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Selected covers from John W. Koontz's article,
"New Manuscript Town Postmarks from Maryland".

From James H. Fountain telD 666

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John H. Fountain Esquire

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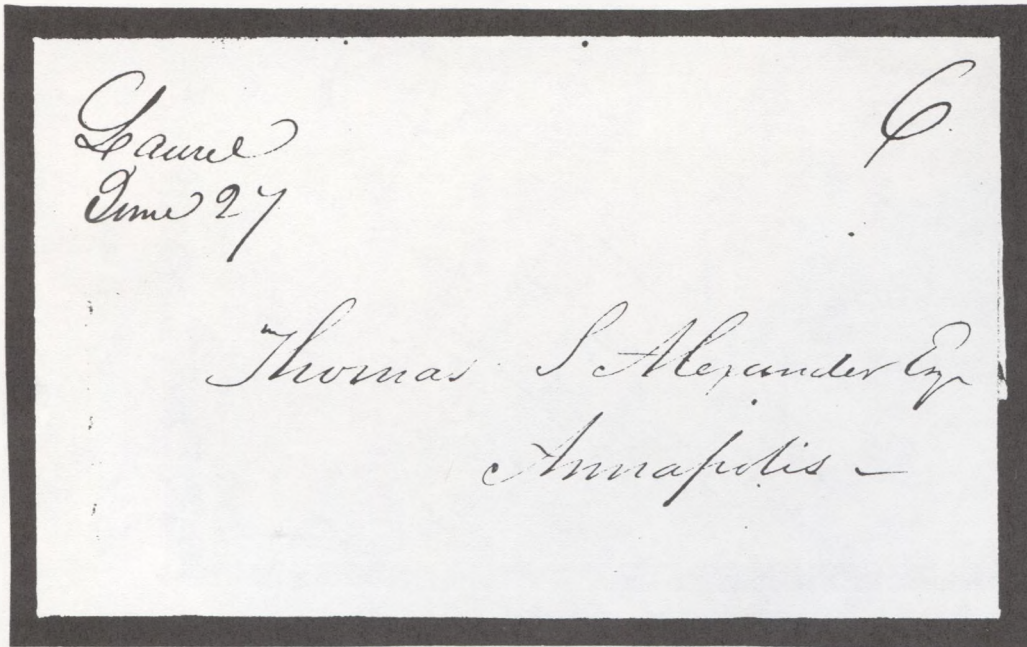
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NEW MANUSCRIPT TOWN POSTMARKS FROM MARYLAND

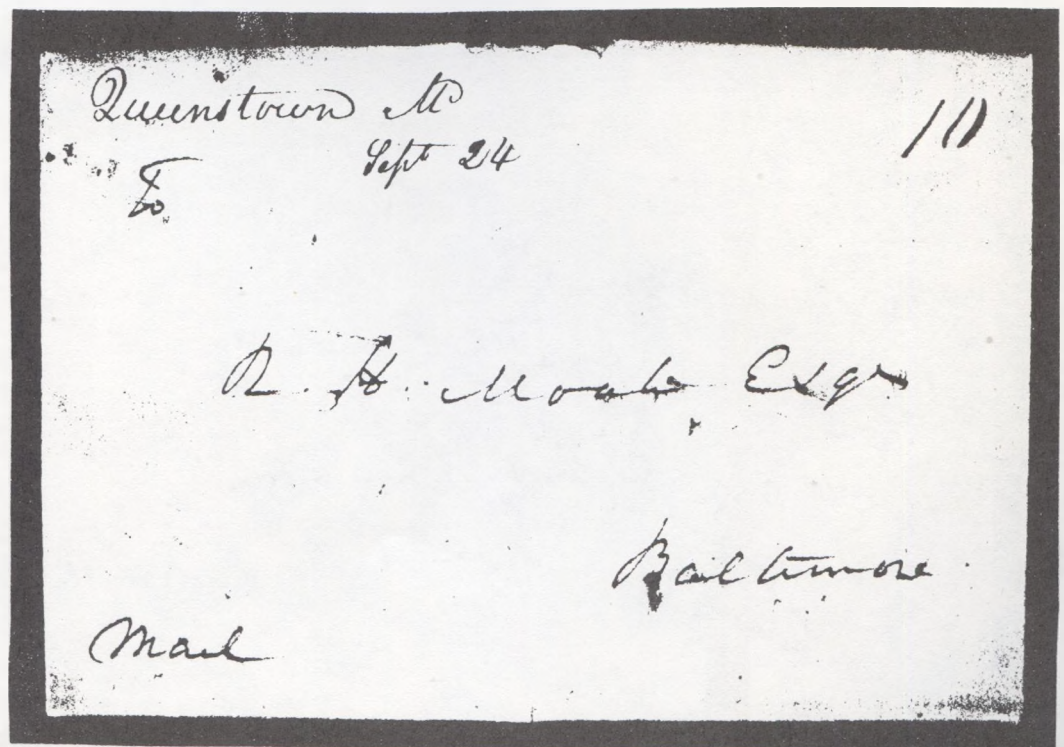
by John W. Koontz

In the new third edition (1978) of the American Stampless Cover Catalog it lists 128 "towns from which no handstamped postmarks have been reported," in Maryland. In checking my collection I find I have 10 of these "unreported towns".

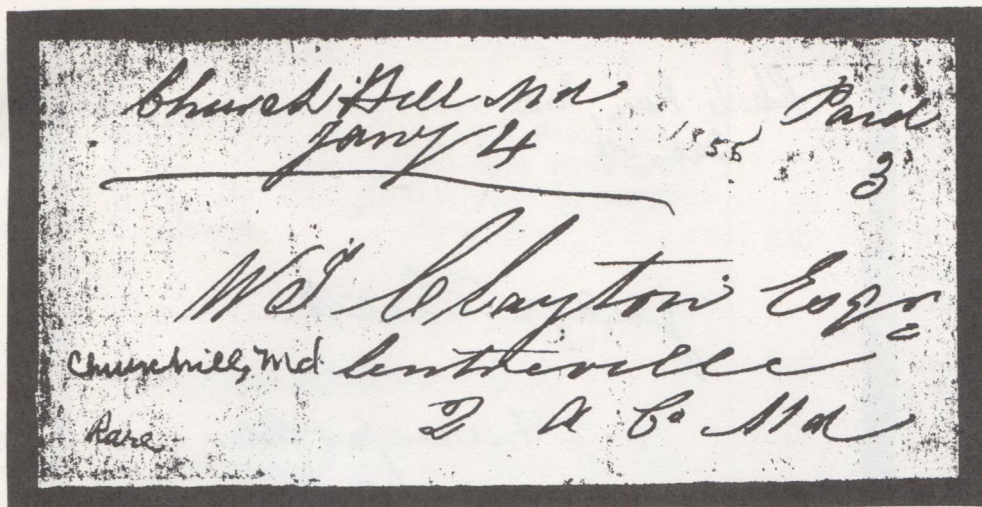
It is hoped that other U.S.C.C. News readers will share their unlisted items.



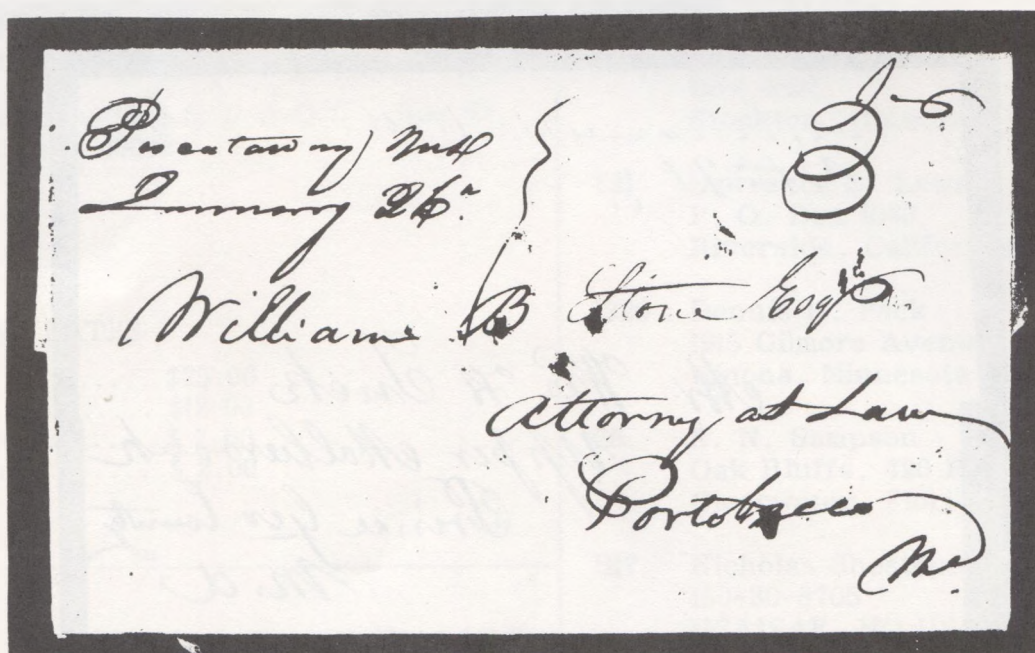
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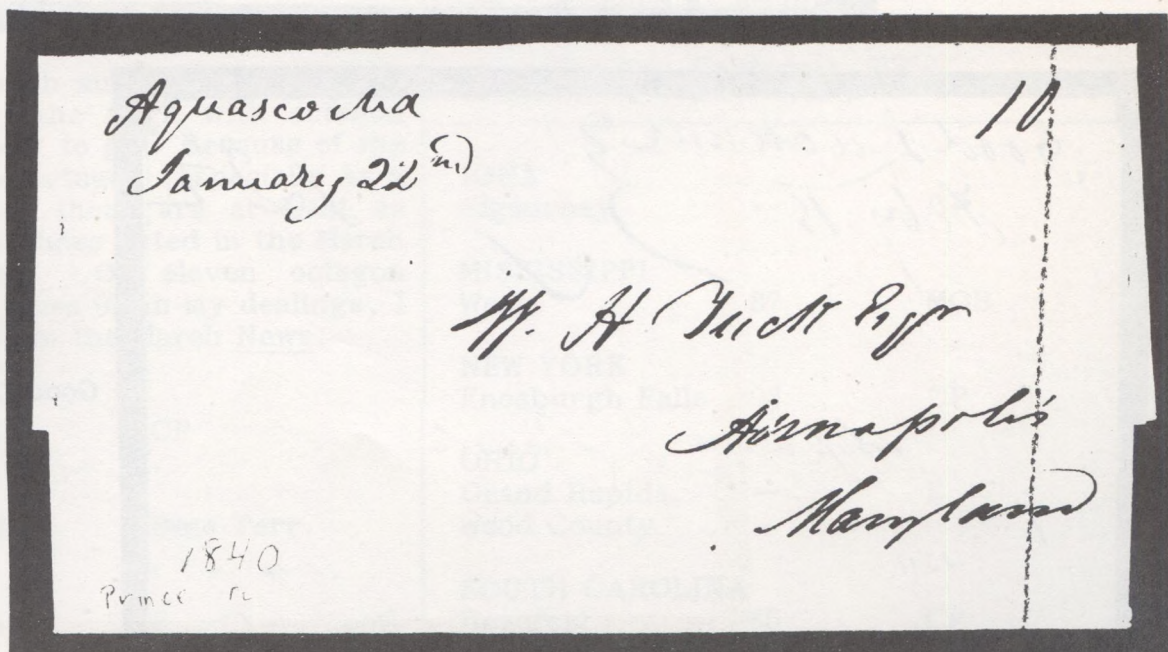
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FURTHER ADDITIONS TO OCTAGONAL POSTMARK LISTING

From Brady R. Hunt

I wish Mr. Heinen much success, but tend to think at this stage, the work with octagon cancels has a long way to go. Because of the common usage of the octagon (especially as a MOB strike), I think there are at least as many to be found as those listed in the March 1978 U.S.C.C. News. Of eleven octagon cancels I have made notes on in my dealings, I found eight not listed in the March News.

CONNECTICUT

Seymore	81	CP
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DAKOTA

Darlington	86	Blue Terr.
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INDIANA

Pimento	81	E
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ADDRESS CHANGES

1126	Bruce Blaikie	
	618 West E Street	
	Brawley, California	92227

1145	R. H. Cipolla	
	37 Rambling Road	
	Sudbury, Massachusetts	01776

1105	Steven Hines	
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1159	Brady R. Hunt	
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	P. O. Box 1043	
	Riverside, California	92502

1220	Dennis H. Pack	
	1915 Gilmore Avenue	
	Winona, Minnesota	55987

28	E. N. Sampson	
	Oak Bluffs, 420 Bay Avenue	
	Clearwater, Florida	33516

1117	Nicholas Shestople	
	150-30-8705	
	USAISAE, HQ USAREUR & 7A	
	APO New York	09081

1178	Richard E. Small	
	27351 Catala Avenue	
	Sangus, California	91350

IOWA

Sigourney	--	CP
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MISSISSIPPI

West	87	MOB
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NEW YORK

Enosburgh Falls	93	CP
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OHIO

Grand Rapids,	--	E
Wood County		

SOUTH CAROLINA

Beaufort	85	CP
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

First, I like the new U.S.C.C. News. Would do one thing to improve. Number all cancellations and insist on color, issue, year, town, state. Be consistent about it.

Second, I am mad. John Hahn and I spent over 1000 hours compiling the best in terms of number of entries work on U.S. cancellations to come down the pike. It was even published by the U.S.C.C. I do not find it listed in the "Library." Why not? Further if you need material it contains the most complete listing of many types of cancels, i.e. Wheel of Fortune, etc. that exists. Abstract from it. I also find it sad that you do not even have a run of the U.S. Cancellation Club Quarterly and News.

Also how many members, current ones, have the index? It was a bargain at \$6.00 or so, but was only advertised once. Let's do something about it.

Yours truly,

Chet Smith

P.S. Personally I think that the U.S.C.C. Index ought to be advertised in every issue. It is the key to the information in the first ten volumes. If you really want a project re-do some or the group with illustrations. That is collect all stars together of one type, etc.

Editor's Note: Re your first question -- numbering, color, issue, year, etc. on cancels. I cannot. If you will note each issue seldom appears on the date on which it should be issued. I do not have enough material. I cannot turn away prospective writers by insisting that they comply with specific requests, as I am lucky to even get them. Your request is correct. I agree. I just have no way of complying.

Re the Index. I presently have about fifty copies left. I have already sent a copy to the library. I do not know whether or not they have one, but if they did, they now have two. I will advertise it. I will offer it for sale again. I do not blame you for being mad.

Dear Sir:

May I add my ME TOO to the very welcome letter of Albert E. Clattenburg, Jr. in the January issue of the U.S.C.C. News relating to the publication of common postmarks. I have searched for years trying to find somewhere a listing of the common postmarks -- both hand and machine -- especially from the initial use of machine cancels.

I have no interest in the minor differences of the hand cancels of Chicago, Boston or New York but would very much welcome a few pictures of the common postmarks. I am sure that the majority of our members would benefit by such a publication -- and I do hope it may be possible for you to do that with the reprinting of out-of-print brochures on machine markings.

Sincerely yours,

Llewellyn G. Ludwig

Dear Sir:

I have just made my first circuit selection and have mailed on the remaining material. To tell the truth I should have become a circuit receiver years ago.

Very truly yours,

Joseph C. Banchak

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on the vastly improved look of the NEWS - content, photos, "justified" type, and so on. Keep up the good work.

Perhaps the club is over the worst times, there is certainly a place and a need for a strong cancellation society.

Best regards,

Erin R. Gunter

BARTERING POSTAGE FEES

By Professor C. S. Thompson, Jr.

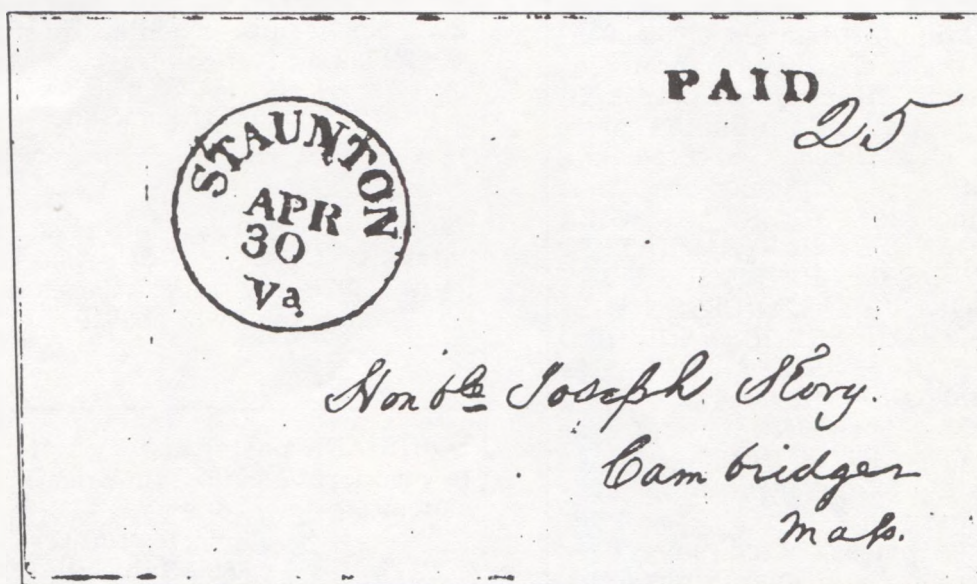
Many postmasters, like doctors and lawyers, engaged in a bartering system involving merchandise and postage fees. This was particularly true with the farmers in rural America in the nineteenth century. Figure 1, shows a typical letter sent from Staunton, Virginia, to Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the year 1841. The twenty-five cent rate represented a rather sizeable investment for the letter writer when compared with the typical family income of that period.

Mr. John Cushing, in his article, "Story of our Post Office", published at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1893, quotes the 1841 commodity prices as follows:

The prices of produce were 6 1/4¢ per pound for butter, 5¢ per dozen for eggs. To pay postage on a 25¢ letter is required the following articles; 4 pounds of butter, 5 dozen eggs, 2

bushels oats, 2 bushels potatoes, 1-1/3rd bushels of wheat, and other articles in proportion. To illustrate the expense of corresponding further: Suppose the writer and his family in Staunton, Virginia., had been communicating regularly with their friends in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Assume further that during a given period of communication the Staunton family had received thirty-two unpaid reply letters. To cover the amount of postage these letters represent, the Virginia correspondent would have had to sell a good milk cow since \$8.00 would have been the purchase price of such a cow in 1841.

When one considers the many complaints about the high cost of our present postage rates and compares these costs with those charged the nineteenth century letter writer, particularly from a relative standpoint, our present postal rates begin to assume the aura of a bargain.



QUESTION CORNER

Dear Sir:

On the matter of the Columbia-Ielfield, I have a machine which I got from the P.M. in Sidney Center, New York. It does not work at present although I am trying to remedy that. The P.M. stated that it worked very poorly when he received it and luckily a postal inspector was on hand when he was trying to rejuvenate it and he got a new machine. I also had two dials which I always supposed came from that machine as they fit fairly well but was surprised to find out that they came from an International which was long gone.

The P.M. told me that only on one occasion was the Columbia used and that was when they had a large third class mailing. They shimmed up the International dial to the Columbia and ran the mailing through the resulting cob house. They did it mostly to see if they could and never monkeyed with it again. I do not understand Johl saying that these machines were first used in 1915 as my information is that Columbia and Ielfield merged in 1945 but I am not an expert. Thought you might like to have this sidelight on one of these machines.

Harry Taber #479

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