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Forgotten Egyptian Revenues

By Van Jennings

Probably the most understudied and underappreciated portions of Egyptian philately are the General Issues of Revenue Stamped Paper, which are the first Egyptian Revenues.

In even the most detailed books on the philately of Egypt, the General Issues are given minimal or no mention. What little information is available, is woefully limited and incomplete. This is due in part to the rarity of examples, and a near complete lack of history of these fascinating items from Egypt's fiscal past.

To date, the lone reference has been a single page overview in a 1982 book by Peter R. Feltus, entitled "Catalogue of Egyptian Revenue Stamps with Sudanese Revenues & Egyptian Cinderellas." Feltus was long considered the authority on the subject, and his passing a couple of years ago left a great void in the study of these revenues. He was a great resource in this author's quest for information.

These sheets (Figure 1) appear to have been primarily used as a type of variable, fee-based, "notarized"

document that was introduced into the Egyptian legal system. The fees were collected by the Ministry of Finance and the Customs Administration. Examples have been discovered in Arabic and also in French. Some sheets are ruled, others are not.

This type of revenue was previously believed to have been produced from 1890 to 1916. According to Feltus, fewer than 10 examples were known for each type.

They were manufactured by Thomas de la Rue & Co., Ltd., London.

In nearly two decades of collecting ancient Egypt on stamps, this author has been fortunate to add several examples of Egyptian Revenue Stamped Paper to his collection. In researching this type of revenue paper, new and previously unknown examples have been uncovered, making it necessary to rewrite much of the known history of these items by adding new unrecorded dates, types and sizes.

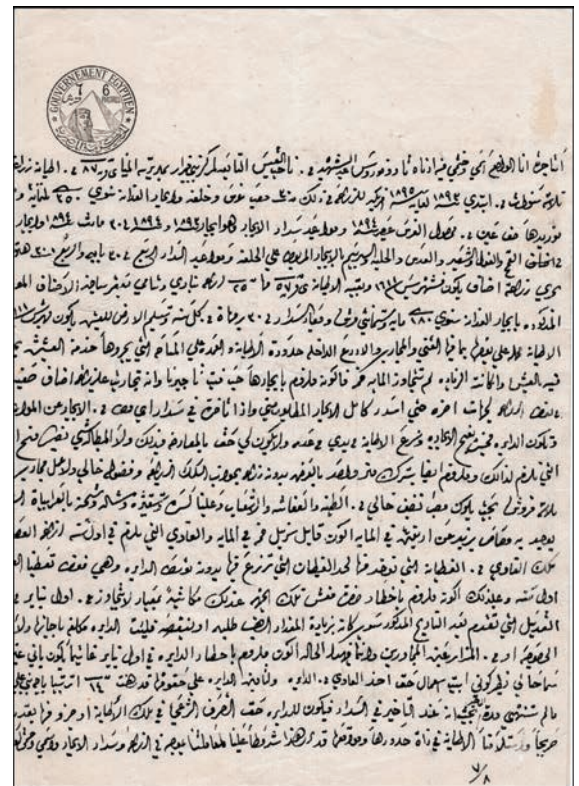


Figure 1. Egyptian stamped revenue paper

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They were previously believed to have been produced on fine, thick laid paper in a standard size of 16½ X 11½, folded in half for a final size of 8¼" X 11½". This allowed for four pages on which to write the text. Further research by this author has uncovered two unrecorded sizes of 7" X 9 " and 9 " X 13 7/8".



Figure 2. Watermark in center of sheet

Both have a large central watermark (3 7/8") (Figure 2) indicating the date the sheet was produced. It included a Crescent and Star, the word Egypte, and the year in both Arabic and European numerals. The watermark also had a "T" number showing the series of each issue.



Figure 3. Embossed Pyramid Seal
"The Three Pyramids"



Figure 4. Embossed
Sphinx & Pyramid Seal

In the upper left of the sheet was an embossed Egyptian government seal showing three pyramids with a monetary value within the seal (Figure 3). Known values are 3pt., 5pt., and 7pt. Although most are printed in black, a few have been seen printed in blue or rosine.



Figure 5. Albino Embossed Pyramid Seal



Figure 6. Albino Embossed Cleopatra as Isis Seal

In Feltus' book, he alludes to a possible "Sphinx Issue" (**Figure 4**), previously known only from a small cut square. Since then, the author has discovered a number of complete examples in a variety of values. Most are the only known copies.

Slightly below the "value seal" appeared an albino embossed seal that mirrored the pyramid embossed seal, but lacked any valuation (**Figure 5**). The author has discovered that there was also a second type of albino seal, containing an image of Cleopatra as Isis (**Figure 6**).



Figure 7. The "Annule Overprint"

Known previously as the "Annule Overprint," there are a few examples which have been overprinted in red by letterpress (**Figure 7**).

Exactly how these were used is uncertain at present.

The primary result of this two decade study is to push the date of the first issue back three years to 1887, from the old 1890 date. Additionally, it has been discovered that the previous last use date of 1916 can now be extended two years, to 1918. A new embossed value seal and a new albino embossed seal that were previously unrecorded have also come to light.

What mysteries remain? During the period these examples of Revenue Stamped Paper were used, there were comprehensive regulations and guidelines for their sale, use, etc. Regrettably, they were all written in Arabic and translations have not been made available, nor has the Egyptian Government allowed an Arabic copy to leave the country for translation or research. Until that time comes, we are left with more than a few unanswered questions. No doubt you can think of others. Here are a few:

- Were these revenue sheets produced continuously from 1887 to 1918?
- What are the details of their sale and use, beyond what little we know?
- What is the significance of the different values? What were they predicated upon?
- Why two different series (Pyramid and Pyramid and Sphinx)?
- What is the significance of the four seal colors?
- Why the different size sheets?

These questions will likely remain unanswered until we have the opportunity to review the original documentation, or until a researcher stumbles across additional clues that shed light on this fascinating subject.

RMPL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

July 17, 2014

All RMPL Board members were in attendance. RMPL members Steve Pacetti and Eric Pennington were present also.

Minutes from April 17th were reviewed and approved.

FOR THE RECORD ITEMS:

- o Society donations:
 - » \$1,000 from the Scandinavian Collectors Club.
 - » \$600 from the United Postal Stationery Society.
 - » \$500 in the form of a new outdoor grill from the New Issues Service [See page 15.]
- o Sergio suggested the board may want to consider a donation of \$1,000 each to the Union Catalog and the Global Philatelic Library Catalog at its November budget meeting.
- o Discussions are underway with one of the society libraries to establish an endowment.
- o Paul Lee's book, *Parks, Postmarks, and Postmasters: Post Offices Within the U.S. National Park System*, is targeted for a publication date of December 2014.
- o Mike Maselli's book, *Colorado Railroad Postal History*, will be ready at about the same time.
- o Joe Lanotte has put together a DVD containing all nine videos produced by the library. They will be available at APS StampShow 2014 in Hartford in August. Price will be \$5.00, or by mail, with s/h \$7.00. [See page 14.]
- o Several new video idea topics have been advanced by library members, but there has been no activity.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Robert Blatherwick reported income for the first six months (through June) was \$72,627.70. When a \$16,027.34 property tax refund from the county and state was added, total income through June is \$88,655.04. A conservative estimate of income for the entire year will be approximately \$150,000.

Expenses for the first six months of the year have been \$31,936.76. The most notable change has been the elimination of our tax payment of \$15,000.

Our present mortgage balance is \$115,602.53

OLD BUSINESS

Auction Results

Roughly \$33,500 was realized in the silent auction at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show. That was a better realization than initially anticipated, and the largest ever for an RMPL auction. Thanks to David Weisberg and the volunteers who made the RMSS auction possible.

Summer Picnic

The annual event is scheduled for Saturday, August 23rd at the RMPL beginning at 6 p.m.

Webmaster

A meeting was held with webmaster Travis Searls, who has expressed a desire to step down. The board agreed that actions should be implemented to ensure that Travis' request to step down in November be honored.

An outline was presented to the board covering the major issues of maintaining the webpage, and maintaining the on-line catalog.

This Was Colorado

This project was begun nearly four years ago in response to a survey of RMPL members.

The prior work of many volunteers is beginning to crystallize under the new direction of Deb Armer. She has help from University of Denver graduate students who are using an online software program known as OMEAKA. It is a learning opportunity involving digitization, and is mentored by Dr. Krystna Matusiak of DU.

Training materials for RMPL volunteers interested in the project are also being finalized. There is an urgent need for volunteers who are willing to work from home to step forward.

Election Process

Brian Kraemer has the process well in hand. Nominations have been submitted, and will be reported by him and his committee, after the closing date of August 30. [See page 8.]

Votes will be cast in January and the new board will take office at the March board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

One Day Exhibit Session

Steve McGill, a member of the RMPL board and president of the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show, requested the use of the library as the site for a one day exhibition to be held next year.

Potential exhibitors would be given the opportunity to display one page or multi-frame exhibits, without the rigors of judging standards of World Series of Philately Shows.

The cessation of exhibits at numerous Rocky Mountain area stamp shows is severely restricting opportunities for exhibitors to learn and develop their exhibits.

The request was approved.

RMPL Booth at New York Stamp Show 2016 Show

The board revisited its decision to not participate at the 2016 international show in New York City unless other libraries joined in to form a "super booth." Other libraries have rejected the plan, so President Lugo advanced the idea of having an RMPL only booth.

This was occasioned in part by an e-mail from member Jack Van Ens, urging consideration of participation by the RMPL, and the expressed willingness of Ron Mitchell to staff the booth during the eight day run of the show.

The board approved the proposal with a budget of \$6,000-\$7,000, to be allocated at the November 2015 budget meeting.

Participation should be geared towards cutting edge involvement, with clearly articulated objectives and goals:

- o Membership recruitment
- o Solicitation of potential donors
- o Further RMPL name recognition

Allocation of Funds

Several possibilities present themselves in light of the potential surplus of funds we anticipate for 2014.

Some were quickly resolved by the board:

(1) Computers – Roger Rydberg and Chuck Baker have downsized their original request to two or three new computers, bringing the costs down to a range of \$2,000 - \$4,000,

(2) Roof repairs – Four leaks have developed at 2048 S. Pontiac Way. The roof is 10 years old. The board asked Sergio to ask United Building Technologies (the roofer for 2038) to give us a quote to fix the leaks.

(3) Mortgage pay-down -- The board voted to pay down the mortgage by \$25,000. That will put the mortgage in the \$90,000 range, and eliminate interest payments for at least 16 months.

(4) Librarians Fund -- The budget contains \$10,000 for the fund and the board approved an additional \$20,000, for a total of \$30,000 in 2014. The fund will increase to roughly \$132,000.

British Caribbean Group and

Pan African Group to Attend RMSS

President Lugo reminded the board that these societies will be in Denver next May and the RMPL will need to organize activities if we invite them to visit our facility.

Christmas/Volunteer Holiday Party

Higher costs of the volunteer party were of concern to coordinator Dalene Thomas. While costs fell this past year, the crowded conditions dictate a return to a larger restaurant, where costs per plate have had significant increases. The board believes the cost of around \$3,000 has

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been managed well by Dalene, but it is anticipated that the cost will easily increase to \$4,000 this year. Dalene is looking into the White Fence Farm, a Cajun restaurant named Lucille's, and the Park Hill Golf Club. The board did not recommend a change, but they did suggest that Dalene and Sergio consider the number of hours each volunteer commits to the library and possibly reduce the number who are invited.

Bylaws Update

Bob Blatherwick and Steve McGill agreed to review the bylaws, with a view towards presenting revisions to the board by November, 2014 for a vote by January, 2015 so revised bylaws would be in effect for the new board's first meeting March, 2015.

Librarians Responsibilities

Librarian Ellengail Beuthel presented an outline of the criteria that should be explored when seeking a replacement librarian for the RMPL.

Ellengail was not indicating she was ready to step down, but felt that an outline was necessary to have for the board for its future deliberations. The outline included significantly expanded computer literacy skills.

[See Ellengail Beuthel for a copy of the criteria.]

Expertizing Service and Reference Collection

Member (and dealer) Rod Haenni has advanced the notion that the RMPL should consider establishing an expertizing service. Vice President Jim Kilbane explained the rationale. Absent a motion to establish such a service, Sergio reminded the board that a forgery/fakes reference collection was started several years ago. It had been started because of the desire of dealers (Joe Lambert included) to seek the permanent withdrawal of fakes and forgeries from the marketplace that were sold as genuine. As of three years ago, when work on the project stalled because of time constraints, volunteer, and tracking constraints, roughly 300 such fakes and forgeries had been identified and assembled in an RMPL reference collection. Since that time another 3,000 such examples have collected in a safe room accessible to Sergio.

The discussion prompted further consideration of renewing the idea of the reference collection. Member Eric Pennington volunteered to serve on the committee. Sergio said that he would talk with Harry Pedersen, whom Sergio suspected has a strong interest in fakes and forgeries. Harry, Eric and Sergio will review the process on July 30th, with strong indications that both will take on the task of expanding the reference collection of fakes and forgeries to well over 3,000 items over the years to come.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

THE PREZ'S OBSERVATIONS

Where's the Value?

I'm sure that all of you, as readers, are probably aware of what the British Guiana one cent stamp sold for at its recent auction. I read it was \$9,500,000. Now there's some value! We certainly can't match that for costliness. But we can match it - if we think of "value" in other ways besides the economic one.

In the economic sense, as previously reported, our institutional assets in terms of bricks and mortar, savings, etc. have climbed to more than \$650,000. Who'd a thunk it, two decades ago.

More importantly, as far as I'm concerned, is the intrinsic value of our literature, periodical and special collections holdings. For insurance purposes, their economic value is in excess of \$600,000. But it is in their intrinsic value, serving as reading and research material, that their true worth comes out. In the final analysis, they provide us with the means to expand our knowledge and understand more thoroughly the purpose and functions of the bits of paper we deal with. That value cannot be measured, unless we all agree that knowledge acquired and gained is an incalculable power, in and of itself.

Another value lies in the volunteer work that more than 85 individuals contribute to the RMPL. Without their indispensable assistance, the RMPL simply would not exist. Without their helping hands, the good will engendered by the library would not be recognized by philately far and wide - whether here in the U.S. or in foreign lands - as it is today. Without their volunteer labors, the more far-reaching educational endeavors would not have been made possible, including our videos, and our soon to be released fourth book.

Finally, another form of value walks through our doors each day (except Sundays - I'm not overlooking the Great Britain and Commonwealth Collectors Club). Those are our many *valued* members. Again, we're not used to thinking of ourselves as valuable to the RMPL, but contributions are made by all of us in many ways - both large and small. Whether it's inquiring about items, materials, literature or stamps, your contributions justify the hope of the founders, making the RMPL a place to inquire about and research stamps. Whether you are helping others in need of information, or other

services, that assistance empowers those seeking to learn more about the hobby and to propagate it in wider and wider circles.

As we move into our third decade of existence, it is the earnest hope of many of us that "value" will be found in another way - namely, the valued leaders who will comprise the RMPL board for the challenges of the next decade, which will begin with your votes in January of 2015.

Sergio

New Editor Takes Over

by Mike Milam

GREETINGS fellow RMPL patrons, volunteers, and others. As time goes on, I'll be taking the wheel of the *Scribblings* vessel more and more, and will eventually be the new editor.

In order to do this, I need everyone's help; and I do mean EVERYONE. This is your chance to actually write an article, and to see your work in print. For example, I always wanted to write an article on the various designated uses of US First Issue Revenues; I played with the idea for years, but never quite got it done. A while back Ron Hill, then *Scribblings* editor, worked with me while I actually got the article on paper. It is now history, and I am published. And believe me, it's a good feeling.

I think almost everyone has an idea, like I did, about something they'd like to see in print. Come and tell me yours, and we'll work together and see what we can do. Also, any input about the format, appearance, etc. of *Scribblings* is always welcome, and any other comments about the RMPL, philatelic publications in general, or whatever are welcome.

I won't guarantee publication, but I will guarantee a review of everything you submit.

My email address is mdmilam@yahoo.com. Write anytime, with whatever you have.



Mike



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- Books are on loan for two weeks.
- If you call before the due date, you may renew for two more weeks
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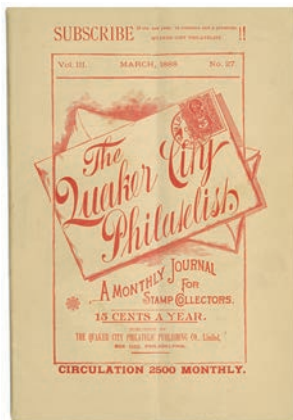
ANTIQUARIAN JOURNALS

The Quaker City Philatelist

by Marc and Jeffrey Silberman

As we all know, one of the great things about our hobby is that one thing we are interested in leads to another, and soon you have another binder of interesting stuff on your shelf. Recently, Sergio asked my son Jeff to help write up short descriptions of some of the antiquarian journals we have at the library.

The first title given to Jeff was *The Quaker City Philatelist*; the RMPL has 6 issues covering the years 1888 to 1894. This was a monthly journal, published jointly by the Quaker City Philatelic Society and the Philadelphia Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, a German stamp association (club). Most issues consisted largely of ads, but in the three issues of 1888, there were two to three pages dedicated to the Kalermaraic Chronicles.



I read a few of the Chronicles, and could see absolutely nothing philatelic about them. This had me puzzled, until I noticed in the subtitles that they had been translated from the original Volapük edition. Not knowing what country spoke this language, my curiosity got the best of me, and I looked it up online. Boy, was I in for a surprise!

This wasn't some localized language spoken only in a small, out-of-the-way mountain village. Instead, Volapük was an early artificially constructed "International"

language like Esperanto, but created in the 1880s, about twenty years before Esperanto. Its creator was Johann Martin Schleyer, a Roman Catholic priest in Baden, Germany. He said he had a dream in which God told him to create an international language.

Volapük became moderately popular, and Volapük conventions were held as early as 1884. By 1889, there were some 283 clubs with 316 textbooks in 25 languages promoting the new language.

What inspired the editors of this early American philatelic journal to set aside so many pages to republish these Volapük stories isn't explained in any of the issues that the library has. Perhaps they thought that their readers were scholars – or dilettantes – who not only collected stamps, but might also be interested in this new international language. At this point, Jeff has found no stamps or covers that might connect Volapük to philately, but he has seen material written in Esperanto, and is now looking to start a collection of Esperanto stamps and covers.

What will be the next antiquarian journal that Jeffrey will study? And what will it have that's new and interesting, and perhaps astonishing?

Isn't it wonderful that we have such an amazing library right here in our own backyard?



13 year-old Jeff Silberman (left) and his father, Marc, will explore more antiquarian journals in future issues of Scribblings.

RMPL Big Lot Auction Coming Soon

Auction Manager David Weisberg describes this year's Big Lot Auction as an "eclectic mix," with a broad and diverse group of materials.

How about one of several world wide collections with stamps stuck on album pages valued at about \$4,000 with a starting bid of \$25? There is a very nice Canadian collection with several hundred MNH stamps from 1900 - 1990 with a catalog value of \$1,300 and a starting bid of \$200. There are several lots of thousands of U.S. Souvenir pages, broken down into lots with minimal duplication. There are topicals and country lots and cinderellas, including a lot of more than a hundred stamps and covers from Rattlesnake Island in a G&K binder and dust cover.

Altogether there will be more than 200 lots from which to choose. At least one of them probably has your name on it. Lots are described in the enclosed booklet. They will be available for inspection during regular library hours the week of October 20 - 24.

See you then!

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Saturday, October 25

Accessories & covers, 10 a.m.

Large lots & better covers, 1 p.m.



David Weisberg has been organizing lots for several months. The boxes in the back corner and in front of David next to the wall are ready to go, but as you can see, there is still plenty of work left.

Key Duties and Responsibilities of RMPL Officers

By Brian Kramer

RMPL Nominating Committee Chairman

As we begin our election season, I want to highlight some of the duties and responsibilities of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library's officers. Their official duties are described in Article V of the bylaws. Officer duties change with time, and to reflect the needs of the library.

First, let's take a minute to reflect on the library's rich history and growth.

A little over twenty years ago (1993), Dave Capra provided the library with a storefront to conduct our activities rent-free. Three short years later, we purchased the building we have called home ever since.

It's easy to take for granted all the services the library provides to its members and to the community at large.

Our collection includes more than 14,000 manuscripts and books and 100,000 issues of periodicals, and continues to grow in size. In addition, there is a room devoted to special collections and a section of the library devoted to Western and railroad history.

Think about how all of us enjoy the common stamp collection area, talking about our collections, conducting philatelic research, or just having a cup of coffee while socializing with fellow collectors!

We even have an annex building in which to hold our many programs and events.

As you know, it takes a great deal of time and effort to maintain the RMPL's assets, collections and services. Our library's interests are attended by a strong and caring base of volunteers in addition to an experienced group of officers.

Our RMPL officer group is comprised of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Director of Operations. These officers, as well as several at large members, comprise the Board of Directors.

- Our President serves as RMPL's Chief Executive Officer. The responsibilities include conducting the board meetings, representing our organization at public forums, and responding to government and public inquiries. The President also proposes initiatives to our board, submits grant proposals on behalf of our organization and oversees the activities conducted by our volunteers. In overseeing RMPL's needs, the President delegates, facilitates and collaborates with other stakeholders to help protect, manage and grow the library's assets and programs.
- The Vice President is responsible for arranging our Second Saturday Programs and ensuring our organization's participation at locally

and nationally sponsored stamp shows. In addition, the Vice President performs the functions of the President when the President is unavailable or is unable to act.

- RMPL's fiscal needs and integrity are overseen by the Treasurer. The Treasurer prepares and distributes quarterly and annual fiscal reports to the board, implements board financial decisions, and maintains the library's financial files. The Treasurer also is responsible for the library's cash register activity, checking and investment accounts, the annual budget process and the timely preparation of all tax filings and payments.
- Our Recording Secretary records and distributes the board's meeting minutes and maintains a chronological log of minutes and, separately, board decisions. In addition, the Recording Secretary maintains the bylaws and distributes copies to new board members.
- The library's correspondence is largely composed, in collaboration with the board, by the Corresponding Secretary. This includes letters acknowledging donations, any necessary notices of adverse action to members, and other board decisions requiring communication. The correspondence file system used by the board and members is maintained by this secretary.
- Our Director of Operations develops and maintains the work schedules for the front desk volunteers, as well as providing them with their training. The Director of Operations also reviews and updates the "Volunteer Handbook" and keeps the front desk volunteers informed of such updates. In addition, he/she maintains a schedule of meetings and activities held at our RMPL facility.
- Our at large board members work with the elected officers to establish and monitor RMPL's policies and procedures, and to undertake lead responsibility in a variety of the library's collaborative and outreach endeavors.

Hopefully this article, in concert with the bylaws, will be of help as you read the officer candidate statements in an upcoming issue of Scribblings, and in making your voting decisions early next year. As you can see, it requires a lot of thoughtful work to oversee our library.

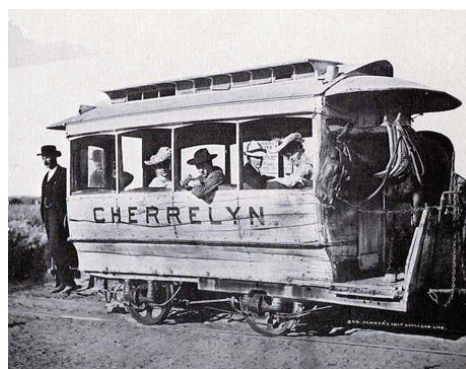
Bravo to our RMPL volunteers and officers!

CHERPEX Stamp Show Coming in September

The Annual Cherrelyn Stamp Club Show (aka CHERPEX) ushers in its 39th year on Friday, September 26th, beginning at 10 a.m., and continuing until 5 p.m. that evening, and Saturday, September 27th for the same hours.

Come join us, won't you, at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds, Indiana and Hwy 6, in Golden, Colorado.

A packed house of dealers (28 tables) will be there to fulfill all your philatelic wants. No, we won't have the British Guiana stamp that sold for \$9.5 million, but if you can afford a fraction of that, come and spend it with us; whether U.S. or worldwide stamps, covers, post cards, or other collectibles that you've been trying to acquire.



All aboard for the Cherrelyn Stamp Club Show!

A food stand is on site, plus there are restaurants nearby. Parking is convenient, and the hall provides ample space for as many as 150 - 200 collectors at a time. So-o-o, won't you be one of them and enjoy the day (or two) spent on your favorite pastime.

Bring family, friends and acquaintances to introduce them to the hobby. Or, have the front desk personnel of Cherrelyn do that for you, while they get you registered at the front door – a new wrinkle intended to get more members into the Club – which now meets at the RMPL, at 2 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.

See you there?

Donation Schedule

Donations of philatelic materials are accepted on specific days:

- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Friday

Donations are accepted on these days only, during regular library hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donors who bring material on other days will be asked to please return on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

Thank you!



Stamp collecting is fun!

NewMexPex 2014

The New Mexico Philatelic Exhibition

Our 9th annual postage stamp show with exhibits, door prizes, dealer tables and more.

Meadowlark Senior Center

4330 Meadowlark Lane, SE, Rio Rancho, NM

October 18 and 19, 2014

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday

Free admission and parking, gifts for the kids,

US Post Office on site with a special show cancel and lots of stamps.

Now Available!

Nine RMPL Videos on DVD



Only \$5 at the library, or add \$2 for shipping.

Orders to: RMPL 2038 S Pontiac Way Denver CO 80224

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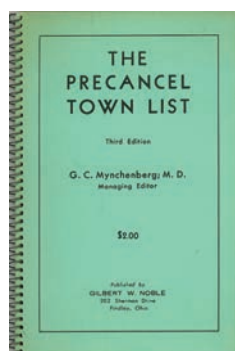
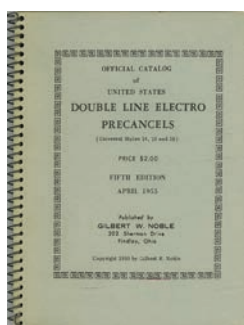
The Complete Washington-Franklin Issues Identification Guide,
by Don Novicky (CD)



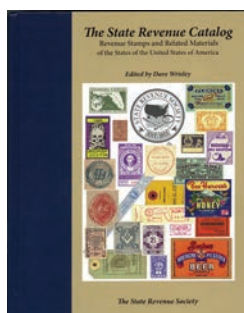
Mellone's Specialized Cachet Catalog of First Day Covers of the 1940's, Volume II, 1947-1949, Scott #947-986, C25-C45, 2nd Edition, compiled by Michael Mellone
Noble Official Precancel Stamp Catalog: Universal Style Chart, edited by George C. Mynchenberg
Official New York Town and Type List Corrected to May 25, 1955, edited by George C. Mynchenberg
The Peninsular Philatelist, 1951-2008, published by the Michigan Postal History Society (CD)



Postage Due: the United States Postage Due Essays, Proofs, and Specimens 1879-1886, by Harry K. Charles
Official Catalog of United States Double Line Electro Precancels, 5th edition, April 1955



The Precancel Town List, Third Edition, edited by G.C. Mynchenberg
The State Revenue Catalog, edited by Dave Wrisley



Western Postmaster Compensation in the 1880s, compiled by Richard W. Helbock

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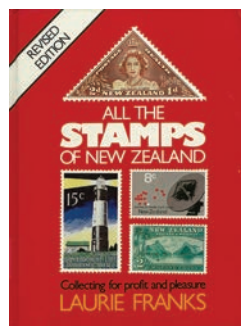


Dancing Beijing: Stamp Album of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, published by the China National Philatelic Corporation



Die Entwicklung des Wesens Für Post und Nachrichtenverkehr der Mongolischen Volksrepublik und die Mongolischen Postwertzeichen

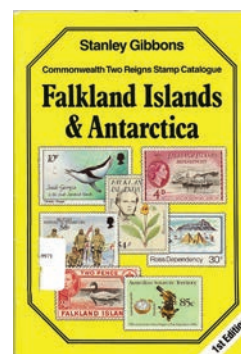
AUSTRALIA and OCEANIA



All the Stamps of New Zealand, by Laurie Franks
Australian Stamp Collecting, by Ian F. Finlay



It's in the Post: The Stories Behind New Zealand Stamps, by Richard Wolfe



Falkland Islands and Antarctica: Commonwealth Two Reigns Stamp Catalogue, 1st Edition, 1988, published by Stanley Gibbons



EUROPE

Abschied von den "Vierstelligen" [Farewell to the Four Digit Numbers]

Československo: Katalog Znamek (1968)

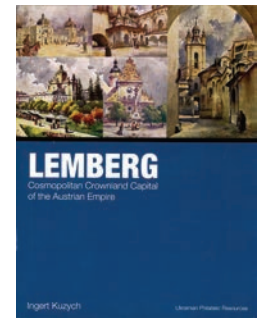


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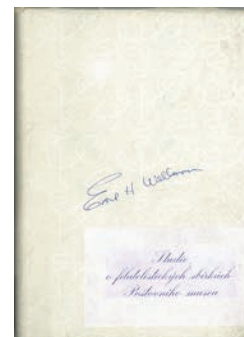
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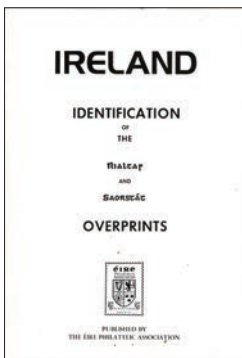
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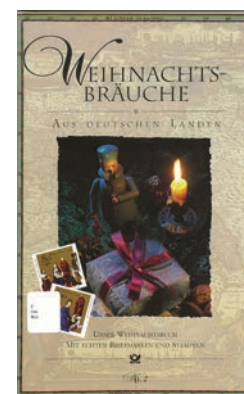
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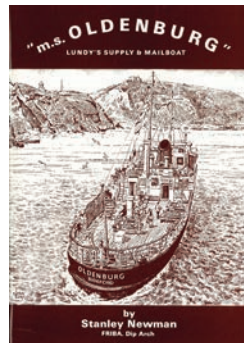
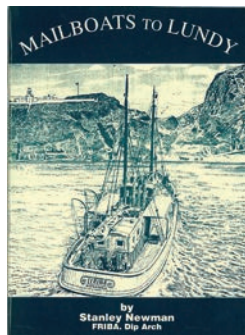
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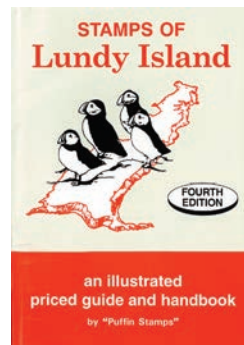
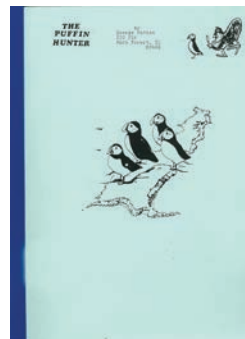
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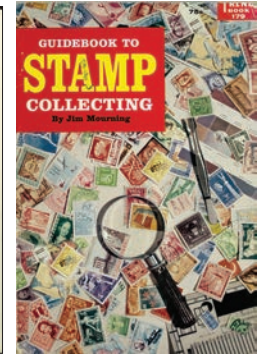
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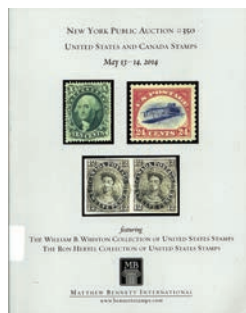
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The Jack M. Shartsis Collection of New Zealand & Dependencies, catalog for a Daniel F. Kelleher Auction, March 30, 2014

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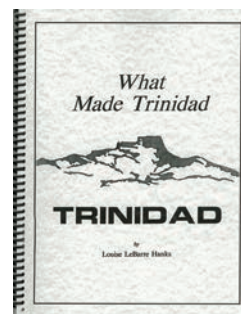
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What Made Trinidad Trinidad, by Louise LeBarre Hanks





SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Second Saturday programs are sponsored by the library and 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.

Contact Jim Kilbane if you would like to present a program. His email is aurora_80017@yahoo.com

The programs begin at 9:00 a.m. and are over by 10:00 a.m.
Doughnuts and coffee are complimentary, and all are welcome.

July 12, 9 a.m.

A History of Matchbox Labels and the U.S. Military on Matchbooks

By Tonny VanLoij

A presentation showing an almost complete collection of military-related matchbooks, including books from Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard facilities, VA Hospitals, NCO Clubs, etc.

This is part of a 60 year old collection assembled by one of the most famous collectors in Europe and the U.S.



August 9, 9 a.m.

Collecting United States Precancels

By Gene Holgate

This presentation covers the full array of precancel collecting, including Bureaus, Town & Type, and Locals, as well as precanceled U.S. Postal Stationery.

This will be a PowerPoint presentation.



RMPL Videos on Line and Now on DVD

The titles of our videos on the internet:

- The Lore and Legend of Dragons as Told by Postage Stamps, by Lynne Toews
- A History of Scouting, by Frank Leitz
- Scouting Activities, by Frank Leitz
- The Security Elements of Postage Stamps, Part 1, By Steve Dixon
- Jewish National Fund: Labels with a Purpose By Dasa Metzler
- Tasmania, Part 1: Pictorial Stamps 1899-1900 By Ron Hill
- Tasmania, Part 2: Pictorial Stamps 1901-1913 By Ron Hill
- RMPL Youth Stamp Club By Don Dhonau
- U.S./German Seapost By Sergio Lugo

All nine of the presentations are now available on one DVD. They were offered for sale for the first time at the RMPL table at the APS StampShow in Hartford in August.

They are available at the library for \$5.00, or by mail for an additional \$2.00 for shipping and handling.

A great addition to any collector's philatelic library!



To view, go to our web page at www.rmpldenver.org, and click on "Videos" in the menu on the left.

NEW MEMBERS

The RMPL is pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined the library in the past two months.

Gregory Dehler, Westminster, CO - Collects US, Ireland, Germany, and Russia

Martin Andreas Paul, Parker, CO - Collects Germany

J. Robert Hamill, Hoover AL - Collects Alabama and Colorado Postal History, US and Possessions Stamps

Colleen Hillmeyer, Denver, CO - Collects US commemoratives

George Struble, Salem, OR - Collects Switzerland

Leslie Kelly, Denver, CO - Collects US: airmails, western history, railroads, WWII aviation with focus on aircraft, and space stamps - the space race after Sputnik

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 18, 2014

7:00 PM

All members are welcome!

DONATIONS

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following members made donations to the library in June and July. We thank each and every one who has contributed.

Paul Albright	Henry Koehler
John Bloor	Joe Lambert
Stephen Bonowski	Dan Lester
John Bowen	Carl Love
Robert Bruhn	Pat McNally
John Burgess	Ron Mitchell
Colorado Railroad Museum	James Mohrbacher
Jack Congrove	Terry Murphy
William Crabbs	New Issues Service
Don Dhonau	Russell Powers
Victoria Fredrick	Scandinavian Collectors Club
James Gerson	George Snyder
Leslie "Sonny" Gorsuch	Gary Starkey
Dr. Joan Grady	Webster Stickney
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Green	David Thyfault
C. Larkin Hosmer	United Postal Stationery Society
Cary Jones	Martin Wilkinson
Tom Kean	Sally Young
Diane Kim	

It's a New Grill!

by William E. Crabbs
and John H. Bloor

Several years ago, a gas grill was donated to the RMPL. Although it gave good service, providing hot dogs and hamburgers for a number of cookouts at the library, it had, by this time, seen better days. Those of us who cooked on it came to know its cantankerous ways: in particular, that it was either off or fully on – nothing in between; and that the burners had rusted to the point where it was rather like grilling over a blow torch!



Left: Roger Cichorz grills the first burgers and brats on the new grill in the RMPL garden.



Right: John Bloor and Bill Crabbs stand in front of their donation.

So, last July, a new grill was donated to the RMPL by the New Issue Service (NIS), run by William (Bill) Crabbs and John Bloor. The first use of the grill was for the picnic of the Collectors Club of Denver.

The NIS began about 40 years ago as a way to distribute airline baggage labels and other airline paper ephemera to those who collect it. More information can be found in the *Air Post Journal* (April 2012, p. 164) or, if you are interested in joining the NIS, please contact John Bloor at aerophil59@yahoo.com.

Over the years, the NIS has been operated by many people, including Don Thomas, Earl Wellman, Fred Blumenthal, and Fred & Dorothy Dietz. These names may be known to some of you, since they were all involved in the development of aerophilately after WWII. The Dietzes distributed the labels until about 2011, when Bill and John volunteered to assume the job. Due to the decrease in both the number of airlines and the amount of paper ephemera that they hand out, the stock of labels is gradually decreasing, but for now at least one packet is sent out each year to about 50 NIS members.

Although the NIS is not in the business of making a profit, over the many years of operation the treasury has grown to where we felt that some of it should be used to benefit a worthy cause, such as the gastronomic pleasure of those who attend events at the RMPL. We hope that this grill will continue to provide enjoyment for many years to



What's Happening at the RMPL...

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday 2 - 8 p.m. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Phone: (303) 759-9921

Meeting times and places sometimes change. It is best to call the library or the club to confirm the place and time. A calendar of reserved club times is kept at the library by the Operations Manager, Don Beuthel. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Don at (303) 755-9328 of any changes or updates. All requests to reserve meeting time and space other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled by Don well in advance, for philately-related meetings.

SEPTEMBER 2014

Aug 30 - Sept 1 - CLOSED

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Sept 3 - Meeting - Aurora Stamp Club

6:30 p.m. trading, 7 p.m. meeting

Sept 6 - Meeting - 10 a.m.

Scandinavian Collectors Club

Sept 6 - Meeting - 1 p.m.

Topical Collectors of Colorado

Sept 10 - Meeting - 7 p.m.

Denver Germany Stamp Club

Sept 11 - Meeting - 2 p.m.

Cherrelyn Stamp Club

Sept 11 - Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Denver Postcard Club

Sept 12 - Meeting - 7 p.m.

Austria-Hungary Club

Second Saturday at the RMPL

Sept 13 - 9 a.m.

Program by Tonny VanLoij

A History of Matchbox Labels and the US Military on Matchbooks

Sept 13 - Meeting - 10 a.m.

Mexico/Latin America Study Group

Sept 20 - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

RMPL Young Stamp Collectors Club

Sept 21 - Meeting - 2 p.m.

Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club

Sept 23 - Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

Sept 24 - Meeting - 1 p.m.

Denver Stamp Club

OCTOBER 2014

Oct 1 - Meeting - Aurora Stamp club

6:30 p.m. trading, 7:00 p.m. meeting

Oct 4 - Meeting - 10 a.m.

Scandinavian Collectors Club

Oct 4 - Meeting - 1 p.m.

Topical Collectors of Colorado

Oct 8 - Meeting - 7 p.m.

Denver Germany Stamp Club

Oct 9 - Meeting - 2 p.m.

Cherrelyn Stamp Club

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Mexico/Latin America Study Group

Oct 11 - Meeting - 11:30 a.m.

Rocky Mountain Aerophilatelists

Oct 18 - Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

RMPL Young Stamp Collectors Club

Oct 19 - Meeting - 2 p.m.

Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club

Oct 22 - Meeting - 1 p.m.

Denver Stamp Club

Oct 25 - BULK LOT AUCTION -

Accessories at 10 a.m.

Stamps at 1 p.m.

Oct 28 - Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

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