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A Few Pictorial Hotel Envelopes of Bermuda

by M. H. LUDINGTON

It has long been the custom for hotels in Bermuda to supply stationery for their guests. Most have the hotel's name and address and often the manager's name printed on both the envelopes and the notepaper. Some managers would design their own crests, badges, or monograms to embellish the stationery, and a few would even include pictures of their hotels. A few examples of these last are the subject of this article. Much of their interest lies in the fact that pictorial envelopes produced before postcards became common around the turn of the century are the only surviving illustrations of the older hotels before they were enlarged or rebuilt. A few show architects' proposed alterations that never materialized, at least in the same form.

The Hamilton Hotel was one of the, if not the, earliest hotel built as such in Bermuda, as older hotels were

in converted private homes or other buildings. When it was first opened, after many delays, in 1863, it had 30 bedrooms. Over the years, it was frequently enlarged and modernized, ending up in the 1930s with accommodations for 600 guests. During World War II, part was taken over for wartime Government departments and part by the United Services Club, while the older section was torn down. Shortly after the war, a fire burnt down much of what remained and the whole site was cleared to make room for the present City Hall and adjoining parking lot.

The earliest pictorial envelope was produced by G. A. Farnham, who ran the hotel from 1879 to 1882. It shows a large picture of the hotel and nearby Washington Street, which, with the captions, covers the entire back of the envelope, a style popular at the time

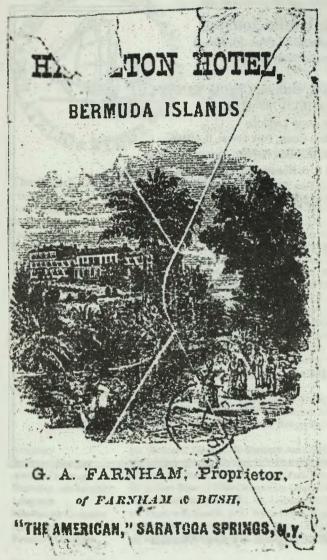


Fig. 1. Back of cover from Hamilton, FE 15 82, to New Jersey, no arrival d/s. Per Orinoco. New York FEB 19.

(Figure 1). The original hotel included the central and right blocks. An L-shaped wing, shown on the left, was added in 1876, increasing the accommodation to 100 guests. This, as far as I know, is the earliest representation of the hotel.

Some two years later, under the management of Walter Aiken, manager from 1884 to 1893, part of the Farnham engraving was used on the front of the envelope (Figure 2). This shows only the hotel itself and cuts out Washington Street and some of the foreground.

By 1890, the hotel had been considerably enlarged, and a new, smaller picture was produced (Figure 3). It is in the center of a double oval, the outer measuring 42.5 x 26.5 mm and the inner, 33.5 x 17.5 mm. Between the ovals are 'THE HAMILTON' at the top and

'HAMILTON / BERMUDA / WALTER AIKEN' in two lines at the bottom.

No further pictorial envelopes seem to have appeared until the 1920s, when a view of the hotel in its largest and final state was made for both large and small envelopes. Two variations are found, the earlier with 'J. A. SHERRARD, GENL. MANAGER' in small capitals between 'HAMILTON HOTEL' and 'BERMUDA' (Figure 4), and the later, in use by 1927, without a manager's name (Figure 5).

The Princess Hotel, on the water's edge overlooking the harbor, just west of Hamilton, was first opened in 1885 and was named in honor of Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria, who had visited Bermuda early in 1884. Built of wood with 100 bedrooms, it has been enlarged many times and completely rebuilt, and now has accommodations for over 900 guests. Three early pictorial envelopes are known to me, showing progressive additions made to the hotel in the first 15 years of its existence.

The first, used in 1892 and printed in brown, shows the appearance of the hotel after the annexes, seen on the left, were added in 1889, increasing the capacity to 150 bedrooms (Figure 6).

The second envelope, used in 1894, printed in greenish blue and with a larger and clearer picture, shows only some minor changes, such as new steps, lighted by lamp-posts, leading down to a dock at the water's edge (Figure 7).

The third, used from at least 1899 and printed in blue, shows a six-story addition to the connecting building between the main hotel and the annexes. The cottage on the left by then was part of the hotel, and bathing cabins had been built near an improved dock (Figure 8). This is the hotel as it appears on the earliest postcards.

The American House Hotel, on the northwest corner of Queen Street at Church Street and diagonally opposite the Hamilton Hotel, was first opened in the early 1880s and sold in 1887 to Augustus Paschal, who ran it for at least the next 40 years, enlarging it on several occasions, as shown on postcards over the years. It was finally closed after World War II and rebuilt as shops and offices.

Envelopes with a half-tone photograph of the hotel were in use by 1890 (Figure 9). Nine years later, a smaller line drawing replaced the photograph (Figure 10). Both show the hotel as it appeared before the first major additions were made in 1900 and 1901, which are pictured on the earliest postcards.

Two later pictorial hotel envelopes deserve to be mentioned. The Frascati Hotel in Flatts, opened in the

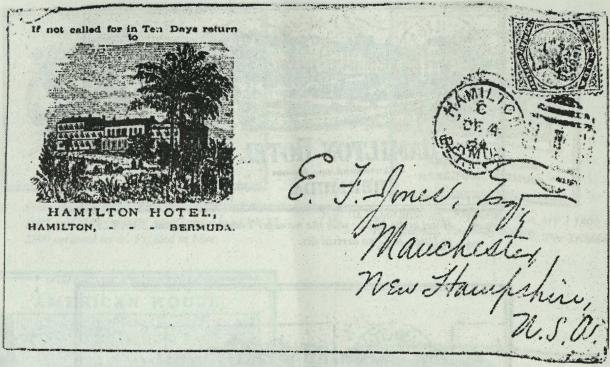


Fig. 2. Upper left portion of the engraving of Fig. 1, printed on the front. Hamilton, DE 484, to Manchester, N.H., DEC 9. Per Orinoco. New York, DEC 884.

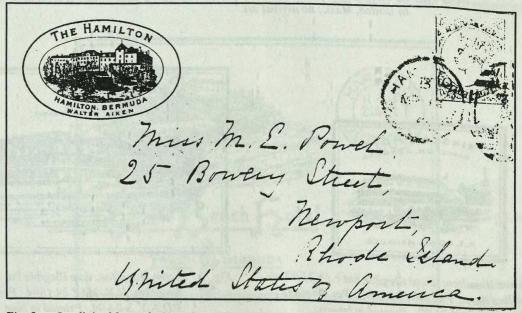


Fig. 3. Small double oval. Hamilton MR (13 90), to Newport, R.I., MAR 17. Per Orinoco. New York, MAR 16 90.



Fig. 4. Hotel in the 1920s; with the manager's name. Hamilton, 2 MAR 25, to Utica, N.Y.; no arrival d/s.



Fig. 5. Hotel in the 1920s; without the manager's name. Hamilton, 5(?) MAR 27, to Boston, Mass.; no arrival d/s.



Fig. 6. From Hamilton. Date illegible but c.JA 21 92, to Wilkes Barre, Pa., JAN 25 1892. Per **Trinidad**. New York JAN 24 92. Printed in brown.



Fig. 7. From Hamilton, date illegible but c.MR 22 94, to Brooklyn, N.Y., MAR 24 1894. Per Trinidad. P.O.N.Y. 3-24-94. Printed in blue.

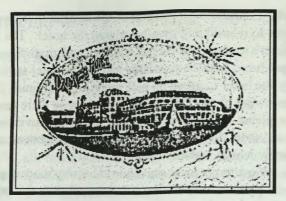


Fig. 8. From Hamilton, 27 FE 1901, to New York MAR 1 1901 and MAR 2 1901. Also known used AP 27 1899 on local letter. Printed in blue.

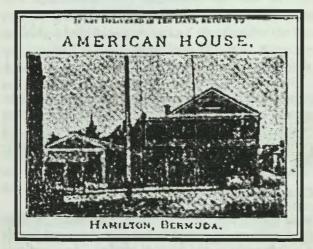


Fig. 9. Half-tone photograph. Mailed in New York, MAY 26 90, to Bradford, Mass., MAY 27 1890.



Fig. 10. Line drawing. From Hamilton, MY 4 1899, to Philadelphia, Pa., May 6 1899. Per **Trinidad**. New York, May 6 99.



Fig. 11. Line-engraved. From Flatts, 21 JAN 22, to Boston, Mass; no arrival d/s. Also known dated Flatts 4 AUG 30, with worn engraving.



Fig. 12. From Hamilton, 26 APR 1933, to Wellesly, Mass; no arrival d/s. In green on pale green paper. Architect's drawing. The high central block was never built.

1890s as a boarding house and soon enlarged, had rooms for about 125 guests by the 1920s. The envelope in Figure 11 was produced at this time and shows a line-engraved picture, printed in green, which continued in use into the 1930s, though the engraving began showing signs of wear.

The present Elbow Beach Hotel, overlooking the ocean in Paget, was first opened as a guest house in 1908, but was soon enlarged and renamed the South Shore Hotel shortly before World War I. Overlooking what was at that time called "Elba Beach," both the hotel and its private beach were renamed Elbow Beach in the

early 1920s, and by the end of the decade there were plans to rebuild and greatly enlarge the hotel. The architect's rendering of the new building and grounds were reproduced both on postcards and on the hotel stationery, the latter in green on pale green paper (Figure 12). But owing to the Depression, the changes were never completed in this form, and only minor improvements were made. Since then, the entire hotel has been completely rebuilt and enlarged.

No attempt has been made to list any modern pictorial hotel envelopes. But it is quite possible that other earlier ones exist, though they have yet to be seen.

People, Places, and Events

by Michel Forand

DWI Mails Update: Help Wanted

The original edition of *Danish West Indies Mails*, 1754–1917, published in three volumes between 1979 and 1982 with Victor E. Engstrom as editor in chief, is now out of print and has become very difficult to find. In addition, much new information has come to light over the past 10–15 years.

As a result, a new edition of *DWI Mails* (as it's commonly referred to) is in preparation, and H.L. Arnould, a BCPSG member, has been given the responsibility for updating the postal history section, originally written by Robert G. Stone.

In an attempt to update the register of covers that had been compiled at that time, Mr Arnould seeks assistance from fellow BCPSG members who may have covers to, from, or through St Thomas up to 1880 (i.e., before the UPU and the transition period) or who may have other helpful information. If you can help, please contact him at: 43 Gordon Way, Princeton, NJ 08540.

For Sea Lovers

For lovers of the sea and of books about the sea (and other bodies of water), I recommend highly the catalogues of rare and used books issued three or four times a year by Nautica Booksellers, 1579 Dresden Row, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3J 2K4; tel. 902-423-2112. Catalogue no. 57, received in September, list a total of 776 books divided into a number of broad categories: Naval, Yachting, Piracy, Whaling, Technical (shipbuilding, navigation, etc.), Polar, the Arts, Mercantile, and Underwater (oceanography, marine ecology, etc.). The titles offered range from biographies (of people and

vessels) and historical works (from Ancient times to the present century) to narratives and how-to's. Prices (which are very reasonable) are in Canadian dollars, but payment may be made in U.S. dollars or pounds sterling.

Competition for LIAT

Most people who have travelled inter-island by air in the Caribbean have had to use LIAT (Leeward Islands Air Transport) at one point or another – an experience that some have called a mixed blessing. In a brief article in the *New York Times* (early November), Adam Bryant writes that British Airways, five Caribbean governments (those of Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St Lucia, and St Vincent), and a group of private investors have agreed to start a new airline to provide competition to LIAT on its routes among Caribbean islands. The five governments are among the 12 in the region that own LIAT, which they plan to restructure and privatize, according to Bryant.

The new airline, which has not yet been named, will be based in Barbados and is expected to start service in late 1994 or early 1995.

Deceased Members

We have learned through the American Philatelist that two of our long-standing members, Vic Allen and Louis Zell, have died in recent months. Louis, a Turks & Caicos Islands collector, had earlier this year sent additional data on essays and proofs, which were published in the June journal. We extend our condolences to the families of these two valued members.

Savanna-la-Mar, Jamaica, 1861-62

by BILL ATMORE

It is well known that the original type H obliterator, 'A75', allocated to the Savanna-la-Mar office, was lost or damaged shortly after the introduction of the "pine-apple" watermark adhesives in November 1860. Certainly, only a very few examples of type H used on the "pineapple" issue have surfaced to date, none of which are dated. Presumably, arrangements for the provision of a replacement 'A75' obliterator, and also for a replacement 'A36' for Dry Harbour (which had also been mislaid), would have commenced shortly after the loss was reported to the General Post Office in Kingston. According to Nicholson, the replacement type L obliterators were dispatched to Jamaica "late in 1861."

During the intervening period between the loss of the original instrument and the arrival of the replacement, the postmaster at Savanna-la-Mar resorted to three different methods of dealing with post passing through the office. It is these various "emergency measures" that are the subject of this article.

I have records of 14 dated items emanating from Savanna-la-Mar between June 1861 and October 1862, from which three distinct practices and possibly four distinct periods of use emerge. It must be noted that the small size of the sample inhibits the formation of any firm conclusions. What follows, therefore, is merely one possible interpretation, to be confirmed or challenged as further examples come to light.

Period 1: June 1861 to October 1861

To this writer, at least, the utilisation of the office datestamp in situations where the loss of an obliterator called for an emergency alternative is the most logical and acceptable measure. Indeed, it should be remembered that the GPO itself would later instruct offices to make just such use of their daters during the redistribution of obliterators in October 1862.

Perhaps, then, the appearance of the type P11 dater² cancelling adhesives following the loss of the obliterator is to be expected. Three items, all ex-Surtees,³ represent this period:

1d Pine 20 June 1861 4d Pine 20 June 1861

6d Pine 7 September 1861 (pair on entire to

Liverpool)

Period 2: November 1861 to February 1862

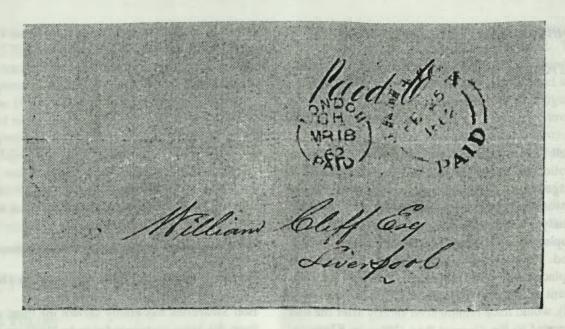
Bob Swarbrick has kindly shown me three entires, all from the same correspondence to "William Cliff Esq., Liverpool," and endorsed 'Paid 6d' in manuscript. The entires also bear the Savanna-la-Mar P11 dater and, interestingly, very late use of the type PD5 'Paid' handstamp (an instrument first brought into use in 1840). They are dated 21 November 1861, 8 December 1861, and 23 February 1862 (Figure 1).

If it can be assumed that the PD5 handstamp was applied at the GPO during bagging at Kingston, the GPO must have been fully aware of the situation, which makes it just all the more surprising. For any office, let alone one of major importance, to revert to the pre-1858 method of pre-payment three years after the use of adhesives was introduced is scarcely credible. The practice is seriously flawed, for in addition to the potential for fraud and misuse, it seems highly likely that prestamped letters would have been posted at the office by a public to whom the use of adhesives must have become second nature.

Period 3: January 1862 (?) to February 1862 (?)

At some juncture, the postmaster initiated the practice of cancelling stamps with a pen. It seems likely that this procedure was concurrent with the entire pre-payment period, being a required measure to cater for pre-stamped letters deposited at the office; further dated examples may confirm this.

Again I am indebted to Bob for bringing to my attention two examples of this practice. These entires, from the same correspondence as the pre-paid examples,



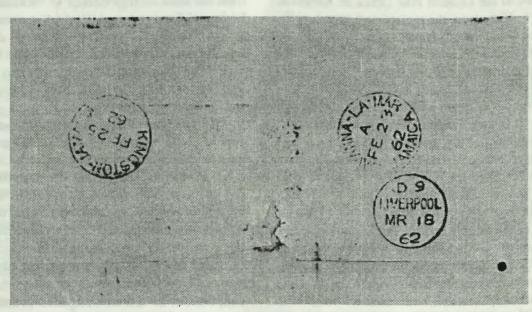


Fig. 1. Savanna-la-Mar, pre-payment period, 23 February 1862.

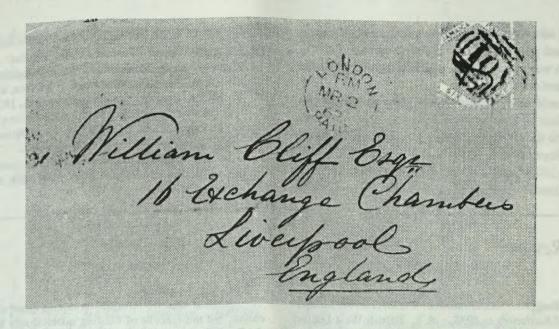
each show a 6d Pineapple stamp cancelled with a simple cross in black ink, overstruck 'A01' at Kingston. The dates of despatch, confirmed by the presence of P11 backstamps, are 23 January 1862 and 7 February 1862 (Figure 2).

Period 4: March 1862 (?) to October 1862

This fourth period marks the return of surely the most acceptable of the various emergency measures – the use

of the P11 datestamp to cancel adhesives. I have records of six examples of this re-introduction of P11:

1s Pine	31 July 1862
6d Pine	July 1862 (day slugs omitted)
6d Pine	4 August 1862
6d Pine	21 August 1862 (Figure 3)
6d Pine	22 September 1862
4d Pine	6 October 1862



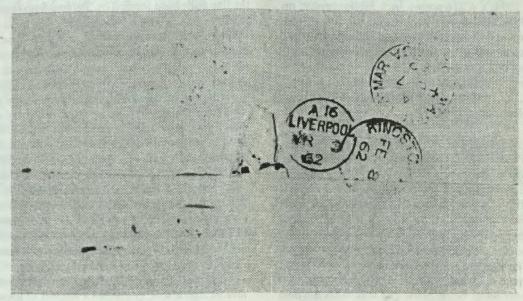


Fig. 2. Savanna-la-Mar, pen-cancellation period, 7 February 1862.



Fig. 3.

In Conclusion?

Faced with the loss of the 'A75' obliterating instrument in early 1861, the Savanna-la-Mar office resorted to the use of the P11 datestamp to cancel adhesives. For unknown reasons – possibly a directive from the GPO? – this measure was abandoned in October or November 1861 in favour of pre-payment (for letters presented to the office unstamped), with pen cancellations applied

whenever adhesives were present. After a period of four months, and possibly as much as nine months, the P11 datestamp was re-introduced pending the arrival of the replacement obliterator.

I would be most interested if any members can help confirm or disprove this interpretation, or otherwise add to the store of knowledge regarding the practices employed at Savanna-la-Mar during 1861–62. My address is 107B Leslie Road, Leytonstone, London, E11 4HF, England.

Notes

- 1 L.C.C. Nicholson, "Postmarks," in Jamaica: Its Postal History, Postage Stamps and Postmarks, edited by G.W. Collett, W. Buckland Edwards, C.S. Morton, and L.C.C. Nicholson. London: Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 1928, p. 203.
- 2 The datestamp and 'Paid' stamp type numbers are drawn from Thomas Foster, Jamaica: The Postal History, 1662– 1860. London: Robson Lowe Ltd., 1968.
- 3 Jamaica: The V.N.F. Surtees Collection (auction catalogue), Robson Lowe, 14–15 September 1876, lot no. 203 (photo p. 28).

Book Review

E. Victor Toeg, F.R.P.S.L., *Dominica: Postal History, Stamps and Postal Stationery to 1935*, vol. 1. British West Indies Study Circle, 1994; x + 216 pages, incl. bibliography; no index. ISBN 0 9506535 3 5. Available in the U.K. from Peter C. Ford, 28 Orchard Close, Hail Weston, St Neots, Cambs., PE19 4LF; price: £42 (plus £4.15 postage and packing); in the USA, from W. Clary Holt, PO Drawer 59, Burlington, NC 27216; price: US\$73.50 (plus \$8.19 surface postage and packing). A special discount is offered to BWISC members until 31 December 1994.

It gives me great pleasure to review this fine work by Victor Toeg, who has been chairman of the British West Indies Study Circle for as long as I can remember and is also a long-standing member of our own group. As Victor reminds us in his introduction, the only previous book dedicated to Dominica alone was Bertram Poole's effort more than 80 years ago, which does not contain much more information than can be found in Gibbons' Commonwealth catalogue. Victor's book has therefore been eagerly anticipated and it lives up to the highest expectations.

Solidly bound in black cloth and with a strong dust jacket, this is a quality product with large type and excellent layout. I have yet to find a misprint in the whole book, and that is a rare event in philatelic works. As a result, the reader can be confident that the enormous range of facts, numbers, and dates are accurately recorded. The only criticism one can make of the quality is that many of the illustrations, of which there are dozens, appear to be photocopies with less clear definition than photographs. Some of the exposures from items in archives, etc. are not of top quality, but these are clearly all that is available.

So far as content is concerned, we are treated, as one would expect from a solicitor, to a logically presented and meticulously researched work. This first volume does not attempt to cover postal history except for the early postal markings and the G.B. stamps used in Dominica (effectively, up to about 1880). It covers stamps and stationery, on the other hand, up to 1935. A second volume is promised covering post-1880 postal history and stamps up to 1968.

A great deal of information comes from various archives, but the records of existing material rely heavily on the fine collection formed by Stephen Sugarman, which was sold by Christie's on 8 March 1994. The book contains two chapters with more specialised research – one on the 1886 provisionals, featuring a most interesting reconstruction of the row of six "thick bar" one penny overprint on 6d green; and the other on the 1935 Silver Jubilees. The author has unearthed much interesting information on the production of the Jubilees and gives an excellent summary of earlier research into the variety of plates used. In addition, there is a good bibliography, which I am glad to see includes the relevant auction catalogues (which are at last being recognised as a vital source of information on available material).

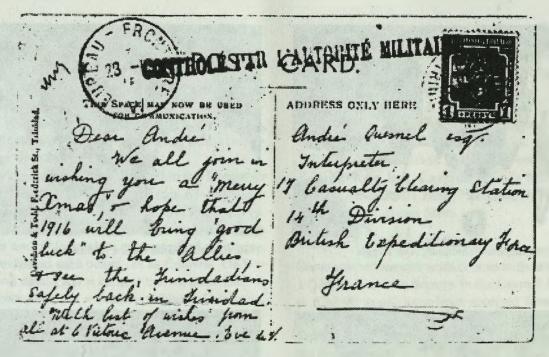
Since it is the task of a critic to criticise, I will note a few shortcomings through they do not significantly detract from the overall quality of the work. First, the large bulk of illustrations will be familiar to those who have the Sugarman catalogue, and it would have been nice to see some "fresher" material.

More pertinently, the Sugarman collection, comprehensive though it was, contained a number of gaps, so there are some omissions in the listings. For example, the records of proofs and watermark varieties could be somewhat expanded. It would have been interesting to learn more about the orientation of the sideways watermarks in the Views series, which differ according to printing. For the early postal markings, no date ranges are given, a defect which I hope will be remedied in Volume 2, though I accept the fact that this task requires significant input from other collectors. As I have already mentioned, the degree of accuracy is exceptional, and the only point of detail I can object to at this juncture is that the 1/2d die proof illustrated at the foot of page 151 was for the 1926 wrapper and should more appropriately be shown in the postal stationery chapter.

Overall, this is a fine book, scrupulously researched, painstakingly accurate, and "user-friendly." It should be in the library of all Caribbean collectors. I eagerly await Volume 2. - Charles A. Freeland

Trinidad BEF Contingent in France During World War I

by BEN RAMKISSOON



The Trinidad contingent was the first to be shipped to Europe from the BWI area during World War I. It arrived in the U.K. in October 1915 and went into training at Seaford, Sussex, under Colonel A.E. Barchard of Jamaica. By the close of 1915, 2,500 officers and men had arrived in Britain. In addition, Jamaica had offered a separate contingent of 2,000 men. There were now three BWI battalions, two of which were comprised of men from several colonies – Bahamas, Barbados, British Guiana, Grenada, Leeward Islands, St Lucia, St Vincent, and Trinidad & Tobago – and the third from Jamaica.

The three battalions, located at Alexandria, Egypt, in 1916, were later joined by a fourth. None of these troops ever entered combat, and they resented being turned into a labor corps under the guise of "pioneers." They were stationed at Zeitoun (March) and later moved into the Canal Zone (June). A draft of 500 men from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions was transferred to the East Africa Expeditionary Force in Mombasa (Tanganyika), attached to the 2nd West India Regiment. Another detachment, comprising 100 men of the 2nd Battalion, joined the I.E.F. in Mesopotamia for noncombatant work.

In mid-July 1916, the 3rd and 4th Battalions were ordered to France for work on ammunition dumps, since the Bermuda Volunteer Artillery Force had done well at shell-carrying under heavy fire during 1915–16. Between August and September 1916, over 6,000 men were sent to France to form ammunition supply columns.

Many more men would be needed to supply the forces operating in France, so that eventually all such forces from Egypt were transferred to the European service.

The battalions in France were attached to the British Expeditionary Force (BEF), operating during battles (Somme, Arras, and Ypres), chiefly in handling ammunition from railway locations to the field, dock loading, and for light railway construction. The 3rd Battalion served in France until Armistice.

The Christmas greeting shown here is addressed from Port of Spain to 'André Quesnel, Esq., Interpreter, 17 Casualty Clearing Station, 14th Division, British Expeditionary Force, France', with the message:

Dear André We all join in wishing you a "Merry Xmas," and hope that 1916 will bring "good luck" to the Allies & see the Trinidadians safely back in Trinidad. With best wishes from all at 6 Victoria Avenue. Eve de V.

The history of the BWI regiment was not an altogether happy one. Being a volunteer group willing to serve the Empire, it is unfortunate that many had to wait for four years before a nominal number of their members were allowed to take part in active fighting for the cause they had come to defend.

Reference

Crabb, G.F. Forces Postal History Society Newsletter 148 (January-February 1978).

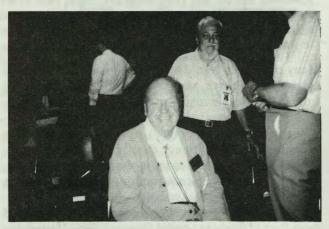
Scenes from a Gathering: King of Prussia, 1 October 1994



Peter McCann, Stephen Schumann, Ann Triggle



Gale Raymond, Sam Cutler, Bob Lovett



H.L. Arnould (seated), Gale Raymond



Judy and George King



A serious auction: Barry Friedman and Bill Charles Gompel



Rob Wynstra (right) showing his exhibit to Peter Kaulback and Jim Stern

Cayman Islands Postal Markings: Update No. 3

by Thomas E. Giraldi

Here, at long last, is the third update to *The Postal History of the Cayman Islands*, authored by Peter McCann and myself, and published in 1989 by Triad Publications. It includes new postmark types and subtypes, additional entries in the case of meters and official markings, usage updates, etc.

Previous updates have appeared in the December 1991 (pp. 149–153) and June 1992 (pp. 67–68) issues of the journal; see also the December 1992 issue (p. 136). As in the book and in previous updates, marks and labels are in black ink unless specified otherwise. The abbreviations used below are as follows: OKD = only known date; EKD = earliest known date; LKD = latest known date; SG = Stanley Gibbons Catalogue, Part 1. Unless indicated otherwise under LKD, newly recorded marks and labels are still in use (i.e., "current 1994," to follow the form used in the book).

Recall that the post offices are distributed as follows on the three islands:

Grand Cayman – Boddentown, East End, Georgetown (General Post Office), Hell, Northside, Old Man Bay, Savannah, Seven Mile Beach (opened on 25 June 1991), South Sound, West Bay;

Cayman Brac - Creek, Spot Bay, Stake Bay (main post office), Watering Place, West End; Little Cayman - Little Cayman.

I wish to acknowledge the contributions of the following collectors to this update: Joe Chin Aleong, William Ashley, David Atkinson, Fred Booth, Ivan Burges, John Byl, Cayman Islands Museum, Bob Cooley, Dave Druett, Barry Friedman, Dave Mackman, James Podger, James Stern.

Chapter 1 - The Early Posts

Some corrections and amendments to the dates in Table 1 (Use of Jamaican Stamps in the Cayman Islands), on p. 5 of the book, have been received from John Byl. First, two major errors in the table must be corrected. For SG 27, the EKD of 3 March 1889 is wrong because the post office did not open until 12 April and this stamp was not issued until 8 March. Thus the correct EKD for this stamp is May 1889. For SG 29, the EKD of 26 September 1889 is also wrong because the stamp was only issued on 25 February 1891. The correct EKD for the use of SG 29 in the Caymans is 26 May 1892. These and other amendments to be made are listed below.

SG no.	Denomination	Post office	Obliterator type	Change	
16	¹ /2 d	Cayman Brac	type 2	OKD 11 A	ug 1900
27	1d	Georgetown	type 1	EKD - M	lay 1889
		66	type 1	LKD 22 N	ov 1894
		66	type 3A	LKD 26 A	pr 1900
		Cayman Brac	type 1	LKD 12 Ja	n 1900
28	2d	Georgetown	type 1	EKD 22 M	lay 1889
29	2 ¹ /2d	44	type 1	EKD 26 M	ay 1892
		46	type 2	EKD 23 A	pr 1895
D4	1d	44	type 1	LKD 1? M	1893
05	2d	ш	type 1	EKD	1891

Chapter 2 - Rural Posts

The following amendments should be made to Table 2 (pp. 11–12):

SG	no.	Denomination	Change
25	1/2d	EKD	21 Jan 1910 (on cover)
26	1d	EKD	25 Oct 1911 (on cover;
38	¹/4d	EKD	error in the book) 18 Feb 1913 (on cover)

Chapter 3 - Cancellations

James Podger has sent me photographs of a previously unrecorded bogus cancel found on some stamps of the first Queen Elizabeth II definitive set (SG nos. 148, 150, 151, 153 and 154). Has anyone else encountered this fake postmark?



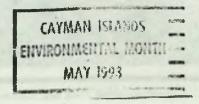


A number of amendments (including several new types) should be made to this chapter. The post offices are on Grand Cayman unless indicated otherwise.

New types

Georgetown

Type M6
EKD 3 May 1993
LKD 8 May 1993
21 mm (datestamp)
46 x 22 mm (slogan)



Type M7 EKD 19 Apr 1994 21 mm (datestamp) 46 x 22 mm (slogan)





Type M8
EKD 8 Jun 1994
21 mm (datestamp)
50 x 22 mm (lines)





Type Misc 5
EKD 10 Nov 1993
LKD 13 Dec 1993
46 mm
Purple



Postage Paid Permits

EKD 25 Mar 1992

Preprinted on envelopes in various styles, set in three or four lines. Permit numbers recorded so far: 2 Cable & Wireless (West Indies) Limited; blue 3 Water Authority – Cayman 4 Weststar TV Ltd.



CAYMAN ISLANDS POSTAGE PAID PERMIT NO. 4

Seven Mile Beach

Type 1 EKD 7 Feb 1992 26.5 x 16.5 mm Also seen in purple



West Bay

Type M1 EKD 16 Dec 1991 LKD 17 Dec 1993 27 mm (datestamp) 41 x 24 mm (lines)





Stake Bay

Type M1 EKD 1 Mar 1994 25.5 mm (datestamp) 35 x 22.5 mm (lines)



Usage updates

Georgetown

Type 1 EKD 22 May 1889

Type 5 LKD 13 Apr 1928

Type M1 LKD current 1994

Boddentown

Type 3 EKD 25 Feb 1955 Stake Bay

Type 5 LKD 24 Apr 1954

Type O1 LKD current 1994

Type O2 LKD current 1994

West End

Type 5
Also seen in purple

Chapter 4 Meters

The highest meter-machine number has now reached 085, according to Ivan Burges. As the updates below

will show, there are many information gaps to fill from 1986 to the present. Any help that members can provide would be appreciated.

New types

Type ME 22
Similar to type ME 7 but without 'W.I.'



O50 Cayman National Bank / Cayman National Corporation Ltd.

EKD 12 May 1992

Type ME 23 Similar to type ME 10 but with 'B.W.I.'



O40 C.I.B.C. Bank & Trust Company (Cayman) Limited

EKD 15 May 1991

O47 Barclays Bank Plc.

EKD 2 Jun 1992

Type ME 24

Similar to type ME 13 but without 'B.W.I.' Seen with and without slogans.





O57 A. L. Thompson's Home Depot EKD 4 Feb 1992 058 Cayman Insurance Centre Ltd.

EKD 21 Apr 1993

O70 Guardian Bank & Trust (Cayman) Ltd.

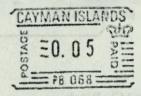
EKD 18 Feb 1992

O74 Cayman Travel Services

EKD 12 Oct 1993

Type ME 25 Similar to type ME 14 but without 'W.I.'





O68 Cayman Coating Ltd. EKD 31 Mar 1994

New or additional users of existing types

Type ME 11

005 Now belongs to Sprint Services / T.N.T. Mailfast (with slogan)
EKD 3 Jun 1994

081 Giglioli & Company EKD 29 Jun 1994

Type ME 13

O46 Hyatt Regency Grand Cayman EKD 8 July 1994

O76 Mike's Ice & Refrigeration Co. Ltd. EKD 6 May 1991

Chapter 5 - Official Markings

Circular marks

New type

A new type, measuring approximately 49 mm in diameter, has been recorded; this will be called type 2C7. For the characteristics of subtypes a, b, c, and d, see the descriptions given for type 3C on p. 55.

Type 2C7a

Cayman Islands / Audit Office EKD 18 Dec 1992



Postal and Telegraphs Dept. / Grand Cayman C.I. EKD 5 Jan 1994

Type 2C7c

Office of the Administrative Secretary / C.I. Government EKD 6 Feb 1992



Office Of The Chief Secretary / C.I. Government EKD 29 May 1992

Portfolio of Education and Culture, and Aviation / Cayman Islands EKD 11 Nov 1993

Ministry of Community Development, Sports, Youth Affairs and Culture / Cayman Islands EKD 29 Mar 1994 Additions to existing types

Type 2C6a

The Immigration Board / Cayman Islands EKD 9 Dec 1993

George Hicks High School / Grand Cayman EKD 4 Jan 1994



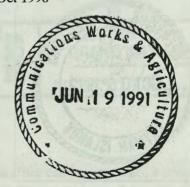
Personnel & Management / Services Division EKD 28 May 1992

Dept. of Broadcasting / Cayman Islands EKD 4 Dec 1992

Trade and Labor Department / Cayman Islands EKD 23 Oct 1992

Type 2C6b

The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs EKD 5 Oct 1990



Communications Works & Agriculture EKD 19 June 1991

Type 2C6c

Office of the Administrative Secretary / C.I. Government EKD 22 May 1991

Internal Audit / Cayman Islands EKD 15 Dec 1993

Economic Development Unit / Cayman Islands EKD 5 Feb 1992



Tourism Environment & Planning / Cayman Islands EKD 16 Nov 1993

Education Department / Cayman Islands Government EKD 9 Dec 1993

Financial Services Supervision Dept. / Cayman Islands EKD 2 Feb 1994

Type 3C2a

Supervisor of Elections / Cayman Islands EKD 6 Oct 1992



Cayman Counseling Centre / Cayman Islands (the inner-most ring is a circle of dots rather than a solid line) EKD 7 Sept 1992

Social Services / Cayman Brac EKD 27 July 1993



Chief Fire Officer / Cayman Islands Fire Service EKD 28 June 1993

Health & Social Services / Cayman Islands EKD 14 May 1991

Legal Department / Cayman Islands EKD 3 June 1992

Public Service Commission / Cayman Islands EKD 28 Jan 1991

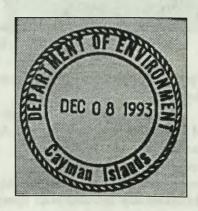
Government Information Services / Cayman Islands EKD 19 Feb 1986

Type 3C2c

District Commissioners Office / Cayman Brac (the inner ring is made up of dots rather than a solid line) EKD 8 Dec 1993

Medical Officer of Health / C.I. Govt Hospital EKD 30 Mar 1992

Statistics Unit / Government Administration Building EKD 2 Aug 1991



Department of Environment / Cayman Islands EKD 8 Dec 1993 Department of Agriculture / Cayman Islands EKD 1 Feb 1994

Usage updates

Type 3C1b

Department of Finance and Development EKD 2 Sept 1992

Type 3C2a

Post and Telegraphs Department EKD 2 Feb 1974

Type 3C2b

Principal Secretary District Commissioner / C.B. EKD 21 Mar 1977

Straight-line marks

Type 2SL

Mosquito Research & Control Unit / Cayman Islands Government (similar to subtype 2SLa) EKD 21 Dec 1972

AKUSQUITO RESEARCH & CONTROL UNIT CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

Oval marks

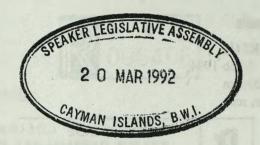
Type 20V6b

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association / Secretary / Cayman Island Branch EKD 9 Apr 1992



Type 3OV10

Speaker Legislative Assembly / Cayman Islands, B.W.I. EKD 20 Mar 1992



Cayman Islands Law School EKD 1 Sep 1992

Commercial Crime Branch / Royal Cayman Islands Police EKD 4 Nov 1992

Cayman Islands Government / Ststistics Office EKD 1 May 1992

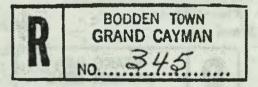
Chapter 6 - Registration

New types

In Update no. 1, it was indicated that three post offices were using the new type of rubber handstamp (H). Several additional entries are listed below, along with new labels (L).

Boddentown

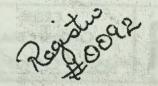
Type R3 (H) EKD 19 Oct 1993 62 x 20 mm Purple



Hell

While this office can register mail, it does not have any label or handstamp, and thus the registration number is written by hand.

EKD Oct 1993



Northside

Type R3 (H) EKD 3 Feb 1994 62 x 20 mm Purple, red

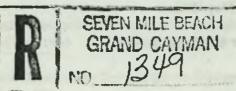


NORTH SIDE GRAND CAYMAN

NO. 003059

Seven Mile Beach

Type R1 (H) EKD 5 June 1992 62 x 20 mm Black



Type R2 (L) EKD 10 April 1994 37 x 16 mm Dark blue, "Cayman / Islands" 12 mm long



Stake Bay

Type R12 (H) EKD 15 Nov 1991 62 x 20 mm

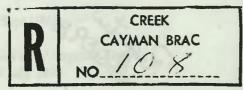


STAKE BAY CAYMAN BRAC

NO.

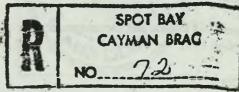
Creek

Type R4 (H) EKD 21 Oct 1993 62 x 20 mm Black



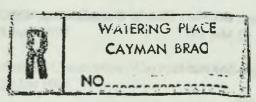
Spot Bay

Type R3 (H) EKD 22 Oct 1993 62 x 20 mm Black



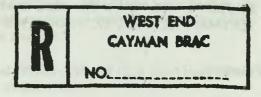
Watering Place

Type R3 (H) EKD 23 Oct 1993 62 x 20 mm Black



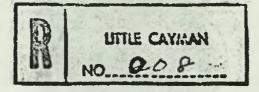
West End

Type R3 (H) EKD 26 Jan 1994 62 x 20 mm Black, purple



Little Cayman

Type R1 (H) EKD 22 Oct 1993 62 x 20 mm Black



Labels with code letters

These labels, similar to the self-adhesive labels (type R25 of Georgetown) but with a code letter instead of the name of the post office or sub-office, were introduced sometime in 1991 at the Philatelic Bureau. Sometime

in 1993, the GPO decided to use them at the sub-post offices and at Stake Bay. The reason for doing this is unknown, as the sub-offices are still using their rubber handstamps. There appears to be a different code for each of the sub-offices. Fred Booth and Ivan Burges report that the following codes have been seen: Boddentown (N), Northside (F), Savannah (J), Stake Bay (L), and West Bay (O). All labels measure 37 x 16 mm, and all are printed in dark blue.

Georgetown (Philatelic Bureau)

Type R27 (L) EKD 6 Dec 1991



Boddentown

Type R4 (L) EKD 15 Feb 1994



Northside

Type R4 (L) EKD 1 Mar 1994



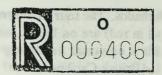
Savannah

Type R3 (L) EKD 8 Apr 1994



West Bay

Type R3 (L) EKD 19 Apr 1994



Stake Bay

Type R13 (L) EKD 2 March 1994



Usage Updates

Georgetown

Type R4 (M) Above the number EKD 18 Feb 1913

Type R7 (H) EKD 19 Aug 1919

Type R18A (L)

Possible new subtype; probably locally printed; numerals are of the same type as type R18 36.5 x 16.5 mm Blue

EKD 27 Feb 1978



Stake Bay

Type R1 (L) EKD 30 Oct 1920

Type R2 (L) EKD 7 Jan 1914

Chapter 7 - Instructional Markings

New marks

Air Mail

Georgetown

Type 9

This handstamp has been seen on a large number of envelopes, not only from the Caymans but also from

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Bermuda and Barbados. The four strikes recorded from the Caymans (all in red) are on letters posted in 1990 and 1991. Is this a universal handstamp used by all post offices of the British Caribbean area? EKD 13 Nov 1982

AIR MAIL

Boddentown

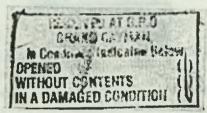
Type 3
Same as type 9 of Georgetown, but framed 39 mm
Blue, purple, red

Type 4 EKD 8 Feb 1994 47 x 16 mm (frame) Red

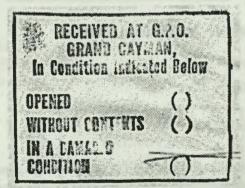


Mail Damaged

Type 8 EKD 1 Feb 1994 50 x 25 mm (frame) Purple



Type 9 EKD Apr 1994 58 x 45 mm (frame) Purple



Received Opened

Type 5 EKD 4 Feb 1994 Approx. 45 and 48 mm Black

AT GP.O. GRAND CAYMON

Unclaimed / Return to Sender

Type 2 EKD 25 Jan 1994 26 and 41 mm Black, blue

/UNCLAIMED RETURN TO SENDER

Second Notice

Type 1 EKD 25 Jan 1994 38 mm Black

SECOND NOTICE

Usage and Other Updates

Air Mail

Georgetown

Type 1 EKD 9 Jan 1953

Type 8 Also seen in black and blue

Cayman Brac

Type 1 EKD 2 Apr 1946 Now seen in black

[to be continued]

From the Editor's Desk

by Michel Forand

Membership Renewal

Your membership renewal form was sent with the September issue of the journal. If you have not yet returned it to the Treasurer or the International Director, along with your remittance, please do so NOW. Each year, Barry Friedman and Bob Swarbrick have to chase down members who are delinquent in paying their dues for the current year and who have not informed the Group of their intentions. This is a time-consuming and wasteful exercise. If you wish to remain a member of the Group, please let us know right away. And if you wish to leave the Group, there's nothing embarrassing in that: let us know as soon as your decision is made, and we will not bother you again.

Barbados Meeting

Additional details have been received from Mary Green concerning arrangements for the Barbados get-together:

- 1 The cost at the Coconut Court Beach Hotel is \$50 per room per night, and is a flat rate for all but the large suite that will be used as a hospitality suite. Some of the rooms have cooking facilities, and all have a view of the sea.
- Nigel Worme, the owner of the Cot Printery, the local firm that has produced the first locally printed stamps, is very open to the idea of a visit of his plant by those in attendance. Arrangements for this can be made at a later time.
- For those wishing to travel to neighbouring islands, there are five or six flights daily to St Lucia, St Vincent, Grenada, the Grenadines, and Trinidad. Mary writes that there is no need to make arrangements for this until early May. The air fare to St Vincent, Barbados' closest neighbour, is about Bdos\$300.

Details about the philatelic program of the meeting are not yet finalized. They will be announced in the next edition of the journal. The Barbados Tourist Authority has informed me that some of the details about its offices that were sent with the September journal need to be changed: there is no longer a Montreal office, and the post code in London should be W1P OLA.

BCPSG Library

A number of top-level collections of British Caribbean stamps and postal history have been sold at auction or privately in recent years. In some cases, their owners have had the foresight to send a photocopy of their collection to our Library (as Mark Swetland did for his award-winning Antigua exhibit). This type of contribution is a very precious addition to the Library – a permanent record of collections that have, more often than not, taken a lifetime to assemble. Other members can thus benefit from the research and knowledge developed by these specialists.

However, not all owners think of doing this. While auction catalogues offer a substitute of sorts, their descriptions are usually too brief and they often lump together in one lot material that would, for the student, be more useful if it were available on individual album or exhibit pages. If you are planning to sell your collection, you would render your fellow members an invaluable service by sending a photocopy to Dan Walker, our Librarian.

The BCPSG has recently begun an exchange of journals with the *Postal History Society* (U.K.), whose journal is now being received by the Library.

A new BCPSG Library Catalogue is in preparation and will be distributed with the March issue of the journal.

BCPSG Meeting at Valley Forge

About 30 people attended the Group's 1994 annual meeting, held in conjunction with PNSE 94 (Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition), at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on 1 October. After a number of announcements concerning next year's meeting in Barbados (16–23 May 1995) and some of the publications currently "in the pipeline," the philatelic portion of the 1994

meeting got under way, with presentations being made by Sam Cutler (who had queries about two marks on Jamaican stamps), Gale Raymond (who passed around his album of "impossible covers"), and BCPSG president Peter McCann (who gave an informal display of his award-winning exhibit of Turks & Caicos Islands postal history).

Several members exhibited British Caribbean material at PNSE 94: Bob Cooley, Sam Cutler, Paul Larsen, Jim Stern, Ben Ramkissoon, Ed Waterous, and Rob Wynstra. As well, a few members exhibited non-Caribbean material: H.L. Arnould, Steven Roth, Ann Triggle, and Jeff Weiss. For a list of exhibit titles and awards, please see Paul Larsen's "Exhibits and Awards" column.

Among the other members present at PNSE 94 were Tom Bansak (Toga Associates), Cyril Bell, Dick Colberg, Barry Friedman (BCPSG Treasurer), Bill Gompel (BCPSG Auction Manager), Peter Kaulback (BCPSG Secretary), George King, Bob Lovett (our former Librarian), Ralph Lyford, Tom McMahon, Larry Martin (Crown Colony Stamps), Lois Mazza (who applied to join the Group during the show), Michael Mead (Britannia Enterprises), Stephen Schumann, Robert Shoemaker, Sergio Sismondo (The Classic Collector), Tex Whitehouse, and Vincent Wilmot. (Sorry if I've missed mentioning anyone!) Four former presidents who usually attend our meetings were unable to do so this year: Jay Fredrick, Fred Seifert, Mark Swetland, and Dan Walker were missed.

Among the topics discussed at the meeting of officers and trustees were possible uses of the Ed Addiss

Memorial Fund, both to increase membership and for a possible literature award; BCPSG publications in the pipeline; preliminary arrangements for the Barbados meeting; and arrangements to enable Michel Forand to continue as editor (see below). Peter Kaulback mentioned that the BCPSG had gained 74 new members in the past year.

I'm Not Going After All!

In my September column, I announced that I planned to resign as editor at the end of 1995. During the Group officers' and trustees' meeting at King of Prussia, however, it was agreed that I could investigate the possibility of having the layout and camera-ready copy of the journal prepared by someone else. This is the most time-consuming portion of my work as editor – the part that is most difficult to carry out in a timely fashion, given the constraints imposed on me by my professional commitments.

I am happy to report that Lynn Landriau, who was a colleague of mine when I was employed by the Canadian government, has agreed to do this work for a modest sum. Lynn has several years' experience in desktop publishing and has a full DTP system at home that enables her to produce the camera-ready copy of the journal much faster and with far better results than I. Thanks to her contribution, I can remain as editor of the journal for the time being. This issue of the journal is the first to be prepared by Lynn.



Secretary's Report

by Peter Kaulback

All applicants listed in the September issue of the journal have been admitted to membership in the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group.

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Deceased

Vic Allen Louis E. Zell

Resignations

F. Scheuer H.G. Williams W. Zehetner



Exhibits and Awards

Compiled by Paul A. Larsen



AAMS	American Air Mail Society	LG	large gold
AAPE	American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors	G	gold
APS	American Philatelic Society	LV	large vermeil
ATA	American Topical Association	V	vermeil
UPSS	United Postal Stationery Society	LS	large silver
lit	literature exhibit	S	silver
GA	Grand Award	SB	silver-bronze
RG	Reserve Grand	В	bronze

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Arnould, Howard L.

- "Danish West Indies Postal History: The Foreign Mails before 1880," STAMPSHOW: Prix d'Honneur
- "Studies of Three U.s. First Issue Revenue Stamps,"
 PNSE: S

Bowman, George

- "The Rowe Aero-Achievements, from wiae to Pan Am, 1927–1931," CHICAGOPEX: V, AAMS award, AAPE award; PIPEX: G, AAMS G, APS 1900–1940 medal, AAPE Creativity Award

Cooley, Robert

- "Great Britain Line Engraved Issues: One Penny and Two Pence Values, 1840–1879," STAMPSHOW: Champion of Champions
- "Cayman Islands: the Philately of Three Reigns, 1829–1936," PHILAKOREA: G; PNSE: RG, G, BCPSG G & Byron Cameron Trophy, APS 1900–1940 medal

Cutler, Sam

"Postal Markings on Crown ca Issues of Jamaica," PNSE:
 S, BCPSG S

Forand, Michel

- American Philatelic Congress Book 1993 [lit], COLOPEX: GA, G; PHILAKOREA: LV; STAMPSHOW: G
- The Congress Book 1994 [lit], CHICAGOPEX: G
- British Caribbean Philatelic Journal (1993) [lit],
 CHICAGOPEX: V; COLOPEX: V; STAMPSHOW: V; PHILAKOREA:
 LS

Fuller, Darryl

- "Leeward Islands Postal Stationery," Northpex: LV Griffiths, John
- "British Leeward Islands, 1757-1902," PHILAKOREA: LG Ireson, Ray
- "Colombia: The Classics," Ameristamp Expo: S
- "The Panama Canal Story," NAPEX: G, ATA G

Larsen, Paul

- "Federal Postal Stationery of the Leeward Islands,"
 COMPEX: G; PNSE: G, BCPSG G, UPSS Marcus White Award
- "Leeward Islands Judicial FEES Revenue Stamps," COMPEX: S; PNSE: certificate of appreciation (non-competitive exhibit)
- "German Caroline Islands, 1899-1914," INDYPEX: V
- "German Togo, 1885–1914," CHICAGOPEX: GA, G, APS 1900–1940 medal

Mack, Millard

- "1869 Issue" (U.S.), Philatelic Show: G, APS pre-1900 medal

 "United States Presidential Widow Franks," Ameristamp Expo: S

Prappas, Dempsey

"Battle of the Falkland Islands, December 8, 1914,"
 Ameristamp Expo: SB

Ramkissoon, Ben

- "Trinidad, 1802–1906" CHICAGOPEX : G, BCPSG medal; PHILAKOREA: LG
- "Postal Stationery of Trinidad & Tobago," PHILAKOREA: LV
- "Tobago, 1772–1913," PNSE: G, BCPSG G

Roth, Steven

 "Philadelphia Postal History," PNSE: Pennsylvania Postal History Society Merit Award

Schnell, Roger

- "Danish West Indies, 1748 to 1905," PHILAKOREA: LG

Stern, James

- "Early Cayman Islands Registration," PNSE: V, BCPSG V

Swarbrick, Robert

- "The Formative Period of the Jamaica Post Office, 1675–1860," PHILAKOREA: G

Triggle, Ann

- "Ichthyology," PNSE: G, Anne Apfelbaum Memorial Award, ATA Award
- "Muscat: A Postal History," NAPEX: G; Indian Study Circle Outstanding Award
- "Wales (Cymru)," STAMPSHOW: G

Verge, Charles

- "The Postal Markings of Dublin, 1818–1916," PHILAKOREA: V

Walker, Dan

- "Grenada, 1752–1911," STAMPSHOW: Prix d'Honneur
- "Barwani, A Princely Indian State," NAPEX: V; Indian Study
 Circle Award of Excellence; PHILAKOREA: LV

Waterous, Ed

- "Bahamas Philately to 1966," PNSE: SB, BCPSG SB

Weiss, Jeffrey

- "Great Britain: The 1887 Jubilee Issue and Its Derivatives," ROMPEX: GA, G, APS pre-1900 medal; STAMPSHOW: Prix d'Honneur
- "Britannia Continues Sending Messages to the World,"
 PNSE: G

Wynstra, Robert

 "Leeward Islands Village Mail, 1734–1932," PNSE: G, BCPSG G; STAMPSHOW: G

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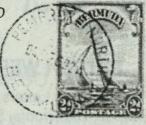
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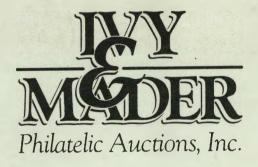


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