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Stamps salute 40th anniversary of BVI regatta

With the long time history of sailing as a primary economic and social activity in the British Virgin Islands, it is only fitting that the territory is known as “The Sailing Capital of the World.” With that in mind, the BVI Spring Regatta, co-sponsored by the Royal BVI Yacht Club and the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association, as remembered by the Honourable Ralph T O’Neal, Premier of the Virgin Islands and Minister of Tourism and Finance, has contributed to the economic development of the BVI since their inception. As a tribute to the positive impact on the community and a thank you to the thousands of hours, and thousands of people who have made each year a special experience for all those who participate, the 40th Anniversary commemorative stamp collection was unveiled on March 1, 2011, at a special ceremony at Peg Legs Restaurant located at Nanny Cay Marina and Resort, the host and presenting sponsor of the regatta.

Speakers at the unveiling ceremony included not only Mr. O’Neal, but also Mr. Boyd McCleary, Governor and Patron of the Royal BVI Yacht Club; Mr. Kevin Smith, Postmaster General; Ms. Lorna Choucouteau, Acting Supervisor of the BVI Post Philatelic Bureau; Dr. Birney Harrigan, Chairman of the BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association; Mr. Robert Phillips, Chairman of the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival and Commodore of the Royal BVI Yacht Club; and Mrs. Judy Petz-LiGreci, Director of the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival.

Although speakers kept their remarks short, all referred to the importance of the BVI Spring Regatta in bringing tourists to the island, stimulating the economy, and bringing the community together. Mr. Kevin Smith explained the reason behind issuing the commemorative stamp. “We wanted to make sure that the archives reflect the significance of the BVI Spring Regatta to the territory,” he said.

Four stamps were issued and each depicts a different decade in the history of the regatta. The 1970s are remembered with a photo of the original boathouse that was used as the BVI Yacht Club house in 1972. The 1980s stamp highlights the addition of the bareboat fleet to the regatta and the fact that the charter industry put Tortola on the map during that decade. With a photo of *Pipedream*, the 1990s are depicted by spinnakers on the water vying for position. *Pipedream* was chosen as its owner is Peter Haycraft, one of the regatta’s founders and a 40 year BVI Spring Regatta racing veteran. The addition of a racecourse specifically for one design is remembered in the most recent decade stamp. This stamp features the IC24 fleet, modified J-24’s, as this class was designed in the Caribbean and now attracts some of the most talented local sailors. For the first issue cover, the Nanny Cay Marina and Resort is featured as it has been home to the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival for many years. Nanny Cay, as presenting sponsor, provides a spectacular natural venue, with complete facilities for the yachts and the yachties.

The stamps and the issue cover were made available immediately following the unveiling and can be bought at the BVI Post Office. Additionally, they were available in the Regatta Village during the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, March 28 - April 3, 2011. In non-related news, the new Italian stamp magazine *L’Arte del Francobollo* in its first issue to hit the newsstand in April featured an article about the stamps of the British Virgin Islands by BVI Philatelic Society President, and BCPSG member Dr. Giorgio Migliavacca.



Unveiling the 40th Anniversary BVI Spring Regatta stamp collection are (from left): Bob Phillips, Postmaster General Kevin Smith, Albie Stewart, Judi Petz-LiGreci, Peter Haycraft, Robin Tattersall, Governor Boyd McCleary, Dr. Birney Harrigan, Premier Ralph T. O’Neal, and Roger Downing.

Photo Courtesy BVI Royal Yacht Club

Updating *The Postal History of the Cayman Islands* book

By Tom Girdali

Official Markings

(Continued from July 2011 Journal; first installment was in July 2010 issue)

UPDATES/NEW USERS OF EXISTING TYPES

| TYPE 3C5a | EKD | LKD |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Public Works Department Cayman Brac | October 24, 2003 | August 9, 2005 |
| Collector of Customs Cayman Brac | September 24, 2003 | August 9, 2005 |
| District Commissioner's Office Cayman Brac | September 22, 2003 | August 1, 2005 |
| Ministry of Education, Human Resources and Culture Cayman Islands | ----- | January 10, 2002 |
| Central Police Station Royal Cayman Islands Police | ----- | September 29, 1999 |
| Court Funds Office Cayman Islands | September 11, 2002 | November 11, 2003 |
| Office of Telecommunications Cayman Islands | ----- | November 20, 2003 |
| Collector of Customs Grand Cayman/Headquarters | November 25, 2004 | May 6, 2005 |
| Collector of Customs Grand Cayman/Parcel Post | ----- | May 19, 2003 |
| Education Department Cayman Islands/Training & Support | ----- | March 18, 2005 |
| Treasury Cayman Islands/Debt Recovery | ----- | April 8, 2005 |
| Legislative Drafting Cayman Islands | June 6, 2005 | April 10, 2006 |
| Cayman Islands Department of Employment Relations | August 3, 2005 | March 10, 2006 |
| Georgetown Primary School Grand Cayman | ----- | January 17, 2003 |
| General Registry Cayman Islands | ----- | March 3, 2006 |
| Teachers Centre Cayman Brac | ----- | January 12, 2006 |
| Lands and Survey Department Cayman Islands | ----- | December 20, 2007 |
| Office of Telecommunications Cayman Islands | ----- | June 2, 2008 |
| Cayman Islands Investment Bureau Cayman Island Government | ----- | June 3, 2008 |
| TYPE 3C5b | | |
| John A. Cumber Primary School | ----- | February 3, 2003 |
| Cayman Islands National Museum | ----- | October 16, 2002 |
| Ministry of Planning, Communications, Works and Information Technology/Cayman Islands Government | ----- | June 20, 2003 |
| Ministry of Planning, Communications, Works and Information Technology/Finance/Cayman Islands Government | ----- | October 31, 2003 |
| Ministry of Health Services, District Administration & Agriculture/Cayman Islands/Government | ----- | November 7, 2003 |
| Cayman Islands Airports Authority | January 10, 2005 | February 9, 2006 |
| The Camanian Status & Permanent Residency Board/Cayman Islands | ----- | August ? 2004 |
| Ministry of Community Services, Women Affairs, Youth and Sports Portfolio of the Civil Service | ----- | May 16, 2003 |
| C.I. Government Department of Sports | ----- | July 26, 2005 |
| Recreation, Parks and Cemeteries Unit | ----- | March 3, 2008 |
| | | April 2, 2008 |
| TYPE 3C5c | | |
| Department of Immigration Cayman Islands | October 30, 2002 | June 13, 2003 |
| Department of Children & Family Services C.I. Government | September 24, 2003 | March 17, 2006 |
| The Work Permit Board Cayman Islands | May 6, 2004 | May 2, 2006 |

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| | EKD | LKD |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Department of Agriculture Cayman Brac | ----- | January 21, 2004 |
| Department of Environment Cayman Islands (seen with & without year) | December 23, 2003 | May 9, 2006 |
| Portfolio of Legal Affairs Cayman Islands | December 17, 2004 | August 15, 2005 |
| Department of Environmental Health Cayman Islands (seen with & without dots at bottom) | January 28, 2003 | September 25, 2003 |
| National Roads Authority Cayman Islands | March 29, 2005 | May 3, 2006 |
| Dept. of Employment Relations C.I. Government | ----- | January 25, 2005 |
| Tourism, Environment, Development & Commerce Cayman Islands | ----- | September 28, 2005 |
| C.I. Health Services Authority Patient Financial Services | ----- | June 10, 2005 |
| Port. of Finance & Economics Cayman Islands | ----- | November 21, 2005 |
| Education Department Cayman Islands Government | ----- | November 18, 2005 |
| Port. of Finance & Economics Cayman Islands/Fin Admin | November 21, 2005 | March 5, 2008 |
| Sunrise Adult Training Centre C.I. Government | ----- | June 7, 2005 |
| C.I. Government Probation Aftercare Unit | ----- | May 18, 2006 |
| The Department of Counseling Services | ----- | May 19, 2006 |
| Public Service Pensions Board Grand Cayman | ----- | June 10, 2008 |
| TYPE 3C5d | | |
| Mosquito Research & Control Unit Cayman Islands Government | ----- | September 29, 2003 |
| Department of Vehicle & Equipment Services/Cayman Islands | ----- | May 1, 2006 |
| TYPE 3C5e | | |
| Cayman Islands Financial Crime Unit | ----- | January 12, 2005 |
| TYPE 3C6a | | |
| Judicial Finance C.I. Government | September 19, 2003 | November 29, 2004 |
| PPS C.I. Government (Prospect Primary School) | ----- | January 27, 2005 |
| Cayman Islands Health Services Dept Finance | March 9, 2005 | August 15, 2005 |
| Ministry of E,T,E,Y,S & C Cayman Island Government | July 22, 2005 | September 30, 2005 |
| C.I. Health Services Dept. Materials Management/Stores | ----- | October 24, 2005 |
| Cayman Islands Investment Bureau Cayman Islands Government | October 12, 2005 | February 15, 2006 |
| H.M. Customs - Accounts Grand Cayman | November 1, 2005 | October 6, 2008 |
| Prison Department Grand Cayman | ----- | April 28, 2006 |
| Office of Telecommunications Cayman Islands | ----- | January 19, 2006 |
| Cayman Islands Post Office Airport Post Office | ----- | January 16, 2006 |
| Treasury Cayman Islands | ----- | May 30, 2008 |
| C.I. Shipping Registry Accounting Section Division of MACI | ----- | February 20, 2008 |
| C.I. Government Department of Community Rehabilitation | ----- | August 8, 2008 |
| TYPE 3C6b | | |
| Cayman Islands National Archive | March 15, 2002 | November 11, 2003 |
| Ministry of Health Services, Agriculture, Aviation and Works/ Cayman Islands/Government | ----- | August 10, 2004 |
| Ministry of Communications, Works & Infrastructure | October 31, 2005 | February 5, 2008 |
| National Housing Development Trust | ----- | January 23, 2008 |
| TYPE 3C6c | | |
| Legislative Department Cayman Islands B.W.I. | November 1, 2003 | May 3, 2006 |
| Department of Environmental Health Cayman Brac | ----- | February 3, 2005 |
| Financial Reporting Authority of the Cayman Islands (CayFin) | ----- | August 26, 2005 |
| Department of Vehicle & Equipment Services Cayman Islands | May 1, 2006 | June 13, 2006 |

| | EKD | LKD |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Public Works Department Cayman Islands | ----- | September 3, 2008 |
| Sunrise Adult Training Centre C.I. Government | ----- | November 24, 2008 |
| TYPE 3C6e | | |
| Ministry of E,T,E,Y,S & C Cayman Islands Government | ----- | February 21, 2008 |

REGISTRATION

UPDATES/ NEW TYPES

Georgetown

TYPE R1, EKD: March 27, 1901

TYPE R18A, LKD: March 23, 1978 (*see illustration of cover found on eBay at right*)

TYPE R30, Bar Code, LKD: August 24, 2006

TYPE R31(C), LKD: August 23, 2006



Georgetown Type R18a with LKD of March 23, 1978

NEW TYPES:

TYPE R32(L), Letter “E” with known date of May 4, 2004, 32mm x 13mm. Blue, without the words “CAYMAN ISLANDS”



TYPE R32(L), Letter “H” with known date of August 11, 2003, 32mm x 13mm. Blue, without the words “CAYMAN ISLANDS”



TYPE R32(L), Letter “L” with known date of July 29, 2003, 32mm x 13mm. Blue, without the words “CAYMAN ISLANDS”



Airport Facility PO

TYPE R3, Bar Code, LKD: April 26, 2007

TYPE R4(C), LKD: April 26, 2007

Breakers

TYPE 1(H), known date of July 7, 1992



This listing will continue in the October 2011 issue.

The philatelic covers of Government House, St. Lucia

By Dr. Eric M. Bateson
Of Australia

As a collector of philatelic covers of the older issues of the British West Indies, I have become interested in their providers who have an unusual background, including the Sheriff of Southampton,¹ Sir Charles Belcher of Trinidad,² the Reverend Meister of Montserrat and the USA,³ and Benedict Prieth of New Jersey.⁴

St. Lucia has provided three in the 1930s who specialized in covers bearing postage due stamps. Charles Davies,⁵ the creator of the Panton covers (*Figure 1*), Cutress of

the Cable and Wireless Office (*Figure 2*), and the Doorly family of Government House. I have five of their covers, two bearing series of commemorative stamps and three stampless with a tax mark, and one of either of the type-set postage due issues of 1929.

At the time these Government House covers were cancelled, the Administrator of St. Lucia was Charles William Doorly, born in 1875, and who married Marie C. Loft-house in 1922. They had three daughters: Kathleen, Ina,



FIGURE 1

Typical "Panton" cover with the name obliterated, underpaid from Gibraltar, a tax mark and both type-set postage dues added.



FIGURE 2

Stampless Cutress cover with characteristic handwriting and with type-set 1d and 2d postage dues added. (Courtesy of Postal History Auctions)



FIGURE 3

A very philatelic cover with the tercentenary issue of Antigua.

and Margaret, who were educated at the Jamaica College. Charles Doorly was promoted through the immigration service of Jamaica. After a period in Madras, he became



FIGURE 4

Reverse of Figure 3 with typewritten address to "Miss Ina Doorly, Government House, St. Lucia."

the Administrator of St. Lucia in 1928. He was awarded the CBE in 1930 and retired in 1935 to live in Jamaica. His address there was the Half-Way Tree Post Office, a suburb of Kingston. He was awarded a knighthood at the end of his service in 1935.^{6,7}

Covers with commemorative sets

Both of these featured series of commemorative issues. One had the complete set of the 1932 Tercentenary issue of Antigua on one side (*Figure 3*) and a typed address on the reverse (*Figure 4*). The second had the low values to 1/- of the 300th anniversary set of the settlement of Montserrat (*Figure 5*), which has been addressed in handwrit-



FIGURE 5

Another very philatelic cover with the 300th anniversary of Montserrat stamps with values to 1/-, addressed in handwriting to Ina Doorly.

ing. Others probably exist but I can only recall seeing one other with the 1932 Child Welfare set of Jamaica.

Covers with type-set postage dues

Each cover has only one of the two values of the type-set postage due stamps and all three were addressed in identi-



FIGURE 6

Stampless cover to Mrs. Doorly with tax mark and a 1d type-set postage due stamp added. Same handwriting as in Figure 5.

cal handwriting. Two were to Mrs. Doorly, one with the 2d value (*Figure 6*), and the other with the 1d value (*Figure 7*). The third was to a "Dr. Hess c/o Government House St.



FIGURE 7

Another similar stampless cover to Miss Doorly with a 2d type-set postage due variety (wide "No") from the first printing, addressed in the same handwriting as Figure 6.

Lucia" with a 1d value (*Figure 8*). It seems reasonable to assume that he was the Dr. Hess who was a well-known philatelist of the time in the Bahamas.⁸



FIGURE 8

Stampless cover to Dr. Hess, c/o Government House, St. Lucia. There is no tax mark and a 1d type-set postage due stamp has been added. Hand-addressed in the same style as Figures 5, 6, and 7.

The investigation

A search through my extensive accumulation of auction sale catalogues was not very fruitful. However, I came across an article in this journal, "Notes on St. Lucia's first postage dues," by Hap Pattiz.⁹ I contacted Hap, who kindly offered to help and sent scans of 16 covers with postage due stamps of St. Lucia from his collection and gave me permission to use any of them. He also mentioned he had a reference to one addressed to Miss Doorly with a 1d value cancelled on December 31, 1931. He did not appear to have any with series of commemorative stamps

addressed to Ina Doorly. In addition to postage due stamps, most also had regular postage stamps from other Caribbean territories. Only three of his covers addressed to Mrs. Doorly had handwriting similar to that on my covers, and like mine, were stampless and only had the later issue of the De La Rue postage dues (**Figure 9**).



FIGURE 9

Another stampless cover to Mrs. Doorly with a tax mark and a 2d postage due stamp added. The handwriting appears to be almost identical with that of the other covers.

(Courtesy of Hap Pattiz from his collection.)

Discussion

The identical handwriting on the covers addressed to Government House from my collection, including one to Hess, and three of Hap Pattiz's covers were handwritten by the same person, possibly one of the Doorly's staff, or a staff member of Government House, and were therefore philatelically created. The rest of Hap's covers from other places in the Caribbean and USA had a regular postage stamp, and on arrival in St. Lucia, a postage due stamp was applied. These may have been philatelic, but could have been non-philatelic with accidental underpayment of the current postal charge. An example of this is a later letter to Mrs. Doorly which was missent to the Bahamas¹⁰ (**Figure 10**).

The cover to Dr. Hess (**Figure 8**) is interesting because he probably knew of the philatelic interest of Government House and they may have arranged with the post office to produce this cover for his collection. The identical appearance of the handwriting on the stampless covers to Government House is reminiscent of the similarity with covers addressed to the well-known providers who produced vast numbers of covers for retail.^{11,12} This does raise the possibility that the Doorly family was more than just stamp collectors.

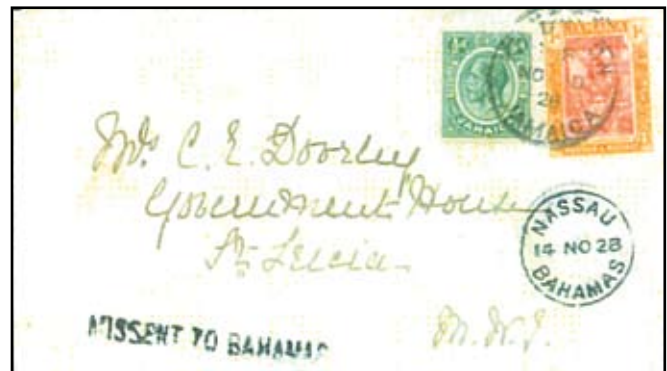


FIGURE 10

An apparently non-philatelic letter from Jamaica with the current postage rate, to Mrs. C.E. Doorley (sic), missent to the Bahamas, thereby making it philatelic.
(Courtesy of Grosvenor Auctions.)

FOOTNOTES

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Necrology

Mary Patricia Kerr; Michael John Nethersole

MARY PATRICIA (*née* PIKE) KERR

Mary Kerr died peacefully on February 21, 2011, following a long battle with cancer. She was known to many members, having regularly attended our annual meetings in the USA, the Caribbean and London.

Mary was born in Canada, the daughter of a mining engineer. Her father introduced her to stamp collecting at an early age, a passion that remained throughout her life. She was a librarian by trade, and known as a voracious reader, often finishing two or three books in a day.



Mary Kerr

After first visiting Barbados in the early 1980s, Mary moved to Bridgetown in the early 1990s. There she met Felix Kerr, a professional photographer, and they married in 1999. Mary and Felix attended many of our group meetings together, and Felix frequently provided the photos of those gatherings found in our journal. In Barbados, she quickly became an active member of the Barbados Philatelic Society. In addition, she was a regular volunteer at the Barbados Legion

and Poppy League. She collected many things related to Barbados, including books of all periods and genre, commemorative spoons, ribbons, picture postcards and stamps. She built perhaps the finest collection of Barbados picture postcards ever assembled, and in 1999 published a book on the subject titled *A Checklist of Barbadian Postcards, 1898-1930*.

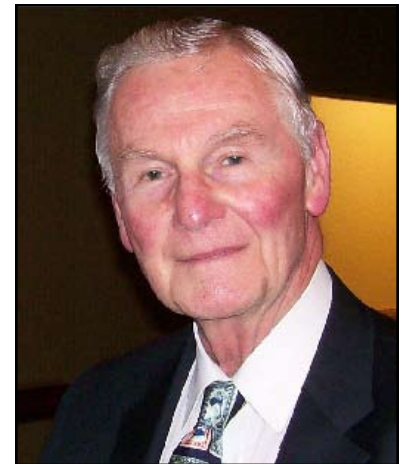
The success of our 2007 annual meeting in St. Vincent was due in large part to the efforts of Mary and Felix. Months prior to our arrival, they spent a week in St. Vincent meeting with members of the local stamp club, examining hotel options, contacting newspaper and television offices, and reviewing all the various arrangements. In Barbados, Mary worked as a proofreader at Cole's Printery. She also edited books for various authors, and assisted her husband, Felix, with the business aspects of his photography. Mary was a strong supporter of the BCPSG, often out of the limelight, but always filled with great energy and enthusiasm. She is survived by her husband Felix, a sister and brother in Canada, and a number of in-laws. She was a good friend of our group, and to her family, we express our sincere condolences.

Mary Gleadall & Jack Harwood

MICHAEL JOHN NETHERSOLE

Michael John "Mike" Nethersole passed away of unknown causes on May 28, 2011 in Richmond, Virginia. He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Reingard Nethersole-Koch. Mike was a BCPSG Trustee, valuable member of the Durnin Award Committee and exhibitor at our annual meetings.

Born in the United Kingdom of an English mother and South African father, Mike grew up in the West Indies and South Africa. He was educated in universities in South Africa where he became an expert in instrumentation and control. For a time, he taught in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Witwatersrand (Wits), Johannesburg, South Africa. With several colleagues he joined an engineering firm in Midlothian, Virginia and took a keen interest in the area.



Mike Nethersole

In addition to his fondness and deep knowledge of BWI philately, he developed an interest in Virginia's history. Mike was immersed in philately as an accredited APS (American Philatelic Society) judge, a key member of the Virginia Philatelic Federation (having served as General Chairman of the VAPEX Show), and the Greater Richmond Stamp Club. In addition, Mike donated his expertise to the APS as a member of the expert committee and served as a volunteer appraiser at STAMPSHOW.

Mike was a thoughtful, kind and upbeat person who was easy to talk to. He and Reingard attended our meeting on St. Vincent in 2007 and contributed to the enjoyable experience. I looked forward to his thoughts and ideas as he was not only willing to speak his mind, but he was also practical. During our week at London 2010, we had the good fortune to spend quite a bit of time with Mike as he joined us several times for dinner and we saw two London stage shows including "Chicago" which he thoroughly enjoyed. He again remarked how much he enjoyed "Chicago" when we saw him this year at ARIPEX. Mike was a great asset to the BCPSG and will be dearly missed. May his memory live on and may he rest in peace.

Ed Waterous

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BCPSG 2011 Major Award Winners

As an overt form of recognition for individual participation in the Group, a number of awards have been established. Each award is the result of a committee's agreement following study and discussion. The 2011 BCPSG major awards are as follows.

The Cameron Trophy for best eligible exhibit by a member at the ARIPEX show coinciding with our annual meeting was won by Dr. Peter P. McCann for his wonderful exhibit *Montserrat: Postal History of a Caribbean Island*. The BCPSG Awards Chairman provides the Show Jury with a list of eligible exhibits (you cannot win twice for the same exhibit). The Show Jury then selects the winner and announcement is made at the show Palmares banquet. Dr. McCann was very pleased to win the Cameron Trophy and remarked that in all the years he has exhibited, this is his second Cameron, demonstrating that winning this award is quite challenging.

The Cooley Award is given to a member in recognition for lifetime service on behalf of the Group. This year's winner is Barry Friedman, longtime treasurer and credited with putting the BCPSG on sound financial footing. Barry has also served in other capacities through the years, including as a member of the Cooley and Addiss

award committees. Of course, Barry was not involved in his own selection and was pleasantly surprised to be this year's recipient. Robert (Bob) Cooley left a bequest to the BCPSG to establish an award to recognize outstanding contributions by a member. The Cooley Award committee is composed of Rob Wynstra, Barry Friedman and Paul Larsen.

John Davis is the winner of the **Addiss Award** for lifetime achievement in philatelic writing and research. His

work on British West Indies War Tax stamps was published by the Royal Philatelic Society London. Along the way, many of John's findings were published in articles appearing in the BCPJ and elsewhere. John willingly shares the fruits of his labors with interested members. The Addiss Award honors our late member Ed Addiss, postal historian and researcher, and is established through the grace of his wife, Lee. The Addiss Award Committee is composed of Rob Wynstra, Barry Friedman and Paul Larsen.

The Durnin Award winner, Jerry Hart, was announced in the April BCPJ by Durnin Committee Chair Charles Freeland. The Durnin Award goes to the person writing the best article in the previous year's BCPJ. Mr. Hart, now deceased, was a regular contributor to the BCPJ and a past treasurer of the Group.

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BCPSG President Ed Waterous, left, presents Dr. Peter P. McCann with the Cameron Trophy for best exhibit at ARIPEX.



This photograph shows members and guests at the ARIPEX stamp show banquet. Dr. Peter P. McCann is at center in the photograph.

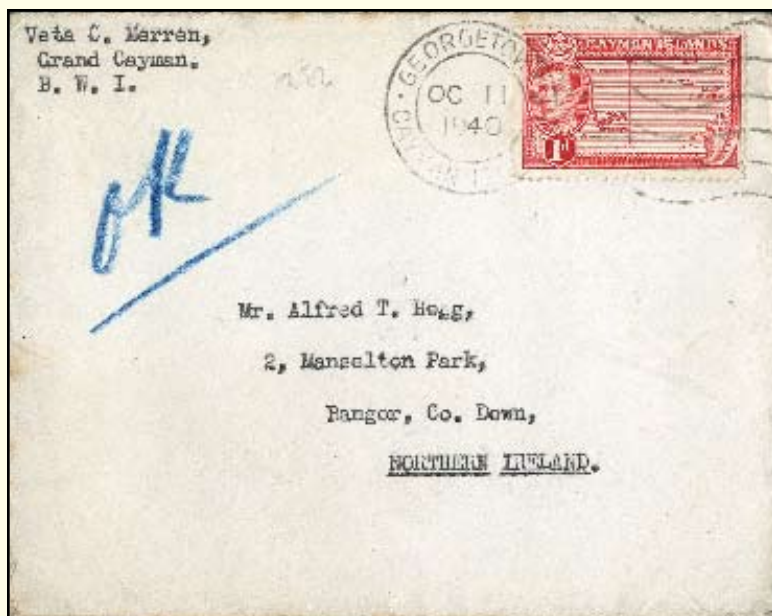
Photos by Lisa Dembowski of the ARIPEX Show Committee.

Two unrecorded Type 1 Cayman Islands War Fund covers discovered in Spink sale

By Tom Giraldi
Of the USA

We recently discovered two unrecorded Type 1 Cayman Islands War Fund covers in the Spink June 8, 2011 Dr. Robert Towers sale. This now makes six known of this type to my knowledge.

Dates of usage are October 11, 1940 and February 3, 1942. Both have "OK" written in blue crayon on the fronts. One cover also has a PC 90 label as well. If anyone else knows of additional examples, please let me know. The scans shown on this page were generously provided by Nick Startup of Spink.



The Airmails of Barbados during World War II

Part 8: 1945

By Jerone R. Hart

The year 1945 saw the end of World War II. It is also the last year in this survey/analysis series. There were some significant changes in airmail rates and routes during the year. There was a slight increase in the number of airmail covers in the survey from 39 to 42. Destinations in 1945 included Antigua, Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, the U.S. and Venezuela. What I find particularly interesting is that in this random accumulation of covers, there were no airmail covers addressed to the United Kingdom. It seems to me that over the years I would have picked up at least one or two airmail covers addressed to the U.K. dated 1945. Somewhat curious about this anomaly, I decided to go back and check surface rate covers to the U.K. for 1945. I found there was a significant increase in the number of U.K.-bound covers that went by surface transport. Is it possible that as the war began to wind down and end, mailers in Barbados reverted back to using the cheaper surface mail rather than the more expensive airmail to the U.K.? This would appear to be the case.

As we will see, 1945 bought a number of major airmail rate changes to the Barbados post office. As the war wound down, and space on planes became available, airmail rates throughout the world began to drop and Barbados was no exception. By August 1945 there were significant reductions in airmail rates, especially to the U.S. and Canada. However, as was the case in 1939-1940 when airmail rates were in a state of flux, there appears to have been some confusion on the correct airmail rates during this period of change. Between January and August 1945, mail was still being censored; however, by mid to late August 1945 censorship of the mails in Barbados disappeared. Of the 42 covers in the survey for 1945, only seven (17%) were censored. One cover to Bermuda, two covers to Venezuela and one cover to the U.S. were censored in Barbados while three covers to the U.S. were censored upon arrival in the U.S. The year 1945 also saw a reduction in the number of registered covers. Only eight (19%) of the 42 covers were registered. Perhaps as the war came to an end, people felt more secure in sending unregistered mail. Of the eight registered covers for the 1945 survey, there was one cover each for St. Lucia and St. Vincent, two registered covers each for Bermuda and the U.S. and three registered covers for Canada. As with previous years, 1945 also presents postal history collectors with some very fascinating covers.



FIGURE 93
March 29, 1945: 1/3½d airmail rate for one-half ounce to Venezuela. Large rectangular handstamp of the Barquisimeto Post Office indicates cover arrived on April 10, 1945. Cover censored in Barbados.

For 1945 there were two covers addressed to Venezuela. The earlier of these two covers is dated February 2 (seen on the Internet) and arrived on February 10 according to a datestamp on the front of the cover. The second cover (**Figure 93**) is dated March 29 and arrived at the Barquisimeto Post Office on April 10. Both covers were censored before leaving Barbados. Both also carry the 15½d (1/3½d) rate. Thus, this particular rate to Venezuela was maintained throughout most of the war.

The survey had three very interesting covers addressed to other islands in the Caribbean. The first of these was dated April 11 (**Figure 94**) and was addressed to St. Johns, Antigua. The cover carries the 4d rate, thus confirming that this rate was the standard rate throughout the war to many of the islands in the Caribbean serviced by British West Indian Airways (BWIA).

The second cover is a very large business envelope from The Barbados Mutual Life Assurance Society (**Figure 95**) and was addressed to the agent at Castries, St. Lucia. The cover was dated February 22 and was registered. The cover carries a rate of 15d (1/3). The cover is a triple rate cover and the rate was 4d x 3 = 12d + 3d registration fee for a total of 15d. Thus, this cover weighed more than one ounce, but less than 1.5 ounces. From the Castries registered receiving backstamp we can determine that the cover arrived in St. Lucia on February 24. Thus, this cover only took two days to go from Barbados to St. Lucia.

The third cover is dated December 14 (**Figure 96**) and was addressed to Kingstown, St. Vincent. The cover was registered and carries a rate of 7d (4 airmail letter rate + 3d registration fee for a total of 7d). The back of the cover was handstamped with a Kingstown receiving mark dated December 29. Thus, this cover took a total of 15 days to reach St. Vincent! It is difficult to understand why it took so long since by 1945, BWIA had many flights per week between the islands of Barbados, Trinidad, St. Kitts, Antigua, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenada.

The next two covers in the survey for 1945 were to Bermuda. The earlier of the two was dated February 2 (**Figure 97 next page**). This cover carries a rate of 30d (2/6d) and was franked with a single 2/6d definitive. The cover was registered, censored in Barbados, and resealed using Shepard's Type L10 censor's label. The cover was originally addressed to Somerset, Bermuda, but upon arrival was forwarded to St. George's. Since this cover is only one of two in the whole survey to Bermuda (both covers coming in 1945), I have no way of confirming that this was the proper rate. However, assuming that it was the proper rate, rate breakdown would have been: airmail letter rate = 27d (2/3d + 3d registration fee = 30d (2/6d). Unfortunately, this cover has no backstamps, and no transit or receiving marks, so there is no way of knowing the exact routing or the transit time between Barbados and Bermuda. However, since this was late in the war, the cover probably went from Barbados to Trinidad via BWIA where it connected with Pan Am service to New York via Bermuda.



FIGURE 94
April 11, 1945: 4d one-half ounce airmail rate to Antigua.

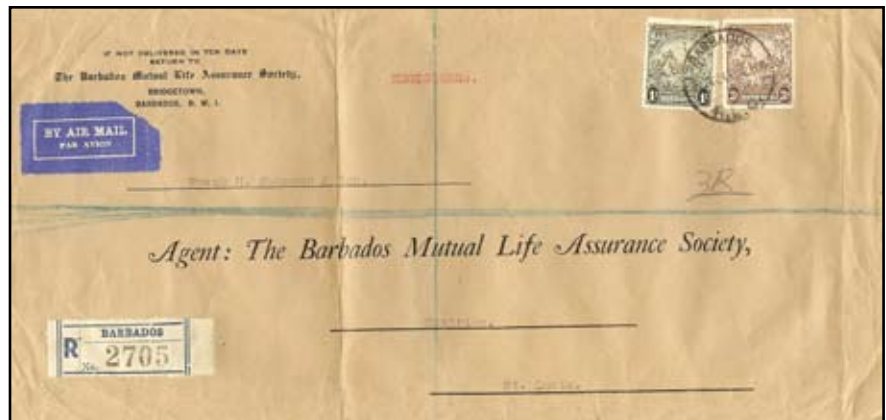


FIGURE 95
February 22, 1945: Registered, quadruple airmail rate of 1/3d to St. Lucia. Of the fee paid, the postage was 4d per one-half ounce for a weight of more than one and a half but less than two ounces. The registration fee was 3d for a total of 1/3d.



FIGURE 96
December 14, 1945: Registered airmail rate of 7d to St. Vincent. Of the fee paid, 4d paid the postage and 3d paid the registration fee.

The second cover to Bermuda is dated October 17 (**Figure 98**) and was addressed to the same individual in St. George's. Like the cover in Figure 97, this one was also registered. However, this cover carries a rate of 23d (1/11d). Like Figure 97, assuming that this was the proper rate, then a breakdown of the rate would be as follows: airmail letter rate = 20d (1/8d) + 3d registration fee = 23d. Since many airmail rates from Barbados were reduced beginning in July/August 1945, I think it is safe to assume this cover shows that rate reduction. Again, as was the case with Figure 97, this cover also does not have any transit or receiving markings, so there is no way of knowing how long it took to get from Barbados to Bermuda. I also believe this cover followed the same route, from Barbados to Trinidad where it connected with Pan Am service to New York via Bermuda.

For 1945, Canada presented a number of very interesting covers. The earliest recorded cover to Canada for 1945 in the survey was dated February 8 and the latest was dated December 12. Between February 8 and July 28, there were six covers with the 16d rate (1/4d). There were two with an 18d rate (1/6d), one at 32d (2/8d), and one at 24d (2/-) Only one of these covers, a provisional post office official with the 24d rate, was registered.

Typical of the covers with the 16d rate are those shown in **Figure 99** and **Figure 100**. The cover in Figure 99, dated February 24, has a multiple franking with six of the 2½d and a single of the 1d definitive, making up the 16d rate. Likewise, the cover in Figure 100, dated June 8, was also a multiple franking with six of the 2d and a single of the 4d definitive making up the 16d rate. Unfortunately, neither cover has any transit marks nor backstamps to indicate the length of time it took them to go from Barbados to Canada.

Although the next two covers also carry the 16d rate, they are extremely unusual covers. The first is dated July 24 (**Figure 101 next page**). This cover is a reused envelope and was originally sent from Barclays Bank in Montreal



FIGURE 100

June 8, 1945: 1/4d airmail rate to Canada.



FIGURE 97

February 2, 1945: Registered airmail rate of 2/6d to Bermuda via New York. Of the fee paid, 2/3d paid the postage for one-half ounce and 3d paid the registration fee. Censored in Barbados.



FIGURE 98

October 17, 1945: Registered airmail rate to Bermuda of 1/11d. Of the fee paid, 1/8d paid the postage (a rate reduction from the cover seen in Figure 98) and 3d for the registration fee. Barbados reduced some airmail rates in July/August of 1945.



FIGURE 99

February 24, 1945: 1/4d per half ounce to Canada.

on or about July 16, 1945 to Barbados. Just to the left of the 1d stamp can be seen a red partial Montreal machine datestamp that is part of a meter franking. Just under the 3d and 1/- stamps can be seen the Montreal meter franking. At the bottom right of the cover is a Montreal datestamp of July 16. The cover reached Barbados and could not be

delivered to a W. Harold Wright. It would appear that Barclays Bank put a label over the original Barbados address in order to return the cover to Montreal. The 1d, 3d and 1/- definitives were placed over the original meter franking, were canceled at the Bridgetown GPO on July 24 and the cover sent on its way back to Canada. Unfortunately, the only backstamp is a Barbados machine datestamp of July 24. Thus, we have no way to determine how long this cover took on its return trip to Canada.

The second unusual cover with the 16d franking to Canada is dated July 28 (**Figure 102**). This cover has a combination of regular adhesives and meter frankings to make up the rate. At first glance, it would appear that the cover was censored and resealed across the top. However, upon closer examination, there is no indication of censorship. It would appear that the sender had to reopen the cover at the top and then resealed it using ordinary Scotch tape. Like the previous cover, there are no transit marks and no receiving marks to indicate the transit time between Barbados and Nova Scotia. This appears to be a very early use of both adhesives and meters on a cover from Barbados; indeed, a very scarce combination.

A March 13 cover to Canada with a 24d rate (2/-) is very perplexing. The cover is a registered "Provisional" Post Office Official (**Figure 103**). Several times during the war, the post office ran out of "On His Majesty's Service" preprinted official envelopes and resorted to such things as borrowing supplies from the office of the Colonial Secretary, crossing out the preprinted "Colonial Secretary" logo and stamping the logo of the post office or using whatever type of envelopes that were locally available. It appears that around early March 1945, the GPO in Barbados ran out of Official envelopes yet again and resorted to using regular airmail envelopes. At the lower left corner of the cover is the handstamp in purple (upside down), "Colonial Postmaster, Barbados, B.W.I." The handstamp is Clarke's Type L1 which, according to Clarke, has March 23, 1945 as a latest known date of use. So, this is a very late use of this marking. However, the more perplexing aspect of this cover is the 24d (2/-) rate. If we deduct the 3d registration fee from the total fee of 24d, this leaves us with 21d as the letter rate. Since during most of the war, the standard rate for airmail letters to Canada was 16d (1/4d) this particular rate makes no sense. Yet, it is a post office official envelope that originated from the GPO in Bridgetown. It is totally possible that this cover is indeed philatelic and perhaps the sender requested the use of two 1/- definitives. Or, another possibility is that the addressee placed a paid order for stamps with the GPO and after the order was filled, there was 2/- left, which the post office applied in postage to this cover.

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FIGURE 101

July 24, 1945: 1/4d airmail rate to Canada. Cover originated in Canada and upon arrival was re-used back to Canada. Very unusual.



FIGURE 102

July 28, 1945: 1/4d airmail rate per half ounce to Canada. Combination franking of adhesives and meter franking. Very unusual.



FIGURE 103

March 13, 1945: 2/- franking to Canada. Regular envelope used as a Barbados Post Official (see "Colonial Postmaster" handstamp at lower left). The cover was probably franked with an overpayment on request of addressee. The correct rate was 1/4d plus the 3d registration fee. Overpaid by 5d.

Because this cover was registered, the back has a number of transit and receiving marks. The first of these is from the GPO in Barbados (R.L.O.) and is dated March 13. Next is a purple Miami transit marking of March 22. It would appear that the cover was flown on an American carrier from Miami to Toronto, for the next backstamp is from Toronto and is dated March 23. From Toronto, the cover went by a Canadian carrier to Morrisburg, arriving on March 24 as indicated by the receiving datestamp.

The next cover to Canada of interest is dated March 25. The cover is franked with 18d (1/6d) and was overpaid by 2d (**Figure 104**). In all probability, the sender franked the cover and perhaps the sender confused the rate to the U.S. (18d) with the 16d rate to Canada. This cover is addressed to a police officer in Vancouver and it is very doubtful that the cover is philatelic in any way.



FIGURE 104

March 25, 1945: 1/6d airmail rate to Canada. Overpaid by 2d. Perhaps the sender confused the rates for Canada and the U.S.



FIGURE 105

April 12, 1945: Double airmail rate of 2/8d to Canada at 1/4d for each half ounce of weight. Thus, the cover above weighed over one-half, but less than one ounce.



FIGURE 106

August 14, 1945: 1/- per half ounce of weight to Canada. A rate reduction in July/August of 1945 reduced the rate to Canada by 4d.

Another cover dated April 12, 1945 indirectly confirms that the 16d per half ounce of weight was still in use at this date. The cover (**Figure 105**) is franked with 32d (2/8d), which is a double rate (16d first half ounce) + 16d (1/2 ounce to one ounce) = 32d. Thus, this cover to Truro, Nova Scotia confirms that the 16d rate to Canada was still in effect in April 1945.

Between the previous cover and the next cover in the survey to Canada (dated August 14 and shown in **Figure 106**), there is a gap of about four months. The cover to Walkerville, Ontario carries a rate of 12d (1/-). This cover represents a significant reduction of 4d in the standard airmail rate to Canada. With the war in Europe having ended in May and the war in the Pacific one day away from ending when the above cover was sent (Japan surrendered on August 15), airmail rates originating from Barbados began to fall. As we shall see below from the data on covers to the United States, it appears that this rate reduction occurred in late July or very early August.

A cover dated September 23, 1945 (seen on the Internet) is a further confirmation of the rate reduction to Canada. The cover carried a rate of 27d (2/3d) and was registered. Thus, this cover was a registered double rate cover (12d first half ounce + 12d (one-half to one ounce) + 3d registration fee = 27d. Quite unusual for covers seen on the Internet, the back of this cover was displayed. The backstamps indicate that the cover went from Barbados to Miami (arriving on September 26) then probably by U.S. carrier from Miami to Montreal (arriving on September 27). In Montreal, the cover probably connected with a Canadian domestic flight to Ottawa. Upon arrival in Ottawa, the back of the cover received two handstamps. The first appears to be an Ottawa Customs datestamp with "FREE" at the bottom and is dated September 27. Just below this marking is an Ottawa GPO "R" (Registered) handstamp, also of September 27. Thus, this cover took only four days to go from Barbados to its final destination in Canada.

The last three covers to Canada for 1945 were dated

November 2 (**Figure 107**), November 19 (**Figure 108**) and December 12 (**Figure 109**). One of the covers was addressed to Toronto and the other two were to the same addressee in Vancouver. The covers dated November 2 and December 12 both carry the 12d (1/-) rate, thus confirming the post-war 12d airmail rate to Canada. The November 19 cover carries a 13d rate. I suspect the sender mistakenly overfranked this cover by 1d, perhaps confusing the post-



FIGURE 108

November 19, 1945: 13d franking, overpaid by 1d. Sender probably confused the Canadian rate with the U.S. rate of 13d.

war rate to Canada at 12d (1/-) and the rate to the U.S. at 13d (1/1d).

The final covers in the survey for 1945 were all addressed to the U.S., with the earliest cover being dated January 5 and the latest being dated December 24. The year 1945 saw 18 different covers to the U.S. Four of the 18 covers were censored, one before leaving Barbados and three upon arrival in the U.S. It is also interesting that of the 18 covers, only two were registered.

The first cover (**Figure 110**) to the U.S. is dated January 5, 1945 and was addressed to the state of Indiana. It is a very colorful multi-franking. However, upon closer examination, we see that the cover only carries a rate of 17d. Since the rate to the U.S. in early 1945 was 18d, this particular cover was underpaid by 1d. There is no indication that the GPO detected this short payment and the cover was sent on to its destination. Since there are no backstamps, we cannot determine the time that this cover took to reach its final destination.

The next two covers, one dated January 8 (**Figure 111 next page**) and the other dated March 24 (**Figure 112 next page**) both show the 18d (1/6d) rate to the United States. The first of these two covers was addressed to New York City. Unfortunately, there is no arrival marking on the back to indicate the routing or arrival date. However, on the front of the cover and on the left side is the receiving handstamp of the addressee in red ink. This handstamp indicates the cover arrived at the address on January 17. Thus, this cover took a total of nine days to reach its destination. The second cover of March 24 is addressed to the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. This cover also carries the early 1945 18d airmail rate. As with the previous cover, this cover has no backstamps to indicate when it actually arrived in Washington. Both of these early 1945 covers confirm the 18d (1/6d) airmail rate to the U.S.

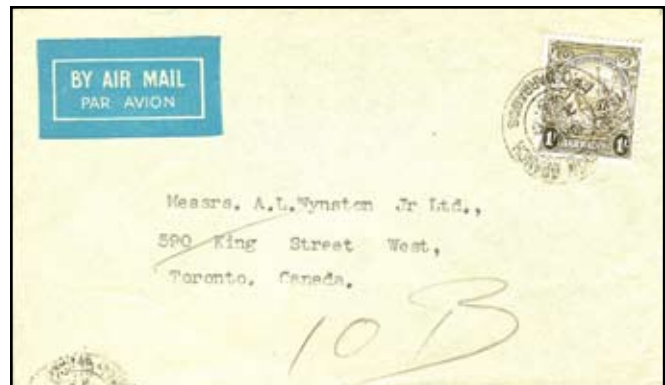


FIGURE 107

November 2, 1945: 1/- reduced airmail rate to Canada.



FIGURE 109

December 12, 1945: 1/- rate to Canada, confirming this post war rate.



FIGURE 110

January 5, 1945: Franking of 1/5d, underpaid by 1d. Underpayment was not picked up by the post office. Correct rate should have been 1/6d.

From January to July, there was only one cover in the census to the U.S. that was registered. Interestingly, this cover was also one of only two covers for 1945 that was also censored. The cover (**Figure 113**) was addressed to the “West Indian Radio Newspaper” in Washington, D.C. and is dated February 16. The cover carries the 21d rate (1/9d) that consisted of 18d (first half ounce) + 3d registration fee = 21d. The front of the cover has an interesting oval type handstamp that reads “Division of Administrative Management, Incoming Pouch Unit.” In the center of the marking is a two line “AM-MA, February 27, 1945.” From the backstamps, it is obvious that this marking was applied to the cover upon arrival in Washington.

The backstamps on the next cover (**Figure 114**) give us information on how it was routed from Barbados to Washington. The first two backstamps were applied at the GPO in Barbados and the “R.L.O.” datestamps are dated February 16, 1945. The next two backstamps were applied in Miami. The first Miami transit/receiving mark is dated February 23 and indicates that the cover reached Miami on this date. The second Miami backstamp is of February 26 and indicates the date when the cover was ready for forward transmission after the censoring process. So, we can assume that it took two or three days for the cover to go through censoring in Miami. The last backstamp is of the Registry Division of the Washington, D.C. post office and is dated February 27. Thus, this cover took a total of about 11 days to get from the GPO in Barbados to Washington, D.C. Not exactly speedy service!

The next cover in the 1945 census is dated August 4, and was addressed to the Chrysler Corporation in Detroit. This cover (**Figure 115 next page**) shows the airmail rate reduction to the U.S. from the wartime rate of 18d (1/6d) to 13d (1/1d) for each half ounce of weight. The 5d rate reduction from the 18d wartime airmail rate was pretty substantial and no doubt an indication that space on board aircraft was beginning to free up, thus allowing more mail to be



FIGURE 114

Reverse of cover seen in Figure 113 showing that the cover was routed through Miami where it was censored upon arrival.



FIGURE 111

January 8, 1945: Correct 1/6d airmail rate to the U.S. for one-half ounce or less.



FIGURE 112

March 24, 1945: 1/6d airmail rate to the U.S. for one-half ounce of weight. Addressed to the British Embassy in Washington, D.C.



FIGURE 113

February 16, 1945: 1/9d registered airmail rate to the U.S.; 3d paid the registration fee, postage was 1/6d. Interesting cachet at lower right.

carried. Again, it would appear that this new rate went into effect on or about August 1, 1945. The 13d airmail rate to the U.S. for the rest of 1945 can be confirmed by covers dated August 10 (**Figure 116**); October 17 (**Figure 117**); November 6 (**Figure 118**); November 10 (**Figure 119**); and December 24 (**Figure 120 page 23**).

Another interesting aspect of the six-month period between

July and December of 1945 is that we begin to see more covers originating from post offices in Barbados other than the GPO in Bridgetown. For example, the cover in **Figure 116** originated from the post office at Christ Church; the cover in **Figure 118** originated from the post office at St. Thomas; and the cover seen in **Figure 120** originated from the post office at St. Lucy.

The final three covers for our census of covers to the U.S. in 1945 are three "Officials." The first of these is a registered



FIGURE 115

August 4, 1945: 1/1d reduced airmail rate for one-half ounce to U.S.



FIGURE 116

August 10, 1945: 1/1d reduced airmail rate to the U.S. The rate was reduced from 1/6d by 5d in July/August of 1945.



FIGURE 118

November 6, 1945: 1/1d rate for one-half ounce or less to the U.S. The wartime rate to the U.S. was 1/6d. The new rate went into effect in July/August.



FIGURE 119

November 10, 1945: The 1/1d airmail rate to the U.S.

"Post Office Official" (**Figure 121** next page) addressed to San Diego, California and dated September 7. The cover is the standard, generic type official envelope with "On His Majesty's Service" preprinted at the top. At the bottom left of the cover is the two-line handstamp of the post office, "COLONIAL POSTMASTER, BARBADOS,



FIGURE 117

October 17, 1945: 1/1d airmail rate to U.S. Rate was reduced in July/August of 1945.

B.W.I." This official handstamp is Clarke's Type L3. This cover is registered and carries a rate of 16d (1/4d), which is in line with the reduced airmail rate. The rate can be broken down to 13d (up to one-half ounce of weight) + 3d registration fee = 16d. From the cover's backstamps we learn that this particular cover transited through Miami on September 14 and arrived in San Diego in California on September 16. Thus, it took approximately nine days to get from the GPO in Barbados to its final destination in San Diego.

The second cover is a little more perplexing (**Figure 122**). The cover, like the previous one, is a registered "Post Office Official" with the same standard preprinted logo at the top and the same "Post Office Official" two-line handstamp in the bottom left hand corner. Interestingly, this cover is also addressed to California, but to Los Angeles. The difference between these two covers is the rate. This

cover carries a rate of 18d (1/6d). Thus, the breakdown of the rate for this cover would indicate that the letter fee was 15d + 3d for the registration fee for a total of 18d. If the rate had been reduced to 13d around the beginning of August 1945, then why the overpayment of 2d? There are at least a couple of explanations. First, perhaps the postal clerk that prepared this cover was confused about the new rate to the U.S. and franked the cover with 2d more than what was necessary. Second, because this cover is addressed to a “philatelic” address, perhaps the addressee was a stamp collector who had ordered stamps from the post office in Barbados and had prepaid the order. After the order was filled, the amount left could have been 18d (1/6d). In order to clear the order, the cover was franked with the remaining amount left after the order was filled.

There is no indication on the cover of payment of any extra services such as insurance or special delivery. If we

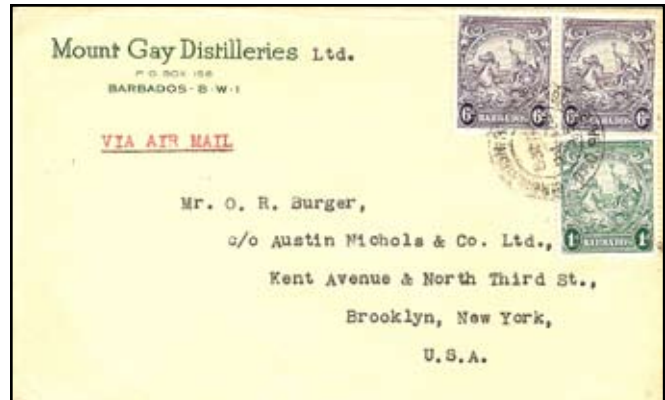


FIGURE 120

December 24, 1945: 1/1d airmail rate to the U.S. for one-half ounce or less. Cover from the famous Mount Gay Distilleries in Barbados.



FIGURE 122

October 23, 1945: 1/6d registered airmail to U.S. The cover is a postal official. It was overpaid by 2d (correct rate should have been 1/1d for postage and 3d registration). Perhaps the extra 2d was a refund.



FIGURE 121

September 7, 1945: Registered airmail rate of 1/4d. Of the fee paid, 1/1d paid the postage and 3d paid the registration fee. The cover is a Post Office Official (note handstamp at bottom left).



FIGURE 123

December 6, 1945: 1/1d rate on government official from the Development and Welfare bureau. Unusual official.

examine the back of the cover, we can determine how this cover was routed from Barbados to California. In the center of the back is the standard Barbados GPO “R.L.O.” dated handstamp of October 23. The next marking, a purple Miami transit marking, is dated October 28. The third marking is a purple transit handstamp of the Los Angeles Terminal Annex and is dated October 29. The final receiving mark is from the Wiltshire branch office in Los Angeles and is dated October 29. Thus, this particular cover took a total of six days to get from Barbados to its final destination in Los Angeles.

The final cover in the 1945 census of covers addressed to the U.S. is also an “official” and is dated December 6. The cover is from “Development And Welfare In the West Indies” (Figure 123). The base envelope is considerably

different than those official envelopes typically used in Barbados by the Colonial Secretary's Office and the post office. This envelope is quite small in comparison and measures 140mm x 78mm. At the very top of the envelope is the preprinted logo "On His Majesty's Service." The letters in this preprinted logo are considerably different than those found on other official type envelopes. At the bottom left of the cover, in purple ink, is the two-line handstamp that reads "DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE, IN THE WEST INDIES." Despite my attempts at trying to find further information on this particular governmental organization, I have not been successful. The cover also has an unusual address, "Kellett Aircraft Corp." in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

The cover carries a rate of 13d (1/1d) that further confirms the 5d rate reduction for airmail letters to the U.S. implemented in late July or early August 1945. Since the cover was not registered, there are no backstamps. However, on the front of the cover is a "mail room" circular type receiver typically used by many companies. Although this marking is very light, the date of October 16 can be seen, thus indicating that this cover took 10 days to make the trek from Barbados to Upper Darby, just outside of Philadelphia. I believe this to be a somewhat scarce official having seen only two or three examples to date.

Summary of 1945 Rates And Destinations

| Destination | Rate (Total in Pence) | Registered | Total # of Covers | Rate Justifiable? |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Antigua | 4d | No | 1 | Yes, 4d per half ounce. |
| Belgium | 38d | No | 1 | Cannot confirm if proper rate. |
| Bermuda | 23d | Yes | 1 | Yes -- rate reduction -- 20d (letter rate) + 3d registration fee = 23d (October 1945) |
| | 30d | Yes | 1 | Yes -- Rate of February 1945 -- 27d (letter rate) + 3d registration fee = 30d |
| Canada | 12d | No | 3 | Yes -- Reduced letter rate after August 1945 for one-half ounces of weight or less. |
| | 13d | No | 1 | No -- November cover overpaid by 1d. |
| | 16d | No | 6 | Yes -- Standard rate from January to August 1945. Then rate reduction to 12d. |
| | 18d | No | 2 | No -- Both covers prior to August 1945 overpaid by 2d -- Possible confusion with U.S. rate. |
| | 24d | Yes | 1 | No -- March P.O. Official, possibly philatelic using up balance from stamp purchase. |
| | 27d | Yes | 1 | Yes -- September cover, Registered double rate. (12d x 2 = 24d + 3d registration fee = 27d) |
| | 27 ½d | Yes | 1 | No -- August cover, Registered double rate. Overpaid by ½d. |
| | 32d | No | 1 | Yes -- April cover, double rate (16d x 2 = 32d) |
| St. Lucia | 15d | Yes | 1 | Yes -- Triple rate, Registered (4d x 3 = 12d + 3d registration fee = 15d) |
| St. Vincent | 7d | Yes | 1 | Yes -- Single rate, Registered (4d + 3d reg. fee = 7d) |
| United States | 13d | No | 8 | Yes - Rate reduction from August 1945 to end of year, 13d per half ounce or less. |
| | 16d | Yes | 1 | Yes - September Registered Post Office Official. Rate was 13d (letter rate) + 3d reg. fee = 16d. |
| | 17d | No | 1 | No -- January cover 1d underpayment, untaxed. Correct rate was 18d. |
| | 18d | No | 7 | Yes - Correct rate from January to August 1945. |
| | 21d | Yes | 1 | Yes - February, Registered single rate (18d + 3d registration fee = 21d). |
| Venezuela | 15 ½d | No | 2 | Yes - Standard rate for one half ounce or less. |



Jamaican Odds and Ends

*With Dr. Raj Ramphal
Of Canada*



The Kingston, Jamaica 1907 earthquake (a first person account)

I have hesitated for a long time before deciding to write this article, mostly because I felt the philatelic content to be somewhat shallow. However, recent events, notably the catastrophic Japanese earthquake and tsunami with the graphic and gripping television images of the destructive power of natural disasters, and, also, the death earlier this year of my friend and fellow BG-PSG member Mary Kerr, have become tipping points.

When I was last in Barbados six months ago, I confessed to Mary that I was experiencing difficulty editing an article from a June 1907 *BG Philatelic Journal*, for republication in our own. She immediately volunteered her assistance, whipped on her reading glasses, and obligingly tackled the project head-on, while I encouragingly replenished our drinking glasses. In about half an hour, with the liberal use of her red pen, she had, by excision rather than alteration, reduced the article to about half of its original length. Among her many varied talents, Mary was a professional proofreader and almost certainly this was the last bit of editing of philatelic material she was destined to perform, and from my perspective she had done a job worthy of commemoration. Here then is that condensed article authored by Mr. B. Howell Jones, then president of the B.G. Philatelic Society, writing under the banner, "Our President in the Jamaica Earthquake."

"What is this?" was the question asked of me by my confrere in the old Mico Institute, Jamaica, at 3.30 pm on the 14th Jan. 1907, where we were assembled at an Agricultural Conference. To one who had not experienced an earthquake before, the question was natural enough and to reply seemed superfluous as the realization of what it was, followed quickly on the question, still the answer came, an earthquake, and in that short interval we were shaken about like rats in a trap. The hall was full of members attending the conference, and a rush was made by nearly all to get out of the building; the majority succeeded but those at the end of the room had no time to escape and had to remain in their places. The severe shaking of the building brought down the plaster from the roof and the walls, and soon ominous cracks appeared in

the N.E. corner and bricks began to fall. Fortunately at this crisis the earthquake ceased and we were able to walk out.

"Until we got out, I scarcely realized the full extent of the terrible disaster that had befallen the town of Kingston. On



Figure 1

Black and white picture postcard showing Mico College after the 1907 earthquake.

every side, walls, roofs, and houses had fallen down, not one as far as I could see, escaping injury or destruction. Thick black dust hung over the City, but soon this was dispersed by the wind blowing from the hills and then we



Figure 2

Black and white picture postcard showing the new Mico College rebuilt after the earthquake.

saw fires had broken out in several places. We stood in the street not knowing where to go, as we were all strangers to the Town. Men, women, and children came hurrying

up from the more thickly populated and business portion of the City, some badly cut and bleeding, returning to their homes and seeking for their friends and relatives.

“Slight shocks of earthquake continued during the night, very alarming to those with weak nerves, and several times during the night we all jumped up and ran into the open. Lying on the ground I noticed that at times, though no distinct shock was felt, earth tremblings continued for several minutes. During the whole night the black population in the settlements sat up singing hymns to the catching tunes of Moody and Sankey, and far away

deepest sympathy for the victims and for the relations and friends left behind. Rich and poor suffered alike, and it was heart breaking to hear the sad stories of those that lost their Father, Mother, Wife, Husband or their children.

“The destruction of property was enormous, both public and private. The Court House, the headquarters of the Police, Post Office, the Jamaica Institute with its valuable collection of pictures, books, historical records of Jamaica, and all Government buildings were wrecked or damaged. The old Parish church, the Roman Catholic Cathedral and other Churches and Chapels mostly in ruins, a truly cruel blow to the religious bodies, the greatest part of the merchants quarter with its fine stores and shops lay in ruined heaps of brick and mortar. Many merchants had their all swept away, what the earthquake left, the fires consumed. Truly it was a city of mourning, sorrow and lamentation, a city absolutely destroyed without any sign that such a disaster was at hand, and no written account that I have seen exaggerates the awful effect from the movement of the earth during those fifteen seconds. Everything was done by the Governor to supply the immediate wants of the people. The city was placed under the Military Police and Special Constables and with the exception of some slight looting during the first night, the people behaved calmly and in an exemplary manner and I sincerely trust that none of our readers will ever undergo such an experience.”



Figure 3

Cover to the Gold Coast franked with the normal Kingston Relief Fund overprint dated February 9, 1907. A used horizontal pair, displayed unattached to the top left of the envelope, is of the inverted variety, the left stamp having no stop (.) after the “d” of 1d.

in the distant hills you heard the voices echoing and re-echoing their hymns of prayer and thanksgiving. The next morning on our way down we saw the destruction that had occurred to the outlying houses; all were more or less damaged, in many cases, the roofs seemed to have slid off the walls, breaking them down on the side they fell. We passed Up Park Camp where hundreds of homeless were camped out, fortunately the weather was dry. The nearer we approached the center of the town the more we realized the greatness of the disaster, which culminated on driving through the part of the city that, beside being destroyed by the earthquake, had been consumed by fire. It was an awful spectacle and as we walked through this section of the city and saw the search parties hunting among the piles of ruined stores and houses for the dead, and saw carts conveying the bodies to be cremated, many unrecognized, one’s heart went out in

So ends his article, and later that same day, Mr. Howell boarded his ship for his return trip to British Guiana. Edmund Bayley in his book *The Stamps of Barbados*, stated that in the earthquake, “1000 people lost their lives; loss of property was in excess of two million pounds and some 90,000 people were rendered homeless.”¹ Needless to say, this was all a crippling blow to Jamaica.

Collecting earthquake postcards is a passion I do not share with most of my fellow collectors of Jamaican postcards. In fact, when I first conceived the idea for this article and looked at what cards I possessed, I was dismayed to find only four with earthquake relevance, even though dozens are available. Two of mine were of damage to the Myrtle Bank Hotel, one of Up Park Camp and the fourth, incredibly, inexplicably, the earthquake damaged Mico College !!! Coincidence or Serendipity? I seem to remember having asked that question before.

Figure 1 is a used PPC of Mico College, post earth-

quake, addressed to a Cross Roads resident but re-directed to Manitoba, cancelled by an Up Park Camp squared circle, "NO 10, 09." **Figure 2**, a recently acquired PPC of the New Mico College, used but not mailed, stating accurately on the back, "Men are trained here to become ordinary day school teachers & prepared for the mission field." For further fascinating Mico Foundation history, if interested, see the website, <http://www.themicouniversitycollege.edu.jm>.

But there is another philatelic spinoff which I feel is worthy of inclusion. Also attending the Agricultural Conference at Mico College was the Speaker of the Barbados House of Assembly, as a representative of that island. As a result of this coincidence, the Governor of Barbados postponed calling the House into session to discuss appropriate relief measures, awaiting the Speaker's return and input, even though he and his Executive Council announced that the Post Office would prepare a special disaster relief stamp to allow the general public to contribute in a personal way to the victims in Jamaica.

Thus was born, to my best knowledge, the first British Caribbean disaster relief issue. The 2d Arms stamp, SG #153, was overprinted locally, in red ink, in four lines, "Kingston / Relief / Fund / 1d.," by T.E. King & Co. The public paid 2d for the stamp, which was used to pay postage of one penny, the other penny being set aside to be sent to Jamaica to help with the rebuilding process. The first printing of 30,590 stamps went on sale on January 25, 1907, was well received by the public and quickly sold out. A second printing was ordered and distributed for sale. Whether by accident or design, this lot contained a single sheet with the overprint inverted and it entered into the public domain. The Governor, no doubt uneasy about the "error," immediately ordered another printing with the overprint deliberately inverted, to neutralize speculation in the inverted overprints.

On February 25, 1907, this printing of reputedly 20,040 stamps went on sale. The issue remained popular and further printings were issued but no accurate record of the numbers printed or sold survives. Other printing errors did occur, doubled overprints and a missing period after the "d" of 1d. These are to be found in both the normal and inverted printings. **Figure 3** displays a cover to the Gold Coast, with the normal overprint, postmarked February 19, 1907. In the interest of saving space, I have placed on the top left of that cover, but not affixed to the envelope, a used pair postmarked September 14, 1907, with the stamp on the left being of the missing period variety. This short-lived issue was withdrawn on April 25, 1907, and all remainders destroyed. But the Kingston Relief Fund 1d overprint has left a unique and

indelible mark on the postal history of Barbados.

FOOTNOTE

¹ Edmund Bayley, *The Stamps of Barbados*. (St. Michael's, Barbados: Cole's Printery Ltd., 1989), 98.

And as a follow-up ...

After reading my column about the British Guiana Philatelic Society's 3rd Philatelic Exhibition in the last issue (Vol. 51, No. 2, April 2011), John Wynns of the USA provided me with a scan of one of his covers with two exhibition cancels (see below). Amazingly, it is addressed to the same man who wrote the first person account of the Jamaica earthquake which is the subject of this month's column!



Cover from John Wynns with BG Philatelic Society's 3rd Philatelic Exhibition cancel.

BRITISH GUIANA: Unrecorded Parcel Post Mark?

By John Wynns
Of USA

This one-cent 1898 British Guiana Jubilee stamp has a partial "PARCEL POST" marking that is not recorded in the Townsend and Howe book, *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of British Guiana* or the E.B. Proud book *Postal History of British Guiana*. My guess is that the marking has not come to light until now because it was lost or damaged and not replaced after a very short life.



BCPSG Exhibits and Awards

By Paul Larsen
Awards Chairman

INDIPEX 2011, February 12-18
New Delhi, India

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

COLOPEX 2011, February 4-6
Columbus, Ohio

Peter P. McCann

Montserrat: Postal History of a Caribbean Island
**Grand Award, Gold, AAPE Award of Excellence-
Title Page, Postal History Society Award, The
Columbus Philatelic Club Award of Excellence, The
Columbus Philatelic Club Postal History Award**

APS AMERISTAMP EXPO 2011, February 11-13
Charleston, South Carolina

Jerome Kasper

SCADTA Postal Stationery

Single Frame Champion of Champions

Prix d'Honneur

Illustrated WW II British Military Air Letters

Single Frame Prix d'Honneur

South Africa's UN Korean Forces Air Letters (SF)

Gold

Reuben Ramkissoon
Trinidad & Tobago Air Letter Sheets (Aerogrammes)
1943-1988

Large Silver

*The WWI Trinidad Red Cross Label That Became a
Postage Stamp for a Day (SF)*

Gold

John Cress

Development of Australian Air Mail 1914-1939

Large Vermeil

Stephen Schumann

New Zealand Postal Stationery 1876-1940

Large Gold

MARCH PARTY 2011, March 25-27
Cleveland, Ohio

Paul Larsen

Leeward Islands Federal Judicial

FEES Revenue Stamps

Single Frames Grand Award and Gold

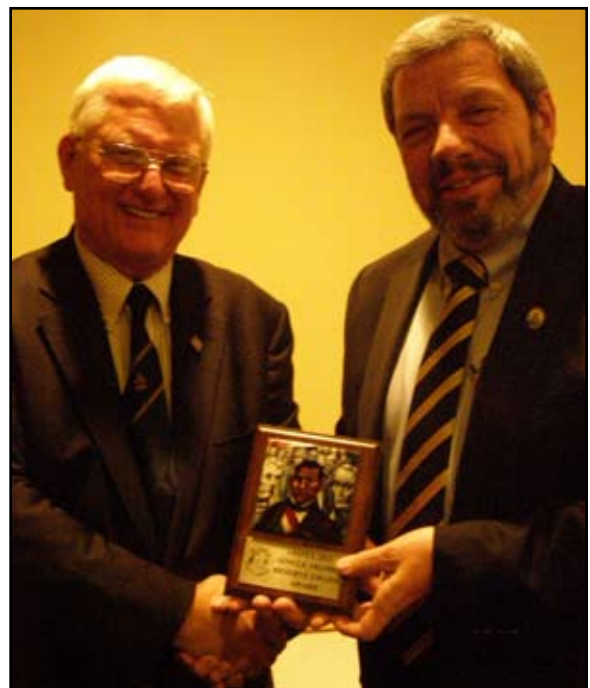
BCPSG 2011 Major Award Winners

Continued from page 12

See the April BCPJ article for an in-depth report.

Congratulations and felicitations to our award winners! Once again I express sincere appreciation for the efforts of all those involved in selecting the winners as well as those behind the scenes who obtain and deliver the hardware that goes with these awards.

In photograph at right, Jury Chair Steve Schumann (left) presents the Single Frame Reserve Grand Award to Paul Larsen's "Leeward Islands Revenues." The award is accepted by BCPSG President Ed Waterous.



Membership Director's Report

By Bob Stewart

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

Dan French, P.O. Box 30700, Columbia, MO 65205 USA. Email: dan@danfrench.com. Collects British Caribbean, Puerto Rico, Ecuador and Marine. Member of APS, AFDCS, ATA, TPA, ASDA. Sponsored by John Seidl.

Neil Phillip DeWitte, 1336 Shades Crest Rd., Birmingham, AL 35226-3118 USA. Email: neil-dewitte@hotmail.com. Collects Barbados, Trinidad, Mauritius. Sponsored by John Seidl.

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Alan Baer, 1250 Jones St., San Francisco, CA 94109 USA. Collects British Caribbean and British Africa. Sponsored by John Seidl.

Frank H. Wadsworth, Calle Sacarello 1016, San Juan, PR 00924-4429 USA. Email: frankhwadsworth@gmail.com. Collects West Indies including U.S., Dutch, Latin and French. Sponsored by John Seidl.

James R. Gravesande Jr., 184 Miramonte Dr., Moraga, CA 94556 USA. Email: jgraves@bavt.gov. Collects British Commonwealth. Sponsored by John Seidl.

John Oldham, 743 Clarkson Road South, Mississauga, ON L5J 2V1 CANADA. Collects Bahamas. Member of BWISC. Sponsored by John Seidl.

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Resignations

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Dr. Robert Towers, LM of Ireland
Mike Nethersole of the USA

DONATIONS

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REMOVED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

Doug Cokeland, Jeff Curtis, Jonathan Dean, Louis Hanchell, Andrew Mitchell, Brian Nicholson, Charles Partam, Stella Pearce, Charles Rogers, Stuart Sheppard

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 stewartlbi9@comcast.net.

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President's Message

By Ed Waterous

One of the important things we do when possible each year at the annual meeting is announce the winners of the BCPSG major awards. Through my oversight, we missed publishing some of the award winners in the April BCPJ. An article about these prestigious awards appears elsewhere in this issue. In the April issue, Charles Freeland, Chairman of the Durnin Award Committee, reported the winner of the award for best BCPJ article during 2010. I extend my personal congratulations to each of our award recipients.

The 2012 annual meeting is just around the corner and it is time to make your exhibit entries. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, on February 3, 4 and 5, 2012, at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, located on U.S. Hwy. 41 (known locally as 801 N. Tamiami Trail) in Sarasota, Florida. This is always a popular show and the exhibition, dealer booths and show hotel fill up quickly. Plan now to attend and be part of this wonderful event. For details please see the website: www.sarasotastampclub.com/sarasotastampexhibition.htm.

John Seidl announces the 2012 auction to coincide with the annual meeting in Sarasota. Material is needed for the sale so please forward your lots to John. The auction is run as a benefit for our members. Not only do you have a chance to acquire material of interest to you, but you also have a chance to sell items which you no longer need but might be of interest to other British Caribbean collectors. Please pitch in to make our auction successful! John's contact information is shown on page 2 of the BCPJ.

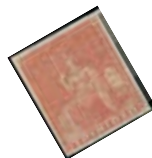
Wolfgang Baldus of Munich, Germany is conducting research about the "Principality of Atlantis" in preparation for publishing the story. Atlantis stamps were issued in the mid to late 1930s by a soldier-of-fortune named Captain J. L. Mott. Mr. Baldus is looking for previously unpublished information and pictures of covers bearing the stamps. If you can provide assistance, please contact Mr. Baldus, Hellwigstrasse 85, 81827 Munich, Germany; email: artworkbaldus@smp-munich.de; website: www.wolfgang-baldus.de.

Once again, John Seidl is in the news. John contacted the APS to get a list of members with a stated interest in the British Caribbean area. He sent out an invitation for these people to join the BCPSG. He is responsible for about a dozen new members to this point. Way to go John! Thank you for taking action to address one of our largest problems, continually declining membership. Anyone else have an idea to find new members?



If you have a reminder notice in your copy of the Journal, it means your 2011 membership dues need to be paid. Please complete the form and mail promptly. We also accept PayPal and instructions are on the reminder form!

THE BRITISH CARIBBEAN PHILATELIC STUDY GROUP and
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TRINIDAD
A Philatelic History to 1913



by Sir John Marriott, KCVO, RDP, FRPSL, Michael Medicott
and Reuben A. Ramkissoon, FRPSL

This book was conceived by John Marriott to follow on from his original 1962 Study Paper; unfortunately he did not live to complete the work. With the help, not only of the two co-authors, but many other Trinidad collectors, our two societies have collaborated to publish this book. As the title suggests, the book covers the Trinidad-only period before the advent of Trinidad & Tobago issues. It details all Postage Stamp issues within the period, as well as the Postal Markings; the coverage includes Postal Stationery, Postage Dues, and Revenue and Official Stamps. The final chapter examines the 'D22' markings of Ciudad Bolivar, the 'TOO LATE' marks, Ship Letters, Military Mail and many other more esoteric aspects of Trinidad philately. There are five Appendices which include a listing of Trinidad Governors and Postmasters-General, details of the printings of all the Postage Stamps as well as a census of the Lady McLeod stamp with many of these illustrated in colour. And lastly, there is a long list describing many of the early Trinidad covers, pre-1860. Price: \$70.00. BCPSG Members' Price: \$63.00

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by Michael Rego

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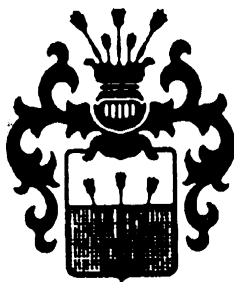
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