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President



Summer is fast coming to an end and the stamp show season will begin soon. Time to get back to collecting. Also time to renew your membership. Please check the mailing label as it shows your renewal date. Membership renewal address is on page 8. Please consider send an article for this journal. Does not need to be a long article. Anything that interests you will interest someone else. All I need is a scanned picture and a description. Preferably in some type of electronic format. There will be a MPS-York Club show in Portland on November 14th. Glad to report that the York Club will have their exhibit frames there. Check page 7 for more info on this show and others in the area.



In 2009, the U.S. Postal Service® continues its *Flags of Our Nation* stamp series with 10 more stamp designs. The stamps, arranged alphabetically in strips of 10 and sold in coils of 50. Maine is included in this series that was issued August 6, 2009. I see this moose behind my house occasionally.

Latest show information is on the web at:
http://www.maxlynds.com/mps_shows.htm

Take a look at the Member Page– Past issues and updates
http://www.maxlynds.com/member_page.htm

The Maine Philatelist is published quarterly by the

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Website <http://www.maxlynds.com/mps.htm>

The purpose of the Society is to promote philately in the Pine Tree State. Membership is open to everyone. Please send your name and address to the Secretary listed below along with \$10.00 dues for a year. Life memberships are not available at this time but you may prepay for as many years as you wish.

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Maine Stamp Club Meetings



WATERVILLE STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the first and third Friday from September to May and on the third Friday only during June, July and August. Meetings are from 6:30 to 9 PM at the Kennebec Valley Technical College (KVTC) on Western Avenue in Fair- field (Exit 35 of Interstate 95). For information, call 872- 5107. Non-members are invited to attend.

YORK COUNTY STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM at the Sanford Masonic Hall, Elm St, Sanford. Usual events include raffle, auction, presentations, refreshments, and an occasional visit from a stamp dealer. Dues are \$5 per year. For information, contact Secretary Tracey Levasseur, 329 Ross Comer Rd., Shapleigh, ME 04076.

UNION RIVER STAMP CLUB

The club meets from April to November on the third Thursday of the month starting at 6:00 PM at the Ellsworth Church of the Nazarene . Typical events include an auction, a raffle, presentations and an opportunity to purchase from a member stamp dealer. Non-members are welcome. For further information on location contact Eric Beal, 827-2686, Eric.Beal@umit.maine.edu

KENNEBEC VALLEY STAMP AND COLLECTOR CLUB

The Kennebec Valley Stamp and Collector Club meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of from September thru June at the Central Maine Power Co. main office in Augusta. The time of the meeting is 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Contact Rich Howard, 621-0882 or richhoward@gwi.net

Please send your articles, scans, stories, comments, suggestions or questions to Max Lynds at the address listed on the left.

The Not So Traditional Postmark Collector

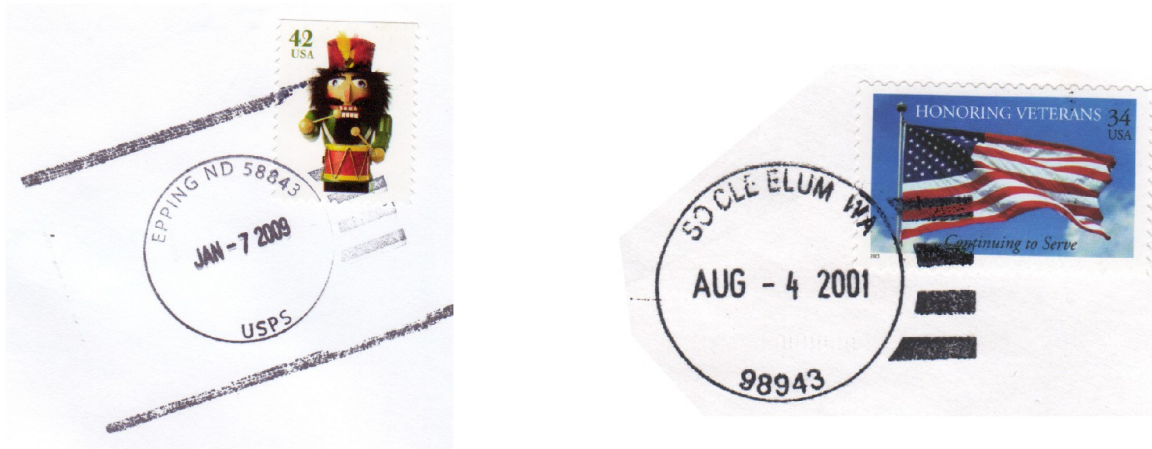
By Dan Goodwin

About 15 years ago some post offices began to replace worn out hand stamps with the new self-inking kind. At first nobody noticed a difference. Eventually differences were noticed. For example, killer bars were shorter and thicker on many new postmarks. Another difference was that the date was now in a horizontal line rather than stacked month over day over year. So what is the point? The point is that this opened a new area of fun filled collecting at a nearly nothing price.

These new hand cancels are not that easy to find. Most mail goes through mail processing centers and receives a sprayed on or machine postmark. The local postmark is seen very little except on local mail or by special request. I like to collect these on number six envelopes but due to the scarcity, number tens and even package wrappers are acceptable.

A few years ago I started to collect these with a lot of help from Tom Sullivan. Over time I have received a considerable amount of examples of these Maine postmarks from Dave Bourque and Kelvin Kendahl.

I am now seeing a few of these new postmarks from other states. No doubt they have been around for awhile but they are just as scarce as Maine postmarks and for the same reasons.



Collecting postmarks has very little associated cost. You may be buried in paper and have hours of relaxed enjoyment, but you'll never get rich from your postmark collection. It's like

"I stopped to smell the roses".

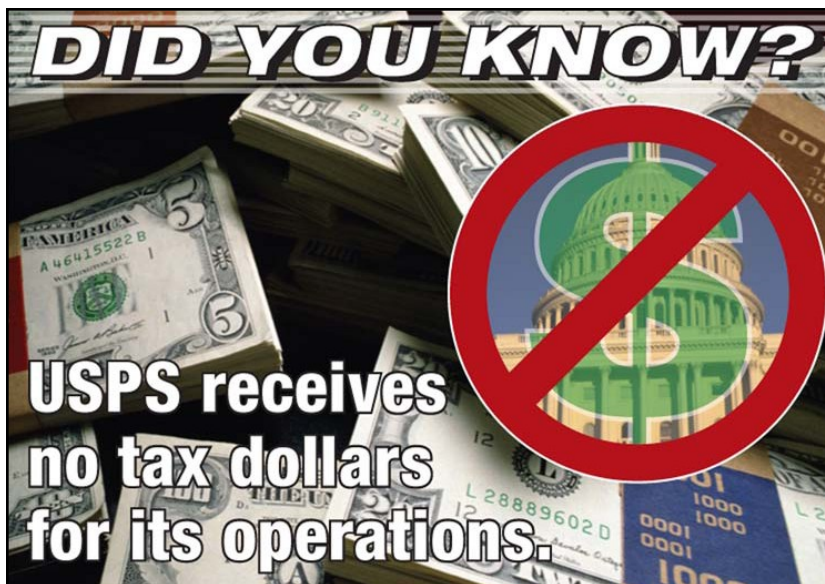
Maine Cover of the Quarter



The above cover features a misspelled ink jet spray cancel from PORTLAND, MAINE in which PORTLAND is misspelled as OORTLAND. It took the Postal Service four days from 08/19/91 until 08/23/91, before they corrected the mistake.

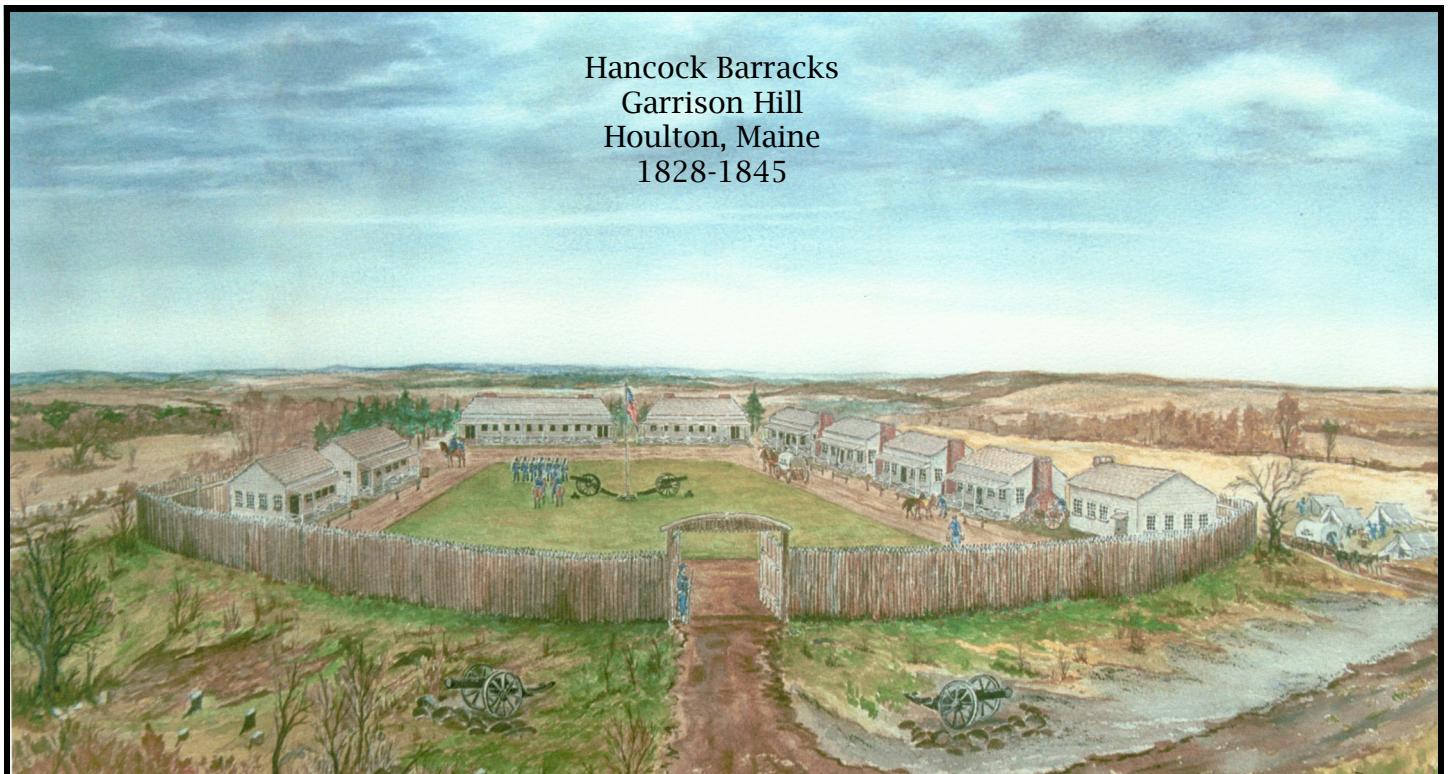
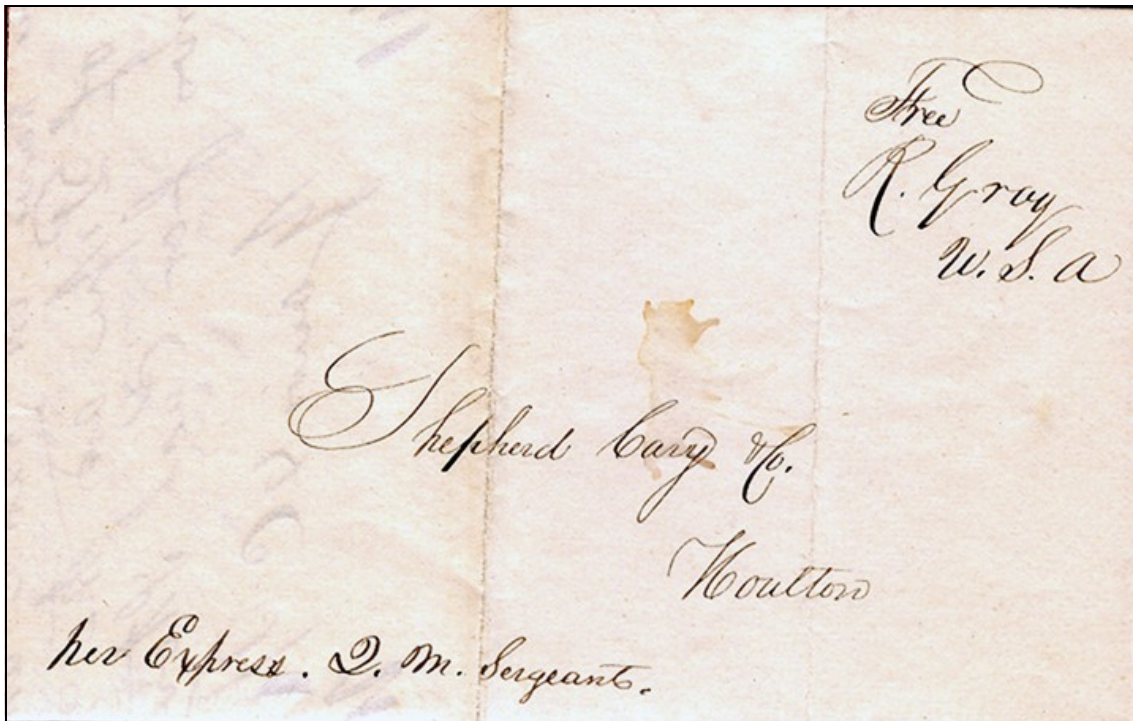
If you have an unusual, scarce or interesting PNC cover candidate for Cover of the Month, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976.

The Maine Philatelist is now being sent to the American Philatelic Research Society, Also, past issues have been scanned and will be made available. There are 2 large files available in .pdf format. The first are issues that were available to the year 2000 and the second includes issues to 2009. These files will made available to any member. I will copy these to a cd for \$4.00. I will have my computer at the stamp shows in Waterville and Portland and will copy to your thumb flash drives for free. I will also have some cd's available. If you want one mailed send payment to Max Lynds, MPS CD, P.O. Box 761, Houlton, ME 04730



Free Express Rate?

This cover is dated November 09, 1841 and was written by R Gray (at the direction of Captain Collins) who was the Quartermaster Sergeant at Hancock Barracks located at the top of Garrison Hill in Houlton, Maine. The letter was sent to Shep Cary's store and the writer was in need of some stove parts. On the lower right the letter is "per express Q.M. Sergeants. The letter has "Free-R.Gray-U.S.A. indicated as postage. Shep Cary's store was less than 1 mile from the barrack's. This cover has got to be in the running for the Express cover covering the shortest distance traveled.



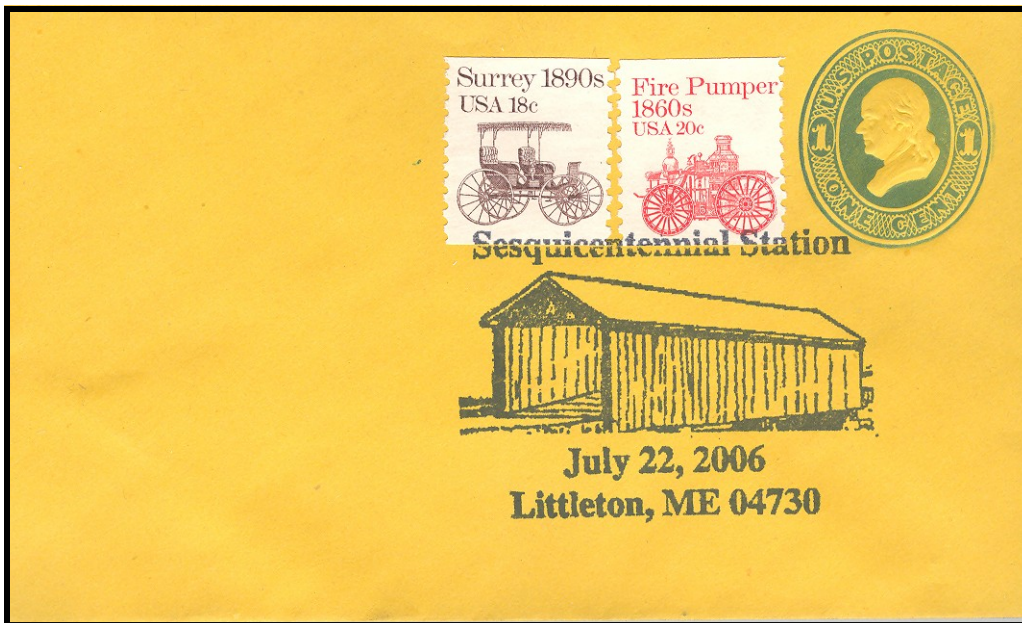
Painting by Ester Faulkner

Some favorites.....

How to use up some of that old postal stationary laying around.....



This cover commemorates the 100th anniversary of the reopening of the OXBOW, ME post office.



I came across a few hundred of these envelopes in a box of used stamps I bought years ago. This one was used for the special cancellation for Littleton's Sesquicentennial.

SHOW SCHEDULE

Waterville Stamp Club
Show and Auction
 MacCrillis-Rousseau VFW Hall
 175 Veterans Drive
 Winslow, ME
October 17, 2009
 9:00 AM—3:30 PM

Dealers Bourse
 Stamps
 Covers
 Postcards
 Supplies
 Auction

Information: Ddogherty@yahoo.com

MAINEPEX 2009
November 14, 2009
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Holiday Inn Portland-West
 Exit 48 - Maine Turnpike
 81 Riverside Street
 Portland, ME
Dealers Bourse
 Stamps
 Covers
 Postcards
 Supplies
 Exhibits

Information: max@pwless.net

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Brunswick Coin & Stamp Club
October 4, 2009
 9:00 AM—2:30 PM
 Knights of Columbus Hall
 Columbus Drive
 Brunswick, ME
 Contact: Bob Caouette, 207-721-7872,
brunswickcoinclub@fairpoint.net

Pine Tree Coin Show
October 18, 2009
 9:00 AM— 4:00 PM
 Black Bear Inn
 Exit 193, I-95
 Orono, ME
 Contact Keff Melmed, 743 Cardville Road,
 Greenbush, ME 04418

Presque Collectors Club
Coin and Stamp Show
October 11, 2009
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center
 116 Main St,
 Presque Isle, ME 04769
 Contact Bim Finemore, 207-425-6606



Greater Nashua Stamp Show
 Oct. 18th, Nov. 15th and Dec. 20th.
 9:00 AM— 3:00 PM

Holiday Inn
 Rt 3, Exit 4
Nashua, NH

Information:
Ptstamps@megalink.net
 207-966-2744



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Dues are \$ 10.00 per year. July to July

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Membership Application

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