

# June Show Report

It was a steamy and humid day in Central Florida. The stamp show held on June 12<sup>th</sup> gave a lot of collectors a good reason to avoid yard work and enjoy the wonders of air conditioning. The 12 dealers in attendance had all kinds of materials to whet your collecting appetite. That would seem to be a win-win in anyone's book! This was only the second local show in the last 16 months, and it was very well attended.



All pictures are credited to Robert Ridgeway.

# Unique Florida Cover

by Phil Eschbach



Here is a cover I recently purchased at an Australian auction which I believe is unique. I have had it registered with the US Philatelic Classics Society which has a census that lists all covers stamped with US #1s and 2s for each state. There were none cancelled from Milton, Florida until I sent this one in. It was cancelled on July 9, 1850, from Milton, Florida to Tallahassee, Type IV, red cancel, with pair of US #1s, on a folded letter from Joseph Forsyth to H.R.W. Andrews.

In 1829 Andrews an early resident, maintained a shoe store on Jefferson Street. Later he became an attorney and in 1849 was appointed the land registrar in Tallahassee and remained in that position for several years. He died in Tallahassee and is buried in the Old Cemetery, but the marker shows no dates.

## Endnotes

*American Almanac & Repository of Useful Knowledge for the year of 1850*, Boston, Charles Little & James Brown, pg. 107.

Groene, Bertram, *Ante-Bellum Tallahassee*, Florida Heritage Foundation, 1971

[Editor's note: I spent about 30 minutes trying to dig up any information on the receiver of the cover – nothing was found of substance. There was a note on a site that indicated the records for the burial site were lost in a fire in mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. While there is a chance more information can be discovered, right now there is nothing to add to the story of this cover.]