

Lincoln Stamp Club

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The Lincoln Stamp Club's monthly news

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The Club meets the first and third Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.

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The Club is an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society:
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A September Letter to "Dear Little Mary"

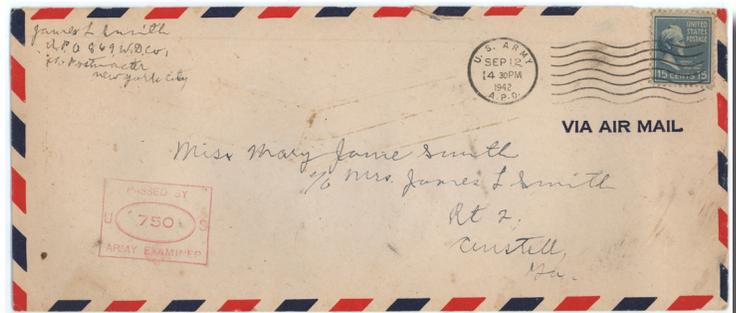
by David M. Frye

George Wagner's program on "dumpster diving" at the August meeting reminded me of a different sort of search for items of interest and intrigue. When I have the chance to flip my way through a box of covers at a show, I enjoy the hunt for envelopes that feel just a little thicker than the others.

I'm looking for covers with their letters safely folded inside. Sometimes the letters present a challenge to unfold, because of the age and acid content of the paper. Others are hard to read because of faint handwriting. Sometimes the handwriting is challenging to decipher. Other times the writer and recipient used a language other than English.

One letter I found in an envelope sent from James L. Smith to Miss Mary Jane Smith was written in light pencil on almost translucent air-mail-weight paper. James dated his letter "September 10/42," but the cover was not postmarked until two days later, a Saturday.

Postal history studies most likely could reconstruct the path of the letter, based upon the return address information, "APO 869



A 15c James Buchanan paid the way for James's letter to his daughter.

W.D. Co. | c/o Postmaster | New York City," and the red auxiliary marking, "Passed by U.S. Army Examiner 750."

Amid the touching details of his message to his daughter, James wrote:

Last Sunday I went to a new city from which I could see water in two directions and mountains in another country. There were a great many of them and they looked quite high. The rice fields are very pretty now. They look like young wheat or lawn grass in the early spring. The people set out the rice by hand. In the cornfields there is corn just planted, corn ready for roasting ears, and corn ready to gather. I don't mean in the same field, but there are different fields of each kind.

If you know how to figure out where James was serving, based on the cover's markings and James's letter, please let me know and I'll pass on the details in a future issue.

September Exchange Items

Several items, donated to the Club, will appear in the exchange after the business meeting on Sept. 1, opening at \$1:

- *US Postal Guide*—monthly supplement, June 1944, 104 pp. The last monthly; starting July 1945, a quarterly.
- *US Postal Guide*—quarterly supplement, April 1945, 115 pp.
- Mixed lot of US covers and corners, Second Bureau, WF, and Fourth Bureau.
- USPS "Space—Portrayed on Stamps"; edited, published by Scott for the USPS; includes stamps and hinges (not mounted).

In Memoriam

Charles E. Craig, the Club's Vice President, died on Aug. 20, 2011. The Club extends its condolences to his family and friends and expresses its gratitude for his service.

**USPS Releases—
September 2011**

Sept. 14: *Lady Liberty and American Flag*; six forever rate (44¢) definitives, two designs; Washington, D.C.

Sept. 16: *Barbara Jordan*; single forever rate (44¢) com., Black Heritage Series; Houston, Texas.

Sept. 20: *Save Vanishing Species*; single first-class semipostal (44¢ + 11¢); Washington, D.C.

Sept. 28: *Romare Bearden*; four forever rate (44¢) com.; New York, N.Y.

WANTED

MEMBERS OR GUESTS TO TELL A STAMP STORY

The Lincoln Stamp Club invites you to share your philatelic passion by giving a presentation at one of our meetings or by writing a short article for our newsletter. If you are interested, or want to find out more, e-mail questions@lincolnstampclub.org or talk to the Club's officers.

LINPEX 2012

Mark your calendars for our next show, LINPEX 2012, Feb. 25–26, 2012, at the GuestHouse Inn, Suites, and Conference Center. Expect dealers, a show cover, and member exhibits.

Programs: Mexico, Bellefonte, and Switzerland

The Club's meetings are all held at a single location:

St. Paul United Methodist Church
1144 M St., Lincoln, Neb.

Go south on 11th Street, then turn left into the church's parking garage between N and M Streets. Take the elevator to the second floor.

- **Business Meeting & Exchange**
Thursday, September 1, 7:00–9:00 p.m.
- **Presentation:** *Mexico Exportas—Stamps and Postal History*, Ken Pruess, Thursday, September 15, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

- **Business Meeting & Exchange**
Thursday, October 6, 7:00–9:00 p.m.
- **Presentation:** *Report from the 6th Annual APS Postal History Symposium*, David Frye, Thursday, October 20, 7:00–9:00 p.m.
- **Business Meeting & Exchange**
Thursday, November 3, 7:00–9:00 p.m.
- **Presentation:** *Switzerland—A Panorama of its Stamps*, APS DVD, Thursday, November 17, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

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