



Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

**The James Buchanan Chapter 173 of the
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**2nd Wednesday/Month-Meet in Person at Landis Homes at 6:30 p.m.
4th Wednesday/Month-Meet Virtually at 6:15 p.m.**



The Veranda Chronicles

July has been a hard month on our membership and much more so for the families and friends of **Vern Marten** and **RD Noble** who both passed away last month. Please take some time and read the testimonials prepared for these men written by two of their PSLC friends that are contained within these pages, and remember to keep their families in your prayers and thoughts.

On a higher note, our youngest member, **Johnny Martin** starts college this month. It seems like yesterday that we had a Happy 12th Birthday Cake for him at one of our meetings. Congrats Johnny, and don't forget to take your stamps, tongs, and hinges; it is a good way to meet and impress your fellow students.

Can you believe it? Our country's 250th Anniversary is less than a year away. I recall the Bicentennial extravaganza when I was a kid and all the related excitement, and wow, were there a lot of USPS issues in 1976 and in the years leading up to it? Rather than one central Bicentennial celebration, there were several events staged across the country (i.e. NYC, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, and more). Until recently I have seen very little if any forthcoming information or announcements regarding the country's plans for celebrating 2026, and it is coming soon.

Never at a loss for words, so I am told, I had to research what a 250th Anniversary is called. There are four terms: *Semiquincentennial*, *Sestercentennial*, *bisesquicentennial*, and the *Quarter Millennium*! The term that seems to be most associated with the 2026 celebration is *Semiquincentennial*. I also like **America-250**; it's short, sweet, and to the point.

My first hint of the 250th came with my spring and summer issues of *USA Philatelic*. This is the free quarterly-plus publication by the Philatelic Division of USPS. I say quarterly-plus, as there are often a few additional editions for the holiday times and other special occasions. This publication markets the stamps, FDCs, and other postal products that are available by mail order through their facility in Kansas City, the site sometimes referred to as "The Cave." Perusing the catalogs, I saw a ten-stamp souvenir sheet (all different) of the Battlefields of the American Revolution. There are also some related historical products available to accompany these stamps. Yes, I realized that our 250th is coming up. Let's hope that there are more of these stamps to come. Also in this publication is the attractive two-stamp set promoting the 2026 Boston Stamp Expo next May, our country's every-ten-year international stamp show. And matching T-shirts are also for sale if this is your thing.

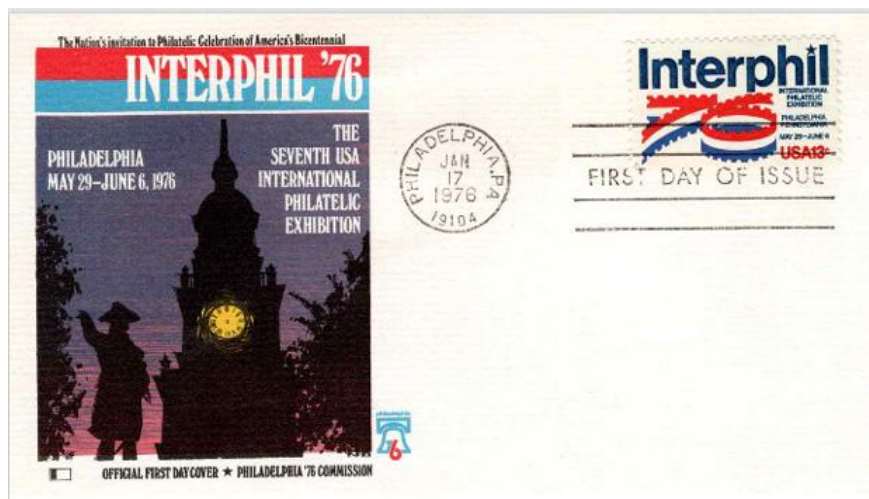
Besides the America-250 10-stamp issue, there are stamps marking the 250th anniversaries of four other American institutions, those that came about in 1775 making 2025 their Semiquincentennial, a year ahead of America-250 which comes next year. Included are Forever sheets each for the 250th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army, and two items for the United States Post Office Department. In the latter, the first is a stylized sheet of 20 (all different) entitled, "250 Years of Delivering," and it depicts the postal service in action displaying a city street scene with delivery trucks, mailmen, postal customers, mailboxes, and other related items. The second postal issue is "Putting a Stamp on the American Experience." These are two sheets of ten Forever stamps depicting the 5-cent Benjamin Franklin image from the 1875 reprint of the country's first stamp in 1847, Scott U.S. #1. This issue is printed in blue intaglio so that one can feel the ink under the fingertips. It has been a while since we have had a stamp like this. They are most attractive and will fit the bill for history buffs, stamp-on-stamp collectors, and perhaps others. There is a caveat, however, as these stamps (valued at \$15.60) come inserted as part of a 32-page prestige booklet, all for \$20.95. I don't believe that the stamps are available separately, so this raises the stamp price to \$1.05 each. They are still worth it; think of them as a semi-postal issue with the additional \$0.27/stamp going to a good cause, the Post Office! Remember that the PO and collectors need one another. It is a symbiotic relationship, as both face challenges ahead in the not-too-distant future.

Held in 1976 were both the nation's Bicentennial and Interphil-76, the U.S. International Stamp Expo that year in Philadelphia. Even as a ten-year-old, I really wanted to attend Interphil-76. I asked my father if he would take me, and he said "It will be a madhouse down there in Philadelphia with all that Bicentennial stuff going on; you don't want to go to that." I really did. Isn't this just how fathers think?

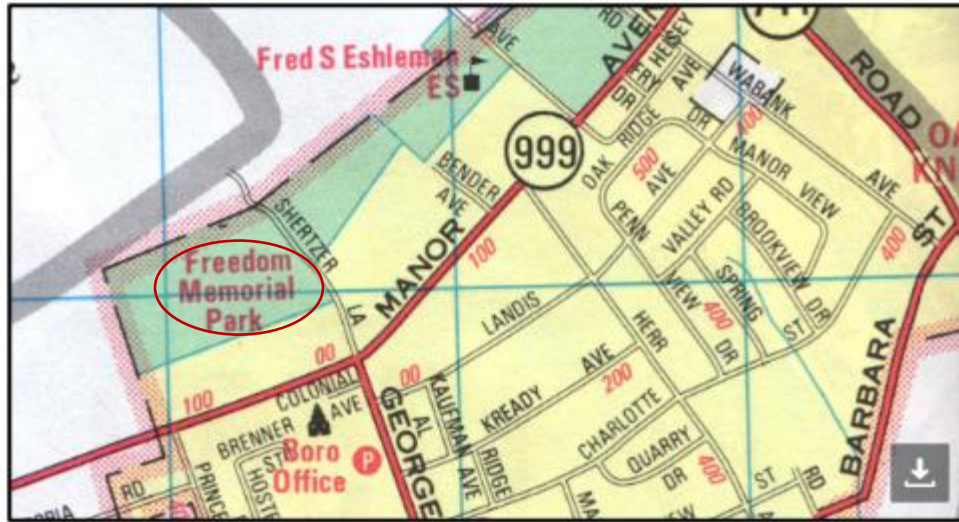
My dad went on to tell me about his friend who had a business trip to Philadelphia a year or two earlier and how the whole town was torn up while preparing for the Bicentennial; it was crazy. I still wanted to go, and as I pouted, he promised instead, perhaps his way of compromising, to take me into the City on July 4th to see the tall ships in the Hudson River. He was right, this was a New York City madhouse, but we enjoyed it. I learned a lot about historical ships and of vessels from a variety of nations, and it was very colorful. This is worth a story on its own. If curious, you might conduct a computer search on this topic, the tall ships in New York, as the internet is replete with the history and images of New York's (and others) Bicentennial celebration back in 1976.

Capitalizing on my father's guilt for not taking me to *InterPhil-76* in Philadelphia, I saw an opportunity and thought I might push my luck and ask him to take me to Nassau Street; this was not far from us. Here we could visit some stamp shops and spend my allowance. These were all such wonderful childhood experiences that I will always cherish. How about you? Do you have any Bicentennial or InterPhil-76 remembrances? If so, please share them with us. For the first two readers who contact me by email, I will send a cacheted First Day Cover of the stamp that promoted the 1976 U.S. International Stamp Show in Philadelphia, Scott #1632 of January 17, 1976. Has it been fifty years already?

I hope many of you can attend this year's picnic, as it is always a wonderful time to get together. Planners Dan and John, along Bill, Lou, Wayne, and Paul, are working hard to make this a special occasion for you. In the meantime, Happy Collecting – Dr. Charles J. DiComo



Upcoming Programs

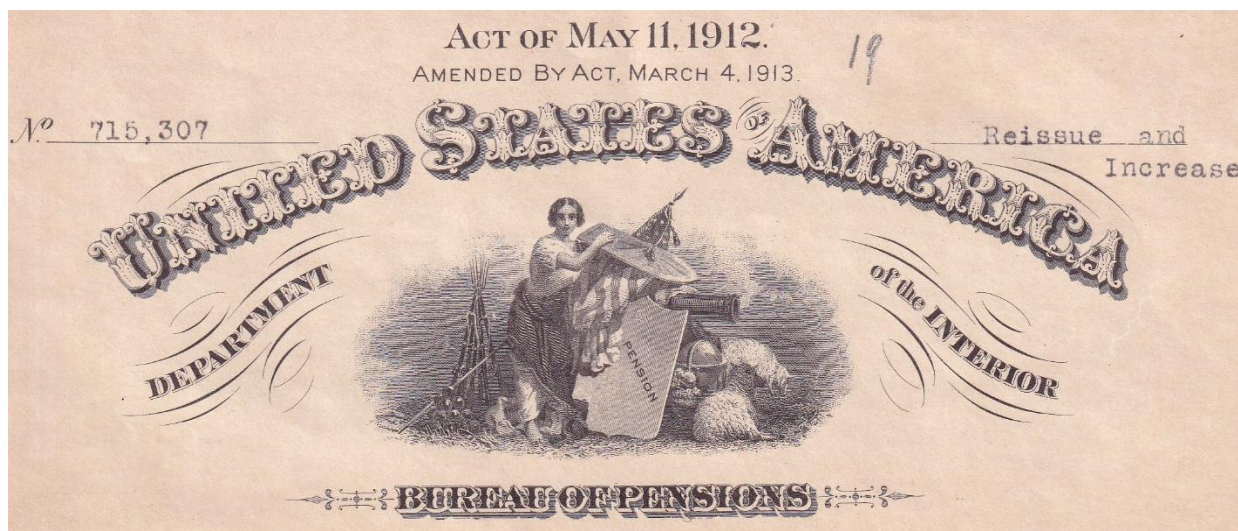


Annual PSLC Picnic
13 August 2025
Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville 5:30 p.m.

The annual Society Picnic will be held at Freedom Memorial Park in Millersville (9 Shertzer Lane, Millersville, PA 17551-1124). Arrival time is 5:30-ish p.m. with the burgers and hot dogs provided by the club being served at about 6:00 PM, There will be door prizes, items for sale, and a bourse for those wanting to sell & buy things. If you have already responded, we have your name on the list. Contact Dan Martin at drmartin6@comcast.net. Dan will follow up with you on the items that we will ask you to bring to share with the group. Please be careful out there with the heat and we hope to see many of you on the 13th.

Civil War Pension Philately
Scott Ney
27 August 2025
6:15 p.m. via Zoom

The National Archives and Records Administration is the custodian of about two million Civil War pension files, which are among the most frequently used research sources in the National Archives. These files provide information about veterans, as well as their widows, minor children, and dependent fathers and mothers. The vast majority of the hundreds of millions of pages preserved at the National Archives reached the Bureau of Pensions in Washington, D.C. via the U.S. Mail. Scott's presentation will include a discussion based upon copies of pension files from the NARA as well as pension bureau postal history items from his collection. The focus of this presentation is on federal pensions, as the administration of pensions to confederate veterans and dependents was handled by Southern state governments.



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](#)

13 August: PSLC Annual Summer Picnic at Freedom Memorial Park in Millersville

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: Everyone's servant: the 1950s U.S. Post Office. 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

In Remembrance of Vern Marten

By Paul Petersen

It was early last month when I heard of the sudden death of Vern Marten on 2 July from our mutual friend, Carl, and then confirmed by Nikki, his beloved wife of many years. With COVID and isolation, Vern was flexible in coming to our home for lunch on the patio in the better

weather. Vern had invited me to his back yard for hotdogs in June, but with Petersen's busy family schedule, we made it for the middle of July. That turned out to be a few weeks too late, a lost opportunity.



Carl Bear, Paul Petersen, Vern Martin, Joe Cox, and Vern Marten enjoying hotdogs together during a museum outing (Paul Petersen)

Vern came on board PSLC in March 2002, about a year after I joined, and his gift of engagement was obvious from the start. He asked me if I would like him to start some preliminary planning for community outreach activities. This was great; we needed something like this, and I jumped at it. Before long we were planning hobby displays and presentations, both for travel and long-term exhibitions. Our first ventures included the Mount Joy and Lititz libraries, and then a one-half-day table display with customer interaction at the Lititz PO during a busy Saturday just before Christmas that year. There were many queries, and we distributed a lot of PSLC information. The club dubbed Vern as "PSLC's community organizer," a title which he wore with pride.

As to collecting, Vern had an early start. Growing up in Berlin, the Hawid Company was in his neighborhood, and he worked for this family business while in school sorting stamps for packets. Known largely for its plastic stamp mounts, Hawid closed in 2021, and Vern was saddened, as he was close to the Hawid family members and had kept in touch with them for many years. His collecting interests were straight forward; he collected what he liked and what was inexpensive, a collector after my own heart.

Vern joined the Western Front Society, a WWI study group where Carl and I were already members, and we attended the two society meetings in Baltimore each year. Before long he organized Carl and me and sometimes another history buff into making two to three regional

trips each year to museums, no more than a three-hour drive-one way, making a day of it by always stopping for hot dogs for lunch or dinner. Subsequently, he organized a history book club which he arranged with the Lititz Public Library to host. This all went well until COVID-19, when life seemed to come to a screeching halt, interrupting our travels and museum visits.

When not at meetings or museums, Vern was in his garden, reading, in discussions with his local town, county, and state representatives, travelling with Nikki, or collecting his stamps. While we were on different sides of the aisle, we enjoyed our political (and sometimes religious) discussions. Long hours in the car allowed for this. We never had to raise our voices, and we always looked forward to our next “discussion.” But given all this, what mattered most to Vern was his family, and he enjoyed sharing what all were doing in places across the globe, especially the grandkids, many who were just finishing school and starting out with their careers. But unlike others who enjoy talking about their families, Vern also asked about my family, my collecting, my reading, and/or my opinion on an issue, and he listened and followed up. This is one sign of a good friendship, a two-way conversation, give and take one might say. This was how he engaged everyone, and I am sure this made him successful in all that interested him, from family and friends to work and hobbies. His positive outlook on life was one so strong that it was infectious. It couldn't be otherwise. Vern had many friends, those both inside PSLC and outside who, along with his family will mourn his loss; his is a lost presence that will never be refilled.



Robert “Bob” Noble

By Hal Klein

Robert “Bob” Dwight Noble, age 79, beloved father and respected educator, died on July 17, 2025. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Bob was the son of the late Dwight and E. Anne (Muehlbauer) Noble. Bob grew up in Camp Hill, PA, and graduated from Milton Hershey Preparatory School. He earned his bachelor's degree in Education from Millersville University. It was during his time at Millersville that he met the love of his life, Barbara, whom he married on December 27, 1968. Together, they built a wonderful life and family. His love for her was like a romance novel, filled

with a tangled love story, a quick courtship, secret love notes, constant hand-holding, and countless “I love yous”. They shared 50 years of marriage.

He began his career as a high school math teacher in 1967. During his time in the classroom, he developed a strong interest in emerging computer technologies and incorporated computers into his teaching. His passion and innovative approach helped pave the way for technology in the school system. That early work led to his transition into administration, where he eventually retired as Assistant Business Manager for the Downingtown Area School District. His contributions left a lasting impact on both students and the educational community at large.

Bob's passions went beyond the classroom. He grew up playing chess and bowling, achieving a top score of 290. He was an avid player of Dungeons and Dragons in the 70s. Bob also took up rug hooking, as he and Barb were both involved in fiber arts and created many beautiful pieces, blending his math skills with Barb's artistic drawings.

After retirement, he became a dedicated philatelist, serving as president of the PSLC and EPPS. He was a pre-cancel specialist and took pride in collecting a wide range of U.S. postage.

A devoted member of St. Richard Catholic Church, Bob actively participated in church activities over the years, serving as a cantor and sharing his musical talents at various churches. He was deeply committed to his family and faith. He selflessly gave of himself to help others in quiet ways. He never sought anything in return; your growth and happiness mattered most to him.

Bob is survived by his loving children, Suzanne Uhl (wife of Scott), Michael Noble (husband of the late Christine Noble), and one grandchild, Phoenix. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Barbara, in 2019.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Richard Catholic Church, 110 N Oak St, Manheim, PA. Bob was laid to rest at Manheim Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to St. Richard Catholic Church.

THE PRECANCELED BATTLESHIP REPORT

“The Centaur Co.”

Submitted by
Stanley E. Jones and Mary Katherine Klose
Brandywine Valley Stamp Club

In 1871, Charles H. Fletcher formed the Centaur Co. Its signature product was *Castoria* (Figure 1). This drug was laced with senna, an herbal supplement, and was used to treat a number of common ailments.



Figure 1. An advertising card for *Castoria*, the signature product that was marketed by the Centaur Co.

The Centaur Co. was one of the first to see the value in celebrity endorsements (Figure 2).

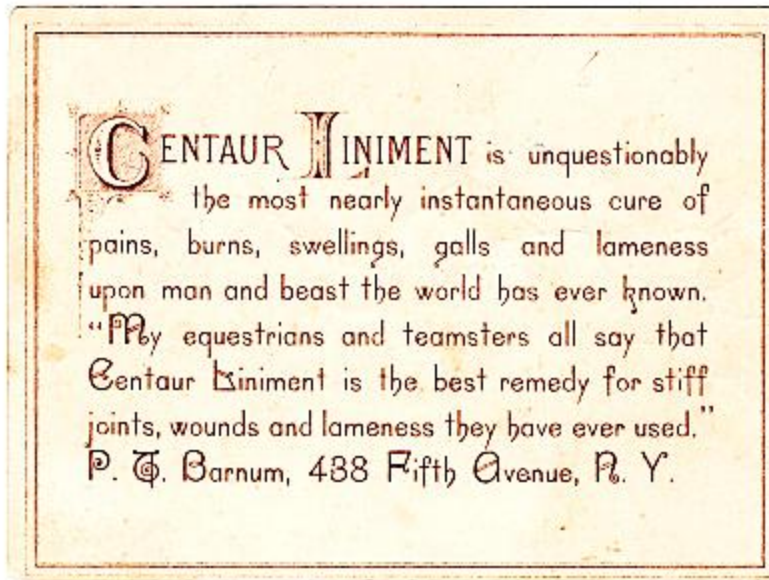


Figure 2. The reverse side of the card shown in Figure 1, where P.T. Barnum endorsed Centaur Liniment.

P.T. Barnum was a local celebrity at the time that the medicine card pictured in Figure 1 was circulated. His endorsement was for *Centaur Liniment* rather than *Castoria*. It is interesting to note that the liniment was used on animals, as well as people (Figure 3). Perhaps, this is the connection that P. T. Barnum offered Charles H. Fletcher that provided some authority to his endorsement.



Figure 3. A Centaur Co. bank check advertising White and Yellow Liniment for people and animals. This item is for sale by an eBay Dealer and borrowed from his site.

According to Chappell and Joyce [1], the Centaur Co. employed three cancel types on Battleship Revenues. However, only one of these cancel types was printed, Type 1. The other two types were stamp cancels and we have not seen them. However, all of the Type 1 printed cancels listed by Chappell and Joyce [1] are given below in Figures 4-8.



Figure 4. Type 1 black precancel on 1/4 cent Battleship, RB 21.



Figure 5. Type 1 red precancels on 5/8 cent Battleships, RB23



Figure 6. Type 1 red precancel on 1 cent Battleship, RB 24.



Figure 7. Type 1 red precancels on 1 1/4 cent Battleships, RB25.



Figure 8. Type 1 blue precancels on 1 ¼ cent Battleships, RB 25.

The Centaur Co. was subject to the Civil War Revenue Tax and employed private die proprietary stamps to use on its products, specifically Castoria. When the Spanish-American War Tax arrived in 1898, the Centaur Co. had a volume of business large enough to justify the use of a private die proprietary stamp. The company had used such stamps earlier and chose to use them again in 1898. Charles H. Fletcher adopted the stamps shown in Figure 9 to use on Castoria. The denomination on the stamps is 1 ¼ cents, which must have been used on a common package size, as indicated by Figures 7 and 8.



Figure 9. Private die stamps used for Castoria. The stamps shown in the figure are different. The stamp on the left is rouletted and the stamp on the right is hyphen-hole perforated, two distinct varieties.

Charles H. Fletcher was one of several companies to employ private die stamps during the Spanish-American War period. We have discussed the use of these stamps in earlier papers, e.g. Jones [2,3] and future articles will focus on some of the other companies that used them.

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What's in a Name

By Dick Colberg

Editor's Note: Enjoy this article by PSLC member Dick Colberg, courtesy of the Pennsylvania Postal History Society's PA Postal Historian. The Historian is edited by PSLC member Hal Klein.

We postal historians know that all markings on a cover must be considered. For me, it always piques my interest when I see that the sender or addressee has a relationship with the post office of departure or arrival. That is the case here. While rummaging through a recent philatelic estate, I came upon a cover from Heilmans Dale, Pa., to Baltimore addressed to a Miss M.A. Heilman.



Here we have a cover postmarked by a manuscript, Heilmans Dale / July 8th, and franked by three 1-cent Franklins, Scott #24, a pair, and a single, all nicely centered. The postage rate was three cents per half ounce up to 3,000 miles; and postage stamps were required as of January 1, 1856.

The post office operated in Heilmans Dale in two different periods: March 10, 1858 to September 17, 1867, and March 21, 1871 to May 13, 1913, when service was shifted to Lebanon. For our cover, here we can safely assume the first period.

Note: The September 17, 1867 date is from Smith & Kay [1]. The Postal Markings of Stampless Mail from Lebanon County monograph lists the date as September 17, 1861 [2]. I believe the date in the monograph is in error.

John Peter Heilman emigrated from Germany to the United States in 1732, and settled in Lebanon County, Pa. Six years later he was followed by John Adam Heilman. Between 1732 and 1740, six different Heilman families settled in Lebanon and Montgomery Counties. There would

eventually be 17 Heilman families in Lebanon County [3]. It would later be called Heilmandale. John Adam Heilman fathered ten children, seven girls and three boys. As best as I could, I traced the family trees of the three boys and could find no girls born with names that could match the M.A. of our addressee here. But then, there are sixteen other Heilman families! I am no fan of coincidence, but I do not think it is too much of a leap to associate our addressee with the Lebanon County Heilmans.

Going a step further, I looked into Mt. Washington in Baltimore. This is an area in northwest Baltimore City, formed in about 1854. It was originally a place to escape the heat of Baltimore in the summer months. And, yes, there are lots of Heilmans in Baltimore! A Google search for M.A. Heilman in Baltimore got me nothing.

The sharp-eyed of you will have noticed that there is a pencil notation, "Janel", in the lower left quadrant of the cover. I could find no relationship at all.

So, what are we left with? At the very least, we have a nice-looking Lebanon County, Pa. cover that should appeal to Lebanon County postal history collectors.



Mt. Washington Female College

(PAPHS) Editor's note: The recipient of the cover was Miss Mary A. Heilman from Lebanon County, Pa., who was a student at the Mt. Washington Female College for Young Ladies, "A pioneer institution in the Reformed Church for the higher education of women." The college was founded in February 1856, and Mary was in the class of 1858 [4]. Mt. Washington was accessible to and from Harrisburg by the Northern Central Railroad. Three passenger trains stopped at Mt. Washington daily.

Since Miss Heilman only could have received the letter between 1856 and 1858, Dick is correct, the monograph-listed date of 1861 is a typo. It should be September 17, 1867.



Upon close examination of the "Heilmans Dale" cover, we found the far left stamp to be Sc#24-Plate 71R7, with a major plate flaw described by Mortimer L. Neinkin: "Several minor plate flaws are found on Plate 7, but perhaps the most outstanding is the one found in the top label of 71R" in his book, *The United States One Cent Stamp of 1851 to 1861*, © 1972, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Inc, pp. 365 – 366.

Additionally, *Scott Specialized Catalog of United States Stamps and covers*, © 2020 by AMOS MEDIA, Sidney, OH, p. 16, indicates the earliest document use of Sc#24 – Plate 7 as December 31, 1857. Based on this, the date of mailing of this cover to M. A. Heilman would be July 8, 1858.

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PSLC members in the news

This month's issue of *AP* highlighted several members of the club for their contributions to the hobby. These will be presented at the Great American Stamp Show taking place in the Chicago area from 14 to 17 August. **Mark Schwartz** won the APS Luff Award for Exceptional Contributions to Philately. **Rick Barrett** won the United States Stamp Society/Barbara Mueller Award, and **Larry Rosenblum** won the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Award for National Service. As John Hotchner would say, "A tip of the hat" to all these club members and winners. – Dr. Paul Petersen

The July Philatelic Gathering

By Dr. Charles DiComo



July 19, 2025... An enthusiastic group gathered at the Chester County History Center to share what they hoped would be unique items from their collection that many folks had not seen before. This turned out to be the case. An enjoyable Show & Tell & Ask for all. Below is the summary:

1. Alan Warren showed a combination first day cover with stamps and cancels from three different countries. The FDC was created in 1938 when Finland, Sweden, and the United States all issued stamps to commemorate the landing of the Swedes and Finns in 1638 at the Wilmington and Philadelphia areas.

2. Richard Colberg identified railway post office cancels on two 1939 covers—one sent from New Brunswick to Cookshire, Quebec, and the other from Winnipeg to Moosomin, Saskatchewan. The latter was returned to the sender due to the addressee being deceased, creating many RPO markings on the reverse.

3. Bill Schultz showed three topics. The first was a 1939 U.S. airmail cover picked up in flight by an experimental technique. The second were two Westtown, Pa., local post covers that paid a fee via a label for letters sent from the Westtown school to West Chester, Pa., where they entered the postal system. The third item was a group of 18 picture postcards from the early 1900s, depicting the soldier's monument in the Marshall Square Park in West Chester.

4. Bob Rufe showed an imperf press sheet of the Quilted Paper Heart stamp. The issue was printed by two different printers with separate plate numbers. He also showed a reconstructed sheet from which booklet panes (Scott 499e) would have been cut.

5. Alton Spencer passed around a set of three stamps from "Muskovia" with a portrait of Elon.

6. John Howker discussed star routes and showed a 1933 cover sent from Minnesota to Tetlin, Alaska by rail and ship, with a variety of markings.

7. Bruce Marsden displayed a 1940 cover mailed from Lausanne, Switzerland, to the famed photojournalist Margaret Bourke-White at the U.S. embassy in Bucharest, Romania. She had already left so it was forwarded to the embassy in Istanbul and forwarded again to the U.S.

consulate in Jerusalem. She was still moving faster than the letter so it was forwarded to London and sent on to Time, Inc. in New York.

8. Bob Myers passed around some copies of *Cameo*, the journal of the West Africa Study Circle, one of which contained an article he wrote. He also showed the largest known block of a 1951 £ 1 stamp of Great Britain that was used only a short time.

9. Mike Wilson showed two covers. The first was an 1891 cover from Cincinnati to New York that is one of only two known surviving pieces of mail from a railway crash. The second cover was from Brooklyn to Bielefeld, Germany, during WW II, which went via Baltimore, Bermuda, Azores, Lisbon, and Frankfurt (3 months in transit) with censor markings.

10. Paul Pitcher first showed the shirt he was wearing, which was from the Spanish postal service! He also displayed some U.S. stamps canceled mostly in California during the 1850s Gold Rush era.



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 October 12**, with the final show of the year scheduled for 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](#).

Recent presentations posted on the PSLC website



["The Centennial of the 1925 Santa Barbara Earthquake"](#), by Rob Sternberg (2025-06-25)



["Some Unusual Newspaper Wrappers"](#), by Cemil Betanov (2025-05-28, Show & Tell & Ask)



["First Appearance of Lincoln on Stamps,"](#) by Ronald Leshar (2025-05-14)

Recent uploads to the PSLC YouTube Channel

[The Centennial of the 1925 Santa Barbara Earthquake - Rob Sternberg](#)

["The Ivory Stamp Club with Captain Tim Healy" - Rick Barrett](#)

[Overprints on Newspaper Wrappers – Cemil Betanov](#)

Authors Wanted

The PSLC newsletter is YOUR newsletter! Articles may be submitted to newsletter editor Scott Ney (stnst2@aol.com). Scott is happy to work with you if you need guidance. Topics need not be "scholarly"; sharing what you like to collect and why you collect it is always a recipe for interesting philatelic content!

PSLC Member Anniversaries

Compiled By Tom Nichols

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Years</u>
Roger Brody	8/23/2023	2
Laura Duncan	8/10/2021	4
Steven Kennedy	8/10/2019	6
Tom Nichols	8/04/2017	8

Happy PSLC Anniversary Tom, Roger, Laura, and Steve!

Member Requests and Notices

PSLC Members may submit a notice of collecting interests and requests for research at no cost. Please email your requests to the newsletter editor for consideration.

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. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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General Information

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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 (pcpetersen@comcast.net).

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