



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Due primarily to the efforts of Brad Arch, we are launching a mail auction of Long Island postal history this Spring. I urge every member to bid, not only to obtain worthwhile Long Island covers for your collection but also to support the Society. We have advertised the auction widely in order to get more bids and higher prices. I figure that the higher the prices the more members will be encouraged to submit material for future auctions. Does anyone think we should open up the auction to covers beyond Long Island?

We need articles for our Journal. Will each member please accept the responsibility for providing Cal Hahn with at least one article for the Journal? Don't feel that you must do research. The story of one interesting cover or letter would be enough. I have started on mine, won't ya? Seeyou at our annual meeting.

John Price

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LONG ISLAND POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
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Regular membership annual dues-\$10.00

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Arthur Fitzpatrick

Enclosed with this issue is your copy of the catalog for our first auction. Please get your bids in to Brad well before the closing date, June 15.

On another page a couple of lots are illustrated. Don't forget that, for a dime each and a SASE, Brad will send you a Zerox copy of lots you would like to visualize.

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An item which many members should find of interest is the Brooklyn Postal Guide of 1896. A reprint has been prepared by Dan Knowles and Cal Hahn and is available to members for \$6.00 per copy. Those holding a Contributing, Sustaining or Patron membership may have a copy free upon request. Please let me know of your interest.

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For those interested in the details of the Postmasters' Free Frank covers illustrated in the last issue of the Newsletter, Fred Rodriguez has supplied the following:

<u>P.O.</u>	<u>Letter date</u>	<u>Ink color</u> <u>Mss. or handstamp</u>	<u>Name of</u> <u>Postmaster</u>
Dixhills	6/16/1833	Brown	W. Wicks
Crab Meadow	3/27/1832	Brown	Joseph Scudder
Smithtown	7/23/1825	HS. Red	
		Mss.Red-brown	G. S. Phillips
Sag Harbor	12/23/1833	Black-Handstamps & PM sig.	S. Phillips
Thompsons Station	2/10/1863	Black	M. A. Wicks
Greenpoint	1/3/1857	Black	Addressed to: G. Williams PM Berkshire, N.Y.

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Our congratulations to John Price, who, at the annual competitive exhibit in March, of the Great South Bay Post Card Club, showed "Fifty Photo Cards of Long Island" and won not only in the category "Long Island Views" but also won the Best in Show Award.

Members are requested to drop me a line if they learn of any such awards being earned by other members or by themselves. Also news of articles written for the philatelic press.

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We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Society:  
Gerard F. Connolly  
14 Bobwhite Lane,  
Hicksville, N. Y. 11801  
Gordon McHenry  
Box 117,  
Osprey, Fla. 33559

## CORRECTION

Beulah Terry-Previously reported as Miss, should have been Mrs Terry

A FEW LOTS IN OUR FIRST AUCTION



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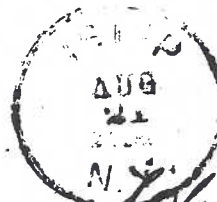
Miss Hutton B. Justice  
Horton  
New Jersey



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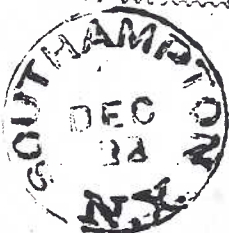
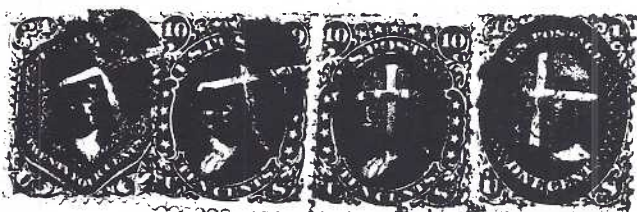


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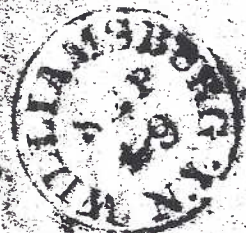
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New York



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On board



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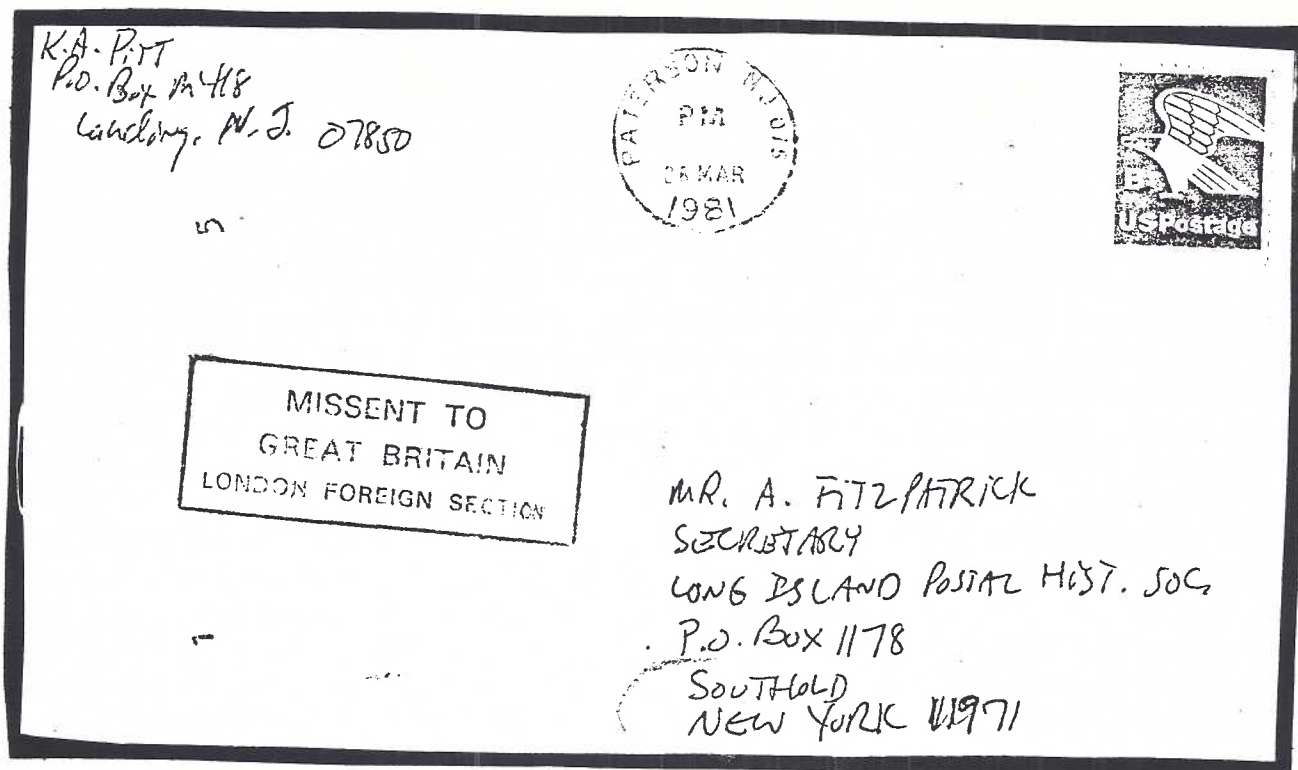


Curry, the American Co.

Mrs Andrew B. Cobb  
Parish  
Morris County  
N. J.



A. Fitzpatrick



When Kenneth Pitt mailed in his dues to become an early member of our Society his letter took the long way to reach me as the added handstamp shows.

Granted that Pastor Youngs and his band of settlers in 1640 named their new home "Southold" after "Southwold", England, it is still not an acceptable excuse for the misrouting. But it happens. Especially since the U.S. Postal Service appears to accept a 95% accuracy in its distribution sorting. The 5% or so of missents can provide some covers with a variety of interesting handstamped markings.

This leads into my pitch.

None of our members has yet submitted an article or suggestion in connection with getting youngsters involved in our branch of Philately, Postal History, as against, or in connection with straight 'stamp collecting'.

Since today's postal oddities will be one of tomorrow's classes of sought after items for Postal History collections or study it would seem to me that today's waste baskets would be a logical starting point for a youngster with but a limited allowance. Who, but us, can motivate him or her and give worthwhile guidance? And who but a club can better grant understanding recognition and reward for good juvenile effort?

Ideas on this subject will be welcomed for future publication especially if they point the way toward possible individual efforts in this direction and/or any action our Society can take.

## UNCLE JESSE'S DEPOT

Cold Spring Harbor is a quaint and picturesque village in Huntington Township. It's history is rich in whaling lore. The Jones family founded the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Company in 1838 and ran a fairly successful business for over 20 years out of John J. Jones' general store and post office at the foot of the harbor. A total of eight whaling ships sailed out of Cold Spring during those years. One of them, the Huntsville, sailed from 1844, when it was acquired by Jones, to 1858 when she returned to the merchant service. It was later reported in San Francisco as late as 1870.

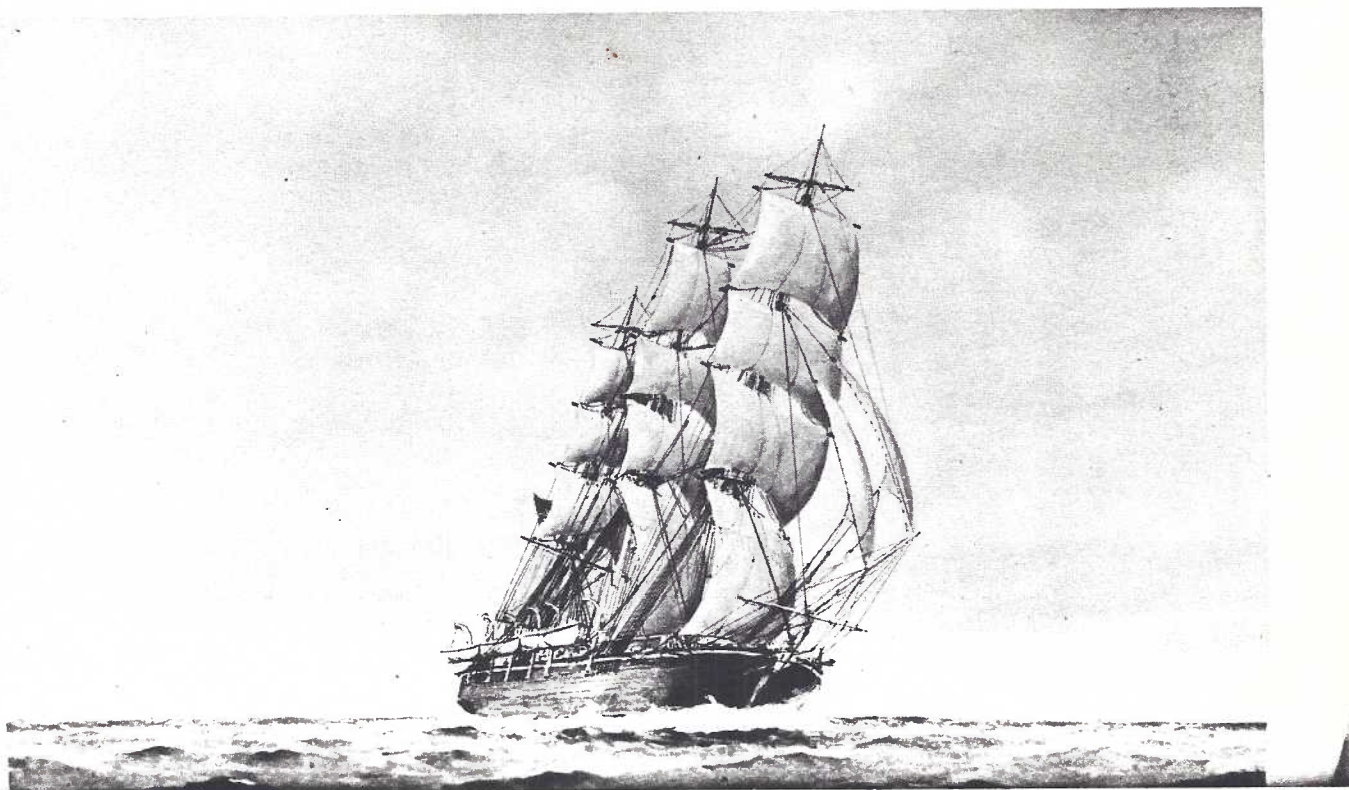
In 1851 the Huntsville, already in one of its return voyages to Cold Spring Harbor, called at the Brazilian port of Pernambuco. Before it raised anchor a Mr. J. Ashford, Henry Forster & Co., mailed an updated circular of cargoes and commodity prices of goods discharged at the port. This circular addressed to Mr. James Brickhead, Esq. in New York City is depicted in the next page. It is datelined "Whaler Huntsville, Pernambuco, February 20, 1851". Upon arrival at Cold Spring Harbor the postmaster applied a manuscript "Ship 7" and "Cold Spring Harbor, NY, Mch 24". The 7 cents charge which was paid by the addressee reflects the 2 cents which accrues to the Ship and the then current postal rate of 5 cents for distances less than 300 miles (CSH to NYC, about 40 miles). The CSH postmaster paid the captain's pence and posted a debit to his postal revenues.

Whaling correspondence from Cold Spring Harbor is rare. I am pleased to share this bit of postal history with our LIPHS readers. Thanks go to Frederick P. Schmitt (an LIPHS member) for his scholarly work, Mark Well the Whale! Long Island Ships to Distant Seas, 1971. His book was a valuable source for details about the CSH Whaling Company and the Whaler Huntsville. Thanks also to Calvet Hahn for his help in describing the Ship 7 postal charge.



J. Fred Rodriguez

THE HUNTSVILLE  
Sailed from Cold Spring Harbor 1844-1858



Cold Spring Harbor  
N Y Feb 24 Ship  
James Brickhead Esq  
at Montauk Pt  
New York  
Huntsville  
JFR 257