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## THE CANCELLATIONS ON THE FULL-FACE MC KINLEY POSTAL CARDS

By Theodore W. Bozarth

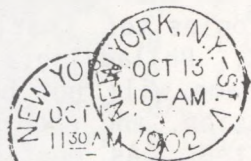
Booth, Dailey and Ivins began using the accidentally released Full-Face McKinley postal cards (Scott UX 17/UPSS S 21) in quantity on September 20, 1902. Two weeks later, an alert stamp collector, R. H. Lamscha, noted the use of these rare postal cards (all of which had supposedly been destroyed as unsatisfactory to the U. S. Post Office Department), and successfully requested the users to turn over to him all of the used and unused copies that they had of this card. (See the S.P.A. JOURNAL of December 1978 for the full story, if you are not familiar with it.)

Mr. Lamscha reported that he obtained 312 used copies of the Full-Face McKinley card, 149 unused cards, and that 38 other cards were missing. This came to but 499 against the total of 500 that Booth, Dailey and Ivins supposedly purchased at the main New York City post office, located almost directly across the street from their Park Row address, so it must be assumed that Lamscha was not counting the single unused copy (with address erased) that he had already traded to the Scott Stam & Coin Company. He muddies the water somewhat by stating that the missing copies (attributed to

sinking scows by J. M. Bartels later, but possibly pocketed or purposely mislaid by the barge captains when they learned that some "nut" was buying these up) were cancelled, but since it was then unknown what had happened to them, it is safer to assume that the lost cards were not cancelled, and that the total number of unused cards may have been as high as 188 (149 sold to Bartels plus one traded to Scott plus 38 missing cards of unknown status).

The exact count of used and unused cards is further complicated since we do not know what category Lamscha used for those cards that had the report completed on the back but which were hand carried to Booth, Dailey and Ivins after they called in the report forms remaining in the hands of the barge captains. We have assumed that, following the custom of the day, he would have considered these as "unused"; also that some of the missing cards may have fallen into this category.

Mr. Lamscha sold the 312 used copies to J. Murray Bertels, a Boston stamp dealer, along with the 149 unused copies that had been retrieved, in December 1902. Five years later, Bartels sold what stock he still held of these cards to Siegfried Schachne, of Chillicothe, Ohio, one of the leading postal stationery dealers in the world at that time. Some years later, Mr. Schachne retired from



POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Messrs. Booth, Dailey & Ivins,

13=21 Park Row,

Room 908.

New York City.

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business and sold his remaining stock of UX 17/s 21 to Dr. Walton I. Mitchell. About a decade later, Dr. Mitchell lost much of his stock of postal stationery in a fire, and it is believed (but not documented) that a good number of the slower selling used copies were destroyed in that fire. It does not seem possible, at present, to make an accurate estimate of the number of used copies that remain available to collectors, but the figure would probably be 250 or less.

In the year that the S 21 Study Group of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the United Postal Stationery Society (UPSS) has been requesting collectors and dealers to submit photocopies of the used and unused copies of the Full-Face McKinley cards in their possession, some 50 different owners have responded, and have sent photos of approximately 32 different unused cards. (This may included some duplication as it is difficult to distinguish the unused cards, even though the exact location of the indicium is carefully measured on each photocopy. We believe that we probably have photos of between 25 and 30 different uncanceled cards, or about 20% of the original number.)

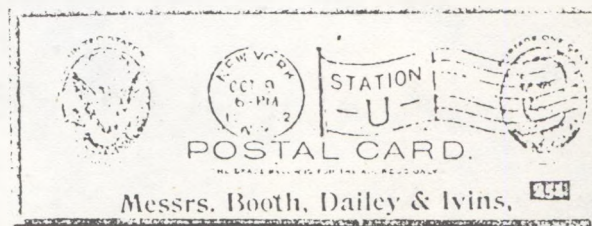
In the same period we have received photos of 62 recognizably different cancelled ("used") copies. Assuming the same ball-park percentage of response, there would be about 300 used copies out there to be reported. Too many unknowns are involved to expect greater congruity at this point. We are here content to explore the postal history revealed by the cancellations on the 62 used copies reported. These cards were all used from Brooklyn or New York City sub-stations, and were cancelled with either a duplex hand-stamp (H/S) or by an American or International machine cancel. The American flag cancel appears only from New York Station U in Langford's Type B 38; the International cancels have the common dial of the period (Type D) or with the station letter in the dial (Type E), along with either seven straight lines (Type 22) or seven wavy lines (Type 32) in the killer, with breaks for a machine number and a service letter: C for Collect, D for Deposit, and R for Received (the letter incorrectly used as a dispatch cancel). Nearly 80% of the cards also have an International dial-only (Type D) receiving mark, usually on the face, and often obscuring the date and time of the dispatch dial. Please see Arthur H. Bond's handbook, INTERNATIONAL MACHINE CANCELS, published by the U.S.C.C. in 1974, for further details.

Unfortunately, the photocopies turned out by some office machines leave a great deal to be

desired; additionally, some of the well-linked dials still produced only partial imprints on the cards, leaving uncertainty whether the station letter is B or R or F, for example. Nevertheless, the careful student will note some new dates of use for the Bond handbook. Confirmation will be supplied upon request. Modern postal customers will be amazed at the speed with which cards received at a sub-station were forwarded to the Main ("City Hall") Post Office, where the receiving marks were applied. Frederick Langford pointed out that this reflects the efficiency of the network of pneumatic tubes which once connected all of these sub-stations with the main office, as well as the dedication which was once the hall-mark of the postal employee.

Listed below are the 62 used copies of the Full-Face McKinley postal cards reported to date (February 1979) as Registered by the UPSS. The registration number is the date of dispatch postmark expressed as a numeral followed by the Dumper (barge) number from the report on the back. We illustrate the face of card #1013-2 (reprint courtesy of the Houston Chapter, UPSS) and the back (report form side) of #1006-7. Remarks are added at the right to call attention to significant varieties, and also noting those cards which are presently known only through auction catalog photos. It would be most helpful if the present owners of those cards would send us copies of the front and back of their cards.

We hope that owners of any unregistered used card, or of unused cards with completed report data on the back, will take the time to send us photocopies of both sides of those cards. We would also like to have photocopies of any unused, "mint", proof or specimen Full-Face McKinley cards that have not been submitted previously, both for continuation of our study and as an anti-theft precaution for you. Send your copies to: Charles A. Fricke, 6127 Reach Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111. Your name will not be divulged without your permission, and anonymous photocopies may be submitted. As mentioned earlier, we would particularly like to hear from the present owners of the auction lots noted above, which often lack essential data.





# U.S.C.C. ELIMINATES COMMISSION CHARGES!

0% BUYER'S COMMISSION \*\* 0% SELLER'S COMMISSION

Within recent weeks stamp auction agents have announced that they will be cutting their standard commission charges from 20% to 10%. The U.S.C.C. plans to go the agents one better. We will be reducing the commission charges to zero -- eliminating them completely. Thus there will only be a charge for insurance fees.

These actions have been motivated by our determination to provide unique and comprehensive services to U.S.C.C. members and to postal enthusiasts at large. We are a non-profit organization and wish to pass the

financial benefits on to the members.

This new arrangement makes it easier than ever before for U.S.C.C. members to take advantage of circuit programs and merchandise available. You will be able to send more and better merchandise. The plan underscores our commitment to services which are competitive with -- if not surpassing -- all others in the field. We are hopeful that all members will avail themselves of the new minimal insurance only rates, 2% to sellers, 35¢ on each mailing for buyers.

## ONCE AGAIN -- CIRCUIT MATERIAL NEEDED

The U.S.C.C.'s planned elimination of commission charges (see accompanying article) should eliminate anyone's reluctance to participate in the circuit program. We are still in dire need of books. The circuits are inadequate and a committed few are suffering

because of the general apathy of U.S.C.C. membership. For the circuits to be meaningful and successful it is imperative that everyone contribute to them. We are hopeful that with the absence of any financial barriers, all members will see fit to contribute to the circuits.

## FULL-FACE MC KINLEY POSTAL CARDS ...

UPSS #	Dispatch Date	Time	Postmark City	Sta.	P.O. Mach.	Type	Rcvg Date	Pmk Time	Notes
0527-3	27	9:30P	Brooklyn		3 C	D 22	28	1:30A	
0920-3A	20	12 M	Brooklyn		3 C	D 22	20	1 P	Report dated Sep 16
0920-3B	20	12 M	Brooklyn		3 C	D 22	20	1 P	Report dated Sep 17
0920-3C	20	12 M	Brooklyn		3 C	D 22	20	1 P	Report dated Sep 18
0922-3	22	9:30A	New York	E	3 D	E 22	22	11:30A	
0923-12A	23	9 P	New York	E	2 C	E 22	23	11 P	Report dated Sep 21
0923-12C	23	9 P	New York	E	2 C	E 22	23	11 P	Report dated Sep 23
0924-2	24	10 A	New York	U	Flag	B 38	24	12:30P	
0924-7	24	4 P	Brooklyn		3 C	D 22	24	5 P	
0924-17	24	9 A	New York	U	Flag	B 38	24	11:30A	
0924-19	24	1 P	New York	B	1 D	E 32	24	3 P	Rcvg pmk on back
0924-?	24	?	Brooklyn	?	?	?	?		Herst 1972
0925-15	25	1 P	New York	B/R?		1 C	E 32	None	
0926	26	8 A	New York	B	H/S		26	10:30A	
0926-19	26	10 A	New York	B/R?		1 C	E 32	None	Postmark misaligned
0929-11	29	4 P	New York	C	1 C	E 32	29	6 P	
0929-17	29	9 A	New York	U	Flag	B 38	29	11:30A	
0929-?	29	8 A	New York	R	1 C	E 32	?		Siegel 1968
0930-4	30	9 A	New York	O/U?	H/S		30	11:30A	
0930-8	30	4 P	New York	B	?	E ?	None		Pmk dial over indicium
0930-15	30	7:30A	New York	?	H/S		None		Sta. letter illegible
0930-?	30?	?	NY(?)	?	?	E? 32	?		Siegel 1971
1001-4	1	10 A	New York	E	2 C	E 22	1	11:30A	Missing "1" in 1901
									Rcvg pmk on back
1001-?	1	3:30P	New York	V	1 C	E 22	None	face	
1002-12	2	1:30P	Brooklyn		3 C	D 22	2	3 P	
1002-13	2	9 A	New York	R/B?	1 C	E 32	2	1 P	Rcvg pmk on back
1003-4	3	1:30P	New York	V	1 C	E 22	3	2:30P	



1003-7	3	7:30P	Brooklyn	3 C	D 22	3	11 P	
1003-19	3	10:30A	New York	E 2 C	E 22	3	12:30P	Rcvg pmk on back
1004-?	4?	?	NY(?)	? H/S		4	4 P	Dispatch pmk illegible Fox 1960
1005-4	5	5:30P	New York	O 1 C	E 32	6	7:30P	Rcvg pmk misdated?
1005-6	5	3 P	New York	C 1 R	E 32	5	7:30P	
1006-6	6	12 M	New York	B/C 1 C	E 32	6	1:30P	Killer similar to 1005
1006-7	6	9 A	New York	B 1 C	E 32	6	12 M	
1006-12	6	11 A	New York	R 1 R	E 32	6	2 P	
1007-13	7	9 A	New York	U? H/S		7	1 P	
1007-19	7	3 P	New York	B H/S		7	5:30P	Rcvg pmk on back Posted at Main P.O.
1008-4	8	10 A	New York	7 C	E 22	None		
1008-7	8	9:30A	New York	G 1 C	E 32	8	10:30A	Killer similar to 1006
1008-15	8	8 A	New York	R/B/F1 C	E 32	8	9:30A	
1008-?	8	6 A	New York	V H/S		?	7:30A	Siegel 1975, Thatcher
1009-8	9	6 P	New York	U Flag	B 38	None		
1009-12	9	6 P	New York	U Flag	B 38	None		
1009-13	9	7? A	New York	G? 1 C	E 32	9	8:30A	Killer similar to 1008
1010-13	10	9 A	New York	V 122	10	10:30A		
1010-17	10	6 P	New York	? H/S		10	7:30P	Sta. letter illegible
1010-?	10	11 A	New York	? 1 C	E 32	None	face	Gardner 1975
1011-4	11	9:30A	New York	G 1 C	E 32	11	11 A	Harmer '59, Siegel '78
1011-6	11	?	NY(?)	? ?	?	?		Photocopy not furnished
1011-11	11	1 P	New York	V 1 C	11	2:30P		
1011-19	11	12 M	New York	B 1 C	E 32	11	4 P	Rcvg pmk on back
1012-13	12	9 P	New York	L 1 C	E 32	None		Burn hole in indicium
1012-?	12	10 P	New York	U Flag	B 38	None	face	Missing "1" in 1901 Gardner '76, Hoffer '77
1012-?	12	6:30P	Brooklyn	G H/S		13	1 A	Kover King 1979
1013-2	13	10 A	New York	V 1 C	E 22	13	11:30A	
1013-4	13	A	New York	F? 1 C	E 32	13	11:30A	Rcvg pmk high on left
1014-7			New York	E 2 C	E 32			None
1014-11	14	2:30A	New York	G? 1 C	E 32	14	3:30A	Killer similar to 1008
1016-11	16	9:30P	Brooklyn	? C	D 22	16	7:30P	
1020-3	20	10 A	New York	V 1 C	E 22	20	11 A	Latest reported usage
1008?-?	8?	?	NY(?)	U? H/S		8	??	Thatcher 1958
1018?-?	18?	?	New York	B/R?	?	E ?	None	face Pmk dial over indicium

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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the U. S. Cancellation Club has announced its recommendations for candidates for upcoming elections. The committee has renominated the entire Board of Governors for a second two year term. The candidates are as follows:

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A POST OFFICE BY ANY OTHER NAME . . .

By Dennis Pack

It's not uncommon for a town to change its name, but it isn't often that a town changes its name three times in 67 years and ends up named the same as when it started. This is what happened to Brigham City, Utah.

In 1851, the year after the Utah Territory was created, settlers were sent north from Salt Lake City by the Mormon leader Brigham Young. Some of these, under the direction of Simeon A. Carter, established a small settlement at Box Elder Creek, about 60 miles north of Salt Lake City.

Two years later a town site slightly south of Box Elder Creek was surveyed by Lorenzo Snow. The settlement here became known as Brigham City. Many of the residents of Box Elder Creek moved into Brigham City. The first post office was established at Brigham City July 22, 1856, with Eli H. Pierce as postmaster.

In 1866 the Utah Territorial Legislature defined the boundaries of the counties and

designated county seats. One of these was Box Elder County, named for the trees along Box Elder Creek. Brigham City was chosen as the county seat.

The name Brigham City was changed to Box Elder effective March 9, 1883. M. B. Gillespie was the postmaster. The cover showing the Box Elder postmark is dated April 6, 1892. On the back it bears a partial Salt Lake City received postmark of the same date.

December 4, 1895, one month before Utah became a state, Box Elder changed its name to Brigham. Alfonso H. Snow was the postmaster at this time. The Brigham postmark is dated May 16, 1905. It bears six cents postage, which overpays the international rate by one cent. The cover is backstamped New York, New York -- Foreign Station May 19, 1905, and London, May 27, 1905.

Finally, the circle was completed August 1, 1950, when Brigham was officially changed to Brigham City. C. Henry Nielson was the postmaster. The Brigham City postmark is on a 3¢ Liberty postal card. It is cancelled with a U. S. Treasury Defense Bond Flag City machine cancellation dated September 6, 1961.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Some members who get our circuits are not as familiar with values of U. S. stamps as they should be. One supplier has just written us about a cover he put in the department two years ago, from England, postage due, with the due postage receipted by a fine single of #JQ 4, nicely tied. He had not looked it up in the catalog when he entered it, and he priced it a bit above the value of a used stamp, or \$4.00. The book circulated for two years; many prospective buyers must have seen it. The cover was still in the book when it was returned. The owner, making up new books to resubmit, looked it up in the new Scott Specialized Catalog, and he was surprised to see that it is listed at \$350.00. The cover has been submitted to an auction house, where it is likely to bring \$250.00. A number of members sure missed the boat on this one.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Member

Dear Sir:

Ordinarily I would have paid my dues to the Cancellation Club, but, due to circumstances, I find that I must cancel my membership in the Club.

I have been unable to acquire any books on 19th or early 20th Century concerning cancellations, so my interest is on the wane.

I had enjoyed being a member of the Cancellation Club, even if only a short time, and I found your newsletter was very interesting.

Thank you,

Jack Smilowitz

Greetings:

Sorry to be so late in getting this check in for my dues.

I am impressed with the revitalized Club News.

Cordially,

Jim Mundis



## QUESTION CORNER

Dear Sir,

For a number of years I have believed that the familiar 4-Bar cancel, with its many variations, was purely a 20th Century cancellation. However, I now have evidence to push the beginnings of the 4-Bar cancel back into the 1880's.

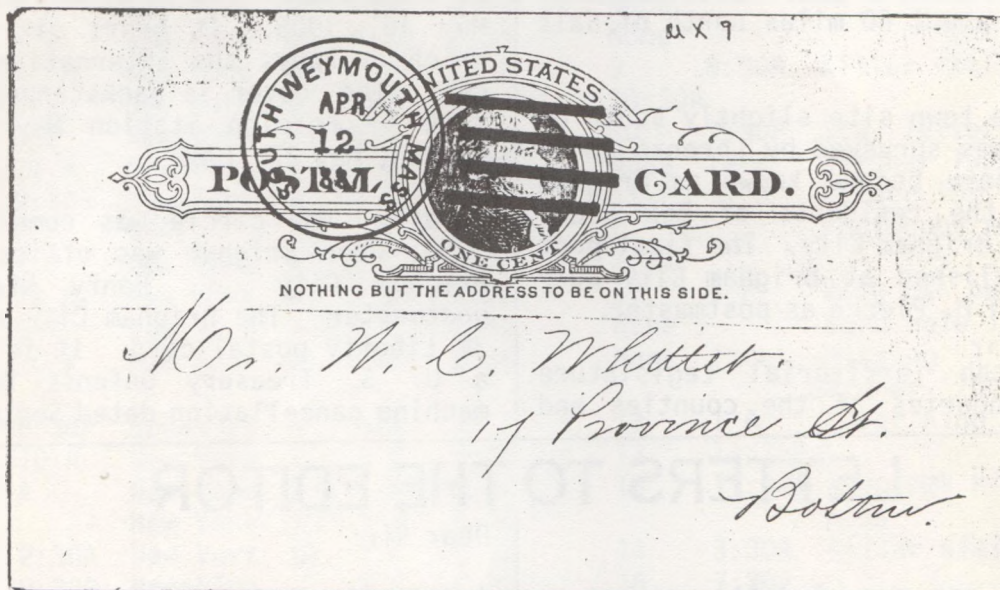
Shown here is an April 12, 1887 cancel from South Weymouth, Massachusetts. It appears to be a single device, including both the town

mark and the killer bars in one piece.

Are there other similar 4-Bar markings from the Late 19th Century? Can anyone provide some further information on the origins of the 4-Bar cancel, and the period of use of this particular marking?

Sincerely,

William H. Bauer



### LOSO - DE WINDT UPDATE IN THE WORKS

U.S.C.C. members William C. Walker and H. R. Fishback have undertaken a project of Herculean dimensions. They are collaborating on an update of the 1952 catalog of Fancy Cancels of the 20th Century United States prepared by Foster W. Loso and Heyliger de Windt. Mr. Walker indicates that between his own collection and that of Dr. Fishback there are more than 500 unlisted fancys, and cites the following reasons why a complete revision rather than simply an update is required:

1. The book is "out of print" and used copies are both scarce and expensive.
2. There are errors in the alphabetical sequence in the original book.
3. The cancels shown on the color plates in the original book should be incorporated in the main body of the revised version.
4. A substantial number of cancels in

the original work should be deleted as they are not properly within the purview of such a book, i.e. military markings, WWI cancels, etc.

5. They expect that if collectors of these cancels will extend their help, they can include many hundreds of cancels heretofore unlisted.
6. They expect to provide more text in a revision, including information which has come to light only recently (correspondence between Floyd Shockley, one of the pioneers of fancy cancels and postmasters of a number of towns engaged in producing these fancy cancels).
7. They also expect to provide additional information on the "games" that were played. This should be helpful in making collectors and dealers more knowledgeable.



Mr. Walker writes, "I have corresponded with some of these 'pioneers' and would like additional information from any members who can provide it . . . We badly need Xerox copies or drawings of unlisted cancels plus all information on whether F. C. or Reg. and whether proper backstamps have been applied. Also color of cancel and date of posting."

Collectors are urged to contribute their knowledge and information to this project. As Mr. Walker states, "it's a lot bigger job than I had originally anticipated." An article consisting of a listing of Mr. Walker's present collection will appear in an upcoming issue of the U.S.C.C. NEWS.

### OCTAGONS

From William C. Allen (courtesy of The Peninsular Philatelist, January - February 1979):

#### MICHIGAN

Bear Lake	87
Blissfield	83
Chadwick	87
Chadwick	87

From Erin R. Gunter:

#### LOUISIANA

Armite City -- CP

### WE APOLOGIZE . . .

Undoubtedly there are a number of disgruntled members wondering why their March '79 newsletters arrived almost two months late. The reason for the delay had to do with a mechanical breakdown in our production facilities. Specifically, while our printing and typesetting equipment has reached the Computer Age, the machine we are using to address envelopes is still back in the Dark Ages. We rely on an ancient Addressograph which is used once every two months just for the newsletter. It repeatedly broke down while we were trying to get the March issue ready for the mail. We are hoping that it will hold up for a few more numbers before it bites the dust for good.

Arcadia	84	CP-MOB
Bunkie	85	DOL
Delhi	82	CP
Jackson	81	CP
Napoleonville	86	CP
Natchitoches	68	CP (spelling correction)
New Orleans	66	CP
Port Hudson	79	CP

The "Basschristian" submitted by Herb McNeal is actually "Pass Christian" Mississippi.

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