MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We welcome to membership Messrs. Azarkevich, Proulx and Shafer, whose applications were published in the June bulletin. All of the members wish you "happy hunting."

APPLICATIONS PENDING

BOULAINE, Ms. POLLY Sickler Trailer Park #77, Whitesboro, NY 13492 References: William A. Seifert, Jr.; Clifford Tuttle. Interests: Stamp Advisor, Masonic Home, Utica, N.Y.

BROWN, ROBERT J. M.D. 425 Bugbee Drive, Watertown, NY 13601

References: None required (APS #96612)

Interests: U.S. postal history; U.S.-Canada early posts; U.S.-Canada-U.N.-Japan-Bahamas

LEWIS, RAYMOND R. P.O. Box 749, Gloversville, N.Y. 12078

References: None required (APS #53650)

Interests: Early airmail between Canada and the U.S.

PETRI, PITT 378 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202

References: None required (APS #26259)

Interests: Postal history, especially Western New York State

STONE, THOMAS R. 15740 Edgewood Drive, Dumfries, VA 22026

References: None required: (APS #61699)

Interests: Dealer (part time) in stampless covers.

As mentioned by the President in his monthly message, this will be the last bulletin mailed to members who remain delinquent in their dues, as the costs of printing and postage require us, in all fairness to the membership, to mail only to active, paid-up members.

PAID ADLETS:

Wanted to buy, trade or borrow - Utica, N.Y. and Oneida County postal history material. Joseph Romanelli, PO Box 373, Utica, NY 13503

FOR SALE - COVERS: U.S. 19th Century Postal History, Spec. Maine, N.H. and VT. and a decent selection of New York. Write, stating your wants. William P. Hoffman, RD#2 Alps, Averill Park, N.Y. 12018

WANTED: COVERS, CANCELS, PHOTOS AND INFORMATION for research article on Rochester, N.Y. STREET CAR RAILWAY POST OFFICE SYSTEM 1896-1909. I will appreciate information and will purchase any of the above articles that may be for sale. Copies or loans will also be appreciated. Due credit will be given for any help furnished. Postage and insurance reimbursed for loan material. Please contact Michael Jarosak, Box 192, Stormville, NY 12582. Member - ESPHS, MPOS, Dutchess Philatelic Society.

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QUESTION CORNER

In our June Bulletin we showed the front and back of a postal card with printed message, mailed by the Long Island RR freight agent at Queens, N.Y. June 20, 1916, struck with the cds of that office with the standard attached barred obliterator of the era. The Federal PO book shows this office discontinued June 30, 1902 and we asked for reader's opinions or explanations.

John Kay was the first answer received. He explains it as follows:

- 1. Queens post office discontinued 30 June 1902.
- 2. "Queens" Branch of Jamaica post office was established 2 July 1902 and continued until 1 Oct. 1924, when it's name was changed to QUEENS VILLAGE.

It would seem that Queens, in 1916, was using a cancel which did not indicate it as a branch of the Jamaica PO, just as do some offices even today.

Emma Koberg checked in shortly after John, with much the same data. Her research verified the branch status and the later change in the name to Queens Village. Emma goes on to say that this is a weakness in our Federal Post Office book - when offices lost their status and became branches our records treat them the same as if discontinued completely. Emma says she can recite more than another 150 names in the same limbo.

Lee DeGraff, when compiling the raw data for the book from microfilm records, realized this was true. Not only were offices relegated to branches and/or stations, but there were changes to rural stations, community post offices, etc. He decided to limit his information to a strict interpretation - if a post office lost it's class designation and became a satellite, Lee listed it as discontinued. In that way, the innumerable changes in the larger cities were eliminated and the list became more manageable.

We are informed that the Smith-Kay revision of the Federal Post Office book will eliminate this misunderstanding.

Now for this month's question. We are looking for a larger response, two persons out of over 150 is not overwhelming.

The pictured cover is a folded letter sheet datelined New York, Sept. 1, 1799, addressed to Newfield, no state given. It has been struck with the fancy New York oval (clamshell) in use at the time and rated... 20 ... Since it is a single letter with no evidence or mention of enclosure, the distance charged is the 300 to 500 mi. zone. In a different hand, apparently at the office of receipt, another 3 (cents) has been added, with a total of 23 cents to be collected.

Our question..... where was it directed AND why the extra fee? The solution is not as easy as last month's, but THERE IS an answer. It just takes a little more diggin.....

Here's the picture



..... let's have the answer!!!!!!

NEW MAILING

In conformance with President's message, we are about to realign our mailings for two reasons. First, as Bill mentions, we will better be able to assign the cost of mailing and printing between the bulletin proper and the other material. Second, our members may appreciate the receipt of something every month, instead of every other month. Only time will tell if the experiment is useful on both counts.

In September you will be receiving:

Postal Markings of Ithaca, N.Y. Part II by Robert A. Hutchinson

Dutchess County Post Offices, arranged by township, showing by Roy Ahlquist name of first PM, date of est. and disposition.

Table of Federal Post Offices Extant by Year Part IV edited by Chester E. Wilcox

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY - new printing

ONTARIO COUNTY BOOK

Take heed, at last count only 16 remained of our limited printing. If you intended to order but have not, don't hesitate, write out a check for \$6.00 and send to Emma G. Koberg, 295 Hamilton Street, Geneva, N.Y. 14456