

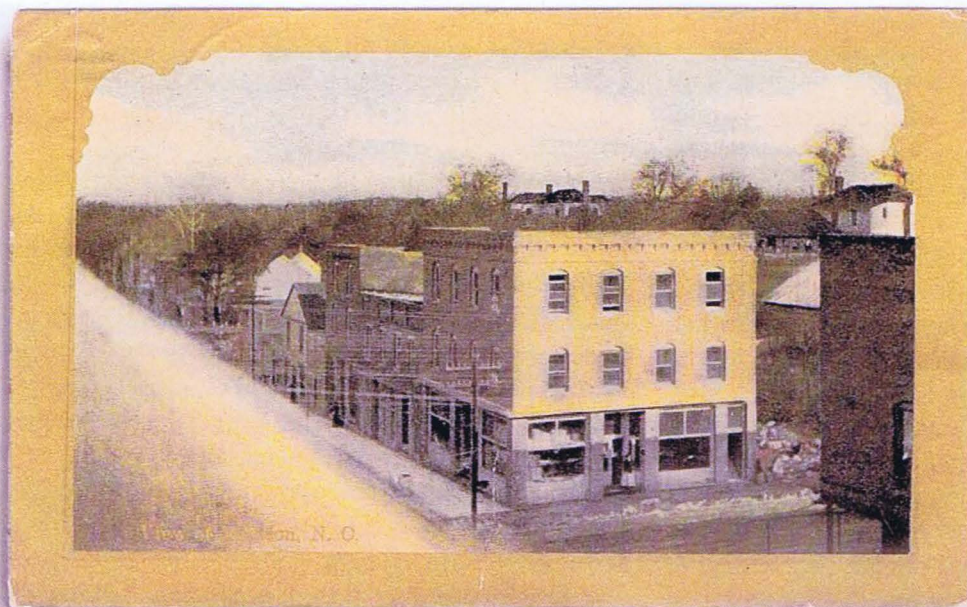
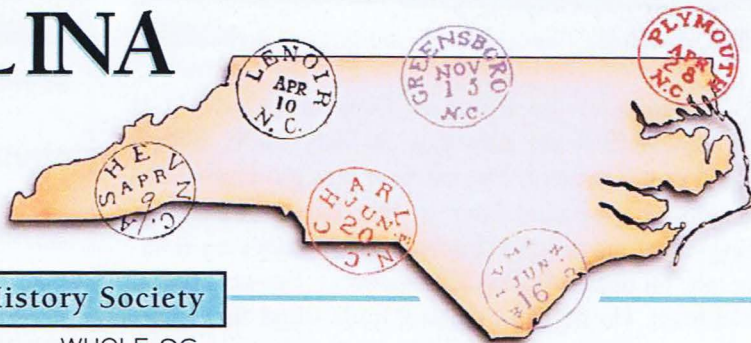
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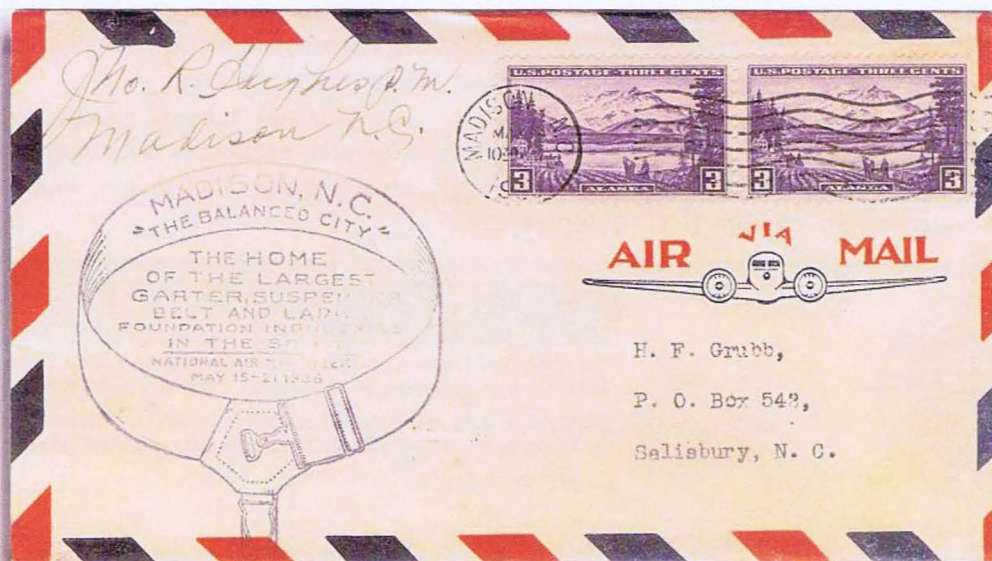
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held at CHARPEX on Saturday, 29 July 2006, with a quorum present. The meeting was productive and the results are reported later in this journal. After the meeting, chief judge John Hotchner provided a very interesting talk on one of his favorite subjects, Errors, Freaks, and Oddities. He helped us better understand the differences in nomenclature and provided abundant examples from his collection to illustrate these terms. Although the society attendance at the talk was low, a number of members from the Charlotte Philatelic Society also were in attendance to hear John's talk.

Since that meeting, the membership numbers have improved from that reported at the meeting. Several delinquent members have responded positively to the dues notice recently sent out. The total number of paid members now is 90, which is our strongest number to date. It is encouraging, in a day when most societies are losing members, that we can report a small growth.

The *North Carolina Postal Historian* is a major factor in attracting and keeping members. I would like to introduce you to our new layout editor, Terry Chappell. As you can see from this issue and from the last one, he is gradually introducing a number of layout improvements that will make our journal more attractive. Terry is one of our members native to North Carolina, who has resided in Durham for the past 19 years. A graduate of East Carolina University with a degree in Communications Art, he has worked with ad agencies in Raleigh and Durham, and then created his own agency in the Research Triangle Park. Three years ago he sold his agency and, after a year off, established a new design firm assisting smaller clients with an emphasis on interactive media (web and CDROM) as well as traditional print mediums. He has been an active stamp collector since 1990, with interests in classic U.S. stamps, North

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Carolina postal history, and some general world interests, with a variety of different collections. Some of you may know of the outstanding "Color Guides" published by Richard Morris for U.S. and Canadian classic stamps. Terry assisted Morris with these outstanding color guides.

Terry has agreed to assist us with the layout of the *Postal Historian*. He now works closely with Tony Crumbley, who is editing and writing articles for the journal. Terry has a keen interest in our society and for the work that it has done to promote research in North Carolina postal history. He is a joy to work with and we are very fortunate to have his help.

Our editors report they need more articles for the journal. Please consider writing a short article about a cover that interests you. Most likely, it will be of interest to our members also. The editors will be happy to help you with the editing.

Our last auction, number 9, was quite successful. Our next auction, which accompanies this journal, will have pictures of a few lots, which we neglected to show

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A Relook at St. Lewis, N.C.

by Scott Troutman

Way back in the Summer 1990 NCPHS Newsletter, I had taken a look at this cover from St. Lewis, Edgecomb County, N.C. and had speculated on where the name St. Lewis came from. My sister and I had established that there was no saint named Lewis as far as the Catholic church was concerned and apparently this was the case of a self proclaimed saint. We knew that John E. Cobb was the first postmaster, but there the trail went cold.

Jerry Roughton provided Tony Crumbley some more information, which looks to be extracted from a bicentennial history of Edgecomb county. This article gives us a look at the history of the town.

The village of St. Lewis, located about 2 miles west of Pinetops on Highway 42 was once a thriving wide-awake community. That was around 1897 before East Carolina Railroad was built and was routed through Pinetops and Macclesfield.

The deathknell began to toll for St. Lewis shortly after the landowners declined the offer to sell their land to the owners of the East Carolina Railroad and the train was routed through Pinetops and Macclesfield. The very factor that made the two towns grow, caused the third to cease growing.

Reddin S. Lewis built the first home in what was later named St. Lewis. The date is unknown but it was before the War between the States. Three of his sons were wounded in that war: Jim Lewis was injured in his leg, John J. lost his right arm and Barley suffered an injured wrist.

After other houses, stores and other business places were established, someone wrote into the Post Office Department for a name and a post office. The department selected "St. Lewis" in honor of the first settler, Reddin Lewis. The post office opened July 14, 1886.

In the early days, St. Lewis was a lively interesting place. Around 1897 there were three dry goods stores, a grocery store, a barroom and a millinery shop. Mrs. Effie Walston studied for several weeks learning the art of "dressing hats". There were even street lights. The kerosene lamps on posts were lighted each night by policeman Josh Taylor, who turned them out the next morning.

The mail was brought by horse and buggy from Elm City, which took prac-

tically all day. All voting for number 10 township was done here and it was customary to have picnic dinners and candidates speaking to the crowd afterward.

Mrs. Martha Clark had an old timey loom in one of the stores and wove carpets out of balls of different colored cloth cut in one inch widths.

Tent shows, minstrels and varied entertainments were not uncommon. Even a circus came to St. Lewis.

In 1900 the East Carolina Railroad was built from Tarboro to Hookerton with depots at Pinetops and Macclesfield. As those towns began to grow, the businessmen began to move out. W.L. Dunn, who had a business there, moved to Pinetops; R.L. Walston, owner of the bar, also moved to Pinetops. Kitchen Lewis moved his business to Macclesfield and became the town's first postmaster¹. Other businesses gradually moved or went out of business. For many years, however, there was one store and a service station, but now even those are gone.

On January 30, 1904, the post office closed and the mail was handled by Elm City. So now we know that St. Lewis was a government designation. Settler Reddin Lewis may be the first saint in the United States gaining sainthood through federal declaration. That only leaves the mystery of how Kitchen Lewis got his name and frankly Reddin isn't exactly a normal name either. ■

¹ *Post Offices and Postmasters of North Carolina*, Volume 2, indicates that Kitchen Lewis was never a postmaster at Macclesfield. He probably owned the building which housed the post office. William J. Burnett was the first postmaster in 1900. Kinchen C. Lewis was noted in the post office records and may be the same person.



Madison, North Carolina

by Tony Crumbley

The Town of Madison was located at the joining of the Dan and Mayo Rivers in Rockingham County. The community was founded at the end of the War of 1812 with anticipation of strong economic growth and the need for an inland port city. The General Assembly chartered the city in 1815 and named it for then President James Madison whose wife, Dolly, had been born in the Piedmont area of North Carolina. In 1818 Randal Duke Scales surveyed 96 half acre lots on eight streets and at an auction held in June of 1818 sold the lots for \$67 to \$100 each.

Tobacco manufacturing became the core of the town's economy. During antebellum time, tobacco was usually processed on the farm by being pressed and twisted into plugs and ropes for chewing or shredded into smoking tobacco for use in pipes. It would then be loaded onto wagons and carried south for sale or barter. The first tobacco factory opened in Madison in 1830. Others would follow. By the mid 1850's Madison was a thriving tobacco town with 44 plug tobacco factories.



Figure 1

Orange CH ca. September 6, 1836
Free Frank Dolly P. Madison, wife of
President Madison for whom the
town was named

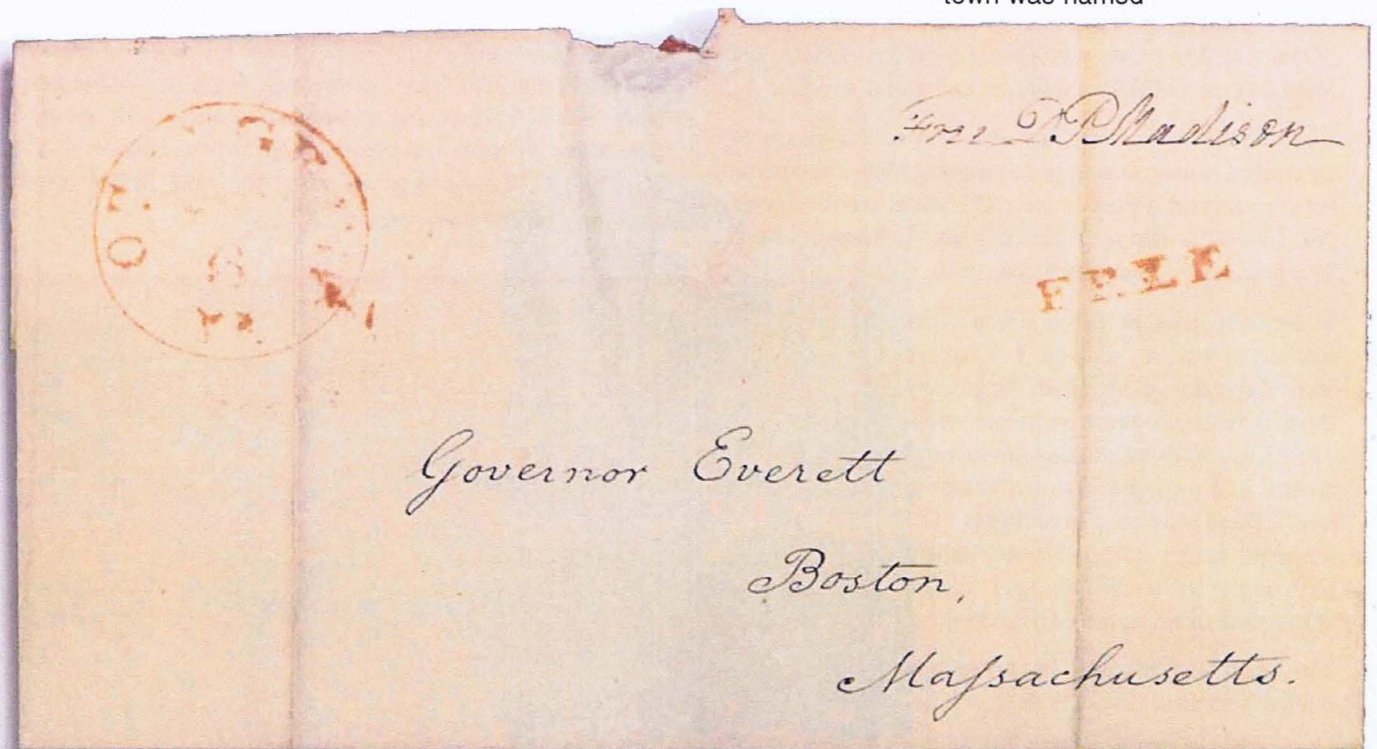


Figure 2 ▶

Madison, NC,
December 8, ca. 1840
Ms 25 cents rate to
Columbus, Mississippi

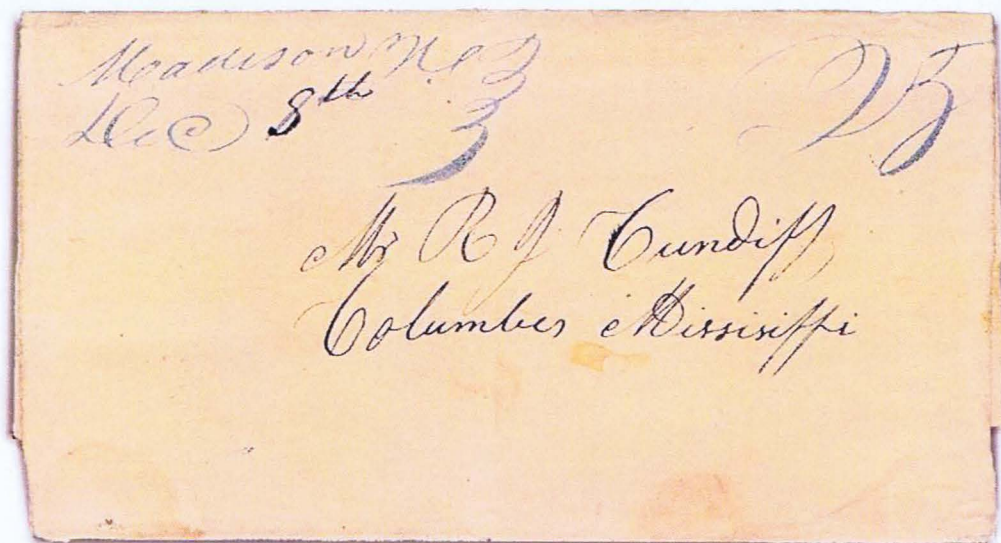


Figure 3 ▶

Madison, NC,
December 2, 1848
Ms 5 cents rate to
Smith post office,
South Carolina

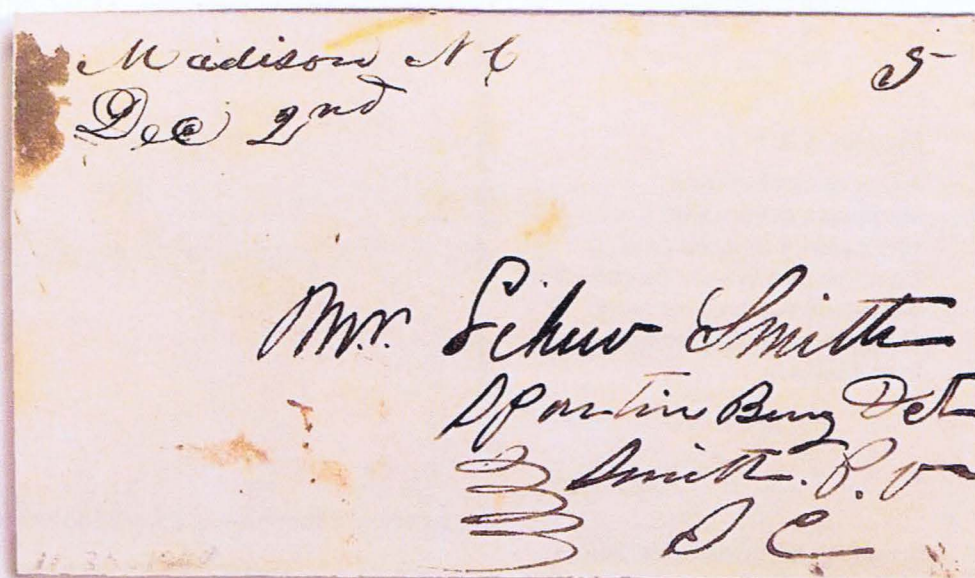
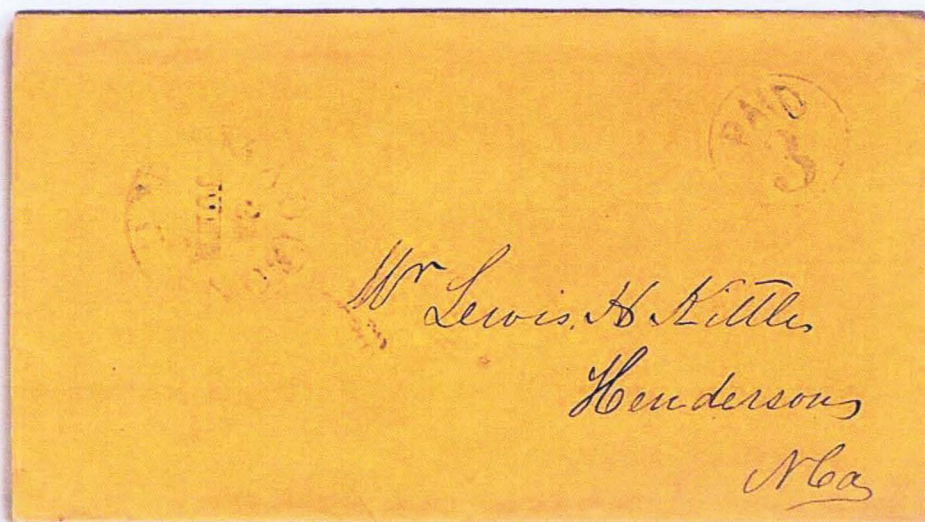


Figure 4 ▼

Madison, NC,
June 24, ca. 1851, paid 3
Type II CDS used from 1850 to 1852



The first post office opened in Madison on September 13, 1820, with founder Randal D. Scales being appointed postmaster. The office was closed in 1823 and reopened in 1827 with William Parker being appointed postmaster. In 1829 Randal Scales would again be appointed postmaster and served until 1842. Randal Scales sold his plantation in 1844 and moved to Mississippi. His house still stands today.

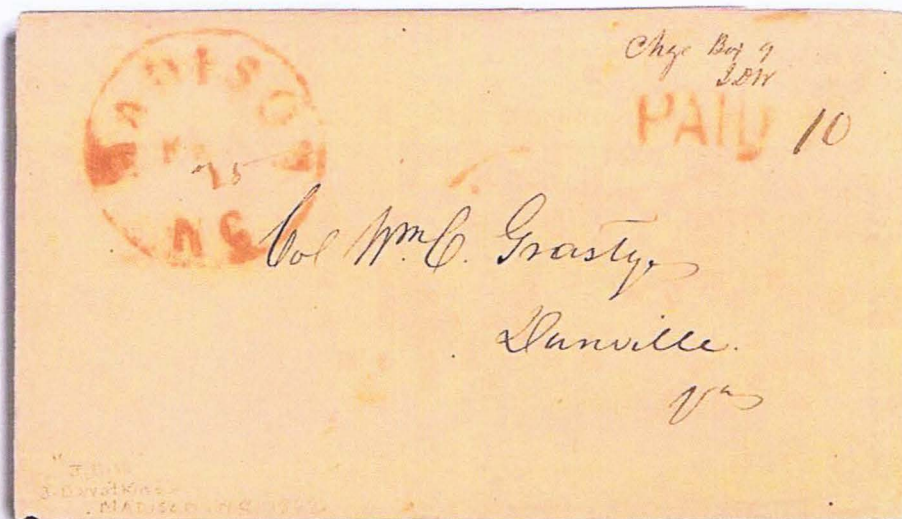
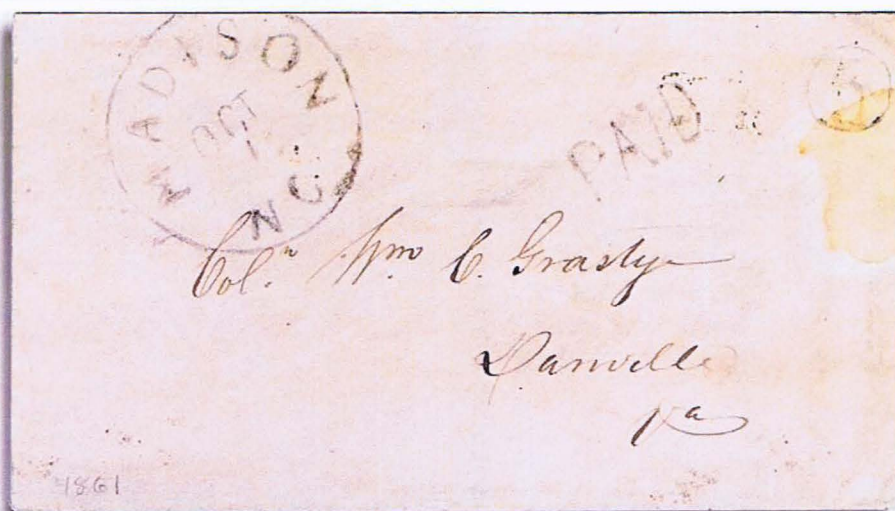


◀ **Figure 5**

Madison, NC,
November 25, ca. 1856
Ty III CDS large balloon
was first used ca. 1852

Figures 6 & 7 ▶

A pair of Confederate stampless covers with black paid 5 and red paid 10 from the Earl Weatherly collection. These are the only recorded Confederate stampless covers from Madison.



A descendent of postmaster Scales, Alfred M. Scales, attended UNC Chapel Hill and began a law practice in Madison in 1851. When the Civil War broke out, Alfred joined the 13th regiment of North Carolina troops which was sent to join the Army of Northern Virginia. Scales was elected Colonel of the regiment. The 13th saw considerable action including Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. After being wounded at Chancellorsville, Alfred was promoted to Brigadier General and was Rockingham County's highest ranking Civil War officer. At the Battle of Gettysburg, 150 of General Scales 180 men were killed in action. Scales was wounded but returned to the ranks by war end.

The postal markings used in Madison have been varied. The first recorded postmark was a rimless marking of the 1830s. Throughout the 1840s the postmaster manuscript postmarks. Beginning in 1850 a circular handstamp was used. From ca. 1852 a large balloon CDS was used throughout the Civil War. By 1875 a small CDS was in use and by 1886 the postmaster had acquired a large triple circle CDS with bold star cancel. This was used until ca. 1890. ■

Figure 8 ▼

Madison, NC, February 9, 1886
A Type III CDS used on a registered cover posted with the triple check CDS and bold star cancel which was used from about 1885 until 1890.

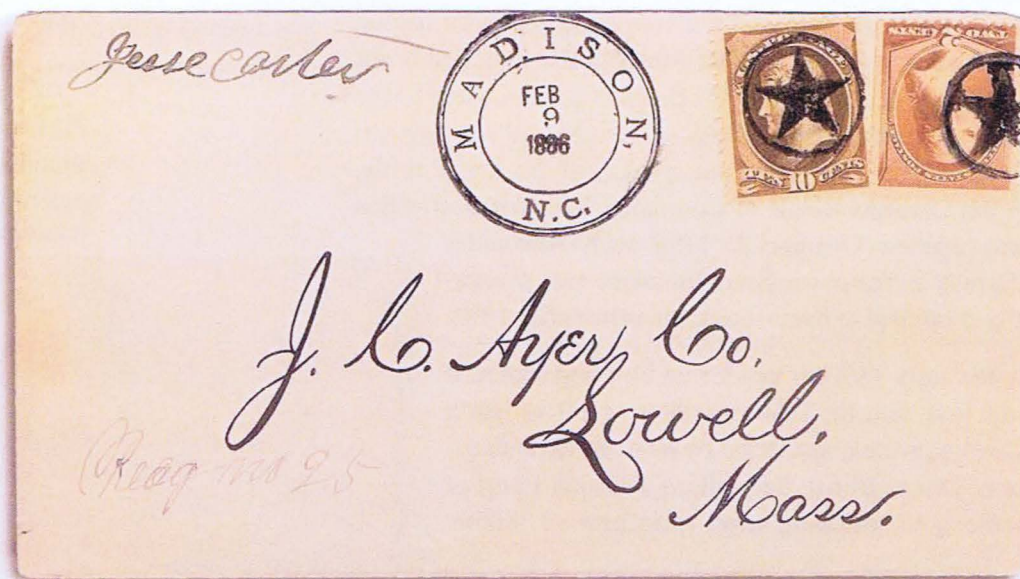
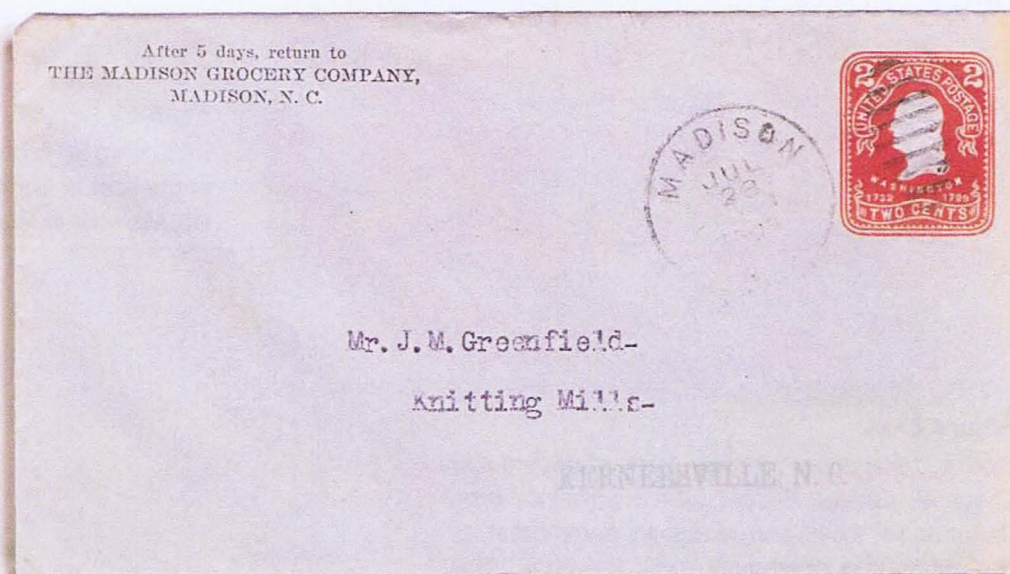


Figure 9 ▶

Madison, NC, July 28, 1905
The Type VI CDS became the last used before 1900. It saw use as early as 1897 and was used until the 1920s. It is a duplex CDS with a nine bar oval cancel.



Swansboro, Onslow County

by Scott Troutman

Swansboro sits on a small harbor just inside the Bogue inlet northeast of the mouth of the New River. At one time it was a village of the Algonkian or Algonquin Indians, but it had been long abandoned by the time of the first white settlements.

They came in 1730 when the Green family opened a plantation in the area. Ten years later Theophilus Weeks, another plantation owner, subdivided part of his plantation into 48 lots and six streets and the town was begun. It was not incorporated until 1783 under the name Swannsborough. While you would expect it to be named for the swans and geese that winter in the area, that is not so. Rather it was named for Samuel Swann. Swann was the State Treasurer 1765-66, a member of the General Assembly in 1777 and later speaker of the house in the North Carolina House of Commons. The first post office was opened October 2, 1799 with Alexander Carmalt as the postmaster. The name was eventually shortened to Swansboro, sometime after 1802.

In the early 1800s it was a ship building center. It was here that the first steamboats built in North Carolina were constructed by its most famous citizen, Otway Burns. Swansboro was also a port of some note, shipping large quantities of lumber

and naval stores. After the Civil War commercial fishing became a more important part of life in Swansboro.

By the time of the great depression, the lumber and naval stores were gone. Camp Lejune was opened nearby and later Cherry Point Marine Air Station. Swansboro became a forgotten backwater.

Today the town is reviving as a quaint retirement area on the water. Tiara Yachts are now being constructed in a new facility, returning the old shipbuilding tradition.

The following are a few early covers from the town.

Figure 1 ▼

Stampless cover dated Oct. 8, 1844 paying 18-3/4 cent rate to Chapel Hill. (Courtesy Tony Crumbley)

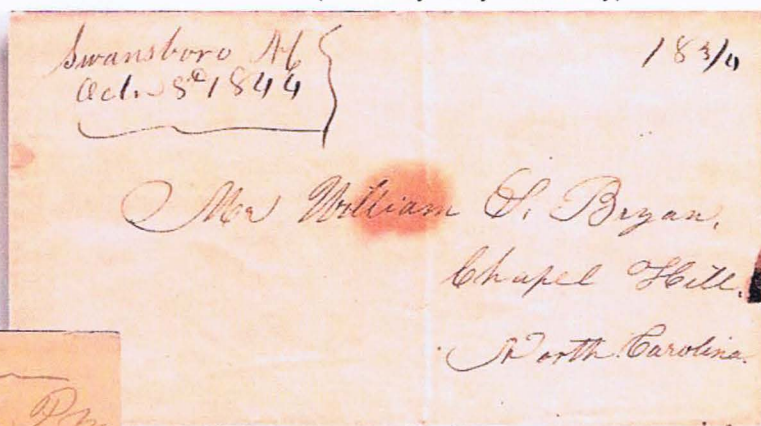


Figure 3 ▼

1852 Ship 20 letter from steamer Fremont posted at the port of Swannsboro Mar 30 1852 to the US Marshal in Raleigh. (courtesy Tony Crumbley)



Figure 2 ▲

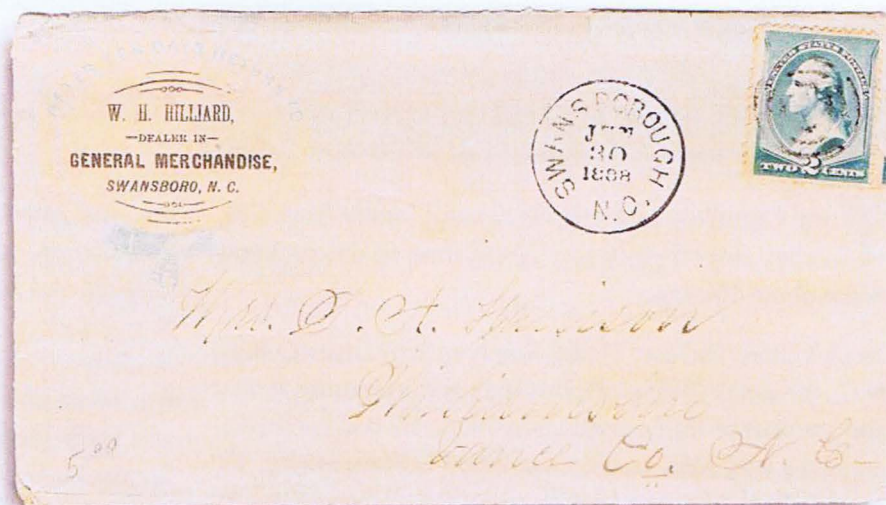
Nov. 1, 1848 cover with free frank of postmaster Cyrus B. Glover. Glover was postmaster from January 14, 1848 and remained postmaster as a Confederate postmaster until the post office was closed near April 30, 1865. (Courtesy Tony Crumbley)



Figure 4 ▶

Bank note era cover from January 30, 1888 with town name of Swansborough in the canceler. Notice that in the advertising the town is called Swansboro.

(Courtesy Tony Crumbley)



◀ **Figure 5**

1929 four bar cancel.
(Courtesy Tony Crumbley)

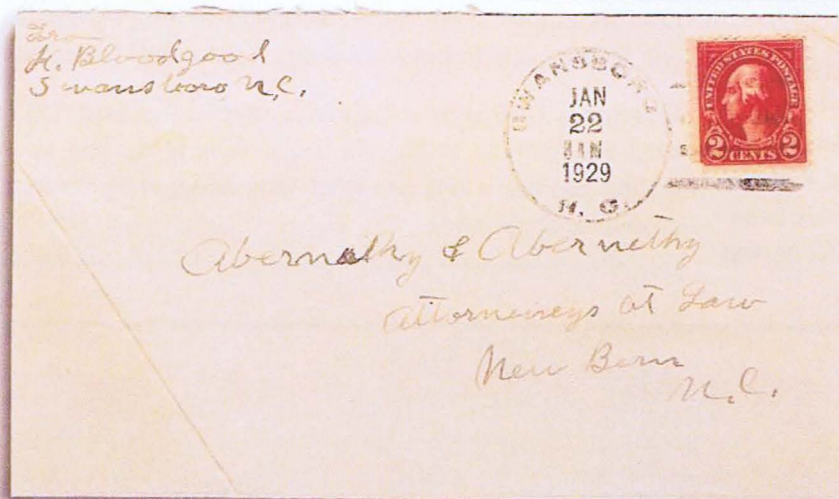


Figure 6 ▼

1979 Commemorative cancel and cachet for the Swansboro Mullet festivals 25th anniversary. These covers exist cancelled in both black and magenta inks.
(courtesy Tony Crumbley)



Otway Burns

Swansboro's most famous son was born along Queens Creek near Swansboro in 1785. During the War of 1812 he took command of the ship "Snap Dragon" and working as a privateer, plundered British shipping to the tune of \$2,000,000 worth of plunder. After the war, he returned to Swansboro, and opened a shipyard which built the first steam powered ship built in North Carolina. He later moved the shipyard to Beaufort. He later served a term in the North Carolina General Assembly. Andrew Jackson in 1835 appointed him lighthouse keeper of the Brant Island Shoal Light on Portsmouth Island, a position he retained

until he died in 1850. Upon his death his body was returned to Beaufort for burial. His grave and tombstone are underneath a cannon off the "Snap Dragon."

Burnsville, in Yancy County is named in honor of him. ■

Confederate Letter After the Battle of Roanoke Island

by Scott Troutman

Tony Crumbley had sent me several letters from J.M. Hadley several years ago. At the time we did not know much about Hadley.

Jacob Milton "Dr. Jake" Hadley was born in Chatham County, N.C., the son of William Pickett Hadley a prosperous farmer and member of the Legislature in 1864. He had two brothers in the war, John W. who was killed at Stevensburg, Va. and William a second Lieutenant in the Second Cavalry who was severely wounded at Brandy Station.

Dr. Hadley was educated at Trinity College and graduated in Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1860. He practiced in Craven County until January 1862 when he enlisted in the military regiment of Colonel Clark organized for the defense of New Bern. It disbanded after the fall of the city. In the autumn of 1862 he was

commissioned Surgeon of the 4th Regiment of North Carolina troops and served in the Army of Northern Virginia and saw action at Fredericksburg, Malvern Hill, Winchester and Strasburg. After Gettysburg he was left in charge, on duty, of wounded at Martinsburg where he was taken prisoner and exchanged after three months. He was with his regiment at the Battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, and the long siege of Petersburg and was at Appomattox treating the wounded when the war ended. Over the course of the war he suffered two minor wounds, one from a spent bullet and another from a shell fragment.

He practiced medicine at LaGrange, near Lenoir, from 1867 until his death in 1902. He had a wide reputation as a skillful physician and was frequently honored by various professional societies.

Figure 1 ▶

Early engraving depicting General Burnside's Expedition on Roanoke Island in battle with the 9th N.Y. Hawkins Zouaves and the 21st Mass. (From Mid Mahattan Library archives)



Morehead City, N. Caro.

November 21, 1861

Wednesday night 1/2 past 1 o'clock Nov. 21, 1861

Dear Pa—I seat myself to perform the melancholy task of informing you that I received a letter from Honeday—last night—and came to this place tonight—at 10 o'clock—and found brother very ill indeed—and without I can give him relief soon (which I think doubtful) he can not possibly survive any considerable length of time. Honeday wrote me that he was sick last week—I came down on the 12th and spent two days with him—left him better and went home to see some important cases. Since which time he has rather suddenly relapsed and his disease has assumed a violent typhoid type—I learn that he has been delirious almost constantly for 48 hours. Sleeps none at all—his bowels are in a wretched condition today. He has been having involuntary discharges this afternoon. He knew me when I came in tonight and that was about all. He is in a little office in the lot of Mr. Granger's in Morehead City. The family seems very kind and Mrs. Granger has been a mother to him. Honeday has been with him all the time and also Sidney Carter, Henry Gannon & Dr. Dunlop. They have had Dr. Shutz Perkins with him since his relapse till now. Dr. Dunlop has no medicine but has been very kind to him throughout. Honeday has been his constat attendant and has been a brother to him. I left some sick patients and came with my medicine tonight. I shall remain with him constantly till there is a change. Nothing shall be left undone that can possibly be done for him.

There are over 300 now in the Hospital and disease is becoming more and more fatal. Liet. Mathers died last week and Frank Lines last night. His remains go up today. I'll send a note by his Pa, Post Haste to you, if possible. I shall certainly expect you to come immediately to Morehead City. Stop at the Macon Hotel and enquire for Mr. Granger and there you will find me with my sick brother if still alive. If not I shall make arrangements to have his remains brought to Chatham immediately. By getting to Morrisville early in the morning say by 4 o'clock you can come to us at 10 the same night. Come without delay.

My little family I left in Craven in care of Mr. Biddle. All well but very lonely left alone among strangers. Tell Ma. to give herself no unnecessary uneasiness—all shall be done for Bro. that can be done.

In haste your son J.M. Hadley

Camp: near Port Royal [Va.]

December 14, 1862

Dec. 14, 1862

Dear Mother [Hannah Hadley]—More than two months have passed hurriedly away since I parted with you and I have been called upon to pass through many scenes of hardship and privation, yet through the protection of a kind Providence I have been spared with life and a reasonable state of health—In camp, even with the privileges of our officers, our fare is very hard and our privations many—We are encamped 2 miles above Port Royal near the Rappahannock River—in a country with but little wood and in fact little of anything but snow, ice and mud. We have had snow and sleet for 4 days and still there is plenty with but little inclination to Melt. We were compelled to move our camp Sunday into a very snowy woods in order to get firewood. We had a very cold snowy time sleeping on the snowy ground. We made large fires and kept tolerable comfortable. We are still at the same camp without any prospect of either going into winter quarters or of falling back for the present.

I've heard nothing from the boys since I left Strausburg. I rec'd a letter there and answered it at at once. I have rec'd no letter from home since Nov. 11th and have rec'd only 2 letters since I left. My Lieut. Jake does pretty well. Has a cold and is getting nearly barefoot. I will get him some shoes soon. His sore leg still gives him some trouble though he is able for duty. Tell his Mamma that she must write to him and also that she must knit him two pairs of good woolen socks and send on or keep them for him till I come or send for them. I have Jake washing today. I may possibly come home about Christmas but I cannot tell as yet. Will certainly come if I can get off. Take care of Lizzie and Willie till I come and you have my everlasting gratitude. Remember me kindly to Father and all the family and tell Father and sister and also Lizzie to write to me often at Guineas Station. From your affectionate son.

J.M. Hadley

4th Brigade

D.H. Hill's Division

Care of Col. Grimes

Rose Hill Craven, N.C.

Wednesday night 10 o'clock P.M. Feb. 12, 1862

February 12, 1862

Dear Father,

I have been so extremely close run that I can't tell who wrote last however I know it has been sometime since I heard from you and of course you answer all our letters. I've nothing of special interest to tell you—however—I may tell you of our great misfortune in losing Roanoke Island and some 2500 to 3000 men killed, wounded and prisoners, and also that Commodore Lynch's little fleet¹ were all lost but 1 vessel and the Yankee gunboats were after that. Elizabeth City is burned and I expect Edenton and Plymouth too before this. The latest dispatches state that we lost some 3000-4000 killed and wounded—and Yankees some 1000 or 1500 and also several gunboats and steamers - nothing in detail has been rec'd as yet.

We had a draft for 1/3 of the Militia some two weeks since. We had none in this district since 1/2 the men volunteered in a Volunteer Militia Company. I belong to this Comp. but as yet have been allowed to remain at home and attend my patients of whom I have many. This is Comp. A on extreme right 16th N.C. Militia. About 1/2 of all the men in this country are in the service—we breath more freely since the enemy have gone to some other point for the present—but I doubt not they will try New Bern at no very distant day—They won't find Roanoke. We have some 10,000 troops on the mainland and have the [plains] filled with [Miss. lawyers]² to prevent vessels from coming in. If the enemy comes in sufficient force they could take New Bern but not without some hard fighting.

I rec'd a letter from J.H. Honeday saying that he had been sick ever since New Years. He says he delivered [?] yours—[?]³—says we owe Dr. Perkins \$8.00 which I got him to pay for me since he has \$11.00 of means. Zeke says they fare hard and sent me for a little Rx which I will send him soon. I've heard nothing yet from either Peaves or the Express Agent at Goldsboro.

We have had abundant rain but are now having some splendid weather and have commenced goodnights some. Lizzie and Willie⁴ are both very well. Willie grows rapidly and remains very good. Part of Lizzie's things have come safely to hand and at the same time my "tobaccos" came down—part missing however.

Lizzie joins me in sending love to all the family and friends.

Affectionately,

J. M. Hadley

¹ Commodore Lynch's fleet of small boats is today more widely known as the Mosquito Fleet, a ragtag lightly armored group of tugs and fishing boats.

² His handwriting is smeared here. "Mississippi lawyers," my best guess at what it says, may have been a term for barricades up the river or hidden gun emplacements.

³ Some kind of medication. It may be written in Latin and I cannot make out what it says. Looks like "Asprin Garnjur."

⁴ Lizzie was his first wife Elizabeth Kirkpatrick. Willie was his first child, William.

My only find at Washington 2006 was this cover from Plymouth, N.C. to Plymouth Massachusetts. What makes this an exciting find is that it has a cancel not listed the "Post Offices and Postmasters of North Carolina." The outer ring and "Plymouth, N.C." seem to be the same as those used from 1845-1858. The difference is that the date is in a much smaller typeface.

Sadly the letter writer did not include the year.

December 9 does fall on a Sunday in 1849 and 1855. The letter writer also appears to have tangled with a hurricane. Cedar Landing, mentioned in the letter was farther south in Brunswick County.

The letter is as follows:



Plymouth North Carolina December 9th.

M Delano Capt. Witten after my respects to you I will inform you that I arrived heer this Day. I have had a long tigers [tedious?] Passieg [passage]. I took a Scary Mean'd gail of wind after I got up with the land. Drove me in to the gulfe. I lay two thirty [h]ours under a three rief forsail But record no damage ondley lengthen my passige. I have ben to Edenton but co[u]ld not sell any of my goods their and dont expect to sell any hear but it is Sunday and I have just got hear. I don't no what I can dew yet. I Shall proseed on to the Cedar Landing after I find out what I can do hear. The people hear tell me that corn wont bee less than three Dollars a Barrel but I shall right [write] again soon after I git up to the Cedar Landing. But I believe that Corn never was scarce in these Parts takes together I am then is a number of Jason Co out hear all ready after corn and that will keep up the price. This from your Most ob. Int.

M. Delano Capt. Whitten P. Washburn

Minutes of the North Carolina Postal History Society Board of Directors Meeting.

JULY 29, 2006, AT CHARPEX 2006

Attending – Board Members: John Allen, Harvey Tilles, Rich Weiner, Richard Winter
Guests: Marshall Acee, Tom Richardson, Alan Vestal

After the call to order, President Winter stated that a quorum was present to conduct the business of the Board. He asked that the minutes of the last meeting, as reported in the NCPHS Postal Historian, Fall 2005, Whole No. 92, be approved. The minutes were accepted as written.

In his absence, President Winter presented the report of the Secretary-Treasurer as follows: As of July 2006:

Membership: 83*

* Eleven members had not paid their annual dues. President Winter sent letters to the delinquent members requesting they pay their dues, considering the failure to pay might have been an oversight. Early indications are that several of the delinquent members will send in their dues. The projection is that the membership has not changed from the previous year of 87 members and may be slightly higher.

Income: \$1,686

Expenses (to date): \$482**

** Since two issues of the journal remain for the year, the expenses are expected to increase to about \$850, leaving a net gain for the year.

Checking Balance: \$5,757.39

This balance is up \$1,020.65 from this time last year. The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the only real expense item is the NCPHS Postal Historian, and that most of the other operating costs of the society are contributed by the officers. The Board authorized the Secretary-Treasurer to obtain a secure investment of up to \$5,000 for up to a 13-month period in a saving account, certificate of deposit, or treasury notes. The expected income from this will pay for a least one issue of the journal.

Terry Chappell, who assists Tony Crumbley with the layout of the NCPHS Postal Historian, was unable to attend the meeting. Before the meeting he had reported that the journal was a wonderful publication and has gotten even better with the booklet-style printing and higher quality paper. He plans to make gradual improvements in the design of the journal in the future issues. A few cosmetic changes appeared in the last issue honoring Vernon Stroupe. The Board was very pleased with the efforts of Terry and Tony and that they were working very well together to keep the journal a high quality one. The Board was very appreciative of Tony's leadership to improve the printing quality of the journal. The Board agreed to Tony's request to print 150 copies of future journals so that extra copies could be available to provide to the public at bourses in the future. The Board also favored a plan to allow members in the future to sign up for an extra copy of each journal for a small increase in annual dues. Details will be presented when a dues notice is sent out early next year.

Tom Richardson, the new auction manager, has completed two auctions. He will review the current auction rules and provide recommendations where changes are needed. He will provide pictures of the better covers in future auctions along with the descriptions of the lots. He will investigate the availability of a web site to host scans of all the cover lots in the future. If this works out, the site location and the pertinent auction rules will appear on the future auction description sheets. The Board agreed that in the future the commission of 10 percent would be applied against both the seller and the buyer. Although the auction is only a small income source for the society, it is considered by the Board to be an important service to the members and should be continued.

Harvey Tilles reported that the 16-page exhibit that the NCPHS produced for Washington 2006 was a big success. Most of this one-frame exhibit was on display again at the CHARPEX 2006. The professional-appearing exhibit was the effort of Bill DiPaolo and Harvey Tilles with philatelic material contributed by Tony Crumbley and John Allen. We hope to find other venues to show this small exhibit as it provides a very handsome introduction to the public of the NCPHS.

President Winter gave an update on the North Carolina cataloging project. He reported that the first seven counties had been completed with six of them on the National Postal Museum web site. As reported in the last issue of the journal, each county includes all the 19th and 20th century postmarks in our records. Color scans of the markings from actual covers are provided where no tracings exist. The information is available for download from the web site in separate pdf files. The President's message in NCPHS Postal Historian, whole numbers 94 and 95, provides the web site address. An update to the catalog on the web site will be made in a few months.

The Board decided to hold the next annual meeting of the society at CHARPEX 2007.

The names of Harvey Tilles and Marshall Acee were presented for three-year terms as new Board members.

The term of Harvey Tilles was about to expire and a replacement for Vernon Stroupe on the Board was needed. Since the Board members and guests at this meeting constituted all the members in attendance, these two nominations were approved by all present as directors with terms ending in 2009.

The meeting was adjourned to hear an excellent talk by Chief Judge John Hotchner on Errors, Freaks, and Oddities.

Submitted by

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with our last auction. We hope soon to make a web site available to picture all the lots in future auctions for those who have web access and who wish to see the lots. We are working on setting this up now.

I would like to welcome Marshall Acee as the newest member to the Board of Directors. I am pleased that he has agreed to participate. He is filling the vacancy of our departed editor, Vernon Stroupe. In addition, Harvey Tilles was elected to another three-year term as a director along with Marshall.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions for improving the society. Please feel free to call me at home (336 545-0175), send me an email message, or write to me. Both my email address and my mailing address appear in this journal.

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