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## **IMPORTANT!**

From time to time various ideas and plans are brought forth to change, improve or enlarge the ARA and its services. Some of these have been mentioned in the Revenuer, or discussed informally at chapter meetings or in correspondence. The secretary on occasion receives letters from members containing complaints and/or suggestions. In order to learn what the members at large really think about certain matters, the secretary has prepared the following questionnaire. All members are strongly urged to respond. In this way, YOUR feelings and ideas can be made known to your officers and fellow members. So please jot down your answers on a post card and mail to the Secretary, 521 Alster Ave., Arcadia, Cal. 91006. (Any added comments will be welcomed and duly noted.) Your reply may be anonymous if you so wish. A tabulation and discussion of the results will appear in the Revenuer at the earliest possible date.

1. Do you feel that coverage of your own collecting specialties or fields of interest by the Revenuer is:

- a) excellent
- b) good
- c) poor
- d) non-existent

2. Have you ever contributed an article to the Revenuer?

3. If lack of time or other considerations make it impossible for you to submit finished articles, would you be willing to contribute notes to be written up for publication by the Editor or an assistant under your by-line?

4. Much needed in the revenue field are regular listings of new issues and discoveries, especially in foreign and local revenues. Would you be willing and able to contribute to such listings?

5. Also needed are columns and features on various fields (USIR, M&M, tax-paid, foreign, etc.) to appear regularly in the Revenuer. Would you be willing to contribute to such columns or features?

6. The possibility has been discussed of setting up a committee to provide identification and/or expertisation of revenue material submitted by members and non-members.

- a) Would you be willing to serve on such a committee as an expert in your specialty or specialties?
- b) Would you use the services of such a committee:
  - 1) Frequently
  - 2) Occasionally
  - 3) Never

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7. Have you borrowed material from the ARA Library within the last 5 years?

8. If so, how many times?

9. An increase in ARA dues to \$5 per year would allow an improved and enlarged Revenuer and additional services and activities by and for the members. If dues were so increased, would you

- a) continue as a member
- b) drop out
- c) undecided

10. If your answer to question 9 is either "a" or "c", which one or more of the following activities or services would you like to see provided (since even an increase to \$5 would probably not allow ALL the listed things to be provided, please OMIT those which you personally feel to be unimportant or unnecessary):

a) Expertisation and Identification

Committee

- b) Bigger and better Revenuer
- c) Bigger and better Library
- d) Permanent travelling exhibits, slide and tape program to publicise the ARA and the revenue collecting field in general.
- e) Publication of revenue catalogues and handbooks by the ARA.
- f) One FREE "Revenue Mart" insertion per member per business year.
- g) Sales circuits.
- h) Increased membership recruiting, by means of paid ads, club-financed exhibition participation, publicity releases to the philatelic press, etc.

11. Do you feel that the ARA is at present doing a satisfactory job of serving the members, and that no changes of any sort are called for?

# A Listing of "Ship" Cancellations On Civil War Revenue Stamps

H. P. Shellabear, M.D., ARA #8

(continued from last issue)

## Washington, Alexandria & Georgetown Steam Packet Co.

This routine waiver of responsibility cancels the stamp and fortunately the part cancelling the stamp gives the name of the packet company. This was a Potomac river packet company.

Type W1 Hand stamped disclaimer, cancelling the stamp

## Regular Wheeling & Cincinnati Packet

An Ohio river packet between Wheeling, W. Va. and Cincinnati, O.

Data on the freight receipt states—  
I. L. Thompson, Master. G. W. Thompson, Clerk. Dated July 17th. 1866.  
"Leaving Cincinnati every Saturday at 5 o'clock P. M. Leaving Wheeling every Wednesday at 5 o'clock P. M."  
Type W2 Black cancel D.C. 22x14.5 mm

## Regular Wheeling, Marietta & Parkersburg Packet

An Ohio river packet. Wheeling and Parkersburg are on the West Virginia side and Marietta on the Ohio side of the river. Data from the freight

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Wash. Alex. & Georgetown  
Steam Packet Co.



W - 1

W - 2

W - 3

VIRGINIA



receipt to which this stamp is attached—C. H. Booth, Captain of the S. S. Eagle. J. Wehrman, Clerk of the Co. Leaves Wheeling every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. Leaves Parkersburg every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 a.m.  
Type W3 Black cancel S.C. 26mm

The next three (3) cancels are definitely "ship" cancels. However, no identification as to ownership has been found.

The J. G. K.' S. S. cancel is likewise unidentified. At first I felt it was a "Ship" cancel but on noting the denominations on which the cancels are found ranging from the 3c to the 70c, one sees that all are on Foreign exchange stamps, except the 6c, which did not come on a foreign exchange title. Now I suspect that this was a shop that sold foreign exchange to immigrants sending money back to the "old country."

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13. Spanning the Atlantic. F. Lawrence Babcock.
14. Square Riggers on Schedule.

Robert Greenhalgh Albion.

15. Steamboat Days. Fred Erving Dayton.
16. Steam Navigation. James Croil.

Credit for reporting many of the cancels go to so many collectors that it is impossible to mention all. But this will express my thanks.

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## COMMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

Up-to-date and comprehensive monographs and catalogues are very badly needed for many classes of revenues. Such works can be printed serially in the AR, and loans from the Vanderhoof Fund are available to help finance publication of research results. A large part of the persistent inactivity and lack of interest in both US and foreign revenues (other than some Scott-listed 19th Century U. S. material) is due to the absence of accurate and up-to-date reference works. Few people are inclined to tackle fields where not even a good starting point exists, and it is impossible to ascertain the history, chronology, usage, scarcity or value of the material, or to effectively judge the completeness of a series.

Here an analogy may be drawn in the field of postal stationery. Until the early 1900's, most collectors took all that came their way, revenues, stationery, locals, etc. The new issue columns of 19th Century stamp magazines routinely recorded such material along with postage stamps. But when governments caught on to the intriguing possibility of selling little pieces of gummed paper by the thousands to collectors for whatever price they cared to set, the unending flood began, and stationery, revenues, et al were soon shunted aside and forgotten by the vast majority of collectors. A new generation arose by whom anything other than a postage stamp was regarded as worthless junk. This trend was reinforced by dealers, since it relieved them of the necessity of stocking bulky or slow-moving material of indeterminate value.

However, postal stationery has enjoyed a notable renaissance of late, largely due to the efforts of the United Postal Stationery Society. Their catalogue of U. S. postal cards, published in 1955 (with a revised edition in 1965) gave new impetus to this moribund specialty. If anyone doubts this, compare current Scott catalogue prices with those of only five years ago. A new and ambitious catalogue

of the postal stationery of the world is now being brought out in sections by Higgins & Gage of Pasadena. And in the bi-monthly journal of the U. P. S. S. are to be found world-wide listings of new issues. In short, the postal stationery collector now has excellent maps of quondam terra incognita, and all this may succeed in bringing the field of stationery back into the philatelic mainstream.

Could the same thing be done for revenues? Or, for that matter, should it be done? Maybe a future in which sets of the latest gold-foil John F. Kennedy tobacco stamps of Trucial Oman are hawked by the wheeler-dealers perf and imperf (add 40% for never hinged) is too horrible to contemplate?

In any case, the responsibility for progress, or the lack of same, in the knowledge and appreciation of revenues devolves largely upon the membership of the ARA. Give it some thought. This is your hobby, your club, and your magazine, and all three are what you make them.

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## A FURTHER WORD ON POWELL AND HIS WRAPPERS

Bruce Miller, ARA #732

The article on V. R. Powell, the Troy, New York, match manufacturer (The American Revenuer, October 1967) ended with a rather vague reference to a "New York farmhouse whose walls were papered with Powell wrappers." I have received from Mr. Elliott Perry of Westfield, New Jersey (HLM#6) a very interesting letter from which I quote, shedding further light on this curious matter of the wrapper-wallpaper.

"Regarding the last paragraph in your very interesting account of V. R. Powell's stamps and wrappers . . ." writes Mr. Perry, "I don't believe the story is apocryphal and it was not exactly a farmhouse.

"To the best of my recollection, the story was told to me by the old-time Washington, D. C. dealer, H. F. Colman, who I knew personally for several years . . . He got wind of the 'wallpaper' and went to Troy, only to find that the room or rooms had been papered over the Powell wrappers several times.

"The house was on a street in Troy and probably still is. I have the address somewhere and out of curiosity may have looked it up myself on one of the several times I have been in Troy . . . If the house is still there, the wrappers probably are there also. Papered over again?"

Was it Powell himself who papered the walls with left-over wrappers? As stated in the previous article, he ran into problems with the government over his use of them, and one can imagine him doggedly plastering them in sheets to the walls, and, finally, stepping back to survey his handiwork. "Finally found some use for them damn things!"

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1136 Wagner, Robert M.  
1137 Shaver, Dennis L.  
1138 Munsey, Cecil R., Jr.

### Applications Received

Florman, Arthur, Juniper Ledge, Briarcliff Manor, New York 10510, by secretary. Collects USIR, British.

### Address Changes

Morrissey, Lt. Michael J., HHC 100th S & S Bn., Fort Devens, Mass. 01433.  
Nielsen, C. M., Box No. should be 21001 instead of 12001.  
Zinda, Henry R., 8709A West Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53222.

Previous membership total -- 395  
New members ----- 3  
Current membership total -- 398

### NEW SCOTT'S SPECIALIZED

The annual appearance of Scott's United States Stamp Catalogue, this one the Specialized for 1968, was eagerly awaited by many.

This year's volume continues the usual high standard. The only change in revenue listings that we discovered was the transposition and renumbering of the Rectified Spirits revenues of Puerto Rico and the addition of the newest Hunting Permit or "Duck" stamp.

As usual there are a great number of price changes, 1,455 in the U. S. revenue section according to the count of the publishers. Many of them up, but some reductions in the dated Documentary and Stock Transfer issues.

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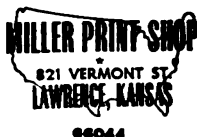
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