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Discovering Untold Stories in Your Own Backyard

Hometown Postal History—A Limitless Inspiration

by *Ken Pruess*

Many people collect the postal history of their geographical area. Often this history consists of items and information like postmarks, other markings, and postal rates for different uses. One former member, Alan Anderson, assembled an award-winning exhibit of York, Nebraska, postcards. Another less-often-seen approach would be for a collector to study the businesses, churches, historic buildings, and other items related to his or her community.

Very few collectors seem to prepare illustrated mail exhibits with covers relating to such themes. Part of the reason is that illustrated covers were prepared primarily by large national firms. Most smaller businesses often used little more than return addresses on their envelopes. Hotels, however, were exceptions; their stationery often showed their buildings. The accompanying illustration depicts a nice example of a business envelope from a fruit and vegetable dealer in Lincoln. Now, who was O. J. King and how long was he in business? Here is where the fun begins if you really want to study the business history of a locale.

Often the first approach is to try Google. I met with little success, only learning that Ornan King was the son of William H. King, originally from New York and that he was a grocer. But there are other sources of informa-



O.J. King and Son: An inexpensively obtained cover provides enough information about its sender to open up a variety of approaches for finding out more about this purveyor of “foreign delicacies” and the place of the business in the life of Lincoln over eighty years ago.

tion. I found Ornan King listed in an 1893 Lincoln city directory; he was conducting business at the same address, 1126 N Street, at that time. I have not further searched to find when he began or ended his business. But there are means of uncovering such information. Just ask someone interested in genealogy how they find information.

City directories are good sources of information. The Nebraska State Historical Society has an almost complete file for Lincoln, starting in 1874. Unfortunately, these directories are on microfilm, which makes the search more difficult. Another source would be old newspapers. Surely O.J. King advertised in a Lincoln newspaper. Again, you can find many Nebraska newspapers on microfilm at the Historical Society. But you might also find some online using one of the genealogy search sites. Of course, you have to pay, but when I was studying California agricultural proration stamps, I found more information in this way than I did on two trips to California to study that state's

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holdings in its library and archives.

Such older covers often are not expensive. This one cost me \$2.50, including postage. But they can be hard to find! One could limit such a collection to as large or small an area as one might choose. A real challenge, for instance, would be to find covers from all businesses that have existed on O Street in downtown Lincoln! That topic could keep you searching for years and then spending many more hours to learn the history of the firms you have located.

Whatever focus you choose, you can be sure you will enjoy the searching, the finding, and the learning.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

If you look at the address label on your copy of *The Souvenir Sheet* and see a "16," then your Club membership is eligible for renewal for 2017. Membership in the Club costs \$12 annually; you can add additional family members for \$1 each. Please give your dues to Dave Wallman, Treasurer, or mail them to the Club. Both cash and checks are welcome. Dues are payable by December 31.

October 2016 Exchange

The Club offers the following items at its monthly exchange. Make payments in cash or in personal checks made out to the Club. Proceeds from the sale of donations benefit the Club's general work. The seller's initials appear in the last column. LSC lots are donations. Number your lots before the meeting.

Lot #	Description	Catalogue Minimum	Final	Buyer	Seller	
▪ 01	US Sc. 3068a-t M Sheet of 20	\$6.40	\$4.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 02	US Sc. 3136a-o M Sheet of 15	\$4.80	\$3.00	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 03	US Sc. 3143-3146a M Sheet of 20	\$6.40	\$4.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 04	US Sc. 3096-3099 M Sheet of 20	\$6.40	\$4.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 05	Australia Used Assortment	\$—	\$0.90	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 06	Dahomey Sc. 173 M Single	\$0.20	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 07	Egypt Used Assortment	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 08	Guatemala Older Used Assortment	\$2.00	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 09	India Older Used Assortment	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 10	Nicaragua Sc. 1038-1042 M Set of 5	\$—	\$0.40	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 11	Poland Older Used Assortment	\$—	\$0.75	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 12	Rwanda Sc. 865 MNH	\$0.20	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 13	San Marino Mint Assortment	\$—	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 14	Sharjah Michel #1276-1281 CTO	\$1.20	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 15	Somali Coast Mint Assortment	\$1.40	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 16	Tonga Sc. 94-95, 147, C16 M	\$1.05	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 17	Large Countries Collection M/U	\$—	\$25.00	_____	_____	JS
▪ 18	Large Countries Collection M/U	\$—	\$25.00	_____	_____	JS
▪ 19	Germany Sc. 1216 M	\$0.95	\$0.30	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 20	Germany Sc. 1467 M	\$1.90	\$0.65	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 21	Germany Sc. 1565 M	\$1.00	\$0.30	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 22	Germany Sc. 1566 M	\$1.10	\$0.35	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 23	Germany Sc. B404-407 M	\$1.05	\$0.35	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 24	Germany Sc. B412-415 M	\$1.35	\$0.45	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 25	Germany Sc. B634-635 M	\$6.00	\$2.00	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 26	Germany Sc. B674 M	\$1.40	\$0.45	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 27	Scott 2010 Catalogue Vol. 2 (C-F)	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 28	Scott 2010 Catalogue Vol. 3 (G-I)	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 29	Scott 2011 Catalogue Vol. 4 (J-M)	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 30	Scott 2011 Catalogue Vol. 5 (N-Sam)	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 31	Scott 2011 Catalogue Vol. 6 (San-Z)	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____	DMF

Club Members Share Their Philatelic Work

Several members recently presented the results of their philatelic study in various venues.

Mike Ley received a vermeil award for his exhibit, “Burma: The Issues of the Republic,” at the Omaha Stamp Show, September 10–11, 2016. He also garnered the American Philatelic Congress Award and the India Study Circle Medal for his work.

Dave Hamilton entered his exhibit, “1940 Famous Americans—Heroes of Peace,” at the Omaha Stamp Show, a World Series of Philately exhibition. His entry earned a silver award and several additional citations: the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors—Gold Award of Honor, the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors—Novice Award, and the Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award.

Bob Ferguson presented an illustrated talk, “Stamp Images Illustrate U.S. Postal History,” at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, on Sept. 11. He focused on stamps as history, art, and investments made valuable because of errors.

David Frye’s research article, “1961–1973 Air Mail from Tanganyika and Tanzania to Europe: Inferring Rates from a Census of Postal Covers,” has been accepted for publication in two journals. It will appear in *B.E.A.: The Bulletin of the East Africa Study Circle*, September 2016, and *The Postal History Journal*, October 2016.

Newsletter Archive

The Club maintains a Web archive of issues of *The Souvenir Sheet* beginning in May 2010:

www.lincolnstampclub.org/news/.

STAMP SHOW



Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Hosted by HBE Becker Meyer Love

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Driving Directions



Making Preparations for the October Stamp Show

You can help to provide youth and beginning collectors of all ages the best experience at our Club’s first fall postage stamp sale and collectors’ tip table. Please plan to come to the show on October 8. Our setup will begin at 9:00 a.m. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. You can bring your philatelic tools—tongs, gauges, watermarking trays, catalogs, color guides, UV lamps, and other items—and use them as the opportunities arise to demonstrate collecting techniques to show visitors. If you have sample-album pages showing your approach to collecting, you can bring them too. Thanks!

Topics: "Stamp Printing History," Exchange, and Business

The Club meets at a central Lincoln location from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays each month:

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

Go south on 11th Street, then turn left into the church's garage between N and M Streets. Take the elevator to the *main* floor, Rm. 155. Street parking is available too.

Welcome!

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every meeting of the Club and encourages collectors of all interests and experience to consider joining. Dues are only \$12/year, and can be mailed to the Club at its address on the front page or brought to a meeting. Membership forms are on the Web:

- **Membership:** www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.

- **Meeting & Exchange:** Thurs., Oct. 6, 2016.
- **Program:** Thurs., Oct. 20, 2016: *U.S. Stamp Printing History* by **Bob Ferguson**.
- **Meeting & Exchange:** Thurs., November 3, 2016.
- **Show & Tell and Program:** Thurs., Nov. 17, 2016: *Holey Stamps—Understanding Per-fins* by **Ken Pruess**.

Find us on 

The Lincoln Stamp Club has taken its first steps into the world of social media by launching its new Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, please "like" the Club and share its updates with your circle of friends. Now is a good time to sign up and get your own free Facebook account.

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/LincolnStampClub.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Items for Upcoming Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the Club's monthly exchange, send your descriptions and prices to **John Schutlz** (jschultz2@neb.rr.com) by **October 15, 2016**, for the November exchange. Upcoming exchanges, set for **November 3** and **December 1**, will feature items from Club members and from donors. Get your attractive lots listed! Downloadable forms are online:

- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf
- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeForm4up.pdf.

Stamp Events Across the State

Fall Postage Stamp Show

Saturday, October 8, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

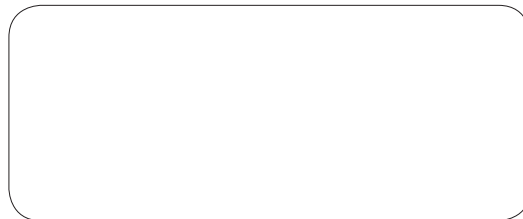
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