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- 1045 Robert L. Gaylor, 2428 Mercer St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17104-Fancy Cancels on 19th Century USA; Harrisburg, Pa. Postal History; Pennsylvania Revenue Stamps. (Knowles)
- 1046 Allen Kalkhoven, 17600 S.W. Oak St., Beaverton, Oreg. 97005-19th Century Cancellations, particular emphasis on Banknote issues. (Knowles)
- 1047 Arthur M. Landino, 88 Centerbrook Road, Hamden, Conn. 06518-USA Mint Singles; Mint Entires; Early Machine Cancellations; 19th Century Covers. (Knowles)
- 1048 Albert E. Clattenburg Jr., 5902 Calla Drive, McLean, Va. 22101- USA Postmarks and Slogan. NO Cachets, Covers, Meters, Foreign.
- 1049 Julius L. Haun, Box 98, Broomall, Pa. 19008-USA Postal History 1890-1900. (Knowles)
- 1050 Robert L. Toth, 10015 Vista Drive, North Royalton, Ohio 44133-Post Offices of Cuyahoga Geauga, Lake Counties Ohio; Ohio Stampless; Ohio Civil War P.H.; Garfield Stamps on Cover. (Knowles)

REINSTATED

- 330 Seymour B. Stiss, 3701 Fifth St. So., Apt. 205, Arlington, Va. 22204
- 595 Lyman R. Greenwood Jr., 5105 Jefferson Hwy., Box 231, New Orleans, La. 70123
- 725 Joe H. Crosby, 6604 Crow Circle, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73132
- 758 Kelly Shryoc, 2933 Owenwood, Fort Worth, Tex. 76109
- 759 Albert Pels. 2109 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10023
- 816 Daniel R. Seigle, 147 W. 42nd St., Room 615, New York, N.Y. 10036
- 825 Robert P. Hedlund, 33 Chatanika Ave., Worcester, Mass. 01602
- 903 William E. Duckworth, Rte. 3, Mountain View Road, Lewisburg, Pa. 17837
- 909 Alton M. Gaumer, Apt. J-1, 445 Waupelani Drive, State College, Pa. 16801

DECEASED

- 125 Edward L. Willard
- 384 Robert H. Schoen

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 32 Emerson W. Eddy to 326 Skyloch Ct., Dunedin, Fla. 33528 from Newton, N.J.
- 330 Joseph H. Bowen to Pickpocket Road, Exeter, N.Y. 03833 from Hingham, Mass.
- 452 Herman Herst Jr. to P.O. Box 1583, Boca Raton, Fla. 33432 from Shrub Oak, N.Y.
- 717 Charles J. Reiling to 2 Aruba Circle, Englewood, Fla. 33533 from Sarasota, Fla.
- 828 Daniel Knowles to 3720 Blackstone Ave., Apt. 3, Bronx, N.Y. 10463 from Chicago
- 874 Richard J. Nunge to Town House 8, Potsdam, N.Y. 13676 from Boulder, Colo.
- 893 Kenneth S. Reed to 1013 Riverview, Jackson, Miss. 39202 from Milsaps Ave.
- 927 Mark L. Headrick to 301 N. Hope St., Jackson, Mo. 63755 from Satellite Beach, Fla.
- 974 Walter Fl Stsbenau to 6448 Westanna Drive, Dayton, O. 45426 from Forest Park Court.
- 985 Milton Severy to 2036 6th St., Livermore, Cal. 94550 from So. "I" St.
- 1025 Reginald George Morris to 71 Heathermount Drive, Edgcumbe Park, Crowthorne, Berks. RG 11, 6 H. J England from Holliston, Mass.
- 1024 Darrell Kinzler to 366 Puffton, No. Amherst, Mass. 01059 from Amherst, Mass.

EDITOR'S NOTE: WHEN CHANGING ADDRESS PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO NOTIFY USCC SECRETARY. MANY OF THESE CAME VIA NOTIFICATION BY THE P. O. DEPT. EVERY ONE OF WHICH COSTS THE CLUB AT LEAST 21¢. PLEASE HELP US TRY TO SAVE THIS EXPENSE.

ROSTER CORRECTION

- 873 Bart J. Billings address 9385 Lee Hwy., Fairfax, Va. 22030

CHANGE IN ACTIVITIES

- 666 Col. Walter G. Schmidt, 506 Peavy Road, Dallas, Tex. 75218- All Texas Covers.

FRONT PAGE

On the front page we show another Cover from the collection belonging to Dr. James Milgram (#485). This came from the same correspondence as the one pictured on the front page of our March issue. Dr. Milgram disagrees with the theory set forth in the article by Donald Kaelin (#1025) in the May issue. He sends the cover illustrated here and asks how the "5" would be explained under that theory. We show not only the Cover but also the illustrated letter sheet enclosed. Any member having definite knowledge of these markings will be doing all of us a favor by sending it in for publication.

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AWARDS

Theodore O. Mills (#795) won third in the
American Philatelist "My Favorite Stamp" contest
for 1972. Also he received the Grand Award at
SOPLEX-HIPLEX at Lubbock, Texas in April of 1973.
This entitles him to enter the World Series of
Philately at SESCOAL in October. He exhibited
"Fancy Cancellations on the 3¢ Rose of 1861-'67"
Also his exhibit of Fancy Cancellations on the 3¢
Green Banknote issues got a second at BEPEX at
Paramus, N.J. in March.

William Herzog(#879) received a First Award
and also the USCC Certificate at the 4th Annual
West Suburban Stamp Club Exhibition held in April
at Plymouth, Michigan. He showed 1#0 Pages of
Covers and Stamps showing the Postal History of
the period 1861-68.

At CIAPEX last May in Des Moines, Iowa the
USCC Certificate was awarded to Mrs. Wilma
Hinrichs for her exhibit "Iowa 3rd & 4th Branch
and Ghost Post Offices".

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are happy to note in the
NEWS awards won by our members, but wish to ask
the cooperation of members in getting the in-
formation to us. We see several philatelic
publications but not all of them by any means
and sometimes miss articles in those we do see.
Please drop us a line if you receive an award
and let us know what you showed.

HAMPDEN MACHINE CANCELLATIONS by Arthur H. Bond (#505)

From March to July 1970 the USCC NEWS contained a series of articles by this writer on the above subject which was later incorporated in a booklet sold to collectors in this specialized field. Since that time considerable additional information has been obtained through the kind co-operation of collectors. This is being published here so that interested collectors may add it to their records.

The latest known use of a Hampden machine is still June 28, 1906. A few covers have been found showing later year dates, but in all the backstamps proved that a wrong year die had been inserted in the postmark. This occurred at Columbia, Pa. (1908 for 1903), Erie, Pa. (1909 for 1899) and Clarksville, Tenn. (1909 for 1900)

A new discovery has been the Type 3 marking of Lynn, Mass. used in 1899 as a backstamp with the word RECEIVED following the postmark instead of the usual killer, as illustrated.

LYNN, MASS. RECEIVED
OCT 26 1 - AM 1899

TYPE 1 Note - Plainfield, N.J. used Type 3(8⁰) in 1900

TYPE 2(15⁰) Coatesville, Pa. now recorded March to October 1900

TYPE 3(8⁰)

Ansonia, Conn. Note 2.5 in 1900
Atchison had 3 state abbreviations,
all in 1900:
KAN.(2.5), KS.(3.5), KANS.(3.5)
Bridgeton, N.J. Add 3.5 in 1902
Bristol, Tenn. " 2.5 in 1901
Catskill, N.Y. " 3.5 in 1901
Delaware, Ohio " 3.5 in 1901
Flint, Mich. " 3.5 in 1901
Goshen, Ind. " 2.5 in 1900
Herkimer, N.Y. " 3.5 in 1901
Hornellsville, N.Y. " 3.0 in 1901
Jackson, Tenn. " 3.5 in 1903
Lynn, Mass. " 2.5 in 1899
New Britain, Conn. " 3.0 in 1900
Pittsburg, Kans. " 3.5 in 1901
Red Oak, Iowa " 3.5 in 1902
South Norwalk, Conn. " 2.5 in 1900
Summit, N.J. " 3.5 in 1903
Terrell, Tex. " 3.5 in 1903

TYPE 3(8⁰) continued

Add Bellows Falls, Vt. 3.0 in 1902
" Butler, Pa. 2.5 in 1899-1900
" Charleston, Ill. 2.5 in 1900-01
" Clinton, Mo. 3.0 in 1902
" Corsicana, Tex. 3.5 in 1902
" Fairmont, W. Va. 3.5 in 1902
" Medford, Mass. 3.0 in 1902
" Merrill, Wis. 3.5 in 1902-03
" Plainfield, N.J. 3.0 in 1900
" Portland, Ore. 2.5 in 1899

TYPE 3 - killer type unknown

Add Washington, Ind. 2.5 in 1900
Delete Charleston, Ill.
" Fairmont, W. Va.
" Merrill, Wis.

TYPE 5 Add Buffalo, N.Y. Sta. C 2.5 in 1899

COMPLEX '73THE USCC MEETING

At COMPLEX '72 only four members were present. At COMPLEX '73 about a dozen members and three non-members were present. Members attending included Dr. James Milgram (#485), Dr. Harvey Karlen (#1034), Chester Peterson (#554), Ruth Grissmann (#667), Robert McClarren (#949) and Daniel Knowles (#828) who presided. The meeting was sobered very much by the news of the passing of the Club President, Robert Schoen. However, an informal open discussion of two hours duration nevertheless proved quite productive. The chief points brought out were:

1) Library: the lack of certain volumes of Postal History and the thought that USCC should buy some if demand warrants.

(b) The general difficulty of getting a volume from the Librarian and his failure to answer correspondence.

(c) The thought that Oregon is not an ideal location for the Library to be housed and Chicago was mentioned as an alternative. A Chicago member might be willing to take over the Library if the Club were to move it.

(Editor's note- As a Supplement to the January, 1973 issue of the NEWS we included a list of the volumes available in our Library. At the end of that list was a very short "Borrowing Rules". If members will conform to those rules I am sure the present Librarian will be found to be most co-operative.)

(2) Sales Circuits: Members generally agreed that not enough circuits are available.

(3) Newsletter: Issues come too late e.g. the July issue should be in the mail by July 1.

(4) Meetings: USCC should meet more often and attempt to foster local meetings.

Comments: My personal feeling is that if the Club can operate on \$2.00 of the Members' \$4.00 dues then the remaining \$2.00 should get back to him via free or at cost publications or other services. The treasury should be used to finance projects such as the Bond Books, not to make a profit, but to disseminate knowledge at cost. USCC members could contact local members, form study groups, suggest projects to the Board etc. An organization is only as good as its members. USCC does have some of the greatest members a Club can have. That is why such services as sales circuits, a Library, a newsletter and publications like the Bond monographs and the forthcoming Index are available but USCC can do more.

Daniel Knowles, Chairman COMPLEX Committee

COMPLEX '73, THE EXHIBIT

USCC was allowed only 26 frames but six Exhibitors filled them up quite well, unfortunately one exhibit did not get mailed. Robert Schoen (#384) captured the Grand Award with his "Fancy Cancellations of Ann Arbor, Michigan 1884-1887". A Reserve Grand Award went to James Kesterson (#473) for "Stencil Usages". Paul Wolf (#743) received a First Award for "Auxiliary Postal Markings on Black Jack Covers". "From Old Chicago" earned a Second Award for Henry Nowak (#860).

Robert D. Harris (#1011) contributed two articles to the Directory "LSMs" and "Forerunner Receiving Mark Mysteries". Ruth Grissmann (#667) authored "Phases of Cover Collecting". Paul Wolf's article, "Auxiliary Postal Markings in the Black Jack Era" completed a very interesting section of the Directory.

From the Exhibition Chairman thanks to all Contributors and Exhibitors and special thanks to Tom Elnen (#578) and Henry Nowak who helped put up and take down all the frames.

--Daniel Knowles, Chairman

The ESPHS

The USCC is a heterogeneous group, many members of which collect postal history of a particular locale, Iowa for example. Undoubtedly, several USCC members are interested in New York postal history and for them The Empire State Postal History Society (ESPHS) may be of interest.

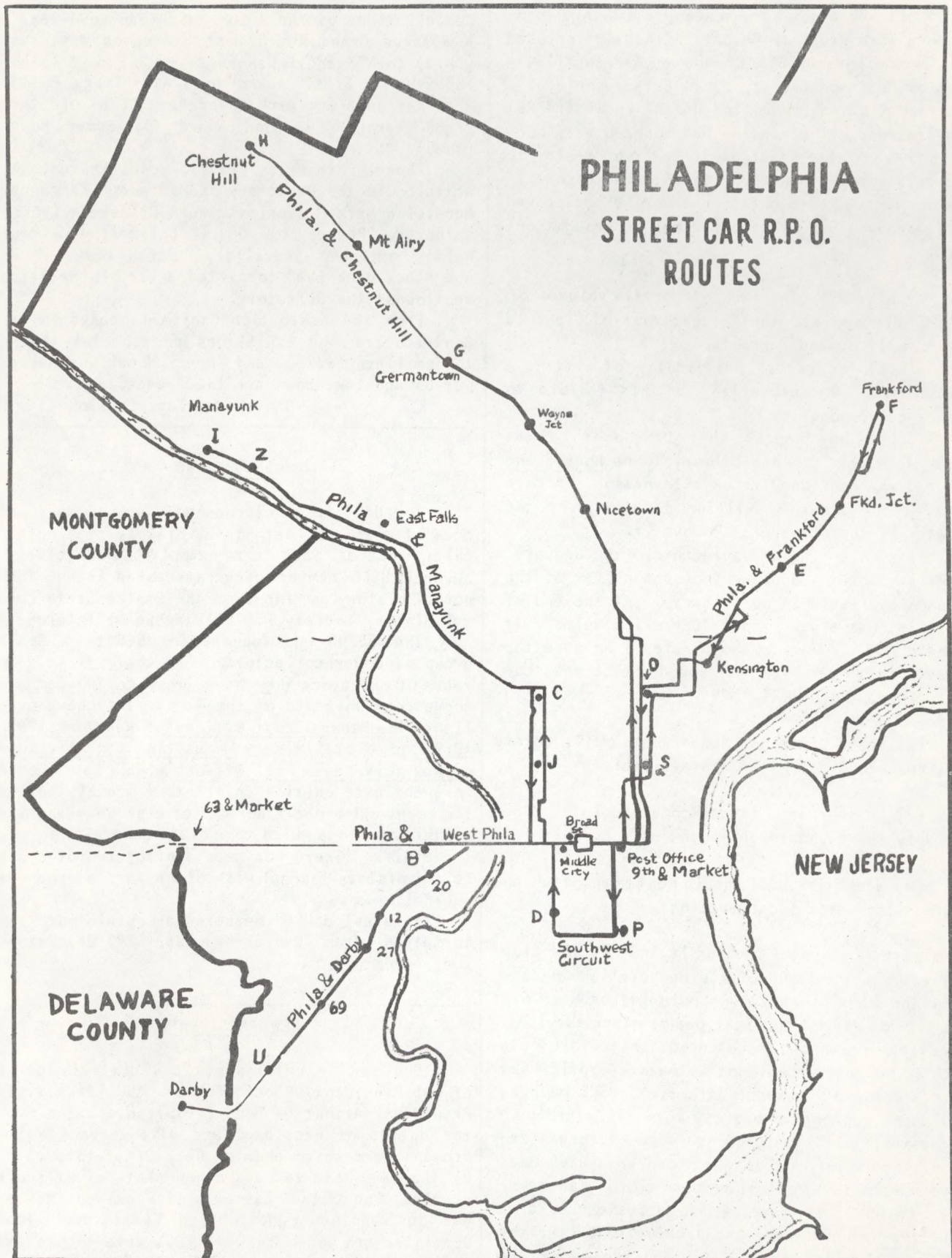
The ESPHS was founded in 1968 by a small group of cover collectors. In their first five years of existence they have grown to 100 members and become unit #28 of the A.P.S. They have published The Federal Post Offices of New York 1792-1969 and a preliminary Manuscript Cancellations of New York State Post Offices with a revised and more definite edition in print. A monthly bulletin keeps all members abreast of club news and the monthly meetings which take place generally in upstate N.Y. There has been a pilot run of a new postal history journal with plans for an expanded journal.

Interested USCC members may obtain more information from Daniel Knowles, 3720 Blackstone Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10463

NEW PRESIDENT

Due to the unfortunate and untimely death of our President, Robert Schoen, the First Vice-President, Arthur H. Bond (#505) has taken over the duties of President and will serve out the present term which ends on Dec. 31 of this year. By then we hope to have a new slate of officers elected. One of the last acts of President Schoen was to appoint a Nominating Committee. That Committee met and I think will be able to present a fine slate to the members for their approval no later than November of this year.

From the book "Trolley Car Mail Service in Philadelphia 1895-1915"
by Wylie H. Flack and Robert J. Stets



INDEX

The USCC Index is now ready for delivery. It is available bound or punched for a 3-Ring Binder. Please specify. It is \$5.00 postpaid from USCC, 855 Cove Way, Denver, Colo. 80209 as announced in May. Those of you who have already ordered it probably will have received it before you get this. To give an idea of the scope of this work, we show here a part of the Introduction and on Page 83 the page of illustrations.

Introduction

Since 1952 the U.S. Cancellation Club has published a periodical devoted primarily to 19th century U.S. postal markings and cancellations. This index deals with the first ten volumes of that work, which appeared under the titles of U.S. CANCELLATION CLUB QUARTERLY (volumes 1-2) and U.S. CANCELLATION CLUB NEWS (volumes 3-10). All of the postal markings and cancellations appearing in those volumes have been summarized in this work. A checklist of the indexed issues can be found on page x.

This index includes two classes of markings commonly called postmarks and fancy cancellations. In this index there are over twenty-two thousand references to the markings which have been illustrated in the original publications. No attempt has been made to reillustrate the vast number of markings, but descriptive codes have been assigned which should allow you to find the information you desire. It should be noted that this work is not intended to be a catalog, but an index to the more detailed information that is found in the original magazines. Ninety-nine percent of the entries in the index refer to 19th century U.S. postal markings, however there are a few entries on other subjects.

The authors spent many hours trying to make the descriptive codes used as clear and consistent as possible. They recognize that there is a fine balance between over-specifying an entry and not making it detailed enough. They finally decided on the philosophy that they do not care if you disagree with them as long as you can find the information.

On pages vi-vii is a list of the major class codes and in some cases sub-class codes used in this work.

Some of the common types of cancellations found in the publication along with their descriptions are illustrated on page ix. This set of illustrations is not intended to illustrate all types, but rather to support and exemplify the philosophy used in the descriptive codes.

The code entries are arranged in a hiarchical fashion with commas separating the descriptors. For example, a shaded 5-pointed star will appear as "Star,5-Point,Shaded". In all codes the existence of a letter or string of letters is indicated by enclosing the letters in apostrophes('). THEREFORE A STAR CANCEL with the letters "UNION" in it, would be described as "Star,,5-Point,'UNION'".

Illustrations

PAID

'PAID'

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'3'

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'D'

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'US'

MARIETTA
SEP
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PMK., CIR.

W. MELVIN.
NOV
24
1874
COL. & CIN. R.P.O.

PMK., CIR., 'W MELVIN' SHIELD
'W MELVIN'

SHIELD

LYRE

LYRE

MASK

MASK

CIR., 4-RING

CIR., 4-RING

STAR, 5-POINT IN CIR.

STAR, 5-POINT IN CIR.