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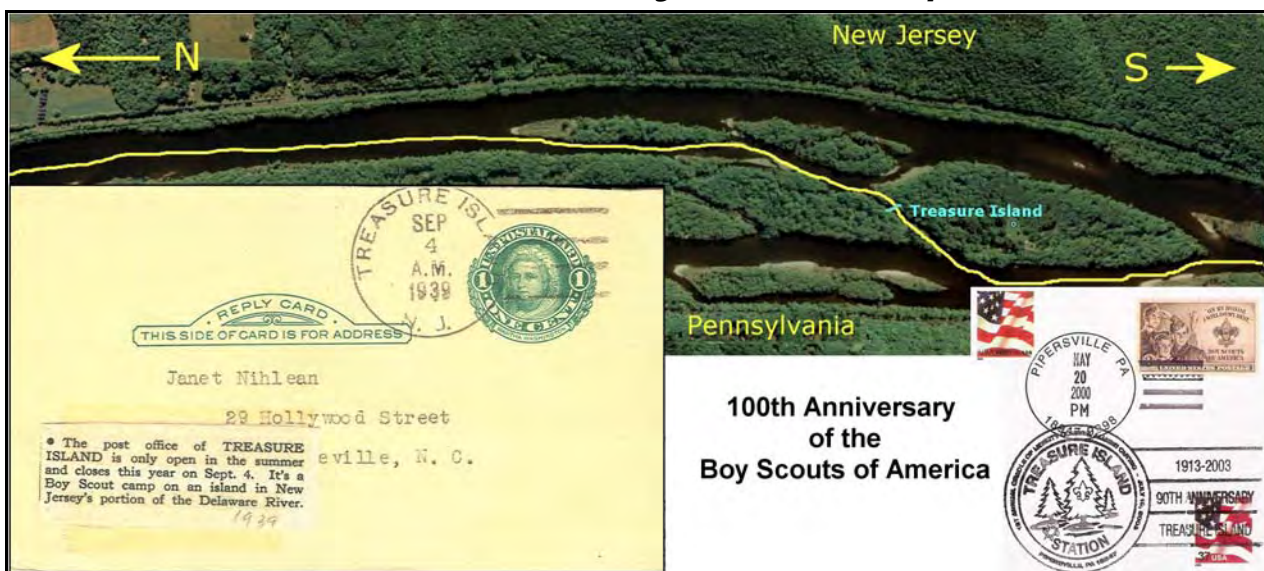
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## TREASURE ISLAND~ A Boy Scout Camp Post Office



Cover at left, courtesy Jim Walker, NJPHS

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*New Jersey was home to one of only a handful of Boy Scout Camp post offices (where the cancel was used only at the camp), and this one has the odd distinction of having been listed in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania. For the full story, see [page 64](#), and visit our web site at [www.NJPostalHistory.org](http://www.NJPostalHistory.org) for more information. We honor BSA on its 100th Anniversary.*

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Many thanks to those members who have made a contribution along with their dues: Edwin C. Black, William Brown, E. Leslie Byrnes, Patricia E. Byrnes, Maurice Cuocci, Stephen J. Glynn, John M. Hill, Ed Siskin, Russell N. Silverstein. This is much appreciated and is a great help in defraying our expenses.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the last several years, we have not reprinted articles touching upon New Jersey postal history that have appeared in other journals. However, when the story of the Boy Scout Camp at Treasure Island, NJ, and its postal history came to our attention, we immediately knew that it would be of interest to our membership. We thank the Scouts on Stamps Society International for permitting us to publish its article in *NJPH*. Elsewhere, Jim Walker continues with his series of articles on Hunterdon County postal history, focusing in this issue on the establishment of Rural Free Delivery in that county in 1900 and its dramatic impact leading to the demise of a large number of rural post offices. Our editor, Jean Walton, contributes a short article on the fascinating use of a United States international postage paid reply card from Russia to New Jersey in 1947.


Special mention should be made of the birthday of our Society's oldest member, Len Peck who recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. A feature story about this energetic centenarian came to our attention in the *Star Ledger* which discussed his great knowledge of the history of Sussex County. We, of course, know him based on his life-long study of the postal history of that county on which he has both lectured us and written articles for this journal over the years. Happy Birth Day, Len!

Finally, Memorial Day weekend means that NOJEX is here again. Our Society is playing host to the Multi-State Postal History Competition that moves from World Series of Philately show to show each year. A number of New Jersey exhibits will be competing for awards against strong showings from both Massachusetts and New York. We will staff a table with Society literature and will be happy to say hello, give you a chance to rest your feet, and perhaps allow us to prevail on you to help sign up some new members at the Show. Complete show information can be found at [www.nojex.org](http://www.nojex.org).

Our annual meeting will take place on Sunday, May 30 at noon in the Ruby Room on the hotel's second floor meeting room area at which we host the other State Postal History Societies that participated in the Show and discuss issues of common interest. I have included a free pass to the Show. I hope to see you at there!

**Robert G. Rose**

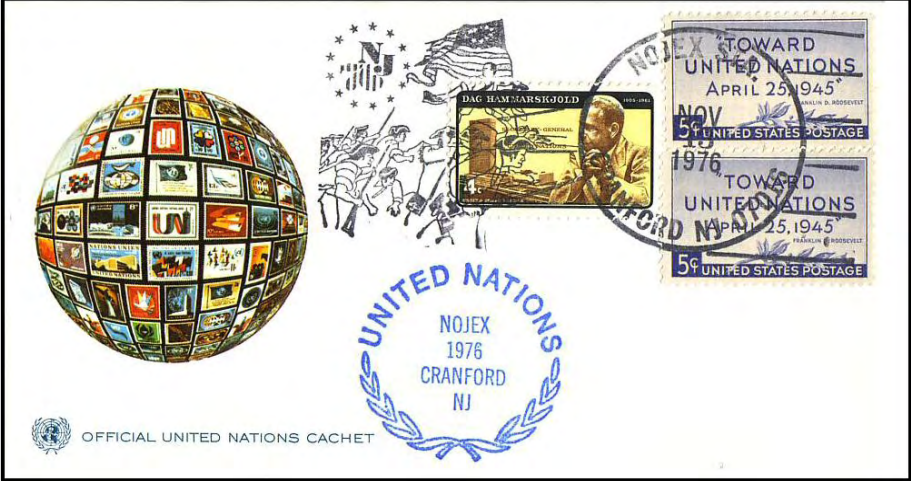
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## TREASURE ISLAND, NJ – A BOY SCOUT CAMP POST OFFICE

On the Occasion of BSA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Compiled from several SOSSI articles

by Bennett D. Kitts, Don Ross, Lawrence Clay & Fred Bok

Not long ago an article appeared in the Scouts on Stamps journal (SOSSI) which Gene Fricks brought to our attention – “Treasure Island Continued,” by Bennett D. Kitts.<sup>1</sup> It explored the history of this summer post office which existed on a Scout Reservation on Treasure Island, a New Jersey island in the Delaware River below Frenchtown, accessible only by boat. “Continued” implied earlier articles, and searches revealed that SOSSI had published three previous articles<sup>2</sup> related to Scouting postal history and the Treasure Island post office. We also have mentioned Treasure Island in three *NJPH* journals – in May 1996 in an article by Brad Arch,<sup>3</sup> in August 2005 in an article by Arne Englund on Summer post offices,<sup>4</sup> and again in Jim Walker's Postal History of Hunterdon County, under DPOs of Kingwood Township.<sup>5</sup> A lot of coverage for a post office on an island where no one lives!

As much of the first SOSSI article is repeated in the third by Don Ross & Lawrence Clay, we use that as our basis for this reprinting of that information, with additions from Bennett D. Kitts. Many thanks to Don and Bennett, and to SOSSI for permission to reprint.

### HISTORY AND PHILATELY of the TREASURE ISLAND SCOUT CAMP

By Don Ross with input from Lawrence Clay

Treasure Island Scout Camp occupies a fifty-seven acre island in the Delaware River between Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The camp is operated by the Cradle of Liberty Council (formerly the Philadelphia Council), Boy Scouts of America.

An article by Doug Uzakewicz and Don Ross about Treasure Island appeared in the November/December 1997 issue of the *SOSSI Journal*. For clarity, some of the information in that article is repeated here...

The island<sup>6</sup> was first used as a Scout camp in 1911 when Scoutmaster Oscar Worman brought Troop 46 here. It was a pioneer camp with no accommodations provided in advance. One meal per day was provided by the troop cook and the individual Scouts were responsible for their other meals as part of their woodcraft training. The island was used by Troop 46 again in 1912.

In January 1913, the primitive camp was leased for five years to the Philadelphia Council to become the successor to Camp Pequa (on the Susquehanna River below Columbia, PA). The name Treasure Island is derived from a casual remark from a camp inspection team member. Surveying the island, he remarked about “what a treasure” the island was. As “Treasure Island,” it became an organized summer camp. When the original 5-year lease expired, a donation from Edward Bok enabled the Philadelphia Council to purchase the property. Thousands of boys have received training and enjoyment there.

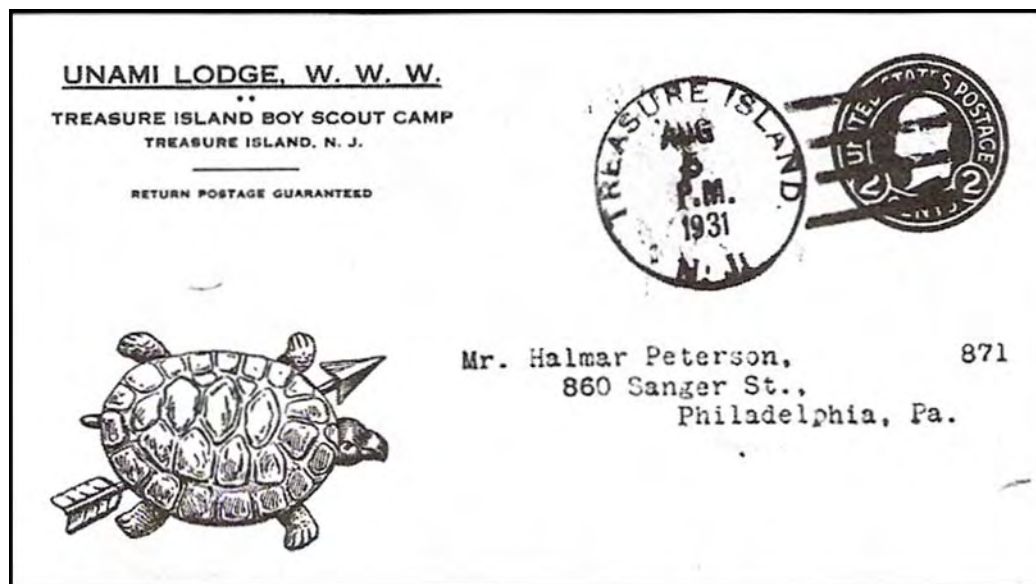


Other Scout camps also claim to be the oldest continuously operated Scout camp. The Owasippe Scout Camps in Michigan, in an article by Gary W. Hall, were discussed in the November/December 2004 issue of the *SOSSI Journal*. Camp Owasippe, first known as Camp Wichita, was purchased (40 acres) in 1910. A well was dug in 1911, and the first camp was held there in 1912. Camp Owasippe today contains 14,000 acres but one cannot stand on the original 40 acres of the camp as this acreage was sold.

At Treasure Island, one can stand on the exact spot on the ground where Scoutmaster Worman first camped in 1911. As stated before, this land was leased in 1913 and purchased in 1918 by the Philadelphia Council and has been in continuous use since.<sup>7</sup> Camp Tamaracouta is Canada's oldest Boy Scout Camp. This 1,000 acre site located near Montreal is owned by the Quebec Provincial Council of Scouts Canada. It started operation in 1912 and their website states that it is the longest continuously operated Boy Scout camp in the world.

If continuous use as a Scout camp is the criterion, Treasure Island is the oldest camp. If one uses the criterion of being operated as a Scout camp by a Scout council, then Camp Owasippe is the oldest Boy Scout camp in the United States and Camp Tamaracouta is the oldest one in Canada. So each has a legitimate claim to the oldest camp depending on what criteria are used.

During the summer camp season of 1915, E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson formed the Indian Society known as Wimachtendienk, better known today throughout Scouting as the Order of the Arrow, an honor camping society. The first known cover related to the Order of the Arrow, issued on August 3, 1931 by the Unami Lodge at Treasure Island, is shown in *Figure 1*.



*Fig. 1: Earliest known Order of the Arrow cover, August 3, 1931.*

According to Jay Rogers in the *Levy's Boy & Girl Scout Cachet Covers of the United States, Volume I & II, 1910 – 1960*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Treasure Island was one of four Scout camps in the United States to have seasonal post offices entirely within their boundaries. The others were Kanohwahke Lake, NY, Ten Mile River, NY and Owasippe, Michigan.<sup>8</sup>

Prior to 1931, the Treasure Island Camp mail appears to have been cancelled in Pipersville, PA as shown on this 1930 post card (*Figure 2*).



*Fig. 2: This 1930 post card sent from Treasure Island Scout Camp, was cancelled at Pipersville, PA – where the mail was taken for mailing prior to the establishment of a post office on Treasure Island itself.*

According to the official records of the United States Postal Historian, Corporate Information, the first Treasure Island post office was established on July 1, 1931 as Treasure Island (Hunterdon County), New Jersey with Thomas G. Cairns as Postmaster.

[Adding from Bennett Kitts' article, he notes from a Fred Bok history on the establishment of this office:]

“During the depression of 1920's, there was not money to go around. In 1930, it was suggested that the Council see if it could get a temporary 4<sup>th</sup> Class summer Post Office with a postmaster. The salary was about \$300.00 regardless of the mail volume. If a certain dollar level was reached, there was an additional bonus.

“The application was approved in 1931. Thomas Cairns was the sitting Council Chief Executive and was named as Post Master. The salary was used to pay the Camp Director. However, the actual work was done by the Camp Clerk or Assistant. This was a full service Post Office, selling stamps, insuring packages, handling registered mail, envelopes and postcards.

“Mail was cancelled in the morning. All the cancels were A.M. (If P.M. is used it would be interesting.) Mail was taken in the afternoon to the Pipersville, PA Post Office and camp mail [collected], to be picked up at the units boxes in 'City Hall.' Often this was done after evening colors.”

The post office was changed to Pipersville, Bucks County, PA on November 2, 1932, then changed back to Treasure Island, Hunterdon County, NJ on June 24, 1933.

[This interesting anomaly of a state change is explained in more detail by Bennett Kitts in his 2009 article:]

“There are conflicting opinions as where and when the change from PA to NJ and why. Politics were a factor in this. My limited understanding was that a postal historian was researching and located some old archives that indicated that middle of the river was the dividing line – some of the islands were on each side, some down the middle on either side. To even this up it was agreed to swap land. Treasure Island ended up in NJ.” He further quotes from one of Fred Bok’s pamphlets on the history of the camp:

### **Treasure Island**

“The historical background of Treasure Island has provided material for many camp-fire yarns for Scouts since this area was first acquired ... from the Indians on September 19, 1737.

“The Council leased Treasure Island from 1913 to 1918, when it was purchased with the help of Edward Bok. As the camp was being prepared to open one summer, we were informed by the Post Office Department in Washington that our Post Office should be marked Pennsylvania. Since the deed to our property is recorded in New Jersey, we decided to do some research. We discovered that a Philadelphia surveyor named Holmes had surveyed the entire river and had assigned the islands in the river to the state to which they were nearest. Later, a geological surveyor in Washington thought that the state line should be clearer and sketched in where he thought it should go and the Post Office Department discovered that Treasure Island placed in Pennsylvania rather than in New Jersey. Eventually, however, with authorization from the Pennsylvania Attorney General that Pennsylvania did not claim the island, everything was cleared up and the postmark was Treasure Island, New Jersey.

“The finding of Indian relics, Indian pottery and arrowheads and the stone house once occupied by Thomas Edward Marshall still standing on the mainland, all lend authenticity to the colorful history of Treasure Island.”

[Certainly any mail, if it exists, posted at Treasure Island between November 2, 1932, and June 24, 1933, with a Pennsylvania Treasure Island cancel, would be an extraordinary find. However, as this post office operated seasonally during periods when the camp was open, it is unlikely that any such postmark exists.]

Thomas Cairns served as postmaster until 1937, when the records show that George Henry Keller became Acting Postmaster on 29 June 1937 and Postmaster on 7 August 1937. Walter V. Rutherford was appointed Acting Postmaster on 15 June 1943 and Postmaster on 12 August 1943 and continued in that capacity until the post office was discontinued.

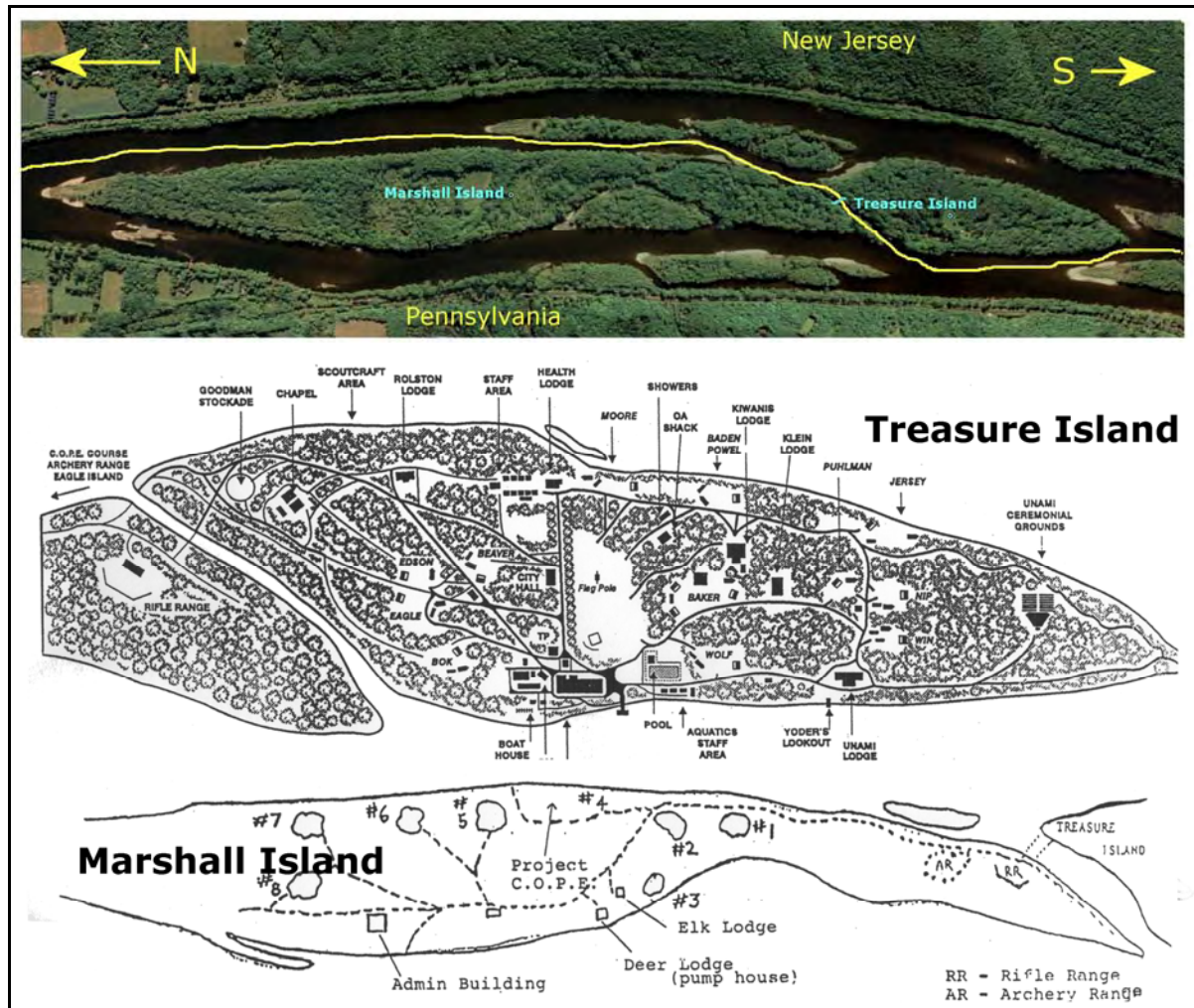
The post office remained there until June 15, 1953 when the postal responsibilities were assumed by the Pipersville, PA post office. No [New Jersey] postal business was conducted at Treasure Island in 1953.

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The map at left indicates the location of Treasure Island in Hunterdon County.

The map below shows both the original Treasure Island campsite, and the addition, in 1959, of Marshall Island, with the NJ/PA border shown in yellow. Treasure Island was the more developed of the two islands, with the central camp buildings, including City Hall which housed the post office. Marshall Island was used for more wilderness camping. It also had the advantage of Pennsylvania's less stringent gun laws, so was used for the rifle range. A small suspension bridge between these two was thus an interstate bridge. There was no bridge to either the New Jersey or Pennsylvania mainland. The camp was reached by boat from the Pennsylvania side where the docks were located.



Marshall Island was actually the larger of the two islands. The small connecting bridge was located at the northern tip of Treasure Island.





*Fig. 3: Don Ross at the Treasure Island Post Office in "City Hall," Treasure Island, New Jersey.*

The US Post Office was located in the central building of the camp known as City Hall. The original façade, including barred window, letter combination boxes, and post office sign are still located at City Hall. See *Figure 3* showing long-time SOSSI member and author Don Ross at City hall in front of the Treasure, Island, NJ Camp Post Office window.

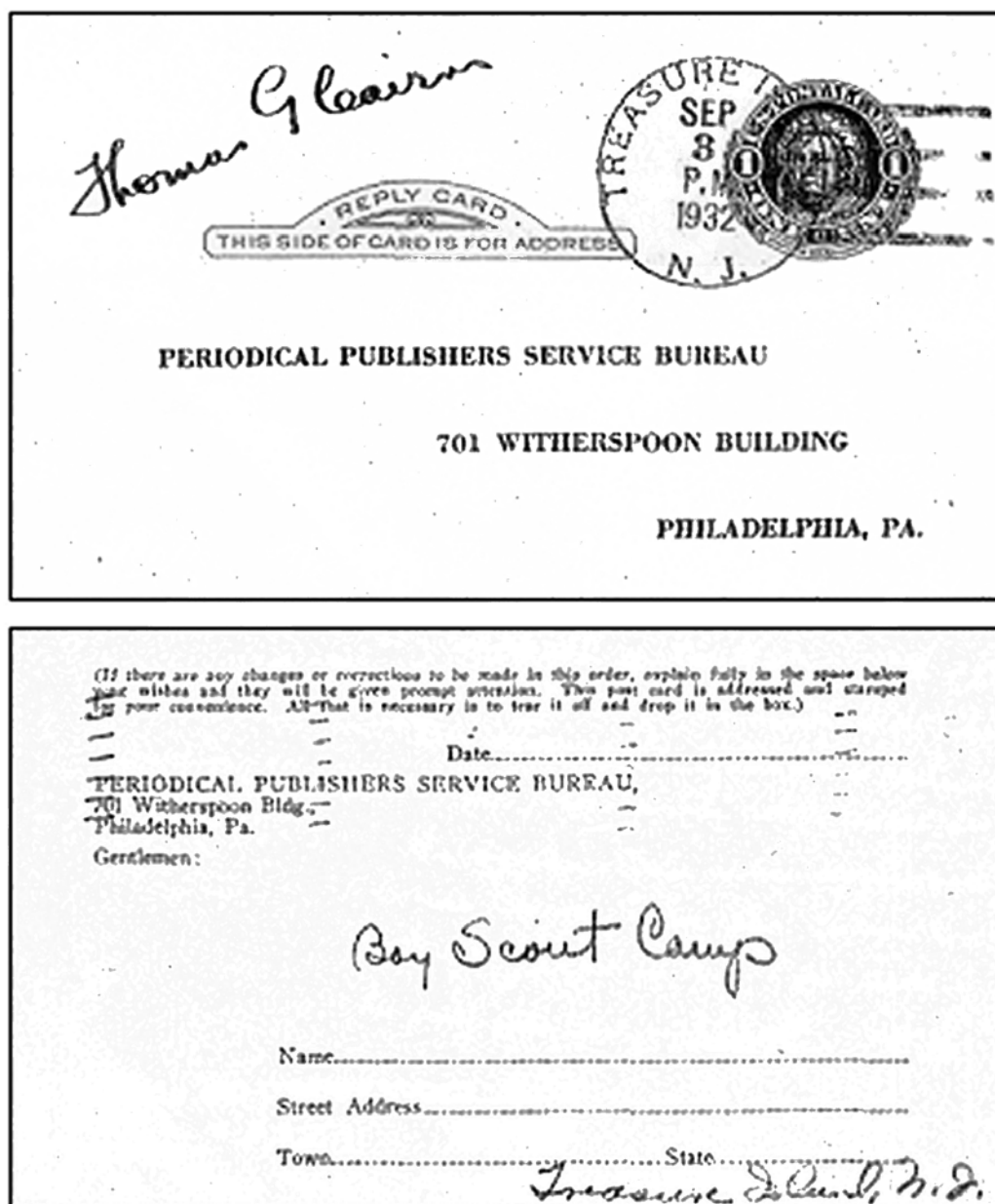
An example of the Treasure Island cancel in its first summer of use is shown below in *Figure 4*. The post office was established July 1, 1931.



*Fig. 4: The first cancel device was a 4-bar duplex hand canceller which was applied using black ink as seen on this post card cancelled on August 26, 1931.*

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Bennett Kitts shows a post card cancelled right after the camp closed in 1932. "It is signed by the first Postmaster and Chief Scout Executive of Philadelphia Council. It was sent to an audit bureau to deregister the Camp. Note the date is September 3, 1932. This is just before changed in November 1932 to Pennsylvania." (See *Figure 5* below.)



*Fig. 5: A September 3, 1932 4-bar cancel on a reply post card (shortly before the temporary change to being a Pennsylvania post office). It is signed by Postmaster Thomas G. Cairns.*

An interesting example of this hand canceller being used as a receiving cancel is illustrated in *Figure 6*. This letter arrived at Treasure Island but the troop had left. The Postmaster used the canceller on both the front and back of the envelope and forwarded it to the Scout's home address but he wasn't there either! Then, it was forwarded to Penns Grove, NJ (where it had originated). Apparently, the Scout received it and kept it through the years.

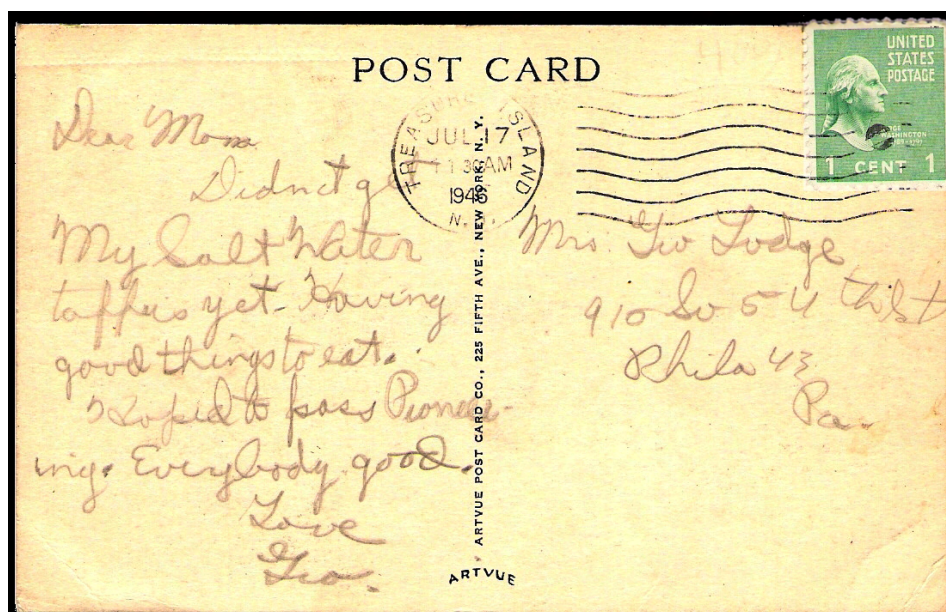


**Fig. 6:** A much travelled cover sent to Treasure Island, and returned to sender. The cover was cancelled on its arrival and departure from Treasure Island, with an Aug. 3 (inverted) 1937 4-bar cancel.



**Fig. 6a:** Treasure Island used as a receiver cancel.

Around 1940, Treasure Island started using a machine canceller which was in service for several years. An example is shown in *Figure 7* from July 1946 on a post card.

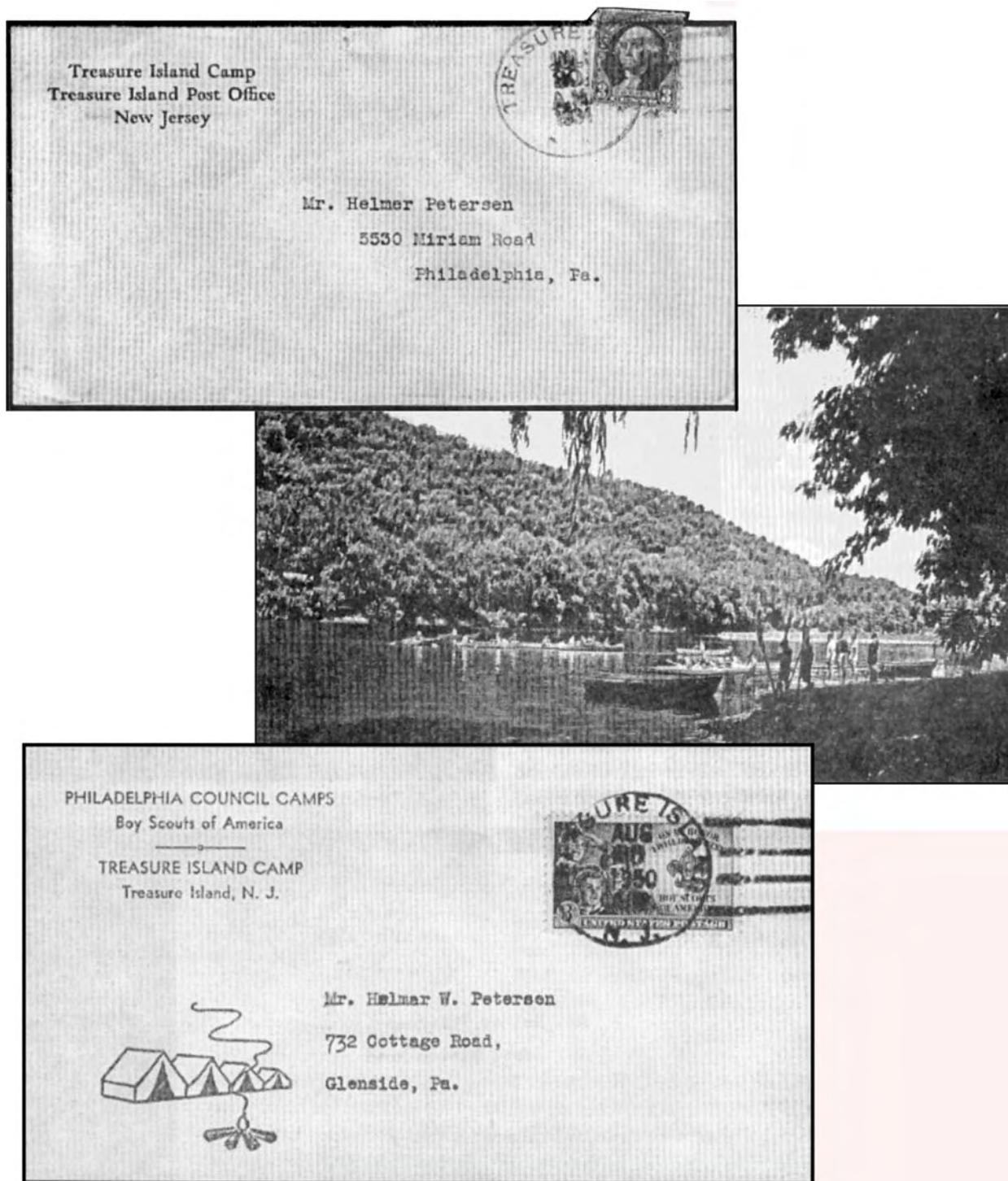


**Fig. 7:** The Treasure Island machine cancel, used in July 1946.



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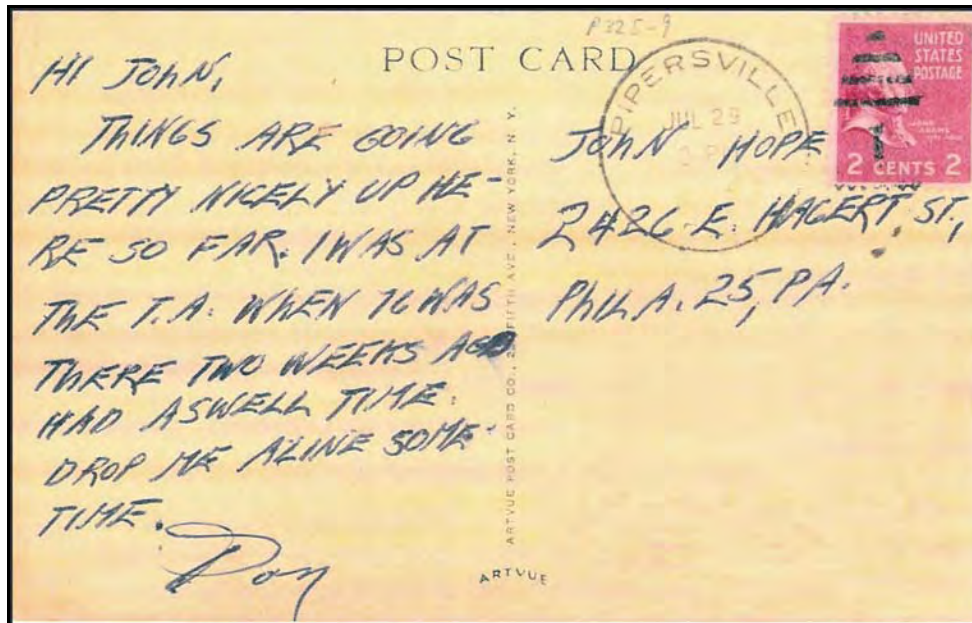
About 1950, the hand canceller was once again used, and was clearer in most cases than the machine canceller.



*Fig. 8: A pair of corner card covers for Treasure Island Camp, one from 1930 and the other from 1950 – both using the 4-bar duplex canceller. The post card view shows canoes on the Delaware River, and was used in the 1940s with a machine canceller.*



After the Treasure Island Post Office was closed on June 15, 1953, mail was cancelled at Pipersville, PA. An example of the hand cancel used on 29 July 1953 is shown in *Figure 9*.



*Fig. 9: July 29, 1953 (year date almost illegible) cancel on a post card sent from Treasure Island – which now receives a Pipersville, PA cancel, as the Treasure Island post office was closed on June 15, 1953.*

An interesting point about this post card is that when Don Ross bought it in 2000 he realized that this was a post card that he had personally mailed 47 years earlier!

In 1959, with the addition of Marshall Island to the Treasure Island reservation, this cover was issued with a special cancel from Marshall Creek, PA – used no doubt because of the same name. Marshall Island was of course not in New Jersey, and there was never a post office in this section of the reservation.



*Fig. 10: Commemorating the addition of Marshall Island to the Treasure Island Camp reservation. Note the “interstate bridge” between NJ and PA.*

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[Many covers exist after 1953, when there was no longer a New Jersey cancel. Mail from Treasure Island was carried to Pipersville for cancelling – the “gateway” and docks for this camp were on the western side of Treasure Island; campers and mail crossed to Pennsylvania, not to New Jersey.]

In 1997 *SOSSI Journal*, the Liberty Bell Chapter of SOSSI, led by Ted Zubar, prepared special 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary covers for the founding of Treasure Island Scout Camp and of the Order of the Arrow at Treasure Island. Since that time, the Liberty Bell Chapter has prepared a number of other philatelic items for Treasure Island Camp.

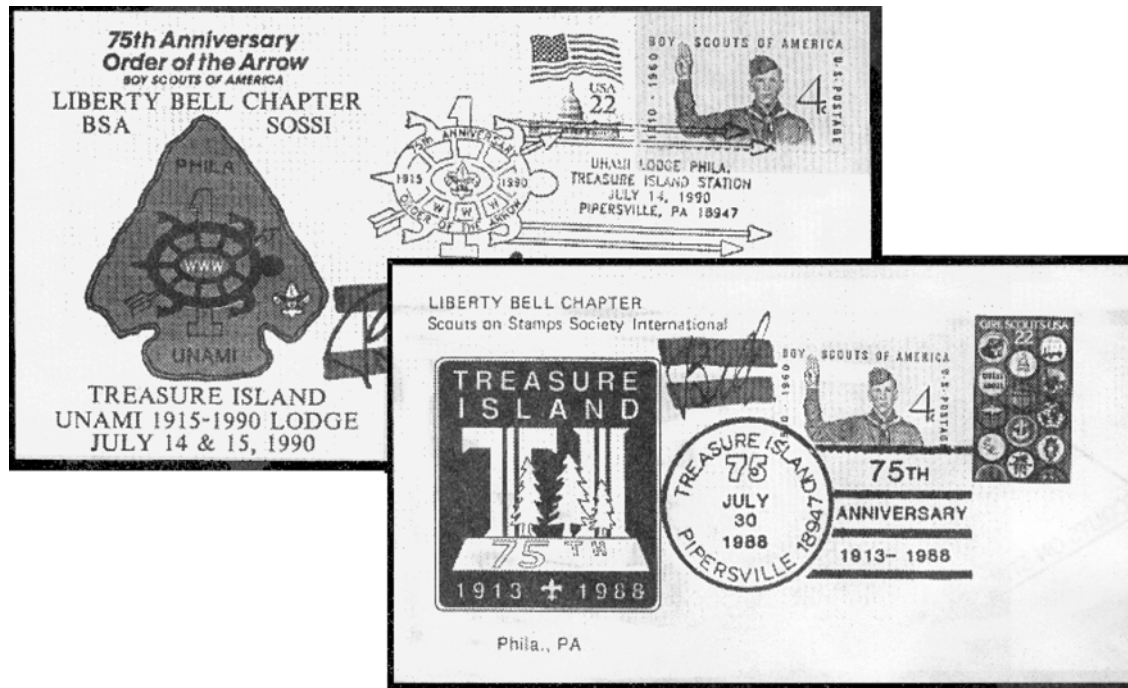


Fig. 11: 75th Anniversary covers for Treasure Island (1998) and Order of the Arrow (2000), with special Treasure Island cancels from Pipersville, PA.



Fig. 11: An oversized Treasure Island post card was prepared for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America in 2000 with a Posted on Treasure Island point-of-origin cachet. It was cancelled in Philadelphia with a BFreeFranklin cancel on the Scouting 32¢ commemorative stamp.



Several instances of special Treasure Island Station cancels exist, all substations of Pipersville, Pennsylvania; they did carry the original Treasure Island name. A few are shown below.



## Closure of the Treasure Island Scout Reservation:

It is with some sadness that we report that Treasure Island, unlike Scouting, will not achieve a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 2005, floods inundated the islands, causing a great deal of damage:

In April 2005, storms caused the highest flooding since 1955. As a result, Treasure Island was closed to summer campers in 2005 for the first time in twenty-five years. The council spent more than \$1 million to rehabilitate the camp in preparation for reopening in June 2006. On June 28, 2006, the camp was once again inundated. Its future was in doubt, but it opened again successfully in 2007. On September 10, 2008, the Council Executive Board voted to close Treasure Island for the 2009 season and will evaluate the future of the reservation.<sup>9</sup>

In 2008, the Cradle of Liberty Council issued a report on the future of its camps, in which they indicated the many problems which now face Treasure Island:

*In many ways Treasure Island has remained exactly the same while the world has changed around it. Actions we have taken as recently as the 1990s to solve camp issues like trash or sewage are now illegal. Regulations, permits and inspections are more extensive and more expensive to comply with due to TI's ecological status and physical location.*

*Logistically, the issues regarding the Pennsylvania side continue to accumulate. Parking is an issue year round. All food, propane, fuel oil and other deliveries have been made substantially more complicated. We are no longer allowed to unload on River Road next to the canal bridge. The PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has also closed the canal bridge to our camp vehicles due to structural issues.*

*The condition and location of camp facilities create our largest on-island problems. While the septic system for the Dining Hall has been replaced, the staff area septic system is in poor condition. The shower house septic systems are unknown quantities. Our ability to professionally service our latrines is limited and at times means hand shoveling waste into trash cans with removal to the Pennsylvania side. Improvements to these items require extensive permits and expensive labor. This is most recently evidenced by the Dining Hall septic system that was expected to cost \$90,000 and take months, but actually stretched to three years and over \$250,000. This work has also been accompanied by a now required annual NJ inspection. All work performed must now be reported and approved. The type of repairs we have made for years are no longer possible.*

*On Wednesday July 16, 2008, The Delaware River Basin Commission voted on and approved the designation of the river as "special protection waters." That designation limits direct discharges of wastewater into the river and has major ramifications should some of our facilities be investigated.*

*TI now has annual NJ Fire systems and Electrical inspections. These inspections include an increased scrutiny of new work performed since the last inspections. Even having qualified volunteers perform work at Treasure Island has become harder due to these licensing, inspection and permit issues....*

*And due to the largest overall obstacle, all our dreams, plans, efforts and expenditures must be viewed with the understanding that they are lost should the river flood again. With no*



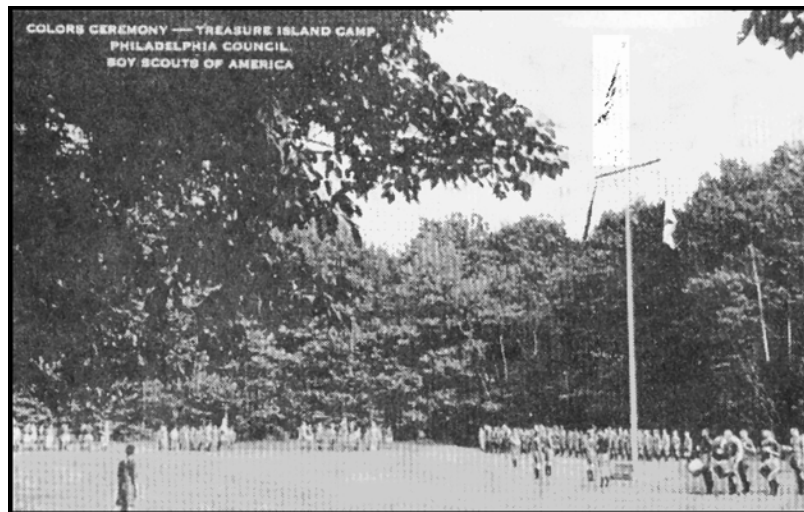
*ability to insure the property, Treasure Island should probably be listed as a long term liability rather than an asset in our financial accounting.<sup>10</sup>*

A wonderful tradition thus will likely pass into the pages of history.

*[Our thanks again to Scouts on Stamps Society International  
<http://www.sossi.org/journal/journal.htm> .]*

## ENDNOTES:

- <sup>1</sup> Kitts, Bennett D., "Treasure Island Continued," SOSSI Sept/Oct 2009, interesting addenda to the 2008 (third) article is SOSSI on Treasure Island.
- <sup>2</sup> These previous SOSSI articles include "Treasure Island, Philately from a Classic American Camp," by Douglas Uzakewicz and Don Ross, Nov/Dec 1997; "An International Custom and a Classic American Camp," by David W. Cooper, May/June 2000, relating the creation of a point-of-origin cachet in 2000; and "History and Philately of the Treasure Island Scout Camp," in the November/December 2008 issue of the SOSSI journal by Don Ross with input from Lawrence Clay.
- <sup>3</sup> Arch, Brad, "Treasure Island & Yards Creek, More Scouting in New Jersey," *NJPH*, May 1996, Vol 24, No. 3, Whole number 118. (shows a 1938 4-bar TI cancel to Mass.)
- <sup>4</sup> Englund, Arne, "New Jersey Summer Post Offices," *NJPH*, Aug. 2005, Vol. 33, No. 3, whole number 159.
- <sup>5</sup> Walker, Jim, "Hunterdon County Postal History, Part 5: DPOs," *NJPH*, Aug. 2008, Vol. 36, No 3, Whole No. 171.
- <sup>6</sup> Ed. Note: Ross indicates this island was first known as Marshall's Island, but other sources ([David L. Eby, "America's Oldest Boy Scout Camps" at <http://www.uscouts.org/scoutcamp/oldestcamps.asp> indicate that it was called Ridges Island. Extensive research by Stanley H. Lipson at Kean University has netted no definite answer, even after examination of tax maps and consultation with the Hunterdon County Historical Society. He hypothesizes that numerous floods have shifted the boundaries of these islands frequently, leaving their names a bit amorphous. Trying to match old maps to their current configurations was almost impossible. [Email correspondence with Dr. Lipson, 11/16/2009]  
In 1959, a second adjacent island, known then as Marshall Island, was added to the Treasure Island camp – that island being in the State of Pennsylvania. This makes it unlikely that the original island bore that name as well.
- <sup>7</sup> This article was written before the proposed closing of the Treasure Island camp.
- <sup>8</sup> Dr. Lipson, op cit., indicates there were 5, not 4 BSA camps with post offices, the fifth being Massawepie, NY. All but Ten Mile River, NY were seasonal post offices. Every reference he has (including some 1911 postcards) indicates that the original name of Camp Owasippe was "Camp White."
- <sup>9</sup> Wikipedia article, with sources, at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treasure\\_Island\\_Scout\\_Reservation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treasure_Island_Scout_Reservation) (May 17, 2009).
- <sup>10</sup> *The Future of Camping in the Cradle of Liberty Council*, Report dated July 2008 at <http://www.colbsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1112&id=46784> (May 17, 2010).

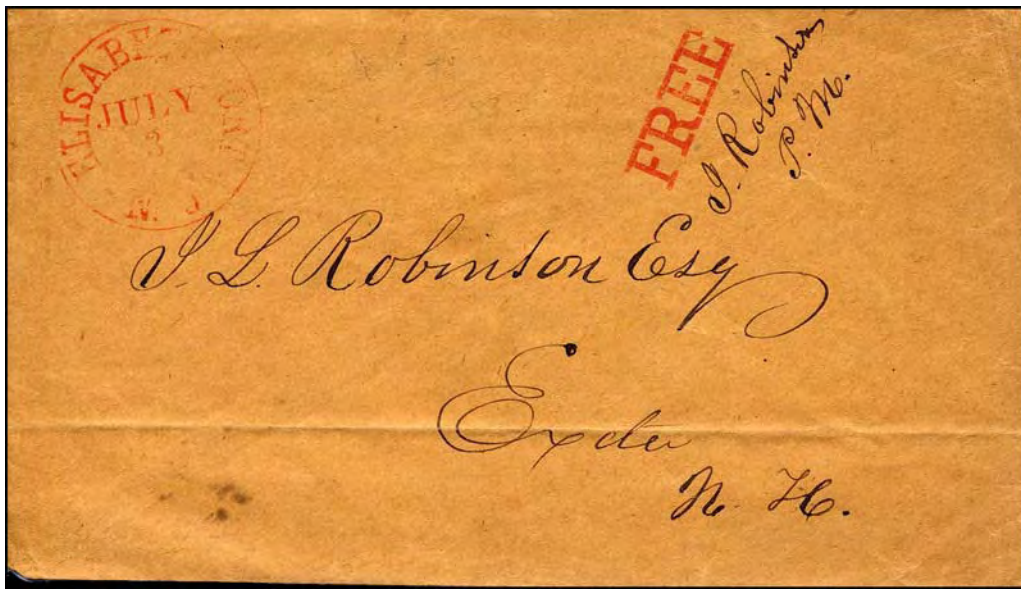


## THE “ELISABETHPORT” MISPELLED POSTMARK

By Robert G. Rose

Misspellings of town names in postmarks have occurred with some frequency during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century with the widespread usage of machine postmarks. However, this was not so in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and up to 1855, the year that postage stamps were required on all domestic mail. Until then, most mail was still stampless, and during this period, few misspellings have been recorded.

During the stampless period in New Jersey, there have been reports of a few misspelled town markings. However, with the exception of the “Elisabethport” misspelling of Elizabethport, all have turned out to be the result of broken or filled letters in the postmark device. In the case of the “Elisabethport” marking, there is the unmistakable use of the letter “S” in the postmark instead of what should have been a “Z.” This misspelling is unlisted in the most recent edition of the *American Stampless Cover Catalog*.<sup>1</sup> It is however, listed in Coles, *The Postal Markings of New Jersey Stampless Covers*,<sup>2</sup> with only a single example reported. Shown below in *Figure 1* is the unique cover reported in Coles.



*Fig. 1 Showing cover with misspelled postmark.*

The cover shows an incomplete red postmark, but with a clear and erroneous “S” instead of the correct letter “Z,” and matching “FREE” handstamp on a dark buff envelope with the postmaster, “J. Robinson” using the franking privilege to write to a family member in Exeter, New Hampshire. The cover is without contents and a year date, but this postmark with the correct or misspelled town name was most probably used in the period beginning about 1851 and ending about 1854, when a different type postmark was then used in Elizabethport. Illustrated below in *Figure 2* is a tracing from Coles showing the misspelling that was taken from the cover above.<sup>3</sup> *Figure 3* is a tracing from Coles showing the correct spelling.<sup>4</sup>



*Fig. 2 with misspelling*



*Fig. 3 with correct spelling*

### ENDNOTES:

<sup>1</sup> *American Stampless Cover Catalog*, Vol. 1, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (David G. Phillips Publishing Co., Inc., 1997).

<sup>2</sup> William C. Coles, Jr., *The Postal Markings of New Jersey Stampless Covers*, pg. 168 (Collectors Club of Chicago, 1983).

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

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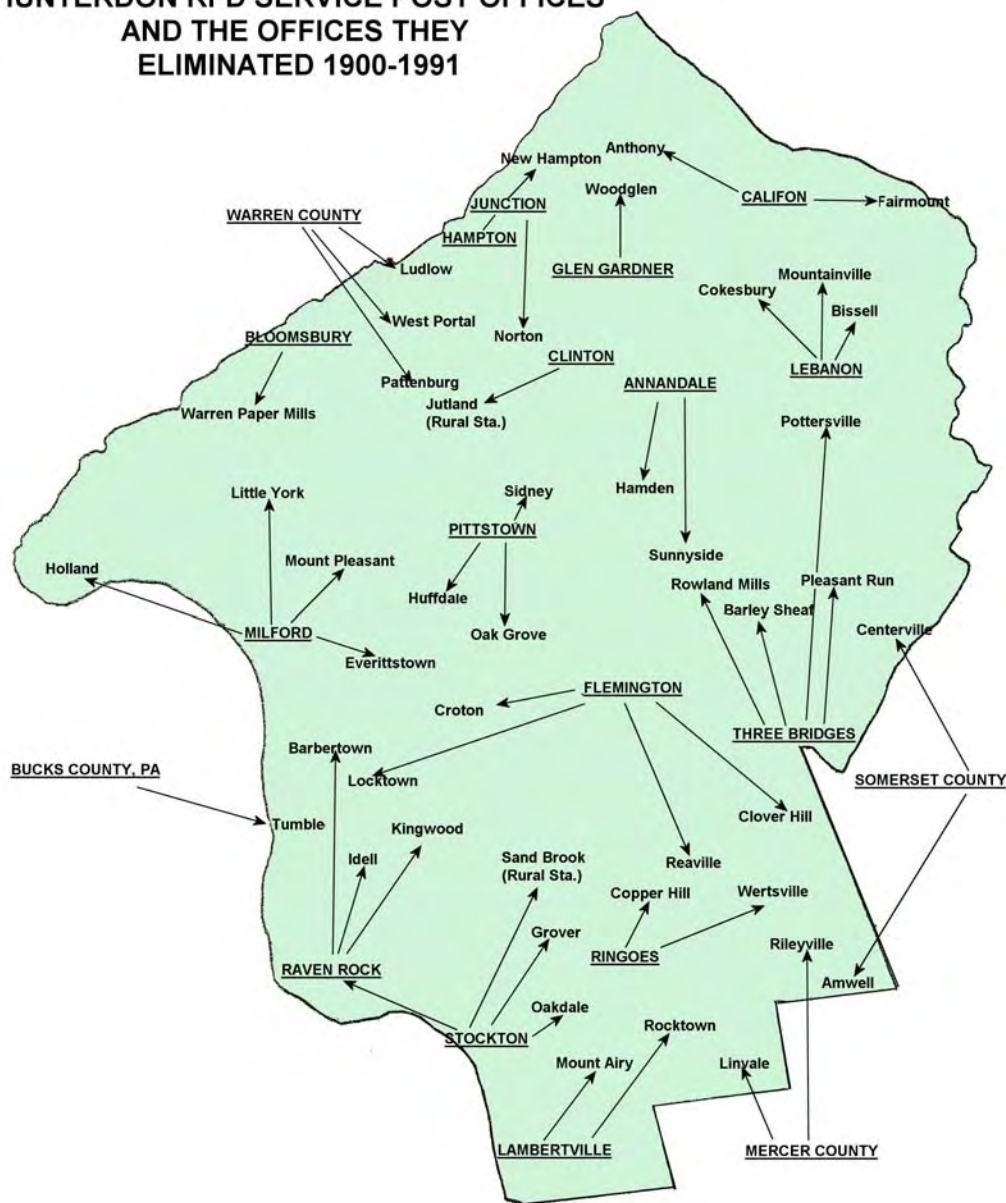
## HUNTERDON COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY: PART 11: RFD in Hunterdon

By Jim Walker

*This is the eleventh in a series on Hunterdon County Post Offices by Jim Walker [for Parts 1 through 10, see the August & November issues of NJPH, Vol. 35, Nos. 3 & 4, 2007 and the February, May, August, and November issues, Vol. 36, No 1-4, 2008, plus the February, May, August and November issues of 2009, Vol 37, No. 1, 2, 3 & 4]. Other "special topic" articles on Hunterdon County will continue in upcoming issues of NJPH. \**

### HUNTERDON COUNTY RURAL FREE DELIVERY

#### HUNTERDON RFD SERVICE POST OFFICES AND THE OFFICES THEY ELIMINATED 1900-1991



*Other articles on RFD mail in NJ have appeared in the following past NJPH journals, indicated by whole number only: 15, 29, 30, 41, 102, 119, 120, 135, 154, & 170.*



## RURAL FREE DELIVERY

October 1, 1896 the United States Post Office Department initiated Rural Free Delivery. Operated somewhat the same way as city delivery was carried out, mail was collected and delivered to farms and homes beyond the boundaries of cities and towns. Daily service was provided by a sworn employee of the post office, known as a carrier, traveling a predetermined route that had been laid out by the post office. This service was promoted by the National Grange and championed by local politicians; requests for this service soon poured in from all over the nation.

The first R.F.D. in Hunterdon County was established at Pittstown November 1, 1900. The route covered a small part of Alexandria, Kingwood, and Franklin Townships. The map on page 87 shows the route traveled by John W. Tomilson, the first R.F.D. carrier. His route took him past the Huffdale and Oak Dale post offices. Within a year both of these offices would be discontinued, and they would not be the last.

Carriers were required to cancel the mail en route as of August 1, 1900, and were supplied with a canceling device, a small self-inking boxed cancel that could be carried in a pocket. However, after July 1903, the post office did not supply a cancel and the carriers on new routes had to supply a cancel at their own expense. Many different designs came into use after this "official period," and subsequent carriers resorted to using a blue pencil which resulted in manuscript cancels and cancels that were often illegible.

Rural Free Delivery, like no other service provided by the government, had a most profound effect on rural communities of America. Providing better contact between neighbors, a letter mail to someone on the same route could be received the same day or early the next day. Rural America also had a larger world opened to them through the mail order business.

The downside of all this progress was the elimination of numerous small post offices. In 1899 there were about 75,000 post offices across the nation, and by 1910 that number had been reduced to 59,600. During that same period, twenty-seven post offices in Hunterdon County were closed. This number of closings increased as the R.F.D. system expanded and changed from horse and buggy to the automobile. Eventually forty-six post offices in Hunterdon County would be discontinued due to R.F.D. routes.

As the graph on page 85 shows, the effects of the Rural Free Delivery were profound on the post offices in Hunterdon County. This graph does not include any of the post offices that became part of Mercer County.

Flemington, New Germantown, and Pittstown were the only stops in 1795 along the secondary post roads through what would become present day Hunterdon County. This number increased steadily to fifty-six at the start of the Civil War. The numbers increased again after the war until about 1890, when seventy operating post offices serviced the towns of Hunterdon.

The introduction of R.F.D. at Pittstown in 1900 started a decline in post offices that continued into the 1990's with the suspension of Little York in 1993. There are twenty-five post offices in Hunterdon County today.

**CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF R.F.D.-ELIMINATED POST OFFICES**

POST OFFICE	CLOSED	SERVICE FROM
OAK GROVE	DEC.1900.....	PITTSTOWN
AMWELL(EAST AM.)	DEC.1900.....	ZION SOMERSET CO.
HUFFDALE	MAY 1901 .....	PITTSTOWN
GROVER	OCT 1905 .....	STOCKTON
OAKDALE	OCT. 1905 .....	STOCKTON
ANTHONY	JAN. 1906.....	CALIFON
BISSELL	APRIL 1906 .....	LEBANON
LUDLOW	JUNE 1906.....	ASBURY WARREN CO.
LOCKTOWN	JULY 1906.....	FLEMINGTON
LINVALE	OCT.1906.....	WOODSVILLE MERCER CO.
NORTON	JAN.1907.....	JUNCTION
WOODGLEN	JAN.1907.....	GLEN GARDNER
MOUNT AIRY	APRIL 1907 .....	LAMBERTVILLE
ROCKTOWN	APRIL 1907 .....	LAMBERTVILLE
POTTERSTOWN	JUNE 1907 .....	THREE BRIDGES
CENTERVILLE	JULY 1907 .....	NESCANIC STA. SOMERSET CO.
RILEYVILLE	JULY 1907 .....	HOPEWELL MERCER CO.
BARLEY SHEAF	NOV.1907 .....	THREE BRIDGES
ROWLAND MILLS	NOV. 1907 .....	THREE BRIDGES
PLEASANT RUN	NOV. 1907 .....	THREE BRIDGES
WERTSVILLE	FEB. 1908.....	RINGOES
JUNCTION	MARCH 1909 .....	HAMPTON
WARREN PAPER MILLS	MAY 1909 .....	BLOOMSBURY
SIDNEY	OCT.1909.....	PITTSTOWN
BARBERTOWN	DEC.1909.....	RAVEN ROCK

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<b>POST OFFICE</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>SERVICE FROM</b>
IDELL	DEC. 1909.....	RAVEN ROCK
KINGWOOD	DEC.1909 .....	STOCKTON
EVERITTSTOWN	OCT. 1912.....	MILFORD
MOUNT PLEASANT	OCT. 1912.....	MILFORD
SUNNYSIDE	MAY 1915 .....	ANNANDALE
COKESBURY	SEPT. 1915.....	LEBANON
FAIRMOUNT	SEPT. 1915 .....	CALIFON
MOUNTAINVILLE	SEPT. 1915.....	LEBANON
HAMDEN	SEPT. 1918.....	ANNANDALE
COPPER HILL	MAY 1928 .....	RINGOES
CLOVER HILL	OCT. 1930 .....	FLEMINGTON
HOLLAND	JULY 1933 .....	MILFORD
RAVEN ROCK	JUNE 1935 .....	STOCKTON
CROTON	JUNE 1935 .....	FLEMINGTON
REAVILLE	DEC. 1937.....	FLEMINGTON
NEW HAMPTON	FEB. 1948 .....	HAMPTON
WEST PORTAL	JUNE 1956.....	ASBURY(WARREN CO.)
SANDBROOK-	DEC. 1959.....	RURAL STA. STOCKTON
JUTLAND	JUNE 1960.....	(DPO 1970) RURAL STA. CLINTON (DPO 1970?)
PATTENBURG	APRIL 1974.....	ASBURY(WARREN CO.)
LITTLE YORK	DEC. 1993.....	MILFORD



**HUNTERDON POST OFFICES WITH THEIR RURAL ROUTES:**

**ANNANDALE**

Hamden  
Sunnyside

**BLOOMSBURY**

Warren Paper Mills

**CALIFON**

Anthony  
Fairmount

**CLINTON**

Jutland (Rural Sta.)

**FLEMINGTON**

Reaville  
Clover Hill  
Croton  
Locktown

**GLEN GARDNER**

Woodglen

**HAMPTON**

Junction  
New Hampton

**JUNCTION**

Norton

**LAMBERTVILLE**

Rocktown  
Mount Airy

**LEBANON**

Bissell  
Cokesbury  
Mountainville

**MILFORD**

Everittstown  
Holland  
Mount Pleasant  
Little York

**PITTSTOWN**

Oak Grove  
Huffdale  
Sidney

**RAVEN ROCK**

Barbertown  
Idell  
Kingwood

**RINGOES**

Copper Hill  
Wertsville

**STOCKTON**

Grover  
Oakdale  
Raven Rock  
Sand Brook (Rural Sta.)

**THREE BRIDGES**

Pleasant Run  
Potterstown  
Rowlands Mills  
Barley Sheaf

**MERCER COUNTY**

Linvale  
Rileyville

**SOMERSET COUNTY**

Amwell  
Centerville

**WARREN COUNTY**

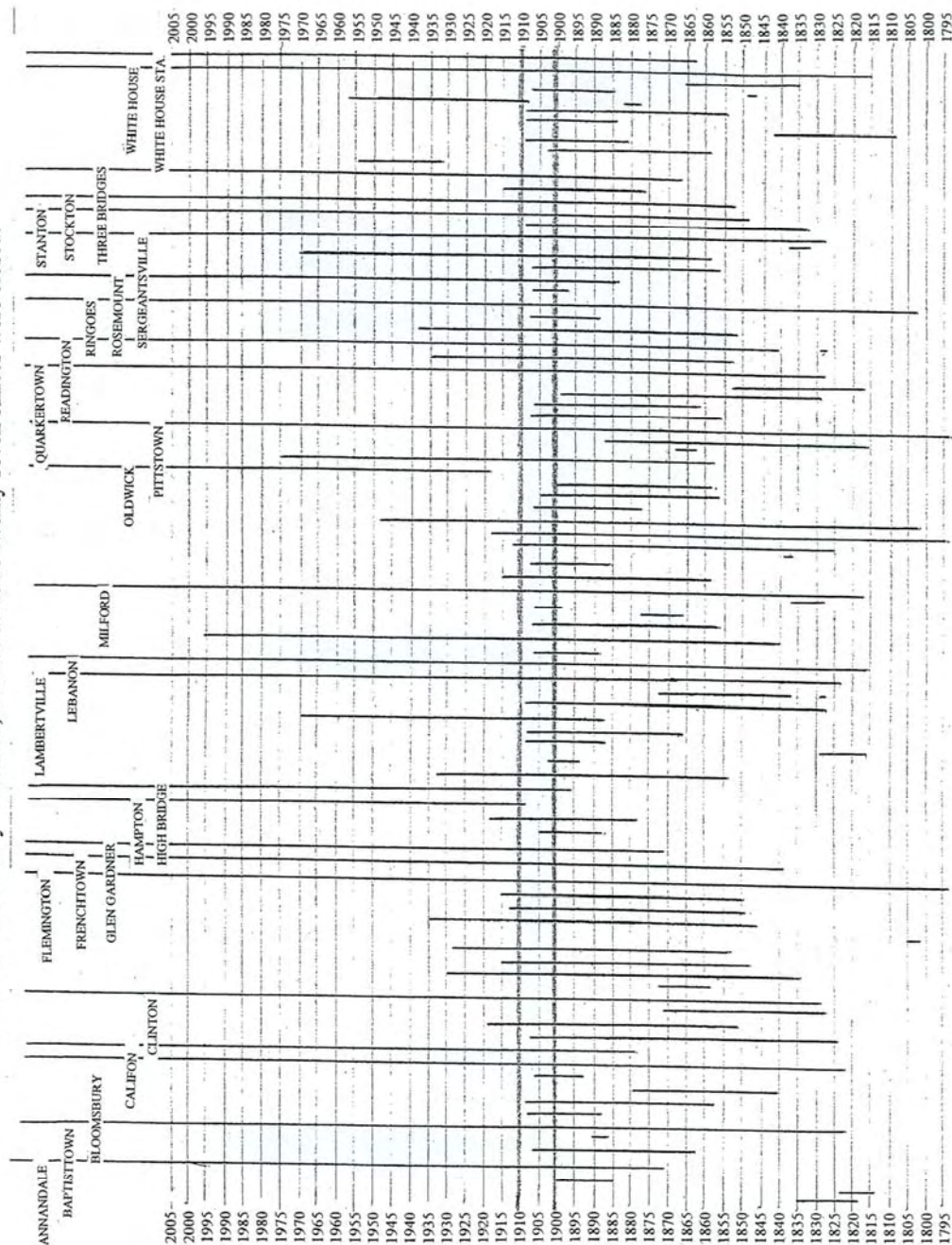
Ludlow  
Pattensburg  
West Portal

**BUCKS COUNTY, PA.**

Tumble

The routes from Frenchtown and White House Station did not cause the elimination of any post offices.

This bar graph charts the life of the Post Offices of Hunterdon County. Each vertical line represents an office, alphabetically arranged, from 1795 to the present. The effect of R.F.D. is dramatically illustrated, from 1900-1910 twenty-seven offices were closed.

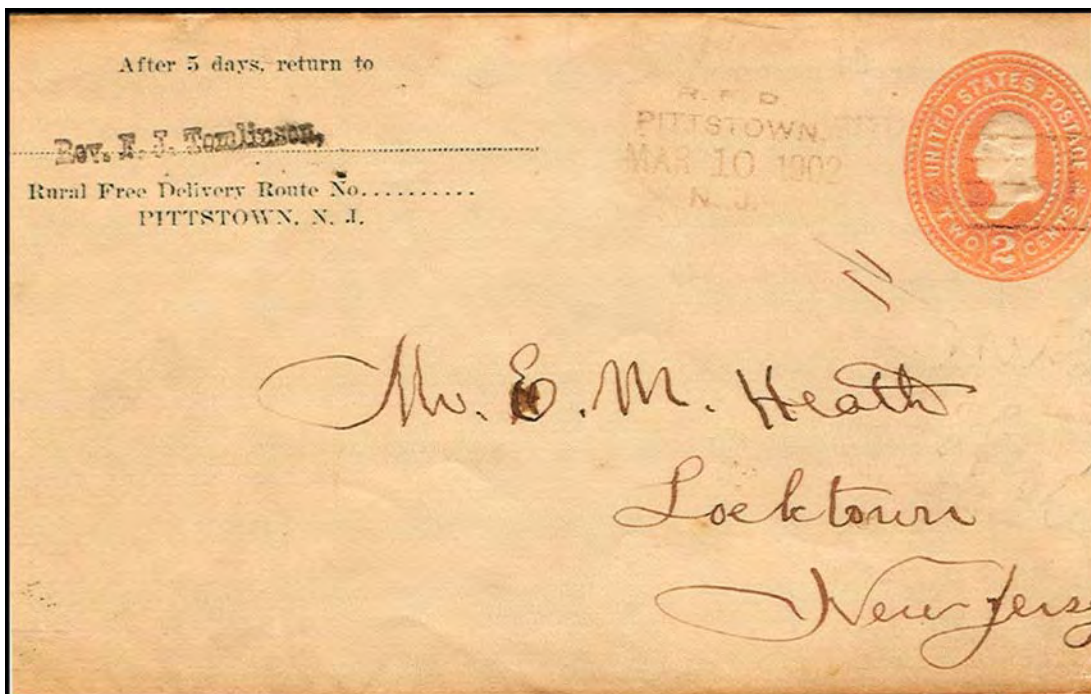


Graph showing the dramatic effect of RFD on small town post offices in Hunterdon County./

**FIRST R.F.D. IN HUNTERDON COUNTY  
NOVEMBER 1, 1900**

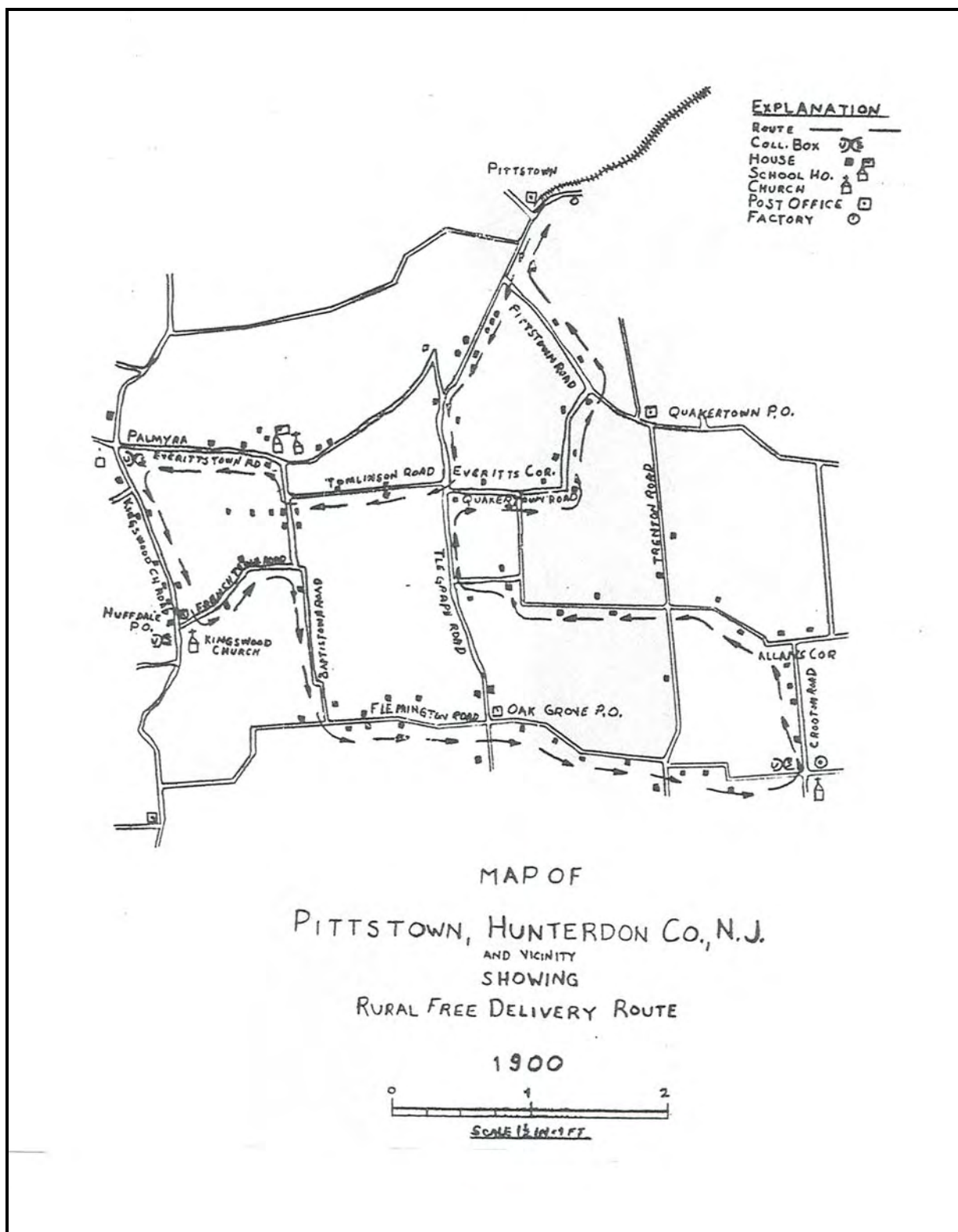
In the early days of the Oak Grove Grange, a committee of members and postmaster Augustus Roberson were instrumental in starting the first R.F.D. route in Hunterdon County. They secured the signatures of 98 residents living west and south of Pittstown who desired this service. The R.F.D. mail route was started on November 1, 1900 and the first carrier was John Tomlinson.

In 1903, the people living north and east of Pittstown petitioned for what was to become R.F.D. #2. At this time Andrew Allen and John McIlroy became the carriers for these two routes. When Andrew Allen died, Richard Weltz took over until, in 1935, the two routes of R.F.D. #1 and #2 were consolidated. Then John McIlroy took over both routes and Richard Weltz transferred to Washington, N.J. Harry Britton served as temporary carrier upon the death of John McIlroy and until the appointment of William Snyder.



*Fig. 157: A red Pittstown RFD cancel on March 10, 1902, with Tomlinson's handstamp in the corner – Hunterdon's first RFD route.*





*Fig. 158: Map showing the R.F.D. route laid out by the Post Office Department in 1900.*

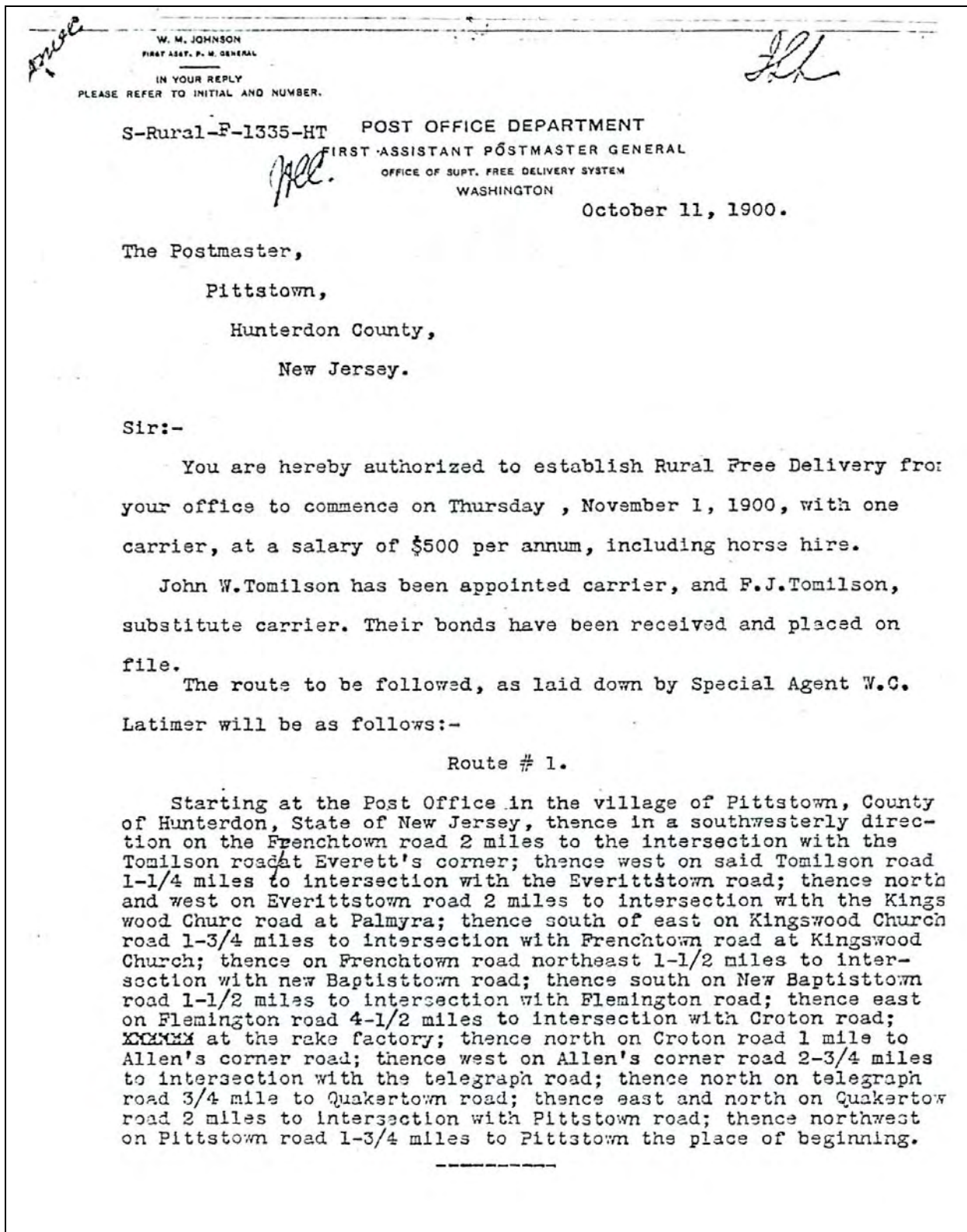


Fig. 159A: Post Office correspondence regarding the establishment of first RFD in Hunterdon.

F-1335-HT-2

Length of route, 21-3/4 miles; area covered, 19 square miles; number of houses on route, 132; population served, 660.

Carrier, John W. Tomilson.

In connection with this service requisition has been made for 3 U.S. iron collection boxes which you will please have your carrier place at the following points:-

Route # 1.  
1 box at Palmyra.  
1 box at Kingwood Church.  
1 box at Rake Factory.

The suggestion has been made to the Honorable Second Assistant Postmaster General that Star Route # 9312, between Huffdale and Pittstown, can properly be discontinued after the establishment of this service; and the attention of the Representative in Congress has been directed to the desirability of requesting of the Honorable Fourth Assistant Postmaster General an order discontinuing the Post Office at Oak Grove, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

You are directed therefore on the discontinuance of this Star Route to instruct your rural carrier to take the closed pouch to and from the Post Office at Huffdale.

Please advise this Department of the establishment of the service and report upon its progress from time to time.

You are directed to see that your rural carrier leaves the Post Office for the delivery of his mail immediately after the arrival of the principal morning mail, and that he returns with his collections at as early an hour as is practicable.

Your attention is especially invited to the general regulations which follow:-

Fig. 159B



# HUNTERDON CO. POSTAL HISTORY: RFDs ~ Jim Walker

Form No. 5502 (Formerly 2502).

CAREFULLY READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SHEET. FILL OUT WITH INK OR AN INDELEBIL PENCIL.

Post Office Department,  
RURAL FREE DELIVERY SERVICE.

CARRIER'S TRIP REPORT, ROUTE NO. 1

Month of October, 1905- Carrier's Name, Andrew R. Allen  
Pittstown P. O. New Jersey State. Substitute, Lewis R. Hiner

CARRIER'S OFFICIAL TIME SCHEDULE. (Postmaster must fill in, giving time Carrier is DUE.)

To Report at Office 10 30 a. m. or p. m. To Leave on Route 11 To Return 5 30 a. m. or p. m.  
Second Trip (if Carrier makes one). To Leave on Route \_\_\_\_\_ To Return \_\_\_\_\_ a. m. or p. m.

DATE.		REPORTED AT OFFICE.		LEFT TO SERVE ROUTE.		RETURNED.		DAILY TIME ON ROUTE.		REMARKS.
		HOURL.	MINUTE.	HOURL.	MINUTE.	HOURL.	MINUTE.	HOURL.	MINUTE.	
1	R S									
2	R	10	30	11	00	4	35	5	35	
3	R	10	30	11	00	4	20	5	20	
4	R	10	30	11	00	4	30	5	30	
5	R	10	30	11	00	4	20	5	20	
6	R	10	30	11	00	4	25	5	25	
7	R	10	30	11	00	4	30	5	30	
8	R S									
9	R	10	30	11	00	4	25	5	25	
10	R	10	30	11	00	4	30	5	30	
11	R	10	30	11	00	4	25	5	25	
12	R	10	30	11	00	4	20	5	20	
13	R	10	30	11	00	4	30	5	30	
14	R	10	30	11	00	4	35	5	35	
15	R S									
30	R	10	30	11	00	4	30	5	30	
31	R	10	30	11	00	4	30	5	30	

We, the undersigned, hereby certify to the correctness of this Report.

Augustus E. Robinson, Postmaster. Andrew R. Allen, Carrier.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. When Carrier does the work, cross out the letter "S" each day. When Substitute serves, cross out letter "R."
2. When for any reason there is delay in or serious irregularity or interruption of service, a full explanation or excuse for the proper days must be entered under "Remarks."
3. Use STANDARD TIME in marking arrivals and departures.
4. See that report is completely filled out in every respect. Reports are carefully examined at Department and will be returned for correction if found incomplete or incorrect. Use no "ditto" marks.
5. Two copies of this Report must be made each month, each to be signed by Carrier and certified to by Postmaster. One copy to be retained in records of the Post Office and the other promptly forwarded to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Free Delivery, Washington, D. C., on the first of the succeeding month.

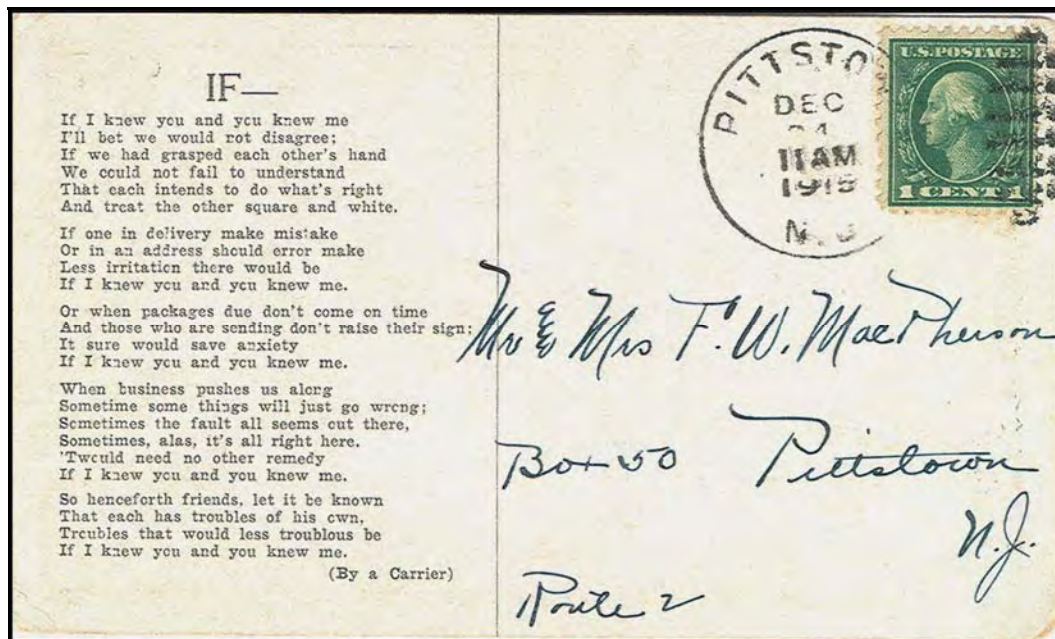
Fig. 160: Carrier's trip report for Route #1 for the month of October 1905.





*Fig. 161A (and B below) – Showing a Christmas greeting card sent by RFD carried John S. McIlroy in 1915.*

John S. McIlroy, the first and only RFD carrier assigned to Route #2 out of Pittstown, delivered a personalized Christmas card to the MacPherson's at Box 50 on his route, canceled at the Pittstown post office on December 24, 1915. The POD supplied generic greeting cards to their carriers but personalized card are rare.



*Fig. 161B: Message side of card above, with poem, and Pittstown cancel December 24, 1915.*

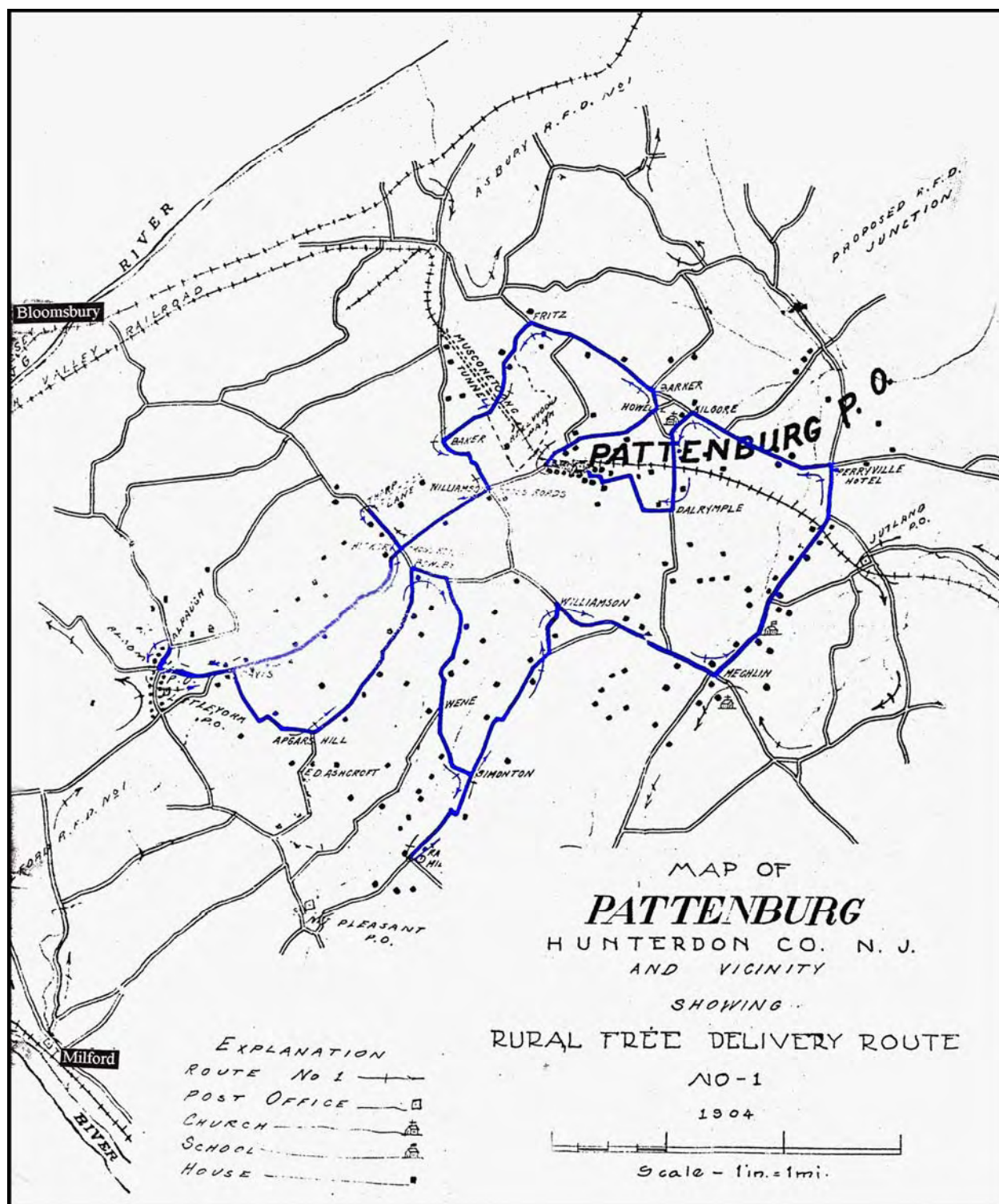


Fig. 162: Pattenburg RFD map, 1904.



3149-Sr.

PATTENBURG  
HUNTERDON COUNTY,  
NEW JERSEY.

ROUTE NO. 1 AS AMENDED.  
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Beginning at the Post Office the carrier will go:--

	<u>Miles.</u>
Thence West and Northeast to Howell's corner	1.4
" Northwesterly to Fritz's corner	1.2
" Southwest to Baker's corner	1.2
" Southeast to Williamson's cross roads	.7
" Southwest to Hickory Cross roads	.9
" Northwest to Tharp's lane and retrace to Hickory Cross roads	.8
" Southwesterly to Davis' corner	1.8
" Westerly to Bloom's corner and Northeast to Alpaugh's corner	.8
" Southwest and Easterly to Davis' corner	.8
" Southeasterly to Apgar's hill corner	1.0
" Northeast and Northwest to Bowby's corner	1.7
" Southeasterly to Simonton's corner	2.0
" Southwest to Race's mill	.9
" Northeast to Williamson's corner	2.7
" Southeast to Mechlin's corner	1.5
" Northeast to Perryville corner	2.1
" Southwest and Northwest to Kilgore's corner	1.3
" Southwest and South to Dalrymple's corner	1.0
" Northwesterly to Post Office	1.2
Total length of route	<u>25.0</u>

Number of Houses 121  
Population 492

Fig. 163: Description of Pattenburg RFD route.



These two pictures of an RFD carrier were taken along Mountain View Road in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County.



*Fig. 164: Eugene Oberly delivering mail on the Asbury RFD route.*

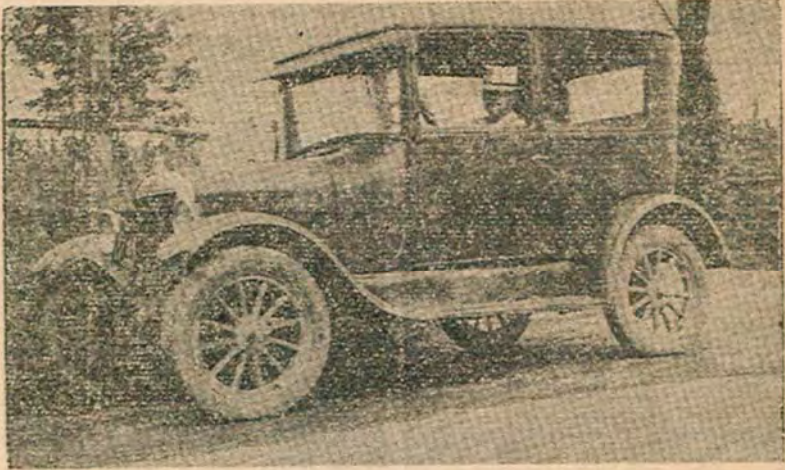
A caption on the picture above reads: "The mail stops only for a photographer." Rural delivery carrier Eugene Oberly (left) and his son Wilber pose for their picture before resuming daily rounds on an Asbury post office rural route about 1913. Wilber Oberly, who still lives in Broadway, furnished the pictures.



*Fig. 165: Delivering the mail in Bethlehem Twp., Hunterdon County – serviced by a rural route out of Asbury, a post office in Warren County.*

HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT, FLEMING

**Frank LaTourette, Popular R. F. D.  
Carrier, Victim of Sudden Illness**



**FRANK LA TOURETTE AND CAR HE DROVE SO LONG**

Frank LaTourette, 63 years old, who for 28 years carried the mail on R. F. D. No. 1, Lebanon, died suddenly at his home in Lebanon Sunday, Nov. 6, 1938, after a brief illness.

The veteran carrier was apparently in his usual good health Saturday evening, when he attended a rehearsal at the Lebanon Reformed chapel. Sunday morning he was unable to get up and was attended by a physician, but died soon after.

Mr. LaTourette served the patrons on Route 1 for 28 years and had planned to retire in 1940. In 1910 when he became mail carrier he used a horse and buggy to make delivery but four years later he acquired an automobile and in the intervening period he had worn out four automobiles. He estimated last summer, on the occasion of his 28th anniversary, that he had driven a distance equal to ten trips around the world, or about 9,000 miles a year. Much of this traveling was over roads drifted with snow and sometimes deep mud; but Mr. LaTourette always made the best of the conditions and prided himself in serving patrons despite the handicaps of travel.

Mr. LaTourette knew most of his patrons personally and did many favors for them in the years of his long service.

Mr. LaTourette was born near Readington, May 30, 1875, a son of the late Peter H. and Mary McCrea LaTourette. He married Miss Susan Melick April 4, 1896, and has resided in Lebanon 35 years.

Mr. LaTourette was a member of the Reformed Church and of the Junior O. A. M.

Surviving besides his widow are a son, Raymond M. LaTourette of Lebanon; a sister, Mrs. James H. Symonds of Shelton, Conn., and a brother, William M. LaTourette of 754 Kensington Ave. Plainfield.

Funeral services were held from the home yesterday at 2.30 p. m. The Rev. Benjamin F. White of the Reformed Church, officiated. Burial was in the Union cemetery, adjoining the Methodist Church, Lebanon.

Bearers were John W. Henry, John A. Conover, George Kline, L. K. Cole, Russell Perry, and Alvah LaTourette.

*Fig. 166: Obituary for Frank LaTourette – a long-time RFD carrier out of Lebanon, NJ - from the Hunterdon Democrat, November 10, 1938.*



This post card view of the Califon post office also shows the RFD mail wagon. Rural delivery came to Califon in 1906. This same view was used by Helen Geist in her book, *THE CALIFON STORY*, printed in 1966, page 103. She identified the man standing by the wagon as Arthur Young, however the post card used here identifies him as Luther Crater. Both men were RFD carriers along with a third, George Hildebrant, not, to my knowledge, pictured here, out of the Califon office. The two women are identified as post office employees, Mrs. Essie Yawger and Mrs. Lida Wycoff.



*Fig. 167: An RFD wagon outside the Califon post office, circa 1906.*

*[If some of the images in this article look familiar, it is because Jim has generously allowed us to use them from time to time. Ed.]*

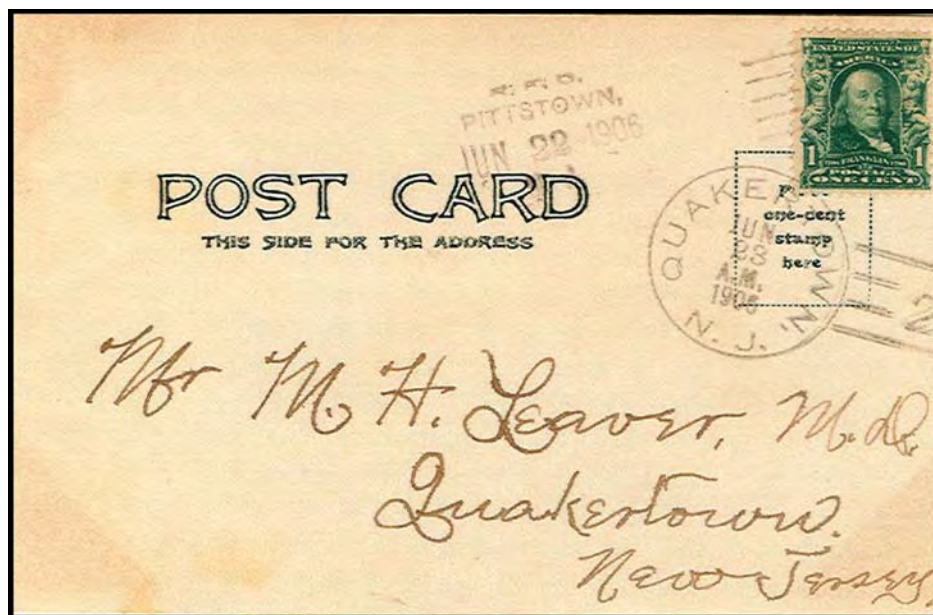


Fig. 168: Pittstown rubber stamp RFD #1 cancel, June 22, 1906, sent to Quakertown, where it was cancelled with a Quakertown Doane cancel.

Two examples of rubber stamp cancels R.F.D. Route #1 and Route #2 from the Pittstown office. The Route #1 card is addressed to Dr. Leaver and has been struck with a Quakertown Doane used as a receiving cancel.



Fig. 169: Pittstown rubber stamp RFD #2 cancel, May 21, 1906, sent locally in Pittstown.



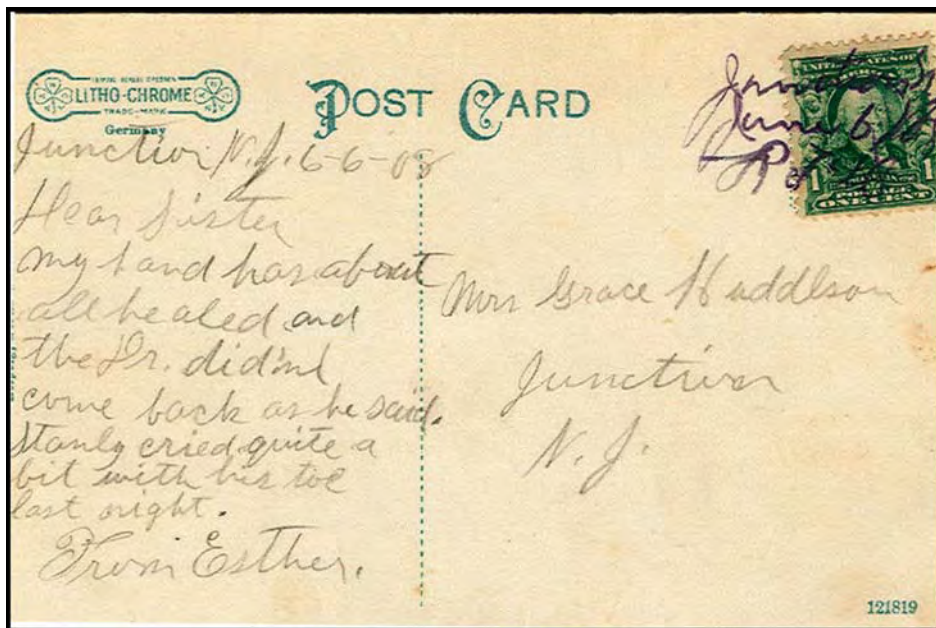


Fig. 170: An example of a blue pencil cancel from the Junction RFD, June 8, 1908.

Shown here are two post cards with blue pencil cancels where the carrier took the time to write the date and place, Junction, June 6, 1908, and Lebanon, June 2, 1906. It is often stated that the blue pencil was used because the ink in the rubber stamp cancel froze in the winter. However, after 1903, the cancel was no longer supplied by the post office and the carrier had to buy the device, so the blue pencil saw widespread use after this date.

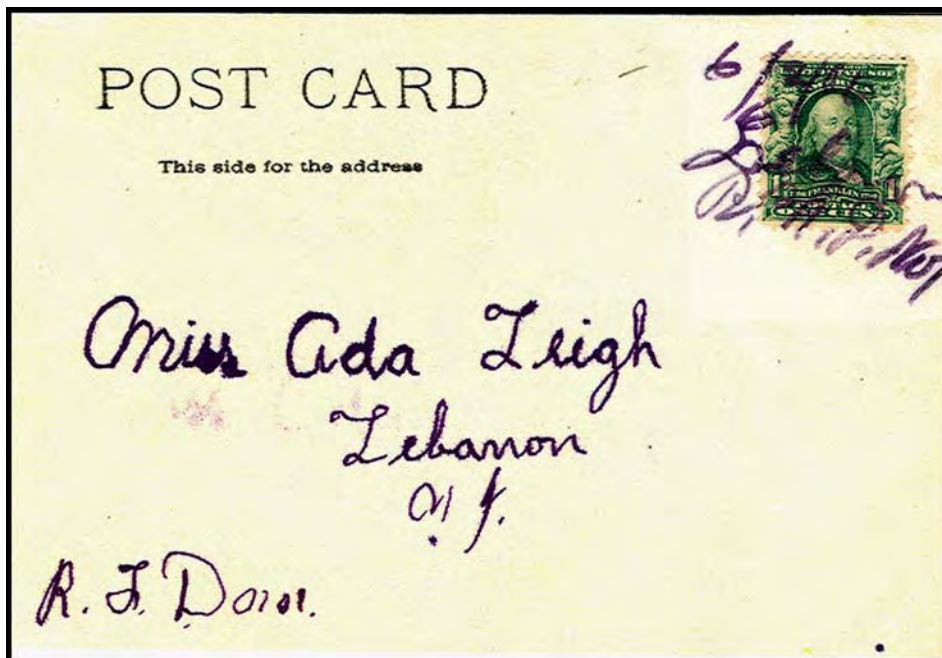


Fig. 171: A second blue pencil example from Lebanon, dated June 2, 1906.

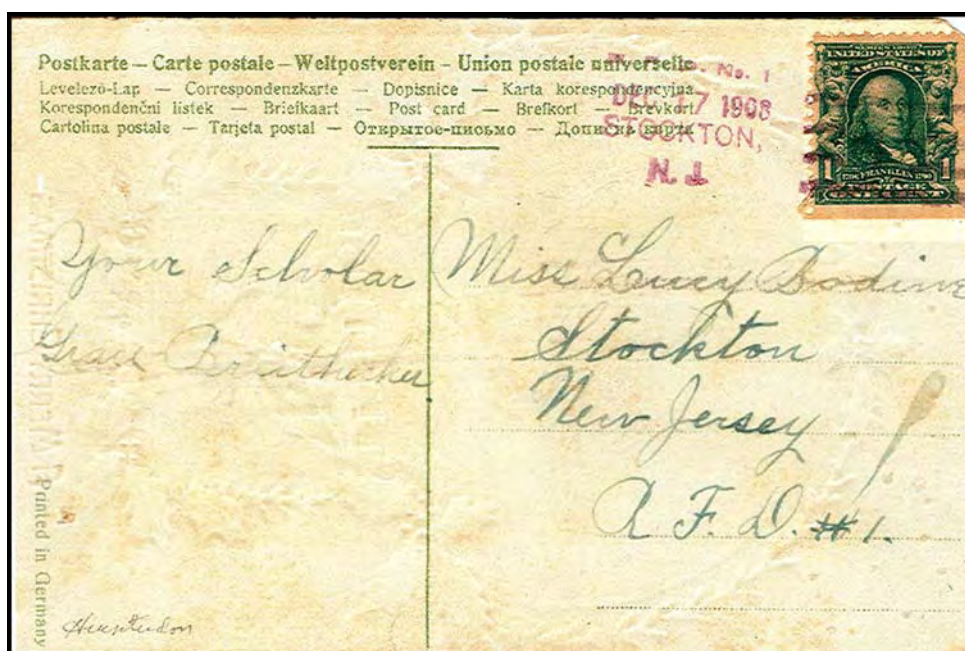


Fig. 172: A rubber stamp example from Stockton in 1908 – past the time when these were supplied by the Post Office Department.

Stockton is another example of a fine rubber stamp cancel most likely purchased by the carrier long after the official period had ended.



Fig. 173: This Frenchtown negative R.F.D. and star is a fine example of a handmade cancel.





*Fig. 174: Ringoes straight-line RFD cancel, Oct. 9, 1907, with a second handstamp which included the carrier's name (not visible here)..*

Two examples of a Ringoes route #1 RFD cancel. Delivery commenced from Ringoes in 1907, with Adam B. Simerson as the first carrier. The stamp on the post card above is canceled with a straight-line date stamp of Oct. 9, 1907 and a rubber stamp cancel with Simerson's name, somewhat off the top edge of the card. Simerson and his son both worked as R.F.D. carriers from the Ringoes post office.



*Fig. 175: A second Ringoes example, this one using a blue pencil cancel.*

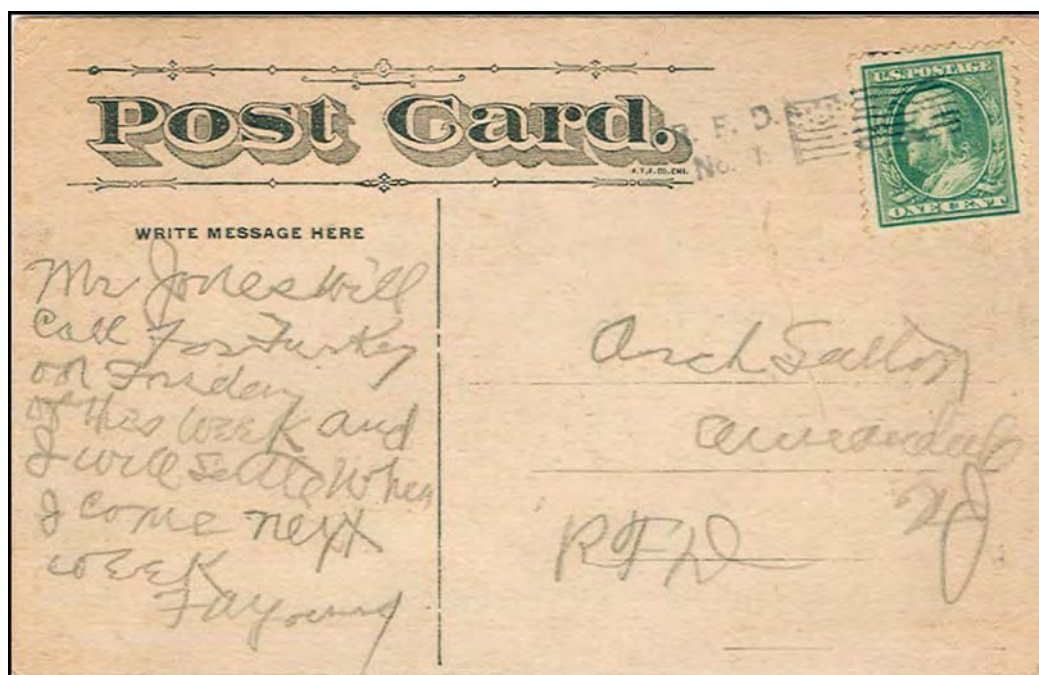


Fig. 176: Annandale's thirteen star flag cancel no. 1 ca. 1910 (type 6c).\*



Fig. 177: Hampton, NJ August 1911 manuscript RFD cancel.

\* Encyclopedia of R.F.D. Cancels, Richow., Harold E., 1995

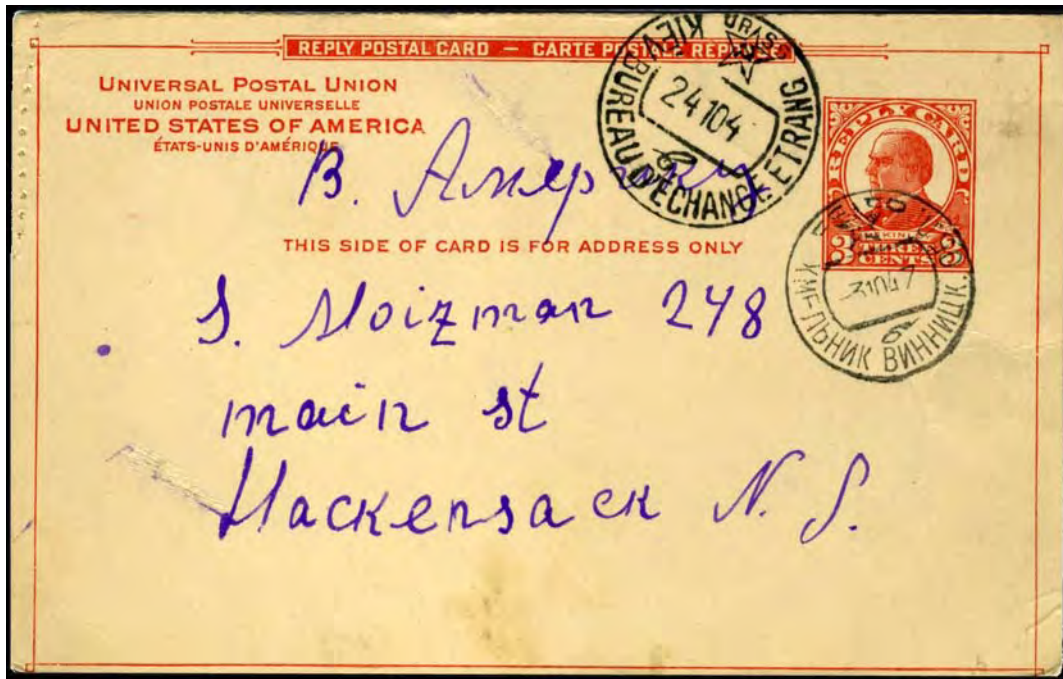
[The next installment of Hunterdon Postal History will be on the Doane cancels of Hunterdon County.]



## FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE: A US Return Card to New Jersey

By Jean R. Walton

In addition to collecting New Jersey stampless letters, I am also a collector of Russian postal stationery. Very occasionally these two paths cross as in the postcard below:



*Fig. 1: Return half of a U.S. postage paid UPU reply card from the Ukraine (then part of the USSR), mailed in Хмельник винницьк. Обл. (Khmel'niki Vinnyts'ka oblast) on October 3, 1947, but not passing through the Kiev Foreign Mail division until October 24. No receiver, so it is not known how long it took to arrive in New Jersey. Interesting use of US postage valid in Russia.*

This is not a Russian postal card of course, but a US postage paid return post card, cancelled in Kiev and sent to Hackensack, New Jersey in October 1947. UPU reply paid cards were designed to be sent abroad, with a postage paid return card attached. The receiver separated the two and used the reply for an answer, and US postage, through the miracle of the UPU, was thus valid in Russia. Note the corner – indicating that this is a UPU card, with United States of America in both English and French (the official language of the UPU).

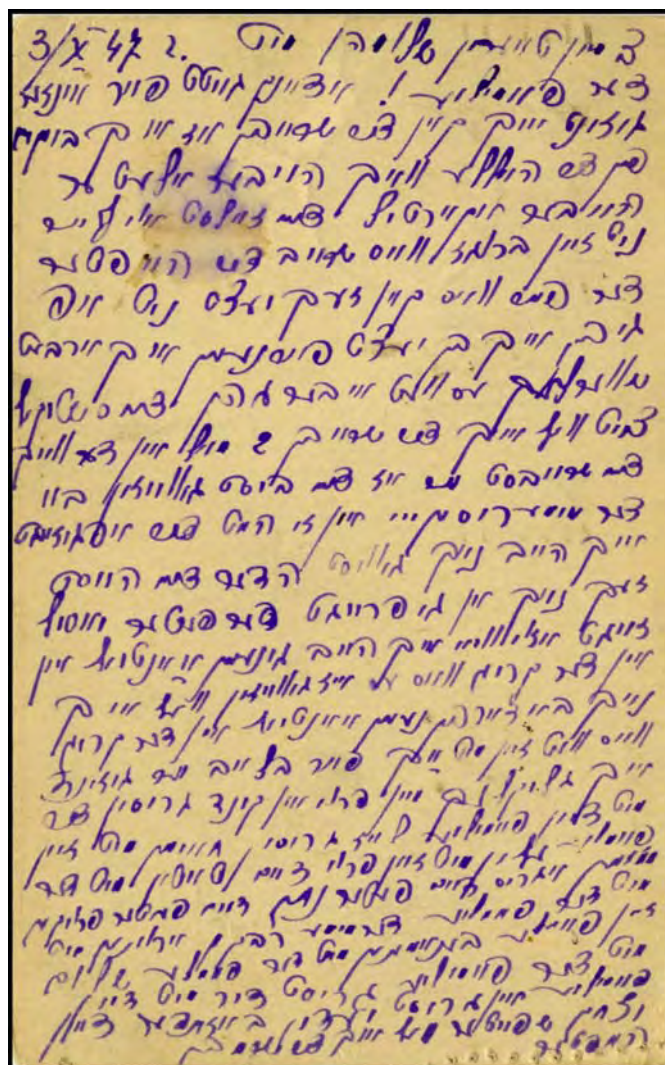
Curious about the message sent back from the Ukraine, and knowing the direction of the text on the card by the date at top (See *Figure 2* on the following page), I discovered on asking that it was written in Yiddish – and this was not a Yiddish familiar today – in an nearly unintelligible hand. But with the kind help of Mark Sommer and his resources, the writer begins:

“To my dear Shloime, with the whole family!” He then offers a thanks to God “for our health” and then says: “I can write you that I receive from you every week a letter or a postcard, so that you will not be angry with me that I write you less often than Hafter, For that reason I know nothing now.”

“I am now occupied [employed?] I work hard. When time has passed, I will write you two times in every week. You write that you have been at Aunt Rosy’s and she has told you what to do, but you have not questioned our Uncle Yosl (Joseph?), and she says that I have taken part in the quarrel that was going on, so I will, for them, take further part in the quarrel, that will be for you. I hope you will continue to be well . . .

“I send you greetings from my wife and child, and for your family. A greeting for your uncles and their families, and greet every one separately.”

Signed: Yitzchok Hafter



**Fig. 2:** Note date in upper left corner of 3/X/47.

Used returned halves of these international reply paid postal cards – properly returned from another country to the country of origin – are hard to find, and I was pleased to locate this one. An interesting card.

## NEW JERSEY CAPITALS AND COUNTY FORMATION

**Pages from our Word Puzzle Book,  
also to be included in our Free Online Library Files**

New Jersey is a unique state – long in history and full of possibilities. It has existed from Colonial times, and has been a crossroads between New York City and Philadelphia from that time. The Post has crisscrossed it for all that time, from towns that existed in one county and are now in another. Many changes have occurred over the years, some of which affect the postmarks we collect and record.

Counties formed over time. This is intended to give the reader an idea of which counties were formed when, and out of what territories – a necessary tool when dealing with post offices that have existed for a long time, first in one county, then in another – without moving an inch.

### **THE CAPITAL QUESTION! For Starters, where is the Capital of New Jersey?**

This is a question not easily answered in a few words.

Trenton was made the Capital of New Jersey in 1790 – then in Hunterdon County. What was it before that?

Perhaps it is better to start at the beginning: New Jersey's first Capital was Elizabethtown (now simply Elizabeth), so declared in 1668, when New Jersey was a proprietorship.

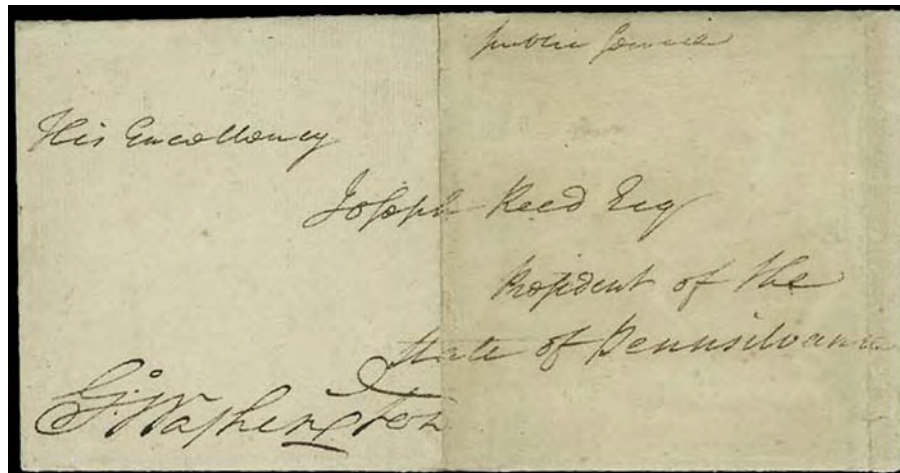
Then the proprietorship of New Jersey was split (in 1674) into two proprietorships – East and West Jersey, often referred to as “The Jerseys.” The Capital of East Jersey was moved to Perth Amboy (then just Amboy) in 1683. Burlington, founded in 1677, was named Capital of West Jersey in 1681.

In 1702, these two proprietorships were combined into one Crown Colony, but the two Capitals were maintained until the Revolutionary War, with the Governor sharing his time between each.

During the Revolution, and until 1790, the State Legislature met in Princeton – a point somewhat midway between the two Capitals. Although not actually named as Capital, Princeton certainly functioned as such during the Revolution. New Jersey became a State on December 18, 1787, and Trenton was declared the official Capital on November 25, 1790, replacing Perth Amboy and Burlington.

With the formation of Mercer County in 1838, Trenton, which had been in Hunterdon County, was now located in Mercer County – as it still is today.

*Thanks to NJPHS member Ed Siskin for help with this information. Additional information also found on the web site, NJ History's Mysteries at <http://www.njhm.com/> with a specific article at <http://www.njhm.com/statecapitals.htm>.*



*Fig. 1: New Jersey was the site of some very interesting correspondence. This letter was sent from George Washington at Morristown NJ to the President of the State of Pennsylvania.*

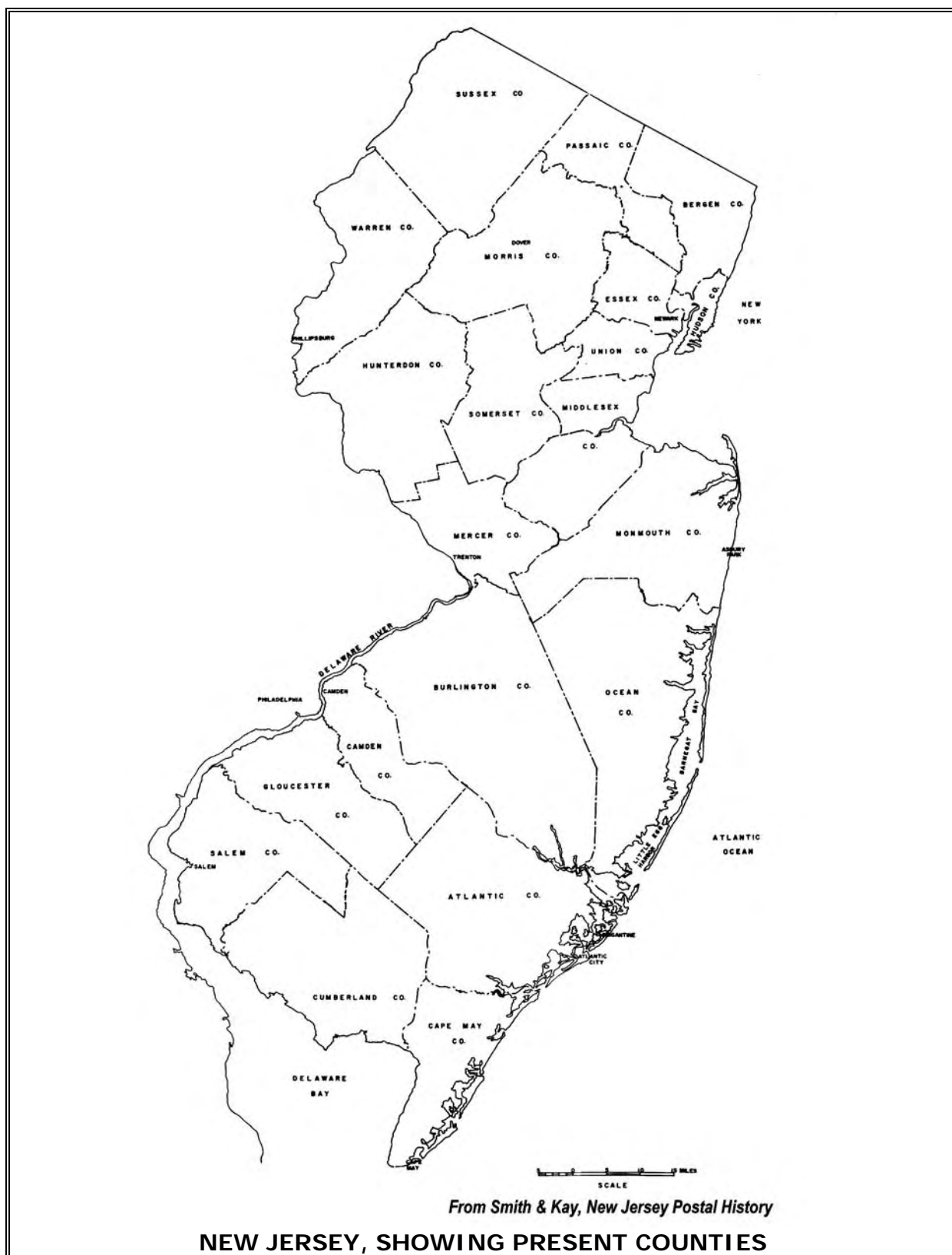
**NEW JERSEY COUNTIES**  
(alphabetically)

**DATE FORMED**

Atlantic County	1837-02-07
Bergen County	1683-03-01
Burlington County	1694-05-17
Camden County	1844-03-13
Cape May County	1692-11-12
Cumberland County	1748-01-19
Essex County	1683-03-01
Gloucester County	1686-05-28
Hudson County	1840-02-22
Hunterdon County	1714-03-13
Mercer County	1838-02-22
Middlesex County	1683-03-01
Monmouth County	1683-03-01
Morris County	1739-03-15
Ocean County	1850-02-15
Passaic County	1837-02-07
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Union County	1857-03-19
Warren County	1824-11-20



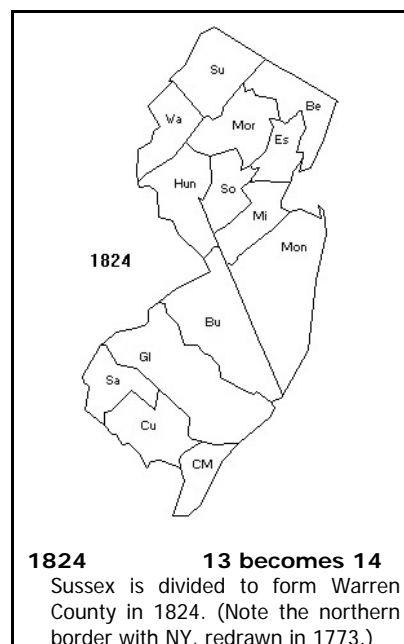
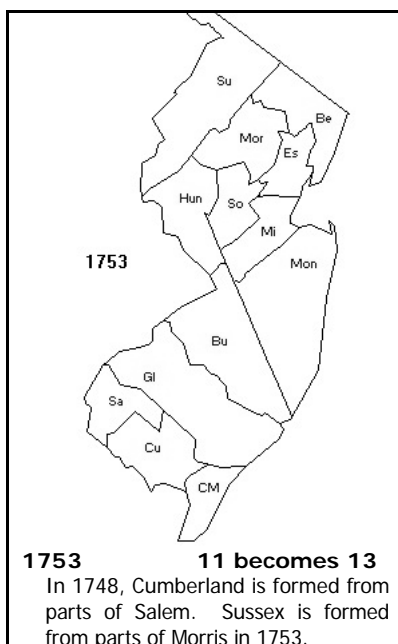
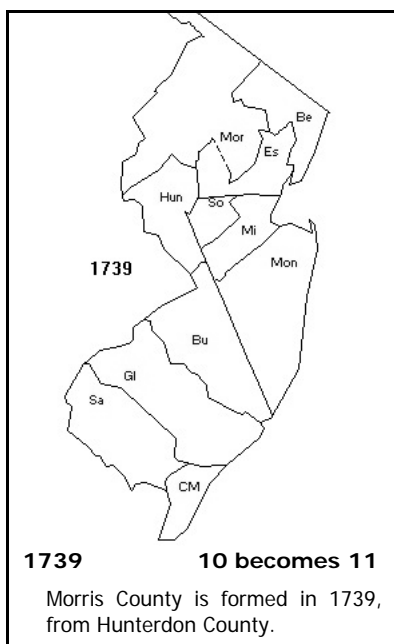
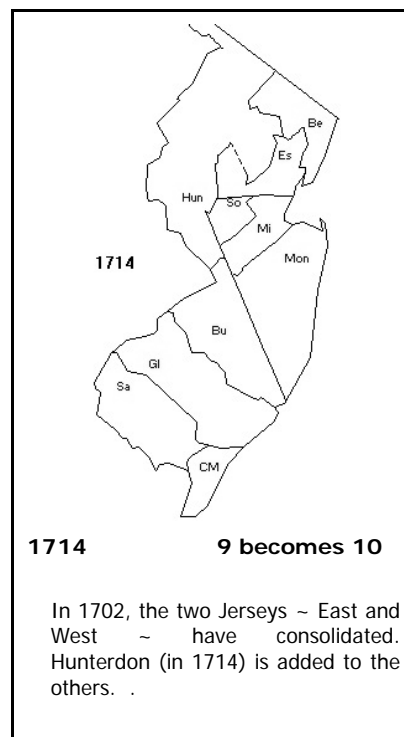
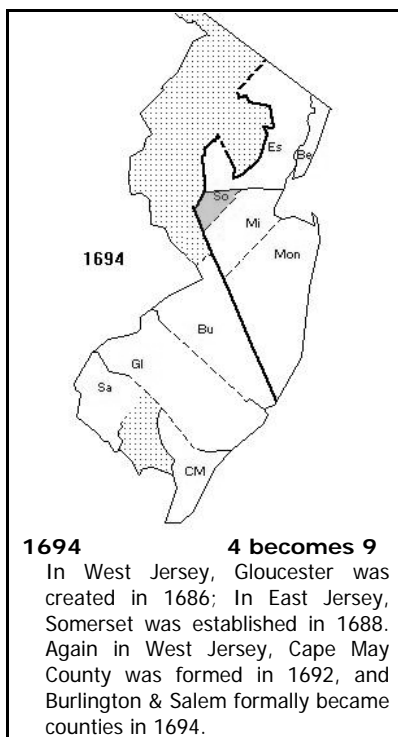
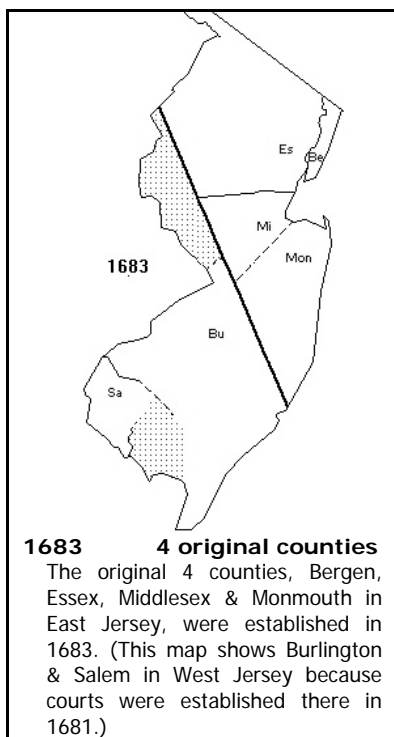
## NEW JERSEY CAPITALS AND COUNTY FORMATION



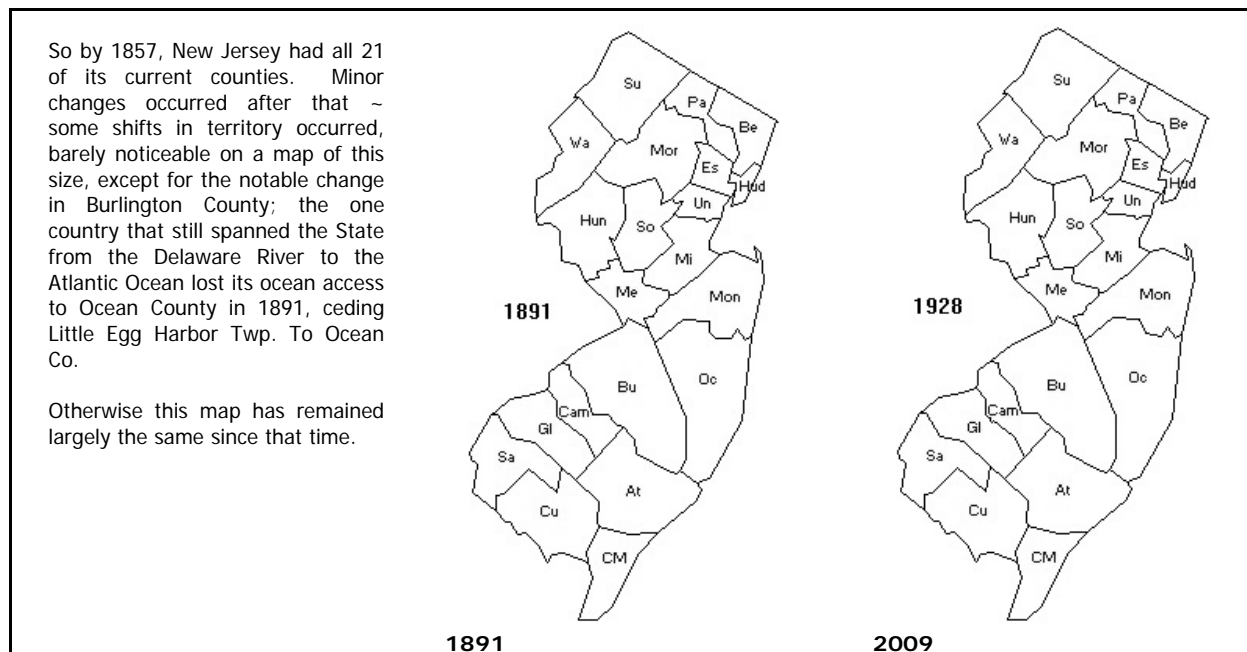
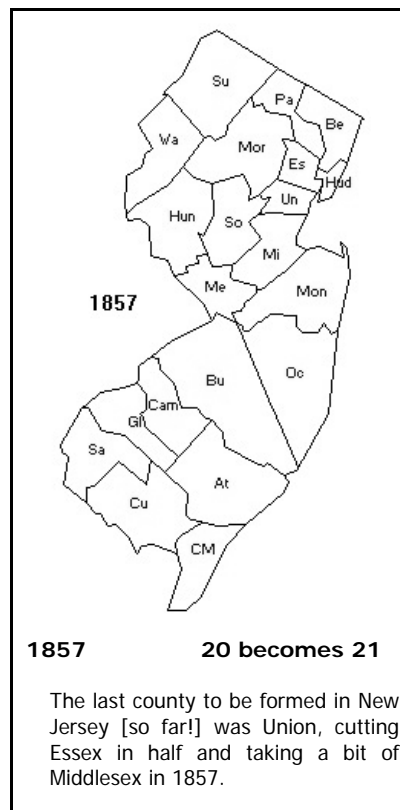
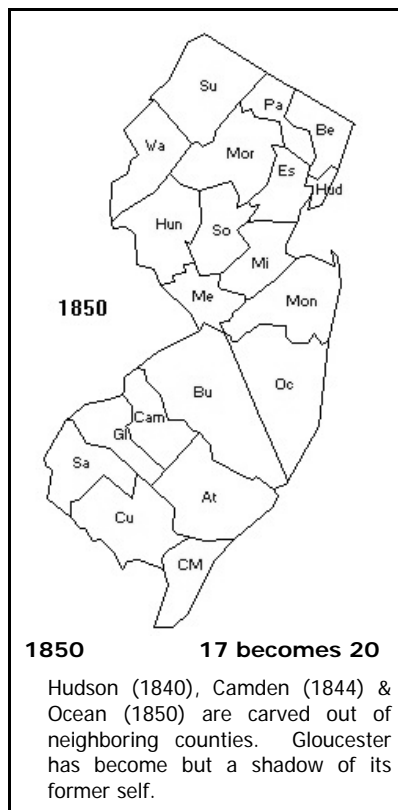
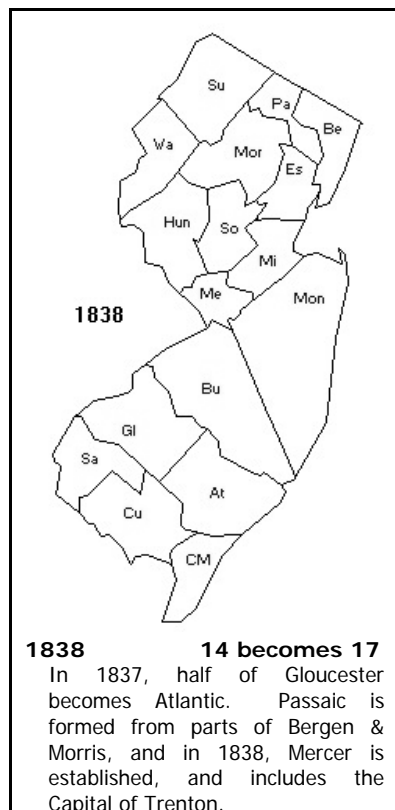
## NEW JERSEY COUNTY FORMATION

New Jersey, as a colony, was originally East and West Jersey, divided by a line drawn from a point in the NW along the Delaware River to a point on the Jersey shoreline near Little Egg Harbor.

New Jersey did not always have 21 counties. It began – as a colony – with only 4 in 1683 [Bergen, Essex, Middlesex, and Monmouth], soon to expand to 9 in 1694, with the addition of Gloucester, Cape May, Burlington and Salem in West Jersey, and Somerset in East Jersey. But it has evolved over time and here are the broad strokes:



## NEW JERSEY CAPITALS AND COUNTY FORMATION



These great maps are from <http://www.mynewjerseygenealogy.com/index.htm#4> and [http://www.familyhistory101.com/maps/nj\\_cf.html](http://www.familyhistory101.com/maps/nj_cf.html)



## NEW JERSEY CAPITALS AND COUNTY FORMATION

Hence we end up with a chronological list of New Jersey's 21 counties, as follows:

COUNTY	DATE FORMED	FROM
Bergen Co.	1683-03-01	East Jersey
Essex Co.	1683-03-01	East Jersey
Middlesex Co.	1683-03-01	East Jersey
Monmouth Co.	1683-03-01	East Jersey
Gloucester Co.	1686-05-28	Burlington
Somerset Co.	1688-05-00	Middlesex
Cape May Co.	1692-11-12	West Jersey
Burlington Co.	1694-05-17	West Jersey
Salem Co.	1694-05-17	West Jersey
Hunterdon Co.	1714-03-13	Burlington & West Jersey
Morris Co.	1739-03-15	Hunterdon
Cumberland Co.	1748-01-19	Salem
Sussex Co.	1753-05-16	Morris
Warren Co.	1824-11-20	Sussex
Atlantic Co.	1837-02-07	Gloucester
Passaic Co.	1837-02-07	Bergen & Essex
Mercer Co.	1838-02-22	Burlington, Hunterdon, & Middlesex
Hudson Co.	1840-02-22	Bergen
Camden Co.	1844-03-13	Gloucester
Ocean Co.	1850-02-15	Monmouth
Union Co.	1857-03-19	Essex & Middlesex

List courtesy Kay & Smith, *New Jersey Postal History*, Quarterman Publications, Lawrence, MA, 1977.

## LEN PECK – CENTENARIAN!

### LEONARD PECK ~ CENTENARIAN!

#### Belated Happy Birthday, Len Peck!

An interesting article appeared on May 6 in *The Star Ledger* by Joe Moszczynski, profiling Len Peck on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Len is a longtime member of NJPHS and has been a frequent contributor to *NJPH* – the last time just last year. *The Star Ledger* article contained some interesting information, and some very nice pictures, which we felt should be shared with other members:



*The Star Ledger/Jerry McCrea*

**Leonard Peck – 100 years young.**

*Reprinted from The Star Ledger:*

*Leonard Peck first climbed the craggy hills at the Delaware Water Gap 82 years ago, beginning his fascination — and sometimes obsession — with the park's sweeping views, rugged trails and storied past.*

*The former Sparta resident spent decades preserving the crumbling stone and wooded buildings tucked amid the sloping forests. He fought to correct the spelling of an island (from Shapnack to Shapanack) on maps of the Delaware River. And he helped install bronze markers along one of America's oldest roads.*

...

*Peck was born in Camden County and grew up in Brooklyn. His father was treasurer at a local terminal company. He served in World War II, married, raised three daughters, became president of a meat-slicing machine company and retired.*

*...In 1970, Peck moved to Sparta. After 50 years of marriage, his wife, Eleanor, died in 1986. It was around that time that Peck got involved at the park. He helped restore many of the buildings — local 18th- and 19th-century villages which were nearly destroyed by a failed project to build a dam across the Delaware.*

*Later, in 2001, he was among a group of history buffs who spearheaded an effort to place three vintage bronze markers along Old Mine Road, which was built about 1650 and parallels the Delaware River through Sussex and Warren counties. The markers commemorate historic places along the trail.*

*"I know of so many places up there," said Peck, a longtime member of the Walpack Historical Society and a member of other historical groups, including the New Jersey Postal Historical Society.*

*In 1996, the National Park Service presented Peck with the Volunteer of the Year award for the northeast region.*



*Caption and photo credits to The Star Ledger and Jerry McCrea.*

***Fig. 1: Leonard Peck of Newton stands outside the 1854 U.S. Post office in historic Walpack Center where he worked for decades as a volunteer restoring the historic buildings there in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.***

*Talking to Peck is like taking a trip back in time. He vividly remembers climbing a tower as a young man in New York City to watch Charles Lindbergh fly over the city in his "Spirit of St. Louis" after the aviator's first non-stop transcontinental flight in 1927.*

*He remembers "living off the jungle" while serving as a reconnaissance scout in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II, donning binoculars in the mountains to observe Japanese troops.*



*Jerry McCrea/The Star Ledger*

***Fig. 2: Len passed some interesting times in WWII in New Guinea.***



## LEN PECK – CENTENARIAN!

*“We ate a lot of wood grubs back then. And we were later told they had the highest nutritional value. We ate what the natives ate — grasshoppers, beetles, spiders,” Peck said during an interview in his apartment at a retirement community in Newton.*

*He supported Franklin Roosevelt’s bid for the presidency in 1933, but Peck vigorously fought plans to establish Social Security by writing a host of letters to newspapers voicing his opposition. Looking back, Peck said, Social Security wasn’t such a bad idea after all. “Now it’s the biggest asset I have. It shows you how you can be wrong,” he said, laughing.*

*And of course, he remembers when he first began hiking at the Water Gap — in 1928, when he was 18.*

*“I used to go up there to catch rattlesnakes. A friend of mine had a black snake in a cage, and we would put the rattlesnake in there,” Peck said. “The black snake would always kill the rattlesnake.”*

*Today, he walks with a cane, putting those rugged trails out of reach. He no longer drives a car, either. But several times a month, he catches a ride with a friend to his beloved park, where he does a bit of landscaping and checks in on the old buildings.*

*“I know more about the Jersey operations of the park than anybody there now,” Peck said. “All the old-timers are gone now.”*

He is a wonderful resource and a wonderful man. He lives now at Bristol Glen in Newton, New Jersey. But if you think he has let his interest in philately pass him by, you are wrong. He continues to search out old Sussex covers still missing in his collection.



*[Our thanks to Joe Moszczynski and The Star Ledger for such a nice article, with some very interesting pictures by Jerry McCrea.]*

*Jerry McCrea/The Star Ledger  
Len Peck with an award plaque presented to him for  
his many years of service to the NRA.*

**MEMBER NEWS: FREE ONLINE LIBRARY!**

We are happy to announce that during June, we will launch our free online library on our web site at [www.NJPostalHistory.org](http://www.NJPostalHistory.org). It is a way of giving something back to the hobby. All of our journals, up through 2005, will be available to anyone with an interest, and an index will be available to search by topic, author, or place name for articles of interest. Each journal will be identified by its whole number, and clicking on that number will bring that journal up in your browser as a pdf. Once open, you can search it, print it in whole or in part, or save it to your computer. You can search the index for articles on a particular subject, and then find them on the Back Issue page by the whole number of that issue. It will be a research tool available for anyone looking for more information on a number of philatelic subjects, as well as articles of historic interest.

Every year we will add the previous year's journals; the five years of journals that are not available to anyone online are available to members – you need only request a link to these from your secretary at [Secretary@NJPostalHistory.org](mailto:Secretary@NJPostalHistory.org).

In addition to back NJPH journals, other files will be available online. For example, Ed Siskin has put together a document containing material from the Journal of the Continental Congress – material relating to Post Office Legislation, and another document of pages from Barber & Howe on New Jersey Post Roads, both useful research tools. You can test out these files by going to the links below:

Here are some of the files that will be available on our web site. You can test them now if you wish by clicking on the links or pasting the URL into your browser.

**Ed Siskin: COLONIAL POSTAL RATES**

<http://njpostalhistory.org/media/pdf/ratechartdoc.pdf>

<http://njpostalhistory.org/media/pdf/ratesxls.zip>

<http://njpostalhistory.org/media/pdf/ratejpgs.zip>

These last two are also available as .rar files

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**Ed & Jean Siskin: PAGES from the JOURNAL OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS RELATING TO PO LEGISLATION**

<http://www.NJPostalHistory.org/media/pdf/JrnlContlCongress-PO.pdf>

**Ed & Jean Siskin: PAGES FROM BARBER & HOWE (1844) ON NJ POST ROADS**

<http://www.NJPostalHistory.org/media/pdf/HistColl-BarberHowe-roads.pdf>

**POSTAL ACT OF 1792**

<http://njpostalhistory.org/media/pdf/postact1792.pdf>

## MEMBER NEWS: ANNUAL MEETING, MEMBER CHANGES

### AN 1899 ARTICLE ABOUT THE HANDLING OF FOREIGN MAIL IN NYC

<http://NJPostalHistory.org/media/pdf/NYForMail.pdf>

### A MAP OF NJ RAILROADS

<http://NJPostalHistory.org/media/archive/027rrmap-marnjph78.pdf>

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### COUNTY FORMATION IN NEW JERSEY -- [as seen in this issue of *NJPH*]

<http://NJPostalHistory.org/media/pdf/NJCtyformation.pdf>

Some files are large – be sure they are fully downloaded before searching or saving them. Thanks are due to a number of people for this – Mark Sommer who contributed a full run of NJPH to be scanned, Charles Livermore who scanned them for us, and Warren Plank, who creates our web pages when his computer cooperates. We hope you will find this resource useful and enjoyable. Other articles will be added, so come back often.

## COME TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING!

At NOJEX in the Meadowlands, on Sunday May 30 of Memorial Day weekend, at 12 noon, we will hold our annual meeting – come join us and get to know other members. We will also have a table at the show, and should you not be able to attend the meeting, please stop at the table, sign in, and chat a bit – this is our one opportunity to get to know one another face to face, and to share our interest in New Jersey postal history. Bring your ideas and suggestions. We would be happy to have them! See NOJEX information on the following page.

### REV. DONALD BEERS: 1926 ~ 2010



We are sad to report the death of Donald Beers, a long-time member of the New Jersey Postal History Society. He was also a member of the Skylands Philatelic Society for many years.

Born in 1926 in Newark, he earned degrees at Cornell, Newark College of Engineering, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1954. He served as Chaplain in the US Navy and The US Marine Corps, and in various New Jersey churches, retiring in 1986.

He is survived by his wife, four children, and many grandchildren. His contribution to the hobby will be missed.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Stephen J. Glynn, 1187 Main St., Unit 1. Brewster, MA 02631,  
[sjg120665@yahoo.com](mailto:sjg120665@yahoo.com)

William J. Volonte, 6600 Boulevard East, # 7D, West New York, NJ 07093-4221,  
[volontew@aol.com](mailto:volontew@aol.com): NJ town cancels

### GOODBYE TO OLD FRIENDS

Rev. Donald Beers, White Twp, NJ – deceased May 18. 2010.



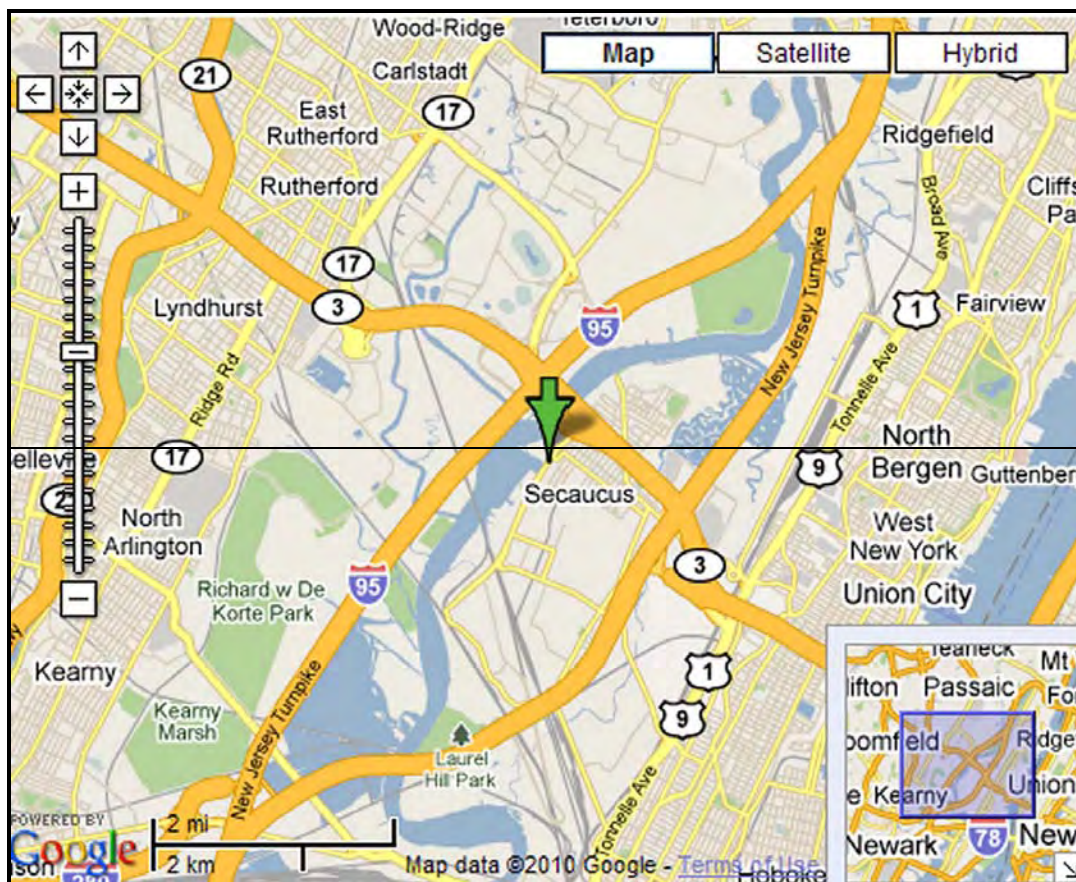
**NOJEX!****COME TO NOJEX!: 47th ANNUAL STAMP EXHIBITION****A World Series of Philately Exhibition****MAY 28 – 30, 2010****Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 pm ~ Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm ~ Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

NOJEX is held each year over Memorial Day weekend at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, NJ 07094, 201-348-6900), and is New Jersey's largest stamp show. This year it will host an interstate postal history competition, which will give you the opportunity to see what your cohorts in neighboring states are doing, and share in their knowledge. In addition to a large exhibition, there is a good sized bourse of 32 dealers, and an opportunity to find some new and interesting material. These shows need your support. Don't miss the opportunity to visit this one.

Driving directions are available online at

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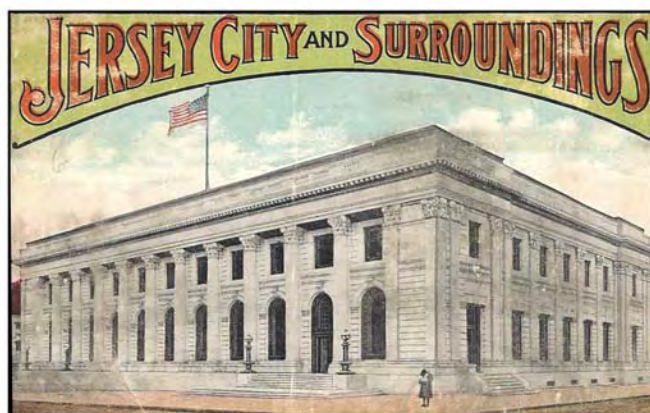
or by going to [www.nojex.org](http://www.nojex.org) and following the link there. It is conveniently located just off Route 3 in Secaucus.



## HOMETOWN POST OFFICES: JERSEY CITY

### HOMETOWN POST OFFICES: JERSEY CITY, NJ by John Trosky

This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> in our series of Hometown post offices. These come in all sizes, and Jersey City is one of the oldest and largest. It is the county seat of Hudson County. Two images of post offices are included here, old and new:



The image at left is of a long gone post office at Paulus Hook in downtown Jersey City. Upper right features the present main PO in Jersey City, and is the front of an accordion style booklet of cards which features scenes around Jersey City. Below is an interesting cover of a censored postcard mailed during WWI. The Liberty Bond machine cancel has a very good doubled strike. The card was mailed by Colgate, the same one with the famous clock on the waterfront.



[NOTE: Included in our online Journal Archive is an article on Jersey City in *NJPH* from 1988 (Whole number 78) at <http://njpostalhistory.org/media/archive/078-may88njph.pdf> ]



## MEMBER ADS ~ YOUR AD MISSING? LET US KNOW AT

[SECRETARY@NJPOSTALHISTORY.ORG](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, P.O. Box 1945, Morristown, NJ 07962 or e-mail [rrose@daypitney.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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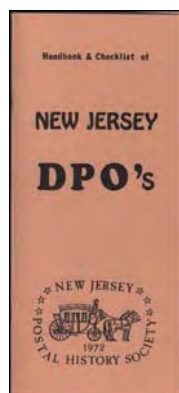
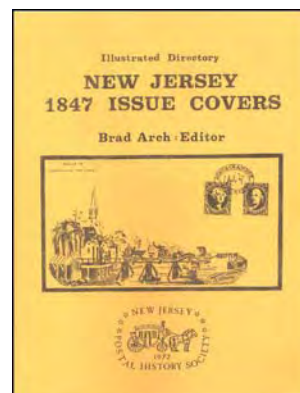
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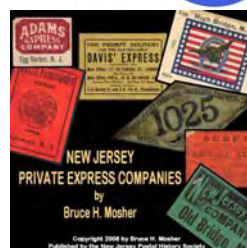
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