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The Cover Story

**The Rise and Fall of the “Pine Apple”
and the Conch Shell**

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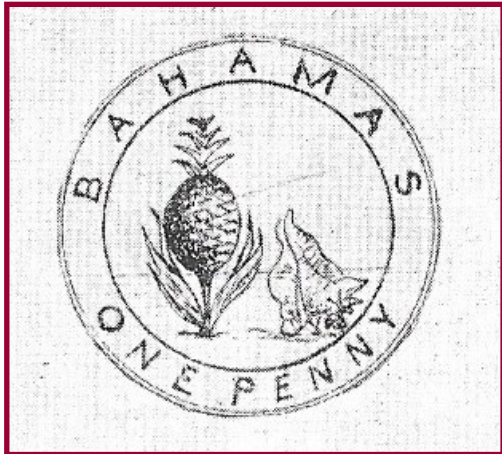


Figure A2



Figure A3

Program Schedule (Dec/Jan/Feb)

All philatelic activity of the CFSC has been suspended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A review of circumstances will be made in December. There will be Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future. E-mail notices will go out a couple of days before the meeting date. Come see and chat with your fellow club members!

BoD meeting for 2021; unscheduled at this time.

November Meeting Recaps

No in-person meeting occurred. Zoom sessions only.

Dinner Plans

No meetings for December and no dinner gatherings.

Event Calendar 2020 & 2021

FLOREX 2020	CANCELLED
CFSC-Winter One Day	January 30 (Tentative)
CFSC-Spring One Day	April 3 (Tentative)
CFSC-Summer One Day	June 12 (Tentative)
FSDA-Fall One Day	September 13

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member - none

The current roster stands at 107.

After Glow — December

No sessions scheduled.

Dues Notices for 2021

You should have received a dues invoice for 2021, please pay it as soon as possible. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated by all parties involved. Please pay before 01.01.21.

Quoted

“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”

Arthur Ashe [1943—1993]
American professional tennis player who won three Grand Slam singles titles.



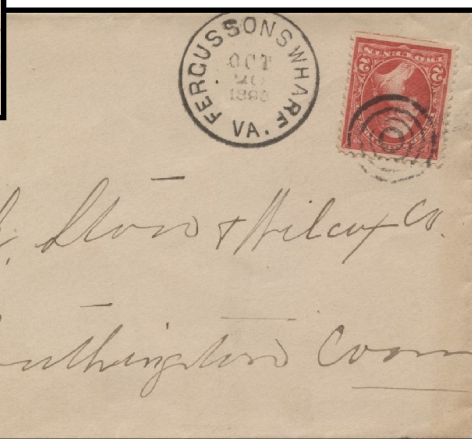
The Things You Find.....

by Francis Ferguson

My family name is derived from King Fergus the Great of Scotland (d. 645ad). Alternate spellings of my surname can be found as “Fergusson” which is common in the Caribbean Islands. The name is frequently found in both Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Mann. The name derives from the Gaelic language with the meaning “*the angry (one)*” or “*the wrathful (one)*.” Up until the middle 1980s, I was the only Francis Ferguson in the Orlando phone book — that is no longer true (What is a phone book?). I have occasionally encountered other Fergusons during my 61 years on this planet. Oddly I have no family members who carry my surname, as my only uncle who passed away a couple of years ago at the age of 93 had no children. My twin brothers (James & John) did not have any children either, so that makes me the last of my family line.



I attempted to find out some information about “Fergussons Wharf” — but ran into a total dead end. There is simply no information of substance online to be found. This cover was sent October 20, 1898 to Southington, Connecticut; as shown by the front and back stamp.



The following quote was all I could really find of significance : “*While we are confident that Fergusson's Wharf was located in Isle of Wight County, (VA) we don't know its actual location within the county.*”

It is an interesting cover that invokes my family history. You never know what you find!

President's Message by A. Stephen Patrick

Years ago, there was a quote in the Readers Digest in one of those space fillers at the end of an article in a November issue. It went like this, "*No leaves, no birds, no fruits, No-venber.*" Of course, this aphorism applies more to Northern states rather than Florida, but it refers to things that we miss due to seasonal change. By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be past. How did COVID-19 affect your holiday this year? For some, I am guessing *no travel, no large crowds, little or no family, and no banquet meal.*

Now it's December 1st, and what do we expect for the CFSC this December? Sadly, no FLOREX and no Holiday Party. Social distancing is killing our fun. When I joined the CFSC in 1979, the third Thursday in December meant an invitation to member **Jane Morrison's** house on Lake Rowena. The club would provide a cold cut plate, and large bowl of eggnog, and holiday treats that **Wade Beery** referred to as "fat pills."

By the late 1980s **John Shirley** had joined the club and initiated full sit-down dinners at his house in Spring Oak Hills with turkey and fixings. I even had the club twice at my house when the attendance was no more than 30 to 35. John's Tennessee turkey, corn bread dressing, and gravy were the hits of the party. About 20 years ago when we started meeting at the Marks Center, the party moved there and attendance in recent years has often gone over 60 members and family. **Francis Ferguson** created philatelic gift giveaways, "glue" awards, and a time to share good holiday spirit. But not this year. The COVID-19 peril is too great.

Another tradition was the remembrance of "closed albums," i.e. those members that had passed away during the year. Please pause for a moment of silence for **Ken Conners**.

It's Renewal Time. By now you should have received an invoice from club secretary **Mel Borofsky** for your 2021 CFSC dues. I have sent mine in as well as about 25 others as reported by **Jim Archbold** in our November 19 Zoom meeting. A few members have suggested a reduction in dues in that our major expense of our rent at Marks Center in on hold. Your board discussed this back in April and decided to hold the line for now. We don't know when we will start back in public meetings in 2021. The promise of COVID-19 vaccinations gives us hope, but the Orange County government may raise rates to make up for lost income. We hope that our Zoom meetings, our fine newsletter, and the monthly bourse give the membership good value. Vice president **Robert Fisher** has put in our application for all the 2021 dates at Marks Center, and when it opens we will be ready.

Glue Awards will not be given this year, but I will tell you who deserves them. First are our leaders: **Mel Borofsky** has added more to the Secretary duties in addition to running the bourse. **Jim Cooney** has done a great job running our twice monthly Zoom meetings. **Jim Archbold** continues to watch over our bank account. **Francis Ferguson** continues our great newsletter. **David Allen** keeps updating our web site. **Rick Cohen** organizes our phone tree with **Mel, Carlos**, and me assisting. You should have received three or four calls this year just to see how you are doing. And other members continue to give Zoom presentations and write articles for the newsletter. Thanks to all of you.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season. Although we are socially distancing, I look forward to the time we can safely meet together again.

The Editor's Box

What a year 2020 has been. The monthly newsletter continues to be the only form of direct contact we have with much of our membership. The twice a month Zoom virtual meetings draw 25-30 members; thus leaving about 75% of our membership out of the loop. At this point we are hoping for a restart of in-person meetings sometime in the first half of 2021 — however time will tell on that wish.

At this point in time, my bit-bucket is totally full of dust. I have no material to publish in 2021. Zero. While I have enjoyed the writing/editing process of creating the newsletter — I am weary of begging for material. The simple fact is — this newsletter survives on material provided by the membership to produce an interesting and informative monthly product. In rare cases, material has been published from outside the club. An example of that can be found on the second page of Insert C — the article provided by Jay Smith & Associates is a great discussion of how to care for a collection.

I need material sooner than later...or this newsletter will shrink into oblivion.

The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 75+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- 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 going on 25 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:00-6:45. The business side of things from 6:45-7:00. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:05 until 8:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 9:00 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the one day shows in January/February, April & June. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Kissimmee area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, a monthly bourse buy/sell newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

Central Florida Stamp Club



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