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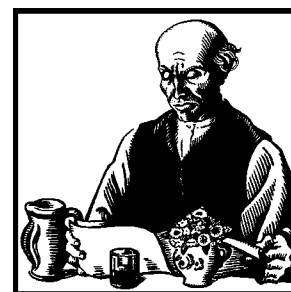
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Updates on civil censorship devices in the British West Indies

By Darryl Fuller of Australia

Being a collector of commercial airmail covers between the islands of the Caribbean, I run across many with censorship markings. Recently I decided to check the markings against Peter Burrows' 2010 update¹ of Christopher Miller's original 2006 work.² There was indeed a fair bit of new information. Most of the information involves new numbers or extensions to earliest and latest known dates. However, there are a few covers illustrated because they might be of interest. The new censorship data are listed in colony order with relevant Miller/Burrows numbers.

Antigua

L7: Known with manuscript "/2" to which can be added "/11."

Figure 1 illustrates this interesting cover which was sent from Aruba, Curacao on "30 3 43" to Saba. It received a late use of a "Par voie aérienne jusqu'à" boxed handstamp in distorted condition, with Antigua written over the top. This handstamp is only recorded used in the period 1935-37 by McQueen.³ He also only recorded its use in Willemstad, whereas this cover was posted at Aruba. It certainly extends the range of the handstamp.



Figure 1

Airmail cover, 1943, Miller Antigua L7 label with "/11." added in manuscript.

The cover was flown as far as Antigua ("AP 10 43") and if I am interpreting the backstamps correctly, then went by ship to St. Kitts ("12 AP 43") and onward before arriving in Saba on "1 5 43." It's a nice wartime airmail cover with a new variation on a censor label.

Barbados

- L6: New manuscript number 7*
- L7a: New EKD of November 24, 1942*
- L10: H/18 on pale green paper*
- L10: H/26 on white paper (new) and new LKD of December 3, 1944*
- L10b: H/3631 on white paper*
- L10c: H/10 on new paper color – cream or buff (definitely not white)*

Date	No.	Paper Color	P.C. 90	Opened By	Examiner	Examiner H/XX
9 FE 43	H/20	Green	3x13	9x61	53	9x80
16 JU 43	H/26	Salmon	3x14	9x61	53	9x79-80
6 JY 43	H/26	White	3x14	9x63-64	51	9x79
9 SP 43	H/14	White	3x13	9x63	53	9x77*
7 JA 44	H/25	White	3x14	9x62	53	9x80
4 MY 44	H/29	White	3x13	9x63-64	54	9x80

* **Note:** This label is almost certainly L10a with the number 14 being wider than the number 12, which would cause the slightly increased length, and if so, is a new number.



Figure 2
1943 cover with Miller Barbados L10 label variant.

Miller lists five variations on L10 and it is clearly the most common label (**Figure 2**) for Barbados, but I have a number whose measurements do not fit the known



Figure 2a
Measurement of L10 label indicating 80mm length of last line.

types. Their measurements (in millimetres) are listed in the table on the previous page with measurements of



Figure 3
1942 cover with Miller British Guiana L11a label with full stop.

height x width of the words. There is a consistency in the above measurements that makes me believe that there is a new variation on L10 (**Figure 2a**) where the last line (“EXAMINER H/20”) is 80mm long. Miller has lengths of 75mm and 83mm, and with one exception none of the listed covers are close to either of these lengths. In addition there may be a further subtype of this new type with “OPENED BY” varying from 61 to 64mm.

British Guiana

L11a: Label has a full stop at the end of “Resealed.”

Figure 3 illustrates a cover flown from Surinam to British Guiana on April 25, 1942. It was censored in British Guiana and clearly has a version of label L11a as Officially is misspelled “Officially.” However, the illustration in Miller does not include the full stop at the end, so I have included it here to either correct the record or add a new variety.

Jamaica

- H2: New handstamp number D/4*
- L6: 8833 – with a new LKD for L6 of December 4, 1944*
- L12: New label numbers of 367 (on POW letter) and 8745*

Figure 4 illustrates a cover from St. Vincent to Jamaica posted on December 28, 1943. The “Opened By Examiner 6106” is a common type and would appear to have been applied in
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Figure 4
1942 cover with Jamaica 6106 label without “D” or “I.D.” indication.

Jamaica. Miller lists this number used in Jamaica but with the code either “D” or “I.D.,” either printed, hand-stamped or in manuscript. It would appear that the examiner failed to do it this time.

Grenada

L8: New manuscript number ISS/748

St. Kitts

CL3: With a new EKD of October 4, 1943 (manuscript number is either “BB/54” or “57,” the latter would be a new number).

Trinidad

CL4b: New number 8729

CL4c: New number 8666

CL5i: New number 5043

CL5ii: New numbers 8655 and 8694

CL6: New numbers 8020, 8713, 8745, 8746, and 8789

If any collector would like a scan of any item just send me an email (darryl.fuller@home.netspeed.com.au) and I will send back a scan.

Footnotes

¹ Peter C. Burrows, ed. *British Empire Civil Censorship Devices: World War II; Section 6; British West Indies &*

Falkland Islands. (Somerset, England: The Civil Censorship Study Group, 2010).

² Christopher Miller, *British Empire Civil Censorship Devices: World War II; Canada and Colonies in the Caribbean and North and South America.* (Somerset, England: The Civil Censorship Study Group, 2010).

³ Ian McQueen, *Jusqu’a Airmail Markings (A Study).* (Dartford, England: W.A. Page, 1993). Also *Supplement*, 1995.

Nuggets from the past ...

In the September 1989 *Journal*, James F. Stern continued with the second part of his series titled “Cayman Philatelic Holiday” in which he reported on visiting various island post offices. Also, Horst Augustinovic wrote about Elizabethan postage stamps of Bermuda (lots of useful statistics), and the president, Dr. Ben Ramkissoon, reported results of the 1989 annual meeting. A.E. “Buzz” Jehle contributed an informative article on Guyana varieties.

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Do you have any Trinidad and Tobago Proofs or Essays? Ed Barrow is currently researching this area and would be grateful for any information.

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Reading Other People's Mail

By Guy Kilburn



Not long ago, Guy Kilburn had an idea for a regular feature in the Journal. He called it "Reading Other People's Mail." While that might conjure up some raised eyebrows and questioning looks, it's all perfectly innocent! He had an idea of exploring some of the perhaps antiquated letter-writing of generations ago, back before email and all of the other forms of mass communication existed -- a time when people sat down with pen and paper and actually composed letters. Another prolific writer, Hap Pattiz, took the bait, so to speak, in discussing the project with Guy, and between the two of them, agreed to submit a regular column. Other submissions also would be invited. Here is Guy's first submission.

This letter from St. Lucia has been part of my collection for more than 30 years but only with the advent of the Internet has it been possible to truly explore its many interesting facets – aside from the juicy contents. The letter is a great example of why I find postal history, with the emphasis here on "history," so fascinating.

Searches revealing a world of information have included: The Two Penny Post, Charles Street Weft (West), Maps of London, Hammersmith, Sir John Philippart and his writings, Baronets, Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and Knights Hospitaller, Freeman Barton, Barrack Master, Knight Bachelor, Sir Dudley St. Leger Hill (written as "Dudly" in the letter), Morne Fortune.

One topic missing from Barton's letter is the emancipation of slaves that took place throughout the British Empire on August 1, 1834, only three months before he wrote. It was an historic event and had a profound impact on St. Lucia. Freeman Barton, it seems to me, was so focused on his own navel that he had no time to consider the events surrounding him. Please enjoy the let-



FIGURE 1

Front of folded letter sent to London from St. Lucia in 1834.

ter. And wouldn't you like to know who was the "Little Ugly Creole?" I know I would.

Morne Fortune
St. Lucia 4th Novr. 1834

My Dear Sir John,

It is now more than twelve months since we parted on board the good Ship Bruce & as my old companion O'Donnell has rather an antipathy to letters I have not heard fm him tho some one here said he had got a Staff Appointment but what or where it is I know not. There is a Question of Rank brought forward here in which Lady Barton is concerned & which I have to request yr aid to have set at rest by enquiring at the Heralds College the following point.

Since my arrival here we have been constantly invited to All the Gay parties, Dinners Balls, Marroons etc etc both at the Governors & the leading People holding public Situations & until the last few weeks Lady B. was looked upon and treated as the 1st Lady in Society. The Governor being a Widower & no other person holding the Rank of Knight Bachelor consequently her title to the 1st Rank was not questioned however lately it has been asserted that a Little Ugly Creole the Wife of a Member of the King's Executive

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Counsel of this Island Claims precedency of Lady Barton by virtue of a pretended right derived from her Husband's Official Station as an Executive Councilor. As the Wives of Members of His Majesty's Privy Council in the British Islands have no such right I beg to be informed whether the Lady in question is justified in her pretension to such precedency. The matter, which so far as we are personally concerned is, perhaps, not of great importance but is Material as asserting the dignity of the order of Knighthood - and is perhaps of more consequence as the decision will involve the right to the first place among the ladies of this Island.

I trust, my dear Sir John, you will excuse the trouble but as you are a good & true brother I have no doubt of you procuring me the solution of this knotty point. Our present Governor, Sir Dudley St. Leger Hill C.B. etc etc supports Lady B's claim to

the 1st rank and as such treats her ladyship by handing her in 1st to all his Dinner parties and indeed every where else he meets her, he has been very Kind to us both since his arrival & is very anxious to hear the result of yr enquiry.

After my arrival here last Decr I had a severe attack of fever & have had 2 returns of it, if that was not enough to sicken me of St. L. I have also had the vile dyssentry, which carries off greater numbers than by the fever, that I continue to suffer fm & nothing has kept me alive but Pure Opium. I applied in consequence to the Board of Ordinance to get removed to a Barrk at Home but in vain, I am told I shall be removed to a drier Island but I can not expect to get a home station for three or 4 years more & by that time with my shattered constitution I may be food for the Land Crabs, which by the way are looked upon here by yr epicures as a great luxury though I never eat them.

I am happy to say that hitherto my good lady has kept in good health until within this last 6 weeks when she began to complain of lassitude & lowness of spirits

and having met with an accident in her foot stepping down some stairs at a friends house it ultimately terminated in a Miscarriage of a youngster with a narrow escape of her life. Certainly had her health not suffered fm it I should not have regreted the loss of an unfortunate being that wd have only increased my Expenses & consequently my means.

Ever since this Lady B's health has been indiffert though she rides out every day that the Weather permits & is become as brown as the natives, so is also my poor little banished girl tho her general health is not bad.

I trust, Sir John that you are again Employed under

*eve***** the Whig as you are not a Man that should be kept out of the Service of the Public, to hear of yr welfare & happiness will always give me pleasure & I can assure you that lady Barton fully participates in my sentiments towards you. If*

O'D is in London, or should you write to him, be good enough to remember us to him & and his lady.

Our Governor, Sir Dudley Hill, has given us permission to have our letters come in his Bag, addressed 1st to either & then put under cover to Sir Dudley & sent to the Colonial Office Downing St., but I beg yr excuse as fm yr Official knowledge you know all those matters you require no indoctrination. Of course you know more, thro the papers of what is doing in the West I. Islands than we do except of course the spot we dwell upon. Here affairs go on very smoothly as Sir Dudley is a very active and kind hearted man, still he meets with much trouble from the French Inhabitants of this Frenchified English Colony. Some of their Black & Brown Balls are very amusing & well worth going to see.

Lady Barton unites with me in every kind wish for yr health & happiness. Believe me My dear Sir,

*Yours most faithfully
Freeman Barton*



FIGURE 2
Reverse side of same 1834 letter from St. Lucia.

British Honduras/Belize Post Office Wrappers: Supply & Demand Characteristics

By Dr. John K. Courtis, FRPSL

British Honduras was a British colony in Central America. The territory on the east coast of Central America, south of Mexico, became a British crown colony in 1862. In 1964, it became a self-governing colony. Belize became fully independent from the United Kingdom in 1981. The first post office postal stationery wrappers of British Honduras were issued in 1920. A census taken around that time revealed the population to be in the vicinity of 45,000. It was suggested that the number of British at that time numbered no more than 1,000. Even if this low number is accurate, the British in question controlled Belize City, and they were the main landowners and operated much of the merchant business.

Post Office Issues

De La Rue in London printed the first two wrappers for internal and overseas usage: King George V facing left 1¢ green (E1 using Higgins & Gage “E” type catalogue

numbers) and 2d red (E2). Specimen wrappers for UPU member countries were also overprinted. In 1924 the 2¢ red was changed in color to brown (E3) – this is an elusive wrapper. A change in sovereign brought about a change in indicia to King George VI facing right, the 1¢ green (E4) issued in 1938, and the 2¢ red (E5) issued in March 1942. Another change in sovereign brought about a change to Queen Elizabeth II in 1955, the 1¢ green plus a yellow-green variety (both E6) and the 2¢ red (E7). These indicia are shown in Figure 1a and are taken from the Kosniowski catalogue (forthcoming 2014) with due thanks.

When British Honduras became Belize, a new series of QEII wrappers was issued with “Belize” replacing “British Honduras” in the indicium. In 1964 there was the 2¢ red (E1), and the 4¢ red (E2) with two printing varieties – the “FOUR CENTS” 15mm in length, and a smaller

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Figure 1a: Indicia of British Honduras on Post Office Wrappers



12mm version. The issue date for the 10¢ wrapper featuring the facsimile of the shell adhesive, *Conus spurius Gmelin* (E3) is unknown. Extant wrappers bearing this indicium are dated 1985-1987. There was no 10¢ definitive of the same design issued. The final issue appeared in 1985(?), bearing sans-serif script only: the three lines: "Postage/ 25 cents/ Belize," in blue on cream paper (E4).

trivial philatelic marketplace and can be seen as a proxy of what is available on the international market. It is acknowledged that other wrappers of British Honduras/Belize have appeared for sale from non-eBay sources during the past decade. Those with knowledge of wrappers from these sources are invited to supplement the findings of the present study for a more robust under-

Figure 1b: Indicia of Belize on Post Office Wrappers



The previous five-line 74mm admonition text was reset and appears on six lines with one change only: the upper "B" of "Book-rate" has become the lower casing "b" of "book-rate." The "P" of Postage in the indicium appears 15mm below the penultimate line. The indicia used on these wrappers are shown in Figure 1b.

Extant Copies

This analysis of the wrappers of British Honduras/Belize is an eBay-based study. Other philatelic auction sites list the wrappers of British Honduras/Belize as do the traditional philatelic auction house and dealers. However, eBay is growing steadily in size and is a non-

standing of the demographics and attributes of this area of postal stationery.

The author has hand-collected images of post office postal stationery wrappers from eBay daily since September 2003. The database is presently at 32,000 different images of used wrappers. A summary of the wrapper types of British Honduras/Belize that have been listed for sale on eBay during the past decade is shown in Table 1. A more detailed census of these 32 wrappers is shown as an Appendix.

It is a fact that only 24 British Honduras and eight Belize

Table 1: Frequency of Appearance on eBay of Post Office Wrappers of British Honduras/Belize

H&G Cat. #	Brief Identifier	Number listed	Uprated	Domestic Destination	Non-Domestic
British Honduras					
1	1920 KGV 1¢ green	2	1	0	2
2	1920 KGV 2¢ red	5	1	0	5
4	1938 KGVI 1¢ green	2	0	0	2
5	1942 KGVI 2¢ red	1	0	0	1
6	1955 QEII 1¢ green	8	2	6	2
7	1955 QEII 2¢ red	6	1	4	2
	Totals	24	5	10	14
Belize					
1	1964 QE 2¢ red	2	2	0	2
3	1980 (?) Shell 10¢	6	6	0	6
	Totals	8	8	0	8
	Overall Totals	32	13	10	22

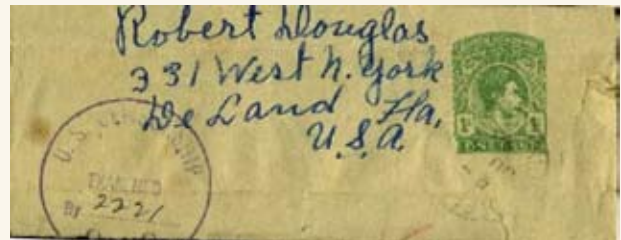
wrappers have been listed on eBay in the past decade. While it is tempting to infer that they are elusive wrappers, it must be remembered that the expectancy for survival and the number used in British Honduras/Belize is small, the country having a small subset population that is literate and with reason to use these post office wrappers. The infrequency of appearance of some types may be frustrating for collectors as all types were listed

ras are almost non-existent. Of the 24 cases, there was one U.S. censor handstamp with “#2221” in pen, one straight-line purple handstamp “B. H. PUBLIC OFFICERS UNION,” and one partial slogan cancel which in full would read “WE UNITE TO BUILD A NATION.” For the eight wrappers of Belize, in addition to some attractive uprating, there were two airmail etiquettes and five wrappers showing manuscript information regarding

Figure 2: Wrappers bearing some postal history interest.



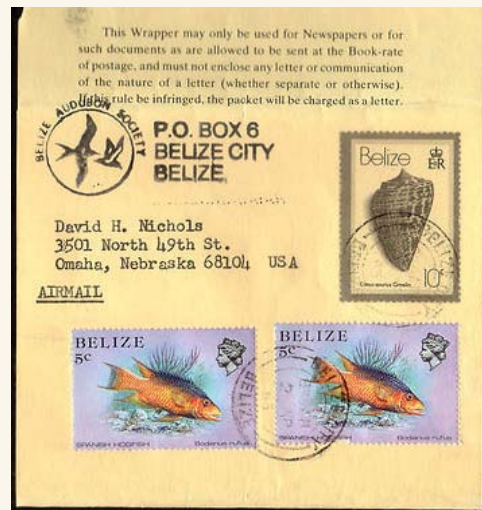
Handstamp: “B.H. PUBLIC OFFICERS UNION”



U.S. Customs “Examined by 2221”



AIR MAIL etiquette



Belize Audubon Society logo and address

less than one per year, and in four cases only one per five years or less. British Honduras E3 has never appeared, nor have Belize E2 and E4.

Overseas destinations dominate with two-thirds mailed to non-local addresses. Wrappers addressed to the USA account for 64 percent with 14 examples, followed by Great Britain and Canada (two each), and single instances for Jamaica, British West Indies, Panama and El Salvador.

The postal historian would be disappointed to note that auxiliary markings on the wrappers of British Hondu-

registration. However, there were no postage due markings for either British Honduras or Belize, no return or missent auxiliary markings, no “Via” directional markings and no named ships. There was no transit markings observable on the front of the wrappers. Those wrappers with some postal history interest are shown in Figure 2.

Addressee Clustering

It is not unusual to find clusters of extant wrappers to the same addressee from estates and archival files that are being dissipated. For example, a recent study into the link between wrappers and advertising in newspapers

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was conducted on the wrappers of Victoria. In that study it was shown that 41 percent of extant Victorian used wrappers listed on eBay over the past decade revealed some connection with advertising agencies such as Gordon & Gotch, Holloway, Bates Hendy, and Clarke Platt & Son (Courtis 2013). In the British Honduras census there were two wrappers identified as addressed to the Foreign Advertising & Service Bureau, New York. It is tempting to infer that these two wrappers served a similar connection to advertising as was the case with a high clustering of the wrappers of Victoria.

Other clusters exist elsewhere, too. The unusually large number of extant Bermuda wrappers attributable to “Mrs. Booker” is likely due to her being a part-time stamp dealer who retained the wrappers from a subscription to the local newspaper (Courtis 2014). There are other reasons behind clustering such as the philatelically-inspired wrappers of British Bechuanaland (comprising 55 percent of the extant wrappers of that entity) and the large number of Gibraltar wrappers addressed in distinctive handwriting by the Austrian consul Horace P. Schott (Courtis 2006).

With regard to British Honduras, there are six wrappers addressed to the clergy at St. John’s College, Belize City. These wrappers are likely to have escaped destruc-

tion when archival files were dissipated, and they have subsequently made their way onto the philatelic market. There were two wrappers sent to The British Honduras Company which was the predominant landowner of the crown colony. This firm originated as a partnership between one of the old settler families and a London merchant and was registered in 1859 as a limited company. The firm expanded and in 1875 became the Belize Estate and Produce Company, a London-based business that owned about half of all the privately held land in the colony. The new company was the chief force in the political economy of British Honduras for over a century.

By contrast, however, there are no wrappers with markings for newspapers such as the *Belize Advertiser* (1881), the *Colonial Guardian* (1882), the *Clarion* (1897), the *Belize Independent* (1914), nor for church papers such as the *Honduras Church Evangel* (1918), *Mongrove* (1922) and *Good News Monthly* (1937). There are no private wrappers either for any of these newspapers.

Five E3 Belize wrappers were addressed to Colonel and Mrs. George Buell, Presbyterian Home, South Carolina, U.S.A. Colonel Buell is mentioned as a commander of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) formed in 1933 for the jobless, although his connection with Belize is unknown. The handstamp marking on all of the E3

Table 2: eBay Sales Transactions of British Honduras/Belize Wrappers (2006-2013)

H & G #	Sale Details (Ranked Low to High in US\$) & Number of bidders per sale (in parentheses)	No. of Sales	Mean Sale Price	Mean No. of Bidders
BRITISH HONDURAS POST OFFICE ISSUES				
1	\$41.00 (3)	1	\$41.00	3.00
2	0.99¢ (1); \$9.99 (1) \$30.88 (2)	3	\$13.95	1.33
3	\$43.00 (2)	1	\$43.00	2.00
4	\$19.45 (3); \$20.53 (4)	2	\$19.99	3.50
6	\$16.50 (2); \$18.75 (2); \$53.00 (3)	3	\$29.42	2.33
7	\$1.25 (2); \$22.99 (3); \$29.50 (2); \$53.50 (4)	4	\$26.81	2.75
	TOTAL	14		2.43
BELIZE POST OFFICE ISSUES				
1	\$67.00 (3)	1	\$67.00	3.00
2	\$4.95 (1); \$14.38 (4); \$20.50 (2); \$21.50 (2)	4	\$15.25	2.25
3	0.99¢ (1)	1	0.99¢	1.00
	TOTAL	6		2.16
SPECIMEN SALES (BRITISH HONDURAS)				
1	\$5.00 (1)	1	\$5.00	1.00
2	\$16.50 (2)	1	\$16.50	2.00
3	\$5.00 (1); \$9.00 (1)	2	\$7.00	1.00
	TOTAL	4		1.25
	OVERALL TOTAL	24		2.16

wrappers of Belize featured a symbol of a Frigatebird pursuing a booby within a circle. The Belize Audubon's first management project was Half Moon Caye, where the Red-footed Booby coexists with the Frigatebird (see example in Figure 2).

When the impact of clustering is removed, the census of 32 reduces by 11 to 21 wrappers bearing different addresses. This smaller number emphasizes the difficulty of finding wrappers of British Honduras and Belize.

Sales Transactions

The author has also hand-collected daily 12,000 eBay sales transactions of post office wrappers since March 2006. Of these, 20 were of post office wrappers of British Honduras and Belize. Table 2 is a summary of these transactions for each type of wrapper showing the realized price and the number of bidders. Specimen sales are recorded, too. By way of explanation on how to read the information in Table 2, examine E7 with four sales. These are arrayed from the lowest realized sale of \$1.25 with two bidders to the highest realized sale of \$53.50 with four bidders.

Note that number of bidders and number of bids is not the same, the latter often being much higher. A rule of thumb is that an average of 2.5 bidders is the "norm," a score which is higher than 2.5 is a signal of a stronger bidder interest and a score below 2.5 implies a weaker bidder interest. The overall bidder score is 2.16. Only four post office types scored above 2.5. It is unusual to find such a low bidder interest overall given the difficulty of finding these wrappers. The answer might suggest a small collector base for wrappers of British Honduras and Belize, or collectors look elsewhere other than eBay for these wrappers.

An analysis of bidder interest per transaction revealed there were three transactions with four bidders, five transactions with three bidders, nine transactions with two bidders, and seven transactions with one bidder only. That profile reveals that two-thirds of sales transactions had no more than two bidder interest.

Conclusion

A census of the post office postal stationery wrappers of British Honduras and Belize in the author's image database revealed 32 wrappers have been listed for sale on the eBay auction site in the past decade.

The demographic breakdown of the 32 extant examples shows that two-thirds were addressed to overseas destinations and one-third to Belize City. There was some evidence of addressee "clustering" and when duplicated

addresses are removed only 21 wrappers remain with different addressee details thereby adding to the overall impression of how difficult these wrappers are to find used. There were 13 uprated wrappers using ten different adhesives.

Of the 24 sales recorded, four were for Specimen wrappers. Of the other 20 sales, only 25 percent or five sales realized less than \$10. At the high end, three sales exceeded \$50. No attempt was made to track individual wrappers to their sales realization, but one annotation made by the author regarding the \$53.00 E6 top sale was for a high uprating. Premiums are normally paid for anything unusual such as high upratings. Given that to date no wrapper has appeared on eBay bearing private printing, collectors are restricted in the type of unusual wrapper commanding their attention. Bidder interest is modest with only four types scoring above 2.5 bidders. Two-thirds of sales transactions had no more than two bidder interest.

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BCPSG service awards to Edmund Bayley, Hap Pattiz and Duane Larson

By Charles Freeland

EDMUND BAYLEY & HAP PATTIZ

The Award Committee (Ed Barrow, Keith Moh and yours truly) had little difficulty in deciding to award the Addiss prize for lifetime philatelic writing and research to Edmund Bayley. Not only has Edmund written the definitive history of Barbados stamps and its Post Office in three extensively researched volumes, but he has also been an authoritative occasional contributor to our quarterly journal, the *BWISC Bulletin* and *The London Philatelist*. A worthy winner of the award that Ed and Lee's generosity funded.

The Durnin Award for the best article in the BCPJ during the calendar year 2013 was more difficult to agree on. In the end the jury decided to make the award to Hap Pattiz for his two articles on the Grenada and St. Lucia dues in the third and fourth quarter journals, as well as to recognize the merits of a number of shorter articles he has written on World War II censorship over the past few issues (very popular with our editor, I feel sure). The jury was also impressed by Darryl Fuller's article on Leeward Islands postal stationery, and were glad to see one of the Group's premier exhibitors sharing his knowledge. Another international award winner to do so was Peter McCann, but his article on Crowned Circles

of the Caribbean was *hors concours* as it had first appeared in another journal, as had Roy Bond's series on the Dated Cancellers.

DUANE LARSON

By Robert Wynstra

Duane Larson has been selected as the winner of the Robert Cooley Award for lifetime service to the BCPSG, which was presented at the 2014 annual general meeting in St. Louis. Robert Cooley provided a generous contribution for funding the award, which is considered the highest honor the group can bestow. Duane has held a long string of important positions for the BCPSG, including secretary and vice president. He currently serves as the group's president. In addition to numerous other duties, he carried out much of the major planning for the recent annual general meeting in the Cayman Islands. Duane has long been a fixture at the group meetings. His good humor and tireless work has garnered numerous close friendships. He has also provided additional support by showing several of his Jamaica exhibits at our annual gatherings. Duane has served as a key group member for many years and steadfastly worked for the benefit of the BCPSG, making him a fitting selection for this high honor.

Another "Missing Virgin" from the islands?

Hugh Jefferies discussed a recently omission from the Stanley Gibbons *Leeward Islands Catalogue* in his January 2014 column in *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*. Here is what he had to say:

"I am grateful to the eminent philatelic writer and specialist in the stamps of the Virgin Islands, Dr. Giorgio Migliavacca, for pointing out (the following): It seems that back in 2007, it was intended to issue a set of four stamps to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Scouting on the islands. For reasons which the postal authority has been unable to explain, the stamps never appeared, but two years later, during the summer of 2009, a single 40¢ value was issued, showing a group shot of Virgin Islands scouts with their leaders.

"Whether this was one of the original four values or a single replacement for the entire set, we do not know, but the stamp was issued in limited quantities locally and not supplied to wholesale agents in the U.K. and U.S., which is why it did not appear in the catalogue. Apparently 40 cents was double the basic inland rate at the time of issue, 'so it saw rather limited use,' says Dr. Migliavacca. The stamp will be included in the next edition of the *Leeward Islands Catalogue*. It may never be as valuable as the famous 'Missing Virgin' of 1867 (SG 18b), but it could turn out to be quite useful."

Thanks to Dr. Migliavacca for forwarding this on to the editor, who had already seen it in Hugh's column in the venerable Gibbons Stamp Monthly.

Further notes on Jamaica World War II Censors

By Hap Pattiz

After a very short initial period in September 1939, Jamaica began using a single type of censor tape (Miller L5 and varieties) which remained in use from September 1939 until early 1943. Shown here are a number of covers with distinctive uses and varieties for these censor tapes.

In my collection I have over 150 covers with these L5 labels. Of these, I have six showing the addition of a small handstamped letter "D" on the censor tape (*Figure 1*). All of these range from March to November 1942. It was early in 1942 when Imperial Censorship began in Jamaica, so presumably this handstamp was intended to be used by the non-local censors.

All but one of the covers I have also show a censor chop (between "8" and "15") in addition to the "D" handstamp. As noted in Miller, this application was the normal way for individual examiners to identify the covers each had reviewed (*Figure 2*). The one cover without a censor chop has instead a handstamp (Miller H2a) from censor number 5 (*Figure 3*).

As noted in Miller, these labels were printed in strips,
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Figure 1
Miller censor tape L5, also showing addition of handstamped "D."



Figure 2
Same covers (all handstamped "D" with L5 tapes) showing censor chops 8, 9, 11, 12 and 15.



Figure 3
Miller H2a handstamp "D/5" and also censored L5, from Montego Bay, Jamaica June 2, 1942 to Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland (likely from an internee).

with the top label having an imprint (“CC/M2”) [Miller L5c]. I have only seen this imprint on the vermilion on white paper tapes. I have managed to find only three of these (see **Figure 4, 5, 6**). These are quite rare, and command a substantial premium.



Figure 4

Miller Tape L5c with inscription (part) “CC/M2” at top with censor chop 27 on very rare Jamaica registered envelope, Newport, Jamaica, November 27, 1940, to “Hohokus,” New Jersey.



Figure 5

During the period of use of these labels, an azure paper was also utilized in April and May 1940. These labels, too, are rarer and worth a premium (Miller L5a) [Figure



Figure 6

Miller tape L5a with inscription “CC/M2” at top, censor chop 9, from Kingston, Jamaica, December 16, 1940 to Bogota, New Jersey, underpaid, with U.S. postage due added.

7]. Occasionally the postal censor handstamp H1 (per Miller, normally used on POW mail) was also applied to covers showing the use of the L5 tape. Actually, the H1 handstamp is rare whenever used, and very rare when used on a cover otherwise censored (see **Figure 8** and **Figure 9**).



Figure 7

Miller censor tape L5a showing inscription “CC/M2” at top, with censor chop 8 and “Street Letter Box” cancel (Kingston), January 21, 1941 to Charleston, South Carolina.



Miller lists several local censor tapes, most of which had the censor number either printed on the tape or added by handstamp. The exception is Type L8, which on occasion had the censor number added in manuscript. Here in **Figure 10** is such a tape, but with #1 (unlisted in Miller) added in blue pencil.

During the period of Jamaica censorship, British labels were used extensively. These labels normally had no indication of Jamaica usage (the Jamaica code of “D” or “ID” was not included). However, as noted in Miller and in the *Encyclopaedia of Jamaican Philately* (Volume 9), a manuscript “D” or “ID” can be found added to such tapes. In addition, where tapes may have been printed with only a “D” (Miller L6-L9), an “I” was sometimes added to make clear that examination was done by an Imperial Censor.

For the British types I have examples for 622 (“ID” added), 838 (“D” added), 846 (“D” added), 3710 (“D” added, “ID” added), 3945 (“I.D” added), 4561 (“D”

added), 4691 (“D” added), and 4817 (“D” added). [See *Figure 11*.]



Figure 7

Miller L5a on azure paper, with censor chop 15, from Montego Bay, Jamaica (cancel “Street Letter Box”), April 15, 1940 to Miami, Florida.

For the L8 tapes, I have examples of “I” added for hand-stamped numbers 6386 and 8810. For the L9 tapes, I have examples of “I” added for numbers 5717, 8807, 8809, 8816, 8818, and 8828.



Figure 8

Miller H1, handstamp “7” on cover with tape L5 from Newport, Jamaica, February 4, 1941, to “HO-HO-KUS,” New Jersey.



Figure 9

Miller H1 handstamp “1” altered in blue pencil to “(38)” on cover, also with Miller type L5, from Richmond, Jamaica October 28, 1941 to Geneva, Switzerland. Likely from an internee held in Jamaica.

In addition to a label not listed in Miller or the *Encyclopaedia of Jamaican Philately*, (the “D” is a different font), I have examples for number 8801 and 9902. These latter covers are clearly censored in Jamaica and



Figure 10

Miller tape L8 with manuscript “1” added in blue pencil on reverse (inset). From Kingston

to Scranton, Pennsylvania, September 24, 1942.



the tapes were likely printed locally (others show no stops after “P” and “C” in “PC90”). Both were used in mid-June 1941. As noted earlier, it is likely that other numbers are known showing these additions, and it is also likely that other labels were used in Jamaica which have yet to be listed in the handbooks.



Figure 11

Local Jamaica tape 838, with no stops after “P” and “C” in “PC 90,” with U.K. censor number 838 with “D” added in blue pencil. From Salisbury, England, October 7, 1942, to serving soldier, forwarded from Trinidad to British Honduras, censored in transit in Jamaica.

(Reduced image of reverse side of Figure 11 at right.)





BG Bits and Pieces

With Dr. P.J. Ramphal
Of Canada



Skeletons in My Closet

I did not contribute anything to the Spring issue of the *Journal* because of much else that was pressing in my life at that time, but in it I found much that was near and dear to my philatelic heart, not least of which was David Horry's article on B.G. cancellations, particularly as it referred to the Skeleton type.

From a B.G. collector's viewpoint, this period, 1942 to 1966, the Skeletons Era, is a both fascinating and frustrating collecting exercise. In these last 24 years of British Guiana's Colonial existence, (it became Guyana in May 1966), more Skeleton Type datestamps were introduced than any other style of cancellation device. World War II was in full swing in 1942 and the tide was turning in favor of the Allies. B.G., like many other Colonies, enjoyed areas of targeted expansion during the war, and being the only British Colony in South America, the expansion of the postal service, especially Air Mail service to and from the hinterland settlements, was one such priority development.

Regular once or twice a week air mail service connected previously remote settlements, and suddenly there was a need for postal agents to be trained in the ways and practices of the Post Office Department in the "bush" as these hinterland settlements were then disparagingly described. The quality of service provided by these part-time postal employees sometimes left a lot to be desired, but everything taken into consideration, they should be commended rather than criticized for the roles they played in those early years. The Skeletons themselves had movable, changeable parts and in the hands of these relatively inexperienced postal workers, those parts became also easily "loseable" as well, resulting in the creation of permanent varieties.

Of concern to most collectors but of less interest to the post office clerks perhaps, most of the Skeletons were 30 mm in diameter, *i.e.*, larger than the majority of

the stamps on which they were destined to reside, which in turn created far greater quantities of partial cancels on single stamps, incomplete, less desirable strikes than the perfect ones so sought after by collectors, and this created one more irritant for the Skeleton seekers.

With the exception of philatelic mail, to whose engineers we all owe a huge debt of thanks, finding a Skeleton more than 90 percent complete on a single stamp is occasion for rejoicing, which, unfortunately, does not happen often enough. Despite these many drawbacks, I have found the quest for them to be exciting and rewarding

and though I have long given up the hope of putting together a truly comprehensive collection, I possibly may have as good a collection as does anyone else and it is my intention in the next one or two issues to lay bare the best of all of the Skeletons in my closet, as singles, on piece or on cover, on philatelic or best of all, regular mail.

But I do have a tidbit to offer you in the meanwhile, which item I bought on eBay a few years ago



Figure 1
Commonwealth Reply Coupon

without knowing its name or function. But it arrived with some literature which proclaimed it to be a COMMONWEALTH REPLY COUPON. In brief, the Penny Black arrived in 1840, the UPU in 1876, and at its first Congress of the 20th century, the UPU introduced the Commonwealth Reply Coupon. By purchasing this CRC, the resident of one UPU country could prepay the cost of reply postage regardless of currency differences between the two postal jurisdictions. What a cumbersome bureaucratic maneuver to satisfy a simple Victorian courtesy!

And did you also notice the "25 MY 59, REG NA, BR GUIANA" skeleton datestamp on the coupon ?? This little used Skeleton saw limited service between 1956 and 1961 at New Amsterdam's GPO and since "REG NA" stands for "Registration, New Amsterdam," there must have been some mechanism in place to recapture the six-cents expended on this CRC.

BCPSG Member Exhibits at St. Louis Stamp Expo (March 21-23, 2014)

By Paul Larsen
Awards Chairman

Six members provided a total of nine exhibits: three single frame and six multi-frame for a total of 36 frames at the St. Louis Stamp Expo on March 21-23, 2014. David Pitts' seven frame Bermuda exhibit was not eligible to participate in open competition because it had achieved a Grand Award at Florex 2013. Our Group provided about 17 percent of the show's competitive frames. Bermuda predominated with four entries.

BCPSG medals (designated BC herein) are given at the same level as show medals awarded by the show jury. Two of our members, Peter McCann and Dan Walker, served on the jury. Individual entries and awards were as follows:

John Pare: "The 1940 Bermuda Half-penny Overprint Used on Ordinary Mail" (SF), *Show & BC Vermeil*, *AAPE Award*.

John Wynns: "Jamaica: The 1901 Llandovery Falls Issue; A Study of Rates and Usages" (SF), *Show & BC Vermeil*.

Paul Larsen: "Leeward Islands Federal Postal Stationery of King George V Reign: Registered Envelopes," (SF) *Show & BC Gold*.

John Wynns: "Queen Victoria's Jubilee Issues of British Guiana," *Show & BC Silver*; *Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award*.

David Cordon: "Bermuda, 1865-1910," *Show & BC Vermeil*.

Edward Waterous: "The Bahamas Post to 1935," *Show & BC Gold*.

David Cordon: "A Study of Bermuda King George V 'Key Plates,'" *Show & BC Gold*.

Paul Larsen: "Federal Issues of the Leeward Islands: King George V Reign," *Show & BC Gold*.

David Pitts: "Bermuda: Postal History from 1620 to the UPU (show NFC)," *BC Cameron Award*. BCPSG rules state Cameron is to be awarded to the best eligible show entry by a member.

Looking ahead to Denver in 2015, please do remember that the Jimmy Stern Award for a first time BCPSG exhibitor of any British Caribbean area is available. Get your feet wet and win \$500 regardless of medal level--just do it!



Medals available for exhibiting.
Above is BCPSG Medal; at right is Gold medal from St. Louis Stamp Expo.



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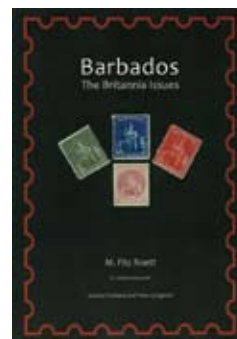
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PayPal Expenses (Donated by Seidl)	0.00	Equity + Net Income/Loss	\$ 24,772.81
2013 Auction Expenses	215.95		
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Total Other Income	269.34		
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Rarities on display in London at BWISC event

On the afternoon of Thursday, November 6, 2014 our fraternal partner, the British West Indies Study Circle, will be mounting a 52-frame display of BWI rarities at The Royal Philatelic Society London to celebrate 60 years since the Circle's foundation in 1954. Those who are BWISC members will have seen the list of exhibitors, which reads like a rollcall of the top BWI collectors, including half a dozen international Large Gold winners. Over a dozen of the exhibitors are resident outside the U.K., including Messrs. Cordon, McCann, Pitts and Roett, five from Europe and others from Australia, Jamaica, South Africa and Shanghai. It is doubtful

whether a comprehensive BWI display of this quality will ever have been seen in one place, or indeed will be again until the Circle reaches its 100th anniversary.

You do not have to be a member of the RPS or the BWISC to attend the display and the associated celebrations, which include a (free) cocktail and (not-free) dinner following the display. Plan on making a special visit to London for this fabulous event. The only requirement is to let BWISC Secretary George Dunbar (secretary@bwisc.org), know if you intend to be there, as RPS rules demand pre-registration of non-members.

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British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group

March 22, 2014, 1:00 p.m., St. Louis, Missouri

Members in attendance: C. Cwiakala, M. Gleadall, A. Groten, P. Larsen, D. Larson, W. Mahony (new), P. McCann, H. McMackin, J. Pare, E. Waterous, A. Wheeler (new), M. Wozniak, S. Wozniack, J. Wynns.

President's Welcome and Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order by President Duane Larson at 1:08 p.m. He welcomed members and exhibitors to this the 63rd AGM of the Society (1961 – 2014). He asked those present to introduce themselves. Peter McCann was chairman of the jury committee at the show. David Cordon, Paul Larsen, John Pare, Ed Waterous, John Wynns all won medals at the show. Art Groten mentioned he had won the Florex Grand Award and a Large Gold at the International Rio show.

Apologies for absence: E. Barrow, D. Cordon, D. Druett, P. Ford, C. Freeland, M. Mead, K. Moh, S. Zirinsky.

Minutes of AGM of June 14, 2013 (Grand Cayman): The minutes were distributed and approved as read (proposed John Pare, seconded Ed Waterous, carried unanimously).

Matters arising: How was Tom Giraldi's book on Cayman Picture Postcards getting on?

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report: John Seidl was not in attendance. He will be requested to submit the financial statements at his earliest convenience and, after approval of the executive board, they will be sent to the editor for publication in the next *Journal*.

Secretary's Report: Mary Gleadall reported that Ivan Burges, Peter McCann and Steve Zirinsky were elected trustees for the six year term ending December 31, 2019.

President's Report: The plans for ROMPEX, Denver are under way. He is concerned about falling membership and wondered if a new approach is needed. Maybe first year membership free? The *Journal* is now online at the reduced annual membership. Suggestion from floor that there must be the ability to print each page separately. To encourage new members a multiyear discount will be considered. Release annual CDs containing four journals? It will be discussed with Treasurer John Seidl.

Committee Chairpersons' Reports:

Membership Chairman's Report: Bob Stewart was not in attendance. He will be requested to submit the annual report at his earliest convenience. His quarterly reports are published in the *Journal*. Two new members and one reinstated member attended the meeting. The new members mentioned how thorough and prompt Bob was when dealing with their applications and that was echoed by members present.

Awards Chairman's Report: Paul Larsen, who purchases the awards, acting for Chairman Rob Wynstra, announced the Cameron Award (best British Caribbean Exhibit by BCPSG member) would be presented at the banquet that night. The Cooley Award (service to BCPSG) is the highest award of the society and is well funded allowing a memento and cash (total \$500). Paul went onto say Bob Cooley was quite a guy. He had moved to the Cayman Islands and died some six years ago. He used to keep notes on members he met so always able to make one feel important. The award this year was presented to Duane Larson for his many years of loyal and dedicated service. Charles Freeland, on behalf of his three man team (Keith Moh, Ed Barrow) announced by email the Addiss Award (lifetime achievement in writing/publishing around the topic of British Caribbean philately) awarded to Edmund Bayley for his three books on Barbados. The Durnin Award (outstanding article for BCPSG *Journal*) was awarded to Hap Patiz for a stream of articles on censorship and in particular his two articles on Grenada and St. Lucia dues. For honorable mention they cited the article by Darryl Fuller on Leeward Island Stationery. Paul said the Jimmy Stern Award \$500 (first time exhibitor at National level) was not awarded this year.

Future AGM dates: **2015**, May 15-17, (ROMPEX) Denver, Colorado. Plans are under way to visit the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library followed by lunch. May 13-16, 2015 London International Show clashes with ROMPEX. **2016**, May 28-June 4, World Stamp Show, New York, New York. Tables are advertised on the internet. Duane suggested we share a table with ? BWISC? A partial refund of the nominal fee is offered if the table is manned for 80% of the show time. **2017**, November 17-19, CHICAGOPEX. **2018**, island destination, suggest Eleuthera, Bahamas. Request Jack Harwood to organize

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Important new book on Barbados now available

The British West Indies Study Circle (BWISC) is known for its high-quality publications, and that tradition continues with the release of a major new study on the early stamp issues of Barbados. Authored by Dr. M. Fitz Roett of Alberta, Canada, *Barbados: The Britannia Issues* promises to set the benchmark for studies of the early stamps and postal history of the Caribbean island for a long time.

Granted, some may recall Edmund Bayley's excellent treatise, *The Stamps of Barbados*, but this new book is neither in competition with nor supplants the older publication. Dr. Roett's book provides a great deal of new information on the Britannia issues while Bayley's work covered a larger scope, from 1852 to the end of the King George VI era in 1951. Earlier books, including Bacon and Napier's *Barbados*, published over a century ago, listed the known dates of use of the various handstamps, and cover data were used to document the earliest/latest known dates of use. Dr. Roett pointed out in his "Scope of the Work" that "no significant attempt was made to document the cancellations on the individual Britannia stamps, or on the existing covers."

Categories included in the study are die and plate proofs, mint and used multiples, varieties not listed in the major catalogues, and covers. "The listing does not, however, claim to be an exhaustive tabulation, as the sources of data are limited to significant public sales and published articles," Dr. Roett stated. Likely for the first time, the aforementioned categories are explored in detail in the 220 page book, published in softcover in the 8.25 x 11.75 inch format.

The die proofs, both on India paper and card, are listed, and Dr. Roett noted that this project in itself was not an easy task. "Many of the catalogue illustrations were

not full size, some being either larger or smaller," he said. "The only recourse was to measure the size of the illustration and use a scale factor to compute the size of the proof, but the possibility of double counting remains."

Plate proofs was an area where an exhaustive listing of the existing material was not undertaken, Dr. Roett noted. "On the one hand, some plate proofs are quite common," he said. "On the other hand, some plate proofs are very scarce and all recorded examples are listed."

In most cases, postal authorities adhered to the policy of using the stamps solely to pre-pay the rates for which they were intended. "Used pairs were the franking for double rate items, so can periodically be acquired with careful searching," he said.

All recorded Britannia stamps on covers known by the author and his collaborating Barbados experts, Charles Freeland and Peter Longmuir, are listed.

"The numeral and bootheel parish cancellations of Barbados have long been a fascination to both old-time and modern philatelists," Dr. Roett said. It is with this in mind that an attempt was made to list the recorded cancellations on all the Britannia stamps.

The book is comprehensive and, despite the author's concern, quite definitive and exhaustive. The layout is precise and the text is well-edited. The quality of illustrations is excellent.

If you collect the BWI or Barbados, you need this book. It is priced at a mere £15, or about \$25US. BWISC members receive a £2 discount. It can be ordered through Dr. Roett at 806 Kincora Bay NW, Calgary, AB TR3 0A7 Canada or David Druett at Pennymead Books, 1 Brewerton Street, Knaresborough, N. Yorkshire HG5 8AZ, U.K. His email is pennymead@aol.com.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri

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as he knows the island well. Direct flights from Florida. 2019, Boxboro, WESTPEX (easy to get to, well attended), TEPEX, NOJEX, etc.

Any other business:

a. Dues increase: Not needed yet. The dues for international members were increased in 2013 to US\$32/£20 and this year paperless membership offered for the first time US\$15/£9.

b. BWISC – Diamond Jubilee events in 2014: George Dunbar, secretary, requested we mention the various events planned this year in England. Peter McCann's exhibit will be on formal display at The Royal Philatelic

Society, Marylebone, London on November 6. *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*, April 2014 features a British West Indies special in recognition of BWISC's Jubilee.

c. The obituary for past president and founding member Bob Topaz will appear in the next *Journal*. Chuck Cwiakala has suggested an award but it will need funding. If funded, what will its focus be?

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. (proposed Ed Waterous, seconded Paul Larsen, approved unanimously).

Submitted by
Mary Gleadall, Secretary

W. Danforth Walker to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists

By Charles Freeland
Of Switzerland

One of our most long-serving members, Dan Walker, has been rewarded for his outstanding philatelic achievements by being invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists established in 1921 by the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, with the consent of King George V who became its first signatory. Signing the Roll has become recognized worldwide as the premier philatelic award for those who have contributed to the development of philately by their writings, service to organized philately or simply the formation of outstanding collections. Dan and three other new signatories join the 79 current living members from 26 countries.

Dan is without doubt well qualified to join this elite. We know him as our member who won multiple international gold and large golds and the APS Champion of Champions for his Grenada collections, starting with his magnificently researched Postal History that won high awards in San Juan (1982), Rio (1983) and Copenhagen (1987). He made his research available to the group in 1982 by publishing this exhibit as a 164-page monograph, and since we still have stocks it remains an essential research tool for any Grenada collector. Dan also wrote a number of authoritative articles in our *Journal* and together with John Cronin published an extended draft monograph on the Grenada Post Office and postmarks. At the same time, he was building a broader Grenada collection, during which he assembled and became the world expert in particular on the rare 1883 manuscript postage stamps. This collection earned Dan more gold and large gold awards, in Granada (1992), Poznan (1993), Bangkok (1993), London (2000), Tokyo (2001) and Brussels (2001). At Philakorea in 2002, his collection was honored to be shown in the Championship Class after winning Large Gold awards in three different years. In 1997 he had the honor of displaying his collection at The Royal Philatelic Society London, and to the Collectors Club of New York in the 1990s.

In 2003 Dan consigned most of his Grenada collection to Shreves where it sold well in a high profile auction. He still maintains a number of smaller Grenada collections and continues to work on these collections. He then returned to what had up to that time been his sec-

ondary collections, British Borneo, Sarawak, Romania, India Covers Going Abroad 1854 to 1879 and in particular his Indian Princely States. Not surprisingly, like his Grenada, he is continuing to build similar high quality collections of most of the Indian Princely States and has written many articles on these difficult stamps. He has already won multiple awards with his Indian Princely States, too many to list. In addition Dan has started a new collecting interest, the First U.S. Revenue Stamps, 1862 to the early 1870s.



W. Danforth Walker, RDP

Dan has also had long and distinguished service in organized philately. Despite having sold most of his Grenada, he remains as the BCPSG Group Leader for that island and has always been ready to answer my queries and those of others, too, I am sure. On a higher level, he has served as President of the BCPSG, was for many years treasurer of the APS and by my count has served four two-year terms as Trustee of the American Philatelic Research Library. For many years his business was recommended by the APS for its members' stamp insurance. Together with his wife Pat, he has toured the U.S. and the world to serve on multiple juries as highly qualified judges. And now he can look Pat, who won the Lichtenstein Award in 2006, in the eye on almost equal terms!

WANTED

Wanted: KGV1 and early QEII Bahamas/Jamaica postmarks. I pay good prices! Contact David Horry by email at: horry@talk21.com

Antigua For Sale

For sale: approximately 400-500 Antigua covers (commercial and FDCs), usage 1960-80s. Mostly St. Johns cancels. 60+ registered, 30+ homemade newspaper wrappers, 80+ oversized. Majority legal size envelopes. Several with large blocks of postage. Many different commems used as well. \$125.00 + p/p. Contact Tom Giraldi, teg43@aol.com.

Assistance needed -- Tudway Papers, Antigua

By Mary Gleadall
Secretary

I am compiling a monograph on the Tudway Plantation letters of Antigua, to be published by BCPSG. The society library has notes on 1,056 letters dated between 1751 and 1855. I intend compiling a book which will

item will be designated as PRV unless you know it to be in a public archive/library (then please name). Any suggestions will be gratefully received. These plantation letters are very interesting in many spheres and will include chapters not only of interest to philatelists but to social and family historians interested in the economics of running plantations from a great distance.

Date	Manager	Antigua Marks	Rate	Date Received	Location
1778, June 10	Farley, W.	SHIP-LRE			
1793, Oct. 9	Eliot, S.	SHIP-LRE; "By the Liberty"	1/7	December 17	
1848, Jan. 11	Foote, T.D.	Fairly strong JA 11	1/1	February 4	PRV
1851, June 14	Foote, T.D.	Weak over fold JU 14	1/-	July 7	A

also include articles written previously by John Willem, Mark Swetland and Desmond Nicholson.

One of the chapters in the book will be an inventory of the letters listing postal markings, rates, etc. "Location" designates the letters are in private hands = PRV or public archive = A. I would like anyone who has any letters/photocopies/transcripts on this subject to send me details to include in this inventory. The location of the

Please list: date letter written, author, postal marks, rate, ship, captain, date letter arrived, any names of persons mentioned in the letter or interesting fact, e.g., earthquake, ship lost, hurricane. Please send to: Mary Gleadall, 394 Kanagawa Drive, Connestee Falls, Brevard, NC 28712, USA. My email is: gleadallm@caribsurf.com.

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BCPSG Exhibits and Awards

By **Paul Larsen**
Awards Chairman

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

BRASILIANA 2013

November 19-25

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

David Pitts

Bermuda: Crossroads of the Atlantic:

Postal History 1806 to 1877

Large Gold & Special Prize

Fitz Roett

Barbados 1686-1882: The Pre-Stamp era to the end of the Britannias

Large Gold plus Felicitations

Graham Booth

Spoon Cancellations of Great Britain

Gold

David "Dingle" Smith

The Postal Stationery of Jamaica

Large Vermeil

SARASOTA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION

2014

February 7-9

Sarasota, Florida

Raymond Murphy

Jamaican Censorship in World War II

Vermeil

Millard Mack

The 6-cent Transport Airmail Stamp goes to War

Gold

AMERISTAMP EXPO 2014

February 14-16

Little Rock, Arkansas

Dan Walker

The Indian Princely State of Hyderabad's First Stamp
(SF)

Gold, Indian Study Circle Award

Garfield-Perry 2014

April 11-13

Cleveland, Ohio

Millard Mack

Ohio-Mad River & Little Miami Railroads (SF)

Vermeil, AAPE Award

Regis Hoffman

Letters to the Stars!

Vermeil

Paul Larsen

Caroline Islands to 1914:

The Spanish and German Periods

Gold, Dale Pulver Award for the

Best Foreign Exhibit

Plymouth Show 2014

April 26-27

Westland, Michigan

Paul Larsen

Federal Issues of the Leeward Islands:

King George V Reign

Gold

Duane Larson

The 3¢ National Parks Issue of 1934-35 (SF)

Vermeil

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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

If you have any friends you think might be interested in joining our group, please send me their names and addresses and I will send them a complimentary copy of the next Journal.

Reinstatement

Hugh McMackin

Deceased

Brian Rogers of the United Kingdom

Dropped for nonpayment of dues

John Baker, M. Braithwaite, Barry Cocovini, Michael Medlicott, Ralph Scrivens, Clayton Willey, all United Kingdom; Paul Fletcher, Australia; Courtenay McConney, Barbados; Dan Curtis, U.S.

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Resignations

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Dick Hemmings

Donations - Thank You!

Jerald Haas, Paul Bondor, Dietmar Thormann,
Sam Partain, Boyd Mudra, Neil DeWitte.

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 rstewart19@comcast.net. Also, if you have friends who might be interested in joining, let me know and I will send them a complimentary issue of the Journal.



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President's Message

By Duane Larson

As you read this message, you will notice that summer is finally here! Time for fun in the sun, vacations at the beach, time off from the job. While we all need a little time off, the "philatelic clock" keeps ticking with APS summer seminars, STAMPSHOW - August 21 to 24 in Hartford, Connecticut as well as many regional shows and events to keep us busy, or in my case, it's time to start working on that next exhibit for our 2015 AGM in Denver. How will you fill your summer?

Have you visited the BCPSG website lately? If you have some free time, take a look at all the many interesting aspects of our society, from history and structure of our organization, journals, library information, publications for sale, other links as well as membership renewal on line. You'll be glad you did!



Nuggets from the past ...

In the June 1999 *Journal*, Ian Matheson wrote an informative article on development of the British Honduras airmail service. He illustrated the article with numerous handstamps, cachets and circular datestamps. Also, Michel Forand wrote a tribute to the late Morris Ludington, an early BCPSG member and pioneer in Bermuda philatelic research. The article was accompanied by a selective bibliography of Ludington's writing, which was not restricted only to Bermuda. The bibliography covered three pages!

Also, Thomas A. Anderson wrote about correspondence from Tobago in the 1840s.

We still have a couple of vacancies in our Study Group leadership (see list on page 2). If you would like to head up one of these groups, please contact me for details. Everett also informs me that we still can use additional articles for the *Journal*. Contact him for more information. Enjoy the summer!

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THE BRITISH CARIBBEAN PHILATELIC STUDY GROUP and
THE BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE



TRINIDAD A Philatelic History to 1913

by Sir John Marriott, KCVO, RDP, FRPSL, Michael Medlicott
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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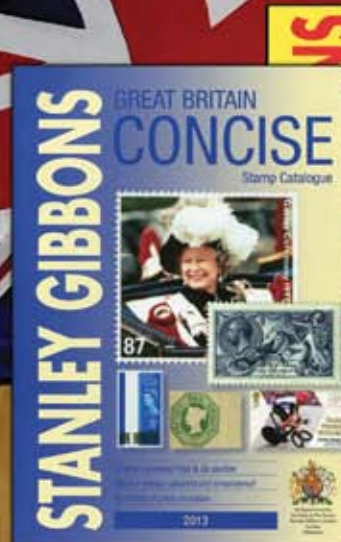


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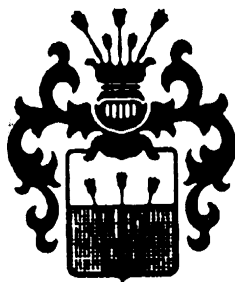
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