



## KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Fulton, Missouri 65251

*Kingdom of Callaway County—Mule Capitol of the World*

**The Bulletin**

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**Meeting**



The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18, 2013, at the Court Street Methodist Church.

In addition to the usual U.S. and British North American circuit books; there are two books of Italian stamps; one book of classical Europe (pre-1940); and two books of miscellaneous topicals, including ships and lighthouses.



Last month David Durbin gave a program on stamps from Allied occupied Germany. I was surprised to see the stamps he discussed. I have run across these stamps frequently, but only looked at them as common 'run of the mill' stamps. But his program gave me a new perspective on them. Like so many areas of stamp collecting, if you dig deep enough you will find many different facets below the surface. I thought this month that we could revisit watermarks.

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### Royal Collection

King George V of England was an avid stamp collector and owned more than 300 stamp albums. The story is told that his wife, the Queen, read an article out loud from a London paper about someone who paid the equivalent of \$12,000 for a postage stamp and remarked that there certainly were idiots in this world.

The King is said to have replied, "I was that idiot." But, even the King of England could not get all the stamps he wanted. In 1922, the rarest stamp in the world, the 1856 British Guiana, was put up for auction. The King's bid of \$27,500 was too low. This was the only major rarity missing from his collection of British Empire issues. Incidentally, the stamp sold for \$935,000 several years ago in another auction.

After the King died in 1936, the contents of his collection were valued at approximately \$2.5 million. The collection is still in the hands of the monarchy and is now called the "Royal Collection."

Les Winick, APS

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I just received the catalog for Regency's next auction, August 10 - 11. It is interesting to note that there are some stamps in the auction from the Churchill Museum collection, mostly errors. I



didn't even know they had a collection. The collection was evidently left to the museum in an estate of a Dr. Donnell, a 1943 graduate of Westminster.

Even though the Washington and Franklin stamps were the first official U. S. postage stamps, other stamps were used prior to their issue. New York Postmaster Robert Morris issued the first, of what are called postmaster provisionals, in 1845. Those stamps were meant only for letters directed to, or passing through New York. Shortly after he issued the first provisionals, postmasters from other cities also issued their own Postmaster Provisional stamps.

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### U.S. stamps scheduled for issue in July 2013



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### Philatelic Dates

First United States postage stamp issued

U.S. Postal Service supersedes U.S. Post Office Department

US postage rate increases from 2c to 3c for the first ounce

USPS issues 46c New England Coastal Lighthouse forever commemoratives

KPA provided a cachet and special cancellation for Battle of Moore's Mill Re-enactment

Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO

Ben Franklin named postmaster general of the new Continental Post Office

Regency auction

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