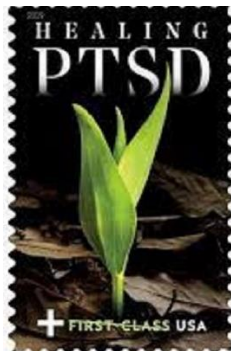




Birmingham - Ferndale Stamp Club Newsletter

June 2023

June is PTSD Awareness month. Whether a veteran or civilian, trauma survivors need to know that treatment really does work and can lead to a better quality of life. Father's Day falls on June 18th this year and we hope our kids remember!



PTSD, Scott # B7

Notes from our May meetings:

Planning continues for the September 15-16 BIRMPEX Show at Sokol Cultural Center in Dearborn Heights. Volunteers needed to staff the greeting table.

Discussion on the value of the club website. It was noted that it is a vital tool to attract new members.

Thanks to club members Marty Brown and Chris Crossley for their May presentations.

C&G Publishers has placed club meetings in their local newspapers and online community news website thru June. It must be renewed approximately every eight weeks. A BIRMPEX announcement will be placed in August.

Upcoming Events:

Club meetings – June 6th and 20th at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham. Our meetings have been temporarily moved to room four in the rear of the senior center.

Dearborn Stamp Show at Sokol Cultural Center in Dearborn Heights on June 9th & 10th.

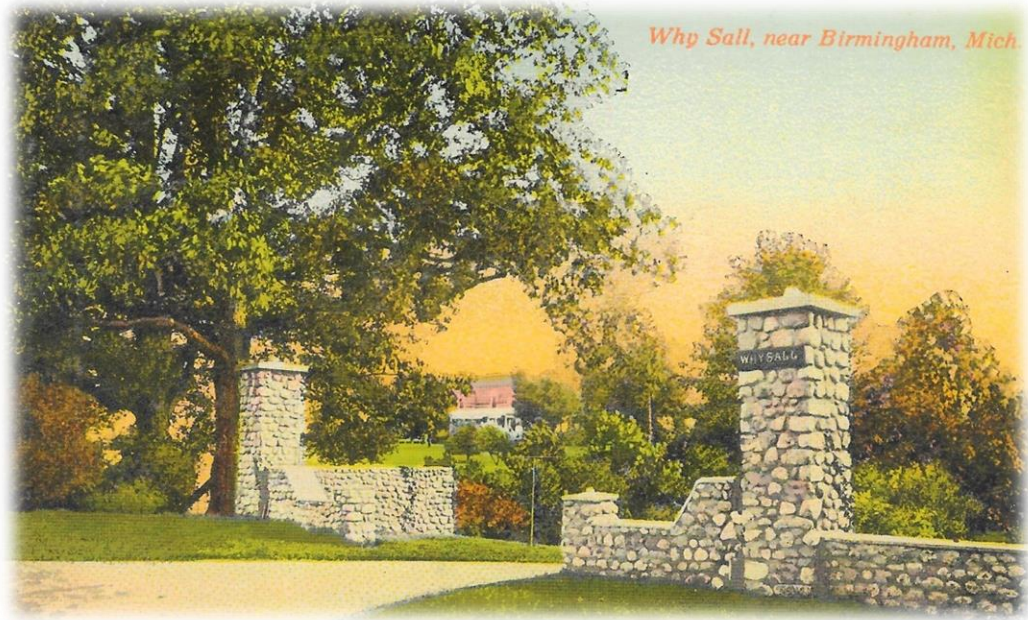
Kent Philatelic Society, Summer Bourse, June 17th at the American Legion Post in Walker.

Modern Stamps sale #511, July 1st, at its Oak Park Facility.

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Whysall

Michael Swope



From the May, 1925 issue of “The Afterglow”, a Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, monthly magazine, comes the story of “Whysall” (note the incorrect title on the postcard). The magazine, quoting a 1906 News Tribune article, claims Detroit National Bank Vice-President, John T. Shaw built a country home west of Woodward Avenue, “over on the gravel, between Birmingham and Pontiac in 1900.” A log cabin for guests was erected in 1906.

The 1906 reporter quote continues “Mr. Shaw has named his place at Bloomfield Hills “Whysall”, after the little town in England where his father was born”. According to the Afterglow article, “The movement leading towards the acquisition of country homes, of which Whysall is so admirable a type, is one that is steadily growing. The colony in the vicinity of Birmingham and Pontiac will doubtless have numerous imitators in the near future”.

So why didn't John T. Shaw name his country home “Wysall”, the actual name of the English village in Nottinghamshire where his father was from? No guesses here.

Featured above is a Sexichrome Publishing Company color post card picturing entrance to Whysall. The card is franked with the 1¢, green Washington postage stamp, Scott #543, and bears a Birmingham, Michigan, postmark dated August 24, 1921; mailed to Kirksville, Missouri.

