

What's in your Room, Trunk, Box, Desk, Pile or on the Floor?

by Phil Fettig

Come on – admit it! We all have one or more of the “storage methods” described in the title. (I have them all!) Sometimes I actually have a plan when writing something for this publication. Other times, like this, it results from reaching in a pile of philatelic “stuff”.

Age has not been kind to the cover shown in **figure B1**. In better condition it would be welcome in collections dealing with National Parks, Caverns, Rotary Clubs, New Mexico Post Offices and strange methods of mailing. Gee, I wonder if anybody in the club collects Cave Mail? The destination of the mailing – Green Cove Springs is an out of the way place in Florida – especially in 1932. According to web sources the population in GCS in 1900 was 929; 1930 was 1,719 and most recently in 2010 was 6,908.

Figure B2 also shows its age and signs of improper storage. Still, it has some interesting connections. I contacted WPRO in Providence, RI to inquire how long they have been on the air. I even sent them a scan to explain my interest. They clearly had no interest as evidenced by no answer. This cover could be listed as advertising, both from the return address of one company and the radio station logo. Of course, it could also fit with early radio stations and with meter mail.

So, what do you have tucked away in a storage box, just awaiting your rediscovery? Dip a hand in – and see what you find, you might just get a surprise!

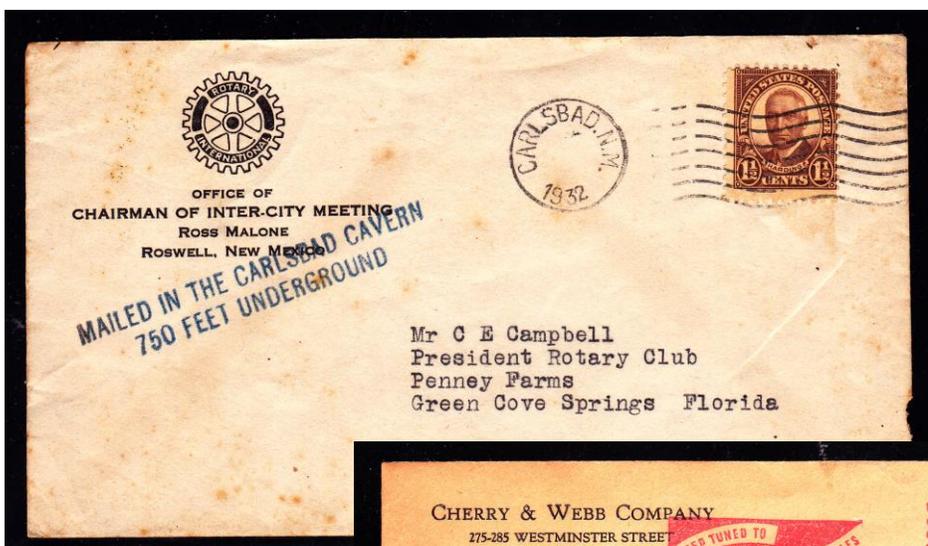


Figure B1

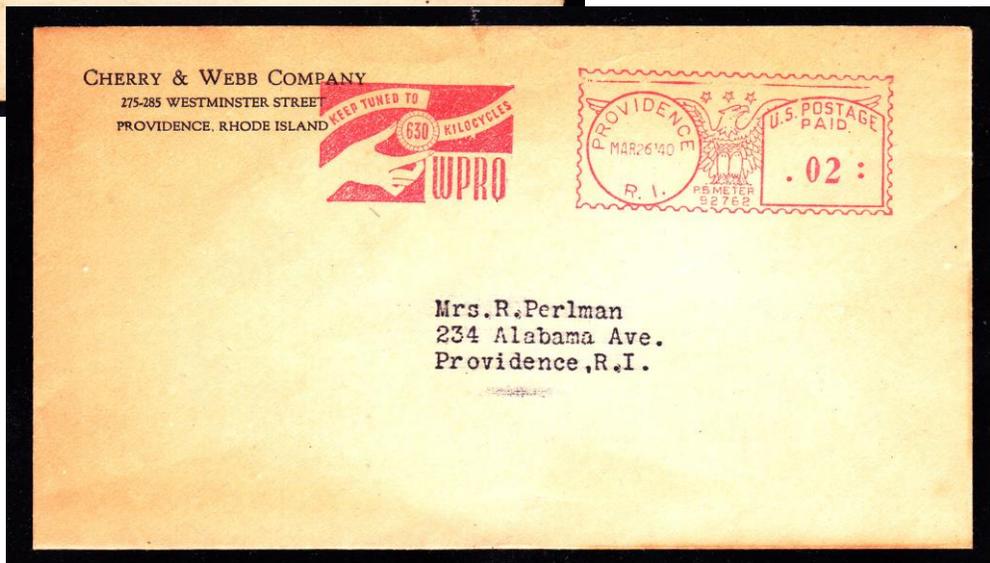


Figure B2

Frankenstein – Beginnings of a Topical Collection

by Tom Lera



Frankenstein cover with March 17, 1866 handstamp used on Prussian (Scott No. 17) stamp.
Mary Shelly and Boris Karloff as Frankenstein

Frankenstein is a city located in Lower Silesia in southwestern Poland. It was founded in the second half of the 13th century by the first settlers from Franconia, the historical land of Germany on the middle of the Rhine. In 1945, it was renamed Zabkowice Śląskie (German: *Frankenstein in Schlesien*).



Gutter Pair of the 1997 Great Britain 1997 Frankenstein - Tales and Legends stamp;
Classic Carry On & Hammer Films 2008 “The Course of Frankenstein” Horror Movie 56p stamp

The name Frankenstein appears in the work “*Frankenstein or Modern Prometheus*.” Written by the English writer Mary W. Shelley in 1816, its first edition appeared anonymously in 1818.

According to the story, Victor Frankenstein, a Geneva student of natural philosophy, acquires the secret of reanimating dead body parts. From corpses taken from cemeteries, he constructs a hideous monster. His creation feels lonely, unhappy and maladjusted to the human world and takes revenge on its creator, in a series of terrible crimes. Finally, he takes his own life.

The most famous and widely known movie *Frankenstein*, adapted from Shelley’s story was filmed in 1931 with Boris Karloff portraying the monster. Over time, under the influence of subsequent film versions, the name Frankenstein began to mean the monster himself, not his creator!

This is the beginning of a new one-frame exhibit on 1997 USPS Classic Horror Monsters Stamps showing Dracula, Frankenstein, The Mummy, Wolf Man, and The Phantom of the Opera. I am actively looking for material for all except Dracula.