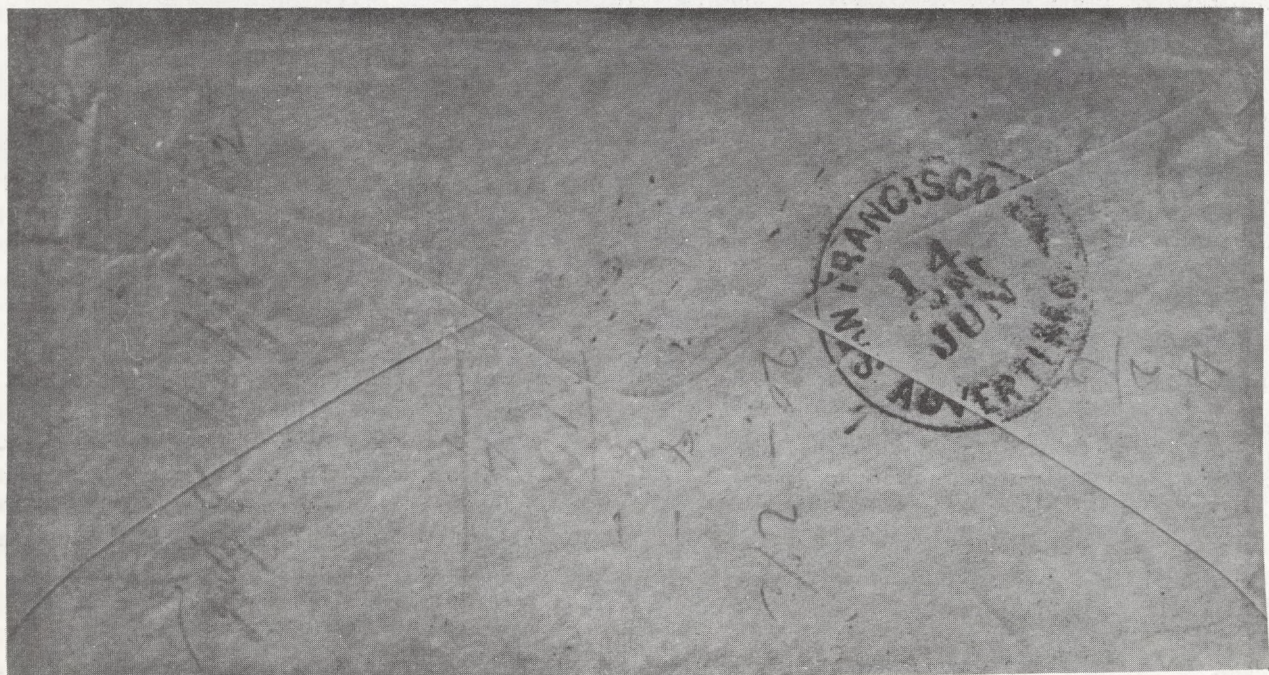
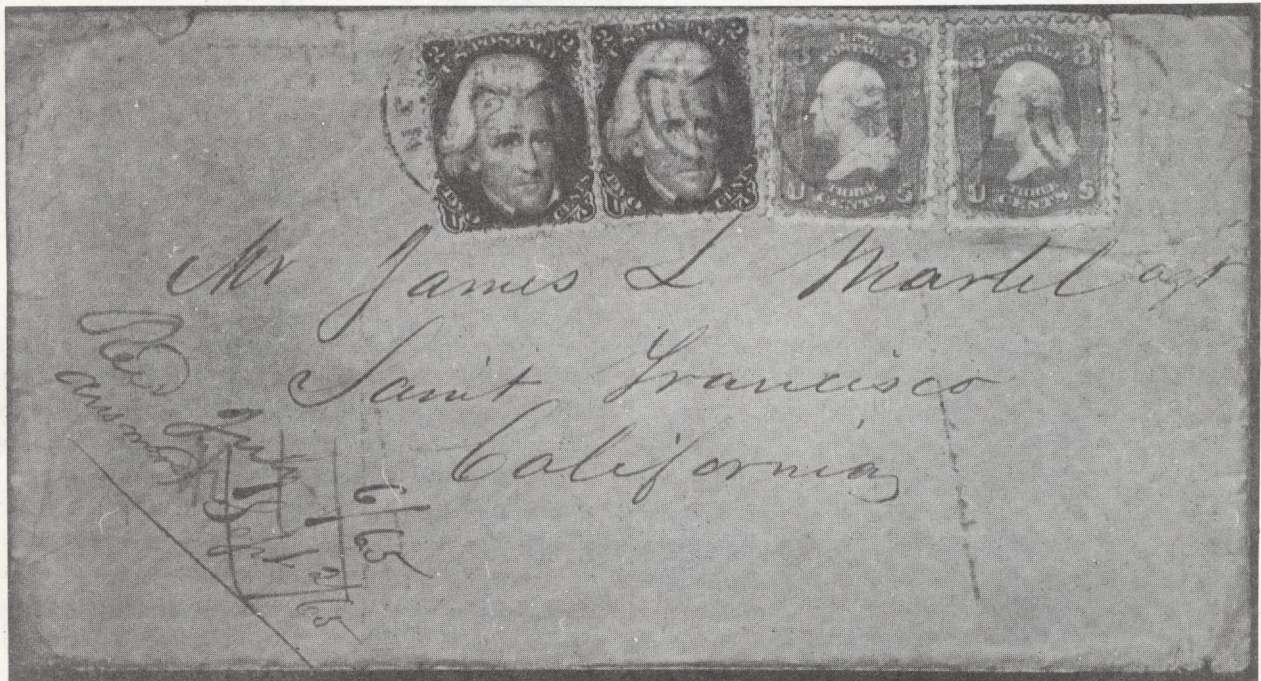




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- 880 William C. Tatham, P.O. Box 1116, Downey, Cal. 90240- Jamaica; Dealer. (Foster)
- 881 Chester M. Smith Jr., P.O. Box 286, Pine Grove Mills, Pa. 16868-Vermont Covers; Pre-cancels, particularly Vermont. (Hahn)

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- 825 H. Cullen Dunstan to 3010 Spanish Court, Apt. 10, Raleigh, N.C. 27607 from Bernard St.

DECEASED

- 318 Robert W. Baughman
- 742 Mrs. Carolyn P. Kuhn

RESIGNED

- 564 Robert W. Lowe
- 852 Michael Poellot (Temporary, out of country)

FRONT PAGE

Another interesting Black Jack Cover
from the collection of Paul J. Wolf (#743)

Cover, New York to "Saint" Francisco, the stamps cancelled with the double-lined CDS, Apr 21, 1865, and target killers. Two Blackjacks and a pair of the 3¢ No. 65 provide the 10¢ rate. On the reverse is a circular San Francisco handstamp with the date 14 1865 Jun (the year date inverted) the at the bottom, "ADVERTISED." A docketing on the face states "Rec'd July 6 65, Answered Sept 2, 65. There is no formal notation as to any fee being collected for the advertising, but partially obscured by the docketing is the numeral 4, which may indicate 4¢, at 1¢ each for 4 insertions a week apart, that is: June 14, 21, 28 and July 5, with the cover picked up by the addressee on July 6.

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The illustrations on Page 36 were sent in by Mr. John D. Roberts (#526) with the request that we show them and ask for information about them. The "RUTLAND & TROY RPO" cover appears to have the cancel designated as XXXV 35 in the series of Cancellation articles which ran in STAMPS Magazine during the 30s. Is known also on the Columbian issue. Members who can supply further information about these are asked to write the editor or Mrs. Roberts. His address: 209 Maine Ave., Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034.

AMERICAN STAMP CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

The American Stamp Club of Great Britain, to which a number of our members belong, will be holding their 1970 National Convention on Saturday, Sept. 26 at York Hall, Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S.W.1. The Exhibition, which will contain many interesting exhibits of USA stamps and Postal History, will be open to the public, no charge, from 3:00 P.M. to about 6:30 P.M. Non-members wishing to attend before 3:00 P.M. should contact Mr. J. A. Edwards, (#803), 6, Davenport Road, Sidcup, Kent. This meeting was arranged to occur on the last day of PHILYMPIA to allow collectors in London for this International Show to attend.

Incidentally, the Official Journal of this Club is called "THE MAYFLOWER" and each issue contains interesting articles on USA Philately, Many of them written by members of USCC.

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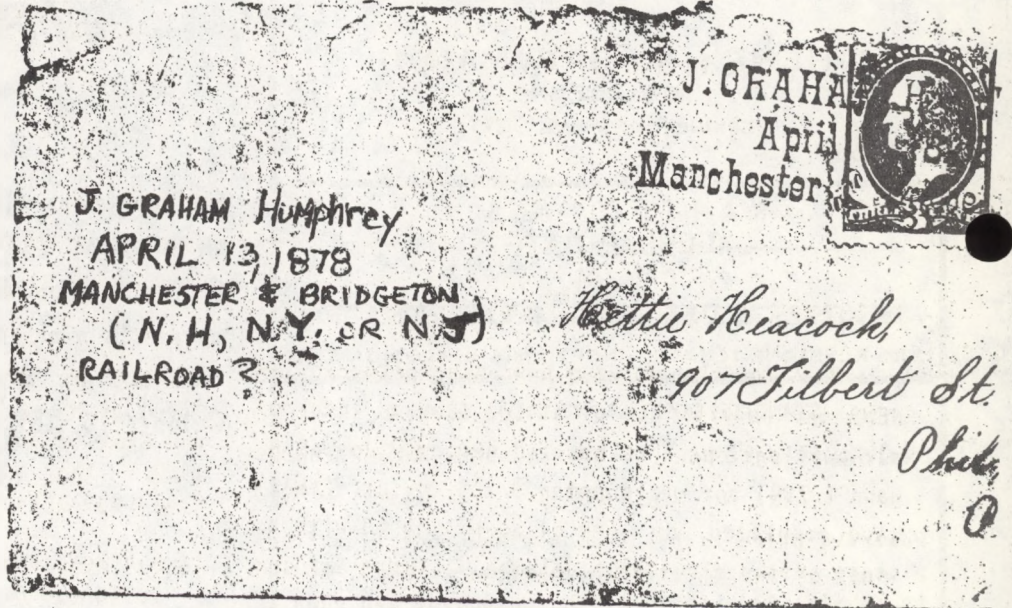
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For some time we have been mentioning in the NEWS the possibility of having soon an index of our publications. We have it now. Mr. Joseph D. Hahn (#734) and Mr. Chester M. Smith, Jr. (#881) have completed the work of supplying us with an index of the first nine volumes. There are one hundred pages, and, since a computer was used in the preparation, just any three ring binder will not be satisfactory. As soon as we are able to secure a proper binder we shall add it to the Library list. We plan now to bring it up-to-date whenever we complete a volume.

As they worked on this Index, Mr. Hahn and Mr. Smith recognized the fact that the terminology used in describing Cancellations was, in many cases, not as definitely descriptive as it perhaps should be. They ask that members make an effort to devise some system which will be not only simple but also will divide the Cancellations into groups with descriptive and easily recognizable names.

PHILADELPHIA, U.S.A. POST OFFICES

There were, in all, ten Philadelphia Post Offices in the United States according to the Official Postal Guides, with nine at the turn of the Century and five still functioning, through 1962. They were, in the approximate order of their establishment.:

in Philadelphia Co. Pa.	estab. before 1700
Jefferson Co. N.Y.	" before 3/31/1825
Monroe Co., later Loudon, Tenn.	" "
Hancock Co. Inc.	estab. 1851 approx.
Van Buren Co. Iowa	" " "
Marion Co. Mo.	" " "
Neshoba Co. Miss.	" " "
Darlington Co. S.Car.	" before 7/13/1857
Cass Co. Ill.	" 1884 approx.
Isard Co. Ark.	" 1901 "

Wylie H. Flack (#603) has been seeking examples of these Cancellations on Cover. So far five (Pa., N.Y., Miss., Mo., Tenn.) have been located. The history of the establishment of each office, excepting Philadelphia, Pa. which has been written up many times, is being developed. Information regarding any of these Post Offices is earnestly desired. Please submit Covers on any basis—sale, trade, or loan for verification. Write Mr. Flack direct at 333 Borbeck St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19111.

ANN ARBOR

As noted in the July NEWS our President, Robert H. Schoen, is working currently on two projects connected with the postal history of Ann Arbor, Mich. First "Class Covers", see his ad. Second, a study of the Ann Arbor Postmarks used during the period 1855 to 1863. Although he has some 250 covers of this period he never has seen one dated October, November or December of 1860. Covers showing these months of this year are desired, either for purchase or for borrowing for verification. It is entirely possible that such covers exist and that no year date appeared. Even so Mr. Schoen probably could prove the year if the month appears in the postmark.

Since we hope to have later an article from him about these postmarks, your editor urges you to cooperate with him in any way you can. Address him at 8091 Geddes Road, Saginaw, Mich. 48603.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Joe H. Crosby (#725) is Vice President of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society.

Dr. Robert deWasserman (#418) will exhibit 19th Century USA Covers as well as his collection of Venezuela at PHYLIMPIA late in September.

At the San Jose, Calif. "FILATELIC FIESTA" last February Theodor O. Mills (#795) received a first and also the "President's Award" for his exhibit of Fancy Cancellations on the 3¢ value of 1861 & 1867. Charles J. Reiling (#717) was given a Second for "A Study of the Unusual and Interesting of the United States National Parks issue of 1934. Clark H. Stevens (#685) also had a Second for his "The Glory of the Imperfect".

Fortunately we get a copy of each issue of "BADGER POSTAL HISTORY" of which James B. Hale (#843) and Arthur VanVlissingen (#49) are two of the four editors. The May issue contained a list of members. Fourteen of the fifty-two members listed are also members of USCC.

Thanks to the Editor, J. Stanley Thompson (#439) we also receive a copy of the NEWS LETTER of the Twin City Philatelic Society. Several of our members in that section of the Country are also members of TMPS and plan to attend PHILYMPIA by way of the THPS Sponsored flight.

E. N. Sampson (#28) recently sent out his "SPECIAL LIST #289". As usual this list prices many desirable covers some of them very rare. If you are not on Mr. Sampson's mailing list I am sure a request would get you one of these lists.

Charles Yuspeh (#842) received the Grand Award at the 1970 exhibition of the Texas Philatelic Association held at Fort Worth. He exhibited 2¢ Reds. The Topical Award went to William H. Bauer (#834) for an exhibit of Mount Fuji on Stamps and in Cancellations.

ARTHUR BOND BOOKLET
HAMPDEN MACHINE CANCELLATIONS

The articles on Hampden Machine Cancellations by Arthur H. Bond (#505) which have appeared in the NEWS are available now in Booklet form. They are in the same format as the Barr-Fike Booklets and are \$1.00 each postpaid. Barr-Fike Booklets are still available at the same price.

Incidentally, in the review given the Barr-Fike book, the PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEW accused us of misspelling "BARR-FYKE". Our apologies.

IOWA POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Mary A. Phillips (#729) edits the BULLETIN for the IOWA POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY. We have been getting this Bulletin. It certainly has a lot of information. #101 which just came featured a long article, we assume by the Editor, about the mining of Coal in Iowa as it applied to the postal history of the State and explaining why some Post Offices were discontinued and some towns disappeared entirely. Also it contained the "T" to "W" section of the listing of all Post Offices in the State. We shall look forward to the next installment which probably will complete the list.

LIBRARY

Please add the following to your Library list:

- P.S. 9- United States Two Cent Red Brown of 1883-1887, Vol. I 1970 164 pages.
- P.M. 9- United States Two Cent Red Brown of 1883-1887, Vol. II 1970 164 pages.

These are listed separately because Vol. I is devoted to a study of the History, Preparation of Dies and Proofs, Minor Varieties and usage of the Two Cent Red Brown while Volume II deals entirely with Cancellations found on these stamps.

Please also add to your listing P.M. 7 a pricing guide, which was a gift from Mr. Robert Markovits (#641).

Our Librarian is still interested in clippings of articles on Cancellations or Postal History by any author and in any articles of interest to stamp collectors by any members of USCC. Please send him any such you may consider worth preserving. Librarian is Elmer J. Binker Jr., P.O. Box 2534, White City, Oreg. 97501.

Do you wish to trade stamps, First Day Covers or Booklets with someone in England? If so, write Mr. B.T. Douglas, 43 Steddys Court, Bryant St., Chatham, Kent, England. He is a member of the American Stamp Club of Great Britain.

U. S. 20th CENTURY NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS

by: Edith R. Doane (#847)

Most postal historians are fully cognizant of the mediocre and very indistinct postal markings on first class mail at the turn of the 20th Century. The Post Office Department, too, was well aware of the many inadequacies. After five years of testing new equipment and special inks, it issued an entirely different general style of postmarking device in two distinct Types early in 1903; a third followed three years later.

It was a rubber duplex outfit and its chief characteristic was a number within its canceller bars. Unlike the current Rural Free Delivery cancellation, the new outfit had a circular postmark section. Each was used widely and independently of the other between 1903 - 1910.

These numeral cancellations seem to have escaped the attention of research specialists - at least I have found no bibliography on them. So, while examples still exist, may I place "on the record" some descriptive evidence I have compiled, augmented by collection data from about 7500 specimens.

The first testing of these new rubber postmarking stamps and new special cancelling ink for use with them, was made during the first six months of 1903 in 500 of the smallest fourth class post offices, whose gross receipts were under \$500 per annum. Based on their successful

use, 10,711 more offices were supplied with them the next fiscal year and 9000 more received them the following year. Gradually distribution had included the larger fourth class offices, even some of the second and third class for additional testing.

Newly-established fourth class offices received these devices, as did those of short duration and those existing offices whose devices needed replacement for some reason. They were located in all the states, the Indian and Oklahoma Territories, Alaska, the Canal Zone and Puerto Rico. Numbers within the bars are 1-18; 1-4 were used most frequently, 5-9 occasionally, and 10 and above very rarely.

For most convenient classification and identification, the canceller-bar sections have been separated into three Types because of their differing numbers and arrangements. Complete specimen markings with postmarks can usually--but not always as in the case of Type 2--provide accurate clues to Typing.

Markings for Types 1 & 2 indicate that they were started experimentally at about the same time since the earliest recorded dates (so far) for both Types are in April 1903, while the start of Type 3 was in January 1906.

Space here does not permit of the publication of these checklists but a list could be compiled of the 500 group of Type 1 if members are interested and would co-operate.

Type 1 Earliest recorded date: WARREN, OREGON Apr 12 1903 No. 2

Canceller Section: 5 thin narrowly-spaced parallel bars 12 mm. high, sometimes contoured, sometimes straight at the left. Number 1, 2 or 3, 11-12 mm. tall, bisects the three middle bars.

Postmark section: circle diameter 28-30 mm. Some short office names have broad squatty letters 2½ mm. tall; other lettering for longer names is thinner and shorter.

Oddity: Watch for specimens showing that Type 1 device had been replaced by a Type 2 or even a Type 3, usually with a different number.



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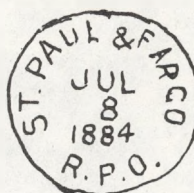
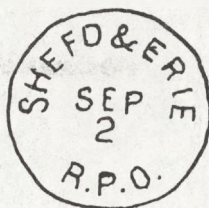
The Thames Stamp Club of New London, Connecticut has scheduled its fifth annual philatelic exhibition, "Thamespex-'70," for Sunday, October 18, 1970, from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. at Ocean Beach Park in New London. Thamespex '67 was held in conjunction with the weekend celebration of the Eugene O'Neill stamp first day ceremonies in New London. Thamespex '68 was devoted to the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Submarine Base,

Groton, Connecticut and Thamespex '69 saluted Columbus Day.

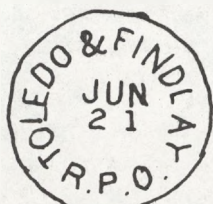
Thamespex - '70 will honor the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London. Accordingly, the Thames Stamp Club will offer a special cachet for the event. These covers will be available before the show at 25 cents each and for 25 cents plus a stamped #10 envelope afterward. They may be ordered from Dr. Clemens E. Prokesch (#579), President of Thames Stamp Club, 30 Admiral Drive, New London, Connecticut 06320.



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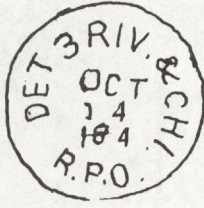
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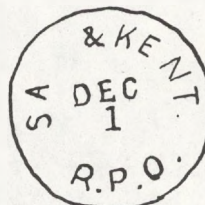
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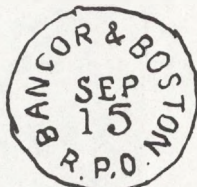
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