board of the Empire State Postal History Society urges an affirmative vote on all amendments.

Please do not place any other communication in the envelope with this ballot.

DATED.....

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Signed.



We welcome to membership Messrs. Govern, Carroll and Flanagan, whose credentials were published in our June issue.

Applications have been received from:

MARCHANT, DAVID C.B.
165 Aurora Drive,
Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14215

References: Donald W. LeBarron, Cheektowaga, N.Y. and Lynn Butts, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Interests: Covers and cancellations - flags, slogans, DPOs, NY State hand and machine cancels.

A. HARRY SHARBAUGH,
7 Madison Circle, Greenfield, MA 01301

References: None required (APS #071478)

Interests: Troy, NY; Schenectady, NY; and associated counties. Augusta, Ga. Hawaii.

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FLASH ! SUMMER DISTRICT MEETING

AUG 30

10 AM till ??

Leaving all the snow and bad weather traveling behind the ESPHS is holding a summer district meeting. This time in the Southern Tier area of the state. The place: General Clinton Conoe Regatta Park Pavilion at Bainbridge, N.Y. Just one mile east of Bainbridge on route 7. Lots of room for parking. Plenty of restaurants nearby including the House of Four Seasons (five minutes walk away). The Midway Diner is located at the junction of route 7 and 8 and is about one mile away. Also there is a McDonalds at Sidney right on route 8. Coffee and doughnuts available at the pavilion.

Some of our larger suppliers of trading material have promised to be there. Bring your duplicates and do some real swapping.

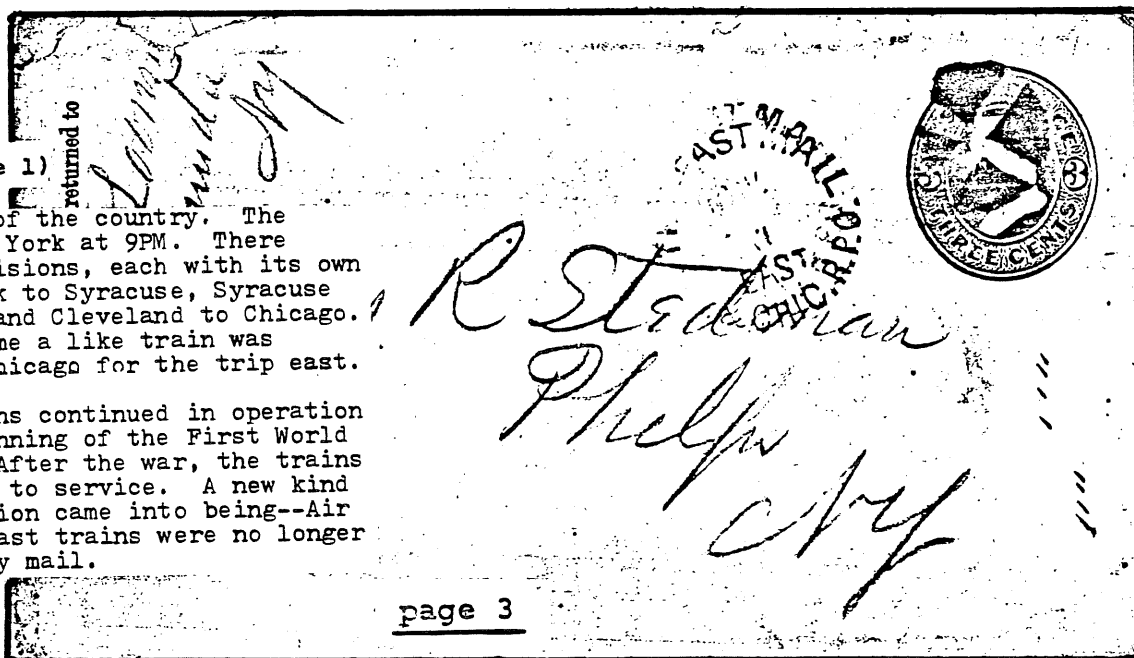
For more information contact Harry Taber or Cliff Tuttle.

The publications committee has a small supply of "Excelsiors" printed over the past 10 years. These pamphlets contain various articles on New York Postal History. Will send to anyone desiring same for \$1.00 postage. Contact Wm Seifert Jr, 4 Russell Rd, West Albany, NY 12205

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ical sections of the country. The train left New York at 9PM. There were Three divisions, each with its own crews; New York to Syracuse, Syracuse to Cleveland, and Cleveland to Chicago. At the same time a like train was assembled at Chicago for the trip east.

Fast Mail trains continued in operation until the beginning of the First World War in 1917. After the war, the trains never returned to service. A new kind of transportation came into being--Air Mail and the Fast trains were no longer needed to carry mail.



PORTRAIT OF A POST OFFICE

(1) VAN VECHTEN, N.Y.

by George Bernadt

The vast majority of early US post offices were named for geo-political subdivisions such as towns, villages, hamlets, etc. The stories behind the naming of many which did not follow this pattern can be fascinating and, very occasionally, romantic. Such a post office was Van Vechten, N.Y.

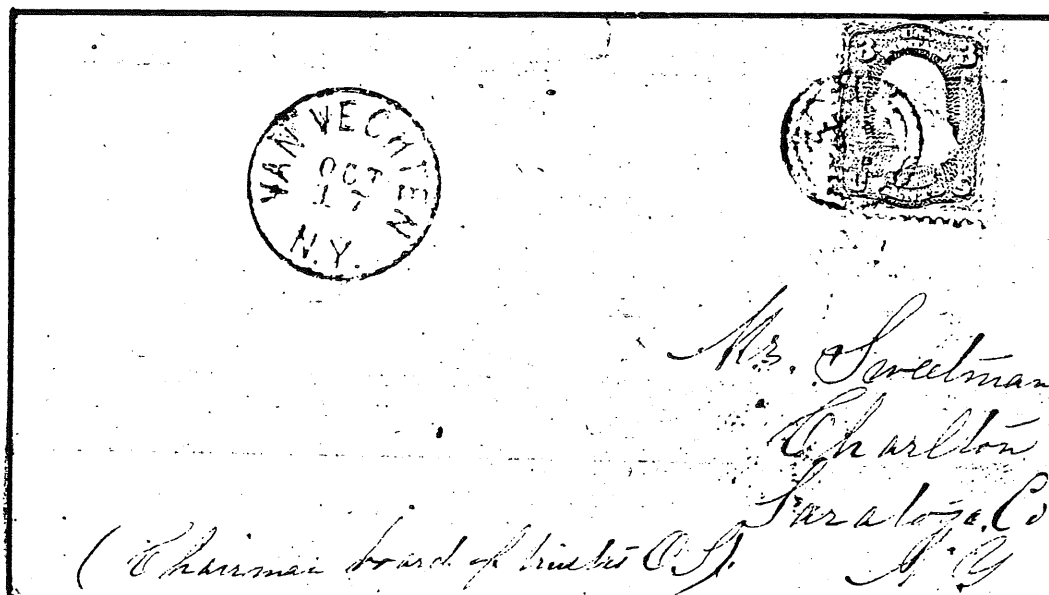
Located near the western extremity of Schenectady County in New York State on the southern shore of the Mohawk River, this P.O. was established on Feb 2, 1866. It lasted, per se, for less than eight years...so much for the longevity of romantic inclination, especially when the principals lived half a continent away.

In late 1865, a young Congressman from the even younger State of Wisconsin, married a girl from the "Flatts" of the Mohawk. She was a member of a prominent family, descendants of some of the early Dutch settlers of the Hudson-Mohawk area. The family name was Van Vechten.

Searching for a unique and impressive gift for his lovely bride, Donalson persuaded Congress (with whom the power for accomplishing such things still lay) to establish a post office adjacent to some of the Van Vechten holdings at the terminus of a popular ferry crossing the Mohawk. This despite the fact that a long established P.O. already existed at the northern end of the crossing only a few hundred feet away. Naturally, since that was the object of the exercise, the new P.O. was named Van Vechten, N.Y. (one can only wonder if Donalson was being more subtle and trying to impress his establishment in-laws who may well have looked askance at the rustic Johnny-come-lately from the Western Wilderness. Ah-but why be cynical?

Because of its proximity to a popular river ferry and, also, to an excellent landing on the heavily traveled Erie Canal, the area surrounding the new P.O. rapidly grew into a thriving hamlet. This hamlet also became known as Van Vechten. Thus we have a reversal of the usual order, the hamlet being named for the P.O. instead of vice versa.

On December 12, 1873, Van Vechten P.O., as such, ceased to exist. This was largely due to the efforts of one man, Seely Patterson, its first Post Master----But that's another story.....



Cover with the very rare Van Vechten, N.Y. strike from the authors collection

TRADING POST

NOTICE - Your board of directors has authorized the Bulletin to run for any member a free 25 word ad in the Trading Post. This is only for "wanted" "trade" etc. No "for sale" ads allowed. Each member is allowed one free ad a year. You may, of course, run any type ad or additional ads upon paying the regular one dollar fee.

WANTED: Saratoga County, NY Stampless covers, particularly Ballston and Charlton ovals. No Saratoga Springs except very early or unusual usage. Phone 518-882-6373 or write. John A Lange, Jr, Root Rd, RD #2, Ballston Spa, NY 12020 (3)

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4.	12.50	24.	6.00	44.	4.50	64.	8.00
5.	N.B.	25.	7.50	45.	22.00	65.	2.25
6.	10.50	26.	8.00	46.	14.00	66.	2.50
7.	6.00	27.	3.25	47.	7.00	67.	7.00
8.	9.00	28.	4.25	48.	7.00	68.	6.00
9.	7.00	29.	8.50	49.	1.00	69.	6.00
10.	9.00	30.	1.25	50.	1.00	70.	7.00
11.	6.00	31.	6.50	51.	8.50	71.	3.50
12.	3.75	32.	9.00	52.	22.00	71.	6.00
13.	7.00	33.	6.00	53.	3.75	73.	2.50
14.	11.50	34.	5.00	54.	4.50	74.	10.50
15.	4.00	35.	5.50	55.	1.25	75.	14.00
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19.	1.00	39.	4.25	59.	4.00	79.	13.00
20.	8.50	40.	17.50	60.	5.00	80.	6.50

MAIL BIDS EARLY - Deadline for bids on sale #18 is AUGUST 28, 1981

SALE #18

- 1 2 items-both OVALS-blue 30x22mm ODS-BUFFALO/D/ N.Y. (sans-serif letters) & ms 10 on somewhat aged 1848 FLS--2nd-Red 32x19mm ODS-UTICA/D/ N.Y. & ms 18+ on F(f) 1842 FLS.
- 2 AUBURN/D/N.Y. & ms 75 (4x18 3/4) on F(ffs) lg clean FLS--Cont re: delivery of prisoner to State Penitentiary-- int.
- 3 AUBURN/D/N.Y. in bold notched CDS with ms 184 on slightly wrinkled FLS--has closed tr at rt not interfering with mkgs. Fascinating cont. re: corrupt prison commission. Datelined Feb 23 1819. V early for this "Pie Plate" ILL
- 4 AUBURN/D/N.Y. in red 30m CDS with HS PAID & ms 564 (3x18 3/4) on F(ffs) lg FLS with ms "chg" No 251/H G C clk" A v nice triple rate cov.

To
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Ment
Sharon 1775
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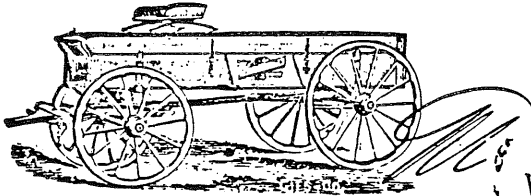
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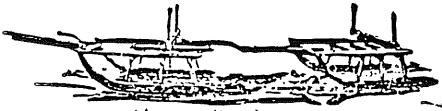
- 5 BALLSTON/D/N.Y. in red 30m CDS with HS PAID 5 -
addr to JOHN K PORTER at Waterford, N.Y.
 - 6 CANANDAIGUA/D/N.Y. on brilliant red 30m CDS & ms
18 3/4-on VF (ffs) 1834 FLS. Own Est \$15. ILL
 - 7 3 items-ELMIRA/D/N.Y. in red 33m CDS with HS 10
on F (ff) 1850 FLS. 2-ALBANY/D in red 25m CDS &
ms 18 1/2 on somewhat soiled(ffs) 1821 FLS--- 3-
SYRACUSE/D/N.Y. in 30m CDS on VF 1840 FLS with
ms 18+---A nice lot!
 - 8 HUDSON/D/N.Y. in red 30m CDS with ms 12 1/2 on VF
(ff) clean 1828 FLS---wnk paper.
 - 9 HYDE-PARK/D/N.Y. in light 30m blue CDS (ASSC cat
does not list hyphenated CDS) Has HS PAID & ms 5
---Docketed 1847---No cont.
 - 10 KEESEVILLE/D/N.Y. in blue 30m CDS with HS PAID
6. This printed document, datelined Chesterfield,
appears to be part of TAX list! Unusual. ILL
 - 11 NEW-HAMBURGH/D/N.Y. in red 27m CDS (letters UR&G
are partial in otherwise bold strike) ASSC lists
no NEW-HAMBURGH,NY in 27m CDS- Cont datelined
New Hamburg, DUTCHESS CO. 14 July 1832. Has ms
pd 12 1/2---Scarce!! Own Est \$10.00 A VF(ff) clean FLS.
 - 12 NEWHAMPTON/D/N.H. in 35m CDS with HS PAID/3-in-
circle on VF clean ENV. Own Est \$10.00 ILL.
 - 13 DROP LETTER-NEW-YORK/D in red double struck CDS
with ms 1 on F 1840 FLS datelined Gravel Hill.
Cont v long int letter. Own Est \$6.00
 - 14 NEW YORK/D/5 Cts in red 30m CDS. Cont V UNUSUAL,
lg, fancy illus letterhead (over 1/2 pg) listing
directors & pict burning river front warehouse
with Steamboat & Sloop standing off. Is also
printed expiration notice. All on VF 1847 FLS!!
 - 15 4 diff 1847-48 CDSs of NEW YORK/D/5 Cts---Int lot.
1 has HS PAID, another a HS CC!!
 - 16 PEMBROKE/D/N.Y. in 1t 27m rough CDS with HS FREE
& ms J S Dodge/PM Pembroke NY on soiled 1844 FLS.
Has several vert ffs partially split.
 - 17 PENN-YAN/D/NY (inverted) in red 30m CDS (unlisted)
ILL. with DOT between Penn & Yan) Has ms 18+clear
strike on 1833 FLS with severe ffs broken across
face.
 - 18 POUGH NY/D in lightly struck red 25m CDS (has
no sign of outer rim) Has HS PAID & ms 10 VF (ff)
1817 FLS. Cont signed THOMAS GILL.
 - 19 PRATTSBURGH/D/N.Y. in brownish 31m DCDS with ms
10 on VF (ff) FLS. No cont, but dock 1/14/42 ILL.
 - 20 OTEGO/D/N.Y. in 33m CDS (barely off at top) with
HS PAID/3-in-circle on F Otsego Co ENV!
 - 21 RED CREEK/D/N.Y. in blue 32m CDS with HS PAID &
ms 3 on slightly aged manila ENV. A v nice WAYNE
CO item. Cont 3 letters. ILL.
 - 22 TWICE USED cov-CLINTON/D/NY in 30m CDS (red) with
ms 12+ HS PAID---also ROME/D/N.Y. in red 30m CDS
& ms 6 - both clear strikes on 1842 FLS.
 - 23 RUSHVILLE/D/NY (sm let) in clear red 30m CDS
with ms 6---VF 1847 FLS. ILL Own Est\$7.50
 - 24 2 items-both SALEM/D/NY in blue 30m CDS - one has
1t blue HS V other has HS PAID & ms 3---Both are
F+ ENVs.
 - 25 SAUGERTIES/D/N.Y. in 30m red CDS with HS PAID &
ms 12 1/2 --- No cont. ILL.
 - 26 SCH'dy/ms Sep 5 1832/N.Y. in red DCDS with HS 6
on VF, clean FLS. ILL.
 - 27 SCH'DY/ms June 4 1834/N.Y. in red 30m DCDS with
HS 6 on F (ff) FLS- no cont, but dock. MOHAWK
BRIDGE CO.
 - 28 SEELY CREEK/ms D/N.Y. (s missing) in blue 29m
CDS (no such listing in ASSC) although writer
has no trouble spelling, he writes "address me at
Southport, CELEY Creek,NY" An unusual & scarce
F ENV. Has HS PAID/3 circ'd. ILL.
 - 29 SKANEATELES/D/N.Y. in blue 30m CDS with HS 5 on
VF 1851 FLS. Nice clear strikes.
 - 30 2 BROOME CO items-UNION/D/-N.Y.- in red 30m CDS
with HS PAID/3 circled on badly worn & torn ENV.
2- UNION (last 4 letters miss or partial)/D?/
N.Y. with HS PAID/3 circled on slightly aged
ENV. Cont datelined Jany 1 1856.
 - 31 WEST FARMS/D/N.Y. in red 33m CDS (v 1t strike)
with HS PAID & huge, 20m high 3, on VF '51 FLS.
 - 32 2 WHITEHALL/D/N.Y. in red 30m CDSs 1- has ms
18 3/4 other has HS 5 on F+ manila ENV with cont
re: Dock repairs & datelined 1851.
 - 33 WILLSBOROUGH/D/N.Y. in red 30m CDS with HS PAID/
3 circled on somewhat bedraggled man ENV.
 - 34 Incomplete WOODHULL/D/N.Y. (sans-seif let) in
29m CDS with almost complete HS PAID/3 circ'd on
F somewhat stained ENV. Cont dated 1854.
 - 35 U.S.EXPRESS MAIL/N.YORK/D/N.Y. in clear red 30m
CDS with ms 5 on VF (ff) 1846 FLS Own Est \$25. ILL.
- LOTS#36 - 48 ARE MANUSCRIPTS
- 36 CAYUGA Sept 18th & paid 37. VF, neat 1821 FLS ILL.
 - 37 E BLOOMFIELD/NY Mar 17 & 10 on VF clean 1835 ILL.
FLS - Has long personal letter.
 - 38 EVANS MILLS NY/May 24 & 18 3/4 on VF slightly
aged 1842 FLS. Cont long int letter. ILL.
 - 39 GRANVILLE NY/27 July & 12 1/2 on somewhat aged 1822
FLS. (see lot #69)
 - 40 GRANVILLE NY/28 JUL & 18 1/2 on VF slightly aged
1821 FLS. (see lot #69)
 - 41 JONESVILLE NY/May 2 & 5 on neat little ENV sligh-
tly soiled - No cont. Own Est \$10.
 - 42 LE ROY/Feb 22 (Wash Birth) & 18 3/4. This VF
1828 FLS has long fascinating let re: holding of
a pol conv; distinguished visitors from Albany;
the Pres; etc.
 - 43 PARISHVILLE, N.Y./Mar 29 & Paid 12 1/2 on F+ 1837
FLS. A nice St Lawrence Co item. Own Est \$15. ILL.
 - 44 PINE PLAINS/20 mch with HS PAID & ms 10 on F,
clean 1845 FLS. Cont re: \$5000 in mutilated
currency. A fine DUTCHESS CO item!!
 - 45 UNADILLA/5 February & Free S Page/P Master on
almost F, soiled, 1811 FLS. This is to the best
of my info the earliest known cov from this PO!!
Own Est \$20
 - 46 WADHAMS MILLS/Mar 5 & Paid 5 on VF 1847 FLS.
Cont long int business let. ESSEX CO item.
 - 47 WEST JASPER/NY/Oct 29 & paid 3 - PO est 1854, so
this F (1t stain) 1855 ENV is v early indeed! To
best of my info, this is only stampless cov known
from this PO!! RARE!!
 - 48 WILTON NY/Feb 11 & 5 on VF slightly aged 1848
SARATOGA CO FLS. Has long pers letter. ILL.

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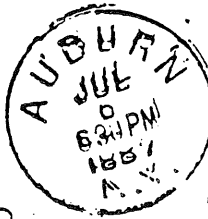
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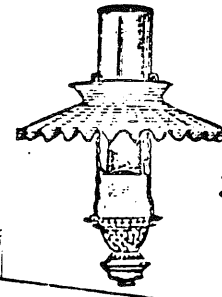
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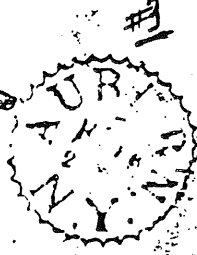


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WELLSVILLE, N. Y.

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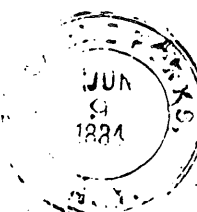
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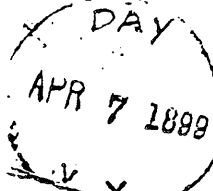
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DAY, N. Y.

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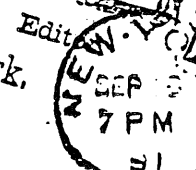
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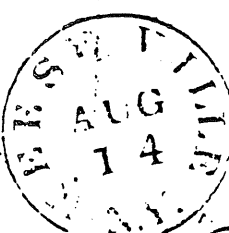
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The Dramatic Times
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Erwin Miller
May 24 #38



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STAMPED COVERS

- 49 2 items- F #26 tied by clear 32m BUSKIRKS BRIDGE /D/N-Y to clean buff ENV..+ Ave pen canc #65 (not tied) with ms WAYNE 4 CORNERS/Feb 22/NY (Wash Birth) on somewhat bedraggled ENV. Cont datelined 1867.
- 50 2 cov each with #65 from CHATHAM 4 CORNERS, NY. Each has diff style TMK. F clean ENVs.
- 51 VF #65 tied by grid to F slightly soiled orange ENV with SPARTA/Mar 26 1862/Wis. 25m CDS.
- 52 4 covs. all with SARATOGA SPRINGS CDSs on Ave to F ENVs with 2c & 3c BNs. 1 has CC of REMEDIAL INSTITUTE/Drs Strong/etc. Cont in l.
- 53 WEST EDMESTON/Oct 5 1875/N.Y. in 25m CDS with 3c BN on clean VF+ ENV. Cont datelined South Edmeston on pers. letter--Nice!
- 54 1879 ENT with 1t purple EAST GROVELAND/JAN 21 1879/N.Y. in 32m DCDS. F, cut close at rt. but not into stamp. V clean ENT!
- 55 AUSABLE FORKS/JUN 9 1884/N.Y. in 28m DLDCDS (gray-blue) on F+ 2c #U231 ENT. Has CC J & J Rogers Iron Co etc etc. Nice! Ill.
- 56 2 items - 2c br BN with 1888 CDS of ACADEMY, N.Y. on neat white ENV. 2nd has 2c gr BN with LODI, N.Y. CDS + LODI CENTRE NY as rec mk on reverse (DPO) on neat F yel ENV. Own Est \$9.00
- 57 UNION HILL/D/N.Y. CDS with 2c br BN on F, slightly aged ENV. I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY SUCH PO ON ANY LIST??? Own Est \$5.00
- 58 WM H SEWARD & CO/BANKERS/AUBURN, NY -- CC on VF ENV with 2c gr BN tied by 1888 AUBURN, NY CDS. Ill.
- 59 DAY/APR 7 1899/N.Y. in 29m mag CDS with 2c red of 1894-98 on VF ENV with CC of VAN RHODES/LUMBER CO /DAY, N.Y. Ill.
- 60 GARFIELD/JAN 2 1888/RENSSELAER CO, N.Y. in 38x24m OVAL DS (serrated outer rim) Lt barely legible strike of scarce COUNTY mkg. Has 2c gr BN on VF ENV!
- 61 LODI/JAN 24 1885/SENECA CO, N.Y. in bold black 32m DLDCDS & encircled STAR killer with ADDED CDS -WILLARD/JAN 24 1885/*NY* & partial MALTESE CROSS all on front side of #UX7. All strikes are clear & bold. Ill.
- 62 +OVID SENECA CO+/OCT 28 1879/N.Y. in brilliant bold violet DCDS-clear strike (25m) on #UX5 (horiz ff)
- 63 PALERMO, OSWEGO CO/JUN 30 1878/NY in violet 32m DCDS. clear stk with 3c gr BN on F slightly worn ENV.
- 64

1775 COLONIAL letter Addr to Ed Rogers-SHARON. Cont invoice, Quaker datelined NY 3 mon, 24, 1775. Has ms "per Hanenbarrat(?) & l(?) -- No other mkg. Paper has fancy wmk. F(some minor breaks at folds) unusually well preserved for 200+ yrs old. A SHOW PIECE! Own Est \$65. Ill.
- 65 COLUMBIAN WORLDS FAIR official souvenir POSTAL CARD picturing Pres G CLEVELAND under EAGLE & the GOV'T BLDG + CANAL BRIDGE on #UX10 (117x 95m size) Has WORLDS FAIR STATION/SEP 9 2PM/1893 CDS (machine) F (has 1 in crease at upper left corn) Scarce!
- 66 #U82 ENT with NYC CDS & CC of NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD CO/120 Broadway, NY on somewhat stained & worn 1870-71 3c gr ENT.

- 67 EAST HINSDALE/MAY 29 1885/N.Y. in blue DCDS (29m) on VF #UX7 with NYC Transit CDS. Printed message is headed QUEENS, NY.
- 68 SUMMIT STATION/Jan 9 1884/N.Y. CDS on VF #UX7.
- 69 W GRANVILLE CORNERS/OCT 14 1907/N.Y. ties #300 to PPC. Also has ON SAME SIDE faint CLEMONS, N.Y. rec CDS. 2 v scarce WASHINGTON CO POs.
- 70 2 PPCs - 1 showing turn of century soldier strolling with girl on Fort grounds & CDS FORT TERRY/AUG 11 PM 1903/NY - 2nd has MILITARY/JUL 9 1937 10 AM/N.Y. CDS
- 71 SHEPERD'S HOTEL/CAIRO/Arabic words(?) in CDS on face of sm ENV with Cleveland O flag cancel on pr #405. Has 5 transit CDSs on reverse.
- 72 GR BRITIAN 1 1/2p Geo V OVER 2 US 2c reds of 1922 all tied by NY PAQUEBOAT CDS. F unus comb.
- 73 2 items - 3c BN tied by 1881 NYC CDS with CC of THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. 2nd - 1923 5c ENT with GRAND CENTRAL STAT CDS & CC of SOCIETY FOR/THE PROPAGATION of the FAITH. Addr to Antwerp, Belg, there forwarded to Limberg. Has HS 325-in-circle. 2 VF ENVs
- 74 Lg, across the top, cut-THE DRAMATIC TIMES/E.S. Bettelheim-Editor/59 Beekman St, NY with 2c 1899 red tied by 1891 NYC CDS on slightly wrinkled & foxed ENV. Ill.
- 75 ADV COV - Lg illus of AUBURN STEEL AXLE WAGON & a lg BOB SLEIGH (for horse power) with CC of THE E D CLAPP WAGON CO Ltd/AUBURN, NY with 2c br BN & AUBURN CDS of 1887 on slightly aged ENV. Cont 3 pieces, 2 guarantee forms, 1 with embossed seal & letterheaded invoice. F+...Ill.
- 76 ADV COV - CC & Ill in red of odd looking LAMP, with #319 tied by NYC CDS of 1904 - sl soiled. Ill.
- 77 TERRITORIAL - TEMPLE/JAN 16 4 PM 1907/ARIZ CDS with #300 on VF PPC
- 78 #955 perfinned T.H. (Terr Hawaii) on lg VF ENV with CC: TERRITORY OF HAWAII/Dept of the Secretary of Hawaii/HONOLULU. V nice item.
- 79 9 TRUST TERR Covs - 1953-66 all lg Airmail ENTs or ENVs with airmail stamps - 4 CAROLINE ISLANDS (TRUK, YAP, PONAPE & KOROR) 2 AGANA, GUAM & 3 MARSHALL ISLANDS (SAIPAN & 2 MAJURO). All F-VF. An unusual lot!!
- 80 4 FAMOUS AM FDCs. 3 with matching cachets (#859 strip of 3; #860 pr & #890 bl of 4) + 10c #888 on uncacheted cov. All VF.
- 81 2 F D ROOSEVELT FDCs. 1 has set of 4 #s890-933 + Aircraft cacheted FDC of #1284.
- 82 NORTH GRANVILLE/D/N.Y. (severe ff thru center) in 30m red CDS with ms 24 on V Lg (8 1/2x3 1/2 in) 1844 FLs. Has 1 1/2x5/16 piece torn out at top. HEAVY ffs.
- 83 2 Pristine copies of E.S.P.H.S. journal "EXCESTIOR" (Vol 4 #2 & Vol 5 #1) Contain articles by deLisle, Heller, Harris, Taber, Price etc.
- 84 3 VF copies of "THE POSTAL CARD SPECIALIST" Vol 1 #s 1, 2 & 3.
- 85 VF copy of E.S.P.H.S. "MANUSRIPT POs of NYS.

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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.

WILLIAM SEIFERT JR

Bill was born in Albany over sixty years ago and still lives right there. Meanwhile, with help from his wife Nettie, they have had four daughters and 14 grandchildren (so far). Bill has a B A from Union College in Schenectady and was in the Navy during WWII & Korea. Bill has many stories about the life of a Navy Corpsman. He was in the insurance bus-

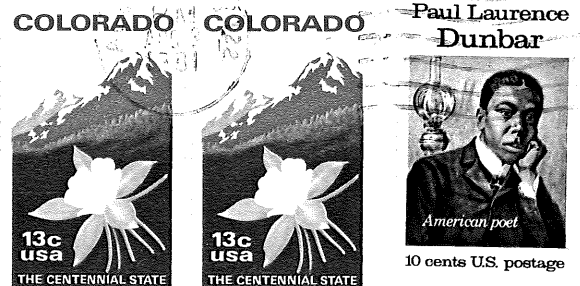
iness until he retired recently. Bill has been president, vice president, director and what have you in the ESPHS since it was organized. He has been collecting since 1935, and likes Albany, NY covers, NYS aviation history and Naval covers. Besides being a member of the Fort Orange Stamp Club in Albany he is a member of APS, Amer Airmail Soc, & Universal Ship Cancel Soc.

MARTIN TOLY

Martin is from Syracuse and still lives in the Syracuse suburb of Liverpool. He is in his thirties and with wife Linda have two children (6 & 9). He has a B S in biology from LeMoyne College and now works for the NYS Dept of Health in environmental health. Martin was a collector in his youth, since he father collected, but Dave Prosser re-introduced him to collecting when they both worked for the Health Dept. He claims to collect everything having the advantage of being a dealer. He is a member of the Syracuse Stamp Club and is also a post card collector. He deals in US - specializing in the \$10 to 200 price range and also philatelic literature. His postal history is mostly sold in Society circuits.

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