



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.**



The Veranda Chronicles

My daughters sure know their dad! They gave me this bobble head a few years ago. My youngest daughter Mia gave me a T-shirt a while back that every philatelist should have. Love her! Check out a picture of me modeling the T-shirt later in the newsletter.

I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather as much as I am, and while I am sorry to have missed the annual PSLC picnic last month, I did hear that it was well attended and accompanied by good weather, food, prizes, and fellowship. As always, my hat's off to Dan, John and the Picnic

Committee. Now it is time for the fall auction; it's always an extravaganza, one of our most popular club events.



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If you have been keeping an eye on both the national and philatelic press, you are learning about what is going on with the home mail service in the State of Denmark. They are doing away with letter delivery service as of the end of the year, no more stamps and no more home delivery other than packages. They will still retain this latter service. The data points denoting their decline of mail utilization over the last several decades are astounding. The Danish populace is noted as one of the most tech savvy worldwide. Because of this, Danish postal customers have been abandoning most of the traditional mailing services in favor of online-everything. Ironically, I just received a digital advertisement from Nordfirm which is selling the 2025 Danish Presentation Pack and Stamp Yearbook, purported to be countries last. These go on sale on Friday, September 12. The one caveat will be if Denmark markets stamps for international mail.

The U.S. is not yet at this level of postal endangerment, but we are catching up. Yes, we have a steep decline in our first-class mail deliveries, and this is not changing. Further, companies such as Amazon, for example, have gained a large share of the parcel delivery market. In the future, the U.S. may go in the same direction as Denmark. I personally think it is just a matter of time. Yes, I do much online, but my philatelic genes and mounds of postage keep me in touch with my philatelic colleagues.

And then there is the problem of all that saved-up postage that so many of us have on hand. A reader of my last month's column wrote me that she had purchased the "Putting a Stamp on the American Experience" presentation pack including two intaglio sheets of the re-issue of Benjamin Franklin #1 of 1847. This recently released package was developed as one of several items to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Post Office where Benjamin Franklin was the first Postmaster General.

In addition to her worldwide collecting, she has been compiling certain U.S. stamps and sheets to be passed down in the family annals for future generations to enjoy. These stamps are snapshots of American History and culture which she values; she sees this as her time capsule. Some of the favorites that she mentioned include: the U.S. and France joint issue, the \$2.00 non-inverted Jenny sheet, the Civil War, Wild West, American composers, moon landing, and the Celebrate the Century sheets.

Then she thought about her family who have no interest in stamps or anything collectible for that matter, and they have told her so. As such, she decided to use her stored treasure trove of stamps

on letters and packages, adding that she enjoys doing this and wondered why she hadn't done this earlier. Her story is an object lesson for those of us saving (or even hoarding!) postage...use it now. Those in Denmark who have a lot of postage on hand will have a few months in 2026 to return it all for credit. Then there are those American collectors with storage lockers full of postage. I'm not kidding, but this is another story.

The hobby is changing, and many of the pluses are digitally related. While not extremely new, just look at what email, the club website and Facebook page, and Zoom have done for PSLC in the last decade. You can all be contacted almost immediately with club news, updates, changes, and much more. Since Covid-19 we have been holding monthly digital meetings of the entire club, or at least for those who are connected! Even here we have made gains; Paul recently shared that he only needs to send out monthly hard copy meeting updates and schedules to just three club members. This number is down from about 15. Our membership is 97.5% connected! Consider the leading philatelic societies who have recently made extensive upgrades to their websites and what they have accomplished. Digitization has fostered educational programs of all sorts, virtual exhibits and literature, digital meetings, informative podcasts, analytic philately, and there is more to come. If you want to find out something, go online! And have I mentioned philately's future with artificial intelligence on the horizon? Just stay tuned. Sometimes I can't stand the wait. Philatelically speaking, *Dr. Charles J. DiComo*

Upcoming Programs

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County Fall Auction

10 September 2025

Landis Homes, second floor meeting room; doors open at 6:30 p.m. A short business meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Auction starts promptly after the meeting.

This is our final in-house auction of 2025. The Society holds three (3) Auctions a year (January, June, and September). Participation in our auction is reserved for Society Members-only; however, anyone can become a member of the Society for \$10.00 on the night of an Auction. Material that our members bring for sale is generally broad in scope, from stamps, postal history, albums, ephemera, supplies, etc., and there is a variety of both international and U.S. There is always something for everyone at a reasonable price. Why not stop by, grab a paddle and have some fun with us?

Procedures:

Please register for a numbered paddle when you arrive. Place this number on all of your items to be auctioned and use this paddle during the auction when you are bidding. This will ensure that what you buy and what you sell are accurately credited and debited.

Be sure that all of your lots are accompanied by an accurate and detailed description, as this helps buyers to better understand what they are examining.

Auction lot description forms have already been emailed and a limited number of hard copies will be available at the meeting. You may also access this form on the website at any time. While the auction lot description sheets have been sent out and are available, you can make your own as long as the pertinent info is included.

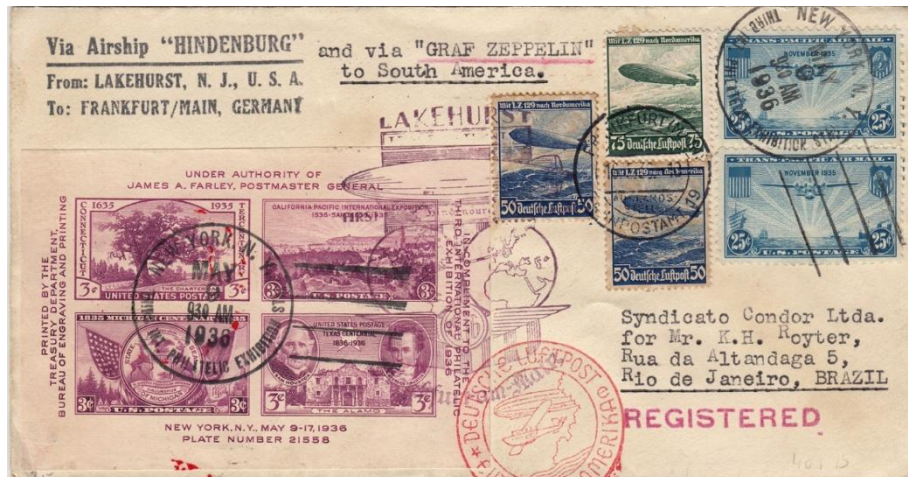
Fiscal transactions will be completed after the last lot has been sold. No early settlements will be made.

The Auction Committee recommends that you:

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Bidding Rules:

- Minimum bids are \$1.00 per lot
- The minimum bidding increment is 50 cents.
- Only dues-paying PSLC members may participate in the auction.
- **Auction participants are limited to seven (7) lots.**
- You may also donate items to the auction, as donations are a welcomed, necessary source of funds for our operations, and help defray the cost of special events, storage lockers, newsletter, and website expenses, as well as advance deposits to secure special event locations.



Graf Zeppelin & Hindenburg: U.S. Mails
By Cheryl Ganz
24 September 2025
6:15 p.m. via Zoom

The Graf Zeppelin flew to the United States in 1928, 1929, 1930, and 1933. Hindenburg flew to the United States in 1936 and 1937. During the 1920s and 1930s, Zeppelin linked countries across the Atlantic Ocean before airplanes could carry a non-stop payload. The Zeppelin Company

subsidized operations by carrying and servicing mail. The earlier flights were demonstrations of how zeppelins could transport mail, freight, and passengers more quickly than ships at sea. By 1936, Hindenburg provided the first regularly scheduled, entirely by air, post service between Europe and North America. This presentation will focus on U.S. dispatches on these flights.

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](#)

- 10 September:** Fall PSLC auction at Landis Homes
- 24 September:** Graf Zeppelin & Hindenburg: 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

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 next show will be on October 12,** with the final show of the year scheduled for December 20 and 21, 2025.

Affiliated Dealers for the October 12 show include K2 Stamp Mobile (K2 Stamps & Collectibles), Doug McCullough, Frank Soeder, Leslie Botte, Hugh Clark, David Lengyel, Wayne Gehret, Tony Coccio, Jack Zerby & Ward Wilcox.

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.



PSLC Members in *The American Philatelist*

By Dr. Paul Petersen

The August 2025 issue of *The American Philatelist* showcases three PSLC members for the American Philatelic Society's awards they received at The Great American Stamp Show in Illinois last month.

Mark Schwartz Received one of the three APS Luft Awards, his award for "Exceptional Contributions to Philately." His numerous top medals for philatelic exhibitions are noted along with his tireless efforts as an accredited judge and his service on the Committee for National Exhibitions and Judges. He is also distinguished for his many philatelic articles to a variety of publications. Mark is a regular presenter to PSLC and most active in bringing the Boston 2026 Stamp Expo to fruition, most recently appointed as Society Chairman.

Larry Rosenblum, pictured above receiving his award from APS president Cheryl Ganz, won an APS "Nicholas Carter Volunteer Award for National Service." Larry has covered a lot of philatelic ground especially through his monthly columns on British and then French philately in *Linn's Stamp News* and later, *Scott Stamp Monthly*. One of Larry's interests is in the education of new through intermediate collectors as evidenced by his myriad publications and former website. He is active in many leading societies and presents regularly to the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County.

Rick Barrett received the "United States Stamp Society Barbara Mueller Award," one for the best article in one year of *The American Philatelist*. His winning June 2024 article is entitled "One of Philately's Unabashed Forgers! The Outstanding Story of Georges Carion." In addition to sharing other topics with us over the years, Rick presented Georges Carion's illustrated story with PSLC through a Zoom presentation.

THE PRECANCELED BATTLESHIP REPORT

“Rumford Chemical Works” Providence, Rhode Island

Submitted by
Stanley E. Jones and Barbara A. Jones
Brandywine Valley Stamp Club

Rumford Chemical Works began in 1856, Figure 1. It produced baking powder that was shipped across the country and exported (Figures 2(a) and 2(b)). At the end of the nineteenth century, the company had 300 acres of working farms and communities to house its employees. The company used a private die stamp during the Civil War tax period (Toppan, Deats and Holland [1]), but elected to cancel battleships during the Spanish-American War. The earliest use of a Battleship that we could find (Figure 3) was a stamp cancel used on the first day of the tax. The use of precancels began on the second day of the tax. We do not have any of those stamps. Ours begin on July 5, 1898 (Figure 4). According to Chappell and Joyce [2], Rumford Chemical Works only employed one precancel type on Battleship revenues. Starting on July 2, 1898, Rumford precanceled 1/8, ¼, 1, 1 ¼, 2, and 2 ½ cent Battleship proprietary stamps (RB20, RB21, RB24, RB25, RB27 and RB28). Several of their precanceled stamps are shown in Figures 4-8.

The connection that Horsford had to Rumford Chemical Works is interesting. Eden Norton Horsford was the Rumford Professor of Applied Science and Chemistry at Harvard University. Prof. Horsford was also one of the founders of the Rumford Chemical Works. His work resulted in the development of a number of preparations and products that were marketed by Rumford. Professor Horsford was particularly known for *Horsford's Acid Phosphate*, a product that was purported to cure indigestion, nervousness, and exhaustion (Figures 9-12). This product was created in 1868 as an invigorating health tonic. However, its most important application was an ingredient in *Coca-Cola*, the most popular drink in the world of that generation. The reason that it was used in this drink was that it provided a “pleasant acidity.” Horsford's Acid Phosphate conveniently replaced citrus juices, which had been used before in the drink.

On June 12, 2006, Rumford Chemical Works was designated a National Chemical Historical Landmark. The Rumford Chemical Works and Mill House district in Providence, RI, encompasses the remnants of the chemical works. It now houses several businesses, apartments and lofts. The area has also become a tourist destination.

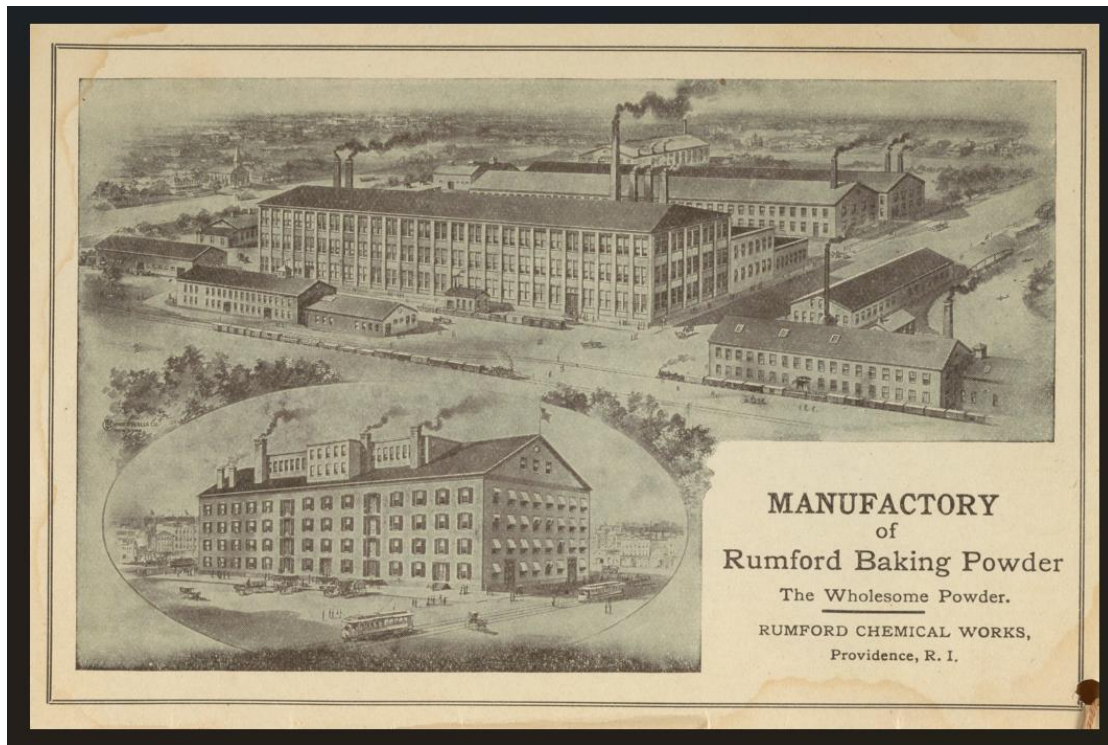


Figure 1. The factory of the Rumford Chemical Works in Providence, RI.



Figure 2 (a). An advertising card for baking powder.

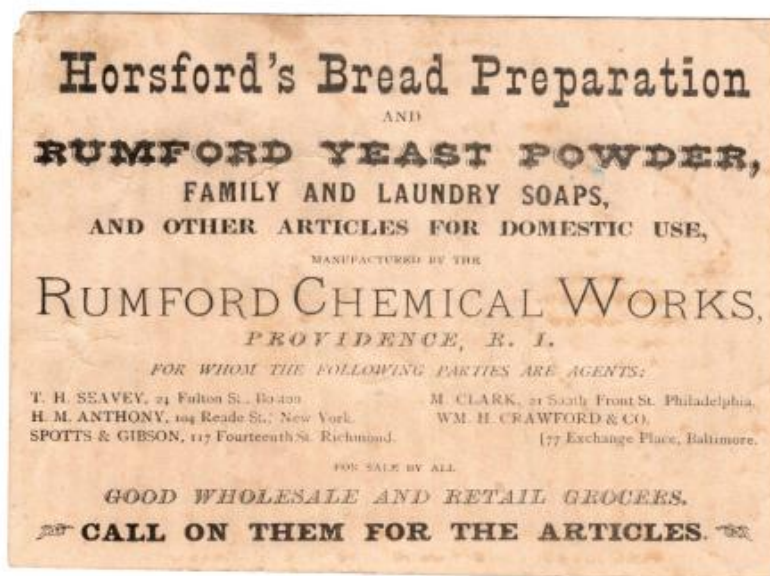


Figure 2(b). The reverse side of the card shown in figure 2(a).



Figure 3. A very early stamp cancel used on RB 21 by the Rumford Chemical Works on the first day of the Spanish-American War Tax, July 1, 1898.



Figure 4. Early Type 1 Rumford Chemical Works precancels on 1-cent and 1/8-cent proprietary Battleships, RB 24 and RB20. Both stamps have major faults and are rouletted 5 ½.



Figure 5. An early Type1 precancel on a 1 1/4-cent BattleShip, RB25. The stamp is rouletted 5 1/2, indicating usage early in the tax period.



Figure 6. Precancels on RB 25 used late in the tax period. The stamps are all hyphen-hole perf 7.



Figure 7. An inverted precancel on a 1 1/4-cent BattleShip, RB 25, used very late in the tax period. The stamp is hyphen-hole perf 7 and this cancel was not known to Chappell and Joyce [2].



Figure 8. A Type 1 precancel used by Rumford Chemical Works on a 2 1/2 cent Battleship, RB 28, very late in the tax period. What makes this stamp interesting is the date was not known to Chappell and Joyce [2] and the stamp is rouletted 5 1/2, which is very unusual this late in the tax period.

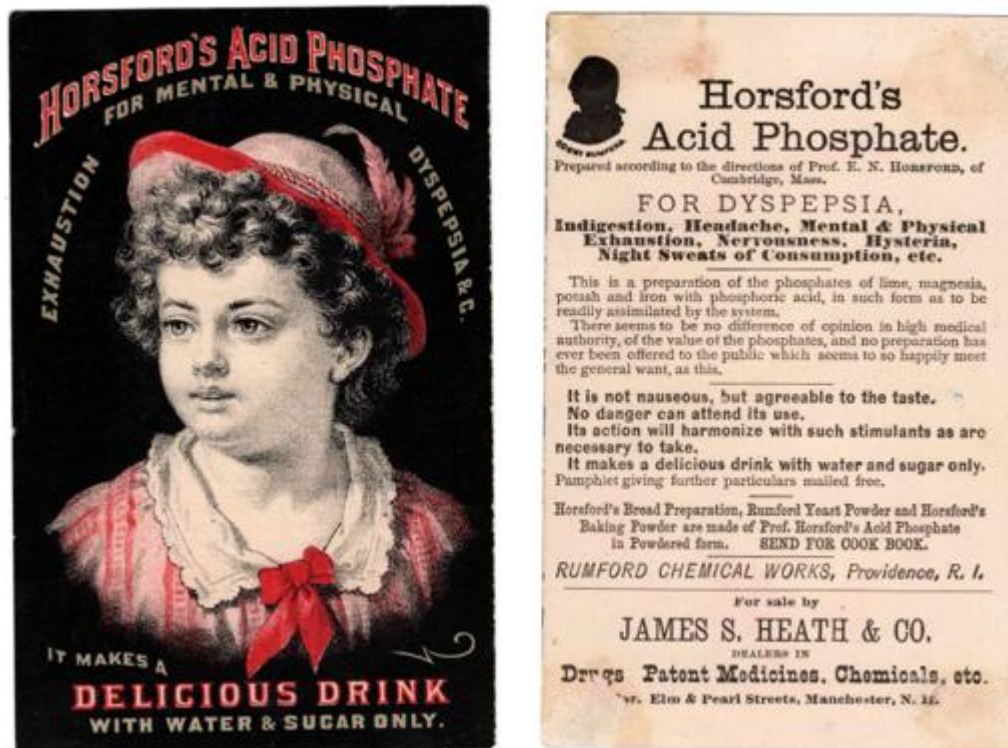


Figure 9. A medicine card advertising Horsford's Acid Phosphate. The image on the right is the reverse side of the card pictured on the left.

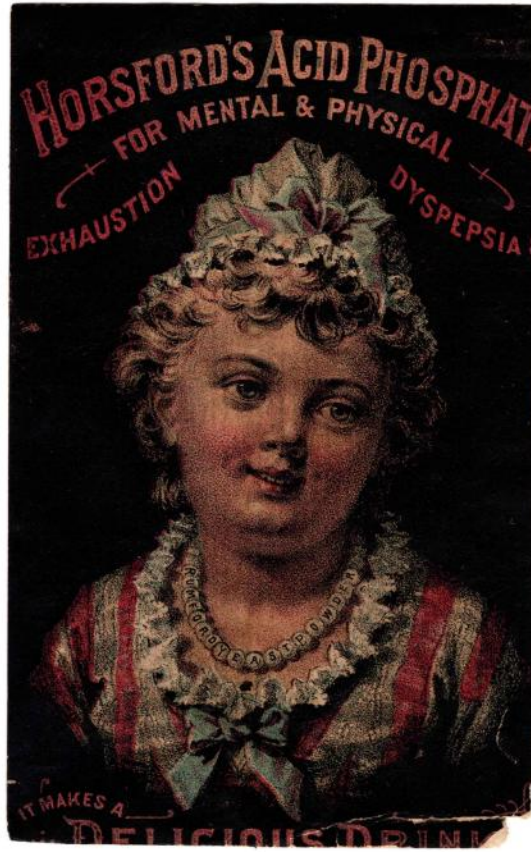


Figure 10. Another medicine card, similar to that shown in Figure 8, advertising Horsford's Acid Phosphate. This card is in poor condition, but still deserves to be shown as a contrast to the one in Figure 8.



Figure 11. An advertising card for Horsford's Acid Phosphate, a tonic for indigestion and numerous other ailments.

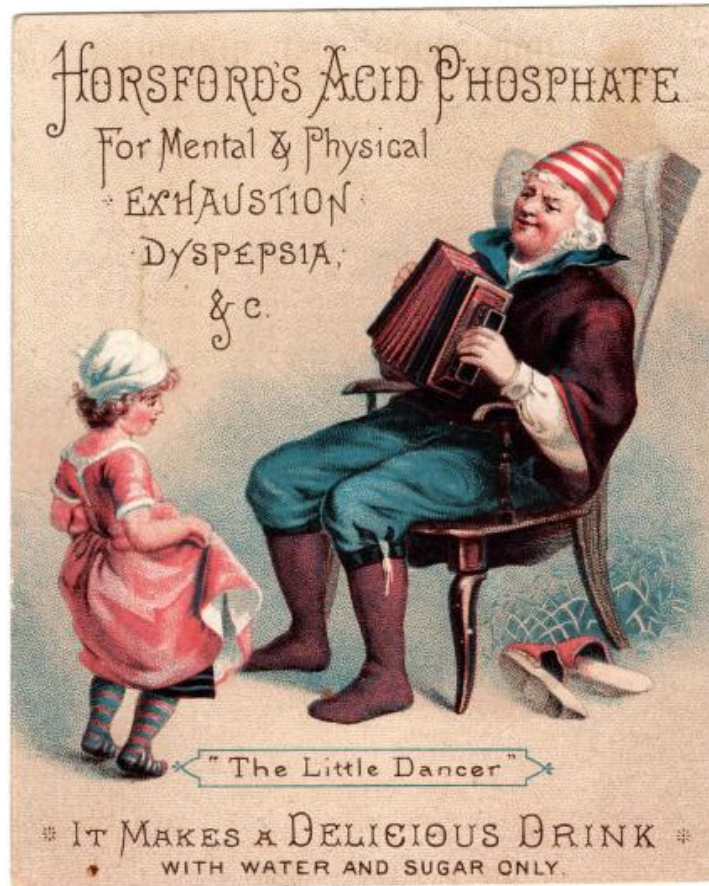




Figure 12. An advertising card for Horsford's Acid Phosphate. This card promotes the tonic as a "delicious drink."

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Editor's note: Enjoy this article reprinted from the Pennsylvania Postal History Society's award-winning journal, *Postal Historian*, courtesy of the Historian's editor and PSLC member Hal Klein. The Historian earned a gold medal at GASS in the literature competition this past August. Congratulations, Hal!

His Name Was Walter Douglas Wesson

by Hal Klein



Walter Douglas Wesson was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1852, the son of Phineas D. and Agnes Wesson. What has been written about the life of this little-known inventor of the "LEBANON, PA., WESSON DUPLEX PATENT CANCEL" can be traced to Theodore W. Bozarth's research on "Wesson's, TIME-ON-BOTTOM Duplex Hand Cancellers".¹

On January 12, 1876, at age 24, Walter married 22-year-old Lorie Mathewson of Worcester, Ma., when Walter worked in the Providence, R.I. post office. Five years later, on January 18, 1881, Walter received his first U.S. Patent No. 236,742, for the "W. D. WESSON Hand Stamp".² (Figures 1&2)

This would become the *Lebanon, Pa.* WESSON's *Patent Cancel*, a unique design known to fancy cancellation collectors (shown above). Later that year, Walter's young wife would die at the age of 27, but there would be more tragic events to come. However, Walter continued his work on improving the Duplex Cancellers' design.

To create the *Lebanon Patent Cancel* was simply an adaptation of the original Patent ("Fig. 3." on the patent) and did not require a new patent application. Wesson's design was straightforward and perfect. With his Patent approval ("Fig. 2.") the cancel could be any pattern, any figure, any image, any design or cylinder form (Figure 3a) the mind could create, and it could be changed at will.

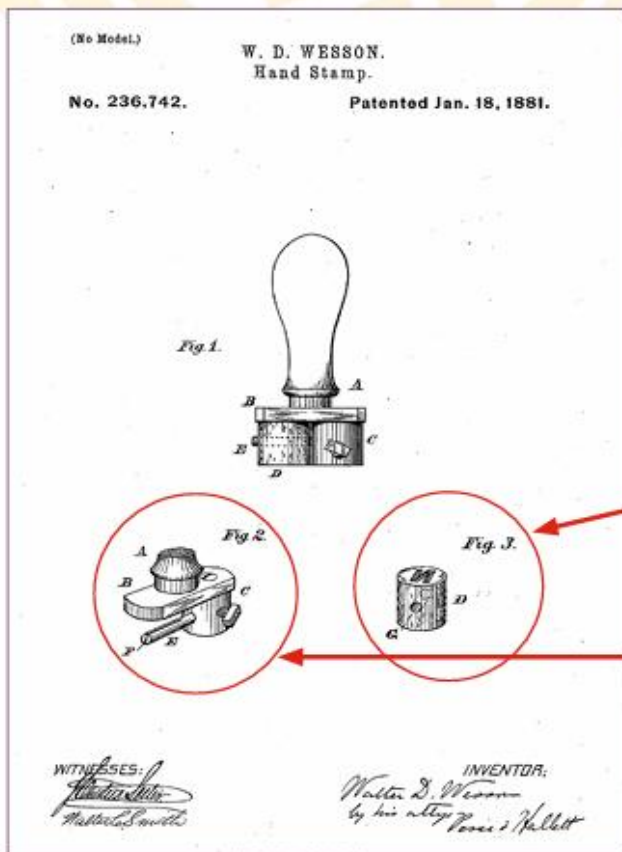


Figure 1

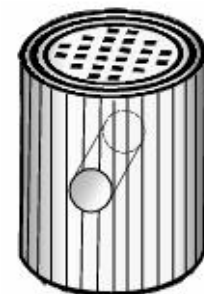


Figure 3a

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

WALTER D. WESSON, OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

HAND-STAMP.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 236,742, dated January 18, 1881.

Application filed June 21, 1880. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER D. WESSON, of the city of Providence, in the county of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Postage-Stamp Obliterators and Postmarkers; and declare the following to be a specification thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Like letters indicate like parts.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are detail views.

My invention relates to those postmarking instruments in common use in post-offices which are adapted to simultaneously blot or disfigure the postage-stamp and to print upon the postal matter the place and date of mailing.

My invention consists in the use of a cylindrical block of cork for an obliterator, having a bearing directly upon the transverse bar of the implement, and being perforated diametrically to receive a stud of the type-cylinder, for the purpose of holding the obliterator in position.

The obliterators in common use are made of cork, the outer end of which has a plane surface to blot the postage-stamp with ink, while the inner end is cut tapering to fit into a cup-socket upon the bar. The disadvantage of this arrangement is that by repeated use the cork is cut by the edges of the socket, and is liable to be displaced or loosened, and so not only does the cork soon become unfit for use, but the obliterating surface does not remain in the same plane with the surface of the type of the postmarker, and consequently does not uniformly or sufficiently deface the postage-stamp.

The parts of my invention are as follows:

A handle, A, is provided with a fixed transverse bar, B, to which is fastened the postmarker C, wherein are contained the types to print the place and date of mailing. A cylindrical block of cork, D, the two ends of which are parallel, has a diametrical perforation, G, extending through it transversely. By means of this perforation the block D is fitted and engaged upon a stud, E, which projects at a right angle from the side of the postmarker, in a

direction parallel with the central longitudinal line of the bar B, as shown in Fig. 2. The inner end of the block D fits firmly and snugly against the inner surface of the bar B, which thus furnishes a bearing to resist the pressure of the blow upon the obliterating-surface of the block D. The outer end of the block D forms the obliterating-surface which inks the face of the postage-stamp. By thus holding the block rigidly in position the outer end is kept constantly in the same plane with the postmarking surface and a uniform and even impression is insured.

It may be desirable to insert a metallic tube to fit tightly within the perforation G, and also to slit and slightly spring apart the stud E, as shown at F, for the purpose of more securely holding the block D upon the stud E by the lateral pressure of the spring.

By using a block, D, cylindrical throughout I am able to utilize both ends of it, so that it can be transposed at pleasure and be capable of double service.

Different devices may be cut upon the two ends of the block, as in Fig. 3, to denote such information relative to the cancellation of the stamp as the postal regulations may require; and by transposing the position of the block, so as to bring either end to the exterior to form an obliterating-surface, the same block can be used to imprint either device, as desired.

I claim as a novel and useful invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The perforated cylindrical block D, having parallel ends to serve interchangeably as obliterating-surfaces, and secured in position by means of the stud E of a postmarker, substantially as specified.

2. The cylindrical obliterator D, in combination with the bar B, handle A, and stud E, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of an obliterator, D, bar B, and postmarker C, connected by a stud, E, substantially as specified.

WALTER D. WESSON.

Witnesses:

CHARLES G. A. PETERSON,
WARREN R. PERCE.

Figure 2

It has been difficult to determine the exact date when the Postmaster of Lebanon, Pa. initiated the use of the Lebanon's Wesson Patent Cancel. It appears to be sometime in early 1884. As late as February 1884, the Lebanon, Pa.'s three-ring blackball duplex hand stamp (right) was still in use.



The Lebanon, Pa. WESSON's Patent Cancel continued being used until the device was replaced in 1889.

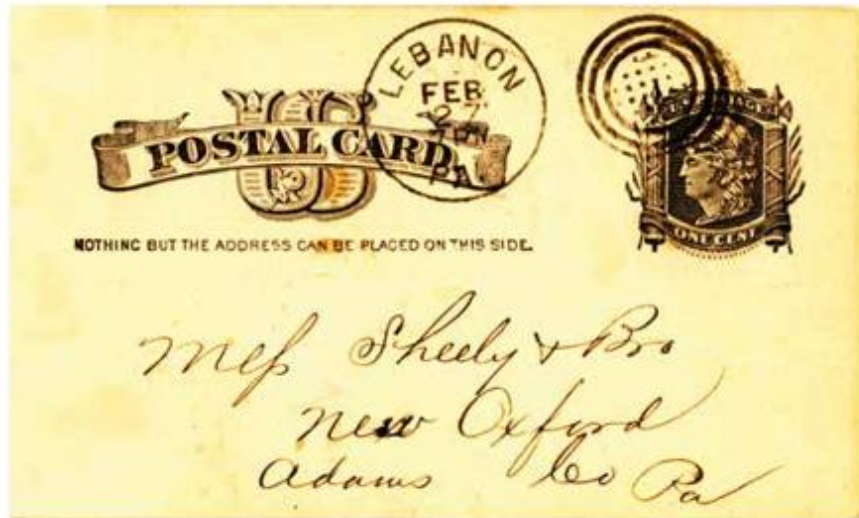
Walter Wesson would develop one more improvement to his Duplex Hand Stamp with his U.S. Patent No. 286,884 issued on October 16, 1883.

The earliest seen usage is June 5, 1884, going from Lebanon to Greble, Pa.



LEBANON, PA.
JUN 6, (1884)
to Greble
Lebanon Co., Penna

LEBANON, PA.
February 27, (1885)
to New Oxford
Adams Co, Pa





LEBANON, PA.
 July 15, (1884)
 to Hamburg,
 Germanay (sic)



LEBANON, PA.
 June 9, (1885)
 to Greble
 Lebanon Co, Pa



LEBANON, PA.
February 25, (1886)
to Greble
Lebanon County, Pa



LEBANON, PA.
MAR 20, (1886)
to Grebble (sic)
Leb Co, Pa

LEBANON, PA.
AUG 27, (1886)
to Dalmatia
Northumberland
County, Penna





LEBANON, PA.
 April 3, (1889)
 to Springboro,
 Crawford Co, Pa

Time-On-Bottom Wesson Patent

On October 16, 1883, Walter D. Wesson received the third U.S. Patent No. 286,884 for the "W. D. WESSON HAND STAMP"³ (Figure 4) better known to collectors as Wesson's "TIME-ON-BOTTOM" Duplex Hand Cancelers.



Figure 4

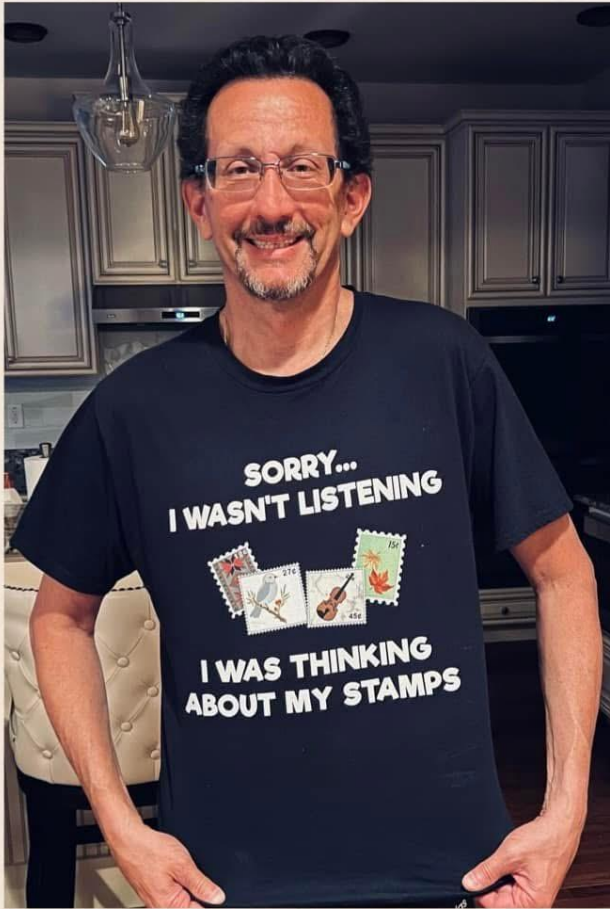
"In July 1882, this Wesson-designed Duplex Canceler appears in Boston, Providence, and New York and in January 1883, Philadelphia started using eighteen."¹

Tragically, Wesson died in 1890 at the young age of 38. ♥

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3. IBID, No. 286,884 W. D. Wesson Hand Stamp Patented October 16, 1883.

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What stamps are currently occupying *your* thoughts?

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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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