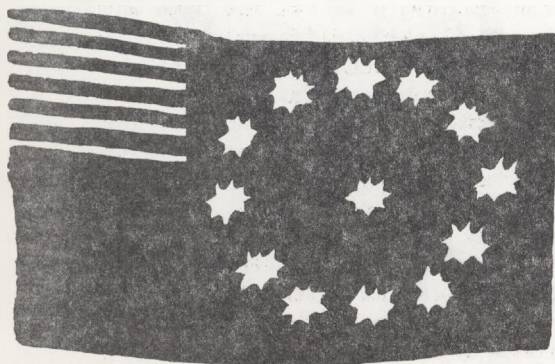




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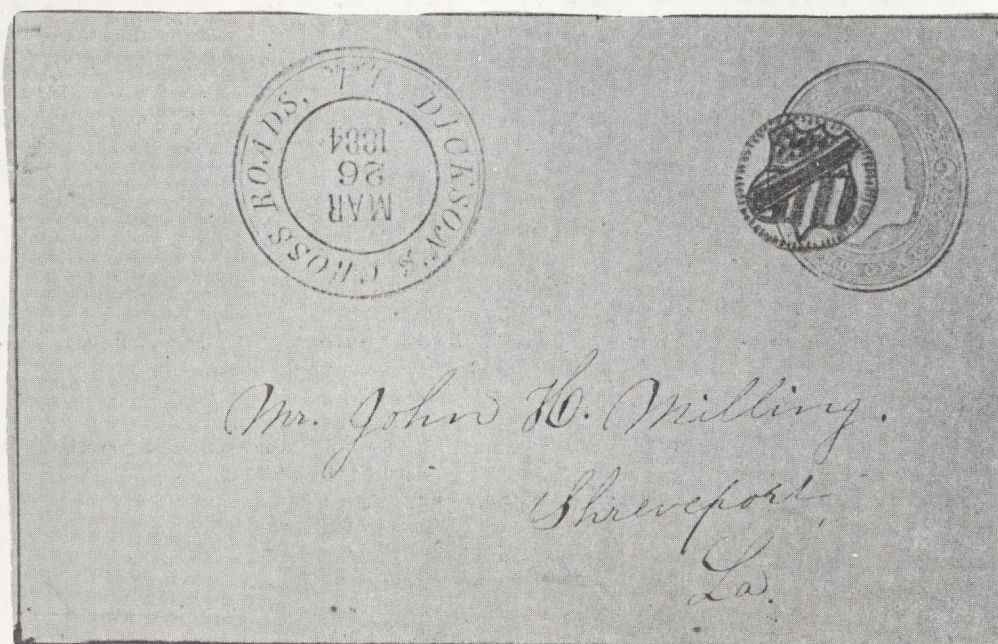
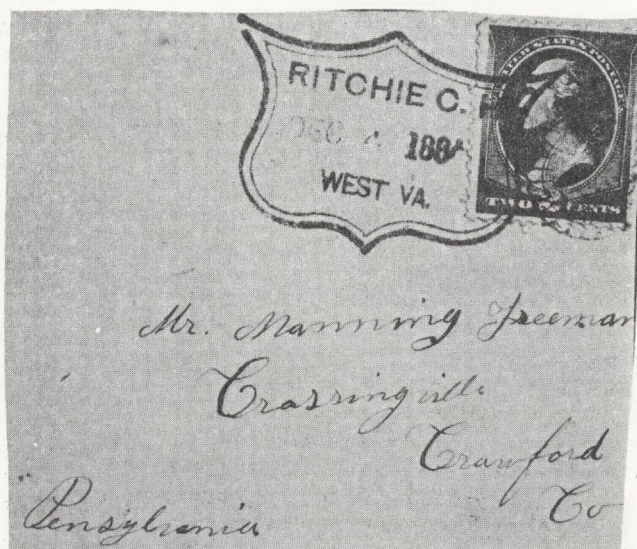


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JULY 8, 1776

EASTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

*Gene Michel - designer  
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BLUE-GRAY Dickson's Cross Roads, La. with  
"shield inside geared circle"  
Mar. 26, 1884 (double-circle)  
(U231)



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## FINPEX "69"

The Fort Findlay Stamp Club will stage its second annual Exhibition and Bourse April 12-13, 1969 at the Imperial House, Findlay, Ohio, located at the Junction of I-75 and State Route 12. Admission is free. There will be a large dealers bourse and a ninety-six (96) frame exhibit.

The show will open on Saturday at noon and close at 9 P. M. Sunday hours will be from 10 A.M. till 6 P. M.

The U. S. Post Office will participate and furnish a special exhibition cancel for this show.

The theme of the show will center around a local community campaign to publicize Findlay as Flag City U. S. A. Local Groups as well as Findlay's representative in Washington, Congressman Jackson E. Betts, have been supporting a campaign to fly the flag. Boy Scouts have participated to the extent of distributing door to door small flags furnished by local groups. A cacheted envelope, available from the Fort Findlay Stamp Club will feature the "Flag Theme" and the Fort Findlay Local Post will be reactivated for the two (2) days of the exhibition. The local post stamp will tie in with the above theme. Cacheted envelopes with the local post stamp and exhibition cancel will be available at \$.25 each. Cacheted envelopes with only the exhibition cancel are \$.15 each. Those who desire local post only should submit stamped, addressed envelopes and \$.10 per cover. Orders for any of the above covers should be mailed to Mr. Hartley Smith, 1314 Summit Street, Findlay, Ohio 45840. General Chairman is: Mr. Al Pundt, 411 S. Main Street, North Baltimore, Ohio 45872.

## ROCKPEX '69

The ROCKLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY, (Rockland County, N.Y.) announced their second annual exhibition and dealers' bourse, ROCKPEX '69, will be held on Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11, 1969, at the Nyack, N.Y. Masonic Temple.

According to co-chairmen Moe Luff (#252) and Harold L. Laroff, ROCKPEX '69 will honor the 20th Anniversary of Israel's admittance to the United Nations and will have a special cacheted cover.

The Rockland Philatelic Society also stated that it has prepared an exhibitor prospectus for interested collectors. Frames featuring ISRAEL,

TOPICAL and GENERAL collections will be accepted this year, with three prizes in each category. There will also be a special prize for BEST OF SHOW.

Collectors who wish to exhibit at ROCKPEX '69, and compete for these prizes, should write to Moe Luff, ROCKPEX '69, 12 Greene Road, Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977, for a copy of the prospectus.

## FRONT PAGE

On the front page are three covers unrelated to each other, an unusual "Wheel of Fortune" from Ritchie C.H., West Virginia, a "Shield" from Dickson's Cross Roads, La. and a modern Cachet.

While the Shield is similar to #1199 in the Herst-Sampson Book its origin is not the same and it does appear to be slightly different. It is from the collection of Mr. Gene Mickel (#766).

The Cachet is in three colors: Red, white, and blue and was designed by Mr. Mickel for the covers to be sold at an exhibit sponsored by the Easton (Pa.) Philatelic Society and featuring Junior Collectors at the Easton Y.M.C.A. on April 26 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. It will be an exact copy of "The First Stars & Stripes" of the United Colonies which was unfurled the same day the Declaration of Independence was read officially from the steps of the courthouse at Easton, Pa. on July 8, 1776. Covers will be franked with the "6¢ Whitehouse" regular stamp and are offered at 25¢ each or five for \$1.00 addressed. A large self-addressed envelope should accompany all orders for unaddressed covers. Order your covers from Gene Mickel, 265 N. Main St., Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865, cash with order please. This cachet is particularly appropriate since the flag was designed, made and unfurled at Easton. It was carried in the "War of 1812" by Capt. Abraham Horn's Company of Easton and has been in the safe keeping of the Easton Public Library since 1821.

The "Wheel of Fortune" cover is one of the following list of additions sent in by Richard Russell (#444) and contained in the Collection of Covers belonging to Mr. Arthur E. Beane Jr. (#527).

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Also please add the following towns from the Cover collection of Mr. Gene Mickel (#766)

ILLINOIS, Hillsborough  
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Those of you who have volumes on loan from the Library should either return them to Mr. Binker if finished with them or await his instructions for forwarding.

Our last list was published as a supplement to the March 1963 NEWS and contained a number of volumes which really were not needed in our Library and which no member had ever requested. Many of these have been eliminated.

As soon as Mr. Binker can manage we shall get a new list and send it out with the NEWS. Meanwhile, please use the old list and bear with us if some confusion occurs.

In behalf of the members of USCC we wish to thank Mr. S. M. Horwitz (#661) for the gift of another book. THE PICTURE POSTCARD AND ITS ORIGINS by Frank Staff. This is a beautiful and interesting book although much of the material is not directly connected with Cancellations or Postal History.

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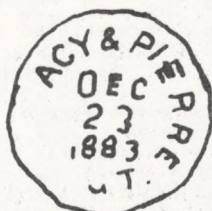
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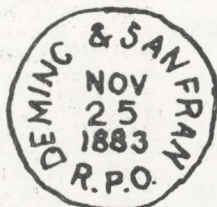
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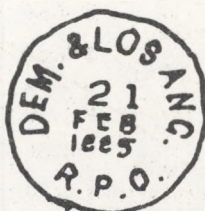




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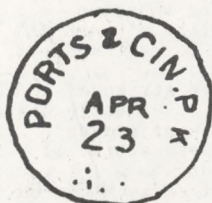
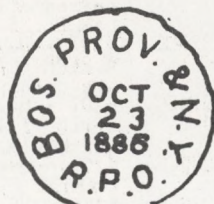
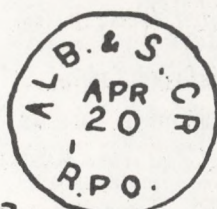
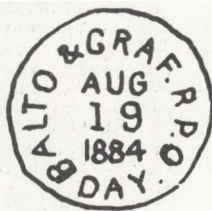
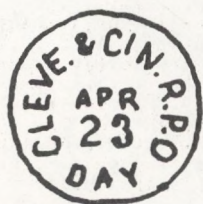
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1884Boston Providence  
& New York R.P.O.Boston Providence  
& N.Y. with Clerk's  
initialsAlbany & Syracuse  
1887Baltimore &  
GraftonAlbert Lea &  
Burlington R.P.O.Cleveland &  
Cincinnati R.P.O.  
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# BARR-FYKE MACHINE CANCELLATIONS by Arthur H. Bond (#505)

In 1896 a new machine cancellation began to appear, having a unique "killer" section, consisting of a series of closely-spaced vertical bars. This was the marking of a high-speed, automatic, motor-driven canceling machine produced by the Barr-Fyke Machine Co. of Kansas City, Mo. Before proceeding with a description of these markings and listing the post offices known to have used the various styles it will be interesting to make a brief review of the Post Office Department's experience with canceling machines previous to 1896.

After a couple of brief experiments with other types, the first practical canceling machines were put into regular service in the Boston and New York post offices in 1876. These machines were made by Thomas and Martin Leavitt, of Everett, Mass. The Leavitt machines did not prove satisfactory on letter mail and imprints are rarely found on envelopes, but they were extensively used on postal cards. In 1879 they were introduced into a dozen other large cities and before 1898 served in about 28 post offices.

The Ethridge brothers founded the American Postal Machines Co. in 1884 and acquired the Leavitts' business. With the permission of the Post Office Department their machines were installed in Boston in 1884, but were not formally leased by the Government until 1889. Although apparently used in 1884 only on third-class mail, they proved highly satisfactory on letter mail, and had broad distribution soon after 1889. In 1894 some of the American machines began to use the well-known "Flag" cancelling dies.

The International Postal Supply Co., of New York, was organized about 1886 by Matthew J. Dolphin and George W. Hey, who took over patents granted in that year to Hey and Emil Laass. Their machines, referred to as "the Hey-Dolphin machines", were used in Brooklyn and Buffalo for short periods in 1888 and soon were leased in considerable numbers for the larger post offices. Early in 1893 International introduced an improved model in New York City, said to have had an average capacity of 40,000 letters per hour with a single operator, as compared with 25,000 per hour and two operators for their previous machine. Nevertheless, their contracts were cancelled in June 1895 and were not renewed until 1898, since when machines of this make have been widely used.

The Barry Postal Supply Co., owned by William Barry, of Oswego, N.Y., made trial installations in Washington and Chicago in 1894 and was probably responsible for the temporary disappearance of International, as large numbers of Barry machines appeared in service in 1895-96. Well over 100 machines of this make were used in 1899 and some continued in service until 1909.

## The Barr-Fyke Machine Co.

Several other patents were granted in this field during the early 1890's and some inventors were permitted trial runs of short duration, but the next successful contractors were John H. Barr

and Charles V. Fyke, operating as the Barr-Fyke Machine Co., of Kansas City, Mo. From a study of collected covers, it has been found that the first installations, in Kansas City in 1896 and in Washington in 1897, although continuing over several months, used several different dies in succession. There seems no indication that these machines were actually leased to the Government. We have, therefore, classified their markings as "experimental" types, identifying them as X-1, X-2, X-3, etc. In 1898 we find Barr-Fyke machines in regular service in Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Washington and the Madison Square Station in New York. They were also used, probably for short periods, in the New York main office and Station P. Twenty seven machines were leased in 1899 and 1900, increased to at least 30 in 1901. The year 1903 witnessed the introduction of the "Midget" 19 mm. circle die at a few offices and this was the type most used in 1904-05. Only 18 post offices have been recorded as using Barr-Fyke in 1905; the latest known use being at Parkersburg, W. Va. on June 15, 1905. From 1902 to 1905 the Barr-Fyke cancels may be confused with those made by the Doremus machines. These may be easily distinguished by remembering that the vertical bars in Doremus killers never exceeded 16mm. in height. The shortest Barr-Fyke killers were 18 mm. high and were used with the "Midget" 19 mm. circle, while those used with the larger circles were 22 mm. tall.

## Classification

As explained above, the obviously experimental types used in 1896-97 at Kansas City and Washington have been designated as Types X-1 and X-13. These markings are illustrated individually in Plates 1 and 2.

Rather than introduce an entirely new classification series for the regular types, we have continued the system used by Max G. Johl and Paul H. Segnitz, presented in 1951 in the journal "XX Killers", which dealt only with the types in use from 1901 to 1905. This will be familiar to most of the older collectors.

The system is based on the use of a letter to indicate the type of postmark or dater circle and a number for the type of killer or cancellation die. Letters and numbers were assigned in approximately chronological order as various styles appear. Thus each complete marking may be described by a duplex combination code, such as Type C-121, indicating Type C postmark with Type 121 killer. Missing numbers are reserved for possible future discoveries. No changes have been made in code designation for the types dealt with by Johl and Segnitz. Where either postmark or killer shows origin at a branch station the letter S is added to the basic letter or number. The suffixes R and X are used for receiving and service markings respectively. The postmark and killer types described in the text are illustrated in Plates 3 and 4.

Various combinations used as receiving marks or supplementary service are dealt with in a series following description of the regular cancellation types.



The Barr-Fyke "Flag" cancels, which were used from 1900 to 1905 for short periods at several offices, are covered in a later installment. The markings produced by a Barr-Fyke machine that was used at the Paris Exposition in 1900 will also be described.

#### Acknowledgment

This classification and listing has been made possible only through the generous co-operation of some other collectors, to whom go our heartfelt thanks. Among these are W. J. Bomar, E. M. Funk, F. Langford, R. B. Parker, W. S. Parker, R. J. Payne, C. C. Peterson, J. P. Rigney and H. M. Spelman. We are particularly indebted to Mr. Langford for information regarding the Paris Exposition cancels and his helpful suggestion in other matters. In five instances we have included post office names mentioned in the Feb. 1951 issue of "XX Killers" without direct confirmation. However, we believe this to be justifiable in view of the care evidently exercised by Messrs. Johl and Segnitz in their classification.

We hope that this series will induce many other collectors to examine their machine cancels and be on the lookout for new discoveries. The writer will be happy to record additions to corrections for future publication. Please address Arthur H. Bond, P.O. Box 625, Casselberry, Fla. 32707.

#### EXPERIMENTAL INSTALLATIONS See illustrations on Plates 1 and 2.

##### TYPE X-1

KANSAS CITY, MO.  
Recorded usage: June 12 - 16, 1896  
Postmark: Rectangle 17 mm. x 44 mm.  
Killer: Vertical bars 18 mm. high, spaced 2.85 mm. (20 mm. covers 7 spaces)  
numeral "2" in space following 8th bar

##### TYPE X-2

KANSAS CITY, MO.  
Recorded usage: June 19 to Aug. 11, 1896  
Postmark: Rectangle 16 mm. x 44 mm.  
Broader letters than Type X-1  
Killer: Vertical bars 18 mm. high, spaced 2.85 mm. Numeral "2" in ellipse following 8th bar. Numeral is defective or omitted after July 15

##### TYPE X-3

KANSAS CITY, MO.  
Recorded usage: Aug. 15 to Sept. 28, 1896  
Postmark: Rectangle 15 mm. x 43 mm.  
Condensed lettering  
Killer: Vertical bars 16 mm. high, spaced 2.85 mm. At least 19 bars in length.

##### TYPE X-4

KANSAS CITY, MO.  
Recorded usage: Oct. 22 to Nov. 21, 1896  
Postmark: Rectangle 15 mm. x 44 mm.  
Condensed lettering  
Killer: Same as Type X-3

##### TYPE X-5

KANSAS CITY, MO. STA. A  
Recorded usage: Sept. 19 to Nov. 3, 1896  
Postmark: Rectangle 16 mm. x 44 mm.  
Condensed lettering  
Killer: Vertical bars 17 mm. high, spaced 2.85 mm. At least 20 bars in length

##### TYPE X-6

KANSAS CITY, MO. STA. A  
Recorded usage: Feb. 26, 1897 (one cover)  
Postmark: Open straight-line. 4-digit year  
Killer: Vertical bars 17 mm. high, spaced 2.7 mm. (30 mm. covers 11 spaces)  
At least 12 bars in length

##### TYPE X-7

KANSAS CITY, MO. STA. A  
Recorded usage: July 12 to Sept. 2, 1897  
Postmark: Rectangle 15 mm. x 43 mm.  
Condensed lettering  
Killer: Same as Type X-3

##### TYPE X-8

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Recorded usage: March 7 to 15, 1897  
Postmark: Open straight-line. 4-digit year  
Killer: Vertical bars 18 mm. high, spaced 2.5 mm. At least 21 bars in length

##### TYPE X-9

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Recorded usage: Mar. 22 to Apr. 20, 1897  
Postmark: Circle 24.5 mm. diameter.  
Two-digit year at bottom  
Killer: Vertical bars 22 mm. high, spaced 1.67 mm. (20 mm. covers 12 spaces)  
37 bars in length

##### TYPE X-10

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Recorded usage: Apr. 21 to June 16, 1897  
Postmark: Circle 22.5 mm. diam. Town lettering smaller than Type X-9.  
Two-digit year at bottom.  
Killer: Vertical bars 20 mm. high, spaced 2.33 mm.; 31 bars in length

##### TYPE X-11

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Recorded usage: June 20 to Aug. 17, 1897  
Postmark: Circle 22.5 mm. diam. Two-digit year horizontal below time  
Killer: Vertical bars 21 mm. high, spaced 2.5 mm.; at least 29 bars in length

##### TYPE X-12

KANSAS CITY, MO./STA. A  
Recorded usage: June 23-24, 1898  
Postmark: Circle 23.5 mm. diameter.  
Two-digit year above STA. A.  
Killer: "Bull's Eye"

##### TYPE X-13

KANSAS CITY, MO./STA. A  
Recorded usage: Aug. 22 to Sept. 5, 1898  
Postmark: Circle 22.0 mm. diam.  
Killer: Vertical bars 22 mm. high, spaced 3.33 mm.; 23 bars in length



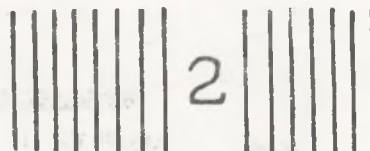
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## PLATE I

## EXPERIMENTAL TYPES

X-1

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JUN 12 7 PM. 96



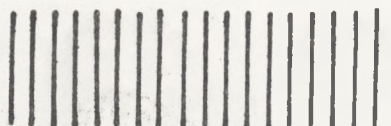
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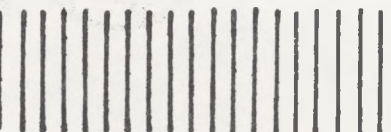
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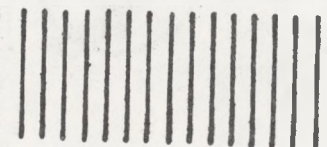
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KANSAS CITY, MO.  
NOV 9 9 PM 96



X-5

KANSAS CITY, MO. STA. A.  
NOV 3 6 PM 96



X-6

KANSAS CITY, MO. STA. A.  
FEB 26 6 ~~30~~ PM.  
1897



X-7

KANSAS CITY, MO. STA. A.  
JUL 27 7 PM 97





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PLATE 2

EXPERIMENTAL TYPES

