

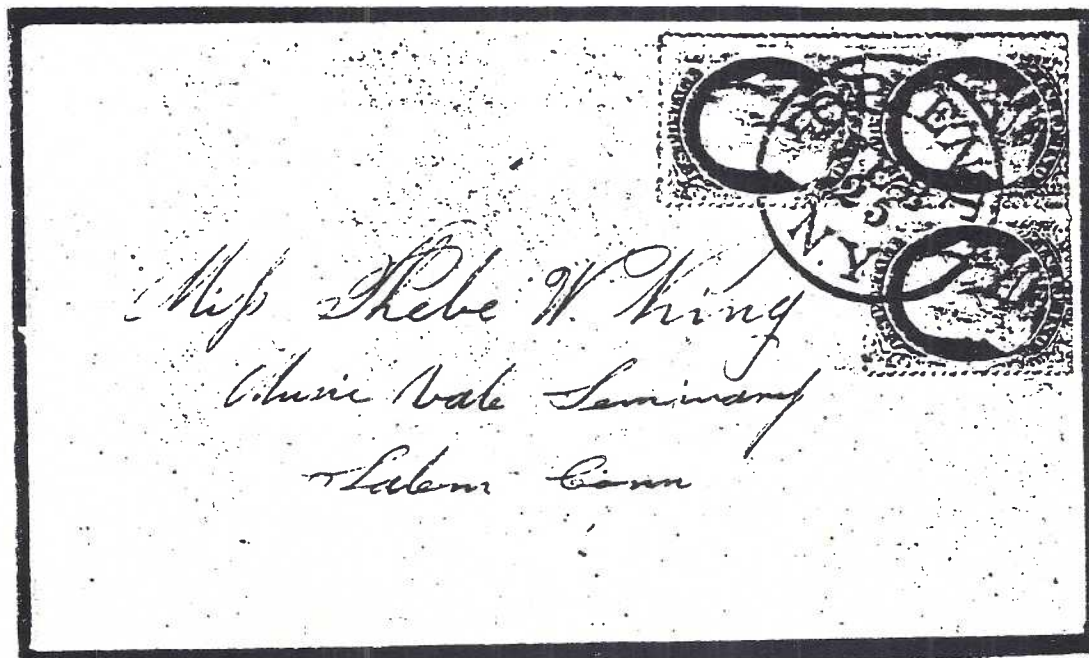
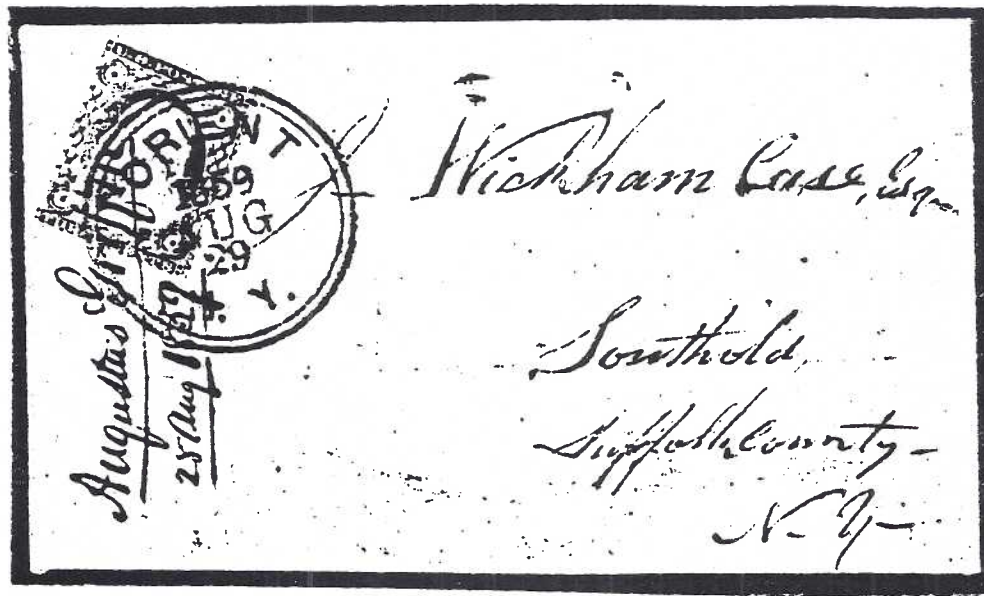


LONG ISLAND
POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Newsletter

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

The voting on our Constitution and By-Laws has been completed:

34 copies were mailed out with as many ballots.

26 ballots were returned by December 15, 1980.

24 voted to accept the Constitution and By-Laws as written.

2 voted not in favor of acceptance.

Since a quorum (25% of the membership) was achieved and more than

two thirds of the of the votes cast were for acceptance, the Constitution

and By-Laws are hereby declared accepted as of December 15, 1980.

The suggestions of those members not approving will be given consideration.

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On another page is listed the new members of the Society.

NEWSLETTER

LONG ISLAND POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President- - - - - John M. Price, Jr. M.D.

Treasurer - - - - - Carl F. Baker

Secretary- - - - - Arthur Fitzpatrick

Send Society correspondence to:

Secretary
Long Island Postal History Society
P. O. Box 1178,
Southold, N. Y. 11971

746-6895 Williston
765-3309 Southold

New members (Continued)

Jarrett, David L.
P.O. Box 1486
Grand Central Station,
New York, N. Y. 10163

Pre-1870 only

Jordan, Richard B. "Buck"
1551 E. Shaw Ave., Suite 101,
Fresno, Ca. 93710

Ship & Steamboat mail to and
from Rhode Island

Koenig, Martin
1245 East 22nd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11210

General

Lightfoot, Frederick S.
Box A-F
Greenport, N. Y. 11944

North Fork, L. I.
Items of general postal history
interest connected with L. I.

Lindquist, Wayne G.
57 Fourth St.,
Brentwood, N. Y. 11717

All, especially Brentwood

Mitchnick, Elliot
P.O. Box 135
New York, N. Y. 10025

19th Century fancy cancels,
railroad & RPOs

Pollinger, Arthur
15 Dolphin Drive,
Farmingdale, N. Y. 11735

249-5278

Stampless
Covers from old landmark hotels
with hotel name in CDS
L.I.R.R. Postal History

Reiner-Deutsch, Dr. Wm.
P.O. Box 20,
Bayside, N. Y. 11361

Many postal history interests

Scheffel, George A.
1971 Parkside Dr.,
Concord, Ca. 94520

All

Schmitt, Frederick
Box 67,
Woodbury, N. Y. 11797

All

Stannard, Herbert R.
195 Cedar Ave.,
Patchogue, N. Y. 11772

Suffolk, Queens & Kings County
postmarks
L.I. Stampless

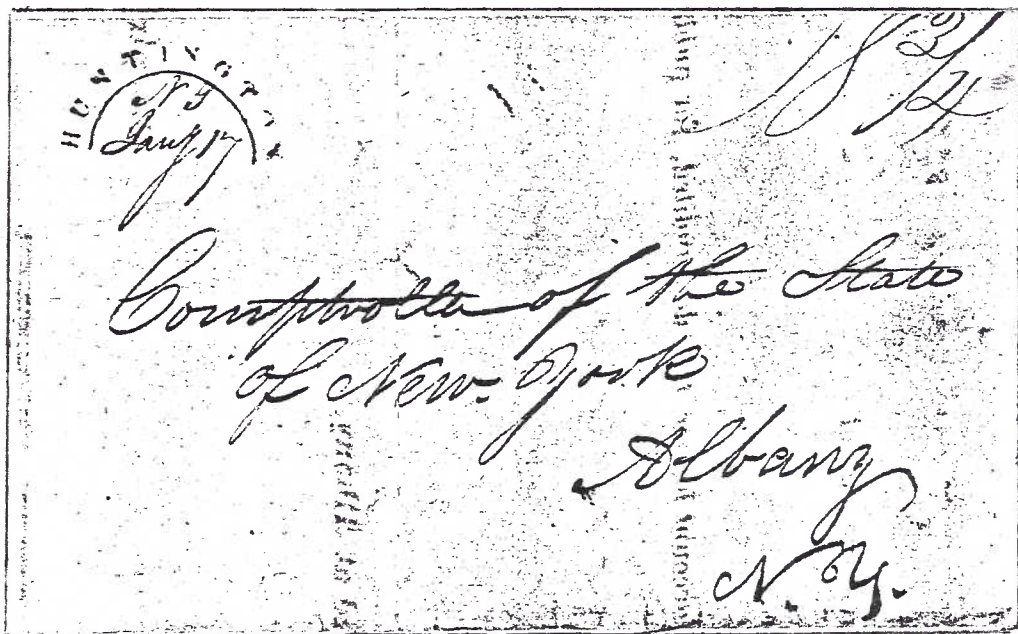
Stearns, William
1 Circle Drive,
Syosset, N. Y. 11791

19th Century fancy cancels

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AN EARLY HUNTINGTON TOWN MARK

By Carl F. Baker



The earliest town mark for Huntington, N. Y. listed in the American Stampless Cover Catalog, (Third Edition, 1978) was noted as the circular type in 1842. Under "Miscellaneous Type Fancy Town Post Marks", a fancy semi-circle, 32mm., in black, is also noted for the period of 1843-44. Prior to this period only town marks in manuscript were reported known.

The above cover may then be considered a discovery. I would have to judge it as an arc with an inner semi-circle, 21mm. "Huntington" is in an arc, 30mm. This town mark with NOR is in red. "N Y" is in manuscript as is the date, "Jany 17", and the rate, "18 3/4", the rate for a single page, 150 to 400 miles, per the Act of March 3, 1825, effective May 1 1825.

Inside this stampless cover, headed Huntington, L. I. , Jan 16, 1826, is a bill for \$7.65 to the State of New York for its advertisement (notice of sale of lands for taxes) printed from June 9, 1825 to Jan. 16, 1826 in the American Eagle, Editor H. Herskell.

The American Eagle was Huntington's first newspaper, having been brought from Sag Harbor by Samuel Seabury in 1821. Herman Herskell, a printer with the paper, soon became its editor and finally its proprietor. Shortly after the date of the above letter Herskell sold the paper to Samuel Fleet in March 1826. Fleet published it as The Portico from March 31, 1826 until February 1827. Until 1838 Huntington was without a newspaper until Walt Whitman began publishing The Long Islander. The poet was quick to learn that the confining routine of newspaper publishing was not for him and dropped the venture. Shortly thereafter, The Long Islander was taken over by Edward O. Crowell whose first issue of that weekly was on July 12 1839. and since then not one issue has failed to go to press. Only its publishers and editors have changed in 141 years of reporting Huntington's news.

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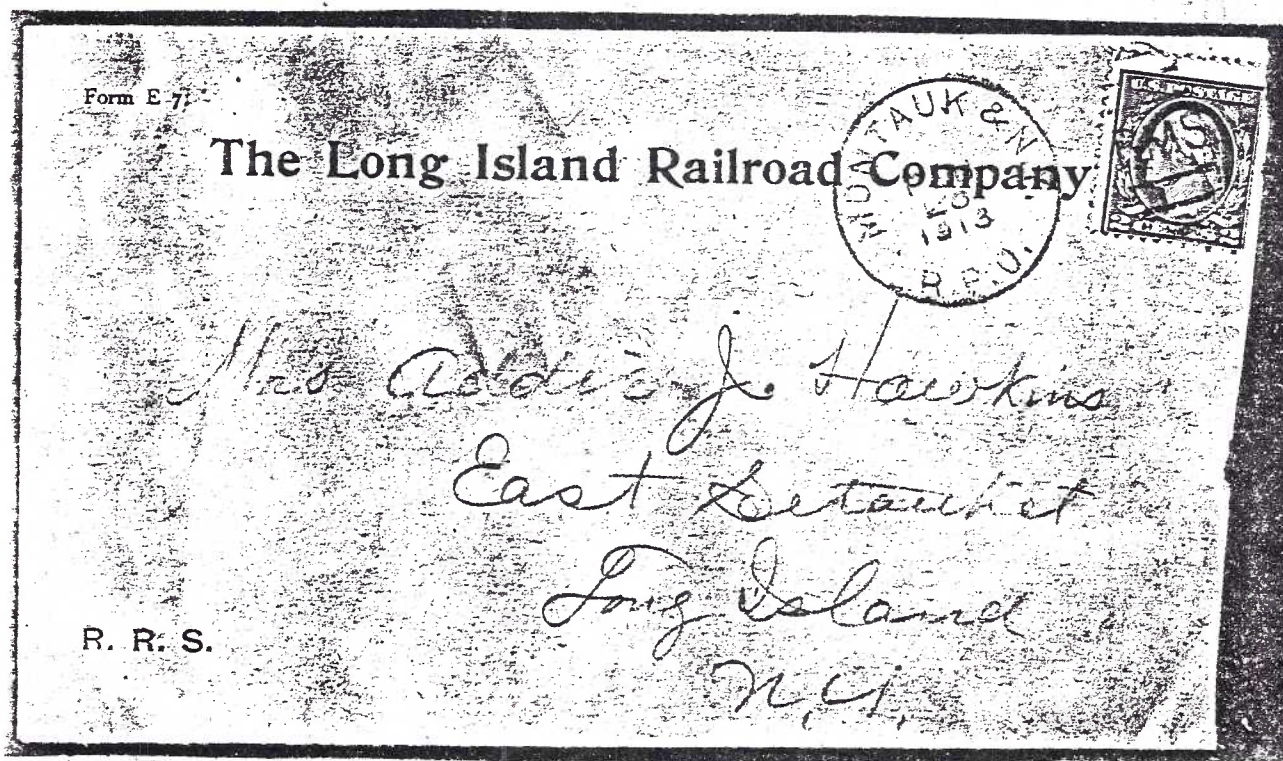
DISCONTINUED RPOs, L. I.

The following is a list of discontinued post offices that can be easily overlooked as a part of that general category. This list was submitted by Bill Duncan who has supplied the exact dates of discontinuance where available.

Babylon & New York RPO	1886
Brooklyn & Jamaica RPO	1903
Echo & Long Island City RPO	1895
Greenport & New York RPO	6-18-1965
Montauk & New York RPO	6-18-1965
New York & Far Rockaway RPO	8-31-1955
Oyster Bay & Jamaica RPO	1914
Oyster Bay & Long Island City RPO	1891
Oyster Bay & New York RPO	8-31-1955
Port Jefferson & Hicksville RPO	1883
Port Jefferson & Long Island City RPO	1889
Port Jefferson & New York RPO	6-18-1965
Port Washington & New York RPO	1934
Port Washington & Long Island City RPO	1914
Sag Harbor & New York RPO	1899
Thomaston & Long Island City RPO	1898
Wading River & Jamaica RPO	1914
Wading River & Long Island City RPO	1915
Wading River & New York RPO	1928

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A Montauk & New York RPO cover



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ODDS AND ENDS

The two Orient covers illustrated on the cover are a pair of ordinary but attractive looking items of the type that a beginning collector can find at a reasonable cost, i.e. far below the prices realized for the L.I. R.R. covers listed in "Auction Action".

The one bearing a Scott No. 26 has a docketing notation "Augustus Griffin". He is remembered for his Griffin's Journal, memoirs of events and genealogies of Orient.

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In informing the Secretary of his new address, Dr. Dan Knowles told us of his recent marriage. Congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom!

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On another note, a list of new members appears elsewhere in the Newsletter. Our membership growth from 10 to 34 in four months is a tribute to the power of publicity. In addition to Ernest Kehr's fine article in Newsday (Sept. 7, 1980), we had notices in Stamps Magazine, Linns, Stamp Show News and Philatelic Review, and possibly other publications.

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In the Jan.-Feb. 1981 issue of the Journal of the American First Day Cover Society, our member Dave Buxbaum wrote a fine short article on first day cover collecting for beginners. This is another of his interests in addition to that in early Brooklyn postal history.

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Beside supplying a list of L.I.R.R. discontinued FPOs, Bill Duncan has suggested that those members interested in the L.I.R.R.'s part in postal history might want to join the Mobile Post Office Society. The Secretary, for information, is Edwin Bergman, 5030 Aspen Dr., Omaha, Nebr., 68157.

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For collectors of such data, we refer to the Postmasters' Free Franks illustrated in Newsletter No. 1.

The sizes are the same as the copies.

The East Marion hand-stamps are in black as is the Pm.'s signature, envelope only, no date.

The Jericho is a red hand-stamp with the manuscript notations in black ink, envelope only, no date.

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C. W. Remele's United States Railroad Postmarks: 1837 to 1861 is the standard reference work for such markings. In a future Newsletter, we shall illustrate some L.I.R.R. markings identified by his coding system.

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CLASSIFIED ADS
(Buy, Sell and/or Trade)

WANTED-Newspaper stamp on ledger page. Exists from Brooklyn, possibly elsewhere.

Frederick S. Lightfoot, P.O. Box A-F, Greenport, N.Y. 11944

WANTED- Postal History covers from Woodbury and Syosset. Also wish to purchase or trade L. I. pictorial corner cards on covers thru early 1900s.

Carl F. Baker, 140 Lewis Road, Northport, N. Y. 11768

WANTED- Postal History covers and postcards from Huntington, Northport, Centerport, Greenlawn, Cold Spring Harbor, Melville, Lloyd Harbor, Halesite, Fairground, Fort Salonga, Commack, etc.

J. Fred Rodriguez, Box 49, Greenlawn, N. Y. 11740

WANTED- Postally used picture post cards of Orient Point Inn before 1914.

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

WANTED- The US 1869 Pictorial Issue used on cover with Local Town Cancels from anywhere in the country, especially from New Jersey & Arizona. Correspondence invited.

Brad Arch, 144 Hamilton Ave., Clifton, N. J. 07011
