



Postmark Atlanta  
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



Affiliate club #0357-031583  
May 2021 Newsletter

As we emailed earlier, physical meetings are not being held until the public health danger is past. I've included many ways to connect with other stamp collectors online in this newsletter.

We are holding "virtual" Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting the first and third Tuesday 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](mailto:trains56@charter.net). Also, if you need to test how Zoom works, Lloyd will be glad to give you a test.

There are some hopeful signs of upcoming stamp shows listed below.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 4, 2021                      7:00 pm Atlanta Stamp Collectors meeting on Zoom. Member show and tell.
- May 7 – 9, 2021                PIPEX 2021 Virtual Stamp Show. [www.pipexstampshow.org](http://www.pipexstampshow.org). An American Philatelic Society World Series event will be all virtual this year. Sponsored by Portland Philatelic Exhibitions and Oregon Stamp Society.
- May 18, 2021                    7:00 pm Atlanta Stamp Collectors meeting on Zoom. Presentation by Fred Danes on George VI issues of Fiji.
- June 1                              7:00 pm Atlanta Stamp Collectors meeting on Zoom. Member show and tell.
- June 4 – 6                        NAPEX in Washington DC has been postponed. [www.napex.org](http://www.napex.org)
- June 15                            7:00 pm Atlanta Stamp Collectors meeting on Zoom with presentation.

July 24 – 25 CHARPEX 2021 Charlotte Philatelic Society. [www.charpex.info](http://www.charpex.info)

August 12 – 15 Great American Stamp Show. Chicago IL. Details are subject to COVID in Illinois so we will keep checking on this. You can check at <https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show> for the latest updates.

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Our presentation at the April 20 meeting was from Chad Snee of Amos Media (the publisher of Linn’s Stamp News and Scott catalogs. If you have further questions for Mr. Snee, you can reach him at [csnee@amosmedia.com](mailto:csnee@amosmedia.com).

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As a follow up to our meeting discussions on stamp valuation John Fitzpatrick mentioned NobleSpirit. The link for their tool is: <https://www.noblespirit.com/stamp-market-index>. They give historical prices from eBay.

John’s comments are: Click bar to sign up for this data site: name and email and a password. Try it and you will see there are a lot of search parameters. It takes a little getting used to but you can press the “?” on the site and get search tips. I have bought from their eBay auctions before and found them to be good from my standpoint. John

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Allen Johnson with the Button Gwinnett Stamp Club has created a Facebook Group for their club. Contact him to get invited to the group to see their process of buying and selling stamps. [Ajrj1957@yahoo.com](mailto:Ajrj1957@yahoo.com) is his email.

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## “Postmaster Will Advertise the Letter”

By Steve Swain

While perusing a website devoted to auxiliary markings on covers, I noticed several examples of an “ADVERTISED” marking, such as the marking on the upper left of the 1866 cover shown below. Advertised where? Advertised for what purpose? A clue is the UNCLAIMED marking above the postmark.



According to the “Postal Laws and Regulations of the United States of America, 1847” (below), when a letter was non-delivered or unclaimed, and before it was relegated to the Dead Letter Office, the mailing must be advertised to induce the addressee to claim it.

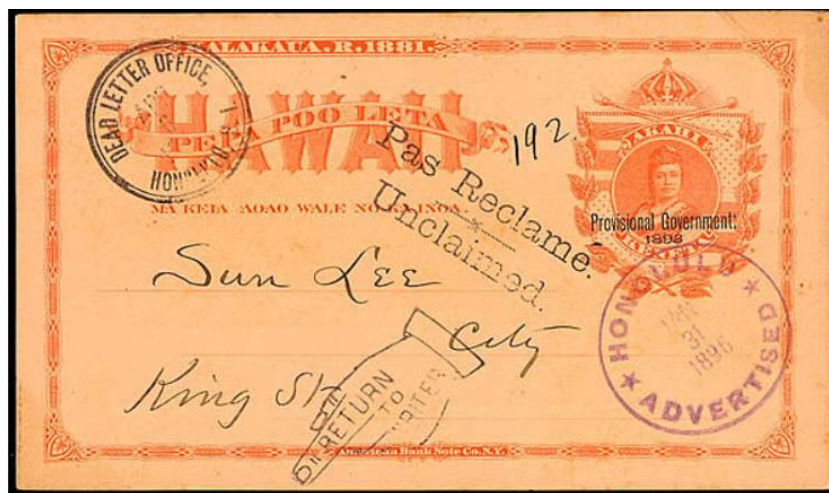
**§ 43.41 Advertising of nondelivered letters—(a) Method.** The Postmaster General may direct the publication of the list of non-delivered letters at any post office by written list posted in some public place, or, when he shall deem it for the public interest, he may direct the publication of such list in the daily or weekly newspaper regularly published within the post-office delivery which has the largest circulation within such delivery, and where no daily paper is published within the post-office delivery, such list may be published in the daily newspaper of any adjoining delivery having the largest circulation within the delivery of the post office publishing the list; and in case of dispute as to the circulation of competing newspapers, the postmaster shall receive evidence and decide upon the fact. Such list shall be published as frequently as the Postmaster General may deem proper, but not oftener than once a week. (R. S. 3930; 39 U. S. C. 401.)

The regulations also state that if the letter was advertised and not claimed after three months, including refused letters, the letter would be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

Most post offices had a handstamp for the ADVERTISED marking resulting in variations of style, size, uppercase or lowercase, color, etc. This affords the opportunity for an interesting collection. Below are examples of the ADVERTISED auxiliary marking on covers.



The Honolulu postcard shown below is a dream come true for a collector of ADVERTISED markings. In various colors and formats, the card displays markings of "ADVERTISED", "DEAD LETTER OFFICE", "Pas (non) Reclamé/Unclaimed", and the pointing finger "RETURN TO WRITER".



**If you have not visited the National Postal Museum, you should check out their YouTube site. There are links to lectures and videos of museum exhibits.**

The National Postal Museum continues to engage with the public during the COVID closure online at their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/SmithsonianNPM>

The museum is interested in what needs to be collected to document life under COVID much like they have items from the 1918 Flu Pandemic era. If you have ideas or items contact the Chief Curator, Daniel Piazza at [piazza@si.edu](mailto:piazza@si.edu).

### **Arago change**

If you have used the National Postal Museum site Arago to research stamps you will want to know that it has been replaced by “Search the Collection” at <http://postalmuseum.si.edu/search-the-collection>. This was necessary because the 14 year-old software was no longer supported.

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First Saturday of every month there is in person 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.

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To encourage members and collectors to learn more about the APS, American Philatelic Society has lifted the members-only restrictions on accessing *The American Philatelist* online. Please feel free to share with your fellow collectors and encourage them to connect and learn more about all the great benefits. [Please access The American Philatelist here](http://www.stamps.org/the-american-philatelist). If you are getting a print version of this newsletter, the full web address is: [www.stamps.org/the-american-philatelist](http://www.stamps.org/the-american-philatelist)

Also there will be online Stamp Chat events using Zoom that you can access information on at this link: <https://stamps.org/news/c/news/cat/local/post/aps-to-host-live-stamp-chats-on-zoom-beginning-monday-march-23>

There are Stamp Chats scheduled all through the end of 2021. There are replays of these chats available on YouTube. The variety of subjects now available is amazing. <https://www.youtube.com/user/AmericasStampClub> is the link to check out all the stored Chats.

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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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