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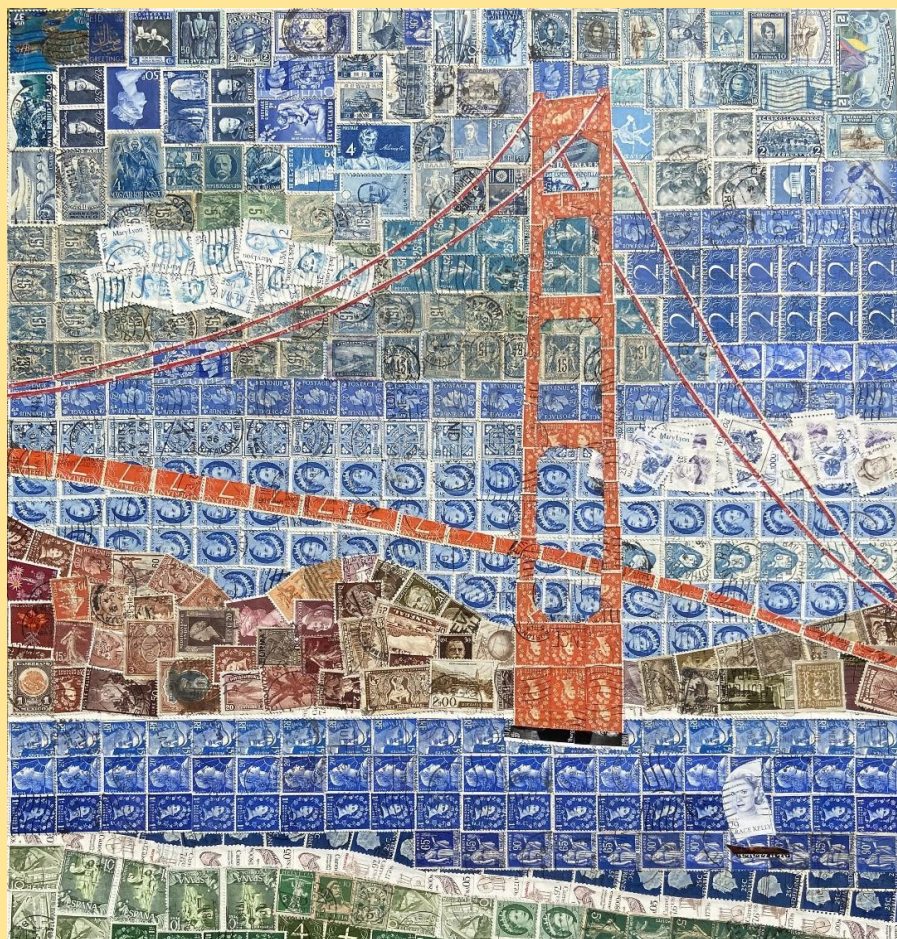
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Golden Gate Stamp Club member Paul V. Turner produced this beautiful collage, using duplicate stamps, patience and talent.



Bob Gordon, Editor

Editor's Corner

Dear Friends of the Library,

Have you enjoyed attending a past Open House and Garage Sale? **Save the date** for the Library's next **Garage Sale and Open House** on **Saturday November 4**. See page 9 for more information. In addition to the philatelic material for sale, all duplicate books are priced at 50% off.

Library Hours: Mon and Thu 9 am-1 pm and by appt. (call to verify)

New Extended Hours: In addition to Mondays and Thursdays, the Library is now open Saturdays 10am—1pm. Come by for a visit!

Want to contact the Library? 650-306-9150 or info@fwpl.org

Donations always welcome at the Library's GoFundMe site:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

Welcome & Thank You to our newest Library members:

Reniel Estrada (Fremont)
Eric McCrystal (San Carlos)
Sidney McHarg (Anacortes, WA)
Roderick A. Price (Palo Alto)



Board Minutes

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, April 8, 2023

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:26 am by Library President Ed Jarvis at the Western Philatelic Library, 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City CA 94063.

Roll Call found a **Quorum of all 6 Officers and Directors** present: Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Eduardo Martino, Nestor Nunez, and Roy Teixeira.

Guests: Dale Eggen, Edie Eggen, and David McNamee.

Recording Secretary: Russ Samuels.

2. **Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of February 18, 2023:** The Minutes of the Meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Bob Gordon, seconded by Richard Clever.

3. **New Board Members:** There has been no action as of this meeting.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Nestor Nunez previously e-mailed to the BOD the 4-page Financial Statement through March 31, 2023, detailing the income and expenditures including Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements, and Cash Receipts including Mortgage Fundraising and Building and Safety Funds. Ed Jarvis thanked Nestor for getting this out to the BOD ahead of today's meeting.

The Highlights of the Report: The Library had a spectacular First Quarter to start the year, the Best Quarter Ever! There were two major donations including \$72,000 from the Estate of a "Supporter of the Library" for restricted use for Capital Improvements and the in kind contributions of \$54,000 and \$56,000 in Apple Stock that was used to pay off the Mortgage. Another \$60,000 anonymous donation has been added to the temporarily self-restricted funds for use for Capital Improvements, now totaling \$132,000. Some of these funds have been deposited in three different staggered CD's at 4% interest which will earn another \$3000 to \$4000 per year. After five years of struggle to pay off the Mortgage, the Deed has been recorded and the FWPL is now the clear owner of the building. The

Library has a monthly Burn Rate of \$1,100 to \$1,200. Memberships, Book Sales and the WESTPEX \$5,000 Contribution will all help to cover expenses for the foreseeable future. Nestor expressed thanks to the Anonymous Donors who helped the Library pay off the Mortgage in record time.

Eduardo Martino moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Richard Clever and passed unanimously.

5. **Fundraising:** Bob Gordon said the Go Fund Me Campaign is still active at the Go Fund Me link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc> The wording on the account will be changed from emphasis on paying off the Mortgage to general support of the WPL with the phrase "We welcome your support. Your donation will help the Library thrive!" We should not be bashful about asking for money. The annual WESTPEX donation of \$5,000 as payment for storage of archives and other WESTPEX material at the Library is expected to be restored in May or June. The 2023 Open Houses should prove to be good opportunities for Fundraising, including membership applications and Book Sales.

6. **Membership and Mailing Report:** Richard Clever reported that as of April 4, 2023 the current membership is 223 (which includes 8 overseas). The grand total includes 107 Life Members, 34 Complimentary (2 need to be reviewed), and 80 Current Members (70 Members are paid to 2023). There are currently 10 past due members. Richard previously sent out letters to the Complimentary Members to get email addresses. Richard also urged that the Library does more binding of the backlog of Journals to get them on the shelves. Eduardo Martino moved to accomplish this, seconded by Roy Teixeira, and passed unanimously.

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Board Members

Western Philatelic Library APS Chapter 836

Library Board Members

- President:** Edward Jarvis
- Vice President:** Roger Skinner
- Vice President Membership:** Richard Clever
- Treasurer:** Nestor Nunez
- Director, General Operations:** Roy C. Teixeira
- Board Members at large:** Bob Gordon
Eduardo Martino
- Director Emeritus:** Stuart Leven

Volunteers:

- John Corwin** Proofreader
- Wally Jolliff** Auctioneer
- Jim Giacomazzi** Auctioneer
- David McNamee** Consultant to Board of Directors
- Ian "Russ" Samuels** Recording Secretary



Thank you for your donations!

Jeff Byard (Gainesville, GA), Dr. John K. Cross (Oakhurst),
 Mike Forster (Palo Alto), Sandy Forster (Monte Sereno), Bill Hopkins (Monterey),
 Jerome Kasper, Ernie Lee (Palo Alto), Paula Lester (Livermore), Wes Nelson (Livermore),
 Mr. Nuno (Walnut Creek), Christina Peters (San Jose), Hugo Vargas (Danville),
 Pam Vogt (Burlingame) and Guiam Yamin (Scotts Valley)

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 Contact our President or Treasurer for more information.



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<https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

Board Minutes

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7. Library Operations Report: Roy Teixeira sent out a list ahead of this meeting of recent **WPL Accomplishments**. These include the ongoing cleanup of unwanted material through our **Auctions** and **Sales**, the processing of large donations, and integrating the **Netherlands** material needed, and returning 16 boxes of duplicate material to the **American Society for Netherlands Philately**. **Stu Leven** deserves thanks for this task, which also included adding this material along with other **Societies Donations** to the **Database**. The next project is the integration of the **SAO/Oceania Library**. **Dave Moore** is also continuing to add new material along with updating the **Database**, as well as cleaning up file cabinets and disposing of unwanted material.

Roy expressed his gratitude for all the work **Jim Giacomazzi** and **Wally Jolliff** have done preparing all the material for our **Auctions** and **Sales**. Also, the old metal shelving has been emptied and replaced by bookcases in our kitchen area, the supplies on the shelf have been relocated upstairs. We replaced the old tables with a donation of six new tables and bookcases from **Siemens Medical Group**. Thanks to **Ed Jarvis** for volunteering to keep the **Library** open on Saturdays, and to all who donated and made it possible to pay off the **Mortgage**.

Roy added that he would like to do more with Journal bindery. **David McNamee** mentioned that some could be digitized. David also suggested that Roy make a list of possible **Capital Improvements**. Roy said we are in the process of getting quotes for additional electric updates to our facility, and has a quote from **Ethos** for **\$6,875**.

Bob Gordon moved to accept the **Electrical Estimate** to replace the old lights with LED's, seconded by **Eduardo**

Martino, and passed unanimously. The **Library** needs to be a **Meeting Place** for it to succeed!

8. Bay Phil: Editor **Bob Gordon** reported that the next issue will be in **April**. Possible articles might feature the recent generous donations including the **Apple Stock**, "**Library Supporter**" **Bequest**, and **Siemens Medical Group** gift of furniture, emphasizing "**We Did It!**" for paying off the **Mortgage**. Ed hopes that the next **Open House/Garage Sale** on **Saturday May 13** will be featured. Bob previously reported that the **Library's** new email address is: info@fwpl.org

9. Website: **Bob Gordon** previously said that **Dave Moore** has been making updates on the **Website** from time to time including links for the **Open House Auction Lots** and **Archive** of the **Bay Phil**. **Our Saturday Open Hours of 10:00 am to 1:00 pm have been added**. **Ed Jarvis** offered his thanks to Dave for his efforts. The **Library** still needs a **Webmaster**.

10. Next Open House: **Ed Jarvis** suggested that the next **Library Open House** be held on **Saturday May 13, 2023** as a "**Priced to Sell**" **Garage Sale** of philatelic material. A regular **Open House** might be held later in the year with **Silent Auction** and **Book Sale**.

11. Other Business: **Ed Jarvis** has volunteered to represent the **Library** at **WESTPEX** on **Friday** and **Saturday April 28-29**. **Eduardo Martino** offered to be at the table in the **Monterey Room** on **Sunday April 30**. **Edie Eggen** offered thanks to the **Library** for maintaining a presence at **WESTPEX**. There will be **Philatelic Literature** available of particular interest to the members of the **Guest Societies**. Ed added that he was pleased to have such a positive meeting this morning.

12. Next Board of Director's Meeting: **Saturday June 10, 2023** at **10:30 am**, at the **Western Philatelic Library**.

13. Adjournment: **Roy Teixeira** moved for **Adjournment** and without objection **President Ed Jarvis** adjourned the meeting at **11:34 am**.

Respectfully submitted,
Russ Samuels, Recording Secretary

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**Friends of the Western Philatelic Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, June 10, 2023**

1. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at **10:00 am** by **Library President Ed Jarvis** at the **Western Philatelic Library, 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City CA 94063.**

Roll Call found a **Quorum of 5 Officers and Directors** present: **Richard Clever, Ed Jarvis, Eduardo Martino, Nestor Nunez, and Roy Teixeira.**
Regrets for Absence: **Bob Gordon.**
Guests: **Dale Eggen, Edie Eggen, Jim Giacomazzi, and Sigrid Teixeira.**
Recording Secretary: **Russ Samuels.**

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of April 8, 2023: The **Minutes of the Meeting** were approved unanimously on a motion by **Roy Teixeira**, seconded by **Richard Clever.**

3. Treasurer's Report: **Nestor Nunez** previously e-mailed to the **BOD** the 4-page **Financial Statement** through **May 31, 2023**, detailing the income and expenditures including **Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements, and Cash Receipts** including **Mortgage Fundraising and Building and Safety Funds.** **Ed Jarvis** thanked **Nestor** for getting this out to the **BOD** ahead of today's meeting.

The Highlights of the Report: There has been nothing much new except the proceeds from the **Garage Sale** held on **May 13, 2023** which turned out well, thanks to **Ed, Jim, Wally, Roy, and Eduardo.** Three new **Library Members** were also recruited as a result of this **Open House** event. We should do these again periodically.

As previously reported, some of the **Capital Improvement Funds** have been deposited in three different staggered **CDs at 4% interest** which will earn close to \$5,000 in passive interest income per year. With no mortgage we no longer have to worry about these monthly payments! After the recent **Lighting Improvements** we still have about \$126,000 in the **Capital Improvement Funds.**

Roy Teixeira moved to accept the **Treasurer's Report**, seconded by **Richard Clever** and passed unanimously.

4. Membership and Mailing Report: **Richard Clever** reported that as of **June 8, 2023** the current membership is 227 (which includes 8 **Overseas**). The grand total includes 107 **Life Members**, 34 **Complimentary** (2 need to be reviewed), and 77 **Current Members** (75 **Members** are paid to **2023**). There are currently 9 past due members. **Richard** previously sent out letters to the **Complimentary Members** to obtain email addresses.

5. Library Operations Report: **Roy Teixeira** sent out a list ahead of this meeting of recent **WPL Accomplishments.** These include the ongoing dispersal of unwanted material through our **Auctions and Sales**, the processing of large donations, and integrating the **Netherlands** material needed that was donated by the **American Society for Netherlands Philately.** This has been approximately 98% accomplished. **Stu Leven** deserves thanks for this task, which also included adding this material along with other **Societies Donations** to the **Database.** The next project is the integration of the **SAO/Oceania Library.** **Dave Moore** is also continuing to add new material along with updating the **Database.**

Roy expressed his gratitude for all the work **Jim Giacomazzi** and **Wally Jolliff** have done preparing all the material for our **Auctions and Sales** which have been very successful.

Roy also noted that new **LED Ceiling Lights** have been added which has made a great improvement to our **Library.** We have requested a bid to have the ceiling painted and the flooring resurfaced.

Eduardo Martino has been vacuuming and disinfecting the **Library** floors, and has been given a key to the **Post Office Box** to pick up mail for the **Library**, in addition to **Roy** and **Nestor.**

Ed Jarvis reported receiving an email from **David McNamee** that he is preparing to ship his **Library** of about 1,000 books to the **WPL** and we need more space to accommodate it.

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New to the Library

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a. **Capital Expenditures for Building:** Ed Jarvis mentioned that the metal railing on the stairs needs to be replaced as a safety issue and that the **Roof** needs inspection in addition to getting a quote for painting the ceiling. **Roy Teixeira** made an all-encompassing motion to that effect, seconded by **Nestor Nunez** which passed unanimously. Ed also emphasized the need to get quotes for filling the cracks in the floor and a bid for floor restoration.

Ed Jarvis repeated his call to recruit more people to help with the upkeep of the **Library**.

6. **Bay Phil:** In the absence of **Editor Bob Gordon** there was no report. Bob will have an update at our next **Meeting**.

7. **Website:** **Dave Moore** has been making occasional updates on the **Website**.

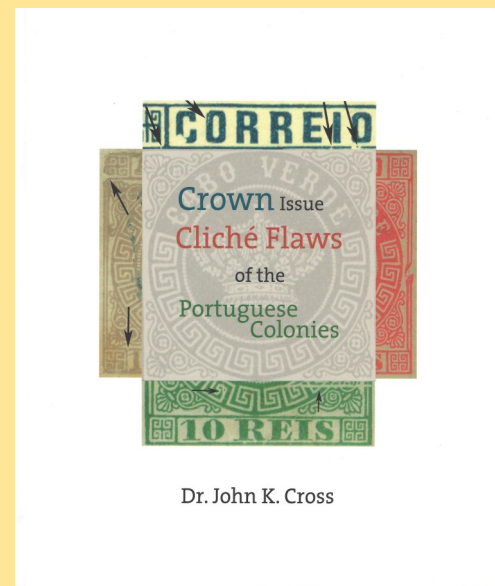
8. **Open House:** **Ed Jarvis** suggested that the next **Library Open House** be held on **Saturday July 15, 2023** as a “Priced to Sell” **Garage Sale** of philatelic material. A regular **Open House** might be held later in the year with a **Silent** or **Live Auction** and **Book Sale**.

9. **Other Business:** **Ed Jarvis** is encouraging various **Clubs** and **Societies** to utilize the **Library** for their **Meetings**. So far, the **Collectors Club of San Francisco** plans to meet on **Wednesday June 14** at **4:00 pm**, with the **In-Person** and **Zoom Meeting** scheduled from **5:30 pm** to **7:00 pm**. The **American Helvetia Philatelic Society** plans a **Meeting** on **Saturday July 29** from **10:00 am** to **12:00 Noon**. The **Library** space is offered **Free of Charge** to these groups, and **Ed** emphasized that it should be a welcoming place.

10. **Next Board of Director’s Meeting:** **Saturday August 12, 2023** at **10:30 am**, at the **Western Philatelic Library**. (Subsequent to this Meeting, the date was postponed to **Saturday August 19, 2023**.)

11. **Adjournment:** **Roy Teixeira** moved for **Adjournment** and without objection **President Ed Jarvis** adjourned the meeting at **10:55 am**.

Respectfully submitted, **Russ Samuels**,
Recording Secretary



The Library has received a donation of two books, both by Dr. John K. Cross (above). These books will be of special interest to collectors and researchers of the Portuguese Colonies.

Ask a friend to join...

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library Membership Application



Western Philatelic Library is one of the largest philatelic libraries in the United States. It houses some 16,000 books and monograph titles, 5,000 bound along with 50 file drawers of unbound philatelic journals, and 6,000 stamp catalogues. A recent successful fundraising campaign has allowed the purchase of the library building.

The Friends of the Western Philatelic Library (FWPL) volunteers maintain the literature, handle acquisitions, donations, book loans, correspondence, and sales of duplicate material. The FWPL is a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donor contributions to FWPL may be tax deductible.

Membership and patronage of anyone interested in stamp collecting, postal history or any of the many branches of philately is welcome. Continued support of FWPL is needed to care for and maintain the valuable philatelic assets of the library.

Members receive three copies of the Bay Phil journal a year.

To become a member, please fill out your details in the form below:

Name: _____ Street address: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Tell us about your collecting interests: _____

Are you able to volunteer at the library? if yes please contact us by phone 650-306-9150 or email info@fwpl.org.

MEMBERSHIP DUES & DONATIONS

Individual annual memberships, by calendar year are: (all fees in USA\$)

Please CIRCLE one category below:

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Make checks payable to **Friends of the Western Philatelic Library** and mail the completed form to:

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7063, Redwood City, CA 94063-7063

Or, email a scan of this form to info@fwpl.org and make a payment via PayPal to ebay_sales@fwpl.org
If possible please add 3% extra to help cover PayPal fees.

Donations are always appreciated. Any amount above the membership dues may be tax deductible.

Donations of philatelic material are also welcome.

Stamps, duplicate books, and journals are sold to support operating costs.

The Library's **Physical Address** is: 3004 Spring St, Redwood City. See www.fwpl.org for open hours and more info.

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Join us at the Library in Redwood City:

Open House, Silent Auction and
Sale of Duplicate Philatelic Literature – 50% off!

Saturday, November 4 2023

Approximately 100 lots for sale. Buy It Now tables, too!

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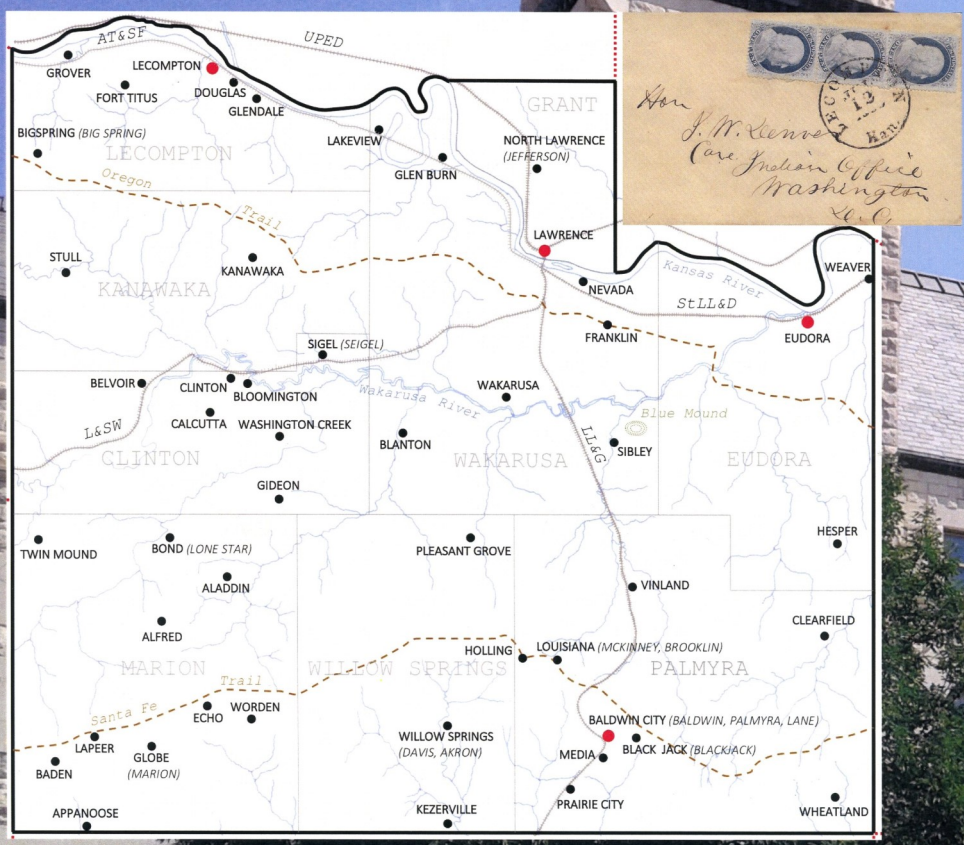


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The Postal History of Douglas County, Kansas

By Jeff Lough



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88 pages, 8 1/2 by 11 inches, Fredericksburg, Virginia , 2022

www.lapostapub.com \$39.95 + \$5 shipping in US, perfect bound

Book Review—Alan Warren

Review of: *The Postal History of Douglas County, Kansas*

This monograph is the fourth in the current series of focused studies by the U.S. postal history publisher La Posta. Previous works were *Independent State Mail and Confederate Use of U.S. Postage, How Secession Occurred* by Patricia Kaufmann; *19th Century American Genre Paintings: Reading Newspapers in Tavern Post Offices* by Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris; and *The Postal History of St. Simons Island, Georgia* by Steve Swain.

The latest volume is a detailed discussion and listing of the post offices in Douglas County, Kansas, which is also the home of the University of Kansas. The details include the post offices that have operated in the county over the years with dates of opening/closing, name changes, and the postmasters by town.

Author Jeff Lough resides in Douglas County, but he is engaged in the study of the postal history of the entire state. He presents a short overview of the history of the state and then focuses on the postal operations in Douglas County, named for U.S. senator Stephen A. Douglas. The first chapter lists 25 pioneer post offices of the county in operation during the period 1855 to 1861. Of these, only three survive today: Eudora, Lawrence, and Lecompton.

Each of the ten current townships is examined with a study of the post offices in alphabetical sequence. A short history of each facility is revealed using maps, photographs,

and sometimes mail with the appropriate postal markings. In many cases author Lough points out that no mail survives from some of the early offices.

Railroads were established in the 19th century that ran through Douglas County and Railroad Post Offices (RPOs) are mentioned. One chapter is devoted to the five post offices that operate in the county today: Baldwin City, Eudora, Lawrence, Jayhawk Station, and Lecompton. Their zip codes, current photographs, operating hours, and postmarks are shown.

Some 22 end notes supplement the text. One appendix lists all of the Douglas County post offices from 1854 to 2021 together with the names of their first postmasters. Another appendix lists the towns alphabetically with the names of all of the postmasters, and the dates they were appointed, in chronological order. Post office name changes and those dates of change are included. An extensive bibliography and list of acknowledgments identify information sources.

The text is very legible, and the illustrations are nicely placed. This monograph is an example of county post office history that sets a standard for such studies. Presumably the author can use the same approach for other counties in his home state.

Alan Warren

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