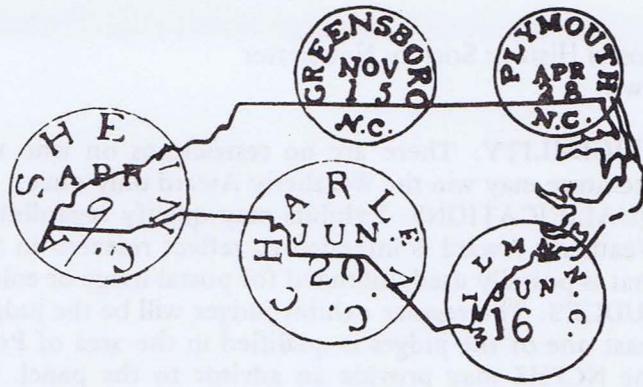


## NORTH CAROLINA

### POSTAL HISTORY

#### SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

The 1983 Annual Meeting of the NCPHS was convened 23 July at CHARPEX. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stefan Jaronski. A moment of silence in memory of Bob Bellamy, recently deceased, was observed. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter. There being no old business, the meeting went on to consider a number of new items.

Vern Stroupe reported on the formation of an Earl Weatherly Award for exhibit article on research project on North Carolina postal history. The criteria for the award were discussed, then adopted with amendments. (See elsewhere in this Newsletter for details.) Stroupe then reported the present status of the postal history project. The archives will be transferred from Ed Seymour to Vern Stroupe and the latter will assume overall responsibilities for the archives. A number of geographical areas of responsibility, esp. western counties, are still waiting for adoption by interested individuals. Membership and financial reports were presented by the Secretary-Treasurer. We have, at present, 31 paid members in the NCPHS. The current bank balance (a savings account at NCNB) is just over \$100. The subsequent discussion concerned methods for publicizing the society and increasing the membership.

The group then accepted a motion to deviate from the by-laws and accept nominations for 4 Board members to replace those whose terms ended this year. Nominations from the floor were Johnny Johnson, Milton Wicker, Jim Harris and Harriet Riggs. These nominations were accepted and elected by voice vote of the members present.

The meeting was adjourned.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Directors of the NCPHS (7 attending) convened their meeting immediately after the general meeting. The Board approved the President's appointment of Vern Stroupe to replace Bob Bellamy as First Vice-President, then elected Ruth Wetmore as 2nd Vice President.

Vern Stroupe, Ruth Wetmore and Stefan Jaronski were appointed to the Awards Committee. Their task will be to choose the 1983-84 recipients of the Earl Weatherly award during the next year. Vern Stroupe suggested that the mobile portion of the Weatherly award be a copy of Weatherly's Guilford County - The First Hundred Years. Milt Wicker and Vern will procure a number of copies from a known source, sufficient to meet the society's needs for several years. The stationary part of the award was proposed to consist of a presentation-folder style holder containing metal plates engraved with names of the past recipients. Vern Stroupe will research the award further.

### NORTH CAROLINA POSTAL HISTORY AWARD

- I. **PURPOSE:** An award of recognition and merit given by the North Carolina Postal History Society for (A) the best exhibit of North Carolina Postal History at an exhibit designated by the NCPHS, and/or (B) an outstanding achievement in North Carolina Postal History Literature which has been published, printed or presented within the twelve months preceding an NCPHS annual meeting.
- II. **NAME OF THE AWARD:** The award shall be called the A. Earl Weatherly Award (1895-1981), author of THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF HISTORIC GUILFORD, father of North Carolina Postal History, and Life President of the Confederate Stamp Alliance.

- III. **ELIGIBILITY:** There are no restrictions on who may win the award. An exhibit or item of literature may win the Weatherly Award only once.
- IV. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Exhibits may qualify regardless of category in which they are entered. The Weatherly Award is intended to reflect research in North Carolina Postal History. Any material that is postally used, intended for postal usage or enlightens postal usage is qualified.
- V. **JUDGES:** The regular exhibit judges will be the judges for the Weatherly Award provided that at least one of the judges is qualified in the area of Postal History. In absence of a qualified judge, the NCPHS may provide an advisor to the panel. The Weatherly Award for Literature will be judged by a panel of NCPHS members appointed by the President.
- VI. **NUMBER OF AWARDS:** A maximum of three Weatherly Awards may be made annually.
- VII. **STYLE OF AWARD:** The Weatherly Award shall be in two parts, (A) a permanent plaque inscribed with the names of the winners, and (B) a presentation piece, selected by the awards committee as being appropriate, given to each winner.

### **AMERICAN STAMPLESS COVER CATALOG REVISION**

The David G. Phillips Publishing Company and the NC Postal History Society will coordinate efforts in producing the NC Section of the 1984 ASCC by Phillips. Western Vice-President Vernon Stroupe will co-ordinate the effort between the editor, Hubert Skinner, and the NCPHS.

It is the intent of Phillips Publishing to expand the 1984 ASCC into two or more volumes to show the many new discoveries since the last edition in 1978 and to illustrate more covers and markings by photographs. It is estimated that the effort for NC will take at least six months, depending on the quantity of volunteers from the NCPHS.

Vice President Stroup will make assignments based on a portion of the 1978 catalog. A printers proof of the catalog with its 165 listings is already in his hands and a computer print-out of new additions known to exist will be available shortly.

The procedure will be:

1. Identify the area contributors, i.e., the NCPHS member responsible for compiling the listings for each segment of the state. The more members which participate, the quicker and easier the task will become.
2. Distribute work materials, instructions and photocopies of all file covers.
3. Solicit photocopies of NC stampless covers up to 1865. The covers should be sent to Vice President Stroupe for photocopy. The photocopies will be distributed to the proper researcher and a copy retained for the NCPHS archives.
4. Draft listings will be sent to Vice President Stroupe for checking before the compiled listing is forwarded to the editor.

Each contributing area researcher will receive a copy of the finished Phillips 1984 ASCC catalog. Please send your preference of research area to Vernon Stroupe, P.O. Box 8879, Asheville, NC 28814.

### **DOANE NUMERAL HANDSTAMP CANCELS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

By Milton G. Wicker

In the North Carolina Postal History newsletter No. 5 of May 1983, Tony Crumbley related a brief history and explanation of the Doane Cancels or Postmarks.

The last paragraph of his article issued a challenge to someone to compile a listing of these cancels used in North Carolina. Since this member of NCPHS has long been interested in Doane cancels, an effort will be made, with the help of many others, to compile such a listing.

Such a listing of Doane cancels would not be complete, however, without including the original Doanes - the RFD Doanes; therefore the scope of this endeavor will cover two entirely different periods and usages of the Doane cancels - Phase I - the RFD Doanes denoting route number - Phase II - the General Use Period, usually denoting the Postmaster's compensation.

Phase I - RFD Cancels

A detailed description of the "Rural Free Delivery" system is in Edith Doane's "Country Systems of RFD" (J-B Publishing Co. 1977). Other than Miss Doane's original research, very little work had been done on RFD cancels until Harold C. Richow's recent "Encyclopedia of RFD cancels". (J.B. Pub. Co. 1983). This great first effort catalogues not only the Doane cancels, but all known RFD cancels including manuscripts.

Briefly, the "Rural Free Delivery" service came into being on October 1, 1896. The initial routes were in West Virginia - three at Charlestown and one each at Hall Town and Uvilla.

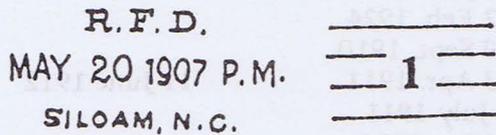
After about three years of "trial and error" operation, the first county-wide system was established in Carroll county, Maryland on December 20, 1899.

The major "order" No. 875 requiring mail carriers to cancel the outgoing mail they collected from their boxes was issued August 1, 1900. A special duplex canceling device was issued to each carrier, which included a numeral denoting the route number. These first standard type devices were manufactured by Baumgarten & Co., Washington, D.C.

This procedure continued until Order No. 463 was issued on May 9, 1903 when the supplying of the canceling devices was discontinued. At the same time carriers were instructed to cancel all letters and cards for delivery on their own route or nearby routes with an indelible pencil and to take all other letters and cards to their office for canceling.

This new order was not well received by the vast majority of rural carriers who were proud men, who took pride in the use of their personalized route number canceling devices. As a result, many ordered and paid for their own route canceling devices and continued to use them.

Below is shown as Type A an example of the early standard type Doane RFD postmark. Type B is an example of the later un-authorized type. Many other types should exist.



Type A



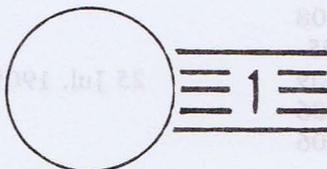
Type B

Should you have, or locate any of these Doane RFD markings for North Carolina, please send the writer a tracing or a Xerox copy of the strike so that this data might be made a part of the complete tabulation of the Doane cancels in North Carolina.

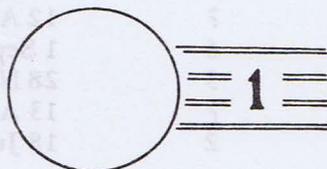
Phase II - General Purpose Cancels

The general purpose type of Doane cancel was, in a way, an outgrowth of the RFD cancel. The Post Office Department had long been aware of the blurred and sloppy appearance of the usual handstamp on first class mail. Since the new type device supplied to and used by the RFD system had been so successful and produced a much more attractive and clear impression, the general format was adopted in early 1903.

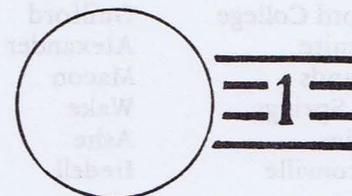
Tony's article tells the rest of the story. Just for quick reference - the three types of Doane cancels are shown below:



Type 1 Doane format.



Type 2 Doane format.



Type 3 Doane format.

Below is a tabulation of the known Doane cancels from North Carolina.

| Post Office            | County        | Type | No. | Earliest      | Latest        |
|------------------------|---------------|------|-----|---------------|---------------|
| Advance                | Davie         | 2    | 4   | 20 Aug. 1907  | 22 Aug. 1900  |
| Airlie                 | Halifax       | 1    | 1   | 22 Jan. 1904  | 27 Oct. 1904  |
| Allentown Ferry        | Montgomery    | 3    | 1   | 15 Oct. 1906  |               |
| Alston (serrated dial) | Warren        | 3    | 1   | 12 Aug. 1908  |               |
| Aurelian Springs       | Halifax       | 2    | 1   | 6 Nov. 1906   | 8 June 1908   |
| Aurora                 | Beaufort      | 2    | 4   | 23 Nov. 1905  | 27 Jan. 1908  |
| Bakersville            | Mitchell      | 2    | 1   | 16 June 1909  |               |
| Balsam                 | Jackson       | 2    | 1   | 8 Dec. 1906   | 23 Sept. 1907 |
| Barber                 | Rowan         | 2    | 3   | 20 Jan. 1906  |               |
| Blanch                 | Caswell       | 2    | 2   | 19 Jul. 1907  |               |
| Bladenboro             | Bladen        | 3    | 4   | 20 Feb. 1912  |               |
| Bolton                 | Columbus      | 3    | 3   | 14 May 1907   |               |
| Bostic                 | Rutherford    | 2    | ?   | 14 Feb. 1907  |               |
| Brandon                | Ashe          | 2    | 1   | 5 Jan. 1905   |               |
| Brinkleyville          | Halifax       | 3    | 3   | 30 Apr. 1912  |               |
| Bunn                   | Franklin      | 2    | 1   | 24 May 1910   |               |
| Burnesville            | Yancey        | 3    | 4   | 11 Oct. 1909  |               |
| Calahaln               | Davie         | 2    | 1   | 4 June 1908   |               |
| Castalia               | Nash          | 2    | 1   | 28 Oc. 1904   | 29 June 1907  |
| Catawba                | Catawba       | 3    | 3   | 12 Dec. 1907  |               |
| Chinquapin             | Duplin        | 3    | 2   | 15 Nov. 1920  |               |
| Chocowinity            | Beaufort      | 3    | 4   | 18 Jan. 1907  |               |
| Cherry Point           | Craven        | 2    | 1   | 12 Feb. 1924  |               |
| Conover                | Catawba       | 2    | 1   | 19 Sept. 1910 |               |
| Conover                | Catawba       | 3    | ?   | 13 Apr. 1911  | 11 June 1912  |
| Conway                 | North Hampton | 3    | 1   | 4 July 1911   |               |
| Creedmore              | Granville     | 2    | 3   | 9 Nov. 1906   |               |
| Cronly                 | Columbus      | 1    | 3   | 16 Dec. 1903  |               |
| Davidsons River        | Transylvania  | 3    | 3   | 8 July 1903   |               |
| Duke                   | Harnett       | 2    | 1   | 12 June 1907  |               |
| Elmwood                | Iredell       | 2    | 2   | 18 May 1908   |               |
| Elrod                  | Robeson       | 2    | 1   | 13 April 1909 |               |
| Fletcher               | Henderson     | 2    | ?   | 17 Jul. 1906  | 5 Feb. 1907   |
| Flora                  | Randolph      | 3    | ?   | 28 Dec. 1908  |               |
| Fonta Flora            | Burke         | 1    | 1   | 29 Mar. 1909  |               |
| Fountain               | Pitt          | 2    | 2   | 12 May 1909   |               |
| Franklinville          | Randolph      | 3    | 3   | 25 Oct. 1912  |               |
| Gambles Store          | Rutherford    | 2    | 1   | 6 May 1911    |               |
| Gaylord                | Beaufort      | 3    | 1   | 9 April 1907  |               |
| Glendale Springs       | Ashe          | 2    | 1   |               |               |
| Glen Inglis            | Buncombe      | 1    | 1   | 20 Aug. 1907  |               |
| Grissom                | Granville     | 3    | ?   | 23 Sept. 1907 |               |
| Grove                  | Warren        | 2    | 3   | 10 Oct. 1907  | 11 Oct. 1907  |
| Grove Hill             | Warren        | 3    | 2   | 18 Mar. 1910  |               |
| Guilford               | Guilford      | 2    | ?   | 20 Jan. 1905  | 11 Jun. 1908  |
| Guilford College       | Guilford      | 2    | ?   | 12 May 1908   |               |
| Hiddenite              | Alexander     | 2    | ?   | 12 Aug. 1908  |               |
| Highlands              | Macon         | 2    | 6   | 1 Sept. 1905  |               |
| Holly Springs          | Wake          | 2    | 3   | 28 Nov. 1909  | 25 Jul. 1905  |
| Hopkins                | Ashe          | 2    | ?   | 13 Aug. 1906  |               |
| Houstonville           | Iredell       | 2    | 2   | 18 June 1906  |               |

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|-----------------|---------------|------|-----|---------------|--------------|
| Inez            | Warren        | 3    | 1   | 22 Feb. 1907  |              |
| Inez            | Warren        | 3    | 2   | 18 June 1907  |              |
| Ingold          | Sampson       | 2    | 1   | 19 Dec. 1908  |              |
| Jamesville      |               | 2    | 5   | 29 Aug. 1905  |              |
| Jupiter         | Buncombe      | 2    | ?   | 12 Oct. 1908  |              |
| Kidsville       | Lincoln       | 2    | 1   | 21 Nov. 1905  |              |
| Lake Toxaway    | Transylvania  | 2    | 1   | 14 June 1905  |              |
| Lasker          | North Hampton | 3    | 2   | 25 June 1913  |              |
| Lattimore       | Cleveland     | 2    | 2   | 30 Nov. 1904  |              |
| Lawndale        | Cleveland     | 2    | 4   | 8 May 1908    |              |
| Leicester       | Buncombe      | 3    | 3   | 23 Oct. 1910  | 3 Sept. 1912 |
| Lewisville      | Forsyth       | 2    | 2   | 3 Dec. 1907   | 18 Feb. 1911 |
| Lilesville      | Anson         | 3    | 4   | 16 Feb. 1909  |              |
| Lillington      | Harnett       | 3    | 3   | 30 Jan. 1906  |              |
| Lillington      | Harnett       | 3    | 7   | 15 Nov. 1906  | 1 Sept. 1909 |
| Little Mill     | Richmond      | 3    | 4   | 26 Mar. 1903  |              |
| Lockville       | Chatham       | 2    | 1   | 1 Jan. 1907   | 25 Nov. 1907 |
| Mamie           | Carteret      | 3    | 1   | 27 Dec. 1939  |              |
| Manson          | Warren        | 3    | 3   | 13 Sept. 1905 | 27 Oct. 1906 |
| Merritt         | Pamlico       | 2    | 4   | 23 Dec. 1915  |              |
| Middleton       | Hyde          | 2    | 1   | 24 Sept. 1912 |              |
| Middletown      | Hyde          | 2    | 2   | 11 July 1906  |              |
| Mineral Springs | Union         | 2    | ?   | 15 Aug. 1907  |              |
| Mizpah          | Stokes        | 2    | 2   | 5 Aug. 1908   | 8 Aug. 1908  |
| Monbo           | Catawba       | 2    | ?   | 12 Dec. 1907  |              |
| Moravian Falls  | Wilkes        | 3    | 4   | 21 Nov. 1908  |              |
| Morrisville     | Wake          | 2    | 5   | 14 Oct. 1908  |              |
| Murfreesboro    | Hertford      | 2    | 6   | 17 Sept. 1905 |              |
| New Castle      | Wilkes        | 3    | ?   | 18 May 1908   |              |
| Nile            | Alleghany     | 3    | 1   | 18 June 1909  |              |
| Norlina         | Warren        | 3    | 4   | 3 Aug. 1908   |              |
| North Harlowe   | Craven        | 2    | 2   | 10 Oct. 1904  |              |
| Northside       | Granville     | 2    | 2   | 29 May 1907   |              |
| Old Town        | Forsyth       | 2    | 1   | 24 Mar. 1909  |              |
| Oriental        | Pamlico       | 3    | 4   | 6 Sept. 1906  |              |
| Panacea         | Halifax       | 2    | 1   | 18 June 1904  |              |
| Panther Creek   | Yadkin        | 2    | 2   | 26 Apr. 1904  |              |
| Pine Hall       | Stokes        | 3    | 2   | 15 Jun. 1908  | 15 Jun. 1908 |
| Pollocksville   | Jones         | 2    | 4   | 28 Dec. 1907  | 13 Jul. 1910 |
| Reepsville      | Lincoln       | 2    | 2   | 12 Aug. 1911  |              |
| Richfield       | Stanly        | 2    | 2   | 12 Jun. 1907  |              |
| Roseboro        | Sampson       | 3    | 2   | 8 May 1909    |              |
| Rosehill        | Duplin        | 3    | 5   | 2 Nov. 1907   |              |
| Rosewood        | Chatham       | 2    | 1   | 21 Mar. 1907  |              |
| Sands           | Watauga       | 3    | 1   | 19 Jul. 1909  |              |
| Sapphire        | Transylvania  | 3    | 3   | 6 Aug. 1905   |              |
| Seaboard        | North Hampton | 2    | 5   | 31 May 1907   |              |
| Snow Hill       | Greene        | 1    | 3   | 19 Aug. 1917  | 21 Jun. 1921 |
| South Creek     | Beaufort      | 2    | 3   | 25 Dec. 1905  | 26 Jul. 1911 |
| Stella          | Carteret      | 2    | 1   | 9 Mar. 1907   |              |
| Stokes          | Pitt          | 1    | 1   | 1 July 1903   |              |
| Stoval          | Granville     | 3    | 4   | 17 Nov. 1907  |              |
| Swannanoa       | Buncombe      | 1    | 3   | 17 June 1907  |              |

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|----------------|----------|------|-----|---------------|---------------|
| Tobaccoville   | Forsyth  | 2    | 2   | 9 Mar. 1908   | 12 Nov. 1908  |
| Vandemere      |          | 3    | 2   | 9 Oct. 1908   |               |
| Vaughn         | Warren   | 3    | 4   | 1 May 1909    | 29 Sept. 1911 |
| Warren Plains  | Warren   | 3    | 3   | 20 July 1906  | 17 July 1911  |
| White Plains   | Surry    | 1    | -   | 16 June 1906  |               |
| Whitsett       | Guilford | 2    | 3   | 18 Sept. 1906 | 8 Mar. 1907   |
| Wildwood       | Carteret | 2    | -   | 17 Mar. 1909  |               |
| Williamsboro   | Vance    | 3    | 1   | 14 Mar. 1907  |               |
| Williston      | Carteret | 3    | 1   | 9 April 1912  |               |
| Yadkin College | Davidson | 2    | 3   | 30 July 1906  |               |

This listing is just a start and probably represents only a small percentage of the Doanes that were used. It is the writer's hope that much interest will be created and make possible a fairly representative monograph for the North Carolina Postal History Society in the not too distant future.

Please send your tracings or Zerox copies of your RFD Doanes and a tabulation of your General Purpose Doanes to:

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#### NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

Those of you who have read this far are obviously receiving value from this publication. In the past we have mailed this Newsletter to all known N.C. Postal History Collectors. After this issue only those members in good standing will receive the publication. The mailing labels of those whose dues are current are marked in red. If this mark does not appear on your envelope, please take the time to fill out the enclosed membership application and help support our Society.

Two of our members, Johnny Johnson and Phil Perkinson, have just published a thorough listing of all known post offices and dates of operation in North Carolina. This first time work is available in two volumes; one an alphabetical listing, the other a county listing, each volume is \$30 and available from the authors or from myself.