

**EMPIRE STATE  
POSTAL HISTORY  
SOCIETY**

# *BULLETIN*

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## **The President's Message**

I would like to invite all members to attend our semi-annual meeting in Sherrill on Oct. 21, 1995. More information about CINCOPEX is found on page 3. I will be manning the Society table and selling club literature etc. There will also be a program about the Corridor Service between New York and Washington. See me at my table for further information.

Has your club taken advantage of our Speaker's Bureau? In January, I will speak on Herkimer County's own R.P.O. at a meeting of the Fort Orange Stamp Club in Albany. If you wish to volunteer as a speaker, contact our Secretary/Treasurer, John Lange.

I am saddened to report that John Kay, one of the authors of the NYS Post Office book has suffered a stroke which has left him without the use of his left eye. We wish John a quick and speedy recovery.

## **A Request for Information**

Prior to the official government issuance of perforated stamps, there was a number of private individuals (and perhaps postmasters) who took matters into their own hands so to speak. One such individual appears to have lived in Bergen, New York (roughly 20 miles southwest of Rochester) in Genesee County.

Not many details are known about these items, but they were probably used about 1856 (plus or minus one year). One of the covers pictured (Illustrations on page 3) is docketed "1852", but this cannot be correct based on the plate position and color of the stamp. No doubt this docketing was applied years later. The covers are known addressed to several different people in different handwritings.

The purpose of this request is to ask for help in gathering information for part of a study on perforation of postage stamps in the United States and specifically to ask for help on several fronts.

**Do any members have additional copies of the "sawtooth" separation used from Bergen.** A census of known items, on and off cover is being compiled, and a photocopy of your item would be appreciated.

**Can members provide examples of the same Bergen, NY cancellation on stamps from the 1850's that do not show the sawtooth separations?** Such examples might be helpful in establishing if it was the postmaster or a private citizen who applied the sawtooth separations. Additionally, such examples might help establish the year of usage, if accompanied by letters, docketing or the like.

**Can members provide any other details on the items, perhaps the result of other articles or other research?**

The investigator is W. Wilson Hulme, 1431 Frenchman's Bend Drive, Naperville, IL 60564, (708) 820-1416. This is also of interest to the writer (John Lange) who has two extensive studies of the 3¢ 1851-57 imperforate stamp. Private perforations on the imperforate stamp fit nicely in these studies. Responses will be appreciated and may be sent either to the writer or to Mr. Hulme. We coordinate!

John A. Lange, Jr., 373 Root Rd., Ballston Spa, NY 11202-3227

## SOCIETY NEWS

Contributions are always welcome for this feature; please send them to:

John Lange  
ESPHS Secretary/Treasurer  
373 Root Road  
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You may call John at (518) 882-6373. The best time is in the afternoon between 1 and 6.

### Membership applicants:

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References: APS, BIA, AFDCS, MCS, AAMS  
Interests: Machine cancels, Clinton Co. PH

**We welcome the following new members:**  
Sweeting, Heather, 14372 Victory St., Sterling, NY 13156

Interests: Cayuga Co., NY precancels

**Resigned:** Margulis, David

### Change of Address:

Toly, Martin, % Philatelics International, PO Box 2101  
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**Donation:** We are pleased to announce the donation of \$20.00 to ESPHS from Charles Sweeting. Charlie is a founding member of our Society and has been given a life membership; thus no dues obligation. He has always been a strong supporter and in previous years has also given a donation to ESPHS. Thanks, Charlie!

**Request for information:** A communication to David D. Gorman (Aug. 7) was returned to the Treas. (John Lange) with "Return to sender, forwarding time expired." Mr. Gorman's last known address was 18 Cornelia St., Apt. 3, Plattsburgh, NY 12901-2923.

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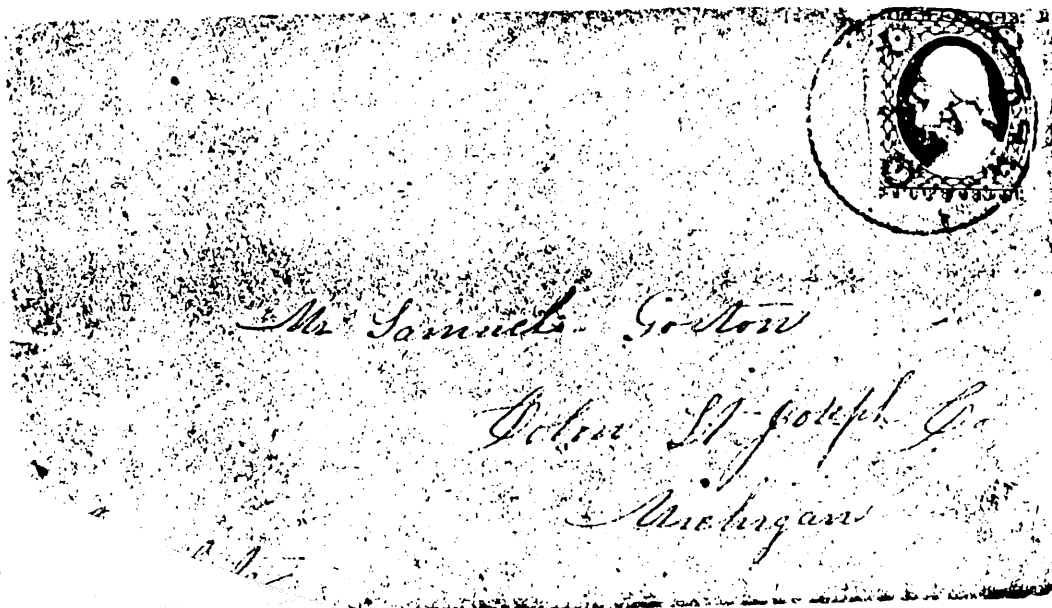
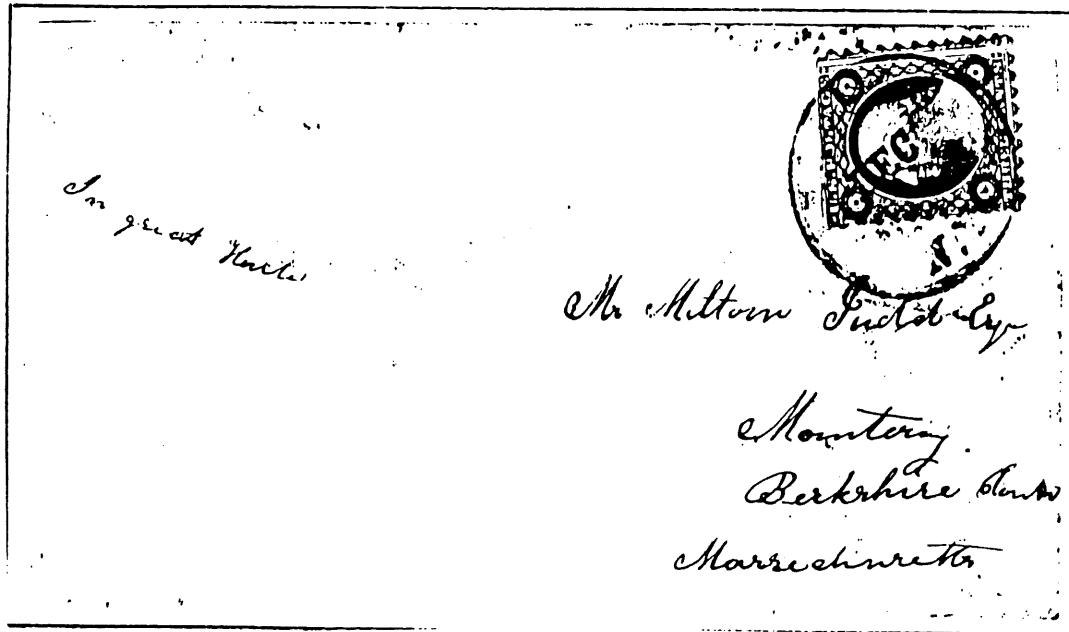
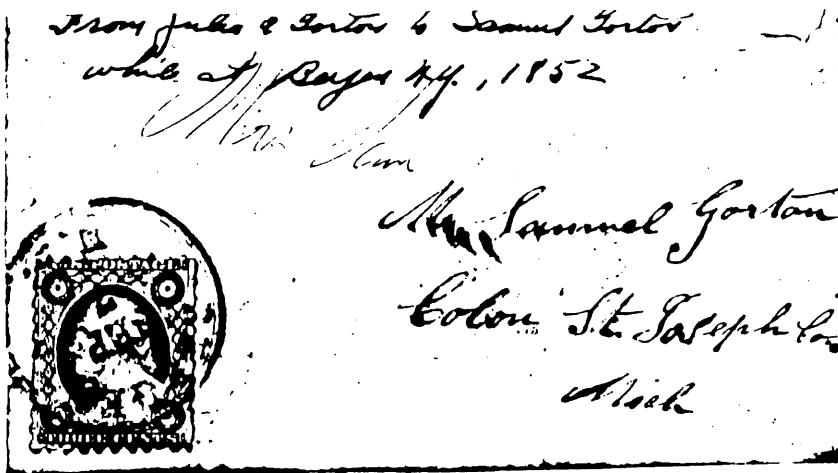
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**Semi-Annual Meeting  
Sat. Oct. 21, 1995 1 pm  
CINCOPEX-95  
CAC Clubhouse (Sherrill, NY)**

Our semi-annual meeting will be held in the large upstairs meeting room of the CAC (Community Associated Club) club house. This is the first day of a two day philatelic exhibition. Hours for the exhibition are 10 am until 6 pm on Saturday and from 10 am until 4 pm on Sunday.

The Empire State Postal History Society is delighted to become an award donor at this show and will present a silver plate to the BEST NEW YORK STATE POSTAL HISTORY EXHIBIT, as well as award certificates to each competitor in the NYSPH classification.

There is one stipulation: a winner of our top trophy in any calendar year is not eligible to win again until two years have elapsed, interpreted to mean the WINNER, NOT THE WINNING EXHIBIT.

The show committee has gathered the usual array of awards, ribbons, and certificates, including those for BEST IN SHOW (open competition), junior displays, and recognition for the best single (6 page) frame exhibit. In addition to the ESPHS plate, there will be APS medals and awards from the American Topical Association, US Postal Stationery Society, and American First Day Cover Society.

For details, prospectus, and an entry blank, write Don Connelly, Chairman, CINCOPEX '95, 68 Glenwood Ave., RD #1, Box 451, Oneida, NY 13421 (315) 363-7606. Entries must be received by Oct. 11, 1995

Ken de Lisle, ESPHS awards chairman, encourages participation by ESPHS members. Can our members make this an outstanding postal history competition similar to the 1991 and 1992 shows? Let's give it a whirl.

DO YOU HAVE DUPLICATE NEW YORK STATE POSTAL HISTORY MATERIAL? WHY NOT CONSIGN IT TO THE EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY MAIL AUCTION. RECYCLE AND MAKE SOME MONEY!!

**SPEAKERS BUREAU**

The ESPHS has established a Speakers Bureau. Volunteers, please send your name and topic to the Secretary. A 50 mile radius from your home is suggested; please list an optional distance if you are willing to travel farther. This service is intended to be used by local stamp clubs and the Federation of Central NY Philatelic Societies; possibly as a tie-in to its request for a seminar on preparing exhibit pages.

**ESPHS  
PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE**

The following publications were printed by your Society and are currently available. Members are entitled to a 20% discount from the list price. With the exception of FEDERAL POST OFFICES OF NYS which is postpaid, there is a P/H charge if ordered through the mail. Please add it to the book cost. If you order a number of books at one time, the maximum postage and handling charge is \$3.00. Order from ESPHS, 373 Root Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3227

Volume discounts of 30% for 5-9 of one title and 40% for 10 or more of one title are available to ESPHS members as well as dealers.

Our FEDERAL POST OFFICES OF NYS booklet in the 5.5" x 8.5" format has just been reprinted and is now available at the original cost of \$5.00 list, postpaid (Member's price, \$4.00 pp). This booklet (which is alphabetical) covers the time period of 1792-1972; it gives the county where a PO is located and is a valuable adjunct to George Bernadt's Postal Markings catalog listed below. It has blue card cover stock on the outside and fits nicely into the cover pockets of the binder of the catalog, or can be used separately if so desired.

POSTAL MARKINGS OF NYS 1792-1856 by George Bernadt. A priced catalog of NYS stampless cover markings published in 1993. 382 pages. Available in two formats (the spiral-bound version is sold out).

- 1). Three-ring 1.5" binder; clear plastic overlays on the front, spine and back with title inserted plus two interior pockets. Includes pages; a nice home for the book plus room for future additions and your own notations, List price, \$29.00, member's price, \$24.00. P&H \$3.00
- 2) Pages only, shrink-wrapped. List price, \$25.00, member's price \$20.00. P&H \$3.00

STAR CANCELS OF NEW YORK STATE by David Proulx. 32 pages, illustrated, staple bound, card cover. List Price \$9.00. Member's price \$7.20. P&H \$1.00

COUNTY AND POSTMASTER CANCELS OF NEW YORK STATE by David Proulx. 44 pages, illustrated, staple bound, card cover. List price \$9.00. Member's price \$7.20. P&H \$1.00

ONTARIO COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY by Emma Koberg. 95 pages, maps, postmarks & illustrations. Plastic bound. Reprint. List price \$10.00. Member's price \$8.00. P&H \$1.00

WAYNE COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY by Emma Koberg. 81 pages, maps, postmarks & illustrations. Plastic bound. List price \$8.00. Member's price \$6.40. P&H \$1.00

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

As a special accommodation for members only, we offer NEW YORK POSTAL HISTORY: THE POST OFFICES AND FIRST POSTMASTERS FROM 1775 TO 1980 by Smith & Kay and published by the APS at a retail price of \$40.00 This is the NYS PH "Bible" & available to ESPHS members for \$29.00 (\$1.00 P&H).

Just Published! OTSEGO COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY, 221 pages, many photos and cancels from all towns. \$20.00 + \$2.25 P&H or \$3.00 Priority Mail. Available from Dorothy Scott Fielder, RR1 Box 1038, Maryland, NY 12116-9769

TOWN POSTAL HISTORIES of Dutchess County. Covers postal designations, locations, markings, and other postal information located. A bibliography and alphabetical list of postmasters appended. Towns available are Amenia, Beekman, Clinton, Dover, East Fishkill, Fishkill, Hyde Park, Lagrange, Milan, Northeast, Pawling, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Stanford, Union Vale, Wappinger, Washington. Each 20 to 30 pages, photocopied, plastic comb bound, Price each \$7.50 pp. Available from Roy Ahlquist, 908 N. Quaker Lane Staatsburg, NY 12580.

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Send on approval or a photocopy with price to:

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## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1995-96 DUES?

No? Send your \$10.00 to the Sec./Tres immediately. We would hate to drop you from the membership list.

## TRADING POST

Each member is entitled to one free Trading Post ad of up to 25 words each year. The ads are always changing, so everyone is encouraged to keep their eyes open for new opportunities to sell/ trade/buy material.

Due to the space constraints within *THE BULLETIN* there sometimes isn't enough space to publish all the ads we have on hand. If you do not see your ad in this issue, please be assured it will appear in a later issue.

**Wanted Information** leading to my acquiring handstamp Flag Cancellations from Owasco, Cassadaga, & Crystal Run, NY. Also seeking MOOERS FORKS, NY RED, flag cancel on cover (Richow type 6DB). Contact Larry Haller, 4300 Butte Circle, Anchorage, AK 99504 (1/6)

**WANTED! Postcard views** of Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, & Westchester Counties. Also Postal related for towns of AMENIA, DOVER, & PAWLING. Send on approval or copies. Postage paid. Contact: Edward Hogan, 4 Craig Ln, Dover Plains, NY 12522 (1/5)

**Buying all POSTAL HISTORY** covers from the following ONONDAGA COUNTY Towns: Rhodes (Feb 1828 to Aug 1843), Skaneateles, Skaneateles Falls. Send copy with price to: Norman Shepard, 741 Deerfoot Rd, Deland, FL 32720 (1/6)

**WANTED CHATAUQUA COUNTY** postal history - especially SFL's & advertising covers. Contact: Vince Martonis, 35 Monroe St, Silver Creek, NY 14136 (4/6)

**WANTED. BOYLE NY** folded letter, 1812. Other scarce Ontario Co items also. Want list available upon request. Contact: Douglas Penwell, P.O. Box 3525, Glendale, AZ 85311 (1/1)

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**BUY / SELL. Postcards**, old & new. Particularly want photo views of NY & adjacent states, RFD carriers, CCC, RR stations & aviation. Approvals, pay postage. Contact: Edward Beiderbecke, P.O. Box 155, Williamson, NY 14589-0155 (1/1)

**BROAD CHANNEL, NY:** Postcards & covers wanted. Send on approval or photocopies. Postage refunded. Contact: Ken Brady, P.O. Box 663, Port Jefferson, NY 11777-0663 (1/1)

**WANTED any items** from PAN AMERICAN EXPOSITION of 1901 (also souvenirs). Also, WYOMING, GENESEE & ERIE County covers. Contact: Tom Butts, 97 Fairhaven Dr, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 (1/1)

**WANTED: Postcard views** of SMALL TOWN NYS POST OFFICES. Contact: Agnes Cavalari, 89 Bethlehem Rd, New Windsor, NY 12553 (1/1)

**COVERS FOR SALE OR TRADE.** I collect Orange Co only - all other items for sale. Contact: Richard Gadbois, Four Lilly St, Newburgh, NY 12550-4303 (1/1)

**RESEARCH PROJECT.** Wish to correspond with NYS RFD collectors to document all possible hand cancels. Have over 350. Will share lists & buy/trade duplicates. Contact: W.J. Hart, Box 167, Shrub Oak, NY 10588 (1/1)

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**WANTED! Transatlantic letters** to & from Britain & Ireland, pre-1860, any condition. I collect for content. Contact: Roger Haydon, 966 East State, Ithaca, NY 14850 (1/1)

**WANTED. QUALITY STAMPLESS** with STRONG VF STRIKES only. Any state. Also clean manuscripts from NY, NJ, or ME. Send copy with price to: Haynes, Box 358, Allendale, NJ 07401 (1/1)

**PHILIPPINES WANTED:** Anything philatelic, any period. Write first. Contact: K Line Philippines, P.O. Box 94, Eden, NY 14057 (1/1)

# MEMBERS' INTERESTS

This is a compilation of ESPHS members' collecting interests by county and/or region as printed in the latest membership listing. It has been prepared by Glenn Estus.

<b>Albany</b>	Blazejewski, Haefeli, Haynes, McGrath, Puzio
<b>Allegany</b>	Howden
<b>Broome</b>	Wilcox, Williams
<b>Cattaraugus</b>	Ericson
<b>Cayuga</b>	Sweeting
<b>Chautauqua</b>	Ericson, Mason, Sinclair
<b>Chemung</b>	Glenister, von Hagn
<b>Chenango</b>	Guenzbürger, Yacano
<b>Clinton</b>	Estus, Rogers
<b>Columbia</b>	Chlanda
<b>Cortland</b>	
<b>Delaware</b>	Conrow, Hulbert, Karlson, Lohrman, Prill, Smith, Taber, Tuttle
<b>Dutchess</b>	Ahlquist, Chlanda, Drew, Govern
<b>Erie</b>	Birk, Butts, Czaplicki
<b>Essex</b>	Estus
<b>Franklin</b>	Estus
<b>Fulton</b>	Schriner
<b>Genesee</b>	Butts
<b>Greene</b>	Rau
<b>Hamilton</b>	
<b>Herkimer</b>	Van Buskirk
<b>Jefferson</b>	
<b>Kings</b>	Tilles
<b>Lewis</b>	
<b>Livingston</b>	Bernadt, Penwell
<b>Madison</b>	Crowley, LaRue, Rowbottom
<b>Monroe</b>	Palskis, Penwell
<b>Montgomery</b>	Voos
<b>Nassau</b>	
<b>Niagara</b>	Loker
<b>Oneida</b>	Crowley, Hilbing, Ludin, Pace, Rowbottom, Van Buskirk
<b>Onondaga</b>	
<b>Ontario</b>	Penwell, Sizeland, Wald
<b>Orange</b>	Cavalari, Karlson, Margulis M.
<b>Orleans</b>	

<b>Oswego</b>	Cali, Kunzwiler, Todaro
<b>Otsego</b>	Bauer, Crowley, Dunbar, Fielder, Hulbert, Mason, Smith
<b>Putnam</b>	Deegan, Ellman
<b>Rensselaer</b>	Haynes, Hoffman, Puzio, Sharbaugh
<b>Richmond</b>	Arch, Miller
<b>Rockland</b>	Faber, Price
<b>Saratoga</b>	Bernadt, Haynes, Lange
<b>Schenectady</b>	Bernadt, Haynes, Puzio, Sharbaugh
<b>Schoharie</b>	
<b>Schuyler</b>	Parsons
<b>Seneca</b>	Chlanda
<b>St. Lawrence</b>	Nunge, Robillard
<b>Steuben</b>	Parsons, von Hagn
<b>Suffolk</b>	Knowles, Laby
<b>Sullivan</b>	Karlson, Tuttle
<b>Tioga</b>	Lord, von Hagn, Wilcox
<b>Tompkins</b>	
<b>Ulster</b>	Foutz, Karlson, Rau, Tirums
<b>Warren</b>	Matte
<b>Washington</b>	Bernadt, Matte
<b>Wayne</b>	Beiderbecke, Ennis, Scheetz
<b>Westchester</b>	Deegan, Margulis M.
<b>Wyoming</b>	Butts
<b>Yates</b>	Bordwell

## Regions:

<b>Adirondacks</b>	Cheney
<b>Central NY</b>	Nykiel, Wright
<b>Hudson Valley</b>	Shuker
<b>Long Island</b>	Arch, Bantz, Boos, Brady, Christensen, Knowles, Price, Rappaport, Wyckoff
<b>Mohawk Valley</b>	Scarry, Voos
<b>NE NY</b>	Wiley
<b>NYC</b>	Brouillette, Curran, Mazza, McCann, Metzger, Price, Rappaport, Rhatigan
<b>Southern Tier</b>	William
<b>Western NY</b>	Calkins, Rozmus, Tesmer

## A LOOK BACKWARD

by Ken de Lisle

Scanning some recent dealer prices and auction realizations makes an old-time collector of New York State postal markings on cover admit, indeed, times have changed. No longer are important "finds" being made. No longer can one assemble a representative showing of statewide 18th and 19th century material at a cost the average working stiff might prudently spend on his or her hobby. Inflation, steady collector demand and the interesting historical data uncovered in old correspondence have each contributed to the spectacular rise in value, over the past 30-40 years, of even the most common cover. Add to these factors the specializing or "narrowing down" by collecting only a particular region, county, city or village. Then add in such topical themes are railroad, steamboat, express and similar special service markings which elevate the demand for (read cost of) that specialty.

But the major reason for appreciation in value is, in my opinion, the time proven law of supply and demand as more and more collectors turn to postal history and chase a dwindling supply of collectible material. There are no large finds being made today.

I was reminded of this when a price list of the late Ward Hinman turned up in a box of odds and ends I was sorting. Ward Hinman was an early member of the Albany Fort Orange Stamp Club and the first genuine postal history student I ever knew. He was a cover collector at a time when this pursuit was not a major part of philately, except for those gems carrying valuable stamps. By day he was chief engineer in the telephone division of the New York State Public Service Commission. By night he was a postal history sleuth. His daytime work involved digging out facts and statistics for presentation at telephone rate cases and his position gave him ready access to New York State Library archives which few collectors knew existed. He was thus ideally trained for his postal history research activities. At stamp club meetings he freely exchanged his findings with other members interested in this new aspect of the hobby.

When Hinman came into possession of a portion of the massive correspondence in the New York City "Seth Low" find he spotted letters relating to the 1836-39 triple rate express and was the first writer to publish, in *STAMPS* magazine, the discover of this historic step by the Post Office Department to provide fast, efficient mail service in competition with the private expresses. Dr. James W. Milgram is today's authority on this service, having collected and written extensively on the subject. Hinman's fine 1836-39 express collection was eventually purchased by another pioneer postal historian, Philip Ward of Philadelphia.

Several other large finds made in the Capital District were shared with Hinman. He had the opportunity to extract important material from the State Comptroller and Townsend hoards and had a hand in breaking down the Cooperstown Bank find. Eventually his holdings outran his research time and he began to sell the less interesting material.

Hinman offered items singly and in bundles to dealers who were beginning to recognize their worth and issued several price lists to New York State collectors. The one I have is undated, it is probably from the mid-30s and certainly represents his disposal of unwanted State Comptroller correspondence. The Comptroller material now resting in our collections was fortunately rescued from destruction by pure chance—but that is another story

Here is a sampling of Hinman's price list. It is closely typed, 40-50 lines to the page on thirteen 8 1/2 x 11 mimeographed sheets. Remember the mimeograph — or it that too long ago? What a black sticky mess!

Note: Unless otherwise shown all strikes are circular. On the original listing no precise description was given for size, upper and lower case letter or if all capitals, no indication of placement for periods, commas, etc.



<u>POSTMARK</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Albany	1792	Black	2.50	Straightline (SL)
Albion, Orleans Co. N.Y.	1831	Red	2.00	
Auburn, N.Y.	1821	Black	0.75	Fancy Oval "PAID"
Ballston Spa, N.Y.	1827	Red	0.75	Double Oval (DO)
Black Rock, N.Y.	1826	Black	1.50	SL in box
Brooks Grove, N.Y.	1850	Brown	2.00	SL
Canton, N.Y.	1841	Orange	0.50	
Chenango Point	1817	Red	2.50	Oval
Cooperstown, Otsego Co, N.Y.	1816	Black	2.00	No outer ring (NOR)
Dansville, N.Y.	1842	Green	0.50	
Fort Ann, N.Y. Wash. Co.	1832	Black	2.50	Oval
Fort Covington, N.Y.	1831	Red	3.00	SL year-dated
Friendship, N.Y.	1850	Green	1.00	
Hoyleton, N.Y.	1852	Black	4.00	SL
James Ville, N.Y.	1819	Black	1.50	Year-dated
Little Falls, N.Y.	1824	Red	1.50	Year-dated
Lowville, N.Y.	1839	Black	0.75	DO
Monticello, N.Y.	1847	Red	1.00	Arc
Mooers, N.Y.	1837	Black	1.00	Arc
Mayville, N.Y.	1847	Red	1.50	XX rate
Moriah, N.Y.	1841	Red	1.50	SL with date
Newark Wayne Co., N.Y.	1836	Red	1.50	
New Rochelle, N.Y.	1832	Red	2.50	Double circle (DC)
New York	1798	Red	2.00	Fancy (Clamshell)
Niag	1809	Red	4.00	SL with date
Oaksville, N.Y.	1840	Red	3.00	SL
Otisville, N.Y.	1850	Green	1.00	
Peeks-Kill, N.Y.	1841	Black	0.75	Fancy DC
Pleasant Valley				
Dutchess Co., N.Y.	1833	Red	3.00	6-line SL with Date
Rochester	1815	Black	4.00	SL with date
Salem, N.Y.	1825	Black	1.50	Fancy sawtooth
Salina, N.Y.	1829	Red	2.50	SL with box
Saugerties, N.Y.	1831	Red	0.75	Arc
Schoharie Court House, N.Y.	1817	Red	2.00	NOR
Sandy Hill, N.Y.	1845	Green	5.00	Oval
Troy, N.Y.	1803	Black	0.75	Year-dated
Utica	1808	Black	1.00	
Vernon, N.Y.	1829	Black	3.00	SL
Watertown, N.Y.	1813	Black	1.00	NOR
Westbrookville, N.Y.	1832	Brown	1.00	NOR

The top price on the list (there were four) was \$5.00, the least costly 25c. 184 postmarks on the list were not in the then current (1936) Konwiser catalog. On Page 13 Hinman struck a total. If interested, one could purchase over 600 different postmarks on stampless covers, including many straightline, ovals, and a sprinkling of fancy circulars for the asking price of \$619.45. I feel sure Hinman would have been willing to unload the lot at much less. His stock seemed to be endless.

How Times have changed!

# ESPHS MAIL AUCTION

George J. Bernadt  
1470 Wyoming Ave.  
Schenectady, NY 12308

**IMPORTANT AUCTION RULE CHANGE:**  
Beginning with the Dec., 1995 Sale (#86) Owner's Minimums and/or Estimates will be shown when desired. Only the 25c passed lot fee will be charged for unsold lots. It is hoped that this will encourage submissions of much more desirable material which is badly needed.

## PRICES REALIZED SALE #84

1. 15.50	34. 9.00	67. 6.00
2. 39.50	35. 3.50	68. 15.00
3. NB	36. 1.25	69. NB
4. 7.50	37. 12.50	70. 10.00
5. 6.50	38. 11.50	71. 10.00
6. 15.50	39. 7.00	72. 7.50
7. 10.00	40. 7.00	73. 1.25
8. 7.50	41. 12.00	74. 5.50
9. 15.00	42. 5.00	75. 1.00
10. 5.00	43. 1.25	76. NB
11. 9.00	44. 3.00	77. 1.00
12. 32.50	45. 18.00	78. 7.00
13. 28.50	46. 10.00	79. 2.75
14. 10.50	47. 10.50	80. 1.25
15. 147.50	48. 19.00	81. 26.00
16. NB	49. 21.00	82. 1.25
17. NB	50. 9.50	83. 4.25
18. 1.00	51. NB	84. 2.25
19. NB	52. 7.50	85. 5.00
20. 8.25	53. 12.50	86. 13.00
21. 11.50	54. 13.50	87. 8.50
22. 11.50	55. 1.00	88. NB
23. 7.50	56. NB	89. 15.00
24. 8.00	57. 55.00	90. NB
25. 6.25	58. 18.50	91. 16.00
26. 15.50	59. 5.00	92. NB
27. 13.00	60. 6.00	93. NB
28. 47.50	61. NB	94. NB
29. 13.50	62. 13.50	95. 11.00
30. 13.00	63. 1.00	96. 9.50
31. 4.00	64. 3.50	97. 6.50
32. 8.00	65. NB	98. 49.50
33. 22.00	66. 1.25	99. 9.00
15A. 37.50	50A. 9.50	100. 7.50
Total Sale: \$1125.25		101. 11.00

## SALE #85

**CLOSING DATE: OCTOBER 9, 1995**

1. NEW-YORK/MD in 1st type "CLAM-SHELL" w dot(not dash) between NEW & YORK. Has 1800 datelined let signed by MARY HANSON(probably widow of JOHN HANSON, Pres of the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS) Has HS PAID & msc 17- A nice strike on a VF FL....!!!

2. NEW-YORK/MD in 2nd type "CLAM-SHELL" w hyphen between NEW & YORK w HS PAID & msc 17. Has cont dated 1803. On VF FL!!!!

3. NEW-YORK/MD in SCARCE o-r "CLAM-SHELL". Latest use I have seen! on slightly blurred strike w msc 17 on VF 1804 FL!!!

4. 2 items-NEWPORT/MD/N.Y. in blue 30mm CDS w HS 5 on VF ENV w cont dated 1851. 2nd has BAINBRIDGE/MD/N.Y. in red 30mm CDS w HS PAID & msc 3 on somewhat stained FLS Both have clear CDSs

5. 2 BROOKLYN items-Both have 2 colored markings-Both w black BROOKLYN,N.Y. CDSs-1 w o-r HS PAID/5 other w o-r HS PAID/3. both are on VF FLs

6. CHATEAUGAY/MD/N.Y. in lightly struck, almost complete blue 32mm CDS w HS PAID/3 in-cir. on F+ 1852 FL....!

7. CHERRY-VALLEY/MD/N.Y. in 28mm CDS w faint SHERBURNE/MD/N.Y. in 33mm CDS w HS PAID on apparantly forwarded F+ 1851 FL...!!

8. COILA/MD/-N.Y.- in red 29mm CDS w HS PAID/3cts-in-cir(blurred) on F+ 1854 FL datelined Cambridge....

9. GREENWICH/MD/N Y w attached 6 on VF 1840 FL contents datelined Galesville....!!

10. 2 items-Both w GREENWICH/MD/N.Y. in red 32mm CDSs-1 has HS V on F sl soiled 1845 FL- -Other has HS PAID 5 on somewhat aged ENV.

11. 2 items-1 has TROY/SEP22/N.Y. blue CDS + KEESEVILLE/SEP23/N.Y. CDS w msc rates. Probably forwarded 1842 court doc. 2nd has KEESEVILLE/MD/N.Y. CDS w HS PAID & X-in-cir. on large 1846 FL

12. 2 OTEGO,NY items-1 has OTEGO/MD/ N.Y. 33mm CDS & HS PAID/3-in-cir on sl aged ENV. Other has #65 & sm OTEGO,NY CDS on F+ ENV w FANCY cc of Bank of Otego,N.Y. on VF ENV...

13. .SKANEATELES./MD/N.Y.(3mm lets) in 28mm CD w msc Free/F.G.Jewett/ MC frank on VF(ff) 1833 FL. Scarce 28mm CDS!!!!

14. 4 items-2 have TROY/MD/N.Y. in bold 29 mm CDSs 1 o-r w HS PAID, 2nd blue w V-in-double cir-both VF FLs-3rd has PAWTUCKET/MD/R.I. in o-r CDS w msc 10 & 4th has HARTLAND/MD/Vt. in o-r CDS on F+1842 FL...!!

15. Rimless 26.5mm o-r CDS WATERTOWN/MD/\*N Y\*(NY large let) w msc 18 1/2 on VF+ 1819 FL. An unusual type CDS...!!!

16. WATERTOWN(let slanted)/MD/N Y(NY st. line) in 25X25mm o-r ARC Date Stamp w msc 18 1/2 on VF 1822 FL...!!!

17. 10 stampless FLs w no postal markings mostly addr to SARATOGA Co. & 1 of which is addr to Gerard Banker/Treasurer of NYS, dated 1794-Most have interesting contents! Mostly F FLs!!!

18. 2 WATERTOWN,NY items-1 has o-r WATERTOWN/MD/N.Y. in clear 30mm CDS w msc 183/4 on VF 1843 FL-2nd has blue WATERTOWN/MD/N.Y. in 29mm CDS w HS 5 on F+1848 FL.All strikes clear & complete

19. 10 NEW YORK CITY stampless covs w various CDSs & rates-most have contents--Condition varies...!!

20.U.S.EXPRESS MAIL/N.YORK/MD/N.Y. in faint but legible red CDS w msc 5 on VF 1845 FL from NY to Canton,Mass.

21. STEAM BOAT in o-r s/l w msc 12 on VF addr sheet docketed 1839..

22. STEAM/5-in o-r double circle w o-r CDS-NEW ORLEANS/MD/La. & msc Per Steamer/ on package. ENV has 1 inch stain o/w F+..!

23. S/I SREAM in faint o-r 26x4mm HS w msc 10 dated 1845.From NEW YORK to HARTFORD, CONN. F+(ff) FL...

24. 3 1824 FLs w BALTIMORE,MD CDSs, each with a different msc rate; vis: 20,30 & 40. The latter also has msc 1 oz. All are VF!!!

25. 2 FLs--NEW ORLEANS/MD/La. in 30mm o-r CDS w msc 25 (1838). 2nd has faint o-r UTICA ODS w HS PAID & msc 20 (1832). Both F+..

26. 3 MSC WASHINGTON CO. items-1. ARGYLE, NY 6 on VF 1839 FL.-2. BUSKIRKS BRIDGE 5 on F+ 1846 FL.-3. COMSTOCKS LANDING Paid 5 (front only)....

27. 2 MSC JEFFERSON CO. items-1820 BROWNVILLE,NY Paid 18 1/2 on F sl aged FL.-2nd DEPAUVILLE,NY 183/4 on F+(sm stain) 1844 FL.

28. MSC CICERO, (NY) Free J.Cody P.M. (1st PM) on F+(ff) 1829 FL A nice Jefferson Co. item!!

29. 2 MSC items-KINGSBURY,NY 183/4 on F, sl soiled FL-NYD. 2nd has WEST HEBRON, (NY)

5 on VF 1846 FL.

30. 2 MSC items-LAURENS, NY Free/ E.B. Steere P.M on F manila ENV w cont dated 1846. 2nd-Free S Harington PM/ HARTWICK NY on VF manila ENV..NYD

31. 2 items-Faint, partial ELIZABETHTOWN/MD/N.Y. w msc Free Byron Pond-P.M. on F 1847 FL. 2nd MSC-NORTHAMTON/NY Free/N.Wescot PM on sl soiled 1832 FL...!!

32. MSC-RUTLAND, MY 5 on F+, sl aged 1847 FL.-Has interesting contents.

33. 2 SALEM,NY items-MSC SALEM NY 18 3/4 on VF 1838 FL w long int. letter.-2nd is ADV cov w lg illus of old fashioned fancy COAT RACK & cc w 1900 SALEM, NY CDS & cork kil on 2c red.!!!

34. 2 items 1. MSC-SHUSHAN N.Y. Paid on sl aged & soiled manila ENV, NYD-2. has SHUSHAN/MD/N.Y. in 31mm CDS w PAID/3-in-cir on F 1855 Lady's ENV w cont!

35. MSC-SKANEATELES, N.Y. 18 1/2 on sl soiled 1817 FL w interesting contents!!!

36. MSC SPRINGFIELD 5 on F 1846 FL. Contents on separate sheet, not part of FL.

37. ONEONTA/MD/N.Y. in 30mm red CDS w HS 5-in-circle on F somewhat worn manila ENV--NY!!!

38. 2 ONEIDA CO. items-MSC-WATERVILLE Paid 20 on VF sl stained 1840 FL. 2nd is ADV cov w lg illus of a FOLDING CHAIR & WEBB & TEFFT cc, 1915 DURHAMVILLE, NY CDS ties 2c WASH HEAD to VF ENV

39. 2 items-Msc-NORTH HEBRON NY 183/4 on soiled 1829 FL.2nd-Msc-WHITE CREEK NY Paid 3 on sl soiled FL -NYD or Cont.

40. #11 tied by 28x21mm ODS, 4 marg, sl faded,pen canc. stamp on F+ complete, sl aged ENV!!! Clear strike!!

41. Almost 4 marg #11 tied by bold UTICA /MD/ diamond N.Y. diam, in black DODS. Ff through stamp on F+(ff) 1853 FL!!

42. Almost 4 marg #11 tied by bold NEW YORK /MD/11x3mm slug,in 32mm CDs on F+ sl aged ENV!!!

43. VF #26 tied by rimless BUFFALO/MD/ N.Y. CDS to F+ sm ENV! NEAT.

44. #26-perfs just trimmed at top, tied by BALLOON-CHERRY VALLEY/MD/ N.Y. CDS to VF+ printed Bank Notice 1860 FL.

45. Scarce #26 ADV cov--Has BRIGHT GREEN fancy SHIELD at left w WILSON GRIMWOOD & CO./etc/No11 STATE ST./ALBANY. Has well centered, s/e, #11 tied by ALBANY,NY cds to VF

yel ENV-has cont. A REAL GEM!!!!

46. VF #26 tied by s-o-n balloon FORT EDWARD/MD/N.Y.(san-serif lets) to VF+ LADY'S ENV. Strike is clear!!

47. MSC-KEENEY SETTLEMENT/N.Y. on VF yellow ENV. Has pen canc superb #26.A nice CORTLAND CO. item....!!!

48.F #26 tied by ROME/MDY/N.Y. to VF(ff) yellow ENV...!!

49. Type IIa-#26a w DAMAGED TRANSFER above lower left Rosette--This variety very scarce on cov! Lightly tied to F(flap miss)ENV.

50. TERRITORIAL-VF #11 NEATLY tied by faint MINNEAPOLIS/MD/M.T. to VF+ ENV....!!!

51. R.R. item- #26(perfs missing) tied by lightly struck LONG ISLAND/ MD/R.R.(RR inverted) to VF ENV. Contains int.letter....!!!

52. SAN FRANCISCO/MD1857/Cal.on F somewhat stained #U10 3ct ENT. Addr to AMERICAN VALLEY, CAL. Scarce intra-West Coast rate!!!!

53. 2 shades of #26 (1 may be #26a) tied by blue WETHERFIELD,CONN cds other dam.& pen canc. Also has o-r HAMDEN,GA. cds-forwarded!

54. VF #26 tied by black PAID-in-grid kil.Has sm o-r BOSTON,MASS. CDS (BLAKE'S BPM #624A) on VF orange ENV...!!

54a. #26 (perfs mostly cut off) tied by partial HARTFORD Ct CDS to F buff ENV w dark blue lg cc of CHARTER OAK INS CO....!

55. Bold STAR WITHIN A STAR kil (Skinner & Eno #SF St13) on F #65 w 1866 PHELPS, NY DCDS & msc Clinton Liberal Institute, Clinton/ Oneida Co.N.Y. on VF ENV....!!

56. Bold FABIUS/MD/N.Y. CDS ties #65 to F sl aged ENV. A nice ONONDAGA CO. item!!!!

57. 3/8 inch MOURNING BANDS outline front & back of VF+ ENV w #65 & CHERRY VALLEY, MS CDS...

58. #65 tied by clear 36mm Balloon CDS-COLLINS/MD/N.Y. to VF small LADY'S ENV. Lovely ERIE CO. item!!!

59. 3 items-2 w #65s--Msc CENTRE ALMOND N.Y./MAY24,1864,other w SPRING MILLS, N.Y. CDS-3rd has CDS -ALMOND CENTRE /MD/ w 3ct gr BN. All average condition w contents!!!

59a. #65(Ave) tied by partial STAR-in-CIR kil to F sl aged ENV w GREENWICH,NY CDS & lg BOOTS & SHOE CO. cc...!

60. #65 tied by pen canc to VF+ orange ENV w UNADILLA/MD/N.Y.(3mm letters) in 32mm CDS. Clear strike!!!

61. Fancy-PROVOST MARSHALL'S OFFICE,/ NINETEENTH NEW YORK DISTRICT./ OFFICIAL BUSINESS/(signed S.Gullon)/Captain and Provost Marshall. at upper right of F+ legal size ENV w NORWICH,NY CDS & target killer tying F+ #65...! RARE CIVIL WAR item!!

62. CIVIL WAR ITEM-No postal mkggs-addr- Lieut.G O Manning/First Mass Battery/ Washington, DC-Artillery Brigade/6th Army Corps. Cont long fascinating letter/!!!!!!

63. MSC-WEST CENTRE N.Y. on VF pen canc #U58 ENT. ALLEGANY CO. item.

64. #U50(2c JACKSON) F ENTIRE- docketted June 10/65 (v sm closed tear at bottom of cov)...!!

65. STYLIZED STAR kil on 1c blue BN on membership notice circular COETMANS,NY 1885 cds--NEAT!!

66. 2 items w FANCY kils-1 w WHEEL OF FORTUNE type other w 5 hollow bars-both w lg DLDSs of COEYMANS, NY on F+ #UX8 PCs w printed Dues Notices...A neat pair!!!

67. V unusual P.M. name CDS--SHERIDAN, ILL./APR/9/1880/D.ROBERTS, P.M. in 27mm violet CDS w innner circle but no outer rim ties 3ct gr BN to VF orange ENV. Unlisted in BILLIG handbook. Has lg upside down HS cc!!!!!!

68. 2 items-31mm DLD CDS-WIRT CENTRE/ MD1884/NEW YORK on 2ct red ENT. (rough at right from opening).-2nd has lg PETERBOROUGH/MD/ N.Y. CDS on VF #U10 ENT...

69. RR item-2c vermilion BN tied by N.Y.& CHI.R.P.O./MD/TR12/W.D. CDS to VF ENV....

70. #OX4 P.O. SEAL tied by 1886 NYC CDS w 3 addit. CDSs including RECEIVED/ UNSEALED/ N.Y.P.O.4HDIV-All on reverse of VF ENV w MILAN, MO.CDS tying 2c br BN. Has fancy LAND AGENT cc.. NICE!!

71. SHASTA/MD/CAL. in lg CDS on sl aged ENV w 3ct gr BN..Contains long v interesting letter datelined WHISKEYTOWN 1877....!!

71a. VF 3ct gr BN on VF orange ENV w KINGSBORO, NY CDS

72.SKANEATELES FALLS/MD1885/N.Y. in clear brownish CDS on VF #U277 2ct br ENT w SKANEATELES FALLS,Onondaga Co.,N.Y. cc!!!

73. 2 BN items-Lg-POUGHQUAG,/JUL 8 1887/NEW YORK CDS tying 2c br to F(sl aged) ENV.- 2nd violet FRIENDSHIP/NOV/9/1880/N.Y. cds w violet STAR kil(light) tying 3ct gr to VF ENV---!

74. 4 OTSEGO,CO.items-1898 EDMESTON CDS on VF #U311 ENT; SPRINGFIELD CENTER

1900 & 1902 CDSs on VF #U311 & #U362 & 4th 1921 WESTFORD cds on VF #U429d. All are VF ENTs-3 w contents!!

75. 3 OTSEGO CO. items-2 have 2c br BNs w diff RICHFIELD SPRINGS CDSs (1 rimless)-3rd has RICHFIELD SPRINGS CDS w cork kil on F 3ct pink #U38 ENT. All 3 CDSs are diff types!!!

76. Illus ADV cov w beaded pre-canc of NYC on 1c #J15 POSTAGE DUE + 1c blue BN #206 on VF ENV w addr xed out & msc Return to sender! V unusual on circular mail!!!

77. ADV cov -Huge brown illus,front & back, of SCREW CUTTING LATHES on sl aged ENV w 1ct blue BN..

78. ADV cov-Lg illus of 5 STORY BLDG captioned A.R.McCOWN & CO./ PHILADELPHIA w Philly 1883 CDS & barred oval kil tying 3ct gr BN to VF ENV..Also has 3ct #J3 POSTAGE DUE!!!

79. 3 items-1 has lg fancy blue cc of S.M. PORTER & CO. w PHILADELPHIA 1886 CDS & barred oval tying 2c br BN to VF ENV-2nd has lg illus of MURRAY HILL HOTEL,NEW YORK w 2ct gr BN on F ENV & 3rd has PHILADELPHIA CDS & cork kil tying 3ct gr BN to VF ENV w vert cc of WOODRUFF SLEEPING AND PARLOR COACH CO.!!!

80. Dark Blue overall ADV cov of C.H. GARDEN & CO./etc/PHILADELPHIA w 1891 CDS of PHILLY tying 2ct red to VF+ ENV A GEM!!!!

81. ADV cov w lg dark blue illus of MAN WRITING endorsment "I used your soap two years,etc." w AMERICAN FAMILY SOAP Logo on VF+ lt blue ENT #U314.Has clear 1900 UTICA,N.Y. FLAG cancel.

82. ADV cov-Overall lt grey ADV of GIRARD /FIRE & MARINE/INSURANCE CO./ PHILADELPHIA-w 1908 PHILLY CDS & #319 on VF+ENV.

83. 2 items-1.Fancy blue cc LOCUST LAWN/ NEW PALTZ,NY w 1898 NEW PALTZ CDS tying 2c Trans-Miss(#286).-2.has cc of SPORTING GOODS CO w 1909 CINCINNATI,O.CDS tying s/e ONE CENT FRANK HEAD (illus contents of JUGGLING Equipment)--Both are VF+ ENVs...

84. ADV cov-Both sides of VF ENV heavily illus-front w mettalic brown LOGO of U.T.HUNGERFORD BRASS & COPPER CO.Has IMPERF, perfined #143 tied by 1910 Hudson Terminal Sta., N.Y. CDS!! A GEM!!!

85. ADV cov-Has blue illus of SECTIONAL BOX CABINET w unusual offer surrounding it on VF+ yel window ENV w IMPERF 2c CENT WASH HEAD tied by 1910 NY STATION X, Flag canc...A Dandy!!!

86. ADV cov-Lg line drawing of WOMAN

PUTTING ON CORSET w cap. KABO FORM REDUCING,etc.,1910 CHICAGO mach canc ties IMPERF TWO CENT WASH HEAD(perfined) to VF+ ENV...

87. 2 items w illus ccs-1 w multi-colored LOGO of ACME QUALITY PAINTS 1912 DETROIT, MICH mach canc.Other has sm line drawing of YAWNING CHILD HOLDING TIRE & cap. Time to Re-tire. Both have badly off center #409 SCHERMACK type III coils on VF ENVs---

88. 2 ADV covs-1 has RED,WHITE & BLUE illus of SHIELD Logo of BALTMORE CANNED GOODS CO. w 1906 BALT. mach canc on VF #U395 ENT Other Other has lg boxed illus adv of TAITE & /SISLER CO./etc PHILADELPHIA W 1906 PHILLY mach canc tying boxed #319-VF ENV

89. SPAN-AM WAR PATRIOTIC-Has sm RED, WHITE & BLUE illus of EAGLE ON SHIELD w 1898 CDS tying 2ct red to VF ENV...

90. SPAN-AM WAR PATRIOTIC-Has sm illus of RED WHITE & B;UE involute FLAG ON MAST. 1898 canc of HUNTSVILLE,ALA. ties sl dam 2ct red to sl soiled sm ENV----

91. Illus cc of P.LORILLARD CO. TOBACCO,CIGARETTED,CIGARS on VF ENV w LIBERTY LOAN slogan NYC canc tying 3ct #535 SCHERMACK type III(1 side cut off)...

92. WORLD WAR II PATRIOTIC-Has illus of dark blue UNCLE SAM & JOHN BULL marching along w RED FLAG w slogan-BETWEEN/US WE CAN DO/THE JOB-on F+ ENV w 1944 mach canc of NORTHPORT,N.Y....!

93. R.R. item-Rimless CDS -BOS.TROY & ALBANY/JUL2 1910/TR.5/R.P.O. on VF greeting PC w ONE CENT FRANK HEAD. neat!!

94. 2 BROOME CO. items-1.VF #UX14 w 1899 CDS-KILLAWOG/MD/N.Y.-2.has 1909 UNION CENTRE,N.Y. CDS w #300 on VF Easter PC

95. DOANE 2/3 1905-clear AMPERSAND, N.Y. on F view card picturing WHITE FACE MT. & LAKE PLACID.....!!!

96. 2 SCHOHARIE CO. items-EAST COBLE-SKILL (1906) & DORLOO(1907) 4 bar cancels on VF post cards---

97. 6 widely diversified items-1.Bold black BROOKLYN,NY CDS w o-r PAID/3 on wrinkled ENV.-2.#65 on VF ENV w cont-3.3c gr BN w magenta 1878 DLDCDS of GLEN COVE,NY w MALTESE CROSS kil.-4.PC w 1910 3 line s/l mach canc of ROCKAWAY BEACH STA.-5 Lg blue illus of HORSE on F ENV w 1936 ALBANY,NY CDS.-6.Lg blue cach of HEMPSTEAD,NY V-E DAY celab.w 1946

# MITCHELL FIELD CDS

98. 35 diff NYS 19th Century(all but 3) covs- Including #11 to #319-mostly BNs. mostly sm POs- mostly F-VF stamps on F-VF ENV. A GREAT LOT!!!

99. GERMAN INFLATION cov-Has 3000 mk stamp tied by WEIL/10.9.23.1-2N/ (BADEN) CDSs + red Gebuhr/bezahlt boxed HS & penciled msc 72000mk on F(sm closed tears at top) ENV-addr to Switzerland

100. GERMAN INFLATION cov-w 3 20 milliarden + 2 2 milliarden stamps tied by 23-11-23 CDSs w DEUSCHE UBERSEEISCHE BANK, BERLIN, N.W.7. across top of VF lg ENV.w triangular Nr. \_\_\_/Nachnahme /remboursement C.O.D. sticker &, on reverse, FLENSBURG 24-11-23 recieved CDS

101. 2 cards w CEYLON unused stamps there on, of HARRISON & SONS LIMITED BY APPOINTMENT/TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN PRINTERS. etc. Cards are 166X131mm-w gold embossed Logo of firm-VF-RARE & UNUSUAL

102. 26 N.Y.S.STAMPLESS covers-Only 2 NYC (fair strikes of oval & CLAMSHELL)- all others upstate. Strikes vary from poor to Fine. 5 are ovals.. Seen;-MUMFORD, WEST POINT, TRUXTON, GREENWICH (w att rate), GOSHEN, OWEGO, WEEDSPORT. etc., etc. some have other HSs- Most have conts which include REV.WAR service inquiries!! Has much for both cover collector & historian---!

**CLOSING DATE: Oct. 9, 1995**

## WE CAN HELP YOU!

Are you looking for information on a cancellation or the location of a post office? Perhaps, you are puzzled by a rate notation on a stampless cover or maybe you're just looking for articles in your area of interest. Why not drop a line to the editor so that he can publicize your needs in an upcoming issue of *THE BULLETIN*?

1. Searching for the townships in which these Essex County POs were located: Putsville (1852), Pineville (1828), and Pyramid (1897).
2. Where in New York State can I find microfilm copies of postmaster appointments (after 1831).
3. When did postmaster loose the right to receive and send personal mail free of charge?

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## POSTAL HISTORY RESEARCH

This past summer your editor spent a good deal of time in the Special Collections at the State University in Plattsburgh researching the post offices of Essex County. I mention this because there are two very good sources for postal history in the Special Collections.

One untapped (philatelically) source is the Pliny Moore collection. This is "gold mine". Pliny Moore was one of the original settlers of Clinton County in the 1780s. His correspondence (about 1787-1820) (and type written copies) is available for research. I found a number of dates earlier than those listing in *Manuscript Post Offices of New York State*.

Many researchers have studied these letters from an historical and social point of view. However, since Judge Moore was the first postmaster of Champlaintown (1797), many letters deal with postal matters.

Also, in the special collections is the philatelic research of Robert F. Hale of Malone, who died in the mid-1960s before he had an opportunity to arrange and publish his findings. Mr. Hale was interested in St. Lawrence, Franklin, Essex and Clinton Counties.

Also listed in the holdings were 89 ALS (autographed letter sheets) from the Keese family. The Keese were the founders and first postmasters of Keeseville, a village in the town of Chesterfield in Essex County. This collection awaits another visit from the author. It seems that some local historic holdings can be the source of unrecorded philatelic material.

If you are in the Champlain Valley during September and the first part of October, try not to miss the postal exhibit in the Chimney Point historic site opposite the light house at the Fort Crown Point. The site's theme for the summer is postal history of Addison County, Vermont.

If you are in the Lake Placid area on September 30, you should plan to attend the first day ceremonies for the 1995 Traditional Christmas stamps which will be held at North Pole, NY. North Pole is a station of the Lake Placid post office. The North Pole itself is a theme park on the Whiteface Mountain Highway in Wilmington, NY about 12 miles from Lake Placid. The first day ceremonies will the held at the theme park. I hope to see some fellow ESPHS members there.