

The Postscript



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Be On The Lookout For Unusual Collectibles

By Larry Benson

Sometimes you don't have to look very far to find a philatelic cover or item that's unusual or unique. Maybe only as far as your own mailbox. Perhaps a fellow collector will give you a cover which is out of the ordinary, or you may find something at a dealer's booth during a stamp show. Even today when we separate paper for recycling, it is possible to find an item worth saving in a wastepaper basket in your office or home before it's emptied.

In any event, what's important is to have your eyes open wide at all times and to "see" what you are looking at. Seeing involves taking time to study a cover while looking for the unusual by carefully and thoroughly scrutinizing its size, color, address, corner card/return address, and any cachets. While the foregoing are fairly obvious, be alert also for anything unusual within the postmark(s). Look to see if the correct amount of postage is affixed. Indications of registration, certification, customs endorsements, censorship markings, etc., also can be considered out of the ordinary.

And, don't forget to look - again "see" - what's on the back of the cover because sometimes the back is even more interesting or revealing about the handling and journey the cover made from its origin to final destination. Many times I have found postage affixed to the backs of covers, particularly those from foreign countries.

With those thoughts in mind, let's look at a few examples from my collection. Those shown in the next column as Figures 1 and 2 as well as others selected for illustration will be discussed.

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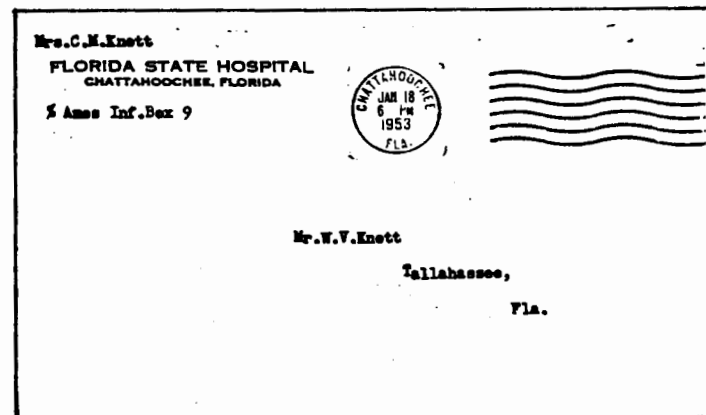
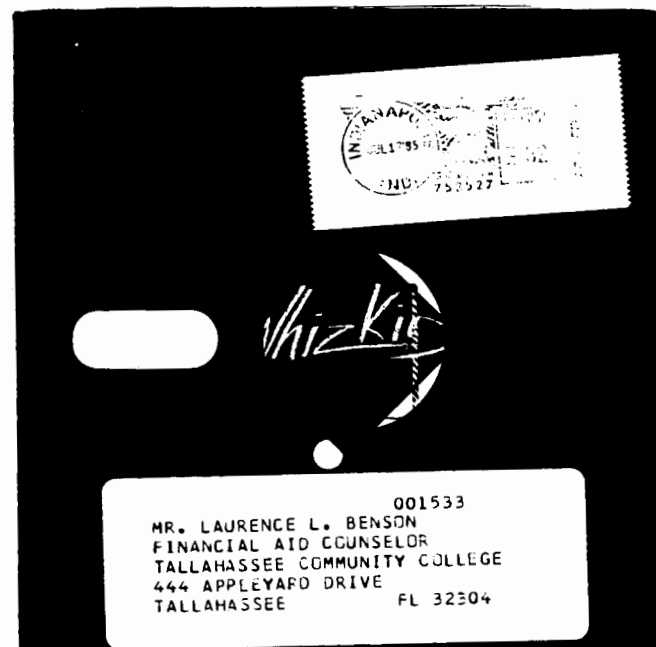


Figure 1 (above)

Figure 2 (below)



Welcome New Member

TS&CC welcomes new member Winchester "Bud" Keys who lives in Ft. White, FL. Bud collects covers picturing Indians, trains and sports. He also collects FDCs and special event covers.

Congratulations, Gwynn!

Congratulations to the former Gwynn Peacock who married Brian Kidd on March 14. Her address is changed to 18179 Blue Star Highway in Quincy, FL, 32351-9477. Her new phone numbers are: home (850) 627-7776; work (850) 576-9990.

TS&CC Has WWW Site

Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club (TS&CC) now has a world wide web site on the Internet. Arrangements for acquiring the site were made through the courtesy of the American Philatelic Society (APS) at no cost to our Club and functions on the Delphi Internet server.

You don't have to have connections to APS or to Delphi to sign on to our page. The URL for our address is as follows without spaces between the letters or a period at the end:<http://www.Delphi.com/stamps/apstallahassee.html> So, look us up!

Dues Should Be Paid!

If there is a **Red Dot** on your mailing label, Club records show your dues haven't been paid. If you have any questions, contact Treasurer Lyn McCauley. Members who haven't paid dues by June 1 will not receive future issues of *The Postscript* until their dues have been paid.

In The **POSTROAD** Ahead

Jul. 14 Youth Night. Bring Stamps to Give to Kids!

Aug. 11 A Program Needed! Why Not Volunteer?

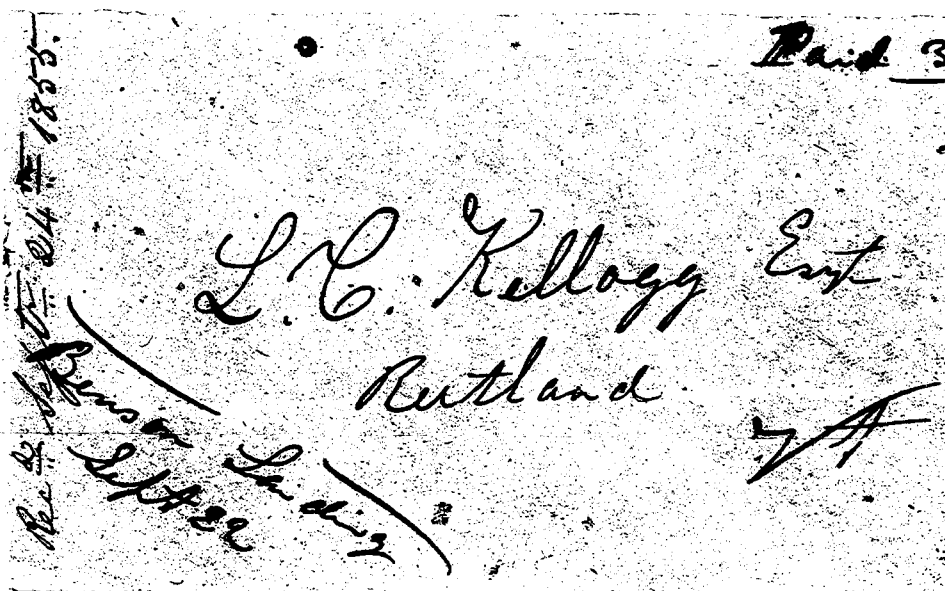
Sept. 8 How About Signing Up To Give A Talk!

Meetings 7:30 p.m. in Senior Center
Corner N. Monroe and 7th Avenue.

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For Me, An Unusual But Collectible Item

By Larry Benson

In keeping with the article about looking for the unusual, I acquired the above cover several years ago from a dealer for a couple of dollars. Although an old cover dated 1855, it was cheap because it is only a "front."

But how could I pass up such a cover when it transited through "Benson Landing" on September 22, 1855, before reaching the addressee L. C. Kellogg in Rutland, VT, on September 24th that year?

Benson Landing was active from 1849 to 1934 then became a "Dead Post Office" (DPO.) Benson Landing is located at the extreme southeastern shore of Lake Champlain which forms the western border between Vermont and New York. On today's maps, Rutland, VT, appears to be about 29 miles east of the landing, certainly reachable in a day by horse or buggy even in 1855.

Attempts to contact people in Benson Landing and Rutland to find out more about the place, unfortunately have been fruitless.

TS&CC Has Had A Busy Quarter...

By Ed Walters, President

Our Club has had a busy quarter in that we participated in two activities: "Springtime Tallahassee" and the 20th Anniversary Celebration at the Senior Citizen Center. The Club appreciates so much the members who participated in these events. Both activities were successful and we answered a lot of questions concerning our Club and its benefits as well as about stamp collecting

Preparing Portable Display

Recently, we recognized our need for a display that can be easily transported and assembled and readily viewed by the public whenever we set up exhibits. Ken Miller has been approved by the Club to design and build a display and it should really help us to be recognized at stamp related events.

The Joy of Stamp Collecting

To me, the joy of stamp collecting comes from all the activities involved. Collecting is not much fun unless you are actively building, showing, trading, selling and talking about your collection.

Stamps should be "doing something" not just hidden in albums or filed in boxes in our closets. The fun begins when you go beyond the mere accumulation of stamps.

"Youth Night" in July

We have decided the July meeting will be "Youth Night" so come prepared to talk to young people about stamp collecting. Also, bring stamp related gifts the youngsters will enjoy.

Let's get the word out to youth groups in our area and encourage them to join us at our July meeting.

Program Ideas Needed

We need program ideas for our August meeting and for those in the future. If you have an idea about some facet of stamp collecting you can talk about or a philatelic subject you would like to know more about, please let me know. My phone number is 385-8379.

If you can't reach me, call any of the other officers whose names appear in this issue at the top of page 3.

See you at our next meeting!

How about writing an article for The Postscript!

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