

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 6, 1973

In accordance with the powers vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws, I call all members to the Annual Meeting, to be held at Rizzó's, (formerly the Trade Winds Restaurant) on Route 5 west of Utica, N.Y, between Kirkland and New Hartford. It is easily reached from all parts of the state.

The meeting will be for the purpose of electing new officers, receiving the annual reports and such other business as may properly come before it.

Lee S. DeGraff  
President

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

McCLINTOCK, WILLIAM F. 26 Beechwood Park, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601  
References: None required (A.P.S. #37288)

Interests: U.S. generally, incl. stampless covers, stamped covers, FDC and revenues.

ROTH, STEVEN M. Suite 600, 8720 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring MD 20910  
References: Member Al Zimmerman, 843 Van Nest Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10462  
Robert A. Siegel, 120 East 56th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022

Interests: New York City (Stampless to 1861); 3¢ 1851-57 on cover.

TYRRELL, JOHN F. 16 Eldorado Drive, Elnora, N.Y. 12065  
References: Editor, Western Stamp Collector; and Gerson's, Portland, Ore.

Interests: Covers of N.Y. State; Stamps of Ireland, Netherlands, Vatican City and Scandinavian countries.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

W. Ray Staplin, Sr. NOW 16881 S.W. 84th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33157.  
Ray is one of our original members and has now decided the sunny warmth of the south is his "thing." We will miss him and wish him well.

Henry Chlanda NOW 127 West 56th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019.

ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP:

We are happy to welcome Messrs. Bergendahl, Davis and Ruth to our ranks. Details of their collecting interests are to be found in the February Bulletin.

EXHIBITION CERTIFICATES:

The Society has handsome certificates of award available to exhibit chairmen, to be awarded under specified conditions regardless of the location of the show. We would like our members to publicize this fact wherever they can - both the show and the Society will benefit. A copy of the regulations is enclosed. More are available on application to any of the Committee.

SEE THAT YOUR CLUB IS AWARE OF THIS CERTIFICATE.

NEW PROJECT TAKES SHAPE:

As reported in the minutes, we have a new project under way. The following have volunteered to start the ball rolling:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Albany	de Lisle	Montgomery	DeGraff
Broome	Wilcox	Ontario	Koberg
Cayuga	Sweeting	Oswego	Todaro
Chenango	DeGraff	Saratoga	Reynolds
Columbia	de Lisle	Schenectady	Bernadt
Delaware	Taber	Schoharie	DeGraff
Fulton	Reynolds	Tioga	Wilcox
Greene	Rau	Ulster	Rau
Hamilton	Reynolds	Warren	Seifert
Herkimer	Reynolds	Washington	Bernadt
Jefferson	Staplin	Yates	Koberg

The method we are using is simple. We will not use names, just numbers in the tally. Take the Federal Post Offices of New York book, look up your favorite county, have a sheet of paper at hand. The headings will look like this:

County _____			<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>ACCUMULATED</u>
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ESTABLISHED</u>	<u>DISCONTINUED</u>	<u>FOR YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1792	1		1	1
1793	2		2	3
1794			0	3
1795			0	3
1796	3	1	2	5

and so on until 1969.

Of course, very few counties will have entries in the 1790s. But this is just a sample of the accounting.

When a post office is established, we mean began operation - by that name - regardless of the fact it may have existed by another name or by the same name in another county. What we want is the date it was opened in YOUR county.

Because it is necessary that we all use the same method, all data begins Jan. 1 in any year and ends December 31.

If a post office name changes, it is recorded as a plus and a minus in the same year, no net change in the number of offices operating. If an office is discontinued in one county because of a new county being formed, it is listed in the old county as discontinued and in the new county as established. It would be a plus in the new county and a minus in the old, but no net change to the state total.

Emma Koberg reports she first put the name, year established and year discontinued on a file card, then sorted the cards by year of opening. Emma reports this makes the listing very easy. de Lisle reported he just took a lot of paper with the years listed, then worked from the book without any intermediate step.

Who will join us?