

Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs Names 2014 Rowland Hill Award Winner

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, representing Stamp Clubs in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina, is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2014 Rowland Hill Award. The award is named after Sir Rowland Hill, the creator of the first postage stamp and is awarded annually to a philatelist that has made an outstanding lifetime contribution to stamp collecting in the Southeast.

For 2014, the Federation proudly honors **Francis J. (Frank) Crown, Jr.** of Madison, Alabama. To say that Frank's name is synonymous with Georgia postal history is not an exaggeration. Ask any U.S. dealer or collector a question about the subject and "Ask Frank Crown" is likely the response. In addition to authoring numerous articles on Confederate postal history, Crown was the Editor of two books including *Confederate Postal History* and *Surveys of the Confederate Postmasters Provisionals*. He also authored several books including *Guide to Georgia Public Officials During the Stampless Period*, *Preliminary Census of Georgia Postmasters' Provisionals*, and *The Turbulent Decade, Georgia's Post Offices 1860 – 1869*. He also prepared and published the *Georgia Stampless Cover Catalog and Handbook*. He is the Co-Editor of the recently published *Confederate States of America, Catalog and Handbook of Stamps and Postal History*.

Frank is a past president of the Confederate Stamp Alliance, the international organization for Confederate stamp and postal history collectors, and holds the rank of "General" in the organization. At present he chairs the Authentication Service Committee of the Alliance and many of his opinions on stamps and covers have resulted in published articles about his research on the material. Typically, his published articles are true original research, not just surveys of other author's findings.

Crown is a founding member of the Georgia Postal History Society, its past president and former editor of *Georgia Post Roads*, the Journal of the Georgia Postal History Society. He continues as a regular contributor to the journal.

Crown retired after a 20 year career as a U.S. Army officer having served overseas in Korea, Vietnam and Alaska. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute with a degree in Electrical Engineering and has a graduate degree in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology. After retiring from the Army Crown worked as a manager of software development and testing and as an environmental engineer. He began collecting stamps at the age of six and started collecting Confederates about the age of fifteen.

Frank will accept his award at the Southeastern Stamp Expo Awards Ceremony on February 2, 2014.

Past Winners of the Rowland Hill "Award

2005 Nancy B. Z. Clark

2006 Dr. William H. Waggoner

2007 Lt. Col. (Ret) Robert Effinger

2008 Ed Jackson

2010 Douglas N. Clark

2013 Bruce Roberts

About the Southeast federation of Stamp Clubs

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs is an organization representing 21 stamp clubs and societies in Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, South and North Carolina and Alabama, which pool resources for the common goal of promoting and supporting stamp collecting activities in the southeastern region. Principal among these is the sponsorship and management of the annual Southeast Stamp Expo, an APS World Series of Philately stamp show. The show will be held January 31st – February 2nd, 2014 at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Norcross, GA 30092.