The Philatelic Missive

March 2024

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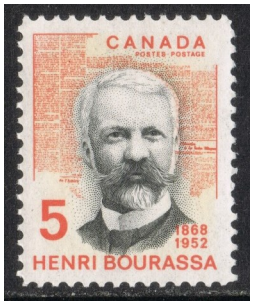
THE COVER STORY

The story of Canadian Stamp Scott # 485

Henri Bourassa was born in Montréal Sept. 1, 1868. He died there Aug. 31, 1952.
His family was one of the most prominent in the province of Quebec.
This stamp, Scott #485, was issued on Sept.4, 1968.



How did Henri Bourassa become so famous?

To start with his father, Napoleon Bourassa, was a well- known painter. Napoleon produced several famous paintings. The one shown here is called:

"The Legend of the Cradle: The child smiles at the angels" painted in 1881.

The painting is on display at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario.

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Upcoming Schedule— 2024

**** Pre-meeting sessions in 2024 will only be on the third Thursday of the month from 2-4pm. CFSC will continue to host the German Philatelic Society at that time, but CFSC members are welcome to use the room and equipment during that time.**

Upcoming March meetings:

March 7th—Member "Show & Tell" followed by a Silent Auction. Door Prize available

March 21st— ***"Postal History of Orange County, FL"*** presentation by Steve Patrick followed by a silent auction and door prize available.

Recap of February meetings:

February 1st—Called Auction—Tom Hart auctioneer and 25 lots sold with total sales of $542.00. Door Prize was won by John Kennedy. Maitland show coupons were won by Mike Schumacher and John Bailey. Seven members met for dinner pre-meeting and 31 folks attended the meeting. Jim Tinkoff & Gene Perry will start the planning for the April picnic.

February 15th—Presentation **TASCO Booklets** by Francis Ferguson; Silent auction was conducted 25 lots sold with total sales of $208.50 and Door Prize won by Gerald Freisinger The GPS met in the pre-meeting session. Nine folks attended the dinner meeting and 30 members attended the meeting.

Event Calendar 2023

CFSC Picnic—April 7th at the park in Maitland!

Spring Show—Maitland Civic Center—April. 6, 2024
Venue on the Lake 641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland, FL
10am-4pm
(same hours and location for all Maitland shows)
Summer Show– Maitland Civic Center– June 1, 2024
Fall Show– Maitland Civic Center—Sept. 7, 2024
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

FLOREX 2024 December 6-7, 2024
Friday 10am-5pm & Saturday 10am-4pm
Tommy Lawrence Arena
Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland, FL
For more info:
www.FLOREXStampShow.com

Newest Members

Welcome to our newest member(s):

David Girshoff—member number 772. He is a retired Editor and his collecting interests include: Pre-WWI picture postcards/worldwide. Welcome David!

Who will be new member number 773?

Pre meeting Dinner Plans:

Club members are invited to meet for dinner prior to the meeting at the Chuan Lu Garden at 1101 E. Colonial Drive at 4:30pm. Located on the north side of Colonial Drive one block west of Mills Ave. Plenty of parking behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and topics for discussion.

Boston International Stamp Expo
May 23-31, 2026
Boston, Massachusetts
More info at:
https//boston2026.org

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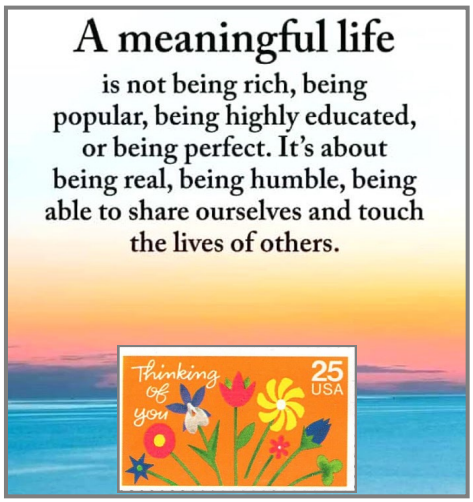

The Editor's Box

Calling all authors — Keep them coming!

Newsletter articles needed for 2024 Philatelic Missive!

Articles can be submitted in a word document with scans and attached to an email. Thank you!!

Submit articles to: **Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org**

President's Message by Francis Ferguson

Welcome all -- to the month of March … and may we all sneeze as one -- as the pollen count goes off the chart! With this issue I take over this space for the next 23 months – if all goes as expected. I would like to thank Mike Schumacher who was captain of the ship for the difficult 2022-2023 term. Mike did amazingly well for having a lot on his plate during a tumultuous period for the club and the nation. Thank you for your service and your continued support.

As most of you are aware – I have done this job a number of times over the last two plus decades. It really is second nature to me. I will do my best to keep my eye on the ball and provide guidance as the Club moves forward into the years to come. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me either in person or phone or email.

I have lived in Central Florida continuously since the fall of 1977 and it is home – 47 years has passed and with-it massive changes in the culture of the Orlando area. Some are positive while others are simply the by-product of growth and the loss of the small-town atmosphere of Orlando.

I have known of the club for all of those 47 years as I encountered the CFSC on a Sunday morning in September of 1977 at the old Winter Park Mall and spoke briefly with two legacy members who planted the seed of wanting to be involved. Unfortunately, on a very restricted income and with almost no free time as student at FTU/UCF -- there simply was not a path to being involved for many years. Something called a career -- kept getting in the way. This March, I will be an active member of the CFSC for 24 years – and I have enjoyed all of it!

As I am a newly minted retired person, I am finding that there is a whole lot to do. My days are pretty much filled; at least now, for the most part, I am doing what I want to do. That is a pleasant departure from everything I had to do for the last 45 years in the working world.
That said -- we are most likely leaving the area sometime in 2025 or 2026 for the mountains of Asheville, NC – at least that is the plan at this juncture. Things can and may change.
Be well, be safe and above all else be kind.

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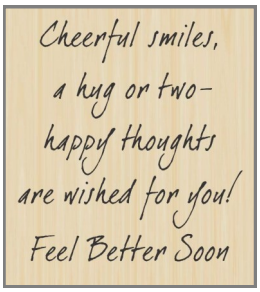
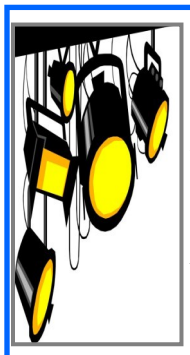
Carlos;

We all at CFSC wish you a full and speedy recovery!!!!!!!!

And all other CFSC members dealing with health matters, wishing you a speedy recovery, as well!





Member Spotlight - Thomas Lera

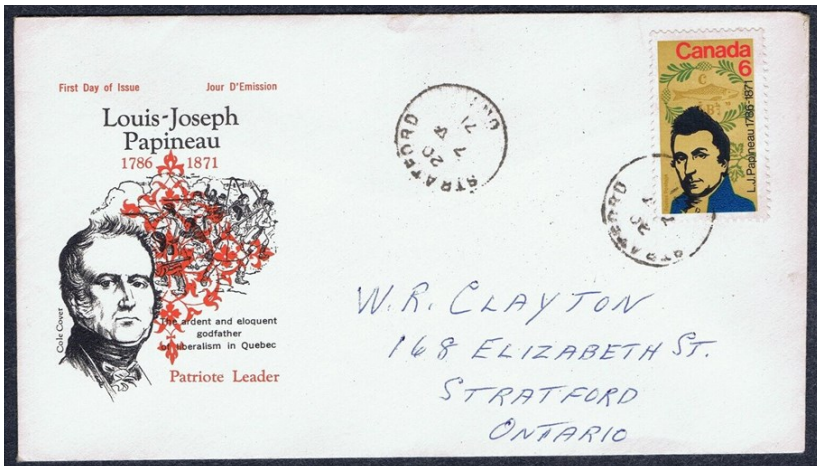
Thomas Lera has been a CFSC member since March 2015. He is also an APS member and Director of the Florida Postal History Society (FPHS). His contributions to philately include: past president of NAPEX; served on the organizing committee for Washington 2006; served as a National WSP Judge; appointed as the Winton M. Blount Research Chair at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum; received a Grand Award for his exhibits— "*Bats Masters of the Night"* multi-frame exhibit (1998) and *"Nitre and Mining Bureau of the Confederacy"* single frame (2009). He has published over 150 articles in such philatelic journals as: The Collectors Club Philatelist, The American Philatelist, The Confederate Philatelist, The Congress Book, Kelleher Stamp Collectors Quarterly and the Florida Postal History Journal (the most recent article appears in the February issue of The American Philatelist—"*Military Mail Carried By Express Riders!* He also edited *"Proceedings of Symposiums"* and written several books. He has received the 2019 Luff Award for Distinguished Philatelic Research and is a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London. He received—the Secretary of the Smithsonian Research Prize (2004), was inducted into the American Philatelic Society's Writer Unit Hall of Fame (2015), the Distinguished Philatelic Texan Award (2016) and the Florida Postal History Award (2019). THANKS Tom, for your contributions to the CFSC and the Philatelic community!

Cover Story: The story of Canadian Stamp # 485 cont.

By: Donald J. Bourassa

Another noted figure in his past was his grandfather, Louis-Joseph Papineau.
Papineau was a celebrated folk hero of the rebellions of 1837.

First Day Cover of Canada Scott #539



Henri was educated at Montreal's *École Polytechnique.*
He was then sent to study at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts to improve his English vocabulary.

The Riel Rebellion of 1885

Henri Bourassa knew that Louis David Riel was living
in what is now known as Manitoba, Canada. Riel met the
French and Scottish fur traders who married the native Aboriginal women.
Some Canadians from eastern Canada thought he was a traitor.
They went to confront Riel and a fight ensued.
Riel gave himself up after the fighting. He was convicted of treason and sentenced to be hung by the neck until dead.

Henri Bourassa was incensed that
Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald (shown below)
refused to show mercy by allowing the sentence to be carried out.

Unusual strip of five stamps of Sir John A. Macdonald Scott #141.

A First Official Flight Cover sent from Moncton, New Brunswick to the USA.

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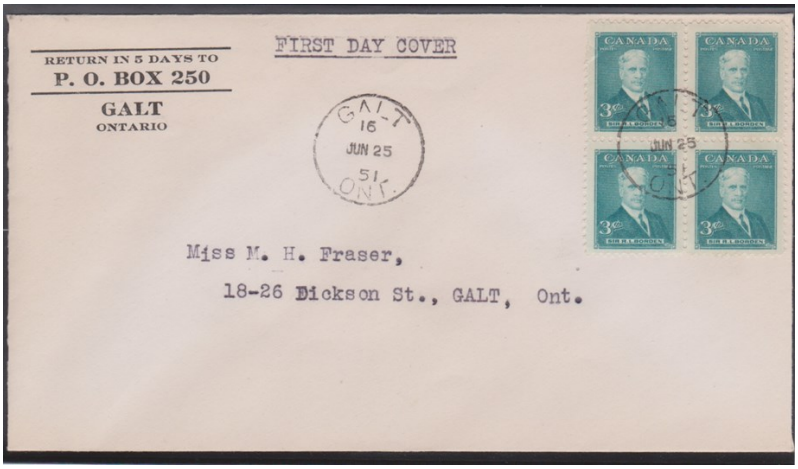
By: Donald J. Bourassa

Ally turned enemy: Sir Robert Borden

Bourassa had supported Robert Borden but in 1912,
Borden proposed that Canada provide $35 million dollars so Great Britain
could build 3 new ships for the British Navy. Bourassa was furious that Canadian citizens would
send money to the old monarchy with no benefit for Canada.

Homemade First Day Cover of Sir Robert Laird Borden.

Block of 4. Scott #303 issued on June 25, 1951



Printing Error (1)

Upon close examination it was found that the printing process used to manufacture Canada
Scott # 485 produced multiple variations. The stamp was first engraved with the red images and
then the lithography printing process was used to apply the black ink.
The example below starts with a perfect copy on the left.
From left to right the black ink of his shoulder gets closer to the number “5” and
The far right the black ink actually touches the “5”.

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Printing Error (2)

Another oddity was discovered where the black ink was applied lower on the stamp then intended. The stamp on the left has black ink just over the "BO" in Bourassa and is clearly above the date "1868". Follow the stamps from left to right and note the black ink cuts into the "BO" in Bourassa and covers the "18" in the date "1868". This is yet another undocumented printing error stamp.

Henri Bourassa was also the founder of ***"Le Devoir"***
a Montreal newspaper still in publication today.

(English translation: *" The Duty"*)

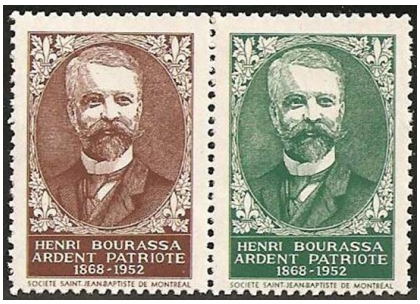
Cover Story: The story of Canadian Stamp # 485 cont.

By: Donald J. Bourassa

Non-postal issue

La Societe Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Montreal had issued stamps without postal value between 1934 and 1967 to commemorate French-Canadians who participated in the making of Canadian History.

The pair of stamps below illustrates the non-denominational printing.

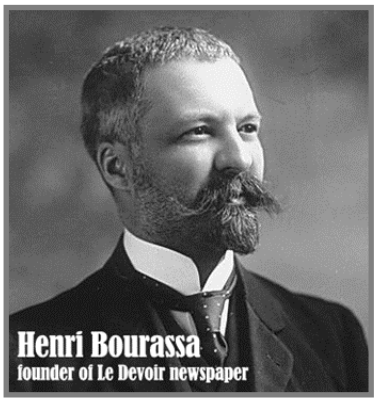


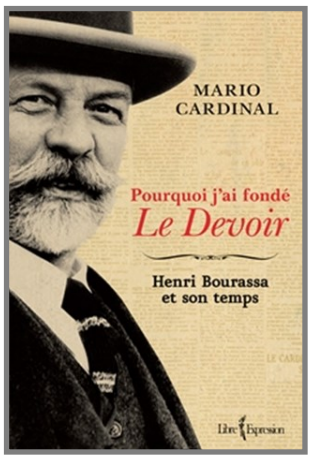
New York Times obituary Sept. 1, 1952

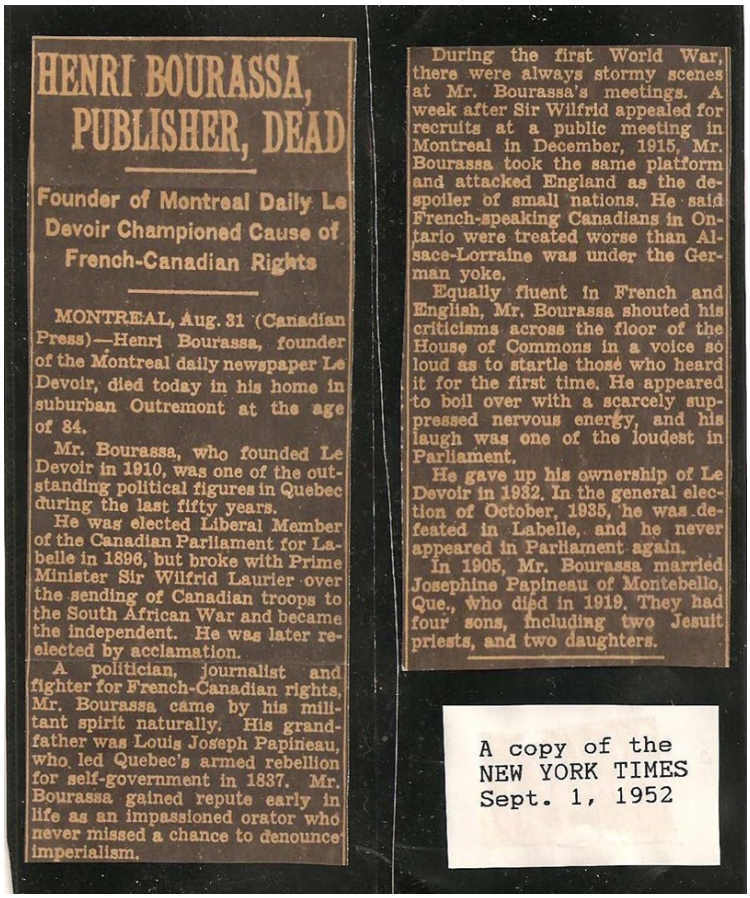
Henri Bourassa was famous enough to have his obituary printed in the New York Times.

Part of the text reads as follows:

"Equally fluent in French and English, Mr. Bourassa shouted his criticisms across the floor of the House of Commons in a voice so loud as to startle those who heard it for the first time."







HENRI BOURASSA, PUBLISHER, DEAD

Founder of Montreal Daily Le Devoir Championed Cause of French-Canadian Rights

MONTREAL, Aug. 31 (Canadian Press)—Henri Bourassa, founder of the Montreal daily newspaper Le Devoir, died today in his home in suburban Outremont at the age of 84.

Mr. Bourassa, who founded Le Devoir in 1910, was one of the outstanding political figures in Quebec during the last fifty years.

He was elected Liberal Member of the Canadian Parliament for Labelle in 1896, but broke with Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier over the sending of Canadian troops to the South African War and became the independent. He was later reelected by acclamation.

A politician, journalist and fighter for French-Canadian rights, Mr. Bourassa came by his militant spirit naturally. His grandfather was Louis Joseph Papineau, who led Quebec's armed rebellion for self-government in 1837. Mr. Bourassa gained repute early in life as an impassioned orator who never missed a chance to denounce imperialism.

During the first World War, there were always stormy scenes at Mr. Bourassa's meetings. A week after Sir Wilfrid appealed for recruits at a public meeting in Montreal in December, 1915, Mr. Bourassa took the same platform and attacked England as the despoiler of small nations. He said French-speaking Canadians in Ontario were treated worse than Alsace-Lorraine was under the German yoke.

Equally fluent in French and English, Mr. Bourassa shouted his criticisms across the floor of the House of Commons in a voice so loud as to startle those who heard it for the first time. He appeared to boil over with a scarcely suppressed nervous energy, and his laugh was one of the loudest in Parliament.

He gave up his ownership of Le Devoir in 1932. In the general election of October, 1935, he was defeated in Labelle, and he never appeared in Parliament again.

In 1905, Mr. Bourassa married Josephine Papineau of Montebello, Que., who died in 1919. They had four sons, including two Jesuit priests, and two daughters.

A copy of the
NEW YORK TIMES
Sept. 1, 1952

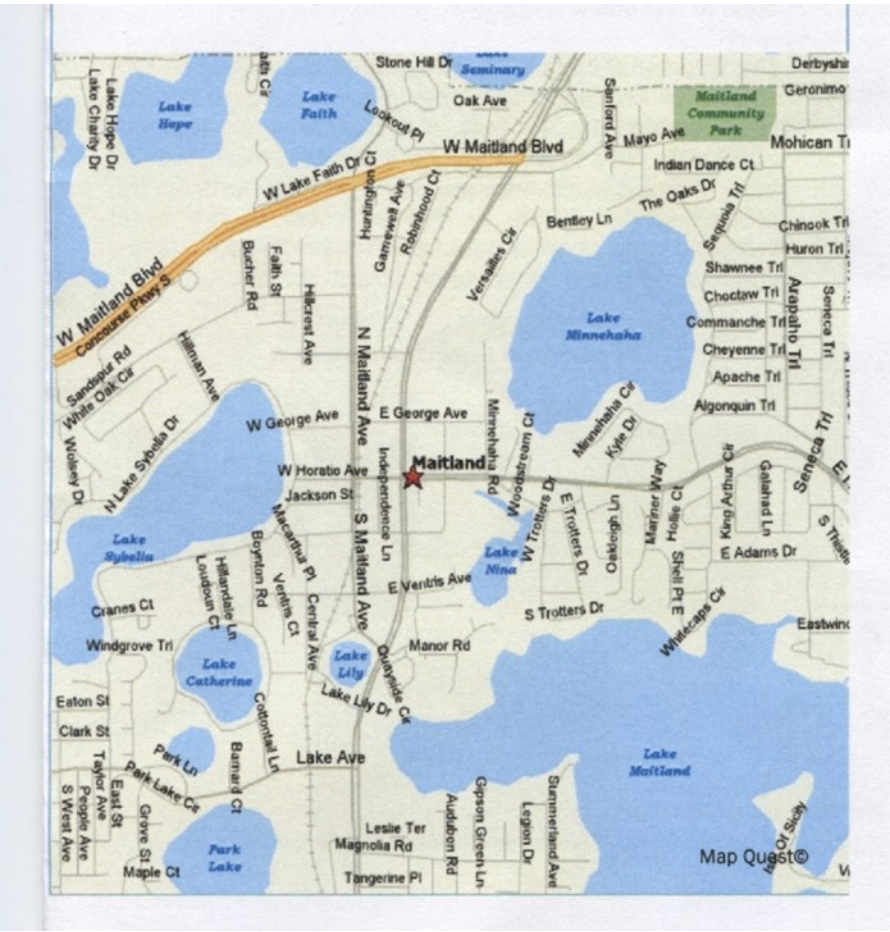
…..and there you have the story of Henri Bourassa and Canadian stamp Scott # 485.

Maitland Spring Stamp Show

What a nice day February 3rd turned out to be—the weather was good and the folks turned out for the Spring Maitland Stamp Show—80 folks had signed in at the registration table in the first hour. The dealers were busy and there was plenty of activity on the show floor. Another fine turnout also of CFSC members to work the table and the show. Thanks to everyone who showed up and helped to make the show a success.

Central Florida Stamp Club—11th Annual

Spring 2024 Picnic! (April 7th 2:00pm to 6:00pm)



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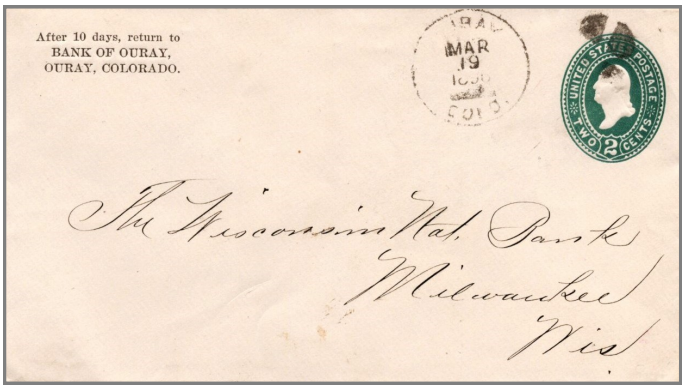
Club provides hamburgers and hot dogs and water. Members bring salads, desserts, etc. and favorite beverage. Playground for kids! Covered pavilion.

From I4 either from Tampa or Daytona exit at Maitland Blvd East towards Hwy 17-92. Exit Maitland Blvd at 17-92W. Continue straight ahead through the light. You will be on Greenwood Road which becomes Mayo Ave. Take the first left after entering the park, and watch for us in the pavilion.
From I7-92 Greenwood Road is the first street with a light, SOUTH of the intersection of Maitland Blvd and 17-92. Turn on to Greenwood Rd which becomes Mayo Ave. Take the first left after entering the park, and watch for us in the pavilion.

Interesting Covers by Mike Schumacher

Guess it's just a matter of a curious mind. Another cover that caught my eye. Where is—**Ouray, Colorado?**



The cover is from the Bank of Ouray, Colorado to the Wisconsin National Bank dated March 19, 1898, with a March 23, 1898 Milwaukee, Wisconsin receiving cancel on reverse side of envelope.

A little research discovers it known as the "Outdoor Recreation Capital of Colorado" and as the "Switzerland of America". Ouray's history dates back to 1876 when it was incorporated two months after Colorado became a state. It is the county seat of Ouray County and it is a "home rule" municipality. It is located in the San Juan mountains of southern Colorado.

Ouray is named after Chief Ouray of the Utes. He was an influential leader of the Northern tribe of the Ute. His name means "Arrow" in the Ute language. He was a promoter of peace and was instrumental in treaty negotiations with the U.S. government.

The town was originally established by miners seeking silver and gold in the mountains. In it's heyday there were 30 active mines in the area. By 1877 it's population was more than 1000. The railway arrived in 1887 and was a main means of transportation to the area until 1930, due to the increase use of cars and trucks. The rail line was completely abandoned in 1953.

Current population is about 900. It's current Post Office has the zip code of 81427. It is now mainly a tourist town, where people come for the recreational activities. It is surrounded by mountains on three and half sides of the town and it's elevation is about 7800 feet above sea level.

A second interesting cover is postmarked from **Irvington, Ind**. on May 31, 1894 with an additional fancy cork cancel, and on the reverse side of the envelope a Terre Haute, Ind. May 31, 1894 postmark.

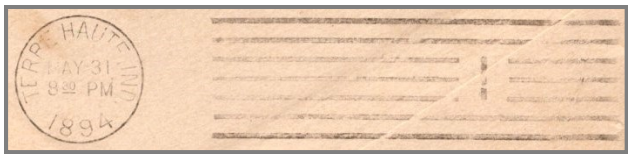
Where is Irvington, Ind.? Irvington is located five miles from downtown Indianapolis, IN. It is the largest protected historical district in Marion County.

Most of it's homes were built in the 1800s.

Irvington is named after Washington Irving the American author and diplomat of the early 19th century.

He wrote such short stories as "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow". He also wrote biographies of George Washington and Muhammad, as well as several histories related to 15th century Spain—about Christopher Columbus and the Moors.

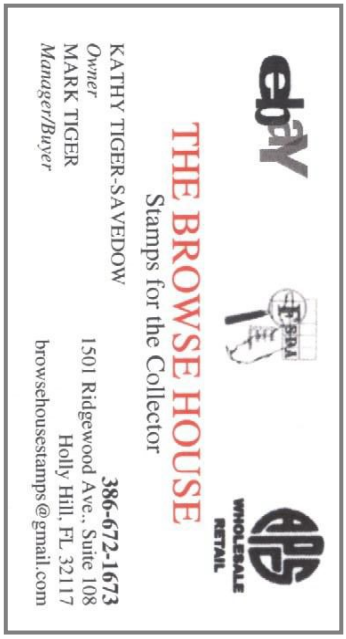
The Washington Irving influence on the town is obviously it's month long Halloween Festival.

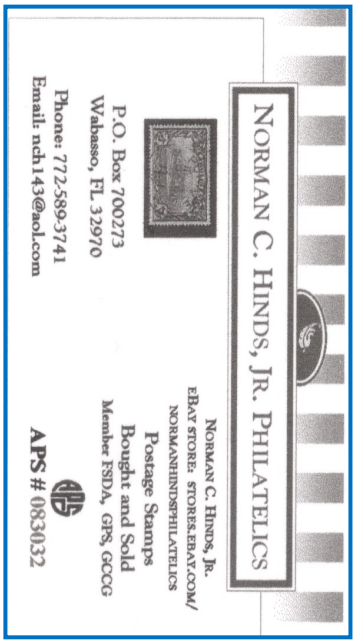


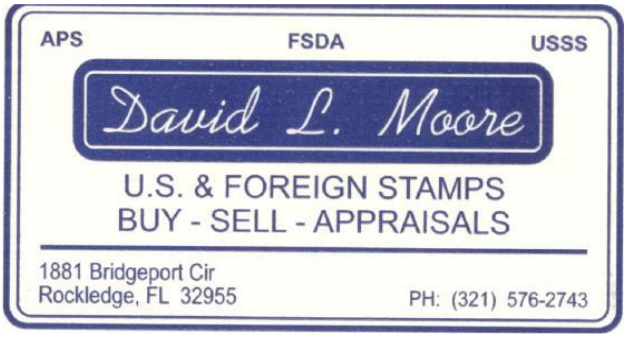
Interesting receiving cancel as well. The cover was postmarked on the same day in both locations. The distance between Irvington, IN and Terre Haute, IN is about 81 miles. So one must wonder how the cover was transported in 1894 to be able to make it on the same day.

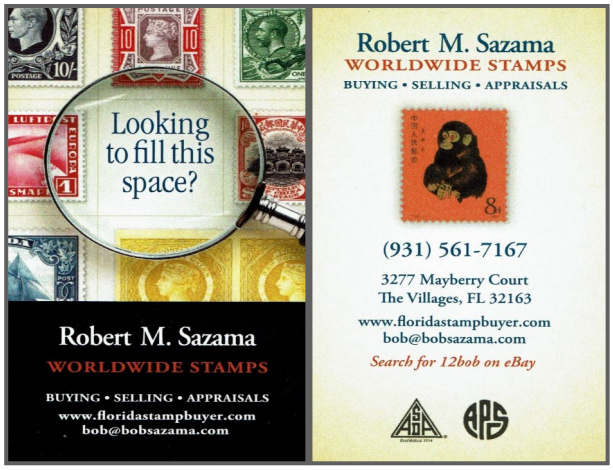
Oh, the fun of looking through the dealers' boxes of used covers!

Support our CFSC Members - Stamp Dealers









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The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 75+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- Membership is a reasonable $30 per year, $6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z.
- The meeting is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for more than 25 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting is prior to 6:00pm. The business side of things will be brief. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 6:15 until 7:15 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 8:00 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the one day shows in February, April, June & September. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Central Florida area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to submit and bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.
- Postal address: CFSC P.O. Box 1206, Plymouth, FL 32768-1206
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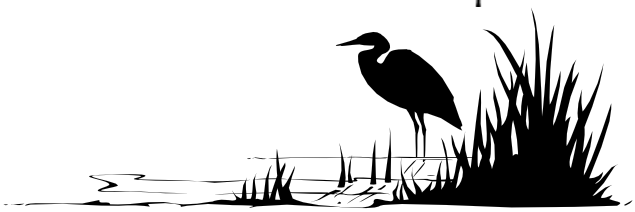

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