

Long Island Postal History Society

Newsletter

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Our first election resulted as follows: 10 ballots were sent out and 9 were returned voting as follows:

For President-	John Price---8	Keith Bantz--1
For Vice-Pres/Treas.	Carl Baker---8	John Price---1
For Secretary	Art Fitzpatrick----9	

Dr. Price, as President, examined the ballots and verified the results.

Our accompanying Journal will consist of longer articles of more postal history significance.

In our Newsletter we shall try to have a variety of subjects as our first issue indicates.

But we need more.

We need ideas on a continuing project such as the cataloging of postal markings-by type, period or post office.

We'll need news items about the members whether it be showing at an exhibit or the acquisition of an especially choice item or anything in between.

We shall need someone to take on a section devoted to Picture Post Cards, on a regular basis.

John Price has raised the question of conducting an auction thru the Newsletter. That will call for an Auction Manager. Comments invited.

Meanwhile each member is requested to contribute something to our next issue. Perhaps a favorite or unique cover (as per the 'Springs' and 'East Hampton' covers in this issue)-or an interesting collecting experience-or even a letter to the Editor. And let's have your Want Ads and Queries.

Calvet Hahn, Editor of our Journal, is soliciting notes and/or manuscripts with copies of covers for longer articles. Let's see what we can give him, too. His lead-off article on Early Long Island Postal History sets a high standard that we should strive to maintain in anything we publish.

Our thanks go to Ernest A. Kehr for his kind letter wishing us well and to Karl Menger for his article.

LONG ISLAND POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

President-	- - - - -	-John M. Price, Jr. M.D.
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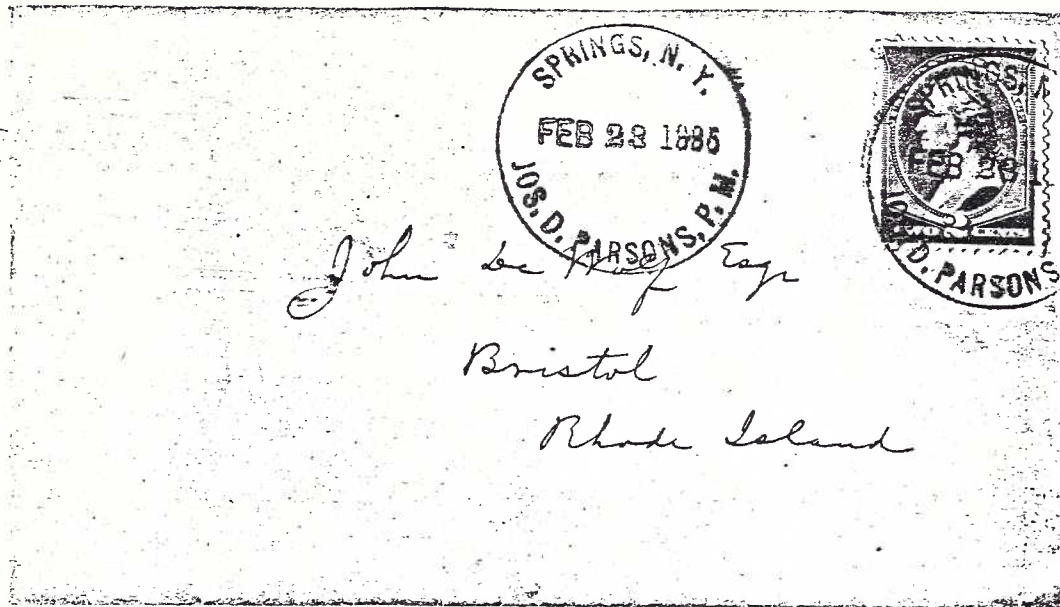
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Springs, N. Y. Postmaster Cover

Carl F. Baker



A favorite cover of mine is perhaps a unique Postmaster cover from Springs, N. Y., a Suffolk County DPO.

Springs of fresh water in the vicinity of Accabonac Harbor were referred to originally as "The Springs" and then as time went on the entire area became known by the same name. Although often called "The Springs" for many years, the first post office established with David D. Parsons as Postmaster, was designated officially as "Springs" (May 15 1849). It would seem that this first post office was located in the older of the two general stores, which, however, at the time of the above letter, February 23 1885, was then owned by Charles K. Smith. The second and younger general store was located somewhat opposite the older one on the other side of the Accabonac River

Ferris G. Talmadge in his "The Springs in the Old Days" recalls a "Wal" Parsons keeping a general store and Post Office, as well as that run by Smith. "Wal" undoubtedly was Walton G. Parsons, one of the sons of Joseph D. Parsons, who died April 5 1885, less than two months after the date of this letter. It is doubtful that his son and successor continued to use his father's postmaster cancelling device. The unknown factor remaining, of course, is the date of its first use.


Talmadge also noted that the mails came from Amagansett in those days. Nate King or the brothers, David and Charles Bennett, at various times carried the mails via the Springs-Amagansett Highway. However, upon the discontinuance of the Springs Post Office, September 29 1923, East Hampton, five miles away, assumed responsibility for delivering the mail to Springs.

Postscript: In the Springs area is a locality called "Fire Place". It derived its name from the fact that for a long time it was the signaling point from which Gardiners Island, three miles away, was notified that supplies for the Island were waiting at the shore. It is not to be confused with another locality by that name on Long Island's south shore with a Post Office from 1802 to 1871. The latter locality is said to have received that name because on its shoreline fires were built to guide whaling boats back through the inlet from the ocean at night.

AN EAST HAMPTON COVER

Arthur Fitzpatrick

East Hampton N.Y.
Oct 11

3/4 

Miss Hannah Stratton
To the care of Howel Gardner Esquire
Greenfield
County of Saratoga

This stampless cover is a favorite of mine. It's the earliest postally marked item from East Hampton that I've seen-the post office was established October 28 1816 while this letter is dated October 9 1819 and put in the mails two days later.

Adding a bit of interest is the fact that the postmaster re-rated the letter presumably after learning of the enclosure-"enclosed is the deed to the Woods lot". The 18 1/2 cent rate (Act of April 9 1816, 150 to 400 miles) was thus doubled.

Note that the address stops with "Saratoga County"- no state (N.Y.) named.

In addition to requesting acknowledgment for the deed enclosed, the writer, Abraham Miller, mentions the prevalence of typhus and dysentery and of several resultant deaths. Miller had been East Hampton Town Clerk and Supervisor during the years 1787 to 1803.

The Discontinued Post Offices of Long Island have a special appeal for many collectors. Because of this we'll try to have, as a regular feature, a page of each issue of the Journal* devoted to some aspect of this specialty.

We start with a list (subject to corrections and additions) of Suffolk County DPOs. Occasional spaces have been left for additions.

* OR NEWSLETTER

THE DISCONTINUED POST OFFICES OF SUFFOLK COUNTY N. Y.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Atlanticville 1858-1891 | Hermitage Depot 1847-1848 | Sagg 1878-1890 |
| Baiting Hollow 1838-1912 | Huntington South 1802-1830 | St. Johnland 1876-1890 |
| Belle Terre 1910-1914 | (South Huntington) | Seaside 1867-1868 |
| Beixodon | Lakeland 1851-1870 | Setauket 1801-1968 |
| Breslau 1870-1891 | Lake Ronkonkoma 1905-1959 | Seatuck 1849-1856 |
| BAY Port 1870-1894 | Larkfield 1896-1909 | |
| Cherry Grove 1922-1964 | Manhansett House 1879-1889 | Shinnecock 1894-1923 |
| Cow Harbor 1831-1835 | Manhanset House 1889-1904 | Shinnecock Hills |
| Crab Meadow 1820-1840 | Manhanset Manor 1904-1912 | Smithtown Branch 1849-1953 |
| CAMP UPTON 1920-1921 | Melville 1852-1906 | South Haven 1853-1911 |
| Dix Hills 1799-1871 | Middletown 1796-1895 | |
| Drown Meadow 1807-1836 | Muncie Island 1914-1919 | Speonk |
| Centreport 1835-1893 | Millers Place 1825-1894 | Springs 1849-1923 |
| Centre Moriches 1854-1893 | New Village 1831-1866 | Success 1838-1880 |
| | North Bellport 1912-1919 | Suffolk 1798-1874 |
| East Cutchogue 1848-1851 | Noyac 1910-1912 | Stoney Brook 1807-1884 |
| East Patchogue 1878-1958 | | Suffolk C.H. 1794-1798 |
| Echo 1888-1910 | | Terryville 1888-1958 |
| Elwood | | Thompsons Station 1849-1870 |
| | | Suffolk Station 1857-1859 |
| | Oakbeach 1895-1958 | |
| Fairground 1890-1912 | Oakdale Station 1868-1946 | Upper Aquebogue 1831-1886 |
| Farms 1824-1832 | Ocean Bay Park 1931-1938 | |
| Fire Island 1857-1901 | Olympic 1885-1896 | Wardenclyffe 1901-1906 |
| Fireplace 1802-1871 | Orient Point 1889-1913 | West Deer Park 1875-1888 |
| Flanders | Oysterponds 1821-1838 | Westhampton Centre 1882-1890 |
| | | West Hill(s) 1826-1859 |
| Flowerfield 1910-1938 | Penataquit 1849-1868 | West Southold 1851-1859 |
| Fort Michie 1899-1901 | Pinelawn 1897-1929 | Winnacoomac 1799-1799 (2 mos.) |
| Fort Salonga 1893-1924 | Point O' Woods | Wyandance 1888-1903 |
| Fort Terry 1899-1927 | Pointwood 1894-1906 | |
| Freshpond 1852-1896 | Promised Land 1879-1907 | |
| Fresh Pond 1896-1901 | Prospect Grove 1880-1886 | |
| Good Ground 1829-1922 | | |
| Great Seatuck 1856-1857 | | |
| | Roanoke 1870-1872 | |
| Halesite 1899-1957 | | |
| Hauppauge 1856-1959 | | |

Free
CHO Mr. G. Cairn
Aug 17
P.M.

Free
Mr. Rose P.M.
B. Hampton, N.Y.
Incl. 25¢

Mr. John
Mm

Monches N.Y. Jan. 13th

Free
J. H. Manning
P. M.



W. C. Wells
P.M.

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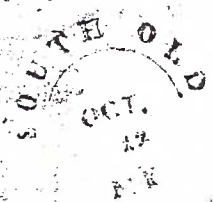
Mr. M. W.
New York



Free
J. T. Vail P.M.

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Mr. Charles



Free
J. P. Phillips P.M.

Rev. Asaalom Peters
Cor. Sec. of Am. Home Miss. Soc.

New York

QUERIES

This space will be reserved for questions pertaining to Long Island Postal History submitted by members and, we hope, answered by other members in later issues.

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Ques. My Spafford's Gazetteer of New York State-1824- lists, in its Table of Post Offices as of Jan 1 1824, the name CARMANSBORO' as being a post office in Brookhaven Township. Can someone identify it for me? A.F.

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Send in your questions.

Let's fill up this page.

CLASSIFIED ADS
(Buy, Sell and/or Trade)

Wanted-Postal History covers from Woodbury and Syosset.

Also wish to purchase or trade L.I. Pictorial corner cards on covers thru early 1900's. Carl F. Baker, 140 Lewis Road, Northport, N. Y. 11768

Will buy or trade- I need Stampless covers- Riverhead and Southold township postoffices- have variety of Suffolk County items to trade- Also want postally used picture post cards of Orient Point Inn before 1914.

A. Fitzpatrick, South Harbor Road, Southold N. Y. 11971

MEMBERS- Send in your 'ads' for the next issue.

Limit it to 3 inches, single or double-space.

NO CHARGE

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WANTED - Cover- Port Washington & New York RPO
William J. Duncan, 26 Moody Ave., Freeport, N. Y. 11520

WANTED - The U.S. 1869 Pictorial issue used on cover with local Town
cancels from anywhere in the country, especially from New
Jersey and Arizona. Correspondence invited.
Brad Arch, 144 Hamilton Ave., Clifton N. J. 07011

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WANTED - L. I. postal history items from all four counties. I will buy
or trade for interesting covers. Especially want Suffolk and
Queens counties CPMs, L. I. Civil War patriotics, Postmasters'
free franks, registered and special delivery covers and all
covers from the P.O.s within Huntington Township. Also want
old L. I. postcards, 1900 - 1920. Send on approval or Xerox.
J. Fred Rodriguez, Box 49, Greenlawn, N. Y. 11740

FOR SALE -BABYLON STAMPLESS. From Al Zimmerman's Nov. 26 1980 sale,
lot number 65 -BABYLON /OGT/15/N-Y. Bold Red Strike on 1850
FL WITH MATCHING BOLD RED "5" Rate Handstamp. Very Fine. Ex
Scarce. UNLISTED LONG ISLAND TOWN".
Reasonable offers accepted
Warren Enzler, 200 West 79th St., Apt 3A, New York N. Y. 10024

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