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Next Meeting: September 21, 2020, **CANCELLED**

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AUGUST EXPO CANCELLED

WHEN SHALL WE MEET?

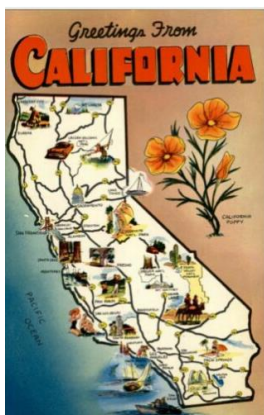
Indoor Gatherings of more than 25 people are still prohibited in PA. Once that restriction is lifted we will be able to resume meeting at the Farm & Home Center. When that occurs are you ready to come back? Some people say they aren't venturing out till a vaccine is available and proved effective. How do you feel? Would you be interested In doing a Zoom meeting?

Our last face to face meeting was in February - Seven months ago! How is everyone doing? Do you have any news to share with club members? Have you been putting your postcards in order? Finding ones to sell? Here's an idea – how about doing an article for the newsletter?

Please send your suggestions, your comments, your articles for the newsletter ☺ to Susan Glass:

111 S. Duke Street, Millersville, PA or
sfg47@comcast.net

Be safe, Continue to wear a mask. Thank you.



California became
the 31st state
on September 9,
1850.

Happy Birthday!

Hundreds of chrome and linen postcards of California exist today. See the California article beginning on page 5.

FUTURE SHOWS

October 3-4: Allentown Paper Show **CANCELLED**

November 20-21: York International Postcard Expo, PA Fairgrounds, York, PA, Fri. 9AM–6PM, Sat. 9AM–5PM, Admission \$5.00

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

CANCELLED

FUTURE PROGRAMS

October – Aaron Heckler

November – Maria Schurz, Octoberfest

December – Christmas Party

2020 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

October – Horse Drawn Vehicles

November – Political Cards

MEMBER NEWS

On August 11, Don Tribit's daughter Elizabeth passed away unexpectedly. We offer our sincere sympathies to Don and his family for their loss.

HAPPY LABOR DAY!



Did you know?

Here are some facts about the holiday.

The Labor Day holiday grew out of the late 19th century organized labor movement.

In September 1882, the unions of New York City decided to have a parade to celebrate their members being in unions, and to show support for all unions.

Matthew Maguire, a machinist, and Peter McGuire, a carpenter, are credited with that first New York parade.

Grover Cleveland signed an act in 1894 establishing the federal holiday.

A TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA AND BACK

By Brian Frankhouser

During the first full week of October in 1908, Philadelphia celebrated the 225th anniversary of the founding of the city. There were at least three large scale parades, including Monday's military parade and Wednesday's industrial procession. The final parade for the week was the historical parade on Friday, October 9th. It was filled with residents in vintage costumes, and other related artifacts and exhibits. It included over 400 people on floats and over 5,000 on foot and horseback. Lancaster County contributed to the celebration by driving a Conestoga wagon to Philadelphia and participating in the historical parade.

The October 10, 1908 edition of the New Holland Clarion reported that there was some excitement in the village of Intercourse on Wednesday, October 7th. A Conestoga wagon was passing through on the way to the Philadelphia celebration. The wagon was driven by Frank Ulrich, an employee of Edward Kauffman. He was accompanied by J. G. Witmer, who was on the brake. It was drawn by six gray horses adorned with bells. The wagon belonged to Nathaniel Groff, who lived on the Fruitville Turnpike. The demonstration was organized by Charles H. Barr and Amos Gingrich, both of Lancaster. The party left Lancaster at 4:00AM on the morning of October 7th and planned to spend the first night in Downingtown. They expected to reach Philadelphia by Thursday evening. The crew stopped at Jason Eaby's store in Intercourse and P. Morris Eaby took a photograph. There was no report regarding the trip back home.

Following this article are five postcards that provide some factual details, some assumptions, some guesses, and some questions about the events of the day. Possibly, one of these views was photographed by P. Morris Eaby. If any of the LCPC "detectives" can shed more light on this subject, please submit information for publication.



Photo #1 - Historical Day Parade:

Famous Philadelphia photographer, William H. Rau, published 62 different postcard views of the events celebrating the 225th anniversary of the founding of the city. The RPPC shown is labeled "Founders' Week - Historical Day Oct. 9th 1908. - Arrival of Penn on the Welcome Scene 8." This view shows some of the hundreds of thousands of people that lined Broad Street to watch the four miles long parade.



Photo #2 – Conestoga Wagon - Lancaster:

This is probably not the Conestoga wagon that traveled to Philadelphia because the view shows two black horses leading the team. It is possible that this lithographed PC may provide a clue. J. G. Witmer, most likely, is pictured here (see lower right label).



Photo #3 – Conestoga Wagon - Lancaster:

L. B. Herr print of Conestoga wagon parked in front of the business of Edw. Kreckel Trunks, Harness, Robes at the square in Lancaster. Note the similarity of appearance and clothing between the brakeman on the J. G. Witmer card and the brakeman on this card. This photo was taken by the D. Walter Miesse studio and labeled '08. Very likely, this is the wagon that went to Philadelphia. However, if anyone has this postcard and it's postmarked before October of 1908, then we'll have to reevaluate the destination for this party. Note that when the wagon left Lancaster on October 7th it was 4:00AM, so this photo was probably taken on the evening of October 6th or the return trip.



Photo #4 Conestoga Wagon - Intercourse:

RPPC labeled "Conestoga Freight Team, Intercourse, Pa.". This looks like the exact same team that is pictured on the L. B. Herr card. I have 12 postcards from this set and the earliest postmark is dated shortly after the Philadelphia event. The wagon is parked in front of the Cross Keys Hotel. If that's the case, it's traveling west. Is this another photo of the return trip from Philadelphia?



Photo #5 Conestoga Wagon - Intercourse:

This RPPC is included to provide full disclosure. Curiously, the wagon is parked in front of Jason Eaby's home (across the street from his store) and the team includes six gray horses adorned with bells. The old inland ship of commerce is traveling westward and the team looks different than the one that that we've concluded went to Philadelphia.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1850 - CALIFORNIA BECOMES THE 31ST IN RECORD TIME

By Jim Ward

California's name is based on Queen Calafia, a character in a 1510 Spanish romance novel, "The Adventures of Explanian". Despite sailors from many nations (Russian, Portuguese, and Filipino to name a few) having some influence upon its Pacific Coast, its most lasting marks were made by the 21 Spanish Missions established there in the early 1700s.

After gaining independence from both Mexico and Spain in the early 1800s, large ranch owners and the missions loosely governed the area but influential settlers wanted a formal government and statehood in the U.S. But a population of 60,000 was needed for statehood and most territories needed decades to reach the required 60,000 people. John Marsh, one of the largest ranchers, invited wagon trains to settle there. In 1848, with the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill, the influx began, the population surged and California became a state in less than two years. California entered the Union as a free, non slavery state by the Compromise of 1850. Amazingly by 1870 the population of San Francisco rose from 500 to 150,000.



Reverse shows the need for a first class 3 cents stamp. Publisher was Max Poschin, Glendale, CA.

Historical population		
Census	Pop.	%±
1850	92,597	—
1860	379,994	310.4%
1870	560,247	47.4%
1880	864,694	54.3%
1890	1,213,398	40.3%
1900	1,485,053	22.4%
1910	2,377,549	60.1%
1920	3,426,861	44.1%
1930	5,677,251	65.7%
1940	6,907,387	21.7%
1950	10,586,223	53.3%
1960	15,717,204	48.5%
1970	19,953,134	27.0%
1980	23,667,902	18.6%
1990	29,760,021	25.7%
2000	33,871,648	13.8%
2010	37,253,956	10.0%
Est. 2019	39,512,223	6.1%

One of the largest die-cuts we've seen, the California map, is 9 1/2' long and is a wealth of descriptive history.

Among the unusual early PCs is this adv. by Jessop & Sons. The 21 feet high clock has 29 dials, told time for 12 nations, winds it's 200 lb. weight automatically by electricity.



California Greetings

If there is a unique set of postcards, for the state, it must be this. The black & white line drawings, numbered #1-H thru #6-H are largely humor – not History. The 1939 set might be available on-line where you can read the many verses by W.E. Dimson. They're titled "The Jackass Mail, No Pigs(Tribute to) Judge Jas. Judson Adams, JJA, Gone West, The End of the Tourist Season, and Yosmites at El Dorado."

