

Mastering Postal History: How to Read and Interpret a Cover

APS On-the-Road Course

**Thursday, January 26, 2017 • Prior to SOUTHEASTERN STAMP EXPO
Atlanta Hilton Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross, GA**



Postal History: the study of covers and other artifacts that explain the movement of the mails

- Understand what, exactly, is postal history
- Answer the basic question “What is a cover?”
- Learn the four fundamental aspects of covers: Rates, Routes, Markings and Means
- Extend your knowledge of other aspects of your covers: Senders & Recipients, Origins & Destinations, Requested & Added Services, Labels & Etiquettes
- Evaluate cover intangibles: Provenance, Condition & Rarity
- Master the taxonomy of postal history artifacts
- Learn where to find the answers to your postal history questions
- Understand the role of expertizing covers
- Develop the skills to determine relative value of postal history
- Appreciate the broader importance of postal history as a means to study world history
- Return home with a valuable reference guide to researching postal history

The purpose of this course is to enable participants to fully understand their postal history collections.

- *What is the story that each cover can tell?*
- *How to organize your covers into a more meaningful postal history collection.*
- *How to maximize the value of your covers*
- *How to become a more informed buyer and learn what to pay for a cover*

***Bring your mystery items, and a sense of curiosity to this course.
We won't have all the answers, but we'll show you how to find them!***

Taught by the enthusiastic Gary Wayne Loew

Gary Wayne Loew is the author of the forthcoming book, *Mastering Postal History*. His collecting interests have been both wide-ranging and narrowly-focused. For example, his “vertical” collecting interest is Gambia and his “horizontal” interest is the King George V 1935 Silver Jubilee issues. Gary’s philatelic writing has appeared in *The Collectors Club Philatelist*, *Cameo*, *The Airpost Journal*, *Flagstaff* and *The Philatelic Exhibitor*. His proudest philatelic accomplishments include the numerous roles he has played in digitizing journals for the USPCS, USSS, and the complete run of the *U.S. Postal Bulletin*. He is a life member of the APS, serves as treasurer of the Postal History Society and has numerous other memberships. Gary is a recent transplant to Atlanta, Georgia, where he is enjoying the friendly folks and the Cobb County Stamp Club.

Course Information

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(lunch on your own)

Location: Atlanta Hilton Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross, GA

Cost \$65 for APS Members / \$105 for non-members

Some of the costs for this course are being underwritten by the Southeastern Stamp Expo

Registration Deadline: **January 7, 2017**

To Register: <http://stamps.org/On-the-Road-Courses>

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