

# EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, let me thank the members for their confidence in selecting me to conduct the affairs of the Society for the next two years. I hope to continue the progress of our previous officers and solicit the support of the members for future projects.

The officers have decided to set up a definite schedule for publishing the Bulletin. It will be mailed six times a year: August, October, December, February, April and June. Please send any material you may have to Mrs. Emma Koberg, 295 Hamilton Street, Apt. 21, Holiday Manor, Geneva, New York, 14456. We solicit your \$1.00 buy, sell or trade ads.

Robert Harris, P. O. Box 175, Wynantskill, New York 12198 is still awaiting questions to answer on your postal history problems.

Ken deLisle would appreciate auction material as outlined in last month's Bulletin. Cal Hahn can use your articles for the Excelsior.

The Society has a Postal History Awards Committee which desires to make awards. Cliff Tuttle will present an award if three exhibits are entered in a show. How about entering your favorite New York State pages at Cincopex--75 at Sherrill, New York, October 18-19, 1975. Send for Prospectus from Don Connelly, 68 Glenwood Avenue, Oneida, New York 13421.

The Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, New York 13503 still wishes to receive any used stamps you may wish to donate. Please send them to Polly Boulaine, Coordinator of Home Stamp Club at the above address.

*Empire State*  
*Postal History Society*

Several questions have been received regarding the difference in spelling used in the Federal Post Offices of New York State and that on Post Marks. In order to clarify the matter, the following is furnished:

In the early 1890's, President Harrison created a Board to study and make uniform Geographic Names. As a result Postmaster General Wanamaker issued an order that all branches of his department would follow the decisions of the Board. The results were as follows:

1. The possessive form to be dropped as rapidly as possible and never used with new offices.
2. Double names to be changed to single wherever possible.
3. Hyphen to be discarded.
4. Final "h" in termination of burgh to be dropped.
5. Abbreviate borough to boro.
6. Change centre to center.
7. Omit c.h. after names of county seats.
8. Drop words city and town as part of names.

## FEDERAL POST OFFICE BOOK - A NEW RECORD!

The bound copy of our Federal Post Office book, offered to the highest bidder (see May Bulletin) was again the subject of spirited bidding, going for \$51.00, Bids of \$50.00 and \$47.50 were not far under the top bid, with others in a lower range.

This price has brought another copy out of hiding. It is a bound copy, unused, but the spine has suffered minor damage - scorched in a fire. Other than this, the book is clean and its use is in no way damaged. Send Ken de Lisle your bid, the highest received by August 31 will prevail. At these prices, we have a good market for any surplus copies.

## POLICY WITH RESPECT TO CHANGES, ETC., IN THE FEDERAL BOOK.

President Seifert, after consultation with the Executive Board, announces there will be no change in the way we are issuing supplements to the handbook. As new information is received by Mrs. Emma Koberg, she is doing a thorough research job of verification such as writing to Washington and to the specific locality when necessary.

These changes, revisions, additions and so on will be listed in a "tentative supplement" sent with a Bulletin mailing. Members are urged to correspond with Emma, sending comments or their own knowledge of the changes covered. It is a bit foolish to make no comment on the changes and then challenge them at a later date. Items questioned or found incorrect will not be published as final until resolved to the satisfaction of the Publication Committee. Thus, all members have a stake in reviewing the tentative items in their own area of interest to assist Emma.

Items unquestioned and otherwise deemed authentic will be ruled final and will be published as a formal supplement to the handbook, from time to time.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Change of Address: Mrs. Laverne Bacon NOW 3421 Bates Road, Medina, N.Y. 14103  
Arthur B. Gregg, change 274 Berwind Ave. to 274 Berwind Road  
Russell A. Rielle, Route 5, Canastota, N.Y. 13032  
Dr. Wm. Reiner-Deutsch, NOW PO Box 20, Bayside, N.Y. 11361  
Joseph A. Schriener, NOW 275 Kingsboro Ave., Gloversville, NY 12078  
Dr. Daniel Knowles, NOW 24 Fifth Ave. Apt. 412, New York, N.Y. 10011

Dues payments reminder: Those members with a star on their address label have not yet paid current dues. Early transmittal will be appreciated. PLEASE SEND GOLD COLORED BLANK properly filled in. We are able to spot address changes this way.

## PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Announcing the opening of UNCLE SAM STAMP AND COIN SHOP, the newest stamp and coin store in the Capitol District. Located in the 76 Shopper's Village on Broadway, Menands, N.Y. Expected grand opening date August 1st. A good stock of postal history, N.Y. State covers and cards broken down by counties. Stop by for a visit. OWNER: Arn Leiter, ESPHS, APS, BIA, ETC.

## MANUSCRIPT POST OFFICE BOOK

Supplement 2 for our Manuscript Post Offices of New York State is attached. Members who do not have a copy may obtain one from Ken de Lisle, cost is \$1.25 postpaid.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 29, 1975 - DOUBLE D RANCH RESTAURANT

Meeting called to order at 2:00 P.M. by President Seifert. There were ten members and one guest in attendance. Minutes of the annual meeting of 5/4/75 were approved at printed and distributed with last month's Bulletin.

President Seifert read portions of several letters he had received. The most important had to do with regional meetings and the incurred expenses. Excerpts of minutes of previous regular meetings and executive board meetings were read by Secretary de Lisle. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was decided each chairman will be contacted and made aware once again of the conditions under which the regional meetings were authorized. No authority was ever granted to charge against the Society the cost of a meeting room, clearly spelled out in the minutes read. The membership present voted unanimously for a one-time reimbursement for a Rochester meeting this spring, due to the misunderstanding.

There followed a long and indefinite discussion on the subject of dealer members, particularly participation of dealers joining the Society without taking any part in the research, publication of information they might have on postal history matters and other activities for which our Society was formed. The matter was referred to the Executive Board for study.

The Treasurer reported that Publication Chairman Hahn had received orders and was distributing copies of the Federal records announced in the May Bulletin. Favorable comment was made on his contribution to the Society, consisting of the net proceeds of these sales.

The proposed Society auction was next discussed. de Lisle reported he had only two small lots to date. Membership participation is necessary to the success of the auction, selling as well as buying. Members were referred to the May Bulletin for details.

The matter of definite publication dates for the Bulletin was brought to the floor. It was voted to limit issuance to bi-monthly intervals, six times each year, with the meeting dates tied to Bulletin publication dates rather than vice-versa as in the past.

It was also voted, due to the small attendance at recent general meetings, to limit these to three per year. President Seifert pointed out that 7 of those in attendance today came from the Albany area, only three members were present from the central and western sections. Regular meetings will be held in May, October and in late February or early March. Members who desire more frequent gatherings should see their regional chairmen for local meetings.

A letter was read from a member, suggesting membership numbers, as in other philatelic societies. It was voted to be too late in the Society's history to begin numbering, as it would not be meaningful at this time.

Tony Zahm spoke of the Society's participation in the Bicentennial exhibit being sponsored in Syracuse next year with the backing of the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies. Award Committee Chairman Cliff Tuttle explained the system of Society awards and of the number of postal history exhibits needed for certificates and major prizes. The President called for a strong showing by our members in this major show.

Date for the next general meeting was set on Sunday, October 26, 1975, same time and place. Tony Zahm's showing of Onondaga County postal history had been examined with admiration, spread out on several tables for close viewing. It added much to the meeting. It was announced de Lisle will bring a showing of Columbia County covers to the October meeting. Adjournment was voted at 3:30 P.M.