

# EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Bulletin



UNIT 28

Summer 1972

## MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING

A meeting of the Empire State Postal History Society was held on June 17, 1972 at "Ropex" in the Flagship Hotel, Rochester, N.Y. In the absence of the president, George Bernadt presided. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 A.M. 9 members present. Warren Stevens reported that \$15.00 had been authorized for the purchase of a Paul Revere Bowl as the ESPHS award at Ropex. He found it impossible to obtain the bowl at that price and had received permission from Lee DeGraff to get something suitable. The cost of the bowl was \$30.87. Motion made by Doolittle, seconded by Staplin, that purchase be approved. Carried. \*

The matter of a reprint of the Post Office list was introduced. Members were asked to tell interested people that the book might cost 20 to 25 dollars, and were told to report if a reprint seems desirable. The matter was referred to the Executive Board.

Edward Fisk, general chairman of "Ropex", came to the meeting to welcome us and expressed the hope that we would enjoy taking part in the activities.

The following announcement was read:

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus C. Nelson have the honor of announcing an Open House for the Golden Wedding Anniversary of their parents on Saturday, the sixteenth of September from two to six p.m. at 20 Catherine Street, Lyons, New York.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. \*(Secretary's Note: Unless a quorum (15) is present, no valid business can be conducted)

Edna S. Nelson, Acting Secty.

## NEXT MEETINGS:

Board of Directors will meet on Sunday, Sept. 10, 1972 at the Holiday Inn at 12 noon. The Inn is at the Utica exit of the Thruway. The September picnic and meeting will be held at the summer home of Lee DeGraff at Batchelerville on Sacandaga Reservoir on Sept. 17 at 10 A.M. Please advise Lee if you plan to attend!

## ROPEX-UNIPEX REPORT:

It is a matter of regret that so few members were able to attend Ropex. It was a success in every aspect. There were only 3 exhibits of N.Y. State material. Warren Stevens won a First Place and the ESPHS award for his splendid exhibit of Monroe County covers. John Peterson showed Essex County F.D. Covers. Roger Kline, a former member of ESPHS, received a Second for his New York State R.P.O.

report by Warren Stevens

## WANT AD:

Wanted: Small or large lots, even singles, of U.S. Postal Cards, Mint, used or unused. Charles Hoffer, Box H, Cornwall, N.Y. 12518

APPLICATIONS PENDING:

RORKE, JOSEPH F., M.D. Taliesen West, Scottsdale, AR 85252  
References: None required (A.P.S. #57450)  
Interests: Black Jacks; Stampless Covers - Mobile, Ala.

BEIDERBECKE, EDWARD J. 869 Ridge Road East, Williamson, N.Y. 14589  
References: H. Edward Beiderbecke, Lyons, N.Y.; Mrs. Marion Perkins, Gloversville, N.Y.  
Interests: Wayne County (N.Y.) Postal History; DEALER IN POST CARDS.

CHERNOFF, CHARLES H. Rt. 20, R.D. 2, Skaneateles, N.Y. 13152  
References: None required (A.P.S. #62399)  
Interests: Madison, Oneida and Onondaga Stampless; Illust. Agricul. Advert. Covers

MEYER, RICHARD K. 5100 Prospect Road, Peoria Heights, Ill. 61614  
References: None required (S.P.A. Life #69)  
Interests: Postal History - General

WYERTS, JOHN N. 376 Maplewood Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14613  
References: None required (S.P.A. #28961)  
Interests: Stampless Covers (U.S. General); U.S. 3¢ 1851-57 Issue Plating and on Cover;  
N.Y. State postmarks and cancellations; stampless to 1861; Manuscript postmarks on  
3¢ 1851-57 issue; territorial use of the 3¢ 1851-57 stamps.

HUNTSMAN, PETER G. 18 Fuller Street, Montpelier, Vt. 05602  
References: None required (A.P.S. #63461)  
Interests: Vermont Postal History; New York and New Eng. PH; Masonic stamps and covers

PANKRATZ, AUDREY W. 9 Hillcrest Drive, Fairport, N.Y. 14450  
References: None required (A.P.S. #36357)  
Interests: None given

CHLANDA, HENRY R.D. #2, Box 208, Rhinebeck, N.Y. 12572  
References: None required (A.P.S. #58537)  
Interests: Dutchess County (N.Y.) Postal History; R.P.O.'s; Fancy cancels on  
Bank Note period covers from New York State.

CATTANACH, MRS. NELLIE M. 12 West Main Street, Macedon, N.Y. 14502  
References: None required (A.P.S. #49243)  
Interests: Wayne County (N.Y.) historical covers; U.S.-U.N.-Ryukyus-Canada

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Peterson, John M.C. TO P.O. Box 300, Essex, N.Y. 12936  
Abelson, Robert TO 11205 S. Washtenaw St., Chicago, Ill. 60655  
Nunge, Richard J. TO 3250 O'Neal Circle, No. 15L, Boulder, Col. 80301

We welcome to membership David Prosser, Martin H. Toly, Jr., and Mrs. Helen Jones, whose names were first published in the May Bulletin. We trust they will enjoy our Society (and society) and will join us in the promotion of postal history.

DUES PAYMENTS:

There are a number of members still delinquent in their 1972-73 dues. They will find a reminder in this mailing. When dues are not received by September 1, no further mailings are sent. On October 1, delinquent members are dropped from the rolls, as required by the By-Laws.



BULLETIN OF THE  
EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

SUMMER 1972

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT: FISCAL YEAR JUNE 1, 1971 to MAY 31, 1972

Bank Balance - Checking Account M&F Bank, May 31, 1971	\$ 611.28
Savings Account M&F Bank, May 31, 1971	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 1,611.28

REVENUE

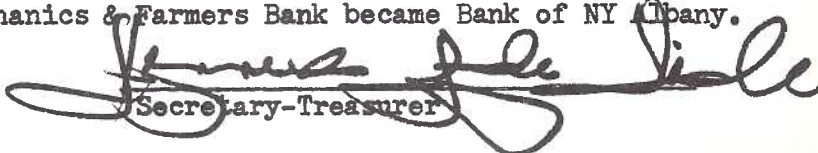
Dues:	Delinquent Dues Collected	\$ 60.00	
	Current Dues Collected	197.50	
	Prepaid Dues	35.00	
	Registration Fees	<u>15.00</u>	\$ 307.50
Sales:	Federal PO Book	95.00	
	Hahn Handbook	130.00	
	Post Office Lists	46.12	
	Manuscript PO Book	<u>33.00</u>	304.12
Miscell:	Microfilm Rental	6.75	
	Adlets and Other	<u>12.75</u>	<u>19.50</u> 631.12
Bank Transfer *			500.00
Bank Interest			<u>48.07</u>
			\$ 2,790.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing:	Bulletin	\$ 25.45	
	Minutes	9.00	
	Membership Listing	35.80	
	Postal History Journal - 2 Issues	97.00	
	Manuscript PO Book	138.30	
	Ballots and Miscell.	39.35	
	Publicity, Appl. Blanks	15.80	
	PO Book Supplement	<u>7.05</u>	\$ 367.75
Postage:	Bulletins and Minutes	58.24	
	Membership Lists	15.60	
	Microfilm	1.12	
	Books and Pamphlets, Publicity,	10.60	
	Secty-Treas. Postage Expense	<u>31.61</u>	117.17
Refunds	Federal PO Book returned	25.00	
Transfer to Savings Account *		500.00	
Donation Amer. Phil. Research Library		100.00	
Sales Tax on Printing		<u>16.77</u>	<u>641.77</u> \$ 1,126.69
BANK BALANCE, MAY 31, 1972			\$ 1,663.78
Checking Account Bank of NY Albany	\$ 115.71		
Savings Account Bank of NY Albany	<u>1,548.07</u>		\$ 1,663.78

\*FOOTNOTE: \$500.00 cross entry represents transfer of funds between accounts only.  
No change in bank depository. Mechanics & Farmers Bank became Bank of NY Albany.

Albany, N.Y.  
July 15, 1972

  
Secretary-Treasurer

EDITORIAL BY THE SECRETARY

With fiscal 1972-73 we enter our seventh year. Charlie Sweeting - way back in 1966 - sparked this organization into being when he discovered there were a number of cancellation collectors working individually on NYS postal history who might better be working collectively. Although there has been some turnover in the past few years, we have continued to grow. At the present time we number over 90.

It would be nice to go over the 100 mark this year. To do this, we must hold our present members and attract new ones. What can we offer our membership and those who might wish to join? Certainly there is no great attraction in receiving a little green card for \$5.00.

We have produced one fine publication highly regarded by all postal historians, Federal Post Offices of New York State. Our most recent publication, Manuscript Cancellation of New York State Post Offices is the forerunner of a more complete work on the subject. From time to time the Bulletin has offered articles of postal history significance.

Last year the Executive Board announced our desire to publish a formal journal in which articles of permanent interest and historical value could be set down for the record. The two issues of Postal History mark the beginning of this effort. The Executive Board has authorized one more issue in its present format before making a decision to commit time and expense to a permanent publication.

All of these actions have been taken by the Executive Board in YOUR interests and have resulted from the work of a very few people. This is not a one-way street. In a society as small as ours each member should make some contribution. Articles for the journal cannot flow continuously from the typewriter of our editor, HE MUST HAVE AUTHORS. Each of us, I am sure, have items of postal history information in our own specialty which could be shared with the members and with philately in general.

Let us all make a resolution to contribute a minimum of ONE article in the immediate future. The success - indeed the existence - of our proposed journal depends on the contributors. Let the publication Committee worry about photographs, format, costs and mundane problems of printing and distributing the journal. Don't create another problem by holding back on that article you have always MEANT to write.

There must be other projects this Society could attempt in addition to the journal. On each application blank there is a question - "Do you have any specific program or research project you would like to see this Society initiate?" Invariably this section is left blank or answered in the negative. But the question is not an idle one just to fill up space. The President and the Board want to know what you need, projects of interest to some of you, if not to all. The Executive Board meets in September to plan activities and allocate funds for the coming year.

Please write to Lee DeGraff if you have a pet project you would like started. Of course, you will be asked to work on it but you will not have to go it alone. We have only to know what you want.

Members who have not yet done so can make a very valuable contribution by sending Lee a list of the manuscript cancellations in their collection. This information is really needed from members and non-members alike. Make your listing similar to the arrangement used in the manuscript book - send it in without delay.

Let us all do something this year besides send in the \$5.00 and wait to be entertained!



SOCIETY STATIONERY AVAILABLE:

For those members who may not be aware of the availability of Society imprinted stationery, this announcement may be of interest. A new supply has been received. The name of the Society in modified Old English type face is centered at the head of the letter sheet and on the reverse flap of the envelope. Paper is a good grade of bond. Priced at just a little over cost to pay the postage, many have used this service in the past and the Secretary is accepting orders again.

Per 100 (minimum quantity) Letterheads - \$1.75; #6-3/4 envelopes - \$1.50;  
#10 envelopes - \$1.75

Please allow about three weeks for delivery. Orders should be sent to Ken de Lisle, 54 Ramsey Place, Albany, N.Y. with check made to Empire State Postal History Society.

POSTAL HISTORY:

Material is urgently needed for the Postal History Journal. It need not be an intensive or extensive study of Postal History. A short story about your favorite cover will be appreciated. Send to Cal Hahn--and soon!

STAMP THEFT:

We deeply regret reporting the following from Warren Stevens:

"On July 4th, our house was broken into while we were on our way home from Chicago, and all of my collections were stolen, including my cameras and projector, ....."

The Society wishes to express its sympathy to Warren and to express the hope he will soon recover his collections.

STAMP THEFT ACTION:

So many times we hear or read of a stamp theft and say "That's too bad, but it probably won't happen to me. THIS IS A SERIOUS MISTAKE - IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU.

All A.P.S. members are aware, through reading the articles of the Stamp Theft Committee in the American Philatelist, that every collector, large or small, is a target for the burglar. Especially since publicity has brought stamp values to the attention of those who deal in "hot" goods, philatelists have been more and more victimized.

Reams have been written on insurance, safe-keeping, etc., but the fact remains that 90% of all collections are in an unprotected residence, standing on bookshelves or in cabinets neatly in a row, inviting the burglar to take them. Bulk is no hindrance, these characters will back up a truck to your door if they have to. There are several steps a collector can take to minimize this danger.

If you MUST keep your valuables at home, scatter them. Time works against a thief and it is the experience of many victims that a collection stored in as many different places as possible is never completely taken. A.P.S. members should investigate the stamp insurance available to them. It is easy to obtain and much more reasonable in cost than commercial stamp insurance. The APS insurance is limited to collectors, dealers will not be accepted. Best of all, keep your best stamps and covers in a safe place away from home. Bank vaults are tops, but even a fire resistant file at the office is better than nothing. READ THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST.

Please mark your  
Directory

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES SINCE NOV. 1, 1971  
See Page 2 for further changes.

New Members  
Name and Address

Collecting Interests

Hutchinson, Robert A.  
1020 West Tropical Way  
Plantation, Fla. 33314

Reinstatement

Jessup, Mrs. Dorothy  
129 East 69th St.  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Error in Listing

Postal History of Rye,  
N.Y.

Jones, Mrs. Helen B.  
Main St. P.O. Box 2  
Copenhagen, N.Y. 12626

Lewis Co. Postal History;  
Flag Cancells; Post Cards

Molnar, Charles J.  
1246 Summit Drive  
Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124

Postal History (Dealer)  
Cards & Covers of fairs,  
expositions; Advertising  
Covers; U.S. Fancy Cancells

Price, John M. Jr., M.D.  
45 North Drive  
Great Neck, N.Y. 11021

Long Island Covers and the  
5 boroughs of New York  
City; Rockland Co.

Prosser, David W.  
6 Florence St.  
Auburn, N.Y. 13021

Auburn City and Cayuga Co.  
Postal History; U.S. Mint;  
Flag Cancells; Postal cards  
and stationery

Toly, Martin H. Jr.  
5072 Briarledge Rd.  
No. Syracuse, N.Y. 13212

Onondaga Co. Postal History;  
Flag Cancells; Machine and  
Patent Cancells

Turner, Keith F.  
510 Pine Ave.  
Herkimer, N.Y. 13350

Post Cards

Woodman, Raymond G.  
388 Ohio St.  
Bangor, Maine 04401

Postal History generally  
Postal History of Maine  
"Bottle" adv. covers

Change of Address:

Bunkoff, Mrs. Chris, 5 Chris Drive, Schenectady, N.Y. 12309  
Landers, Frank S., 10510 So. Oakley Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60643  
Levine, Stanley, 122-23 Metropolitan Ave. Ken Gardens, N.Y. 11415  
Rosintoski, Gary, P.O. Box 227, Carthage, N.Y. 13619

Deceased:

Abelson, Arthur I., of Syracuse, N.Y.