



THE MAINE PHILATELIST



Fall 2014

Max Lynds, President

Adams Express Company's ARMY & SOLDIERS' PACKAGE EXPRESS.

Boston, *Dec 16* 1862.

Received *W. H. Thompson*

Mr. [unclear]

Which it is mutually agreed is to be delivered to our agency nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there delivered to other parties to complete the transportation or to the order of the Consignee, or to the order of the Quartermaster or other Officer of the Regiment to which the Consignee is attached. It is further mutually agreed, that the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY are not to be held liable or responsible for the property herein mentioned, after delivery to the Army Wagons, or to the Order of the Officer of the Regiment. All articles of GLASS will be taken at Shipper's risk only; the Company refusing to be responsible for injury or damage by breakage or otherwise.

Freight, *38 pms* For the Company, *[Signature]*

ALFRED MUDIE & SONS, PRINTERS, BOSTON.

This receipt has two R1 one cent Express stamps . When Adams Express was incorporated in 1854, it digested Adams & Co plus eight other express companies then serving the east coast corridor and extending to Ohio to the coastal southern states. By the time of the Civil War, the Company operated throughout the south with it's Southern Express Company subsidiary. The company served as paymaster for soldiers on both sides during the bloodiest war on American soil, serving the Union with Adams Express and the Confederates through Southern Express. Company lore has it that at least one slave, known as Box Brown, was packed in a box and shipped to freedom via Adams Express. This piece was found while attending a collectibles show in Woodstock, New Brunswick. A coin dealer threw it in as a "bonus" when I bought a few cross border covers from him. For more information on the Adams Express Co. go to www.adamsexpress.com/files/u2/adams_hitory.pdf. The company is still in operation today based in Baltimore, MD.

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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 Fairfield (Exit 35 of Interstate 95). For information, call Jake Ward, 872-5107, xc-ski-nut@msn.com. 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 \$10 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 Tuesday of the month from September thru June at Central Maine Power Co., 83 Edison Dr., Augusta. The time of the meeting is 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Contact Walt Hendron, walt.hendron@roadrunner.com

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

Maine Cover Corner

By

Rob Washburn



The above cover was mailed from North Edgecomb, Maine on 12/24/1925 using a bisect of the 1 cent Franklin, helping to pay the 1 1/2 cent rate for unsealed greeting cards.

If you have an unusual, scarce or interesting cover candidate for Maine Cover Corner, please send a clear photocopy against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME

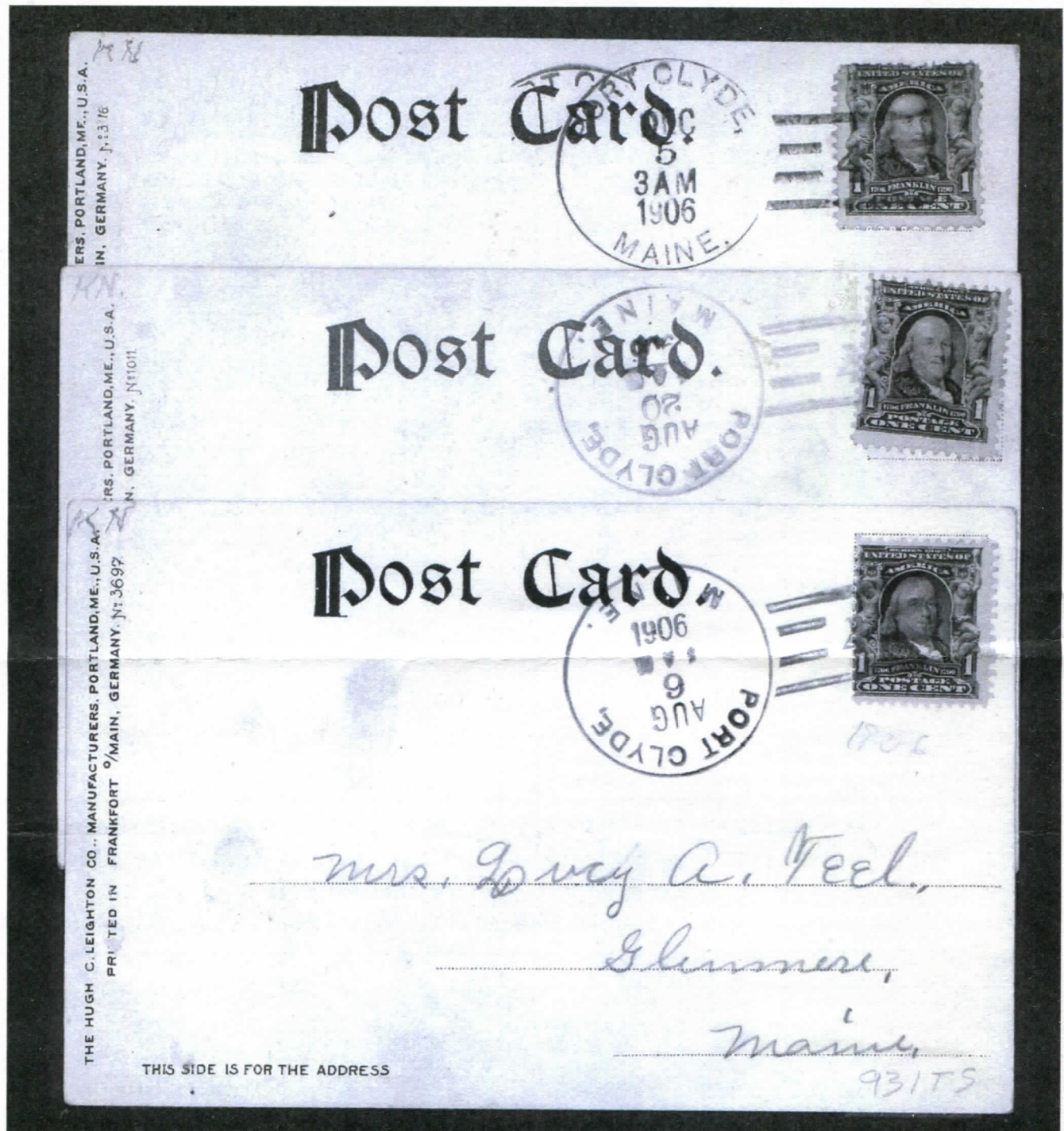
MPS Notes

No long stories but this is the first newsletter for 2014. There was one –pretty much this one– ready but was out dated before I could get it to the printer. George Bostwick who served as our Secretary for many years passed away September 28, 2014. The MPS Show scheduled in Portland for Nov 08 has been cancelled due to not enough stamp dealers willing to do the show. We will try for next year.

2015 Membership dues can be paid using form on last page.

Please indicate your e-mail address so that updates can be sent between newsletters.

Questions on Doane Cancels



The top postcard shows a standard Doanes Cancel 3/4 for PORT CLYDE, MAINE.

The middle postcard shows an inverted circle with a 2/4 cancel.

The bottom postcard is the same as the middle postcard, but it has the year date 1906 inverted.

John would like to know of any other inverted circles and 1906's to see just how long the unusual "condition" lasted.

Please contact John Bache-Wiig at 520-285-6054 or by mail : 500 W. Camino Encanto, #192, Green Valley, AZ 85614

Questions on Doane Cancels



Above are two Doanes that are not listed in the articles on Doanes Cancels in the nine issues (numbers 121 through 129) of THE MAINE PHILATELIST. John would like to know if there are any other NORTH BLUEHILL, MAINE and MAXFIELD, MAINE Doanes Cancels and what the cancellation dates are.

A Mystery Cover

By Rick Stambaugh

While looking through my stuff for Show-n-Tell night at a recent York County Stamp Club meeting, I came across this cute "Mystery" cover, Fig 1. A Birth Announcement is enclosed in the envelope (A 7 lb boy, Donald Freemont Brown).



Fig 1

So, what's the "Mystery"? The Mystery is that I can't figure out why it had a ½ cent (c.) postage due, although I do appreciate the provisional use of a regular ½ c. postage stamp to pay the ½ c. postage due.

I remember Xmas cards in the 1950's that only had 2 c. postage in lieu of the normal 3 c. 1st Class rate. Those 2 c. cards were mailed under the third class single piece rate for unsealed matter of 2 c. from Jan 1, 1949 to Aug 1, 1958. The Fig 1 card was mailed in April 1942 and was unsealed, based on undisturbed gum on the envelope flap. The applicable postal rate was 1½ c for 3rd Class single piece mail. So, why was ½ c. due?

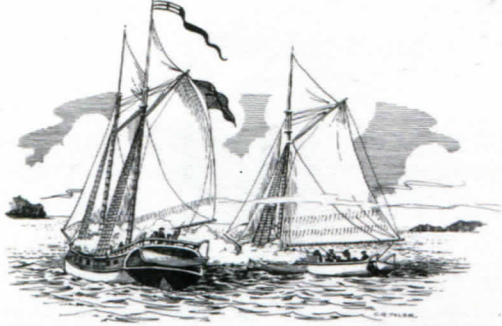
I wonder if this card was treated as 1st Class, Local Letter, Surface vice 3rd Class? This 1st Class category of mail includes a letter dropped at a post office for delivery to the addressee at the same post office, where no carrier is involved. Notice there is no address provided, only "Belfast, ME". The applicable postal rate for this 1st Class category was 2 c. which would result in ½ c. postage due. However, since the birth announcement was unsealed, it should not have been charged a 1st Class rate.

If anyone has an idea why this cover should have been charged ½ c. postage due, I'd appreciate being informed.

MPS Souvenir Sheets from the past

Tit-Maipex '74

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September 21, 1974
Bangor, Maine

COMMEMORATING THE FIRST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE REVOLUTION
On June 12, 1775, off Machias, Maine, the Unity defeated the Margaretta

IN HONOR OF THE BICENTENNIAL
and
MAIPEX 76
Portland Maine - - May 22-23, 1976

On October 16, 1775, Captain Mowat, in command of the Conceaux, sailed into Falmouth Harbor with three other ships and demanded the Surrender of the Town. Unable to come to terms with the inhabitants, the Town was fired early in the morning of October 18, 1775 after the townspeople had withdrawn. By nightfall, Falmouth, largest of the Eastern Towns in wealth and population, was virtually reduced to ashes.

The Burning of Falmouth




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Fort Halifax



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FORT HALIFAX

America's oldest surviving fort, stands at the confluence of the Kennebec and Sebasticook Rivers. Visible from Route 201 in Winslow, the blockhouse pictured here is the only remaining structure of the fort which was built in 1754.

The original fortification, built on the style of old English forts, consisted of two blockhouses, an armory, a barracks, and an officers' quarters, all enclosed in a palisade.

The fort, named for Lord Halifax, was the northernmost of a line of fortifications built along the Kennebec to prevent further raids during the French and Indian Wars. It commanded the vital trail to Quebec, and its strategic location put an end to the war councils between the Kennebec and Penobscot Indian tribes.

Arnold's Expedition used Fort Halifax as a headquarters while his boats and supplies were portaged around Ticonic Falls.

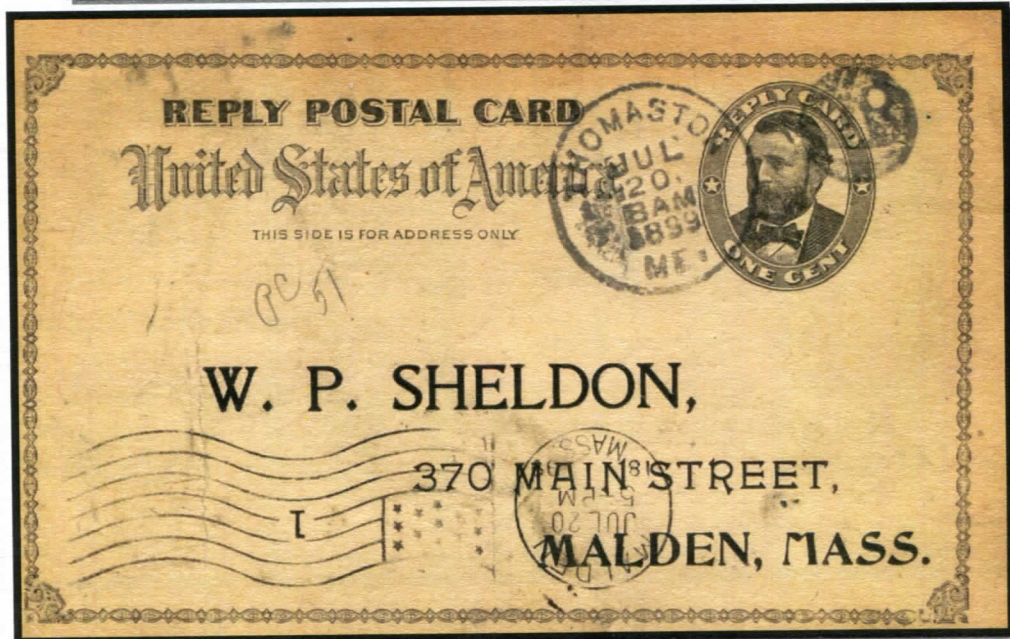
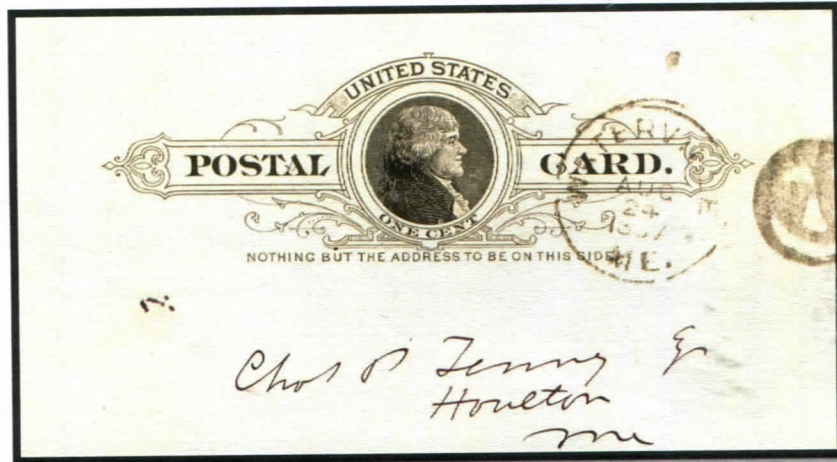
Being the outpost, the hundred or more men stationed here suffered from lack of supplies and clothing; their only contacts were a crude wagon trail to Fort Western (Augusta) and the "Whaleboat express" to Falmouth (Portland).

The line of defense was successful, and the fort was never threatened. Montcalm's defeat at Quebec in 1759 ended its usefulness, and, except for the remaining blockhouse, the fort was dismantled in 1763.

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I have a few extra sets of these. If you would like a set let me know and I will send your way.—Max

Pumpkin Head Cancels from Waterville and Thomaston



Big Bag of Stamps

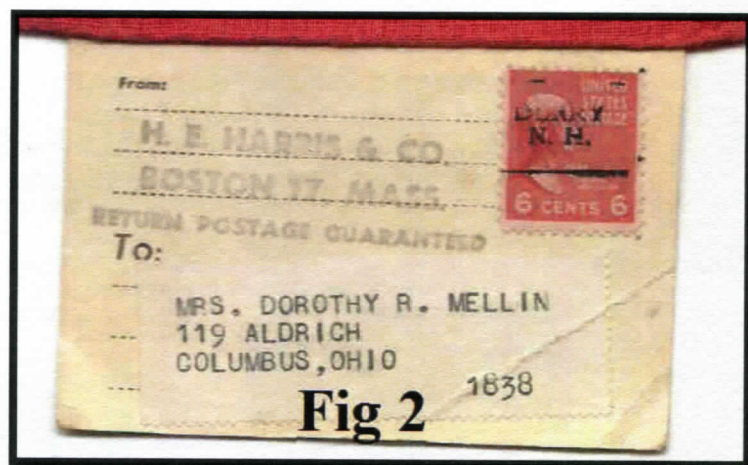
By Rick Stambaugh

This year I picked up the “Big Bag of Stamps” (Fig 1) at the Boxborough Stamp Show because it has a Derry, N.H. precancel. All of us of a certain age remember these bags of stamps in Woolworth stores and mass advertising on matchbooks and magazines. I planned to mount it in a future New Hampshire Precancel exhibit or album, one of these days.

So, I brought it as a show-n-tell on a recent visit to Bruce Hazelton. Once again, Bruce surprised me with his knowledge of all things philatelic. Bruce picked it up and I pointed out the Derry N.H. precancel, although H.E. Harris was located in Boston (Fig 2). Bruce immediately said: “Avalon went to school there. *(Bruce’s late wife)* H.E. Harris took over the Oak St. School in Derry and used the building for women to make up stamp packets and bags.” Bruce estimated that was in the 1950’s before 1956 when he lived in NH. He didn’t tell me how he knew there were a bunch of women there. Google determined that Derry sold the school to H.E. Harris in 1952.

Using “U.S. Domestic Postal Rates, 1872-1999” by Beecher and Wawrukiewicz, I think that the 6 cent postage consists of the 3rd Class Single Piece rate of 3 cents (8/1/58-1/7/63) plus a 3 cent surcharge for Odd Size or Shape (9/4/58 – 5/12/59). So, this bag was less than 2 ounces mailed between Sep 4, 1958 and May 12, 1959.

Now I not only have an odd size/shape 3rd Class piece for my collection, but every time I see it, I’ll remember Avalon and my visit with Bruce. What a great addition to my collection.



Common Themes

I am always looking for things that tie some of my hobbies together. As a kid I was fascinated with trains. I got my first Lionel Train set when I was 7 years old and have added many pieces to it since. Below are a couple of box cars from a set of 5 that bring stamps and trains together.



I have the same engines on my layout that are on the stamps .
The Santa Fe is Scott # 3337 and the Daylight is Scott # 3333.



On my way to visit family in Massachusetts for Thanksgiving last year I stopped to buy some wine. Imagine my surprise finding a bottle of Pinot Noir with the label in the shape of a stamp. Of course I bought it. I found that the Benton-Lane Winery is located in Oregon from their website www.benton-lane.com. There I also found they had more "Stamp" labels indicating year and type of wine.



SHOW SCHEDULE

2014

October 11, Winslow, ME

Waterville Stamp Club. MUDPEX 2014. MacCrillis-Rousseau VFW, 175 Veteran Dr. Hrs: 9AM-3:30PM. John Engle, 10 Lloyd Rd., Waterville, ME 04901. PH: 207-973-2880. Or send an Email to: johnengle@mac.com

3rd Sunday every month-Nashua, NH-no show in October 2014-See WALPEX Info

Greater Nashua Stamp Show. Holiday Inn, Rte 3, Exit 4, Nashua, NH.9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Dealers bourse. Contact Info: ptstamps@megalink.net, 207-966-2744

October 18-19, Lexington, MA

Waltham Stamp Club. WALPEX 2014. Minuteman Technical High School, 758 Marrett Rd. (RTE 2A) Hrs: Sat. 10AM-5PM, Sun. 10AM-4PM. Norm Shufrin, 11 Montgomery Dr., Framingham, MA 01701. PH: 508-877-3296. Email: normshu@verizon.net or visit website: www.walpex.org

October 19, Orono, ME

Pine Tree Coin Club, Inc Show. Black Bear Inn, Exit 193, I-95, Orono, ME. Info: Pine Tree Coin Club, Inc., 743 Cardville RD., Greenbush, ME 04418

November 8, Portland, ME

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2015

February 1, May 3, July 5, October 4, Brunswick, ME

Brunswick Coin & Stamp Club Winter Show. Knights of Columbus Hall, 2 Columbus Drive, Brunswick, ME 04011. 09:00—2:30. 40+ tables staffed by 24+ dealers selling coins, currency, medals & tokens, stamps & postal history, ephemera & post cards, and collector supplies. Hourly door prizes. Silent bid auction. Bob Caouette (207) 721-7872 email – BrunswickCoinClub@Comcast.net

Please send notices of shows to max@pwless.net

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

**Latest show information is on the web at:
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