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## Why We Have a Club

We could each enjoy our collecting hobby alone in the comfort of our homes, but HPS club members belong for a number of reasons, and one of the best is to contribute to the future of our hobby by sharing it with others. Below is a note from a Houston area Art Teacher who shared her appreciation with Ralph Chaiet after he directed a group of our Beginners' Booth stamps to her teaching project.

*Mr. & Mrs. Chaiet,*

*From the bottom of my  
I'd like to thank you both  
for your generosity. The  
stamps you so graciously  
donated to my art  
students are helping to  
create beautiful pieces  
of which they are so proud.  
The cake is but a small  
token of my immense  
appreciation. God Bless  
you both!*

*Love,  
Claudia Bejarano*

**Houston Philatelic Web Site:**  
**<http://www.houstonstampclub.org/>**

## Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses ....

### May 31 - June 1, 2019

**Houston TSDA Bourse.** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: [www.tsdastamps.com](http://www.tsdastamps.com).

### June 28-20, 2019

**OKPEX 2019.** Oklahoma City, OK. At the Reed Conference Center, Sheraton Midwest City Hotel, 5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK. 73110. This is a Friday and Saturday 2-day APS WSP show.

### July 27, 2019

**Ark-La-Tex Annual Coin, Stamp & Card Expo.** Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road., Bossier, LA, 71111. The annual show is one of the largest coin shows in the South. They bring in over 50 dealers from surrounding states. There is a \$3 admission fee. Free parking. A smaller but very active contingent of stamp and sports card dealers round out the bourse floor. Hours are 9-6 on Saturday and 9-3 on Sunday.

### August 1-4, 2019

**APS StampShow/NTSS 2019.** Location: CHI Health Center, Omaha, 455 North 10th St., Omaha, NE, 68102. This is the American Philatelic Society's annual national 4-day show and the largest stamp show in the country this year. The host hotel is the Hilton Hotel, 1001 Cass St. (phone (402) 998-3400. The room rate is \$138/night, plus taxes and fees. Hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10-6, and Sunday 10-4. Admission is free.

### September 20-22, 2019

**Greater Houston Stamp Show 2019.** Our annual Houston stamp and our version of the Greatest Show of Earth. Venue is the Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, TX 77338. Admission and parking are free. Hours are 10 to 6 on Friday and Saturday and 10 to 4 on Sunday. We will feature the nationally famous single frame exhibit competition (ORANGE this year) and a 32 dealer bourse.

## Upcoming Meetings ....

### April 15 ...

#### Niagara Falls - History & Philately

HPS member Rick Barrett will take on a tour of this area of the world from which he is a native.

### May 6 ...

#### "What I have learned from this club"

Lucy Cain will offer her insight into what the club has offered to her.

### May 20 ...

#### Why do I Collect Stamps

This program will be an open forum discussion on why each of us is collecting stamps.

### June 3 ...

#### Summer Called Auction

This is your opportunity to dispose of some of your duplicates at our Summer floor auction. You may bring up to two lots for sale. If you have an inkling, you may want put together an additional lot or two to donate to the club for it's benefit. Plan on bringing cash and purchasing a lot to enhance your own collection.

### June 17 ...

#### Collecting a New Country

Jonathan Topper will offer insights into the whys, whats and hows of expanding your collection with a new country.

### July 1 ...

#### Summer Ice Cream Social

In what has become a 4th of July Weekend tradition, the club will host a potluck dessert bar featuring ice cream and toppings. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at previous meetings.

### July 15 ...

#### Stamps of Ecuador

Victor Salinas will provide this overview.

### August 5 ...

#### Fourth Annual Called Floor Auction

See details for the June 3rd meeting.

## Misplaced Australia “B.C.O.F JAPAN 1946” overprints on the 6d and 1/- Stamps

By Bryant Korn

The Australian “B.C.O.F JAPAN 1946” (British Commonwealth Occupation Forces) overprints were made by the Australian Army to control that stamps were only used in Japan, and not brought back to Australia and exchanged for cash. The British Commonwealth Occupation Forces included troops from the UK, New Zealand and India, but the postal services were administered by Australia.

The BCOF overprints were printed on seven values from 1/2d to 5 Shillings. There are a number of typeset varieties on all values. Only the 1/- stamp is recorded as having a “misplaced overprint”, which consists of a 4mm shift of the overprint to the right.

Following is an un-reported example of the 6d Kookaburra with a 4mm shift to the left! Also

shown below is a philatelic cover with the complete set of seven values, with another example of the “shifted Kookaburra”.

This cover is interesting in that the 1/- value is also shifted to the left, but only by approximately 2mm, also unrecorded. This cover is unusual in that it is a “Commander in Chief British Commonwealth Forces” cover (to Hong Kong!), and not the usual “Imperial Forces” cover. The cover is cancelled “AUST ARMY PO 214” dated in “JY 46”.



Cover featuring a full set of B.C.O.F. stamps including the 6p stamp with a 4mm shift to the left.

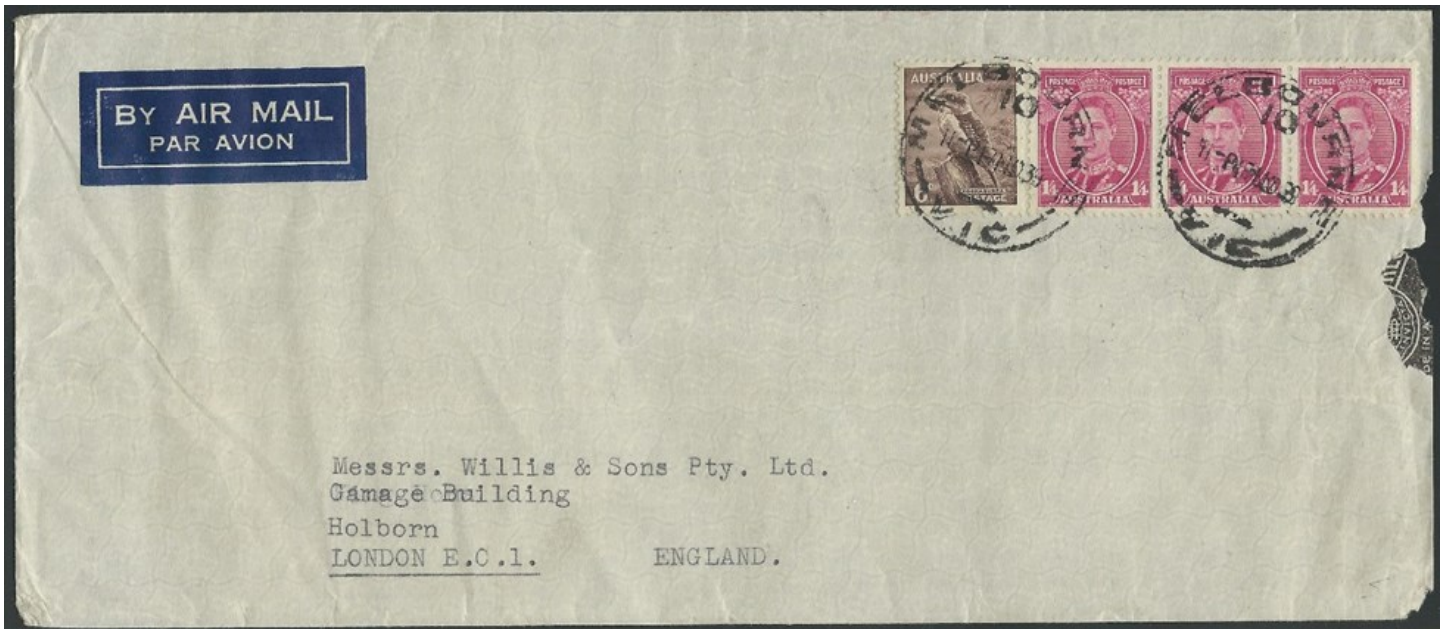


The 6p Kookaburra with a 4mm overprint shift.



Seal from the reverse of the cover shown at the left.





## Use of the 1938 Australia King George VI 1/4d Stamp

By Bryant Korn

The 1/4d KGVI stamp was issued on 3 October 1938 and had 5 printings ending April 1946. The intended use of this stamp was for the interstate telegram rate.

Above is a triple rate airmail cover from Melbourne to London cancelled on 17-NO-39, utilizing a strip of 3 of the 1/4d stamp and a 6d Kookaburra to make a 4/6d franking. The airmail rate to London was 1/6d per ½ oz.

This cover went via the World War II era “Horseshoe Route” via India, which had replaced the route via Karachi. A relatively early use of the 1/4d stamp and multiples of this stamp are not common on cover.



This photo shows the four major exhibiting awards for GHSS. They are art glass objects produced by Houston Studio Glass, Inc. owned by Kathy Poeppel and HPS club member Dick Moiel. The vases on the top and right are the Grand and Reserve Grand awards for the show competition. The vase on the left is the single-frame Grand award and the paper weight in the foreground is the single-frame Reserve Grand award.

# Folded Letters and 19<sup>th</sup> Century Filing Systems

By Ardy Callender

Prior to the development of envelopes in the 1840's, most U.S. correspondence was written on folded sheets of paper which are commonly known in philately as "folded letters". The content was typically written on right half of the sheet which was then folded vertically in half (with the correspondence inside).

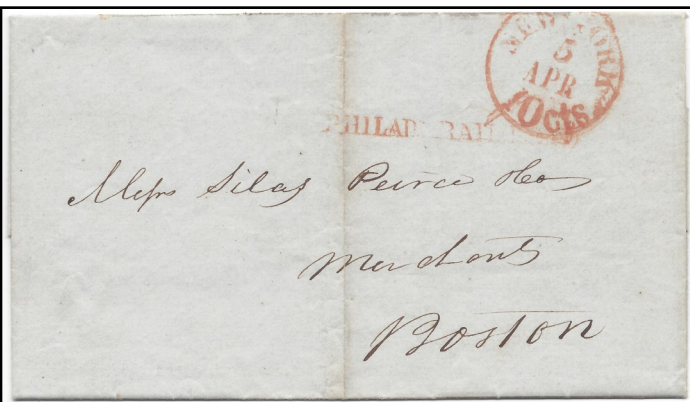
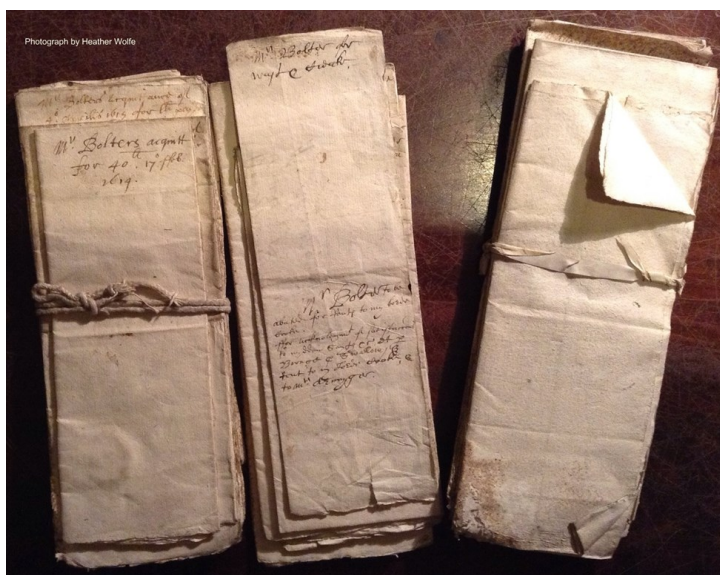
Next it was folded in thirds with sealing wax used to secure the two flaps together on the reverse. A single sheet of paper was most commonly employed as postal rates were based not only on distance but also on the number of sheets of paper.

Before the introduction of adhesives in 1847, folded letters were sent stampless, either paid or unpaid. With the advent of the 1847 Issues, folded letters could now be sent prepaid. Folded letters were eventually replaced in the 1870's as mass produced envelopes were easier to use, inexpensive and readily available.

Often encountered on folded letters are horizontal or vertical folds that don't correspond to the original folds used in fabricating the letter.

thirds or quarters.

Usually at the top of the refolded letter reference is made to the sender, date and any other pertinent information. Then appropriate groups (by company, month, type of product, etc.) were banded together with the applicable information at the top.



Are these mistakes in original assembly of the letter? If not then, what purpose do these folds serve?

In philatelic literature these folds are known as "file fold lines". These file folds are actually the result of the system regularly used by 19<sup>th</sup> century businesses to organize their correspondence. Folded letters collected from the post office were opened, read and, if important, refolded lengthwise either in

This system was employed before the first appearance of filing cabinets and each group was probably placed in orderly piles.

Clerks could thumb through the top of each group to reference the appropriate piece of correspondence. At a later date, philatelists refolded the letters into their original design, now with "file fold lines".

As the common practice in the day was to save the correspondence and remove the addressed portion of folded letters, many outer half of the folded letters remain separated from the correspondence portions.

Unfortunately most early post offices did not place year dates within their date stamps so that many outer halves have little year date information.

The placement of information (date and sender information) on the back flap from this early filing system is extremely helpful to present day postal historians in dating folded letters.



## Award Winners ...

*Editor's note: Please report your activities as an exhibitor and we'll give you the spotlight here in the Winners' column.*

**Sarasota National Stamp Show, Feb. 1-3, 2019, Sarasota, FL.** The listing below is for Philatelic Articles entered in a Literature Competition:

**Bryant Korn** - "1892 Dies to Produce the 1897 Definitive Issue" as published in the *Liberian Philatelic Society Journal* - Large Gold medal and APS Research award.

**Bryant Korn** - "Waterlow & Sons Liberian Sample Stamps of the 1892-1894 Pictorial Issue" as published in the *Liberian Philatelic Society Journal* - Gold medal.

## Australian Study Group Meeting

The ASG met at the West U Methodist church on Saturday morning, February 23. In attendance were John Germann, Ardy Callender, Larry Ballantyne, Steve Stewart, Ron Strawser and Denise and Jay Stotts.

Steve showed a copy of the latest Seven Seas specialized catalog of Australia and the group decided to ask the HPS Board to procure a club copy. Steve also presented his collecting interest in the Australian Antarctic Territory. Other members discussed their specialties and brought material for show and tell.

## Classified Ads:

*Members may place philatelically related Buy, Sell, or Trade ads in The Perforator free of charge. HPS Dealer-Members may place free classified or feature ads in The Perforator at no charge as well. Member ads will run indefinitely until the advertiser requests a change or cancellation. Send copy to the editor.*

**Wanted:** Mint and used stamps and post-cards from China (years 1878-1985). David Wu, Houston, TX. 832-276-2956.  
[freefoodwater@yahoo.com](mailto:freefoodwater@yahoo.com)

**Wanted:** U.S. unusual postal history material; 1887 large banknote issue, 10¢ through 15¢ Washington/Franklin issues. Also, U.S. 19th century green cancels. David Willig, Houston, TX. 713-201-2042. [cbhz3@hotmail.com](mailto:cbhz3@hotmail.com)

**Buy/Sell/Trade:** Texas Postal History. Email John Germann or phone him at 281-493-3938.  
[jghist@comcast.net](mailto:jghist@comcast.net)

**U.S. FACE VALUE POSTAGE** - Offered at 50% of face. Order any amount from \$25 to \$300 Face Value and receive a mixture of 5¢ to 30¢ values. Clean and fresh material. Send order with payment to: Jonathan Topper, 10480 Grant Road, Suite 117, Houston, TX 77070. Stamps can be mailed to you or delivered at the next stamp club meeting.

## A Word About The Houston Philatelic Society...

Enjoy the fun of stamp collecting by sharing your interests with fellow collectors at an upcoming HOUSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY meeting.

When : **First and third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM**

Where : **West University United Methodist Church, 3611 University Blvd., Houston, TX**

Visitors and new stamp collectors are always welcome.

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