

The Triangle

February 24, 2021

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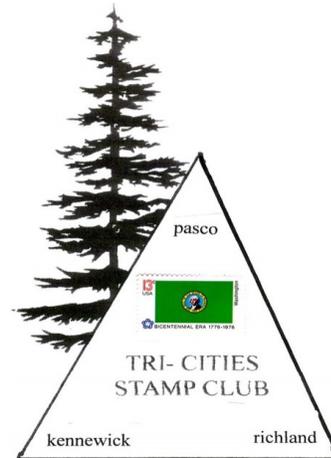
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MEETING – February 24, 2021

Zoom Meeting 7 p.m.

Join the Meeting - copy this into your web browser:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71110106684?pwd=ZlQyVllvaFpzWUt4ZzVUMHN2ZmY3Zz09>

Agenda for the meeting 7 p.m. visit and log in for 5 minutes:

Introduction of Attendees - Each Person

Minutes From Last Meeting - Ron

Financial Status - Margaret

Information: Members are receiving either an email or printed copy of the newsletter.

Silent Auction Proposed by Mike O'Neil

Anything else the club would like to do - remember, if your idea is accepted, you just volunteered to be the head of it.

Program

Future Programs:

Letter program where by each person presents something starting with the letter such as P R K - Pasco, Richland, Kennewick; W I - Washington, Idaho

If you need help logging in, you could call Ron at 509-431-3347 or Bill at 509-466-5315.

How Zoom Meetings Could GO!

Teacher, may I borrow a pencil?

Jimmy: Teacher, may I borrow a pencil?

Teacher: I don't know, can you?

Jimmy: What? Last time I asked, you told me to use "May I". So unfair!

Teacher: Quit clowning around, Jimmy, you know you can't borrow a pencil over Zoom.

Want to improve your stamp collection? This tip will make you a better philatelist.

Delve Deep in Yard Sales

It's worth digging deep in those boxes at a flea market or yard sale. Previously unknown treasures have been unearthed and bought for a fraction of their true value. Strong collections are often sold by family members who have no idea of what's contained inside.

But it is not just for these rare gems that you are searching. You may buy a large, cheap holding that can provide the necessary duplicates and extras that you need to bolster your collection.

What Do We Collect

What club members collect can be seen at the club website www.tri-citiesstampclub.org or email us at tricitystampclub@gmail.com and we will put you in touch with a member that collects similar stamps.

WEBSITE Programs

2021 Year

February "The Varney Airgram" - By Joe Voice

January "Columbian Exposition Issue of 1893" - By Bill Gustafson

2020 Year

December "United Nations" - By Ron Cone

November "The Varney Airgram" - By Joe Voice

October "A San Francisco Earthquake Postal History Item" - By Jerry Johnson

September "What Do You Find When You Collect Stamps" - By Ron Cone

August "PNC or Plate Number Coils" - By Bill Gustafson

July Greenland Stamps "From Pole to Pole" - By Joe Voice

May program "Why do you collect Finland". - By Mike Monahan

April program "A Unique Story: Both Military and Philatelic. - By Joe Voice

Looking for more programs!

Upcoming programs:

Flags of the Fifty States

History Through Stamps FDC

Official Birds & Flowers

San Francisco Earthquake Postal History

Trans-Mississippi

This looks great!! We have programs that could last for months.

Stamp Collecting For Beginners

Stamp collecting is a fulfilling hobby with very few rules, but it's actually much more than that. To many stamp collectors, it's a way to explore the world, its many different countries, their diverse history, beautiful artwork and colorful cultures.

You don't have to buy expensive equipment to enjoy this hobby. Some simple stamp collecting accessories will serve you well.

Before getting started, choose a topic or area of interest that you'd like to collect. If you're unsure what to choose, look for a stamp club and ask members about what they collect.

Once you've done that, it's time to invest in some basic stamp collecting equipment to get you started. Hopefully, the following information will offer some useful guidance.

Basic stamp collecting equipment you may want to buy

As is the case with any collecting hobby, the equipment you'll need will depend largely on how much you intend to specialize in your chosen subject.

Obviously, you'll need some stamps to get started, but it makes sense to spend more on stamps and a lot less on equipment than vice versa. The basic equipment we recommend includes:

A pair of stamp tongs or tweezers: Tongs are essential for every stamp collector because handling stamps with your fingers can cause damage and deterioration due to the natural oils in our skin. Start with 'spade-end' tongs rather than 'pointed' ones (costing no more than £10) and once you're used to handling stamps with them, you can then find a style which suits you best.

Start them Young YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIYWSVgTfoE>
You will need to move to the left to restart if capture starts in the middle.

More to Follow Next Month



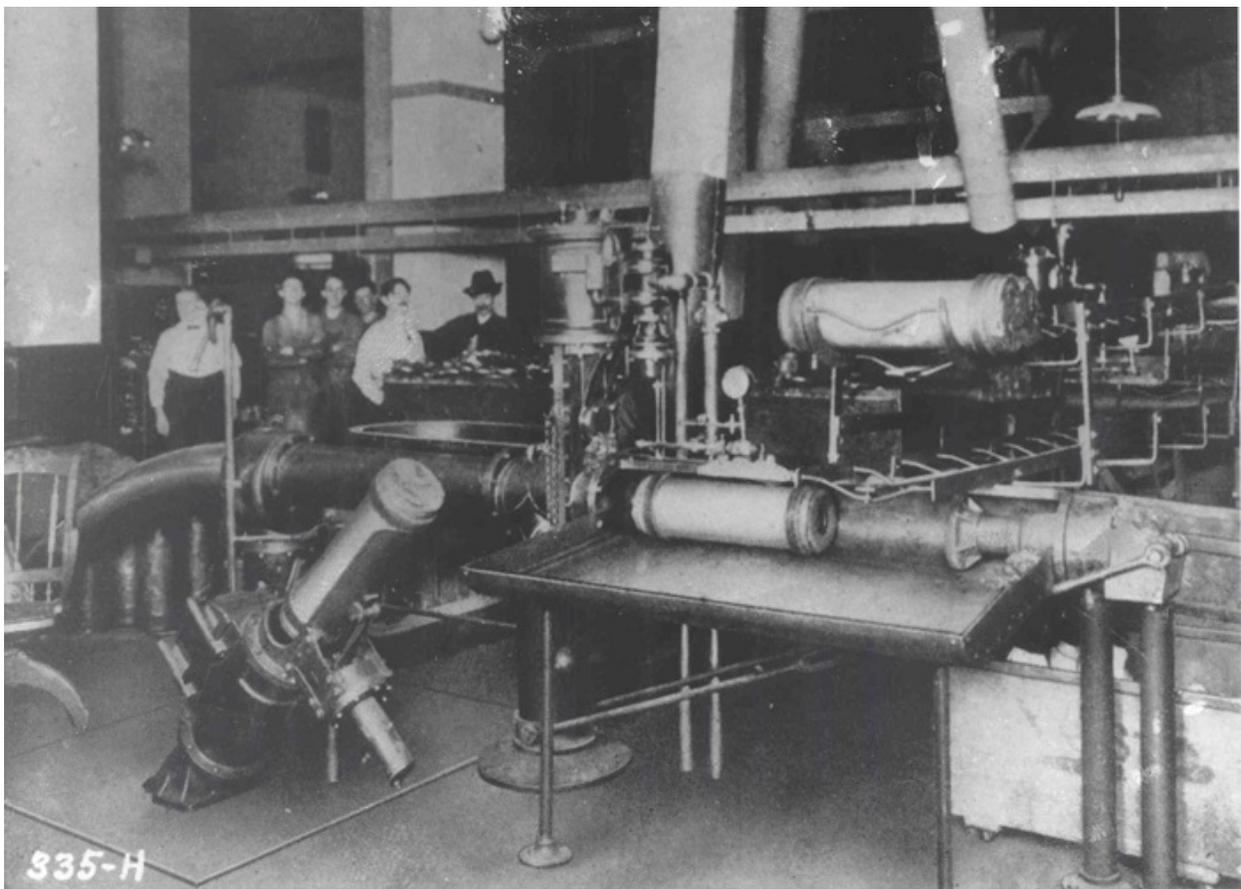
Pneumatic Tube, ca. 1910

Pictured here are pneumatic tube terminals at the Chicago Post Office, circa 1910. From the 1890s through the early 1900s, mail zipped between postal facilities beneath the crowded streets of six U.S. cities.

Letters were packed into canisters that were propelled by pressurized air through a system of underground pneumatic tubes. Two-foot long by eight-inch wide canisters could hold up to 500 letters and hurtled through the tubes at 30 miles per hour.

Pneumatic tube service began in Philadelphia in 1893, Boston and New York City in 1897, Brooklyn in 1898, Chicago in 1904, and St. Louis in 1905. By 1916, about 56 miles of tube were in use.

The service fell from favor as motor vehicles became more efficient and was suspended in 1918. It was resurrected in New York City and Boston in the 1920s; it ended in Boston in 1950 and in New York in 1953.



A San Francisco Earthquake Postal History Item

By Jerry Johnson

A friend asked me to look over a small accumulation of stamps and philatelic material. One item in his collection really caught my eye. He said it was from one of his relatives in Ohio. The item was sent shortly after the April 18, 1906 earthquake in San Francisco. It is shown in Figures 1 and 2. What interested me was that there were no stamps and it was written on a piece of cardboard.

I searched the internet for information and found a postmaster's report of the event (Reference 1). This report noted that "a large number of people, estimated at 300,000, fled the city...and sought refuge in the cities of Oakland, Alameda and Berkley. The congestion in Oakland was so great that it was found necessary to transfer twelve clerks to the Oakland office, together with four collectors".

An item from the U.S. Postal Museum (Reference 2) noted that "As an emergency measure, mail without stamps was accepted until the sale of stamps was possible at the main post office on April 25.

Figure 1 shows the front side of the item that was sent to Ohio. It was cancelled in Oakland on April 21 and received in Logan, Ohio on April 25, 1906.

The backside is shown in Figure 2. The writing is somewhat difficult to read, but here is my best guess:

"This is the last stroke - all gone - good god - what to do I can't say - My folks are lost as well as (?) all Black".

Certainly this is was a very depressing note to the relatives in Ohio.

This is the first time that this item has been reported. The fact that it was written on cardboard and sent without postage illustrates the dire situation in the San Francisco area right after the earthquake.

La Posta issued a monograph in 2010 that reprinted a series of articles written by Randy Stehle about the mail and markings of the San Francisco earthquake and fire (Reference 3). These in-depth articles provide many details and I highly recommend it.

References:

1. 1906 Post Office Report. <http://www.sfgenealogy.com/sf/history/1906/06postoffice.htm>
2. San Francisco Earthquake Mail.
<http://postalmuseum.si.edu/collections/object-spotlight/earthquake-mail.html>
3. Postal History of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, Randy Stehle, La Posta Publications, 2010.

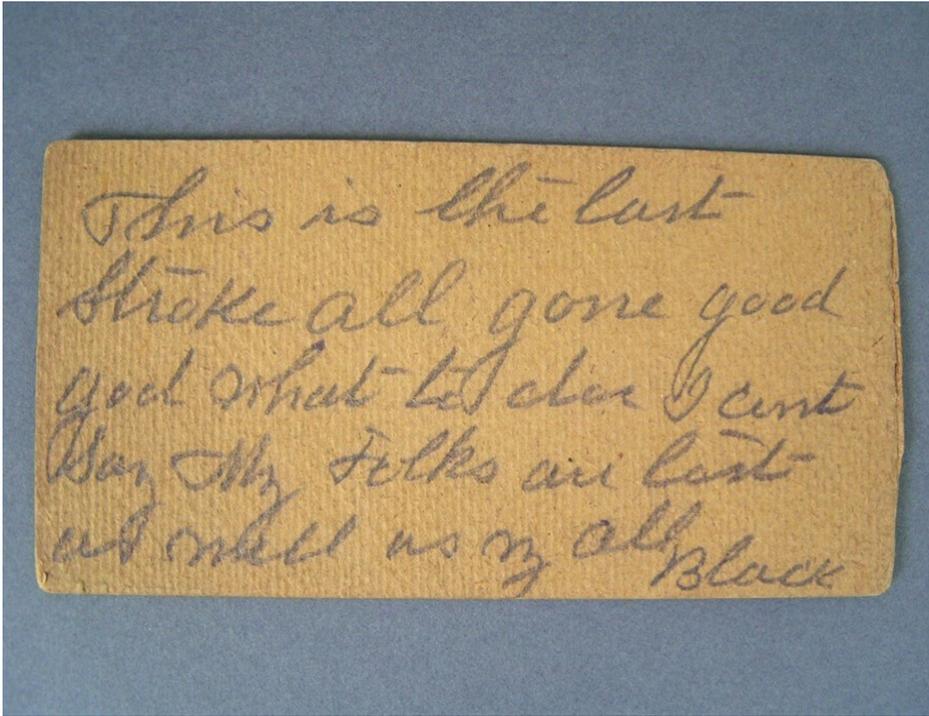


Figure 1: Message

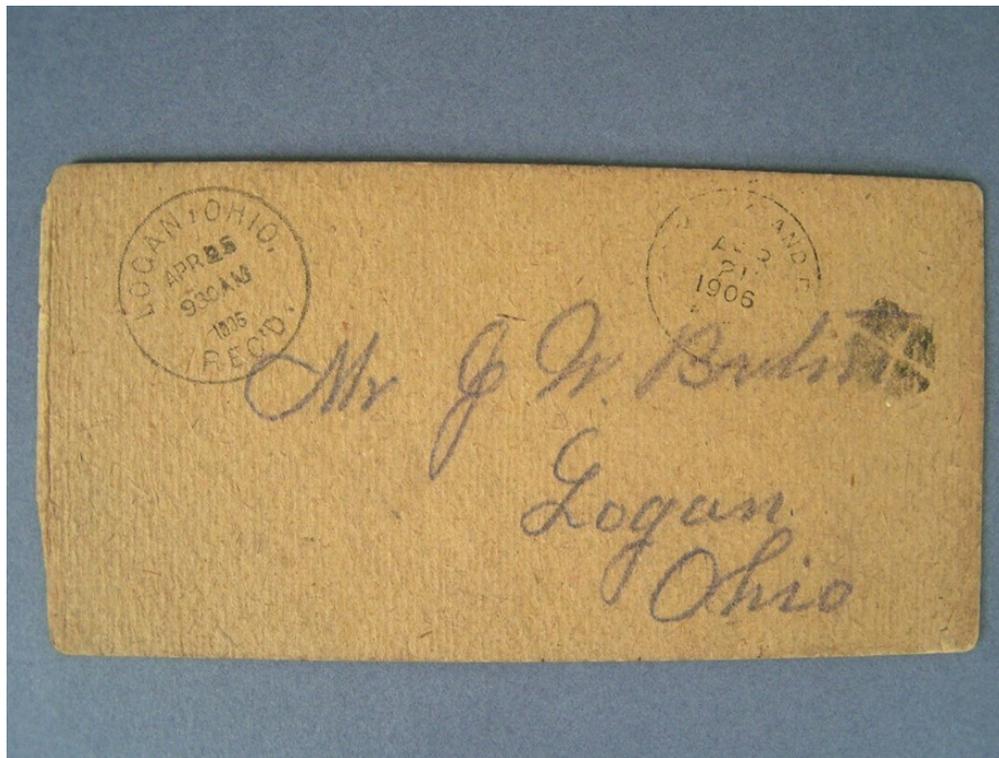


Figure 2: Address