

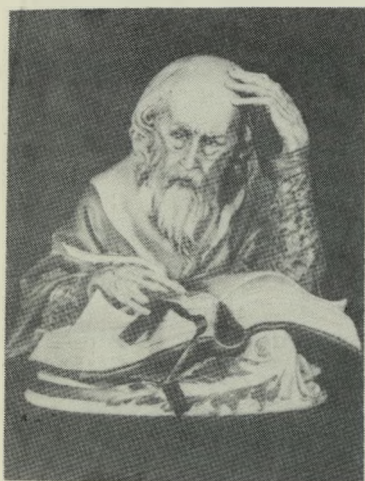
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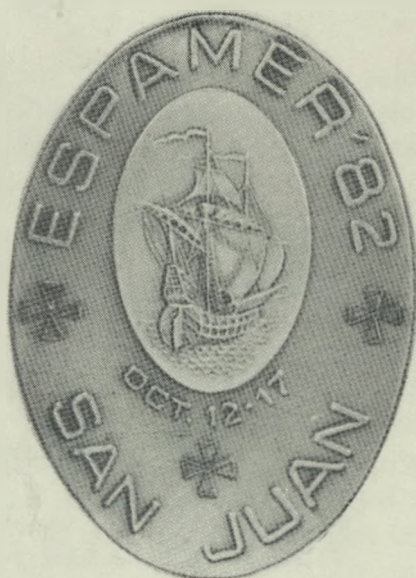
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**President's Message**

First, I wish to thank Dan Walker for doing such a fine job during his years as President. During the early period of his tenure the Group went through some unsettling times. We are now stronger and better able to deal with the future. This is due in no small part to Dan's leadership.

Second, I am asking all the current officers and directors to stay on. It would be foolish to break up a winning combination. A special word must be said about George Bowman. He has had the unenviable job of editing and putting out our Journal five or six times a year and the results have been outstanding. The Journal won silver medals recently at ESPAMER '82 and CHICAGOPEX '82 which were well deserved. George can only continue to keep up the high standards if we continue to supply him with material. So please keep George supplied with long articles, short pieces, or whatever of interest you have to share.

Third, I have asked Ian Woodward to serve as Vice President of the Group, and he has agreed. As

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REPORT OF BCPSG MEETING AT ESPAMER '82

by **W. Danforth Walker**

The BCPSG Meeting was called to order by President W. Danforth (Dan) Walker at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, 13 October 1982. The following members were present:

Ed ADDISS, Jack ARNELL, Horst AUGUSTINOVIC, Bill BOGG, John BUCKNER, Kil BUMP, Jay FREDRICK, Barry FRIEDMAN, Lansing KERNOCHAN, Gale RAYMOND, and Dan WALKER.

Charles RICKSECKER was not present at the meeting, but was in attendance at the show following day.

Dan briefly reviewed the events of 1982 (five Journals were published during the year, membership stands at about 400 *, Group finances are in reasonable condition, George Bowman needs articles, five Journals are contemplated for issue in 1983, and a new supply of Award Medals were received from our overseas supplier).

The most significant event of 1982 was the initiation of the BCPSG Publications Program, undertaken in spectacular style by Ian Woodward on behalf of the Group Publications Committee. Ed Addiss had brought to the meeting a copy of one such publication, "The Town Cancels of Trinidad and Tobago", and Dan had brought a copy of his "Grenada Postal History". These copies were briefly and favorably reviewed by the members. Dan referred to a letter he had received from Ted Proud (of Proud, Bailey, Ltd., London) announcing that PB will attempt to publish postal handbooks of all British Colonies, and inquiring whether this effort could be done cooperatively and jointly with the BCPSG. It was decided that our current publishing efforts are not geared to handling such an undertaking, but that we will keep Ted informed of all future BCPSG publication activities.

Jay Fredrick presented a review of his research efforts into British Virgin Islands postal history. After ESPAMER closes, he will be visiting Tortola to continue his research, and he estimates that another three years will elapse before something can be published.

Jack Arnell gave a review of his research into the subject of transatlantic mail. He stated that he is not very active in this area at the present time, but that he is currently interested in a number of research projects, including revising and extending the scope of his gold-award winning book. While reviewing exhibits at ESPAMER, Jack became interested in the subject of Bermuda/Jamaica currency charges, and the conversion charges required from sterling to local coinage found on pre-stamp covers. (Ed: See "Just Before Press Time" in the previous BCPJ.)

Jack will also compile a list of articles on the subject from early issues of the Journal. This data may possibly provide information for publication.

Dan discussed a series of letters he had exchanged with Lois Willem, wife of the late John M. Willem, one of our Group's most prominent research students. For many months John and Lois were engaged in extensive research concerning the famous Tudway Correspondence of

* (Ed: Actually, 388. See page O of the Membership List in this issue.)

Antigua. Some of their opinions and conclusions regarding this treasure trove of letters have been printed in earlier BCPJs. They had acquired a marvelous general history of Antigua titled History of the Island of Antigua, One of the Leeward Caribbees in the West Indies, From the First Settlement in 1635 to the Present Time, by Vere Langford Oliver. Volumes I, II, and III of this work were published in 1894, 1896, and 1899, respectively. This trio of books runs 1,219 pages in length, measures 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ " by 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", weighs 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, and is illustrated with beautifully colored maps. It was published by Mitchell and Hughes of London in a limited edition of 150 copies. One set is located in the St. John's, Antigua, Library, and it is likely that the set in Lois' possession will eventually pass on to a new owner, also in Antigua. Its value is beyond the ability of the BCPSG to purchase it, but, luckily, Lois lives in Stamford, Connecticut, where the Xerox Corporation is located. With excellent cooperation assured from Lois and assumed from Xerox, it appears possible that the Group could copy this magnificent set of books in its entirety.

There are still two problems in this area: (1) insurance while the volumes are at Xerox for copying, and (2) the actual copying charge, estimated to run between \$350 and \$400. The insurance requirements, of course, will increase the cost. Dan asked if we should attempt to have the book copied for our BCPSG Library, stating that he would be happy to ask members for contributions to help finance such a copying effort, if it were considered worthwhile by those at the meeting. All present agreed that Dan should proceed with this copying program.

Locations for future Group meeting sites were then discussed. In 1980 we met at LONDON 1980 and at FLOREX; in 1981 we met at Milwaukee and also at a Houston 'regional'; we met in 1982 at ARIPEX in Tucson and at ESPAMER in Puerto Rico. We are scheduled to meet in Baltimore in 1983 and at the AMERIPEX International Show in Chicago in 1986. Dan read an invitation from Guy Dillaway, President of the Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, inviting the Group to meet in 1984 at the Boston Philatelic Show. This created a considerable amount of discussion among the members, with comments that meeting in Boston would result in meeting on the East Coast for two consecutive years. Other comments included the observation that the BCPSG had never met in New England, and also that Gale Raymond had offered the Houston Show (HOUPEX) as a site for our 1984 get-together. It was decided that Dan should accept the Boston invitation for 1984, and that Gale should inquire about our meeting in Houston in 1984 or 1985.

Dan next discussed a note from George Bowman mentioning that Chuck Cwiakala was preparing a new BCPJ index covering the period 1979 through 1982. (Ed: Hopefully, this will appear in either the April or July 1983 Journal.) The list for the BCPSG Auction at BALPEX '83 will have to be published in the July 1983 Journal at the latest. Therefore, all auction lots should be in Chuck's hands not later than around the first of May.

Dan next asked for items of business from the floor. Jack discussed a number of letters he had received from collectors looking for interesting exhibit ideas whose material would not cost a king's ransom to acquire. Dan suggested a possible field for this type of exhibit---that of modern commercially-used BWI postal history and 20th century BWI postal rate studies, such as Grenada's air mail rates from 1929 to 1964. Bill indicated that this type of material is available, with some hunting, at reasonable cost. Dan expressed an opinion, based on his judging and exhibiting experience, that material such as this presently has a silver-to-vermeil award range at national shows.

In conjunction with this topic it was noted that, beginning in January 1983, the APS will offer three levels of awards at each Champion-of-Champions qualifying show: (1) 19th century material, (2) 1900-1945, and (3) Post-1945. Furthermore, at ESPAMER '82 the SPA announced that it will commence offering a 20th century award at those shows where its research award is normally available.

GRAND AWARD (For best entry in the show): Les Salton for "French Maritime Mail in the Caribbean". Silver Medal.

POSTAL HISTORY CLASS: Michael N. Oliver for "Leeward Islands Postal History". Bronze Medal.

GENERAL CLASS: Brian E. Thompson for "Jamaican War Stamps, Third Overprint". Bronze Medal.

POSTAL STATIONERY CLASS: Michael N. Oliver for "Leeward Islands Postal Stationery". Bronze Medal.

THEMATIC CLASS: Michael R. Rego for "West Indies Sugar Industry".

The judges were Al Branston (Chairman); Ron Ward, President of the "Roses"; Victor Toeg, President of the BWISC; Frank Deakin; and Ken Watson.

An official luncheon was held, after which a "Fun Presentation" of a mock bunch of bananas was made to Mike Rego. Mike, having won a medal for his thematic entry of "sugar", was urged to now concentrate on another topical---"Bananas on Stamps".

The presentation was followed by an excellent talk on the King George V Pictorial Issues of Jamaica by Ken Bolton. His collection, consisting of approximately 200 pages, is undoubtedly one of the finest on the subject in existence. Then, an informal display entitled "Inter-Island Mail" was presented under the direction of various Group leaders, including Graham Hoey, Derek Sutcliffe, Tony Shepherd, Michael Oliver, and Ron Ward.

During the evening a very successful auction was conducted by Fred Stephens, at which donation lots realized £43 and commission lots £476. In most cases covers sold better than stamps. Lot No. 220, "St. Vincent Revenue Stamps", brought £20 against a £2 reserve.

Recent Roses publications, including "The Military Mail of Jamaica" and "British Guiana Registration", were on sale throughout the day.

The event was very capably organized by the Roses' Honorable Secretary, Malcolm D. Watts, who would be interested in hearing from anyone interested in becoming a member of the society. He can be reached at P. O. Box 91, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG2 OAB, England.

Personal Mention

The husband-wife team of DAN and PAT WALKER continues to add material to its philatelic trophy case. At the CHICAGOPEX Show, held on 22-24 October 1982, Pat's nine-frame display "An Overview of Irish Postal History, 1695-1899" won the Grand Award, thereby becoming eligible for the forthcoming APS Champion-of-Champions competition. In addition, her exhibit garnered a Show Gold Medal, the APS Medal, the Postal History Society Award, and the Eire Philatelic Association's "Kings Shilling" pewter tankard for the best exhibit of Irish material.

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At the same show, BEN RAMKISSOON's "Postal Stationery of Trinidad and Tobago, 1879 to 1956" won a Vermeil Medal and a United Postal Stationery Society Certificate.

In the CHICAGOPEX Literature Competition, Volume 21 of the BCPJ was presented with a Silver Award.

DAVID INGLE (Dingle) SMITH wrote that the Australian National Philatelic Exhibition (ANPEX), held in Brisbane on 11-17 October 1982, attracted eleven exhibits of BWI material. Of these only two were submitted by a BCPSG member---Dingle himself---but he certainly represented our Group in smashing style! His "Jamaica - George V Issues" and "Jamaican Postal History, 1760 to 1900" displays, grouped together as one exhibit by the judges, were awarded a Gold Medal and the "ALA Stamps" Trophy for the best British Commonwealth exhibit (excluding British Oceania).



We congratulate Dingle for capturing a Gold at the National plateau. You'll recall that the previous BCPJ announced that Dingle's "Jamaica - George V Issues" took a Silver at Canberra. Coming from that level at a "Local" show to a Gold level at a "National" is---to say the least---a quantum leap upward!

Dingle is already looking forward to 1984 and to AUSIPEX, the "International" scheduled at Melbourne on 21-30 September of that year. He promises to send additional details and prospectus material as soon as it is available. There are plenty of Australian collectors interested in the BWI sphere, says Dingle, and having a significant number of BCPSG'ers exhibiting at AUSIPEX might be just the trigger to persuade those people "down under" to apply for membership.

GALE and NAOMI RAYMOND experienced a rather nerve-frazzling October, with their not making a certain airplane connection turning out to be the luckiest thing they ever didn't do.

But first things first. Gale's camera, with three dozen shots of BCPSG ESPAMER activities, was stolen from his flight bag at the San Juan Airport. Then, having spent a short vacation on Anguilla, Gale and Naomi had planned to catch the October 20th Caribair flight to St. Thomas. However, they decided to postpone the trip for a day.

The aircraft for the October 20th flight, a new plane only two months old, crashed at sea and sank instantly. All eight persons on board were killed, and no trace of the plane or its passengers has been found.

Some erudite philosopher once said that "Life is a crap shoot". We're glad that Gale and Naomi rolled a seven.

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Secretary's Report

NEW MEMBERS:

All applicants listed in the December 1982 BCPJ have been admitted to membership.

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THE BELIZE COLONIAL POST OFFICE (1860) – A POSTAL RATE PROBLEM

by DR. IAN A. MATHESON

Robson Lowe's Encyclopaedia (1) states that the first regular post office in Belize was opened in 1857 and that it was a branch under the GPO, London. In April 1858 a supply of British adhesives was dispatched to Belize, together with two "AO6" barred oval cancellers. The denominations of stamps sent were 1d. (inland rate), 4d. (Belize to any port in the Caribbean or directly to the US east coast), 6d. (½-ounce rate to the UK or packet rate to the US via Havana or Jamaica), and 1s. (double 6d. rate or triple 4d. rate).

Several examples of covers exist which confirm this 6d. rate to the UK. Britnor (2) writes that P.O. Notice, March 1854 (No. 15) determined that the postal rate between the UK and Belize would be 6d. per half-ounce or part up to 1 ounce, and 1s. per ounce for each additional ounce or part.

On 31 March 1860 the post office ceased to report to London; the British Honduras Administration took over control of the Post the following day. A datestamp inscribed "BELIZE PAID" was despatched to Belize in April 1860, and from May 1860 British adhesives were withdrawn and the handstamp used. It is at this stage that the postal rate picture becomes somewhat unclear. The only examples of the "Belize Paid" datestamp which I know used to the UK or Eire are shown in the following list:

Code C	17 July 1860	Rated "5" and "6" in red manuscript
Code C	15 December 1861	Rated "5" in red manuscript
Code A	7 July 1868	Rated 1s.
Code A	3 August 1868	To Eire. Rated 1s.
Code A	7 April 1869	To Eire. Rate unknown.

I know of several examples of Code A used from 1864 to Germany or Jamaica with appropriate manuscript rate markings. Robson Lowe states "...an 1861 cover (to UK) is known clearly marked 5d. prepaid which probably travelled by private ship". This may be the 15 December 1861 cover described above, or may be an additional example of this mysterious 5d. rate.

The 1s. rate between Belize and the UK was introduced in April 1863 (2) as outlined in P.O. Notice, 24 March 1863 (No. 8). P.O. Notice, 17 May 1867 (No. 17) stipulated that the rate via New Orleans would be 1/2, including the US transit rate, and P.O. Notice, 17 February 1868 (No. 5) determined that the rate for prepaid letters would be reduced back to 1s. per half-ounce.

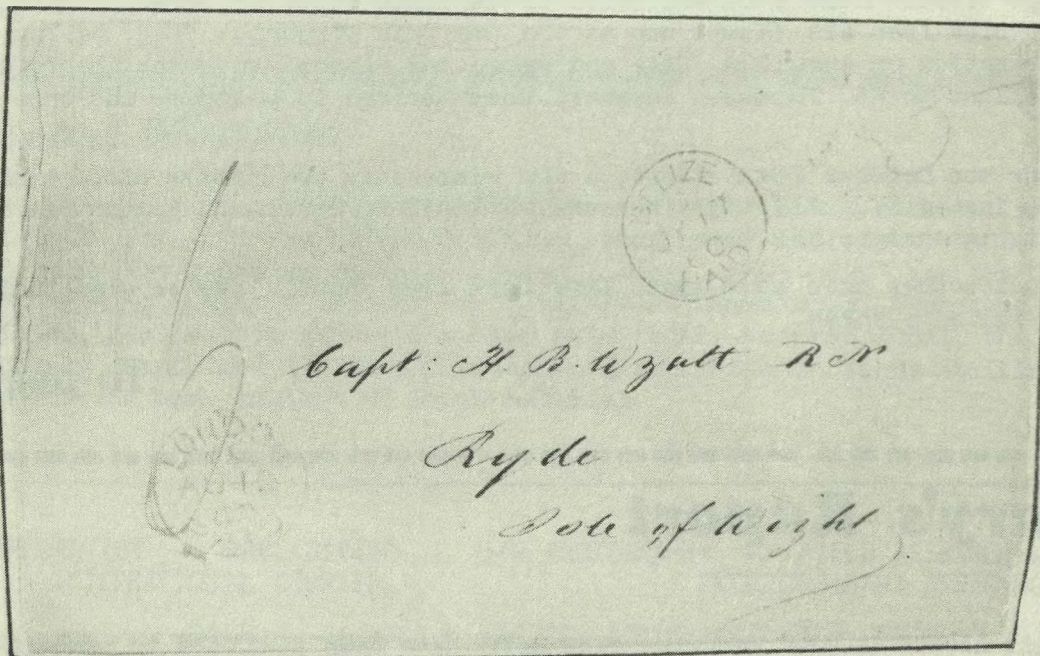


FIGURE 1: 17th July 1860 – Cover to England with BELIZE PAID Code C of 17 July, 1860, manuscript "5" alongside, and a LONDON PAID CDS of 12 August, 1860, with manuscript "6" alongside. RYDE receipt CDS on reverse.

It is interesting to note that Lowe's Encyclopaedia writes of the Belize Paid datestamp: "... (it) is found with Code Letters A and C, the former is normal". It would appear from the dates recorded here that Code C was used first, possibly until British Honduras was formally declared a Crown Colony on 12 May 1862, and that Code A was used later. The illustration of the datestamp in the Encyclopaedia is dated 27 April 1860 (Code A). I presume this is taken from the proof book in London.

Taking the above limited information, several theories can be proposed concerning the 5d. rate and the use of the Code C datestamp.

1. Code A and Code C were used concurrently, but the Code C was used for mail carried privately. This would explain the relative scarcity of Code C and also the use of a different postal rate. It does not explain why the Code C covers known to me predate all the Code A covers; however, the reporting of a single Code A or C cover "out of sequence" would lend support to this theory if the cover were endorsed with the appropriate postal rate.

2. Code C was used first, followed by Code A. In the early days while Code C was in use, the Belize-UK postal rate was reduced to 5d. (a change in the UK-Belize rate would have been recorded but a change in the Belize-UK may not have been). The rate was restored sometime later to match the UK-Belize rate.

3. The red manuscript "5" is not a postal rate. The 1860 cover of Figure 1 shows both a manuscript "5" and "6". The "6" may actually be the postal rate. I cannot think what significance the "5" may have or why the 1861 cover (Figure 2) should only bear a "5".

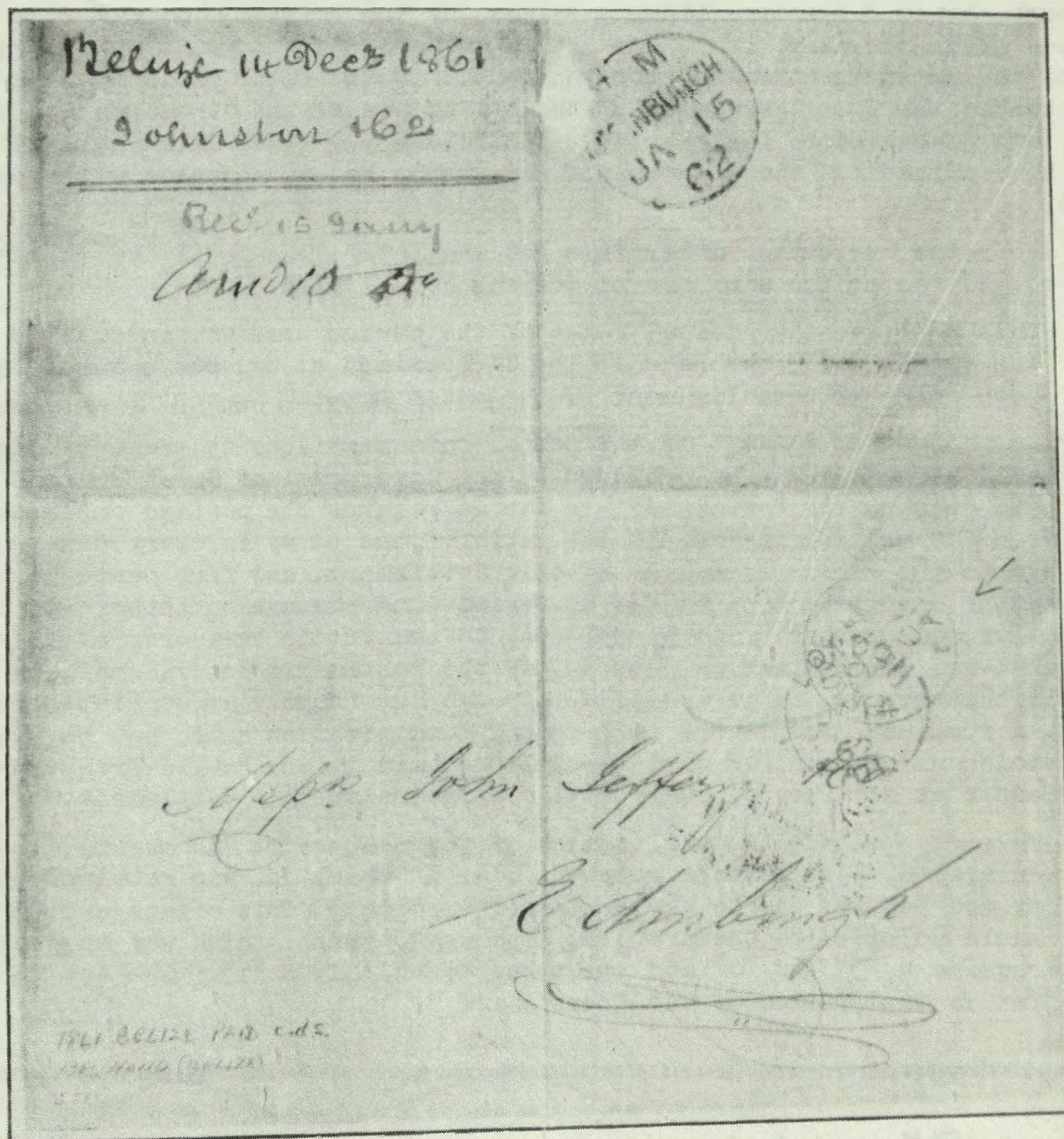


FIGURE 2: 15th December 1861 - Cover to Scotland with BELIZE PAID Code C of 15 December, 1861, overstruck by LONDON PAID CDS of 14 January, 1862. Manuscript "5" alongside. Edinburgh receipt CDS is dated 15 January, 1862.

This postal rate problem could easily be resolved if covers were more plentiful. However, in 1861 the country's population was only 6,500, of whom only a small percentage could write---hence the scarcity of material. To further complicate matters, the contract for the carriage of mails was held by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company (3) until 1865 and by the West India and Pacific Steamship Company until April 1866. All mail until the end of 1866 had to be carried privately until a new contract was agreed whereby mail was carried by packet to Havana and thence by schooner. From May 1867 (1) the mail was carried monthly by the US contract vessels between New Orleans and Belize. These frequent changes may have resulted in some hitherto unrecorded fluctuation in the postal rates.

If any readers have additional covers or information which could lend credence to, or disprove, any of the above suggestions, or can come up with other theories, I should be very grateful to hear from them.

- REFERENCES: (1) "The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps, Volume 5, The Empire in North America, 1639-1952", by Robson Lowe.
- (2) "British West Indies Postal Rates up to 1900", by L. E. Britnor, published by the British West Indies Study Circle, 1977.
- (3) Stamp Magazine, November 1970 (Pages 54-55), L. E. Britnor.

(Ed: Not long after "pasting up" Ian's article above, I received from him a xerox of a document, dated 8 February 1860, published by the British Honduras Post Office and entitled "XXIII Vic. Cap. IV - An Act to authorize the payment by the Public Treasurer of the Expences attending the Management of the Post Office in this Settlement, and to enable the Superintendent and Council to assume its Direction and Control". Rather than re-structure Ian's article to include pertinent data published in the Act, I have reproduced the appropriate paragraphs below, together with Ian's comments.)

"V. The rates of postage under this Act shall be the same as the rates now charged, so far as the same are at present established."

Ian: This confirms that postal rates of the period were unchanged from the existing rates, i.e., the rate to the UK remained at 6d. per ½-ounce, as it had been prior to establishment of the noted Act.

"VI. The charges on account of the postal communications at present existing, or which hereafter may be provided by the Government of Great Britain, shall be paid over by the Postmaster, so far as regards the postage on letters to and from the United Kingdom, in the ratio of one penny in every six pence of postage to the Public Treasurer of this Settlement, and five pence to the Postmaster General; and, so far as regards the postage on letters to and from other colonies, in such proportion, to the Public Treasurer of this Settlement and the Postmaster General, as the Postmaster General may, by any order in that behalf, to be specified through Her Majesty's Superintendent, direct and appoint; and, where such postal communication shall not be provided, the whole sum charged for postage shall be paid to the Public Treasurer in like manner as are Fees of other Public Officers in this Settlement."

Ian: This may provide the explanation of the manuscript "5" on the two covers illustrated. The postage rate was 6d., of which 1d. was retained by the Colony and 5d. was due to the Postmaster General. This offers another more probable solution to the problem, although I cannot think why one cover should require a "5" and "6" and the other cover only a "5". The Act does not offer an explanation of the Codes A and C.

Editor's Message

This issue contains an updated BCPSG Membership List, which may be removed from the center portion of your magazine without interrupting page continuity. Some readers

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The "Unpaid and Tax" Markings of Jamaica

by REG LANT

PART X - CONTINUED FROM DECEMBER 1982 BCPJ

TYPE "DM 1a".

A form somewhat similar to Type DML, portraying the amount due on an underpaid letter. A pink coloured form measuring 97 mm by 150 mm, used at the Kingston GPO. The lettering, in four straight lines, is in 2 mm to 3 mm upper and lower case seriffed letters. As in Type DML, only one example is known. Placed in subscriber's post office box for payment.

Pink coloured form 13 JAN 1918 U.

Kingston to *Astley Clerk*

Amount of unpaid included in this

Mail

£ s. d.

0

Date *13/1/18*

X

Type

the other method of a Postage Due stamp

but surely a regular stamp would be as

cheap if not cheaper.

Another pithy comment by Mr. Clerk (in his own handwriting): "An other (sic) type of a Postage Due stamp but surely a regular stamp would be as cheap if not cheaper."

"UNPAID" POST CARD ADVICE.

TYPE "DM 2".

A buff colored "ON JAMAICA GOVERNMENT SERVICE" post card measuring 125 mm by 95 mm, mailed to persons who have dispatched mail via the Kingston G.P.O. with postage underpaid.

Buff colored post card

Circa 1965

ON JAMAICA GOVERNMENT SERVICE



THE HEAD POSTMASTER,
CIRCULATION BRANCH,
(Surcharge Duty)
GENERAL PCST OFFICE,
KINGSTON.



.....19.....

Dear Sir/Madam,

You recently posted an air mail letter to

.....which was prepaid
by..... The correct postage was.....

If we had sent the letter on underpaid your correspondent would have had to pay on delivery a surcharge of at least twice the deficiency. We were sure you would not have liked that to happen, so we made up the postage to the correct amount and sent on your letter fully stamped.

You now owe us..... I should be grateful if you would stick postage stamps for this amount in the space below and post this card back to me.

Please write	today's date
in ink across	the stamps

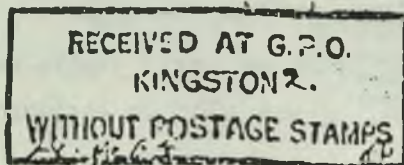
Yours faithfully,

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Head Postmaster, Kingston

TYPE "DM 3".

A rectangular single frame handstamp measuring 55 mm by 20 mm, with legend in three straight lines:

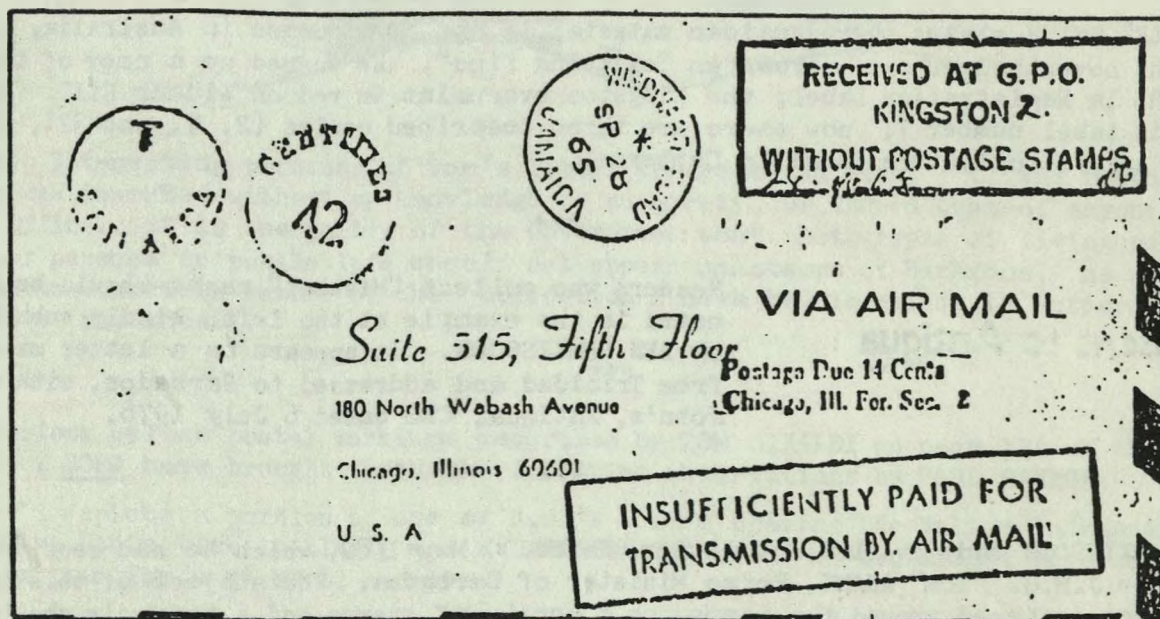


RECEIVED AT G.P.O.
KINGSTON 2,
WITHOUT POSTAGE STAMPS

Sans serif 3 mm capital letters, violet ink.

28 SEP 1965 R.

Known used in conjunction with marks Types D9e and DA8b.



Airmail cover from Windward Road to Chicago, September 28, 1965, received at Kingston G.P.O. without postage stamps. Markings D9e, DA8c, and DM3 applied. Reverse also bears Windward Road cancel.

Courtesy strikes, apparently provided by the Kingston G.P.O., are known of two miscellaneous markings, issued for use when the postal adhesives have become dislodged or removed. Neither has as yet been recorded in actual service.

TYPE "DM 4".

STAMP REMOVED BEFORE RECEIPT
AT THE G.P.O. JAMAICA.

An unframed two-straight-line handstamp with an overall measurement of 70 mm by 10 mm. Sans-serif capital letters 3 mm high.

STAMP REMOVED BEFORE RECEIPT
AT THE G.P.O. JAMAICA.

Includes period after JAMAICA.

Colour? Circa 1948 or earlier?

TYPE "DM 4a".

RECEIVED AT G. P. O. JAMAICA
WITHOUT POSTAGE STAMP

A single frame rectangular handstamp measuring 68 mm by 18 mm with two-straight-line legend

RECEIVED AT G.P.O. JAMAICA
WITHOUT POSTAGE STAMP

Lettering in 2½ mm serif capitals.

Colour? Circa 1948 or earlier?

(CONCLUSION)

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This and That...

"DINGLE" SMITH states that Jamaican material is not very common in Australia, but that he nevertheless came across an "exciting find". He turned up a copy of the Lant Type RL 1a Registration Label, the Kingston overprint in red on Ginger Hill. His copy is label number 7; now there are three described copies (2, 7, and 32), two of which surprisingly were found in Canberra.

Missent to Antigua

Readers who collect "Missent" marks should be interested in the example at the left, kindly submitted by BEN RAMKISSOON. It appears on a letter mailed from Trinidad and addressed to Barbados, with a St. John's, Antigua, CDS dated 6 July 1978.

BEN RAMKISSOON made available a letter, dated 20 May 1982, which he had received from BCPSG'er J.M.G. "TOM" ADAMS, Prime Minister of Barbados. The subject of this correspondence centered around the issue, on 8 April, of stamps and a souvenir sheet marking the visit of President Reagan to the island. As shown in the illustration, the

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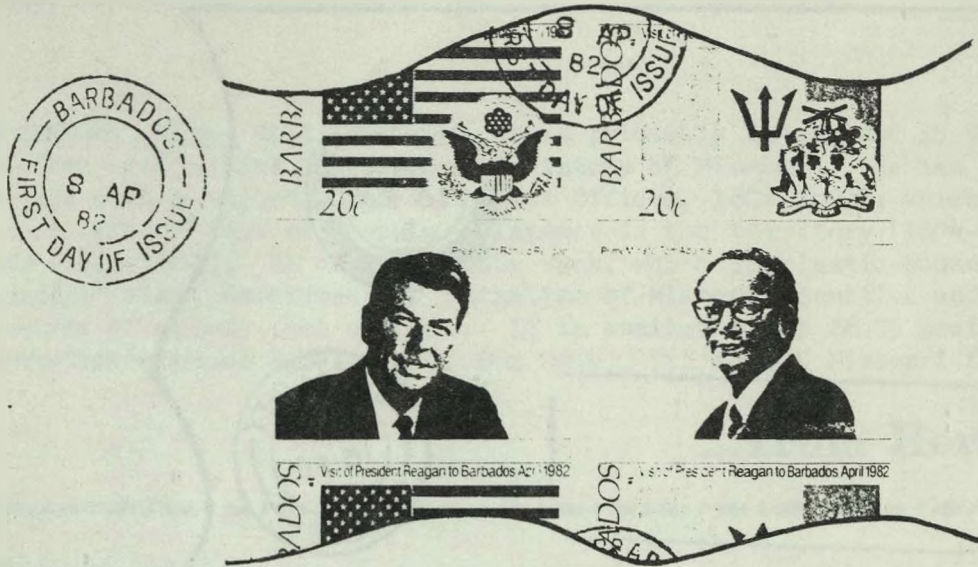
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gutter between the stamp panes contains photographs of both the President and the Prime Minister.



Certain interesting portions of Tom's letter are repeated here: "...the photograph of me was inserted without my knowledge or authority, or indeed that of anyone in the Post Office...it is the policy of the Government that photographs of living politicians or persons in public life should not appear on stamps of Barbados. As a result of the unauthorised nature of the publication I have had to refuse to autograph any copies of the sheet..."

The various Belize postal markings described by TOM GIRALDI on page 136 of the October 1982 BCPJ have brought forth the following observations by PAUL RAYNOR:

Figure 1 depicts a portion of one of Paul's covers bearing the Belize Independence handstamp (this time in blue!) and a DANGRIGA CDS of 30 OC 81, almost five months earlier than Tom's 24 MR 82 example.

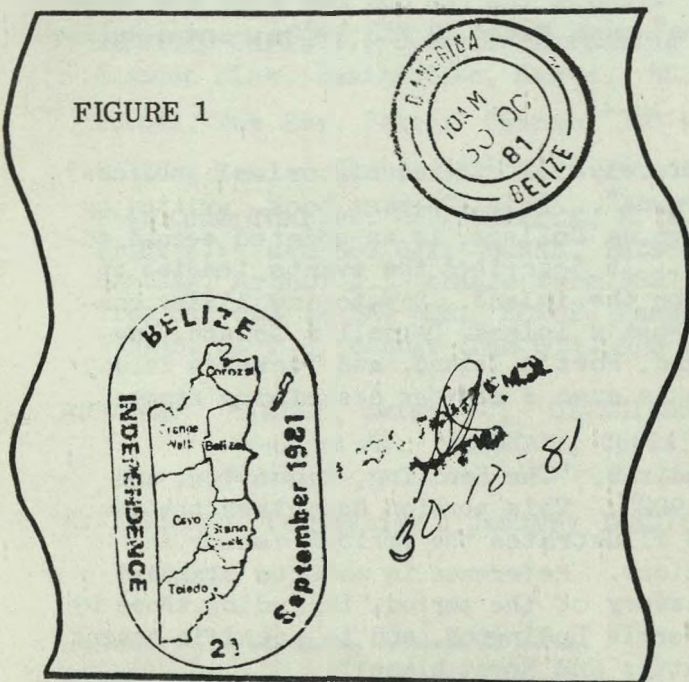


FIGURE 2a

FIGURE 2b

Figure 2 shows the results of Paul's sending a pair of philatelic covers to ST. ANN. One cover (Figure 2a) was returned with a purple single-ring CDS, similar to the Libertad mark in the October Journal, and dated 23-10-81 in manuscript; the other cover (Figure 2b) was given a "familiar" St. Ann handstamp---also in purple but with a manuscript date

instead of the normal "slug" impression one expects to find in CDS's of this type. The date in both CDS's was obviously penned by the same person.

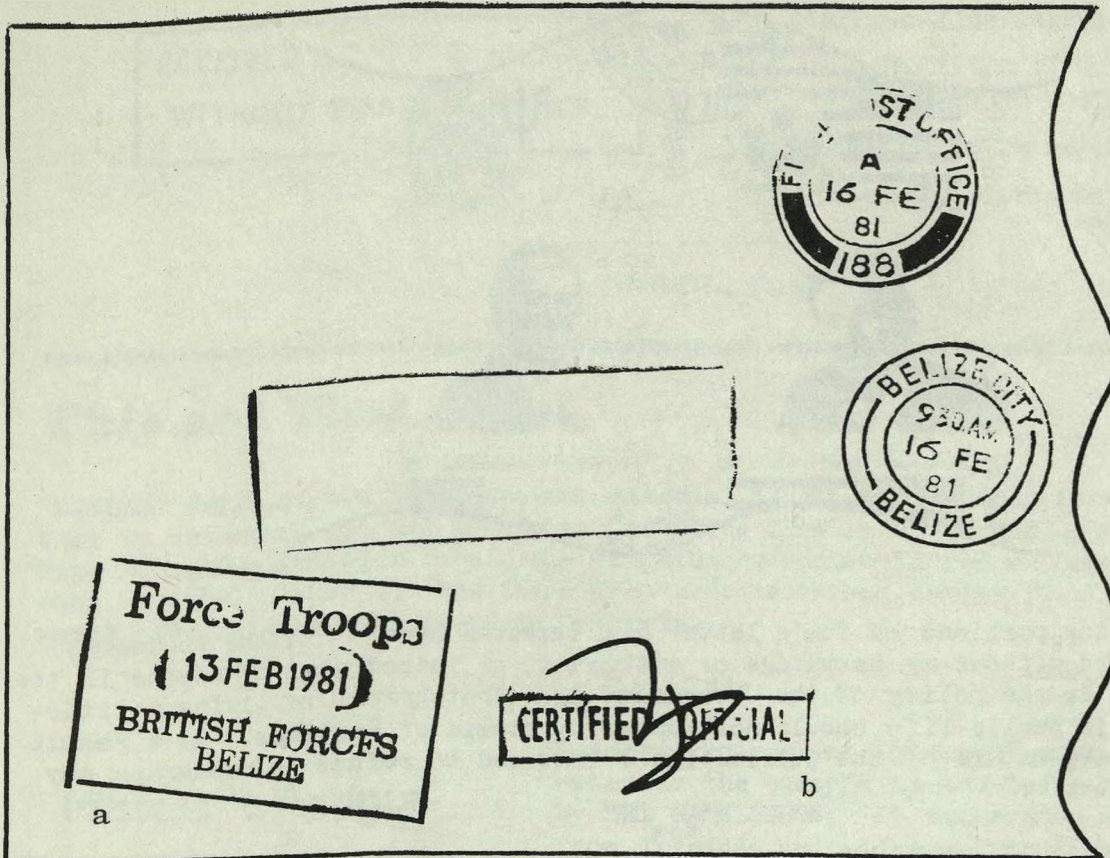


FIGURE 3

Also, with reference to GALE RAYMOND's account of the Belize Forces Post Office, published on page 122 of the same Journal, Paul enclosed a xerox of the Figure 3 cover. Paul describes this item as a "...local cover from the Belize Forces showing the FPO 188 CDS noted by Gale, together with two other markings struck in blue. These markings, identified as "a" and "b", may be only of limited interest, as I assume they are not used by the FPO but instead by a unit to indicate that the letter can go free. I have another cover (an "OHMS" item) without the FPO CDS but with the other two markings struck in red (the "Force Troops" mark dated 19 FEB 1982), and a Belize City CDS of 22 FE 82."

HORST AUGUSTINOVIC forwarded a copy of a profusely-illustrated historical publication entitled "Boer Prisoners of War in Bermuda". This 124-page book, written by Colin Benbow and printed by Horst for the Bermuda College, is an updated second edition of the original work appearing in 1962. It describes the events leading up to the decision to establish Boer POW camps on the island. Day-to-day living conditions and routines at the various camps---Burt's Island, Darrell's Island, Hawkins' Island, Hinson's Island, Morgan's Island, Port's Island, and Tucker's Island ---are covered in fascinating detail. There is even a chapter describing escape attempts.

Of particular interest to BCPSG'ers is Appendix B, "The Handling, Censoring, and Distribution of Boer Prisoners' Mail, 1901-1902". This portion describes the establishment of the camps' postal system, and illustrates the various censor and forwarding marks in use at the various locations. Reference is made to standard sources of "Boer-oriented" Bermuda postal history of the period, including those by Robson Lowe, Stephen G. Rich, and BCPSG'er Morris Ludington, and to specific covers in the collections of Group members Henry Pattiz and Horst himself.

The book can be obtained from the Bermuda College Bookstore, P. O. Box 356, Devonshire 4, Bermuda, at a price of \$10.50 (U. S.) plus postage charges (to the U. S.) of \$2.00 (airmail) or 75¢ (surface mail). Horst did not specify the amount of postage charges to locations other than the United States.

BOB SCHULTZ writes that, although he is primarily interested in BWI philately, one of his other specialties is the postal history of Missouri. He has recently written a 107-page book entitled "Missouri Post Offices, 1804-1891", which includes an alphabetical list of post offices in existence in the territory (1804-1821) and in the state (1821-1981). In addition, the book, which is plastic-bound in the 8½" by 11" "standard" size, describes the formation of Missouri counties and lists name change sequences of county post offices. It is available for \$6.75 postpaid. For further information contact Bob at P. O. Box 28961, St. Louis, Missouri 63132.

...from Here and There

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Continued from page 7)

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS (Continued)

PHILLIPS, Owen N. D., 412 University Boulevard, Mobile, AL 36608 (through 28 May 1983).

TATHAM, William C., 5734 Pickering Avenue, Whittier, CA 90601.

BARTLETT, Edmund, c/o Peck, Sprague, and Poor, P. O. Box 239, Oyster Bay, NY 11771.

BARTLETT, Graham C., 19 Denton Avenue, Gledhow, Leeds LS8 1LE, England.

BCPSG congratulations to DOROTHY STAPP! Ben Ramkisson reports that she recently became Mrs. Dorothy TRUMAN. However, he did not state the date of the wedding or whether Dotty's address has changed.

* Bruce Walker announces that Hugh A. H. JAMES' address is temporarily changed to "c/o 19 Ferndale Road, Summersdale, Chichester PO19 4QJ, West Sussex, England". However, since no information was given as to how long this address was to be in effect, the Membership List still carries Hugh's old London address.

BARWICK, Chris J., Customer Marketing Program, IBM (UK) Ltd., P. O. Box 32, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants., RG21 1EG, England.

BROOKS, The Rev. Peter: Change "188 Heathwood Drive" to "188 Heathwood Drive".

* RAYNOR, Paul: Change "328 West 18th Street" to "328 West 18th Avenue".

Post Code Changes: BRAITHWAITE, M. B.: change from W.10 to W10 4AX; BROOKES, Brian A.: add B62 OJX; BURKE, Patrick W. C.: change from WO3 3DW to WD3 3DW; GARDNER, Arthur J.: change from BS27 3AH to BS27 4AH; GRAHAM, Gordon: change from SK7 6DX to SK7 6DK; HOPPE, James M.: change from KT20 7UT to KT20 7UF; WINAND, C. P.: change from ST11 9PH to SP11 9PH.

RESIGNED: BISHOP, Dwight E.; DICKGIESSER, Robert W.; DEAKIN, H. F.; KELSEY, Douglas A.; MCGREGOR, Chris; ROSENSTOCK, Charles J.; SURTEES, Vere N. F.

RE-INSTATED (effective 1 January 1982): BACKAL, Isaac; ROWAN, Hugh.

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* Not reflected on Membership List with this issue.

might question the necessity of utilizing almost twenty pages of Journal space in this manner, but I did it for two reasons: (1) A revised Membership List is long overdue, and (2) I need to spread my diminishing inventory of article material over more than just one or two future issues.

I was urged by Dan Walker to mention the following subject, but I would have mentioned it anyway without Dan's reminder. The BCPSG's only auction in 1983 will be held at BALPEX. Auction Manager Chuck Cwiakala needs a good supply of quality lots for this sale, and he would appreciate vendors forwarding their material to him beginning now! BCPSG auctions have consistently been great revenue-raisers for our organization, so let's all do our part to keep the funds rolling in. Why not contact Chuck now---his address is in the Membership List---and describe what you have to offer? Better yet, send your material first and let him describe it in the sale listing, now planned for the July Journal.

I call your attention to a correction in the December 1982 Journal. The photographs shown on pages 168 and 169 were inadvertently transposed. The picture captioned FIGURE 1 is actually FIGURE 2, and vice versa.

Finally, I must apologize for the inconsistencies in the type size and ink intensity of some SECTION I entries in the Membership List. After the original list was typed it was reduced by 26% by a Xerox copier. However, due to the sudden unavailability of that machine, later changes to the list (and there were plenty) had to be handled on a copier which could only reduce by 24% and which suffered from an ink hemorrhage.

These variations are quite apparent, for example, in the WIKE and WILLEM entries. The letters of the WILLEM line are slightly larger and considerably darker than those of WIKE.

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REG LANT'S JAMAICA JOTTINGS

We are indebted to Howie Austin, our amiable Group Secretary, for this issue's nineteenth-century Jamaica philatelic items. Howie acquired several fine Jamaica covers in early 1982, including two items with both appeal and importance.

The first of these is a cover mailed at Copse to Toledo, Ohio, franked with a strip of four Jamaica QV 2d. issues handstamped with the F97 obliterator. Also on the obverse appear a manuscript "Register", and registration markings R1 (the familiar "R in Oval") and RC14 dated 3 November 1887 (Figure 1). Both handstamps were apparently applied at Kingston prior to the cover's leaving the island.

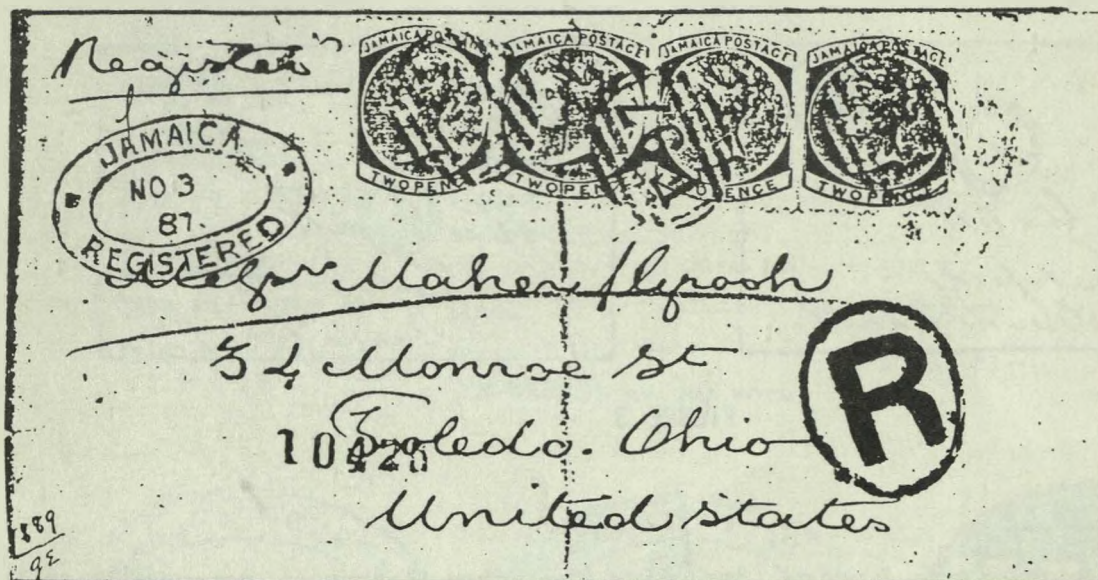


FIGURE 1

The reverse bears a clear strike of a COPSE single-ring CDS dated 1 November 1887 (Figure 2). This is the handstamp that the late Thomas Foster listed on page 96 of his book "The Postal History of Jamaica, 1662-1860" as follows under "Early Date Stamps, Type P11":

COPSE 1 FEB 1873

with notation: "Known to have been issued on date stated, but no proof strike exists and not known used."

It might also be mentioned that, in his 1949 booklet "Jamaican Obliterator Numbers", the late L.C.C. Nicholson reports that the F97 obliterator was forwarded from London to Kingston in September of 1872, and that subsequently it was allocated to Copse when that Post Town was opened in February 1873. Thus, with the appearance of this cover, another "missing link" of Jamaica's postal history has been solved.

For the record, the COPSE single-ring mark has a diameter of 24 mm, with the town name around the top of the circle and JAMAICA at the bottom, all in 3 mm sans-serif caps; an index letter "A" appears at the top center, with a two-line date below (including the "two-digit" year style). The reverse of the cover also bears the illustrated New York registry marking with the date "11-24/1887".

The second of Howie's items (actually, a pair of items) are covers mailed from Dry Harbour on 3 March 1873 and 21 March 1873, respectively, to "Miss Corlett, Knutsford, Browns Town P.O."

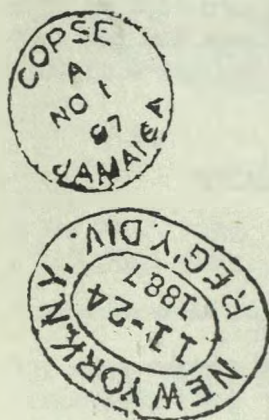


FIGURE 2

A reduced-size xerox of these covers is shown in Figure 3. The markings on the 3 March example include a Dry Harbour single-ring CDS of that date, an A38H obliterator, and a Browns Town single-ring CDS of 6 March. A study of these markings would indicate that the cover was, for some reason, despatched via a circuitous route from Dry Harbour east on the North Coastal Road to Falmouth (where the A38H obliterator was used from 1862 to 1890), thence west on an inland highway to Browns Town, arriving there on 6 March---a total of four days in transit. On the other hand, the 21 March cover was forwarded directly via the southern highway to Browns Town, a distance of some 25 miles, where it arrived the following day. The marks on this latter cover include a Dry Harbour single-ring CDS of 21 March, an A36L obliterator (used at Dry Harbour from 1861 to 1892), and a Browns Town receiving mark---a single-ring CDS of 22 March.

The mystery surrounding the "roundabout route" for the 3 March cover will probably remain a mystery for some time to come.

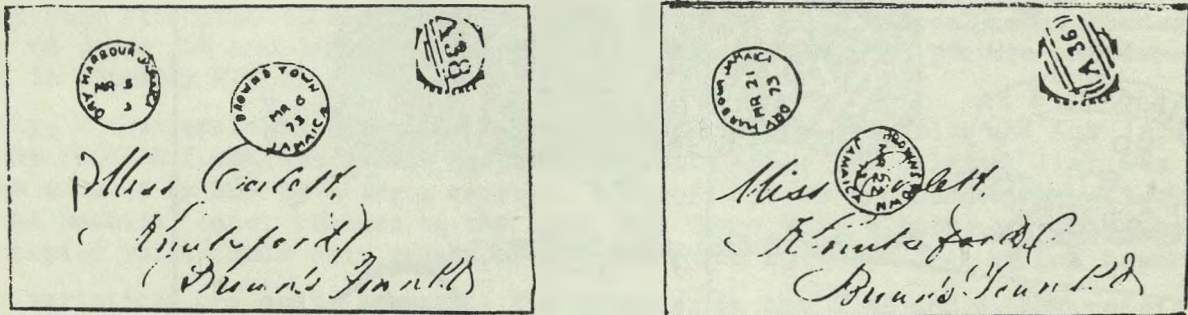
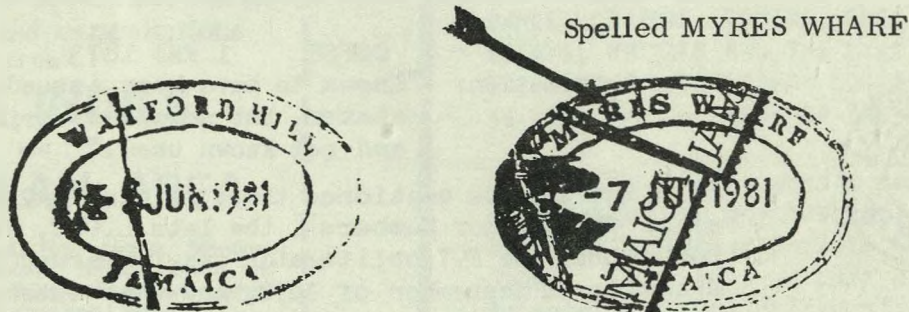


FIGURE 3

MODERN POST TOWN TRD'S

Current philatelic news from Jamaica, including that from Government sources, is still very meager. Fortunately, three of our BCPSG members, Paul Raynor, "Scriv" Scrivens, and Clint von Pohle, proved to be exceptions to the general rule and provided me with some interesting new TRD items, all Type 41 without side asterisks. One new post office, WATFORD HILL, was actually opened in January 1977. MYFRS WHARF exists with the name spelled incorrectly.



WATFORD HILL (Hanover Parish)

Item #1 TRD 41 Violet

- Opened 3 JAN 1977.

5 JUN 81

MYERS WHARF

Item #5 TRD 41 Violet

(Spelled MYRES WHARF)

Die #1

Die #2

23 SEP 80

24 NOV 80

3 NOV 81

7 JUL 81

BANANA GROUND

Item #4 TRD 41 Black 22 FEB 82
 (Die #2 - Break in inner oval over middle "A" in JAMAICA)

BLUE MOUNTAIN

Item #2 TRD 41 Rose ? JUN 81 24 OCT 81

BOIS CONTENT

TRD 41 Black ? SEP 81

GROVE TOWN

Item #3 TRD 41 Violet 16 OCT 81

MONA

Item #7 TRD 41 Violet 7 MAR 81

SANGUINETTI

Item #4 TRD 41 Violet 24 APR 81 4 NOV 81

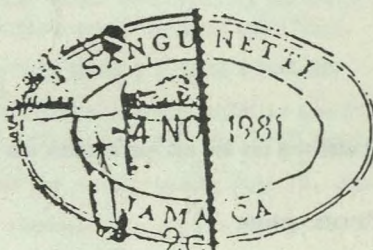
TROUT HALL

Item #4 TRD 41 Black 4 AUG 77 ? NOV 79

Item #5 TRD 41 Black ? MAR 81
 (TROUGHALL as one word)



Inner Oval Break



TROUGHALL

(The TROUGHALL illustration at the right above is unclear, but the single word TROUGHALL can be distinguished across the top of the oval.)

The most recent addition to the library holdings published on page T of this issue's Membership List is "Jamaica Postal History and Stamps" by Morton, Edwards, Nicholson, and Collett. This publication, received in early December, is the gift of member JOHN N. TYACKE, to whom we are extremely grateful.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Continued from page 17)

RE-INSTATED (effective 1 January 1983): FREIERMUTH, John M.; TATHAM, William C.; GALLAGHER, Scott; * SHARP, Evan.

* APPLICATION PENDING: LUETTKE, Donald.

* Not reflected on Membership List with this issue.

Finally, the CORN PIECE mark (TRD 37 with side asterisks) has been recorded with the town name appearing as one word CORNPIECE. I will describe particulars later, as soon as my overseas correspondent in this matter sends a xerox of the item.

MISCELLANEOUS

RETURNED TO SENDER MARK

A "MOVED LEFT NO ADDRESS" and pointing finger "RETURNED TO SENDER" handstamp was used in 1980.



PARCELS POST OFFICE MARK

A Parcels Post Office oval mark has been recorded at South Camp Road, Kingston.



Type PPO 28 (TRD 37) Violet 22 MAY 81

More in my next column!

Reg

PERSONAL MENTION (Continued from page 7)

Congratulations to the following BCPSG'er recent exhibit winners:

At the NOJEX Show, held on 22-24 October 1982 at Secaucus, New Jersey, BRAD ARCH was presented with two Vermeil awards. One was for "New Jersey Circa 1869" (which also won the New Jersey Postal History Society Award); the other was for "New Jersey Discontinued Post Offices". RUPERTA WATERS was awarded a Show Bronze at BALPEX '82 for her "Physical Fitness in Finland, as Depicted through Philatelic Elements".

And heartiest BCPSG congratulations go to JOHN BUCKNER, who was recently elected to the Presidency of the Society of Philatelic Americans (SPA).

Ben Ramkisson reports that KIL and GERTRUDE BUMP enjoyed a post-ESPAMER trip to Trinidad and Tobago. Perhaps in the near future Kil will give us a report of the contemporary T&T philatelic scene!

In a letter dated 19 November 1982, CHARLES RICKSECKER announces that he is planning to attend the international philatelic exhibition BRASILIANA, which will be held in Rio de Janeiro from 29 July to 7 August 1983. He is interested in hearing from any other BCPSG members also planning to be at the show.

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| 9. As above showing 3d value dated June 24 as above. | \$ 75.00 |
| 10. De La Rue proofs dated July 12, 1913 showing 2d, 2/6, and 4d - all on one card ms notes as above - also "2 extra" etc. | \$ 200.00 |
| 11. As above - dated 2.5.22 showing 1 1/2d value ms inscribed as above, etc. | \$ 75.00 |
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| 17. Specimen Set SG #91/105 F-VF, mostly NH. Cat. £275. | \$ 300.00 |
| 18. Specimen Set SG #113/24 F-VF. NH. Cat. £225. | \$ 250.00 |
| 19. Ditto above, but toned gum. | \$ 150.00 |
| 20. Specimen Set SG #125/127 F-VF NH. Cat. £42. | \$ 50.00 |
| 21. Specimen Set SG #142/143 F-VF NH. Cat. £45. | \$ 55.00 |

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued from page 2)

many of you know, Ian has been the driving force to get the recent BCPSG publications printed and mailed. Furthermore, he cares about the Group.

Fourth, I am pleased to tell you that there will be no dues increase for 1983. None will be required, based on the proposed budget I have received from Ben Ramkisson. I am hopeful that we can continue the present dues structure through 1984. A lot will depend on the success of our auction, to be held during the Annual General Meeting at BALPEX on September 3-5, 1983. Send your material to our Auction Manager, Chuck Cwiala, as soon as possible.

Finally, my concept of the BCPSG is that it is a two-way operation. I look forward to receiving your comments, criticisms, and especially your ideas that will benefit us all.

Let's have a great 1983!

ED

JUST BEFORE PRESS TIME...

Too late for Secretary's Report: Effective 28 January 1983, GEORGE GRABON's address will be 253-14 West End Drive, Little Neck, NY 11363.

A note from AL BRANSTON reminds readers that he would like any BCPSG'er who happens to be in his area to come by to see him or give him a call. Al says that in the past he has spent many enjoyable hours chatting with Group members visiting England, and that he "wishes to continue that most pleasant activity". So, folks, if you're in London, or Chelmsford, or any point in-between, phone Al. His number is 0245-62510.

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