



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.**



www.landishomes.org

The Veranda Chronicles

It's good to be back in town and settle in, and on Wednesday, May 14, we will be having our face-to-face meeting at Landis Homes to hear Ron Leshar on "The First Appearance of Lincoln on Stamps." We have been greatly privileged to have Ron sharing with us for several years on very interesting revenue topics via Zoom, but this time he will be here in person. Be sure to thank him when you see him for all his contributions to PSLC. Next, The Philatelic Gathering will be meeting in West Chester on the following Saturday, May 17th. We are delighted to have Bob Meyers with us, and he'll discuss "West African UPU British Empire Security Protected Specimen Stamps from 1884 to 1948," and adding to this, philatelist Bud Barker will present "The United States Presidential Series of 1938: An Overview."

Without further ado, I want to return to the topic I started last month in my Veranda column, playfully questioning the existence of a stamp-collecting gene. I mentioned I would be conferring with the developmental psychologists and their literature, and they didn't let me down. As I noted last month, these professionals conduct research and may intervene in a host of developmental parameters including learning, language, attitudes, preference, self-esteem, attraction, parenting, and ethical behavior. To help provide clarification we have clinical psychologists who study and provide therapy for mental disorders of thought, mood, and affect as well as a host of anxieties and personality disorders.

For the collecting genes, these research psychologists seem to have an explanation, though not quite the definitive answer in terms of 'yes' or 'no' that I was expecting while wearing my geneticist hat. Permit me to digress for a bit; one of the big questions in their research has been the contribution of nature vs. nurture in many of the developmental constructs. A well-studied example is the following: how much of one's intelligence (IQ) is due to nature (gene code), and how much is due to nurture (the person's environment such as family style, school attendance, and other experiential variables). This question has led to several additional inquiries, as is often the case in science. For example, is the nature/nurture ratio a fixed one, or can it differ between people, between/within families, villages? Hopefully, you get the point. It's complicated, and it can be political. But bear with me.

The ratio of the relative contributions of one's genetic potential with their environment is labeled "interactionism." While it can sometimes be hard to get a straight answer out of a psychologist, the explanation bears some merit the way they explain it. Consider a developing organism; we'll label him Jack. Jack's gene code is not solidly fixed right at the beginning, as there is some built in wiggle room or potential that we'll call the 'norm of reaction.' An example might be that Jack's IQ is not determined to be 105 early on. Instead, the wiggle room or potential for Jack's IQ is on a continuum from 95 to 120, a range of 25 points, no more, no less. This is his gene code. Under normal conditions, no matter how good or poor his environment may be, he will be within this 25-point range. His cousin may have a range from 110 to 140, while a distant relative may range from 70 to 90.

The more accurate estimate of Jack's IQ within that range from 95 to 120 (nature) will be determined by the influence of his environment (nurture) on that range. The greater the enrichment of his environment, the closer to 120 his IQ will be. The more impoverished or limiting his environment, the closer his IQ will be to 95. (For reference, the average IQ is 100, with a normal range from 90 to 110 according to one school of thought. Traditionally, a minimum IQ of 110 is usually required for successful college study.)

Operationally, if Jack has a solid family life that encourages him to go to school and to seek good grades, and if they help him with his homework, this will contribute positively to a supportive environment (nurture) and thus a higher IQ within his genetic range of 95-120. Other variables include being read to as a child, attending a school with a good record, having friends who are also interested in learning, and you get the point. How does this relate to the "stamp collecting" gene? Read on.

A while back, I learned from a podcast I listened to or an article I read that most kids collect “stuff” from a very early age. Fact. And my two daughters, siblings, and nieces and nephews all had collections; there were several collections over the years, and I believe that you know my collecting passions. My further observations are that kids will change what they collect, perhaps in their items of choice, and/or the intensity. On the other hand, some may cease collecting entirely, and it all fades away.

Let’s make that inferential leap of faith and say that the potential range for collecting stamps is in these kids’ genetic make-ups; it is somewhere along that continuum. Some continuums are longer than others. Will they become collectors? And what defines the subject matter of kids’ collections (stamps, baseball cards, Hot Wheels, dolls...) and their accompanying level of intensity? The latter can range from “all in” for a lifetime to just fair-weather collecting. Here we are getting back to the “Nature Vs. Nurture” issue. Let’s explore the environment (nurture) concept, and see how it may influence and bring the future stamp collector to the surface. And recall that these potential collectors may be children or adults.

What delineates that special environment to bring out and enhance that “stamp collecting gene?” This “environment” is usually occupied by a family member or friend, a teacher or neighbor with a collection, individuals willing to share their stamps (or other collectibles), give their time, and provide encouragement and feedback. If an adult or child’s genetic range is shallow on “collecting,” the exposure (environment) may have little effect or a short-lasting one at most.

Over the years, as I got to know those of you in the club, many of you have mentioned that the occasion to collect stamps (and perhaps other items such as coins, postcards, ephemera, books, Legos, maps...) presented itself as the result of someone close who introduced you to the hobby. We have all had experiences of sharing stamps and other items with kids where there was little, if any, interest, indicating their genetic continuum was narrow. Some of you came into or returned to the hobby as adults. Consider Mike’s adult experience: “I was at a friend’s house, and she showed me her stamp collection, and I was immediately hooked. Then she helped me to get started. And now look at me; I’m quite broke but very happy, fulfilled, and content!”

We really don’t know if there is a stamp collecting gene, and probably never will, but putting genetics aside, the potential collector must have that basic sense of inquiry toward objects along with a desire to both organize and classify these objects to learn from them and perhaps share what they have learned with others. If a person with these personal characteristics exists within an enriched environment, with a knowledgeable stamp enthusiast to share material, encourage, and spend time with them, we just might gain a new collector. It matters not whether they are child or adult; in either case, they may become a collector for life.

It’s a fun topic to discuss, as there is something for everyone, and the case study emphasizes the importance of sharing our hobby with both young and old alike. What do you think? I would welcome your feedback on this topic. Looking forward to seeing you this week at Landis. – **Dr. Charles J. DiComo**

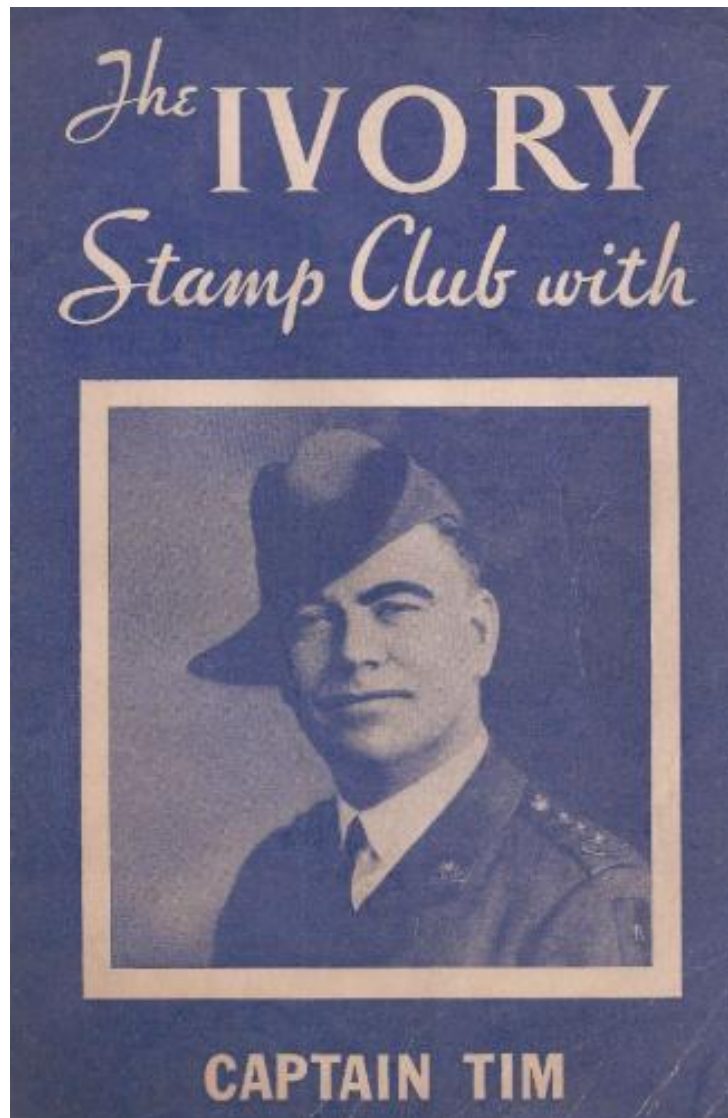
Upcoming Programs



The first appearance of Lincoln on stamps Ronald Leshner

14 May 2025, 6:30 p.m. – Landis Homes, Lititz PA

Happy Birthday, President Lincoln! It was about six weeks after the assassination of President Lincoln that his vignette appeared on the 5¢, 10¢, and 50¢ designs for revenue stamped paper (Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue, prefix RN). By mid-June 1865 the 5¢ design was on certificates of deposit by the American Exchange Bank of New York City. Ron will show us many examples of the three denominations.



**Captain Tim Healy
Rick Barrett**

28 May 2025, 6:15 p.m. – Via Zoom

Join us for a fun, fast-paced talk on a man who likely brought more people into philately than anyone else in his day, including President Roosevelt! Together we'll get into a time machine with captivating storyteller Rick Barrett as he shares new pictures and information about the legendary Captain Tim Healy, a giant in our hobby, and a member of the APS Philatelic Hall of Fame!

PSLC Calendar

All meetings on the second Wednesday of the month are in person at Landis Homes, and all meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month are on Zoom. Descriptions for many of these programs are found on the [PSLC website](#)

14 May: First appearance of Lincoln on stamps. Ronald Leshner.

28 May: Captain Tim Healy. Rick Barrett

11 June: Spring PSLC auction at Landis Homes

25 June: The centennial of the 1925 Santa Barbara earthquake. Rob Sternberg

09 July: Crash mail. Mike Wilson

23 July: Rounding Up Texas Post Offices: Identifying and Locating all the Sites that a County Has to Offer. John Germann

13 August: PSLC Annual Summer Picnic

27 August: Civil War pension philately. Scott Ney

10 September: Fall PSLC auction at Landis Homes

24 September: Graf Zeppelin & Hindenberg: U. S. Mails. Cheryl Ganz

08 October: 3.2 Wine and Beer Taxation. Ron Leshner

22 October: Elmer Long (or) The Post Office 75 Years Ago vs. Today. Rick Barrett

12 November: PSLC Open House and One-Page Exhibition

26 November: The DC-4 Skymaster Plane. Tom Nichols

10 December: PSLC Annual Holiday Dinner

24 December: Open

PSLC's Annual Open Bourse – 18 May 2025 – Canceled

Club members: The word has gotten out, but I want to be sure that all of you are aware that our Sunday Outdoor Bourse in Millersville has been cancelled. There were not enough member-dealers to support the event this year. We lost at least three participants from last year, as one passed away, one moved out of state, and the third has, of late, been in poor health.

Before we cancel future Spring Bourses, Scott N. and I will do an early promotion in the newsletter later this year to see if we can get some quasi-firm commitments from a minimum of seven participants. If there is a sense that we have a critical mass to make it a go, we'll reserve the park for 2026. This reservation must be made in early January with payment of the \$100.00 park rental fee.

In the meantime, think about participating as a dealer next year; it is \$10 well spent. It has been a popular event, so if we have the requisite number of dealers, we'd like to give the member bourse one more try. Several people who have participated in the past, both as dealers and buyers, have told me that they enjoyed the opportunity for philatelic fellowship that the member bourse provided. However, to continue to provide this opportunity to buy, sell, and socialize, we need to have several members to participate as dealers to make it work.

Thank you and take care – Paul P.

THE PRECANCELED BATTLESHIP REPORT

“Disappearin’ Railroad Blues”

*Submitted by
Stanley E. Jones
Brandywine Valley Stamp Club*

As a former revenue collector, I have acquired many interesting railroad related items. Some of these are cancels on Battleship revenues. However, some of the most interesting items are from the Civil War. The presentation in this article will cross both eras.

The title of this article comes from a country/popular song entitled “*The City of New Orleans*,” which was sung by Willie Nelson and Arlo Guthrie. The lyrics of the song follow an Illinois Central Train called “The City of New Orleans” as it travels south to New Orleans from Chicago (Figure 1). As I listened to the song, I was reminded of a spectacular Illinois Central stamp cancel that was in my collection of Battleship Revenues (Figure 2). The song and this cancel served as the inspiration for this article.

Railroad memorabilia and cancels have always been an area of special interest for revenue collectors. This paper will focus on some memorabilia and cancels that have been buried in my collection for years. Railroad cancels on revenue stamps from several railroad companies will be presented. Also, revenue imprints on some documents will be shown. Revenue imprints serve as a method for prepaying the tax, rather than using a stamp after the document has been printed. As you will see, some of these documents are extremely attractive.



Figure 1. The train they call the “City of New Orleans” (Illinois Central Website).



Figure 2. An Illinois Central Railroad stamp cancel on a one-cent documentary Battleship that was cropped from a document. The entire cancel was fortunately saved.

Consistent with this being a contribution to the Precanceled Battleship Report, we are directed to consider some interesting cancels that are becoming hard to find. Most of the railroad or express company precancels that you find are on 1-cent documentary stamps, e.g., Jones and Klose [1]. It is far more difficult to find printed precancels on higher denomination stamps. That said, I have only seen railroad precancels on 2-cent documentary stamps, nothing higher. I will take this opportunity to share what I have found with you. I have located only three railroad companies, Figures 3-5, that precanceled one and two cent documentary stamps. I’m sure that there are others, but this is all that I have ever found.



Figure 3. Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Co. precancels on one and two cent BattleSHIP documentary stamps.



Figure 4. The Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Memphis Railroad Co., "The Memphis Route," precancels on one and two cent BattleSHIP documentary stamps.



Figure 5. International & Great Northern Railroad Co. precancels on one and two cent documentary stamps.

Many of the railroads that employed precanceled Battleships no longer exist, having been absorbed or merged with larger railroad conglomerates, such as the Pennsylvania Railroad System. Over its existence, the Pennsylvania Railroad System acquired or merged with over 800 other railroad companies. Its history dates back to 1847. The company was a prosperous railroad until it was forced into bankruptcy in June 1970 (Editors of the Encyclopedia Britannica [2]). Its passenger lines were then taken over by a federally funded railroad, AMTRAK, in 1971, ending a storied railroad history with many artifacts. The company was subject to the Civil War Revenue tax, Figure 6.

In Figure 7, another Pennsylvania Railroad collectible is shown. This is a bill of landing with a one-cent documentary stamp that has been stamp-canceled, Williamsport, PA, August 30, 1899. Although I have much more of this company to share, the line must be drawn somewhere and no more will be presented here.

The Chicago & North Western Railroad Co. was the result of numerous mergers with smaller rail lines. This will be the last railroad to be considered in this paper. This railroad existed until its corporate death in 1995 when it was purchased by the Union Pacific Railroad Co. (see Grant [3]). The government overprinted postage stamps to use as provisional revenue stamps in 1898 before the Battleship revenues were delivered. There are two distinct styles of overprint that were used on one and two cent postage stamps. The stamp shown below in Figure 8 is R154 and what makes it interesting is the stamp cancel was employed by the Chicago & North Western Railroad Co. in July 1898. It is difficult to find provisional stamps with documented usage, which is the reason for including it here.



Figure 8. A Chicago and North Western Railroad Co. stamp-cancel on a provisional revenue stamp, R154.

The stamps shown in Figure 9 are one-cent documentary Battleships with a range of dates extending from the earliest 189_ to the last year of the tax, 1901. The clerk was expected to fill in the date on the first stamp. This was a common practice in 1898, and several companies used this method.



Figure 9. Chicago and North Western Railroad Co. precancels on one cent documentary stamps.

The romance of the rails has largely disappeared, kept alive in history and popular culture as the subject of story and song. These artifacts that remain from this fascinating era will entertain revenue collectors for a lifetime. Revenue imprints or revenue stamped paper, as the Scott Specialized Catalog [4] lists this topic, are some of the most attractive and colorful artifacts left by the fabulous age of railroading. The denominations of revenue imprints, or revenue stamped paper, range from one-cent (Figure 9) to one-dollar (Figure 10) (Scott catalog [4, pp. 687-691]).



Figure 9. A railroad ticket used in the Spanish-American War period with a one-cent revenue imprint, RN-X5a.



Figure 10. A Selma, Marion, and Memphis Railroad document with a \$1 revenue imprint, RN-W2.

Revenue stamped paper and revenue imprints are a collecting interest on their own. If you check the Scott catalog, you will find that these were not only issued with different denominations, but also in different colors. You are going to see quite a range of colors for the some of the imprints. This is a fascinating collecting area. Each color produces a new type. I only shared two of the revenue items in my collection (Figures 9 and 10) because they are railroad related and span the range of denominations that are listed by Scott [4]. However, my collection includes two binders with checks and documents, many with revenue imprints. Many are railroad related while others were used by banks or financial institutions. This will be, perhaps, the subject of a later article.

REFERENCES

1. Stanley E. Jones and Mary Katherine Klose, "St. Joseph, Missouri: The Way West," Philatelic Society of Lancaster County Newsletter, Vol. 86, No. 8, pp. 5-13, August 2023.
2. Editors of the Encyclopedia Britannica, "The Pennsylvania Railroad Co.," March 13, 2025.
3. H. Roger Grant, "Encyclopedia of Milwaukee", University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. 2016.
4. Scott Specialized Catalog of United States Stamps & Covers, 2014.

A letter to the editor . . .

In response to Charlie's "The Veranda Chronicles" in the April PSLC newsletter, I have a little anecdotal evidence regarding his inquiry into a stamp-collecting gene.

I started collecting stamps when I was a child, but without any family influence. My parents did not collect stamps or anything else. I knew only one grandparent, and she did not collect anything. I have a cousin who collected stamps, but as far as I know, neither of his parents did, and none of his four siblings took up the hobby.

I tried to get one of my daughters, Betty, interested in philately. She took up the hobby to an extent that she collects vintage postcards. She prefers collecting postcards with a stamp and postmark, so that makes her enjoyment of her hobby lean more towards philately, i.e., covers, than deltiology.

Ron Breznay
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Reminder: A request from the Boston 2026 committee

The Boston Expo's planning committee requests off-paper stamps, worldwide and U.S., to be used for a host of programs during the event: junior collectors, adult classes, Stamp Collecting Merit Badge sessions, and other miscellaneous promotions and giveaways. Their goal is a lofty one: 3,000,000 stamps!

The PSLC is participating in collecting stamps for the event, and Len Kasper has agreed to be the point person. As you work on your collections and come across duplicates in your accumulations, please consider setting them aside to donate to Boston 2026. As your pile grows, Len will be happy to collect them at our meetings.

Please note on the package or wrapper of your donation that these stamps are for the Boston 2026 show. We'll be collecting stamps each month until the end of the year, but don't wait – start filling a cigar box now! You can contact Len at hotrodparts33@aol.com with any questions. Paul is also more than happy to field any questions.

[Boston 2026 World Stamp Show, Inc. – The Twelfth International Philatelic Exhibition of the United States](#)

One Last Thing . . .

By Dr. Charles J. DiComo

On April 9, 2025, ~35 members and guests gathered at Landis Homes for our monthly in-person meeting. There were door prizes, a bourse, refreshments & snacks, giveaways, and a short auction with the proceeds going to support the Society. This was then followed by the President, Treasurer, Secretary & Membership Chair Reports. Dr. DiComo also shared updates on our PSLC Website, PSLC YouTube Channel, & PSLC Facebook page, as well as upcoming local and regional Stamp Shows. Finally, Mike Bach was presented the APS Nicholas G. Carter Award for Local Promotion & Service to the Hobby for all his efforts over the years at the Reading Stamp Collectors Club, as well as the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PA).

President DiComo then introduced our friend & Society member, Scott English, APS Executive Director. Scott is leaving the American Philatelic Society after nearly a decade of service. But before he leaves, he has a message for collectors that is part optimism and part call to action. We all joined Scott as he spoke about the future of stamp collecting and organized philately. His presentation, titled "One Last Thing . . . Advice for the Future", reviewed barriers to collecting, habits of stamp collectors, defining our new audience, and what is coming to the APS in 2025. Scott ended by thanking all for listening, teaching, encouraging and our friendship. The feeling was mutual by all in the room.

In closing, Dr. DiComo shared that Scott will have honorary life membership in the Society. It is the least we could do for all his years of leadership and support.

The meeting adjourned and many members stayed behind to spend time with Scott & Kendra. The future looks bright for our hobby, and we wish Scott and Kendra much luck in their new adventure. Our doors are always open when they are in Lancaster.

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PA) Lecture by Scott English, APS Executive Director



“One Last Thing...”, by Scott English, APS Executive Director. Scott is leaving the American Philatelic Society after nearly a decade. Before he leaves, he had a message for collectors that’s part optimism and part call to action. Our members joined Scott and talked about the future of stamp collecting and organized philately.

Montage: Dr. C. DiComo

Landis Homes | April 9, 2025

PSLC Member Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Years</u>
Gene Duncan	5/09/2012	13
Robert Hinkley	5/16/2021	4
Len Kasper	5/12/2010	15
Tom McClung	5/20/2024	1
Doug McCullough	5/06/2019	6
Michael Morris	5/15/2023	2
Sarah Mylin	5/13/2009	16
Al Schaub	5/17/1997	28
Stanley Shepp	5/13/2020	5
Anita Sprankle	5/12/2023	2

On the Publishing Scene

The Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PSLC) and Empire State Postal History Society (ESPHS) are pleased to share that President Dr. Charles J. DiComo has published his original research entitled “Á Votre Santé: From Philly to NYC to France - All for a Brandy!” in “The Excelsior!,” the postal history journal of the ESPHS, April 2025, Whole No. 41-NS, pp. 3-5.

Dr. DiComo shares a brief story of an 1839 Stampless Folded Letter (SFL) with detailed contents related to high-end spirits, i.e., Brandy, that travelled from Philadelphia to France, via NYC Harbor via the vessel ‘Ville de Lyon.’

Follow the rates & routes & modes of transport this SFL took to Cognac, France - To Your Health!

To enjoy the full PDF article, click this link:

<https://lcps-stamps.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/DiComo-Chas-1839StamplessBrandyExcelsior202504WN41NSpp3-5.pdf>

The Journal of the Empire State Postal History Society

Excelsior!



Charles J. DiComo, PhD
ESPHS & PSLC President
PaPHS Board of Directors
USPCS Life Member



EMPIRE STATE
POSTAL HISTORY
SOCIETY

“À Votre Santé: From Philly to NYC to France – All for a Brandy!”



Figure 1. The obverse of a folded letter from Philadelphia to Cognac, France, 1839.

À Votre Santé

From Philly to NYC to France – All for a Brandy!

By Dr. Charles J. DiComo

I recently acquired the 1839-dated stampless folded letter (SFL) shown (Figure 1) for my decades-old research study on the use of the New York City (NYC) circular date stamp (CDS) in which April is abbreviated with an “APL” as opposed to the more common “APR.”

The letter entered the mail on April 23 in Philadelphia, where a clerk added a weak strike of the blue “PHILADEL APR 23 PA.” circular date stamp. There is a matching blue octagonal “PAID” to the right and the rate of 12.5 is handwritten. This was the correct

U.S. inland fee for a letter traveling between 80 and 150 miles (Figure 2).

The letter was received in NYC, where the clerk added the uncommon “NEW-YORK APL 24” circular date stamp in red at the bottom.

Here, “APL” was used to abbreviate “April” instead of the more common “APR.” This type of a New York City circular date stamp (with the very low month/date aligned with the “N” and “K” of New York), which is indicative of foreign mail.

The letter was placed in a mail bag, carried by the Union Sailing vessel Ville de Lyon, which departed on April 25, 1839 from New York City Harbor.

After a 27-day transatlantic voyage, the Ville de Lyon arrived in Le Havre, France. The mail bags were unloaded and sorted, and then a red-orange, COGNAC, PAGE 4



Figure 3. The red-orange marking applied after the letter's arrival in France.

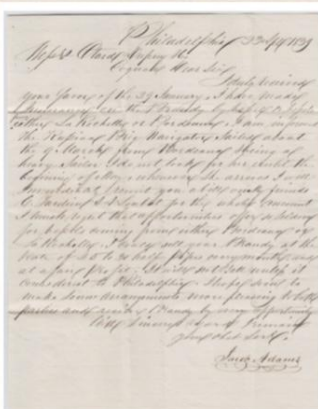


Figure 6. The full handwritten letter from Jacob Adams, of Philadelphia.



Figure 7. A bottle of Baron Otard “Princes de Cognac.”

À Votre Santé - To Your Health!
A brief story of an 1839 stampless folded letter related to high-end spirits (Brandy), that travelled from Philly to France, via NYC Harbor.

Excelsior! of the Empire State Postal History Society, Apr. 2025, No. 41-NS, pp. 3-5.

<https://lcps-stamps.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/DiComo-Chas-1839StamplessBrandyExcelsior202504WN4INSpp3-5.pdf>

April 2025

Excelsior!

3

Upcoming Regional Stamp Shows

2025 K2 Lancaster Stamp Shows: These are held at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center of Lancaster County, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster 17601. The first show of 2025 was held on Sunday, February 9, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **The next show will be on June 22**, followed by shows on August 3, October 12, and December 20 and 21, 2025.

For more info about the K2 Lancaster Stamp Shows, visit the [PSLC homepage](#), or contact Kevin Kellman at k2stamps@gmail.com or +1 (301) 524-9562.

August 14 to 17, 2025: Great American Stamp Show '25. LOCATION: Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, IL, 60173. HOURS: Thursday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. COST: Admission is FREE! Pre-registration is recommended to help you save time and avoid on-site registration lines. Co-hosted by the American Philatelic Society (APS), the American Topical Association (ATA) and the American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS). Sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

For more information, visit the [APS website](#).

Treasurer's Report: March and April

Submitted by Lou DiFelice, Treasurer

Financial Report: March 01—March 31, 2025

Opening Balance: 3/01 @ 6145.60

Income @ 226.00

Expenses @ 99.51

Closing Balance 3/31 @ 6272.09

CD's total @ 6091.99

Financial Report: April 01 – April 30, 2025

Opening Balance: 4/01 @ 6272.09

Income: 385.00

Expenses: 190.00

Closing Balance: 4/30 @ 6467.09

CD's Total @ 6091.99

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 three months unless otherwise directed.

Doug Keefer is looking for postal history items with the following Cumberland County Pennsylvania small town cancels: Grantham, Bowmansdale, Huttonsville, Shepherdstown, Williams Grove, and Williams Mill. Please contact Doug via email at keefers@yahoo.com.

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

The Philatelic Relic: I maintain a modest kiosk "The Philatelic Relic" on eBay. I am a philatelist, researcher, collector, postal & social historian, lecturer, editor, award-winning author, etc. My archive of stamps, postal history, ephemera, etc. is available to all. Reach out to me anytime at charlesdicomo@gmail.com with your wants & needs. The accompanying montage shows just a few of the thousands of artifacts searching for new homes. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Link: [The Philatelic Relic | eBay Stores](#)



PSLC Officers

President Dr. Charles J. DiComo 914-450-3791 charlesdicomo@gmail.com	First Vice President John Hostetter 717-285-2484 jhostetterjr@gmail.com	Second Vice President Bill Greiner III 717-471-2354 sunfighter@verizon.net
Secretary David Weichert 717-342-3120 stampsbydave@gmail.com	Treasurer Lou DiFelice 717-572-3419 loudifelice@gmail.com	Publicity Len Kasper 717-723-1864 hotrodparts33@aol.com
Membership Chair Wayne Heim 717-725-7192 heimwayne@gmail.com	Program Manager Paul Petersen 717-299-5640 pcpcetersen@comcast.net	Website Coordinator Dr. Charles J DiComo 914-450-3791 charlesdicomo@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor Scott Ney 717-383-1736 stnst2@aol.com	APS Rep Paul Petersen 717-299-5640 pcpcetersen@comcast.net	ATA Rep Paul Petersen 717-299-5640 pcpcetersen@comcast.net

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 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 (pcpcetersen@comcast.net).

Visit us on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@philatelicsocietyoflancast7393>

Visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/philatelicsocietylancastercounty>

Our mailing address is: PO Box 6053, Lancaster, PA 17607



The PSLC is honored to be selected as a winner of the 2024 APS Star Route Awards for our website and newsletter. The Society website (lcp-stamps.org), our 24 – 7 virtual presence where philatelists all over the world can access our resources, is the winner of a Large Gold award. Our monthly [newsletter](#), which exists to inform you of upcoming Society events and give you a creative outlet to provide interesting philatelic content, is the winner of a Large Vermeil award.