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INTERESTS UNITE THROUGH DEALER'S BOX

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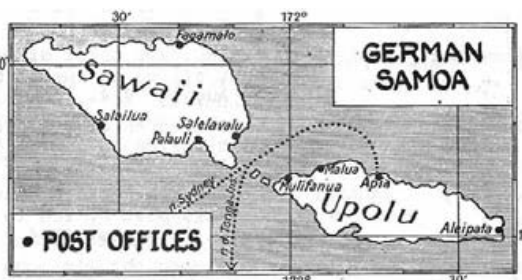
Sometimes Empire State postal history and my other interest in the postal history of the second Bureau issue unite through a discovery in a dealer's box. The postcard shown here is a great example. Mailed from Angelica, New York, to Tonga, "the Friendly Islands," it exhibits a nice history of its travels.

After leaving Angelica on July 14, 1905, it reached San Francisco where it received the July 18 circular date stamp (CDS) of Station D, which was located at the wharf at the foot of Market Street. It handled foreign-bound mail into the twentieth century.

Leaving San Francisco, it next arrived in Apia, Samoa, on August 3, noted by the fancy double circular date stamp (DCDS) with date in banner. From Apia, the post card then made its way to its final destination of Nukualofa, Tonga, where it arrived on August 12 as seen by the Nukualofa CDS stamped on the front of the post card.

According to fellow ESPHS member Drew Nicholson, Apia was in German Samoa in 1905. Therefore this postcard passed through the German colonial postal system. The Apia cancel is classified as a Type 9, and was in use from December 10, 1900, until May 30, 1907.

This is a nice example of the two-cent international postcard rate to a relatively scarce destination. ■



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