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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Boston Colonial Postal History**

An incredible array of covers was shown to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London on 7 February when Mark Schwartz unraveled the postal history of Boston up to the War of Independence.

As the number of families grew, so the inn belonging to Richard Fairbanks was chosen as the 'receiving house' for letters. On display was what is believed to be the first such letter sent from Boston on 15 April 1651 addressed to Barbados, and thus believed to be the first known letter to that island.

The vote of thanks was given by Hugh Feldman FRPSL who expressed his delight at being invited to respond to such a superb display, 'one of the best Boston exhibits ever put together'.

As a memento of the occasion, Mark was presented with one of the Society's 150th anniversary medals by its President, Patrick Maselis RDP FRPSL.

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are asked to contact the Administrative Office (020 7486 1044).



*Mark Schwartz (left) receives The Royal Philatelic Society's 150th anniversary medal from its President, Patrick Maselis RDP FRPSL.*

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