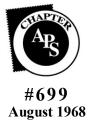
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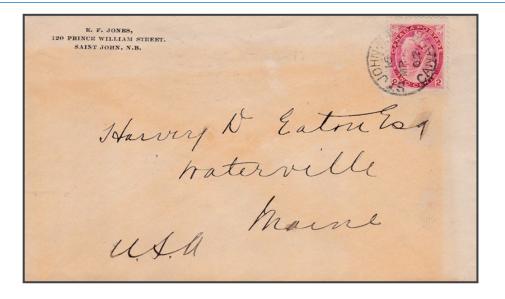




The Cover Story

What Do You Call a Person with a degree in law?

The question: "What do you call a person with a degree in law?" sounds very simple. Presented in this article are five examples that address that uncomplicated issue. All of these postcards and letters were addressed to Mr. Harvey D. Eaton.



1: Esquire

Harvey D. Eaton, Esq. Waterville, Maine, USA

This letter was sent from Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. The stamp is Canada, Scott #77 from the "Numeral" issue and was cancelled on March 7, 1902.

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Upcoming Schedule—July and August

** July Pre-meeting sessions

July 6th CFSC starting at 2:00 pm CFSC members time to work on philatelic interests, use the club catalogs, etc.

July 20th starting at 2:00 pm CFSC hosting German Philatelic Society meeting—all are welcome to attend. CFSC members can even come during that time and work on their own philatelic interests in another part of the room.

July (1st meeting) Member "**Show & Tell**" followed by a silent auction; \$10.00 door prize will also be available

July (2nd meeting) Presentation by James Auffant on "British Offices Abroad—Specifically Puerto Rico" followed by a silent auction. Door prize also available.

August (1st meeting) "Called Auction" and a \$10.00 door prize **August** (2nd meeting) Presentation by Phil Fettig on "Collecting Naval Covers-Do It the Traditional Way" followed by a silent auction, Door Prize will also be available

June Meetings Recap

(1st meeting) A "Called Auction" was held—34 lots sold with total sales of \$317.00; called by Tom Hart. Four people met for dinner; five people attended the pre-meeting and 27 people attended the meeting. Jim Tinkoff won the \$10 door prize and Herta (Mimi) Thompkins won the certificate for the Maitland Stamp Show.

(2nd meeting) The German Philatelic Society met and had a presentation prior to the CFSC meeting. 7 CFSC members met for dinner and 29 individuals attended the meeting. John Catiller did an interesting presentation on *Oddities & Novelties—Weird Stamps from Around the World*". A silent auction followed—21 lots sold with total sales of \$186.00 Tom Tomlinson won the \$10 door prize and John Bailey won the 2nd quarter Birthday certificate.

CFSC Board meeting was held on June 29th.

Event Calendar 2023

Maitland one-day stamp show: **Sept. 9th** - FSDA Autumn show Maitland Civic Center

FLOREX 2023 December 1-2, 2023

Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland For more info: <u>www.FloridaStampShows.com</u>

Newest Members

Welcome new members:

Norman C. Hinds Jr. # 766 from Wabasso, FL has joined. He is also a stamp dealer; a member of APS, FSDA & USPCS and has an interest in U.S. Fancy Stampless covers and Newburyport, MA covers. Welcome Norman!

Who will be new member number 767?

Dinner Plans

There are plans to meet at 4:30pm at the Chuan Lu Garden at 1101 E. Colonial Drive. Located on the north side of Colonial Drive one block west of Mills Ave. There is plenty of parking behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and topics for discussion.

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"Start where you are.
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Do what you can."

Arthur Ashe

Stamp issued in 2005

Design from a photograph by
Michael O'Neil reproduced
from cover of Sports Illustrated

issue Dec. 21, 1992 when Ashe was named "Sportsman of the Year."

The Editor's Box



Thank you—club members who have been submitting articles!!!

I still have a couple of articles that folks have submitted to be used in upcoming issues.

But I can always certainly use more articles. The more variety the better to help keep the

newsletter interesting! Articles can be typed up in word with scans and attached to an email.

Submit articles to: Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org

Let me know if you have any questions about submitting articles.

President's Message by Mike Schumacher

Greetings CFSC Members:

The sudden and unexpected death of David Allen was indeed shocking and sad news. The steady and constant contributions that he made to the CFSC and the stamp shows over the years will be deeply missed. His smiley and cheerful disposition were always a welcome sight at club meetings and stamp shows. He gave unconditionally of his skills to ensure that things ran smoothly and were done with accuracy and precision. In my current short year and a half tenure at the helm of the CFSC as President and Editor of the Philatelic Missive, his guidance, console and proofreading skills were immeasurably helpful. There are now huge shoes to fill for the CFSC in terms of someone to run the computer auction program, update the club website and be that cheerful friendly face greeting attendees at the stamp show registration table. David was a member of the CFSC for more than 30 years and enjoyed his philatelic areas of interest immensely. Just a couple of weeks before his passing, he was excited to follow-up on a website that I had mentioned in my presentation on the "Color Proofs" by the Swiss printer Courvoisier. Hopefully, he will have computer access in heaven and can check out the website as much as he would like. David, you will be dearly missed, rest in peace. Thank you, David for your years and years of dedication and contributions to the CFSC and philately.

(See pages 6-8 for more information regarding the "Closed Album of David Allen) Also "Closed Albums" for Stanley Brodersen and Lucile Jung on page 8.

- ⇒ --A resounding appreciation for David M. Allen and all that he contributed to the CFSC is abundantly clear in the total donations that CFSC members contributed (\$540.00) and (\$100.00 from the Florida Stamp Dealers Association) to the gift to the American Philatelic Society in David's name and the number of CFSC members who attended his memorial service on June 24th.
- ⇒ Talk about a tough act to follow—but I must try.
- ⇒ As indicated above, the CFSC is now in need of an individual or two with computer and website site skills who can help the club progress into the future. If interested please let me know.
- ⇒ FLOREX plans continue to progress—show cachets have been printed; cancellers ordered; 19 dealers currently signed up and 5 exhibit applications have been received. Opportunities to volunteer are still available An exhibit chairperson is still needed! If interested, please let me know.

Nordia 2023 follow-up report: The show had about 365 frames of exhibits, which I and a couple of other SCC members helped the show organizers put up and take down. The help was greatly appreciated as they had to make considerable last minute adjustments to the show location. They were informed about a week before the show that the facility that they had reserved was needed for a different event and thus they got bumped to a smaller auditorium. Undeterred, they dealt with the change and the show still turned out to be a success. There were many interesting exhibits from several countries. My book and exhibit on the 1972 World Chess Championship received Vermeil awards. I managed to complete sightseeing plans to the War and Peace Museum (related to the British and American Service).



men who served in Iceland during WW II), Vestmannaeyjar, the West Fjords and the Bobby Fischer Center in Selfoss, Iceland—where I did a presentation on my book. Also met an Icelander who collected material related to the troops in Iceland during WW II and spent a few hours at his home looking through his collection. At the Nordia show learned about the philatelic archives in Vestmannaeyjar and spent 2-3 hours looking at a philatelic collection on the postal history of Vestmannaeyjar. Spent time with philatelic friends from Iceland, Finland, Norway, the U.S. and New Zealand. So all in all, a very successful trip and philatelic adventure!

Member Spotlight - Robert (Bob) and Ann Dowrick



Robert (Bob) & Ann Dowrick have been members of the Central Florida Stamp Club since 2009. They have also active in FLOREX shows. They started **A & B Stamps** in 2014 and have been doing the local shows and FLOREX since then. For a number of years at the FLOREX shows Ann assisted with staffing the Registration Desk and was fondly known as "the Lady in Purple" so it was easy for a door prize winners to know from whom to collect their door prize. As dealers, they specialize in U.S. common to classic stamps as well as Canada and Australia. They are also members of the APS and the FSDA. Bob along with David Zambon (from the CFSC) also do a 2nd Sunday of the month stamp show in Eau Gallie, FL. Thank you, Robert and Ann for your years of active participation and contributions to the CFSC and the Central Florida Philatelic Community!

Cover Story: What Do You Call a Person with a degree in law?

By: Donald Bourassa

Cont. from cover page

2: Attorney

Mr. Harvey D. Eaton, Attorney Waterville Maine

This postcard was sent from St. George East, Canada on Sept. 6, 1897.



3: Esquire Attorney

H. D. Eaton, Esq. Attorney Waterville Me.

This letter was sent from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The stamp is Canada, Scott #77 from the "Numeral" issue and was cancelled on June 12, 1900.

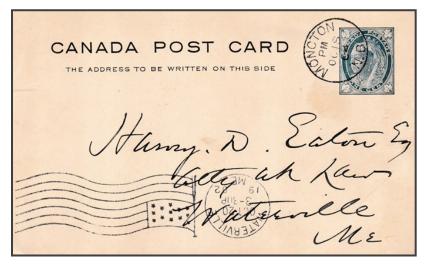


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4: Esquire, Attorney at Law

Harvey D. Eaton, Esq. Attorney at Law Waterville Me.

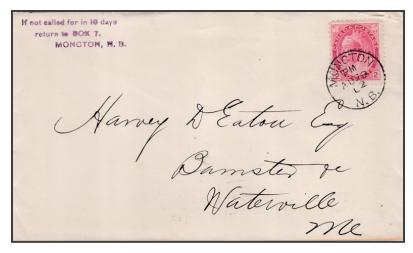
This postcard was sent from Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. The piece has a circular dated cancel of Oct. 18, 1902.



5: Esquire, Barrister

Harvey D. Eaton, Esq. Barrister Waterville Me.

This letter was sent from Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. The stamp is Canada, Scott #77 from the "Numeral" issue and was cancelled on Aug. 29, 1902.



So there you have it. All addressed to the same person and using different ways to acknowledge his law degree.

Esquire, Attorney at Law.......Barrister

Life was more simple back then. You could address a letter to someone in a town without adding a street name and the letter still got delivered.

All of these items originated in Canada but oddly enough the first cover is the only one to include "USA" for the cross-border mailing.

I hope this answers: "What do you call a person with a degree in law?"

Closed Album: David M. Allen

Edited by Francis Ferguson



The passing of David on Memorial Day, at the age of 73, was sudden and unexpected. The profound nature of David's contributions to the CFSC are often overlooked because he preferred to remain in the background and never sought the spotlight. He never held office even though he was asked several times to run for election – his response was an emphatic "no". During David's 33 years as a member of the CFSC he interacted with countless members because of his dedication to supporting the philatelic world.

In remembrance of David's contributions to the philatelic eco-system the membership of the CFSC & the FSDA have donated a large sum of money (combined total \$640.00) in his memory to the American Philatelic Society to be used to further the mission of serving philately. The following pieces are by individuals who knew David well because of working closely together.

Remembrance by Phil Fettig

In 1985 I started plans for FLOREX '86, my first as General Chair. It was quite a leap from promoting small local shows. If any members remember Hall 700 in the old Orlando Expo Centre, it had a horrendous set of huge support beams running through the middle of the 15,000 square foot room. My experience with setting up 16 dealers in a small room did not help prepare for planning 40 dealers, society tables and 150 frames of exhibits. In stepped David Allen and he saved the day!

David instructed me to meet him at the site and to bring a long tape measure. We discussed the needs of the show and spent a couple of hours roughing out some plans. He then went home and, in a week, or so called me to come see the results. His skill with operating a computer program amazed me. With a few minor adjustments we were in business! In a few years the show was enlarged to cover 27,000 square feet in two halls and David easily made new plans. David never wanted a big deal made over his assistance, but one thing is clear to me – FLOREX has had some good years in Central Florida when a lot of people didn't think it would work. In my mind, it was a success only because of the hard work of volunteers and without David's contribution at the beginning, I don't know how it would have ended. I will miss most of all his friendship as well as his quiet and hard-working contributions to Philately in Florida.

Remembrance by Mel Borofsky

David was never a close personal friend to me, yet he was a close personal friend to all of the CFSC membership. David was the club's auction bookkeeper, doing his voluntary job keeping an instant track of sales and purchases following our club auctions. His professional demeanor was evident in the many financial transactions accounted for during our meetings. He did this in a minimal amount of time, accurately and to the satisfaction of all involved. David was also my unofficial proofreader of the many missives that I sent out as club secretary, issuing corrections or additions to me without any hysteria or fanfare.

I will certainly miss his friendship.

Remembrance by A. Stephen Patrick

David Allen was a stalwart member of the Central Florida Stamp Club for over 30 years. In that time, he gave many uncounted hours to serve the club, not as an officer, but as one who used his computer skills as master of our web site. He was also a rival for buying good material at our club auctions. He had an eye for quality as he added better stamps for his collections of U.S., France, Switzerland, and other European countries. If he wanted the item, he was willing to bid, and bid often usually with "shut down" increments to discourage other bidders. He knew quality, what he wanted, and was willing to spend for it.

The side of David that most members did not know was that he was an expert musician. He currently was a member of the Bell Choir of the First Methodist Church of Orlando. However, he owned his own two octave set of bells and would give solo concerts. At one of the club's holiday parties two decades ago, he performed for the club at the home of Mark Friedland. With the help of his wife and daughter, he would set up his bells and manipulate them carefully sometimes holding three and four bells at a time, sometimes with piano accompaniment using his own intricate solo bell arrangements.

What I appreciate is the time and effort he spent on writing the history of the club and maintaining it on the website. He was dedicated to detail and "getting it right." The club will miss him in so many ways.

Swiss stamps were a collecting interest of David's.



Closed Album: David M. Allen cont.

Remembrance by Francis Ferguson

I could write pages about David and my interactions with him over the last 23 years. I will try and just hit the prominent points. Initially on meeting David, I realized he was one of two in the club with the same name; the only difference was the middle initial. This started years of confusion — mostly with email as both had similar email addresses — until I finally learned that he was David M. Allen with an IAG email address. The way this stayed in my brain was the realization that I also had a IAG address many years ago; it was my first private email address well before Brighthouse and Spectrum. Now both David M. Allen and David C. Allen are gone.

Foremost was David's contributions to the CFSC designing and running the auction software (Excel based) that streamlined the process of closing out an auction. This is an incredibly complicated process that involves paying the seller of the item, collecting monies from the buyer, and calculating the small part that the CFSC retained as the auctioneer. David and I spent countless hours in the beginning of this effort educating each other. David had to learn the processes of the auction while I had to communicate to him what I knew of the process. The auction process for many years had been handled by the late John Shirley who did it all by hand – and to his credit got it mostly right every night. The whole process of creating the program involved a lot of conversations, many of them rather detailed and exhaustive. David produced an Excel spreadsheet that did everything – and most importantly did it with mathematical accuracy! This software will be David's enduring legacy to the CFSC and one that will never be forgotten.

The other major contribution of David's was the handling of the CFSC's website. When it first came online in early 2004 it was a rudimentary effort to prove the concept. I did the original work and then David dived in and took over — much to my relief! David did not use any fancy software to manage the site — like I did. He hardcoded HTML to make things work. I will always admire him for that effort. The website grew over the years to become an official depository of the Club's online information. The width, depth and breadth of information that can be found on the website is a testament to David's work and dedication. David and I had a conversation at least a decade ago as to how to handle him being unavailable — he gave me a sealed envelope that had the keys (passwords) to the kingdom — I will be opening that envelope shortly as I will now have to resume support of the site David built.

The piece written above by Phil Fettig describes David's contribution to the early days of FLOREX in Central Florida. I also engaged David to handle the show layout when faced with having to produce a professional design for use in the show booklet. David, to his credit, stepped right up and did his magic to make the very old DOS based software work on an ancient computer he had left to mold in his closet. His efforts saved me from flaming out as the demands on my time at that point outstripped the hours in the day. David was able to do modifications over most of my 20-years as General Chairman – he finally had to tell me towards the end of my tenure that he no longer could use the software. I did make other arrangements, but that never approached the professional look of David's work. Typical of David, I offered repeated times to pay him a stipend for the work and note his contributions in the show booklet, he refused both.

As a member of the CFSC, I strive to avoid conversations that can get testy about religion or politics in these hypersensitive times. After all we are a stamp club! David and I had numerous conversations on both those topics that were often deep and profound. We educated each other. It took us a while to discover that we had a similar belief system and that we could talk about it at length without rancor or annoyance creeping in. I cherished those conversations, knowing without a doubt -- that no one else in the CFSC encountered that side of David.

For 16 years I was the editor of *The Philatelic Missive* that came out monthly was as little as 6 pages or a maximum of 14 – it all depended on what was in my bit-bucket to publish. It was an often-formidable task that involved numerous writers and a lot of proofreading. David was my proofreader. His single-minded pursuit of what was correct in the world of grammar made the publication a much easier read for the membership. His attention to detail was at times – exasperating. We got into a long and protracted discussion over my use of "ya'll" in one of pieces I wrote. I was trying to make a point in a humorous way. David was not having any part of that --- and cited a half dozen criticisms of the use and backed them up with additional information. Realizing I was fighting a battle I simply could not win – I changed the expression to be more "David friendly". I admitted defeat. When I encounter challenging grammar, I will always think of David and his proofing abilities.

In conclusion – I will forever miss David's work ethic and devotion to the club. His memory will be burnished with the knowledge of what a fantastic human being he was. Rest in peace, friend.

Thank you, David for the years of contributions to CFSC and the fantastic friendship!

The cherished memories will always be remembered! Mike Schumacher

Closed Album: David M. Allen cont.

Remembrance by Mike Smith Not too many club members can come remotely close to helping run our club like David did. His willingness to take on a job that not many would want and to do it consistently for so many years speaks volumes for the type of commitment he made for the benefit of the club. David came to almost every meeting I can remember to run our club auctions. His attention to detail and the mindset to "get it right" was amazing. Honestly, that's probably what made me click with him so easily as I am the same way. David's unselfishness was evident by giving up club time he could have used to personally buy and sell auction lots and mingle with other members. Instead, he devoted his time to run each auction. No one can appreciate that unless you have done the job. It isn't about just the time at the meeting running the auction, but the file preparation beforehand and the post-auction realizations and summary reports of all the different places the monies go, such as donation lots, etc. This isn't the only activity David contributed to. He maintained and updated the club's website, along with Fergie. He also volunteered at each and every Maitland and FLOREX stamp show to man the registration tables. Yes, many of us volunteer, serve on the Board of Directors, help organize things, etc. But a lot of these are one-time or limited time actions. With the exception of Mike Schumacher and Francis Ferguson, I cannot think of a single club member who gave so much as David Outside of the work aspect, David and I shared many philatelic stories and personal things while manning the show table. He will be missed. Rest in peace, my friend.



Closed Album: Stanley Brodersen

Stanley (Stan) Brodersen passed away in March, 2023. He had been a CFSC member since 2015. He was also a member of the American Philatelic Society and enjoyed collecting stamps from around the world. Thank you for the time spent with CFSC and sharing time and philatelic information. Rest in Peace.





Closed Album: Lucile M. Jung

Lucile Jung passed away in April, 2023. She had been a CFSC member since 2019. She enjoyed collecting USDS Foreign Service stamps. Thank you for sharing your interest in Philately with us. Rest in Peace.



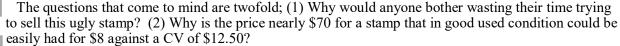
Stupid eBay, #9 "Truth in Advertising"

By Francis Ferguson

Listing details: ERROR 1902 U.S. 15c STAMP WITH VERTICAL PERFORATION MISCUT. "Please see photo(s). Stamp is in horrible condition with top portion missing, tears and creases." Offered at \$69.99 – with free shipping.



It certainly is one ugly stamp. Catalog value is \$12.50 in used sound condition. That does not even apply to this stamp. Ugly it is. Damaged beyond use is more accurate. There are whole section of the stamp missing on top of the two creases and other issues. The stamp was badly perforated to begin with. It started off as just an ugly stamp and now can be called extraordinarily ugly.



My guess is the seller thinks that this is so ugly to qualify for an award of some nature. Thus, making the asking price justifiable? Your guess is – just as good as mine.

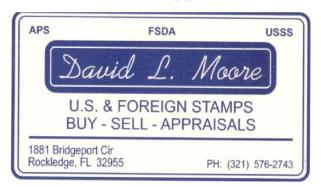
This kind of junk material pollutes the philatelic world – just my opinion. You can find a lot of material like this on all the popular online marketplaces.

If you put a pink ribbon on a pig – it is still a pig.





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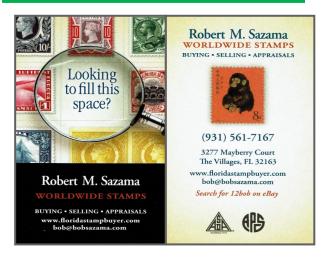
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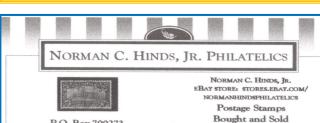
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- Membership is a reasonable \$25 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z.
- The meeting is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for more than 25 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting is prior to 6:00pm. The business side of things will be brief. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 6:15 until 7:15
 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 8:00 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the one day shows in February, April, June & September. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Central Florida area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to submit and bid in cried/silent auctions and much more.
- As of 01.2023

Central Florida Stamp Club



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