



Postmark Atlanta
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



Affiliate club #0357-031583

June 2023 Newsletter

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

The ZOOM meeting will now be 4th Monday. We will continue this as 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.

Welcome to new club member Steve McWilliams who joined at our last in person meeting.

Thank you to Garfield Portch for his presentation on early Toronto postal history at our ZOOM meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 – 4 NAPEX. National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, DC, McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean, VA. <http://www.napex.org>

June 3 – 4 HUNTSPEX 2023, sponsored by Huntsville Philatelic Club. John Hunt Park, 2180 Airport Road, Huntsville, AL 335802 hpcstamps@gmail.com

June 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.

June 12 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.

- June 26 Atlanta Stamp Collector’s Club ZOOM meeting at 7:00 pm.
Presentation by Doug Mattox on “Tonga: Early stamps and postal history”
- July 10 Atlanta Stamp Collector’s Club meeting and Auction at 7:00
- July 24 Atlanta Stamp Collector’s Club ZOOM meeting. Plan on a member Show & Tell. Bring an item from your collection to share.
- July 29-30 CHARPEX 2023, sponsored by Charlotte Philatelic Society. Worrell Bldg., Central Piedmont Community College, 1228 Elizabeth Ave. Charlotte, NC
www.charlottestampclub.org/home/charpex
- August 10 – 13 GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW, Cleveland, Ohio
- August 19-20 Columbia Summer 2023 Stamp and Postcard Show, Spring Valley High School, 120 Sparkleberry Ln. Columbia, SC

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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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American Philatelic Society Stamp Chat

June 6 - Treasures from the “Erivan” Collection – postal history presented by Charles Epting of H R Harmer. A preview of the upcoming Ninth Sale of “Erivan” Collection. Registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5c6glvQXTZq4VUWYk9apmA#/registration

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Eldorado, Georgia Named for Its first Postmaster By Steve Swain

Eldorado is an unincorporated community located in Decatur County in southwest Georgia. The community was named for its first Postmaster, Eldorado Virginia Higgs Brown (1835–1904) (*Figure 1*). Eldorado and her husband, Shadrick Morgan Brown (1826–1914), moved to the area in the 1870s. Eldorado attended the La Grange, Georgia Female College. She was a teacher and taught in both Alabama and Georgia.



When the new railroad came through the Brown plantation, a post office was established. Eldorendo decided to apply for the position of Postmaster.

In completing the required government forms, she signed her name "Eldorendo Virginia Brown." The notice of her Postmaster appointment came with a statement that the postal officials had discovered the town did not have a name. They selected the name "Eldorendo" from the first given name on Brown's application paperwork.

Eldorendo held her position for almost ten years until May 5, 1896.

Figure 1. Eldorendo Virginia Higgs Brown.

The Eldorendo post office was discontinued on October 31, 1955, with mail being serviced in Colquitt County. Possibly philatelically inspired, the *Figure 2* cover carries an October 31, 1955, "last day" postmark.

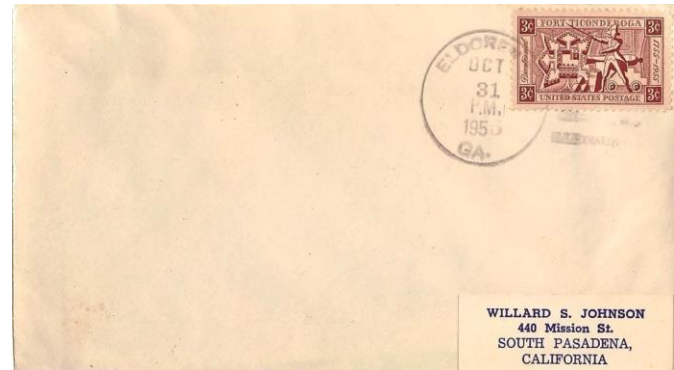


Figure 2.

Eldorendo "Last Day" postmark

Eldorendo Virginia Higgs Brown and her husband, Shadrick, are buried in the Eldorendo Baptist Church cemetery (*Figures 3*

and 4).



Figure 3. Eldorendo Baptist Church.



Figure 4. Headstones for Shadrick and Eldorendo Brown.



American Topical Association free album pages

If you are a topical collector – or even if you just need the format for blank album pages – ATA has many printable pages available on their website:

<https://americantopical.org/Album-Pages>

Pages are in both PDF and Microsoft© Word format.

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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.

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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.

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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