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## Philatelic Show 98 - Boxborough, MA Ten BCPSG Exhibitors Attend



*Our exhibitors gathered at the Awards Banquet at the 1998 Annual Meeting.  
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search and discoveries. Postal history specialists can interact with traditional collectors. The opportunities for enriching ones own knowledge are great. Using an example from my own exhibit — which is only partially dedicated to the Caribbean area — will illustrate this. I have a very nice cover sent from London to the Barbados in 1935 at the printed matter rate. This rate was not accepted by the local post office, and a pair of 1d postage due stamps were affixed to the cover. Unable to find the addressee, the post office "canceled" the postage dues prior to the return of the item to England. This was done by means of applying the rubber handstamp "CANCELLED" in red to the dues. One of our Barbados experts, *Peter Kaulback*, informed me that he had never seen this handstamp used in Barbados. He naturally requested a copy of my cover for his research. Result: I may have a more distinguished cover than I thought, and Peter may be able to extend the knowledge base of Barbados handstamps.

Additionally, it gives collectors an opportunity to interact with active exhibitors. This is important because the

exhibitors are often pushing the envelope of knowledge. This is only natural because exhibiting represents a quest for unreachable perfection. That quest often exposes previously unknown varieties, usages, markings and rates.

The second aspect of fellowship is purely social. We get to meet many congenial, interesting people with whom we share at least one common interest. We can often make new friendships that can last a lifetime and enrichen our personal lives.

### *The Stan Durnin Award*

I am pleased that the Board has reinstated the Stan Durnin award after a hiatus of a number of years. Although it is important for all of us to contribute to the body of knowledge, it's always nice to be recognized by our peers for a job well done. I look forward to the first presentation of this award in Sarasota.

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## *Plans for 1999 Annual Meeting at Sarasota*

The next annual general meeting is scheduled for February 5-7 at the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition. The exhibition site will be the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium located at 801 North Tamiami Trail (US 41). This show is organized by the Sarasota Philatelic Club and is widely recognized as one of the top shows in the country.

The primary show hotel will be the Wellesley Inn, 1803 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34234, telephone: (941)366-5128. Basic rooms are \$75 at the special show rate, and mini-suites are \$85. **Early Reservations Are Absolutely Essential** as every hotel within several miles of the show will be booked by early December. Reservations at the Wellesley Inn can be made by calling the above number and asking for the National Stamp Exhibition Rate.

The secondary hotel is the Hampton Inn, 5000 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota FL 34234, phone (941)351-7734. The rate is also \$75, and the local number must be called to get the show rate (again, ask for the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition rate). The Hampton Inn is four miles north of the show site, so a rental car or other transportation will be necessary if staying there. Attendees should attempt to book at the Wellesley first, and use the Hampton as a backup

It also is essential to book airline flights as early as possible, because February is the peak of the tourist season in Florida. For those who cannot get good airline connections into Sarasota, the nearest airports are Tampa, a one-hour drive away, Fort Myers, located 1 1/2 hours south, and Orlando, located two hours east.

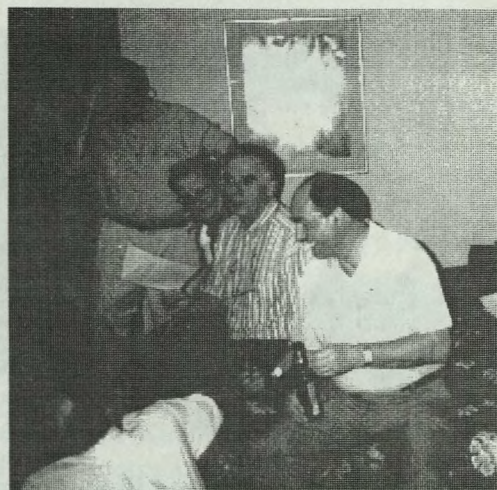
The group meeting is scheduled for February 6 at the Hyatt Hotel located near the show site. Details on the meeting, room location, and the Friday group dinner will be available in the next Journal. Nine Caribbean Philatelic Bureaus, including Barbados and Jamaica, have been invited to have booths at the show.

Exhibit prospectuses are available from Jack Seaman, Sarasota Philatelic Club, PO Box 3553, Sarasota, FL 34230. A limited number of frames will be held for our group through November 15. Because the Confederate Stamp Alliance also will be meeting at the show, organizers expect to be over-subscribed for frames. Delays in sending in the exhibit application could result in disappointment.

**Jack Harwood**, who is one of the show organizers and serves on our Board of Trustees, has graciously agreed to act as our local organizer. Jack can be contacted at PO Box 32015, Midtown Station, Sarasota FL 34239; telephone: (941)924-0419; e-mail: jharwood@ibm.net.

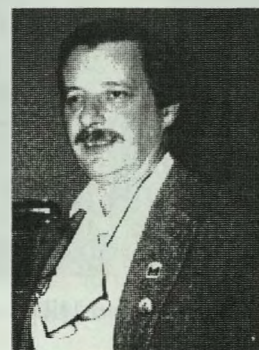


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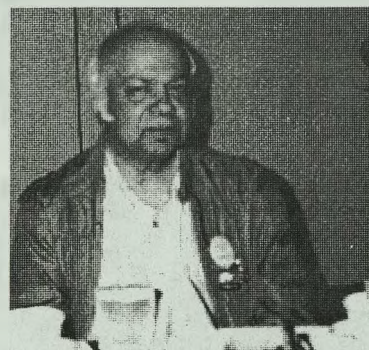


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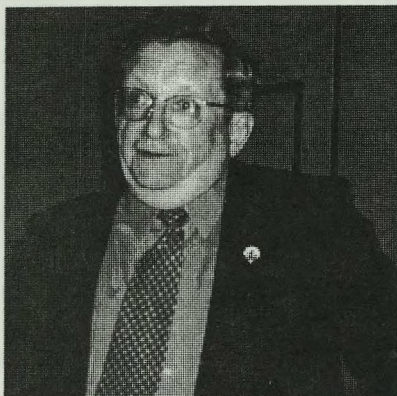
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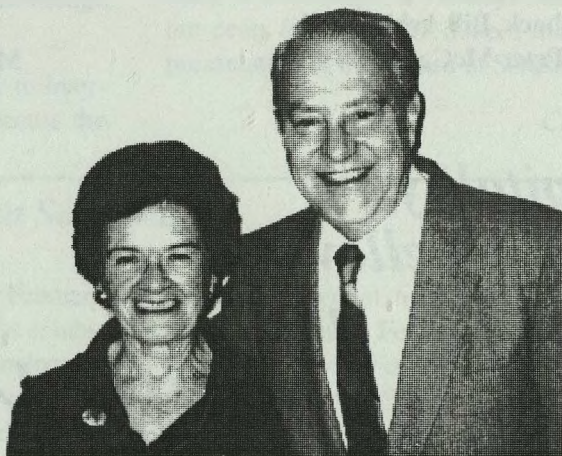
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## President's Message

By Rob WYNSTRA

The recent annual general meeting at Boxborough proved to be one of the most successful in recent years, with more than 30 people in attendance at the Friday group dinner and a large contingent on hand for the Saturday meeting. Special thanks are due to Guy Dil-laway, John Dubois, *Mike Mead*, and the other members of the organizing committee from the Northeastern Fed-eration of Stamp Clubs for being such gracious hosts and expertly taking care of all our needs. Thanks also go out to Gordon Milne and the other members of Great Britain Collector's Club who joined us for the group dinner and participated in our nightly sessions in the hospitality suite.

From our own group, much of the credit for the success of this show goes to our local organizer, *John Puzine*. Congratulations also go out to *Richard Maisel* whose stunning traditional exhibit of the Cayman Islands won the Show Grand Award and the group's *Byron Cameron Award*.

That said, it is not too soon to begin planning for the our upcoming meetings in Sarasota, Florida in 1999 and London in 2000. The Sarasota Show, scheduled for Feb-ruary 5-7, 1999, is recognized as one of the most well organized and friendly exhibitions in the country. What other show in the nation holds its awards banquet at a country club and serves filet mignon as the entree? Our trustee *Jack Harwood* is serving as the group's local organizer. He promises outstanding weather and a great time for all in attendance.

After getting away for a winter break in Florida, it will be time to begin thinking about our upcoming meeting in conjunction with the London 2000 international exhi-

bition. Current plans call for two-day joint meeting with the British West Indies Study Circle (BWISC) on the weekend just prior to the Monday opening of the Inter-national in May 2000. Our International Director *David Druett* is taking the lead in organizing this event.

The Saturday session will feature a joint BCPSG-BWISC joint auction, featuring some 800 lots of Carib-bean material. Planning is underway for a social event that evening where members can meet their counterparts from the United Kingdom. Sunday will focus on the annual general meeting for the two groups, a specialized West Indies dealer's bourse, and a number of displays of material from our U.K. members. This event is sched-uled to be held at the Bonnington Hotel, conveniently located in central London near Russell Square and the British Museum.

Having personally attended the last such meeting in London in 1990, I have to say that this is an event not to be missed. It will be a great opportunity to meet many of our overseas members who have similar collecting interest. Many of the displays also will show material that few of us have had the opportunity to see. Most importantly for me were the lasting friendships that I made at the 1990 meeting. I expect to renew many of these friendships in 2000, and to make many new ones.

This event certainly will help reflect the fact that the BCPSG is an international organization. What better place than London, the center of British Commonwealth collecting, to bring us all together in a spirit of friend-ship and shared interests? I personally can hardly wait. And, I hope many of you will begin planning soon for what I am sure will be a memorable philatelic event.

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RICHARD MAISEL and ROGER SCHNELL**

## The 1891 Visit of the Duke of York to the West Indies

Dr. Ben RAMKISSOON

Some months ago I was able to read and examine a letter written by Prince George, Duke of York (later to become King George V) on his West Indies tour of 1891. The letter was written to H. E. W. Grant, Esq., the Governor, and addressed to the Government House, Trinidad. It was mailed from Bermuda in a small envelope, and, as shown in Figure 1, it has a 21 April 1891 Trinidad receiving mark on the front.

The Duke and his party had sailed from Trinidad aboard the H.M.S. *Thrush* for Barbados, and the letter was written enroute from Barbados to Bermuda.

Appearing on *H.M.S. Thrush* stationery, the Duke wrote:

*Barbados*  
*Monday*  
*March 9th / 91*

*Dear Grant:*

*I am sorry to trouble you again about these blessed stamps; but I find now that the Post Master didn't give me any post cards, envelopes and wrappers of the present issue, but only those surcharged with 9d, so I am going to ask you if you would mind getting a set of them for me and sending them up to Bermuda when you send the Tobago stamps. I hope I shan't be giving you a lot of trouble. We are having a pretty busy time here but are off on the 12th to Bermuda. I miss those good sets of tennis we had at Trinidad.*

*With kind regards to Sir William and Lady Robinson, and Miss Robinson.*

*Believe me*  
*Yrs sincerely*  
*George*

For his visit to Trinidad, the Duke was presented with a set of stamps and postal stationery including postal cards, a registration envelope, and newspaper wrappers. These were overprinted locally with a large (15mm) 9d surcharge

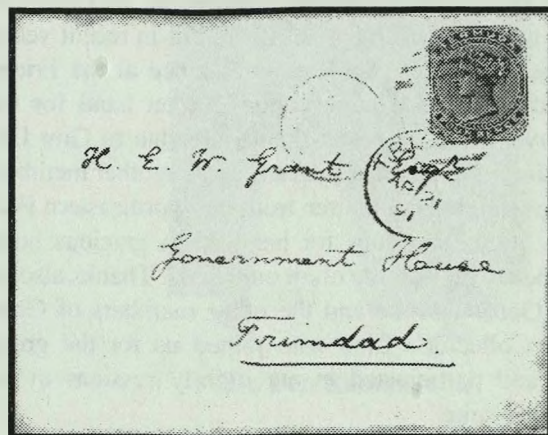


Figure 1. Letter from the Duke of York.

on the portrait of Queen Victoria. A complete set of the stamps is shown in Figure 2.

Specialists have believed that four sets of these were prepared, one set of which is known in the royal collection, presumably the one presented to the Duke during his visit. Three sets were sold for charity, and are now in private hands.

These examples are all in mint condition, but the presentation set to the Duke received a date stamp that was applied to the stationery items. The postmark did not serve to cancel the items.



Figure 2. One of the four known presentation sets.



The stamps overprinted include:

- The Queen Victoria low value definitive postage stamps of 1883-84: ½d red, 1d rose, 2½d ultramarine, 4d slate, 6d olive brown, and 1/- orange brown
- The 5/- claret of 1869.

The stationery items overprinted include:

- The 1884 postal cards: regular (inland), ½d green; and regular and reply cards: 1d carmine (shown in Figure 3), 1½d brown, and 2d blue
- The 1890 size F registration envelope: 2d gray (shown in Figure 4)
- The 1884 newspaper wrappers: domestic, ½d green; overseas, 1d carmine

Recently, a complete set of the postal stationery, in the form of cut squares, has appeared on the market. This is quite astounding given that only four sets are known to have been produced. It is unlikely that someone would chose to cut-down such rare items. Although this set was accompanied by a certificate of genuineness from a highly respected authority, it certainly raises several questions.

- Is it possible that a fifth set of these items was prepared and placed in the postal archives in Trinidad?
- If so, why have no records been found?
- Perhaps the items are, in fact, not genuine. But, if not, why would someone fabricate such a rare set of items?

I would be interested in any additional information about the Duke of York presentation sets of Trinidad and welcome any comments from readers.



Figure 3. The 9d on 1d 1884 postal card.

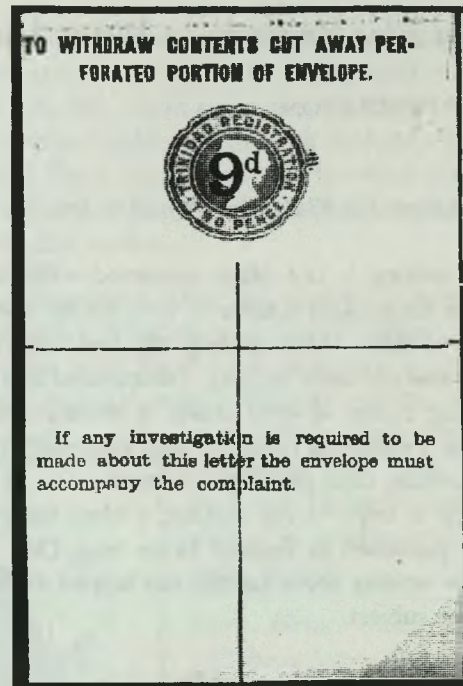


Figure 4. The 9d on 2d registration

## Philatelic Fellowship

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I have reprinted an article written by Nicole Pendleton (page 42) which I think captures some important reasons why everyone should consider writing about their collecting specialty. As we get deeper and deeper into specialized areas of study, we invariably make new discoveries that warrant publication. This allows those that follow us to have a much more substantial foundation for their studies. See Mark Swetland's article (page 65) on the tribulations of lost research.

### Authors Guidelines

Over the summer I will revise the Author's Guidelines originally compiled by *Michel Forand*. Particular areas of expansion will include the use of scans for illustrations and a consistent format for endnotes and references. If possible, I will publish these in the Journal, and they will be added to our Homepage on the Web.

### Acknowledgements

The photographs used in this issue were contributed by *Paul Larsen* and *Marge Doran*. We can thank them for providing an historical legacy of the meeting.

## The Top Five Reasons to Write About What You Exhibit

by Nicole PENDLETON

[Reprinted from *The Philatelic Exhibitor*, Vol. 11, No. 4, October 1997, with permission.]

Philatelic writing is not often rewarded with cash or prizes. It is more likely a labor of love for the hobby, or so I used to think. After getting my feet wet in both exhibiting and philatelic writing, I discovered that philatelic writing brings its own share of rewards. Writing about what I exhibited (parrots) was especially beneficial. The article, once published, turned out to be a tool with which to improve my exhibit. ("Meet the Psittacines" was published in *Topical Times* Sept.-Oct. 1995). Here's how writing about parrots has helped my exhibit on the same subject.

### Creating Contacts

After the article was published I heard from parrot collectors in the U.S., Norway, India, South Africa, and Australia. Some sent information about parrot stamps not mentioned in the article. Others sent parrot material from their duplicates. I have gotten some really nice



pieces for my exhibit in this way. They are not necessarily expensive items, but often things that would be difficult to find here in the U.S. Soon there was a mini-network of parrot collectors trading stamps and information. This benefit was totally unexpected.

My favorite experience regarding contacts occurred at PACIFIC 97. I had been corresponding with a California collector about parrot stamps for two years when I finally got to meet him at the show. (I live in Tennessee.) We were able to spend time together looking for material, talking stamps, and looking over a parrot thematic exhibit at the show. It was like spending time with an old friend.

I have exchanged parrot want lists with collectors from other countries. Now there are a couple extra want lists in my folder when I go to a show. It takes a little longer to check the others' want lists too, but it's well worth it when out of the blue a special item comes my way from India or Australia. These friendships are evidence of how strong this hobby can be.



### Organizing Ideas and Information

By the time I finished writing the article, I knew that I would not be organizing my exhibit the same way. (I had only put together a few pages at the time of the writing.) I could tell that if I organized the exhibit like the article, some sections would be really huge and others really small. The material is still not as balanced as I would like it to be, but under an adjusted outline, it's less of a problem.

For me it is very difficult to be brief enough in exhibit write up. I like writing and tend to go on... but writing about this material was a great warm-up for doing exhibit pages. I highlighted the things in the article I thought most important. Overall, writing freely about the material the first time made it easier to mold the material into the tighter format required on the exhibit pages. It was like a warm-up instead of starting the exhibit pages "cold turkey."

### Educating the Judges

Judges cannot know everything about everything. It seems logical that providing them with as much



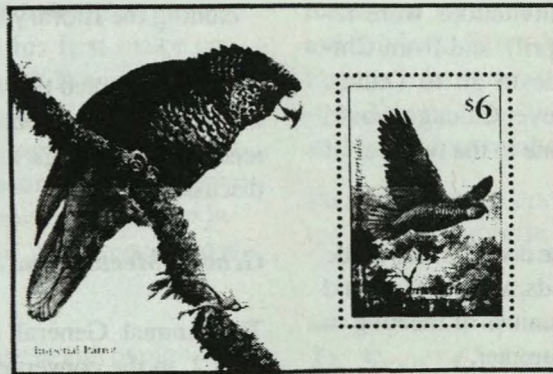
information as possible will aid them in judging our exhibits. As exhibitors we can list articles and writings on the synopsis page as recommended reading.

### *Create or Measure Interest in Your Subject*

Many study groups and societies have been formed because someone wrote about an area of philately and others became interested. Many times collectors do not know there are others out there interested in the same thing. Your article could bring other collectors of similar material to the surface. This is similar to the experience I had with contacts, but it has the potential to go much further. If enough people are interested and a study group forms, more and more information is uncovered. This type of information is highly useful to exhibitors and collectors.

### *Discover and Correct Errors*

Twice, collectors have come forward with information that corrected statements I had made in articles. I could be embarrassed about it. I should be more careful in fact checking. But I can also see it as a learning tool. The errors were corrected before I showed my exhibit. Rather than perpetuating the mistake in my exhibit I was able to improve it because a fellow collector was thoughtful enough to drop me a line. Again, I was able to find new and better information as a result of philatelic writing.



I have been rewarded with friendships, material, and information because I chose to try my hand at philatelic writing. You, too, could enjoy these rewards. Above all, the friendships established through the hobby have been wonderful. There is nothing like a few kind words and a great commercially used cover from across the globe to brighten a dull workday.

Philatelic magazines often ask readers to submit items for publication. What do you exhibit? What could you teach others who share your collecting interest? You could help yourself, other collectors, and the editor of a magazine or write about what you know best. You, too, will find that philatelic writing has plenty of hidden rewards. Besides, it's fun!

*Here, Here!! Nicole Pendleton will be a junior at the University of Tennessee in September 1998, where she majors in ornamental horticulture. She has been collecting stamps since she was seven years old, and began studying parrots five years ago. I was pleased to have an opportunity to judge her thematic exhibit Meet the Psitticines at VAPEX in Virginia Beach, VA in November 1997. She also spends time raising her three parrots, and gives freely of her time to work with children, teaching them about both stamp collecting and her colorful birds. This has resulted in her forming KIDSTAMP, an organization which promotes youth philately (see page 58). — DLH*

## *Annual General Meeting 1998*

by Peter KAULBACK

The 1998 Annual general meeting was held in Boxborough, MA on May 2 in conjunction with Philatelic Show 98.

The four specific events that took place over the show weekend, of interest to BCPSG members were the Annual dinner on the evening of May 1 at the convention hotel, the meeting of the Officers and Trustees at 9 a.m. on May 2, and the Annual General Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on May 2 — which was immediately followed by the Auction.

### *Annual Dinner*

The dinner was attended by 34 people, of whom 22 were members. Following the welcome and introduction by **Rob Wynstra**, President, a most enjoyable meal was served and there was an opportunity for those present to both renew old friendships and develop new ones. After dinner a number of members reconvened in the Hospitality Suite to continue philatelic discussions and view auction lots into the early hours.

### Officers and Trustees Meeting

This meeting, held in the hospitality suite, was chaired by **Rob Wynstra** and attended by **Peter McCann**, **Dan Walker**, **Ed Waterous**, **David Herendeen**, **Michel Forand** and **Peter Kaulback**. A number of administrative issues were discussed, a summary of which is provided below.

- Discussion on the issue of outstanding accounts from the annual auction, and how to ensure prompt and complete payment of amounts due by members.
- **Location of the 2001 Meeting.** Invitations were received from Texpex in Dallas (April), and from Chicago (November). Decision made to go to Dallas, principally due to the timing, however Chicago would be an easier meeting to organise due to the number of members in the area.
- **Location of the 2002 Meeting.** The decision was made to have another meeting in the Islands, and it was agreed that we would examine the opportunities of meeting in Tortola in the late spring or early summer.
- Discussion on the Financial Statement provided by the Treasurer, **Barry Friedman**. It was agreed that there is no current requirement for an increase in membership dues, however our Life membership fees will increase effective in 1999.
- Discussion on the publication program, and the possible opportunities for the BCPSG to coordinate with others in the publication of pertinent monographs and books.
- **Reintroduction of the Best Article award;** it was agreed to reintroduce the Stan Durnin Award, which has not been awarded for a number of years, for the best article printed in the Journal. Details are to be developed and will be communicated to the membership.
- Discussion on advertising in the Journal, and the receipt of revenues. There was extensive discussion on the co-ordination required between the Editor, the Advertising Manager and the Treasurer. A revised process will be developed and instituted.
- Discussion on the management of the Mailing List, it's updating, and the provision of copies under certain controlled circumstances.

- Discussion on the updating of our Membership Directory, and the logistics involved. **Peter Kaulback** will follow up on this with **Dr. Russ Skavaril**.
- Discussion on the possibility of involving an outside party in the distribution of our publications in order to get a wider exposure and increased revenues. Various options are being examined under the leadership of **Michel Forand** and the results will be communicated to the members at a future date.
- Discussion on the possibility of increasing the information on the very successful Webpage, perhaps including the Library list.

It should be noted that the Officers and Trustees meeting is open to all members and members are invited to attend these meetings to provide their input to the items discussed.

### General Meeting and Auction

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, May 2, in the convention hotel, and was attended by 19 members and 3 guests. The President made the introductory comments and welcomed those present. He spoke about the dinner the previous evening and specifically thanked **John Puzine** for all his stalwart work in organising such a successful evening.

The business agenda included the following items:

- **Future meetings.** The 1999 Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition in Sarasota FL, February 5-7 1999. The 2000 Meeting will be in association with London 2000 in May. The show will be from Monday to the following Sunday. On the Saturday and Sunday prior to the show we are planning a two day joint meeting with our colleagues the British West Indies Study Circle. This will be held at the Bonnington Hotel. There will be a joint auction on the Saturday, followed by a social event. Our AGM will be held on the Sunday. There will be a bourse.
- **Treasurer's Report.** In the absence of **Barry Friedman** the report was distributed by **Rob Wynstra** for discussion. No general fee increase is recommended, however Life membership dues will be increased. There was discussion on the Addiss Fund and it was noted that even though we have used funds to assist in the publication of certain documents, the Fund has

grown in size due to the interest received. Please see page 67 for the Financial Statements.

- **Officers and trustees meeting.** At the request of the President, **Peter Kaulback** gave a report on the principal items that were discussed at the meeting.
- **Secretary's Report.** **Peter Kaulback** presented the Secretary's Report. Please see page 58 for details.
- **Editor's Report.** **David Herendeen** presented the Editor's Report. David thanked all those that had assisted him with the transition to this position, especially **Michel Forand** and **Barry Friedman**, and also thanked **Tim Twedell** for being his first major contributor of an article for the Journal. David noted that he hopes to exhibit the Journal at London 2000. There was extensive discussion on the application of technology to the production of the Journal. **Rob Wynstra** noted that all members have knowledge that can justifiably find a place in the Journal, and encouraged all members to contribute.
- There was a brief discussion on the health of our friend and past president, **Col. Fred Seifert**. All members present expressed their wishes that Fred would have a speedy recovery to good health.
- **Awards.** The Awards Chairman, **Paul Larsen**, presented two awards to members for their contribution to the Group:
  - first, to **Bill Charles Gompel**, previous Auction Manager, and
  - secondly, to **Michel Forand**, previous Editor.

**Bill Charles** was not present to receive his award, so it was entrusted to **John Puzine** who will shortly be seeing him at a meeting of the Bermuda Collectors.

**Rob Wynstra** noted the importance of the contribution of both these persons in their previous positions, and especially the great success that we have achieved in exhibiting the Journal, testament to the skill and hard work of Michel.

Following the business aspects of the meeting those present were treated to a very fine presentation by **Paul Larsen** on *Leeward Islands Postal Stationery*. Paul's slide presentation showed numerous items from his extensive collection, with interesting uses of cards, wrappers, registered envelopes and envelopes, including lots

of archival material. Paul skilfully presented his topic in a most interesting manner, and the show was thoroughly enjoyed by all - including the 'teaser' slides from his recent trip to Antarctica!

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting the BCPSG Auction was held, conducted by the Auction Manager **Ed Waterous**, assisted by **Duane Larson** and **Peter Kaulback**.

Members present for the Dinner or the AGM included: Chris Anstead, Bill Ashley, Tom Bansak, Cyril Bell, Bradley Brunzell, Marge Doran, Roger Downing, Michel Forand, Frank Haller, David Herendeen, Peter Kaulback, Ed Kelly, Paul Larsen, Duane Larson, Richard Maisel, Peter McCann, Michael Mead, Everett Parker, John Puzine, Ben Ramkissoon, Rob Schneider, Ann Triggle, Tim Twedell, Dan Walker, Ed Waterous, and last, but certainly not least, Rob Wynstra.

Please accept my apologies if I have inadvertently omitted anyone, or made any other errors.

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## **D. Scott Gallagher, 1922-1998**

**David Scott Gallagher**, known as Scott to his many friends, died March 31, 1998 in Cincinnati. He was 75.

Scott was a member of the BCPSG for many years, and served as the Group Leader for the British Post Offices in Puerto Rico. At his death he had many stamp affiliations, and he was a trustee of the Philatelic Foundation.

Born and raised in West Orange, NJ, he started collecting stamps as a child and his passion for philately never ebbed. He became interested in covers in the 1930s when he was able to visit the store of A. C. Roessler, the pioneer cover dealer. He collected covers for more than sixty years and had a wide range of interests including the Confederacy and the Caribbean, especially Puerto Rico.

He graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology and was trained in both mechanical and electrical engineering. At the time of his death, he was the chairman of the board of Henry P. Thompson Co. A firm he joined in the 1950s and subsequently purchased.

In addition to stamp collecting, he enjoyed fine art, golf, gardening, and fishing. He was also a connoisseur of

fine food and wine. For much of his life he was a canoeist at the highest levels having won many races including a national championship. He also served as the coach of the U.S. national canoe team. His love of water activities led him to becoming active in environmental causes.

His iconoclastic approach to life was also reflected in his wonderful, broad-based exhibits of *Mails of the Caribbean* and *Puerto Rico*. Gold medal exhibits both, they always raised many questions and comments from judges and viewers alike. When asked why he didn't change them to fit the judges "guidelines," Scott always replied that they were his exhibits, and he would do them as he pleased! Scott was an absolutely unique person and collector, and he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Bieler Gallagher; a daughter Rachel; and a son Paul. Shirley is well-known in philatelic circles for her gold-medal winning collection of Tahitian postal history.

Dr. Peter P. McCann

## **Richard Maisel Wins 1998 Cameron Award**

by David L. HERENDEEN

*Richard Maisel*, of New York, NY, won the 1998 Cameron Award for his exhibit *Cayman Islands: The Traditional Era 1901-1934*. Richard is a professor of statistics at New York University.

As is often the case, he collected stamps in his youth and then he abandoned the hobby until 1992. While he and his wife Helena were on holiday in the Cayman Islands, he decided to buy some stamps for a collector friend. He also decided to buy some of the attractive new issues for himself. From this modest beginning, he launched a very serious collecting career. For his next birthday, Helena bought him a small Cayman Islands collection, and that was it — he was hooked. He quickly became interested in the Edward keyplates of the empire, but retained a special interest in the Caymans. He began exhibiting the keyplates in 1996, and won several national gold medals. This exhibit will be exhibited internationally for the first time in October at ILSAPEX in South Africa.

Richard not only won our *Cameron Award*, but also the Grand Award. The Grand qualifies his exhibit to be

shown in the Champion of Champions class at STAMP-SHOW 98 which will be held in Santa Clara, CA in August. Attending members should be sure to see this wonderful exhibit.

The exhibit, which spans the reigns of Victoria, Edward VII and George V, has four sections: an overview of the keyplates; the keyplate specimen overprints; the one farthing stamp, postal stationery and rural post; and the transitional series.

He shows a comprehensive range of stamps including much of the available De La Rue archival material. Usages are represented by covers demonstrating different and elusive rates including a registered insured rate, a local printed matter rate, and a parcel post rate.

His display of 1907-08 provisional overprints is exceptional. Included are a block of four with an inverted 1d on 5s (SG 19), pairs showing one stamp with double surcharge for all three handstamped provisionals (SG 18, 19 and 35), and two of the four recorded covers showing the 2½d on 4d surcharge (SG35).

He shows a wide range of Farthing stamps and has done detailed research on it. (See *"The Cayman Islands Farthing Stamp of 1908: The Eight Design Variations."* *BCJP*, Vol. 37, No. 3, September 1997.) He shows a wide range of postal stationery with many rare commercial usages.

The section on specimen overprints is incredible. It not only shows the UPU distributed specimens, including varieties of the SPECIMEN overprint, but also sets of specimens created by different postal archives. The latter include the ULTRAMAR overprints used in some Portuguese colonies, and the Madagascar specimens shown on the original accounting sheets.

Anyone interested in Caribbean philately and traditional exhibiting should take any opportunity to study this magnificent exhibit.

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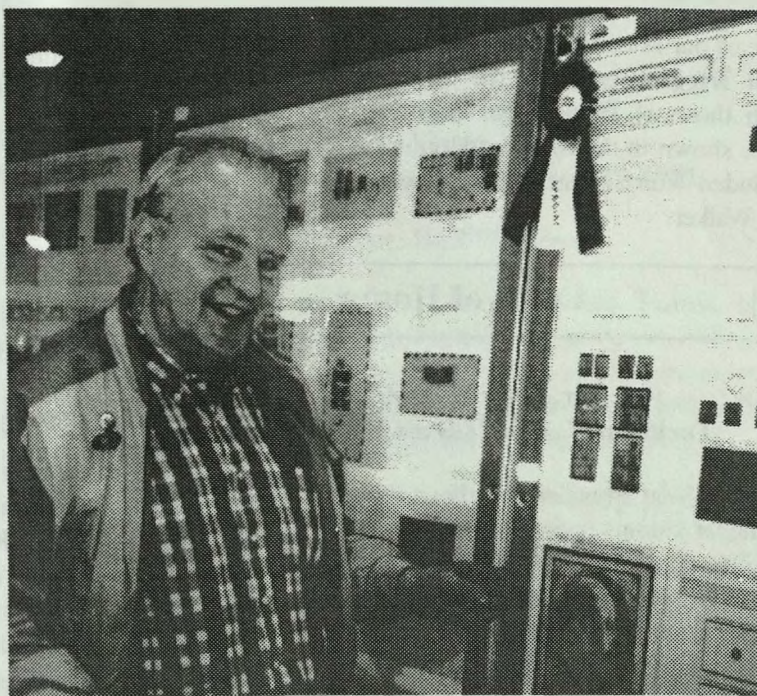
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*Michel Forand* receiving a special award for his seven years as editor of the *BCPJ* from Awards Chairman. *Paul Larsen*.

Congratulations to Michel for a job well done!!

The 1998 Cameron Award winner, as well as the Philatelic Show 98 Grand Award winner. *Richard Maisel* at the frames. We all look forward to seeing his exhibit again at Stampshow where it will compete for the Champion of Champions title.



*Duane Larson* having his Gold Medal prize, the book *The Postal History of the Cayman Islands*, autographed by its co-author *Dr. Peter McCann*.

All awards were philatelic literature — what a great idea!

## Spotlight on BCPSG Exhibitors

by David L. HERENDEEN

The 14 member exhibits at Philatelic Show 98 resulted in one of the most impressive showings of Caribbean philatelic material in recent history. The exhibits shown have garnered dozens of national gold medals, many international Gold medals, and no fewer than six(!) international Large Gold medals. Additionally, we were privileged to have Dan Walker's Grenada exhibit which won the prestigious 1996 Champion of Champions award as the best exhibit in the United States!

Two of our esteemed colleagues, *Dr. Peter McCann* and *Ann Trigg*, served on the jury. Their exhibits, along with those of *Dan Walker* and *Dr. Ben Ramkissoon* were shown in the Court of Honor. Other jury members included Ron Leshner (Chairperson), Steve Suffet, and Pat Walker.

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### Court of Honor

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#### **Dr. Peter P. McCann** **Turks and Caicos Islands Postal History**

Peter, a Vice President of the APS and a well-known figure at stamps shows, is from Annapolis, MD. As a member of the jury, his exhibit was shown in the Court of Honor. His comprehensive treatment of these small islands begins with the earliest mail out of Turks Island (1810), and continues with all of the Turks postal markings including a Crowned Circle and "Turks Island Ship Mail." He then shows all of the known Turks stamps bisected on cover and the only three known covers with the overprinted provisional issue. The exhibit continues through the World War II period with a definitive showing of the Turks and Caicos censor handstamps and labels. First shown in 1986, this exhibit has won three national Grand Awards and an international Large Vermeil.

#### **Dr. Reuben Ramkissoon** **Trinidad 1802-1906**

Ben, of Chicago, IL, is a well-known exhibitor whose Trinidad has won four international Large Gold medals and is still shown in the Championship class. It presents a comprehensive study of the development of the Trinidad post before, and during, the period of British con-

trol. This is shown through ship and packet letters, rates and routings, and the various handstamps used during this period. The introduction of the first adhesive used in the British Empire — The Lady McLeod — is followed into the establishment of the Inland Post. Its development is covered during the first 50 years by covers, postal markings and handstamps, as well as the various stamps printed by Perkins, Bacon and De La Rue. All of the major varieties are shown, concluding with the *missing value tablet* of the 1906 red One Penny issue of Trinidad. Ben has spent 30 years of his life developing this exhibit, which has won four international Large Gold medals and has been shown in the Championship class.

#### **Ann Trigg** **British Guiana Postal Stationery**

Ann, of Clarence NY, was also a member of the jury. She has a wide variety of collecting interests and has several exhibits including Irish postal history and the postal history of Muscat.

She has been working on this exhibit for only four years, and it won its first Gold medal recently. The exhibit shows British Guiana stationery in a traditional format in seven frames. It covers the postal cards, registered envelopes, wrappers, embossed envelopes, and air letters from 1879 until 1953. Shown are shade studies, overprint positions on the 1892 postal cards, and various die types. Also shown are many scarce commercial usages. We shall all look forward to the continued development of this exhibit.

#### **W. Danforth Walker** **Grenada 1752-1911**

Dan, of Lisbon, MD, is known as Mr. Insurance to many in the collecting and exhibiting fraternity. There is little more that can be said about his Grenada Exhibit. It is the greatest assemblage of this material ever unified in a single exhibit. Winner of numerous national Grand Awards, the exhibit has also won two international Large Gold medals, and, in 1996 it won the Champion of Champions award as the best exhibit in the US. The club heartily thanks Dan for showing his wonderful material in the Court of Honor.



## Caribbean Exhibits

### **Roger Downing** **Virgin Islands Early Varieties and Flaws** **1866-1889**

#### **Silver; BCPSG Silver**

Roger is one of our three exhibitors from Tortola, BVI. It was a great pleasure for many of us to meet him for the first time.

Roger's exhibit is under development and is now two frames. His earlier one frame exhibit of the first issue had won a Gold medal at Ameristamp Expo. He shows the many different plate varieties of the "Virgin" issues of 1866 and 1889. This includes a large number of varieties that are previously unrecorded. This is a great start to a comprehensive showing of these beautiful stamps. We hope that Roger continues adding to it and making new discoveries.

### **Paul Larsen** **Leeward Islands 1890-1902**

#### **Vermeil; AAPE First Award of Honor**

Paul, of Oak Park, IL, is a long-time exhibitor and nationally accredited judge. During the 1980s, Paul had a Gold medal exhibit of Leeward Islands that was subsequently cannibalized to build his Grand Award winning Leeward Islands Postal Stationery exhibit. He is now working toward restoring — and improving — the original traditional exhibit.

The exhibit, currently shown in three frames, covers the Queen Victoria era. All of the stamps are shown, as is a full range of archival material including proofs and essays. A comprehensive assortment of usages is presented including the very rare seapost manuscript cancels. We most certainly look forward to seeing the full exhibit built over the coming years.

### **Duane Larson** **Jamaica - Transatlantic Mail**

#### **Vermeil; BCPSG Vermeil**

Duane, from Homewood, IL, has been working on this exhibit for nearly four years. This is the first time it has been shown nationally.

His five frames present a study of the pre-adhesive covers mailed from Jamaica to, or through, England from

1758 to 1864. Shown are a variety of straight-line JAMAICA handstamps and early cancelations. For most covers, routes are shown and rates are analyzed in detail. Usages include: paid and unpaid packet letters; ship letters; prepaid letters; and privately carried transatlantic covers. Different rates are shown, including large letters up to quadruple weight.

### **Richard Maisel** **Cayman Islands: The Traditional Era 1901-1934**

#### **Gold; BCPSG Gold** **BCPSG Cameron Award** **Philatelic Show Grand Award**

See page 46 for a special article about Mr. Maisel's exhibit.

### **Dr. Georgio Migliavacca** **British Virgin Islands:** **Underwater Life Definitive 1979-1985**

#### **Silver; BCPSG Silver**

Giorgio, also one of our members from Tortola, has been the president BVI Philatelic Society since its inception in 1985. He exhibits widely and has numerous collections. While many have a predominant Italian flavor, he also collects the Caribbean area and Iran.

This exhibit, shown for the first time, is one of the most difficult to do — a modern issue. He has selected the Underwater Life definitive series first issued in 1979. Included are the 17 original values, the 1982 reprints on chalky paper, unique multiples of the 25c inverted watermark, and the 1985 series overprinted OFFICIAL. In addition to showing all of the unused stamps, numerous covers are presented illustrating the various rates. Overprint varieties and use are examined in detail. The exhibit closes with a set of OFFICIAL overprints in gold, a very rare series. Cheers to Giorgio was tackling a very difficult task and doing a fine job!

### **Dr. Reuben Ramkissoon** **Tobago 1772-1913**

#### **Gold; BCPSG Gold**

Ben's Tobago exhibit is organized very much like his Trinidad exhibit described earlier. This is a comprehensive presentation of the development of the post before the establishment of a branch of the London post office in Scarborough. Early ship and packet letters include the earliest known letter, soldier's concessionary rate letter.

unique French TOBAGO straight-line handstamp, as well as the other one- and two-line TOBAGO handstamps. The use of all of the fleuron handstamps and the various hand and CDS cancellations are illustrated. All of the stamps of Tobago are shown with many of the scarce and major varieties, overprints, manuscript revaluations and bisects on and off cover. The exhibit covers the short-lived inland posts, and concludes with the transition of the post of Tobago to Trinidad and Tobago.

**Jo Warner**

**The Badges and Emblems of the Caribbean**

**Silver; BCPSG Silver;  
AAPE Second Award of Honor**

Jo is also one of our members from Tortola, BVI. She has recently begun exhibiting, and this is the first time this exhibit has been shown. This exhibit presents three frames of mint stamps and covers for all of the British Caribbean islands. The common thread is that all of the stamp designs show symbols of the colonies. Included are the Britannia issues of Trinidad and Tobago and a wide variety of colonial Badge and Seal designs.

The exhibit is a wonderful idea, and Jo is to be commended for such an admirable first-time showing. Hopefully she will continue to develop and enlarge the exhibit. We look forward to seeing it again!

**Rob Wynstra**

**Leeward Islands Village Mail 1734-1932**

**Gold; BCPSG Gold; Postal History Society Medal**

Rob, from Urbana, IL, presents an exhibit that traces the development of the rural mail system in the Leeward Islands. It begins with a rare early letter headed at English Harbor, Antigua in 1734, and continues through the major postal reorganization of 1931-1932. Mail from the general post offices on the six large islands is excluded from this study. Special emphasis is placed on the wide variety of village postal markings. Rates, markings, periods of use, and numbers of recorded examples presented in this exhibit are based on a search of literature and archival material and on extensive surveys of members of the British West Indies Study Circle and the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. The presentation includes a number of items with fewer than five

known examples. A handful of presented items are believed to be unique. Except for the most elusive markings, examples are shown on cover.

This exhibit has won numerous gold medals in national competition, and Rob shares his knowledge through contributions to the *BCPJ*. (See March 1998, p. 8 and this issue, p. 59.)

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**Other Exhibits**

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**David L. Herendeen**

**Postage Dues of the British Empire  
and Commonwealth**

**Gold; APS Research Medal**

Dave is from Torrance, CA. He has been exhibiting British Commonwealth postage due stamps since 1992. This exhibit has won many national and international awards, including a Gold medal at Singapore 95.

Although the exhibit covers all of the 53 British territories using postage dues, nearly two of his eight frames show British Caribbean material. Highlights include: one of two known copies of the Grenada 1891 essay using the design of Trinidad; rare tête-bêche pairs and usages of the 1891 Grenada provisional overprints; a 1932 Barbados 1d bisect on cover; and many large die proofs and other material from the De La Rue archives relating to the postage due issues.

**Paul Larsen**

**German Caroline Islands 1899-1914**

**Gold**

Paul is also a multi-faceted collector and exhibitor. In addition to his Caribbean collections and exhibits, he also shows Ubangi-Chari-Chad, German Togo, and this wonderful exhibit. Shown in five frames, it begins with a Spanish cover canceled "Islas Carolinas" in October 1894. Rarities abound including two 1905 typhoon 10pf bisects on domestic post cards, the 1910 20pf vertical bisect on cover and two of the provisional handstamped covers of July 1910. Included are 17 pages of cancellations including "TRUK SEAPOST" and "New Guinea."

## Jamaica: Temporary Adhesive Cancelling Measures, 1860-1886

by W. A. ATMORE

The temporary adhesive cancelling measures employed in Jamaica from 1860-1886 due to the loss of numerical obliterators have been little studied. This may be a result of Foster's rather demotivating comment:<sup>1</sup>

*All post town date stamps were intended to be struck on the letter leaving the adhesive to be cancelled by the numbered obliterator provided. From time to time, certain offices lost or damaged their obliterators and cancelled the stamps with their daters. These items are of little significance.*

It is with the last sentence that I disagree. The *emergency* use of a circular datestamp or other unusual marking as a direct result of the loss of or damage to an obliterator — rather than attributable to laziness or some other aberration on the part of a local postmaster — forms part of the history of the office concerned and is therefore worthy of further study. It is these events, some well known, others less so, that are described in this article.

Over the past few years I have actively pursued all examples of such temporary measures, not least because this is perhaps the only way to build a representative CDS used collection of Jamaica's early issues! Combining details of these discoveries with information from other sources has been a natural thing to do. By publishing this article, it is hoped that others may be inspired to take a closer look at the *odd* items in their own collections.

The information that follows, presented chronologically and by office, represents my attempt at dividing the meaningful from the aberrant. For the scarcer usages, I have listed and numbered each individual item and have also included representative illustrations.

### *Use of Manuscript 36 at Dry Harbour, 1860-62*

This is perhaps the most well known of the *loss of obliterator events*. The rarity of the original A36 Type H obliterator on Imperial stamps<sup>2</sup> and the complete lack of specimens on the Pineapple issue, indicate that the obliterator was lost, mislaid or otherwise put out of action at some juncture during 1860.<sup>3</sup>

This was not the only mishap to befall the Dry Harbour office, however. Quite possibly concurrently with the loss of the obliterator, the office also mislaid its Foster Type P8 datestamp. Proof of this is the existence on cover of a previously unrecorded *skeleton* datestamp (Foster Type P7B?) of Dry Harbour dated 9 November 1860.<sup>4</sup>

Thus, when Jamaica's first stamps were issued on 23 November 1860, Dry Harbour was bereft of any suitable cancelling instrument. Faced with this parlous situation, the postmaster at Dry Harbour introduced the practice of pen cancelling stamps with a manuscript "36." The fourteen examples I have recorded are presented in Table 1, and three of these are illustrated in Figure 1. This practice remained in force until some time between September 1862 (see item 1.4 in the Table 1) and November 1862,<sup>5</sup> at which time the replacement Type L obliterator was put into use.

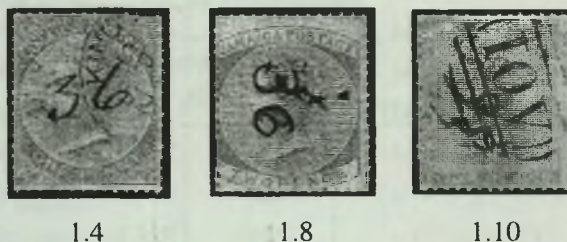


Figure 1. Examples of the Manuscript "36."

For obvious reasons, all manuscript 36 items should be treated with a certain degree of caution.

### *Use of the Foster Type P11a Datestamp at Savanna-la-Mar, 1861-62*

The various measures employed at Savanna-la-Mar following the loss of the A75 Type H obliterator in early 1861 were the topic of a previous article.<sup>6</sup> Since then, several further items have come to light. All examples known to me are summarised in Table 2. Figure 2 illustrates items 2.4, 2.9 and 2.10 from the table.

Table 1. Census of Stamps Cancelled with Manuscript 36

Item Number	Face Value	Source	Notes
1.1	1d	Ref. 6	Also bears Kingston CDS
1.2	1d	Ref. 7	Also bears Kingston A01 at 7 o/c
1.3	1d	Ref. 7	Straight edge at left
1.4	1d	Author	Also bears Kingston CDS, 2SP62
1.5	1d	ex Nicholson	Pair
1.6	2d	Ref. 6	Also bears Kingston A01
1.7	2d	Ref. 7	

Item Number	Face Value	Source	Notes
1.8	2d	Author	
1.9	4d	Ref. 7	Straight edge at left
1.10	4d	Author	Also bears Kingston A01 at 8 o/c
1.11	6d	Ref. 6	Also bears unidentifiable CDS
1.12	6d	Ref. 7	Straight edge at left
1.13	6d	M. Hamilton	Small part CDS at left
1.14	??	Ref. 6	Unidentifiable

Table 2. Use of Foster Type P11a Datestamps at Savanna-la-Mar, 1861-62

Item Number	Face Value	Date	Source	Notes
2.1	1d	20JU61	Ref. 9	
2.2	4d <sup>10</sup>	4AP61		Robson Lowe (2 April 1974, Lot 374)
2.3	4d	17JU61		
2.4	4d	20JU61	Author	ex V.N.F. Surtees
2.5	4d	16SP61	M. Hamilton	Pair (ex Ashley Clerk/Pinchess)
2.6	4d	6OC62		<i>Latest known date.</i> B.W.I. Auctions (1 November 1988, Lot 620)
2.7	6d	7MR61	Ref. 7	<i>Earliest known date</i>
2.8	6d	23AU61	M. Hamilton	On cover to London
2.9	6d	7SP61	Ref. 9	Pair on cover to Liverpool
2.10	6d	23OC61	Author	On cover to London
2.11	6d	??JU62	Ref. 7	No day slugs inserted
2.12	6d	??JY62	Ref. 7	No day slugs inserted, facing 9 o/c
2.13	6d	??JY62	Author	No day slugs inserted, facing 6 o/c
2.14	6d	23JY62	Ref. 7	
2.15	6d	4AU62		
2.16	6d	7AU62		Robson Lowe (2 April 1974, Lot 375)
2.17	6d	21AU62	Author	
2.18	6d	22SP62		
2.19	6d	23SP62	Ref. 7	
2.20	6d	??OC62	M. Hamilton	
2.21	1s <sup>10</sup>	1861		Robson Lowe (2 April 1974, Lot 375)
2.22	1s	31JY62	M. Hamilton	

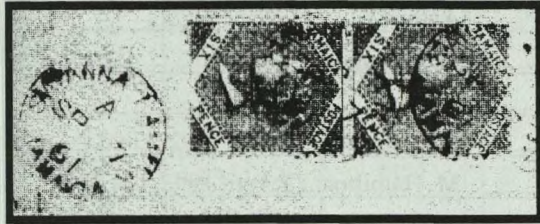
Note: The earliest recorded date of the replacement A75 Type L obliterator at this office is 23 November 1862.



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Figure 2. Use of Foster Type P11a Datestamp at Savanna-la-Mar, 1861-62

### Redistribution of Obliterators, October 1862

The 1860-62 period saw the closure of several smaller post offices (Ewarton, Little River and Montpelier) and the opening of new offices at Malvern and Newport. Rather than simply transfer two of the obliterated from the closed offices to the newly opened ones, the Kingston G.P.O. undertook (for the first and only time) a scheme designed to retain the alphabetical integrity of the obliterator distribution.

Nineteen offices were instructed to return their obliterated to Kingston during the last fortnight of October 1862. These were:

Falmouth	Goshen	Lilliput	Mile Gully
Flint River	Grange Hill	Lucea	Moneague
Gayle	Green Island	Manchioneal	Montego Bay
Gordon Spring	Highgate	Mandeville	Morant Bay
Gordon Town	Hope Bay	May Hill	

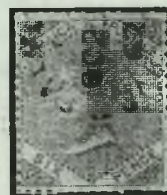
The obliterated from these offices, combined with the A38 from Ewarton and the A50 from Little River, were then re-distributed in such a manner as to include the new offices, alphabetically, within the numbering plan.

During the last two weeks of October 1862, therefore, all of the above named offices were left without the use of an obliterator. In this situation, many — if not all — resorted to the use of their datestamps to cancel the adhesives on letters posted during this period.

Given the very short period of use, all such items are very scarce. It is possible that specimens exist from all nineteen offices affected by the obliterator redistribution. However, Foster<sup>11</sup> only records examples from the seven shown in the following table:

Office	Datestamp Used (Foster Type)	Date Period of Use
Gayle	P8	??OC62
Golden Spring	P5	24OC62
Lilliput	P9	23OC62
Manchioneal	P11	24OC62
Mile Gully	P9	16-24OC62
Montego Bay	P11a	23-27OC62
Morant Bay	P2a	24OC62

Unfortunately, none of these items are illustrated in Foster's work, nor are details of the stamp denominations given. To this list, I can add the examples shown in Table 3. The denomination and, where known, the orientation of the datestamp are also included. Figure 3 illustrates two of these.



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3.9

Figure 3. Redistributed Obliterators

Table 3. CDS Usage During Redistribution of Obliterators, October 1862

Item Number	Office	Datestamp Used	Date	Source
3.1	Goshen	Foster Type P11	17OC62; 1d; 6 o/c	M. Hamilton; 15 July 1992; Lot 1229
3.2	Falmouth	Foster Type P10c	2?OC62; 2d; 12 o/c	M. Hamilton; 28 May 1992; Lot 375
3.3			23OC62; 1d; 7 o/c	M. Hamilton; 28 May 1992; Lot 375
3.4			23OC62; 1d; 1 o/c	Author
3.5			23OC62; 1d; 10 o/c	M. Hamilton
3.6			23OC62; 6d; 9 o/c	Author
3.7			28OC62; 1d; 11 o/c	M. Hamilton; 28 May 1992; Lot 375
3.8	Lucca	Foster Type P6	23OC62; 6d; 5 o/c	M. Hamilton; 22 April 1992; Lot 441
3.9	Manchioneal	Foster Type P11	2?OC62; 2d; 7 o/c	Author

### Use of the Foster Type P9 Datestamp at Mile Gully, 1863-65 and 1883-86

Examples of the use of the Mile Gully P9 datestamp as an adhesive canceller are by no means rare. I have recorded no fewer than 49 examples and there are doubtless many more. Given this frequency, one can be forgiven the first impression that the Mile Gully postmaster was less inclined to follow regulations than many of his contemporaries. However, upon closer inspection, and with one solitary exception (best left classified as an honest mistake), two distinct patterns emerge as shown in Table 4. Three examples are illustrated in Figure 4.



Figure 4. Use of the Foster Type 9 Datestamp at Mile Gully, 1863-75 and 1883-86

The earliest period of use, 1863 to late 1865, is readily explainable. During the re-distribution of obliterators in October 1862, the Mile Gully office relinquished its A55 obliterators and awaited the arrival of the replacement A54 (ex of May Hill). It now seems certain that the A54 (Type H) obliterators never arrived; it was either temporarily mislaid in transit or at May Hill, or the May Hill postmaster ignored or misunderstood the G.P.O. instructions. This assertion is supported by the existence of a cover from May Hill, dated 3rd August 1871, which clearly shows the use of the A54 (Type H) obliterators at that office.<sup>6</sup>

With no other alternative, the postmaster at Mile Gully simply continued the practice of cancelling stamps with his P9 datestamp. This did not escape the notice of the G.P.O. in Kingston and a replacement A54 (Type J) was eventually requisitioned during 1865 (per Nicholson<sup>12</sup>).

The possible cause of the later period, 1883 to mid 1886, is less clear. I am not aware of any dated copies of the A54 (Type J) obliterators, so it is by no means certain when this instrument fell out of use. What is clear, however, is that the new "squared circle" combined datestamp and obliterators was in use in early 1886 (the current EKD is 17th March 1886 according to Potter<sup>13</sup>). It is plausible that the A54 (Type J) obliterators were lost or damaged in 1882 or early 1883 requiring the re-introduction of the P9 datestamp as an adhesive canceller during the 1883 to 1886 period. Only the discovery of further dated pieces bearing the A54 (Type J) obliterators will help confirm or refute this proposition.

### Use of the Foster Type P11 Datestamp at Falmouth, 1881

Another relatively common example of the irregular use of a datestamp as an adhesive canceller is the use of the P11 datestamp at Falmouth between March and August 1881,<sup>14</sup> of which I have recorded fourteen examples, two of which are shown in Figure 5. The following table summarizes the known examples.

Value	Date(s)
1/2d CA	5AU81
1d CA	23MR81; 1JU81; 8JU81; ??JU81; 7AU81
2d CA	2MY81 (strip 6); 13JU81 (strip 3); 15JY81
3d CA	5JY81
4d CA	7MY81; 7JU81; 23JU81; 28JY81

Table 4. Use of the Foster P9 Datestamp at Mile Gully, 1863-65 and 1883-86

Year	Date	Water mark	Face Value	Year	Date	Water mark	Face Value	
1863	8JA63	Pine	6d	1883 (Continued)	23JU83	CC	2d (pair)	
	6FE63		1d		27JU83		2d	
	9MR63		6d		8JY83		1d	
	7AU63		6d (pair)		23JY83		1/2d (pair)	
	23??63		1d		23JY83		4d	
1864	10JU64	Pine	2d		27JU83		CA	1d
	8JY64		1d		1AU83			2d
	23AU64		6d		1SP83			1/2d
	24OC64		4d		7SP83			4d
	8NO64		2d		10SP83			1d (pair)
1865	7JU65	Pine	3d	29OC83	CC	1d (pair)		
	8JU65		3d	28NO83		1/2d		
	6JY65		2d	19DE83		1d		
	8SP65		6d	1884	11FE84	6d		
	19SP65		2d		13FE84	1/2d (pair)		
	24OC65		1s		25FE84	2d		
	24NO65		6d		30JU84	2d		
	9?Y65		2d		7SP84	2d		
1878	9JA78	CC	4d	15SP84	CA	4d		
1883	5FE83	CC	2d	1885	30JA85	CC	1d	
	19MR83		1/2d		21JU85		2d	
	9AP83		1d		29AU85		1/2d	
	16AP83		1d	1886	24JU86	CA	2d (slate)	
	7MY83		1d		1JY86		1/2d	
	15JU83		1/2d					

Note: Years plugs not clear, both could be 1885

Table 5. Other Post Offices Using Two Obliterators After 1860

Office	First Obliterator	Second Obliterator	Approximate Date of Change <sup>12</sup>
Annotto Bay	A28 Type H	A28 Type M	circa 1876
Duncans	A37 Type H	B Type P	circa 1880
Lacovia	E30 Type K	A64 Type H	circa 1891
Mandeville/May Hill	A53 Type H (Version 1)	A53 Type H (Version 2)	circa 1863 <sup>16</sup>
Milk River	A Type P	201 Type O	circa 1875
Montego Bay	A56 Type H	A56 Type K	circa 1876
Ocho Rios	A60 Type H	A60 Type M	circa 1876
Richmond	A79 Type H	A79 Type J	circa 1865
Spanish Town	A76 Type H	A76 Type O	circa 1874



Figure 5. Use of the Foster Type P11 Datestamp at Falmouth

According to Nicholson, the Falmouth office changed from the A38 Type H obliterator to the A38 Type N obliterator "about 1880", presumably due to the loss of, or damage to, the original instrument. With this in mind and given the quantity and well defined date range of the P11 examples, I think it is reasonable to suggest that the P11 was employed during the period between the loss of the original obliterator and the arrival of its replacement.<sup>15</sup>

#### Other possible candidates

There is one common factor linking all of these examples of the irregular use of manuscript marks or datestamps for adhesive cancelling purposes. All have occurred due to the loss of or damage to obl iterators and have a lifespan equivalent to the period between the loss and the arrival of a suitable replacement.

In addition to Dry Harbour, Savanna-la-Mar, Mile Gully and Falmouth (and excluding those offices which closed only to subsequently re-open with a different obliterator), nine other post offices are known to have utilised two obl iterators in the years after 1860. These are enumerated in Table 5.

It is possible that emergency cancelling measures of some description may have been used at any or all of these offices in the period between the withdrawal from service of the first obliterator (due to loss, damage or other cause) and the introduction of the second. To date, I have come across three potential candidates. However, as they are all, at present, single examples they must remain in the "aberrant" category for the time being until such time as their status can be determined. The three are:

- A Crown CC 2d pen cancelled 37 (for A37?) and with a part London/Registered mark of (possibly) DE76<sup>17</sup>
- A Pineapple 1d cancelled with the Foster Type P11 datestamp of Montego Bay, dated 13DE7?

- A Crown CC 1d cancelled with the Foster Type P11b datestamp of Spanish Town, dated 5JY75

In addition, Foster records the use of the rare Type P13 datestamp at Lacovia between 3 September 1888 and 9 December 1891. I have not seen any examples of this instrument (Foster states that three are known) so I am unable to determine whether the P13 datestamp was used as an adhesive canceller or in conjunction with an obliterator.

#### Conclusion

This article has been based upon items from my own collection combined with information drawn from readily available sources. As such, it is almost certainly far from complete, but hopefully will provide a good platform for the further study of this interesting area of Jamaican postal history. I would be most interested in hearing from any fellow collectors able to correct or add to the information presented.

#### Acknowledgements

The permission of Spink, Stanley Gibbons, and M. Hamilton to use illustrations is gratefully acknowledged.

The author would like to thank Michael Hamilton for information and advice received during the preparation of this article.

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4. Robson Lowe 7 April 80 Lot 1926. Foster records (as Type P7) two versions of a utility datestamp "intended for provisional use in case of the damage to or loss of any current date-stamp.". The first type, only known used at Clarendon in 1855, measures 33mm in diameter. Use of the second type, sent out in 1858



- and measuring 27½ mm in diameter, is not recorded by Foster at any office.
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  15. It is not certain when, if at all, the replacement A38 Type N was put into use at Falmouth (I am not aware of any dated examples of the use of the Type N obliterator at that office). The new type "squared circle" instrument was introduced at some juncture during 1882.
  16. The history of the A53 obliterator at Mandeville and, after October 1862, at May Hill is rather mysterious. Nicholson notes "On 11 May, 1863, another A53 obliterator [differing very slightly from the original - author's note] was sent out, entered in the G.P.O. Record Book as *for Mandeville* (evidently ordered before November 1862). It is evident that the original A53 was "mislaidd." It may be assumed, therefore, that possibly both Mandeville (prior to October 1862) and May Hill (from November 1862) were left bereft of an obliterator for some extended period.
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## Some Recent New Issues

**Antigua and Barbuda.** Feb. 19, 1998. Set of six Undersea Life stamps; 75¢, 90¢, \$1.00, \$1.20, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Also two panes of six se-tenant designs have values of \$1.65. April 20, 1998. Set of eight stamps showing Lighthouses of the World; 45¢, 65¢, 75¢, 90¢, \$1.00, \$1.20, \$1.65 and \$1.75. Also a souvenir sheet with a \$6.00 stamp.

**Bermuda.** Mar. 31, 1998. Princess Diana. Souvenir sheet with four se-tenant stamps showing photos of the Princess; values 30¢, 40¢, 65¢, and 90¢.

**Cayman Islands.** Mar. 31, 1998. Princess Diana. Souvenir sheet with four se-tenant stamps showing photos of the Princess; values 10¢, 20¢, 40¢, and \$1.00. Apr. 1, 1998. Set of four stamps for 80th Anniversary of the

Royal Air Force; 10¢, 20¢, 25¢, and 30¢. Also a souvenir sheet with four stamps having values 40¢, 60¢, 80¢, and \$1.00.

**Dominica.** 1998. Set of 16 Fish definitives; 5¢, 10¢, 15¢, 20¢, 25¢, 35¢, 45¢, 55¢, 60¢, 65¢, 90¢, \$1.00, \$1.20, \$1.45, \$2.00 and \$5.00.

**St. Kitts.** Mar. 31, 1998. Princess Diana. Souvenir sheet with four se-tenant \$1.60 stamps showing photos of the Princess.

**Turks & Caicos.** Apr. 1998. Set of five stamps showing photos from the First World Open Underwater Photographic Competition. Values 20¢, 50¢, 80¢, \$1.00, and \$1.20. Also two souvenir sheets, each showing a different \$2.00 stamp.

## KIDSTAMP — Helping Young Collectors

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## Secretary's Report

By Peter KAULBACK

This has been a busy year with a large number of interested persons seeking information on the group, and a high number of applicants for membership. We have had 39 new members join as a result of our membership drive. Over the last four issues of the Journal we have introduced 74 new applicants for membership to the current members. No applicants have been refused membership. In this same period we have had a small number of resignations or deaths, eight in total.

Below is a breakdown of our current membership:

Annual Members	397
Life Members	72
Total membership	469

Our membership by country is:

USA	269
United Kingdom	104
Canada	33
Australia	10
South Africa	7
Barbados	6
Bermuda	5
Bahamas, Brit. Virgin Is., Jamaica, Switzerland	4
Trinidad and Tobago	3
Cayman Islands, Japan	2
Anguilla, Belize, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, St. Lucia, Sweden	1

It will be noted that 57% of our members reside in the USA, 22% in the UK, 7% in Canada, and the remaining 14% are spread over 23 other countries.

With the assistance of all members promoting the group, we can undoubtedly increase our membership to that elusive figure of 500 that past president Jay Fredrick aspired to attain. Let us all see if we can introduce some new members to the Group this year, and see if we can reach this figure within the next year or so.

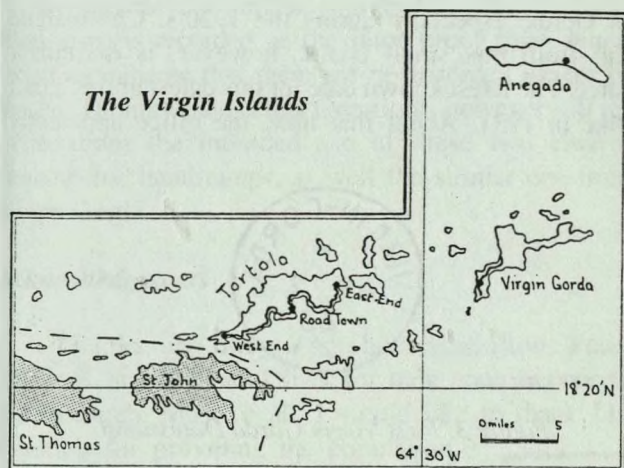
## More Updates on British Virgin Islands Village Offices

By Rob WYNSTRA

Although population totals were published recently in the *BCPJ* for all the presidencies of the Leeward Islands, the British Virgin Islands was one for which no population information was available for individual villages. Even though its total population was the smallest in the Leeward Islands Federation, this presidency covered a rather large area, consisting of the main Island of Tortola and a number of sparsely populated out-islands.

Despite its tiny population, the British Virgin Islands had a number of rural post offices from about 1900. Besides the General Post Office at Road Town and the village offices at East End and West End on Tortola, the presidency also had early post offices on the islands of Anegada and Virgin Gorda.

Although it was always assumed that these two out-



islands had relatively small populations, the lack of exact population figures has long frustrated postal historians. Recently, however, new data has emerged that finally can provide the proper population context for the islands of Anegada and Virgin Gorda. The following population information is taken from the 1974 edition of *The Statistical Abstract of the British Virgin Islands*:

Population Census Data		
Year	Virgin Gorda	Anegada
1881	832	719
1891	593	513
1901	511	530
1911	417	459
1921	381	358
1946	504	274
1960	654	274

Of special interest is the rather remarkable decline in the population of Anegada from a high of 719 in 1881 to a mere 274 in 1946. Virgin Gorda, on the other hand, shows wide fluctuations in its population over the years from 1881 to 1960. Most likely each of these islands had no more than one or two educated European residents at any given time.

### Early Postal History of Anegada

The postal history of Anegada prior to the opening of the first post office is virtually non-existent. The only recorded item is an incoming letter to the island from Russia in the 1870s, which received a Tortola mark on arrival at Road Town. As there was no internal postal system in the British Virgin Islands during this time period, the letter presumably was privately carried from Road Town to Anegada.

By 1906, however, a sub-post office apparently was in operation at Anegada. Almost certainly this small office was located at the Settlement, which was the only village on the island. Records confirm that a 28-mm. temporary rubber datestamp, shown in Figure 1, was proofed at the London General Post Office on Nov. 27, 1906. It probably was sent out to the island soon afterwards.

**BOOK EARLY FOR SARASOTA**  
Hotels and Flights May be in Short Supply!

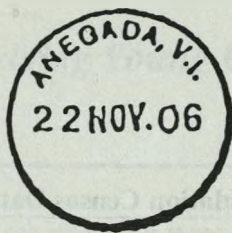


Figure 1. The Anegada TRD

Only four examples of this elusive TRD have been recorded, all of them are on loose stamps. The lone full strike is dated March 31, 1908. No examples of this datestamp have been recorded on cover. What little evidence there is tends to indicate that the office was reduced to the status of a receiving office without a datestamp by the end of 1908. The small population of the island and the short period in which the office was open can well account for the scarcity of this TRD.

For reasons that are far from clear, this office once again began using a datestamp in 1938. The earliest recorded date for this 27½ mm. double-ring datestamp is July 30, 1938. Both examples recorded for that date have an "A" index code centered above the dateline. All examples after that are recorded without an index code, as seen in Figure 2. The earliest recorded date for this datestamp without an index code is August 1, 1938. All examples after 1939 are recorded without year slugs. The latest date of use known for this double-ring datestamp is August 21, 1944. It appears most likely that the office again reverted to the status of a receiving office without a datestamp after that date.



Figure 2. Anegada Double Ring Datestamp.

### Early Postal History of Virgin Gorda

Like Anegada, the postal history of the island of Virgin Gorda prior to the opening of its first post office

is extremely sparse. The entire record consists of two pre-stamp entire letters from the village of Spanishtown, which was the only major settlement on the island. The earliest of these packet letters is headed at Spanishtown, on December 15, 1804. The difficulties of privately moving mail to the General Post Office at Road Town, Tortola can well be seen by the fact that this letter did not receive its two-line Tortola dispatch marking until 12 days later on December 27.

The second early letter is headed "Spanishtown, Tortola, Nov. 7, 1811.: The term "Tortola" was commonly used as another name for the entire Virgin Islands groups until well into the 20th Century. Remarkably, this early missionary letter did not receive its two-line Tortola dispatch marking at Road Town until December 10, some 33 days after it was first written.

Existing records suggest that the first post office opened on Virgin Gorda in 1900, most likely at Spanishtown. A 25 mm. steel datestamp for Virgin Gorda, illustrated in Figure 3, is recorded with an earliest known date of February 26, 1900. Covers to several well-known philatelic addresses are recorded from Virgin Gorda, especially during the 1920's. Commercial mail from this small island, however, is extremely scarce. The latest known date for this datestamp is a part strike in 1931. About that time, the office apparently

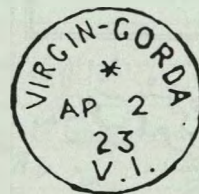


Figure 3. First Virgin Gorda Datestamp.

was reduced to the status of a receiving office without a datestamp.

Early in its period of operation, this office also was issued a small straight-line "Virgin Gorda" handstamp:

**Virgin Gorda.**

This mark was proofed at the London GPO on July 23, 1903. It probably was meant for use as some sort of directional marking. This straight-line handstamp is re-

corded through 1909. It was used officially in black as an added marking on stationery registration envelopes and informally in violet as a return address on mail to the experiment station on Tortola. An example of the former is shown in Figure 4.

**West End Tortola  
Straight-Line Handstamp**

The recent publication of information about a straight-line West End datestamp on a cover dated Sept. 24, 1908 has already resulted in new information that at least partially unravels the mysteries of its origin. Along with the Road Town and Anegada TRDs, this straight-line mark is recorded in the London GPO proof impression books. This page, shown in Figure 5, is dated Nov. 27, 1906.

Remarkably, a similar straight-line "St. Thomas" handstamp is recorded on the same proof page. Initial inquiries indicate that there are no recorded usages of this St. Thomas handstamp. Questions, however still remain about the intended use of these two elusive straight-line handstamps, as well the similar one from Virgin Gorda.

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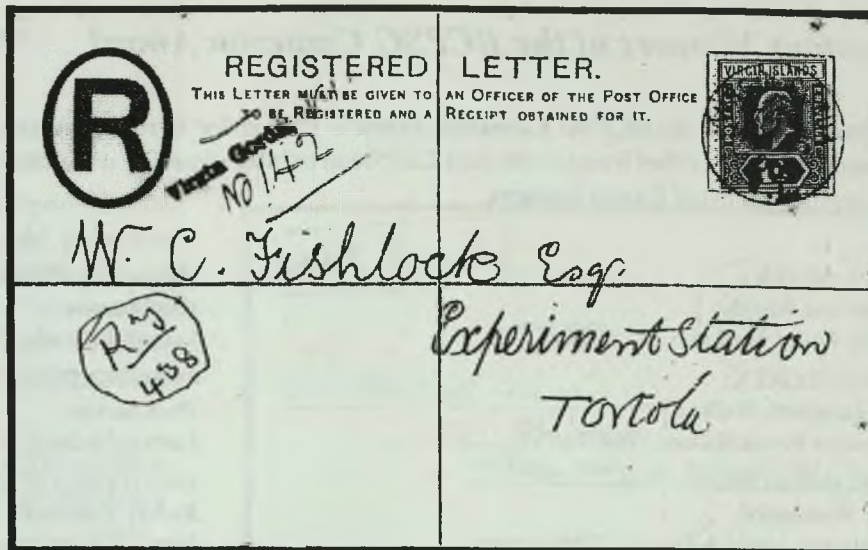


Figure 4. Straight-line handstamps used for registration  
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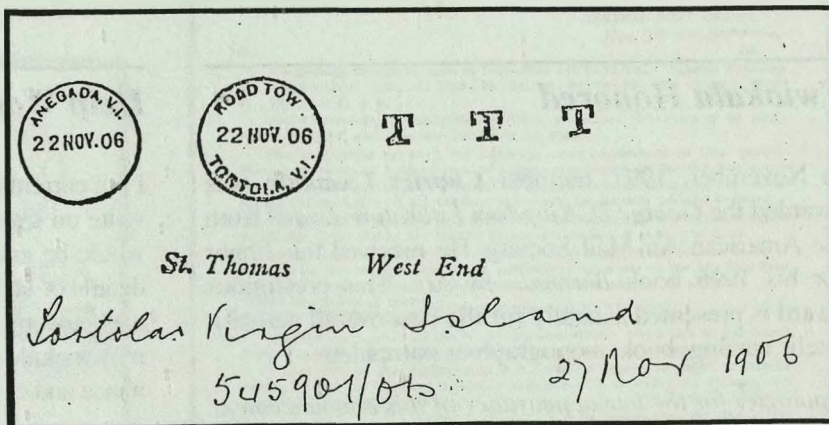


Figure 5. Top of page from proof impression Book with West End straight-line handstamp.

## Previous Winners of the BCPSG Cameron Award

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**Derek Nathan**

British Guiana Postal History, 1792-1899

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British Guiana 1850-1900

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## Cwiakala Honored

In November, 1997, member **Charles Cwiakala** was awarded the *George D. Kingdom Literature Award* from the American Air Mail Society. He received this honor for his 1996 book *Bermuda by Air*. This prestigious award is presented annually for the best overall aerophilatelic catalog, book, monograph or pamphlet.

*Apologies for the late appearance of this announcement. It was lost in the shuffle of the editorship change. — DLH*

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## Help Wanted — Cayman Covers

I am currently doing research for an article that I plan to write on *Cayman Island Provisional Stamped Covers*. I would be grateful if any members could supply me with details of such covers in their collection. Please include a photocopy, or a reference to an auction catalog that may include a photo. Information on any known provenance and expertising certificates also desired.

Please send to D.J. Podger, 10 Charlotte Close, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 7EG, England.

# Bahamas O.H.M.S. Postcards

by S. Graham HOEY

I have recently acquired two examples of printed Bahamas O.H.M.S. postcards, which are most interesting. They were used by the postmasters of the Bahamas to answer collector's inquiries as to what stamps were available at the Nassau G.P.O. The first, shown in Figure 1, is dated 15 May 1934. It has the following message on the back:

General Post Office,  
Nassau, Bahamas.  
.....193...

Sir:

The postage stamps on sale at this office are as follows: King's Head 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-, 5/-, £1 £1.7.8 1/2d

Seal of the Colony. 2/- and 3/- 5.0d.

An extra amount must be included to cover postage and registration at the rate of 1/4 1/2d per ounce.

Remittances must be made by Money Order/Bank Draft. Cash will not be accepted.

.....  
Postmaster of Bahamas

The words "Money Order" have been deleted in ink, the date "15th. May" and the year "4" entered in manuscript, and the card is signed by J. Herbert Peet, the then current postmaster of the Bahamas. From the stamps offered, this card must have been printed shortly after

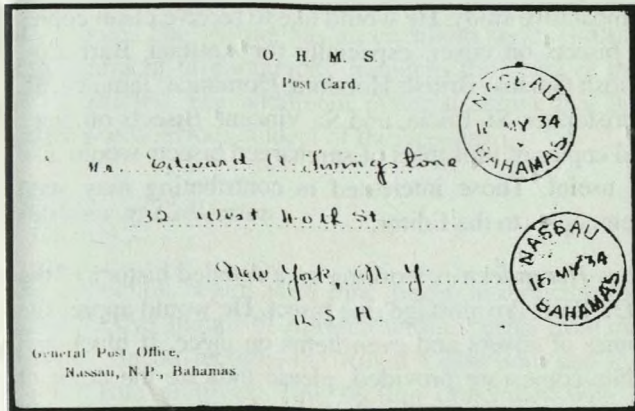


Figure 1. The 1934 O.H.M.S. Postcard

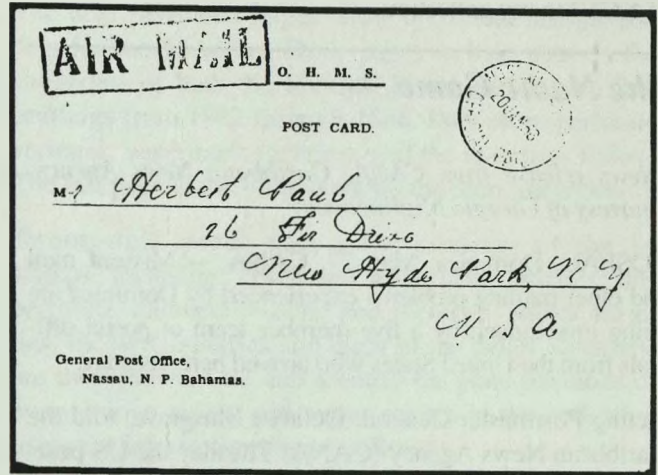


Figure 2. The 1958 O.H.M.S. Postcard

the issue of the two Bradbury Wilkinson values in 1931, and as such, would have continued in use until the issue of the Silver Jubilee stamps in May 1935.

The second card, shown in Figure 2, is dated 20JAN58, and, as shown in Figure 3, the information on the back is much more detailed. Note that although this card must have been printed after 1 January 1954 when the first QEII pictorials were issued, the only postal stationery available was that of KGVI. Until now, it has been assumed that the new 3d QEII postcard was available in 1953. But this card casts doubt on this hypothesis.

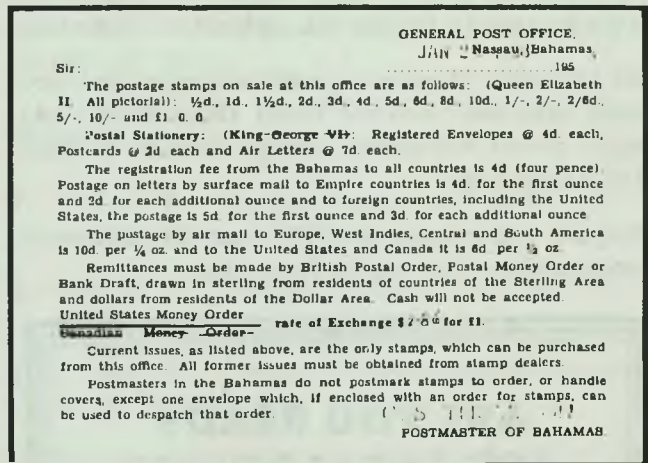


Figure 3. The Message Side of the 1958 Postcard

Obviously these cards cannot be isolated examples. Perhaps fellow BCPSG members would look in the bottom of their shoe boxes and let me know of any additional examples. I am also interested in adding any examples from earlier than 1931, or those from the reign of KGV I to my collection.

## The Name Game

[News release from CANA, Caribbean News Agency, courtesy of Giorgio Migliavacca]

ROSEAU, Dominica, May 27, CANA — Missent mail and other mailing problems experienced by Dominica are being investigated by a five-member team of postal officials from the United States who arrived here Tuesday.

Acting Postmaster General, Octalyn Musgrave, told the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) Tuesday the US postal inspectors will have an opportunity to examine samples of missent mail.

The problems, which have existed for a number of years, include mail-tampering and mail earmarked for Dominica being sent to the Dominican Republic or vice versa.

Last month the Dominica General Post Office returned to the United States 46 bags of unregistered mail and 25 parcel bags which were destined for Santo Domingo.

A few years ago Dominicans were advised to use "Commonwealth of Dominica", rather than just "Dominica", to help differentiate the island from the Spanish-speaking Dominican Republic.

The persistence of the missent mail problem has caused people here to raise the idea of a zip code for Dominica.

Last December Dominican postal authorities said they would write the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and lodge a protest with Santo Domingo about the problem of mail tampering.

Musgrave told reporters the UPU cited difficulties with putting in place a zip code for Dominica.

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## Corrections to Cayman Islands Paper

The following are a list of amendments to my article "Cayman Islands: The De La Rue Records," *BCPJ*, Vol. 37, No. 2, June 1997.

Page 74, column 2: In the table for *Requisition no. 118/21*, "Postage on four parcels 0.17s.14d.:" should read "Postage on four parcels 0.18s.2d."

Page 80, column 1: In the table for *Requisition no. 115/11, 15 March 1912*, the value "6d" should be "3s."

Page 80, column 2: In the table for *Requisition no. 90/12, 10 December 1912*, the last four lines should be:

Subtotal	5.066	303.960
Specimens: 404 each of the 1d, 4d, and 6d		1.212
Total		305.172

Cost: £22.19s.8d.

I would like to thank Richard Maisel for pointing out the errors on page 80. Hopefully none of these errors have been propagated into any reader's display.

James Podger

## Research Clearinghouse

*This is a new column that will appear on an as-needed basis to solicit assistance from Group members for those currently researching various aspects of Caribbean philately. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this column may contact the Editor.—DLH*

Member *Rene Manes* of Florida is researching the 19th century bisects of all the islands in order to perform a comparative study. He would like to receive clean copies of bisects on cover, especially for Antigua, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Christopher, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent. Bisects on piece and copies of multiples of surcharged bisects would also be useful. Those interested in contributing may send their copies to the Editor.

*Dave Herendeen* is working on a detailed history of the 1932 Barbados postage due bisect. He would appreciate copies of covers and even items on piece. If black and white copies are provided, please indicate the color of the manuscript overprint (both black and red were used). Dave can be reached at the P.O. Box noted on page 35 of the Journal.



## Antigua Mystery: An Unknown Collector

by Mark. W. SWETLAND

### Background

A 1996 Apfelbaum sale produced a lot which on examination showed it to be the story of the Antigua Queen Victoria stamps. The detailed write-up could almost have been written for the articles that appeared several years ago in the *BCPJ*,<sup>1,2,3</sup> were it not for the fact that certain photographs have been rearranged to tell the story more smoothly and additional data appears which is not on the found in the references. A sample page from this collection is shown in Figure 1.

Barry Friedman, who discovered this lot, tried to trace the write-up back to its author. This trace ended when John Apfelbaum wrote saying that all he knew was that it came from an English wholesaler. The write-up is a combination of pages with text only, and pages with text and stamps inserted at the proper place to aid in telling the story. The best term for this is a *study collection*. It begins with the background to the first 6d Victoria stamps of 1862 and continues through the 1d and the key plate stamps and their replacement by the first Leeward Islands issue in 1890.

Several interesting observations come from studying this write-up. A few spaces for stamps are blank. Most probably these spaces had stamps at one time, because the empty spaces tell about the stamps no longer there. The collection was mounted on Naribo quadrille-ruled pages, produced in the U.S.A.

The author of this collection had access to the *BCPJ* articles and to other data on the Queen Victoria stamps of Antigua. The writing has an excellent style, and the rearrangement of paragraphs enhances the order of the *BCPJ* articles. The additional material shows that the author was a serious student of these issues.

### Overview of Collection

The collection begins with nine pages introducing the first adhesive stamps of Antigua with excerpts from the Perkins, Bacon records, the Royal Collection, and the De La Rue archives. This section concludes with a checklist of the 6d stamps.

The next seventeen pages show the actual stamps and data for the 6d value. These pages include data on the shipments of both the Perkins, Bacon and De La Rue printings from 1862 through 1886. Data on imperforate varieties, watermark varieties, and the re-entries follow. The last page in the section shows the Spiro forgeries.

Twenty-four pages then show printings of the 1d stamps, including: color and watermark varieties; imperforate varieties; bisects; and forgeries. Minor varieties, the two re-entries and eight of the major scratches, are then shown. One can identify the plate positions of every minor variety and major scratch in the collection using the information found in Brooks.<sup>4</sup>

The text and stamps on the next thirteen pages give the story of the Key Plate stamps and the details on the first, second, third and fourth issues. The last two pages cover the forgeries of the Key Plate stamps and the sales of the remainders of the Victorian Leeward Islands Presidency stamps.

### Appeal

This is a most interesting study collection which represents serious study and extensive research. However, the identity of the researcher remains a mystery. Does any reader know this collector? If so, is it possible to contact him? It would be unfortunate to lose the knowledge gained by this collector during what must have undoubtedly been many years of study. I would appreciate any information. Contact: Mark Swetland, 13 Raymond Rd., Bluffton, SC 29910.

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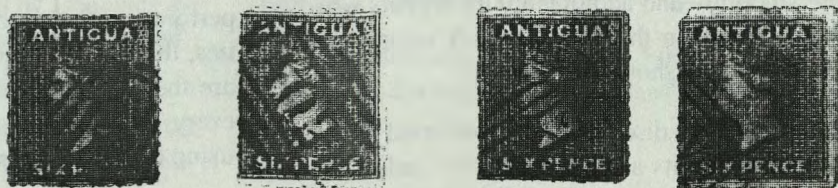
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de Worms' PERKINS BACON RECORDS gives the following data on stamp quantities despatched to Wm. Houghton (Houghton & Gunn after 10 OCT 68):

14 NOV 62 • 8,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	12 DEC 67 • 6,400	5 APR 70 • 6,400
12 JUN 63 • 8,000	10 MAR 68 • 6,400	30 JUN 70 • 6,400
26 AUG 63 • 20,000	25 JUN 68 • 6,400	6 OCT 70 • 6,400
7 SEP 64 • 10,000	1 OCT 68 • 6,400	5 JAN 71 • 6,400
10 JUN 65 • 20,000	12 APR 69 • 6,400	6 APR 71 • 6,400
14 MAY 66 • 16,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	15 JUN 69 • 6,400	6 JUL 71 • 6,400
8 JUL 67 • 8,040	11 OCT 69 • 6,400	
7 OCT 67 • 6,480	4 JAN 70 • 6,400	194,120

- (0) The Hopkins sale contained a used yellow-green pair with double perf. between.  
and a used dark-green single with double perforations.
- (1) The 14 NOV 62 shipment may have included some unwatermarked stamps.
- (2) The 14 MAY 66 shipment probably never reached Antigua.  
(See following page for discussion of these notes.)

Figure 1. Sample page from mysterious Antigua collection.

**BCPSG Financial Statements**

by Barry FRIEDMAN

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Auction 97 Receipts	26246.78	Auction Expenses 1997	1903.56
Back Journals	447.25	Back Journals — Shipping	501.01
Bermuda Mails	40.00	BCPSG Pins	374.92
Donations — Ed Addiss Memorial	45.00	Bulk Mailing Permit	85.00
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Donations — Publications	20.00	Journal Production	7727.41
Dues 1997	4099.30	Journal Overseas Shipping	1464.80
Dues 1998	2387.00	Leeward Islands Anthology	1972.08
Dues 1999	45.00	Medals	162.75
First Class Postage	55.00	Membership Expenses	154.00
Interest	1629.08	Miscellaneous	50.00
Leeward Islands Anthology	913.00	Officers Miscellaneous Expenses	1472.52
Lifetime Membership	150.00	Postal Marks of Jamaica	1722.26
P.H. of Blockade Running	294.25	Printing Miscellaneous	449.10
Postal Marks of Jamaica	1933.00	Publications Expense	716.89
Sales — Publications	554.93	WEB site	124.60
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>43354.00</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>41540.80</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>1813.20</b>		

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Lifetime Membership Fund	11258.41	Lifetime Membership Fund	11258.41
Post Office	101.49	Post Office	189.07
<b>TOTAL CHECKING</b>	<b>35301.13</b>	<b>TOTAL CHECKING</b>	<b>37114.33</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>35301.13</b>		
<b>INCOME FOR 1997</b>	<b>1813.20</b>		
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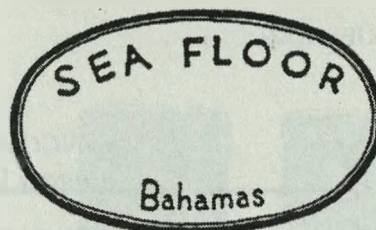
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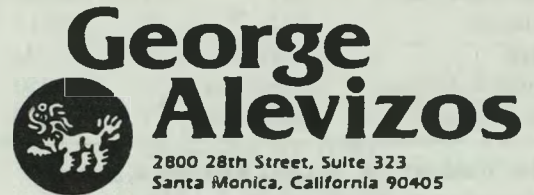
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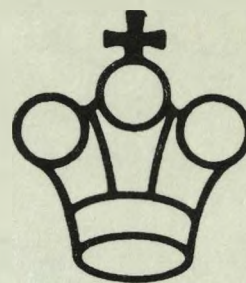
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**Mark Swetland collection of Antigua postal stationery with rare proof material**

**Dr Soni extensive collection of Bahamas, strong in postmarks and covers**

**Ken Bolton collection of Jamaica featuring specialised study of the GV Pictorial issue**

Other consignments so far received include a newly discovered example of the Crown Circle 'Paid at English Harbour Antigua,' fine Barbados stamps and military mail, newly discovered Caymans 1932 'A.S.R.' Provisional cover, rare G.B. pair of 1/-'s used in Grenada and items from the Dagenham Estate Montserrat correspondence 1840-50's. Fresh consignments are arriving on a weekly basis so I am being kept busy describing.

The April 9 sale was very successful with nearly all lots from the Cliff Abram Barbados collection finding good homes. There was also much interest in the sections of Caymans postal stationery and Jamaica covers and postmarks.

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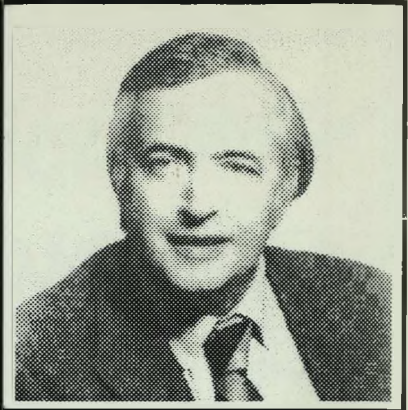
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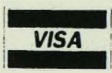


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