

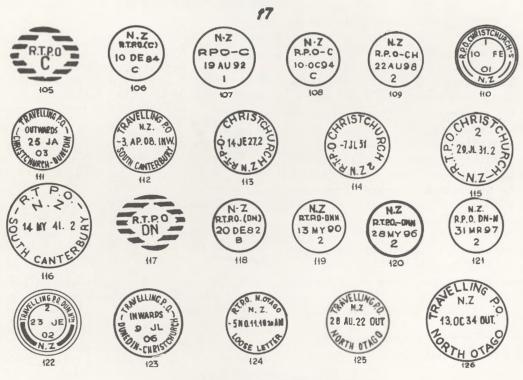
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A Page from the POSTAL HISTORY

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SECTION H - RAILWAY TRAVELLING POST OFFICES

Post Offices were established in special vans on many of the railway routes prior to the growth of motor services, so that the sorting of mail could be done during the journey. Mail was picked up, sorted, and put down while the train was in motion. With improvements in road traffic, and the coming of the airmail service however, the need for the travelling post office diminished, and now only the Auckland - Wellington Main Trunk R.T.P.O. is still operating.

Many cancellations show the direction in which the train was travelling by including "Inwards" (INW) or "Outwards" (OUT). Prices are the same for each direction. For convenience the cancellations are in chronological order for each section.

	South Canterb	ury						
Hl.	105	25-0	Н9		+	H15	118	6-0
2	106	6-0	10	113	6-0	16	119	5-0
3	107	5-0	11	114	6-0	17	120	3–6
4	108	4-6	12	115	7-6	18	121	3-6
5	109	4-0	13	116	7-6	19	122	6-0
6	110	5-0				20	123	5-0
7	111	4-6		North Otago		21	124	7-6
- 8	112	6-0	14	117	30-0	22	125	7-6
		•		·		23	126	7-6

Note: No.H9 is a machine cancellation similar to type 141 but inscribed CH'CH - DUNEDIN T.P.O. One only is known.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I accept the trust you have placed in me by electing me President of the United States Cancellation Club. It is a privilege and a challenge -- a golden opportunity to work and help build the Club.

I am asking each and every member to aid in strengthening our organization. This can be accomplished by exhibiting at Local and National shows, suggest a special section be set up for Cancellations, offering a USCC Certificate to be given, which is available from your Secretary, talking to Clubs on Cancellations and the USCC and explain the interesting field it can open up to give one a new collecting interest.

The Sales Circuit, so capably managed by our untiring Secretary, Charles D. Root, is our chief activity and more Circuits are needed. I am asking you to look over your duplicates and enter some new books early this year, in this way all our members will benefit.

Past Presidents, your experiences have made you familiar with what lies before me. I am sure I shall seek your advice many times and I know I will profit by your helpful suggestions.

EMILY MOOREFIELD

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Walton E. Tinsley (#376) succeeds Edward L. Willard (#125) as Society Attorney for A. P. S. Mr. Willard has been named a Director-at-Large.

In the AMERICAN PHILATELIST for November, 1961 James W. Milgram(#465) illustrates and discusses a Stampless Cover which appears to be precancelled.

Deane C. Bartley (#119) continues to send interesting information about plans for CENTEX, the Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Seattle in May inconnection with the World's Fair. That will be quite a Fair and CENTEX certainly will be quite an Exhibition. For information write Mr. Bartley at 6111 21st Ave. NE, Seattle 15, Wash.

Arthur VanVlissingen (#49) has been named an Editor of BADGER POSTAL HISTORY a new periodical sponsored by the Wisconsin Postal History Society.

Moe Luff (#252) spoke on "Cover Collecting" at the Dec. 13th meeting of the Rockland Philatelic Society.

Herman Herst Jr. (#452) is the author of an interesting article, "My Hobby is Philately" in the Nov. 18 issue of Western Stamp Collector.

Dwight Deter (#359) and Art. Rogers (#438) were judges at the Monument Stamp Club Exhibition held in Scottsbluff, Neb. in October.

Art. Rogers was elected President and Dr. Caroline Merriam (#495) Vice President of the Council Bluffs Stamp Club.

At SEPAD in Philadelphia, Pa. in November Robert J. Stets (#482) was awarded a Gold Medal in the Postal History section for his portrayal of the Postal History of Philadelphia from 1794 to 1900.

Henry A. Meyer (#391) continues to win awards with his Civil War Covers. "Best in Show" came at the annual meeting of the Central States Federation of Stamp Clubs Exhibition in November at Indianapolis. Also Hugh J. Baker (#322) received a "First" there for his "Foreign Rate Covers of 1851-1861".

Donald W. Donaldson (#235) won a Second at the Windy City Post Card Exhibition In Chicago with "Potlatch Post Cards & 1900 Paris Exposition Post Cards".

Richard A. Russell (#444) was awarded the USCC Certificate for his Exhibit of Illinois 19th Century Cancellations on Cover at the Bloomington, Ill. CENTENNIAL CIVIL WAR EXHIBITION, CORNPEX, in November.

William M. Able (#324) received a First and also the APS Award at the Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs Exhibition at Rochester, N. Y. in October.

Bob Pritchard(#454) received a "Merit Award" at a recent New Zealand Exhibition for his "Miniature Sheets". Also for his Perfin Exhibit he had the Grand Award for a non-member at the recent Oklahoma Philatelic Society 29th annual Convention and Exhibition.

Robert S. Phillips (#302) is now Secretary-Treasurer of the Confederate Stamp Alliance.

In behalf of the Club we wish to thank Mr. C. E. Seaver (#202) for a gift of Cash.

Your Secretary wishes to thank all those members who so kindly remembered him with Cards at Christmas time.

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Here are two cancels which appear to your Editor to be not previously recorded. Both are from Hancock, N.Y. and both are in black on 2¢ Green Entires. The "HK" is dated April 11, 1893 and the "H" is dated Sept. 29, 1893. These were sent in by Harry Taber. Sidney Center. N.Y.

EARLY MACHINE CANCELS

The Cancels illustrated on page 98 of the November NEWS brought replies from two members, Jonathan Wolfe(#421) and William J. Boman(#483). Both identify the first one from Oswego, N.Y. as a Barry Straight Line Type. They agree that the second and third illustrations from Washington, D.C. are Barr-Fyke. The fourth one from New York Mr. Bomar thinks is a scarce exzmple of Hey & Dolphin Co. Mr. Wolfe calls it a Constantine. Both agree it is quite rare and wasused only a short time. The fifth one, Buffalo, is an example of early usage of an international Machine. They also agree that number six is a Cummins and number seven an International.



ARCOLA, ILL.
30 mm.(c) black;
ILLINOIS CENTRAL
RAILROAD R.P.O.

On page OR of the September NEWS were shown illustrations of Cancellations from the collection of John D. Roberts (#526). Mr. Roberts thought the last one on the second line, which was only partially illustrated, might be a part of a Steamboat Mark. Mr. Richard Russell (#444) thinks it is a part of the postmark illustrated here, an Illinois Central RPO. Spacing between letters "FROM ARC" is the same, also part of circle helps to determine diameter. A metric circles template placed on this part gives a perfect 30 mm.

ILLINOIS CANCELS

On pages 7-10 in this issue are more of the Illinois Cancels drawn by Richard Russell (#444). Please note: #131, same cancel used on #210 at Elliott, in magenta; #139, same cancel used at Jerseyville in black, reversed.

DUES

Response to the request for dues in the Nov. issue has been most gratifying. However, a number of members have not yet paid. As we stated in November, members having a credit balance with the Sales Department will get their cards in February. The March issue of the NEWS will not be sent to members whose dues are in arrears at that time. We urge all of you to make a special effort to get them in. The amount is still only \$3.00.

MORE ABOUT THE WICHITA SHOW From Arthur VanVlissingen (#49)

The exhibition held by the U.S. Cancellation Club at Wichita October 13-14-15 under the chairmanship of Lee H. Cornell was an unqualified success. Quality of the philatelic material was almost uniformly high enough to earn a major award in a typical state or regional show, and the judges did not attempt to conceal their difficulty in choosing award-winners from this field of top-grade cancellation collections.

The Grand Award, a sterling silver Revere bowl, went to Hal Ottoway of Wichita for a tenframe showing of the free franks of Presidents and their widows. This exhibit, of distinctly big-league stature, included no less than three autographed franks of George Washington, an Abraham Lincoln, and specimens from all but one American president. Its outstanding character was underlined by the fact that Ottoway is a high school student who developed the collection with his summer vacation earnings. His frames also earned second place in a Vox Pop award contest conducted by the Wichita Stamp Club among all visitors to the show. The Presidential Franks got a popular vote that was exceeded only by a topical exhibit of flowers and animals in the local club's section of the exhibition hall.

The show was set up in four sections: 19th Century unspecialized, mostly off cover; 19th Century Specialized; 19th Century Covers; and, 20th Century. The only Section 1 entry, that of Dr. Robert deWasserman of Brussels, failed to make it across the Atlantic by show time and so the trophies for this section were awarded in the extremely strong Section 2.

Winners were announced and trophies awarded following an informal, no-speeches dinner at the Petroleum Club, where the hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Cornell.- U.S.C.S. members who traveled the greatest distances to attend were from a small section near the southwest corner of Lake Michigan: Burleigh E. Jacobs, Arthur Van Vlissingen, and Allan D. Parsons.

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THE LEAVITT MACHINE CANCELLATIONS - A POSTSCRIPT by Frank B. Stratton

In the year or more since I first wrote on the Leavitt machine cancellations, a significant amount of new material and information has come to my attention; perhaps not as much as I had hoped and expected, but enough to convince me that the record is still far from complete, and at the same time to justify writing the promised postscript to bring my former account up to date.

Much of the new information consists in extensions of the known periods of use of many of the varieties, and in Group B, in the known use of C or D in the oval, and of year-date or no year-date in the postmark. In fact, the field of Group B is so side, and the amount of study material so limited, that I hardly think it worth while as yet to record for most of the cities of Group B any more specific dates than the earliest and latest years from which they are known. Similarly, I have not tried to classify all the possible combinations of letter and year-date which are theoretically possible. There is room for this laterif it should ever seem desirable.

Rather than merely list all such new information as corrections of the earlier data, I have revised and brought together the three tables I prepared last year; this new table supersedes them, and is, at least for the moment, complete, accurate, and up to date!

For the rest, I shall add only a number of unrelated reports and comments. Placed in the context of the earlier report, they should help to fill in a few more details of the total picture.

GROUP A

Type A2-NY. Two new examples of this rate cancel have shown up, dated Aug. 16, 1876, and Oct. 7. 1876. The latter provides a new "latest"

Type AB-NY. All impressions and reproductions of this cancel show a wider spacing between NEW and YORK in the postmark than is seen in Type A-2. Evidently a new die. or at least a new slug for this part of the postmark, is involved.

GROUP B

Type B-NY, I earlier reported Mar. 25, 1878 as the latest known date of use of Type AB-NY, and Mar. 27, 1878 as the earliest for Type B-NY. Since we have every reason to believe that the one followed the other, this pinpoints the actual date of the change within one day, a much closer determination than can be made for most of the other Leavitt cancels. Now for an outstanding example of collector's luck. Recently I had an opportunity to search through a stock of about 3000 cards of the early Leavitt period. If there had ever been any of the more easily recognized Groups A, C or D, they had already been removed, but there were still exactly four Group B cancels in the lot. One was from Louisville, one of the scarcest of the city types, of which I did not yet own a copy; one provided a new "latest" date from Washington; and the third was Thus the hole Type B-NY, dated Mar. 26, 1878! is plugged, and we have about as neat a record of the transition from one cancel to another as is possible.

Another copy of Type B-NY has been sent me for examination, which makes an important addition to the record. It differs from the others only in having the numeral 32 in the oval instead of the usual 31: the date is Apr. 8, 1878. it is true that the numeral refers to the postal station, this card disproves the previously held belief that Station 31 was the only one in New York ever to have used a Leavitt machine. I can offer only the obvious explanation, that it must have been the result of an extremely short experimental run at Station 32.

Type B-N.O. Proof that there is still room for discovery in the field is the appearance of a Leavitt cancel from New Orleans, a city never before known to have had a Leavittmachine. This unique card came to me in a USCC circuit, masquerading merely as a "fancy blue cancel". My thanks to all who passed it over, and allowed it to reach

The word "blue" should be given special Practically all notice in this connection, Leavitts are black. but I have seen a number of Group B cancels which are distinctly bluish-black, approximately the color of blue-black fountain pen ink; they are all from the year 1879, and have been seen from New York, Baltimore, Washington, Kansas City, and now New Orleans,

Type B-Indianapolis. The latest date of use of any Leavitt machine was previously recorded as in 1890. A copy is now at hand dated June 17, 1892. It is a faint but unmistakable impression

of the Group B cancel from Indianapolis,

GROUP X

I have been very fortunate in obtaining copies of several of these rare cancellations. and the new table consequently shows a somewhat more detailed classification of the group. should be noted that, especially in Boston, there is a wide variety in the use of time indicia in Frequently the circle contains the postmark. only city and state as in common third-class usage, but there are also various combinations of month, day, hour, and year including the full set-up. Since some of these combinations are known so far only on unique copies, it seems somewhat premature to attempt a detailed classification of all known combinations. To me, however, they are the aristocrates of the Leavitt family.

Finally, I must revise, in letter if not in spirit, my earlier statement that, with the exceptions of Type A-1 and Group X, Leavitt cancels are found only on postal cards. Mr. M. C. Blake informs me that he has Type A-3 on a post card, i.e., a private mailing card used with an adhes-Incidentally, I also have Type B on an official (stampless) card from Washington. Such

uses are relatively scarce.

I am indebted to many friends and correspondents for information, for allowing me to examine items from their collections, and for giving or selling me much fine material. My sincere thanks to Clark Stevens, Edwin Puls, Charles Fricke, Maurice C. Blake, Brad Horton. Bernice Safris, Carl Steinman, and Marcus W. White, and also to Charles Root for his patient cooperation in the preparation and publication of this material.

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Washington

C/D

THE LEAVITT MACHINE CANCELLATIONS Comprehensive Table

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Hartford Indianapolis Kansas City Louisville Nashville	C/D C/D D D C/D	x x x	x x x	1883 1879 1882 1879 1880	1886 1892 1886 1880 1884	Latest 1	known use
Newark New Orleans Norwalk, Ohio	C C D	x x	x x	1883	1890 1879 1884		copy known. square killer.
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Providence Richmond, Va. Rochester, N. St. Louis	C/D	? x x	x ? x x	1881 ? 1880 1879	1882 ? 1883 1887	Reporte	d, not seen.
San Francisco Toledo Washington	C D C/D	X X	X X	1881 1879 1879	1890 1887 1882		

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1882

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#III- BLACK, GALVA, #U349.
#II2- BLACK, GENESEO, #26.
#II3- BLACK, GENESEO, #251.
#II4- BLACK, GENEVA, #65.
#II5- PURPLE, GILBERTS, #219d.
#II6- MAGENTA, GIRARD, #184.
#II7- BLACK, GRAYVILLE, #65.
#II8- BLACK, GREENFIELD, #279b.
#II9- PURPLE, GREENWOOD, #210;
ALSO, PURPLE, HINESBOROUGH, #184.
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#I20- BLACK, GRIGGSVILLE, #U3I2. #I2I- VIOLET, HAMBURG, #U277. #I22- BLACK, HARDIN, #2I0. #I23- BLACK, HAMILTON, #65. #I24- BLACK, HARMON, #UX9. #I25- BLUE, HARVARD, #65. #I26- BLACK, HINSDALE, #2I0.

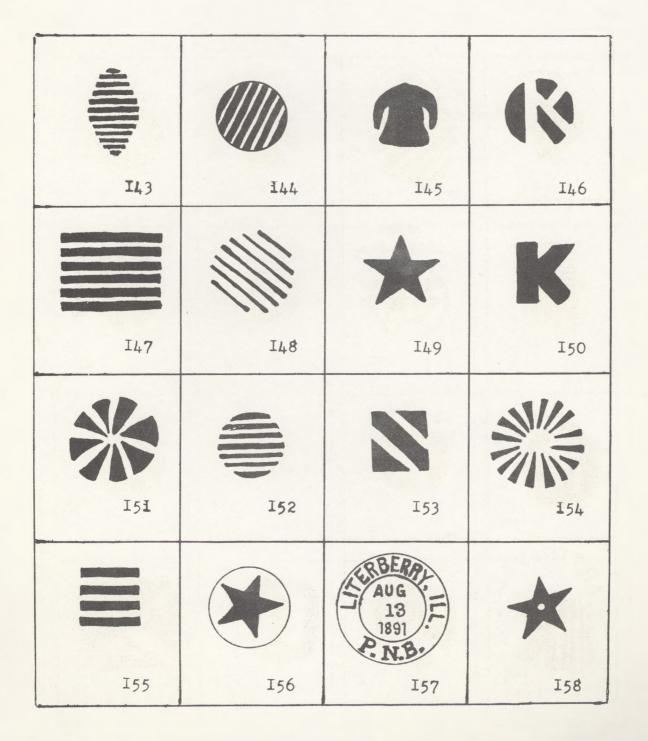
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#I27- BLACK, HYDE PARK, #I58.
#I28- MAGENTA, HANOVER, #UI63.
#I29- BLACK, HARRISBURGH, #2IO.
#I30- BLACK, HARTSBURGH, #187-207.
#I3I- BLUE-BLACK, HOPE, #2I3.
#I32- BLUE, JACKSONVILLE, #U74.
#I33- BLACK, JACKSONVILLE, #2IO.
#I34- PURPLE, JACKSONVILLE, #206.

#I36- BLACK, JACKSONVILLE, #I47.
#I37- BLUE-BLACK, JACKSONVILLE, #I47.
#I38- BLACK, JACKSONVILLE, #147.
#I39- BLACK, JERSEYVILLE, #UI63.
#I40- BLACK, JOLIET, #UX7;
ALSO, BLACK, JOLIET, #212.
#I41- BLACK, JOLIET, #158.
#I42- BLUE, JOLIET, #I58.

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#143, PURPLE, JOY, #UXIO. #151, BLACK, LANARK, #184. #144, PURPLE, JULES, #213. #152, BLACK, LANARK, #213. #145, BLACK, KANKAKEE, #210. #153, BLACK, LANARK, #U82. #146, BLACK, KEWANEE, #147. #154, BLACK, LA SALLE, #26. #155, BLACK, LASALLE, #UX3. #148, BLACK, KICKAPOO, #UX9. #156, BLACK, LATONAT, #U167-184-186. #149, BLACK, KIRKLAND, #213. #157, MAGENTA, LITTLE INDIAN, #158.



#I59-	BLACK, LITTLE ROCK, #65.
	BLACK, LITTLE ROCK, #U3II.
	BLACK, LOCKPORT, #65.
#162-	BLACK, LOMBARD, #279b.
#163-	BLUE-BLACK, LYNDON, #220.
#164-	BLACK, MC LEAN, #147.
#I65-	BLACK, MACKINAW, #158.
	BLACK, MAHOMET #11278

#I67- BLACK, MALTA, #UX7.
#I68- BLACK, MARISSA, #267.
#I69- BLACK, MARSEILLES, #207.
#I70- BLACK, MARSHALL, #65.
#I71- BLACK, MARTINSVILLE, #65.
#I72- BLACK, MASCOUTAH, #65.
#I73- BLACK, MAZON, #U362.
#I74- BLUE, MENDON, #I58.

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