



# BELLVILLE

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### MINUTES

## JANUARY 2018 MEETING

### PREVIOUS

#### 10 JANUARY 2018

##### ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP

We had only one entry for the One Page on "Herbs & Species". Congratulations to Anne Marie Wigmore. Provisional entries for the 2018 National Stamp Exhibition closes on 15 May 2018. Our society will sponsor the Entry Fee of all society participants.

The following exhibitors shared items for the All Member's Night:

Stephen Light – various Union of SA postards

Michael Wigmore – Zululand forgeries

Diederik Viljoen – Cinderellas related to his Balloons collection

George Coetzee – Natal Shalon Heads – Study with the origins traced to a Toronto money printer

A record number of six member entered for the 8-Page Cup:

Stan Rowland : South Africa Mint issues - 1910 - 1913

Reinder Nauta : Vlinders

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Diederik Viljoen : Dead Countries

Werner Barnard : King George V - Postal Stationary

Michael Wigmore : Out of this world

For the second time this year, public voting resulted in a joint award: Congratulations to Diederik and Michael!

### FORTHCOMING

#### 14 FEBRUARY 2018

##### VISITOR: STEVEN GARDINER, ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM

Mr Steven Gardiner is planning to sell his award-winning Basutoland Exhibit and has agreed to share it with our society for a last time. The exhibit was awarded 89% (1% short of a Large Gold) at Sapdapex 2017 and he also received the David Crocker Cup with this exhibit. He will make use of the first half of the evening, before we'll continue with the rest of the evening's events.

We have our annual election of our One Page winner for the year. A list of all the winners of the monthly One Page exhibits is listed below. The One Page exhibitors must please bring their respective exhibitions along to the meeting – if you are not there or do not have your exhibits, you will not be able to be judged for the respective cups. The winners of the various cups will receive their cup and certificates, as well as certificates for all participating members. Our AGM and election of committee members will also be part of the proceedings.

The following members must please bring along their winning One Page entries:

March 2017	Not held	-
April 2017	Red	Maureen Reeves ("Communism")
May 2017	My favourite animal	Michael Wigmore ("Panthera Tigris")
June 2017	Architecture	Michael Wigmore
July 2017	"D"	Rianneke Loo ("Dolfyne")
August 2017	Africa	Anne Marie Wigmore
September 2017	Not held	-
October 2017	Numbers	Reanie de Villiers
November 2017	Overprints	Tony Olckers ("Overprints on Forged Stamps")
December 2017	Not held	-
January 2018	Herbs and spices	Anne Marie Wigmore
February 2018	Wild Animals	Will be elected at the Feb meeting

**14 MARCH 2018  
AUCTION**

We have received some items for an Auction and have scheduled it for the March 2018 meeting. A catalogue will be distributed to all members as soon as it is available.

**SATURDAY, 21 APRIL 2018  
EXHIBITION SEMINAR**

We are in the process of organising a full-day exhibition seminar at the Bellville Library. The aim of the seminar is to assist exhibitors on the interpretation of the FIP rules and how to prepare and put forward the best exhibit following those rules. The rules will be illustrated by examples of what to do and what not to do. We are still busy finalising our guest speakers, but our proposed program is as follows:

- 09:30 – 10:30 – Traditional
- 10:30 – 11:00 – Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 – Postal History
- 12:00 – 13:00 – Lunch
- 13:00 – 14:00 – Thematics
- 14:00 – 14:30 – Break
- 14:30 – 15:30 – Open

An entry fee of R50 will cover the costs of a light lunch (sandwiches) and coffee / tea.  
The venue has been booked, but the program is subject to change. Please diarize this date.

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## **What caused the delay of this handstamped cover?**

[<https://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/2018/february/delay-of-handstamped-cover.html>]  
U.S. Stamp Notes — By John M. Hotchner

When a cover is delayed or damaged in the mail it is often handstamped to indicate what caused the problem. That's what I assumed had happened when I first saw the Fairbanks, Alaska, cover pictured nearby.



***A comparison of the date of cancellation and the date of the handstamp on this 1967 Fairbanks, Alaska, cover reveals that the "water damaged, great Fairbanks flood" marking was added more than two months later.***

But no, this cover was "water damaged" two and a half months after it was cancelled. The cancellation is dated May 27, 1967, and the handstamp is dated Aug. 14 of the same year.

What was the "Great Fairbanks Flood" noted in the handstamp? In July 1967, Fairbanks received 3.34 inches of rain compared to a normal total of 1.84 inches.

Fairbanks is on the Chena River, and the river was rising.

The July rains continued into August. After 6 inches of rain fell from Aug. 9-14, the river crested, and, on Aug. 15, the waters of the Chena spilled over its banks and into the city, flooding homes and businesses.

Damage was later estimated to be in the region of \$200 million in 1967 dollars.

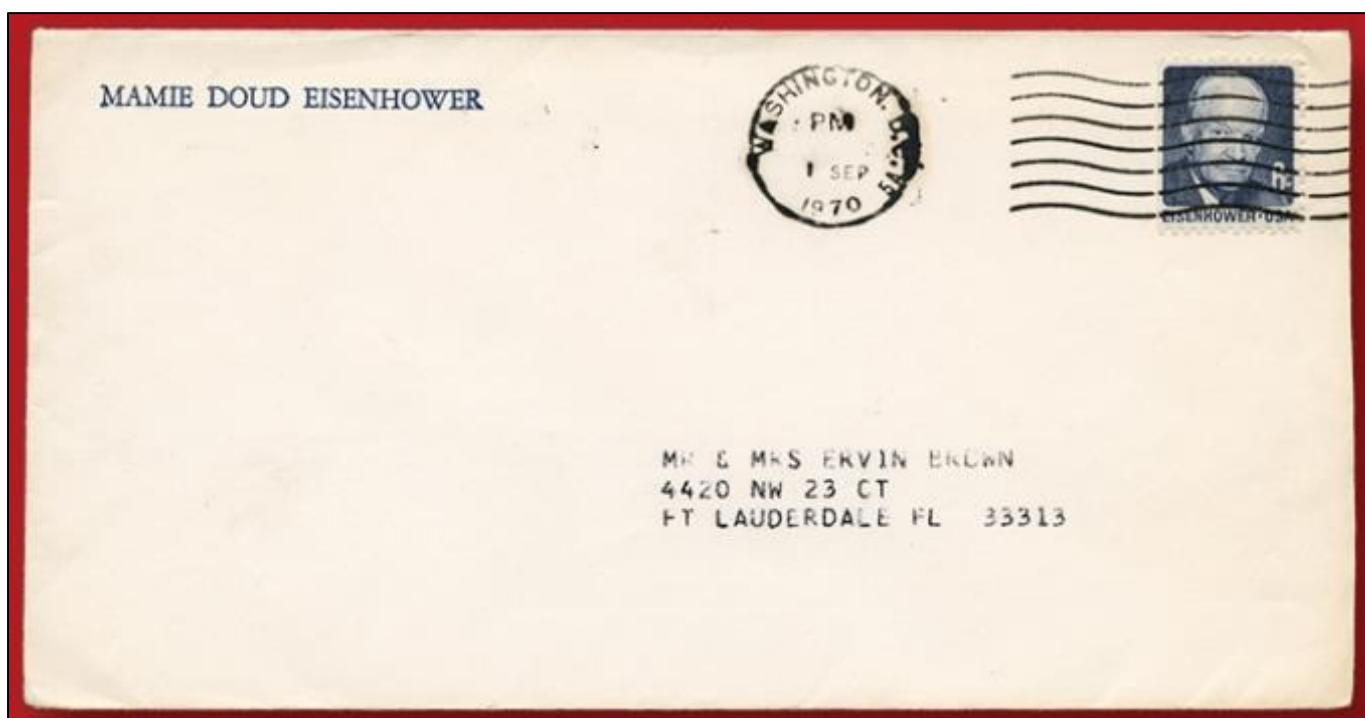
Who handstamped the cover: A collector? A retail establishment? I do not know the answer. But whoever it was, the damage to the cover was explained, and a routine cover became more interesting.

## *First lady franking privilege not used*

[<https://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/2018/february/first-lady-franking-privilege-not-used.html>]

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Mamie Eisenhower as the widow of a United States president had franking privileges in September 1970 when the cover shown nearby was sent.



***Presidential widow Mamie Eisenhower had the franking privilege when this envelope was sent in September 1970, but because the content was a political message, it would have been inappropriate to use it for this mailing.***



Why didn't she use this franking privilege? I assume it was not because she had a burning desire to use the 6¢ Dwight David Eisenhower stamp on the envelope. (The stamp was issued Aug. 6, 1970, a little more than one year after the president's death on March 28, 1969.)

***The letter enclosed in the 1970 Mamie Eisenhower envelope above promoted the candidacy of Tom Johnston for political office in Florida.***

No, the reason becomes clear when the letter enclosed is read:

"Dear Fellow Republican:

"I am writing to you to recommend Tom Johnston for the office of Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner, and State Fire Marshal for the State of Florida.

“Mr. Johnston’s twenty-two years of experience as an executive in the insurance industry, and his three years as Chairman of the Florida Industrial Commission and member of the Governor’s Cabinet qualifies him above all other candidates for this most important Cabinet position.

“Mr. Johnston has been serving his Country and his fellow citizens consistently since the Second World War when my husband awarded him the first Bronze Star for Valor ever awarded by the United States of America.

“I believe he will, with your support, continue to serve in the best interests of his Country and the State of Florida.

“Thank you very much for your consideration of his candidacy.”

Because this letter is a political appeal, use of the frank would have been inappropriate.

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## **When a Presidential widow’s franking privilege was overlooked**

<https://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/2016/november/benjamin-harrison-mary-lord-harrison-first-lady-us-stamp-notes.html>

By John M. Hotchner

Mary Lord Harrison, widow of President Benjamin Harrison, was never first lady, having married Harrison after he left office.

Benjamin Harrison was our 23rd president, serving from 1889 to 1893. He was married at the time to Caroline Scott Harrison, but she passed away in 1892.

In 1896, he married Mary Scott Lord Dimmick, the 37-year-old niece and former secretary of his deceased wife. Harrison died in 1901, at the age of 67.

Eight years after his death, the widow Harrison petitioned and was given the franking privilege, which she exercised until her own death in 1948.



**Correctly franked, this 1939 cover was wrongly charged 3¢ postage due. Mary Lord Harrison, widow of former President Benjamin Harrison, was granted the franking privilege eight years after his death in 1901. It excused the first-class rate, but not the special delivery service, which is properly paid for with a postage stamp.**

The 1939 cover shown nearby was mishandled by the post office because the Mary Lord Harrison signature eliminated the need for the normal 3¢ first-class postage.

However, the first-class postage is all the franking privilege provided for. Any additional service, in this case special delivery, had to be prepaid by a stamp or stamps in the normal manner.

So, it would appear that a postal clerk in New York or in Indianapolis, charged the 3¢ first-class as he had no idea who Mary Lord Harrison might be.

## Programs of other societies in the Western Cape

	<b>THE ROYAL</b>
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>Second and fourth Monday of each month at 20:00 at the Athenaeum, Newlands, Cape Town</b>
<b>12 FEBRUARY 2018</b>	Members of the Rhodesia Study Circle will show items from their collections of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland
<b>26 FEBRUARY 2018</b>	A.V. Jacob Cup competition
<b>12 MARCH 2018</b>	106th A.G.M
<b>26 MARCH 2018</b>	No information available
<b>9 APRIL 2018</b>	No information available
<b>23 APRIL 2018</b>	No information available
	<b>STELLENBOSCH</b>
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>First Tuesday of the month at 19:00 at Le Donjon, La Societé, La Clemence, Webersvallei Rd, Stellenbosch</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>	No information available
<b>MARCH 2018</b>	No information available
<b>APRIL 2018</b>	No information available
	<b>PAARL</b>
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>Second Thursday of the month at 19:30 in the MBA Boland building, Concordia Street, Paarl</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>	No information available
<b>MARCH 2018</b>	No information available
<b>APRIL 2018</b>	No information available
	<b>PINELANDS</b>
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>Last Wednesday of the month at 19:30 in the Activities Room of Pinelands Public Library</b>
<b>28 FEBRUARY 2018</b>	Hugh Amooore: Main: South African Principal Postal Rates during the period of Union 1910-1961; 1page: Personalities beginning with "B"; Marilyn: Voluntary: Valentine's Day
<b>28 MARCH 2018</b>	All members: Main: Thematic evening; 1page: Personalities beginning with "C"; Roy: Voluntary: Recent RSA issues; All members: Other: Bourse
<b>25 APRIL 2018</b>	Jannie Hofmeyr: Main: The Future of Philately; 1page: Personalities beginning with "D"; David Sinclair: Voluntary: Blue Train
	<b>FISH HOEK</b>
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>First Tuesday of the month at 19:30 at Minor Hall - Civic Centre, Recreation Road, Fish Hoek</b>
<b>6 FEBRUARY 2018</b>	Thematic Evening Competition (Max 28 pages)
<b>6 MARCH 2018</b>	AGM. Plus 2 smaller exhibits
<b>14 APRIL 2018</b>	Annual Big Stamp Auction on Saturday morning from 9am to 12pm with visitors from other Societies
	<b>DURBANVILLE STAMP FAIR</b>
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>First Saturday of the month from 09:00 – 12:30 at Bergsig D.R.Church, c/o Boland Way &amp; Protea Way, Durbanville</b>
<b>STAMP FAIRS</b>	Stamp Fair dates for 2018 are: March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 9th, July 7th, August 11th, Sept 1st, Oct 6th, Nov 3rd, Dec 1st (all 1st Saturday except for June & August).
<b>LIVE AUCTIONS</b>	Live Auction dates for 2018 are: March 17th, May 19th, July 21st, Sept 15th, Nov 10th
<b>THEMATICSA, WESTERN CAPE</b>	Meets on Stamp Fair dates from 09:30 – 10:30



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NAME	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY
Chuck	Muller	01 January
Louis	Nel	01 January
Tony	Olckers	04 January
Herwig	Kussing	01 February
Werner	Barnard	05 February
Stan	Rowland	01 March
Alan	Hugill	19 March
Reinder	Nauta	25 March

# SUBS FOR 2018

Federation Fee 2018: R 200 (incl vat)  
 Society Fee 2018: R 90 (same amount payable by non-home members)  
**Total Membership Fee 2018: R 290**

## PROGRAM 2018

MONTH	SUBJECT	TEA DUTY	ONE PAGE
10 JAN 2018	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP	I POTGIETER C MATHEY A HORSTMAN	HERBS & SPICES
14 FEB 2018	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	J POTTER R DE VILLIERS	WILD ANIMALS
14 MAR 2018	AUCTION	H MULDER H LINCOLN A HUGILL	---
SATURDAY, 21 APR 2018	EXHIBITORS SEMINAR	AUDITORIUM, BELLVILLE LIBRARY	09:30 – 15:30

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