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Illustration courtesy of Joseph Felcone, NJPHS

Joe Felcone lent us some illustrated letter sheets from his collection. This top half of a sheet shows Egg Harbor City, & is dated 1866. See more of these rare and attractive items on [page 125](#).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This issue of *NJPH* includes an interesting mix of articles that cover a broad range of New Jersey's postal history. Our Journal is always interested in publishing new authors, and even short articles of one or two pages are most welcome. Please contribute – we need your input!

How quickly this summer has passed by! It seems like only yesterday that we were preparing for NOJEX. NOJEX was the venue for this year's Northeast Multi-State Postal History Competition which was won by the Empire State Postal History Society. New Jersey Postal History Society participants included Don Chafetz, who, as a judge at the Show, exhibited his *Development of the Morris County Mail Service: 1760-1850*, in the Court of Honor. Nathan Zankel's multi-frame exhibit, *Postal History of New Brunswick, NJ*, was awarded a vermeil medal and the United States Cancellation Club's Charles D. Root Memorial Award. In the single frame competition, Jean Walton's, *The Correspondence of Samuel L. Southard, 1787-1842*, was awarded a vermeil medal and Andy Kupersmit's *Metuchen, NJ*, a bronze medal. Next year, the Multi-State competition moves to ROPEX which will be held in Rochester, NY in mid-May. We need more competitive New Jersey exhibits. If you've never exhibited before, this is the time to begin putting one together!

This past July, thanks to the efforts of several Society members, led by Warren Plank, our Society webmaster, the **NJPHS Free Library** was launched on-line. Society members now have available all of the journals published from the Society's beginning in 1972 to date. Please be sure to take a look at Warren's Web Update in this issue of *NJPH* for the web links that will connect you to this vast body of research, available to both members and the public, and please request a link sheet for files available to members only from your Secretary (Secretary@NJPostalHistory.org).

Now, Labor Day is upon us which brings with it the annual MERPEX Show (see page 123-4), which will be held on September 3-4 in Pennsauken, N.J. Society members Gene Fricks will be in attendance at the Show on Friday, September 3, and Ed Murtha on Saturday, September 4, so please stop by and say hello, buy some Society literature or a CD, and have a friend sign up for membership.

We have entered the 2009 volume of *NJPH* in the Chicagopex '10 literature competition that will be held later this fall.

Enjoy what's left of the summer! See you in November.

Robert G. Rose

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St. Cecilia's Parish School is located at 4810 Camden Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ., which is about three minutes from The Temple Lutheran Church (TLC), which is where the Merchantville Stamp Club holds its Saturday Bourse. TLC is located at 5600 North Route 130, Pennsauken, NJ., This is at the intersection of Route 130 (also known as Crescent Blvd.) and Merchantville Avenue.

Please note that Route 73 crosses Route 130 about 3 miles North of the TLC. The key road in all of the directions is Route 130, both North and South.



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- [2] **From Rt 130 heading North** (from Camden area): Proceed on Rt 130 heading north towards Merchantville Avenue (stoplight intersection). Take the jug-handle on the right approaching Merchantville Avenue to cut across Route 130 onto Merchantville Avenue. Then follow [1] above.
- [3] **From Ben Franklin Bridge:** After crossing the bridge, follow Admiral Wilson Boulevard to Route 130 North (Crescent Blvd.) and proceed north on Rt 130 approximately 2.5 miles to Merchantville Avenue. Then follow [2] above.
- [4] **From Betsy Ross Bridge:** After crossing the bridge, proceed on Route 90 and take the Exit for Route 130 South. The church will be about 1.75 miles further south on Rt.130 on your left. Then follow directions [1] above for Rt 130 heading South.
- [5] **From Tacony-Palmyra Bridge:** After crossing the bridge, proceed south on Rt. 73 about 3 miles. Take the Rt. 130 South Exit and follow directions [1] above for Rt 130 heading South.
- [6] **From North Jersey:** Take NJ Turnpike south to Exit 4 and get onto Route 73 North. Proceed on Rt 73 about four miles to Route 130 South. Then follow directions [1] above.
- [7] **From Southern New Jersey, Delaware:** Take Route 295 North to the Route 70 exit heading west (Exit 36B). Then from Rt 70, proceed west about 5.5 miles following directions [8] below.

OR Alternatively, take Route 295 North to the Route 73 North exit (Exit 36B). Follow Route 73 north about 4 miles and exit at the Route 130 South Exit. Then follow directions [1] above.
- [8] **From Route 70, heading West:** proceed west on Route 70 (Marlton Pike) and where the road curves left (heading south), take the Browning Lane Exit ramp. At the end of the Ramp, Turn left onto Marlton Avenue and proceed 0.4 miles to Route 130 (Crescent Avenue) and take a right. Then follow directions [2] above.

EARLY NEW JERSEY PICTORIAL LETTER SHEETS

Edited by Jean Walton

Attractive illustrated letter sheets from the 1800s are highly collectable and not often seen. Some of the most well-known depicted California mining scenes during the Gold Rush days, or were illustrated sheets used during the Civil War. The earliest, before the use of envelopes, were used as folded letter sheets, and would normally have an attached blank sheet for additional writing space. Later ones were enclosed in envelopes. Joe Felcone has shared several with New Jersey views from his collection. All are single sheets: none are postally used. Whether any of these had attached blank sheets that have been removed is unknown.

This one from the Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown is perhaps the most spectacular, but we can't say definitively whether it was used as a letter sheet, with a now-gone attached sheet. It has stab holes at the extreme right edge and a vertical fold mark through the "D" of "SPEEDWELL." It was clearly folded for a long period of time, and whatever faced it was apparent-

ly acidic and has offset to the back of the left third and, as you can see, down the right side. This would be about the physical configuration of a folded frontispiece in an octavo pamphlet, so it may have been the frontispiece of a Speedwell publication, and not be a letter sheet at all. It was engraved by D. G. Johnson, 67 Liberty St., NY. Johnson was at this address in 1833 and 1834, according to the NY directories, and at other addresses in 1832 and 1835, so we can be certain of the date. Other non-NJ business letter sheets that looked similar to this are known, with a view of the factory or works and with advertising text on the back of the first sheet, and blank pages for business correspondence, to be used in this period as a stampless folded letter.



Fig. 1: This sheet was prepared for S. Vail & Son's Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown, with a gorgeous engraving by D. G. Johnson (NY) occupying the top half of the sheet, calligraphic engraved lettering at the center, and a list of manufactured items at the bottom.

EARLY NJ ILLUSTRATED LETTER SHEETS

The next is one for Newark, with an 1853 colored map at the top, and a blank dateline of 185___. As this sheet postdates the introduction of envelopes, it may have been intended to be enclosed in an envelope. In 1853, Russell Hawes developed the first envelope folding machine in the U.S.¹ following the English inventions by several years. Hand-made envelopes preceded these inventions.

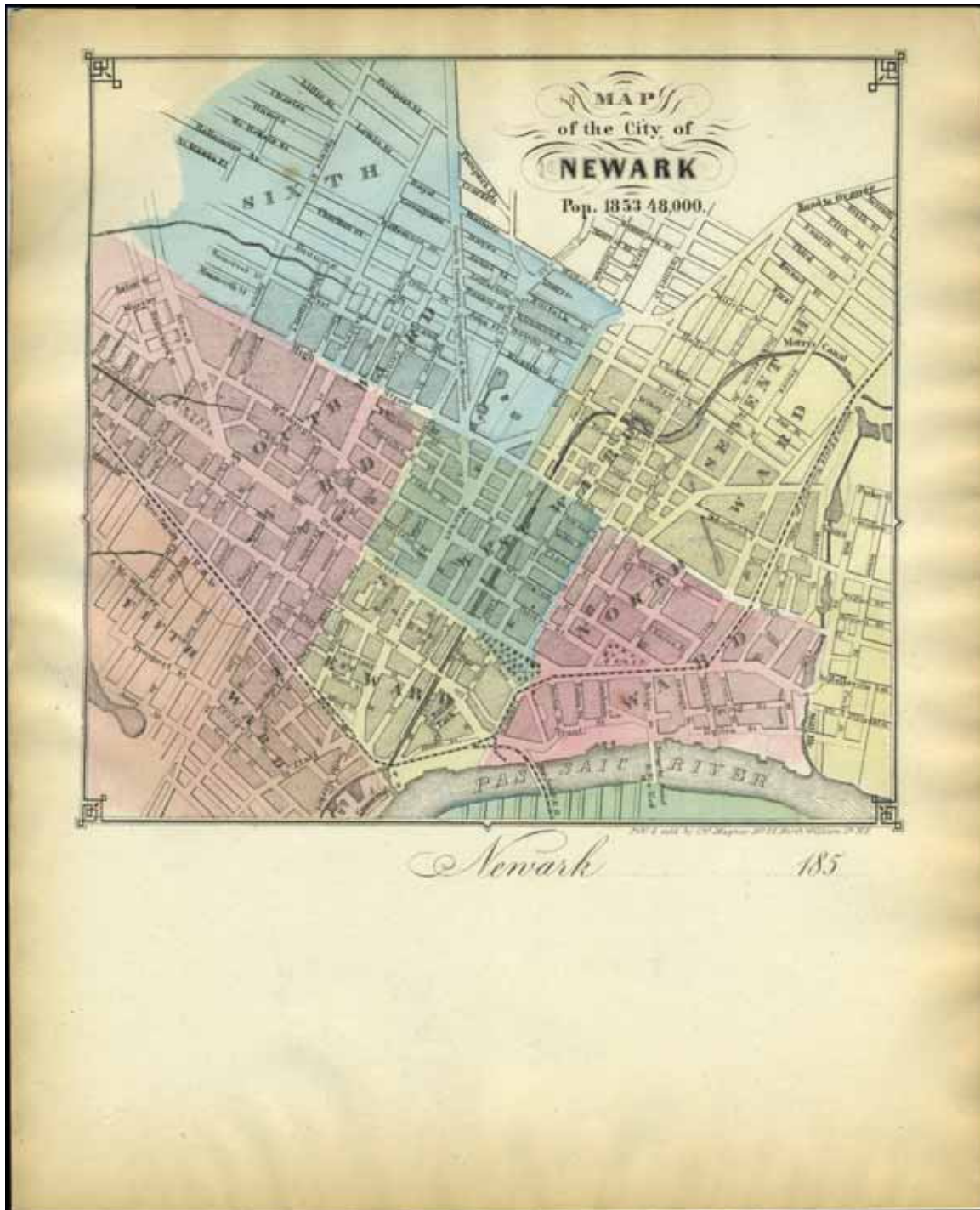


Fig. 2: Letter sheet with a map of Newark and a dateline of 185__, which may once have had an attached second sheet. It was printed by Chs Magnus, No. 22 North William St., New York, and shows much detail about Newark in 1853.

Below is one from Egg Harbor City, again printed by Charles Magnus, in 1866.

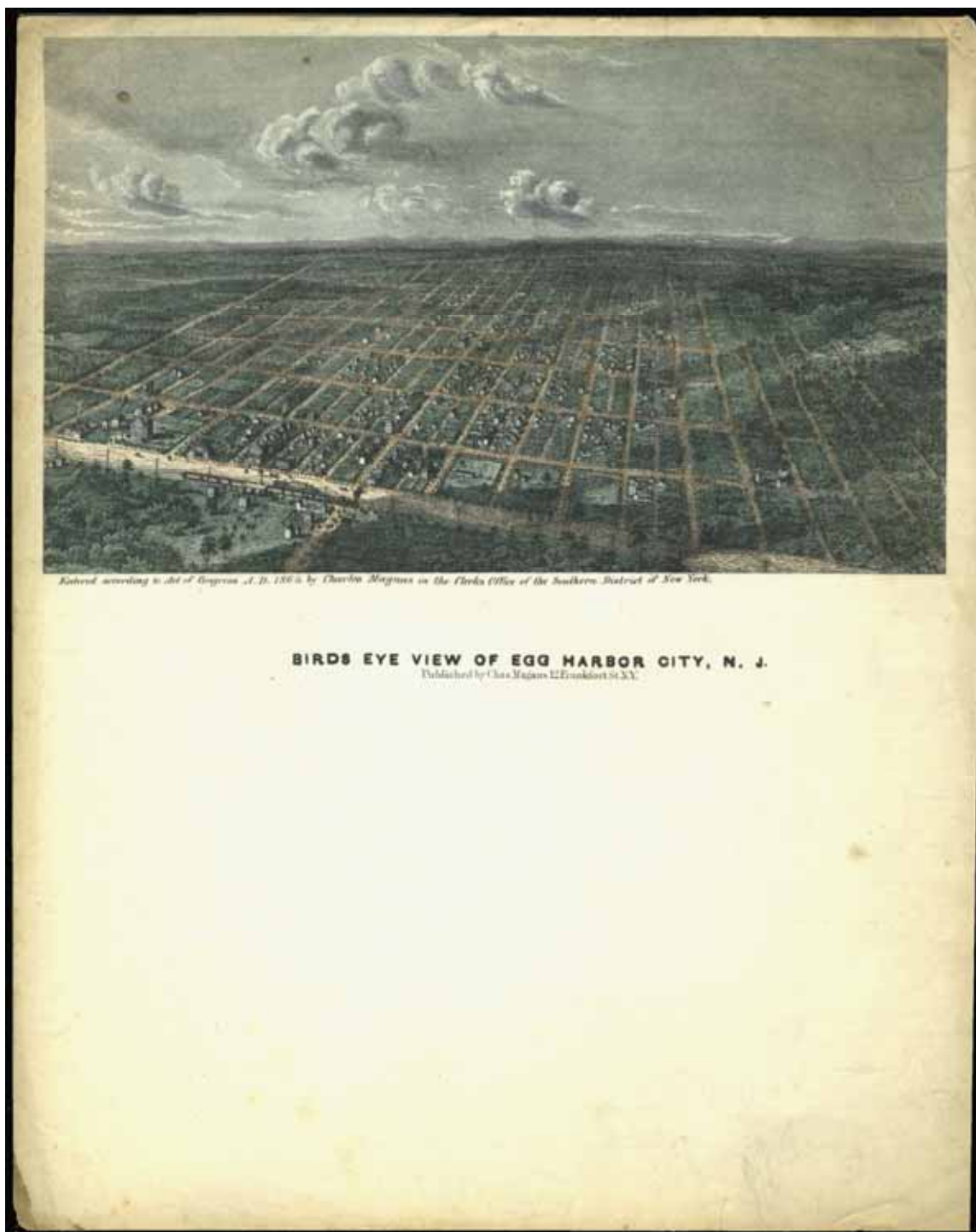


Fig. 3: Pictorial letter sheet depicting "Birds Eye View of Egg Harbor City, N.J." Printed by Chas. Magnus, 12 Frankfort St., N.Y., in 1866. Dimensions are 10 3/4 x 8 1/2 in.

This is only the second copy of this sheet seen by Joe Felcone.

EARLY NJ ILLUSTRATED LETTER SHEETS

This last one letter sheet is undated, but is probably ca. 1870s² -- from the South Jersey Institute, Bridgeton, with an uncolored woodcut of the school building at the top. The date of this sheet makes it more likely a letterhead prepared for use at the school:

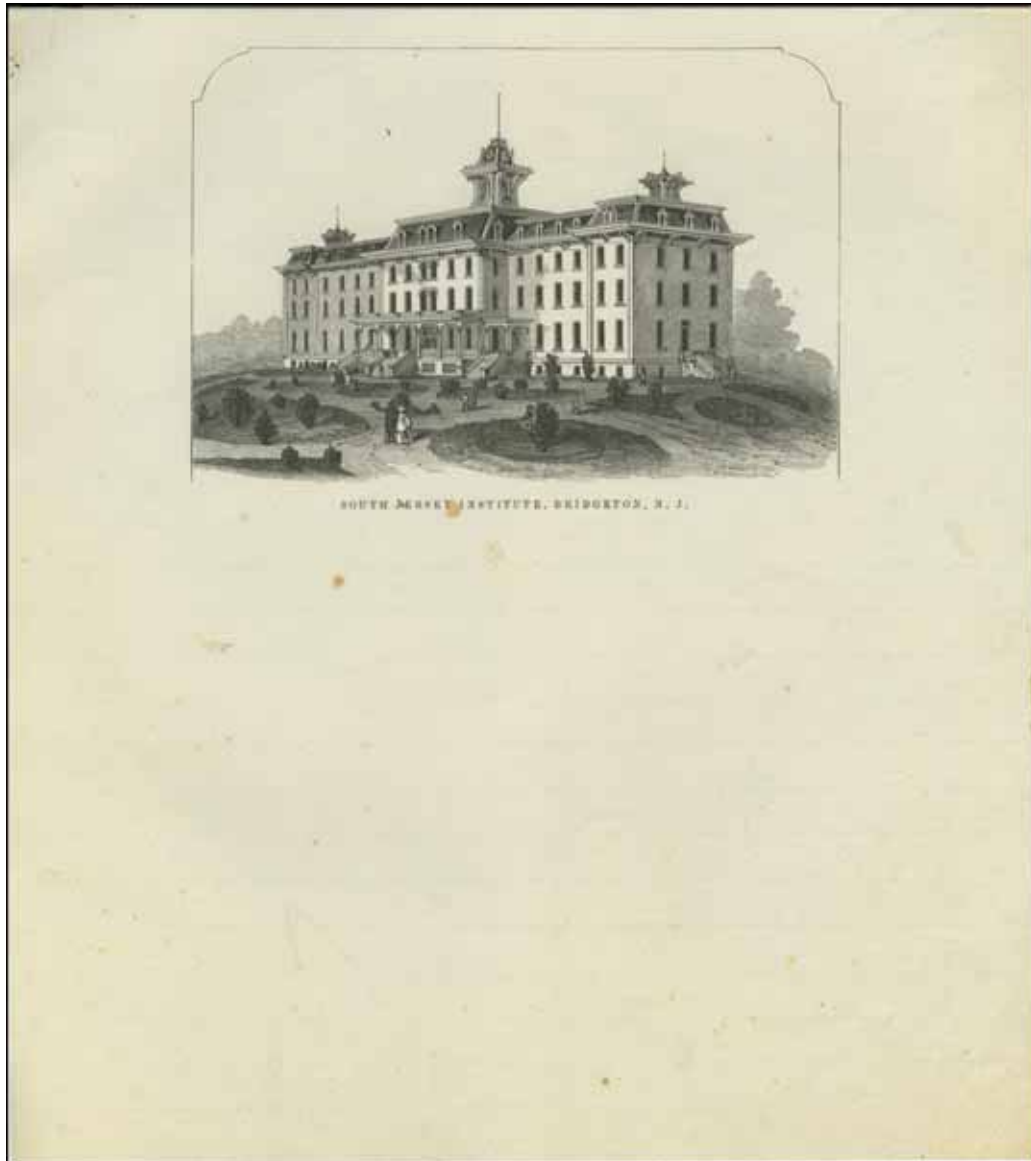


Fig. 4: Bridgeton, NJ, South Jersey Institute letter sheet, with faint writing lines. No printer or date is shown, but the school was founded around 1870, and operated to 1906.

Do others have similar letter sheets of other New Jersey locales? We would be happy to report more. Contact your secretary at Secretary@NJPostalHistory.org.

ENDNOTES:

¹ The Smithsonian National Postal Museum at <http://arago.si.edu/index.asp?con=2&cmd=1&id=17026&pg=1> (8/26/2010).

² South Jersey Institute was founded in Bridgeton in 1870, a school for boys and girls, and functioned until 1906. Nichols, Isaac, *The City of Bridgeton, NJ* (1889), Philadelphia, Burk & McFetridge, digitalized by the Sloan Foundation. [Open Library](http://openlibrary.org/books/OL17940112M/city_of_Bridgeton_New_Jersey), at [http://openlibrary.org/books/OL17940112M/city_of_Bridgeton New Jersey](http://openlibrary.org/books/OL17940112M/city_of_Bridgeton_New_Jersey). (8/20/2010).

ATLANTIC CITY POST OFFICE: TIME CAPSULE

By Gene Fricks

Recently I came across a article on an interesting time capsule, unearthed from the cornerstone of the old Atlantic City post office, located at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard. This post office, built in 1935 under the administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt (when Martin Luther King Blvd. was Illinois Avenue), was closed on December 28, 2008 to make way for the widening of this block in Atlantic City. MLK Blvd serves as a major access to the casinos, and this section, unlike the rest, had not been widened. The removal of the old Sands Casino and the post office building will make that possible.

During 2009, the building was gutted – removing all remnants of the old post office, including a colorful mural which graced its walls. The time capsule was recovered from the cornerstone of the building. Demolition of the building began in January 2010, but it was not until July that the copper box contained in the cornerstone was opened. The discolored copper box contained some interesting old artifacts, the nicest of which was a picture of one of the original city mail carriers, John Harrold. Free city delivery was begun in 1887 in Atlantic City. This picture was taken in 1897, and Harrold continued as a mail carrier for many years after. At the time of the dedication in 1936, it appears that Harrold's son was a post office employee.¹

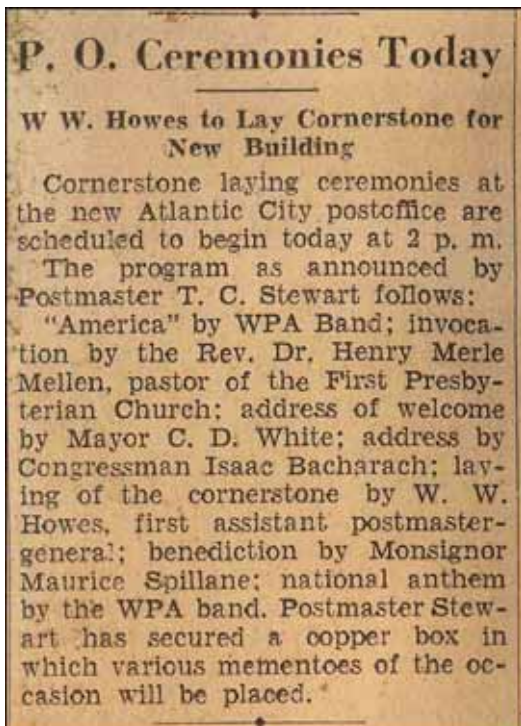


Fig. 1: News item from the Atlantic City Press on April 4, 1936.



Fig. 2: PC view of old PO which stood at the corner of Pacific Avenue and [then] Illinois Avenue [now MLK Blvd.].



Fig. 3: Inscription on the cornerstone of the old post office building.

Fig. 4: Copper box enclosed in the cornerstone, as it appeared when it was recovered in 2010.



Fig. 5A: John Harrold with his mail sack, ready for delivery. Harrold was one of 2 original AC carriers.²

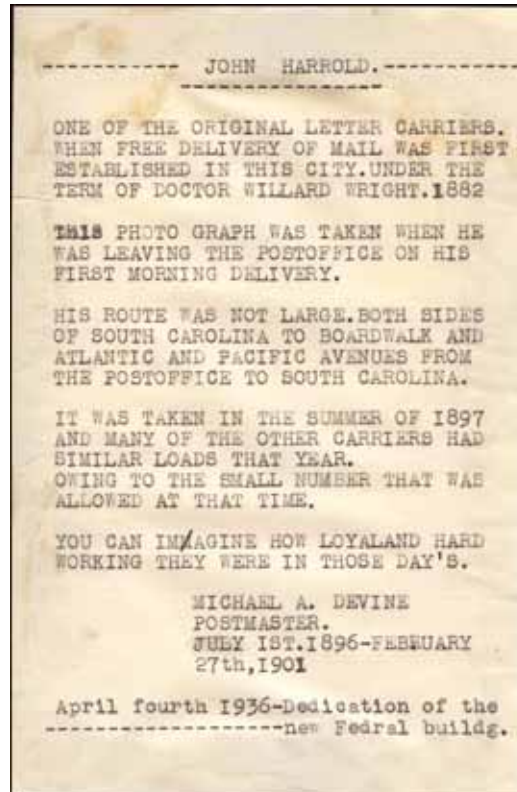


Fig. 5B: Reverse of photo. The 1882 date in 1st paragraph appears to be a mistake, as street delivery in AC began in 1887.³

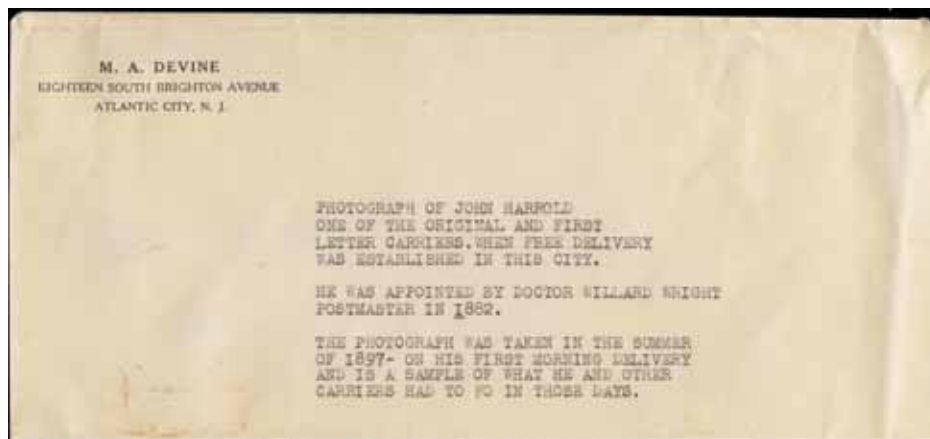
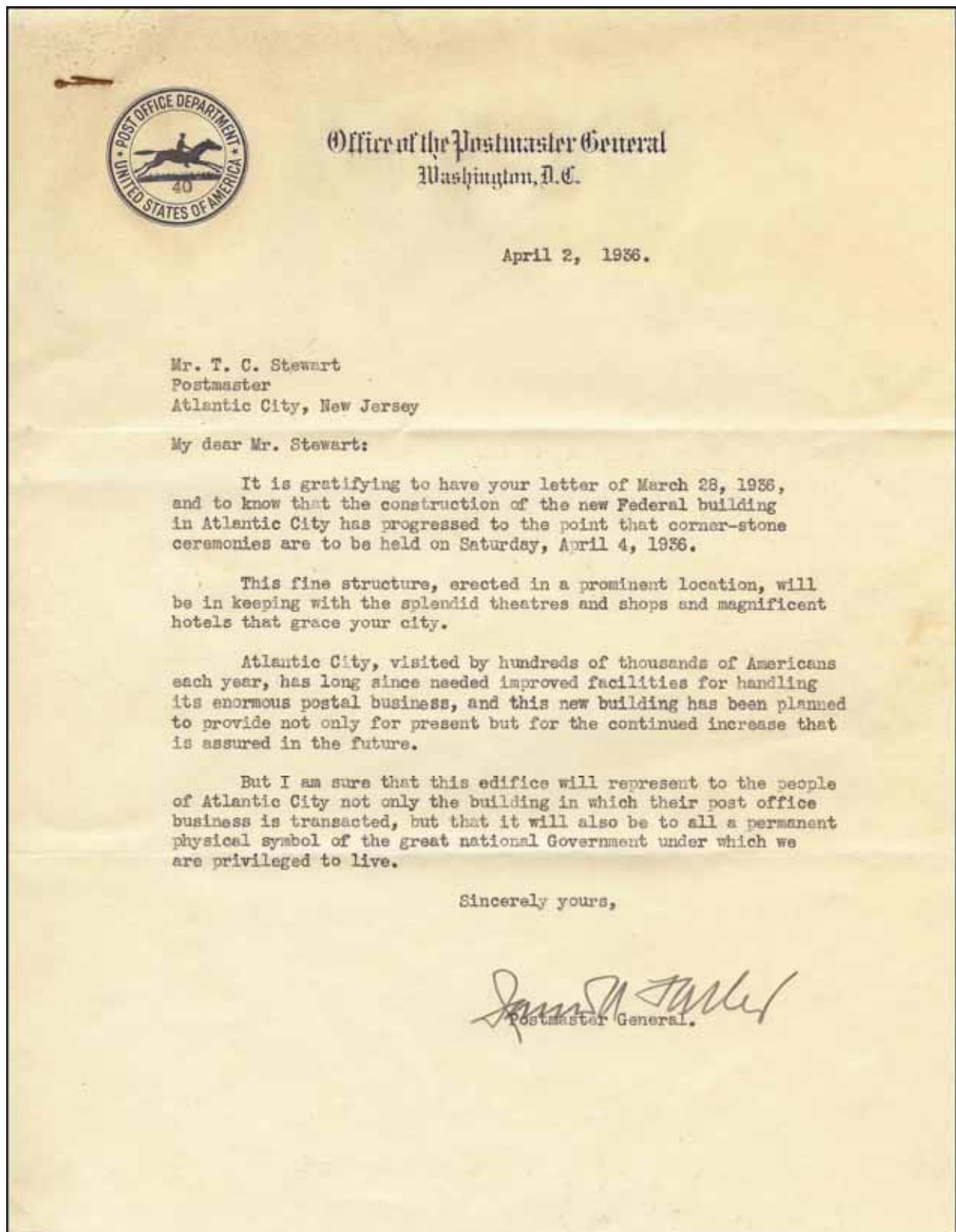


Fig. 6: Envelope in which photo was enclosed, with a bit more information.⁴

The above pictures, with the exception of the post card view, from the CRDA website at <http://www.njcrda.com/pages/Time%20Capsule.aspx>.



Courtesy CDRA

Fig. 7: Letter enclosed in the time capsule from James Farley, then the United States Postmaster General.⁵

ATLANTIC CITY PO TIME CAPSULE ~ Gene Fricks

For further information on Atlantic City, you can visit to the NJPHS free online library, at <http://www.njpostalhistory.org/freelibraryjournals.html>. A nice display of many of the cancels used in Atlantic City over the years can be seen in an article many years ago by Edward T. Harvey [click on Whole Number 43] and, more recently, an exhibit by Jim Mason. [click on Whole Number 148]. Another article by Paul Jackson appeared in Whole Number 162, and a short article on the 150th anniversary of the Atlantic City post office appeared in Whole Number 155. Atlantic City provides lots of fodder for postal history research.

Jim Mason included a list of former post office locations in Atlantic City, as follows. The newest one is now included.

Atlantic City Post Office locations:

1.	Opened 27 Jun 1854	Atlantic House, a hotel at Massachusetts & Baltic Aves.
2.	30 Jun 1856	New York & Atlantic Aves., N.W. corner
3.	27 Sep 1858	Tennessee & Atlantic Aves., S.E. corner
4.	30 Jun 1861	803 Atlantic Ave.
5.	5 Feb 1872 1872	Pennsylvania & Atlantic Aves., N.E. corner Presbyterian & Atlantic Aves., S.E. corner*
6.	14 Apr 1886	1210 Atlantic Ave.
7.	15 Mar 1888	1323 Atlantic Ave.
8.	2 Jun 1890	1414 Atlantic Ave.
9.	16 May 1897 (Sunday!)	17 So. New York Ave. First building erected for post office use
10.	13 Aug 1905	Pennsylvania & Pacific Aves., S.E. corner
11.	22 Feb 1937	Illinois & Pacific Aves., N.E. corner
12.	28 Dec 2008	1801 Atlantic Avenue, corner of Indiana Ave.

*not sure why this is not indicated as 2 post office locations by Jim but I have retained his numbering.



Fig. 8: Photo of the now demolished post office at the corner of Martin Luther King Blvd & Pacific Avenue.



Fig. 9: Notice of closing, Dec. 29, 2008.

Postmasters of Atlantic City:⁶

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>PO location</u> ⁷	<u>From JMason</u>
Robert B. Leeds	Postmaster	06/27/1854	1	06/27/1854
Thomas McNeelis	Postmaster	06/30/1856	2	06/30/1856
Michael Lawlor	Postmaster	09/1858 (from AC USPO) or 1859 (from Press)	3	09/27/1858
Dr. Lewis Reed, Sr.	Postmaster	05/30/1861	4	06/30/1861
Levi C. Albertson	Postmaster	1872	5	02/05/1872
Willard Wright	Postmaster	1886	6	04/14/1886
			7	03/15/1888
Levi C. Albertson	Postmaster	1890-1894	8	06/02/1890
Richard W. Sayre	Postmaster	1894-1896		
Col. John M. Clark	Temporary postmaster	1896		
Michael A. Devine	"Ad interim" postmaster	1896		
Michael A. Devine	Postmaster	06/29/1896	9	05/16/1897
Harry Bacharach	Postmaster	1901	10	08/13/1905
Frank J. Moore	Acting Postmaster	01/01/1911		
Harvey Thomas	Postmaster	07/16/1913		
William B. Loudenslager	Postmaster	07/01/1914		
Frank J. Moore	Acting Postmaster	10/25/1922		
Alfred J. Perkins	Postmaster	04/1923		
Thomas C. Stewart	Postmaster	08/26/1935	11	02/22/1937
Frank C. Fertig	Postmaster	About 1955 (City Directory from 1955-56 lists him as Postmaster; for 1954 lists Stewart)		
Seymour DeBeer, Jr.	Officer-In-Charge	About 1969 (City Directory from 1969 lists him; for 1968 lists Fertig)		
Seymour DeBeer, Jr.	Postmaster	About 1973		
F. Gordon Lawson	Postmaster	About 1976 (not in City Directory after '78)		
Carl Carlson	Officer-In-Charge	06/16/1978		
Charles Edmiston	Postmaster	06/16/1979		
James H. Chalmus	Officer-In-Charge	06/20/1980		
John J. Ryan	Postmaster	11/01/1980		
Harry E. Morgan	Officer-In-Charge	09/29/1992		
Harry E. Morgan	Postmaster	01/09/1993		
James Fusco	Officer-In-Charge	11/09/2001		
Donald J. Speechley	Postmaster	10/19/2002		
James F. Logan	Officer-In-Charge	02/19/2005		
Harry J. Headrick	Officer-In-Charge	12/21/2005		
Harry J. Headrick	Postmaster	03/03/2007		
Nancy V. Fox	Officer-In-Charge	01/09/2008		
Nancy V. Fox	Postmaster	02/16/2008		
Dimiter L. Topchev	Officer-In-Charge	08/28/2008	12	12/28/2008
Nancy Hofstetter	Officer-In-Charge	09/15/2009		



Fig. 10: The new main Atlantic City Post office, located at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Indiana Avenue.⁸ Atlantic City also has a separate sorting station.

ENDNOTES:

- ¹ PressofAtlanticCity.com July 13, 2010 article at http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/communities/atlantic-city_pleasantville_brigantine/article_d479892c-8ea0-11df-9277-001cc4c002e0.html, (accessed July 23, 2010), by Donald Wittkowski. On April 4, 1936, the time capsule was tucked inside the cornerstone for the then-brand new post office building, at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Illinois Avenue, now known as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.
- ² Frank Butler, writer for the Atlantic Cit Press, indicates that William Culligan and John Harrold were the first two mail carriers on July 1, 1887, when city delivery began.
- ³ Heather Halpin Pérez, Archivist, Alfred M. Heston Collection, Atlantic City Free Public Library indicates the first date of street mail delivery in Atlantic City was July 1, 1887, and this is confirmed by Frank Butler in a series of articles for the Atlantic City Press in the 1950s, commemorating Atlantic City's 100th anniversary. Willard Wright was not appointed postmaster until 1886, making it unlikely he appointed Harrold in 1882, so we question Devine's date both here and on the envelope below.
- ⁴ Many of the time capsule contents are currently available at the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority at <http://www.njcrda.com/pages/Time%20Capsule.aspx> (July 29, 2010). They will eventually be in the hands of the Atlantic City Free Public Library. For information of the 1882 date error, see endnote 3.
- ⁵ Photo courtesy Dan Douglas at CDRA (Casino Reinvestment Development Authority), www.njcrda.com, current holders of the contents of the time capsule.
- ⁶ This list was largely provided by Heather Halpin Pérez (see above), adding from a file on Atlantic City USPO letterhead, and confirmed in most cases by City Directories available at the Atlantic City Free Public Library. Later dates [1978 on] are from the USPS website PostMasterfinder at <http://www.usps.com/postmasterfinder/> (8/9/2010).
- ⁷ Please see chart on previous page.
- ⁸ These photos are from flickr. For a nice photo-essay on the old post office, including the old mural, see <http://www.flickr.com/photos/iirraa/sets/72157623060741897/>.

THE UNION, N. J. STRAIGHT LINE POSTMARK

By Robert G. Rose

Since the 1983 publication of *The Postal Markings of New Jersey Stampless Covers*, by William C. Coles, Jr.,¹ members of the New Jersey Postal History have continued to update census data on the scarcer handstamped postmarks that were used by a number of New Jersey towns during the stampless period ending in 1855.² At the time of its publication, the *Coles Book* recorded only a single usage of the Union, N.J. straight line handstamp postmark as illustrated in *Figure 1* below.³

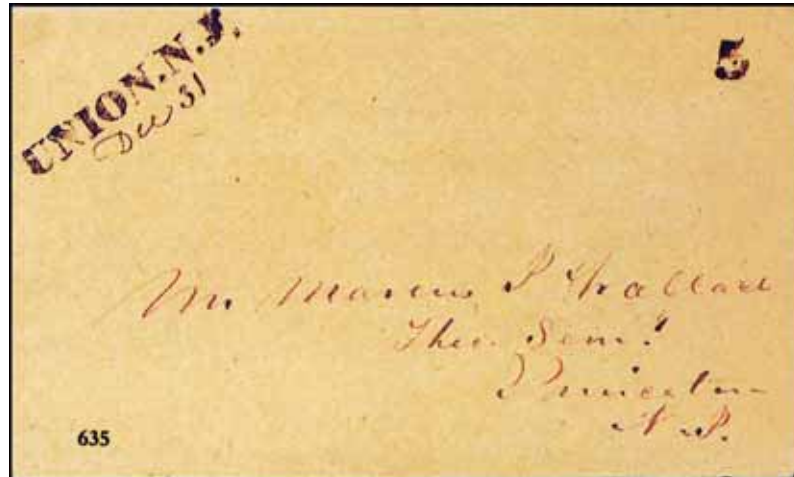


Fig 1: December 31 usage on light buff cover, unpaid single letter rate to Marcus J. Wallace, Theo. Sem., Princeton, N.J.

Curiously, at the time of publication of the *Coles Book*, the Union, N.J. straight line in the then current edition of the *American Stampless Cover Catalog* was listed as follows: “UNION N.J. (about 1850, 39x5, [B] in green, PAID 5; Red, Black).”⁴ Clarification of this somewhat confusing listing came when a second cover with this straight line marking, from the same correspondence, surfaced in a public auction sale in 1989, as illustrated in *Figure 2*.⁵



Fig. 2: December 21 usage on prepaid brown cover from the same correspondence to Princeton.

This cover was sent prepaid from Union to Princeton at the 5 cent single letter rate as reflected in the handstamped “5” and matching double struck “PAID” at the upper right corner of the envelope. However, the cover must have contained contents weighing more than one-half ounce so that upon its arrival at the post office in Princeton, it was marked in red crayon “Due” with a green “5” in an octagon box that was used as a Princeton rate marking from 1846 to 1850.

Recordation of these two covers was included in the 2004 update of the *Coles Book* published by the New Jersey Postal History Society.⁶ In 2007, a third cover from the same correspondence, as illustrated in *Figure 3*, was purchased from a prominent West Coast dealer by the author at the NOJEX Show.

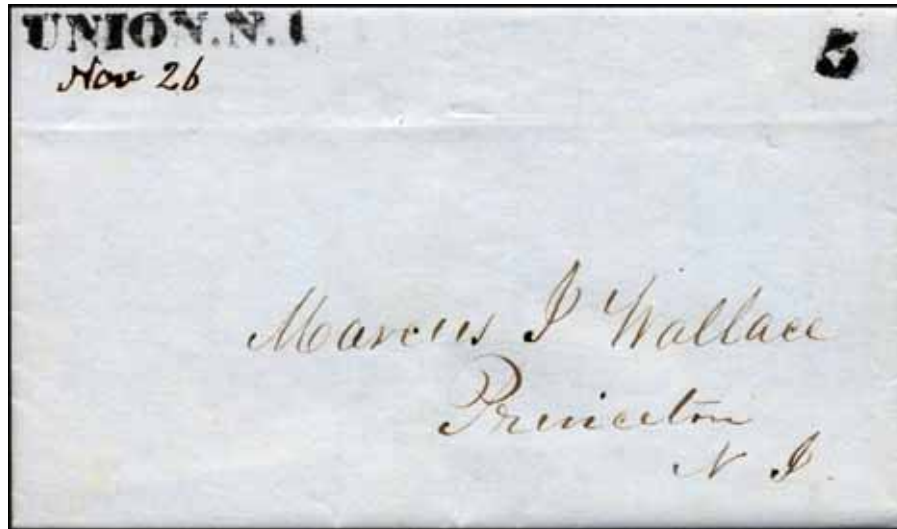


Fig. 3: November 26, 1849 usage on unpaid single rate blue cover to Princeton.

This cover is a single page folded letter with a dateline of November 26, 1849, confirming 1849 for the first time as the year of usage of this handstamped straight line postmark. Accordingly, this cover is the earliest recorded usage of this marking, followed by the other two, on December 21 and December 31, 1849.

ENDNOTES:

¹ Coles, Jr., William C., *The Postal Markings of New Jersey Stampless Covers* (The Collectors Club of Chicago 1983).

² See, e.g., Rose, Robert G., *The Peapack Oval: A Further Revision and Update*, *NJPH*, Volume 30, Whole No. 148, November 2002, page 119.

³ Coles, Jr., *op. cit.*, pages 24, 30 & 274. This cover was sold at the public auction sale of “The David L. Jarrett Collection of United States Postal Markings,” Christie’s Robson Lowe, October 9, 1990, lot 635, where it was described as one of two examples recorded in black. It sold for \$1,320.

⁴ *American Stampless Cover Catalog*, page 123 (Third ed.) (David G. Phillips Publishing Co., Inc. 1978). Subsequent updates of the fourth and fifth editions of the *American Stampless Cover Catalog* in 1985 and 1997 have continued to use a similar descriptive listing. The fifth, and most current edition, contains the following listing: “UNION N.J. (1849; SL-39x5; PAID, 5, 5[box, green]; Red, Black). This listing’s inclusion of the “5[box, green] is an obvious reference to the hand stamped amount due applied by the Princeton post office to the cover in *Figure 2*. It is less clear as to what the “Red” in the listing refers to. None of the three recorded covers described by the author in this article have a red marking other than the red crayon “Due” on the underpaid cover shown in *Figure 2*. For purposes of clarity, none of the *receiving* marks should be included in the listing – only those applied in Union. The listing should thus read: “UNION, N.J. (1849; SL-39x5; PAID, 5; Black).”

⁵ Daniel F. Kelleher Co., Inc., Auction Sale No. 581, February 1989, lot 240.

⁶ Chafetz, Donald A., *The Postal Markings of New Jersey Stampless Covers: An Update* (NJPHS 2004), page 25.

THE FIRST POSTMASTER OF HOLMDEL, NJ

By George Joynson, President, Holmdel Historical Society

The first official use of the name “Holmdel” is directly connected with the establishment of its first post office. On January 21, 1830, Postmaster General William E. Barry of Kentucky appointed Dr. Robert W. Cooke as the first Postmaster of Holmdel. Barry was appointed by President Andrew Jackson on March 9, 1829.

The area where Dr. Cooke lived and had his medical office was referred to as the Baptistown section of Middletown Township in Monmouth County, New Jersey. The date the name “Holmdel” was first used is clear, but the origin of the word “Holmdel” is not certain.



Fig. 1: Dr. Postmaster Robert W. Cooke, alias Dr. Cooke, first postmaster of Holmdel, New Jersey in 1830.



Fig. 2: Dr. Cooke's Medical Office, unique as the oldest existing building built as a doctor's office.

For the record, on October 31, 1693, Middletown Township was formed and it included the Baptistown section. On February 25, 1848, Raritan Township was formed from part of Middletown and it included the Holmdel village area. On February 23, 1857, Holmdel Township was formed from part of Raritan Township and its boundaries remain unchanged since its establishment.

Originally the name “Baptistown” was suggested for this post office, but was rejected because a post office in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, already existed with that name. The Baptistown Post Office in Hunterdon County was established in 1822.

The next choice was “Holmdel,” and that received approval. In 1830, the Holmdel Post Office was the 18th post office established in Monmouth County.

Postmaster Cooke

Dr. Robert W. Cooke became the first postmaster. He had settled in Holmdel about 1820 and had been treating patients in his medical office since 1823. By 1830, he had his house built adjacent to his office. In conjunction with his duties as physician and surgeon, Dr. Cooke held the Holmdel Postmaster position for 19 years, until Gilbert Van Mater relieved him in 1849. It is possible that Dr. Cooke handled mail in both his Federal style office and his house. Robert W. Cooke was born 1797, the son of Dr. Ambrose Cooke. He died 1867 in his own home on McCampbell Road.

Both buildings still exist in 2010. Cooke's office, at 67 McCampbell Road, is owned and maintained by the Holmdel Historical Society, and is open for tours by appointment. For more information visit www.holmdelhistory.org/Dr.Cookes.html. His medical office has received a preliminary Letter of Eligibility and is currently under review to be added to the state and national lists of historic places. Cooke's office is unique as the earliest known existing building built as a doctor's office.



Fig. 3: A stampless folded letter, used circa 1845 when Dr. Cooke was postmaster, with a manuscript cancel at right (turned for better legibility), likely in Dr. Cooke's own hand. Manuscript markings with paid or due markings were standard with postmasters in smaller communities which had not been issued a handstamp in the period.¹ Coles indicates Holmdel's first handstamp was not used until 1848.²

Conflicting Theories of "Holmdel"

The earliest explanation found to date is in the *History of Monmouth County, New Jersey*, published in 1885. Franklin Ellis wrote that "Holmdel Township was so named for the Holmes family, several of whom were, now are and have been for generations, large land owners and influential men in this region." On the 1830 NJ Census there were fifteen Holmes families in Middletown which included the village of Holmdel.

In 1899, Reverend Abram I. Martine edited *The Bi-Centennial Celebration of the Reformed Church of the Navasink and its Two Branches*. Reverend Martine wrote, "The name Holmdel was derived from the two Saxon words 'Holm' and 'dell' by Richard Cooke, ... 'the meaning of which when put together made a very near equivalent to Pleasant Valley.'" Separately we can confirm that Dr. Robert Cooke did have a brother named Richard born 1806 who became a doctor, but not much is known about him.

In 1916, William Reiley of New Brunswick, New Jersey, wrote a Letter to the Editor of the *Freehold Transcript* saying that the name "Holmdel" was not named after the prominent Holmes family in the area. Reiley wrote that "a sister of Dr. Robert W. Cooke, a famous physician and surgeon of his day, suggested "Holmdel," a combination of two Dutch words, "holm" meaning pleasant, and "del" meaning a valley, hence Holmdel, the name for Pleasant Valley." Unfortunately, Reiley did not explain how he knew this. Reiley was a retired attorney and former Middlesex County Surrogate. He was born in the Holmdel section of Middletown in 1845, fifteen years after the word was first used. His father, Reverend William Reiley, was a clergyman of the Dutch Reformed Church, and in 1840, the Reiley family lived next to the Cooke family. During these years there were many families of Dutch descent in the area. Some still spoke the Dutch language. Reiley wrote that because of this Dutch influence, Cooke's suggestion "met with immediate popular approval."

A problem with Reiley's statement is that when translated from English, the words "pleasant" and "valley," in Dutch, are "prettige" and "vallei," not "Holm" and not "del." According to a Dutch language expert, "holm" is not a word in the Dutch language.

Holmdel Postmasters:

1830-1849 - Robert Cooke	1960-1961 - Mrs. Ruth H. Jeffrey
1849-1853 - Gilbert H. VanMater	1962-1964 - Harold R. Braun
1853-1853 - John T. Wyckoff	1964-1965 - ?
1853-1861 - Thomas W. Thorne	1966-1966 - Lawrence F. O'Brien
1861-1868 - Charles S. VanMater	1967-1967 - ?
1868-1869 - George S. Jones	1968-1970 - Harold Braun
1869-1885 - Henry W. McGee	1970-1983 - ?
1885-1889 - John H. Hyer	1984-1992 - William E. Leonard
1889-1890 - Charles R. Megee	1992-1993 - Gregory J. Barna
1890-1892 - Frank P. Megee	1993-2000 - Robert A. Ryan
1892-1896 - John Alexander Guy	2000-2003 - Peter J. Gaitens
1896-1900 - Alexander L. McClees	2003-2007 - Arlene Masterson
1900-1912 - John Alexander Guy	2007- - Carl Beams
1912-1916 - Alexander L. McClees	
1916-1955 - Taylor W. Hance	
1955-1960 - Mrs. Frances L. Pitcher	



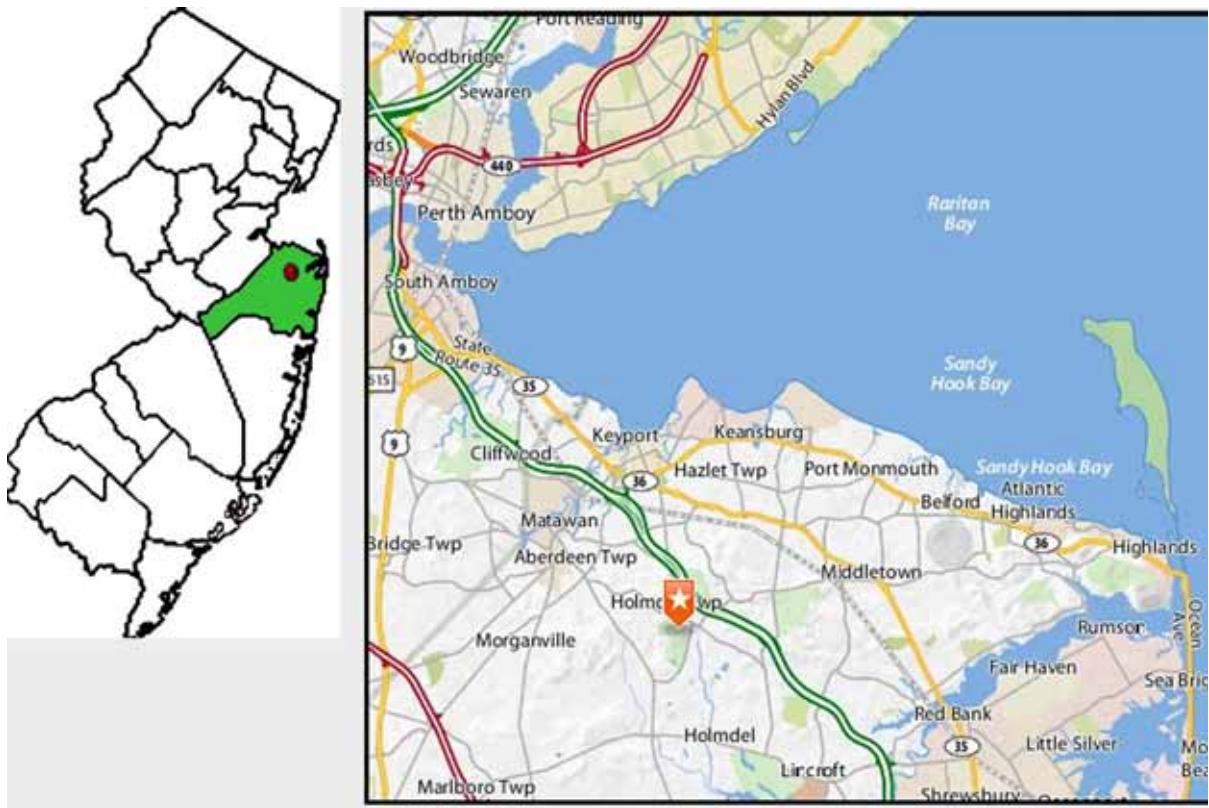
Fig. 4: A cds cancel from Holmdel dated May 18, 1911, when John Guy was postmaster.¹

Fig. 5: Postmaster Taylor Hance poses with postal mail boxes in his General Store.² The post office was located in Hance's store from 1916 to 1955.³



Fig. 6: Holmdel Post Office sign from Hance's General Store, circa 1916-1955, with zip code added at later date.⁴

For more information on Holmdel Postmasters, visit www.holmdelhistory.org/PostOffice.html.



ENDNOTES:

For further research:

Newark Public Library is a depository for New Jersey Postal records;

National Archives, M601, Records of the Post Office Department, Record Group 28, Letters Sent by the Postmaster General, 1789 – 1836, Microfilm Roll 38, January 25, 1827 - January 30, 1830, Letters by Postmaster William T. Barry, beginning March 9, 1829.

¹ Covers located on Jim Forte's Postal History site at <http://www.postalhistory.com>. Note that the first has a hand written notation "Homedale, NJ" under the Iron Foundry and Machine Shop note, but Jim has correctly identified this as Holmdel, as a close examination of the mss cancel will show.

² Coles, William .C. Jr, *The Postal Markings of New Jersey Stampless Covers*, published by The Collectors Club of Chicago, Chicago, 1983.

³ Picture from Gerald Ceres, *Holmdel and Pleasant Valley*, published by Arcadia Publishing (SC), 1996, page 93.

⁴ Zip codes were not introduced until 1963.

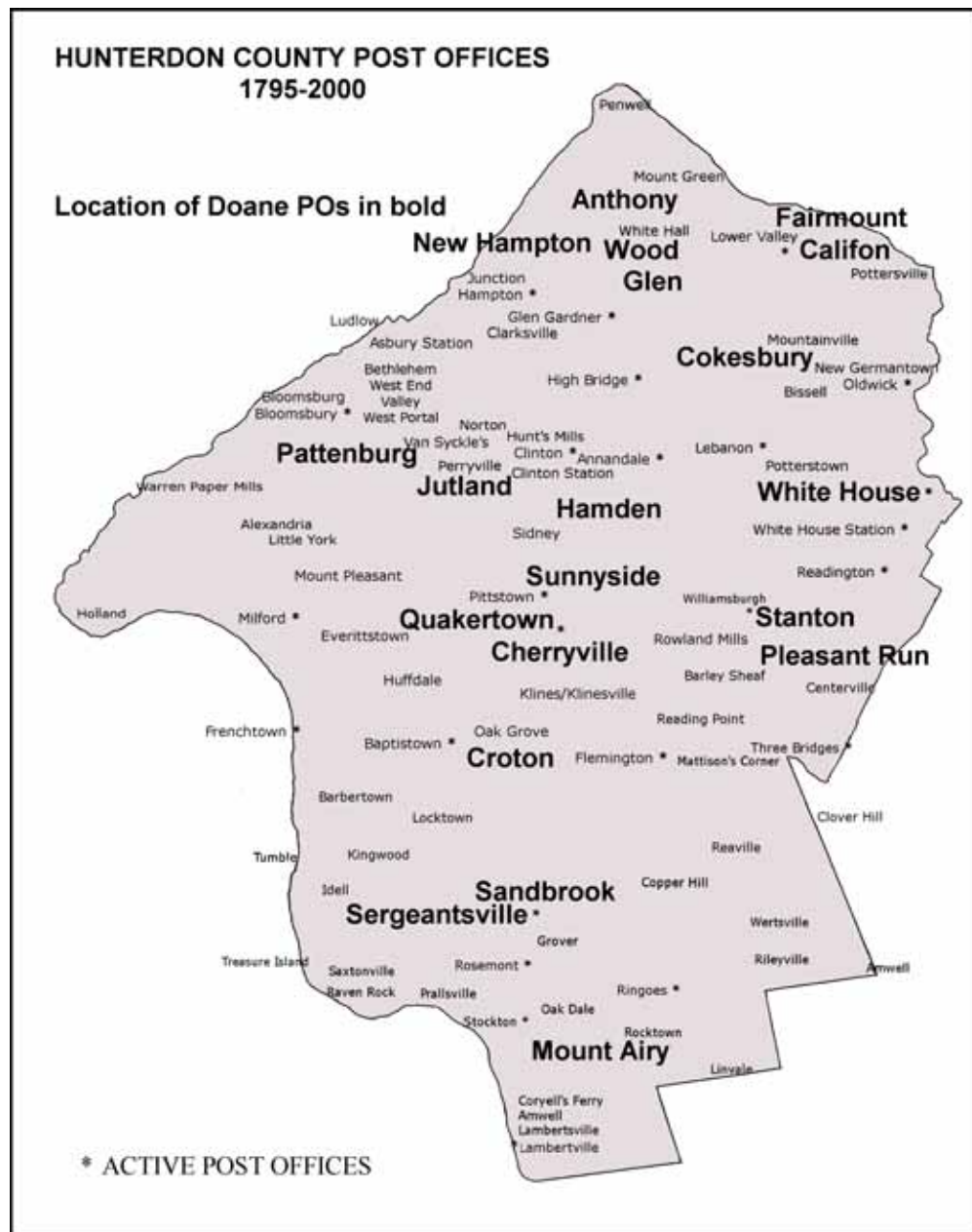
HUNTERDON COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY: PART 12: Doane Cancels

By Jim Walker



This is the twelfth in a series on Hunterdon County Post Offices by Jim Walker [for Parts 1 through 11, see the August & November issues of NJPH, Vol. 35, Nos. 3 & 4, 2007, the February, May, August, and November issues, Vol. 36, No 1-4, 2008, the February, May, August and November issues of 2009, Vol 37, No. 1, 2, 3 & 4, and Vol 38, No. 2]. Other “special topic” articles on Hunterdon County will continue in upcoming issues of NJPH.

HUNTERDON COUNTY POs WITH DOANE CANCELS

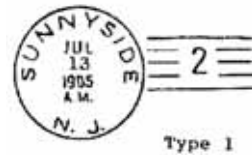


Other Doane articles have appeared in NJPH: Visit the NJPHS [Online library](#) and click on Whole numbers 49, 69, 94, 98, 106, 143 & 169.

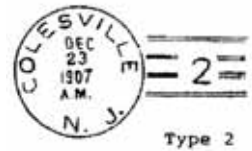
The Doane cancel was a new cancelling device for fourth class post offices that came into use in 1903, and in use through about 1913 (with a few straggler uses known as late and the 1920s in New Jersey). Named for Edith Doane who did the original research on this cancel, it gives us a unique look at the fourth class post office in rural America at its high water mark, at the same time the post card was reaching its widest use, and its most frequent appearance is in fact on picture post cards of that era. The post card would soon be replaced by a more efficient form of communication, the telephone. The small town post office, indeed, in many cases, the small town itself would soon be eliminated by the Rural Free Delivery service.

Doanes come in three basic types, as last described by Arne Englund in the February 2008 issue of NJPH (Whole number 169)¹, and an illustration of types is below.²

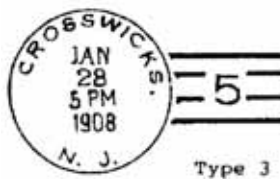
Fig. 178: Doane types shown: Hamden with type 1, with 5 bar cancel, Sandbrook with type 2, with a 4 bar double line cancel, and type 3, Sergeantsville, with a 4 bar solid line cancel and larger hub.



Type #1, 27-29mm, 5 bars with number between. Issued to 1600 POs between Aug. 28 and Sept. 28, 1903.



Type #2, four thin pairs of bars 28 to 30mm with number between, issued Sept. 1903 to July 1905 to 18,000 POs.



Type #3, 31-32 mm reamer inking larger letters with number between, July 1, 1905 to late 1906. 12,000 post offices received them.



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The distinctive number in the Doane cancel represents the compensation that post office received in the previous year, hence the lowest numbers represent the lowest compensation. Offices established in this period were issued number 1, as no record yet existed – and may not truly represent the normal annual compensation.

There are only four post offices, of the eighteen offices in Hunterdon that used a Doane cancel, which are still active today: Quakertown, Sergeantsville, Stanton, and White House.

HUNTERDON COUNTY DOANE CANCELS

NAME	TYPE	NO.	EARLIEST	LATEST	STATUS
ANTHONY	2	1	25 OCT. 05	--/--/--	14 JAN. 06
(CALIFON	3	4	13 AUG. 06	25 MAY 08	ACTIVE)*
CHERRYVILLE	2	2	30 AUG. 05	24 AUG. 09	29 APR. 19
COKESBURY	2	1	23 OCT. 05	1 MAY 10	30 SEPT. 15
CROTON	2	1	26 DEC. 04	5 JAN. 11	29 JUNE 35
FAIRMOUNT	1	2	26 JUNE 05	30 DEC. 09	30 SEPT. 15
HAMDEN	1	1	23 AUG. 04	22 MAR. 10	30 SEPT. 18
JUTLAND	2	2	25 JULY 06	13 JULY 12	30 JUNE 60
MOUNT AIRY	2	1	16 SEPT. 05	30 MAR. 07	30 APR. 07
NEW HAMPTON	2	2	6 JUNE 08	17 NOV. 11	29 FEB. 48
PATTENBURG	2	4	22 MAY 05	15 JULY 10	19 APR. 74
PLEASANT RUN	2	1	25 OCT. 05	16 SEPT. 07	30 NOV. 07
QUAKERTOWN	2	2	4 MAR. 05	27 APR. 11	ACTIVE
SANDBROOK	2	1	26 SEPT. 05	23 DEC. 13	31 DEC. 59
SERGEANTSVILLE	3	4	20 FEB. 06	9 NOV. 08	ACTIVE
STANTON	3	2	3 JAN. 07	26 FEB. 11	ACTIVE
SUNNYSIDE	1	2	13 JULY 05	20 SEPT. 10	31 MAY 15
WHITE HOUSE	3	3	28 MAR. 06	25 MAR. 13	ACTIVE
WOODGLEN	3	2	22 SEPT. 05	28 DEC. 05	30 JAN. 07

*Thought to exist, but not yet found.



Fig. 179: ANTHONY, N.J. ~ Oct. 24, 1904, Type 2, No. 1



Fig. 180: CHERRYVILLE Mar 29, 1909 Type 2.



Fig. 181: COKESBURY 1906, Sept. 27 1906 type 2.

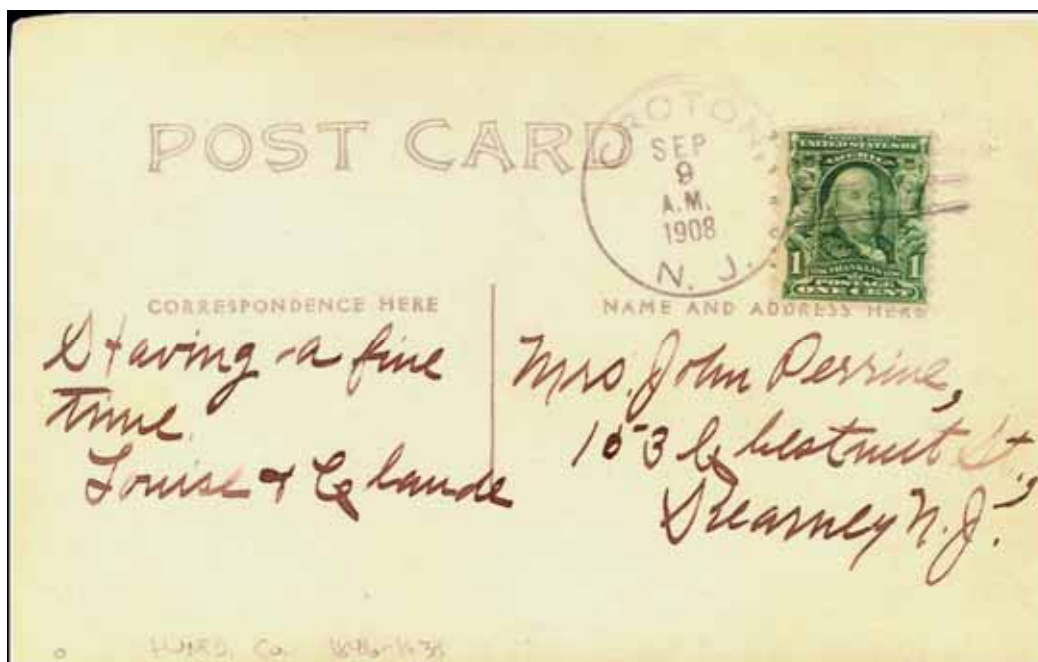


Fig. 182: CROTON 1908

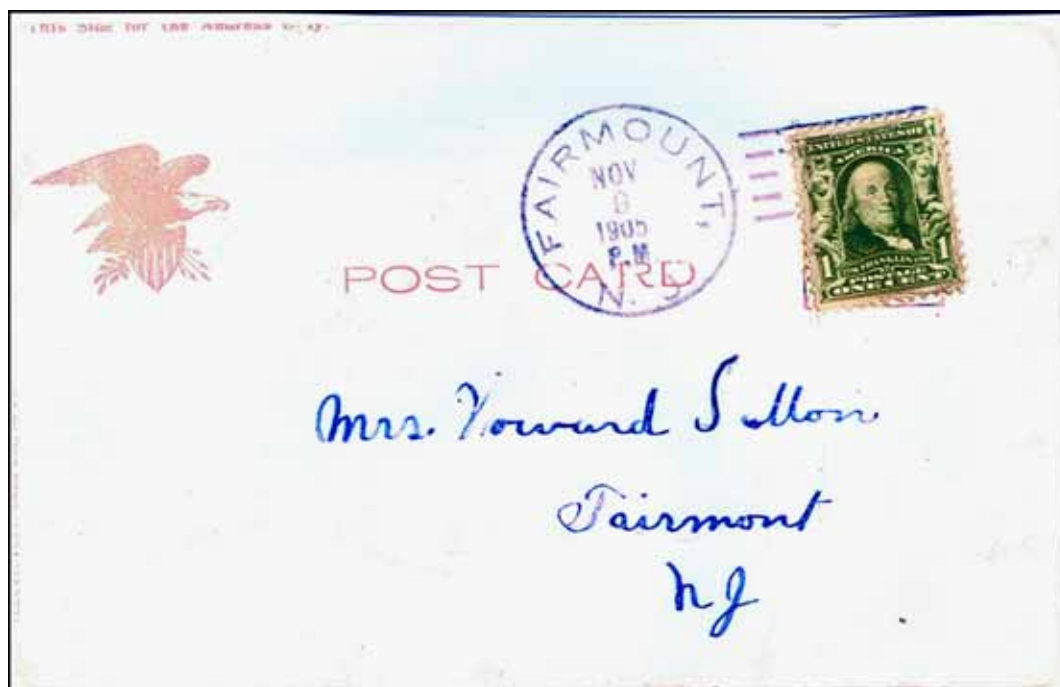


Fig. 183: FAIRMOUNT Nov 9, 1905, with a type 1.



Fig. 184: JUTLAND Jun 4, 1907, type 2.

This card is canceled with faint VALLEY receiver cancel and readdressed. WEST PORTAL is crossed out and VALLEY is written in. The name of the post office would officially be changed to WEST PORTAL in February 1908.



Fig. 185: MOUNT AIRY Mar 30, 1907, type 2.

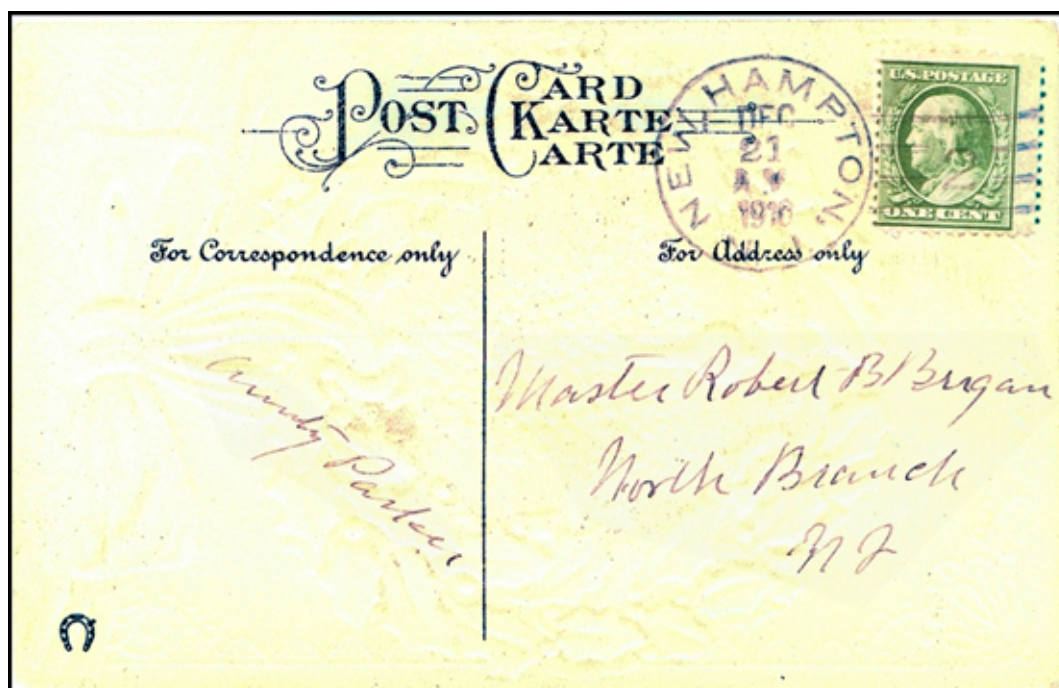


Fig. 186: NEW HAMPTON Dec 21, 1910, type 2.



Fig. 187: PATTENBURG Aug 3, 1905, type 2.

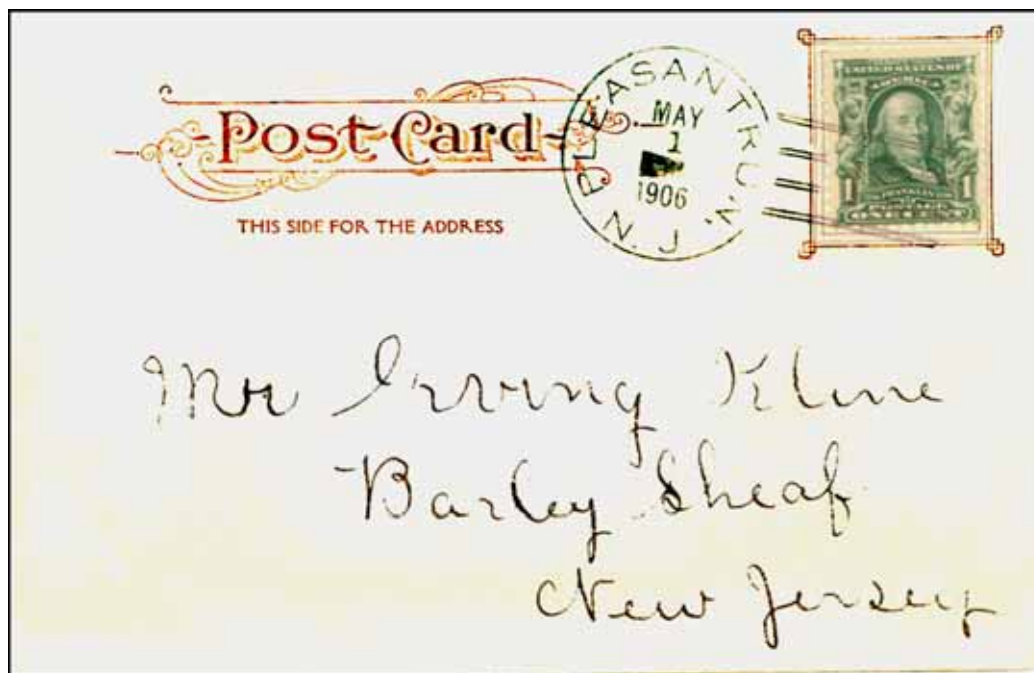


Fig. 188: PLEASANT RUN May 1, 1906, type 2.



Fig. 189: QUAKERTOWN Jul 18 1904, type 2, an early use for this cancel.



Fig. 190: STANTON Jul 21, 1909, type 3.

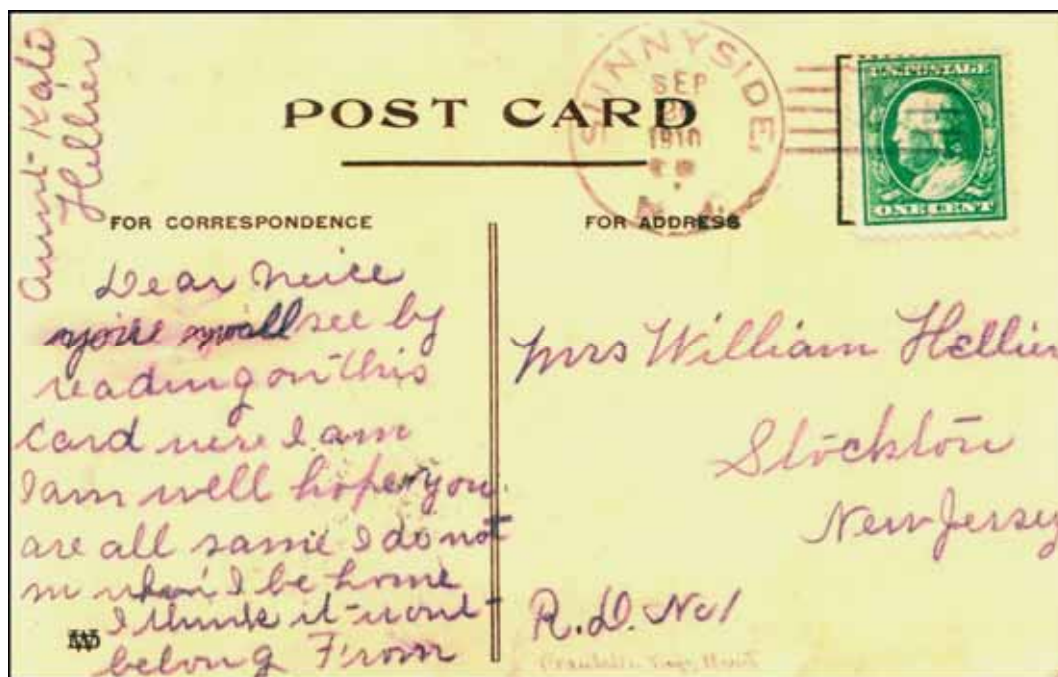


Fig. 191: SUNNYSIDE Sept 20, 1910, type 1.



Fig. 192: WHITEHOUSE Feb 12, 1909

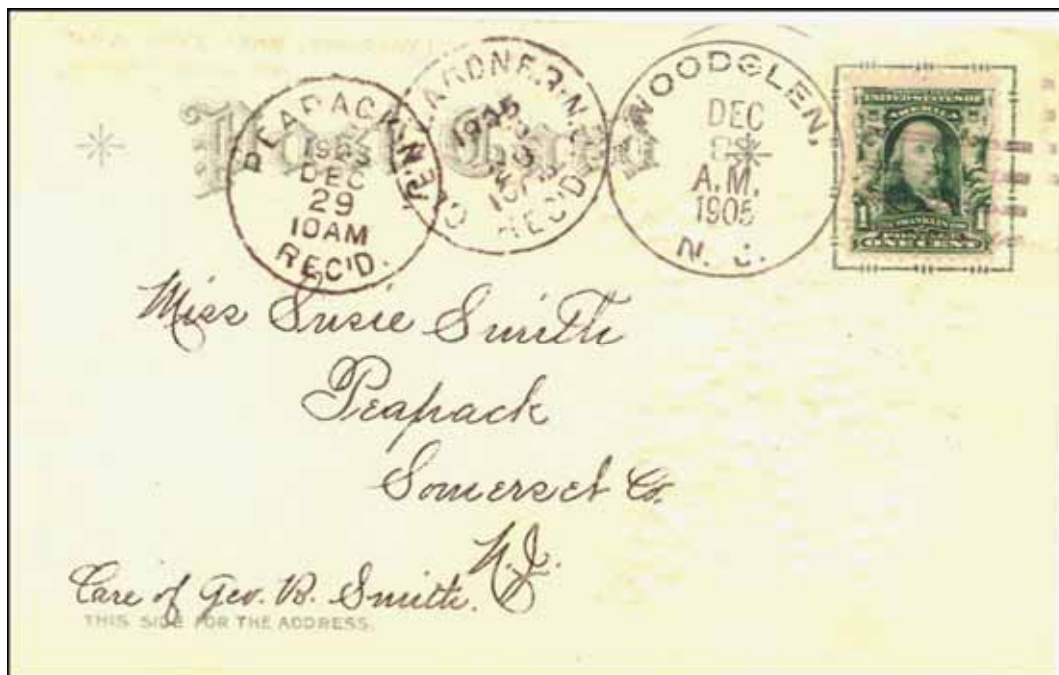


Fig. 193: WOODGLEN Dec. 8, 1905, type 3 (double strike).

ENDNOTES:

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- ¹ Several articles on Doane Cancels have appeared in *NJPH*, and are available in [our online library](#). These are Whole numbers [94](#), [98](#), and [106](#) (William Coles), and [143](#) and [169](#) (Arne Englund). A New Jersey list is available at Gary Anderson's Doane web site at http://www.doanecancel.com/new_jersey_doanes.html.
- ² Illustration used by Arne in his article, and originally used by William Coles in his first article.

SPARTA, NJ – EARLY SUSSEX COUNTY POST OFFICE

By Len Peck

Sparta was the third post office to be established in Sussex County, following Sussex Court House (1792) and Hamburg (1795) – and leaving out Hackettstown (1794) and Johnsonburgh (1796) for a Warren County history to cover, as both of these became part of Warren County in 1824. Sparta was established May 28, 1796, with William R. Willis as postmaster, and is still an active post office today. In 1970, it became my home, and thus a focal point for my philatelic interests. A number of Sparta covers have found their way into my collection.

Sparta is located on the eastern side of Sussex County, on the road between Morristown and Sussex Court House/Newton, which would be chartered as the Union Turnpike in 1804, and a road which travelled north/south from Morris County to Hamburg, Vernon, and New York State. These roads had been used by local farmers for years to bring product to market in Newark and New York, and their condition did not allow for regular stage routes until 1808-1810, so mail previous to this point in time was delivered by post riders. Stages began to be chartered for mail, and Sparta, while not as large as Newton, was a crossroads of some importance, even at this early point in New Jersey statehood.



Fig. 1: Early Fadden map of New Jersey (1795) showing the relationship of Sparta to other West Jersey communities, and to Newark.¹

Many early letters mention the state of the roads and the troubles they cause those who lived in this area. The letter enclosed in the cover shown in *Figure 3* is a case in point. A transcription follows:

New Prospect April 9th 1855

Mr. Martin Sutton

I received your letter dated 2nd and was glad to hear that you and Mary is well and contemplate coming home soon. We are all well as usual with the exception of the hooping (sic) cough. Some of the children have had it very bad but they are all getting better of it now. All the friends and relatives here are well as usual except cousin Delphine Sutton. She is very low. She is in the last stages of the Consumption. Doctor Layer told me that he did not think

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that she could live long. Mother has gone to see her now while I am writing to you. Lemuel has gone to work at the tavern. We have had a very bad winter. The season is very backward and times is hard for the poor chaps here. Provisions is very high and scarce.

Martin, I shall not be very particular in giving the nuse (sic) as you are to be here so soon so you will not be particular. For I can talk a great deal easier than I can Rite (sic). It would be a pleasure to me Martin to meet you and Mary at Port Jervis but it is out of the question for us both to leave home at once at this season of the year. Our cows are coming in at this season and wants my care therefore. I don't know yet how it will be. Emily has been with Ester all Winter. If she gets home in time Mother and John will meet you at Port Jervis. If the road gets closed so that they can't travel. It is very muddy here now. The mud is hub deep in a great many places. Martin, If anything should turn up that mother don't meet you at Port Jervis you must take the stage Monday morning from port to Lafayette and we will meet you. That is if you get of(sic) on the 14th and if you don't start til the 16th you will have to stop in port til Wednesday for they have a stage Monday and Wednesday and Friday from port to Lafayette and if we don't meet you at the usual Metters Tavern we will meet you at Lafayette and fetch you home. With this I send you and Mary my respect and remain your affectionate Father and friend

Jacob Sutton

NB. Georgeanna says that she thinks that she won't know Martin. She is very uncertain. Martin, you must fetch Mother some little keepsake for she has talk a good deal about it. She expects you to do so. She has been quite dispirited this winter. It would be prized very much.

Jacob Sutton

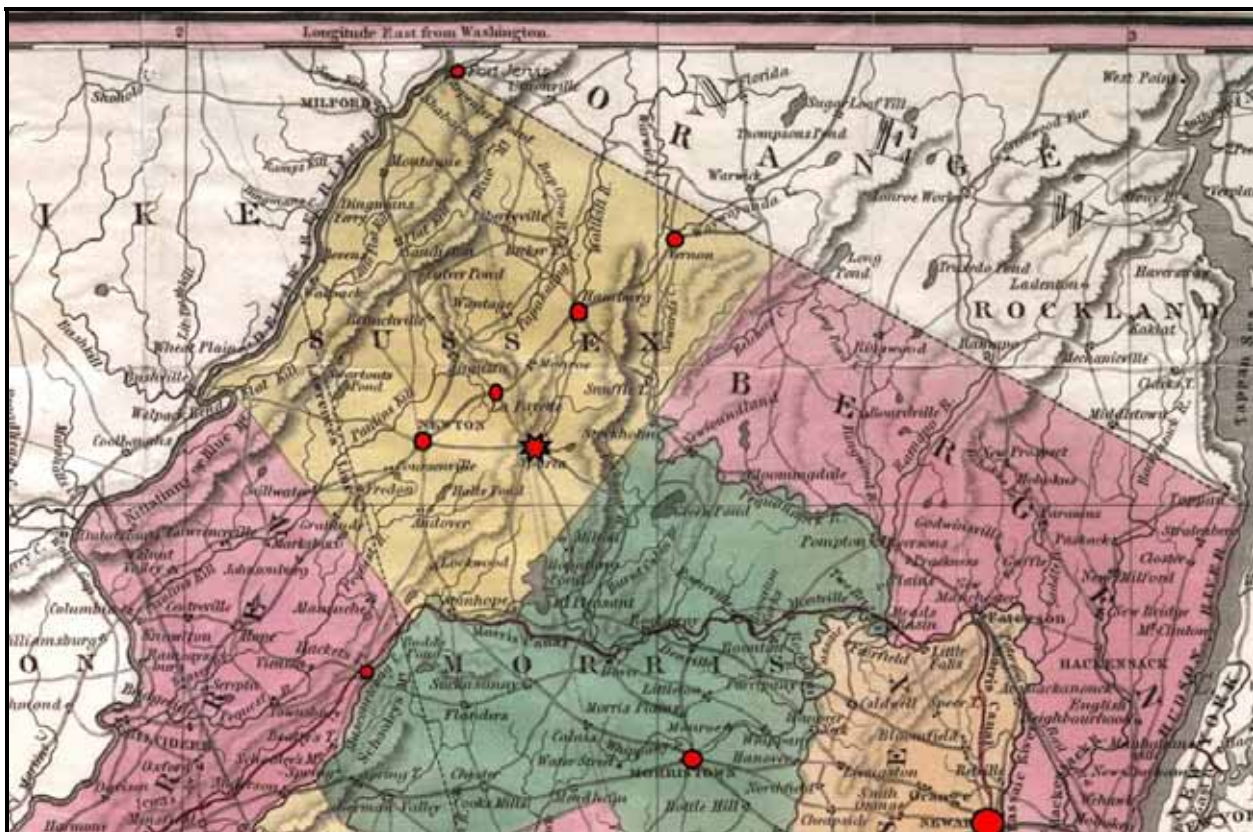


Fig. 2: An 1834 map of the same locales shown in 1795, with additional development of Sussex County.¹



Fig. 3: A cover with a manuscript Sparta cancel, dated April 11 (1855), with a paid 3 marking. It was sent to Martin Sutton in Pennsylvania.

The next letter, from 1860, shows a nice contrast of a city boy in the country. Victor was from Brooklyn and was visiting in Sparta. A large part of his time seems to have been spent doing very little of consequence – picking berries, taking a jaunt, entertaining the ladies, and being whatever help he could. He writes of several interesting things:

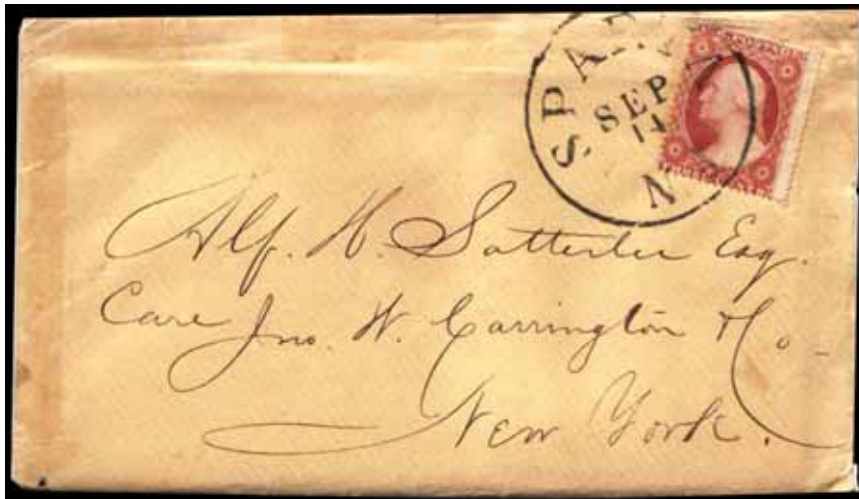


Fig. 4: An 1860 cds cancel from Sparta NJ. This envelope carried the letter below.

Sparta, N.J. Sept. 9th, 1860

My dear Al,

I rec'd your letter on Thursday from Bedell Boss² in the evening; you don't say anything more about going or coming into the country. The weather of yesterday and Friday was very sultry and depressing but this morning we have a cold stormy sky overhead and a damp raw North wind whistling round the house and passing through the cracks like snow as you feel it on your fingers tingling and freshening you all over. Fall is coming rapidly, the country looks quiet and sober – almost sad as you sit on the rocks and gaze at the thickets and woods – the scarlet vines creeping about the old rail fences and the yellow leaves scattered rather freely along the border of the timber. Gunning and fishing are appealing to us for votaries and the last week has witnessed the bagging of a few birds. Mr. Miller came up yesterday for the special purpose of

sporting and having a lively time generally. He has a good looking gun and probably the quail rabbits (sic) and etc. will be somewhat dicomposed (sic) by our proceedings.

I had a delightful drive to Newton (country town) on Tuesday, it was "Court" day and the town presented a very lively and pleasant appearance. I did not know before that there was a place of so much importance in this part of Jersey. The people looked substantial and a good many hearty healthy old fashioned well-to-do looking farmers were driving, walking and talking among the village crowds. We had considerable purchases to make and visited a number of stores, offices, etc. Bedell found blooming lasses at one of the places of call but the scamp would not present me to them. I don't know why unless it was on account of my shabby coat.

Well, finally of course we made the call of ceremony at the "Larger Bear" where of course we drank and examined a "Political chart" on the top corners of which were Bell and Everett, in the center an oval with the Douglas at top, on his right-hand Breckenridge on the left, Lincoln (with a long emphatic L) with Mr. Houston where the "Giant's" feet would naturally be, if represented. After viewing and discussing the "chart" above mentioned, being both Douglas men, we took another drink and then to the unspeakable regret of the Newtonians bade them farewell.

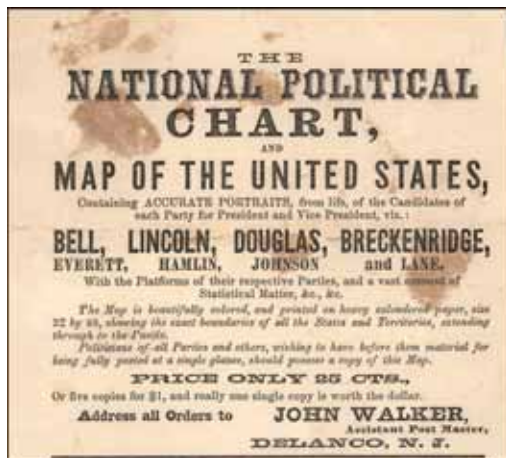


Fig. 5: Ad for a National Political Chart for the 1860 election of the type described by our writer, and produced in Delanco, NJ.³



Fig. 6: Not the exact version described in this letter, but this lends an idea of what Victor was speaking. The election field was crowded in 1860!⁴

Yesterday spent most of the morning in cogitating, about noon B and I lunched on bread and milk and set out in a buggy to attend to a couple of missions. Had a fine drive some seven or eight miles but for the mare. She sweat like an ice picher (sic) but a full blast from the West kept us comparatively comfortable. At the tavern, much to our surprise found Mr. Miller, gun and valise. In the afternoon, having nothing on hand to do went for black berries, rather late for them but found a good place and brought home four pints of black and whortleberries after an hours picking and saw an old tree full of Highholders⁵ while picking but was too tired on reaching home to go out again with the gun. Harry Condit started yesterday on a tour of Moosehead Lake.

13th – You were somewhat disappointed in not getting this on Tuesday last, perhaps. Well, I have not quite met the intention of writing weekly, there have been but one occasion before during the whole summer so I shall not apologize. There is but little to write about. Mr. Miller and Bedell go shooting regularly each day and their success is regularly very moderate. The ladies claim me for their service and on Monday we had a charming ramble over the fields picking berries etc., since then the weather has been too cold & windy for outdoor enjoyments.. Pretty soon corn husking and gathering apples will commence and then there will be more to tell about. The folks all return on Monday, it will leave me in a lonesome state and I don't know whether there is any prospect for me of going back or not. I had rather remain here unless there is some advantage in going to Brooklyn. There without regular business a man is all adrift and I fear being a little unable of enjoying friends and society as heretofore. Here one can sport a little and write a little, make himself useful and occasionally amusing as I feel pretty well established. If you are still troubled with news to make up, mention it. Tell me all the particulars. I hope the hypophosphitis⁶ will cure all of that but if they don't we must try another thing. How does the chess come along and especially how are you getting along in the way of females, have you "someone to love you"? also whats the Winter prospect, how about Whisky and any news from Charley. I am glad to hear all the news and a little more of home news would always be acceptable. When the cold weather comes we want to know how and where our friends are mingling down and in what manner they are preparing to combat its dullness – I will close now for fear that this shall not get off today. Libbie takes it to the office and with so charming a start its journey should be prosperous. We have been having a jolly good time since dinner – swinging, frolicking, and wrestling with the ladies etc. etc. So

Good bye till next time

Ever affectionately, Victor

Letter addressed to Alf. N. Satterlee, Esq.
Care Jno. W. Carrington & Co., New York

Another cover from 1861 shows the same cds:



Fig. 7: An 1861 cover showing the same cds as in Fig. 6.

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By 1866 a different cds appears to have been in use:



Fig. 8: Cds used with a cork canceller, on a cover to Charles Beatty in Georgia on September 3, 1866.

And again, a very different unserifed canceller, with a fancy killer, was in use by 1884:



Fig. 9: A cover to George Beatty in Michigan on December 17 (curiously, cancelled the 18th with a manuscript 7 over the 8 in the date). It was forwarded on December 22 to Howard, Illinois. The note at left reads, "If not delivered in 10 days, return to George B. Beatty, Sparta, Sussex County, New Jersey."

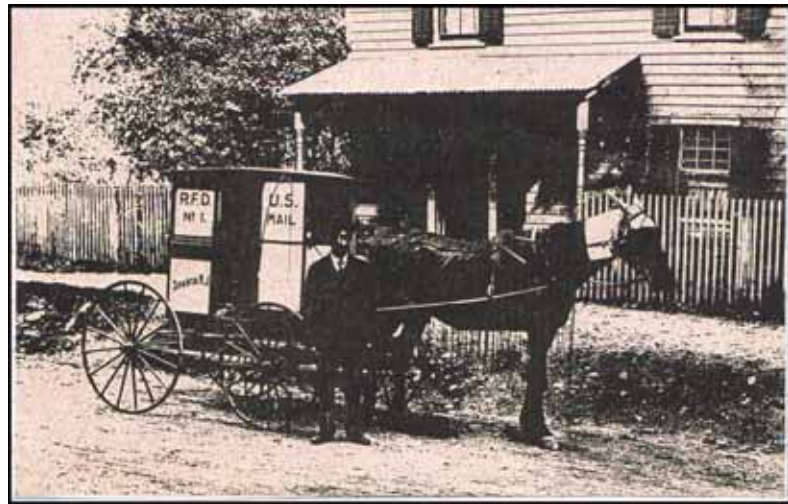
A number of different views of the Sparta post offices over the years have appeared on post cards. Some of these are pictured on the following page.

Various Sparta Post Offices:



Fig. 10 A-C: Post office locales in Sparta – often in local stores or residences. At left is the residence of Charles Halsey on Main Street in Sparta. Halsey was postmaster from 1906-1914.⁷

Below is a view of the RFD runner in front of Halsey's home



Halsey was succeeded by Herbert C. Dodge. The view below shows the post office location in the store of Herbert C. Dodge, from 1914 to 1934.



The post office then moved to the home of Floyd J. Kays on White Deer Plaza until 1958, when Warren W. Fredericks became postmaster and it moved to a government- leased building next to the A&P supermarket.

Illustration courtesy
Doug D'Avino

Postmasters of Sparta New Jersey:

Sparta [07871]	C	May 28, 1796		William R. Willis
		Sept. 17, 1798		Robert R. Willis
		July 1, 1799		Noah Hammond
		Nov. 12, 1799		Jame Smith
		Oct. 1, 1801		James S. Smith
		July 1, 1804		John Butler
		Apr. 1, 1805		Joseph Northrup
		Aug. 16, 1810		Stephen Hurd
		Apr. 23, 1823		John McCarter
		Jan. 13, 1830		James S. Morrow
		July 9, 1833		Elias Beach
		July 10, 1841		Whitfield H. Hurd
		July 6, 1843		Elias Beach
		June 14, 1845		Robert Van Kirk
		Apr. 20, 1848		Benjamin Bradbury
		Dec. 18, 1854		Daniel R. Hudson
		Feb. 2, 1856		David F. Lyon
		May 1, 1856		James B. Titman
		July 30, 1866		John B. Boss
		May 15, 1867		James B. Titman
		Aug. 28, 1885		James L. Morris
		Apr. 22, 1889		Theophilus H. Andreas
		Aug. 23, 1893		James L. Decker
		May 14, 1897		Theophilus H. Andreas
		Dec. 10, 1903		Robert Lantz
		Feb. 13, 1906		Charles Halsey
		Sept. 30, 1914		Herbert C. Dodge
		Feb. 15, 1934	(Act.P.M.)	Floyd J. Kays
		June 12, 1934		Floyd J. Kays
		Apr. 14, 1958	(Act.P.M.)	Warren W. Fredericks
		July 31, 1959		Warren W. Fredericks
		Aug. 29, 1980	(O.I.C.)	William V. Keating
		Jan. 24, 1981		William E. Corby
		Mar. 8, 1988	(O.I.C.)	Donald E. Burns
		Apr. 29, 1988	(O.I.C.)	Richard F. Kane
		May 30, 1988	(O.I.C.)	Vincent Frisella
		Dec. 3, 1988		Jerrold W. Piccola
		Feb. 2, 1999	(O.I.C.)	Thomas Foster
		Aug. 12, 2000		Thomas Foster
		Oct. 18, 2002	(O.I.C.)	Tony Gonnella
		Dec. 16, 2002	(O.I.C.)	Dennis J. Vince
		Feb. 22, 2003		Dennis J. Vince



By 1937, machine cancels had appeared, showing Sparta NJ at top and year date at bottom.

Fig. 11: 1937 machine cancel.



Fig. 12: Later machine cancels (1963 & 1965) show Sparta at top and N.J. at bottom.



Fig. 13: An array of cancels in 1980 from the Sparta post office.

ENDNOTES:

- ¹ Maps from Rutgers Cartography at <http://mapmaker.rutgers.edu> (8/26/2010).
- ² J. Bedell Boss is listed as a medical doctor in Sparta in the 1866 *Transactions of the Medical Society of New Jersey* by Medical Society of New Jersey.
- ³ This advertisement found at <http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/images/aaa/B/B01/B0161/B0161-lrg.jpeg> , Aug. 22, 2010.
- ⁴ A 32" x 41 1/2" hand-colored 1860 campaign chart titled "National Political Chart and Map of the United States." Published by King & Baird of Philadelphia, this huge display piece depicts all the presidential and vice-presidential candidates for 1860 (the split Democratic tickets are shown with smaller heads). In addition to the map of the states and territories, it details the party platforms along with letters of acceptance from the four standard-bearers. The chart also lists a great deal of statistical political data. See Railsplitter.com web site at <http://www.railsplitter.com/sale13/images/4266.jpg> /.
- ⁵ The golden-winged woodpecker (*Colaptes auratus*); so called from its spring note. Called also [yellow-hammer](#), [high-holder](#), [pigeon woodpecker](#), and [yucca](#). [1913 Webster]. <http://www.wkonline.com/d/high-holder.html>
- ⁶ An ingredient in various drug potions of the period, combined with calcium, sodium, etc. so from this reference alone we cannot determine what illness he was hoping to cure.
- ⁷ An unpurchased Ebay item at <http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=370421862886> (8/25/2007).

NEW JERSEY MANUSCRIPT TOWN MARKINGS

(Report dated as of July 24, 2010)

By Steven M. Roth

Reports of manuscript town markings continue to come in from members, dealers and auction house sources. Although the numbers of reports have slowed, the total numbers reported over those reported last time is impressive: the total number of verified records is 973 covers. The total reports representing the only report from a post office is 68. Of these, 11 are newly listed post offices. The total records that are the earliest reported is 211; the total latest reported is 245.

Type of Report	As of July 2010
Total records	973
Only cover reported	68
Earliest reported	211
Latest reported	245
First Time Post Office Listing	11

Contributors to the project have been:

Phil Bansner
 Don Chavetz
 Jack Edge
 Gene Frickes
 Ken Hall
 The Fabers JWF Stamps
 Peter Lemmo
 Bob Livingstone
 Craig Mathewson
 Len Peck
 Ken Pitt
 Steve Roth
 Ed Siskin
 Bill Thoman
 Jim Walker
 Jean Walton
 Steve Washburn

This database is now available to members for viewing and printing in pdf format by requesting the link sheet from your secretary at Secretary@NJPostalHistory.org. I also will be happy to compile reports for members in either .pdf or Excel format and to send the reports as an e-mail attachment. Contact me at: stevenroth@comcast.net. Some cover examples are shown below.

While most manuscript cancels are associated with the stampless period, to the mid 1850s, many do exist beyond that period, as the following covers illustrate. In some cases, no handstamp was ever issued to some of the smaller post offices, and as shown here, Civil War uses provide us with other examples.



Fig. 1: A soldier's letter, sent without postage in 1861, from Farmingdale, March 25, to English Town Station. Manuscript cancels exist – in many cases – well beyond the “stampless” period.



Fig. 2: A Mays Landing, N.J. manuscript cancel from Sept. 10, 1862, a latest reported use, and another soldier's letter, noted “In care of Captain S.G. Champion,” and sent to Beverly, NJ.



INTERESTING COLONIAL ITEM, FOUND ONLINE

AN INTERESTING COLONIAL ITEM ~AN ONLINE FIND!

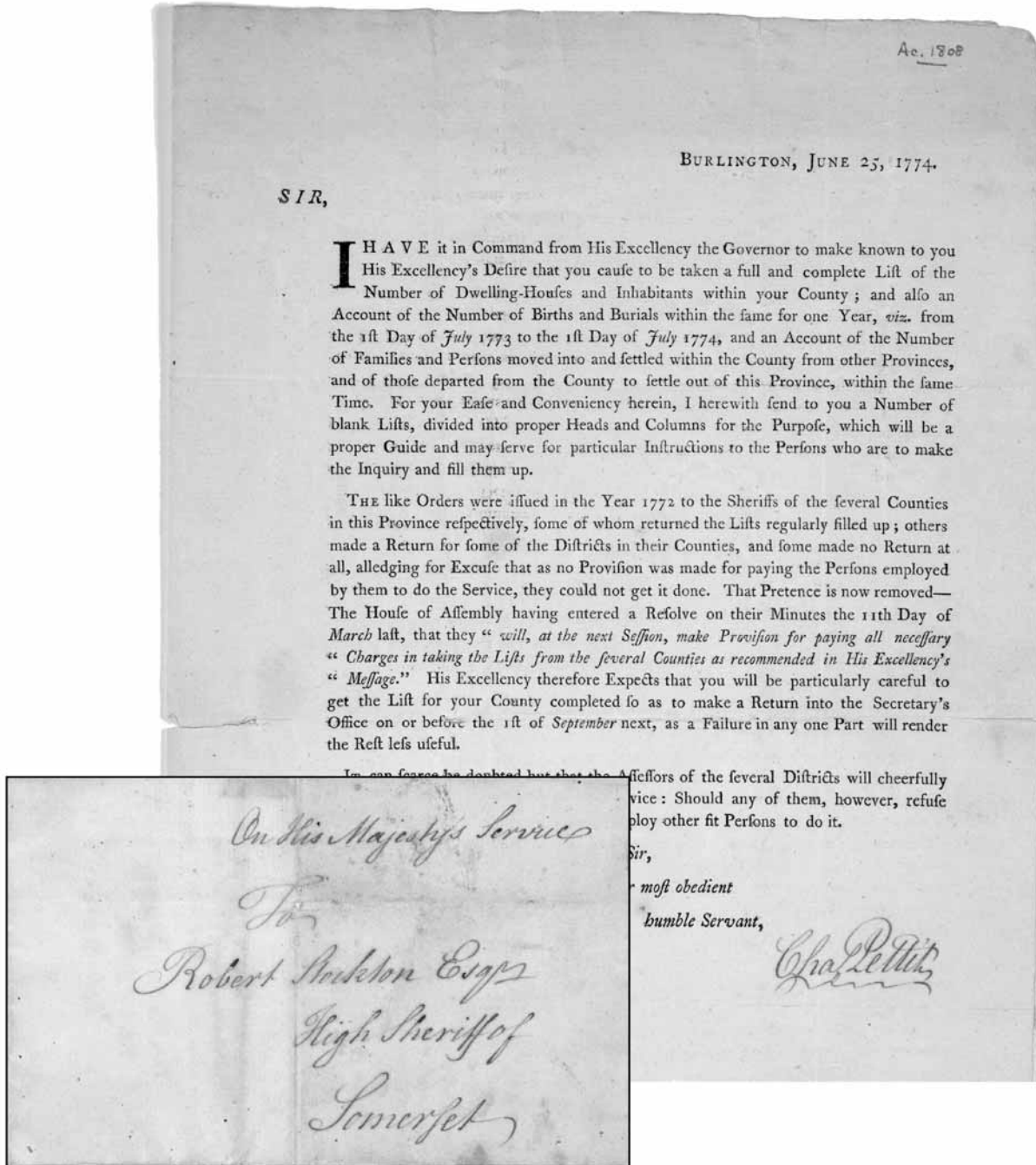


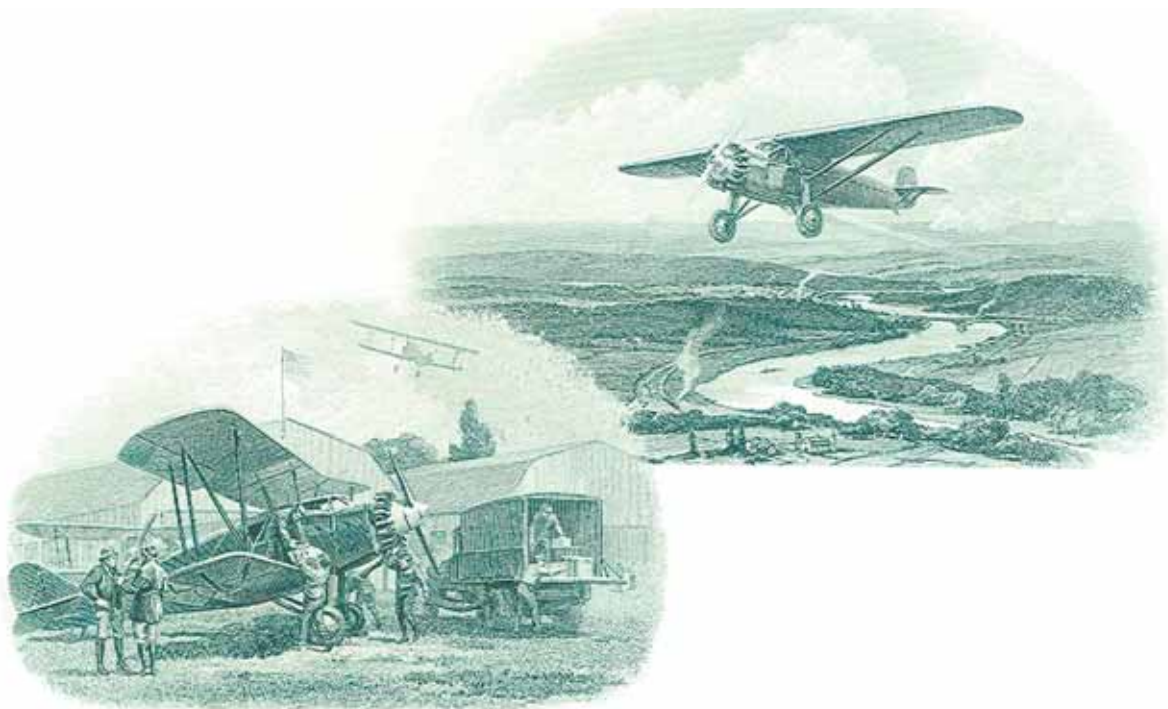
Fig. 1: Charles Pettit, Secretary to Governor William Franklin, communicates with the Sheriffs of NJ counties in 1774, relating to a census of the population. This official cover was sent “On His Majesty's Service.” This copy was sent to Robert Stockton, the High Sheriff of Somerset County.

It reads, in part: - Burlington. June 25, 1774. Sir, I have it in command from ... His Excellency's desire that you cause to be taken a full and complete list of the number of dwelling-houses and inhabitants within your county ... It can scarce be doubted but the assessors of the several districts will cheerfully undertake and perform this necessary service ... [Signed in mss. Chas. Pettit., Burlington, 1774].¹

¹ Located on [An American Time Capsule: Three Centuries of Broadsides and Other Printed Ephemera](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/rbpehtml/), located at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/rbpehtml/> (August 23, 2010, JW).

NATIONAL AIR MAIL WEEK IN HUNTERDON COUNTY

By Jim Walker



AIR MAIL WEEK IN HUNTERDON COUNTY, 1938 ~ Jim Walker

In an effort to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the first air mail flight on May 15, 1918 and to promote the use of the Air Mail Service, the Post Office Dept. planned a week long nationwide event. The highlight of the celebration would be air mail service to every town that requested it on May 19, 1938. The local postmaster's job was to find and swear in a pilot as "Air Mail Pilot for the Day." The postmaster also had to find a sponsor for the flight to cover the expense of the plane and pilot. A designer for the cachet, or artwork on the envelope, also had to be found. The task of finding an artist was in many towns taken up by the local Chamber of Commerce; contests were held, and in many cases local schools participated.

Postmasters Edwin Case of Flemington and Nelson Pickel of Clinton were responsible for the event in Hunterdon County. They signed up pilot Marvin Everitt, manager of the Northwest New Jersey Airport, now Alexandria Field. The flight was sponsored by Riegel Paper Company of Milford. The company name was painted on the sides of Everitt's Piper J3 Cub. On May 19, 1938, sacks of local air mail letters, all 3,084 of them, were taken to Northwest New Jersey Airport and turned over to Marvin Everitt for the flight to Newark Airport.

The accompanying photo shows seven of the participating postmasters; missing is James Cleary of Lambertville. There may be as many as six other small towns in Hunterdon that produced mail for the flight using the generic POD-supplied cachet like the design used by Lambertville and High Bridge. Many of the covers are found signed by the postmasters, designers, and Everitt.

Air Mail became such a success that by 1975, all first class domestic mail was moved by air, eliminating a need for a separate class of mail.



Newspaper article showing 7 Hunterdon postmasters who participated in National Airmail Week, 1938.



PHILATELIC SHORTS: 1939 Royal Train Visit to New Jersey

By Jean R. Walton

Most collectors of souvenir covers will associate the visit of the King and Queen of England to Canada in 1939, and Royal Visit train covers, to that country alone, but in fact, this trip included five days in the United States, the first visit ever of the British reigning King and Queen to the United States. It was an important symbolic gesture in the face of the looming hostilities with Germany and World War II. This side trip into the U.S. even included New Jersey, and a visit to the World's Fair in New York City.

A map of the US part of this trip shows the route:

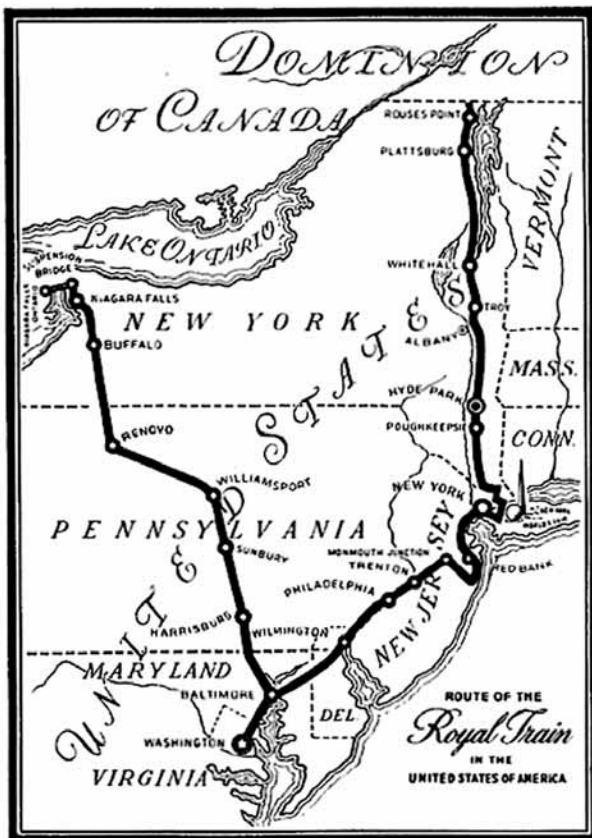


Fig. 1: The US leg of the 1939 Royal Train visit, crossing into the US at Niagara Falls, travelling across Pennsylvania to DC, then across NJ to Fort Hancock.



Fig. 2: The visitors, King George VI & Queen Elizabeth, parents of the current Queen of England

The train itself was made up of 12 cars, powered by a royal blue Hudson steam engine, a CP 2850 built by the Montreal Locomotive Works. It was preceded by a pilot train, used to be sure no unseen dangers lay on the tracks. This train was used as well to carry the Press who were apparently expendable. Both trains traveled across Canada from east (Quebec City, May 18) to west to Vancouver (May 29), and back again to Niagara Falls, where it crossed at Suspension Bridge into the U.S. (June 7). Once in the States, two sleeping cars and a dining car were added to the pilot train for the American Press.

On its journey to Washington on June 8, the Royal Train actually preceded the pilot train, which suffered from a hotbox at Williamsport:

“The pilot train was 20 minutes behind at Baltimore. The press corps was not happy they'd miss the royal couple's arrival in Washington. The pilot train ran at 80 MPH and retook the lead over the Royal Train in Washington yards. The press got their coverage. Their Majesties later moved on to a reception at the White House.”¹



Fig. 3: While addressed from Hoboken, N.J. to Jersey City, N.J., the cover was cancelled on the day the Royal Train traveled to Washington, DC on June 8, 1939. The cancel is a Railway Mail Service machine cancel with a Royal Train R.P.O./U.S.A.

Once in D.C., their Majesties were met by F.D.R. and Eleanor at the train station, unusual because most visiting dignitaries were met at the White House. The 9th was spent in Washington, with meetings between F.D.R. & George VI, and a motorcade, receptions, and a State dinner.



Fig. 4: George VI and F.D.R. , June 1939.

George VI and F.D.R. in an open car, celebrating Anglo-American friendship. For the King, there was the hidden agenda of solidarity against the imminent threat of Germany; for F.D.R., it was an opportunity to break the isolationist feelings, running high in the U.S. at the time, against any U.S. involvement in an overseas commitment.

On June 10th, the Royals re-boarded their train for a trip to the 1939 World's Fair, where they would visit and officially open the British Pavilion. On this trip, the engine was a GG-1 4838, a PRR electric locomotive as far as Jamesburg, where it was replaced by a steam engine to Red Bank. The Royal couple traveled by car to Fort Hancock, New Jersey, where they boarded a US destroyer, the

USS *Warrington*, for a ride across the outer and inner NY harbor to The Battery in Manhattan. From The Battery, they traveled by car to Queens and the New York World's Fair, where they spent the day.

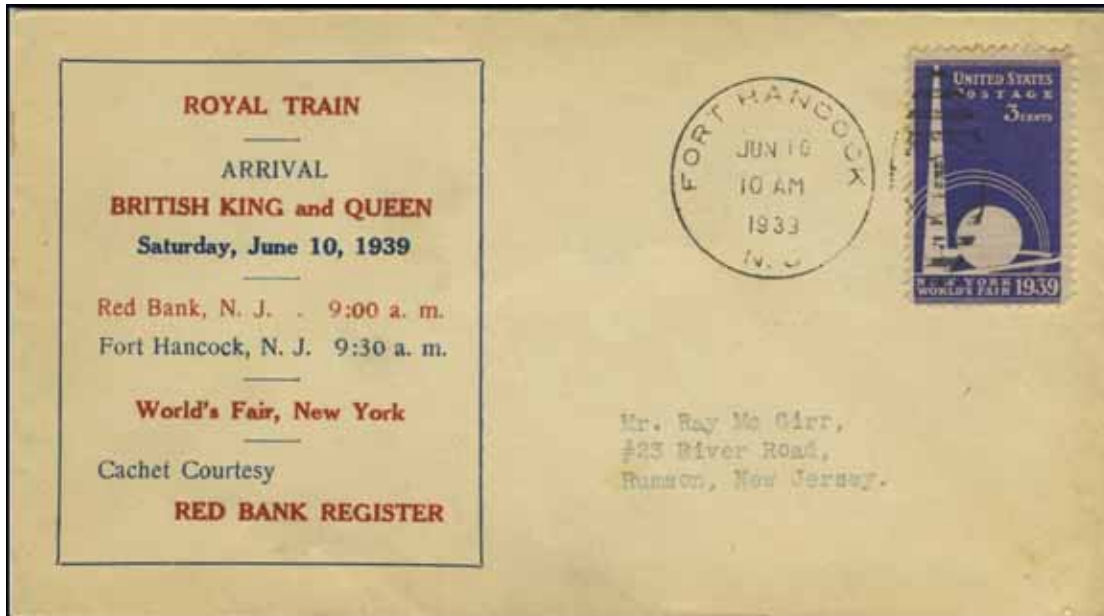


Fig. 5: The Royal Train Schedule on a cachet commemorating the Royal visit, with a Fort Hancock June 10, 1939 cancel on the 1939 World's Fair 3¢ stamp.

That evening, The King and Queen went to Hyde Park, NY and the home of F.D.R., and spent another day visiting in a less formal setting with the President and his wife. After a long day at the Fair, it was a welcome retreat from the public eye. One writer writes: "The President had a pitcher of martinis ready when his guests drove in, even though his mother, Sara Delano Roosevelt, insisted that the King would prefer tea. As the King approached the cocktail table, F.D.R. observed, 'My mother thinks you should have a cup of tea – she doesn't approve of cocktails.' George VI answered, 'Neither does my mother,' and gratefully took a drink."²

The Royal and pilot trains travelled to Penn Station in New York, and then to New Rochelle, where they awaited the King and Queen, who, after spending Sunday the 11th with the Roosevelts, re-boarded for their return trip to Montreal.

A brief (but legitimate) part of the 1939 Royal Train tour in New Jersey!

ENDNOTES:

¹ The Canadian Royal Train /Royal Tour of 1939, http://www.themetrains.com/html/royal_timeline.htm (9/19/2009)

² AmericanHeritage.com / Greetin's, COUSIN GEORGE, http://www.americanheritage.com/articles/magazine/ah/1967/1/1967_1_6.shtml (9/19/2009).



Web Update

Warren Plank, [Webmaster](#)

A New Era in Society History: Launch of the NJPHS Free Library

The future has caught up with us, and our Society has risen to the challenge! In July we launched the [Free Library](#) online, the complete archive of every issue (except the last five years, which are available with [membership](#)) of *NJPH Journal* published since the Society was founded back in 1972: thirty-five *plus* years of award winning philatelic articles focusing on (but not limited to) our Great State of New Jersey.

In the spirit of sharing this wealth of knowledge, and given the perfect vehicle for access to these digitalized articles, we felt the time was right to share our unique research and entertaining historic vignettes with the collecting community free of charge.

We are hoping the [Free Library](#) will also act as a catalyst to drive new members to our Society. After all, there are expenses that need to be covered, and we feel all of the benefits of membership far outweigh the \$15 annual membership fee. Advise your friends to [join today](#) and have access to the last five years of the *NJPH*.

Special thanks to those whose generosity has made the Free Library a reality: Prof. Mark Sommer, a NJPHS member who donated his complete collection of *NJPH* for this project. His interest in preserving these sources is much appreciated! The Society would also like to thank Charles Livermore, not a member, who volunteered to scan all of the journals not already in digital format - a huge task. I personally want to express my gratitude to our secretary, Jean Walton for her unrelenting perseverance and guidance to help get this job done. Thanks Jean! Without you, much of what we see in our journal and on our website would still be "something we'd like to do."

Please visit the [Free Library](#) and follow the instructions so that you may search for items of interest - or, just start at the beginning and read them all! Happy Reading everyone. Feedback, positive or negative, always welcome.

MEMBER NEWS: WEB UPDATES by Warren Plank

...since the May Journal

Where did the summer go? I certainly won't miss all of the heat wave days we've had this year, or all of Jean Walton's project e-mails! *Only kidding Jean....* Your webmaster has been kept busy with the Free Library launch and reconfiguring many of our pages, with much more work to be done there as well.

We've also updated the [Calendar of Events](#) to the popular web-format that can be synchronized with your personal calendar. Members are encouraged to send events you would like to share [to me](#) and I'll get them posted.

...webstats since January

The popularity of our website continues to grow! Since January 1, 2010 we have entertained over 2300 unique visitors from around the world! We've had over 11,000 hits from within the US alone. International visitors accounted for an additional 7,200+ hits. The top ten countries/hits are

• Russian Federation	2355
• Germany	752
• Ukraine	487
• Romania	431
• China	281
• Netherlands	272
• Great Britain	263
• France	175
• Canada	131
• Japan	118

...in the Works

We are still working on refining specific pages within the website to deliver the Journal without using the Excel download. By the time you receive this August Journal, I am hoping to have all of the literature pages redesigned for free downloads. Also watch for a searchable database of NJ post office photos and postcards courtesy of Doug D'Avino from Mount Holly.

Links to NJPH journals since 2005, and to other files available only to members [county histories, Roth's Mss database, Coles Update, Brad Arch's DPO listing, etc.] are available on request from your Secretary at Secretary@NJPostalHistory.org.

See you soon at NJPostalHistory.org.

MEMBER NEWS: FILES FOR MEMBERS ONLY, MEMBER CHANGES

Files available to MEMBERS ONLY!

In addition to our online public *NJPH* journal archive [Whole number 1-172, 1972 to 2005], and the various articles available to the public, which you can see at <http://www.njpostalhistory.org/freelibraryarticles.html> , the following files are available to members only. To access these, please request a link sheet from your Secretary at Secretary@NJPostalHistory.org. For non-members, a membership fee of \$15 will give non-members access to these files.

Burlington County Post Towns (Jack Edge's serialized articles from 2005-2007 – 14.5MBs)
and the accompanying list of **Burlington County Postmasters**, by town:

Cape May Postal History (Mary Law's serialized articles from 1993-94 – 3.2MBs)

Hunterdon County Postal History (Jim Walker's serialized articles, 2007-2010 – 19MBs)

Essays on Sussex County and New Jersey Postal History (Len Peck, 2004-2010 articles 4.5MBs)

Coles Update (by Don Chafetz, 2004 – updates William Coles classic reference on NJ Stampless Markings – 900Kbs)

Brad Arch's DPO List – a zipped file with an Introduction in Word, and List and index of illustrations in xls, or available individually for those without Winzip – 700Kbs

NJ Manuscript Marking Database in pdf format (maintained by Steve Roth, and updated regularly - 2MBs)

Links also available to members for all *NJPH* issues from 2005 to present, and are included on the link sheet. For contents of these issues, please go to our [ONLINE INDEX](#), or see the Journal Detail page on our web site for [TABLE OF CONTENTS](#) (Journals run between 4-6MBs)

A NOTE ON MATERIAL FOR THE JOURNAL:

We are always in need of articles for the journal – if you have a cover you would like to showcase, a post office you would like to feature, or longer articles encompassing larger topics of all kinds relating to New Jersey postal history, we are always glad to have them. County histories for many New Jersey counties have not yet been done – interested?

For these, or for quick contributions to Hometown Post Offices (see page 174), contact

RRose@daypitney.com or Secretary@NJPostalHistory.org.

This is not an idle request. **We cannot create a journal without your help!**
Please consider making a contribution, big or small. We are glad to be of help – just ask.

Your editors

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

WELCOME TO RETURNING MEMBER:
Albert Aldham, 1660 Helmlock Farms, Hawley, PA 18428, cancels@ptd.net
GOODBYE TO OLD FRIENDS
John Sarhage, 24 Canterbury Ct, Piscataway, NJ08854 - resigned

MEMBER NEWS: MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

NEW JERSEY POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY. INC. NOJEX 2010 - SECAUCUS, NJ - MAY 30, 2010



The 37th Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Postal History Society was called to order at noon on Sunday May 30, 2010, with Robert G. Rose, President, presiding. Other officers present were Andy Kupersmit, Treasurer, and Jean Walton, Secretary.

This meeting was fairly well attended and included members from other state postal history societies, in attendance because of the joint Multi-State Postal History Competition. New York's Empire State Postal History Society took top honors in that completion, with Massachusetts Postal Research Society second. Pennsylvania did not compete this year. Our own members present were Don Chafetz, Arne Englund and his wife Janice, Art Desimine, Mark Sommers, John Trosky, and Nate Zankel, Other societies were represented by Alan Parsons from the Empire State Postal History Society, and Nancy Clark and Doug Clark from the Massachusetts Postal Research Society.



Some discussion centered on comparing our Societies, their journals, websites, and membership – on the way we approach journal printing and distribution, a change towards email distribution; our common problems of diminishing membership; various approaches to Internet presence. In addition, the American Stampless Cover catalog revisions were discussed, including approaches to rarity ratings in particular.

Mark Sommer's participation in colonial reenactments as a colonial postmaster was discussed as a possible tool for member recruitment. He also raised the idea of approaching various colleges and universities with an eye to increasing our membership. He suggested an email invitation to heads of history and political science departments, with an emphasis not on philately, but on history. Summer would be an idea time for this effort, and he promised a list of colleges and contacts to begin such a project. It also awaits our Free Online Library being up and running.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Walton, Secretary

HOMETOWN POST OFFICES: TOWNSEND'S INLET

HOMETOWN POST OFFICES¹: TOWNSEND'S INLET, NJ by Doug D'Avino

This post office was established in Cape May County on Aug 10, 1904, and is the second post office in the County with that name. The first was in Middle Township, and was officially spelled without the final S. That post office changed its name to Swainton in 1896, and closed in 1919.

This post office was located on Ludlam's Island, near Sea Isle City, at 8515 Landis Avenue. The first postmaster was John Evoy, followed by Joseph Fisher for a very short period. William Shellem, the proprietor of the Inlet Store, then became postmaster on December 31, 1908. In 1970, this post office became a station of Sea Isle City, and closed permanently in 1988.²

An early view (postmarked 1917) of the Inlet Store, owned by William Shellem, postmaster.



Other views below show changes over the years.



Above, a view from the 1920s, showing the post office before the front of the building was enclosed. The post office sign is on the ground under the window. Below, a 1930's view of Shellem's store with a mail box and post office sign clearly seen at the back part of the building. The postmark date cannot be read on either card.

¹ Our new feature – quick glimpses of NJ post offices – do you have one you would like to showcase? Let us know!

² Law, Mary *Postal History of Cape May County*, published in the pages of *NJPH*. This particular fact from March 1994, p. 42. ([Whole No. 107](#)).

MEMBER ADS ~ YOUR AD MISSING? LET US KNOW AT

SECRETARY@NJPOSTALHISTORY.ORG OR BY MAIL

WANTED BERGEN COUNTY; OCEAN COUNTY: Stampless through Presidents. PLS send copies with prices to J. Haynes, Box 358, Allendale, NJ 07401.

LOOKING FOR LOCAL PICTURE POST CARDS OF OLD NJ GENERAL STORES & POST OFFICES, particularly with post office signs, Contact Doug D'Avino at davinod@earthlink.net.

WANTED: Calno, Brotzmanville, Millbrook, Pahaquarry, Dunnfield, Delaware Gap, Flatbrookville, Wallpack Centre, Bevans, Layton, Hainesville, Montague. Arne Englund, P.O. Box 57, Port Murray, NJ 07865-3012 or alenglund@aol.com.

WANTED: Hunterdon County NJ, Bucks County PA postal history, covers, postcards, pictures, Americana ephemera collateral paper items, all eras,. Contact Jim Walker, 121 Wertsville Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551-1108, 908/806-7883 or email jiwalker@earthlink.net.

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WANTED: SHIP CANCELS FROM WWII, Morris, Sussex County covers, Patriotic covers, and postal cards. Clean clear strikes preferred. Willard Johnson, 24 Salmon Lane, Ledgewood, NJ 07852, or 973/584-0359.

WANTED: Port Murray, Anderson, Changelwater, Port Colden, Karrsville, Rockport, Beatyestown, Pleasant Grove, Stephensburg, Anthony, Woodglen. Arne Englund, P.O. Box 57, Port Murray, NJ 07865-3012 or alenglund@aol.com.

WANTED FOR EXHIBIT: BETTER COVERS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ, COLONIAL PERIOD TO 1900. Contact Nathan Zankel, P.O. Box 7449, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 or call 732/572-0377.

WANTED: Clear handstamps on New Jersey stampless covers for exhibition collection. Send copies and prices to Robert G. Rose, One Jefferson Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054-2891 or email rrose@daypitney.com.

WANTED: WASHINGTON FRANKLIN with SIDEROGRAPHER OR PLATE FINISHER INITIALS, on or off cover, used or unused.. Contact Doug D'Avino at davinod@earthlink.net.

COLLECTOR SEEKS LONG BEACH ISLAND POSTAL HISTORY, especially picture postcards. Please contact Michael White, P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950 or email mwhite@saipan.com.

ESPECIALLY WANTED: TANSBORO(UGH) (1862-1884, 1898-1906), WILTON (1884-1898) CANCELS ON CARDS/COVERS, or addressed to these P.O.s. Note: There is a C.W. correspondence to Tansboro. Contact Craig Mathewson, 114 Hayes Mill Rd, Apt D-202, Atco, NJ 08004, phone: 856/809-7484

WANTED: 1970'S UPS DENOMINATED STAMPS SOLD IN NORTHERN NJ BY UNITED PARCEL SERVICE. Also any literature, waybills, etc., about this UPS experiment with prepaid stamps. Contact Bruce Mosher, POB 33236, Indialantic, FL 32903, 321/723-7886 or e-mail bhmexp@digital.net.

MEMBER ADS

WANTED: POSTAL HISTORY OF SUSSEX COUNTY: DPO postmarks: Culvers, Cutoff, Edison (pre 1910); stampless letters, OLD DEEDS, documents, memorabilia of all kinds. Contact Leonard R. Peck, 200 Bristol Glen Dr., Box 312, Newton, NJ 07860 or call 973-300-5788 & ask for Len Peck.

WANTED: All GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NJ POSTAL HISTORY stampless to 1920. All Woodbury, NJ stampless to present. **NEED BASSETT PO** (DPO GlouCty 1891-1920) Warren Plank, POB 559, Woodbury 08096, 856/229-1458, unclebubba1954@comcast.net.

WANTED: SCOTT #610 MATCHED SET OF PLATE BLOCKS, F-VF or better, NH not required. Send scans or photocopies with price to Al Parsons, 809 Holley Rd., Elmira, NY 14905, 607-732-0181, alatholleyrd@aol.com.

WANTED; STAGE COVERS BEFORE 1860. All Eastern states. Also wanted: Confederate fakes and forgeries. Contact Steven M. Roth, 1280 21st Street, NW, Suite 209, Washington, DC 20036, 202/293-2563 or email stevenroth@comcast.net.

ALWAYS DESIRED: FISH HOUSE, COVERS, BURLINGTON COUNTY ADVERTISING COVERS AND CORNER CARDS; BURLINGTON COUNTY DPOs. Email Paul W. Schopp at pwschopp@comcast.net.

GLASSBORO OR GLASSBOROUGH N.J. COVERS WANTED: STAMPED OR STAMPLESS. Send price desired and photocopy to Bill Whiteman, 402 North Harvard Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028, Call 856/881-8858 or email BillWhit3@juno.com.

WANTED: MOUNTAIN LAKES, BOONTON, PARSIPPANY, TROY HILLS POSTAL HISTORY items. Describe or send photocopies for my very generous offer. APS (Life member), NJPHS member since 1980. Peter Lemmo, PO Box 557, Whippany NJ 07981-0557.

WANTED: JERSEY CITY POSTAL HISTORY, advertising covers, post cards of Jersey City, street scenes and unusual usages or cancellations prior to 1940. Contact John A. Trosky, 2 St. Clair Ave., Rutherford. NJ 07070-1136, 973-977-4639 or email JTJersey@verizon.net.

WANTED: COVERS to and from **CALDWELL, N.J.,** Also **CALDWELL POST CARDS.** Contact Les Bymes, P.O. Box 765, Kinderhook, N.Y. 12106 or call 518/758-7581.

19TH CENTURY AND INTERESTING PATERSON WANTED. Contact George Kramer, 199 Charles St., Clifton, NJ 07013-3853, or email gjkk@optonline.net

WANTED: WWI & WWII CENSORED MAIL TO AND FROM TOWACO, NJ 07082. Email scans to hughtowaco@optonline.com or mail copy to POB #139, Towaco, NJ 07082-0139.

WANTED: WYCKOFF POSTMARKS ON COVER appreciated. Are there any out there? Please contact me! Also other North Jersey covers wanted. Marge Faber, P.O. Box 1875, Bloomington, IN 47402 or email faber@bluemarble.net.

WANTED: FLORIDA STAMPLESS POSTAL HISTORY, Pre-territorial, Territorial, Statehood, Civil War periods. Contact William Johnson, 13691 Metropolitan Pkwy, Ft. Myers, FL 33912 or email whjdds@aol.com.

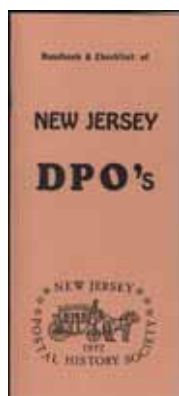
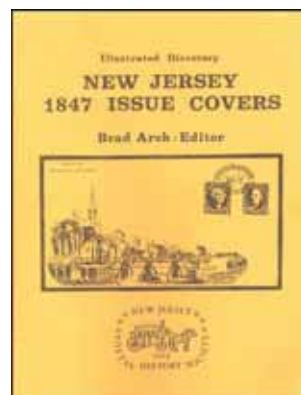
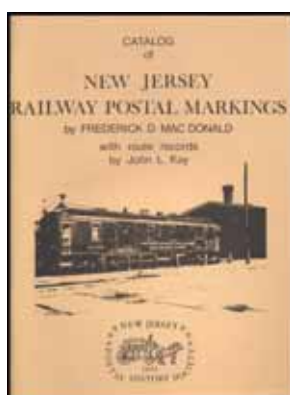
WANTED: NJ DPOS, RPOS, NJ SMALL TOWN POSTCARDS, NJ RRs, Morris Canal Real Photo postcards, NJ towns' fire stations. Contact Maurice Cuocci, 100 Evesham #B, Freehold, NJ 07728, 732-577-8214 or email lou2cuo@hotmail.com.

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