



# BIRMINGHAM & FERNDALE STAMP CLUB

## May 2022

Remember Memorial Day - May 30<sup>th</sup>

*"In Flanders Fields"*

*by John McCrae, May 1915*

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*



*The Poppy – U.S. Scott 4183  
Symbol of Remembrance*

At the April 19 meeting, club member Chris Crossley presented a Civil War letter, written between the time of President Lincoln's assassination and the death of John Wilkes Booth.

There was discussion on changing the club meeting time. President Rusch will check with NEXT officials for availability. In addition, members expressed interest in moving future shows from Saturday/Sunday events to Friday/Saturday.

Upcoming Events:

Club Meetings – May 3 & 17 at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham.

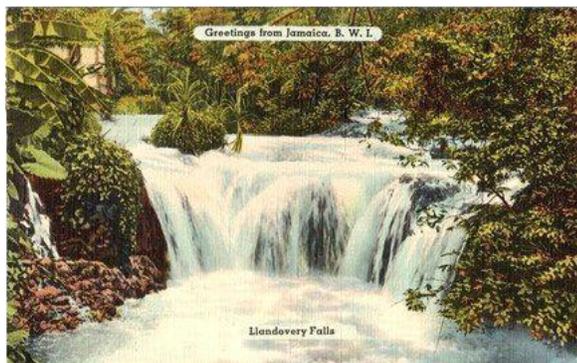
Modern Stamps Sale #501- May 21 at its Oak Park facility.

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# LLANDOVERY FALLS, JAMAICA

By Dan Maddalino



*RPPC: Llandoverly Falls, Jamaica, March 13, 1941*

The British Colony of Jamaica had waited 229 years (1671-1900) to celebrate its first commemorative stamp issue. Due to be released on May 24, 1889 (the birthday of Queen Victoria) to celebrate the adoption of the Imperial Penny Postage System, long delays diminished its significance to that of regular postage. Not released until late 1900 (Figure 1) it had long lost its commemorative value, but not its beauty.



*Figure 1: First release of Llandoverly Falls. Single colored carmine, Perf 14.*

Imperial Penny Postage was a rate system that set the postage for letters to and from anywhere in the British Empire (except Australia and New Zealand) at 1d per each ½ ounce, and for all postcards.

De La Rue made only two printings of the single-colored Llandoverly:

July 10, 1900: 64,768 sheets of 60

Feb. 4, 1901: 28,159 sheets of 60

A total of 5,575,080 seems like a large number of stamps, but they were used on everything. They are found on tax receipts, Custom Warrants, Telegrams, as well as postage.

The second issue of the stamp is exactly the same as the first, except the center was printed in black, with the frame remaining in carmine (Figure 2). There were six printings between July 1901 and November 1903, producing a total of 261,924 sheets of 60.



*Figure 2: Second release of Llandoverly Falls. Bi-colored carmine and black.*

Having seen these falls in person, I can attest to its immense beauty. There are many romantic myths and legends surrounding these falls, as well as the many other beautiful waterways and waterfalls throughout Jamaica, a gorgeous and enchanting island.

Collect Jamaica! Take an armchair Caribbean vacation. []