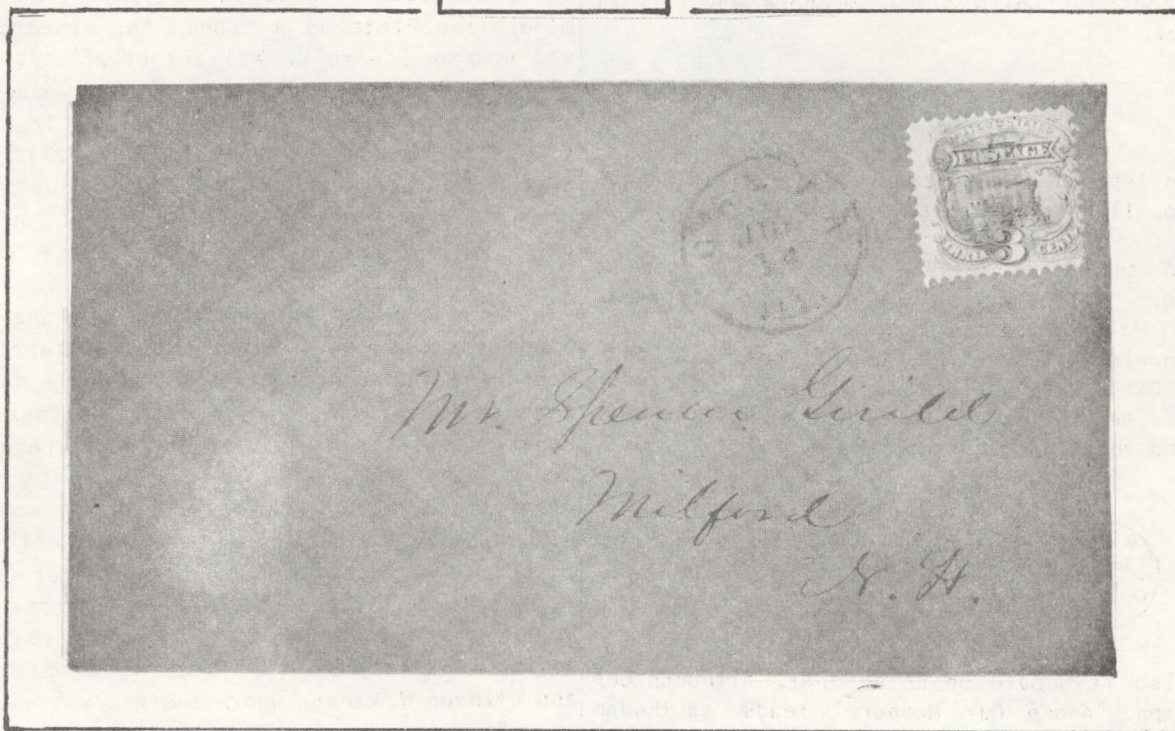




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ILLINOIS CANCELS

Mr. Richard Russell (#444) has sent in more drawings of Illinois Cancels. We are using four pages of them in this issue, the Front Page and Pages 58, 59 and 60.

Also he has sent a few Additions & Corrections to Illustrations in previous issues. Nov. 1961 issue page 102, Illustration #105, Galena is on #U165 and not #165.

Jan. 1962 issue Page 8, Illustration #131, Hope Shield also used at Millbrook on #210, black. March 1962 issue 18, illustration #230, Paxton Star should be solid black, members may fill in with ink.

CORRECTION

In September 1964 issue page 36 Star Cancel "Rollio, Ill." should read "Rollo, Ill."

In the November 1964 issue we included an article, "My Favorite Flag Cancel" by William J. Bomar. We intended to illustrate the Cancel and to acknowledge that it was taken from "FLAG CANCELLATIONS" the publication of the FLAG CANCEL SOCIETY. We are glad to make that acknowledgement here and to illustrate the cancel.



Also it should be noted that, although our paragraph "Among Our Members" reads as though James T. DeVoss is Director of Postal Services of the Kingdom of Nepal, such is not the case. The words "of the APS" were omitted in error after "Executive Secretary".

Gaspere Signorelli (#368) has asked us to note that Tom J. Caldwell (#590) is working with him and is to be co-author of the book, "INDIAN TERRITORY MAIL"

MEETING IN AUGUST

APS has scheduled its annual Convention and Exhibition for August 26-29, 1965 at the noted Brown Palace Hotel in Denver.

We will try to arrange a meeting some time during that convention for members of USCC who may be here.

In 1948, the last time APS met here we did hold a pleasant get-together at luncheon at the University Club. Should we meet this time at a luncheon or should we try to manage just a business meeting at some time convenient for our members and also not conflicting with meetings of APS. Possibly the latter could be arranged without expense to USCC since the local Clubs, hosts to the Convention, will have several rooms reserved and probably will not be using all of them all the while.

In 1948 Harold Stark, our President, donated a sterling silver bowl appropriately engraved for the best exhibit of Cancellations. It was awarded to Burleigh Jacobs (#16) for his "Cancellations on the USA 3¢ 1861".

We also cooperated with the Long Beach Stamp Collectors' Club in 1954 awarded a Commemorative Plate as a trophy for Research. It was won by Edward L. Willard (#125). His Exhibit, "Cancels on #210." Other members meriting awards were; Henry F. Walton Jr. (#251), E. W. Eddy (#32), Lee H. Cornell (#27), Dr. C. S. Hitchens and Heyliger deWindt, both, like Harold Stark since deceased. This Exhibition particularly emphasized Cancellations on the Stamps of USA.

Then in 1961 we cooperated with the Wichita Stamp Club in an Exhibition most particularly concerned with Cancellations. A large number of members contributed varying amounts toward Paul Revere Bowls which were awarded as trophies. The Grand Award went to Hal Ottoway (#489) for "Presidential and Widow Free Franks". Other members of USCC winning awards were: Lee H. Cornell (#27), Burleigh E. Jacobs (#16), Henry A. Meyer (#391), Robert H. Miller (#393), Allan D. Parsons (#122), Robert J. Stets (#482), Daniel A. Stone (#53), Arthur VanVlissingen (#49), Henry F. Walton (#251) and Clinton W. Kanaga who has since resigned.

Please let your Secretary have the benefit of your opinions on the type of meeting we should promote and also make suggestions on the type of trophy, if any, we should offer.

Members of USCC wishing to exhibit may get from your Secretary or from Mr. Arnold Siegel, 5195 E. Iliff Ave., Denver, Colo. 80222 the prospectus and entry blank. Deadline for entries is 5:00 P.M. on August 2nd, 1965.

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- 672 Robert A. Shanover, 130 S. State St.,
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- 605 John F. Duda to VU-6 N.A.S. NORVA, Norfolk,
Va. 23511 from Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHART OF ST. LOUIS POSTMARKS

On Page 57 there are two pages of illustra-
tions from "POSTAL FACILITIES AND POSTMARKS Dis-
trict of Louisiana, the Territory of Louisiana
and the Territory of Missouri 1804 - 1821" by C.
Corwith Wagner with "St. Louis Facilities and
Postmarks 1821-1861" Compiled and added August,
1960 by James W. Adler, S. M. Arnold, Kenneth
Notvest, Ward S. Parker and William Semsrott.

This book came to us from Mr. Ward S. Parker
(#668) and will be added to our Library and made
available to members in the usual manner.

Shipping weight is 5 ounces.

WHAT'S THIS HALF-RATE POSTAGE ALL ABOUT?

By Charles P. Bowman

Editors Note: The following article is taken from "BADGER POSTAL HISTORY", the official publication of the Wisconsin Postal History Society. It is printed here in the hope that some member of USCC will be able to supply the information requested.

A Wallworth County territorial postoffice from which no covers are listed in the W.P.H.S. territorial handbook is Geneva Bay. Recently there came into my hands a correspondence which includes a cover from this tiny office, dated October 28. No year date appears anywhere else upon the folded letter. But by checking the dates of local events in the history of this county, it is possible to pinpoint the year as 1845.

This community's name was changed successively to Bay Hill and then to Williams Bay, with some authorities claiming it was once also called Williams Grove. Captain Israel Williams, Sr., was postmaster at Geneva Bay, apparently serving from 1844 until he died in 1847. He was the first permanent settler on Lake Geneva outside of what now is the city of Lake Geneva. He arrived there in 1836 prior to removal of the Pottowatomies to their Kansas reservation under terms of the 1833 Council of Chicago.

In the 1845 letter a son of Captain Williams writes back home to Conway, Mass., to tell about the death of his two older brothers. The captain himself inscribed a half-page addendum where his son ended the letter. The letter is marked, "Paid 10 cts.", in black manuscript.

A puzzling point of postal history comes up in the main letter. Young Williams exhorts his back-East relatives, "You must write often as postage is cheap, and it does not cost father but half price." "Father" was postmaster, and postage was "cheap" because the 10¢ rate applied for the distance. But why could not he free-frank letters, as seems to have been the universal privilege of postmasters back in that day, as well as receive letters marked "Free" by the writer because the addressee was the postmaster? If he had this right, his postage would cost him not half price but actually nothing. Why did he not free-frank this very letter?

Checking Edward Stern's book on the free franking of U. S. mail yielded no light. Inspecting some of Captain Williams' old reports which I own gave a clue which as yet is nothing but a clue. Certainly it is not conclusive.

The postmaster was paid a 50% commission on outgoing prepaid and incoming collect letters. Hence a 10-cent collect letter would cost him only 5¢ net. Could this be the meaning of "half price"? Records in my possession for 1845 indicate that total gross annual volume of the Geneva Bay office could not have exceeded \$30. Was the franking privilege limited only to offices doing some minimum volume? Or is there some other explanation? Cont. next column

If any reader of this article can supply the answer, it will be welcomed. Please address the writer at: 20-A Lake Shore Drive, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

WASHINGTON POSTAL HISTORY

The following is taken from the CHIEF SEATTLE PHILATELIC NEWS, monthly bulletin of the Collectors' Club of Seattle of which Deane C. Bartley (#119) is Editor.

Granberg's "Your Town and Mine", December 13th, features Post Townsend, "Key City" to Puget Sound or "City that Whiskey Built". Port Townsend is the most famous of all Washington cities from many angles. Smuggling, whiskey running, shanghaiing, at 30 dollars a head, sailing ships from every port in the world and Victorian architecture, and last but not least, the famous "Kicking Mule" cancel, one of the most unique postal markings of all time. Named after the Marquis of Townshend, first noted in 1792, first land claim in 1851. In 1852 there were three families and 15 bachelors and the townsite was drafted. Post Office established September 28, 1852 in Oregon Territory. There are about 15 different territorial postmarks known. Our collection contains 8 covers with 6 different postmarks including 2 "kicking mules", one was used as a back stamp.

We believe some members may be glad to get the following information which was sent in by W. A. Jurgens (#494).

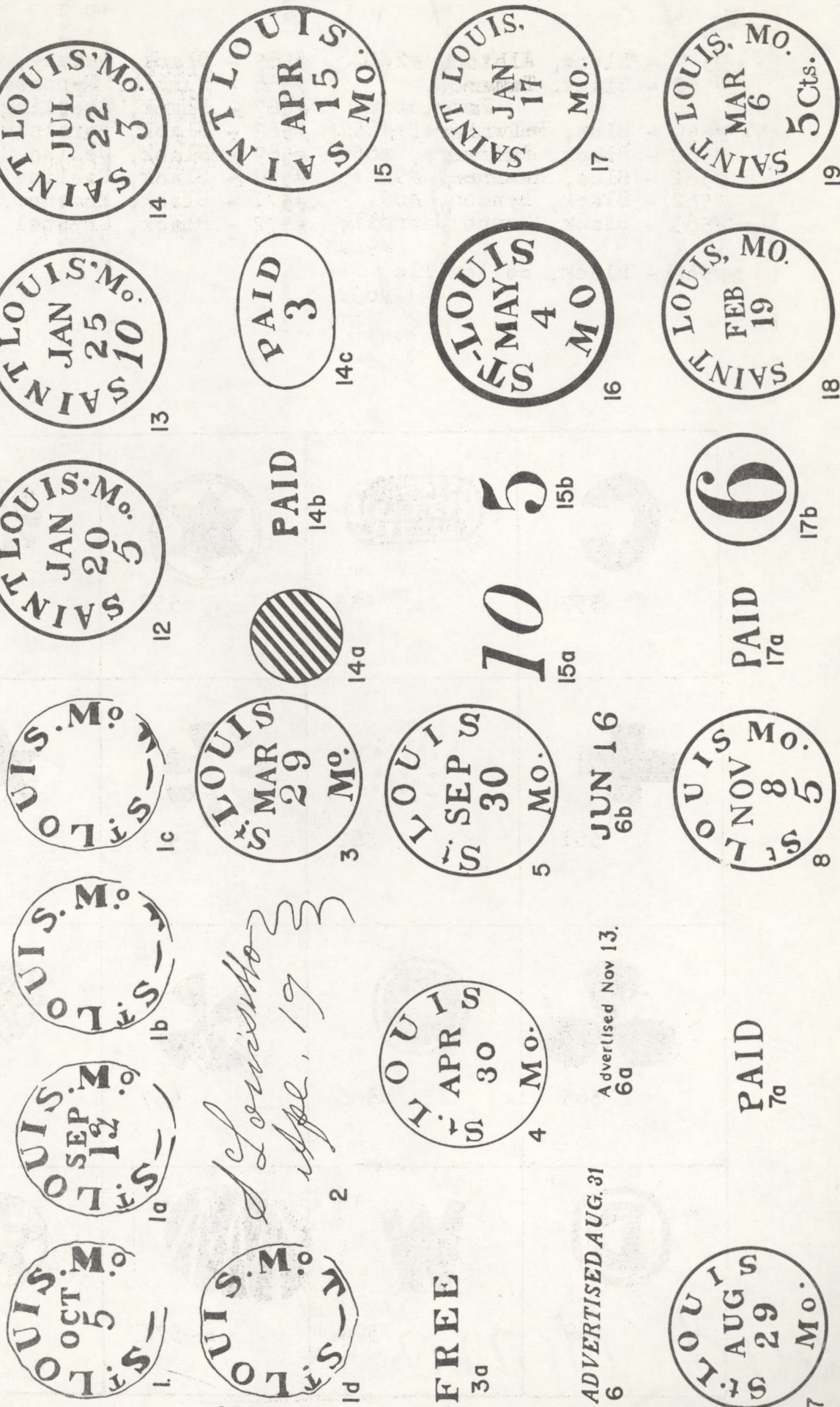
Milliken's well-known brochure on NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATIONS, long out of print, has been faithfully reprinted, with all illustrations of the cancellation types (but without the covers and album pages illustrated in the original brochure) by Fritz Billig. The reprint occupies pages 5-18 of BILLIG'S PHILATELIC HANDBOOK, Vol. I, Third Revised edition, 1963. This volume of the series is currently available at \$7.50 from the publisher Fritz Billig, 168-39 Highland Avenue, Jamaica 22, New York. The volume is a work of 249 pages, and contains excellent specialized listings of Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, etc. While this latter material will be of little interest to most of the USCC membership, the price of the volume (\$7.50) is just about what the Milliken brochure has been bringing at auction, when available. So for those who have been looking in vain for a Milliken, Billig's Philatelic Handbook, Vol. I, 3rd edition, is recommended.

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Chart of St. Louis Postmarks 1821-1861

The following illustrations represent all of the St. Louis town markings in the 1821-61 period that our group has had the opportunity to record, plus a number of more commonly used auxiliary markings. Route agent markings with "St. Louis" in the canceller are not here illustrated although several such covers are pictured. Additional "advertised," "paid," "steam," "circular mail," and "rate" markings are known which are not here illustrated. It is hoped that the chart will serve as a general guide to St. Louis postmarks for the period covered. All illustrations are the approximate size of the original postmarks.



- #557 - Black, Albion, #210.
 #558 - Black, Tamaroa,
 Patriotic,
 #559 - Blue, Belvidere, #65.
 #560 - Black, Fairbury, #65.
 #561 - Blue, Kewanee, #94a.
 #562 - Black, Lyndon, #65.
 #563 - Black, Mount Carroll,
 #94.
 #564 - Black, Belleville,
 #65.
- #565 - Black, Quincy, #114.
 #566 - Purple, Neponset, #UO54.
 #567 - Black, Sterling, #I46.
 #568 - Black, Martinsville, #I47.
 #569 - Black, Dallas City, #2I3.
 #570 - Black, Carlinville, #U277.
 #571 - Black, Momence, #I84.
 #572 - Black, Crystal Lake, #207.

 557	 558	 559	 560
 561	 562	 563	 564
 565	 566	 567	 568
 569	 570	 571	 572

#541 - Black, Auburn, #279.

#542 - Black, Aurora, #213.

#543 - Black, Beardstown,
#U312.

#544 - Black, Clay City, #210.

#545 - Black, Cobden, #213.

#546 - Violet, El Paso, #184.

#547 - Black, Geneva, #U311.

#548 - Black, Highland, #U163.

#549 - Blue, Keithsburg,
#U82.

#550 - Black, Lanark, #U313.

#551 - Black, Lincoln, #U312.

#552 - Black, Moline, #U311.

#553 - Black, Odell, #U311.

#554 - Black, Pekin, #U312.

#555 - Black, Sheldon, #U311.

#556 - Black, Toulon, #65.



***** CHICAGO CANCELLATIONS *****

#573 - Black, #65.
 #574 - Black, #U58.
 #575 - Blue, S.D.Sta.
 #576 - Black, #I47.
 #577 - Black, #2IO.
 #578 - Black, Humboldt
 Park Sta; #23I.
 #579 - Blue, #I56.
 #580 - Blue, #I58.

#581 - Blue, #UX3.
 #582 - Black, #U84.
 #583 - Blue, #65.
 #584 - Black, #I58.
 #585 - Black, #U82.
 #586 - Blue, #UXI.
 #587 - Blue, #I58.
 #588 - Blue, #I58;
 larger than #22.

