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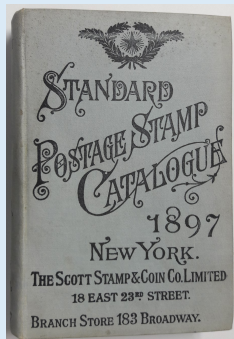
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The Late 19th Century Transition in Stamp Collecting as Shown by a Study of Scott International Stamp Albums

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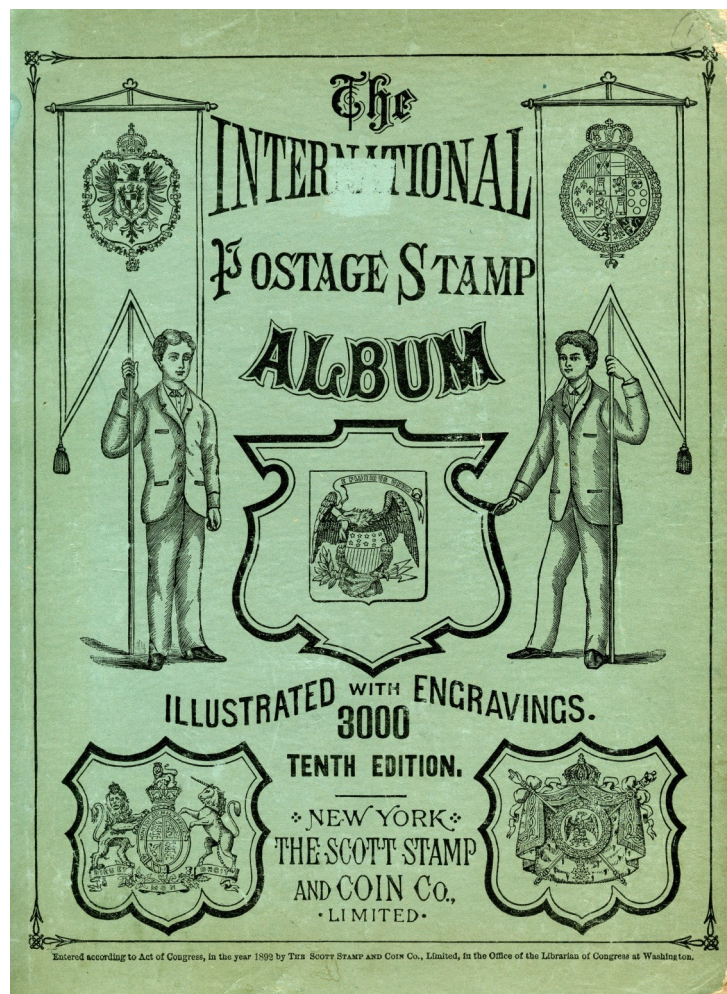


Fig. 1. Tenth edition of the Scott International Postage Stamp Album

As historical and cultural artifacts, stamp albums cannot be logically separated from stamp catalogues and philatelic literature, yet philatelic libraries seem to neglect stamp albums entirely. For example, although the RMPL has a date run of Scott catalogues from 1894 to date and examples of Stanley Gibbons catalogues starting from 1897, no corresponding stamp albums are in the collection. A somewhat similar situation appears to be the case at the American Philatelic Research Library.

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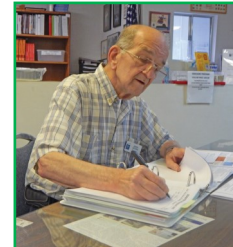
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The President's Message

It is election time once again and nominations are open for all positions—officers and directors. If you have never served in any of these capacities, please consider throwing your name into the hat! If you have served in the past or are currently fulfilling one of the critical roles needed to keep RMPL operating smoothly and are willing to once again put your name forward, thank you!



Information regarding the election cycle is enclosed with this month's *Scribblings*. Biographical data and pictures of the nominees for each position will appear in the next edition of *Scribblings*.

As we enter the final months of the year, I would like to thank everyone who has so generously contributed their time and skills to the RMPL. There will be a celebration dinner for our volunteers on December 3rd at the Blue Bonnet restaurant. Invitations will be sent to all our volunteers shortly. We look forward to seeing you there!

John Sinski

A Note from Ellengail

The U.S. Postal Forms Data Base Project recently announced that the Postal Forms Data Base is now available on Stamp Smarter (http://stampsmaarter.com/features/NYReg_Forms_Home.html).

The group would appreciate “any new forms and especially images of forms already listed...” To submit information to the project, registration is required at the Stamp Smarter site.

HELP WANTED

We need additional help at the **front desk** and for **stamp sorters**. Our volunteers at the front desk usually work a half-day (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.). It is a great way to get to know the membership, as well as the library's reference material. The work load is usually light with time for socializing, research, or working on your collection. Primary duties include checking books in and out and taking payment for purchased materials. Sorters work their own hours. Training is provided. Contact John Sinski or Howard Benson.

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Since I am fascinated by the history of stamp collecting, this necessarily includes the study of early pre-printed stamp albums that reveal the full range and scope of stamp collecting at various times. In pursuing this interest, I have acquired examples of stamp albums from different eras and have found that a study of various 19th century editions of *The Scott International Postage Stamp Album* can be especially illuminating. An example obtained from RMPL's 2012 Large Lot Auction (without stamps) is shown in Figure 1.

The cover of this Tenth Edition album shows schoolboys displaying banners with different nations' coats of arms and highlights 3,000 engravings illustrating different stamps. This slim volume is a complete worldwide album



Fig. 2. Examples from pages in 1891 *Scott International Postage Stamp Album*

with spaces for all known stamps to date including worldwide envelopes (cut squares) and wrappers. The United States section includes revenues, telegraph and local stamps. The album is in two parts with separate title pages. The first part is a full worldwide album with an 1891 copyright date; the second is a supplement dated 1893. This low-cost stamp album was the standard type for stamp collectors and sold for \$1.50 postpaid. It has double-sided pages bound in boards with half cloth as shown. Fancier versions with cloth bindings to full morocco leather with gilding and single sided pages were offered at prices ranging from \$2.50-\$26. Again, it should be pointed out that this was an album designed for the general stamp collector.

After detailed examination, some example sections from these pages are shown in Figure 2. This scope of coverage would likely give any modern collector a severe case

of vertigo. The top row includes the famed "post office" Mauritius stamps of 1847. The second row shows spaces for 10-centavo envelope cut squares of Ecuador from 1887 on four different colors of paper. The third row of U.S. locals includes Wells, Fargo & Co. pony express stamps to \$4 and the bottom row of postmaster provisionals has spaces for seven varieties of the St. Louis bears!

It seems that at the beginning of the 1890s, the problem was that there were not enough stamps to collect. This resulted in the inclusion of worldwide envelopes, U. S. telegraph and local stamps, etc. It is, perhaps, the most comprehensive single-volume stamp album ever produced.

However, by the turn of the century, there was an explosion of new issues designed with the stamp collector in mind. This resulted in corresponding changes to both stamp albums and catalogues. Among these new issues were commemorative postage stamps such as the U. S. Columbian and Canadian Jubilee issues, as well as yearly sets of Seebeck stamps for Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador, each of which were lengthy series to high values. To accommodate these by 1901, worldwide envelopes and U. S. locals were dropped from *Scott International Postage Stamp Albums* and coverage of other minor items was significantly reduced.

The transition in stamp collecting that began between the early 1890s and the turn of the century is also reflected in *Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*. For example, while the 1897 version at RMPL (Fig. 3) includes comprehensive listings of the worldwide envelopes and

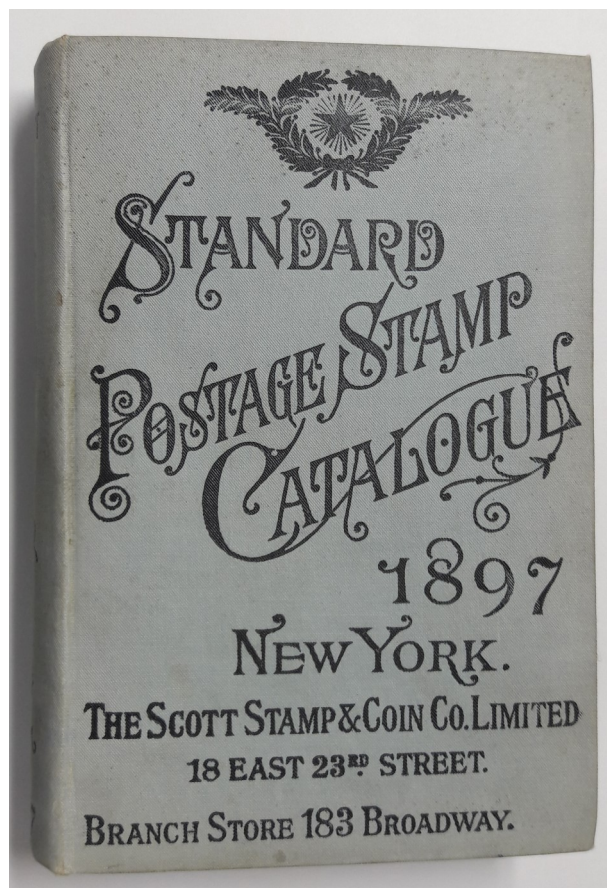


Fig. 3. *Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* for 1897.

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wrappers, these listings were dropped beginning in the 1904 issue.

Because of the complexity of providing detailed analysis of a series of different versions of stamp albums, only a brief overview of salient points for the 1891, 1899 and 1901 editions in my collection is given here. This information has been cross-checked against the much more comprehensive collection of *Scott International Postage Stamp Albums* in Dr. Larry Parks' magnificent philatelic library beginning with the first edition of this album published in 1875. This collection also includes the seventh (1881) and eighth (1884) editions, plus later editions published in 1891, 1894, 1900 and 1901. He also has a complete run of *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogues* spanning this period.

Comparison with earlier versions of the *Scott International Postage Stamp Album* suggests that the 1891 version offers the most complete coverage. For example, that volume has spaces for the "post office" Mauritius stamps, St. Louis bears, and other stamps that do not appear in the earlier editions examined. For all its completeness, the 1891 album is nonetheless a slim volume offering spaces for every major variety of postage stamp known to that time, including all of the world's envelope stamps (cut squares). The U. S. stamps begin with postmaster provisionals and the 1847 issues (current Scott 1 and 2) follow on the 3rd line of the second page. Spaces are included for all revenue and postmaster provisional stamps (with seven spaces for St. Louis bears), 13 pages for local stamps, plus three pages for telegraph stamps, etc. The measured thickness of all these double-sided pages together is only about 15.5 mm.

Both the 1899 and 1891 editions include spaces for the world's envelope stamps as cut squares. However, the U. S. section of the 1899 volume now starts with the 1847 issues and there is reduced coverage of postmaster provisionals on a single page with three spaces for St. Louis bears. Locals are no longer listed, but there are 1½ pages for carrier stamps and coverage of telegraph stamps has expanded to five pages. Measured thickness of these double-sided pages is now about 26 mm, showing the substantial increase in the number of issues during the 1890s.

By the 1901 edition, the *Scott International* album had dropped worldwide coverage of envelope stamps with the U. S. coverage remaining essentially the same as in the 1899 edition. With a measured thickness of its double-sided pages at little over 30 mm, this edition demonstrates the benefit of dropping worldwide coverage of envelope stamps to accommodate the worldwide increase in adhesive postage stamps, allowing the stamp album to remain

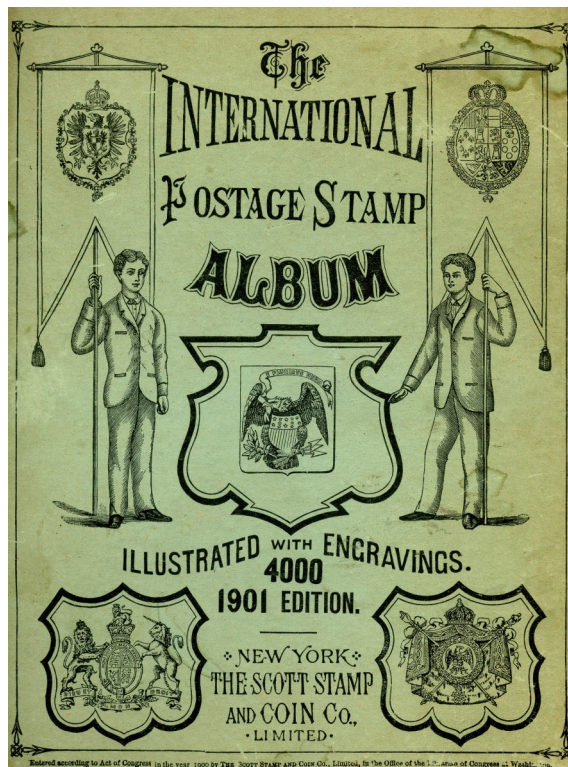


Fig. 4. The Scott International Postage Stamp Album - 1901 edition

as a single volume offering comprehensive worldwide coverage. The 1901 edition, now "illustrated with 4,000 engravings" is shown in Figure 4. This example from my collection is copyrighted 1900 and is apparently the immediate precursor of Scott's 19th Century stamp album with its copyright date of 1902.

The "take away" from this analysis is that the decade of the 1890s was a transformative one for general stamp collecting in the United States, resulting in a marked change in collecting interests. In 1891, for example, worldwide envelope cut squares were apparently widely collected, but after the turn of the century these were no longer included either in the *Scott International Albums* or the *Scott Postage Stamp Catalogues*. Coupled with the explosion of new issues during the 1890s, general collectors in the United States clearly shifted their worldwide collecting interests to adhesive

postage stamps only, a change essentially driven by the disappearance of spaces for worldwide envelope cut squares in their pre-printed stamp albums and their corresponding elimination from Scott stamp catalogues.

A similar transition seems to have occurred in Great Britain at the turn of the century. For example by the 1899 edition, the *Stanley Gibbons Priced Catalogue* had split into four slim volumes. These separately listed British Empire stamps, foreign stamps, worldwide local stamps, and envelopes and post cards. I'm fortunate in having the first two of these, shown in Figure 5. The 1900 edition was the last one issued that covered worldwide envelopes.



Fig. 5. The first two (of four) slim volumes of the Stanley Gibbons catalogue for 1899

WORK TOWARDS A CURE FOR HISTORICAL AMNESIA

By DR. JACK R. VAN ENS



Fig. 1. "Why were so many battles fought in National Parks?"

A friend and I share a love for history and a passion for stamp collecting. He took a Mississippi River cruise that stopped at Civil War battlefields. During a question/answer session, a tourist asked the National Park Ranger, "Why were so many Civil War battles fought in National Parks?"

This questioner suffers from a cultural malady: historical amnesia, a forgetfulness of what the past teaches us. In his recent book, *The American Spirit*, (Simon & Schuster, 2017), historian

David McCullough shares a collection of speeches on why history inspires readers. "We are raising a generation of young Americans who are by and large historically illiterate," he laments.

In his latest book, McCullough tells of meeting a Missouri college student who was grateful for his campus lecture. "Until now I never understood that the original 13 colonies were all on the East Coast," she declared. Struck by historical amnesia, another student asked McCullough, biographer of presidents, "Aside from Harry Truman (1884-1972) and John Adams (1735-1826), how many other presidents have you interviewed?"

Lack of historical imagination and gullibility to factual inaccuracies afflicts many citizens. We have forgotten formative principles that shaped our nation's founding. Thomas Jefferson fed his mind by using ample time for

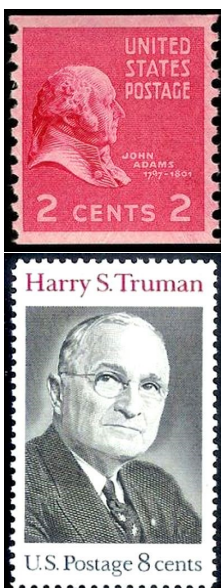


Fig. 2. Interviewed by McCullough??

reading history. After practicing law, he later in life advised law students to set aside time in each day to concentrate on history. "... from noon to 1:00 p.m., politics," he wrote, "with the balance of the afternoon devoted to history, ancient through modern..." (*Jefferson: Architect of American Liberty*, John B. Boles, Basic Books, p. 20, 2017).

Learning from history saves us from living narrow lives confined to contemporary moments. Learn from past mistakes. Be inspired by achievements that occurred long ago. Jefferson realized that "to remember" is a dominant biblical theme. "Remember the days of old. Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you." (Deuteronomy 32:7).

Historian McCullough is sold on a good story's effect on listeners. He improvises on E. M. Forster's observation: "If I say to you the king died and then the queen died, that's a sequence of events. If I say the king died and the queen died of grief, that's a story." I have found this to be good advice. In period costume, I visit classrooms dressed as Thomas Jefferson, teaching history through stories.

I put on my Jefferson colonial costume for the first time during our Bicentennial in 1976 when I lived near Philadelphia. Years later, I mentioned "bicentennial" to some Colorado students to whom I presented Jefferson. Some of these high schoolers looked blankly at the word "bicentennial" which appeared in the hand-out materials and gave wrong answers to this word's meaning. Then a student's hand shot up. "Is it connected with the University of Colorado's athletic mascot?" he asked, proudly knowing that "another name for buffalo is bison." Maybe a "bicentennial" is part of a clever pep rally phrase?



Fig. 3. Issued over a span of several years, the U.S. Bicentennial issues remind us of critical historical events, but the University of Colorado's mascot wasn't one of them.

Skipping historical study arouses needless arguments. This past 4th of July, National Public Radio repeated a 29-year on-air tradition. It tweeted the Declaration of Independence line by line. Jefferson wrote how dictator King George III had robbed colonials of their God-given rights. "He [King George III] has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers," reads the Declaration.

Then Jefferson wrote, "A Prince [referring to King George III] whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people." Some Twitter users chastised NPR, accusing this radio network of pushing a political agenda that slams our current president. Other listeners stumbled into an historical dark hole. They confused the Declaration's King George III with today's occupant of the White House.

We desperately need the perspective that history provides. As Winston Churchill declared, "The longer you look back, the farther you can see forward," except when historical amnesia sets in, blinding us to how historical moments influence what's happening today and tomorrow.

For those of us in the philatelic world, we know that an excellent way to reduce historical amnesia is by using stamps as an approachable and interesting educational tool.

Mid-Year 2017 RMPL Financial Report

By Tim Heins, RMPL Treasurer

The Board of Directors of the RMPL are presenting the following financial results thus far in 2017. During the first half of 2017, the total income of the RMPL was \$49,301 compared with the first half of 2016 income of \$61,678. The principle sources of income during this period in 2017 were auction sales of \$23,406, membership dues and donations of \$14,638, and stamp and publications sales of \$6,431.

Total expenses for the first six months of 2017 were \$38,010, compared with total expenses for 2016 of \$23,586. The largest increase in expenses was the addition of property taxes paid to Arapahoe County. (See below for explanation.) Besides property taxes, the largest category of expenses was Recurring Building expenses (heat, light, water, etc.) of \$9,552. Other major expenses were Operations (office expenses, etc.) of \$2,967 and Technology (computers, copiers, etc.) of \$7,956.

Before 2016, the RMPL, as a charitable organization, obtained an exemption from the property taxes imposed by Arapahoe County. During early 2016, this exemption was not renewed. Therefore, property taxes of \$14,718 for 2016 were assessed the RMPL. These taxes became due during early 2017. The RMPL Board of Directors has applied for the property tax exemption to be reinstated. The decision by the County Commissioners on this matter is to be made

in October, 2017.

During the first half of 2017, the excess of income over expenses (profit) was \$11,291 compared to \$38,092 for the same period in 2016. During May 2017, \$25,000 was deposited into the Library Trust Fund held by UBS. Also furniture and equipment of \$3,192 was purchased. The Spring Auction at the RMSS which occurred in May will not reoccur during the last six months of this year.

Detailed financial reports will be posted in the glass case in the entryway of RMPL. It is planned that the financial data for the year 2017 will be posted in January, 2018. Questions can be addressed to Timothy Heins, Treasurer at rmpl@qwestoffice.net.

The CPA firm of Taylor, Roth and Associates has prepared the IRS form "Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax" for 2016. This form was accepted by the IRS. Copies of this form are available for inspection at the RMPL.

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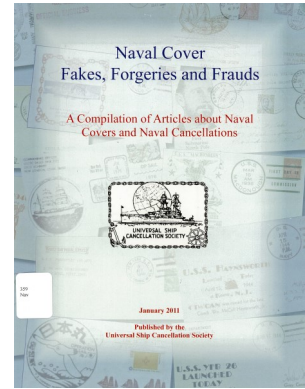
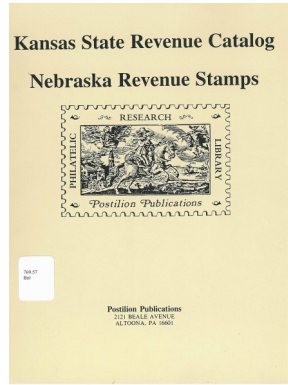
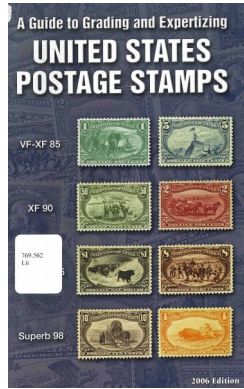
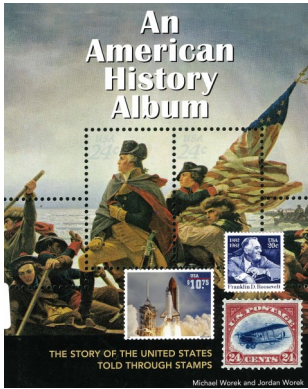
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UNITED STATES

An American History Album: The Story of the United States Told Through Stamps, by Michael Worek, and Jordan Worek

A Guide to Grading and Expertizing United States Stamps, 2006 Edition, by William A. Litle and Michael W. Sherman

Kansas State Revenue Catalog, by Charles J. Bellinghausen [bound together with the Nebraska Revenue Catalog]

Naval Cover Fakes, Forgeries and Frauds: A Compilation of Articles about Naval Covers and Naval Cancellations, published by the Universal Ship Cancellation Society

The Mitchell-Hoover Catalog of United States Bureau Precancels, 10th Ed (1932) and 17th Ed (1936), published by Hoover Brothers

Nebraska Revenue Stamps, by Kenneth P. Pruess [bound with Kansas State Revenue Catalog]

New Mexico Territorial Postmark Catalog, by Thomas K. Todsen

The Noble Official Catalog of United States Bureau Precancels, 39th Ed (1957), 54th Ed (1972), and 57th Ed (1975), published by Gilbert W. Noble

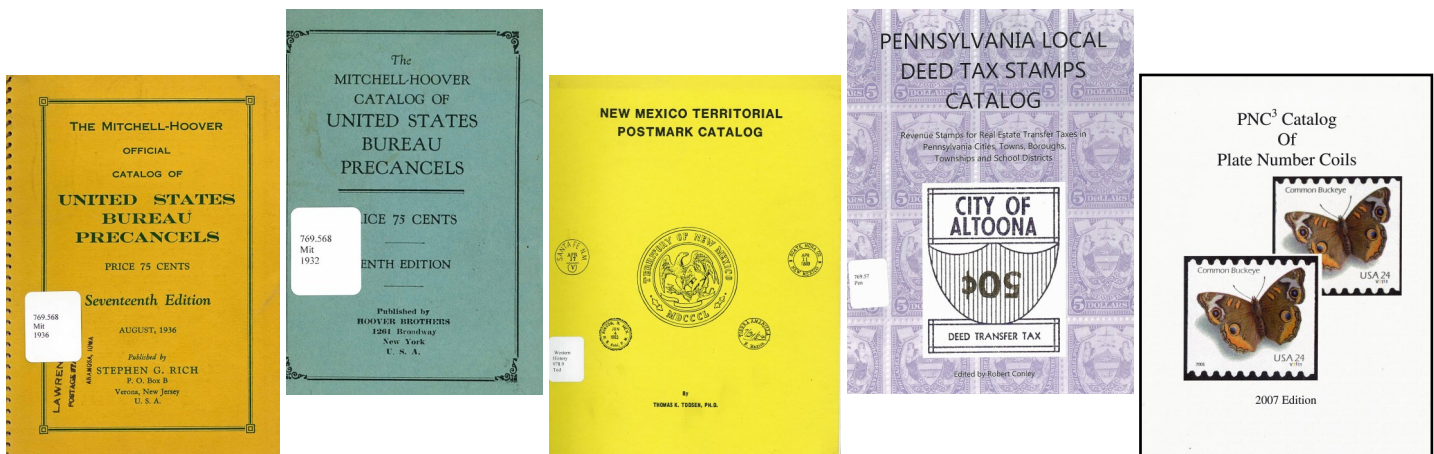
Official Blackbook Price Guide to United States Postage Stamps (2005), by Marc Hudgeons, Tom Hudgeons Jr. and Tom Hudgeons Sr.

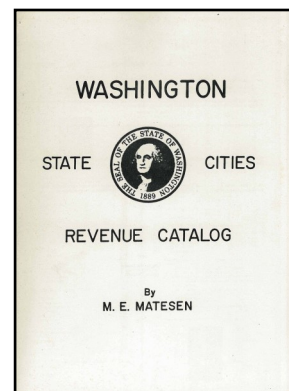
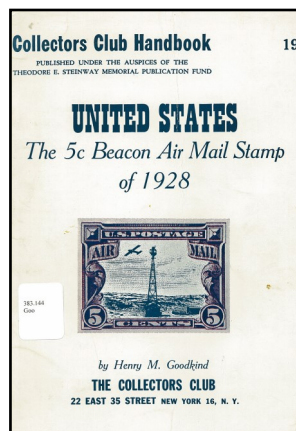
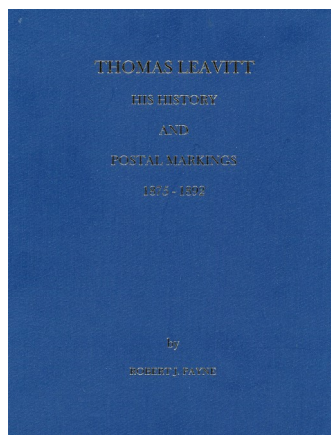
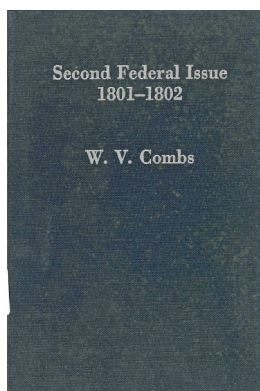
Pennsylvania Local Deed Tax Stamps Catalog, edited by Robert Conley

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PNC3 Catalog of Plate Number Coils (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016), published by the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC3)

Revenue Stamps of the New England States, by Terence Hines





Second Federal Issue 1801-1802: U.S. Embossed Revenue Stamped Paper, by W.V. Combs

State Revenue Stamp Specimens & Die Proofs Catalog, published by Champion Stamp Co., Banknote Division

Thomas Leavitt: His History and Postal Markings, 1875-1892, by Robert J. Payne

United States: The 5¢ Beacon Air Mail Stamp of 1928, by Henry M. Goodkind

U.S.A. State Revenue Stamps [©1992?], by Elbert S.A. Hubbard

Washington State Cities Revenue Catalog, by M.E. Matesen

ASIA

An Album of 2003 Chinese Stamps, published by the Shanghai Philatelic Corporation

An Album of 2004 Chinese Stamps, published by the Shanghai Philatelic Corporation

An Album of 2005 Chinese Stamps, published by the Shanghai Philatelic Corporation

Chinese Stamps 2002, published by the China National Philatelic Corporation

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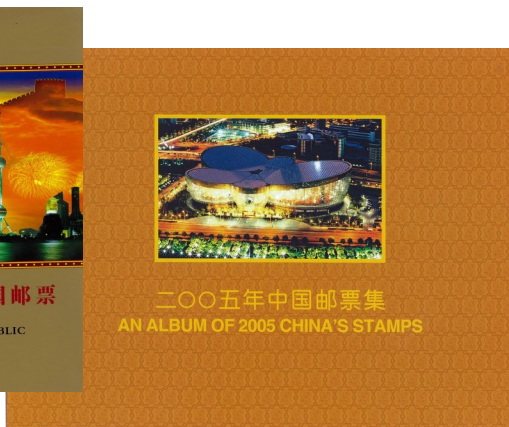
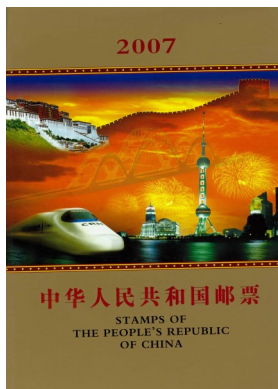
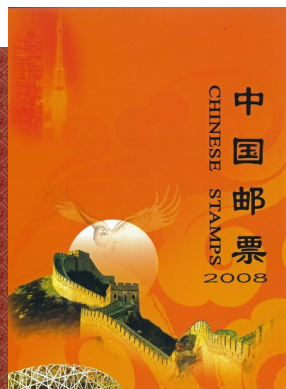
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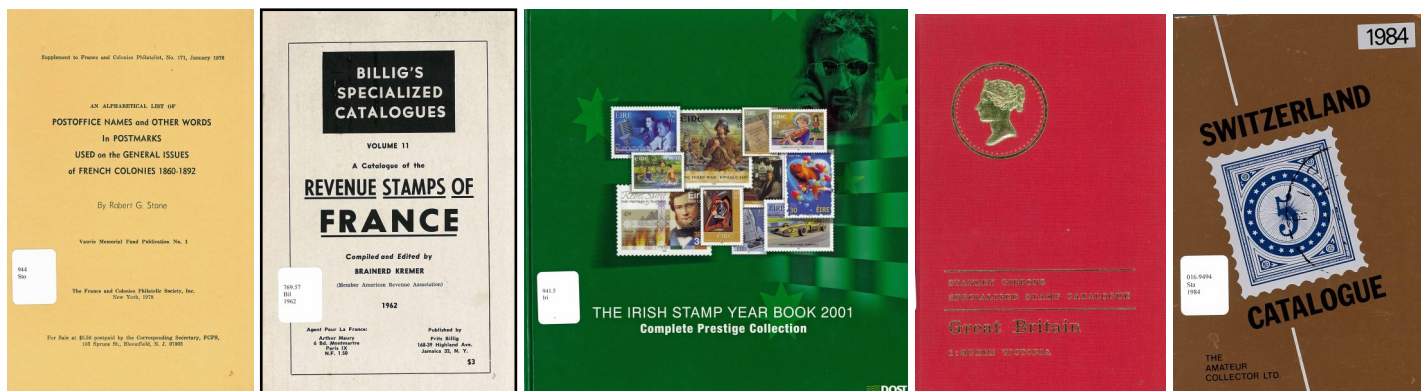
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An Alphabetical List of Post Office Names and Other Words in Postmarks Used on the General Issues of French Colonies 1861-1892, by Robert G. Stone

Catalago Unificado de España y Dependencias Postales (1984) Tomo I, published by Edefil

A Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of France (Billig's Specialized Catalogues Vol. 11), compiled and edited by Brainerd Kremer

The French "Départements Conquis" 1791-1815, by William M. Waugh

Great Britain Specialised Stamp Catalogue (1963): Volume 1, Queen Victoria, published by Stanley Gibbons Ltd.

The Irish Stamp Year Book 2001: Complete Prestige Collection, published by An Post

Postal Cancellations and Markings in Switzerland, by Felix Ganz

Stamp Catalogue of Switzerland 27th Ed (1984) and 30th Ed (1989), published by the Amateur Collector Ltd.

Woldenberg Camp Stamp Catalogue: Polish Prisoners of War 1939-1945, Including Supplement to the "Widow" and "Postman" Stamp Varieties

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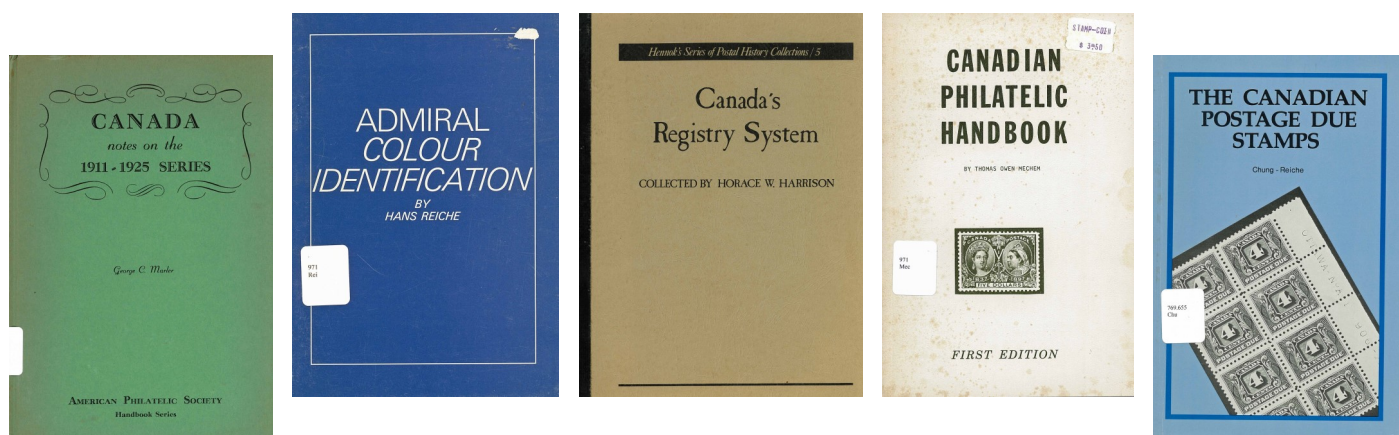
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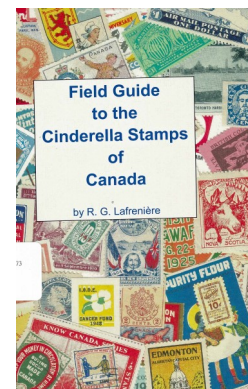
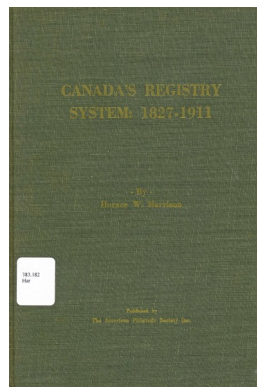
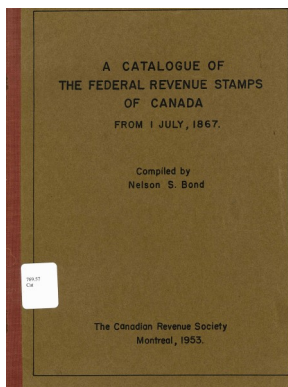
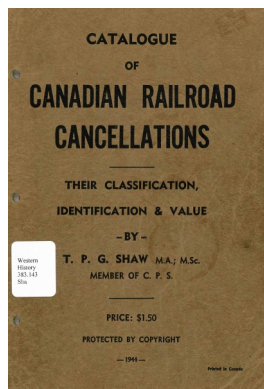
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Canada's Registry System [an exhibit], Collected by Horace W. Harrison

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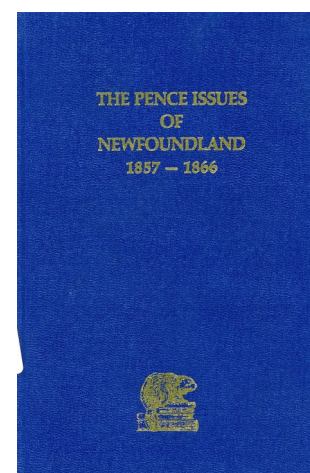
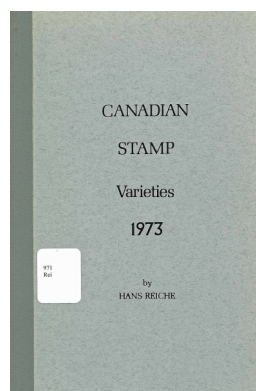
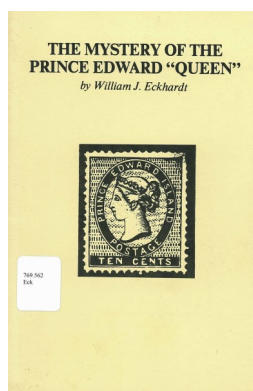
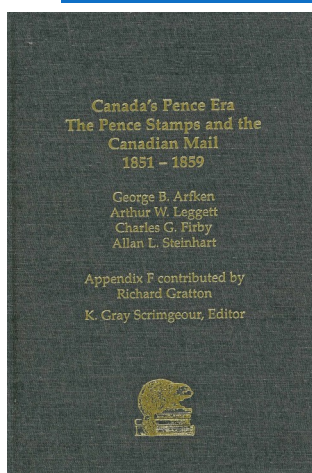
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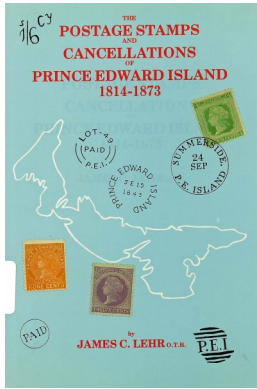
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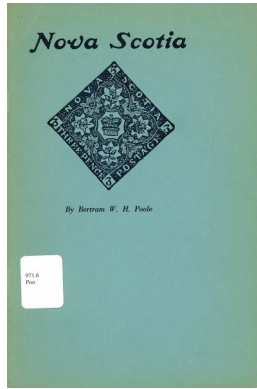
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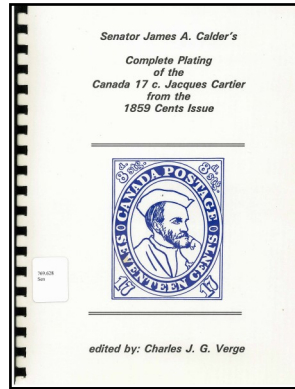




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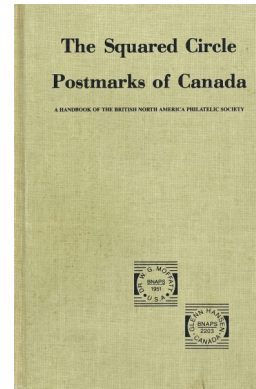
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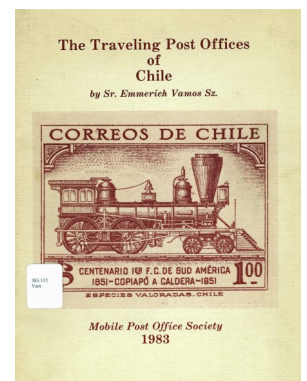
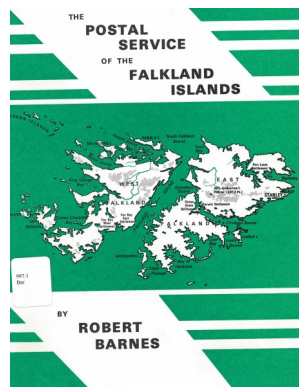
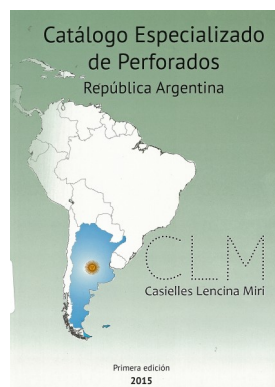
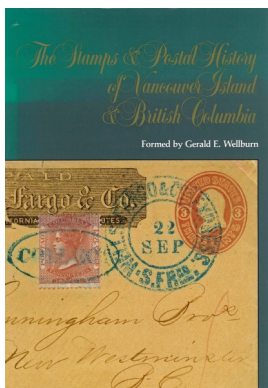
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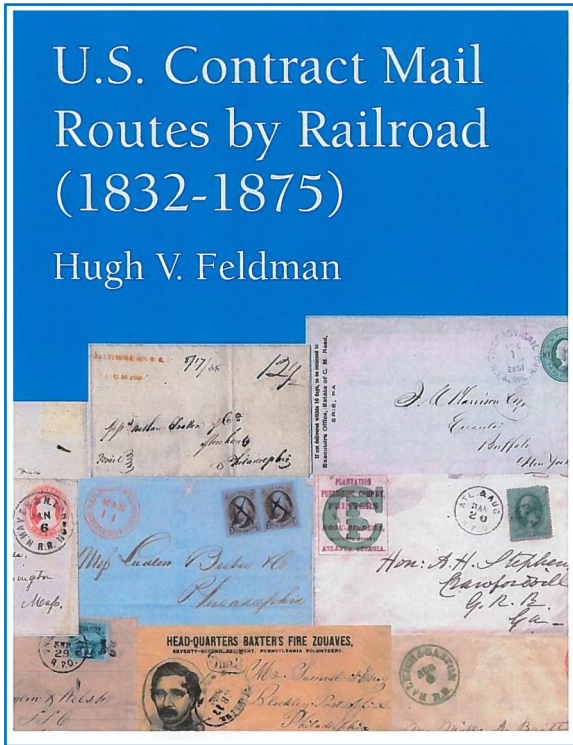
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U.S. Railroad Contract Mail Routes (1832-1875)

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U.S. Railroad Contract Mail Routes (1832-1875) by Hugh V. Feldman RPSL, Saffron Walden, Great Britain: 1096 pages plus a DVD, hardbound with dust jacket, 242 cover illustrations, 582 maps, 360 other images. Full color. ISBN Number 0-9827357-5-8. Released August 17, 2017. Published by the Collectors Club of Chicago, 1029 N Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60610



Carrying the mails was a major source of revenue that helped support passenger rail service in this country. In later years this was especially true for secondary and branch line trains. It is no coincidence that the decline and discontinuance of these trains in the 1960s was due to the Post Office switching mail contracts to trucks and airlines.

This well-written and researched tome is clearly the definitive gold standard for the subject of early-day railway contract mail routes. Its main use appears to be that of a reference book. It is well organized, easy to read, and the information being sought by a user is easily found.

Introductory chapters include: (1) the introduction of railroads in the US and the carriage of mail, (2) a chronological listing, by state, of the growth of railroad mail contracts, (3) mail contract terms, (4) payment terms, (5) route agents and mail messengers, (6) railway post offices, and (7) biographies of railroad tycoons.

Mail contracts are grouped by state. Most entries provide a history of the rail route as well as a history of the mail contract for that route. Many route descriptions include a map of the route, listing of stations and their changes over time, and for many listings, a timetable from a period Appleton's Guide shows the schedule of the mail train. Many entries also have pictures of covers. For most

short line contracts, however, only a very short narrative is provided, especially for those in the Pennsylvania coal mining regions. Not all railroad lines of this time period carried mail, so this book just covers railway routes that did have mail contracts.

Colorado does not appear in the contract lists, although two railroads, the Colorado Central and the Denver & Rio Grande carried mail ("carded mail trains") by 1870 and 1871 respectively. The listings also exclude the Confederate States' rail postal operations, probably a subject by itself. These omissions do not detract from the quality and usefulness of this book.

There is an appended DVD that contains images of over 800 covers, Postmaster Generals' annual reports plus other reports to Congress (1817- 1878). It also includes images of the manuscripts of railroad contracts grouped by state, additional maps, etc. The author suggests that many or all of these items have not been reproduced until now. The DVD contains close to 10,000 pages.

This book will appeal to rail fans and to philatelists alike. Place orders www.collectorsclubchicago.org or Robert L. Glass, CCC Publications Committee, Collectors Club of Chicago, PO Box 3996, Oak Park, IL 60303-3996. Payment is by PayPal, checks or money order in US dollars. Pricing, as of September 2017 and including postage, is: \$107.50 within the US, \$143.45 to Canada, and \$164.00 to Mexico and most other countries. European customers should contact the author at hugh@Feldman.f9.co.uk for ordering and pricing information.

New York - Chatham Four Corners

Route 812	- New York & Harlem	- \$558 - July 1845 to June 1849	- 6 times a week	- 27½ miles
Route 810	- New York & Harlem	- \$3,557 - July 1849 to May 1852	- 6 times a week	- 83 miles
Route 810	- New York & Harlem	- \$5,543 - May 1852 to June 1857	- 6 times a week	- 130½ miles
Route 1003	- New York & Harlem	- \$5,593 - July 1853 to June 1857	- 6 times a week	- 130½ miles
Route 1003	- New York & Harlem	- \$5,593 - July 1857 to June 1861	- 6 times a week	- 130½ miles
Route 1003	- New York & Harlem	- \$6,525 - July 1861 to June 1865	- 6 times a week	- 130½ miles
Route 1003	- New York & Harlem	- \$6,525 - July 1865 to June 1869	- 6 times a week	- 130½ miles
Route 1003	- New York & Harlem	- \$13,050 - July 1869 to June 1873	- 6 times a week	- 130½ miles

Key to Map Figure NY44

1. Yorkville	13. Chappaqua	26. Pawling's
2. Harlem	14. New Castle	27. Wing's Station
3. Mott Haven	15. Mount Kisco	28. South Dover
3a. Morrisania	16. Bedford Station	29. Dover
4. Williams Bridge	17. Bedford	30. Ardenia
5. Mount Vernon	18. White Plainsville	30. Sharon Station
5a. Bronxville	19. Golden's Bridge	30b. North East Station
6. Tuckahoe	20. Purdy's Station	31. Boston Centre
7. Moringville	21. Croton Falls	32. Copake
8. Scarsdale	22. Brewster's Station	33. Hillisdale
9. White Plains	23. Dykeman's	34. Martindale Depot
10. Kensico	24. Towners	35. Ghent
11. Pleasantville	25. Paterson	

The New York & Harlem Railroad started life in 1831 with the first section completed between Prince Street and the Bowery in November 1832. This was the first railroad to be built in New York State and by 1837 it extended 8 miles to Harlem. During its early years, the cars were pulled by horse and when steam locomotives were introduced a New York City ordinance prevented them being used below 42nd Street.

The New York & Harlem R.R. was the first railroad in which Cornelius Vanderbilt made a significant investment in saving it from bankruptcy in 1857, installing his son William as president of the line. William was demoted to vice president when his father took the position of president by 1866. Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. was appointed treasurer in the same year.

The railroad reached White Plains in December 1844, a distance of 27½ miles and the first contract as Route 812 with the company was made commencing July 1st 1845. Between 1845 and 1849 the route was extended in two contracts, 811 White Plains to Pleasantville 9 miles 6 times a week at \$372 and 811a Pleasantville to Purdy's Depot 16 miles 3 times a week at \$352 a year.

Renewed as Route 810 to Dover in June 1849 the tracks were completed to Chatham Four Corners in January 1852 and the contract extended to the full line from May 25th 1852.

Two route agents were appointed for the route, William K. Reynolds on June 13th 1849 and P.D. Crosby on July 3rd 1849. The Bid Register Volume 132 page 26 states: "1852 July 26. Modify schedule by leaving N. York at 7½ a.m. & remain at Croton Falls till the through train arrives. Route Agent to go by the 7½ a.m. train."

A sample page with a route map, descriptive information regarding the routes, and some historical narrative

SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Second Saturday programs are sponsored by the RMPL 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 address is: aurora_80017@yahoo.com

November 11, 2017—9:00 a.m.
National Parks Cinderellas: Souvenirs of our National Gems
Presented by John Bloor

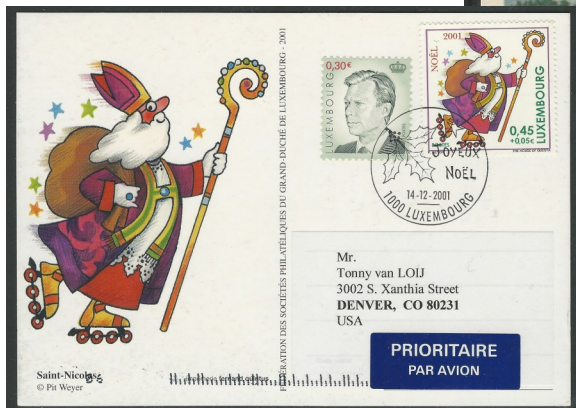
Yellowstone, the first national park, was established in 1872 and the National Park Service was created in 1916. Since then the United States has issued a number of postage stamps honoring the parks. In addition, the government and several private companies have also released stamps and stickers memorializing the parks. There are many more of these cinderellas than there are postage stamps. This talk is an introduction to these beautiful pieces of paper ephemera.



December 9, 2017—9:00 a.m.
The Legend of St. Niklaas
Presented by Tonny Van Loji

Also known as St. Nick - St Nikola and St. Nikolau, this program is about his legend(s) - mostly throughout East and Western Europe.

The presentation will be illustrated with the help of St. Nick picture postcards, stamps, and special event cancels.



NEW MEMBERS

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

- ◆ John D'Onofrio, Brooklyn NY - President, Vatican Philatelic Society - New York Chapter. Collects Europe, Gibraltar, Hawaii, and Israel philatelic literature.
- ◆ Lynn Davidson-Stroh, Gallup, NM - Collects dead countries, offices, and colonies.

RMPL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting of September 21, 2017
Prepared by President John Sinski
Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

All Board members present except Bill Plachte and Dalene Thomas. The July Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Expenses by Vendor, Income and Expenses, and Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2017 were distributed and discussed. Don Beuthel was asked to close our Westerra accounts and returned with \$45,180 which is now in our checking account.

OLD BUSINESS:**MEMBERSHIP PICNIC**

A good time was had by all sixty attendees.

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER PARTY

Scheduled for December 3 at the Blue Bonnet.

CENTURYLINK/COMCAST

John Sinski will continue working this project. We have been informed by COMCAST that running cable to us would be too expensive. We will contact CenturyLink to try to improve our service from them.

ELECTRICAL LIGHTING UPGRADE

Light fixtures are on hand and Bill Crabbs and Rich Palestro will be installing them over the next couple of months.

DUMPSTER PAD AND REAR PAVING

An engineering study needed to provide a dumpster pad and rear parking pavement will be coordinated by Howard Benson.

GARDEN STATUS

It was decided to hire a landscaping firm to perform a one time cleanup of the entire garden area this fall. Due to illness, our neighbor Stan will no longer work the vegetable garden. Howard Benson will coordinate this project.

NEW BUSINESS:**WATER METER**

A water company engineer located the meter and replaced a faulty transmitter at 2038.

RMPL ELECTION!!!

We are late in the election process. A nominating committee will be organized to continue the process. Anyone wishing to run for office will need to prepare or update their bio (and photo) for inclusion in the January issue of *Scribblings*.

DONATIONS: May 30, 2017 to July 29, 2017

The library thrives on the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. The following people made donations to the library during the last two months. We thank every one who has contributed (alphabetized by last name). Here are the people and organizations who contributed during this period.

John Bloor	SCC
Roger Cichorz	Michael Slade
Colorado Postal History Society	Dewey Smith
John Cross	John Snodgrass
Sonny Gorsuch	Robbyn Stober
Fred Greier	Bill Stolfus
Doris Hatcher	Carole Dianne Sundine
Ned Husman	Ludvik Svoboda
Paul Lee	David Swavely
Robert Martin	Patricia Termin
Jeff Modesitt	Denise Turner
Albert Patten	Ravindra Vora
Louis Ruhlin	Matthew Whitcomb
	Margot Zallen

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

State Revenue Commission is to meet in October to consider our request to continue our exemption. John Sinski is preparing a complete resubmission as a backup.

FUNDS TRANSFER

The Board approved a transfer of \$20,000 from the checking account to the UBS Investment Account.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Volunteer training and our training manual was discussed. Howard Benson is completing a manual update and will soon run training classes.

AUCTIONS UPDATE

It is expected that we will make at least \$15,000 in the upcoming bulk-lot auction. Bill Crabbs is working the February country lot sale and expects about \$6,000.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

It was suggested that after the election we consider holding a retreat to discuss a list of long range planning issues affecting the Library.

CLUB/SOCIETY/SHOW REPORTS

Steve McGill reported that RMSS is in good shape. He stated that extending the show into Thursday programs was very successful and will continue.

The annual multi-club auction to be held at the library has been rescheduled from November to January 18, 2018 (1:30 p.m. viewing & 2:00 p.m. auction). The next dealer bourse at the library is scheduled for Saturday, November 18.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Steve McGill received the Grand Award at the APS StampShow in Richmond, VA. He is now qualified for the Champion of Champions next year in Columbus, Ohio.

New RMPL members were approved by Board. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

For the Record: Next Board Meeting:
November 16, 2017 at **5:00 p.m.**



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, Howard Benson. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Howard at (303) 521-6216 of any changes or updates. All requests to reserve meeting time and space for philatelic- related meetings other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled by Howard well in advance.

******November 2017******

- November 1 Wed-Aurora Stamp Club**
6:30 p.m. Trading
7:00 p.m. Meeting
- November 4 Sat-Meeting 10:00 a.m.**
Scandinavian Collectors Club
- November 4 Sat-Meeting 1:00 p.m.**
TOPical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
- November 8 Wed-Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
Germany Stamp Club
- November 9 Thu-Meeting 2:00 p.m.**
Cherrellyn Stamp Club
- November 9 Thu-Meeting 6:30 p.m.**
Denver Postcard Club
- November 10 Fri-Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
Austria-Hungary Stamp Club
- November 11 Sat- Library Closed for Veterans Day**
- Second Saturday at the RMPL**
November 11 Sat 9:00 a.m. (Only Annex Open)
Program by John Bloor
National Parks Cinderellas: Souvenirs of our National Gems
- November 11 Sat-Meeting 10:00 a.m.**
Mexico/Latin America Club
- November 15 Wed-Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
Arapahoe Stamp Club
- November 16 Thu-Meeting 5:00 p.m. (New Time)**
RMPL Board of Directors-All members are welcome
- November 18 Sat-Meeting 9:30 a.m.**
Denver Young Collectors
- November 18 Sat-10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.**
Denver Stamp Bourse
- November 19 Sun-Meeting 1:00 p.m.**
Great Britain and Colonies Collectors Club
- November 22 Wed-Meeting 11:00 a.m.**
Denver Stamp Club
- November 23-26 Thu - Sun Library Closed for Thanksgiving Weekend**
- November 28 Tue-Meeting 7:30 p.m.**
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee

******December 2017******

- December 2 Sat-Meeting 10:00 a.m.**
Scandinavian Collectors Club
- December 2 Sat-Meeting 1:00 p.m.**
TOPical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
- December 6 Wed-Aurora Stamp Club**
6:30 p.m. Trading
7:00 p.m. Meeting
- December 8 Fri-Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
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- Second Saturday at the RMPL**
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- December 9 Sat-Meeting 11:30**
Rocky Mountain Aero/Astro Philatelic Club
- December 13 Wed-Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
Germany Stamp Club
- December 14 Thu-Meeting 1:00 p.m.**
Denver Postcard Club
- December 14 Thu-Meeting 2:00 p.m.**
Cherrellyn Stamp Club
- December 16 Sat-Meeting 9:30 a.m.**
Denver Young Collectors
- December 17 Sun-Meeting 1:00 p.m.**
Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club
- December 20 Wed-Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
Arapahoe Stamp Club
- December 24 - 26 Christmas Holidays-Library Closed**
- December 26 Tue No meeting**
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Committee
- December 27 Wed-Meeting 11:00 a.m.**
Denver Stamp Club
- December 31—Jan 2, 2018 Library Closed for the New Year's Holiday**