



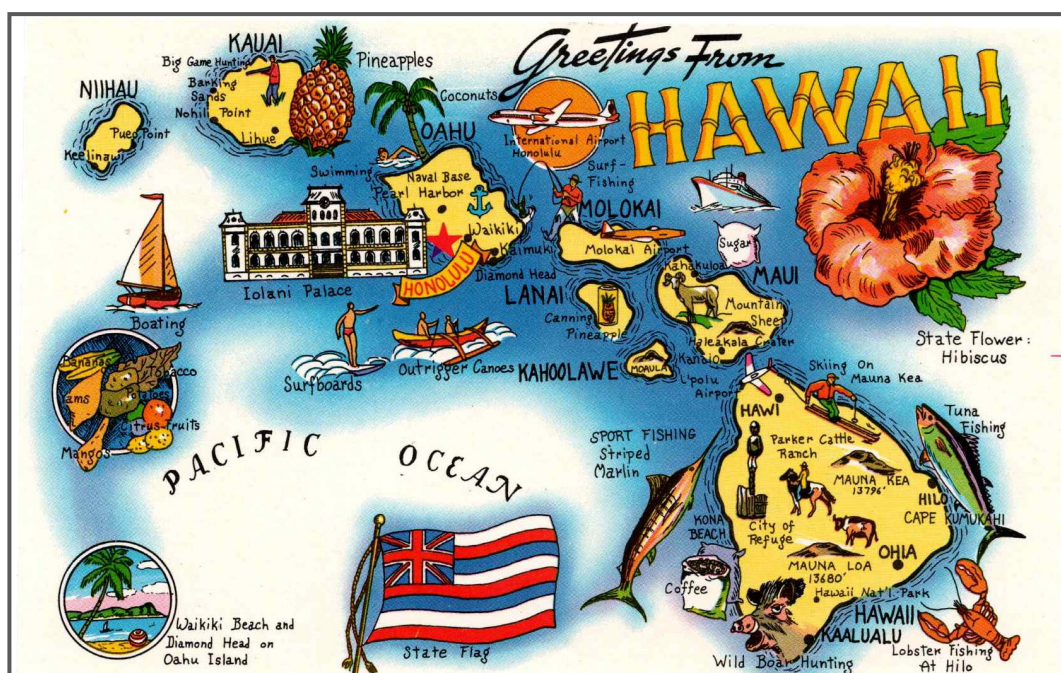
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## THE COVER STORY

### Hawaii our 50th State

Greetings from Hawaii—the 50th state of the United States. Hawaii consists of eight large islands and 124 small uninhabited islands and reefs. From east to west Hawaii stretches 1,524 miles, making it the longest island chain in the world.



Postcard by "Lusterchrome" by Tichnor Bros., Boston, Mass 1960

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## Upcoming Schedule— 2025

**\*\* CFSC has the room available for Pre-meeting use from 2-4:30pm on both the first and third Thursday of the month for the coming year. CFSC members are welcome to use the room, catalogs and equipment during that time. The German Philatelic Society will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month during the 2-4:30pm time period.**

### \*\*\* Pre meeting Dinner Plans:

Club members are invited to meet for dinner prior to the meeting on **October 2nd at the Anh Hong restaurant 1124 E. Colonial Drive** and on **October 16th at IHOP at 646 E. Colonial Drive** at 4:30pm. Bring your appetite & topics for discussion.

### Upcoming Meetings:

**October 2:** Agenda: **Called auction**; door prize available (See pre-meeting dinner plans above.)

**October 16:** Agenda includes: a presentation by Bob Fisher titled **"1870 Occupation of France by Germany"** followed by a silent auction; door prize will be available (See pre-meeting dinner plans above.)

**October 30:** CFSC Board meeting 6pm (Fergie's place)

### Recap of last month's meetings

**September 4:** 32 members attended the meeting and 7 members met for dinner pre-meeting. The agenda included a presentation by Josh Furman titled **"NSI"** followed by a silent auction—21 lots sold with total sales of \$263.50. The door prize was won by Jerry Eller. FLOREX Planning meeting members met from 3 to 4:30pm Mike Smith, Newt Kulp, Bob Sazama, Gary Byrd, Robert Fisher, Stephen Stroebel, Jeff Small & Mike Schumacher.

**September 18:** 30 members attended the meeting and 12 members met for dinner. The agenda included a presentation titled **"A Stamp Salute to 9/11"** by Newt Kulp, followed by a silent auction with 11 lots sold with total sales of \$182.50. The door prize was won by John Gehrig and 3rd Quarter Birthdays were celebrated & John Catiller won the certificate. The German Philatelic Society met from 2pm to 4:30pm. **\*\* See follow up info from Newt's presentation on pages 12 & 13 of this newsletter.**

## Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members:

**Felix Perez-Folch Jr. Member # 781** He is also a member of the APS, ATA, AFDCS and other Philatelic organizations. Collecting interests include Puerto Rico & Mississippi.

**Zane White Member # 782** Collecting interests include: Animals, Autos, Boats, Trains & Planes.

WELCOME Felix and Zane!!!

Who will be the next to join CFSC?

**Who will be new member # 783?**

### SHOW SCHEDULE:

**FLOREX 2025 December 5-6, 2025**

**Show cachet theme:**

**250th Anniversary of the Post Office**

**Friday 10am-5pm & Saturday 10am-4pm**

**Tommy Lawrence Arena**

**Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland, FL**

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**[www.FLOREXStampShow.com](http://www.FLOREXStampShow.com)**



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**Boston, Massachusetts**

**More info at: <https://boston2026.org>**

**Hotel rooms can now be booked.**

**New announcements on their website!**



**Quoted:  
Happy Halloween!**



## The Editor's Box



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Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!

**Submit articles to: [Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org](mailto:Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org)**

**Attending or exhibiting at another show around the U.S. or in another country—write about it. Have a particular philatelic interest—write about it. Share the info with other CFSC members.**





## President's Message by Francis Ferguson

### Noise

So much of our daily existence is plagued by what seems to be unending noise. It used to be just the TV or the radio or the corded phone – now the constant distraction from cell phones and websites all just add to the mix of “information” (also add the misinformation and disinformation sources that abound) that surrounds us every minute of every day.

How do you manage? I for one make a conscious effort to just ignore all the “stuff” that is just meaningless to me. I call it my active filter – and it has been developed (and refined) over many years of being in the IT world.



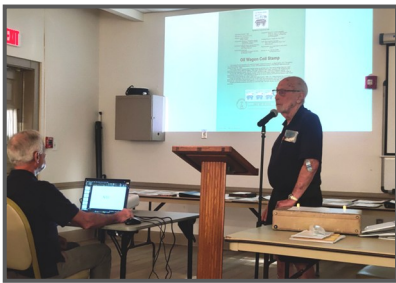
As it has been obvious over the years – I wear a lot of hats in the philatelic world. Most have been very enjoyable – most of the time. Those duties that have been troublesome or cause excess anxiety have been terminated. As a lifelong introvert the energy that is expended to be up front and on point is often draining.

While I have developed a strong sense of service to the philatelic community over the last 25 years -- there are now limits to my commitments – even in retirement time is finite and frankly I want to enjoy my days more than in previous years. Being driven is a lot different than being the driver!

I truthfully do not ever see my future as not being somewhat involved in the philatelic world; however, I can foresee self-imposed limits being placed on my interactions and commitments.

Be well, be safe and above all else be kind.

NSI presentation by Josh Furman



Minneota, MN—first Icelandic settlement in MN 1893 Minneota Bank letter



Minneota, MN Post Office June 2025 Photo by Mike Schumacher



### Member Spotlight — Board of Directors

This coming January the CFSC will once again elect a slate of nine folks to serve on the BoD for a two-year term. This process will take place at the second meeting of January and is a requirement of the By-Laws. We encourage one and all to attend this important meeting to vote.

To facilitate this process an Election Master will be appointed and announced no later than the first meeting of November. This person will have the responsibility to oversee the election process.

Some years we have had only nine folks running for the BoD – other years we have had more making it a contested election. If you are interested in being part of the administration process that runs the club – speak up!

At the first meeting of November the election nomination slips will be available to start this process. There are a couple of simple rules; (1) the person nominated must agree to the nomination otherwise the nomination is invalid. (2) the person who wants to run should be nominated by someone – self nominations are discouraged.

Keep in mind that anyone running for the BoD may or may not have prior experience on the BoD. The process involves nine being seated on the BoD and then those nine go off into a private area and determine amongst themselves who will fill the appropriate positions. The five executive positions are President, VP of Operations, VP of Programs, Secretary and Treasurer. In this way those with experience should be placed into key positions. Do not let that stop you from running, as there are four At-Large positions that are there to act as a training ground for those that are interested in serving the club.

While the club may seem to be simple to run – there are a lot of moving parts that need to mesh together and function without issues. You are encouraged to serve the club as the future depends on active participation.

# COVER STORY— Hawaii our 50th State

By: Mike Schumacher

This article obviously will not cover the entire history of Hawaii, but just introduce you to some interesting philately connected to Hawaii. The earliest stamps from Hawaii of course are those known as the “Hawaiian Missionary” stamps from the Monarchy period 1851—1852. Having none in my collection, the closest that I can show you are the ones depicted on this cover with the stamps from the Hawaiian Missionary sheet issued in 2002 and the sheet itself.



The first “Missionary” stamps were produced at the government printing office in Honolulu. The 2 cent stamp paid the rate for newspapers. Few of these stamps survived. The 5 cent stamp paid the rate from the Honolulu Post Office to the ship in the harbor. The 13 cent stamp paid the rate as follows: 5 cents to cover postage to the ship; 2 cents for the Captain’s fee and 6 cents to cover postage to San Francisco and points east. (Inter-island mail was carried free until 1859.)

Only 28 covers are known bearing these early Hawaiian stamps (only one has a 2 cent stamp).

Another example of one of the 28 known Hawaiian Missionary covers (shown below)

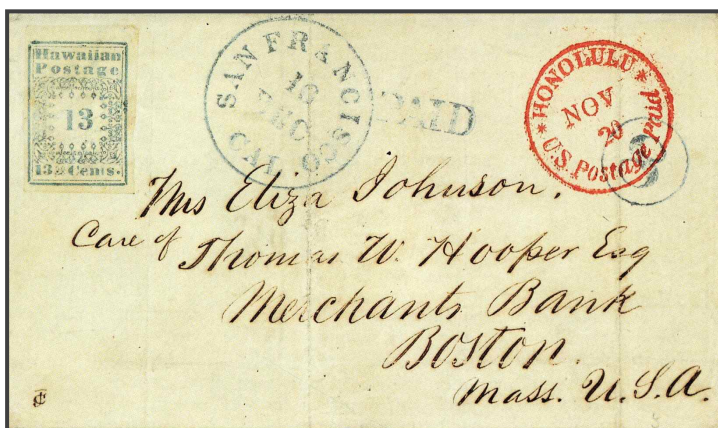


Image credit to Robert Siegel Auction Galleries Inc.  
The Honolulu Advertiser catalog November 1995  
estimated sale price: \$100,000—\$150,000  
Price realized: \$95,000



The 2002 “Hawaiian Missionary” sheet was printed using lithograph method by the Banknote Corp. of America. Sheet designed by Richard Sheaff.

Anyone interested in collecting Hawaiian postal history should not be deterred by the price tag and scarcity of early Hawaiian Postal history. There is plenty of material available at more reasonable prices. Here are some examples:



Princess  
Kamamalu  
Both issued in 1869 -



King  
Hamahameha IV  
engraved printing

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## COVER STORY— Hawaii our 50th State cont.

Princess Victoria Kamamalu was the daughter of Elizabeth Kina'u and Mataio Kekuanao'a and the granddaughter of King Kamehameha I (founder of the united Hawaiian Kingdom). Her two brothers were King Kamehameha IV (pictured on the second stamp on the previous page) and King Kamehameha V (pictured on the stamp below). She was named Victoria after Queen Victoria of England and the close friendship between Hawaii and England.



King Kamehameha V  
reign 1863—1872  
encouraged revival of  
traditional practices



Mataio Kekuanaoa  
Governor of Oahu  
father of Kings  
Kamehameha IV  
Kamehameha V



Prince William  
Pitt Leleiohoku II  
Military Officer

These stamps were issued during the **Monarchy period** between 1866 and 1886.

During the **Republic period** Hawaii (1893—1894) stamps such as the following were issued:

Coat of Arms



Ships/Honolulu Port



Star & Palms



Kamehameha I Statue



In 1893, the Hawaiian Monarchy was overthrown by a U.S. coup and installed a provisional government resulting in Hawaiian stamps being overprinted at the direction of Postmaster James Oat. The overprinting was accomplished by the Gazette Company (some in black ink and some in red ink).

Queen Kapiolani



King David Kalakaua



Queen Liliuokalani



King Kamehameha V



The **Territory Period** 1898—1959 saw the first U.S. stamps to mention Hawaii (in 1928).

The first such stamp was the 5 cent President Theodore Roosevelt stamp that was overprinted *Hawaii 1778—1928* marking the Sesquicentennial of James Cook's landing in the Hawaiian Islands. This stamp was selected because Theodore Roosevelt was Vice President when the U.S. seized Hawaii.

The 2 cent Washington (red) Scott # 647 was similarly overprinted.



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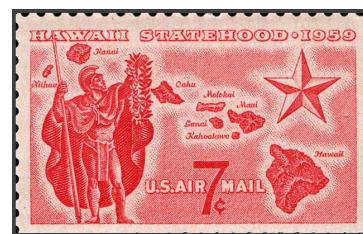
### The Territory Period cont.

The 1937 3 cent statute of King Kamehameha I was the first U.S. stamp depicting a Hawaiian subject.

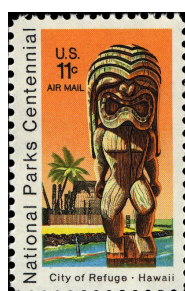


### The Statehood period 1959 to present

The second U.S. stamp to feature Hawaii and King Kamehameha I was in 1959 when Hawaiians voted to become the 50th state of the United States.



In 1972, Hawaii is again recognized on a U.S. Stamp—the 11 cent National Parks airmail stamp.



In 1978, a U.S. stamp was issued for the Bicentennial of Capt. James Cook's visit to Hawaii depicting his ships off the coast of Hawaii.

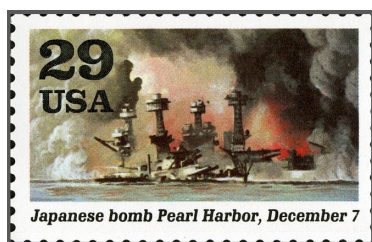
The flag of Hawaii has appeared on U.S. stamps in 1976 and 2009.



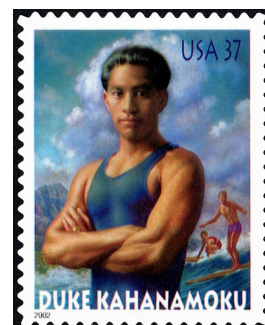
British flag on a field of eight alternating stripes of red, white and blue. Designed by King Kamehameha I in 1816.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hawaii statehood was honored with a stamp in 1984 depicting a *wa'a kaulua* (ancient double-hulled Polynesian wood canoe). It was the first U.S. stamp featuring the artwork of a Polynesian American artist—Herb Kawainui Kane.

Of course, the attack on Pearl harbor is remembered on two U.S. stamps in 1992.



In 2002, Hawaiian businessman & athlete Duke Kahanamoku was honored on a U.S. stamp. Olympic freestyle swimming gold medalist 1912 & 1920.



The artwork of Herb Kawainui Kane was also used for the 2009 Surfer and Outrigger canoe stamp below.



In 2012, five U.S stamps depicted various designs of "Hawaiian shirts".



Fun fact: President Harry Truman appeared on the cover of *Life Magazine* in 1951 wearing a Hawaiian shirt.

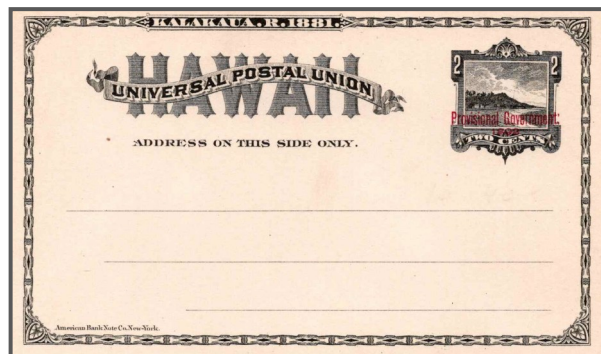
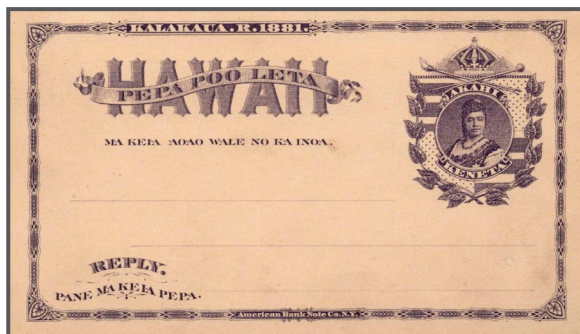
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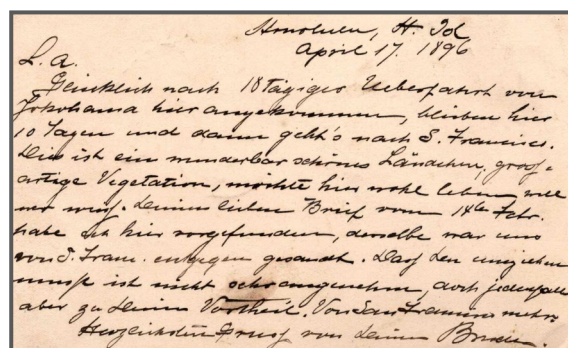
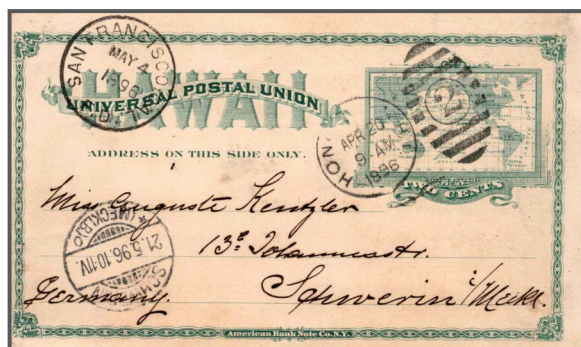
## COVER STORY— Hawaii our 50th State cont.

Of course there are more Hawaii themed stamps, but that should give the philatelist interested in collecting Hawaii a start on some of the stamps available. Now for those collectors who are interested in more Hawaiian postal history here's some available examples:

### Postal stationary:



Used 1896 to Germany via ship to San Fransico—transit and arrival cancels reverse side

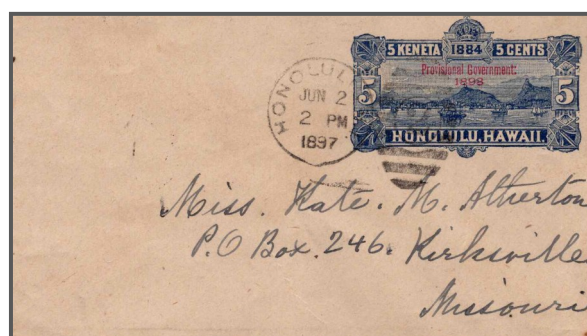


### Printed stamped covers:

Sent to Germany



Sent to Missouri 1897 w/Provisional overprint



Island to Island (Honolulu to Maimea, Kauai)

Waimea, Kauai to England 1913



And that is just a taste of available Hawaii collecting options.

Explore the Possibilities!



# Plate Positions of the Penny Black of Great Britain

By Donald J. Bourassa

Most stamp collectors have heard of the Penny Black. Many have seen one. Some philatelists may have one in their collection. Although the Penny Black was the first adhesive postage stamp in the world it is still quite common. Over 68 million were produced. A used copy can be found for under \$100 and one on cover can be had for under \$200.

Let's start with a little history.

In 1837, Sir Rowland Hill proposed the first use of a prepaid adhesive postage stamp.

The design was based on the Wyon city medal which

William Wyon made in 1834 when Princess Victoria was only 15.

It was issued in the United Kingdom on May 1, 1840 but was not valid for use until May 6.

The sheets, printed by Perkins Bacon of London, had 240 stamps in 20 rows and 12 columns.

AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL
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CA	CB	CC	CD	CE	CF	CG	CH	CI	CJ	CK	CL
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PA	PB	PC	PD	PE	PF	PG	PH	PI	PJ	PK	PL
QA	QB	QC	QD	QE	QF	QG	QH	QI	QJ	QK	QL
RA	RB	RC	RD	RE	RF	RG	RH	RI	RJ	RK	RL
SA	SB	SC	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SI	SJ	SK	SL
TA	TB	TC	TD	TE	TF	TG	TH	TI	TJ	TK	TL

Plate position diagram of the Penny Black.

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## Plate Positions of the Penny Black of Great Britain cont.

"A at bottom left and A at bottom right" was used for the stamp at the top left.

The next stamp on the right of the sheet used "A and B" and so on.

The bottom right of the sheet ended with "T-L".

The Penny Black on cover below from my personal collection has the letters: "K-K".

This indicates it was on row 11, column 11.



It has a circular cancel of Oct. 13, 1840.

This was just 5 months after it was first issued.

Some collectors try to find a Penny Black that has their initials.

I like mine for the Queen Victoria design and the fact that it has remnants of the wax seal.

Nonetheless, finding the plate position is easy with the above diagram.

## My Hometown Cover Collection

By: Norman Hinds

For most of my life I lived in Newburyport, MA and Plum Island until I moved to Florida in 1994. Newburyport is a quaint colonial maritime city on the mouth of the Merrimack River. The area was settled in 1635 as "Newberry Plantation". In 1764 it became it's own town after splitting from Newbury. It's population in 1790 was the 13<sup>th</sup> largest in the U.S. with a robust 4837 souls. It is the birthplace of the U.S. Coast Guard in 1790 and was honored in 1965 with a postal card # UX52 and the first day city for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Even while having my stamp business based in Newburyport in the 1970s and 1980s I didn't collect covers from there. I only decided to do so about 5 years ago (in my old age) and have put together a nice collection. For some reason I searched for NBPT covers on eBay and found a batch listed by Paper History, a very good dealer in Ohio. I bought many of them as a starter. After I got hooked, I contacted old dealer friends from up north and told them of my interest. My dear dealer friend Gil Fitton gave me his copies of a wonderful NBPT collection put together in the 1970s by a friend of ours in the area. A valuable research tool.

Also a good tip is to put as many searches as you can out for your collecting interests. I did so on eBay, Stamp Auction Network, Siegel, etc. I still get leads. The best was a 2023 Harmer auction that had Mark Schwartz's Essex County Mass collection. Mark is a gold medal winning postal history exhibitionist and a very nice guy willing to share his knowledge. I bought many lots in that sale from 1759 -1789 that are very scarce. Also lots of early First Federal handstamp stampless to 1814. After chatting with Mark I found out that all the covers I bought from Paper History were also from his collection!

Below is a wonderful listing of NBPT stampless covers by Mark on Richard Frajola's site.

<https://www.rfrajola.com/Schwartz1/Schwartz1.pdf>

The following are some of the Newbury covers and their stories:

My best purchase came in a 2024 Siegel sale that I found by my searches. It was from a wonderful sale and was a # 1 used from NBPT. There are only 3 known according to the 1847 cover census, and this is the best one. A good friend of mine from NBPT had been searching for one since the 1970s and never found one. I recently talked to him and told him of the find and he was astounded. The interesting thing is that Siegel told me it was from the "Penguin" collection formed by Frank Mandel. Frank was a premier NYC auction agent and collector. I had visited his apartment several times and he never told me or my friend that he had that cover. Of course he could have found it later.

I was a wreck during the live sale online and decided I would pay up to \$2,000. or more for it. After all it was hidden in a collection for 50+ years and I would never find another one while still alive! I was able to buy it for \$350.00 and was elated. Ex Sampson. I got a PF certificate for it. NBPT was supplied with 400 # 1's and NO # 2's. As I said only 3 covers are known with # 1's.

I wonder what happened to the rest of the stamps?

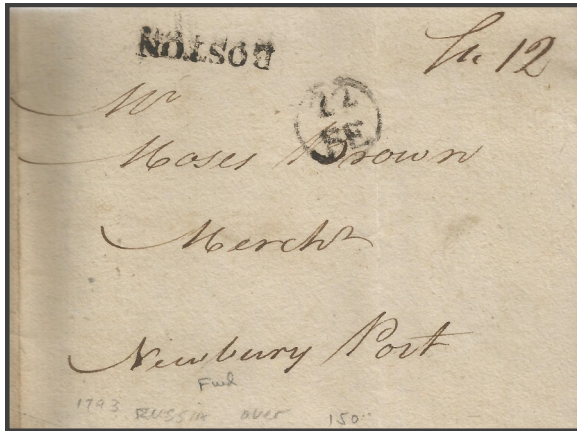


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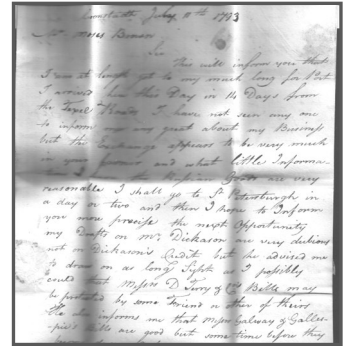
The leading merchant was Moses Brown and there is a prolific correspondence to and from him. I have many covers from the 1790s to him from diverse places like Russia, Germany Denmark, Portugal, and many others including the Caribbean where he imported molasses and rum.



← A sample scan from Russia in 1793. All have interesting letters.

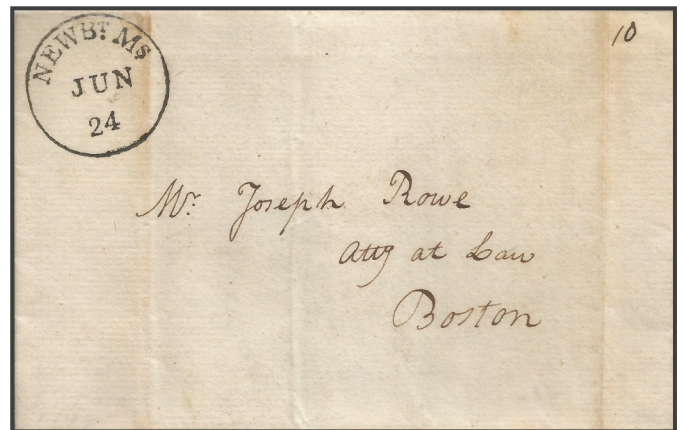
He was born in 1742 and died at sea in 1804, he was also a Revolutionary War privateer protecting the coast and commanded the USS Merrimack built in Newburyport.

Portion of enclosed letter. →



There were over 50 covers of the First Federal Handstamp, 1799-1814, in the Harmer sale which I was able to purchase at a wonderful price. Here is a very nice example from June 24, 1799. Earliest known usage is April 18, 1799.

Another example of the early covers 1774 (below).



Copy of enclosed 1774 letter →

As for the stamped covers, I am making progress too. There were several nice fancy cancels from the 1860s that I have found. The 19<sup>th</sup> century covers to overseas are scarce

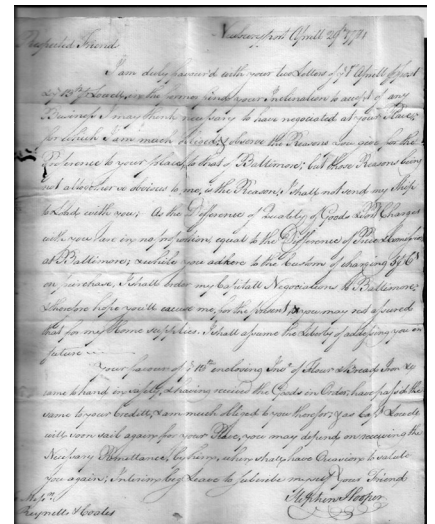
and expensive, so progress there will be slow.

Siegel has posted what they have sold over 50 years and it is impressive. This link below will take you there:

<https://siegelauctions.com/power-search/result?Level1ID=3&AreaID=6&SubAreaID=12&SaleNumber=&IgnoreOtherCriteria=false&SaleDateStart=1930-01-01&CatalogTypeID=1&CatalogNumberEqualContains=1&Keyword=Newburyport&GradeGreaterEqual=1&SortName=SaleNumber&SortOrder=-1>

Of course, if you go to siegel.com and then power search and type in a keyword of whatever topic interests you, it will come up and is so valuable.

I hope this article was of interest.



# A Salute to 9/11 on Stamps

By: Newt Kulp

Note: This is an expansion of the presentation I did at the September meeting saluting 9/11 on stamps.

With the twenty-fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that happened in the United States on September 11, 2001, a few articles highlighting stamps that are associated with this incident seem appropriate. This article will look at the stamps issued by the United States within a year of the date. Future articles will look at stamps issued by other countries and covers associated with them.

The United States issued three stamps with several variations highlighting the incident. The stamps have been assigned Scott numbers 3549 and 3550 for the regular issue stamps and titled “United We Stand”. Several sub-numbers are assigned to the various booklet formats associated with 3549 and one sub-number for the coil stamps 3550. The third stamp was assigned B2 for the special semi-postal stamp which was titled “Heroes of 2001”.

Let us first look at an unusual fact about booklet stamps. To the best of this author’s knowledge the “United We Stand” stamps were the second quickest stamps to be issued by the United States (measured from the date of the incident to the issue of the stamp). The quickest stamp was the Harding Memorial stamps (Scott Numbers 610 and 612). President Harding died on August 2, 1923. The flat plate printing stamp (610) was issued September 1, 1923 – 29 days after the event. The rotary press printing stamp (612) was issued September 12, 1923 – 41 days later.

Three of the “United We Stand” stamps (Scott numbers 3549, 3550 and 3550A) were issued October 24, 2001 - 43 days after the event. The fourth stamp (Scott number 3249B) was issued on January 2, 2002. An interesting side note is that the first day covers for 3249B still used the October 24, 2001 date. The semi-postal “Heroes of 2001” was issued on June 7, 2002.

Let us take a look at the three different booklet formats that comprise the issued number 3549. The number itself depicts the individual booklet stamp. The sub-numbers are assigned to the various formats. The first format is a one sided twenty-stamp pane made up of two ten-stamp groups (see figure 1) is **3549a**. This is the only stamp of the five different configurations that has microprinting (USPS below second star).

The familiar two-sided pane of twenty with twelve stamps on one side and eight on the other received the catalogue number of **3549Be** (see figure 2).



Figure 1



Figure 2

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## A Salute to 9/11 on Stamps cont.

The third format was the unusual single sided format of 20 stamps made up of 4 separate groupings. The top and bottom group was four stamps and the middle two 6 stamps (see figure 3). This grouping was numbered **3549Bcd**.

Figure 3



The horizontal coil stamps were issued in two formats. The first was in rolls of 100 and available to the general public and assigned number **3550**. The format for 3550 was a continuous roll of stamps (figure 4). The stamps were serpentine cut of  $9\frac{3}{4}$  with the backing the same height as the stamp. Three plate numbers (1111, 2222, and 3333) were used over the duration of the printing.



Figure 4

The second was distributed to bulk mailers in rolls of 3000 or 10,000 with the number **3550A**. 3550A had a simulated serpentine cut of  $9\frac{3}{4}$  with 2mm space between the stamps to make placing them on envelopes easier for machines. The backings on which these stamps were placed was wider than the stamps (figure 5). Only one plate number (1111) was needed to meet the demand.



Figure 5

The last stamp issued by the USPS directly connected to the 9/11 incident was the **"Heroes of 2001"** semi-postal. This was assigned catalogue number **B2** (figure 6) and was issued on June 7, 2002. It was issued in sheets of twenty with plate number P1111, P2222, P3333 (scarce) and P4444 (rare).

The image on the stamp is part of probably the most famous photo of the disaster by Thomas E. Franklin of the newspaper *The Record* of Hackensack, NJ. The stamp cost 45¢ with the initial extra charge (11¢) going to the Fund for the

Families of those killed or injured. After June 30, 2002 the postage part of the stamp increased due to a rate change but the total cost remained the same. The new division of the 45¢ became 37¢ + 8¢. Ashton-Potter printed 205 million stamps with just over 133 million sold.

The stamp remained on sale until December 31, 2004 and raised \$10,565,073 for the families. When the funds were distributed each family received \$10,000



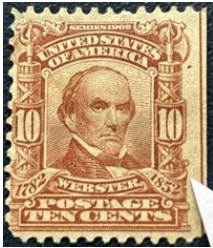
Figure 6

The next installment of this series will look at first day covers of the above-described stamps.

## Questionable eBay, # 35

By Francis Ferguson

### Straight Edge?



The listing reads; "...US Stamp Sc#307 10c Extreme Rare Missing Perf Error EFO MHOG SP\*". Offered at \$98.85 or best offer, small discount of 5% available with coupon. Shipping of \$4.99 with returns accepted.

This experienced seller is barking up the wrong tree for sure. There is nothing rare about this stamp as the natural production straight edge can be found throughout this series of stamps. I looked through a couple dozen of the seller's listings and they are all for the most part --"interesting" because of his interpretation of reality.



The listing reads; "US # 300 (1902) 1c - EFO: Guide Line Cross with 4 Corner. 1/400 Scarce!!". Offered at \$199, small discount of \$10 available with a coupon. Shipping is free and returns are accepted.

The extensive writeup the seller (different from the seller above) has to justify the outrageous price -- while truthful in total -- the words skate very close to the line of being fantasy. This is an extremely common stamp which is being made to seem rare/valuable. It is of course neither.

What do you think?



### Closed Album Follow-up Betty Helton

Since the September Philatelic Missive issue additional information has been provided by Betty Helton's family regarding Betty Helton, thus the follow-up to the previous information.

Betty McNish Helton was born on August 1, 1929, in Ashland, Kentucky and was the beloved daughter of Kelly and Betty McNish. Her family moved to Bristol, Virginia after her father started working for the Telephone Co. It was in Bristol, she met her soul mate, Charles Helton. They married and moved to Orlando, FL where they raised 5 children, David, Wesley, Katherine, Anne and Margaret. Betty was known for her bright smile. She loved to bake and create crafts, especially her playful Hershey Kissy characters, she shared as gifts. Betty is survived by 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Rest in peace Betty.



### New Album Opened Zane White

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