



# THE MAINE PHILATELIST



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## Bruce W. Hazelton 1927-2015

The philatelic community lost an icon this September with the passing of Bruce Hazelton. A familiar face at Maine stamp shows and at many club meetings with his vast inventory of stamps and covers. Bruce helped many, including me, to obtain very hard to find Maine covers. Bruce searched all of Maine looking for any and all sources of covers. Bruce's love of stamps and Maine history led him to serve and support numerous philatelic and historical societies around the country, including Portland, Waterville, Ellsworth, York County, Great Bay Stamp Clubs, Maine Philatelic Society, Boston Philatelic Group, American Philatelic Society, as well as Cumberland, North Yarmouth, Yarmouth and Maine Historical Societies, and Skyline Farm Carriage Museum. Over his lifetime he amassed one of the largest collections of Maine postal history in the country and was well known and highly respected for his extensive knowledge and vast collection. He was often invited to speak to various philatelic groups around the country.



A familiar site at our Maine shows as Bruce had  
1,000's of covers and stamps for us to add to our collections.

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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](mailto: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 City Hall. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

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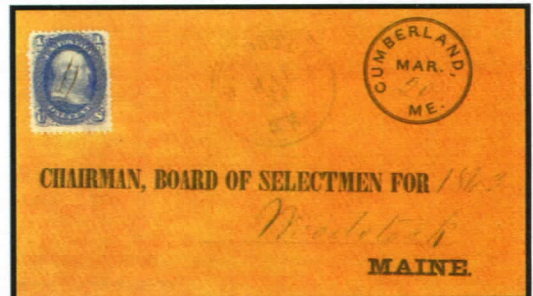
*Rob Washburn*



The above cover was mailed from Fort Dix, New Jersey to Pittsfield, Maine on 7/30/1951, but the mailer used an airmail envelope and had affixed insufficient postage for airmail so this letter was forwarded by train instead. 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 04976.



Two covers that Bruce Hazelton had in his extensive inventory at one time. These are from a CD I have of numerous covers that Bruce once owned.



2016 Membership dues can be paid using form on last page.

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





### The N. S. Savannah

The Fig 1 cover mailed from N. S. Savannah in April 1964 is from an interesting period in her history. After arriving in Galveston, TX in 1963, the nuclear-engineering crew went on strike over compensation. The Maritime Administration changed contractors, which caused nearly a one-year delay in operations to train a new crew. After the new crew was certified, N.S. Savannah started a tour of US gulf coast and east coast ports before making it's first Atlantic Crossing to visit European ports. Fig 5 is a cover mailed from that tour when she was in Bremmerhaven Germany on 6/20/1964.



Fig 5

Fig 6 is a cover from the launching of Otto Hahn, West Germany's first atomic powered merchant cargo ship which was launched during N.S Savannah's trip to Germany, 6/13/64.



Fig 6

N.S. Savannah demonstrated the technical feasibility of nuclear propulsion for merchant ships and was not expected to be commercially competitive. In 1971 she was taken out of service due to costs. She is now located in Baltimore, MD waiting to get funding and a plan to become a museum.

There were only 4 nuclear powered merchant cargo ships built in the world. I now have covers from two of them. If anyone has covers from the Japanese Mutsu or the Russian Sevmorput cargo ships, you can probably get at least 3 bucks from me.

## Stamps that tell a Story

By Rick Stambaugh

Going thru an APS circuit, two stamps caught my attention. The stamps tell a story just like a Norman Rockwell illustration. They're shown here:



Actually, it was the stamp on the right that caught my eye first. It shows a kid stopping another youth from throwing rocks at power pole insulators. I immediately was impressed with the delinquent. I would have had to peg a million rocks to hit an insulator. That kid must have been good! As you know, here in Maine insulators were prime targets for bored hunters. But, this stamp clearly shows a broken insulator with a loose wire: good job kid! You're my hero.

The left stamp isn't as interesting. I had to read the description in my SCOTT catalog to see what's going on. Dudley-Do-Right on the right is stopping a delinquent from breaking into a mailbox. It doesn't look like the punk got in before he was stopped.

It dawned on me that these are some kind of propaganda stamps. The SCOTT listing explains them as Pioneers preventing theft of mail and destruction of property. Googling "Russian Youth Pioneers" finds that the Pioneers was a youth scouting program. So, sure enough these are propaganda stamps. But they're prettier than the usual ugly poster type of communist country propaganda stamps.

Recent e-bay finds from a seller in Australia.

First is a U. S. Mail truck that was described as being from Portland, Maine.

Second is a Bangor & Aroostook R.R. U.S. Mail/Railway Express transferring mail at the Oakfield, Maine station.





Hawaii to Maine

Below are two of the covers Bruce Hazelton found in a trunk of covers he purchased. The trunk these had been in were stored for years in the attic of the store where the covers had originally been mailed. Bruce knew of the trunks and thanks to his perseverance he finally obtained these before they were deposited into the local landfill.

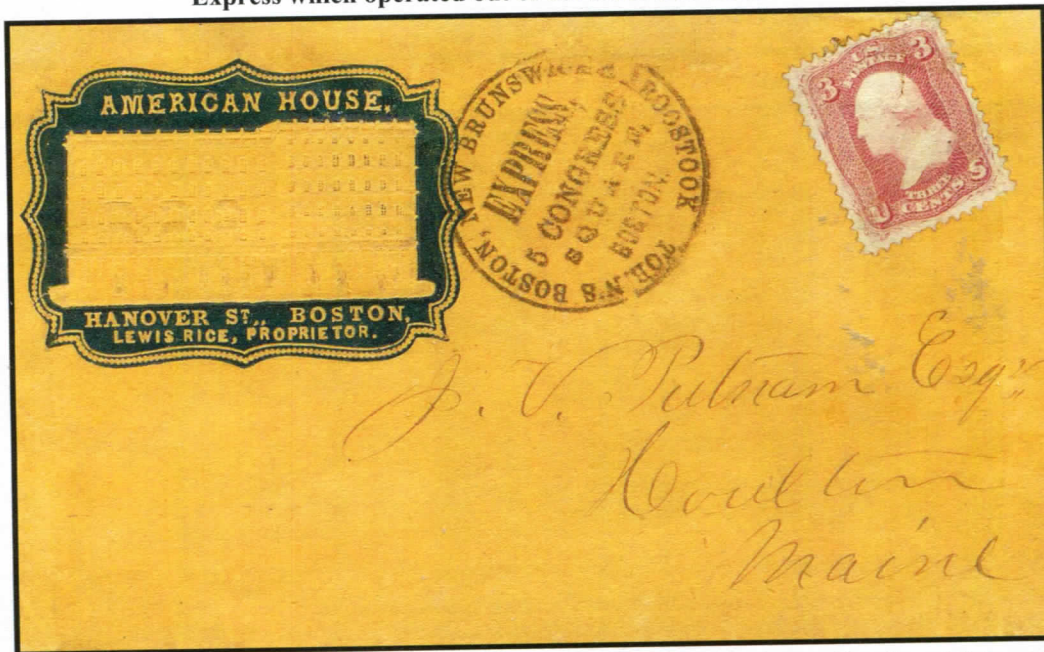




TOBIN'S EXPRESS


1862-1866

Founded by B.F. Tobin to provide express service from Boston, Massachusetts to parts of Maine and New Brunswick reaching Houlton, Maine and other areas of Aroostook County. The company was succeeded by Tobin & Ruggles's Express which operated out of the same Boston address.



Boston, Massachusetts by steamship to Calais, Maine and by stage to Houlton, Maine.

Postage was affixed honoring the federal monopoly on letter matter, allowing this letter be carried outside the mails privately for a fee. However, after July 1, 1853 postal stationary should have been used.

Co's Express, 5 Congress Sq., Boston. 	All Glass, Stone Ware, Iron Castings or Furniture } at owner's risk, unless by special agreement.	Dec 22 1864
	S. Cook & Bro To TOBIN & CO'S EXPRESS, Dr.	
For FREIGHT of		EXPENSE.      FREIGHT.
1 Bell Umbrellas 1 Bell Leather 2 Bell wire warts		2 25
71 Peirs Machinery 5 Key nails		
6 Bots Hardware 1 Bot Breh Dust		
1 Bot sundries 1 nec 1 Bot 4573 w/125		57 73
3 Cans oil 1 Bell Paper 136 w/130		2 04
		62 02
		85 06
Received <i>Dec 22</i> Amount Paid <i>Jan 1</i> Payment, <i>R. P. Brown</i>		\$ 147 08

A receipt given for payment of express charges December 22, 1864

The two-cent revenue stamp pays the federal tax due on receipts given for received cash. The receipt reflects a name change to "Tobin & Company's Express" and specifies the owner's risk.



## America's Youngest Ambassador

By Rick Stambaugh

At our Aug 27, 2015 YCSC meeting I found this stamp in our stamp sales.



She looks familiar, I thought. Then the light dawned! 1985 and "Camahta": it must be Samantha Smith. So I bought the stamp for my collection. But, I haven't decided which collection to put it in. Should I put it in my Worldwide collection under Russia or in my collection of Stamps of Maine? Where do you think it belongs?

Samantha captured global attention when her letter to Yuri Andropov asking if there would be a war was answered with an invitation to the Soviet Union. She then captured American and Russian hearts with her sincerity. Samantha Smith died in a plane crash on 25 Aug 1985, 30 years ago (almost to the day I discovered this stamp).

It's interesting that the USSR issued this stamp within months of her death on Christmas Day 1985; but the U.S. has not honored her with a stamp.



Houlton sculptor Glenn Hines created a statue of Samantha Smith which stands outside the Maine State Library & Museum in Augusta.



**Below is a page from Bruce Hazelton's extensive data on Maine Postal History.  
In the coming month's these pages will be scanned and made available online and in electronic format.**

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(a) Period of use  
 Earliest date: March 9, 1823  
 Latest date: September 5, 1835

(b) Color  
 Red

(c) Variations  
 About Feb. 4, 1831 larger numerals were used, necessitating cutting away the frame line at right, to accommodate them.



(d) Additional markings

PAID	PAID	April 9, 1831
FREE	FREE	May 11, 1831
FREE	FREE	April 5, 1833
PAID	PAID	September 20, 1833

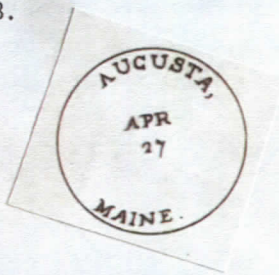
PAID

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PAID

8.



(a) Period of use  
 Earliest date: November ?, 1825  
 Latest date: September 29, 1826

(b) Color  
 Red

(c) Variations  
 Seen with center blank

(d) Additional markings

FREE

FREE

9.



(a) Period of use  
 Earliest date: May 3, 1835  
 Latest date: April 18, 1854



## **SHOW SCHEDULE**

### **2015**

#### **3rd Saturday every month (Except November 2015) Portland, ME**

**Stam Show** Fireside Inn & Suites, 81 Riverside St., Portland, ME. Exit 48 off Maine turnpike. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. Stamps-Supplies-Postal History. Info: [ptstamps@megalink.net](mailto:ptstamps@megalink.net). 207-966+2744

#### **3rd Sunday every month-Nashua, NH**

**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](mailto:ptstamps@megalink.net), 207-966-2744

#### **October 3, November 1, 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](mailto:BrunswickCoinClub@Comcast.net)

#### **October 11, Presque Isle, ME**

**Presque Isle Collectors Club,** Keddy's Motor Inn. US RTE 1, Presque Isle, ME 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Stamps-Coins.

#### **October 18, 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

#### **October 24, Winslow, ME**

**Waterville Stamp Club.** MUDPEX 2015. 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](mailto:johnengle@mac.com)

#### **October 31-November 1, 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](mailto:normshu@verizon.net) or visit website: [www.walpex.org](http://www.walpex.org)

#### **November 14, Portland, ME**

**Maine Philatelic Society Mainepex 2015.** Fireside Inn & Suites, 81 Riverside St., Portland, ME. Exit 48 off Maine turnpike. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. Stamps-Supplies-Postal History. Info: [ptstamps@megalink.net](mailto:ptstamps@megalink.net). 207-966+2744

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