



# 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>**

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



## The Veranda Chronicles

Not sure what is keeping me busier, my work, family vacationing, or my philatelic research. As you can see elsewhere in this fine newsletter, I've been busy, having found a Loewenberg-style decal that was used on cover in late 1863 to early 1864, a discovery which I have just published in the August 2024 issue of the *Chronicle* of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society. I hope to share this with you in more detail at a future PSLC meeting. Also noted herein, you'll see that the PSLC YouTube channel now has five hundred subscribers. It is wonderful to see how many people visit our site and view our fine Zoom presentations. Perhaps most significantly, you'll read memorials for two of our members who, sadly, passed away in July: James H. Ziogas and George D. Hauber, Sr. Their losses are felt by their family and friends, along with those of us in PSLC who have benefited from their friendship and philatelic contributions for these past many years.

Just in case you missed it, there was a postal rate increase in mid-July, and the main First-Class changes are as follows:

First Class: 73¢

Each additional ounce: 28¢

Post-and Postal Cards: 56¢

Worldwide post cards and first-class letters up to one ounce: \$1.65

Check out <https://usps.com> for rate changes in other categories

Even as a kid collector, I always liked to use one or more stamps on my correspondence and packages; actually, the more stamps I could use the better, and I continue to do this today. One collector told me that he feels he's letting the hobby down if he uses less than three stamps on a cover and six on a package. But with all the Forever stamps that he owns, along with gazillions of stamps of lesser denominations, he substitutes seals and Cinderellas, as to not over-frank the first-class rate when he used a Forever stamp. I might add that this collector's wife has told him that they have medication for this condition!

Of course, by continuing to use older stamps, we are starting to have a problem, a very practical one indeed: how many stamps can we put on a letter or bill? Just to make this point, take the sheet of seventy-five 1¢ stamps illustrated at the top of the Veranda; can you imagine affixing 73 of these babies on a cover? It can't be done on a standard business-sized envelope. But, I can assure you, those of us who love our stamps and love using them on first class mailings will find a way to use as many of them on our mailings as possible. Perhaps we can use four 15¢ stamps along with a 6¢, 4¢, and 3¢ set? That's possible, isn't it? The permutations and combinations are almost infinite, and it is so much fun. My family always notices when I receive a mailing from a stamp friend. So, until next month, happy franking! – Dr. Charles J. DiComo

## Upcoming Programs



**It's PSLC Summer Picnic time!**

**When: Wednesday, 14 August, 6:00 p.m.**

**Where: Millersville Memorial Park** (directions below)

**Remember:** Please bring your appetizer, side dish, or dessert for which you signed up. Burgers, hotdogs, drinks, and condiments will be provided.

**Buy, Sell & Trade Night:** Please bring no more than a few boxes of stuff for BS&T this evening. Club donated items will also be on sale for the benefit of PSLC.

**Officiating & Cooking:** John Hostetter, Bill Greiner, Dan Martin, and Paul Petersen. Post-picnic cleanup help is always appreciated.

**Directions to the Park:** *Driving west into Millersville from Lancaster on 999, the Park is on the north side of 999 (Manor Ave.) just west of the intersection of George Street with 999. (See map at left) A landmark is John Herr's Market. The park is just behind this supermarket. Also, across the street from the park is the Barn Door Restaurant. We'll be meeting in Pavilion-A, the big one just down the hill and on the left. Park right behind the pavilion in the large adjacent lot. Immediate Past President Doug Milliken has been very successful ordering perfect picnic weather over the years, and we are fortunate that he has agreed to an encore again this year. For those technically savvy, conduct a MapQuest or other map search for 9 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, and the park is right behind this location.*



**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.



Wayne Heim

## PSLC Calendar

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

**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](#), or contact Kevin Kellman at [k2stamps@gmail.com](mailto:k2stamps@gmail.com) or +1 (301) 524-9562.



## **George D. Hauber, Sr.**

**7 December 1944 – 9 July 2024**

George entered the world on the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor, turning the day of solemn remembrance into a day of celebration for his family long after the struggle brought on by the day's events in 1941 was formally ended. He made education his life's work and spent 34 years of his 37-year career teaching at Millersville University.

George was a man of many skills, and his specialties reflect the changing times that he lived through. As an Industrial Arts teacher, he taught woodworking, construction, and automotive, as well as printing, photography, and desktop publishing. George loved working with PowerPoint, and his embrace of modern technology no doubt helped keep him young in spirit. He enjoyed using his considerable skill to create show and tell presentations for our virtual PSLC meetings, and for the PSLC newsletter.

George loved collecting the stamps of the Philippines, and the inspiration for this area of specialization no doubt came from his two years of service as a missionary there. The snapshot above was taken in August 1978, at the Faith Academy in the Philippines. He is pictured with his wife, Patty Lou, and children Tricia, David, Bill, and Suzy. Our condolences go out to the entire Hauber family.

Perhaps those of us who knew George will remember him best for his kindness and positive outlook. He lived out his values in his kindness to others.

[George Hauber Obituary - Harrisburg, PA \(dignitymemorial.com\)](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/george-hauber)

# Remembering Jim Ziogas

*By Dr. Paul Petersen*

Jim passed away last month following a long struggle with cancer and related health issues, though stamp collecting was with him to the end. Coming to America as a child from Greece, he and his family settled in Tamaqua, PA where his father and uncle opened a small business in the downtown area. Following college, graduate school, and the army, Jim became a history and political science teacher at Elizabethtown Area High School, retiring in 1992 after thirty-three years. His exemplary church, civic, and non-profit activities testify to his lifelong desire to serve.

In 2001 I met Jim after joining PSLC, and a few years later he told me that he was selling his collection, as he was feeling a little too old to have all that material around. Shortly after he shared that he was starting up again, as it was hard to stay away. Well, he went through this cycle several times. He really loved to buy and sell and collect, and his long-time friend, Peter Bills, former PSLC president and full-time online stamp dealer was always there to help him out. Jim was a regular at all club events, often in a volunteer capacity with the activity of the day or weekend.

For nearly ten years, Jim, PSLC member Joy Bouchard, and I made all-day excursions to the APS in Bellefonte, usually just before Christmas and then again in May or June. It was a favorite day for all of us. Jim was also connected with Joy as he had her daughters as students at EAHS, and like Jim, Joy was from Tamaqua. There was so much to do at APS, and we never seemed to have enough time. His favorite activity, he said, was dickering on prices with Richard who ran the APS sales concession for donated items from stamps, postage, postcards, Cinderellas, ephemera, albums, and supplies. But I have to think that what mattered to Jim was the bargaining process, not the price reduction. As a long-time supporter of APS, Jim never took a discount to reduce the APS's income from donations. With five hours in the car to and from Bellefonte, time allowed us to solve all the political problems of the day from both sides of the aisle! These perfect days ended meeting up with club member Dennis Bouchard at an E-town or Mount Joy eatery for dinner before heading our separate ways home.

Jim was not a tech devotee, so he could not participate in our twice-monthly Zoom meetings following the onset of Covid-19 in the spring of 2020. But this all changed when club member Don Barron gave a digital presentation of the First Day of Issue Ceremony for the Tamaqua Railroad stamp a few months ago. I was able to forward the YouTube recording to his daughter's laptop for him to view, and he loved it. During the discussion following the PowerPoint, the Tamaqua restaurant "Texas Lunch" came up, and several meeting participants shared going there and liking it years ago. In doing so they remembered Jim's family, who owned that restaurant and ran it so well. Fortuitously, following some research, Don was able to find an image of the restaurant, which I was able to forward to Jim. Perhaps with a few more views of his daughter's laptop, Jim just might have become a "Tech" believer, but unfortunately for all of his family and friends, the cancer took him too soon.



## Dr. DiComo shares a new discovery

The Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PSLC) and the Empire State Postal History Society (ESPHS) are pleased to share that President Dr. Charles J. DiComo has published his original research entitled "New Discovery: A Loewenberg-style Decal Used on a Cover" in the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society's 'The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues,' August 2024, Whole No. 283, Vol. 76, No. 3, pp. 233-237.

The article describes Charles' discovery of a Henry Loewenberg-style decal affixed to a cover sent through the mails on a 'Due 6' unpaid envelope to a Mrs. A.E. McDonald, Belleville, Mifflin Co., PA.

This new decal utilizes a portion of the American Banknote Company's (ABNCs) engraved design found on the reverse of the Scott #PC1 postage currency note and physically matches the process described in the Loewenberg Patent 40,489, whereby a printed design (the decal) is transferred to a surface (the cover), adhering with the gum-like substance. Significantly, this resembles the earliest known Loewenberg decal. The probable period of use is late 1863 or early 1864.

In December 2023, the Philatelic Foundation (PF) issued its certificate 557,941, inscribed as follows:

"Loewenberg 'test' decalomania essay on cover to Belleville, Pa., ms. 'Due 6' at upper right. We are of the opinion that it is genuine, the image is the design from the reverse of PC1, the gum is scientifically matched to the Loewenberg decal. It was not recognized as postage and was charged 6¢ postage due."

As one postal historian shared, “DiComo strikes again with his in-depth research, rigorous scientific analysis, and has added significant insight to the “invention of prevention” era, the period to prevent the re-use of U.S. postage & revenue stamps in North America.

Enjoy the full article here:

<https://lcps-stamps.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/DiComo-Chas-Loewenberg-Cover-Chronicle-283-2024-08.pdf>

The  
**Chronicle**  
of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues

**“New Discovery:  
A Loewenberg-style  
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Figure 4. Both sides of the Postage Currency note that Scott catalogs as PC1. The front shows the then-current 5¢ Jefferson postage stamp. The reverse, printed by the American Bank Note Company (note their ornamental logo at lower right) shows a large numeral 5, surrounded by twelve smaller 5's within a scallop-edged ornamental lathework design.



**Charles J. DiComo, PhD**  
ESPHS & PSLC President  
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USPCS Life Member

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ESSAYS & PROOFS  
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**NEW DISCOVERY:  
A LOEWENBERG-STYLE DECAL USED ON A COVER**  
CHARLES J. DICOMO

Illustrated in Figure 1 is a reversed “5” decal affixed to a cover. This envelope, bearing a manuscript “Due 6” rating notation and addressed to Belleville, Pennsylvania, apparently passed through the mails with no postal indication of origin. As will be shown below, the numeral of the decal and the field that surrounds it employ a portion of an American Bank Note Company (ABNC) design from the reverse of a United States Postage Currency note. And the construction of the decal seems based on methodology described in a patent issued to Henry Loewenberg in 1863. Loewenberg was an entrepreneur and an inventor who worked with New York’s Bank Note printers in the mid-1860s in attempt to create postage stamps that could not be reused.

I found this intriguing cover while examining an unpacked lot of Mifflin County (Pennsylvania) correspondence acquired from a longtime dealer of central Pennsylvania postal history. The thick yellow paper envelope, roughly sliced open at right, measures around 3 by 5½ inches and has no postal markings to determine where it might have entered the mails. There are no markings on the reverse either. The envelope is addressed to “Mrs. A.E. McDonald, Belleville, Mifflin Co., Pa” and lacks any content. The black manuscript “Due 6” marking appears to be in a different hand (and in darker ink) than the address.



Figure 1. Stamped cover to Belleville, Pennsylvania, with no postal markings other than the manuscript “Due 6” affixed at upper left is a Loewenberg-style decal showing a reverse numeral 5.

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Figure 5. At left: enlarged mirror image of the cover decal (see Figures 1 and 2) with salient design elements encircled in green. At right, a close-up of the comparable portion of the Postage Currency note engraved and printed by ABNC (see Figure 4). The designs are identical. The green circles highlight duplicated elements, confirming the match: the word “for”; “Trea” from Treasurer; and “ble” from Receivable.



<https://lcps-stamps.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/DiComo-Chas-Loewenberg-Cover-Chronicle-283-2024-08.pdf>

Montage courtesy of Dr. Charles J. DiComo



# The Maine Event? Spanish-American War Revenue Stamps: The Attacks that Led to a Tax

(This article was submitted by Club Member Stanley E. Jones, PhD)

Dr. Stanley Jones, who provides the PSLC with a regular column delving into the extremely rich topic of Battleship revenue stamps, contributed an excellent piece for the June edition of the *First State Philatelist* newsletter of the Brandywine Valley Stamp Club. The *First State Philatelist* is edited by Fr. James Lentini and is a participant of the PSLC's newsletter exchange with our friends and affiliated clubs.

## The PSLC YouTube Channel Reaches 500 subscribers.



<https://youtube.com/@philatelicsocietyoflancast7393>

Montage and report courtesy of Dr. DiComo

## Links to recent PSLC presentations



American Topical Association :  
(ATA) 75th Anniversary: A...

[American Topical Association \(ATA\) 75th Anniversary: A Look at the Past and Future. - YouTube](#)

## Virginia Dare – The Stamp and the Story



[2024-07-24-Schwartz-Mark-Lost-Colony-Virginia-Dare.pdf \(lcps-stamps.org\)](#)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tnicholspa@gmail.com).

## Member Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Years</u>
Roger Brody	08/23/2023	1
Laura Duncan	08/10/2021	3
Steven Kennedy	08/10/2019	5
Tom Nichols	08/04/2017	7

Happy PSLC anniversary!

## PSLC Officers

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## General Information

### Visitors are Always Welcome!

PSLC dues are \$10.00 a year. For existing members who want to renew their membership for 1 or more years, and/or make a donation to support our Society activities and programs, you can use PayPal-Friends by remitting payment to President Charles J. DiComo, PhD at charlesdicomo@gmail.com and denote in Notes section the reason for payment, your name, and how many years you are paying. Venmo can also be used @charlesdicomo. For new members, please mail/email your [Membership Application](#) along with a check or money order to Treasurer, Lou DiFelice.

We meet in-person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. For society information and meeting links, contact Paul Petersen ([pcpetersen@comcast.net](mailto: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](https://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.