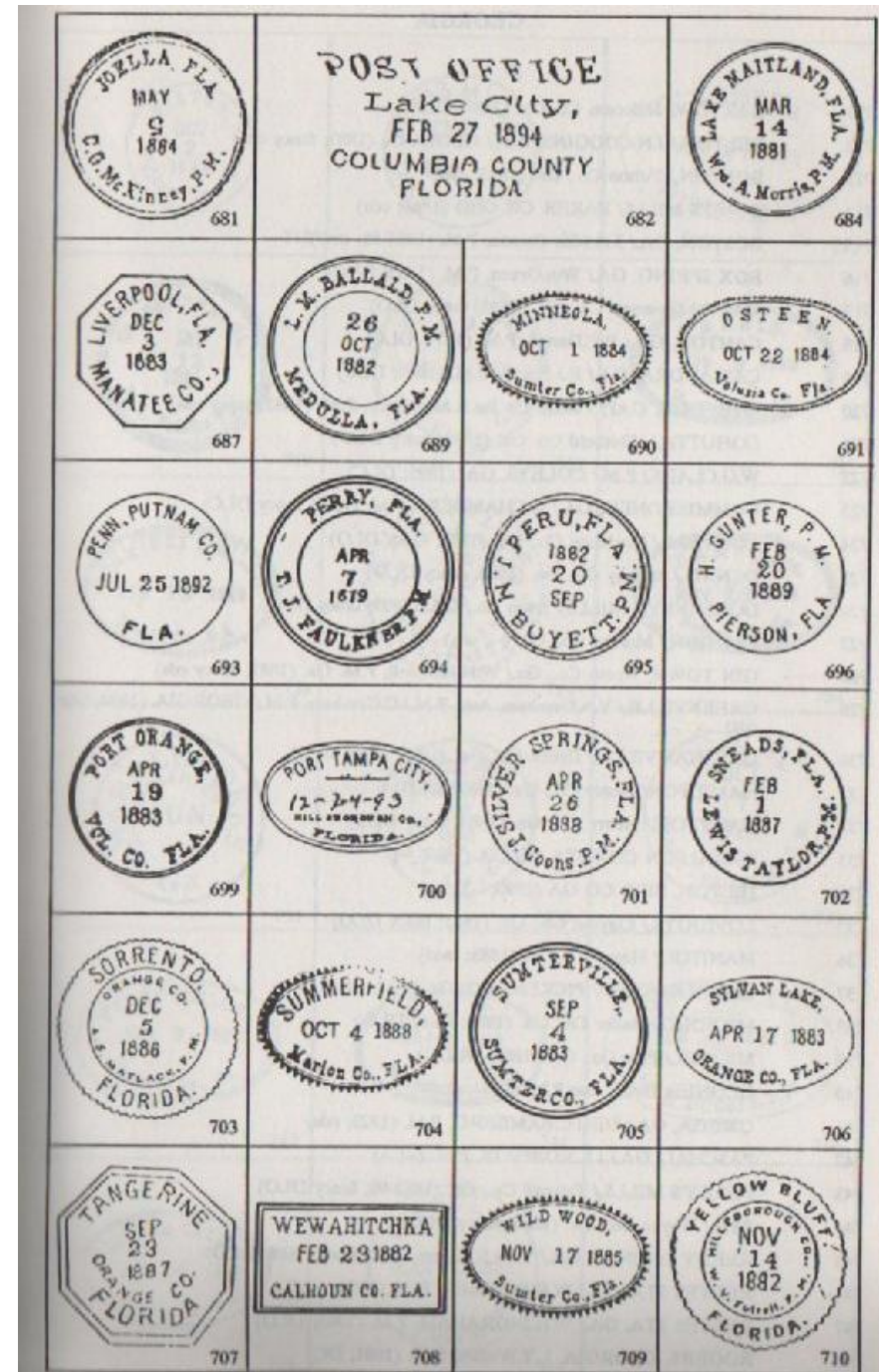
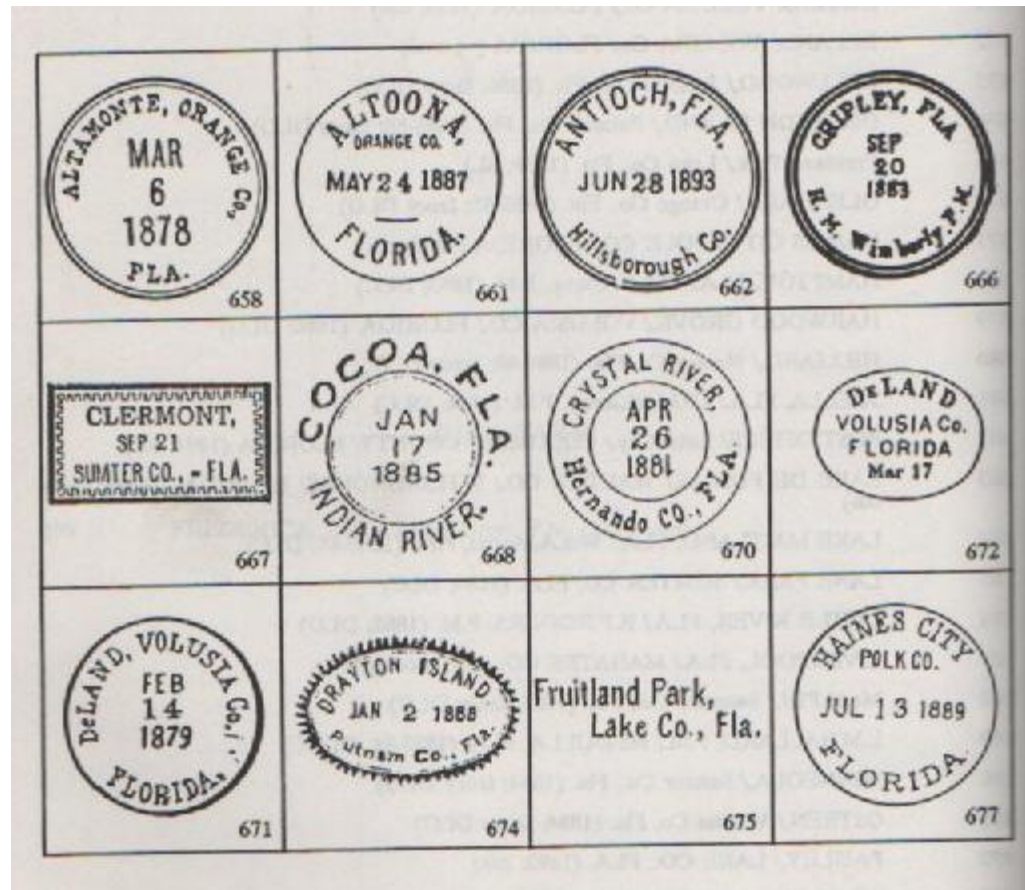
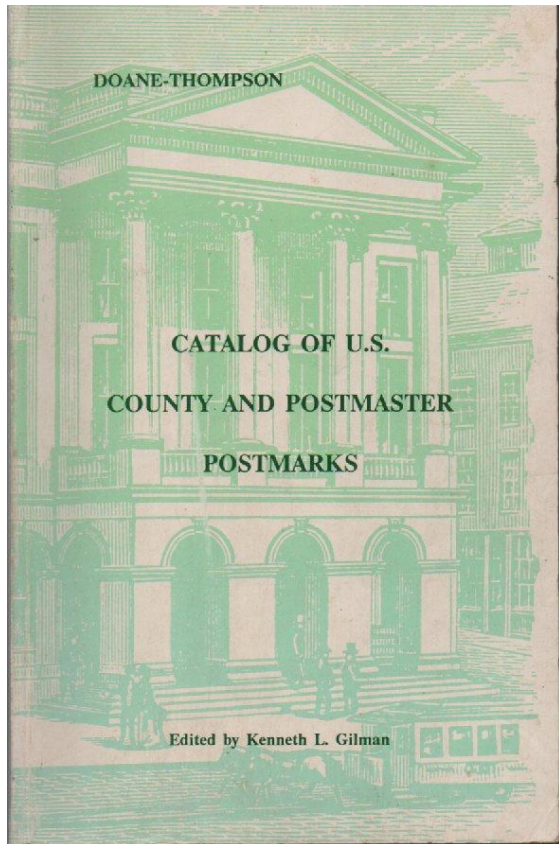


Central Florida Stamp Club Show and Tell



August 20, 2026

Florida County and Postmaster Postmarks



What, When, and Why?

- Started in the second decade of the 1800's. Sometimes there were duplicate names of towns. Often fourth call post offices.
- Over 4,500 different names in the book; Florida has 53 with 36 illustrated.
- Started mainly in the 1870's and died out in the 1890's when USPO headquarters discouraged their use.
- First: in the stampless period location was important for the computation of rates.
- Second: 4th class offices had to purchase their own cancel devices and manufacturers of post office supplies saw their chance to (1) enlarge borders for more space (2) put some wording on separate lines (3) different formats and shapes.
- Third: postmasters pride in their jobs; about a third have names included.

Altamonte Orange Co. FLA

- Feb. 20, 1878, purple double ring circle, five point star cancel
- Probable U45 design #U163-166 (depends on envelope color)167?
- Becomes part of Seminole County in 1912



Sorrento, Florida; Orange County

- May, 29 1884, double ring circle (cog), large five point star cancel
- A. S. Matlack, P. M., signed – why?
- Two cent Washington U60? design (U227-U230?)



Tangerine, Florida, Orange County

- JAN 10, 1888, double line octagon, ring cancel with small circles
- Two cent brown 1884-1886; U67 design (U277-287)



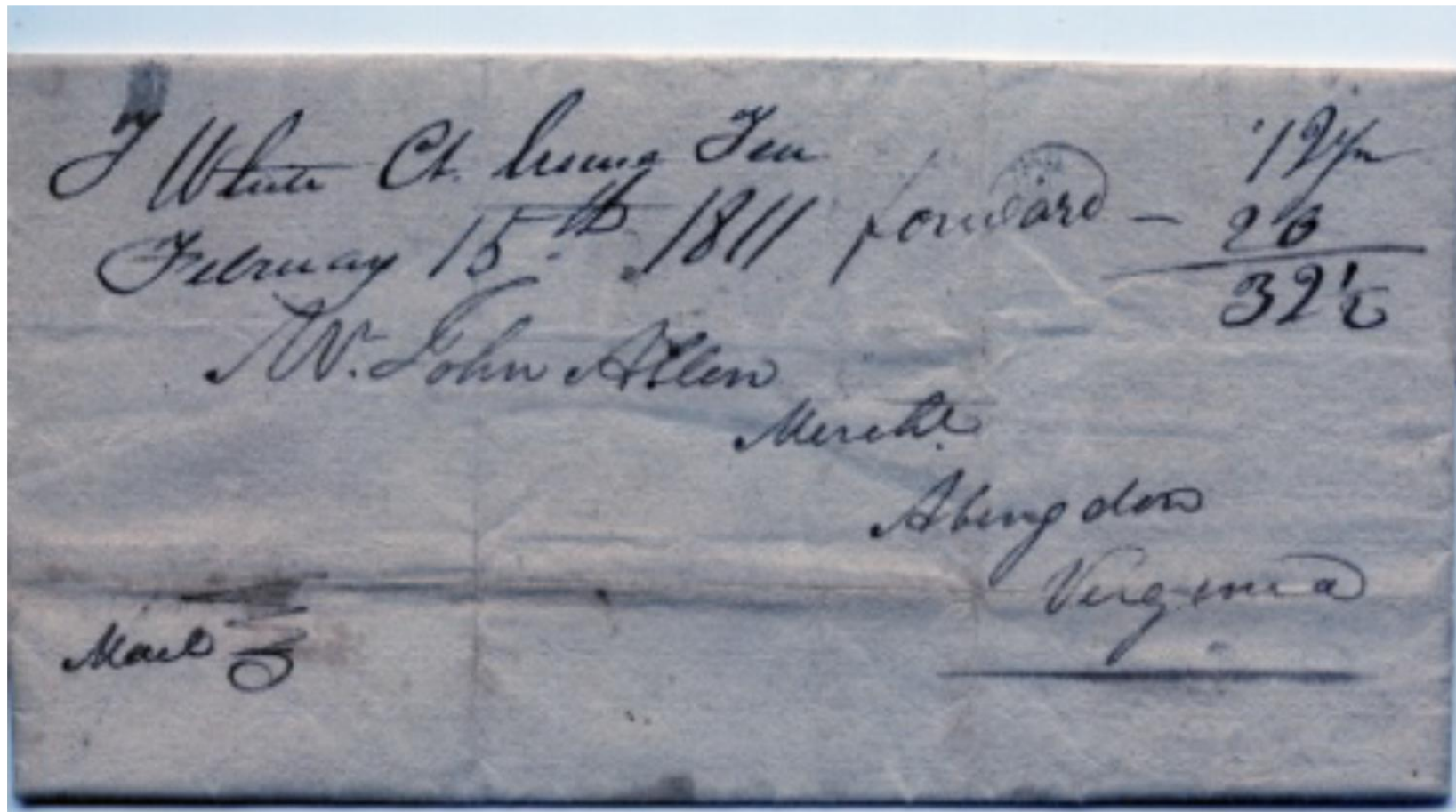
Phil Fettig – Stamp Journals of the Past



John Gehrig – The Austrian Toilet Paper Stamp
and other significant philatelic classics.
See part d



Bill Johnston – My oldest cover.



1806 Winchester, VA



Thomas Hipshen – U . S. Engraver

