



Postmark Atlanta
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



Affiliate club #0357-031583

April 2023 Newsletter

In 2023 we will be meeting on Second and Fourth Monday every month.

Please send in your dues for 2023 – still \$12.00. Check with Barbara Asher if you are not sure if you have done this.

Thank you to Vincent Rehder for the presentation on how to determine which German Zeppelin's are fake.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31 – April 1 GULFPEX Gulf Coast Stamp Club, St Martin Community Center, 15008 LeMoyne Blvd. St. Martin/Biloxi, Mississippi <https://www.gulfcoaststampclub.org/>

April 1 Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn, GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.

April 10 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club meeting and auction. Meet at 7:00 pm at 1068 North Highland Avenue NE at The Church of Our Saviour. 1st Floor Meeting Room. Corner of North Highland and Los Angeles. The door to our meeting room is on Los Angeles side.

April 21 – 22 GwinnPex 2023 Spring Stamp Show. Mountain Park United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 1405 Rockbridge Rd., Stone Mountain, GA 30087. Hours 10 – 5 Details below.

Friday, April 21 Joint meeting Atlanta Clubs at Mountain Park United Methodist Church at 5:30 (after GwinnPex show) Auction and supper.

No April 24 ZOOM meeting due to joint meeting on 21st.

May 4 – 6 Virtual Stampex 2023 . Details on how to register and attend this FREE 72 hour event are in the article below.

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August 10 – 13 GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW, Cleveland, Ohio

Be sure to confirm the COVID protocols for upcoming shows.

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Second Monday meeting is in person at our new location: 1068 North Highland Avenue NE at The Church of Our Saviour. 1st Floor Meeting Room. Corner of North Highland and Los Angeles. Fire Station across Highland Ave.

There is parking on the street as well as a pay parking lot. The church is a few blocks north of Manuel's through the Virginia-Highlands area. Best entrance is on Los Angeles. The MARTA Bus 816 comes up North Highland and passes the church.

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THE ATLANTA STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB LIBRARY

The library catalog for the club is finally posted on the website. If you find a book you want to check out notify club secretary LeA Coe at leacoe3002@gmail.com and it will be available at the next in person club meeting. Books may be checked out by any club member and there is no due date.



Written by Colin Clark

We don't remember days, we remember moments – **Cesare Pavese** (Italian novelist)

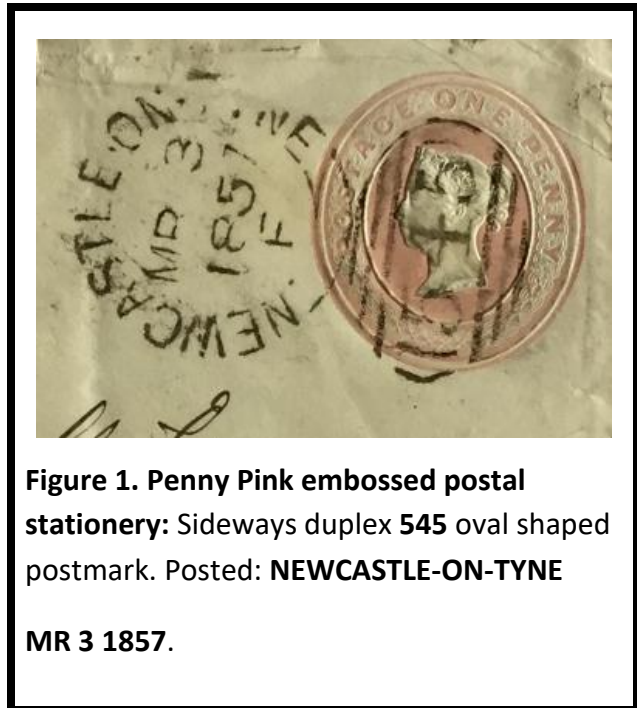
Social Philately is a currently trending study area which is rooted in traditional postal history. There are even subdivisions within social philately, such as studying the life and achievements of the **addressee**, and also studying the contents of the letter or postcard. Previous articles published in the Atlanta club newsletter illustrated these concepts by: (a) publishing a study of **Thomas Elliot Harrison**, a prominent Victorian civil engineer (**July 2020** newsletter), and (b) also publishing the contents of an entire letter describing life in a Victorian Scottish mental health institution (**February 2021** newsletter).

A third subdivision of Social Philately is the study of what events happened on the day of a particular postmark cancellation or transit marking, or even the dated contents. In other words, **SOCIAL PHILATELY ON THIS DAY**.

The following is a **case study** example of such an “**on this day**” study:

The image opposite is the cancellation applied to a Great Britain Queen Victoria **Penny Pink** postal stationery item which carries the embossed indicium image of Victoria. The envelope was mailed from **NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE** to London. The date of cancellation is shown as **MR 3 1857**, i.e. **March 3rd 1857** (**Tuesday**).

So the **SOCIAL PHILATELY** question now becomes: what significant events happened on this given date, preferably related to the addressee, city or country of origination or destination?



METHODS of RESEARCH:

The methods of research can begin with extensive internet searches. Newspaper and parliamentary archives online can be particularly useful. Additionally, local libraries can also be useful resources.

OUTCOME of RESEARCH:

Tuesday, March 3rd 1857

SECOND OPIUM WAR: Great Britain and France formally declare war on China

The SECOND OPIUM WAR:

BACKGROUND: Throughout the 1800s there were constant attempts at colonial expansion around the world by European empire-building imperial powers. The **Second Opium War** was the result of the ambition of Great Britain and France to win additional commercial trading privileges in China. This included the legalization of the opium trade, as well as to gain more legal and territorial concessions in China. Britain and France already had existing rights in China.

TIMELINE: Hostilities took place between **08OCT1856** and **24OCT1860**, even **before** war was formally declared on **03MAR1857**.

PARTICIPANTS: Great Britain and France were allies, in conflict with China. The United States was involved in a minor concurrent conflict in China during the war, but they ignored Great Britain’s offer of an alliance and did not coordinate with the Anglo-French forces.

CAUSES: The opium export trade from **British-occupied India** to China was very important to the **British** national economy. Additionally, the recreational and medical use of opium in Victorian Britain was very popular. Britain fought **two** wars in the mid-1800s, known as the **Opium Wars**,

basically in support of free opium trade, against Chinese import restrictions, but in reality because of the huge profits to be made in the export of opium to China (i.e. **money**).

OUTCOME: On **24OCT1860** China conceded to the Allies demands.



UBIQUITOUS VICTORIA IMAGE



Figure 2. Second Opium War campaign medal: This medal was awarded to British servicemen who took part in the war. The medal features an image of Queen Victoria, and also on the reverse, a collage of image elements representing China. **NOTE** the similarity between the **Queen Victoria** image used on this medal and the embossed **Penny Pink** envelope shown above in **Figure 1**.

CONCLUSION:

Social Philately is an evolving and trending study area of postal history. The traditional study of rates and routes is a critical aspect of postal history, but **Social Philately** fulfills the remit of not only the what, when and how, but also the **WHO**.

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All prior newsletters of the club are available on our club web-site. <http://www.sefsc.org/atlanta-stamp-collectors-club.html> Check out the additional content – prior presentations and news.

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GwinnPex 2023 Spring Stamp Show

Over 25 tables sold with at least 6 full time dealers, a Boy Scout Representative, a youth table with free stamps for anyone 18 or under, and several part time collectors/dealers.

Concession stand onsite with homemade food for both breakfast and lunch served at very fair prices. All profits from concession sales go back to the church.

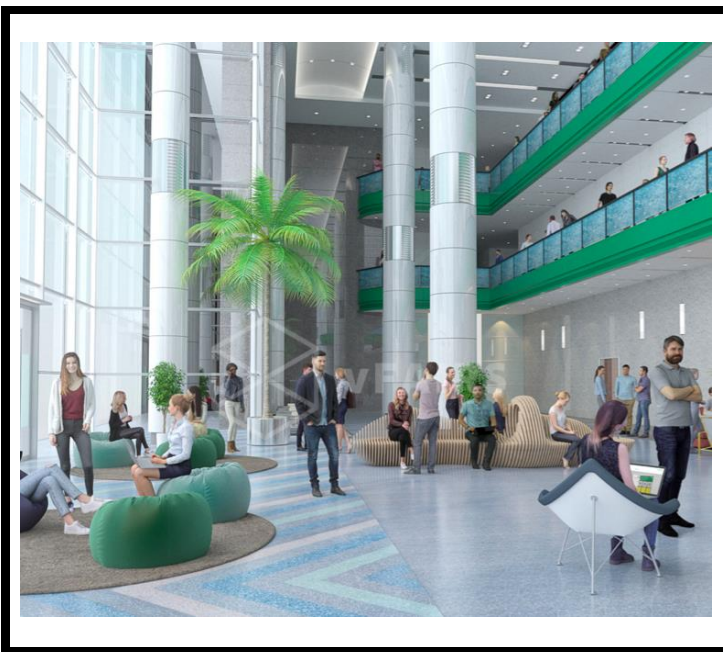
Free parking and admission

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VIRTUAL STAMPEX 2023

Calling all local stamp collectors with an appetite for travel adventure. Why not attend a “round-the-clock” International London UK stamp show from the comfort of your own home.

Announcing VIRTUAL STAMPEX 2023. The virtual Stampex show will return this year, from **04MAY2023** to **06MAY2023** (Thursday – Friday – Saturday), for a **continuous seventy-two (72)** hours of active on-line philately (covering all the world’s time zones). Coffee may be useful.



This event has been timed to coincide with the forthcoming coronation of King Charles III, and also the anniversary of the May 6th 1840 first official usage of the **Penny Black**, the world’s first postage stamp. The 2020 and 2021 iterations of the VIRTUAL Stampex shows attracted over 8,000 unique visitors from over one hundred **(100)** countries.

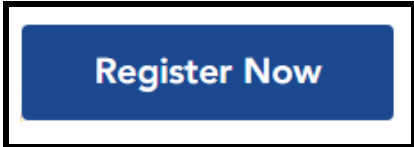
VIRTUAL STAMPEX 2023 will host over fifty **(50)** dealer booths, an exhibition, and a series of talks and presentations. This show will be accessible from desktop PCs, laptops, smartphones and tablets.

This year’s show will also feature a new virtual tool that allows attendees to meet and live video chat with other collectors and dealers. In addition, the show will offer live philatelic round tables, giving visitors a chance to connect in **real-time** with fellow collectors from around the world on popular topics. Fellow collectors can socialize using chat rooms, live chat and video calling. A personal virtual briefcase will enable visitors to email **FREE** catalogues, magazines, information packets and price lists back to themselves.

FREE Registration for this event is now **OPEN**, and updates will be posted on social media (**Philatelic Traders’ Society**) and in the show’s newsletter. The main registration website link is shown below:

<https://stampex.vfairs.com/>


The image of the **blue Register Now** button (shown opposite) is found on the registration website (link shown above). ➡



You can click this button on the main website to navigate to the actual **Attendee Registration Form** web page. You only have to enter your **name**, **e-mail address** and **country** of residence to register yourself. Your **email address** will be your personal log-in ID for the virtual stamp show.

Ask anyone who has attended this VIRTUAL show in previous years: **This is a must-attend event.** You'll make like-minded new connections, and make new friends from across Europe, Asia and beyond! The socialization aspect is amazing at this global phenomenon! See you there!

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	<p><u>ANNOUNCING</u> that the 2023 ATA virtual one-page exhibition is now OPEN for viewing online:</p> <p>The ATA is now hosting the 2023 online version of “My One-Page Exhibit!”, and all the details can be found at the link below:</p> <p>https://www.ataexhibits.com/2023-exhibit-list/</p> <p>Entries were received from around the world, including from India, Italy and Peru. Both Colin Clark and Steve Swain have exhibits:</p> <p>Colin Clark has one (1) exhibit entry entitled Value for Money.</p> <p>Steve Swain has three (3) exhibit entries entitled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Wallpaper Envelopes – Necessity and Invention(b) Thrilling Adventures in Stamps Comics – The Golden Age of Stamp Collecting and Comic Books, and(c) Encased Postage Stamps – The “New Metallic Currency”. <p><u>NOTE:</u> This is not a judged exhibition, or one where viewers can vote on a most favorite. It’s simply an opportunity to get some philatelic gems and research out into the public view.</p> <p><u>ENJOY!!!</u></p>
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If you are interested in writing for our newsletter or presenting to our club at one of our monthly meetings, please contact me at the email below or Scott Holmberg at sdholmberg1@gmail.com with your ideas.

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