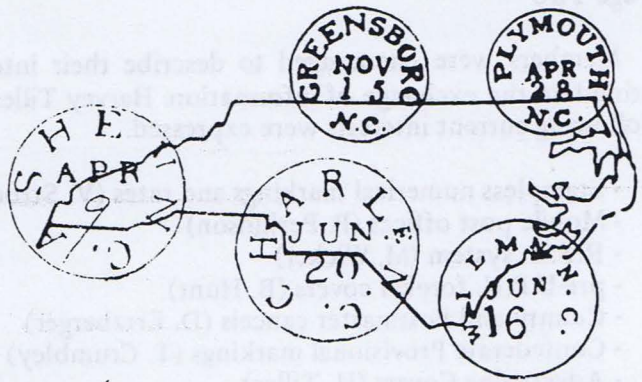


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MINUTES OF N.C.P.H.S. MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 1984

While meeting was coming to order Vernon Stroupe reported on the status of the ASCC project. Four of the eight section editors have turned in their material and already there are twice as many North Carolina listings as appeared in the first edition of the American Stampless Cover Catalog.

Harvey Tilles welcomed 16 members to the February 25 meeting of the North Carolina Postal History Society at the Mission Valley Inn, Raleigh. In the absence of the Society's Secretary, Ruth Wetmore was asked to keep the minutes of this meeting.

Following the last meeting, Garland Stout drew up a request for tax exempt status for the society, but needed a statement of the N.C. Postal History Society's objectives before submitting the request to the I.R.S. A statement was drafted, and will be sent to the membership for comments prior to a vote at the next meeting in July.

Vernon Stroupe and Tony Crumbley reported on the pewter pitcher and 3 international medallions won by Earl Weatherby which were donated to the N.C. Postal History Society by Mr. Weatherby's niece, Elizabeth Tate. Harvey Tilles is having a display stand made and invited suggestions for making this award secure, portable, and in such a form that the names of award winner's can be added.

Tony Crumbley announced that articles were always needed for the newsletter. The newsletter costs about \$60 per issue, mostly for printing and postage. Tony suggested that selling \$300 worth of advertising per year would cover newsletter costs. Fred Pitcher agreed to work with Tony on obtaining advertising.

Vernon Stroupe explained that the next steps in the A.S.C. project will be compilation of all the material and pricing. The pricing will be done independently by three society members, and an average of their figures will be sent to Phillips. Clear markings, particularly fancy markings, are needed for illustrations.

Harvey Tilles reported a total of 40 paid members for the society, with a balance of \$533.43 in the treasury.

The nominating committee (Phil Perkinson, Vernon Stroupe, Fred Pitcher) has not submitted a slate of names because they lacked a list of paid members. This list is being compiled and nominations for the Board of Directors will be sent out in the next newsletter.

Tony Crumbley noted that several dealer members had requested copies of the membership roster. After discussion, it was decided that (1) members be given the option of not having their name published in the newsletter, and (2) that it is not necessary to state the collecting interests of each member.

Suggestions for new society projects were made by Harvey Tilles and Vernon Stroupe. These included fancy postmaster cancels, the Confederate mails, county postmarks; U.P.U. handstamps; railroad cancellations; numerical and other postal markings by types; and CDS markings for both stampless and stamp periods.

Members were encouraged to describe their interests and current projects for the newsletter to stimulate the exchange of information. Harvey Tilles has a list of member interests by county, and the following current interests were expressed.

- Stampless numerical markings and rates (V. Stroupe)
- Mobile post offices (P. Perkinson)
- R.F.D. system (M. Wicker)
- pre-U.P.U. foreign covers (B. Hunt)
- County and Postmaster cancels (D. Ertzberger)
- Confederate Provisional markings (T. Crumbley)
- Advertising Covers (H. Tilles)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M. Respectfully submitted, Ruth Wetmore, Acting Secretary.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The NCPHS operates with a Board of twelve Directors. Directors serve a three year term with members being elected on a staggering basis in order to maintain continuity among the Directors. Four Directors will be voted on to serve a three year term ending 1987. The nominating committee has presented the following nominations: Jean Bellamy, Washington, N.C.; Fredrick Pitcher, Lexington, N.C.; Phil Perkinson, Norlina, N.C.; and Harvey Tilles, High Point, N.C. These nominations will be voted on at the annual meeting to be held in Charlotte, July 28, 1984.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the NCPHS will be held in Charlotte on July 28, 1984 at 12:00 noon. The meeting is in conjunction with Charpex '84 held at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart on Independence Boulevard. Each member is requested to attend this show and plan on joining the 12:00 business meeting.

The North Carolina Postal History Society Award will be presented for the best N.C. Postal History exhibit. An entry form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please consider an exhibit of your favorite area. We would like to see at least one frame from each member.

For the first time nominations are being accepted for Weatherby Award for the best published work on N.C. Postal History. President Tilles will be appointing a committee to serve with him in judging these works. Any articles or other published works on N.C. Postal History are eligible for this award. If you are aware of any such works, please inform Dr. Tilles prior to the annual meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The society has had several requests for a published list of its members. It is felt this would be a worthwhile endeavor. The Editor plans to publish in the next newsletter a complete listing of members names and addresses. If you would prefer not to have your name and address published or the address used to mail this newsletter is incorrect, please notify the Editor immediately.

STATE WILDLIFE STAMPS

Many of you are aware of the N.C. Duck Stamp that was issued for the first time this year. These stamps will go off sale after June 1. Issued with this Duck Stamp were several other N.C. Sportsman Stamps including one \$30 and one \$90 face value stamps. These Sportsman Stamps will be sold as remainders after June 1. Preliminary information is they will be sold for \$7.50 each. They may be ordered from: Wildlife Resource Commission, Licenses Office, Archdale Building, Raleigh, NC 27611, Phone: 919-733-7896.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES MICROFILM PUBLICATIONS

Phil Perkinson informed the Editor of two items of interest from the National Archives. The Archives are now making available, for \$17 per roll, positive copies of microfilm publications. These include "Record of Appointment of Postmasters 1832-1971" "Record of Appointment of Postmasters 1789-1832", and "Post Office Department Reports of site locations, 1837-1950." For more information on this, please contact Phil or the National Archives in Washington.

COUNTY, POSTMASTER AND SAW TOOTH CANCEL RECORDING PROJECT

Darrell Ertzberger has requested copies of all covers in your holdings with County, Postmaster or Saw Tooth Cancels be forwarded to him. Darrell is attempting to record all such known markings. He hopes to publish in the next newsletter the listing to date. Any information on these markings should be sent to Darrell at P. O. Box 16361, Alexandria, VA 22302. Examples of these markings are:



County Cancel



Postmaster Cancel



Saw Toothed Cancel

CORRECTIONS FROM THE EDITOR

From time to time each of us makes an occasional error, it just so happens the February newsletter had more than its share. The Editor of this profound publication, not only gets the duty of putting it all together, he gets the responsibility of any errors - isn't it great! Please make the following corrections.

1. The volumn number is 8 instead of 7.
2. The general meeting was held February 25 instead of the 27th.
3. "The Highway Post Offices of North Carolina" was by Dr. Harvey Tilles.

FLAG CANCELLATION BY MILTON WICKER

The American Flag is a symbol of Purity, Innocence, Hardiness, Valor, Vigilance and Justice. Legend brings us the story of how Betsy Ross, with her skilled fingers and creative ability made the first American Flag which inspired Francis Scott Key to compose "The Star-Spangled Banner" as it flew over Baltimore's Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. With patriotism running high after the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the events leading into the Civil War, it was only natural that some Postmasters who had a patriotic whim or who had grown tired of penning manuscript cancels or using the old worn out handstamps as supplied by the Post Office Department, would start a new trend in cancels. As a result, the so-called "fancy" cancelling devices and killers with some type of flag or other design began to appear from the hands of Postmasters with a creative touch. These devices were often made from rubber, cork or whittled from wood. It is not known as to just when such Flag type cancels were first used, but research indicates the date to have been in the early 1850's.

The Herst-Zareski and the Herst-Simpson books illustrate many of these homemade designs, but the best authority on Flags is Frederick Langford's superb research as recorded in his "Flag Cancel Encyclopedia," 3rd Edition 1976.

Langford lists 40 known towns in the 19th century as having used these homemade cancels. None are known as to have been used in North Carolina or from North Carolina towns. Into the 20th century, some 241 towns throughout the United States have used some type of Flag cancel or killer even though the Post Office Department has requested the Postmasters to refrain from doing so.

This article, however, is designed to review only the authorized Flag cancels as approved for imprints by the Post Office Department in 1984.

According to Langford, North Carolina did not receive a government issued machine Flag cancel of the American Postal Machine Co. until 1898 when the Asheville, N.C. Post Office installed one such machine fitted with a type B-14 die and numerical "1" in the die space. (see Photo No. 1). This was followed by a similar machine at the Winston-Salem office in 1899. (see Photo No. 2).

The majority of North Carolina towns were supplied with Type A-14 dies, either with or without die space. (see Photo No. 3). Other towns were sent machines with Type B-14, with or without die space, (see Photo No. 4), except Rocky Mount, N.C. who installed a machine with an Ovate die B-4. (see Photo No. 5) for the period 1906-1908.

W. H. WESTALL,
Lumber, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings,
Cement, Plaster, and Building
Material Generally,
ASHEVILLE, N. C.



*Mr. J. E. Coulter
Carmel Springs, N.C.*

Photo 1

For

*Mr. James M. Kaine
Mocksville,
N. C.*



Photo 2

FROM
*P.O. Box 104
Gibsonville, N.C.*



After 10 days, return to
GEO. E. NISSEN & CO.,
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.



DOUBLEDAY ONE DOLLAR BOOK CLUB

Garden City

New York

Photo 3

*Mr J. E. Coulter
Carmel Springs, N.C.*

Photo 4



*Daily Industrial News
(News Department)*

Photo 5

This is probably the most desirable North Carolina Flag available to a North Carolina collection. Jefferson N.C. was the last known town to use a Flag cancel in 1939.

Flag cancels are collectable on a great variety of cards and covers. Not only by States but by Territories such as Alaska and Indian Territory, Air mail covers, APO covers, Border Series, Circuit RPO's Expositions and Special Events, Military Branches and Stations, Navel Ships, RFD's and many others such as on Special Delivery.

Even the field has been well worked by such men as Col. A.C. Townsend, who was considered by many to have been the "Father of Flag Cancel Collecting" - he put together a listing of some 1,200 Flag towns, but only 3 varieties, when the first listing was published in Gossip in 1937. A few years later Frederick Langford issued his first research followed by the third revised edition of the Standard Flag Cancel Encyclopedia - an outstanding contribution.

The Flag Cancel Society is very active with several hundred members who research and contribute talents to this field of cover bars who research and contribute talents to this field of cover collecting. New finds and new varieties are published regularly in its publication - Flag Cancellations.

Another most useful and informative publication is the Machine Cancel Forum, by John R. McGee of Greenbelt, MD. This news letter started as the Flag Cancel Forum, but in May of 1974 was enlarged to cover the entire field of machine cancellations.

With all the research back of Flag cancels, much continuing study is needed in the North Carolina section to establish possible new towns, new varieties, earliest and latest dates used. There may even be some of the early handstamp type of Flags yet to be uncovered as used in North Carolina.

The writer will undertake to record the North Carolina Flags by town, type, earliest, latest and number recorded. Members who will contribute from their collections will be acknowledged and their cooperation much appreciated. A Xerox copy would be preferred.

Milton G. Wicker
508 Lindley Road
Greensboro, N.C. 27410

The following is the list of known flag cancels used from North Carolina.



CDS
Type A



CDS
Type B



also exists without Diespace

Flag
Type 4



also exists without Diespace

Flag
Type 14



also exists without Diespace

Flag
Type 38

Town	CDS Type	Cancel Type	Number Within Flag	Known Dates of Usage	
				Earliest	Latest
Albemarle	A	14		1920	1926
Asheville	B	14	(1)	1898	1903
Asheville	B	14		1903	1906
Asheville	B	14	(blank)	1906	1908
Asheville	B	14	Diff. die	1908	1910
Asheville	A	14		1910	1914
Asheville	A	14	Diff. die	1914	1919
Asheville	A	38	W. Asheville Station	1926	1930
Ayden	A	14		1930	1936
Beaufort	A	14		1924	1929
Belmont	A	14		1929	1930

Town	CDS Type	Cancel Type	Number Within Flag	Known Dates of Usage Earliest Latest
Blowing Rock	A	14		1932 1935
Brevard	A	14		1926 1927
Burlington	B	14		1907 1917
Burlington	A	14		1909 1921
Chadbourn	A	14		1932 1937
Charlotte	A	38	N. Charlotte Station	1930 1936
Concord	A	14		1913 1922
Concord	A	14	Diff. die	1922 1925
Dunn	A	14		1920 1925
Durham, E. Durham	C	14		1934 1937
Durham, W. Durham	C	14		1934 1937
Edenton	A	14		1920 1924
Edenton	A	14	Diff. die	1924 1924
Edenton	A	14	Diff. die	1924 1927
Elizabeth City	B	14		1906 1913
Elizabeth City	B	14	Diff. die	1913 1920
Elkin	A	14		1926 1931
Elon College	A	14		1927 1937
Farmville	A	14		1927 1931
Fayetteville	B	14	(1)	1905 1908
Fayetteville	A	14	(1)	1909 1911
Fayetteville	B	14		1911 1917
Fayetteville	A	14		1917 1920
Gastonia	A	14		1911 1920
Gibsonville	A	14		1930 1937
Graham	A	14		1928 1931
Greensboro	B	14		1903 1909
Greensboro	B	14	Diff. die	1909 1913
Greenville	B	14		1913 1920
Henderson	B	14		1907 1909
Henderson	A	14		1910 1923
Hendersonville	A	14		1913 1922
Hertford	A	14		1925
Hickory	B	14		1907 1921
High Point	B	14		1907
High Point	B	14	Diff. die	1907 1912
High Point	A	14		1911 1913
Jefferson	A	14		1932 1939
Kings Mountain	A	14		1926 1930
Kinston	A	14	(1)	1911 1924
Kinston	A	14	(Blank)	1915
Leaksville	A	14		1926 1930
Lexington	B	14		1907 1921
Lexington	A	14		1922 1925
Liberty	A	14		1927 1937
Lincolnton	A	14		1923 1926
Littleton	A	14		1924 1926
Littleton	A	14	Diff. die	1926 1927
Louisburg	A	14		1924 1925
Marion	A	14		1925 1928
Morehead City	A	14		1921 1928
Morganton	A	14		1921 1926
Mount Holly	A	14		1928 1935
New Bern	A	14		1917 1921
(Above exists both "NEWBERN" and "New Bern")				
Norlina	A	14		1935 1937

Town	CDS Type	Cancel Type	Number Within Flag	Known Dates of Usage	
				Earliest	Latest
North Charlotte	A	14		1928	1930
(Above machine's dies changed abt. Sept. 1930 to Type A-38, North Charlotte Sta., which see for continuation)					
North Wilkesboro	A	14		1922	1927
Oxford	A	14		1913	1925
Pinehurst	A	14		1922	1926
Raleigh	B	14	(1)	1904	1908
Raleigh	B	14		1908	1910
Red Springs	A	14		1923	1925
Reidsville	A	14		1913	1925
Rockingham	A	14		1923	1925
Rocky Mount	B	4	OVATE (Used 26 mos.)	1906	1908
Rocky Mount	B	14		1908/1913	1915
Rocky Mount	A	14		1909	1920
Roxboro	A	14		1925	1926
Selma	A	14		1933	1935
Shelby	A	14		1920	1923
Siler City	A	14		1926	1935
Smithfield	A	14		1924	1936
Southern Pines	A	14		1924	1925
Spencer	A	14		1927	1928
Spray	A	14		1930	1935
Statesville	A	14		1906	1921
Swannanoa	A	14		1932	1935
Tabor	A	14		1932	1935
Tabor City	A	14	Name changed, 1935	1935	1937
Tarboro	A	14		1911	1925
Thomasville	A	14		1923	1927
Troy	A	14		1929	1935
Valdese	A	14		1933	1935
Wadesboro	A	14		1920	1926
Warrenton	A	14		1927	1931
Washington	A	14		1908	1920
West Jefferson	A	14		1931	1937
Wilmington	B	14		1905	1910
Wilkesboro	A	14		1927	1937
Wilson	A	14		1917	1918
Winston	B	14	(1)	1898	1899
(Winston combined W. Salem 1899, to make Winston-Salem)					
Winston-Salem	B	14	(1)	1899	1902
Winston-Salem	B	14	(Blank)	1900	1902
Statesville	B	14		1909	1910