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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



Affiliate club #0357-031583  
September 2023 Newsletter

In person meetings changing to Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at our new location: 1068 North Highland Avenue NE at The Church of Our Saviour. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 will still be 4<sup>th</sup> 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: [Stamps1840.2000@gmail.com](mailto:Stamps1840.2000@gmail.com). Also, if you need to test how Zoom works, Lloyd will be glad to give you a test.

Thank you to Mel Coe for doing double duty at the August 28 ZOOM meeting since Lloyd was unable to get his computer up and running. Mel also presented on Stamps of the Free City of Danzig from his exhibit that he showed at the Charlotte show last month. This resulted in a lively discussion on exhibiting.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 2                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.

September 2-4            BALPEX Baltimore Philatelic Society, Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Rd. I-83 exit 20 East. Hunt Valley, MD. WSP; <http://www.balpex.org>

**Sunday** September 3 Atlanta Stamp Collector’s Club meeting and Auction at 3:00 PM at 1068 North Highland Avenue NE at The Church of Our Saviour. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room. Corner of North Highland and Los Angeles. The door to our meeting room is on Los Angeles side.

September 9 ROAPEX, Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, 707 E Washington Ave. Vinton, VA. 10 am – 4 pm; sponsored by Big Lick Stamp Club

September 25 Atlanta Stamp Collector’s Club ZOOM meeting at 7:00 pm.

October 28 – 29 GWINPEX at Mountain Park United Methodist Church Family Life Center. Show times are Friday and Saturday 10 til 5.

December 1-2 FLOREX, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E New York Ave, Deland, FL [florexstampshow.com](http://florexstampshow.com)

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Congratulations to our member Garfield Portch on publishing an article in the August issue of The American Philatelist. The title is “An Unusual Three Currency Franking”. If you are an APS member you can read the article on page 715 of the August issue by logging in at this link:

<https://stamps.org/the-american-philatelist>

If you are not a member there is a link to join APS. Be sure to let Barbara Asher know if you join so we have an accurate list of club members since our club is an APS Affiliate **#0357-031583**.

I also have a couple copies of the article if someone needs me to mail it to you.

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### **Stamp Chat September 26, 2023 at 7:PM**

This will also be archived on the American Philatelic site

<https://stamps.org/news/sc/stampchats/p/1>

### **Researching a Cover's Story**

Join Dr. Frederick Lawrence FRPSL – international award-winning exhibitor, judge, consultant, columnist and all-around Scouting on Stamps expert – as he shares his perspective on the life of a cover. In Dr. Lawrence's own words: “every stamp, every cover in our collections and in our exhibits has a story, of how it came to be in our temporary possession, and who owned it before us, and where it has been, and when it was there.” In this episode of Stamp Chat, Dr. Lawrence will explore a Mafeking siege cover to find its story – and discover the stories of the covers in your own collection.

**Date:** September 26, 2023

**Time:** 7 p.m. Eastern

[Register](#)

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## STAMPS ON FACEBOOK

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site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/188058445123799>

My FaceBook buy/sell site that allows anyone to do both. Paypal is the recommended payment method. Link: [\(1\) United States & Worldwide Stamps buy and sell | Facebook](#)

There are tons of specialized group stamp sites on almost any topic. If you have questions about Facebook feel free to contact me.

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## CLUB FLYER

I've included the latest version of our Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club flyer – if you have anywhere you can leave these to let folks know about our meetings and website.

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## The Uniquely Colorful Stamps of the British Empire

*by Steve Swain*

The stamps issued in the first half of the 1900s for the British Empire's territories, colonies, protectorates, etc., were not only beautifully designed and engraved, but the quite distinctive blends of color for the paper on which the stamps were printed and the inks used for the stamps' images created stamps that are a true feast for the eyes. It has even been said that many of the brilliantly colored issues for these territories pushed the envelope (no pun intended) on color choices and combinations, some possibly just a bit too colorful and bright!

Issues that perfectly illustrate the unique, bright and vivid colors used for British territories' stamps are the King George VI stamps of the Leeward Islands and Bermuda.



The Leeward Islands 5 shillings issue had four printings during the years of production: 1938, 1943, 1944 and 1951. The 1938 issue, shown here (far left), is definitely the most brilliantly colored of the set. The stamps were printed on bright yellow paper in sheets of 120 which comprised 2 panes of 6 x 10.

Equally vibrant Leeward Islands stamps are the 1940s' purple, deep purple, reddish purple and violet £1 issues (second from left). Combine those ink colors - and their inevitable shades - with the carmine, red-scarlet, brick red and salmon colored paper that was used in the printing process and the varieties of this brilliant issue are almost endless.

The 10 shillings Bermuda issue (second from right) is from the 1937 set and is described as "green and deep lake on pale emerald (paper)." The 5 shillings issues (far right) has a rather "common" color combination of green and red on yellow (paper), but is certainly a solid example of brilliant and colorful British territory issues.

Some of the territory stamps have almost an iridescent, phosphorus look about them as with the £1 Leeward Island issue shown above and these from the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, St. Kitts and British Honduras.



What gives these stamps that iridescent effect? They were printed on "chalky" paper, i.e., a type of paper coated with a chalky solution for security purposes. The postmark cannot be removed without damaging the surface of the stamp. And, that brilliance is certainly apparent on stamps printed with "fugitive" inks that afford additional protection against the removal of postmarks. Fugitive pigments lighten, darken, or otherwise change in appearance over time when exposed to certain environmental conditions, such as light, temperature, humidity, or pollution.

As mentioned, the appeal of the colorful stamps issued by the various British territories is as much a factor of the colors of the paper used in the printing as the inks selected to print the stamp images. The blocks and pairs of stamps below highlight the green, bluish-purple, and reddish-orange papers used in the printing process.



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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](mailto:sdholmberg1@gmail.com) with your ideas.

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