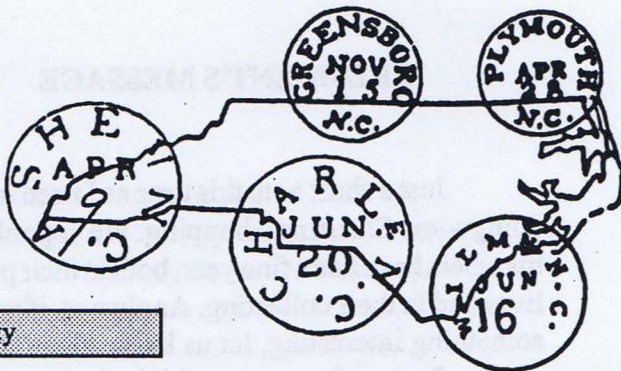


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EDITORIAL

By Tony L. Crumbley

On January 9, 1992 the North Carolina Postal History Society celebrated a significant anniversary. On January 9, 1982, ten years ago, seventeen interested parties met in Winston-Salem to discuss the formation of a study group for North Carolina postal history. Considerable progress has been made in the researching of N.C.'s postal history. At that meeting, three goals were discussed - a newsletter, a journal and books to be published on the subject.

In these ten years we have converted our NEWSLETTER into a very respected JOURNAL OF NORTH CAROLINA POSTAL HISTORY. We have published two books and seen another published by one of our members. This edition of the NEWSLETTER brings to you the 39th issue in the form of the fourth major publication.

I expect few persons at that meeting ten years ago would have expected to see this organization still going strong after ten years, much less expected to see so much accomplished. Nor would they have expected to see those seventeen members grow into a mailing list of more than 150.

To make this anniversary special, the editors have decided to move away from the traditional society newsletter format. It is being used to publish the latest piece of North Carolina Postal History Research -

NORTH CAROLINA POST OFFICE AND POSTMASTERS, 1860 - 1866

One of the most studied areas of American postal history is the Confederate States postal operations. Few records have survived from this era, thus, the research has been piece-meal. To date, even with all the research of several major organizations, no Confederate state has published a list of all the known post offices and postmasters.

With the help of a large group of NCPHS members, North Carolina becomes the first state to have such a list. This is a fitting publication for our tenth anniversary.

The editors would like to thank each of those who have spent time in preparing this work. It is my no means a completed list, but it is an excellent start of a project, one that may not have a definitive ending. You can expect us to expand this work periodically. We must rely on you to review your Confederate covers and to report any markings which have not been recorded. This process is the only way we can confirm that many of these post offices serviced mail, or that they even existed.

Additional copies of this publication are available from the Society for \$8.00 each. Just mail you check to Tony Crumbley.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just a short note this time as I need to be out doing some Christmas shopping. We hope all of our members have had a fine year, both in their personal lives and in their collecting. As always, if you have something interesting, let us know about it.

Some of you may think that you need a fancy word processor to turn out an article. Not so! I bang mine out on an old Royal portable manual typewriter. Remember, Shelby Foote, who has written a series of books on the Civil War does all of his writings using a goose quill pen!

We recommend to you William R. Trotter's "Ironclads and Columbiads" which details the war in eastern North Carolina. It is great reading. There are two other books by Trotter on the Civil War in N.C. Check the local bookstores or write to John F. Blair Publisher, 1406 Plaza Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103.

May the coming year be a good one!

Scott Troutman

CORRECTIONS

The following are corrections to the "Pre-Civil War History of the N.C. Railroads". (Vol. 10, No. 1, Fall 1991)

Page 5. The labeling of the Type I and Type II were reversed.

Page 3. The Wilmington & Weldon ran at an average speed of 14½ miles per hour. The top speed was about 25 miles per hour.

Page 13. The North Carolina Rail Road's original plan was to connect with the Charlotte & South Carolina, not the Charlotte & Columbia, as stated.



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