

Lincoln Stamp Club

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Detours Can Lead to New Areas of Collecting Interest

Almost an Afterthought, a Cover Reveals an Intriguing Niche



Registered Air Mail—Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, to Plymouth, Montserrat.

by *David Frye, Editor*

One of the habits that has crept into my repertoire of practices for searching through the listings on sites like eBay.com, Delcampe.net, and BidStart.com is to look at the *other* offerings in a seller's store, after I've found at least one item that attracts me. That's the route I took to acquiring this registered air mail cover sent from Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, to Plymouth, Montserrat, on October 3, 1973. The price was right—£0.97 (about \$1.50).

I'd not really paid much attention to any of the issues on this cover. But the unusual combination of locales and the chance to spend a little time decoding the connections between the services—air mail and foreign registry fee—and the payment of \$1.12 attracted me.

A little time with *U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872–1996*, by Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz and Henry W. Beecher, helped me to see that 17¢ paid the first half ounce for air mail between the U.S. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Montserrat, in the Caribbean, while the foreign registry fee totaled 95¢. The total? \$1.12! Exactly as paid.

So, now my curiosity was piqued. I began to seek out covers with the Eugene O'Neill \$1 issue from the Prominent Americans Series. I figured that this release might have gotten a good workout on mail that went above and

beyond the typical first-class domestic letter. I've not been disappointed. Another use I found was a registered mail bank tag, sent from Dodgeville to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 14, 1976. This tag is franked with \$11.93, made up by fourteen stamps from the same Prominent Americans Series, including a vertical 2x5 block of ten of the O'Neill stamps.

Figuring out the charges for the services on this item has been a bit of a challenge. Registry Service from April 18 to July 17, 1976, was \$5.50 for the first \$10,000 of the indemnity and then 25¢ for each additional \$1,000. Parcels weighing more than 12 oz. went by Priority Mail in this era. The first five pounds from Dec. 31, 1975, to May 29, 1978, was \$2.83, with each additional pound or fraction costing 30¢, for shipping within 300 miles.



Bank Tag—Dodgeville to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

So, if the bank bag had Registry Service for \$22,000, that fee would have been \$8.50. If it weighed between 6 and 7 pounds, the Priority Mail charge would have been \$3.43. This totals \$11.93, which matches the tag. On the other hand, the bag could have weighed between 16 and 17 pounds and been worth only \$10,000. In that case the Registry Service would have been \$5.50 and the Priority Mail would have cost \$6.43, again totaling \$11.93.

Now I'm hooked. I've discovered that the sheet version of the O'Neill stamp was printed in tagged and untagged versions. Plus the USPS printed a coil version. I'm on the lookout for more intriguing covers on this detour!

January 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	Belgian Congo 9 used F	\$25.00	\$0.50	_____	_____	KP
▪ 02	Belgian Congo Sc. C1-4, 7-12 U	\$2.00?	\$0.25	_____	_____	KP
▪ 03	Belgium 15 cut squares	—	\$0.25	_____	_____	KP
▪ 04	Fr. Eq. Africa Sc. 166-168 M	\$0.90	\$0.25	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 05	Indonesia 16 different UH	\$3.00?	\$0.25	_____	_____	LSC
▪ 06	Mauritania Sc. 345-48, C167-69 CTO	—	\$0.50	_____	_____	KP
▪ 07	Ruanda Sc. B26-30	—	\$0.50	_____	_____	KP
▪ 08	Russia Sc. 94 LH	\$2.00	\$0.75	_____	_____	KR
▪ 09	Russia Sc. 111 LH	\$0.50	\$0.25	_____	_____	KR
▪ 10	Russia Sc. 736 MNH	\$0.75	\$0.25	_____	_____	KR
▪ 11	Russia Sc. 1963-1967 U	\$1.40	\$0.50	_____	_____	KR
▪ 12	Russia Sc. 2578 MNH	\$2.00	\$1.00	_____	_____	KR
▪ 13	Russia Sc. 2759-2763 MNH	\$3.00	\$1.00	_____	_____	KR
▪ 14	Russia Sc. 2963-2967 MNH	\$4.95	\$1.50	_____	_____	KR
▪ 15	Russia Sc. 3019-3021 MNH	\$1.65	\$0.50	_____	_____	KR
▪ 16	Russia Sc. 3984-3988 MNH	\$2.50	\$1.00	_____	_____	KR
▪ 17	Russia Sc. 4064 MNH	\$0.50	\$0.20	_____	_____	KR
▪ 18	Russia Sc. 4065 MNH	\$0.50	\$0.20	_____	_____	KR
▪ 19	Russia Sc. 4069 MNH	\$0.50	\$0.20	_____	_____	KR
▪ 20	Russia Sc. 4082 MNH	\$5.00	\$2.00	_____	_____	KR
▪ 21	Russia Sc. 4227 MNH	\$0.50	\$0.20	_____	_____	KR
▪ 22	Russia Sc. 4248-4250 MNH	\$1.05	\$0.35	_____	_____	KR
▪ 23	Russia Sc. 4276-4280 MNH	\$3.00	\$1.00	_____	_____	KR
▪ 24	Russia Sc. 4284 MNH	\$0.50	\$0.20	_____	_____	KR
▪ 25	Russia Sc. 4285 MNH	\$0.50	\$0.20	_____	_____	KR
▪ 26	Russia Sc. 4315-4320 MNH	\$1.50	\$0.50	_____	_____	KR
▪ 27	Russia Sc. 4340a MNH	\$1.50	\$0.50	_____	_____	KR
▪ 28	Russia Sc. 4338-4341 MNH	\$2.00	\$0.70	_____	_____	KR
▪ 29	Russia Sc. 4385-4390 MNH	\$2.20	\$0.75	_____	_____	KR
▪ 30	Rwanda Sc. 14-17, 143-144	\$1.00?	\$0.25	_____	_____	KP
▪ 31	Rwanda Sc. 44-47, 130-133	\$1.50?	\$0.25	_____	_____	KP
▪ 32	Rwanda Sc. 151-154	—	\$0.25	_____	_____	KP
▪ 33	Senegal Sc. 142-145 M	\$1.05	\$0.25	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 34	Tanzania Sc. 269a, 270a M	\$1.50	\$0.50	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 35	Tanzania Sc. 759-760, 762-765 CTO	\$7.55	\$2.00	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 36	Tanzania Sc. 1201-1207 M	\$4.50	\$1.00	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 37	U.N. 1960-1982 Year Sets (Face Value)	\$32.00+	\$20.00	_____	_____	KP
▪ 38	U.S. Sc. 3119 M	\$2.75	\$1.25	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 39	U.S. Sc. 3505 on cover	—	\$1.00	_____	_____	KP
▪ 40	U.S. Sc. 3499 M Pl. Bl. UL #B1111	\$4.40	\$2.30	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 41	U.S. Sc. RW67A U unsigned	\$14.00+	\$5.00	_____	_____	KP
▪ 42	U.S. Sc. RW71A U unsigned	\$10.00+	\$5.00	_____	_____	KP
▪ 43	Vatican Sc. 904-907 M	\$7.15	\$1.75	_____	_____	DMF
▪ 44	LINPEX 1961 Program w/ Cancel	—	\$0.25	_____	_____	KP
▪ 45	White Ace Blank Pages (30)	—	\$1.00	_____	_____	KP
▪ 46	Scott Binder w/ Blank Pages (new)	\$50.00?	\$10.00	_____	_____	KP

Jack Munson, Club Member, Remembered

Jack L. Munson, 83, of Lincoln passed away Nov. 26, 2015, in his home with family members. Born on December 26, 1931, in Lincoln to Julius and Inez (Wentink) Munson, he attended Lincoln High School and was an Air Force veteran, USPS postal worker, and a retired truck driver from MC of A.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alberta, son, Tommy, and parents. Surviving members of his family included: daughters, Gaylea Sturgis, Kim (Kevin) McKinney, Kellie Price all of Lincoln, Jacqueline (Robert) Willingham, Ronda (Brian) Hahn, both of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister, Margalean (Helmut) Bossert; fourteen grandchildren; and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 4 at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. Cynthia Carlson, Club president, attended the funeral.

Jack was an enthusiastic and faithful member of the Lincoln Stamp Club. His presence will be missed.

From the Archives

Obscure Auxiliary Markings Lead to Diverse Explanations

by Dave Hamilton

The ex-George Wagner cover to the right has an unusual Minor Letter Dead Letter Office marking not seen before by the local pancake eaters (Club members who gather weekly for a meal and some stamp talk). It was written up first in *Linn's* on April 6, 1987, as one the local post office had advertised, but having it be unclaimed, then sent it on to the dead letter office (DLO) in Washington, where it was opened. The DLO determined the contents had value (usually money), so the cover was returned to the local post office.

In this first write-up in *Linn's*, the author, Richard B. Graham, cited Sec. 568 of the 1887 PL&R, which defined a minor letter as one addressed to a minor child. This was to signify the local post office should notify the parents of the addressee. This verse of PL&R states that parents may open a child's mail and a husband may open his wife's mail, but the division of the DLO may not open the mail. Note that this cover is addressed to *Mrs. Mollie Martin*.

The author retracted his opinion in a second article in *Linn's* dated October 19, 1987, following several prominent readers' responses that named the "minor letter" as a division of the DLO.

The Minor Letter Division was one of six outlined in the postal laws of 1887, with a function of opening and returning letters having contents of minor value, such as photographs or stamps. The DLO had an Opening Division, which was the only postal entity with the right to open mail addressed to others. They then classified and sent this cover to the Minor Letter Division for handling. Other divisions were the Returning Division for ordinary letters of no value, the Unmailable and Property Divisions for hotel and fictitious letters, the Money Division and the Foreign Division. So much bureaucracy created an interesting and unusual find.

Submissions: Send good images and stories about your interesting covers to questions@lincolnstampclub.org.



Mysterious Cover—Sent from Centreville to Vashville, Tennessee, May 1889, addressed to Mrs. Mollie Martin c/o Methodist Pub House, with unusual markings: "Advertised May 29 1889" and "Minor Letter Dead Letter Office."

Linn's Stamp News Invites Public to Rank 2015 U.S. Stamps

LINN'S 2015 U.S. STAMP POPULARITY POLL

Select from the following list the 2015 commemorative stamps; 2015 definitive and special stamps; and 2015 postal stationery that have the best and worst designs in your opinion, as well as those you feel are the most important and least necessary in subject.

VOTE BY THE NUMBER PRECEDING THE ISSUE NAME ONLY

Commemorative stamps		
1. War of 1812: Battle of New Orleans	6. Maya Angelou	12. U.S. Coast Guard
2. Year of the Ram	7. Civil War 1865	13. Elvis Presley
3. Robert Robinson Taylor	8. Gifts of Friendship	14. World Stamp Show-NY 2016
4. Martin Ramirez	9. Special Olympics	15. Ingrid Bergman
5. From Me To You	10. Forget-Me-Not	16. Paul Newman
11. Medal of Honor: Vietnam War		
BEST DESIGN _____	WORST DESIGN _____	
MOST IMPORTANT _____	LEAST NECESSARY _____	
Definitives and Special stamps		
17. Patriotic Waves	22. Water Lilies	27. Summer Harvest
18. Forever Hearts	23. Emperor Penguins	28. A Charlie Brown Christmas
19. Vintage Rose	24. Coastal Birds	29. Geometric Snowflakes
20. Vintage Tulip	25. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	
21. Stars and Stripes	26. Flannery O'Connor	
BEST DESIGN _____	WORST DESIGN _____	
MOST IMPORTANT _____	LEAST NECESSARY _____	
Postal stationery		
30. Glade Creek Grist Mill stamped envelope	32. Forget-Me-Not stamped envelope	
31. Water Lilies stamped envelopes	33. Fanciful Flowers postal card	
BEST DESIGN _____	WORST DESIGN _____	
MOST IMPORTANT _____	LEAST NECESSARY _____	
Now vote for your single personal favorite stamp issue of 2015. Your choice can be from the commemorative, definitive-special or postal stationery categories. Se-tenant issues (different designs in one pane) are counted as one issue.		
MY FAVORITE 2015 STAMP (please write in number and stamp issue name):		
No. _____ Issue _____		
SEND BALLOT TO: Linn's Stamp Poll, Box 4129, Sidney, OH 45365. All ballots must be postmarked by March 1, 2016. Photocopied ballots are acceptable. Stamps are pictured in the Dec. 21 issue on pages 22-23.		

Topics: Business, Exchange, & "Trans–Mississippi Issue"

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., Jan. 7, 2016.
- **Show and Tell & Program:**
Thurs., Jan. 21, 2016: "*Trans–Miss. Issue*" by **Ken Pruess**.
- **Meeting & Exchange:**
Thurs., Feb. 4, 2016.
- **Show and Tell & Program:**
Thurs., Feb. 18, 2016: "*Topic*" by **Presenter**. Watch the Web for updates.

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 REQUEST

Items for Upcoming Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the Club's monthly exchange, give your descriptions and prices to **John Schulz** by **January 15, 2016**. The next exchanges are set for February 4 and March 3. These exchanges will feature items from Club members and from donors. Get your attractive lots listed! Forms for your items are available online. Download and print as many as you need.

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

Election Results

The Lincoln Stamp Club held elections and made appointments on December 3, 2015. The leaders are listed on p. 1 in the left-hand column. Congratulations and thank you!

Membership Renewals

By December 31, 2015, return your membership sheet with your 2016 dues to stay active in the Club for the coming year.



Mark Your Calendar
LINPEX 2016
Feb. 27–28, 2016
Country Inn & Suites

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