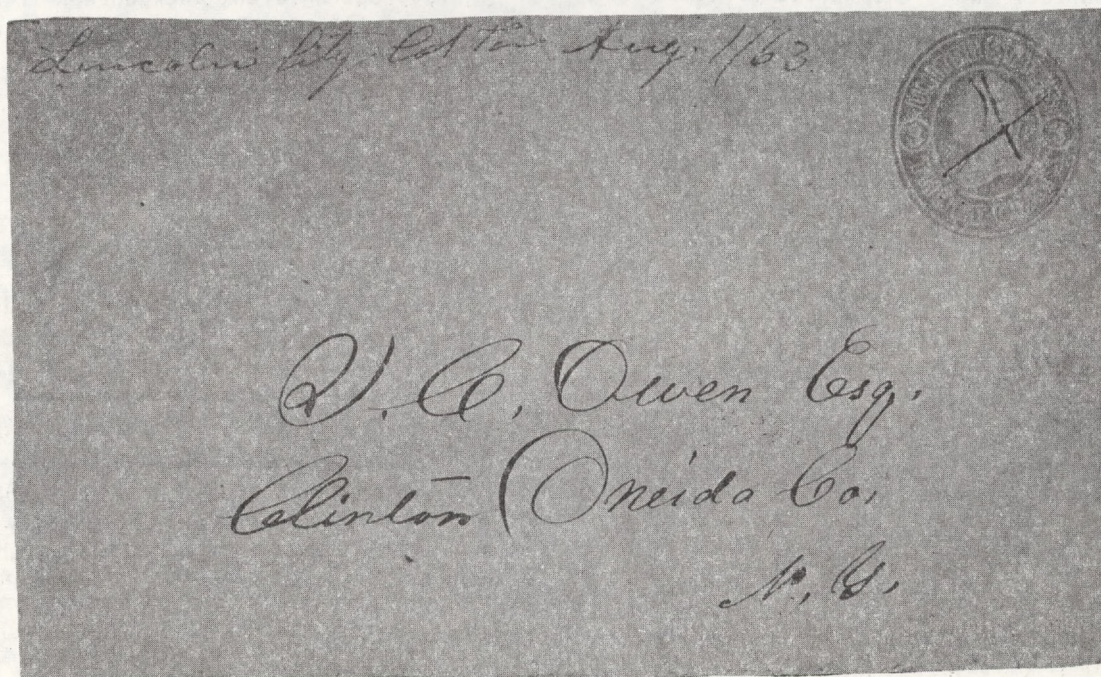
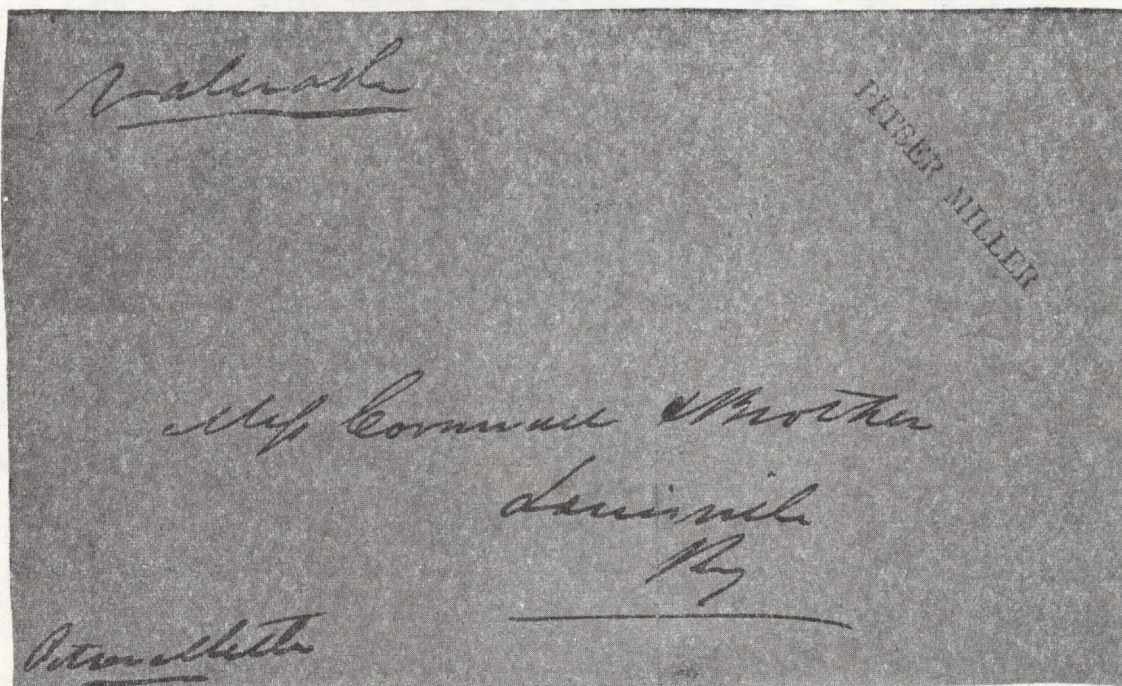




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FRONT PAGE

The two covers illustrated on the front page were sent in by David L. Jarrett (#640).

The first cover is the only recorded example of a Lincoln City, Colorado territory marking, which is dated 1 August 1863. Lincoln City is now a ghost town located near Breckenridge at the head of French Gulch. It was an active mining hamlet during the 1860s. The post office was officially established on 28 June 1861 and was called Paige City, with D. S. Fish being the first postmaster. The name was changed to Lincoln City on 1 August 1861, with Oliver P. Wiggins postmaster. On 23 December 1861 Albert G. Townsend was appointed postmaster. The U.S. Official Register shows that Townsend received a total compensation of \$26.09 for three quarters and Frederick Hobond received \$7.79 for one quarter in the fiscal year ending on 30 September 1863. That's 1/58th the compensation that the Denver City postmaster received at that time.

The second cover is a rare unlisted packet-boat marking from Memphis to Louisville, Kentucky in 1849. It is handstamped in true green PITSER MILLER in a straightline.

Mr. Jarrett and Prof. Norris F. Taylor are preparing a definitive Postal History book on Colorado 1859-1876. It will include all known Territorial Townmarks. They now have 225 different ones, three times as many as the Chase-Cabeen number. Collectors who have any such to report would be helping if they would send the information to Mr. Jarrett at P.O. Box 1486, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017.

JACKSON, MICH.

The Jackson, Mich. postmark shown on page 8 of the Jan. NEWS probably meant T.(ransfer) C.(lerk) M.(ichigan) C.(entral) STA.(tion). This information was sent in by Daniel R. Seigle (#816) and by Arthur Bond (#505).

ROCKPEX 70

This annual Exhibition and Bourse will be held on May 2 and 3 at the Spring Valley, N.Y. Masonic Temple. Those wishing to participate may write Moe Luff (#252), ROCKPEX 70, 12 Greene Rd. Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977.

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A Drop Letter, bearing one Blackjack, No. 73. There is an interesting corner card on this bright orange cover, and the CDS carries the date Sep 11, no year. There is also another date, Sep 12, also in black, and from the strength of the impression, it seems likely that a metal stamp was used for the date. An oval frames the words RETURNED TO WRITER. There are no contents, and no indication as to the year.

A similar cover was in the Allen Collection, before it was stolen, and is pictured in Mrs. Maryette Lane's newly- published book on the Blackjack.

A drop letter in Manchester, New Hampshire, July 7, 1866. On the face, the cover bears a straightline handstamp "NOT CALLED FOR" in black, as well as a pencil notation "44 Manchest St." On the reverse, a second date stamp with the date Aug 20, 66 and another pencil remark "Open by same name 5 Martin's Bk."

The Allen Collection had a cover with a straightline "NOT CALLED FOR" in a Gothic, sans serif type; the handstamp on the present cover would appear to be Cheltenham Bold, so it would seem that the stamp was made up locally. It was long a tradition (it may well still be) that the first tray of type in any print shop was Cheltenham Bold, so probably the printer, setting up the stamp, took the type font most readily at hand to make it up.

Editor's Note: Here are two more interesting Black Jack Covers from the collection of Mr. Paul J. Wolf (#743).

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- 774 Fred W. Deming to 1177 Hartford Turnpike, Rockville Conn. 06066 from #71 Hfd. T'pike
- 816 Daniel R. Seigle to 11 2nd St. NE, Apt. 401, Washington, D.C. 20002 from Detroit, Mich.
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"BANK NOTE ERA SOCIETY"?

The following letter was received late in 1969. It was written to Mr. Edward L. Willard (#125) and a copy sent to your editor. We do not know what response Mr. Norona has had from the APS but suggest that any member interested in such an organization write him with any suggestions you may have. His address is 315 7th St., Moundsville, West Va. 26041.

RE: FORMATION OF THE BANK NOTE ERA SOCIETY
(or some similar title)
by Delf Norona (#62)

April, 1970, will be the centennary of the Bank Note issues of Stamps.

The Classics Society takes in the period through 1869, and the Bureau Issues Assn. the period from 1894. No organization is devoted to the general period 1870-1894. I prefer that we think not of the BNES group devote their attention to the study of unusual stamps as issued, plating, essays, shifts, and the like; but also being concerned with all aspects of philately from 1870-94 (such as postal history, postal rates, the U.P.U., new services which were adopted during the era, such as machine cancels, Free and penalty envelopes, hand cancels, makers of cancels, and a host of subsidiary markings which appear in connection with the Bank Note issues.

To get the thing started, I suggest a small committee of three be appointed jointly by the USCC and the APS (preferably members of both societies). That an announcement be made in the March USCC News and the AMPhil (as well as all other philatelic journals and societies, SPA, Collectors Club), that any person interested send in \$2.00, in a letter postmarked on or before April 30, 1970, that they would like to join as a charter member. At the beginning there might be just a mimeographed quarterly bulletin dealing with business matters, then possibly about the end of 1970 a formal organization might be created!

Then, and of great importance, regardless of what happens: A section be run occasionally in the Amer. Philatelist and the Cancel Club News dealing with the philatelic aspects of the subject: Items in the AP due to the fine quality of the paper be concerned with such things as shifts, plate varieties, and so on; that items in the Cancel Club News be chiefly black and white illustrations of postal markings. The respective editors of both publications of course controlling the space allotted from time to time.

To start things off, I am writing just to you two. If you consider the idea has merit, then take the matter up with your respective presidents and start things rolling with a temporary board (possibly just three at first). I most positively am not wanting any job--just my good will, cheering from the sideline.

Will promise however to be a contributor: I have a moderately specialized collection of the 5¢ Garfield and 5¢ Grant stamps in connection with my study of the UP 5¢ rates; I have unquestionably a good library of U.S.P.O.D. source materials; all editions of PL&R, Reports PMG, Postal Guides, etc. I could start off in one of the journals with a preliminary general bibliography of publications. I have my West Va. collection of covers from 1870 to 1910; recently started playing with N.H. covers and pmks 1870-1900, etc., so am not actually starting from scratch.

NEW MEMBERS

- 846 Dale B. Besom, 9178 Clio Road, Spring Valley, Ohio 45370-Ohio Covers as follows, Stampless, Pre-1890, Patriotic & War, Railroad & Steam, 1869 issue Covers, Columbian Covers, Illustrated Corner Cards, Flag Cancel Covers, Doremus Cancel Covers, Other interesting old Ohio Covers.
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- 848 Eric C. Sharpless, 30 Deepdale Road, Wayne, Pa. 19087-Forwarding Agents, Transatlantic Mail. (Horwitz)
- 849 William R. Gibson, 1036 Broadway Ave., Holbrook, N.Y. 11741-19th & 20th Century USA Covers; Fancy Cancels off-cover (Horwitz)
- 850 Walter J. Kirby, 2106 N. VanBuren St., Little Rock, Ark. 72207-Flag Cancels; Little Rock Corner Cards; Waterfalls on Stamps; Masons on Stamps.
- 851 Miss Margaret M. Wurtz, 5055 Copley Road, Philadelphia, Pa. 19144-U.S. Flag Cancels, Flowers on Stamps, Canada. (Flack)
- 852 J. Michael Poellot, 3431 Covenant Road, Apt. T-8, Columbia, So. Car. 29204-US Classics particularly multiples; US Postal History. (Horwitz)
- 853 Charles T. Maison, 232 Elsmere Place, Fort Lee, N.J. 07024-USA & Foreign; 19th Century Fancies inc. Masonic (Horwitz)
- 854 Mr. Ferracani, 132 Avenue Gambetta, Paris 20e France-
- 855 George H. Phillips, 103 16th Ave., Brookings, S. Dak. 57006-Covers; Obsolete Machine Cancels; S. Dak. & Dak. Territory Material.
- 856 David W. Gjerde, 10523 Gateridge Road, Cockeysville, Md. 21030- 19th Century Covers & Cancels.
- 857 James M. Mundis, 6601 Lybrook Court, Bethesda, Md. 20034-Flags, 19th Century, RPOs, Slogans, Street Cars, Collection Wagons, RFDs, D.C.s. 28 Towns, 19th Cent. Military Posts, some RPOs, some Stampless; in stamps USA pre-1937, Australia.
- 858 Arthur J. Warmesley, 33 Riverview St., Portland, Conn. 06480-Conn. Fancy Cancels & Postmarks from discontinued Post Offices; USA & U.N. Stamps.

MEMBERSHIP REVIVED

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HAMPDEN MACHINE CANCELS

by Arthur H. Bond (#505)

Most collectors of postal covers have a few examples of machine markings tucked away that appear unusual but are not readily identifiable. As information becomes available some collectors will realize that herein lies a field of collecting that offers an interesting challenge and a venture into a comparatively new phase of postal history. In 1969 the News published a series of articles classifying the markings produced by the Barr-Fyke machines. We now present a similar classification of the Hampden Machine Cancels.

On December 6, 1892 U.S. Patents 487, 278, and 487, 626 were granted to William R. Landfear, Brooklyn, N. Y. for a mail canceling and post-marking machine. These patents show that a 2/3 interest was assigned to Thomas Merrick and George N. Tyner, of Holyoke, Hampden County, Mass. Later Landfear patents in 1900 and 1901 were assigned to the Hampden Cancelling Machine Co., Holyoke, Mass. Presumably Mr. Tyner was the guiding spirit of the Company in its active period, since Mr. Merrick died in 1894. George N. Tyner had been Postal Card Agent for the Post Office Department in 1878-80, when James N. Tyner was First Asst. Postmaster-General. By 1893 he was Treasurer of the Holyoke Envelope Co. He became a director of the United States Envelope Co. in 1899 when the organization absorbed the Holyoke and other envelope companies, several of which had contracts with the Post Office Department. These circumstances indicate that the Hampden machines were probably produced in the shops of the U.S. Envelope Co.

The Hampden machine was described by the Department as "automatic hand-power", i.e. not electrically driven, but with automatic feed. It was the first such machine adopted by the Department since the early Leavitt machines of the 1870's, which were successful only on postal cards. The Hampden machines were purchased outright, instead of being rented like the 500 or more electric and belt-driven machines that were in service in 1898. They were located in post offices where the volume of mail would not justify the rental of faster machines or where electric power was not available.

With the exception of an experimental usage at New York in 1896, the earliest recorded Hampden cancel is April 13, 1898 from Woonsocket, R. I. Markings in 1898 are known from only nine offices. The Postmaster-General Report for year ending June 30, 1899 stated that 92 Hampden machines had been purchased. These may not have gone into active service promptly, for we have been able to identify only 24 post offices as Hampden users in 1899. In succeeding years we have located covers from 50 offices in 1900, 37 in 1901 and 55 in 1902. Between 1900 and 1902 sixty nine Hampden machines were replaced by American electric machines using the Flag dies, with the results that we can locate only 10 Hampdens in 1903 and

4 in 1904. Terrell, Texas, seems to have used the last Hampden machine in 1906. Our records show at least 120 different post offices as Hampden users. The PMG Reports of 1899-1900 and 1900-1901 list offices to which Hampden machines were supposed to have been assigned. These lists, however, are generally considered unreliable.

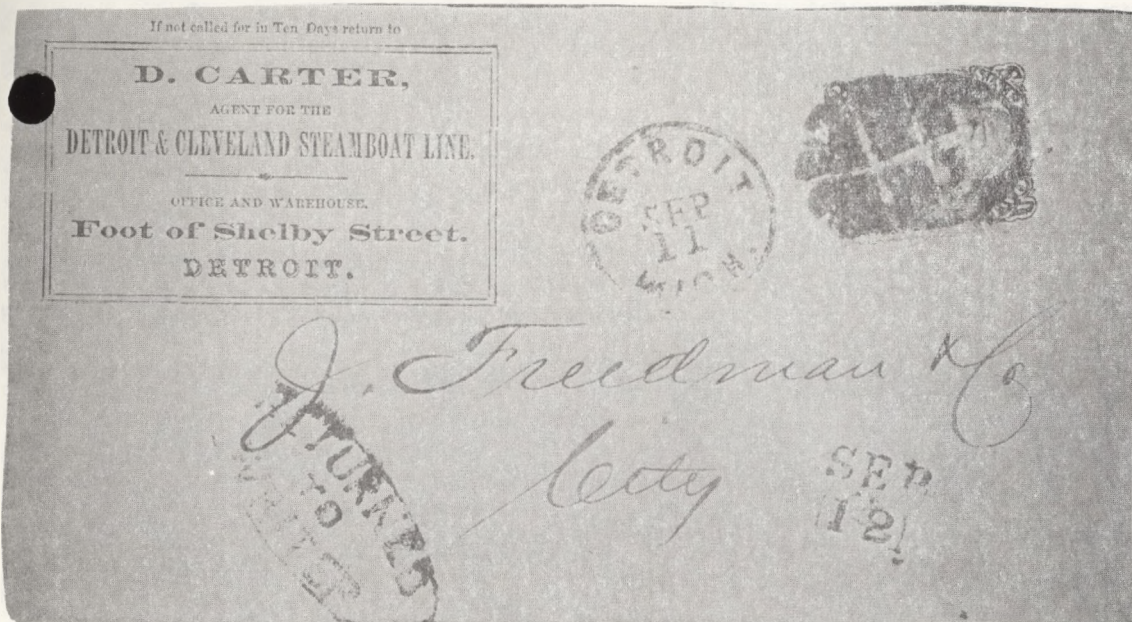
This record has been compiled over a period of several years with the invaluable assistance of a number of collectors, starting with the preliminary lists that appeared in 1949 and 1951 in "XX Killers", the journal of the U.S. XX Century Cancellation Society. In regular usage the Hampden cancels consisted of a postmark showing the name of post office and dating in straight line arrangements followed by a canceller marking of diagonal bars, sloping at various angles between 8° and 15° from the horizontal.

To avoid confusion with the more commonly found Barry straight-line markings one should remember that the Barry diagonals slope more steeply, at about 20°, and usually show horizontal lines at top and bottom of the postmark. Markings of the Pneumatic make of machine show lettering that is very similar to the Hampden in style and arrangement, but these have horizontal lines at top and bottom of the postmark and the canceller always consists of eight horizontal lines in four distinct pairs. The Columbia straight-line postmarks did not appear until a later period.

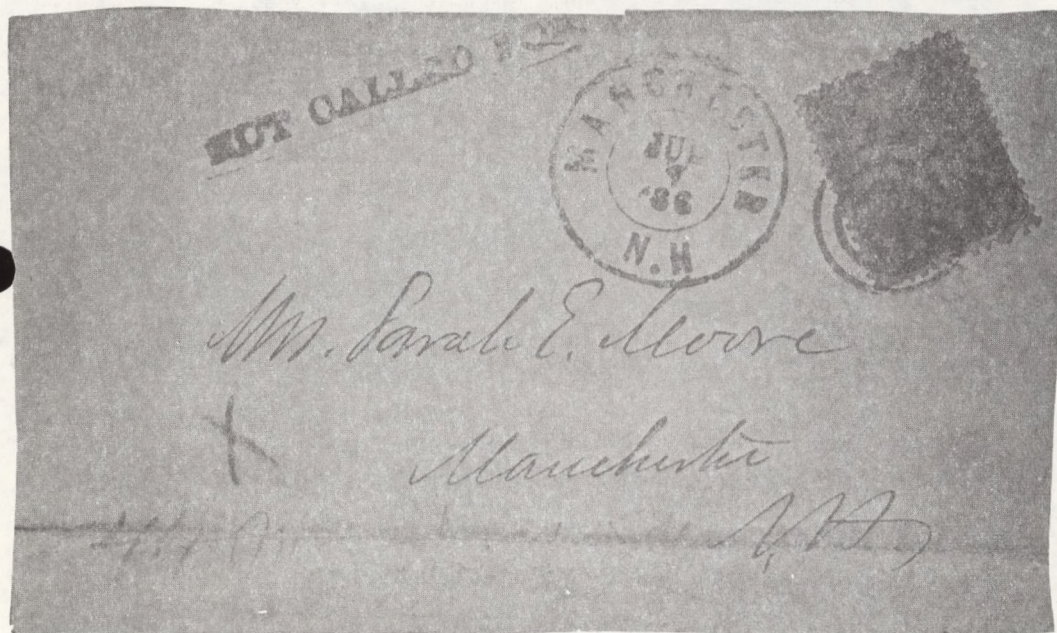
The accompanying Plates 1 and 2 show the various types into which the Hampden markings have been classified, starting with X-1 and X-2, which appear to be from experimental or trial installations. Types 2 and 3 have been subdivided to show differences in slope angle of the diagonal cancellations. Occasional covers are found showing apparent curvature in the diagonals. In general, these may be ascribed to defects in the feeding mechanism, but a few covers from Natick, Mass. and Muskegon, Mich. show a double reverse curvature, which may indicate a different die form.

Several different sizes of lettering were used in the town names. In our lists of post offices the letter height in millimeters is shown under the appropriate year of usage. Where this is unknown, usage is indicated by an "x". The lettering in post office names was more or less condensed to fit into a standard length of postmark die. At several offices examples have been found of two or more distinctly different postmarks dies. Such differences have been noted by a number of parentheses following the town name.

Collectors finding covers with Hampden cancels not completely described or assigned in this report are urged to communicate the information to Arthur H. Bond, P. O. Box 625, Casselberry, Fla., 32707 in order that the record of this interesting phase of postal history may be extended.

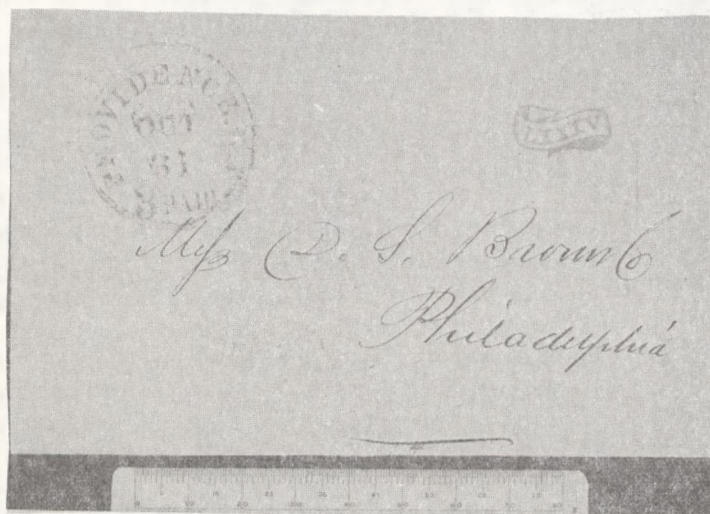


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LIBRARY

Our Librarian, Mr. Elmer J. Binker (#541) P. O. Box 2534, White City, Oreg. 97501 has assigned # NY-2 to the VanVlissingen-Waud book on NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATIONS, gift to the Club from the authors, acknowledged in an earlier issue of the NEWS.

NY-2 New York Foreign Mail Cancellations, 1870-1876-1968-105pp

Also the Bound Volume of STAMPS articles on Cancellations has been returned, listed thus:

PM-9 U.S. CANCELLATIONS (Bound volume of STAMPS articles, 1933-1939), 327 PP

Also the Library now has the Publications with which we have been exchanging for several years past:

PE-6 Collectors CLUB Philatelist, January 1964 to December 1969

PE-7 Bureau Specialist, June 1958 to Dec. 1965

PE-8 United States Specialist, Jan. 1966 to Dec. 1969.

Again may we call your attention to our Librarian's project of forming scrap books of articles of interest to Collectors of Postal Markings and Postal History. If you have any such you wish to donate please send them to him.

REGISTERED

In reply to our inquiry in the Jan. NEWS we have two replies. one from Robert L. Markovits (#641) states that he knows of no book on the subject but that he recently completed an elaborate article on the 10¢ Register issue (#F1) in which he prepared an extensive Bibliography which he will be pleased to send a Copy to any member requesting it and enclosing stamped and addressed envelope for reply. Also he suggests that members report any unusual covers they may have using the F1.

The other reply came from Mr. Arthur H. Bond (#505) and lists articles on the subject as follows:

American Philatelic Congress Book-1947 D. MacGregor

" -1957 Barbara Mueller

" -1962 Delf Norona

American Philatelist, Oct. '54 Barbara Mueller

Postal History Journal, Apr. '58 "

U.S. 1851-60 Chronicle Feb. '69 R. B. Graham

" Oct. '66 & Feb. '67 "

He also states that Barbara Mueller (#369) is the recognized authority on this subject.

INFORMATION WANTED

(See illustration #3 on page 15)

Can anyone identify the fancy scroll with the Roman number LXXXV (85) in it? Has anyone another example of it or has one been sold at auction?

People familiar with Providence Postal Markings say it is new to them. One guess is that it is an instruction to the Postmaster to charge the postage to Box 85.

Postmark is Black and scroll is red.

Please notify the Editor or Henry M. Spelman III (#762) P. O. Box 488, Lexington, Mass. 02173.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Illinois: Aledo, Dallas City, Plano, Vera from Arthur E. Beane (#527)

Illinois: Annawan, Brimfield, Hettick, Kickapoo, Milan, Shabonna, River Forest and

Iowa: Dow City from Einer Swenson (#805)

Indiana: Pierceton from Herman Herst Jr. (#452)

Arthur E. Beane (#527) has been reelected to a third term as President of the "Philatelic Group of Boston".

Milton Mitchell (#279) was elected President of the "Associated Stamp Clubs of the Chesapeake Area at a recent luncheon meeting held at Annapolis, Md.

Arthur J. Warmsley (#858) has been elected Vice-President of the "Connecticut Philatelic Society.

Delf Norona (#62) had an article on the Zevelys, an old time Postmark Manufacturing Firm in the Sept. 1969 issue Postal History Journal.

William F. Rapp (#688) has authored the only available listing of Nebraska "Ghost" Post offices. It is available for \$1.00 from the J-B Publishing Co., Crete, Nebr. 68233.

FINPEX 70

R. H. Schwinn (#658) has notified us that the Fort Findlay Stamp Club is sponsoring FINPEX 70 at Findlay, Ohio April 4 & 5. Cacheted Covers with the Fort Findlay Local Post Stamp and the Exhibition Cancel will be available @ 25¢ each, from Hartley Smith, 1314 Summit St., Findlay, Ohio 45840. Write R. H. Schwinn, Tiffin Road, RR 2 Findlay, Ohio 45840 for further information.