

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the American Philatelic Society Chapter 118 of the American Topical Assn.

Meeting Begins at 7:00, Wednesday, 13 April 2016

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. John & Deb Ehleiter, Hosts

Doors Open at 6:30-Come Early to Buy, Sell, and/or Trade

From the Stamp Den

Monday, 11 April is an historic day for the USPS and stamp collectors as the PO reduces the first class stamp by two cents, from 49¢ to 47¢, a reduction of 4.1%! The last rate decline was in 1919 when the 1st class postage stamp returned to 2¢ after WWI. In other words, the PO is running a sale on mail! In business when you're trying to increase sales, the mantra is "run a sale!" As the poet and songwriter Bob Dylan sang "...the times, they are a-changing." What does this have to do with stamp collecting? Here's what: Digital communication!

The USPS is having problems competing in the age of e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, and other digital modes of

communication. The problem USPS is having is that they have become an outdated communication hub. Stamp collecting has a similar problem. The stamp hobby has failed to stay current with digital communication trends, which is why the hobby (in general) is losing members. For PSLC to grow, we need a digital communication plan to connect with current and prospective members. While Paul does an excellent job with e-mail updates to members, we need to do more.

As an example, this year, as in the past, I sat with other great club members manually affixing stamps and address labels to the advertising cards for Lancopex-2016. We call it lick & stick night. Instead, we

should be sending out automated e-mail notices before a LANCOPEX show to perspective attendees. We should be on social media-Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, etc. There are email lists we can obtain from APS and ATA, among others, for free or for a small fee in order to solicit prospectives to attend meetings, sales, Lancopex, and others. We do far too little to promote ourselves.

I need your help. I would like to put together a small group including Bob Noble who are functionally web and computer literate to include Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Tumbler, blogging, and others who would be interested in devoting some time (→ Pg. 2 President.)

Pawling Postal History

Charles DiComo

Come and join us for Charles' Illustrated History of the Pawling, New York Post Offices, past and present. This presentation shall include images of the original 1817 David Knapp contract to transport mail with many examples of stampless and stamped mail sent along the route (No. 519) from Poughkeepsie, NY to New Milford, CT which includes stops in Pawling, Quaker Hill, Stonehouse, Holmes, and the surrounding villages. He will show the evolution of the Pawling postmarks and circular date stamps such as Bank Checks, Obsolete Currency, Fractional Currency, Promissory Notes, Bank Tags, Post Cards, Trade Cards, and more.



Needed For Lancopex

Please bring your pre-read stamp magazines, journals, books, & references to the April meeting or to the show when you come. These will be used at our give-away and/or youth tables where appropriate.

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Highlights

- Connecting PSLC?
- Pawling Postal Hist.
- Eagle Marble Works
- APS & ATA Packets
- Irish Overprints III

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

PSLC Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at The Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 7:00 PM. Dues are \$10.00. For club info, call Lucy Eyster: 717.735-2586

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President (From Pg. 1)

to build a digital communication and implementation plan for PSLC. "The times, they are a-changing," and PSLC needs to enter the digital communication age and social media.

Finally, LANCOPEX is in two weeks. I look forward to seeing everyone there whether you are visiting with dealers, helping at the club tables, and/or working with the crew to mount and dismount the stamp and cover displays. I know you'll have a great time, and it will be a great show. Finally, I want to say "THANK YOU" to everyone on the Lancopex Committee for all your hard work to bring together a great LANCOPEX 2016. *Hal*

Packet Nite

PSLC held its 2nd Packet Nite to prepare glassines for APS and ATA. We had 13 signed-up, but worked with ten after some late minute cancellations. Diane Meek, Tryude & Bill Greiner, and Paul Petersen will continue to make packets at home, then Paul will convey them to APS and ATA.



Pictured above (left to right) are Lucy Eyster, Diane Meek, Dennis Shumaker, Paul Petersen, Douglas Milliken, Bill Greiner, Deb Ehleiter, Tryude Greiner, and John Ehleiter. Taking the snap of these nine packers was *Daisy Detwiler*, Packet Maker # 10.

The tally was 149+ packets, more for APS. Compiling detailed topical packets takes more stamps and time to prepare. But we'll try.

March 2016 Minutes & Treasury

Diane Meek & Paul Petersen

Opening: Hal Klein opened the business meeting at 7:05 pm with some brief announcements. This ended at 7:30.

Minutes: The February Minutes & Treasurer's Report as published in the March Newsletter were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Drawing: Door prizes of '16 Leap Year cancels on Lancaster postcards were won by Bill Greiner and Hiltrude Lu.

Membership: Lucy Eyster introduced four visitors: Carl Madeina, Florence Kochenberger, George Stephan, & Tim Boland. Attendance-45.

Old Business

2 June Bus Trip to NY-2016: Roy K. Baardsen said that there are just 9 seats left on the bus for the trip which will leave from the Garden Café at 0700. Thirty-one (31) have paid. He is collecting money (\$60), and this payment will secure your seat. Make checks payable to the Reading Stamp Collectors Club.

Lancopex: Paul Petersen announced that the dealers are starting to send in their deposits (however late), so it looks like we'll reach dealer capacity. He passed around the following sign-up sheets related to Lancopex: 1) Patron-

age (\$5 per person/couple); 2) Show volunteer schedule; 3) Frame sign-up for stamp and cover displays. This will be the last night to sign up as a patron.

Diane Meek discussed the USPOD's excitement in participating in our show. On their behalf she solicited what postal items club members would be interesting seeing for sale at the USPS table.

Member Sales at Lancopex: Hal led a discussion regarding a club table for PSLC members to sell their items. Much discussion was generated, and the idea remains viable. However the sentiment is that the prospect be tabled until the 2017 show. This way we will have a year for sufficient research and planning.

New Business:

APS Summer Seminar: As APS Rep. Paul discussed the 20-24 June program in Bellefonte and has applications in hand for any interested club members. Attending for several years, he is available for questions pertaining to this great educational opportunity.

Speaker Honorariums: Paul brought up the issue of small honorariums for our non-member speakers. Following discussion and a successful

motion it was resolved that starting immediately speakers traveling less than 25 miles one-way will receive \$25, those over 50 miles (one-way) will receive \$50, and those 100 miles or more (one-way) will receive \$100.

Program: At 7:45 pm Dave Hunt gave a great PowerPoint on several aspects of German History as depicted on their stamps. Following this, many members remained to frank and add address labels on the Lancopex advertising postcards.

Treasury Report

Covering for Acting Treasurer, Lou DiFelice, Paul gave a verbal overview of the finances for the month. There is nothing exciting, and the club is in good shape. Dealers are signing up for the show and our bills are being paid. Lou will follow-up in future newsletters with the fiscal data.

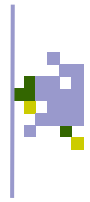
Secretary's Addendum: Just a note on my observations of the pre-meeting bourse activity. Members showed so much interest in stamps and covers that were on sale. They were at the tables and in chairs in the corners and along the walls looking to find that special cover or topical stamp. Dick Shaefer unpacked his and Carol's homemade cookies and drinks that filled the snack counter. It was a wonderful stamp club meeting. *DPM~*



John and Deb Ehleiter make Packets for ATA and APS on 16 March

Club Survey-Your Help is Needed

Paul Petersen will be giving a presentation entitled "Stamp Clubs and Reaching Out: Grassroots Connections" on 21 June at the APS Summer Seminar. He needs your help and will be sending out a short survey for your input electronically and hard copy at the meeting. The purpose is to share information regarding club viability with the other APS stamp club chapters. Please be thinking about what brought you to PSLC and what keeps you coming back. What are the strengths of this stamp club? What would you like to see added to the club or changed in any way? Why would you recommend this club to others. Your information will help Paul promulgate helpful ideas.



Postal History: A Monument to a Life

Hal Klein

The horses and other animals were nervous and restless that short bleak winter's day in December 1870. A partial solar eclipse⁽¹⁾ had passed quickly over the farm on the 22nd, and the tranquil white beauty of an early nor'easter snow⁽²⁾ of December 23rd had fallen on the fields of the McDannel farm in Mount Joy Township. Probably little was noticed this Sunday's Christmas Day by Samuel, his wife Harriet, or their twelve-year-old daughter, Maryann McDannel. Their thoughts lingered elsewhere, not on the beauties of the spirit of Christmas.

The McDannel's first child, Sarah, born in 1859 just before the great Civil War had died at age four, never living to see this Christmas or to see how restless the horses and cows would be in the barn during the eclipse. Harriet, now age 45, and Samuel, now 53 had suffered the second tragic loss on the fourth

day of December. In an era before modern hospitals and maternity suites, Maryann at 12, was old enough to assist a midwife and other Brethren women in the delivery of her new little sibling who only lived two and a half days.

It was the last day of the year, and there was one last chore to be done. Samuel walked around his horse rechecking where the shafts were pulled into the tugs, while giving reassuring pats to his horse. He rechecked the saddle, traces, breeching straps, and other harnesses⁽³⁾ on his horse and buggy preparing for the nearly two-hour, twenty mile trip across the Township to the Manheim & Lebanon Plank Turnpike (Route 72) and on to Lebanon. His thoughts were on purchasing a headstone for the lost infant child at "Eagle Marble Works."

The illustrated advertising cover from Eagle Marble Works (below) to S.M McDannel on January 1st

(1871) contained the invoice/receipt for the headstone. A map that was published by D.D. Bare & Bridgens in 1864 shows the location of the McDannel Farm and the location of the West Greentree Brethren Cemetery, established in 1855.

Samuel, Harriet, and Maryann lived their entire lives in Mount Joy Twp and are interred side by side at West Greentree Brethren Cemetery at Greentree & Ridge Roads, Mount Joy, PA. The illustrated cover and postal history is a monument to a life: yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

References

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2. Weather.gov/film/ILMsnowfalldatabase
3. Youtube.com/watch?v=HWFGLVxjRI Amish & Mennonite Hitching HJorse to Carriage

Happy Birthday Queen Elizabeth

21 April 2016 is the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. She has set a milestone in British history in her longevity and reign, even longer than her great great grand-



mother, Queen Victoria (1819-1901) who reigned from 1837 to 1901.

Club Notes

Programs/Hosts/Shows

2016 Programs

13 April: Pawling Postal History: Past and Present. Charles Di Como. John & Deb Ehleiter, Hosts

11 May: Coins on Stamps & Stamps on Coins. John Brownell. Hal Klein, Host

8 June: Spring Auction. Dennis Shumaker, Host

13 July: Civil War Covers. Dennis Shumaker. Jim Ziogas, Host

10 August: Late Summer Picnic, Millersville Memorial Park

14 September: Fall Auction. Fred Mackey and Fred Sargent, Hosts

12 October: U.S. International Stamp Shows, Part-I. Paul Petersen. Lucy Eyster, Hostess

9 November: '16 Open House. Vern Marten, Host

14 December: Dinner

2017 Programs

11 January: Winter Auction. Doug Milliken, Host

8 February: Jamaica in World War Two, an APS DVD

8 March: 1.) Lancopex Preparation

12 April: U.S. Postal Rates: 1792-1869, Bill Schultz

10 May: Collectibles and Your Estate. Patti S. Spencer, Esq.

14 June: Spring Auction

12 July: TBA

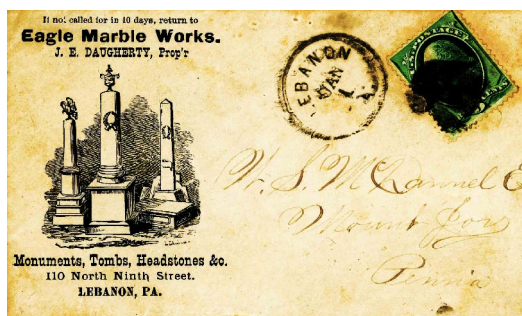
2016 Shows

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: 26 June, 21 August, and 18 December. Farm & Home Center, Kevin Kellman (K²), Manager, 301-371-4558.

DELPEX: Saturday, 23 April, Nur Shrine Center, New Castle, DE

Lancopex: 29-30 April 2016, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road.

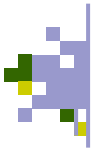
World Stamp Show: NY-2016: Javits Center, 28 May-4 June.



Augment your Collecting

The revised website of the **Collectors Club of Chicago** is up and running and worth a look, especially for its educational info for new and seasoned collectors. See: www.collectorsclubchicago.org.

Post Card Club Meeting: 7:00 pm, Monday, 18 April, Farm & Home Center. The evening's program topic is entitled "German Costumes." Come early to the bourse to view, buy, and/or trade.



Musings: April 2016

Irish History & her 1922-1923...1935 Overprints-III

The 1919-1921 Anglo-Irish War, also known as the Irish War of Independence, led to the immediate need for Irish stamps. Given a limited budget, the stocks of the existing King George V 1912 set from the UK was used. These would be overprinted, and this would set off a philatelic challenge for years to come. Numerous handbooks appeared right away.

one of these per overprinted sheet, and these are more expensive. Finally, there are 46 errors and varieties listed, and since 1927 there have been many more coming to light.

The KGV stamps were introduced last month. For now we'll start with the overprinting of the 12 low values (½d through one 1s [12d, a shilling]).

As a side note, while there are 12 different denominations of the basic KGV stamp set, the 2d and 9d were printed in two different colors making a set of 14 low values. And in overprinting, the 2½d, 4d, and 9d were overprinted in two colors, more in black, the rest in red. Red showed up better on certain of the stamp colors.

report, this number represents all the overprinted low and high value stamps issued between 2/22 and 3/23; this includes three different printers for eight issuances.

Sheets of the low values contained 240 stamps (two panes of 120 each with horizontal gutter margins). The high value stamp sheets contained only 40 stamps each.

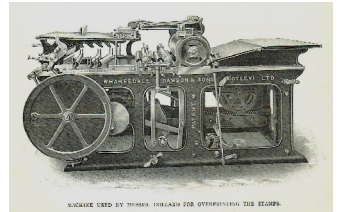
The number of overprinted low value sheets ranged from a high of 60K for the 2d to a low of 6C for the 10d. The ½d was 24K while the 1d was 46K. The rest were all in the low four-figures. These include both black and red overprints. The number of sheets for the three high value stamps were quite low: 2/6-650 sheets; 5s-500 sheets; and 10s-500 sheets.

There are two considerations with regard to the numbers of the high value stamps. First, there were only 40 stamps per sheet compared to 240 on the low values. And second, there were four more issues above the 1922-3 issues: (1) 1925, (2-3) two in 1927, and (4) 1935.

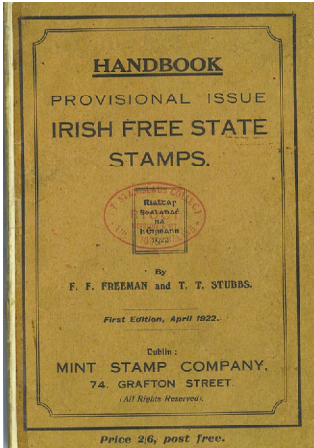
What about the printers? First, recall that there were two basic overprints on the low values as depicted last month; the 5-line *Provisional Government of*

Ireland and the 3-line *Irish Free State*, both printed in the Irish language.

There were three Dublin printers involved in the 1922-3 overprinting of the low value British stamps (½d to 1s [12d]) for use in the "new" Ireland. Harrison only overprinted coils-in four denominations. Dollard Printing House overprinted eight values (including the two 2d and 9d colors), while Alex Thom overprinted the four remaining values. Dollard had experience with stamp production with Chile and other South American countries. An image of Dollard's overprinting machine is pictured below↓.



The next release for both printers was Spring, 1923. This was at the time of the onset of the Irish Civil War. Shooting started in late June at the Four Courts in Dublin when the Nationalists attacked the rebels who occupied the buildings. Following the destruction of the Four Courts, Dollard lost its contract due to damage. Ed



My earliest overprint reference (†) is Freeman and Stubbs, published in April of 1923, 30 pages plus added plates. WG Meredith came out just as early, and by 1927, his publication was in its fourth edition of nearly 50 pages which included a detailed catalogue of prices.

Meredith (1927) lists prices for 90 basic overprinted stamps. Then there are the 170 control stamps. There is



What kinds of numbers of overprinted stamps did Freeman & Stubbs report through April 1923? While this is an early



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