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Leadville 1878: Buying Your Way to the Front of the Post Office Queue

By Paul Albright



Fig. 1. Main street of Leadville in 1878-1879. The post office was in the large building in the left foreground of this drawing.

When publisher Carlye Channing Davis arrived in the mining boom town of Leadville, Colorado (Fig. 1), he described it as the “wildest and most tempestuous municipality on the face of the earth.” That was in 1878, a few months before Davis and two partners began publishing *The Daily Chronicle*, which competed with several other newspapers in Leadville’s vibrant community.

Davis’ highly readable memoir, *Olden Times in Colorado* (published in 1916), noted that the Leadville of 1878 had no public utilities in place to provide domestic water, lighting, sewers, natural gas, or local transportation. It was a frontier town, larger in population than Denver and bustling with miners and commercial enterprises all looking to strike it rich in the silver and gold mines at 10,000 feet elevation.

The local post office was such an essential part of the Leadville community that Davis described its operations in his book. It was a busy, fourth class post office with the postmaster’s salary based on the sale of stamps and with no allowance for rent, light, fuel, or assistance. But the postmaster absorbed

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The President's Message

Yes, time flies. When this newsletter arrives, we will be halfway through 2018. A lot has happened since I took office and not all for the better. As with any organization, there are challenges. Your management, along with the entire volunteer staff, is working on meeting these challenges. Donations continue to flow in and that will help with the bills. The silent auction at Rocky Mountain Stamp Show was perhaps not as good as we hoped, despite some really interesting material. Nevertheless, we netted about \$15,000.



On the positive side, we got an OK from the fire department after a yearly inspection in April. On the negative side, the smoke alarm systems in both buildings did not pass inspection. Ironically, due to the age of the buildings the systems are not required. They are now disconnected. For safety's sake, however, we are getting bids from three companies for a new integrated system. This may also help reduce the insurance bill. The board will make a decision on this in time.

The next item of business is getting additional volunteers. There are days that we are not adequately staffed for what we need to accomplish and I do not like the idea of having only ONE volunteer to close up at night. While at RMSS, I mailed 135 letters to RMPL members to ask for volunteers. My letter did not produce a single call to volunteer. This could become an issue restricting our ability to continue our current hours - six days-a-week. So, let's all see if we can jump in for a few hours a week. Please contact Dasa Metzler should you be willing to join the volunteer crew or add a few hours to your current schedule.

Thanks,
Tonny Van Loij

HELP WANTED

We need additional help in almost every area of our operations, especially **stamp sorters** and **front desk workers**. 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 Tonny Van Loij or Dasa Metzler.

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those costs, apparently because it attracted cash-paying customers into his combined bank, general store, and post office.

According to Davis, the daily stage mail took as many as 20 clerks all night to hand-sort and prepare the mail for delivery the next morning.

“Long before the opening hour, a line of patrons formed in front and extended far down the street and so eager were the people to secure their letters without delay that cash in large sums, ranging from one to five dollars, was paid for positions at the head of the line,” Davis recalled.

“Indeed, this practice early became so common that a few persons profited handsomely by selling their places, returning to the foot, again advancing, and selling again and again.”

For years, there was only a single commercially dominated Western Union telegraph line into Leadville, making postal mail critical to the residents. “[C]ash was abundant in Leadville, and its expenditure ever lavish,” according to Davis. Thus, some miners and townspeople were apparently willing to pay for an upfront spot that required less waiting in line to claim their mail.



Fig. 2. The first issue of *The Daily Chronicle* (January 29, 1878) with publisher Davis, and two co-founders. Davis said first day sales of 500 copies were anticipated but that 7,000 copies of the newspaper were realized.

Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library 25th Anniversary Celebration

6:00 p.m., August 4th at the RMPL

On the 4th of August, 2018 at 6:00 pm, the RMPL will celebrate their 25th Anniversary with a picnic in the gardens. Famous Dave’s will cater the dinner. The menu will include chicken, chopped pork, beef and brisket. For side dishes, there will be baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and cake for desert. If alcoholic drinks are desired, you should bring your own. Don Beuthel, the RMPL’s first President will give a talk on the history of the RMPL. All are welcome and we are looking forward to a large attendance.



Dinner is on us! Come fill the tables!

DONATIONS

Normally, we list the donations received during the last two months as a "Thank You" to those who recently contributed. Because we missed publishing the donation list in the last *Scribblings*, our list of individual and other contributors outgrew the normal space allocation.

When I received the current list for publication, I was taken aback not only by its length, but by what it said about our membership and those volunteers who make the RMPL a philatelic center of influence.

To illustrate my point, the entire list is being printed below as submitted to me by Bill Plachte. By the entire list, I mean that it includes those who have made multiple contributions. Because of space, the policy has been to edit out multiple gifts during any given reporting period.

Just what does this list show? First, there are 110

names on the complete list. This means that Bill sends out a thank you/confirmation letter on average every day to those who request written acknowledgement of their donation. Bill, I now realize, bears a very heavy correspondence burden!

Second, if we eliminate multiple gifts, about 90 members donated to the RMPL. This represents about 20% of our membership. Twenty percent donation participation in 1/3rd of the year is Fabulous! Additional thanks go out to those who are not members, but make donations--many times significant ones. All these donations represent our financial viability, so please keep them coming!

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Denver Young Collectors at the RMSS

By Charlie Freise

Yes, it was that time of year again and the excitement in the air was almost palpable. The 2018 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show had arrived!

Don Dhonau, Director of the Denver Young Collectors, with the assistance of Dan Nieuwlandt, Ron Brandhorst, and Charlie Freise, carefully planned and coordinated an entire weekend of special activities. They were prepared for the Denver Young Collectors and any youngsters who might stop by the Youth Booth during the Show.

The “Denver Stamp Camp” held as part of the RMSS activities (Fig. 1) incorporates many of the objectives of the original “Stamp Camp USA” program. This year the children were presented with a series of educational programs focusing on the different ways to collect stamps, and how to protect, store, and display a collection. Children were provided a small stipend and given the task of going out onto the show floor and seeking out some “special treasures” from the dealers. The children then gathered around the Youth Booth and showed their treasures to each other. They discussed their collecting interests and the reasons for purchasing their particular stamps.

This year eleven children actively participated in the “Denver Stamp Camp” on Friday. This was almost double the number from last year! Our efforts over the past year in getting out to the local libraries and continuing our work with the Denver Area Boy Scout Council resulted in more children, as well as adults, stopping by the Youth Booth. We had eight Scouts meet the requirements for the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge in March 2018, and two additional Scouts completed the requirements during the Show on Saturday.

While the “Denver Stamp Camp” was in progress we had special activities (Fig. 2) prepared for those children who dropped by. A number of “bookcase games” were available, as well as the *Endan-*

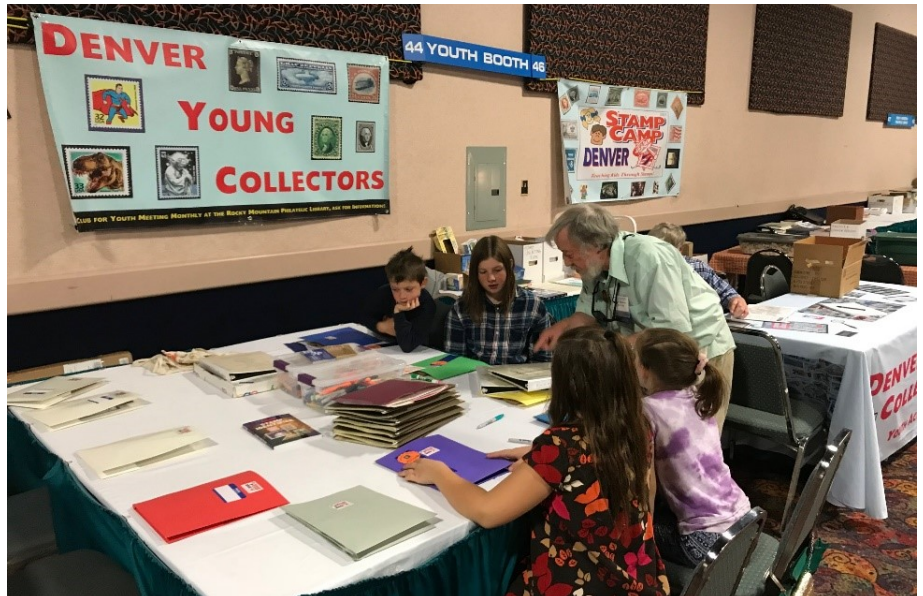


Fig. 1. Don Dhonau greets the first children to arrive for the “Denver Stamp Camp.”

gered Wildlife of the World, Greetings from America, Scavenger Hunt, Wildlife Safari, and Design A Stamp activities. Children were given a name tag and a blue ribbon.



Fig. 2. One of the special activities during the Denver Stamp Camp is a modified Children’s Auction. Here the children are going through their winnings and taking the opportunity to trade with each other.



Fig. 3. Terri Hagg and her daughter Lily, who is fully absorbed in selecting a number of “free” stamps from the special Topical stamp binders.

As the children completed an activity, they were awarded with a special sticker which was placed on the ribbon.

One of the most memorable moments at the Youth Booth occurred on Saturday afternoon when Terri Hagg and her daughter, Lily, stopped by. Terri was interested in stamp collecting and wanted to introduce Lily to the hobby. Lily had no interest in stamp collecting and wanted to leave “NOW.” After a few minutes, some careful questioning and listening, Don and Charlie had an idea of what might spark Lily’s entry into the world of stamp collecting. She was presented with the “very special” topical stamp binders focusing on beautiful Disney and wildlife stamps. Almost two hours later Lily and her mother stood up from the table and had to leave. Lily had a dance competition in just a little over an hour! Mother and daughter left the Youth Booth with big smiles, a beginner album, hinges, tongs, stock sheets, a basic book on stamp collecting, and a nice collection of Disney and world wildlife stamps (Fig. 3).

We thank all of the dealers who helped the children with their purchases on Friday. A very special “Thank You!” goes out to Bob Shaver of S & S Stamps, and Dr. Damian Johnson of World Wide Philatelics, both of whom were more than generous to the children this year. Additionally, a number of individuals stopped by the Youth Booth this year with donations and we also thank them: Mark Ar-



Fig. 4. Don Dhonau is assisting children (and parents) with the Denver Stamp Camp activities. There were so many children in attendance that an additional table had to be set-up.

nold, Jeffrey Mattick, Mary Gershwin, Joe Neri, Tom Teague, Ann Butler, Jon Bennet, and Dan Drolet. There were a number of donors who wished to remain anonymous and we are most appreciative of your donations .

Without the generous donations from the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, library members, dealers, and collectors, throughout the year we would not be able to provide the free stamps, collecting packets, and supplies to every child who visited the Youth Booth (Figs. 4 & 5). Many packets were also given to parents and grandparents who stopped by looking for something special for their children, nieces, nephews, or grandchildren.



Fig. 5. Don Dhonau and Ron Brandhorst work with the children attending the Denver Stamp Camp.

DISCOVER GOLDEN NUGGETS OF STAMP COLLECTING INFORMATION USING AUCTION CATALOGS

By Dr. Jack R. Van Ens

Searching for gold may lead to disaster or delight, depending if your quest happens in the Rockies' ravines or among the stamp collecting nuggets housed in the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library.

Antiquities dealer Forest Fenn has drawn hundreds of thrill seekers to the chase by leaving clues to a cache of gold and silver he stashed several years ago somewhere in the Rocky Mountains. At last count, four treasure hunters died after searching for this mother lode, using the clues about the chest's whereabouts encoded in a cryptic poem printed in Fenn's memoir, "The Thrill of the Chase."

You don't have to sacrifice your life as a philatelic thrill-seeker to gain access to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library's "delightful gold mines of information," as *Kelleher's Stamp Collector's Quarterly* editor Randy Neil aptly describes our resources. Several previous articles have addressed a



Fig. 1. Thousands of auction catalogs await your perusal. Almost all contain information and illustrations that are not found in Scotts, Stanley Gibbons or other major reference books.

variety of resources available to the stamp collector, but one area that has not been adequately explored lies in the RMPL's extensive holdings of auction catalogs - a rich, but under-utilized area of philatelic research.

In that part of the Library where antique maps are filed, our publications are printed, and stamp societies fill nooks with specialized resource books, there reside thousands of stamp auction catalogs that fill massive shelves (Fig. 1). These treasures are worth exploring. In addition, many of the "name" auction catalogs are shelved with other books in the main library. *Please remember that an appointment is necessary to review the catalogs located in the Asbury building.*

Why are these nuggets of information so valuable? Randy Neil believes stamp collectors de-



Fig. 2. One of these is the prized ultramarine shade. Auction catalogs can show you the differences.

sire "to find out why we have such a fascinating hobby—and they found it's practically impossible to collect these tiny documents of human culture and history [stamps] without turning to some form of literature" (*Kelleher's Stamp Collector's Quarterly*, Randy Neil, "We Take This Seriously," Fourth Quarter 2017, p. 28).

Some auction catalogs in the Library's holdings go back to the 1930s, recording "name sales" of philatelic all-stars. With offices adjacent to Rockefeller Center, Siegel Auction House publishes informative catalogs with eye-catching graphics. I often turn to these resources, which furnish helpful listings of auction lots.

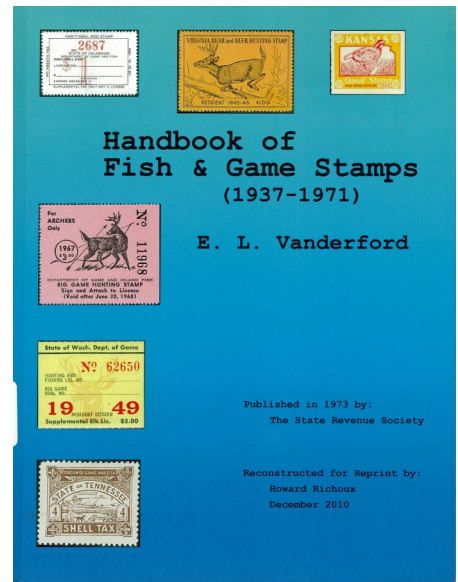
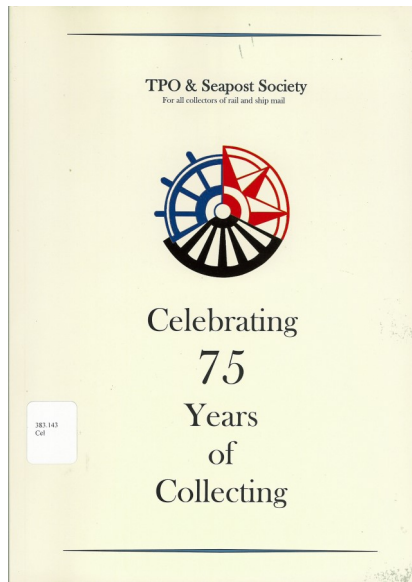
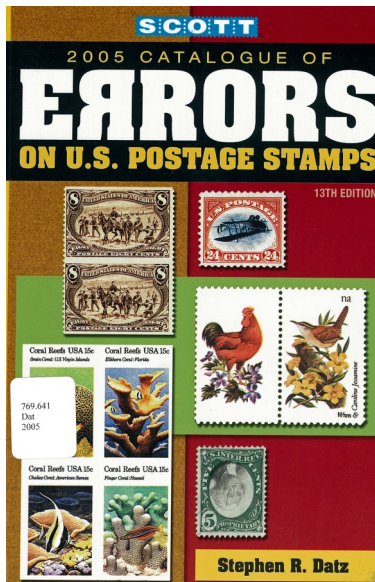
Suppose I own three copies of Scott #63, which features a bust of Ben Franklin (Fig. 2). This stamp was printed in shades of blue. How can you tell if you have a prized stamp in the ultramarine hue instead of the more common blue shades? The difference is worth big bucks.

I peruse Siegel catalogs that are offering this stamp. Color photography of #63's shades is right on, with true representations printed on glossy paper. Besides seeing color varieties, I am also able to trace the provenance (history of previous owners of a stamp) in the lot's description. The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library's holdings of auction catalogs include most famous auction houses as well as many lesser known and obscure dealers.

Thomas Jefferson, who prior to when stamps were first issued in the 1840s, had a passion for acquiring books, which inspired him to build three massive collections during his life (1743 – 1826). He helped friends form libraries, suggesting volumes suitable to their interests. Jefferson often purchased volumes for acquaintances or lent them his books.

Similarly, with Jeffersonian zeal, browse these philatelic catalogs. Share information you gather with other stamp collectors. Alert newcomers to the nuggets of knowledge you have unearthed. You will shine as a gold miner of philatelic wisdom. And you'll still live to enjoy stamp collecting.

NEW ON THE SHELVES



UNITED STATES

2005 Catalogue of Errors on U.S. Postage Stamps, 13th Edition, by Stephen R. Datz

The American Bank Note Company State Revenue Index Proofs, edited by Peter Martin

Celebrating 75 Years of Collecting, published by the TPO and Seapost Society

A Checklist of Florida Post Offices, 1821-1995, by Richard W. Helbock

Classic Hawaii 1819-1900: From the Honolulu Advertiser Collection, published by the Philatelic Classics Society

Colton's United States Post Office Directory, 1856

Confederate Patriotic Covers, Including a Check List of All Known Designs, by Van Dyk MacBride

Federal Civil War Postal History, by James W. Milgram

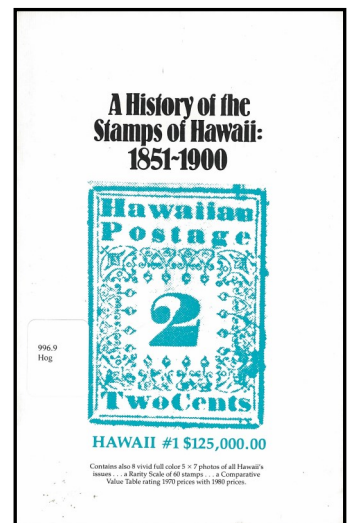
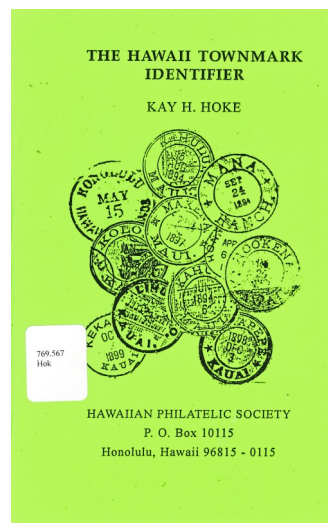
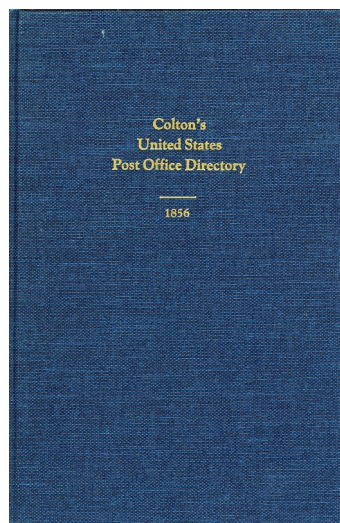
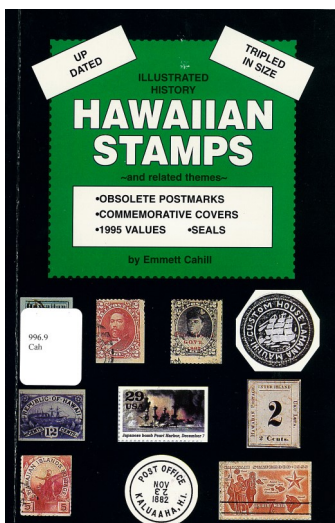
General Scheme of Kansas, 1929, published by the United States Post Office Department

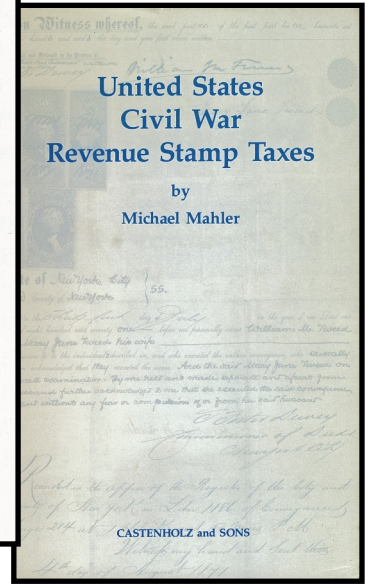
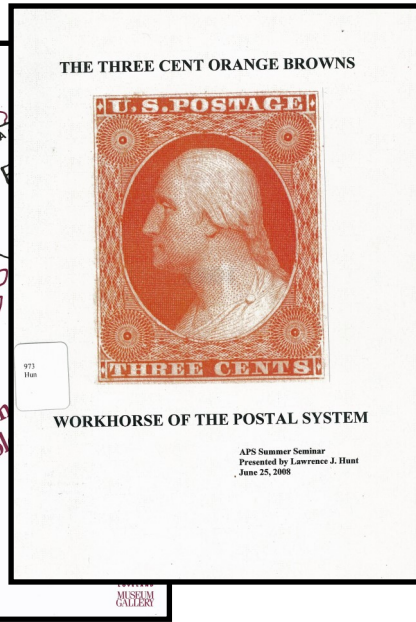
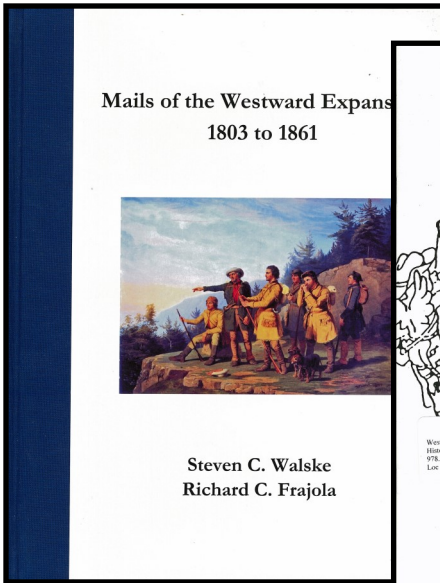
Handbook of Fish & Game Stamps (1937-1971), by E.L. Vanderford

The Hawaii Townmark Identifier, by Kay H. Hoke

A History of the Stamps of Hawaii, 1851-1900, by Pat Hogan

Illustrated History of Hawaiian Stamps and Related Themes [1995], by Emmett Cahill





List of Post Offices and Postal Laws and Regulations of the United States of America, 1857

Mails of the Westward Expansion: 1803-1861, by Steven C. Walske and Richard C. Frajola

Notes on the Grilled Issues of the United States, compiled by Lester G. Brookman

Official Documents of the Post Office of the Confederate States of America, volumes I & II, reprinted by Theron Wierenga

One Cent 1861 Issue: Evolution and Varieties, an exhibit published by the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society

Postal Laws and Regulations of the United States of America, 1866, 1887

Pratt's United States Post Office Directory, reprinted by Theron Wierenga

Prexie Postal History: An Anthology Examining the Postal History Possibilities Presented by the 1938 Presidential Series, 2nd Edition, edited by Richard W. Helbock

Report of the Postmaster General for 1841-1846, 1847-9, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1865, 1866, 1869, 1870, 1872, & 1873, reprinted by Theron Wierenga

Sweetheart Town, USA, Loveland, Colorado, by Donna Lock

The Three Cent Orange Browns: Workhorse of the Postal System, by Lawrence J. Hunt

United States Civil War Revenue Stamp Taxes, by Michael Mahler

United States One-Cent Franklin, 1861-1867, an exhibit by Don L. Evans

United States Postal History and Postage Stamps: Official Records, 1834-1851 [aka The Travers Papers], Volumes I & II, edited by Barbara J. Mueller

United States Post Offices Volume VI: The Mid-Atlantic, compiled by Richard W. Helbock

United States Slogan Postmark Catalog, First Edition (1936), by Donald W. Tucker

United States Wartime P.O. and the 1¢ Stamp 1861-1865, an exhibit by Henry S. Nowak

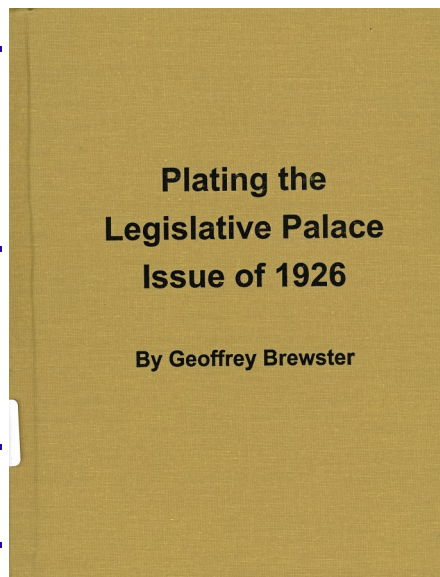
U.S. 1861-68, Part I, the 1861-1866 Stamps; and Part II, the 1867-1868 Grilled Stamps, two exhibits by William K. Herzog

ASIA

Plating the [Philippines] Legislative Palace Issue of 1926, by Geoffrey Brewster

AUSTRALIA and OCEANIA

The Collection of Australian



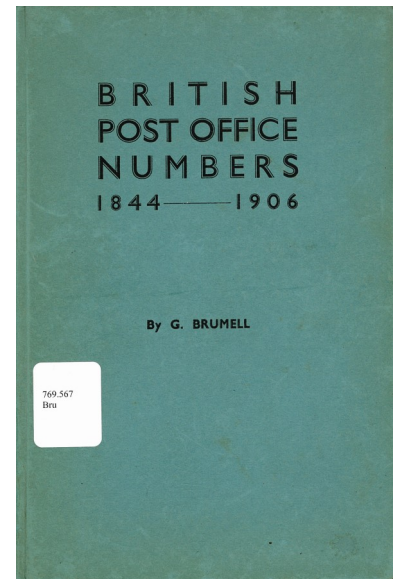
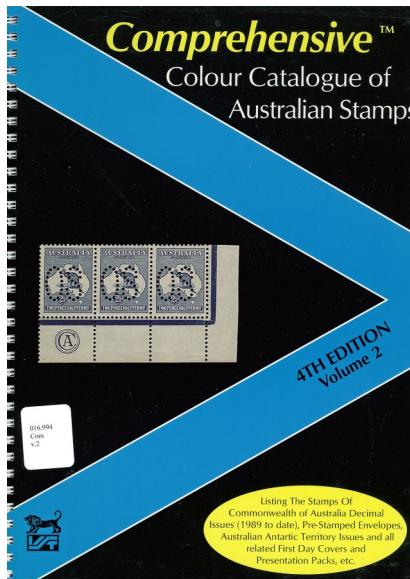
Stamps: 1987, published by Australia Post

MIDDLE EAST

Comprehensive Colour Catalogue of Australian Stamps, 4th Ed. Vol. 2, published by Victoria Stamp Traders

Official Trucial States Stamp Catalog, 1976 Edition

NORTH AMERICA



EUROPE

Austria Netto Katalog, Briefmarken: Österreich Jugendkatalog 1995/1997

A History of Cross-Border Communication Between Canada and the United States of America, by Dorothy Sanderson and Malcolm B. Montgomery

British Post Office Numbers: The Distinguishing Numbers Given to Post Offices 1844-1906, by G. Brumell

Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada Volumes I & II, by Winthrop S. Boggs

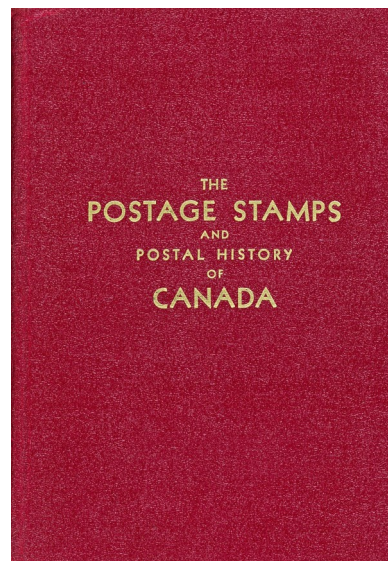
La Poste Maritime Française, Tomes I – VI, by Raymond Salles



The Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps [including provinces], 1994 and 2009 editions

The Queen's Own: Stamps that Changed the World, by Thomas J. Alexander

Suffolk Postal History and Postal Markings to 1844: The Postal History of Suffolk and a Replacement of the Suffolk Chapter of the British County Catalogue, by Thomas Slemons



SOUTH AMERICA

The 1933 Centenary Issue of the Falkland Islands, by R.N. Spafford

The Cancellations of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies, by James Andrews

The De La Rue Definitives of the Falkland Islands, 1901-1929, by John P. Bunt

The Falkland Islands: The 1891 Provisionals, by Malcolm Barton

Falkland Islands Mails: The Kosmos Years, 1880-1900

The Transorma at Brighton: The First Letter Sorting Machine in the United Kingdom, by Douglas N. Muir



The Falkland Islands: Printings of the Pictorial Issue of 1938-1949, by C.E. Glass

The Tudway Letters [History of Antigua], by Mary Gleadall

Falkland Islands: The "Travis" Franks and Covers, by Andrew Norris and David Beech

TOPICAL

The Postal History of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies, by Edward B. Proud

Aspects of Medicine on Postage Stamps, by Tom Wilson

The Postage Stamps of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies, by B.S.H. Grant

Ball Games on Stamps, by Herbert Halm and J.K. Kobylanski

A Short History of the Falkland Islands and Its Stamps, by D.O. Sloan and F.C.A. Goodman

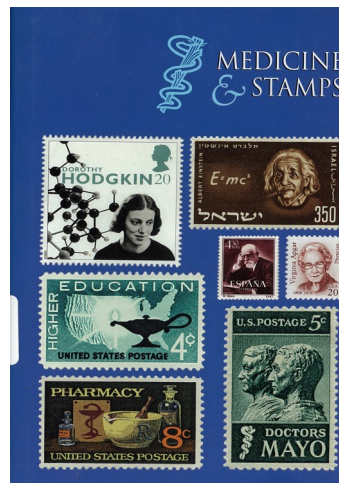
Medicine & Stamps, edited by Marc A. Shampo and Robert A. Kyle

Specialised Stamp Catalogue of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies Including Postal History and Cancellations, 1800-2006 (Fifth Edition), by Stefan Heijtz

The War Stamp Overprints of the Falkland Islands, 1918-1920, by John P. Bunt

CENTRAL AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

The Postage Stamps of Mexico, 1856-1868, by Samuel Chapman



MISCELLANEOUS

50 World Rarities Exhibited in Monaco and New York: MonacoPhil 2015, published by the Club de Monte Carlo

Atlantic Mails: A History of the Mail Service between Great Britain and Canada to 1889, by J.C. Arnell

The Congress Book 2009, published by the Seventy-Fifth American Philatelic Congress

The Development of Postage Rates, by A.D. Smith

Gold Rush Steamers of the Pacific, by Ernest A. Wiltsee

The Mysterious Philippe de Ferrari Cet Inconnu, Collectionneur, Philatéliste et philanthrope Collecteur, Philatelist and Philanthropist

The Philatelic Exhibitors Handbook, Third Edition, by Randy L. Neil updated by Ada M. Prill

The Philatelic Foundation Grading Policies and Procedures

The Postage Stamp Catalogue, 53rd Edition 1892-93, published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.

Postage Stamp Prices of the United States, United Nations, Canada & Provinces, 2006 and 2009 editions, published by H. E. Harris & Co.

The Postal History and Markings of the Forwarding Agents, by Kenneth Rowe

Stamp Collecting, by James Mackay

Stamps à la Carte: Philatelic Cookbook No. 2, by Ruth S. Webster

AUCTION CATALOGS

The Fall Sale, catalog for a Michael E. Aldrich auction October 2017

The J.R. Helton, Jr. Collection of Premium Quality Used United States Stamps, Robert A. Siegel cat.

NON-PHILATELIC

The 1963 All Posse-Corral Brand Book of the Denver Posse of the Westerners, 19th annual edition, published by the Denver Westerners

Among the Rockies: Pictures of Magnificent Scenes in the Rocky Mountains

The Galvanized Yankees, by Dee Brown

Images of America: Summit County, by Sandra F. Mather

The Panama Route, 1848-1869, by John H. Kemble

The Presidents of the United States of America, by Frank Freidel

Summit: A Gold Rush History of Summit County, Colorado, by Mary Ellen Gilliland

The Western Packets, by Basil Lubbock



RMSS Auction Results

By Dave Weisberg, Auction Manager

Auction Results

The Library conducted a successful silent auction at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show again this year. We had 850 lots with a total estimated value of over \$110,000 and with the starting bids adding up to more than \$18,000. We do not have the final tally as of the Scribblings' article submission deadline, but it is estimated that we raised about \$15,000.



A Bargain at Multiples of the Price Realized

The key item sold was the U.S. RW1 signed by the artist, Ding Darling. It went for \$700. and is illustrated here with the accompanying letter. While we were happy with the knock-down price, the purchaser should be ecstatic as experts in the Duck Stamp field estimated the value at \$4,000. The availability of such unique items (and the bargains they represent) is a tribute to our many members and others who donate material to the RMPL. Many lots offered similar price/value and demonstrate the win-win that RMPL auctions provide our philatelic community.

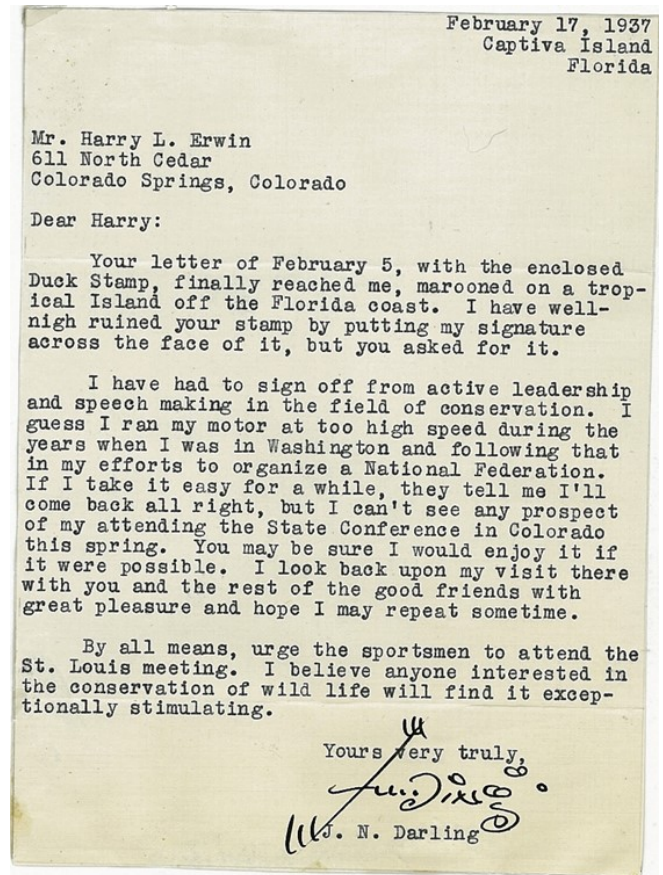
Unsold Lots

The Library has several hundred unsold lots available that can be purchased for the starting bid.

Up Next--The Large Lot Auction in October

Work has already started for the Large Lot Auction to be held in late October. We have "tons" of material being separated into manageable lots.

One last issue. During the past several years Bill Crabbs did a fabulous job putting together the fixed-price country lots sale. The last one raised \$10,000 for the Library. With Bill's sudden passing, we need someone (or several) to take over this task. If you are interested in this fun job, please talk to Tonny or me.



DENVER BOURSE

Saturday - July 28th, 2018
RMPL 2048 S. Pontiac Way
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dealers are willing to bring specific materials if you request that at their specific emails below:

Doug Bowman

Worldwide Stamps and Asia

Eric Carlson: MOUNTS and MORE

British Commonwealth & Scandinavia

margeric@comcast.net

Gary McIntrye

Worldwide Postal History

gmci38@cloud.com

Pat McNally

Postcards and Postal History (particularly Colorado)

Joe Neri: JOE'S STAMPS

Worldwide Stamps and Cinderellas

joedneri@email.com

Gary Shaver

Worldwide and U.S. Collections

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*

July 14, 2018--9:00 a.m.

A Philatelic Visit to Barbados: The Gem of the Caribbean

Presented by

Philip Varley (Story & Photos)

Will Mahoney (Stamps & PowerPoint)



In autumn 2017, Phil Varley spent several days in Barbados. Before he left, Will Mahoney presented Phil with a challenge, essentially a philatelic treasure hunt. Will provided Phil with scans of Will's 1950, 1953-56, and 1970 Barbados pictorial definitive sets. These stamps feature buildings and island scenes. Phil's task, which he enthusiastically accepted, was to search out the buildings and scenes depicted in the stamps and take photographs showing how they presently appear.

Phil was able to find most of the buildings and many of the depicted scenes. Our colorful presentation shares these results.

August 11, 2018--9:00 a.m.

A Video Presentation of a B-17 Flight

Presented by

John Blanyer

John shares his experience of a flight aboard a B-17 that was flown from Jefferson County Airport. The plane comes around every so many years for tourists to ride. His video is about 30-45 minutes in length. He shot the video in every nook and cranny aboard the plane that he could access, including sticking his neck out of the plane (in flight) to shoot a 360 view.



Photo courtesy of Helen H. Richardson, The Denver Post

NEW MEMBERS

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

- ◆ Jennifer Cartwright, Sidney NE - Collects Worldwide
- ◆ Dean Rodina, Pagosa Springs CO - Postal History Dealer
- ◆ Leonard Kortekaas, Lakewood CO - U.S., Joint Issue Stamps/Covers
- ◆ Landon Stecklin, Aurora CO
- ◆ Ms. Charles Madison Winters, Denver CO - Collects US. Chad, North Korea, U.N. FDC's, Cancellation Panes
- ◆ Scott Walker, Centennial CO - Collects U.S. Plate Number Coils
- ◆ John Hansen, Rapid City SD - Collects U.S. Stamps
- ◆ Mike Pokorny, Denver CO - Collects Germany, Austria, Czech

RMPL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

May 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. All members were present except for Steve McGill. There were no guests. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Summary submitted by Paul Lee.

Financial Reports

Tim Heins reviewed handouts showing income and expenses through April 2018 and a sheet titled Financial Facts as of April 30, 2018. The latter listed memorial donations, specific fund donations, and account balances through April 2018. It was moved and seconded to approve the financial reports. The motion passed.

Old Business

Concrete Work in Rear of Buildings

Bill Crabbs had received cost figures from the person who poured the pad for the new shed. Rich Palestro is checking on this. The pad for the dumpster is no longer needed (see Trash under New Business).

Need for Volunteers

Tonny is preparing a volunteer recruitment mailing to be sent to all RMPL members within a 25-27 mile radius of the library.

New Business

Computer Speed and Upgrade

Tonny reported that he was finally able to meet with Century Link representatives and, with the installation of a new modem, we have increased our speed from 1.5 mb to 40 mb. We also now have the ability to make unlimited long distance calls within the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

Fire Inspection Report

The Fire Inspector for South Metro recently inspected the library. The inspector found no problems. He did say that we are not required to have smoke alarms, but if we do and they are connected to the alarm system, they

require annual testing. The inspector recommended that we disconnect the current smoke alarms and consider looking into new systems.

It was moved and seconded that we disconnect the current smoke alarm system from the alarm company and keep everything else we have. The motion passed. New safety options will be reviewed for our hard-wired system.

Outdoor Lighting

Rich Palestro has looked into the outdoor lighting needs and he has a list of needed repairs and materials. Work on this will begin soon.

Parking Lot Cleaning, Repairing, and Restriping

We will check various records to find out when we last had the parking lot repaired and restriped.

Trash

Dasa reported that since other people have been filling our trash container, she cancelled our trash pickup service. We now have an arrangement with our neighbor who has a locked dumpster. We will share the cost with them.

RMPL 25th Anniversary Picnic

It was agreed at the last board meeting to have an all-members picnic at the library to celebrate the library's 25th anniversary. The date is set for Saturday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m. Rich Palestro, Dasa Metzler and Jim Kilbane volunteered to serve on a planning committee for the event. Dasa reported that we would have the whole event catered, and that we should plan for around 70 people. Information will be posted in *Scribblings*.

We have learned that the USPS no longer offers special event cancels for cachets, but Marc Silberman is probably going to put together a souvenir sheet. Jim Kilbane will look into getting a banner for the event. Families of deceased members and others will also be invited. The event also will be announced in various philatelic society and library websites, etc. Special recognitions are also being considered.

Garden Maintenance

Tonny reported that, due to financial issues, the Denver Botanic Gardens needs to limit their volunteer cleanup program, and we may not qualify. For now, Tonny recommends that we hire a landscape company to do 1-2 heavy sprayings of weeds. The board agreed to do this. Tonny will make the contacts.

May Auction

Final preparations are being made for the upcoming RMSS. Everything appears to be in order (*Ed.-see report on page 13*).

Scribblings Award

Our newsletter recently received a gold award in the APS chapter newsletter competition.

Approval of New Members

It was moved and seconded to approve all new members joining since the last meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

For the Record: Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, July 19, 2018 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, Dasa Metzler. Clubs should check the calendar regularly and notify Dasa at (303) 322-1231 of any changes or updates. All requests to reserve meeting time and space for philatelically related meetings other than those listed here must be approved and scheduled with Dasa well in advance.

****** July 2018******

****** August 2018******

- July 7 Sat**– No Meeting
Scandinavian Collectors Club
- July 7 Sat**-No Meeting
TOpical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
- July 11 Wed**-Aurora Stamp Club
6:00 p.m. Picnic at the RMPL
- July 11 Wed**-Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Denver Germany Stamp Club-Joint Meeting with
Austria-Hungary Stamp Club
- July 12 Thu**-Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Cherrellyn Stamp Club
- July 13 Fri**-**No Meeting**-See July 11 for Joint Meeting
Austria-Hungary Stamp Club
- July 13 Fri**-Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Denver Postcard Club
- Second Saturday at the RMPL**
July 14 Sat 9:00 a.m.
Program by Phillip Varley and Will Mahoney
“A Philatelic Visit to Barbados:
A Gem Of the Caribbean”
- July 14 Sat**-Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Mexico/Latin America Club
- July 15 Sun**-No Meeting
Great Britain and Colonies Collectors Club
- July 18 Wed**-Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Arapahoe Stamp Club
- July 19 Thu**-Meeting 5:00 p.m.
RMPL Board of Directors-All members are welcome
- July 21 Sat**-Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Denver Young Collectors
- July 25 Wed**-Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Denver Stamp Club
- July 28 Sat**-Denver Stamp Exchange 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
RMPL-Club Building

- August 1 Wed**-Aurora Stamp Club
6:30 p.m. Trading
7:00 p.m. Meeting
- August 4 Sat**-No Meeting
Scandinavian Collectors Club
- August 4 Sat**-**RMPL 25th Anniversary Picnic**
6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome
- August 4 Sat**-No Meeting
TOpical Philatelists In Colorado (TOPIC)
- August 4 Sat**-Lunch (Check with club for details)
Denver Germany Stamp Club-Joint Meeting with
Austria-Hungary Stamp Club
- August 9 Thu**-Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Cherrellyn Stamp Club

Second Saturday at the RMPL
August 11 9:00 a.m.
Program by John Blanyer
“A Video Presentation of a B-17 Flight”

- August 11 Sat**-Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Mexico/Latin America Club
- August 11 Sat**-Meeting 11:30 a.m.
Rocky Mountain Aero/Astro Philatelic Club
- August 12 Sun**-Picnic 12:00 noon
Denver Postcard Club
- August 15 Wed**-No Meeting
Arapahoe Stamp Club
- August 18 Sat**-Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Denver Young Collectors
- August 18 Sat**-Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Colorado Postal History Society
- August 19 Sun**-No Meeting
Great Britain & Commonwealth Collectors Club
- August 22 Wed**-Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Denver Stamp Club

**Summer meeting schedules often change
without notices being submitted to *Scribblings*.
Please check with your club representatives to
make sure dates and times are accurate!**