



NEWSLETTER

TREASURER'S NOTES

Carl F. Baker

The Treasurer still has some Zeroxed copies of the Brooklyn Postal Guide for July 1896 at \$6.00 postpaid. Those interested may send checks or money orders, payable to L.I.P.H.S., to me at 140 Lewis Road, Northport, N.Y. 11768.

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To avoid fees charged to small checking accounts, the Society's funds have been held in a savings account. Our bank generously waived their usual fee per money order for those issued for the auction proceeds. The figures for this transaction appear with the list of prices realized.

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Please note that the annual dues are payable as of August 1. Both our fiscal and membership years begin on that date. Last year this notice was inadvertently delayed.

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LONG ISLAND POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Organized 1980

Annual Dues \$10.00

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Arthur Fitzpatrick

On another page is a list of prices realized at our June 15 Auction; also the Treasurer's report of the disposition of the proceeds.

We owe a considerable debt of gratitude to Brad Arch for his efficient handling of this, our first auction. This is especially so since Brad is an out-of-state member and the postal history of Long Island is but tangential to his prime collecting interests.

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In looking over some old "LINNS", a well kept secret was unearthed. Calvet Hahn, Editor of our Journal, was the recipient of the U.S. Classic Society's annual award of the Elliott Perry Cup for 1981. This was for research and study of U.S. postal history prior to 1893.

Congratulations, Cal!

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We are pleased to welcome the following to membership in the Society:

Seymour Goldenhagen
246-71 57th Drive,
Douglaston, N.Y. 11362

Joel Shapiro
135 East 83rd Street,
New York, N.Y. 10028

Robert E. Juceam
106 Hemlock Road,
Manhasset, N.Y. 11030

Henry L. C. Wenk III
31 Bonnie Drive,
Fort Salonga,
Northport, N.Y. 11768

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As John Price is now taking his annual vacation I shall insert a note on a subject that he mentions regularly in his "President's Message", missing from this issue.

It has to do with the purpose of our having formed this Society only two short years ago--"to disseminate information, among the membership, concerning various aspects of Long Island's postal history".

Only eight of our present membership of 47 have contributed material for that purpose! Let's improve that percentage.

Won't each member who collects any Long Island material send in a Zerox of a cover, with or without a story? Each one will illustrate something that can be used for the benefit of other members. Never mind scarcity or value.

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PRICES REALISED - LIPHS Auction 15 June 1982 :

Lots not listed were unsold, either not having received any bids, or having failed to reach their Reserve Prices. 136 Lots Sold.

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| 1. | 5.00 | 35. | 7.50 | 63. | 2.00 | 93. | 8.00 | 133. | 8.00 |
| 3. | 3.00 | 36. | 6.00 | 64. | 5.00 | 94. | 4.50 | 134. | 3.75 |
| 5. | 4.00 | 37. | 21.00 | 65. | 5.00 | 97. | 16.00 | 135. | 5.50 |
| 6. | 4.75 | 38. | 3.50 | 66. | 1.00 | 98. | 1.00 | 136. | 12.00 |
| 7. | 11.00 | 39. | 3.50 | 67. | 6.00 | 99. | 6.00 | 137. | 3.50 |
| 8. | 3.00 | 40. | 10.00 | 69. | 12.00 | 100. | 26.00 | 138. | 4.50 |
| 9. | 13.00 | 41. | 11.00 | 70. | 18.00 | 101. | 11.00 | 139. | 12.50 |
| 10. | 4.00 | 42. | 17.50 | 71. | 10.00 | 103. | 12.00 | 150. | 6.50 |
| 11. | 4.00 | 43. | 6.00 | 72. | 2.25 | 104. | 3.00 | 151. | 3.00 |
| 12. | 4.00 | 44. | 16.50 | 73. | 7.50 | 105. | 3.50 | 152. | 2.00 |
| 13. | 1.00 | 45. | 14.00 | 74. | 11.00 | 106. | 4.00 | 153. | 7.50 |
| 14. | 5.00 | 46. | 1.25 | 75. | 4.00 | 107. | 2.50 | 154. | 7.50 |
| 15. | 5.50 | 47. | 1.50 | 76. | 31.00 | 108. | 16.00 | 155. | 9.00 |
| 17. | 5.00 | 48. | 2.00 | 77. | 1.00 | 109. | 5.00 | 156. | 7.00 |
| 18. | 1.50 | 49. | 12.00 | 78. | .50 | 110. | 5.00 | 157. | 7.00 |
| 19. | 4.00 | 50. | 16.00 | 79. | 1.25 | 111. | 5.50 | 158. | 21.00 |
| 20. | 1.50 | 51. | 3.00 | 80. | 6.00 | 112. | 5.00 | 162. | 6.50 |
| 21. | 2.00 | 52. | 6.00 | 81. | 6.00 | 113. | 5.50 | 163. | 9.00 |
| 22. | 4.50 | 53. | 5.00 | 82. | 3.50 | 114. | 6.50 | 164. | 36.00 |
| 23. | 6.00 | 54. | 3.50 | 83. | 1.00 | 115. | 5.00 | 165. | 2.00 |
| 24. | 3.75 | 55. | 11.00 | 85. | 4.50 | 119. | 3.00 | 166. | 4.75 |
| 26. | 4.50 | 56. | 1.25 | 86. | 3.00 | 122. | 3.00 | 167. | 5.50 |
| 27. | 25.00 | 57. | 17.50 | 87. | 8.75 | 123. | 5.00 | 168. | 5.00 |
| 30. | 10.00 | 58. | 6.00 | 88. | 2.00 | 128. | 5.00 | 169. | 20.00 |
| 31. | 4.00 | 59. | 4.50 | 89. | 1.50 | 129. | 4.00 | | |
| 32. | 3.00 | 60. | 5.00 | 90. | 2.50 | 130. | 110.00 | | |
| 33. | 2.50 | 61. | 1.00 | 91. | 11.00 | 131. | 1.00 | | |
| 34. | 12.00 | 62. | 6.00 | 92. | 3.50 | 132. | 7.50 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | TOTAL SALES |
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TREASURER'S REPORT

August 7, 1982

The results of our Society's June 15th Auction, based upon moneys transmitted through the treasurer, are as follows:

15 bidders checks deposited 7/22/82.....\$1,079.55

7 money orders* sent to vendors 7/30/82..... -897.31
(\$44.20 reimbursement of postage fees included)

Sub Profit.... \$182.24

Initial auction expenses for printing, etc..... -23.25
(3/25/82 Money order to Auction Mgr.)

Profit to Society... \$158.99

UNCLE JESSE'S DEPOT
By J. Fred Rodriguez

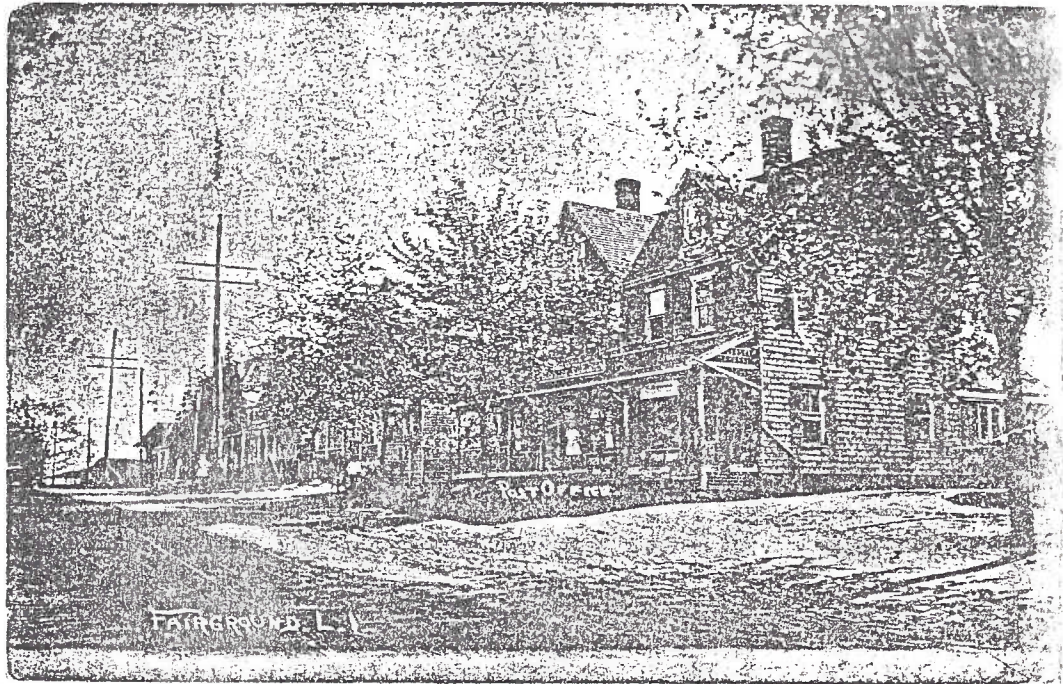
Reading over some of my Huntington Long Islander newspapers from the turn of the century, has revealed some interesting bits of news related to local postal history. A few original news clips are depicted below accompanied by appropriate illustrations.

Papers have been sent on to Washington to be made out preparatory to the establishment of a new post office at Huntington station of the Long Island Railroad to be called Fair Ground.

July 11, 1890

The post office at Huntington depot to be known as Fairground will open for business on Sept. 1st.

August 30, 1890

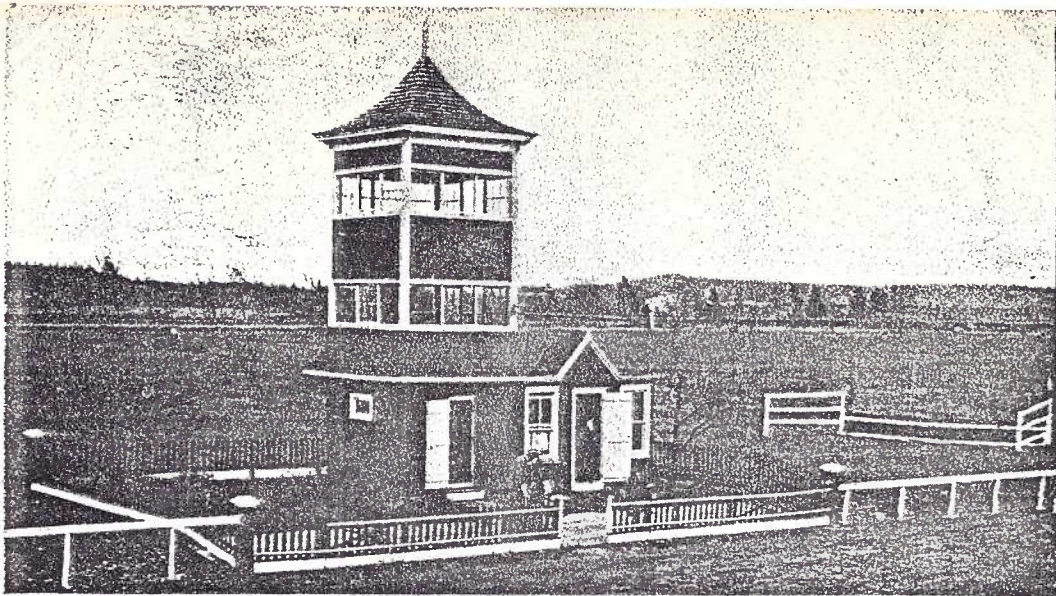


(Courtesy of the Huntington Historical Soc.)

According to the recently published edition of New York State Post Offices, the Fairground P.O. was established on July 24, 1890. The above news clip indicated that the actual first day of operations was on September 1 or 38 days after the establishment of the p.o. The post office only required a small corner of A. Pettit's store on New York Avenue across from the railroad station. Pettit's store, dealing in grains, feeds, and foodstuffs, was the largest commercial establishment in the Huntington Station vicinity. Due to its ideal location it was the logical place for the newly established p.o. with Albert S. Pettit as its first postmaster.

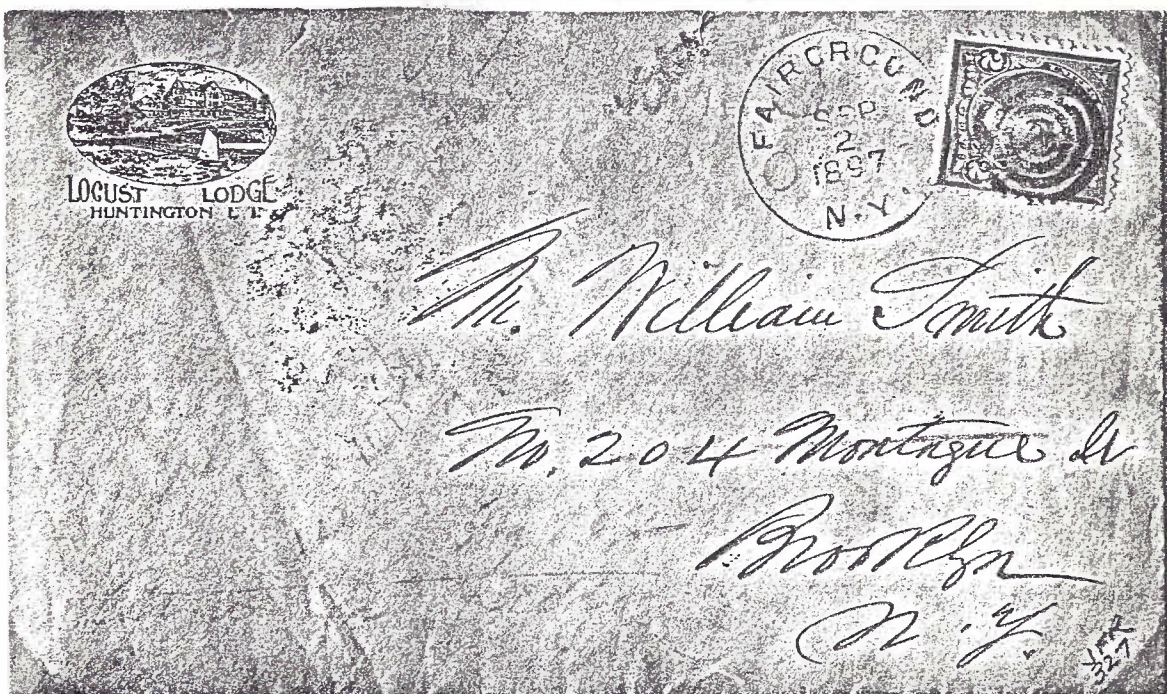
The Huntington Station vicinity was known as Fair Ground, the site of Huntington's race track which was just south of the station. Fairground Ave. running southward from the depot to Pulaski Rd. is a present day reminder of what was there long ago. The grounds were the site for various County Agricultural Fairs, popular horseracing events, and the temporary home for the visiting circus. The post card view shown in the next page gives us a glimpse of the beautiful race track. The Huntington Historical Society has a fine collection of panoramic views of events held there.

The Fairground post office continued in operation until its name was changed to the more popular Huntington Station. It continued in Pettit's store when the name was changed on August 24, 1912, but by then Hattie A. Pettit, Albert's daughter, took charge of the mails as the postmistress. Illustrations of covers follow in the next page.



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JUDGE'S STAND, HUNTINGTON FAIR GROUNDS, L. I.



POST CARD.

This space may be used for communication. The address only to be written here.

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Helen and I
have been here
a week last Friday
Mrs. Lard and
family came yesterday
Mrs. J. Guback



Mrs. C. Thener
884 Tinton Ave
Brooklyn N.Y.

New Name for Fairground.
From the present outlook the name Fairground for the Huntington Depot settlement will shortly be a thing of the past. A petition was recently sent to the Post Office Department at Washington, requesting that the name be changed to Huntington Station. Inspectors were sent out here and when they learned the circumstances, thought the name of the settlement should be less misleading than it is at present. As neither Postmasters Hawkins or Pettit raise any objections to the change it is thought that the name of Huntington Station will shortly be authorized by the Department at Washington.

August 2, 1912
The Long Islander

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Buy, sell and/or trade)

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

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

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A DPO Note

Thanks to Tim Flanagan's catalog for his Apple Auction of August 25 1982 we learn of an ommission in the list of Suffolk County DPOs. This list had been published in our Newsletter No. 1.

| <u>P.O.</u> | <u>Established</u> | <u>Discontinued</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Medford Station | Feb. 13 1886 | Oct. 1 1969 (To Medford) |