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## United States Post Office Department Registered Package Envelopes - Part 2

By Jim Kilbane, RMPL Board Member

Continued from the August - September issue of "Scribblings"...

In approximately 1890 this envelope was once again modified taking out the diagonal lines and changing the wording. However the patent date remained the same. Figure 6 shows the front of this envelope and Figure 7 shows the reverse with new instructions. This envelope was sent from Victor, Colorado to Eureka, Utah. It was sent on November 26, 1900 and received November 30. The envelope was routed by L M Edwards to Canon City, being received on November 27. Then to Denver on November 28. It was then received in Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah on November 29, it was then put on train 4 of the Salt Lake, Fairfield, & Silver City R.P.O. finally being received in Eureka by A. J. McMullen. This

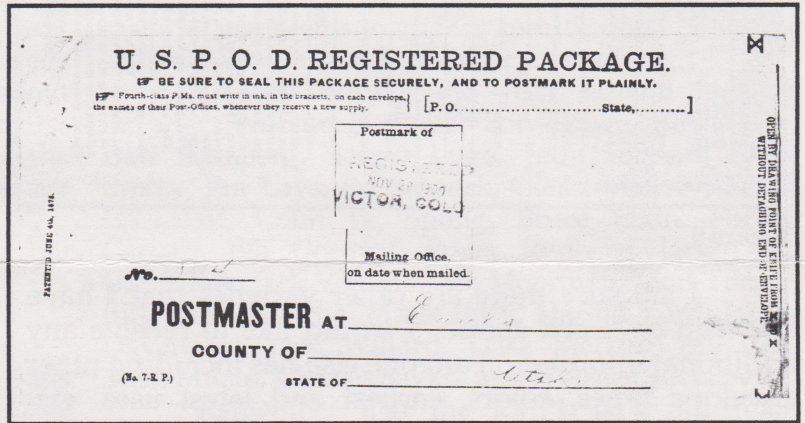


Figure 6

is just one example of the number of hands one of these envelopes would go through.

In about 1908 the envelope was changed again adding a box on the front for listing the contents and another for who checked the contents when received. The patent date was also removed. The reverse had a different set of instructions. These were labeled as INSTRUCTIONS while the previous envelopes were labeled as NEW INSTRUCTIONS. Figure 8 and Figure 9 shows this envelope. This envelope was sent from Ely, Nevada on July 30, 1908 and received at Eureka, Nevada on August 1, 1908.

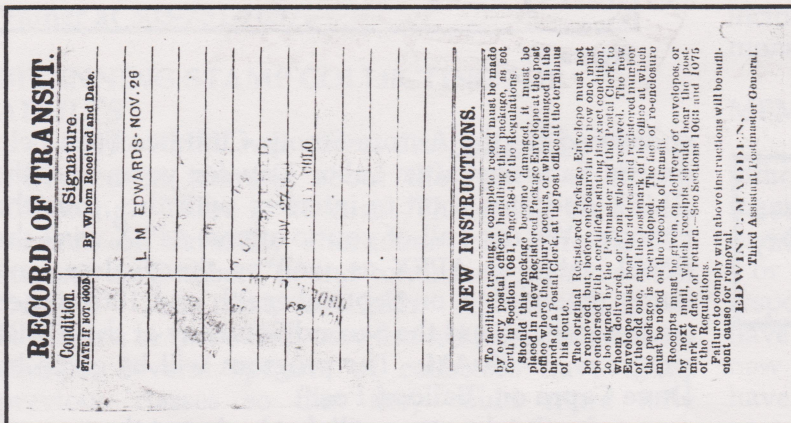


Figure 7

It was at this time, 1910, that the United States Postal Regulations stated that these envelopes were no longer to be used after July 1, 1911 or until a post office's supply of envelopes were used up.

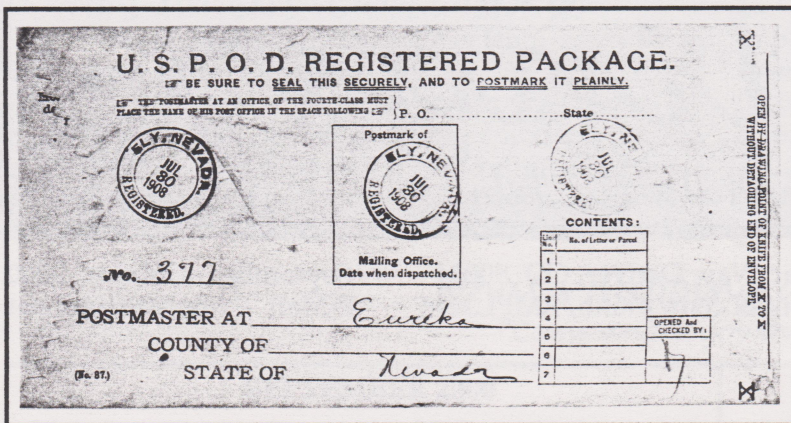


Figure 8

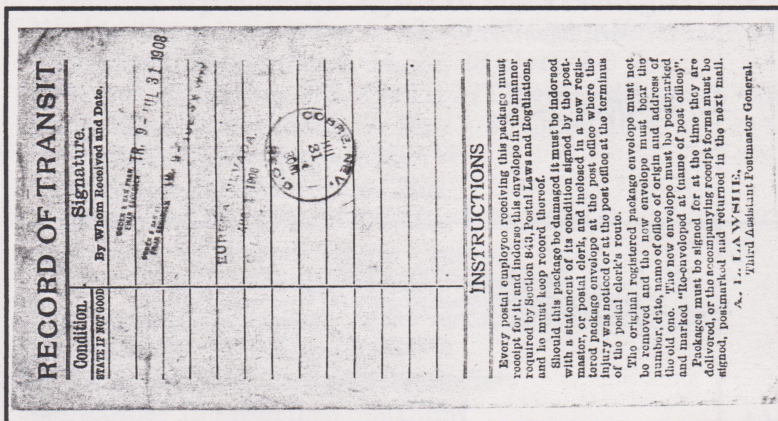


Figure 9

I am sure there are other varieties that I have not seen or heard about. I would like to receive any additional information anyone else has including other envelope types, colors, earliest and latest uses, etc. You can contact me at the RMPL, 2038 So Pontiac Way, Denver, CO 80224 or by e-mail at [aurora\\_80017@yahoo.com](mailto:aurora_80017@yahoo.com).

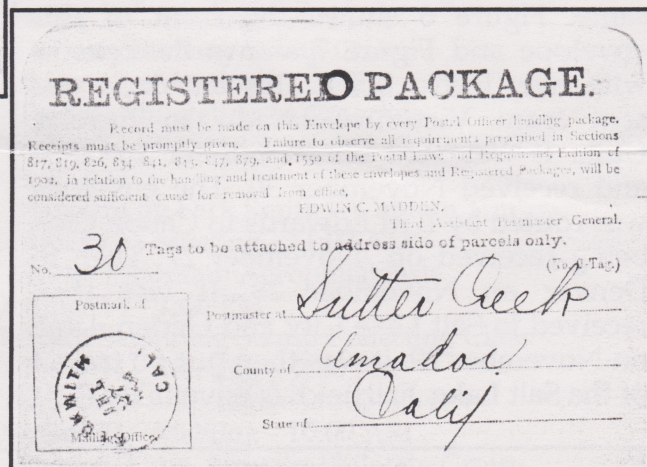


Figure 10

### News From the RMPL...

**RMPL CLOSED**

Please notice that the RMPL will be closed on September 4th because of the Labor Day holiday.

### SECOND SATURDAY at the RMPL

#### PROGRAM NOTE

The Second Saturday at the RMPL program for September will be given on Saturday, September 16th at 9:00 AM.

Now many of you will notice that this is not the second Saturday of the month. There is a reason for the change - APEX, the stamp show and bourse

Varieties of these envelopes occur. I have stated the major changes to the basic envelope. The registered mail was administered under the Third Assistant Post Master General, each envelope from 1872 on had the name of the Third Assistant Post Master General. For example the current Third Assistant Post Master General in 1872 was E. W. Barber and in 1908 was A. L. Lawshe.

Another variety I have found is the size of the envelopes. Figure 10 shows a small envelope measuring 5 3/4 inches long by 3 1/2 inches tall. This smaller envelope was tied around a package of registered envelopes. Another size is a larger size measuring 11 3/4 inches long by 6 1/4 inches tall.

Of course there are many different cancels, toutings and receiving marks. Other varieties include envelopes used by different U.S. Departments such as the Department of the Interior.

sponsored by the Aurora Stamp Club has been held on the Saturday after Labor Day for years and the RMPL does not want to interfere with this, thus the change. We urge all of you to attend APEX, visit the RMPL table at APEX as well as the dealers, and study the exhibits on September 9th and 10th. Then on the 16th, attend the Second Saturday at the RMPL program -- 9:00 AM. The program will be given by Dave Capra on "Balloon Post".

In October we will be back on the normal schedule and the Second Saturday at the RMPL will be on October 14th - 9:00 AM. Dick Smith will give a program on "Captain Tim".

We urge you to attend and bring a philatelic friend. As usual the coffee pot will be on and in all probability the "donut fairy" will arrive.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRICING STAMPS!!**

*by Bill Dunn*

Want to have some real fun? Want to actually play with stamps? Have we got an opportunity for you!!

As you know, the RMPL has had numerous collections of stamps donated to us for re-sale. These stamps may consist of accumulated mixtures, small glassines with stamps, stocksheets of duplicates, and entire collections in multiple albums.

Norm Camara and Bill Dunn (and some others) sort these into categories, ranging from minimum catalog values, which go into our "Nickel books", others up to \$2 are put into our "Price as marked" books, and higher values are made into Silent Auction lots.

**Stamps are arriving more rapidly that can be catalogued and priced. Two or more volunteers are needed to help price these accumulations, using current catalogues.**

Please help us get caught up on cataloging! You will enjoy seeing the stamps that we have been given and you might even find some stamps for your own collection. This is a good way to learn about stamp values and which stamps have real worth.

Call the RMPL and talk to Norm, Bill, or the Volunteer on duty. We will arrange any times that are convenient to you.

It is a lot of fun and it will really help the library!

## **RMPL KIDS STAMP CLUB**

After a Summer vacation, the RMPL Kids Stamp Club will start again on Saturday, September 16th at 1:00 PM. They are looking for new members and all children interested in stamps are invited to participate. Interested adults are invited to help with the group, also. If you have questions call Felice Vainer at 303-751-7657.

## **BEGINNING STAMP COLLECTING FOR ADULTS**

The RMPL will offer a class for adults who are interested in learning about the hobby of Stamp Collecting. There is no cost. There will be 4 class sessions on Saturday afternoons 1:00 PM-4:00 PM starting on October 7th and continuing for the rest of October - 14th, 21st, and 28th. Again, this is for beginners, or those with very limited knowledge about stamps. Several spouses of collectors have taken previous classes so that they could more fully appreciate their mate's hobby. If you are interested, please call the RMPL at 303-759-9921 to get your name on the class list. We will call to remind you prior to the 1st session. The size of the class will be limited to about 10 participants.

## **A SPECIAL DONATION**

The RMPL was most pleased to receive a substantial monetary donation from Bill and Jean Vincent Rapp. They requested that the money be applied toward paying off the mortgage on the building and this was done. What makes a donation like this extra special is that by prepaying on the mortgage, there is a savings on the over-all interest thus making the donation even larger. We thank them most sincerely. The Board feels that support such as this is a vote of confidence and that we must be doing something right.

## **DONATIONS CONTINUE**

The RMPL continues to receive donations of material and money from all over the world. We are most appreciative and continue to be amazed at the quality and quantity of donations. When we first started we hoped that the contributions would help to build the collection and we are so pleased with your response. We try to respond to each donation with a letter, but there are some occasions where material just seems to appear and we don't know the source. We thank each and every one of you.

Donors during the past several months include: William H. Bauer Bob Brown, Bob Wolfe, Dan Steinberg, Sergio Lugo, Jeff Modesitt, Dave Ripley, Jim Lays, Ed Schenck, Glenn Mallory, Eddie Hackstaff, Colin W. Spong, Bruce Elkin, Forrest Carhart, Bill Gorman, Roger Rydberg, Jack Dear, UPSS, Rev. Jack Van Ens, Jim Moorman, Mort Turner, BIA, Tim Bartsche, Marie Bock, Harold Lord, James Davenport, Jack Willard, Dasa Metzler, Bill Cox, Mike Milam, Charles Sayko, and Webster Stickney.

Remember that the RMPL is a 501 (c)(3) public charity and donations may be deducible from your taxes at the fair market value of the items. We continue to be interested in donations of all types of philatelic literature and other philatelic material including equipment and collections as well as monetary contributions.

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Many of you will receive a First Notice indicating that it is time to renew your RMPL membership. Others who did not respond to a previous First Notice will be receiving a Second Notice - or even a Third Notice. We hope that you will respond promptly and generously. Members who have recently renewed their membership should find a new RMPL Membership Card in this mailing. If you have any questions relative to membership, please contact our Membership Chairman, Roger Rydberg, at the RMPL -- 303-759-9921. Roger works the 5-8 shift on Thursdays.

New members during the past two months include:

Eugene Goorman Byron Mitchell Dan Steinberg

## FEATURE ARTICLES FOR SCRIBBLINGS

We assume that you find the feature articles in Scribblings as interesting as we do. All of us at the RMPL feel that so much can be learned about the hobby from others who have studied and specialized in a particular area. We will try to continue to have a feature article in each issue of the Scribblings, but we need your help. There are many RMPL members, and

non-members, in our local area who are quite "expert" in philatelic areas of study and we would like to have them do a short feature article for use in a future Scribblings. If you would like to volunteer, or know of a person whom we should contact for a feature article, please contact the Scribblings Editor, Don Beuthel. We welcome your suggestions.

### *...What's Happening at the RMPL...*

*"Come and enjoy the activities"*

#### SEPTEMBER 2000

Mondays: September 11, 18, 25 Open 10-4  
Tuesdays: September 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 10-4  
Wednesdays: September 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4  
Thursdays: September 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 2-8  
Fridays: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 10-4  
Saturdays: September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4  
September 2 - Meeting - 9:30 AM  
Scandinavian Collectors Club  
September 4 - **RMPL CLOSED** - Labor Day  
September 6 - Aurora Stamp Club  
6:30 Trading 7:30 Meeting and Program  
September 7 - Meeting - 7:00 PM - RMPL Board  
September 9 - Meeting - 2:00 PM  
Universal Ship Cancellation Society  
September 13 - Meeting - 7:00 PM  
Denver Germany Stamp Club  
September 14 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Topical Philatelists In Colorado  
September 16 - Second Saturday at the RMPL  
9:00 AM - Program by Dave Capra  
"Balloon Post"  
September 16 - Meeting - 10:00 AM  
Mexico/Latin America Philately Group  
September 16 - Meeting - 1:00 PM RMPL  
Kid's Stamp Club  
September 23 - Meeting - 2:00 PM  
China Stamp Society  
September 26 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
ROMPEX Committee

#### OCTOBER 2000

Mondays: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4  
Tuesdays: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 10-4  
Wednesdays: October 4, 11, 18, 25, Open 10-4  
Thursdays: October 5, 12, 19, 26 Open 2-8  
Fridays: October 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4  
Saturdays: October 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4  
October 4 - Aurora Stamp Club  
6:30 Trading 7:30 Meeting and Program  
October 7 - Meeting - 9:30 AM  
Scandinavian Collectors Club  
October 7 - 1:00 PM  
Adult Beginning Stamp Collecting Class  
October 11 - Meeting - 7:00 PM  
Denver Germany Stamp Club  
October 12 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Topical Philatelists In Colorado  
October 14 - Second Saturday at the RMPL  
9:00 AM  
Program by Dick Smith - "Captain Tim"  
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Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists  
October 14 - 1:00 PM  
Adult Beginning Stamp Collecting Class  
October 14 - Meeting - 2:00 PM  
Universal Ship Cancellation Society  
October 21 - Meeting - 10:00 AM  
Mexico/Latin America Philately Group  
October 21 - 1:00 PM  
Adult Beginning Stamp Collecting Class  
October 21 - Meeting - 1:00 PM RMPL  
Kids Stamp Club  
October 24 - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
ROMPEX Committee  
October 28 - 1:00 PM  
Adult Beginning Stamp Collecting Class  
October 28 - Meeting - 2:00 PM  
China Stamp Society

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