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ACTING POSTMASTER ALAN CALLWOOD IS SEEN ON THE STEPS OF THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND POST OFFICE OF JOST VAN DYKE ISLAND, B.V.I. *Photograph by Gale J. Raymond*

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**EDITORIAL ELUCIDATIONS**

We have been holding the press for a letter from Bob Anderson to provide details of a meeting that he and Mark Swetland are planning for Father's Day weekend. Still no letter, and the press won't wait, so here's what info we now have: The PLACE is the War Memorial Building in Syracuse, New York; and the TIME, either Saturday June 19th or Sunday June 20th, during TOPEX 1971. We suggest that any members who can be there drop a line to Bob at 109 Matterson Ave., Syracuse, New York 13219. Tell Bob you are coming and ask him for further details as to when, where and what.

Well we finally cracked the 400 barrier, and now our BCPSG membership stands at 404, as good an excuse as any to fill up our glass and salute those whose help has made our rapid growth possible. Nad Zdrowie!

Charles Ricksecker has run into a major problem with his mail since going to St. Thomas. It seems that a shortage of P.O. Boxes makes it necessary to share a box with others. Someone with access to his box has been tampering with his mail and, worst of all, took the stamps off of many covers, ruining some valuable philatelic items. Now he has found a new box, which is still shared but with two reliable persons. Mail may be sent him at Box 2297, St. Thomas, VI 00801 or to his Parma Heights, Ohio address, per the December 1970 Journal. His father will forward him mail that is sent to the latter address.

K1S 2C2 is the first of the new Canadian Postal Code designations passed along to us, this being that for our President Jack Arnell. Jack received it on 31st March. We had been informed some time ago that such a system was planned. As other Canadian members are assigned Postal Codes, will they please send them to your Editor. It would be appreciated if some member in Canada would check with their Post Office to find out where the Code is to be inserted in the address.

Fred

# **WATERMARK ERRORS OF BARBADOS**

by Colin H. Bayley

The occurrence of watermark errors involving malpositioning, dropped letters, etc. is not frequent in the earlier stamps of the B.W.I. Having a few of these errors, I have developed an urge to make as complete listings as possible of them as found on stamps of the various British Caribbean islands. Thus, I would be very pleased to hear from readers regarding such specimens in their possession.

In the following notes, I have used the Scott's Catalogue method of describing the orientation of watermarks, i.e. as viewed from the back (gummed side) of the stamp with the design upright. I have taken this choice, which is opposite to that used by Gibbons, who views from the front (design side) with the design upright, in the interest of North American solidarity! It also happens to be the way that most of us are accustomed to viewing a stamp when checking its watermark.



NORMAL



INVERTED



REVERSED



INVERTED-REVERSED

In the case of Barbados stamps, I have examples of the 2/6 value of the 1892 Small Sea Horses issue (SG 115), and of the 1/4d, 1/2d and 1d Nelson issue (SG 145, 146, and 147) showing inverted watermarks. From my limited experience, such errors seem to have reached a peak during the 1914-1918 War, with the 1916 Large Sea Horses showing a number of them. I have the 1/4d, 1/2d and 2 1/2d values showing inverted-reversed watermarks, as well as the 1/4d value with inverted watermark, with this latter item forming the bulk of the watermark errors I have in this issue.

Similar errors are also sometimes found in the stamps of the 1920 Victory issue. I have the 1/4d stamp of this issue both inverted-reversed and inverted. However, the commonest watermark error of this issue is the 3d with inverted watermark.

The 2 shilling value of the Victory issue deserves special mention, as I have been able to find three specimens showing the three different possible errors, and have made up a most attractive album page showing these three, together with an example of the normal watermark.

In the case of dropped letters, I have only one example, a block of four of the 1/4d Victory of 1920 with top and right selvedge, which has one of the C's missing from the right selvedge.

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## GRAND BAHAMA PHILATELIC SOCIETY CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY---

David Metcalfe, Secretary of the Grand Bahama Philatelic Society, advises that the group will issue a commemorative cover for its first year as a society. The cover will sell for 50¢, with the date of issue being sometime in April to coincide with release of the new Bahamas definitives. The G.B.P.S. was formed on 2 FEB 1970 and has 15 active members, the majority collecting G.B. and the Commonwealth Caribbean countries, with emphasis on the Bahamas. At present, membership is restricted to persons living on Grand Bahama. Address for covers: P.O. Box F2627, Freeport.

# The President's Page

I hope that all of you noticed the short note in the February Journal (inside back cover, page 31), telling you our Group has been incorporated in the State of Ohio, as a non-profit corporation. In case you missed that item, it explains why a copy of the new Constitution and By-Laws was enclosed with your Journal. The next step is to request a tax-exempt status from the U.S. Government, and this is now in the process of being done. When approved, gifts and donations to the Group have a tax free status. Incorporation means that the Group has a proper financial status, so that the financial responsibilities do not rest on those few dedicated members who try and serve you. Before incorporation, your officers were personally liable for any debts they contracted for on behalf of the Group. Now this liability has been assumed by the Corporation, and is limited to the assets of BCPSG, Inc.

Planning is underway for NOJEX 1971 to be held 29-31 October in Cranford, NJ. The event will feature a special section of BCPSG exhibits, and a target of 125 frames has been set. You will be invited to participate, so give a little thought as to what you want to show others from that collection that is your pride and joy. The Group will hold a meeting at NOJEX. The actual form that this will take is yet to be decided, but it will probably be held on the Sunday morning, as this appears to be the time of least conflict with other activities. Remember, this will be part of our 10th Anniversary Celebration, so make a little extra effort to get there.

I have been surprised at the large number of invitations the Group has received to participate in philatelic exhibitions. I suspect that most of these result from a suggestion by one of our members. However, the fact remains our presence is being sought for shows in widely separated parts of the U.S. as well as other countries. At least one of these shows conflicts with NOJEX 1971 and had to be declined since we were already committed to the former event. It would not be fair to dilute the efforts of those who are working so hard to make our NOJEX meeting a big success.

With the February Journal, you also received the 1970 Index. I was interested to note that, apart from the regular features without a named author, there were only twenty-eight members who contributed articles, although a few others provided bits of valuable information. This is a small percentage of our total membership, and I am sure that many of you have philatelic gems to report. Make this the year for your first article. Let's give Fred a big backlog of material so that he can make an even better Journal.

*Jack*

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## SOME NOTES ON BARBADOS--- by Eric H. Heyer

In the June 1970 Journal, page 84, a typographical error gave the opening date for Eagle Hall Post Office as 25 OCT 1969. The correct date is, of course, 20 OCT.

Frank Gibbons confirms that the D.O. 1, 2 and 3, found on the date stamps of Eagle Hall, mean DUTY OFFICER. The Postmaster General at Bridgetown told Frank this new practice is being introduced as the occasion arises in all of the District Offices of Barbados. At the GPO there are different handstamps for each department, while in the other Post Offices there is one handstamp for everything. The idea is that with these D.O. 1, 2, etc., designations, in an emergency it can be determined who was the Duty Officer in charge of Registration, Money Orders, etc., on any date in question. As of last November, only Eagle Hall and the National Insurance Counter in the GPO had these new D.O. handstamps, but it will be worth watching mail which originates at the other District Offices for similar handstamps.

# **SOME NEW ANTIGUA DATA**

by George W. Bowman

(Concluded from February Issue.)

## SPO: BOLANS

LIG, 16 JAN 1936, W/N 4: Mr. Angelo Baretto to be Sub-Postmaster from 1 JAN 1936.

COMMENT: The present SPM is named A. Baretto, but could not be the same man since he told Stan Durnin he had only held that office since 1964, when he replaced Miss Mary Dias. Mr. Baretto told Stan that he was originally from Funchal, Madeira.

## SPO: PARES

Established 1 JAN 1932, per LIG, 24 DEC 1931, W/N 54.

COMMENT: Col. Seifert has a Pares CDS dated 1 NOV 1946. I have heard it went out of existence in 1948. As with Montpelier, the 1922-1939 film run says nothing but the fact that Pares opened.

## SPO: ST. JOHNSTON'S

Established 1 JAN 1932, per LIG, 24 DEC 1931, W/N 54.

LIG, 14 JAN 1932, W/N 2: Miss M. Corriere to be Sub-Postmistress of St. Johnston's Village, effective 1 JAN 1932.

COMMENT: The SPO was closed per the following notice in LIG, 11 JUN 1936, W/N 31, and by authority of H.E. Bader, Colonial Secretary:

It is hereby notified for general information that the Sub-Post Office at St. Johnston's Village will be closed as from, and including, the 1st July 1936.

Persons residing in or near St. Johnston's Village and wishing to purchase stamps will be able to do so from Messrs. S. R. Mendes and Company's Shop in St. Johnston's Village.

## SPO: JOHNSON'S POINT

Established 1 JAN 1932, per LIG, 24 DEC 1931, W/N 54.

LIG, 6 AUG 1936, W/N 41: Mr. L. George to act as Sub-Postmaster, Johnson's Point, Antigua (1 AUG to 15 SEP, inclusive).

COMMENTS: I could find no basis for the strange application of a termination date specified in conjunction with this appointment, nor was information given in later LIG's specifying the name of Mr. George's replacement on 15 SEP 1936.

The present SPM is \*Mrs. C. Prince, also the village school teacher, who took over from Mr. Rawdon S. Edwards in 1957. Mrs. Prince told Stan Durnin that Mr. Edwards only held office for about three years, from 1955 to 1957. Before 1955---: Could it be the mysterious Mr. X, who followed Mr. George in 1936?

*\*According to Stan Durnin, Mr. Prince said he is SPM, but it is apparent that Mrs. Prince takes care of the P.O. Business. In any event, it's a family affair.*



SPO: NELSON'S DOCKYARD

The inspiring Nelson's Dockyard should be in the travel plans of anyone who visits Antigua. While there, I bought some postcards from Mr. Duncan Lloyd who, as well as being Postmaster at that SPO since its opening on 16 November 1961, is also the chief ticket-taker and souvenir vendor. The SPO is located in the Gate House.

SPO: OLD ROAD

LIG, 1 JAN 1932, W/N 1: Mrs. H. Michael is appointed Sub-Postmistress effective as of 1 JAN 1932.

COMMENTS: Today the Sub-Postmistress at Old Road is Mrs. Catherine Brand. She has held that office since the early 1950's. Mrs. Brand replaced a Mr. Dalton McKay, but she could not tell me if it was Mr. McKay who replaced Mrs. Michael.

Quite interested in my SPO research, Mrs. Brand even went to the point of presenting me with an official metal slug for the sealing of her mail bags, and that blob of lead I have since attached to my key chain. From the hill north of her SPO, I could see the Curtain Bluff Hotel, symbolic of Antigua's dynamic tourism industry.

SPO: FALMOUTH

Established 1 JAN 1932, per LIG, 1 JAN 1932, W/N 1. No initial Postmaster stated.

COMMENT: For SPO closure, see Appendix I.

SPO: GUNTHORPES

Established 1 JAN 1932, per LIG, 24 DEC 1931, W/N 54.

LIG, 1 JAN 1932, W/N 1: Mr. A.D. Edwards appointed Sub-Postmaster, effective as of 1 JAN 1932.

COMMENT: For SPO closure, see Appendix I.

SPO: SEATONS

Name changed from St. Stephen's per LIG, 24 DEC 1931, W/N 54.

COMMENTS: Seatons closed once and then reopened, approximately 1948. For details of closing, see Appendix I.

In 1970, when I stood on a high bluff at Seatons Village talking with Postmistress Mrs. Yvonne Prince (no relation to the Postmistress at Johnson's Point), I learned that her SPO handles delivery of mail to the villages of Seatons, Glanville, Pares and Willikies. The former PM, according to Mrs. Prince, was Mr. Aldis Thomas, and she replaced him on 1 JAN 1966. Upon her mention of this specific date, something rang a bell in my mind, a statement I had read someplace alleging the Seatons Sub-Post Office had been closed for all of 1966 due to difficulties in finding someone to take over as Postmaster. When I asked her about this apparent inconsistency in my information, she nevertheless maintained her position, so I pressed no further. If any person should know when that SPO was open, it would be the Postmistress!

However, Mrs. Prince did recall hearing of another Seatons Postmistress in the dim past, a Mrs. Beatrice Browne. Could Mrs. Browne, I wondered, have replaced Mr. E. A. Hill (or S.E.A. Hill, as the case may be), whose appointment in May of 1918 was the last LIG mention of a Postmaster change at St. Stephen's?

SPO: FREETOWN

Discontinued effective 1 JAN 1932, per LIG, 24 DEC 1931, W/N 54.

COMMENTS: I understand that the date of Freetown re-opening was in 1948. During a conversation with the present Postmaster, Mr. Robert Saunders (whose P.O. facility is located downwind from and adjacent to a pen full of goats), I was informed that he assumed the job back in 1949 from the Reverend Leonard Carty. I realized that if his SPO had in reality re-opened in 1948, then Rev. Carty didn't stay around as Postmaster very long. Maybe the goats had something to do with it!

A chart summary of pertinent data from this analysis and from my former article is presented as Appendix II.

APPENDIX I

THE CLOSING OF FALMOUTH, GUNTHORPES, SEATONS AND SWETES

The shutting down of these four SPO's must be discussed collectively, because they have later histories that are interwoven along the same mysterious trail. The LIG microfilm ends in 1939, so my only other source of data for analyzing SPO activity from the late thirties forward is the *Leeward Islands Blue Books*.

The six LIBB's for 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1942 and 1945 all specify a total of 14 Post Offices, which would include 12 SPO's. Based on this fact and on the Cornell SPO tabulation in *B.C.P. Journal*, W/N 46, logic decrees that Falmouth, Seatons and Swetes were shut down during the year 1937.

Now, none of the LIG's published in 1937, 1938 or 1939 officially announce closing of any of this trio of offices. However, in *B.C.P. Journal*, W/N 8, V.N.F. Surtees states his opinion that Seatons went out of existence on 31 MAR 1937, and Falmouth and Swetes on 31 DEC 1937. Like Mr. Surtees, I also believe that they were closed in 1937, but rather at sometime prior to 28 September in all three cases.

Here is my reason for the last statement:

In LIG's 30 SEP 1937, W/N 44 and 26 OCT 1939, W/N 65 interesting announcements are printed which are identical except for date changes. These announcements request tenders for inland delivery of mails, and I shall quote their significant portions exactly as published. (Dates in parentheses are applicable only to the 26 OCT 1939 Gazette.)

ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, ANTIGUA  
28 September 1937 (19 October 1939)

NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the local transport of mails as follows:

Between St. John's and Liberta via All Saints	4 times a week
Between St. John's and Parham	4 times a week
Between St. John's and Pares	4 times a week
Between St. John's and Montpelier	3 times a week
Between St. John's and Old Road via Bolans and Johnson's Point	Twice a week
Between St. John's and Bendals	Twice a week
Between St. John's and Green Bay	Twice a week
Between St. John's and Cedar Grove	Twice a week



In each case where intermediate offices are mentioned, those offices will be served.

It should be stated in the tenders what type of vehicle will be employed.

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The contract will be for one year from the 1st January 1938 (1st January 1940), and may be terminated on three months' notice.

....

Tenders should be addressed to the Administrator's Office and should be sent to the Administrator's Office not later than Thursday, October 14, 1937 (Saturday, November 4, 1939).

In conjunction with the 28 SEP 1937 announcement, supplementary data were published in LIG, 14 OCT 1937, W/N 46 in which the schedule for the despatch of mail from St. John's was listed as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: All Saints, Liberta, Parham, Pares, Montpelier.

Tuesday, Thursday: Cedar Grove, Green Bay, Bendals, Bolans, Old Road, Johnson's Point.

Saturday: All Saints, Liberta, Parham, Pares.

My point is this: It would be logical to assume that in a mail delivery tender of this sort, the Contractor would be required to reach all SPO's, and conversely, no reason would exist for an SPO to be omitted from the schedule. This schedule does not include Falmouth, Seatons and Swetes!

Therefore, if we assume that these three offices were closed throughout the period between the dates of the two tender requests (28 SEP 1937 and 19 OCT 1939), we are left with a total of 12 SPO's for that period, a figure agreeing with that appearing in the LIBB's for 1937, 1938 and 1939.

And this leads us down a thorn path to another question. What happened to the SPO at Gunthorpes? Two possible explanations exist:

(1) In the absence of opportunity to check Post Office Guides for 1937 and 1938 it could be surmised that Gunthorpes closed at the same time as the other three SPO's but subsequently re-opened at some point between the date of the second tender request (19 OCT 1939) and the appearance of the 1939 Guide.

(2) Gunthorpes remained open after 28 SEP 1937, but had declined in importance, so that in the specification of the mail delivery contract, it was bypassed as a mail distribution and collection point.

My preference is for (2), based primarily on the Daggett input and the fact that a CDS strike of 1 NOV 1946 is possessed by Col. Seifert, and to a lesser degree that the Cornell SPO tabulation, previously referenced, lists Gunthorpes as having been in operation as late as 1948. In the late thirties and most of the forties, it is possible that the Gunthorpes SPO may have served as merely a mail drop for the employees of the sugarworks, such correspondence then being taken to St. John's GPO, for cancellation, by an officer of the Company who wore a part-time SPM hat. I am merely guessing at this however.

KEY FOR APPENDIX II

NOTE: I intend to update this chart information after examination of pre-1900 LIG microfilm. Until then, years of indefinite activity will be marked "unknown". Such future data may also reveal that some of the six Post Offices specified as existing continuously since 1883 may actually have closed for a time.

X - Indicates years where LIBB and LIGG/OTHER KNOWN DATA P.O. totals do not agree.

A - Omitting Barbuda & St. John's; B - Omitting Barbuda but including St. John's.  
C - Including Barbuda & St. John's.

"Slashed numbers", i.e., "15/16" stands for "15 then 16".

△ Per B.C.P. Journal, W/N 42; △△ - Per Jaffé.

Columns A, B and C will:

- \* remain at 11, 12 and 13, respectively, if Grays Farm closed in 1961.
- \*\* read 11/12, 12/13 and 13/14, respectively, if Grays Farm was closed throughout 1965.
- \*\*\* read 12/13, 13/14 and 14/15, respectively, if Grays Farm re-opened in 1967.

⊙ - indicates year of first post-1900 LIG reference.

OTHER POST OFFICES:

D - BARBUDA	J - FREETOWN	O - MONTPELIER	S - ST. JOHNSTON'S
E - BARNES HILL	K - GREEN BAY	P - NEWFIELD	T - ST. PAUL'S
F - BENDALS	L - GUNTHORPES	( 'THE GRANGE' )	( ENGLISH
G - BETHESDA	M - JOHNSON'S POINT	Q - NEW WINTHORPES	HARBOUR )
H - DOCKYARD	N - LIBERTA	R - PARES	U - ST. STEPHEN'S
I - FALMOUTH			V - SWETES

- ① - Proof strike of All Saints (1st type with code letter C) CDS, 10 OC 98.
- ② - EDK All Saints 1st type CDS, 16 JA 99.
- ③ - LDK All Saints 1st type 16 JY 20.
- ④ - Renamed Cedar Grove.
- ⑤ - Proof strike St. Mary's CDS, 7 NO 04.
- ⑥ - EDK St. Mary's CDS, 28 ? 05.
- ⑦ - LDK St. Mary's CDS, 2 AP 31.
- ⑧ - Proof strike St. Peter's CDS, 10 OC 98; EDK St. Peter's CDS, 6 DE 98.
- ⑨ - LDK St. Peter's CDS, 7 JA 31.
- ⑩ - Proof strike St. Paul's CDS, 7 NO 04 (Jaffé).
- ⑪ - EDK St. Paul's CDS, 15 AU 05.
- ⑫ - LDK St. Paul's CDS, 26 NO 13.
- ⑬ - EDK 2nd type English Harbour CDS, 17 AU 21 (per Surtees).
- ⑭ - Renamed Seatons.
- ⑮ - See asterisks.

APPENDIX II

Year	PO's per Durnin/Chin Aleong LIEB Data				PO's per LIG and BCFSG/Other Data			NAMES OF POST OFFICES							
	LIEB	A	B	C	A	B	C	EXISTING CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT CHART TIME RANGE						OTHERS	
								ST. JOHN'S	ALL SAINTS	BOLANS	ST. JAMES	ST. MARY'S	ST. PETER'S		
1883					Δ 9	10	10	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	J P T U
1898					(not specified)			↑	①	↑	↑	↑	↑	⑧	unknown
1899					(not specified)			↑	②	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unknown
1901					(not specified)			↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unknown
1902	1902/03	10	11	11	(not specified)			↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unknown
1903					ΔΔ 10	11	11	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unknown
1904	1904/05	10	11	11	ΔΔ 10	11	11	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unknown plus T ⑩
1905	1905/06	10	11	11	(not specified)			↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unknown plus T ⑪
1906	1906/07	10	11	11	(not specified)			↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unknown plus U ⑫
X 1907	1907/08	10	11	11	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	E G J P T U
1908	1908/09	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	E G J P T U
1909	1909/10	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	E G J P T U
1910	1910/11	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	E G J P T U
1911					(not specified)			↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	E G J P T U
1912	1912/13	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	E G J P T U
1913	1913/14	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	E G J P T U ⑬
1914	1914/15	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	E G J P T U
1915	1915/16	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	E G J P T U
1916	1916/17	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1917	1917/18	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1918	1918/19	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1919	1919/20	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1920	1920	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	③	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1921	1921	11	12	12	11	12	12	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	E G J P T U ⑭
X 1922	1922	11	12	12	11	12	13	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	D E G J P T U
X 1923	1923	11	12	12	11	12	13	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
X 1924	1924	11	12	12	11	12	13	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
X 1925	1925	11	12	12	11	12	13	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1926	1926	11	12	13	11	12	13	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1927	1927	11	12	13	11	12	13	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
X 1928	1928	13	14	15	11/12	12/13	13/14	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same plus K
1929	1929	13	14	15	12/13	13/14	14/15	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same plus N
1930	1930	13	14	15	13	14	15	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
X 1931	1931	16	17	18	13	14	15	↑	↑	↑	④	⑦	⑨	↑	same
1932	1932	16	17	18	15/16	16/17	17/18	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	D F I K L M N O R S U ⑭ V
1933	1933	16	17	18	16	17	18	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1934	1934	16	17	18	16	17	18	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1935	1935	16	17	18	16	17	18	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1936	1936	15	16	17	16/15	17/16	18/17	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same minus S
1937	1937	12	13	14	15/12	16/13	17/14	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same minus I, U, V
1938	1938	12	13	14	12	13	14	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1939	1939	12	13	14	12	13	14	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1940	1940	12	13	14	12	13	14	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1942	1942	12	13	14	12	13	14	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
1945	1945	12	13	14	12	13	14	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same (K renamed Grays Farm)
1948					12/11	13/12	14/13	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	D F J K M N U
1961					* 11/12	12/13	13/14	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same plus H ⑮
1965					** 12/13	13/14	14/15	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same plus Q
1967					*** 13	14	15	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	same
NOW					13	14	15	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	D F H J K M N Q U

# JAMAICA POSTAL STATIONERY

by Thomas Foster

The purpose of these check lists is to work up material for a proposed new handbook, covering Jamaican stamps and postal stationery. The list numbers in the final work will almost certainly differ slightly from those given here as further facts come to light. Type numbers in the first column are my reference. Numbers in second column are Higgins & Gage Catalogue numbers. Prices quoted are those seen by me at various sources in England.

c = Still current as of October 1970 when this list was drafted; dd = Nominal value of a few pence.

## NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS

### 1 SEPTEMBER 1888

Typographed by De La Rue & Co. in slightly varying shades of Dark Green on smooth, wove paper, measuring about 127 x 298 mm. Head of Queen Victoria.

			<u>MINT</u>	<u>USED</u>
NPW1	1	½d Deep Green (shades) on Buff paper	5/-	5/-
	1a	- Overprinted "SPECIMEN" diagonally upwards	£3	
	1b	- Deep Green (shades) on Yellow Buff paper	£1	£1
	1c	- Deep Green (shades) on Pale Straw paper	10/-	5/-

These wrappers were issued for both Printed Paper and Newspaper use. A ½d adhesive had to be added if addressed to an Empire Territory and a 1d adhesive to a Foreign Country.

### OCTOBER 1903 ?

As previous issue, but with head of Edward VII. Paper measures about 125 x 300 mm.

NPW2	2	½d Deep Green on Buff paper (EKD 31 OCT 1903)	£1	£1
	2a	- Overprinted "SPECIMEN" diagonally upwards	£3	-

The notes after NPW1c apply also to this issue.

### DECEMBER 1912 ?

As previous issue, but with head of George V. The paper measures 125 x 300 mm, and varies slightly in shade.

NPW3	3	½d Deep Green (shades) on Buff paper (EKD 7 DEC 1912)	5/-	5/-
	3a	- Overprinted "SPECIMEN" diagonally upwards	£2	-
	3b	- Pale Green (shades) on Pale Buff paper	5/-	2/6

The notes after NPW1c apply also to this issue.

### 1938

As previous issue, but with head of George VI. Paper measures about 125 x 300 mm.

NPW4	4	½d Yellow Green on Buff paper	£1	5/-
	4a	- Overprinted "SPECIMEN" diagonally upwards	£2	-
	4b	5 Deep Blue Green on Greenish Buff paper	10/-	5/-

Your EKD of NPW4b would be appreciated. The notes after NPW1c also apply to this issue, but by this time postage rates were rising so various combinations exist.

OCTOBER 1951 ?

As previous item with head of George VI, but printed on rough wove paper measuring about 125 x 302 mm.

NPW5	7	½d Deep Yellow on Buff paper	5/-	2/6d
5a	-	Overprinted "SPECIMEN" diagonally upwards	£2	-
6	6	1d Green on Buff paper	10/-	10/-
6a	-	Overprinted "SPECIMEN" diagonally upwards	£3	-

The ½d wrapper was issued for the Inland Newspaper Rate and the 1d wrapper covered the Inland Printed Paper Rate. Both wrappers could be used for either rate if the correct total postage was apparent. The ½d wrapper was still in general use until at least 1960, and is often found with a ½d adhesive, SG #159, affixed, to make up the 1d Inland Printed Paper Rate. Your EKD's of both of the above wrappers would be appreciated.

1954

As previous issue, but with head of Queen Elizabeth II surrounded by background of horizontal lines. Paper measures about 126 x 301 mm.

NPW7	8	½d Orange on very rough, wove Yellowish Buff paper	10/-	5/-
7a	-	Orange on rough, wove Buff paper	10/-	5/-
8	9	1d Green on rough, wove Buff paper	10/-	5/-

The notes below NPW6a apply also to this issue. Specimen overprints do not exist on any wrapper of this or subsequent issues. The ½d wrappers can be found used up to about 1961, often with SG #159 affixed to make up the 1d Inland Paper Rate. It would be appreciated if you furnished the author your EKD's for this issue.

195(8) ?

Similar to previous issue, except shading at the back of the Queen's head has been removed. Higgins and Gage states printed by photogravure, but author doubts this, and believes items are still typographed by De La Rue & Co. Smooth wove paper has slight variations in shade, and measures about 125 x 300 mm.

NPW9	10	1d Green on Buff paper	£1	10/-
9a	10a	Green on Light Brown paper	£1	10/-

In reality, this issue was a fresh supply of NPW8, and the author would appreciate any data or information as to why the lines were removed from the Queen's head. A report of your EKD's would also be appreciated.

4 MAY 1964

Typographed by De La Rue & Co., on smooth, wove paper measuring about 124 x 285 mm (1d) and 124 x 300 mm (1½d). The printed stamp shows the Arms of the Dominion of Jamaica.

NPW10	11	1d Green on Buff paper	dd	dd
	11	12	1½d Red on Buff paper	dd

The 1d wrapper covered the Inland Newspaper and Magazine Rate, and the 1½d wrapper covered the Inland Printed Paper Rate, but both were valid for inland and overseas use, provided the correct postage was paid.

On 1 JUL 1968, the Inland Newspaper Rate was increased to 2d. Pending the arrival

of a new 2d wrapper, the 1d wrapper was sold with a 1d adhesive affixed to make up this new rate. The 1d and 1½d wrappers were also used on bulk postage lots handed into the Post Office with the difference paid in cash. Such items seldom carried the extra postage.

At the same time, the existing supplies of the 1½d wrapper held by the Post Office were revalued. Two handstamps were used for this purpose, with the first breaking up rapidly and becoming unreadable. Its replacement resulted in the double overprinting, when the new handstamp was officially ordered to be struck on all of the stocks already overprinted with the first handstamp.

1 JULY 1968 REVALUED USE.

NPW12 - 1d Green wrapper with 1d adhesive affixed - 5/-

1 JULY 1968 REVALUED ISSUE.

Handstamp I has both corners at left broken but Handstamp II has corners unbroken. Both handstamps were struck in purple ink.

NPW13	-	1½d Red + ½d on Buff paper, Handstamp I	5/-	dd
13a	-	Handstamp inverted	?	?
14	-	1½d Red + ½d on Buff paper, Handstamp II	5/-	dd
14a	-	Handstamp double, Types I & II superimposed	£2	?
14b	-	Short "P" in "PAID"	5/-	5/-

The initial supply of the revalued wrappers consisted of about 16,000 items but it is understood that others may have been printed later. The variety, NPW14b, comes from later printings made with Handstamp II. Other minor varieties are known.

8 SEPTEMBER 1969

As the issue of 1964, but with values expressed in Decimal Currency.

NPW15	-	1 cent Green on Buff paper	c	c
16	-	2 cents Red on Buff paper	c	c

The new Inland Newspaper and Magazine Rate was 1 cent and the Inland Printed Paper Rate was 2 cents.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS

The author has no idea how long such wrappers have been issued, and wishes to make a record of and see any other items than the single one he has recorded.

195(3) ?

A smooth, buff wove paper measuring about 255 x 102 mm in size. The wrapper bears a printed inscription "On Her Majesty's Service", in seriffed upper and lower case type measuring 80 x 5 mm. There is no impressed stamp, and wrapper is canceled by one of the circular Postage Paid date stamps.

ONPW1 - As above. (My EKD is 30 JUL 1969). ? dd

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Please note the following errors in George Bowman's Antigua article in February BCPJ:  
PAGE 15, LINE 7: should read ....Whole Number (W/N) 34, 22 AUG 1907.  
PAGE 16, PARAGRAPH 5, LINE 4: 1 JAN 1931 should be 1 JAN 1932.  
PAGE 18 UNDER SPO: PARHAM: Postmistress is Miss Ise Simon, not Mrs.

# RAMBLIN' AROUND IN THE B.V.I.

by Gale J. Raymond

With cold weather nipping at my heels even in Texas, I was delighted with an offer extended me to work several weeks in the British Virgin Islands, in February 1971. Shortly I was on my way to the Sunny Caribbean, and arriving at my destination was soon slipping gratefully into the no-pressure, no-ulcers, no-heart-trouble tempo of the islands. I found there was plenty of extra time to become involved in some of my other interests such as church matters, skin-diving, exploring, Rotary Club, Masonry, visiting old friends, making new friends, island hopping, moseying around and --of course "POST OFFICE-ING"!

Postmaster General Theodore Fahie was most cordial and kind with time and information, and came up with some new postal surprises for me, which will be found below in detail, by island and Post Office. A new scale of postal rates for the British



NEW EAST END-LONG LOOK POST OFFICE, TORTOLA, B.V.I.

Virgin Islands went into effect on 1 AUG 1969. Briefly, Airmail per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz is 4¢ in the B.V.I., 15¢ to U.S.A. and the Caribbean Area, 20¢ to South America, 30¢ to the U.K., 40¢ to Europe and 50¢ to Africa. Seapost is 10¢ per oz, while 5¢ will carry an ounce of Printed Matter by Seapost (or 10¢ by Airmail) to any destination. The new Registry Fee is 50¢.

Financial Secretary Cyril Romney, a fellow Rotarian, is being cajoled into issuing a B.V.I. "Rotary" stamp this year! The Roadtown GPO, with a staff of 10, has been enlarged recently, and has an additional 375 new P.O. boxes which face onto a wide veranda. The "Ships" set of stamps has been very popular and is selling rapidly.

## EAST END, TORTOLA

Here I visited the old P.O. and its former Postmistress, Mrs. Alicia Penn. She is an old friend, and between her deceased husband and herself had the (distributing) P.O. for over 40 years, until some 3 years ago. Prior to the Penns, this P.O. was operated (as a Sub-P.O.) by Mr. A.M. McLean, who canceled mail from 1906 until his TRD gave out about WW 1, although he had the "authority" to apply a postmark until at least 1919.

Mrs. Carris Penn is the current Postmistress, and the present location of the P.O.

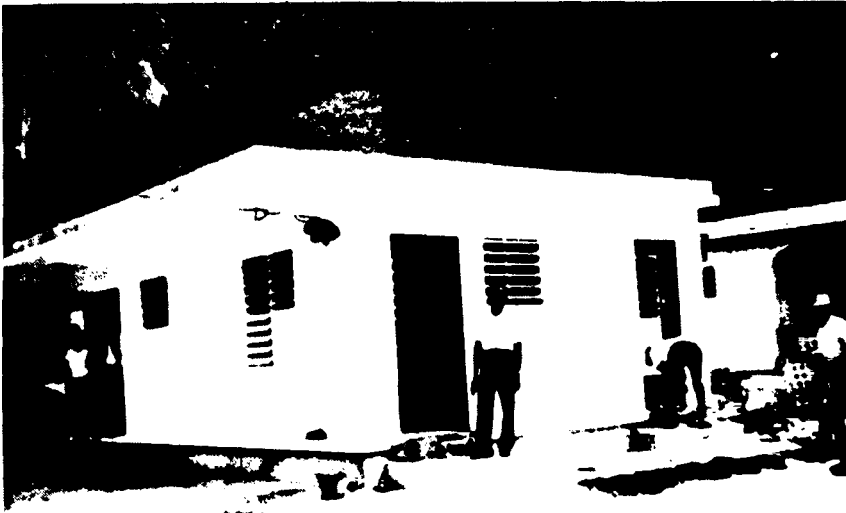
is the brand-new Police Station at Long Swamp, in the East End-Long Look district. This Sub-P.O. officially opened on 1 MAR 1971, using a new 24 mm steel CDS that is inscribed "EAST END, TORTOLA, V.I." There is also a 3-line office mark that reads "SUB-P.O./EAST END/TORTOLA, B.V.I."

#### WEST END, TORTOLA

I found nothing changed since Stan Durnin's visit there in 1968. The same CDS was in use, with seldom a clear strike. Mail coming from Jost Van Dyke Island Sub-P.O. was being cancelled at West End at the time of my visit.

#### CANE GARDEN BAY, TORTOLA

For some years there has been a "Distribution P.O." at this picturesque lovely bay on Tortola's north coast. Recently, a building has been renovated to include a Post Office room, with Mrs. Cristiana Dawson the Postmistress. I was told that the GPO will provide her with a datestamp, and perhaps it will be in use by the time you read this article. This S.P.O. has a 3-line rubber stamp for use as an office mark but not as a cancel, which is inscribed, SUB-P.O./CANE GARDEN BAY/TORTOLA, B.V.I.



THE CANE GARDEN BAY SUB-POST OFFICE

As seen in the photo, the building was undergoing a few final touches as part of the remodeling, at the

time of my visit to it, but these were minor, and completion was expected shortly.

#### JUST VAN DYKE ISLAND

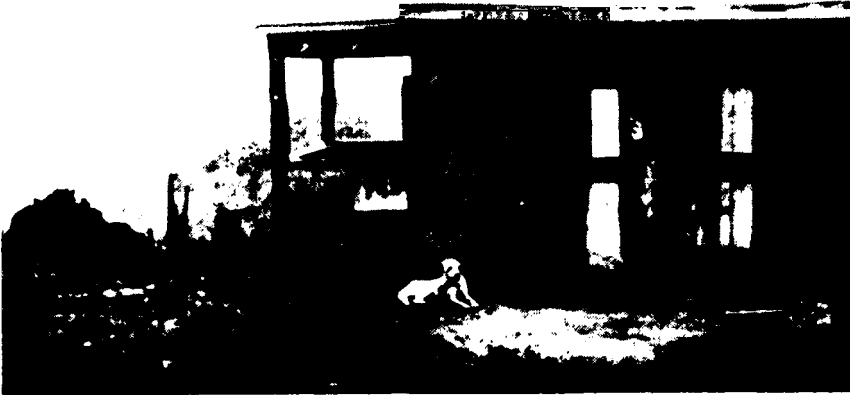
About ten miles north of Tortola, this high island can be reached either from West End or Cane Garden Bay, but in either case, a rough ride in high seas, by outboard native boat. (Count on getting sopping-wet!) P.O. is the Government Building at Great Harbour, with acting Postmaster Alan Callwood, as Postmaster Albert Chinnery has been hospitalized at St. Thomas since October 1970. The GPO thought that he'd received a datestamp about that time, but it was not on the island when I visited, and a new one had been ordered. Some covers which I posted on 20 FEB 1971 reached me with WEST END postmarks dated 24 FEB 1971. However, I left others to be posted when the new CDS arrived, and these are now in with the 24 mm CDS reading JOST VAN DYKE, VIRGIN ISLANDS in blue ink, dated 5 MAR 1971. I was told by an island old-timer the population of the island is about "250, countin' chillun and GIRLS!" A beautiful island, seldom visited, very peaceful and quiet. "

#### VIRGIN GORDA

The Post Office at THE VALLEY is still using its last reported "VIRGIN GORDA" CDS. However, the Distributing Office at NORTH SOUND was converted to a Sub-P.O., 5 JAN 1971, and issued its own datestamp, reading "NORTH SOUND, VIRGIN GORDA, V.I." The



Postmaster is Mr. John George, with the Sub-P.O. located in his small grocery shop at the peak of the mountain. As he often works away, the mail is handled by both his wife and his daughter Ula, mail being saved up until a handful is ready. The mailboat (*Typhoon* or *Chocolate Queen*) comes three times weekly, on Tuesday, Friday



POST OFFICE AT NORTH SOUND, VIRGIN GORDA

and Saturday. This end of Virgin Gorda has been virtually inaccessible, except by sea, but a new road from The Valley is ready to open. The scenery is breathtaking with many lovely bays and cays to catch the eye.

ANEGADA

The site of a massive private development program last year (now dormant), Anegada now has a small airstrip, and a new datestamp issued last 15 MAY 1970! Postmaster



**Sub-Post Office  
JOST VAN DYKE I.  
Br. Virgin Islands**



ANEGADA'S P.O. AND DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S HOME

and Commissioner, Captain Ira Smith said that he had previously had three requests for postmarks: from Canada, St. Kitts and Australia! His is a 24 mm CDS inscribed "ANEGADA, VIRGIN ISLANDS". A TRD was issued to this P.O. in 1906, with Dr. Norman Thetford having an example dated 1908. Eddie Adelson has shown me a purple strike of it on a 2½d Virgin Islands stamp. These are the only examples known to me.

The P.O. is on Capt. Smith's kitchen table. There are no registration facilities. In addition to his CDS, Capt. Smith has a rubber office mark reading "SUB-P.O./THE SETTLEMENT/ANEGADA, B.V.I.". The island is very flat, surrounded by reefs and has gorgeous beaches. Mail arrives three times weekly by air taxi. There was a U.S. Navy Tracking Station here, 1960-1965, and I would welcome reports of covers from that unit.

Most of my time was spent on Virgin Gorda, at a remote valley with gorgeous beach-rimmed bay, living "native", thriving on pigeon-peas & rice, soursops, semi-cooked multi-colored parrot fish and local yams--a good life.

For an excellent map of all the B.V.I., write to the B.V.I. Tourist Board at Road-town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and ask for the Dukane Guide Map. There is no charge for it, and it is beautifully printed in multi-color.

Stamp collectors in the B.V.I.? Many of them, including one of the finest B.V.I. collections in the world, with all major errors. But only the youthful collectors presently welcome correspondence and exchanges. These are surely some of the most lovely islands on earth, still largely unspoiled, but don't wait too long before a visit there! ---My most unusual adventure in the B.V.I.? Falling out of a small airplane at Virgin Gorda without a parachute! (Fortunately, it was parked on the ground at the time!)

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## **BAHAMAS BITS by the Bahamas Bum**

A double header will be the biggest event in the philatelic history of Nassau when the new definitive issue makes its appearance on the same day the new GPO opens on New Providence. This should take place sometime in April, unless there is a delay caused by some unforeseen event. A new airletter sheet with the design of the 10¢ definitive has been ordered, but the postcards and registered envelopes are not to be changed at this time. Eventually, the coil machine will dispense coil stamps, but at this time the values have not been decided.

A new Post Office building is now operating at EIGHT MILE ROCK on Grand Bahama Is. No new TRD's have been issued since STELLA MARIS, but recent strikes of the TRD at THE CURRENT are a large circular blob, similar to the 1962 ROLLE TOWN TRD that can best be described as a life-size, misshapen, undecipherable bootheel.

On 1 APR 1970 a new Post Office was opened at MAJORS CAY, Crooked Island, with the Postmistress being Albertha Ferguson. It has been using a TRD of the current type and from the small amount of mail coming from there, it might be in use for a very long time, provided good care is taken of it.

Gale Raymond spent the last weekend in February with the old Bum. Larry Resnick, John and Anne Gavelek, Bob and Mary Anne Bolling and my Dorothy enjoyed a splendid stamp night together. Pam Taylor was coming over from Naples to join us but could not make it as she was laid low by the 'flu.

Our good friend Bob Halliday of Coin of the Realm in Nassau, is now recovered from a coronary suffered last December. He is up and about and well on the way to trot out his stuff. Bob has shown me the remains of one sheet of the Bahamas 15¢ value Girl Guides stamp with the watermark inverted.

Mail from Freeport has diminished in volume and building there has had a slowdown. Some of the original backers of Freeport are now behind a new multi-million dollar

project at Great Harbour, and this may well be the Bahamas' next glamour spot.

The Government's campaign to have more courtesy shown to tourists is working and a new attitude is now apparent. They have seen what happens when the Americans feel they are being taken too much. They just disappear and go elsewhere.

As prices in the Bahamas keep climbing ever higher, the number one topic there has become price controls. Most of the people I talked to are disenchanted with their new government, and it's even money that they may be out in the next election. The idea of complete independence isn't as popular as it was a year or two ago.

Claude Saunders, Esq., Postmaster of the Bahamas, sends his best regards to all of the BCPSG members. His many kindnesses to us in 1969 shall long be remembered.

Postmaster Ralston Clarke of Gambier says the school house has finally returned to normal but he enjoyed our visit where we posted more letters in one afternoon than had been mailed from there in the previous twenty years.

A recent acquisition leads me to believe that the Ludington-Raymond Type P4 device had the date stuck at JU 21 8, either by rust or disuse. Does anyone else have a strike with that same date?

Whiskey keeps going up in the Bahamas and the other BWI. The cheapest place where one can buy it now is Belize. The price there is so cheap (\$1.50 a fifth for good Scotch--are you listening Hoey) that I just might start collecting the stamps from British Honduras which, by the way, are also under-priced for the better items.

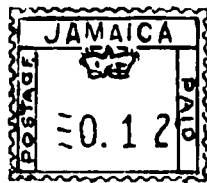
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MIXED-UP CAYMANS POSTAGE METER GETS "SQUARED AWAY"----

The Pitney-Bowes meter used by Barclays Bank at Georgetown, Grand Cayman, which we reported in the February Journal, ended its career sometime between 3 DEC 1970 and



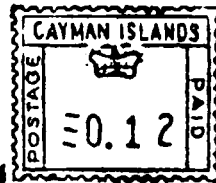
P.B.46



BEFORE



P.B. [REDACTED]



AFTER

19 JAN 1971. These two dates represent the latest date seen by George Kimber of a meter strike bearing the GEORGETOWN, GRAND CAYMAN CDS and JAMAICA "stamp", and the earliest date of a modified version, with "stamp" reading CAYMAN ISLANDS, and with the 46 of P.B.46 blocked out.

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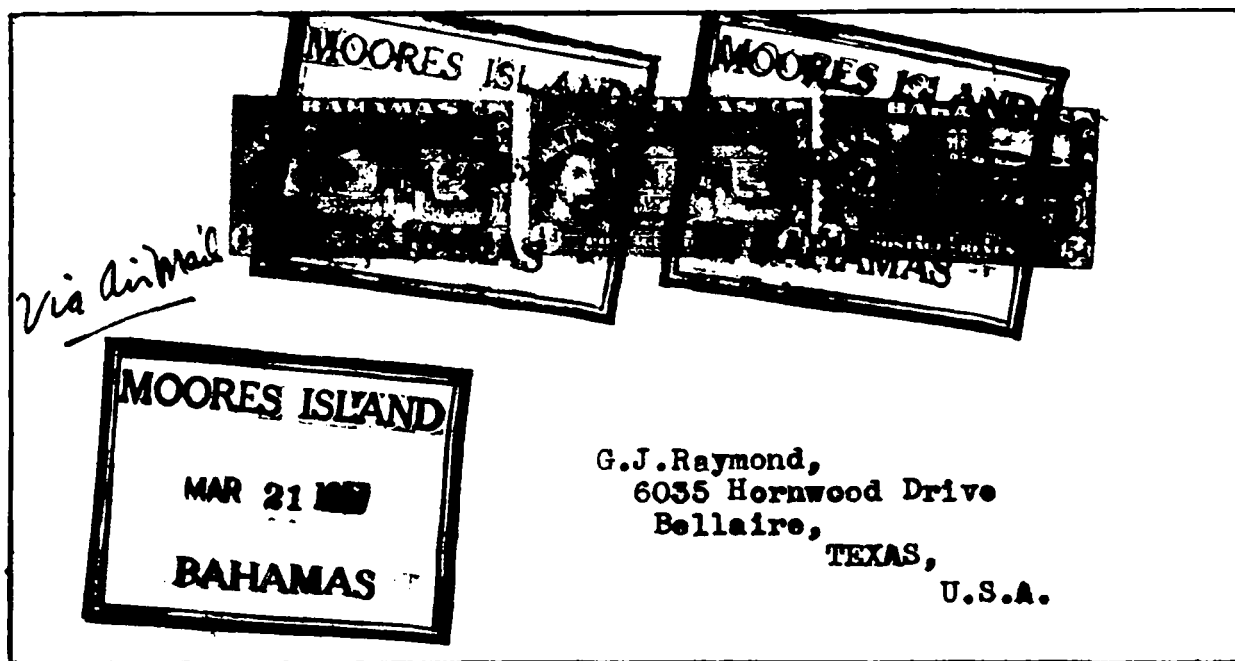
A CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR NOMINATIONS FOR TRUSTEE----

To assure that all who would like to serve the Group have an opportunity to become candidates for the office of Trustee, nominations for those to serve 1972-1974 are to come from the members at large. Members are invited to mail the names of those they desire to nominate to MAJ. D.C. WARREN, BOX 478, HILLSBOROUGH, NC 27278, USA, so as to reach him prior to 10 July 1971. He will contact nominees for acceptance after which ballots will be sent to members in good standing.

# BAHAMAS NEWS & NOTES

by Gale J. Raymond

How would you like to take a mailboat trip to the Bahamas Out Islands? In the NOV 1970 issue of *TRAVEL* magazine, there is an excellent article, "MAILBOAT TO EXUMA". The author, Helen Reussille, travelled from Nassau to George Town, Exuma aboard an inter-island mailboat, the *MV Gary Roberts*, on a memorable trip. First Class Fare was \$6.20 U.S., and included meals of "all the peas and rice you can eat". If you contemplate such a trip, however, it should be pointed out that there is seldom an opportunity to go ashore at the villages enroute, as small boats normally come out to pick up the mailbag and all but the heaviest freight. These mailboats carry no cancels or ship markings aboard. Mail handed directly aboard (rather than in mail pouches) which already bears stamps, has traditionally been cancelled in Nassau by the "B" killer. However, in the past few years such mail appears to be simply run through the Nassau cancelling machine or postmarked with the standard handstamp of Nassau.



The question has been asked as to why postmarks and covers of MOORES ISLAND are so seldom seen--even those of current vintage. Lying between Grand Bahama and Abaco, this small cay is rather off the usual shipping lanes, with a sparse population at HARD BARGAIN village. Friends on Abaco tell me that the Moores Island locals are unfriendly and suspicious of visitors, white or black, from outside, and there are no tourist facilities or welcome. Most outgoing mail is comprised of grocery and supply orders to Nassau. The Post Office was established there on 1 JUL 1956, and used an unusual boxed-type TRD as illustrated here. It quickly deteriorated, more through neglect than from use. By 24 APR 1959, a Type 8, 30mm CDS was in use, its year date actually showing "69", still inscribed MOORES ISLAND. However, properly it should be MORES ISLAND, as it appears on maps and documents. The large CDS has continued in use, but typically is poorly struck and seldom legible. According to a number of BCPSG members, their philatelic requests for postmarks to a succession of sub-postmasters has generally been unsuccessful.

FREEPORT apparently has a new cancelling machine, or at least a new die, which has

a small circle with FREEPORT in tiny letters above, BAHAMAS below and 7 wavy lines to the left. There are 7 short parallel horizontal lines to right of the CDS. In the center of the CDS are Time/Day-Month/Year, in 3 lines.

When the Bahamas Olympic set was issued on 30 SEP 1968, most of the FDC's received the standard "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE/NASSAU" postmark. However, in honor of the occasion, the GPO decided to employ a special postmark at San Salvador, and a postal clerk was sent by mailboat to that island. There he utilized the mark shown at the left for a relatively small quantity of mail, both on the island itself and aboard the boat. My first example was on a "piece" clipped from commercial mail. Subsequently, I became the proud possessor of a genuine cover to Mexico, apparently non-philatelic, that bears a very nice strike of this most uncommon mark.



My thanks to Gene Peterson and Gus Lund, two of my seapost enthusiast friends, for Nassau seapost covers from cruise ships. The single circle SHIP MAIL BAHAMAS that was "new" about SEP-OCT 1970, is already wearing badly.

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### 1970 TREASURER'S REPORT

Again, I have the pleasure of reporting that income in 1970 exceeded our expenses. A reading of the statement for the year shows that many factors contributed to it. Among these are the continued increase in membership---a mixed blessing for Editor and Treasurer, our auction, our advertisers, and the help of very generous members who donated something extra from time to time. In a year when we made no appeals, their willingness to help is the more remarkable.

The listings of disbursements has been enlarged this year to provide you a clearer picture of where our expenses lie. From this you will see some expenses that must be spread over more than one year to obtain a true picture of our annual expenses. For example: Journal envelopes and membership cards, which are purchased in large quantities to obtain a lower unit price. Taking only our normal operating costs, one can calculate a total cost of about \$4.85 per member for 1970. This has been an important factor in the decision to raise the dues to \$5 per year.

The response to the dues envelopes mailed with the December Journal has been quite overwhelming. Never have so many dues been received in so short a time. It seems that our members were waiting for such a service. If your 1971 dues are still not paid, please pay up now and save us the labor and expense of more reminders.

We now have nine fully paid-up Life Members, plus one additional member who made a partial payment. This explains the unusual amount transferred to the account. The balance of this member's Life Membership payment is expected at any moment.

As of 1 FEB 1971 I have mailed membership cards to nearly half our members, and at this rate the work of Treasurer will be much reduced for the balance of this year. It is still a labor of love, and its rewards come from the numerous contacts which have been made. If the work does decrease sharply, some of you who have waited so long for an answer to your letters may have one by the time this is printed. With more free time, I hope to return to collecting stamps rather than dues!

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark W. Swetland*

Balance on hand as of December 31, 1969

\$1,405.57

1970 RECEIPTS

Current Dues	1,465.10
Admission Fees	77.36
Advance Dues	157.10
Donations	124.90
Publications	63.42
Life Membership	289.10
Advertising	212.50
Auction Lots	503.00
Auction Postage	2.71
BCPSG Seals	<u>35.47</u>
Total Receipts	\$2,930.66

1970 DISBURSEMENTS

Currency Conversion Charges	7.46
Postage - Editor	52.24
Secretary	34.08
Miscellaneous	13.26
Journal	297.39
Printing - Journal	1,294.85
Printing & Supplies - Editor	101.62
5000 Journal Mailing Envelopes	159.63
2500 Membership Cards	30.45
BCPSG Seals	63.70
Payments to Auction Vendors	<u>398.04</u>
Total Disbursements	\$2,452.72

Net Receipts over Disbursements

\$ 477.94

Subtotal

\$1,883.51

Transfer to Life Membership Fund

249.10

Balance on hand as of December 31, 1970

\$1,634.41

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

New Jersey Bank and Trust Company 5% Growth  
Bond No. 11083, Date of Issue June 24, 1969

\$ 500.00

Redemption Value as of December 24, 1970

\$ 538.94

Transfer of Additional Life Membership Fees

\$ 249.10

Total

\$ 788.04

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1970

It is my privilege and pleasure to present the annual report of the Secretary.

With regret, I have asked to be relieved of the duties of Secretary because of the pressure of business committments. In fairness to our Group, I feel it to be very important that one holding that position be prepared to and able to devote all the time required to do a first rate job. With the Group membership at nearly 400, it is obvious that more time is needed than I can afford to spend on Group activities and still meet the obligations of my regular employment.

We are fortunate in that Stan Durnin has agreed to become the new Secretary. Stan brings a wealth of experience as an officer of the BCPSG, as well as a philatelist to his new job. I know you will give him the support you accorded me. My thanks go to my fellow officers for their assistance. I consider myself fortunate that I had the opportunity of working with people like Stan, Fred, Mark and Al.

Now let us review our 1970 activities. Your Group has again enjoyed a successful year as 85 new members were admitted. The geographical breakdown was as follows: U.S.A. & Canada - 59; Great Britain - 16; West Indies - 9; South Africa - 1. Our Membership Chairman, Al Johnson, accounted for 22 of these, and Chuck Cwiakala sponsored 13.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1969		334
LESS - ADJUSTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL 1969 DROPOUTS		<u>5</u>
		329
NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED DURING 1970	85	
LESS - MEMBERS DECEASED	1	
MEMBERS RESIGNED	8	
REMOVED NON-PAYMENT DUES	<u>13</u>	
	<u>22</u>	22
NET MEMBERSHIP INCREASE FOR 1970		<u>63</u>
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1970		<u>392</u>
CHARTER MEMBERS 1969		82
LESS -		<u>2</u>
TOTAL CHARTER MEMBERS AT END OF 1970		<u>80</u>

It will be noted that our membership gain was reduced by the loss of 22. We lost one member, Stan Ineson, through death, 8 members resigned and finally 13 were removed from the rolls for non-payment of dues. On this last point, I would like to remind members that if it is not their intention to continue, it is only fair that they favor their fellow members with the courtesy of a resignation. It is unfair to ask others to bear the cost of providing you with services and Journals you are not interested in receiving and for which you do not intend to pay. Your thoughtfulness here would be appreciated.

In closing I want to wish all of you well in 1971 and know you will all be working to keep the BCPSG growing.

Respectfully,

*Bryan J. Walker*

# NEW ISSUES

## ANTIGUA

7 APR 71 EASTER 1971. Set features Dürer woodcuts from the British Museum, with borders by Jennifer Toombs. 5¢ The Last Supper from the Small Passion; 35¢ The Crucifixion; 75¢ The Resurrection from the Great Passion. This set is lithographed by Questa in sheets of 25. Watermark Block CA.

## BAHAMAS

71 NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE. Agent's press release says the issue date of this set will be "about May, 1971". There are 15 values, from 1 cent to \$3, featuring designs by Mrs. M. Wasile who with her husband is operator of an Art Shop in Nassau. Name of printer is not stated. Lithographed in sheets of 100 on watermarked Block CA paper.

## BARBADOS

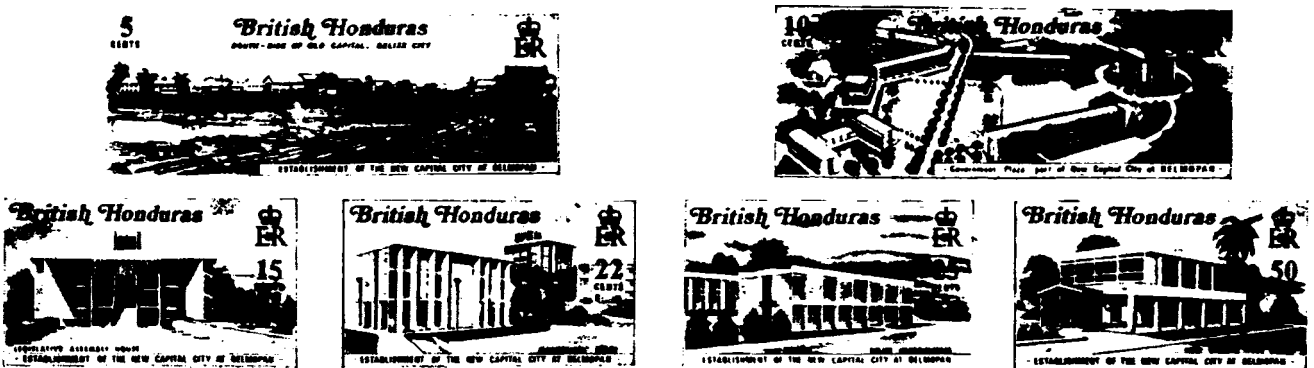
7 APR 71 EASTER 1971. 4¢ and 35¢ have common design featuring the stained glass window of St. Margaret's Anglican Church, St. John, Barbados. Both the 10¢ and 50¢ show "The Resurrection" from a painting by Benjamin West in St. George's Anglican Church, St. George, Barbados. The border designs are by Jennifer Toombs. Lithographed by John Waddington. Sheets of 25 stamps.  
71 TOURISM ISSUE.



## BERMUDA

8 FEB 71 KEEP BERMUDA BEAUTIFUL ISSUE. Set consists of four values: 4¢ - Street Scene in St. George; 15¢ - Horseshoe Bay; 18¢ - Gibb's Hill Lighthouse; 24¢ - Hamilton Harbour. Lithographed by Questa, in sheets of 25 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper from designs of G. Drummond.

10 MAY 71 DELIVERANCE ISSUE.



## BRITISH HONDURAS

30 JAN 71 NEW CAPITAL ISSUE. 5, 10, 15, 22, 25 and 50 cents in designs as above. Lithographed in sheets of 25 on Block CA watermarked paper from designs of G. Drummond, by Enschede en Zonen of Holland.

1 FEB 71 REVISED ½ CENT DEFINITIVE. Same as ½ cent of 1 SEP 1969, except with a change of background color to olive-yellow. Printed by Thos. De La Rue & Co. Ltd. on Block CA watermarked paper in sheets of 25 stamps.



CAYMAN ISLANDS

28 JAN 71 TURTLES. 5¢ - Grand Cayman Terrapin; 7¢ - Green Turtle; 12¢ - Hawksbill Turtle; 20¢ - Turtle Farm. Lithographed in sheets of 25 on watermarked Block CA paper, by Harrison & Sons Ltd. from designs by V. Whiteley.

7 APR 71 WILD ORCHIDS. ¼, 2, 10 and 40 cents featuring wild orchids found growing in the Cayman Islands. Designed by Mrs. Sylvia Goaman, and printed by Questa using offset lithography in sheets of 25. Watermark Block CA.



DOMINICA

1 MAR 71 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION YEAR ISSUE. Set features famous schools and the Coat of Arms of each. 5¢ - Marigot Primary School; 8¢ - Goodwill Junior High School, Dominica; 14¢ - University of the West Indies, Jamaica, \$1 Trinity College, Cambridge, England. Also a souvenir sheet holding the 14¢ and \$1 stamps. No production details given.

GUYANA

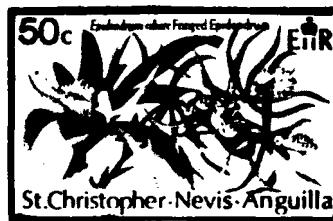
23 FEB 71 REPUBLIC DAY. 6, 15 and 25 cents in common design featuring the Guyana National Co-operative Bank. Designed by Emerson Samuels of Guyana, and lithographed by John Waddington in sheets of 25 stamps on Lotus Blossom Bud watermarked paper.

22 MAR 71 INTERNATIONAL YEAR TO COMBAT RACISM. 5, 6, 15 and 25 cents in a common design. Lithographed by Harrisons on Lotus Blossom Bud wmk. paper.

MONTSERRAT

22 MAR 71 EASTER 1971 ISSUE. 5, 20 and 40 cents - "Descent from the Cross" by Van Hemmesen; 15¢ - "Noli Me Tangere" by Orcagna. Lithographed by Enschede en Zonen of Holland on Block CA watermarked paper.

- 71 GOLDEN JUBILEE OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH EX-SERVICEMEN'S LEAGUE.
- 71 AVIATION ISSUE (LIAT).
- 71 MILITARY UNIFORMS ISSUE.
- 71 CHRISTMAS 1971 ISSUE.



ST. KITTS

1 APR 71 FLOWER ISSUE. Set of three stamps designed by Sylvia Goaman and lithographed by Format International in sheets of 50 on Block CA wmk. paper. ½¢ - Monkey Fiddle; 20¢ - Tropical Mountain Violet; 30¢ - Trailing Morning Glory; 50¢ - Fringed Epidendrum.

1 JUN 71 DE POINCY ISSUE. 20¢ Royal Poinciana (*Delonix Regia*), the flower named after De Poincy; 30¢ Aerial View of le Château de Poincy, St. Kitts and 50¢ De Poincy's Badge (1584-1660). Designed by Enschede and printed by Waddingtons in lithography in sheets of 25 stamps on Block CA paper.

ST. LUCIA

29 MAR 71 EASTER 1971. 10 and 35 cents - "Christ on the Cross" by Rubens; 15 and 40 cents "The Descent from the Cross", also by Rubens. Lithographed by Enschede en Zonen on Block CA watermarked paper in sheets of 25 stamps.

ST. VINCENT

29 MAR 71 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST ST. VINCENT POSTAGE STAMPS. 2 & 25 cents are in common design featuring 1861 Six Pence stamp and the new Post Office while 4 cents & \$1 feature 1861 One Penny stamp and the new P.O. Issue designed by J. Cooter and lithographed by Questa in sheets of 25 stamps on watermarked Block CA paper.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

- 71 WILD LIFE ISSUE.
- 71 FOLKLORE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.
- 71 COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ISSUE.
- 71 INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY ISSUE.
- 71 CHRISTMAS 1971 ISSUE.



TURKS & CAICOS

2 MAY 71 TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ISSUE. Four stamps designed by G. Vasarhelyi based on local ideas. 1¢ - Seahorse; 3¢ - Queen Conch; 15¢ - Common Oyster Catcher; 30¢ - Blue Marlin. Lithographed by John Waddington in sheets of 25 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper.

Our thanks to the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau for providing information on these new issues. Data on Bahamas, Dominica and Trinidad & Tobago comes from Bulletins that are issued by the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corp.

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BOOK REVIEW

HJMR PRICED GUIDE TO PHILATELIC LITERATURE - SECOND EDITION

Within an hour after we had received our copy of this work, we had checked through it, discovered a number of items we wanted, typed up an order for them, and rushed it off to HJMR Co. No matter what your interests, there is a good possibility you will find in this book some literature that you have been seeking.

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New Applicants:

ALLEN, J. VIC, 12B University Plaza I, 110 Bleacher St., New York, NY 10012. New York University, Coordinator of Federal Loan Programs. Jamaica, British India, Great Britain. By C.E. Cwiakala  
BLACKMUN, ARTHUR W., 3 Filmer Road, Fulham, London S.W.6, England. Master Butcher. Dominica and West Indies. By A.N. Johnson.  
EDWARDS, WILLIAM V., 120 Cranford Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. Personnel Manager. Worldwide, but particularly B.W.I. Area. By A.N. Johnson  
EVERETT, REV. WALTER H., 1109 Woodrwo Road, Staten Island, NY 10312. Clergyman. British Caribbean in general. Sp. Bahamas & Bermuda. By D. Stapp & A.N. Johnson  
FERGUSON, JOHN M., 29 Clifford Court, Malverne, NY 11565. Art Director. Jamaica, British America, U.A.R., U.N. By S.C. Durnin  
GOBIE, HENRY M., P.O. Box 1084, Kendall Branch, Miami, FL 33156. Stock Broker. U.S. 1869 Issue, B.W.I. By A.N. Johnson  
HALE, ANDREWS B., 61 Douglas Road, Rochester, NY 14610. Interested in all aspects of the philatelic history of Antigua and Barbuda. By A.N. Johnson  
HART, RALPH A., 1055 Nicholson Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107. Business Executive. Canada and all B.W.I. By A.N. Johnson  
LIST, MRS. CECILIE, P.O. Box 14, Stony Hill, Kingston 9, Jamaica, W.I. Housewife. British Commonwealth. Specialty B.W.I. By J.R. Pereira  
McKAY, THOMAS G., 72 Green Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940. Mathematician. British Empire, especially Great Britain, Leeward Is. and Falkland Is. By M.W. Swetland  
MILLER, CLEVELAND D., 10 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Attorney. Mint in B.W.I., France, U.S. and U.N. By C.E. Cwiakala  
OLSON, THOMAS F., 1115 Keith Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94708. By B.J. Walker  
SUAREZ, C. ROBERTO, 28 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, FL 33130. Night Supervisor of Bank Building. Bahamas, Guam, Philippines (U.S. Rule), Puerto Rico. By C.E. Cwiakala  
WATSON, DAVID K., 1843 23rd Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192. Hospital Administrator. Jamaica, all areas; U.S., Mint & Used; Br. Commonwealth, Used; Hospital Topicals. By S.C. Durnin

Resignations:

CRAIG, WALLACE A. and ROSS, MARTIN have resigned in good standing.

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HICKS, DR. HENRY D., 6446 Coburg Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.  
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ROBINSON, ARTHUR G., #74, 210 86th Avenue S.E., Calgary 30, Alberta, Canada.  
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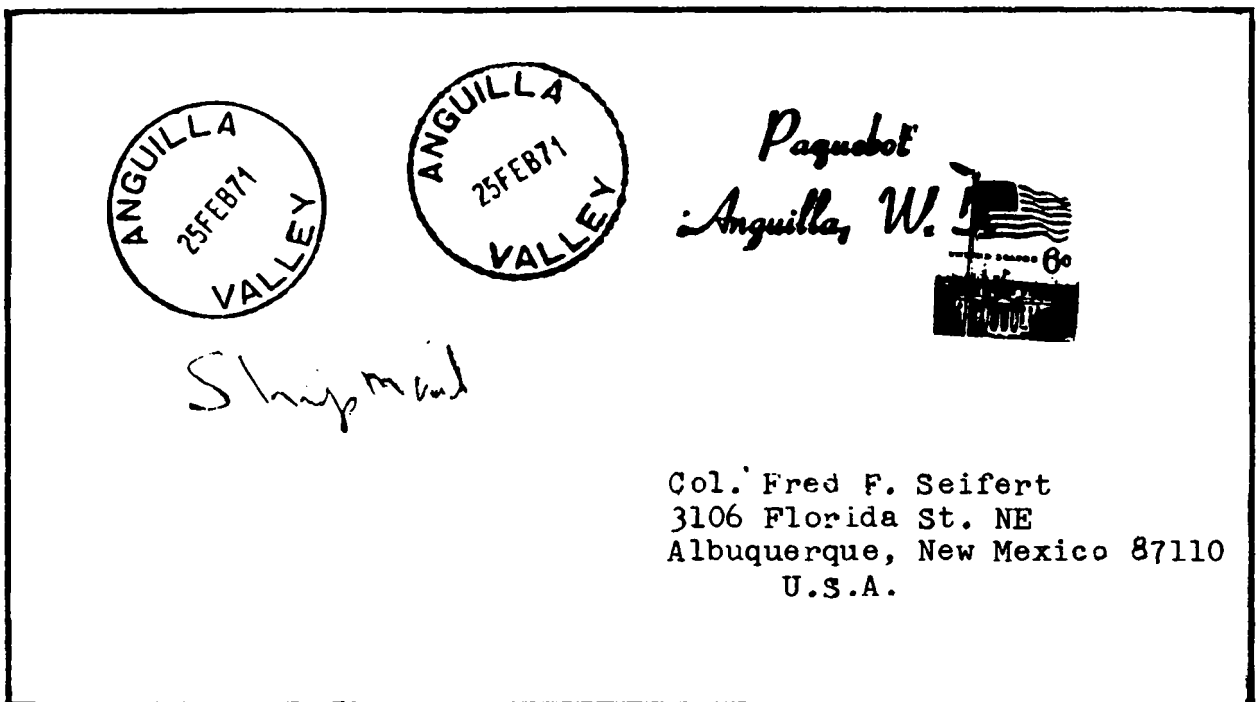
Corrected Address:

BLACKMORE, HENRY J., P.O. Box 352, Constant Spring, Kingston 8, Jamaica, W.I.  
KROHN, EDWARD J., Box 354, Miami, FL 33144. (Corrected P.O. and ZIP Code.)

# BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

ANGUILLA -- According to *Stamp Collecting*, London, printer's waste of the Anguilla Christmas 1968 issue, in imperforate condition, has been stolen. Police have been notified, and if you are offered any such material, a note to John Lister might be appropriate.

During a visit to Anguilla last February, Gale Raymond presented the Post Office a distinctive Paquebot stamp, together with copies of U.P.U. "Paquebot Regulations", courtesy of Maritime Postmark Society. Postmaster Harrigan checked these against his own U.P.U. Handbook, just received, and was intrigued by the interesting ship-mail provisions. The new stamp was not long in waiting to be put to use, for Gale managed to post a few covers aboard the Atlantic Line freighter *Atlantic Forwarder* bringing cargo to Anguilla. Subsequently Anguilla's first shipmail passed through the P.O., and your Editor was the fortunate recipient of the cover shown below.



Gale reports that the large VALLEY POST OFFICE TRD has been permanently retired as the result of certain abuses by a former mail clerk. Said clerk is now officially "exiled" for forging Independent Anguilla overprints on St. Kitts stamps.

BARBADOS -- St. Lawrence has a new Registration stamp of the rectangular box type. It is readily identified, as it is larger than the previous stamp, the letters are sans-serif, and BARBADOS is centered under ST. LAWRENCE.

BERMUDA -- On 1 AUG 70 when PAN AM introduced 747's on its New York-Bermuda run, a special cachet was applied to covers carried on the first flight. A Xerox copy of one such cover was shown us by Ben Ramkisson. The cachet shows a PAN AM-on-globe symbol, a 747 in flight, and text FIRST FLIGHT/SUPER JET 747/BERMUDA-NEW YORK. It is postmarked with the normal HAMILTON CDS handstamp, and backstamped with the CDS JAMAICA, NY/A.M.F. KENNEDY, also dated 1 AUG 70.

DOMINICA -- Chuck Cwiakala sent us a copy of a page from the monthly magazine that Armour Dial Company, Chuck's employer, publishes. Featured on the page is a block of four of the current Dominica 12¢ definitive, with text advising the stamp shows

the building where Dial Soap is manufactured by Dominica Coconut Products, Ltd. When Chuck makes his next business trip to the Caribbean, he expects to visit this plant.

ST. VINCENT -- During a visit to the G.P.O. at Kingstown last November, Werner Framke was given a list of current St. Vincent Post Offices by PMG Scott. In checking it to see if any new P.O.'s had been added since publication of an earlier list in the DEC, 1968 BCPJ, we found one, DIAMOND VILLAGE. Werner also obtained strikes of postmarks of some of the villages, and Diamond Village was using a small single-ring CDS. Does anyone know when this P.O. opened, and where it is located?

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PERSONAL MENTION----

JIM HALE edits *Badger Postal History*, a quarterly publication of the Wisconsin Postal History Society. With but 50 or so members to pay the costs and contribute material, he is producing an excellent journal, artistically designed and with good articles.

Congratulations to NORMAN BRASSLER and DANIEL VOOYS on their election to the grade of Fellow, Royal Philatelic Society, London.

JERRY KEDRIERSKI is a member of the Board of Governors of the Hollywood Stamp Club.

At STAMPEX 1971 in London, JOHN AYRE won the Argyll Postal History Salver, as well as Gold and Silver Medals, for entries of Falkland Islands stamps and postal history.

BERT LATHAM won a Bronze-Silver Medal, also at STAMPEX, but we have no information as to what sort of exhibit he entered.



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GEORGE T. TURNER is Exhibition Chairman of NAPEX, which is being held at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC, May 21-21, 1971.

The Eugene Klein Award, made for outstanding contributions to philatelic literature was recently presented to ALEX ter BRAAKE, for his book on Texas Postal History.

LYNN WALLACE will travel to Buffalo, NY on May 8th for the annual exhibit dinner that is sponsored jointly by the Hamilton, Ont. and Buffalo Stamp Clubs. Lynn will give a talk on Bermuda, showing some slides and a selection of material from his collection.

In the list of items in our BCPSG Library, distributed with the October 1970 Journal, we failed to include "THE BAHAMA ISLANDS", by Ludington and Raymond. The Library was given a copy by GALE RAYMOND shortly after the book was published.

STAN DURNIN reports that he sent a copy of Britnor's *Montserrat* to PMG Mrs. Meade, at the Montserrat G.P.O., as a "gift from the BCPSG to the people of Montserrat".

The President of the Society of Philatelic Americans has designated MARK CASSIDY 'Man of All Answers'. His duties are to answer queries from SPA members on just about any philatelic subject. That should keep Mark glued to his typewriter most of the time!

JOHN OLTHOF has sent us a number of covers and cards for First Day of Issue of recent Netherlands Antilles commemoratives. Many thanks for remembering us John. They will find a good home in our collection.

Covers arriving from various Asiatic ports have kept us informed of the progress ERIC and LULU HEYER are making on their tour of the Pacific. Sounds like a great trip!

AL BRANSTON drafted a note to us on 19 JAN but had to delay posting it until the P.O. strike ended. In it he told us MALCOLM D. WATTS and the Roses Caribbean Society were invited by the Yorkshire Philatelic Federation to have a stand at their exhibition, on May 8th. The Roses members plan to use this opportunity to publicize the BCPSG. A supply of Membership Application Forms has been sent TONY SHEPHERD. We hope they are able to snag a new member or two!

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AND AS WE GO TO PRESS:

Just received from the CROWN AGENTS is the following information on New Issues: The Bermuda "Deliverance" issue commemorates a major happening in the history of Bermuda, the wreck of the *Sea Venture*, the flagship of Sir George Somers, on a Bermuda reef in 1609. Using native cedar and salvage from the wreckage, Sir George's men constructed two smaller vessels, named the *Deliverance* and the *Patience*, and sailed for Jamestown in Virginia, some ten months after landing on Bermuda. The four stamps of this issue feature The Wreck of the *Sea Venture*, 1609 on the 18¢; Building of *Deliverance* on the 4¢; *Deliverance* and *Patience* Under Sail on the 24¢; *Deliverance* and *Patience* Arriving in Jamestown on the 15¢. Designs were made by Clive Abbot from some originals of Eric Amos. Set lithographed by Questa on Block CA watermarked paper in sheets of 25. The release date is 10 May 1971.

Also on 10 May, Jamaica will release a set of three stamps featuring famous pirates & Buccaneers: 3¢ - Henry Morgan and the Port Royal Harbour; 15¢ - Mary Read, Anne Bonney and the Titlepage of the pamphlet of their trial; 30¢ - Merchantman surrendering to a pirate schooner in the 18th Century. The designs are by Waddington Studio Artists & based on material in the National Maritime Museum. Lithographed by Questa on Jamaica Pineapple wmk. paper in sheets of 25.

Other New Issues announced by the CA, with no details given, are:  
12 July 1971 - Antigua, Military Uniforms;  
and 14 June 1971 - British Honduras, Racial Equality Year.

The Crown Agents released a reprint of the ½¢ St. Kitts definitive on 15 MAR with the watermark inverted, Plate No. 1A 1A 2A.

BRIAN LIMRICK writes that *HMS Ark Royal* is scheduled to visit San Juan, Jacksonville, and Ft. Lauderdale during June and July of this year. He would be pleased to see any of our members who can get to one of those ports, and guide them around the ship. We know that some of our Florida members will want to meet Brian during his visit. Drop him a line at: 4.R.O. MESS, HMS ARK ROYAL, B.F.P.O. SHIPS, LONDON, ENGLAND, so he can advise you of the exact schedule when firm details are available.

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