

AUCTION SALE NO. 1 - October 26, 1975 - Prices Realized

<u>Lot</u>	<u>P.R.</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>P.R.</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>P.R.</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>P.R.</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>P.R.</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>P.R.</u>
1	6.50	25	24.00	49	12.00	73	15.00	97	7.00	121	5.50
2	6.50	26	9.50	50	3.50	74	27.00	98	36.00	122	2.00
3	4.75	27	10.00	51	7.00	75	7.00	99	76.00	123	4.00
4	3.50	28	11.50	52	11.00	76	WD	100	2.25	124	5.00
5	5.00	29	3.50	53	9.50	77	8.00	101	10.00	125	Pass
6	7.00	30	13.00	54	3.00	78	11.00	102	13.00	126	5.00
7	7.00	31	8.50	55	6.50	79	6.00	103	8.00	127	25.00
8	23.00	32	12.00	56	3.00	80	31.00	104	6.50	128	5.00
9	4.50	33	7.00	57	2.25	81	42.00	105	6.00	129	15.00
10	7.00	34	13.00	58	2.25	82	6.50	106	2.50	130	4.25
11	3.25	35	13.00	59	6.00	83	26.00	107	3.25	131	4.00
12	7.00	36	3.25	60	11.00	84	4.00	108	WD	131A	4.00
13	16.00	37	6.00	61	8.00	85	5.50	109	4.25	132	4.00
14	3.75	38	3.50	62	51.00	86	13.00	110	11.00	133	4.00
15	4.25	39	5.50	63	5.00	87	9.50	111	9.50		
16	4.75	40	6.50	64	5.50	88	5.50	112	2.75		\$1,506.25
17	11.00	41	32.00	65	6.50	89	13.00	113	8.00		
18	3.25	42	16.00	66	10.50	90	2.75	114	10.50		
19	21.00	43	10.50	67	14.00	91	6.00	115	6.50		
20	14.50	44	38.00	68	19.00	92	16.00	116	15.00		WD - Withdrawn
21	15.50	45	23.00	69	9.00	93	11.00	117	WD		
22	9.00	46	33.00	70	12.00	94	18.00	118	9.00		Will be offered
23	15.50	47	9.00	71	13.00	95	39.00	119	9.00		in next sale.
24	26.00	48	13.00	72	32.00	96	18.00	120	3.00		
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We believe the sale to be an unqualified success, with satisfied buyers, happy sellers and a fair contribution through commissions less expenses to the Society. Final returns have not yet been tabulated, the net profit will be reported in the February Bulletin.

Auction Sale No. 2 - ????????

Already there has been some talk of another sale for early spring. Naturally that will depend on the quantity and quality of material submitted for sale. Members can look over their list and the prices realized to determine what will bring results. We can sell good covers, literature and associated material at GOOD prices. Our mailing lists includes people who are not afraid to bid high on material they need. We also had a number of dealers who were successful bidders, buying for re-sale and that acts to bid up the price to the successful bidder. WE LOVE THOSE UNDERBIDDERS, KEEP THEM COMING!

If enough saleable material comes in to Ken de Lisle before January 1, 1976, we could have a sale timed for the late February-early March general meeting, the date for which has not yet been set. Bill Seifert would like your comments on the location of the sale. Should it be in Albany, Rochester, or does the usual Utica location suit a majority? A good floor helps the sale and nothing beats bidding in person. REMEMBER - DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL IS JANUARY 1, NOTHING ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE. SELLERS MUST DESCRIBE AND MAKE AN ESTIMATE ON THEIR MATERIAL.

RAMAPO WORKS

New applicant John L. Kay works the last remaining railway post office, as does Sidney Fingerhood - the New York to Washington mail run. Because of layovers in Washington, these men are fortunate in having the opportunity to research the National Archives, Post Office Records and other sources of postal history info not readily available to most of us.

We would like to publish an interesting letter from John Kay.

28 Oct. 1975

Dear Sir:

Your postal history note concerning Ramapo Works aroused my interest and I did some checking into the matter of Ramapo and Ramapo Works (re your auction sheet).

I have come to the conclusion that from 1827 on the word Works was usually dropped from the name of the Post Office in the records but it sometimes puts in an appearance. I can find no evidence that Ramapo Works was discontinued in 1825. I do not own a copy of your Society's book on NY State but I assume you show Ramapo Works becoming Ramapo in 1825.

I found Ramapo Works listed in Vols. 2, 3 and 4 of the Records of Postmaster Appointments, Vols. 5, 7 and 13 show Ramapo and then on 13 June, 1849 the change back to Ramapo Works.

The tables of Post Offices from 1825 to 1849 show:

Ramapo	1828	1831	1846		
Ramapo Works	1825	1836	1837	1842	

There is only one entry in the Daily Logs of interest. The Daily Log for 29 March, 1844 shows George W. Suffern being appointed Postmaster of Ramapo Works, which was later changed to read "Ramapo"~~Works~~ (the Works crossed out).

I think from the above that the name Ramapo and Ramapo Works were used inter-changeably by the Postmaster during the period.

Respectfully

John L. Kay

The letter raises some interesting points. French's Gazetteer (1860) P. 571 states "RAMAPO (Ramapo Works P.O.) a station on the N.Y. & E.R.R. in the west part of the town of Ramapo, contains 1 church, several manufactories and 50 dwellings." A footnote elaborates "These establishments, consisting of a cotton factory, steel works, and car works, are all idle and only 10 dwellings are occupied. The whole village is rapidly going to decay."

The Federal Post Offices of New York State, published by the Society shows the post office name changed several times between 1825 and 1879. Mr. Kay's note and the information in French's book raise the possibility that perhaps this name WAS used interchangeably. Members are asked to look through their covers for these names, perhaps we can establish some facts from them.