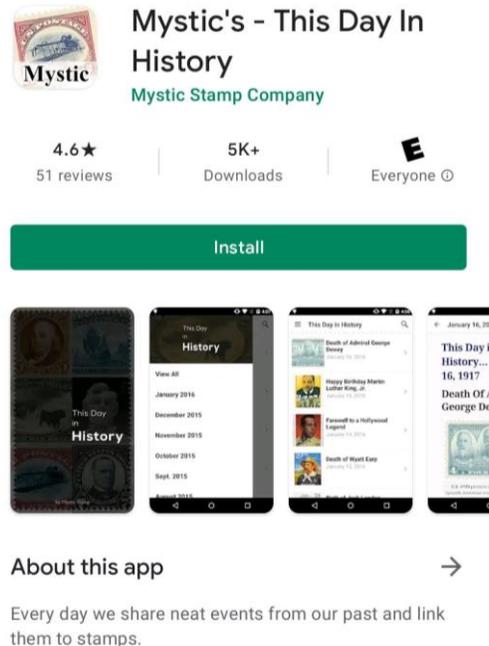


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My favorite app for mobile devices

I spent a considerable amount of time exploring apps in the Google Play Store relating to stamp collecting, and the one I found the most educational is Mystic Stamp Company's "This Day in History" app. If you enjoy stamp collecting and history, this is a very informative app that connects to dots between stamps and history. Readers can click on images in the articles to learn even more about the stamps. Additionally, you can browse posts by month and year, or use search features to find people, topics, and places.

Mystic's This Day in History app is a great way to enjoy philately anytime, anywhere. Best of all, it's a free app. You'll find it in the app store applicable to the make of your phone (Apple or Android).

If you're not keen on using a smart phone, you may still enjoy *This Day in History* by visiting Mystic's website. Follow the links below to check out two of their recent posts – Jim Joppy

[Birth of Mary McLeod Bethune — Mystic Stamp Discovery Center](#)

[Birth of George W. Norris — Mystic Stamp Discovery Center](#)

A reminder that the PSLC has a YouTube Channel, which has some fantastic virtual presentations which have been featured at their meetings in the past year. Visit their [YouTube Channel](#) today, enjoy a presentation and SUBSCRIBE for future updates. Contact [Dr. Charles J. DiComo](#) if you would like to share. – PSLC website

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Published under the auspices of the Letter Carriers of Lebanon

We have the city letter carriers to thank for the City of Lebanon and Independent District directory of 1893, printed at the office of the Lebanon Courier. Arranged and published under their auspices, this was a straightforward listing of Lebanon's residents and businesses.

The letter carriers, named in the title page of the tome, were Wister Sperry, Harvey Spangler, Elmer E. Light, George F. Kimmel, Abraham Weirich, Julius P. Bowman, Cyrus H. Shantz, and Jared Boyer. These were the men who ambled through rain, snow, sleet, and the dead of night to deliver the mail in the last decade before automobiles began to show up on the unpaved streets of Lebanon.

While this directory does contain advertisers, the ads are much simpler than in the previous directories that I've reviewed. They are more like newspaper ads, which is not surprising considering *The Courier* was one of Lebanon's leading newspapers at the close of the 19th century. This directory also resembled later directories, in that ads appeared on the front and back covers, as well as the top and bottom of pages. Alas, there wasn't sufficient room for Dr. George Ross to go into details about his latest miracle cures. But the ads featuring brewers, merchants, and the Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad's route to Mt. Gretna Park are interesting reminders of times long passed.

The city's residential listings are printed clearly, in large typeface on each page, through page 345. The Independent District's directory spans from page 346 – 363. The business directory spans eight blue, unnumbered pages at the very end of the book. By issuing this fine directory, the city letter carriers of 1893 did a great service to those of us who prize in our collections the postal history items that they once delivered as ephemeral correspondence. – Scott Ney

Calendar of Events

[Philatelic Society of Lancaster County – Award-winning, non-profit community organization dedicated to promoting stamp and postal history collecting as a hobby for education and fun. \(lcps-stamps.org\)](http://lcps-stamps.org)

We are planning in 2021 to hold **Virtual Bi-Monthly Meetings**, which shall begin promptly at 6:30 PM and run for ~90 minutes via Zoom video conferencing. For details to attend these meetings please contact [Paul Petersen](mailto:pcpetersen@comcast.net) via email (pcpetersen@comcast.net) or call +1 (717) 299-5640. We usually hold a brief business meeting led by President DiComo, followed by our keynote speaker(s) and a Show & Tell, where Members & Guests can share in a few minutes their favorite stamp, cover, or other philatelic item(s) and take a question or two. We look forward to seeing you! And it is never too late to start planning ahead – speakers are requested. Please contact [Paul Petersen](mailto:pcpetersen@comcast.net).

July 14: *The Use of the 1847 Issue in Boston*, by Mark Schwartz.

The Act of Congress, March 3, 1845, (effective July 1), established new and simplified rates. Letters sent up to 300 miles were charged 5¢ per ½ oz., and those sent over 300 miles, 10¢ per

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½ oz. Section 11 of the Act of Congress, March 3, 1847, authorized Postmaster General Cave Johnson to prepare and issue postage stamps.



He contracted with Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson to prepare both 5¢ and 10¢ adhesives. These stamps were issued on July 1 of that year. Beginning on July 2 and over the next 4 years, Boston would receive 401,000 5¢ stamps and 41,000 10¢ stamps, a number exceeded only by New York and Philadelphia.

July 28: *Philately in the 21st Century*, by Jesse Spector, MD. The Train has left the station. Are you onboard? When in the late 1990s I was encouraged by an ardent philatelist to resurrect the hobby of my youth, I returned to stamp collecting with a passion.

Over a decade I built up extensive U.S., British North America, and Finland collections. Granted, quality was less a concern than filling up empty spaces. And oh, the pleasure of eclectic back of the book collecting. So, what then, with my pleasure at a high, was the seemingly concurrent paradox of membership in philatelic societies and clubs dropping, even precipitously, venerable publications barely surviving or going out of existence, and jam-packed aisles at philatelic shows often now but a distant memory. We all know the answer, albeit reluctantly accepted, that times change. George Bernard Shaw opined that “progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.” Well then, if progress is inevitable, and that includes buggy whips, oil lamps, ice boxes and rug beaters going by the wayside, are certain avocations also on the chopping block. Let’s talk.

August 11: Summer Picnic, Memorial Park, Millersville, PA (Confirmed)

August 25: *Jamestown 1907*, by Roger Brody. The presentation gives the historical background and the development, production and use of the three-stamp issue celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the 1607 English settlement of Jamestown, Virginia. In early 1903, the Virginia Historical Society petitioned the Post Office Department to issue special stamps to commemorate the Jamestown founding in conjunction with the 1907 Tercentennial Exposition on the shores of Hampton Roads, Virginia. Unlike previous fairs, the exposition had a strong military presence and international naval participation. In October 1906, the Post Office Department agreed to issue 1¢ and 2¢ Jamestown commemorative stamps to meet the domestic postcard and letter rates, respectively. In March 1907, a month before the Exposition opening, with the expected assemblage of foreign war ships, postal officials saw the need for a 5¢ stamp to meet the foreign postage letter rate.