



The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

BREAKING NEWS: The Executive Committee has decided that Reading Show is cancelled due to the pandemic. In addition there will be no Christmas Luncheon

CLUB BUSINESS:

Election of Officers for 2021:

I am writing this on behalf of the RSCC Board:

AS there has almost no activity this year we are proposing the same slate of Officers for the RSCC Board as last year, namely:

David Hunt	President
Kent Weaver	Vice President
Michael Bach	Treasurer
Stan Rough	Secretary
David Crossland	Librarian

If any other member wishes to run for any office, please let me know by October 31st. I will send an email to everyone asking to vote on this slate of officers in approx. 30 days from day of sending this out to you all.

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NOTE FROM YOUR E-EDITOR:

I hope this edition of Overprint finds you well and you have kept safe through all this craziness. Maybe like me you have spent time building a new collection or just finally putting all those stamps that are in glassines finally in an album.!

If you have discovered something interesting in you collection that you didn't realize you had share it with me and I will include it in the next Overprint.

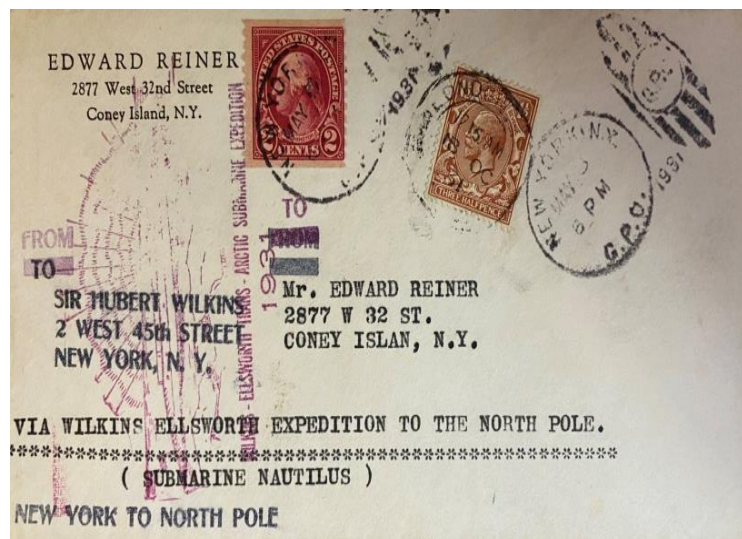
RSCC MEMBERS: I NEED SOME HELP HERE!

I want to give a big shout out to the Lancaster Club (PSLC) who have been doing Zoom meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of each month. If you have a computer with a microphone and camera join us. There are some really good main presentations, and following that there is a general show and tell session. It's a way to stay connected to fellow collectors. Who knows this may be the only way we can meet for quite a while. I am sure you will find it good to see some familiar faces too.

Stay Safe

Mike Bach 10-17-2020

TEASER:



**I am doing a mini -presentation
about this cover
that went to the North Pole
(nearly) in 1931 in the submarine
Nautilus on PSLC Zoom meeting
on Nov 23rd**

**The two explorers , Sir
Hubert Wilkins and Lincoln
Ellsworth are quite interesting
characters.**

THE MARKET PLACE IS BACK

Reading's Mike Matus is offering the following Lots. If you are interested email him at Michael.matus@verizon.net or call him at 610-790-9001 (cell phone.)

FOR SALE.... (16) American Philatelist, issued by the American Philatelic Society, for the following years at \$ 3.50 for each issue

Vol. #54 - #1 - October. - 1940
Vol. #54 - #5 - February - 1941
Vol. #54 - #10- July - 1941
Vol. #55 - #2 - November 1941
Vol. #55 - #3 - December 1941
Vol. #55 - #5 - February 1942
Vol. #55 - #7 - April 1942
Vol. #56 - #2 - November 1942
Vol. #56 - #4 - January 1943
Vol. #56 - #5 - February 1943
Vol. #56 - #6 - March 1943
Vol. #56 - #12 - September 1943
Vol. #57 - #1 - October 1943
Vol. #57 - #2 - November 1943
Vol. #57 - #3 - December 1943
Vol. #57 - #4 - January 1944.

In addition Mike also has the following for sale:

LIGHTHOUSE STOCK BOOKS.

BLACK PAGES AND EACH HAS 32 PAGES WITH (9) POCKETS ON EACH, BOTH SIDES.

These have been used but in excellent condition.

These are high quality stock books typically selling in excess of \$50.00.

Have (6) books for sale @\$30.00 each with either green or black outside covers

If you have anything you are trying to find or trying to sell. Let me know.

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Doane Cancels

Below is an article by Gary Anderson and examples from Aaron's own collection.

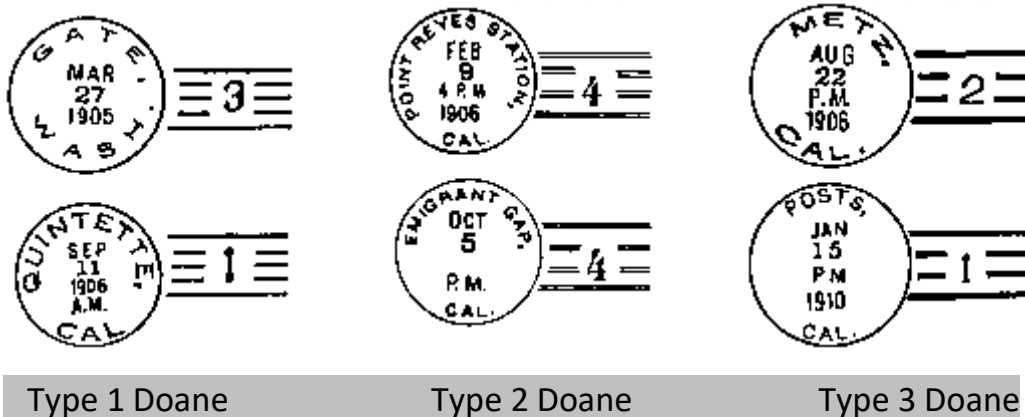
Doane Cancels were the Post Office Departments first attempt to improve postmark legibility by issuing rubber handstamps. The name honors Edith R. Doane a Postal Historian who became interested in these early 20th Century Handstamps in the 1950's. She published her first research findings in 1978.

The first 500 Type 1 experimental Doanes were issued in the first half of 1903. They were very successful and led to the permanent adoption of this type of postmarking supplies for the smaller 4th class post offices, including the possessions. Most of these were issued to Post Offices where the receipts did not exceed \$500 in a year. They were issued to both new and existing Post Offices requesting new supplies. Some were issued to larger 2nd and 3rd class Post Offices when requested by their Postmasters.

Type 1 Doane Cancels have 5 bars with a number in them. They were issued from Aug. 28, 1903 to Sep. 28, 1903 for just one month. Approximately 1600 Type 1 Doane Handstamps were issued including the 500 Experimental Post offices.

Type 2 Doane Cancels have 2 sets of railroad track type bars with a number in them. They were issued from Sep. 29, 1903 until Jun. 30, 1905. Approximately 17,500 Type 2 Doane Handstamps were issued.

Type 3 Doane Cancels have 4 solid bars like a standard 4-bar handstamp cancel with a number in them. Sometimes they are very hard to see because of the green colored stamps of the period. They were issued from Jul. 1, 1905 until the fall of 1906. Approximately 12,000 Type 3 Doane handstamps were issued.



The number in the bars of all 3 types refers to Postmaster compensation in the previous fiscal year. A "1" in the bars meant the Postmaster compensation for the year was less than \$100, a "2" in the bars meant Postmaster compensation was between \$100 and \$200 for the year and for each additional \$100 increment the number was

increased by 1. The highest number seen by me so far is a Type 3 Doane with the number "22" used by Naperville, Ill.

Some of these devices became worn or damaged with use and improper handling. Some of them became so distorted, dirty or had the killer bars replaced that it is sometimes hard to tell if they are doanes. Most were used for anywhere from 1-10 years. A few Postmasters took very good care of their cancelling devices and you can find them being used in the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's.

An * by any Post Office name on a Doane list means that by the date of establishment of this office that it should have had a Doane issued to it. The Type and Number predicted are in parentheses. These are only predictions based on this information and no Doanes have been recorded from these Post Offices.

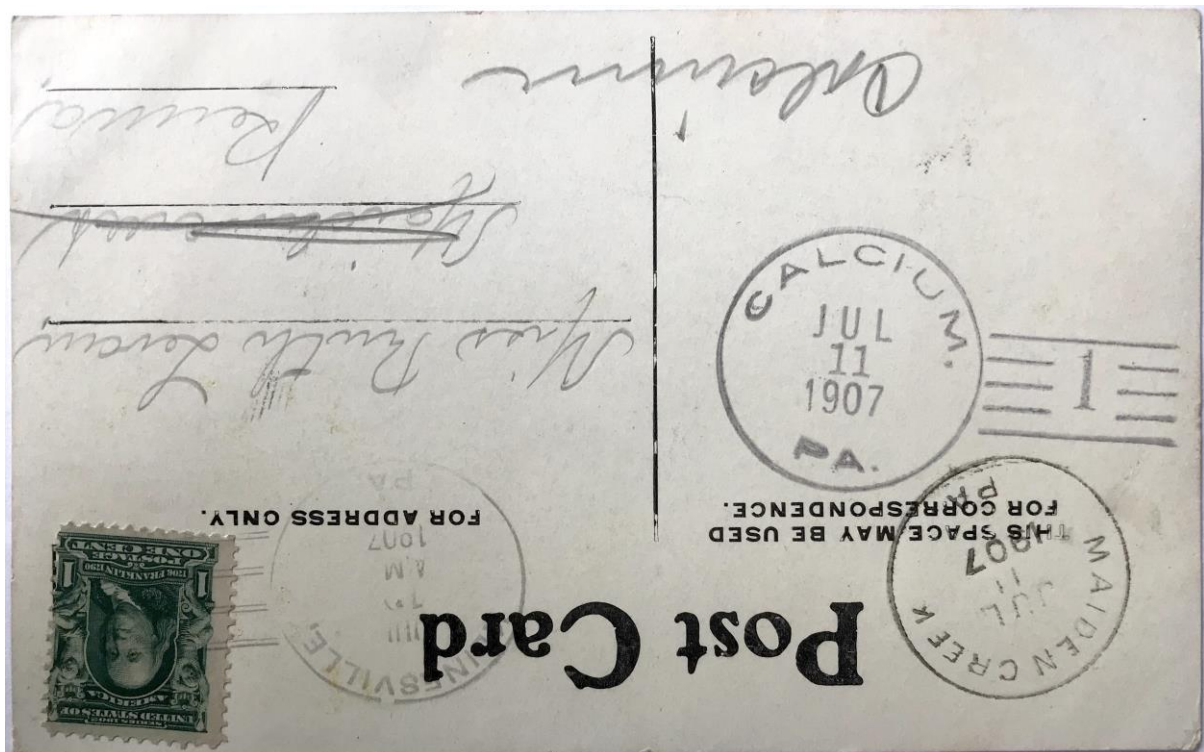
Any post office that has an NS in the Type column is a Doane Mimic. I am going to try and do this throughout the lists where there is not a doane footnote to confirm this.

Some States now have the Counties listed also. All States will have the Counties added as time permits. A number of the lists now have footnotes. You can view these footnotes by clicking on the footnote number.

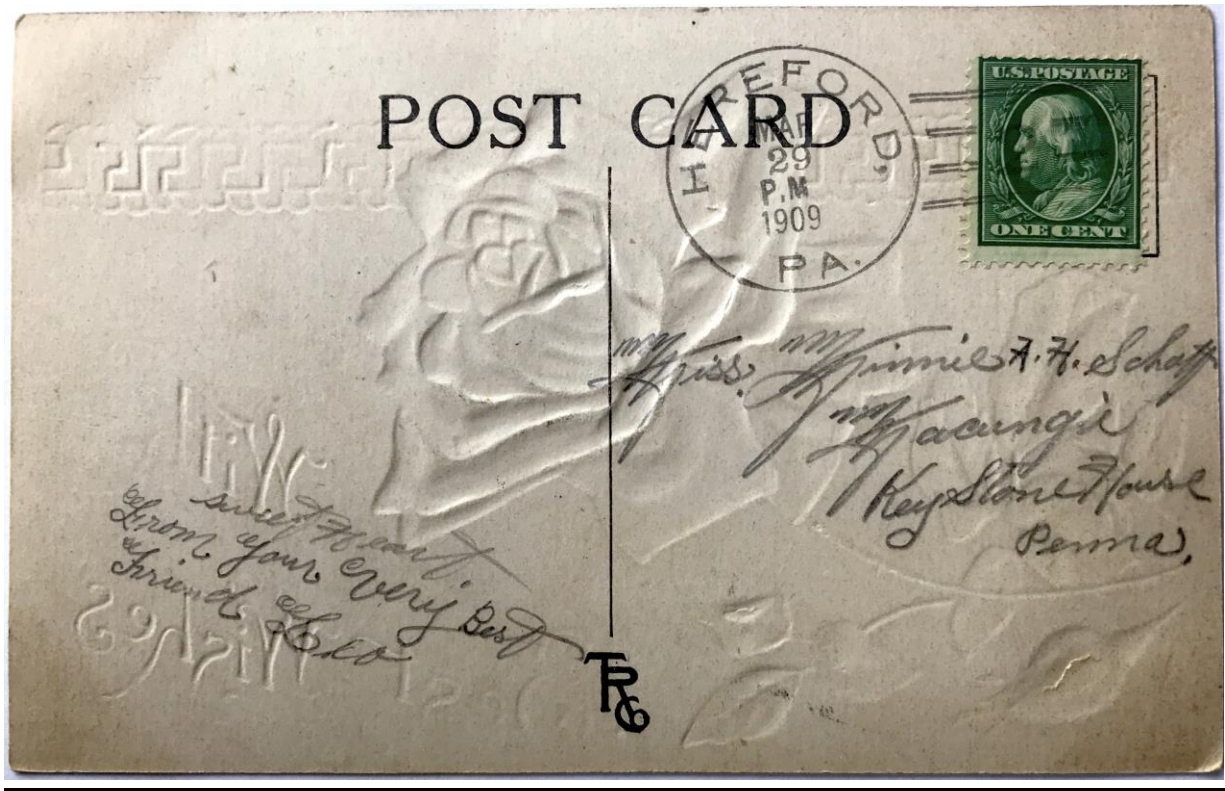
All The States Now Have Doane Lists available on this website. If you have Doane changes to a particular State contact the Coordinator listed after that State.

Examples from Aaron's Collection:

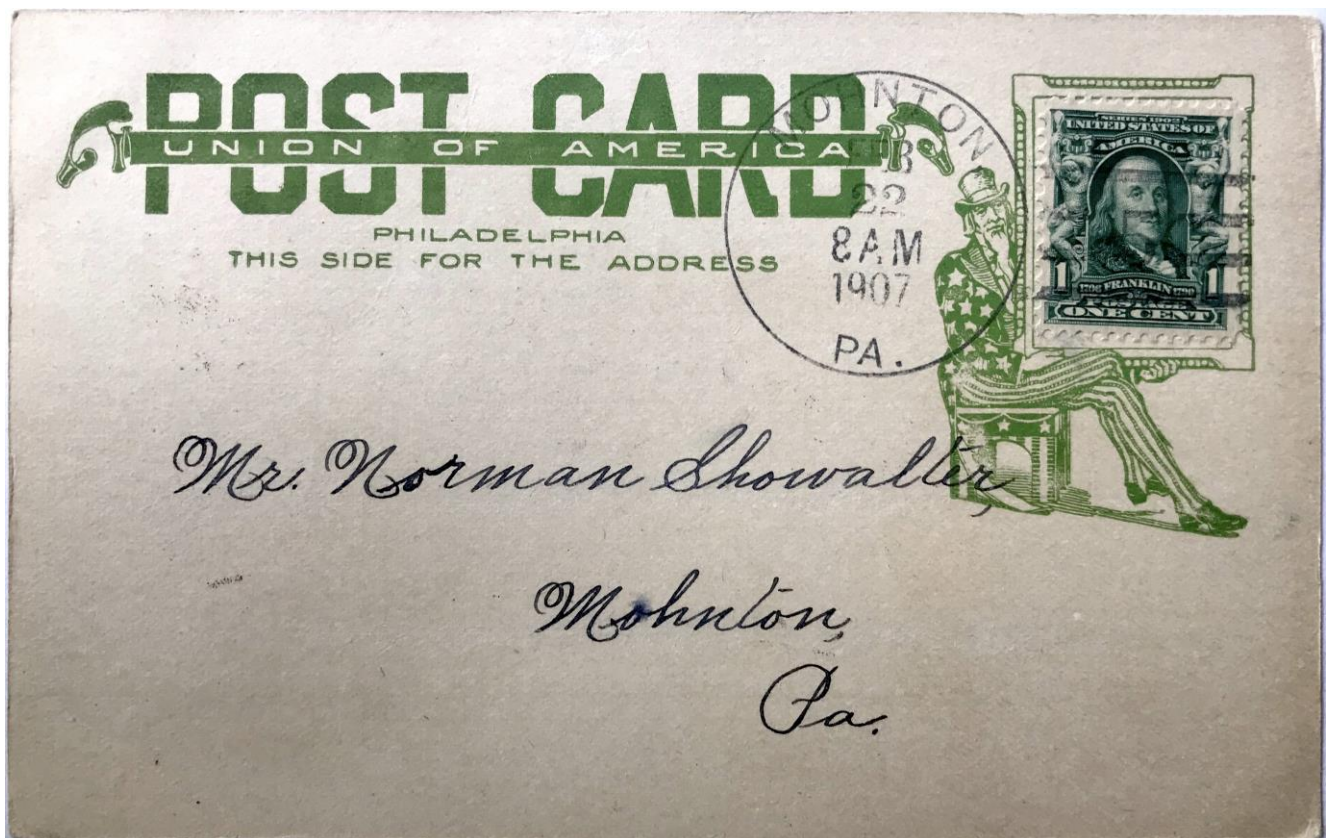
TYPE # 1



TYPE # 2



TYPE # 3



While trying to find additional content for this issue I discovered that October apparently has two philatelic anniversaries: World Postcard Day on October 1st and World Stamp Day on October 9th.

Below are some information and issues pertaining to both events.

October 1st is celebrated as World Post Card Day

Though the use of Post Card over the past 15-20 years may have reduced but yet it remains one of the most powerful mediums to express your feelings and convey them to your friends , family , near and dear ones and well wishers. Stamp Digest wishes its readers a Happy World Post Card Day and urges them to use Postcards to convey your feelings to people in your lives and even to strangers- may be it could be a turning point in somebody's life. A Virtual Postcard exhibition starts on 03 Oct 2020 called DEBUTPEX 2020. Do Visit and enjoy a rich collection of Postcards from around the World.

Below is an issue from Taiwan



And from India



October 9th is celebrated as World Post Day

World Post day happens each year on October 9, the anniversary of the [Universal Postal Union](#) (UPU), which started in 1874 in Switzerland. The UPU was the start of the global communications revolution, introducing the ability to write letter to others all over the world. World Post Day was first declared at the 1969 UPU Congress in [Tokyo, Japan](#).. Since then, countries all over the world take part in celebrations to highlight the importance of the postal service. Many things happen on this day. Post offices in some countries hold special stamp collection exhibitions; there are open days at postal measures and there are workshops on postal history. The UPU organizes an international letter writing competition for young people.

Sri Lanka issued a set of three stamps on 09 Oct 2016 to mark World Post Day. Rupees 5 – Pigeon Post Rupees 10 – Mail By Coach 1820 Rupees 15 -Mail by Clipper 1850.



Utica Stamp Club Celebrations

On July 9, 1922, the Utica Stamp Club, a mere two years into its existence, made philatelic history that drew attention from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

At an international auction held in France, club member Arthur J. Hind, president of the Clarks Mills-based Hind & Harrison Plush Company, outbid George V, King of England, to lay claim to a highly prized 1856 British Guiana one-cent magenta stamp.

Hind's winning bid was \$37,000, at the time the most ever paid for a single stamp; this unique specimen — the only one known to exist — is currently on loan to the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C., and is valued at just over \$9.4 million.

Members of the Greater Utica Stamp Club, as it is now called, are justifiably proud of that headliner page in their historical scrapbook, and this year marks another auspicious event: the organization's 100th anniversary. Congratulations UTICA!!

Barbados oddity from the reign of King George VI

Every now and again something turns up which can be easily placed in the category of EFO; Errors, Freaks and Oddities. These items are generally things that shouldn't exist and probably, when they do, do so in very small numbers. And this latest item is exactly that.

Printed in 1952 by Waterlow, this line engraved intaglio stamp was one of millions produced by the company that year. At this stage of stamp production, production values were some of the highest ever seen; after all, they had been printing stamps for over 100 years by then and had plenty of time to perfect the process.

So this stamp shouldn't exist, but it does.

- I am indebted to the very kind John Hardies who sent me these scans after finding this website, when he noticed that this particular stamp seemed a little out of the ordinary. As you can see, the stamp exhibits the most spectacular over inking in the corners, where the application of black is far more than should be encountered on this stamp.



Here's how the stamp normally looks for comparison. You can see from the back of the stamp above that this is simply a case of over inking, as it has bled through to the rear of the stamp and formed a distinct impression of what is on the other side. There is so much ink on the face that the number 4 is almost obliterated and despite the light 'CIRCULATION BRANCH' cancel, the bottom right hand corner is just a black smudge.



The stamp is Barbados SG288, the 24c top value in the 1952 set issued to celebrate the Barbados Stamp Centenary. Which is ironic really, as this set was supposed to celebrate 100 years of quality manufacturing of the stamps of Barbados, so there really shouldn't be any errors.

It seems from the above images that at least one sheet of these slipped through the quality control net.