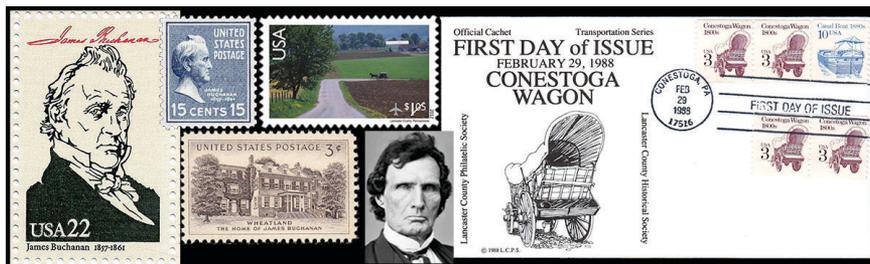




LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

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STAMPS ASSOCIATED WITH LANCASTER COUNTY

Lancaster County has a number of stamp issues associated with its history. The earliest is associated with Cove Gap, Pennsylvania native James Buchanan (1791–1868) — the fifteenth president from 1857–1861. He is depicted on the fifteen-cent prexie (Scott 820) and on the 1986 *AMERIPEX* issue of presidential sheets (Scott 2217f).

Buchanan is best known for Wheatland, his retirement estate. Although he purchased it in 1848, he did not live there until he left the White House. He died there in 1868 and was buried locally. This estate is now associated with the Lancaster Historical Society (WWW.LANCASTERHISTORY.ORG) and is depicted on a 1956 stamp (Scott 1081). Wheatland is one of the Lancaster's foremost historical sites.

There was a first day of issue ceremony on February 29, 1988, for the release of the three-cent Conestoga Wagon stamp (Scott 2252) in the Transportation Coils series. The Philatelic Society of Lancaster County issued FDCs. The money raised on the sale of these FDCs formed the bulk of the society's current net worth. Conestoga, Pennsylvania, is just a few miles due south of Lancaster.

The one dollar and five cents airmail stamp commemorating Lancaster County (Scott C150) was issued on January 12, 2012, without a ceremony. It pictures an Amish buggy among the fields. The club purchased stock FDCs from Kansas City, added cachets, some hand painted, and sold them at our club table at ATA's National Topical Stamp Show in Lancaster later in the spring.

With support from PSLC and other individuals and organizations, local businessman and historian Don Gallagher continues his fifteen-year campaign for a US postage stamp for abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens of Lancaster (1792–1868), shown in a Matthew Brady portrait. He was a congressman known after the Civil War as the “Curse of the South” because of his voice decrying Andrew Johnson's weak post-war reconstruction. ■