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NEITHER SNOW NOR RAIN

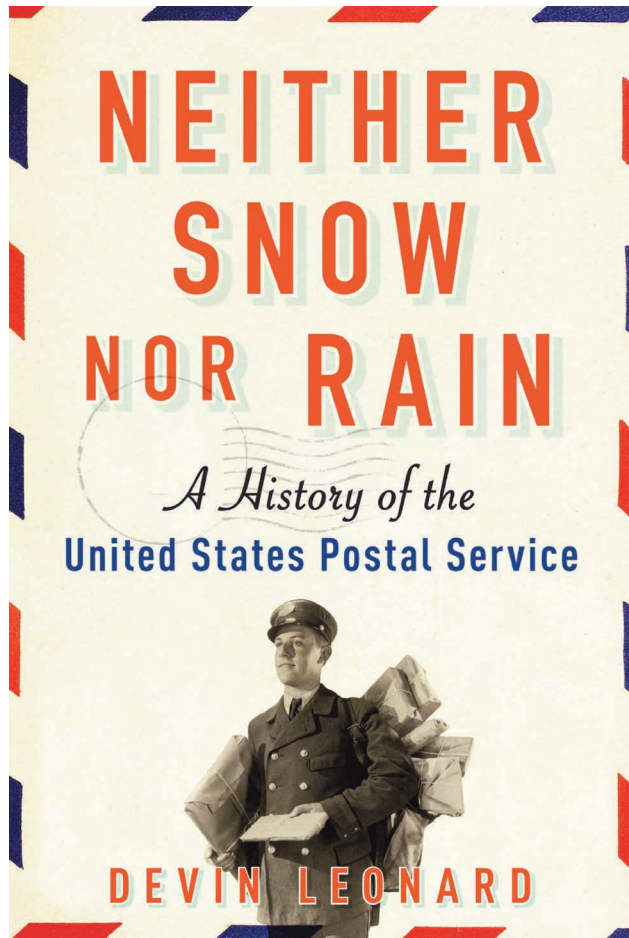
A History of the United States Postal Service

by David M. Frye

Spending time with only a few pages of this highly readable history of American mail clarifies how wide and deep and detailed is that history. The author, Devin Leonard, chose to focus on twelve major individuals and events that serve to encapsulate that history.

This book is not a study of stamp designs or a treatise on rates, routes, and classifications. Rather, it explores and explains a government-related service that, for most people, works quietly beneath the surface of daily life.

The Introduction reminds us of an observation by Lawrence O'Brien, postmaster general under President Lyndon Johnson. He noted, "There are many factors that combined and unified America. The process was carried on silently, almost in secret, underneath the temporary upheavals in our history. It moved by a chain of paper that transported the elements of Americanism through thousands of miles, across mountains and desert, from city to frontier, a chain stretching



*Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night
stays these couriers from the swift completion
of their appointed rounds.*

—Inscription after Herodotus, Greek Historian,
James A. Farley Post Office, New York City

into every clearing and valley. This link consisted of the postal service and the publications—magazines and newspapers—that provided a common store of images, of heroes, of folklore, of truth, and of inspiration and ideals."

Neither Snow nor Rain tells its story by introducing key figures—Benjamin Franklin, Montgomery Blair, Franklin Roosevelt, and James Farley. It tells stories of people—African Americans and women—who sorted and delivered the mail when few other jobs were available. It touches on technologies—railway mail cars, airplane transport,

and automated sorting. It explores the effects of services—home delivery, package handling, and the postal savings system. It illustrates this history with black-and-white and color plates showing portraits, postcards, and places.

The Notes follow a recent trend of linking page citations, phrases from the text, and their underlying references. An Index provides a

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Club Notes

EXCHANGE LOTS

Send your descriptions and prices to **John Schultz** (jschultz2@neb.rr.com) by May 15 for the June exchange.

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/.

MEETINGS

- **Meeting, Exchange & Show-and-Tell:** Thursday, May 4.
- **Program:** Thursday, May 18: *Stamp-Issuing Dependent Territories* by **Bob Ferguson**.
- **Meeting, Exchange & Show-and-Tell:** Thursday, June 1.
- **Program:** Thursday, June 15: *Philatelic Film Festival* by **Ferguson & Frye**.

FACEBOOK

The Lincoln Stamp Club is on Facebook. Please “like” the Club and share its updates with your circle of friends.

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

May 2017 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. Sellers' 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. 345 U	\$20.00	\$0.25	_____	_____	LSC
■ 02	US Sc. 346 U	\$22.50	\$3.00	_____	_____	LSC
■ 03	US Sc. 371 M H/small tear	\$—	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
■ 04	US Sc. 376 U	\$2.00	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
■ 05	US Sc. 397 U	\$2.00	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
■ 06	US Sc. 398 U	\$1.00	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
■ 07	US Sc. 410 M H	\$4.00	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
■ 08	US Sc. 411 U	\$5.00	\$0.25	_____	_____	LSC
■ 09	US Sc. 447 M H	\$45.00	\$5.00	_____	_____	LSC
■ 10	US Sc. 450 U	\$6.50	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
■ 11	US Sc. 488 M H Pair	\$5.50	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
■ 12	US Sc. 535 U	\$5.00	\$0.25	_____	_____	LSC
■ 13	US Sc. 584 precancel	\$3.00	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
■ 14	US Sc. 587 U	\$0.60	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
■ 15	Postal Scale	\$—	\$—	_____	_____	LSC
■ 16	Guyana Sc. ? Disney Souvenir Sheet	\$—	\$1.00	_____	_____	LSC
■ 17	Belgium Sc. 1116 U “Europa”	\$0.20	\$0.05	_____	_____	LSC
■ 18	Canada 50+ Assortment (some dupes)	\$—	\$0.75	_____	_____	LSC
■ 19	PR Congo Sc. 1102–1107 U Comp. Set	\$4.35	\$1.00	_____	_____	JS
■ 20	Costa Rica M & U Collection	\$—	\$0.40	_____	_____	LSC
■ 21	France Sc. 328 U	\$6.50	\$1.25	_____	_____	JS
■ 22	Mozambique Sc. 642–647 CTO	\$1.20	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
■ 23	Netherlands Sc. 387–388 M “Europa”	\$0.55	\$0.20	_____	_____	LSC
■ 24	Nicaragua Sc. 939–940 M	\$0.40	\$0.20	_____	_____	LSC
■ 25	Romania Sc. 504–505 M	\$1.50	\$0.55	_____	_____	LSC
■ 26	US Sc. 772–784 M Set (9) 1935–36	\$2.25	\$1.20	_____	_____	LSC
■ 27	US Sc. 785–794 M Set (10) 1936–37 Army/Navy	\$3.25	\$2.00	_____	_____	LSC
■ 28	US Sc. 795–802 M Set (7) 1937	\$2.00	\$0.75	_____	_____	LSC
■ 29	US Sc. 1500–1502, C86 M Set (4) 1973	\$1.00	\$0.50	_____	_____	LSC
■ 30	US Sc. 1278 M Pair	\$0.50	\$0.10	_____	_____	LSC
■ 31	UN 40 Souv. Bklets. 38 w/stamps 1968–	\$—	\$15.00	_____	_____	LSC

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handy guide for tracking down the book's treatment of historical figures and topics.

If America's history with its mail services from its pre-Revolutionary War beginnings to the present day intrigues you, then *Neither Snow nor Rain* will satisfy your curiosity by weaving together its many and diverse threads.

BOOK DETAILS

Title: *Neither Snow nor Rain: A History of the United States Postal Service*

Author: Devin Leonard

ISBN-13: 978-8-8021-2458-6

Size: 6.1 × 8.9 inches

Length: 316 pages

List Price: \$26.00

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Dorothy Height: Civil Rights Leader

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service kicked off this year's Black History Month observances by dedicating the Dorothy Height Forever stamp during a ceremony at Howard University, Washington, D.C., on February 1, 2017.

The fortieth stamp in the Black Heritage series honors Height, a tireless activist, who dedicated her life to fighting for racial and gender equality. She became one of the most influential civil and women's rights leaders of the twentieth century.

"The Postal Service is proud to honor civil rights icon Dorothy Height, an American treasure, whose illustrious career spanned almost a century," said Ronald Stroman, deputy postmaster general and chief government relations officer, who dedicated the stamp.

"The Dorothy Height Forever stamp will serve as a lasting tribute to her life and legacy of seeking equality and justice for all Americans, regardless of ethnicity, gender, or race."

Stroman was joined at the stamp dedication ceremony by U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-GA); Alexis Herman, president, Dorothy I. Height Education Foundation; Ingrid Saunders Jones, chair, National Council of



Negro Women; Naima Randolph, Dorothy Height's great niece; Wayne A.I. Frederick, president, Howard University; and Bishop Vashti McKenzie of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Dorothy Height stamp features a portrait by artist Thomas Blackshear II. The painting is based on a photograph shot by Lateef Mangum in 2009. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp.

In 1963, the Height-led National Council of Negro Women joined the Council for United Civil Rights Leadership. Height was an architect of the August 1963 March on Washington, where she shared the stage with Mar-

tin Luther King Jr. It was Height who pushed to include a voice of youth like John Lewis of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and insisted on no time limits for King's speech.

Gender equality also was important to Height, who fought for the rights of women, particularly women of color. President John F. Kennedy named her to his Commission on the Status of Women, which was chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt. Height attended the 1963 White House ceremony where Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act. In 1971, she helped form the National Women's Political Caucus.

In 1977, Height officially retired from the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), for which she had worked for forty years. In addition to numerous honorary degrees, Height received the nation's two highest civilian honors. In 1994, President Bill Clinton awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. A decade later, President George W. Bush presented her with the Congressional Gold Medal. In 2009, she was a guest of Barack Obama when he was sworn in as the nation's forty-fourth president.

Source: http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2017/pr17_006.htm

Image: Courtesy of the United States Postal Service

The Souvenir Sheet Earns Gold in APS Chapter Newsletter Competition

The American Philatelic Society holds an annual competition for chapter newsletters. The free and open event invites editors to submit a newsletter's final three issues of the year for review and judging.

David Frye, the editor of the *Souvenir Sheet*, submitted the October through December 2016 issues of the Club's newsletter to the competition. These issues featured, respectively, "Hometown Postal History—A Limitless Inspiration" (**Ken Pruess**), "A Slower Approach to Commemorating the Deceased" (**Bob Ferguson**), and "Book Review: *How the Post Office Created America*" (**David Frye**). These issues earned a Gold Award.



Judy Johnson, APS Membership Administration Manager, noted in a letter to the Club that the society would like to include a copy of the Club's newsletter on its Web site as part of a collection of gold-level newsletters that chapters may use as sources of inspiration for their own newsletters.

The 2016 competition represents the fourth year the Club's newsletter has received awards. The *Souvenir Sheet* earned a Silver Award in 2013 and Gold Awards in 2014

and 2015 in the multiple-page category.

Web: www.stamps.org/Newsletter-Competition-Results

Archive: www.lincolnstampclub.org/news/

HOLOCAUST STAMPS PROJECT

8 Years—9.2 Million Stamps

by David M. Frye

When a generation of students passes through the doors of a school every four years, the commitment of the students and staff at Foxborough Regional Charter School to collect 11 million stamps—“One Postage Stamp for Each Victim of the Holocaust”—stands as a testimony to the dedication of many people.

As the 2016–2017 school year draws to a close, the school is marking the project’s eighth year and its crossing of the 83 percent mark with more than 9.2 million postage stamps collected.

The illustration here depicts one of the many collages the students have created over the years. Children from kindergarten through twelfth grade continue to collect postage stamps. The project’s Web

site notes that donations have come from forty states, including some from members of the Lincoln Stamp Club. In addition, donations have arrived from Australia, Canada, Ireland, Israel, and the United Kingdom. The project recently received international

coverage from the *Times of Israel*.

Donations: Holocaust Stamp Project
Foxborough Regional Charter School
131 Central Street, Foxborough, MA 02035



Image: Courtesy of the Holocaust Stamps Project

“Eleven Million Reasons to Never Forget”: Thirty-one students in grades five through eight arranged more than 850 stamps in this collage commemorating the victims of the Holocaust.

Project: <http://www.foxboroughrcs.org/students-families/frcs-holocaust-stamp-project/>
Web: www.timesofisrael.com/more-than-9-2-million-canceled-stamps-later-holocaust-postage-project-recognized-in-boston/



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