



Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

**The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the
American Philatelic Society
American Topical Association-Chapter 118
Website: <https://lcps-stamps.org>**

**2nd Wednesday/Month-Meet in Person at Landis Homes at 6:30 p.m.
4th Wednesday/Month-Meet Virtually at 6:15 p.m.**



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The Veranda Chronicles

Despite the intolerable nationwide heat that we're all experiencing, I still love this season, as I have some vacation days which means more quality time with the family accompanied by out-of-town travel. This becomes even more important as my youngest will be off to college soon, and we'll experience a window on becoming empty nesters a few years hence. But it also means a little less opportunity for my philatelic research and writing, as the optimal time for that is usually during the dark and stormy nights of winter. However, I continue to update the website, roster, and Facebook page several times a week to keep you all informed and updated. And while many consider summer somewhat of a downtime for collectables, there are several philatelic events coming up which deserve mentioning here, and you'll find the details on our [website](#).

Coming up next Saturday, July 13th is the Allentown Show, also known as the **Eastern PA Stamp Show (EPASS)** in Schnecksville. This is followed by the **Post Mark Collector's Club Annual Convention** in York on August 8-10, and detailed information for this was recently sent to you. Personally, I've never been to anything like this, so I am looking forward to it. This is a very good opportunity to see some uncommon material that might just catch your fancy. Half the fun in philately is identifying new areas to collect and study. Postmarks, anyone? And some of our members are going to [The Great American Stamp Show](#) in Hartford on August 15th to 18th. It's the biggest philatelic event of the year, and one that should not be missed



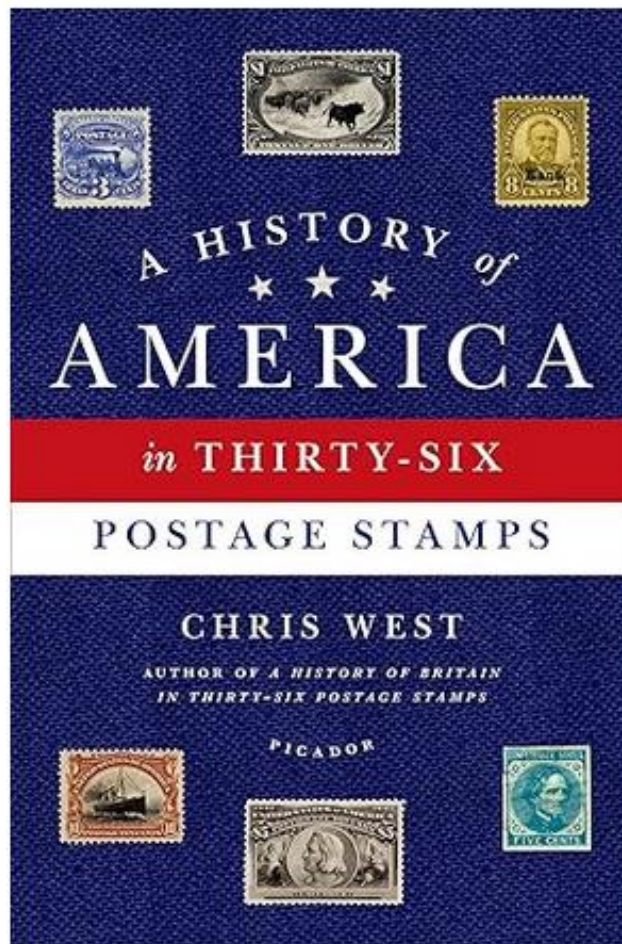
Dr. Charles J. DiComo

While the hobby is what keeps us all connected and engaged with one another as we work on our collections, at work I need some activities to more tightly bond with and within my executive leadership team. One such activity was an outing to Stumpy's Hatchet House in the Granite Run area in Lancaster Township. While work certainly connects us, it is also good to get away and have some fun by participating in an activity that is not germane to our work. At crunch time, I am sure that some of us might like to toss a hatchet or two around the room and/or at our screens; we've honed our accuracy with practice at Stumpy's.

Likewise, I have found that stamp shows have the same effect on me for bonding with members of our club. The shows are someone else's responsibility, so we can just enjoy focusing on our stamps and covers and engaging one another. It is hard to beat.

Stay cool if you can, ***Dr. Charles J. DiComo***

Upcoming Programs



**A History of America in Thirty-Six Postage Stamps
By Chris West**

July 10, 2024

Landis Homes, 6:30 p.m.

Consider avoiding this terrific heat wave by attending tonight's video presentation, the topic of the 2014 Maynard Sundman Lecture of the National Postal Museum of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC. This is a yearly scheduled event at the NPM, which began in 2002 and has featured some of the best people in philately. Coincidentally, a busload of PSLC members was fortunate to participate in the 2017 Sundman Lecture, *The One-Cent Magenta* presented by James Barron, followed by a wonderful lunch along with a drawing for several copies of Mr. Barron's book on the subject.

Chris West is a prolific author and an even better storyteller. His Sundman Lecture in 2013 on *A History of Britain in Thirty-Six Postage Stamps* was so successful, that Mr. Sundman and the NPM invited Chris to return again the following year, 2014, to share the stories of the United States through it's stamps, ergo, tonight's presentation.

So please join us on the 10th for dinner at the Owl Hill Bistro followed by the meeting and presentation video which-as always-will have a bourse, possibly an auction item or two, some great goodies, freebees, and door prizes. Don't miss it.



**The U.S. Virginia Dare Stamp
By Mark Schwartz**

**July 24, 2024
Via Zoom, 6:15 p.m.**

Roanoke Island is an island in Dare County, bordered by the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The colonization effort began as a charter granted by Queen Elizabeth I in 1578 to explore and colonize territories "...unclaimed by Christian kingdoms...". After two failed attempts to establish the first English settlement in America, 117 people, financed by Sir Walter Raleigh and led by Governor John White, reached the island in July 1587. The following month, White's granddaughter, Virginia Dare, became the first English person born in America.

PSLC Summer Picnic

August 14, 2024

Memorial Park in Millersville, 6:30 p.m.

Our annual picnic at Memorial Park will feature good food, great folks, and fun philatelic opportunities to buy, sell, or trade. The club will have several lots to auction off, with all proceeds going to further the PSLC's mission of philatelic ambassadorship.

Collecting the Columbia Bank and Bridge Company

By Scott Ney

August 28, 2024

Via Zoom, 6:15 p.m.

Come join editor, speaker, and collector Scott Ney as he shares from his collection of covers and memorabilia related to the Columbia Bank and Bridge Company. Scott will address some of the fun and the intricacies of obtaining local items from one's own region. This type of material can pose certain challenges to obtain, but knowing where to look is the key. The Columbia Bank and Bridge Company has an interesting history which contributes to both the financial and commercial growth of Lancaster County and the Susquehanna Valley in the 19th Century.

PSLC Calendar

Descriptions for many of these programs are found on the [PSLC website](#)

10 July 2024: A History of America in Thirty-Six Postage Stamps. Chris West

24 July 2024: The U.S. Virginia Dare Stamp. Mark Schwartz

14 August 2024: PSLC Picnic – Memorial Park, Millersville

28 August 2024: Collecting the Columbia Bank and Bridge Company. Scott Ney

11 September 2024: PSLC Auction

25 September 2024: The Civil War: A Postal System Divided. Trish Kaufmann

9 October 2024: Swiss Bundesfeier (National Holiday) Postcards 1910 – 1960 (with a little bit of Swiss History as an added bonus). Mike Bach

23 October 2024: Greenland Ghost Stories on Stamps. Ron Breznay

13 November 2024: PSLC One-Frame Open Exhibition. Members and Guests.

27 November: Captain Tim: The Stamp Man. Rick Barrett

11 December 2024: December Dinner. Venue and Time TBA

25 December: No meeting

2024 Lancaster Stamp Shows: These are held at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center of Lancaster County, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster 17601. The next show is scheduled for August 25, 2024. For more info, visit the [PSLC homepage](https://www.pslc.com), or contact Kevin Kellman at k2stamps@gmail.com or +1 (301) 524-9562.

Save the Date: On Monday evening 19 August 2024, PSLC will be hosting dinner with club member and storyteller Rick Barrett of Houston, TX. Venue and time details will be forthcoming as the date draws nigh. Come share a memorable evening with a great storyteller!

Many of you will remember Rick's past presentations to the club, and he will be with us again on 27 November telling us about Captain Tim, the Stamp Man of the 1930s Ivory Soap Stamp Club radio show. Captain Tim's "stamp club" was a virtual organization he led in collaboration with the H.E. Harris Co., which reached millions of young collectors over the airwaves three times a week. For questions or comments regarding this dinner, please contact Paul Petersen.

THE PRECANCELED BATTLESHIP REPORT

"G.H. MUMM & CO."

Submitted by

Stanley E. Jones and Mary Katherine Klose

Brandywine Valley Stamp Club



eBay.com

Figure 1. An elegant G.H. Mumm crest attributed to an unknown artist. This item was offered by an EBAY dealer and has been borrowed from his site.

G.H. Mumm & Co., Reims, France, are vintners and have a champagne house that was founded in 1827. The company has a rich history and a connection to precanceled battleships. The Mumm family lineage dates back to the twelfth century. The family was engaged in the wine business as producers and merchants as early as 1761.

It is not certain when the export business began, but Mumm & Co. has become one of the largest exporters of sparkling wines in the world. There does not appear to be any evidence of fiscal activity during the Civil War (G.L. Toppan, H.E. Deats and A. Holland [1]), so it is safe to say that its export business to the U.S. began sometime after the Civil War Revenue Tax was repealed in 1872. There is, however, considerable evidence of fiscal activity during the Spanish-American War (1898-1901). According to Chappell and Joyce [2], G.H. Mumm employed the use of one-cent and two-cent proprietary stamps with three precancel types. Type 1 is a three line cancel in serif type with the year on the last line. Type 2 is a four line cancel with the day and month on the last line. Type 3, Figures 2 and 3, is a three line cancel with the date on the last line. Stamps with type 3 cancels are the only examples that we have seen.



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Figure 2. *Type 3 red precancels on 1-cent proprietary stamps. All of these stamps were used late in the tax period, as indicated by the dates and the fact that the cancels appear on hyphen-hole perf 7 stamps. The condition of the stamps is very poor in some cases. Remember that these stamps were used on bottles of champagne. You'd have to be a special person to care about the stamp when opening a bottle of champagne.*



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Figure 3. Type 3 dark blue precancels on two cent proprietary stamps. The condition of these stamps is very poor. The stamps with early dates are rouletted 5 ½, indicating usage early in the tax period.

Mumm champagne continued to be exported to the U.S. into the twentieth century and beyond, Figure 4.



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Figure 4. This scarce poster, identified with the "Roaring Twenties," is an original stone lithograph by an anonymous artist. It is offered by several EBAY dealers for roughly \$1000.



eBay.com

Figure 5. A 1901 calendar advertising Mumm champagne. This item was offered by an EBAY dealer. This calendar was contemporary to the stamps in Figures 2 and 3. It also advertises the number of cases of champagne delivered in 1901.

The Mumm family befriended the famous Japanese-French artist Leonard (Tsuguharu) Foujita early in the twentieth century. Foujita converted to Catholicism later and was given a tract of land on the Champagne House property on which the Foujita Chapel was built. The walls of the chapel are adorned with frescos which Foujita himself painted. One of the most famous of these frescos is “The Virgin in the Grapes,” Figure 6. This work is significant here because it inspired the top of the bottle in Figure 7. Foujita is responsible for the motif which has been used to decorate the bottle of Mumm Cordon Rouge, Figure 7, since 1958. The connection that Foujita has to Mumm & Co. was so strong that there is a bottle named after him, Figure 8.



Figure 6. *“The Virgin in the Grapes,”* a fresco by Leonard Foujita, the Japanese-French artist befriended by the Mumm family. This fresco appears on a wall of the Foujita Chapel on the Mumm Champagne House property. Notice the gold crown above the head of the virgin. It was the motivation for the gold foil on the top of the bottle in Figure 7.



Mumm.com

Figure 7. A G.H. Mumm bottle of Cordon Rouge, rose champagne, with the signature red stripe and the gold metallic top inspired by the “The Virgin in the Grapes” shown in Figure 6.



Mumm.com

Figure 8. A Mumm bottle of champagne named for Leonard Foujita.

G.H. Mumm & Co. has been established as one of the premier producers of sparkling wine. Through a joint venture between G.H. Mumm & Cie and Joseph E. Seagram, G.H. Mumm is one of the leading producers of champagne in the Napa Valley of California. This region has been deemed ideal for producing this variety of wine and their product has been very well received. The company is currently ranked among the top five exporters of champagne in the world. The company's interest in art and eye for design remains current with their 2022 creation—a bottle of “Champagne for Space.”



Mumm.com

Figure 9. A Mumm bottle of Cordon Rouge Stellar, a custom-made champagne that has been designed to be consumed aboard the Axiom Space Station.

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Sharing history with stamps

First Day of Issue Ceremony

When: Wednesday, July 31, at 10 a.m. EDT
Where: Truist Park
755 Battery Ave. SE
Atlanta, GA 30339
Attendees are encouraged to RSVP at usps.com/hankaaronstamp.

Click to register for ceremony.

Sharing history with stamps

WILLIAM STILL
October 2, 1827 - July 14, 1902

MARIAN ANDERSON
February 22, 1897 - April 9, 1993

By Jim Joppy

How Larry Lester Helped Bring Negro Leagues the Baseball Records into MLB Record Books

Larry Lester, author, historian and co-founder of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

ESPER member helped bring Negro League record into MLB record books

ESPER mobile website

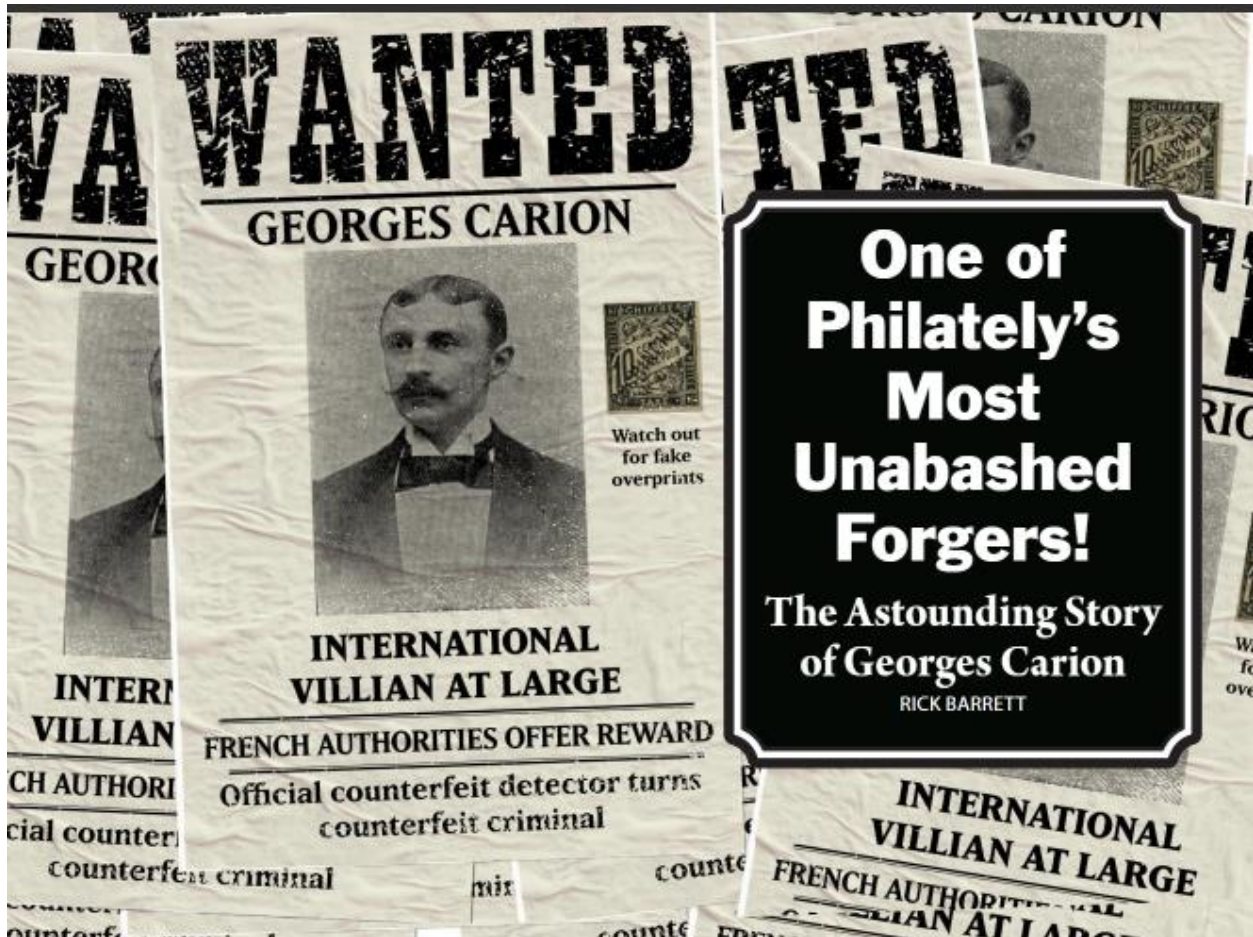
PSLC member [Jim Joppy's article](#) about his experience sharing history with stamps at the historic Eden Cemetery has been posted on the website of the [Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Recollections \(ESPER\)](#). Jim's article, which begins with one of my new favorite introductory lines of all time, was first published in the May 2024 issue of the Lebanon Stamp Collector's Club newsletter.

Links to recent PSLC presentations

Cemil Betanov (03/27/24): [EFOs on Newspaper Wrappers \(youtube.com\)](#)

Rick Barrett (05/22/24): [Georges Carion: The Forger Who Went to Extremes To Deceive! \(youtube.com\)](#)

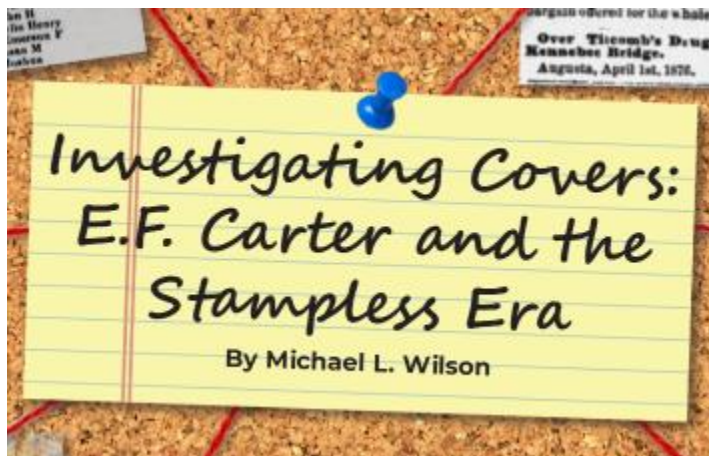
PSLC members who were present for Rick Barrett's presentation in May were treated to a preview of his article in the June issue of the *American Philatelist*:



American Philatelist, June 2024

StampED: The Spring issue of the free APS magazine is now available at:
<https://stamped.pub/>

Check out PSLC member and editor of *The Philly Philatelist* Mike Wilson's article in the current issue of *StampED*, beginning on electronic page 54:



StampED, Spring 2024

For those of you who can't get enough of the proprietary match and medicine stamps, the article right before it provides an introduction to the beautiful private die varieties that are a favorite of many philatelists.

Member Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Years</u>
Cemil Betanov	07/20/2020	4
Keith Bloss	07/12/2023	1
Tom Bowman	07/20/2023	4
Gareth Diem	07/08/2009	15
Robert Fletcher	07/09/2020	4
Henry Harrison	07/29/2021	3
Hal Klein	07/10/2013	11
Keith Lichtman	07/16/2018	6
Steven Rod	07/31/2023	1

Happy PSLC anniversary!

Member Requests and Notices

Members of the PSLC may submit a notice of collecting interests and requests for research at no cost. Please email your requests to the newsletter editor for consideration. We will run your items for a minimum of two to three months unless otherwise directed.

Research Request: Pawling, Patterson & surrounding PO's, Dutchess & Putnam Co., NY: Stampless, Classic, Modern; Postcards, Bank Checks, Advertisements, Victorian Trading Cards, Bank Tags, Currency. Includes Pauling(s), Pawling(s)ville, Campbell(s)ville, Pawlings, Pawling, N. Quaker Hill, Quaker Hill, Farmer's Hill, Stonehouse, W. Pawling, Holmes, Haviland Hollow, Wingdale, Wing's Station. Looking to see images and also acquire. Contact Dr. Charles J. DiComo at charlesdicomo@gmail.com or +1 (914) 450-3791

Research Request: U.S. Private Die Proprietary 'Match & Medicines' Revenues, issued stamps, post-tax labels, facsimiles on original packaging (bottles, boxes, tins), wrappers, product inserts, almanacs, billheads, etc. Looking to see images and also acquire. Contact Dr. Charles J. DiComo at charlesdicomo@gmail.com or +1 (914) 450-3791

Research Request: Terry Hursh is looking for covers from West Overton (1861 – 1902) and Broad Ford (1861 – 1956) in southwestern Pennsylvania. West Overton Post Office was located in Westmoreland County, and Broad Ford was located in Fayette County. Terry is also searching for material related to the Overholt Distillery or Henry Clay Frick Coal Mines. Anything that you can share about these places in the past might be of great interest to Terry. Please contact him at revhursh@gmail.com.

Research Request: Material of ANY kind pertaining to well-known stamp and First Day Cover dealer Elmer R. Long. Rick is putting together a presentation and talk for 2025 and is trying to complete a set of Mr. Long's little "Collector's Handbooks" which came out at least annually from 1935 to 1964. If you have any of those, or any correspondence or interesting paper material relating to Elmer Long, please contact Rick at rickbarrettmail@comcast.net anytime. If you ever met or did business with Mr. Long, he'd love to hear from you as well.

Research Request: Looking for the following DC-4 Skymaster plate blocks: C32 – 23493 LL&LR, 23494 LR, 23523 UL &LR; C33 – 23590 UL. Please contact Tom Nichols at tnicholspa@gmail.com.

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General Information

Visitors are Always Welcome!

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We meet in-person on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (Except August & December) at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossings Meeting Room, Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17542. See our website for directions.

We meet virtually on the 4th Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. For society information and meeting links, contact Paul Petersen (pcpetersen@comcast.net).

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The PSLC is honored to be selected a winner of the 2023 APS Star Route Awards for our website and newsletter. The Society website (lcp-stamps.org) is winner of the Grand Champion and Large Gold awards. It is our 24 – 7 virtual presence, where philatelists all over the world can access current and past issues of our Vermeil Award-winning *PSLC Newsletter*, in addition to useful philatelic links, exhibits, presentations, useful resources, affiliates, member spotlight, regional stamp shows, history and awards, etc. Please check out our PSLC YouTube Channel and Facebook page.