

EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY



UNIT 28

BULLETIN

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ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Annual Meeting of the Society will take place at the Double D Ranch Restaurant, Route 5 east of Utica, N.Y. on Sunday, May 4, 1975, at 1:30 PM, for the election of officers and to take up such business as may properly come before it.

Nominations closed, in accordance with the By-Laws, on March 20th. We have the pleasure to announce the following candidates:

For President	1975-77	William A. Seifert, Jr.
Vice President	1975-77	Clifford E. Tuttle
Secty-Treasurer	1975-77	Kenneth R. de Lisle
For Director	1975-78	Warren A. Stevens
	1975-78	Harry A. Taber
	1975-78	Robert Waite, Sr.

Since these nominees are running unopposed and have already accepted the nomination, they will be formally elected at the meeting of May 4. For those members who wish to record their vote, a ballot is enclosed. Please return before May 1, 1975 to George J. Bernadt, Chairman, Nomination Committee, 1470 Wyoming Ave., Schenectady, N.Y. 12309.

FEDERAL POST OFFICES OF NEW YORK STATE 1792-1969:

A mint copy of the spiral bound edition is being offered. This is the style sold originally at \$10.00, now an auction item. The owner asks \$15.00 and we are taking bids. Highest offer received by April 30 will take the book, with excess over the asking price for the benefit of the Society. Send offers to Ken de Lisle, 54 Ramsey Place, Albany, N.Y. 12208. ONLY ONE COPY AVAILABLE.

NEW YORK STATE REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY CONTEST:

Last fall we mentioned a contest with cash prizes, but could not include the details. A flyer is enclosed at Attachment No. 1.

For our authors and budding authors, here is a chance to pick up some cash!

ALBANY REGIONAL MEETING:

The regional meeting in Albany on March 16th was again hosted by Nettie and Bill Seifert. The exact count was not taken, but attendance was larger than the count of 14 in February. A feature of the gathering was the number of members from the Capital District who turned out for the first time. There was plenty of material to look through, provided by Bob Harris, Bob Waite, Doc. Moore and others. This was an afternoon of good fellowship, with buying, selling, trading and exchanging collecting experiences.

INTERPHIL '76:

Interest in this important international exhibition is beginning to show. While still only in the preliminary stages, applications for frame space and dealers booths are passing through the hands of the regional representatives. This is the screening process, to assure that the central committees are not loaded down with applications which have no place in an International.

For any of our members in Upstate New York, Vermont and New Hampshire or Maine, with thoughts of entering the competition, the deadline for application is June 1, 1975. For details, write Ken de Lisle, Regional Representative for the area.

Another of the assignments given the representative is promoting attendance at the show, which will be held in Philadelphia, May 29 to June 6, 1976. We are anxious to know if there is any interest Upstate in a chartered bus trip to the exhibition. If so, it is likely the ESPHS will sponsor one or more trips, to leave on a Friday afternoon and return on a Sunday afternoon on one or both week-ends.

Cost would include round-trip fare and two nights in a motel or hotel, with transportation each day to the Philadelphia Civic Center if we are domiciled further than walking distance. It would be the standard type excursion, with reservations required, deposit with initial reservation, cancellation right up to a certain day before departure, etc.

The fact we are looking for is the degree of interest. If a reasonable number respond favorably we will know better if we can fill one bus, more than one or none at all. It is probable a number of wives and non-collectors would like to join us - all are welcome. There will be plenty of non-philatelic activity in Philadelphia during Bicentennial 1976.

We expect to bring this matter to the floor at the Annual Meeting May 4.

MANUSCRIPT PO COVERS FOR SALE: (PAID ADLET)

For those collectors wishing to add a prestige cover to their album, the owner of some of the covers pictured on front and back of our publication Manuscript Post Offices of New York State is offering them for sale. Send SAS #10 envelope to Secretary-Treasurer de Lisle, 54 Ramsey Place, Albany, N.Y. 12208 for list and prices. The Society will receive 10% of the net proceeds.

WITH THIS ISSUE, LOOK FOR

ATTACHMENT NO. 1: New York State American Revolution Bicentennial Flyer

ENCLOSURE NO. 1: Ballot for Election of Officers, May 4, 1975

ENCLOSURE NO. 2: Pre-paid Card: American Philatelic Society - non APSers only

INFORMATION PLEASE:

Following up on the short research article regarding the so-called "bootleg" letter in the February Bulletin, we are looking for information. The last issue of Excelsior (November 1974) told of the $1\frac{1}{2}\phi$ war rate ($1\phi + 50\%$) on drop mail processed in Albany, N.Y. The question arose, was this a quirk of interpretation of the PL&R in Albany and perhaps one or two other offices, or was it universal?

It would be extremely helpful if our members looked through their covers mailed between February 1, 1815 to March 31, 1816 for a drop letter. Which rate does it carry - the $1\frac{1}{2}\phi$ war rate or the regular 1ϕ rate suggested by the letter of the PMG to the postmaster at Hudson, N.Y.

The date must be precise and a Xerox would be appreciated if possible. Should you have such information please write to Cal Hahn, 127 W. 56th St., New York, N.Y. 10019.

COUNTY LISTS OF POST OFFICES:

For the new members or those who might have missed the announcement in the February 1974 Bulletin, the Society has Federal post offices listed by county, exactly as carried in the large publication. A copy of any particular county or counties may be obtained for 50¢ each, postpaid. Not all are in print, but can be made up to order.

Do not send any money, just your request to Ken de Lisle. You will be billed when the material is sent.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

The ESPHS is Unit #28 of the American Philatelic Society, the oldest of its kind in the United States and the largest in the world. We are given publicity space in its directory and it holds membership application blanks and other information, sent out on request, at no cost to us.

Individual membership in the APS carries many benefits such as sales circuits, low cost insurance and a large monthly journal. The benefits must be apparent to many of our own members, for over 75% belong to the APS.

For those who do not, we enclose a postage paid card to mail for information.

POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY:

Another international association in which we hold associate membership is the Postal History Society (formerly Postal History Society of the Americas). We receive their fine quarterly journal at no cost, for our library. Devoted exclusively to postal history, this publication is world-famous.

Surprisingly, very few of our members belong to the PHS. For information, write Edward J. Hanish, Secretary, P.O. Box 847, Wayne, N.J. 07470. Say you saw it in the ESPHS Bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

An up-to-date roster was distributed early this year. No sooner was it in the mail than it became out-of-date, due to new members, reinstatements and address changes. It is our intention to publish a roster supplement when appropriate, to staple or bind with the master copy to keep your copy current.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FILED:

ter Braake, Alex L. 713 Canterbury Drive, Charleston, W. Va. 25314

References: None required (APS # 94919)
Interests: Colonial Postal History.

Nichols, C. Malcolm 321 Weeks Street, Jamestown, N.Y. 14701

References: Nonrequired (APS #1685 - 15170)
Interests: Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County (N.Y.) covers and postal history

Edmond, Richard L. R.D. #1, Locke, N.Y. 13092

References: ESPHS members E.N. Sampson and R.H. Lounsbery.
Interests: U.S. #65 on cover, N.Y. State town cancels only.

Mueller, Barbara R. 225 S. Fischer Avenue, Jefferson, Wis. 53549

References: None required (APS #18937)
Interests: All postal history; U.S. Registry system.

Other applications have been received and will be published on receipt of the formal application blank but since dues have been tendered, will be placed on our mailing list.

RE-INSTATEMENT:

Albanese, Donald R. 144-07 33rd Ave., Flushing, N.Y. 11354

ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP:

Messrs Harry Burgess and Marvin Raphael, whose applications were published in the February Bulletin, are welcomed to our ranks.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR:

President George Bernadt has announced the appointment of David W. Prosser as Director, term expiring April 1976, to fill the vacancy caused by the untimely death of Edna Nelson.

Mr. Prosser stood for election last year and missed winning by the margin of one half of one percent of the vote cast. It is fitting that he should join the elected officers of the Society.