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By Sherri Soraci-Jennings  
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## Welcome Authors

Do you have a story to tell? About a great stamp, a great cover, a great collection, a great experience at the RMPL. Great. Let me know.

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Ronald Hill, Editor

## Collecting Colorado Postal History: Bent County *by Donald G. Beuthel*

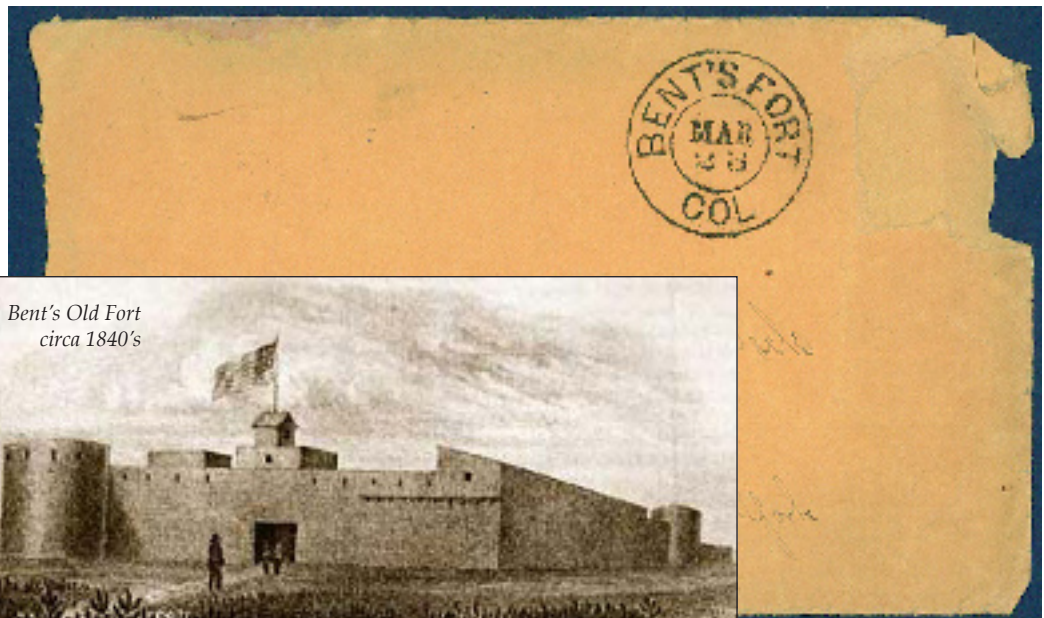


Figure 1

Bent's New Fort: PO est. 1863

About 1970, I had happily re-entered the world of philately as a world wide collector and had branched out into collecting and exhibiting topicals. I fell among evil companions who convinced me that anybody who was anybody in philately collected postal history - especially Colorado Postal History. I wasn't even too sure what postal history was, but they were eager to teach me.

Postal history does involve the stamps to a certain degree, but mostly it involves the study of post office locations, postal cancellations (including manuscript cancels and machine cancels) as well as any other markings on the cover and the contents of the cover. Some collectors even collect "incoming mail" and covers addressed to important people at the time of the letter. Often, the collector that focuses in on a very specific local area seeks to secure an example of each cancellation used within that area.

The study of postal history requires an interest in and study of the overall history of the local area collected. I have been interested in the history of Colorado since studying it in elementary school. These evil companions tried to impress me with the "flashy" mining camps of Colorado, and get me involved with those. I figured that there might be less competition for the locations on the prairies, generally east of I-25 and thus I started collecting those insignificant locations. I call them locations

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# Bent County, Colorado

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because often there wasn't a town where the post office was located. In many instances the post office might have been located in the tiny general store or a ranch house at a crossroad in the middle of nowhere, far from civilization. I soon learned that frequently mail from many of these locations was very scarce - and thus very expensive.

Having grown up in Las Animas, a small town on the eastern prairies of Colorado, it was natural that my greatest interest gravitated to the postal history of Bent County, where Las Animas was located.

Bent County is located in the southeastern part of Colorado and was named after Charles and William Bent, brothers who started a fort in the area in about 1830. The county was established by the territorial legislature on February 11, 1870 from areas in Huerfano County and what was called Indian

Reserve. It was a long narrow county extending from just east of Pueblo to the Kansas State line. On February 2, 1874 the legislature more than doubled the size of Bent County taking most of the land from what was Greenwood County. The boundaries on the east and west remained basically the same but it was the boundaries on the north and south that changed. (See maps, next page)

It was during the 1870 to 1889 time period that many communities located in the larger Bent Counties, and not normally thought of as being a "Bent County collectible", were established and therefore these need to be included in a collection of Bent County. In 1889 Bent County was reduced in size to the current boundaries with the creation of Lincoln, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Prowers, and Otero Counties.

My collection is generally divided into 3 sections - The pre-Bent County period (before 2/11/1870), the Larger Bent County period (before



Figure 2

*Ft Lyon PO est. 1862,*

*Later moved to new location and PO discontinued 1889.*

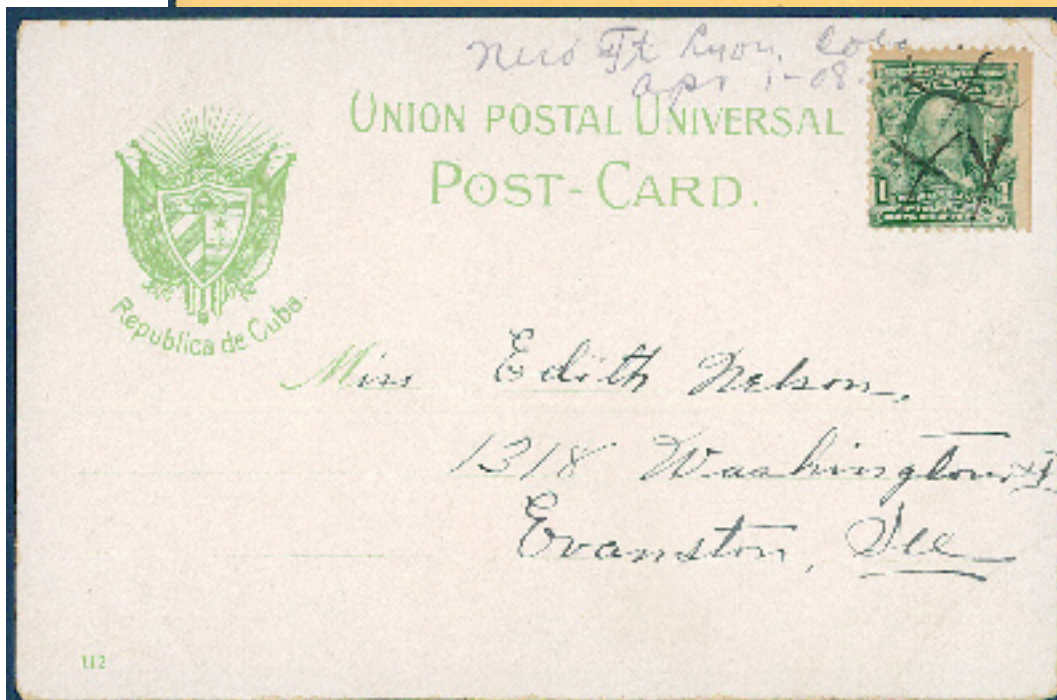


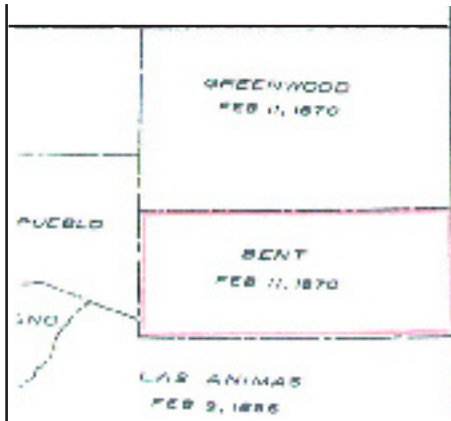
Figure 3

*New Ft Lyon PO reactivated 1906 as US Naval tuberculosis sanitorium. PO became independent in 1928 then finally discontinued in 2001*

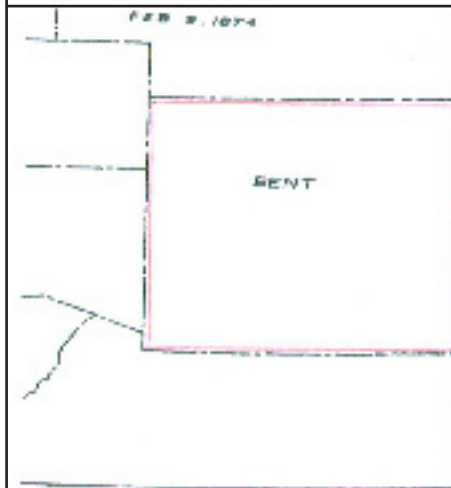
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# Bent County, Colorado

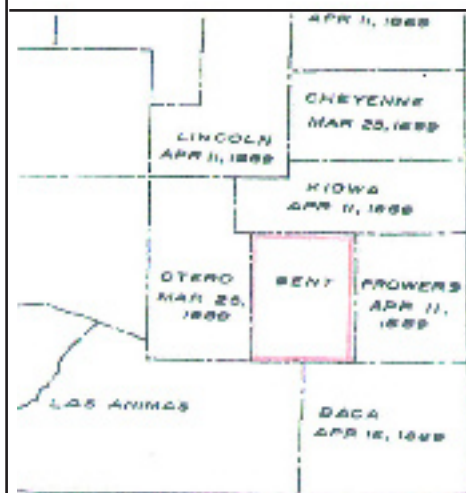
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Original Bent County boundaries - 1870



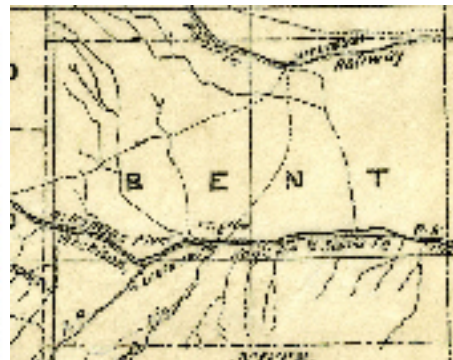
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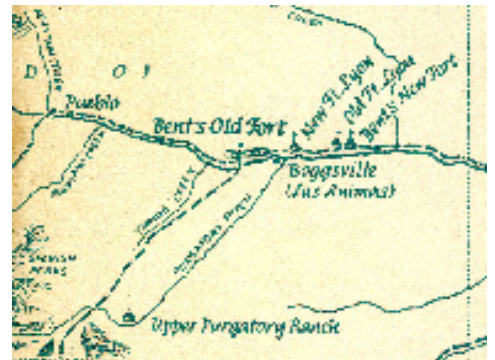
Present Bent County boundaries - since 1889

1889) and the present Bent County period. For the entire life of Bent County there have been 60 different post offices. Of those 60 there are 14 for which no postal markings are known and 5 where no postal markings are known during the time the post office was located within the boundaries of Bent County. As I indicated, mail from an area like Bent County was very limited. One reason is the number of residents. In 1900 the population for the entire county was 3, 049. Another reason was that due to the distances to and from these rural post offices, the "postal service" was minimal at best. There are over 150 different cancellations known to have been used in the life of Bent County. These range from the very rare to the very common.

One of the earliest known pieces of Colorado postal history involves a letter contained in a cover cancelled September 2, 1846 in Ft. Leavenworth. The dateline of the letter is, "Near Bent's Fort, 31 Jul 46." At this time there was no organized postal service and mail was carried back and forth by the early traders traveling the Santa Fe Trail and sometimes by military courier. This letter sold in a recent auction



Expanded Bent County - 1874



Early Features of Bent County

for \$7000. Unfortunately, I was not the buyer.

There were four post offices during the pre-territorial period (before 1861) - Bent's Fort, Fort Lyon, Kit Carson, and Fort Wise.

The Bent brothers abandoned the first location of the fort and moved about 45 miles down the Arkansas River to establish a new fort. An official post office was established there June 4, 1863.

The cover shown in Figure 1 is listed in David L. Jarrett's book, "Colorado Territorial Postmarks," as the earliest known use of this canceling device. Even without a stamp it is a desirable piece.

The previous name for Fort Lyon was Fort Wise. To my knowledge there is only one known example of a Fort Wise cancellation and unfortunately that is not in my collection. There have been several locations for Fort Lyon. The first location was near Bent's second fort on the Arkansas River. The post office for Fort Lyon was established August 2, 1862 and discontinued December 26, 1889. The cover shown in Figure 2 is one of the earliest known cancels for Fort Lyon.

Later, Fort Lyon was moved west to the present location, was abandoned, was reestablished and the post office had several other names (see Figure 3), until finally in about 1928 it became an independent post office again using the name Fort Lyon, only to be discontinued on September 28, 2001.

# Bent County, Colorado

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Figure 4

First Las Animas PO established 1871.

Note Rosita receiving mark and "advertised" mark indicating attempt to notify recipient.

A settlement grew nearby named Las Animas and it became the county seat. The first location of Las Animas was very near the new location for Fort Lyon but on the south side of the river. The post office there was established on April 4, 1871 (See Figure 4). When the railroad decided that it wasn't going to cross the Arkansas River to Las Animas, a new community was established where the railroad was located on the north side of the river and was called West Las Animas (See Figure 5). This new location grew rapidly and the post office at Las Animas was

discontinued June 8, 1883. Eventually the first site was abandoned and the West was dropped from the name to become the current Las Animas where the post office was established on September 4, 1886 and has been an active post office since.

Travel remained difficult and only a few of the extremely rural post office locations remained active (See Figure 6). With the advent of the Rural Free Delivery (RFD) system some of the post offices in these locations were no longer necessary. (Note spelling error in town name - Figure 7).

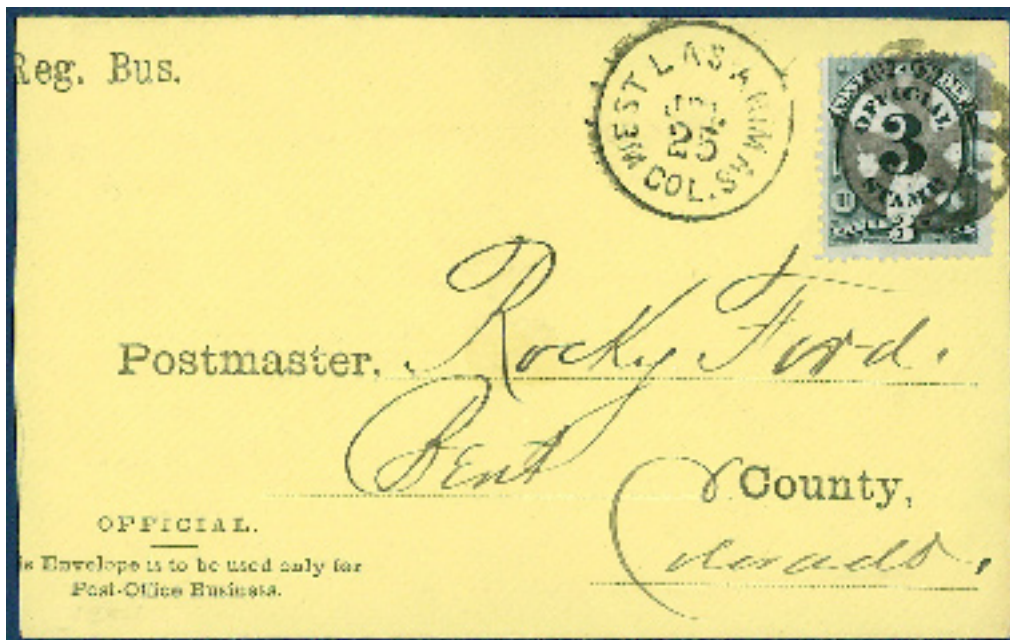


Figure 5

West Las Animas PO established 1873. Date of cover not known but 3c rate indicates that it was before 1883.

PO discontinued in 1886.

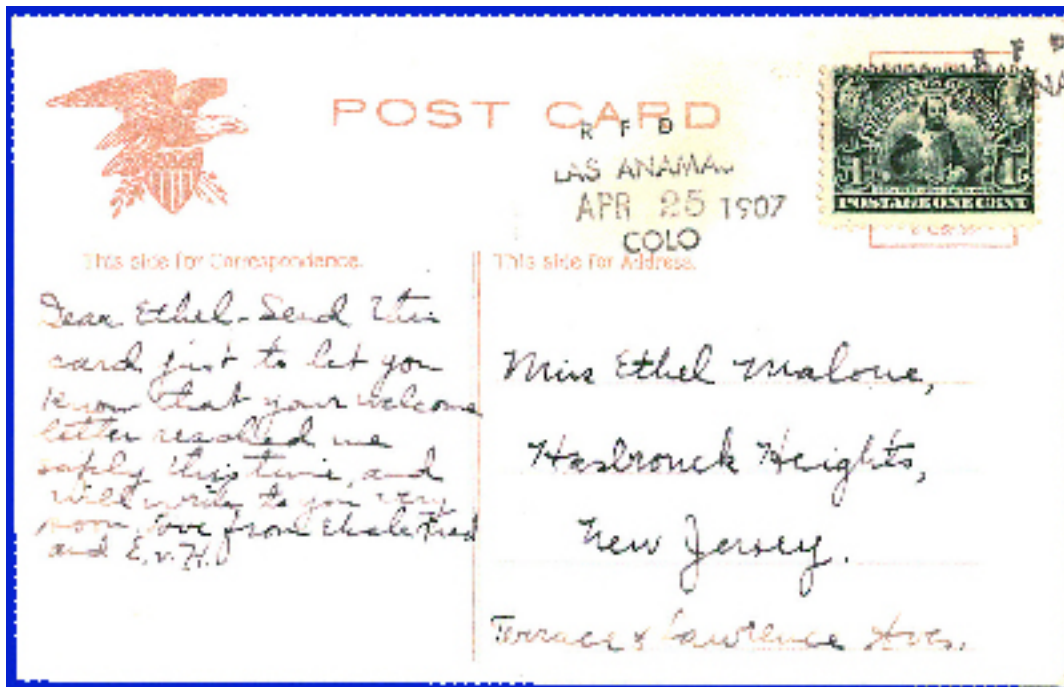


Figure 7  
(Roger Rydberg collection)

Currently in Bent County there are only three active post offices - Las Animas, McClave, and Hasty. The lack of a large number of active post offices does not lower the interest because there are always new "old" items showing up as well as new canceling devices being used.

Remember, the cancellation applied to a letter today is tomorrow's postal history (Figure. 8).



Figure 8

Hasty PO established 1910 and still active today. One of only three remaining in Bent County.



Figure 6

Rule, Colorado was a small rural post office in Bent County, located about 8 miles east of Opal and just north of the county line about due south of Las Animas. Its PO was established on March 12, 1909, and discontinued June 30, 1921. The above cancel is the earliest known example listed.

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**GHOST TOWN MAIL  
SUBJECT OF RMPL BOOK  
ON COLORADO POSTAL HISTORY**

*By Ron Mitchell*

Edward Genter sarcastically called the train that was supposed to bring mail to his 4th class post office “The Marble Flyer.” When it was working, it rumbled its way south from Carbondale, up the Crystal River Valley, to Marble. It was a far cry from the “fast mail” image most Americans had of the Railway Mail Service (RMS). Genter’s

a book on Colorado postal history.

Jack Willard and Sergio Lugo have written *Camp Genter: Colorado Ghost Town Mail, Origins and Operations of a 4th Class Post Office*.

Camp Genter was a coal mining town well-served by a mail carrier in an automobile until the USPO saw a way to save money and decided to give a Railway Mail Service contract to the operators of the train. Edward Genter and the 70 other postal patrons on the route would have to go to Carbondale or Marble to get their mail, and, of course, that didn’t set well with them.

In order to receive mail delivery at his camp, Genter applied for and was assigned a 4th class post office. The paper trail of documents and letters vividly show his clashes with the RMS and USPO. They also show Edward Genter’s personality of humor and biting sarcasm as he tried to solve his problems through the bureaucracy in Washington, D.C. and through local officials.

An important aspect of the book is its attention to the operations of a 4th class post office in the 1920s. Such information is sparse, but what there is has been pulled together to give the reader insight into what was expected of a postmaster at a 4th class office.



*Photo by Morrison A. Smith, John W. Maxvedll collection*

*The Marble Flyer, as Edward Genter called it, was still running in 1941 as it chugged through the grade crossing at the abandoned Camp Genter coal mine operation.*

trials and tribulations with the RMS and United States Post Office (USPO) 80 years ago are documented in papers and letters discovered by one of the RMPL’s founders, Jack Willard, in the basement of an old building that housed the Post Office in Carbondale.

Jack and members of a Public Service Company crew were in Carbondale in the summer of 1958 to survey and build a power line to a coal mine a few miles away. One rainy day when they couldn’t work, they ventured into the basement of the building where Public Service had an office. There, Jack found a box, long forgotten, with what has become known as The Camp Genter Papers. Those papers are now the basis of



*Denver Public Library, Western History Collection*

*Camp Genter about 1925. Chair Mountain, in the background, is a familiar landmark in the Crystal River Valley.*



John H. Willard, RMPL Collection

A ghost town in the Crystal River Valley in 1958, photographed by Jack Willard. A number of Jack's spectacular pictures are in the Camp Genter Book.

The Camp Genter book has been in the planning stages for at least a decade. When Jack Willard gave the library all of the papers the Board knew it would be a challenge and an opportunity to publish something on our own.

Four years ago, a Publications Committee was formed and things began to move more quickly. But alas, as is no doubt the case with many volunteer projects of this magnitude, there were many starts and spurts.

Thanks to Jack and Sergio and many others, we finally have our first book, and we are very proud of it. We hope there will be many more in future years.

It is certainly hoped that not all postmasters went through the troubles Edward Genter encountered.

There are more than three dozen photos in the book, many of them taken by Jack in 1958, and many of them from various archives, including the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library and books published by Dell McCoy at Sundance Publications.

The book was printed on 90 pound glossy paper. The pages are in full color, including reproductions of 30 of the documents and letters.

Anyone who appreciates the beauty of Colorado's mountains, or has an interest in the operations of the Railway Mail Service or the United States Post Office in the 1920s, or who loves a good David versus Goliath tale, will want to own this book.

**CAMP GENTER:  
COLORADO GHOST TOWN MAIL  
Origins and Operations  
of a 4th Class Post Office**

by John H. Willard & Sergio Lugo

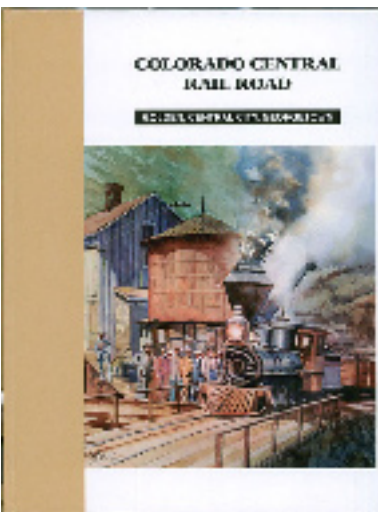
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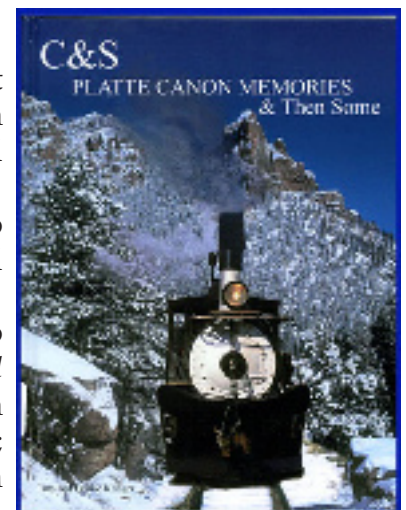


## Rails and Mail in Colorado

Many of our readers and members may not be aware of the extensive collection of Western History books in the library. Postal history and western railroad history often go hand in hand.

A number of our library volunteers also volunteer at the Colorado Railroad Museum and other historical organizations in the state.

Here are two new books recently added to the RMPL library shelves: *Colorado Central Rail Road, Golden, Central City, Georgetown*, by Dan Abbott, Dell A. McCoy and Robert W. McLeod; *C&S Platte Cañon Memories & Then Some*, by Tom Klinger.



## Youth Director Don Dhonau's Class on Philately Visits The Library

On January 17, 2008, the RMPL played host to a group of youngsters in grade 8 who have been studying the hobby under the teaching of Don Dhonau, RMPL Youth Program Director. The class was the result of an initial contact by RMPL volunteer Sergio Lugo to the principal of Annunciation

Roman Catholic School. Don and one of the school's teachers, Rich Steck, arranged an "elective" course that students could attend at the school.

Don travels to Annunciation in the Cole area of Denver every Tuesday to spend one hour with the students between 2 pm and 3 pm reviewing the world of stamps.

At the end of one class, the school and the library agreed to a field trip to the RMPL. A number of the students asked Sr. Jean to renew the course.

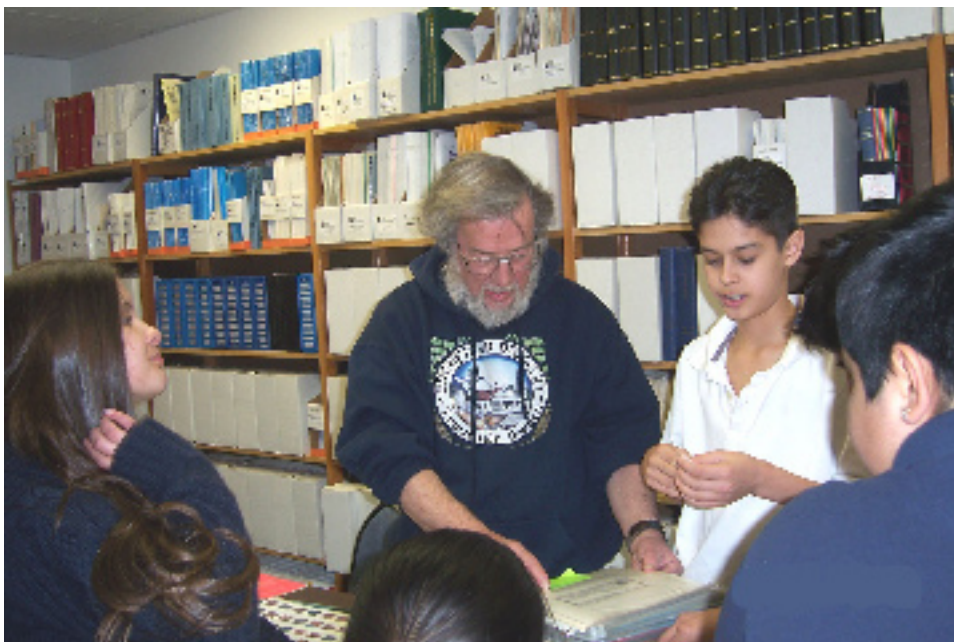
All of the present students enrolled again to learn more about stamps and philately as well as talking to many of their friends into taking the class. Word from the students was

that they thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the library – they couldn't believe all the stamps, all the books on stamp collecting, the maps that helped to explore the world, the western and railroad history sections of the library, and the friendliness of the volunteers at the library. They expressed to Don their interest in returning again at some future date.

The RMPL also wishes to extend a sincere thanks to Don Dhonau for a job well done.



*Busy students looking in wonder at the Library's many stamp albums and books.*



*Don Dhonau, RMPL Youth Director, showing the Annunciation students around the RMPL library.*



# TMPS Gift to the RMPL by Sergio Lugo

The night of February 12, 2008 proved extraordinarily benevolent to the RMPL as its Board members assembled at the Collector's Club meeting. Known solely to Greg Frantz, the RMPL was being given a gift in excess of "25 cents" in the words of one member of the Board.

Greg was the President pro tem of the Trans Mississippi Philatelic Society, a long and distinguished philatelic society of the Midwest, which had decided to close its doors in its 74th year. An unusual organization, the TMPS had come into existence in the 1930s to address the societal needs of local Midwest stamp clubs which were too far afield from the APS and the Society of Philatelic Americans (SPA) to really benefit from the services, programs and activities of those two organizations. Following its establishment the TMPS grew to nearly 5,000 members and 60 active stamp clubs in the 1970s before beginning a long decline in the early 1980s that proved terminal in 2007, when the remaining membership proved unable to sustain the ongoing TMPS activities - particularly its newsletter.

The TMPS had a significant amount of remaining funds which had been collected for the benefit of promoting philately and its officers decided to disperse the money three ways. It was divided among the remaining club affiliates, the remaining membership and to philatelic libraries. This was particularly befitting in the case of the RMPL because of (1) the number of members who had been TMPS members (including - to name a few - Greg Frantz, past TMPS President Jim Kilbane, past TMPS Directors Jack Willard and William Rapp, and members Jim



Ozment and Sergio Lugo) and (2) the work of Sergio Lugo, Roger Rydberg, Jeff Modesitt and Jim Kilbane in helping produce a 74th memorial edition of the *TransMissippian*, consisting of articles gleaned from the Society's newsletter and publication from the prior 74 years. A copy of the hardback book produced by Greg Frantz, for the occasion of the TMPS final meeting on February 21, 2008 was provided to the library.

Greg and the TMPS surprised the library with a gift that amounted to 16,000 quarters (or \$4,000). Needless to say, the RMPL Board members were taken aback by the presentation of the gift. Final closure of the TMPS books may hold another gift to the Library, but that will not be known for several weeks. In any case, President Ron Mitchell accepted the TMPS' gift and extended the RMPL Board's sincerest gratitude and thanks to President Greg Frantz and the TMPS.

## RMPL Writers Write, 2008

A number of RMPL members and volunteers have written articles in recent philatelic magazines and journals. We will begin listing here any articles published by our members in the philatelic press starting with the beginning of 2008. The following are a few that we know about. Please let us know of any others which will be included in future issues of *Scribblings*.

### David Shaw:

JANUARY 2008, Japan Commemorates Jean Sibelius Anniversary; *Filatelista, Philatelica Fennica (Finland)*  
MARCH 2008, Mysterious Conductor on a Japanese Stamp *American Philatelist*  
MARCH 2008, Belgium and Japan Commemorate Anniversaries of Grieg and Sibelius; *Journal of Fine and Performing Arts Philately*.

### Ronald Hill:

FEBRUARY 2008, China-Tasmania Cover *Australian Stamps Professional*  
APRIL 2008, The Curie Issue for France and Colonies; *The Informer, Journal of the Australasian Specialists/Oceania*.



Figure 1

## A Favorite Cover

Or, How To Enjoy Stamp Collecting With Just One Cover *by Ronald Hill*

Now here is one cover that could be a complete collection in itself without investing a lot of money and endless searching.

It is a classic bit of Chinese and Tasmanian postal history all in one. One-stop shopping it is. No need to go further to satisfy the needs of a new collection.

Looking at the cover and starting at the top right hand corner on the reverse side (Figure 1) you find a nice airmail stamp (Scott C53) showing a DC-4 flying over the mausoleum of Sun Yat Sen in Nanking, issued September 10, 1946.

Counterclockwise (to the left) from that stamp you have a set of four stamps honoring the anniversaries of Retrocession Day, the day that Japan gave the island of Formosa back to China. The two stamps with the map were issued on the second anniversary date, 25 October, 1947. The other two were not issued until 28 April, 1948, sort of a third anniversary issue, and show the Memorial Hall of Dr. Sun Yat Sen in Taipei. These four stamps are Scott 762, 763 and 786, 787.

Now if you topical collectors are paying attention you will notice that these first five stamps mentioned have maps on stamps (Cartophilately), flags on stamps, and aircraft on stamps.

Moving on. Still on the same side, the second row is a set of four stamps honoring Confucius. The 500 yuan stamp (red) showing Confucius himself was hurried into production and printed offset so it could be issued on Confucius' birthday August 27, 1947. The other three also honoring Confucius' birthday were not issued until October 17 the same year and were intaglio printed in Shanghai. These four stamps (Scott 741, 742, 743, 744) also show the tomb of Confucius, his lecture school and temple.

The next row of five stamps was issued on 16 December, 1947 to honor the 50th anniversary of the Chinese Postal Administration and the establishment of the Director General of Post. These stamps illustrate methods of conveying mail over the years. From delivery on foot by courier, to mail trucks, steam ships, steam locomotive trains, sailing ships and airplanes. Topicalists note: here are motor vehicles, ships, aircraft and (another) map-on stamps. (Scott 776, 777, 778, 779, 780).

At the bottom left of the Figure 1 and the top left of the front view (Figure 2), there are two green stamps that at first glance look the same. They are not. They were both issued May 19, 1948 at the Postal Day Stamp Exhibition in Shanghai. The difference is that the one is Scott 785 (perforated) and the

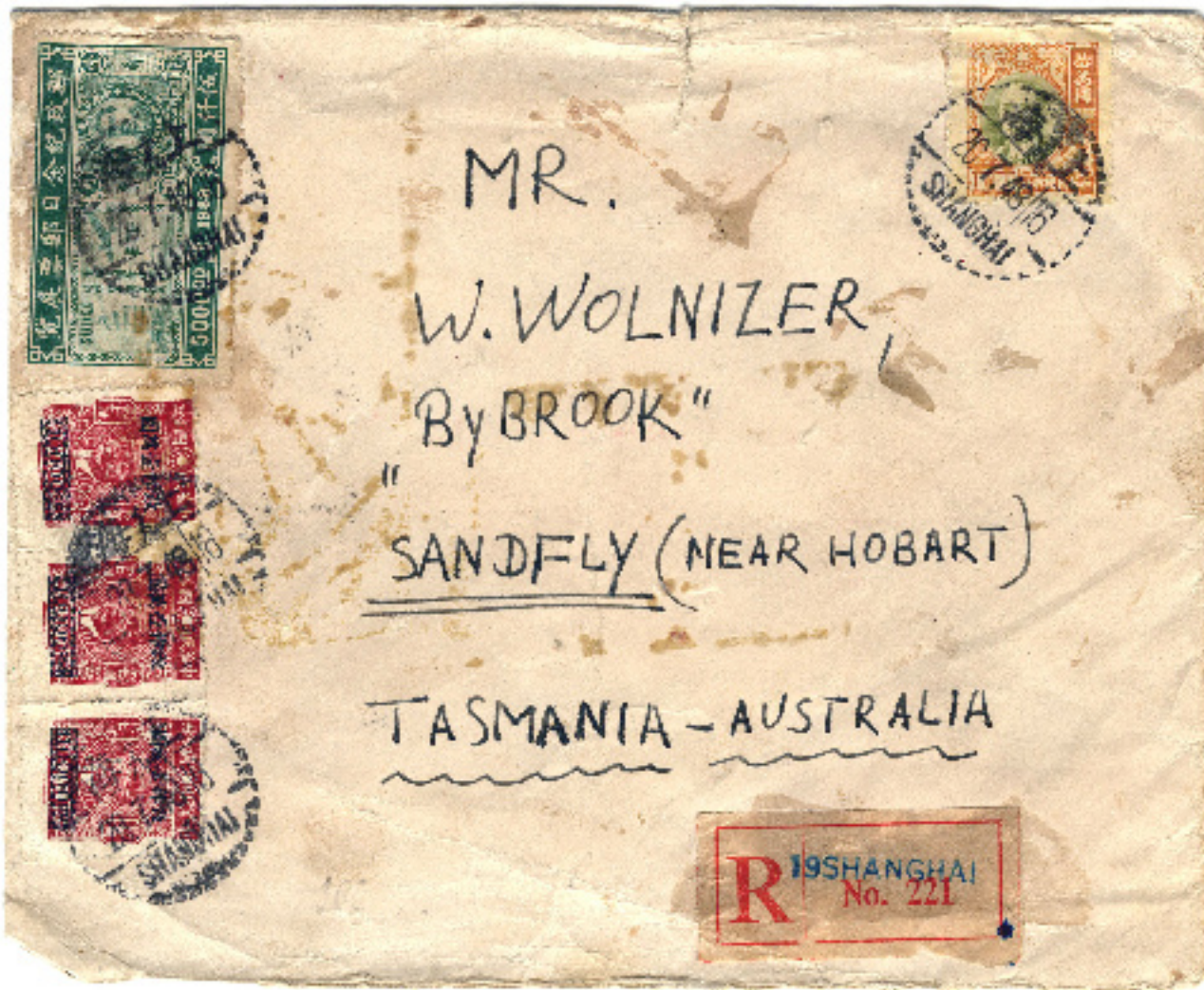


Figure 2

other is imperforate and does not carry a Scott number. Scott, however, does list an imperforate pair as 785a. Now here is another interesting point, they both include stamps on stamps, two stamp illustrations, one an image of the Scott 780 stamp also on this same cover, (with the ship and airplane) and an earlier 10c 1912 stamp (Scott 183).

Now moving on to the remaining two stamps (Figure 2). The two-color \$100,000 (yuan) Dr. Sun Yat Sen with Plum-Blossoms issue in the standard upper right position of the cover is Scott 758 issued March 31 1948.

And in the lower left is a strip-of-three Scott 625 stamps with inflation-based overprints. This overprint is identified as the First Union "Long Box" Surcharge. It is difficult to confirm the exact Scott number for the overprints, but they are clearly identified in Ma's Illustrated Catalogue of the Stamps of China with Ma's catalog number #1198. Not your Mom's, but rather the distinguished author of the catalog, Ma Ren Chuen. This fine book is found on the shelves of the RMPL as well as dozens of other books and catalogs on stamps of China.

Still to be found by intrepid researchers among you Tasmania readers and collectors is what was "ByBrook" and perhaps, who was Wolnizer. Today Sandfly is only a hop, skip and jump out of Hobart on the Southern Outlet and the A6 (just beyond Kingston). But in the olden days (1948) it was reached by either the Channel Highway through Kingston and Margate, or down

the Huon Road south of Fern Tree. A bit of a remote venue those days.

Sandfly had a post office since the late 19th century (and did not close until December 12, 1981) so why wasn't there a receiving mark on the cover before it was delivered to W. Wolnizer? But it does have a nice CDS REGISTERED HOBART mark on the reverse side.

You other Yanks, bear with me on this, but some of our RMPL collectors are also members of the Society of Australian Specialists/Oceania which will be holding their annual meeting this year at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show. And a few of us have actually been to Tasmania and are also members of the Tasmanian Philatelic Society.

And for you Sinophiles, (or Sino-Philatophiles?) perhaps you know something about Moebius? Perhaps a Moebius Strip, Moebius Syndrome, or the location of the East Seward Road?

Still other unresolved issues are the Registered label that is marked 19SHANGHAI not just SHANGHAI? And it entered Aussie territory at Melbourne as indicated by the Parcel Post Customs mark #4 (whatever that means?) But those questions are for future research. I think I will put my cover away now, before I get completely distracted.

(Editor Hill)



# Historic APS Meeting in Denver, 1948



This wonderful photo was taken on the west steps of the State Capitol 60 years ago, in September, 1948, during the American Philatelic Society's annual convention. It provides proof that the stamp collectors of today are standing on the shoulders of the giants of the hobby of yesteryear.

No. 1 is Donald Lyberger, the president of the APS and the man responsible for the creation of a central office for the society in State College, PA, in the mid-1940s. He, then, is the father of the modern APS as we know it.

Before there was a central office, the APS "headquarters" and official address was in Denver at the home of No. 2, H.A. "Doc" Davis. "Doc" was the executive secretary for the society from 1916 to 1945. No one else has ever held such a high position in the APS for so long a time.

"Doc" Davis and one of the RMPL's founders, Jack Willard, went to the annual society convention in Chicago in 1946 to ask the delegates to meet in Denver in '48, and the exhibition that resulted is the forerunner of today's Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (ROMPEX). Those who worked hard to create the first ROMPEX in 1950 included No. 3, Verner C. Carlson, No. 12, Carl A. Johnsen, and No. 19, Dan Stone, a popular local stamp dealer. Tony Cifca, another local dealer and charter member of ROMPEX, donated this picture to the RMPL through his widow, Cecil.

## First Row:

1. Donald F. Lybarger, APS President, Ohio
2. Holland A. "Doc" Davis

## Second Row:

3. Verner C. Carlson
4. Maitland Milliken
5. Louis Casler
6. Dr. Fritz Rosenberg
7. Mr & Mrs. Walter Brink, Wisconsin
8. Sam Schlesinger

## Fourth Row:

9. Charles Scheuerman
10. Jack Bradbury
11. Oliver Overman
12. Carl Johnsen
13. Mike Garretson

## Fifth Row:

14. Christian Wissing
15. C. D. Root
16. Bill Gobel
17. John Kringel
18. Mrs. A. E. Pade

## Sixth Row:

19. Daniel A. Stone

## WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELVES?

### UNITED STATES

*Shift Hunter Letters, US Revenue, Originated by C. W. Bedford,  
Compiled by George Block, 1983*

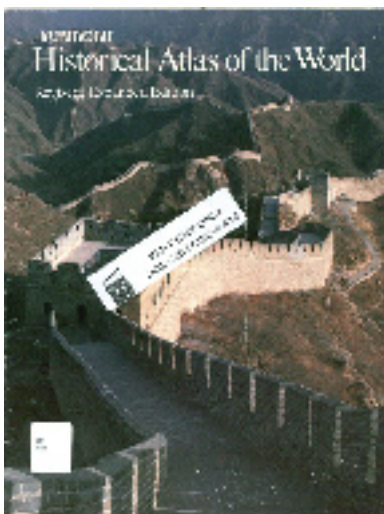
*The Best of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society 1934 – 2008*



*United States Multiple Advertising and Discount Postal Cards, Edited  
by Bill Ralbery, 2007.*

*US Specialized Catalog of First Day Covers, by The Washington  
Press, 1947*

### WORLD



*Historical Atlas of the World, Revised and Expanded Edition,  
by Hammond, no date.*

*Fakes Forgeries Experts, No 8, 2008*

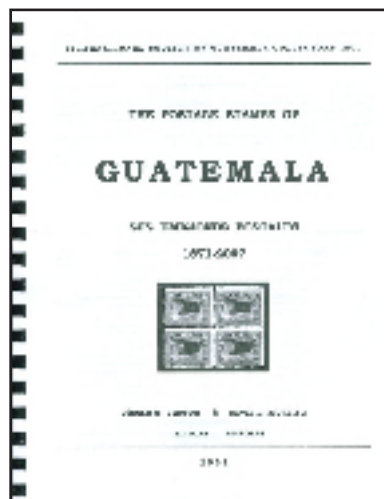
### ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

*Palestine / Israel Related U.S. Meter Mail, by Mark Vainer, 2007.*

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# Tasmania: Unusual Registered Mail *by David McNamee*

Registered mail makes for fascinating and colorful postal history collecting. As an extra-cost service, registered mail usually has high-value franking, multiple franking or both. Over the years, I have collected a number of unusual registered pieces from Tasmania.

There are two cases of abnormal use of Tasmanian registered postal stationery. Registered postal stationery has a printed embossed indicium that evidences prepayment of the registration fee (Figure 1). Postage is extra, depending upon destination. In the first case, the Postmaster of the village of Woodsdale sent a registered envelope (Figure 2) to the Money Order Office in Hobart 12 August 1905. Evidence is that it went through the registration process ("No. 1" in manuscript) and through the mail (postmark of Woodsdale on the front and Hobart receiving mark on the reverse). In 1905, official mail required postage – free franks were abolished effective 1 November 1902.

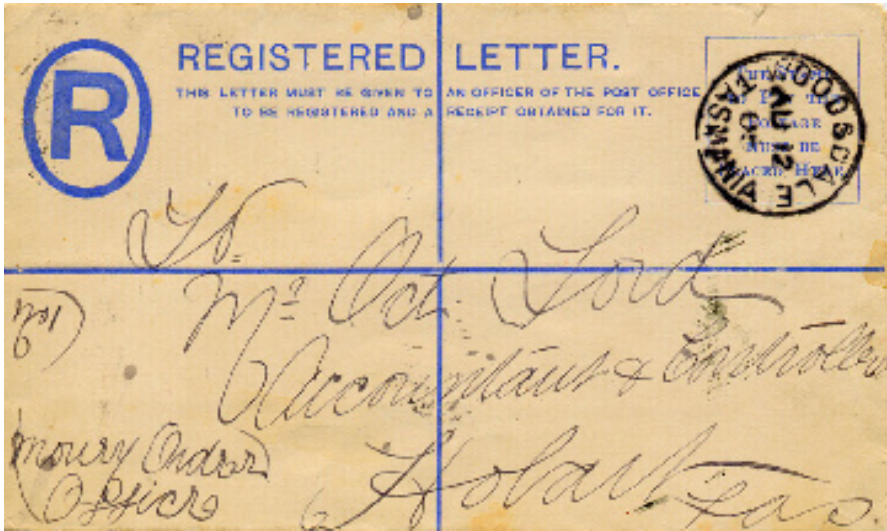


Figure 1  
REGISTERED Indicium

Figure 2 (left):  
Registered Letter passing through  
the mails without postage.

The second unusual case of registered postal stationery envelopes was one used by A. Kogel, a German sailor writing home to his girl friend. He used a Tasmanian registered envelope to carry his letter to Germany which he mailed aboard his ship, the S.M.S. Moewe. All of the registration markings were crossed out; however, the sailor still had to pay 3d to purchase the envelope. That use seems to be an unnecessarily costly way to send a letter. The envelope is franked with a German 10pf adhesive cancelled by KAIS. DEUTSCHE/ MARINE/ SCHIFFPOST 21 January 1901 arriving Erfurt 24 February 1901.

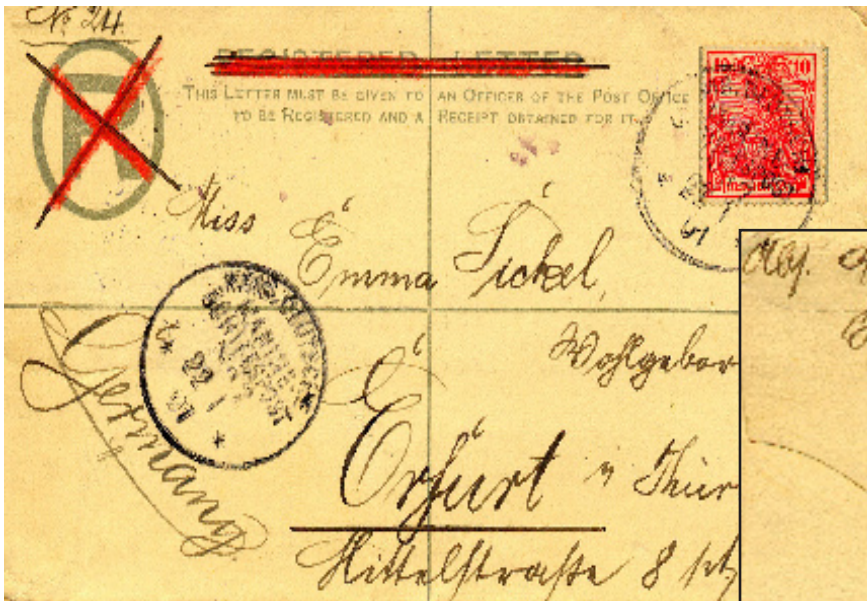


Figure 3 (left):  
Registered envelope used as plain  
stationery to send an unregistered letter

Figure 4 (below): Herr Vogel's return  
address on the reverse.





Registered printed matter is another unusual occurrence. Three instances of registered printed matter are recorded. The most important of the three is shown as Figure 5. It is important because the registration label is the latest recorded date of use of the Experimental Label in use 1908-1911.

Figure 5:  
23 June 1911 Hobart to Calgary, Canada (envelope open at both ends as a wrapper) 2d per ounce Printed Matter rate + 3d Registration Fee

The last unusual use of Tasmanian registered mail is the picture post card shown in Figure 6. There are two recorded registered postal cards, but this is the only registered picture postcard ever recorded.



Figure 6:  
8 September 1908 Launceston to Bosnia  
2 1/2d for UPU Foreign Letter rate + 3d Registration Fee  
(overpaid 3d)  
Manuscript "R 316" indicating registration

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<http://www.sasoceania.org>

The Society of Australasian Specialists was founded in July 1936 by a small group of collectors interested in Australasian philately. Today, the Society, now called SAS/Oceania, has many members, not only in the United States and Canada, but also in New Zealand, Australia, Great Britain, and other countries. Its purpose is the study and collection of philatelic material of the Pacific Ocean lands mainly south of the Tropic of Cancer. The area includes Australia, New Zealand, and the Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia (including Hawaii).

### Polonus Philatelic Society

<http://72.22.82.34/>

The Polonus Philatelic Society is the oldest and largest society in the US dedicated to the study and promotion of Polish philately. Polonus has been active in promoting all facets of Polish philately. Its membership has written a large number of articles on all aspects of Polish philately. The society was instrumental in promoting the issuance of several US commemorative stamps over the years.

### Civil Censorship Study Group

<http://www.postalcensorship.com/ccsg/>

Founded in 1972, the CCSG is an organization whose members have a specific interest in civil censored mail, some with a military interest, or censored mail of one country or another or mail passing through that country.

### Military Postal History Society

<http://www.militaryphs.org/home.html>

Founded in 1937, the Military Postal History Society today covers patriotics, POW mail, naval mail, field post offices, propaganda labels and leaflets, V-mail, military campaign covers, and similar related material.

## Local Organizations

Colorado Postal History Society

USS Colorado Chapter - USCS

Postmark Collectors Club - Colorado Chapter

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## DONATIONS

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following members have made donations to the library in the past two months. Thank you.

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We extend a warm welcome to those who have joined the library from February 5 to April 12, 2008..

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Collects Tasmania, Zululand, K.V.T.

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Youth member - home schooled.

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Collects worldwide

# STAMP SHOW NEWS

## In 1956 President Eisenhower Opened FIPEX in New York

A special commemorative  
2c postal card  
was released  
and President  
Eisenhower issued  
a statement at the  
opening of the FIPEX  
Show in the New York  
Coliseum,  
on April 28, 1956



*“Stamps of the world are powerful object lessons in the eternal hunger of men for knowledge and news about their fellow men. They are a pictorial history of all the arts and sciences and human progress since the earliest civilizations. But beyond this stimulus to the imagination of those who view it, the Exhibition will rouse in all those who see it a stronger will to work for a fuller and clearer knowledge of each other’s aspirations and purposes, displacing mutual ignorance and fears and to bring about a climate of peace and good will among the nations”.*

(excerpt)

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States

## Political Theme Featured at Stamp Show ROMPEX Offers 100th Anniversary Democratic Convention Souvenirs



The Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (aka ROMPEX) will offer souvenir note cards this year featuring historic scenes from the 1908 Democratic National Convention in Denver. There will also be souvenir cachets and special postmarks available at the show which opens May 16-17-18 at the Crowne Plaza DIA.



## SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Second Saturday programs are sponsored by the library and continue to attract a friendly group of folks who are interested in a specific subject or who are interested in learning more about an area of philately that may be new to them.

**The programs begin at 9:00 AM and are over by 10:00 AM.  
Donuts and coffee are complimentary and all are welcome.**

**MAY 10**

### *Watermark Detectors From Start to Finish* By Roger Cichorz

From petroleum distillates, chlorinated hydrocarbons, to Freon or water, what is best for you to use in detecting watermarks on stamps? Roger discusses the complete story of watermark detection including some modern high-tech devices such as the Morley-Bright and the Safe Signoscope

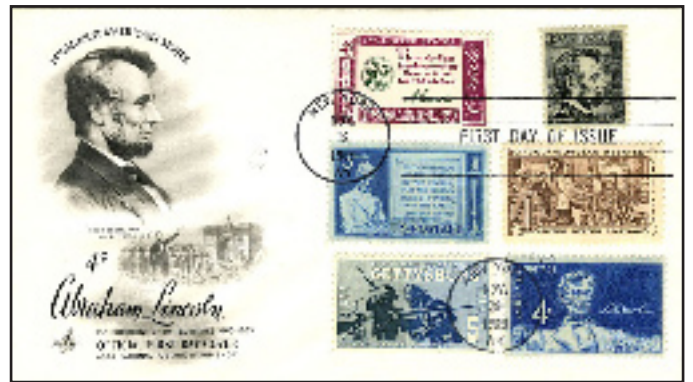


Optik-Electronic Watermark Detectors (shown here and available at the RMPL library).

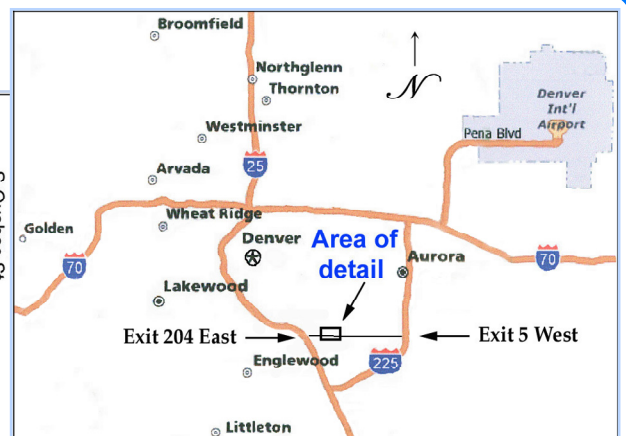
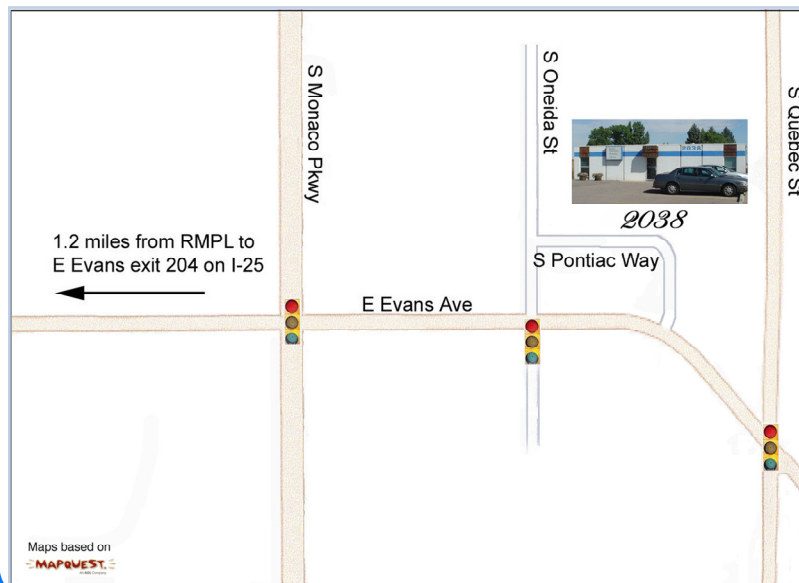
**JUNE 14**

### *"Honest Abe" Lincoln on Stamps* By Sherri Soraci-Jennings

Abraham Lincoln has appeared on more stamps worldwide than anyone else except, perhaps, Jesus. This talk will focus on some of these stamps, as well as campaign envelopes, advertising covers, and cachets. You're sure to see something you haven't ever seen before.



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### **MAY 2008**

**Note: TOPIC will meet at the RMSS**

**10:00am Saturday, May 17, 2008.**

**TOPIC will not meet during the summer.**

**May 7** - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club  
6:30 PM Trading; 7:30 PM Meeting &  
Program

**May 10** - 9:00 AM

**Second Saturday at the RMPL**

Program by Roger Cichorz  
"Watermark Detectors"

**May 10** - Meeting - 10:00 AM  
Mexico/Latin America Study Group

**May 10** - Meeting - 2:00 PM  
Universal Ship Cancellation Society  
U.S.S. Colorado Chapter

**May 11** - Meeting - 2:00 PM  
Machin Study Group  
(RMPL open Sunday for this meeting only)

**May 17** - Meeting - 1:00 PM  
Denver Germany Stamp Club

**May 17** - Metro Denver Young Stamp Collectors  
Club May 17, 2008 all day at the  
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show.

**May 24-26** - RMPL Closed-  
Memorial Day Weekend

**May 28** - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Israel Stamp Club

### **JUNE 2008**

**June 4** - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club  
6:30 PM Trading; 7:30 PM Meeting

**June 7** - Meeting 10:00 AM  
Scandinavian Collectors Club

**June 8** - Meeting - 2:00 PM  
Machin Study Group

(RMPL open Sunday for this meeting only)

**June 14** - 9:00 AM

**Second Saturday at the RMPL**

Program by Sherri Soraci-Jenning  
"Honest Abe - Lincoln on Stamps"

**June 14** - Meeting 10:00 AM  
Mexico/Latin America Study Group

**June 14** - 11:30AM Meeting- Rocky Mountain  
Aerophilatelic group.

**June 14** - Meeting - 2:00 PM  
Universal Ship Cancellation Society  
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**June 21** - Meeting - 9:30 AM - Noon  
Metro Denver Young Stamp  
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**June 21** - Meeting - 1:00 PM  
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**June 24** - Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Israel Stamp Club

**June 28** - Workshop - 10:00 AM  
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