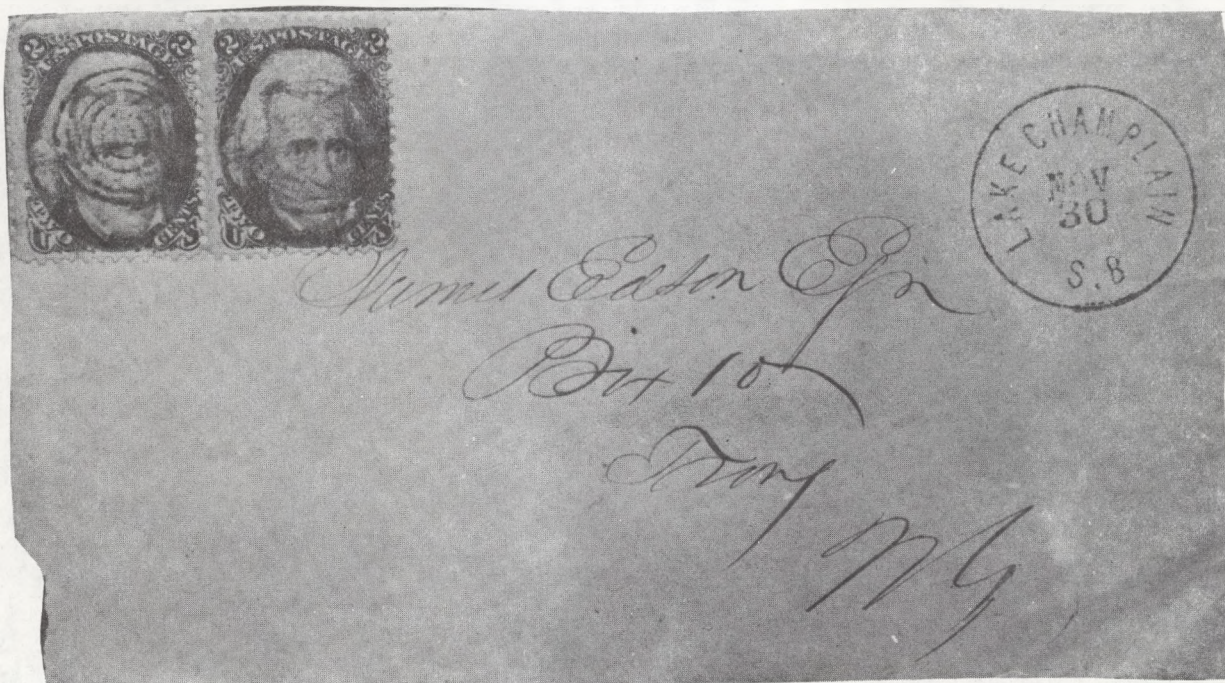




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A considerable rarity is this Lake Champlain S.B. (Steamboat) cover. Scarce even with the more common 3¢ #65 franking, with the Black Jacks it is choice! The pair of Black Jacks are cancelled by a 6-ring target killer, and the Route Agent's marking takes the place of a townmark. The accompanying letter is dated from Ticonderoga, so it was undoubtedly handed to the Route Agent aboard a Lake Champlain steamer at that point. It went to Whitehall, at the Southern end of the lake, and by stage to Troy, from there.

A two-part article on the Lake Champlain mails entitled "U.S.-Inland Waterways" by Dr. Donald B. Johnstone, appeared in the May and September 1972 issues of the Postal History Journal, and gives a rather complete picture of an unusual service.

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FRONT PAGE

On the front page we show another of the very interesting Black Jack Covers from the collection of Paul Wolf. (#743)

NEW MEMBERS

- 1051 Richard S. Kaplan, 45 Christopher St., New York, N.Y. 10014-Covers & cxls (mainly airpost) (mainly China & USAO (Knowles)
- 1052 Thomas F. McGrath, 804 Park Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12208-Philippines under USA; Naval Covers; Flight Covers; US Polar Expedition; Cancels; Albany, N.Y. Postal History (Knowles)
- 1053 Fred Schroeder, 14 Amherst Drive, Massapequa, N.Y. 11758- China; USA 19th & 20th Century Cancels inc. RPOs.
- 1054 Rex Boomer, 358 Voorheis Road, Pontiac, Mich. 48053- 19th & 20th Century Covers, Railroads, RPOs, Naval; Flag Cancels; First Flights; FDCs, Unusual Postmarks; Dealer. (Knowles)
- 1055 Mrs. John W. Young, 717 Ward St., Devola, Marietta, Ohio 45750-First Day Covers, Commemoratives & Regular.
- 1057 Wallace G. McDonald, 10601 Zenith Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 55431-19th & 20th Cent. Covers; Flag Cancels; U.N.; Canada (Knowles)
- 1058 Joseph Allia Jr., 11 Pond St. #12, Waltham, Mass. 02154- US Banknotes with Fancy Cancels & on Cover postmarked in Massachusetts, mostly 3¢ Greens (Knowles)
- 1059 John B. Donnes, 202 Willow Drive, Gretna, La. 70053-US Banknotes 1870-1888 on & off Cover. (Reinhard)
- 1060 Darrel J. Brandt, Route 3, Waverly, Iowa 50677-Iowa Closed P.O.s; Iowa Covers; Sports Related Covers. (Knowles)
- 1061 Thomas E. Stanton, 109 Aragona Drive, Oxon Hill, Md. 20022- US; Bna. (Knowles)

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NEW MEMBERS. Cont.

- 1062 David P. Felzke, 1230 Pierce Road, Lansing, Mich. 48910-Flag Cancels; Doremus Cancels; Amer. Forces in Russia; WWI Soldiers Mail; Perfins on Cover or Card 1908-10 (Knowles)
- 1063 William G. Kremper, 304 Hermitage Road, Knoxville, Tenn. 37920-NYFM Covers and Cancellations; New Jersey Postal History.
- 1064 Richard Simchak, P.O. Box 225, Sudbury, Mass. 01776-Fancy Cancels; 19th Century RPOs. (Gardner)

MEMBERSHIP REVIVED

- 418 Dr. Robert S. deWasserman, 90, Avenue G-E Lebon, Brussels 16, Belgium
- 773 Ira L. Moss, 176 Beach 146th St., Neponsit, N.Y. 11694

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 441 Ben A. Edwards Jr. to 1522 Peabody, Memphis, Tenn. 38104 from Harbert Ave.
- 662 Richard H. Schwinn to 1127 Cheyenne Drive, Indian Harbor Beach, Fla. 32937 from Findlay, Ohio
- 671 Kenneth R. Laurence to 13005 Keystone Terrace, North Miami, Fla. 33161 from 132nd St.
- 681 Fred A. Jensen to 5907 Reeds Road, Apt. A, Mission, Kans. 66202 from Kansas City.
- 717 Charles J. Reiling to 1 Barbuda Circle, Englewood, Fla. 33533 from Aruba Circle.
- 739 Duane P. Ulrich to 6666 E. Broadway, Tucson, Ariz. 85710 from Ft. Huachuca
- 912 Maj. Daniel C. Warren to 82 4th Artillery Rd. Fort Leavenworth, Kans. 66027 from Silver Spring, Md.
- 930 C. F. Skinner to 301 Blount, Macogdoches, Tex. 75961 from Duncanville.
- 927 Mark L. Headrick to 54A Park Lane, Columbia, Mo. 65201 from Indian Harbor Beach, Fla.
- 999 Maj. Thomas R. Stone to 212 Parry Road, West Point, N.Y. 10996 from Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.
- 1007 Richard Shirk to 1042 Cottonwood, Broomfield, Colo. 80020 from Toledo, Ohio.

DECEASED

866 Mario V. Farina

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496 Earle E. Andrus

CORRECTION

Change "N.Y." to "N.H." in change of address listed for Joseph H. Bowen (#3#0) on page 76 of the July NEWS.

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BARR-FYKE MACHINE CANCELLATIONS

by Arthur H. Bond (#505)

From January to September 1969 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 date of use of a Barr-Fyke machine is Dec. 3, 1905. We now have 24 machines recorded as used in 1905. Two covers have been seen in which, instead of being named, the month is represented by a numeral, after the "Quaker dating" fashion. This occurs at Kansas City, Mo. 4-30-1900 in Type C-121 and at Tacoma, Wash. 9-11-1901 in Type Ca-122, the year dating being omitted in the latter instance.

EXPERIMENTAL INSTALLATIONS

TYPE X-4 Change earliest date to Oct. 16, 1898
 " X-5 Recorded usage: Sept. 10 to Nov. 4, 1896
 " X-6 Add date Feb. 17, 1897. Killer is 17 bars in length.
 " X-8 Killer is 29 bars in length
 " X-9 Change earliest date to March 21, 1897
 Killer is 39 bars in length.
 " X-10 Change latest date to June 18, 1897
 " X-13 Recorded usage: July 27 to Sept. 26, 1898
 " X-11 Change latest date to Oct. 8, 1897

REGULAR INSTALLATIONS

TYPE A-102 Chicago, Ill. Add 99 usage
 TYPE AS2-102 New York Sta. P Recorded Feb. 1 to Mar. 15, 1898
 TYPE C-102 A new type not previously listed.
 Kansas City, Kans. 98 (2-digit year)
 Peru, Ind. 02 03 (4-digit year)
 TYPE C-121 Boston, Mass. Add 99 usage
 Hannibal, Mo. " 04 "
 New Castle, Pa. " 02 "
 Sedalia, Mo. " 04 "
 Wilmington, N.C. " 00 "
 TYPE C-122 Columbia, S.C. Add 03 usage
 East St. Louis, Ill. Add 02 usage
 McKeesport, Pa. " 01 "
 Sedalia, Mo. " 04 05 usage
 Springfield, Mo. " 03 04 05 usage
 Wilmington, N.C. " 03 usage (rimless circle)
 Add Sacramento, Cal. 03
 Add Decatur, Ill. 02 03

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BARR-FYKE MACHINE CANCELLATIONS (cont.)

TYPE CS-122	St. Louis, Mo. - Terminal Sta.	Add 03 usage
TYPE Ca-122	Lafayette, Ind.	Add 01 usage
	Omaha, Neb.	Backstamp seen with killer in 1901
	Add Bay City, Mich.	03 04
	Add Cleveland, Ohio	01 backstamp only
TYPE D-101	Atchison, Kansas	Add 04 usage
	Hannibal, Mo.	Add 04 usage
	Kansas City,	Add 02 & 05 usage
	Earliest known date for Type D - Oct. 28, 1902	
	Ottumwa, Iowa	Add 05 usage
	Add Bay City, Mich.	04
	Add Columbia, S.C.	04 05
	Add Kansas City, Kan.	05
TYPE DS-101	St. Louis, Mo. Annex Sta.	Add 05 usage
TYPE C-121R1	New Orleans, La.	Add 99 usage
TYPE C-121R2	Memphis, Tenn.	Add 00 usage
FLAG CANCELS	Bay City, Mich.	Add 1902 usage

ERIE AND KALAMAZOO RAILROAD

April 22, 1972

The Erie and Kalamazoo was incorporated April 22, 1833, 139 years ago today. On the morning of November 2, 1836 the first car to run on this railroad departed from Port Lawrence, to the boom of cannon, arriving safely at Adrian several hours later. Horses pulled the car and were driven tandem, with relays every four miles. It was the first railroad to operate west of Schenectady, New York. The first passenger coach on the Erie and Kalamazoo was called a "pleasure car," a top-heavy affair with ornamental openings that made it look like a traveling chapel. Later passenger cars were provided with benches along the sides, and the entrance door on one side. Double-decker coaches also were used, the upper deck being furnished somewhat more lavishly than the lower deck and reserved for ladies. In 1837 the Erie and Kalamazoo received at Toledo a locomotive manufactured by the Baldwin Works in Philadelphia. This was the first locomotive to operate on a railroad west of the Alleghenies.

In 1849 the directors of the Erie and Kalamazoo leased its right of way to the Michigan Southern Railroad, now a part of the New York Central System, for \$30,000 a year, forever. Every year the stockholders of the Erie and Kalamazoo meet in Adrian, the directors declare a dividend, and the meeting adjourns—surely a pleasant way to run a railroad.

JACK T. CROSBY, Secretary C. M. P. S.

EDITOR'S NOTE: AN INTERESTING ITEM FOR COLLECTORS OF R.P.O.s

THE END OF AN ERA - JACKASS FLATS, NE 89023

by B J Billings

I HISTORY

Some years ago, the wild burros gathered in a valley of the Nevada desert about 90 miles Northwest of Las Vegas. Here, on the relatively flat plain between Skull and Shoshone Mountains, the burro found abundant forage. It was in the mid 1950's that man came to Jackass Flats, and a radical change in the desert landscape began to drive these gray brown ghosts away to seek other hunting grounds.

By 1962, a rather extensive complex of concrete and steel dotted the landscape. These buildings and test facilities resulted from a joint agreement that had been executed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) which established a Nuclear Rocket Development Program. The original agreement was signed by John A McCone (chairman, AEC) and T Kieth Glennan (Administrator, NASA) on Aug 29 and Aug 26, 1960 respectively. The Nuclear Rocket Development Station (NRDS) was established by an Interagency Agreement signed in Feb 1962, by R Luedecke (General Mgr, AEC) and R Seamans, (Associate Administrator, NASA).

A regional vicinity map of Southwest Nevada/California is shown in Fig 1. The NRDS can be seen in outline form.

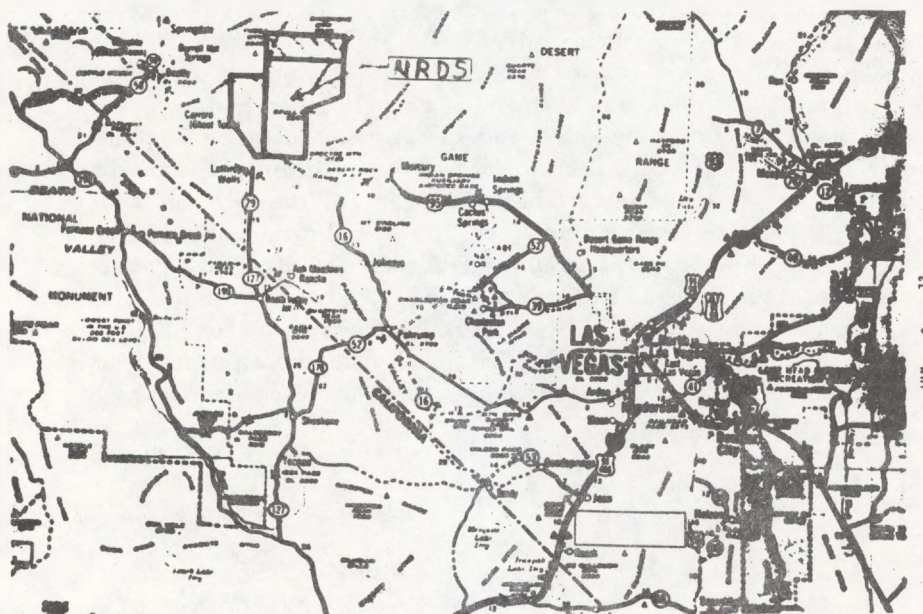


Fig 1 Regional Vicinity Map

JACKASS FLATS

On page 78 we show a page from a monograph on Jackass Flats by Bart. J. Billings (#873)

As you know this was the site for many tests of nuclear explosives but has been closed. Since Mr. Billings was a part of this operation he has decided to make a record of it which would be available to others.

It consists of 20 pages of reading matter and illustrations including covers from the Post Office which was established there when the need arrived. The "Cover-Folder" is attractively prepared. This piece of history, Postal and Otherwise, may be obtained from the author for \$4.00 postpaid. Order from B. J. Billings, 9385 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Two factors are operating against the orderly progression of our circuits. The first is too long delays by some members of the groups. To correct this it is necessary only for those members who are at fault to make a serious effort to correct this fault. The cards of inquiry sent to those members should not be necessary. They are costly. The second cause is delays in the Post Office Dept. About this we can not do much except to be sure to wrap securely and to retain the Ins. receipt until the package is delivered. One other action which your sales manager has been trying is to use United Parcel Service instead of Parcels Post or third class mail. This has some advantages as well as some drawbacks. First the advantages: 1, Delivery usually is quicker. 2, Price per package usually less. 3, They pickup. 4, Packages can be insured for full value. The disadvantages: 1, No service West of Colo. 2, We do not know whether the rules are the same everywhere or not but in Denver rates are figured according to Zip code #s and an additional charge of \$2.50 is made each week for pickup. Obviously it is necessary to ship a number of packages each week to spread this charge out enough to reduce the price to the level of Parcels Post or 3rd class. Any member living in the states served may use UPS if more convenient. If so insure for full value and note the fact on the report blank as justification for neglecting to pay the extra 35¢ for insurance over the P.O. limit.

Recently two valuable circuits have been lost in the Los Angeles area. Although the P.O. accepted the responsibility and the \$200.00 limit in both cases the losses cost our Insurance fund several hundred dollars. Therefore we have asked members of that group to deliver by hand if possible or to register declaring full value.

As this is written 38 circuits are out. Given the necessary material we probably could keep about 45 going all the while. Reasonably priced Postal History items sell well. More could be used.

NEW NEVADA POSTAL HISTORY PUBLISHED

Nevada Postal History specialists, ghost town fans, travel and history buffs will welcome the just published NEVADA POSTAL HISTORY by Robert P. Harris. This hard bound volume contains a compilation of openings and closings of all Nevada Post Offices since the first opened at Carson Valley (now Genoa) December 10, 1852.

Himself an ardent collector of Nevada Postal items, the author has placed valuations on all the discontinued post office cancels. Several rare covers are illustrated.

A valuable section is devoted to the Nevada Railroad Postal Routes, and 43 such routes are listed. In addition state boundaries are discussed as relating to the post offices.

Perhaps the most valuable feature of the book is a 17½"xx.24" map folded into the back of the book. Harris has located all but 4 or 5 of the approx. 730 Nevada post offices on this map. Many of these P.O. locations have been 'lost' for many years.

The book may be ordered from Bonanza Press, 3350 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California 95051 for \$8.50.

The GARDEN CITY WATERMARK

Janice M. Garr(#1029) is editing the GARDEN CITY WATERMARK, Official publication of the Garden City Stamp Club, Missoula, Mont. Vol. 1, #1 is a six page mechanically duplicated Quarterly which contains, several interesting articles including one from Paul J. Wolf (#743) on "Being a Student Judge".

The 24 page book "TROLLEY CAR MAIL SERVICE IN PHILADELPHIA 1895-1945" has been added to our Library, a gift of the Authors, Wylie H. Flack and Robert J. Stets.

PLATE NUMBER SOCIETY

Bob Bickford, 9600 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Md. 20901 announces that he is starting again the PLATE NUMBER SOCIETY which has been inactive for some time. Interested collectors may write him at that address.

Also he has a collection of Florida Postmarks and wonders if any member might be interested.



POSTED
ON THE HIGH SEAS
PURSER
U.S. EXETER

Postal Marking from John A. Edwards (#803) cancels a strip of three of the 1936 5m stamps of Egypt. Color of Cancel Blue.

Pittsfield, Maine
duplex as a forwarding
mark.



[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly including 'Pittsfield, Maine' and 'Bucksport']

Dr. Gary A. McIntyre (#839) is seeking help on this cover addressed to Pittsfield, Maine and readdressed to Bucksport, Maine. On the reverse are the receiving marks of both Post Offices, the Pittsfield mark dated Feb. 6, 1902 and the Bucksport one dated Feb. 7, 1902. On the front, in addition to the oval "EMERGENCY STAMP" is the Pittsfield, Maine duplex as a forwarding mark. The "EMERGENCY STAMP" appears to have been put on at the Office of origin but where was that Office? Members with ideas will please write the Editor or Dr. McIntyre at 7 Fernald Road, Orono, Maine 04473.