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A POSTAL HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI STAMPLESS PERIOD 1799 - 1860 by BRUCE C. OAKLEY, JR. (#510)

In compiling this postal history of Mississippi it was the desire of the author to record the rapidly disappearing early postal markings of the State, during the turbulent years of the Territorial period (1789-1817) and also the Statehood period (1817-1860) prior to the beginning of the War Between the States. Many of these stampless postal markings were in use at the outbreak of the war and numerous ones were pressed into service for the duration.

Many of the old extinct towns and villages of Mississippi are recorded here, with names of their postmasters, their dates of appointment and length of time each served in this capacity. It is interesting to note that many Mississippi towns inherited their names from the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians who inhabited the state during the period of the beginning of the postal system. Numerous other town names were of Spanish, French, English and Mexican origin.

The Natchez Trace was the main artery traversing the Territory and the State, thus it became one of the main routes for the incoming and outgoing mail. The mail riders on the Trace faced many obstacles daily in getting the mail through to other sections of the country.

This postal history contains the manuscript and handstamped townmarks and rate markings used on the stampless covers of that period. The more common markings and the rarer fancy and unusual ones are illustrated.

The author hopes that this volume will create new interest among the collectors of stampless covers in general and also those who have an interest in those of MississIppi. Reports of unlisted town markings not included here will be welcome.

There are nearly 300 pages $(8\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ full of excellent illustrations. A limited issue of 300 copies was originally printed, only a few of which are still available. The price is \$25.00 postpaid from the author, Bruce C. 0akley Jr., P.O. Box 382, Bruce, Miss. 38915. Please order from him direct.

Editor's note: Considering the great amount of research and the many years, production of this book required, this price seems very reasonable.

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II Paul T. Skove 702 Melvin Bender

On page 25 we show a double page, slightly reduced in size, from the book "TROLLEY CAR MAIL SERVICE IN PHILADELPHIA 1895-1915" Compiled by Wylie H. Flack (#603) and Robert J. Stets (#482) This book is a gift to USCC from the Authors and will be a welcome addition to our Library.



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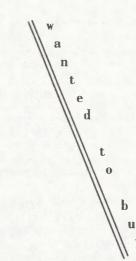
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Richard B. Graham (#580) had an article on CHICAGO POSTMARKS WITH INITIALS in the March No. of the AMERICAN PHILATELIST.

President Schoen was the author of one in the February No. on "ADVERTISED" LETTERS AT ANN ARBOR MICH. and in the April No. he wrote of the COUNTERFEIT KANSAS & NEBRASKA OVERPRINTS.

Gilbert L. Peakes (#608) discussed the Inverted "%" on 20¢ Airmail plates 18890 and 18892 in the March No. of the UNITED STATES SPECIALIST.

Names of USCC Members are being seen more and more often as authors of articles in the Magazines of the larger Philatelic Organizations.

Donald V. Ahle (#801) was awarded first place in the 19th Century USA section at METROPEX for his exhibit of "Postmarks Out of the Past".

Warren Bower (#751) received a First in the Cover section of the same show for his "U.S. Dues on 19th Century Advertising Covers".

William R. Weiss Jr. (#863) received the Grand Award at NEPPEX '71 for his "Essays and Proofs of the Issues of 1867".

Daniel M. Knowles (#828) won a second award at BEPEX for his "U.S. Fancy Cancellations on the 3¢ Washington 1861-1867.

David Proul (#951) edited and published "1970 CANADIAN POSTAL SLOGAN CATALOGUE". Also he is president of the Syracuse, N.Y. Stamp Club.

Arthur E. Beane Jr. (∦527) has been elected recently to a third term as President of the Philatelic Group of Boston.

CORRECTION

On page 92 of the November 1971 issue we reported WHEEL OF FORTUNE CANCELS from "Boyer, Blair Co. Penna. This should read Royer. Also from Barago, Mich. This should read "Baraga". This from Richard Russell (#444).

USCC CERTIFICATE

At ROMPEX Theodore O. Mills (#795) won our Certificate as wellas "Best in Show".

ROSTER

As a supplement to this issue of the NEWS we include the annual ROSTER which includes the names and collecting activities and also the addresses of all members whose 1972 dues have been paid by the end of April. As usual it is in two sections, the alphabetical listing with the collecting activities of each member and the geographical section simply listing names of members under States and Towns.

"Index to The Postal History of Vermont"

In 1969 the Collectors Club of New York published "The Postal History of Vermont" by Slawson, Bingham and Drenan as its Handbook No. 21. An index of 57 pages has been prepared by Chester M. Smith, Jr., of Pine Grove Mills, Pa. A copy is enclosed.

The index is intended to complement the original and lists among other things all Post Offices in Vermont, all cancellations and postmarks as well as dates of issues and references to page numbers in the original work.

While intended primarily as an index the work in fact is a veritable catalog of Vermont material known up to 1969.

The Collectors Club has granted permission for the publication of the Index. The Vermont Philatelic Society is sponsoring the printing and distribution of the Index. The cost is a nominal of \$1.00 from Peter Huntsman, 18 Fuller Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.

The Vermont Philatelic Society is devoted to all aspects of the Postal History of Vermont. The dues are \$2.00 per year and applications for membership can be submitted to the address above. All members receive "The Vermont Philatelist".

EDITOR'S NOTE: As a gift from the Vermont Philatelic Society USCC now has a copy of this book. It will be added to our Library.

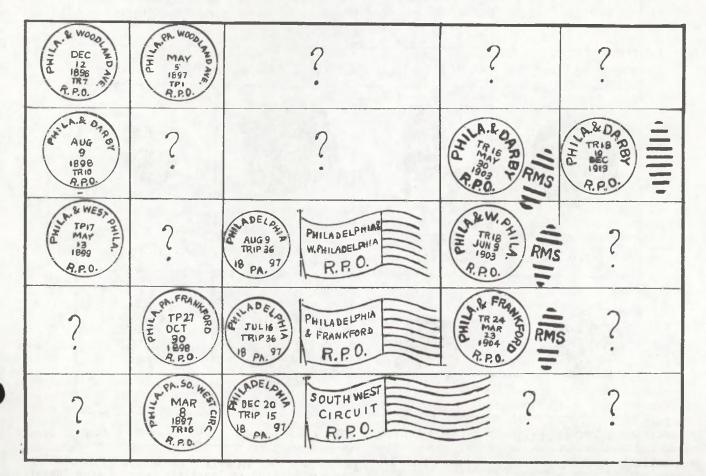
WHEEL OF FORTUNE CANCELS Editor: Arthur E. Beane Jr. (#527)

Add the following to your list of towns which used this cancel: ILLINOIS, Browning, Amboy, Armstrong; IOWA, Wapelo, M.L.Jamison, P.M.; KANSAS, Edna, Udall, Lyndon, Valley Falls, Leonardsville Riley Co., Centralia, Conway Springs, Elk City, Canton, Halstead, Neodesha, Minneapolis, Cawker City, Lindsborg, Stockton, Morrill, Jewell, Washington, North Topeka Station, Manhattan; Massachusetts, West Pelham; MICHIGAN, Berlamont, Morrice, Prairie View Barry Co.; MINNESOTA, Centra City; MISSOURI, Cuba, Hord (in pink); NEBRASKA, Humbolt, Neligh, St. Paul, Clearwater, Battle Creek; NEW HAMPSHIRE, Goff's Falls; NEW YORK, Central Bridge; OHIO, Mount Victory; PENNSYLVANIA, Highville, Kentner Elk Co., Newton Square Del.Co., Trucksville, Rich's Landing L. Hughes P.M.; UTAH, Slaterville.

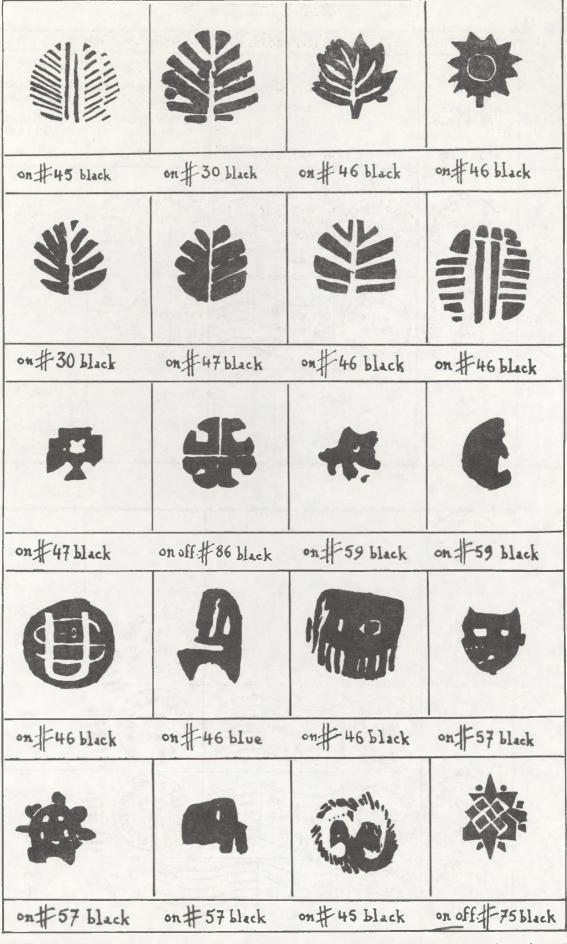
Please send in any new towns you may have to Mr. Arthur E. Beane Jr., 2 Linden St., Kingston, Mass. 02360. He will check to make sure that they have not appeared before. In the past some few have been listed more than once. Also we have reported the town of Topsfield, Mass. as a user of this Cancel. Although it is similar the cancel used in Topsfield is not a true "Wheel

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