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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



Affiliate club #0357-031583

December 2022 Newsletter

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

Please send in your dues for 2023 – still \$12.00. A membership form is included with this newsletter.

Our December meeting will be a holiday party at the home of Doug Mattox on Sunday, December 11. Please let Barbara Asher know if you will be able to attend. Directions to Doug's home are included below. Main dish and drinks provided, please bring a side or dessert.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2-3 FLOREX 2022 The Florida State Stamp Show. Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E New York Ave., Deland Florida. www.FlorexStampShow.com

December 3 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

December 11 4:00 PM HOLIDAY PARTY. Home of Doug Mattox, Vinings, GA 30339. We will have an auction.

January 9, 2023 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.

January 20-22, 2023 Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, Municipal Auditorium 801 N Tamiami Trl, Sarasota, FL <https://www.sarasotastampclub.com/the-exhibition/general-info/>

January 23, 2023 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting at 7:00. Program by Colin Clark, "Sir Henry Tanner – Post Office Architect"

January 27-29, 2023 Southeastern Stamp Expo, Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. www.sefsc.org

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.

The ZOOM meeting on 4th Monday will be a "virtual" Atlanta Stamp Collector’s Club meeting hosted by member Lloyd Nutter. Lloyd sends out a Zoom invitation a couple days before the meeting. If you do not get an invitation for the meetings, please contact Lloyd to make sure he adds you to his list. Emailing him: trains56@charter.net. Also, if you need to test how Zoom works, Lloyd will be glad to give you a test.

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New Stamp Club in Georgia

Newly organized North Atlanta Stamp Club meetings on 2nd Thursday at Roswell Presbyterian Church from 7 – 9 pm. For details contact Dave Flannery 470-328-3909 or deflann@gmail.com

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our club provides staffing for the registration desk at the Southeastern Stamp Expo as well as the Youth Explorers table. If you are able to volunteer for any of the dates, please let Scott Holmberg know. He will be passing around sign up sheets at the first January meeting.

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Colin has provided another in his series on Building Victorian Libraries. Join us for the January ZOOM meeting for his presentation on Sir Henry Tanner, post office architect.

BUILDING VICTORIAN POST OFFICES

By Colin Clark

Architecture should speak of its time and place, but yearn for timelessness – Frank Gehry

Historically, the British Post Office was **not** responsible for the design and construction of its own buildings. Rather, it was the architects working within the **Office of Works** (1851 – 1940), and then subsequent government ministries who carried out this work. The post office architects were civil servants, so often very little is known about them. However thanks to surviving archive documentation, there is now some idea of who these architects were.

One such architect was **James Williams (1824 – 1892)**. He was born on 20th January 1824. He entered the **Office of Works** in the late 1840s at the age of 24, and he was one of the main post office architects between 1859 and 1884. He was a **Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (F.R.I.B.A.)**.

He utilized a variety of architectural styles for various projects. For example, the Nottingham post office (1868) style was Italianate and the Sheffield post office (1871) was Free Classical style.

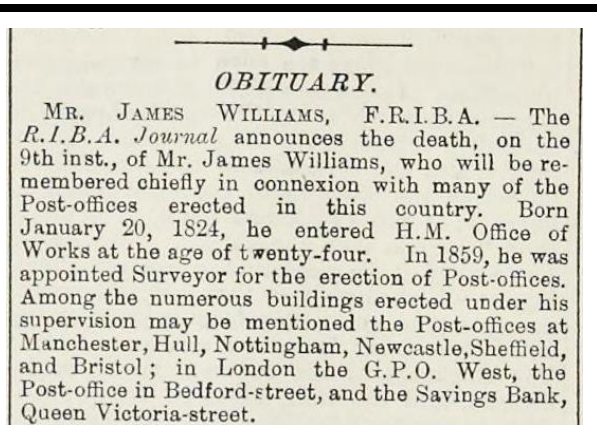


Figure 1. Obituary of James Williams

Post Office Case Study: Darlington



This post office case study is of **Darlington**, which has the associated numeric allocation of **233**. The city is located in the North East of England.

It is not definitive who the architect was, but the body of evidence indicates that **James Williams** was responsible.

The post office was opened in the **mid-1860s**.



Figure 2. Map of Darlington (circa: 1858).

The building operated as a post office until the **1980s**. The street address is **28 – 32 Northgate**. The photographs below show the building functioning as a post office, and subsequently functioning as a retail clothing store.

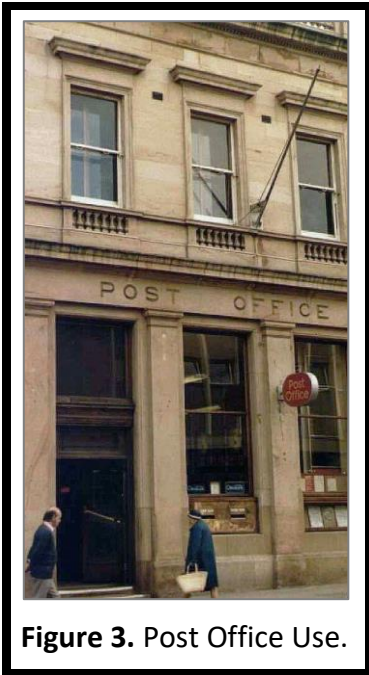


Figure 3. Post Office Use.



Figure 4. Retail Use.

The “**POST OFFICE**” wording is still present on the façade of the building today, as shown in the photograph below.



Figure 5. POST OFFICE façade.

Teamwork:

James Williams was only one of many semi-anonymous **Office of Works** Victorian architects that designed post offices.

	<p>The Office of Works was given its separate identity in 1851, derived from its precursor incarnation as the Office of Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works and Buildings. This refocusing of the department was legislated in order to bring the Office of Works under the direct control of the British Parliament.</p>	<p>OFFICE OF WORKS HISTORY</p>
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As the postal system expanded in the Victorian era, there was an ever increasing demand for post office infrastructure, which required a veritable team of architects. In conclusion, the **Office of Works** was a major contributor to the overall success of the British Victorian postal system.

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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.

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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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club Membership

Annual Dues of \$12.00 entitles you to our monthly newsletter and participation in all club events. You can pay your \$12 dues to our Treasurer, Barbara Asher at the next meeting or mail to her at: Barbara Asher, 1633 Adelia Pl, Atlanta, GA 30329.

Name: _____

Mailing Address for Newsletter:

Email: _____ Phone _____

Are you a member of American Philatelic Society? _____

Are you a member of American Topical Association? _____

Stamp Collecting Interest _____

We want to have a list of members with their interests so that those who bring material to the auction meetings know what other members are interested in.

If you would like the newsletter in email form rather than snail mail, let me know. The newsletter is usually a PDF file and easily emailed.

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To access the Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club's website page:

1. Enter sefsc.org in your browser.
2. From the main top-of-page menu, hover over Stamp Clubs.
3. Hover over Georgia.
4. Click Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club.

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