

BULLETIN OF THE  
EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

SUMMER 1972

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT: FISCAL YEAR JUNE 1, 1971 to MAY 31, 1972

Bank Balance - Checking Account M&F Bank, May 31, 1971	\$ 611.28
Savings Account M&F Bank, May 31, 1971	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 1,611.28

REVENUE

Dues:	Delinquent Dues Collected	\$ 60.00		
	Current Dues Collected	197.50		
	Prepaid Dues	35.00		
	Registration Fees	<u>15.00</u>	\$ 307.50	
Sales:	Federal PO Book	95.00		
	Hahn Handbook	130.00		
	Post Office Lists	46.12		
	Manuscript PO Book	<u>33.00</u>	304.12	
Miscell:	Microfilm Rental	6.75		
	Adlets and Other	<u>12.75</u>	<u>19.50</u>	631.12
Bank Transfer *				500.00
Bank Interest				<u>48.07</u>
				\$ 2,790.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing:	Bulletin	\$ 25.45		
	Minutes	9.00		
	Membership Listing	35.80		
	Postal History Journal - 2 Issues	97.00		
	Manuscript PO Book	138.30		
	Ballots and Miscell.	39.35		
	Publicity, Appl. Blanks	15.80		
	PO Book Supplement	<u>7.05</u>	\$ 367.75	
Postage:	Bulletins and Minutes	58.24		
	Membership Lists	15.60		
	Microfilm	1.12		
	Books and Pamphlets, Publicity,	10.60		
	Secty-Treas. Postage Expense	<u>31.61</u>	117.17	
Refunds	Federal PO Book returned	25.00		
	Transfer to Savings Account *	500.00		
	Donation Amer. Phil. Research Library	100.00		
	Sales Tax on Printing	<u>16.77</u>	<u>641.77</u>	\$ 1,126.69
BANK BALANCE, MAY 31, 1972				\$ 1,663.78
Checking Account Bank of NY Albany	\$ 115.71			
Savings Account Bank of NY Albany	<u>1,548.07</u>			\$ 1,663.78

\*FOOTNOTE: \$500.00 cross entry represents transfer of funds between accounts only. No change in bank depository. Mechanics & Farmers Bank became Bank of NY Albany.

Albany, N.Y.  
July 15, 1972

*James J. Dale*  
Secretary-Treasurer

EDITORIAL BY THE SECRETARY

With fiscal 1972-73 we enter our seventh year. Charlie Sweeting - way back in 1966 - sparked this organization into being when he discovered there were a number of cancellation collectors working individually on NYS postal history who might better be working collectively. Although there has been some turnover in the past few years, we have continued to grow. At the present time we number over 90.

It would be nice to go over the 100 mark this year. To do this, we must hold our present members and attract new ones. What can we offer our membership and those who might wish to join? Certainly there is no great attraction in receiving a little green card for \$5.00.

We have produced one fine publication highly regarded by all postal historians, Federal Post Offices of New York State. Our most recent publication, Manuscript Cancellation of New York State Post Offices is the forerunner of a more complete work on the subject. From time to time the Bulletin has offered articles of postal history significance.

Last year the Executive Board announced our desire to publish a formal journal in which articles of permanent interest and historical value could be set down for the record. The two issues of Postal History mark the beginning of this effort. The Executive Board has authorized one more issue in its present format before making a decision to commit time and expense to a permanent publication.

All of these actions have been taken by the Executive Board in YOUR interests and have resulted from the work of a very few people. This is not a one-way street. In a society as small as ours each member should make some contribution. Articles for the journal cannot flow continuously from the typewriter of our editor, HE MUST HAVE AUTHORS. Each of us, I am sure, have items of postal history information in our own specialty which could be shared with the members and with philately in general.

Let us all make a resolution to contribute a minimum of ONE article in the immediate future. The success - indeed the existence - of our proposed journal depends on the contributors. Let the publication Committee worry about photographs, format, costs and mundane problems of printing and distributing the journal. Don't create another problem by holding back on that article you have always MEANT to write.

There must be other projects this Society could attempt in addition to the journal. On each application blank there is a question - "Do you have any specific program or research project you would like to see this Society initiate?" Invariably this section is left blank or answered in the negative. But the question is not an idle one just to fill up space. The President and the Board want to know what you need, projects of interest to some of you, if not to all. The Executive Board meets in September to plan activities and allocate funds for the coming year.

Please write to Lee DeGraff if you have a pet project you would like started. Of course, you will be asked to work on it but you will not have to go it alone. We have only to know what you want.

Members who have not yet done so can make a very valuable contribution by sending Lee a list of the manuscript cancellations in their collection. This information is really needed from members and non-members alike. Make your listing similar to the arrangement used in the manuscript book - send it in without delay.

Let us all do something this year besides send in the \$5.00 and wait to be entertained!