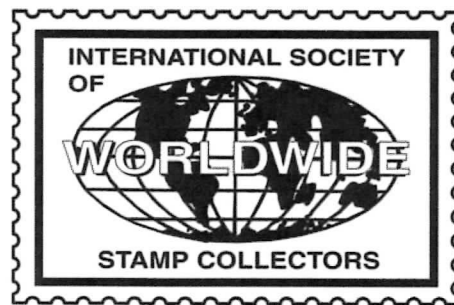


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## Stamp Trader

by Werner Zarnikow (#2454)

The letters from Germany that my parents received sparked my interest in stamps. On Christmas of 1935, I was given a Scott International album. What a surprise. The Woolworth stores had 10¢ packets of stamps and hobby stores offered country collections. They were the source for stamps to put in my album. USA commemoratives on ordinary mail were rare.

I joined the Boy Scouts where I met other collectors and a Scout leader that collected stamps. There my stamp trading activities began. Without the benefit of a catalog, it was just a matter of giving up something to get something. Later, I went to meetings of the local stamp club where I learned about perforations, watermarks and the other details of stamp collecting. I subscribed to the *Western Stamp Collector* magazine.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor changed my world. I enlisted in the Army Air Corps and eventually flew bombing raids over Germany. After the war ended, I flew a bomber back to the USA, with a layover in Iceland. There, in a small town general store, I found stamps and First Day Covers for sale. That was a surprise.

After my discharge from the Army, I started my college studies and had little time for stamp collecting. It was after graduating and starting my work career that I met a stamp collector in my workplace. Later, there were three of us that traded stamps and shared mixtures.

The adlets in *Western Stamp Collector* by foreign collectors who wanted to trade caught my eye. Over time, I had contacts in Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, East and West Germany, Finland and Spain. I corresponded in English and so did my contacts. They were primarily interested in USA

stamps. We had no common catalog to establish values, so no money or accounting was involved.

The governments in Communist countries, however, regulated stamp exchanges. Letters with stamps had to provide an accounting of the value of stamps exchanged. There was a limit as to the value sent and no money could be sent or received. On some occasions, my Czech partner covered a more valuable stamp with the stamp for postage so it would not be counted.

Over a period of time, my contacts ended. An exception was East Germany. My original contact had passed away, but a fellow collector offered to take his place. In 1984, on a trip to Germany, we arranged to meet. He said he would have a newspaper under his arm so I would recognize him. He, too, passed away

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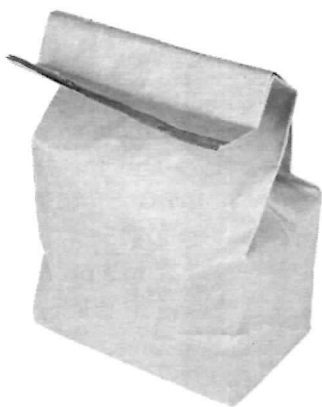
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## Ventures in Printing—Part 26

# The Multicolored Stamps of Wenden – Part 2

by Sandy Stover (#2325)

Editor's Note: This is a continuation of the series of articles adapted from a larger work on classic multicolored postage stamps currently being written by the author.

**Summary:** Part 1 reviewed the late 19<sup>th</sup> century **geography** of Wenden: a town and district in the



**Figure 1—Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, 1583-1629 (light grey), including Duchy of Livonia (dark grey) projected on map of present-day Eastern Europe.**

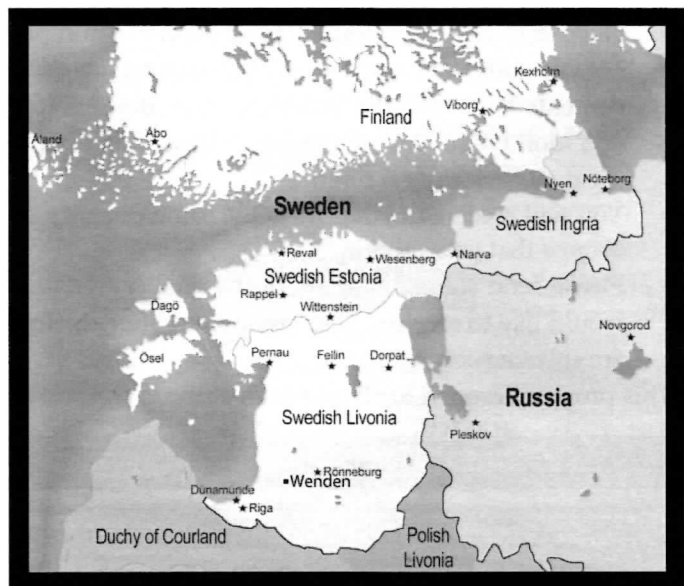
Russian province of Livonia at the time when Wenden's multicolored *local* stamps were issued (Russia Scott L10 & L11, 1880 & 84; see Figure 1, Part 1). (Cēsis, Latvia, is present-day Wenden.) Part 1 also explored the much earlier **history** of Wenden: (1) as an out-post fortification, Wenden Castle, built by German monastic knights (The Sword Brothers) during the Northern Crusade (to force Christianity upon indigenous Baltic people); and (2) as the eventual castle-surrounding settlement of Wenden, "the heart" of Livonia—the latter having been (from roughly 1200 to 1583) an ecclesiastical province of the Latin Church that was ruled first by the Sword Brothers, but eventually by the German monastic Teutonic/Livonian Order. (Certain Livonian bishoprics were at times ruled by their own bishops; but the successive "masters" of the monastic military order, under papal supervision, were the predominant and longstanding rulers of medieval Livonia.) Indeed, Wenden eventually became headquarters of the Teutonic/Livonian Order. This *four-century* German ecclesiastical rule set the stage for future local control of Livonia by mostly German

landowners—a local control that would last an *additional three centuries* (the first two of which descended into a harsh *feudal-serfdom system*). German inscriptions on Wenden stamps are, therefore, obvious *linguistic symbols* of this seven-century German domination. Part 2: a brief account of those additional three centuries, 1583-1920.

### Wenden and Polish Livonia; and Swedish Livonia

For the next 1½ centuries, Wenden—and the area around it—came primarily under the *external* control of two European powers, Poland-Lithuania (1583-1629: Figure 1) and Sweden (1629-1721, Figure 2), in a process all too fluid and complicated for detailing in this brief history. Still, the elites of the Wenden area, and of Livonia in general, *remained primarily German*. Indeed, the knights of the Livonian/Teutonic Order, secularized in 1561, "were transformed into the new [Polish-Lithuanian] province's landed nobility"—alongside, of course, the German secular landowners who had already been present.

For the peasantry of all these territories, the Livonian war [1558-83] brought destruction, misery, and new nonresident sovereigns. The power of their immediate overlords, however, did not change much, except for titles, because the [mostly German] landholding nobilities of these territories were able to negotiate favorable



**Figure 2—Swedish Livonia, 1629-1721, surrounded by Swedish Estonia (north), Russia (east) and Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (south).**

arrangements with their new [Polish—and eventually Swedish] sovereigns in exchange for their loyalty (Plakans, p 37).

The dominance of the German elites was so pronounced, in fact, that the rest of the region's residents

were often labeled by scribes of that time as the *undeutsch* (non-Germans), although these non-Germans—native Liv, Lett and Estonian peasants—represented probably 90-95% of the population.



**Figure 3—Gustav II Adolf of Sweden.** His victory over Poland-Lithuania (Sweden-Poland War, 1625-29) made beginning in Livonia (and Wenden) a part of Sweden (1629-1721).

Under Swedish governance, there was a modest lessening of German landowner dominance in Livonia, no doubt including the Wenden area. "To obtain the continuing support of the Swedish nobility for the Baltic venture, the monarch [Gustav II Adolf, Figure 3] distributed about 40 percent of the newly acquired land to them [*i.e.*, to the Swedish nobility], with the rest remaining in the hands of the German-speaking nobles." The peasants of the Wenden area, like those throughout Livonia, probably experienced some easing of the yoke of serfdom: "In Livland [Livonia] peasant serfs were able to complain about mistreatment and injustices to sympathetic [Swedish] Crown representatives, and peasant regulations were less categorical about how serf status was acquired and transmitted between generations." But in less than a century, with the advent of Russian control, any such moderation of the feudal-serfdom system would be ended—and reversed (Plakans, pp 47-48; 54-55).

#### *Wenden and Russian Livonia, 1721-1920*

Peter the Great of Russia (Figure 4) defeated the Swedes in the Great Northern War (1700-21), a war in which the area around Wenden was but a small part of

an extensive battle area stretching all the way from Scandinavia to the Ottoman Empire. The ravages of war were combined with the ravages of the 1710-11 bubonic and pneumonic plagues, resulting in a reduction of the Baltic's Latvian-speaking population to a level that it had been around the year 1500, a catastrophe that certainly must have savaged Wenden as it did other Livonian settlements—all of which, in 1721, became part of the Russian Empire.

The loss of peasant population led to "the need to increase obligatory labor and other dues, which required a freer hand for the landholders." Livonian nobles, mostly German, were able to convince the Tsar's government to reduce legal protections for their serfs.

The *Landrat* [district administrator] of Livland [Livonia], Otto von Rosen, declared that peasants were their lords' movable property, which the lord was free to buy and sell and which, by definition, could not in turn possess property of their own. This attitude was extreme, but it illustrates the temper of the times. The continued absorption of peasants into the social order of hereditary serfs... by the end of the century resulted in a social structure (defined by *order* or *estates*) in which an



**Figure 4—Peter the Great of Russia.** His victory over Sweden (Great Northern War, 1700-21) made Livonia (and Wenden) a part of the Russian Empire (1721-1920).

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estimated 78.9 of the Livland [Livonia] population... were enserfed (Plakans, pp 64-5).

Throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> century, from 1688 to 1816, the number of Livonian feudal estates doubled (from 537 to 1075), while at the same time—after the Great Northern War and plague—the number of serfs began increasing, also roughly doubling. During the last half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, landlords increased the level of obligatory serf labor, which led to incidents of unrest among Livonian



**Figure 5—Bīriņi Palace, Limbaži, Latvia. Originally built circa 1860 by German Baron August von Pistohlkors, this palace is among over 1000 manor houses and palaces still standing in Latvia and harking back to the baronial period, even back to the 1700's.**

serfs, including those in the Wenden area: "In 1776 and 1777, unrest in Cēsis [Wenden] resulted in the corporal punishment or imprisonment of some seventy peasants". Responding to such unrest, and to landowners requests for protection, the Russian imperial government made a "massive show of force" by increasing its troop level in Livonia for the remainder of the century. Yes, it is true that Catherine the Great, from 1783 to 1796, attempted reforms that diminished the powers of the German landowners, but all such reforms were lifted under her successor, Tsar Paul. Thus, in the areas around Wenden, feudalism remained strong for at least two more decades.

In 1816, Tsar Alexander I emancipated all serfs of the Russian Empire. The Livonia nobility, recalcitrant to the end, did not "sign on" until 1819, and the full implementation of the emancipation laws actually took decades. Also, in terms of benefits to the former serfs, the results of this emancipation were modest: Livonian serfs were free and legally unbound from the landowners, yet ownership of the land remained predominantly with the nobility, retired military officers, cities and the "crown". Noble manor houses,

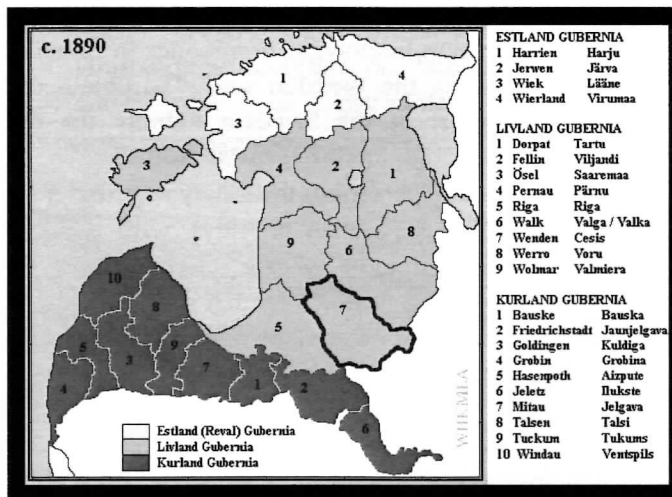
even palaces, still heavily dotted the Livonian estate-carpeted countryside (Figures 5 & 6). To continue farming, peasants needed to provide "labor rents" (usually) or "money rents" (seldom) for the use of the owner's land.



**Figure 6—Birini Palace, Latvia, 2003 (Scott 578).**

Then, in the 1860's, the agrarian reforms of Tsar Alexander II brought more significant improvement to the economic conditions of the peasants. Increasingly larger amounts of estate land were released for peasants to buy, so that, by 1877, in Livonia, 41% of rural properties were owned by peasants. But at the same time, there was increasing peasant landlessness due to growth in rural population and a simple unavailability of land, undoubtedly due, at least in part, to the continued large landholdings of the nobility (Plakans, p 61-65; 72-76; 81-83; 86-87).

The 1860's also brought certain *political* reforms, including the creation of locally-elected governing councils and judges in rural communities. The District of Wenden (Livonian Governorate, Figure 7) would certainly have been affected by these reforms. However, political *power* remained firmly in the hands



**Figure 7—Russian Baltic Gubernia (Governorates). Estland, Livland (Livonia) & Kurland, late nineteenth century, with Wenden District (#7) in black outline.**

of the large-estate owners of Livonia. "The *Ritterschaften* [German nobility] stubbornly held on to [their] exclusive control of the *Landtag* [parliament] and the [governorate's] administration; suggestions [that] were made to grant the *literati* (the better educated citizens) representation on the Landtag were refused" ("Livonia

under Russian Rule, 1848-1880", *World History at KMLA*, <http://www.zum.de>).

Finally, in the 1880's, the estate owners faced a formidable opposition to their long-held power. While Latvian commoners were initiating nationalist movements, the Russian imperial government began its own movement toward "Russification" of non-Russian areas of the empire. The results of this process were negative not only for the estate owners, but also, eventually, for the Latvian nationalists. An interesting historical commentary by the British Foreign Office, written shortly after World War I, gives some sense of the impact of Russification in the Livonia Governorate (including the District of Wenden), although perhaps also giving some puzzlement about a "violent phase". (In what way did the German landowners respond with violence?)

With the advent of Alexander III (1881-94) the influence of the austere Pobien-donostsev [Chief Procurator of the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church] became dominant, and the policy of "one Tsar, one faith, one language, one law" was carried out in the spirit of a high-minded Inquisitor. In 1883 began the violent phase [?], more than twenty years long, of the struggle by the Germans to defend their privileged position against Russification and against the government and the native races....

...The efforts of the Government [to achieve] uniformity within the Empire extended in 1888 and 1889 to the introduction of the Russian systems of police and justice.... The newspapers were subjected to the Russian censorship, with the usual consequences (*Courland, Livonia, and Esthonia*, pp 23-4).

Andrejs Plakans also summarized the Russification of the Livonia Governorate. In 1882, 20,000 Latvians petitioned the imperial government:

...that the provincial parliaments (*Landtage*) be replaced by the *zemstvo* form of government, as in Russia proper; that the judicial system be reformed and its Baltic German officials replaced with Russians; and that Latvian... become the language of instruction in all urban and rural schools.... The outcome was not what the Latvians expected, however....

Beginning in 1885 and continuing for the next decade and a half, there were several

waves of Russification decrees. One directed that the German and Latvian languages be replaced with Russian in the legal and educational systems of the Baltic area.... [T]he entire Russification effort did not have the intended results, at least as far as the Latvian population was concerned. For though these measures lay like a pall over Baltic cultural life for the next three decades, they were stringently enforced only from 1885 to 1895 (Plakans, pp 100-101).

Stamp collectors should take notice, then, that in keeping with the above-stated 1885 initiation of a more stringent policy of Russification, the District of Wenden, after having issued eleven stamps from 1862 to 1884, all inscribed in German (including the two multicolored coat-of-arms stamps), in 1901 issued its very last stamp—*inscribed in Russian* (Scott L12, 1901; Figure 8). If ever a stamp has a complicated semiotic meaning, it is the Wenden Castle bi-color of 1901. The stamp's vignette memorializes the former castle-headquarters of ecclesiastical German rule; but the castle is also the site of both the victory, and the defeat, of Russian armies under Ivan IV. The stamp was



**Figure 8—Wenden Castle, Wenden District, 1901 (Scott L12).**  
Inscription: "Wenden County Post".

printed by a local government that was dominated by German landowners who were forced by the Tsar to inscribe it in Russian ("Wenden County Post"); and the stamp seems devoid of any native Latvian symbolism just at a time when Latvians were beginning a two-decade struggle that would free their land from the domination of both German landlords and Russian rulers. (Is there an element of native Latvian decorative design in the stamp's vignette frame? This writer thinks not.)

Run all of *that* through the semiotic mill!

### *The End of Livonia—The Birth of Latvia, 1900-1920*

By 1901, when the Wenden Castle stamps were issued, "the [Russian] Imperial postal network was serving the district adequately and the days of the [Wenden] Local Post were numbered." The Local Post

# Whatzit: Odessa Famine Issue

by Richard Barnes (#2425)

Whatzit? Coordinator

It has been a very difficult summer, cool and wet (we did miss the flooding) and family health issues, but with the right inspiration, I am still getting up in the morning and occasionally finding time to lick a stamp or two. I am continuing to draw on an Imperial Russian/Civil War collection I purchased (for the Levant stamps at the back of the collection) to provide me with material for the Whatzit column. Looking through the remainder of the collection (and much to my surprise), I found a mint set of the Odessa Famine issue (Figures 1-2). I went to my clipping file for more information (other than my memory). I was shocked to find nothing in my clipping files.

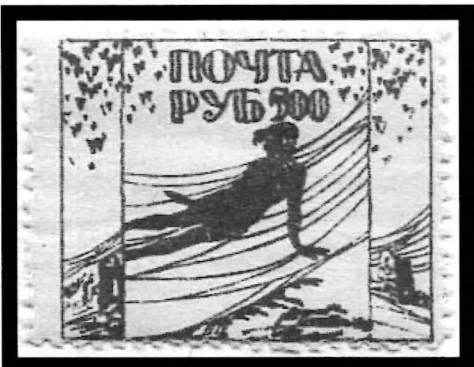


Figure 1

I did find this seven stamp set in *Les Timbres de Fantaisie* by Chapier. These stamps were manufactured in 1922 and sold—purported as quasi semi-postal stamps to help alleviate the famine affecting the region around and in the city of Odessa. The face values of these fantasies runs from 250r to 10,000r. The truth is, this is another philatelic scam by an Italian printer. I cannot remember (nor have I read anything) that connects these stamps to a charity or to the delivery of money to famine victims.

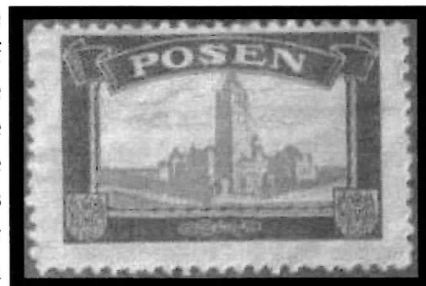


Figure 2

Odessa Famine stamps as having light blue quadrille lines. The paper of the stamps I have in hand is a coarse

gray paper. Chapier gave the perfin for this set as 13. Mine are perfed 14 x 11. Were there multiple printings or were these fantasies forged to fill orders to the packet trade? Has any member further information on paper, perfs, printing history, etc.?

There are two points of agreement with *Linn's* and Chapier. First there is an imperf set of Odessa Famine stamps. Second, the designs for these fantasy stamps were influenced by the Art Nouveau movement.



Whatzit 31.4.1

Right now I do not have any answers to the Whatzits published in the May/June newsletter (Volume 31, Number 3). It appears that I am not the only one having a difficult summer finding time for stamps. I hope you are all in good health and enjoying grand summer weather.

The only new Whatzit to be submitted to date is a label or seal from Posen, Whatzit 31.4.1. This perfed seal has a black trim with white printing of the name Posen at the top and a crimson center of an official building. In the center (at the bottom, in the black frame) is a design that appears to be three black drops hanging from a white ball. The lower corners have identical(?) crests. The top of the crest is two people with a dog(?). They are standing on a turret composed of stacked blocks.



Whatzit 28.1.3

starting with the absorption into the German Empire to the complete handover of this Duchy to the Soviet controlled Polish government at the end of Word War II. Is this a German or a Polish label? When and by what organization was it produced? What was its purpose?

I have been asked to rerun two old unanswered Whatzits. I guess now is the time. Whatzit 28.1.3 is a green charity(?) stamp with Cyrillic writing. On the left of the stamp is a Queen's crown over the initials CH. Originally I suggested the value of this stamp to be 1L.

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## Online Sales Circuit?

by Dr. Joanne Berkowitz (#98)

I am a member of MEPSI. For those who are not familiar with it, MEPSI sales circuits are posted online rather than mailing booklets out. It gives the items a much wider exposure to the members and members can order what they want directly with the sales manager. Items may be returned if not as described, such as finding a big thin on the back of a stamp.

I am curious whether ISWSC members would be interested in something similar for our Sales Circuit. We are currently unable to mail sales circuits to members not in the USA and this would allow participation by all members. I am not suggesting that we replace the sales book program with online posted sales, but that we consider posting a portion of our sales books online. Perhaps we can also post sales books after they have circulated physically, but online posting should not be restricted to books previously circulated through the mail.

I welcome your comments.

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## Stamp Trader

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and was replaced by a fellow collector. Two years ago, on another trip to Germany, we met at the hotel where I was staying. We have been exchanging stamps and letters now for over 20 years.

The ISWSC membership list provides us the opportunity to find trading partners with like interests and the possibility to establish a friendship.

## AAPE Youth Champion of Champions

The 2013 American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) Youth Champion of Champions is Jesse Chevrier from Montreal, Canada. Jesse, age 16, won the annual competition for best youth exhibit in North America during NAPEX in



McLean, VA. Jesse's four frame exhibit, *Owls*, was also awarded the ISWSC award for best use of worldwide stamps and material.

Exhibitors qualified for the AAPE championship by winning a AAPE Youth Grand Award at a nationally accredited show held in the USA or Canada throughout the 2013 season (April 1, 2012-March 31, 2013). This year's championship event included 12 exhibits (24 frames) created by youth aged 8-16.

The 2014 AAPE Youth Champion of Champions competition will be held at Minnesota Stamp Expo, July 18-20, 2014 in Crystal, MN. For more information on the competition, visit [www.aaape.org/youth\\_main.asp](http://www.aaape.org/youth_main.asp).

## Making Self-Adhesive Stamps Soakable

by Brian Gilbert (#2663)

Whenever I prepare a mailing to ISWSC members, I take a moment to treat the envelopes to make the stamps I use easily soakable by the next member.

It's really simple... All you have to do is take a dab of white glue (Elmer's or similar) and rub it around the corner of the envelope. A thin coat is all you need. Let this dry and then stick on a self-adhesive stamp over the spot that you just coated with glue.

The glue makes a water-soluble barrier coat that easily releases when soaked. The stamp will still be sticky, but it will be free of the envelope.

I write a note on the back of the envelope that says "treated envelope—stamp will soak" or something to that effect.

# Quoth the Postman

by Luther Smith Jr (#159)

Once upon an afternoon dreary While I pondered philatelically weary,  
 O'er many a quaint and curious Scott's catalogue  
 While I studied, nearly singing, suddenly there came a ringing  
 There came a ringing Of my condo doorbell..  
 Tis merely a neighbor borrowing a cup of sugar O swell..  
 Only this and nothing more...

Ah distinctly I remember the swelter of that August day  
 As the door I opened to find a substitute postman..  
 Pointing to an envelope, he said these are not valid stamps  
 and a postage due is to be paid.. Use these stamps "Nevermore"



But valid postage they are, I exclaimed, they are press sheets  
 Bought on the USPS web site, And they are legit.  
 "Nay" replied he 'I asked my supervisor, You owe \$1.84,  
 and use these stamps Nevermore..'

I'll gladly give you the money but I'll need a receipt.  
 Nay said he you'll have to go the Post Office to claim it.  
 And as he walked away, I could see the ghost of Farley  
 walking along side of him.

On the morrow's dawn, I mounted my gallant steed Focus  
 And ventured into Bethlehem City riding thru the thick Woods\*  
 Approaching the counter I gave the clerk my slip  
 and requested a supervisor be present when she gave it to me.

\*Post Office is on Woods Street in Bethlehem

## Mail Bid Sale #55 ~ Featured Lot Introduced

**M**BS #55 is here with many great bargains and unprecedented selections. The featured lot this sale is #184 – Israel, all MNH. Other great lots: USA #C1 Curtiss Jenny (lot 5), C18 50¢ “Baby Zeppelin” (lot 7). There’s a box of 500 covers from 100+ years ago (lot 13), Austria (lot 27) and little known Biafra (lots 43-46). More rarely seen here items include British Columbia Law Stamps (lot 68) and others that space does not permit mentioning. I won’t delay you – dive right into discovery time!

Note to Sellers: As I write this, I am working on filling Mail Bid Sale #58, which will not appear in the newsletter until Spring 2014. Material received for entry into a sale today will not appear for months due to the incredible amount of stamps I receive for sale. Including MBS #54 (open for bidding as I write), I have about 1500 lots entered in sales and material still awaiting processing. This is because of the success of the MBS in moving your material, which is good for buyers and sellers. I am counseling patience if you submit material for sale. I am always very happy to receive quality items.

~ Mike Crump (#2126), MBS Manager

## ISWSC MAIL BID SALE #55—Closing December 15, 2013

| Lot # | Description  | Minimum Bid |
|-------|--|-------------|
| 1     | USA. Three U stamps: #147, 184, 213. CV \$4.50.  | NMB         |
| 2     | USA. #227, U, moderate cancel, SE, F/VF. CV \$20.75.   | \$7         |
| 3     | USA. #2394 (high value, \$8.75), U, LC, F/VF; 4144, U, LC, pulled perfs. CV \$19.25.   | \$4         |
| 4     | USA. #4019 (X Plane w/hologram), U, crease. CV \$15.   | \$1.50      |
| 5     | USA. #C1, 6¢ orange Curtiss Jenny, MH, gum disturbance, perfs clear of design. CV \$80.  | \$10        |
| 6     | USA. Map of USA & mail planes, #C7-C9, set, MNH, F/VF. CV \$23.25.   | \$7         |
| 7     | USA. #C18, Century of Progress, 50¢ “Baby Zeppelin”, MNH, F/VF. CV \$100. Start your collection of the famed Zeppelins!  | \$20        |
| 8     | USA. #J31, U, (precancel, “New Britain, Conn”), LC; J73, U, (precancel, “Philadelphia”). CV \$17.  | \$7         |
| 9     | USA. Officials. #O138A, O141, MNH.   | NMB         |
| 10    | USA. #R240, perf 11, “blk” of 3 on a partial document, w/pen cancels; also, cancelled check (1898) w/documentary stamp, R164, “F. Nat. Bank, Aug. 20, 1898, Cassopolis, Mich” cancel.  | NMB         |
| 11    | USA. #UX261a, bklt of 20 postal cards (UX242-UX226), unused, in original USPS wrapper. Summer Olympics. '11CV \$55.  | \$10        |
| 12    | USA. FDC. Nevada Centennial, #1248, U, addr, Artcraft cachet.  | NMB         |
| 13    | USA. Covers. Approx 500, most from between 1894-1905, most in cover sleeves. Most toned by age, handling, some roughly opened. Defin stamps, all kinds of cancels. These have never been examined, sorted or culled by an expert. Lots & lots of stamps to evaluate. Most of these covers addr to a guy in Uniontown, PA & later Yakima & Tacoma, WA. Could be something important here – or not. Approx 7 lbs. Reserve. | NMB         |
| 14    | United Nations (New York). MNH. Unique: The Terra Cotta Warriors, intact bklt #718; Geneva: Les Guerriers D'Argile intact bklt #316, MNH; Vienna: Die Terrakotta Krieger bklt, MNH. Absolutely astoundingly beautiful bkls w/the whole story & stamps (English, French, German). CV \$40.75.   | \$25        |
| 15    | United Nations (New York). 60 U large stamps mostly from the 2000's decade. Few dups.  | NMB         |
| 16    | Andorra (French Administration). #23, 24, MH (23 has print adhesion gum side).   | NMB         |
| 17    | Anguilla. #893, S/S, MNH. Colorful Carnival. CV \$14.  | \$5         |
| 18    | Antigua. #321, 322, S/S – sheets of 5 + label, MNH. CV \$3.75.   | \$1.50      |
| 19    | Argentina. Flowers. #1344-1356, MNH. CV \$14.  | \$8         |
| 20    | Argentina. Club Owned. #1526, MNH, VF. CV \$6.75.  | NMB         |
| 21    | Australia/New South Wales. #47, pen cancel, HH; 48, pen cancel, rough perfs. CV \$26.  | \$7         |
| 22    | Australia/New South Wales. #54, U, moderate cancel, F/VF; 95a, moderate cancel, F/VF. CV \$10.35.  | \$2         |
| 23    | Australia. #675A, S/S, MNH, Ann of First Trans-Pacific Flight, 1928-1978, pilots & planes. CV \$4.50.  | \$2         |

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| 24   | <b>Australia.</b> 100 Years of Australian Football, sheet of 16, #1492-1507, CTO; also, 142, 147 U.<br>CV \$18.65.  | \$9         |
| 25   | <b>Austria.</b> #27, 29, U (pulled perfs); P32, P35, P38, P41, P42, P48, P53, MH. CV \$5.10.  | \$1         |
| 26   | <b>Austria.</b> Club Owned. MNH: #2242, 2245. CV \$4.50.  | NMB         |
| 27   | <b>Austria.</b> HBO. Dealer's sleeve (long box) all in 102 dealer cards (some empty). Some early, some later. 1940's, 50's, 60's, more 70's & 80's, ends at 1986 (or so). Some items heavy dup. More than 2000 stamps. How about 4¢ each?   | \$80        |
| 28   | <b>Bahamas.</b> Butterflies. #373a, S/S of 4 stamps, MH. CV \$12.   | \$4.50      |
| 29   | <b>Barbados.</b> Synagogue Restoration. #710-713, U (CTO?), cpl set. CV \$16.50.  | \$6         |
| 30   | <b>Belarus.</b> Beavers. #118-121, MNH. CV \$2.   | NMB         |
| 31   | <b>Belgian Congo.</b> Mostly U, few M: #142-144, 148, 166, 187, 200, 231-234, 241, 243, 245, 246, 247, 249, 250, 254-255, 263-268, 270-271, 273-279, 281, 282, 289, 300-302, 306-307, w/Scott # list. CV 12.30.   | \$5         |
| 32   | <b>Belgium.</b> #79, 80, MNH, F/VF, w/tabs. CV \$9.50.  | \$4         |
| 33   | <b>Belgium.</b> #82, 83, 85, U, w/labels. (83 & 85 need to be soaked off paper), 258, 259, 261, U; N1, M, HR; Q272, Q275-Q277, M, HR; Q140, Q144-Q145, Q148, Q150-Q151, Q160, Q163. CV \$11.85.   | \$4         |
| 34   | <b>Belgium.</b> #1036, MNH, blk of 4, philatelic theme. CV \$8.   | \$3         |
| 35   | <b>Belgium.</b> #1166, S/S, MNH, 1984 LA Olympics. CV \$2.75.   | \$1         |
| 36   | <b>Belgium.</b> #B815, S/S, MNH, POSTPHILA Exhibition. CV \$1.  | NMB         |
| 36A  | <b>Lighthouse Album.</b> HBO. Belgium Part 5 (1980-1998), commems, defins, semi-postals. Incl 205 MNH stamps, 1 S/S MNH, 1 cpl sheet of 15, MNH; 182 U, 23 MH w/many cpl sets. This is not a hingeless album. Pages in good condition, no tears or mount removal messes. Some penciled Scott #'s. Pages to 1995 have previous owner's name written. After that pages are new, no marks. Red album cover w/gold trim average to good condition, some wear but no scrapes or tears & looks good on the shelf. All this for a great price! | \$20        |
| 37   | <b>Belize.</b> World Communications Year. #685-688, set of 4, CTO. CV \$6.20.   | \$2         |
| 38   | <b>Belize.</b> 350 <sup>th</sup> Ann of British Post Office (Ships, Letters). #765-770, MNH. CV \$9.10.   | \$5         |
| 39   | <b>Belize.</b> Approx 40 U (CTO) stamps, large, mostly from the 1980's.   | NMB         |
| 40   | <b>Benin.</b> Wildcat S/S, #849, MNH. CV \$6.50.  | \$3         |
| 41   | <b>Bermuda.</b> #37, U, moderate cancel to HC, F/VF. CV \$9.50.   | \$4         |
| 42   | <b>Bermuda.</b> #75, 79, U, space fillers, both w/close-clipped perfs. If perfect CV would be \$66.25. How about...   | \$4         |
| Note: The following four lots from Biafra are now recognized and listed in the Scott catalog. They are scarce and seldom offered in the USA. |   |             |
| 43   | <b>Biafra.</b> Group A. MLH. #1-6, 9-10, 13-21. Independence, Nigeria animals overprinted. CV \$68.30.  | \$15        |
| 44   | <b>Biafra.</b> Group B (1968-1969). Now in Scott catalog. MLH: #17-21, overprinted & surcharged, 4 Butterflies set & overprinted Mexico Olympics. CV \$32.  | \$6         |
| 45   | <b>Biafra.</b> Group C (1969). Now in Scott catalog. MLH, #22-31, Children, Pope Visit, incl 2 S/S's. CV \$141.   | \$35        |
| 46   | <b>Biafra.</b> Group D (1969-1970). Now in Scott catalog. MLH: #27-31 overprinted "Peace on Earth" + surcharge; 22-26 overprint & surtax. CV \$127.   | \$30        |
| 47   | <b>Burkina Faso.</b> CTO: #501-504, cpl set, Rowland Hill & Trains; 689-694 (missing 695), Motorcycles. CV \$7.05.  | \$2         |
| 48   | <b>Burundi.</b> African Wildlife. #355-360 A's-D's, 5 strips of 4 & 4 singles, all diff, CTO. CV \$7.05.  | \$3         |
| 49   | <b>Burundi.</b> Colorful Tropical Fish. CTO. 24 diff in 5 blks of 4: #C207, C208, C209, C210, C211, + 454 in two pairs. CV \$8.   | \$3         |
| 50   | <b>Canada.</b> Four U Classics: #36, 37, 53, 67. CV \$4.50.   | \$1.50      |
| 51   | <b>Canada.</b> #209, MH, F/VF; 210, MH, F/VF, some paper adhesion. CV \$26.50.  | \$10        |
| 52   | <b>Canada.</b> #539, 1602, 2374-2375, U. CV \$1.95.   | NMB         |
| 53   | <b>Canada.</b> Olympic sets, MNH: #656-657, 687-688. CV \$16.   | \$6         |

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| 54    | <b>Canada.</b> #756a, CAPEX '78, S/S of 3 (one each #754-756), nine copies, U on-piece (cancelled 1996). May have been used on parcel or large envelop, (or CTO on a large piece of card stock?). Unused S/S are valued at \$3.50 each. No U value shown. How about \$1.50 each? | \$5         |
| 55    | <b>Canada.</b> Two MNH intact bkls: #926Bc, pane of 10, perf 13.5 x 14; 1163a, pane of 10 stamps. CV \$15.   | \$4         |
| 56    | <b>Canada.</b> Yukon Gold Rush issue, #1606a, b, c, d (missing "e"). MNH. CV \$5.  | \$2         |
| 57    | <b>Canada.</b> #1630A, S/S, MNH, Year of the Ox. CV \$2.75.  | \$1         |
| 58    | <b>Canada.</b> #1755A, error, MNH. Value \$25.   | \$15        |
| 59    | <b>Canada.</b> #2445-2447, 2464-2465 pair, U. Very recent. CV \$3.85.  | NMB         |
| 60    | <b>Canada.</b> New Issues, MNH, Zodiac Signs: S/S of 4, S/S of 12 (water activated gum), & 4 singles (self adhesive on original backing). Also, 2 singles: Oliver Jones, Joe Fortes, on backing. CV \$16.  | \$8         |
| 61    | <b>Canada.</b> #J1, M, HR, paper adhesion, small tear top; MR1, U, F/VF. J1 would be \$19.50, if perfect. Here's a deal!   | NMB         |
| 62    | <b>Canada.</b> Airmail. #C1, C2, U, LC to moderate cancels, F/VF. CV \$24.75.  | \$10        |
| 63    | <b>Canada.</b> Airmail. #C3, MH, F/VF. '13 Brookman CV \$16.   | \$7         |
| 64    | <b>Canada.</b> Airmail. #C4, MH, VF. '13 Brookman CV \$30.   | \$14        |
| 65    | <b>Canada.</b> Postage Dues, MNH: #J28A, J31A, J32, J34A, J38, J40. CV \$2.75.   | NMB         |
| 66    | <b>Canada.</b> Officials. #O31-O32, VF, MNH. Outstanding! CV \$19.   | \$10        |
| 67    | <b>Canada.</b> Airmail Official. #CO2, VF, MNH. CV \$17.50.  | \$8         |
| 68    | <b>Canada/British Columbia.</b> Law Stamps. #BCL44, U, LC; BCL45, U, LC; BCL48, U, LC/moderate cancel; BCL49, U, moderate cancel; BCL50, "Vancouver Registry" cancel (moderate/bold). You haven't seen these here lately. CV \$57.   | \$30        |
| 69    | <b>Canada.</b> 120 U stamps, large & small, looks like 1970's-2000's. Some dup.  | NMB         |
| 70    | <b>Cambodia.</b> Club Owned. Four MNH beautiful cpl sets. #404-410, 918-920, 1077-1079, 1582-1584. CV \$16.25.   | \$4         |
| 71    | <b>Cape of Good Hope.</b> #16, 17, U, F/VF, HH. CV \$34.25.  | \$10        |
| 72    | <b>Caribbean Islands.</b> Club Owned. St. Lucia, #731-734, pairs, MNH, cpl set, butterflies. St Thomas & Prince Islands, 534-539, MNH, cpl set, historic sailing ships. Two gorgeous sets. CV \$16.  | \$4         |
| 73    | <b>China.</b> All ID'd on 102 cards, all Unused: #732, 766, 777, 779, 781, C15, C16, C46, C53, C57, J60, J81, J88, J89, J92; Northern Province: J2, J4. CV \$7.45.   | \$3         |

**Abbreviations:**

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| & = And  | DUP = Duplicate (s)                                | MNH or ** = Mint Never Hinged      |
| + = Plus   | EST = Estimate (d)                                 | NG = No Gum                        |
| // = Incomplete                                  | F = Fine, off center, but perfs don't touch design | NMB = No Minimum Bid               |
| ADDR = Address (ed)                              | FD(C) = First Day (Cover)                          | OG = Original Gum                  |
| ANN = Anniversary                                | G = Good, perfs cut into design                    | PNB = Plate Number Block           |
| APPROX = Approximate (ly)                        | HBO = Held by Owner                                | RET = Retired, Returned            |
| APS = American Philatelic Society                | HC = Heavy Cancel                                  | SE = Straight Edge                 |
| BKLT = Booklet                                   | HH = Heavy Hinge                                   | SON = Socked on the Nose           |
| BLK = Block                                      | HR = Hinge Remnant                                 | S/S = Souvenir Sheet (s)           |
| BOB = Back of Book                               | ID'd = Identified                                  | TH = Thin                          |
| CAT = Catalogue (d)                              | INCL = Include (s) (ed)                            | U = Used                           |
| COMMEM = Commemorative (s)                       | LC = Light Cancel                                  | UNADDR = Unaddressed               |
| (IN)CPL = (In)Complete                           | LH = Light Hinge                                   | VF = Very Fine, wide margins       |
| CTO = Cancelled to Order                         | M or * = Mint                                      | VG = Very Good, perfs touch design |
| CV = Latest Scott Catalog Value (or year listed) | MC = Moderate Cancel                               | W/(O) = With(out)                  |
| DEFIN = Definitive (s)                           | MH = Mint Hinged                                   | WMK = Watermark                    |
| DIFF = Different                                 | MLH = Mint Light Hinge                             | XF = Extra Fine                    |

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| 74    | <b>China, Republic of/PRC.</b> Republic of China #2812, 2820, 2821, U; PRC 20, 51, 111, 212, 5L28, 5L29. China 722, Unused. Also, Dutch Indies N30-N31, MH, issued under Japanese Occupation. CV \$7.10.  | \$2         |
| 75    | <b>Christmas Island.</b> The 12 Days of Christmas, #86, S/S of 12 diff stamps, MNH. CV \$2.50.  | \$1         |
| 76    | <b>Congo, Democratic Republic.</b> Packet of about 43 stamps, M, U, CTO, w/Scott # list, #323//736, singles & sets. CV \$14.15.   | \$5         |
| 77    | <b>Czechoslovakia/Eastern Silesia.</b> 19 U stamps, w/Scott # list. #1, 3, 8, 27, 42, 73, 78, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, B124-B126, B127-B129, P2. CV \$5.70.  | NMB         |
| 78    | <b>Denmark.</b> #4, clear margins, U, moderate cancel, F/VF. CV \$15.   | \$8         |
| 79    | <b>Denmark.</b> 20, U, faulty – couple pulled perfs, small hole in center. CV \$150.  | \$18        |
| 80    | <b>Denmark.</b> Two fine appearing sets, but rough gum sides (adhesions, THs, HR). #371-373, 374-375. CV \$1.90.  | NMB         |
| 81    | <b>Denmark.</b> BOB. #J17, U, moderate cancel, F/VF; I1 (Late Fee stamp), U, LC, F/VF; P14, U, moderate cancel, F/VF. CV \$12.25.   | \$6         |
| 82    | <b>Denmark.</b> #O9A, U, moderate cancel, F/VF. CV \$13.  | \$4         |
| 83    | <b>Denmark.</b> #P1-P6, U, good cancels. CV \$28.50.  | \$12        |
| 84    | <b>Denmark.</b> Club Owned. Packet of 300 U stamps, no dup. 145 are large, 155 defins. Nice bargain.  | NMB         |
| 85    | <b>Dominica.</b> #607, S/S, MNH, 1978 Independence issue, map of Dominica, Caribbean. Gorgeous! CV \$3.   | \$1         |
| 86    | <b>Ecuador, France.</b> Ecuador #042, MH. France #C6, U. CV \$5.25.   | \$2         |
| 87    | <b>France.</b> #22, U, some perfs clipped bottom, LC/moderate cancel. CV \$40.  | \$4         |
| 88    | <b>France.</b> #34, M, NG, F/VF, pulled perf. CV \$650.   | \$70        |
| 89    | <b>France.</b> #34, 34a, U. 34a missing one perf. CV \$51.50. Wow!  | \$8         |
| 90    | <b>France.</b> 18 large/commem stamps. U: #130, 225, 314, 556, 715, 809, 1049, 1186, 1188, 1195, 1218. MNH: 1056, 1359, 2311, 2312. MH: 343, 770, 2327. (Two space fillers, 129, 388 not in CV). CV \$52.75.  | \$10        |
| 91    | <b>France.</b> #254A, U, LC, F/VF, (Die III, perf 13). CV \$35.   | \$8         |
| 92    | <b>France.</b> Packet, U stamps. France #263, 307, 334, 350; Offices in Morocco 93, 102, 135, 137, 138; French New Caledonia 136, 138, 141. CV \$8.90.  | \$3         |
| 93    | <b>France.</b> Packet w/Scott # list. #590*, 670, 673**, 708* (THs, not in CV), 709*, 710* NG, 717, 717*, 770* (THs, not in CV), 773*, 780*, 790-793** (set), 817**, 860, 908, 909, 910* NG, 911**, 912*, 913*, 1099* NG, 1190**, 1279. CV \$79.25. | \$15        |
| 94    | <b>France.</b> Art issues. All MNH: #1084, 1114-1117 (short set), 1149-1153 (cpl set), 1172-1175 (cpl set), 1206, 1239, 1295-1297 (cpl set), 1327-1330 (cpl set), 1713, B592. Gorgeous stamps! CV \$23.35.  | \$5         |
| 95    | <b>France.</b> #1742a, MNH, strip of 2 + label, PHILEXFRANCE, Paris, 1982. CV \$3.50.   | \$2         |
| 96    | <b>France.</b> #2145a, MNH, strip of 3 + label: "Liberte', Egalite', Fraternite' ". CV \$3.   | \$1         |
| 97    | <b>France.</b> MNH. #3289//3360. 15 attractive traditional designs, all large (no small parts of long sets). CV \$26.50.  | \$5         |
| 98    | <b>France.</b> MNH. #3405//3569. 8 stamps, all large. CV \$9.65.  | \$3         |
| 99    | <b>French Colonies.</b> #49, U, LC, F/VF, small corner crease, perf stain; 51, NG, G, unused. CV \$19.25.   | \$3         |
| 100   | <b>French Polynesia.</b> Better values, M & U. #180, 182*, 183*, 190, 194, 202*, 220**, 578-580**, cpl set; C24, U. CV \$48.30.   | \$15        |
| 101   | <b>Georgia.</b> #12-17, MH, clear margins (imperfs); 18-20, MH, clear margins (imperfs). CV \$4.65.   | \$2         |
| 102   | <b>Germany/Prussia.</b> U. Local Officials for use in Prussia: #OL3-OL6, OL9-OL14. CV \$10.30.  | \$4         |
| 103   | <b>Germany.</b> Packet of 23 (approx) U stamps, #48//333, O72. Best: 48, 161-163, 165-166, 182. CV \$20.45.   | \$5         |
| 104   | <b>Germany.</b> #510, 6Pf Adolph Hitler, MNH, rare strip of 11 vertical, described as from vending machine. CV \$2.20.  | \$1.50      |
| 105   | <b>Germany.</b> #1160, Unused, poor gum (priced as U); O5, O10, O13. CV \$5.85.   | \$2         |

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| 106   | <b>Germany.</b> 11 S/S's from European Philately Day, Essen, 1978. Each sheet has labels (depictions) of the four same stamps (#1202, 1224, 1262, one other). Each sheet has one real stamp, CTO: #1262 (x3), 1224 (x4), 1202 (x3), 1114, w/one of 7 customized cancels.     | NMB         |
| 107   | <b>Germany.</b> Five S/S's: #1203, U, German Nobel Peace Prize Winners; 1267, CTO, German Nobel Literature Prize Winners; 1384, CTO, sheet of 5, German Presidents; 1420, sheet of 3, CTO, 1984 UPU Congress; B489, sheet of 4, CTO, Olympic Games Site, Munich. CV \$16.80. | \$7         |
| 108   | <b>Germany.</b> Lots of great stamps! Mounted & ID'd in a sales book, 192 U stamps: #1272//2569 (95 stamps); a few Berlin; B372//B983 (94 stamps). Good values galore! CV \$288.   | \$35        |
| 109   | <b>Germany.</b> Art issues, all MNH: #1302, 1303, 1428, 1778-1780 (set), 1863-1865 (set), B807-B808 (set), 9N515, 9NB231. CV \$18.60.  | \$6         |
| 110   | <b>Germany.</b> #B90 S/S, MH, clear "Munchen Riem 1936" watermark. CV \$7.50.  | \$3         |
| 111   | <b>Germany.</b> #B102, blk of 4 w/good SON cancel "Zittau". CV \$6.  | \$3         |
| 112   | <b>Germany.</b> Semi-Postals. #B177, B178, B180-B182, U. B218-B220, B222, B228, B229, MNH. CV \$6.95.  | \$3         |
| 113   | <b>Germany.</b> U Officials. #O2, O5-O11, O16, O21. CV \$34.75.  | \$12        |
| 114   | <b>Germany.</b> U Officials: #O53-O58, O62, O65, O67-O73, O75, O77-O79. CV \$19.85.  | \$6         |
| 115   | <b>Germany.</b> U Officials. #O80-O84, O86-O91. CV \$14.20.  | \$5         |
| 116   | <b>Germany.</b> Issued under French Occupation #4N1-4N4, 4N6-4N10; Baden 5N14-5N24, all U. CV \$9.75.  | \$4         |
| 117   | <b>Germany.</b> French Occupation of Rhine Palatinate. U: #6N2-6N15, 6N16-6N27. CV \$17.30.  | \$7         |
| 118   | <b>Germany.</b> Berlin Occupation (American, British, French sectors). U: #9N4, 9N7-9N9, 9N13-9N14, 9N21-9N22, 9N24-9N27, 9N31. CV \$91.10.  | \$30        |
| 119   | <b>Germany.</b> Berlin Occupation. U: #9N42-9N56, 9N103-9N105, 9N108. MH: 9N235-9N248, 9N250. CV \$34.10.  | \$15        |
| 120   | <b>Germany.</b> Six S/S's issued at German Philatelic Exhibitions: 2 from Essen, 1978, w/CTO #9N360 & 1282; 2 from Philatelia '83 Dusseldorf w/souvenir labels; 2 from Philatelia '84 Stuttgart w/souvenir labels. Historical & colorful.                                    | NMB         |
| 121   | <b>Germany/Berlin.</b> #9N488-9N491, Ancient Artwork, cpl set, MNH. CV \$6.40.   | \$3         |
| 122   | <b>Germany.</b> Russian Occupation of West Saxony. MH: #14N1-14N12. CV \$2.80.   | NMB         |
| 123   | <b>Ghana, Liberia.</b> Three S/S's: Ghana #104a, 178a, MNH; Liberia C150, MNH. CV \$4.   | \$1.50      |
| 124   | <b>Ghana.</b> Club Owned. Immunization. #1051-1054, MNH, set. CV \$2.  | NMB         |
| 125   | <b>Gibraltar.</b> Christmas. #385 S/S, sheet of 12 (2 x #385) w/vertical rouletted gutter between. CV \$6.95.  | \$3         |
| 126   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #4, U, moderate cancel, imperf, F/VF, margins clear of design. CV \$85.  | \$20        |
| 127   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #33, U, clipped from card, perfs clipped in places, LC; 127, U, HR, F/VF, moderate cancel; 131, U, on-paper, moderate cancel, F/VF. CV \$26.75.  | \$10        |
| 128   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #48, U, moderate cancel/HC, small tear upper left, missing perf. This stamp would catalog at \$210. Here it is at a great discount.  | \$10        |
| 129   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #49, U, HC "97", off center. CV \$60. A heavily discounted stamp.  | \$6         |
| 130   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #67, U, moderate cancel, close clipped bottom perfs. CV \$52.50. A good space filler.  | \$5         |
| 131   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #88, U, bold cancel bars & "498", couple short perfs. CV \$32.50.  | \$8         |
| 132   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #108, U, moderate cancel/HC, F/VF. CV \$125.   | \$25        |
| 133   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #119, M, NG; 118, U, HC, perfs clipped right side. CV \$44.  | \$8         |
| 134   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #129, U, F/VF, moderate cancel/HC, HR; 130, U, F/VF, moderate cancel/HC. CV \$45.  | \$10        |
| 135   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #129, U, moderate cancel; 130b, deep green & red, moderate cancel/HC ("Edinburgh"?). CV \$45.  | \$9         |
| 136   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #148, U, moderate cancel; 152, U, moderate cancel; 157, M, NG, corner perf; 161, MH, F/VF. Also, 157, not incl in CV. CV \$25.   | \$6.50      |
| 137   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #151, U, F/VF, HC; 152, U, F, moderate cancel; 153, U, F/VF, LC; 154, U, pen cancel, F/VF. CV \$15.50.   | \$3.50      |

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| 138   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #162, U, F/VF, LC/moderate cancel; 163, U, F/VF, LC, paper adhesion; 164, U, SON LC, F/VF; 167, U, F/VF, moderate cancel. CV \$18.25.  | \$4         |
| 139   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #167, U, F/VF, moderate cancel/HC; O4, U, F/VF, LC/moderate cancel; O55, U, moderate cancel, F/VF, HR. CV \$13.50.   | \$3         |
| 140   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #179, U, moderate cancel/HC, F/VF, 2 corners pulled perfs. This is a \$75 CV stamp for 10% of that.  | \$7.50      |
| 141   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #180, U, HC, F/VF. CV \$125.   | \$25        |
| 142   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #204, U, moderate cancel, F/VF. British Empire Exhibition, 1925. CV \$80.  | \$20        |
| 143   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #206, U, LC, F/VF; 207, MH, F/VF; 208, U, moderate cancel, F/VF. CV \$16.60.   | \$3         |
| 144   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #219, moderate cancel, F/VF (CV \$11.50). Bonus: 212, MLH, F/VF & 213 (space filler).  | \$2         |
| 145   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #222, U, moderate cancel/HC, F/VF. CV \$45.  | \$7         |
| 146   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #226-229, U, cpl set. CV \$9.35.   | \$2         |
| 147   | <b>Great Britain.</b> King George VI Issue (1937-1939). #236a, moderate cancel, F/VF; 240, MH, F/VF; 245, U, LC, F/VF; 246, M, NG, F/VF; 247, M, NG, F/VF; 248, MH, F/VF, corner crease. CV \$25.65.                   | \$4         |
| 148   | <b>Great Britain.</b> U Group. #249, moderate cancel, F/VF; 249A, moderate cancel/HC, perfin, F/VF; 250, LC/moderate cancel, F/VF, corner crease; 251, LC, F/VF (CV \$24); 251A, moderate cancel, F/VF. CV \$42.25.    | \$8         |
| 149   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #251A, LC, F/VF; 308, MH, F/VF. CV \$21.75.  | \$4.50      |
| 150   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #313-316, U, cpl set, LC/moderate cancels. CV \$11.50.   | \$2         |
| 151   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #316, MH, high value of set; 430-437, MNH, set, 25 <sup>th</sup> Ann Battle of Britain. CV \$19.10.  | \$5         |
| 152   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #758-761, MNH; 779, MNH. CV \$1.95.  | NMB         |
| 153   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #758-761, MNH, 3 sets (12 stamps total). Also, approx 20 Machin Heads, a few odd definitives & a couple of Canada definitives. CV \$6.35.  | \$1         |
| 154   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #909a, MNH, S/S, International Stamp Exhibition, 1980. CV \$2.   | NMB         |
| 155   | <b>Great Britain.</b> Castle Type, U: #1446, 1447, 1448, LC/moderate cancels. CV \$6.20.   | NMB         |
| 156   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #1478, Britannia 10 Pound issue (1993), U, moderate cancel. CV \$12.50.  | \$3         |
| 157   | <b>Great Britain.</b> Intact bklt, #2410a (bklt pane of 2405-2410). CV \$10.   | \$2         |
| 158   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #2749, 2750, 2751, 2754, 2755, 2756, U, LC, Scientists; also, Guernsey 743-748, MNH. CV \$12.70.   | \$2         |
| 159   | <b>Great Britain.</b> #J52, MNH (perfs just cut design slightly left side). CV \$65.   | \$12        |
| 160   | <b>Great Britain.</b> 1993 UK Duck Stamp, MNH in bklt, 5 Pound Issue. CV \$8.  | \$4         |
| 161   | <b>Great Britain/Offices in Turkish Empire.</b> #54, U, moderate cancel/HC (violet), F/VF, overprint "Levant". CV \$100.   | \$15        |
| 162   | <b>Greece, Haiti.</b> Greece #67, U, imperf, on-paper, clipped roughly, moderate cancel; 68, U, on-paper, F, LC/moderate cancel. Haiti 85, 87, MH, F/VF; 88, imperf, F/VF, margins clear of design, MH, NG. CV \$8.20. | \$2         |
| 163   | <b>Grenada.</b> All MNH, pristine: #379-382, set; 490-497, set; 499-505, set; 747-748, set; 873-875, gutter pairs, set; 887-893, set. Extraordinary! CV \$14.25.   | \$6         |
| 164   | <b>Grenada.</b> #873-875, 3 S/S's + label, each, MNH. Queen Elizabeth II 25 <sup>th</sup> Ann. CV \$16.40.   | \$8         |
| 165   | <b>Grenada.</b> #3725, S/S, MNH, 40 <sup>th</sup> Ann First Man on Moon. CV \$9.   | \$4         |
| 166   | <b>Grenada Grenadines.</b> #91-100, MNH, cpl set, Battles of American Revolution. CV \$3.10.   | \$1         |
| 167   | <b>Grenada Grenadines.</b> MNH: #270-272 (Coronation Ann), cpl set of gutter pairs; 303-306 (Captain Cook), set. Post Office fresh. CV \$6.70.   | \$3         |
| 168   | <b>Guatemala.</b> #32, U, moderate cancel, HR, F; O6, MH, F/VF; RA2, U, LC, F/VF. CV \$3.85.   | NMB         |
| 169   | <b>Honduras.</b> #65-68, 70, MH (HH from old fashioned album?), 76, 77, 88, M, HH. All of these stamps are F/VF or better for the era & look good. CV \$3.40.  | \$1         |
| 170   | <b>Hong Kong.</b> All higher CVs, M & U: #72 (x2), 210*, 501, 777, 778, 1013, (1236 – not in CV, space filler), 1240, J6* (x2), also J6* chalky paper, J3. CV \$42.30.   | \$8.50      |
| 171   | <b>Hong Kong.</b> Packet of 40 U stamps. Many higher denoms, high CV. Best: #144, 182, 197, 215b, 286a, 501, 502, 651B, 651E, 773-775 (strip of 3), 777, 778, 1013, 1243. '12 CV \$120.40. Here it is!                 | \$25        |

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| 172   | <b>Hong Kong.</b> MNH: #185 (strip of 3), 200-202 set, 208, 210, 271-272 set, 321, 335-337 set, 364, 391, 399, 636. MH: 205, 398b (NG), 399a (disturbed gum), J1, J6, Scott # list. CV \$48.20.         | \$12        |
| 173   | <b>Hungary.</b> MNH sets: #1447-1452, B224, C209A, 1453 S/S, 1475-1483. CV \$16.30.   | \$2.50      |
| 174   | <b>Hungary.</b> Airmails. #C191-C200, set of 10, MNH. CV \$10.55.   | \$5         |
| 175   | <b>Hungary.</b> Club Owned. 500 CTO's, all large. You could go a long way to filling those empty spaces w/this lot. Colorful & topicals. What a bargain! There will be many bids on this one.           | NMB         |
| 176   | <b>Iceland.</b> U Group of 16 stamps. #221, 222, 224, 225, 319, 360, 509, 513, 517, 518, 547, 609, 611, 679, 778, one other. CV \$9.10.   | \$3         |
| 177   | <b>India.</b> Packet of 16 U stamps: #422, 437, 693, 702, 736, 737, 739, 743, 746, 751, 758, 763, 764, 781, 783, 785. Scott list incl. CV \$16.10.  | \$3         |
| 178   | <b>India.</b> Packet of 24 U stamps. #565, 702, 767, 810, 816, 849, 955, 961, 1029, 1030, 1038, 1098, 1121, 1123, 1127, 1140, 1142, 1337, C9-C12, O183. All higher values. CV \$51.45. Incl Scott list. | \$10        |
| 179   | <b>Iran.</b> #448-454, U; C53, MH. CV \$4.50.   | NMB         |
| 180   | <b>Ireland.</b> Club Owned. Packet of 200 U mostly large stamps. Almost no dup. Great to fill many spaces. (Most ID'd in pencil on back).   | NMB         |
| 181   | <b>Israel.</b> MNH: #281 (blk of 4); 362 w/tab; 373, 377 (blk of 4), 376, C40 (pair). CV \$2.85.  | NMB         |
| 182   | <b>Israel.</b> #1025, MNH, strip of 4 w/tabs. Beautiful ducks. CV \$9.10.   | \$5         |
| 183   | <b>Israel.</b> #1836, mini sheet of 6 + 3 labels, MNH. CV \$5.50.   | \$3         |

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| 184 | <b>Israel.</b> All MNH w/tabs, cpl sets, bkls, singles, strips & sheets as in Scott. Pristine! All ID'd in glassines & dealer cards. The short of it: #1441-1546a – just about every one issued from April 2001 to December 2003. (Contact MBS Manager for complete list). '12 CV \$198.55. | \$50 |
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| 185 | <b>Israel.</b> Packet of 75 U, mostly large recent stamps. CV \$15.  | \$5    |
| 186 | <b>Italy.</b> #C2, Unused, G, Hinged (CV \$21); J59, F/VF, Unused, LH (CV \$7.50); J64, U, VF, LC (CV \$29). Total CV \$57.50.                         | \$20   |
| 187 | <b>Italy.</b> 200 large U stamps, few dups. Looks like mostly 1960's-1980's. A bargain.  | NMB    |
| 188 | <b>Japan.</b> #55, U, LC, some missing perfs; 1435, U. CV \$11.  | \$2    |
| 189 | <b>Japan.</b> #381a, S/S of two (380-381), 1947 Inauguration of Constitution, MNH. A bit toned, some creases. CV \$9.50.                               | \$4    |
| 190 | <b>Japan.</b> Olympics. #821-825, 821-825a S/S (821 sheet folded), B18-B20, B24-B27, MNH, dup. CV \$16.25.   | \$5    |
| 191 | <b>Japan.</b> 192 U recent stamps, mounted & ID'd in a sales book. #2163//3423, 15 are prefectures & a few semi-postals. Lots of value here! CV \$296. | \$35   |
| 192 | <b>Japan, Jordan.</b> Japan #2176-2180, 2182, 2183, U. Jordan 1661-1663, MNH. CV \$4.60.   | NMB    |
| 193 | <b>Japan.</b> U Packet of 32 stamps. Mostly #1700//2100's. Scott list incl. CV \$11.85.  | \$4    |
| 194 | <b>Japan.</b> Packet of 200 U, diff. Fun to sort & organize. Looks like recent stamps.   | \$15   |
| 195 | <b>Kenya.</b> #432, 438, 588, U, LC, F/VF. (I would soak to remove envelope paper remains). CV \$5.25.   | \$2    |
| 196 | <b>Korea.</b> #1522, MNH; 1446-1450, MH; 4067-4068, MNH. CV \$1.65.  | NMB    |
| 197 | <b>Libya.</b> #306, MNH, Three Tuareg Riders. CV \$16.   | \$7    |
| 198 | <b>Libya.</b> #621, S/S, MNH, Montreal Olympics. CV \$16.  | \$7    |
| 199 | <b>Libya.</b> #1052, MNH, sheet of 16 diff flowers; 1214, MNH, sheet of 16 diff, Ann of Revolution. CV \$19.   | \$9    |
| 200 | <b>Liechtenstein.</b> #710, S/S of 3 stamps, Franz Josef II, MNH. CV \$2.50.   | NMB    |
| 201 | <b>Luxembourg.</b> 100 U large stamps from 1970's to 1990's. Not much dup. Fill those spaces! What a deal!   | NMB    |
| 202 | <b>Maldiv Islands.</b> #297a, S/S, MNH, Human Rights. CV \$9.50.   | \$4.50 |
| 203 | <b>Malta.</b> Club Owned. Packet of 100 U large stamps, no dup. Wow!   | NMB    |
| 204 | <b>Maluku Selatan.</b> Not a real country, but these are interesting labels. Native Animals, 18 diff cinderellas, MNH.                                 | \$2    |
| 205 | <b>Mexico.</b> #C434, S/S, MNH. Stamps-on-Stamps, EXFILMEX '74. CV \$3.50.   | \$1.50 |

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| 206   | <b>Micronesia.</b> #184-185, 251-252, MNH. CV \$3.50.  | \$1         |
| 207   | <b>Mongolia.</b> #768-773, C65, MNH, set. CV \$5.55.   | \$2         |
| 208   | <b>Netherlands.</b> BOB Group, U: #B108, B109, B111, B128, B129, B133, B144, B148, B155, B156, B158, B162, B164, B181, B188, B203, B204, C3, J13. CV \$7.30.   | \$3         |
| 209   | <b>Netherlands.</b> BOB Group. U: #B134, B136, B175, B178, B179, B189-B193, J5, J80, J83, J85-J87, J91, J93, J95, J99, J100. MNH: B139-B143, B149-B153, B170-B174. Also, 245-261 set, MNH. CV \$12.30.   | \$6         |
| 210   | <b>New Zealand.</b> #65, U, F/VF, moderate cancel. CV \$8.   | \$2.50      |
| 211   | <b>Norfolk Islands.</b> #253a S/S, MNH, Beautiful Christmas, 1979.   | NMB         |
| 212   | <b>Norway.</b> #25, U, SON cancel, F/VF. CV \$3.25.  | \$1         |
| 213   | <b>Norway.</b> #665-668, MNH, set, Christmas, colorful! CV \$2.95.   | NMB         |
| 214   | <b>Norway.</b> #872a, bklt, MNH, intact & cpl. CV \$22.50.   | \$10        |
| 215   | <b>Norway, Sweden.</b> U stamps, mounted & ID'd in sales book. Norway, some older higher values (#3, 4, 49, 135, others) & many more later stamps (1000//1600's), a few semi-postals & other BOB, 105 total. Sweden, a couple of older, most are recent, 2442//2645, about 24 BOB, 87 total. The whole book is 192 stamps. CV \$671. | \$80        |
| 216   | <b>Norway.</b> Club Owned. Packet of 118 U mostly large stamps. Few dup. Here's a deal!  | NMB         |
| 217   | <b>Nyassa.</b> #51, 95, 98, MH. CV \$4.  | \$1         |
| 218   | <b>Pacific Islands.</b> Club Owned. Nauru #210-213, MNH, Ann of Air Nauru; Tuvalu/Nukulaelae Cricket Players type of 1984, #21-24, MNH, set. CV \$6.   | NMB         |
| 219   | <b>Papua New Guinea.</b> #410-414, MNH. CV \$4.50.   | \$1         |
| 220   | <b>Papua New Guinea.</b> #410-414, blks of 4, MNH. CV \$18.  | \$5         |
| 221   | <b>Paraguay.</b> #1616-1623, MNH, set. Ships, USA Bicentennial. CV \$5.  | \$2         |
| 222   | <b>Philippines.</b> First Issue as a Republic, #500-502, MLH, cpl set; 554-556, perf 12.5, & 554a-556a, imperf singles, MLH. CV \$7.10.  | \$2         |
| 223   | <b>Philippines.</b> 75 MNH stamps w/Scott list. Most from 1986-1992, #1800's//2095. CV \$76.90.  | \$15        |
| 224   | <b>Poland.</b> German Occupation. Semi-postals, Officials, regular issues, more MH than U, 65 stamps hinged on album pages, #N26//N94, etc. Also, 11 stamps Eastern Silesia/Danzig. CV \$34.65.  | \$12        |
| 225   | <b>Portugal.</b> U #286, 289, 511, 515 & one postage due. CV \$21.10.  | \$5         |
| 226   | <b>Portugal.</b> Europa. #1601a, S/S blk of 4 w/label, M, VLH on top margin. CV \$8.   | \$4         |
| 227   | <b>Portugal/Madeira/Azores.</b> Madeira #67a, S/S of 2, MNH; Azores 315a, S/S of 2, MNH. CV \$7.50.  | \$4         |
| 228   | <b>Romania.</b> #119, 121, 125, 126, 1N23, 2N1, 2N3, RAJ10-RAJ11, RAJ12-RAJ15, RAJ20-RAJ21. MH & U, some HH, some hinge THs. CV \$9.15.  | NMB         |
| 229   | <b>Russia.</b> #37, 38, MH. CV \$135.  | \$30        |
| 230   | <b>Russia.</b> #45, M, HR, F/VF. CV \$50.  | \$10        |
| 231   | <b>Russia.</b> #53, MH. Couple of missing perfs. CV \$25.  | \$3         |
| 232   | <b>Russia.</b> #62, MH. CV \$50.   | \$10        |
| 233   | <b>Russia.</b> #63, 64, MH. CV \$55.   | \$10        |
| 234   | <b>Russia.</b> #66, MH, HR. CV \$45.   | \$8         |
| 235   | <b>Russia.</b> #72, U, LC/moderate cancel. CV \$11.50.   | \$2         |
| 236   | <b>Russia.</b> MNH: #1529, 2088, 2116, 2141, 2178C, 2204, 2205, 2210, 2216-2217, 2225-2227, 2234, 2236, 2252. MH: B5, B7 (NG), B9. CV \$17.20.   | \$5         |
| 237   | <b>Russia.</b> #2732, blk of 6 (a-f), MNH, Space Rockets, Satellite issue. CV \$7.50.  | \$3         |
| 238   | <b>Russia.</b> Club Owned. Packet of 300 CTO stamps, all large. Looks like mid to late Soviet era. Couldn't be a better bargain!   | NMB         |
| 239   | <b>White Russia.</b> Produced in 1920, not put into use, 5 imperf stamps & 5 (same) perf, MH. CV \$10.   | \$5         |
| 240   | <b>St Vincent.</b> Two MNH sets: #795-798 (pairs), Cricket Leaders; 979-979G, King Arthur's Count, Holy Grail, etc. Two brilliant sets! CV \$13.95.  | \$3         |
| 241   | <b>St Vincent.</b> Club Owned. Michael Jackson, MNH, #894-897 in pairs. CV \$9.  | \$2         |

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| 242   | <b>St Vincent.</b> #3660, 6 stamps (a-f) S/S, 40 <sup>th</sup> Ann First Man on Moon. CV \$9.25.   |             |
| 243   | <b>Salvador.</b> Religious Themes. #1574-1575, MH, set; 1589-1590, MH, set; 1608-1611, MH, set; C526, MNH. CV \$13.80.   | \$4         |
| 244   | <b>Samoa.</b> #336a, S/S of 4 (333-336) + labels, Christmas 1970, w/FDCs; 532, sheet of 9, MNH, Queen Mother's Birthday. CV \$8.55.                                | \$6         |
| 245   | <b>San Marino.</b> MLH, #228-233 (short set), 266-271, cpl set. CV \$15.55.  | \$3         |
| 246   | <b>San Marino.</b> #308-312 (short set), MLH; 364-369, MNH (short set); 375-384, MNH, cpl set. CV \$25.  | \$5         |
| 247   | <b>San Marino.</b> All MLH. #416-425 (cpl set); 446-455 (cpl set); 456-461 (short set); 540-549 (cpl set). CV \$35.75.   | \$8         |
| 248   | <b>San Marino.</b> Short sets, MLH: #477-482, 509-514, 519-524, 529-534. CV \$15.65.   | \$12        |
| 249   | <b>San Marino.</b> #554-563 (cpl set), MNH; 564-568 (cpl set), MLH; 594-603 (cpl set), MNH; 612-620 (cpl set), MNH; C41-C45 (short set), MNH. CV \$9.60.           | \$5         |
| 250   | <b>San Marino.</b> BOB. #C82-C84, MLH; C101-C105, MNH, cpl set; J21-J23, MNH; J65-J74, MLH; Q16-Q23 (pairs), MLH. CV \$13.55.                                      | \$3         |
| 251   | <b>Solomon Islands.</b> 1987 America's Cup. Strip of 5, MNH, #573 a, b, e, g, h. CV \$2.85.  | \$4         |
| 252   | <b>South Africa, Rwanda.</b> Republic of South Africa #668, 703, 711, 714, U. 881A, S/S, Chernobyl's Children, MNH. Rwanda 115, 137-139, 142, 146, MNH. CV \$6.45. | NMB         |
| 253   | <b>Spain.</b> Early issues, U: #39, 50, 223, 246, 252, 276, 277, 280, 300, 305, MR3, MR5; 400, 401, MH. CV \$6.05.   | \$2         |
| 254   | <b>Spain.</b> Early issues. U: #255, 257, 259, 263. MH: 386-390. MNH: 1200-1209, 1280-1289, 1581-1584. CV \$6.85.  | NMB         |
| 255   | <b>Sweden.</b> #6, U, moderate cancel, clear margins, somewhat off-center. CV \$19.  | \$2         |
| 256   | <b>Sweden.</b> #19 (blue green), G & 19a (emerald), F/VF, U. Moderate cancels. CV \$59.50.   | \$5         |
| 257   | <b>Sweden.</b> #22, 23, U, HH. CV \$8.   | \$10        |
| 258   | <b>Sweden.</b> #24, U, moderate cancel, VF, but, tiny tear. CV \$35. Priced accordingly.   | \$2         |
| 259   | <b>Sweden.</b> #205, F/VF, might be U, NG, corner perf. (CV is the same, M or U). CV \$32.50.  | \$5         |
| 260   | <b>Sweden.</b> #210, MH, F/VF. CV \$150.   | \$5         |
| 261   | <b>Sweden.</b> #1585-1588, strip of 4, MNH, philatelic theme. CV \$4.75.   | \$30        |
| 262   | <b>Sweden.</b> Officials. 14 U stamps, incl #O41-O45. CV \$40.50.  | \$2.50      |
| 263   | <b>Switzerland.</b> #76, HC, perfs touch design at bottom. CV \$20.  | \$10        |
| 264   | <b>Switzerland.</b> #87a, U, SON cancel, F/VF; 95, U, moderate cancel, G; 208, U, moderate cancel, F/VF; 1211-1212, MNH. CV \$11.30.                               | \$7         |
| 265   | <b>Switzerland.</b> Airmails. #C3, MH, VF; C4, MNH, F/VF, pulled perf; C5, MNH, F/VF, crease; C9, U, moderate cancel, F/VF. CV \$27.90.                            | \$5         |
| 266   | <b>Switzerland.</b> #C10, U, LC/moderate cancel, F/VF; C11, U, good cancel "INTERLAKEN", F/VF, pulled corner; C12, U, moderate cancel, F/VF. CV \$103.50.          | \$9         |
| 267   | <b>Switzerland.</b> #C15a, grilled gum, U, moderate cancel/LC, F/VF; C16, MNH, F/VF; C17, MNH, VF; C20, U, moderate cancel, VF. CV \$15.65.                        | \$20        |
| 268   | <b>Switzerland.</b> Postage Dues. #J21, J23, J23a, J24, J44, J49, J51, J60, moderate cancels. CV \$15.50.  | \$5         |
| 269   | <b>Switzerland.</b> BOB. #J35, J37-J42, S1, S3-S4, S10-S11, U. Also, for League of Nations 2070-2078, MNH. CV \$8.65.  | \$5         |
| 270   | <b>Switzerland.</b> Officials, U: #O3 (x2), O5 (x2), O20, O21 (x2), O23 (x2), O25, O27 (x2). CV \$5.60.  | \$3         |
| 271   | <b>Tannu Tuva.</b> #15-19, U (CTO); 21, 22, 25, MH. CV \$23.75.  | \$2         |
| 272   | <b>Tonga-Niuafou'ou (Tin Can Island).</b> #17, 18, MNH, overprints, on original backing, VF. CV \$10.  | \$10        |
| 273   | <b>Tripolitania.</b> #C8-C10, MNH. CV \$5.60.  | \$6         |
| 274   | <b>Turkey.</b> #345-349, U, LC/moderate cancels, F/VF. CV \$4.75.  | \$2         |
| 275   | <b>Vatican City.</b> #1156-1159, MH, Sistine Chapel Frescoes – Wow! Also, 1185-1189, MH, set, Travels of John Paul II. These sure are beautiful. CV \$14.50.       | \$1.50      |
| 276   | <b>Venezuela.</b> #1572, S/S, MNH, Children's Stories. CV \$3.25.  | \$7         |
| 277   | <b>Yemen.</b> MNH: #92-94, 228, C17-C19, C26-C28. CV \$13.50.  | \$1         |
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| 278   | <b>Worldwide.</b> Art Issues. Antigua #638-641, 642 S/S, (set), MH; Great Britain/Jersey 213-216, MNH, (set), 340-345, MNH, (set); Israel 815-817, MNH, (set); Italy 2047, MNH; Netherlands 733-735, 754-755, MNH, (sets); Norway 704-705, MNH, (set); Portugal 1763-1765, MNH, (set); Switzerland B568-B571, MNH (set). CV \$34.35.  | \$10        |
| 279   | <b>Worldwide Topicals.</b> Butterflies, Silkworms. New Zealand #1075, U, LC. Afghanistan 6 diff, 1996 "labels" – Scott says "false stamps condemned by Afghan Ministry of Communications". Still, they are beautiful & very "cool". Est value \$4.10.   | \$1.50      |
| 280   | <b>Worldwide Topicals.</b> Tropical Fish. Packet of 290 large colorful fish – but these don't smell! Lots of countries: Benin, Cambodia, Upper Volta, Mali, Czechoslovakia, others. CTO. Glug, glug! CV approx \$60.  | \$15        |
| 281   | <b>Worldwide (Cayman Islands/Chad/Eritrea).</b> Cayman Islands #85-87, MLH. Chad 1,3, M, hinge THs. Eritrea 19-20, MH. CV \$10.25.  | \$4         |
| 282   | <b>Worldwide.</b> "C-D" countries. Chile #J43-J46, MH; Cuba 133, 146, MH, HR (both); Denmark 63, U, perfin. CV \$7.65.  | \$2         |
| 283   | <b>Worldwide.</b> Group of 20 diverse stamps. Hungary #P8-P10, MH; India 1850, MNH; O12, U, LC; O23, O31, U; India/Charkhari 28-30, U, LC; Jamaica 26, U, moderate cancel; Morocco 445, MNH; Malagasy 1314-1315, MNH; Martinique 133-139, MH, (138 torn, not in CV). CV \$7.85.   | \$1.50      |
| 284   | <b>Worldwide.</b> "P" countries. Palestine 63, 66, 73, 76, U; Pitcairn Island 203-205, MNH; Poland 737-739, MNH. CV \$4.30.   | \$1         |
| 285   | <b>Worldwide.</b> Syria (SAR), #C491, C492, MNH, VF; Togo 1023-1028, MNH; 1059-1060, C422-C425, MNH. CV \$6.30.   | \$2         |
| 286   | <b>Worldwide.</b> "T" Countries (Islands). Tokelau Islands #25-32, MNH; Tristan de Cunha 740-745, MNH; Tuvalu 164-165, MNH. CV \$15.05.   | \$7         |
| 287   | <b>Worldwide.</b> Seven FDCs, unaddr. Antigua #533, 534, color cachet "Easter in Antigua"; Antigua & Barbados 755, 756, Local Flowers, color cachet "Plant Life"; Ascension 244, Telegraph Cables Across the Atlantic, color cachet, Ships Laying Cable; 342-343, color cachet, Diving for Seashells; Australia 674-675, Aviators & Planes, color cachet, Ford Trimotor. All previous in good condition. Also, Finland FDC, B230-B232, Forest & Wetlands Plants, cpl set, couple of creases, smudges; Hungary 2990, Automobile Centennial, small tear, creases. | NMB         |
| 288   | <b>Worldwide.</b> Cinderellas! Famous Paintings on "Stamps"? I hesitate to call these anything but labels! There must be 75 or so, most not in Scott & from non-countries. No glass slipper!  | NMB         |

**Bargain Bin.** These lots have appeared in previous sales. Here they are, back for a curtain call, with greatly reduced prices. Be sure to check these bargains!

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| BB289 | <b>Armenia.</b> #330, MNH. '11 CV \$60. Bonus: 354, MNH. This one has been through the wringer' twice. It was \$30 in MBS #48, then \$15 in MBS #51. Slashed again. Have Mercy!  | \$7.50 |
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| BB291 | <b>Australia.</b> Early group. 27 stamps, mostly U, mixed condition. #27, 35, 148 ("Queensland" cancel), 21, 24 ("Melbourne/Victoria" cancel), 25, 26 (x2), 27 ("Freemantle" cancel), 31a, 47, 72, 75, 171, 171a, 172a (x2), 175a (x2), 176, 170 (crease, perfs rough), 170a, 189. MNH: 195, 196. (187, space filler, not in CV). CV \$178.90. Was \$45 in MBS #51. Big reduction! | \$22   |
| BB292 | <b>Bahamas.</b> #322 (11c denom), MNH, bottom blk of 4. CV \$11. Was \$3 in MBS #51. Now reduced!  | \$1.50 |
| BB293 | <b>Canada.</b> #203, XF, MLH. CV \$50. Was \$25 in MBS #51. Big reduction!   | \$12   |
| BB294 | <b>Canada.</b> Club Owned. #225, MLH, XF. CV \$30. Was \$10 in MBS #51. Great deal!  | \$3    |
| BB295 | <b>Canada.</b> #498, MNH, blk of 4, F/VF. CV \$12.50. Was \$5 in MBS #51. Reduced!   | \$2    |
| BB296 | <b>Fiji.</b> MNH: Cone Shells, #564-569. CV \$12. Was \$4 in MBS #51.  | \$2    |
| BB297 | <b>Finland.</b> U Defins (11). Incl #316, 319, 321, 323, 838, 839, others. CV \$2.20. Last time!   | NMB    |
| BB298 | <b>France.</b> #311, MLH; 312, MNH. CV \$42. Was \$20 in MBS #51. 50% reduction!   | \$10   |
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| BB300 | <b>Great Britain.</b> #179, U, LC/moderate cancel, VF. CV \$75. Was \$35 in MBS #51. Today only!   | \$15        |
| BB301 | <b>India/Pakistan/Bahawalpur.</b> India (1961-1962): #347, 351, 362, 367, 370, MNH. Pakistan (1956-1963): 175 (single & blk of 4), 163-166, MNH, + 10 U stamps. Bahawalpur (1948-1949): 15, 17, 22-25, 26-29, MLH. CV \$19.85. Was \$5.50 in MBS #51. Now reduced! | \$2.50      |
| BB302 | <b>Iran.</b> 15 stamps, mostly U, #448, 450-462 (& an extra 453). CV \$22.50. Was \$10 earlier.  | \$5         |
| BB303 | <b>Iran.</b> 17 U stamps, #481//500. Two bonus stamps incl. CV \$21.95. Was \$8 in MBS #51. 50% cut!   | \$4         |
| BB304 | <b>Iran.</b> High Values: #686-687, 689-691, 694-695, M & U (687 not in CV, space filler). CV \$83. Was \$35 in MBS #51. Cut to the bone!  | \$10        |
| BB305 | <b>Ireland.</b> Club Owned. #1130, strip of 3, MNH. CV \$4.25. Was \$2 in MBS #51. Last call!  | NMB         |
| BB306 | <b>Korea (DPR).</b> Club Owned. Olympics. #3412-3417, MNH, cpl set. CV \$11. Was \$6 in MBS #51.   | NMB         |
| BB307 | <b>Mauritius.</b> #206, MH, F/VF. CV \$5.50. Was \$3 previously.   | NMB         |
| BB308 | <b>New Zealand.</b> Club Owned. #B57, B58, M (margin hinged) mini sheets of 6 stamps; B105A, mini sheet of 6 stamps, Sea Life, (margin hinged); B110A, pair, MH. CV \$11. \$3 in MBS #51.  | NMB         |
| BB309 | <b>Philippines.</b> Air Mail. #C52 (gum THs), C53, C55, C56, MH; C64-C66, MNH, set. CV \$6.75. Reduced from \$2.50!  | NMB         |
| BB310 | <b>Philippines.</b> Air Mail. #C64-C66, U, VF. CV \$4.25. Was \$1.50 in MBS #51. Reduced!  | NMB         |
| BB311 | <b>Poland.</b> Olympic Sports (1962-1978), MNH: #1079-1086, 1159-1164, 1165, 1502-1509, 1878-1885, 2166-2171, B110, B113, B120, B132. CV \$34.95. Was \$11 in MBS #51. Reduced by half!  | \$5.50      |
| BB312 | <b>Poland.</b> About 38 mostly U & CTO stamps. #2744//3056, B129. CV \$15.30. Was \$4 in MBS #51. Slashed in half!   | \$2         |
| BB313 | <b>Poland.</b> Packet of 91 large stamps, tending to recent, many CTO (1960-1980). Was \$9 in MBS #51. Slashed!  | \$4.50      |
| BB314 | <b>St Vincent Grenadines.</b> 1976 American Bicentennial Official Philatelic Numismatic FDC's (w/o coins). #81-83. Final try!  | NMB         |
| BB315 | <b>Solomon Islands.</b> 1986-1987. MNH: #569 S/S, 576-579, 597 strip of 4, 598-601, 602-605, B2. CV \$47.30. Was \$15 in MBS #51. 50% off!   | \$7.50      |
| BB316 | <b>Sweden.</b> #487-489, MH, set; 620-621, MLH. CV \$7.60. Was \$3.50 in MBS #48. Reduced!   | \$1.50      |
| BB317 | <b>Vatican City.</b> #749-751, MNH, cpl set; 752-754, MNH, cpl set. Colorful Saints! '11 CV \$10.25. Final reduction!  | \$3         |
| BB318 | <b>Yugoslavia.</b> 1960-1982. #798-802, 918//923, 1166-1173a (x2), 1572-1573, 1574 S/S, U. #1664-1671, 1672, MNH. Also FDC 795-802. CV \$34.70. Was \$11 in MBS #51. Last time!  | \$5.50      |
| BB319 | <b>Worldwide.</b> "S-T" Countries. Spain #C116, U, LC; Sri Lanka 786-789, MNH; Tanzania 792-794, 796, 797, CTO, Elephants. CV \$9.65. Was \$3 in MBS #51. Total reduction!   | NMB         |

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Looking in vain she called the supervisor and together they looked fruitlessly. Until the second clerk unveiled a package I knew was mine.

It was requested to be double checked she exclaimed.

She weighed it, she examined it, she looked at the imperf stamps.

Tis fine she said these stamps are valid in this realm.

The quantity is sufficient. The supervisor came and looked as well.

Vindicated without having to do battle

I strolled into the bright daylight of another day.

*Author's Note:* My apology to Edgar Allen Poe and a nod out to Charles Dickens...

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was closed in April, 1903. The 1903 (fourth) printing of the Castle stamps was never issued to the public and the stamps were “officially destroyed” in 1906 (Von



**Figure 9—Cesvaine Palace, Cesvaine, Latvia. Built in 1896 for German baron Emil von Wulf—less than a decade before the 1905 Revolution—the palace is located in what was then the District of Wenden.**

Hofmann, *et al*, pp 61-2; Lera and Finik, p 47). But the days of the Imperial postal network, as well as the Imperial Province of Livonia, *as well as the Russian Empire*, were also numbered.

As was true for the entirety of Imperial Russia, the 1905 Russian Revolution was the beginning of the end of Livonia. (For a stamp collector’s review of the 1905 Russo-Japanese War and 1905 Revolution, see Stover, “Relief-Printed CMP Stamps: Russian Semi-Postals, 1905—Part 2”, *The Circuit*, July/August 2011). Indigenous Latvians were, of course, politically weak even as late as 1905: “[T]hey were excluded from provincial [Livonia and Courland] government, had only minimal representation in the Riga city council, and... had gained majorities in the city councils in only four small towns.” And in the country-side, still newer baronial palaces and manor houses had been built (Figures 9 & 10). But Latvian unrest was brewing, and there was a springing-up of anti-war agitation, industrial strikes and mass meetings. During 1905, strikes and violence were aimed not only at the Imperial government but also at “symbols of Baltic German landowner power.... In the countryside, in the Latvian areas of Livland [Livonia], 183 estates and seventy-two manorial residences were partially or completely put to the torch....” This led (1905-07) to enactment of martial law, including “punitive expeditions” by the Russian Imperial Army along with

“baronial self-protection (*Selbstschutz*) squads.” Throughout the Russian Baltic provinces of Livonia, Courland and Estland (Figure 7), approximately 9,000 revolutionaries were executed, imprisoned, subjected to corporal punishment or expelled. Approximately 5,000 more fled to the West, many to North America (Plakans, pp 104-5).

The anti-revolutionary actions of the Tsar’s government (and of the Baltic baronial Germans) created the political atmosphere for a much broader Latvian democratization movement:

...Although not participants in the 1905 [mostly socialist-inspired] actions, liberals and centrists, appalled by the harshness of the punitive expeditions and disillusioned with both the imperial system and the Baltic Germans, became active in provincial- and imperial-level politics. In these bodies they argued for decentralized imperial power and increased power to the indigenous peoples of the Baltic area (Plakans, p 106).

And with the passing of one more decade, the movement toward democratization became a movement toward independence. During World War I—as Imperial Russia fell to the Bolsheviks (1917), and as German troops eventually occupied all of the Latvian areas but then lost all claim to those areas in the armistice of 1918—the stage was set for an incredibly

complicated two-year (1918-20) struggle for the control of Latvia, i.e. a struggle among German, Russian (Bolshevik) Red

Army, Russian (anti-Bolshevik) White Army, Latvian-Bolshevik, Latvian-nationalist, Baltic-German and Estonian forces. Even as German forces occupied much of Latvia, a Latvian Provisional Government was formed in 1918. This provisional government issued the very first stamps of independent Latvia, printed (ironically) on the backs of German military maps (Figure 11). And a major turning point in the conflict (adding another note of irony) was the 1919 *Battle of Wenden*, in which combined Estonian and Latvian forces defeated the Germans. In the end, the Latvian nationalists prevailed, led by Kārlis Ulmanis (Figure



**Figure 10—Cesvaine Palace, Latvia, 2001 (Scott 536).**

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| 2677 | <b>Richardson</b>   |      |                 |

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12), leader of the Agrarian Union Party and first Prime Minister of Latvia. In 1920, Soviet Russia recognized Latvia as an independent state. The United States did so in 1922 (Plakans, pp. 118-20).

*After seven centuries, Livonia disappeared from the map, replaced by major portions of modern Latvia and Estonia.*

And what of the German landowners of Latvia? The Latvian Constitutional Convention of 1920 nationalized all "privately held rural properties (including forested land) exceeding 110 hectares" and began a process of redistribution of the nationalized properties. This process, lasting almost two decades, resulted in the transfer of 9.2 million acres of land, most

of it (81 percent) from privately owned estates, *without compensation* (except for the paying off of debts on the confiscated land). "Understandably, large land-owners—principally the Baltic Germans—objected to what to them was a confiscatory measure and appealed



Figure 11—Left: Arms, Latvia, 1918 (Scott 1). Right: Back of stamp (printed on German military map).

## APS Summer Seminar

by Dr. Joanne Berkowitz (#98)

Once you attend an APS Summer Seminar, you will be hooked for life. In June, I attended for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row and, as usual, it was wonderful. Aside from having an entire week to indulge your hobby, the course on the philately of Egypt was excellent. There are so many variants of the first few issues that just to collect them all will be a challenge. We not only cruised through postal issues, we also touched on postal stationary, interpostal seals, revenue stamps, post cards, cancelations, railway post offices and traveling post offices and the Suez Canal stamps with their many forgeries.

All of this was placed into the setting of Egyptian history. We were fortunate to have as one of our students, Martin Chipman, who spent his career in the Foreign Service and was well versed in the history of the Middle East and had an insider's perspective. Our instructor, TG Rehkop, brought many examples and had slides of the rest.

I brought the more unusual part of a collection I

had just purchased the month before and now have many new ideas on how to integrate the material with the rest of my collection. I think I have just signed up for a year-long project here.

I encourage everyone who can to attend an APS Summer Seminar.

While in Bellefonte, I was able to see the progress achieved on the new American Philatelic Research Library (APRL). Did you know that APS members not only have access to this wonderful library by mail, but also can search the libraries of many other great philatelic libraries via the Union Catalog? Tara Murray and friendly staff will help you find articles, copy and mail them to you and otherwise help you with information requests.

If you love the hobby as much as I do, please join the APS and help their membership grow. Wander around the website, [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org), to see all the wonderful things the APS offers collectors.

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to the League of Nations, but without success" (Plakans, pp 124-26). *After seven centuries, the dominance of the German landowners had ended.*

German inscriptions on the stamps of Wenden County, Livonia Governorate, Russian Empire, would become puzzling linguistic symbols, oddities for curious stamp collectors of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.



**Figure 12—Kārlis Ulmanis, Latvia, 1937 (Scott 189).**

Independent and democratic Latvia lasted approximately 1½ decades. In a 1934 coup, Kārlis Ulmanis (Figure 12) assumed authoritarian rule of Latvia, ending Latvian democracy six years before Soviet forces occupied the country in 1940. Nazi German forces occupied Latvia from 1941 to 1944, after which Latvia was absorbed into the Soviet Union. More than seven decades after its 1918 birth, independent and

democratic Latvia was reborn in 1991, upon dissolution of the Soviet Union.)

### *But Why Wenden? Moravians? What's the Zemstvo Connection? Why Two Coats of Arms?*

This historical sketch of Wenden and Livonia completed—hopefully having established the symbolic meaning of German inscriptions on a couple of multicolored Wenden stamps—now there are other troublesome philatelic questions that emerge: *But, why Wenden?* Granted the political and economic dominance of the German landowners in the Livonia Governorate; still, why did Imperial Russia allow *any* part of the empire to inscribe its local stamps with a language other than Russian? One might speculate, perhaps, that the governments of Tsars Alexander II and III were willing to tolerate this symbolic German intrusion because they felt beholden to the landowners—at least

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until 1885—for keeping the restless Latvian population “under control”.

But why Wenden *particularly*? There were as many as nine districts in the Governorate, including the District of Riga, the eventual capital city of Latvia (Figure 7). Why was the District of Wenden allowed this distinction? Was it because the concentration and dominance of German nobility were greatest there (in comparison with other nobility, say Swedish and Polish)? Was it because Wenden was historically the “center” of German presence in Livonia, i.e. the centuries-old headquarters of the Livonian/Teutonic Order and the “heart of Livonia” when under the attack of Ivan the Terrible?

Or, is there some truth to a story that circulated among stamp collectors as long ago as the 1860’s, even at a time when only the very earliest of the Wenden stamps had been issued? Dr. C. W. Viner, writing in an 1865 issue of *Stamp-Collectors Magazine*, gives one version of the story:

The [earlier Wenden] stamps which give rise to our subject, though usually, nay universally, called Livonian, really belong exclusively to one of its five[?] [districts] called Wenden, and under that denomination ought to be interpolated into our catalogues. This small portion of the province was colonized in the beginning of the eighteenth century, by some of the Moravian brethren, a well-known sect of German protestants. The country then belonged to Sweden, and the new comers, by their industry, sobriety, and superior ability, soon became the most flourishing of the Livonian population. Among other useful institutions, they laid the foundation of a local postal system, the head-quarters of which was in Wenden, the chief town of the [district] (Viner, p. 59).

The District of Wenden had been “colonized”, of course, long before any subsequent German migrations of the 18<sup>th</sup> century; and the historical dominance of a German-established feudalism will remain, in spite of

Viner’s account, as the underlying significance of the Wenden stamps. Still, could it be that Moravian Protestants, migrating from Germany into the Wenden area during the last years of Swedish control, had thereafter “laid the foundation” of the District of Wenden’s postal system and thereby set the stage for this eventual oddity of German inscriptions on Russian stamps? That there were significant migrations of Moravians into the Baltics is well-known. (This is a fascinating history of Baltic-German influence in its own right. See Neustupny, “Activity of the Moravians in Estonia and Latvia”.) If this story were true, it would add sad irony to our understanding of the “meaning” of the Wenden stamps; for the Moravian Church—although not one of the three “historic peace churches” (Church of the Brethren, Religious Society of Friends, Mennonites; “Peace Churches”, [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org))—is certainly a Protestant denomination with historically strong pacifist leanings (Atwood, “Moravians and Peace”, <http://theflamingerheretic.wordpress.com>). It would mean that, after centuries of *militarily* enforced conversion, colonization and feudalization of the native peasants of Wenden—a primarily German subjugation of Latvians, symbolized by German inscriptions on the local stamps of a small district within the Russian Empire—*after all of that*, this lingering symbolic gesture of German dominance was made possible (at least early-on) by a community of Moravian *pacifists*!?

But the Moravian connection remains conjecture at best. Dr. John Edward Gray, in his 1875 stamp catalog, mentioned the Moravian explanation, but labeled it “somewhat romantic”. He did, however, suggest a rather pedestrian explanation for the issuance of the Wenden stamps:

...[A]bout the year 1857-8 there happened to be a want of small money throughout the [Russian] empire, to meet which the authorities of the Wendenschen Kreis decided to emit the stamps of the type No. 33 [Gray’s number for Scott L2 and L3] for local use. The “Kreis” [district] post office was bound to take them, not only in payment of the postage on local letters, but also in payment of letters for other parts of Russia or foreign countries; only in the latter case the fixing of the stamps to the letters they were intended to prepay was prohibited (Gray, p. 130).

So the stamps of Wenden are all about a currency shortage? And what are we to make of Gray’s remarks regarding the non-local use of these obviously *local* Wenden stamps? Certain questions surrounding the Wenden stamps as *local* postage—e.g. how they differ

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## Executive Director's Report

by Dr. Joanne Berkowitz (#98)

**F**or those who attended the August APS Stamp Show in Milwaukee, it was good to see you and talk together. This year, ISWSC presented a program entitled *Yes, You Can Collect the World*. We had about 15 people attend and there was a lively discussion afterward. Presenting a program brings in more attendees than just advertising a club meeting. I am hoping to see some of those folks become new members.

While the show was a lot of fun, it seemed to me to be a bit under-attended compared to previous shows. There was a noticeable decrease in dealers at the bourse which I am told was due to some rather onerous taxing requirements in Wisconsin.

I was happy to spend some time with **Randy Smith** (#1111) and **John Baumert** (#1246), with John's wife joining us for dinner. I have known Randy for maybe 15 years, but never set eyes on him until that show.

I bought a box of material labeled "non-stamp stuff". What a fun thing to pour through, even if I

don't know what to do with most of it. Revenue stamps, poster stamps, registry labels, Christmas and other seals, philatelic exhibition stamps and other convention seals and more. Some will go to our club silent bid sale, some will find homes with collectors I know who collect certain items, most of the revenue stamps will go in my collection and some stuff will just get stockpiled until I find someone who collects it. I was happy to give one of the revenue stamps to a club member who is a revenue expert and had never seen that particular stamp. It's a real walk through history.

I hate to be a nag but please look at the front of the envelope that *The Circuit* came in and send in your dues if they have expired or are going to expire soon. This club is run entirely by volunteers, myself included, and you can help to make my work easy by not having me chase you down for dues.

When I get together with other stamp collectors, I hear loads of wonderful stamp stories. Please consider writing some of yours up and sharing them with us. I am happy to edit written reminiscences or transfer handwritten or typewritten works to electronic form.

from the Russian *zemstvo* stamps and why they are included in the Scott catalog while the *zemstvos* are not—are delayed until Part 3 of this article.

An even grander and more perplexing puzzle awaits Part 3: What is the history of the two coats of arms found on the Wenden stamps of 1864-84? Why the *griffin arms* on an earlier bi-colored issue? And why, then, the *cloud-sword arms* on the later multicolored (as well as bi-colored) issues? Why *two*?

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Whatzit 28.1.2

Now I cannot read the denomination on the photocopy—that is unfortunate because the currency would help identify the country. Any member now have any information on this stamp?

From the same issue, (Jan/Feb 2010), Whatzit 28.1.2 is a blue Greek revenue(?). Does any member now have any

information to provide?

The Whatzit column is in need of unidentified material to challenge members' knowledge. We also need members to write back, sharing their knowledge and helping identify unknown stamps for members. Without member support this column cannot exist.

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## Roster Issue Feedback

**T**hank you to the several members who took the time to send in their comments concerning the ISWSC roster issue. Historically, the March/April issue every two years has been devoted to printing the full ISWSC roster (including names, addresses and interest codes). Members who wish to keep this data private may request not to be listed.

This year, a few complaints were received, with most members indicating they missed the articles and the Mail Bid Sale. Because of this, the Board requested additional comments from the membership.

Totaling the comments received to date, responses are running 50-50 (in favor of versus opposed to the roster issue). The ISWSC Board will discuss the issue further, however based on the comments, the Editor will strive to include at least a small issue of *The Circuit* to be mailed along with future roster issues. The Editor regrets that time commitments did not allow this to occur this year.

## Correction

**I**n the previous version of *The Circuit*, there was a typographic error in the e-mail address following **Barry White's** (#2803) Letter to the Editor. Barry can be reached at:

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## Canadian Regional Rep Introduced

**T**he ISWSC utilizes members living in regions around the world to promote the ISWSC and to serve as a point of contact for those living in the same area.

**Peter Rose** (#2792) recently agreed to serve as the Canadian Regional Representative and submitted the following biographical information to introduce himself to the ISWSC membership.

- Peter considers himself an intermediate collector, even though he's been collecting off and on for over 40 years. Now that he's semi-retired, Peter says he is now "getting into the proper 'mechanics' of collecting and becoming a true philatelist".
- Peter collects for fun, not for investment. He inherited a Canadian, USA and British collection (that has never been cataloged) from his mother-in-law.
- Peter collects Canada, USA, Britain (including dependencies) and (of course) worldwide stamps.
- Peter likes some of the CTO stamps produced by Russia due to the excellent artwork and printing qualities. Peter says, "I am old enough to do what I want—when others start buying my stamps for me, then I might give a care!"
- Peter does not collect forgeries, although he acknowledges many collectors are "into this in a big way".
- Peter produced two Cinderella fantasy stamps using a contact in Germany to print them. Peter uses the stamps on letters that he mails.
- Peter has a 50-acre hobby farm which he calls the *Dominion of Ramonaland*. As another hobby, Peter belongs to a group who enjoys micro-nations. Peter indicates it's a way to protest Canada being the highest taxed country in the world without having to secede from Canada.

Thank you, Peter, for taking on this ISWSC role!