

EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

November 1971

Officers: Lee S. DeGraff - Fort Johnson, N. Y.
Vice President: George Bernadt, 1470 Wyoming Ave. Schenectots
Secretary-Treas. Kenneth delisle, 54 Ramsey pl. Albany, N.
Next Meeting: Sunday Dec., 5th at 10:00 in the Harlequin Room of the
Tom Sawyer Motel, 1444 Western Ave., Albany, N. Y. --Coming from
the Thruway-- leave by exit 24 and follow signs to Rt. 20 and Western
Ave. about one mile and the Tom Sawyer is on the right.

Mailing list for Bulletin:

The revised mailing list shows 77 members in good standing as
of November 1, 1971 - Only 5 of the 1970-71 members failed to retain
their membership. During the year we gained several new members to
give us a total of 77. A bulletin is sent to the American Philatelic
Society each month.

WANT AD

Wanted New York State Cancels on 1851-1869 covers, and U 218 - U221
Centennial issue entires, unused Patriotics.

D. Wasserman, 2104 Holland Ave, Bronx, N. Y. 10462.

Let's have a good attendance at Albany on Dec., 5th-----

A Washington Cover

This cover is postmarked Alexandria, Va. and is dated Dec. 28, It is
addressed to Law(rence) Washington Esqr., Oak Grove, Westmoreland Co.
Va. The stamp is the 3 cent red of the 1857 series (#26). The cover
bears a dark blue corner card, which is enclosed in a fancy white
scrolled border. A barrel is pictured with a word on it that had been
crossed out, but close scrutiny shows it to be the word "whiskey"..
Over the barrel are the words "Washington and Co." Wholesale and Retail
Grocers Commission and Forwarding Merchants" Underneath the barrel
is the address No. 11 North Union St., Alexanderia, Va.

The inclosed is dated Dec. 27/ 58 and the salutation reads "My dear
father" At the top of the page a newspaper clipping from an obituary
column had been pasted. It reads as follows: " In this city, yester-
day morning, Effie, infant daughter of George and Sallie Washington
The letter is signed George Washington.

Naturally one wanted to learn the relationship of this George
Washington to our first President. A visit to Mount Vernon and the
Librarian, Mr. Frank Morse, brought forth the answer. The writer of
the letter was the greatgrandson of Augustine Washington, who was
General Washington's half-brother Augustine Washington, He had a son
named William Augustine who had a daughter named Sarah Taylor Washington
She married Lawrence Washington, a distant cousin, and they were the
parents of George Washington the writer of the letter..

Edna S. Nelson.

See you in Albany December 5th