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**BIBLIOGRAPHY OF  
CURRENT-AWARENESS  
AND RETROSPECTIVE  
INDEXES**

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## **BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE BOUND VOLUMES**

Although this document is only intended to exist in electronic form, I find it very convenient to have a hard copy to hand. It is easier to refer to a book than wait the five or ten minutes it takes to start up and close down a computer, just to obtain a single reference or check a fact. Books also give you the big picture of the document as a whole rather than the small-screen glimpses we have all got used to. Accordingly, I printed and bound a copy of this document in February 2006, which I have called the *First edition* for convenience. Henceforth, I will bind a copy each January, or thereabouts, provided the document has increased in size by at least ten percent during the year. At the same time I will send an update to the web files on [www.fipliterature.org](http://www.fipliterature.org), where the electronic version of this document is hosted. Since printing and binding is quite an expensive undertaking, I will donate the obsolete volumes to important philatelic libraries round the world.

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Following the end of **Tony Virvilis'** tenure as President of the FIP Literature Commission, I lost touch with the organisation, which appeared to me to have become moribund. Following a repeated request by **Frank Walton**, the Past President of the Royal Philatelic Society London for my works to be hosted on the Royal's web site, I agreed in January 2018.

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The first two copies will be presented to my good friends **Jonas Hällström** and **Tomas Bjäringer**, both of Sweden, who requested that this final edition be printed. The third copy will be placed in my library to replace the 6<sup>th</sup> edition.



**The Author**  
**September 2004**

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## **FOREWORD**

This is Section 2.2.1.5 of my masterwork:–

### *THE PHILATELIC BIBLIOPHILES COMPANION*

For some four decades, I have been collecting indexes as an aid to my philatelic researches. Only since about 1990 have they been compiled onto my computer as a bibliography of indexes. In fact, I started two bibliographies, one to Cumulative Indexes to individual periodicals and the other to Current-Awareness and Retrospective Indexes to numerous periodicals. It is the latter category that concerns us here.

All of the attempts to produce comprehensive periodical indexes which have given rise to some form of published output will be included in this serialised bibliography. However, it will also include unpublished indexes, such as the American Philatelic Research Library's **Piper Index** (now called the **Piper File**), the Smithsonian's **Kimble Index** and the Royal Philatelic Society London's **Bacon Index** and **Creeke index**, the latter of which is not really in a suitable form for regular use at present but is being digitised. It does appear to me that an extremely useful service could be provided to philately if these unpublished, personal indexes were computerised and made widely-available to philatelists. It is recognised that such an endeavour would be a labour of love for some unpaid philatelists. The Library Committee of the Royal fully supported this view and years ago had discussions about how best to computerise the indexes compiled by **Sir Edward Denny Bacon** and by **Antony Buck Creeke Jr.** Although these discussions came to nothing at the time, the Librarian was bold enough to lend me the cards of the **Bacon** index, a draw at a time, so that I could take them home and do the work in comfort. Half way through I ran out of steam with my one-finger typing and passed the cards to my former secretary **Anne Drinkwater** who made short work of them. She also typed up the **Creeke** index but I have yet to finish editing her work.

I was advised by **Scott Tiffney** some years ago that he was digitising the American Philatelic Research Library's **Piper Index** but I expect that this project went into abeyance once he was made the Librarian.

Over the years, I have collected many Current-Awareness and Retrospective Indexes but have written up very few, since the time to research their history and produce the record dramatically exceeds the time I have routinely available, even though I am no longer forced to work for a living. In order to see some results of my labours before I get too old to appreciate them, I have decided to publish this bibliography as each index is completed since an appreciation of each index will in fact make a stand-alone article.

I will generally, but not rigidly, publish these in date order starting with the earliest retrospective index of all: that produced by **Thomas Martin Wears**.

**Brian John Birch**

Standish, UK.

10<sup>th</sup> February 2006



## **BACKGROUND**

It is to the credit of philatelists, that our hobby is so richly endowed with literature that the first philatelic bibliography was published by **John Gray** as early as 1862<sup>(1)</sup> when stamp collecting was very much in its infancy. This was just 22 years after the issue of the first stamp, the Penny Black, and the same year as the publication of the first philatelic periodical *The Monthly Advertiser* (subsequently *The Stamp Collectors' Review and Monthly Advertiser*)<sup>(2)</sup>. Those interested in perusing this bibliography and who do not have a copy of the first edition of Gray's Catalogue to hand, are fortunate that it has been reprinted by The Philatelic Literature Society<sup>(3)</sup>.

Although this mass of literature is undoubtedly a boon to philatelists, it does pose a major problem to its potential users – access. How can a researcher locate the required references from amongst the hundreds of thousands of philatelic books, pamphlets, catalogues and periodical articles that have been published over the past 150 years?

The separately - published items such as books are generally very well catered for since their titles usually reflect their contents fairly accurately and each will have its own entry under both title and author in national bibliographies and library catalogues. It is therefore reasonably straightforward for philatelists to choose and locate books appropriate to their interests.

Periodicals on the other hand pose the most difficult of problems. In scientific circles, with their professional abstracting, indexing and current awareness services, it is expected that each succeeding monograph covers the new literature comprehensively and brings the subject completely up to date. Thus, it is only necessary to obtain the latest monograph and look up the articles newly-published in the periodical literature, using the readily-available abstracting and indexing aids, in order to be completely up to date. Philately, largely without external financing and inevitably using the services of unpaid volunteer workers, can hardly aspire to such completeness of information services. Indeed, many books and articles are completely devoid of all mention of earlier work as if it did not exist.

There are however several conventional solutions to the philatelic periodical literature explosion, the most important of which are:-

### **Bibliographies**

As mentioned earlier, bibliographies have been available from the earliest days of philately and still play a major role in philatelic research. Indeed, the comprehensive specialised bibliographies which have appeared in recent years, often in book form, should be the first resort of the researcher. An unfortunate drawback of the amateur status of too many philatelic bibliographers is that their works are virtually unusable, giving such incomplete or incorrect references that the works listed can not be recognised by a would-be user.

### **Cumulative Indexes**

Originally, these were merely a cumulation of the annual indexes of a specific periodical and were intended to save time by replacing the tedious searching of a series of annual indexes with the search of a single index. However, many philatelic periodicals have never been blessed with even an annual index so that cumulative indexes now often provide the only access to many years of valuable articles and notes. Today, owing to the power and low cost of the ubiquitous PC, more and more cumulative indexes are becoming available and their importance to philatelists is increasing correspondingly. However, the instant availability and worldwide access of the internet has lead many philatelic societies to publish their cumulative indexes on-line. This has the obvious advantage of reducing the cost and increasing the ease of updating. Their disadvantage is that they are often difficult to find and access as they are often restricted

to members.

**Current-Awareness and Retrospective Indexes**

These are the subject of the current work.

## INTRODUCTION

In 1977, **David Zubatsky** published his bibliography of cumulative indexes to philatelic periodicals<sup>(4)</sup>. At that time, I was the Librarian of the Security Endorsement and Perfin Society of Great Britain (now the Perfin Society) and had been collecting cumulative indexes in an ad hoc manner for some time, in order to locate articles relating to perfins. Armed with **Zubatsky's** bibliography, I began to collect all of the cumulative indexes I could obtain and provided **Zubatsky** with numerous additions to his list. A few years later, following the publication of his Supplement<sup>(5)</sup>, **Zubatsky** turned his notes over to me and suggested that I continue the Bibliography. After more than twenty-five years of accumulating cumulative indexes, I have only recently begun to record their details on my computer and can see ahead of me a good many years of effort.

A problem which soon reared its head was how to deal with comprehensive, multi-periodical indexes. Such indexes, which as the name implies cover the whole contents of more than one periodical, generally fall into three categories:

1. **Current-awareness indexes**
2. **Retrospective indexes**
3. **Ad hoc multi-periodical indexes**

I exclude from the above, those indexes which include all of the periodicals and newsletters of a single Society or Study Group since these differ very little from indexes to individual periodicals which have undergone several title changes and are therefore included in my *Bibliography of Philatelic Periodicals*.

### CURRENT - AWARENESS INDEXES

As the name implies, Current - Awareness indexes are intended to keep the reader up to date with what is currently being published in his field by indexing the relevant contents of a wide range of contemporary philatelic periodicals. In general, the periodicals chosen for inclusion in such an index are those that contain the most important and original articles. The great advantage of these indexes is that they are up to date, whereas other bibliographic aids tend to be retrospective and are already dated when they appear. One unfortunate aspect of current awareness indexes is that as they become more comprehensive in their coverage, they tend to become somewhat less current.

Most current-awareness indexes had a relatively short life, falling prey to one of the two common causes of their demise. The more ambitious current-awareness index compilers would often solicit free copies of every periodical that they could locate, on the promise of including all those received in the index. Such appeals, when successful, often sounded the death-knell of the index, since the number of periodicals received could easily exceed the indexing capacity of one person. The other common reason for indexes being discontinued was that the compiler ceased to be associated with the publication in which it appeared. Indexes, being a labour of love and generally unappreciated by philatelists whilst they are current, are often an early casualty of policy reviews, following changes of editor or publisher.

Many specialised societies include a current-awareness section in their Journal, which should of course be the first point of reference for works on that particular speciality. However, since these specialised indexes are very selective with regard to the articles they include, they can not be considered to have comprehensively indexed the periodicals they cover. They are therefore, largely beyond the scope of the present document. Where specialised indexes have been

extracted from one of the indexes covered here, their existence and coverage are noted under their parent index.

There are at present only two general current-awareness indexes being published, with a third fairly-recently deceased:

1. *Literatur Nachrichten* (1951- in progress)
2. *The Stamp Lover* (1985- in progress)
3. *PLN International* (1987-1999)

A similar review of such indexes in 1953<sup>(6)</sup> also found three: *The Stamp Lover* (although not the index in 2 above); *Literature Nachrichten* and *The American Philatelist*. It is instructive to consider why only one of the three indexes listed in 1953 survive today.

*Literatur Nachrichten* is the longest surviving index, with over 50 years service to philately, even though it exhibits the classic failure symptom of over-comprehensiveness. The index's coverage has grown to over 250 periodicals in numerous languages and each year's output is now two large volumes, the last printed set consisting of over 1,000 pages. Inevitably, its comprehensive coverage causes it to be distributed somewhat belatedly and it is currently about four years in arrears. The secret of its success is that it is the product not of a single worker but of a large number of collaborators around the world, organised by a division of the Bund Deutscher Philatelisten (German Philatelists' Federation). Until recently, the Federation, was the recipient of significant financing from the German Post Office which enabled it to fund such philatelic projects. It remains to be seen whether it can survive the changes brought on by the privatisation of the German Postal Service and the consequent withdrawal of its subsidy. by 2021 it was only available in digital form on the BDPH web site.

*The Stamp Lover* has a long history of publishing a successful index, begun in 1950. The first index failed for one of the usual reasons, in that its sole compiler expanded it beyond his capacity to compile it. **James Negus**, stepped in to fill the gap left by the demise of the periodical's first index. Having previously compiled *The Stamp Lover's* index for some years, **Negus** knew very well the pitfalls of index production and kept his coverage under control by restricting it to the most important British periodicals. His tenure ended in 2000 when he retired from philately completely, after fifty years as a philatelist. The index he began is still published but without a by-line. However, it was compiled until recently by **John Hammonds** (to 2017).

*PLN International* was renamed in 1991. Prior to that, the magazine was called *Philabook International*. The index was compiled by **C. Nieuwland** and had its own inherent constraint that prevented it from becoming over-ambitious. The magazine was both published and edited by **Nieuwland** and, like many philatelic literature publishing efforts before, was a shoestring production. This limited the number of pages he could publish each year and thus significantly restricted the space available for his index. In 1999, **Nieuwland** decided to discontinue *PLN International* and his indexing activities due primarily to a lack of support from philatelists but also to his advancing years.

## RETROSPECTIVE INDEXES

Towards the end of the nineteenth century and in the early years of the subsequent century, the genesis of philatelic periodicals was so recent as to tempt some bibliographers to attempt to cumulate a range of periodicals into a single index. Retrospective indexes are certainly the most useful indexes to have as they give researchers a historical perspective of what has been published in the periodical literature, but are also the most difficult to compile. They are

generally confined to the period 1890-1925 and attempt to cover all of a nation's periodicals (e.g. Germany by **Victor Suppantchitsch** in 1892) or in the later years, all the most important periodicals (e.g. UK by **Jex Long** in 1906). The dramatic increase in the number of quality philatelic periodicals since the early years of the last Century means that no significant retrospective indexes have been published since that of **Harris** in 1926.

Although relatively few in number, the retrospective indexes are however, a valuable guide to the most important periodicals of the day even though the references garnered through these sources will be dated.

## **AD HOC MULTI-PERIODICAL INDEXES**

Multi-periodical subject indexes can themselves be divided into three categories depending on their source of periodicals:-

1. **Specialist periodicals**
2. **General, but related periodicals**
3. **Unrelated periodicals**

### **Specialist periodicals**

The first category is fairly easy to deal with since it generally involves a small number of specialist periodicals and covers a specific period, usually from the first issue to the end of their publication or to a specific date. A typical example of this type of index is *A Subject Index to Ten Precancel Stamp Journals, 1920-1980*. by **Edmund B. Thomas**<sup>(7)</sup>. Since they are specialist periodicals, indexed by a specialist in the subject, all of the important contents may be assumed to have been included and they can be treated as a compilation of cumulative indexes and be readily included in the *Bibliography of Philatelic Periodicals*, with an entry under each periodical title. They are not therefore included in this Bibliography.

### **General but related periodicals**

The second category involves indexing non-specialist periodicals which are related in some manner. Generally, the indexer is extracting references on a particular subject, e.g. a single country, and the relationship is that all the periodicals were published in the country in question. Such indexes are beloved of the Australians, examples being compiled by **Holbeach**<sup>(8)</sup> and **Kellow**<sup>(9)</sup>. Since most Australian periodicals tend to be rather parochial and contain relatively little original material on non-Australian subjects, one can, with some caution, also treat these as cumulative indexes, provided a suitable note regarding their restricted coverage is appended to their entry in a bibliography. Such indexes will not be included in this Bibliography since they fit into my *Bibliography of Philatelic Periodicals*.

### **Unrelated periodicals**

Indexing unrelated periodicals for articles pertaining to a particular subject area would normally just equate to compiling a bibliography and not be considered indexing in the true sense of the term. A typical example, with a title evocative of comprehensiveness, was the *Philatelic Literature Index*<sup>(10)</sup>, published in *The Australasian Informer* which covered twenty-three diverse periodicals and extracted references to Australia and the Pacific Islands only. However, problems do exist and are exemplified by **Morin's Canadian Philately: Bibliography and Index**<sup>(11,12,13)</sup>. **Morin** lists every periodical he has checked whilst compiling his bibliography and details the period he has covered. Inevitably, some of the Canadian periodicals he has included will be essentially fully indexed in much the same way as the Australian periodicals mentioned in the previous section. The main difference is that **Morin's** bibliography includes some 126 periodicals, only a relatively small number of which are solely devoted to Canadian

philately and may thus qualify as being fully indexed. I have considered such volumes to be bibliographies.

The problem becomes more acute as the Bibliography/Index becomes more specialised. For example, **Byne's** *Confederate States of America bibliography*<sup>(14, 15)</sup> will inevitably fully index the periodicals which specialise in Confederate philately. Indeed, **Byne** has indexed his material so deeply that it is even possible to trace every reference from a particular periodical by means of the *Index of Publications*, found in the first volume. Nonetheless, the presence of references from a large number of non-specialist periodicals led me to consider such volumes to be bibliographies rather than indexes.

In spite of their complete indexing of certain periodicals, it is my view that such subject indexes, which contain a majority of periodicals from which only a few articles are indexed, have to be considered to be simply bibliographies and are therefore ineligible for inclusion in a listing of cumulative periodical indexes.

### NEGUS' CONTRIBUTION

As in so many bibliographic fields, **James Negus** made a major contribution to recording these multi-periodical indexes in Chapter 15 of his magnum opus on philatelic literature<sup>(16)</sup>. The chapter is entitled *Literature Indexes* and deals with indexes of groups of periodicals, as opposed to cumulative indexes to individual periodicals, which are the subject of his Chapter 14.

In a general book of this nature, it was obviously impossible for **Negus** to do more than cover the most important indexes in a concise fashion. The object of the current series of articles is to list and annotate all the efforts to produce comprehensive philatelic periodical indexes throughout the history of philately. Although some overlap with **Negus'** work must inevitably occur, it is my intention to produce as complete a bibliography of these indexes as possible and not merely to retrace the steps of **Negus** or others.

When **Jim** retired, he donated to me many files relevant to my interests. In going through these, I found a draft of a letter to **Christoph Otto Müller**, evidently in reply to an enquiry regarding international collaboration on indexing. In order to place this document on record, a transcript follows.

Dear Herr Müller

I was very pleased to receive your letter of 19<sup>th</sup> August and I have pleasure in offering the following remarks.

1. I agree most definitely that the time is now appropriate for closer collaboration between all individuals and organisations interested in indexing philatelic literature. You may rely on my own energetic support for any workable proposals that come into being as a result of your enquiries.
2. May I make it clear that the *Index to Periodicals* published in *The Stamp Lover* is compiled by me in my capacity as Honorary Librarian of the Junior Philatelic Society. As Editors of *The Stamp Lover*, Messrs. L. N. & M. W[illiams], exercise general

supervision of this work and give every assistance and encouragement, but the actual compilation rests with me. I need not enlarge on the profound interest in literature and indexing shown by L. N. & M. W., of course.

3. I know that Mr. David Lidman would have been interested in rationalising the present activities in indexing because I have already been in correspondence with him on this subject but, as you know, he is no longer Editor of *The American Philatelist*, and I do not know the views of his successor, Mr. Hahn.
4. Even if it were not possible to publish an independent international *Philatelic Digest*, I feel that an immediate project which could be investigated would be the unification of abbreviations and methods of citation between American, German and British indexes. I have already expressed some views on abbreviations of titles in an article submitted for publication to the *Philatelic Literature Review* of the U.S.A. I have not heard from Mr. Vooy yet whether he has accepted this manuscript so I enclose a copy for your information.
5. The method of citation varies, too, as you know. Our practice is to quote volume N<sup>o</sup>. and page N<sup>o</sup>. Your own index often quotes whole N<sup>o</sup>. instead of vol. N<sup>o</sup>. The Americans prefer to quote month of publication and no page N<sup>os</sup>. I have had an example of the disadvantages of three methods of doing the same thing: a member of the SPS sent in a list of requests for articles from our Library, but did not tell me that he had found the references in *The American Philatelist*. I misread some of his requests thinking that the references came from *The Stamp Lover* and so sent him some wrong articles.
6. I am sorry to say that I know the FIPP by name only and so am unable to judge whether its revival would help our work. I would imagine that any body assured of support from EIP or the UPU would be in a very favourable position to produce useful work.
7. All the gentlemen mentioned in your last paragraph should, of course, be consulted about the projects you have in mind and would, I know, give invaluable support. I would like to add two names of people who would probably be interested – they are Mr. H. M. Daggett, 4078 West 37<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver 18, B.C., Canada and the Hon. Librarian of the Netherlands Phil. Union, Mr. de Bosch Kempe. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. de Bosch Kempe on his recent visit to London and he spoke enthusiastically of his journey to Munich a year or so ago. Mr. Billig, is I believe, at present in Britain and his address is c/o Dr. Ernst Billig, 25 Woodside Avenue, Esher, Surrey.

In general I personally am very much in favour of greater coordination and rationalisation in indexing work. Since the general policy on these matters for the JPS is laid down by the Editors of our journal *The Stamp*

Lover, I am taking the opportunity of sending a copy of this letter to them. I should emphasize that everything I have written here represents my personal opinions and has not been put down in consultation with them.

With best wishes

### THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S CONTRIBUTION

Not long after it was founded, the American Philatelic Society set up a Committee to consider the question of philatelic indexes. As a result, the Society and individual members produced a series of indexes, both retrospective and current awareness. Although these indexes vary in scope, complexity and extent, they nevertheless form an important part of the indexing legacy provided to current collectors.

Reports of the committees are given in the bibliography. Their membership, taken from the membership lists published in *The American Philatelist* in the year given, is provided below. Unless stated otherwise, the first named is the Chairman. Addresses are only given initially, when the person joined the Committee, and where they have changed.

Until 1927 there were two Committees, one the *Committee on Philatelic Literature* inaugurated in 1898 and the other the *Committee on Philatelic Index*, inaugurated in 1902. In 1927 they were combined into a single unit: the *Committee on Philatelic Index and Literature*. Details of the reports of the Committee on Philatelic Index will be found in the *Bibliography of Articles on Current-Awareness and Retrospective Indexes* which follows.

In the table below, the Committees are denoted by suffixing the date with L (Literature), and I (Index) respectively. This list was begun by **Jim Negus** and augmented by myself.

1898 L	<b>William C. Stone</b> <b>C. P. Krauth</b> <b>H. E. Deats</b>
1899 L	<b>William C. Stone</b> <b>C. P. Krauth</b> († 1899) Replaced by the <b>Rev. R. R. Thiele</b> <b>H. E. Deats</b>
1900 L	<b>William C. Stone</b> , 384 Union St., Springfield, MA. <b>Rev. R. R. Thiele</b> , Manchester, WI. <b>G. S. Dickinson</b> , 7 Cedar St., Worcester, MA.
1901 L	<b>W. S. Stone</b> <b>E. R. Aldrich</b>
1902 L	<b>W. C. Stone</b> <b>E. R. Aldrich</b>
1903 I	<b>William C. Stone</b> <b>John W. Prevost</b> <b>J. Delano Bartlett</b>
1903 L	<b>W. C. Stone</b> <b>E. R. Aldrich</b> <b>W. E. Loy</b>
1904 I	<b>W. C. Stone</b> <b>R. C. Munroe</b> <b>J. W. Prevost</b>

1904 L **W. C. Stone**  
**E. R. Aldrich**  
**W. E. Loy**

1905 I **W. C. Stone**  
**R. C. Munroe**  
**J. W. Prevost**

1905 L **E. R. Aldrich**  
**W. E. Loy**  
**H. E. Deats**

1906 I **W. C. Stone**  
**R. C. Munroe**  
**J. W. Prevost**

1906 L **E. R. Aldrich**  
**H. E. Deats**  
**W. J. Gardner**

1907 I **C. E. Severn**, 820 Oxford Buildings, Chicago IL.  
**A. H. Weber**, 1540 Le Roy Avenue, Berkeley, CA.  
**E. R. Aldrich**, Box E., Benson, MN.

1907 L **W. C. Stone**, 21 Princeton Street, Springfield, MA.  
**Hiram E. Deats**, Flemington, NJ.  
**L. G. Quackenbush**, French-Bennett Building, Oneida, NY.

1908 I **C. E. Severn**, 721 Oxford Buildings, Chicago IL.  
**A. H. Weber**, 1540 Le Roy Avenue, Berkeley, CA.  
**E. R. Aldrich**, Box E, Benson, MN.

1908 L **W. C. Stone**, 21 Princeton Street, Springfield, MA.  
**Hiram E. Deats**, Flemington, NJ.  
**L. G. Quackenbush**, French-Bennett Building, Oneida, NY.

1909 I **Wm. R. Ricketts**, Elm Lawn, Forty Fort, PA.  
**E. R. Aldrich**  
**H. A. Davis**

1909 L **W. C. Stone**, 21 Princeton St., Springfield, MA.  
**H. E. Deats**  
**W. R. Ricketts**

1910 I **William R. Ricketts**  
**Clifford W. Kissinger**  
**C. A. Howes**

1910 L **William Carlos Stone** (Chairman)  
**William R. Ricketts**, Elm Lawn, Forty Fort, PA.  
**E. R. Aldrich**

1911 I **William R. Ricketts**, Elm Lawn, Forty Fort, PA.  
**Clifford W. Kissinger**  
**Clifton A. Howes**

1911 L **William Carlos Stone** (He was Chairman until 1911 when he left the committee)  
**William R. Ricketts**, Elm Lawn, Forty Fort, PA. (Chairman)  
**E. R. Aldrich**  
**C. A. Nash**

1912 I **W. R. Ricketts**  
**C. W. Kissinger**  
**C. A. Howes**

1912 L **W. R. Ricketts**  
**E. R. Aldrich**  
**Charles A. Nast**

1914 I **W. R. Ricketts**  
**C. W. Kissinger**  
**C. A. Howes**

1914 L **W. R. Ricketts**  
**E. R. Aldrich**  
**Charles A. Nast**

1918 I **William R. Ricketts**, 1577 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, Wilkes-Barre, PA.  
**Clifford W. Kissinger**, 335 Walnut St., Reading, PA.  
**Clifton A. Howes**, 141 Milk St., Boston, MA.

1918 L **William R. Ricketts**  
**H. E. Deats**, Flemington, NJ.  
**W. R. King**, Box 584, Grand Island, NB.

1924 I **William R. Ricketts**  
**Clifford W. Kissinger**  
**Clifton A. Howes**, 40 Broad St., Boston, MA.

1924 L **William R. Ricketts**  
**H. E. Deats**  
**W. R. King**

1926 I **William R. Ricketts**  
**C. A. Howes**  
**B. W. H. Poole**, 620 Washington Bldg., Los Angeles, CA.

1926 L **William R. Ricketts**  
**H. E. Deats**  
**W. R. King**

1928 **William R. Ricketts**  
**B. W. H. Poole**  
**H. E. Deats**

1929 **William R. Ricketts**  
**B. W. H. Poole**  
**H. E. Deats**

1930 **William R. Ricketts**  
**B. W. H. Poole**, 612 Washington Bldg., Los Angeles, CA.  
**W. W. MacLaren**, Box 663, Cleveland, OH.

1931 **William R. Ricketts**  
**B. W. H. Poole**  
**W. W. MacLaren**

1932 **William R. Ricketts**  
**A. William Bloss**, 1173 N. Kingsley Dr., Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA.

1933 **William R. Ricketts**  
**A. William Bloss**

1934 **F. M. Gilbert**, 2818 Ellendale, Los Angeles, Ca.  
**A. William Bloss**  
**William R. Ricketts**

1935 **F. M. Gilbert**  
**A. William Bloss**  
**William R. Ricketts**

1936 **F. M. Gilbert**  
**A. William Bloss**  
**William R. Ricketts**

1937 **F. M. Gilbert**  
**William R. Ricketts**  
**Ralph A. Kimble**, 8118 Dante Ave., Chicago, IL.

- 1938 **Ralph A. Kimble**  
**Frank Rossi**, 2222 N. Halstead St., Chicago, IL.  
**Frank J. Kovarik**, Box 5445, Chicago, IL.
- 1939 **Ralph A. Kimble**  
**Frank Rossi**  
**Frank J. Kovarik**, 2502 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, IL.
- 1940 **Ralph A. Kimble**  
**Frank Rossi**  
**Frank J. Kovarik**
- 1941 **Ralph A. Kimble**  
**Frank Rossi**  
**Frank J. Kovarik**
- 1942 **Ralph A. Kimble**  
**Frank Rossi**, 2111 Seminary Ave., Chicago, IL.  
**Frank J. Kovarik**
- 1947-49 **Lester G. Brookman**, 121 Loeb Arcade, Minneapolis, MN.  
**John C. Kringel**, 4628 Zuni St., Denver 11, CO.  
**Dr. Forrest R. Shreve**, 297 N. Main St., Tucson, AZ.
- 1966 **Daniel W. Vooyoys**, P. O. Box 187, Canajohari, NY.  
**James M. Chemi**, 5932 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Pl., Phoenix, AZ.  
**J. R. Hughes**, 68 Post St., San Francisco, CA.  
**Fred S. Wolfe**, 1541 Sacramento St., San Francisco, CA.
- 1968-69 **James M. Chemi**  
**Sylvester Colby**, 17 E. 48<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY.  
**Mel C. Nathan Jr.**, 590 Spruce St., San Francisco, CA.  
**George T. Turner**, 408 A St., S.E., Washington, DC.
- 1970-71 **James M. Chemi**  
**Sylvester Colby**  
**David L. Lidman**, 390 West End Ave., 3-D, New York, NY.  
**Kelly Shryoc**, 2933 Owenwood, Fort Worth, TX.  
**Alex L. ter Braake**, 713 Canterbury Dr., Charleston, WV.  
**George T. Turner**
- 1972-73 **James M. Chemi**  
**Sylvester Colby**  
**David L. Lidman**  
**Kelly Shryoc**  
**Alex L. ter Braake**  
**George T. Turner**
- 1975-77 **Daniel W. Vooyoys**, P. O. Box 8642, Albany, NY.  
**Robert L. D. Davidson**, 915 Court St., Fulton, MO.  
**David L. Lidman**, 163B Heritage Village, Southbury, CN.  
**Richard L. Sine**, 1600 E. Branch Rd., State College, PA.
- 1978 **Robert L. D. Davidson**  
**James T. De Voss**, P. O. Box 800, State College, PA.  
**Horace W. Harrison**, 8 Church Lane, Baltimore, MD.  
**Susan M. McDonald**, 2030 Glenmont Ave., N. W., Canton, OH.  
**Charles J. Peterson**, P. O. Box 716, Laurel, MD.  
**Richard L. Sine**
- 1980 **Robert L. D. Davidson**  
**James T. De Voss**  
**Horace W. Harrison**  
**Susan M. McDonald**

**Charles J. Peterson**  
**Richard L. Sine**, Box 321, Lemont, PA.

In the intervening years, it is evident that this subject was never far from the minds of those running the Society and several attempts were made to publish current-awareness indexes, some lasting decades. All of these are recorded herein under the names of the compilers:

<b>1911</b>	<b>W. A. R. Ricketts &amp; C. W. Kissinger</b>
<b>1937</b>	<b>R. A. Kimble</b>
<b>1953</b>	<b>D. Lidman</b>
<b>1976</b>	<b>W. K. Duke</b>

In 1986, under the leadership of the Society's Librarian, **Gini Horn**, an attempt was made to produce a retrospective index. At the time, affordable micro-computers and PCs with a reasonable amount of memory were becoming available and the American Philatelic Research Library had acquired one with the specific purpose of compiling a retrospective index. Innovatively, **Gini** appealed to editors of periodicals published by Affiliated Societies to provide her with an index each year. The library would compile them all onto its computer, eventually building up a comprehensive index<sup>(17)</sup>.

I am aware that a number of organisations produced cumulative indexes to their publications in response to this plea, as demonstrated by the editor's response in *The Belgiophile*<sup>(17)</sup>. It was acknowledged that this initiative provided a major impetus for societies to produce cumulative indexes to their publications, however, I never heard mention of the project or its outcome again.

Ironically, in 2010, the Royal Philatelic Society London harnessed the power of the internet to achieve the American Philatelic Society's aims with their *RPSL Catalogue*<sup>(18)</sup>. This is a database containing information on all of the Society's holdings of literature, archives, museum and other material which may be of use to the researcher. Having recently digitised its own periodical, *The London Philatelist*, the Society has recognised the value of being able to locate material of interest in as many periodicals as possible, with a single search. It has therefore actively sought major cumulative indexes which can be incorporated into its database, in much the same way as did **Gini Horn** twenty-five years earlier.

## **REVIEWS OF REVIEWS**

Many periodicals, particularly those belonging to specialist philatelic societies produce comprehensive lists of the literature published in their field. These specialised indexes are generally beyond the scope of this publication.

Non-specialist periodicals have attempted to review the contents of the whole of the periodical field from time to time have been published. Comprehensive versions of these features have been generally called *Reviews of Reviews* and were most-commonly found in the earlier days before the number of periodicals being published became too great. Nowadays, they generally consist of a list of articles culled from a limited number of relevant publications.

Such attempts will not be considered further herein although I have found within them some very useful references.

## **FALSE FRIENDS**

Occasionally one comes across material called an *Index* which is nothing of the sort. I generally check on these but then mentally discard them. It has occurred to me that if I am misled it is likely that others will be similarly. In an effort to help others, I will list them here.

### **The Philatelic Index**

Edited and published by, Virgil J. Mathias, P. O. Box 4765, Station B, Columbus, Ohio, USA. 76 pages (8½x11), spiral binding in heavy bristol paper cover. \$5, postpaid, from the publisher.

The Mathias “Index” is basically a compilation of U. S. and Canadian stamp dealers, with more than 500 listings. Each listing includes a summary of the type of merchandise and services offered by the specific dealer. The dealer section also includes philatelic printers, wholesalers, auction agents, collection agencies and stamp photographers. Supplementing this 27-page compilation appears a subject index, where dealer services and merchandise are indexed by category. For example, a collector specialising in the stamps of Monaco, utilising the subject index, will find reference to several dealers who specialise in the stamps of Monaco.

Another section includes a listing of philatelic agencies selling stamps at face value to collectors and dealers. Agencies selling only to dealers are separated and noted.

A general information section is composed of the following: Present, scheduled and proposed postal rates and fees, complete tables of postal services Fees, table of foreign currency conversation, giving the official and free rates for each country, and postal abbreviations for all States.

(A Review found in *The American Philatelist*, October 1970, Volume 84, Issue 10, p.895.)

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# ABBREVIATIONS

## INTRODUCTION

As a matter of principle, I have tried to avoid the use of abbreviations wherever possible. This has been done on two grounds: Firstly, as a one-time professional scientific researcher, I struggled valiantly with a myriad of abbreviations used in references to stand for the titles of periodicals, trying, often in vain, to understand their meaning and thereafter obtain the document referred to. It became evident to me that one man's obvious abbreviation was another man's total confusion, and this was in a field which science had attempted to control<sup>(\*1)</sup>.

Secondly, with modern personal computers having almost unlimited storage capacity and speed, using numerous abbreviations in works such as I produce is, in my opinion, quite unnecessary. It would also seriously waste my time in continuously looking up those abbreviations not yet committed to memory. The surprisingly large number of exceptions to the above rules are listed below.

**Ranks, titles and educational achievements** that appear in front of a subject's name have been included in the entries wherever possible, in order to help differentiate between individuals of the same name. Abbreviations have been used here in order that long titles don't overwhelm the name and to differentiate between an honour or rank and the same word used as a name. On the Continent, particularly in Germany, it is normal to prefix a person's name with abbreviations for all of their educational achievements. This results in extreme cases such as **Prof. Dr. Dr. Schmidt**, for example, – for a medical Doctor with a PhD who is a Professor in a teaching hospital. As an expedient, I have adopted the English system of only recording the person's superior title which, in the above example, would be **Prof. Schmidt**.

**Honours or Membership of important societies**, generally denoted in the form of post-nominal initials, i.e. immediately following the subject's name, (such as **Sir Ernest Hotson K.C.S.I., O.B.E., F.R.P.S.L.**). These are generally only given in my works in formal biographical entries, such as can be found in my volume *Philatelic and Postal Bookplates* and in material I have quoted. They can be denoted by the appropriate initials, either with or without the full stops, and will be found without the full stops in the Abbreviations list below and also in my other works.

**Philatelic abbreviations** which are in common use, often in the titles of periodicals, and are generally, therefore, self-evident even to non-English speakers; such as **FDC, FIP, perf., TPO, wmk.**, etc. In spite of my considering them obvious, I have included them in the list of abbreviations below for the sake of completeness<sup>(\*2)</sup>.

**Company designations** which are too long in their extended form to keep repeating. Since these are generally not well-known beyond their home country's own borders, I have taken the opportunity to add a basic explanation of their meaning.

**Latin terms** such as **i.e.; etc.; e.g.; sic**; and so forth, which I have found very useful at times in replacing whole phrases.

**Common abbreviations** such as **p.; pp.; Dr.; Jr.**; etc., which I use to avoid frequent repetition.

**Symbols** can occasionally be useful and these are given in their own list of meanings, preceding the list of abbreviations.

**Names.** Abbreviations or short versions of names are never used in my works but since they may be used by others, they are included in the *List of Shortened, Abbreviated and Pet Names*, which can be found as part of the introduction in *The Philatelic Bibliophile's Companion*.

**Shows.** I have not provided explanations of the initials and acronyms use for stamp shows and exhibitions. These are fairly self-explanatory as they generally end in PEX or EX and are usually followed by a date.

The other category of abbreviation that I have used widely is the United States Postal Service codes for the American States. In order not to make this present list of abbreviations overly long and difficult to use, I have appended these State abbreviations in their own list following the main list of abbreviations. Similarly, Canadian Territories' and Australian States' abbreviations have been added as stand alone lists.

As I began to add special features in my works, like document indexes in *The Philatelic Bibliophile's Companion*, and material quoted from others, such as the **Bierman** biographical material from the web in *Biographies of Philatelists and Dealers*, and particularly translations, once I included them in full in my list of translations, I found that they used additional abbreviations that I was forced to include in my list. Although I occasionally reverted less-common abbreviations back to their full text to avoid having to include an abbreviation for a single use, this undoubtedly lead me away from the basic tenants to which I was attempting to adhere. Nevertheless, and in spite of this substantial list of abbreviations, I have tried hard to minimise the number of abbreviations I use regularly.

Occasionally, I have felt the need to explain terms, particularly for those whose mother tongue is not English, which, although not abbreviations, have no other obvious place of refuge in this work. I have therefore used the abbreviation list to explain the English *Sir*, Latin *ergo*, German *Graf* and particularly the *Crawford Catalogue* for example.

In order to prevent myself from using different abbreviations for the same word and to ensure consistency between my different works, I have included the same list of abbreviations in all of them, irrespective of whether or not any specific abbreviation is used therein.

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\*1 To those who would like to look into the problem of abbreviations further, I would recommend your reading **James Negus: *Philatelic Literature.***, James Bendon, Limassol, Cyprus, 1991, pp.1-13; and particularly pp.49-51 & 207-208.

\*2 Although these are not really within the purview of this Section, I have come across a list of French philatelic abbreviations that warrants a place somewhere in this work. Accordingly, I have noted its reference below:

**W. F. Wright: *French abbreviations.***, The Philatelic Magazine, March 1982, p.373.

➤ A short list of abbreviations which are to be found in the French philatelic literature. Each entry is accompanied by the French equivalent and English translation.

## **LIST OF SYMBOLS**

... Used in material that is being quoted, to indicate that there was additional text which it has not been considered necessary to include.

&c.	<b>&amp; etcetera.</b> Used in English as a way of indicating that other similar items could have been included.
~	<b>Approximately</b> or, when followed by a date, <b>About</b> .
A\$	<b>Australian Dollar.</b> Alternatively, it can be designated by the international code <b>AUD</b> .
C\$	<b>Canadian Dollar.</b> Alternatively, it can be designated by the international code <b>CAD</b> .
%	<b>Care of.</b> (or <b>in the care of</b> ) Used where someone is authorised to stand in for a person or organisation and receive material (such as mail or goods) on their behalf. Before the advent of word processors with their superscript and subscript capability, it was frequently found as <b>c/o</b> .
*Date	<b>Date of birth.</b>
†Date	<b>Date of death.</b>
\$	<b>Dollar.</b> The currency used in the United States of America. Alternatively, it can be designated by <b>US\$</b> or the international code <b>USD</b> . Many other countries use their own dollar as their unit of currency, the value of which may differ greatly from that of the US dollar. In print, except in their own country, the dollar symbol is usually preceded by a country code (see <b>A\$</b> and <b>C\$</b> above).
≡	<b>Equivalent.</b> This is the international scientific symbol used to indicate that two items are interchangeable with each other.
"	<b>inch</b> or <b>inches.</b> The shortest imperial measure of length. I never use this abbreviation but have noticed it in some of the material I have quoted.
N <sup>o</sup>	<b>Number.</b> It is followed immediately by the numeral, without a space between them. It should not be used as a general abbreviation for the word <b>number</b> within text. It is often substituted by <b>No.</b> , particularly before the advent of computers with their superscript facility.
N <sup>os</sup>	<b>Numbers.</b> It is followed immediately by the numeral range, without a space between them. It should not be used as a general abbreviation for the word <b>numbers</b> within text. It is often substituted by <b>Nos.</b> , particularly before the advent of computers with their superscript facility.
#	<b>Number(s).</b> This is an American abbreviation. In general, I do not use this abbreviation but have noticed it in some of the material I have quoted. However, I have used it in the table of auction named sale pseudonyms, where I included sale numbers as an afterthought and space was at a premium.
£	<b>Pound sterling.</b> The currency currently used in the United Kingdom and in certain dependencies and

colonies over the years. Where its value has diverged from the British Pound, it is generally followed by a country indicator.

- ® **Registered Trade Mark.** This is an international symbol indicating that the word to which it is attached as a superscript suffix, has been officially recorded as denoting a specific product or entity.
- /- **Shilling(s).** This symbol, preceded by a number, was formerly used throughout the Sterling currency area prior to decimalisation. The dash indicates no pence and is replaced by the appropriate number (not followed by the abbreviation d) when the amount includes pence. For example 2/6 means 2 shillings and 6 pence and could be equally shown as 2s 6d.

**Note:** Common currencies which are designated by letters alone will be found in the following *List of Abbreviations*.

### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- A**
- a. D.** **außer Dienst.** This is a *German* expression meaning *Retired*. It is generally found used after senior military titles.
- AB** **Aktiebolag.** This is Swedish for *Stock Company*, the equivalent of the English *Limited Liability Company*. It is occasionally found in its extended form as **Aktiebolaget**, which just means *The Stock Company*.
- Ad hoc** A Latin phrase meaning *for this*. It generally signifies a solution designed for a specific problem or task.
- Adm.** **Admiral.**
- AEP** **Académie Européenne de Philatélie.** European Academy of Philately.
- AG** **Aktiengesellschaft.** This is German-speaking Swiss for *Stock Corporation*, the equivalent of the English *Limited Liability Company*.
- AIJP** **Association Internationale des Journalistes Philatéliques.** = International Association of Philatelic Journalists.
- Air Mar.** **Air Marshall.**
- Air V.-M.** **Air Vice-Marshal.**
- Ald.** **Alderman.** This is the English name for a member of a municipal legislative body such as a town or city Council.
- APS** **American Philatelic Society.**
- APRL** **American Philatelic Research Library.**
- Archd.** **Archdeacon.**
- ARGE or ArGe** **Arbeitsgemeinschaft.** This is German for *Working*

	<i>Group</i> , which is roughly equivalent to the British <i>Study Group</i> .
A/S	<b>Aktieselskap</b> . This is the Danish for <i>Stock Company</i> , the equivalent of the English <i>Limited Liability Company</i> .
ASCII	<b>American Standard Code for Information Interchange</b> . It is generally used as an acronym and is pronounced <i>askee</i> . ASCII is a code for representing English characters as numbers, with each character assigned a number from 0 to 127. Most computers use ASCII codes to represent text, which makes it possible to transfer data from one computer to another.
<b><u>B</u></b>	
Bart.	<b>Baronet</b> . A British hereditary honour which is not part of the peerage but entitles the holder to be called <i>Sir</i> .
BBC	<b>British Broadcasting Corporation</b> .
BEF	<b>Belgian Franc(s)</b> . The currency which pre-dated the Euro in Belgium.
biog	<b>biography</b> . Used in brackets by the author (BJB) when producing indexes, to indicate that the reference to a person includes useful biographical data, although it may fall short of being a full biography.
BJB	<b>Brian John Birch</b> . Although my comments are always given in square brackets in order to distinguish them from the regular text, I occasionally use my initials as an indicator of my part in some action.
BNA	<b>British North America</b> .
Brig.	<b>Brigadier</b> .
Brig.-Gen.	<b>Brigadier-General</b> .
bro.	<b>brother</b> A layman member of a Christian religious order who might practice any secular occupation on behalf of the order. The term <b>brother</b> is used as he is expected to be as a brother to others.
Bros.	<b>Brothers</b> . It is only used in the titles of companies in English-speaking countries.
BS	<b>Bachelor of Science</b> . This abbreviation is used in the USA.
Bss.	<b>Baroness</b> .
Bt.	<b>Baronet</b> .
bv or BV	<b>Besloten Vennootschap</b> . This is the Dutch (and therefore Flemish) equivalent of the English <i>Limited Liability Company</i> . It may be found with or without a full stop after each letter.

<b><u>C</u></b>	
c.	Sometimes found used incorrectly as an abbreviation for <b>circa</b> , in material I have quoted. See <b>ca</b> .

<b>ca.</b>	<b>circa.</b> This is the Latin for <i>about</i> .
<b>Cab.</b>	<b>Caballero.</b> A Spanish term originally meaning <i>knight</i> but now meaning <i>gentleman of some rank</i> .
<b>Can.</b>	<b>Canon.</b> From the Latin <i>Canonicus</i> , meaning an ecclesiastical person, being a member of a chapter or body of clerics living according to rule.
<b>Capt.</b>	<b>Captain.</b> This abbreviation may be equally used for a Captain in the army or of a ship.
<b>Card.</b>	<b>Cardinal.</b>
<b>Cav.</b>	Used in publications and merely transcribed by me. Thought to be short for <b>Cavalier</b> – possibly of Italian origin.
<b>CBE</b>	<b>Commander of the Order of the British Empire.</b> A British honour conferred for important services rendered to the Crown.
<b>CD</b>	<b>Compact Disc or Compact Disk.</b> A high density storage media based on a 12cm diameter reflective optical disc which can be written-to and read by a laser. <b>CDs</b> can hold up to 650 megabytes of data in digital form and many publications are available only in this format or in the newer and even higher capacity DVD. A pre-recorded <b>CD</b> is more-correctly called a <b>CD-ROM</b> – CD-Read Only Memory.
<b>Cdr.</b>	<b>Commander.</b>
<b>Cdt.</b>	<b>Commandant.</b>
<b>Chev.</b>	<b>Chevalier.</b>
<b>CHF</b>	The international symbol for the Swiss Franc.
<b>Cia.</b>	<b>Compañía.</b> This is Spanish for Company.
	or
	<b>Companhia.</b> This is Portuguese for Company.
<b>Cie.</b>	<b>Compagnie.</b> This is French for <i>Company</i> . The same abbreviation is used following the names of Dutch companies, with presumably the same meaning.
<b>Cllr.</b>	<b>Councillor.</b> This is the English name for a member of a legislative body (or Council) that governs a city or municipality.
<b>Co.</b>	<b>Company.</b>
<b>Col.</b>	<b>Colonel.</b>
<b>Com.</b>	<b>Commodore.</b>
<b>Crawford Catalogue</b>	An abbreviation generally used to denote the catalogue of the philatelic section of the Earl of Crawford's Library. ([ <b>E. D. Bacon</b> ]: <i>Bibliotheca Lindesiana Vol. VII: A Bibliography of the Writings General Special and Periodical Forming the Literature of Philately.</i> , Aberdeen University Press, Aberdeen, UK, 1911, xi+[462]pp. {Reprinted by permission of the <b>Earl</b> with some changes to the introductory text as: [ <b>E. D. Bacon</b> ]: <i>Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford,</i>

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**Ct.** **Count.** An intermediate rank of nobility on the Continent. Generally equivalent to the English Earl, the wife of which is called a Countess, there being no female equivalent of an Earl in English nobility.

## D

**d.** **penny** (or **pence**). Used in the Sterling currency area as an abbreviation for the **penny** or its plural, **pence**, prior to the conversion of the currency to the decimal system. It may be found with or without the full stop. Following decimalisation, the abbreviation for the penny was changed to **p**.

**D.** **Don.** This is a Spanish courtesy title given to gentlemen and members of the nobility. Although its use is not common nowadays, it can still be found in older publications.

**D.Litt.** **Doctor of Letters.** See under **Litt.D.**

**D<sup>a</sup> D<sup>a</sup>. or D<sup>a</sup>** **Doña.** This is a Spanish courtesy title given to ladies and female members of the nobility. Although its use is not common nowadays, it can still be found in older and very formal publications.

**DFC** **Distinguished Flying Cross.** A British military medal awarded for exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy in the air.

**DM** **Deutschmark(s).** The currency which pre-dated the Euro in Germany.

**Doc.** **Doctor.** This is really a colloquial or familiar shortening of the title rather than a formal abbreviation.

**Dr.** **Doctor.** This title can equally be used by a Doctor of medicine, anyone having the educational award of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), or the Degree of

Doctor of Divinity (DD) and certain other academic awards. In Germany, for example, they attempt to avoid this problem by using the abbreviation **Dr. med.**

Whilst, for the sake of clarity, I have tried to eliminate all non-medical titles since they are not universally used, I have no doubt that some will remain. Very occasionally, I have felt obliged to leave the title in place even though I was aware that the persons were not a medical doctors, simply because they were universally known by this title. e.g. **Dr. Viner**, who had a PhD.

**Dr. Ing.**

**Doctor of Engineering.** See the explanation under **Ing.** This is often used in Europe as a title.

**DVD**

**Digital Versatile Disc** but can often be found called a **Digital Video Disc**. A new type of **CD** that holds a minimum of 4.7 gigabytes and was developed with enough capacity to hold a full-length film. A pre-recorded **DVD** is more-correctly called a **DVD-ROM** (-Read only memory).

## E

e.g.

**exempli gratia.** This is a Latin expression meaning *for the sake of example*.

e.K.

**Eigenkapital.** This is German for *self-financed* and indicates that it is a one-man business.

Eng.

**Engineer.**

Eng.-Capt.

**Engineer Captain.**

ergo

The Latin term for *therefore*. It is widely used in English to demonstrate a link between two things or events and replaces words and phrases like *hence, consequently, accordingly, for that reason*, etc. Although it is not an abbreviation, it is included here for convenience.

et al.

**et alia.** This is a Latin expression meaning *and the others*. Naturally, the Latin expression would change in accordance with the gender of the *others* in question: *et alia* for neutral, *et alii* for masculine and *et aliae* for feminine things, all of which use the same abbreviation.

et seq.

**et sequentes.** This is a Latin expression meaning *and the following*. It is used to shorten references covering numerous sequential issues of a periodical.

etc.

**etcetera.** This is a Latin term meaning *and so on* or *and so forth*.

## F

F

**Franc(s).** The currency which pre-dated the Euro in France.

f.

**folio.** This is a Latin term meaning *on the (next) page*. In use, **f.** has no space between it and the

	preceding number. See also <b>ff</b> .
<b>Fa.</b>	<b>Firma.</b> This is a German term meaning <i>Firm</i> or <i>Company</i> . It is generally used immediately before the name of the company.
<b>FDC</b>	<b>First Day Cover.</b>
<b>fecit</b>	<b>Created or executed.</b> It is used after the name of the artist or craftsman who produced the work of art or piece of craftsmanship.
<b>FEPA</b>	<b>Federation of European Philatelic Associations.</b>
<b>ff.</b>	<b>folio.</b> This is a Latin term meaning <i>on the (next) page</i> . It is used to refer to the next page or pages in a citation and as such is a synonym of <b>et seq.</b> However, its usage has been extended to include next sections, next paragraphs, etc. and even subsequent issues of a periodical run or volumes (years) of a series still continuing. In use, <b>ff.</b> has no space between it and the preceding number. <b>f.</b> is generally used to indicate a single page, etc. or issue. I never use either of these abbreviations but have noticed them in some of the material I have quoted and translated.
<b>FIP</b>	<b>Fédération Internationale de Philatélie.</b> This is the French name by which the <i>International Federation of Philately</i> is generally known.
<b>Fleet-Surg.</b>	<b>Fleet-Surgeon.</b> A senior medical rank in the British Navy from 1875 to 1918.
<b>FLS</b>	<b>Fellow of the Linnean Society.</b> Founded in 1788 and taking its name from the Swedish naturalist <b>Carolus Linnaeus</b> , it is the world's premier society for the study and dissemination of taxonomy and natural history. Important scientists who are granted the honour of Fellowship are allowed to use the letters <b>FLS</b> after their name.
<b>Flt.-Lt.</b>	<b>Flight Lieutenant.</b>
<b>FM</b>	<b>Field Marshall.</b>
<b>Fr.</b>	<b>Father.</b> This is a familiar way of referring to some ordained clergy. The German equivalent is <b>Pfarrer</b> .
<b>“Franks”</b>	An abbreviation generally used to denote the catalogue of the <b>Franks</b> collection of bookplates. ( <b>E. R. J. Gambier Howe: Catalogue of British and American Book Plates Bequeathed to the Trustees of the British Museum by Sir Augustus Woolaston Franks, K.C.B., F.R.S., P.S.A., Litt.D., 3 Volumes, British Museum, London, UK, 1903-1904.</b> )
<b>Frhr.</b>	<b>Freiherr.</b> This is a German title roughly equivalent to the English <b>Baron</b> . Before 1919 it preceded the name and is abbreviated in this document. After

1919, it tended to be placed within the name, immediately before the family name. In those cases, it is considered part of the name and given in full.

<b>FRPSL</b>	<b>Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London.</b> A distinction given to long-serving members who have contributed to the aims of the Society.
<b>FRS</b>	<b>Fellow of the Royal Society.</b> Founded in 1660, the <b>Royal Society of London for Improving Natural Knowledge</b> , known simply as the <b>Royal Society</b> , is probably the oldest scientific society in the world. Important scientists who are granted the honour of Fellowship are allowed to use the letters <b>FRS</b> after their name.
<b>ft.</b>	<b>foot</b> or <b>feet.</b> An imperial measure equal to 12 inches or 305mm.
<b>FZS</b>	<b>Fellow of the Zoological Society of London.</b> Founded in 1826 to house a zoological collection and be devoted to the worldwide conservation of animals and their habitats, it is responsible for London Zoo and Whipsnade Zoo. Important scientists who are granted the honour of Fellowship are allowed to use the letters <b>FZS</b> after their name.

## G

<b>GCIE</b>	<b>Knight Grand Commander of the Indian Empire.</b> This was the highest class of <i>The Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire</i> , which was created in 1877 to reward British and native officials who served with distinction in India.
<b>GCSI</b>	<b>Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India.</b> This was the highest class of <i>The Most Exalted Order of the Star of India</i> , which was founded in 1861 to honour Indian Princes and Chiefs, as well as British officers who had served with distinction in India.
<b>Gen.</b>	<b>General.</b>
<b>GM</b>	<b>George Medal.</b> A British honour awarded to civilians for acts of great bravery. It is also awarded to military personnel where military honours would not normally be granted, such as acts of great bravery not in presence of the enemy.
<b>GmbH</b>	<b>Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung.</b> This is the German equivalent of <i>Limited Liability Company</i> . Such companies are incorporated, but their shares are not publicly traded.
<b>GmbH &amp; Co. KG</b>	This is an organisation like a <b>KG</b> , but the entity with unlimited liability is a <b>GmbH</b> instead of a person. (See also <b>KG</b> )
<b>GPO</b>	<b>General Post Office.</b> The original name for the British Post Office.

<b>Gr. Capt. Graf</b>	<b>Group Captain.</b> A former German title of nobility, equivalent to Earl in English and Count on the Continent. All privileges of the nobility were abolished in Germany in 1919 and so today, it is considered to be part of the person's name.
<b>H</b>	
<b>HM</b>	<b>His Majesty's or Her Majesty's.</b> Prefix used by many British Government organisations whose activities are carried out in the name of the Monarch.
<b>Hnos.</b>	<b>Hermanos.</b> Spanish abbreviation for <i>Brothers</i> . Generally found in the names of firms and equivalent to the English <i>Bros</i> .
<b>Hptm.</b>	<b>Hauptmann.</b> A German word usually translated as Captain when it is used as an officer's rank in the German, Austrian and Swiss armies. It also has the dated meaning of <i>Head man</i> .
<b>HRH</b>	<b>His Royal Highness or Her Royal Highness.</b> A style of address reserved for certain members of the British Royal Family.
<b>I</b>	
<b>i.e.</b>	<b>id est.</b> This is Latin expression meaning <i>that is or in other words</i> .
<b>ibid.</b>	<b>ibidem.</b> This is a Latin term meaning <i>in the same place</i> . It is used in references to refer to the last work cited, to save re-typing the same details again.
<b>illus</b>	<b>illustration.</b> Used in brackets by the author (BJB) when producing indexes, to indicate that the reference is to a person or periodical in an illustration.
<b>imperf.</b>	<b>imperforate.</b> Any stamp which is found without perforations or any other means to facilitate its separation from the printed sheet. I do not use this abbreviation but have noticed it in some of the material I have quoted.
<b>Inc.</b>	<b>Incorporated.</b> This is the American equivalent of <i>Limited Liability Company</i> .
<b>infra</b>	Latin for <i>below</i> . It is generally used in text to call readers' attention to something that follows in the text. Sometimes preceded by <i>vide</i> "see". This is not a term that I use but I have noted it used by others, whose work I have quoted.
<b>Ing.</b>	This is the general abbreviation for professional engineer in Continental Europe. It derives from the term for engineer in the appropriate language, e.g. <b>Ingénieur</b> (France) or <b>Ingenieur</b> (Germany). This abbreviation is widely used in Europe as a title. It is often preceded by an indication of the level attained, such as <b>Dipl.</b> or

**Dr.**, which I have tended to leave out in order to avoid confusion.

## J

- Jhr.** **Jonkheer.** (Belgium and Netherlands) It is an honorific title used nowadays to indicate that someone does belong to the nobility, but does not possess a title.
- Jr.** **Junior.** Used to differentiate between a son and father who both carry the same names. There is normally a comma between the family name and **Jr.** I have chosen to miss this out in all cases in order not to cause confusion with the comma used after the family name when the family name provides the alphabetical order.

## K

- Kan.** **Kanonikus.** From the Latin *Canonicus*, meaning an ecclesiastical person, being a member of a chapter or body of clerics living according to rule.
- KCB** **Knight Commander of the Bath.** This is the fourth highest British order of Chivalry and is usually awarded to senior Military Officers and Civil Servants for services rendered to the Country.
- KCSI** **Knight Commander of the Order of the Star of India.** This is the senior order of chivalry associated with the Empire of India and was given for conspicuous service in India.
- KCVO** **Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.** This is the second highest class of the *Royal Victorian Order*, membership of which is conferred on those who have performed personal service for the sovereign.
- KG** **Kommanditgesellschaft.** This is a German expression meaning a *partnership under a legal name*. There must be two partners, at least one of limited liability and at least one of unlimited liability.
- Kgl. Hoheit** **Königliche Hoheit.** This is a German expression meaning *Royal Highness*.

## L

- Litt.D.** **Doctor of Letters.** This is a university academic degree above the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and is awarded in a number of countries, particularly former British Colonies. The abbreviation is derived from the Latin *Litterarum doctor* and can also be denoted by **D.Litt.** The degree is awarded to candidates whose record of published work and research shows long, conspicuous ability and originality which constitutes a

	distinguished and sustained achievement.
<b>Litt. dim.</b>	<b>Letters dimissory.</b> A document granted by a bishop to an individual, born or resident in his diocese, to enable him to be ordained by another bishop, the granting bishop having already established that the individual was sufficiently qualified to be ordained. Letters dimissory are also used to provide a testimonial by the bishop on behalf of a clergyman who was leaving his diocese to seek employment elsewhere. This is not an abbreviation that I use but I have noted it used by others, whose work I have quoted.
<b>LL.B.</b>	<b>Batchelor of Laws.</b> An undergraduate degree in Law, originating in England.
<b>LLC</b>	<b>Limited Liability Company.</b> A type of American company. In the United States, Corporations typically pay taxes, then distribute the profits via dividends, on which the recipients must also pay taxes. An <b>LLC</b> allows for <i>pass through taxation</i> , which means that the profit a company makes goes directly to the owners on their tax forms, even if the profits were not actually distributed. Therefore, the profits are only taxed once.
<b>LLD</b>	<b>Doctor of Laws.</b> An academic degree in Law. The abbreviation derives from the Latin <i>Legum Doctor</i> . Plural abbreviations in Latin are formed by doubling the letter, hence the double L.
<b>loc. cit.</b>	<b>loco citato.</b> Latin for <i>in the place cited</i> . It is used in references to refer to the <b>same page</b> of the last work cited, to save re-typing the same details again.
<b>Lt.</b>	<b>Lieutenant.</b>
<b>Lt.-Cdr.</b>	<b>Lieutenant-Commander.</b>
<b>Lt.-Col.</b>	<b>Lieutenant-Colonel.</b>
<b>Ltd.</b>	<b>Limited.</b> This is the English short form of <i>Limited Liability Company</i> . It is used in many countries, notably former British colonies.
<b>LVO</b>	<b>Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.</b> A British honour given for personal service to the Sovereign, any members of their family, or any of their Viceroy.
	<b><u>M</u></b>
<b>M.</b>	<b>Monsieur.</b> French equivalent to the English <b>Mr</b> . It is frequently found followed by the person's family name and can easily be mistaken for the initial of his forename.
<b>M.D.</b>	<b>Doctor of Medicine.</b> From the Latin <i>Medicinae Doctor</i> meaning Doctor of Medicine. It is sometimes written today as <b>MD</b> , i.e. without the period after

	each letter.
<b>Maj.</b>	<b>Major.</b>
<b>Maj. Gen.</b>	<b>Major General.</b>
<b>MBE</b>	<b>Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.</b> An honour given to those who have performed notable service for, or on behalf of, the United Kingdom
<b>Mlle.</b>	<b>Mademoiselle.</b> French equivalent to the English <b>Miss.</b>
<b>MM.</b>	<b>Messieurs.</b> French equivalent to the English <b>Messrs.</b>
<b>Mme. or M<sup>me</sup></b>	<b>Madame.</b> French equivalent to the English <b>Mrs</b>
<b>MP</b>	<b>Member of Parliament.</b> Generally relates to the UK only.
<b><u>N</u></b>	
<b>n.d.</b>	<b>no date.</b> This means that the publication carries no indication as to when it was published. Where the date can be determined from the text, it is given in square brackets.
<b>n.p.</b>	<b>no place.</b> This means that the publication carries no indication as to where it was published.
<b>n.pp.</b>	<b>no pagination.</b> This means that the publication carries no printed page numbers. Where a count has been done, the number of pages, or the page number, is given in square brackets.
<b>n/a</b>	<b>not applicable.</b>
<b>Nachf.</b>	<b>Nachfolger.</b> German for <i>Successor</i> . This term is used at the end of company names to indicate that the present company has succeeded the previous company of the same name.
<b>nee</b>	This is the English equivalent of the French <i>née</i> , meaning a woman's previous or family name before marriage. Also known as her <i>maiden name</i> . The French version with an accent, is sometimes found used incorrectly in English writings I have quoted.
<b>N<sup>o</sup> or No.</b>	Abbreviation for <b>Number</b> when followed immediately by the numeral, without a space between them. It should not be used as a general abbreviation for the word <b>number</b> in text. <b>No.</b> was generally used before the advent of computers with their superscript facility.
<b>N<sup>os</sup> or Nos.</b>	Abbreviation for <b>Numbers</b> when followed immediately by the numeral range, without a space between them. It should not be used as a general abbreviation for the word <b>numbers</b> in text. <b>Nos.</b> was generally used before the advent of computers with their superscript facility.
<b><u>O</u></b>	
<b>OBE</b>	<b>Officer of the Order of the British Empire.</b> This is an order of chivalry to recognise those who made a significant and valuable contribution to the

	British Nation.
<b>Oblt.</b>	<b>Oberleutnant.</b> A German military rank used by all three of the country's services. It is translated as <i>Senior Lieutenant</i> and is roughly equivalent to <i>First Lieutenant</i> in the British Army.
<b>OCR</b>	<b>Optical character recognition.</b> Software that allows scanned images of printed text to be recognised and made available in word processing software so that it can be edited on computer.
<b>op. cit.</b>	<b>opus citatum.</b> This is a Latin expression meaning <i>the work that has been cited</i> and thus the reader can find the full citation elsewhere. It is used to avoid providing a complete citation of a work in several places. It is normally found following the name of the author whose work is being cited. This is not a term that I use but I have noted it used by others, whose work I have quoted.
<b>OSS</b>	<b>Office of Strategic Services.</b> This was a United States intelligence agency formed during World War II to coordinate espionage activities behind enemy lines for the United States Armed Forces. It was a predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
<b>Oy</b>	<b>Osakeyhtiö.</b> This is Finnish equivalent of <i>Limited Company</i> .
<b>OYJ</b>	<b>Julkinen osakeyhtiö.</b> This is used in Finland to denote a publicly traded company with the owners having limited liability. It is equivalent to the UK's <b>plc</b> .
	<b><u>P</u></b>
<b>p.</b>	<b>page number</b> , if followed by a number.
	or
	<b>page</b> , if preceded by the number 1.
<b>P.O. or P. O.</b>	<b>Post Office.</b> This abbreviation is primarily found in addresses involving a Post Office Box.
<b>pdf</b>	<b>portable document format.</b> It was developed by Adobe Systems to make it possible to send formatted documents and have them appear on the recipient's computer as they were intended. In order to view a pdf file (i.e. with the extension .pdf), one needs Adobe Reader, a free application distributed by Adobe Systems.
<b>per se</b>	This is not an abbreviation. It is a Latin phrase meaning <i>in itself</i> .
<b>perf.</b>	<b>perforated.</b> Any stamp which is found with perforations to facilitate its separation from the printed sheet. I do not use this abbreviation but have noticed it in some of the material I have quoted.
<b>photo</b>	<b>photograph.</b> Used in brackets by the author (BJB) when producing indexes, to indicate that the reference is to a photograph containing a picture of the person named.

<b>plc</b>	<b>Public limited company.</b> This is used in the UK to denote a publicly traded company with the owners having limited liability. A plc must have at least £50,000 in authorized capital. It is also used in Eire and some other countries.
<b>pp.</b>	<b>pages.</b>
<b>Prof.</b>	<b>Professor.</b>
<b>PSA</b>	<b>President of the Society of Antiquaries.</b> Presidents are allowed to use these post-nominal letters during their term of office. Former Presidents are accorded the post-nominal letters Hon.-VPSA (Honorary Vice-President).
<b>pt.</b>	<b>point.</b> The usual unit for measuring font size on a printed page. Nowadays, the traditional <b>point</b> has been supplanted by the desktop publishing point (also called the <b>PostScript point</b> ) which was rounded to 72 points to the inch (= 0.3527 mm). In either system, there are 12 points to the pica. The general text in my works is 12 pt., with headings in 16 pt. or 14 pt. I also use 10 pt. occasionally and 8 pt. for the reverse of the title page, when there is insufficient space to use any other font size and still have all of the text on a single page. (BJB) <b>Sixteen point: 16 pt.: Boldface</b> <b>Fourteen point: 14 pt.: Boldface</b> <b>Twelve point: 12 pt.: Boldface</b> <b>Ten point: 10 pt.: Boldface</b> <b>Eight point: 8 pt.: Boldface</b>
<b>Pte.</b>	<b>Private.</b> This is used in Singapore to designate a <i>Private Company</i> , i.e. the shares are held by an individual or small group and are not listed on a stock exchange.
<b>Pty.</b>	<b>Proprietary.</b> This is used in Australia, Singapore and South Africa is the equivalent of <i>Limited Company</i> .
<b><u>Q</u></b>	
<b>q.v.</b>	<b>quid videt.</b> This is a Latin expression meaning <i>which see</i> . It is used to indicate that more information can be found under the heading that precedes the abbreviation.
<b><u>R</u></b>	
<b>R. Adm.</b>	<b>Rear Admiral.</b>
<b>RA</b>	<b>Royal Academy of Arts (Member)</b>
<b>RAAF</b>	<b>Royal Australian Air Force.</b>
<b>RAF</b>	<b>Royal Air Force.</b>
<b>Raj.</b>	<b>Rajah.</b> A title conferred on a chief or ruler in India and the East Indies
<b>RDP</b>	<b>Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.</b> Being invited to sign

the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists is an honour paid to those who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of philately.

<b>Retd.</b>	<b>Retired.</b>
<b>Rev.</b>	<b>Reverend.</b>
<b>RN</b>	<b>Royal Navy.</b> This abbreviation is used after a person's name, generally to indicate the relevant branch of the services, where their rank is common to two or more of the services. For Example, the rank of Captain is common to the Army, Navy and Merchant Marine.
<b>RPSL</b>	<b>Royal Philatelic Society London.</b> For many years the Society's name was shown as <b>Royal Philatelic Society, London</b> but the comma was dropped recently.
<b>Rt. Hon.</b>	<b>Right Honourable.</b> An honorific prefix that is traditionally applied to certain people in the United Kingdom and many other English-speaking former colonies, generally senior politicians and some nobles.
<b><u>S</u></b>	
<b>s.</b>	<b>shilling(s).</b> Used prior to decimalisation, with or without the full stop, in the Sterling currency area as an abbreviation for the shilling. Shillings could also be denoted by adding the symbol /- (or incorrectly /=) after the number of shillings. See the example under Symbols above.
<b>SA</b>	<b>Societe Anónima.</b> This is the Portuguese and Mexican equivalent to <i>Limited Liability Company</i> .
<b>SA</b>	<b>Société Anonyme.</b> This is the Belgian equivalent to <i>Limited Liability Company</i> . This abbreviation is also used in Switzerland, presumably with the same meaning
<b>Sen.</b>	<b>Senator.</b> A politician who is a member of the Senate. Widely used as a title, especially in the United States of America.
<b>sic</b>	<b>sicut.</b> This is a Latin term meaning <i>thus</i> or <i>just as that</i> . In writing, it is placed within square brackets and usually italicized [ <i>sic</i> ] to indicate that an incorrect or unusual spelling, phrase, punctuation, or other preceding quoted material, has been reproduced verbatim from the original and is not a transcription error.
<b>Sgt. Maj.</b>	<b>Sergeant Major.</b>
<b>Sir</b>	A title of respect used before the name of knight or baronet
<b>SpA</b>	<b>Società per Azioni.</b> This is an Italian Joint Stock Company, where the share capital is divided into a number of shares. It can be found with and without full stops after the letters.

<b>Sqn. Ldr.</b>	<b>Squadron Leader.</b>
<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Senior.</b> Used to differentiate between a son and father who both carry the same names. There is often a comma between the family name and <b>Sr.</b> I have chosen to miss this out in all cases in order not to cause confusion with the comma used after the family name, when the family name provides the alphabetical order.
<b>srl</b>	<b>Società a Responsabilità Limitata.</b> This is the Italian equivalent of <i>Limited Liability Company</i> .
<b>Sub.-Lt.</b>	<b>Sub.-Lieutenant.</b>
<b>supra</b>	Latin for <i>above</i> . It is generally used in text to call readers' attention to something mentioned previously in the text. Sometimes preceded by <i>vide</i> "see". This is not a term that I use but I have noted it used by others, whose work I have quoted.
<b>Surg.</b>	<b>Surgeon.</b>
<b>Surg.-Capt.</b>	<b>Surgeon-Captain.</b>
<b>Surg.-Gen.</b>	<b>Surgeon-General.</b>
<b><u>T</u></b>	
<b>TPO</b>	<b>Travelling Post Office.</b>
<b><u>U</u></b>	
<b>UPU</b>	<b>Universal Postal Union = Union Postal Universal.</b>
<b>USB</b>	<b>Universal Serial Bus.</b> A standard cable connection interface port on personal computers and similar electronic devices. USB ports allow stand-alone electronic devices to be connected via cables to a computer (or to each other) and can also supply electric power through the cable to devices without their own power source.
<b><u>V</u></b>	
<b>V.-Adm.</b>	<b>Vice-Admiral.</b>
<b>V.-Rev.</b>	<b>Very Reverend.</b> A title of respect for various ecclesiastical officials
<b>VAT</b>	<b>Value Added Tax</b>
<b>Vcte.</b>	<b>Viscount</b> (English) or <b>Vicomte</b> . (French)
<b>Ve or Vve</b>	<b>Veuve.</b> French for widow. It is found in the names of firms where the widow has continued the business of her late husband. The <b>Berger-Levrault</b> publishing company of Strasbourg being the relevant example in philately. These abbreviations are sometimes found as <b>V<sup>e</sup></b> and <b>V<sup>ve</sup></b> respectively.
<b><u>W</u></b>	
<b>W.-Cdr.</b>	<b>Wing-Commander.</b>
<b>wmk.</b>	<b>watermark.</b> A faint design impressed in some paper

during manufacture, that is visible when held against the light. It was originally intended to identify the paper maker but in stamps was a security measure.

**WO**

**Warrant Officer.** A military rank between a non-commissioned officer and a commissioned officer.

**X**

**Y**

**Z**

## **ABBREVIATIONS FOR AMERICAN STATES & POSSESSIONS**

**(As used by the United States Postal Service)**

<b>AL</b>	<b>Alabama</b>
<b>AK</b>	<b>Alaska</b>
<b>AS</b>	<b>American Samoa</b>
<b>AR</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>
<b>AZ</b>	<b>Arizona</b>
<b>CA</b>	<b>California</b>
<b>CO</b>	<b>Colorado</b>
<b>CT</b>	<b>Connecticut</b>
<b>DC</b>	<b>District of Columbia</b>
<b>DE</b>	<b>Delaware</b>
<b>FL</b>	<b>Florida</b>
<b>FM</b>	<b>Federated States of Micronesia</b>
<b>GA</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
<b>GU</b>	<b>Guam</b>
<b>HI</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
<b>IA</b>	<b>Iowa</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>Idaho</b>
<b>IL</b>	<b>Illinois</b>
<b>IN</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
<b>KS</b>	<b>Kansas</b>
<b>KY</b>	<b>Kentucky</b>
<b>LA</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>
<b>MA</b>	<b>Massachusetts</b>
<b>MD</b>	<b>Maryland</b>
<b>ME</b>	<b>Maine</b>
<b>MH</b>	<b>Marshall Islands</b>
<b>MI</b>	<b>Michigan</b>
<b>MN</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>
<b>MO</b>	<b>Missouri</b>
<b>MP</b>	<b>Northern Mariana Islands</b>
<b>MS</b>	<b>Mississippi</b>
<b>MT</b>	<b>Montana</b>
<b>NC</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>North Dakota</b>
<b>NE</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>
<b>NH</b>	<b>New Hampshire</b>
<b>NJ</b>	<b>New Jersey</b>
<b>NM</b>	<b>New Mexico</b>
<b>NV</b>	<b>Nevada</b>
<b>NY</b>	<b>New York</b>

<b>OH</b>	<b>Ohio</b>
<b>OK</b>	<b>Oklahoma</b>
<b>OR</b>	<b>Oregon</b>
<b>PA</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>
<b>PR</b>	<b>Puerto Rico</b>
<b>PW</b>	<b>Palau</b>
<b>RI</b>	<b>Rhode Island</b>
<b>SC</b>	<b>South Carolina</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>South Dakota</b>
<b>TN</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>
<b>TX</b>	<b>Texas</b>
<b>UT</b>	<b>Utah</b>
<b>VA</b>	<b>Virginia</b>
<b>VI</b>	<b>Virgin Islands</b>
<b>VT</b>	<b>Vermont</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>Washington</b>
<b>WV</b>	<b>West Virginia</b>
<b>WI</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>Wyoming</b>

## **ABBREVIATIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN STATES & TERRITORIES**

<b>ACT</b>	<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>New South Wales</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>Northern Territory</b>
<b>QLD</b>	<b>Queensland</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>South Australia</b>
<b>TAS</b>	<b>Tasmania</b>
<b>VIC</b>	<b>Victoria</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>Western Australia</b>

## **ABBREVIATIONS FOR CANADIAN PROVINCES TERRITORIES**

<b>Alta.</b>	<b>Alberta</b>
<b>B.C.</b>	<b>British Columbia</b>
<b>Man.</b>	<b>Manitoba</b>
<b>N.B.</b>	<b>New Brunswick</b>
<b>Nfld.</b>	<b>Newfoundland &amp; Labrador</b>
<b>N.S.</b>	<b>Nova Scotia</b>
<b>NV</b>	<b>Nunavut</b>
<b>N.W.T.</b>	<b>North West Territories</b>
<b>Ont.</b>	<b>Ontario</b>
<b>P.E.I.</b>	<b>Prince Edward Island</b>
<b>Que.</b>	<b>Quebec</b>
<b>Sask.</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>
<b>Y.T.</b>	<b>Yukon</b>

# BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF

## CURRENT-AWARENESS & RETROSPECTIVE INDEXES

### INTRODUCTION

Over the years, there have been a number of attempts to list published Current-Awareness and Retrospective Indexes, with varying degrees of success regarding how comprehensive their coverage was. As ever, time changes everything and new indexes are created and further discoveries are made so that none of the published bibliographies approaches, even remotely, the number of indexes listed in the current document.

The bibliographies are listed in date order and each one includes an annotation indicating its coverage and other relevant details.

### THE BIBLIOGRAPHIES

#### 1915

**B. T. K. Smith [Editor]:** *Indexes of philatelic literature.*, The Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society, October 1915, Volume 8, Issue 4, pp.48-50.

- Although the title of this article specified that it related to indexes, the author clearly included bibliographies and other similar compilations within its scope. With regard to periodical indexes, the author recorded the four most-common retrospective indexes then available (**Wears, Smith, Suppantchitsch** and **Jex Long**) as well as the current awareness index then being published in *The Stamp Collector's Annual* (**Bishop**) as well as those from Germany (**Rommel**) and Sweden (**Strandell**). **Ricketts'** retrospective American Philatelic Society index, which had then only recently begun, was also mentioned. Regarding single-journal cumulative indexes, **Smith** could only list four - two British indexes and one each from Germany and France. Bibliographies of handbooks and monographs were said to be adequately covered up to 1908 by **Bacon's** Catalogue of the **Earl of Crawford's** Library. Various sources of information to cover the publications from the years after 1908 were reviewed.

#### 1926

**Albert H. Harris & L. A. J. Baker:** *The Standard Index to Philatelic Literature.*, Part 1, Harris Publications, London, UK, 1926, pp.9-10.

The complete index in book form was published as: **Albert H. Harris:** *The Standard Index to Philatelic Literature 1879 – 1925.*, Harris Publications, London, UK, 1933, pp.9-10.

A reprint of the complete index with additional introductory material was published as: *The Harris Index to Philatelic Literature 1879-1926.*, James Bendon, Limassol, Cyprus, 1991, pp.9-10.

- This is the most recent retrospective index of philatelic periodicals published to date. Unlike other similar indexes which were produced as a labour of love, this is the only truly commercial venture, compiled by a major philatelic literature dealer primarily as a sales aid. Accordingly, most entries carried the price at which they could be supplied by Harris Publications. Fortunately, **Harris** was a bibliophile and his index was preceded by a bibliographic section containing virtually every book, pamphlet and article relating to philatelic literature that had been published up to 1925. This was divided into two parts and it is the second one that concerns us here is:

#### *Section B – Special Indexes*

In this Section, **Harris** listed every index that he had ever come across. Even if one ignores the many entries taken from the *Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society*,

which are appreciations of individual periodicals and a resume of their contents, rather than indexes, this was the most comprehensive list of retrospective and current awareness indexes until it was superseded by **Negus'** book of 1993. However, even this substantial list only included a dozen retrospective and current-awareness indexes and ten or twelve single-periodical cumulative indexes, as we would recognise them today.

#### 1947

**L. N. & M. Williams [the Editors]:** *Philatelic indexes – with a plea for more.*, The Stamp Lover, January/February 1947, Volume 39, Issues 8/9, pp.157-158. (Responses were published as: **A. P. Candler, Arnold M. Strange, C. H. Elkan & Charles A. Toase:** *Philatelic index 1926 to date: Readers' views.*, March/April, Issue 10/11, p.187.)

- Uniquely, this work dealt with philatelic bibliography on a purely historical basis, starting with **John E. Gray's** catalogue of 1862<sup>(1)</sup>, which included a list of articles dealing with stamp collecting which had appeared up to that date. The authors then dealt primarily with retrospective and current awareness indexes but confined their comments to the seven best-known and most important indexes published up to that time. They then touched upon cumulative indexes, mentioning in passing the important indexes then being compiled [by **Roland King-Farlow**]. They then reached the point of the article – an appeal for a new retrospective index to be compiled, covering the period following the **Harris** index (1926 to 1947) and combining the best features of the **Harris** index and a short-lived current-awareness index produced by **Prof. F. P. Renaut D'Oultre-Seille**. (Of the four letters in response to the **Williams Brothers** article, three offer help and the fourth points out an existing indexing effort.)

#### 1949

**R. King-Farlow:** *Subject indexes.*, The Stamp Lover, October/November 1949, Volume 42, Issue 5/6, pp.68-69. Some minor corrections were published as: *Subject indexes: Correction.*, The Stamp Lover, December 1949, Volume 42, Issue 7, p.116.

- The problems involved in the production of current-awareness and retrospective indexes are discussed at length, with great emphasis being placed on the difficulty in deciding what is to be included and what left out, exemplified by means of samples of poor practise taken from existing indexes.  
In the absence of such an index currently in publication, he recommends the production of cumulative indexes, providing observations on how to determine what to include and what to leave out. His method of indexing is detailed to help those who might be tempted to prepare their own indexes. The article concludes with a list of the thirty-two cumulative indexes to individual periodicals known to the author.

#### 1953

**John Boynton Kaiser:** *Bibliography: The basis of philatelic research.*, American Philatelic Congress Book, Number 19, 1953, pp.37-54.

Reprinted by the Philatelic Library Association, Canajohari, USA, 1954.

- The objective of the paper was to introduce bibliography to philatelists and demonstrate how its use could improve their studies. Having discussed what bibliography is, the author books at its constituent parts and provides details of the resources currently available to the philatelist under the headings:
  - Bibliographies
  - Library Catalogues
  - Cumulative Indexes to Individual Philatelic Periodicals
  - Cumulative Indexes to Groups of Philatelic Periodicals
  - Directories and Lists of Current Philatelic Periodicals
  - Indexes to Philatelic Articles in Non-Philatelic Periodicals

The article finished with short paragraphs on a variety of related bibliographic topics particularly of interest to the bibliophile.

### **1956**

**Daniel W. Vooy's:** *Philatelic indexes and bibliographies.*, Linn's Weekly Stamp News, 26<sup>th</sup> November 1956, Volume 29, Issue 38, pp. 1, 6 & 16.

- The author reviews all of the major publications which attempted to index a wide range of periodicals, and followed that with some notes on important cumulative indexes both published and in progress. A list of some bibliographies published in the *Philatelic Literature Review* rounds the article off. It is a popular article rather than one intended for the specialist.

### **1990**

**I. D. Crane:** *An Index of Indexes; Bibliographies; Shelf Guide to Periodicals.*, Royal Philatelic Society London, London, UK, 1990, 55pp. {An unpublished work intended to be used in the Royal's Library.}

- A list of the ten current-awareness and retrospective indexes held by the Royal's Library.

### **1993**

**James Negus:** *Philatelic Literature.*, James Bendon, Limassol, Cyprus, 1993, pp.139-155 & 222-229.

- An attempt to list all of the previously-published current-awareness and retrospective indexes.

# **BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ARTICLES ON** **CURRENT-AWARENESS AND RETROSPECTIVE INDEXES**

## **ORIGIN AND SCOPE OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

In order not to repeat the work of others, it is important to know what has been done previously. To this end, a bibliography of publications relating to current-awareness and retrospective philatelic indexes follows. The coverage of the bibliography is restricted to those articles dealing with proposals or attempts to produce comprehensive periodical (possibly including monographs) indexes. Occasionally, the discussion extended to the alternative to such indexes, which provided the information directly with references to the sources of the information: generally termed an encyclopaedia. As envisioned, such encyclopaedias contained articles which included the essence of all previously-published information much after the style of Kohl's Handbooks and their successors. Such articles also find a place in this bibliography.

Inevitably, this Section includes publications which discuss how such indexes should be compiled and it is therefore closely related to Section 3.1.4.1: *Personal Indexes*, which looks rather at what a personal index is and the formats which are used and Section 3.1.4.2: *Indexing Books and Periodicals*, which covers all aspects regarding how indexes are compiled. There will inevitably be some crossover and all three Sections should be consulted when seeking information on indexes and indexing.

Occasionally, articles can be found about specific indexes, or reviews of indexes which add substantial information about the index or are properly comprehensive and include constructive criticism. These too find a place herein. The work does not include references relating to indexing in general or to the indexing of periodicals which can be found elsewhere.

This bibliography has not been painstakingly compiled by searching through the literature, rather its references have been extracted on an ad hoc basis whenever they were found, usually whilst looking for something else. Accordingly, it must be considered a preliminary effort and all additions will be very welcome.

The references contained within this bibliography vary between relatively minor editorial notes and major books and articles. Their contents range from extolling the virtues of indexes, to recording their progress and attempting to enlist support for their production. Some very minor notes containing little or nothing of lasting value have been included in the bibliography. This has been done for one of two reasons: either the title is so evocative as to command attention, in which case the entry exists to avoid others wasting their time searching out the same reference: or, the note relates to some novel idea, in which case it may establish the author's priority by this publication. In either case, the annotation which has been added to each entry, should indicate the true nature of its content.

## **ARRANGEMENT OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Entries within the bibliography are arranged in order of their year of publication and within each year in order of their acquisition. No attempt has been made to arrange the items in any specific order within each year, except for some obviously related items which were obtained together, such as a series of articles or correspondence in a particular periodical. So far as it is possible, these are kept in chronological order. Contributions in square brackets are mine. The

layout of the references is as follows:

**Number:** References within a particular year are serially numbered to facilitate indexing and reference to them.

**Author:** The Author's full name. If no author is given, a helpful note may be included in brackets; e.g. [Smith, B. T. K. (Editor)] indicates that it was probably written by the editor named.

**Title:** Generally, the title of the item is given verbatim. However, foreign language titles may be followed by their English translation in square brackets, depending on my mood at the time and the ready availability of my foreign-language dictionaries.

**Reference:** Bibliographic details are given in as complete a form as possible to help those wishing to obtain a copy:

Periodical titles are given in full, followed by the date of issue, Volume number, Issue number, Page numbers.

Separately published works include the Edition, Volume, Publisher, Place of publication, Date of publication, Page numbers. Additional information about the publication is given in brackets. Details regarding the availability of translations of foreign-language items are included where known.

**Translations:**

The **Philat. Trans.** series of translations is produced by the present author to further his researches, particularly relating to bibliographic matters. The translations were originally distributed freely to a number of major national and international philatelic libraries, such as the American Philatelic Research Library; British Library; Collectors Club; National Philatelic Society; Royal Philatelic Society London; &c., from whom they could be borrowed or copies obtained. However, this placed a heavy burden upon me, copying, distributing and recording it all. In 2003, I decided to offer the translations to the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie Literature Commission for their web site. Following their acceptance in early 2004, the index to the translations and all of the completed translations which are available in digital form have been made available on their web site. In 2016, I decided to incorporate the translations into the document *Philatelic Translations Produced by Brian J. Birch* in order to keep them all together.

**Annotation:** Each reference is followed by a few brief notes regarding its content, in order to make the bibliography a little more useful. In some cases, the information within the reference is so concise that the annotation essentially encompasses the whole content. In such cases, the annotation is followed by "(Complete)". These minor references are included to save others looking them up and being as disappointed as I was in them.

**Index:** The bibliography is followed by an **Author Index**.

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2. **P. J. Anderson:** *A manual of philatelic literature.*, The Philatelic Record, November 1887, Volume 9, Issue 11, pp.173-175.
  - A response to 1887/1 which includes a practical suggestion for accomplishing the scheme, based on **Poole's Index to Periodical Literature**. **Anderson** offers to put the idea forward to both the Paris and London societies for support.
3. **J. Siewert:** *Sprechsaal. [Exchange.]*, Der Philatelist, December 1887, Volume 8, Issue 12, p.151. (A translation into English is available as Philat. Trans. 487.)
  - Details from 1887/1 of the general scheme proposed, with a recommendation that the Internationale Philatelisten-Verein should undertake the work.

## 1888

1. **Emilio Diena:** *Ein nachschlagebuch über philatelistische litteratur.* [A reference book about philatelic literature.], Das Postwertzeichen, January 1888, Volume 1, Issue 1, pp.4-6 & February, Issue 2, pp.1-2. {A translation into English is available as Philat. Trans. 330.}
  - The German equivalent of 1887/1, reviewing the bibliographic work carried out to date and suggesting how it may be carried forward. He also outlines the steps taken by others in response to his initiative.
2. **Dr. A. Moschkau:** *Philatelistische bibliographie.* [Philatelic bibliography.], Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1888, Volume 15, Issue 5, pp.75-76. (A translation into English is available as Philat. Trans. 486.)
  - A commentary on **Diena's** proposal in 1888/1. Although the author supported the proposal, he was in no doubt about the problems involved in bringing it to fruition and proposed that the major societies in Germany should work on their national literature.
3. *Philatelic Society of London.*, The Philatelic Record, January 1888, Volume 9, Issue 12, p.210.
  - The report on the Society's sixth meeting of the season, on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1888. It includes details of a motion brought forward by [**Peter John**] **Anderson** of Aberdeen, proposing that the Society guarantee a proportion of the cost of an index to philatelic literature about to be undertaken in the United States. It was resolved that the Society did not have the requisite funds and could not therefore provide a guarantee.
4. **John K. Tiffany:** Autographic letter to **E. D. Bacon**, Secretary of the Philatelic Society, London, 15<sup>th</sup> February 1888, 6pp. plus 3pp. typescript. (Held in the archives of the Royal Philatelic Society London.)
 

{The reading of this letter to the Society is reported in the minutes of the eleventh meeting of the season, reported in the Philatelic Record, April 1888, Volume 10, Issue 4, pp.70-71.

  - This is a response to the report above, of the meeting held by the Society to dispel some misunderstandings about **Tiffany's** part in the proposed index. In view of the importance of this letter, I have reproduced it below, with permission, between bars to distinguish it from the general document. The original American spelling and underlining for emphasis has been retained.

President, J. K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.

St. Louis, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1888

Mr. E. D. Bacon, Secy.

Dear Sir,

In the report of the meeting of Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1888 as it appears in the Philatelic Record, just received, I notice the following "A motion brought forward at the instance of Mr. Anderson of Aberdeen relative to a proposal that the Society should guarantee a portion of the cost of an Index to Philatelic Literature about to be undertaken in the United States" etc. I fear there is some misunderstanding in regard to this matter. The proposition is that of Dr. Emilio Diena of Modena and so far as I know is not "about to be undertaken in the United States". I have received a number of letters from Dr. Diena on the subject, the last enclosing copy of a letter from yourself to Mr. Anderson reporting this meeting. I feel that it is due to myself to state under these circumstances that I consider the project as utterly impossible of any practical execution and I believe I have more experience in such matters than most collectors.

Mr. Anderson suggests Pooles' Index to Magazine articles as a model and having had occasion to use that work myself frequently I am compelled to say that while it is a great assistance to persons looking up a particular subject there are several drawbacks to its use. Firstly: there are very few Libraries that contain any considerable number of the works referred to and this would be the case with a similar book upon Philatelic subjects, in a much greater degree as there are few collectors that possess or have access to the more important Stamp papers even. Secondly: the headings are necessarily so general that the work of examining the articles when found for the particular item wanted can only be undertaken by one with an abundance of time at his disposal: this would be still more true of the Phil. Index constructed on the same plan: and few collectors would give their time to such a search.

When I first undertook to write for Mr. Moens my French work on U.S. Stamps I went through the magazines at my disposal and made an index to such articles as referred to U.S. adhesives, revenues locals or envelopes and afterwards when I came to consult it in order to rewrite the book I found it practically useless, there were so many passages to look up. I therefore remade it up to a couple of years ago upon the following plan: General sub-divisions by issues, under each of these General Articles, particular mention of each value, the latter subdivided into varieties. Now I find that this Index of one country requires much time to use there being from one to 150 references to each value. Oddities are not often mentioned many times and of course it is these sort of passages one most frequently wants to see. I find that it is not in the more important magazines that most frequently the most valuable notices are to be found. Now my index to U.S. Stamps includes only 300 different Journals with approximately 6000 issues just to bring it down to date at least 500 more numbers would have to be examined besides the few that I do not possess published prior to the date when I had the work copied. I am surprised to find that it contains 13442 references to U.S. Stamps of Governmental origin. I have not counted the locals, which have not yet been counted. Having communicated this result to Dr. Diena he thinks that a less extended plan would reduce the number of references and hence the cost of the work. On the contrary it appears to me from my personal experience that to be acceptable to most inquirers still further subdivision and even more particular indication of the character of the reference would be necessary. For instance you want to know in what part of the sheet the 1- cent Providence stamp is. You look at the index and find that the 10 cent is noticed in 20 or more places in perhaps 15 different magazines. How many collectors would have access

to all these or having access, would look up each of the 20 references to find the particular item? But if the book was made in the plan which I am convinced would be the only one of any value its size and the expense of publishing it would be enormous. I have taken my Index to U.S. Stamps as an example merely because it has been made and tried. I could easily point out why any more abbreviated plan would be unsatisfactory by taking some of the English Colonies as examples instead for the importance of giving particular references when watermarks perforations and such variations are mentioned is still more apparent, if, on the other hand the compiler undertook to reject what he considered unimportant references he would have about the same labor with many countries as I had in digesting all this into my *History*, a labor no one person would do in years. In other words it would not be an index to Phil. Lit. but a list of authorities cited for every stamp ever chronicled by any one whether actually existing or not, if my plan were adopted and if the digested plan was adapted not a list of all authorities that might be cited. Now Mr. Poole's subjects are properly more general and he purports and has succeed reasonably well to give all the articles on these general subjects and who ever wants more than general information has to wade through the whole to find it most often to be disappointed and had better go at once to particular treatises, as the stamp collect had better go to such works as the Manuals on particular countries or the work on the Stamps of Great Britain or the later work on English Colonials. Only those who were writing such books would want to use an Index when done I doubt if the authors of most of our manuals have investigated the magazines in this way. I fear the cost of any really thorough or valuable Index in time, labor and money would make it impractical to undertake and that it would have very little sale when undertaken and accomplished. Several Libraries have attempted a similar work for general English Literature and I understand a movement is afoot to attempt by combination to do something of the kind in a general way in order that the labor may be done once for all for all students. We shall never live to see it accomplished though future generations may, and when it is done future students will hardly be content until they each do as much of it over again as they can.

I have written more than I intended on this subject because some may attempt the task and my experience may be of some service to them. My intention was merely to assure you that I personally am not the originator of any such idea and that my occupations and pursuits utterly preclude me even if so disposed as you can see I am not, from having any participation in such a work. As the account of your meeting has led some to believe that the idea was mine and would be carried out by me I desire at once to correct any such impression.

I am very desirous of knowing what the Library of the London Society contains for several reason and would like to know if it has been catalogued. More particularly would I like to know what English (I assume published in England) Journals it contains partly because I am now engaged on a reference list of all stamp Journals (not a book like the Phil Library) but a mere list chronologically arranged and stating the name, numbers actually printed, name of publisher, place of publication, volume number of numbers claimed to be issued, date of 1<sup>st</sup> and last numbers. It is concerning English Journals that my information is most defective and if I knew what was in the London Societies library it might help me. Can I get the information in any way. If my list would be checked up by any one I would have a copy made and sent over for the purpose, or if I had a list of the papers you have by name and publication I could make a very small list from it of those of which I have not particulars and thus decrease the labor of whoever might choose to assist me to a minimum.

Kindly inform me on this point. My list will be so arranged (the American part is in press) that it will be quite cheap and can be used either as a list of what one has, what one wants or what one has in duplicate. I have an unusually large number of duplicates and might be able to send something to add to the Societies library

Very truly

**John K. Tiffany**

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5. **Avancez:** *Philatelic literature.*, Vindin's Philatelic Monthly, January 1888, Volume 1, Issue 6, pp.6-7.
  - A review of the important philatelic literature published in the preceding 20 years or so is followed by pointing out that the main problem lay with the lack of an index. The writer reported his attempt some years earlier, to compile an index of the fifty volumes in his possession but noted that he had to give it up owing to a lack of time.
6. *Notes and comments.*, The Philatelic Gazette, October 1888, Volume 5, Whole number 50, p.18.
  - Notice that the New York [Philatelic] Society has appointed a committee consisting of [**Rudolphus R.**] **Bogert**, [**Gustav**] **Aue** and [?] **Morton**, to consider the feasibility of compiling an index to all of the articles of permanent value appearing in American and Canadian magazines along the lines suggested by **Emilio Diena**.
7. **Gustav Aue:** *A catalogue of all philatelic articles which have been published.*, in: The American Philatelic Press Directory for 1888., Geo. H. Richmond, New York, NY, USA, 1888, pp.40-41.
  - He acknowledges **Diena's** call for an index and the interest it has generated, but incorrectly gives his name as **Charles**, his brother. He suggests that **Diena** should be the co-ordinator and suggests as an arrangement for the catalogue: Article Title Index; Subject Index; Author Index & List of Periodicals.
8. **Dr. Legrand:** *Compte-rendu des séances de la Société. Séance du 12 Janvier 1888.* [*Minutes of the meetings of the Society. Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1888.*], Bulletin de la Société Française de Timbrologie, June 1888, Volume 4, Whole number 47, pp.39-40.
  - Report on **Diena's** proposed index and details of a motion brought forward by [**Peter John**] **Anderson** of Aberdeen, proposing that the Society guarantee a third of the cost of an index to philatelic literature if Tiffany of the United States agrees to undertake it. (The same motion as put forward to the Philatelic Society, London.)
9. **Dr. A. Moschkau:** *Bibliographie der briefmarkenkunde* [*Bibliography of philately.*], Illustrierte Briefmarken Zeitung, 15<sup>th</sup> November 1888, Volume 1, Issue 22, pp.318-319.
  - An appeal for philatelists to compile a bibliography of all philatelic literature on the basis of **Diena's** plea.

## 1889

1. **Dr. E. Diena:** *The stamps of the British Colonies of North America.*, The Philatelic Record, November 1889, Volume 11, Issue 11, pp.211-214. (Pages 213-214 carry comments on the paper by the editor, **W. A. S. Westoby**.)
  - Includes a reminder of his plea in 1887/1 and acknowledgement of **Anderson's** support in 1887/2.
2. **T. M. Wears:** *An index of English stamp magazines.*, The Philatelic Record, December 1889, Volume 11, Issue 12, p.231.

- Announcement of his impending index to nine periodicals, which was produced in response to 1887/1.
3. **Dr. A. Moschkau:** *Philatelistische bibliographie*. [*Philatelic bibliography*.], *Illustrierte Briefmarken Zeitung*, 1<sup>st</sup> September 1889, Volume, 2, Issue 17, pp.251-252. (A translation is available as *Philat. Trans.* 498.)
    - Confirmation that the idea of **Charles Diena** (brother of **Emilio Diena** and an error for the latter) regarding a philatelic bibliography was continuing apace in Germany, led by the large philatelic societies. They were to produce the bibliography of German literature and equivalent societies abroad would produce that of their own country.
  - 4 **Emilio Diena:** *Ein nachschlagebuch über philatelistische litteratur*. [*A reference book about philatelic literature*.], *Das Postwertzeichen*, July 1889, Volume 2, Issue 7, pp.66-67 & August, Issue 8, pp.80-81. {A translation into English is available as *Philat. Trans.* 510.}
    - A follow-up to 1888/1 in which **Tiffany's** negative position towards the proposal is considered. He brings details of the other activities still in progress, up to date.
  5. **Ed[uard] Blossfeldt:** *Wie gelangt man am sichersten zu einem deutschen bibliographischen werke der philatelie*. [*What will be the best way to a German bibliographic work on philately?*], *Der Philatelist*, July 1889, Volume 10, Issue 10, pp.140-141. (A translation is available as *Philat. Trans.* 302.)  
Reprinted in: *Illustrierte Briefmarken Zeitung*, 1<sup>st</sup> August 1889, Volume 2, Issue 15, pp.220-221.
    - In response to **Diena's** pleas in 1888/1, the author make practical suggestions as to how a bibliography of German literature could be accomplished.
  6. **H. Mittelmann:** *Von welchem nutzen ist ein philatelistisches nachschlagebuch nach dem system Dr. Diena?* [*Of what benefit is a philatelic reference book based on the Dr. Diena system?*], *Philatelistischer Börsen-Courier*, March 1889, Volume 4, Issue 3, pp.26-27. {A translation into English is available as *Philat. Trans.* 595.}
    - Having answered the question in the affirmative, the author then offers suggestions as to how the plan could be brought to fruition in practice by international collaboration. **Mittelmann** does not simply provide vague plans but puts names to the organisations and possible collaborators he has in mind.

## 1891

1. **Karl von Gündel:** *Das in aussicht stehende erscheinen einer bibliographie der Deutschen philatelistischen litteratur*. [*The projected appearance of a bibliography of German philatelic literature*.], *Illustrierte Frankfurter Briefmarken-Zeitung mit Universum*, June 1891, Volume 10, Issue 6, n.pp. (3pp.) {A translation into English of this article is available as *Philat. Trans.* 502.}
  - Following **Diena's** article advocating a bibliography of all philatelic literature, it was proposed that each country would produce their own under the leadership of the major philatelic societies. It is reported that, in view of the non-appearance of the heralded bibliography being produced by the German philatelic societies, **Judge Victor Suppantchitsch** had taken it upon himself to produce one. The forthcoming work is described in detail and all who are able to help by providing new publications, are encouraged to do so.
2. **Karl Cl. Sauer:** *Bibliography of German philatelic literature.*, [*Bibliographie der Deutschen philatelistischen litteratur*.], *Der Philatelist*, 15<sup>th</sup> June 1891, Volume 12, Issue 9, pp.164-165.
  - After announcing the impending publication of **Suppantchitsch's** bibliography and outlining its structure and price, the author appeals to German societies and

philatelists to support the venture.

3. *Bibliographie der Deutschen philatelistischen literatur.* [*Bibliography of the German philatelic literature.*], Der Philatelist, June 1891, Volume 12, Issue 9, p.170. {A translation into English is available as Philat. Trans 488.}
  - Announcement of the proposed bibliography by **Suppantschitsch**.
4. **Victor Suppantschitsch:** *Eine bibliographie der Deutschen philatelistischen literatur.* [*A bibliography of German philatelic literature.*], Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung, 15<sup>th</sup> August 1891, Volume 4, Issue 16, pp.330-331. {A translation into English is available as Philat. Trans 500.}
  - The author announces his forthcoming Bibliography and requests support from societies in supplying him with documents they have published.
5. *Literatur: Bibliographie der Deutschen philatelistischen literatur.* [*Literature: Bibliography of the German philatelic literature.*], Welt-Post, May/June 1891, Whole number 35, p.372.
  - Details of the promised bibliography by **Suppantschitsch** based on the publisher's pamphlet.
6. **[Anton Bachl (Editor)]:** *Eine bibliographie der Deutschen philatelistischen litteratur.* [*A bibliography of the German philatelic literature.*], Das Postwertzeichen, August 1891, Volume 4, Issue 8, pp.64-65.
  - Details of the forthcoming bibliography by **Suppantschitsch** and an exhortation to subscribe.
7. **Karl v. Gündel:** *Eine bibliographie der Deutschen Philatelistischen literatur.* [*A bibliography of the German philatelic literature.*], Welt-Post, September/October 1891, Volume 16, Whole number 37, p.394. (A translation is available as Philat. Trans. 773.)
  - In pointing out the advantages to philatelists of having **Suppantschitsch's** index, he urges philatelists to subscribe in order to assure that it will be published.
8. **Victor Suppantschitsch:** *Eine bibliographie der Deutschen philatelistischen literatur.* [*A bibliography of German philatelic literature.*], Philatelistischer Börsen-Courier, May 1891, Volume 6, Issue 9, pp.75-77 & August, Issue 15, p.132. (A translation is available as Philat. Trans. 514.)
  - The author announces his forthcoming Bibliography and requests support from societies and philatelists in supplying him with documents they have published. The final page is an editorial comment that the number of subscriptions is not sufficient to ensure publication.
9. **Dr. Legrand:** *Lettre du Docteur Legrand.* [*Letter from Doctor Legrand.*], L'Annonce Timbrologique, October 1891, Volume 2, Whole number 20, p.214. (A translation is available as Philat. Trans. 300.)
  - The author demonstrates that there is a great interest in collecting philatelic periodicals amongst the present journal's readership and requests that the publisher provides a column for advertisers and a list of collectors. Only when a complete list of journals published is known can **Diena's** index to their contents be drawn up.

## 1892

1. **[Percy C. Bishop (Editor)]:** *Wanted, a philatelic bibliography.*, The Philatelic Review of Reviews, May 1892, Volume 1, Issue 5, p.50.
  - Report of an editorial suggestion in The American Philatelist, that an index of philatelic literature should be compiled by a committee formed by the American Philatelic Society.
2. **[Percy C. Bishop (Editor)]:** *Philatelic bibliography.*, The Philatelic Review of

- Reviews, June 1892, Volume 1, Issue 6, p.63.
- Report of **Dr. Legrand's** studies (in L'Annonce Timbrologique) on the best way of compiling a complete encyclopaedia of philatelic literature.
3. [**Percy C. Bishop (Editor)**]: *Index to Philatelic Literature.*, The Philatelic Review of Reviews, July 1892, Volume 1, Issue 7, p.82.
    - Report that the American Philatelic Society index mentioned in 1892/1 is underway and a list of the periodicals being indexed.
  4. [**Samuel Leland (Editor)**]: *Editorial comment.*, The American Philatelist, April 1892, Volume 1, Issue 4, p.62.
    - The author believes that a philatelic index along the lines of **Poole's** index to the periodical literature is not only desirable but is imminent, citing **Wears'** index, then currently appearing, as an example. He offers a basic methodology and suggests that volunteers contact him.
  5. [**Samuel Leland (Editor)**]: *Editorial comment.*, The American Philatelist, May 1892, Volume 1, Issue 5, p.80.
    - The author announces that his comments in 1892/4 were generally approved and that volunteers have been contacting him.
  6. **W. C. S. [William C. Stone]**: *Editorial comment.*, The American Philatelist, June 1892, Volume 6, Issue 6, p.101.
    - Report that the index to philatelic literature mentioned in 1892/4 and 1892/5, is underway and giving a list of journals already assigned to volunteers.
  7. **Karl v. Gündel**: *Das 1. heft einer bibliographie der Deutschen philatelistischen literatur erschienen.*, [The first part of a bibliography of the German philatelic literature published.], Philatelistischer Börsen-Courier, 10<sup>th</sup> August 1892, Volume 7, Issue 15, pp.155-157. (A translation is available as Philat. Trans. 705.)
    - An announcement that the first section of **Suppantschitsch's** bibliography had just been published. The author extolls its virtues and encourages every German philatelist to subscribe to it.

## 1893

1. **William C. Stone**: *Editorial Department, Literary Board.*, The Philatelic Journal of America, October 1893, Volume 10, Issue 4, pp.154-155.
  - report that the index had not progressed as rapidly as expected owing to a shortage of time by the editor. It was hoped to have it ready by the end of the following year. Further volunteers are called for.

## 1896

1. **F. A. Bellamy**: *A subject index of stamps.*, The London Philatelist, November 1896, Volume 5, Issue 11, pp.303-305.
  - A comprehensive review of philatelic bibliographic efforts to date, extending 1887/1 and announcing the authors own indexing efforts.
2. [**M. P. Castle (Editor)**]: *A subject index of stamps.*, The London Philatelist, November 1896, Volume 5, Issue 11, pp.321-322.
  - A plea for assistance to be offered to **Bellamy** (1896/1) in his endeavours. (Complete)
3. **Editor**: *Wanted, a philatelic bibliography.*, Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 12<sup>th</sup> December 1896, Volume 3, Issue 58, p.69.
  - A review of the suggestion in *The Philatelic Californian* (1896/4) that a universal index of philatelic literature should be published.
4. **W. [A. H. Weber, (Editor)]**: *A current index.*, The Philatelic Californian, October 1896, Volume 3, Issue 8, pp.115-118.  
 {Reprinted in The Daily Stamp Item, 5<sup>th</sup> November 1896, Volume 4, Issue 31, pp.121

& 123-124.}

- A well thought out petition for the production of a philatelic index, rather than the usual *Review of Reviews* type feature. **Weber** seems to have developed his ideas more rigorously than usual and even proposes some basic groupings for consideration, although these would appear to be over-elaborate and too detailed. Being unable to undertake the work himself, he submitted his suggestions to the Literary Board of the American Philatelic Association.

## 1897

1. **T. Martin Wears:** *A subject index of stamps.*, The London Philatelist, January 1897, Volume 6, Issue 1, p.27.
  - A response to 1896/1, pointing out that the author had published an index to the eleven periodicals listed, in 1891.
2. **F. A. Bellamy:** *A subject index of stamps.* The London Philatelist, March 1897, Volume 6, Issue 3, p.81.
  - An apology to **Wears** in response to 1897/1, for the omission of his work from **Bellamy's** earlier article (1896/1).
3. **[John Luther Kilbon (Editor)]:** *A current index.*, The Boston Stamp Book, January 1897, Volume 2, Issue 8, p.190.
  - On receiving an advance copy of **Weber's** proposal 1896/4, **Kilbon** considers it impracticable whilst wishing such an index was available.

## 1900

1. **A. Platz, R. R. Thiele & D. T. Eaton:**, *Report of the Committee on Library.*, The American Philatelist, 1900, Volume 14, pp.40-42.
  - The Committee contends that the Society's library is little used due to a lack of knowledge of its contents. It therefore suggests that another Committee be formed to compile a subject index to the better periodicals. [I wonder what happened to the initiative announced in 1892/3?]
  - **[F. L. Heygate & B. W. Warhurst (Editors)]:** *Philatelists and their societies.*, Stamps, August 1900, Volume 4, Issue 8, pp.118-119.
  - A note that the author had earlier planned an index of all English-language philatelic literature but learned of **Bellamy's** index and so abandoned his project.
  - **[F. L. Heygate & B. W. Warhurst (Editors)]:** *Our note book.*, Stamps, September 1900, Volume 4, Issue 9, p.137.
  - Report of a letter received from **Stanton** who had proposed that he would produce an index.
  - **Retlaw [Walter T. Wilson]:** *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*, Stamps, September 1900, Volume 4, Issue 9, pp.139-140.
  - The report from a recent copy of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, of **Stanton's** plan for an index of current philatelic literature is outlined and doubts are expressed as to its ever appearing.
  - **[F. L. Heygate & B. W. Warhurst (Editors)]:** *Stanton's Philatelic Index.*, Stamps, October 1900, Volume 4, Issue 10, p.157.
  - A report that *Stanton's Philatelic Index* had duly appeared and review of its contents.
  - **Retlaw [Walter T. Wilson]:** *Stanton's Philatelic Index.*, Stamps, November 1900, Volume 4, Issue 11, p.174.
  - A criticism of **Stanton's** index as being too cramped and noting ways in which it could be improved.
7. **[F. W. Wurtele (Editor)]:** *Montreal local stamps.*, The Montreal Philatelist, September 1900, Volume 3, Issue 3, pp.26-27.

- In an article about an old local stamp that had been extensively reported some years earlier, the editor bemoans the lack of an index (or encyclopaedia) to earlier publications
- 8. **[H. E. Williams (Editor)]:** *A unique journal.*, The Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist, August 1900, Volume 2, Issue 4, p.49.
  - Announcement of the forthcoming periodical published by **W. J. Stanton**, the principal feature of which will be an index to the material published in the philatelic press.
- 9. **[H. E. Williams (Editor)]:** *New friends.*, The Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist, October 1900, Volume 2, Issue 6, p.76.
  - Announcement of the appearance of the first number of ***Stanton's Philatelic Index***.
- 10 *Editorial.*, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1900, Volume 14, Issue 31, p.288. {Reprinted as: **Claude T. Reno [Review Editor]:** *W. J. Stanton.*, The Perforator, September 1900, Volume 6, Issue 1, p.66.}
  - An outline of **Stanton's** plan to publish a philatelic index.

## 1901

1. **F. A. Bellamy:** *Philatelic literature.*, Philatelic Literature, April 1901, Volume 1, Issue 2, pp.6-8.  
{Reprinted without an indication of the author, in: The Philatelic Inter-Ocean, May 1901, Volume 3, Issue 10, pp.73-74.}
  - A general article on philatelic literature which includes a note that his retrospective index is virtually complete up to 1900 and nearly ready for publication.
2. **W. C. Stone:** *Report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature.*, The American Philatelist, 1901, Volume 15, pp.59-60.  
Reprinted in: The Weekly Philatelic Era, 24<sup>th</sup> August 1901, Volume 15, Issue 48, pp.420-421.
  - Report that the project of an index of philatelic literature has not advanced during the year due to lack of time. (Complete)
3. **[F. W. Wurtele (Editor)]:** *A philatelic encyclopaedia.*, The Montreal Philatelist, August 1901, Volume 4, Issue 2, p.15.
  - The editor continues the theme from the article in 1900/7 by noting that a similar requirement for an encyclopaedia was currently being discussed in other papers.
4. **[F. L. Heygate & B. W. Warhurst (Editors)]:** *The literature of stamps.*, Stamps, June 1901, Volume 5, Issue 6, p.81.
  - Some thoughts regarding the requirements of philatelists for literature ranging from indexes like that of Bellamy, to forming libraries and publishing books like those handbooks of condensed information produced by the Germans.

## 1902

1. **[B. W. Warhurst (Editor)]:** *Philatelic Index.*, Stamps, January 1902, Volume 6, Issue 1, p.8.
  - Whilst awaiting **Bellamy's** index and bemoaning the loss of [**Stanton's**] index, the editor decided to start his own only to be beaten into print by **Ewen**. He consoled himself by reprinting **Ewen's** index.

## 1903

1. **William C. Stone, John W. Prevost & J. Delano Bartlett:** *Report of the Committee on Index to Philatelic Literature.*, The American Philatelist, 1903, Volume 17, pp.44-48 & 65.

- This is the first report of this Committee. It lists the magazines which are to be indexed initially and advises that a guide for the indexers has been developed to ensure uniformity. A considerable discussion followed as to what was to be included and what left out.

## 1904

1. **[H. L'Estrange Ewen (Editor)]:** *Wanted - an index to philatelic literature.*, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 25<sup>th</sup> June 1904, Volume 12, Issue 248, p.729.  
Reprinted in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News and the Weekly Philatelic Era, 30<sup>th</sup> July 1904, Volume 18, Issue 30, p.247.  
A negative commentary on Ewen's article was published as: *Editorial.*, The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, August 1904, Volume 14, Issue 8, p.128.
  - An appeal for someone to compile a philatelic index.
2. **S. Chapman & [H. L'Estrange Ewen (Editor)]:** *Wanted - a philatelic index.*, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1904, Volume 12, Issue 249, p.733.
  - The suggestion that the index should be financed by subscription and an extensive editorial comment outlining some general requirements for the index.
3. **S. Chapman, E. Diena & [H. L'Estrange Ewen (Editor)]:** *Wanted - a philatelic index.*, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 9<sup>th</sup> July 1904, Volume 12, Issue 250, p.738.
  - Further elaboration of Chapman's views and a reminder by Diena of his efforts (1887/1) and those of Anderson (1887/2). Although the latter's proposal to the Philatelic Society, London for support met with a rebuff, his own to the American Philatelic Association caused them to appoint a committee to execute the proposal. Ewen does not believe that an author index would be useful.
4. **N. Yaar, R. Halliday, B. W. Warhurst & [H. L'Estrange Ewen (Editor)]:** *Wanted - a philatelic index.*, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 16<sup>th</sup> July 1904, Volume 13, Issue 251, pp.742-743.
  - An interesting selection of letters on the subject with notes on each contribution by the editor, Ewen. [N. Yaar was the pseudonym of Leon de Raay, the Dutch dealer.]
5. **S. Chapman & [H. L'Estrange Ewen (Editor)]:** *Wanted - a philatelic index.*, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1904, Volume 13, Issue 252, p.746.
  - Continued elaboration of the author's ideas for compiling the index.
6. **P. C. Bishop & [H. L'Estrange Ewen (Editor)]:** *Wanted - a philatelic index.*, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 6<sup>th</sup> August 1904, Volume 13, Issue 254, p.754.
  - Doubts are cast on both the feasibility and utility of an index to all the world's periodicals and an *Encyclopaedia Philatelica* is proposed instead. The editor disagrees on the grounds of it being ultra-utopian. Bishop went on to compile his own current-awareness index in *The Stamp Collectors' Annual* the following year.
7. **E. Gainsborg:** *A French opinion.*, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 6<sup>th</sup> August 1904, Volume 13, Issue 254, p.754. In French (A translation of this article is available as Philat. Trans. 39.)
  - A practical method of creating such an index by means of a committee is outlined and the author offers to index any Spanish periodicals required.
8. **[The Earl of] Crawford & [H. L'Estrange Ewen (Editor)]:** *Wanted - a philatelic index.*, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 20<sup>th</sup> August 1904, Volume 13, Issue 256, p.762.
  - The Earl, owner of the world's largest philatelic library at the time, tends towards the encyclopaedia approach but in note form, since a comprehensive index would contain many trivial references. Ewen gives some consideration what should be left out of such an index and provides details of the Earl's method of recording references.

9. **William C. Stone, John W. Prevost, J. Delano Bartlett & [H. L'Estrange Ewen (Editor)]:** *Committee on Philatelic Index.*, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1904, Volume 13, Issue 258, p.770.
  - A report on the progress of the American Philatelic Association's Committee on Philatelic Index, listing the many volumes already indexed.
10. **[Jonathan A. Margoschis (Editor)]:** *A philatelic index.*, The Stamp Collector, September 1904, Volume 8, Issue 9, p.165.
  - Makes the suggestion that the index should be restricted to the best English and American periodicals, such as those listed, on the ground that most minor periodicals are unobtainable and would only increase the bulk and cost. Also remarks on the level of detail required and suggests that a committee may be required to compile it.
11. **[P. C. Bishop (Editor)]:** *The philatelic index question.*, Stamp Collector's Fortnightly, 24<sup>th</sup> September 1904, Volume 10, p.117.
  - Reproduction in full of 1904/10.
12. **[P. C. Bishop (Editor)]:** *The subject of a philatelic index.*, Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 8<sup>th</sup> October 1904, Volume 10, p.128.
  - Announcement that an annual index to philatelic periodicals will appear in the 1905 edition of *The Stamp Collectors' Annual*. [Bishop edited the Annual and the index duly appeared in the 1905 edition, compiled by himself. The index continued to appear regularly in the Annual for the next two decades, even after Bishop severed his connection with the publication.]
13. **[P. C. Bishop (Editor)]:** *Mr. Bertram Smith's philatelic index.*, Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 5<sup>th</sup> November 1904, Volume 10, Issue 252, p.146.
  - Notice of the completion of Smith's retrospective index in *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular*, mildly criticising the compactness of its references - listing only the magazine title and the year in which the article appeared. [Smith was a notable bibliophile who undoubtedly had all of the magazines he indexed as bound volumes, complete with annual indexes, on his library shelves. Under such circumstances, the reference system would be entirely adequate for his purposes.]
14. **G. Ireland:** *Review index.*, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News and The Weekly Philatelic Era, 30<sup>th</sup> July 1904, Volume 18, Issue 31, p.247.
  - A reprint of 1904/1 with some minor comments on the forthcoming American Philatelic Society index.
15. **[Edward B. Evans (Editor)]:** *Editorial.*, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, August 1904, Volume 15, Issue 2, pp.21-22.
  - In considering the current calls for a complete index to philatelic periodicals, the Editor views the proposals as impractical and finds it unlikely that anything approaching completeness could be attained. He would settle for an index of major articles.
16. **[L. W. Fulcher (Editor)]:** *Editorial.*, Morley's Philatelic Journal, May 1904, Volume 5, Issue 5, p.37.
  - At the end of a review of a recently-published directory of philatelic literature, the author appeals for more such publications and, in particular, for an index of the main articles in the chief philatelic journals to the year 1900.
17. *A Philatelic Index.*, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, August 1904, Volume 14, p.128.
  - The editor notes the calls for a philatelic index in *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* and contends that the aim will never be achieved.
18. **Fred. J. Melville:** *London letter.*, The Stamp-Lovers Weekly, 17<sup>th</sup> September 1904, Volume 1, Issue 1, p.1.
  - Whilst noting that the subject being most talked about in the philatelic press at

the moment is the lack of an index to the literature, he advises that it is a task not to be undertaken lightly. There are few students of literature, perhaps six or seven in the UK and only one or two able to produce such an index. He considers that **F. A. Bellamy's** index will never be completed.

## 1905

1. **W. C. Stone:** *Report of Committee on Philatelic Index.*, The American Philatelist, 1905, Volume 19, p.41.  
{Reprinted in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, 19<sup>th</sup> August 1905, Volume 19, Issue 33, p.273-274.}
  - Report on the steady progress of their Philatelic Index, which by that time contained 3,000-4,000 references.
2. **P. C. Bishop:** *The British philatelic press. A glance at some of the pioneer journals of philately.*, Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 11<sup>th</sup> March 1905, Volume 11, p.10.
  - The recent correspondence regarding the requirement for a general philatelic index prompted the author to consider providing one with this series of articles but he did not care to handle the task single-handedly. However, **W. A. R. Jex Long** had produced cumulative indexes to *The Stamp Collector's Magazine* and *The Philatelist* for the author.
3. **A. C. Constantinides:** *Enterprise Society's literary work.*, Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1905, Volume 11, p.28.
  - A brief note on the library index (a project to index all of the periodicals in the Society's library) and literary monthly packet run by the Society's Librarian, **A. H. Harris**. [He subsequently founded **Harris Publications**, a major philatelic literature dealer and publisher, and essentially co-compiled the last major retrospective index.]
4. **G. Ireland:** *Review Index.*, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, 4<sup>th</sup> February 1905, Volume 19, Issue 5, pp.33-34.
  - A review of the conclusions reached by **Ewen** following six weeks of correspondence in *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* in 1904, followed by **Ireland's** own views on the subject.
5. **L. G. Dorpat:** *The wealth of philatelic literature.*, The Philatelic Inter-Ocean, April 1905, Volume 8, Issue 4, pp.25-26.
  - Whilst commenting on the wealth of philatelic literature available in many languages, the author concedes that periodicals form the largest branch of the literature. Although attempts have been made to make the contents available by indexing, noting that the Boston Philatelic Society is proceeding with this, he points out that it is beyond the ability of any individual or even society.
6. **Gordon Ireland:** *Correspondence.*, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 18<sup>th</sup> February 1905, Whole number 282, p.871.
  - The author provides his views on the issue of indexing and explains his own methodology. He also offers to be responsible for indexing American periodicals if required.

## 1906

1. [**L. W. Fulcher (Editor)**]: *A philatelic index.*, Morley's Philatelic Journal, September 1906, Volume 7, Issue 9, p.69.
  - A critical review of **Jex Long's** *A Philatelic Index*, highlighting that he had indexed four periodicals already indexed by **Wears**. The Editor makes the simple suggestion for its improvement that it should have included the authors' names. Finally, a plea is made for a bureau from which one could purchase titles of articles on index cards for a nominal sum, to make up a personalised index.

2. **[P. C. Bishop (Editor)]:** *Congratulations to Mr. W. A. R. Jex-Long.*, Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1906, Volume 12, Issue 299, p.112.
  - A brief review of **Jex Long's** index with some details of his early indexing work in collaboration with **Bishop**. These early indexes, mentioned in 1905/2, were never published at the time owing to a lack of interest by the majority of the subscribers. They were however, incorporated into the current index.
3. **[Jonathan A. Margoschis (Editor)]:** *A British philatelic index.*, The Stamp Collector, September 1906, Volume 10, Issue 9, pp.135-136.
  - A detailed review of the book *The Philatelic Index* by **W. A. R. Jex Long**. Although generally welcoming the publication, the reviewer does note some errors.
4. **[Jonathan A. Margoschis (Editor)]:** *Literature – simple and compound.*, The Stamp Collector, October 1906, Volume 10, Issue 10, p.139.
  - Some thoughts on the value of Jex Long's Index, Bellamy's index and indexes in general. It is the Editor's view that précis of the information would be of much more use than indexes to journals that are very hard to find.
5. **[Edward B. Evans (Editor)]:** *Philatelic literature.*, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, September 1906, Volume 17, Issue 3, pp.46-47.
  - A review of Jex-Long's Index, generally welcoming it but pointing out some of its inconsistencies and shortcomings.

#### 1907

1. **[E. R. Aldrich (Chairman)]:** *Report of the Philatelic Index Committee.*, The American Philatelist, 1907, Volume 21, p.37.
  - No report was submitted for this year. (Complete)

#### 1908

1. **Gasring:** *A philatelic index expurgatorius.*, Gibbons Stamp Weekly, 15<sup>th</sup> August 1908, Volume 8, Issue 7, pp.109-110.  
Reprinted in The Australian Philatelist, October 1908, Volume 15, Issue 2, p.23.
  - This article relates only to the production of a black-list of unnecessary stamp issues.
2. **C. E. Severn, A. H. Weber & E. R. Aldrich:** *Report of Committee on Philatelic Index, American Philatelic Association.*, The American Philatelist, 1908, Volume 22, Part 1, pp.93-96.
  - The Committee approved a plan produced by **Weber**, on the basis of which indexed articles could be organised. Using this plan, a copy of which is included in the Report, **Weber** began indexing those periodicals that he currently received.

#### 1909

1. **[J. N. Luff (President)]:** *Report on the Committee on Philatelic Literature.*, The American Philatelist, 1909, Volume 23, p.36.
  - No report was submitted this year. (Complete)
2. **A. J. Palethorpe:** *Philatelic encyclopedia.*, The Postage Stamp, 20<sup>th</sup> March 1909. Volume 3, Issue 25, pp.295-296.
  - It is acknowledged that researchers need access to what has been written previously on their chosen subject. Having outlined the shortcomings of a philatelic index in this regard, the author proposes an encyclopaedia of information abstracted from the best published writings as being a viable alternative.
3. **E. J. Nankivell:** *The Philatelic Congress.*, The Postage Stamp, 20<sup>th</sup> March 1909,

Volume 3, Issue 25, p.294.

➤ Comment on the Herculean task proposed in 1909/2.

4. **A. J. Palethorpe:** *The proposed Encyclopedia of Philatelic Literature.*, Gibbons Stamp Weekly, 15<sup>th</sup> May 1909, Volume 9, Issue 20, pp.337-338.

➤ The author's detailed response to some of the criticisms levelled at his paper (1909/5).

5. **[A. J. Palethorpe]:** *Manchester Philatelic Congress - contd. Report of the proceedings on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 1909.*, Gibbons Stamp Weekly, 13<sup>th</sup> March 1909, Volume 9, Issue 11, pp.179-192. (The relevant section of the article can be found on pages 187-192.)

➤ A verbatim presentation of the author's paper on a philatelic encyclopaedia with a detailed report on the extensive and interesting debate that followed.

## 1910

1. **W. R. Ricketts** (with comments by **H. N. Mudge**): *Progress.*, The American Philatelist, May 1910, Volume 23, Issue 3, pp.1-2.

➤ Report on the Subject Headings and General Plan of the American Philatelic Society Index which was in preparation.

## 1911

1. **Clifford W. Kissinger &, William R. Ricketts:** *Report of the Philatelic Index Committee.*, The American Philatelist, 1911, Volume 25, pp.63-65.

➤ This report on the index published by the American Philatelic Society in the American Philatelist, indicates that the list of abbreviations was intended as a list of all known periodicals and not just of those indexed. The index was complete up to *C* although *A* had only just been published.

2. **B. W. W[arhurst]:** *The philatelic index.*, The Stamp Collector, February 1911, Volume 15, Issue 2, pp.21-22.

➤ Whilst extolling the virtues of the **Earl of Crawford's** library catalogue, he points out the need for a philatelic index of periodicals published since 1890. [His choice of the earlier periodicals informative enough to be still of interest betrays his lack of knowledge on the subject, since all four were indexed by **Wears** in 1891].

3. **[L. W. Fulcher]:** *A philatelic Bibliography.*, The Philatelic Record, January 1911, Volume 33, Issue 1, pp.1-2.

➤ Following notes regarding the absence of indexes to the mass of philatelic literature, the editor announces with satisfaction, the impending publication of the catalogue of the **Earl of Crawford's** library, in the belief that this will go some way towards meeting this pressing need.

4. **[C. A. Howes (Editor)]:** *Editorial.*, The American Philatelist, February 1911, Volume 24, Issue 2, p.1.

➤ The background to the formation of the American Philatelic Society's Committee on Philatelic Index and its progress following **Gordon Ireland's** Proposal at the 1902 Convention.

5. **Clifford W. Kissinger [& William R. Ricketts]:** *Report of the Philatelic Index Committee.*, The American Philatelist, November 1911, Volume 25, Issue 1, pp.63-65.

➤ **Kissinger's** commentary on the progress of the Index.

## 1912

1. **[B. T. K. Smith (Editor)]:** *The American Philatelic Society Philatelic Index.*, The Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society, July 1912, pp.57-58.

➤ A review of the early issues of **Ricketts'** American Philatelic Society index,

with details of the origin of his efforts, culled from some of his letters.

2. **William R. Ricketts, C. W. Kissinger & C. A. Howes:** *Report of Committee on Philatelic Index.*, *The American Philatelist*, December 1912, Volume 26, Issue 3, p.33.
  - Letter A is complete and in the hands of the editor of *The American Philatelist* (C. A. Howes) as is the first part of letter B. The funding of the index is also considered.

### 1913

1. [**L. W. Fulcher (Editor)**]: *The American Philatelic Society Philatelic Index, compiled by William R. Ricketts, assisted by Clifford W. Kissinger. The American Philatelist, February 1911 et seq. The Philatelic Literature Bibliography Index ... compiled by William R. Ricketts. Published by the compiler.*, *The Philatelic Record*, February 1913, Volume 35, Issue 2, pp.33-34.
  - A substantial review of **Ricketts'** American Philatelic Society Philatelic Index, two years after it had begun to be serialised in *The American Philatelist* and of his *Philatelic Literature Bibliography Index*. Although the reviewer compliments **Ricketts** on his industry, he is critical of the many minor periodicals being indexed and the excessive use of sub-headings. The second index is simply noted as only three issues having been published.
2. **George V. Freethy:** *Stamp collector's index.*, *The Philatelic News*, August 1913, Volume 1, Issue 7, p.56.
  - Nothing to do with indexes or any form of bibliography, whatsoever.
3. **William R. Ricketts, Clifford W. Kissinger & C. A. Howes:** *Report of the Philatelic Index Committee.*, *The American Philatelist*, October 1913, Volume 27, Issue 1, p.38.
  - There has been no progress on publishing the Index owing to reasons beyond the members control.

### 1914

1. **F. A. Bellamy & J. J. Darlow:** *A history of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain and a precis of the proceedings of the first four Congresses held at Manchester, London, Birmingham, Margate in 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912.*, *Philatelic Congress of Great Britain*, UK, 1914, pp.21-23 & 143.
  - Report on **Palethorpe's** paper (1909/2, /4 & /5), covering the discussion in great detail.
2. **Albert H. Harris:** *Who's Who in Philately 1914.*, *The Philatelic Circular*, London, UK, 1913, p.26.
  - The entry under **Frank Arthur Bellamy** notes that he collects philatelic literature and that he had compiled an index to the Great Britain portion, comprising over 200,000 entries.
3. **William R. Ricketts, Clifford W. Kissinger & Clifton A. Howes:** *Report of the Committee on Philatelic Index.*, in: *Proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention, Niagara Falls, 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August 1914.*, *American Philatelic Society*, 1914, p.38.
  - Report on the progress of the Index as a separate supplement to *The American Philatelist* and request that the previously-published pages are reprinted in the same format to facilitate binding.

### 1915

1. [**B. T. K. Smith (Editor)**]: *Indexes of philatelic literature.*, *The Journal of The Philatelic Literature Society*, October 1915, Volume 8, Issue 4, pp.48-50.
  - A comprehensive review of all philatelic indexes produced up to 1915, including, but not restricted to, periodical indexes. [**Smith** had already compiled

both cumulative indexes to individual periodicals and current-awareness indexes and was therefore in an excellent position to evaluate the work of others on the basis of his own experience.]

## 1917

1. **William R. Ricketts, C. A. Howes & C. W. Kissinger:** *Report of the Index Committee.*, in: *Proceedings of the Thirty-Second Annual Convention Held at Alexandria Bay, N. Y., August 14-15-16, 1917.*, (Supplement to *The American Philatelist*, November 1917), pp.82-83.

## 1919

1. **Max Bloch:** *Philatelistische literatur - ein vorschlag zur mitarbeit.* [*Philatelic literature - a proposal for co-operation.*], *Der Briefmarkensammler*, April 1919, Volume 3, Issue 4, pp.144-147. (A translation is available as *Philat. Trans.* 279.)
  - A request for support in producing a general index of all German philatelic periodical literature published after 1890, the **Suppantshitsch** index being sufficient up to that date. **Bloch** produced an index for 1918 to demonstrate that it was possible and show how it could be done. In order to make the references obtained available to researchers he proposed that all societies should build up their libraries.

## 1921

1. **[E. D. E. Van Weenen (Editor)]:** *A philatelic encyclopaedia.*, *The Australian Philatelist*, February 1921, Volume 28, Issue 4, p.37.
  - A plea for a philatelic encyclopaedia rather than philatelic indexes.
2. **[Antony Buck Creeke (Editor)]:** *A subject-index of all philatelic journals in the English language and "Le Timbre-Poste".*, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 14<sup>th</sup> May 1921, Volume 27, Issue 683, p.171.
  - Account of a very comprehensive index to a large number of periodicals being prepared by a *friend*. No indication of the *friend's* identity is given and in spite of 1921/3, it was in fact **Creeke** himself, since it is known that he compiled a huge index to nearly 800 English language periodicals and *Le Timbre-Poste*. [See 1936/2 for details of its donation to the Royal Philatelic Society, London (Actually, it was purchased by the Society.) and 1991/1, pp.138 & 222-223, for details of its loss. Fortunately, it was re-discovered in 1995 by the library staff at the Royal, whilst clearing out a basement store room.]
3. **Compiler [A. B. Creeke Jr.]:** *Philatelic Literature.*, *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, 25<sup>th</sup> June 1921, Volume 27, p.224.
  - An interesting account of the index mentioned in 1921/2. Evidently **Creeke** used the **Crawford** library in the British Museum as the main source of periodicals, which he indexed during his lunch breaks.
4. **[Douglas B. Armstrong (Editor)]:** *Encyclopedia Philatelica.*, *The Stamp Collectors' Monthly Journal*, October 1921, Volume 49, Issue 2, p.25.
  - A plea for a Philatelic Encyclopaedia with a few suggestions as to its scope. This document was published in parts and reached page 36 – *Bosnia and Herzegovina*, before publication of the magazine was terminated. It was a conventional encyclopaedia not devoted to literature.
5. **F. Cartwright:** *Encyclopedia Philatelica.*, *The Stamp Collectors' Monthly Journal*, November 1921, Volume 49, Issue 3, p.48.
  - A request that the encyclopaedia (1921/4) includes within its scope the pronunciation of words such as the names of certain British Colonies such as

Seychelles, Dominica & Grenada. (Complete)

6. Note that no report was received from the Index Committee. in: *Proceedings of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention 1917.*, (Supplement to The American Philatelist, September 1921), p.449.

### 1922

1. [C. S. Morton (Editor)]: *A philatelic encyclopedia.*, “Stamp Collecting” Literary Supplement, 17<sup>th</sup> June 1922, p.xvi.
  - Some notes on the requirement for a philatelic encyclopaedia prompted by an editorial in The Australian Philatelist of 5<sup>th</sup> February 1922.

### 1923

1. *Editorial.*, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, December 1923, Volume 1, Issue 3, p.47.
  - Philatelic literature is too often neglected by philatelists to their own detriment. The author bewails the lack of indexes to journals and lists those of which he is aware.

### 1924

1. **W. Dorning Beckton:** *A Philatelic Index.*, in: *Report of the Eleventh Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.*, Glasgow, UK, 1924, pp.23-29.
  - In outlining earlier work on philatelic indexes, **Beckton** noted that before **Jex Long** began his index, the Manchester Philatelic Society had proposed to produce an updated version of **Wear’s** index but were put off by the report of an individual [Probably **Bellamy**] advising that his index was about to go to print. **Beckton’s** new proposal was that the Philatelic Congress should form a Committee to update **Jex Long’s** index. He made a careful argument, stressing the need to avoid over-ambitious coverage.
2. **F. J. Melville:** *Sources of information for the philatelic student.*, in: *Report of the Eleventh Philatelic Congress of Great Britain*, Glasgow, UK, 1924, pp.30-39. Reprinted in The Postage Stamp, October 1924, Volume 27, Issue 4, pp.80-82 & November, Issue 5, pp.107-108.
  - A general article on literature with a useful section on indexes to philatelic periodicals.

### 1925

1. *Ein nachahmenswerter gedankt.* [*An idea that should be imitated.*], Der Philatelistische Bücherwurm, January 1925, Volume 5, Issue 1, p.6. {A translation is available as Philat. Trans. 456.}
  - Having noticed the index proposed by the British Philatelic Congress, it is suggested that a similar index is required in Germany and volunteers are requested to contact the editors of the periodical.

### 1926

1. **A. H. Harris & L. A. J. Baker:** *Section B. - Special indexes.*, in: *The Standard Index to Philatelic Literature*. Part 1, Harris Publications, London, UK, 1926, pp.9-10. Also published as: **Albert H. Harris:** *The Standard Index to Philatelic Literature 1879-1925.*, Harris Publications, London, UK, 1933, pp.9-10. Reprinted with additional material as: **James Negus (Editor):** *The Harris Index to Philatelic Literature 1879-1925.* James Bendon, Limassol, Cyprus, 1991, pp.9-10.
  - This list includes all the important indexes published to 1924, both to individual periodicals and to multiple periodicals. It is, or at least should be, the starting point for all subsequent lists and bibliographies.

2. **William R. Ricketts:** *Reports of Committees on Philatelic Literature, Philatelic Index and Handbook.*, in: *Proceedings of the Forty-First Annual Convention held at New York City, October 18, 19, 20, 1926.*, Supplement to *The American Philatelist* of January 1926, pp.94-95.
  - Since the Index has been appearing in *The American Philatelist* for some years, many members do not understand what they are and discard them. He proposes that the Index is printed as a series of 100-page pamphlets and sold to those that want them, thus saving the Society's funds.

## 1928

1. **A. B. Creeke Jr.:** *The Library.*, The Stamp Lover, August/September 1928, Volume 21, Issue 3/4, p.72.
  - The author notes that his card index is being used by members of the Junior Philatelic Society (now the National Philatelic Society), of which he was librarian and whose library was kept at his home.

## 1929

1. **A. B. Creeke Jr.:** *The Library.*, The Stamp Lover, October 1929, Volume 22, Issue 5, p.125.
  - Whilst Creeke was Librarian, the Junior Philatelic Society's Library was kept at his home, 33 Church Crescent, Muswell Hill, London, N10. Creeke mentions that his index stops at the end of 1928 and comprises over 12,000 cards containing nearly a quarter of a million items. At that time, he had indexed the contents of just over 600 journals and had only about 100 minor ones left to do before the index was finished.
2. *Éditorial.*, *Filatelia*, 1929, pp.iii-iv. (A translation is available as *Philat. Trans.* 505.)
  - A few notes about the need for current awareness indexes and the difficulties involved in compiling one.
3. **[F. M. Gilbert & [Harry M.] Konwiser]:** *Philatelic index.*, in: *Proceedings of the Forty-Fourth Annual Convention held at Minneapolis, Minn., Aug 20, 21, 22, 23, 1929.*, Section II of *The American Philatelist*, November 1929, p.13.
  - He pointed out that a resolution at a previous Convention required the Society to publish copies of the Philatelic Index. Konwiser replied that an index was being published in the *Collectors Club Philatelist* and there was no need to duplicate the work.

## 1932

1. **F. M. Gilbert:** *An index of philatelic literature.*, *The American Philatelist*, December 1932, Volume 46, Issue 3, p.164.
  - A questionnaire to enquire of members of the American Philatelic Society what features they would require in an index of philatelic literature.

## 1933

1. **F. M. Gilbert:** *Report of the Philatelic Index Committee.*, *The American Philatelist*, October 1933, Volume 47, Issue 1, pp.26-27.
  - He reports on the responses to the questionnaire in 1932/1. The respondents favour an index, prepared in volumes covering the literature of each period. He then makes an appeal for volunteers to help compile said index.
2. **Guy R. Crouch:** *A philatelic press survey.*, *The Stamp Lover*, May 1933, Volume 25, Issue 12, p.371.
  - The author suggests the publication of the titles of articles of importance noted in contemporary periodicals. [A variant of this suggestion – having a magazine

devoted solely to publishing the complete contents pages of a large number of selected periodicals - has been used for some time in scientific circles as a current-awareness tool.]

### 1934

1. [**Fred. J. Melville (Editor)**]: *The Standard Index.*, The Stamp Lover, August/September 1934, Volume 27, Issue 3/4, p.75.
  - A review of **Harris'** Index criticising the fact that reference was made only to the issue number of the periodical, with no indication of the year or volume. The reason for this was that all of the articles could be supplied by **Harris Publications**.

### 1935

1. **F. M. Gilbert**: *Report of the Philatelic Index Committee.*, The American Philatelist, October 1935, Volume 49, Issue 1, Section II, p.115.
  - The Chairman reported that much material had been gathered for indexing and appealed for volunteers to carry out the indexing. (Complete.)

### 1936

1. **R. A. Kimble**: *The employment of philatelic literature.*, Second American Philatelic Congress Book, Cleveland, OH, USA, 1936, pp.37-39.
  - Proposal for a philatelic index combining the best features of the American Philatelic Society index and the **Harris** index. He envisaged a team of people producing a volume for the current year, each year and possibly cumulating them every five to ten years. Simultaneously, a similar team could work back through the previously-published literature, again on a year by year basis until the earliest periodicals are indexed. [As editor of The American Philatelist, **Kimble** went on to produce his own current-awareness index, published in that magazine for many years. His personal card index is currently held by the Smithsonian Institution Library.]
2. [**Thomas William Hall (Editor)**]: *The Creeke Philatelic Library Index.*, The London Philatelist, December 1936, Volume 45, p.290.
  - Details of the immense index compiled by **A. B. Creeke** over a twenty year period and its donation to the Royal Philatelic Society, London. [Actually, it was purchased by the Society.] **Creeke** had indexed every English-language periodical from 1862 to 1928 (approximately 800 titles) and *Le Timbre-Poste*.

### 1940

1. **Ralph A. Kimble; Frank Rossi & Frank Kovarik**: *Report of philatelic index and literature committee.*, in: *Proceedings of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society held at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, New York, August 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 1940.*, Section II of The American Philatelist, November 1940, p.61.
  - No appropriation was made and therefore no progress was possible. Kimble's index was being published regularly in the American Philatelist. A recent poll saw 75% in favour of the index with many requesting its separate publication. An appropriation of \$100 was requested to trial a separate publication.

### 1947

1. [**L. N. Williams & M. Williams (Editors)**]: *Philatelic Indexes with a plea for more.*, The Stamp Lover, January/February 1947, Volume 39, Issue 8/9, pp.157-158.
  - An excellent review and critique of previous retrospective indexes with a plea for a new one to be started, covering the period following the **Harris** index.

2. **A. P. Candler, Arnold M. Strange, C. H. Elkan & Charles A. Toase:** *Philatelic index 1926 to date: Readers' views.*, The Stamp Lover, March/April 1947, Volume 39, Issues 10/11, p.187.
  - In response to 1947/1, the first three correspondents offer to help and the fourth points out that an index to current philatelic periodicals is in progress under his leadership in the *Universal Postage Stamp Review*.

## 1949

1. **R. King-Farlow:** *Subject Indexes.*, The Stamp Lover, October/November 1949, Volume 42, Issue 5/6, pp.68-69.
  - A view of past and future philatelic indexes by an important practising indexer. He considered that the compilation of a world-wide index was impractical except for a committee and even then, ensuring standardisation of the work would be difficult. Owing to these difficulties, he considered cumulative indexes to be the next best option and gave details of his method of compiling them. A comprehensive list of all cumulative indexes he knew of was appended.
2. **[Ralph A. Kimble (Editor)]:** *The A. P. S. Philatelic Index.*, The American Philatelist, February 1949, Volume 62, Issue 5, p.372.
  - In noting his acquisition of the American Philatelic Society Index, he suggests why it was never finished and ponders on the value of such a complete index to philatelists.

## 1953

1. **J. B. Kaiser:** *Bibliography: The basis of philatelic research.*, Nineteenth American Philatelic Congress Book, USA, 1953, pp.37-54.  
Reprinted in pamphlet form by the Philatelic Library Association, Canajoharie, NY, USA, 1954.
  - This excellent paper on bibliography for philatelists includes the most comprehensive list of *Cumulative indexes to groups of philatelic periodicals* published up to that time, although some entries are not really indexes. It was the first article to receive the Walter R. McCoy Award as the best research article of the year.
2. **Ernest A. Kehr:** *Stamp literature index.*, Literatur Nachrichten, January/March 1953, Whole number 13, p.29. (In English. Reprinted from the New York Herald Tribune.)
  - A note regarding the attempt by the German Federation of Philatelic Literature to index all the world's philatelic literature from its beginning to date. [This project continues today and is still published online as *Literatur Nachrichten*, although it never managed any retrospective coverage.]
3. **[Daniel W. Vooy's (Editor)]:** *Current periodical indices.*, Philatelic Literature Review, December 1953, Volume 4, Issue 1, pp.4-5.
  - The three, then existing, current-awareness indexes are reviewed briefly.

## 1954

1. **James Negus:** *Between ourselves.*, The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 29<sup>th</sup> May 1954, Volume 60, p.168.
  - A suggestion as to how the indexing gap between the Harris Index (to 1925) and the Stamp Lover index (1950-on) can be filled.

## 1955

1. **[Wilfrid B. Haworth (Editor)]:** *Indexing a necessity.*, The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 28<sup>th</sup> May 1955, Volume 61, p.167.

- Having named five major periodicals that philatelists would need to refer to if they were serious about their collections and pointing out that these comprised nearly three hundred volumes, the author pleads for a central index to make the information they contain available to students.
2. **Ch. O. Müller & James Negus:** Four letters from **Müller** to **Negus** about indexing with a copy of the final response from **Negus**. 19<sup>th</sup> August 1955 to 11<sup>th</sup> August 1956.

### 1958

1. **[H. L. Chisholm (Editor)]:** *An international need.*, Philately from Australia, March 1958, Volume 10, Issue 1, pp.1-2.
  - An appeal for a comprehensive cumulative index to philatelic literature with the suggestion that it could take the form of a consolidation of the indexes currently being published in *The Stamp Lover* and *The American Philatelist*.

### 1959

1. **J. Negus:** *A brief guide to sources of philatelic information.*, Philately, March/April 1959, Volume 7, pp.102-103 & May/June, pp.116 & 121.
  - Although primarily a general guide to bibliographic tools for philatelists, it includes a short section on what he calls comprehensive indexes.
2. **James Negus:** *Finding philatelic information.*, Philately from Australia, June 1959, Volume 11, Issue 2, pp.43-46.
  - In response to 1958/1, the compiler of the *Stamp Lover* index points out how he dealt with the practicalities and difficulties of indexing and offers various suggestions for alternatives. The relationship between the three currently-produced indexes is also explored.

### 1960

1. **Phillip Rochlin:** *Hail and farewell.*, Philatelic Literature Review, December 1960, Volume 9, Issue 2, pp.17 & 19.
  - A suggestion that the publishers of the three then current indexes should pool their resources and produce a single index.

### 1961

1. **James Chemi:** *Combined index?*, The American Philatelist, April 1961, Volume 74, Issue 7, p.556.
  - Comments by the compiler of the American Philatelic Society's Index regarding the suggestion (1960/1) that the three extant current awareness indexes should be combined.

### 1968

1. **Wm. W. Wylie:** *Indexes are lacking.*, Western Stamp Collector, 14<sup>th</sup> May 1968, p.?.
  - The lack of adequate indexes to periodicals is a problem but even where indexes to individual periodicals are available, they are often poorly compiled.
2. **Arthur E. Brooks:** *Philatelic literature decade.*, Topical Time, September/October 1968, Volume 19, Issue 5, pp.46-47.
  - Suggestion that indexing of the entire philatelic literature is a necessity and offer to co-ordinate the effort.

### 1971

1. **J. Negus:** *Sources of philatelic information.*, Philatelic Literature Review, June 1971, Volume 20, Issue 2, pp.69-84.

Reprinted in: **James Negus: Good Bibliographic Practice.**, American Philatelic Research Library, State College, PA, USA, 1971, pp.41-58.

- Inevitably, this fine bibliographer does an excellent job on the whats, whys, wherefores and hows of philatelic indexes.

#### 1974

1. **George T. Turner: Recording recorded philatelic knowledge.**, Stamp Collecting, 10<sup>th</sup> January 1974, Volume 121, p.967.

- Some thoughts on the outcomes of the recent Seminar on Philatelic Literature. Specifically on bringing the Crawford Catalogue up to date and indexing periodicals.

#### 1975

1. **P. Air, Gnat & James Negus: On indexing.**, The Philatelist, April 1975, Volume 41, Issue 7, p.211.

- The first two “authors” are pseudonyms used by **Ian Thornicroft Hamilton**. In answer to a reviewer questioning whether philatelists even noticed the index to literature in *The Stamp Lover*, **Negus** asserts from his experience that some do. He further states that he would still compile indexes for his own interest even if others were not interested.

#### 1977

1. **R. G. Stone: On indexing “Current journal articles”.**, Philatelic Literature Review, 1977, Volume 26, Issue 4, pp.243-244.

- A discussion about the problems of compiling an index to the contents of current periodicals, with an explanation of how the author compiles his own index to the literature of French philately. He also reports that *The American Philatelist* index was stopped by **James Chemi** when pressure on space in the magazine became acute

2. **R. Ellis: A catalog for our library?**, News Bulletin – A.P.S. Writers Unit #30, March 1977, Volume 10, Issue 1, pp. 7-8.

- Whilst appealing for the American Philatelic Research Library card index to be created as quickly as possible, he also pointed out that there was a need for important journals to be indexed. His solution was to use retired philatelists to produce index cards on a collaborative basis.

#### 1978

1. **P. S. Ulrich: Zeitschrifteninhaltsbibliographien. [Bibliographies covering journal articles.]**, in: *Wie finde ich philatelistische informationen?*, Berlin Verlag, Berlin, Germany, 1978, pp.86-90. (An English translation is available as Philat. Trans. 16: *Where do I find Philatelic Information?*, pp.64-68.)

- A fairly comprehensive, if uneven, list of comprehensive indexes. Some of the entries merely give bibliographic details of the index whilst others include useful notes.

#### 1980

1. **Steven A. Pla: Back in the stacks.**, The American Philatelist, August 1980, Volume 94, Issue 8, pp.743-744.

- **Pla**, the librarian of the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL), recognised that the ideal solution to the difficulty researchers have in locating references, would be for the APRL to index all periodicals both on receipt and retrospectively. In view of the lack of funds for such a project, a policy of

- collecting unpublished private indexes is followed.
2. **M. V. D. Champness:** *Editorial.*, The British Mailcoach, March 1980, Issue 24, p.2.
    - Whilst lauding the Postal History Society's decision to re-publish many of the articles by the late **W. Stitt-Dibden**, on the grounds that most modern collectors do not know of them, the Editor bemoans the lack of a comprehensive index of postal history literature.
  3. **Dr. Paul Phillips & Burkhardt Beer:** *Postal history literature and article index.*, The British Mailcoach, December 1980, Issue 27, p.5.
    - In response to 1980/2. **Dr. Phillips** offers to lead such an endeavour as long as it limited to the postal history of the UK, for practical purposes. **Beer** relates his biographical efforts to date and points out the need for collectors to be able to locate and get copies of the references they find.

### 1981

1. **Steven A. Pla:** *Back in the Stacks.*, The American Philatelist, May 1981, Volume 95, Issue 5, pp.454-458.
  - This includes a single paragraph on page 456, announcing the start of a project to index all philatelic journals in which the American Philatelic Research Library is acting primarily as the co-ordinator.
2. **Theron Wierenga:** *U.S. Classics.*, Stamps, 11<sup>th</sup> April 1981, p.91 & 18<sup>th</sup> April, p.159.
  - Some early musings on the potential of using computers to hold searchable periodical indexes.

### 1985

1. [**George E. Barker (Editor)**]: *A little knowledge ...*, The London Philatelist, May/June 1985, Volume 94, p.61.
  - A suggestion regarding the use of a computer to facilitate access to philatelic information.
2. [**V. Horn & W. Welch**]: *Indexing project for journals set for 1986.*, The American Philatelist, October 1985, Volume 99, Issue 10, pp.888-889.
  - Announcement of a project to index the periodicals of all affiliated societies by using the American Philatelic Society computer.

### 1987

1. **Gini Horn:** *Bookmarks.*, The American Philatelist, February. 1987, Volume 101, Issue 2, p.167.
 

{A manuscript copy of my response is attached, 7pp.}

  - A review of attempts to produce current awareness and retrospective indexes to philatelic periodicals throughout the history of philately, highlighting the American Philatelic Society's project (1985/2).
2. **V. Horn; [James Negus & Brian J. Birch]:** *Bookmarks.*, The American Philatelist, November 1987, Volume 101, Issue 11, p.1079.
  - Additions and corrections to 1987/1 provided by **James Negus** and **Brian Birch**.
3. *AMERIPEX grants \$15,000 to American Philatelic Research Library.*, Stamp World, 1<sup>st</sup> October 1987, Volume 1, Issue 11, p.19.
  - The American Philatelic Research Library Librarian stated that some of the money would be used to purchase a computer and software to consolidate existing indexes into a master index.

### 1989

1. **Derek Lang:** *P.W.S. projection please?*, Philatelic Quill, April 1989, Volume 5, Issue

2, pp.32-33.

- A suggestion that the Philatelic Writers society should have as an ongoing project, the creation of a philatelic index. [As a member from its foundation to its dissolution, I can vouch that this suggestion was never acted upon.]

## 1990

1. **Ian D. Crane:** *General periodical indexes.*, in: *An Index of Indexes, Bibliographies, Shelf Guide to Periodicals.*, Royal Philatelic Society, London, UK, pp.21-24. (An unpublished guide to the bibliographic resources held by the Library.)
  - A listing, with brief notes, of the principal general indexes to philatelic periodicals.

## 1991

1. **J. Negus:** *Literature indexes.*, in: *Philatelic Literature.*, James Bendon, Limassol, Cyprus, 1991, pp.139-155 & 222-229.
  - A most comprehensive review of indexes to philatelic literature, including, but not restricted to, periodical literature.
2. **Ian D. Crane:** *Indexing periodicals: Continuing the NPS project.*, Stamp Lover, April 1991, Volume 83, Issue 2, pp.46-48.

Reprinted in: The London Philatelist, July/August 1991, Volume 100, pp.181-183; (With additional minor corrections in September 1991, Volume 100, p.231.)

Reprinted in: Stamp Mail, November 1991, pp.355-356;

Reprinted in: Philatelic Literature Review, 4th Quarter 1991, Volume 40, Issue 4, pp.203-206.

  - A brief outline of the indexing activities of the National Philatelic Society since 1950 is followed by a statement of the current policy and intentions of the NPS Philatelic Periodicals Index Committee to harness the power of the personal computer to index UK and Eire philatelic periodicals. [Nothing came of this initiative.]

## 1992

1. **Lois M. Evans-De Violini:** *APS Computer Committee status.*, The Computatelist, April 1992, Volume 3, Issue 2, p.1.
  - The Philatelic Computing Study Group announced a *Bibliographic Project* intended to produce a computerised master cumulative index of information in books and periodicals, in conjunction with the American Philatelic Research Library's indexing project (1985/2). [Upon reading this, I joined the Society and remained a member for some ten years waiting for something to come of this initiative. However, it was never mentioned again.]

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## THE INDEXES

1886

Schuyler B. Bradt

*Articles in the philatelic journals*

**The Stamp Collector, 1886**

### INTRODUCTION

This index made its appearance unannounced by the journal in which it was published and with no prior communications in the philatelic press from the publisher, **F. J. Abbott**, or the editor, **Schuyler B. Bradt**, both of Chicago. In view of his continuing interest in writing and publishing and his role as editor, it is presumed that the index was produced by **Bradt**.

Only a single instalment of the index was ever published, since there were no further issues of the journal after the one in which it appeared:

#### *The Stamp Collector*

Publisher:	<b>F. J. Abbott</b>
Place of publication:	Chicago, Illinois, USA
Editor:	<b>Schuyler B. Bradt</b>
Issues:	July & August 1886, Volume 1, Issues 1 & 2

According to the catalogue of the Earl of Crawford's Library<sup>(1)</sup> and **Chester M. Smith's American Philatelic Periodicals**<sup>(2)</sup>, this was the only philatelic periodical ever published by **Abbott**, who then appears to have disappeared completely from the philatelic publishing scene.

Although the editor, **Schuyler Bradt**, the presumed compiler of this pioneering index, went on to publish two philatelic periodicals in his own right and was associated with a number of others as proprietor or editor, this indexing experiment does not appear to have been repeated.

### BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX

[**S. B. Bradt (Editor)**]: *Articles in the philatelic journals: July 1886.*, The Stamp Collector, August 1886, Volume 1, Issue 2, p.67.

The use of the word *philatelic* in the title is worthy of comment. The word *philatelie* had been proposed by the Frenchman **Georges Herpin** in 1864<sup>(3)</sup> and was generally adopted by most countries (except of course France where even today a journal is being publishing entitled *Écho de la Timbrologie*, based on the earliest French name for stamp collecting, *Timbromanie*). Although the term *Philately* had been generally adopted in English-speaking countries since about 1865, in the mid 1880s Americans were debating the relative merits of the words *Philatelic* and *philatelic* to describe things related to philately. Indeed, during the founding of the American Philatelic Association, some pressed that its name should include the term *philatelic*. But for the fact that the National Philatelic Society of New York had already taken that name and the founders' desire to avoid confusion between the two organisations, it might now be called the *American Philatelic Society*.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

Considering the prevalence of articles by, and references to **Schuyler Bradt** in the philatelic literature of the second half of the 1880s and early 1890s, one would not be mistaken in thinking that he was an important driving force within the Chicago philatelic community. Indeed, his stature assumes national importance when one takes into account his role in the establishment of the American Philatelic Association (now the American Philatelic Society). It is surprising therefore, that I have been unable to trace a modern biography of **Bradt**, or even an obituary. All that is available are a small number of contemporary biographies and a very incomplete but nevertheless useful note about him by **Ken Bradt**, a distant relative, in the **Bradt Family News** of 1995. However, even this gave his year of birth incorrectly and failed to find any trace him after 1910<sup>(4)</sup>. Accordingly, what follows is my attempt to compile as complete a biography as possible.

In the event, it proved to be a fairly detailed record of his philatelic activities over a period of something less than a decade, with a few details of his life both beforehand and afterwards.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. B. Bradt'. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Figure 1 S. B. Bradt signature

### Schuyler B. Bradt

**Schuyler B. Bradt** was born in Rochester, New York in 1858, according to a contemporary biography<sup>(5)</sup> (although **Ken Bradt** gives his birth year as 1849) and was named after his grandfather **Martin Beekman Schuyler**. I have found no reference to his middle initial and merely speculate that it may have been **Beekman**. His father, **Abraham Schuyler Bradt** was a hotel keeper in New York City and later in Rochester, New York. In 1876, **Schuyler** moved to Chicago and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1881, married **Cora Wilbur** in nearby Cook County. By 1886, he was working in the publishing department of **A. C. McClurg & Company** of Chicago. However, he must also have been dealing in stamps at the same time because he left the Company in February 1887 to become a full-time stamp dealer.

Although, by his own admission, he had been a stamp collector on and off since 1866, his name only began to appear in philatelic magazines from about 1885. For the next five years or so, **Bradt** published many articles and reports in the philatelic press, generally under the pseudonym **Philo**, as well as a philatelic novel - *The Bluffton Stamp Society*<sup>(6)</sup>, in 1887.

### His First Steps in Organised Philately

In his home town, the Chicago Philatelic Union had become moribund when **Bradt** was taking an interest in organised philately and became its Secretary. He played a major role in the disbanding of the Union on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1886 and its immediate re-organisation as the Chicago Philatelic Society<sup>(7)</sup>. Such were the qualities he demonstrated during this time of change, that he was elected the Society's first President and was returned to that post during the first full elections later that same year<sup>(5)</sup>. A long-time member, he served the Society in many other roles including Custodian, Librarian, Exchange Superintendent and Auctioneer.

In spite of his being a dealer for some years, **Bradt** could still demonstrate great altruism with regard to his home Society. Having endured at first hand the trials and tribulations through which the American Philatelic Association was passing, owing in a great measure to the machinations of dealers jockeying for position within the organisation, **Bradt** proposed at the Chicago Philatelic Society's meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1888 that *No person engaged in the buying and selling of stamps shall be eligible for office in this Society*. Adopted unanimously at the same meeting, this by-law effectively barred both himself and his long-time collaborator, **Philip Matthias Wolsieffer** (1857-1934) from office although the latter remained on the Executive Committee<sup>(8)</sup>.

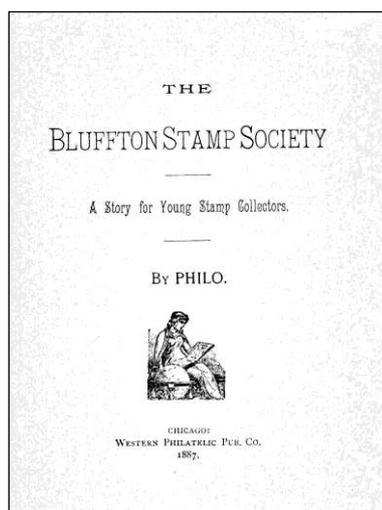
In his philatelic heyday, he was also a member of the National Philatelic Society of New York, the Canadian Philatelic Association and the Internationaler Philatelisten-Verein of Dresden as well as an Honorary Member of the Denver Stamp Collector's League and from April 1887, a Corresponding Member of the National Philatelic Society. As a dealer, he was a founder and first President of the Philatelic Mercantile Association, an organisation intended to provide an information service about frauds and bad debtors<sup>(9)</sup>, and a Trustee of the Dealers' Protective Association<sup>(10)</sup>.

### **The Novice Editor**

Apart from his writings, **Bradt's** first foray into publishing came in 1886 when he became editor of *The Stamp Collector*. He contributed articles under his pseudonym **Philo** and letters under his own name. Some of his plans for a national philatelic society were reiterated in the second issue on pages 23-24, just a month before the founding of the American Philatelic Association on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 1886<sup>(11)</sup>.

Three months following the early demise of *The Stamp Collector*, after just two issues, **Bradt** became associate editor of *The Stamp* of Denver, Colorado, only relinquishing the role once *The Western Philatelist* had become established.

It was during this time that he wrote *The Bluffton Stamp Society*<sup>(6)</sup> (Figure 2) which began its life as a serial in *The Philatelic World*. Unfortunately, the paper folded after publishing only three episodes. The story was then taken up and finished by *The Stamp*. The completed work was subsequently published as a pamphlet by the **Western Publishing Company**, of which **Bradt** was one of the principals.



**Figure 2** Title page of *The Bluffton Stamp Society: A Story for Young Stamp Collectors*<sup>(6)</sup>

## The Formation of the American Philatelic Association

Undoubtedly, **Bradt's** main claim to fame within philatelic circles relates to his involvement in the formation of the American Philatelic Association (now the American Philatelic Society). Although there had been agitation for some time urging the formation of a national society for the United States, it is generally acknowledged that his article on the subject published in the April 1886 issue of *The Philatelic Journal of America*<sup>(12)</sup>, together with the circular calling for members that **Bradt** issued simultaneously on behalf of the Chicago Philatelic Society, were the catalyst for its establishment later that year.

Naturally, **Bradt** became a member of the organising committee which prepared the groundwork and laid the foundations for the formation of the Association.

Following the initial elections, he became the Association's first Secretary, polling more votes (137) for that position than the highly-respected **John Kerr Tiffany** (1843-1897) did for the Presidency (127)<sup>(11)</sup>. In this role, **Bradt** produced the Association's first publication, the *Official Circular*<sup>(13)</sup>, from November 1886 to June 1887 and continued to work tirelessly for the organisation for some years<sup>(14)</sup>.

It is generally held that it was the leadership and tireless energy of both **Tiffany** and **Bradt** that

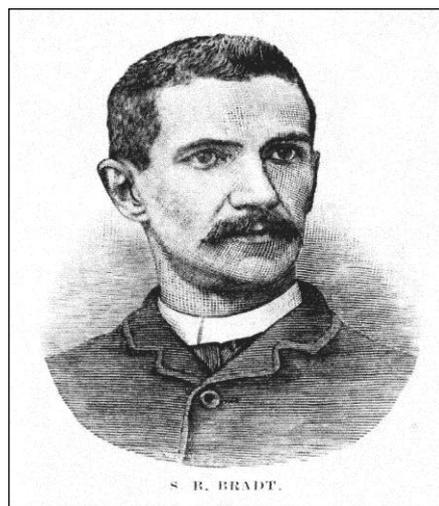


Figure 3 Engraving of Bradt as the Secretary of the American Philatelic Society, December 1886<sup>(14)</sup>

managed to hold the Association together through its first two turbulent years and set it on the road to success. After its first year of operation, the publishers of *The Stamp* said of **Bradt** *Though we could not agree with him on all points, we doubt that a better man can be found*<sup>(15)</sup>.

By the middle of 1888, his stamp business together with his publishing and editorial activities were taking up so much of his time that he resigned as Secretary of the American Philatelic Association in the September, after two years in office<sup>(16)</sup>. Fellow Chicago member **Samuel B. Bradford** was elected to replace **Bradt**. However, he proved to be rather ineffective and was asked to stand down, which he did in October 1889. Two months later, **Millard F. Walton** was elected to the position. As was the requirement at that time, **Walton** stood for re-election in 1890. **Bradt** was persuaded to stand as an opposition candidate for the post of Secretary and stated that he expected to *withdraw as a "dealer"* in the next few months<sup>(17)</sup>. In the event, **Walton** retained his position and **Bradt** never again offered himself for election to any post within the Association.

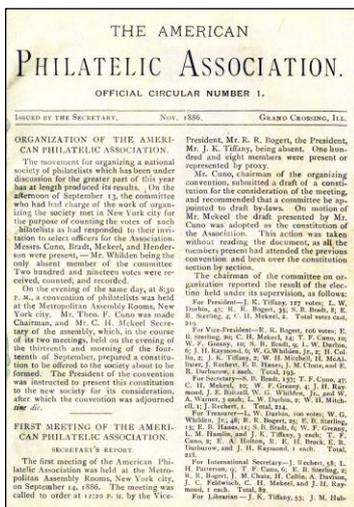


Figure 4 Official Circular<sup>(13)</sup>  
(November 1886-June 1887)

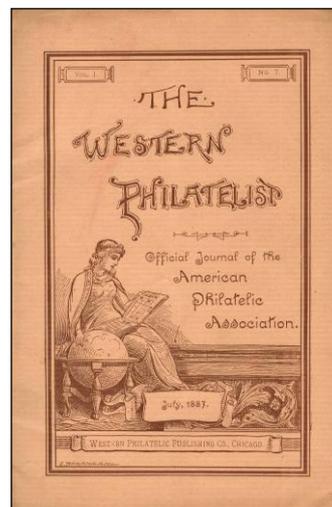


Figure 5 The Western Philatelist<sup>(18)</sup>  
(January 1887-May 1888)  
Official journal of the American Philatelic Association from July to September 1887

## The Publisher-Dealer

In January 1887, he co-founded *The Western Philatelist*<sup>(18)</sup> with fellow Chicago Philatelic Society members Philip M. Wolsieffer and Charles R. Gadsden, with Bradt becoming its editor. It was initially created to be the Chicago Philatelic Society's official journal, a role it fulfilled throughout its existence. However, for a few months in 1887 it was also the official journal of the American Philatelic Association.

A month after starting *The Western Philatelist*, Bradt left A. C. McClurg & Company to become a full-time stamp dealer – quite a rarity in those days when stamps usually only formed part of a business. He traded from Room 52, 225 Dearborn Street, which also became the address of the journal.

The fortunes of his business and the journal were closely linked and by early 1888 he had given up being a full-time dealer and had taken a position with Sizer's bookstore. Inevitably, *The Western Philatelist* ceased publication the following May.

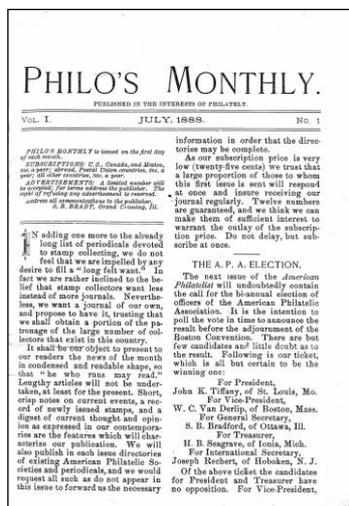


Figure 6 Philo's Monthly<sup>(19)</sup>

Undaunted, he continued his stamp dealing from home and in July of 1888 he began to publish his own house journal, *Philo's Monthly*<sup>(19)</sup>, from Grand Crossing (the suburb in Chicago where he lived). The title was derived from his widely-known pseudonym.

This paper was a much lower-cost affair than *The Western Philatelist*, being smaller and lacking the coloured covers. It was self-evidently modelled on the *Official Circular* that he had produced for the American Philatelic Association and cost subscribers a mere 25c a year.

(July 1888-October 1888)

In the first issue of his magazine, he was advertising that he was a dealer in postage stamps, philatelic supplies and philatelic journals, from 189 State Street, Chicago. This was the same address as **Sizer's Bargain Books** (soon after, **Sizer & Kimball's Bargain Books**), a leading Chicago bookstore which advertised on page 8 of the same issue. By the third issue, he was styling himself the *Philatelic Department of Sizer's Book Store*.

The *News of the month* in the August issue of *Philo's Monthly* was that a new stock company had been formed in July with a capital of \$1,000, of which he was one of the incorporators along with **Wolsieffer**. This company bought out the **Western Philatelic Publishing Company** and offered \$1,000 for *The Stamp Collector's Figaro*<sup>(20)</sup>, with the intention of continuing the title and establishing it as a nationally important journal published from Chicago.

However, at almost the same time the opportunity arose to acquire *The Philatelic Gazette*<sup>(21)</sup> which was better-known and claimed to be the longest-lived philatelic journal in the United States at the time.

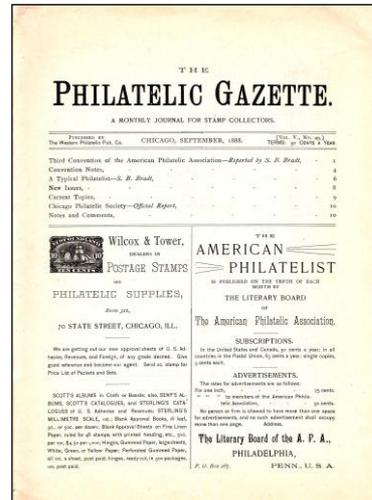


Figure 7 *The Philatelic Gazette*<sup>(21)</sup>  
(June 1884-January 1890)  
Published by the Western Philatelic Publishing  
Company from September 1888-January 1890

Accordingly, the offer for *The Stamp Collector's Figaro* was quietly retracted and the name of the new company quickly changed from the **Figaro Publishing Company** to the **Western Philatelic Publishing Company**<sup>(22)</sup>.

**Bradt** noted in what turned out to be the final issue of *Philo's Monthly*, that this new journal was taking up much of his time.

### Breakdown and Recovery

By November of 1888, the overwork and resultant ill health that had caused **Bradt** to suspend *Philo's Monthly* after only four numbers and resign as Secretary of the American Philatelic Association, resulted in him severing his ties with *The Philatelic Gazette* and leaving the City for a milder climate<sup>(23)</sup>.

Fortunately, it would appear that a few months of Southern sun improved his health to the point where he felt able to return to Chicago<sup>(24)</sup>. Although some contemporary papers advised that he would not return to the stamp business<sup>(25)</sup>, by February of 1889, according to his advertisement in *The United States Philatelist*<sup>(26)</sup>, he was back in business at 189 State Street, **Sizer's** bookstore, and had augmented his stock of philatelic papers by purchasing the back-issues of several periodicals including *The Philatelic Magazine*, *The Stamp Collector* and *The Collector's Companion*.

In **Bradt's** absence, *The Philatelic Gazette* became the responsibility of his partners **A. L. Holman** and **P. M. Wolsieffer**. They soldiered on but without **Bradt's** energy and editorial

skills were unable to raise it to a position of national importance. Having exceeded the guarantees of longevity given in the first issue under their control, the journal ceased publication in January 1890.

During the years 1899 and 1890, **Bradt** kept a relatively low profile and little is recorded of his activities at the time. Nevertheless, his ambition to be a stamp dealer and publisher were undiminished, although at some time around 1890 he took the position of Librarian at **Cobb's Library** and his dealing remained confined to a mail order business carried out from his home.

**Cobb's Library** was a for-profit circulating (i.e. lending) library and the second largest in Chicago. Similar private lending libraries were established in most large American cities which did not then have a public library system.

Established in 1869, it lost its complete collection of some 5,000 books in the Chicago fire of 1871<sup>(27)</sup>.

However, the library was quickly re-established, growing to over 9,000 volumes by 1876.



Figure 8 Cobb's Library, as shown in a June 1892 advertisement<sup>(28)</sup>  
Bradt is shown as President and Wolsieffer as Secretary

### The S. B. Bradt Company

By early 1891, his stamp business was evidently doing well enough for him to become a full-time dealer once again, so he founded the **S. B. Bradt Company** and tendered his resignation to **Cobb's Library**. This prompted the proprietors to offer to sell him the library, an offer he quickly accepted and which enabled the new company to be established in the Library's premises at 91/93 Wabash Avenue<sup>(29)</sup>.



Figure 9 Envelope used by Cobb's Library in 1887<sup>(27)</sup>

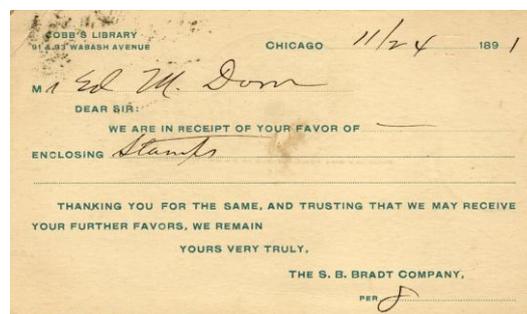


Figure 10 Postcard used by Cobb's Library whilst Bradt was the owner (Larry Nix collection)

An envelope bearing the **Cobb's Library** corner card is shown as figure 15. Used in November 1887, it predates **Bradt's** tenure. Figure 10 shows the reverse of a card from the Library sent during **Bradt's** time as owner and showing that it was part of the **S. B. Bradt Company**.

The new Company had a fully paid up stock of \$10,000 subscribed by three investors, including **Bradt** himself<sup>(30)</sup>.

His new confidence lead to him advertising rather more conspicuously. The symbolic stamp in the upper left hand corner in Figure 8 and his advertisement (Figure 11), included a toughra (a stylised monogram of the Sultan, found on Turkish stamps) **Bradt** often used this device in his advertisements to attract readers' attention.

That it succeeded eminently was confirmed by **Bradt** when he noted that many non-collectors asked him what its significance was, adding that collectors already knew<sup>(31)</sup>. This

last statement had to be revised following many subsequent requests for information from collectors and he had to explain that it was the Sultan's signature<sup>(32)</sup>.

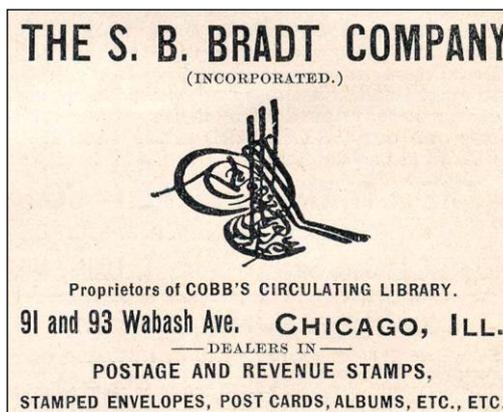


Figure 11 A typical advertisement found in many periodicals in the early 1890s.

**Bradt's** use of a Toughra or monogram of an Ottoman Sultan, adapted from those used on early Turkish stamps, made his adverts very distinctive.

### Still Working for the Chicago Philatelic Society

Together with **Wolsieffer**, **Bradt** played an important part in the early years of the Chicago Philatelic Society. By 1890, having used a variety of magazines (including **Bradt & Wolsieffer's The Western Philatelist**) as their official journal, all of which had closed soon after being selected as such, the Society determined to publish its own journal and. Once again **Bradt** obliged and in January of the following year the **C.P.S. Bulletin** appeared with **Bradt** as the editor and **Wolsieffer** as the business manager<sup>(33)</sup>.

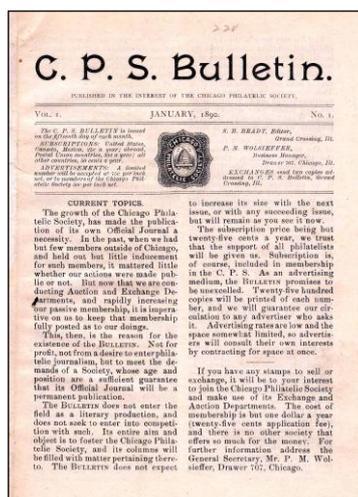


Figure 12 **C. P. S. Bulletin**<sup>(33)</sup> (January 1891-February 1891)

Although it undertook to fill the unexpired subscriptions to **The Philatelic Gazette**, which had expired almost a year earlier, only two issues appeared. With hindsight, this was hardly surprising, given that **Bradt** was not only the publisher and editor of this paper but also managed the Chicago Society's Exchange and Auction Departments and was simultaneously the Manager and exchange Manager of the American Philatelic Association's Chicago Branch. In addition to this he was running a significant library and stamp dealing business.

## The Rise and Fall of the S. B. Bradt Company

In spite of his earlier and almost continuous publishing experiences with the *Official Circular* (1886-1887) *The Western Philatelist* (1887-1888), *Philo's Monthly* (1888), *The Philatelic Gazette* (1888), and the *C.P.S. Bulletin* (1890), his interest in publishing continued and he established the *Chicago Stamp News* in November 1891. It became one of his longest-running publications and lasted until December 1892, issuing a total of 14 monthly issues<sup>(34)</sup>. According to **Smith**<sup>(2)</sup>, this was his last attempt at publishing his own journal.



Figure 13 *The Chicago Stamp News*<sup>(34)</sup>  
(November 1891-December 1892)

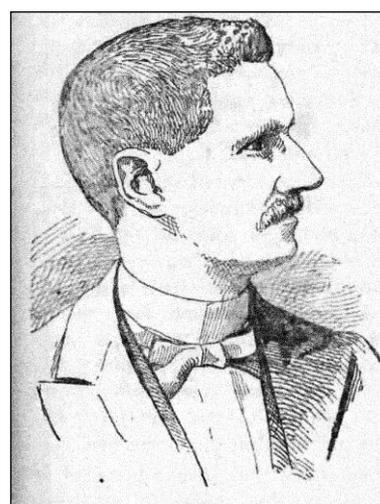


Figure 14 Bradt in 1892<sup>(35)</sup>  
An engraved portrait, evidently derived from the  
photograph used in Figure 15

Apparently, his philatelic business continued to flourish and he soon incorporated both auctions and approvals into its line of business, carrying out the first public philatelic auction in Chicago on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1891. The 4<sup>th</sup> Auction included his own collection of Italian stamps as he had found it impossible to continue collecting once he was a dealer<sup>(35)</sup>.

In April 1892, he was forced to move from 91/93 Wabash Avenue as these premises were being torn down and redeveloped<sup>(36)</sup>. Fortunately, **Bradt** held the lease until 1895 and had to be bought out for an amount roughly equal to his then capital<sup>(30)</sup>. He moved just down the Avenue to number 132, a double-fronted establishment 60 feet wide by 100 feet deep (18m x 30m) which he shared with the **Chicago Exchange for Woman's Work**. This new injection of capital allowed **Bradt** to expand his business, adding music to his portfolio and bringing in his old collaborator **Phillip M. Wolsieffer** as secretary and manager of the new music department. **Wolsieffer** had been connected to the music trade for some years and previously worked at **Lyon & Healey's** well known music store<sup>(37)</sup>.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October, **Hiram E. Deats** (1870-1963) the notable New Jersey philatelist, bibliophile and future President of the American Philatelic Association, visited Chicago and attended a reception in his honour given by **Bradt** at his business premises. The following day, he bought in all of the lots of literature offered in **Bradt's** eighth auction sale. This is indicative of **Bradt's** relative importance in the philatelic field at this time. His standing and generosity was further demonstrated when he set up a room adjoining his business premises for the use of philatelic societies and visiting philatelists<sup>(38)</sup>.

It may also have been at around this time in 1892 that **Deats** purchased the complete stock of

the **Western Philatelic Publishing Company**, of which **Bradt** and **Wolsieffer** were principals.



Figure 15 The only known photograph of **Bradt**, dating from 1892<sup>(30)</sup>

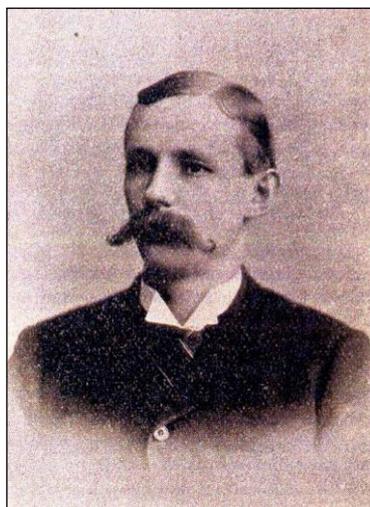


Figure 16 Photograph of **Wolsieffer**, dating from 1892<sup>(30)</sup>

Some six months after his move to 132 Wabash Avenue, he had to move again, this time to the building next door, number 136, where he occupied the whole of the first floor, giving him twice as much room but no shop front<sup>(38)</sup>. At the same time, he closed the music department owing to the growth in his stamp business. **Wolsieffer** left to carry on the music business and also deal in stamps under his own name. This split after a few short months is hard to understand given that they had been working together and in business together since at least the days of *The Western Philatelist*, some five years earlier.

**Bradt** still figured prominently at 136 Wabash Avenue in *Rogers' American Philatelic Blue Book* of 1893<sup>(39)</sup>, the most important Directory of its day, with an Advertisement on page 52 clearly showing him as having a library and dealing in stamps. However, by February of 1893 it was being reported that he had sold his Company to **D. T. Higginson** of Elmhurst, Illinois, who had renamed it the **Western Stamp & Coin Company**. It was also reported that **Bradt** would conduct a mail order stamp business from his residence at Brookline Park, a short distance from Grand Crossing, Chicago<sup>(40, 41)</sup>.

That **Bradt** did continue in the stamp business, at least for a short time, is confirmed by the list of auctions held in his name which can be found in the **Crawford** catalogue<sup>(1)</sup>. From 1891 to 1893, the **S. B. Bradt Company** held sales 1-10. This series was continued by the **Western Stamp & Coin Company** which held sales 11 to 14 in 1893. **Bradt** held two further sales under his own name in October and December 1893. In early 1894, he once again moved into a store in the town, by purchasing the cigar stand at Kimbal House, 262 Clark Street, where he gave a cigar with every purchase<sup>(42)</sup>. Thereafter, **Bradt** largely fades from the philatelic scene.

History records that **Cobb's Library** closed in 1894, although it had been sold with his Company in 1893 and **Bradt** was no longer associated with it<sup>(43)</sup>.

## Epilogue

**Bradt** seems to have virtually disappeared from the philatelic record after 1893, although occasional advertisements can be found, the latest seen being in a Canadian paper, *The Dominion Philatelist* of March 1895, in which he was still offering to provide stamps on

approval<sup>(44)</sup>. Most subsequent references to him generally relate to his role in the founding of the American Philatelic Association. I have only managed to find two further references that shed additional light on him:

In 1897, the Board of Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Association, which was responsible for investigating complaints against members, reported that it felt obliged to expel **Bradt** from membership *for failure to settle for a large and valuable consignment of stamps, received several years ago from a prominent London stamp dealer*<sup>(45)</sup>. Further details of this event were found in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*<sup>(46)</sup> where it was reported that the charge was laid by **H. K. Sanders** on behalf of **W. Hadlow** of London.

In 1905, **Oliver Crinkle** wrote a history of the American Philatelic Association which was serialised in *The Stamp-Lovers Weekly*<sup>(11)</sup>. His third instalment, or Chapter III, included brief sketches of those responsible for the founding of the Association. Naturally, **Bradt** was prominent amongst those and after the usual well-known information, he reported that few of **Bradt's** stamp dealing ventures were permanently successful and confirmed his eventual exit from stamp dealing and philatelic publishing. According to **Crinkle**, **Bradt** was still alive at the time his article was being written but broken down in health – the victim of unfortunate habits. On this enigmatic note, **Bradt** apparently exited the philatelic record.

Even **Ken Bradt** with modern research facilities, failed to find any trace of **Schuyler Bradt** after his expulsion from the American Philatelic Association, other than his 1910 census return in which he is listed as a bookseller, living with his wife **Cora** and son **Wilbur** at 334 E. 69<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago<sup>(3)</sup>. Interestingly, in naming his son, he maintained a family tradition for, just as he was named **Schuyler** after his grandfather, **Wilbur** was **Cora's** family name.

## NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX

As the employee of a publishing company, **Bradt** was likely to have been well aware of *Poole's Index to Periodical Literature*, the first and at that time, only systematic article index to the subject matter of 19<sup>th</sup> century periodicals of both the United States and Great Britain<sup>(47)</sup>.

One of the characters in this story is Pet Sibley, a "little maid from school," who takes her vacation with some country relatives in Maine, and who has ever so good a time, including a narrow escape from drowning while on an expedition in search of water lilies. Many interesting short stories are woven in, and add much to the interest of the story.

Coin collectors will be interested in Mr. Johnson's<sup>5</sup> descriptive list of Bolen's works. It gives the number of each piece struck in the different metals, the disposition of the dies, and all other necessary details. The same gentleman has also prepared a very complete coin handbook, containing a list of some twelve hundred coins of all metals struck in and for the United States, the American colonies, and Canada. This handbook gives the number struck of each date and denomination of the United States series, and much interesting information that is invaluable to the numismatist. It is also intended for the use of those persons whose occupation is to handle quantities of coins, and with its aid the veriest novice can determine whether any particular piece is worth more than its face value. A very handy glossary of technical terms is also given.

As a writer of Indian stories for young people, Mr. W. O. Stoddard is assuredly successful. His latest production<sup>6</sup> in this line is worthy the attention of both old and young. The book is interesting from the very start, and the interest is well kept up throughout. At the same time there is much valuable information concerning the present condition of the Indian, and it is presented in an entertaining manner. Mr. Stoddard has struck at the false and pernicious in juvenile literature by producing a book that is at once healthy and attractive. The illustrations are appropriate and well executed.

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Figure 17 The Index published in *The Stamp Collector*

This effort by **Bradt** was obviously a first attempt at producing a current-awareness index since it covered only six periodicals, one of which was the journal in which the index itself appeared. Surprisingly, two of the six originated in the UK and, naturally, these were the June issues, requiring the best part of a month to reach America. In the table of periodicals below, I have given the full titles and added the volume numbers.

In spite of it being a first effort, the references are given in a very workmanlike fashion, as one would expect from someone like **Bradt**, and even include the names of the authors – very unusual in such indexes where the subject matter is of paramount importance.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Periodicals Indexed</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
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Philatelic Journal of America, The		July 1886, Volume 2
Philatelic Record, The		June 1886, Volume 8
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<http://www.bradtfamilysocie.pages.qpg.com/index.html>.
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**Note:** Although the notation *To be continued* appears at the end of the last part listed above, a search through all of the subsequent issues of the magazine by the American Philatelic Research Library's **Neil Coker**, failed to turn up any additional parts.
12. **S. B. Bradt:** *A national philatelic organisation.*, *The Philatelic Journal of America*, April 1886, Volume 2, Issue 2, pp.17-18.  
**Note:** It is now generally accepted that, against a background of general agitation for a national society, this article by **Bradt** set the ball rolling and led to the formation of the American Philatelic Association (now American Philatelic Society). However, it was not always so and in the early decades the issue was hotly contested with the New York philatelists insisting that it was to the organisational skills of their man, **Theodore F. Cuno**, that the Association owed its existence. It would appear that at the behest of **Cuno**, the National Philatelic Society of New York (only local in character in spite of the name) had indeed passed a motion calling for the formation of a national organisation but then seems to have just sat back and waited for it to happen. It must have been a shock to them when **Bradt's** article appeared, followed almost immediately by the Chicago Philatelic Society's leaflet calling for members. **Cuno** rushed to Chicago to see **Bradt** and reserve his place on the organising committee. (*The Philatelic Gazette*, October 1888, Volume 5, Whole number 50, p.18.)  
Both men put their names forward in the elections for the first Officers of the Association, **Bradt** for Secretary and **Cuno** for Vice-President, Secretary and Official Editor. Whilst **Bradt** romped home as Secretary beating **Cuno** by almost three votes to one, **Cuno** ended up without any official position.
13. **Official Circular**, Schuyler B. Bradt (for the American Philatelic Association), Grand Crossing, IL, USA, November 1886 to June 1887, Issues 1 to 4.  
**Note:** This was the first publication produced by the American Philatelic Association, predating *The American Philatelist* by two months. Surprisingly, it continued to be published even when the latter was up and running.  
It was discontinued when *The Western Philatelist* (also published by **Bradt**)

- became the official journal of the Association in July 1887.
14. *American Philatelic Association.*, The Philatelic Journal of America, December 1886, Volume 2, Issue 10, pp.[111-112].  
**Note:** This includes the first engraved portrait of **Bradt** that I have come across. During the first six or seven years of the Association, apart from Secretary, **Bradt** was a member of the Literary Board, the Hanging Committee, the Committee on Credentials and was the auction agent for New York. In *The American Philatelist* for 1892, **Bradt** is mentioned dozens of times, thereafter, he hardly figures at all although in 1893, he proposed 62 new members and was second in this only to **C. H. Mekeel**. The following year he proposed 70 new members and was third after **C. H.** and **G. D. Mekeel**.
  15. The Stamp, October 1887, Volume 2, Issue 8, p.100.  
**Note:** **J. C. Feldwisch** and **D. W. Osgood Jr.**, commenting on the outcome of the American Philatelic Association's recent Convention.
  16. *Mr. S. B. Bradt.*, The Curiosity World, October 1887, Volume 2, Issue 1, p.[1].  
**Note:** This is the first formal biography I have found of **Bradt** which is accompanied by a portrait. Although it is evidently the same engraved portrait as in reference 14, this version makes him look remarkably slimmer.
  17. *The next A. P. A. election.*, The Philatelist, April 1890, Volume 2, Issue 2, p.29.  
**Note:** **Bradt's** acceptance of the nomination can be found on the same page under the title: *Mr. Bradt accepts*. In his acceptance, **Bradt** mentions that he is likely to cease to be a dealer. This was probably a response to **Tiffany's** speech at the 1887 Convention where he offered the opinion that those whose only interest in stamp collecting was as dealers or publishers should not hold elective office.
  18. *The Western Philatelist*, Western Philatelic Publishing Company, Chicago, IL, USA, January 1887 to May 1888, Volume 1 to Volume 2, Issue 5. (Whole number 17.)  
**Note:** **C. R. Gadsden** withdrew from the Company in September 1887, as confirmed by an advertisement in the issue for October 1887 (Volume 1, Issue 10, p.234) which names **S. B. Bradt** and **P. M. Wolsieffer** as the then co-owners of the journal.  
It incorporated *The Stamp World and Wise and Otherwise* with the April 1887 issue.  
From Volume 1, Issue 7 of July 1887 to Issue 9 of September 1887, this was the official journal of the American Philatelic Association. It superseded *The American Philatelist*, which had been established in January 1887 and abolished by a vote of the membership on the 10<sup>th</sup> May of the same year, after only five issues. During its time as the official journal, *The Western Philatelist* was supplied free of charge to all members. At the second Convention, **Bradt** withdrew *The Western Philatelist* as the official journal and *The American Philatelist* was re-established as the official journal by the Association. **Bradt** soon joined the American Philatelic Association Literary Board which was responsible for the publication of *The American Philatelist* and became one of its business managers.
  19. *Philo's Monthly*, S. B. Bradt, Grand Crossing, IL, USA, July 1888 to October 1888, Volume 1, Issues 1 to 4.  
**Note:** Its name was derived from **Bradt's** well-known and freely-acknowledged pseudonym, **Philo**.  
It ceased publication owing to **Bradt's** illness and its outstanding subscriptions were subsequently filled by *The Philatelic Gazette*.
  20. *The Stamp Collector's Figaro*, E. W. Voûte, Chicago, IL, USA, March 1887 to December 1890, Volume 1 to Volume 5, Issue 2, Whole number 32.  
Continued as: *The Stamp Collector*, January to March 1891, Volume 5, Whole numbers

33 to 35.

**Note** In 1888, it incorporated *The Arizona Pride of Philately*.

There was a hiatus in publication between the issues for May and September of 1888 which was presumably the effect of the title being under offer and then relinquished by the new stock company, headed by **Bradt**.

The May number was published by the **Stamp Collector's Figaro Publishing Company** which had been formed by **Voûte**, presumably to smooth the transition of the paper to its new owners.

In September 1889, it was incorporated into Issue 9 of *The Hoosier Philatelist*, of which no further numbers were produced. Accordingly, it was then resurrected under its original title by **Voûte**.

In 1891, the paper was acquired by **F. N. Massoth Jr.** of Hanover Centre, Indiana and renamed *The Stamp Collector*.

21. *The Keystone Philatelic Gazette*, Mann & Kendig, Altoona, PA, USA, June 1884 to February 1885, Volume 1 Issue 1 to Issue 8.

Continued as: *The Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette*, March to December 1885, Volume 1, Issue 9 to Volume 2, Issue 6, Whole number 18.

Continued as: *The Stamp and Coin Gazette*, January to December 1886, Volume 2, Issue 7, Whole number 19 to Volume 3, Issue 6, Whole number 30.

Continued as *The Philatelic Gazette*, January 1887 to January 1890, Volume 3, Issue 7, Whole number 31 to Volume 6, Issue 5, Whole number 65.

**Note:** The numbers from September 1888 to January 1890, Whole numbers 49 to 65, were published by the **Western Philatelic Publishing Company**, Chicago, Illinois. (For a list of stockholders see: *Current Topics.*, *The Philatelic Gazette*, October 1888, Volume 5, Whole number 50, p.16.) Under this Company, it was initially edited by **Bradt** until his illness made him leave the City for some months. Thereafter, **Alfred L. Holman** and **Phillip M. Wolsieffer** became joint editors.

In **Bradt's** enforced absence, the journal was provided to subscribers of *Philo's Monthly* to fulfill their subscriptions.

Eventually, the journal took up too much of the editors' time and it was discontinued.

The unexpired subscriptions were filled by the *C. P. S. Bulletin*.

22. *Current notes.*, *The Philatelic Gazette*, September 1888, Volume 5, Whole number 49, p.9.

23. **A. L. Holman & P. M. Wolsieffer:** *Editorial mention.*, *The Philatelic Gazette*, November 1888, Volume 5, Whole number 51, p.29.

**Note:** This advises that **Bradt** had severed his connection with the paper and refers readers to an advertisement placed by him in the same issue, which is found on advertising page ii. Here, he mentions that his illness has necessitated his removal from Chicago without closing his affairs and requests that all creditors and debtors communicate with his wife, who evidently remained at their home in Grand Crossing.

24. *Notes and comments.*, *The Philatelic Gazette*, February 1889, Volume 5, Whole number 54, p.58.

25. *Notes and comments.*, *The Philatelic Gazette*, March 1889, Volume 5, Whole number 55, p.69.

26. **S. B. Bradt:** [*Advertisement*], *The United States Philatelist*, February 1889, Volume 2, Issue 5, p.39.

27. **Larry T. Nix:** *Chicago's Public Library.*, on the **Larry T. Nix** web site – *The Library History Buff:* [www.libraryhistorybuff.com/chicago-libraries.htm](http://www.libraryhistorybuff.com/chicago-libraries.htm).

28. *Chicago Stamp News*, June 1892, Volume 1, Issue 8, p.1.

29. **Dispersion:** *Chicago notes.*, The Quaker City Philatelist, May 1891, Volume 6, Whole number 65, p.78.  
**Note:** A note with almost exactly the same wording appeared in *The Rhode Island Philatelist* for May 1891 (Volume 3, Issue 5, p.95), which was itself taken from a note by **Kenlm** [*sic*] in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. **Kennelm** was a pseudonym used by **Philip M. Wolsieffer** adding authority to this information.
30. *The leading Chicago stamp firm.*, Chicago Stamp News, August 1892, Volume 1, Issue 10, pp.73-74.  
**Note:** Reprinted from *Plain Talk*, June/July 1892, Volume 11, Whole number 82.
31. **S. B. Bradt:** [*Advertisement*], The Western Philatelist, March 1888, Volume 2, Issue 3, p.46.
32. **S. B. Bradt:** [*Advertisement*], The Western Philatelist, April 1888, Volume 2, Issue 4, p.61.
33. *C. P. S. Bulletin*, S. B. Bradt & P. M. Wolsieffer (For the Chicago Philatelic Society), Chicago, IL, USA, January to February 1891, Volume 1, Issue 1 to Issue 2.
34. *Chicago Stamp News*, S. B. Bradt Company, Chicago, IL, USA, November 1891 to December 1892, Volume 1 to Volume 2, Issue 2, Whole number 14.  
**Note:** This was strictly a house journal and was sent free of charge to all customers and potential customers.
35. *Philatelic Gallery N<sup>o</sup>. 6: Mr. S. B. Bradt.*, The Eagle Philatelist, April 1892, Volume 2, Issue 4, pp.39-40.
36. *Removal.*, Chicago Stamp News, April 1892, Volume 1, Issue 6, p.41.
37. **E. P. Newcomer:** *What they are doing.*, The Philatelic Era, November 1891, Volume 5, Issue 3, pp.69-70.
38. Chicago Stamp News, November 1892, Volume 2, Issue 1, p.4.
39. **Albert R. Rogers:** *Rogers' American Philatelic Blue Book.*, Albert R. Rogers, New York, NY, USA, 1893, pp.49 & 52.
40. *Current Topics.*, The Philatelic Journal of Canada, February 1893, Volume 1, Issue 3, p.38.  
**Note:** The sale of his business and move back to mail sales from his home was signalled by his providing separate advertisements for both businesses, almost next to each other, in The Dominion Philatelist, February 1893, Volume 5, Issue 2, Inside back cover.
41. *I. S. B. Bradt.*, The Pennsylvania Philatelist, May 1893, [Volume 3], Columbian Number, p.43.
42. **Chris Peterson:** *Chicago Notes.*, The Canadian Philatelist, March 1894, Volume 3, Issue 7, p.57.
43. *Chicago notes.*, The Canadian Philatelist, May 1893, Volume 2, Issue 9, pp.135-136.
44. *Bradt, S. B., Station R, Chicago.* [*Advertisement*], The Dominion Philatelist, March 1895, Volume 7, Whole number 75, Inside front cover.
45. *Report of the Board of Vice-Presidents.*, The American Philatelist, November 1897, Volume 11, p.27.  
**Note:** This is simply a synopsis of the action taken by the Board of Vice Presidents with little in the way of background. The Proceedings of the Board had already been reported in full in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News<sup>(44)</sup>.
46. **John Luther Kilbon:** *Proceedings of the Board of Vice-Presidents.*, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, 1<sup>st</sup> April 1897, Volume 9, Issue 13, p.101.  
**Note:** **William F. Hadlow** (1861-1931) must have been relatively new to the stamp trade at the time of the transaction as he only became a full-time dealer in 1892. However, over the following decades he established himself as a highly-respected dealer and auctioneer, becoming a partner in the well-known philatelic auction house of **Plumridge & Company**. In 1930, he was invited to sign the

Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

47. *William Frederick Poole (1821-1894)*., Wikipedia web site:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Frederick\\_Poole](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Frederick_Poole).

**Note:** **William F. Poole**, a student at Yale University, observed that libraries held collections of periodicals which received little use because their content was not known. Whilst still a student, he began his own index to the periodical literature and eventually published two editions, in 1848 and 1853. **Poole** was subsequently approached by the American Library Association and persuaded to produce a new, greatly expanded edition of his index, which eventually appeared in six volumes between 1882 and 1908.

## **END NOTE**

In 2012, this section of the work was written up and published as:

**Brian J. Birch:** *Schuyler B. Bradt and the first philatelic index.*, *Philatelic Literature Review*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2012, Volume 61, Issue 3, pp.221-238.

{A minor update reporting an article by **Bradt** dating from 1901, long after he had left the philatelic field, was published as: **Brian J. Birch:** *Schuyler B. Bradt – An update.*, *Philatelic Literature Review*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014, Volume 63, Issue 2, p.92.}

{This article received the first Thomas F. Allen Award in 2013. See: *First Thomas F. Allen award honoree: Brian J. Birch.*, *Philatelic Literature Review*, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013, Volume 62, Issue 4, pp.306-307 & Appendix 3.}

{A commentary on my mentioning that it was generally accepted that **Bradt** was the major force in the founding of the American Philatelic Association and disputing that view, was published as: **Ken Lawrence:** *Theodore F. Cuno; Correcting the story.*, *Philatelic Literature Review*, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013, Volume 62, Issue 2, pp.140-150.}

{My response to **Ken Lawrence** was published as: **Brian J. Birch:** *Who really founded the American Philatelic Society, Theodore F. Cuno or Schuyler B. Bradt?*, *Philatelic Literature Review*, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015, Volume 64, Issue 1, pp.18-26. (Note that this response was prepared and sent to the editor a few weeks after receipt of the *Philatelic Literature Review* containing **Ken's** article and easily in time for the next issue. Unfortunately, it was misplaced by the editor, which mishap was only discovered when I chased it up a year or so later.)}

1889

Dr. Otto Carl Alfred Moschkau

*Zeitschriften-ueberschau*  
[Magazine review]

**Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung, 1889-1890**

INTRODUCTION

Although this index is not signed, it is highly likely, if not absolutely certain, that the author was **Dr. Alfred Moschkau**. Apart from the fact that at the time he was the main editor of the magazine, together with **H. Schwaneberger**, he had a library of some renown and was certainly one of the most important German bibliophiles of that time. He would have known of **Diena's** pleas for a philatelic bibliography published in the UK<sup>(1)</sup> and repeated in Germany<sup>(2)</sup> since he published a reply to the latter<sup>(3)</sup> supporting the principle but pointing out the problems involved. In the September 1889 issue of *Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung*, he published a further article stating that progress was being made on the retrospective index to the German-language literature<sup>(4)</sup>. (This presumably referred to the work of **Judge Victor Suppantchitsch** which began publication in 1892<sup>(5)</sup>.) It can hardly have been a coincidence when a current-awareness index appeared in the same periodical, the following month.

The fortnightly magazine was first published in January 1888 by **Ernst Heitmann** of Leipzig with **H. Schwaneberger** as editor. **Moschkau** joined as a second editor with issue 7 of April 1888. In January 1892, **Dr. Franz Kalckhoff** joined the editorial team the three of them continued as joint editors until **Heitmann** took full editorial control with the start of the new volume in January 1893. Publication continued until the end of its thirteenth volume in 1900, whole number 336.

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15<sup>th</sup> December 1889, Volume 2, Issue 24, p.375  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1890, Volume 3, issue 8, pp.146-147  
15<sup>th</sup> June 1890, Volume 3, Issue 12, p.218  
15<sup>th</sup> August 1890, Volume 3, Issue 16, p.297  
15<sup>th</sup> September 1890, Volume 3, Issue 18, pp.335-336

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

**Otto Carl Alfred Moschkau** was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1848 at Löbau in Saxony, now part of Germany. In 1873, he obtained his Doctorate in Philosophy and was thereafter almost always referred to as **Dr. Alfred Moschkau**, preferring **Alfred** over his other forenames.

He commenced his stamp collection in 1859  
at the age of eleven, following a fortuitous

find of stamps on his father's correspondence, which he was arranging. His writing career began in 1868 and from 1871 to 1872, he published his own magazine. Over the years, he was editor of many of the best-known German periodicals. This was accompanied by his writing a number of monographs and a great many articles, not to mention compiling Schaubeck's Album on the basis of his collection. In 1871 he disposed of his stamp collection and devoted himself to philatelic literature.

The history of his homeland, Upper Lusatia, and particularly of his home town, Oybin, had always been fascinating for him and in 1879, he founded the Oybin Historical Museum. In 1893, the museum was moved to the Knight's Hall of the old castle.



**Figure 1 Photograph of Moschkau ca. 1880  
(Courtesy of Wolfgang Maassen, Germany)**

In view of his generally poor health, he retired to Oybin in 1891 becoming the curator of the Historical Museum. Following his retirement, he only wrote occasionally for the philatelic press. He died on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1912<sup>(6, 7, 8, 9)</sup>.

When his library was examined in 1912, it proved to have had most of its important works removed<sup>(10)</sup>. It is thought that these, together with his collection and house, were sold to defray his liabilities when he lost a court case relating to his expertising activities, following an incident in which he accused a German dealer of producing forgeries.

## **NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

In spite of the fact that this is the second earliest published current-awareness index that I have been able to trace, I have never seen any reference to it in the philatelic literature. In fact, I only found it through its entry in **Suppantchitsch's** retrospective index of 1892.

The index covers a total of twenty-nine periodicals, which comprised virtually all of the important periodicals published in Europe and America at that time. It is noticeable that further magazines were added to the numbers of those being covered as the index progressed, which is indicative of the journal inflation which is typical of most current-awareness indexes and which lead to the demise of so many of them, when the compiler could no longer handle the number of journals received.

**Moschkau's** interest was firmly on the stamps and his entries are all given under the name of the appropriate country. There were no entries under general, biographical or miscellaneous headings.

The author used very loose abbreviations for the periodicals, sometimes using two or three different for many of the periodicals quoted and no less than nine for the American Journal of Philately, although some of these errors would undoubtedly have been due to difficulties in interpreting his handwriting. In spite of this, it is generally easy enough to determine the actual

title. Occasional slips:- such as using *Journal of Philately* and missing the initial word *American*; errors of numbering, e.g. in the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1890 list under Finland the reference should be to Le Timbre-Poste 324 not 234; spelling mistakes – *Colman* or *Calmon* instead of *Calman*, *Philatelie* rather than *Philately* and *Advertiser* rather than *Advertiser* and the like can be found throughout the work. This inconsistency from the pen of someone like Moschkau would seem to indicate that the index was compiled in haste or, as seems more-likely, over a long period of time, with the author relying on his memory for abbreviations and not having the time to ensure that errors of transcription from his manuscript into the printed form were completely eliminated.

References are given to the year and issue of the journal, either the month or issue number or where appropriate, the whole number. Given this data and a full set of the journals, which Moschkau undoubtedly had at this time, it would be no problem to locate any required article. The first page of his index, given in Figure 2, shows examples of these types of reference as the first three entries. However, for references to the English journal, *The Philatelic Record*, he evidently gives actual page numbers since one may presume that S = Seit, which translates as page.

In spite of these minor shortcomings, it must be remembered that this was one of the first current-awareness indexes covering the field of philately ever published.

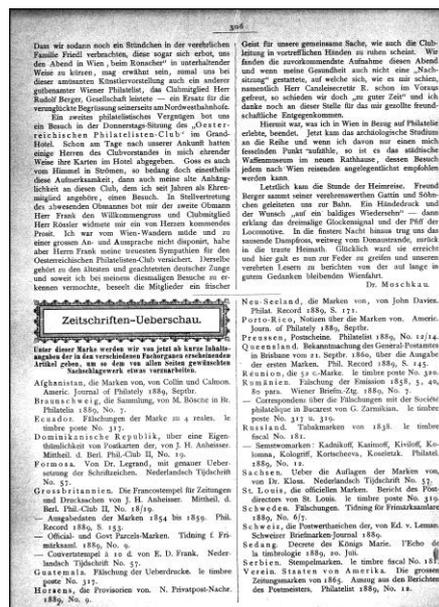


Figure 2 The first instalment of Moschkau's index.

In order to determine exactly which works **Moschkau** had indexed, it was necessary for me to list all of the abbreviations he had used and try to apply them to a then-current magazine. The following list of abbreviations ignores minor variations such as lack of capital letters, punctuation and initial articles. The full titles are taken from the *Crawford Catalogue*<sup>(11)</sup>

### Abbreviations used

<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Title</u>
Amer. Journ. of Ph.	American Journal of Philately, The
Amer. Journ. of Phil.	American Journal of Philately, The
Amer. Journal of Phil.	American Journal of Philately, The
Amer. Philatelist	American Philatelist, The
Americ. Journ. of Phil.	American Journal of Philately, The
Americ. Journ. of Philat.	American Journal of Philately, The
Americ. Journal of Philately	American Journal of Philately, The
Americ. Philat.	American Philatelist, The
Americ. Philatel.	American Philatelist, The
Americ. Philatelist	American Philatelist, The
American Philatelist	American Philatelist, The
Annonce Timbrologique	Annonce Timbrologique, L'

Carte Postale	Carte Postale, La
Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste	Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste, Le
Echo de la Timbrol.	Écho de la Timbrologie, L'
Echo de la Timbrologie	Écho de la Timbrologie, L'
Journ of Philatelie	American Journal of Philately, The
Journ. of Philately	American Journal of Philately, The
Journal of Philately	American Journal of Philately, The
Metropolitan Philat.	Metropolitan Philatelist, The
Metropolitan Philatel.	Metropolitan Philatelist, The
Mittheil d. Oest. Philat.-Club	Mittheilungen des Oesterreichischen Philatelisten-Club
Mittheil. d. Berl. Phil.-Club	Berliner Philatelisten-Club Vereinsmittheilungen
Mittheil. d. Oesterr. Philat.-Club	Mittheilungen des Oesterreichischen Philatelisten-Club
Mittheil. d. Berl. Philatel.-Club	Berliner Philatelisten-Club Vereinsmittheilungen
N. Privatpost-Nachr.	Neueste Privatpost-Nachrichten
Nederl. Tidschrift	Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde
Nederlandsch Tijdschrift	Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde
Phil. Journ. of America	Philatelic Journal of America, The
Phil. Record	Philatelic Record, The
Philat. Journ.	Philatelic Journal of America, The
Philat. Journ. of America	Philatelic Journal of America, The
Philat. Journal	Philatelic Journal of America, The
Philat. Journal of Amer.	Philatelic Journal of America, The
Philat. Journal of America	Philatelic Journal of America, The
Philat. Record	Philatelic Record, The
Philatel.	Philatelia or Philatelist, Der
Philatel. Journal of America	Philatelic Journal of America, The
Philatelia	Philatelia
Philatelic Journal of America	Philatelic Journal of America, The
Philatelist	Philatelist, Der
Postwerthzeichen	Postwerthzeichen, Das
Postwerthzeichenkunde	Postwerthzeichen-Kunde, Die
Revue Philatélique	Revue Philatélique
Sammler	Sammler, Der
Schweizer Briefmarken-Journal	Schweizer Briefmarken-Journal
Stamp Collector's Figaro	Stamp Collector's Figaro, The
Stamp News	Stamp News, The
Tidning f. Frimärksaml.	Tidning för Frimärksamlare
Tidning för Frimärks.	Tidning för Frimärksamlare
Tidning för Frimärksamlare	Tidning för Frimärksamlare
Timbre Fiscal	Timbre Fiscal, Le
Timbre-Poste	Timbre-Poste, Le
Vereinsmitth. d. Berl. Phil.-Cl.	Berliner Philatelisten-Club Vereinsmittheilungen
Vereinsmittheil. d. Berl. Phil.-Club	Berliner Philatelisten-Club Vereinsmittheilungen
Weltpost	Welt-Post
Western Philatelist	Western Philatelist, The
Wiener Briefm.-Zeitung	Wiener Briefmarken-Zeitung
Wiener Briefmarken-Zeitung	Wiener Briefmarken-Zeitung

### **Periodicals Indexed**

**Moschkau** never provided any lists showing the titles of the magazines he indexed. The following table lists all of the periodicals in alphabetical order, together with the years in which entries appeared in the index, as an indication of the coverage.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
American Journal of Philately, The	1889-90
American Philatelist, The	1889-90
Annonce Timbrologique, L'	1890
Berliner Philatelisten-Club Vereinsmittheilungen	1890
Carte Postale, La	1890
Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste, Le	1890
Écho de la Timbrologie, L'	1889-90
Metropolitan Philatelist, The	1890
Mittheilungen des Oesterreichischen Philatelisten-Club	1890
Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde	1889-90
Neueste Privatpost-Nachrichten	1889
Philatelia	1889-90
Philatelic Journal of America, The	1889-90
Philatelic Record, The	1889-90
Philatelist, Der	1889-90
Postwertzeichen, Das	1889
Postwertzeichen-Kunde, Die	1890
Revue Philatélique	1890
Sammler, Der	1889-90
Schweizer Briefmarken-Journal	1889
Stamp Advertiser, The	1890
Stamp Collector's Figaro, The	1889
Stamp News, The	1890
Tidning för Frimärksamlare	1889-90
Timbre Fiscal, Le	1889-90
Timbre-Poste, Le	1889-90
Welt-Post	1889
Western Philatelist, The	1889
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*Abriss der Geschichte der Philatelie mit Besonderer Berücksichtigung Deutschland's und einer Kurzen Geschichte der Deutschen Philatelistischen Literatur.* [Bibliography and Reference Book on all German Philatelic Literature from its Beginning to the End of 1891 Including an Outline of the History of Philately with Special Reference to Germany and a Short History of German Philatelic Literature.], 16 Sections, A. Larisch, Munich, Germany, 1892-94, 749pp. (A translation of the text, other than the index entries, is available as Philat. Trans. 43.)

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## END NOTE

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**Brian J. Birch:** *Treasures in the Library: The first philatelic current awareness index.*, London Philatelist, January/February 2010, Volume 119, pp.11-16.

1891

Thomas Martin Wears

*An index of English stamp magazines from 1862 to 1889*

**The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, 1891-1892**

INTRODUCTION

In 1887, **Dr. Emilio Diena**, the renowned Italian philatelist, published a short note in *The Philatelic Record*<sup>(1)</sup> proposing the publication of an index to all of the philatelic publications that had been produced up to that time. His note received immediate support from **Peter J. Anderson**, a noted collector of early philatelic literature<sup>(2)</sup>. Unbeknown to either of these correspondents, their exchange had prompted **Thomas Martin Wears** to begin to compile an index to the most-important philatelic periodicals published in England to that date<sup>(3)</sup>.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX

**T. Martin Wears:** *An index of English stamp magazines. From 1862 to 1889.*, The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain:

- October 1891, Volume 1, Issue 9, pp.142-144
- November 1891, Volume 1, Issue 10, pp.163-164
- December 1891, Volume 1, Issues 11/12, pp.193-194
- February 1892, Volume 2, Issue 13, pp.29<sup>1</sup>-30<sup>1</sup>
- March 1892, Volume 2, Issue 14, pp.45-46
- April 1892, Volume 2, Issue 15, pp.70-71

Note:- The superscripts given in the reference above can be found on the original pages and are part of the page numbering for that issue.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

**Thomas Martin Wears** was born in Dundee, Scotland on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1861 to **John Dorward** (1813-) and **Mary Martin Wears** (1827-). Following his education he became a practising solicitor in that city. He married **Ethel Stewart Davies** (1874-1945) and in 1896 they had a daughter, **Gwynneth** (1896-1990).

He commenced collecting stamps in 1877 and eventually specialised in British stamps. His other interest was philatelic literature and in 1893, his library consisted of about one hundred bound volumes.<sup>(4)</sup> In philatelic publications, he was generally referred to as **T. Martin Wears** but is occasionally found referred to as **Martin Wears**

Apart from the above, his addresses (Rosemount, Downfield, Dundee in 1889<sup>(5)</sup> and Craggan Mhòr, Wormit-on-Tay in 1897<sup>(6)</sup>) and that he was publishing articles in both the UK and America as early as 1882<sup>(7, 8)</sup>, at the age of twenty-one, I have found very little personal information about **Wears**. However, he was obviously a collector of some renown since **Patrick Chalmers** (of the Chalmers-Hill controversy) dedicated his pamphlet of 1890: *To T. Martin Wears, Esq., and other promoters of the Dundee Jubilee Exhibition of Postage*

Stamps<sup>(9)</sup>.

Evidently, **Wears** had been a serious collector of philatelic literature well before 1882 when he published an article on **John K. Tiffany**<sup>(8)</sup> sub-titled *From the philatelic library of T. Martin Wears, Esq.* The following year, he was collaborating with **Tiffany** in compiling lists of philatelic literature<sup>(10)</sup>. According to the Crawford Catalogue<sup>(11)</sup>, **Wears** published three monographs between 1884 and 1891. These were histories of the Sydney Views of New South Wales (1884), which received a scathing review in the *Philatelic Record*, the Mulready envelope (1886) and finally, an anthology of philatelic poetry (1891).



**Thomas Martin Wears ca.1893**

His index contains references to a number of his own articles, which he continued to publish as late as 1911<sup>(12)</sup>. He resigned from the Philatelic Society, London (later the Royal Philatelic Society, London) during the 1904-05 season<sup>(13)</sup>, having been a member since at least 1895, and was a member of the Philatelic Literature Society for one year between 1912 and 1913<sup>(14)</sup>. That year might mark his exit from the philatelic scene since he was not listed in *Who's Who in Philately 1914*<sup>(15)</sup>.

In 2020, **Frank Walton** managed to find a timeline for **Wears** from an online ancestry provider showing that **Wears** had emigrated to Alberta in Canada in 1913. He died on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 1945 and was buried in Strathmore, Alberta.

## NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX

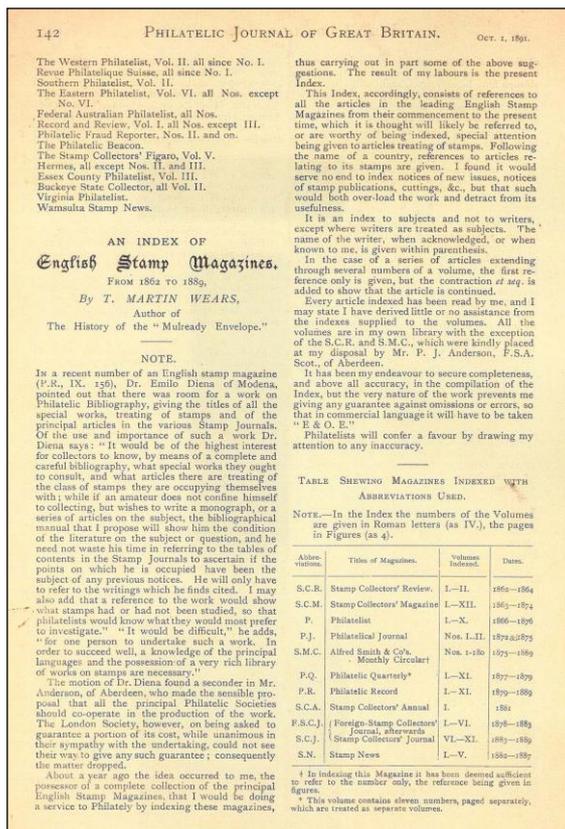
Wears acknowledged that **Diena's** earlier plea for a philatelic bibliography<sup>(1)</sup> was the catalyst for his work and stated that his motive was that he would be doing a service to philately by indexing these magazines.

The index covers the contents of the ten most important periodicals that had been published in England prior to 1890, a total of sixty-eight volumes. Most people commenting on this work give the number of periodicals as eleven. This is the number of abbreviations **Wears** uses but *The Stamp Collector's Journal* is simply a continuation of *The Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal*, reducing the actual number to ten. **Wears** acknowledged that he was in an excellent position to carry out this work, possessing complete runs of all but two of the periodicals. The volumes of the earliest British philatelic periodical, *The Monthly Advertiser* of 1862, and *Alfred Smith & Co.'s Monthly Circular* he borrowed from his fellow Scot, **P. J. Anderson** of Aberdeen, who presumably corresponded with **Wears** after he had published the list of periodicals he had to hand<sup>(3)</sup>.

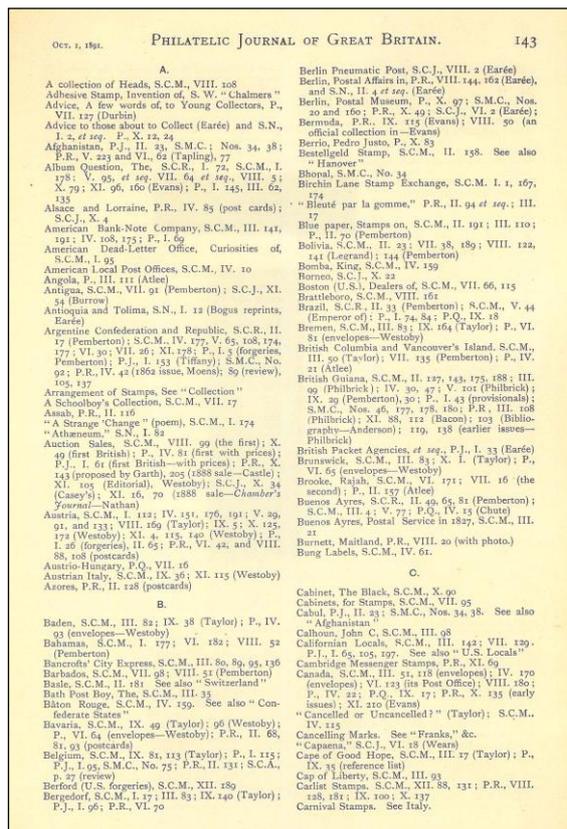
His closeness to **Anderson** can be judged from the report that in 1892 the latter proposed **Wears** for membership of the Philatelic Society, London<sup>(16)</sup> (Later the Royal Philatelic Society London), a membership he did not relinquish until 1905<sup>(17)</sup>. Although **Anderson's** papers and collection of early philatelic literature is held by the University of Aberdeen, they could not trace any correspondence with **Wears** in their holdings. (Private correspondence, July 2003.)

The figures given below are the first two pages of the index. The first gives the introduction

and list of periodicals indexed and the second shows the typical index format, concise but very usable even today, as one would expect from one trained as a solicitor. Interestingly, complete bound sets of the ten periodicals he used to compile the index would cost tens of thousands of pounds today.



Title page and list of periodicals indexed



First page of the index

Wears provided the list of the periodicals he had indexed in order of their date of first publication. This would hardly be a problem for a modern user of the index, owing to the small number of periodicals (10) and abbreviations (11) used, except that he was a little weak in his control of the titles. Accordingly, I have compiled the following alphabetical list of periodicals indexed and have brought the titles in line with the Crawford Catalogue<sup>(11)</sup>.

**Periodicals Indexed**

Title	Coverage
Alfred Smith & Co.'s Monthly Circular See <i>S.M.C.</i>	
F.S.C.J. Foreign-Stamp Collectors' Journal, The Renamed <i>The Stamp Collector's Journal</i> , <i>Coin Collectors' News</i> , and <i>Antiquarian Gazette</i> Renamed <i>The Stamp Collector's Journal</i> , and <i>Coin Collectors' News</i> See <i>S.C.J.</i>	1878-84; Volumes 1-6
P. Philatelist, The	1866-76; Volumes 1-10
P.J. Philatelic Journal, The	1872-75; Volumes 1-2
P.Q. Philatelic Quarterly and Miscellaneous Advertiser,	1877-79; Issues 1-11

	The	
P.R.	Philatelic Record, The	1879-89; Volumes 1-11
S.C.A.	Stamp Collectors' Annual for 1881, The	1881
S.C.J.	Stamp Collector's Journal, and Coin Collectors' News, The	1884-89; Volumes 7-11
	Formerly <i>The Foreign-Stamp Collectors' Journal</i>	
	Renamed <i>The Stamp Collectors' Journal</i>	
S.C.M.	Stamp Collectors' Magazine, The	1863-74; Volumes 1-12
S.C.R.	Monthly Advertiser, The	1862-64; Volumes 1-2
	Renamed <i>The Stamp Collectors' Monthly Advertiser</i>	
	Renamed <i>The Stamp Collectors' Review and Monthly Advertiser</i>	
S.M.C.	Alfred Smith & Co.'s Monthly Circular	1875-89; Whole numbers 1-180
S.N.	Stamp News, The	1882-87; Volumes 1-5

It is generally acknowledged that, in spite of it being the pioneering philatelic index, it was compiled in a workmanlike manner and compared favourably with the efforts of many who came after him<sup>(18)</sup>. Inevitably, **Wears'** index has its foibles, eloquently described by **Negus** in his book<sup>(19)</sup>. However, it is a well-prepared index covering the most-important early English periodicals, is easy to use and still relevant today. Unfortunately, one has to accept that the periodicals indexed are now of the very greatest rarity and most references may well only be obtainable from the Library of the Royal Philatelic Society London or the **Earl of Crawford's** Library, now held intact by the British Library.

## INDEX OF PHILATELISTS

It is not common for compilers of retrospective indexes to concern themselves with references to people since their main interest was in the articles relating to stamps. **Wears**, however, included all biographical references in his index, possibly because it was the first retrospective index attempted, with a relatively small number of periodicals and was produced as a service to his fellow collectors.

As an aid to philatelic biography, relating to the earliest philatelists and dealers, I have picked out all references to philatelists in **Wears'** index. Obvious non-philatelists, such as **King Bomba** of Sicily, have been excluded but I have erred on the cautious side by including those with whose background I was not familiar. Articles including a portrait are annotated accordingly.

<u>Name</u>	<u>References</u>
<b>Berio</b> , Pedro Justo	P., Volume 10, p.83
<b>Burnett</b> , Maitland	P.R., Vol. 7, p.20 (portrait).
<b>Calhoun</b> , John C.	S.C.M., Volume 3, p.98
<b>Casey</b> , Joseph	S.C.M., Volume 12, p.189; S.M.C., Whole numbers 28 & 33
<b>Cooper</b> , Sir Daniel	S.C.A., p.44
<b>Craig</b> , E. A.	S.C.M., Volume 8, p.187
<b>Durbin</b> , L. W.	P.R., Volume 9, p.159; S.C.J., Volume 9, p.90
<b>Earée</b> , Rev. R. B.	S.N., Volume 5, p.1 (portrait)
<b>Evans</b> , E. B.	P.R., Volume 6, p.225 (portrait)

<b>Everett, H. A.</b>	S.C.J., Volume 6, p.89
<b>Ferrary, Philipp von</b>	P.R., Volume 5, p.199 & Volume 9, p.217 (portrait)
<b>Gibbons, E. Stanley</b>	S.C.J., Volume 10, p.5 (portrait)
<b>Gray, Dr. John E.</b>	S.C.R., Volume 1, p.2; S.M.C., Whole number 4; P.J., Volume 2, p.49
<b>Hidalgo, Don Miguel</b>	S.C.M., Volume 3, p.76
<b>Image, W. E.</b>	P.R., Volume 10, p.197 (portrait)
<b>Jackson, Andrew</b>	S.C.M., Volume 7, p.21
<b>King, C. Whitfield</b>	S.C.J., Volume 10, p.24
<b>King, F. H.</b>	S.C.M., Volume 5, p.71 & Volume 6, p.13; P., Volume 1, p.190
<b>Lallier, Justin</b>	S.C.M., Volume 11, p.159
<b>Legrand, Dr.</b>	P.R., Volume 7, p.205 (portrait)
<b>Leopold, King of Belgium</b>	S.C.M., Volume 3, p.155
<b>Meyer, Ferdinand</b>	P.R., Volume 4, p.227
<b>Palmer, J. W.</b>	S.C.J., Volume 6, pp.34, 44 & 83; S.N., Volume 2, pp.27 & 39
<b>Pauwels, Jules</b>	S.C.M., Volume 8, p.164
<b>Pemberton, Edward L.</b>	P.R., Volume 1, p.2 (portrait); P.J., Volume 1, pp.93, 130 & 164; S.M.C., Whole number 49
<b>Philbrick, F. A.</b>	S.C.M., Volume 11, p.63; P.R., Volume 2, p.160 (portrait); S.N., Volume 1, p.38
<b>Tapling, T. K.</b>	P.R., Volume 9, p.193 (portrait)
<b>Tiffany, John K.</b>	P., Volume 9, p.57; S.M.C., Whole number 3
<b>Viner, Dr.</b>	P.R., Volume 3, p.223 (portrait)
<b>Westoby, W. A. S.</b>	P.R., Volume 5, p.220 (portrait)
<b>Ysai, V. de</b>	S.M.C., Whole number 80; P.R., Volume 3, p.121 & Volume 4, p.209 (portrait)

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In 2004, this section of the work was written up and published as: **Brian J. Birch**: *Current-awareness and retrospective indexes.*, Philatelic Literature Review, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2004, Volume 53, Issue 1, pp.33-58.

1892

## Victor Suppantschitsch

*Bibliographie zugleich Nachschlagebuch der gesamten Deutschen Philatelistischen Literatur seit ihrem Entstehen bis Ende 1891 Nebst einem Abriss der Geschichte der Philatelie mit Besonderer Berücksichtigung Deutschland's und einer Kurzen Geschichte der Deutschen Philatelistischen Literatur*

[*Bibliography and Reference Book on all German Philatelic Literature from its Beginning to the End of 1891 Including an Outline of the History of Philately with Special Reference to Germany and a Short History of German Philatelic Literature*]

A. Larisch, Munich, Germany, 1892-94

### INTRODUCTION

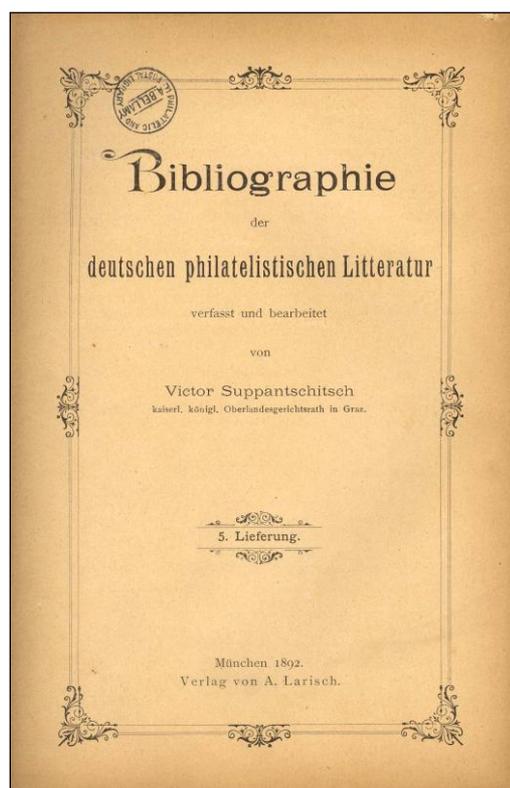
**Victor Suppantschitsch** became a stamp collector in 1863 and immediately subscribed to the earliest German philatelic periodicals as they appeared. His first contribution to the literature was in 1876. Thereafter, he was an important author, his articles appearing regularly in the German and Austrian philatelic press. He gave up collecting stamps in the early 1880s to concentrate on the literature of the hobby. By the end of the 1890s, he was the owner of the most complete library of German-language philatelic literature of his day.

Spurred on by **Emilio Diena's**<sup>(1)</sup> call for a bibliography of all philatelic literature throughout the world, he rose to the challenge and produced this massive bibliography and index of German philatelic literature<sup>(2, 3)</sup>. He provided a history of the development of philatelic literature on a worldwide basis, listed every item of German literature known to him and provided an index to the contents of all of the German periodicals.

### BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX

**Victor Suppantschitsch:** *Bibliographie zugleich Nachschlagebuch der gesamten Deutschen Philatelistischen Literatur seit ihrem Entstehen bis Ende 1891 Nebst einem Abriss der Geschichte der Philatelie mit Besonderer Berücksichtigung Deutschland's und einer Kurzen Geschichte der Deutschen Philatelistischen Literatur*. [*Bibliography and Reference Book on all German Philatelic Literature from its Beginning to the End of 1891 Including an Outline of the History of Philately with Special Reference to Germany and a Short History of German Philatelic Literature.*], 16 Parts, A. Larisch, Munich, Germany, 1892-94, 749pp. {A translation of the text, other than the index entries, is available as Philat. Trans. 43.}

Parts 1-6	1892
Parts 7-13	1893
Parts 14-16	1894



**Figure 1 Part 5 of Suppantschitsch's Bibliography**

**Suppantschitsch** originally intended to publish the index part of the volume in five Sections:-

1. General Section
2. Special Section
3. Postal Service
4. Philatelic Societies
5. Authors

In the event, he only published the first two and the final Sections of the index in this format, owing to the excessive number of extra Parts which would have been needed had the other two Sections been included, making the work too large and expensive. Even then, the index comprised over two thirds of the book:-

Part I	<i>History of philately with special reference to Germany</i>	pp.7-76
Part II	<i>History of German philatelic literature</i>	pp.77-107
Part III	<i>German philatelic literature from its beginning to the end of 1891</i>	pp.109-218
Parts IV & V	<i>Reference book of German periodical literature from the beginning to the end of 1891 [The Index]</i>	pp.219-741

The Index section was divided into three sections, the third being called Part V of the work, for some unknown reason:

1. General section pp.229-416
2. Special section pp.417-714
3. Philatelic authors & outstanding philatelists pp.715-741

Section 1 gives the references to general philatelic topics. The Second section includes all references to particular countries and their postal undertakings, while the third Section includes the references to the major personalities involved with the hobby.

## A Supplement Appears

One of the other two planned sections, that covering the Postal Service, was published as a supplement in *Die Postwertzeichen-Kunde* in 1897:

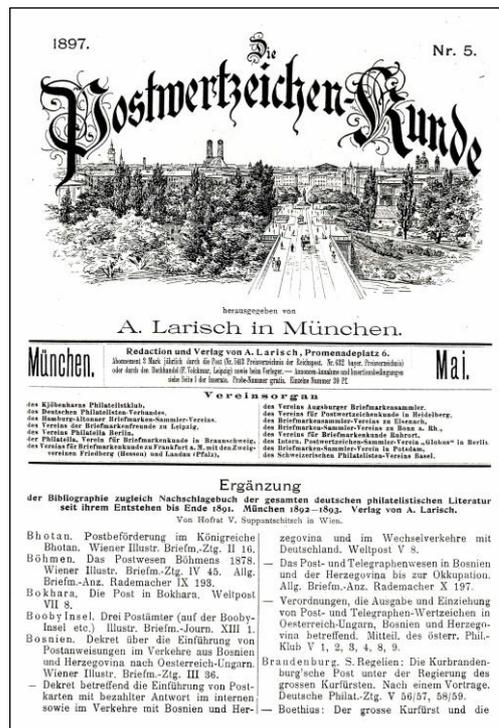


Figure 2 The Supplement

**Victor Suppanttschicht:** *Ergänzung der Bibliographie zugleich Nachschlagebuch der gesamten Deutschen Philatelistischen Literatur seit ihrem Entstehen bis Ende 1891. München 1892-1893. Verlag von A. Larisch.* [Supplement to the Bibliography and Reference Book of the Whole German Philatelic Literature from its Beginning to the end of 1891. Published by A. Larisch, Munich 1892-1893\*.] *Die Postwertzeichen-Kunde,*

- January 1897, Volume 8, Issue 1, pp.1-2
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- May 1897, Volume 8, Issue 5, pp.61-62
- June 1897, Volume 8, Issue 6, pp.73-74
- July 1897, Volume 8, Issue 7, pp.86-87
- August 1897, Volume 8, Issue 8, pp.97-98
- September/October 1897, Volume 8, Issue 9/10, pp.111-112
- November 1897, Volume 8, Issue 11, pp.129-131
- December 1897, Volume 8, Issue 12, pp.147-149

{A translation into English of the introductory text is available as Philat. Trans. 275.}

\* His Bibliography was originally published from 1892-1894, not 1892-1893.

## The Postal Stationery Bibliography

In **Suppantchitsch's** opinion, research into Postal Stationery had been very much neglected by philatelists in favour of stamps. In order to help remedy this, he extended the section of his Bibliography relating to Postal Stationery to 1910 and published it as:

**Victor Suppantchicht:** *Bibliographie der in den Jahren 1892 bis einschliesslich 1910 in der Deutschen philatelistischen Literatur erschienenen, die ganzsachen betreffenden Werke und wichtigeren Zeitungsartikel und Notizen.* [Bibliography of important articles and notes published in the German philatelic literature in the years 1892 through 1910 inclusive, relating to postal stationery.], Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung,

10<sup>th</sup> January 1914, Volume 10, Issue 1, pp.62-63

21<sup>st</sup> March 1914, Volume 10, Issue 6, pp.154-155

25<sup>th</sup> April 1914, Volume 10, Issue 8, pp.205-206

6<sup>th</sup> June 1914, Volume 10, Issue 11, pp.287-289

14<sup>th</sup> November 1914, Issues 19/20, p.438

13<sup>th</sup> February 1915, Volume 11, Issue 3, p.61

11<sup>th</sup> December 1915, Issue 23, p.521

9<sup>th</sup> December 1916, Volume 12, Issue 23, p.518

21<sup>st</sup> April 1917, Volume 13, Issues 7/8, p.162

18<sup>th</sup> May 1918, Volume 14, Issues 9/10, p.115

**Note:** The lists appeared regularly up to the middle of 1914 and with decreasing regularity thereafter, possibly due to the War. The final list of May 1918 only reached the letter N: *Norddeutscher Postbezirk*, presumably owing to the author's failing health prior to his death on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1919.

{A translation of the introductory text is available as Philat. Trans. 586.}

The final Section of the Index on philatelic societies does not seem to have ever been published, which is a great loss to the history of the development of organised philately in Germany and possibly elsewhere.

### Updates by other authors

That there was a desire on the part of some German philatelists that the work should be kept up to date or simply updated can be seen from the following articles by **Fränkel** (covers the years 1892-1893) and **Gottschalk** (covers the years 1894-1897). Both authors deny carrying forward **Suppantchitsch's** work but merely offer an update of the most important subsequent publications in the years mentioned.

**[H. Fraenkel]:** *Die Deutsche philatelistische Literatur 1892/93.*, [The German philatelic literature 1892/93.], Deutsche Briefmarken - Zeitung, 1<sup>st</sup> September 1893, Volume 3, Issue 12, pp.174-177. (Although the article is anonymous, **Fraenkel** is identified as the author by **Gottschalk**.) {A translation into English is available from the present author as Philat. Trtrans. 199.}

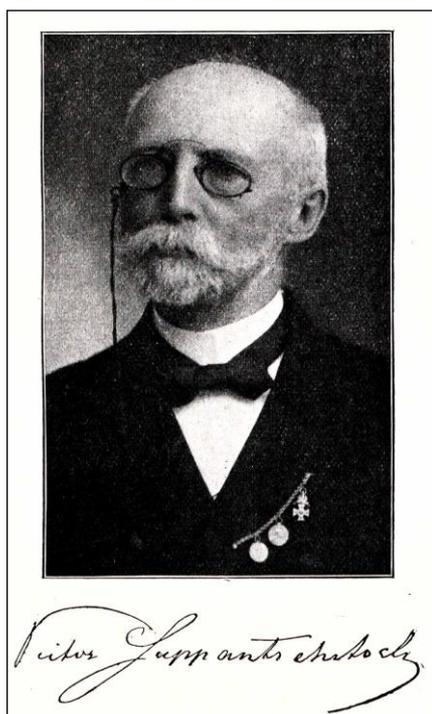
**Albert Gottschalk:** *Die Deutsche philatelistische Literatur 1894/97.* [German philatelic literature 1894/97.], in: *Festschrift zur Feier des Zehnjährigen Bestehens des Berliner Philatelisten-Club.*, Berliner Philatelisten-Club, Berlin, Germany, 1898, pp.100-118. {A translation into English is available from the present author as Philat. Trans. 037.}

### BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

The importance of **Suppantchitsch** both in German-speaking lands and internationally can be judged from the number of substantial biographies that have been published<sup>(4-19)</sup>.

**Victor Suppantšitsch** was born in Laibach, Austria on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 1838, the son of a merchant. After completing his studies at the High School there, he undertook finishing trips to Germany, Switzerland and Italy, before entering the University of Vienna in 1858. He graduated from the Faculty of Law and Political Studies with a degree in juridical-political studies. In August 1862 he entered State service as an assistant in the Royal and Imperial Supreme Court in Graz and was married the following year. In the year 1869, he became a Deputy at the Supreme Court in Laibach, in 1873 Deputy Official Prosecutor and in 1874 District Judge in Adelsberg. At the beginning of 1883, he was appointed to the Council of the Provincial Court of Kärnten (Carinthia) in Klagenfurt. For many years he was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in the Austro-Hungarian Empire and at the time of his retirement in 1906, he was Senate President of the Supreme Court of Justice. **Suppantšitsch** died on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1919 at the age of 80.

He was interested in scientific collecting from his youth and became a philatelist in 1863 when his brother died and left him his stamp collection. When the first German stamp collecting paper, *Magazin für Briefmarken-Sammler*, began publication that same year, he was one of the early subscribers. His literary activity in philately began in the year 1876 in the *Wiener Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung*. From then on, a great many issues of the leading philatelic journals in Austria and Germany had a contribution from his pen. This period showed the beginning of his association with **Ferdinand Meyer**, with whom, in the course of time, he developed the most intimate ties of friendship that were only broken by the sudden death of **Meyer** in December 1882. This led to him selling his stamp collection and concentrating on collecting the literature and writing on the subject.



**Figure 3 Victor Suppantšitsch**



Figure 4 Suppantschitsch bookplate in grey  
(~65mm x 47mm)



Figure 5 Suppantschitsch bookplate in black  
(~65mm x 47mm)

At the beginning of 1880, **Suppantschitsch** had his famous *Leitfaden der Philatelie* [*Guidelines to Philately*] published by **Wartig** in Leipzig. This quickly became known wherever the German language was spoken and was awarded a bronze medal by the Société Française de Timbrologie of Paris, the highest award given to literature up to that time. In the year 1883, a small album for beginners was published by **Moriz Schauenburg** of Lahr and in 1885 came his great *Welt Briefmarken-Album* [*World Postage Stamp Album*], the second edition of which appeared in 1887. By 1889, this had been developed into his six-volume *Patentiertes Briefmarken-Album* [*Patented Postage Stamp Album*]. He was awarded the Lindenberg Medal in 1913 for his services to philately. Although his library dated back to the earliest German periodicals of the 1860s, it was only after the 1890 International Philatelic Exhibition in Vienna, where he was Chairman of the Jury and there was a competitive class for philatelic literature, that he decided to make his library complete. In this way, he reasoned, he would preserve for posterity many publications which might otherwise have been lost. He collected only up to the end of 1900 since, after that date there were so many literature collectors that he believed that the later literature was in no danger of being lost.

Unusually, **Suppantschitsch** published a catalogue of his library in the *Austria-Philatelist* from 1895-97<sup>(20)</sup>, publishing it as a pamphlet himself immediately afterwards. An outline of the contents of the library was given in his article of 1909 in *The Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society*<sup>(9)</sup>. It contained 27,164 Issues of Periodicals; 1180 Handbooks; 293 Society Publications; 984 Catalogues and Price Lists and 103 Articles from non-philatelic periodicals.

In the early 1920s his family offered his great library for sale, a fact that was noticed by the Collectors Club of New York. In January 1923, **Theodore E. Steinway** authorised the Club to purchase the library in his name, following which he would present it to the Club. The deal was quickly done at a very low price and within a few months the Collectors Club became owner of one of the largest philatelic libraries in the world<sup>(15-18)</sup>.

Naturally, there was some significant duplication between the holdings of the Collectors Club library and its new acquisitions. In the years that followed, the libraries were integrated keeping the best copies and setting aside the duplicates. In 1942, the Collectors Club sold its duplicate library stock, which included many items from the **Suppantschitsch** library, to **Paul Bluss**<sup>(21)</sup> – just about the only significant literature dealer in America at that time. In this way, many books carrying **Suppantschitsch's** bookplates<sup>(22)</sup> came onto the market and can still be found today.

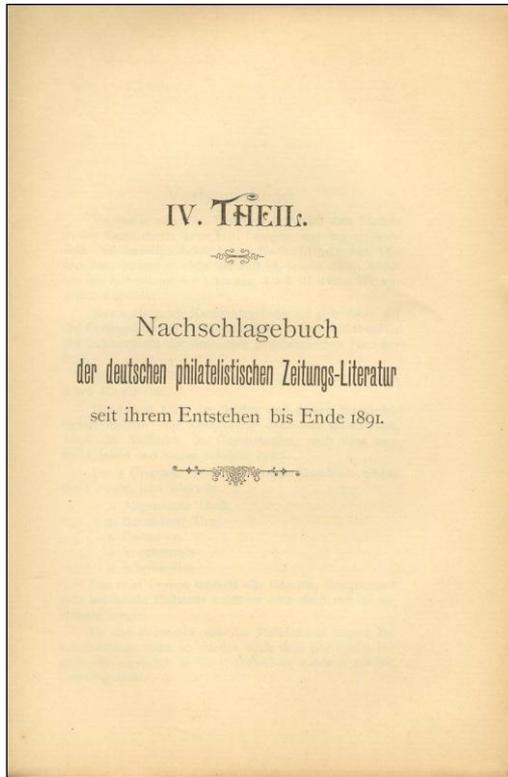


Figure 6 The Title-Page of the Index

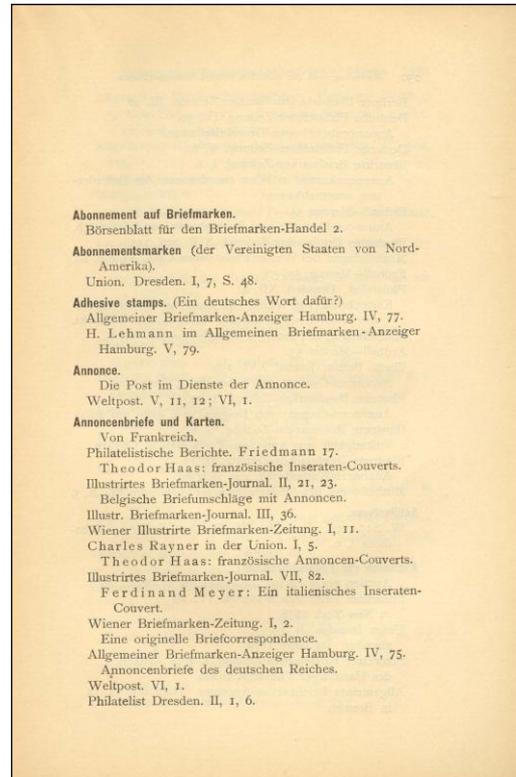


Figure 7 The First Page of the Index

## NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX

In spite of its cumbersome title, the majority of this book (pages 219-741) is comprised of an index to the contents of virtually all German philatelic periodicals to the end of 1891.

**Suppantchitsch** originally intended to publish the index in five sections, however, in the event, he only published three Sections of the index in book form and another, covering the postal services, as a supplement in *Die Postwertzeichen-Kunde* in 1897. The Section on Postal Stationery was extended for a further 19 years, to 1910, and published up to the letter N in the *Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung* from 1914 to 1918, remaining unfinished owing to his death the following year.

**Suppantchitsch** and his Bibliography were treated with due reverence in Germany, the only country where **Diena's** vision had come to fruition. Even thirty plus years later, the notable bibliophile **Max Ton** (1882-1951), whilst admitting it to be somewhat outdated, described the Bibliography as a *fundamental and comprehensive masterpiece*<sup>(23)</sup>. Others were less kind. According to **Roland King-Farlow**, himself a very well-known indexer of important journals, **Suppantchitsch** tried to index everything and so included many trivial references<sup>(24)</sup>. For this reason, he considered the index of little use. In spite of such negative sentiments, I have discovered many references in this index that I have not found anywhere else in the literature and for this reason consider the index both essential and invaluable for those investigating early articles in German periodicals. My sentiments were echoed by Wolfgang Maassen as recently as this year when he wrote about **Suppantchitsch's** work, noting that *Almost any German-speaking historian of philately or philatelic literature will still use it today*<sup>(25)</sup>.

## PERIODICALS INDEXED

Pages 113 to 154 consist of a complete bibliography of all known German philatelic periodicals up to the end of 1891. However, this bibliography is not easy to use since the alphabetical order includes the initial article (i.e. *Der Philatelist* appears under D) even though they are seldom included in the index entries. It also contains a number of errors. Accordingly, I have redrawn it in the *Periodicals Indexed* table below. Every entry has been compared with the *Crawford Catalogue*<sup>(26)</sup> and corrected. Although **Suppantchitsch** tended to abbreviate the journal titles in a somewhat ad hoc fashion and seldom with any consistency, this generally causes little difficulty in determining the title of the journal in question.

Errors that I noted in the index which could cause confusion are given an appropriate note in the table. However, typographical errors and the myriad of minor (and sometimes not so minor) variations such as *pc*, *P-C* and *Philatelistenclub* for *Philatelisten-Club*, are ignored. Extensions, used by **Suppantchitsch** to differentiate between periodicals of the same name, are given in brackets after the title. These extensions changed as the place of publication or publisher changed so that *Der Sammler* can be found with the extensions (*München*), (*Stuttgart*), (*Breithaupt*), (*Dr. Brendicke*), (*Brendicke*) or even just signified by the abbreviation *D.S.* Where I have had to guess **Suppantchitsch's** titles, this is indicated by the word *probably*.

### The unknown periodicals

In spite of my efforts, the origins of three titles used by **Suppantchitsch** in his Index could not be determined with any certainty:-

#### *Internationalen* III 6

None of the periodicals listed in the Bibliography, that contained the word *Internationalen* reached Volume III except *Sitzungsberichte des Internationalen Postwertzeichen-Händler-Vereins in Berlin*, which is unlikely to have had only a single entry under *Internationalen*. No entries under *Sitzungsberichte* were found in the Index. However, the *Internationales Briefmarken-Journal* did reach volume 3 and would be my best guess.

#### *Magazin für Kaufmännische Sammlungen*

No periodical with a title anything like this can be found either in **Suppantchitsch's** Bibliography or the catalogue of the **Earl of Crawford's** library.

#### [*Dresdner*] *Illustr. Kaufm. Journal*

In a similar way, the above title, found both with and without *Dresdner*, is a mystery. The nearest I can find is the *Dresdner Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal*, which changed its title twice in the period covered by the Index.

### The Periodicals

**Suppantchitsch** makes it clear on page 224 that he had failed to trace copies of certain minor periodicals, which were therefore not indexed. All of the periodicals included in the Bibliography have therefore been checked in the Index and Supplement and those for which there are no entries have been deleted from this list. It is likely that **Suppantchitsch** checked

the majority of the missing periodicals but found no articles worthy of inclusion.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
A. Moschkau's Magazin für den Sammler von Essais Privatpost-Wechsel- Stempel- Telegraphen- u. Eisenbahn-Marken Renamed <i>A. Moschkau's Magazin für Deutschlands Markensammler</i> Renamed <i>A. Moschkau's Magazin für Markensammler</i>	1871-72; Issues 1-12
Allgem. Anzeiger Shown as <i>Allgemeiner Anzeiger</i> in his list of periodicals	1876-77; Issues 1-10
Allgem. Briefm.-Ztg. Probably <i>Allgemeine Deutsche Briefmarkenzeitung</i>	
Allgemeine Deutsche Briefmarkenzeitung	1864; Issues 1-12
Allgemeiner Briefmarken-Anzeiger (Rademacher) (Hamburg) Renamed <i>Dresdner Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal</i>	1871-80; Volumes 1-10
Allgemeiner Briefmarken-Anzeiger	1881; Issue. 1-2
Amateur	1889-90; Issues 1-4
Bazar, Der (Quakenbrück)	1888-90; Volumes 1-2
Bazar für Briefmarkensammler, Der (Heidelberg)	1869-70; Issues 1-11
Beiträge zur Postwerthzeichen-Kunde	1890-91; Issues 1-8
Berliner Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung Renamed <i>Berliner Illustrierte Philatelisten-Zeitung</i>	1878-1881; Vols. 1-3
Berliner Illustrierte Philatelisten-Zeitung Formerly <i>Berliner Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung</i> Renamed <i>Deutsche Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung</i>	1881; Vol.3
Börsenblatt für den Briefmarken-Handel	1864; Issues 1-12
Briefmarken-Sammler, Der (Bauschke)	1866-1871; Volumes 1-6
Briefmarken-Sammler, Der (Marbes)	1890-1891; Issues 1-12
Briefmarkensammler, Der (Senf) Renamed <i>Senf's Briefmarkensammler</i>	1890-1891; Issues 1-12
Deutsche Briefmarken-Sammler, Der (Gebruder Spiro)	1864-1865; Issues 1-3
Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung (Bauschke)	1870-1873; Volumes 1-3
Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung (Grossmann) Formerly <i>Dresdner Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal</i>	1883-1890; Volumes 13-32
Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung (Brendicke) Also found in the index as <i>Deutsche Zeitung Brendicke</i>	1890-1891; Issues 1-12
Deutsche Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung Formerly <i>Berliner Illustrierte Philatelisten-Zeitung</i>	1883; Issue 1-10
Deutsche Philatelisten - Zeitung	1882-1887; Volumes 4-10 (Shown as Volumes 4-9)
Deutsche Zeitung Brendicke Probably <i>Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung (Brendicke)</i>	
Dresdner Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal Formerly <i>Allgemeiner Briefmarken-Anzeiger</i> (Rademacher) (Hamburg) Renamed <i>Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung (Grossmann)</i>	1881-1882; Volumes 11-12
Dresdner Illustr. Kaufm. Journal Probably <i>Dresdner Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal</i>	Periodical not known

Erdball	See <i>Generalanzeiger für alle Welt</i>	
Erdball-Mercur	See <i>Vereinigte Erdball-Mercur</i>	
Frankfurter Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung	See <i>Universum</i> and <i>Illustrierte Frankfurter Briefmarken-Zeitung</i>	
Friedmann's Philatelistischer Berichte	See <i>Philatelistische Berichte</i> (Friedmann)	
Friedl's Philatelistische Berichte	See <i>Sigmund Friedl's Philatelistische Berichte</i>	
Generalanzeiger für alle Welt	Actually entitled <i>Erdball</i>	1880; Iss. 1-9
Germania		1883; Iss. 1-11/12
Globus (Berlin)		1891; Iss. 1-11/12
Hamburger Briefmarken-Zeitung	Renamed <i>Hamburger Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung</i>	1878-1880; Vols. 1-2
Hamburger Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung	See <i>Hamburger Briefmarken-Zeitung</i>	
Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung		1888-1891; Vols. 1-4
Illustrierte Frankfurter Briefmarken-Zeitung	Formerly <i>Universum</i>	1886-1891; Vols. 5-10
Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal		1874-1891; Vols 1-18
Internationale Briefmarken-Zeitung	Renamed <i>Internationales Briefmarken-Journal</i>	
Internationalen	Probably <i>Internationales Briefmarken-Journal</i>	Periodical not known
Internationales Briefmarken-Journal	Formerly <i>Internationale Briefmarken-Zeitung</i>	1888-1891; Vols. 1-3
Internationales Offerten-Blatt für Philatelie		1888; Iss. 1-5
Kosmos		1891; 1-3
Magazin für Briefmarken-Sammler		1863-1867; Vols. 1-4
Magazin für Kaufmännische Sammlungen		Periodical not known
Mercur	Renamed <i>Merkur</i>	1877-1880; Vols. 1-4
Mitteilungen aus dem Philat. Schüler-Verein Bruchsal		1891-1892; Iss. 1-5
Mittheilungen des Bayerischen Philatelisten-Vereins	See <i>Vereinsmittheilungen des Bayerischen Philatelisten-Vereins in München</i>	
Mittheilungen des Berliner Philatelisten-Club	See <i>Vereinsmittheilungen des Berliner Philatelistenclub</i>	
Mittheilungen des Österreichischen Philatelisten-Club		1886-1891; Vols. 5-10 [Actually Volumes 1-6]
Mittheilungen des Schweizer Philatelisten-Vereins		1884-1885; Iss. 1-12
Mittheilungen des Wiener Philatelisten Club		1882-1885; Vols. 1-4
Monatsschrift Senf	See <i>Senf's Monatsschrift für Postwertzeichen-Kunde</i>	
Moniteur du Collectionneur, Le		1891; Iss. 1-12
Moschkau's Magazin	See:- <i>A. Moschkau's Magazin für den Sammler von Essais Privatpost-Wechsel-Stempel-Telegraphen- u. Eisenbahn-Marken</i>	

Neue Philatelistische Blätter	1879-1880; Iss. 1-3
Neueste Privatpost-Nachrichten	1888-1891; Vols. 1-4
Oesterreichische Philatelisten-Zeitung	1889; Iss. 1
Offertenblatt für Philatelie (Meinecke)	
<i>See Internationales Offertenblatt für Philatelie</i>	
Orientalische Philatelist, Der	1886-1887; Iss. 1-6
Philatelia	1888-1891; Vols. 1-4
Philatelist, Phil., Philatel.	
These are used for <i>Der Philatelist</i> (Dresden)	
Philatelist (Friedmann)	
<i>See Philatelistische Berichte</i> (Friedmann)	
Philatelist, Der (Dresden)	1880-1891; Vols. 1-12
Philatelist, Der (Moschkau)	1872; Iss. 1-2
Philatelist, Der (Magdeburg), (Meyer)	1886; Iss. 1-6
Philatelist, Der (Bucarest)	1885; Iss. 1-2
Formerly <i>Der Bucarester Philatelist</i>	
Philatelisten-Club von Österreichischen	
<i>See Mittheilungen des Österreichischen Philatelisten-Club</i>	
Philatelisten-Zeitung (Meier), (Meyer)	1890; Iss. 1-12
Philatelistische Berichte (Friedmann)	1872-1877; Vols. 1-6
Philatelistische Blätter (Leipzig)	1874; Iss. 1-5/6
Philatelistische Börse, Die	1879; Iss. 1/2
Philatelistische Presse	1887; Iss. 1-2
Philatelistischer Börsen-Courier	1886-1891; Vols. 1-6
Philatelistischer Börsen-Zeitung	
Probably an error for <i>Philatelistischer Börsencourier</i>	
Philatelistischer Verkehr	1878-1880; Vols. 1-2
Postwertzeichen, Das	1888-91; Volumes 1-4
Postwertzeichen-Kunde, Die	1890-1891; Vols. 1-2
Privatpost-Nachrichten	
<i>See Neueste Privatpostnachrichten</i>	
Rowland Hill	1881-1882; Vols. 1-3
Sammler, Der (München), (Stuttgart), (Breithaupt), (Brendicke)	1880-1891; Vols. 1-12
Sammler, Der (Bruchsal)	1890; Iss. 1
Schweizer Briefmarken-Journal	1888-1891; Vols. 1-3
Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung	1879; Iss. 1-6
Renamed <i>Schweizer Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung</i>	
Schweizer Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung	1880-1887; Vols. 1-8
Formerly <i>Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung</i>	
Schweizerische Briefmarkenzeitung	1875-1876; Iss. 1-9
Senf's Briefmarkensammler	
Formerly <i>Briefmarkensammler, Der</i> (Senf)	
Senf's Monatsschrift für Postwerthzeichen-Kunde	1880; Iss. 1
Sigmund Friedl's Philatelistische Berichte	1882-1884; Vols. 1-3
Union (Dresden)	1877-1881; Vols. 1-5
Union (Zittau)	1889; Iss. 1-12
Universum	1881-1885; Vols. 1-4
Renamed <i>Illustrierte Frankfurter Briefmarken-Zeitung</i>	
Vereinigte Erdball-Mercur	1881-1887; Vols. 1-7
Also found in the index as <i>V E Merkur</i>	
Vereinsmittheilungen des Bayerischen Philatelisten-Vereins [in	1883-1887; Vols. 1-5

München]	
Vereinsmittheilungen [des Berliner Philatelisten-Club]	1889-1891; Vols. 1-4
Vereinsmittheilungen des Österreichischen Philatelisten-Club	
See <i>Mittheilungen des Österreichischen Philatelisten-Club</i>	
Vereinsmittheilungen [des Vereins Braunschweiger Briefmarkensammler]	1891; Iss. 1-3
Vertrauliches Korrespondenzblatt Philatelistischer Vereine	1891; Iss. 1-5
Weltphilatelist, Der	1890-1891; Vols. 1-2
Welt-Post	1880-1891; Vols. 6-16
Wiener Briefmarken-Journal	1891; Iss. 1-6/7
Wiener Briefmarken-Zeitung	1880-1890; Vols. 1-11
Wiener Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung	1876-1879; Vols. 1-4

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The Catalogue is rather unusual in being numbered by columns rather than by page, there being two columns on each page.

Reprinted as: **Edward Denny Bacon:** *Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford, K.T.*, The Philatelic Literature Society, London, UK, 1911, 924 columns.

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An addendum to the *Supplement* was published as: **Sir Edward D. Bacon:** *Addenda to the "Supplement to the Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford, K.T."*, Royal Philatelic Society, London, 1938, 8pp. {Issued as a supplement to *The London Philatelist* of March 1938.}

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&

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1893

## William Carlos Stone

### *The philatelic press*

#### **The American Philatelist, 1893**

### INTRODUCTION

By 1892 *The American Philatelist* was published and edited by the Literary Board of the **American Philatelic Association** with **William C. Stone** as the Editor in Chief. In the number for December 1892<sup>(1)</sup>, **Stone** welcomed a new feature in the *Philatelic Era* the: *Philatelic Literary Review*, based on *The Philatelic Review of Reviews* then running in the British periodical *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. It was perhaps, not a coincidence that just two months later **Stone** advised that, under the title *The Philatelic Press*, he was proposing to list the titles of leading articles in the various papers received by the *The American Philatelist* as exchanges. It was by no means an index as it simply listed the titles under the name of the relevant periodical. This method used far less space than that in the *Era* which was given in essay form and gave greater details about the articles' contents.

### BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX

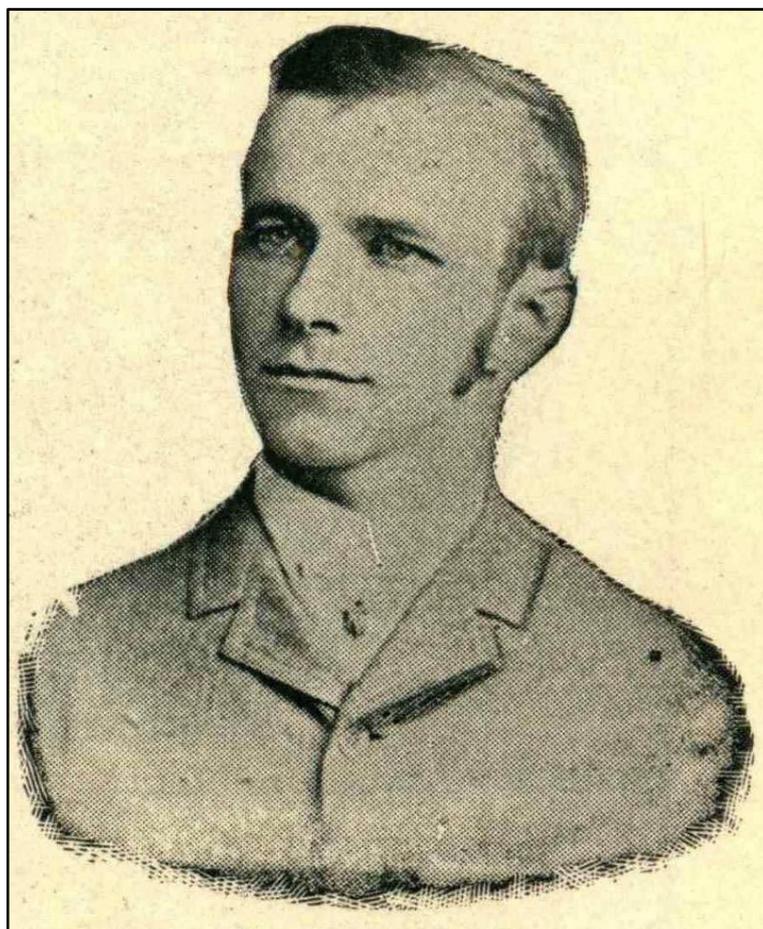
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February 1893, Volume 7, Issue 2, pp.31-32  
March (No index as **Stone** was absent owing to his mother's illness<sup>(2)</sup>)  
April 1893, Volume 7, Issue 4, pp.56-57  
May 1893, Volume 7, Issue 5, pp.76-77  
June 1893, Volume 7, Issue 6, pp.87-89  
July 1893, Volume 7, Issue 7, pp.97-99  
August 1893, Volume 7, Issue 8, pp.113-115

### BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

**William Carlos Stone** was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1859 at Plymouth, MA, USA. His father was an inspector of schools. In 1865 the family moved to Portland, ME, and in 1873 to Springfield, MA. In 1878, **Stone** graduated from the High School in Springfield and joined his father as an assistant.

From 1881, he worked in a temporary position in the Springfield Public Library which led to his being appointed an Assistant at the Library where he remained in various roles for the next fifty years.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1893, whilst in the midst of compiling his lists of important articles in *The Philatelic Press*, **Stone** found time to marry **Annie Ripley Osgood**. Together they had two children, both daughters.



**William Carlos Stone**

(From The Philatelic Journal of America of July 1893<sup>(3)</sup>)

His interest in stamps began in 1864 when the wife of a ship's captain gave him some Indian and Hong Kong stamps. By the time the family moved to Springfield in 1873 he had a collection of some 300 stamps mounted in a commercial blank album. In common with most other collectors of his day, he had a general worldwide collection of stamps but also included revenues, telegraphs, locals and postal stationery.

He maintained a log of his collection's progress:

1886: 7,500 stamps  
1888: 10,000 stamps  
1891: 12,000 stamps  
1894: 13,000/14,000 stamps  
1898: 16,000 stamps  
1904: 20,000 stamps

When the **American Philatelic Association** (now the **American Philatelic Society**) was founded in 1886, he joined immediately, becoming Charter Member number 67. **Stone** attended the first Convention of 1887 and was appointed Librarian but in the absence of a library, he never served in that position. From 1905 to 1909 he was President of the Society. He was such a regular and popular attendee at the Society's Conventions that he eventually became known as **Uncle Billy** and, by tradition, was the member who would move the final motion at the end of the last session closing the Convention.

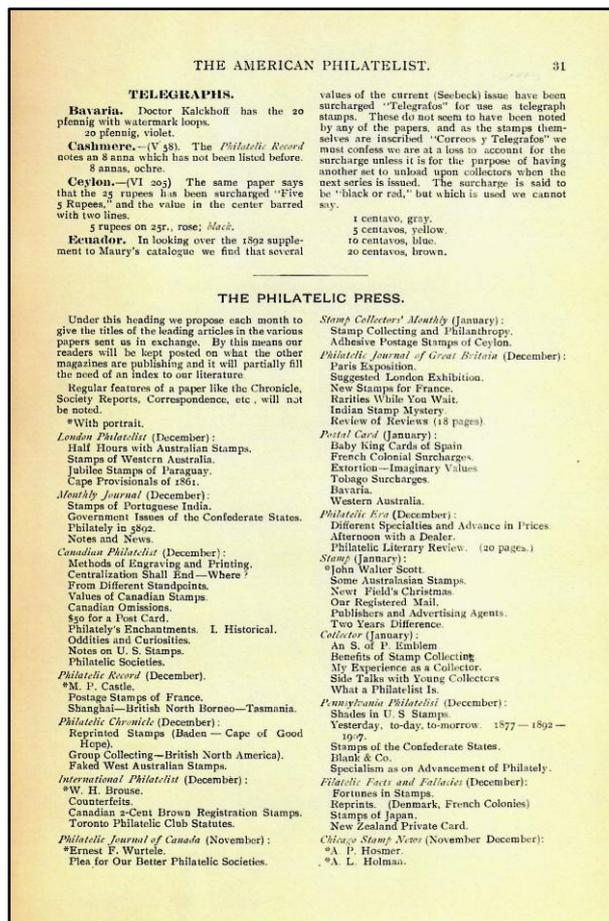
Apart from the **American Philatelic Association**, he was also a founder of the **Springfield**

**Stamp Club** in 1895 and was a member of many local, national and international societies such as the **[Royal] Philatelic Society, London.**

**Stone** was a librarian at the Springfield City Library. It was therefore quite natural that he should take a great interest in philatelic literature, buying the early library of **Lyman H. Bagg** (1846-1911) and advertising for foreign journals in the *Weekly Philatelic Era* of 1902. Over the years he built up an important library which was eventually purchased by **George Townsend Turner** (1906-1979) following **Stone's** death in 1939.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1939 **William Carlos Stone** died at his home in Springfield, Massachusetts, at the age of 79.

**Stone** was inducted into the American Philatelic Society Hall of Fame in 1947.



**The first installment of *The Philatelic Press***  
(From the author's library)

## NOTES ABOUT THE PHILATELIC PRESS

Between his own subscriptions and the exchange copies received by *The American Philatelist*, **Stone** evidently had access to a large proportion of the philatelic periodicals then currently being published.

After only 6 installments, *The Philatelic Press* was discontinued. In reality it was the monthly issues of *The American Philatelist* that were discontinued following the August issue. At the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of that same month, the *Committee on Official Journal* complained

about the almost complete lack of contributions to the periodical from American members Which had resulted in complaints about the quality of *The American Philatelist*<sup>(5)</sup>. As a result, the decision was taken at the Convention to convert the Official Journal into an annual or Year Book.

### **LIST OF PERIODICALS INCLUDED**

All 74 of the periodicals included in **Stone's** index are listed below in alphabetical order. Since he listed the important articles under each title, it was not an index as such and he had no need to abbreviate the titles of the periodicals to save space. The date after each title is that of the first issue he included in his index. Naturally, the final entry in his index can not be any issue after that for July.

The month followed by (Editorial) means that the issue in question contained nothing of interest but only Correspondence and Editorial notes and therefore had no entry that month.

American Journal of Philately	February
American Philatelic Magazine	March
American Philatelist and Collector	July (Editorial)
American Stamp	No month given (Editorial)
Annonce Timbrologique, L'	December
Annunzio Filatelica Italiana, L'	April
Briefmarken Sammler	January
Briefmarken Sammler, Der	March (Editorial) April
Canadian Journal of Philately	June
Canadian Philatelist	December
Carte Postale, La	February
Chicago Philatelist	May
Chicago Stamp News	November
Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste, Le	December
Collector, The	January
Collector's Press	December
Detroit Philatelist	April
Dominian Philatelist	May
Eagle Philatelist	March
Eastern Philatelist	December
Echo de la Timbrologie, L'	December
Electric Philatelist	April (Editorial)
Filatelia, La	February
Filatelic Facts and Fallacies	December
Fiscal Philatelist	January
Gazette Timbrologique	March
Golden Star	April
Hoosier Stamp	February
Illinois Philatelist	April
Illustrierte Briefmarken Zeitung	April
Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal	December
Intermediare de la Timbrologie, L'	April
International Philatelist	December
Kissinger's Philatelic Postal Card	March (Editorial)
London Philatelist	December

Long Island Philatelist	April
Metropolitan Philatelist	May
Mexico Postal	November
Monthly Journal (Stanley Gibbons')	December
Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde	December
Pennsylvania Philatelist	December
Pentucket Philatelist	November
Philatelic Argosy	November
Philatelic Chronicle	December
Philatelic Era	December
Philatelic Fraud Reporter	January (Editorial)
Philatelic Journal of America	March
Philatelic Journal of Canada	November
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	December
Philatelic Monthly	January
Philatelic Record	December
Philatelic Tribune	April
Philatelist, Der	June
Philatelist, The	April
Philatelistischer Borsen-Courier	April
Post Office	December
Postal Card	January
Quaker City Philatelist	March
Revue Philatélique	October
Southern Philatelist	May
Stamp Collector	April
Stamp Collector's Monthly	January
Stamp News	March
Stamp, The	January
Tidning for Frimarksamlare	December
Timbre Fiscal, Le	May
Timbre Poste, Le	May
Timbre, Le	December
Union	July (Editorial)
Union des Timbrophiles, L'	February
Vindin's Philatelic Monthly	December
Washington Philatelist	December
Weekly Philatelist	December

### **PHILATELISTS' PORTRAITS INCLUDED IN THE PERIODICALS**

**Stone** very considerably marked those entries about philatelists, presumably pictures, biographical notes or obituaries, with an asterisk. I have picked them out and put them in a separate list below together with details of the periodicals in which they appeared. This provides a useful biographical resource for the period.

Amongst the "names" marked with an asterisk was *Press* with the reference *Pennsylvania Philatelist, May. 1893* Self-evidently, this was an article containing biographical material – *The press and the trade*, from which **Stone** did not pick out individuals. I have turned up the article and extracted all of the philatelists named and provided them in a separate alphabetical list after the main list.

There are 54 names listed below and a further 36 in the article *The press and the trade*.

Allison, A. G.	International Philatelist, April 1893
Bacon, E. D.	Philatelic Journal of America, June 1893
Badcock, W. J.	Philatelic Journal of America, June 1893
Baldwin, F. J.	Philatelic Journal of America, March 1893
Bogert, R. R.	The Stamp, May 1893
Breeding J. B.	Philatelic Journal of America, April 1893
Brouse, W. H.	International Philatelist, December 1892
Brown, William	Philatelic Journal of America, May 1893
Ditto	The Philatelist, June 1893
Bruce, W. H.	Philatelic Journal of America, May 1893
Calman, G. B.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, April 1893
Castle, M. P.	Philatelic Record, December 1892
Caversazzi, C. A.	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Chandler, N. W.	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Dutton, Major C. E.	Philatelic Journal of America, March 1893
Gardji, V.	Philatelic Journal of America, April 1893
George, Frank S.	Collector, June/July 1893
Ginn, Frederick R.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, May 1893
Gowing, Edward	Philatelic Journal of America, May 1893
Heusinger, E. W.	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Hollaar, R.	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Hollick, R.	Philatelic Journal of America, June 1893
Holman, A. L.	Chicago Stamp News, November/December 1892
Hosmer, A. P.	Chicago Stamp News, November/December 1892
Huberich, Charles	Philatelic Journal of America, May 1893
Kissinger, Clifford W.	The Collector, May 1893
Ditto	Long Island Philatelist, April 1893
Kline, Frank	Pennsylvania Philatelist, April 1893
Luhn, Gus J.	Southern Philatelist, April 1893
Mahé, Pierre	Philatelic Journal of America, March 1893
Mayer, R. P.	Philatelic Journal of America, May 1893
McMahon, Walter	International Philatelist, May 1893
Morgan, W. J.	Philatelic Journal of America, May 1893
Painter, J. V.	Philatelic Journal of America, April 1893
Parker, Edward Y.	Canadian Journal of Philately, June 1893
Phelan, Ambrose	Philatelic Journal of America, March 1893
Phillips, Charles J.	Philatelic Journal of America, March 1893
Poncin, Abbe	Gazette Timbrologique, April 1893
Ditto	Philatelic Journal of America, June 1893
Reynolds, G. B.	Philatelic Journal of America, March 1893
Rice, J. D.	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Rienits, Mrs. Kate	Philatelic Journal of America, April 1893
Riet, F. Van	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Roussin, C.	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Russell, Dr. Roswell, S.	Collector, April 1893
Scott, John Walter	Stamp, January 1893
Simpson, J. B.	Philatelic Journal of America, April 1893
Slater, A. B.	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Sparks, N. Charles	International Philatelist, March 1893

Stone, W. C.	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Tiffany, John K.	Philatelic Journal of America, April 1893
Villafarald, G. T. Elena de	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Wears, T. M.	Philatelic Journal of America, July 1893
Worthington, George H.	Philatelic Journal of America, March 1893
Wuesthoff, R.	Philatelic Journal of America, June 1893
Wurtele, Ernest F.	Philatelic Journal of Canada, November 1892
York, Duke of	Stamp News, July 1893

## Press

*The press and the trade.*, The Pennsylvania Philatelist, May 1893, Volume 3, Issue 5, pp.42-56 + Plate.

The following list includes all persons for whom brief biographies are given. They all appear to have their photograph on the plate except where a separate photograph is present, indicated by (photo). The dates of birth are shown where given in the write-ups.

Albrecht, Rudolph F.		45
Althouse, Horace S.	1870-	53-54
Ashcroft, Ralph W.	22 March 1874-	51
Bartlett, J. D.	1869-	54
Benton, Lewis H.	22 June 1872-	52
Bradt, S. B.		43
Bruce, W. H.		49
Campbell, Dr. George N.		51
Davison, Alvah	1863-	46
Flynn, Joseph B.	1873-	53
Fox, Frederick S.		47-48
French, E. L.		51
Glass, J. P.	1864-	49-50
Green, Guy W.	11 June 1873-	48-49
Green, Roy F.	1873-	52-53
Grevning, Charles W.	1866-	47
Hall, W. Kelsey		51
Hazen, Daniel E.		54
Kissinger, Clifford W.	6 February 1874-	50
Kline, Frank		49
Luhn, Gustave J.		54
Makins, Joseph H.	1 May 1872-	43-44
Mekeel, Charles H.	1861-	44
Mekeel, G. D.		45
Mekeel, I. A.		44-45
Mott, Luther W.	30 November 1874-	52
Parker E. T.		45
Partello, J. M. T.	4 March 1854-	42-43 (photo)
Pinkham, F. H.		45-46
Quackenbush, Lewis G.	14 March 1884-	47
Rall, Emil J.		55 (photo)
Severn, Charles E.	5 July 1872-	53
Steffan, Martin		56 (photo)
Stiles, Frank S.		54-55

Thomas, Benjamin P.  
Tuthill, George B.

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1895

Otto Rommel

*Übersicht in der zeitungslitteratur des jahres 1894 [-1897] über die Postwertzeichen der Deutschen Staaten enthaltenen aufsätze etc., sowie der über diese gebiete in dem gleichen zeitraum erschienenen monographien*

[Survey of articles etc., on the postage stamps of the German States appearing in the periodical literature of the year 1894 [-1897] and of monographs on the same topic published in the same period of time]

**Die Philatelistische Litteratur, 1895-1897**  
**Der Philatelist, 1898**

INTRODUCTION

Following the publication in 1894 of **Judge Victor Suppantschitsch's** magnificent bibliography and index, **Rommel** was one of the many German philatelists who thought that it should be continued and kept up to date. However, he was one of only three willing to put pen to paper in the project's furtherance

With the publication of *Die Philatelistische Litteratur* as a monthly supplement to *Die Post* in 1895, **Rommel**, although not named as such, seems to have been the editor. Naturally, he used it as a medium for his continuing bibliographic work and to publish his periodical indexes. Although modelled on the index in **Suppantschitsch's** bibliography, it differed in two important ways: it was limited to articles on the philately of Germany and the German States; also, it included foreign-language references. He published these indexes annually in each of the three volumes of *Die Philatelistische Litteratur* and when the supplement was discontinued in 1897, his final index to the articles from that year was published in *Der Philatelist*.

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**Dr. Rommel:** *Uebersicht der in der zeitungsliteratur des jahres 1897 über die postwerthzeichen der Deutschen Staaten enthaltenen aufsätze etc., sowie der über diese in dem gleichen zeitraum erschienenen monographieen.*, [Survey of articles etc., on the postage stamps of the German States appearing in the periodical literature of the year 1897 and of monographs on the same topic published in the same period of time.], Der Philatelist, February 1898, Volume 19, Issue 2, pp.74-77; March, Issue 3, pp.117-120; April, Issue 4, pp.169-172; May, Issue 5, pp.216-219 & June, Issue 6, pp.248-251. {A translation of the introductory text on page 74 is available from the present author as Philat. Trans 276.}

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR**



**Otto Rommel** was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1857 in Hildburghausen, Germany. His father held a high juridical position. After schooling, he followed in his father's footsteps and studied Law. Having gained a doctorate in Law, he was generally referred to thereafter as **Dr. Rommel** even by philatelists. In 1885 he was appointed Counsel to the Supreme Court of Thuringia in Jena. He gave up this post in 1891 in order to devote himself entirely to philately<sup>(1)</sup>.

In common with many youngsters, **Rommel** became interested in stamp collecting in about 1868 during his schooldays. Once his studies were over he was able to devote more of his time to philately. These studies resulted in him publishing articles on a wide range of countries. In order to make his articles precise and correct he began to collect the literature of philately. As

his reputation grew, he began to be consulted by the publishers of albums and catalogues such as **Larisch, Köppe** and **Krötsch**.

In 1883 he joined the **Internationaler Philatelisten Verein** of Dresden and published regularly in their periodical, *Der Philatelist*. As a well-known and respected writer, **Rommel** accepted the position of editor of *Der Postwertzeichenkunde* on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1890.

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## END NOTE

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1899

## George Bartholomew Duerst

### *Articles that have appeared in the philatelic press in 1898*

#### **The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, 1899**

#### INTRODUCTION

As the editor of *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, one of the most important British philatelic magazines of the era, **Duerst** would have regularly received review copies of many of the philatelic periodicals published around the world. As a mature philatelist and well-known specialist in the stamps of Romania, he would have kept files of the most important periodicals in his own library. Anyone with a substantial library would inevitably feel the need for an index to the periodicals, many of which did not even boast an annual index. **Duerst** recognised this when he noted in his editorial<sup>(1)</sup> that no indexes had been published in Britain since that of **Wears**, which had appeared during 1891 and 1892 in the magazine of which **Duerst** was now editor. In an effort to make good this deficiency, he announced the appearance of his own index of the best articles to have appeared in the previous year's magazines. At the same time, he appealed for publishers of periodicals to ensure that he received all future issues so that they could be included in his index.

That his initiative was welcomed can be judged from the note by the well-known philatelist, **Walter T. Wilson** (under his pseudonym **Retlaw** – **Walter** backwards), who stated that ... *its use to the student cannot be over-estimated*<sup>(2)</sup>.

In the event, only this first year's compilation was ever published. In 1899, **Duerst** advised the publisher, **William Brown** of Salisbury, that he had to give up the position of editor *through pressure of other work*<sup>(3)</sup>. **Brown** similarly claimed that an increase in his business prevented him from giving the journal the time it required when announcing that he had decided to sell it<sup>(4)</sup>. At the end of 1899, the company of **Kirkpatrick & Pemberton** became its new proprietor. No doubt as a tribute, the first page of the first issue under the new owners carried a portrait and biography of the outgoing editor<sup>(5)</sup>.

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

**George Bartholomew Duerst** (1861-1923) began collecting stamps at the age of seven when he was given some stamps whilst recovering from a serious illness. The early collection was burnt by his father who considered that he wasted too much time on his stamps. Undaunted, he began another collection but this time in secret. Although his collection numbered some 10,000 stamps by 1875, periodic shortages of funds caused him to dispose of portions of it from time to time and led him to specialise in certain countries in 1881. His favourite country was Romania on which he published and exhibited extensively. This was accompanied by

specialised collections including Russia and its Zemstvo local posts, Serbia, Egypt, Alsace-Lorraine, Chile and Spain.

He was one of the first British collectors to recognise that studying cancellations was just as important as studying the stamps themselves. All of his wide-ranging researches were backed by a substantial philatelic library. His business led him to travel extensively on the Continent, where his linguistic ability facilitated his meeting local philatelists. As early as 1880, he joined the Dresden International Philatelic Society and was subsequently one of the founders of the Hanover Philatelic Society.

In the eighteen eighties, he moved to Manchester and was one of the earliest members of the Manchester Philatelic Society, holding the position of Treasurer for nine years, Packet Comptroller and eventually becoming Vice-President in 1908.

In the early eighteen nineties, he began to contribute articles to the philatelic press, particularly on his specialty, Romania. These activities culminated in his being invited to become editor of *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* in 1897. However, after three years, pressure of business forced him to relinquish the position.

He exhibited his Romania at numerous exhibitions, winning medals in London (1897, 1906 & 1912), Manchester (1899) and Paris (1900).

He only joined the Royal Philatelic Society, London in 1920 and was quickly made a Fellow. Duerst died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1923, aged 61<sup>(5, 6, 7)</sup>.

## NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX

**Duerst's** index covered the contents of thirty-nine current periodicals published throughout the world. It is the simplest type of current-awareness index, the entries virtually only covering stamp issuing countries. The two non-country entries are:- *Gum* and *Lithography*. Under each heading is a list of references with no indication of their subject matter or authorship. Although it is not the best system for countries with many references, such as the United States or France, it is perfectly serviceable for most others. Figure 2 shows the first page of **Duerst's** index.

**Duerst** didn't bother to give a list of abbreviations since the periodicals were well known at the time and many titles were not abbreviated at all in his index. I have therefore checked every entry and compiled a list of the periodicals covered by his index. All of the entries refer to issues published in 1898, so I have merely indicated the volume(s) or whole numbers (for those periodicals which did not use volume numbering) mentioned in the index. Naturally, where two volumes are listed, only those issues published in 1898 were indexed.



Figure 1 George Bartholomew Duerst in about 1907<sup>(6)</sup>

Unfortunately, **Duerst** was not completely accurate in quoting periodical titles, since his sole aim was to allow his readers to identify the periodicals. Accordingly, I have provided corrections and explanations where necessary, based on the *Crawford Catalogue*<sup>(8)</sup>. In those instances where his title or abbreviation could not be identified unequivocally, I have offered my best guess.

In some cases, entries for the full range of issues were not present in the index, for example only issues 283 and 285 of *Alfred Smith & Co.'s Monthly Circular* were noted. In such cases, I have assumed that the missing issues were checked and were found by **Duerst** to contain nothing worth recording. This periodical also demonstrates the difficulty with titles since

its title had been changed to *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* in 1894, but was, no doubt, still widely referred to by its former title.

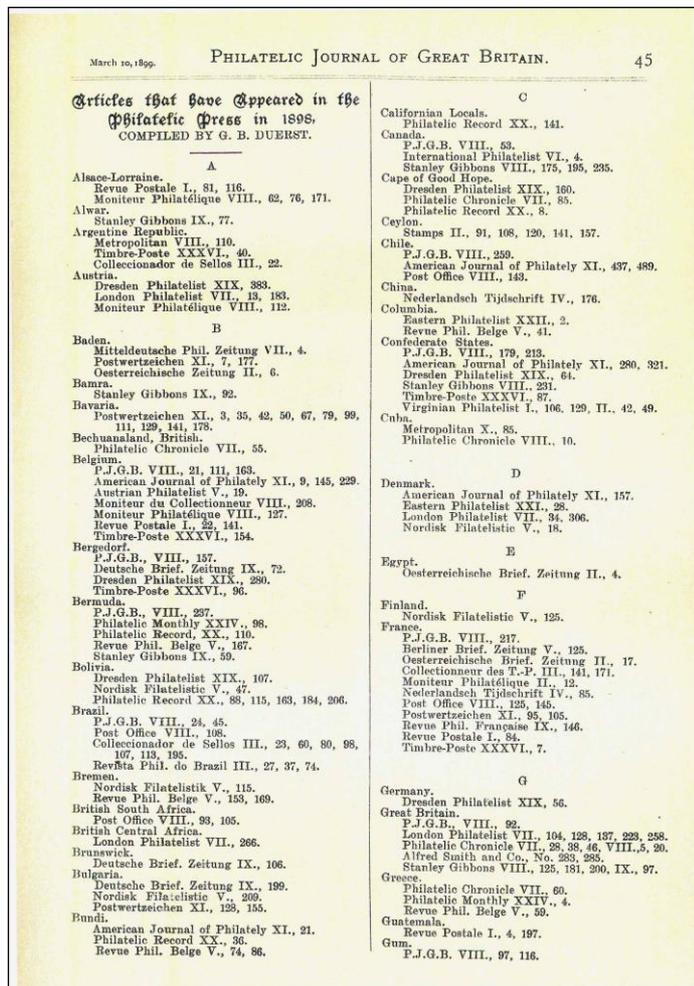


Figure 2 The first page of Duerst's index

## Periodicals Indexed

<u>Title</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Alfred Smith & Co.'s Monthly Circular The name had actually been changed to <i>Alfred Smith &amp; Son's Monthly Circular</i> in 1894	Whole numbers 277-288
American Journal of Philately, The	Volume 11
Austria-Philatelist	Volume 5
Berliner Briefmarken - Zeitung	Volume 5
Coleccionador de Sellos, O	Volume 3
Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste, Le	Volume 23
Collectors' Journal Probably <i>The Stamp Collectors' Journal</i>	
Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung	Volume 9
Dresden Philatelist Probably <i>Der Philatelist</i>	

Eastern Philatelist, The	Volumes 21-22
Evergreen State Philatelist, The	Volume 9
Filatelie Facts and Fallacies	Volume 6
Francobollo, Il	Volume 6
International Philatelist, The	Volume 6
London Philatelist, The	Volume 7
Madrid Filatélico	Volume 2
Metropolitan Philatelist, The	Volume 8
Mitteldeutsche Brief Zeitung	
Probably an error for <i>Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung</i>	
Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung	Volume 7
Moniteur du Collectionneur, Le	Volume 8
Moniteur Philatélique, Le	Volume 2
Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde	Volume 14
New York Philatelist, The	Volume 4
Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift	Volume 5
Oesterreichische Briefmarken-Zeitung	Volume 2
P.J.G.B.	
See <i>The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain</i>	
Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser and Philatelic Times, The	Volume 7
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, The	Volume 8
Philatelic Monthly and World, The	Volume 24
Philatelic Record, The	Volume 20
Philatelist, Der	Volume 19
Post, Die	Volume 5
Post Office, The	Volume 8
Postwertzeichen, Das	Volume 11
Revista Filatelica do Brazil	Volume 3
Revue Philatélique Belge	Volume 5
Revue Philatélique Française	Volume 9
Revue Postale, La	Volume 1
Stamp Collectors' Journal, The	Volume 20
Formerly <i>The Foreign Stamp Collectors' Journal</i>	
Stamps	Volume 2
Assumed to be <i>Stamps</i> (Rushden) but could possibly have been <i>Stamps</i> (Calcutta) or <i>Stamps</i> (New York), both of which also published their second volume in 1898.	
Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal	Volume 9
Timbre-Poste, Le	Volume 36
Virginia Philatelist, The	Volumes 1-2

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3. **Messrs. Kirkpatrick & Pemberton:** *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.*, An insert in The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, December 1899, Volume 9, Issue 12, n.pp. [2pp.]
4. *"The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain"*., The Philatelic Record, November 1899, Volume 21, Issue 11, p.206.

5. *Well-known philatelists: No. 1. – Mr. Geo. B. Duerst.*, The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, January 1900, Volume 10, Issue 1, p.1.
6. *Notable Philatelists: Geo. B. Duerst.*, The Philatelic Record, February 1907, Volume 29, Issue 2, pp. 26-28.
7. **W. Dorning Beckton:** *The late Mr. George Duerst.*, The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, June 1923, Volume 33, Issue 6, p.112.
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Reprinted as: **Edward Denny Bacon:** *Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford, K.T.*, The Philatelic Literature Society, London, UK, 1911.  
An annotated, working copy of Volume VII owned by the British Library, together with the Supplement and Addenda were reprinted as: **Edward Denny Bacon:** *Catalogue of the Crawford Library of Philatelic Literature at the British Library.*, The Printer's Stone, Fishkill, NY, USA, 1991.

### **END NOTE**

In 2015, this section of the work was written up and published as: *The first British precursor to the National Philatelic Society's Index to Current Philatelic Literature.*, The Stamp Lover, February 2020, Volume 112, Issue 1, pp.16-17.

1900

## Vereins für Briefmarkenkunde Kiel

*Nachweis philatelistischer aufsätze in den vorhandenen zeitschriften*  
[*Index of philatelic articles in available journals*]

**Jahres-Bericht des Vereins für Briefmarkenkunde Kiel 1898/99**

### INTRODUCTION

As far as I can determine, given my inability to read German, there is no indication as to why the index was produced or by whom, either in the article itself or in any of the contemporaneous *Jahres-Bericht* to which I have access: 1897/98; 1898/99; 1900 & 1901. The greatest likelihood is that the index was prepared by the Society's Librarian as a service to the membership, in order to make the contents of the library more accessible.

In the *Jahres-Bericht* of 1897/98, the Librarian was given as **W. Wöhlk**, a book-keeper, and in that of 1898/99, **A. Krietsch**, a businessman, both of Kiel. Since the index was published in the 1898/99 *Jahres-Bericht*, it would seem likely that the index was prepared by **Wöhlk**, or at least finished by him if it was started by an earlier Librarian. The newcomer **Krietsch** would hardly have had time to produce such an extensive and detailed index. I could find no further information on either man.

### BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX

*Nachweis philatelistischer aufsätze in den vorhandenen zeitschriften. [Index of philatelic articles in available journals.], Jahres-Bericht des Vereins für Briefmarkenkunde Kiel 1898/99, pp.37-60<sup>(1)</sup>.*

The key to the journals indexed can be found on pages 32-36, as part of the library list.

### HISTORICAL DETAILS OF THE SOCIETY

The Society was founded in Kiel, Germany on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1890 as the **Verein Kieler Briefmarkenfreunde**. Within a year, even though the membership had only reached thirteen, the foundation of a Library had been agreed upon. Unfortunately, two years later, during this turbulent period for the society, it was auctioned off to its members. Progress at this time was made difficult by the co-existence of the **Kieler Philatelisten-Clubs**, a branch of the **Internationaler Philatelisten-Verein** and in January 1895 the Society was renamed the **Briefmarken Verein "Holsatia"**, presumably to differentiate it from the other local club. By the middle of that same year, the society needed to be re-organised in order to put it on a sound basis and it changed its name once again, becoming the **Verein für Briefmarkenkunde Kiel**. This seemed to have the required effect and during the period 1895-1899, the membership rose steadily to over eighty members<sup>(2, 3)</sup>.

In spite of its shaky beginnings, the Society prospered and, in the German tradition, eventually incorporated the date of its foundation into its title, becoming the **Verein für**

Briefmarkenkunde Kiel von 1890 e.V. The Society continues under this name today.



Figure 1 The Society's contemporaneous letter heading

It is evident that following the reorganisation, a new library was started and grew rapidly enough to justify the creation of the present Index. In fact, the Society was justifiably proud of its new library and exhibited it at the 1900 International Philatelic Exhibition in Paris<sup>(4)</sup>, where it gained a bronze medal.

**NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

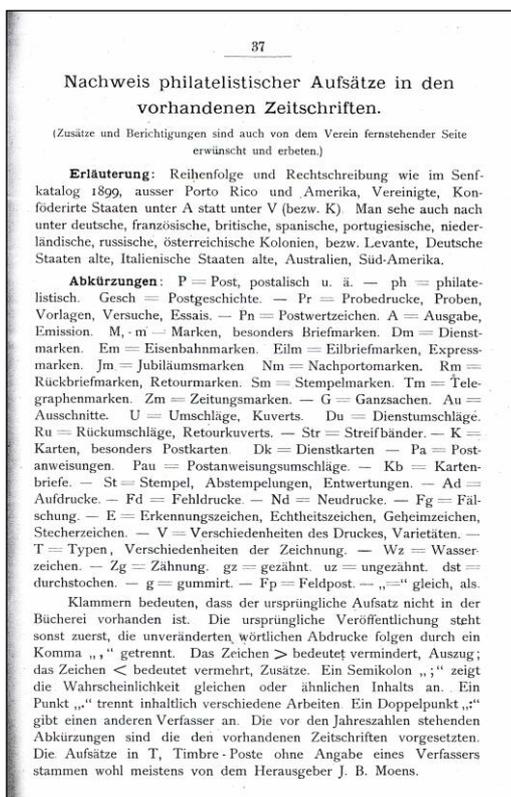


Figure 2 The first page of the Index, showing all of the abbreviations

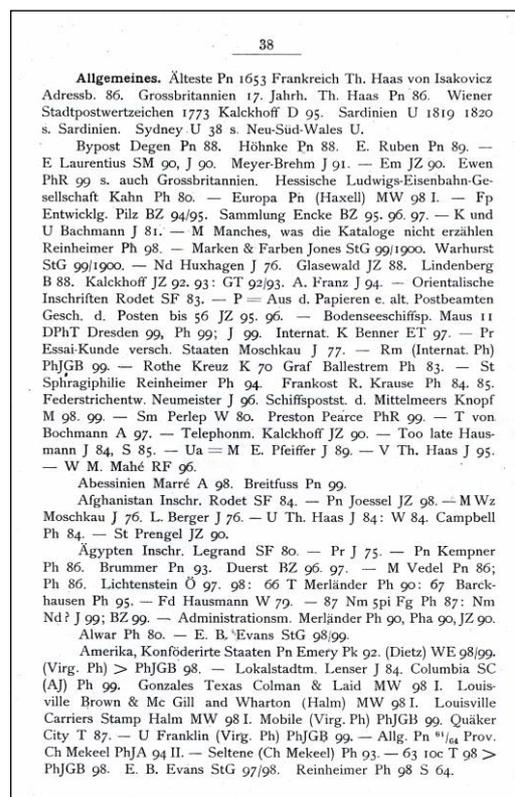


Figure 3 A typical page from the Index

The index covers 113 periodicals, comprising some 450 volumes, as well as the supplements (abbreviated as KV) to a very well known handbook of the time published by **Hugo Krötzsch**: *Permanentes Beibuch mit Lichtdrucktafeln.* (1893-), all of which were to be found in the Society's library. Considering that the society's first library was sold in 1892, it had managed to form a very substantial library in its eight years of subsequent existence. Inevitably, the great

majority of the periodicals are in the German language and primarily from Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Nevertheless, a creditable 40 or so are foreign-language periodicals, mostly from France, the UK and USA. Indeed, the Society's Library was exhibited at the 1900 Paris Exhibition and won a bronze medal.

The list of periodicals provided in the *Jahres-Bericht* is given in the alphabetical order of the abbreviation used, which is largely the same as the alphabetical order of the periodicals. However, I have checked every entry against the **Crawford** catalogue<sup>(5)</sup> and provided the following list in alphabetical order of the periodicals' titles, with corrections and notes clarifying some of the entries.

It was notable that eight of the titles had no details of their holdings associated with them. In two cases, the notes in **Crawford** established that they carried advertisements only and so would have had no editorial matter to index. These periodicals are marked *Adverts only*. In order to determine the Society's holdings of the other six periodicals, I scanned the complete index and used optical character recognition software on the whole of the text. I then searched the text for the appropriate abbreviations – finding none. I therefore concluded that any copies of these periodicals that they might have held, had not been indexed. Accordingly, these periodicals are marked *No entries found*.

The index itself is detailed but exceptionally concise, owing not only to the use of abbreviations for the periodical titles but also some forty-three additional abbreviations of subject areas from a non-alphabetical list on page thirty-seven. The compiler also used some general abbreviations not listed anywhere but which were presumably well-known to German readers of the time. The use of all of these abbreviations gives rise to an intimidating list of entries. However, following half a page of general references, the remainder of the index is ordered by country. In view of the wide range of uncommon periodicals indexed, the majority of which were published after **Suppantchitsch's** great index of 1892<sup>(6)</sup>, I am sure that the specialist will be amply repaid by perseverance in interpreting the abbreviations.

### Periodicals Indexed

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
AA	Allgemeiner Anzeiger für Postwertzeichen-Sammler	1895-98
AJ	American Journal of Philately	1893, 1899
AT	Ami des Timbres	1897
AB	Amts-Blatt der Reichs-Postamts Berlin	1898-99
ACh	Anales de la Sociedad Filatélica de Chile	1895-97; Volumes 2-3
APh	Annonce Philatélique	1899
APT	Archiv für Post und Telegraphie	1873-99
A	Austria Philatelist	1893-99
Bz	Bazar	1888-89
JB	Beiträge zur Postwertzeichen-Kunde	[1890-99]
BB	Berliner Briefmarken Anzeiger	1898-99
BZ	Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung	1894-99
B	Berliner Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung (Became: Deutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung)	1878-79
B	Berliner Philatelisten-Club Vereins Mitteilungen	1888-94, 1896-97
Bl	Blaue Blatt	1899
Be	Briefmarke	1894-98

Bs	Briefmarken Sammler	1890-91, 1893-99
BA	Briefmarken-Anzeiger	1894-96
Bh	Briefmarkenhändler	1896-1900
BS	Briefmarken-Sammler	1890
BDÖ	Bund Deutscher und Österreichischer Philatelisten- Vereine Mitteilung	1896-99
Cl	Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste	1885, 1899
Cr	Courrier des Timbres-Poste	1896
DP	Deutsche Briefmarken Post	1893-94
D	Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung	1890-99
DZ	Deutsche Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung	1883
ET	Écho de la Timbrologie	1892, 1897-99
EW	Ewen's Weekly Stamp News	[1899]
FFF	Filatelic Facts and Fallacies	1897-99
Fa	Fortuna	1890
Fr	Francobollo	1897
FBI	Friedl's Illustriertes Briefmarken-Offertenblatt	1898-99
GT	Gazette Timbrologique	1892-98
GfPh	General-Anzeiger für Philatelie	No entries found
GB	Germania-Berichte	1897-99
Gl	Globus	1892-93
GPh	Grazer Philatelist	1897
HZ	Hamburger Briefmarken-Zeitung	1878
JZ	Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung	1888-99
J	Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal	1874-99
JAZ	Internationale Ansichtskarten- u. Briefmarken-Zeitung	1899-1900
JtZ	Internationale Briefmarken-Zeitung (Became: Internationale Briefmarken-Journal)	1888-94
JHV	Internationaler Postwertzeichen-Händler-Verein Mitteilungen	No entries found
JBBI	Internationales Briefmarken-Offertenblatt	Adverts only
JBIPh	Internationales Offerten-Blatt für Philatelie	No entries found
JM	Journal für Markenkunde	1894
KV	Vierteljahres-Nachträge zum Permanenten Handbuch der Postfreimarkenkunde und dem Permanent-Sammelwerke in Losen Blättern von Hugo Kröttsch [Supplements to Kröttsch's Handbook]	1894-96
L	London Philatelist	1899
MF	Madrid Filatelico	No entries found
MW	Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News	1896 I, 96 II, 98 I, 99
MPh	Metropolitan Philatelist	1899
MI	Mitteilungen des Briefmarkensammler-Vereins Mosel	1895-98
WV	Mitteilungen des Württembergischer Philatelisten- Vereins Stuttgart	1893-94
M	Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung	1892-99
Ö (Wiener)	Mittheilungen des Österreichischen Philatelisten-Club (Formerly: Mitteilungen des Wiener Philatelisten Club)	1882-94
Mr	Moniteur du Collectionneur	1891-94, 1896, 1899
NT	Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde	1895-96

NPp	Neueste Privatpost-Nachrichten	1889-90
NP	Norddeutsche Briefmarken-Post	1894-95
N	Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift	1899
Ö	Österreichische Briefmarken-Zeitung	1897-99
Pha	Philatelia	1888-91
Phas	Philatelias	1897
PhC	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser	1898-99
PhJA	Philatelic Journal of America	1894-95
PhJGB	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	1898-99
PhM	Philatelic Monthly & World	1899
PhR	Philatelic Record	1894, 1897, 1899
Ph	Philatelist, Der	1880-99
PhF	Philatéliste Français	98, 99
PhZ	Philatelisten-Zeitung	90/91
PhB	Philatelistische Berichte	1882-84 [ <i>sic</i> ] [1872-74?]
	[Ceased publication in 1877]	[1887]
PhBl	Philatelistische Blätter	[1887]
PhBC	Philatelistischer Börsen-Courier	1886-94
PhAbl	Philatelistisches Annoncenblatt	1896
PhBbl	Philatelistisches Börsenblatt	1896
P	Post, Die	1894-99
Pn	Postwertzeichen	1885-99
	(Formerly: Vereinsmitteilungen der Bayerischer Philatelisten Verein München)	
Pk	Postwertzeichen-Kunde	1890-97
PS	Postwertzeichen-Sammler	1899
RA	Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina	No entries found
RB	Revue Philatélique Belge	1897
RF	Revue Philatélique Française	1893, 1895-96, 1898-99
RP	Revue Postale	1899
Slr	Sammler	1880-87
SB	Sammler-Börse	1899
Sf	Sammlerfreund	1895-96
SMPH	San Marino Philatelist	1892
S	Schweizer (Illustrierte) Briefmarken-Zeitung	1879-86
S	Schweizer Briefmarken (Journal)-Zeitung	1888-89, 1891-93, 1895-96, 1898-99
SBr	Senf's Briefe	1892
SM	Senf's Monatsschrift für Postwertzeichen-Kunde	1890
SF	Société Française de Timbrologie	1875-92
SCF	Stamp Collectors Fortnightly	1894-1900
StNA	Stamp News Annual	1895-96
StG	Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal	1897-1900
SiJ	Süddeutsches Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal	1891-92
ST	Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift	No entries found
TF	Timbre Fiscal	1886-94, 1896
T	Timbre-Poste	1886-91, 1893-94, 1896, 1898-99
Tr	Trinacria	1895
UP	Union Postale	1899
U	Universum.	1882-92

VBB	Verein Braunschweiger Briefmarken-Sammler	1898
VfBH	Verein für Briefmarkenkunde Hamburg	1899
EM	Vereinigte Erdball-Merkur	1883-87
HAM	Vereins-Mittheilungen des Hamburg-Altonaer Briefmarken-Sammler-Vereins	Adverts only
V	Vertrauliches Korrespondenzblatt philatelistischer Vereine	1891-99
VJ	Vindin's Stamp Trade Journal	1894
WE	Weekly Philatelic Era, The	1898-99, Volume 13
WS	Wegweiser für Sammler	1889, 1891, 1899
WZ	Wiener Briefmarken-Zeitung	1885-90
W	Wiener Illustrierte Briefmarken-Zeitung (Welt-Post)	1876-97
ZZ	Zürcher Briefmarkenbörsen-Zeitung	1896-99; Volumes 3-5

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added here for completeness:

7. **Wolfgang Maassen:** *Kiel 1894-Kiel 2003: Mehr als hundert jahre lebendiger philatelie.*, Philatelie, March 2003, Volume 55, Whole number 309, pp.30-34.

Although the following work had been available to me for many years as a translation I had commissioned, it was so substantial and its format quite difficult, coupled with the fact that the person who typed it onto computer knew nothing about philately, that I had not got round to editing it until June 2024. It was only then that I found that the author was a notable bibliophile who kept his library with the Library of the Kiel Society which allowed the other members to use both libraries. Given that the index covered 113 titles in 450 volumes and that the Society's library only dated from the mid 1890s, it seems evident that most of the index coverage was of periodicals belonging to **König**. This would also point to **König** as the compiler.

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Also published in: *Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung*, November 1905, Volume 16, Issue 11, pp.161-165 & December, Issue 12, pp.172-179.  
Also published in: *Der Philatelist*, November 1905, Volume 26, Issue 11, pp.330-347.

## **END NOTE**

In 2014, this section of the work was written up and published as: **Brian J. Birch:** *A rare index from Kiel.*, *Phila Historica*, 2014, pp.251-258.

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William Jackson Stanton

*Stanton's philatelic index, &c.*

**Stanton's Philatelic Index, 1900**  
**The Philatelic Chronicle & Index, 1901**  
**Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, 1901**

**The New York Philatelist, 1901-02**

**Stanton's** index was published in three different periodicals over a period of just over a year with the idea being appropriated during the second year by a journal which purchased the publication in which **Stanton's** index appeared. For convenience, I have included *The New York Philatelist's* orphan index with **Stanton's** as it was obviously inspired by his index and substantially based on it.

In order to facilitate referring to individual lists in this article, I have numbered all of those that appeared, in more-or-less date order. A total of seventeen lists were published in two and a half years.

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3. December 1900, Volume 1, Issue 3, pp.5-8

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5. March 1901, Volume 3, Issue 5, pp.123-125
6. April 1901, Volume 3, Issue 6, pp.144-146
7. May 1901, Volume 4, Issue 1, pp.9-11
8. June 1901, Volume 4, Issue 2, pp.29-31

**W. J. Stanton:** *Monthly philatelic index.*, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News:

9. 17<sup>th</sup> October 1901, Volume 15, Issue 42, p.372
10. 14<sup>th</sup> November 1901, Volume 15, Issue 46, pp.400-401

Appropriated by:

**[Clark W. Brown (Editor)]:** *The index.*, The New York Philatelist:

11. October 1901, Volume 11, Issue 1, pp.10-11
12. November 1901, Volume 11, Issue 2, p.34
13. December 1901, Volume 11, Issue 3, p.60
14. January 1902, Volume 11, Issue 4, p.84
15. February 1902, Volume 11, Issue 5, pp.118-119
16. March 1902, Volume 11, Issue 6, p.143
17. April 1902, Volume 12, Issue 1, p.4

## **BRIEF BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE PERIODICALS IN WHICH THE INDEXES WERE PUBLISHED**

The following outline details have generally been extracted from **Bacon's** catalogue of the **Earl of Crawford's** philatelic library<sup>(1)</sup>.

### ***Stanton's Philatelic Index***

Published by **W. J. Stanton**, Detroit MI, USA.

1900; Numbers 1-3, October-December 1900.

- There was a supplement of two sides included with number 2.
- The page numbering of issues 1 and 2 is continuous (pp.1-8). Issue 3 repeats the page numbering of issue 2 (pp.5-8).
- Merged with *The Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist* to form *The Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index*.

### ***The Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist***

Published by **H. E. Williams**, Charlotte, MI, USA.

1899-1901; Volume 1 to Volume 3, Number 3, January 1901, Whole number 20.

- Merged with *Stanton's Philatelic Index* and continued as: *The Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index* 1901: Volume 3, Numbers 4 to Volume 4, Number 2, June 1901.
- Amalgamated with *The New York Philatelist* in October 1901.

### ***Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News***

Published by the **C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company &c.**, St. Louis, MO, USA.

1891- In progress.

- A couple of decades ago, this title was combined with *Stamps* and is currently being published by **John F. Dunn** as *Mekeel's & Stamps Magazine*.

### ***The New York Philatelist***

Published by **Berniger & Herbst &c.**, New York, NY, USA.

1896-1903; Volume 1 to Volume 14, Number 1, April 1903, Whole number 79.

- Sold to *The Philatelic West and Camera News*.

## **INTRODUCTION**

It had been realised since the 1880s that the output of philatelic literature, particularly periodicals, was of such a magnitude that comprehensive indexes were required to facilitate access to the information that the increasing numbers of publications contained. This led **Emilio Diena** to publish an appeal to philatelists to make a concerted effort to encourage their creation<sup>(2)</sup>. However, it was not until the last decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century that such indexes prompted by **Diena** began to appear in printed form in Germany (1889), the UK (1891) and subsequently America (1900)<sup>(3)</sup>. However, it should be noted that even before **Diena's** call, **John Kerr Tiffany**<sup>(4)</sup> (1880) and **Schuyler B. Bradt**<sup>(5)</sup> (1886), both of America, had already produced indexes for their own purposes. **Tiffany** used his index to assist him in compiling a history of American stamps published by **J.-B. Moens** in Brussels (3 volumes 1883) and **Bradt** compiled his index as a spacefiller in a single issue of a magazine he edited.

In July or early August 1900, **W. J. Stanton** appears to have written to a large number of philatelists and philatelic publishers in both America and abroad, advising them of his scheme to publish an index to all current American and Canadian philatelic periodicals. This was

evidently an attempt to elicit responses to enable him to determine whether there would be sufficient support for such an endeavour in order to make it financially viable. Presumably, the response was positive and accordingly, the first number of *Stanton's Philatelic Index* appeared dated October 1900 on its cover. (Figure 1)

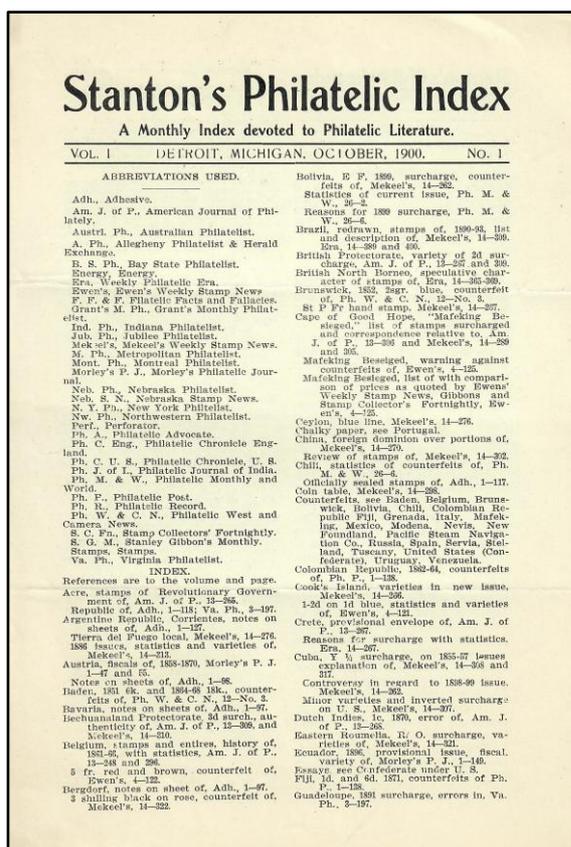


Figure 1 The first issue of *Stanton's Philatelic Index*, October 1900  
(From the author's library)

## STANTON'S INDEX

In the introduction to his philatelic index published on the second page of the first number of his paper, **Stanton** announced his belief that a *Monthly index and journal of philatelic bibliography* would be a welcome addition to the literature. Since I have never found any other writings from **Stanton** about the background to his index, we cannot, at this distance in time, determine whether it was prompted by the general awareness of the need for indexes resulting from **Diena's** articles<sup>(2)</sup> or was an original idea of **Stanton's**.

However, having decided on the production of an index and going so far as to publish a periodical devoted to it, **Stanton** set about publicising it<sup>(6, 7)</sup>. The usual manner of promoting a new periodical is to send as many sample copies as one can afford to collectors, dealers and particularly to the editors of other philatelic papers in the hope of a review. To make his paper noticeable, **Stanton** apparently used a newspaper wrapper with a 1c surcharge, originally produced for use in the then newly-acquired Philippine Islands following the Spanish-American War, but nevertheless valid for use in the United States. That it was an effective tactic is evidenced by its resulting in a second mention of his paper in *The Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist*<sup>(8)</sup> as well as *Stamps*<sup>(9)</sup> in England.

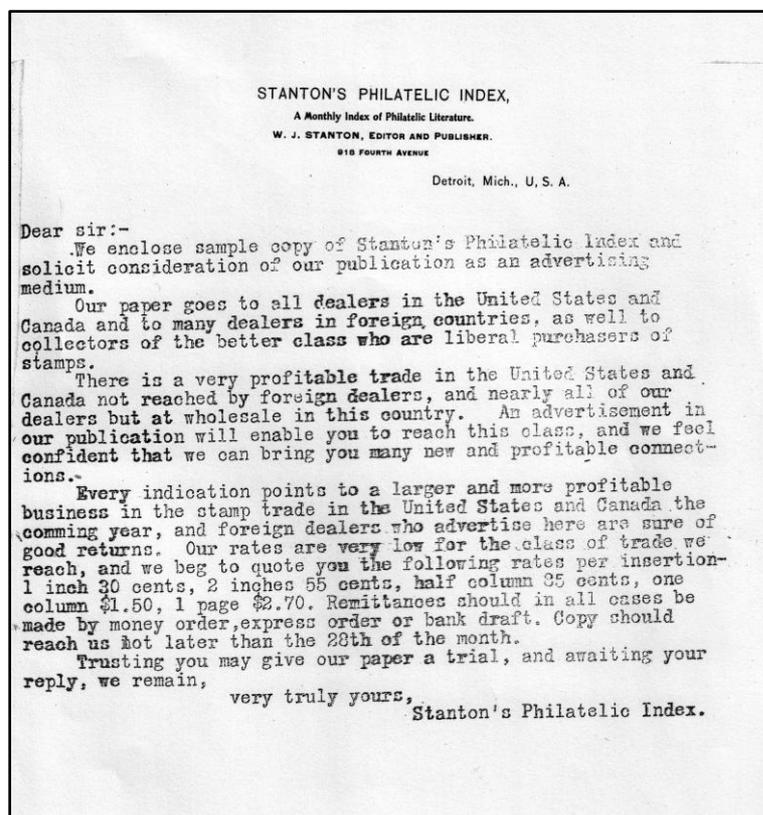


Figure 2 Circular announcing the publication of *Stanton's Philatelic Index* (Courtesy of the Royal Philatelic Society London library)

Apart from the novelty of the Philippines newspaper wrapper, many copies of the first issue of his paper which were sent abroad were accompanied by a circular (Figure 2) extolling the virtue of the publication as an advertising medium which would allow foreign dealers access to the American market. This copy of the circular was found with a copy of the first issue which had been sent to the UK. The paper was well-received in both the States and England with generally positive reviews of its usefulness to collectors<sup>(10)</sup>. Although one expressed unease at its being *too crowded for easy reference*<sup>(11)</sup>, an understandable criticism given that each issue of the paper comprised four pages only and those in a relatively small format. However, the well-known British philatelic periodical *Stamps* provided a quite critical review by one of its main correspondents, *Retlaw*<sup>(12)</sup>.

### *Stanton's Philatelic Index*

*Stanton's Index* was planned to appear monthly at a subscription of 35c per year to the USA, Canada and Mexico, less than 3c per copy. Overseas subscriptions were a very modest 45c a year. Although *Stanton* tested the market to ensure that he could attract a sufficient number of subscribers to make it pay, in the event his publication only managed three issues. It would not have helped when the British journal *Stamps* in its review equated the annual subscription to sixteen shillings (\$3.80!) rather than the actual 1 shilling and 2 pence<sup>(13)</sup>.

When *Stanton's Philatelic Index* merged with *The Philatelic Chronicle*, it was reported that it was the result of *Stanton's* legal practice occupying all of his time. However, *Stanton* continued to compile his index – a most time-consuming occupation, as I can attest – became Assistant Editor of the combined journal and undertook to write articles on counterfeits for the journal<sup>(14)</sup>. Indeed, some months after the merger, it was reported that he had assumed full

editorial control of the journal<sup>(15)</sup>. It is far more likely that publishing a periodical simply to act as a vehicle for the index and an occasional article on counterfeits did not attract sufficient advertisers or subscribers and so was not a paying concern.

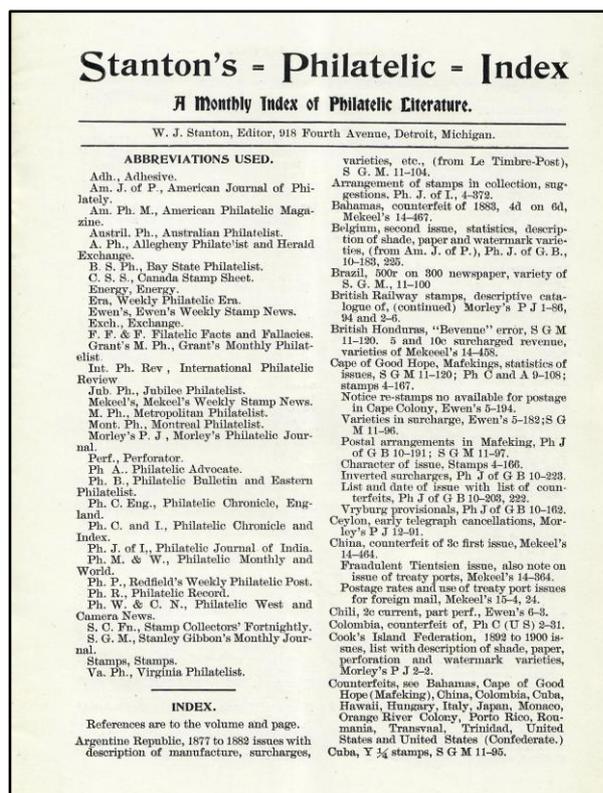


Figure 3 *The Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index*, February 1901  
(From the author's library)

### *The Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index*

Stanton's index was well-known to **H. E. Williams**, the publisher of *The Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist*, both being based in Michigan. In addition, **Williams** had noticed *Stanton's Philatelic Index* both before it was published and once it had appeared. Indeed, **Williams** advertised his own journal on page 7 of both the second and third numbers of *Stanton's Philatelic Index*.

With hindsight, it was evident that *The Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist* was in trouble before it absorbed *Stanton's Philatelic Index*. In the first number to include the *Index* in its title<sup>(14)</sup> it had a page of inducements to new subscribers on page 92 as well as threatening its debtors with putting them in the hands of the New York Collection Agency on page 101. In the following number on page 127, he was offering inducements to advertisers. All of these clearly indicated that its end was near.

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- Adh., Adhesive. A. J. of P., American Journal of Philately. A. P. M., American Philatelic Magazine. Austr. J. of P., Australian Journal of Philately. Austr. P., Australian Philatelist. E. S. P., East State Philatelist. C. S. S., Canada Stamp Sheet. Era, Weekly Philatelic Era. Ewen's, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News. F. P. & E., Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. I. R. P., International Philatelic Review. La C. P., La Crevinienne Philatelic. Le P. F., Le Philatelic Francais. Mekeel's, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News. Month., Monthly Philatelist. Morley's, Morley's Philatelic Journal. M. P., Metropolitan Philatelist. Morley's, Morley's Philatelic Journal. N. Y. P., New York Philatelic News. N. Y. P., New York Philatelist. Perf., Perforator. P. B., Philatelic Bulletin & Eastern Philatelist. P. C., Philatelic Chronicle & Advertiser. P. J. of P., Philatelic Journal of India. P. L., Philatelic Inter-Ocean. P. J. of G. B., Philatelic Journal of Great Britain. P. W. & C. N., Philatelic West & Camera News. S. C. J., Stamp Collectors' Stamp Journal. Stamps, Stamps. V. P., Virginia Philatelist.

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Social Phase of the Hague Exhibition.

The exhibition and its visitors have been favored with grand weather, and there have been many visitors, nearly all of whom were English, French, or American. The steamboat trip was most enjoyable. Two dinners were given. As one of these—that at the Kurhaus—the members of the jury were entertained by the committee. Many speeches were made. M. Lemaire, of Paris, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Exhibition Committee for their arrangements and entertainments. Mr. Becking thanked the jury for their impartiality, and expressed in the name of all present members of the society the hope that the exhibition would be the beginning of a new period of friendship between all philatelists, and he hoped that the day would come when everybody would be a collector of stamps. Mr. van Hoek liked the idea of an international society of collectors, to meet annually in turn in London, Paris, Berlin and other capitals. At the beginning of the dinner a telegram was sent to Her Majesty the Queen of Holland, and a gracious reply was duly received from her. After dinner there was a display of fireworks, the piece of resistance being two stamps several feet square; one was the current 5c. postage stamp and the other the 10c. Due stamp and both were a great success.—Stamps, Gibbons' Monthly Journal.

WHEN WRITING TO ADVERTISERS PLEASE MENTION MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

Figure 4 Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, 17th October 1901 (Courtesy of the American Philatelic Research Library)

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News

Stanton's index appeared in only two numbers of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News under the title Monthly Philatelic Index. Although its arrival was heralded in the Editorial of the 10th October,

1901<sup>(16)</sup>, no farewell or valedictory attended its final appearance. However, following its final appearance on page 401, the Editor **C. E. Severn** announced a new feature: the *Weekly Review [of the philatelic press]*, to be compiled by himself. It seems likely that this feature was to replace the Index.

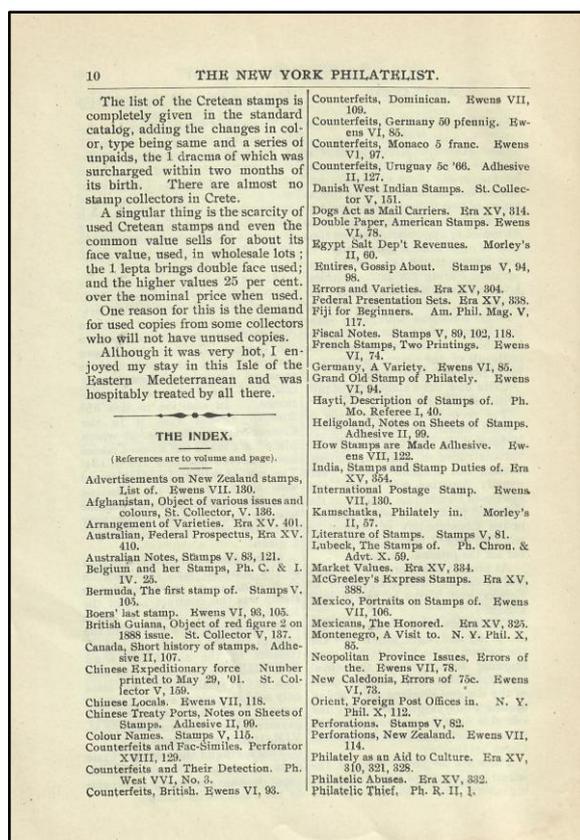


Figure 5 *The New York Philatelist*, October 1901  
(From the author's library)

### *The New York Philatelist*

So, it was not a great surprise when following the issue for June 1901, *The Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index* was sold to *The New York Philatelist*, presumably owing to the former's financial difficulties highlighted in its final issue<sup>(17)</sup>. The acquisition was announced by the latter as its purchase of *The Philatelic Chronicle* in its number for October 1901<sup>(18)</sup> so, one can assume that **Stanton's Index** formed no part of the sale. Accordingly, it is not surprising to find that **Stanton** quickly concluded a deal with *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* for its publication.

On the editorial page of the June issue of *The New York Philatelist*, it was pointed out that one of the principal features of *The Philatelic Chronicle* was the *Index* and the editor, presumably **C. W. Brown**, wished to know how many of their readers desired the continuance of this feature. Pending the result of their enquiry, an index was included in the present number, following on from **Stanton's** previous installment. In the event, the *Index* continued as a feature of the magazine for a total of seven months with no further comment.

The index did not appear after the first issue of Volume 12 with no indication in the journal as to why. However, by then the publishers had purchased *The Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist* (with the issue of March 1902, Volume 25, Issue 7) and incorporated it into *The New York Philatelist* with the issue of May 1902 (Volume 12, Issue 2) of the latter. Evidently

**Amy L. Swift** was an important contributor to *The Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist* producing a column entitled *Press Review* comprising selective reviews of important notes and articles in the current philatelic magazines. Her allegiance was transferred on the purchase of the magazine and her column, retaining the same title, effectively superseded the *Philatelic Index*.

However, this journal was also in financial difficulties and was up for sale. It was eventually sold to the *Philatelic West and Camera News*.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR**

I have been unable to find any biographies of **Stanton** in the philatelic press and barely even any mention of him, just one scant obituary in *The American Philatelist* of June 1938. Virtually all that I could easily find was from his own pen in his own magazine, that he had a law practice in Detroit.

I assumed that anything that had been written about him would have been in the American philatelic press and would therefore be known to American philatelists. Accordingly, in the third quarter 2020 issue of the *Philatelic Literature Review* I published an appeal for information about **Stanton**<sup>(3)</sup>. It provoked no response whatsoever. As a consequence, the following biographical notes have been adapted from the few scraps published about **Stanton** that I have been able to locate in the philatelic press and his obituary in *The State College Aztec*, as well as from the snippets of information I have been able to find online.

In order to assist anyone who comes after me and who has an interest in **Stanton**, I have included a bibliography of all of the published material I have been able to find about him at the end of this biography. Material appearing on the web is not listed as being too ephemeral.

### **William Jackson Stanton**



Figure 6 **William Jackson Stanton** (1867-1938)  
(From *The State College Aztec*, 1<sup>st</sup> February 1938)

**William Jackson Stanton** was born in 1867 at Oxford, Michigan. After graduating from high school at the age of sixteen and being too young to attend university, he taught in rural schools living at the homes of his pupils.

Having graduated with a degree in Law from the University of Michigan, he moved to Detroit and practiced Law. By 1898, he was editor of the Detroit “Legal News”, a position he retained for fourteen years. In 1912, he moved to San Diego and became an Instructor in Law at San Diego High School. He also lectured in Commercial Law on a part-time basis at San Diego State College, now San Diego State University.

By this time, he had married **Louella Marie Amsden** (1867-1942?). Together they had a daughter **Cynthia Louella Stanton**.

During the First World War, he instructed in Military and International Law. His courses were subsequently adopted by the War Department as standard.

His youthful interest in philately never left him. At the same time, his experience in Law led him to realise that philately, with its plethora of philatelic papers desperately needed an index to the articles they contained. At the same time, he was becoming seriously concerned about the damage being done to philately by the sale of counterfeits. So it was that in October 1890, he published the magazine *Stanton’s Philatelic Index* to deal with both of the deficiencies he saw in philately. Unfortunately, others did not view the matter with the same seriousness as **Stanton** did and his magazine only lasted for 3 numbers. Although he soldiered on for another year or so, inserting his index in philatelic papers published by others, he was eventually forced to give the project up.

It is not surprising, given his growing family and now a job in teaching, that there is a 30 year hiatus in information about his progress in the philatelic field.

**Stanton** next surfaces in philately in the 1930s as a part-time stamp and cover dealer specialising in Mexican stamps and Naval and Flight covers, dealing from his home at 1235 Golden Gate Drive. In 1932, on the occasion of the Olympic Games, he commissioned a comic cachet by two local commercial artists, **Howard Carroll** and **Carter Jones**, for the use of the San Diego Stamp Club. It was not until 1985 that his widely publicised claim to have produced the first comic cover was shown to have been incorrect by an article by **Clark Heins** published in the August 15, 1985 number of *Stamps*, where his cover was illustrated - a discus thrower throwing a large red bull by its tail.

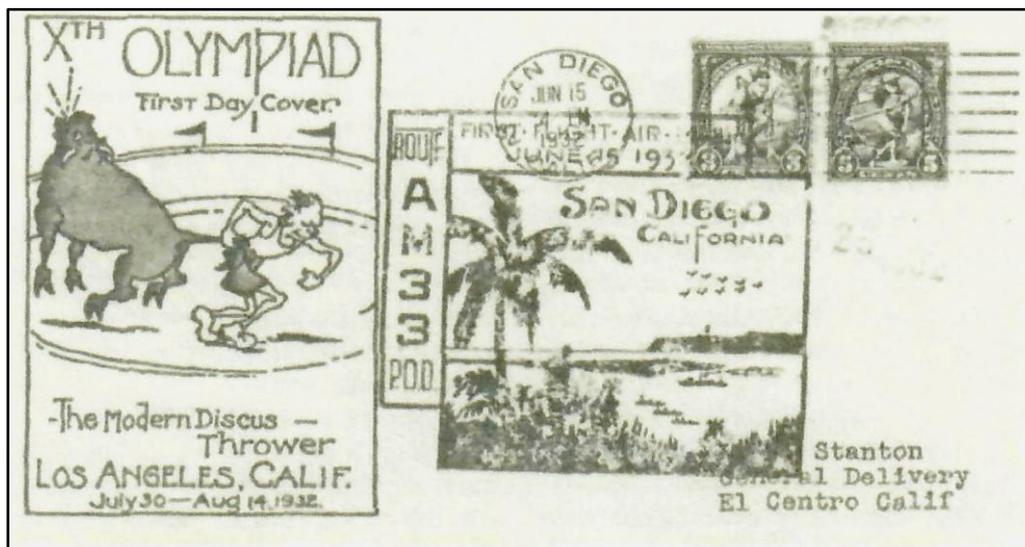


Figure 7 Stanton's cachet of 1932 showing a discus thrower throwing a bull  
(From First Days, 15<sup>th</sup> August 1985)

In 1934 he advertised Navy massed flight covers for sale which had been flown from San Francisco to Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. Although he does not figure widely in the literature, he was sufficiently well known for **Harry M. Konwiser** to turn his column in *Stamps - Postal Markings* - over to **Stanton** on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1934 for a column dedicated to the philatelic repercussions of the American military occupation of Vera Cruz, Mexico in 1914.

Having been ill for some time **William Jackson Stanton** died at his home in San Diego on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 1938, at the age of 70.



Figure 8 *William Jackson Stanton's* gravestone  
(Found online)

### **Bibliography of William Jackson Stanton**

**Harry E. Gray:** *Western Coast News.*, Weekly Philatelic Gossip, 9<sup>th</sup> July 1932, Volume 17, Issue 16, p.495.

- The first paragraph reports **Stanton's** cachet of discus thrower and bull.

**W. J. Stanton:** *Navy massed flight covers.*, Weekly Philatelic Gossip, 17<sup>th</sup> February 1934, Volume 18, Issue 48, p.1524.

- Advertisement by **Stanton** offering the covers for sale.

**W. J. Stanton:** *U. S. mail cancellations at Vera Cruz, Mexico.*, Stamps, 15<sup>th</sup> December 1934, Volume 9, Issue 11, pp.394 & 397.

- Guest editor in **H. M. Konwiser's** column *Postal Markings* in **Stamps**.

*San Diegans mourn Stanton passing.*, The State College Aztec, 1<sup>st</sup> February 1938, Volume 17, Issue 33, p.1.

- An obituary with useful information.

**Franklin D. Walker:** *Educator passes.*, The State College Aztec, 1<sup>st</sup> February 1938, Volume 17, Issue 33, p.1.

- A short eulogy but with a photograph of **Stanton**.

*Stanton.*, The American Philatelist, June 1938, Volume 51, Issue 9, p.864.

- A concise obituary.

**Clark Heins:** *W.J. Stanton.*, First Days, 15<sup>th</sup> August 1985, Volume 30, Issue 6, p.798.

- A discussion of **Stanton's** Olympic FDC cachet of the discus thrower and bull (illustrated) pointing out that it was not the first humorous FDC as **Stanton** had claimed at the time.

### **NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

This series of Indexes is probably the least-well-controlled that I have come across with regard to its use of abbreviations for periodicals indexed. To be fair, the lack of control of abbreviations mainly resides with those used by *The New York Philatelist*. Nevertheless, since I have treated these indexes as a continuation of **Stanton's** index, I have provided two lists - the first gives all abbreviations used in alphabetical order and the titles they refer to. The second gives all of the titles of periodicals indexed and the coverage of the indexes in years and volumes, as far as I have been able to determine them.

**Stanton** was very organised in his use of abbreviations and as far as I can see used basically the same abbreviations throughout his own periodical and for those indexes published in *The Philatelic Chronicle & Index*. However, there are no lists of abbreviations in indexes 6 to 8 which appeared in the latter periodical, presumably in order to save space. Nevertheless, at the head of the index, it advises the user that the abbreviations used were those which appeared in index number 5 of March 1901.

When the index appeared in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* (indexes 9 and 10), space was obviously at a premium and the abbreviations were shortened to single letters only, as far as

was possible.

The problem with abbreviations really arises with the indexes in *The New York Philatelist*. It is self-evident that the compiler of this series of indexes (11 to 17) had no recourse to a master list of abbreviations, unlike **Stanton**. Accordingly, the abbreviation used was whatever came to mind as being appropriate as each index entry was created and often differed from index to index. Each of these indexes has been checked in an attempt to ensure that the periodical continued to be indexed and to see whether any additional periodicals had been included. Not only did the abbreviations vary but the full stops were sometimes left out of the abbreviations. In my list I have included the punctuation to maintain uniformity and avoid listing abbreviations separately, that only differ in their punctuation. It tried to list all abbreviations but evidently found this extremely difficult given that there were so many minor variations including errors such as missing the occasional letter.

Where an abbreviation is confirmed by its appearance in a published list of abbreviations, I have given the index number in the third column. One can assume that the abbreviations used in indexes 6 to 8 are the same as those in index 5. All of the abbreviations with no list number must therefore have appeared in the indexes from *The New York Philatelist*.

### Periodicals Indexed

<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>List number</u>
A. J. of P.	American Journal of Philately	9, 10
A. P. M.	American Philatelic Magazine	9, 10
A. Ph.	Allegheny Philatelist & Herald Exchange	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Adh.	Adhesive	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10
Adhesive	Adhesive	
Am. J. of P.	American Journal of Philately	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Am. J. of Phil.	American Journal of Philately	
Am. Jo. of Phil.	American Journal of Philately	
Am. Joun. of Phil.	American Journal of Philately	
Am. Jour. of Phil	American Journal of Philately	
Am. Journ. of Phil	American Journal of Philately	
Am. Ph. M.	American Philatelic Magazine	3, 4, 5
Am. Phil. Jo.	American Philatelic Magazine**	
Am. Phila. Jo.	American Philatelic Magazine**	
Am. Phil. Jour.	American Philatelic Magazine**	
Am. Phil. Mag.	American Philatelic Magazine	
Am. Phil. Maga.	American Philatelic Magazine	
Am. Phil. Magazine	American Philatelic Magazine	
Am. Phila. Jo.	American Philatelic Journal	
Am. Philatelic Mag.	American Philatelic Magazine	
Am. S. of P.	Error for Am. J. of P.	
Amer. J. of Phil.	American Journal of Philately	
Amer. Phil. Magazine	American Philatelic Magazine	
Aus. Jo. of Phil.	Australian Journal of Philately	
Aust. J. of Phil.	Australian Journal of Philately	
Aust. Jo. of Phil.	Australian Journal of Philately	
Australian J. of Phil.	Australian Journal of Philately	
Australian Journal of Phil.	Australian Journal of Philately	
Austril. Ph.	Australian Philatelist	4, 5

Austrl. J. of P.	Australian Journal of Philately	5, 9, 10
Austrl. P.	Australian Philatelist	9, 10
Austrl. Ph.	Australian Philatelist	1, 2, 3,
B. & C. Ph. A.	British and Colonial Philatelic Advertiser	
B. S. P.	Bay State Philatelist	9, 10
B. S. Ph.	Bay State Philatelist	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Bay State	Bay State Philatelist	
C. Comp.	Collector's Companion	3
C. Ph.	Unidentified	
C. S. S.	Canada Stamp Sheet	2, 3, 4, 5, 9
C. S. S & E.	Canada Stamp Sheet & Energy	10
Can. Stamp Sheet & Energy	Canada Stamp Sheet & Energy	
Collectors Journal	Collectors Journal	
Energy	Energy	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Era	Weekly Philatelic Era	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10
Ewen's (not Ewans)	Ewen's Weekly Stamp News	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10
Exch.	Exchange	3, 4, 5
F. F. & F.	Filatelic Facts and Falacies	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10
Fortnightly	Stamp Collectors Fortnightly	
Grant's M. Ph.	Grant's Monthly Philatelist	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Grant's M. Ph.	Grant's Philatelic Monthly	
I. R. P. (error for I. P. R.)	International Philatelic Review	9
Ind. Ph.	Indiana Philatelist (No entries included)	1, 2, 3
Int. Ph. Rev.	International Philatelic Review	3, 4, 5
Int. Ph. Rev.	International Philatelic Review and Exchange	
Inter. Ph. Rev.	International Philatelic Review	
Inter. Ph. Rev.	International Philatelic Review and Exchange	
Jub. Ph.	Jubilee Philatelist	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
L'A. Timbr.	L'Ami de la Timbrologie	
La C. P.	La Circulaire Philatelique	9, 10
Le P. F.	Le Philatelite Francais	9, 10
M. P.	Metropolitan Philatelist	9, 10
M. Ph.	Metropolitan Philatelist	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Mekeel's (Mekeel)	Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10
Metropolitan	Metropolitan Philatelist	
Minn. Phil.	Minnesota Philatelist	
Mo. Phil. Adv.	Monthly Philatelic Advertiser	
Mo. Phil. Advt.	Monthly Philatelic Advertiser	
Monarch Phila.	Monarch Philatelist	
Mont. P.	Montreal Philatelist	9, 10
Mont. Ph.	Montreal Philatelist	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Mont. Phil.	Montreal Philatelist	
Montreal Phil.	Montreal Philatelist	
Montreal Philatelist	Montreal Philatelist	
Morley's (Morleys)	Morley's Philatelic Journal	9, 10
Morley's P. J.	Morley's Philatelic Journal	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Morley's Phila. Journal	Morley's Philatelic Journal	
N. P. N.	National Philatelic News	9, 10
N. Ph. N.	National Philatelic News	5
N. Y. P.	New York Philatelist	9, 10

N. Y. Ph.	New York Philatelist	1, 2, 3
N. Y. Phil.	New York Philatelist	
Neb. Ph.	Nebraska Philatelist (No entries included)	1, 2, 3
Neb. S. N.	Nebraska Stamp News (No entries included)	1, 2, 3
No. Phil.	Northern Philatelist	
Nw. Ph.	Northwestern Philatelist (No entries included)	1, 2, 3
O. Ph.	Ohio Philatelist	2, 3
Omaha Mo. Phil.	Omaha Monthly Philatelist	
Omaha Phil.	Omaha Philatelist	
P. B.	Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist	9, 10
P. I.	Philatelic Inter-Ocean	9, 10
P. J. of I.	Philatelic Journal of India	9, 10
P. L.	Philatelic Literature	10
P. S. Ph.	Prairie State Philatelist	5
P. W. & C. N.	Philatelic West & Camera News	9, 10
Perf.	Perforator	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10
Perforator	Perforator	
Ph. A.	Philatelic Advocate	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Ph. B.	Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist	2, 3, 4, 5
Ph. C.	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser	9, 10
Ph. C. & A.	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser	
Ph. C. and I. (Ph. C. & I.)	Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index	4, 5
Ph. C. Eng.	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser (UK)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Ph. C. of GB.	Error for Ph. J. of GB.	
Ph. C. U. S.	Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist	1, 2, 3
Ph. Chr. & Adv.	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser	
Ph. Chron. & Advt.	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser	
Ph. Chronicle & Adv.	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser	
Ph. Chronicle and Advertiser	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser	
Ph. F.	Unidentified	
Ph. J. of GB.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	9, 10
Ph. J. of I.	Philatelic Journal of India	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Ph. M. & W.	Philatelic Monthly and World	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Ph. Mo. Referee	Philatelic Monthly Referee	
Ph. P.	Philatelic Post	1
Ph. P.	Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post	2, 3, 4, 5
Ph. R.	Philatelic Record	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Ph. S. of I.	Error for Ph. J. of I.	
Ph. W. & C. N.	Philatelic West and Camera News	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Ph. West	Philatelic West	
Phil. Bull.	Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist	
Phil. Bulletin	Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist	
Phil. Chron. & Adv.	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser	
Phil. Chron. & Advt.	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser	
Phil. Inter-Ocean	Philatelic Inter-Ocean	
Phil. J. of G. B.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	
Phil. M. Referee	Philatelic Monthly Referee	
Phil. Mo. Ref.	Philatelic Monthly Referee	
Phil. Mo. Referee	Philatelic Monthly Referee	
Phil. Monthly Referee	Philatelic Monthly Referee	

Phil. Star	Philatelic Star	
Phil. West	Philatelic West	
Phila. Mo. Referee	Philatelic Monthly Referee	
Phila. West	Philatelic West	
Philatelic Chronicle and Adv.	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser	
Philatelic Mo. Referee	Philatelic Monthly Referee	
Philatelic Times	Philatelic Times	
Philatelic West	Philatelic West	
Prairie State	Prairie State Philatelist	
Robinson's Review	Robinson's Review	
S. C. Fn.	Stamp Collector's Fortnightly	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
S. C. Fortnightly	Stamp Collector's Fortnightly	
S. C. J.	Stamp Collectors' Stamp Journal	9, 10
S. G. M.	Stanley Gibbons Monthly	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
S. G. M. J.	Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal	
S. G. Mo. Jour.	Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal	
St. Coll.	Stamp Collector	
St. Coll. Fortnightly	Stamp Collectors Fortnightly	
St. Collector	Stamp Collector, The	
St. Exch.	Stamp Exchange, The	
Stamp Col.	Stamp Collector	
Stamp Coll.	Stamp Collector	
Stamp Exchange	Stamp Exchange	
Stamp Sheet	Canada Stamp Sheet & Energy	
Stamp Sheet & E.	Canada Stamp Sheet & Energy	
Stamps	Stamps	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10
Stanley Gibbons	Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal	
V. P.	Virginia Philatelist	9, 10
Va. Ph.	Virginia Philatelist	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Va. Phil.	Virginia Philatelist	
Virginia Ph.	Virginia Philatelist	
Virginia Phil.	Virginia Philatelist	
Virginia Phila.	Virginia Philatelist	
Virginia Philatelist	Virginia Philatelist	
Western Stamp Book	Western Stamp Book	

\*\* American Philatelic Journal does not exist but the references are to Volume 6 which is appropriate for the American Philatelic Magazine.

### Alphabetical List of Periodicals

The periods given are my best estimate of the coverage given the lists in which references appeared. However, it is evident that some periodicals dating before 1900 were indexed in that a journal (*The Omaha Philatelist*) is included which ceased publication in 1898. Bearing in mind that it was **Stanton's** stated intention to index periodicals retrospectively when he could get round to it.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Adhesive, The	1900-02; Volumes 1-3
Allegheny Philatelist & Herald Exchange, The	1900; Volume 7
American Journal of Philately, The	1900-02; Volumes 13-15

American Philatelic Magazine, The	1900-02; Volumes 5-6
Ami de la Timbrologie, L'	1900; Volume 1
Australian Journal of Philately, The	1900-02; Volumes 1-2
Australian Philatelist, The	1900-01; Volume 7
Bay State Philatelist, The	1900-02; Volumes 3-5
British and Colonial Philatelic Advertiser	1901, Volume 3
Canada Stamp Sheet, The	1900; Volume 1
Canada Stamp Sheet & Energy, The	1901-02; Volumes 2-3
Circulaire Philatélique	1901; Volume 4
Collector's Companion, The	1900; Volume 1
Collectors Journal, The	1901; Volume 1
Energy	1900-01; Volumes 1-3
Ewen's Weekly Stamp News	1900-02; Volumes 4-8
Exchange, The	1900-01; Volumes 1-2
Filatelic Facts and Falacies	1900-01; Volumes 8-9
Grant's Monthly Philatelist	1900; Volume 1
Grant's Philatelic Monthly	1900-01; Volume 1
International Philatelic Review	1900; Volumes 2-3
International Philatelic Review and Exchange	1901; Volume 3
Jubilee Philatelist, The	1899-1900; Volume 1
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News	1900-02; Volumes 14-16
Metropolitan Philatelist, The	1900-02; Volumes 13-16
Minnesota Philatelist, The	1901-02; Volume 1
Monarch Philatelist, The	1901-02; Volume 2
Monthly Philatelic Advertiser, The	1901-02; Volume 1
Montreal Philatelist, The	1900-02; Volumes 3-4
Morley's Philatelic Journal	1900-02; Volumes 1-3
National Philatelic News, The	1900-01; Volume 1
New York Philatelist, The	1901; Volumes 9-10
Northern Philatelist, The	1901; Volume 1
Ohio Philatelist, The	1900; Volume 3
Omaha Monthly Philatelist	1901-02; Volumes 1-2
Omaha Philatelist, The	1898; Volume 5
Perforator, The	1900-02; Volumes 5-20*
Philatelic Advocate, The	1900-01; Volumes 8-10
Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist, The	1900-02; Volumes 23-25
Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser and Philatelic Times, The	1900-02; Volumes 9-11
Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index, The	1901; Volumes 3-4
Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist, The	1900-01; Volumes 1-3
Philatelic Inter-Ocean	1901; Volume 4
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, The	1901-02; Volumes 11-12
Philatelic Journal of India, The	1900-01; Volumes 4-5
Philatelic Literature	1901; Volume 1
Philatelic Monthly and World, The	1900-01; Volume 26
Philatelic Monthly Referee, The	1901-02; Volume 1
Philatelic Post, The	1900; Volume 1
Philatelic Record, The	1900-01; Volumes 22-23
Philatelic Star, The	1902; Volume 1
Philatelic Times, The	1901; Volume 1
Philatelic West and Camera News, The	1900-02; Volumes 13-18
Philatéliste Français, Le	1901; Volume 10
Prairie State Philatelist, The	1900-02; Volumes 2-4

Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post	1900-01; Volume 2
Robinson's Review	1902; Volume 1
Stamp Collector, The	1901-02; Volumes 5-6
Stamp Collector's Fortnightly, The	1900-02; Volumes 6-7
Stamp Collectors' Stamp Journal	I could not trace this title
Stamp Exchange, The	1901-02; Volumes 3-4
Stamps	1900-02; Volumes 4-6
Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal	1900-02; Volumes 11-12
Virginia Philatelist, The	1900-02; Volumes 3-5
Weekly Philatelic Era, The	1900-02; Volumes 15-16
Western Stamp Book, The	1901-02; Volume 1

\* Much of this large number of volumes (5-20) is represented by previous volumes of *The Pennsylvania Philatelist*, which was incorporated into this title.

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<i>The Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist</i>	-	Columns 686-687
<i>Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News</i>	-	Column 624
<i>The New York Philatelist</i>	-	Columns 654-655

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The equivalent article appeared in German as: Emilio Diena: *Ein nachschlagebuch über philatelistische litteratur. [A reference book about philatelic literature.]*, Das Postwertzeichen, January 1888, Volume 1, Issue 1, pp.4-6 & February, Issue 2, pp.1-2.  
 {A translation into English is available from the present author as Philat. Trans. 330.}

➤ This is an eloquent plea on behalf of philatelic bibliography, reviewing the work published to date and proposing the production of a philatelic index of both books and articles from magazines.

3. Brian J. Birch: *Who was W. J. Stanton?*, Philatelic Literature Review, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020, Volume 69, Issue 3, pp.174-181.

➤ Although this was primarily an attempt to elicit information about the little-known William Jackson Stanton from American researchers in order to

enhance this article, it also gives details and a photograph of each of the important early indexers.

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  - {Reproduced as **Retlaw [Walter T. Wilson]:** *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*, Stamps, September 1900, Volume 4, Issue 4, pp.139-140.}
  - An outline of **Stanton's** planned index with an indication of the extensive coverage envisioned eventually.
7. **[H. E. Williams (Editor & Publisher):** *A unique journal.*, The Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist, August 1900, Volume 2, Issue 4, p.49.
  - Announcement of the impending publication of **Stanton's Philatelic Index.**
8. **[H. E. Williams (Editor & Publisher):** *To societies.*, The Philatelic Chronicle and Michigan Philatelist, October 1900, Volume 2, Issue 6, p.76.
  - Announcement of the receipt of the first issue of **Stanton's** paper in its Philippines wrapper.
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  - Report of a letter received from **Stanton** who had proposed that he would produce an index.
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  - An announcement that a comprehensive index had been taken in hand by **Stanton.**
11. **[F. L. Heygate & B. W. Warhurst (Editors):** *Stanton's Philatelic Index.*, Stamps, October 1900, Volume 4, Issue 10, p.157.
  - A report that **Stanton's Philatelic Index** had duly appeared and a review of its contents.
12. **Retlaw [pseudonym of Walter T. Wilson]:** *Stanton's Philatelic Index.*, Stamps, November 1900, Volume 4, Issue 11, p.174.
  - A constructive criticism of **Stanton's** index by one who had welcomed it earlier (See reference 6.) as being too cramped and noting several ways in which it could be improved. However, **Stanton's** information on counterfeits was welcomed.
13. **[F. L. Heygate & B. W. Warhurst (Editors):** *Philatelists and their societies.*, Stamps, August 1900, Volume 4, Issue 8, p.118.
  - A note that the author had earlier planned an index of all English-language philatelic literature but learned of **Frank A. Bellamy's** index and so abandoned his project.
14. **H. E. Williams:** *Stanton's Philatelic Index.*, The Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index, February 1901, Volume 3, Issue 4, p.100.
  - This first issue of the combined journals appears to have been produced in some haste. The title page is **The Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index.** All other

page headings show *The Philatelic Chronicle*. Details of the subscriptions inducements on page 92 shows it as *The Philatelic Chronicle and Index* and the details of the periodical on page 100 give it as *The Philatelic Chronicle & Index*.

15. **H. E. Williams:** *To our many friends.*, The Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index, May 1901, Volume 4, Issue 1, p.12.
16. **[C. E. Severn (Editor)]:** *Editorial.*, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, 10<sup>th</sup> October 1901, Volume 15, Issue 41, p.360.
17. **[H. E. Williams (The Publisher)]:** The Philatelic Chronicle and Philatelic Index, June 1901, Volume 4, Issue 2, pp.27 & 28.
  - This issue includes two notices threatening to put debtors in the hands of a local attorney
18. **[C. W. Brown (Editor)]:** The New York Philatelist, October 1901, Volume 11, Issue 1, pp. 7 & 8.
  - Page 7 announced the purchase of *The Philatelic Chronicle* and page 8 asked the readers whether they were interested in the continuation of *Stanton's Philatelic Index*.

#### **END NOTE**

In 2022, this section of the work was written up and published as:

1901

**Herbert L'Estrange Ewen**

***The philatelic press in 1901***

**Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, 1901**  
**Reprinted in: Stamps, January 1902**  
**Also in: The Philatelic Journal of India, April 1902**

**INTRODUCTION**

By 1887, the quantity of philatelic literature being published had grown to such an extent that Italy's premier philatelist, **Dr. Emilio Diena**, called for the compilation of an index to all philatelic publications to help philatelists locate the information they required. In particular, he was especially interested in the individual articles in philatelic journals as books quickly became out of date and were updated in periodicals<sup>(1)</sup>. This call from such an eminent philatelist raised a great deal of interest both in the UK and abroad<sup>(2)</sup>. Not satisfied with merely offering words of support, **Ewen** matched words with actions and in the December number of his journal *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, he published an index to the philatelic press of 1901.

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR**



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(From: The Philatelic Journal of America, November 1912, Volume 23, Issue 5, p.23)

**Herbert L'Estrange Ewen** was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1876 at Offord d'Arcy Rectory near Huntingdon where his father the **Reverend Henry L'Estrange Ewen** was the Rector<sup>(3)</sup>.

During his early school days he became interested in stamp collecting. In the holidays it developed into a craze, with other members of the family being pressed into service sorting packets of stamps he had just received. On his thirteenth birthday and with a capital of just £30 of which £13 was in cash, he launched his stamp dealing business under the name **Ewen Bros.**, in partnership with his brother **Cecil**.

Although **Ewen's** partnership was ended in his sixteenth year, **Cecil** continued to be interested in the progress of the business and was kept informed by **Herbert's** regular letters. Much of **Ewen's** personal and family correspondence about philately has been preserved in the Archives of the Royal Philatelic Society London. The correspondence therein provides a fascinating insight into the progress and travails of **Ewen's** Company in his letters to his brother **Cecil**<sup>(4)</sup>.

The purchase in 1899 of a large sack of British stamps for £1, collected since 1840, led to him specialising in British stamps. He published his first catalogue of British stamps in 1893 which was the first catalogue to price individual plate numbers which had been little thought of up to then. A trip to the Continent that same year enabled him to purchase British stamps at  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the price in the UK. This was the forerunner of many such trips in subsequent years. He soon became the preeminent dealer in British stamps.

In the mid-1890s he offered a pioneering new issue service to collectors whereby they could keep their collections up to date at a small increment over face value. This greatly enhanced his turnover, although at a modest profit, but helped to popularise stamp collecting generally.

In order to grow his business rapidly, **Ewen** purchased the stock of **Mr. Chapman** in 1894 on credit. As mentioned in his correspondence, the debt weighted heavily upon his business until it was finally paid off by 1899.

At the age of just 18, he began to publish *The English Specialists' Journal* in 1895. This served him while he specialised in British issues. However, as his business grew he began to include Colonial issues and in November 1899, renamed his business **Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market**, turning it into a Limited Liability Company in July 1902<sup>(5)</sup>. In October 1897, after 17 monthly issues, he changed the name of his publication to *L'Estrange Ewen's Weekly Circular*. However, his improved financial position made him rename it *Ewen's Weekly Circular* in 1899. After only 9 further issues it's name was again changed to *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* in September of that same year. This enlarged publication contained new issue news and encouraged him to take up foreign stamps again. Most of the content was written by **Ewen** himself.

At the start of the Boer War in 1899, he had the foresight to send **W. B. H. Poole**, one of his clerks, to buy stamps used by the British troops. **Poole** was later to start his own business as a stamp dealer and eventually moved to the USA.

Not surprisingly, considering that his father was a Rector, **Ewen** conducted his business honestly and honorably. Inevitably, he deplored those whose actions were likely to bring philately in disrepute. Similarly, he did not shirk from publicising those dealing in forgeries even when threatened with being sued for libel. So it was in 1906 that **Ewen** claimed that **John Stewart Lowden** was openly selling forged Transvaal C.S.A.R. overprints and even displaying the forgeries in his shop window. **Ewen** won the resulting libel case brought by **Lowden** but at great financial cost<sup>(6)</sup>.



overview of the Month's Literature in the January 1902 issue of *The London Philatelist*<sup>(7)</sup>. His rebuke that the contents of both the November and December issues of the year were omitted was very mild indeed and was tempered by the possibility that they would be made available at a later date. This was not to be as **Ewen** never produced another such index.

As **Castle** noted, the index contained only those articles **Ewen** considered to be important, reprinted articles and other extraneous material being ignored. In spite of his single-minded concentration on important original articles on stamps, **Ewen** nevertheless added a list of the 34 philatelists whose portraits had appeared in these periodicals during the ten months covered.

### Periodicals Indexed

AS	Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular
AJ	American Journal of Philately, The
ASC	Anales de la Sociedad Filatélica de Chile
AC	Archives des Collectionneurs, Les
CT	Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste, Le
DZ	Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung
ET	Écho de la Timbrologie, L'
EP	Essor Philatélique, L'
IBJ	Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal
LP	London Philatelist
MZ	Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung
MPJ	Morley's Philatelic Journal
PJ	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, The
PJI	Philatelic Journal of India, The
PMR	Philatelic Monthly Referee, The
PR	Philatelic Record, The
PF	Philatéliste Français, Le
P	Post, Die
PC	Postal Cards and Covers
RSA	Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina
RPB	Revue Philatélique Belge
RP	Revue Philatélique Française
RF	Rivista del Francobollo
SC	Stamp Collector, The
SCF	Stamp Collector's Fortnightly, The
S	Stamps
SG	Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal
TB	Timbrophile Belge, Le

### INDEX OF PHILATELIC PORTRAITS

### Portraits of Stamp Collectors.

PORTRAITS of the following eminent stamp collectors have appeared in the philatelic journals during 1901:—

W. B. Avery, S.C., Jan.; P.J., Feb.	Jonkheer van Kinschot, P.R., Dec.
G. Bridgman, S.C., Nov.	Baron v. Mutzenbecher, P.R., Mar.
H. A. Chapman, Ref., Aug	E. J. Nankivell, P.J., Apr.
A. B. Creeke, jr., P.R., Mar	W. Pimm, S.C., Apr.
C. J. Daun, P.J., Nov.	T. W. Peck, S.C., May.
Dr. E. Diena, P.R., Apr.	Gordon Smith, P.J., Oct.
P. Y. Deakin, S.C., July.	W. Scott, S.C., Oct.
Rev. R. B. Earée, P.J., Sept.	E. Shorthouse, S.C., Dec.
Ferrary, P.J., Jan.	A. H. Stanford, P.J., Mar.
Wm. Fish, Ref., Apr.	C. A. Stephenson, S.C., June
G. F. H. Gibson, P.J., June	D. Stadlbauer, M.Z., Mar.
L. L. R. Hausburg, P.J., May	W. S. Vaughton, S.C., Aug.
R. Hollick, S.C., Mar.	Dr. C. W. Viner, P.J., Aug
A. M. van Hoek, P.R., Oct.	W. F. Wadams, S.C., Sept.
T. H. Hinton, Ref., Feb.	Baron A. de Worms, P.J., July
G. Johnson, S.C., Feb.	C. S. Wilson, P.R., Nov.
J. W. Jones, P., Mar.	
Fred Jeppe (P.M.G. Transvaal), P.R., Feb.	

### Ewen's Index of Philatelic Portraits

(From: The Earl of Crawford's Library at the British Library)

Anyone who is interested in the provenance of stamps needs to know something about early and important philatelists. Accordingly, **Ewen's** list of portraits of philatelists is rather important as the editor would have had a good reason for including them in his periodical. Generally, the portraits would have been associated with a biography, obituary or details of the sale of their collection. Interestingly, the editors who reprinted **Ewen's** index were not interested in this possibility and ignored his index of philatelic portraits.

I have extended the names wherever possible and added the references that **Ewen** left blank. All of the months are to references in 1901.

Avery, William Beilby	Stamp Collector, January; Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, February
Bridgman, G.	Stamp Collector, November
Chapman, Henry A.	Philatelic Monthly Referee, August
Creeke Jr., Anthony Buck	Philatelic Record, March
Daun, Charles James	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, November
Diena, Dr. Emilio	Philatelic Record, April
Deakin, P. T.	Stamp Collector, July
Earée, Rev. Robert Briscoe	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, September
Ferrary, Philipp La Rénatière von	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, January
Fish, William	Philatelic Monthly Referee, April
Gibson, George Frederick Howard	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, June
Hausburg, Leslie Leopold Rudolph	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, May
Hinton, Thomas Henry	Philatelic Monthly Referee, February
Hoek, Anton M. van	Philatelic Record, October
Hollick, Richard	Stamp Collector, March
Jeppe, Fred. (P.M.G. Transvaal)	Philatelic Record, February
Johnson, George H.	Stamp Collector, February
Jones, J. W.	Die Post, March
Jonkheer van Kinschot	Philatelic Record, December
Mutzenbecher, Baron von	Philatelic Record, March
Nankivell, Edward James	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, April
Peck, Thomas Whitmore	Stamp Collector, May
Pimm, William	Stamp Collector, April

Scott, Walter	Stamp Collector, October
Shorthouse, Edmund	Stamp Collector, October
Smith, Gordon	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, October
Stadtbauer, D.	Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten Zeitung, March
Stamford, Arthur H.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, March
Stephenson, Charles A.	Stamp Collector, June
Vaughton, W. S.	Stamp Collector, August
Viner, Dr. Charles William	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, August
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  - An introduction to the correspondence held in the Archives of the Royal Philatelic Society London.
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  - Announcement that **Ewen** had made his Company into one of Limited Liability so that he could issue debentures in order to increase the funds available to the business.
6. *Lowden v. Ewen.*, The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, February 1907, Volume 17, Issue 2, pp.30-31.
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## END NOTE

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1901

William Carlos Stone

*Philatelic Press Review*

**The Weekly Philatelic Era, 1901-1902**

**INTRODUCTION**

This was intended to be a regular column reviewing noteworthy items in the current philatelic press, as is found in so many publications even today. However, **Stone** was a notable bibliophile and made his coverage of the periodical literature most comprehensive, including English and Continental titles as well as those from the United States. Since the provision of a written review covering all of the major articles would have taken too much room, he decided to provide most of the information in the form of a table giving the magazine title followed by the titles of the important articles. This table is followed by short reviews of some of the magazines.

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1904

## Gordon Ireland

### *Review index*

#### **Weekly Philatelic Era, 1904 Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, 1904-1905**

### INTRODUCTION

Throughout the early years of the 1900s there had been a significant interest in the publication of indexes to current philatelic periodicals. Although **Gordon Ireland** gave an introduction to his first index, he provided no background or details of the impetus to its production, only the rationale that it was a convenient arrangement for collectors and students to have a record of all noteworthy articles in such magazines as **Ireland** received as exchanges. However, at the Sixteenth American Philatelic Association Convention of 1902 held at Springfield, Massachusetts, **Ireland** proposed that the Association should undertake some work of a permanent character such as compiling an index along the lines of the non-philatelic *Poole's Index*. The Convention approved of the idea and a Committee was appointed which started work on the project. It never received the assistance or encouragement it needed and nothing was ever published<sup>(1)</sup>. Possibly, his *Review Index* was **Ireland's** attempt to kick-start the process.

It was evident that he not only took an interest in philatelic literature but also kept detailed records. In *The Weekly Philatelic Era* of 5<sup>th</sup> December 1903, he provides some 33 references to the stamps of Jamaica, of which previous writers had noticed a dearth<sup>(2)</sup>. Two weeks later, the same paper carried his *Literature Reference List* for Western Australia which was the featured article on its front page<sup>(3)</sup>. By this time he had been well and truly noticed by the paper's editor, **W. W. Jewett** who lost no time in contracting with **Ireland** for him to provide a monthly *Review Index* for the next 12 months.

By the time **Ireland's** *Review Index* appeared in print, *The Weekly Philatelic Era* had already been purchased by *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. It continued to be run as a separate magazine for some time before the two publications were merged with the issue of the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1904 to form *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News and The Weekly Philatelic Era*. This was obviously a convenience title to get *The Weekly Philatelic Era* subscribers used to the change, as the inside pages still carried the heading *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* only. With the issue for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1905, all mention of *The Weekly Philatelic Era* was dropped from the paper. I have not bothered with the intermediate title in the list below.

In a similar ad hoc fashion as before the merger, in February 1905 after the index had transferred to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, **Ireland** published a bibliography of Chilean periodicals accompanied by an index to articles relating to Chilean philately in the periodicals covered by his index<sup>(4)</sup>.

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Continued in:

**Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News**

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7<sup>th</sup> May 1904, Volume 18, Issue 19, p.152

4<sup>th</sup> June, 1904, Volume 18, Issue 23, p.184

2<sup>nd</sup> July 1904, Volume 18, Issue 27, p.216

30<sup>th</sup> July 1904, Volume 18, Issue 31, p.247

31<sup>st</sup> December 1904, Volume 18, Issue 53, p.425

4<sup>th</sup> February 1905, Volume 19, Issue 5, pp.33-34

1<sup>st</sup> April 1905, Volume 19, Issue 13, p.106.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR**

There appears to have been very little written about **Gordon Ireland** in spite of his continued interest in philately for over 50 years and I have not been able to locate a picture of him. Even the American Philatelic Research Library have been unable to help in this respect.

**Gordon Ireland** was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1880 in Springfield, MA, USA. He was educated at Harvard University where he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts. He continued his education at Yale University where he was awarded a Bachelor of Laws and a Doctorate of Juridical Science. Thereafter he became a lawyer. At some stage, **Ireland** joined the Army Signal Corps, rising to the rank of Captain. By 1927, he was living in Havana, Cuba.

**Ireland** had begun to collect stamps whilst at school but his collection had remained untouched whilst he was at university. He joined the American Philatelic Association/American Philatelic Society in 1893. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 1905, he was elected a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, having been proposed by **Hiram E. Deats** and seconded by **Clifton A. Howes**. He remained a member of the Society until 1950<sup>(5, 6, 7, 8)</sup>.

## REVIEW INDEX.

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The compilation to be published under this head in the first ERA of each month is intended to be a list, arranged conveniently for collector and student, of all noteworthy articles in such magazines as are sent in exchange to the present writer to be included. Since the mailing day of few publications is absolutely regular each list will aim not to be complete for a given calendar month but to cover all magazines received since the preceding index. A *colon* separates the number of a volume from the page therein; a *comma*, several pages in the same volume. *Brackets* enclosing references indicate that such articles are reprints, partial or complete, of the last preceding unenclosed reference. *Figures in parentheses* following a country or other title will refer to the volume and page of the ERA on which the last previous reference to that subject has been made. The journals at present intended to be included (from January 1, 1904) with the abbreviation adopted as a symbol of each, are as follows:

Adhesive, The	Adh.
American Journal of Philately,	Am.J.P.
American Philatelist, The	Amer.P.
Australian Journal of Philately,	Aust.J.P.
Australian Philatelist, The	Aust.P.
Cote Reelle des Timbres Poste La,	Cote R.
Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, C.de T.P.	C.de T.P.
Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, D.B.Z.	D.B.Z.
Echo de la Timbrologie, L'	Ec.Tim.
Ewen's Weekly Stamp News,	Ew.W.
London Philatelist, The	Lond.P.
Mekeel's Stamp Collector,	M.St.Coll.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News,	M.W.S.N.
Metropolitan Philatelist, The	Met.P.
Morley's Philatelic Journal,	Mori.P.J.
Perforator, The	Perf.
Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, The	P.Chron.A.
Philatelic Inter-Ocean, The	P.Int.-O.
Philatelic Journal of Gr. Britain,	P.J.G.B.
Philatelic Journal of India, The	P.J.I.
Philatelic Record, The	P.Rec.
Philatelic West & Camera News,	P.West
Philatelist, Der	Der.P.
Philatelic World, The	P.Wor
Smith & Son's Monthly Circular, Alfred	Sm.M.C.
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,	S.C.Fort.
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal,	S.G.M.J.
Timbre Poste, Le	LeT P.
Timbrophile Belge, Le	Tim Belg.
Vertrauliche Korrespondenz	V.K.B.
Weekly Philatelic Era, The	W.P.Era.

Should other titles be added, their reference letters will be duly noted. The present installment lists all journals of 1904 that have been received.

Volume 18 of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was erroneously paged on from Volume 17; so that for the first 4 numbers, or 32 pages, the figures are just 458 too high. The volumes of *Mekeel's Stamp Collector* are numbered to continue the *Philatelic Journal of America*, which ended with Volume 14. These figures are indicated, for the present, in parentheses

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U. S. 1805—M.W.S.N., 18:36. W.P.Era, 18:95 [M.W.S.N., 18:(460) 2].  
U. S. 1903 (2c)—M.St.Coll., (17) 3:14. M.W.S.N., 18:(463) 5, (475) 17, 36.  
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Antigua—W.P.Era, 18:145, 149, 151.  
Antioquia—See Colombia: Antioquia.  
Argentine Republic—"Hobbies" [M.St.Coll., (17) 3:14. M.W.S.N., 18:(472) 14]. W.P.Era, 18:121, 152.  
Australian Commonwealth—Aust.J.P. [M.W.S.N., 18:(468) 10. W.P.Era, 18:130, 152]. M.W.S.N., 18:(484) 26.  
Austria: Offices in Crete—Cote R. [W.P.Era, 18:121]. M.W.S.N., 18:(476) 18, (484) 26.  
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Figure 1 First page of Ireland's first *Review Index* of February 1904 (From the Royal Philatelic Society London's Library)

## NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX

As an introduction to the final instalment of his index, Ireland provides some notes about his indexing efforts. Evidently, in January of 1904, during his correspondence with the editor of the *Weekly Philatelic Era* he offered to supply the *Review Index* as a monthly department of

the paper for the period of one year. Considering the disruption that would have been caused by the merger of *The Weekly Philatelic Era* and *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* after only two instalments had appeared, it is creditable that **Ireland** managed to provide 10 instalments containing just under a thousand entries to cover his year's agreement.

Even excluding the fact that the contracted period had expired, it would appear that the demand for space by the paper's other regular departments coupled with the lack of positive feedback about the index would inevitably have resulted in its discontinuance.

The month given in brackets is the date of the journal in which a reference from the magazine was first used.

I have corrected a few errors in the titles.

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EDITORIAL.

The Exposition Set—Philatelists the country over have regaled their eyes the past week upon the new set issued by our government. The values five in number constitute a low priced handsome issue that will meet with a warm welcome notwithstanding the criticism always leveled at a commemorative set by the conservative element in our midst.

Merit of Designs—We believe that the 5c. head of McKinley, will appeal strongly to the favor of philatelists. The design is well engraved, showing clearly and distinctly the features of our martyred president. Especially pleasing is this stamp as philatelists could claim an almost personal acquaintance with the subject of the design whose travels east and west had made him many friends outside of party affiliations.

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The 10c value will be looked upon with anything but delight. It is not to be classed with the remainder of the set. It was no doubt a hard subject to deal with and we should no doubt be charitable in our criticism.

Half Ounce Letter Postage—In his very interesting article written from the Philippines, Theodore Siddall touches upon a topic that has been agitated considerably here at home, but which has not been agitated to a successful issue. We refer to a half-ounce letter rate of 1c. It seems that the inhabitants of the Philippines are permitted to enjoy this privilege and the question naturally arises as to why an extension to the home land would not be the proper thing.

The Flow of New Issues—It is remarked that the supply of new issues in recent weeks has fallen off considerably. This is the natural result of all the British colonies being supplied with their King's heads sets. We may expect from now on, the desultory changes of the past but not the almost overwhelming flood of new things that succeeding weeks brought in our mails.

A Unique Advertisement—Our trade column this week presents the spectacle of a cash offer for an Obok stamp at a considerable advance over catalogue quotation. Not only is the advertiser willing to pay more than catalogue for the filling of his want, but he is also willing to pay a goodly sum for space in which to advertise the fact. May we suggest that our Trade Column furnishes a splendid medium in which philatelists can invite the competition of dealers in meeting their wants.

From Another Standpoint—An advertisement such as mentioned should have its value to the compiler of catalogues. We do not pose as having the necessary ability to make a catalogue. We do claim a degree of proficiency in the matter of running a newspaper, but catalogue making is not in our line. Nor do we believe that very many of our readers would dare grapple with such a tremendous proposition as writing a satisfactory catalogue. By this we mean a catalogue satisfactory to the numerous critics whose forte is criticism rather than writing and publishing books. If standard catalogues please you in every respect but in the matter of prices, follow the columns of the WEEKLY and the reward will be yours.

Texas in Line—Just as we go to press we learn that an exceedingly successful convention of the Texas Association has been held and Sec. Heusinger sends us a report that will find a place in our next issue. Moreover the WEEKLY has been made the official organ of this live body of philatelists and a large number of readers will this week for the first time peruse our pages.

A Chile Special—We are pleased to announce that arrangements are being perfected for special treatment of the stamps of Chile. Lovers of the stamps of this country, and their number is legion, will be glad to know that Mr. Howes will

write the leading article. Mr. Ireland will treat of Chilean literature and John N. Morse of the Postal Card Society will deal with at least one branch of its stationery. Other features are in preparation. We are more than ever convinced that the special treatment of a country in this manner is of great value to our readers and makes the WEEKLY of practical use.

REVIEW INDEX.

GORDON IRELAND, Holyoke House 21, Cambridge, Mass.

Publishers of current philatelic journals who are interested in, and care to assist, this department enough to send their papers regularly, may be sure of getting credit for all noteworthy articles, and of receiving regular exchange from this office.

The following are to be added to the list of April 2nd: Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, The PChronA Propaganda Filatelica, La PropF Revue Francaise des Collections, RFRc Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung, SBZ Stamp Age, The Sage

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HINTS TO BEGINNERS.

Plunging.

One of the main reasons why so many collectors finally sell their collections is that they punch holes in their bank accounts too fast. It's all right for the boy with the silk tie and the headlight diamond, who has an income of \$4.00 a minute, to purchase what he sees and stand for any kind of a jolt the dealer sees fit to give him, but the man who makes \$4.00 a day is bound to come to grief if he tries to follow in the footsteps of the wealthy one. A stamp collection should never be an extravagance. If you can only spare a dollar, spend that dollar and wait until next week. There will always be plenty of stamps for you to buy. There are people in Panama, Labonn and elsewhere who make it their business to furnish you with opportunities to spend small amounts. The space that the catalogue says it will cost you \$25.00 to fill should be left vacant if your salary is \$20.00 per week. If you buy the stamp the chances are ten to one that you will have to let go of it again when the time comes for a spring overcoat. The removing of it from your album under the force of necessity will also have a depressing effect and you are quite likely to yield to discouragement and sell the whole outfit. In this event you usually get in a hurry and realize about half what your stamps are worth. You also pass up a delightful hobby because you tried to ride it too hard. This Hint—It's better to own a cottage than to rent a castle.

W. H. ADAMS.

Figure 2 Ireland's Review Index in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News of May 1904 (From the Royal Philatelic Society London's Library)

PERIODICALS INDEXED

Full stops were used originally to indicate abbreviated words. However, after the first list they were omitted, presumably for brevity. I have left them out for uniformity.

- Adh Adhesive, The
AmerP American Philatelist, The
AmJP American Journal of Philately, The
AnnTim (March) Annonce Timbrologique, L'

AustJP	Australian Journal of Philately, The
AustP	Australian Philatelist, The
BullFisc (December)	Bulletin Fiscaliste, Le
CdeTP	Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, Le
CoteR	Cote Reele des Timbres Poste, La
DBZ	Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung
DerP	Der Philatelist
EcTim	Écho de la Timbrologie, L'
EwW	Ewen's Weekly Stamp News
IllBJ (April)	Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal
JdesP (December)	Journal des Philatelistes, Le
Lehrb (April)	Lehrbuch der Briefmarkenkunde
LeTP	Timbre Poste, Le
LondP	London Philatelist, The
MetP	Metropolitan Philatelist
Metrop (April)	Metropolis
MorIPJ	Morley's Philatelic Journal
MorrW (April)	Morrison's Weekly Stamp Collector
MPZ (April)	Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung
MStColl	Mekeel's Stamp Collector (Ex P. J. A.)
MWSN	Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News
NedTP (March)	Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde
PChronA	Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, The
Perf	Perforator, The
PGids (April)	Postzegel Gids, De
PInt-O	Philatelic Inter-Ocean, The
PJGB	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, The
PJI	Philatelic Journal of India, The
PRec	Philatelic Record, The
Prop F (May)	Propaganda Filatelica, La
PStar (March)	Philatelic Star, The
PWest	Philatelic West & Camera News, The
PWor	Philatelic world, The
RevF (April)	Revue Philatélique Française, La
RFC (May)	Revue Française des Collectionneurs
RFPF (March)	Revue de la Federation Philatélique de France
SAge (May)	Stamp Age, The
SBZ (May)	Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung
SCFort	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, The
SGMJ	Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal
SLW (December)	Stamp Lovers Weekly, The
SmMC	Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular
StaColl15 (April)*	Stamp Collector, The
StaRep3( March)*	Stamp Reporter, The
SzBV (April)	Szekula Briefmarken Verkehr
TimBelg	Timbrophile Belge, Le
TimFr (March)	Timbrophile de France, Le
VKB	Vertrauliche Korrespondenz Blatt
WPera	Weekly Philatelic Era

\* I am not sure what the significance of the numbers in the abbreviation is.

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An Index of Philatelic Biography*

**Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular, 1904**



**Figure 1 Bertram Tapscott Knight Smith (1872-1938)  
(From The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain of August 1892)**

**INTRODUCTION**

In the July 1904 issue of *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular*, **B.T.K. Smith** began his index of the principal articles in the twenty-six most-important English-language philatelic periodicals from 1863-1904. These were mostly British publications but included Four American and one Indian periodical. Publication of the index was completed by October of the same year.

Prior to the publication of his subject index, **Smith** published *An index of Philatelic Biography*, covering references to 209 early philatelists, which was basically derived from the same sources and should therefore, rightly be considered to be part of the above index.

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEXES**

Although not specifically attributed to any particular author, the index was undoubtedly the work of **B. T. K. Smith**, the editor of the magazine in which it appeared. Some years later, he would acknowledge this in his article on indexes published in *The Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society*<sup>(1)</sup>, which he also edited.

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P.J.I.	... <i>Philatelic Journal of India.</i>
P.R.	... <i>Philatelic Record.</i>
P.S.B.	... <i>Philatelist's Supplement, "Bazaar."</i>
S.	... <i>Stamps.</i>
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Butler Bros.—\*P.J.G.B. '93.  
  
Caillebotte (The Brothers)—\*P.R. '90.  
Calman, G. B.—\*P.J.G.B. '93, Obit. in L.P. '98.  
Castle, M. P.—\*P.R. '92.  
Chambers, A. W.—\*P.J.G.B. '03.  
Cheveley, Thos.—\*P.J.G.B. '92.  
Clotz, Henry—\*S.N. '92.  
Coelho, Tomasso—\*S.C.F. '95.  
Connolly, Captain—\*S.C. '03.  
Cooper, Sir Daniel—\*S.C.A. '81. \*P.R. '02, Obit. in L.P. '02.  
Corfield, Wilmot—\*P.R. '02. \*P.J.G.B. '03.  
Coster, C.H.—Obit. in L.P. '00.  
Coyette, Albert—\*P.R. '02.  
Craig, E. A.—Obit. in S.C.M. '70.  
Creeke, A. B., Jr.—\*P.R. '01. \*P.J.G.B. '02. (Trial reported in 1903.)  
Crocker, H. J.—\*P.R. '02.  
  
Daun, C. J.—\*P.G.J.B. '01.  
Deakin, F.T.—\*S.C. '01, '03.  
Deakin, W.—\*S.C. '03.  
Diena, Dr. E.—\*P.R. '01.  
Donatis, A. de D.—Obit. in L.P. '98.  
Duerst, G. B.—\*P.J.G.B. '00.  
Duro, Antonio Fernandez (portrait only)—\*S.N. '91, Obit. in L.P. '97.  
Duveen, H. J.—\*P.R. '03.

(To be continued.)

Figure 2 The first page of the biographical index  
(From the Royal Philatelic Society London Library)

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

Bertram Tapscott Knight Smith was born in 1872. His father was Alfred William Smith

(1837-1880) a pioneer stamp dealer of Bath and his mother was **Louisa Kate Smith** whose maiden name was also **Smith**.

When **Bertram** was only eight, his father died and his mother took over the stamp business aided by her husband's sisters. In 1883, his mother married **Eusabius Joseph Rodway**, a retired Baptist minister. She left the stamp business and moved away with her daughter **Winifred Mary Smith** leaving her father's eldest sister **Elizabeth J. Smith** managing the business and looking after **Bertram**.

By the time **Bertram** was old enough, at the age of about twenty, he took over the business which he renamed **Alfred Smith & Son** in 1894. Within a year or two, he had moved the business to London and eventually settled it in number 4 Southampton Row next to the **Royal Philatelic Society, London**<sup>(3, 4)</sup>.

Along with his father's company, **Bertram** inherited his library, dating from the earliest days of philatelic literature. This stood him in good stead in his publishing activities, such as compiling this Index and becoming President of the **Philatelic Literature Society**. As early as 1899, he began to edit *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* which had formerly been *Alfred Smith's Monthly Circular*. He continued editing it until 1918 when he sold the title to **Percy Cook Bishop**.

**Bertram** was amongst the Founders of the **Philatelic Literature Society** in 1907, being elected Vice-President at their first meeting. Although not named to the post until latterly, he edited *The Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society* from its inception in 1908 until his resignation in 1918, providing a great deal of its contents himself. Following the President, **Edward Denny Bacon's** elevation to Curator of the King's Stamp Collection and his subsequent resignation as President, **Bertram** took over the Presidency in 1914.

After almost 30 years as a professional philatelist, **Bertram** sold his company, **Alfred Smith & Son**, in 1918 to **P. C. Bishop**. That same year on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, he sold both his own and his father's library together under his own name as *Late President of the Philatelic Literature Society* by auction through **Glendining & Company**. He then accepted a post in the Bank of England where he remained as a clerk until his retirement in February 1937.

**Bertram Tapscott Knight Smith** died in December 1938 as a result of injuries sustained when he was run over by a lorry in Hayes, Kent. He was 66 years of age<sup>(5)</sup>.

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## A SHORT PHILATELIC INDEX.

In this and the next number of the *Circular*, I will give a Short Philatelic Index, instead of the usual Letter. While I shall be very much obliged for any corrections or notices of really important omissions, I must point out that it does not profess to be more than a short list of the *principal* articles in the English philatelic press, from 1863 to 1904.

To the English periodicals I have added the current series of the *American Journal of Philately*, the first four volumes of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, the later years of *Meeke's Weekly S.N.*, and the *Phil. Journal of India*. I have not included any Australian magazines; the most important articles in these have, I think, been reproduced in England or America.

When a series of articles has run through several years, the first year only is given.

One criticism I have already received is, that I give the year only, and should have added the volume and page. My answer is, that I have not room, but I have given the page where the volume has no index.

The additions to the abbreviations given in February are as follows:—

A.J.P. ... *American Journal of Philately*.  
M.P. ... *Metropolitan Philatelist* (New York).  
M.W. ... *Meeke's Weekly Stamp News* (Boston).  
S.N.A. ... *Stamp News Annual*.

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### AFGHANISTAN.

Notes on, [Tapling] P.R. '84 (Jan.)  
Further Notes on, [G. Harrison] S.N.A. '91.  
Issues 1288-1295 *asp* [Major Day] P.J.I. '97. \* \* \* 4 photo-  
litho. Plates.  
Issues 1294, etc. *asp* [Masson] P.J.I. '02. \* \* \* 5 Plates.  
"Shahi" stamps dated 1293 [Appleton] P.J.I. '03.

### AFRICA (see British Colonies in Africa).

### ALSACE-LORRAINE.

[Anheisser] S.N.A. '94. [Duerst] P.R. '96. [Bouvèz]  
A.J.P. '01.  
Postcards [Campbell] P.R. '82.

### ANTIOQUIA.

Reprints [Moens], tr. in A.J.P. '90.

### ARGENTINE CONFEDERATION.

Early discussions in S.C.M. 66-67, summarized in S.M.C. '02,  
*asp* [del Pont], tr. in M.J. '01-2.

### ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

*asp* [Jaquier], tr. in M.J. '99-00.  
Early Issues *asp* [T. W. Hall] L.P. '00.  
1862 Issue *asp* [del Pont], tr. in M.W. '96 (illd.)

### AUCTION SALES.

The first English sale descr. by [Pemberton], P.J. '72.  
For prices realised see the following:—  
1888-89 [Skipton's] *Auction Epitome*, Vol. I.  
1890-92 " " " " Vol. II.  
1893 L.P. or P.J.G.B. " "  
1894-95 [Hilckes] *Auction Summary* 1894-95.  
1895-96 " " *Auction Summary* 1895-96.  
1896-97 see contemp. journals.  
1898 [Wickhart & Kuttner's] *Stamp Auction Reporter*.  
1898-01 see contemp. journals.  
1902-04 S.P.

### AUSTRALIA.

*asp* *The Postage Stamps . . . of Australia and the  
British Colonies of Oceania* [Phil. Soc., London,  
1887. \* \* \* 29 autotype Plates]. Reviewed by  
[Westoby] and [Evans] P.R. '88.  
Reprints of, [Basset Hull] S.C.F. '99.

### AUSTRIA.

[Westoby] S.C.M. '72. [Wetherell] P.J.I. '99.  
1850 [Duerst] P.J.G.B. '97.  
1858-59 [Castle] L.P. '98.  
Reprints [Westoby] P. '69.  
Watermarks [Westoby] S.M.C. '99.

Figure 3 The first page of the subject index  
(From the Royal Philatelic Society London Library)

## NOTES ABOUT THE INDEXES

The indexes were probably prepared for the author's own use as a magazine editor and are therefore very selective, containing only items considered by the compiler to be of real importance. In addition, what he termed *primary sources* were given a special mark. Although not described in the text, this was presumably the three asterisks in the form of an inverted triangle. Unusually, in his index **Smith** gave only the periodical title and year in which the article appeared, leaving it up to the reader to consult the annual index to find the wanted item. This overly concise method of reference was criticised at the time of the index's publication, amongst others by **Percy C. Bishop** the editor of *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, in his review of the index<sup>(2)</sup>. Conscious of this criticism of his

brevity, the use of which he put down to saving space, **Smith** advised that in the absence of an annual index being provided by the publisher, he gave the page number. It is worth noting that **Smith** was the successor to the early dealer **Alfred Smith** whose library undoubtedly had all of the magazines included in the index, probably as bound volumes complete with annual indexes where published, on his library shelves. Under such circumstances, the reference system would be entirely adequate for his purposes.

Each of the indexes is preceded by a list of abbreviations used. However, there is no indication of the extent of the coverage of each specific journal. Every entry has, therefore, been examined and a complete listing of the years for which an entry has been made, follows. Obvious irregularities, such as listed years for which the journals weren't issued and omitted journal names, have been corrected. As stated above, **Smith's** library almost certainly held complete runs of all of the periodicals indexed. It is therefore certain that the missing years in the middle of some periodical runs had been checked by the author and found not to include any significant articles or biographies. Since the indexes were published in 1904, inclusion of that date in the periods covered indicates that only the earliest months of the year could actually have been indexed.

The journal abbreviation is given first, followed by the full name and then the extent of the index's coverage as determined by my examining every entry. The final column gives the years over which the periodical was published and undoubtedly gives the actual coverage of the index, any missing years obviously containing nothing of interest to **Smith**. Journals included in only one of the above indexes are followed by (subj.) or (biog.) as appropriate.

#### Periodicals Indexed

	Title	Index coverage	Actually Published
A.J.P.	American Journal of Philately (Subj.)	1889-1904	1888-1904
E.S.J.	English Specialists' Journal	1896-1897	1895-1897
L.P.	London Philatelist	1892-1904	1892-1904
M.J.	Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal	1890-1904	1890-1904
M.P.	Metropolitan Philatelist (Subj.)	1890-1894	1890-1904
M.W.	Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News (Subj.)	1895-1896 & 1898-1903	1891-1904
P.	Philatelist	1867-1876	1867-1876
P.C.A.	Probably an error for P.C.&A.		
P.C.&A.	Philatelic Chronicle & Advertiser	1891; 1893 & 1896-1897	1891-1904
P.J.	Philatelic Journal	1872	1872-1875
P.J.A.	No title given (Probably Philatelic Journal of America)	1890-1895 & 1904	1885-1904
P.J.G.B.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	1891-1904	1891-1904
P.J.I.	Philatelic Journal of India	1897-1904	1897-1904
P.R.	Philatelic Record	1897-1903	1896-1904
P.S.B.	Philatelists' Supplement to the Bazaar	1895-1896	1895-1900
S.	Stamps (biog.)	1899	1897-1902
S.A.	Probably an error for S.N.A.	1890 & 1892	
S.C.	Stamp Collector [Formerly Junior Stamp Collector]	1901-1904	1900-1904
S.C.A.	Stamp Collector's Annual (biog.)	1881	1881
S.C.A	Stamp Collector's Annual (biog.)	1904	1904

S.C.F.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	1894-1904	1894-1904
S.C.G.	No title given [Probably Stamp Collector's Guardian]	1899	1899-1900
S.C.J.	Stamp Collectors' Journal [Formerly Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal]	1884-1886	1878-1901
S.C.M.	Stamp Collector's Magazine	1863-1874	1863-1874
S.M.C.	Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular	1875-1876; 1878-1885; 1890-1892 & 1896-1904	1875-1904
S.N.	Stamp News	1889-1894	1882-1895
S.N.A.	Stamp News Annual	1891-1896	1891-1896
S.P.	Sale Prices (biog.)	1902-1903	1901-1904

### Index of Philatelists

There is little that needs to be said about this very workmanlike and useful index to early philatelists. **Smith** noted wherever a portrait of the person was included and frequently added a useful note to indicate the coverage of the reference,

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### END NOTE

In 2024, this section of the work was written up and published as:

*Bertram Tapscott Knight Smith and his retrospective index of 1863-1904.*

1905

Philatelic Literary Index

The Stamp Collectors' Annual, 1905-1925

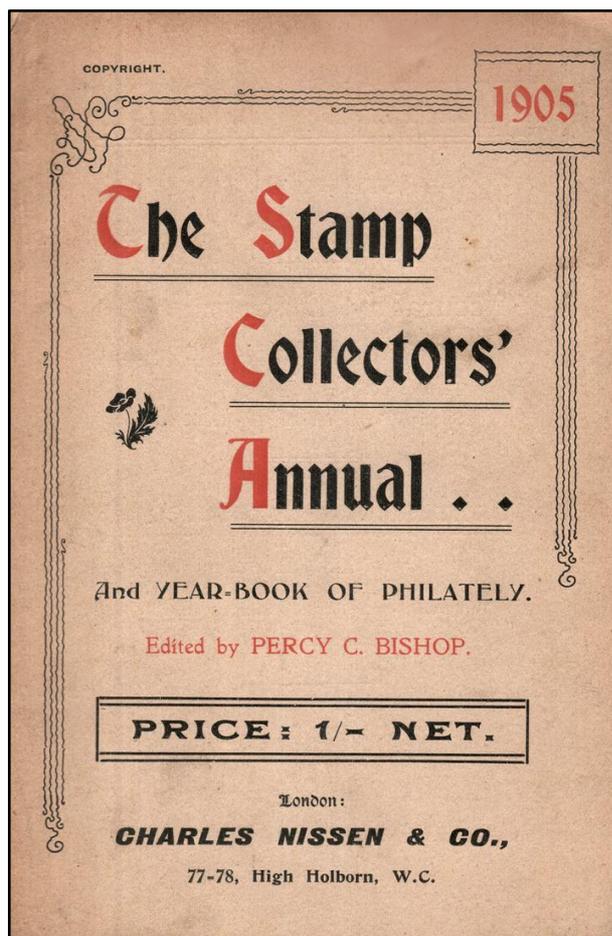


Figure 1 Cover of *The Stamp Collectors' Annual* of 1905  
(From the American Philatelic Research Library)

INTRODUCTION

In the *Preface* of *The Stamp Collectors' Annual* of 1905, the Editor, **Percy C. Bishop**, mentions the increased interest he has noticed in the need for a general index to current philatelic literature. This renewed interest was mainly due to **Herbert L'Estrange Ewen**. At the end of 1901, **Ewen** even published his own index to current philatelic magazines covering the period January to October 1901<sup>(1)</sup>, seemingly just to show what could be achieved relatively easily. With no rush of imitators, he followed this up with a direct appeal for someone to compile a continuing index to philatelic literature in the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1904 number of his own journal, *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*<sup>(2)</sup>. This brought about a good deal of interest in the matter and resulted in much correspondence, both positive and negative. In the 6<sup>th</sup> August edition of **Ewen's** journal, **Percy C. Bishop** responded<sup>(3)</sup>. He cast some doubts on the feasibility and utility of such an index proposing a philatelic encyclopedia instead. Nevertheless, it would appear that he quickly began work on his own index which eventually appeared in *The Stamp Collector's Annual 1905*. However, with such a short time available before the publication of



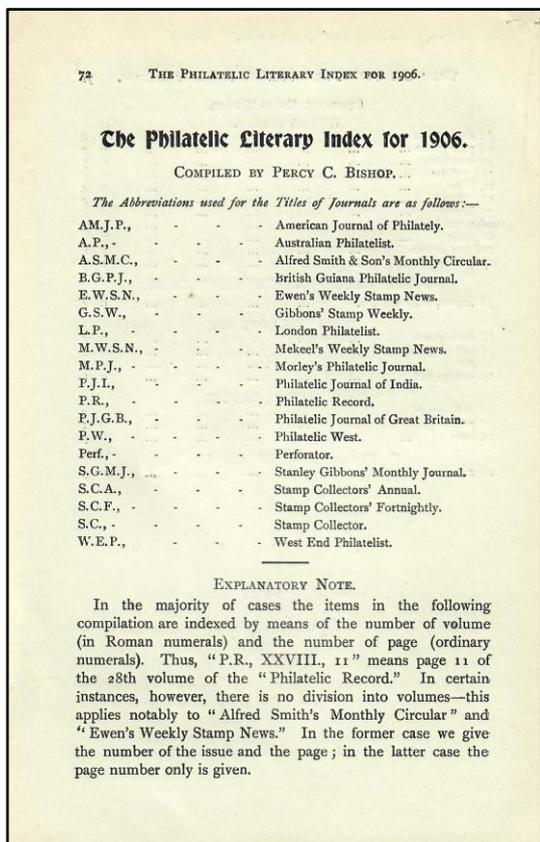


Figure 3a Title page of the index for 1906

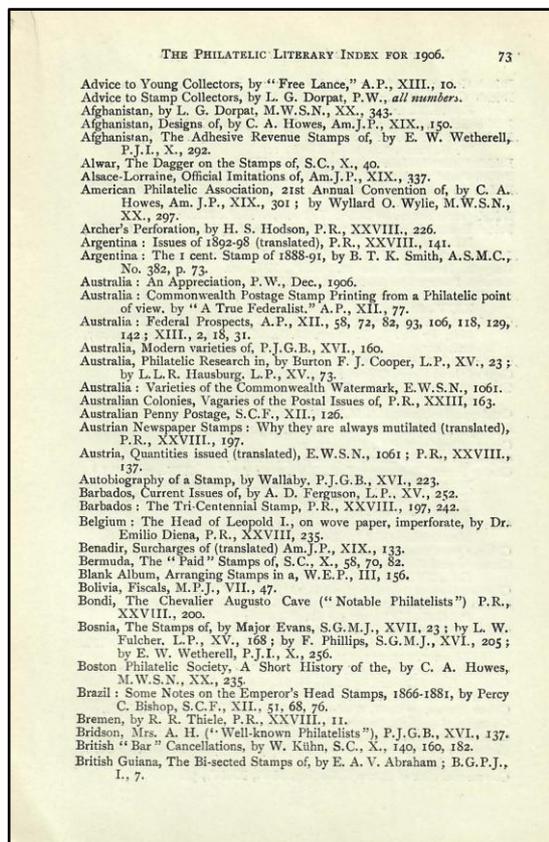


Figure 3b First page of the index for 1906

(From the author's library)

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Many covers carry *A Year Book of Philately* as an complement to its proper title: *The Stamp Collectors' Annual* followed by the year. I have only included the extension from the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of 1921 below when it was part of the title on the Title Page.

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The index was begun by **Percy C. Bishop** and continued under his editorship until 1911. In 1912 **Douglas B. Armstrong** took over the publication and he compiled the index assisted by **Viktor Weinert** of Austro-Hungary who covered the foreign-language periodicals. This collaboration was terminated by the First World War when international correspondence with many countries was disrupted or ceased altogether. **Armstrong** was called up and the index in the 1915 *Annual* (ostensibly edited by **Armstrong & Bishop**) is unsigned but was almost certainly compiled by **Bishop**.

After the War, **Bishop** once again compiled the index for 1914-19. The next two indexes are unsigned but were almost certainly by **Armstrong**, whilst the final one, covering the period 1923-24, was compiled by **Leslie A. J. Baker** who was already heavily involved in compiling **Harris' The Standard Index to Philatelic Literature 1879 - 1925**.

## Percy Cook(e) Bishop



**Figure 4 Percy Cook(e) Bishop (1869-1960)**  
(From *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* of October 1913<sup>(A1)</sup>)

**Percy Cook Bishop** was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1869, one of eight children to a solicitor's clerk **Edward Fariner Bishop** and his wife **Priscilla Bishop** nee **Cook**. At some unknown date, but certainly prior to his marriage to **Ada Rich George** on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 1895, he added the **e** to his middle name making it **Cooke**.

He had an early interest in stamp collecting and in 1884 at the age of fourteen, he tried his hand at stamp dealing. Following this failure, he tried his hand at philatelic publishing in 1886 at the age of sixteen with *The Philatelic Exchange List*. This lasted for only six issues. Thereafter, he became a professional journalist with a special interest in philatelic journalism<sup>(A2)</sup>.

From January 1892 to September 1893 he edited *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* and introduced the *Reviews of Reviews* feature which was widely copied by other periodicals. The following year, 1894, he founded *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* together with **Harry Hilckes**, into which he merged the *Stamp Collector's Monthly* which he had already been editing. When **Harry Hilckes** went bankrupt and his company was liquidated in 1899, **Bishop** purchased the copyright of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* and re-established it after some six months, editing it until 1913.

In 1904 he founded the *Stamp Collectors' Annual* with **Charles Nissen**. It was only when **Nissen's** business had expanded and he could no longer spare the time, was the title sold to **Douglas B. Armstrong** in 1912. By this time **Bishop** had already become the Managing Director of the **Aldine Publishing Company** (since 1909), a general publisher to which he added philatelic publications.

On the basis of a suggestion made by **Bishop** in 1919, the *Roll of Distinguished Philatelists*

was established in 1921 which **Bishop** was invited to sign that first year<sup>(A3)</sup>. Unfortunately, by that time **Bishop** had emigrated to Durban in South Africa<sup>(A4)</sup>. Although this move was primarily as News Editor of the non-philatelic *Natal Advertiser*, he soon made his mark on the South African philatelic scene. As in the UK, he was the force behind the establishment of the *Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of South Africa* and had his name inscribed upon it in 1947<sup>(A5)</sup>.

In 1945, after his retirement, he returned to England and, inevitably, started a new periodical – *Stamp Values*<sup>(A6)</sup>. Its short life only lasted for 15 months after which it was merged with the weekly *Stamp Mirror* to make its reports on auction realisations more timely<sup>(A7)</sup>.

Thereafter, advancing years led him to live quietly in Bognor Regis until his death on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1960 at the age of almost 91<sup>(A8)</sup>.

His obituary in *The Stamp Lover* ostensibly at the age of 88<sup>(A9)</sup> leads one to the conclusion that he was born in 1872. This year can also be drawn even from articles that **Bishop** himself wrote: He claimed that he published *The Philatelic Exchange List* of 1886 at the age of 14<sup>(A6)</sup>, giving his calculated birth date once again as 1872. His actual date of birth, the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1869, was only firmly established by my acquisition of a copy of his birth certificate.

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## Douglas Brawn Armstrong



**Figure 5 Douglas Brawn Armstrong (1888-1969)**  
(From *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* of August 1911<sup>(B1)</sup>)

**Douglas Brawn Armstrong** was born in Brixton, UK, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1888 to **Thomas Frederick Armstrong** an accountant and **Rosa Armstrong** nee **Brawn**. After preparatory schooling, he was educated by a private tutor.

He became interested in stamp collecting as a schoolboy at the age of eight and continued with it as time afforded during his schooling. As his collection grew, he discarded the foreign countries and concentrated on British Colonials.

Starting with his first article in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* in 1907, **Armstrong** soon became an important contributor to many periodicals both in the UK and abroad. When the **National Philatelic Society** began publication of *The Stamp Lover* in 1908, he soon became one of its principal contributors. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1911, he married **Alice Violet Harland**.

In spite of having recently seen two weekly philatelic periodicals cease publication in the UK, **Armstrong** and **Robert Elgar Richard Dalwick (Dickie Dalwick)** founded *Stamp Collecting* in September 1913. Although the weekly was well supported, the timing was less than ideal as the First World War started the very next year. The two young entrepreneurs were soon called-up and were forced to sell the periodical which was eventually acquired by **Francis Hugh Vallancey**.

**Armstrong** rejoined the staff of *Stamp Collecting* in 1929. Four years later, in 1933, **Vallancey** was forced to sell the magazine and **Armstrong** headed the consortium which bought it out.

For the next 15 years he was Managing Director and Editor while his wife, **Alice**, ran the day to day affairs of the magazine.

At the age of 60 in 1948, **Armstrong** retired and sold the paper to its long-time printers, **Hodgson & Son Ltd.**, who retained him as a Board member. Ten years later, in 1959, **Armstrong** became only the second philatelic journalist to be invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists after **Percy C. Bishop**, which he did during the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain at Torquay.

**Douglas Brawn Armstrong** died on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1969 at the age of 81<sup>(B2)</sup>.

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#### **Viktor Weinert**



**Figure 6 Dr. Viktor Weinert (1890-1942)**  
(From Sammler Woche of 5<sup>th</sup> July 1942<sup>(C1)</sup>)

In the UK, his name can equally be found Anglicised as **Victor**.

**Viktor Weinert** was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 1890, the son of a manager of one of the **Palfy** estates in Pressburg (now Bratislava), Slovakia, then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. As a schoolboy, he became an enthusiastic stamp collector. Following his schooling, he attended the University of Budapest from which he received a Doctorate of Laws (Dr. Jur.) and was

generally referred to as **Dr.** thereafter.

With the disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian Empire during the First World War, he turned his attention towards stamp collecting. On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1918 he founded the ***Donaupost*** which he continued to edit for the rest of his life. It was only natural that he should specialise in the philately of Austria and Hungary as well as their successor states and he published widely on them<sup>(C2)</sup>.

There is some evidence that **Weinert** was publishing the results of some similar indexing activity before he began working with **Armstrong** on this index<sup>(C3)</sup>. The fact that his articles published on the Continent covered the two years before his work on this index may have led **Armstrong** to have approached **Weinert** as a collaborator. Unfortunately, I have been unable to obtain the references to **Weinert's** earlier work so I do not know exactly what his *Philatelic Periodicals Review* was.

**Viktor Weinert** died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1942 shortly before his 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

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### **Leslie Albert Joseph Baker**

I know of no photograph of **Leslie A. J. Baker (1901-1968)**

**Leslie A. J. Baker** was born in London on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 1901. His father was **Charles Joseph Baker** a Commercial Traveller and his mother **Ella Baker**, nee **Cohen**. Nothing more is known of him until he joined **Vallency's** organisation in 1922 and is named in the *Stamp Collecting Literary Supplement* as the Librarian, tasked with sending information on new books and articles to clients who had registered their interest. He joined **Harris Publications** in April 1925 and soon began producing indexes for the *Philatelic Magazine* (1925 and 1926), the final index in *The Stamp Collectors' Annual and Year Book of Philately 1925* and, of course, he was deeply involved in the compilation of **Harris Publications'** own *The Standard Index to Philatelic Literature 1879 - 1925*. For the first couple of instalments of the *Standard Index* he was shown as co-compiler with **Harris**. However, with marriage on the horizon **Baker** left the Company and philately in February 1928<sup>(D1)</sup>. Thereafter, he was relegated to an acknowledgement in the publisher's *Foreword*.

**Leslie Baker** married **Myfanwy Parry** in Liverpool on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1930. He is described on the Marriage Certificate as a General Stores Sales Manager. Nothing more is known of him except that he died in 1968 at the age of 67<sup>(D2)</sup>.

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## NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX

In the **Stamp Collectors' Annual** of 1905, the editor, **Percy C. Bishop**, announced his intention of producing an index of philatelic literature. The first effort, published in the same *Annual* was merely a tabulation of the principal contents of the leading British and American periodicals. 1907 saw the first proper *Philatelic Literary Index* which was then included in each Annual up to 1915. With the ninth edition of 1912, the ownership of the *Annual* changed from the stamp dealer, **Charles Nissen & Company**, which could no longer afford the time to develop the publication owing to its increasing business, into the private ownership of **Douglas Brawn Armstrong**. That same year **Viktor Weinert** was introduced as being responsible for foreign-language publications and the opportunity was taken to extend the scope of the index to include the principal foreign journals increasing the coverage of the index from 23 periodicals in 1911 to 68 the following year<sup>(7)</sup>.

In 1914, **Armstrong** was called up into the forces for the War. Evidently, the 1915 edition, although certainly begun by **Armstrong**, was seen through the press by **Percy C. Bishop**, the Managing Director of the **Aldine Publishing Company** which now became the publisher.

Following the 1915 edition, the War was casting its shadow upon all domestic activities and although an attempt at continuity was made by **Bishop** with the publication of a 1916 **Annual** (13<sup>th</sup> edition), it was not possible for him to compile the index. In fact, both the *Annual* and the index were then suspended until 1920 when the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Annual* and a cumulated index by **Bishop** for the period 1914-19 appeared. In the 1921 *Annual* (15<sup>th</sup> edition) the index re-appeared covering the previous year as usual. However, the next two editions of the no-longer-an-Annual appeared in 1923 (16<sup>th</sup> edition) and 1925 (17<sup>th</sup> edition), each including an index covering the previous two years.

The 1923 and 1925 issues of the *Annual* were still edited by **Armstrong** but were published by **Harris Publications** whose plan to publish their *Standard Index of Philatelic Literature 1879-1925* was well advanced by then. Shortly thereafter the indexes in the Annual were discontinued on the outrageously weak excuse that they were not necessary once the *Standard Index* had been published<sup>(8)</sup>. Since the *Standard Index* was purely retrospective, what would thereafter be desperately needed by philatelists was the indexing of the current periodicals going forward, a need previously well-provided for by the *Annual's* indexes.

It is worth noting that the ever-precise **Melville** specifically stated that the index was not required *that year* owing to the availability of the *Standard Index*. I am sure that he considered this a temporary omission. However, **Harris** would not permit anything to be published going forward which might interfere with the sales of his *Standard Index* which itself was published in seven Parts from 1926 until it was finally made available in book form in 1933.

## Periodicals covered

In 1905 the index covered the contents of 20 periodicals from English-speaking countries. The coverage was generally stable until 1912 when the publisher changed. For the first time foreign-

language periodicals were included and the number of periodicals covered increased dramatically to 68. By the time the 1915 *Annual* had been published, the War had intervened and all foreign-language periodicals were generally unavailable and were therefore missing from the index. Coverage fell to 26 periodicals and remained at about that level until the index was discontinued.

During its life, the index covered the contents of some 111 different periodicals, some for a few issues only and others continuously for almost 20 years. A complete list of all of the periodicals indexed together with the years which were indexed follows. It is worth mentioning that **Bishop** regularly bemoaned the fact that his files of periodicals were frequently incomplete so that coverage may well be somewhat less than perfect.

### DETAILS OF THE INDEX COVERAGE

<b>Annual</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Index Coverage</b>	<b>Pages</b>
1905	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1903-1904	79-94
1907	4 <sup>th</sup>	1906	72-88
1908	5 <sup>th</sup>	1907	74-85
1909	6 <sup>th</sup>	1908	16-27
1910	7 <sup>th</sup>	1909	30-45
1911	8 <sup>th</sup>	1910	88-104
1912	9 <sup>th</sup>	1910-1911	132-155
1913	10 <sup>th</sup>	1911-1912	161-186
1914	11 <sup>th</sup>	1912-1913	94-116
1915	12 <sup>th</sup>	1914	74-91
1920	14 <sup>th</sup>	1914-1919	61-92
1921	15 <sup>th</sup>	1920	67-96
1923	16 <sup>th</sup>	1921-1922	89-110
1925	17 <sup>th</sup>	1923-1924	88-113

### LIST OF JOURNALS INDEXED

The periodicals included in the *Philatelic Literary Index* are listed in alphabetical order and are followed by the years which are covered. Since the bibliographic details accompanying each index differed greatly over the years, it has not been possible to determine the coverage of each periodical accurately. Bear in mind that 1905 is always missing and that I have tried to reflect this in the period covered. Also, coverage often included the last month or two of the previous year and stopped a month or two before the end of the year apparently covered, depending upon the date of publication of the *Annual*. In practice, this only causes problems in relation to the first and last years of coverage (which may not be complete) as the intervening years are generally consecutive in their coverage. All accents were omitted by the compilers as English is without accents. I have tried to update the titles but some accents may still be missing.

<b>Periodical Title</b>	<b>Period covered by the Indexes</b>
Adhesive, The	1903-1904
Albemarle Stamp Collector	1920-1924
Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular	1903-1904 & 1906-1919
Allgemeiner Anzeiger für Philatelie	1910-1912
American Journal of Philately	1903-1904 & 1906
American Philatelist	1910-1924

Annonce Timbrologique, L'	1910-1911
Australian Journal of Philately, The	1903-1904
Australian Philatelic Record	1920-1922
Australian Philatelist, The	1903-1904, 1906 & 1908-1924
Australian Stamp Journal	1910-1924
Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung	1910-1913
British Guiana Philatelic Journal	1907 & 1910-1924
British Philatelist	1908-1924
Brown Studies	1921-1922
Bulletin Philatélique	1910-1912
Canadian Philatelist	1910-1911
Canadian Stamp Collector	1920-1924
Circulaire Philatélique	1910-1913
Collectionneur des Timbres-Poste	1910-1913
Collectors' Club Philatelist	1921-1924
Collectors' Journal	1911-1920
Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung	1910-1913
Deutsche Philatelist, Der	1910-1913
Écho de la Timbrologie, L'	1910-1913
Everybody's Philatelist	1910-1914
Ewen's Weekly Stamp News	1903-1904 & 1906-1911
Fowler's Stamp & Coin Age	1912
Ganzsachen Sammler, Der	1911-1913
Gibbons' Stamp Weekly	1906-1911
Griebert's Philatelic Notes & Offers	1910-1919
Hobbyist	1909-1913
Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung	1910-1913
International Philatelisten Borse	1912-1913
Internationale Zeitung für Philatelie	1911-1912
Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society	1910-1912
Journal des Philatélistes	1910-1913
Kensington Philatelist	1923-1924
London Philatelist, The	1903-1904 & 1906-1924
Madrid Filatélico	1910-1912
Mekeel's Stamp Collector	1903-1904
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News	1903-1904, 1906 & 1909-1924
Metropolitan Philatelist, The	1903-1904 & 1908-1912
Mitteilungen der Firma Kohl	1910-1913
Monthly Report of the Herts. Philatelic Society	1908 & 1910-1914
Morley's Philatelic Journal	1903-1904 & 1906-1907
Nederlandsche Philatelist	1910-1911
Nederlandsche Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde	1911-1912
New England Stamp Monthly	1912-1913
New Yorker	1911-1912
New Zealand Collectors' Exchange	1910-1911
New Zealand Philatelist, The	1904
New Zealand Stamp Collector	1914-1924
New Zealand Stamp Journal	1913
Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift	1910-1912
Perforator	1906
Philadelphia Stamp Club Bulletin	1910-1911
Philadelphia Stamp News	1910-1914

Philatelic Adviser	1908-1910
Philatelic Chronicle & Advertiser, The	1903-1904
Philatelic Circular	1911-1919
Philatelic Gazette	1910-1919
Philatelic Journal of America	1910-1914
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, The	1903-1904 & 1906-1924
Philatelic Journal of India	1906 & 1908-1924
Philatelic Magazine	1914-1924
Philatelic Opinion	1912-1913
Philatelic Record, The	1903-1904 & 1906-1914
Philatelic West, The	1904, 1906 & 1909-1911
Philatelic World	1909-1910
Philatelist, Der	1910-1913
Philatelisten Zeitung	1910-1913
Post, Die	1910-1913
Postage Stamp	1908-1924
Postillon, Le	1910-1911
Quarterly Review of Philately	1921-1922
Record of the Philatelic Students' Fellowship	1910-1912
Redfield's Stamp Weekly	1910-1911
Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina	1910-1913
Revue de la Federation Philatélique Française	1910-1911
Revue Philatélique Française	1912-1913
Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung	1910-1913
Schweizerische Briefmarken Sammler	1912-1913
Schweizerische Philatelisten Nachrichten	1910-1913
Scott's Monthly Journal	1920-1924
South African Philatelist	1910-1912
South African Philatelist	1923-1924
Southern Philatelist	1910-1912
Stamp Collecting	1913-1924
Stamp Collector (Columbus, Ohio)	1910-1911
Stamp Collector, The (Birmingham)	1903-1904, 1906-1920 & 1923-1924
Stamp Collectors' Annual	1906-1907 & 1911
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	1903-1904 & 1906-1924
Stamp Collectors' Monthly Circular	1920
Stamp Collectors' Monthly Journal	1921-1922
Stamp Journal	1908-1914
Stamp Lover	1908-1924
Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Circular	1920-1924
Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal	1903-1904, 1906-1908, 1910-1914 & 1923-1924
Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift	1910-1912
Tarapaca Filatelico	1910-1911
Timbre Poste, Le	1910-1913
Ungarischer Briefmarken Sammler	1910-1912
Union Philatelist	1920
United Stamp Co's Herald	1912-1913
Universal Anzeiger	1911-1912
Victorian Philatelic Record	1923-1924
West End Philatelist, The	1904 & 1906-1924
Wiener Briefmarken Journal	1911-1912

## INDEX OF PHILATELISTS

One normally finds that indexers generally confine their entries to stamps and the countries that issued them. It is unusual when these indexes include other philatelic subject areas, particularly biographical entries and obituaries. These indexes begun by **Bishop** are therefore quite extraordinary, most being rather comprehensive in their coverage. Fortunately, this practice was continued by his successor indexers.

Naturally, this utopian state of affairs could not continue and from time to time the policy regarding the Index changed – for the worse for biographies. For example, in the 1910 *Annual*, to keep the Index within bounds, all ephemeral material was omitted, the Index listing only articles devoted to the study of the world's postage stamps. However, they were back in the following year. This in/omitted behaviour continued for the rest of the index's existence but fortunately with most having the biographies and obituaries included even when the coverage of the index was said to be restricted!

As biographies of philatelists are a particular interest of mine, I have gone through all of the indexes and picked out the biographical entries and obituaries and thereby created an Index of philatelists. Rather than simply referencing them to the *Annual* in which the entry occurs, I have included the actual reference given. All in all, there were some 475 biographical references covering 292 philatelists and dealers over the lifetime of the Indexes – a worthwhile collection.

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Abbott, J. H.	London Philatelist	Vol. 23, p.69
Abbott, J. H.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 20, p.104
Ackerman, Ernest R.	Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News	Vol. 36, p.609
Acocks, T.	New Zealand Philatelist	May 1904
Adutt, A. Leon	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 16, p.117
Ainsworth, E. P.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 13, p.30
Albrecht, J. R. M.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 20, p.41
Alexander Jr., Edward	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 16, p.189
Allender, Arthur S.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 15, p.197
Anderson, P. J.	Stamp Collectors' Monthly Circular	Vol. 46, p.21
Anderson, P. J.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 17, p.177
Armstrong, Douglas B.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 17, p.97
Avery, William B.	Stamp Collector	Nov. 1903
Bacon, E. D.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 18, p.61
Baeza, J.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	Vol. 18, p.117
Bagnall, Chas. L.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 19, p.41
Bainbridge, G. B.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 17, p.153
Baldock, W. J.	Australian Philatelist	Vol. 27, p.68
Barber, J.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 18, p.133
Bartlett, Major A. A.	London Philatelic	Vol. 30, p.9
Bate, A. T.	New Zealand Philatelist	April 1904
Bate, A. T.	Australian Philatelist	Vol. 28, p.47
Bate, A. T.	Albemarle Stamp Collector	Vol. 12, p.33

Bell, W. Edmund	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 19, p.62
Bennett, Humphrey	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	Vol. 18, p.33
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Berger-Levrault, Oscar	Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal	October 1903
Berners, Capt. H.	London Philatelist	Vol. 23, p.214
Bing, F. G.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 20, p.49
Bishop, P. C.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 26, p.234
Bishop, P. C.	Stamp Collecting	Vol. 14, p.491
Bishop, Percy C.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 19, p.161
Black, P. G.	Australian Stamp Journal	Vol. 11, p.153
Bogert, R. R.	London Philatelist	Vol. 17, p.42
Bogert, R. R.	Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal	Vol. 17, p.164
Bond, Rev. H. C.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 19, p.197
Bonhote Col. J. Lewis	London Philatelist	Vol. 30, p.9
Booty, F. W.	Stamp Collecting	Vol. 2, p.213
Booty, Frederick W.	Stamp Lover	Vol. 2, p.211
Borland, Robert	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 17, p.161
Bourne, Herbert	London Philatelist	Vol. 31, p.222
Bourne, Herbert	Stamp Lover	Vol. 16, p.217
Bowen, Herbert	American Philatelist	Vol. 35, p.165
Bowers, Dr. William C.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 13, p.177
Bowers, Dr. William C.	Philatelic Record	Vol. 30, p.30
Bowman, W. T.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 20, p.9
Bowring, Sir Thomas	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 18, p.233
Breitfuss, F. A.	Gibbons Stamp Weekly	Vol. 6, pp.88, 102, 114, 131, 148, 183, 214, & 230
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Breitfuss, Frederick	Philatelic Record	Vol. 29, pp.4 & 23
Brock, Col. R. C. H.	Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal	Vol. 17, p.45
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Brunel, Dr. Georges	Philadelphia Stamp News	Vol. 3, p.354
Buhl, Theodor	Philatelic Magazine	Vol. 11, p.324
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Bull, Walter	Postage Stamp	Vol. 24, p.64
Burrowes, Dr. Seymour	London Philatelist	Vol. 16, p.120
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Butler, A.	Australian Stamp Journal	Vol. 2, p.77
Campbell, G. Lionel	Philatelic Record	Vol. 29,
Campbell, Wm.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	Vol. 31, p.113
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Clark, A. H.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 16, p.229
Clark, Herbert	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	Vol. 18, p.81
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Cohen, A. J.	London Philatelist	Vol. 23, p.10
Coote, C. H.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	Vol. 16, p.153
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Courthorpe, Capt. G. L.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	Vol. 16, p.21
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Coyette, Albert	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 19, p.101
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Crawford, Earl of	London Philatelist	Vol. 17, p.81
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Creeke, A. B.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 27, p.291
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Crockett, S. R.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 20, p. 54
Crouch, Henry J.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	Vol. 19, p.185
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Fehr, J. J.	Stamp Collecting	Vol. 13, p.565
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A mildly critical (of the periodicals chosen) but very welcoming review.
2. *Decoding a philatelic index.*, Philatelic Literature Review, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2002, Volume 50, Issue 4, pp.296-299.  
An appreciation of the Index and the difficulties in using it.

**END NOTE**

In 201?, this section of the work was written up and published as:

1909

**Philatelic Record**

***Current Literature***

**The Philatelic Record, 1909-1914**

**INTRODUCTION**

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX**

[L. W. Fulcher (Editor)]: *Current literature.*, The Philatelic Record, January 1909, Volume 31, Issue 1, p.20; February, Issue 2, pp.39-40; March, Issue 3, pp.62-63; April, Issue 4, pp.83-84; May, Issue 5, pp.103-104; June, Issue 6, pp.123-124; July, Issue 7, pp.139-140; August, Issue 8, pp.155-156; September, Issue 9, pp.175-176; October Issue 10, p.196; November, Issue 11, pp.218-220; December, Issue 12, pp.235-236;

*Bibliography.*, January 1910, Volume 32, Issue 1, pp.17-18;

*Bibliography: current literature.*, February, Issue 2, p.40; March, Issue 3, p.66; April, Issue 4, p.91; May, Issue 5, pp.109-110; June, Issue 6, pp.130-131; August, Issue 8, pp.163-164; September, Issue 9, pp.181-182; October, Issue 10, pp.198-199; November, Issue 11, pp.227-228; December, Issue 12, pp.250-251; January 1911, Volume 33, Issue 1, pp.14-15; February, Issue 2, p.39; March, Issue 3, pp.63-64; April, Issue 4, pp.87-88; May, Issue 5, pp.108-109; June, Issue 6, pp.129-130; July Issue 7, p.150; August, Issue 8, pp.165-166; September, Issue 9, pp.179-180; October, Issue 10, p.198; November, Issue 11, p.218; December, Issue 12, pp.240-241; January 1912, Volume 34, Issue 1, pp.20-21; March, Issue 3, pp.60-61;

*Bibliography.*, April, Issue 4, pp.79-80; May, Issue 5, pp.95-96; June, Issue 6, pp.111-112; July, Issue 7, pp.130-131; August, Issue 8, pp.146-147; September, Issue 9, p.166; October, Issue 10, pp.186-187; November, Issue 11, pp.201-202; December, Issue 12, pp.230-231; January 1913, Volume 35, Issue 1, pp.14-15; February, Issue 2, pp.37-38; March, Issue 3, pp.56-57; April, Issue 4, pp.78-79; May, Issue 5, pp.92-93; June, Issue 6, pp.112-113; July, Issue 7, pp.129-130; August, Issue 8, pp.146-147; September, Issue 9, pp.163-164; October, Issue 10, pp.182-183; November, Issue 11, pp.197-198; December, Issue 12, pp.215-216; January 1914, Volume 36, Issue 1, pp.15-16; February, Issue 2, pp.36-37; March, Issue 3, pp.50-51; April, Issue 4, pp.68-69; May, Issue 5, pp.88-89; June, Issue 6, pp.105-106; July, Issue 7, p.122; August, Issue 8, p.155; September, Issue 9, p.145; October, Issue 10, p.159; November, Issue 11, p.176; December, Issue 12, pp.187-188.

It did not appear in the issues for July 1910 and February 1912

**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR**

**NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

**INDEX OF PHILATELISTS**

## **REFERENCES**

## **END NOTE**

In 201?, this section of the work was written up and published as:

1909

Nils Strandell

*Verzeichnis über die europäische, periodische fachliteratur im jahre 1908*  
[*Index of the European philatelic periodical literature in the year 1908*]

Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift 1909-1911

INTRODUCTION

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX

*Verzeichnis über die europäische, periodische fachliteratur im jahre 1908.* [*Index of the European philatelic periodical literature in the year 1908.*]

Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift, March 1909, Volume 16, Issue 3, pp.I-IV; April, Issue 4, pp.V-VIII & May, Issue 5, pp.IX

(A translation of the introductory text on page I is available as Philat. Trans. 66.)

*Verzeichnis über die europäische, periodische fachliteratur im jahre 1909.* [*Index of the European philatelic periodical literature in the year 1909.*]

Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift, May 1910, Volume 17, Issue 5, pp.I-IV & June, Issue 6, pp.V-VIII.

(A translation of the introductory text on page I is available as Philat. Trans. 67.)

The index section was published in English as:

*Gleanings from the foreign press.*

The Philatelic West, October 1910, Volume 49, Issue 3, n.pp. [pp.12-15]; January 1911, Volume 50, Issue 3, n.pp. [pp.21-23] & February 1911, Volume 51, Issue 1, n.pp. [pp.9-11].

*Verzeichnis über die periodische fachliteratur im jahre 1910.* [*Index of the philatelic periodical literature in the year 1910.*]

Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift, July 1911, Volume 17, Issue 7, pp.I-IV & August, Issue 8, pp.V-IX.

(A translation of the introductory text on page I and the valedictory text on page IX is available as Philat. Trans. 68.)

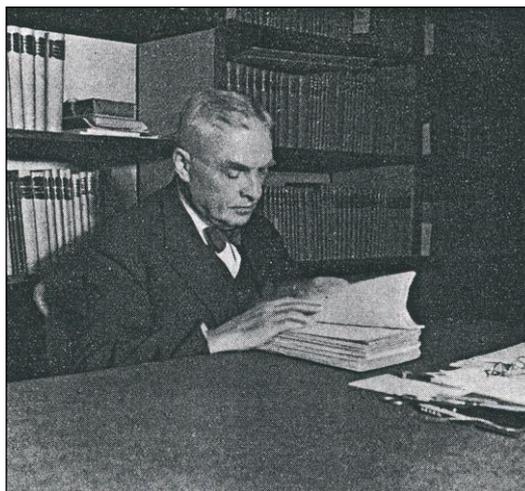
BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

**Nils Vilhelm Strandell** (1876-1963) was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1876 in Hamrånge, Sweden to **Olaf Wilhelm Strandell** and **Alma Kristina** nee **Kjellerstedt**. Having taken a degree in Modern Languages at Uppsala University, he continued his studies in Leipzig, Germany. After an internship in England, he joined AB Separator and rose through the company to become a branch manager.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1903, he married **Edith Elizabeth Ebbon** (1880-1965) in Tierps. Together they had a son **Gunnar**, and a daughter **Margit**.

In 1918, he resigned from the company to become a full-time professional philatelist. However,

he did not abandon non-philatelic endeavours entirely and by 1926 he was President of **AB Parachute**, founded to exploit the inventions of **Lt. Raoul Thönblad**. Unfortunately, in a demonstration on the 20<sup>th</sup> August that year involving several designs of parachute, two of the five failed to open and both of the men were killed. The company soon went into liquidation.



**Nils Strandell in the Postmuseum Library,  
ca. 1945**

**Strandell** had begun to collect stamps at the age of about eight or ten and his father gave him stamps for good work at school. For many years, he edited *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. Using the new books sent in for review and astute purchases, he built up an important library which supported his writing. During his lifetime, he wrote many hundreds of articles, almost half of which were about the forgeries of some 110 countries. In addition, he produced a constant stream of general pieces for the daily press. He soon became the leading authority and most important expertiser in Sweden. This led to him being in demand as a member exhibition Juries and represented Sweden at many international exhibitions from London in 1912 to 1955. It also resulted in him being awarded the Lindenberg Medal in 1943.

In 1922, he was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. That same year he began to catalogue and describe the many donations made by **Hans Lagerlöf** to the Swedish Postal Museum. This task would take him thirty years to complete and resulted in the publication of six catalogues. The following year, he was elected to membership of the Royal Philatelic Society, London and in 1954, after 31 years of membership, he was awarded Honorary Life Fellowship of the Society.

By the early 1940s his library had become too large for him to look after on his own as it occupied several rooms in his house. It was essentially a working library rather than that of a bibliophile and he never bothered with early catalogues and other works that had been superseded by modern technical works. As a tool to support his writing, he also produced a card index to the important articles in the journals he received. Based on the arrangement of the Crawford Library Catalogue, it eventually covered some 17,000 articles. In 1944, the Postal Museum in Stockholm purchased his library. Once it was installed in its new home, **Strandell** took on the role of Librarian until he retired in 1959.

The Sveriges Filatelistförbund [Swedish Philatelic Federation] celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1961 and decided to institute a medal in celebration, to be presented for meritorious service

to philately. They named it the *Strandell Medal* in his honour and presented the first one to **Strandell** at their Anniversary Banquet.

**Nils Vilhelm Strandell** died on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1963 at the age of 87.

The APS Hall of Fame was established in 1941 to recognise deceased philatelists for a lifetime of outstanding service to philately. **Strandell** was honoured in 2005.

## **NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

## **INDEX OF PHILATELISTS**

## **REFERENCES**

## **END NOTE**

In 201?, this section of the work was written up and published as:

1909

**Friedrich Wilhelm Thalmann**

*Verzeichnis der in philatelistischen zeitschriften (jahrgang 1910) enthalten fachartikel und der in den jahren 1908 bis 1910 erscheinen handbücher*  
[*Index of important articles appearing in philatelic journals (1910) and of handbooks appearing in the years 1908-1910*]

**Supplement to Germania Berichte, 1911, Volume 8, Issues 6; 7; 8; 9 & 10.**

**Fr. W. Thalmann**

Librarian of the Germania-Ring  
Margaretenstrasse 18, Potsdam, Germany

*The most important [articles] from the magazines.*

[*Das wichtigste aus den zeitschrift.*]

Germania-Berichte, January 1909, Volume 6, Issue 1, pp.15-16; February, Issue 2, p.23; April, Issue 4, pp.43-44; May, Issue 5, p.55; June, Issue 6, p.65; July, Issue 7, pp.77-78; August, Issue 8, p.86; September, Issue 9, p.109; October, Issue 10, p.119; November, Issue 11, p.131-132; December, Issue 12, p.142 & January 1910, Volume 7, Issue 1, p.13.

**[Introductory text]**

Below are the larger or more important articles from the magazines reaching the above address

There are numerous errors in the titles, particularly the foreign (to Thalmann) ones. However, it is fairly easy to determine the correct title.

I have added the years as far as I could determine them. The numbers following the years are the issue numbers or whole numbers as appropriate.

Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular	409, 413
Annonce Timbrologique	1909, 230
Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung	1908, 22; 1909, 12
Briefmarken-Sammler, Der	1909, 1
British Guiana Philatelic-Journal	1909, 5
Circulaire Philatelique, La	1909, 3
Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung	1908, 11; 1909, 1
Deutsche Philatelist, Der	1909, 2
Deutsche Stempel-Zeitung	1908, 13; 1909, 14
Friedemann's Philatelistische Berichte	See
Philatelistische Berichte	
Friedl's Illustr. Briefmark-Offertenbl	1909, 59
Gibbons Stamp Weekly	1908, 20; 1909, 3
Grayer Briefmarken-Zeitung	1909, 5
Griebert's Philatelic Notes and Offers	1909, 2, 4
Illustr. Zeitschrift für Deutsche Kolonial-Marken-Kunde	1908, 12
Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal	1908, 22; 1909, 2
Kohl-Mitteilungen	Mitteilungen (Kohl)
London Philatelist, The	1909, 6
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Mekeel's News and Trade Circular	1908, 17; 1909, 20
Mitteilungen Kohl	1909, 1
Month Report of the Herts Philatelic Society	1909, 5, 8
Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde	1908, 12; 1909, 1
Nederlandsche Philatelist, De	1908, 11; 1909
Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift	1908, 11; 1909
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain	1909, 222
Philatelic Record, The	1909
Philatelist, Der	1909, 5
Philatelisten-Zeitung (Glasewald)	1908,12; 1909, 1
Philatelistische Berichte (Friedemann)	1908, 19, 20
Philatelistische Miscellen	1908, 11
Post, Die	1908, 9; 1909
Schweizerische Philatelistische Nachrichten	1909, 1
Skandinavisk-Philatelistisk-Tidsskrift	1909, 8/9
Stamp Collectors Fortnightly	383
Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift	1908, 8; 1909
Szekula-Briefmarken-Verkehr	1909, 100
Timbre-Poste, Le	1908, 19, 24
West-End Philatelist, The	1908, 7; 1909, 61

### **[End text from the final instalment]**

These extracts hereby cease to appear monthly. From now on, however, these literary notes will be collected annually and be added to Germania Berichte as a special supplement at the end of the year, so that anyone interested can easily find out about the papers they are looking for in an area. Since all of the listed magazines are available in our library, it will be easy for [Germania] Ring members to keep up to date. It is also an advantage for the publishers if they regularly send their magazines to the following address for the purpose of registration. Documents from the register will be sent in for this.

Fr. Wilh. Thalmann,  
Potsdam, Margarethenstrasse 18

## **INTRODUCTION**

## **BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX**

(A translation of the introductory text is available as Philat. Trans. 79.)

Also published in booklet form as:

**Thalmann, Fr. Wilh.**

Verzeichnis der in philatelistischen Zeitschriften (Jahrgang 1910) enthaltenen Fachartikel und der in den Jahren 1908 bis 1910 erschienenen Handbücher.

Germania-Ring, Essen, 1911, 15pp. (Not seen.)

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR**

## **NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

## **INDEX OF PHILATELISTS**

## **REFERENCES**

## **END NOTE**

In 201?, this section of the work was written up and published as:

1911

William Reynolds Ricketts & Clifford W. Kissinger

*The American Philatelic Society Philatelic Index.*

**The American Philatelic Society, Columbus, Ohio, 1911-26, pp.1-670.**

INTRODUCTION

In 1910, the American Philatelic Society passed a resolution authorising the publication of an index by **Ricketts** and **Kissinger**. The compiler, **Ricketts**, attempted to include every English-language periodical plus the two magazines published by **J.-B. Moens** in French. The index was to be published in parts as a supplement to *The American Philatelist*, starting in 1911. Publication continued until December 1926, when it was discontinued owing to dissatisfaction within the membership at how long it was taking. By the time publication was discontinued, the index had reached the letter G (Glydenloeve) and occupied 670 pages<sup>(1)</sup>.

In 1926, the Society passed a resolution that the index should be published in sections of say 100 pages to make it readily available to the members.<sup>(2)</sup>

This index only covers articles relating to philately. Articles concerning the literature of philately are to be found in **Ricketts'** index of 1912.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX

Initially, the Index was issued as an integral part of *The American Philatelist* and took its page numbering from its parent journal. From the issue of June 1914, the Index was issued as a separately-paginated supplement to the journal.

This concordance was adapted from one included in the copy of the index held by the American Philatelic Research Library and another found amongst the papers of **James Negus**. The **Negus** list was later identified as having been found in the files of **L. A. J. Baker**. It was also checked against my own copy.

The *A.P.S. Index* was published in *The American Philatelist* as follows:-

Section	Date	Volume	Issue	Pages
Introduction	February 1911	24	2	9-32
Introduction	May 1911	24	3	19-42
Introduction & Aalborg - Anglic	August 1911	24	4	25-38
Angola to Argentine	November 1911	25	1	10-16
Argentine - Australian Commonwealth	February 1912	25	2	159-170
Australian Commonwealth - Aznay	May 1912	25	3	263-272
B - Beechams Pills	August 1912	25	4	306-321
Beecher - Belgium	March 1914	27	6	117-123
Belgium	April 1914	27	7	158-159
Belgium - Bellamy	15 <sup>th</sup> May 1914	27	8	173
pp.115-118	15 <sup>th</sup> June 1914	27	9	
pp.119-122	15 <sup>th</sup> July 1914	27	10	

pp.123-126	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1914	27	11
pp.127-130	15 <sup>th</sup> September 1914	27	12
pp.131-134	15 <sup>th</sup> October 1914	28	1
pp.135-138	15 <sup>th</sup> November 1914	28	2

Pages 135-138 contained incorrect text. They were reprinted with the December pages. A slip was inserted in this issue by the printer, pointing out the correction. Only correct pages were included in the bound copies. My copy contains this slip bound in.

pp.135-142	15 <sup>th</sup> December 1914	28	3
pp.143-146	15 <sup>th</sup> January 1915	28	4
pp.147-150	15 <sup>th</sup> February 1915	28	5
pp.151-154	15 <sup>th</sup> March 1915	28	6
pp.155-158	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1915	28	7
pp.163-166	15 <sup>th</sup> May 1915	28	9

These pages were numbered incorrectly and should have been pages 159-162. The Negus concordance states that correctly-numbered replacement pages were printed in issue 10 of the 1<sup>st</sup> June. However, my copy contains the incorrectly-numbered pages with the correct page numbers added in pencil.

pp.159-162	1 <sup>st</sup> June 1915	28	10	?
pp.163-166	15 <sup>th</sup> June 1915	28	11	
pp.167-170	15 <sup>th</sup> July 1915	28	13	
pp.171-174	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1915	28	15	
pp.175-178	15 <sup>th</sup> September 1915	28	17	
pp.179-182	15 <sup>th</sup> October 1915	29	2	
pp.183-186	15 <sup>th</sup> November 1915	29	4	
pp.187-190	15 <sup>th</sup> December 1915	29	6	
pp.191-194	15 <sup>th</sup> January 1916	29	8	
pp.195-198	15 <sup>th</sup> February 1916	29	10	
pp.199-202	15 <sup>th</sup> March 1916	29	12	
pp.203-206	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1916	29	14	
pp.203-206	15 <sup>th</sup> May 1916	29	16	

The page numbers duplicated those of the previous issue and were never corrected. My copy contains the incorrectly-numbered pages with the correct order added in pencil.

pp.207-210	15 <sup>th</sup> June 1916	29	18
pp.211-214	15 <sup>th</sup> July 1916	29	20
pp.215-218	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1916	29	22
pp.219-222	15 <sup>th</sup> September 1916	29	24
pp.223-226	15 <sup>th</sup> October 1916	30	2
pp.227-230	15 <sup>th</sup> November 1916	30	4
pp.231-234	15 <sup>th</sup> December 1916	30	6
pp.235-238	15 <sup>th</sup> January 1917	30	8
pp.239-242	15 <sup>th</sup> February 1917	30	10
pp.243-246	15 <sup>th</sup> March 1917	30	12
pp.247-250	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1917	30	14
pp.251-254	15 <sup>th</sup> May 1917	30	16
pp.255-258	15 <sup>th</sup> June 1917	30	18
pp.259-262	15 <sup>th</sup> July 1917	30	20
pp.263-266	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1917	30	22
pp.267-270	15 <sup>th</sup> September 1917	30	24
pp.271-274	15 <sup>th</sup> October 1917	31	2
pp.275-278	15 <sup>th</sup> November 1917	31	4
pp.279-282	15 <sup>th</sup> December 1917	31	6
pp.283-286	15 <sup>th</sup> January 1918	31	8

pp.287-290	15 <sup>th</sup> February 1918	31	10
pp.291-294	15 <sup>th</sup> March 1918	31	12
pp.295-298	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1918	31	14
pp.299-302	15 <sup>th</sup> May 1918	31	16
pp.303-306	15 <sup>th</sup> June 1918	31	18
pp.307-310	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1918	31	22
pp.311-314	15 <sup>th</sup> September 1918	31	24
pp.315-318	October 1918	32	1
pp.319-326	December 1918	32	3
pp.327-330	January 1919	32	4
pp.331-334	February 1919	32	5
pp.335-338	March 1919	32	6

The text was incorrect. Replacement pages were provided in the following issue.

pp.335-342	April 1919	32	7
pp.343-346	May 1919	32	8
pp.347-350	June 1919	32	9
pp.351-354	July 1919	32	10
pp.355-358	August 1919	32	11
pp.359-366	October 1919	33	1
pp.367-370	January 1920	33	4
pp.371-374	March 1920	33	6
pp.375-378	April 1920	33	7
pp.379-382	August 1921	34	11
pp.383-386	September 1921	34	12
pp.387-390	October 1921	35	1
pp.391-394	November 1921	35	2
pp.395-402	December 1921	35	3
pp.403-410	March 1922	35	6
pp.411-422	April 1922	35	7
pp.423-430	October 1922	36	1
pp.431-438	November 1922	36	2
pp.439-458	January 1923	36	4
pp.459-482	February 1923	36	5
pp.483-498	March 1923	36	6
pp.483-490	June 1923	36	9

These pages were numbered incorrectly and should have been pages 499-506. Correctly-numbered replacement pages were issued the following month. My copy contains the correctly-numbered pages.

pp.499-506	July 1923	36	10
pp.507-526	August/September 1923	36	11/12
pp.527-534	May 1924	37	8
pp.535-550	June 1924	37	9
pp.551-562	July 1924	37	10
pp.563-578	September 1924	37	12
pp.579-590	November 1924	38	2
pp.591-606	December 1924	38	3
pp.607-626	March 1925	38	5
pp.627-650	October 1926	40	1
pp.651-666	November 1926	40	2
pp.667-670	December 1926	40	3

The index was discontinued with the publication of the letter G (Glydenloeve).

The United States Locals section of **Ricketts'** index was published as a supplement to the United Stamp Company Herald in 1912 as part of a reprint of **Coster's** nineteenth century work on US Locals.

*United States Local Section of the Philatelic Literature Bibliography Index.*

Reprint of *Costers U.S. Locals.*, United Stamp Co. "Herald", Chicago, Ill., 1912, pp.106-175.

This was reprinted as:

*Ricketts' locals index reprinted.*

Philatelic Literature Review, 1990, Volume 39, Issue 2, pp.90-116 & Issue 3, pp.172-214.

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

An improved list of abbreviations, in strict alphabetical order, was published as:

**Welsh, Bill.**

*APRL offers improved key to abbreviations.*

Philatelic Literature Review, 1990, Volume 39, Issue 1, pp.3-47

It appeared as:

**Gini Horn:** *The Ricketts Index of United States and Possessions.*, Philatelic Literature Review, 1995, Volume 44, Issue 1, pp.13-63; Issue 2, pp.126-175; Issue 3, pp.216-264; Issue 4, pp.308-360; 1996, Volume 45, Issue 1, pp.20-59; Issue 2, pp.108-146, Issue 3, pp.192-246; Issue 4, pp.294-335; 1997, Volume 46, Issue 1, pp.16-65; Issue 2, pp.128-154; Issue 3, pp.192-202 & Issue 4, pp.260-314.

The US Section had been found on cards in the National Postal Museum Library at the Smithsonian Institution. They had received it as part of the **George T. Turner** bequest and **Turner** had purchased them from **Paul Bluss** who had auctioned the remainder of the **Ricketts** library in 1946.

It was announced to be published in the Philatelic Literature Review in 1994-95 in:

**Welsh, Bill.**

*Ricketts' U.S. index to be published in PLR.*

Philatelic Literature Review, 1994, Volume 43, Issue 2, p.99.

## **The Missing Sections of the Index**

**Gini Horn** made extensive enquiries in an effort to find the missing portions of the index<sup>(1)</sup>, being convinced by correspondence between **Ricketts** and **Kissinger** that they had been transcribed by **Kissinger's** staff.

Following the trail of the US section of the index (above), she found that after the death of **Bluss**, his literature stock was acquired by **L. R. Stadtmiller** who eventually sold the stock to **George Atkins**<sup>(1)</sup>. A visit to Atkins brought no sign of the remainder of the index. Learning that **Ricketts'** non-philatelic literature went to Yale University, she enquired there but to no avail.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHORS**

**Kissinger's** role was to have the material transcribed by his office staff<sup>(1)</sup>.

## **NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

### **Using the index**

Brief notes about using the index were provided by **Gini Horn**<sup>(1)</sup>, who noted that **Ricketts'** indexing was in such depth that it was often possible to find relevant information in the index even when the search item seemed to fit naturally into the missing H-Z area.

## **INDEX OF PHILATELISTS**

### **REFERENCES**

1. **Gini Horn:** *A look back at the Ricketts Index.*, Philatelic Literature Review, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008, Volume 56, Issue 4, pp.316-319.
2. *Resolutions adopted: At the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention, New York City, October 1926.*, in: *Membership and Branch Society Directory, Revised and corrected to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1927.*, American Philatelic Society, USA, 1927, p.188. Issued as a supplement to The American Philatelist, May 1927.

### **END NOTE**

In 201?, this section of the work was written up and published as:

1912

**William Reynolds Ricketts**

*The Philatelic Literature Bibliography Index.*

**William R. Ricketts, Forty-Fort, Pa., 1912, 401pp.**

**INTRODUCTION**

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX**

Published in forty Sections of ten pages each and one additional page, from March 1912 to March 1917.

The following editions were produced:-

Green paper edition	5 copies
Thick white paper edition	5 copies
Blue paper edition	10 copies
Pink paper edition	15 copies
Regular edition	100 copies

The Royal Philatelic Society, London has copy number 5 of the Pink paper edition, to page 360 only.

This edition is the counterpart to Ricketts' index of 1911 and covers the references to philatelic literature that were omitted from the former. Its final entry was "Library (Libraries) - Gibbons (Stanley Ltd.)".

**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR**

**NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

Relatively little is known about the publishing details of this privately-published bibliography. The little that is known about the Sections follows:-

Instalment	Pages	Date
I	I-	1st March 1912
XXII	211-220	8th August 1914
XXIII	221-230	8th August 1914
XXIV	231-240	
XXV	241-250	
XXVIII	271-280	31st December 1914
XXXII	311-320	2nd March 1915
XXXIV	331-340	24th March 1915
XXXVI	351-360	28th June 1915
XXXVII	361-370	1st October 1915
	230	

XXXVIII	371-380	6th October 1915
XXXIX	381-390	25th October 1915
XL	391-400	10th March 1917
	401	

Most sets go from A-k but some extend to L.

### **INDEX OF PHILATELISTS**

### **REFERENCES**

### **END NOTE**

In 201?, this section of the work was written up and published as:

1913

H. G. T. Cannons

*Library of the North London Philatelic Society.*

**Finsbury Public Library – Quarterly Guide for Readers, 1913**

**INTRODUCTION**

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX**

Finsbury Public Library - Quarterly Guide for Readers, October 1913, Volume 20, Issue 78, pp.33-68.

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Stamp Collectors' Quarterly

*Quarterly Literary index*

Stamp Collectors' Quarterly, 1917

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Stamp Collectors' Quarterly, January/March 1917, Volume 2, Issue 1, pp.27-30 & April/June Issue 2, pp.55-60.

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1918

Arch. H. Pike

*Philatelic Index* (Title varies)

Collectors' Digest, 1918-22

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**A. H. Pike:**

*Philatelic Index.*, Collectors' Digest, January/February 1918, Volume 1, pp.4-20; 1919, Volume 2, pp.31-45 & 47-65;

*Index to periodicals for 1919-1920.*, Collectors' Digest, 1921, Volume 3, pp.67-74;

*Collectors' index to current periodicals.*, The Philatelic Review, March/April 1921, Volume 4, Issue 2, pp.13-17; May/June, Issue 3, pp.23-25; July/August, Issue 4, pp.35-38 & 43

*Philatelic literature index for 1921.*, Collectors' Digest, March 1922, Volume 4, Issue 3, pp.42-49;

*Collectors' index to current periodicals.*, Collectors' Digest, April 1922, Volume 4, Issue 4, pp.58 & 66-68; May, Issue 5, pp.78 & 84; June/July, Issue 6, pp.98 & 109-111.

The first three volumes were issued as Annuals. Publication of the *Collectors' Digest* ceased with Issue 6 of 1922.

*The Philatelic Review* was started in Brooklyn, NY in 1918 by P. C. Mackey, who edited it until February 1921. Pike was editor from Volume 4, Issue 2 of March/April 1921 to Issue 4 of July/August of the same year. The publication appears to have been transferred to Detroit, MI, under the editorship of Carl W. Sweeney for its final issue of August 1922 (Volume 4, Issue 5, Whole number 30).

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

1878-



**Arche H. Pike** (A.H. Pike)

Native of Buffalo, NY

Philatelist and collector/dealer of postmarks, mostly US

Editor for the *Journal of the International Postmark Society* (1912-?) which then became *Stampless Covers* (1927) then later *Postal Markings*

Editor of the *Collector's Digest* (Buffalo, NY) 1919-1922  
Wrote on postmarks in *Philatelic Gossip*, *Mekeel's* and other journals (1916-1926).  
His extensive postmark collection was sold in 1927.

### **NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

The main feature of the *Collectors' Digest* and the reason for its publication was the Index. Accordingly, the bibliographic control of the Index was very weak with varying section titles, lists of abbreviations, etc. all being subordinated to the index. The pages listed are all those containing data relating to the index.

Sections of the index were published concurrently as:

*Collectors index to current periodicals.*

Philatelic Review, March/April 1921, Volume 4, Issue 2, pp.13-17; May/June, Issue 3, pp.23-25 & July/August, Issue 4, pp.35-38 & 43.

Publication of **Pike's *Collectors' Digest*** for 1919 was delayed until early 1921. According to his Editorial on pages 11 & 12 of the March/April 1921 issue of The Philatelic Review, financial vicissitudes prevented his publishing a further volume that year. Accordingly, he continued his Index in The Philatelic Review, of which he had just become Editor.

### **List of periodicals indexed by A. H. Pike in the Philatelic Review,**

Mar - Aug. 1921, volume 4 Numbers 2 - 4.

Albemarle Stamp Collector Vol.7, (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)  
American Philatelist Vol.34, (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)  
Briefmarken-Zeitung (Chicago) Vol.1, (4)  
Bushnell's Magazine Vol.4, (32) (33) (34) (35) (36)  
Canadian Postal Guide Supplement (Jan?) (Feb) (Mar) (Apr) (May)  
Canadian Stamp Collector Vol.1, (8) (9) (10) (11)  
Chicagoer Briefmarken-Zeitung Vol.1, (5) (6) (7) (8/9)  
Clarion, The Vol.4, (41) (42) (43)  
Collectionneur de Timbres - Poste, Le (465) (466) (467)  
Collector, The Vol.25, (5)  
Collector - Dealer - Trader Vol.4, (11)  
Collectors' Gazette Vol.1, (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)  
Collectors Journal (Milford) Vol.10, (11)  
Collector's Journal (Rotherham) Vol.10, (117)  
Columbia Courier Vol.2, (1)  
Cote des Timbres, La (19) (20) Economist Bulletin Vol.8, (5)  
Emco Monthly Circular (26) (27)  
Ganzsache, Die Vol.1, (1)  
Historia (Non-philatelic) Vol.8, (41)  
Hobby - Rider Vol.,1 (7) (8) (9) (10) (11)  
International Philatelist Vol.1, (3) (4/5)  
International Post Vol.6, (68/69)  
Internationaler Briefmarken-Courier 1921 March  
Internationaler Post. Markt 1921 Apr. 5, Apr. 28  
Journal Philatelique de Berne Vol.7, (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)  
Linn's Stamp News Vol.2, (1) (2)

Literary Digest Vol.68, January/May  
London Philatelist Vol.30, (349) (350) (351) (352) (353)  
Madrid Filatelico Vol.24, (2) (3) (4)  
Marks Stamp Co Monthly Circular(25)  
(Name then changed to Emco Monthly Circular)  
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News Vol.35, Jan-May  
National Geographic Magazine (Non-philatelic) Vol.39, (1) (2)  
Philatelic Publicity Bulletin(18) (19)  
Philatelie Francaise, La(15) (16)  
(Not "Philatelic")  
Phizzletelic Phizzle Vol.4, (1)  
Postage Stamp Vol.23, (526) (532)  
Scott's Monthly Journal Vol.1, (12)  
Stamp Collecting Vol.15, (9) to (21)  
Stamp Herald Vol.6, ((5) (6)  
Stamp Lover Vol.13, (6) (7) (8)  
Suomen Postimerkkilehti  
U.S. Postal Guide Supplement (Non-philatelic) Vol.8, (7) (8)

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Wereld Post

*Uit de Vakpers: De voornamste artikelen over afzonderlijke landen*

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Wereld Post, 1918-1919

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[K. A. Heijmans Jr. (Editor)]

*Uit de Vakpers: De voornamste artikelen over afzonderlijke landen. [From the trade press: the important articles on individual countries.],* Wereld Post:

October 1918, Volume 1, Issue 1, p.13  
December 1918, Volume 1, Issue 2, p.21  
February 1919, Volume 1, Issue 3, p.39  
March 1919, Volume 1, Issue 4, p.51  
May 1919, Volume 1, Issue 6, p.78  
September 1919, Volume 1, Issue 8/9, p.105  
October 1919, Volume 1, Issue 10, p.129  
November 1919, Volume 1, Issue 11, p.145  
December 1919, Volume 1, Issue 12, p.162

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

**K. A. Heymans Jr.** 1891/92-

Began collecting stamps at the age of 9.

*K. A. Heymans, Jr., Rotterdam, Holland.,* Philatelic West and Collector's World, May 1918, Volume 74, Issue 1, pp.26-27 & photograph. He published the Dutch philatelic directory in 1917. Agent for many European stamp magazines.

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<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Periodical Title</i>	<i>Year</i>
Alb. C.	Albemarle Stamp Collector	
Am. C. E.	Amateur de cartes et d'enveloppes	
Au. Ph.	Australian Philatelist	
Au. S. J.	Australian Stamp Journal	
B. B. Z.	Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung.	
B. G. P. J.	British Guiana Phil. Journal	
B. P.	British Philatelist	
Br. S.	Briefmarkensammler	
C. J.	Collectors Journal (U.S.A.)	
C. T. P.	Collectionneur de timbres-poste	

D. B. Z.	Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung
D.P.	Deutsche Philatelist
Don P.	Donau Post
E. T.	Echo de la Timbrologie
E. W. S. N.	Ewen's Weekly Stamp News
F. E.	Filatelico Espanol
F. T.	Frimaerke Tidende
Fil.	Filatelia (Stockholm)
Grm. B.	Germania Berichte
I. B. J.	Illustr. Briefmarken Journal
L. Ph.	London Philatelist
M. F.	Madrid Filatelico
M. W. S. N.	Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News
N. F. T.	Nordisk Filatellistisk Tidskrift
N. T. v. P.	Nederl. Tijdschr. v. Postz.kunde
N. U. B. Z.	Neue Ungar. Briefms. Zeitung
P. J. G. B.	Phil. Journal of Gr. Britain
P. J. I.	Phil. Journal of India
P. Mgz.	Philatelic Magazine
P. N.	Postzegelnieuws
P. St.	Postage Stamp
P. Z.	Philatelisten-Zeitung
Ph. G.	Philatelic Gazette
Ph. M.	Philatelistisch Maandblad
Ph. W.	Philatelic West
Pha.	Philatelia (Madrid)
Phil.	Philatelist (Dresden)
Post.	Post
R. P. P.	Revista Postal Portuguesa
S. B.	Sächsische Briefm. Zeitung
S. B. Z.	Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung.
S. C. F.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly
S. F. T.	Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift
S. H.	Stamp Herald
S. L.	Stamp Lover
Sm. M. C.	Alfr. Smith & Son's Monthly Circ.
St. C.	Stamp Collecting
W. E. P.	West End Philatelist

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## 1919

### Max Bloch

*General-index der deutschen und österreich. philatelistischen zeitungsliteratur 1918*  
[*General-Index of German and Austrian philatelic periodical literature 1918*]

### **Briefmarkensammler, 1919**

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Briefmarkensammler, March 1919, Volume 3, Issue 3; April, Issue 4, pp.147-149; June, Issue 6, pp.234-237; July, Issue 7/8, pp.295-301; Issue 9; Issue 10; December, Issue 11/12, pp.498-501. (Complete bibliographic details not known.) {A translation of the introductory text is available as Philat. Trans. XX.}

Continued in the *Weltpost-Echo*. The 1919 index was published separately as:

**Max Bloch:** *General-Index 1919.*, Weltpost-Echo, Teplitz-Schönau, 1920, 42pp.

(A translation of the *Foreword* and *List of abbreviations* on pages 3-4 is available as Philat. Trans. 48.)

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In 201?, this section of the work was written up and published as:

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**Hugo Kröttsch**

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## Frederick Stanley Phillips

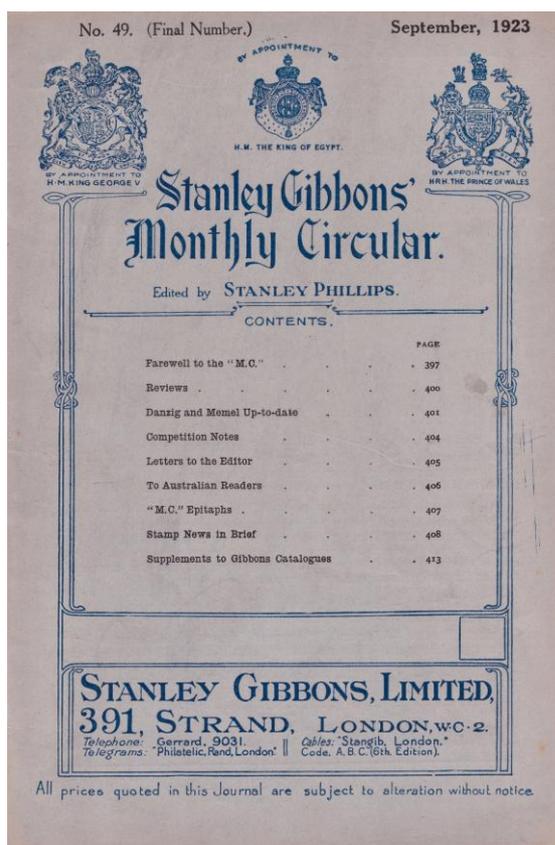
### *Recent Important Articles*

#### Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular, 1921

### INTRODUCTION

The onset of the First World War and the difficulties caused by a lack of manpower and the diversion of resources to the War effort, caused many philatelic periodicals to cease publication. So it was with **Stanley Gibbons'** flagship magazine, *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*. The *Journal* was first published in 1891 and had appeared every month, apart from the period from July 1908 to December 1910 when it was combined with *Gibbons Stamp Weekly*. However, with the issue of July 1914, it ceased publication owing to the War<sup>(1)</sup>.

Once normality began to return to the country after the War, consideration was given by the Company to once again publishing their journal. However, the economic situation at the time would not support a monthly journal<sup>(2)</sup>. The company still felt the need for an advertising and news medium, so *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Circular* (Figure 1) was born in September 1919 with **Stanley Phillips** as editor. A small publication (185mm x 125mm) which began with 24 pages but soon grew to 32 pages, typically 19 of which contained editorial matter, the remainder being dedicated to advertisements for the Company's products. It was not intended as a direct replacement for *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* and never aspired to be a vehicle for major articles such as had been found in the *Journal*.



### Figure 1 Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Circular (From the author's library)

As the *Circular* approached its second birthday, the demand by readers for more editorial content led **Phillips** to experiment by incorporating a Current Awareness Index. Seemingly, if the environment was not right for the *Circular* to include important articles, then it could at least inform its readers where they could be found.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX

[**Frederick Stanley Phillips (Editor)**]: *Recent important articles.*, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular, August 1921, Whole number 24, pp.18-19 & *Recent Articles.*, September, Whole number 25, p.18 & October, Whole number 26, p.21.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

**Frederick Stanley Phillips** (Figure 2), generally referred to as **Stanley**, was born on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1891. He was the only son of **William Henry Phillips** (1864-1912), an engineer and businessman. **William** was the younger brother of **Charles James Phillips** (1863-1940) a Birmingham stamp dealer who bought the business of **Edward Stanley Gibbons** (1840-1913) in 1891 and moved to London. **Charles** invited **William** to join him in London as a member of the Company to look after the business side whilst **Charles** looked after the stamp side. At the time of his death in 1912 **William** was Assistant Managing Director.



**Figure 2 Frederick Stanley Phillips**  
(Photograph taken from the Wikipedia web site: <https://Wikipedia.org>, accessed 2017. This is one of the most widely available photographs of **Frederick Stanley Phillips** as a young man and was probably a formal portrait circulated by **Stanley Gibbons Limited**.)

Following his education at Highgate School, **Stanley** joined **Stanley Gibbons Limited**. Initially he moved round within the Company gaining experience in every department and acquiring a good general knowledge of the business<sup>(3)</sup>. He was soon writing advertising copy and articles for both *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* and *Gibbons Stamp Weekly*.

During the First World War, **Stanley** served in Gallipoli where he was slightly wounded by a shell. After recuperating, he saw service in Egypt and Palestine. Towards the end of the War he received a commission in the King's Royal Rifle Cops. After the War he returned to **Stanley Gibbons** and joined the Editorial Department.

Once the War had started, many periodicals ceased publication including *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*. This left the Company without a publication to carry its news and advertisements. Even after the War, business had not recovered sufficiently to support a major publication such as *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*. Feeling the need of a medium to keep in touch with its customers, it was **Stanley's** initiative to found *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular* in 1919, essentially as an advertising medium.

**Alfred Norman Thornton** (1880-1922) had edited the Company's catalogues for many years. Following his death in July 1922, **Stanley** took over responsibility for all of the Company's publications including its catalogues. The following year *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* was resurrected, co-edited by **Stanley** and **Lionel William Fulcher** (1865-1945), the latter being responsible for the serious articles side of the publication. In 1927, on **Fulcher's** retirement, the title of the *Journal* was changed to *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* so that it could be sold on news-stands and thereby increase its circulation.

Following the death of **George Augustus Richard William Hamilton-Smith** (1870-1926) in December 1926, **Stanley** became Joint Managing Director with **William Hamilton Andrews** (1880-1950). **Stanley** retained responsibility for the Company's publications and in 1934 he introduced the Simplified Catalogue, intended to encourage beginners. For his dedication to and knowledge of philately demonstrated in the Company's publications for more than thirty years, he was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1937.

Owing to the bombing of London during the Second World War, most of the Company's activities were moved to St. Albans. Nevertheless, **Stanley** remained at the Company's headquarters, 391 Strand. Being too old for active service, he joined the Civil Defence force, transferring to the Home Guard when that was formed.

**William Hamilton Andrews** retired in 1947 leaving **Stanley Phillips** as the sole Managing Director. On the death of his cousin **Charles Francis [Frank] Phillips** (1886-1953) in July 1953 he also took on the role of Chairman.

By early 1954, **Frederick Stanley Phillips** had been in poor health for some time and suffered a severe heart attack on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> March 1954. He passed away in hospital the following day at the age of sixty-two.

## **NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

Normally, one would expect to find some kind of explanation or notice when a new feature is introduced into a magazine. In this case, there was nothing. The index simply appeared without any fanfare. Beneath the heading it said *We note a few of the more important articles which have appeared recently in our contemporaries, and will continue the feature if we hear that our*

readers find it useful.

Apart from the above, the first notice of the index appears in the Editorial on page 7 of the number for October 1921, **Phillips** mentions his notes about recent articles and invited a postcard vote regarding its continuance or not. Those who wanted it to continue should send a postcard marked "Yes" and those against it, one marked "No". I could not find any reference to the matter in the subsequent issues (27-30) nor any result of the poll. It must therefore be presumed that the Editor's request for guidance met with complete indifference, as is so often the case with such bibliographic aids, since the listing was simply dropped without further comment.

With regard to the coverage of the index, as would be expected, **Stanley Phillips** had access to a wide range of periodicals and the index includes references from no fewer than twenty-three journals from ten countries (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, USA). Although he abbreviated the titles, the abbreviations are of such an obvious nature that the original titles can be readily determined. I have however given the full titles in the table below.

Figure 3 shows the first page of the index from the August *Circular*, number 24, showing the original title. Figure 4 is the first page showing the new title from number 25.

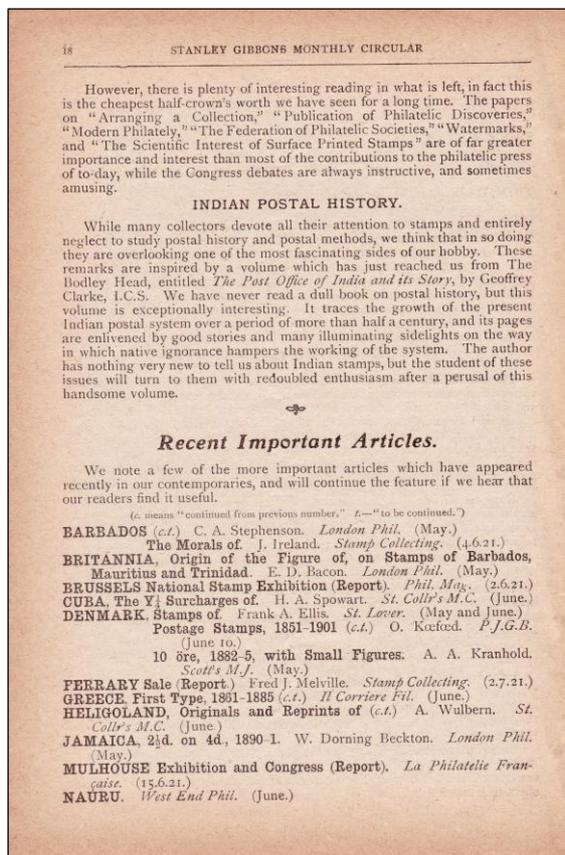


Figure 3 First page of index  
(From the Author's library)

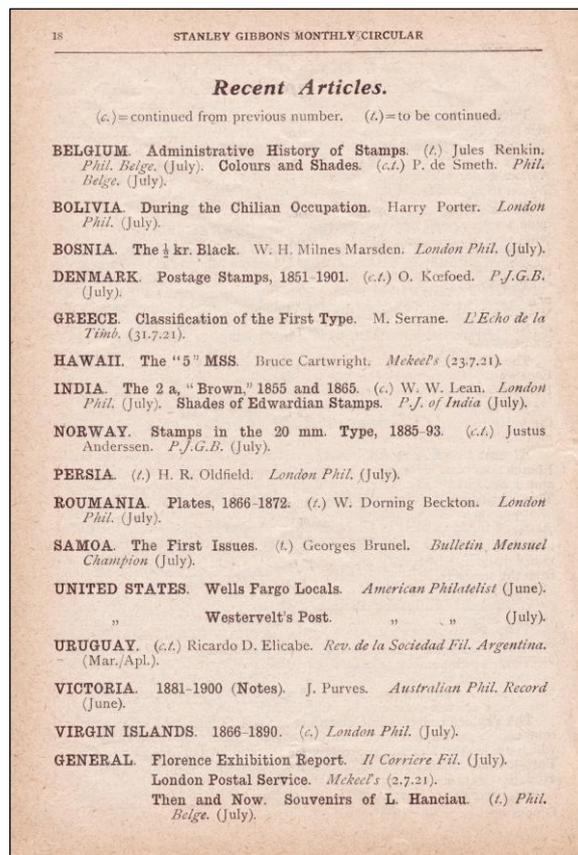


Figure 4 First page under new title  
(From the author's library)

Although the majority of entries were under country names, there were some entries under subject headings: Britannia; Ferrary Sale; General.

All references date from 1921 so only the month is given. Other months may have been reviewed but contained nothing of permanent value.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
American Philatelist, The	June, July
Australian Philatelic Record, The	June
Australian Stamp Journal	June
Berner Briefmarken Zeitung	May
Bulletin Mensuel de la Maison Théodore Champion	July, August
Champion's Bulletin	See Bulletin Mensuel de la Maison Théodore Champion
Corriere Filatelico, Il	June, July
Écho de la Timbrologie, L'	July
Filatelistiska Meddelanden	June
London Philatelist, The	May, July, August
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News	4 <sup>th</sup> June, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift	May
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, The	June, July
Philatelic Journal of India, The	June, July, August
Philatelic Magazine	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Philatélie Française, La	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Philatéliste Belge, Le	July
Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina	March/April
Scott Monthly Journal	May, August
Stamp Collecting	4 <sup>th</sup> June, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Stamp Collector's Monthly Circular, The	June, July/August
Stamp Lover, The	May, June
Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift	June
West-End Philatelist, The	June

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2. **[Stanley Phillips (Editor)]:** *To Monthly Journal subscribers.*, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular, December 1919, whole number 4, p.3.
3. **F[rederick] S. W[all]:** *Death of Mr. Stanley Phillips.*, Gibbons Stamp Monthly, May 1954, Volume 27, Issue 9, pp.97-98.

## END NOTE

In 2021, this section of the work was written up and published as: **Brian J. Birch:** *Stanley Gibbons' only foray into publishing a philatelic publication index.*, The Stamp Lover, June 2021, Volume 113, Issue 3, pp.80-81.

1924

**Friedrich Leitenberger**

***Bibliographie der deutschsprachlichen philatelistischen Literatur – 1924***  
**[*Bibliography of German - language philatelic literature - 1924*]**

**Supplement to Die Philatelist, 1924**

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Supplement to Die Philatelist (Neustadt/Orla), 1924, (5 months only) - Not seen.

*Bibliographie der deutschsprachlichen philatelistischen Literatur - 1925.* [Bibliography of German - language philatelic literature - 1925.]

J. K. G. Wagnersche Buchdruckerei, Neustadt (Orla), 1925, pages XI, A17, B19, (47pp.)

A translation of the introductory text on pages III-V is available as Philat. Trans. 71. The Circular accompanying the second part of the Bibliography, sent to Harris Publications Limited, is also available in translation as Philat. Trans. 72.)

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In 201?, this section of the work was written up and published as:

1925

**Filatelia**

*[Philatelic Bibliographical Index]*

**Filatelia, 1925-?**

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1925

**Die Postmarke**

*Artikel-uebersicht*

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**Die Postmarke, 1925-1934**

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**[Edwin Müller (Editor)]:**

*Artikel-uebersicht.*, 9<sup>th</sup> February 1925, Volume 7, Whole number 89, p.39; 9<sup>th</sup> March, Whole number 91, pp.69-70; 6<sup>th</sup> April, Whole number 93, pp.95-96; 4<sup>th</sup> May, Whole number 95, p.124;

*Artikel uebersicht.*, 6<sup>th</sup> July, Whole number 99/100, pp.162-163; 10<sup>th</sup> August, Whole number 101/102, pp.177-178; 7<sup>th</sup> September, Whole number 103, pp.193-194; 5<sup>th</sup> October, Whole number 105, p.222; 9<sup>th</sup> November, Whole number 107, pp.245-246; 7<sup>th</sup> December, Whole number 109/110, pp.281-282;

26<sup>th</sup> January 1926, Volume 8, Whole number 112, pp.27-28; 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Whole number 114, pp.55-56; 29<sup>th</sup> March, Whole number 116/117, p.91; 12<sup>th</sup> April, Whole number 118, p.104; 10<sup>th</sup> May, Whole number 120, p.128; 12<sup>th</sup> July, Whole number 123/124, pp.177-178; 30<sup>th</sup> August, Whole number 127, p.216; 16<sup>th</sup> September, Whole number 128, pp.229-230; 25<sup>th</sup> October, Whole number 130, p.262; November, Whole number 132, p.290; 16<sup>th</sup> December, Whole number 133/134, p.317

14<sup>th</sup> January 1927, Volume 9, Whole number 135, p.20; 28<sup>th</sup> February, Whole number 138, p.60; 27<sup>th</sup> April, Whole number 142, pp.103-104; 6<sup>th</sup> July, Whole number 147/148, p.171; 25<sup>th</sup> August, Whole number 150, pp.195-196; 9<sup>th</sup> November, Whole number 155, pp.255-256; 31<sup>st</sup> December, Whole number 158, p.304;

13<sup>th</sup> January 1928, Volume 10, Whole number 159, pp.11-12; 15<sup>th</sup> March, Whole number 163, p.60; 14<sup>th</sup> April, Whole number 165, pp.83-84; 14<sup>th</sup> June, Whole number 169, p.132; 28<sup>th</sup> August, Whole number 174, p.175; 14<sup>th</sup> December, Whole number 181, p.272;

12<sup>th</sup> February 1929, Volume 11, Whole number 185, p.40; 11<sup>th</sup> April, Whole number 189, pp.87-88; 12<sup>th</sup> June, Whole number 193, p.144; 14<sup>th</sup> August, Whole number 197, p.184; 11<sup>th</sup> October, Whole number 201, p.220; 25<sup>th</sup> November, Whole number 204, p.256;

14<sup>th</sup> February 1930, Volume 12, Whole number 209, p.40; 12<sup>th</sup> April, Whole number 213, pp.83-84; 6<sup>th</sup> September, Whole number 222/223, p.180; 14<sup>th</sup> November, Whole number 227, p.228; 29<sup>th</sup> November, Whole number 228, p.240;

31<sup>st</sup> January 1931, Volume 13, Whole number 232, pp.27-28; 14<sup>th</sup> February, Whole number 233, p.40; 15<sup>th</sup> May, Whole number 239, p.112; 16<sup>th</sup> July, Whole number 243/244, p.160; 14<sup>th</sup> October, Whole number 249, p.212; 15<sup>th</sup> November, Whole number 251, pp.235-236; 19<sup>th</sup> December, Whole number 253/254, pp.267-268;

15<sup>th</sup> February 1932, Volume 14, Whole number 257, p.40; 31<sup>st</sup> May, Whole number 264, pp.123-124; 14<sup>th</sup> October, Whole number 273, p.208; 30<sup>th</sup> November, Whole number 276, p.243;

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*The Philatelic Index*

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**W. Dorning Beckton; Col. [C. L.] Bagnall; B[enjamin] Goodfellow; W. A. R. Jex Long; P[ercy] de Worms; T. W. Peck & P. L. Pemberton:** *The Philatelic Index.*, Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, Cambridge, UK, 1925, 248pp.

This index incorporated **Jex Long's** index of 1906 and continued it to 1924. It also included English-language books from 1908-1924 to bring the Crawford Catalogue<sup>(1)</sup> up to date.

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Albert H. Harris

*The Standard Index to Philatelic Literature*

Harris Publications, London, 1926-33

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Harris Publications, (7 Parts.), London, 1926-33, 146pp.

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**Baker's** name only appeared on Parts I - IV. The book gave only **Harris** as "Editor" with an acknowledgement to **Baker** in the Foreword.

Published in 1933 as a single volume, in both normal and interleaved editions.

Reprinted with an additional material as:

**Negus, James (Editor)**

The Harris Index to Philatelic Literature 1879-1925.

James Bendon, Limassol, Cyprus, 1991, 157pp.

**Biographies:**

See Negus, Reference 10.

Baker left in about 1927 or 1928 to take up another position and the work on the index ground to a halt. Ken Chapman, who joined Harris Publications in February 1928 to manage the literature department was soon pressed into service cross-checking the many hundreds of references to ensure that there were no omissions. This involved not only in Harris' own stock but also Fred Melville's library, where Chapman spent a day<sup>(a)</sup>.

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**Frederick John Melville**

*Literary Index*

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**Fritz Billig**

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Billig's Price List, 1957-58.

Index of German literature about:	Great Britain	17 sheets
“ “ “ “	USA	18 sheets
“ English “ “	USA	28 sheets

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all of the periodical literature of any importance that has ever appeared in the English, French and German languages. It indexes under a vast number of subject headings: primarily by country, secondarily by subjects under each country, the system of classification being minute and unbelievably detailed. Furthermore, each country is handled separately in two and in many cases three languages. For instance: There have been thus far published in *Mondial* two distinct indexes to United States stamps and philatelic subjects (the articles written on them, that is). One of these indexes is printed in red and covers philatelic articles on U. S. subjects that have appeared in the English language (in American, Canadian and British periodicals). The second index to literature dealing with U. S. subjects is printed in black, and covers articles that have appeared in the German language. The third, when available, will be printed in blue, covering all French articles on U. S. subjects. Thus, covering each country's subject matter we have the probability of three separate indexes which, all together, will include practically everything that has ever appeared in the world on that country's stamps. The color of the type instantly tells the reader whether he is looking at the English, French or German index—three of them being necessary—to the names of the periodicals indexed in each language. Several of the sections are now complete, United States in English, United States in German, Belgium in French, Switzerland in French, France in German, Canada in German, Gt. Britain in German and Austria in German are before me, and more are in preparation. All are in convenient loose leaf form, pages 9 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches. Prices of sections vary according to size, but all are very moderate. The U. S. sections in German and English, for instance, cost a total of \$2.40 delivered in this country. Fritz Billig is the compiler of this stupendous work—we hope he lives long enough to complete it! For detailed information I suggest that you write him at Herrengasse 6 1/4, Vienna 1, Austria

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  - This is the introduction to *Mondial* found in many of **Billig's** pamphlets and price lists of the era.

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**Ralph Archibald Kimble**

***Index to current philatelic periodicals***

**The American Philatelist, 1937-1940**

**INTRODUCTION**

In 1936, **Kimble** presented a paper before the American Philatelic Congress pointing out the necessity of a means of accessing the information locked away in the vast numbers of philatelic magazines<sup>(1)</sup>. His proposal was for the creation of a philatelic index which combined the best features of **Ricketts'** American Philatelic Society Index and the **Harris** index. He envisaged a team of people producing a volume each year and possibly cumulating them every five to ten years. In his scheme, this continuing effort would eventually index all back issues of all periodicals.

However, this did leave the problem of capturing the contents of ongoing publications. As editor of *The American Philatelist*, **Kimble** moved to solve this problem by producing his own current-awareness index which he published in this magazine<sup>(2)</sup>. It is known that he prepared a personal subject index on cards, which will have contained all of the references in his index and probably more. It is currently held by the Smithsonian Institution Library<sup>(3)</sup>.

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE INDEX**

The index comprised two parts: the index itself and the key to the abbreviations carried at the beginning of each issue of the Index. At the end of 1937 and each year thereafter, a separate list of publications was provided which carried the title *Current periodicals of the world* and included addresses and prices for each publication. Since every periodical listed carried an abbreviation, it is anticipated that every one was indexed although there were some differences between these lists and those at the front of the index. Bibliographic details of the lists of periodicals follow those of the index.

**R. A. Kimble:** *Index to current philatelic periodicals.*, The American Philatelist:

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February 1940, Issue 5, pp.312-318 & June, Issue 9, pp.602-610.

**R. A. Kimble:** *Current philatelic periodicals of the world.*, The American Philatelist, January 1938, Volume 51, Issue 4, pp.382-384; January 1939, Volume 52, Issue 4, pp.361-365 & February 1940, Volume 53, Issue 5, pp.306-311.

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**Ralph Archibald Kimble** was born in 1893 in the USA. He was a prolific writer and broadcaster, writing several books, producing the stamp column for the Chicago Daily News from 1932 to 36, editing The American Philatelist from 1936 to 1942 and 1945 to 1951 and broadcasting on stamps in Chicago from 1930 to 1935. The gap in his editing of The American Philatelist was owing to his being absent on War work, during which time he rose to the rank of Colonel. **Kimble** was a noted bibliophile with a huge library which he eventually sold to **George T. Turner** in the early 1950s. After removing the items he required, **Turner** lotted the library and sold it through **Sylvester Colby** in three named sales from 1953 to 1955. He died in 1973<sup>(4)</sup>.

## **NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX**

I have added accents. cross-referenced errors in abbreviations, ignoring case.

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AeCo	Boletim da Aerophilatelica Coda	1938-40
AeFi	Aero Field, The	1938-40
AFF	Association Filatelica de Filipines [AFF Magazine]	1936-40
AiDi	Airmail Digest, The	1939-40
AIMM	Air Mail Magazine, The	1939-40
AiPJ	Air Post Journal	1936-40
AmPh	American Philatelist, The	1936-40
AmSJ	American Stamp Journal	1937-39
AnnPh	Annales de Philatélie, Les	1937-39
Areq	Arequipa	1939-40
ArgPo	Argentina Postal	1938-40
Asia	Asia Stamp Journal	1939-40
AuIn	Australasian Informer, The	1938-40
AuPhM	Australian Philatelic Monthly	1937-38
AuSJ	Australian Stamp Journal	1937-40
AuSM	Australian Stamp Monthly	1936-40
Av	Avocations	1937-39
<b>B</b>		
Bala	Balasse Magazine	1939-40
BerBZ	Berner Briefmarken-Zeitung	1938-40
BMen	Bulletin Mensuel de la Maison Theodore Champion	1936-40
BoAFBB	Boletin de la Asociacion Filatelica de Bahia Blanca	1938-40
BoFi	Bollettino Filatelico, Il	1937-39
BoFi(A)	Boletim Filatelico (Rio de Janeiro)	1938-40
BoFi(MG)	Boletim Filatelico (Minas Gerais)	1939-40
BoFiEs	Boletin Filatelico Español	1938-40
BoPo/BoPo(EC)	Boletin Postal (Ecuador)	1937-38

BoSPP	Boletim da Sociedade Philatelica Paulista	1938-40
BraPh	Brasil Philatelico	1936-40
BriPh	British Philatelist, The	1937-40
BSpe	Bureau Specialist, The	1937-40
BuPh	Bulletin des Philatélistes, Le	1938-40
BuWil	Bulletin Philatélique Williame	1939-40

### C

CCPh	Collectors Club Philatelist, The	1937-40
Cha	Chambers Stamp Journal	1936-40
ChiCl	China Clipper	1937-40
ChiFi	Chile Filatélico	1938-40
CoEc/CoEcEl	Coleccionista Ecuatoriano, El	1938-40
ColFi	Colombia Filatélica	1939-40
CorFi	Corriere Filatélico	1937-40
CosRF	Revista Costa Rica Filatélica	1938-40
CosRi	Costa Rica Filatélica	1937-38
CTP	Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste, Le	1936-40
Cuba	Boletin Oficial de la Secretaria de Comunicaciones	1937-40
CzSp	Czecho-Slovak Specialist	1939-40

### D

DanFi	Dansk Filatelist, Den	1938-40
DeuSa	Deutsche Sammler, Der – Postwertzeichen, Das	1939-40
DHISRev	Don Houseworth's International Stamp Review	1938-40
DonPo	Donau-Post	1938-40

### E

Ech	Écho de la Timbrologie, L'	1936-40
Eliz	Elizalde Stamp Journal	1939
EmRSP	Embossed Revenue Stamped Paper News	1938-39

### F

FiCub	Filatelica Cubana	1938-40
FiGu/FiGu-El	Filatelist Guayaquilano, El	1938-40
Fil	Filigrana	1938-40
FilRe	Filatelisticka Revue	1938-39
Frim	Frimarket	1939-40

### G

GazBe	Gazette Philatélique de Belgique, La	1938-40
GoG	Godden's Gazette	1936-40
GSM	Gibbons Stamp Monthly	1937-40

### H

Hob	Hobbies	1937-40
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### I

IllPR	Illustrated Philatelic Record	1939
IntFN	International Frimaerke-Nyt	1939-40
InTij	International Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde en Toerisme	1939-40
ItFi	Italia Filatelica	1938-39

<b>J</b>		
JaPh	Jamaica Philatelist	1936-40
JaPNO	V. F. James' Philatelic Notes & Offers	1937
<b>K</b>		
Ken	Kenmore Kollector	1939-40
KiSh	Kitte Shumi	1937-40
<b>L</b>		
Lin/Linn	Linn's Weekly Stamp News	1936-40
LP	London Philatelist, The	1937-40
Luf	Luftpost, Die	1939-40
LuxPh	Luxembourg Philatélique, Le	1939-40
<b>M</b>		
ManC	Manchurian Collector	1936-37
ManFi	Manizales Filatélico	1939-40
Mek	Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News	1936-40
MelPo	Melita Post	1939-40
MexFi	Mexico Filatélico	1938-40
MexPo	Mexico Postal	1938-40
MirMex	Mirador Filatélico de Mexico	1939-40
MiWPN	Mid-West Precancel News	1937-39
<b>N</b>		
NarSb	Národní Sběratel	1938-40
NatSN	National Stamp News	1939-40
NedFi	Nederlande Filatelist, De	1936-40
NewFi	Probably an error for NedFi	
NeZSC	New Zealand Stamp Collector	1936-40
NFT	Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift	1936-40
Numa	Numaria	1939-40
<b>O</b>		
OriPh	Orient Philatelique, L'	1938-40
<b>P</b>		
PaPh	Pacific Philatelist	1936-37
ParaFil	Para Filatelico	1939-40
ParFi	Paraiba Filatelica	1939-40
Pat	Pat Paragraphs	1936-40
Ph	Philatelist, The	1937-40
Pha	Philatelia	1937-38
PhAd	Philatelic Adviser, The	1936-40
Ph&R	Philatelist & Raconteur, The [Renamed The Philatelist]	1936-37
PhAu	Philately in Australia	1937-38
PhBe	Philatéliste Belge, Le	1936-40
PhChr	Philatelic Chronicle, The	1939
PhJGB	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, The	1936-40
PhJIn	Philatelic Journal of India, The	1938-40
PhLRev	Philatelic Literature Review	1938

PhMag	Philatelic Magazine, The	1936-40
Phsme	Philatelisme	1937-40
Pht	Philatelist, Der (Haida)	1936-40
Pht(R)	Philatelist, De (Rotterdam)	1938-39
PMa	Postal Markings	1936-40
Pme	Postmarke, Die [Renamed Sammler-Woche]	1936-38
PmEx	Postmark Exchangite, The	1937-40
PorFi	Portugal Filatelico	1938-40
PoSR	Postage Stamp Review	1937
PrBe	Precancel Bee, The	1937-40
PrHe	Precancel Herald, The	1937-40
PrOp	Precancel Optimist	1936-40

## R

ReFiAr	Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina	1938-40
ReFiPl	Revista del Centro Filatélico de la Plata	1939-40
RiFT	Revista Filatélica d'Italia, La	1937-40

## S

Samm	Sammlerwelt	1938-40
SamSch	Sammler Schau	1939-40
SamWo	Sammler-Woche	1938-40
SanAp	Sanabria's Air Post News	1937-40
SC	Stamp Collecting	1936-40
SCCR	Stamp and Cover Collectors Review	1937-39
SCEC	Stamp Collectors' Exchange Club Magazine	1937-38
SCF	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly	1936-40
ScMJ	Scott's Monthly Journal	1936-40
SFT	See SvFT	
SINTP	SINTP	1938-40
Sla	Stampland	1937-38
SLo	Stamp Lover, The	1936-40
SMag	Stamp Magazine, The	1937-40
SMJ	See ScMJ	
SoAfPh	South African Philatelist, The	1938-40
SoIA	Souvenir Issue, The	1937-39
SPA	S.P.A. Journal	1939-40
SRev	Stamp Review, The	1937-39
Ss	Stamps	1936-40
StCC	Stamp Collector's Companion, The	1938
StNe	Stamp News, The	1938-39
StSp	Stamp Specialist	1939-40
SuPo	Suomen Postimerkkilehti	1938-40
SvFT	Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift	1936-40

## T

TiPo	Timbre Postal, El	1937-40
TriFi	Tribuna Filatelistů	1939-40

## U

UP	Union Postale, L'	1936-40
USPG	United States Postal Guide	1936-40

		<b>V</b>	
VenFi	Venezuela Filatélica		1939-40
		<b>W</b>	
WaCPh	War Cover Philatelist, The		1937-40
WEP	West-End Philatelist, The		1937-40
WhKB	Whitfield King Co's Bulletin		1938-40
WoSD	World Stamp Digest		1939-40
WoSM	World Stamp Market, The		1937
WPhG	Weekly Philatelic Gossip		1936-40
WSC	Western Stamp Collector		1936-40

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Robert Noske, Leipzig, Germany, 1937

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Daniel William Vooyo

*Index to current U.S. stamp periodicals:  
A list of leading references appearing during 1944*

**Philatelic Literature Review, 1945**

INTRODUCTION

Daniel Vooyo founded the **Philatelic Library Association** in 1942. Its three primary aims were: 1) To encourage the greater use and study of philatelic literature; 2) To provide facilities whereby philatelic literature may be bought, sold or exchanged; 3) To aid shut-ins and others not able to source their own philatelic literature.

In order to support and publicise the Association he published and edited the *Philatelic Literature Review*. Its objectives were to publish lists, indexes and bibliographies of publications on various specialties as well as to review new publications, as illustrated on its front cover - Figure 1.

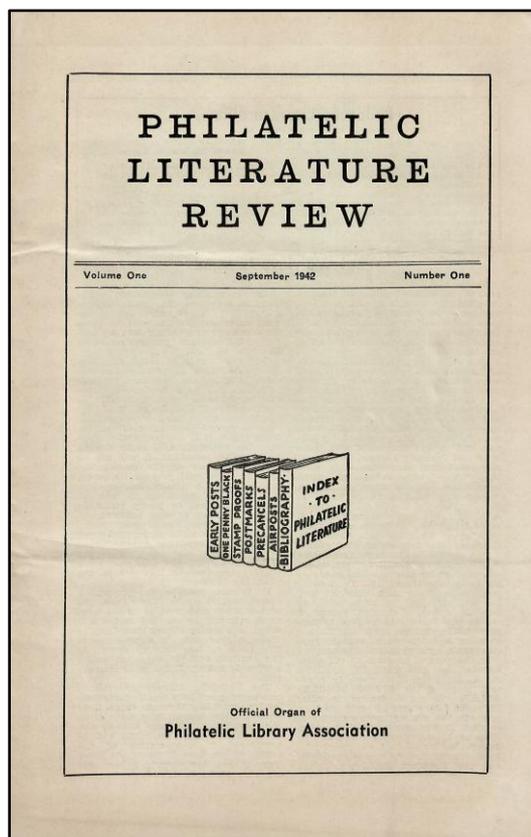


Figure 1 Front cover of the first number of the *Philatelic Literature Review*  
(From the Author's library)

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR

**Daniel William Vooyo** was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1914 at New York City, to **Daniel Joseph Vooyo** and **Matilda Patricia Vooyo**, nee **Harlow**. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Canajoharie, New York, of which he was always thought of as a native. His brother, **Bernard**, was born five years later.

He graduated from the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance of Boston, Massachusetts and began a career in banking. In 1936, he joined the National Spraker Bank of Canajoharie, being elected Assistant Cashier in January 1940. In August of that year he became the Assistant National Bank Examiner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Federal Reserve District.

He married **Grace E. Edick** (1919-2009) in the spring of 1941 and together they had two sons: **Daniel F. Vooyo** and **James D. Vooyo**.

With war imminent, **Vooyo** joined up in April 1941, serving first with the Field Artillery and Finance Department. Having attended Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in January 1943. He was released from active service in March 1946 with the rank of Captain. However, he remained on the active reserve in the Adjutant General Corps until his release in December 1952.

Upon his initial release from military service in 1946, he was appointed Auditor of the First National Bank of Canajoharie. He then rose to Assistant Vice-President in June 1948, Assistant Vice-President and Trust Officer in January 1952 and finally Vice-President and Trust Officer of the Central National Bank in June 1955. On the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1957 he was appointed Vice-President and Cashier of the First National Bank of Jamestown and in 1960, he was appointed to the Board of Directors. Finally, in 1964 he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Central National Bank of Canajoharie. At the time of his retirement on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1977, he was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of New York, Capital Region.



Figure 2 **Daniel William Vooyo** in about 1945  
(Philatelic Literature Review, April/June 1946, p.6)

Although he began to collect stamps at the age of twelve, he quickly appreciated that the literature was the key to the hobby. By the age of twenty-three he had joined the American

Philatelic Society, one of the many societies and clubs he joined. These included the Collectors' Club of New York, Society of Philatelic Americans, American Philatelic Congress; as well as specialty societies such as the Scandinavian Collectors Club, the Essay-Proof Society, the Confederate Stamp Alliance (now the Civil War Philatelic Society), United Postal Stationery Society and the Germany Philatelic Society. He also joined foreign societies such as the Junior (later National) Philatelic Society of London and the Association Internationale des Journalistes Philatéliques. With his characteristic drive and vision, he was a Founder of the Fine Arts Unit of the American Topical Association which he initially financed and became its first President, with membership number 1.

Nevertheless, his main interest was philatelic literature and in May 1942, whilst still in military service, he founded the Philatelic Library Association (from 1956, the Philatelic Literature Association) with **Lucius J. Jackson** (1915-1978). In spite of the War, he began to publish *The Philatelic Literature Review*, of which he was editor from 1942 to 1956 and again from 1963 to 1970. He also undertook the roles of President and Secretary at times. Having given up the role of editor, he sold most of his library between 1956 and 1957. However, he soon began to assemble it anew. In 1956, he received the *Luff Award* from the American Philatelic Society for his exceptional contribution to philately. By 1964, his library comprised over 15,000 stamp magazines and he had a card file with 20,000 entries.

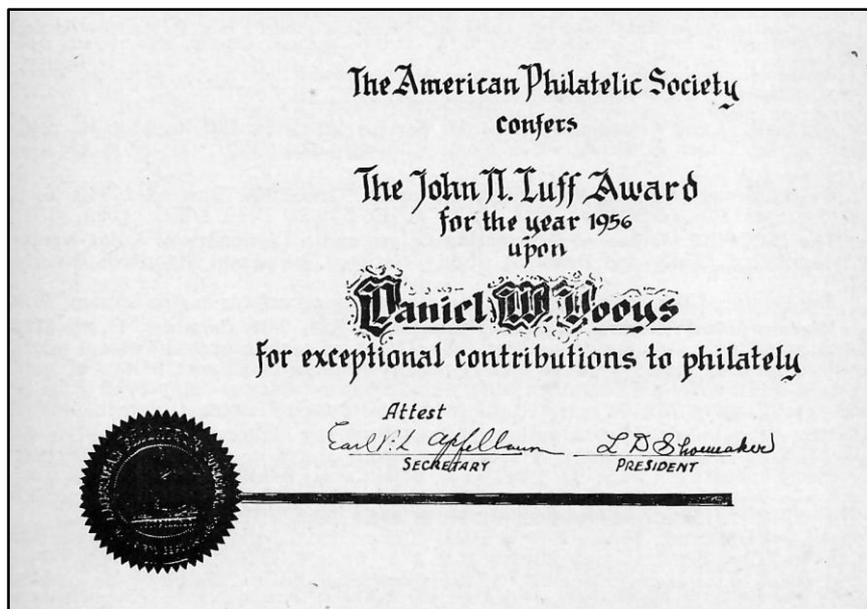


Figure 3 The Luff Award Certificate to **Daniel W. Vooy's** (Philatelic Literature Review, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1956, p.79)

From 1965 to 1977, he served the American Philatelic Society in many capacities including two terms as its President from 1969-1973. The Society had originally formed a library almost as soon as it was founded but in those days before it had a permanent home, the library was in the keeping of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to which it was eventually given in 1929. **Vooy's** campaigned hard to get the Society to reinstate its library. When, in 1967, the American Philatelic Society decided to form its own library, it was **Vooy's** who drew up the plans for its organisation. The American Philatelic Research Library was incorporated the following year and in 1970 he became one of the Library's Founders. In order to establish the Library, he donated nearly half of his reformed library, about three tons of books and journals, to it. He also merged the Philatelic Library Association into the American Philatelic Research Library, making the *Philatelic Literature Review* its journal. He became President of the Library in 1975, a position he held until his death.



Figure 4 **Daniel William Vooy** in about 1964  
(Courtesy of the American Philatelic Research Library)

**Vooy** was elevated to the American Philatelic Society Writers Unit No. 30 Philatelic Writers' Hall of Fame in 1975.

Having been suffering from cancer for a long time, **Daniel W. Vooy** died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1978 in New York at the age of sixty-four. His death coincided with the announcement that he had been awarded a second *Luff Award* for Outstanding Services to the American Philatelic Society. In anticipation of his death, the Society had taken steps to advise him of the Award shortly before it was due to be announced. Following his death, the remainder of his library was donated to the APRL together with his index to the fifteen thousand or so periodicals he had collected. At the same time, the *Daniel W. Vooy Fund* was established by the Society to provide continued support to the Library.

In 1980 he was elected to the American Philatelic Society Hall of Fame.

A new fund-raising campaign to support the APRL was initiated in 2007. It included the designation *Daniel W. Vooy Fellow* to anyone undertaking to donate \$5,000 over the succeeding five years.

#### Vooy Index

This was a time of War for America when people did not have a great deal of time on their hands to prepare the required publications for their hobby. Most collectors of the day had the indispensable catalogue, the odd handbook and a periodical or two. So, in order to demonstrate the nature and quality of material to which the **Philatelic Library Association** aspired, in the second and third numbers of 1945, **Vooy** published a subject index he had compiled of the leading articles in the 23 most important American philatelic magazines that had been published in 1944.

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF VOOYS' CURRENT-AWARENESS INDEX**

## Philatelic Literature Review:

April 1945, Volume 3, Issue 4, Whole number 10, pp.5-14.

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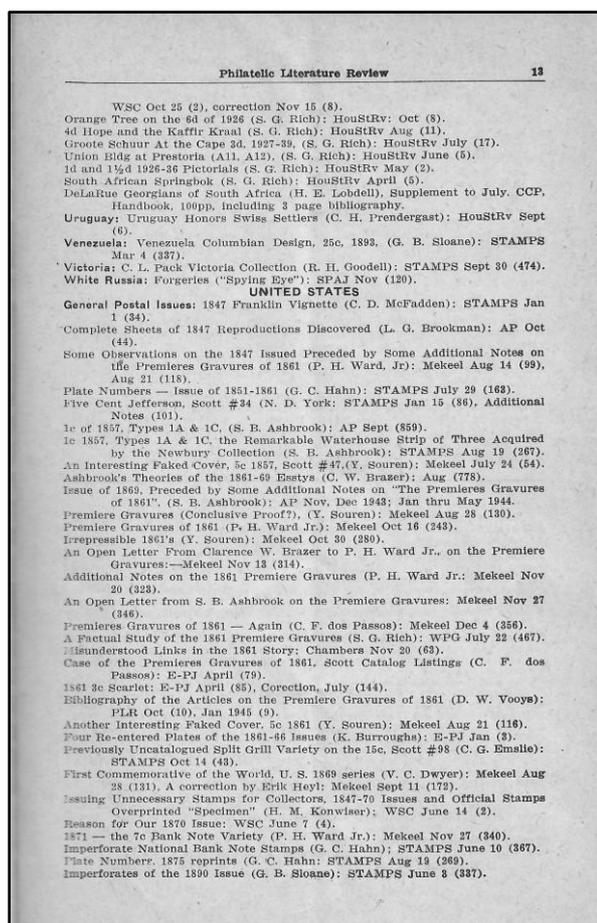


Figure 5 The USA page of references from the index  
(From the Author's library)

## NOTES ABOUT THE INDEX

**Vooy's** chose to index the 23 most important philatelic periodicals published in 1944 in America, 22 from the U.S.A. and one from Canada. It was his intention to include only the leading articles from each issue, omitting the general news, new issue details and other minor items.

The first part of the index covered *Foreign Countries*, following by *United States* references. With most of the periodicals being from the United States, this section naturally dwarfs the other parts of the index. Although he tried to categorise the various entries and put the stamps in date order, the United States section still has masses of entries under many of the sub-headings.

The final part of the index is *General Topics and Specialties*. It is evident from its extent and contents that **Vooy's** considered this section, which is so often neglected by other indexers, to be very important. In this index it occupies just over six pages.

Since every entry in this index relates to an issue of a periodical published in 1944, **Vooyo**s was able to reference the location of each entry by periodical title, month and page number. Where the periodical was published more than once a month, he had to add the publication day following the month. His *Key to Publications Indexed* provided details of exactly which issues of each periodical had been published during the year and therefore indexed.

**Vooyo**s also noted that full details of each periodical were given in the *Directory of Current U.S. Stamp Periodicals* that had just been published in the January 1945 issue of the *Philatelic Literature Review*.

Since **Vooyo**s had given both the title and author in each of his entries, he simplified the indexing task by omitting cross-references, judging that the title provided sufficient information.

A minor difficulty in using the index is that the headings are only distinguished from the index by being printed in bold, which is sometimes difficult to distinguish given the rather small typeface used in this periodical.

Although **Vooyo**s never again published an index that he had created, he nevertheless continued to compile an index on cards to the periodicals to which he subscribed. Although he had disposed of most of his philatelic library once he had given up the role of editor of the *Philatelic Literature Review* in 1956, he soon began to rebuild it and within a decade it contained over 15,000 periodicals. At that time the card index contained some 20,000 entries. By the time he died in 1978, one could imagine that the index had grown substantially. This index was bequeathed to the American Philatelic Research Library along with the remainder of his philatelic library.

## INDEX OF PHILATELISTS

I have a particular interest in biographies of philatelists of dealers and maintain a bibliography of references to them. Unfortunately, the majority of indexers are mesmerised by stamps, generally to the exclusion of all other subjects. Given **Vooyo**s' use of a general heading to catch anything not found under a country heading, one could reasonably expect to find some articles about specific collectors. In fact there is heading **Collectors** which has only four entries: **Ferrary**; **Robert Blake Yardley**; **Col. E. H. R. Green** and **President Roosevelt**. I do not expect that one should expect much more from a single year.

### KEY TO PUBLICATIONS INDEXED

Abbreviation	Periodical	Coverage
APJ	Airpost Journal	Volumes 15 & 16
AP	American Philatelist	Volumes 57 & 58
BNA TOPC	BNA Topics	Volume 1
BurSp	Bureau Specialist	Volume 15
Chambers	Chambers Stamp Journal	Volumes 19, 20 & 21
CCP	Collectors Club Philatelist	Volume 23
Czech Sp	Czechoslovak Specialist	Volume 5
ESCEEP	Escepeecee	Volume 8
E-PJ	Essay-Proof Journal	Volume 1
HARMER	Harmer's Stamp Hints	Volume 2
HouStRv	Houseworth's Stamp Review	Volumes 23 & 24
Linn	Linn's Weekly Stamp News	Volumes 16 & 17

Mekeel	Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News	Volumes 62 & 63
PLR	Philatelic Literature Review	Volumes 2 & 3
PreFrm	Precancel Forum	Volume 5
PreOpt	Precancel Optimist	Volumes 17 & 18
RusAmPh	Russian American Philatelist	Volumes 2 & 3
SPAJ	SPA Journal	Volumes 6 & 7
SanAPNw	Sanabria's Airpost News	Whole Numbers 27 - 29
SMJ	Scott's Monthly Journal	Volumes 24 & 25
STAMPS	STAMPS: (Lindquist Publications)	Volumes 46 - 49
WPG	Weekly Philatelic Gossip	Volumes 37 - 39
WSC	Western Stamp Collector	Volumes 18 & 19

\*Additional information concerning the individual publications will be found in the *Directory of Current U.S. Stamp Periodicals* in the January 1945 issue of the *Philatelic Literature Review* (Vol. 3 #3: page 7)

### Final Note

In the issue of July 1945, while this index was being published, the result of a *Membership Survey* was also published (Volume 4, Issue 1, pp.1-2). Most of those that had responded were in favour of continuing the index, some wanting it expanded to include all leading English-language periodicals. There were also those who thought that the *Philatelic Literature Review* should be restricted to reviewing new books and indexing only.

Notwithstanding these positive comments, this was the only current-awareness index published by the magazine or by **Vooy's**. Nevertheless, Vooy's continued to index his own periodicals as we shall see later.

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**B. Howard Paulsen**

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**Stamp Fair and Carpe Diem, 1948**

**Stamp Fair, 1948-50**

**Stamp Fair Journal, 1951**

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**BIBLIOGRAPHIC DETAILS**

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Stamp Fair and Carpe Diem, May 1948, Volume 3, Issue 11, p.244; June/July, Issue 12, p.272.

Stamp Fair, September 1948, Volume 4, Issue 1, p.24; October, Issue 2, p.50; November, Issue 3, p.80; December, Issue 4, p.112; January/February 1949, Issue 5, p.128; March/April, Issue 6, pp.160-161; May, Issue 7, p.191; June, Issue 8, p.219; July, Issue 9, pp.245-246; August, Issue 10, pp.269-270; [September], Issue 11, p.296; [November ?], Issue 12, p.317; [January ?] 1950, Volume 5, Issue 1, pp.336-337; February, Issue 2, p.356; Issue 3, p.377; Issue 6, p.438; Issue 8, p.461.

Stamp Fair Journal, October 1951, Volume 1, Issue 1, p.18; November, Issue 2, p.45 & Issue 3, p.68.

It should be noted that I have not seen Carpe Diem, Volumes 1 and 2 or Volume 3, Issues 1-2 to check whether the Bibliography appeared in any of those issues.

**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE AUTHOR**

From time to time (e.g. Stamp Fair, December 1947, Volume 3, Issue 9, p.186) Paulsen advertised subscriptions to worldwide philatelic periodicals.

**NOTES ON THE INDEX**

The early issues of the Bibliography simply listed the articles as they had been culled from the magazines. This made it an easy matter to spot errors in the abbreviations since all of the articles from an individual magazine would be found together. It was not until the list in the issue of October 1948 that the entries were placed in subject order. This same issue saw the full stops in the abbreviations beginning to be dropped.

From Volume 4, Issue 11, the space (page) allocated which had grown to two pages was reduced

to a single page and was beginning to be taken over by the list of “Publications Received”. With the first issue of Volume five, it was allocated two pages once again but from the following issue, it was restricted to “Publications Received”.

When the title of the periodical changed to Stamp Fair Journal in October 1951, a new compiler, K.E. Milburn, was responsible for the column. With the second issue of the new title, the column changed into reviews of the magazines concerned rather than just lists of titles and publishers addresses.

<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Coverage - Year</u>
	L'Echangiste Universel (sometimes given in full)	1947
A.F.	Aero Field	1948, 49
A.P.	American Philatelist	1947, 48, 49
A.P.S.	Typographical error for A.P. (3(6))(8)	
A.S.M.	Australian Stamp Monthly	1946, 47, 48, 49
Amer. Phil.	American Philatelist (in Vol. 3, Issue 5 only)	
B.B.Z.	[Berner Briefmarken Zeitung?]	1947
B.M.	Typographical error for P.M. (in Vol. 3, Issue 8)	
C.D.	Carpe Diem [sometimes given in full]	1947
E.P.C.	Essex Philatelic Contact	1948
G.S.M.	Gibbons Stamp Monthly	1947, 48, 49
I.S.J.	India's Stamp Journal	1949
L.P.	London Philatelist	1948, 49
M.S.D.	[Monthly Stamp Digest]	1947
P.	Philately	1946, 47, 48
P.A.	Philatelic Advertiser	1948
P.C.	[Philatelic Contact – formerly E.P.C.]	1949
	(in Vol.4, Issue 10)	
P.J.	[Philatelic Journal of Great Britain]	1948
	(in Vol.4, Issue 1)	
P.M.	Philatelic Magazine	1947,48, 49
Philately	Philately (in Vol. 3, Issues 5 & 7)	
Phly.	Philately See under P.	
Phty., Phily.	Typographical errors for Phly.(in Vol. 3, Issues 6 & 7)	
S. or “S”	Stamps [USA]	1947, 48
S.A.P.	South African Philatelist	48, 49
S.C.	Stamp Collecting	1946, 47, 48, 49
S.C.D.	Stamp Collectors' Digest	1949
S.C.F.	[Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly]	1947, 49
S.F.	Stamp Fair [formerly Carpe Diem]	1947, 48
S.G.M.	Gibbons Stamp Monthly	
	[Changed to G.S.M. with the list of May 1948 but still used occasionally in error.]	
S.L.	Stamp Lover	1946, 47, 48, 49
S.M.	Stamp Magazine	1947, 48, 49
S.M.J.	Scott's Monthly Journal	1949
Stamps	[Stamps, U.S.A.] See under S.	
Stp. Coll.	Stamp Collecting (in Vol. 3, Issue 5 only)	
Stp. Lov.	Stamp Lover (in Vol. 3, Issue 5 only)	
Stp. Mag.	Stamp Magazine (in Vol. 3, Issue 5 only)	

T.P.	The Philatelist	1949
W.E.P.	West End Philatelist	1949

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The name was changed to *The International Postage Stamp Review*.

Seems to have been compiled by **Charles A. Toase**. See 1947/2.

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Arthur Blair

*Articles of Value*

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KSR	Korean Stamp Review	164-end
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Lit	Lit-Phil	159-end
Log	USCS Log	61-end
Lon	London Postal History Group Notebook	140-end
LOP	L'Orient Philatélique	101-163
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NSW	New South Wales Philatelic Annual	50-130
NZ	New Zealand Stamp Collector, The	4-end
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PJI	Philatelic Journal of India, The	21-109
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**Lawrence C. Schwartz**

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**Stamp Journals Index Company, Brooklyn, NY, USA, 1983**

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On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1981, I received a letter from **Stephen A. Pla**, the then Librarian of the American Philatelic Research Library, which advised me that **Larry Schwartz**, a librarian of Newark, New Jersey, together with **Charles Cummings**, was producing an index to twenty-two philatelic periodicals, beginning with 1979. They had visited **Pla** and agreed to expand their effort to include a further eight periodicals suggested by **Pla**. Furthermore, if the project was a success, they were considering expanding the list to sixty periodicals for their 1980 index.

See PLR Vol 32, Issue 4 inside front cover. Only a single volume covering 1979 was ever published.

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James Negus compiled the first 38 lists. Subsequent lists were compiled by John Hammonds.

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## **LIST OF PERIODICALS INDEXED**

This Section was supposed to provide details of all of the periodicals that had been included in the indexes in this document. The intention was to show where the content of each periodical was indexed and what dates the various different indexes covered. In this way, it would be possible to see which periodicals had been indexed and which still required indexing at some future time. It would also have allowed researchers with incomplete references to home in on a required article without searching every page of a volume.

In late 2008, I realised that this list carried much duplication of the material included in Section 2.2.1.2: *Bibliography of Philatelic Periodicals*. Accordingly, the list was removed from the present document and merged into that Section.

## APPENDICES

### UNPUBLISHED, LOST & SPECIALISED INDEXES

#### BACKGROUND

Over the years I have read many thousands of philatelic periodicals and very occasionally, I have seen mention of a Retrospective or Current-Awareness Index to philatelic periodicals being compiled but which has remained unpublished. This is an attempt to list all of those indexes that were reported in the press or became known to me in some other way, but which may or may not now exist.

It is divided into two parts. The first part comprises *Unpublished Indexes*, the whereabouts of which is known but of which copies are not generally available. They may however, be consulted in person at the organisation holding the index or by correspondence. Those indexes held by the Royal Philatelic Society London have been digitised (**Bacon**) or are in the process of being digitised (**Creeke**) and will be made available to members both in book form in the Library and through the *RPSL Catalogue*, found on the Society's web site, once digitisation is complete.

The second part provides details of *Lost Indexes*, the whereabouts of which is no longer known. Along with all published references to each index, I have included all of the steps I have taken to locate each one.

#### Appendix 1

### UNPUBLISHED INDEXES

#### Bacon, Edward Denny

**Sir Edward Denny Bacon K.C.V.O.** (1860-1938) was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 1860 at Stockwell in the UK. Since he was the first child, he was named **Edward** after his father and **Denny**, which was his mother's maiden name. He had five brothers and three sisters, his mother dying in 1878 shortly after the birth of his youngest sister. **Edward Bacon Senior** was a Corn Merchant with premises in London whilst living in various towns on the outskirts of the City, moving to successively larger homes as the family grew. After his schooling, the younger **Bacon** joined his father's business and eventually replaced him as a partner with **William Hastings** in what had become Malt Factors. Seeing no future in the business, the partnership was dissolved in December 1895. Thereafter, at the age of 35, he devoted himself entirely to philately<sup>(1)</sup>.

In 1885, **Bacon** married **Alice Jane Atkins** and set up home in Ilford where they had a son and two daughters. In August 1897, at the age of 9, his eldest daughter died of complications related to tuberculosis, to be followed five years later by his wife at the early age of 49. Soon after, the family moved from Ilford to South Croydon, where he remained until his death.

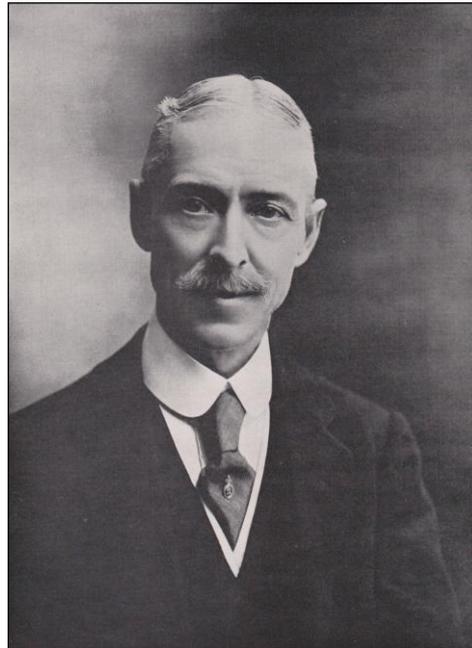
**Bacon** had collected stamps since the age of about seven and in 1880 at the age of nineteen, he became a member of the [now Royal] Philatelic Society, London. The following year he was elected an officer (Joint Auditor) and would have been well acquainted with the other members. Through such contacts, he was asked to advise and assist **Thomas K. Tapling** (1855-1891) in

building up and arranging his collection. Following **Tapling's** early death and the bequeathing of his collection to the British museum, it was only natural that **Bacon** should be engaged to arrange and mount the collection for display, a task that took him, with the assistance of his daughter **Constance**, from 1892 until 1899.

The noted American collector **Henry J. Duveen** (1854-1919) had built up a collection of classic stamps by buying important collections as they came to market. In 1901, he gave the collection to his wife and engaged **Bacon** as her philatelic adviser. **Bacon** examined all of the stamps ensuring that only the finest copies were retained for the collection and then arranged them and wrote them up.



**Figure 1 Edward Denny Bacon ca. 1891**  
(Royal Philatelic Society London photograph collection)



**Figure 2 Edward Denny Bacon ca. 1920**  
(Royal Philatelic Society London photograph collection)

The **Earl of Crawford** (1847-1913) was one of Britain's premier bibliophile's, continuing to expand and catalogue the exceptional library commenced by his father. Having re-kindled his schoolboy interest in stamp collecting in 1899, it was only natural that he should seek to build up a library on the subject. It was shortly after his purchase of the **John K. Tiffany** (1842-1897) library in 1901, that the **Earl** engaged **Bacon** to sort and catalogue the library as well as bring it up to date. **Bacon** spent much of the next decade at the **Earl's** Cavendish Square home in London, working on the Library<sup>(2)</sup>.

Following the death of **John A. Tilleard** (1850-1913), **Bacon** was invited to succeed him as Curator of the Royal Philatelic Collection, a post he was to retain until his death in 1938.

**Bacon** had always been a serious researcher on the stamps of many countries and published a great number of articles throughout his philatelic career. Indeed, his own *Index* demonstrates this by listing over 180 of his contributions to the literature, twelve of which were books or booklets. None of these were space fillers for the popular press, every one carrying some new or important information he had discovered.

## **The Index**

To support his researches, **Bacon** built a reference library of some 3,000 volumes and kept up an *Index* of important philatelic articles and books, which he continued to compile throughout his career. He had expressed the wish that upon his death, the *Index*, his philatelic medals, and his book of notes and photographs of stamps relating to his work on the Expert Committee, should be offered to the Society. This wish was made known to the Society by his son and daughter in a letter, sent shortly after his death<sup>(3)</sup>, the proffered gifts being reported in the July issue of *The London Philatelist*<sup>(4)</sup>. That these items had been collected and were in the possession of the Society was reported at the Council Meeting<sup>(5)</sup> of October that same year.

Evidently, the *Index* was kept in the Library for some years for members to use freely, as is evidenced by **Norman Williams**' recollections related in **James Negus**' book *Philatelic Literature*<sup>(6)</sup>. Although this reference is said to relate to the *Creeke Index*, from his description **Williams** is obviously recalling his use of the *Bacon Index* rather than that by **Creeke**, since the latter is in a completely different format and is very difficult to use as it stands. However, at some time, possibly during the Second World War, the *Bacon Index* was placed in storage in the Royal's basement and was then forgotten for some 50 years or so. It was only re-discovered by a library volunteer, during a reorganisation of the basement storage areas in 1995<sup>(7)</sup>.



Figure 3 One of the boxes containing the Bacon Index slips



Figure 4 Close-up of the box slips

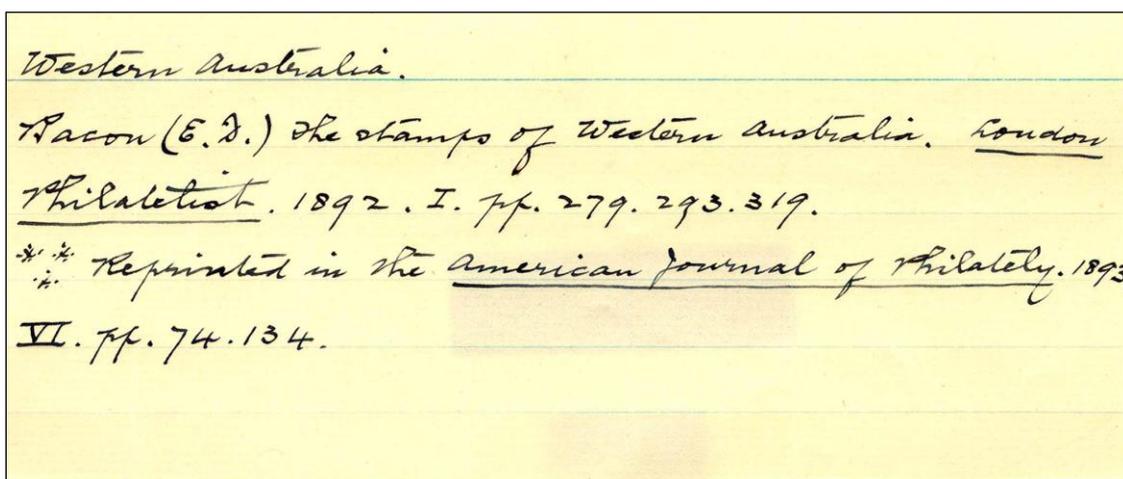


Figure 5 A slip from the Index relating to one of Bacon's own articles  
 (Actual size 7 inches wide x 3 inches tall)

The *Index* comprises some 25,000 references to important books and articles published in the philatelic press from 1862 to 1937. These were copied by hand onto slips of paper 7 inches wide by 3 inches deep (178 mm x 75 mm) with faint blue lines on one side. Three purpose-built wooden storage boxes (200 mm x 320 mm x 100 mm), covered in dark green cloth, were

required to hold the 8,000-10,000 slips. Although undated, it was evidently compiled over a period of fifty or so years, the final entries being made from journals published a few months prior to **Bacon's** death.

Since the *Index* was compiled for his own use in support of his extensive philatelic writings, the great majority of entries relate to the stamps of almost every country. Although he also recorded many biographical references, there were very few general articles included. Since it was essentially a working document, only important articles and books were recorded. The articles were culled from fifty-four major periodicals covering the period from 1863 to December 1937. In addition, key articles from a further thirty-six periodicals were also noted in the *Index*. While most of the articles are in the English language, there are numerous entries in French and German.

The *Index* was transferred to computer by **Brian J. Birch**, with the help of his former secretary **Anne Drinkwater**, over the period April 2001 to April 2010. A copy of the *Index*, complete with *List of Journals Indexed*, *Author Index* and separate *Index of Biographies*, hard bound in black cloth, is held in the Library of the **Royal Philatelic Society London**. Similar copies are held by the present writer and the **Philatelic Section of the British Library**. The Royal Philatelic Society London Library also holds digital versions in both Microsoft Word® and pdf formats, which can be searched electronically, or from which hard copies can be made<sup>(8)</sup>.

The digital version has been incorporated into the **Royal's RPSL catalogue**, an online resource for members and others, in order to make **Bacon's** monumental effort more widely available.

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## Collectors Club



**The Library in about 1970<sup>(1)</sup>**

The Collectors Club is located in New York City and is often referred to as the Collectors Club of New York to distinguish it from other Collectors Clubs elsewhere in the USA.

By the mid-1890s there were several philatelic societies in the New York area but none were particularly identified with New York City. In 1896 some of the most prominent members of these societies decided to found such a society in New York. Although several dealers were amongst the founders, the name Collectors Club was chosen to emphasise philately over commerce. The Club received its Charter from the State of New York on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1896.

A hundred stamp dealers and collectors were induced to pay \$25 for a founders share in the Club and thereby provide working capital. Suitable premises were soon found at 351 Fourth Avenue only a block from Madison Square.

Having moved from place to place during the early decades, in 1937 the Club acquired its permanent home with the purchase of 22 East 35<sup>th</sup> Street from the estate of **Thomas B. Clark** for whom it was built. This hallmark building remained its home for the next 84 or so years.

Following the then recent action of the Royal Philatelic Society London, in 2021 the decision was taken to sell the current home of the Club as it was too expensive to maintain and bring up to the required standard. With the proceeds, the Club could afford to move into a facility better suited to its needs.

## The Index

It would appear that from January 1939, the library staff at the **Collectors Club** began to routinely index the principal articles appearing in the periodicals the library received. The

results of this effort were recorded on author and subject cards and the result was called the *Current Literature Index*. I know from an article in the *Philatelic Literature Review* of September 1942<sup>(2)</sup> that this effort was still in progress at that date.

At the time that the article was written, some members were working on the earlier issues of notable periodicals back to their beginning.

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## Creeke, Anthony Buck

**Anthony Buck Creeke Jr.** (1860-1932) was born on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1860 in Burnley, UK, his father being the Town Clerk. Following his schooling and training as a solicitor, a profession also followed by his brother, he moved to London in the 1880s. He eventually became a partner in the firm of **Adler & Perowne**<sup>(1)</sup>. As a young man, he married a woman whose husband was still living which involved him in considerable expense<sup>(2)</sup>. This is possibly why so little of his earlier life is recorded in philatelic periodicals.

Although he acquired his first stamps in 1868, it was not until 1880 that he took to stamp collecting in earnest. A general collector until 1896 or 1897, when he sold all but his stamps of Great Britain on which he then concentrated. In was also in the latter year that he joined the [now Royal] Philatelic Society, London.

In 1893, he met **Hastings Elwin Wright** (1861-1897) and they soon began to collaborate on a book about the stamps of Great Britain. Having secured an introduction to Somerset House, they were given unrivalled access to historical documents and archives. Although **Wright** died of influenza in September 1897 and **Creeke** was forced to finish the book on his own, their *Adhesive Stamps of the British Isles*, published by the Philatelic Society, London, in 1899 was unrivalled in the detail it offered.

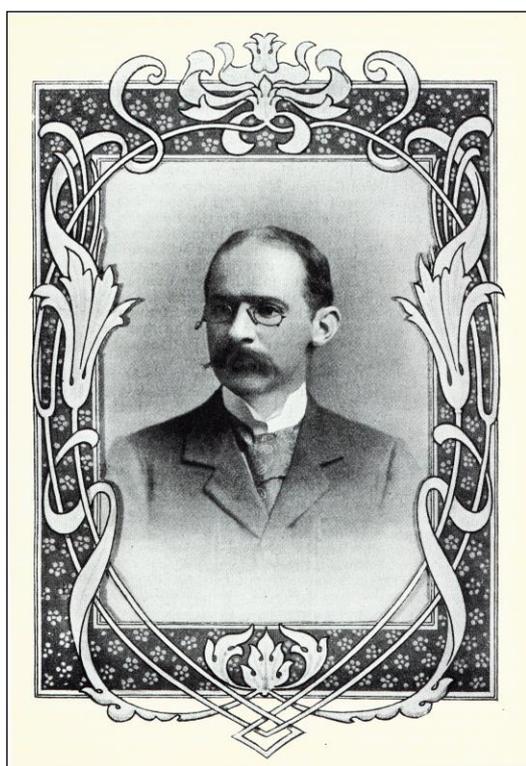


Figure 1 Anthony Buck Creeke Jr. ca.1900

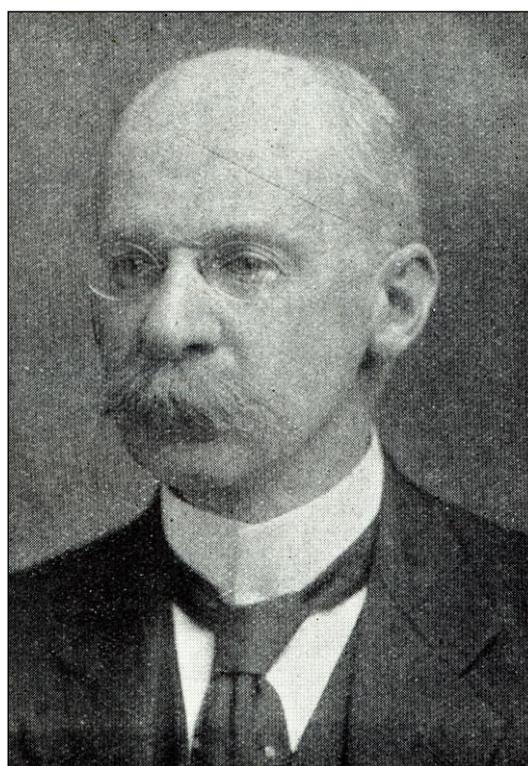


Figure 2 Anthony Buck Creeke Jr. ca. 1930

Unfortunately, **Creeke** used the contacts that he and **Wright** had built up at Somerset House to obtain overprinted Official stamps, which were not available to the public. This resulted in his prosecution in 1903 and sentencing to six months in prison. As a consequence, he was struck off the rolls as a solicitor,. It was not until 1913 that he was re-admitted and allowed to resume his chosen profession.

Following this traumatic event, **Creeke** became more involved in philatelic matters, becoming

Assistant Editor of *The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* in July 1910<sup>(3)</sup> and Editor three years later<sup>(4)</sup>, a position he held until 1921<sup>(5)</sup>. In 1913, he accepted the position of Librarian for the Junior Philatelic Society, holding the position until his death nineteen years later. With its first issue in 1908, **Creeke** became editor of *The British Philatelist* and was still in that post nearly twenty-five years later upon his death on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1932<sup>(6)</sup>.

## The Index

After two false starts in about 1911 or 1912, the *Index* was begun in earnest. It was about this time (1914), that the *Crawford Library* became accessible in the British Museum and **Creeke** became determined to index every English-language philatelic periodical and *Le Timbre-Poste*. He would spend every lunch time in the British Library poring over the volumes and noting whatever he thought useful on small slips of paper. (Figure 3)

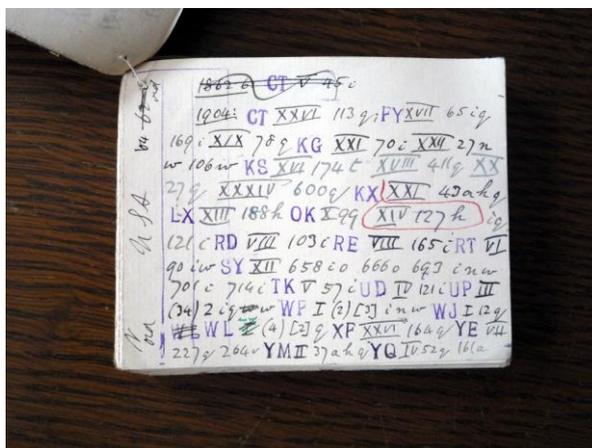


Figure 3 A slip on which the references to the United States 1904 issue have been recorded

In compiling his *Index*, **Creeke** had realised, possibly after his first two abortive attempts, that normal methods of abbreviating journal titles would be totally impractical for the 600 to 800 different journals that he anticipated indexing. Such a huge selection would include a great many with duplicate and similar titles. Accordingly, the first journal was given the code **A**, the next **B** and so on, until he reached the twenty-seventh which was designated **AA**. This system continued, eventually reaching the code **ACL** giving a total of 766 journals from which he had indexed at least one item. In addition to these would have been a similar or probably greater number of titles in which he found nothing worth recording.

Although eminently practical, this system did give rise to pages of intimidating references which would put off all but the most persistent researcher. (Figure 4) Although digitisation has allowed the journal titles to be added to each entry, the fact that **Creeke** only used the volume number and page, or where no volume number was available the issue number and page, means that the codes are still essential to uniquely identify those journals with common titles.

Figure 4 shows a typical page from the *Index* for the stamps of the United States of America. The notation in the top right hand corner indicates that it is page 25 of this country, the listings for which continue for another 13 pages. It covers the stamps issued from 1902/03 to 1907 and includes the entries for 1904 found on the above slip. This page also carries examples of **Creeke's** manuscript additions and corrections, with which both the typescript and carbon copy are dotted.

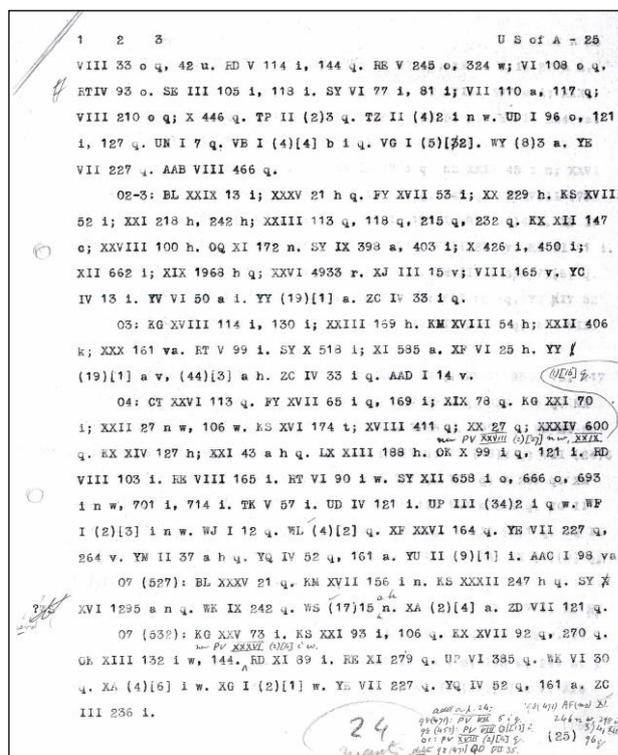


Figure 4 A typical page from the Carbon Copy of the Index including the entries for 1904

The *Index* was first announced to the world by Creeke in an editorial in *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* of 14<sup>th</sup> May 1921<sup>(7)</sup> although it was described as being compiled by “a friend”. The following month he elaborated on the index included an explanation as to how he was managing to include such a vast number of periodicals.

By the following year, Creeke had decided to admit to authorship of the Index and in a detailed letter to the Editor of *The London Philatelist* of June of that year, he provides an outline of the *Index* and its progress<sup>(8)</sup>. The following year he appeals in the same pages for help with journals published after the *Crawford Catalogue*<sup>(9)</sup>.

By 1929, the Creeke Index, or give it its full title: *The Philatelic “Vade Mecum” being a Subject-Index to the various Articles and Notes comprised in most of the Philatelic Journals published in the English language during the period 1862 to 1924/28 and in Moëns’ “Le Timbre-Poste”*, had been typed up on well-over 1,000 quarto sheets and was ready for publication. Although Creeke had proof sections printed and obtained quotations for the job from two printers, he seems to have taken it no further. In fact, he continued to index additional journals virtually up to the time of his death three years later, although these remained as slips and were never integrated into the 1929 typescript.

Letters exist in the Royal Philatelic Society London’s correspondence archives<sup>(10)</sup> which show that soon after Creeke’s death, Charles Nissen, a prominent dealer of the time, had been retained by Creeke’s widow to find a publisher for the *Index*, willing to purchase it for 50 guineas. The *Index* had been placed with the Royal which had established a sub-committee to consider the offer. Benjamin Goodfellow reviewed the *Index* and wrote to Percy de Worms that he considered it of marginal interest to the Society which, in any case, was not in a position to publish it. Subsequently, the Secretary of the Royal wrote to the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain and advised that the Council was prepared to purchase the *Index* and present it to the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain if it would undertake to publish it. An offer that was declined.

The Council Meeting minutes record that on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1936 it was decided to offer 20 guineas (£21.00) through **Nissen** for the *Index* and its copyright with no undertaking that it would be published<sup>(11)</sup>. At the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December, it was noted that **Mrs. Creeke** had accepted the Society's offer and **Colonel Wood** was instructed to write a notice to that effect in *The London Philatelist*. The anonymous note duly appeared in the December issue<sup>(12)</sup>. Unfortunately, not only was the piece given the very misleading title of *The Creeke Philatelic Library Index*, but it also incorrectly announced that the *Index* had been presented to the Society by **Mrs. Creeke**.

In early 1940, the Society received a letter from **Mrs. Creeke** asking whether her late husband's *Index* was going to be published. If not, she desired to dispose of it to someone who would publish it<sup>(11)</sup>. A letter was drafted to **Mrs. Creeke** pointing out that the Society had purchased the absolute copyright for 20 guineas and was therefore the outright owner.

It is now known that what the Society purchased was the original slips, the typescript and carbon copy of **Creeke's** *Subject Index* together with some miscellaneous items such as the two **Gibbons Catalogues** he used for reference, his incomplete biographical *Index* and a mass of handwritten slips relating to the biographical *Index*. Evidently, the carbon copy of the *subject Index* was placed in a number of folders which were made freely available in the Library for the use of its patrons. All of the remaining material was placed in a wooden box and stored in the Society's basement.

Apart from a simple note of its existence in the 1938 Library Report<sup>(13)</sup>, I have been unable to find any other reference to the *Index* until **James Negus** wrote about his search for it in 1991. **Negus** was the most important British bibliophile of his day and wrote an unsurpassed book on philatelic literature<sup>(14)</sup>. In his introduction to Chapter 15: *Literature Indexes*, he mentions the *Creeke Index*. The associated note expands on the information and its "donation" to the Royal. He had evidently discussed his search for the *Index* with **Norman Williams** who recalled using it before the War. However, from **Williams'** description, the *Index* he was referring to was that of **Bacon** and not **Creeke**. **Negus** speculated that the *Creeke Index* may have been amongst the items removed for safe-keeping during the War and had possibly not been returned.

In reality, at some unknown date, possibly during the War, the carbon copy was put in the basement and like the box containing the typescript, it too was forgotten. It was not until 1995 that two library helpers, clearing a room in the basement, rediscovered the carbon copy of the *Index*<sup>(15)</sup>.

For the next five years or so, various studies were carried out by the Librarian to determine the accuracy and worth of the *Index* as well as the feasibility of digitising it on a country by country basis<sup>(16)</sup>. During this period, several researchers worked on the particular countries in which they had an interest and confirmed its accuracy and usefulness<sup>(17)</sup>. However, in 2010 after almost a decade of relative inactivity, the present writer decided to digitise the whole *Index*, primarily as a monument to **Creeke's** remarkable effort over a period of some 20 years.



**Figure 4** The roll of newspaper containing the Obituary slips

In 2011, the missing typescript of the *Index* was re-discovered in its wooden box in an administration storeroom in the Royal's basement. It was accompanied by the original **Stanley Gibbons** catalogues used by **Creeke** and also by two rolls of newspaper tied by ribbon, to which strips of paper had been glued. (Figure 4) Upon inspection, these rolls proved to be the collated data for the *Appreciations* and *Obituaries* sections of **Creeke's Index**. Figures 3 and 4 show an unrolled sheet from the *Appreciations* roll, from which it can be seen what a huge effort it must have been to get all of the names in the correct order, with each page containing fifty to sixty tiny slips of paper.

The *Index* is primarily a country index with a relatively small number of general references. A separate index to biographical references. Full details of the biographical *Index* was published once it had been digitised<sup>(18)</sup>.

The *Index* is currently being transferred to computer by the present writer and his former secretary, **Anne Drinkwater**.

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7. **[A. B. Creeke (Editor)]**: *A subject index of all philatelic journals in the English language and "Le Timbre-Poste"*., The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 14<sup>th</sup> May 1921, Volume 27, p171 & **Compiler [A. B. Creeke Jr.]**: *Philatelic Literature.*, The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 25<sup>th</sup> June 1921, Volume 27, p.224.
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Volume 31, Issue 1, pp.1-2) and a response from **P. J. Anderson** reminding him of his letter on the subject in *The Philatelic Record* of nearly thirty-five years earlier. (February 1922, Issue 2, p.52).

9. **A. B. Creeke**: *Correspondence: Philatelic Subject-index.*, The London Philatelist, October 1923, Volume 32, p.246.
10. The following letters are to be found in the Royal Philatelic Society's Correspondence Archives:
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    - Letter from **Benjamin Goodfellow** to **Percy de Worms**, reviewing the *Index* and giving his opinion of its value to the Society.
  - 25<sup>th</sup> July 1933;
    - Letter from **L. J. Gilbert-Lodge** to **A. J. Séfi** enclosing the report to the Society's Sub-Committee appointed to consider the *Index* and offering to purchase it for the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain to publish.
  - 15<sup>th</sup> October 1933;
    - Letter from **A. J. Séfi** advising that he had brought the matter before the Permanent Congress Executive Committee which could not see its way to publish the *Index*.
11. The following entries about the *Index* can be found in the Royal Philatelic Society London Council Meeting minutes:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> November 1936, pp.76-77
  - 13<sup>th</sup> December 1936, p.80
  - 18<sup>th</sup> March 1940, pp.18-19
12. *The Creeke philatelic library index.*, The London Philatelist, December 1936, Volume 45, p.290.
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14. **James Negus**: *Philatelic Literature.*, James Bendon, Limasoll, Cyprus, 1991, 293pp.
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## Fricks, Ernest Eugene

Compiled by **Ernest Eugene [Gene] Fricks** (1948-)

A retired Air Force officer and nuclear engineering consultant, he has been an active philatelic writer and editor for most of his life.

He spent sixteen years editing the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, returning to the post some years later after his successor resigned.

Apart from the Collectors Club, he also contributed greatly to the American Philatelic Society, helping to write its *Code of Ethics* and serving on its Board and Expert Committee. In 2007, he received the *Luff Award for Outstanding Service to the American Philatelic Society*.



**Fricks at a ceremony at Rutgers University wearing his academic gown in 2012**

**Ernest E. (“Gene”) Fricks**, a native of Knoxville, TN, resides in southern New Jersey. He is married to **Dorothy** and they have two daughters and four grandchildren.

An engineer and management consultant by profession, **Gene** is a retired United States Air Force officer, having served as a base civil engineer and squadron commander. He currently provides consulting services to clients in the energy supply, environmental remediation and rail transport sectors. He is a Life Fellow in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers.

Academically, he holds bachelor degrees in mechanical engineering and European history from Rutgers University, a masters in engineering from the Pennsylvania State University (University Park), and a masters in American history from Rutgers. He is a graduate of the Air War College and holds a certificate in executive management from the Wharton School, Philadelphia. He has published a number of papers in refereed journals and two books.

Philatelically, **Gene** has served the Collectors Club in New York as editor of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* for 18 years (in two stints) and is a member of the Board of Governors. He has twice been awarded the President’s medal for service to the Collectors Club. **Gene** is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London and a life member and past vice president of the American Philatelic Society, and a Luff Awardee for service to philately. He is a founder member and first editor of the New Jersey Postal History Society. A retired philatelic judge at the international level, he has formed a number of award-winning exhibits and collections, principally from locations having some personal connection. He is the current (2014) president of the APS Writers Unit #30 and the Masonic Study Unit of the American Topical Association.

A Freemason, he has served the fraternity at the state Grand level as well as national and international service.

An avid genealogist, **Gene** has traced and published several family lines: Fricks Switzerland (1358); Lay Wales (Norman Conquest); Clark Ireland (Rising of 1798). His earliest American

immigrant ancestor arrived in 1638 from Yorkshire. He also has a line among the eastern Cherokee people in North Carolina.

## The Index

In the late 1980s, the author began to compile his philatelic index, which he called *PHLNDX*, as a card index for his own use. Eventually, it was transferred to computer. A copy of the index, designated the *first edition*, was placed in the Library of the **Collectors Club** of New York. It includes a full explanation of the project's origin and development.

In 1998, it was incorporated into the **American Philatelic Society's** on-line database, adding some 83,000 articles. In 2006, **Gene** announced that he had just sent his 70<sup>th</sup> update of his attempt to index all philatelic periodicals, to the **American Philatelic Research Library**. He also noted the difficulties and expense involved and related his experiences to **Ricketts'** comments regarding his indexing efforts.

By 2007, the author had sent his 81<sup>st</sup> update to the **American Philatelic Research Library**, giving a total of nearly 215,000 entries. The author also noted that the project began 28 years earlier and included details of his collaborators. The 82<sup>nd</sup> update was sent in late 2007. This was printed out by the present author using Times New Roman 8pt font, with which it resulted in 4,103 pages.

I was told in 2012, that the **American Philatelic Research Library** had only incorporated about half of the references into its Union Catalogue but the whole index was incorporated into the online *RPSL Catalogue*.

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## James, Thomas Edward

Compiled by **Thomas Edward [Ted] James** (1906-1992)

Born in England, he moved to Australia with his family at the age of 14. After the War, he joined the Sydney G.P.O. and spent most of his working life there.

**No photograph of Thomas Edward James is known.**

Following his retirement from the G.P.O. he worked in the mail-room of the wool-broking firm of Pitt, Son & Badgery. As a philatelist, his interest was thematic and miniature sheets. A supporter of organised philately and Philas in particular.

For many years **Ted** was a volunteer at the Philas Library in Sydney, NSW, Australia. It was reported that one of his self-imposed tasks was to compile indexes to periodicals held by the Library, particularly *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* (1891-1988). When he had completed this journal, he started on the *Philatelic Magazine*. (*The Philas library.*, Philas News, September 1988, Whole number 66, p.12.)

In 2010, I enquired of **Ben Palmer**, the current Librarian, who replied as follows: *As for the Ted James index I do not think it has survived. He died I think in early 1992 around the time I started my involvement with the Philatelic Association of New South Wales. I was 15/16 at the time. I must admit I did look at it least once but it was not very professional and mainly limited to Gibbons Stamp Monthly and then for a very limited period. When I used it, it appeared he had only started it as there was so little data on the cards.* (e-mail from **Ben Palmer**, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010.)

Almost inevitably, **Ben** found the missing index shortly afterwards.



**The single tray of references produced by Thomas Edward James**



Photographs courtesy of **Ben Palmer** (Philas)

ICELAND		CARD 1	SIDE 1
PROVISIONALS OF 1897		SG 137	FEB 99
FORGERY SURCHARGE		SG 182	MAR 03
ICELANDS ALTHINGI (MILLENNARY ISSUE OF 1930)		SG 194	JULY 32
PAQUEBOT CANCELLATIONS		SG 152	MAY 36
~ ~	(SHIP & FOREIGN PMRS ON STAMPS OF ICELAND)	SG 94	FEB 37
ICELANDIC SAGA		SG 62	APRIL 46
AN ISSUE IS BORN	STAMP CENT. COLOUR SUP	SG	MAY 73
YOUR MAIL IN ICELAND IN 1863		SG 231	MAY 73
HISTORY ETC		SG 66	OCT 80
ICELANDIC SAGA		ASM 105	APRIL 30
ICELAND MILLENNARY ISSUE		ASM 236	JULY 30
THE LAND OF SAGAS		ASM 595	AUG 65
AIRMAIL PIONEERING		ASM 31	MAY 68
FIRST STAMPS		SM 166	MAY 43
A THOUSAND YEARS ON STAMPS		SM 29	OCT 45
STAMP CENT. -		SM 66	JULY 73
LAND OF ICE AND FIRE		SM 60	APRIL 76
POSTAL SERVICE - PAST AND PRESENT		SG 50	SEPT 89

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## Kell, Elmer

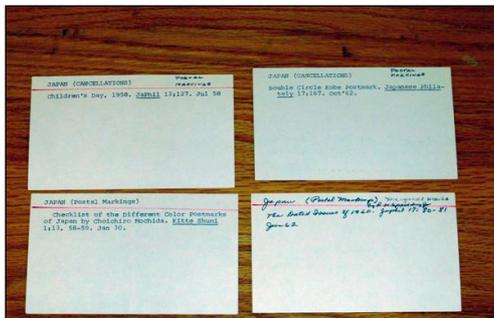
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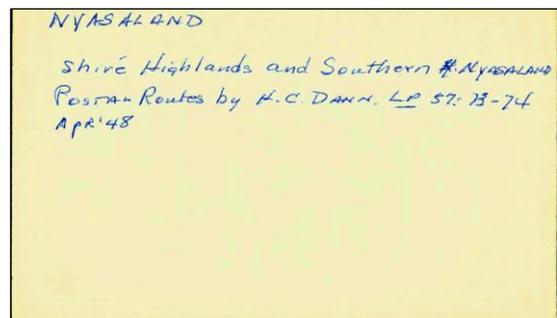
The set of file boxes containing the Kell Index



The box containing the letters J-N showing the missing A-I cards



Some index cards – both typewritten and handwritten



A typical handwritten card

Photographs courtesy of **Scott Tiffney** (American Philatelic Research Library)

I really don't know much about **Col. Elmer Kell**. What I have heard was more about the travels of the library (upon which the index was based). I believe the Library moved around, at one time it was in the Culver City Public Library, that may have been up into the mid 1980s. It slowly diminished and some ended up in the San Diego philatelic library, and other material went to the Sunnyvale Library (The Sunnyvale Public Library had resided there from ~1950 to roughly 1988 but that's another story) today it is the **Western Philatelic Library**. I was given the **Kell Index** by **Larry Parks** (Thousand Oaks, CA) he would probably be in his mid 80s if still alive, his wife's name is **Sally**, so **Larry** may have some clues. Also, **Lois Evans** lives in Oxnard, she was the librarian of the American Philatelic Research Library from 1973 to 1979, and moved to Oxnard in 1987. I can e-mail her, I'm long overdue to have a chat with her. Many of those that may have known **Kell** are sadly also long gone. Back to **Kell**, I know there are

many sections missing from the collection, notably the first drawer of the Worldwide references, *A-I*. Also, the list of abbreviations is my creation. (Adapted from an e-mail by **Gini Horn** to **Scott Tifney** answering an enquiry made on my behalf, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013.)

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This index was acquired by the American Philatelic Research Library in about 2003. It was housed in file draws, one of which was missing. Since there was no key to journal abbreviations, it is assumed that the missing draw held them. A list of abbreviations noted was published in the Philatelic Literature Review with those not identified highlighted and with a request for help.

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## Kimble, Ralph Archibald

Compiled by **Ralph Archibald Kimble** (1893-1973)

**Ralph Archibald Kimble** was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1893 at Kansas City, the son of **Ralph Grierson Kimble** and **Ellen Jemima Kimble** (nee **Stote**). The family moved to Galesburg, Illinois, where **Kimble** graduated from Galesburg High School and Knox College. In 1917 he joined the United States Army initially as an Infantryman but soon moved into the Artillery. He ended the war as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and acting Captain in the 123<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery.

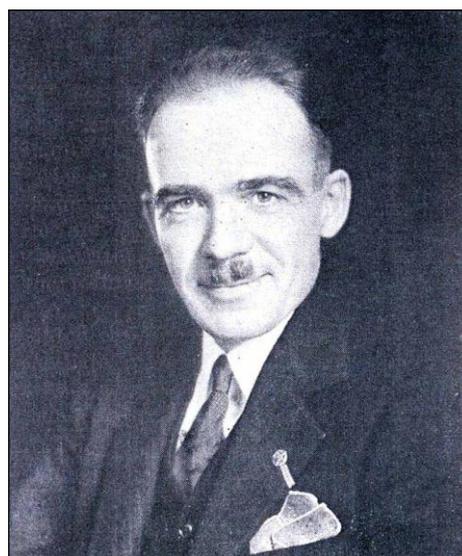
Returning from active duty, he married **Ruth Hazen** on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1919. Together they had two sons and a daughter. By the 1930s he was a sales engineer with the Powers Regulator Company of Chicago, specialists in automatic temperature controls.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, **Kimble** was recalled into the army in 1943. His service lasted until 1946 by which time he had reached the rank of Colonel.

In 1901, at the age of 8, his parents encouraged him to collect stamps. Apart from interruptions caused by periods at high school and college as well as his service in two world wars, he maintained his interest in the hobby for the rest of his life. Apart from philately, his other interests included golf, literature and music. Although he began as a general collector, he eventually specialised in Central and South America, especially Argentina, as well as 20<sup>th</sup> century imperforate stamps. With specialisation came the need for a philatelic library and he built what was probably the largest and finest philatelic library in the United States, with the sole exception of that of the Collectors Club of New York.

From the 1930s to the 1950s, **Kimble** was one of the most prominent American philatelists. From 1930 to 1935, he hosted a weekly stamp programme on radio station WMAQ at Chicago. He wrote the column *Fundamentals of Philately* for *Stamps* from 1932 to 1935 and also the weekly column *Postage Stamps* for the *Chicago Daily News* from 1932 to 1936.

A prolific author, he wrote numerous books including *How to Collect Stamps* (1932); *Commemorative Postage Stamps of the United States* (1933); *Stamp Collecting for profit* (1935);



**Ralph Archibald Kimble (1893-1973)**

However, it was as editor of *The American Philatelist* for the American Philatelic Society, that **Kimble** is best known. Except for his military service from 1943 to 1946, he edited the magazine from October 1936 to November 1951. He introduced many new features into the magazine, especially his *Index to Current Philatelic Periodicals* from 1937 to 1940, published serially in *The American Philatelist* and based on the magazines he received in his library. This eventually grew into his personal card index of both subjects and authors with well over 100,000 entries, which is now in the Smithsonian National philatelic Museum Library. Since

the American Philatelic Society had given up its library decades earlier, in 1941 he offered to make his library available to members of the Society.

His services to organised philately went well beyond the American Philatelic Society as he was also a member of the Society of Philatelic Americans, the Chicago Philatelic Society, the Collectors Club of New York and the Austin Philatelic Club. He was a frequent speaker at stamp clubs and when travelling would give clubs in the area advance notice so that they were able to arrange meetings at which he would speak.

During the Second World War, **Kimble** was on active duty for three years and during this time his library could not be kept up to date, particularly with respect to periodicals. This may well have been the reason that he decided to dispose of it not long after his return to civilian life, in spite of him only being in his mid-fifties and still with years of philatelic activities ahead of him. In 1948, he offered his library to the American Philatelic Library. They declined the offer, presumably because they had no fixed home and therefore nowhere to store such a massive library, which by then weighed some ten tons. In December 1950, **Kimble** advertised the library for sale at \$10,000 including his card index and 4,000 pounds of duplicates. The Library itself was estimated at some 7,500 volumes, occupied 400 linear feet of shelf space and weighed over seven tons. In about 1952 it was purchased by **George Townsend Turner**, who became the greatest bibliophile of the day. **Turner** extracted those works that he required and described the remainder to make three major named literature auction sales for **Sylvester Colby**. These were billed as the **Ralph Kimble Library** and featured his bookplate as the background on the front covers. Although **Kimble's** huge index was offered as a lot in one of the auctions, it was unsold and remained in **Turner's** hands. Upon **Turner's** death, it was amongst the many bibliographic items he bequeathed to the National Philatelic Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, where it is still to be found.

**Ralph Archibald Kimble** died on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1973, at the age of eighty.



The draws containing the Kimble Index



One of the periodicals draws

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-PERIODICALS-

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EDITOR \_\_\_\_\_  
PUBLISHER \_\_\_\_\_

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		Mar. 10/Apr. 21	
		Apr. 28/May 19	
		May 26/Oct. 27	

One of the Periodicals cards

Kimble's Subject-Author Index to Philatelic Literature CARD No. \_\_\_\_\_  
OF \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT *Netherlands*

AUTHOR \_\_\_\_\_

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One of the Subject-Author index cards

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## Mueller, Barbara Ruth

Compiled by **Barbara Ruth Mueller** (1925-2016)

**Barbara Ruth Mueller** was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 1925 in Jefferson, Wisconsin, USA, to **Edward Phillip Mueller** and **Winifred Mueller** (nee **Moffott**). Her ancestors had emigrated from Bavaria to America during the years 1848-1852. She had one brother **Richard Edward Mueller** who predeceased by her brother.

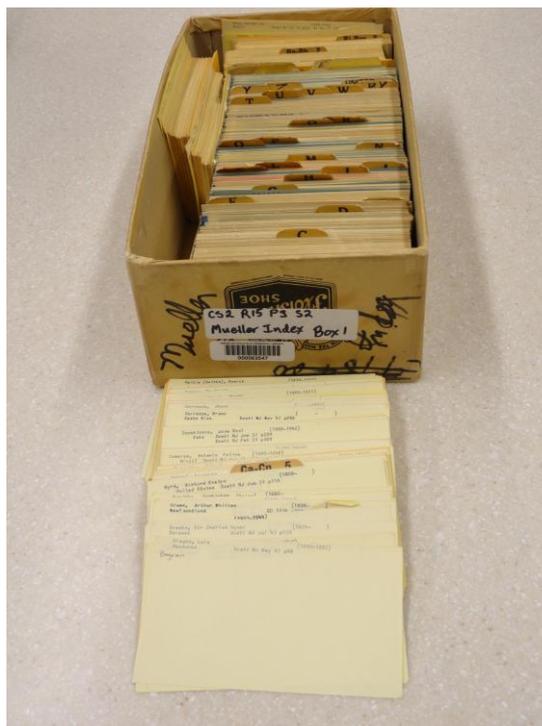
Barbara R. Mueller, through her research and writings, has had an exceptional influence on American philately. Her first book – *Common Sense Philately*, published in 1956 – gained her recognition on the United States national philatelic scene.

Later publications range from those for beginners to highly specialised works such as “John E. Javit, American Engraver and Printer”, which received the McCoy award for the best article in the *American Philatelic Congress Book, 1995*. She has formed a number of research collections to support her writings and has an outstanding collection of Pomeroy’s Express labels.

Barbara R. Mueller is one of the United States Stamp Society’s most prominent members, chairing committees including the Postal History and Markings Committee and the essays-Proof Committee, editing *The United States Specialist* from 1972 through 1977 and contributing prolifically to that journal over six decades. In addition to her 2006 induction to the USSS Hall of Fame, she has been honoured and recognised by the American Philatelic Society, having received the John N. Luff Award and been inducted into the APS Writers Unit 30 Hall of Fame. In 2007, the USSS established the United States Stamp Society – Barbara R. Mueller Award for the best article published each year in the *American Philatelist*, the monthly journal of the APS.



**Barbara Ruth Mueller**



Mueller was the editor of the annual *American Philatelic Congress Book* from 1986 to 1990, and the *Essay Proof Journal* from 1963 to 1993. She is currently working with the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's editorial committee on the file of Arthur M. Travers, who was an executive in the U.S. Post Office Department between 1900 and 1910.

For her services to philately she has received most of the major awards in U.S. philately, including the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for the Collectors Club (NY), and the Smithsonian Philatelic Achievement Award from the Smithsonian NPM.

[www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org), Sept. 2017, 1p.

The index was presented to the American Philatelic Research Library in 2013 as part of a donation, just before she passed away.

The index is basically on typed cards and fills two shoe boxes. It appears to cover the years 1920 to 1960 and the cards are filed by subject and author. The subject listing is mainly by country with some philatelic terms.

The index was derived chiefly from *Scott's Monthly Journal* with additional items from *Stamp Collecting*, *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* and *Stamps*.



Images of the index supplied by **Scott Tiffney** of the American Philatelic Research Library, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

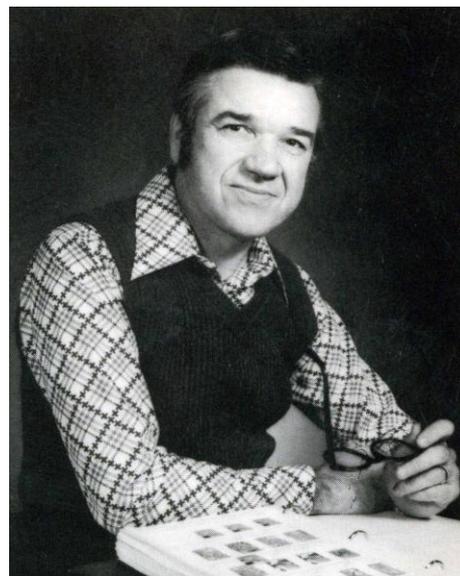
### **References and Notes**

## **Olcheski, Bill**

Compiled by **Bill Olcheski** ()

He was a judge at American exhibitions for many years and built up an index to the articles published in a large number of philatelic exhibition catalogues.

A copy of his manuscript index is held by the present author.



## **References and Notes**

## **Pawley, Lawrence & Vivian**

Compiled by **Lawrence Pawley** and **Mrs. Vivian Pawley** while he was the Head Librarian of the Western Postal History Museum Library (now the Slusser Memorial Library of the Postal History Foundation).

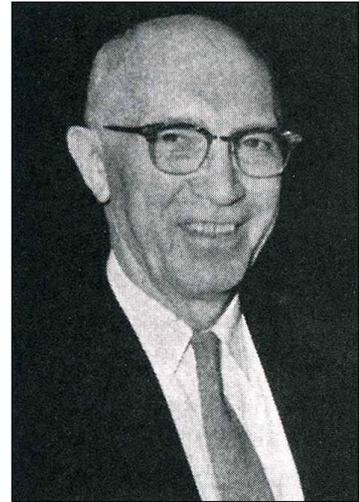
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  - Mention of the existence of, and compilers of the Index and that photocopies of cards can be requested by post.

**Piper, Ed. D.**

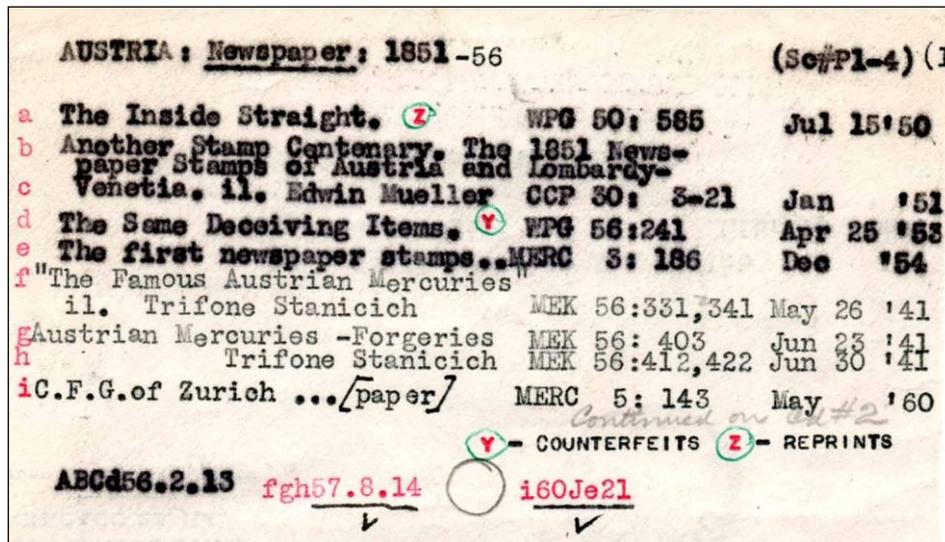
Compiled by **Ed. D. Piper** (-1969)

**Ed. D. Piper** was the Librarian of the **Garfield-Perry Stamp Club** for many years prior to his death during a Club meeting in December 1969. During this time, he maintained a card index covering the contents of numerous (said to be at least twenty-five) major periodicals in the Society's library, dating from the mid 1870s to as late as December 1969, within days of his death.



**Ed. D. Piper**

In 1974, the index was given to the **American Philatelic Research Library** by his family, through the good offices of the **Garfield-Perry Stamp Club**. Renamed the *Piper File*, it is one of the Library's major bibliographic resources.



**A typical Piper File slip**

The index entries were made on any paper that Piper had available, some of which is rather fragile. In addition, the file held by the American Philatelic Research Library is only a carbon copy, the originals are held by **Cleveland Public Library**.



The twenty-four draw unit containing the Piper File  
(Photograph courtesy of Neil Coker, APRL)



A draw showing the file cards and titled spacer cards  
(Photograph courtesy of Neil Coker, APRL)

Although the index slips cover the period from about 1870 (from earlier journals he indexed retrospectively) the majority of them date from the 1930s to the late 1960s, just before **Piper's** death. The following periodicals were routinely indexed:

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|--|-------------------------------|
| American Journal of Philately (2 <sup>nd</sup> series) | Postal History Journal        |
| American Philatelist                                   | Postal Markings               |
| American Philatelic Congress Book                      | Pat Paragraphs                |
| Collectors Club Philatelist                            | Scott's Monthly Stamp Journal |
| London Philatelist                                     | S.P.A. Journal                |
| Linn's Weekly Stamp News                               | Stamp Specialist              |
| Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News                             | Stamps                        |
| Mercury Stamp Journal                                  | Weekly Philatelic Gossip      |
| Philatelic Gazette                                     | Western Stamp Collector       |

In spite of its usefulness, the file has always posed a problem for the library as it comprises tens of thousands of slips of paper which are easily damaged or replaced out of order. Over the years, plans have been made to have it microfilmed (1983) and printed in book form (1983) but no progress was ever made. Efforts to have it digitised failed owing to the excessive depth in which he indexed the articles. According to **Gini Horn**, *If an article discussed Scott 1-10 (whatever country), it is on a card label Sc 1-10, as well as one for Sc 1, another for Sc 2, another for Sc 3, etc. We tried to key it in, but the mind just revolted at putting the information in so many times!* (e-mail dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2004.)

In 2012, it was revealed that a library volunteer, **Scott Tiffney**, had begun the digitising of the Piper File. However, the librarian moved on and **Scott** took over as Librarian.

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3. **Gini Horn:** *Bookmarks.*, The American Philatelist, November 1985, Volume 99, Issue 11, p.1044.
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- 118, Issue 4, p.384.
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  6. **Tara Murray**: *Collaboration is the key.*, Philatelic Literature Review, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012, Volume 62, Issue 2, pp.106-108.
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  7. **Scott Tiffney**: *Resource of the month - Piper Philatelic Index.*, Philatelic Literature and Research Blog, <http://blog.stamplibrary.org>, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018, 3pp.
    - An outline of the *Piper File*.



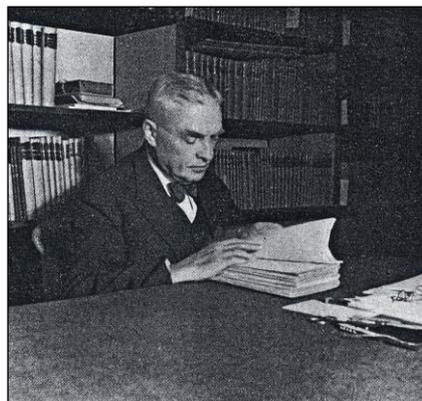
1. **Wm. C. Stone:** *Jamaica philatelic literature.*, The Weekly Philatelic Era, 28<sup>th</sup> November 1903, Volume 18, Issue 10, p.78.
2. **Wm. C. Stone:** *Articles about Western Australian stamps.*, The Weekly Philatelic Era, 19<sup>th</sup> December 1903, Volume 18, Issue 13, p.108.
3. **William C. Stone:** *Antigua in our literature.*, The Weekly Philatelic Era, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1904, Volume 18, Issue 18, p.151.

## Strandell, Nils Vilhelm

Compiled by **Nils Vilhelm Strandell** (1876-1963)



**Strandell in his own library**



**Strandell in the Postal Museum library in 1946**

His biography can be found under his published index in 1909.

He began to index the periodical literature relating to the European nations in 1908 as a supplement to the **Kohl Handbook**. In 1943, the Index was transferred with **Strandell's** library to the Swedish Postal Museum in Stockholm. In 1945, he wrote that it included 17,000 references to articles. Once his library was transferred to the Museum, he seemed to have ceased working on the Index since, according to an article he wrote in 1959, it still only contained the same number of references.

### References and Notes to the Strandell Index

1. **Nils Strandell:** *Vad kan studiet av frimärks-litteratur ge?* [*What can the study of stamp literature give?*], *Frimärks Dags Årsbok*, 1945, Issue 2, pp.95-104.
  - A description of the library and how it can be used, includes a note of **Strandell's Index**.
2. **Nils Strandell:** *The philatelic library of the Stockholm Postal Museum.*, *Linn's Weekly Stamp News*, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1959, Volume 32, Issue 35, pp.14-15.
  - The description of the library includes details of **Strandell's Index**.

## Tiffany, John Kerr

Compiled by **John Kerr Tiffany** (1842-1897)

In the late 1870s, **Tiffany** was asked by **Jean-Baptiste Moens** to write a comprehensive history of the stamps of the United States. In preparation, **Tiffany** compiled an index to all of the references to American stamps in the periodicals held in his library, which he completed in 1881.

The first mention of the Index was in a letter to **Edward D. Bacon** of the Philatelic Society, London, dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 1888.

It was not in the **Tiffany** library that was sent over to London after its purchase by **Charles J. Phillips** on behalf of the **Earl of Crawford** in 1901.

We next read of it in the possession of **William R. Ricketts** in the Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society of January 1916.

It seems to have then come into the possession of **George T. Turner**, presumably

at the time of the sale of **Ricketts** library through **Paul Bluss**. **Turner** mentioned the Index in his article on bookplates in 1954. Following **Turner's** death, in 1979, he bequeathed much of his library to the **National philatelic Collection** at the **Smithsonian Institution**, where the Index now resides. In 1990, the Index was written-up and illustrated as one of the Collection's important pieces and has naturally been entered into the Smithsonian Library catalogue.

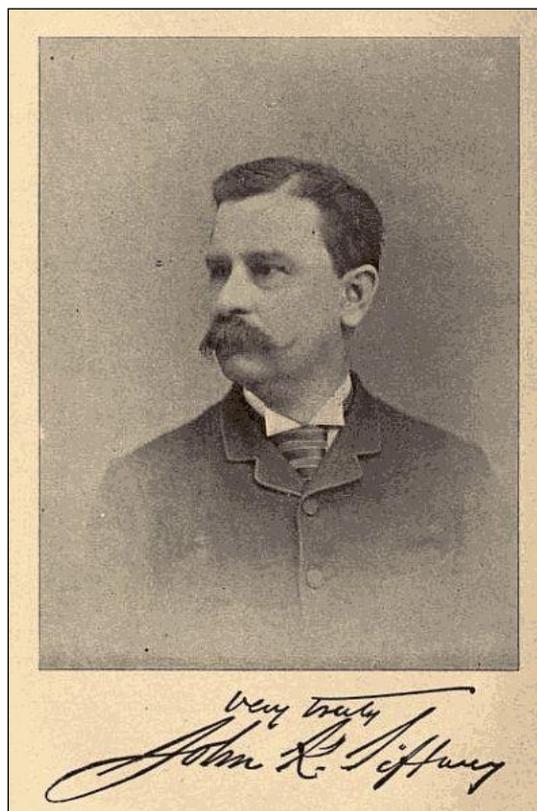
In 2012, it was mentioned by **Bonny Farmer** in her article and was written up definitively, with all of the other **Tiffany** manuscripts by the present author, based on an unpublished manuscript by **James Negus**, in 2013.

### The Second Index

In his letter to the **Earl of Crawford**, written after he had visited St. Louis and seen the library, **Phillips** mentioned that **Tiffany** had been working for several years on a Card Index of every article and book in his library. The whereabouts of this Card Index is not known at this time.

### References and Notes to the Tiffany Index

1. *Some unpublished manuscripts by Tiffany.*, Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society, January 1916, Volume 9, Issue 1, p.15.
2. *The Ricketts Collection of Philatelic Literature.*, Paul Bluss, 427<sup>th</sup> Auction Sale, August 1945, 1013 lots.



3. **George T. Turner:** *Philatelic Bookplates.*, Philatelic Literature Review, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1954, Volume 4, Issue 4, pp.43-59.
4. *Collection highlights – Literature: The Tiffany Index.*, NPC Newsletter, July/September 1990, Volume 2, Issue 3, p.5.
5. **Bonny Farmer:** *The Tiffany Index mystery.*, Philatelic Literature Review, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2012, Volume 61, Issue 2, pp.132-137
6. **James Negus & Brian J. Birch:** *Unpublished Tiffany manuscripts.*, Philatelic Literature Review, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2013, Volume 62, Issue 1, pp.28-50.

## Vooyo, Daniel William

Compiled by **Daniel W. Vooyo** (1914-1978)

**Daniel William Vooyo** was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1914 at New York City, to **Daniel Joseph Vooyo** and **Matilda Patricia Vooyo**, nee **Harlow**. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Canajoharie, New York, of which he was always thought of as a native. He graduated from the Bentley School of Accounting and finance of Boston, Massachusetts and began a career in banking. In 1936, he joined the National Spraker Bank of Canajoharie, being appointed Assistant Cashier in January 1940. In August of that year he became the Assistant National Bank Examiner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Federal Reserve District.

He married **Grace E. Edick** (1919-2009) in the spring of 1941 and together they had two sons: **Daniel F. Vooyo** (September 1942-) and **James D. Vooyo**.



With war imminent, **Vooyo** joined up in 1941, serving first with the Field Artillery and Finance Department. Having attended Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned second Lieutenant in January 1943. He was released from active service in March 1946 with the rank of Captain. However, he remained on the active reserve in the Adjutant General Corps until his release in December 1952.

Upon his initial release from military service in 1946, he was appointed Auditor of the First National Bank of Canajoharie. He then rose to Assistant Vice-President in June 1948, Assistant Vice-President and Trust Officer in January 1952 and finally Vice-President and Trust Officer of the Central National Bank in June 1955. On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1957 he was appointed Vice-President and Cashier of the First National Bank of Jamestown and in 1960, he was appointed to the Board of Directors. Finally, in 1964 he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Central National Bank of Canajoharie. At the time of his retirement on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1977, he was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of New York, Capital Region.

Although he began to collect stamps at the age of twelve, he quickly appreciated that the literature was the key to the hobby. By the age of twenty-three he had joined the American Philatelic Society, one of the many societies and clubs he joined. These included the Collectors' Club of New York, Society of Philatelic Americans, American Philatelic Congress, United Postal Stationery Society and the Germany Philatelic Society. He also joined foreign societies such as the National Philatelic Society of London and the Association International des Journalistes Philatéliques. With his characteristic drive and vision, he was a Founder of the Fine Arts Unit of the American Topical Association which he initially financed and became its first President, with membership number 1.

Nevertheless, his main interest was philatelic literature and in 1942, whilst still in military

service, he founded the Philatelic Library Association (from 1956, the Philatelic Literature Association) with **Lucius J. Jackson** (1915-1978). In spite of the War, he began to publish *The Philatelic Literature Review*, of which he was editor from 1942 to 1956 and again from 1963 to 1970. He also undertook the roles of President and Secretary at times. Having given up the role of editor, he sold most of his library between 1956 and 1957. However, he soon began to assemble it anew. In 1956, he received the *Luff Award* from the American Philatelic Society for his exceptional contribution to philately.

From 1965 to 1977, he served the American Philatelic Society in many capacities including two terms as its President from 1969-1973. The Society had originally formed a library but in the days before it had a permanent home, the library was in the keeping of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to which it was eventually given in 1929. **Vooyo**s campaigned hard to get the Society to reinstate its library. When, in 1967, the American Philatelic Society decided to form its own library, it was **Vooyo**s who drew up the plans for its organisation. The American Philatelic Research Library was incorporated the following year and in 1970 he became one of the founders of the American Philatelic Research Library. In order to establish the Library, he donated nearly half of his reformed library, about three tons of books and journals, to it. He also merged the Philatelic Library Association into the American Philatelic Research Library, making the *Philatelic Literature Review* its journal. He became President of the Library in 1975, a position he held until his death.

**Vooyo**s was elevated to the Philatelic Writers' Hall of Fame in 1975.

Having been ill for a long time, **Daniel W. Vooyo**s died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1978 in New York at the age of sixty-four. His death coincided with the announcement that he had been awarded a second *Luff Award* for Outstanding Services to the Society. In anticipation of his death, the Society had taken steps to advise him of the Award shortly before it was due to be announced. Following his death, the remainder of his library was donated to the APRL together with his index to the many thousands of periodicals he had collected. At the same time, the *Daniel W. Vooyo*s Fund was established to provide continued support to the Library.

In 1980 he was elected to the American Philatelic Society Hall of Fame.

A new fund-raising campaign to support the APRL was initiated in 2007. It included the designation *Daniel W. Vooyo*s Fellow to anyone undertaking to donate \$5,000 over the succeeding five years.

### **Vooyos Unpublished Card Index**

As we saw earlier, in 1945 **Vooyo**s created an index to the most important American philatelic periodicals and published it in the *Philatelic Literature Review* just to show what could be done. That seems to have given him the habit of noting important articles which had appeared in the periodicals to which he subscribed. The entries were hand-written on 3 inch by 5 inch cards which were filed by subject under the title of the periodical in which they were published. (Figure x) By 1964, his library comprised over 15,000 stamp magazines and he had a card file with 20,000 entries.

Figure X A typical index card  
(Courtesy of the American Philatelic Research Library)

Unfortunately, the American Philatelic Research Library has no policy or facilities for making the indexes it holds in its archives generally available to its users by digitisation or even photocopying. Accordingly, **Vooy's** original card file is currently in storage in the American Philatelic Research Library. According to **Gini Horn** (the librarian at the time I was researching this), they weren't particularly useful. Although **Vooy's** did index some journals that she did not think were indexed anywhere else - primarily some (English language) specialty journals about the Netherlands. I am sure that this was simply underplaying the usefulness of the index to avoid having to deal with the problem of access. Since it seems to have covered the period from about 1917 to at least the late 1960s, a period not well-served by published indexes, I am not sure that I agree with its lack of usefulness. As far as I am aware, only the Royal Philatelic Society London has had its two unpublished indexes digitised, both by the present author.

In 2010, the present author carried on an extensive correspondence with **Ellen Peachey** of the American Philatelic Research Library, who had dug out the boxes of index files from storage, in order to determine whether there was any useful information in the files that could be worth making available. The appended photographs of the card files were taken by **Ellen** at that time.

### Photographs of the Vooy's Card Files



International Postage Stamp Catalogue  
1897 Edition (10th)

C. H. McKeef Stamp & Publishing Co.  
St. Louis, Mo.

416 pages 4 1/2 x 6 1/2  
Cover Damaged.

Includes:  
Envelope, U.S. Telegraph Mexico Postages

Books

Carrying British Mails Overseas

Howard Robinson

Camford University Press  
Oxford, 1964, 327 pp

750

Printing Postage Stamps by Lie Cuperavag

164 pages - 135 illus. 206

Clott Bound

James H. Baxter

1938 AP Award Winner

Rev. AP (2d) Sept. 1941 - P114  
Ad. AP Nov. 1939 P104 - AP April 1939 P58 (2d)

Stamp World

1961 I \* 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

1962 II 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

1963 III 1, 2

352.06 The Stamp Yearly

352.07 Stamp: a weekly magazine of philately, v. 1-12  
New York, N.Y.: S. L. Lindquist - 1932-  
v. 111-120. 31cm.

352.08 Stanley Gibbons monthly circular, the house organ of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.

352.09 The Stamp Herald, monthly.

Journal Philatelic Circulars

J. A. Ferguson  
Chicago, Ill.

1 vol. 2 nos. Dec. 1876 - June 1877

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Allen Mason Co.  
J. A. Brown & Co.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

1 vol. 2 nos. Dec. 1876 - June 1877

Tiffany 52

Stamp Circulars

Novally Printing Co.  
Springfield, Mass.

1 vol. 1 no. 1876

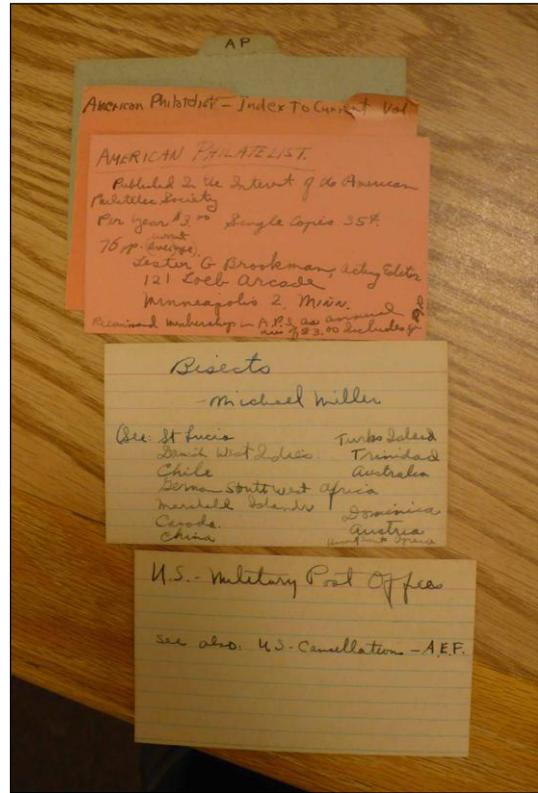
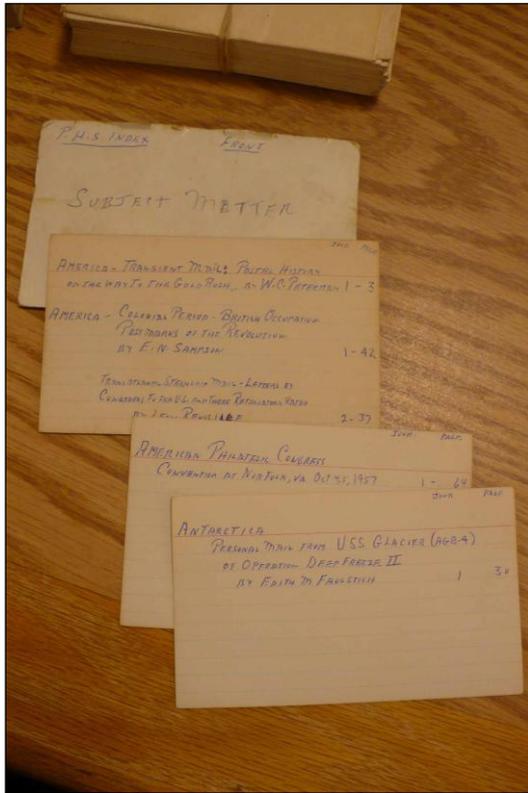
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Vermont Philatelic

Charles Foster  
St. Albans, Vt.

1 vol. 12 nos. Jan 1876 - Dec 1876  
Copied up for 1876 - Aug 1876

Tiffany 52



## LOST INDEXES

### INTRODUCTION

These are indexes that are known to have existed or been proposed or were in progress but the whereabouts of which are not currently known. Wherever possible, references to the indexes are provided.

### Bates, Arthur C.

Compiled by **Arthur C. Bates**.

**Boston Philatelic Society** donated its library to Boston University in 1951 to found the **Boston University Philatelic Library**. The Friends of the Boston Philatelic Library instituted a Bulletin with information about the Library and its activities. The Secretary, **Arthur C. Bates** developed a reference file of articles, on pink index cards, to periodicals not publishing an index.

### Bellamy, Frank Arthur

Compiled by **Frank Arthur Bellamy** (1864-1936).

In 1896 **Bellamy** published a comprehensive review of the bibliographic efforts to date and announced his own indexing effort in *The London Philatelist*<sup>(1)</sup>. **Bellamy** was one of the UK's greatest, but little-known bibliophiles who attempted to collect every piece of philatelic literature ever published. On his death, his library was said to number 200,000 items. His index which he claimed was nearly finished and ready for publication in 1901<sup>(2)</sup>, is probably the greatest ever lost index. In spite of continued references to **Bellamy's** work over more than a decade<sup>(3,4)</sup>, his index was never published and it is not known what happened to it.

### References and Notes

1. **F. A. Bellamy:** *A subject index of stamps.*, The London Philatelist, November 1896, Volume 5, Issue 11, pp.303-305.
2. **F. A. Bellamy:** *Philatelic Literature.*, Philatelic Literature, April 1901, Volume 1, Issue 2, pp.6-8.
3. **Fred J. Melville:** *London Letter.*, The Stamp-Lovers Weekly, 17<sup>th</sup> September 1904, Volume 1, Issue 1, p.1.
4. **Albert H. Harris:** *Who's Who in Philately 1914.*, The Philatelic Circular, London, UK, 1913, p.26.

### British North America Philatelic Society

A typical example can be found the BNAPS Librarian's report in the November/December

number of BNA Topics<sup>(1)</sup>. In his report, **Michael Squirell** the Librarian reported on the twelve journals held by the library which he had managed to index, completely or partially.

Although the subject coverage of the index was not explicitly stated and it could well have been limited to British North America material, nevertheless it was divided into 73 chapters or subject headings. From the short sample he provided, it appeared to be very workmanlike.

Not having read every issue of *BNA Topics*, I cannot determine whether the index was mentioned prior to or after the date of this report. However, I was aware that in 19?? The British North America Philatelic Society sold its library through **Charles Firby**<sup>(2)</sup>. Somewhat belatedly in October 2007, I sent an e-mail to **Peter Jacobi** of the BNAPS enquiring about the whereabouts of this index. The article pre-dated his membership of the Society so he forwarded my e-mail to **Charles Livermore** who similarly had no knowledge of the index.

### References and Notes

1. **Michael Squirell:** *Notes from the librarian.*, BNA Topics, November/December 1975, Volume 32, Issue 10, p.281.
2. Firby BNAPS auction.

### Melville, Frederick John

Compiled by **Frederick John Melville**.

In an article in The Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society of July 1910 regarding his library, **Melville** mentions his card index of the contents of the books in his library. At the time, it occupied 30 draws, in addition, he had unfiled cards which would have requiring another half dozen or so.

#### References

**Fred. J. Melville:** *The philatelic library of Mr. Fred J. Melville.*, The Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society, July 1910, Volume 3, Issue 3, pp.37-40. (2<sup>nd</sup> from last paragraph)

### John Kerr Tiffany

Compiled by **John Kerr Tiffany**.

#### References

1. **Dr. Legrand:** *Lettre du Docteur Legrand.* [Letter from Doctor Legrand.], L'Annonce Timbrologique, October 1891, Volume 2, Whole number 20, p.214. Continued as: *Etudes de bibliographie Timbrologique.*, [Studies on philatelic bibliography.], L'Annonce Timbrologique, November 1891, Volume 2, Whole number 21, pp.225-227; December, Whole number 22, p.243; January 1892, Volume 3, Whole number 23, pp.253-255; February Whole number 24, p.271; April, Whole number 26, pp.299-300 & May, Whole number 27, pp.315-316.

### Turner, George Townsend

I have a copy of all of the correspondence and documents relating to a proposal by **George Turner** to the **John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation** for *Indexing the Philatelic Periodical Literature of the United States.*, 1950, Title page, 1p. Proposal and covering letter 5pp. Letter of support by **W. R. McCoy** and the President of the American Philatelic Society, 2pp. & Handwritten notes, 5pp.

This compilation was given to me by **Bill Hagan** who lotted **Turner's** library for **Roger Koerber** and evidently was found in the library. I have no knowledge of whether **Turner** received the grant but I do not know of any work relating to it being carried out. (BJB)

### **Vallancey, Francis Hugh**

Compiled by **Francis Hugh Vallancey** (1879-1950).

He announced in the 1919 bibliography that he had been compiling an index to the philatelic press and that he was willing to use it for customers' enquiries. (**Percy C. Bishop**: *A Brief Philatelic Bibliography (With Prices)*., F. Hugh Vallancey, London, n.d. [1919], 12pp.)

SPECIALISED CURRENT-AWARENESS INDEXES

INTRODUCTION

It was never my intention to collect specialised current awareness indexes since there are altogether too many of them, the prospect being that every specialised society should have one in progress at all times. I am aware that the situation falls far short of this but there are still too many in progress at any given time for me to collect. However, from time to time, as I have come across such indexes, I have listed them here for the record. In general, they are given under the country or specialty covered. No attempt has been made to make this feature comprehensive.

POLAND

This index was created by **Ron Negus**, with the acknowledged help of his brother, the renowned indexer **James Negus** and covered all items related to the philately of Poland from January 1957.

*Index of literature on Polish philately.*, Polish Philatelic Review, May 1956, Whole number 3, p.57.

It had various titles over its existence:

**Ron Negus:** *Indexing the literature.*, Polish Philatelic Review, July/August 1957, Whole number 10, pp.75-76.

**Ron Negus:** *Index to references to Poland in current philatelic literature.*, Polish Philatelic Review, January/February 1958, Volume 3, Whole number 13, pp.8-11.

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