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MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING

PREVIOUS

11 SEPTEMBER 2019

AUCTION

We had a very successful and enjoyable auction evening. Unsold items have been made available and four people placed bids. The final invoices for that will be emailed soon. The remaining unsold items have been reallocated to the next auction scheduled for March. We can present the Table View Hospice with a small donation of R 150. Thank you for everyone's support.

FORTHCOMING

9 OCTOBER 2019

ROUND TABLE

The committee will facilitate the informal evening. The seats will be rearranged in a circle and every member is requested to bring any interesting item(s) reflecting "My favourite collection". This can be a single item, an exhibit or even a stock book.

13 NOVEMBER 2019

VISITOR : DAVID WOLPE

We have invited David to be our guest for the evening and he has promised to bring along world classics and postcards. Knowing the quality of his material, this is an evening not to be missed.

4 DECEMBER 2019

PRESIDENT'S EVENING: 19:00 – AT HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE

The evening will start at 19:00. If you are uncertain of the address/directions, please get the information from Werner or Reanie. Partners are welcome and you don't need to bring anything. **RSVP by 25 November 2019 for catering purposes.**

8 JANUARY 2020

ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP

This is our fun evening. Bring along any item, exhibit, sheet, stockbook to share with us. Normally the most interesting items are shown on this night. In addition, all members are asked to bring an 8-page exhibit to participate in the Rose Bowl Cup. The winner will be selected by a vote for the most favorite.

Both sides of 1889 registered cover to Canada tell the story

[<https://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/both-sides-of-1889-registered-cover-to-canada-tell-the-story>]

U.S. Stamp Notes by John M. Hotchner

The cover in Figure 1 caught my eye when I first saw it. Franked with a 2¢ green George Washington stamp, it was sent in 1889 from stamp dealer Henry Gremmel on Nassau Street in New York City to J.A. Craig, a druggist in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada.

At the time, 2¢ was the correct rate for letter mail to Canada. However, this cover was registered and apparently contained purchases, which meant another 10¢ in postal charges in 1889. How could this registered cover have gone through the mail without the additional 10¢?



Figure 1. How could an 1889 registered letter requiring 12¢ in postage be sent to Canada for only 2¢? The sender was Nassau Street stamp dealer Henry Gremmel.

The reverse of the cover, shown in Figure 2, tells the tale. The stamp dealer had affixed five 2¢ stamps from the 1887 issue to the back of the cover.

In doing so, he provided a little extra security by sealing the envelope flaps to make it harder to get at the contents.

These days the black flap is simply canceled so that opening the envelope and resealing it without care will show a mismatch between the parts of the cancel on the flap and those on the rest of the envelope. On the whole, I like Gremmel's method better. Of course, now it also is a requirement that stamps be placed on the front of the envelope.



Figure 2. The reverse side of the cover in Figure 1 reveals that five 2¢ green Washington stamps of the 1887 issue paid the 10¢ registration fee.

Postman honored with largest mural in Washington, D.C.

<https://www.linns.com/news/postal-updates/postman-honored-with-largest-mural-in-washington-d.c>

By Bill McAllister



Letter carrier Roger "Buck" Hill was honored by the city of Washington, D.C., with a mural created by artist Joe Pagac of Arizona (shown at right). Photographs courtesy of the Department of Public Works, Washington, D.C.

Roger "Buck" Hill, who walked the streets of Washington, D.C., as a letter carrier for 40 years, recently received one of the largest honors ever given a postal employee in the nation's capital.

On Aug. 27, the city of Washington honored Hill, who died in 2017, with a large mural depicting his dual life as a postal worker and jazz musician. Tucson, Ariz., artist Joe Pagac painted the nine-story mural on the side of an apartment building as part of a project to beautify neighborhoods.

The mural shows Hill leaning against a wall with his saxophone in hand and a sack of letters at his feet. It's probably the largest mural the city has approved, according to the Department of Public Works. A celebrated saxophonist, Hill played into his 80s with numerous jazz bands, including those of Sonny Rollins, Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis.

Friends said he never liked traveling, so he remained a letter carrier until he retired in 1998. By then he had earned the moniker "The Wailing Mailman." News accounts of his death at age 90 said Hill would show up at his northeast Washington post office at 4 a.m. with saxophone in hand to practice before he began his mail route. He also recorded a number of jazz albums. "Music is captivating ... compelling," Hill once told the Washington Post. "After a while, you just have to do it, and you can't stop."

Letter from the White House explained the Nixon pardon

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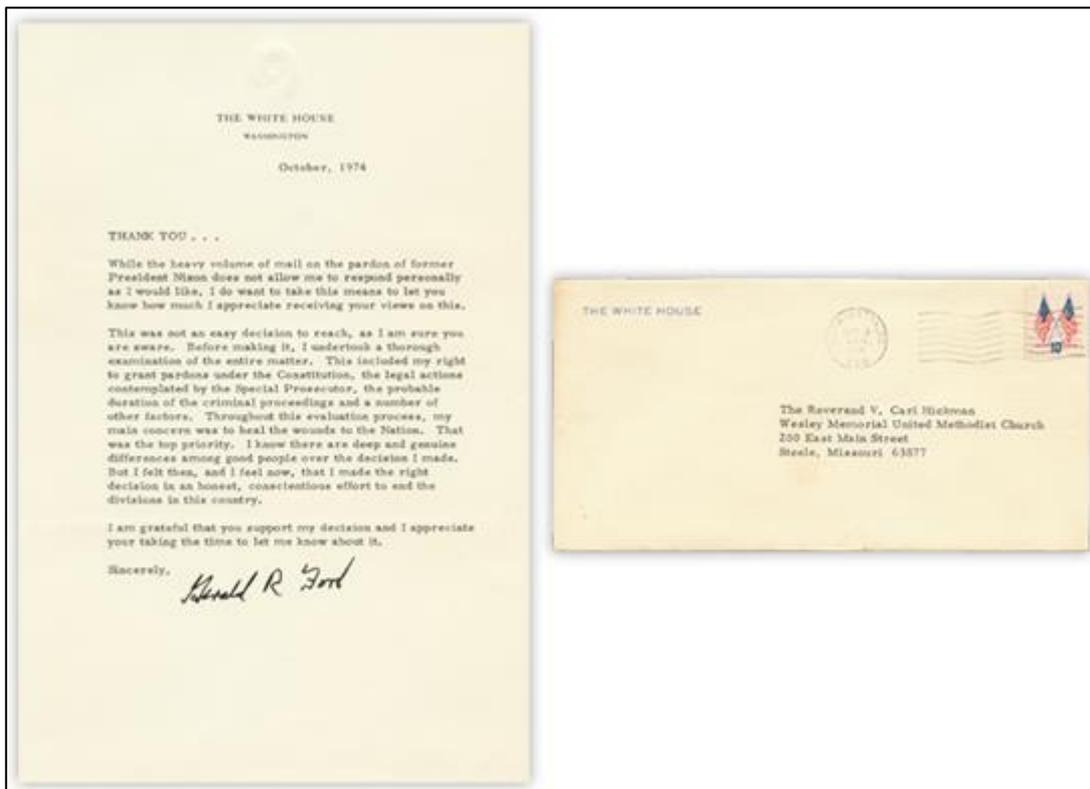
History lurks inside many envelopes that have been saved by stamp and cover collectors. Over many years of looking, I've found that covers with "The White House" in the upper left corner and a Washington, D.C., cancellation tend to be retained by the addressees, and they sometimes find their way to collectors — with or without the original contents.

Shown here is a nice example with the letter enclosed that was recently found in a dealer's stock; it was priced at \$10.

The Oct. 10, 1974, cover franked with a 1973 10¢ 50-Star and 13-Star Flags stamp is nothing special, but the letter enclosed is a significant bit of history.

On Sept. 8, 1974, when President Gerald Ford pardoned Richard Nixon, it was as if someone had swatted a bees' nest. Ford received all sorts of criticism for his action, which he believed was the proper course to prevent further division in the country after the impeachment and forced resignation of Nixon. It may even

have cost him the chance to be elected to the White House in 1976. From today's perspective, most historians believe Ford did the right thing.



Correspondence from the White House is always collectible whether for the envelope or its contents. In this October 1974 letter, President Gerald Ford explains his rationale for pardoning former President Richard Nixon.

As reaction raged in the media, some citizens wrote to Ford expressing support, and the letter enclosed in the cover is a printed thank-you note. Here is what it said:

“While the heavy volume of mail on the pardon of former President Nixon does not allow me to respond personally as I would like, I do want to take this means to let you know how much I appreciate receiving your views on this.

“This was not an easy decision to reach, as I am sure you are aware. Before making it, I undertook a thorough examination of the entire matter. This included my right to grant pardons under the Constitution, the legal actions contemplated by the Special Prosecutor, the probable duration of the criminal proceedings and a number of other factors. Throughout this evaluation process, my main concern was to heal the wounds of the Nation. That was my top priority. I know there are deep and genuine differences among good people over the decision I made. But I felt then, and I feel now, that I made the right decision in an honest, conscientious effort to end the divisions in this country.

“I am grateful that you support my decision and I appreciate your taking the time to let me know about it.”

The letter is signed “Sincerely, Gerald R. Ford.”

I think it is likely that the same letter with a different ending paragraph would have been sent to those who wrote criticizing the decision.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NAME	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY
Hugh	Mulder	3 September
Dušan	Brandstätter	25 September
Eric	Stockenström	1 October
Karl	Louwrens	4 October

NAME	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY
Alan	Horstmann	5 October
Jan	La Grange	5 October
David	Wolpe	5 October
Dennis	Croukamp	20 October
Stephen	Light	30 November
Neville	Smith	2 December
Maureen	Reeves	3 December
Rianneke	Loo	25 December
Johan	Du Plessis	29 December
Chuck	Muller	1 January
Tony	Olckers	4 January

Programs of other societies in the Western Cape

	THE ROYAL
MEETINGS:	Second and fourth Monday of each month at 20:00 at the Athenaeum, Newlands, Cape Town
OCTOBER 2019	Information not available
NOVEMBER 2019	Information not available
DECEMBER 2019	Information not available
JANUARY 2020	Information not available
	STELLENBOSCH
MEETINGS:	First Tuesday of the month at 19:00 at Le Donjon, La Societé, La Clemence, Webersvallei Rd, Stellenbosch
OCTOBER 2019	Information not available
NOVEMBER 2019	Information not available
DECEMBER 2019	Information not available
JANUARY 2020	Information not available
	PAARL
MEETINGS:	Second Thursday of the month at 19:30 in the MBA Boland building, Concordia Street, Paarl
OCTOBER 2019	Information not available
NOVEMBER 2019	Information not available
DECEMBER 2019	Information not available
JANUARY 2020	Information not available
	PINELANDS
MEETINGS:	Last Wednesday of the month at 19:30 in the Activities Room of Pinelands Public Library
30 OCTOBER 2019	Auction
27 NOVEMBER 2019	AGM & Party; John: Voluntary: Quiz; All members: Other: Bourse
DECEMBER 2019	No meeting
30 JANUARY 2020	All members: New acquisitions & favourites
	FISH HOEK
MEETINGS:	First Tuesday of the month at 19:30 at Minor Hall - Civic Centre, Recreation Road, Fish Hoek
2 OCTOBER 2019	65th Society Birthday and Ladies Night & Juniors. Small Exhibits shown by the ladies & Celebration thereafter.
6 NOVEMBER 2019	All Member's Night (II). Anything special on max 28 pages - Postcards, Postal Stationery, Revenues, Officials, etc.
4 DECEMBER 2019	President's Night and Christmas Celebration
JANUARY 2020	Information not available
	CAPE STAMP FAIR (NEW VENUE) & AUCTION (OLD VENUE)
MEETINGS:	Fair: First Saturday of the month from 09:00 – 12:30 at Bellville Valley DRC Hall, c/o Postma & St Andrews Streets, Bellville Auction: From 09:00 – 12:30 at Bergsig D.R.Church, c/o Boland Way & Protea Way, Durbanville
STAMP FAIRS	Stamp Fair dates for 2019 are: Jan 12th, Feb 2nd, Mar 2nd, Apr 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th ** , Aug 3rd, Sept 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 2nd, Dec 7th. ** The Stamp Fair on 6th July WILL RETURN TO THE OLD VENUE (Bergsig DRC Hall) as Bellville Valley was unavailable to us in July 2019.
LIVE AUCTIONS	Live Auction dates for 2019 are: Jan 26th, Mar 16th, May 18th, July 20th, Sept 21st, Nov 16th.
THEMATICSA, WESTERN CAPE	Meets on Stamp Fair dates from 09:30– 10:30

PROGRAM 2019

MONTH	SUBJECT	TEA DUTY	ONE PAGE
9 JAN 2019	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP	A HUGILL A HORSTMANN	SPACE
13 FEB 2019	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	N SMITH AM & M WIGMORE	POLITICS
28 FEB 2019	COMMITTEE MEETING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
13 MAR 2019	AUCTION	M & J REEVES D CROUKAMP K LOUWRENS	---
10 APR 2019	BELLVILLE EVENING AFRICA CUP	C MULLER N MATTHEE	"A"
15 MAY 2019 3 rd WEDNESDAY	LADIES CUP	C POTGIETER G COMINS R LOO	"B"
12 JUNE 2019	THEMATICS & OPEN CUPS	S ROWLAND H MULDER	"C"
10 JULY 2019	REST OF THE WORLD CUP	D VILJOEN W BARNARD	"D"
12 AUG 2019	COMMITTEE MEETING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
14 AUG 2019	ONE FRAME CUP	J BEZUIDENHOUT A HORSTMANN	"E"
2 SEP 2019	SAVPEX 2019	BENONI	
3 SEP 2019	INTERCLUB SOCIAL	STELLENBOSCH	
4 – 7 SEP 2019	EAST RAND 100 STAMP FAIR	BENONI	
6 SEP 2019	CONGRESS	BENONI	
9 SEP 2019	QUIZ EVENING	THE ROYAL	20:00
11 SEP 2019	AUCTION	S LIGHT J POTTER A HUGILL	---
9 OCT 2019	ROUND TABLE	R DE VILLIERS AM & M WIGMORE	"F"
13 NOV 2019	VISITORS	R HARM C MULLER	"G"
4 DEC 2019	PRESIDENT'S EVENING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
8 JAN 2020	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP	I POTGIETER C MATHEY N SMITH	"H"
12 FEB 2020	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	R LOO C MULLER	"I"
11 MAR 2020	AUCTION	E STOCKENSTROM J DU PLESSIS T OLCKERS	---

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Meeting Details: Bellville Library Auditorium, Charl van Aswegen Road, Bellville, 19h00