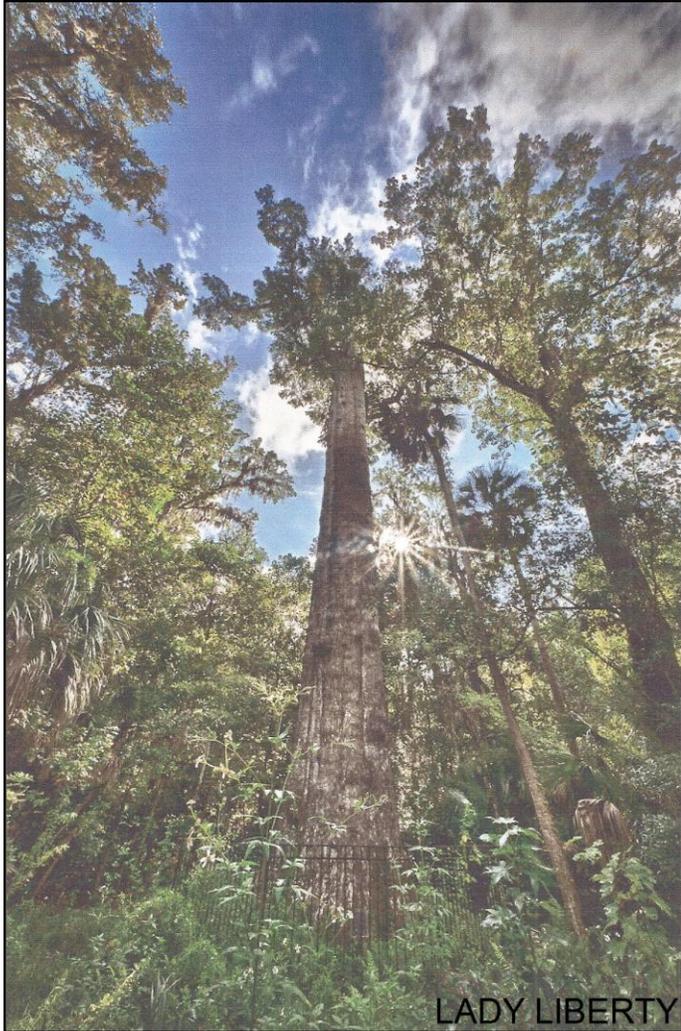


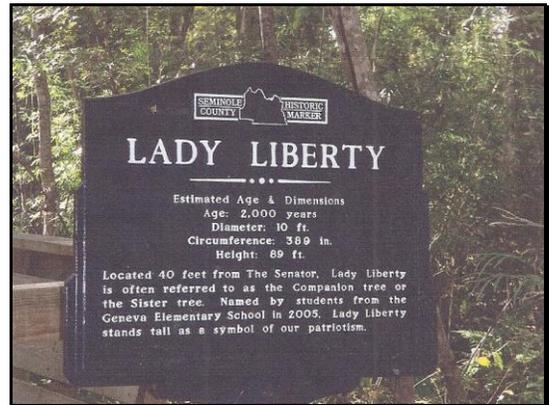
# THE OTHER BIG TREE

The Follow-Up to the Presentation by Randall Priest



Now the 'Senator' is gone! Is this still "Big Tree Park"? The answer is a very firm and confident YES!

You see there is another 'big tree' in the park that has not been given much attention. From the beginning, the other big tree at the park was known as 'The Companion'. In 2005 'The Companion' got a new name, 'Lady Liberty'. A contest was held to give 'The Companion' a new name. Two fifth-graders from Geneva Elementary School, (Megan Dudley and Crystal Urban) suggested "LADY LIBERTY". Their reason was that when you look up the trunk of the giant cypress tree, you can see a branch at the top that looks like the uplifted arm of the Statute of Liberty, holding the torch of freedom. She is located about 40 feet from where the 'Senator' stood. She is over 2000 years old. Lady Liberty now has the responsibility of maintaining the name "Big Tree Park".



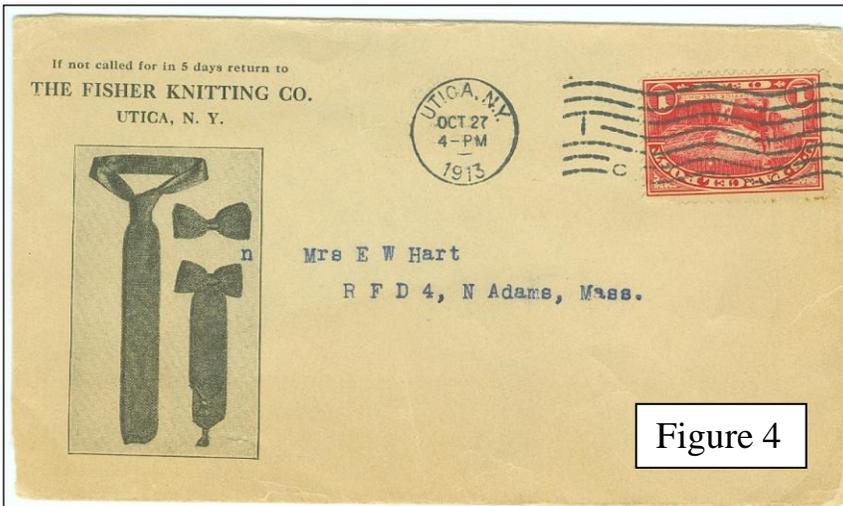
## The Cover Story (continued)

**Figure 2** is from August 5, 1897 (confirmed with a back stamp) with a nice strike of the Utica cancel.

**Figure 3a** is the oldest piece in this group from August 2, 1866. **Figure 3b** is the enclosed invoice for payment. The double circle cancel is particularly attractive.

**Figure 4** is a lovely use of the 1¢ Parcel Post stamp on an advertising cover postmarked October 27, 1913. July 1, 1913 the Postmaster General issued an order authorizing the non-parcel post use of this very specific stamp.

Lastly **Figure 5a** is an event cover from October 12, 1934, prepared by Cliff Wells who was a cachet maker, located in Utica. **Figure 5b** shows the back stamp.



These five covers are only some of the dozen or so pre-1950s covers that I have accumulated in the last 5 years from the Utica and surrounding areas. I hope to continue to obtain covers as I run across them at shows. Obviously it is not something to plan on finding, but I have learned over the years that often times, they pop up in unexpected ways.

In the future I would love to be able to locate a used corner card from my Mother's business of 21 years -- "Amelia Hats". In an odd twist, because of her billing of accounts

during her time in business, she mailed between 50 and 100 invoices for "open account" clients every month. Not once have I ever run across a used envelope with her corner card. During the 21 years of business she had to have mailed upwards of 25,000 invoices and so far not one has shown up in a dollar box. I do own a couple of unused envelopes with the corner card, but would love to find a used one. The search continues when I am hunting in dollar boxes and New York postal history selections. Maybe it will happen.

