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A Registered Cover, unfortunately a front only, a New Mexico Territorial, sent by a Notary Public in Las Cruces, New Mexico, in April, 1872. Obviously the Notary used up a number of the odd stamps he had accumulated, for there are the beginnings of an interesting Classic period stamp collection right on this cover. Three issues plus the entire! The 18 cent Registry rate was certainly made up the hard way. New Mexico became a State on Jan. 6, 1912. The two Black Jacks, extremely scarce on Registered covers (only four, including this one, known to the writer) are No. 87, the "E" Grill.

FROM THE BLACK JACK COLLECTION OF PAUL J. WOLF (#743)

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On page 70 we show three covers from the Collection belonging to Orville Mohr (#744). Mr. Mohr would like to know the significance of the large negative "5" on two of them and also of the two markings "METER" & "140423" on the third one. If you know please notify Mr. Mohr or the editor.

Since we published the book on Barry Machine Cancels new information has appeared. This has been printed in the NEWS and has been published as a supplement and is available @ 35¢ postpaid from US Cancellation Club, 855 Cove Way, Denver, Colo. 80209.

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The July, 1952 issue of the USCC Quarterly  
illustrates on p.51 a number of 19th century  
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This Cancel is found in red ink on the 1, 2, 3, 5 & 10 cent values of the J1-5 USA Postage Due stamps. Most strikes are incomplete, so outside may vary, but the negative "A" is normally clear. Based on the Dues sub-shades probably used in the 1880-3 period, possibly from the greater Boston area. Any definite information will be appreciated. Please send it to your editor or Warren R. Bower (#751) 2186 Birch St., White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110.

#### MARCH FRONT PAGE

Donald Kaelin (#1025) has a theory about the "XV" shown on the cover illustrated on the front page of the March issue of the NEWS.

In the first place he doubts if the "XV" ties the stamp to the cover and we must admit that a close examination of the illustration appears to confirm that. Also he suspects that, although the marking probably was put on the stamp before the stamp was put onto the envelope, it is not a real precancel since the postal worker who handled the letter obviously did not recognize it as such. Since it must have been sold at face value, however, the marking must have been placed there by an official in the Post Office or it would have been rejected as a cancelled stamp. The question is "Why". Mr. Kaelin thinks that the marking may have something to do with bookkeeping. The Postal System had become much more profitable when stamps began to be used since all postage could be accounted for by periodic checks in the individual post offices. This meant the stamp inventory became significant to the Postmaster and it became necessary for him to devise some means of differentiating between stamps in stock when inventoried and those acquired later. Hence what more natural than to mark those in stock with the date of the inventory (XV) perhaps to designate the fifteenth of the month. Comments from other members will be welcome.

At the Frankford Arsenal Stamp Club's 1973 show held in March in Philadelphia the USCC Certificate was awarded to James A. Duncan for the exhibit of Union Civil War Covers.

Joseph D. Hahn (#734) received the Grand Award at SOJEX for his El Salvador.

At FLOREX a Bronze was awarded to Robert Abelson (#624) for his "FLORIDA. THE MANUSCRIPT POSTMARKS".

Eugene M. Espy (#897) has been elected President of the Macon (Ga.) Philatelic Society.

#### INDEX

Later in this summer we hope to have the Index of the first ten volumes of our QUARTERLY and NEWS ready for sale to those who wish to have it.

Chester M. Smith, Jr. (#881) and Joseph D. Hahn (#734) are the authors. The INDEX will contain some 200 pages mostly printed on both sides and will sell for \$5.00, from U S CANCELLATION CLUB, 855 Cove Way, Denver, Colo. 80209.

The Index is devoted to classifying the Postal Markings and Cancellations which have appeared in our publications. Descriptive codes have been assigned to the more than twenty two thousand references in these publications. It summarizes and classifies every marking tabulated or illustrated in the more than one thousand pages of the original publications. It consists of descriptive codes which have been assigned to the more than eight thousand cancellations and shows the volume and page where they can be found. The codes are arranged and permuted in such a fashion that one can find a town or cancellation easily. It was produced by computer and every effort has been made to make the codes consistent and as accurate as possible.

The authors both are members of APS, SPA, CCNY, USPCS & PSS as well as of the USCC. Mr. Smith's previous works include indices to THE VERMONT PHILATELIST and THE POSTAL HISTORY OF VERMONT. Mr. Hahn is assistant sales director of SPA and editor of several journals on the philately and postal history of El Salvador.

#### PRIZE OFFERED FOR EARLY FLAG CANCEL

A contest aimed at unearthing the earliest use of a particular type of Flag Cancel is featured in the current issue of "Flag Cancel Forum."

All collectors, even if they are not specialists in Flag Cancellations, are invited to participate in the contest which has a prize of a valuable error-flag.

Details of the contest are explained in the publication, a monthly that is edited and published, as a public service, by veteran flag collector, John R. McGee.

A free copy of "Flag Cancel Forum" may be obtained by sending a business-size (#10) stamped addressed envelope to Mr. McGee at Box 98, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

At SEPAD last October awards were received by the following: William K. Herzog (#879), Wm. R. Weiss Jr. (#863), and Wylie H. Flack (#603).

At the November meeting SPA reelected Milton Mitchell (#279) President and Mrs. Emily Moore-field (#342) Director.

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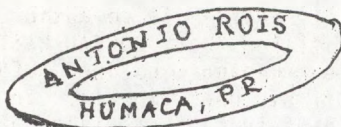


"1896"

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## WE LOSE OUR PRESIDENT

Although no details are available yet we have just been informed that President Schoen passed away on May 12. We will miss him a great deal.

## SALES DEPARTMENT

We now have a number of books on off-cover Stamps with interesting Cancellations with prices from 25¢ each up. Almost any Collector of Cancels can find something of interest. One of our more important sources for this type of material, S.M. Horwitz (#661) has decided to use our Sales department exclusively for disposing of his extensive stock. Apparently he finds this preferable to mail sales or to advertising in the Philatelic press. Let's not disappoint him.

Also we have a number of books of foreign stamps with interesting cancellations. Although our main interest certainly is in the Postal Markings of the USA several of our members seem to enjoy a few foreign stamps and particularly old covers, stampless etc.

As this is written 40 circuits are out among our members. We have material for a few more now and hope to get them out soon.

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## 125th ANNIVERSARY

The 125th Anniversary of the Spring Valley, New York Post Office will be marked with a cachet cover on June 5, 1973. The project to benefit the Red Schoolhouse Museum is headed by co-chairman Peter Warner and Harold Laroff.

The Spring Valley Post Office was founded in 1848 by Aaron Johnson, Postmaster. The Original Post Office was on Spring Valley's Main Street but was moved to a more modern building in the late 1930's.

The Red Schoolhouse served as an area one-room school until very recently since its construction over 95 years ago. At present it is being converted to a museum to house items of historical interest. The main room of the original building will be restored as a one-room school like those used prior to the turn of the century.

The proceeds from the sale of the covers will help pay the costs of the restoration. They may be ordered from the Cover Committee c/o Harold Laroff, South Madison Elementary School, 105 South Madison Avenue, Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977 at 35¢ each or three for one dollar. A large self-addressed stamped envelope should also be enclosed so that covers may be returned unaddressed.

David T. Beals III (#574) is co-author of a series of articles entitled "U.S. POSTAL HISTORY; 1851-1861" which is running in the AMERICAN PHILATELIST. The first one appeared in the March, 1973 issue. Assistance from other collectors including David L. Jarrett (#640) and Hubert Skinner (#632) is acknowledged.

PNEUMATIC MACHINE CANCELS  
by Arthur H. Bond (#505)

Since publication of our classification of cancels produced by the Pneumatic machine in the USCC NEWS of Nov. 1971 and Jan. 1972 we have been able to find the patent background of this machine. The inventor was Robert C. Berry, who was granted the following patents, all of which were assigned to the Pneumatic Canceling Machine Co. of Indianapolis, Inc.:

#622,107	Mar. 28, 1899	Printing, stamping or canceling machine
#622,108	Mar. 28, 1899	Feeding device for printing presses
#643,624	Feb. 20, 1900	Printing, stamping or canceling machine

Through Mr. J. David Baker it has been determined that Mr. Berry was a member of the firm of Berry & Duke, which in 1903 became the Central Machine Works, a well-known Indianapolis firm. It will be noted that several of these machines were put in service before patent protection was granted, a rather unusual procedure. It is apparent from changes in patent specifications that difficulties were being found in the pneumatic feeding mechanism. This may account for the relatively short period of usage.

The co-operation of collectors since publication of the original articles has provided much of the following information:

BUFFALO, N.Y.	Type 2 cancellation was used in 1899
HARTFORD, CON.	Beginning in July 1902 a different killer die appears, which we will call Type 2AA. This is similar to 2A, but shows a second "screw-hole" 22 mm. from the LH end and in the center.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.	Both Types 2A and 2B are found here in 1901-02, indicating that there were two machines in service. RECEIVED - Type R was used in 1902 and 1903. In 1901 RECEIVED appeared in condensed lettering only 17 mm. long.
MADISON, WIS. (new)	Type 2B was used in 1901-02 and an indeterminate type in 1903
MUNCIE, IND. (new)	Type 2A was used in 1904
NEW HAVEN, CONN. (new)	Type 2B was used in 1901
OTTUMWA, IA.	Type 2 was used in 1899
WASHINGTON, D.C.	Delete the 1900 usage. Type 3 was actually used in March-April 1899
WICHITA, KAN.	Type 2A cancellation was used in 1903

SOME ADDITIONS TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED  
IN PREVIOUS ARTICLES ON THESE MACHINES.

Refer to November 1971 & January 1972