

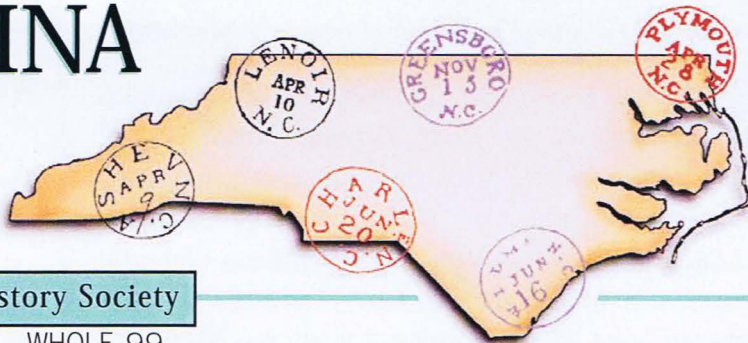
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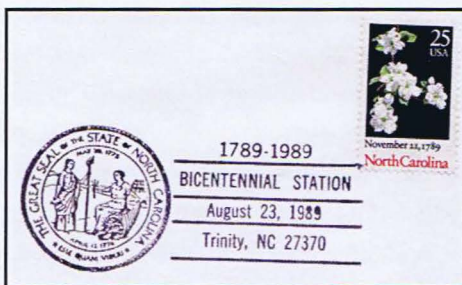
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THE OTHER CAROLINA
RESORT COMMUNITY



NORTH CAROLINA STATEHOOD
BICENTENNIAL CANCELS



NEW "SHIP" MARKING
OF PLYMOUTH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be the final announcement of the **annual meeting** of the North Carolina Postal History Society (NCPHS), which will be held on Saturday, 28 July 2007, at 2PM. Again this year we will meet during CHARPEX, the annual show of the Charlotte Philatelic Society. It is held at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Senior Citizens Center, 2225 Tyvola Road, Charlotte, NC (Exit 5 off I-77). The **NCPHS Board of Directors** will meet at 1PM before the annual meeting. At the meeting, Bill DiPaolo will give a talk titled "Oops! Some Deceitful, Fraudulent, Ignorant and Creative Uses that Break or Bend the Guidelines and Regulations of the USPS." This study is a fascinating area of postal history that is becoming more popular to collect, one producing many very interesting and collectible items. I hope that you will plan to join us for the annual meeting and for Bill's talk, which promises to be very interesting. Also, this will be a chance to meet other members of the society, an opportunity that doesn't happen very often.

Work has started on the update of the *American Stampless Cover Catalog*, which will be published by the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society. This catalog was last published during the period 1993-1997. The current plan is to combine the earlier volumes into a single volume and eliminate the Confederate section since the Confederate Stamp Alliance is working on a new *Dietz Confederate States Catalog and Handbook*, last published in 1986. Details about the new catalog are not yet available, but we want to start collecting new data now. Both Tony Crumbley and I will coordinate new or revised listings for North Carolina including regular postmarks as well as

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auxiliary markings such as ship markings. If you have new data to report, please contact either Tony or myself with the information.

Good progress continues on the update of the North Carolina postmark catalog with 14 counties posted now on the internet. The completed counties and web site address are listed in another part of this issue.

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.

—Dick Winter



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Who's Who In The NCPHS

compiled by Marshall Acee

Phillip Perkinson was born and raised in Norlina, Warren County, North Carolina. His father introduced him to collecting Indian artifacts as a young boy by bringing home arrowheads from his quail hunting trips. Today Mr. Perkinson will tell you that he takes joy in finding or acquiring almost anything that has a historical or educational background. During his youth and early adult years, Indian artifact collecting grew to be his passion. Mr. Perkinson published two small booklets through the University of North Carolina: 1971 North Carolina Fluted Points, Survey Report Number One, Southern Indian Studies and 1973 North Carolina Fluted Projectile Points, Survey Report Number 2, Southern Indian Studies.

In the early 1960's, Mr. Perkinson attended business school in Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1966 he began a long career in the cotton industry, working as a cotton classer. (A cotton classer classifies and grades the raw cotton, checking physical characteristics, its whiteness, and the amount of fiber and trash.) During these years, he worked for Carolina Cotton Growers Co-op and Harriet Henderson Cotton Mills until his retirement in 2003.

When Mr. Perkinson returned to live in Norlina in 1984 he found that all of his Indian artifact sites had disappeared into areas covered with trees. Quickly his passion for Indian artifacts shifted to North Carolina postal history. He made the big decision to dispose of his Indian artifacts and concentrate on postal history. This was a major move since he owned one of the finest private collection of North Carolina Paleo (12,000 BC to 8,000 BC) Indian fluted points in the country. Today Mr. Perkinson's former North Carolina Paleo fluted points are on display at the Rankin Museum in Ellerbe, North Carolina. Several other of his artifacts are in Mr. Rodney Peck's collection. Many have appeared in articles written by Mr. Peck in archeological publications.

The first postal history cover find that really excited Mr. Perkinson came about when Mr. Perkinson was out looking at Indian sites in Ridgeway, North Carolina, when he came across an old house that had been burned. Damaged belongings and trash had been thrown in the yard. He found a lot of old covers and brought them home. They were from Warren County post offices. He was very excited because it was local material that he

could identify with. The post office that got his attention was Creek, North Carolina. These unique covers were from 1900—1905 and difficult to come by.

In the mid to late 1970's, Mr. Perkinson and Johnny Johnson, a former member of the North Carolina Postal Historical Society, worked on the listings of all of the North Carolina Post Offices, transcribing information from the micro film at the State Archives, then downloading it into a computer. This work took two years to complete and provided information on all of the state post offices from 1800 on. This research provided the state information that few states had at the time and a good starting point for the North Carolina Postal History Society's work on *Post Offices and Postmasters of North Carolina*.

One of Mr. Perkinson's most exciting finds came from the purchase of a pickup truck full of old paper from an antique dealer in Warren County. Included there was a cover from Oakland post office in Halifax County. It was in the time frame of January 18, 1881, when Dora Clark became postmaster, until April 10, 1882 when Oakland's name was changed to Airlie.

Mr. Perkinson's favorite covers are his Ridgeway, North Carolina Confederate States of America stampless covers. His collection also contains North Carolina postal history covers from all one hundred counties, with corner cards that provide the name of the business and its address including the name of the county.

His most spectacular recovery is a cover from Axtell, North Carolina which he purchased without the contents. Approximately one year later while visiting a land fill in Warrenton, he noticed some "good looking paper." He picked up a bucket and filled it with some of the paper and took it home. On examining the contents, he recognized a letter head that matched his cover. This was the envelope's original contents. As Mr. Perkinson says, "Any other discovery pales to that!"

Mr. Perkinson doesn't collect to be able to say that he has an "X" number of something. When he finds a rare piece of history he is thankful for the knowledge that comes with it. "I feel like if I am blessed to find something, I am just the custodian." With that comes the responsibility that knowledge and history should be made available and passed on for the benefit of all.

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Pine Bluff – The Other Carolina Resort Community

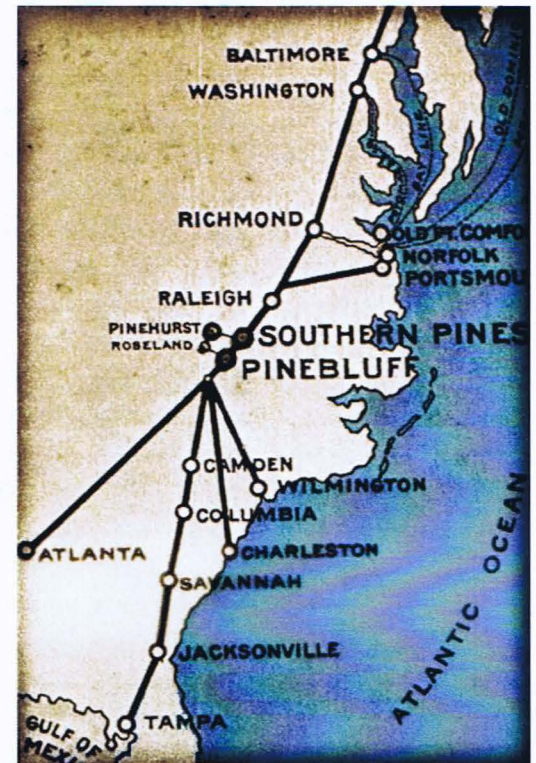
by Tony Crumbley

When one thinks of eastern North Carolina, the first thing that comes to mind is Southern Pines and Pinehurst and these golf driven communities. There's another community just down the road that began much the same way yet never developed to the same magnitude.

In 1884 James T. Patrick purchased 772 acres of old farm land for \$1,000 plus 22 acres of old mill property in the vicinity of Pine Bluff. Mr. Patrick had moved to Moore County from Wadesboro as the State Commissioner of Immigration. He first laid out the town of Southern Pines then moved south seven miles to develop Pine Bluff. In 1885 Patrick established his family in a house atop a knoll. Being a promoter, Patrick advertised in newspapers in the north, extolling the dry warm climate and healthy pine-scented air.



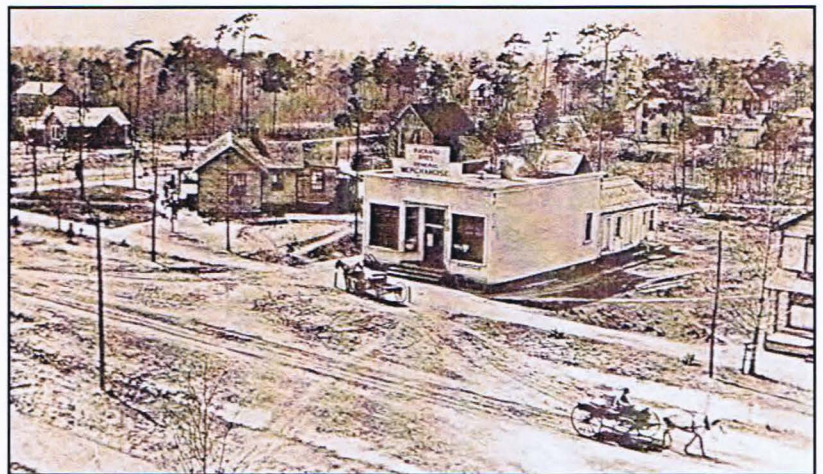
Figure 1 ▶
Pinebluff's location in eastern North Carolina.



◀ **Figure 2**
Levi S. Packard, Sr., Pinebluff's first postmaster, third mayor and remained in the town until his death in 1919.

◀ **Figure 3**
Packard Square – Location of the Packard Mercantile built in 1898. The small addition to the back was Pinebluff's first post office.

Two railroads operated in the area — the Seaboard and the Raleigh & Augusta Railroad. In September 1886 the first family arrived from the north — the R.M. Couches of New Hampshire. They were attracted to the area of Patrick's advertisements. Mrs. Couch is credited for naming the town. While standing on a high rise, she remarked to a friend, "Let's name our town Pine Bluff." The name caught on and was renamed Pinebluff in 1894.





◀ **Figure 4**

Pinebluff's post office and Sherman and Adams Grocery, circa 1905.

On November 2, 1889 Levi S. Packard Sr. was appointed first postmaster of Pinebluff. His son, Levi Jr., was assistant postmaster. The first post office was built to the back of the Packard brothers' mercantile store — a 16 x 30 foot addition shared in part by Elizabeth Packard for her drug and notions store. A boy was employed to deliver the mail from the depot to the post office twice a day.

On June 6, 1901 Frank Allen was appointed postmaster and moved the post office to his home. He moved the office three times while he was postmaster.

G. Granby McMinn was appointed postmaster on May 16, 1905. His wife replaced him on May 17, 1909. They

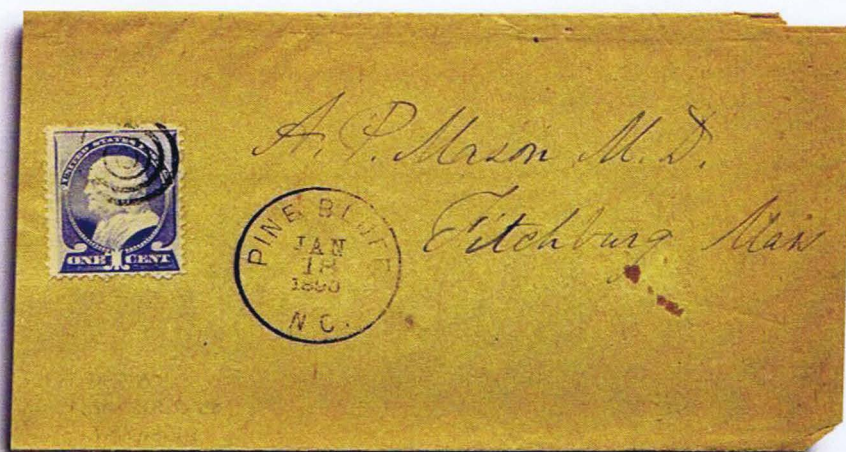
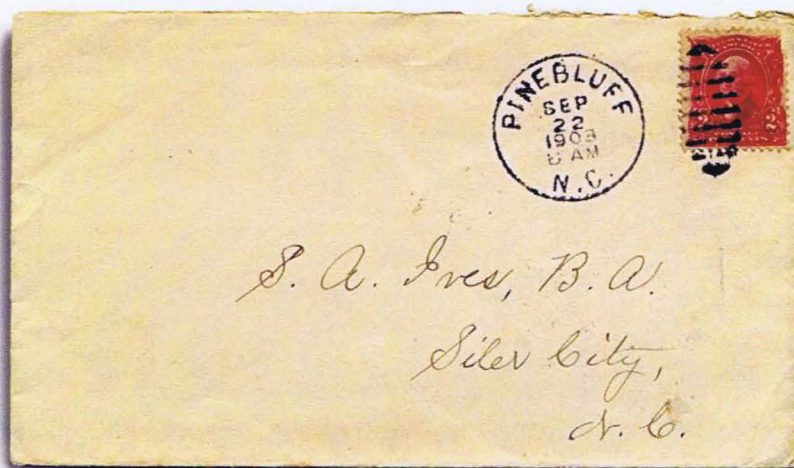


Figure 5 ▲

One cent circular rate #219 January 18, 1890, Pinebluff — most likely carried promotional material to a physician in Massachusetts.



operated the post office from a building they owned which housed Sherman and Adams Grocery. Mrs. McMinn served as postmaster until 1933.

Around 1900, the Raleigh & Augusta Railroad merged to become the Seaboard Airline, now Seaboard Coast Line. Pinebluff owes its very existence to the railroad. Not only because it provided transportation and access to commerce, but it is well to note that the marketing done by John T. Patrick was mostly funded by the railroad.



◀ Figure 6

Special delivery letter from the founder of Pinebluff, John T. Patrick, posted the year Patrick moved from Pinebluff.

Figure 7 ▶

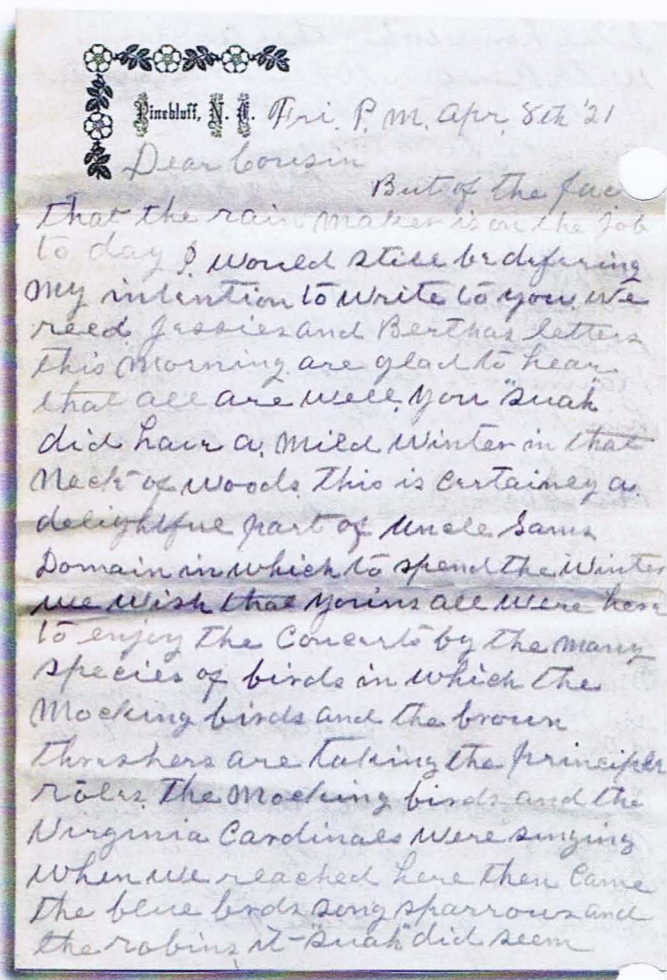
January 18, 1905 advertising cover of the Maryland house most likely a boarding house in Pinebluff.



▶ Figure 8

Pinebluff, North Carolina, April 8, 1921— greetings from Pinebluff — long letter extolling the greatness of the community. One would think Patrick was still marketing the community.

For almost 20 years Patrick struggled to attract new residents to Pinebluff and to develop a thriving resort. But in 1903, when the Seaboard Airline failed to renew its contract as industrial agent and the Pinebluff voters failed to approve a tax to support his promotions, Patrick sold his home and moved. Patrick died in 1918, a victim of the influenza epidemic, but not before he had established another resort town in North Carolina – Chimney Rock. One wonders if Chimney Rock would exist today had Patrick taken up golf and built a course in Pinebluff. ■



I was reading the new book called "The Inner Islands" by Bland and Amy Cary Simpson, and they had a passage in their chapter on Durant Island on the early Durants for which the island and the town of Durant's Neck are named. I cannot improve on it and hope they don't mind us reusing it here.

"If there were determination ever made about who was source, symbol and sign of this long-vaunted Albemarle hospitality, those who established it and set it up to endure may well have been the multifaceted pair George and Ann Marwood Durant, who about 1661 started living down in extreme southeastern Perquimans County, in an area long since then called Durant's Neck and in whose home was a Geneva Bible, published in 1599, the book thought to have been in what is now North Carolina longer than any other.

"Ann Marwood Durant, so a silver historical marker near the east bank of the cypress-fringed Perquimans River will tell you, was the first woman attorney in the history of North Carolina—she first went to court speaking for a sailor who was owed back pay, and she represented her husband as well.

"In his will George Durant called himself a mariner, but that understated his interests somewhat, for he was also a planter, a merchant, and a hotelier, for after some fashion he and Ann operated an inn, or operated their household as if it were an inn. Ann billed people for "accommodations", for "attendance in sickness," for selling them rum and cider, and for making their blouses and breeches and their coffins, and for setting up their last rites. A full service family.

And George was highly political—he was a revolutionary, bringing guns from England into Carolina to help kick off Culpeper's Rebellion in 1677, his home for a spell even serving as the seat of the rebel government.

Then he was a law-and-order leader, becoming attorney general of the colony once the revolt was over and the Lords Proprietors relented to the positions of Durant and the original Carolina colonists, and installed rebel leaders in the new government.

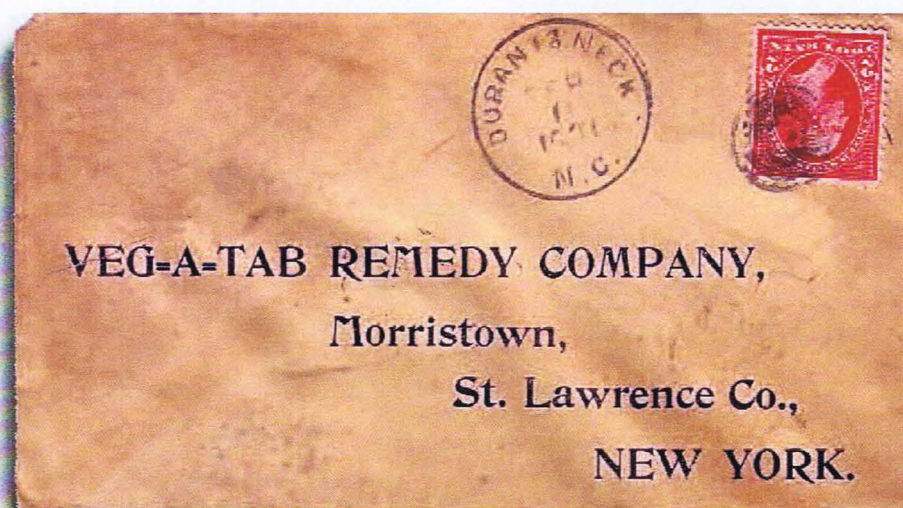
So these were involved, engaged people, and beyond their active public lives lay a great consanguinity—they had nine children. ...And it must be something good for a name to live on as theirs has—not only on the neck, but at Durant Island, at Durant's Coast Guard Station near Hatteras village on the Outer Banks and Durant Point in Pamlico Sound just to its north, at the Boy Scout Camp Durant, now Durant Nature Park in north Raleigh. Seeing Durant and Durants all over Carolina creation should give one a strong sense of endurance beyond the normal mortal span".

I might add that "The Inner Islands" is a good read on the history of all the small islands inside the Outer Banks. It is available from The University of North Carolina Press (www.uncpress.unc.edu) for \$30.

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Figure 1

1901 Cover postmarked Durants Neck



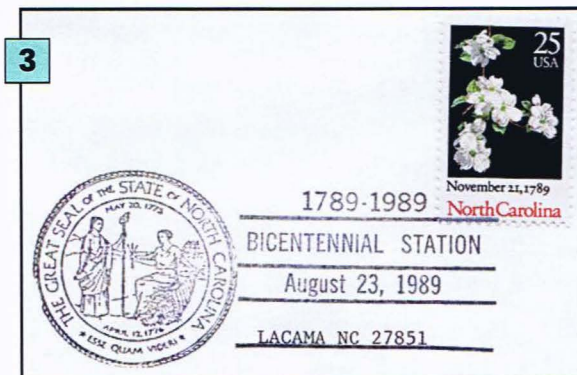
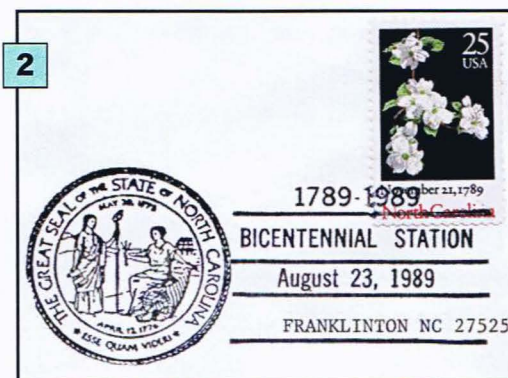
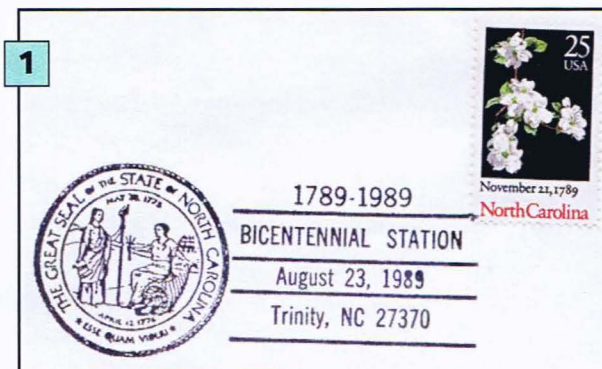
North Carolina Statehood Bicentennial Cancels

by Dr. Harvey Tilles

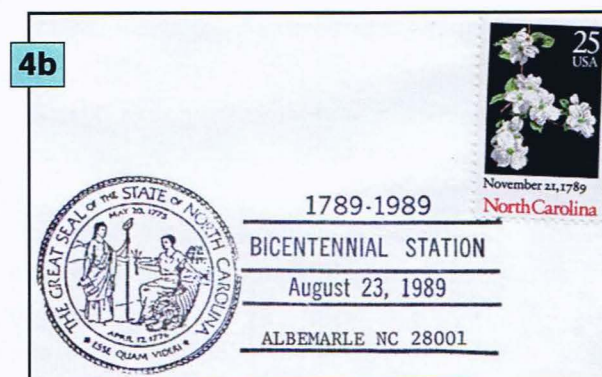
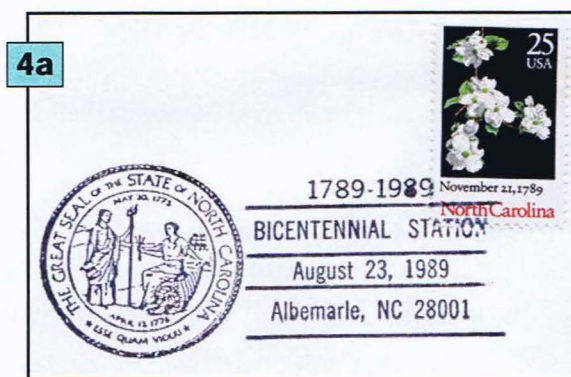
From July 4 1987 until May 20, 1990, a series of stamps commemorating the Ratification of the Constitution Bicentennial were issued. (North Carolina's legislature ratified the United States Constitution on November 21, 1789.) North Carolina's participation was noted in this series with its stamp issued on August 22, 1989. The stamp was designed by North Carolina artist Bob Timberlake.

Each city and township in North Carolina to commemorate this occasion was given the opportunity to have a special cancellation. This cancellation was to have the name of the city framed by the cancellation. There were to be approximately 500 towns involved with postmarks. Harvey Tilles approached Enola Mixon, the Postmistress at the High Point, NC office in an attempt to receive a sample of each of the cancels. Tom Richardson and Ken Schoolmeester participated in this endeavor. She in turn turned this project over to Robert W. Loflin, the Postmaster at Trinity, NC.

Following the addition of postage, the envelopes were given to the Postmasters participating at a Postmaster meeting held in Greensboro, NC. The covers were to be postmarked by the post offices and returned to Postmaster Loflin. In reviewing the surviving covers, it is interesting to note of the 466 towns and



- 1 Trinity, NC. The handstamp cancel from the home town post office of Postmaster Loflin.
- 2 Franklinton, NC. An example of a typewritten city addition to the cancel.
- 3 Lucama, NC. Note the misspelling of the town name in this type written example – Lacama.
- 4 Albemarle, NC. Two varieties, one handstamped the second typewritten.



cities represented, 106 of the cancels have the town name and zip code typed into the cancel and one town, Lucama, has the town name spelled wrong. Lucama is misspelled Lacama. The font of the type in the typed cancels is all the same, indicating they were done on the same typewriter.

It is the belief of the author that in Postmaster Loflin's eagerness to please when he did not receive a cover from a town, he made up the cancel using his typewriter. Four cities have typewritten and handstamped covers, an indication the actual markings arrived after Postmaster Loflin created his own version.

Through the cooperation of Enola Mixon and Robert Loflin, this series of post office cancels were preserved. The following is a list of cities included in this commemoration: ■

THE CENSUS FOR THIS COLLECTION IS:

466 towns and cities
106 were typewritten
4 were typewritten & handstamped

CITIES WITH MULTIPLE CANCELS FOR DIFFERENT ZIP CODES:

8 Durham
4 Asheville
4 High Point
2 Gastonia
2 Greensboro

North Carolina Statehood First Day Cancels — August 23, 1989

CITY	COUNTY	Typed	Typed & Handstamp	Notes	CITY	COUNTY	Typed
Aberdeen	Moore				Bath	Beaufort	
Advance	Davie				Beaufort	Carteret	
Ahoskie	Hertford				Belhaven	Macon	x
Alamance	Alamance				Bellarthur	Pitt	
Albemarle	Stanly		x		Belmont	Gaston	x
Albertson's	Duplin				Bessemer City	Gaston	x
Alexander	Buncombe				Bethania	Stokes	
Alexis	Gaston				Bethel	Pitt	
Alliance	Pamlico				Biscoe	Montgomery	
Almond	Swain				Black Creek	Wayne	
Altamahaw	Alamance		x		Black Mountain	Buncombe	
Andrews	Burke				Blanch	Caswell	
Ansonville	Anson	x			Blount's Creek	Beaufort	
Apex	Wake				Blowing Rock	Watauga	
Aquone	Macon		x		Boiling Springs	Cleveland	
Arapahoe	Pamlico				Bonlee	Chatham	
Arden	Buncombe				Boomer	Wilkes	
Ash	Brunswick				Boone	Ashe	
Ashboro	Randolph	x			Booneville	Yadkin	
Ashville	Buncombe			<i>two handstamps zip. 28802, 804, 805, 810</i>	Bostick	Rutherford	x
Atlantic	Carteret				Brasstown	Clay	x
Atlantic Beach	Carteret				Brevard	Transylvania	x
Aulander	Bertie				Browns Summit	Guilford	
Aurora	Beaufort				Brunswick	Columbus	
Autryville	Sampson				Bryson City	Swain	x
Avon	Dare		x		Buies Creek	Harnett	x
Aylett	Currituck				Bullock	Granville	
Badin	Stanly	x			Bunn	Franklin	
Bakersville	Mitchell				Burgaw	Pender	
Balfour	Henderson				Burlington	Alamance	x
Balsam	Jackson				Burnsville	Yancey	x
Balsam Grove	Transylvania				Candler	Buncombe	
Barber	Rowan				Canton	Haywood	
Barco	Currituck				Caroleen	Rutherford	x
Barium Springs	Iredell				Carrboro	Orange	
Barnardsville	Buncombe				Cary	Wake	x
Barnesville	Robeson				Casar	Cleveland	
Bat Cave	Henderson				Cashiers	Jackson	x
					Castalia	Nash	

CITY	COUNTY	Typed	Notes	CITY	COUNTY	Typed	Notes
Cedar Falls	Randolph			Elm City	Wilson		
Cedar Mountain	Henderson			Elon College	Alamance		
Chapel Hill	Orange	x		Enfield	Halifax		
Charlotte	Mecklenburg			Englehard	Hyde		
Cherryville	Gaston	x		Ennice	Alleghany		
Chocowinity	Beaufort	x		Ernul	Craven		
Claremont	Catawba			Erwin	Harnett		
Clayton	Johnston			Ether	Montgomery		
Clemmons	Forsyth			Etowah	Henderson		
Cofield	Hertford			Eure	Gates	x	
Colerain	Bertie	x		Everetts	Martin		
Colfax	Guilford	x		Evergreen	Columbus		
Collettsville	Caldwell			Fair Bluff	Columbus		
Columbia	Tyrrell	x		Fairfield	Lenoir		
Concord	Cabarrus	x		Fairmont	Robeson		
Conetoe	Edgecombe	x		Fairview	Buncombe		
Creswell	Washington	x		Faison	Duplin		
Crouse	Lincoln	x		Faith	Rowan		
Crumpler	Ashe			Falcon	Cumberland		
Culberson	Cherokee	x		Falkland	Pitt		
Currituck	Currituck	x		Fallston	Cleveland		
Dallas	Gaston			Farmville	Pitt		
Dana	Henderson			Ferguson	Haywood		
Danbury	Stokes			Flat Rock	Buncombe		
Davidson	Mecklenburg			Fleetwood	Ashe		
Davis	Carteret			Fletcher	Henderson	x	
Deep Gap	Watauga			Fontana Dam	Graham		
Deep Run	Lenoir			Forest City	Rutherford		
Delco	Columbus			Fountain	Pitt		
Denton	Davidson			Four Oaks	Johnston	x	
Denver	Lincoln	x		Franklin	Macon		
Dillsboro	Jackson			Franklinton	Franklin	x	
Dobson	Surry			Fremont	Wayne		
Dover	Craven			Frisco	Dare		
Drexel	Burke			Garner	Wake	x	
Dublin	Bladen			Garysburg	Northampton	x	
Dudley	Wayne			Gastonia	Gaston		zip 28052, 054
Dunn	Harnett			Gates	Gates	x	
Durham	Orange		zips 27701, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 709, 712	Gatesville	Gates		
Eagle	Rock Wake			Germanton	Stokes		
Eagle Springs	Moore			Gerton	Henderson		
Earl	Cleveland			Gibsonville	Guilford	x	
East Bend	Yadkin	x		Glen Alpine	Burke		
East Flat Rock	Henderson			Glendale Springs	Ashe		
East Spencer	Rowan			Glendon	Moore		
Eden	Rockingham			Glenville	Jackson		
Edenton	Chowan			Glenwood	McDowell		
Edneyville	Henderson			Gold Hill	Rowan		
Edward	Beaufort			Goldsboro	Wayne		
Efland	Orange			Goldston	Chatham		
Elizabeth City	Pasquotank			Grandy	Currituck		
Elizabethtown	Bladen			Granite Falls	Caldwell		
Elk Park	Mitchell			Granite Quarry	Rowan		
Elkin	Surry	x		Grassy Creek	Yancey		
Ellenboro	Rutherford	x		Grayson	Ashe		
Ellerbe	Richmond			Greensborough	Guilford		zip 27402, 420
				Greenville	Pitt		

CITY	COUNTY	Typed	Notes
Grimesland	Pitt		
Grover	Cleveland	x	
Gumberry	Northampton		
Halifax	Halifax		
Hallsboro	Columbus		
Hamilton	Martin		
Hamptonville	Yadkin		
Harbinger	Currituck		
Harmony	Iredell		
Harrells	Sampson		
Harris	Rutherford		
Harrisburg	Cabarrus		
Hassell	Martin		
Hatteras	Hyde		
Havelock	Craven		
Hayesville	Franklin	x	
Hazelwood	Haywood		
Henderson	Granville		
Hendersonville	Henderson	x	
Henrietta	Rutherford		
Hertford	Perquimons	x	
Hickory	Catawba	x	
Hiddenite	Alexander		
High Point	Guilford		zip 27260, 262, 263, 264
Highfalls	Moore		
Highlands	Macon	x	
Highshoals	Gaston		
Hildebran	Burke		
Hillsboro	Orange		
Hobbsville	Gates		
Hobgood	Halifax		
Hobucken	Pamlico		
Hollister	Halifax	x	
Holly Springs	Wake		
Hope Mills	Cumberland		
Hot Springs	Madison	x	
Hubert	Onslow		
Hudson	Caswell	x	
Huntersville	Mecklenburg		
Hurdle Mills	Person	x	
Husk	Ashe	x	
Icard	Burke		
Indian Trail	Union		
Iron Station	Lincoln	x	
Jackson	Northampton		
Jackson Springs	Moore		
Jamestown	Guilford		
Jamesville	Cherokee		
Jarvisburg	Currituck		
Jefferson	Ashe		
Jonesville	Surry		
Julian	Randolph		
Kannapolis	Cabarrus	x	
Kelford	Bertie		
Kernersville	Stokes	x	
Kill Devil Hills	Dare		

CITY	COUNTY	Typed
King	Stokes	
Kings Mountain	Lincoln	
Kittrell	Vance	
Kitty Hawk	Dare	x
Knightdale	Wake	x
Knott's Island	Currituck	x
Lacama (Lucama)	Wilson	x
Lake Junaluska	Haywood	
Lake Toxaway	Transylvania	x
Lake Waccamaw	Columbus	
Landis	Rowan	
Lansing	Ashe	
Lasker	Northampton	
Lattimore	Cleveland	
Laurel Springs	Ashe	
Laurinburg	Scotland	
Lawsonville	Stokes	
Leicester	Buncombe	x
Lemon Springs	Moore	
Lenoir	Caldwell	x
Lewiston-Woodville	Bertie	
Lewisville	Forsyth	x
Lexington	Davidson	
Liberty	Randolph	
Lilesville	Anson	
Lillington	New Hanover	
Lincolnton	Lincoln	x
Linden	Cumberland	
Linville	Mitchell	x
Linville Falls	Burke	
Little Switzerland	McDowell	x
Littleton	Warren	
Locust	Stanly	
Longisland	Catawba	
Louisburg	Franklin	
Lowgap	Surry	
Lowell	Johnston	
Lowland	Pamlico	
Lynn	Polk	
Macclesfield	Edgecombe	x
Maggie Valley	Haywood	x
Magnolia	Duplin	
Maiden	Catawba	
Manteo	Dare	x
Maple Hill	Pender	
Marietta	Robeson	
Mars Hill	Madison	x
Marshall	Madison	x
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McLeansville	Guilford	x	Pinetown	Beaufort		Timberlake	Person	x
Merritt	Pamlico		Pineville	Mecklenburg	x	Toast	Surry	
Micro	Johnston	x	Piney Creek	Alleghany		Tobaccoville	Forsyth	
Mill Spring	Polk	x	Pink Hill	Lenoir		Traphill	Wilkes	
Millers Creek	Wilkes	x	Pinnacle	Stokes		Trenton	Jones	
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Misenheimer	Stanly		Pleasant Garden	Guilford		Troutman	Iredell	x
Monroe	Warren		Pleasant Hill	Northampton		Turkey	Sampson	
Montezuma	Mitchell		Plumtree	Mitchell		Turnersburg	Iredell	
Montreat	Buncombe		Plymouth	Washington		Union Grove	Iredell	
Mooreville	Orange		Point Harbor	Currituck		Valdese	Burke	
Morehead City	Carteret		Polkton	Anson		Vanceboro	Craven	
Mount Airy	Surry	x	Polkville	Cleveland	x	Vandemere	Pamlico	
Mount Gilead	Montgomery		Pollocksville	Jones		Vass	Moore	
Mount Holly	Gaston	x	Poplar Branch	Currituck		Vaughn	Warren	
Nags Head	Dare		Potecasi	Northampton		Vilas	Watauga	
Nakina	Columbus		Powellsville	Bertie		Waco	Cleveland	
Naples	Henderson		Princeton	Northampton		Wake Forest	Wake	x
Nebo	McDowell		Proctorville	Robeson		Walkerstown	Forsyth	
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New London	Stanly		Providence	Mecklenburg		Walnut Cove	Stokes	
Newell	Mecklenburg		Raeford	Hoke		Walstonburg	Greene	
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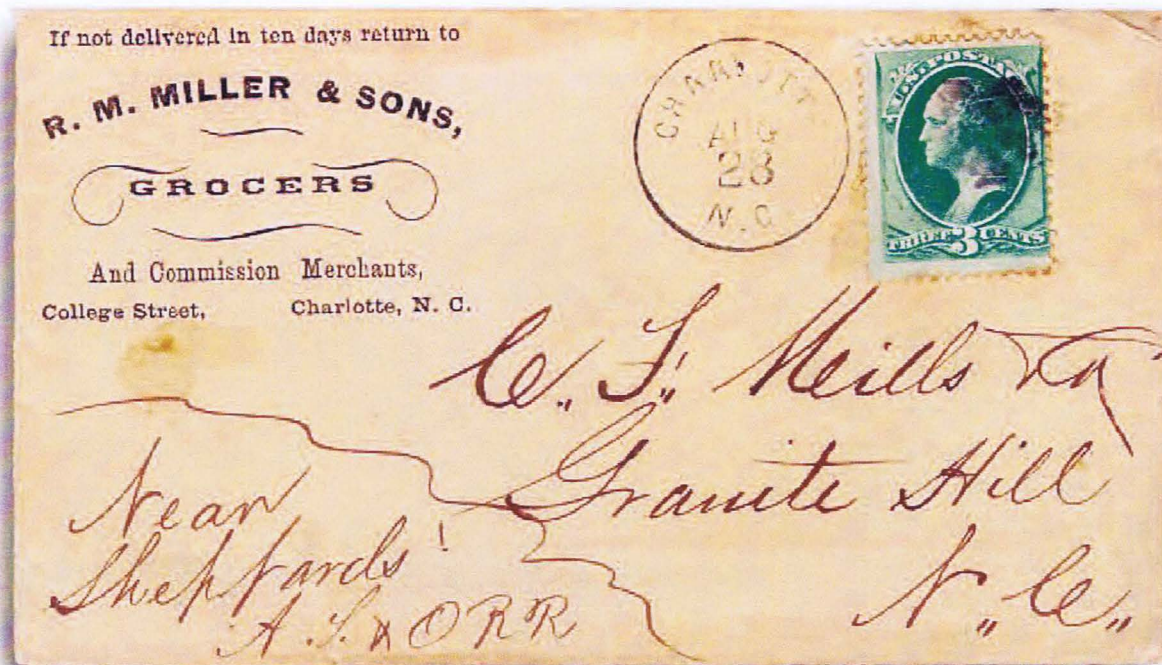
by Scott Troutman

Shown is an advertising cover from Charlotte, N.C., undated but franked with a banknote. The type 6 Charlotte cancel was used from 1869-1875. The letter is mailed to a company in Granite Hill, N.C. in Iredell County. In the corner is a handwritten notation "Near/Sheppards/ A.T.+ O.R.R.". Shepards was a small town in Iredell County that had a post office operating between 1903 and 1915.

What makes this cover interesting is that it was apparently sent on the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad. Little is known about the construction of this railroad,

built originally before the Civil War, that ran from Charlotte to Statesville. The railroad's track was torn up during the Civil War for use elsewhere. It was rebuilt after the war and operated until around 1889 when it was bought by the Southern Railroad.

Only one railroad post office mail cancel is known from this line, that being one for Davidson College to Charlotte used in the 1882-89 time period. Shepards was not on the original pre Civil War station list but may have been added later. ■



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New SHIP Marking of Plymouth

by Dick Winter

In April 1999, Scott Troutman reported a new ship marking of Plymouth, North Carolina, to Vernon Stroupe, who sent the information to me because of my interest in maritime postal history. The very small “SHIP” marking reported by Scott is pictured in **Figure 1**. It is a much smaller ship marking than any I had seen before and certainly the smallest of the North Carolina ship markings. Whenever there is a new marking discovered, there is some reluctance to report it until a second copy is found to validate the original find. I decided to delay writing about Scott’s marking and to look for another example to confirm the one that Scott had reported. Five years later I found the confirming copy of this marking. Unfortunately, I put the information aside with Scott’s original report and did not write about the new marking at the time I found the confirming copy. I have now found the missing file of information and will describe the new marking with this article.

Figure 2 illustrates the cover that Scott reported in 1999. It is a folded letter that originated in Trinité, Martinique, written on 17 May 1845 and addressed to Bangor, Maine. The letter discussed a shipment of molasses about to sail on the brig *Oschilla* to Bangor from the port of Trinité (called “Trinity” in the letter). The letter was sent across the island to St. Pierre, the principal town on the island at the time and the largest town in the French West Indies, to the forwarding agent, G. Fleurot & Co., to place the letter on the next vessel for the United States. The forwarding agent struck his 41 x 24 mm red orange oval marking in the upper left corner.

Apparently the ship on which the letter was sent arrived in the United States at Plymouth, North Carolina. In the lower left corner is a 30 mm red orange circular datestamp of Plymouth dated 11 June. This datestamp is identified as Type 1 of Plymouth, Washington County, in *Post Offices and Postmasters of North Carolina*, Volume 3. The new marking that Scott reported was the 8.5 x 2.5 mm handstamp “SHIP” struck in the upper right corner by the Plymouth postmaster in the same color ink as the circular datestamp. This is a very small handstamp marking, so small as to easily be dismissed as a fake marking. The only smaller ship handstamp from any location in the United States that has been documented is one of St. Marks, Florida of 1832-33,



Figure 1 ▲

Small red orange handstamp of Plymouth, North Carolina, indicating letter delivered to the post office from a ship.



Figure 2 ▲

17 May 1845 – Trinité, Martinique, to Bangor, Maine, carried by ship from St. Pierre, Martinique to Plymouth, North Carolina. Handstamp of forwarding agent, G. Fleurot & Co. struck in upper left corner.

which the *American Stampless Cover Catalog*, Volume 2, lists at 6.5 mm in black ink. The Plymouth postmaster marked the letter in the upper right corner alongside the "SHIP" handstamp with the postage due in Bangor, Maine, of 27¢ (**Figure 3**). This amount consisted of a 2¢ ship fee plus 25¢ United States inland fee to Bangor for a single-rate letter.

The confirming copy of this unusual ship handstamp was found in the North Carolina State Archives in the Kader Biggs private collection papers, PC 215.1. The folded letter with this marking is shown in **Figure 4**. This is a folded letter dated 25 January 1845, which contained a printed report of the Cargo Prices at Antigua on 24 January 1845, published by R.B. Eldridge & Co. of Antigua. The letter was addressed to Windsor, near Plymouth, and entered the United States postal system as a ship letter at Plymouth. The Plymouth postmaster marked this letter with the same small red handstamp "SHIP" and rated it for 8¢ postage due, 2¢ ship fee plus 6¢ inland fee from Plymouth to Windsor, a distance of 15 miles.

These two examples of the small Plymouth "SHIP" marking are only three months apart and support the legitimacy of this reported new marking. Scott is to be congratulated for this new discovery.



Figure 3 ▲

Postage due marked by Plymouth postmaster, 2¢ ship fee plus 25¢ inland fee to Bangor, Maine.



◀ **Figure 4**

25 January 1845, Antigua to Windsor, North Carolina, confirming copy of the small "SHIP" marking. Postage due marked at Plymouth was 2¢ ship fee plus 6¢ inland fee to Windsor.

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Mr. Perkinson and his wife, Beth, of 38 years, avocations are now vegetable gardening and eating the fruits of their labors all year long. They also enjoy cooking and entertaining friends and neighbors in their beautiful home which they restored over a period of fifteen years, incorporating period architectural elements that they had acquired. By the way, this house is located two doors up the street from where Mr. Perkinson was born. ■

("The Durants..." continued from page 7)

The post office of Durants Neck operated from August 29, 1870 until February 2, 1966. It was the successor to Durant's Neck which operated from March 18, 1828 until August 28, 1870. After its closing mail was serviced out of Hertford. Before that any mail was probably taken by boat to Elizabeth City for posting. ■

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