



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

In February, I mentioned a landmark event that was coming my way, one that is evenly divisible by thirty etc. By the time of our meeting on Wednesday, I will have just passed the milestone, with the next milestone being one evenly divisible evenly by 37.5! It is a great way to end one of the coldest winters in years.

In my scientific capacity, I have had many questions from friends and coworkers on a variety of topics, one being my theory on the stamp collecting gene in which I expanded on at length last year. But there have also been queries on Covid testing and vaccination earlier in the decade, and more recently, Artificial Intelligence, more commonly referred to as AI. Given that there may be some growing challenges in discerning truth from reality as AI gets even more potent, I have stressed caution to our membership several times in this column, especially about being careful on the computer and other device interfaces. The bad guys are getting harder to discern from the legitimate ones with whom we wish to interact. And some fraudsters are getting a little funnier. This morning, I received an email from me, asking me for money. As you can imagine, I saw through this one immediately. But alas, email scams are no laughing matter; when we receive these communications, some of the contents may be dangerous, especially the links or response boxes. If one responds to them, bad things can happen.

Fraudsters want you to click on the link, which at worst may steal your identity or take over your computer. The wording is designed to tempt your curiosity where you will click on the link. The temptation may include further information on your credit, an update on your court case, the financial receipt of the item you just purchased, attempts by someone to steal your identity (this one is especially ironic), and many other clever rouses. These are tempting. Even if you know

they might be bogus, don't click on any of them. In fact, don't even think of clicking on any of them.

Below is an email that was sent to our newsletter editor. In the past two years or so, he's gotten so many of these purporting to be from me that he quietly deletes them, but he retrieved it from his SPAM folder as an example to share with us. Sometimes, legitimate emails are directed to our SPAM folders. But the address that this email came from should be a flashing red light; it's not my email address! However, the fraudsters are hoping that Scott is not paying attention to that detail. Whatever sent this email is sophisticated enough to know that our treasurer's name is Lou, and they are hoping that Scott will respond to this email. If an email or phone caller ever requires you to pay a debt or other expense with "gift cards", that is also a hallmark of a scam.

• Availability to Assist Today

Aol/Spam ☆



Charles J. DiComo
From: shaji@equipmentcorner.net
To: stnst2@aol.com

Tue, Mar 3 at 7:29 AM ☆

Hi Scott,

Just checking if you're available to help today. We're trying to pay a vendor using gift cards, but Lou isn't familiar with purchasing gift cards. If you're able to help with the purchase, Lou will reimburse you immediately once it's completed. Please let me know when you see this.

Regards
Charles J. DiComo
President PSLC

When a suspicious email or text arrives, we are offered two options: Delete the email or report it as spam and delete the email. I want another option. Here is my recommendation: I want the ability to direct to the sender the fleas of a thousand camels. Seriously, one can never be too careful with spammers or scammers.

Yes, this technical marvel which has been developing for years is here to stay with so much discussion on the pros and cons of AI. Previous technological leaps have been met with similar duality. When gun power was developed in China around AD 850, for example, it was used largely for fireworks. However, some forward-thinking and power-grabbing warlords of the day opined how this new advance could be used to give them an edge in warfare against their neighbors! Following the Wright Brothers first flight in 1903, it did not take the U.S. War Department very long before a plane took off from a naval vessel in 1910 while another landed on one in 1911! And thirty-one years later the U.S. Navy's carrier force destroyed four Japanese aircraft carriers near Midway Island, to greatly turn the tide of the Pacific War in the allies' favor. There are many such stories over the centuries of the dual reception of technological advances.

Even the 1840 Penny Black stamp had its scammers. Before the presence of the stamp with its prepaid mail, the recipient would have to pay for the letter upon delivery. If he or she did not know the sender, they might refuse it, and they often did. But a prepaid letter is another issue, and more likely than not, the recipient would open it. This was a great opportunity for the senders of poison-pen letters if they were willing to pay the pennies.

Similarly, AI is a two-edged sword. Our government has said that we must develop and embrace AI technology to keep up with our enemies while improving the life of the American people. Big things are already in place through AI with so much more on the horizon. I see it in medicine every day, especially in the diagnostics of disease. A colleague shared that while viewing his colonoscopy on the screen, the gastroenterologist pointed out to him the computer's green box hovering over a small benign polyp that lit up before the doc saw it himself, remarking that "AI will be taking over the world." All my colleague cared about was the removal of the polyp and viewing its demise on the screen. Another downturn as shared by a physician friend is that AI will definitely cut into the core of the radiology profession. In many family practices, no longer is the physician distracted by note writing or keyboarding. In the examination room, the patient-physician discussion is recorded and AI writes the report, one which the physician may later review and sign. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

Next month, I'll share some of the philatelic applications for AI that I have read in our hobby's press. These applications are related to research, creativity, design, and more. However, as predicted, there are the downsides. Think spring, and have a wonderful meeting on Wednesday.

Dr. Charles J. DiComo, President
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Upcoming Programs

From the U.S. to Farther India & Back Again
A Five Month Journey of a Baptist Missionary Cover in 1856 - 1857
11 February 2026
6:30 p.m. Landis Homes

In this video presentation Dr. DiComo, President of the PSLC and ESPHS, takes us on a five-month journey of a Baptist Missionary cover mailed in August 1856 from Warren, Ohio to Farther India (Hindustan/British India), today's Arakan, Myanmar. When the letter arrived after a multi-month journey the recipient, Reverend Alfred Satterlee, "was not there". The cover then made the long trip back to the United States, arriving in Boston a few months later in January 1857. The challenge with this cover is if one could determine the rates and routes. The cover is postmarked with over 20 cancellations and manuscript rate markings from its trip from the U.S. to Great Britain, then Egypt to India to Father India, and then back again to the U.S. The answer as you follow Charles' diagnosis, is yes. He was able to reveal the cancels and rates and the entire trip, even determining the sailing and steam vessels the cover was carried on. Charles also reveals a tragic aspect to the story of the Reverend Satterlee, his wife and child. Quite a detective story. We look forward to seeing you in-person at Landis Homes for a short biz meeting, Society mini-auction, an extended bourse, door prizes, beverages & snacks and great camaraderie.



From the U.S. to Farther India & Back Again.
A Five Month Journey of a Baptist Missionary Cover
in 1856-1857

The Challenge: Determining the Rates and Routes



Lutheran Charity Seal Collecting (1910 – 1977)

By Stanley Jones

25 March 2026

6:15 p.m. via Zoom

Lutheran charities have used charity seals to raise money to support their causes for many years. The most prominent and best known of these charities are Evangelical Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO, and Grace Lutheran Sanitorium, San Antonio, TX. This presentation will focus on the seals that were released by these two charities. These seals are listed in Green's Catalog in the local section. However, their use is national and even international in scope. Most of the content of the presentation is contained in my collection.

PSLC Calendar

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

March 12: From the U.S. to Farther India and Back Again: A Five-Month Journey of a Baptist Missionary Cover in 1856 – 1857. Dr. Charles DiComo (pre-recorded) **This is the final meeting to bring in your stamp donations for Boston 2026 to Len Kasper.**

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

April 8: Taxation of Beer in Pennsylvania, 1934 – 1965. Ron Leshner

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. This popular event was cancelled last year due to lack of interest. However, we know that stamp collectors are enthusiastic when it comes to buying, selling, and trading for new material. This year, we're going to give the event more publicity; we believe that a well-planned event will bring out our buyers, sellers, and traders. Please start thinking about participating in this year's bourse. More information will be in the pages of your May PSLC newsletter.

May 27: Collecting National Airmail Week Material: More than Meets the Eye. Jim Haxby

June 10: PSLC Spring Auction

June 24: The Whimsical World of Philatelic Artist Joun Coulthard. Rick Barrett

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

July 22: Stamping our way through History on America's 250th Birthday! Steven J. Rod

August 12: PSLC Annual Picnic at Manheim Township Community Park in Neffsville

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

September 9: Open

September 23: Gary Loew

October 14: PSLC Summer/Fall Auction

October 28: An open discussion about philately and stamp collecting: how do you do it, what do you want to share about it, and what do you want to know about it, let by Rob Sternberg

November 11: Society Open House and Exhibition, hosted by Len Kasper

November 25: Wilmir Long & His 'Department Store of Philately'. Rick Barrett

December 9: PSLC Annual Holiday Dinner. Len Kasper

December 23: Cemil Betanov

THE PRECANCELED BATTLESHIP REPORT

“REMEMBER THE MAINE”

By

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

“Remember the Maine” was the rallying cry for the Spanish-American War in 1898. On February 15, 1898, the Battleship Maine was anchored in the Havana Harbor in Cuba. The ship mysteriously blew up taking the lives of 260 crew members. The press blamed Spain for the disaster and coined the phrase “Remember the Maine” to fan the flames of war. The press claimed that Spain used a torpedo or mine to sink the ship. On April 13, 1898, war with Spain was declared. To pay for the war effort, the Spanish-American War Tax was introduced on July 1, 1898. The tax applied to virtually every transaction or sale. To collect the tax, the government designed and printed the Battleship Revenue Series of 1898 (Scott numbers R161-172 and RB20-31). These stamps are some of the most attractive and collectible revenue issues ever printed. Collecting precancels on RB 20-31 offers an unlimited source of interest to collectors (Figure1). The variety is extensive and collateral collections involving medicine cards and advertising offer the potential for topical collections.



Figure 1. Proprietary Precancels on Battleship Revenues. These ornate cancels were designed to draw attention to the stamp and, thus, the product. The two stamps at the top carry J. Ellwood Lee cancels. The stamps on the bottom row carry Antikamnia Chemical Co. cancels (Jones [1]).

Precancel collecting of R161-172 (Figure 2) is another interesting avenue. However, precancels on these stamps are generally restricted to railroad and express companies and may be found for only the lower denominations of one and two cent Battleships. Nevertheless, there is enough variety to make this a very attractive collecting interest.



Figure 2. Precancels on Documentary Battleships. The two stamps on the left carry American Express Co. precancels. The two stamps on the right carry Kansas City, Ft. Scott, & Memphis R.R. Co., “The Memphis Route,” Precancels (Jones [2]).

“Remember the Maine” was used on many articles to support the war effort. The tattered cover in Figure 3 carried a letter home from a soldier stationed in San Francisco waiting to be deployed to Mexico, Figure 4. Many such articles have survived and in better condition than those shown in Figures 3 and 4. In spite of condition, the cover and its contents are still very collectible.



Figure 3. A tattered cover bearing “Remember the Maine.”

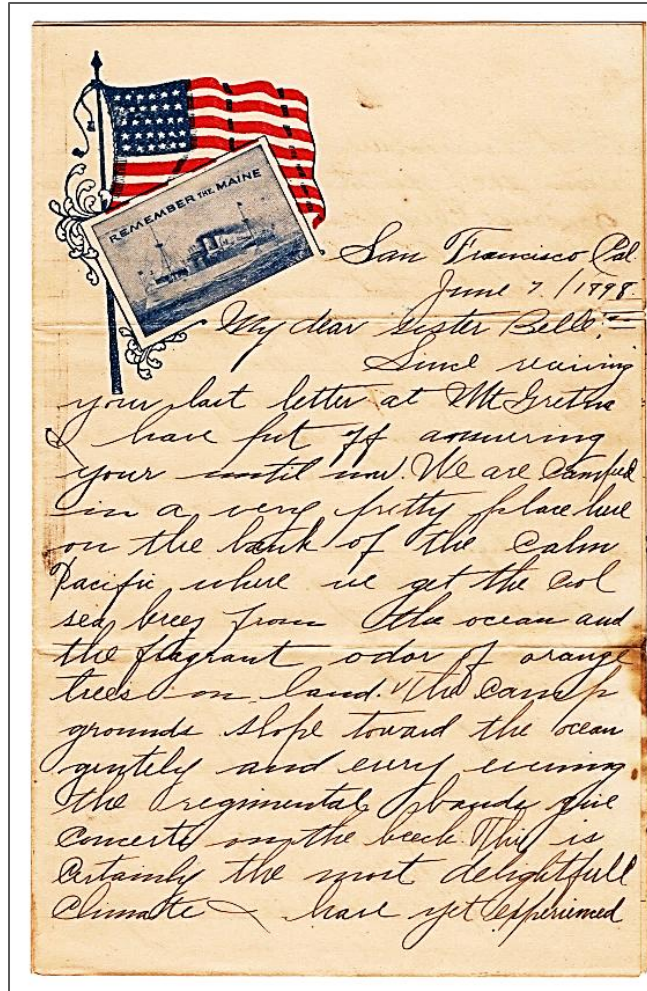


Figure 4. The cover in Figure 1 carried this letter home from a soldier waiting to be deployed to Mexico in 1898.

The narrative presented above gives the appearance of a very direct response of our country to a bold attack by Spain in the Havana Harbor, followed by a revenue order to raise money to support that response. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Revenue Act of 1898 was followed by considerable drama as the effort to put stamps into the hands of merchants and firms to begin paying the tax on July 1, 1898 was carried out. One episode, in particular, stands out (e.g., Jones [3]). When the stamps could not be delivered in a timely manner, those subject to the tax were forced to use provisional stamps to pay the tax. These provisional stamps are very scarce and often command high prices when they can be found. However, the inconvenience caused by a chaotic start to the tax period is not the end of the story. The whole story is filled with intrigue and political chicanery. Examination of the hull of the Maine revealed that the damage was more consistent with an explosion that occurred inside, rather than outside of the ship. There has been considerable discussion of this event that may support this proposition, e.g., Figure 5.

Forget the "Maine"!

The destruction of the U.S. battleship *Maine* in Cuba's Havana Harbor meant war with Spain. After all, the Spanish were to blame. Or were they?

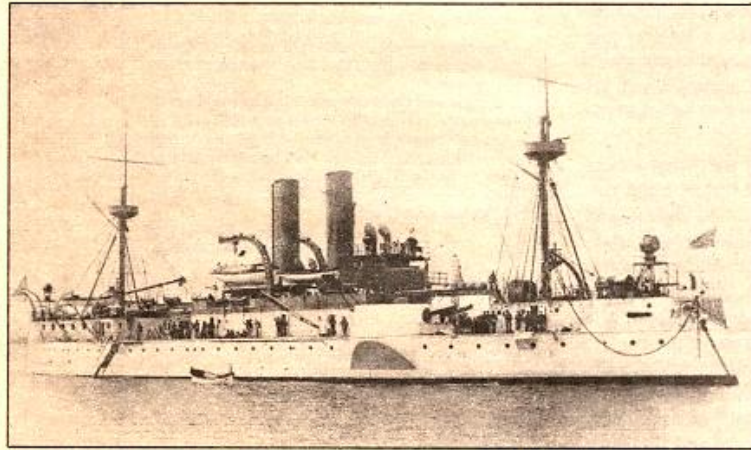
The *Maine* was lost after a mysterious explosion on Feb. 15, 1898. The calamity, which claimed 260 crew members, was ascribed to a Spanish mine or torpedo. Nevertheless, the Spanish assisted in rescue operations and emphatically denied any warlike act. Eager to avoid a fight, Spain appointed its own commission of inquiry and even agreed to most of the concessions demanded by the U.S.

But the American "yellow press,"

led by Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst, coined a war cry: "Remember the *Maine*—the hell with Spain!" Spain was provoked to declare war, the battle was joined, and the U.S. won—but lost 2446 lives to bullets and malaria.

Reinvestigation seems to indicate that the war was half tragic mistake, half U.S. opportunism. Citing characteristic stress patterns of metal in underwater explosions, experts now say that spontaneous combustion in one of the ship's coal bunkers set off ammunition in an adjacent magazine.

—*Idea submitted by Edward Miller, Largo, Fla.*



The "Maine" shortly before explosion was touched off, which touched off war

Figure 5. An article taken from the Sunday magazine section of a local newspaper offering support for the position that the war was based on political chicanery, rather than actual fact.

In spite of the drama surrounding the sinking of the *Maine*, the Battleship Revenue Series has offered collectors some of the most desirable stamps to collect. It is coincidental that a ship was chosen for the vignette. It is also significant that the ship pictured in the vignette may not be a battleship, but instead a cruiser. However, when the time came to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Spanish-American War Tax and the sinking of the *Maine* in 1998, collectors seized the opportunity to create some spectacular cards and covers. Several of these commemorative cards and covers are shown below in Figures 6-9.

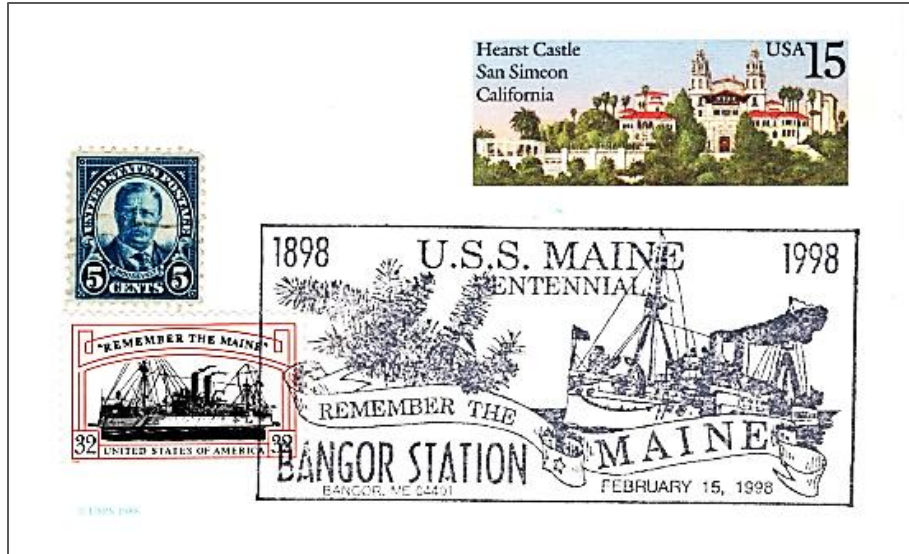


Figure 6. A 1998 Commemorative card with a spectacular “Remember the Maine” cancel.

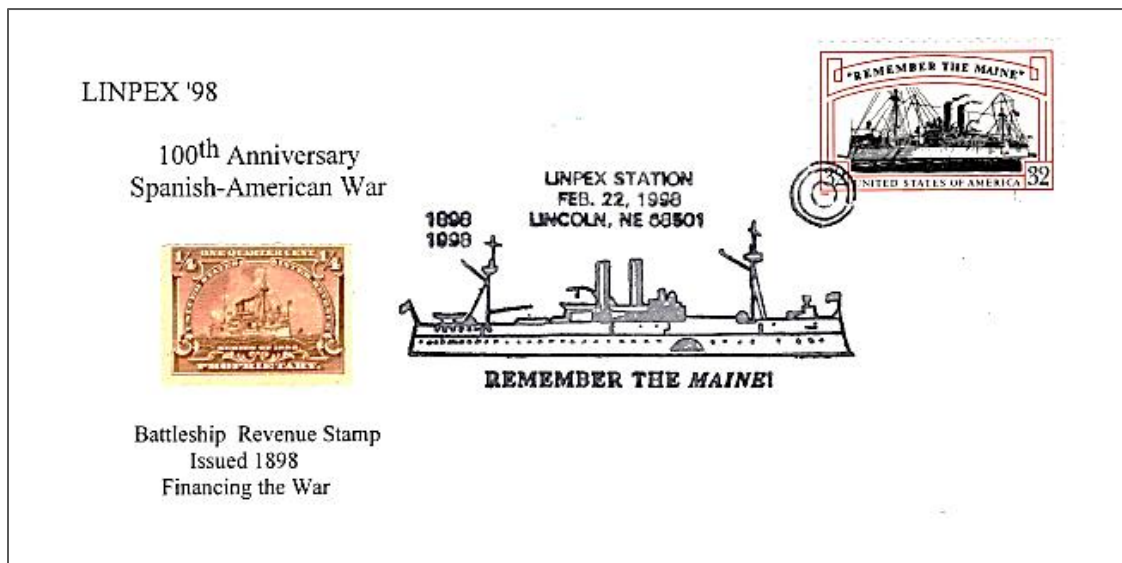


Figure 7. A 1998 Commemorative Cover with a Battleship Revenue and a spectacular cancel.

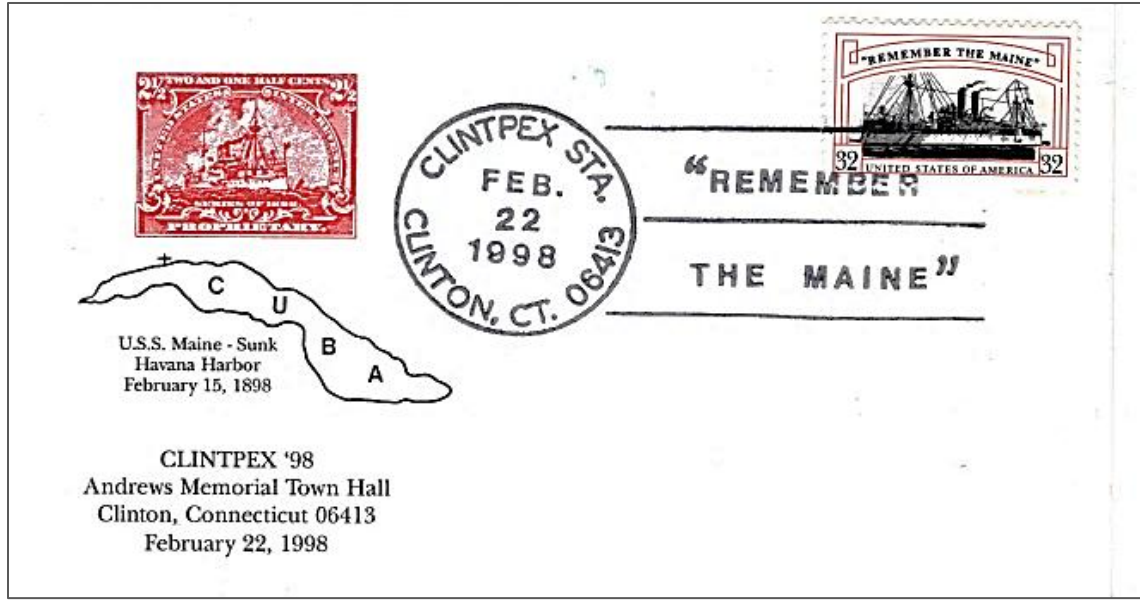


Figure 8. A commemorative Cover from Clinton, CT. with a Battleship Revenue pictured in the cachet.

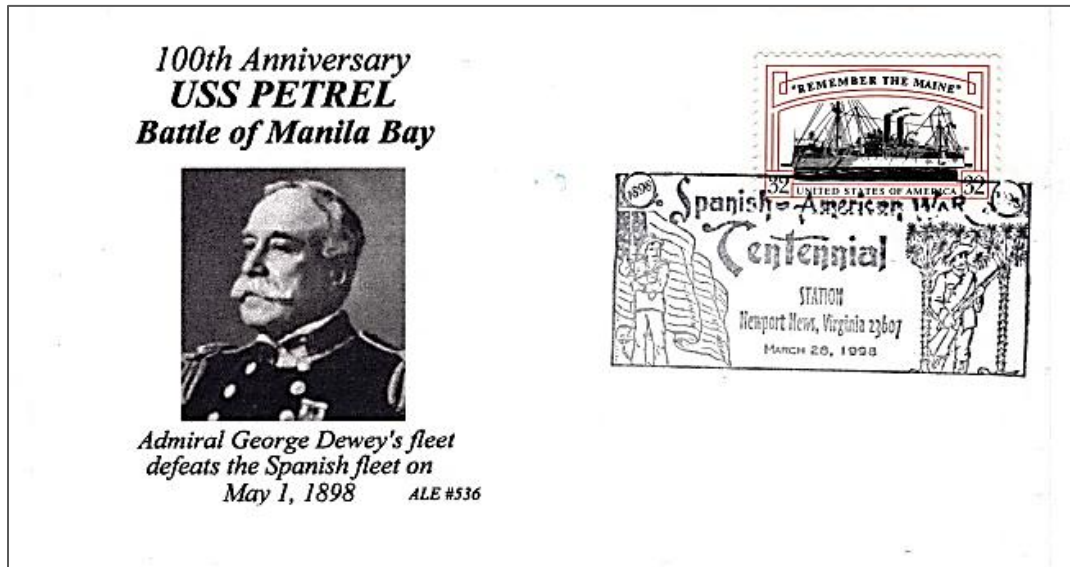


Figure 9. A 1998 Cover commemorating the Battle of Manila Bay which was arguably the most decisive US naval victory in history.

The Spanish-American War was a significant page in the history of our country, reminding us to look closely at commonly held beliefs about current events, and in the history of revenue stamp collecting. Collecting precanceled Battleships offers an unlimited variety of stamps and continues to be one of the most important areas of revenue stamp collecting.

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THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY!

*By Richard Colberg
President – Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club*

After my recent presentation of my Victorian Great Britain surface-printed issues collection I realized that there was an item I should have included: The Stock Exchange Forgery.

In 1898 supplies of the 1872 1-shilling stamp came on the market; all were cancelled with the Stock Exchange Post Office CDS with various dates in 1872 and 1873. There was nothing unusual about this – so far. These “new” stamps were printed from plates 5 and 6. Stamps printed from plates 4, 5, 6, and 7 were current at that time.

Collectors noticed that the quality of the printing on these stamps was not as good as they’d expected. Then they noticed that there was no watermark on the paper. Then the straw that broke the camel’s back was the realization that some of the corner letters were impossible combinations. These stamps were all forgeries - and good ones at that.

These forgeries should never have been discovered had someone done their job correctly. In practice, telegrams originating from the Stock Exchange Post Office had stamps applied to them as a receipt of payment for the telegram. These original documents would then be thrown out, there being no further use for them. But that didn’t happen to a quantity of telegrams. They were just bagged and left in the building. Upon discovery several years later, they made their way into the philatelic market. Apparently, a clerk in the Stock Exchange Post Office made, or had made, a quantity of forgeries. He would take the cash from the telegram sender and apply a fake stamp to the document. The supply of genuine stamps as well as the cash in the drawer were not disturbed. Owing to the time lapse between use and discovery, the guilty clerk was never identified.

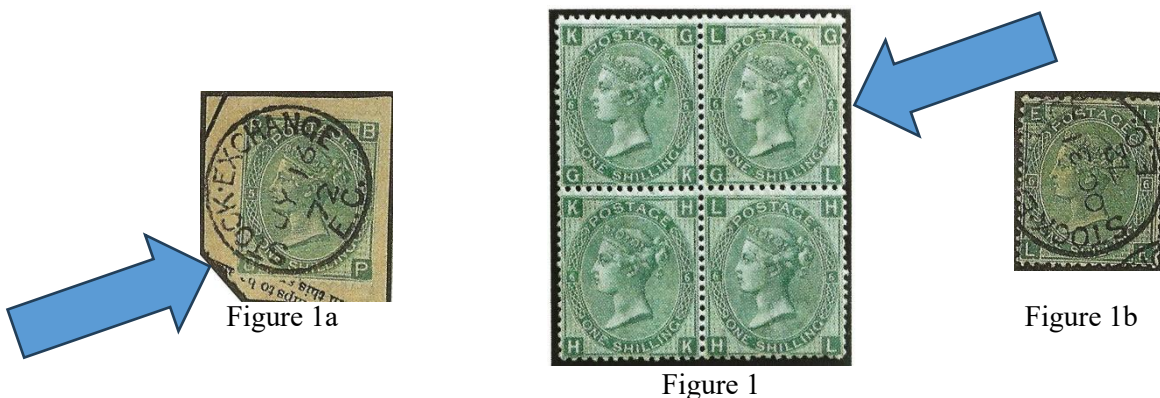


Figure 1 shows a block of four genuine 1-shilling stamps from Plate 4 (see arrow). Figure 1a shows a used single of the 1-shilling forgery from Plate 5 with the Stock Exchange / E.C. CDS. Note the corner letters: P B / B P. This is an impossible combination. The stamps were printed from plates of 240 stamps. The rows were lettered A through T, and the columns were lettered A through L.

Theoretically, this stamp should be placed in Row B and Column P. But, there is no column P. Figure 1b shows a used single of the 1-shilling forgery from Plate 6. Plate 5 = \$1000, Plate 6 = \$4,000.

PSLC Meeting Minutes

PSLC Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2026 – Landis Homes Attendance: 26 members and guests

Opening: On February 11, 2026, the Society held its regular monthly in-person meeting at Landis Homes. Members and guests began to gather about 6:30 PM to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, a bourse and giveaways. Society Treasurer Lou DiFelice called the meeting to order at approximately 6:45 PM with a variety of greetings and announcements

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Lou DeFelice presented the Treasurer’s Report for January 2026, which was accepted as read.

Opening balance	7,062.68
Income	699.00
Expenses	<u>450.00</u>
Ending balance	7,311.68
CD’s	6,153.67

Secretary’s Report: Secretary David Weichert reviewed the minutes for the meetings of December 10, 2025, January 14, 2026 and January 28, 2026 as published in the Society newsletter. The minutes were accepted as published.

Membership chair Dan Martin gave several announcements for the group regarding upcoming meetings and events. Approximately 15 door prizes were given by random drawing. There was an auction of 17 donated items, which raised \$148 for the benefit of the Society.

Feature presentation: “Queen Vickie by the Numbers” by Dick Colberg

Dick presented an in-depth look at Victorian Great Britain stamps, specifically at the plate numbers and the designers’ attempts at integrating the plate numbers into the design of the stamp. He examined the Victorian issues from 1/2-pence through 5 pounds (1840-1882).

After the presentation, there was an engaging Q&A session. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm. Many stayed around for further conversation and camaraderie.

PSLC Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2026 - virtual mtg via Zoom Attendance: 18 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: “Century of Progress Aerophilately of the 1933-1934 Chicago: Part-II.”
by Jim Haxby

Eighty years ago, in 1933-34, the City of Chicago was host to a remarkable World’s Fair, the Century of Progress Exposition. As it evolved, the primary theme of the fair became the advancements of mankind through science, making it a showcase for modern living, consumerism and entertainment. In keeping with the fair’s theme, several consequential aviation events and displays were mounted. These and their philatelic aspects are the subject of this presentation. Part I was presented at the Society’s January 28, 2026 meeting. Part II covered the following topics:

- Balbo Monument presented to the City of Chicago by the Italian government.
- Gordon Bennett Balloon race – six entries Germany, Belgium, France, Poland and 2 USA – won by the Polish team.
- International Air Races – included aerobatic displays.
- Goodyear blimp visits to the World’s Fair.
- Graf Zeppelin visit – discussion of the C18 baby zeppelin stamp, flight caches, German provisionals C42-C44, Brazil & Paraguay dispatches.
- Adams Non-stop air mail pick up demonstration – Lytle S. Adams.

The presentation was followed with a robust question and answer period.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Weichert
Secretary

Treasurer’s Report: February 2026

Submitted by Lou DiFelice

Opening balance: 2/1	\$7,311.68
Income	190.00
Expenses	<u>98.00</u>
Ending balance: 2/28	\$7,403.68
CD’s	6,153.67
#4101	3,768.45
#4901	2,385.22

Upcoming Regional Stamp Shows



March 27-28, 2026: Morlatton Post Card Club: 49th Annual Postcard Show at the Farm & Home Center of Lancaster County, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Friday from 10:00 AM – 6:00PM, and Saturday from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. There will be vintage & modern postcards, books & ephemera for sale. Admission: \$3.00 per person (\$2.00 if you mention seeing about the show on the PSLC website). For more information contact: Aaron Heckler at P.O. Box 86, Salford, PA, 18957 or +1 (484) 655-8170 or pegpens@gmail.com .

April 19, 2026: K2 Lancaster Stamp Show, on Sunday from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Farm & Home Center of Lancaster County, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

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

Table fee is \$120 for 8 feet “L’s” (8” front & 8” side) with an 8” back table. Setup starts at 8:00 AM. For more info, contact Kevin Kellman at k2stamps@gmail.com or +1 (301) 524-9562.



May 23-May 30, 2026: Boston 2026 World Expo, at the Boston Convention & Exposition Center (BCEC), Boston, MA.

Boston will be the world’s center of philately for eight days in 2026, as the twelfth international philatelic exhibition of the U.S. gathers at the BCEC. To be held during Memorial Day week (May 23–30, 2026) in the Seaport section of the city, Boston 2026 World Expo will be a significant part of the country’s 250th anniversary festivities. In a 352,000 square foot contiguous exhibition area, Boston 2026 will be hosting a large dealer bourse, as well as a sizable postal administration bourse, and society presence. There will be an FIP competitive exhibition of approximately 3,500 frames, plus other special/court of honor exhibits, as well as a large FIP literature competition. Boston 2026 will be hosting hundreds of meetings/presentations in 40+ meeting rooms of various

sizes. A large opening ceremony and closing awards dinner will be staged using the BCEC's banquet room facilities. Travelers from out of town will appreciate that Boston's Logan Airport and Amtrak's South Station are less than 15 minutes away from the BCEC, and that eight show hotels will be within walking distance. And best of all, attendance is FREE! For more information, visit the [Boston 2026 homepage](#).

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

Recent presentations posted on the PSLC website

 [“Thornton Wilder & Newport, Rhode Island, in Real Life, Fiction, Philately”](#), by Rob Sternberg (2025-11-26)

 [“Using the News: Ideas for Establishing a Philatelic Research Habit”](#), by Scott Ney (2025-11-26)

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

Recent uploads to the PSLC YouTube Channel

[Trio of Speakers Thanksgiving 2025 Program: featuring Rick Barrett, Rob Sternberg & Scott Ney](#)

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

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

A call for volunteers

The 2026 PSLC Annual Holiday Dinner is several months away, and the chairman of the planning committee for that that event, **Len Kasper**, is looking for volunteers to help plan and stage the event. Len is looking for at least three other society members who enjoy planning events to entertain others, but no special experience is required. The only requirements are your enthusiasm and willingness to devote a few hours to planning and coordinating in the months before the dinner, and making sure everything is set up and ready to go on December 23. Please contact Len if you are interested in helping on the committee.

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Our Facebook page has more than 1,500 followers – please join us! We're up on the web 24/7 and are a great place to learn from and interact with other collectors. Please visit our Facebook page to check out our posts and then follow us so that you keep up with all the latest PSLC news and information. <https://www.facebook.com/philatelicsocietylancastercounty>

Member Requests and Notices



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

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).

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

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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 (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.

The PSLC is collecting dues for 2026

Dues remain at \$10 for yet another year. That is less than 84 cents per month. Where can you find a better deal?

Please submit your dues at your earliest convenience, to help us avoid unnecessary follow-up. If for some reason you decide not to renew your membership, which we sincerely hope would not be the case, please make us aware of that.

There are multiple ways you can submit your renewal payment:

1. You may renew **IN PERSON**: Submit a **check** (no cash) in the amount of **\$10 payable to PSLC** to Wayne Heim at the membership table when attending our monthly, in-person meeting. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at Landis Homes, 6:30 pm.
2. You may renew **BY MAIL**: **Print and complete the attached form and submit it**, with your **check** to Lou DiFelice, 1024 Woodridge Blvd., Lancaster, PA 17601-2251.
3. You may renew **WITH PAYPAL** (Family and Friends): Directions for paying online can be found on the **Philatelic Society of Lancaster County Web site, Page 1**. Payment, along with any changes to your renewal (address, phone, email, etc.) should be sent to charlesdicomo@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this request, as we look forward to twelve more months of interesting, entertaining, mind-expanding philatelic presentations. If you have any questions, please contact membership chair Dan Martin at drmartin6@comcast.net

Please **print** this **2026 Dues Renewal Application**, complete, and **mail to Lou DiFelice, 1024 Woodridge Blvd, Lancaster, PA, 17601-2251** with **\$10.00, Checks only, no cash**. Be sure to sign your check. Thank you in advance.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check here if you do not require a new membership card. This action will save the club time and the cost of postage.

Please check the appropriate ATA/APS box(s) if you are a paid-up member:

ATA Member APS Member

Make checks payable to Philatelic Society of Lancaster County. Please advise of any changes in address, phone/cell, email, or change in ATA/APS status.