



The

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Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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**Most Meetings Held the first Tuesday of Every Month at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Site: Berkshire Commons, 5485 Perkiomen Avenue (Route 422)
Turn North on Lincoln opposite of the Dairy Queen.
Proceed 300 feet, turn left on Washington and look right of center at the stop sign.**

NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Well who would have thought how much our world, our society and our lives would have changed since we met nearly a month ago. We certainly live in some strange (maybe crazy) times with lockdowns, social distancing and stay at home orders. The apocalypse is not upon us (yet) but it certainly feels like some days with no traffic on the roads and shortages in the supermarkets (OK who among you have a stash of 50 toilet rolls – just kidding).

At this time we do not know how long this will last so we maybe be missing quite a number of meetings. It will really depend on Berkshire Commons as to when we can go back.

I hope and pray that each and every one of you are safe and remain healthy throughout this pandemic

Join, or rejoin our club...

By paying the low, low annual family dues of \$10. If you haven't yet, secure your happiness by sending a check to Mike Bach at 12 Colorado Avenue, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. Make the check out to The Reading Stamp Collectors' Club. Paying dues gets you *The Overprint*, discounted entrance to the Christmas Diner and supports our stamp show. If you still haven't paid you can still send me a check.

A CONRIVED ROUND THE WORLD COVER

Below is a cover I was chasing on Ebay for couple weeks but in the end the price got too steep for a whim purchase.



In March 1903, Mary Wells had friends around the world and thought she would have a little fun and send a card with instructions for the recipient to send the card onward to another friend / acquaintance.

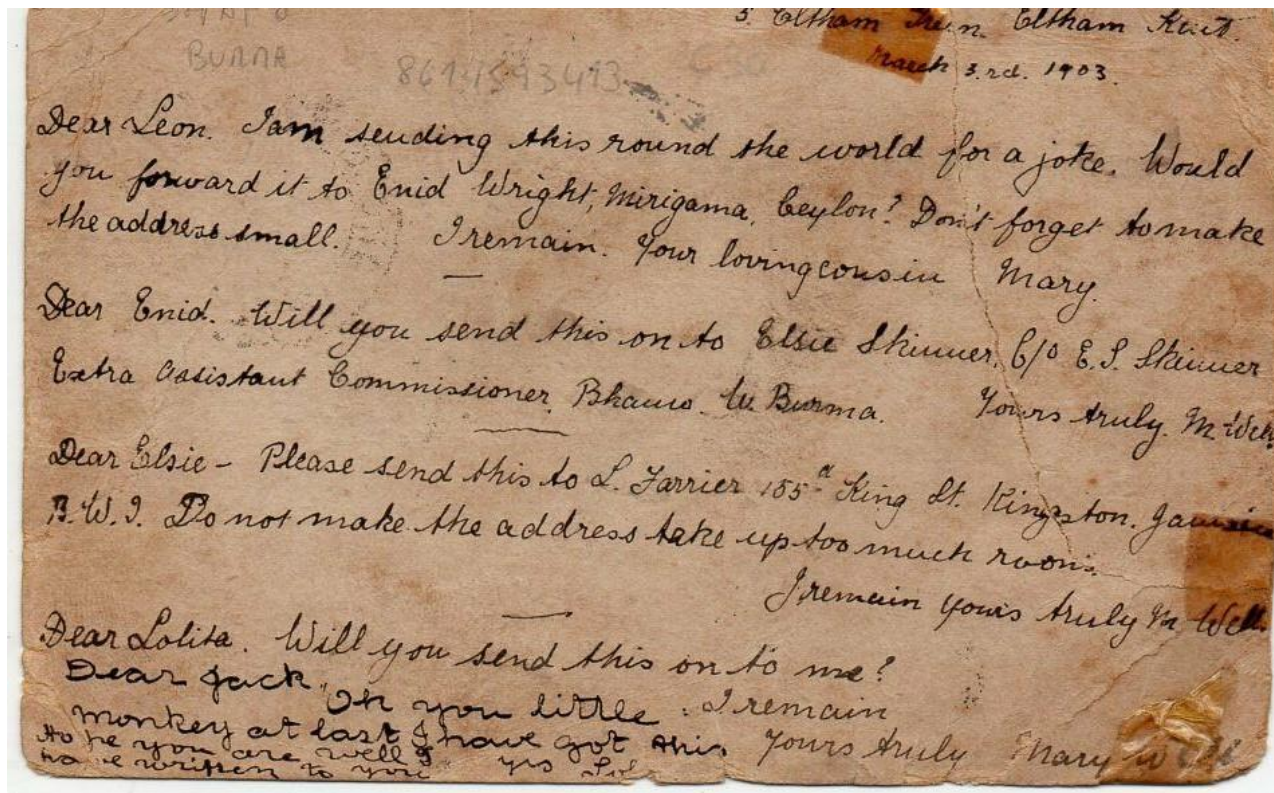
So the journey begins on March 3rd with the first recipient, Leon in Johannesburg Transvaal, South Africa with two half penny (Edward VII green). (Distance 8135 Miles)

Leon then added a one penny (Edward VII red) Transvaal stamp and addressed it to Enid Wright in Mirigama Ceylon. (Distance 4,182 Miles)

Enid then added a six cent stamp (QV red / black) and mailed it on May 8th to Elsie Skinner in Bhamo Burma. (Distance 3,143 Miles)

Elsie then added a half anna stamp (QV green) and mailed it on May 16th to Lolita Farrier in Jamaica. . (Distance 9,482 Miles direct air miles)

Finally Lolita added one penny Jamaica stamp (Red and black) canceled on July 7th and mailed it back to Mary Wells in Eltham Kent England. (Distance 4,679 Miles)



The above journey totals almost 30,000 are using google maps which assumes direct air travel so the actual distance by boat would be significantly more.

The card itself is in pretty good shape 117 years later.

Charlie DiComo I am sure you would have had fun with this

That's all I have for this month as I am still working full time from home and my workload is getting very complicated with all the Stimulus legislation.

Those of you at home who are bored and looking for something to do.

Send me an article / story / something about your collection to include in the next issue of Overprint. It is YOUR newsletter after all