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UPCOMING EVENTS:*

Albany, New York July 29-30 2017

Northeast Postal History & Ephemera Show

Polish Community Center

225 Washington Ave. Ext.

Albany, NY 12205

www.albanypcc.com

Watertown, New York Jul 22, 2017

9:00 AM -3:00 PM (3-5 dealers)

Comfort Inn

110 Commerce Park Dr.

Watertown, NY

tongstamps@outlook.com

Rochester, NY July 23, 2017

9:00 AM -3:00 PM (-10 dealers)

Eagles Club

1200 Buffalo Rd.

Rochester, NY

tongstamps@outlook.com

Geneva, New York August 19, 2017

10:00 AM -4:00PM (Bourse)

Hessney's Auction Center

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

DEADLINE – The deadline for the September issue of the *BULLETIN* is **September 1**.

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Secretary's Membership Report

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Society Auctions

Auction Manager Bob Bramwell wants help from all members to determine the future of ESPHS New York State Postal History auctions. Please answer as many of the following questions as you wish by written note or email to him at P.O. Box 4150, Pinehurst, NC 29374 or RBRAMWELL@NC.RR.COM:

- 1) Did you notice that no auction was conducted in 2016? If so, were you disappointed?
- 2) Thinking about previous auctions, what were their good features? What changes should be made to improve them.

ESPHS Annual and Members Meeting Report – By David Przepiora, President

The ESPHS held a combined Annual and Directors meeting on Saturday May 20 at ROPEX in Canandaigua, NY. There were 10 members in attendance, two on the telephone and 6 proxies. It was a very productive meeting with much accomplished. Here are the highlights.

Publications – Our publications, *Excelsior!* And the BULLETIN have suffered for various reasons. The big problem was that we were publishing in-house and the publishers are now unable to continue. Thus, we needed to outsource this work. After shopping for prices, Dr. Charles J. DiComo was able to obtain a very favorable rate for both our *Excelsior!* And BULLETIN. His proposal to use Wilcox Printing and Publishing was adopted.

Auctions – We were lacking material for our auctions and our auction manager, Bob Bramwell, recommended that we open our auctions to outside sources. This proposal was adopted with priority given to our members.

Elections- all incumbents for Officers and Directors were re-elected: President – David Przepiora (19), Vice-President – Frank Braithwaite (19), Secretary – George McGowan (18), Treasurer – George DeKornfeld (18); Directors: John Cali, Dr. Charles J. DiComo, Drew Nicholson (19), Alan Parsons and Heather Sweeting (20).

Business- Alan Parsons is working to get us non-profit incorporation status which will lead to tax exemption privileges.

A Find at ROPEX

Anyone who collects Dutchess County is familiar with the “Carrier” cancels used in Poughkeepsie. Dating these cancels require that some form of docketing be present on the cover or on



the contents if they were still retained as none contain a year date. A general dating can be had by identifying the stamps which are usually Bank Notes.

Poughkeepsie was one of the first 66 cities to have carrier service which commenced on July 1, 1863 and lasted until 1865. A second period was from 1874 until 1895. It became permanent the following year.

It was with great joy that I found this registered letter return receipt with a Carrier cancel dated Jan 14, 1882. To date, I have covers dating from Nov. 5, 1881 to Mar 28, 1882.

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New York History on a Common Postcard

By: George McGowan

Many postal historians deliberately read the contents of items to find significant or interesting historical data, and the more historical the better. On this common postcard, featuring the Assembly Chamber at the New York Capital, there are three references to New York State history.



The card was sent from E. A. Upham, temporarily stranded in Albany, to his mother Mrs. Joshua Upham, Springfield, VT. RD #3 and is dated March 20th 1913, (Sat. PM). It reads:

“Dear Mother, I am still here but leave tomorrow morning - as trains are running on time but under water to Hudson. Saw Roosevelt last night, made a speech here in Albany. Saw Gov. Sulzer also + his residence. Have had a fine time. Water highest here for many years. Many of sts. down town flooded + cellar (s) full. Will send a postal or letter when I get to NY.

Love to all
E.A.Upham”

From E.A.’s description he was taking the New York Central to NYC which was delayed by flooding. Actually, the Hudson River flooded almost every spring causing much damage to cities like Troy and Albany. The answer was flood control and the most important part of the plan was the Sacandaga Reservoir, created by damming the Sacandaga River.



The idea for the plan began in the 1800's however, work on the earth and concrete dam only began in the 1920's and was completed in 1930. The surface of the lake is 41.7 sq. mi. The dam is at Conklinville, town of Day, Saratoga County. Parts of 10 communities were covered, four bridges were

destroyed and 3872 graves were moved, and the famous Sacandaga Park was razed.

Mr. Upham also mentions meeting then 39th Governor of NY William Sulzer. Mr. Sulzer was born in 1863 and died at the age of 78 in 1941. He served from Jan 1, 1913 to Oct 17, 1913. He was the first, and so far the only NY Governor to be impeached. He was a Democrat and supported by Tammany Hall but broke away. The machine eventually found (produced) evidence of falsified sworn statements on campaign expenditures. (1)

Mr. Upham also mentions a speech by Roosevelt, but which Roosevelt? At first I thought it was Teddy. In 1912 Teddy Roosevelt failed at his bid for re-election to be president. While campaigning in Milwaukee, he was shot in the chest by a fanatic but soon recovered. The bullet passed through his eyeglass case and folded up copy of his speech and lodged in his chest close to his heart. What is amazing is that he finished his 90 minute speech, showing the crowd his bloody shirt and asking for quiet as he found it hard to speak loudly. Only after the speech was he taken for medical care.

Just after this card was posted, Teddy was off to South America on one of his adventures, therefore I am deducing that this card refers to Franklin. (2)

Franklin at this time was a Democratic state senator from NY. In 1914 he would run for the US senate from NY, and later become Governor of New York.

An abundance of history on the back of a penny postcard. May I suggest you keep reading those cards and letters and send along your stories to our editor.

(1) Hall of Governors, hallofgovernors.ny.gov

(2) www.history.com