



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

The holiday season is here, and after surviving a very commercial Thanksgiving, we are facing the even more commercial December Holidays. And speaking of holidays and solicitations, have you made your philatelic wish list and placed it by your spouse's or parents' cell phones?

The philatelic hobby typically focuses on the acquisition of material for our collections: stamps and covers among others. And at Christmas time, especially for young collectors, stamp albums may often be found under the tree. One of our members shared with me that he started collecting in second grade, and showing some promise, he was given a Scott's National Album in 7th grade. It included regular issues plus all the BOB material through 1960, leaving him with years to complete. He still adds revenues as he finds them to these 65+ year old album pages. He remembers it as one of his best Christmas gifts ever. And while we continue to consider acquisitions to our collection(s), for some, it may be time to give serious thought to the eventual disposition of our items. It's just as important a topic. I will have more to comment about this next month.

Thirty-six (36) members and guests are registered for our December Dinner at Landis Homes on Wednesday. The planners tell me that there will be something for everybody. Remember Kevin Kellman's Stamp show on Saturday/Sunday, December 20th and 21st at the Farm & Home Center. And start preparing for our club auction which takes place on January 14th, 2026. This event will be here before you know it. The club auctions that follow in 2026 will be on June 10th and October 14th.

It has been an extra busy year for me, and I continue to appreciate the hard work by so many in PSLC, especially with my family, and travel schedule for much of the latter half of 2025 that has kept me away. And at year's end, I wish to express my thanks to those who made this club what it is during the last calendar year (and the many years before this).

Special thanks to **Fred Sargent** and his Dinner Committee for the work and planning for our second in-house catered buffet meal since Covid. 1st VP **John Hostetter** has professionally run some of the meetings in my absence. Treasurer **Lou DiFelice** has also conducted many of the meetings, and just as important, he continues to keep us up to date working with the Membership Committee to account for the income from the members' dues, auctions, and donations. He prepares monthly reports, as a lot of our income covers the picnic, holiday dinner, website maintenance, venue rentals, and other club-related expenditures. Secretary **David Weichert** has prepared meeting minutes, while 2nd VP **Bill Greiner, III** and Immediate Past President **Doug Milliken**, remain available to advise.

Newsletter editor **Scott Ney** produces an outstanding monthly issue which continues to win awards, and he does this in addition to editing a joint edition of the Lebanon and Reading Stamp Club newsletters. **Everyone who contributes** articles and other content to this newsletter, great and small, enjoys part ownership of this award, as the quality of our newsletter depends greatly on those contributions. Please consider working with Scott to have your philatelic writing featured in these pages.

In addition to his "Publicity" position on our PSLC Board, **Len Kasper** is in his umpteenth year providing hot drinks for the in-person meetings each month, and this coincides with the monthly hosts who sign up to provide the snacks and cold drinks for the meeting. I appreciate all of this. And besides drinks, Len has been responsible for the start-up concept and planning of our Annual Open House each November, and he has seen it through fruition for many years. Membership Chairman **Wayne Heim** retired and has transitioned our new chairman, **Dan Martin** into the position. Dan will be the hub of the membership process, as dues and applications for membership can enter the system through him, online through me (I maintain the club roster and PayPal account), and via Club Treasurer, Lou DiFelice. We have checks, PayPal, and cash. Strict monitoring here is important. Dan will also greet people at the Welcome Table, help visitors become oriented, assist in meeting set-up, manage name tags, recognize and welcome new members, keep club records of all sorts, and much more. Starting in 2026, Dan will take charge of the annual summer picnic. And to Wayne, we offer the club's greatest thanks for years of service.

Our three-times-a year auction team of **Aaron Heckler, Lou DiFelice, Mike Bach, and Mark Jardel** have been steadfastly reliable and up to the job. Thanks also go to the pinch-runners who are recruited on the nights of the auction. These auctions are some of our most popular in-person events. **Paul Petersen** continues to organize our monthly in-person and digital meetings with speakers and other content, and for our in-person meetings he provides, door prizes, some donated items to auction, and a tabletop of give-away items including pre-owned philatelic journals of all kinds.

Last but not least, I want to offer special thanks to **Suzanne Noble-Uhl** for her diligent monthly set-up of our virtual meetings on Zoom for the last six years. When Covid struck and PSLC (along with much of the country) went underground, Suzanne offered to arrange digital meetings which started in April of 2020. Immediately after the positive response, she suggested we go to two meetings a month...and a new format was born the following month. With digital meetings going worldwide, our newsletter, and the presence of our website and Facebook page, our membership jumped to over 120, including members from twelve different states.

Once more, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has made PSLC one of the best local stamp clubs out there. Many thanks to all of you who have provided snacks and set up the meetings throughout the past year, and ditto for those of you who have presented at our meetings. These in-person and digital presentations are all archived on our award-winning website, <https://lcps-stamps.org>, by date. The .pdfs of the PowerPoints for almost all of the digital and in-person presentations are there, and you will find many of the Zoom presentations on the PSLC's YouTube channel. In addition to my gratefulness, let me wish you all a long-distance Happy Holiday and success in 2026. – *Dr. Charles J. DiComo, President* charlesdicomo@gmail.com

Upcoming Programs



Holiday Society Dinner
10 December 2025
6:30 p.m. at Landis Homes

The dinner will be held in the large conference room on the first floor of the High Center at Landis Homes. Buffet starts at 7:00 p.m., but guests may arrive at 6:30 p.m. There will be gift exchanges, philatelic and non-philatelic options, door prizes, giveaway items, party favors, and some auction items.



**The last PSLC meeting of 2025
24 December 2025
6:15 p.m. via Zoom**

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](#)

January 14: Winter PSLC Auction

January 28: Century of Progress: Aerophilately of the 1933 – 1934 Chicago International Exposition (Part I). Jim Haxby

February 11: Open

February 25: Century of Progress: Aerophilately of the 1933 – 1934 Chicago International Exposition (Part II). Jim Haxby

March 12: Open

March 25: Lutheran Charity Seal Collecting (1910 – 1977). Stanley Jones

April 8: Open

April 22: The Greenland Parcel Post Stamps. Jaume Balsells

May 13: The Decimal Era of Canadian Postal History. Ronald E. Majors, OTB, Ph.D

May 17: PSLC Outdoor Bourse

May 27: Open

June 10: PSLC Spring Auction

June 24: National Airmail Week. Jim Haxby

July 8: Air Crash Covers: Preserving the Legacy of Airmail Pioneers. Mike Wilson

July 22: Open

August 12: PSLC Annual Picnic at Freedom Memorial Park in Millersville

August 26: A Journey to the Ney Post Office: A Rural Mountain Post Office in Late 19th Century PA. Scott Ney

September 9: PSLC Summer/Fall Auction

September 23: Open

October 14: Open

October 28: Open

November 11: Open

November 25: Open

December 9: PSLC Annual Holiday Dinner

December 23: Open



The United Kingdom Postal Fiscal Stamp (F-12)

By Bert Stevenson

This article is about the use of a 1d United Kingdom Postal Fiscal Stamp (Stanley Gibbon's Concise Stamp Catalogue #F-12). These stamps are sometimes called "Inland Revenue" stamps. They were used for mailing letters **or** collecting a tax on business transactions. This stamp was used on an 1865 bill for a business transaction illustrated in Figure 1. According to a Stanley Gibbons Catalogue (2015) this document with stamp is valued at £180 (\$242.50 U.S.). Great Britain issued "Postal Fiscal" Stamps from 1853 to 1882. There were 58 different versions of this stamp type issued. Stamps used for postage were cancelled by the post office. Stamp used for business transactions were signed and dated by the businessman.

While working at the Army Limited War Laboratory during the Viet Nam War, I was asked by our British Exchange Officer to buy his stamp collection. He knew I was a stamp collector and wanted to sell the collection because he was in financial straits, and discovery of his situation would be very detrimental to his career. I purchased the collection and found it contained several nice items *e.g.* a penny black (1d, The first British Stamp; Gibbons #1) and several high denomination sea horse stamps (Gibbons #109 *et. al.*) which were issued during the reign of King George V (1910-1936).

5, CORNHILL, DORCHESTER, *Dorset* 1865
(Opposite the Antelope Hotel.)

W Richard Luckham

Bought of CHARLES POUNCY,
SADDLER, CARRIAGE, AND CART HARNESS MAKER.

Agent for the "Imperial Insurance Company."
DEALER IN CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

		£	s	d
	Cart Harness Account	12	5	4
Mar 16	2 Blinds & Gig Bridle		1	6
May 2	Pipe Clay			2
	2 Chamois & 1/2 Sponges 3/		5	6
	2 Scrubbing Brushes		2	
	But Mule Collar		4	
8	2 Cocoa Nut Mats		8	8
June 6	Thong & Gig Whip		1	6
Sept 10	Saddle interchange	2	10	
	2 Stirrup leathers of W. Githers 5/		11	
	Covering 2 Haps & 1/2 Saddle		12	
	New Pannel		9	6
	New Gullet plate to the Tree		2	
	Pelham Bit interchange		3	3
21	New Gill Str		9	
	New Pannel & 1/2 Saddle		9	6
Dec 30	Plated Nail 4/			6
	<i>Charles Pounsey</i>	18	10	2
		2	4	
		17	6	2

Figure 1

This collection also contained an 1865 sales bill submitted for payment of saddle and harness tack purchased by William Richard Luckham from Charles Pounsey (Figure 1). Mr. Pounsey's firm was in Cornhill, Dorchester, England.

To appreciate this item some background information is needed:

Cornhill, Dorchester is located near the south coast of England. It has been in existence since at least the iron age and in 43 AD the Romans built a town there. Thomas Hardy based the setting of his novel, *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, in Cornhill; the novel begins in a Dorchester Pub, and many of the novel's scenes take place in Cornhill.

The cost of the items in this bill, £18/10s/2d, was written in British currency terms of the time – Pounds, Shillings and Pence, the system that was in place until decimalization in 1971 to pounds and new pence. To calculate the value of these 1865 items in today's dollars, an AI Overview was used which displayed their calculations. This result is that the 2025 U.S. dollar value is \$4,151.65. This is based on one British pound Sterling in 1865 being equivalent to \$222.37 U.S. today.

One will also notice at the bottom line of the bill there is a £2/4s reduction, and this may be a credit for a down payment. This reduces the bill from £18/10s/2d to £16/6s/2d.

The names for pieces of harness noted in the bill have not changed much since 1865. The Pelham bit is still being manufactured today and prices for the varieties of this item run from about \$40.00 to \$150.00 as seen on an online source. In 1865-66 Mr. Luckham paid 3s/3d for the bit with today's value of \$63.

Charles Pouncy was quite an entrepreneur. He was running three very different businesses; he was a harness maker, insurance agent, and a tobacconist as seen on the bill's letterhead. He was also rather tied to his business as evidenced by the fact that he was working on his account on Christmas Day. This could also indicate that he was anxious to get paid. Also, note that Mr. Luckham did not make a payment on his account until the middle of January 1866.

William Richard Luckham was a member of the local gentry, and it appears he was running up quite a bill. The sum of £18/10s/2d (>\$4K today) is a fair amount of debt for 1865-6. What was all or part of the Luckham estate in 1865 exists today as a gated community.

If you have questions or comments, contact me at bsteveson13@comcast.net.

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 final show of 2025 is scheduled for December 20 and 21, 2025.

Kevin has announced four show dates for 2026: February 15, April 19, July 19, and December 13, all on Sunday.

Pizza is provided for lunch. 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 Meeting Minutes

PSLC Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2025 – Landis Homes

Attendance: 25 members & numerous guests

Opening: On November 12, 2025, the Society held its annual open house. Members and guests began to gather about 6:30 PM to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, a bourse and giveaways. There were numerous guests that had come in response to an article published in the Lancaster News-Post publicizing the open house. Society First Vice President John Hostetter called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM with a variety of greetings and announcements

Secretary's Report: Secretary David Weichert reviewed the minutes for the meetings of October 8 and October 22, 2025, as published in the Society newsletter. The minutes were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lou DeFelice presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2025, which was accepted as read.

Opening balance	6,426.80
Income	20.00
Expenses	<u>782.29</u>
Ending balance	6,446.80
CD's	6,122.16

Long time Society member Steve Kennedy, who has relocated out of the area was in attendance. He gave an update on exciting philatelic projects he is involved in, including an update to the American Postmark Catalog being prepared by the Postal History Society and the preparations underway for the upcoming Boston 2026 Exhibition.

An auction of donated items was held. There were 17 donated items auctioned off to nine different buyers, generating \$197 for the benefit of the society. Following the auction, about 25 door prizes were awarded by random drawing.

Feature presentation: Open house member exhibits

Six member exhibits were on display, and each of the exhibitors gave a brief presentation of their exhibit.

- Washington-Franklins: Where do I begin? by Keith Bloss
- Great Britain Inland Air Letter Service 1933-1935 by Mike Bach
- The 1976 Tangshan China Earthquake by Rob Sternberg
- Charles Demuth, Lancaster's Preeminent Modern Artist by Rob Sternberg
- Submarine USS Thresher by Jim Dormer

- Billmeyer, Pennsylvania by Scott Ney

Following the presentations, the meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 PM.

PSLC Meeting Minutes – November 26, 2025 - virtual meeting via Zoom

Attendance: 21 members and guests

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Paul Petersen, with a time of greeting and announcements.

Feature presentation:

(1) "*A Canadian Christmas*," by **Rick Barrett**. Rick's presentation starred the iconic Canadian "Map Stamp" issued for Christmas in 1898. He discussed collecting this popular stamp and compared and contrasted it with a 1901 Cinderella stamp promoting the 1901 Pan American Exposition with a similar design.

(2) "*Means of researching Newspapers for philatelic and genealogical research*," by **Scott Ney**. Scott discussed the use of online newspaper archives to enhance his personal and philatelic research. Indeed, using the news in your philatelic research is enjoyable, and it can bear much fruit.

(3) "*A Thornton Wilder Thematic*," by **Rob Sternberg**. The Society was treated to a view of Rob's collection of Wilder on stamps and postcards, in literature, and a few other unusual representations, including the influence of Newport, Rhode Island on Wilder's thoughts and prose.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Weichert
Secretary

The November Philatelic Gathering

On November 15, 2025, Paul Pitcher gave a thoroughly absorbing 2-hour presentation on the "Seated Britannia Variants Produced by Perkins, Bacon & Co." at the Chester County History Center.

He began with profiles of the printing firm's owners and maps of the two colonies—Barbados and Trinidad. He then defined the stamp engraving process. Paul also discussed the physical

attributes of these mid-19th century issues with their pin perforations 1859-60, comb perforations, and “clean cut” and rough perforations. Some issues were printed on paper with two different star designs. He ended up with a brief review of the canceling devices used on these stamps.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2026. Make it a relaxing, joyous holiday season. – C. DiComo.

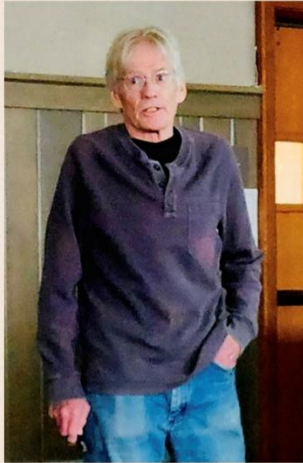
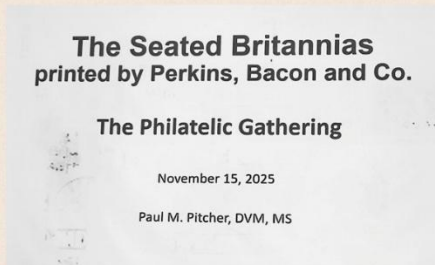


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Philatelic Gathering Homepage: <https://lcp-stamps.org/study-groups/>

Montage by Dr. Charles J. DiComo

Recent presentations posted on the PSLC website

 ["Graf Zeppelin & Hindenburg U.S. Mails: An Introduction,"](#) by Cheryl Ganz (2025-09-24)

 [Civil War Pension Philately,](#) by Scott Ney (2025-08-27)

 ["Rounding Up \[Texas\] Post Offices: Identifying And Locating All The Sites That A County Has To Offer."](#) and the  [Accompanying Text,](#) by John Germann (2025-07-23)

Recent uploads to the PSLC YouTube Channel

[Everyone's Servant: The 1950's U.S. Post Office – Rick Barrett](#)

[U.S. Civil War Pension Philately - Scott Ney](#)

[Rounding Up Texas Post Offices - John Germann](#)



The North Museum of Nature & Science is looking for new volunteers to help in nearly every area of the museum, from feeding the animals and running planetarium shows to researching exhibits and helping with fundraising. Whether you prefer to engage with visitors or help with more "behind the scenes" work we have a place for you.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with our preschool programming, planetarium operation, exhibit development, and fundraising. For more info on current pressing needs, check out our profile on volunteer match at <https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/org38164.jsp>

Active volunteers enjoy unlimited visits to the Museum, The Art Gallery, Live Animal Room, Planetarium, and special volunteer-only events!

For general inquiries, visit our website: <https://northmuseum.org/volunteer/> or email Molly Wolanski (mwolanski@northmuseum.org)

Scientifically Yours, Dr. Charles J. DiComo, PhD Email: charlesdicomo@gmail.com

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.



Looking To Acquire: 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. Scans appreciated, will trade/purchase. Contact Dr. Charles J. DiComo at charlesdicomo@gmail.com



Looking To Acquire: "APL" in lieu of "APR" for "APRIL" in New York City cancellations on stamps & covers. Period of use ~1830-1855. Interested in 1¢ & 3¢ 1851-57 Issue, Stampless, Locals, Carriers, 1847, etc. The "APL" was used in other New York State cities: Albany, Brooklyn, Catskill, Clinton, Cooperstown, Copenhagen, Hudson, Johnstown, New Berlin, Oswego, Plattsburg, Rochester, Sandy Hill, Johnstown, Utica, Watertown, & non-NY state cities. Scans appreciated, will trade/purchase. Contact Dr. Charles J. DiComo at charlesdicomo@gmail.com



Looking To Acquire: U.S. Private Die Proprietary ‘Match & Medicine’ Revenues, issued stamps, essays, post-tax labels, facsimiles on original packaging (bottles & boxes), wrappers, product inserts, almanacs, billheads, etc. Scans appreciated, will trade/purchase. Contact Dr. Charles J. DiComo at charlesdico@gmail.com



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

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

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The PSLC is honored to be selected as a winner of the 2024 APS Star Route Awards for our website and newsletter. The Society website (lcpstamps.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.