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American & Canadian Providers of Philatelic Covers of the Empire Period (1890 - 1935) of the BWI

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It is generally accepted that to be collectible, philatelic covers should be on printed, self-addressed envelopes, although less desirable typed or handwritten. It is said they may feature complete sets (Figure 1), part sets (Figure 2), or single high denomination stamps (Figure 3). Covers bearing full sets of stamps are still acceptable even if the stamps are distributed over several smaller envelopes.

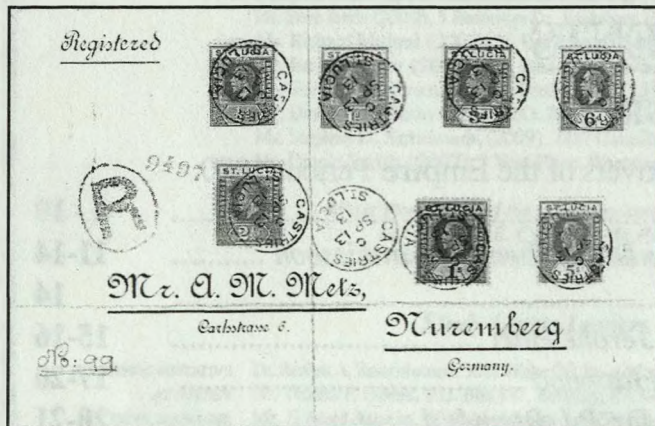


Figure 1

A.M. Metz 1913 printed cover with St. Lucia King George V MCCA Die 1 set, 1/2d to 5/-, SG 78 to 88.

Philatelic covers of this type are usually created by providers (philatelic dealers) who ordered stamps from post



Figure 2

W.T. Wilson 1923 printed cover with Montserrat King George V MSCA series, 1/2d to 4d, between SG 64 and 75.

offices around the world and bought up stocks of withdrawn Colonial stamps from The Crown Agents in London. The dealers then sent them to the corresponding postal administrations to be returned on their own self-addressed envelopes.¹

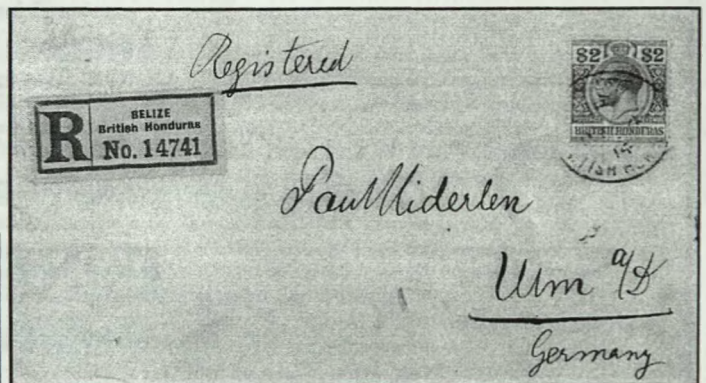


Figure 3

Paul Kiderlen 1914 handwritten cover with British Honduras King George V \$2, SG 109.

A recent analysis of philatelic covers in auction catalogues and in a personal collection² revealed the names of over 200 providers of covers of the Empire period - Queen Victoria, King Edward VII and King George V -- of the British West Indies. The majority of the covers were from providers in the United Kingdom; e.g., Wilson and Iremonger, Germany; e.g., Kinderlen and Kinze,³ with a fair number from other European countries, including Austria-Hungary, France and Belgium. The names of only a few providers from the U.S. and Canada were seen. Their covers had a less philatelic appearance when compared with those of the British and Europeans and mainly featured stamps of the British West Indies territories.

Over 300 covers from American and Canadian providers were available for review. Approximately one-third were addressed to Montgomery Ward and the rest were to and distributed between Huber, Meister, Nicolitech, Priety, Tittman, Vaughn, Roessler, Burger, Clarke, Herbert, and two Canadians -- Buckland and Hechler. The more important ones are illustrated.

Montgomery Ward of Chicago, Illinois was re-



Figure 4

Montgomery Ward 1919 printed blue envelope with British Guiana King George V 6¢, SG 263, and 2¢ War Tax, SG271.

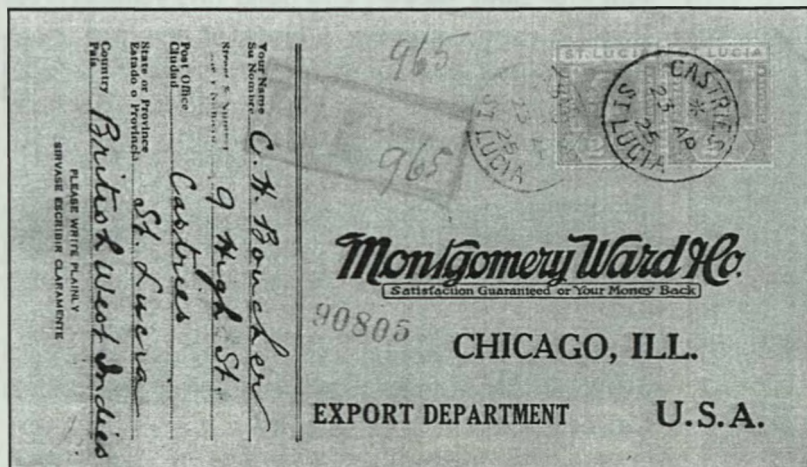


Figure 5

Montgomery Ward 1925 printed grey envelope with a pair of St. Lucia King George V 2 1/2d Die II stamps, SG 97.

sponsible for three types of covers which were printed or hand-addressed and appeared between 1910 and 1930. These were:

- Blue envelopes, Foreign Division, Chicago Avenue Bridge (Figure 4);
- Grey envelopes, Export Department, which had a side panel for the name and address of the sender (Figure 5).
- White envelopes, which were always addressed in a spidery style of handwriting (Figure 6).

Harry E. Huber of East Liberty Station, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He provided many covers addressed in the same distinctive handwriting with either War Tax stamps or with a few low denomination definitive stamps (Fig-

ure 7), also seen between 1910 and 1930.

Rev. L. Meister had covers sent to him at five different locations which appeared in the following order from 1910 to 1930: Amarillo then Dorrance (Figure 8) in Texas; Delia and then Wichita in Kansas; and finally, Holyoke in Colorado. Most were addressed to him as "Mister" but some as "Reverend." The changes of address may have been due to his move from one diocese to another.

Nick Nicoletich of Oakland, California. His covers were printed in an Italic style, which appears to have been applied using a rubber stamp (Figure 9) between 1915 and 1930.

Benedict Prieth -- like Meister, he also had covers sent to five different addresses, all in New Jersey, in the following order between 1900 and 1930. The first four were in New Jersey -- High Street, Market Place, Van Less Place (Figure 10), and Washington Street, and the fifth in Woodland Avenue, Avon-by-the-Sea.

A.O. Tittman had two addresses, initially in El Paso, Texas, and subsequently in Port Washington, New Jersey. Some of his covers had a typed address (Figure 11) and on occasions, were sent to him by overseas consultants, raising the possibility he had diplomatic connections. Covers bearing his name are noted between 1900 and 1920.

W.A. Vaughn (Mrs.) was initially in St. Louis, Missouri, and later in Amarillo, Texas. Her covers usually featured blocks

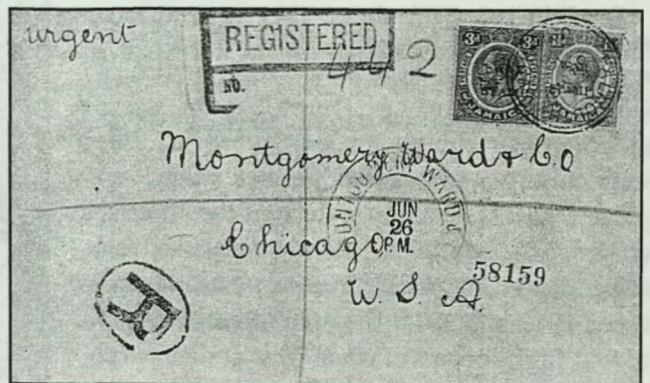


Figure 6

Montgomery Ward 1916 hand addressed cover in typical spidery writing on a white envelope with Jamaican War Tax, SG 74 and 75.

of four War Tax stamps from different British West Indies territories. The address was hand-written in the same characteristic appearance (Figure 12), but was sometimes partially applied using a rubber stamp. They only appeared during the years of World War I.

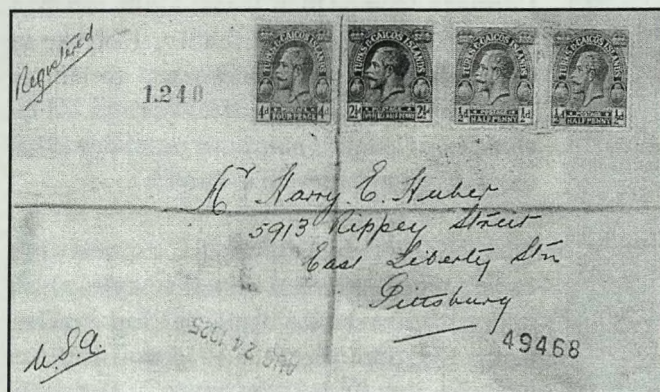


Figure 7

Harry Huber 1925 written cover with several Turks & Caicos Islands King George V stamps, SG 163a, 167, and 169b.

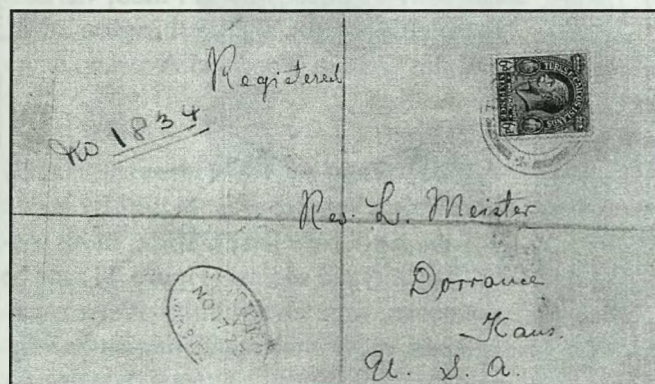


Figure 8

Reverend Meister 1923 cover handwritten to his Dorrance address with Turks & Caicos King George V 6d, SG 171.

A.C. Roessler of Clay Street, Newark, New Jersey. His cover production was very limited and initially favored only the Queen Victoria stamps of Dominica with the revenue overprint. There were only two varieties with either a single sixpence, (SGR2), or a strip of three of the 1d stamps (SGR4) [Figure 13]. His covers had a printed name and address and are only known postmarked between 1912 and 1914. They appeared in the form of first flight covers of other West Indian territories in the 1920s or as printed covers with stamps of French Polynesia. He ceased activity when he was arrested for philatelic fraud in 1933⁴.

Burger & Co. of New York. He was one of the

very early providers of philatelic covers which had typical appearance with printed name and address, often with a series of stamps. His covers were not seen after about 1900.

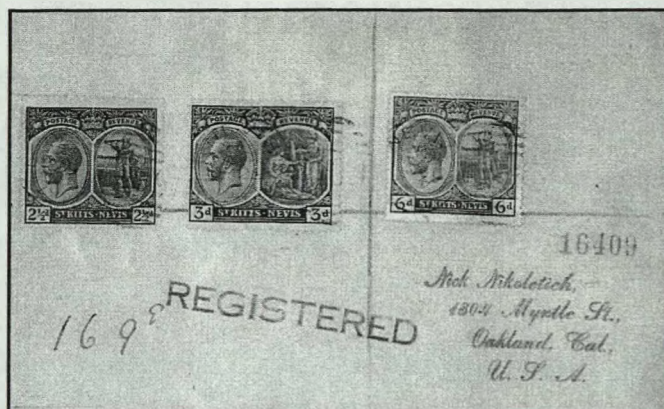


Figure 9

Nick Nicoletich 1920 typical Italic style printed cover with St. Kitts-Nevis King George V MCAA 2.5d, 3d and 6d., SG 28-30.

H.L. Clarke of Cambridge, Montana. Covers usually bear War Tax stamps, usually in blocks of four, and sometimes with additional pairs and single stamps. These covers from the BWI were his specialty and were only produced during the period of World War I.

W.M. McFarlan of Donnington, Pennsylvania, was responsible for unremarkable covers bearing a few stamps, and these were seen in the 1920s.

Iris Buckland of Toronto was responsible for covers with blocks of four or more War Tax stamps of the Turks & Caicos Islands.

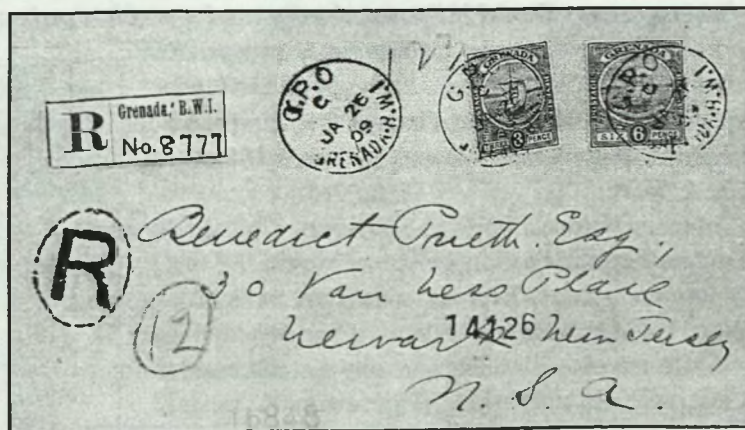


Figure 10

Benedict Prieth 1909 written cover to his Van Less Place address with Grenada, Badge of the Colony, 3d and 6d, SG 84 and 85.

Henry Hechler of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Queen Victoria stamps of Tobago and St. Vincent (Figure 14) are found on his covers. He, like Burger, was one of the early pro-

covers were too few to be considered. Some examples are the following stamp companies: Fennel, Hussman, New England, Toledo and Empire Stamps of Canada.

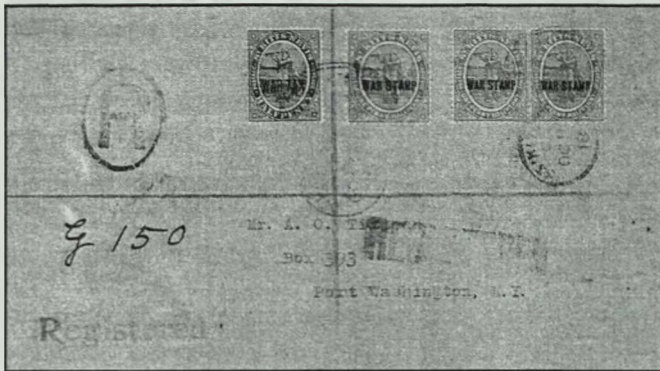


Figure 11

A.O. Tittman 1918 typed cover with St. Kitts-Nevis War Tax stamps, SG22a and 23 x 3.

viders and his covers also ceased to appear after about 1900.

The names of a few other obviously commercial providers were found in the analysis, but the numbers of their



Figure 12

Mrs. W.A. Vaughn 1919 handwritten cover with a block of four of the Cayman Islands War Tax stamps, SG 54.

A comparison of the American and Canadian with British and European covers is now made:

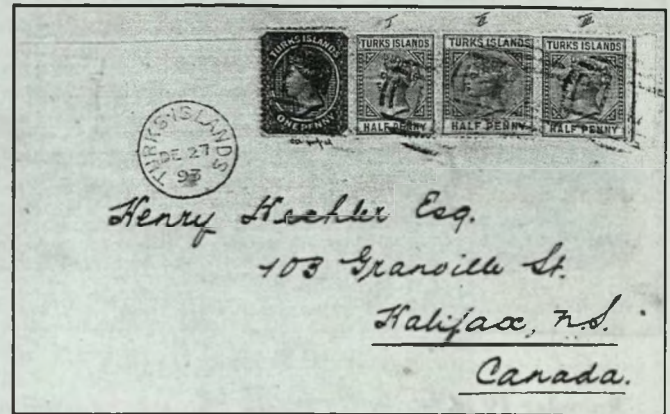


Figure 14

Henry Hechler 1893 handwritten cover with Turks Islands Queen Victoria stamps, 1d, SG 62, and three different shades of the 1/2d tablet stamp, blue green, pale green and dull green, SG 53, 53a and 70 respectively and definitely philatelic!



Figure 15

Reverend Meister 1911 handwritten, but philatelic cover with British Honduras Queen Victoria decimal overprinted stamps, SG37, 38, 40, 49 and 50, sent to him at Montserrat, presumably because he was residing there.

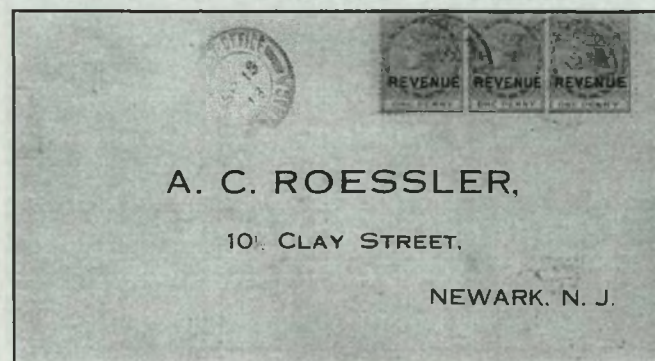


Figure 13

A.C. Roessler 1913 typically printed philatelic cover with Queen Victoria revenue stamps of Dominica, three 1d values, SG R4.

American and Canadian:

A few stamps; Low denominations; Majority written address; Mainly BWI issues.

British and European:

Sets or parts of sets of stamps; High denominations; Majority printed or typed; General Colonial issues.



Figure 16

Roessler 1930 handwritten philatelic cover from another provider, Dr. Walter Hess of the Bahamas, bearing the Tercentenary set of that colony.



Figure 17

Tittman 1909 handwritten philatelic cover with Cayman Islands King Edward VII tablet stamps, SG 27 x 2, 29 x 2, and 33.

However, not all of the covers of the American and Canadian providers are of lesser philatelic appearance as described in the table. Some reflect the characteristics of the British and European providers and are illustrated in the following examples:

- Meister cover with a series of Queen Victoria stamps with decimal surcharges of British Honduras (Figure 15).
- Roessler first flight cover with the Tercentenary set of the Bahamas (Figure 16).
- Tittman cover with a selection of the

King Edward VII tablet stamps of the Cayman Islands (Figure 17).

- Burger cover with a selection of Queen Victoria stamps of Jamaica (Figure 18).
- A cover from the New York office of Stanley Gibbons, with the 5/- stamp of the Medicinal spring issue of St. Kitts-Nevis (SG 10) [Figure 19].

Further examples from non-commercial American and Canadian providers are:

- Charles Becker (professor) of New York -- an 1889 cover with the color change set of stamps of the ship issue of British Guiana (SG 252-257) [Figure 20].

- Customs House Brokers of New York, the firm's envelope with the complete set of the Badge of the Colony issue of the Turks & Caicos Islands (Figure 21).
- Frank Altschul of Park Avenue, New York, a printed cover with two low denomination and the 5/- value (SG 82) of the MSCA issue of King George V of the Cayman Islands (Figure 22).
- Mr. L. M. McLennan of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, a typed cover with a high denomination stamp, the 96¢ value of the pictorial issue of British Guiana (Figure 23).

The majority of the covers of the American and Canadian providers were addressed by hand and the style of



Figure 18

Burger 1901 printed cover with several Jamaican Queen Victoria stamps, SG 7 x 3, SG 18 x 3, SG 27 and 4d fiscal, SG F4, absolutely philatelic.

the writing was similar for each provider, including those who changed their location from time to time. This suggests that they were sent, possibly in bulk (including the

tained by the providers, who subsequently sold them in the philatelic market. They now appear from descriptions in auction catalogues and dealer price lists to be accepted

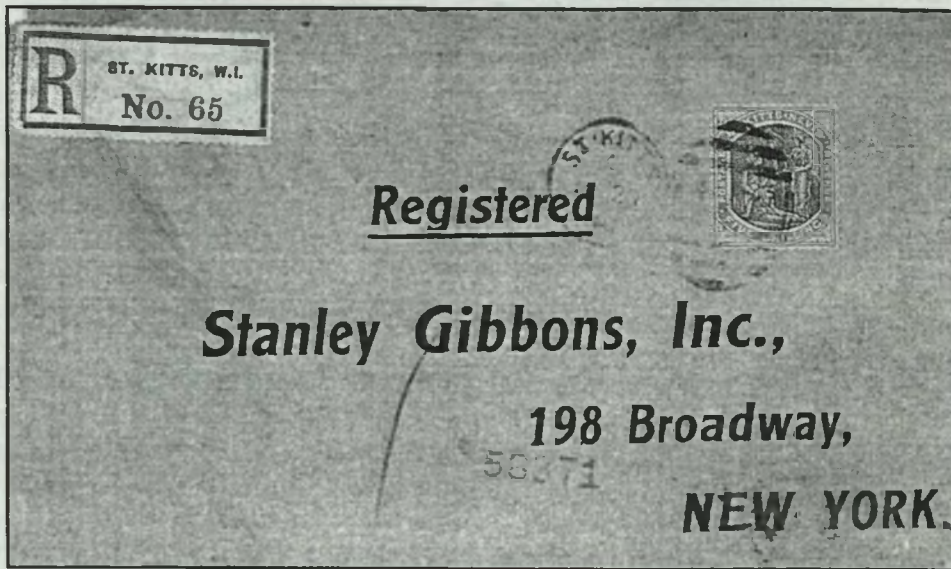


Figure 19

Stanley Gibbons (Broadway) 1910 printed cover with St. Kitts-Nevis high denomination Medicinal Spring 5/- stamp, SG 10.

printed envelopes) to the Colonial post offices to purchase stamps or other philatelic material. This is confirmed by some of the covers when subsequently acquired by collectors are found to contain lists of available stamps or instructions.⁵ Alternatively, envelopes inscribed OHMS may have been supplied by the post offices.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the majority of the covers of the American and Canadian providers were not intended to be philatelic and are really "commercial," but were re-

as philatelic. They should be classified as "incidental" rather than "typical."

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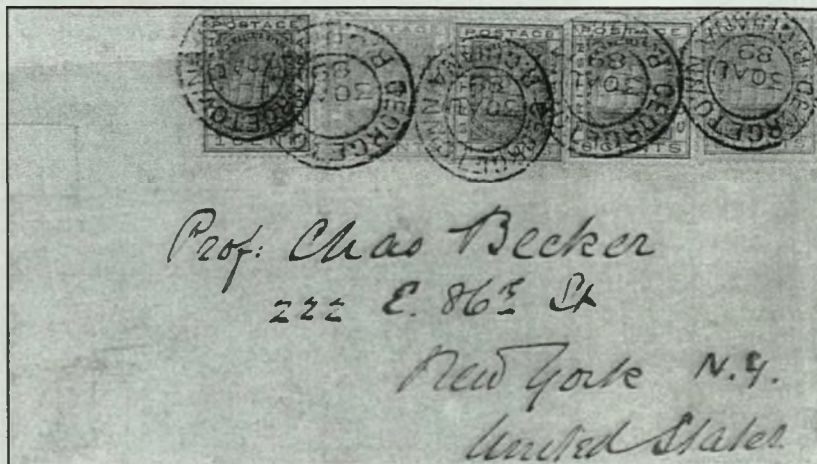


Figure 20

Charles Becker 1889 handwritten cover with the British Guiana color change of the Ship issue, SG 170-174.

Figures 21 - 23 follow on the next page.



Figure 21
Parcel Agency for the Imperial German Mail Customs House Brokers of New York, 1902 cover with Turks Islands Badge set, SG 101-109.

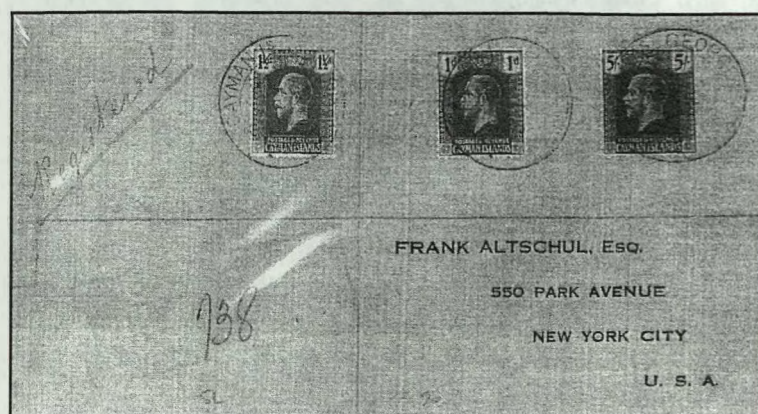


Figure 22
Frank Altschul 1928 printed cover with Cayman Islands King George V high denomination 5/- stamp, SG 82, also with 1d and 1 1/2d SG 71 and 72.

Illustrations are shown at between 58 and 80 percent of original.

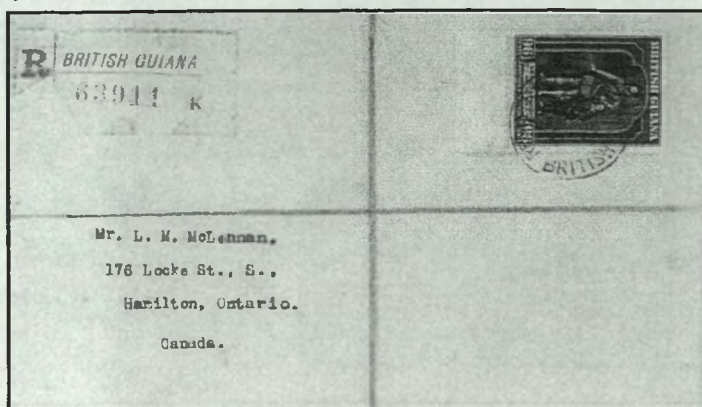


Figure 23
L.M. McLennan 1936 typed cover with British Guiana pictorial high denomination 96¢ stamp, SG 299.

Recent Finds of Scarce BWI Slogan Cancels

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Participating in a post-Washington 2006 trip to visit the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania paid very worthwhile dividends. Following the conclusion of the tour, we were escorted to the APS Sales Division, where I asked to see the available BWI circuit books, particularly those with Trinidad, Tobago and Trinidad & Tobago stamps and covers.

“BUY REGENT SPIRIT”--Trinidad & Tobago

The first BWI circuit book containing Trinidad & Tobago used stamps showed the 1922 1 1/2d rose red Britannia and King George V issue (Scott 23), with a bold strike of the very scarce slogan cancel (sc), “BUY REGENT SPIRIT.” (Figure 1). The slogan is about 80%

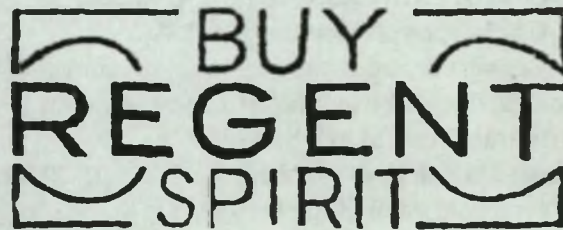


Figure 1

“Buy Regent Spirit” as a partial strike on a Trinidad & Tobago stamp, left, and a full impression of the slogan at right.

complete, but unfortunately lacks the cancellation date stamp for assigning the period of usage.

Ali and Wike record this slogan (S5) as does Chin Aleong and Proud as being extremely rare (fewer than 10 examples seen) in use only at the GPO, Port of Spain, and only in November 1934. They illustrate two examples,



Figure 2

“Give to the Princess Alice Appeal” partial strike on Montserrat definitive.

the earliest (2 PM / November 15) and the latest on the same day, but at (6:30 PM) on two covers. The earlier is dispatched on November 15 from Chaguanas, Trinidad, as an underpaid cover addressed to Scarborough, England, with a receiving mark of December 4, 1934. The later cover is an inland usage at the 1/2d green (Scott 21) rate. The stamps on cover are of both of the 1922-28 Britannia and King George V issue; this usage found on a stamp is of the same stamp series, and readily fits into the known period of use.

“GIVE TO THE PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL”

Montserrat

Thirteen of the BWI territories participated in the omnibus issues of 14 pairs of stamps honoring the estab-

lishment of the University College of the West Indies (UCWI) on February 16, 1951. The University College was incorporated by Royal Charter passed under the Great Seal on January 5, 1949, and H.R.H. Princess Alice was installed as the First Chancellor on February 16, 1950. The UCWI was established in special relation to the University of London, so that students read for their degrees of the University of London. Classes marking the opening of the University College of the West Indies began at Mona, Jamaica in 1948.

A number of the postal administrations introduced several slogan cancellations (sc) or handstamps (hs) and cachets to mark the Princess Alice Appeal Fund which was launched in 1955 to raise funds for the University College.

My find consisted of a strong strike on a Montserrat three cent brown definitive (Scott 131) value, as shown in Figure 2.

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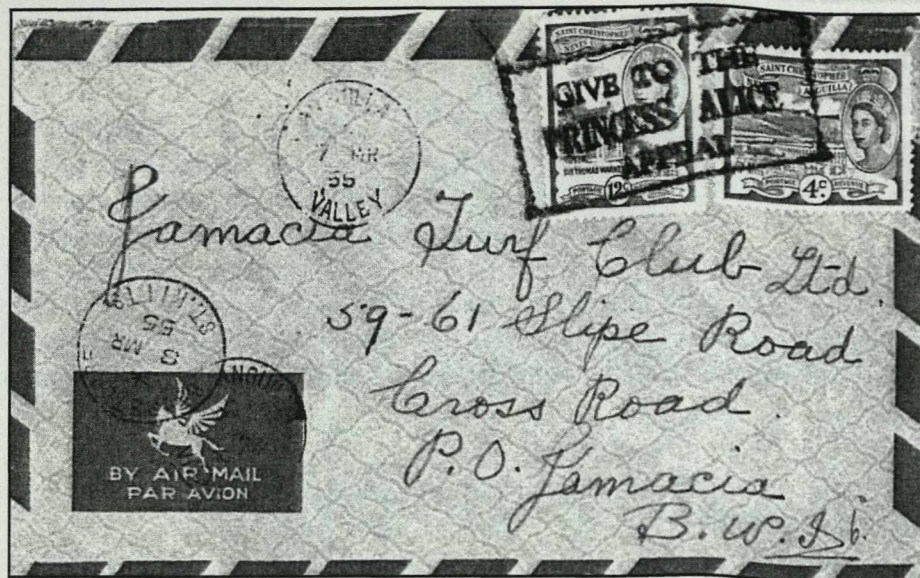


Figure 3

Anguilla dispatched cover to Jamaica with St. Kitts stamps and complete strike of "Give to the Princess Alice Appeal."

"GIVE TO THE PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL"

St. Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla

A recent eBay cover offering is represented by an air mail cover to Jamaica, dispatched on March 7, 1955 at Valley, Anguilla, with transit date March 8, 1955 at St. Kitts and Jamaica arrival of March 12, 1955. A very bold strike of the boxed wavy-line rectangle with a three-line text, "GIVE TO THE / PRINCESS ALICE / APPEAL" obliterates the two St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla adhesives (Scott #110, 113) -- four cent red and 12 cent blue and brown (Figure 3). One can only conjecture that the slogan handstamp was applied at St. Kitts, as no prior use of this handstamp has been reported for Nevis or Anguilla for inland or outgoing mail.

Despite a relatively long life of about 11 months of usage of these slogans (usage dates from March 1955 to January 1956), examples on or off cover are very infrequently seen. These postal markings are generally classified as very scarce, with less than 10 examples reported.

Among the known slogan cancellations, listed by dates of use, are:

Antigua (boxed handstamp in red, used between March-May 1955) GIVE TO THE / PRINCESS ALICE / APPEAL.

British Guiana (as Antigua, boxed handstamp), used in March, 1955.

British Honduras (not recorded).



Figure 4

Trinidad letter to Barbados showing a full strike reading, "Princess Alice Appeal. Help West Indian University."

Dominica (as Antigua, in red), used during March 1955: GIVE TO THE / PRINCESS ALICE / APPEAL.

Grenada (2 sc) (as Antigua, boxed handstamp in violet on cover): GIVE TO THE / PRINCESS ALICE / APPEAL -- on a Grenada cover postmarked at GPO on June 7, 1955; PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL -- on an unenclosed

Barbados (slogan cancel in black), used between March and April 14, 1955, is distinctive to this colony: PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL / HELP WEST INDIAN / UNIVERSITY.

My example is noted on a cover (Figure 4) from April 13, 1955 dispatched from Forest Reserve, Trinidad, to St. Lawrence, Barbados, with a six cent adhesive representing the Caribbean air mail rate. The cover bears two backstamps—the slogan described above, and unique for this country, with cds to the left of April 14, 1955 and receiving St. Lawrence, Barbados of April 15, 1955.

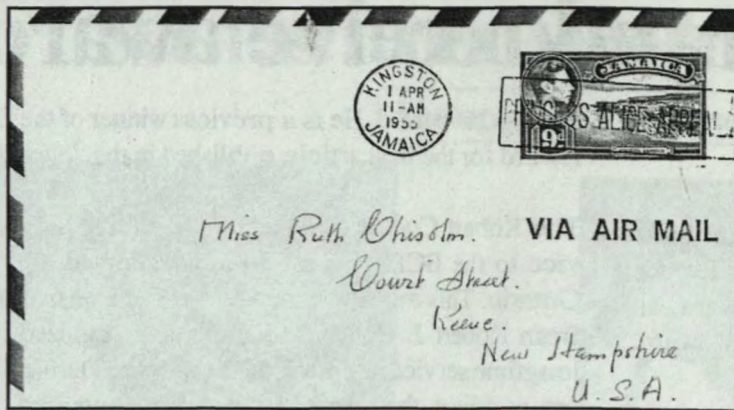
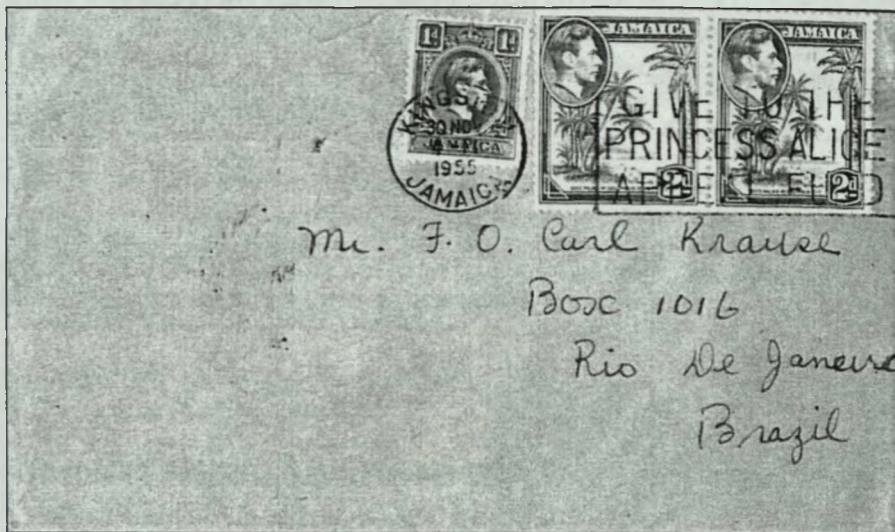


Figure 5, a & b

The two types of slogan cancellations of Jamaica are shown: "Princess Alice Appeal" (top), and "Give to the Princess Alice Fund" (below).



single-line handstamp on cover dated at GPO, April 19, 1955.

Jamaica (2 sc), two covers, April 1, 1955, struck in black (Figure 5a), with the Kingston, Jamaica cds to the left of the slogan: PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL.

A second cover from Kingston, Jamaica dated November 30, 1955 addressed to Brazil (Figure 5b) is backstamped on arrival on December 30, 1955. Prior reports had indicated earlier usage of this slogan from March 30, 1955. GIVE TO THE / PRINCESS ALICE / APPEAL FUND.

Leeward Islands (boxed handstamp in purple), May 1955, seen used on an air letter (Figure 6) from Jolly Hill, Antigua to Boston, Massachusetts franked by a 12-cent Queen Elizabeth II rose violet and magenta Leeward Islands (Scott 141) definitive value. GIVE TO THE / PRINCESS ALICE / APPEAL.

Montserrat (boxed handstamp similar to Antigua but in black). The prior report of usage was of three stamps off cover by Dr. Arthur S. Griswold; this report coincides with this writer's find. Usage is suggested about March 15, 1955: GIVE TO THE / PRINCESS ALICE / APPEAL.

St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla

St. Kitts (boxed handstamp usage has been reported).

Nevis

Anguilla (boxed handstamp usage in black)

GIVE TO THE / PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL.

St. Lucia (boxed handstamp as Antigua in black), March 1955.

St. Vincent (boxed handstamp as Antigua in black), February-March 1955.

Trinidad & Tobago (Chin Aleong and Proud, slogan S23), a very rare slogan cancellation (less than 10 seen) used at the G.P.O. Port of Spain, earliest date reported as March 16, 1955, utilizing a unique

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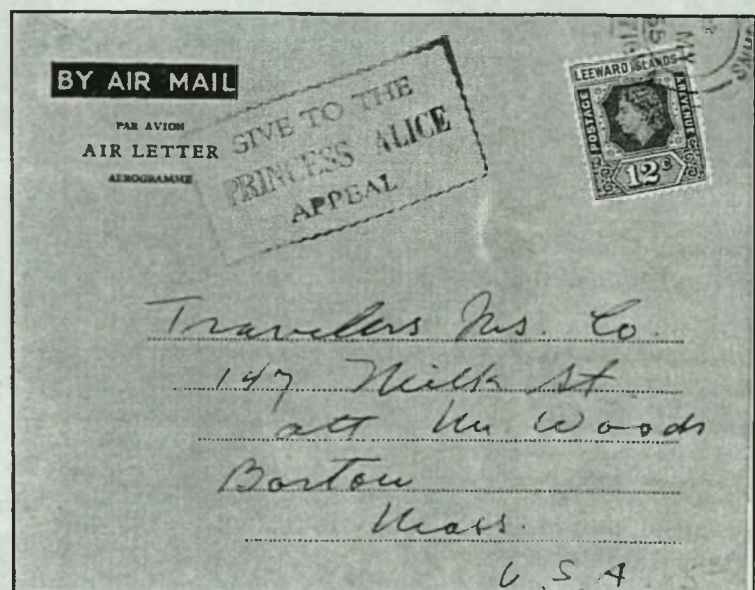


Figure 6

Antigua airletter dispatched from Antigua shows a full strike in violet, "Give to the Princess Alice Appeal."

Tweddell, Forand receive awards

By Rob Wynstra
Past President

Two BCPSG members have been named recipients of prestigious awards. Edward T. "Tim" Tweddell has received the Edward Addiss Award, and Michel Forand has received the Robert Cooley Award.

The Edward Addiss Award for lifetime achievement in philatelic writing and research was presented to Mr. Tweddell. Funding for this award was provided through a generous donation by Lee Addiss in memory of her husband, Ed Addiss. Tim was cited by the awards committee for his groundbreaking series of articles on World War II civil censorship in the British West Indies, including the Leeward Islands, St. Lucia, and the Bahamas.

This work has presented the first comprehensive history and analysis of the various censorship markings in use

during that period. He is a previous winner of the Durmin Award for the best article published in the *Journal*.

The Robert Cooley Award for outstanding lifetime service to the BCPSG went to Michel Forand of Ottawa, Ontario. This award was made possible by a major grant from Robert J. Cooley. Michel was recognized for his longtime service as editor of the *Journal*. During his tenure as editor, the journal was widely recognized for the high standards of editing and the wide breadth of articles.

Michel has also authored several important articles and books on Bermuda. In addition, he has been involved in editing and marketing of nearly all of the monographs published by the group. He earlier received the Addiss Award for his philatelic writing, editing, and research.

Recent Finds of Scarce BWI Slogan Cancels

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machine die which read: BE GENEROUS / AND SUPPORT / PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL.

Virgin Islands (boxed handstamp as Antigua, in purple), March 1955.

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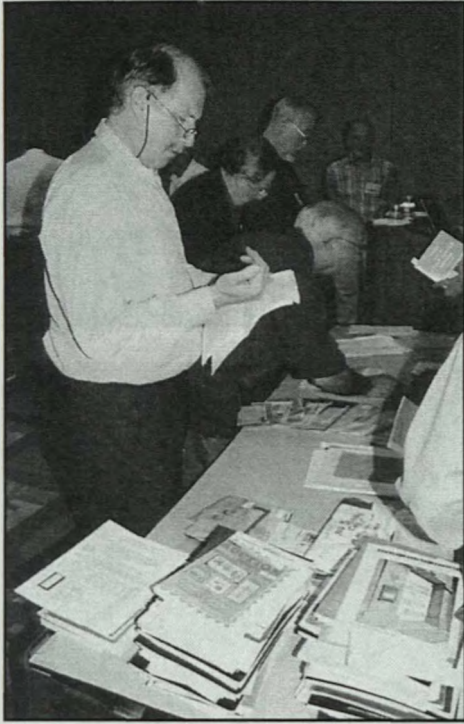
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Scenes from Washington 2006

Photographs by Jerone Hart



Members review auction lots after the Annual General Meeting.



George Fabian at the BCPSG table with Duane Larsen, Bernice Austin and Mary Gleadall.

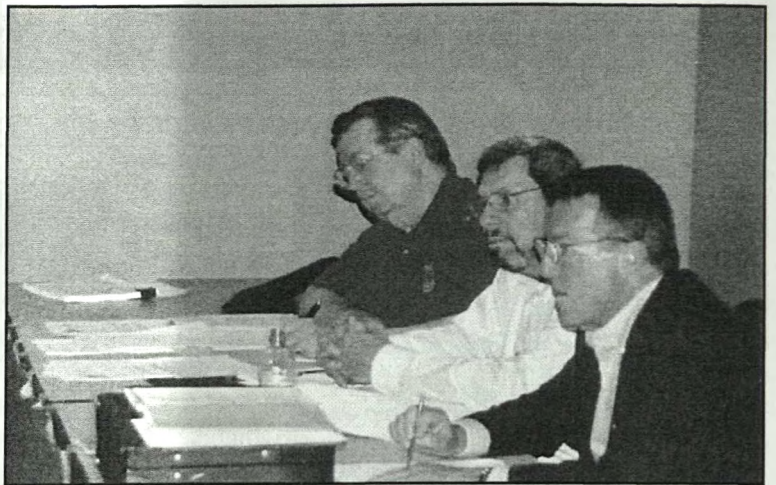


The Annual General Meeting of the BCPSG held on Saturday afternoon (right and below).

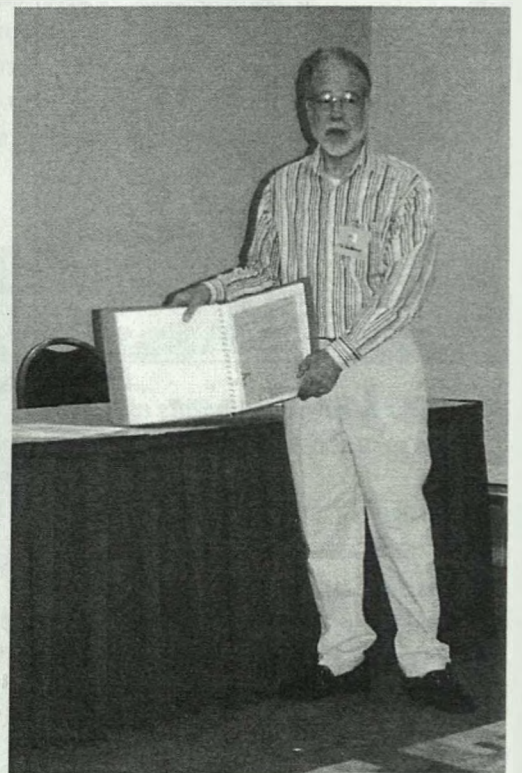


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At the board meeting, from left, Duane Larsen, Ed Waterous and Jack Harwood.



The Annual General Meeting of the BCPSG (below).



Tim Anderson shows an example of a plantation letter during his presentation at the Annual General Meeting.



Above, Mary Gleadall, Bernice and Howie Austin at the BCPSG Board Meeting. Right, President Harwood at the podium at the Annual General Meeting.



Postal Orders in the British Caribbean

By Jack Harwood
President

A Postal Order is a type of money order form designed to conveniently transmit small sums of money via the post. By definition, it has a fixed face value and an imprinted poundage (commission) stamp. A money order form has no fixed face value, and typically no imprinted poundage stamp. Postal orders are generally considered a form of postal stationery.

limited to domestic usage, while BPOs can be used to transmit funds from the colony to the U.K., or to other countries within the British sphere.

There is little recorded information about postal orders. However, a small group of collectors has been collecting information in an attempt to record what exists, and ultimately to publish a catalog. What follows is a summary of information known about the issues of the Caribbean basin countries. If you can add to the listing, or own even a

Figure 1
British Postal Order
overprinted
ANTIGUA,
issued 1968. Note
M.O.O. (Money
Order Office) cds.



Most of the British Caribbean countries have used postal orders over the years. British Postal Orders (BPOs) have been provided to most colonies by the U.K. since 1903, often overprinted with the colony name to clearly identify the place of issue. Overprinting was discontinued in 1984, so since that date, the only means of identification of the place of issue has been the issuing office date-stamp. In addition to BPOs, "Inland" postal orders have been issued by some colonies. Inland postal orders are

single postal order, the author would like to hear from you.

Anguilla

Issued overprinted BPOs. Did not issue Inland Postal Orders (IPOs).

Antigua

Issued overprinted BPOs (Figure 1). Did not issue IPOs.

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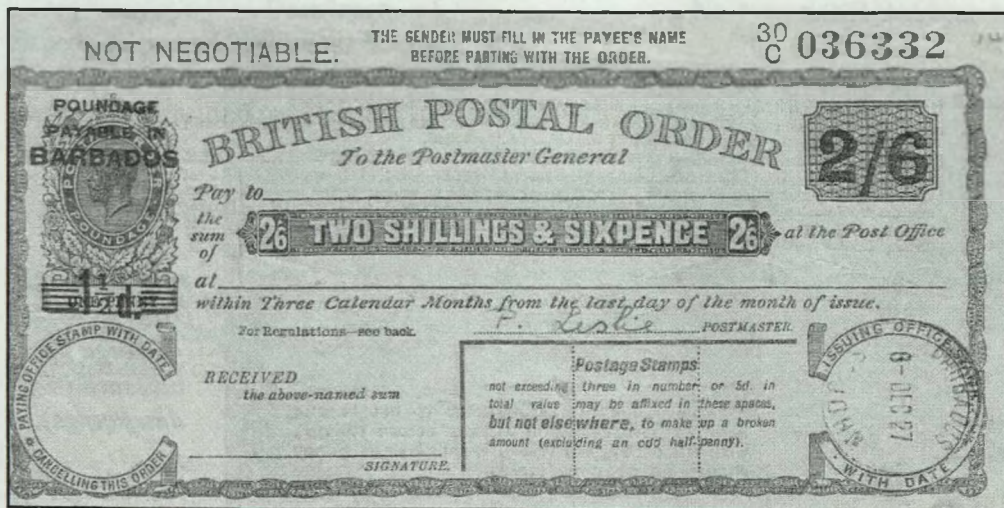


Figure 2
British Postal Order of
King George V over-
printed POUNDAGE
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BARBADOS.
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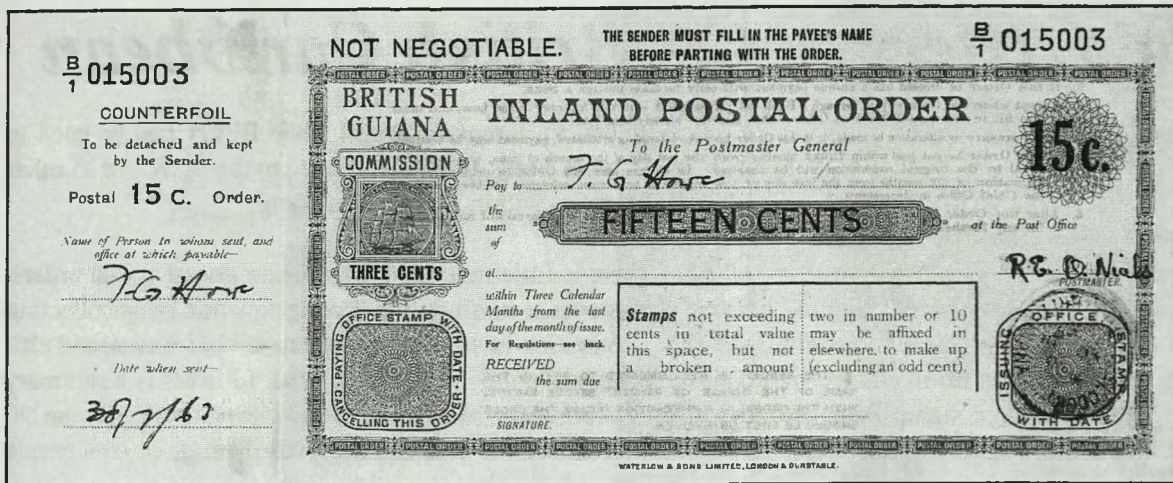


Figure 3
British Guiana Inland Postal Order issued 30 JY 63 in Lodge, British Guiana.

Bahamas

Issued overprinted BPOs. Did not issue IPOs.

Barbados

Issued overprinted BPOs (Figure 2). Issued IPOs during reign of Queen Victoria, and possibly later. No surviving examples recorded.

British Guiana

Issued overprinted BPOs. Issued IPOs circa 1940s through 1966 (Figure 3).

Guyana

Used BPOs overprinted BRITISH GUIANA for a short period after independence (Figure 4). No BPOs over-



Figure 4
British Postal Order overprinted BRITISH GUIANA, issued Guyana 19 DE 66.

Barbuda

No overprinted BPOs recorded. Did not issue IPOs.

Bermuda

Issued overprinted BPOs. Did not issue IPOs.

printed GUYANA are recorded. Issued IPOs shortly after independence, but they are not currently in general use due to inflation.

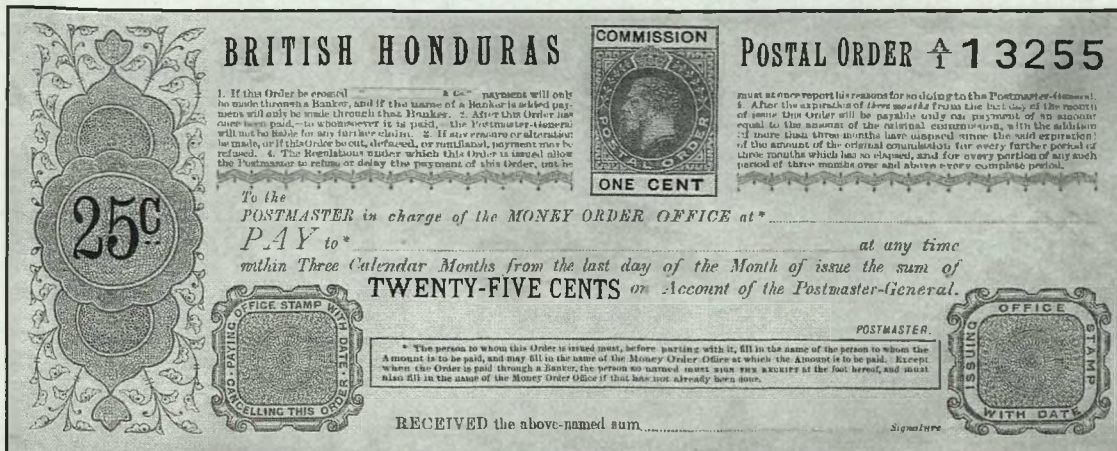
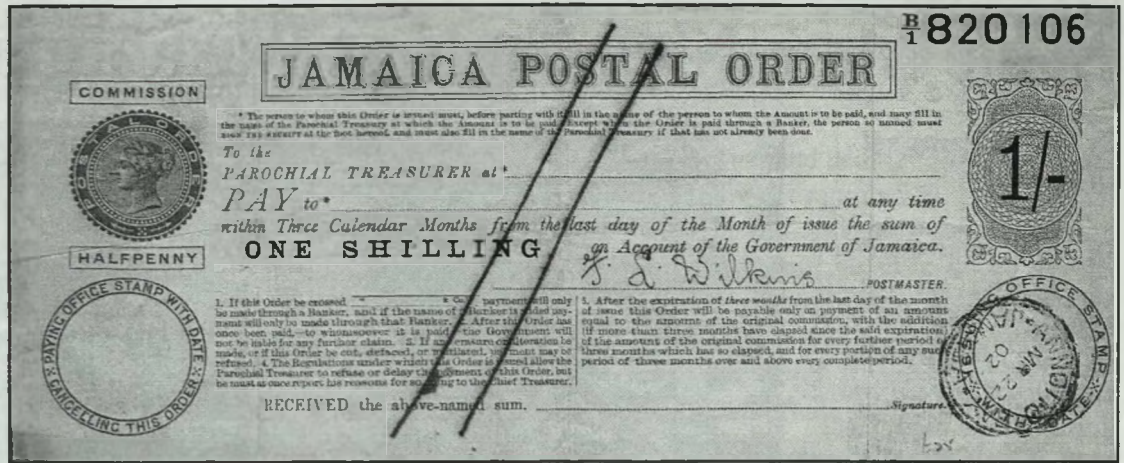


Figure 5
British Honduras Inland Postal Order of King George V, unissued (no date stamps).

Figure 6
Jamaican Inland
Postal Order of
Queen Victoria,
issued Annotto,
MR 22 02.



British Honduras

Issued overprinted BPOs. Issued IPOs as early as the reign of King George V (Figure 5), and possibly earlier.

Jamaica

Issued overprinted BPOs. Issued IPOs during reigns of all monarchs beginning with Queen Victoria, and contin-



Figure 7
Jamaican Inland Postal Order, current design, issued Kingston MY 16 03.

Belize

No overprinted BPOs are recorded. Did not issue IPOs.

British Virgin Islands

Issued overprinted BPOs. Did not issue IPOs.

Cayman Islands

Used BPOs overprinted JAMAICA. Did not issue IPOs.

Dominica

Issued overprinted BPOs. Did not issue IPOs.

Grenada

Issued overprinted BPOs. Did not issue IPOs.

ues to issue IPOs today (Figures 6 and 7).

Leeward Islands

No overprinted BPOs recorded. Did not issue IPOs.

Montserrat

Issued overprinted BPOs. Did not issue IPOs.

Nevis

No overprinted BPOs recorded. Did not issue IPOs.

St. Kitts

Issued overprinted BPOs. Did not issue IPOs.

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Figure 8
Trinidad Inland Postal
Order essay, circa 1900.



Some More Nice Finds at Washington 2006

By Dr. P.J. Ramphal
Of Canada

I had just finished writing an article titled "BG, found in DC" when the July issue of the *Journal* arrived and in it was "Some nice 'finds' at Washington" by Peter Elias. I nevertheless offer mine!

The first is a British Guiana cover to the U.S., machine cancelled 13 OCT 47, franked with a King George VI 6¢ and a 12¢



Figure 1



Figure 2

British Caribbean Postal Orders

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St. Lucia

Issued overprinted BPOs. Issued IPOs during reign of Queen Victoria, and possibly later. No surviving examples recorded.

St. Vincent

Issued overprinted BPOs. Did not issue IPOs.

Trinidad/Trinidad & Tobago

Issued overprinted BPOs. Issued IPOs as early as reign of Queen Victoria (Figure 8), and continues to issue IPOs today.

Turks & Caicos Islands

Issued overprinted BPOs. Did not issue IPOs.

Stabroek Market (very faint in Figure 1). In addition to the EMC, there is a large serifed "R" in a 30mm circle, in violet, on the 12¢ stamp. At first glance, the EMC seems to have missed the Stabroek stamp, but on closer scrutiny, it does indeed cancel the lower left hand corner. This marking is not recorded in either T & H or Proud. It is particularly exciting to find this cover because of a similar one I obtained in Toronto last year, dated 25 FEB 1947, mailed to Canada, franked with a

vertical pair of Stabroeks, and again EMC cancelled in such a way that the lower stamp appeared to have escaped and was struck by the same "R" in circle canceling device (Figure 2).

Could it be that in 1947 a rubber handstamp was applied to stamps which had apparently escaped prior canceling attempts? And why the letter "R"? With respect to rates, the 1947 airmail rate to both Canada and the U.S. was 24¢, making the cover to the U.S. under rate. Comments on all aspects of these covers (Figures 1 and 2) are invited.

The second (Figures 3 and 4) appears to be a post office

issued parcel tag (is there such an item?). On the addressee side, an unboxed Registered straight line mark, preprinted or handstamped, as well as an unexplained number, "72839." It is addressed to the Hussman Stamp Co. in St.

been Mr. Buhsk's preferred method of addressing his small parcels, and not a post office issued tag, but I welcome responses and enlightenment.

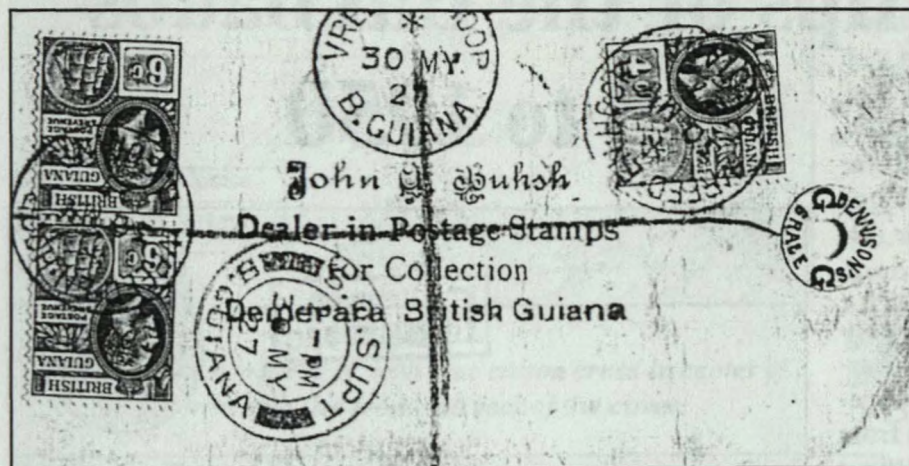


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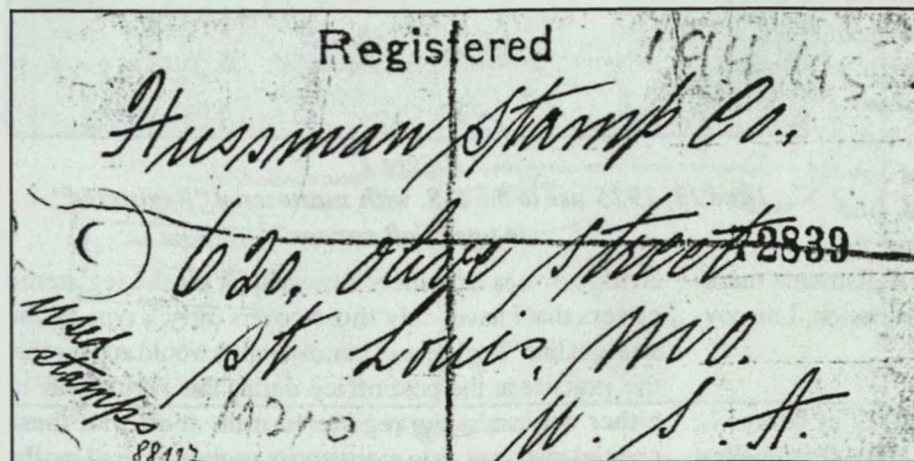


Figure 4

Louis and in the sender's own hand, declared, "used stamps." Also, faintly in pencil are notations M210 and 88112 at the bottom, and 194195 at the top, probably written after delivery. The other side is franked by one 4¢ and a vertical pair of 6¢ King George V stamps, all cancelled by the Vreed-en-Hoop Type 24 cancel, as well as the Georgetown transit SO SUPT cds, all dated 30 MAY 27.

The sender, John A. Buhsk, has used his ornate handstamp, which I recognized from previously seen covers generated by him, on the side with the stamps. Both sides of the tag bear blue crayon registration crosses. The tag may have

The third item (Figure 5), exposes my ignorance of St. Lucia's postal history. I bought it cheaply because the dealer failed to notice the first flight cancellation. It is an attractive pink envelope, franked with a King George V 1/- key type and a 4d. medallion, each cancelled by a single ring Castries, St. Lucia "1st AIR MAIL" handstamp, and with a Castries, St. Lucia cds dated 25 SP 29, struck on the front and a partial St. Johns cds receiving mark dated 26th on the back.

Can someone tell me on how many flights this undated cancel was used, what period of use, and any details known about this particular flight, and also about the U.S. Consul in Antigua who was the recipient?

I thoroughly enjoyed my Washington visit, not least because of my attendance at the study group's Annual General Meeting, where I was able to attach real faces to so many well-known names, and to renew acquaintances with others.

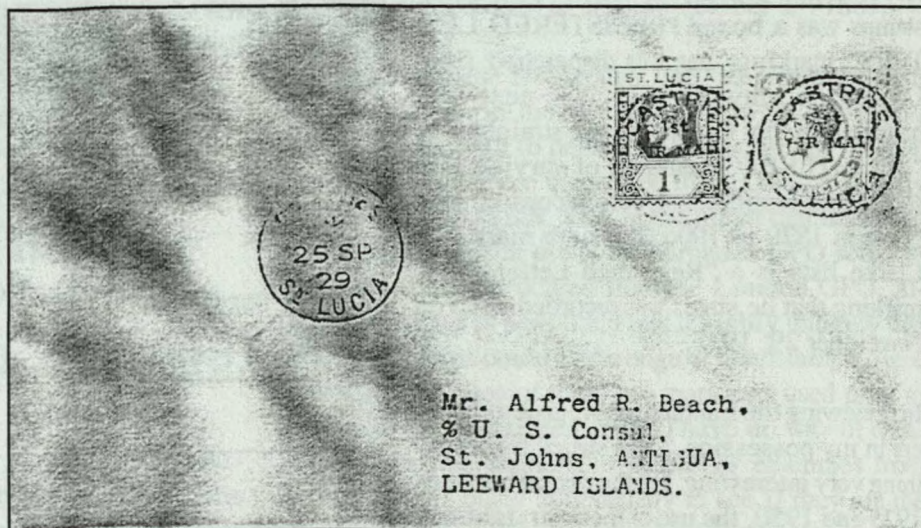


Figure 5

“Straight Line” Registered Handstamps of the Barbados GPO: 1925 to 1950

By Jerone R. Hart
Treasurer

Over the years I have had a keen interest in the postal history of Barbados from 1925 to 1950. I have accumulated literally hundreds of covers from this period. Every so often I like to pull out my exhibit and my hoard of covers and give them a closer look. Such is the case with the items here. Recently I acquired a registered cover that had been hand stamped with a GPO “straight line” registration marking. Not having seen this marking before, I decided to go through my accumulation of covers from this period to see if I could find other examples. My hunt only turned up three examples of these straight line registration markings. One of which, after closer examination, I discovered is unreported.

In *Barbados Post Office Markings to 1981* by George L. Clarke, Reynold Radford and Stephen Cave (British West Indies Study Circle, U.K., 1982), section 10, “G.P.O. Registration Department,” page 43, is listed six different types of straight line “Registered” handstamps. According to Clarke, the first of these handstamps was a boxed “REGISTERED LETTERS” marking that was dispatched from London on May 30, 1873. The next four handstamps that Clarke lists are straight-line “REGISTERED” markings of varying size letters and lengths and were recorded used between 1879 to 1906. The sixth mark that Clarke lists is a “Registered Letter Post” marking that he states was recorded used on November 29, 1937.

In reviewing the hundred plus registered covers in my possession, I was struck by something very interesting. For the period between 1925 and 1950, the use of these straight line “Registered” handstamps by the GPO in

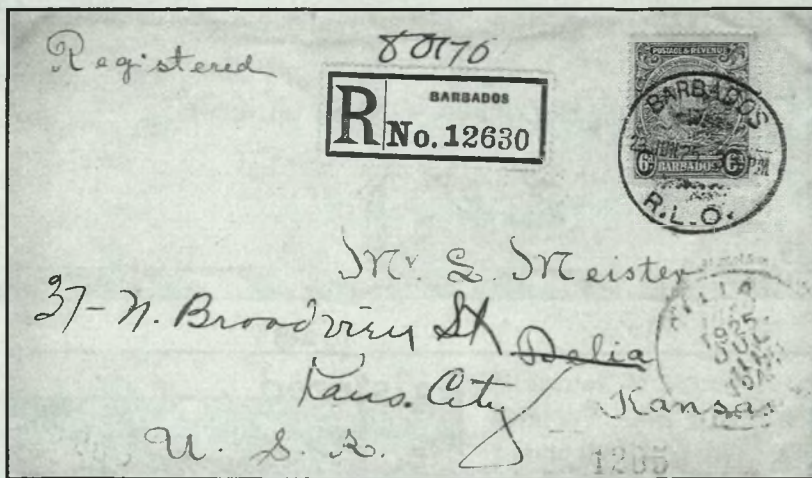


Figure 1
June 23, 1925 use to the U.S. with manuscript “Registered” in upper left corner.

Bridgetown is extremely unusual. Of all the registered covers that I have, only three covers carry a type of the straight line “Registered” handstamp! It would appear that the practice at the post office during this period was to either not handstamp registered mails at all with these special markings or to manuscript mark registered mails. These manuscript markings included using the word “Registered” somewhere on the face of the cover (see

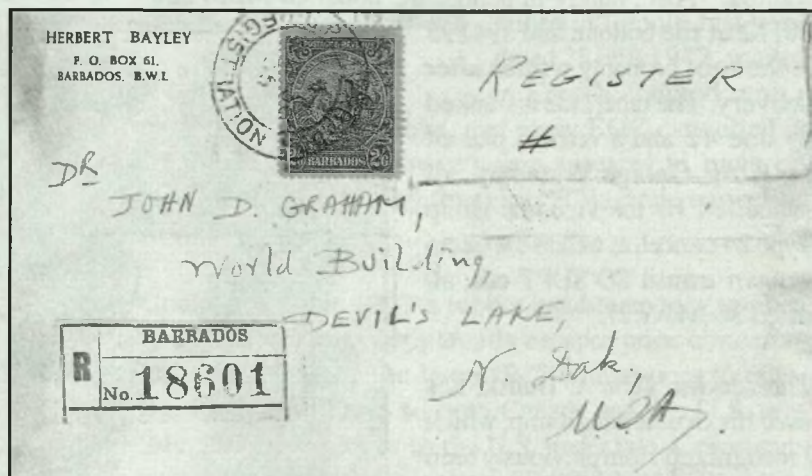


Figure 2
November 30, 1936 use to the U.S. with “Register #” in manuscript in the upper right.



Figure 3

July 3, 1928 use to the U.S. with blue crayon cross in center of cover on both the front and back of the cover.

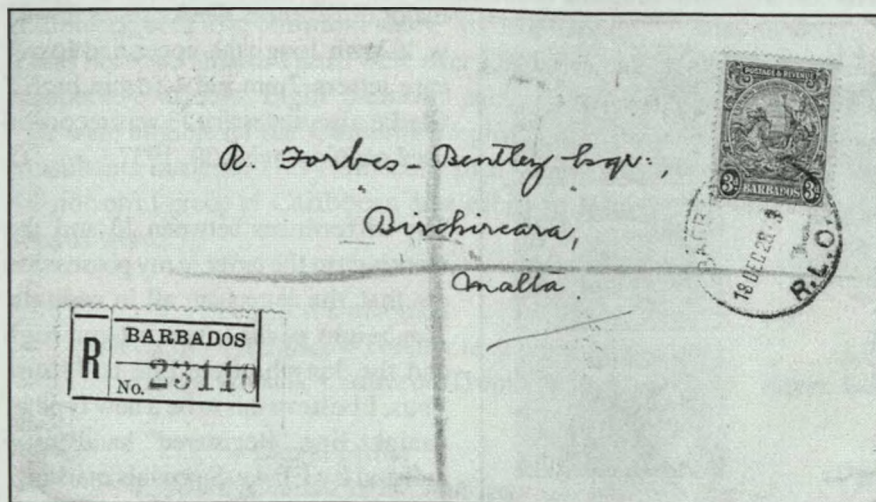


Figure 4

December 18, 1928 use to Malta with blue crayon cross in center of both the front and back of the cover.

Figures 1 and 2) and in other cases using a blue crayon to make a cross on the face and reverse of the cover (see Figures 3 and 4) or a combination of the two manuscript marks.

REGISTERED

Figure 4a
Clarke's Type J2b

As I mentioned above, the use of straight line "Registered" handstamps by the GPO during this period on mails appears to be extremely unusual; indeed, one might say extremely rare. Of the 127 registered uses I have in my

possession from 1925 to 1950, only three carry this type of "Registered" handstamp. The first of these three covers (see Figure 5) is an October 19, 1938 registered use to Toronto, Canada. The "Registered" handstamp is in the upper left corner of the cover just below the registration label. The cover has also been manuscript marked in blue with the registration cross on both the front and back of the cover. This handstamp marking is listed by Clarke as J2b (see Figure 4a), and according to Clarke was dispatched from the GPO in London on December 14, 1878. The letters are 10mm high with the length being 48mm. Clarke states that the marking was recorded used on February 18, 1915.¹ As can be seen from the cover in figure 5, this marking was used as late as October 19, 1938.

The second type of the straight line "Registered" handstamp in my possession is on an October 19, 1938 first KLM flight cover addressed to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The "Registered" marking is at the center top of the cover (see Figure 6). This marking appears to be Clarke's type J2c and is described as being "similar to J2b but with letters 5 1/2mm high." Unfortunately, Clarke does not tell us the overall length of the word.²

The height of the letters in the example in my possession do measure 5 1/2mm with the length of the word being 35mm long. Clarke also states that this particular marking was recorded used as early as October 27, 1883.

In the case of these two straight line "Registered" handstamp markings on the two covers in my possession, I find it very difficult to believe that these are the original handstamps that were dispatched from London as early as 1878 or early 1880s. This would mean that these two markings were still in use at the Barbados GPO some 58 years after being procured from the London GPO. Although anything is possible, I find it highly unlikely that these handstamps could be the original handstamps. Since I have no examples of these two markings used prior to the two covers mentioned above, I have no way of comparing these two markings with earlier examples from the late 19th or early 20th century to see if they are the original markings.

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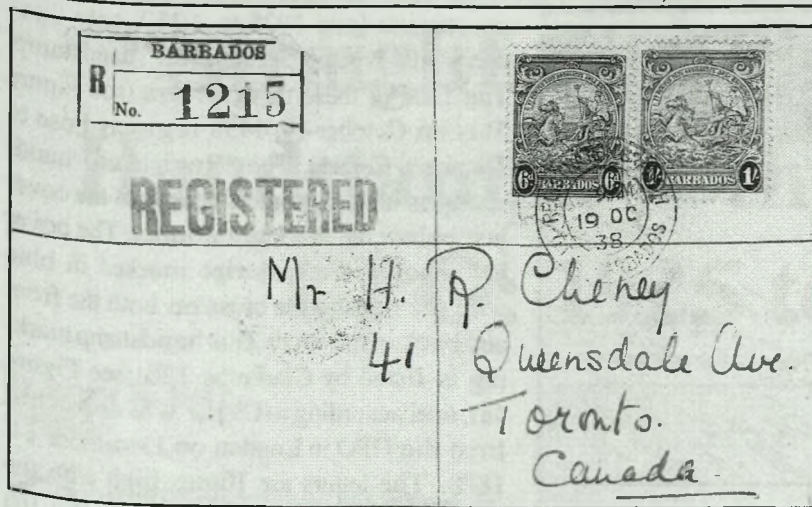


Figure 5
October 19, 1939 registered use to Canada with Clarke's Type J2b straight line "Registered" marking.



Figure 6
April 19, 1938 registered use to the U.S. with Clarke's Type J2c straight line "Registered" marking.

The third cover in my possession is also unusual. The cover (see Figure 7) is from the U.S. Foreign Service in Barbados and is addressed to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The cover was processed through the Barbados GPO on November 2, 1940. On the right side of the cover is a Library of Congress receiving mark dated November 22, 1940. Around the inner circle of the receiver it reads "The Library of Congress Mail & Del. Div." Above the month in an arc it reads "Fourth Mail."

On the bottom left side of the cover is the handstamp "REGISTERED LETTER POST." This marking is somewhat similar to Clarke's type J3 (see Figure 8) with some major differences. Clarke states that J3 is "62mm long with upper and lower case letters 7mm and 4 1/2mm high." Clarke also states that J3 was recorded used on November 29, 1937.³

The differences between J3 and the marking on the cover in my possession are that the letters are all in capitals. The height of the letters is 6mm high and the length of the line is 77mm. Thus, I believe this to be a new type of straight line "Registered" handstamp unlisted by Clarke. Since this marking, as well as the two examples above are the only three examples of these markings that I have in my possession, it is

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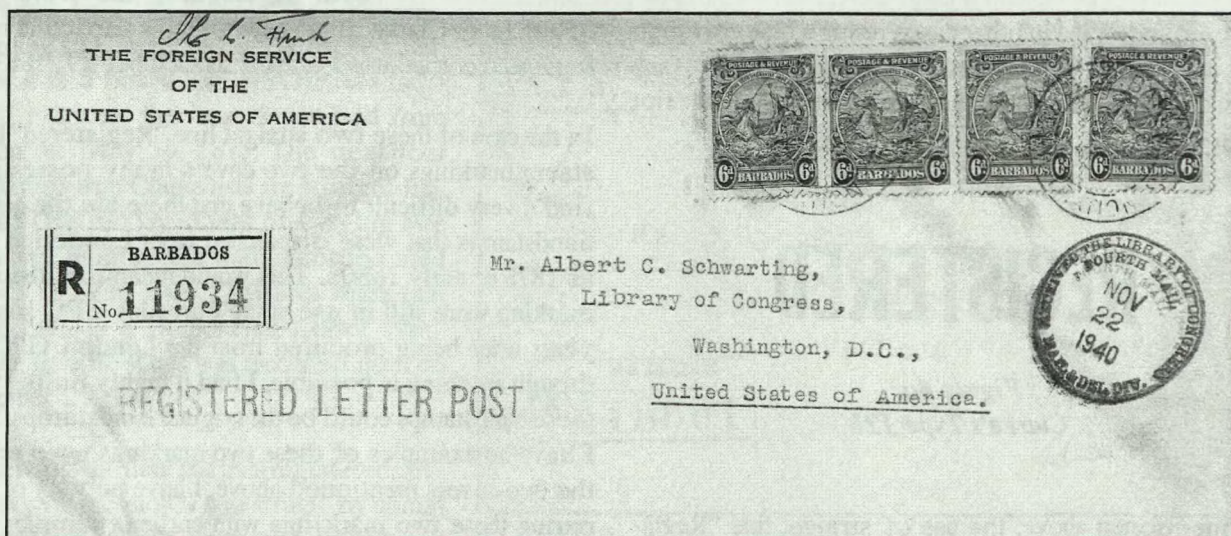


Figure 7
November 2, 1940 registered use to the U.S. showing the unreported "REGISTERED LETTER POST" straight line marking.

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.

Washington 2006, May 27 - June 3
Washington, D.C.

Washington 2006 was the first International Exhibition in North America under FIP patronage in the 21st Century. The show was well planned and executed with something for attendees of all ages and tastes. Many diligent volunteers, both long term and short, "made it happen." It was not to be missed. There were over 3,000 frames of competitive exhibits. Eight members entered exhibits; four were eligible for our Cameron Trophy. Four group consultants made the (very difficult) final choice from the powerful group of Caribbean area exhibits. Exhibit awards were:

Federico Borromeo
Nevis: A most difficult country to collect
Large Vermeil, Cameron Trophy

Darryl Fuller
Leeward Islands Postal Stationery
Gold

Richard Maisel
Cayman Islands, 1889-1920
Large Gold

Ian Matheson
British Honduras 1767-1936
Gold

Reuben Ramkissoon
Tobago 1772-1913
Large Vermeil

David Smith
Postal Stationery of Jamaica
Gold

Paul Larsen
*Caroline Islands to 1914:
The Spanish and German Periods*
Large Vermeil

Show Literature competition

Rueben Ramkissoon
*A Philatelic Handbook on Mohandas Karamchand
Gandhi (Mahatma Gandhi)*

Silver

*Postage Stamp for a Day:
The Trinidad World War I Red Cross Label (Study)*

Silver Bronze

M. Fitz Roett
Barbados: 1686 to 1882
Gold

Congratulations to all of the exhibitors. Thank you to all who minded the BCPSG society table during the course of the show, to those who helped with the various award selections and presentations and to David Wilson for award shipping and handling in Washington.

INDYPEX 2006, July 7-9
Indianapolis, Indiana

James Czyl
Lundy Cinderellas
Silver, Lundy Best Nontraditional Exhibit

George Fabian
Classic Lundy
Gold, Lundy Best Traditional Exhibit

Paul Larsen
German Togo 1885-1914
Gold, GPS Medal

Minneapolis Stamp Expo, July 21-23
Crystal, Minnesota

Reuben Ramkissoon
Postal History of Trinidad, 1797-1885
Gold, Pre-1900 APS Medal, BCPSG Medal
*The WWI Trinidad Red Cross Label that Became a
Postage Stamp (SF)*
Gold

Paul Larsen
German Togo 1885-1914
Reserve Grand, Gold, GPS Medal

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not possible to give a range of dates of use. Perhaps other members of the BCPSG who have registered mails from Barbados in their collections could review their covers

Registered Letter Post

Figure 8
Clarke's Type J3 "Registered Letter Post" marking.

for these markings and send me the type marking along with the date of use and we could establish a range of dates of use. My electronic mail address is: jr93@SBCglobal.net.

From my own research, there is little doubt in my mind that the use of the straight line "Registered" handstamps on mails between 1925 and 1950 are extremely scarce if not rare.

FOOTNOTES

¹ George L.W. Clarke, Reynold Radford and Stephen Cave, *Barbados Post Office Markings to 1981*. (The British West Indies Study Circle, United Kingdom, 1982), 43.

² *Ibid*, Clarke et al., 43.

³ *Ibid*, 43.

Name change, postal codes for Cayman Islands

The Cayman Islands Post Office has changed its name to the Cayman Islands Postal Service, and at the same time, has introduced new postal codes for the island nation. The new seven-digit postal codes are designed to help with mail sorting while at the same time improve delivery service.

The new postal codes went into effect August 9. Each postal customer was given a code with seven characters that start by identifying each of three islands with postal service. The other numbers establish location of the post office and the section where the postal box is located.

BCPSG Exhibits and Awards

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Stampshow 2006, August 24-27

Rosemont, Illinois

Jerry Hart

The Indian Postal Administration of Aden: 1843-1937

Prix d'Honneur

Steve Schumann

New Zealand Postal Stationery, 1876-1940

Prix d'Honneur

Rob Wynstra

Leeward Islands Village Mail 1734-1932

Prix d'Honneur

Paul Fletcher

The Postage Due Stamps of Australia

Gold, APS 1900-1940 Medal

Jerome Casper

United States Aerogrammes

Gold, EF&O Collectors Club First

Reuben Ramkissoon

Postal Stationery of Trinidad and Tobago, 1879-1937

Gold, BCPSG Medal

The Trinidad WWI Red Cross Label that Became a Postage Stamp (SF)

Gold

An Astrophilatelic Rendition of the Conquest of Space: Part 3, Project Apollo - The Moon Landing Mission (Lit.)

The Erani Drossos Award

for second best article published in the *2006 American Philatelic Congress Book*

Raymond Murphy

Belgian Railway Parcel Post Cancels (SF)

Silver

BALPEX 2006, September 1-3

Hunt Valley, Maryland

Reuben Ramkissoon

Air Letter Sheets (Aerogrammes) of Trinidad and Tobago 1943-1995

Vermeil

Trinidad Connections of the 1931 Dornier DO-X South American Flight (SF)

Gold

Treasurer's Report: June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006
Submitted at the Annual General Meeting of the BCPSG
Washington 2006, Washington DC May 27, 2006

The following financial report was submitted to both the Board of Directors Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting of the BCPSG in Washington, DC on May 27, 2006 and was approved. The financial data covers the period from June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006.

Overall, BCPSG is financially sound. Total income for the period was \$17,086.91 that included a \$5,000 bequest from one of our members. This bequest will provide a cash award to first time exhibitors of British Caribbean material. The BCPSG also received a \$928 donation from the now defunct Belize Study Group. In addition, the generosity of our members during the renewal period added another \$877.86 to the General Fund, the Addis Memorial and Publication funds. Expenditures for the period totaled \$13,107.

Jerone R. Hart
Treasurer

June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006

(a) Current Balance: All Accounts—————\$65,698.99

Income Statement: June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006

Type Income	US \$'s	U.K.	Canadian	International	Grand Totals
Subscriptions	\$2911.07	\$1,460.13	\$956.41	\$659.69	\$5,987.30
Member Donations**	\$779.00	\$53.86	\$6.00	\$39.00	\$877.86
Member Bequests***	\$5,000.00	0	0	0	\$5,000.00
Extraordinary Donations*	\$928.00	0	0	0	\$928.00
Advertising Revenues	\$978.00	0	0	0	\$978.00
Sale of Publications	\$119.38	0	0	0	\$119.38
Auction Revenues	\$167.56	0	0	0	\$167.56
Investment Income (Interest)	\$3,028.81	0	0	0	\$3,028.81
Grand Total					\$17,086.91

Expenditures: June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006

Type Expenditure	Total for Period
Maintain Website	\$70.80
Ian A. Potter Book Settlement*	\$1,760.00
Stationery Supplies And Postage	\$575.05
Hospitality Suite at the Annual General Meeting	\$527.82
Indiana Stamp Clubs	\$100.00
Excel Program	\$243.79
Cooley Award-Cash Prize	\$265.00
Viriditas (Bermuda Book)	\$1,000.00
Collectibles Insurance	\$28.00
PayPal Fees	\$51.27
Honorarium Journal Editor	\$2,000.00
Journal Publication All Shipping Costs	\$6,485.27
Grand Total	\$13,107.00

Membership Director's Report — By Tom Gibaldi

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.
 Congratulations and welcome to the Group.

New Applicants

Robert Bourque, c/o Pan Atlantic Bank & Trust, Musson Bldg., 2nd Floor, Hincks Street, Bridgetown, BARBADOS.

Bernard Beston, P.O. Box 1663, Bundaberg 4670 AUSTRALIA

Richard Conn, 10050 Counselman Rd., Potomoc, MD 20854 USA

Charles Briggs, 129 10th Street NE, Washington, DC 20002 USA

Courtenay A. McConney, 20 First Avenue, Dover Gardens, Christchurch 15028 BARBADOS

David Flaatt, P.O. Box 27700, Bay Point, FL 32411-7700 USA

David Lethbridge, Melyngover Mill Lane, Grampound Truro, Cornwall TR2 4RU UNITED KINGDOM

Maurice D. Wozniak, 1010 Berlin St., Waupaca, WI 54981 USA

Anita A. Povich, 309 West Charles, Champaign, IL 61820 USA

Terry Douglas Grant II, 9932 Hawthorn Hill Ct., Manassas, VA 20110 USA

D.T. Swart, P.O. Box 2502, Cramerview 2060 SOUTH AFRICA. Philatelic interests: Barbados. Sponsored by M.J. Nethersole

John Cress, 508 Crowfields Ln., Asheville, NC 28803-3284 USA. Philatelic interests: airmail, British and Australian, post World War I. Sponsored by George Fabian.

Note: The first 10 applicants were processed without philatelic interests listed or sponsorship.

Change of Address

Mr. Eugene M. Yount Jr., 103 Wilmington St. #Down, Rochester, NY 14620-1931 USA

If any member has information, such as a change of address, to be included in the Membership Director's Report, please contact me, either by mail (see inside front cover of the Journal) or by email, at TEG43@aol.com Thank you.

Advertising Rates for the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal for 2007

The following advertising rates will be effective as of January 1, 2007. All billing for advertising will be done in December preceding the year in which the advertisements will appear. Advertisers will be billed in December 2006 for advertising in the 2007 Journals. Advertising rates are based on (1) single-issue insertion or (2) a four issue (complete year, January through December) rate. The rates effective as of January 2007 are:

Type and size Ad	Cost/single Insertion	Cost/Year 4 Issues
1/4 page	\$30.00	\$100.00
1/2 page	\$75.00	\$250.00
Full Page	\$100.00	\$350.00
Back Cover	\$125.00	\$400.00
Single-Sided Insert*	\$80.00	\$300.00
Double-Sided Insert*	\$125.00	\$400.00

* The single-sided and double-sided insertions are stand-alone pages inserted into the Journal by the printer. The cost of the insertions also includes the cost of printing.

As can be seen from the above rates, there is a significant reduction in the cost of advertising on an annual basis as opposed to single insertions. The British Caribbean Journal is a good place to advertise material from this very popular area of philately. We distribute about 400 journals four times a year and the philatelic interests of our members range from beginning collectors to very advanced collectors and exhibitors. Our journals reach members in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, the Caribbean as well as many other countries of the world. For further information, please contact your Treasurer at bcpsg2005@SBCglobal.net.

President's Message

By Jack Harwood

At our gathering in Washington this past May, we enrolled more than a dozen new members. I bid them a warm and enthusiastic welcome, and hope that they will find our group as worthwhile and fascinating as I have. As new members, I invite you to actively participate in group functions. Don't be afraid to contact the Study Group Leaders who cover your interests. They can be an excellent resource for your questions, and can help you find other collectors with similar interests. An article on your particular area of interest would be welcomed by our Editor. The Auction Manager would be pleased to receive your consignments and your bids in the next sale. And I especially encourage you to consider attending the group's annual meetings. At those meetings, you will begin to understand what makes this a special group. Collectors from all walks of life attend, sharing a common interest in "our" islands.

Please seriously consider joining us in St. Vincent in May 2007 for a very special Annual Meeting. It is on such a trip that the charm and allure of the Caribbean can truly be found. In addition to meeting members from around the world, this visit will offer the opportunity to see and do many things the typical visitor never experiences. Whether you enjoy visiting village post offices, a day at the town market, a hike to the rim of a volcano, or simply stretching out on a deserted beach, you'll find the chance to do it in St. Vincent. There will be ample opportunity to explore the island with other members of the group, or to do so on your own. We expect to offer something to satisfy almost any interests you may have. Please come join us.

Enclosed with this issue, you should find a separate sheet to complete and return if you hope to attend the St. Vincent meeting. Completing the sheet will not commit you to attending, but it will be a great help in planning our activities. If you expect to attend, or even if you think you may attend, please send in the sheet. Your meeting planners will appreciate your input.

I've had several inquiries from members asking for suggestions on air travel to St. Vincent. To be honest, it's not the easiest island in the Caribbean to reach by air. But it can be done. At the present time, only Caribbean Sun, Caribbean Star and LIAT airlines serve St. Vincent. However, they each have partnerships with U.S. airlines. I suggest contacting your favorite airline for advice on routing and scheduling. Direct flights are available from Puerto Rico, Barbados, Grenada, and several others. If you

can be flexible in your departure and return dates, reasonable fares are possible. We are also working on arranging a charter flight out of Florida (probably Orlando or Miami). Whether that will be financially feasible will depend upon the level of interest. Be sure to indicate your preferences on the information sheet if you would like to use the charter flight. Regardless, it's not too early to begin making flight arrangements. Most airlines now have schedules set for next May.

We still expect that St. Vincent will issue a new stamp (or stamps) to commemorate our group. To the best of my knowledge, this will be the first time a recognized government issues a stamp to honor an American philatelic organization.

Our International Director, David Druett, has arranged a BCPSG table at the November 24-25 stamp show at Torquay, Devon (a few miles east of Plymouth) in the United Kingdom. If you expect to be in the U.K. during that time, plan to visit the show. For information and directions, visit the web site at www.Torquay2006.org.uk.

Our Editor still needs your article, long or short, on any Caribbean area philatelic subject. Please don't be afraid to put pen to paper. If you haven't visited our web site lately, you may want to take a look. You can find it at www.bcpsg.com.

Auction Manager Howie Austin is now ready to receive your consignments for the next auction. This is the time to clean out your unwanted material, and turn it into cash.

And finally, Peter Flynn's new book on Bermuda censored mail, *Intercepted in Bermuda*, should be published by the end of this year. BCPSG members will receive a 20% discount off list price. From what I have seen, this is an excellent book, a must for any collector of censored mail. Congratulations, Peter.



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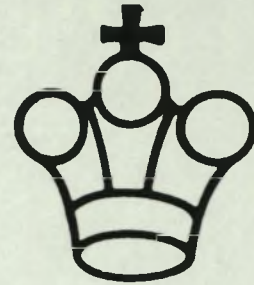


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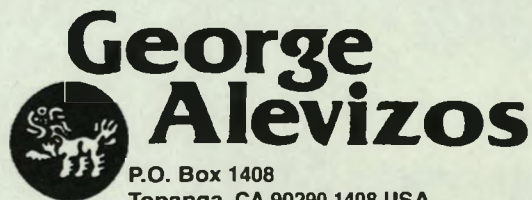
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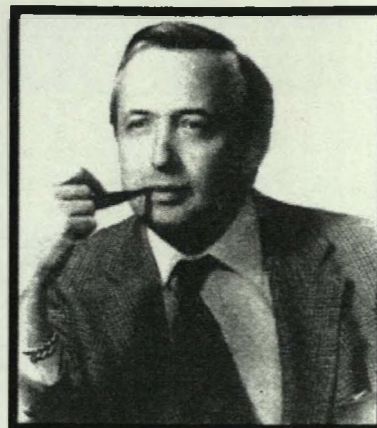
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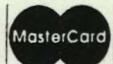
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