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*David Horry finally visits
Heidelberg. See page 4!*



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A Memorable Visit with Karl Groeber, philatelist of Heidelberg

*By David Horry, FRPSL
An Englishman resident in Shanghai, China*

I believe it was Michael Hamilton who tipped me off that there was a major collection of Jamaica postmarks that had not been seen for years. When I put together my recent book on the so-called Registered Ovals,¹ I wrote to American collector Karl Groeber (*Figure 1*) asking for help.

He supplied me with several photostats from his wonderful collection over a period of about 18 months. But within that information came the realization that he had a phenomenal array of Temporary Rubber Datestamps (TRDs). Last May I arranged to fly over from Shanghai and pop-in to Heidelberg on my way to London. Things did not work out, as I was diagnosed with cancer and had to endure a philatelically fallow year, whilst recovering from my surgery, etc.

This was the second time I had failed to get to Heidelberg: exactly 50 years ago I was banned from the summer school trip to that city because of an incident on the Easter geography/geology trip to Barnard Castle in Yorkshire, which involved a lot of beer!

On June 25, with my twin brother Peter, we flew off to Frankfurt. We took the train to Heidelberg,



*Figure 2
The Ritter Hotel, Heidelberg.*

changing at Mannheim.

We took a taxi to The Ritter Hotel (*Figure 2*), right in the center of town. The following morning Peter went to inspect Heinrich Himmler's "Ting" in the hills above this splendid

university city on the River Neckar; meanwhile, I made an early start to a small town just beyond Hockenheim, famous for its Formula One race track.

I was greeted by the genial Karl Groeber who put me in mind of Rex Tillerson, late of the Trump administration. Karl had served in Viet Nam as a helicopter security officer – plenty of stories there! Everything was ready for my "invasion." His TRDs graced eight large albums and this was going to be a bit of a marathon. I am presently writing a book on the Jamaica TRDs and Karl's got most of them. He bought his first collection of Jamaican postmarks whilst working in Kingston for the Goodyear Tyre Company in the early 1970s. He knew Ronnie Wong and Bob Topaz and was an active member of the Jamaican Philatelic Society. I had sent him a copy of my study of the Registered Ovals of Jamaica; surprisingly he did not have a copy of Ted Proud's *Postal History of Jamaica* and relied on Ian Potter's tome instead. I gleaned just over 300 scans

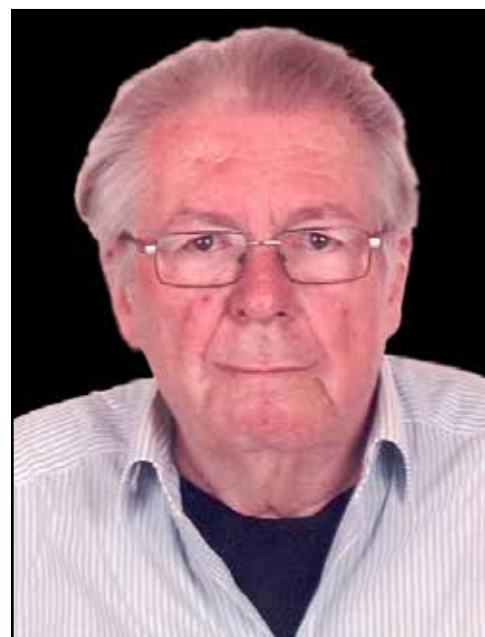


*Figure 1
Karl Groeber.*

on my new Doxie hand-held scanner. We broke for a traditional German luncheon of sausages, cold cuts, salad and vino locale.

New TRO (Temporary Rubber Oval) postmarks began to emerge with some regularity: all are on similar covers and do not appear to have been in the post as they are very clean. They are more like proofs. Each one was marked underneath as "FAKE" in pencil. However, if that was the case there surely would be many more examples floating around. They are unique and so I believe they are "duplicates" -- 14 are addressed to America, three to Jamaica and just one to the United Kingdom.

Here is a listing of some of these, with accompanying illustrations.

- Top Hill - G. S. MacDougall, USA, February 1, 1944 (**Figure 3**).



Figure 3

Top Hill TRO(2), to G.S. MacDougall, USA, February 1, 1944. Note the lack of side asterisks in oval.

- Jeffrey Town - G. S. MacDougall, USA, February 8, 1944 - previously noted by Potter.
- Portland Cottage - M. H. Robertshaw, Esq., UK, November 14, 1944.
- Pigsaw - H. T. Littelljohn, Jamaica, November 22, 1944.
- Dias - Arthur D. Pierce, USA, February 8, 1945 (**Figure 4**).
- Salt Marsh - Arthur D. Pierce, USA, April 14, 1945.
- Muir House - H. T. Littelljohn, Jamaica, April 2, 1946 (**Figure 5**).
- Morgans Pass - Arthur D. Pierce, USA, June 8, 1946.

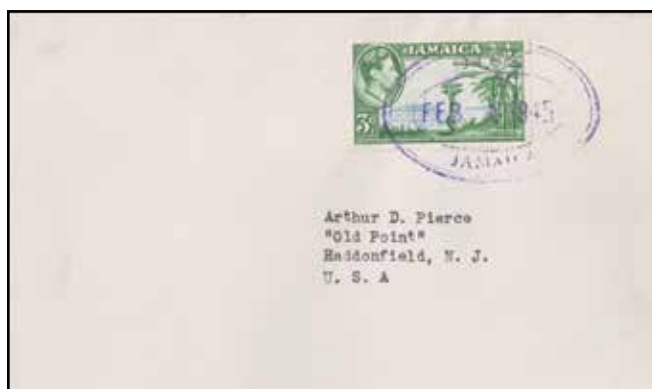


Figure 4

Dias TRO(2) to Arthur D. Pierce, USA, February 8, 1945. Note the lack of side asterisks in oval.



Figure 5

Muir House TRO, to H.T. Littelljohn, Jamaica, April 2, 1946. Note date in smaller type.

- Clydesdale - Arthur D. Pierce, USA, January 20, 1947.
- Copse - Arthur D. Pierce, USA, March 27, 1947 (**Figure 6**).

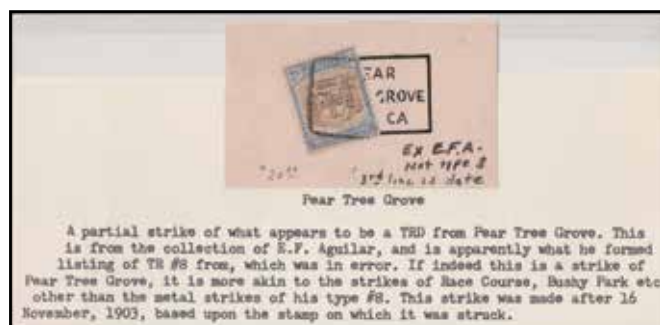


Figure 6

Copse tTRO to Arthur D. Pierce, USA, March 27, 1947.

- Dressikie - Arthur D. Pierce, USA, September 17, 1947 – almost identical, but not quite! (**Figure 7**).

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**Figure 11**

Pear Tree Grove sTRB, circa 1904.

The text reads: "A partial strike of what appears to be a TRD from Pear Tree Grove. This is from the collection of E.F. Aguilar, and is apparently what he formed listing of TR #8 from, which was in error. If indeed this is a strike of Pear Tree Grove, it is more akin to the strikes of Race Course, Bushy Park, etc., other than the metal strikes of his type #8. This strike was made after 16 November, 1903, based upon the stamp on which it was struck."

In mid-July, Ed Barrow also provided me with a £1 definitive FDC of August 15, 1949, addressed to H.W. Blanks, Box 186, Columbia, Louisiana, USA (**Figure 14**). He is of The Mint Stamp Bank fame. The "stiffener" inside was folded onion paper bearing the same Crown Agents watermark. The sender's name in pencil is "J. Rudd, J.A.S., Kingston." Does anyone know what J.A.S. stands for? I can guess the Jamaica bit! Like buses, large Crown Agents watermarks come in threes!

At the end of an exhausting but rewarding day, we enjoyed an all-American steak dinner. I raised my glass to the Groebbers for a wonderful day with a

**Figure 12**

Gibraltar Camp TRD to Mr. Charles D'Costa, Kingston, July 14, 1942.

charming and erudite man and his stunning post-mark collection.

Just as I was about to leave Karl pointed out a large black trunk, which he noted "required bolt-cutters" to open. Inside, he stated, were hundreds more covers and the keys that had accidentally been locked in some years ago! I think my return to Heidelberg is imminent. I'll keep you posted.

**Figure 13**

Paul Mountain TRO dated October 15, 1947. Proof strike.

**Figure 14**

£1 definitive August 15, 1949 FDC addressed to H.W. Blanks, Box 186, Columbia, La., U.S.A. (ex-Barrow).

FOOTNOTE

¹ David Horry, *The Riddle of the 'Registered' Ovals of Jamaica and Trinidad 1949-1962*. (Milton Keynes, England: The British West Indies Study Circle, 2017). [The book is still available from Pennymead Books, Brewerton Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AZ, England. Email: Pennymead@aol.com.]

My thanks to Ray Stanton, Michael Hamilton, Steve Jarvis, Karl and Ilsa.

Crooked Island, Bahamas provides interesting postal history

By Ed Waterous

Do you know that Crooked Island was the place where mails to and from the Bahamas were dropped off or picked up by British mail ships in the first part of the 19th century? The main reason for this was a deep water channel passes near Crooked Island providing a safe passage for the ships. The Bahamas are known for the treacherous reefs that wrecked many a ship. For many years a good part of the population was involved in working the shipwrecks for a living.

Crooked Island is home to the small settlement of Fairfield, population 18 in 2010. Fairfield is a Sub Post Office under Colonel Hill, population 51. In years past the Out Island population was somewhat

larger but none of the settlements had a large population. Mail was collected at the Fairfield Sub Post Office and postmarked, then transferred to Colonel Hill for further delivery.

The first cover shown (**Figure 1**) had a pair of three-cent stamps applied and was postmarked with the Fairfield temporary rubber datestamp (TRD). The date is October 25, 1952. There was probably a small stock of stamps at the Fairfield Post Office to sell to customers for their use.

The next cover (**Figure 2**) shows the Fairfield TRD dated December 18, 1952, and an underlined red pencil entry stating "postage paid" partially covered by a 6d postage stamp. The stamp



Figure 1

Two three-cent Bahamas stamps cancelled with Fairfield TRD dated October 25, 1952.



Figure 2

Fairfield TRD dated December 18, 1952 also postmarked in Nassau after 6d postage was added.

was subsequently added at Nassau and received a December 23, 1952 postmark tying the stamp, and another struck alongside partially covering the written word "postage." It appears that Fairfield had no stamps available but the required postage fee of 6d was collected.

The third cover (*Figure 3*), mailed by Albertha C. Moss of Moss Town settlement, shows the Fairfield TRD used with a new twist. The dateline shows "JAN 29 PAID." Also, written in ink above "PAID" is the year 1954 and below is "PAID 6d" for the airmail rate. Later, whether it was done at a subsequent post office (most likely the Nassau G.P.O.) or on the mail boat, a 6d stamp was added and postmarked by a "B" obliterator. I also have a fourth example mailed by Rhema Daron of the Cripple Hill settlement showing the same postal treatment as the third.



Figure 3

This cover was mailed from Fairfield with several changes in TRD in manuscript at left center.

The conclusion to be drawn is that postal service in the small settlements of the Out Islands did not always run smoothly but a way was found to provide the necessary postal services. Please let me know if you have evidence of any special workarounds done to provide postal services in the Bahamas.

New Bahamas and Barbados registration labels

These are new markings reported by Steve Zirinsky.

BAHAMAS



BARBADOS



Offerings of an early part-time stamp dealer in Belize

By John Swales

In the BWI Study Circle *Bulletin* No. 252 (March 2017), I illustrated and discussed an unusual circular datestamp on an 1881 postcard to Mannheim, Germany. The message on the card is written in German in miniscule handwriting and is of philatelic interest. It was kindly transcribed and translated for me by Emma Thomas, who is completing her doctorate in German colonial history at the University of Michigan. Her translation follows plus a few notes she has appended. Following is the translation:

“Price list

Current issues, used, prices in Imperial German currency.

Dispatched only on the basis of an excellent reference or cash on delivery. Non-binding. No exchange.

Unused stamps of either Honduras provided by request and I am at your service regarding prices.

British Honduras	#1	#10	#100
1 penny	10 d	80 d	7. - [marks]
3 pce	30 “	2.50 [marks]	
4 “	40 “	3. - [“]	
6 “	75 “	6. - [“]	
1/- [shilling]	1. - [mark]	8. - [“]	
Republic Honduras			
1 centavo	20 d	1.50} unused	
2 “	25 “	2. - } unused	
½ real	30 “	2.50	
1 “	60 “	5. - [marks]	
2 “	1. - [mark]	9. - [“]	
4 “	2.50 [“]		
1 Peso	3.50 [“]		

All other English colonies¹ with a 10-25% discount, in accordance with Moschkau² IV. A list of other Central American (colonies³) to follow, as soon as there is again some inventory. Belize, August 1881.”

¹ The writer uses the term “Colonials” which is not German (Kolonie), but it seems from context that is what he means.

² I assume Otto Carl Alfred Moschkau authored works on philately in late 19th century Germany.

³ The writer has abbreviated the adjective here and omitted the noun.

The letter was signed “H. Edw. Oswald.” We can first note that Herr Oswald is offering used stamps of the current issue, by which we might presume that he is referring to the 1877-79 stamps, especially as he mentions both the three pence and four pence values. We can also note that his prices are closely related to the face value of the stamps. This is perhaps surprising in that both catalogue prices and what we know of the print runs from Robson Lowe, *The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps*, indicate that the six pence rose was much less frequently used than the other values; indeed, Robson Lowe estimates that two-thirds of the modest original print run of 6,000 were used for the 1888 two cents on six pence surcharges. As for Oswald’s prices, in 1880 there were approximately 20 imperial marks for one pound Sterling. So,

for example, 10 used copies of the one shilling green would cost about eight shillings sterling.

Herman Edward Oswald was a partner in the firm of Lefebre, Krug & Oswald. They were general mer-



An 1881 postcard to Germany with unusual circular datestamp.

chants, insurance agents and commission agents and, according to their advertisement in Bristow & Wright, "Contractors to the colonial government for the supply of the constabulary." Dr. Ian Matheson possesses at least two covers (1888 and 1889) from Herr Oswald to A. Larisch in Munich. He writes "Oswald always tried to use interesting combinations of current stamps and permitted bisects." Of course, this is a tradition that many stamp and postal history dealers continue to follow to this day.

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Help needed to establish earliest date of use of Jamaica stamp

By David Horry

I am hoping someone can help me regarding the Jamaica Queen Victoria 1891 2½d purple and blue definitive. I am trying to find examples used from February 25, 1891 -- the supposed date of issue according to the catalogues.

However, I am unable to find an example earlier than June 1, 1891, as shown in the accompanying illustration. This one was cancelled at Santa Cruz, St. Elizabeth. If you have a clear date prior to this one, please send me a scan at: horry@talk21.com.



St. Kitts-Nevis Post Office Postal Stationery Wrappers

By Dr. John K. Courtis, FRPSL

The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, also known as the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, is a two-island country in the West Indies located in the Leeward Islands chain of the Lesser Antilles and is the smallest sovereign state in the Americas. Although small in size and separated by only two miles of water, the two islands were viewed and governed as different states until in 1883 when they were forcibly unified along with the island of Anguilla by the British. The capital city is Basseterre on the larger island of Saint Kitts. The smaller island of Nevis lies southeast of Saint Kitts across a shallow channel called "The Narrows."



The name "Nevis" is derived from the Spanish name Nuestra Señora de las Nieves. The island of Nevis, when first settled by the British, was referred to as "Dulcina," a name meaning "sweet one" in Spanish. Eventually the original Spanish name was restored to use in the shortened form "Nevis." To make up for financial losses caused by a serious reduction in sugar prices, the island commenced its foray into tourism with the opening of its first hotel in 1778. Called the Bath Hotel, it was constructed over the site of one of the island's famous hot springs. The island thus became the first place in the Americas to officially practice tourism. Nevis's popularity as a destination grew, and it continued to be in the favor of the British upper classes. By 1776, Saint Kitts had become the richest British colony in the Caribbean on a per capita basis.

With regard to St. Kitts, the first English colonists dubbed it "St. Christopher's Island." In the 17th Century, a common nickname for Christopher was "Kit," or "Kitt." The island was often informally referred to as "Saint Kitt's Island," further shortened to "Saint Kitts."

Post Office Issues

The post office postal stationery wrappers of St. Kitts-Nevis are straightforward. In 1904 a sole issue comprising the ½d green depicting Christopher Columbus looking for land and the 1d carmine depicting Medicinal Springs (initial source of tourism) on the 1d were issued. De La Rue also supplied wrappers overprinted "SPECIMEN" on each denomination for Universal Postal Union (UPU) requirements. The size was the standard 125x300mm.

Scarcity of Wrappers

As discussed in previous articles on post office postal stationery wrappers of the Caribbean nations, the author has hand-collected images of used wrap-



Figure 1

This wrapper was sent in 1903 to Mr. E.A. Caines at the "Government School" in Colihaut, Dominica.

pers from daily listing on eBay since September 2003. The image database now stands at 44,500 of worldwide wrappers. Of this total, only five used wrappers of St. Kitts-Nevis have been recorded in a period of 154 months. That quantity equates to an overall average listing rate of one wrapper per 30 months. Wrappers of this postal entity are likely to have been sold in other philatelic markets during this lengthy period. However, at least with respect to the eBay listings, a total of five over more than 13 years must place these wrappers as some of the most elusive items of postal stationery. With only five used examples it is possible to place each of these on record and to determine which are philatelically inspired and which have genuine commercial usage.

The addressee in **Figure 1** is Mr. E. A. Caines, Government School, Colihaut, Dominica and postmarked with a numeral duplex ST. KITTS C JY 13 03. Colihaut is a coastal village in Dominica. The school is described as a "Two story rectangular building, reinforced concrete frames, concrete block infill panels, aluminum louver windows, concrete floors, roof trusses and corrugated galvanised roof sheeting." It has potable water on tap. In short, there is no evidence to suggest that Mr. Caines was a professional stamp dealer and the inference is that this is not philatelically-inspired.



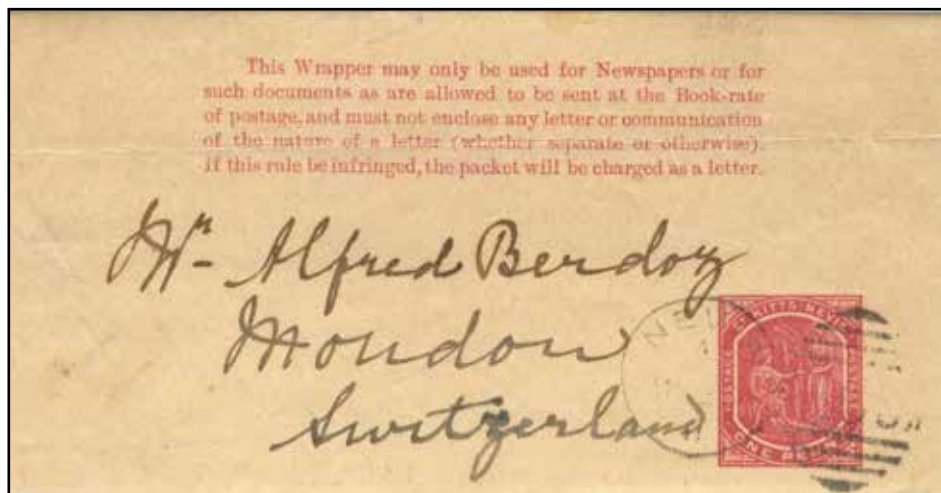
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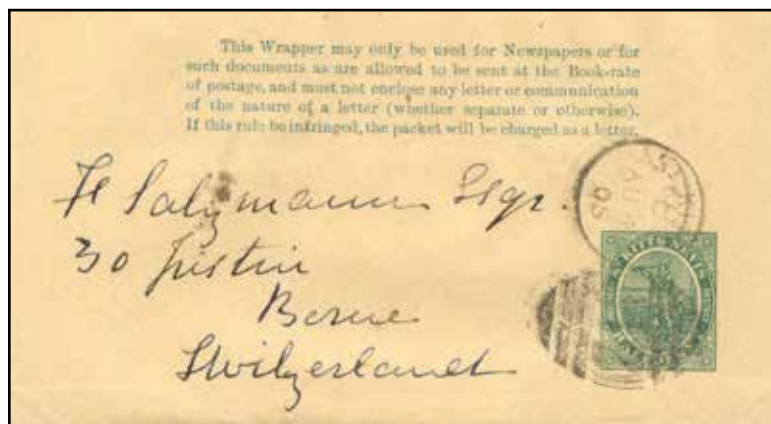
This wrapper, addressed to "Turks Island," part of the Turks & Caicos Islands, was dated July 12, 1904.

The wrapper in **Figure 2** was addressed to "The Royal Standard (and Gazette) of the Turks (and

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Figure 3
This wrapper was addressed to Switzerland.



**Figure 4****Wrapper addressed to Switzerland in 1905.**

Caicos) Islands” and dated “JY 12 04.” Google does not provide much additional information but the establishment of this newspaper could have been

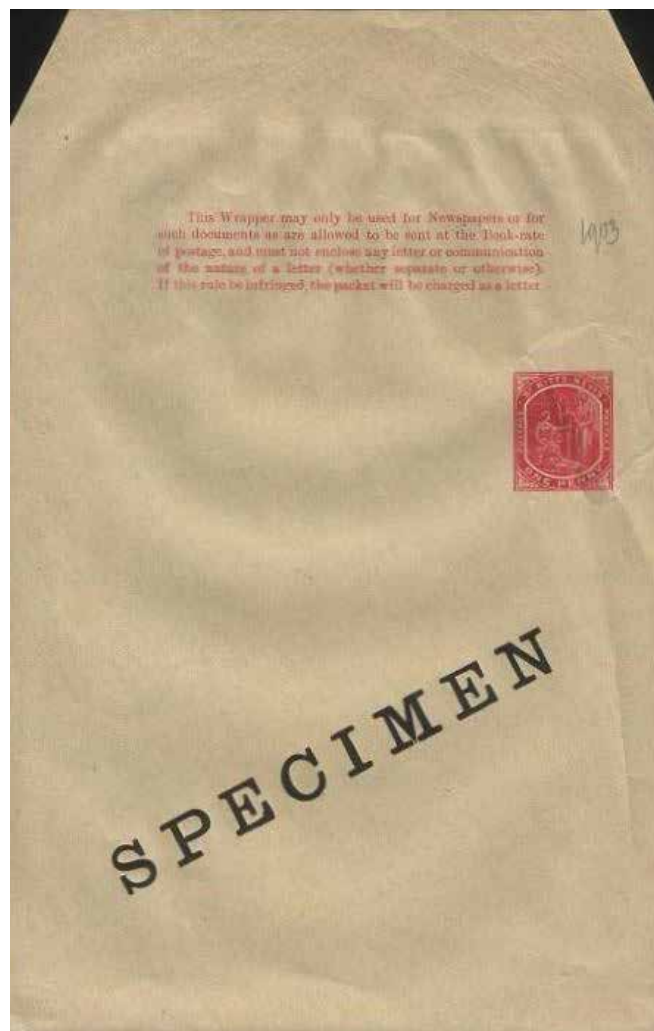
**Figure 5****Similar wrapper addressed to Switzerland in 1905.**

1858. Several incomplete runs are extant in libraries. The postmark on the wrapper in **Figure 3**, addressed to Mr. Alfred Berdoz, Moudon, Switzerland, shows “NEVIS A MY 2 04” and “A09” within 4-bars above/below and is the only wrapper in this small sample with a Nevis cancel. Mr. Alfred Berdoz was a Swiss postal official stationed at Moudon and with a pioneer interest in postal history. “He had a liking for covers from foreign post offices ... and it seems he placed short sets of low values, which he would send off to the relevant post offices during 1905 and 1906, with requests for cancellation and return, generally by registered mail” (Rossica 1966). In short, Mr. Berdoz was a philatelist and the wrapper addressed to him in Moudon is likely to have been philatelically-inspired.

(This wrapper is in the author’s collection).

The two wrappers in **Figures 4** and **5**, addressed to F. Salzmänn, 30 Justin, Berne, Switzerland are in the same handwriting and are both postmarked “ST. KITTS AU 4 05.” The ½d green (in the author’s collection) is postmarked with a 20mm numeral duplex “ST. KITTS CAU 4 05” and “A12” within three thick bars above/below. There is an arrival 26mm date-bridge “BERN 25 VIII 05 IX-BRF. DISTR.” Wrappers addressed to Mr. Salzmänn are philatelically-inspired. At the time of writing, a Cyprus wrapper was listed for sale bearing his name and address. It is likely that he was a stamp dealer and cover provider.

Of the five extant eBay-listed examples, there is a probability that three are philatelically-inspired and two have genuine commercial usage. If this is so,

**Figure 6****1d carmine “SPECIMEN” wrapper.**

then there does seem to be a lack of awareness that there are few copies of commercial usage of these wrappers.

Scarcity of Collectors

Even though the used wrappers of St. Kitts-Nevis appear to be few and far between there does not seem to be any evidence that it matters much to postal stationery collectors. From the author's database of sales of used wrappers (over 18,000) only four sales of St. Kitts-Nevis have been recorded. There have been three sales of E1: 4.99 (1 bidder), 11.59 (2) and 19.50 (1). The average realization of these three sales was \$12.02 and the average number of bidders per sale was 1.33. In other words, while only three E1 wrappers have appeared in 154 months, they have not exactly been swept up by enthusiastic collectors with any hint of a bidding frenzy. There was one sale of E2 recorded: 9.99 with a sole bidder. If all these bidders were different individuals, then the collector base evidenced by this small sample is five people.

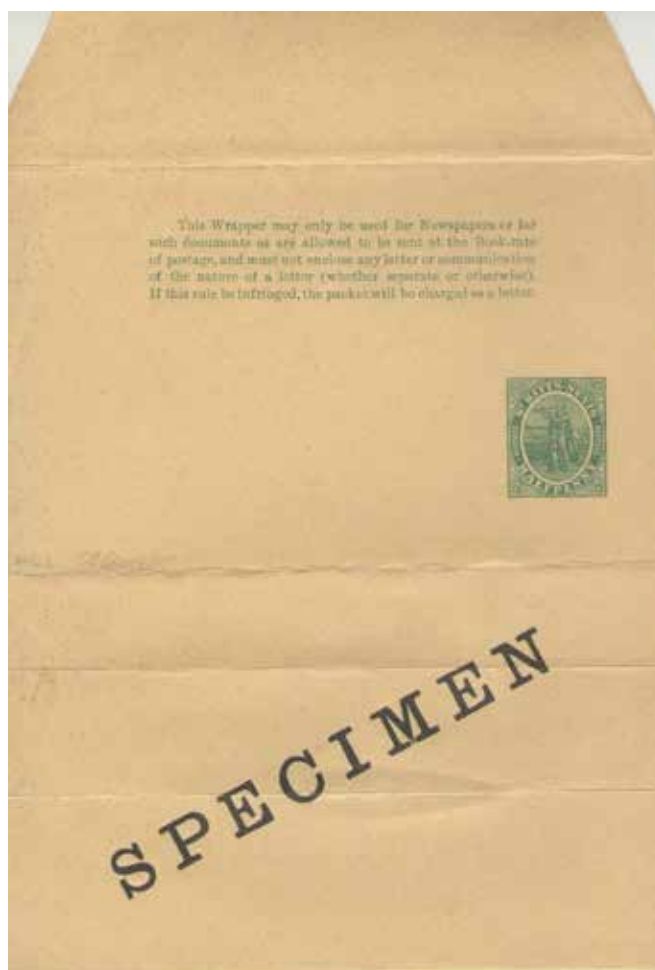


Figure 7
1d green "SPECIMEN" wrapper.

In fact, the author has two of these in his collection so the base drops to four.

Only one example of the "Specimen" overprint 1d carmine wrapper has been recorded as sold. The modest realization of US\$3.32 with four bidders failing to raise the price beyond more than a cup of coffee gives the impression that the collector base for the eBay-listed wrappers of this entity is practically non-existent.

Conclusion

Based on the evidence provided by eBay listings and sales over the past almost 13 years, there appears to be very few collectors interested in the postal stationery wrappers of St. Kitts-Nevis. With five wrappers listed and four sales recorded and a collector base of no more than nine, a case can be made that at least with respect to wrappers this is an underappreciated postal entity.

Reference

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Acknowledgment

My thanks are extended to my good friend and philatelist, Allan Gory, who has shown remarkable patience in reading and commenting on the several papers on wrappers in this series on Caribbean nations.

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Nuggets from the past ...

In the August 1979 issue of the *British Caribbean Philatelic Journal*, Michael Vokins wrote about the "Arms of Jamaica" issue of 1903-1920, and John A. Cronin and W. Danforth Walker provided an article on the postmarks of Grenada.

Also, George W. Bowman concluded a series of articles on Antigua civil censorship, focusing this time on the World War II era. John W. Willem contributed a piece on early Barbados forwarding agents in the 1800s, and Dr. Reuben (Ben) A. Ramkissoon wrote about an unusual Trinidad censored cover.

A book review

Bahamas: Stamps and Postal Stationery to 1970

By Peter Fernbank, FRPSL

Perhaps I'm dreaming, but it seems strange to me that there is little published information available about the philately and postal history of one of the most popular island countries in the Caribbean. It's strange considering the country is just a short distance off the U.S. coastline. We're speaking, of course, of the Bahamas, the long coral-based archipelago just east of Florida.

The Bahamas is made up of over 700 islands and cays (keys) ranging from uninhabited to packed with resorts and tourists. The country has a long and fascinating philatelic history, but the story is not often told. That is, until now.

Peter Fernbank, FRPSL, has authored *Bahamas - Stamps and Postal Stationery to 1970*, and it's a comprehensive study that sets the benchmark in Bahamas philately.

Collectors of Bahamas have long awaited a successor to Harold G.D. Gisburn's slim handbook of 1950 titled *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of the Bahamas* in which he rather briefly touched on most aspects of Bahamas philately. Since then, many of the philatelic disciplines within Bahamas have benefitted from scholarly and detailed publications, but stamps and postal stationery have been substantially neglected.

The author started his work with a brief look at history of the Bahamas, tracing its geography (beginning with a nice and colorful 1882 map) and early periods of inhabitation, and leading to 1492 and the "discovery" of the New World with Columbus believed landing at what is now the most easterly island in the Bahamas.

From that brief non-philatelic introduction, each series of stamps is examined in exhaustive detail, from its inception and development through to its issue and eventual end of use. The various archive items that exist in both private and public domains are examined and listed, including artists' essays, die and plate proofs, color trials and specimens, etc. The format, marginal markings and plate numbers of the printing plates used in production are examined, along with a listing of the printings prepared

and the constant varieties that exist with many of the issues.

The book begins, appropriately enough, with the so-called "Chalon Head" stamps of 1859-60. This led to over 40 pages of discussion on these early issues. The information is detailed and comprehensive, and varieties are illustrated in detail.

The second chapter logically moves to the early Queen Victoria issues, concentrating first on surface printed issues. The so-called "Queen's Staircase" issue and its multitude of varieties and color trials are thoroughly examined, and there is even a photograph of the actual "Queen's Staircase" as it exists today in Nassau. Another full chapter explores Special Delivery charity overprints, war tax overprints and more.

Moving along in time, subsequent chapters explore post-1900 surface printed issues of the King Edward VI era, the King George V and King George VI definitives issues, and early Bradbury, Wilkinson issues.

My attention was riveted to a comprehensive historical and philatelic explanation of a set of stamps issued in 1948 to commemorate the tercentenary of settlement of the island of Eleuthera. (The stamps are inscribed "Tercentenary of Settlement of the Colony" with no reference to Eleuthera.)

The final few chapters look at QEII definitive issues of 1954-63, the 1964 self-government overprints, and the 1965 definitive issue. These are followed by a look at the 1966 decimal currency surcharges and the 1967 decimal currency issue. Also included, although with perhaps less detail than earlier issues because of the general lack of varieties, etc., is a comprehensive look at Queen Elizabeth II commemorative issues from the 1953 Coronation issue to the 1969 Christmas issue. Despite the lack of a lot of detail about these latter issues, we are shown full color examples of all the stamps and information on the designer, printer, printing process (lithography, photogravure, etc.), watermarks, colors, and description.

The final chapter is devoted to a thorough exami-

New Cayman Islands postal markings

By Tom Giraldi

Here are more updated Cayman Islands postal markings in no apparent order. This listing follows the updated in the April 2018 Journal. More will follow in future issues.

Little Cayman Post Office

LITTLE CAYMAN POST OFFICE
CAYMAN ISLANDS
RETURNED TO SENDER
FOR THE FOLLOWING:

☐ REFUSED ☐ LEFT ISLAND
☐ UNCLAIMED ☐ BETTER ADDRESS
☐ UNKNOWN ☐ NO SUCH ADDRESS
☐ DECEASED

☐ BOX NOT CLEARED
☐ MESSAGE TO GRAND CAYMAN
☐ INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS (PO BOX # REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY)
☐ ADDITIONAL POSTAGE DUE \$ _____ NEEDED

DATE: _____



Savannah Post Office



FRAGILE
PHOTOGRAPHS
DO NOT BEND

PRIORITY

FINAL NOTICE

SAVANNAH POST OFFICE
GRAND CAYMAN
REC'D IN CONDITION INDICATED BELOW:

☐ OPENED
☐ RECEIVED WET
☐ WITHOUT CONTENTS
☐ IN DAMAGED CONDITION
☐ DOUBTFUL CONDITION

DATE: _____

North Side Post Office



NORTH SIDE POST OFFICE
GRAND CAYMAN
REC'D IN CONDITION INDICATED BELOW:

☐ OPENED
☐ RECEIVED WET
☐ WITHOUT CONTENTS
☐ IN DAMAGED CONDITION
☐ DOUBTFUL CONDITION

DATE: _____

NORTH SIDE POST OFFICE
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RETURNED TO SENDER
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New book of Bahamas philately

nation of postal stationery, including postal cards, reply-paid postal cards, postal envelopes, registered envelopes, air letters and International Reply Coupons.

There is also a fascinating Appendix in three parts. The author first treats us to a comprehensive explanation of the recess printing techniques of De La Rue, then examines De La Rue's sheet numbering policy, and concludes with a listing of auctions from 1919 to 2015 which included substantial Bahamas material. There is also a lengthy bibliography of books, catalogues, articles and archival sources. The Index is substantial.

Clearly, if you have interest in philately of the

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Bahamas, this book is a must. It is printed in the 8.25 x 12 inch format on coated stock paper and hardbound with 356 pages. The dustjacket is simple but attractive in green and black. It is a weighty tome, checking in at about 3.5 pounds.

The book was published in 2017 as a joint venture between The Royal Philatelic Society London and The British West Indies Study Circle of the United Kingdom. It is available through Pennymead Books, Brewerton Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AZ, United Kingdom. The email is: Pennymead@aol.com. The listed price is £40 (about \$60US).

-- Dr. Everett L. Parker

LETTERS

To the Editor:

I need to say straightway I am a newcomer to Turks & Caicos Islands philately. I disposed of a large collection about a year ago and have put the proceeds towards a T&C collection. I joined the BCPSG but I'm not sure if I appeared in the new members. I noticed your plea for articles for the *Journal*, which has a familiar ring as I edited the newsletter for the Great Britain Philatelic Society (GBPS) for a number of years. The Great Britain Philatelic Society has a bi-monthly publication, *The GB Journal*, similar to your own, with detailed research articles by specialist collectors.

The journal publication was accompanied by a newsletter of around 32 pages which had less erudite articles and was mostly in black and white. It contained letters and queries from members, examples of sheets from competition winners, snippets of news, short pieces on a particular stamp or issue, postal history queries and especially interesting covers and so on. The content had a much wider appeal to less advanced collectors.

I was wondering whether the BCPSG might "expand" into these fields, perhaps in black and white for cost considerations? It might attract contributions from collectors such as myself who are on a steep learning curve (with the assistance of Dr. Peter McCann, I might add), and could not at this time provide *Journal* type articles.

For instance, I was looking at the 2/- and 3/- values of the Turks & Caicos issue of November 10, 1900 which are stated to be line perf 13.7 x 13.7 in the John Challis handbook of 1983 and 14 in the SG Commonwealth catalogue (nos. 108 and 109). My copies including SPECIMENS are close to the 14. Is this quite irrelevant? I also noticed that if you placed one of each value on top of the other, they did not coincide. The horizontal width on one value is 1mm shorter than the other, but 1mm wider on the vertical axis. (See article on next page.) Does this suggest perhaps two values were line perforated with the horizontal and vertical line perfs transposed? I am quite prepared to be

informed such variations are trivial, but who might give me an opinion? General collectors could find such an observation of interest and check their own stamps and reply to the original query. Sometimes in the *The GB Journal* discussion on such a topic would extend over several issues.

Also I notice from eBay, auctions and dealer stock, a wide range of "surcharge double" on the WAR TAX issues. Many of these I would say are not double, but simply a small stutter or judder of the printing press, as suggested in Challis. It might be helpful to Turks & Caicos collectors to have a true "surcharge double" illustrated for comparison.

Tony Walker, FRPSL
Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Walker brings up a very interesting point about lack of in-depth articles. He has seen the plea for material, but being a new member [he was listed in the January 2018 membership report], he cannot know what we "used to be" when members actually took the time to conduct research and we had far more writers.

(I find it interesting that in Great Britain, where the internet does not run everyone's lives, and not everyone is glued to their cellphones and have little time for anything else, that such research and publication is still being carried out. I would LOVE to have in-depth articles, especially enough to fill a supplement (!) but is anyone willing to take the time to conduct the research and actually write something? The sad truth is that it is almost impossible to find enough material to fill each "regular" issue. I even increased the font size to take up more space, and I still don't get enough articles.

(Lest anyone think to the contrary, it's not just the BCPSG that is having the problem. I have seen other journal editors continually pleading for articles. Take a look at some of our national stamp papers and journals and see how they have deteriorated in content. If we don't turn it around, many of the publications we read today won't be around in a few years. Prove me wrong -- do the research and write the article. You CAN do it!)

Your help is needed ...

Disparity in height and width on some Turks & Caicos Islands stamps?

By Tony Walker, FRPSL

Of the United Kingdom

The two high values from the November 10, 1900 issue of the Turks & Caicos Islands show what appears to be a disparity in height and width in the same pair of stamps. Could this be due to the sheets being fed into the line perforator vertically first in one value, but horizontally first in the other value?

The measurement is between the inner edge of the perforations across or down the stamps, and amounts to close on one 1mm each way.

(Mr. Walker can be reached by electronic mail at: walker369@btinternet.net.)



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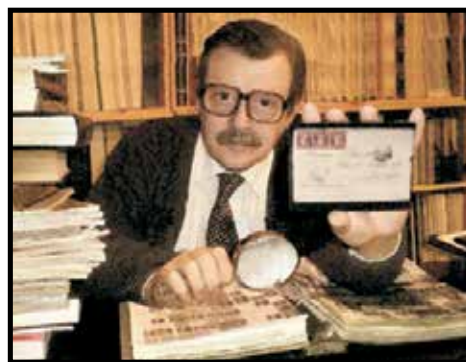


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UPDATE: British West Indies: Letters and Printed Matter, Dispatched and Received, *circa* 1886

By Richard Maisel & Steve Jarvis

In the April-June 2018 issue of the *Journal*, an article¹ was published which reported that a little more than 1,000,000 letters and cards were dispatched from the British West Indies (BWI) per year in the period around 1886. In addition, it reported that about 800,000 letters and cards were received per year by these colonies during the same time period. These results were generated by projections from a statistical model based on data from three colonies (The Bahamas, Dominica and Grenada).

Since the publication of this article, additional data on postal traffic in Jamaica was discovered by Steve Jarvis. Based on the additional data and a somewhat different statistical model, the estimated volumes of mail reported above have been revised. The updated estimates, which are more accurate than those they replaced, lowers the number of items dispatched to about 850,000 and raises the estimate for the number of items received to about 900,000. The remainder of the article describes the analysis which produced the updated estimates. It also contains updated estimates for the individual colonies and some additional information on printed matter and postcards. The article ends with an Appendix discussing some technical issues concerning the statistical model used for the projections.

Data

Table 1 contains the data on the volume of international mail (letters plus cards) dispatched and received from four BWI colonies per year in the period around 1885, along with population data for these colonies. This data includes an assumed fifth colony, Colony XXX, which has no population and has no mail either dispatched or received. This assumption is both reasonable and provides more reasonable projections for colonies with very small populations.

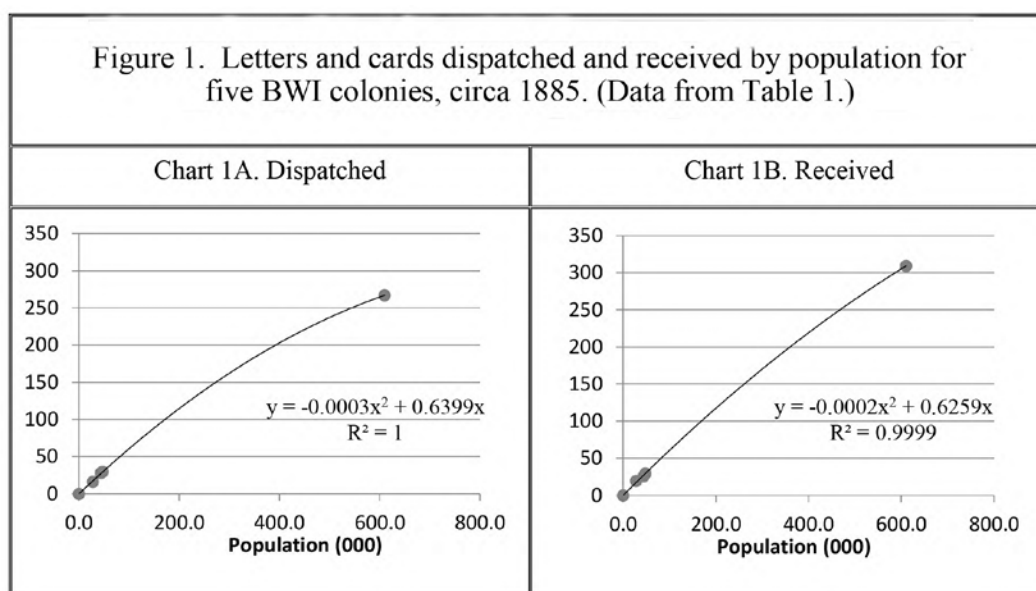
Statistical models

An examination of the data shows as expected that the volume of mail increases with increases in population. These trends can be seen in both Chart 1A (Dispatched mail) and 1B (Received mail). Slightly curved trend lines fit these data almost perfectly (Appendix A).

Table 1. Population and volumes of Letters and Cards dispatched and received from five BWI Colonies, circa 1886.

Colony	Population ¹ (000)	Letters and Cards	
		Dispatched (000)	Received (000)
XXX ²	0.0	0	0
Dominica ³	27.5	16	20
Bahamas ⁴	44.0	28	25
Grenada ³	47.5	30	29
Jamaica ⁵	610.0	267	309

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5. Sullivan, Fred (Postmaster for Jamaica) *Jamaica Post Office Annual Report (for October 1886 to September 1887)*, *Jamaica Gazette Supplement*, 27 March 1888



The equations for these slightly curved trend lines were used to project the volumes of mail to the 13 BWI colonies for which this data was missing. The equations for these trend lines are:

Dispatched: $Y = -.0003 X^2 + .6399 X$

Received: $Y = -.0002 X^2 + .6259 X$

Where: Y = volume of mail (in thousands)

and X = population size (in thousands)

Projected volumes of mail

Table 2 contains the estimated volumes of dispatched and received mail for 17 BWI colonies based on either the available data or projections from the equations given above. The sums of these estimates are the total volumes of mail reported in the first paragraph of this article. These estimates and totals are more accurate than those reported in the earlier article (Appendix A), in part because the added data increases the sample size but also because the added data provide the maximum and minimum population sizes for the BWI, which creates a trend line that fits the total range of values that were projected.

Printed matter

The data discovered by Jarvis contained some information on printed matter from the year October 1, 1873 to September 30, 1874. This data shows the volume of books and newspapers dispatched in that year were 4,908 and 44,450 respectively while the volumes of books and newspapers received were 39,900 and 191,900. While this information cannot

Table 2. Letters and Cards Dispatched and Received in BWI Colonies, Circa 1885. Shaded cells are data, unshaded cells are projections.¹

Colony	Population (000)	Letters and Cards (000)	
		Dispatched	Received
Antigua	36.0	23	22
Bahamas	44.0	28	25
Barbados	177.5	104	105
Bermuda	14.5	9	9
British Guiana	265.0	149	152
British Honduras	29.0	18	18
Dominica	27.5	16	20
Grenada	47.5	30	29
Jamaica	610.0	267	309
Montserrat	9.3	6	6
St. Kitts & Nevis	46.0	29	28
St. Lucia	40.5	25	25
St. Vincent	41.0	26	25
Tobago	21.0	13	13
Trinidad	179.0	105	106
Turks & Caicos Isl.	4.7	3	3
Virgin Isl.	6.2	4	4
Total		855	899

1. Data from Table 1. Projections from trend line equations in Charts 1A and 1B.

be compared directly to that reported in the earlier article it is consistent with the earlier report that BWI colonies received far more printed matter than they dispatched.

Postcards

The new data also shows the volume of cards handled by the Jamaica Post Office in the period around 1886 was quite low compared to volume of letters. In the year October 1, 1886 to September 30, 1887 there were only 2,977 postcards dispatched and 2,176 received in contrast to 264,438 letters dispatched and 307,194 received.

APPENDIX A: THE STATISTICAL MODEL

The updated statistical model used in this article was based on the data from the three colonies used in the initial report, which had moderately sized populations for BWI colonies, the recently discovered data from Jamaica, the BWI colony with the largest population, and an assumed Colony XXX with no population. The addition of the data from Jamaica and XXX greatly reduces the potential errors in the projection; in part by increasing the sample size which reduces the potential random error; and in part by covering the full range of populations for BWI colonies, which reduces the potential for a systematic error. The almost perfect fit of the trend line to the data (Charts 1A and 1B) limits the potential for random error that might be expected with such small sample sizes.

The decrease in the potential error for the total projections can also be seen in the fact that the updated models are based on about 40 percent data and 60 percent projections, while the initial models were based on less than 10 percent data and over 90 percent projections. So, for example, an error of 20 percent in the projection results in an error 20 percent of 90 percent, or 18 percent in an estimated total in the initial model while it would only result in a 20 percent of 60 percent or 12 percent error in the updated model.

The assumption of Colony XXX data required a change in the model used for the projections. In effect it required the trend line go through the origin of the chart, that is the point 0,0. This assumption leads to trend lines that have equations without constants, which in turn projects zero volumes of mail for colonies with zero population. The more frequently used models, with constants in their equation, was used in the previous article resulting in predicted volumes of 2,079 items dispatched and -9,081 items received for colonies with no population

In analyzing the data a choice had to be made between two potential models, a straight line trend with an equation $Y = BX$ and a curved trend line with an equation $Y = B_1X^2 + B_2X$. In most cases, the decision would be to use the straight line unless the curved line significantly increased the fit between the data and the trend line, as measured by the statistic R^2 . The R^2 for the straight line trend in both Charts 1A and 1B were .995 which indicates an almost perfect fit that left little if any meaningful room for improvement. However, the straight line trend fit the end points of the data (Jamaica and XXX) perfectly and the three intermediate points fell slightly above it. This situation usually indicates a curvilinear relationship, though in this case it was a very mild curvature. As a result the curved trend line was used and it did in fact result in a slight increase in the R^2 statistic as reported in the charts.

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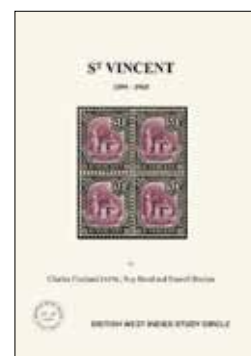
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By Frederick Lutt
Awards Chairman

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Large Gold, Best in Show

A Study of Bermuda KGV Key Plates

Large Gold, Felicitations for research

Philatelic Show 2018

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John Paré

*The Evolution of Airmail Service Between
Bermuda and the U.S. 1925-1939*

**Gold, American Airmail Society Gold Medal,
Metropolitan Air Post Society Turner Award**

*The 1940 Bermuda 1/2d on 1d Provisional
Overprint and Its Postal Uses*
Gold (SF)

Minnesota Stamp Expo 2018

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*The Evolution of Airmail Service Between
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Membership Director's Report

By Bob Stewart

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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

John Dixon, Alderbury, Church Hill, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1A8 UNITED KINGDOM. Longtime member of BWISC. Email: eden.consulting@btinternet.com. Collects Jamaica.

Address Changes

Mr. Kenneth W. Riggs, 114 Cherry Creek Ln., Georgetown, KY 40324-9613 USA

Resigned

None this quarter

New Email Address

None this quarter

Deceased

None this quarter

Members Who Have Not Renewed

The following members were incorrectly shown as not renewing in the last Journal.

Graham Booth, Terry Harrison, Charles Adams

Donations

(And thanks!)

None this quarter

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 stewart1bi9@comcast.net. If I do not have your correct mailing address, you will not get your copy of the Journal. 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 John Seidl

I would like to take this space to make everyone aware of upcoming meetings and events for the BCPSG.

• **2018 BCPSG Meeting and Auction:** We will be meeting at the SESCOAL show. SESCOAL is the 74th Annual Stamp Exhibition of Southern California to be held in Ontario, California October 12-14, 2018. We will be holding an auction in addition to our group meeting and executive meeting. PLEASE send me some material for the auction at your earliest convenience but no later than September 15. Please provide a description and photo if possible along with your estimated value of the lot. Lots are reserved at 75 percent of the estimate. We'll take anything from \$5 to \$500 or more in value! You can learn more about the show at <http://www.sescal.org/index.html#>. I hope you are making your plans to join us and enjoy this great stamp show.

• **2019 BCPSG Meeting** will be in November 2019 in Bermuda. While it won't be an official joint meeting with the Bermuda Collectors Society, we certainly extend an invitation to their members to join us. Send me an email if you're interested in joining us on this awesome adventure certain to include things like post office tours, local philatelic presentations, and much more!

You will note we have several vacancies in various positions within the BCPSG. PLEASE take a look at some of the vacancies listed on page 2 and volunteer to help out. We need your support to improve the society for all. Don't forget to send your articles to the editor as we are in desperate need of material for the *Journal*.



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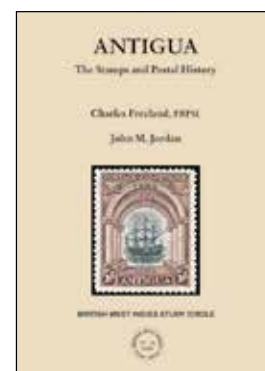
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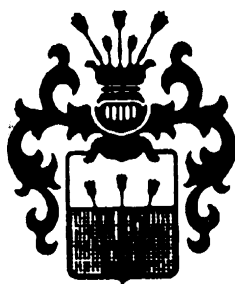
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