



# THE MAINE PHILATELIST



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A time to choose.....

By Max Lynds  
President

.....a time to remember



Cooler weather is here and the leaves have turned to orange and red signaling that the white stuff could soon be here. The summer flew by way too quick (for me anyway). Rumors are abound that we are supposed to get more snow this winter than last year's record breaking accumulations. Get your shovels ready!

With this issue a little experiment is taking place. This edition will count as both the Summer and Fall 2008 issues but will contain 12 pages instead of the usual 8. This will get the newsletter back on schedule. Next issue will go out late December or early January. Pages 4-7 are examples of what we could use for articles. Call it a 2 or 4 page exhibit. If you like the format send me articles trying to fill full pages with your exhibit. I do need some articles.

A couple of shows are coming up soon. The Waterville Stamp Club's Fall show in October, and the MPS-York County Stamp Club show in November will get the collector's out of their summer habits and back into the stamp collecting mode.

There will be a new web site ready shortly— [www.maine-hobby.com](http://www.maine-hobby.com) This site will be host to MPS and clubs that wish to have their own page. The site will have information about other collectibles in Maine including coins and trains. This is a work in progress so keep checking.



Latest show information is on the web at:  
[http://www.maxlynds.com/mps\\_shows.htm](http://www.maxlynds.com/mps_shows.htm)

Take a look at the Member Page— Past issues and updates  
[http://www.maxlynds.com/member\\_page.htm](http://www.maxlynds.com/member_page.htm)



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Website <http://www.maxlynds.com/mps.htm>

The purpose of the Society is to promote philately in the Pine Tree State. Membership is open to everyone. Please send your name and address to the Secretary listed below along with \$5.00 dues for a year. Life memberships are not available at this time but you may prepay for as many years as you wish.

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**Maine Stamp Club Meetings**



**WATERVILLE STAMP CLUB**

The club meets on the first and third Friday from September to May and on the third Friday only during June, July and August. Meetings are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Kennebec Valley Technical College (KVTC) on Western Avenue in Fair- field (Exit 35 of Interstate 95). For information, call 872- 5107. Non-members are invited to attend.

**YORK COUNTY STAMP CLUB**

The club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanford Masonic Hall, Elm Street, Sanford. Usual events include raffle, auction, presentations, refreshments, and an occasional visit from a stamp dealer. Dues are \$5 per year. For information, contact Secretary Tracey Levasseur, 329 Ross Comer Rd., Shapleigh, ME 04076.

**UNION RIVER STAMP CLUB**

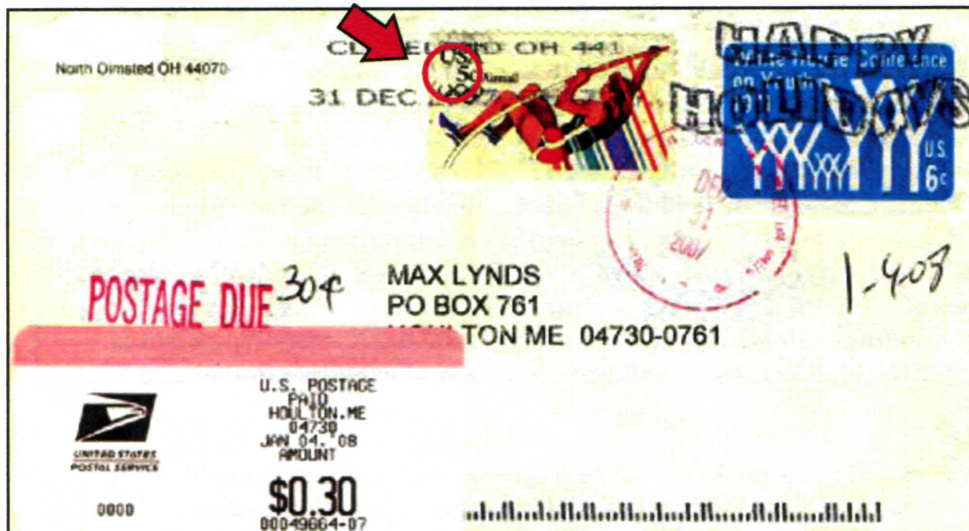
The club meets from April to November on the third Thursday of the month starting at 6:00 p.m. Typical events include an auction, a raffle, presentations and an opportunity to purchase from a member stamp dealer. Non-members are welcome. For further information on location contact Eric Beal, 827-2686, [Eric.Beal@umit.maine.edu](mailto:Eric.Beal@umit.maine.edu)

**KENNEBEC VALLEY STAMP AND COLLECTOR CLUB**

The Kennebec Valley Stamp and Collector Club meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of from September thru June at the Central Maine Power Co. main office in Augusta. The time of the meeting is 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Contact Shirley McKay, 622-7978 or [kildonan@verizon.net](mailto:kildonan@verizon.net)

Please send your articles, scans, stories, comments, suggestions or questions to Max Lynds at the address listed on the left.





### Problem Cover from #151

The Post Office decided I owed them 30 cents for this. After looking the cover over I found out that the cover was a 6 cent envelope but with a 5 cent stamp so was indeed 30 cents short. But wait! That's a 35 cent stamp! The Post Office scraped off the 3 while processing. I took this back to the Post Office to point out their error. They offered me my 30 cents back for the cover but declined. I have had far more than 30 cents worth of fun with it so far.

I just had to show these stamps of the 50's "Fins and Chrome". Neat cars I wouldn't mind having in my garage. These stamps were issued October 3 in Carlisle, PA. One has until December 4 to order first day covers from:

Postmaster  
66 W. Louther St.  
Carlisle, PA 17013-9988

Also available are first day covers with digital color cancels from :

Information Fulfillment  
Dept. 6270  
U.S. Postal Service PO  
Box 219014  
Kansas City, MO 64121-9014

Order info available at

[www.usps.com/shop](http://www.usps.com/shop)

Or 1-800-STAMP-24.



### From the APS Website

*Q. I have U.S. stamps with letters but no denominations? Are they still valid for postage?*

Yes, they are. Below is a list of non-denominated postage stamps and their values:

A = 15 cents

B = 18 cents

C = 20 cents

D = 22 cents

E = 25 cents

F = 29 cents F rate make-up stamp 4 cents

G = 32 cents G rate make-up stamps 3 cents

G Postcard = 20cents (the current post-card rate)

H = 33 cents H rate make-up 1 cent



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The first  
nationwide catalog  
was published in  
1872, offering more  
than 100 products  
by mail.



## Aroostook County during the Civil War



Capt B.H. Putnam

Black Hawk Putnam was educated in the public schools in Houlton and at the Houlton Academy. In his youth he worked on local farms and as a clerk in the store his father, John, owned with Shepard Cary. In 1861 he recruited Company E of the 1st Maine Calvary. In 1862 he led his Company with the famous charge into action at Middleton, West Virginia. During the encounter his Company lost forty-two men and had sixty-six horses killed. Capt. Putnam was wounded but escaped into the mountains with a few other men and for nine days wandered without food until finally finding their way back to another Union camp. After his return to Houlton after the war he farmed and was the owner of extensive timber and farm land.

Putnam was an enthusiastic Army of the Republic man and was Colonel of the Northern Maine Regiment for two years. Putnam married Jerusha Snell and had 3 children. Two covers addressed to Putnam are shown below.

Presque Isle, ME to Augusta, Me w # 26



Augusta, ME to Houlton, Maine with 3 cent 1862 issue w # 65

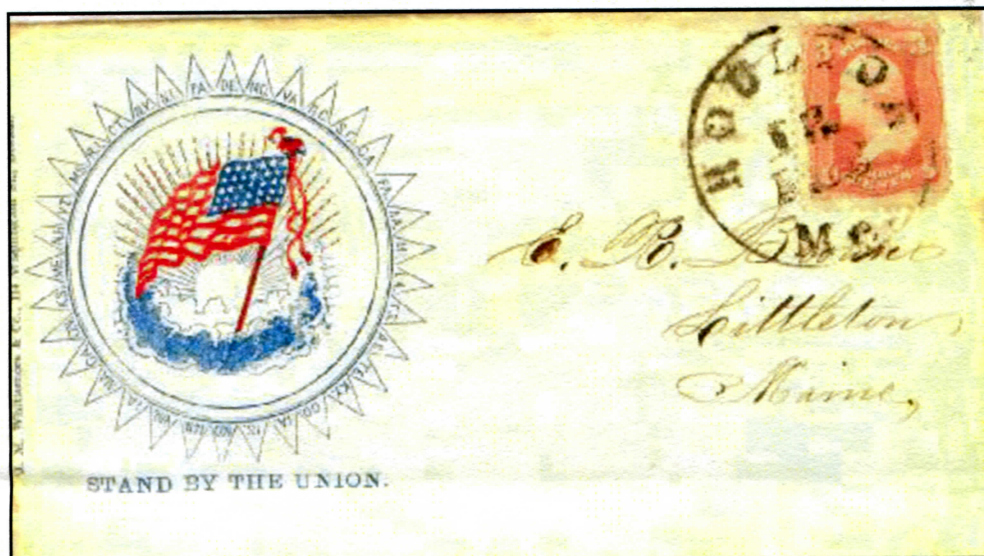




### Aroostook County during the Civil War

#### Houlton, Me Patriotic Cover to Littleton, Maine

Enclosed letter written by one brother to another was picked up by stagecoach in Amity and posted in Houlton. Both brothers were teachers and one topic of the letter was how to punish their students.



#### Linneus, Me to Third Assistant Postmaster in Washington, DC

Writer added "and Maine" in pen to the printed design.





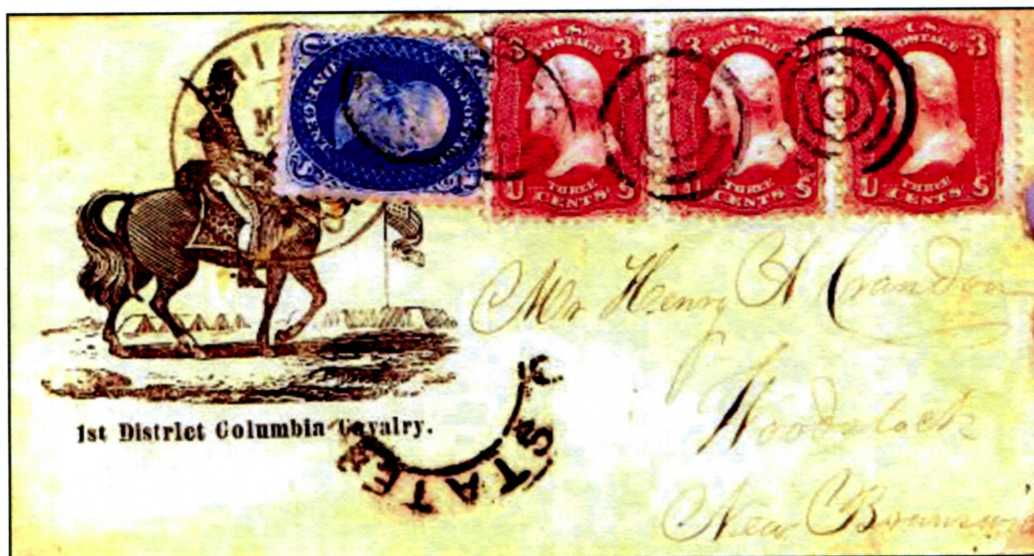
Aroostook County during the Civil War

Presque Isle, Me to Waterville, Maine



Mailed from Washington, DC to Woodstock, New Brunswick.

Houlton border exchange marking and back stamped  
Woodstock, New Brunswick Apr 7, 1864

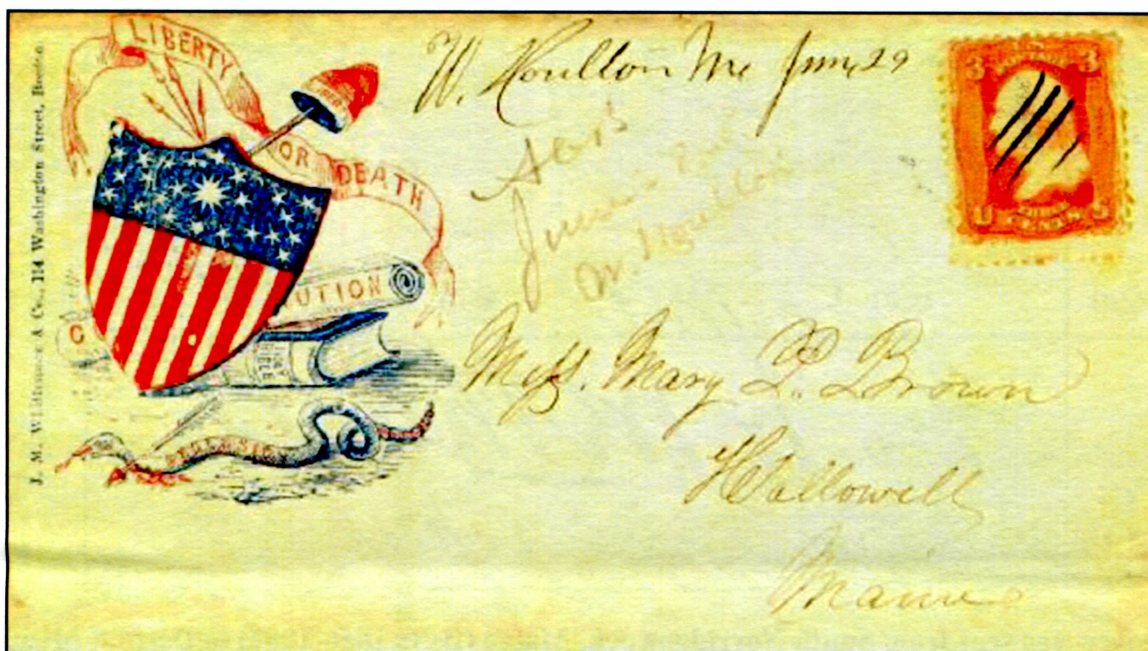




## Aroostook County during the Civil War

West Houlton, Me (29-Aug-1864 to 14-Jun-1869) to Hallowell, Maine

Mailed by Albert Brown with an enclosed letter to Aunt Molly dated June 28, 1865.  
Letter refers to "flashy" envelope used.



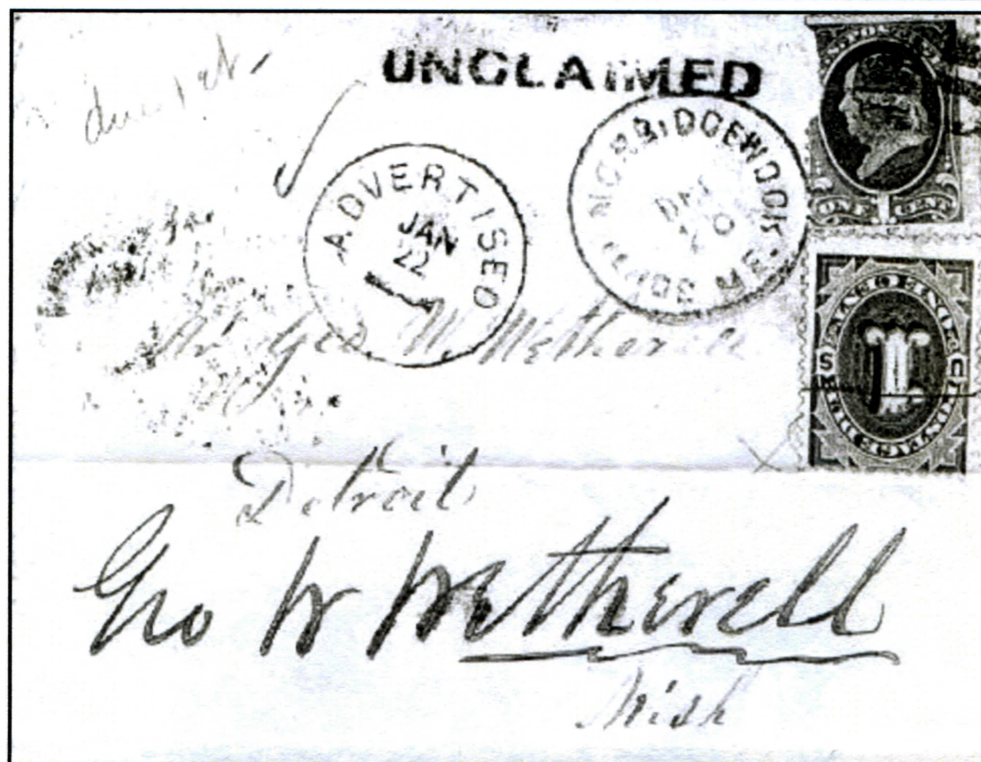
West Houlton, Me to Manchester, NH

Mailed by Albert Brown with an enclosed letter to his brother Frank.  
Letter spoke of local happenings.





### Maine Cover of the Quarter



The above cover was sent from South Norridgewock, Maine (DPO 1856-1902) to Detroit, Michigan on 12/28/1885 and was unclaimed by the intended recipient. Even in 1885, Detroit, Michigan was a good size city, and the lack of a street address, no doubt, made the envelope very difficult to deliver. The post office gave a good effort though, as it was “advertised” before being returned to the sender with an assessment of 1 cent postage due for the advertising service.

If you have an unusual, scarce or interesting Maine cover candidate for *Maine Cover of the Quarter*, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to:  
Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976



On October 23, 2008, in New York, New York, the PostalService™ will issue a 42-cent, *Holiday Nutcrackers* specialstamp in four designs. Designed by Derry Noyes of Washington, DC, the stamp goes on sale nationwide October 23, 2008.

The stamp will be issued in the following formats:

Pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) double-sided booklet of 20 stamps (Item 78000).

PSA folded vending booklet of 20 stamps (Item 678100).

Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) sheetlet of 18 stamps (Item 571700).

*Nutcrackers* have been around for centuries. They range from simple utilitarian devices to elaborate collectibles, with a host of creations that fall somewhere in between. During the winter holiday season, nutcrackers of all shapes and sizes are familiar sights in toy stores, on Christmas trees, on mantel pieces, on book and magazine covers, and in performance venues. Four eye-catching nutcracker designs — Santa (or “Father Christmas”), a king, a captain, and a drummer — add colorful, humorous touches to winter holiday correspondence in 2008.



## 41 Years of 3 Cent Stamps

By Kenneth Weeks

As of November 2, 1917 the first class letter rate was increased to cents per letter. The stamp of the day was probably Scott #529 a 3 cent Washington. July 31, 1958 was the last day one could mail a letter for only 3 cents.



1917

1932

1938

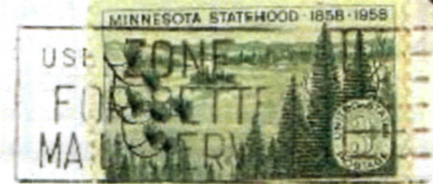
1942

1952

1958

### In Memoriam

—  
LAST DAY  
OF  
3¢ POSTAGE  
RATE ON  
FIRST CLASS  
MAIL



## Second set of State Flags issued in September





**250 Auctions.....**

Downeast Stamps celebrated its 250th philatelic auction on Wednesday August 13, 2008. MPS member Gil Roderick, proprietor, cuts the cake to a round of applause by members and guests at the conclusion of the auction. Originally established in 1969 as an approval service, Downeast gradually evolved through dealing at bourses, and finally into a public auction house in 1975 and has been serving collectors and dealers holding 6 auctions a year assembling a wide range of stamps, covers and collections appealing to the most meticulous collector as well as to the beginner and bargain hunter. Printed catalogs are mailed about one month prior to each sale. The on-line catalog is available at <http://www.destamps.com/main.htm> Gil can be contacted at 207-942-3825 for more information. MPS Secretary George W. Bostwick was on hand to provide this report and picture.

In the October 2008 issue of the "American Philatelist" MPS member Nancy Clark wrote an article on "The Saga of the Ackerman Medal." The Honorable Ernest R. Ackerman was a Congressman from New Jersey (1919-1931) and was a great advocate of philately. He along with Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen, another avid philatelist from New Jersey, worked legislation to allow illustrations of postage stamps in the United States. This legislation became law in 1923. That same year there was an international stamp exhibition in London and the American Philatelic Society provided a solid gold medallion. The medallion has "The Junior Philatelic Society" around one side and "Presented by American Philatelic Society" on the other. In a small area it is engraved "Hon. E.R. Ackerman. Earlier this year MPS member Bruce Hazelton was offered the medallion at a bourse he was set up at.



*From MPS member Rick Stambaugh:*

When in Seattle this summer, I went to the Flight Museum where there was a display of vintage U.S. Airmail airplanes. This poster cracked me up. The USPS was humping the use of airmail by showing that elegant people can use it!

Bruce immediately recognized the significance of this offer and negotiated the purchase. Bruce presented the Medallion to Nancy Clark as a representative of the APS. (left) Nancy in turn presented the medallion to Wade Saadi of the APS. (right) Congrats to all!!





## SHOW SCHEDULE

### Waterville Stamp Club Show and Auction

MacCrillis-Rousseau VFW Hall  
175 Veterans Drive  
Winslow, ME

October 25, 2008

9:00 AM—3:30 PM

Dealers Bourse

Stamps  
Covers  
Postcards  
Supplies  
Auction

Future Shows

April 18, 2009  
October 17, 2009

Information:  
Ddogherty@yahoo.com

### MAINEPEX 2008

Holiday Inn Portland-West  
Exit 48 - Maine Turnpike  
81 Riverside Street  
Portland, ME

November 15, 2008

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Dealers Bourse

Stamps  
Covers  
Postcards  
Supplies  
Exhibits

Information:  
max@pwless.net

Sponsored by the Maine Philatelic Society  
And the  
York County Stamp Club

### Greater Nashua Stamp Show

Nov 16, Dec 21

9:00 AM— 3:00 PM

*Holiday Inn*  
*Rt 3, Exit 4*  
*Nashua, NH*

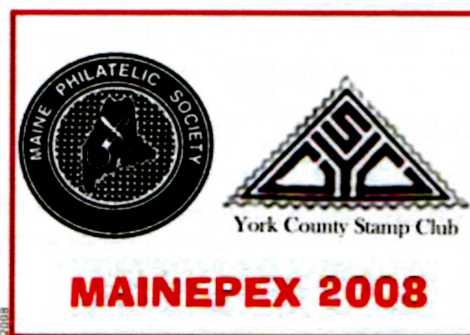
### Portsmouth Area Stamp Show

Oct 26, Dec 7

9:00 AM— 3:00 PM

*Holiday Inn*  
*300 Woodbury Ave*  
*Portsmouth, NH*

Information:  
Ptstamps@megalink.net  
207-966-2744



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### Maine Numismatic Shows

November 2, 2008

Gorham Coin Club Show  
Holiday Inn West  
Portland, Me

December 13, 2008

Portland Coin Show  
Portland Elk's Club  
1945 Congress St  
Portland, ME





George Bostwick  
Maine Philatelic Society  
155 Moody Island Road  
Nobleboro, ME 04555-9512

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Dues are \$ 10.00 per year. July to July

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please accept my membership application to the Maine Philatelic Society:

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