



Postmark Atlanta
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



Affiliate club #0357-031583

May 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May 6 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.

May 8 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.

May 22 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting at 7:00 pm. Presentation by Garfield Portch on "Toronto Postal History from the Beginning."

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>

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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.

Adel, Georgia Named by Postmaster **By Steve Swain**

Incorporated as a town in 1889, Adel, Georgia is located twenty-four miles north of Valdosta. It is fast becoming known as the Gateway to the Georgia Grown Trail (GA 37), which runs through the heart of South Georgia and is known for its vineyards, olive groves, u-pick orchards, plantations, and farm-to-table dining experiences.



The United States Post Office in Adel is a building erected in 1939 (Figure 1). It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2009. It now houses the Cook County Historical Society Museum & Genealogical Library.

The building's location is at 115 E. 4th Street at the intersection with Parrish Avenue, named after the city's first postmaster, Joel Jackson Parrish (1834 – 1921). Parrish was appointed Postmaster on July 22, 1873.

Long before pavement covered its roads, Adel was called Puddleville.

Figure 1. The Adel post office building, erected in 1939.

The name stood as a testament to the many water puddles that saturated low-lying streets after a rainfall. Joel Parrish's association with Adel's current-day name is an entertaining story with a local legend element and the "real story" offered by Parrish's grandson.

Local Legend

Postmaster Parrish was anxious in the early months of his new position to change the name of Puddleville to a more "acceptable" name. The local legend holds that while visiting the town's general goods store, he saw the name "Philadelphia" on a croker (burlap) sack of potatoes, such as Figure 2.

Taking the letters "a-d-e-l" out of "Philadelphia," Parish declared that Adel should be the city's new name. He successfully lobbied the town leaders and in 1889 everyone celebrated Adel's incorporation into the county.

Real Story

Joel Parrish's grandson, June Jackson Parrish, relates the true story of the naming of the city in his book, *The History of Cook County Georgia and Its Municipalities*.

Figure 2. "Philadelphia" on a croker sack of potatoes.



"In the early part of 1873, Berry Wells, who at the time lived about six miles Southwest of Puddleville, and Joel J. Parrish met in J. T. Wilkes store. Berry suggested that Puddleville should have a post office. He explained that he was a friend of the Congressman from the district and felt sure he could secure the establishment of a post office, provided, a good man could be secured to serve as Postmaster and made this remark to Joel J. Parrish: "If you will agree to serve as Postmaster, I'll get you appointed."

"Joel Parrish (otherwise known as "Uncle Jack") readily agreed to serve. There were several present in the store at the time and everyone was in favor of securing a post office, so Berry Wells stated that he would write the Congressman to send the necessary papers for making application.

In due time, he received from the Post Office Department the application form and other papers in connection therewith, together with a book containing the names of all post offices by states in the entire nation. Then, a meeting was arranged by him and Uncle Jack for the purpose of making the application. At this meeting they read and discussed all the requirements and found this item in the instructions: "In selecting the name of your post office, be sure to see that there is no other post office within your state by the same name."

"When Wells and Uncle Jack read this, they decided they would get a name for the new post office unlike any other post office in Georgia or in all the other states of the Union. The selection of the name seemed to them the most important thing that they had to do so they started out, each one suggesting a name. Then, they would look through the entire list of post offices within the United States and without fail every name they suggested was found to be a post office at some place within the Union.

"This searching for a name lasted for several weeks and they were beginning to believe they would have to use some name that was already a post office somewhere. Finally, they arranged to meet again in Wilkes store for the purpose of getting a name from some other state for the new post office.

“They met at the appointed time and Uncle Jack hadn't completely given up and was busy at the time looking through the Post Office Register and ran across the name of Philadelphia. He called Wells' attention to what he had found and asked him what he saw. Wells replied, "I see Philadelphia." Then Uncle Jack covered the first four letters and the last four letters of the word "Philadelphia" and said, “Now what do you see?” Wells, of course, replied, "I see A-D-E-L.”

“Then, Uncle Jack said: "Berry, when I looked at that name the four letters in the center seemed to me to be twice as large as the remaining letters." They immediately looked through the Federal Post Office Register and they did not find the name Adel as the name of any other post office in the United States. "Now Berry, I believe Providence had something to do with it." They were both well pleased and right then completed the application naming Joel J. Parrish as Postmaster and immediately mailed it to the Post Office Department in Washington.

“In due time they received from the Post Office Department a paper establishing the Adel Post Office in Berrien County, Ga., as of July 22, 1873, and named Joel J. Parrish as Postmaster.”

“For several years, Uncle Jack kept the post office in his home which was just across the branch from Puddleville. But he later built a post office building and moved it from his home to the new building where it remained until the Georgia-Southern Railroad was built through the community. The station selected by the railroad company was named by them as "Daphne." Uncle Jack immediately built a new post office building near the railroad and a block distant from the depot.

“The station being named "Daphne" and the post office "Adel" created an undesirable situation and pretty soon officials from the railroad called upon Uncle Jack for the purpose of securing his recommendation for changing the name of the post office from "Adel" to "Daphne." Uncle Jack promptly refused to do so and remarked: "The Adel Post Office has been here for fifteen years and I'm not going to change its name now, especially to "Daphne.”

“The station was called Daphne for several months, but finally railroad representatives came back to see Uncle Jack if he would recommend changing the name of Adel to "Jewette." They had already taken down the "Daphne" sign on the depot and put up the sign "Jewette." But Uncle Jack was still obstinate and visibly showed his animosity toward the railroad's endeavor to change the name of the post office. In a short time, the railroad took down their sign "Jewette" and placed the name "Adel" in place of it.

“With the post office's name now officially “Adel,” Uncle Jack successfully petitioned the town leaders to change the name of the town from Puddleville to Adel.”

The Adel postmark is shown on the Figure 3 postcard to Savannah, Georgia, processed on September 9, 1910.

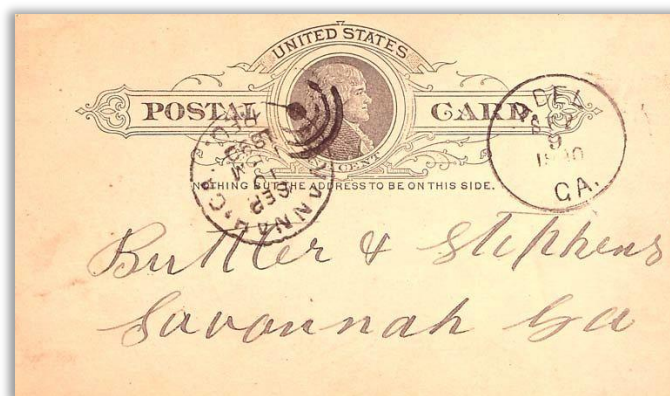


Figure 3. Adel 1910 mailing to Savannah, Georgia.

The Figure 4 cover also has the Adel postmark. Of interest is this May 14, 1934, mailing's return address is D.F. Bruton, Adele, Ga. David Foster Bruton was appointed Adel's Acting Postmaster on March 15, 1934, and then Postmaster on January 22, 1935, holding that position until April 1, 1945



Figurer 4. Adel 1934 mailing from Acting Postmaster D.F. Bruton.

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Adventures in **DISCORD**

By Colin Clark

For those philatelists with an adventurous spirit, there is an up and coming social media platform that is especially attracting younger collectors. Its name is **Discord**. Discord is considered to be an enhanced chat room application resembling a blend between Facebook and Twitter.


History: Discord started as a chat room network primarily for video gamers, but with the advent of the pandemic lockdown, many recreational groups started using the same platform, such as knitting circles, cooking groups and study groups. Young philatelists from the UK then took the initiative and created a philatelic Discord group called **International Philatelic Promoters – Official Server**.



Terminology: The Discord chat rooms are called **Servers**.

What is required: A basic website style of registration is required to start, and then you simply search out the **International Philatelic Promoters** server after logging in. You should log out after

each of your sessions. Once you are registered, you can customize your account with a pseudonym, photo or image, and a written description of your collecting interests.

	<p>Advice: As part of your account customizations, I would recommend that you switch off email notifications. This will prevent your email inbox from being filled with notification messages. Unless of course you like to receive notifications.</p>	EMAILS
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The website link is:

www.discord.com

Structure: The International Philatelic Promoters server is divided into many specific sub-chat rooms such as **postal-history**, **scandinavia** and **great-britain** (no capital letters in names). A snap shot is shown opposite.

You can dive into the specific rooms depending on your own specialty, or just wander around in the general areas.



My experience: I would say that if you are up for a fast-paced message exchange system connecting with like-minded philatelists and postal historians, then this platform could be the one for you. It's a very active community of collectors. See you there!

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ATA Class offer

Understanding Multiple Frankings to Improve Your Collection and Exhibit

by Damian Läge

To register go to: <https://americantopical.org/event-5197603>

- Saturday, May 6, 6 p.m. Eastern
- Sunday, May 7, 6 p.m. Eastern
- Sunday, May 14, 6 p.m. Eastern

Many covers you encounter at dealer booths and online have more than one stamp. These covers, with multiple frankings, vary dramatically in their philatelic importance. ATA is delighted to present a three-part course on understanding

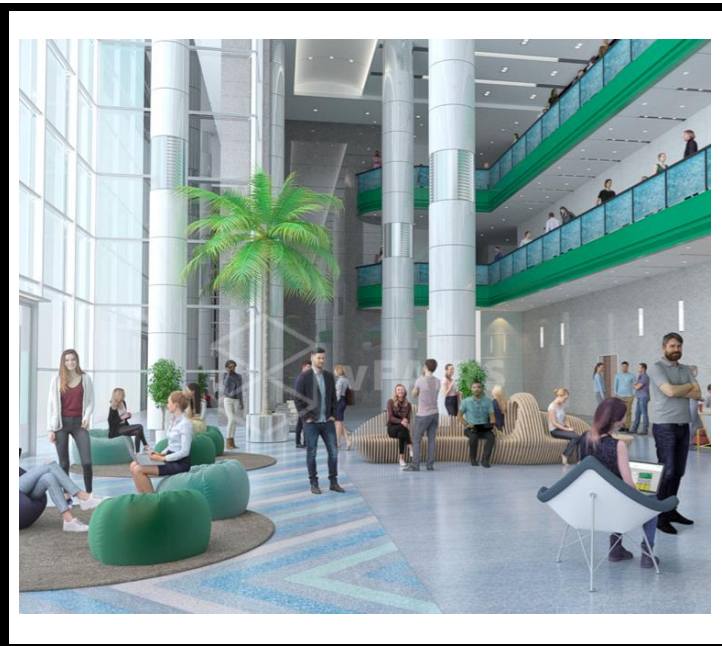
and evaluating multiple frankings. The course will be recorded so if you register you can watch it at convenient time.

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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.

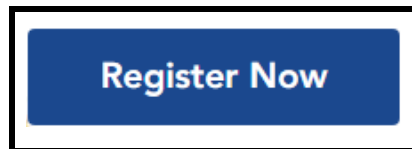
This year’s show will also feature a new virtual tool that allows attendees to meet and live video chat with other collectors and dealers. In addition, the show will offer live philatelic round tables, giving visitors a chance to connect in **real-time** with fellow collectors from around the world on 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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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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