

EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

OCTOBER 1977



UNIT 28

Members will find attached to their Bulletin the 1977 supplement to Manuscript Post Offices of New York State. Our thanks again goes out to Lee DeGraff for keeping this valuable reference book up to date.

Also attached is a current listing of the publications available from the Society, prepared especially for the information of our newer members. Please observe ordering instructions carefully and DO NOT ORDER THE ITEMS MARKED OUT-OF-PRINT.

Member Bill Bauer ran successfully for office as Secretary of the American Philatelic Society, it was announced at the recent annual convention in San Francisco. Congratulations, Bill. Stepping right up the ladder?

We are also pleased to learn that Bill Bauer has been appointed New York State section editor for the new issue of the Stampless Cover Catalog. Although it is too late to send him any additions or changes that the publisher does not already have, Bill will be in touch with us on future steps.

The recent issue of the Chronicle, journal of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, carried the announcement of Ken de Lisle being appointed section editor for a new Pre-Stamp and Stampless Section for that magazine, which is the only stamp publication devoted exclusively to 19th Century stamps and postal history. This new section extends the coverage back in time some 100 to 200 years. If you are not a member of this organization, ask Ken for details.

The President and the Secretary frequently receive letters asking for information of different types - availability of one of the out-of-print books, where to find references to certain postal history, etc. I therefore have decided to run a new service on a trial basis - WANTED. There will be no charge for listing your wants, within reason. We will publish in each Bulletin, beginning with December, up to the equivalent of three or four lines of typed copy across a normal page (approximately 30-40 words) plus the name and address of the member. PLEASE NOTE THIS CANNOT BE USED AS A WANT LIST FOR COVERS, ETC. This type of want or offer for sale will still come under the \$1.00 charge for an adlet. Send your "wanted" to Emma Koberg, 295 Hamilton Street, Apt. 21, Geneva, N.Y. 14456.

Remember our next auction, Sunday, October 30th. George Bernadt has received some very nice material as our list will prove. NEW TIME - sale will be in the forenoon so as to leave the afternoon open for bourse activities.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Four Months Ended August 31, 1977

Bank Balance May 1, 1977: Checking Account, Bank of New York	\$ 269.06
Savings Accounts, Bank of New York	<u>4,483.45</u>
	4,752.51
Less held in escrow	<u>714.08</u>
	<u>\$4,038.43</u>

Revenues:

Dues: Current 1977-78	\$ 245.00		
Paid in Advance	30.00		
Registry Fees	<u>12.00</u>	\$ 287.00	
Sale of Publications	33.82		
Auction Commission (Net)	<u>132.33</u>	166.15	
Bank Interest	58.09		
Bank Balance Adjustment	<u>0.17</u>	<u>58.26</u>	<u>511.41</u>
			<u>\$4,549.84</u>

Expenses:

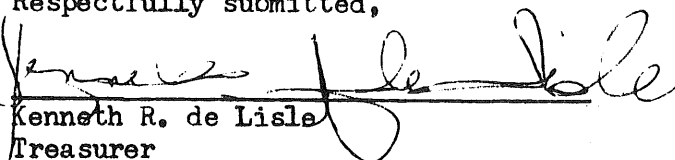
Postage: June and August Bulletin	34.10		
Secretary-Treasurer	<u>37.39</u>	71.49	
Printings: Bulletin April, June, August	71.11		
Dues Cards	20.00		
Application Forms, Publicity	25.20		
Mailing Labels	10.39		
List of Publications	19.64		
Miscell. Xerox	<u>7.63</u>	<u>153.97</u>	<u>225.46</u>
Gain in 4 months = \$285.95			<u>\$4,324.38</u>

Reconciliation with Bank Accounts

Bank Balance August 31, 1977: Checking Account, Bank of New York	\$ 496.92
Savings Accounts, Bank of New York	<u>4,541.54</u>
	\$5,038.46
Less held in escrow	<u>714.08</u>
	<u>\$4,324.38</u>

Respectfully submitted,

September 9, 1977


Kenneth R. de Lisle
Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We are pleased to welcome to membership Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Minsker, Peckham, Robinson, Towle, Vickers, Peirce and Spitzer, whose applications were published in the August Bulletin.

We regretfully must delete the following names from our rolls due to non-payment of dues for the current year. All were given the post-paid reply envelope but did not see fit to answer one way or the other.

J. Patrick Flynn;
; Dr. William Reiner-Deutsch.

We have also lost Donald Schwallie of Rochester who has resigned and another Rochester member Leslie J. Roll, who died in May.

Please change address of William J. Blaum to: P.O. Box 411, Toms River NJ 08753

On the brighter side, the following are new applications:

PETERSON, A.W. 24 Clarendon Road, Savannah, GA 31410
Interests: Western Covers; Early Texas; Colorado Territorials; Eastern Stampless; Savannah CSA and Stampless.
References: None required (APS #89236)

WETZEL, DANIEL L. 3 Irving Place, Utica, N.Y. 13501
Interests: Central and Northern NY State Postal History and Covers
References: None required (SPA #31612)

DETJEN, GUSTAV, Jr. P.O. Box 150, Clinton Corners, N.Y. 12514
Interests: General
References: None required (APS #37352)

HOFFMAN, WILLIAM P. R.D. #2, ALPS, Averill Park, N.Y. 12018
Interests: Rensselaer County PH; Dealer - U.S. Postal History
References: None required (APS #79895)

DEATON, CHARLES Box 12814, Austin, TX 78711
Interests: U.S. Postal History
References: None required (APS #46221)

HELLER, MICHAEL 92-37 54th Avenue, Elmhurst, N.Y. 11373
Interests: U.S. Stampless Covers; Illustrated Advertising Covers.
References: None required (APS #67733)

SELZER, HOWARD J. P.O. Box 37, Des Plaines, Ill. 60017
Interests: Postal History of U.S.A. and Malaya; Trans-Atlantic Mails
References: None required (APS #32005)

REINSTATEMENT: VOOYS, DANIEL W. P.O. Box 8642, Albany, N.Y. 12208

HOWE, STUART O. P.O. Box 224, Sidney, N.Y. 13838
Interests: Counties of Delaware, Otsego and Chenango
References: Members Cliff Tuttle and Harry Taber; APS Pending.

APS Affiliate Chairperson Barbara deViolini called a meeting of the Unit and Affiliate representatives at San Francisco. We are fortunate that Bill Bauer was able to take time from other important duties to attend and file the following report:

At the request of President Seifert, I attended the joint meeting of the A.P.S. Units and Affiliates during the A.P.S. Convention at San Francisco.

The purpose of the meeting was to clear up some misunderstandings and to establish better communications between the Units and the A.P.S. Barbara deViolini, as Affiliate committee chairman of the A.P.S. represented the Society and expressed thanks for being on the mailing list of so many of the Units. However, she also advised those present that the journals are of but a little help in publicizing affiliate activity as most are received after the fact. She should be advised well in advance of meetings, conventions, special publications and other activities if publicity in the American Philatelist is desired.

It was reported that, by action of the A.P.S. Board of Directors, only A.P.S. Affiliates will be permitted to sponsor seminars and/or meetings at future A.P.S. annual conventions. (The seminars at the San Francisco meeting were well attended). Requests for space to hold a seminar at an A.P.S. Convention should be directed to Jack Willard, Special Activities Director, 1025 Monroe Street, Denver, Colorado 80206.

It was pointed out that affiliates (and units) may, by sending to State College the name and APS number of new members listed in the American Philatelist, obtain the individual's address for solicitation for Unit membership.

It was suggested that each Unit should provide the A.P.S. Central Office with a supply of (their own) unit membership applications to be used as replies for inquiries received there. Hopefully, each unit will also send copies of its bulletin or journal to the American Philatelic Research Library.

There was some discussion from the participants concerning the possibility of the A.P.S. Central Office providing some help in the preparation of Unit mailing lists and membership lists. Such an idea was considered several years back but foundered on the questions of cost and effort required. Perhaps, now that the A.P.S. has adopted a computer system for its own membership processing, such a plan could be considered.

William H. Bauer

Secretary's Comments: We want to thank Bill for this very informative report. Just to bring our own members up to date, we do send copies of our Bulletin and Excelsior to State College. We have supplied the Central Office with copies of our informational sheet and application blanks. Our mailing list is already on a computer and generally our mailing labels are prepared in that manner. It is only when we have an unusual change in membership, at the last minute, you notice a typewritten label. If any of our members have ideas on how we can better utilize our Unit status, please let us know. Incidentally, we do not pay A.P.S. dues, Unit membership is without charge.

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PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY: JUNE 1977 LISTING.

Federal Post Offices of New York State 1792-1969: Compiled and edited by Lee S. DeGraff, Fort Johnson, N.Y. 12070

307pp. Xerox from original typescript. Compiled from records of the National Archives and the U.S. Post Office Department, Bureau of Operations, Postmasters and Rural Carriers Division.

The offices are listed alphabetically by county. Post Office name, name of first postmaster, date of establishment and date of discontinuance under that name are shown, taking up 238 pages. The balance of the book is the state-wide list alphabetically arranged with name of county or counties in which the office existed. Published in 1971, limited to 50 hard-bound library copies and 100 loose-leaf, spirally bound copies. SOLD OUT

Manuscript Cancellations of New York State Post Offices: January 1972

A provisional listing of recorded post office markings on stampless and stamped covers. 29pp. photo-offset, plus covers and title page. This was the original listing from which the definitive work grew. Available at \$1.00 ppd.

Manuscript Post Offices of New York State: June 1973, Edition of 250.
Compiled and edited by Lee S. DeGraff, Fort Johnson, N.Y. 12070

40pp. photo-offset, plus covers and title page. The definitive work on the offices in NY State having been recorded as using a manuscript (handwritten) postal identification rather than a handstamp. Available at \$5.00 ppd, incl. suppl. (Member price - \$2.28 ppd)

Federal Post Offices of New York State - A Checklist: January 1973, Ed. of 200

69pp. photo-offset, pocket size. An updated printing of the last portion of the original work. Handy for many purposes. Available at \$3.00 ppd. (Member \$2.28 ppd)

The New York Clamshells and Ovals: Calvet M. Hahn, 1970

12pp. Xerox, incl. illustr. The story of the New York City markings 1798-1804.
OUT OF PRINT

New York City Markings: The 1851-1855 Unpaid Five and Ten Cent Rate Marks:
Calvet M. Hahn, 1971.

19pp. Xerox, incl. illustr. OUT OF PRINT

IN PREPARATION:

Untitled: A monograph of the post offices of Ontario County, Emma G. Koberg. Publication late in 1977, price not yet determined.

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PUBLICATIONS OF THE EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY: June 1977 Cont'd

POSTAL HISTORY: Journal of the ESPHS

Vol. 1, No. 1: January 1972. 4pp. photo-offset, incl. illustr.
Vol. 1, No. 2: May 1972. 12 pp. photo-offset, incl. illustr.

EXCELSIOR: Journal of the ESPHS. Change of name only.

Vol. 2, No. 1: April 1973, 8pp. photo-offset, incl. illustr.
Vol. 2, No. 2: November 1973. 16pp. photo-offset, incl. illustr. Pocket size this)
Vol. 3, No. 1: November 1974. 14pp. photo-offset, illustr. issue only.)
Vol. 3, No. 2: Summer 1975. 16pp. photo-offset, illustr.
Vol. 4, No. 1: Spring 1976. 16pp. photo-offset, illustr.
Vol. 4, No. 2: Winter 1976-77. 16 pp. photo-offset, incl. illustr.

Vol. 1, No. 1 through Vol. 2, No. 2 available only as a set at \$3.00 ppd.
All others available singly at \$2.00 ea. ppd. (\$1.00 plus postage to members)

Other Publications of the Society:

BULLETIN OF THE EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY: Bi-monthly

News of the ESPHS and its membership and activities, etc.; official publication of minutes, reports, meetings; some postal history information.

Prior to the publication of Postal History and Excelsior the bulletin contained a number of original research articles. NONE AVAILABLE.

AUCTION LISTS:

In November 1975 the Society began a series of auctions to be held at approx. six month intervals, offering members a forum by which duplicate material could be sold and wanted items purchased. Regular public auction style, with floor bidding competing against mail bids. Limited to postal history and covers, with emphasis on New York State items. For information write George J. Bernadt, Auction Manager, 1470 Wyoming Ave., Schenectady, N.Y. 12309

LOAN LIBRARY:

The Society has a number of reference works available to members for a nominal rental fee, including the complete 50-reel microfilm record of Letters of the Postmaster-General, 1789-1836 purchased from the National Archives. For information write David Prosser, Librarian,

HOW TO ORDER:

For those items available, please make out check to Empire State Postal History Society and mail to 54 Ramsey Place, Albany, N.Y. 12208. Allow two to three weeks for 3rd Class mailing.