

LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

SOUVENIR SHEET

October 2019

Club Happenings Last Month

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Dale Niebuhr (2019)

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Mark Sellhorn (2019)

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Dave Wallman (2019)

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Joel Johnson (2019)

EXCHANGES

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Dale Niebuhr

MEETINGS

The Club meets the first and third Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

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AFFILIATION

An American Philatelic Society
affiliate: **APS #0799-064882.**

September 3: Business Meeting

After introductions, we discussed preparations for Stamp Collecting Day on October 19 and upcoming programs.

Joel Johnson showed a cover franked with stamps from several countries.

Bob Ferguson passed out a sheet on two new printing technologies (flexography and lenticular lamination) and the stamps printed with them.

Dave Wallman passed around a *Wall Street Journal* article on 3 discontinued airmail stamps (C25, C39, and C64) and a faked perf 11 1c Washington coil.

Brad Shay showed a 1906 German postcard with 5c postage due and a 1938 first flight cover from Valentine with six 1c prexies and an airmail stamp.

Mark Sellhorn showed a 1942 censored cover from Guatemala franked with a R19 postal tax stamp, a 2 centavos Sc. 235, and a bi-sect Sc. 235.

September 17: Show & Tell with L—S—C

We discussed preparations for Stamp Collecting Day on October 19 and upcoming programs. October 3 we will have member buy/sell night; October 17 will be a dvd “The Sun Never Sets on Mickey Mouse-Walt Disney’s Empire”; November 7 will be the sale of donated material; and November 21 will be “Private Perforations on Coil Stamps” by **Mark Sellhorn**.

Dale Niebuhr showed 7 **L**iberia stamps, 9 **L**ighthouse stamps; 24 **S**ingapore stamps, 10 **S**tamps on **S**tamps; 12 **C**uba stamps and 10 **C**at stamps.

LaVonne Uffelman showed a 1980 British souvenir sheet of Martin **L**uther, a **L**ewis & **C**lark booklet; 8 **S**ports on **S**tamps; a stamp from **C**uba, and a French stamp for Madam **C**urie.

Larry Spreeman showed a collection of 1923-29 **L**ine pair coils and a 2001 French **C**over celebrating **S**pace exploration.

Joel Johnson showed a collections of **L**ighthouse stamps; Abraham **L**incoln on a Homestead Act FDC (Sc. 1198); and a postcard of “**S**tate **C**apital **L**incoln.”

Geoff Duncombe showed an article on FDR as the “**S**pecial Designer in Chief” for the 6c airmail stamp Sc.C23.

Brad Shay showed a 1968 **L**eif Erikson FDC (Sc. 1359); a plate block of the 1954 Nebraska Territorial Centennial FDC (Sc. 1060) with a cachet of Abraham **L**incoln; a 1962 FDC for the 1862 John McDouall **S**tuart’s expedition; a 1954 FDC of the **L**ewis & **C**lark stamp Sc. 1063; and a 1980 Indiana cover with the 37c William **C**lark stamp Sc. 3856.

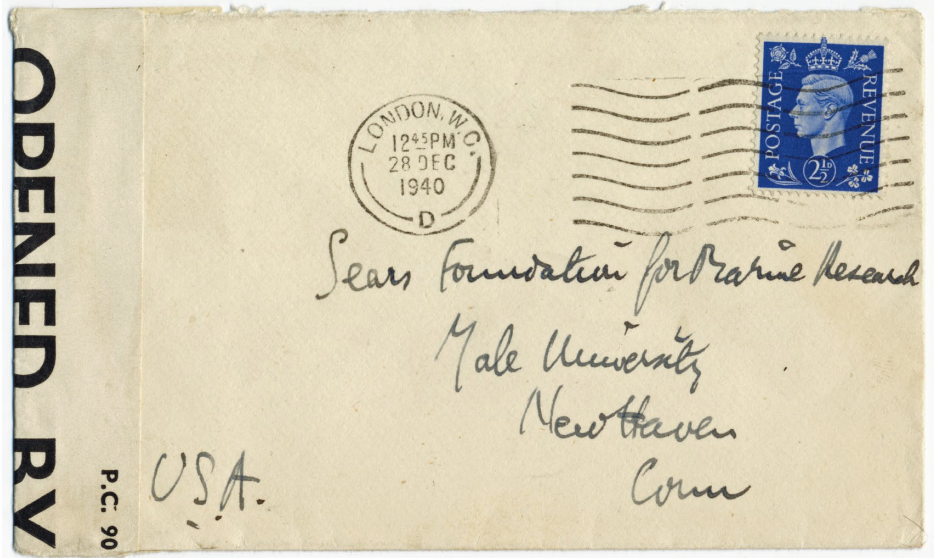
Mark Sellhorn showed a **L**ithuanian **C**over from **S**iaulai.to Mr. Isador **C**hait.

British Examiner 5081 Clears Wartime Letter to Yale

by David M. Frye,
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During World War II, governments on both sides commonly practiced censorship of outbound mail. Censors opened letters, reviewed their contents, and resealed envelopes with various sealing tapes. This letter, sent near the end of 1940 from London to New Haven, is sealed on its left edge with tape applied by Examiner 5081. The envelope no longer contains the letter, so the exact nature of the communications remains unknown.

The envelope does contain some other details, however, that help to narrow the range of topics. The back flap, pictured in the reduced lower image, indicates the sender was



Cover: Author's collection.

London to New Haven, Connecticut: A single 2 1/2 d King George VI definitive stamp from the 1940 series paid the international surface letter rate for the first weight unit. This rate remained in use from 1 May 1940 through July 1949. The stamp, issued in June 1940, exists with two watermark orientations. The variant here cannot be identified without removing it.



D. Nutt (A. G. Barry)
Foreign and Classical Bookseller
212 Shaftesbury Avenue
W.C.2
London, England.

The front of the envelope presents the recipient's handwritten address as

Sears Foundation for Marine Research
Yale University
New Haven
Conn. U.S.A.

So, what might be the connection between a bookseller and a foundation dedicated to marine research? A bit of Web searching reveals that the bookseller was a longtime publisher of such works as *The Journal of Conchology*, which the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland first released in 1874. Conchology is the study of mollusk shells.

The Sears Foundation's roots lie in the work of Albert

E. Parr, the director of the Bingham Oceanographic Laboratory at Yale University, to use a gift from Henry Sears to establish the Sears Foundation for Marine Research.

Henry Sears, in turn, served as a researcher on the *Atlantis*, which the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, sent out to conduct studies of Maine's coastal waters. During these studies, Sears discovered several previously undocumented species of fish: *Searsia polycoeca* and *Searsia koefoedi*.

Sears inherited money from a well-to-do uncle and gave \$85,000 (\$1.455 million in 2018 dollars) to Yale University in 1937 to fund the foundation.

That's about as far as some diligent Bing or Google searches can take the connection. Both the sender and the recipient have documented interests in marine studies. One might guess that the censors found nothing in the correspondence that would have compromised the war effort in 1940.

Civil Censorship Study Group: <http://c-c-s-g>.

STAMP COLLECTING DAY



Saturday, October 19

10 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln

Free Parking and Entry • Barrier-free Access

Tens of thousands of U.S. and foreign stamps—

1¢ each for kids, 5¢ for adults

Stamps by the bucket (\$1 for kids, \$5 for adults)

Stamp collecting tool tips—tongs, albums, gauges,
watermarking, catalogs, etc.

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Club Notes

In October we will look for finds from the extras that our members have in their collections and visit the world of Disney on stamps.

Welcome

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every meeting of the Club. 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/](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/).
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Meetings

: **Business Meeting: October 3**

Member buy/sell night

Program: Thursday, October 17

Final prep for Stamp Collecting Day and an APS dvd
"The Sun Never Sets on Mickey Mouse-Walt Disney's Empire"

: **Business Meeting: November 7**

Sale of donated material.

Program: Thursday, November 21

"*Private Perforations on Coil Stamps*" by Mark Sellhorn

COMING UP THIS YEAR

**Lincoln's Stamp Collecting Day
October 19th**

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