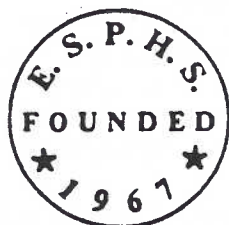
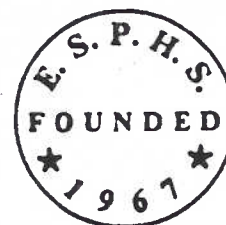


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NEW YORK SPRAY-ON POSTMARKS (PART I)

BY TERENCE HINES

The first use in the United States of an ink jet printer to apply a postmark took place in Stamford, CT in August, 1989. Since then the use of what have come to be called spray-on postmarks has greatly increased, as has collector interest in these markings. The spray-on postmarks were instituted by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to take care of the problem of "stale" meter dates. These are dates in meter imprints that are earlier than the actual date of the mailing. Thus, it appears to the addressee that the mail piece was mailed before it actually was and that it took longer to be delivered than it actually did. The USPS gets the undeserved blame for the "late" delivery in such cases.

The spray-on postmarks are actually applied by ink jet printers interfaced with Multi-Line Optical Character Readers (MLOCR), devices used to read addresses on envelopes. It now appears that some ink jet printers have been attached to single line OCRs. This means that spray-on postmarks may begin to appear from mail processing centers that are too small to have MLOCRs, but may have SLOCRs.

While the intent of the USPS in creating the spray-on postmarks was to correct stale meter dates, these postmarks are often seen on mail bearing postage

stamps. This has led to some speculation that the USPS plans to replace familiar cancels with spray-on cancels. This speculation is unfounded. First, the spray-on postmarks make terrible cancels for postage stamps. Second, the reason they are found on stamps is that the ink jet printers are often left running after batches of pure metered mail have been processed.

Spray-on postmarks have been reported from nine locations in New York State. Seven are from known cities and two are markings that, for whatever reason, do not include any city name. The listing that follows includes all New York spray-on postmarks that I have seen. Since the exact text of a postmark can apparently be easily changed by the operator of the ink jet printer, there are quite a few varieties that differ only slightly from one another. Slight differences such as the presence or absence of a period or comma do, it seems to me, constitute collectable varieties and are separately listed. In the following listing I have transcribed the text of each marking exactly, including spacing. Thus, one marking that includes "OCR # 11" is considered different from one that includes "OCR #11". The fact that the exact text of these markings can be so easily changed has led to the use

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The Society was mentioned twice in the November 1991 issue of the *American Philatelist*. Once because my wife and I helped man the Affiliates' table at Stampshow '91. The second mention was a review of some *Bulletin* articles written by Lawrence Robillard, George Bernadt and Roy Ahlquist. The notice included information on how to join the ESPHS.

In connection with an article I wrote for *La Posta* which received very complimentary mention and front cover illustration, the Society was mentioned by Northeast editor Tom Clarke. It would be nice to think that this would result in our getting some new members. Certainly any positive mention we receive can't hurt.

We were invited to hold our 1997 annual meeting at World Philatelic Exhibition, PACIFIC 97. They will supply the meeting room. If you would be interested, please advise. It is nice to be asked.

It was voted at the Sidney meeting to have the powers that be in Albany put out a newsletter with the Society News and auction. Considering how I became editor, I should have been surprised by those who now wanted to publish this information. However, it may be for the best, as David is very busy at work and I have no idea when issues will get out. Another advantage of the split will be that we can produce fewer but larger issues. These will be in magazine format. There will be other changes, too, including a table of contents.

I would like to publish an index to all the issues David and I produced. Unfortunately, I don't have a complete run of them. Do I have a volunteer out there? I need is a list of the articles, authors and issues. Regular features such as the auction, Society Notes, President's and Editor's Columns, can be ignored. All I need is a list of the postal history items. I would be most appreciative of the help.

This issue will feature the start of a long article by Terence Hines on spray postmarks, a showing of some of Harry Tabor's covers from Sidney Center and a salute to the Metropolitan Air Mail Society on its fiftieth anniversary by Robert Miller. There is an article by Charles Edwards on Postmaster William Garratt. Lastly we have Ken de Lisle's thoughts on the Sidney meeting.

Martin Margulis

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The fall meeting at Sidney is over. I thought it was great, but there were many who did not share my view. The people at CINCOPEX liked having us and expressed a hope that we would come back often. We will be back with CINCOPEX at Rome for our twenty-fifth anniversary meeting. After that event, however, we have no commitments.

I spoke to the President of the Federation of Central New York Stamp Clubs, and through Maris we will investigate some sort of membership or affiliation. We will also look into our relationship with CINCOPEX. I would like also to be more active with ROPEX, to give us more visibility at the western end of the state. Steve Matte has promised to do something to make us more visible in northern New York.

Mr. Kline has resigned as a Director and Mr. Hulbert will not run again. The latter likes Florida and plans to spend much of the year there. He feels that a Director should be a full-time resident of the state.

The Board of Directors and those voting at the regular membership meeting agreed to full funding for the magazine to be issued for our twenty-fifth anniversary. It should be out in September 1992. I had hoped to discuss a new budgeting process, but time did not allow for this. It probably needs much thought and I will work closely with Maris to try to come up with something. The big problem is contingency funding and the funding of publications.

In this regard, it was tentatively decided to add two new classes of membership to the Society, Sponsors and Patrons, naturally at higher dues. The extra money would be used to fund publications. There would be advantages in terms of discounts on publications. Much has to be worked out, and finalization is years off.

We did not discuss the matter of every Director having a specific assignment in re various functions of the Society. Again, time did not permit us to cover everything I would have liked. However, everyone had a chance to speak out on the topics covered, and most of those present took full advantage of the opportunity. Maris Tirums will give you a full account of the meeting in his Meeting Minutes which will be published in the new Society Newsletter coming out of Albany. I strongly suggest that you read them to see what, if anything, I omitted.

On a more personal level, I found the banquet a delight. The people were outgoing and most friendly, and the emcees were very funny. It was a lot more fun than the formal banquet at Stampshow '91.

I particularly liked the chance to see exhibits by members of the Society. Bill Hart got the APS gold for his exhibit of twentieth century cancellations. The covers were not expensive and were brilliantly chosen and displayed. Bill is terrifically well organized. He spends a fifth of what I spend on his exhibits and gets twenty times the results. He knows

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WOULD HAVE FIT IN THIS SPACE

ADA PRILL APPOINTED WESTERN COORDINATOR

One of the direct results of our decision to have a western regional meeting at ROPEX is that Ms. Ada Prill has agreed to become our western coordinator. She will be our Society's representative to the various philatelic organizations in the area, which will include Buffalo..

Ms. Prill obviously knows the philatelic 'movers' of the area. She is a great believer in the importance of postal history. She also recognizes the importance of ESPHS as the premier postal history organization in the state. She will use this knowledge to help us recruit new members for the Society, and will also help us create an ESPHS presence in the area in cooperation and conjunction with ROPEX.

ESPHS is extraordinarily lucky to have Ms. Prill in this most important position. Mr. Steve Matte has agreed to fill a similar position in the Adirondack region of the state.



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95 pages, maps, postmarks and illustrations.

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WAYNE COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY by Emma Koberg

81 pages, maps, postmarks and illustrations.

Retail price \$10.00

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N.Y.S. COUNTY & POSTMASTER BOOK by David Proulx

Member David Proulx has completed his book on NYS County & Postmaster cancellations. Price \$7.50 Postpaid. Order from David Proulx, 7629 Homestead Dr., Baldwinsville, NY 13027

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This book contains all known star cancels and lists them by town, county and date of use. Several illustrations are included. This is a reprint of the 1987 book. Price \$7.50 post paid. Order from David Proulx, 7629 Homestead Dr., Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

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by Roy Ahlquist

Provides names, locations and brief information according to postal records for all of the post offices which have existed in the county. Price \$2.85, postpaid. Order directly from Roy Ahlquist, RR1, Box 122 N. Quaker Lane, Staatsburg, NY 12580

INVITATION TO ROPEX

While Bill Hart was ESPHS president, we discussed the necessity of having meetings in the western part of the state. Bill had exhibited at ROPEX and had an ESPHS table there too. He was also acquainted with ROPEX's executive director. With all this in mind, Bill introduced us to each other at Stampshow '91. At that time, Ms. Prill and myself agreed that it would be nice if ESPHS had a regular presence at ROPEX.

We corresponded to clear up loose ends, and I received

the official invitation illustrated in this issue. I discussed the matter with members of our Board. Nobody had any complaints or reservations.

As a result we will hold a regional meeting at ROPEX on Sunday, March 29, 1992 at 1:00 P.M. I will attend as will Ms. Prill. I hope that all our 'western' members will attend. Bill Hart and I will man an ESPHS table and try to recruit new members.

MARTIN MARGULIS



ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
PO Box 10206 ROCHESTER, NY 14610-0206

December 5, 1991

Governing Board
Empire State Postal History Society

Dear Board:

ROPEX is the only national accredited stamp show in upstate New York, and we consider it part of our mission to promote philately in this area. ESPHS is the only organisation devoted to the postal history of New York. Obviously our goals overlap to some considerable extent. ROPEX would therefore like to issue a standing invitation to ESPHS to join us each year at our show. It is, of course, up to you whether you wish to hold a formal business meeting, put on a seminar of some kind, or merely have a place for people who collect New York's rich postal history to meet and discuss their common interests.

ROPEX would provide a meeting room, free of charge. In addition, if you wish, we can hold up to 25 exhibit frames for exhibits of New York postal history. (Any frames not taken by January 1 preceeding our show date would be released for general use.) ESPHS would have the option of presenting awards at our awards banquet. Our hospitality room, open before and after show hours, is available to all show attendees and would provide an opportunity for ESPHS members to meet for informal conversation. ESPHS could also hold a Dutch-treat luncheon at Barnabee's restaurant, just downstairs from the show site. Our publicity will, of course, include the information about the ESPHS meeting, and we would expect that you would inform your members of meeting times and the availability of frames.

I hope you will accept this invitation to help further our common goals.

Sincerely,

Ada M. Prill
ROPEX committee

REPORT ON CINCOPEX '91

BY KEN DE LISLE

CINCOPEX 1991 is history. We think participation by the members of Empire State Postal History Society helped make this year's show at Sidney an interesting and instructive event.

Enclosed is an analysis of the entries and, for those of you who did not receive a program, a listing of the exhibits. The tally and the listing will not exactly match: there were some changes after the program was printed. It is apparent that our organization responded heartily to our call for exhibits. The quality, too, was exceptional, making judging this year more than a routine run-through. We noticed the judges returned to the floor more than once during their deliberations. In our opinion, the panel did an excellent job of ranking. Also, the show committee is to be commended for making the judging results available to each exhibitor.

RESULTS OF CINCOPEX 91 HELD OCTOBER 11-13 AT SIDNEY, NEW YORK

***Best-in-Show:**

John Lange

3-Cent Imperf stamp of U.S. 1851-7 Issue. Also Best Traditional or Topical Exhibit by a member of the Empire State Postal History Society.

***Best Exhibit by a CINCOPEX member:**

John Ludin

Railroad Mail in N.Y. State, the First Five Decades.

Best-in-Show Junior-Secondary Level:

Corey Patterson -- "Freedom"

Best-in Show Junior-Elementary Level and JPA

Medal and Ribbon: Tim Socha

Facts Faces and Places of Pennsylvania.

***ESPHS Postal History Award:**

John Lange

Saratoga County, N.Y., Stampless Covers

***Postal History Special Award: Ken de Lisle**

Germany, the Great Inflation 920-3

Best First-Time Exhibitor Apfelbaum Award:

Florence Wright -- Stamping Out Tuberculosis

Best Topical ATA Medal:

Rudi Schaelchli

Swiss Soldier Stamps and Military Mail-World War I

Best Exhibit Tri-County Club Member:

Eric Light

Paquebot Markings from Seaports of U.S. and Canada

First Award Topical:

Robin Walsh -- The Topical Tailless Amphibian

***First Award U.S.:**

Ken de Lisle

Wild Wild World of Booklet Collecting

***First Award Foreign:**

Jay Hulbert

India Cancellations -- Victoria Issue

***First Award Postal Stationery:**

William. Seifert -- UPU Reply Cards

***ATA First Ribbon:**

Charles Edwards -- One Man's Mail

ATA Junior Topical Medal:

James Edgecomb -- Trains

ATA Ribbon Junior Topical:

Janelle Hess -- Wonderful World of Disney

***APS Gold Medal:**

William Hart

Early 20th Century Postal History of N.Y.

***APS Silver Medal:**

Louis Call

N.Y. State Water Route Markings

JPA Blue Ribbon and Most Popular:

Kirsten Aiken -- Dogs on Stamps

***ESPHS members**

REPORT ON CINCOPEX '91 (CONT.)

It was the 25th Anniversary Committee's duty to ask, cajole or beg ESPHS members to submit applications. Many of you did, and have our sincere thanks. To those who responded but were not accepted due to lack of space, our thanks and regrets. However, this just proves persistence works. Some members were written to not once, not twice, but three times, and it got real close to the deadline before they made their entry. We ARE satisfied with the response.

Now to 1992 in Rome, N.Y. The tentative dates are October 10-11 or 17-18. We are in touch with the committee headed by Dr. Ludin and will be conferring on a constant basis with it. The most important point is the availability of enough space for the bourse and an expanded exhibit. If we

are to campaign aggressively for exhibits, we need more floor space than we found at Sidney. Another question raised is whether we should plan on an anniversary banquet and whether it should be separate or with the CINCOPEX awards dinner. Should we schedule our directors' meeting and members' meeting at the show or revert to our Utica or other locale at a different date?

These and other questions must be addressed and settled before the May 1992 annual meeting. Your input to President Margulis is earnestly requested.

25th Anniversary Committee
Lou Call, Ken de Lisle, Charlie Edwards, Gerry Wiley

ANALYSIS OF CINCOPEX 1991 EXHIBITION

TABLE NO. 1: NUMBER OF 6-PAGE FRAMES IN EXHIBITION

Entries by ESPHS Members	103
Entries by Adult Non-members	40
Entries by Juniors	<u>11</u>
NUMBER OF 6-PAGE FRAMES	154

TABLE NO. 2: CLASSIFICATION OF EXHIBITS

	NYS PH	OTHER PH	USA	FOREIGN	TOPICAL
ESPHS Pages	306		120	96	96
Non-member Pages		114			126
Junior Pages					<u>66</u>
TOTAL PAGES	306	114	120	96	288

TABLE NO. 3: ENTRIES BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Entries of ESPHS	67%
Entries by Adult Non-members	26%
Entries by Juniors	7%

NOTES

These figures do not factor in a major consideration - the number of entries which might have been received had the ESPHS not actively recruited its members to support the show. A substantial portion of our membership belong also to the five local clubs in the CINCOPEX group and normally support its annual event, particularly when their own local club is host.

The figures DO support the belief that members of the ESPHS certainly CAN produce material to put an even larger show over the top, which augurs well for our 25th Anniversary effort in conjunction with CINCOPEX 1992 at Rome, N.Y. if we can sustain the enthusiasm.

Incidentally, CINCOPEX '91 did have to turn down entries received in September and October due to lack of floor space. This fact will be given due weight in planning the Rome show.

MORE ON KENNEDY FIRST DAY CANCELS

In the summer issue of the Bulletin Mr. Henry B. Scheuer had an article on Kennedy First Day Cancellations. One of our members, Harold L. Laroff, read the article and sent some additional information to Mr. Scheuer. We are reprinting his letter here.

Dear Henry:

I found your article, Kennedy First Day Cancellations in The Empire State Postal History [Society] Bulletin interesting. You may be interested in learning there are more Rockland County cancellations:

The list includes the following: Bardonia, Bear Mountain, Blauvelt, Congers, Garnerville, Haverstraw, Hillburn, Monsey, Nanuet, New City, Nyack, Orangeburg, Palisades, Pearl Rivers, Piermont, Pomona, Rockland Lake, Sloatsburg, Sparkhill, Spring Valley, Stony Point, Suffern, Tallman, Tappan, Theills, Tompkins Cove, Valley Cottage, West Haverstraw and West Nyack. At the date of issue there were 29 post offices in Rockland County. Therefore the above collection is one envelope from each. Most of them were machine cancelled.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours in collecting.

HAROLD L. LAROFF

If you have philatelic information which might be of interest to your fellow Society members, please write it up and submit it to the Bulletin. You would be doing your fellows a favor and you might add to your own knowledge.

Please submit your material typed or on disk if possible. If not, at least be sure it is legible. If it isn't perfect, I can rewrite it as necessary. Please make sure that any illustrations are clear so that they can be reproduced. Five hundred words and a picture will fill one page. Obviously, articles may be longer. We can always use shorter articles as a change of pace and to fill out the issue. Thanks for your cooperation.

TWIN CITY STAMP EXPO - '92

ESPHS member Dan Brouillette is involved at a high level with the St. Paul/Minneapolis Stamp Expo. He invites ESPHS members to exhibit. The show will be held from Friday, February 28 to Sunday, March 1, 1992. Judging will be by an accredited APS panel. The show theme is "Exploration of Space". There will be a banquet for exhibitors.

Frames are \$6.00 each and hold sixteen pages. For a show prospectus and application, write to Dan Brouillette, 1005 West Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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exactly what he needs and that's what he purchases. His preparation of lists of needed material is awesome. I wish I had his self-discipline.

John Lange had a number of exhibits of very high caliber. He won almost everything else in sight--three awards. I really liked his page layouts. However, I was told that under APS rules, picture pages are frowned upon, and Mr. Lange used many maps to enhance his covers. CINCOPEX rules are different and this was a CINCOPEX show.

At the N.Y. Collectors Club and at Stampshow '91 I saw first rate exhibits, but often felt that the results depended on the wealth of the exhibitor. Some of the exhibits must have represented hundreds of thousands of dollars. CINCOPEX rules discount the value of the material displayed, giving it only five percent of the exhibit scoring. There is a lot to be said for this, especially if one is not wealthy. This is not to say that all national exhibits depend on the wealth of the exhibitors. Some depend on the imagination of the owners, which is why Mr. Hart does so well at a national level.

Modern postal history is a step in the direction of the use of imagination and effort as opposed to the use of money. I think it is the wave of the future.. Most of the material is inexpensive if obtained in a timely manner. However, you have to know what you want to collect and act to obtain it at the post office and through the mail. Even if you have to purchase some items, they should be inexpensive. In ten years, what is cheap today could become quite dear.

Lastly, attendance at the show was up to that at Utica. We will try to make provision so that all the dealers who sell at Utica will be given the same opportunity in our meeting rooms at CINCOPEX shows. They had the opportunity at Sidney, but we were remiss in getting out the information.

There was structural damage to Karrat's Restaurant. However, I have written assurance from Doctor Joseph Rowbottom III that the restaurant will be repaired in ample time for us to hold our May meeting there. Maris will give you the exact date.

Elections for "Class of 1992" Directors are coming up. Please write to me if you would like to be considered for a position.

Martin Margulis

ESPHS ANNUAL MEETING UTICA, NY - KARRAT'S RESTAURANT

DETAILS ON LAST PAGE

NEW YORK SPRAY-ON POSTMARKS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

of some varieties for only a single day. These stand to be the rarities of the early history of spray-on postmarks.

Since this listing includes only markings I have seen, with the exception of several Albany markings to be discussed below, I must assume that there are many other markings that I have not seen, but which other readers have seen. Please report any additions to this listing to the editor.

(Editors' Note: Professor Hines expected this article to be run in its entirety. This proved to be impossible due to space and time constraints resulting from his many illustrations. This was explained to him and he reluctantly agreed to our printing his article in installments.

Unfortunately, after a general introduction, Professor Hines discusses in detail a specific Westchester County cancel which is not illustrated. (Actually part of the point was that the cancel was in orange which, of course, we cannot reproduce.) He discusses some other characteristics of the Westchester County spray-ons which will be illustrated in a later installment.

He also discusses a problem in reference to Albany cancels which will also be included in a later installment.

The material that we have included in this installment is covered by the discussion on Page 1 which covers the background of these postmarks. Inasmuch as the spray-on postmarks are still evolving, new material will constantly coming to light and will have to be discussed on an ongoing basis.

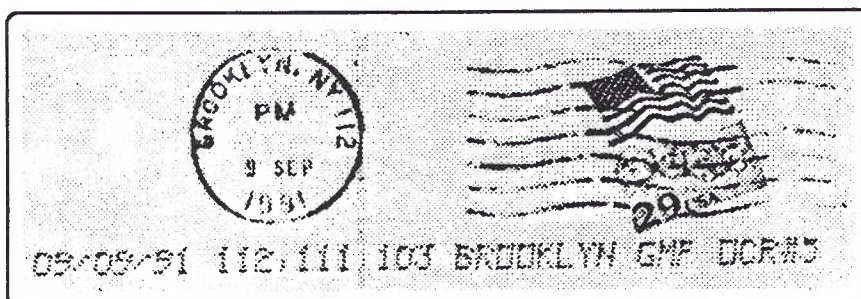
In order to increase the clarity of the illustrations some have been enlarged. Obviously the measurements given, which are for the actual spray-on postmarks, are not necessarily correct for the illustrations. Please keep this in mind when making comparisons. Furthermore the originals have been enlarged by different percentages. Thus two postmarks which here appear to be the same size may be of significantly different dimensions in the original.

This study of spray-on postmarks will be an ongoing project of Professor Hines. Your contributions to it would be most appreciated by the author and editor. Updates will be printed as called for.)

BROOKLYN INKJET POSTMARKS

AUG. 21 '91 112, 111, 103 BROOKLYN GMF OCR#5

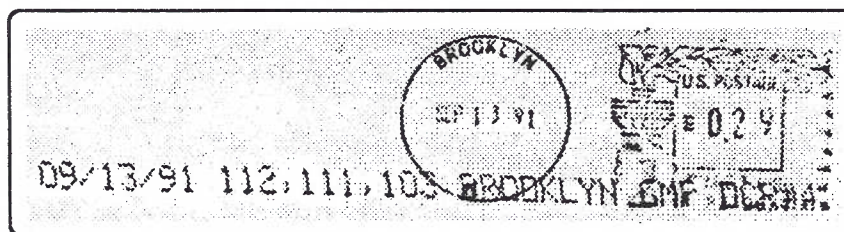
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99 x 3 mm eku: 8/21/91



09/09/91 112, 111, 103 BROOKLYN GMF OCR#5
103 x 3 mm eku: 9/9/91

NEW YORK SPRAY-ON POSTMARKS

BROOKLYN INKJET POSTMARKS



09/13/91 112,111,103 BROOKLYN GMF OCR#4
102 x 3 mm eku: 9/13/91

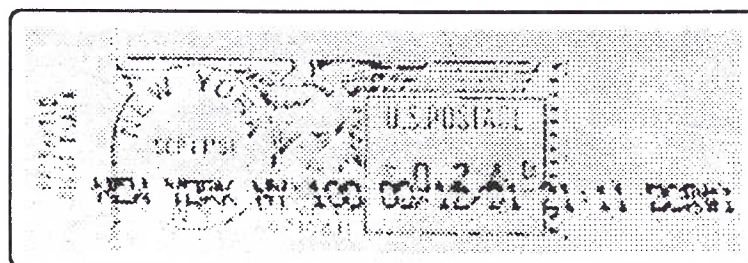
NEW YORK, NY INKJET POSTMARKS



N.Y. NY 100 08-28-90 16:35 #7
83 x 2 1/2 mm eku: 8/17/90 lku: 8/28/90



MORGAN GMF NYNY OCR#1 17:41 09/06/91
79 x 3 1/2 mm eku: 9/6/91



NEW YORK NY 100 09/12/91 21:11 OCR#1
78 x 3 mm eku: 9/12/91

NEW YORK SPRAY-ON POSTMARKS

NEW YORK, NY INKJET POSTMARKS

MORGAN GMF NY NY DCR#2 22:18 09/09/91

MORGAN GMF NY NY OCR#2 22:18 09/09/91
83 x 3 mm eku: 9/9/91

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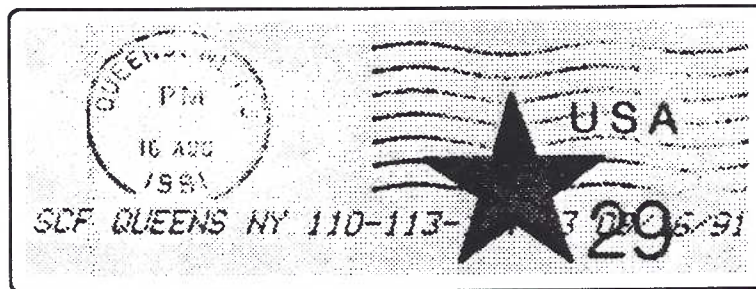
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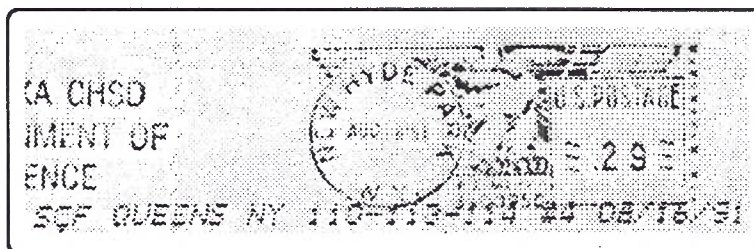
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NEW YORK SPRAY-ON POSTMARKS

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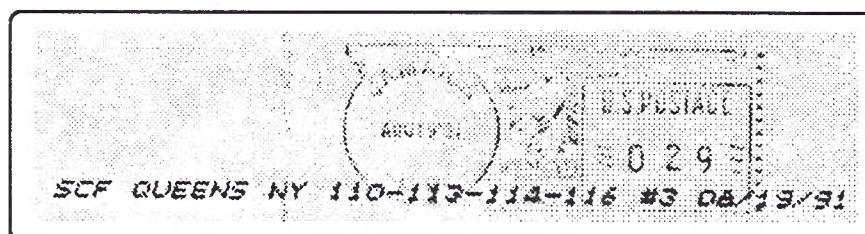


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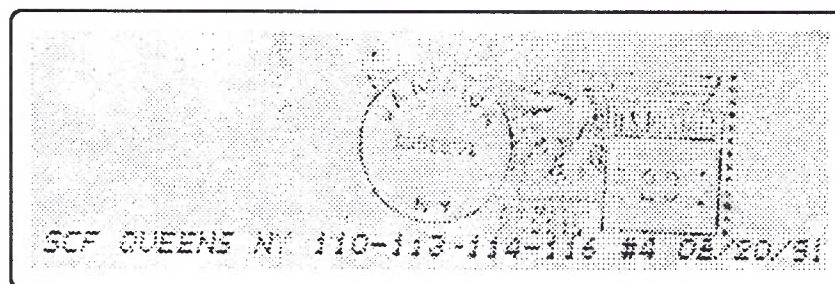
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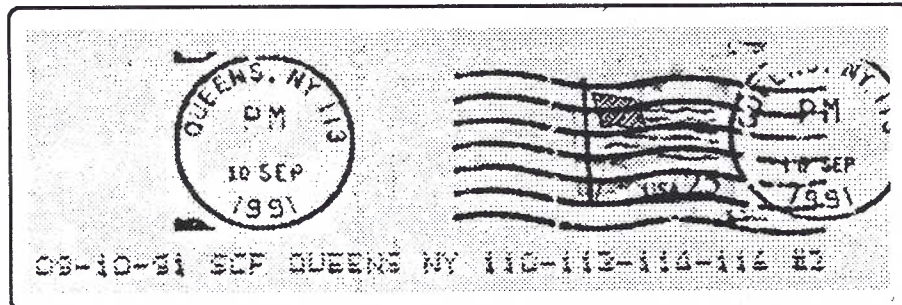
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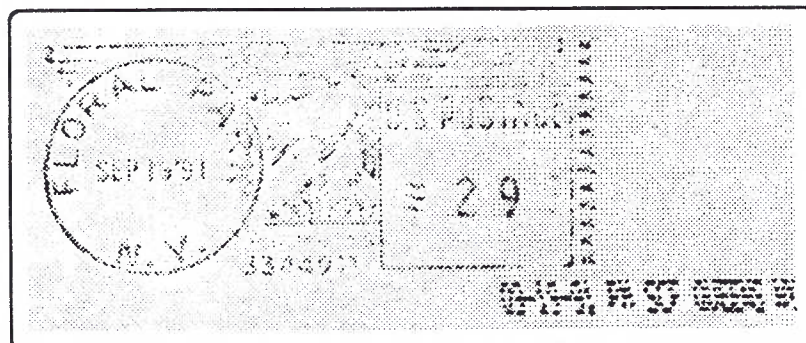
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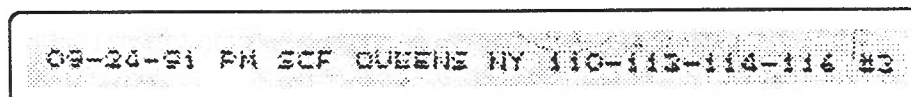
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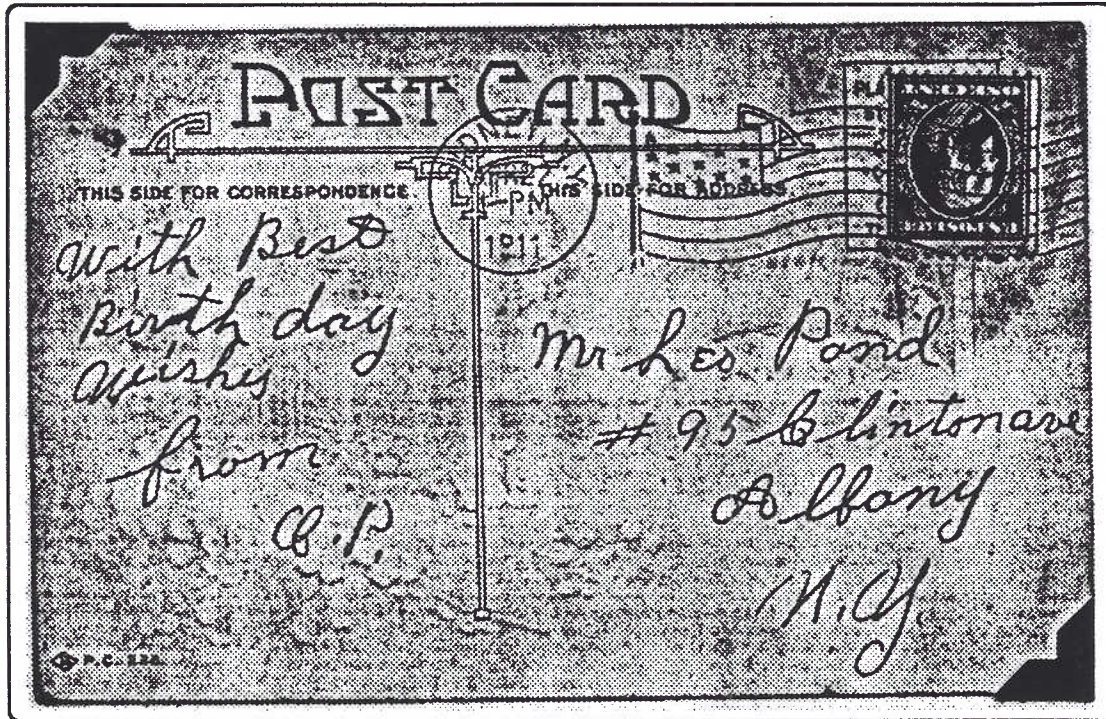


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THE STORY OF THE LAST FLAG MACHINE, SIDNEY CENTER, N.Y.

BY HARRY TABER

The story of the last of these machines starts in Sidney, N.Y. when three postal clerks, Nellie Bartley, her brother Frank and Fred Gail decided jointly to purchase a machine. The P.O.D. was deluged by orders and made the concession of allowing postal employees to buy a machine. The Delaware County Enterprise, a weekly paper of Sidney Center, said in its April 12, 1911 issue that "A hand cancelling machine with a capacity of 250 letters a minute has been installed in the P.O. It is a greatly appreciated labor saving device". Below is an early example:



SPRING POSTAL CARD SHOWS

APRIL 5TH - KINGSTON
RAMADA INN 9 AM - 4 PM
DONATION - TWO DOLLARS

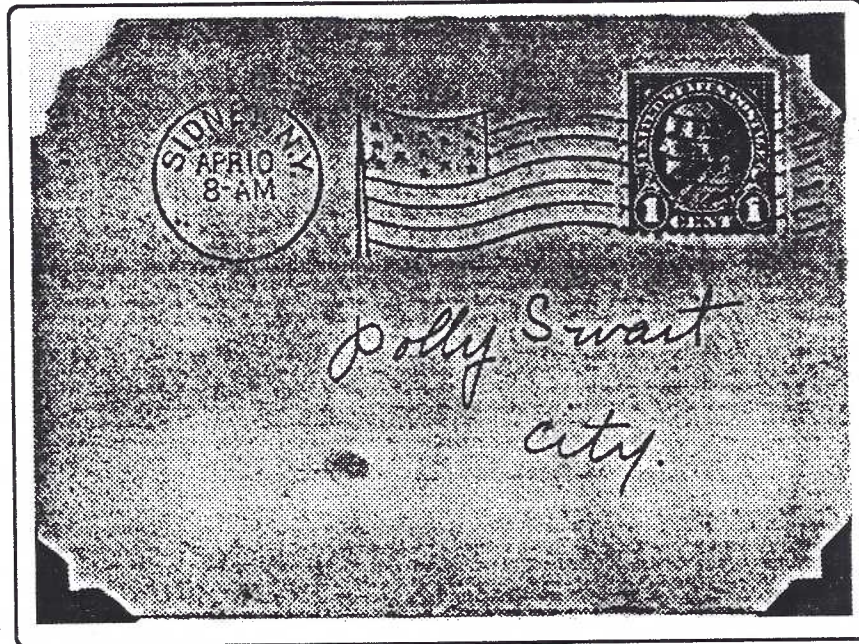
APRIL 11TH - ALBANY
WASHINGTON INN
10 AM - 4 PM
ADMISSION - THREE DOLLARS

APRIL 26TH - STAMFORD, NY
VFW POST ROUTE 10
9 AM - 5 PM

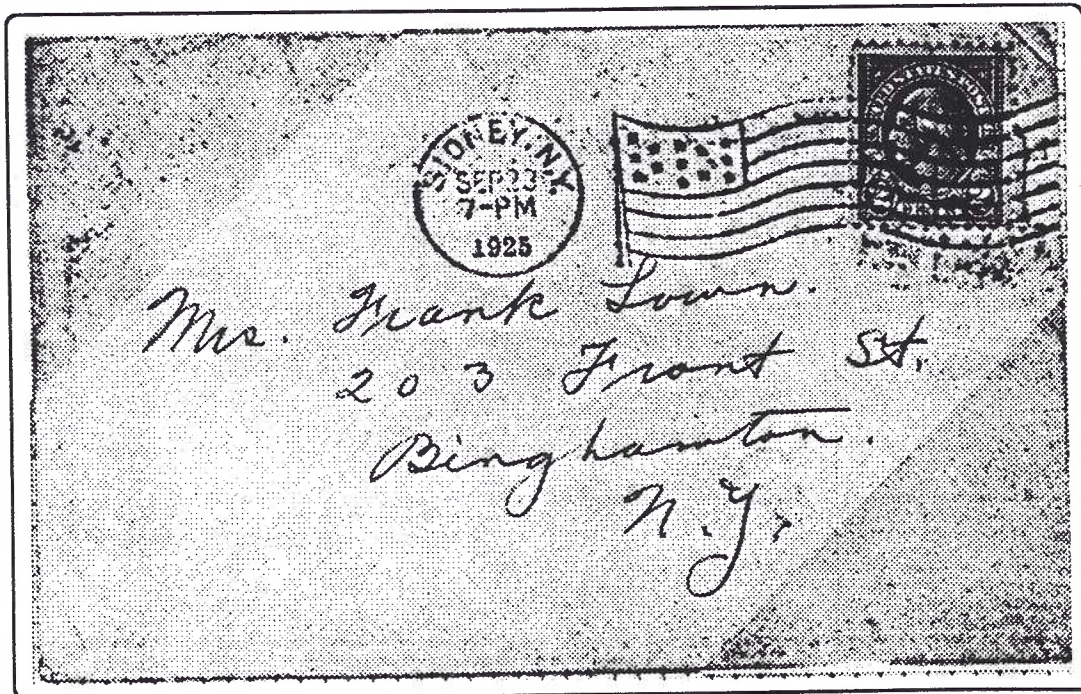
MAY 16TH - MINISINK VALLEY H.S.
ROUTE 6 WEST FROM MIDDLETOWN
9 AM - 5 PM
ADMISSION - ONE DOLLAR

THE LAST FLAG MACHINE, SIDNEY CENTER, N.Y.

Years passed and each one saw fewer machines in operation. In 1924, 1925, and 1926 the clerks were unable to obtain type for the year date from the P.O.D. and were forced to buy it from the local printer. This produced a distinct variety soon noticed by collectors. It also made a headache in the P.O. as the new type required shimming to fit and a hurried job produced examples like those below:

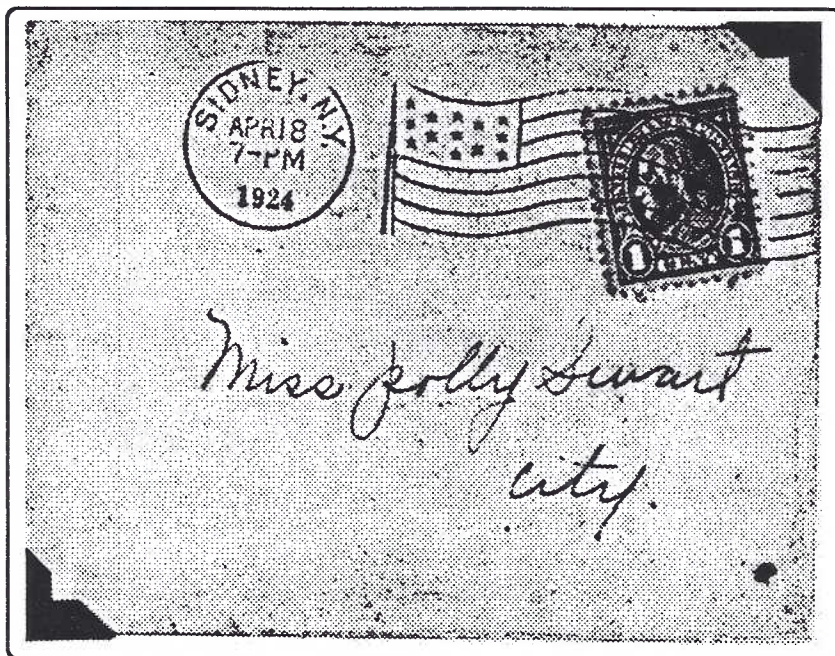


In 1925 the clerks decided to try a smaller type in the date. However, this small year date had a tendency to load up with ink under constant use and was finally discarded and replaced with a larger date.

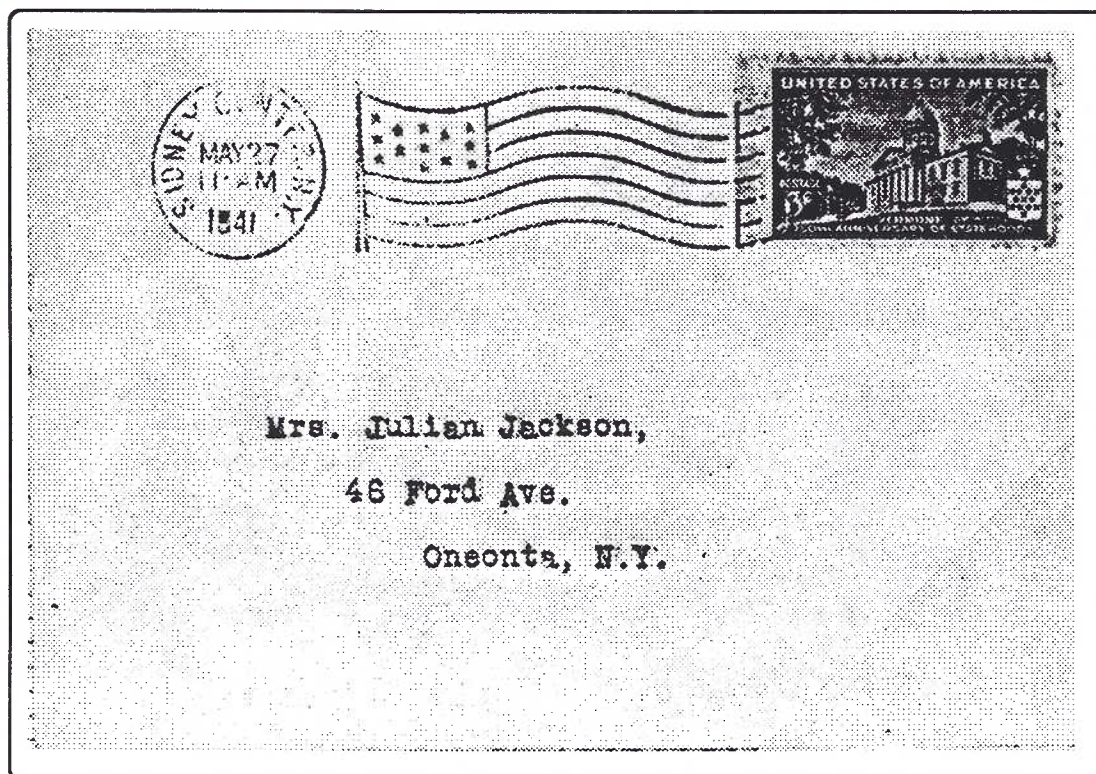


THE LAST FLAG MACHINE, SIDNEY CENTER, N.Y.

Below is an example of the locally produced yeardates:

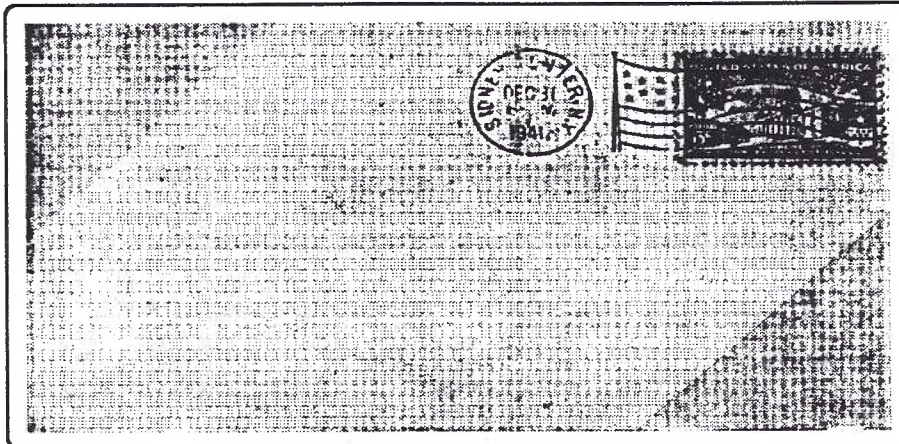


The flag machine was sold in 1928 to the P.M. in Sidney Center, who was an enthusiastic collector. He succeeded in obtaining a new dial and placed the machine in use. Eventually, as the other machines wore out, it became the last flag in use. The P.O.D. finally ordered that it be retired and May 27, 1941 was the last day of regular use.

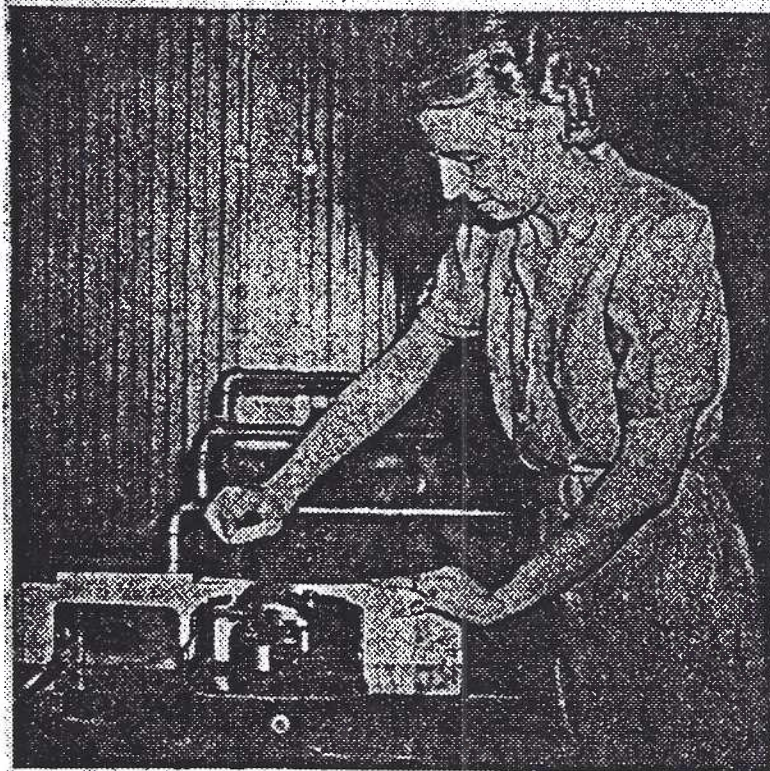


LAST FLAG MACHINE, SIDNEY CENTER, N.Y.

Collectors from all over the country had sent in covers for last day of use, and on December 31, 1941 the P.M. ran these through the machine.



Mrs. Gehrke Uses Only Flag Canceler in U. S.



The lead photograph for a story in a Sidney area paper, now defunct, believed to have been published late in 1941.

*Sidney Center Postmaster Operates Rare Stamp Cancelling Device
—Reporter Photo.*

WILLIAM GARRATT, POSTMASTER OF GARRATTSVILLE, N.Y.

BY CHARLES EDWARDS

William Garratt's father, Robert Garratt, emigrated to New York State from England in the mid 1700's. The Garratt family came from the same parish in England as the Tunnicliffs, and it was only natural that Robert followed his friend as a pioneer settler to the New England Settlements of Otsego County. While Robert Garratt settled in the Burlington area, his sons, John and William, established residence just north of what became the village of Garrattsville, N.Y., named after their family.

In 1778, John Garratt and wife were taken prisoner by raiding Indians and held captive for seven years. Knowing that such raiding parties were a threat and hearing gunfire to the north of their home, they became aware that Indians were approaching. Mrs. Garratt thereupon hid the family silverware under an inverted pig trough and their clock under the garden fence. They attempted to hide in a bowl-shaped hollow nearby, but were discovered and taken captive. Upon their return in 1785, although their clearing was now overgrown with brush and weeds, they found both the silverware and clock where originally hidden.

William Garratt built his cabin approximately one mile north of the village and became the pioneer merchant of Garrattsville, having built a store there in 1795. At this time, he was also clerk of the Militia Society of Col. David Bates' Regiment per his signature on a notice of meeting dated June 1, 1795. It is recorded that in 1802 William Garratt paid \$5.00 for a liquor license.

The village of Garrattsville is in the Butternuts Valley, the Township of New Lisbon, Otsego County, N.Y. Originally, it was in the Township of Otsego (1791), then in the Township of Burlington (1792), in the Township of Pittsfield (1797) and, finally, on April 6, 1806 became a part of the newly organized Township of Lisbon. Two years later the name of the Township was amended to New Lisbon. The first town meeting was held March 3, 1807 and William Garratt was elected Town Supervisor, a post he held for seven successive years.

Upon establishment of a post office in Garrattsville under date of March 3, 1809, William was appointed Postmaster. Without question, the post office was located in his store. He served as Postmaster for many years and he was still listed as such in the 1825 Postal Directory.

It is recorded that in 1820 Major William Garratt installed in his store the first stove (an open grated Franklin) seen in Garrattsville. The cover illustrated for this article bears a dateline of May 10, 1822 and is to a supplier of merchandise for his mercantile establishment. Unquestionably, his Franklin stove was still in operation at this date.

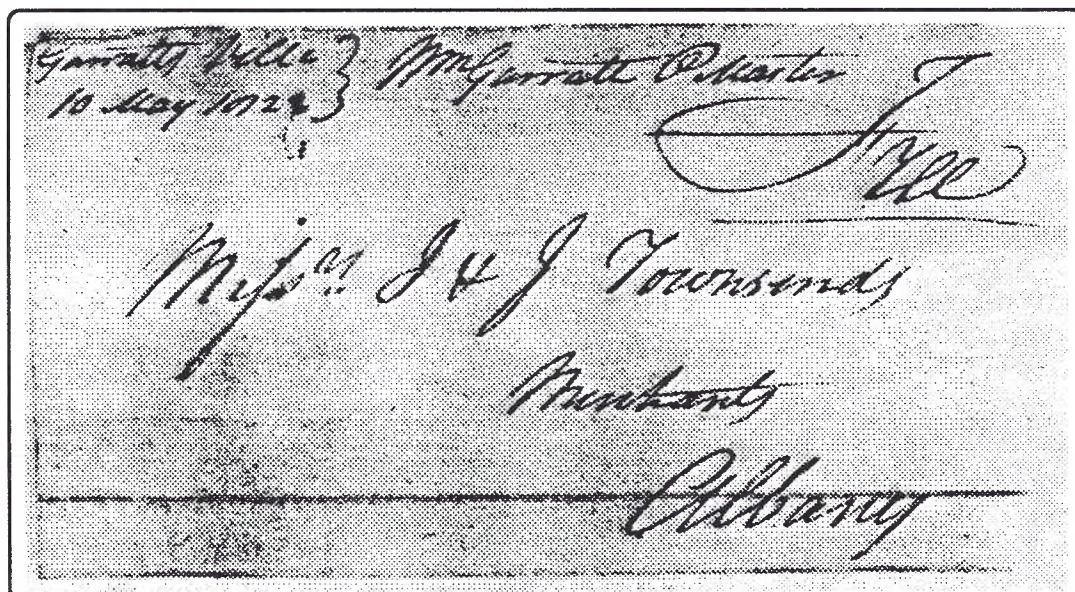
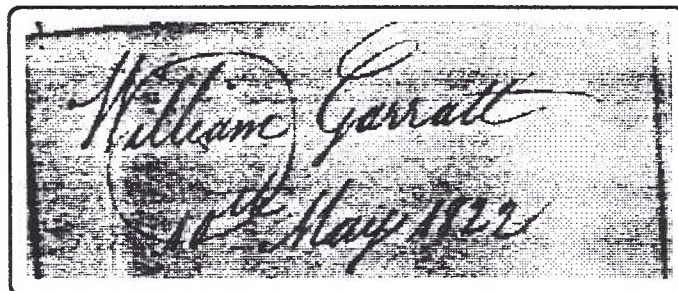
From the 1824 Gazetteer, State of New York, is the following: "the Garrattsville Post Office is on the road that leads down the Butternuts Creek from Burlington, through the town and thence to Oxford, N.Y." This was originally serviced by a postal carrier once a week and was known as "Post route #48". Later, mail service was provided three times weekly over the same route by stage coach. It is interesting to note that the stage had to announce arrival of mail by sounding a Post Horn eighty rods from the Post Office. Regulations of that date only permitted seven minutes for the delivery and acceptance of mail. In the late 1790's, mail traveled from Cooperstown to Burlington. From there it either continued on westward on the Ithaca Post Route or headed down the Butternuts Valley crossing to the Unadilla Valley at Mt. Upton, then through Guilford to Oxford. Like Cooperstown, the Oxford Post Office was an early one, having been established in 1796.

To complete the personal history of this first postmaster, the early records confirm that he became an influential and prominent figure locally and in the county. In the process, he became a large landowner and fairly wealthy for the times. Sometime prior to 1835 he established a cotton factory in Garrattsville. This manufacturing operation became a financial disaster and plunged him into deep debt. Unable to meet all of his obligations, he abandoned his holdings in the area and with his wife, son and daughter, went to Canada, never to return. By 1855 there was no one by the name of Garratt living in New Lisbon Township, a sad ending for a pioneer family who helped expand the frontier of New York State.

However, a monument stands to this day on grounds of the old homestead north of the village, erected by Mrs. William Garratt in memory of her father-in-law, Robert Garratt, and John Johnson, another early settler, whose daughter married John Garratt.

**HELP US GET NEW MEMBERS FOR ESPHS
IT'S YOUR SOCIETY, TOO**

WILLIAM GARRATT, POSTMASTER OF GARRATTSVILLE, N.Y.



WESTERN REGIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY MARCH 29TH 1 PM
AT ROPEX
ROCHESTER, NY

MEET THE SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT AND WESTERN COORDINATOR
HELP PLAN FOR THE SOCIETY'S FUTURE
SPEND AN ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON AT THE EXPOSITION

METROPOLITAN AIR POST SOCIETY

By ROBERT S. MILLER SR.

Back in the exciting days when aircraft were still in the development stage, the average person did not fly. Most could not afford it. Even if they could they did not trust these new contraptions that seemed to defy logic. In spite of numerous accidents and the death of many gallant men, aviation enthusiasts never lost faith. New and better aircraft were built, instruments were improved, airways were established, and engines improved. In time, air transport was here to stay. The first commercial use they were put to was for the carriage of mail.

Many came to the airports where the mail flights took place, and among them were aero philatelists who wanted souvenir covers that were carried on these flights. By the time World War II broke out, air mail collecting had become an important part of philately. Gerhardt Kaufmann, Gus Lancaster, Bill Schneider, Sam Goldsticker and Lou Fischbach among others in the New York City area decided that they would form a club that would be devoted to the creation of covers that would be used for important air mail events. Some examples are shown. In April 1942, the Metropolitan Air Cover Club was established. This club met in the Hotel New Yorker and before long attracted many devotees from the New York metropolitan area. The club grew in size and counted among its members some of the most important aero philatelists of the time.

An idea of the wide scope of interests pursued by members can be ascertained from the 1950 Directory which we cite at the bottom of the previous column.

Meetings featured guest speakers, some of whom were Admiral Jesse Johnson, Lieut. Schildhauer, Clara Adams, to name a few. Meetings also included the exchange of covers and an auction. Usually after the meeting ended many of the members would gather at one of the nearby watering spots in Manhattan where they continued their meeting until the early morning hours. By 1950 no less than 360 collectors had joined the Metropolitan Air Cover Club.

When Gus Lancaster passed away it was decided that an annual award would be presented each year in his honor to the aero philatelist who, in the opinion of the judges, had made valuable contributions to the hobby. Some of the former recipients were the following: Dan Barber, Michigan; Fred Wellman, Florida; Michael Stone, New York; John Johnson, Jr., Connecticut; Ken Sanford, Geneva, Switzerland; Sam Goldsticker, New Jersey; Mike Codd, New York. The award is presented in conjunction with the INTERPEX show in New York City. The Metropolitan Air Post Society participates by providing speakers for the seminars held there.

The club does not hold regular scheduled meetings. However, meetings are held in the New York Collectors Club in January and at INTERPEX and NATIONAL shows held annually in March and October in New York. Members are kept in touch through the club journal. The *Bulletin*, a fourteen page quarterly publication, features air mail articles about material that is not normally found in catalogs. Questions and answers assist members to identify unknown items. The annual picnic, usually held in July or August at the home of a member, is an eagerly awaited event. Membership of approximately one hundred includes collectors from many parts of the United States and several from foreign countries. The dues of five dollars annually includes the *Bulletin*.

Nineteen ninety-two will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the club which originally was called the Metropolitan Air Cover Club and today is known as the Metropolitan Air Post Society. Plans are under way to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary in conjunction with NOJEX, the show of the North Jersey Federation of Stamp Clubs, which will be held at the Meadowlands Hilton over the Memorial Day weekend in 1992. Air mail exhibits and seminars by MAPS members will be featured at NOJEX. Other special events are being planned. Members and former members are invited to attend the banquet, which will be a special feature of the meeting.

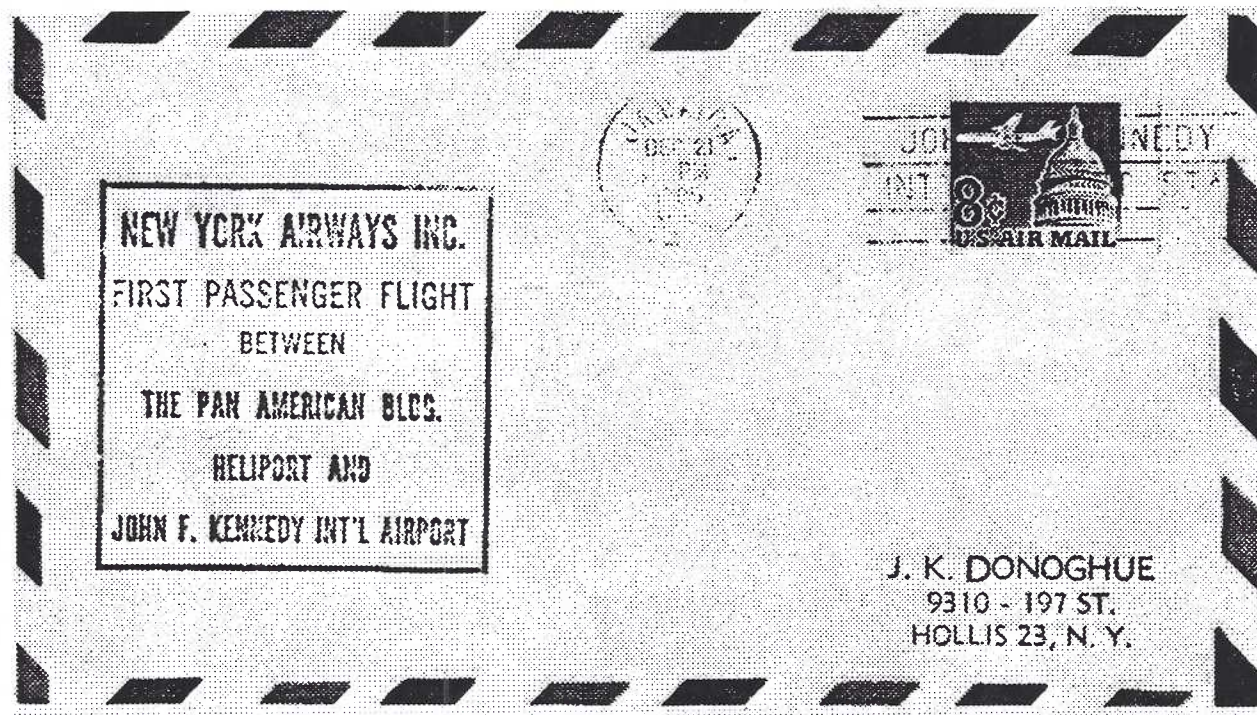
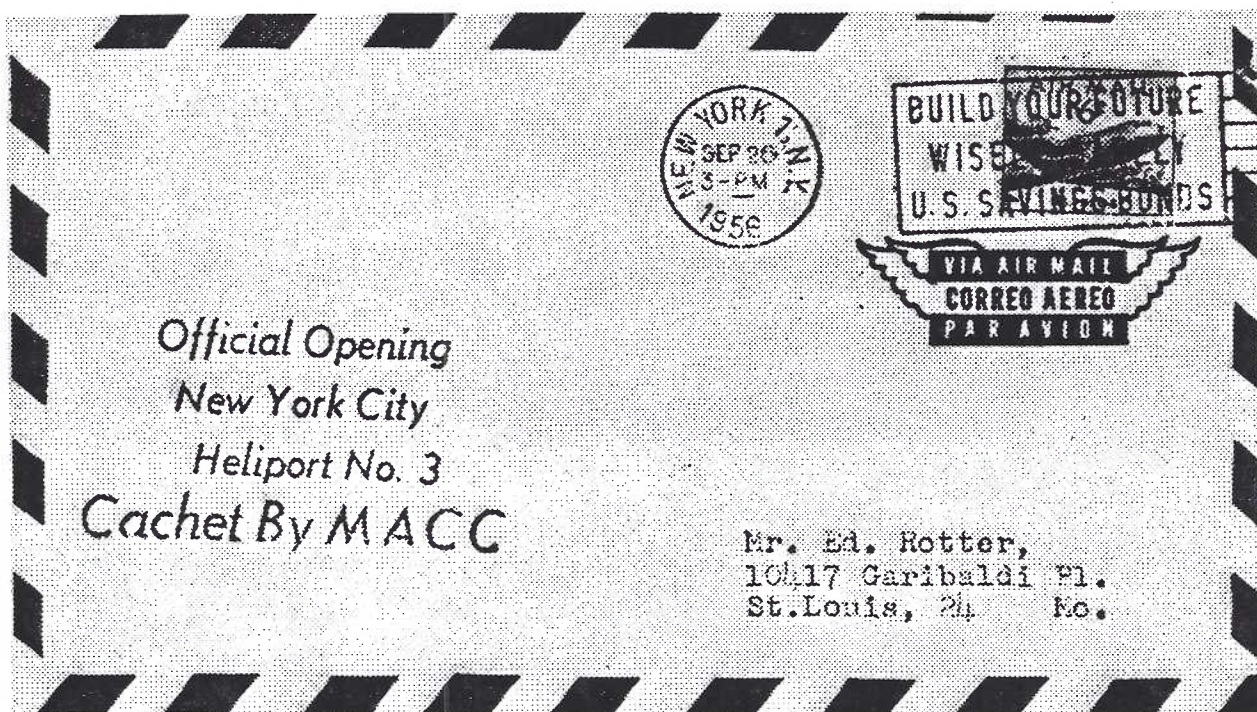
Anyone who wishes to obtain additional information should contact Sam Goldsticker, 70 C Freemont Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

MACC covers with New York connections are illustrated.

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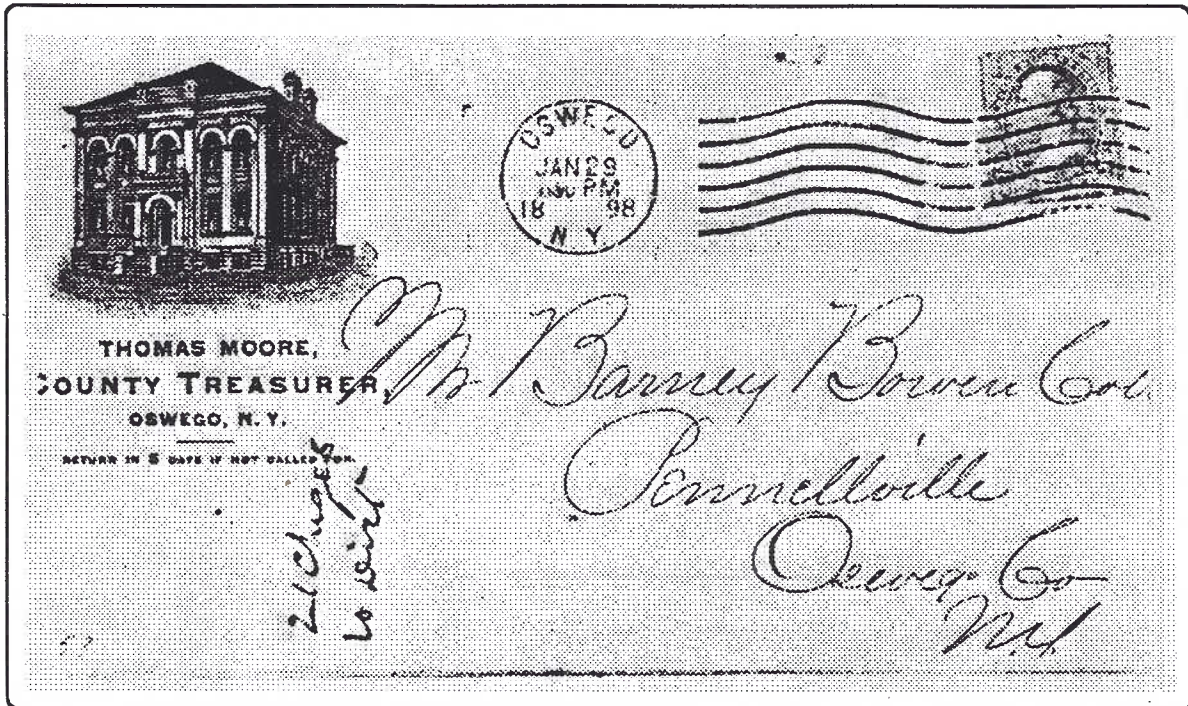
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FAM	Foreign Air Mail Covers
USFD	U.S. First Day Covers
FFD	Foreign First Day Covers
AFD	Airport Dedication Covers
TO	Trans-Oceanic Covers
HE	Helicopter Covers
SH	Souvenir Historical Covers
GF	Government Flight covers
AL	Air Labels and Etiquettes
AS	Air Postal Stationary
WC	War Covers
Naval	Ship Cancells, etc.
PC	Pioneer Covers
Z	Zeppelin and Dirigible Covers
RJ	Rocket and Jet Covers
CC	Interrupted Flight Covers
PB	Paris Balloon Covers
PIX	Aero Photos
NC	Naval Flown Covers
AMF	AMF Covers and Postmarks
CANC	Slogans and Postmarks
A	Air Mail Stamps

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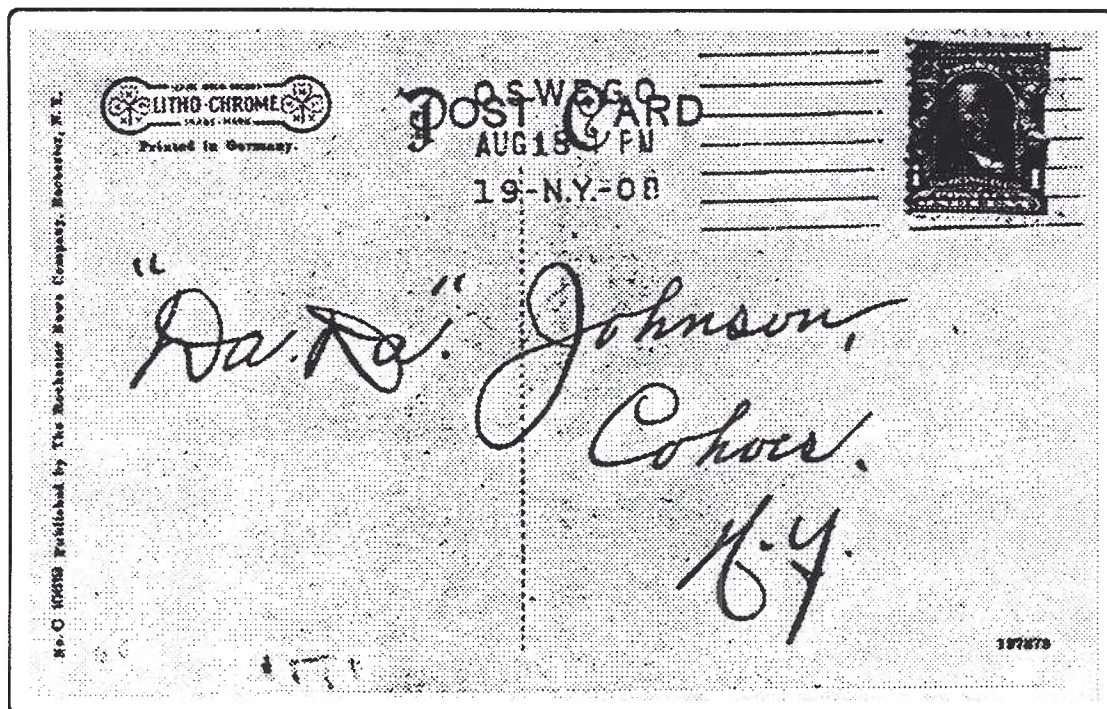


OF INTEREST: OSWEGO MACHINE CANCELS

The following two covers are courtesy of the Machine Cancel Society. They are two Barry Postal Supply Company machine cancels. While many companies produced cancels like the one below most of these have seven lines instead of the six displayed.



Below is a Barry machine experimental cancel. This cancel was used from 1908 thru 1909 only in Oswego.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MAY 5, 1991

President Hart convened the 24th annual meeting of the ESPHS at 1:35 P.M. at Karrat's Restaurant in New Hartford, N.Y. Approximately 20 members and guests were present.

The Secretary was called on to give a report. Members were advised that the Society has experienced rapid growth during the previous several years. The 1990-91 year started with 222 members and ended with 243. Credit for recruiting was given to President Hart and Vice-President M. Margulis.

The President explained how he had assigned awards duties to Messrs. Johnson, Ellman, and Parsons to handle in their respective geographic areas. The results were mixed, as only the central NYS area staged shows where ESPHS awards were used.

Al Parsons reported on the success of ESPHS members at ROPEX. Lou Call and Nate Calkins both received vermeil awards. It was noted that a book on western NY postal history was available from Nate Calkins. Interested persons should contact Nate directly.

Upcoming shows were announced: SYRAPEX will be held in Syracuse on September 14-15, 1991; CINCOPEX will be in Sidney on October 12-13, 1991; and STEPEX will occur in Elmira on October 18-19, 1991. Only STEPEX of the three is not an open competitive show. STEPEX '90 had no fewer than five exhibits on NYS postal history material.

Efforts to have ROPEX list the ESPHS award failed for unknown reasons. It was suggested that we should contact Richard Kase about this in future years.

Vice-President Margulis stated that more members are needed to work at recruiting more members.

Jack Haefeli reported on publications activities. He credited Martin and David Margulis with producing the *Bulletin* during the past year.

David Proulx's success in publishing the *NYS County and Postmaster Cancellation* book was noted. The Otsego County book is still being worked on.

The Treasurer reported that the Society ended the 1990-91 year with a \$795.06 decrease in funds. An itemized account of the revenues and expenditures was given. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Questions were raised about the advisability of the Society to have the amount of money it has. This was answered by pointing out that the interest income has enabled the Society to function and to keep the dues at a constant \$5 level for so long.

The expense of the *Bulletin* was questioned. The Treasurer gave a finer itemization of *Bulletin* expenses. The Editor defended the costs.

Gerald Wiley reported on plans for the Society's 25th Anniversary in 1992. Several possible features of this celebration include participation at a local stamp show where the Society could meet, exhibit and celebrate its anniversary. A banquet has been considered. George Bernadt said this would succeed if members came and stayed overnight. Emma Koberg suggested that a luncheon might be better than an evening banquet.

Gerald explained that Lou Call, Charlie Edwards and Ken

deLisle were also on the 25th Anniversary committee.

George Bernadt opposed having an auction at the celebration. Lou Call and Dave Proulx said that many plans depend on the size and availability of the show venue.

Ken deLisle related that the Society is considering asking the Utica S.C., host of CINCOPEX '92, if we couldn't participate in the show for our anniversary. The first step toward making plans will be to hold our next (October) meeting at CINCOPEX '91 in Sidney. Toward this, we have guaranteed CINCOPEX fifty frames of exhibits. Details of the committee's progress will be provided in the *Bulletin*.

Editor Margulis said that special editions of the *Bulletin* may be needed to give timely information about the anniversary activities and plans.

Auction Manager Bernadt made a plea for suitable auction material. Members are urged to send George their excess material so that our highly successful sales may continue.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold the 1991 semiannual meeting at CINCOPEX in Sidney, N.Y. on Sunday, October 13, 1991. This will be at the Masonic Temple in Sidney.

John Cali of the nomination committee reported on the slate of candidates standing for election. They are:

President	Martin Margulis
Vice-President	Robert Harris
Secretary-Treasurer	Maris Tirums
Directors	Jack Haefeli, David Proulx, John Lange

A motion was passed for the Secretary to cast a single vote in favor of the slate. The nominees were duly elected.

Emma Koberg posed the question of whether the by-laws needed change with respect to nominations. President Hart said he felt the current process was somewhat unclear. He felt that the 9 directors-at-large are not as effective as 6 of the 9 directors representing specific regions would be. Communication to the members would be better with such a set-up. No further discussion of these matters ensued.

Emma Koberg took the floor to present a Life Membership to Charlie Sweeting. Her statement described Charlie's role in founding the ESPHS and his contributions over the years. Charlie was not present for health reasons, but the whole membership expressed its approval of the Life Membership and conveys its congratulations. Bill Seifert urged everyone to support any regional meetings that are scheduled in their proximity. Al Parsons said he felt another central NYS meeting should be attempted.

President-elect Margulis thanked Bill Hart for his work for the Society. He spoke of plans to implement new ideas and of the need for more members to become involved.

The Treasurer advised the members that a draft budget of 1991-92 was prepared, but that new information gained that day called for revisions. Thus, the budget was not presented for formal approval. The members present gave outgoing President Hart an ovation, whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 P.M.

DUES FOR 1991-1992

Those members who have still not paid their dues for the current year will find a second notice enclosed with this *Bulletin*. Please send your payment as soon as possible. The dues for the current year remain at \$5.

The Summer 1991 *Bulletin* contained a notice of a proposed amendment to the ESPHS By-laws to increase the annual dues to \$10 starting with the 1992-93 year. This amendment passed by a near unanimous vote at the semiannual meeting in October, and the dues for subsequent years is now \$10.

NOMINATIONS

The terms of three of the Directors of the Society will expire at the upcoming annual meeting on May 3, 1992. These are J. Burton Hulbert, Charles Sweeting, and Roger Kline.

All members in good standing are eligible for election to these positions. Officers may, of course, be reelected. Any member who wishes to nominate a candidate for one of the three Director positions may do so BY SENDING THE NOMINATION TO THE SECRETARY AT P.O. BOX 5475, ALBANY, NEW YORK 12205 by March 20 1992. Before submitting a nomination to the secretary, you must verify with the nominee that he is willing to be elected and will serve if voted in. Any member who receives three or more nominations will automatically be placed on the ballot.

The President will, with the counsel of other members, strive to have at least three nominees available to fill the vacancies. Nominations from the members at large are in addition to the nominations that are expected to come from the President..

We again urge any member with the interests of the Society at heart to come forward and actively participate in the affairs of the Society by standing for election to the Executive Board.

SOCIETY NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following New York State postal historians to the ESPHS:

Dale P. Drake	Thomas Greaney
Terence Hines	Bob Iovino
Stafan T. Jaronski	Peter M. Jehrio
Irwin Kaplan	William H. Kleinfelder
Joseph J. Kopczak	Postal History Foundation
Lisa A. Sizeland	Dr. Harvey G. Tilles
	Kimber A. Wald

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

Curry, James P.
33 Pullman Ave., Apt.4, Rochester, NY 14615
Interests: general
References: philatelic affiliations provided

Davison, Robert W.
2352 Canal Rd., Camillus, NY 13031
Interests: NYS PH; FDC's; US & Latin Am stamps
References: APS

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please note the following address changes on your roster. Only the new address is shown.

Walter Demmerle	Dennis Mallory
357 Foch Blvd.	P.O. Box 14974
Mineola, NY 11501	Albany, NY 12212-4974

David W. Snow
11579 SE 60th Ave.
Milwaukee, OR 97222

AUCTION ACTION

Auction ManagerGEORGE BERNADT
1470 Wyoming Ave., Schenectady, N.Y. 12308

Bidders are reminded of the bidding increments for the ESPHS mail auctions. They are:

\$ 0.01 --\$ 5.00 ... \$0.25 increments
\$ 5.01 --\$20.00 ... \$0.50 increments
\$20.01 --\$35.00 ... \$1.00 increments
Over \$35.00 ... \$2.50 increments

Bidders are requested to settle their accounts as soon as possible after notification that they have successfully bid on (a) lot(s).

NOTICE!!

Please do NOT use post cards for your bids. They frequently take 7 to 10 days to arrive and have resulted in several of you having your bids arrive after the auction is over and the lots have been mailed out!!!!

George J. Bernadt

PRICES REALIZED SALE #70

1.	\$ 8.00	26.	\$10.50	51.	\$9.00	76.	NB
2.	10.00	27.	3.00	52.	5.50	77.	NB
3.	5.00	28.	9.00	53.	3.00	78.	NB
4.	32.50	29.	10.00	54.	3.50	79.	7.50
5.	1.00	30.	8.00	55.	6.00	80.	5.00
6.	5.00	31.	11.50	56.	10.50	81.	10.00
7.	1.00	32.	NB	57.	2.75	82.	NB
8.	8.50	33.	13.50	58.	2.50	83.	NB
9.	2.25	34.	4.00	59.	5.00	84.	15.00
10.	5.50	35.	15.50	60.	3.00	85.	NB
11.	21.00	36.	2.00	61.	1.25	86.	1.25
12.	26.00	37.	1.75	62.	1.25	87.	24.00
13.	21.00	38.	7.00	63.	7.00	88.	15.00
14.	W	39.	2.25	64.	2.00	89.	1.25
15.	6.00	40.	1.25	65.	NB	90.	3.00
16.	13.50	41.	13.00	66.	NB	91.	1.00
17.	5.00	42.	1.25	67.	NB	92.	1.25
18.	13.50	43.	1.25	68.	3.50	93.	1.25
19.	8.50	44.	8.00	69.	1.25	94.	1.25
20.	6.00	45.	2.25	70.	NB	95.	4.75
21.	17.00	46.	15.00	71.	10.50	96.	13.00
22.	10.50	47.	3.50	72.	NB	97.	5.50
23.	2.75	48.	2.50	73.	10.00	98.	2.00
24.	2.75	49.	10.00	74.	7.50	Total	
25.	4.00	50.	9.00	75.	4.00	Sale \$612.00	

AUCTION SALE #71

1. 1799 s/1 SCHEN*(EN v lt) MD 27x5m w msc 34 on F(ff) slightly stained FL. Addr to Nicholas Low at NYC!! Straight lines are becoming v hard to find!!

2. BUFFALO/MD/ N.Y. w msc 10 bold strike in 31x23m oval on VF 1845 FL..

3. 2 UTICA.N Y./MD/fleuron in 29½x28m ODSs 1 black\w HS PAID in fancy box & msc 12+ other is same but red..Both are F(ff) 1825 & 1828 FLs. some inner ff breaks. An unusual matched pair!!!

4. UTICA/MD/ N.Y. in clear o-r 32x24m ODS w HS PAID in fancy ribbon & msc 18+ on F+ sl foxed 1843 FL..

5. BINGHAMTON/MD/N.Y. in clear 31m CDS w HS PAID/3 in circle on VF small LADY'S ENV...

6. BLACK-ROCK/MD/N.Y. in blue clear 30m CDS w msc 5 on F sl foxed 1847 FL

7. FAYETTEVILLE/MD/N.Y. in 31m CDS w HS PAID & msc 10 + msc SHILLING MARK on 1846 FL(2nd page missing) addr to LONDON--Has o-r LONDON backstamp-all on some-what stained FL...Very unusual from this tiny PO..

8. HUNTINGTON/MD/fleuron N-Y fleur(all san-serif letters) in 26m DCDS w msc 5 & 1850(latter penciled) on somewhat stained, small ENV...

9. NEW HARTFORD(2m let)/MD/N.Y.(4m let)in irreg 26m o-r CDS w msc 18+ on VF 1832 FL--Has long letter.

10. 5 NYC stpls w diff CDSs-1826-50s-4 FLs + 1 ENV All are F or better,some ffs-- A v nice lot!!!

11. 2 covs-BUFFALO/MD/5 in blue irreg 32m CDS on F+ 1850 FL-2nd has SACKETS HARBOR/MD/N.Y. in lt o-r 30m CDS w HS 5 NYD-on small sl soiled FL--

12. SCOTTSBURGH/MD/N Y(lt str 3 lets missing) w HS PAID/3(partial) on somewhat worn & soiled ENV NYD

13. SHUSHAN/MD/N Y in sl smeared 31m CDS w PAID/3 in circle on Lady's ENV--Cont 1855 wedding invite..

14. STANFORDVILLE (last 3 lets miss)/MD/N.Y in 29m CDS w HS PAID/3-i-cir on F sl aged ENV

15. UTICA.N Y/D/M(M inv at bot) in 30½m CDS w msc 25 on somewhat aged 1820 FL--Legal doc..

16. WEST-POINT/MD/N.Y. in o-r 31m CDS w lg (19m) HS 5 on VF ENV--NYD

HELP!

It is absolutely imperative that more saleable material is forthcoming if our popular auctions are to continue!!! I am down to fewer than 25 lots (mostly my own) for Sale #70. I know that many of you have suitable covers which do not fit into your collections & which you have intended to send to me for our auction (many of you have told me so) but just never got around to doing it. PLEASE, all of you SEND STUFF NOW!

I would also like to take this opportunity to give my heart felt thanks to those who have cooperated in making our past auctions such a huge success. Thanks again!!

George J. Bernadt

Your Auction Manager

AUCTION SALE #71

17. WILLETT/MD/N Y in 29m CDS w HS PAID/3-in-cir on slightly aged small 1853 FL

18. MSC-BALLSTON SPA/NY MD & 183/4 in reddish ink on somewhat aged & soiled 1822 FL..Has severe ff...

19. MSC-CHARLESTON 4 CORNERS & Paid 5cts on slightly aged (ff) 1848 FL..Cont v long letter!!

20. MSC-DEANSVILLE N.Y./Jan 1 45 & 183/4 on slightly soiled year dated FL--Earliest so far-Has long let!

21. MSC-LAIRDSVILLE NY & 5 on VF 1850 FL--letter datelined Westmoreland...

22. MSC-RIDGE Paid 3 on slightly aged ENV--Contains long let dated 1855--

23. MSC-B & 18+ in purple ink-also endorsed" pr____/Steamboat"--Hud Riv Mail item-Contre: soldiers discharge papers--all on F(ff) sl worn Aug 1816 FL!!

24. STEAM/BOAT in o-r HS with HS 5 on slightly aged FLS-Addr sheet only--Hud Riv Mail item!!!

25. O-r STEAM/BOAT (poor str) & msc 8 on sl worn (has minor tears) 1832 FL addr to NY. Also has o-r Plattsburgh CDS--

26. STEAM BOAT o-r HS with msc 12 1/2 on F+(ff) 1840 FL--Hud Riv Mail-to NYC-datelined Albany--

27. U.S. EXPRESS MAIL/MD/N.Y. in o-r 30m CDS w msc 25 on F(ffs) 1845 FL--Datelined NY..

28. CONGRESS WASH.D.C./MD/FREE in 26m CDS w Frank of ROSCOE CONKLING USS on sm neat ENV-no cont-!!!

29. NEW-YORK/MD/AM PKT(M & T hi) in 28m CDS just sl off at right. Has HS & crayon 45 & msc pr Steamer/via Marseilles etc & 24. Rev has red British CDS-w 1857 date..All on F+ ENV from England to N.Hampshire.

30. BROWNSVILLE/MD/N.Y. CDS ties 3 marg #11 to somewhat soiled forwarded ENV w blue HS 5. Has 1855 cont..

31. FISHKILL/MD/N.Y. in lg CDS ties nicely centerd #11 to sl foxed ENV..

32. #26 nicely centered w pen-canc & MSC-IRA NY on F+ orange ENV (slightly shortened at left)

33. #26-Better than Ave pen-canc w MSC-NO CHATHAM NY on slightly stained ENV

34. RUSHFORD/MD/N.Y. in lg CDS on F+ #U10 ENT--

35. #26 (bottom perfs cut off) tied by o-r U.S. MAIL/1/MD/CITY DELIVERY. DCDS to sm VF ENV-NYD-Has cont.!!!

36. #11 tied by s/l STEAM BOAT of NYC to F(1 in closed tear just into HS) NYD but cont datelined E.Haddom

37. #26-3 1/2 marg tied by blue grid kil & with o-r BRIDGEWATER/MD/Ms. to VF embossed Lady's ENV. Covers w different colored HSs are unusual!!!

38. #11 w 4 margs-pen-canc with MSC BLOOMSBURY NJ on much embossed Lady's ENV-Has minir stain & small piece missing at upper left corner

39. Pen-canc #26 w better than ave centering on F orange ENV with MSC-OSWAY PA --Nice!!

40. 2 covs w #65s-1 has CROSSROADS kil (not tied) & AUGUSTA GA. CDS-other has cork grid & WASHINGTON D.C. CDS w some docketting on face--Both are F-VF ENVs..

41. #65 with s-o-n outlined grill kil (nottied) & SAN FRANCISCO CAL 1863 DCDS on F+ orange ENV

42. Pen-canc #65 w MSC-EAST Homer NY on sl shortened orange VF ENV. Has military address!!

43. 3 covs-2 w #65s w cork kils-other is #U35 ENT w CROSS-ROADS kil--All are F-VF ENVs---!

44. 3 items-all fronts only-1 is #U10 WITH MSC NORTH BRANCH NY attached to 1859 doc.-Other 2 have #65s-1 tied by lg STAR kil w MONTICELLO NY DCDS ATT TO DOC & Last has MSC BEACH POINT(?) PA--!

45. #65s on 2 VF ENVs with diff NYC CDSs & diff NY STAR-in-circle kils-- A Very lovely pair of covs!!

46. #65 tied by huge fancy cork kil. Has NEW-YORK year dated (1869) CDS on F++ ENV..

47. 4 NYS covs w #65s-1 w ONEONTA, NY CDS has Albany carrier CDS on face. Others from PORTAGEVILLE & CANAJOHARIE have fancy cork kils & last has yr dated BROOKLYN CDS W OVAL BARRED KILLER!!!

48. 2 #65 covs-1 has lg BUFFALO, NY CDS w PATENT PUNCH kil--other has 4 petal cork kil & 1868 DCDS of EAST PEMBROKE/NY--Both are F-VF ENVs--.

49. 3 covs w #65s-All have fancy cork kils on VF ENVs!

50. #65 with s-o-n vert PAID of KELLOGSVILLE, O on V+ orange ENV...

51. #65 tied by SAN FRANCISCO, CAL cogwheel w 1863 yr dated DCDS on VF orange ENV--S&E #GE-P30--

52. #65 w lg s-o-n hollow TRIANGLE w solid circle in center. Cov has CDS of BRISTOL, R.I. VF...!

53. #65 w s-o-n solid 5 pointed STAR on F+ ENV with 1863 DCDS of GLOUCESTER MS. Nice!!

54. #65 tied by lg grid kil of CINCINNATI, O to VF orange ENV--Also has HS-DUE, 6, cts,!

55. #65 w s-o-n 4 hollow PETALS IN SOLID CIRCLE of RICHMOND VA.--S & E #GE-M21 on somewhat ragged ENV..

56. 3 BOSTON, MASS. covs w #65s tied by fancy cork kils. All are on F sl worn ENVs--!!

57. #65 w vert s-o-n PAID of FARMINGTON ME. on VF yellow ENV..!

58. #65 tied by COLLINS type DLDS of NORTH HAVEN CT. to F sl soiled yellow ENV--Flap missing..

59. Pair #65s w s-o-n circle of wedges kils of STONEINGTON CT on F+ ENV...

60. Balloon CDS of SHELTER ISLAND NY on yel ENV (piece missing at top)-Has #65 tied by lg partial fancy kil.--

61. #94(s/e) tied by target kil of KATONA, NY to somewhat worn orange ENV ..V light strike..

62. #114 tied by bold 3 sided MALTESE CROSS kil. to F ENV w WATERTOWN, NY CDS.

63. #114 w NYC CDS & DC HS cc w 1869 date on F sl stained ENV.

64. #114 tied by fancy cork kil w part. BUFFALO, NY CDS & s/ 1 6.25 PM MAIL at bot of somewhat stained ENV!!!

65. #114 w segmented cork kil & SAINT JOHNSVILLE NY CDS on F sl soiled orange ENV.

66. #114-well centered-tied by cork grid w CAMDEN, NY CDS & boxed cc. All on F+ ENV..

67. #114-well centered-tied by TROY, NY CDS. F+-flap missing-small ENV..

68. 4 #114 NYS covs-ADAMS; SALINA; SYRACUSE & TULLY. 1 w cc All on F-VF ENVs...

69. LIMESTONE, MDY/CATT.CO., N.Y. in 33m DLDCDS w neg. STAR in outlined circle tying 2 c br BN to VF ENV. w cc..

70. Dp violet- McGRAWVILLE/N.Y./MDY/fleuron/M.C. BINGHAM, P.M. in 30m CDS w bold encircled STAR tying 2 cgr

AUCTION SALE #71

BN-VF!

71. Same as above but black--making a nice matched pr!
72. Scarce EAST CREEK, NY CDS w tar kil tying 3c gr BN to sl aged F ENV. Has partial pink RR DCDS on rev--!
73. JOHNSVILLE, NY CDS ties 10c br+2c gr BNs to VF ENV w msc Reg No 5 * on rev-1888 fancy, Octag. DS HOMER, NY--.
74. Purple NO. HILLSDALE, /JAN 14 1886/N.Y. in 3 St. Lns tying 2c br BN to ENV. Has PHILMONT, NY CDS * encircled STAR on reverse..An unusual COLUM.CO item!!!
75. 4 covs-3 are F stpls FLs-1 has ft 1806 NYC CDS w msc 25-2nd has ft 1835 ALBANY CDS w HS PAID & msc 12+; 3 is 1820 hand carried FL w msc pr Francis & 4th item has 1c bl BN on VF PHIL.PA. drop FL--A VF lot!!!
76. Overall ADV cov of THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE (in ribbon) w well centered #65 tied by s-o-n 1861 NYC CDS. Has closed tears on rev & note "Hand writing of HORACE GREELY"
77. Large fancy ADV of YOU MANS/etc/NY HOTEL/ALBEMARLE HOTEL & picturing reclining LION. Has 2c br BN tied by 1866 CDS of NY w barred oval kil on VF blue ENV..Nice!!
78. Lg illus of RAZOR STROP w M/E/REPPENHAGEN,/HIGHLAND FALLS, NY etc. w 2c red & 1896 CDS of that place, on VF ENV
79. Bold cork CIRCLE OF WEDGES canc ties 2c COLUMBIAN w 1893 SUMMIT, NY CDS on VF ENV...
80. 1c COLUMBIAN on 7x5½ in DROP LETTER w lg illus of 3 story BUILDING, HORSE & WAGON, etc. Unusual!!!
81. 3 items-1 has illus HORSE & RIDER beneath caption- GREAT EASTERN FERTILIZER CO. & RUTLAND, VT. w 1896

RUTLAND TRANSIT CDS 2c red (sl damaged in opening). Others are ad- dressed but unused illus ADV covs-1 w illus of horse & last w illus of hanging CANDLE CHANDELIER. Both VF ENVs.

82. 5 PCs w purple INDELEBLE PENCIL kills At least 4 are probably R.F.D.s..All F-VF..Stamps are #300 or 1c Wash.
83. 4 PCs w purple INDELEBLE PENCIL kills All are R.F.D.s w #300 or ONE CENT FRAN. HEADS. F-VF!!
84. ROUSE POINT/5 PM/24MAR/1903/N.Y. CDS-Scarce misspelling of PO name. Also has cc & on rev, illus of a lg BARREL OF FLOUR, etc....
85. 2 PCs w BROOME CO. canc. 1 has 1910 TRACY CREEK CDS DPO w ONE CENT FRANK HEAD. Other has 1910 mach canc of BINGHAMTON w ONE CENT FRANK HEAD--Both VF...
86. DOANE canc-CATSKILL STATION, NY 1906 DPO on VF XMAS PC..
87. DOANE canc-SILVER NAIL, NY 1906 tying #300 to VF XMAS PC. DPO
88. 2 VF PCs w DPOs-PRESHO, NY OF 1912 w ONE CENT FRANK HEAD & BRADLEY, NY of 1913. (latter may be DOANE.
89. 2 PCs-1 is DPO-ANCRAM LEAD MINES/NY w #300 on 1907 XMAS card-Other has 1912 CDS-SENECA CASTLE w WASH HEAD.
90. SILVER LAKE ASSEMBLY, NY 1916 cds w 1c WASH head. DPO. on PC w View of Lake at Head of Outlet.!
91. SACANDAGA PARK, NY 1906 CDS (possibly DOANE?) ties #300 to F+ PC--View of LOVERS LANE..DPO!!!
92. Used GRANT LETTER SHEET-Complete but sl worn--Very hard to find thus!!!

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Planning for this years's exhibition in conjunction with CINCOPEX 92 is already under way.

Those members who participated in 1991 will soon be receiving EXHIBITION CIRCULAR No 1 - March 1992. It will outline our preliminary steps and ask those with intentions of competing this year to give us a non-binding estimate of their exhibit as to size and content.

Members who would like to show but who do not receive the circular may write for a copy to: Ken de Lisle, 9 Circle Lane, Apt 23D, Albany, NY 12203-2216

**DIRECTORS MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1992**

The semi annual meeting of the board of directors will be held at the Tom Sawyer Motor Inn on Western Av. very convenient to exit 24 on the Thruway.

The management has given us the use of a meeting room for no charge, so they (and we) would appreciate you planning to have your meal there at about 12 noon.

The meeting will be conducted after the noon meal. There are a number of important items on the agenda, so your attendance is especially needed.

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93. GRINDSTONE, NY 1905 CDS on F sl worn #UX18 DPO..

94. 3 PCs w DOANE cancels-OQUAGA LAKE, NY 1908; MARIPOSA, NY 1910 & GLENMORE, NY 1910--All have minor faults..

95. 3 items w DOANE canc-MESSENGERVILLE, NY 1908 ties #319 F sl soiled ENV--Others are PCs-SMITHTOWN, NY 1905 used w HS FORWARDED & origin post mark-GREEN LAKE, NY--Last has FREEMONT CENTER, NY 1907 used on face as rec mk.

96. 2 PCs w R.F.D.s-ORLEANS FOUR CORNERS (arced) / N.Y./ April 7 1911/R.F.D. Other has R.F.D./APR 1 1909 P.M./ FRANK-LINVILLE, N.Y.--Both are VF cards..

97. 8 covs-1 has 4 marg #11 on stained ENV w cont; another has damaged #65 w cont.; 3 have 2c br BNs; 2 have 3c gr BNs & last has dam 2c red. several have conts..

98. 2 French 25 cent. stamps (#99) on sl worn 1882 cov w French mks + NYC binocular type PAID rec. HS on rev.!!!

99. MEXICO-25c blue overprinted w 2780/MAZATLAN & tied by 1881 MAZATLAN cds on F+ ENV--Unusual!!!

100. MEXICO-V Unusual & Rare cov huge st. line HS MEXICO tying 5c stamp to F+ ENV. Has msc note "Cancellation used when P.M. stole the handstamps and skipped" Also has cc of E. RAMIREZ/ AGO 25 1914/NOGALES SON MEX.& on rev MAGDALENA/ MDY/SONORA--Certainly a v nice piece of MEX. post.hist!!

DEADLINE FOR BIDS IS APRIL 3, 1992

**ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1992**

The roof is back on Karrats! All ESPHS members should definitely plan on attending the annual meeting at this popular restaurant in New Hartford. If you need directions please call any of the officers for directions, in fact they may be able to arrange car pooling.

Arrive any time after 10AM and look over the dealer offerings. There is always a wide variety of very interesting, reasonably priced material available. After a nice dinner with collecting friends, we will conduct the annual meeting.

If you have never attended, please consider it now. This is an unusual chance to see lots of postal history offerings, learn about the society, enjoy a fine meal (and libation), and partake of the great fellowship between the many members that attend.