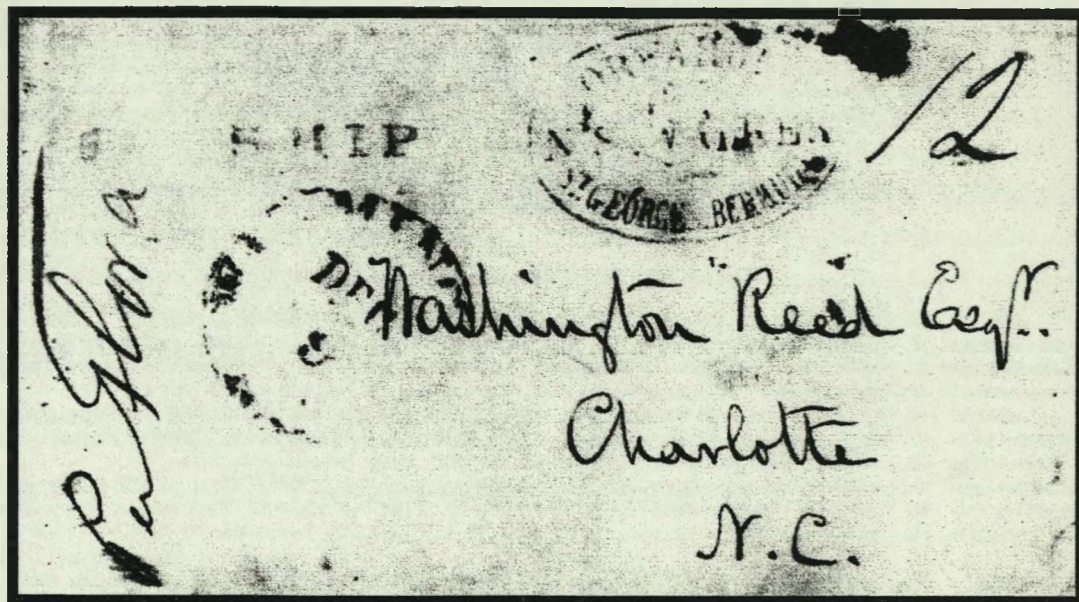


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# Bermuda Mails to 1865

## a 10 Year Update

By Michel Forand and Charles Freeland

### INTRODUCTION

The following is a list of the pre-adhesive handstamps of Bermuda -- postmarks, "Paid" stamps, ship marks and forwarding agent cachets -- that have come to light on entire or cover since our book *Bermuda Mails to 1865* was published in 1995.<sup>1</sup> It includes the additions listed in an update that appeared about a year after the original publication.<sup>2</sup>

Several important offerings of early Bermuda material have appeared on the market since 1995. Among these, four major "name" auctions are particularly well-known among Bermuda collectors -- in chronological order, the sales of the Springbett (1997), Ludington (1999), Dickgiesser (1999) and Leuhusen (2003) collections. Three of these were concentrated within a two-year period, which presented both a feast and a challenge for collectors, who had to absorb so much specialized material. Morris Ludington and Bob Dickgiesser had already forwarded to us information and photocopies of letters in their collection that fell within the scope of *Bermuda Mails*, and thus the sales of their collections yielded virtually no additions for the present update. On the other hand, items in the Springbett and Leuhusen collections, as well as others which were offered by private treaty (by Muscotts and Ritchie Bodily, in particular) or at auction (by Charles G. Firby Auctions, the London Stamp Exchange and Victoria Stamp Company, among others), have contributed to this compilation.



Our list includes two handstamps that were not recorded in *Bermuda Mails*: (1) a "Paid at Ireland Island" stamp (type P6), dated 1863, discovered in a private archive by Denis Littlewort several years ago and which, through his efforts and perseverance as well as additional research by Geoffrey Osborn, has been determined to be legitimate and official (though apparently not issued by the Post Office in London)<sup>3</sup>; and (2) a forwarding agent mark inscribed "N. S. Walker", sold at auction by Christie's Robson Lowe in 1996.<sup>4</sup> These discoveries are proof that nothing is ever definitive -- let alone final -- in philately, and we invite collectors who have pre-adhesive letters and covers with handstamped Bermuda marks, as well as handwritten forwarding marks, to compare them against the lists in *Bermuda Mails* and in this update, and to report any new item not previously recorded or incorrectly described.

Readers are invited to refer to our book for a full explanation of the presentation of the data (dates, rates, handstamps, etc.) and for any abbreviation not included in the present update. (Copies of *Bermuda Mails to 1865* are available from the BCPSG Publications Officer.) The following abbreviations are among those used in this update: **arr** (arrival); **b/s** (backstamp); **dep** (departure); **d/s** (date stamps); **HMS** (Her Majesty's Ship [naval vessel]); **h/s** (handstamp); **m/s** (manuscript [handwritten]); **q.v.** (*quod vide* [see]); **EL** (entire folded letter); **ENL** (envelope with letter enclosed); **EN** (envelope only, no letter [in some cases, this is indicated by the letter "E" only]). In each entry, asterisks reflect our assessment of the condition of the handstamp (at the beginning of the entry) or of the entire letter or envelope (EN, ENL, EN, E): \*= poor to average; \*\*= good to fine; \*\*\*= very fine to superb. The last piece of information in each entry is the source: a list and explanation of sources can be found at the end of this update.

## DATESTAMPS

## Type PM1 "Small Fleuron" -- St. George's (red)

- 1822 [22 Feb] \*, faint, date illegible, overwritten. To Langholm, Scotland (Wm. Burgess) per *Lady Louisa* (25 Feb) to Falmouth (18 May); blurry square boxed 1/2 (?) h/s on front; rate 2s6d. EL\*\*, fragile. SG 10/99a (1367P).
- 1822 OC 1 \*\*\*, 'B' and 'E' weak, on front, partly over address. To London (Henry Driver, b/s 9 Nov) per HMS *Niemen* (dep 10 Oct) to Halifax, per *Francis Freeling* (dep 22 Oct) to Falmouth (7 Nov); rate 2s2d and 3s4d. E\*. Muscotts PT 98.

## Type PM2 "Large Fleuron" -- St George's (black)

- 1827 MR 17 \*, on back. To Halifax (M. B. Almon); rate 42d plus 1d local delivery. EL\*. Firby 2/01 (1377P).
- 1828 DE ? \*, on back. To Halifax (M. B. Almon); rate 42d plus 1d local delivery. EL\*. Firby 2/01 (1378P).
- 1829 JY 6 \*. To Halifax (M. B. Almon), probably per HMS *Badger* (dep 7 Jul, arr 12 Jul); rate "1N101/2" (i.e. 1s101/2d, a quintuple 41/2d rate) for 11/4 oz". EL\*. Firby 2/01 (1379P).
- 1833 MR 1 \*. To London, per *Lord Melville* (dep 2 Mar) to Halifax (arr 13 Mar, dep 26 Mar) and Liverpool (arr 14 Apr); rate 6s6d. E\*. SG 12/00 (819).
- JY 27 \*\*\*. To the Controller of Customs, London (Plantation Papers).<sup>5</sup>
- 1834 MR 2 \*\*. To London. Per *Lord Melville* to Halifax (13 Mar d/s) and London (14 Apr d/s); rate 6s6d. E\*. Muscotts PT /98.
- SE 11 \*\* to \*\*\*, month and day inverted, on back. To London (SPG, b/s 9 Oct); rate 2s2d. HRL 7/65 (144), RLBo 9/74 (324P), SG 10/99a (1368P).
- 1835 MR 4 \*, weak. To London (m/s 6 May), red boxed "packet letter". Both dates illegible, rate 2s2d. Spink 10/03 (Leuhusen, 6P).
- AP 13 \*\*, on back. Sailor's letter from Alexander Spain on HMS *Wasp*, countersigned by Lieut. Dyke (written during passage to Bermuda, datelined 19 Mar). To Southampton (Charlotte Spain); *Velocity* departed for Halifax on 13 April but there is no Halifax backstamp to confirm; rate 1d. With type P1 of St. George's dated AP 13 (q.v.). Cavendish 10/00 (33P).
- 1836 JA 24 \*, weak, on back. To London (22 Feb d/s) per *Campbell*; rate 2s2d. SG 12/00 (822), SG 6/01 (1046).
- DE 25 \*, brownish, on back across the join. To London (3 Feb d/s). Spink 10/03 (Leuhusen, 8P).

## Type PM4 -- Hamilton (black)

- 1845 OC 9 \* to \*\*, double-struck and somewhat blurry, on back across the join. To London (16 Nov), per *Margaret* (16 Oct) to Halifax (arr 21 Oct) and *Ogle* (dep 3 Nov) to Liverpool (15 Nov); rate 1s. Spink 10/03 (Leuhusen, 13P).

## Type PM4 -- Hamilton (red)

- 1850 MR 8 \*\*, on back. To London (address partially bleached; b/s 27 Mar); rate 4s. Harmer-Schau 6/04 (637P).

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- JY 19 \*\*\*, on front. Per *James* to St. George's (Trott); red italic "Too Late" h/s; rate 4d. EL\*\*\*. Muscotts PT 98.
- 1851 JA 18 \* to \*\*. Local, to Southampton (Astwood). E\*\*. LSE 4/00 (261).
- MR 5 \*\*, on back. To Halifax (Bishop Walsh; b/s 10 Mar); per *Ospray* (5 Mar) to Halifax (oval Mr 10 d/s); rate 4d. With type P2 of Hamilton (q.v.). EN\*\*, file notes on front. Firby 1/02 (1358P) and 6/02 (1211P).
- AU 19 \* to \*\*\*. To St. George's (R. M. Higgs) from Governor Charles Elliott. Envelope torn across the datestamp, spots on the cover. GAO.
- 1852 FE 5 \*\*, several letters weak, date somewhat smudged, on back. To London (W.H. White, Freemasons Hall, b/s 1 MR 1); per *Chebucto* (dep 6 Feb) to Halifax (arr 13 Feb) and *Europa* (dep 19 Feb) to Liverpool (29 Feb). EN\*\*\*. Bodily PT 96.
- 1853 FE 12 \* to \*\*. Local, to St. George's (Trott). E\*. LSE 4/00 (261).
- FE 22 \*\* to \*\*\*, faint at top. Local, to St. George's (John Bau). W\*\*. CRL 2/96 (275P).
- 1857 JA 16 Almost \*\*\*, few letters weak, on front. Local, to St. George's (E.B. Todd). Pencil marks on front and back, o/w VF. VSC 12/98 (51P).
- FE 18? \*, on front. Local, to Southampton (W.A. Astwood). DRP.
- 1859 SE 1 \*\*. Incoming to Paget, probably from Demerara; per brig *Devonshire*; rate 4d. Mourning EN\*\*\*. Spink 6/99 (Ludington, 54P).
- 1863 ? "Faint," on back. From Hamilton to Grand Turk Island (b/s) via St. Thomas (b/s); rate 4d (blue crayon). EL (tropicalized). Rigby 6/70 (120).
- 1866? OC 29 \*\*, few letters weak, last digit of year indistinct. Local, to Hamilton (Jeremiah B. ?). Letter folded into a triangle, small portion (and family name of addressee) missing. VSC 6/97 (22P).
- The letter is dated Friday, 26 Oct. This may be another example of the datestamp being applied to explain a late delivery.*

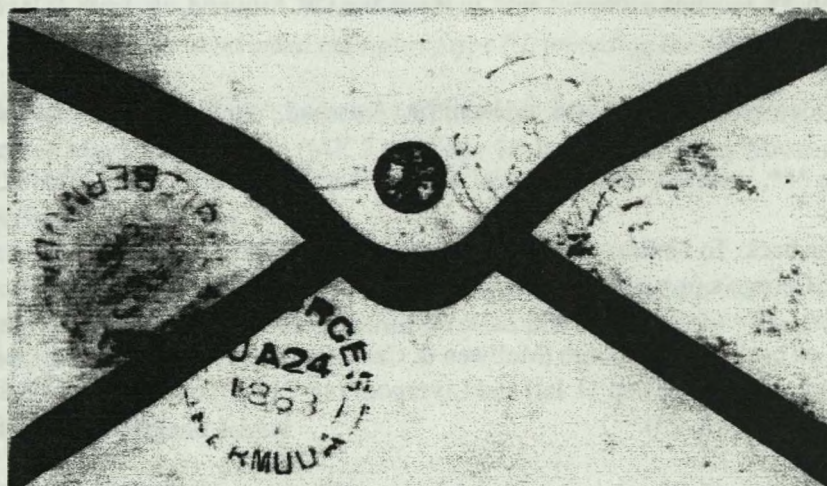
#### Type PM4 -- Ireland Island

- 1845 MR 26 \*\* to \*\*\*, some letters weak at right, on back. To London (W.H. White, Freemasons Hall, b/s MY 14); per *Lady Ogle* (26 Mar) to Halifax (arr 31 Mar) and *Caledonia* (dep 3 May) to Liverpool (arr 14 May). EL\*\*\*. Bodily, PT 96.
- It is difficult to account for the delay that seems to have occurred at Halifax, as the Cambria left there on 3 April and arrived at Liverpool on the 14th.*
- AU 20 \*\*\*, light, on front. To London (W.H. White, Freemasons Hall, d/s 9 SP 9); per *Tey* (20 Aug) to Southampton; rate 1s, marked m/s 'Paid'. EL\*\*\*. Bodily, PT 96.

#### Type PM5 -- Ireland Island

- 1847 AP 23 \* to \*\*, several letters weak or incomplete, on front. To London (W.H. White, Freemasons Hall, d/s 2? MY 2?); per *Tey* (24 Apr) to Southampton; rate 2s. With type P2 of Ireland Island (q.v.). EL\*\*\*. Bodily, PT 96.

- 1852 JA 4 Almost \*\*\*, some letters light, on front. To London (W.H. White, Freemasons Hall, d/s 2 FE 2); per *Chebucto* (5 Jan) to Halifax (arr 13 Jan) and *Cambria* (dep 23 Jan) to Liverpool (arr 1 Feb); endorsed "Lodge 461, Bermuda" and "Paid at Bermuda"; rate 2s. With type P2 of Ireland Island (q.v.). EN\*\*\*. Bodily, PT 96.
- JU 15 \*\*, on front. To London (W.H. White, Free Masons Hall, d/s 5JY5); per *Ospray* (16 Ju) to Halifax (arr 19 Jun) and Liverpool (dep 25 Jun, arr 4 Jul); endorsed "Per Halifax Packet" and "Lodge 461"; rate 1s. With type P2 of Ireland Island (q.v.). Bodily PT 97.
- 1860 OC 1 \*\* to \*\*\*, on back. To Leicester (Capt. I. Jones; b/s 29 Oct); per *Delta* (5 Oct) to Halifax (arr 9 Oct) and *Canada* (dep 19 Oct) to Liverpool (28 Oct); rate 6d (h/s); with Ireland Isle P2 (q.v.); mourning EN\*\*\*. Muscotts PT 98.



- 1863 JA 22 \* to \*\*, blurry at top and smudged in centre, on back (photo below). To Campobello, New Brunswick (Mrs. J.J. Robinson; b/s FE 2) via St. John (b/s JA ?); rate "6d" (red h/s), crossed out and "4d" (m/s) substituted, "MORE TO PY" and "5 CENTS" h/s on front in black, "5" in blue crayon. With types P6 of Ireland Island (JA 23) and PM5 of St. George's (JA 24). Mourning EN\*\*\*. In a private archive.
- DE 26 \*\*. To Halifax (Helen Donaldson) from sailor on HMS *Medea*; per *Alpha* (27 Dec); rate 4d (red h/s). With type P2 of Ireland Island (q.v.) EN\*\*\*. Firby 2/01 (1380P).
- 1864 FE 10 \*\*\*, on back. To Halifax (Helen Donaldson, b/s Feb 24) from sailor on HMS *Medea*; per *Alpha* (20 Feb); rate 4d (red h/s). With type P2 of Ireland Island (q.v.). EN\*\*\*. Firby 9/99 (1781P).
- MR 15 \*\*, on back. To Halifax (Helen Donaldson, b/s 25 Mar) from sailor on HMS *Medea*; per *Alpha* (Mar 19); rate 4d (red h/s). With type P2 of Ireland Island (q.v.). EN\*\*\*. Firby 2/01 (1381P).
- MY 6 \*\*, on back. To St. Petersburg, Russia, from a Finnish officer on a Russian ship in Ireland Island dockyard; per *Pevensey* (dep 7 May), via London, Aachen and Finland, arrival cds on front; "PD" h/s; rate 1s9d. With type P2 of Ireland Island on front (q.v.). EN\*\*\*. LSE 4/00 (310P).

## Type PM5 -- St. George's (red)

1845 OC 21 \*, on back. To Manchester (Anderton, P tombstone and Manchester cds for 11 Nov); per *Avon* (Oct 22) to Southampton; rate 1s. With type P2 of St. George's (q.v.); new EKD for PM5. Muscotts PT 98.

*Note: This is the earliest recorded example of type PM5 of St. George's.*

1847 JU 3 \*\*, light but clear, with punch hole, on back. To "Bourdeaux" [sic] (Messrs Ruinart and Co., Wine Merchants; indistinct 2 JUIL arr b/s), redirected to "Rheim" [sic] via London (29 JU 29 b/s), Boulogne (ANGL / 1 JUIL and COLONIES &c ART. 13 h/s), and Paris (1 JUIL b/s); per *Roseway* (3 Jun) to Halifax (arr 11 Jun) and *Hibernia* (dep 18 Jun) to Liverpool (28 Jun). Rate "16" (décimes due).

*The letter, written by G.M. Ross, of the Reserve Battalion, 42nd Regiment, is dated "4th June".*

OC 15 Barely \*\*, touches address. Local, to Hamilton (W. Astwood, c/o Frith & Ingham). EL, stains at top. VSC 6/96 (13P).

1848 OC 11 \*\*, sideways, on front. Local, to Hamilton (Astwood, "c/o W.B. Smith, Treasurer"). LSE 3/01 (391P).

1850 SE 14 \*\* to \*\*\*, inverted, on front. Local, to Port Royal (Astwood). SG 12/00 (825P).

1851 FE 9 \*\*, on back. To Halifax (Bishop Walsh; oval b/s 13 Feb); per *Ospray* (9 Feb); rate 4. With type P2 for St. George's (q.v.). E\*\*. Firby 1/02 (1357P).

JU 30 \*\*\*, on back. To Edinburgh (McEwen & Carment, 22 Jul) from Wm. Barr; per *Ospray* (dep 30 Jun) to Halifax (arr 5 Jul, dep 11 Jul) and Liverpool (arr 21 Jul); rate 1s. Badly stained, repaired E. Spink 10/03 (Leuhusen, 25).

OC 15 Barely \*\*, indistinct. Local, to Southampton (W. Astwood). EL\*\*\*. VSC 6/96 (17).

1852 SE 13 \*\*, on flap. From London (30 Jul b/s) to Flatts (Rev. Solomon Stowe); per *Merlin* to New York, forwarded (Sep 9) per *Petrel* by T. H. Brooking (oval cachet); rate 19 cents (U.S. handstamp), charged 1s upon arrival in Bermuda. GAO.

1854 OC 14 Almost \*\*\* but weak, "OR" smudged. Local, to Hamilton (N.T. Butterfield). Mourning ENL\*\*\*. CRL 2/96 (277P).

## Type PM5 -- St. George's (black)

1856 NO 25 \*\*, truncated at left. To St. George's (Trott, arr 25 Nov) from London (8 Nov); per *Niagara* (Liverpool, 8 Nov) to Halifax (20 Nov) and *Delta* (dep 21 Nov); rate 5d (h/s). Spink 10/03 (Leuhusen, 25).

1860 DE 1 \*\* to \*\*\*. From Demerara (7 Nov d/s) to St John's, Newfoundland (17 Dec d/s), via *St. Thomas* (14 Nov d/s) and Halifax. DRP.

1863 JA 24 \*\*\*, upper left portion over black edge of envelope, on back. To Campobello, New Brunswick (Mrs. J.J. Robinson; b/s FE 2) via St. John (b/s JA ?); PAID AT IRELAND ISLAND / BERMUDA h/s in red on front, JA 22 or 23, and type PM5 of Ireland Island (JA 22) in black on back; rate "6d" (red h/s), crossed out and "4d" (m/s) substituted, MORE TO PAY and "5 CENTS" h/s on front in black, "5" in blue crayon. Mourning EN\*\*\*. In a private archive.

OC 21 On back. From Wilmington to Heidelberg (Watson, 25 Nov d/s); per blockade runner *Dee* (dep Wilmington 16 Oct, arr St. George's 21 Oct), *Ospray* (dep 27 Oct) to Halifax (arr 1 Nov), *Canada* (dep 13 Nov) to Liverpool (arr 23 Nov); via London (23 Nov d/s), Calais (24 Nov d/s), Paris (24 Nov



d/s) and Strasbourg; rate 1s5d (ART 29 2 PORTS) and boxed GB 1F 60. Siegel 5/02 (1055P).

- 1864 MR 9 On back. From Wilmington to Heidelberg (Watson, 31 Mar d/s); per blockade runner *Caledonia* (dep Wilmington 1 Mar, arr St. George's 7 Mar), *Alpha* (dep 9 Mar) to St. Thomas, *Atrono* (dep 15 Mar) to Southampton (arr 29 Mar); via Calais (30 Mar d/s), Paris (30 Mar d/s) and Strasbourg; rate 1s3d; boxed h/s GB 2F. Siegel 5/02 (1057P).

## PAID HANDSTAMPS

### Type P1 - St. George's

- 1835 AP 13 \*\* to \*\*\*, on back. Sailor's letter from Alexander Spain on HMS *Wasp*, countersigned by Lieut. Dyke. To Southampton (Charlotte Spain); *Velocity* left for Halifax on 13 Apr but there is no backstamp to confirm; rate 1d. With type PM2 of St. George's dated AP 13 (q.v.). Cavendish 10/00 (33P).

*Note: This is the earliest recorded example of type P1, preceding the next known example by four years.*

- 1840 MR 24 \*. Soldier's letter for John Campbell to St. John's, Newfoundland (Corp. Latimer, 1st Co. Royal Sappers, 4 May), via Montreal (MY 2 d/s); rate 1d. In National Army Museum, London.

### Type P2, "Crowned circle" - Hamilton

- 1851 March \*\* to \*\*\*, just touched by filing notes. To Halifax (Walsh, Bishop of; oval b/s 10 Mar); per *Ospray* (5 Mar); rate 4d. With type PM4 of Hamilton dated MR 5 (q.v.). EN \*\* file notes. Firby 1/02 (1358P) and 6/02 (1211P).

### Type P2, "Crowned circle" - Ireland Island

- 1847 Apr Almost \*\*\*, full but somewhat blurry, on front. To London (W.H. White, Freemasons Hall, d/s 2? MY 2?); per *Tey* (24 Apr) to Southampton; rate 2s. With type PM5 of Ireland Island dated AP 23 (q.v.). EL \*\*\*. Bodily PT 96.

*Note: This is the earliest recorded example of type P2 of Ireland Island, preceding the next known example by more than one year.*

- 1852 Jan \*\* to \*\*\*, "LA" incomplete at left, on front. To London (W.H. White, Freemasons Hall, d/s 2 FE 2); per *Chebucto* (5 Jan) to Halifax (arr 13 Jan) and *Cambria* (dep 23 Jan) to Liverpool (1 Feb); rate 2s; endorsed "Lodge 461, Bermuda" and "Paid at Bermuda". With type PM5 of Ireland Island dated JA 4 (q.v.). EN \*\*\*. Bodily PT 96.

- 1853 June \*\*. To London (W.H. White, Free Masons Hall; arr 5JY5); per *Ospray* (16 Ju) to Halifax (arr 19, dep 25 Jun) and Liverpool (arr 4 Jul); endorsed "Per Halifax Packet" and "Lodge 461"; rate 1s. With type PM5 of Ireland Island dated JU 15 (q.v.). Bodily PT 97.

- 1860 October \*\* to \*\*\*, partly over address. To Leicester (Capt J(illy) Jones; b/s 29 Oct); per *Delta* (5 Oct) to Halifax (arr 9 Oct) and *Canada* (dep 19 Oct) to Liverpool (28 Oct); rate 6d (h/s). With type PM5 of Ireland Island dated OC 1 (q.v.); mourning EN \*\*\*. Muscotts PT/98.

- 1863 December \*\*\*, superb. To Halifax (Helen Donaldson) from sailor on HMS *Medea*; per *Alpha* (27 Dec); rate 4d (red h/s). With type PM5 of Ireland Island dated DE 26 (q.v.). EN \*\*\*. Firby 2/01 (1380P).

- 1864 February \*\*. To Halifax (Helen Donaldson, b/s Feb 24) from sailor on HMS *Medea*; per *Alpha* (20 Feb);

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rate red h/s 4d. With type PM5 dated FE 10 (q.v.). EN\*\*\*. Firby 9/99 (1781P).

March \*. To Halifax (Helen Donaldson, b/s 25 Mar) from sailor on HMS *Medea*; per *Alpha* (Mar 19); rate red h/s 4d. With type PM5 dated MA 15 (q.v.). EN\*\*\*. Firby 2/01 (1381P).

May \*\*\*. To St. Petersburg from a Finnish officer on a Russian ship in Ireland Island dockyard; via London, Aachen and Finland, arrival cds on face; "PD" h/s; rate 1s 9d. With type PM5 of Ireland Island dated MY 6 (q.v.). EN\*\*\* LSE 4/00 (310P).

#### Type P2, "Crowned circle" -- St. George's

1845 October \* to \*\*. To Manchester (Anderton, P tombstone and Manchester cds for 11 Nov); per *Avon* to Southampton; rate 1s. With type PM5 of St. George's dated OC 21 on back (q.v.). Muscotts PT 98.

*Note: This is the earliest recorded example of type P2 of St. George's, preceding the next known example by about eight months.*

1851 February \*\*\*. To Halifax (Bishop Walsh; oval b/s 13 Feb) per *Ospray* (9 Feb); rate 4d. With type PM5 of St. George's dated FE 9 (q.v.). E\*\*. Firby 1/02 (1357P).

#### Type P3/I -- St. George's

1852 MR 8 \* to \*\*. Very light, incomplete. Local, to Southampton (W. Astwood). EL. VSC 6/96 (18).

AP 2 \*\*. Local, to Southampton (W. Astwood). EL rust stains. VSC 6/96 (19P).

OC 6 \*\*, "DA" missing. Local, to Southampton (W. Astwood). EL. VSC 6/96 (20P).

1854 MR 10 \*\*, one side over address. Local, to Butterfield. Spink 3/01(93P).

MR 15 \*\*, indistinct at top, over address. Local, to Hamilton (N.T. Butterfield). ENL, flimsy. Cavendish 3/96 (929P).

MY 3 \*, poor. Local, to Astwood; endorsed "Rec'd 24 May 1854". VSC 6/96 (21).

MY 23 \*, poor, date barely legible. Local, to Southampton (W. Astwood). Mourning ENL. VSC 6/96 (22P).

MY 29 \*\*, partly over address. Local, to Butterfield. EN\*\*. LSE 3/01 (394P).

1857 MR 4 \*\* to \*\*\*. Local, to Butterfield, cover stained at edges. Spink 10/03 (Leuhusen, 35P).

1858 FE 14 \*\*. Local, to Astwood. EN\*\*\*. Proud PT 98.

#### Type P4 - St. George's

1863 JU 15 \*\*. To Edinburgh (Jeffrey; b/s 6 Jul); per *Asia* (15 Jun) to Halifax (arr 19 Jun) and *Africa* (dep 26 Jun) to Liverpool (arr 5 Jul); rate 1s. Spink 10/03 (Leuhusen, 38P).

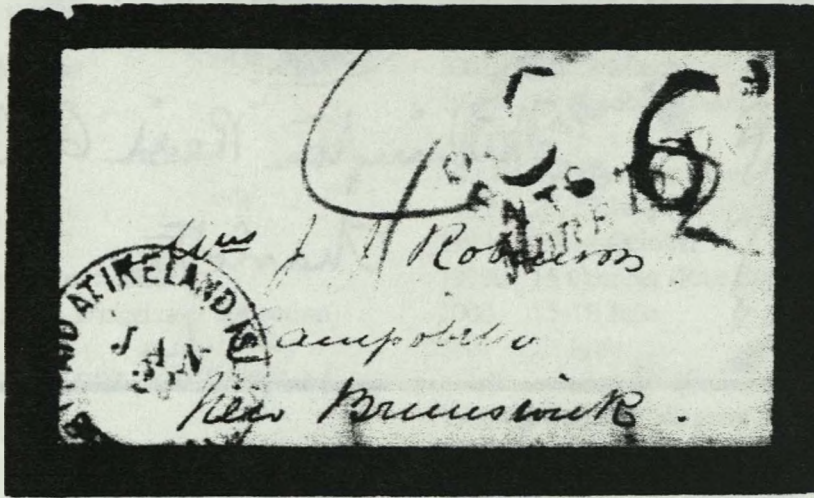
#### Type P5 - Hamilton

1864 MY 20 \*\*. Local to St George's (Trott & Atwood). Truncated piece. CAF.

*Note: This is the earliest recorded date for this handstamp.*

## Type P5 -- St. George's

1865 FE ? \*\* . Local, to South March (Mrs. W. Thill). Partly worm-eaten cover. CAF.



## Type P6 -- Ireland Island

[1863] JAN 23 Almost \*\*\* (photo above). To Campobello, New Brunswick (Mrs. J. J. Robinson; b/s FE 2) via St. John (b/s JA ?); rate "6d" (red h/s), crossed out, "4d" (m/s) substituted, MORE TO PAY and 5 CENTS h/s on front in black, "5" in blue crayon. With types PM5 of Ireland Island (JA 22) and St. George's (JA 24) in black on back (q.v.). Mourning EN\*\*\*. In a private archive.

*Note: This is the only recorded example of type P6 (see note 3).*

## SHIP LETTER HANDSTAMPS

## Type S1 -- St. George's

1847 Nov? Almost \*\*\*, light at right, "B" touched by ink stain. From Grand Cay, Turks Islands (26 Oct) to Bermuda (William Burgess), via Baltimore (NOV 15 d/s and SHIP h/s) and New York (endorsed "Care of Messrs Tucker & Lightbourn, New York"). CRL 2/96 (274P).

1849 ? \* to \*\*. From New York to Butterfield; rate 8d. Muscotts PT 98.

## FORWARDING AGENT CACHETS

## Type FA4 -- J. Mallaby Higgs

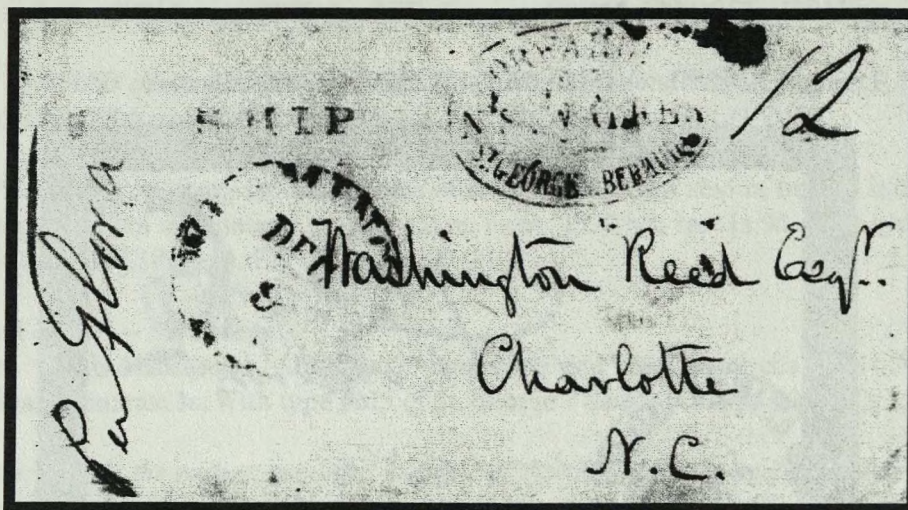
1868? \*\*\*, superb, light at lower right, on flap. From ? to Amherst, Mass. (Messrs David Chase); per *Etta* (26 May) to Boston (JUN 2 d/s and ship h/s with large star, on front); rate 6 (cents due). CAF.

## Type FA5 -- N. S. Walker

1863 December \*\*, top half faint, on front (photo below). Blockade runner cover to Charlotte, N.C. (Washington Reid; no d/s); per *Flora* via Wilmington (DEC 9 d/s and ship h/s); rate 12 (cents due). CRL 2/96 (268P).

*Note: This is the only recorded example of this mark (see note 4).*

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### CORRECTIONS, ETC.

#### Type PM2 -- St. George's

1834 SE 11 \*, day and month inverted, on back. To London (Wesley, b/s 9 Oc); rate 2s2d. E \*\*\*. SG 12/00 (821).

*Note: This is an expansion of the SE 11 1834 entry in Bermuda Mails to 1865.*

#### Type PM4 -- Hamilton

1843 SP 2 \*\* right side weak, on back, to Halifax, (W. Burgess; b/s SP 12); per *Velocity* (4 Sep); rate 4d, endorsed 'packet'; EL. HNY 4/79, Tucker 1 (11P), HNY 11/81 (946P), Spink 10/03 (Leuhusen, 12P).

*This entry replaces the 1843 entry dated SE 12.*

"1857 MR 27" *The correct date of this item, listed on page 114, is 1858.*

#### Type P2 -- Hamilton

"1857 March" *The correct date of this item, listed on page 114, is 1858.*

#### Forwarding Agent Marks -- Manuscript Marks

"1808" *The correct date for this mark is 1809, not 1808.*

### SOURCES

#### Auction Catalogues and Other Sources

Note : Some of the auction catalogues listed below contain items already reported in *Bermuda Mails to 1865*. They are included here so as to extend the list provided on pages 116-118 of our original compilation.

#### British West Indies Study Circle (BWISC)

2003 26 April

**Cavendish Philatelic Auctions**

1996 March  
 1999 12 June  
 2000 20 October

**Charles G. Firby Auctions**

1999 8 September  
 2001 10 February  
 2002 12 January  
 2002 22 June

**Cherrystone Philatelic Auctioneers**

1999 26 October (R. W. Dickgiesser collection)

**Christie's Robson Lowe (CRL; see also Spink)**

1996 28 February

**Harmers**

2003 24 February

**Harmer-Schau**

2004 24 June

**London Stamp Exchange (LSE)**

2000 7 April  
 2001 16 March

**Muscotts (Private treaty offer)**

1998 June

**Ritchie Bodily (Private treaty offers)**

1996  
 1997

**NOTES**

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<sup>4</sup> For more information on the "N.S. Walker" mark, see: "Caribbean round-up," *British Caribbean Philatelic Journal* 176, September 1995, p 71.

<sup>5</sup> C. Maycock, "The Plantation Papers: III. Bermuda and British Guiana." *The Philatelist*, August 1962, p 230.

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**Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries**

2002 15 May

**Spink (see also Christie's Robson Lowe)**

1999 22 June (M.H. Ludington collection)  
 2001 22-23 March  
 2003 29 October (Baron S. Leuhusen collection)

**Stanley Gibbons Auctions (SG)**

1997 25-27 June (D. Springbett collection)  
 1999a 13-14 October  
 1999b 15 October (Rare Stamps and Postal History)  
 2000 15-16 June  
 2001 22 June

**Victoria Stamp Company (VSC)**

1996 24 June  
 1997 20 June (R.L. Shaw collection)  
 1998 5 December (Mail sale)  
 2001 27 January  
 2001 1 December  
 2003 11 October (N.O. Chalmers collection)

**Other Abbreviations**

CAF = Charles A. Freeland collection  
 DRP = David R. Pitts collection<sup>6</sup>  
 GAO = Geoffrey A. Osborn collection  
 PT = Private treaty

# Leeward Islands Postal Stationery Cut-outs Used as Postage

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The use of cut-outs of unused postal stationery to pay postage on a letter is well known around the world. In many cases this was officially sanctioned by the relevant post office. On other occasions it was not allowed and such covers were taxed, while in some cases their use was not sanctioned but was generally ignored by postal officials.

Perhaps the best known examples in the British Caribbean are those of the Cayman Islands. The use of postal stationery cut-outs was officially sanctioned and there are many examples known, mostly philatelic, with commercial examples quite scarce, as far as I know. Indeed, there are examples of Cayman Island postal stationery items with additional postal stationery cut-outs attached to pay additional postage. These, while being contrived, are still of interest and many appear to be correctly rated.

The use of postal stationery cut-outs in other areas of the British Caribbean appears to be less common. For the Leeward Islands I had only recorded one example of the use of Leeward Island postal stationery cut-outs used on cover, until 2003, when two other covers surfaced.

The first cover I recorded was purchased from a well known English dealer in 1988. It is illustrated in Figure 1. It comprises five cut-outs of the King Edward VII 1/2d postcard

(H&G 5/ Oliver PC3) issued in 1902. They are attached to the reverse of a commercial cover addressed to the Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co. Ltd. in Canada. It is post-marked at St. Johns, Antigua on AP25 1933. Putting postage on the reverse of covers is unusual (for the British Caribbean) but in this case it would not easily fit on the front without obscuring the address. A careful examination of the cut-outs shows that each has part of a printed message on the back and they are glued to the cover with dark brown glue. The 2 1/2d is the rate for a letter over one ounce and there is no reason to believe that this cover is anything other than commercial. This suggests that the use of cut-outs on cover was either sanctioned within the Leeward Islands or, at the least, was accepted by postal officials. Certainly in this case, it would appear that someone with a pile of unusable 1/2d postcards decided to use them for postage by cutting out the postage indicium, albeit 30 odd years after issue.

The above cover was the only one I had seen from any of the Leeward Islands until 2003, when eBay threw up two further examples within a few months of each other. Figure 2 illustrates the first of these new finds. It is an envelope addressed to Connors Bros. Ltd. in Black Harbour, New Brunswick, and has the notation Premium Department at lower left. It was posted in April 1938 and is franked with an Antigua 1/2d KGV definitive and a 1937 Antigua 1 1/2d Coronation commemorative, together with a cut-out of a Leeward Island 3d KGV registered envelope indicium cut from a 1926 registered envelope. The

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### ENDNOTE

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stamps paying the postage, and the cut-out paying the registration fee of 3d. Once again there is no reason to believe that this is anything other than a fully commercial cover. This adds further evidence to the supposition

and comprises a Leeward Island KGV 1d red postal stationery envelope (H&G B7/ Oliver PE12) uprated with a cut-out of the same envelope and two Montserrat KGV stamps, a 1d red and a 1 1/2d brown. The total franking



Figure 1: 1902 KEVII postcard cut-outs used on 1933 cover to Canada.

that cut-outs were allowed by the post offices of the Leeward Islands to be used as postage.

The third and final cover was also found on eBay, although I did not purchase it. It is illustrated in Figure 3

comprises 1 1/2d postage plus 3d for registration and was posted on AP 2 1930 and sent to the U.S.A. This envelope is not to a known philatelist (as far as I know) and may be commercial usage, but of the three looks possibly contrived.

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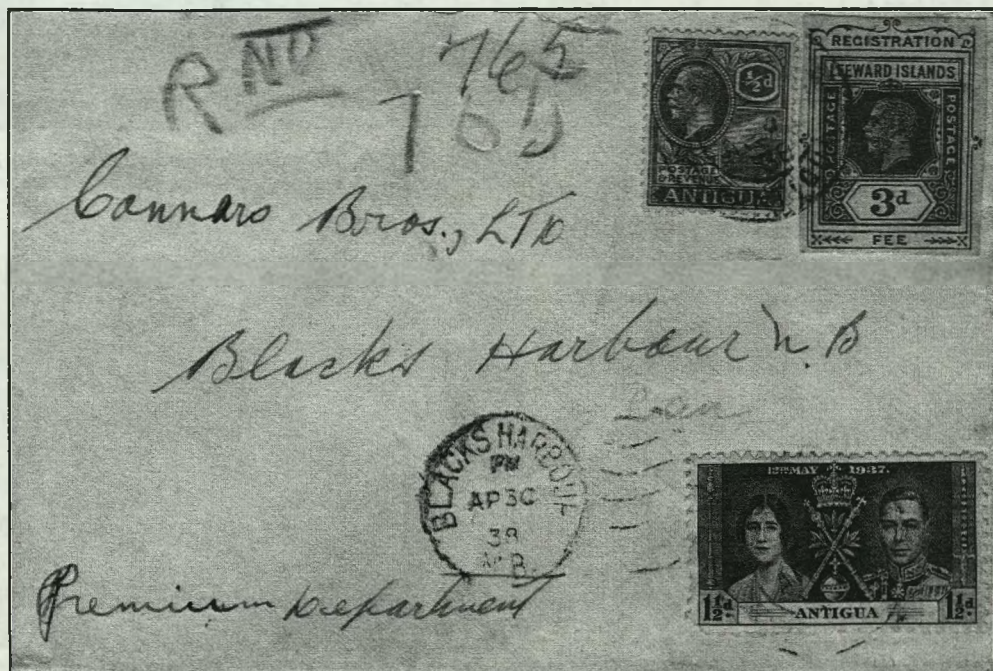
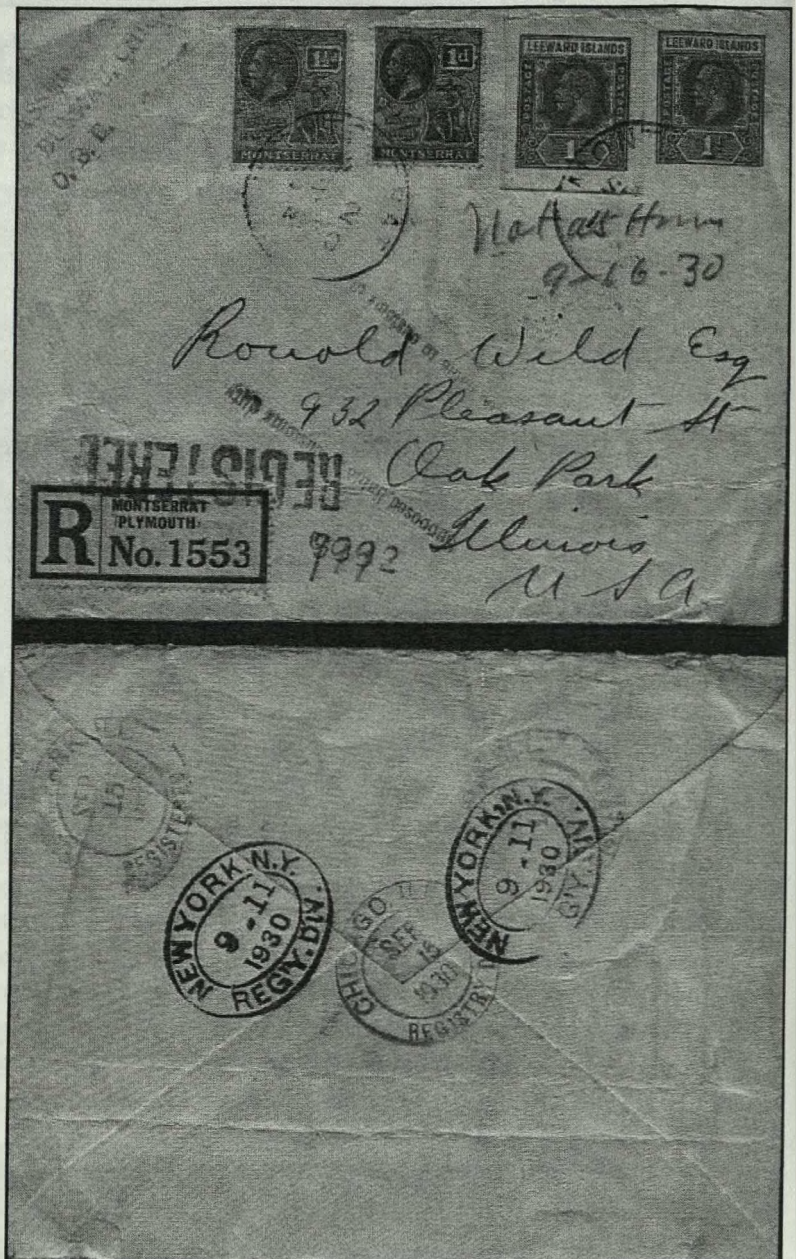


Figure 2: 1926 KGV registered envelope cut-out used on 1938 cover to New Brunswick.

The three covers suggest that Leeward Island postal stationery cut-outs were allowed as postage in at least two of the individual Presidencies, in the period 1930-38. It is important to note that for all three of these covers, in the period of use (1930-38) the individual Presidencies of the Leeward Islands only used the Federal issue postal stationery of the Leeward Islands. If this period corresponds with the period when such usage was allowed, then it may explain why I have not seen any such covers using postal stationery cut-outs from the individual Presidencies series postal stationery. The 1930s was also a time when there were few stationery collectors and this may explain the lack of covers to or from known philatelists.

I would be interested to hear from other collectors who may have other Leeward Island stationery cut-outs used on cover that may extend the period of use. I would be particularly interested in covers from the other Presidencies of the Leeward Islands. In addition, if anyone has any information on whether the usage was officially sanctioned, I would be most grateful. Or are these covers aberrations that simply slipped through the postal system? I can be contacted as follows:

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*Figure 3: 1929 KGV envelope cut-out used on 1930 cover to the U.S.A.*

## *Check your mailing label!*

The study group has a new person managing the name list database. Please check your mailing label on the envelope used to mail this issue of the *Journal*. You'll find the name and address information exactly as Robert Stewart has it. He's willing to make any changes, updates or other corrections, but he needs you to notify him of those changes.

The best way to do it is right now, while you're thinking of it. Bob can be reached by email at

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As most of us know, the postal service is getting more exacting in its requirements for addresses. If you know the last four digits of your nine digit Zip Code, please let Bob know as well. It's not required yet, but it's only a matter of time!



# The Four Great Providers

## An analysis of their philatelic covers of the Empire Period of the BWI

By Dr. Eric M. Bateson  
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An analysis was made of the illustrations of thousands of philatelic covers in auction catalogues and in a personal collection of over 800 British West Indian covers. This analysis revealed the names of over 100 different providers of philatelic covers for the Empire Period (Queen Victoria, King Edward VII and King George V) in the BWI territories. It was noted that the names and addresses on the covers were usually characteristic for each provider.

The four great providers are: William T. Wilson, the

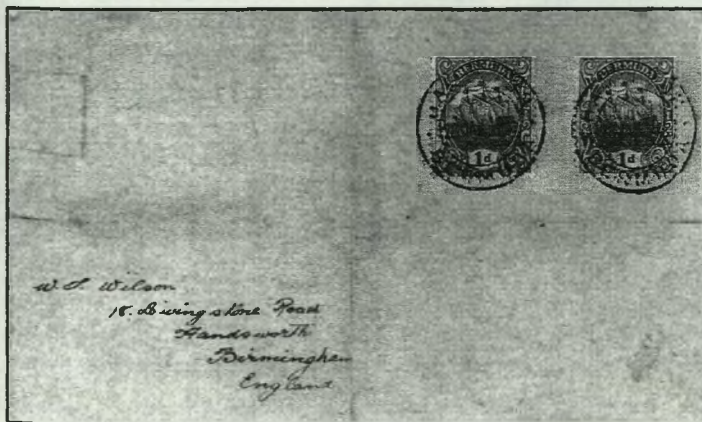


Figure 1:

1919 Wilson cover, handwritten to Livingstone Road, with Bermuda SG 46 and 46a.



Figure 2:

1907 printed Wilson cover to Birchfield Road with Cayman Islands SG 13-15.



Figure 3:

1917 Wilson cover in italic printing to Livingstone Road with Turks & Caicos SG 136-137.

Rev. William G. Iremonger, Paul Kiderlen, and Julius Kinze.

They produced more philatelic covers than any of the other providers. They ordered stamps from post offices around the world and bought up stocks of withdrawn colonial stamps from The Crown Agents in London and subsequently sent them to the corresponding postal administrations to have them post-marked on self-addressed covers. The varying appearance of the names and addresses of these covers is analyzed in this article.

### WILLIAM THOMAS WILSON

Wilson<sup>1</sup> (1847-1932) was born in Ireland and initially published an article on the postmarks of Mexico. He resided in Birmingham and at different times acted as an agent for the postal stationery of India, for the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., and with T.W. Cheveley, a philatelic auctioneer. From 1902 he was in partnership with his son, F.E. Wilson. He was by far the most prolific of all the providers prior to 1935 and hundreds of his covers were available for review, including Commonwealth Territories in Africa, the South Atlantic and South Pacific islands and Southeast Asia. Over 100 were from the British West Indies, but none from Grenada, Jamaica, the Leeward Islands, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Tobago, and Trinidad.

Wilson's covers are seen as early as the 1890s and as  
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recent as the late 1930s. Those after the latter date must have been posthumous and were presumably commissioned by his son, with whom he was in partnership since 1902. His name appears on all his covers, even those which were posthumous and together with his address, were handwritten (25%) and in different styles of printing (75%). Apart from the few early and the few late covers, all were sent to him at 18 Livingstone Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, England. These details were always written or printed on the lower left corners of the envelopes which were small (130 x 80mm) and only capable of displaying a few stamps. To display larger series he had to spread the stamps over several of his small envelopes usually, but not always, with the same postmark date.

2) Addressed to 18 Livingstone Road, Handsworth, Birmingham and were in different styles of printing.

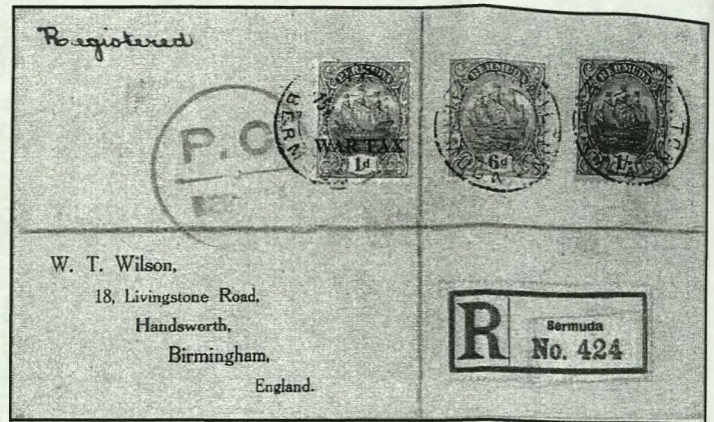


Figure 4:  
1918 Wilson cover in neat, non-italic printing to Livingstone Road with Bermuda SG 46, 50-51.

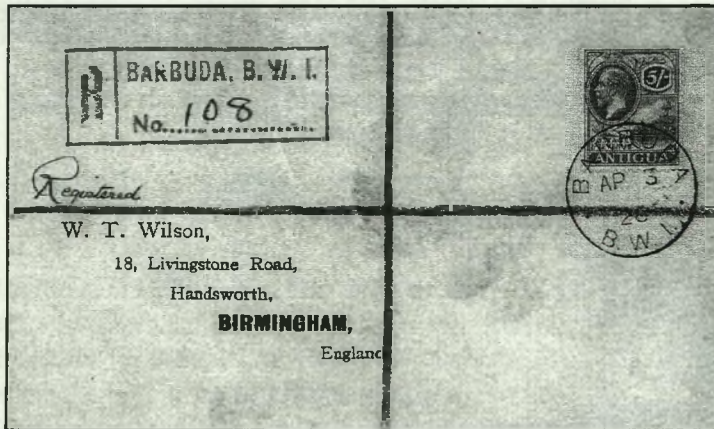


Figure 5:  
1914 Wilson cover with BIRMINGHAM in bold printing to Livingstone Road with Antigua SG 51, postmarked Barbuda.

**The handwritten covers**

These were seen between 1900 and 1930 and formed about 15% of his covers. The style of handwriting varied: either small and neat with the letters sloping forward (Figure 1) or backwards and larger but of similar styles.

**The printed covers**

There are different styles of printing of Wilson's name and address which appeared in the following chronological order on his covers.

1) Addressed to 292 Birchfield Road, Birmingham. The envelopes were slightly larger than the rest of his covers, were tan colored, the printing in capital letters with "Wilson" and "Birmingham" slightly larger than the other details (Figure 2). This style accounts for only a small percentage of his covers and are only seen postmarked in the early years of

a: Between 1913 and 1930 in a neat italic style (Figure 3). These comprised about 30% of his covers.

b: Between 1918 and 1930 in three different styles. A small, neat non-italic style with the word "Birmingham" in the same style of printing (Figure 4). A second type of Birmingham is in bold print (Figure 5). This cover also illustrates a stamp of high denomination occasionally seen on Wilson's covers. A third type with very fine printing and with the words "Wilson" and "Birmingham" in capitals (Figure 6). These three types account for about 55% of his covers.

3) Addressed to Royal House, Sutton Coldfield, England, infrequently seen after about 1934 and therefore obviously posthumous. An example can be seen in a Cherrystone Auction catalogue (October 1939) of a set of 12 matching philatelic covers featuring the complete



Figure 6:  
1927 Wilson cover in fine printing with "Wilson" and "Birmingham" in capital letters to Livingstone Road,

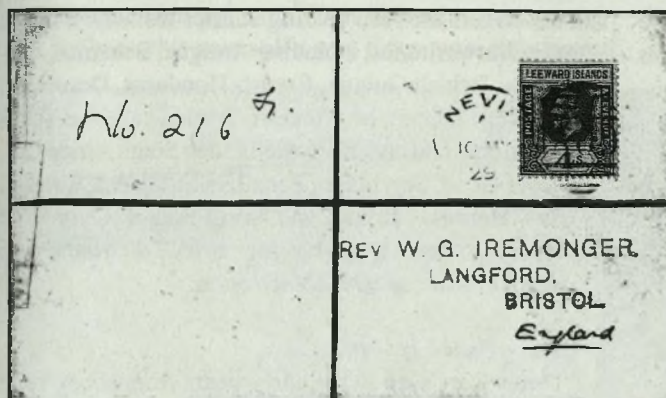


Figure 7:

1929 Rev. Iremonger cover, rubberstamped address, to Bristol with Leeward Islands SG 77, postmarked Nevis.

1938 issue of George VI of Bermuda.

Except for the latter type and where indicated by the postal value of the stamps on the cover, the word “registered” was always written in the same neat style sloping back-

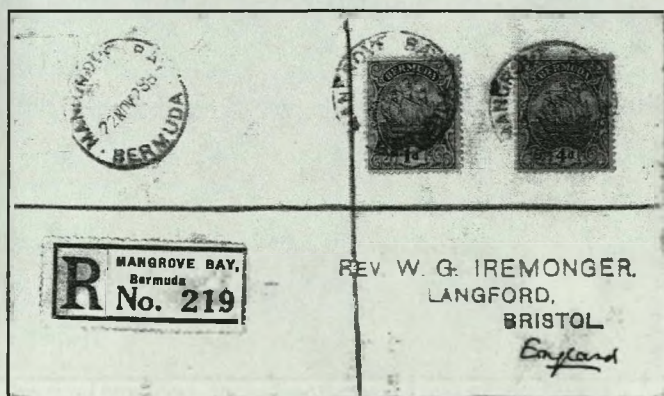


Figure 8:

1928 Rev. Iremonger cover rubberstamped address, to Bristol with Bermuda SG 78d and 85, postmarked Mangrove Bay.

wards on the covers printed in the italic and fine printed styles and forwards in the other printed styles.

**REV. WILLIAM GEORGE IREMONGER**

The Rev. William George Iremonger<sup>2</sup> was born in 1895, and was a member of several philatelic societies including The Royal, City of London, Bristol and Clifton, and of Timaru, New Zealand. His main interests were the collection of New Zealand, especially from 1898 to 1908 and also of Pacific islands cancellations. He was, next to Wilson, the most prolific provider of philatelic covers, which were mainly from the West Indies, including the Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Grenada, Leeward Islands, St. Lucia and the Turks & Caicos, but from other colonial territories, the Falkland Islands and the South Pacific including Fiji, Gilbert & Ellice, and

the Solomon Islands.

In this analysis, over 200 philatelic covers were addressed to Iremonger, all over a much shorter period of time (1920-1935) than those of Wilson, and like his, they were all of the same size of small envelopes (130 x 80mm), usually with only one or two stamps. His name and address (Rev. W.G. Iremonger, Langford Bristol) never varied and was usually in red, always in the lower righthand corner of the envelopes (Figure 7). There is variation in the position of these details, suggesting that they were applied by hand using a rubber stamp (Figure 8) rather than machine printed. The last part of the address (“England”) was always added in identical and distinctive handwriting, always making it possible to identify an Iremonger cover even when the address has been obliterated or cut out (Figure 9).

It may be surprising that Rev. Iremonger was also a philatelic dealer, but this is not exceptional for there are clergy from the U.S.A. whose names frequently occur on incidental philatelic covers. They include the Rev. L. Meister of Dorrance, Kansas, and the Rev. L. Pastor of Minnesota.

Therefore, it is interesting to consider the nature of Rev. Iremonger’s philatelic activities. He was born in 1895 but covers bearing his name and address did not appear until 1920, and it is obvious from his resume that he was an active collector for many years but later became well known for a large number of philatelic covers. Was this activity merely an extension of his collecting interests or were his covers a vehicle to purchase stamps from the colonial territories for resale? However, some of his covers

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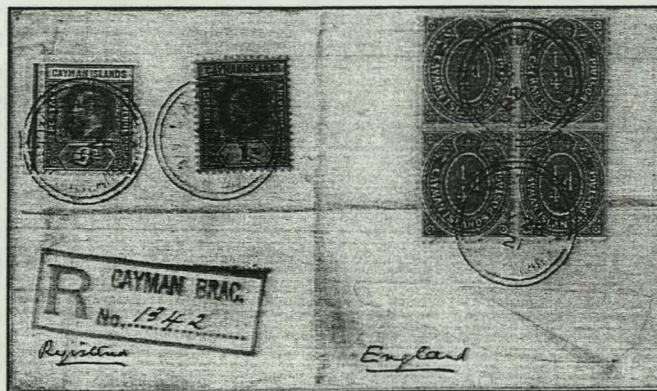


Figure 9:

1921 cover with SG 38x4, 47-48 postmarked Cayman Brac. The name and address have been cut out but the style of writing of the word “England” identifies it as a Rev. Iremonger cover.

bear fairly high denomination stamps which must have exceeded the postal requirements for the small envelopes

and his covers are seen bearing stamps from most of the West Indian territories, including Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, Dominica, Leeward Islands, St. Vincent, Trinidad and the Turks & Caicos, and also from the British South Africa Co., Niger Coast, Seychelles, Zanzibar, St. Helena, Labuan, New Hebrides, Brunei, and North Borneo. Over 40 of his covers were available for review, of which 40% were printed and 60% handwritten.

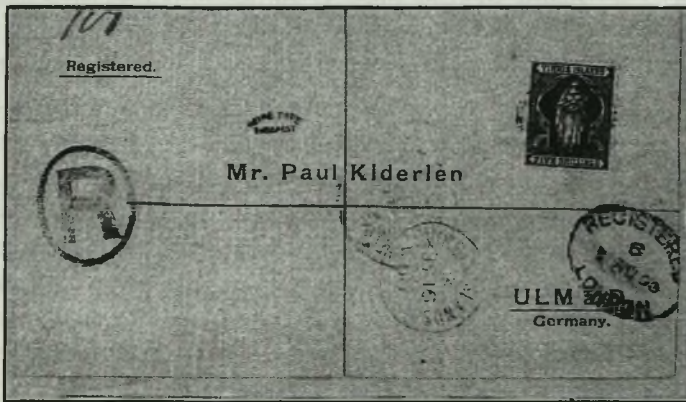


Figure 10:

1910 Kiderlen cover, small size printed envelope to Ulm with Virgin Islands SG 50.

used by him. Some were particularly contrived as was the cover in Figure 8, posted at Mangrove Bay, Bermuda. These factors tend to confirm that he operated commercially.

### PAUL KIDERLEN

There is no evidence that Paul Kiderlen was ever a collector<sup>3</sup> and his covers are often inscribed "Briefmarken-handlung" which when translated means a stamp shop, confirming that he was a merchant supplying the philatelic market with stamps and covers. He belongs to a small group of providers including Kinze from Germany and other continental countries who produced the most desirable printed self-addressed covers bearing sets, partial sets, or high value stamps. This group of providers was active from about the start of the 20th century to World War I (1914-1918). Presumably as a result of the hostilities, they are only occasionally seen beyond this time. Most of Kiderlen's covers were addressed to "Ulm a.D." (Ulm on the Danube [Germany])

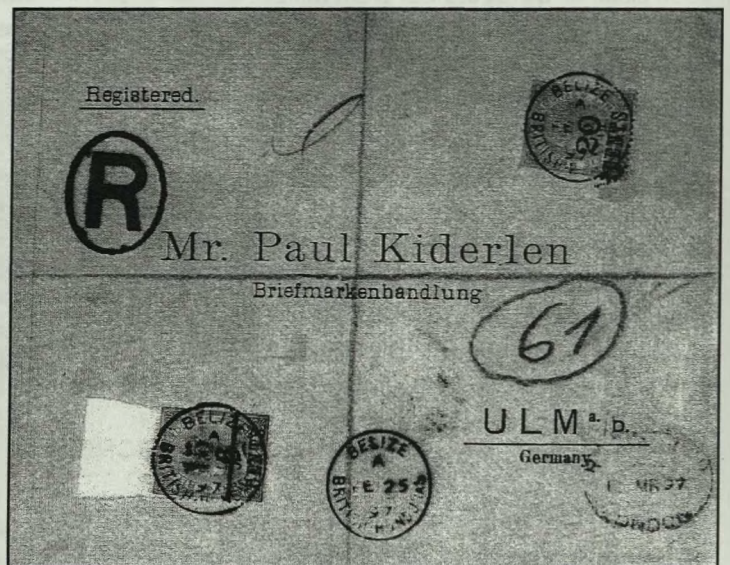


Figure 11:

1897 Kiderlen cover, a large-size printed envelope inscribed "Briefmarkenhandlung" to Ulm with British Honduras SG 41 and 50.

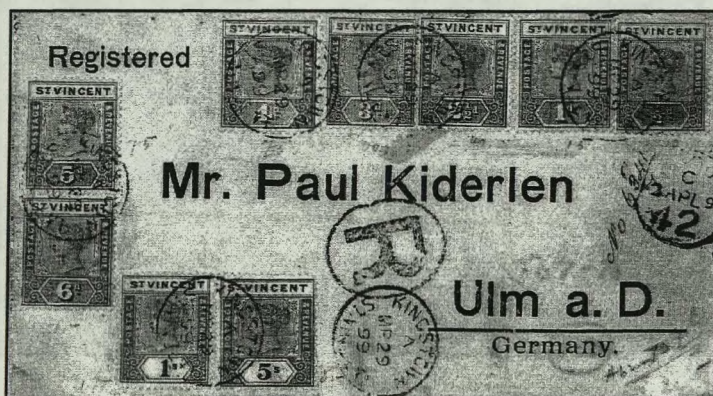


Figure 12:

1899 Kiderlen cover, a small size heavily printed envelope to Ulm with St. Vincent SG 67-75.

smaller size have very heavy print (Figure 12).

### The handwritten covers

These appeared after the printed ones and are seen from about 1903 to 1915. The majority were of similar size to the smaller printed covers. The writing was sloping (Figure 13) in the majority, but was sometimes vertical (Figure 14). A rarely seen variety appeared at a much later date (in the mid-1930s) and was addressed not to Ulm, but to Hall in Württemberg (Figure 15).

### JULIUS KINZE

There is no evidence<sup>4</sup> that Julius Kinze was ever a collector. Like Kiderlen, he was one of the same group of continental dealers who supplied stamps

and covers. Although only 30 of his covers were seen in the top lefthand corner (Figure 18). These were in black the analysis, this was still many times more than any of ink.

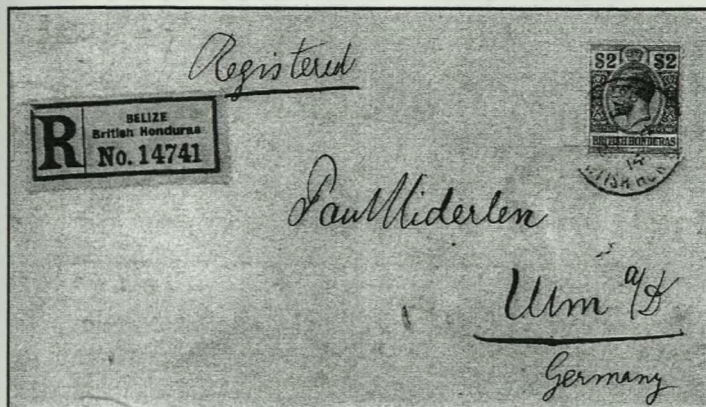


Figure 13:  
1914 Kiderlen cover, sloping handwriting, to Ulm with British Honduras SG 109.



Figure 14:  
1914 Kiderlen cover, vertical handwriting to Ulm, with Turks & Caicos SG 101-107.

his rival providers, including the well-known Otto Bickel, A.M. Metz and Emil Voight.

Kinze's covers are found from about 1900 to 1920. None has been seen after World War II. They are noted from several West Indian territories, including Antigua, Bahamas, British Honduras, Dominica, Grenada, the Leeward Islands, Montserrat, and St. Vincent, and from a few other colonies including the Solomon Islands, British New Guinea, Nyasaland, and Penrhyn. The majority of his covers were addressed either using a rubber stamp or printed; handwritten ones are very uncommon.

**Rubberstamped covers**

The early ones seen before 1905 were addressed in red to Radebeul-Dresden (Figure 16) and later were sent to Koetzschenbroda, initially in a simple format (Figure 17) similar to those of Radebeul-Dresden. Then a more detailed address was used with Koetzschenbroda being underlined with "registered"

**Printed covers**

There were two types. The early ones are seen up to 1910 and were addressed to 55 Spiegelstrasse, Halberstadt (Figure 19), and thereafter until about 1920 to Koetzschenbroda (Figure 20). There was overlap of the periods in which the rubberstamped and printed covers were seen.

**Summary**

In the analysis of illustrations of philatelic covers which provided the material for this article, it was possible to recognize four different categories of providers.<sup>5</sup> They are:

**Typical:** deliberately produced by dealers to supply covers to the philatelic market.

**Incidental:** resulting from correspondence between dealers and colonial post offices to purchase stamps rather than to create covers. The envelopes franked with stamps used in the return correspondence were subsequently sold as covers.

**Personal:** covers made by philatelists for their own collections.

**Accidental:** envelopes resulting from non-philatelic mail being retained as personal correspondence, but subsequently becoming of philatelic interest because of their stamps or postal history.

The covers from the four great providers illustrate four sub-species of typical philatelic covers. **Kinze:** most typical with sets or high denomination stamps

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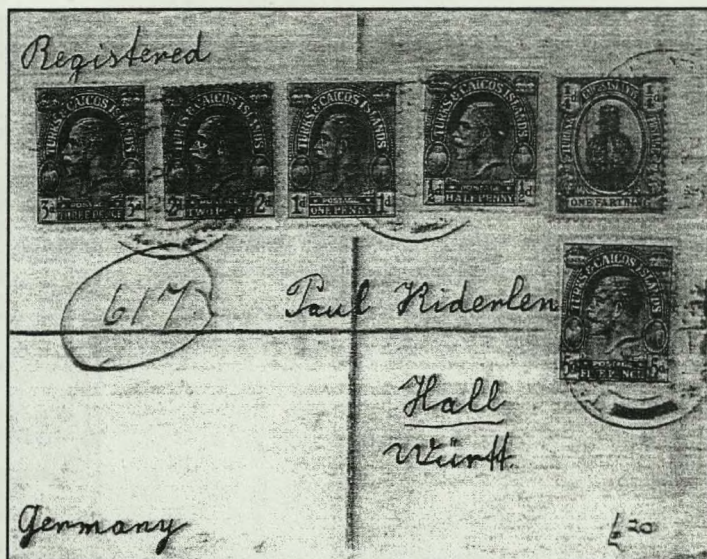


Figure 15:  
1925 Kiderlen cover handwritten to "Hall, Württ" (Württemberg) with Turks & Caicos SG 116, 163a-170.

on printed, self-addressed envelopes. **Kiderlen:** less typical because although similar to those of Kinze, usually addressed in handwriting. **Wilson:** printed but rarely with sets of stamps unless spread over several envelopes. **Rev. Iremonger:** covers neither printed nor handwritten but addressed manually with a rubber stamp, usually with a single (or at most, two or three) adhesives.

<sup>2</sup> *Stamp Collector's Who's Who*. London: Stanley Gibbons, 1960, 49.

<sup>3</sup> R. Binner, Librarian-in-Charge, Munich Philatelic Library, personal communication, 2004.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Author's notes.

**FOOTNOTES**

<sup>1</sup> Brian Schofield, *Who Was Who in British Philately*. British Philatelic Trust, 2003, 52.

**ENDNOTE**

*I wish to thank my wife, Winifred, for her considerable help in the preparation of this article.*



**Figure 16:**  
1905 Kinze cover, address rubberstamped in red to Radebeul-Dresden with Leeward Islands SG 1-3 and 7, postmarked at St. Kitts.

**Figure 17:**  
1906 Kinze cover with rubberstamped address in red to Koetzschenbroda, with Leeward Islands SG 15, postmarked Antigua.

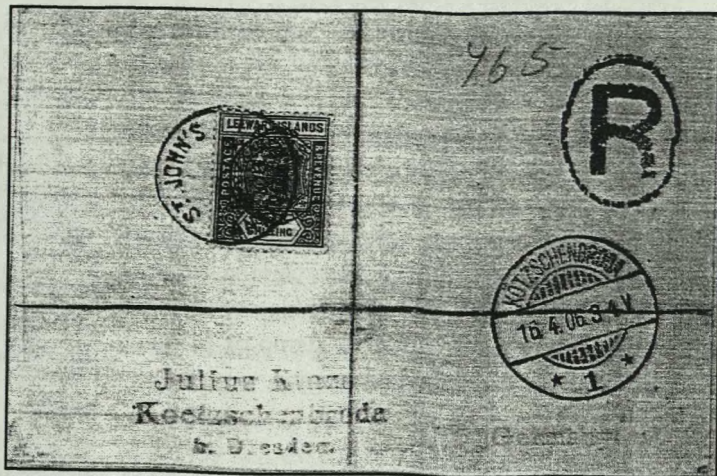




Figure 18:  
1907 Kinze, rubberstamped in black to  
Koetzschenbroda, with Dominica SG 34.

Figure 19:  
1914 Kinze cover printed, to Halberstadt with Grenada  
SG 90-98.



Figure 20:  
1910 Kinze cover to Koetzschenbroda with  
Leeward Islands SG 28, postmarked Montserrat.

# Unlisted Jamaica cancel

By Raymond Murphy  
Of the USA

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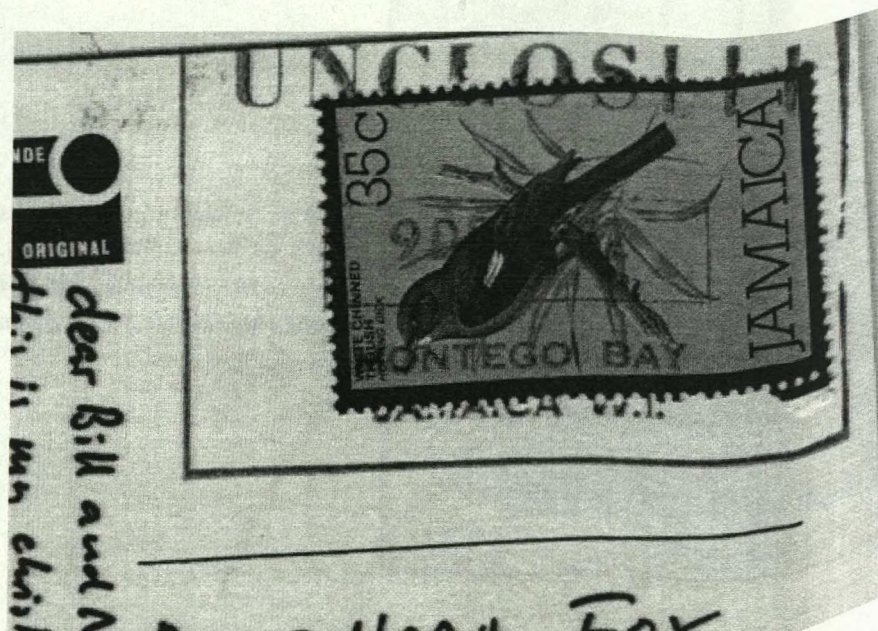
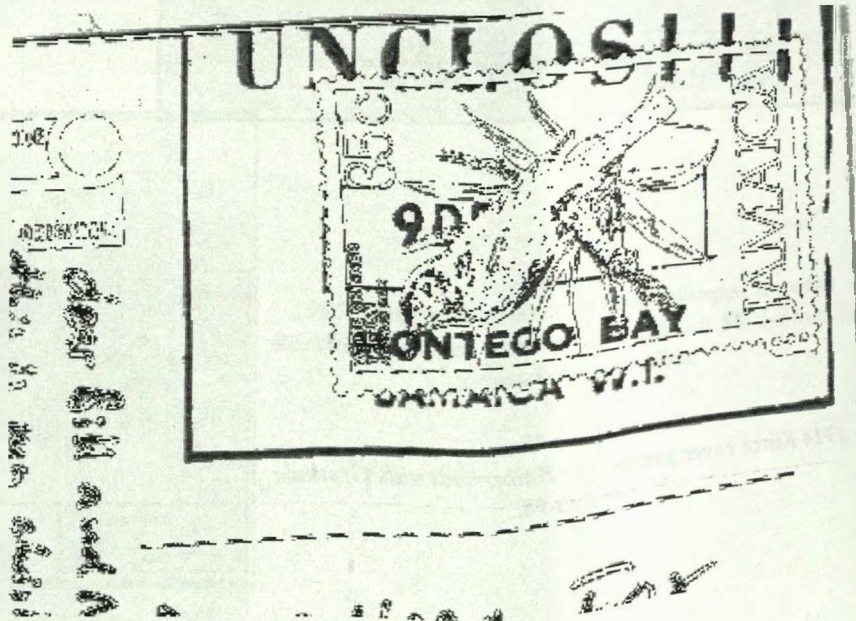
Likewise, it is unusual that the Jamaican Post Office didn't provide the service. The service was from the Montego Bay conference site, but apparently sent back to U.N. Headquarters for insertion into the mail stream.

While going through a dealer's box, a somewhat unusual postcard caught my eye. What was unusual was not the card, nor the stamp (35¢ Jamaican bird, SC476/SG471), but the cancel. It is a purple rectangle single line 56mm wide by 39mm high with 5 mm lettering UNCLOSIII in the upper part, a date in the center (9 Dec 1982 ) in a centered single lined box, 25mm x 8mm, and

MONTEGO BAY  
JAMAICA W.I.

(two lines) in 2mm type under the date box. The card was sent from the Third U.N. Convention (or Conference) on Law of the Seas (UNCLOS) that was held in Montego Bay in December 1982 and developed the present law(s) on December 10, 1982. The card is also stamped AIR MAIL in 8mm type unboxed.

This cancel is not listed in Potter (*The Postal Markings of Jamaica*) nor is it the regular Jamaican post office TRD (Temporary Rubber Dater) style. It is a listed UN conference cancel, but surprisingly was franked with a Jamaican stamp. This is noted in the UN Abbreviations list on





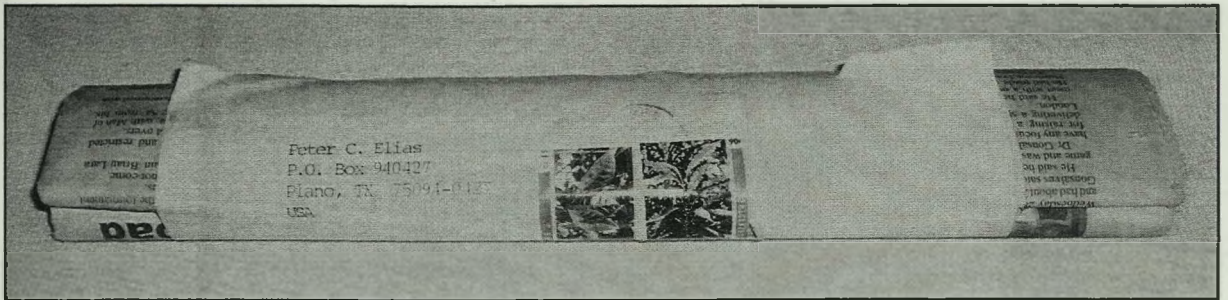
# “Still Wrapping”

By Peter Elias

St. Vincent Study Group Leader

**B**ack in the late 1800s and early 1900s, St. Vincent issued postal stationery “wrappers.” These were long sheets of paper with postage insignia and were generally used to mail newspapers or magazines. While official postal stationery wrappers are no longer printed, companies can still use the special postage rates associated with them by simply “wrapping” the newspaper or magazine with a piece of paper and affixing the appropriate postage.

The illustration shows a wrapper that I received from St. Vincent in late April, 2005. It contained a copy of a local St. Vincent newspaper, *The News*. The wrapper weighed exactly four ounces (113.4 grams) and the applied postage was EC\$1.90 (US72¢). I do not have the current St. Vincent postage rates, so I do not know whether this was the correct postage.



There was no indication of whether this was sent via surface or airmail and the “G.P.O.” postmark was not legible. However, an email I received from *The News* on April 4th stated the newspaper would be mailed that day and I received it approximately on April 20. Regular airmail from St. Vincent generally takes 10 - 12 days, so it is conceivable that it might have gone via airmail.

Unfortunately, adhesive tape was applied over the stamps (to keep the wrapper intact during transit). While that makes for uncollectible stamps, it does make for a nice modern postal history item.

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*We've all got them, and this journal is no different! Deadlines for receiving material for publication (and that means in the editor's hands, not mailed) and the anticipated mailing date for each of the quarterly issues of this publication are now found at the bottom of page 3. Please take note of these dates!*

# Annual Report of the Treasurer

The society continues to be in a healthy financial state with a small profit recorded in 2004. This would have been much larger but for a paper loss in the value of our CDs due to a new method of calculation which looks at the market value rather than the actual value. This anomaly will right itself over time.

The cost of shipping the large amount of publications from Georgia to Virginia has been almost wholly made up by sales. The only other unusual expense is \$250 to reserve a table at the Washington 2006 show.

The Robert J. Cooley Award will have a value of \$500 this year.

My thanks, as always, to David Druett and Michel Forand who handle the United Kingdom and Canadian accounts respectively, and best wishes to my successor, Jerry Hart.

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By Edward T. Tweddell

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# BCPSG Exhibits and Awards

By Paul Larsen  
Awards Chairman

Following is a listing of recent British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group (BCPSG) member exhibit participants and awards:

Exhibitors, exhibit titles and awards follow.  
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**Postage Stamp Mega Event. March 3-6**  
**New York City**

Michael Nethersole  
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Jerome Kasper  
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*Australia's Official Aerogrammes (SF)*  
Vermeil

**March Party 2005. March 11-13**  
**Cleveland, Ohio**

Paul Larsen  
*Caroline Islands to 1914:*  
*The Spanish and German Periods*  
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Steve Schumann  
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**TEXPEX 2005. April 8-10**

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Dan Walker  
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*Leeward Islands Postal Stationery*  
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*Mahatma Gandhi - His Place in India and the World*  
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Paul Larsen  
*Caroline Islands to 1914:*  
*The Spanish and German Periods*  
Large Vermeil

Steve Schumann  
*New Zealand Postal Stationery 1876-1936*  
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# President's Message

By Jack Harwood

This issue of the *Journal* will arrive about the same time we are convening our annual meeting in Indianapolis. If you weren't able to attend the meeting this year, we hope you'll make plans to be in Washington D.C. for next year's meeting. Planning is already well under way for our gathering in conjunction with the Washington 2006 international exhibition. It will be a major philatelic event, and you won't want to miss it.

Sincere thanks to Bob Stewart for volunteering to put together our membership data base. It has been completed, and is being scrutinized for accuracy. Please carefully check the address label on your journal to be certain it is correct. Any corrections should be forwarded to Bob at [stewart99@comcast.net](mailto:stewart99@comcast.net). Thanks are also due to several other members who volunteered to do this job. We may well call upon them to take over the task at some point in the future.

I've just returned from a visit to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where we are proposing to hold our annual meeting in May 2007. I was accompanied by BCPSG member Mary Kerr, from Barbados, and her husband Felix. They were extremely helpful in showing me much of the main island, setting up meetings with the Director of Postal Services (formerly Postmaster General) and the Manager of the Philatelic Bureau, and arranging tours of potential hotels. To say that I am excited at the prospect of meeting in St. Vincent would be an understatement.

The postal and philatelic situation is fascinating and complex, as noted in Steve Zirinsky's articles in the previous two issues of this journal. I am sure there is more to be discovered in those areas. In any case, the philatelic bureau has agreed to issue one or more stamps celebrating the BCPSG visit to St. Vincent. We will be working to assure that the stamps are not only issued, but receive distribution to local post offices throughout the country. This may be the first time a society such as ours has been honored with such an issue.

In addition to tours of the GPO and some of the 56 outlying post offices, a number of other outings will be planned. There should be sufficient variety to appeal to everyone's interests. Among the possibilities are beach outings to the spectacular black sand beaches, hiking to the rim of the volcano or to one or more of the gorgeous waterfalls, tours of either or both of the excellent botanical gardens, rain forest tours, visits to the Kingstown market, boat trips to nearby Bequia (pronounced "Bek-way") Island, and a

number of other choices. Our annual dinner will probably be attended by senior postal officers and other government officials. This will be an opportunity to combine your hobby interests with a fascinating vacation. Spouses, guests and other family members are cordially invited to join us.



One of the appealing features of St. Vincent is its relatively unspoiled character. The current airport is not large enough to accommodate commercial jets, so a turbo-prop flight is necessary. For American mainland residents, the easiest access points are via San Juan, Puerto Rico, or Barbados. However, this situation will change in the near future. Plans are under way to build a major airport capable of handling large jets. That development will bring major new resorts, and the quiet friendly nature of St. Vincent will be forever changed. If you want to see the islands before that happens, our meeting will offer you an excellent opportunity.

If you are considering attending the meeting in St. Vincent, I would appreciate receiving an email or card to that effect. This will not be a commitment of any sort, but will help in the planning process. We need to generate an approximate count to be able to negotiate our block of hotel rooms. Since there are no large hotels in St. Vincent, we will probably occupy most or all of the hotel we choose. We are tentatively planning a May 2007 meeting date. Since we want as many members as possible to attend, let me know if any particular dates in May are preferred.

Finally, your Editor still needs articles, and your Auction Manager needs your consignments. Your Membership Director needs new members, and your Webmaster needs your email address. You can help the group in any or all of those areas with only a little effort. Many thanks.

# Membership Director's Report — By Tom Girdi

## New Members

All new applicants listed in the last issue of the Journal have been accepted as members of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. Eugene Yount, P.O. Box 42, Mumford, NY 14511 USA  
 Congratulations and welcome to the Group.

## E-mail changes

Edmund Bayley: [gustav@caribsurf.com](mailto:gustav@caribsurf.com)

## New Applicants

None

## Change of Address

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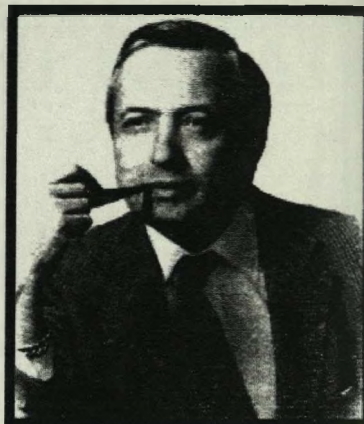
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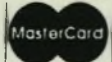
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