



Postmark Atlanta  
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



Affiliate club #0357-031583  
March 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.

Thanks to Wheeler Bryan for follow-up on Jonathan Goldstein's discussion of his expertising experience, Scott Holmberg has lined up Ken Martin to make a presentation at our March 16 meeting.

Remember to renew your club membership for 2021.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 27 – 28 Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia Stamp Show. Home 2 Suites Hotel, 2168 Kingston Court SE, Marietta, GA (near Delk Road exit on I-75) Sat 10am – 5pm; Sun 10am – 3pm

March Virtual Stamp Show – Willamette Valley Stamp Exhibition, Oregon. Exhibits will be viewable all of the month of March at <http://salemstampsociety.org/shows.html>

March 2, 2021 7:00 pm Atlanta Stamp Collectors meeting on Zoom. Member show and tell.

March 6 – 7 KNOXPEX. Rothchild Catering & Convention Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. Also Virtual Exhibits. Details at [www.knoxstamps.com](http://www.knoxstamps.com)

March 16, 2021 7:00 pm Atlanta Stamp Collectors meeting on Zoom. Ken Martin, Director of Expertizing at American Philatelic Society will be answering questions about expertizing, and previewing his article "Expertizing When and Why"

March 25 – 27 Virtual STAMPEX International. Details below.

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.

August 12 – 15 Great American Stamp Show. Chicago IL. Details are subject to COVID in Illinois so we will keep checking on this.

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ANNOUNCING **Virtual STAMPEX** (version 2.0) live from **London**. The first **Virtual STAMPEX** show version was in the Fall of last year, and was an immense success, with attendees from literally all over the world. The virtual show features talks, a Booth Hall (with over 100 vendors and organizations), exhibits and very lively chat rooms (Collectors Lounge and Social Booth).

The user interface is state-of-the-art. On the dates provided (**25 – 27 MARCH**), the show is open literally **24** hours a day. The biggest and best virtual show (so far). All for **FREE**. Sign up now and join the **FUN** at:

<https://stampex.vfairs.com/>

When you pre-register, you provide your email address, which you will then later also use to log into the show website itself.



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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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American Topical Association offers virtual programs:

Check out the *Warm Up To Topicals* programs. They have a variety of “how to” programs as well as programs on topics. You’ll be amazed at the creativity of topical collectors! All of the programs are free and open to anyone.

[Browse the selection and register](http://www.americantopical.org) on the website. [www.americantopical.org](http://www.americantopical.org)

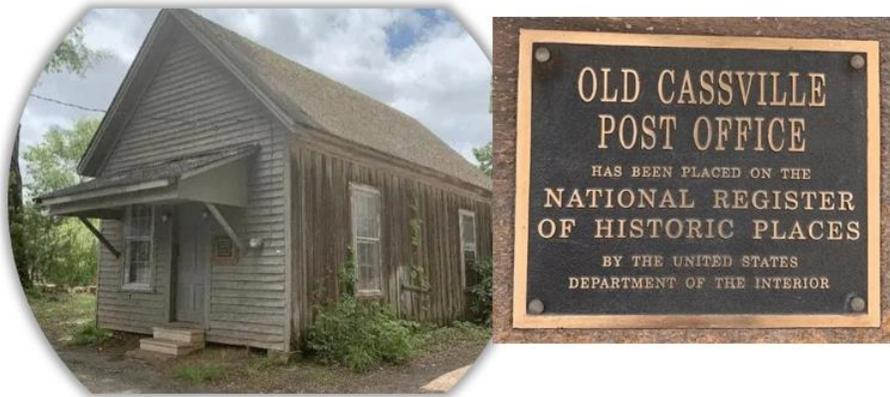
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## **Cassville – The Oldest Continuous Post Office in Georgia** **By Steve Swain**

Fifty-three miles north of Atlanta on I-75 towards Cartersville is the town of Cassville, created in 1833 as the seat of justice for Cass County. It was soon the center of trade and travel in the region. By 1849, Cassville was the largest and most prosperous town in northwest Georgia. Both the county and town were named in honor of General Lewis Cass, Michigan statesman and Secretary of War in the Cabinet of President Andrew Jackson. The first session of the Georgia Supreme Court was held in Cassville with the first decision handed down in 1846.

Cassville’s name was changed to Manassas in 1861 after the success of the Confederacy in the First Battle of Bull Run. It has been contended that as a direct result of the name change the town was burned by Sherman in 1864. After the war, Cassville never regained its population or prominence. The citizens, lacking the necessary finances, declined to rebuild the town. When the question of a new county seat was put to the voters in 1866, Cartersville was selected over Cass Station by a vote of 1085 to 919. When the county seat moved to Cartersville, many Cassville residents moved with it. Today, Cassville is a residential community with historical markers left to remind us of her past.

Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in July of 1992, Cassville has the oldest continuous post office in Georgia. The original, “old” post office built in 1887, seen below, is located at 1813 Cassville Rd. (Old Dixie Hwy.), Cassville, Georgia.



The post office was served by Mrs. Sallie L. Bruce for twenty-seven years, December 1887- July 1915. Subsequent postmasters used this building, except for breaks in 1915-1925 and 1934-1935, until 1989 when postal activities were moved to a new building. Throughout the period, the post office was the major governmental building in this small town and the only one associated with the Federal government. It was always privately owned.

From 1915 to 1925, the post office was in a general store one block down and across the street from the original building. It was moved back to its original site in 1925. When a new postmaster, Nellie Sloan, was appointed in 1934, the post office moved briefly to a two-story store building down the street. It remained in that building until it closed in 1989 when a new post office building was constructed approximately one-half mile from the original site.

For several years, until 2014, the original post office building was used as the Cassville Museum, seen below, operated by the Cassville Historical Society.



The below Cassville cover has a postmark dating from 1834, per a certificate issued by The American Philatelic Expertizing Service. (Courtesy of Don LaBerteaux.)



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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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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](#). 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. And with almost a year of replays saved on YouTube you are certain to find something of interest. Just coming up in March are:

“From Me To You, a letter writing UK based charity”

“Extraordinary, Ordinary African American Women on U.S. Stamps”

“Ask a Dealer”, Facebook Live/Zoom event

“Stamp Chat: Libraries, Librarians and Philately”

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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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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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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