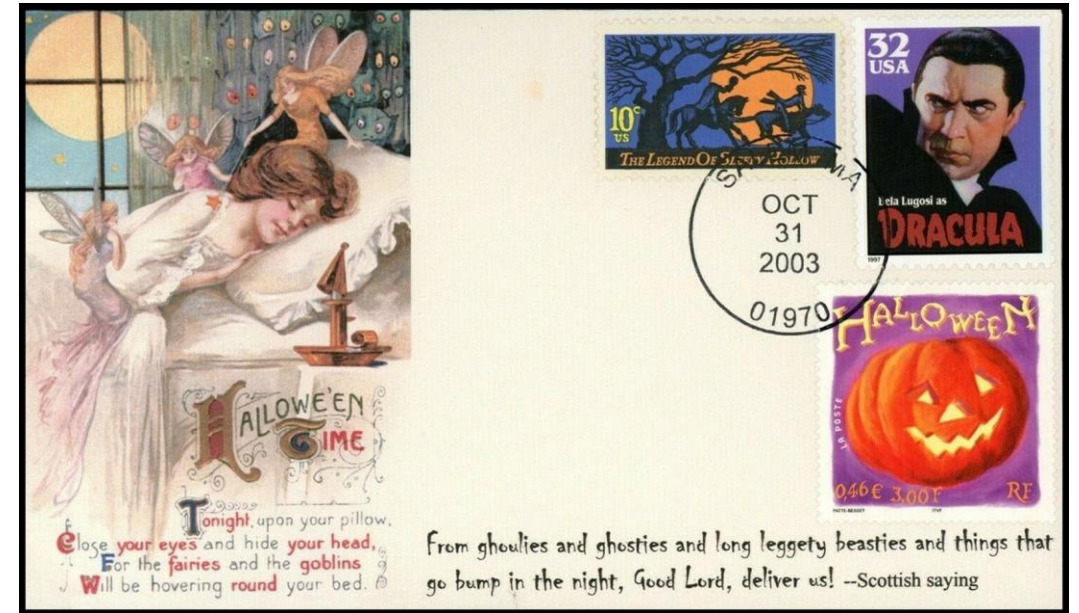


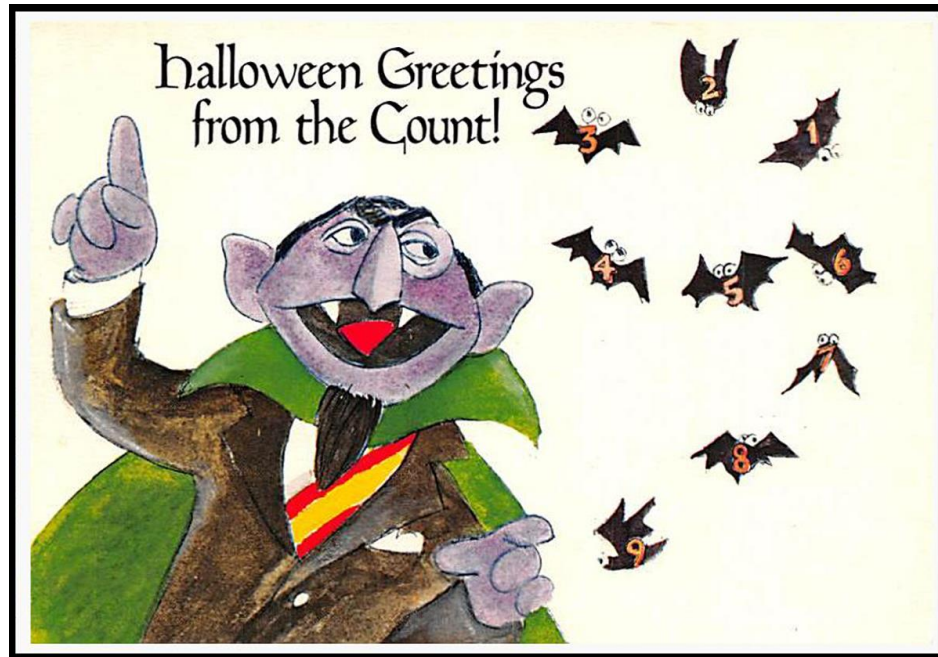
# A Philatelic Halloween



Thomas Lera  
Central Florida Stamp Club  
October 20, 2022



# Halloween Greetings



# Halloween is from 'All Hallows' Eve'

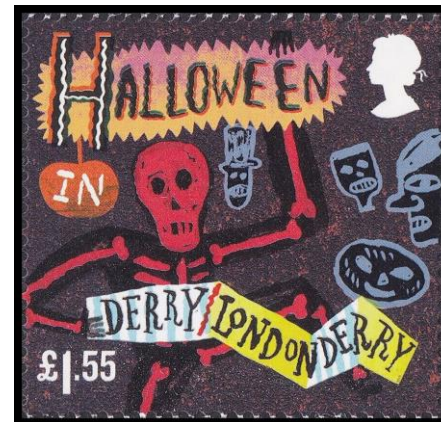
This is the evening before the Christian holy days of **All Hallows' Day** Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, **All Saints' Day** Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, and **All Souls' Day**, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Popular Halloween activities include:

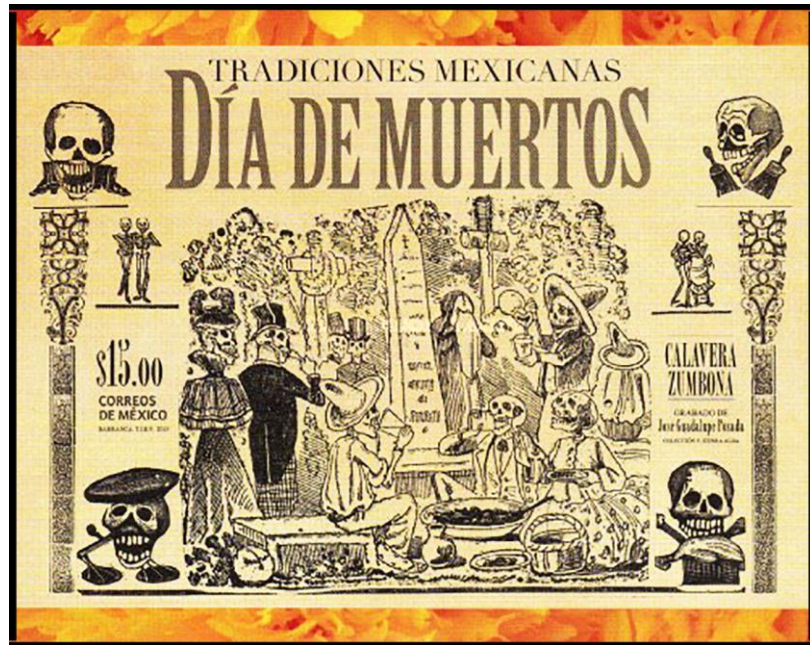
- trick-or-treating
- attending Halloween costume parties
- carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns
- apple bobbing
- visiting haunted attractions
- telling scary stories
- watching Halloween-themed films

Others practice the Christian religious observances

- by attending church services
- lighting candles on the graves of the dead



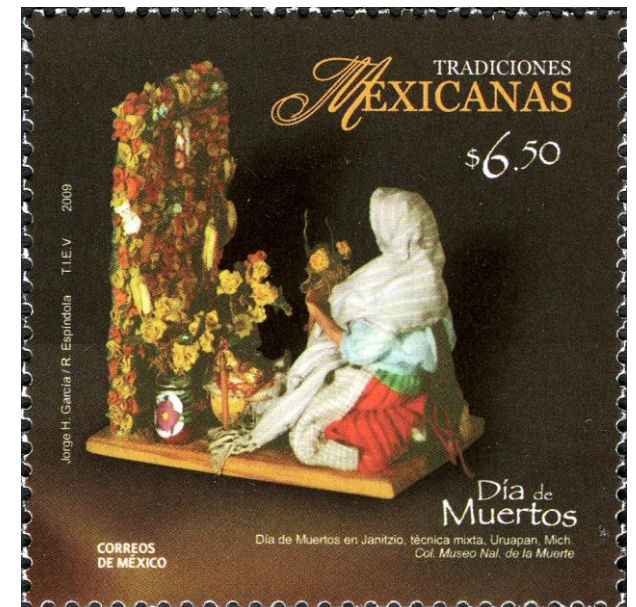
**Austria and Great Britain  
Halloween Stamps**



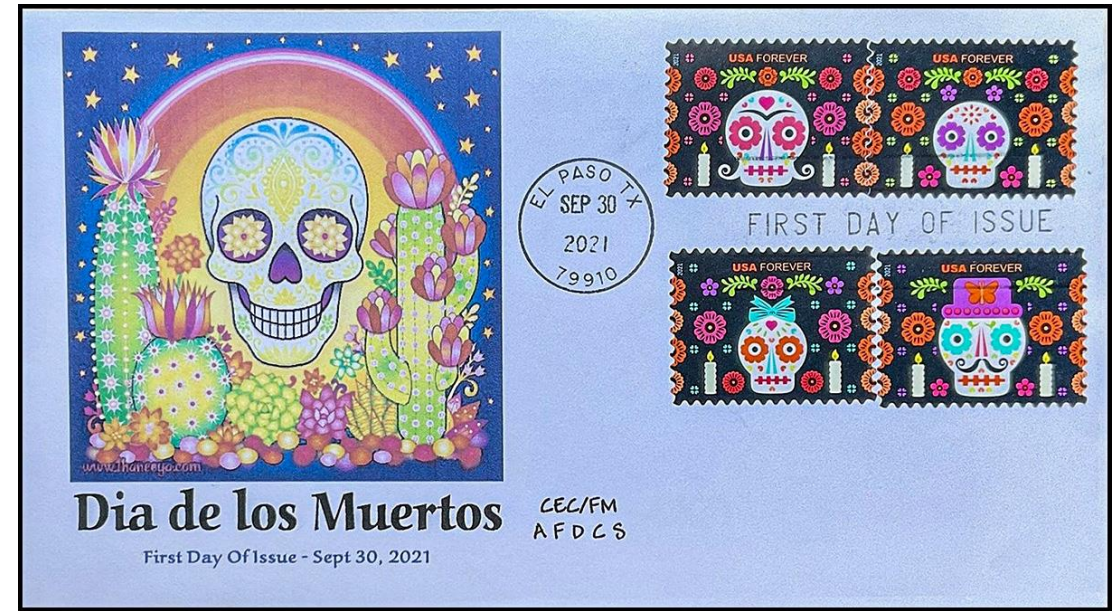
# Day of the Dead (Dia De Los Muertos) Two-day Holiday Reuniting the Living and Dead

Families create offerings (ofrendas) to honor their departed family members. These altars are decorated with bright yellow marigold flowers, photos, and their favorite foods and drinks.

The offerings are believed to encourage visits from the land of the dead as the departed souls hear their prayers, smell their foods and join in the celebrations!



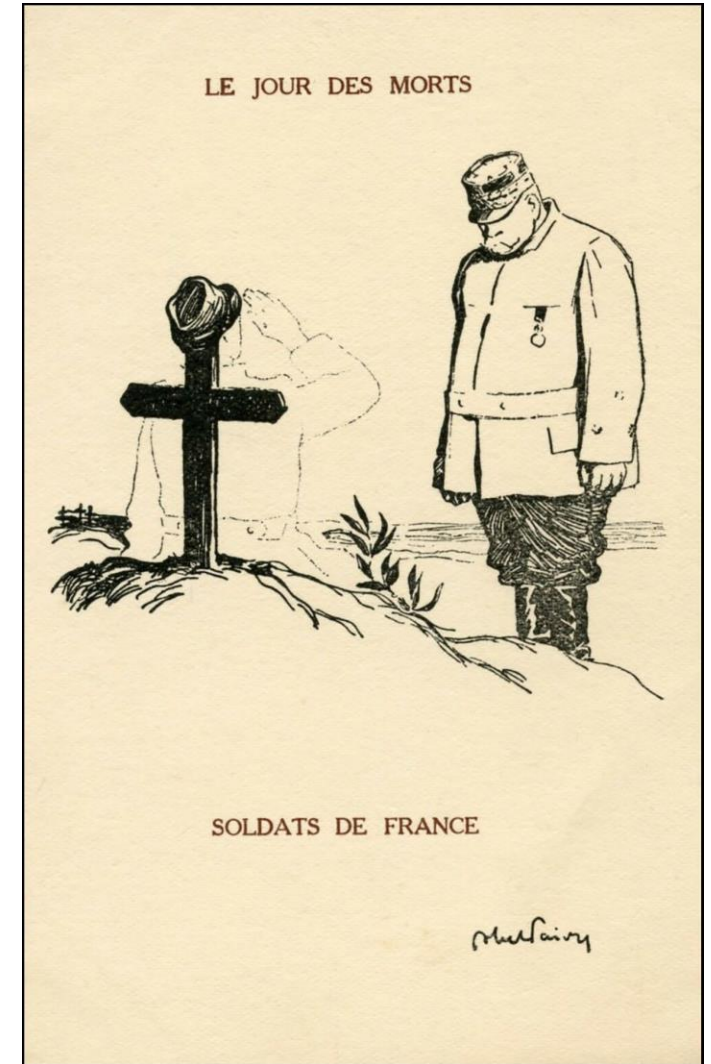
# The Day of the Dead.



A rare holiday honoring life and death, celebrations substituting for mourning.



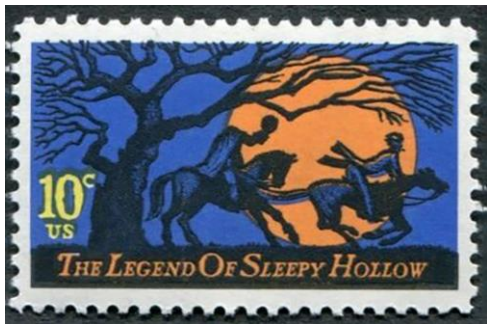
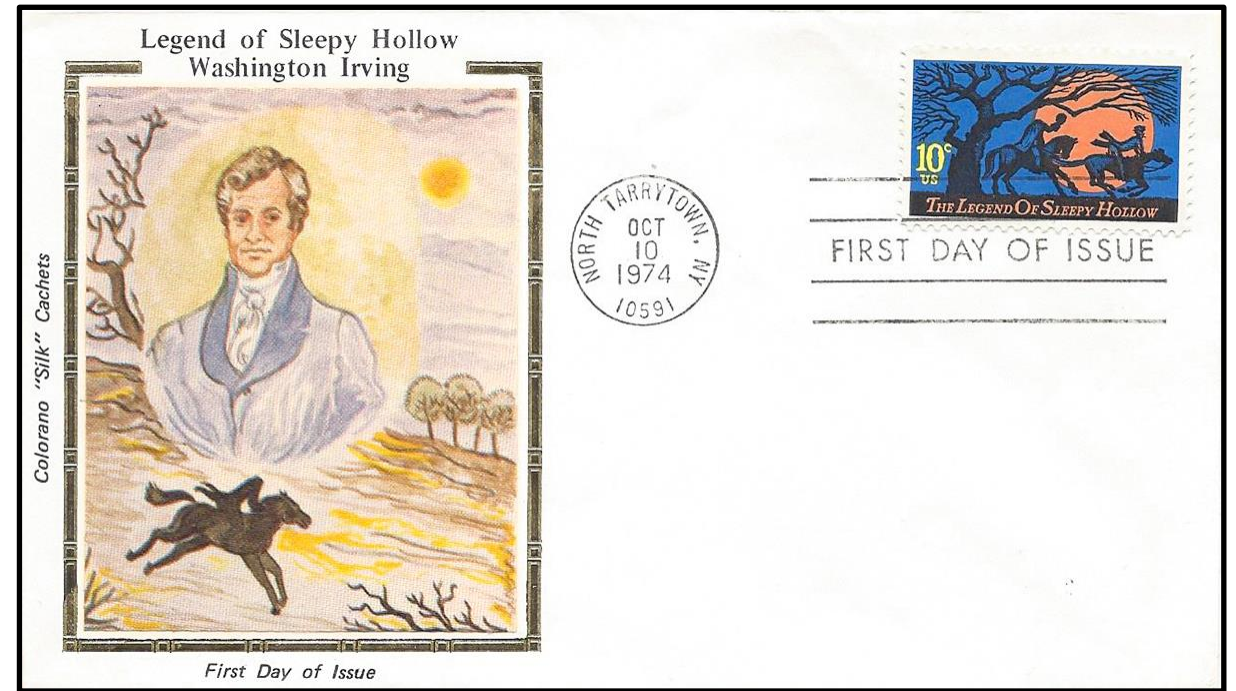
# Our dead are never truly gone unless they are forgotten !



# Authors

Washington Irving

*Legend of Sleepy Hollow*



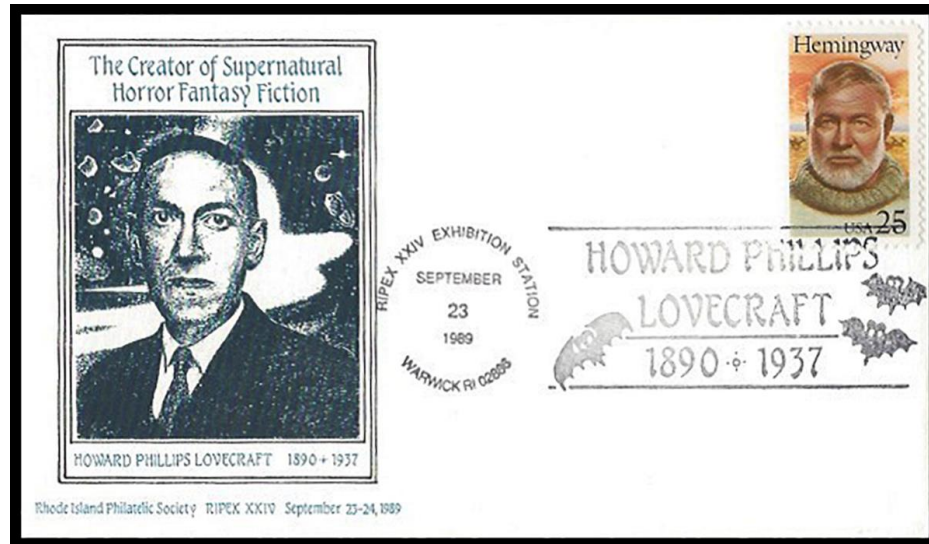
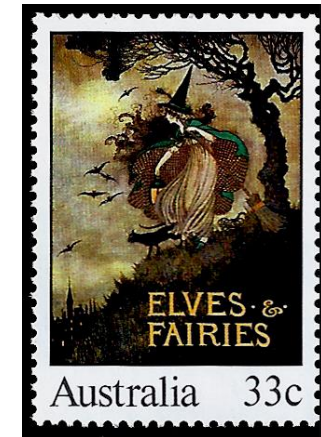
As Issued and Color-Shifts



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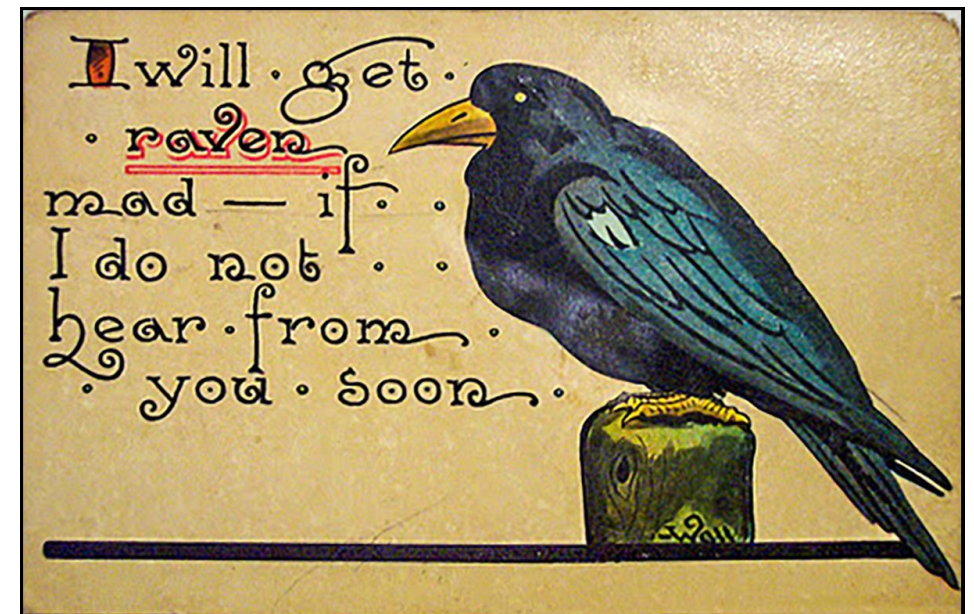
Ida Rentoul Outhwaite

*Little World Elves & Fairies:  
An Anthology of Verse*



One of **H. P. Lovecraft**'s most significant literary influences was Edgar Allan Poe, whom he described as his “**God of Fiction**”.

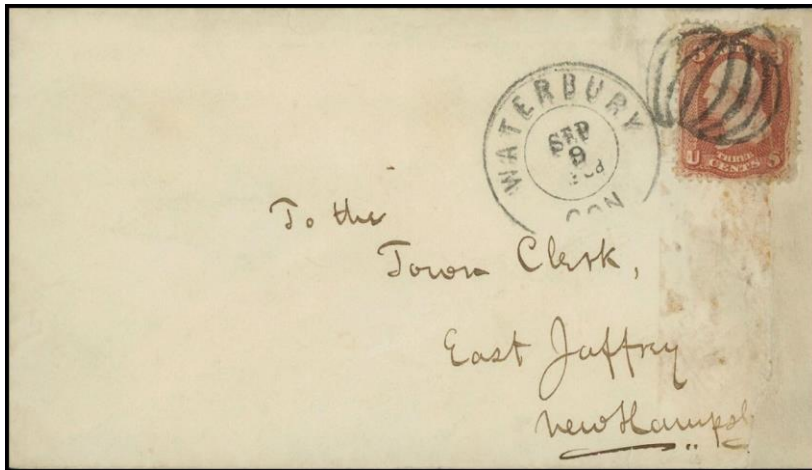
**Edgar Allen Poe** - *The Raven*



# Pumpkins and Jack-O-Lanterns



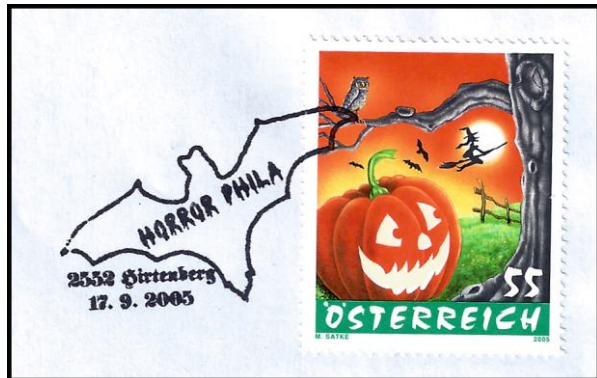
**Waterbury Pumpkin 1869** illustrated fancy cancel (Skinner-Eno #PP-Fr9) tying 1¢ blue "F" Grill (#92). Below, 1868.



**Jack-O-Lantern Fancy Cancel**  
on 2¢ Banknote



# Pumpkins become Jack-O-Lanterns



Belgium and  
Austria

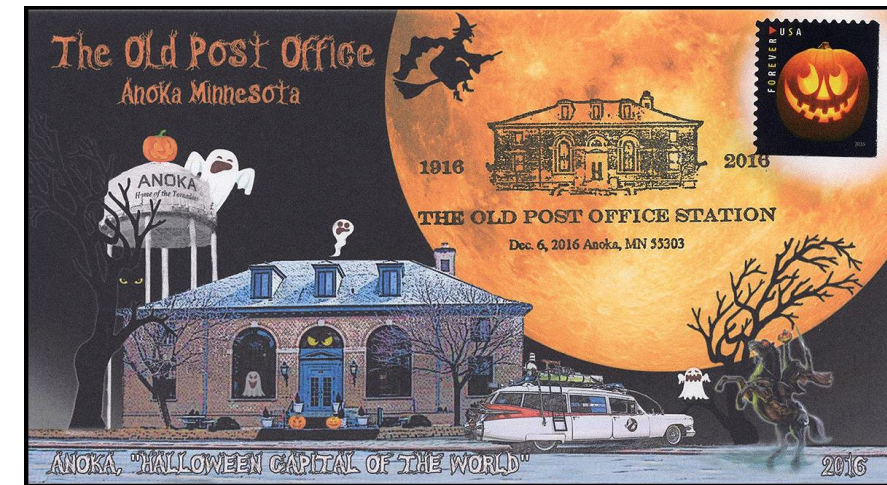
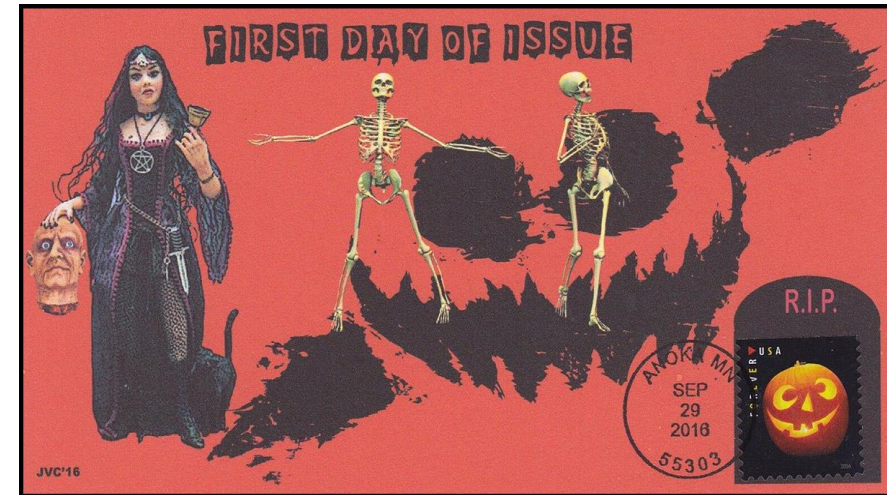
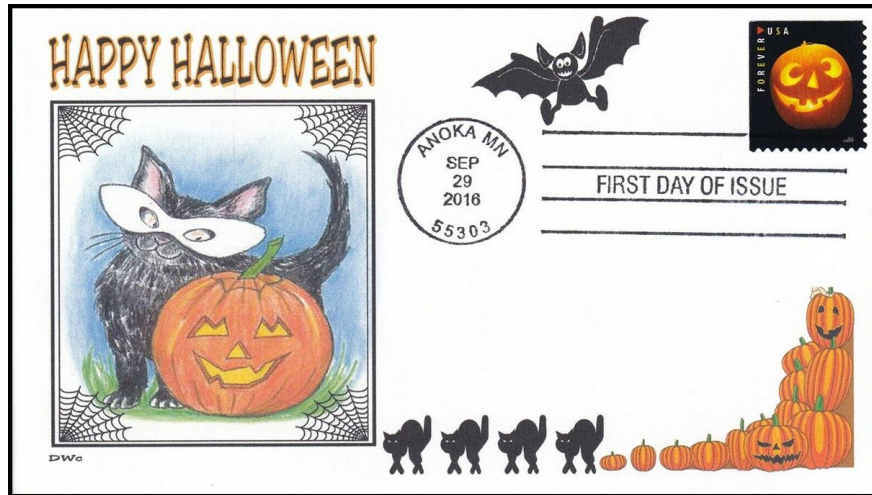


France



# Anoka Minnesota – Halloween Capital of the World

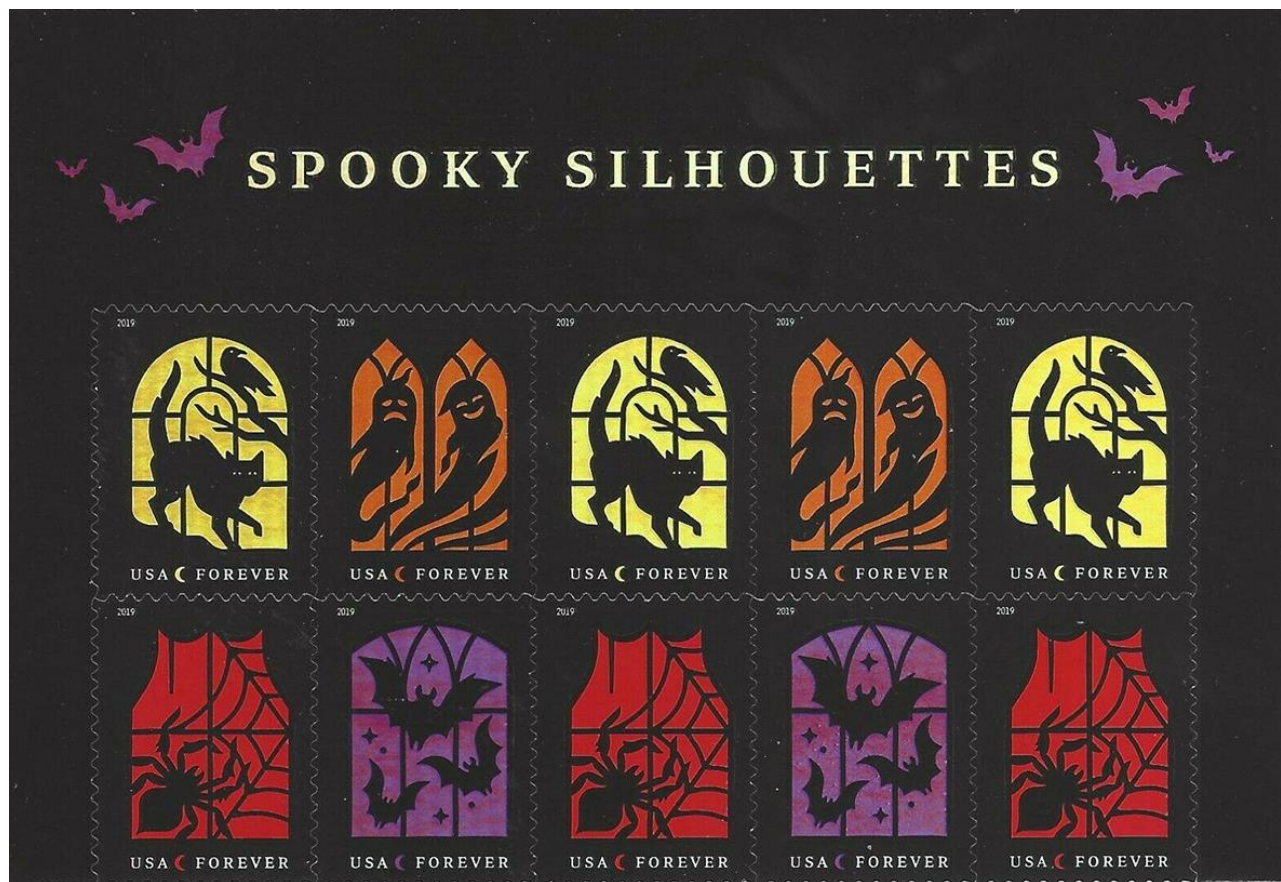
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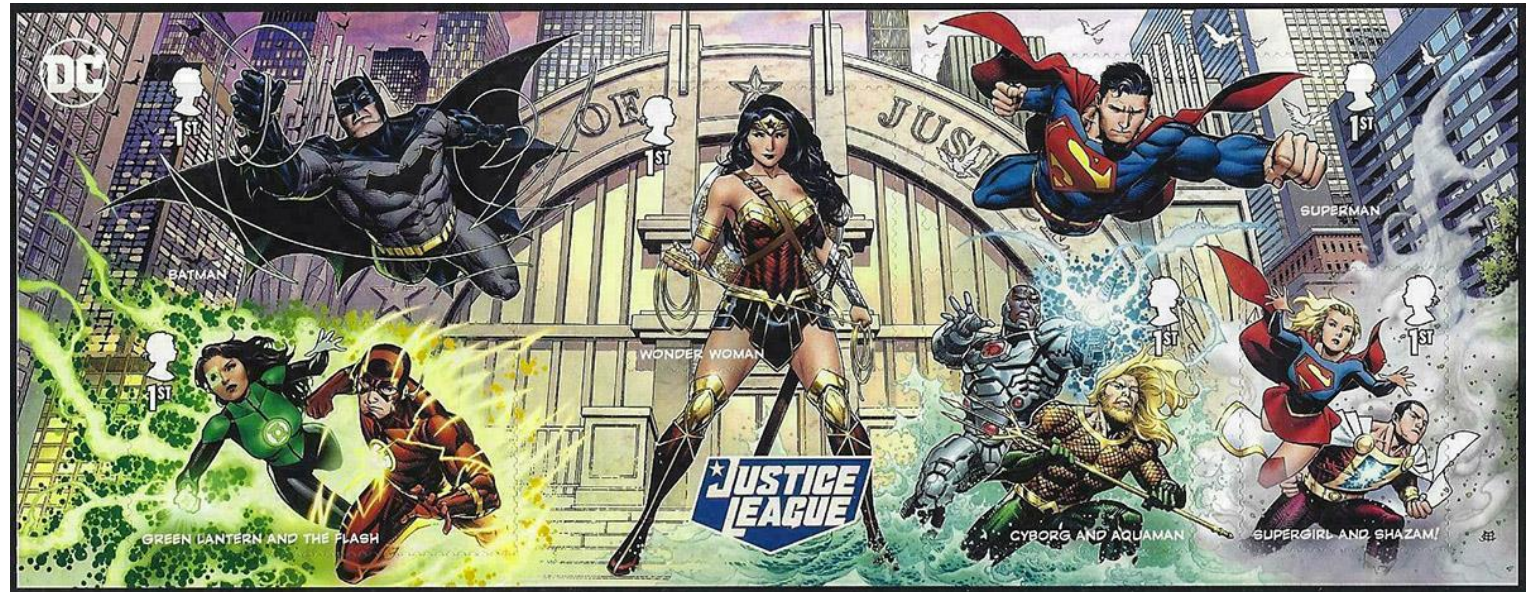
# Spooky Silhouettes 2019 Forever Stamps



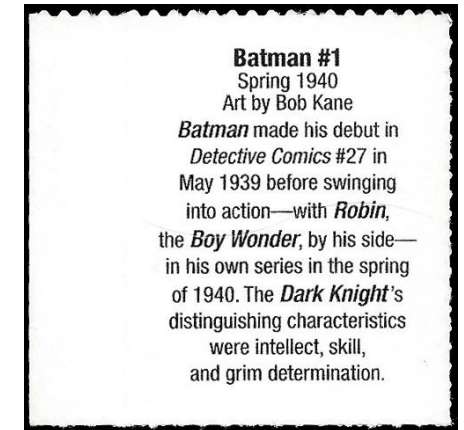
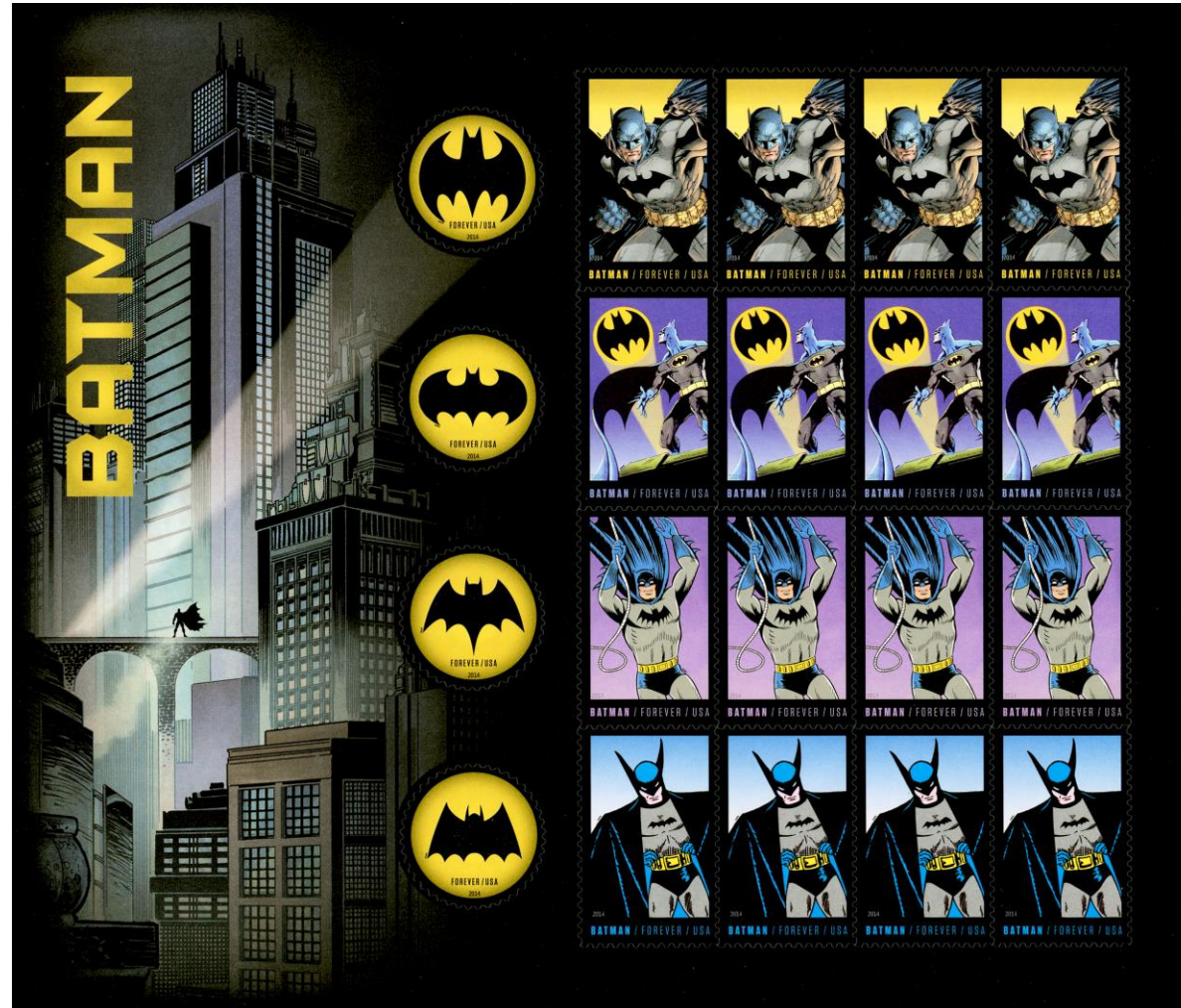
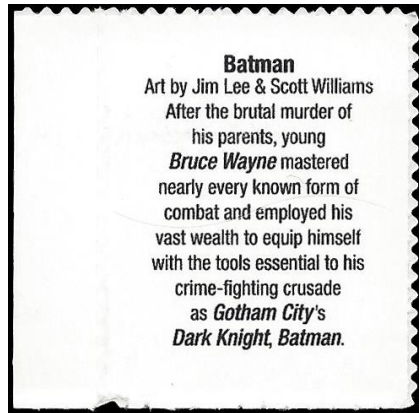
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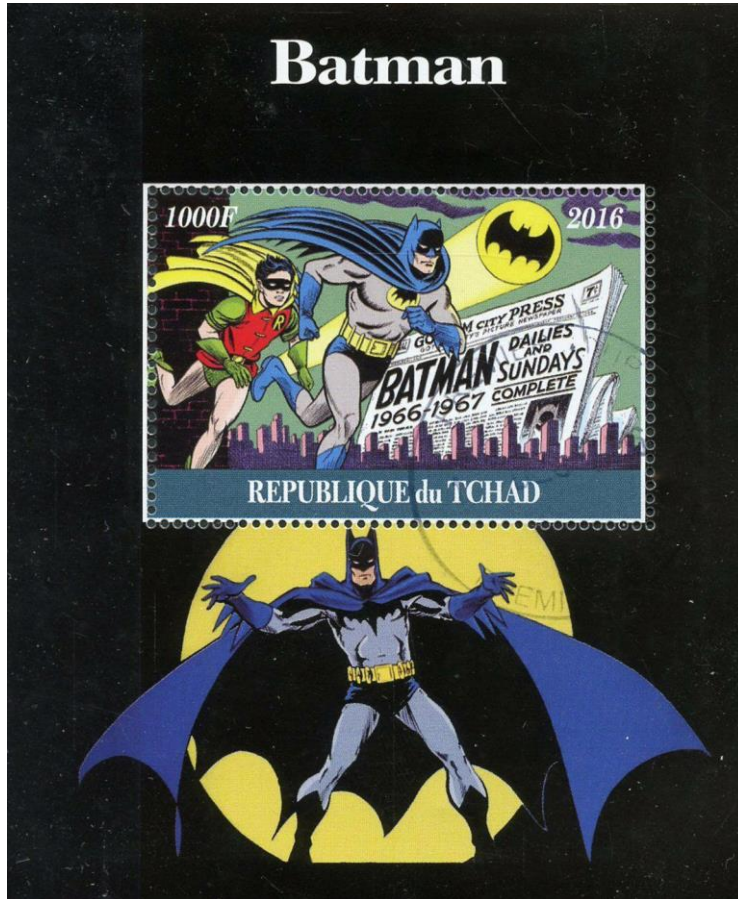
# Philatelic Costumed Comic Book Characters



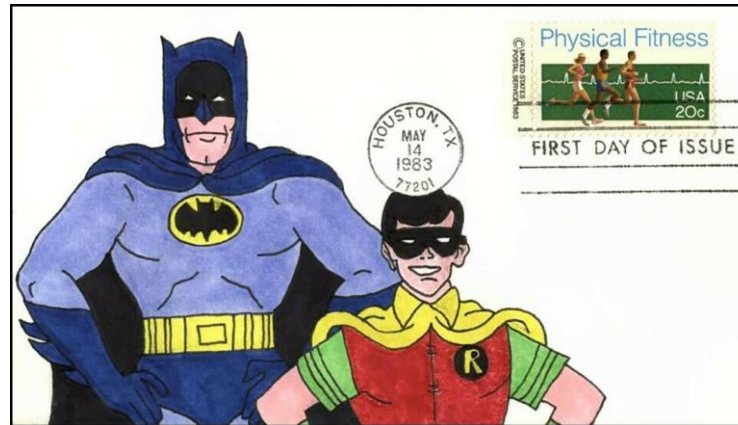
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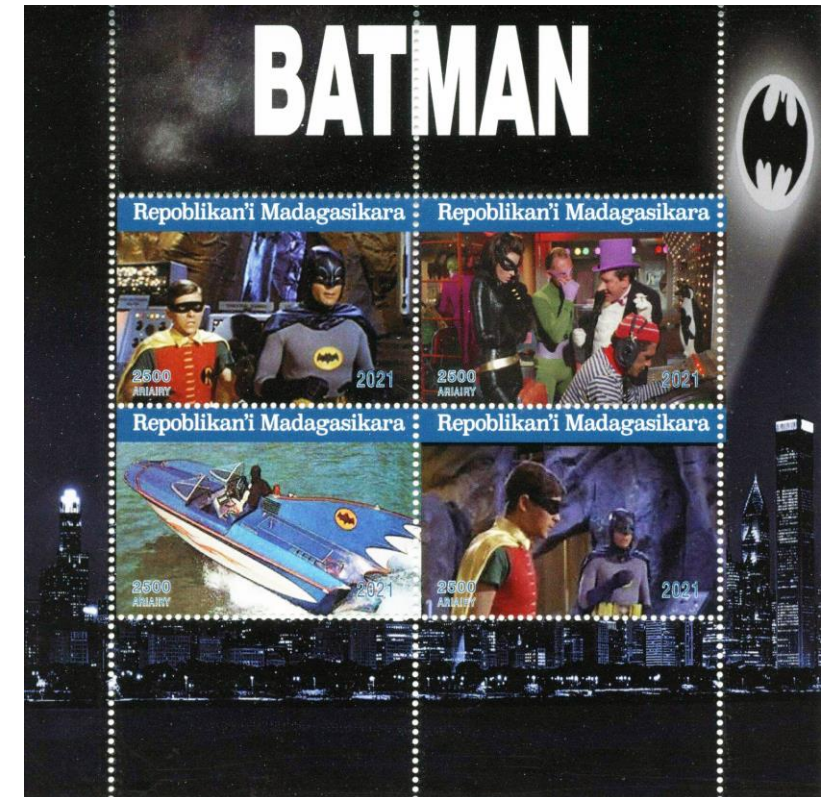
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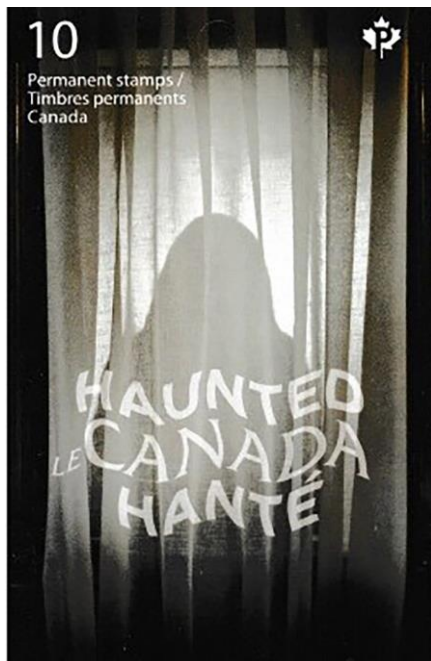


Madagascar

# Haunted Canada issued 2014 – 2016



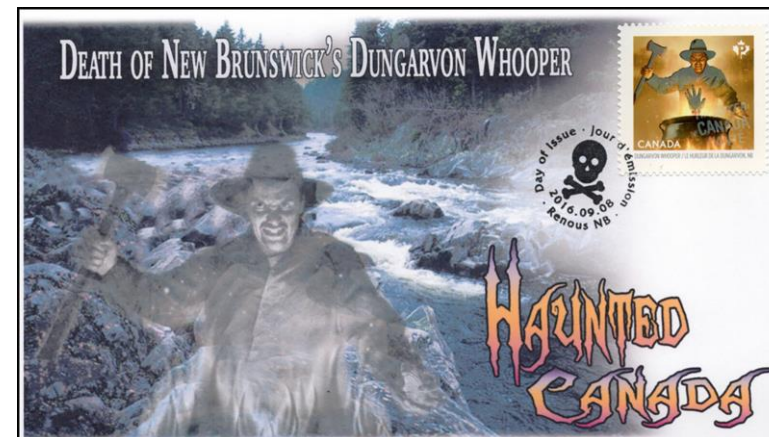
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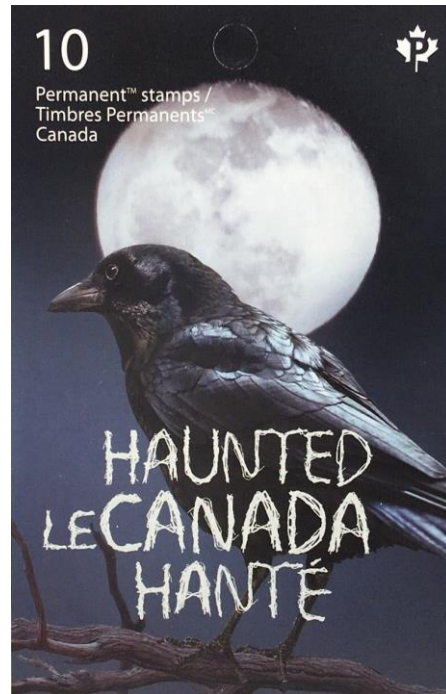
# Haunted Canada



Postal Card



# Halloween Sales Packaging

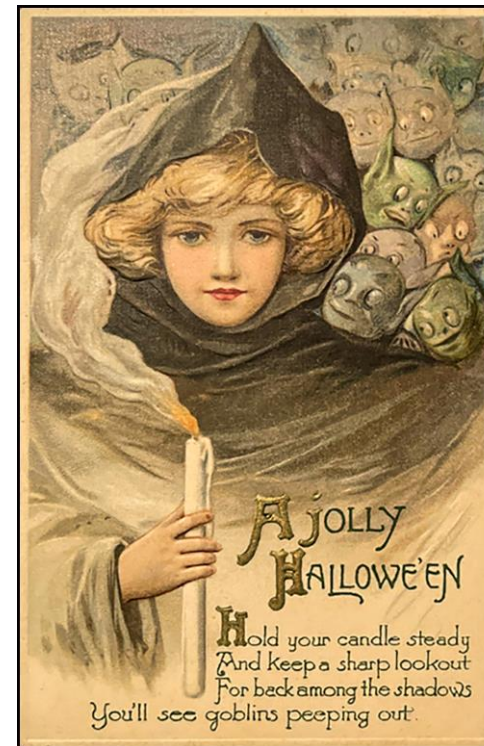
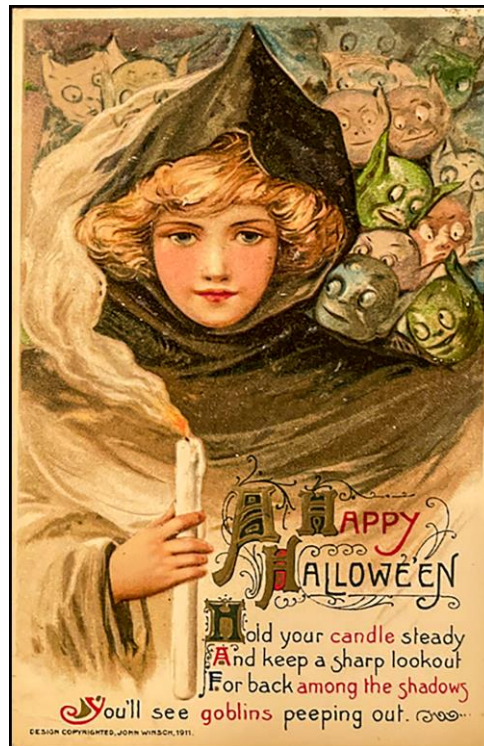


Halloween House of Stamps

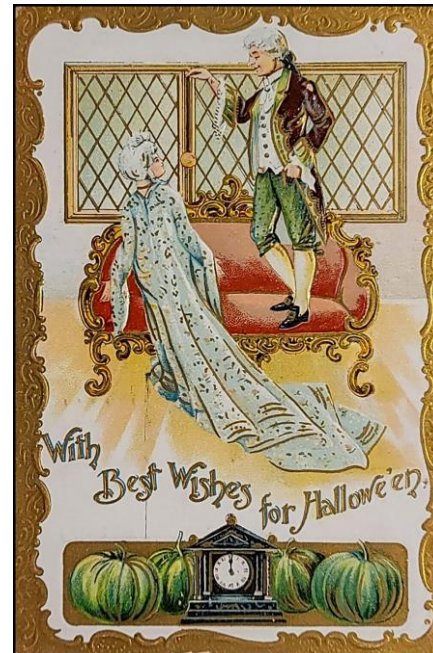
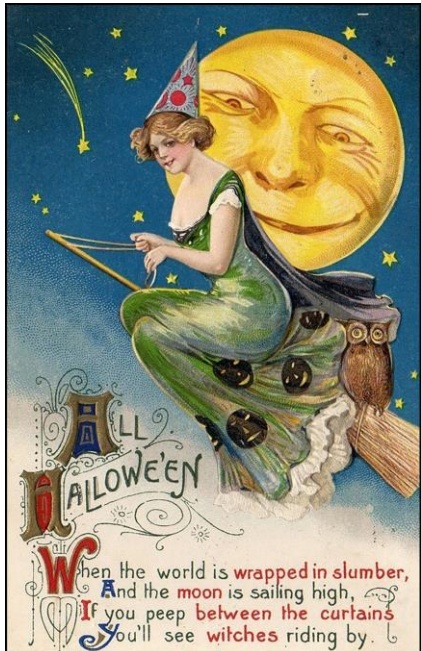
# Halloween Postcards 1900 - 1911



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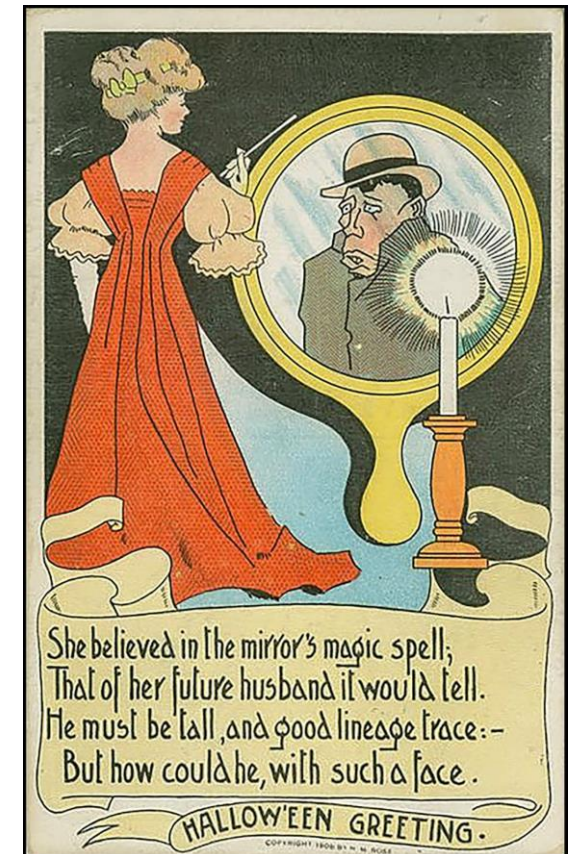
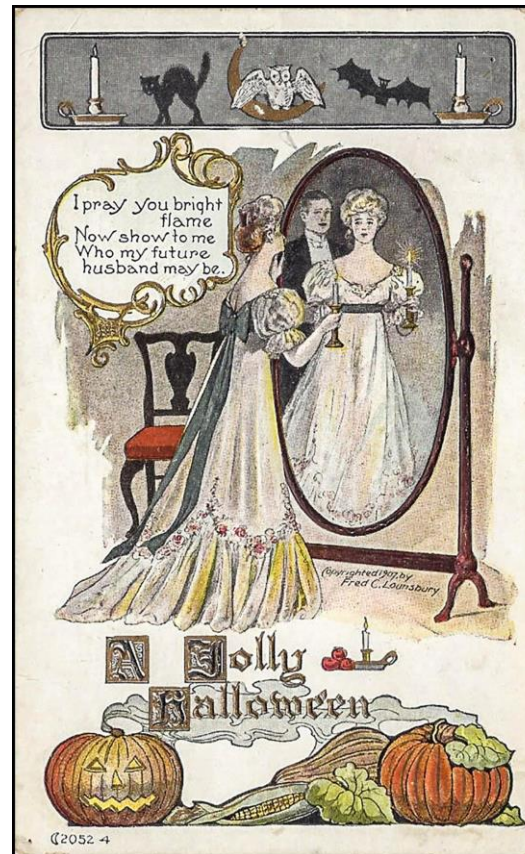
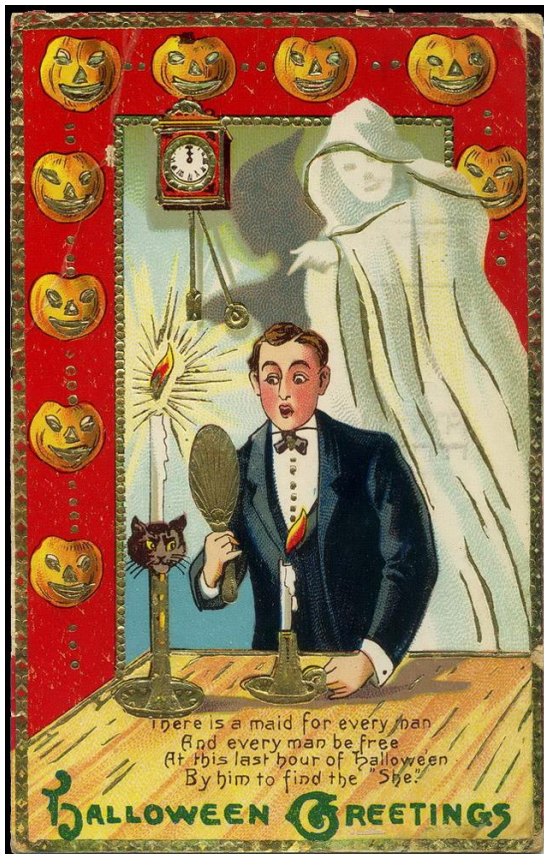


# Halloween Postcards 1901 - 1912



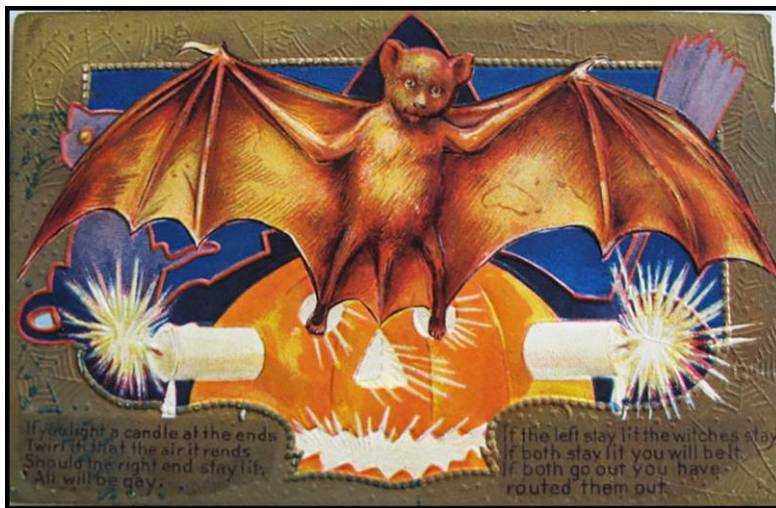
# Halloween Superstition

Romantic Halloween cards show a young man and woman looking into a mirror at the stroke of midnight to see the face of their true love, by the light of a jack o' lantern.



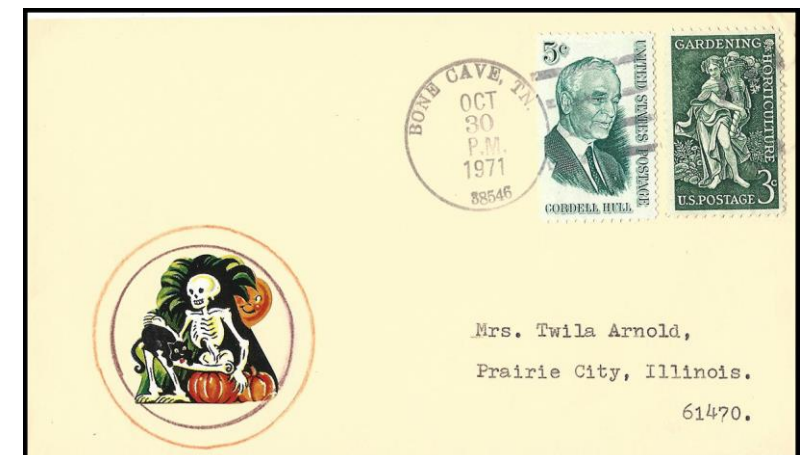
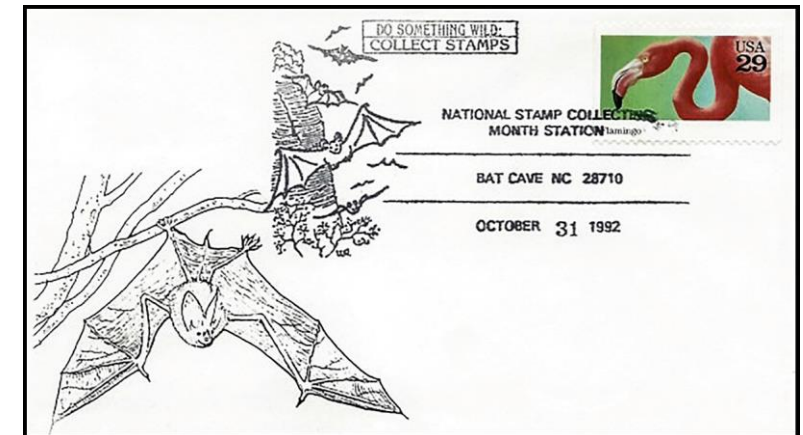
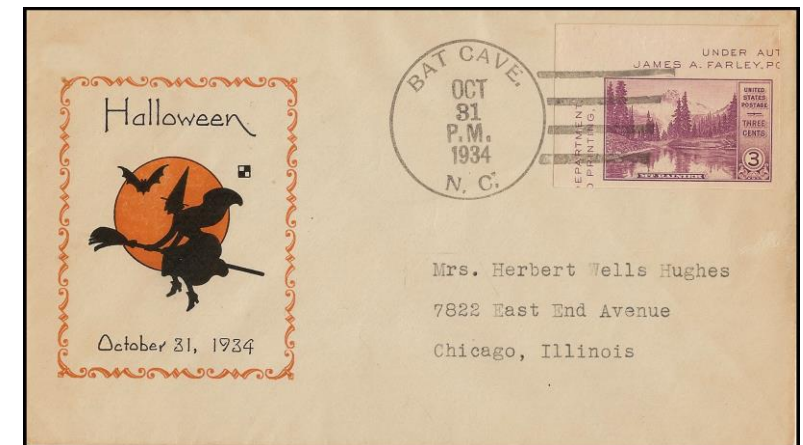


1901 Embossed Postcards



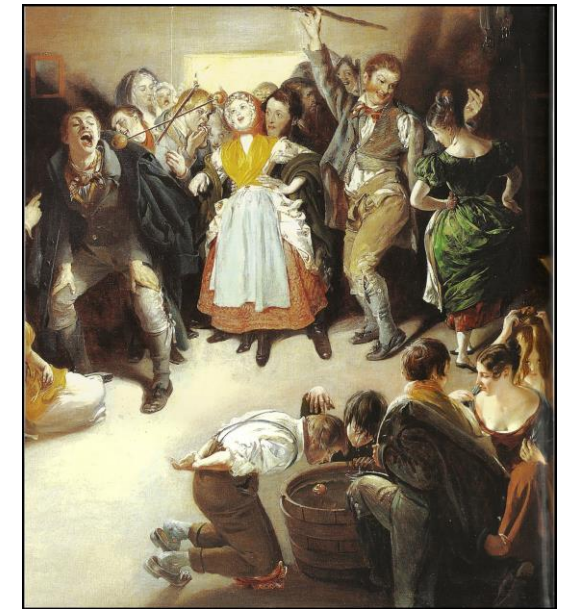
# What would Halloween be without Bats?!

## Bat Cave, NC and Bone Cave, TN





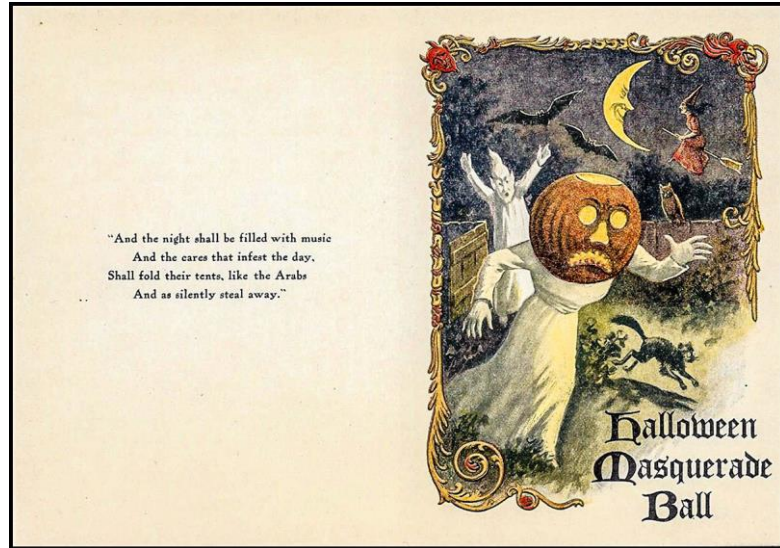
# Uninhibited Revelries



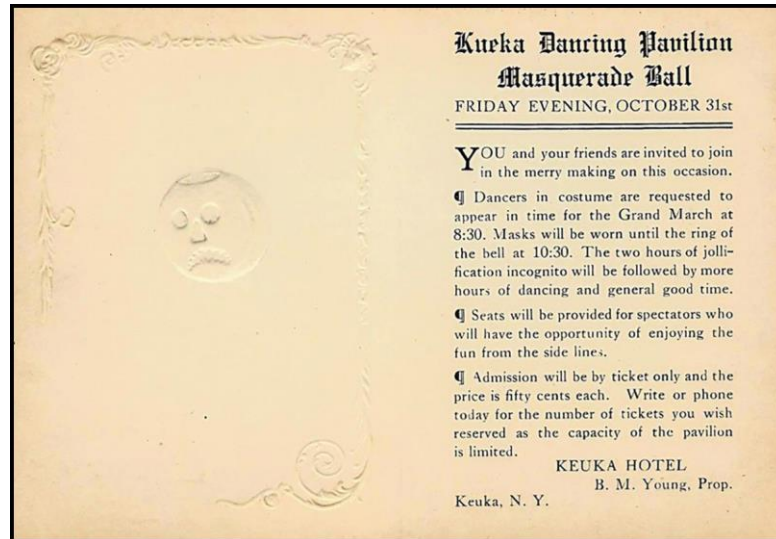
**Robert Burns' poem *Tam O'Shanter*. The witches dance with Cutty Sark in the center.**

The lead character in the poem sets off late on a dark night, full of drink, on his horse Meg, but on his travels, he spots a wild gathering of witches and warlocks partying with the devil.

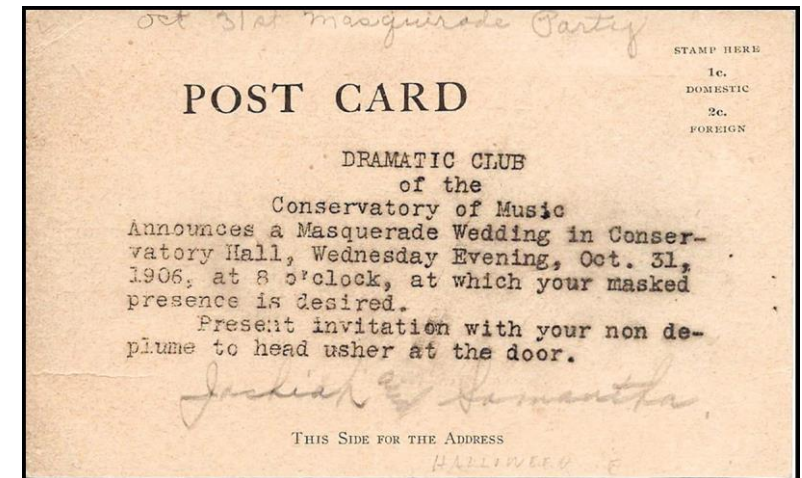
# Halloween Invitations



## Masquerade Ball



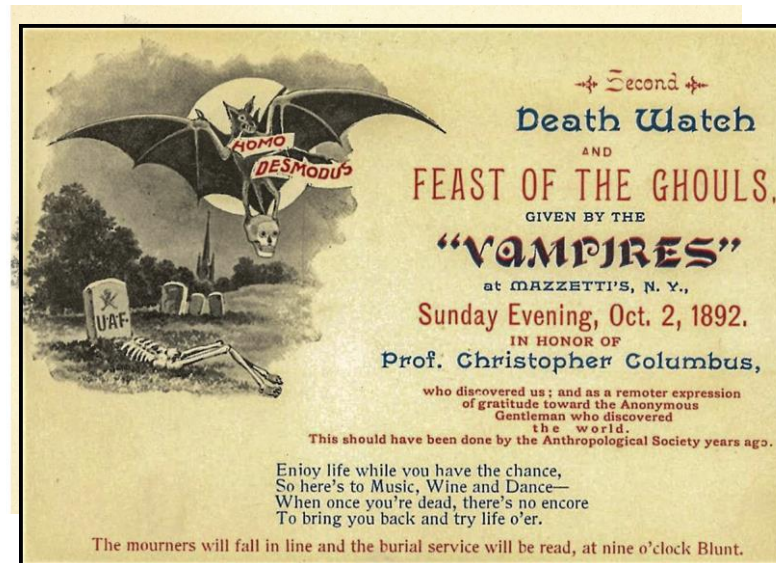
## Masquerade Wedding



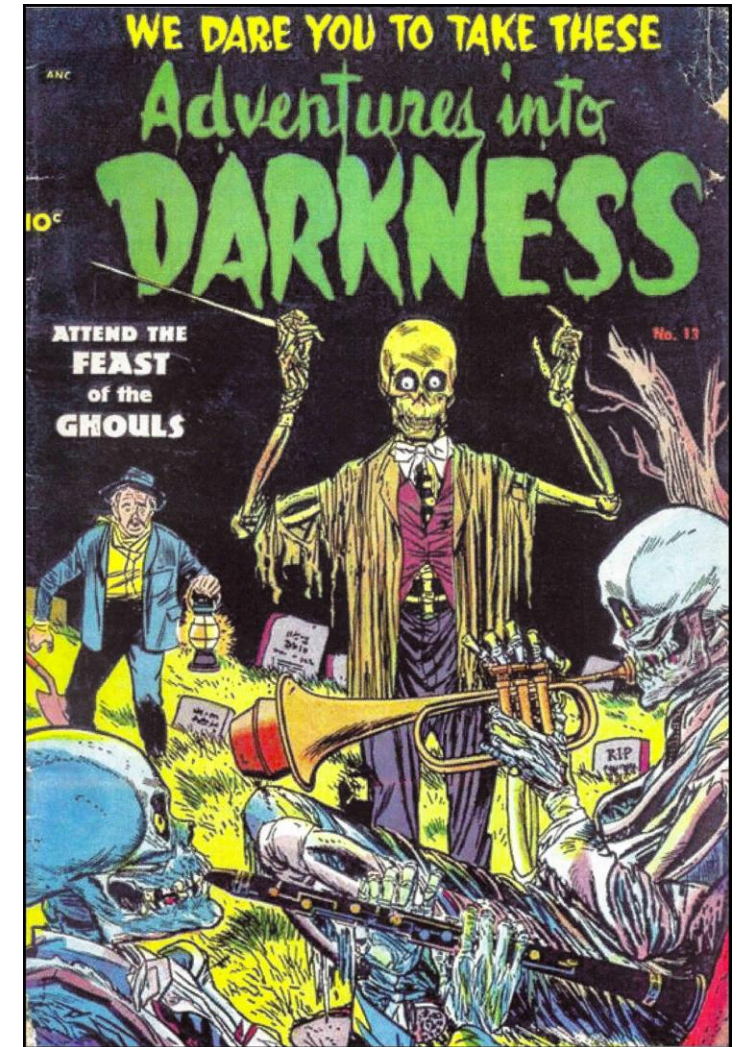
# ORDER OF THE VAMPIRES

Homo Desmodus

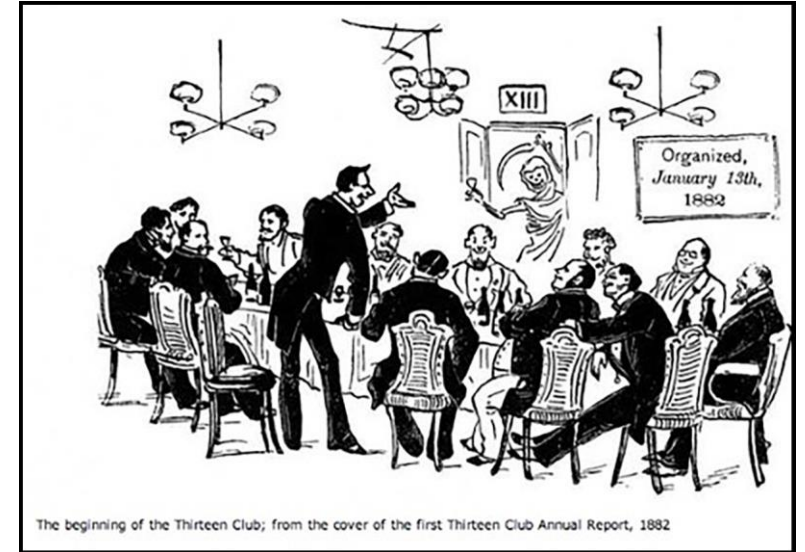
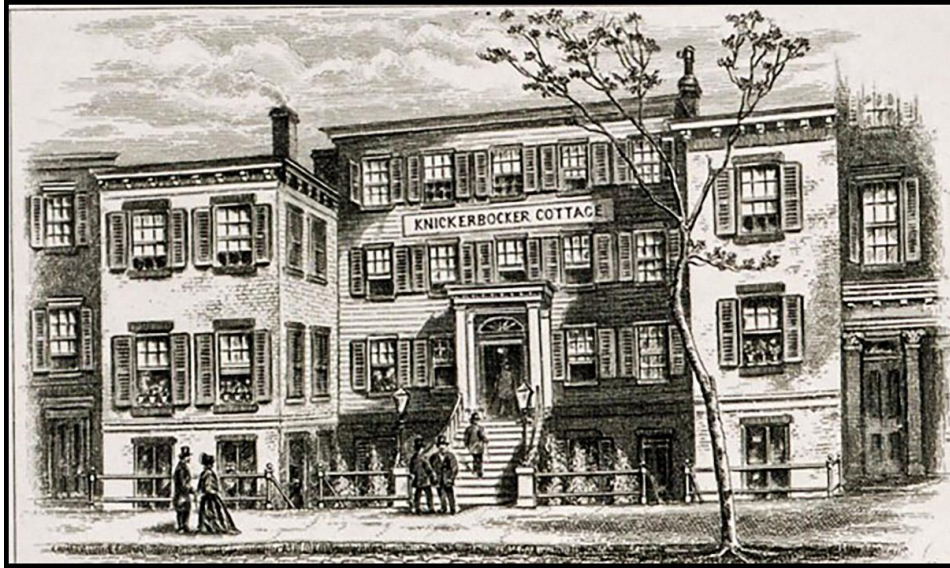
"Order of the Vampires" New York City, October 1892  
and Transylvania, birthplace of Vlad Tepes (Dracula)



## FEAST OF THE GHOULS

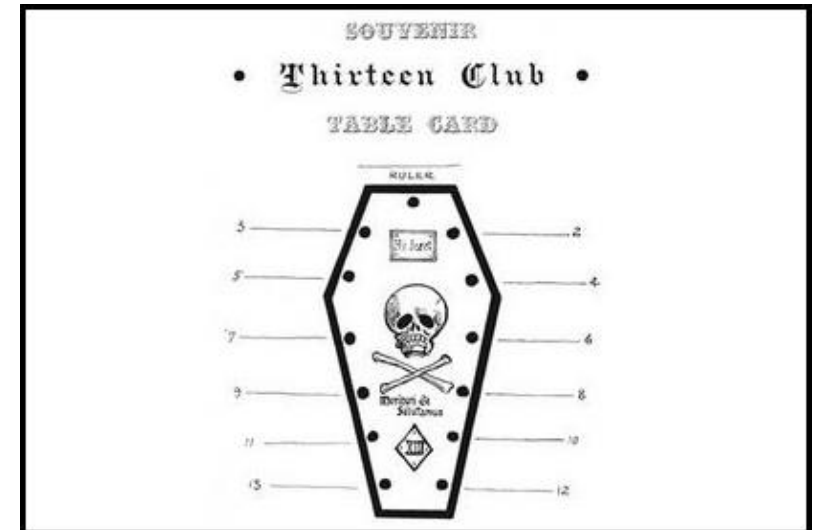


# ORDER OF THE VAMPIRES



The beginning of the Thirteen Club; from the cover of the first Thirteen Club Annual Report, 1882

## Meeting Hall and Several Souvenirs



# Philatelic Witches



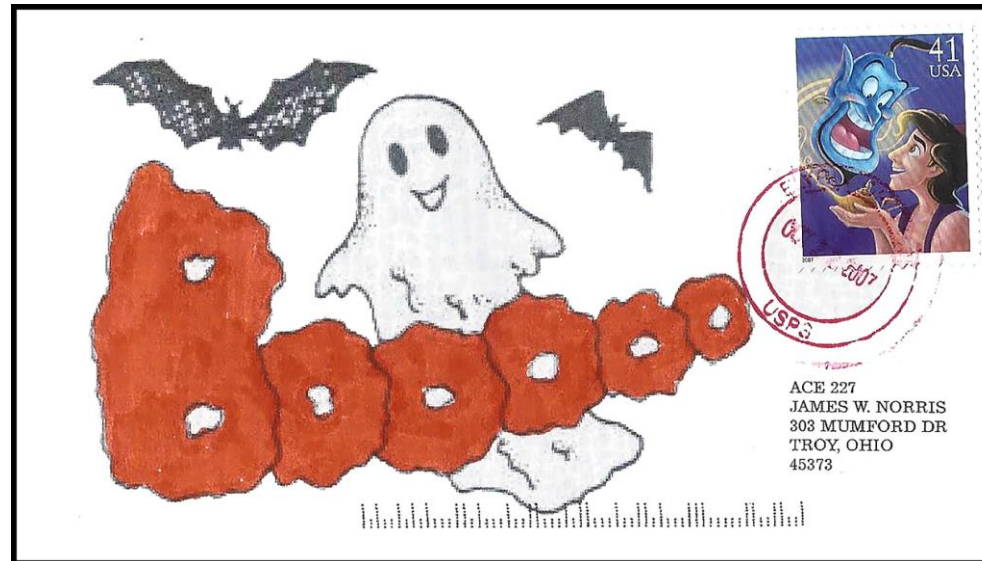
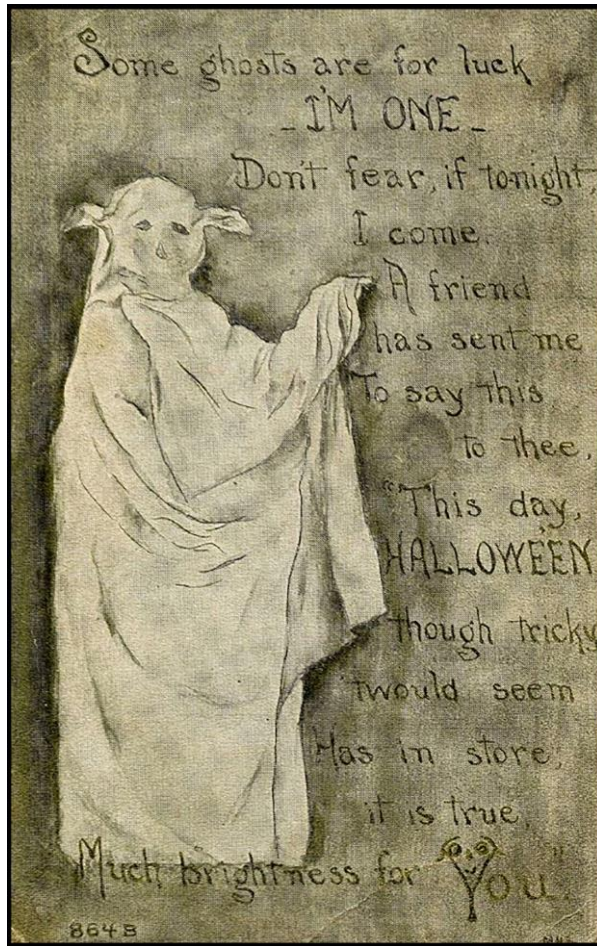
Beauty and the Beast Party  
Tombstone Arizona



Margaret Hamilton, the wicked  
witch of the west, in 1939  
*The Wizard of Oz*



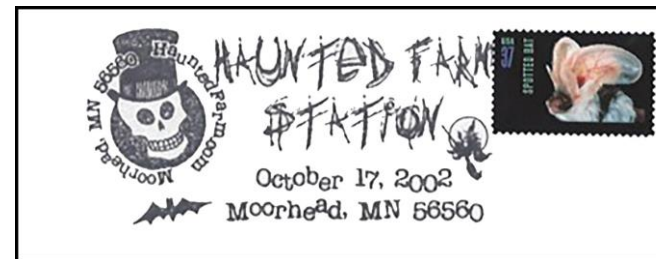
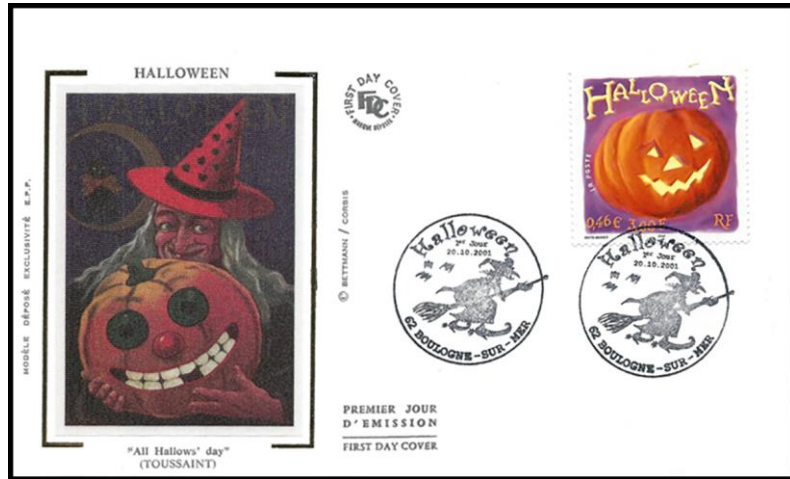
# Philatelic Ghosts



**Casper the Friendly Ghost**

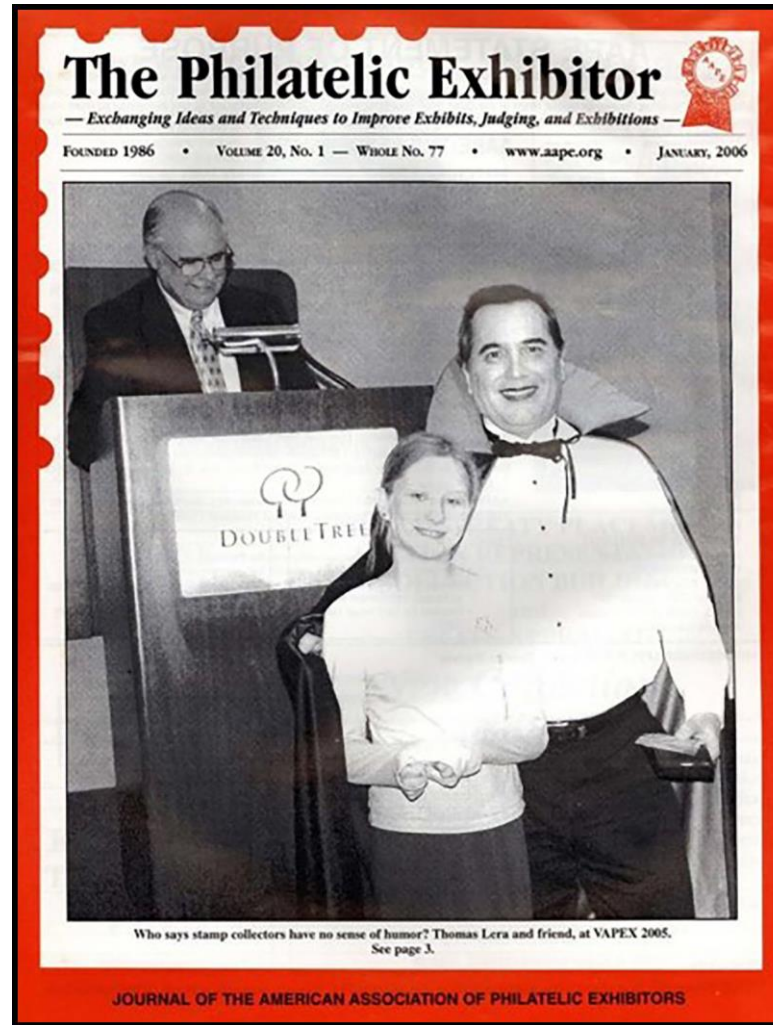
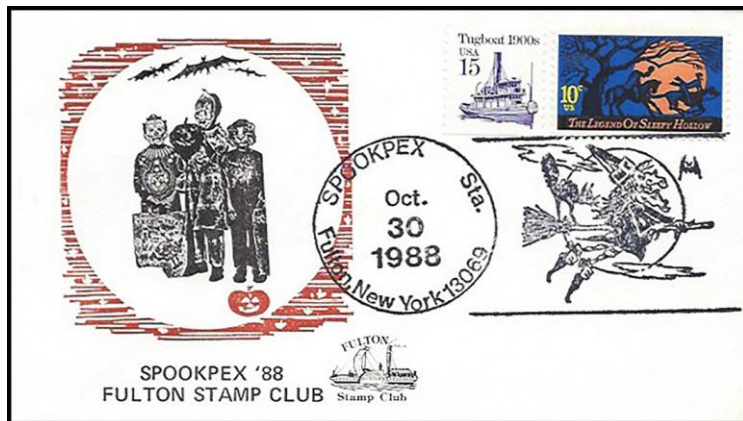
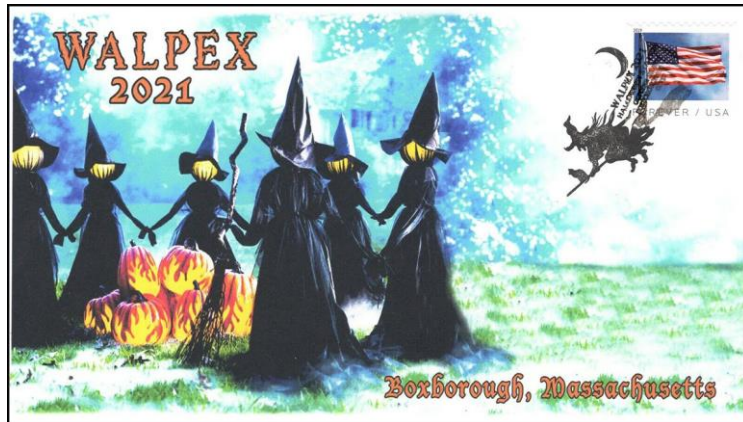


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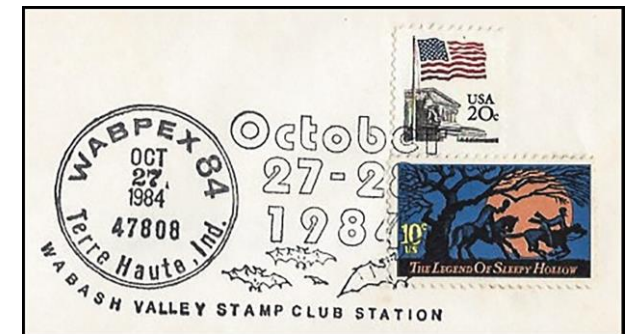
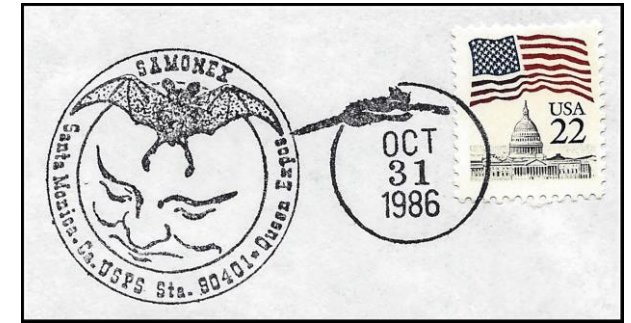


What's wrong with this Woodsonville Oct 31, 1864, cover?

# Halloween Meetings



Recognize this scary fellow?



**Any Questions  
You Dare Ask?**



**Slàinte Mhath!**

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