

BNAPS Fancy Cancel Study Group Newsletter 26.

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This will be a rather short newsletter for two reasons. 1, I have not received much new information from the members, so have little to report, and 2, I have fallen behind in my philatelic "work" as I have been very busy with my retirement, having my new house built, moving 3500 miles etc. etc.

This newsletter will also appear somewhat different, as I have purchased a new computer, printer, software etc. My new address is: P.O. box 233, Merville B.C. , VOR 2MO. Email is. <lacelle@mars.ark.com> Hope to hear from you.

- Group News

I have received three letters from members commenting favourably on the new book. I must admit I am pleasantly surprised at this, I was expecting complaints ("Why didn't you list....don't you know..." or, "I paid \$.....for this cancel and you stated it is dubious....you don't know...") Having said the preceding, constructive criticism is appreciated, please send in any comments or new finds you may have. Such comments of course help me write the newsletter.

We have one new member: Mr. P.B. Feuser, Erlenweg 10, D-40699 ERKRATH, Germany/EU.

It is dues time again, however as I only produced one newsletter last year I feel that I must drop the dues to \$5.00. A dues notice is enclosed if applicable. Unfortunately my mailing list got "messed up" with transfers between two home computers, and an office computer. This is the most up to date mail list that I have. These dues apply for the year to Convention 2001. Please advise if the dues notice is in error.

I shall attend the convention this year in Ottawa, and hope to have a Study Group meeting then. (It is ironic that the next convention is in Ottawa one year after I have moved 3000+ miles from Ottawa. We retained our "cabin in the bush" near Ottawa as a vacation retreat, so I shall commute from there, and "smoky Dave" will have a S.G. meeting!)

REVISIONS TO THE NEW BOOK.

As there was a delay of about nine months between my completion of the text for the new book, and the final publishing, (as well as the time lapsed since then), I have many revisions which should be presented as an errata. These revisions are mostly small things, such as new early or late dates of use, small elaboration's in the cancel text descriptions etc. I shall attempt to pull all these together and shall include in the next newsletter. There are three mistakes which in my opinion should be corrected immediately.

Firstly, (as mentioned in Newsletter 25), the WU cancel illustration of number 911 was derived from a fake. A correct illustration appears here.



Secondly, the illustration for number 1668 is incorrect. It accidentally duplicates number 1659. A correct illustration for number 1668 appears here.



Thirdly, Appendix 1, "Simple Town Name Cancels" does not have a description of the "types". These are;

1. Plain lettering (no serifs)
2. Serifs
3. Name in bars (for example Number 258).

REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

- Newsletter 1, Crown wax seals,
-New entry (as non-cancel use) Owen Sound Ont. as a seal, B.S. Feb. '99, Type 2.
-New entry (as non-cancel use) Nouvelle Que, as a seal, C.D.S. Feb. '03 Type 2.

- Newsletter 3, Town name cancels.
Add new entry "Belleville", Type 1, 5 mm, on Sc. 76, or 77.

- Newsletter 9, page 3 bottom (D330 in the new book)- the "nut on a bolt" cancel.
A cover has turned up with a poor ?Wallaceburg? Ont. C.D.S., July '91. This is later than the other strikes on stamps reported (late '80's), but is reasonable. Please note, another very similar "cancel" was used at; River Bourgeois N.S., May '84.



- Newsletter 25, page 33, the "two in bars" cancel.
This has now been confirmed as a USA Bickerdike machine cancel.



CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

I have received a letter from Mr. Len Belle of 24 Newlands Road, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 ORU, England. Mr. Belle (appropriately enough) has a keen interest in the postal history of Belleville Ontario. He sent along several date revisions for Belleville fancy cancels, as well as an article which contradicts my identification of the Belleville P.M. in 1891. I suspected I had got it wrong, but had to wait until I was 'back on line' to check "archivanet". The short version of this story is that we now have three different versions of who was the P.M. At Belleville in 1891! Can anyone help? I am also certain that Mr. Belle would like to hear of any Belleville material any of you might have.

I recently purchased a cover from Simcoe Ont., Oct. '76, with this cancel. The top is somewhat smeared. Simcoe used several Masonic (divider and compass) fancy cancels in the '70's. Is this an example of a higher order Masonic symbol (a Tau??) If so, I would like to list it as a new entry/revision. Any comments?



I would like to end this newsletter on a personal note. In at least one previous newsletter, I expressed some trepidation about my upcoming retirement from the Federal Public Service. Some of you sent in positive, reassuring comments. This has now come to pass (6 months ago), and all is well. I now live on a five acre wooded lot on Vancouver Island. I am at the end of the road, but with the nearest (small) city only a 20 minute drive away. Wonderful climate, big cedars, quiet, bald eagles overhead - need I say more. Although I never led such a life as "Barnaby", I thought the last page from "Barnaby's Journal" 1818 edition (the copper engraved plate illustration is from an earlier edition) seemed apt.

Have a nice day,



Dave Lacelle.

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Here in the countrey live I with my page,
Where Tmolus cups I make my golden age.

Ceres send corne, with corne adde grapes unto it,
Poet to wine, and long life to the poet.