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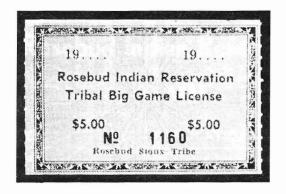
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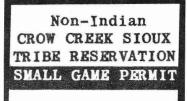
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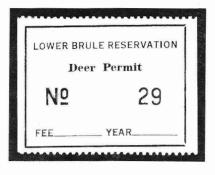
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# President's Letter

#### Ronald E. Lesher, ARA President

Last month I asked ARA members to respond to my e-mail address and have already heard from about half a dozen who had not listed their e-mail address in the ARA directory published last fall. I responded to one of those members that I had not found a lot about revenues on the internet. Frankly, I have been a bit disappointed. In all fairness I should mention that two of our members, Jerry Burkhart and Steve Levitt (under his business name CELMARK), have sites which feature revenues. Both can easily be found in Joe Luft's philatelic resources found on the web. In addition to these, member dealers Joel Rind and Eric Jackson respond to a lot of e-mail inquiries. If there are other ARA member dealers who are using e-mail or have web sites, I invite you to send me an e-mail message (rl0005@epfl2.epflbalto.org) and let me know what you are doing. I will be happy to pass it along to the membership via this letter.

I am not ready to give up on this potentially valuable resource. My own use is primarily e-mail; it's proven quite useful recently in keeping up with the rapidly changing discovery of a new user of the type O revenue stamped paper. Prior to this recent discovery of an Iowa user, I doubt there were more than 15 documented examples. Seems that the marketer of the find though

he could feed a different story to various dealers. Amazing how quickly the information got around the country (Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Tennessee, Missouri, Montana, California). The original find was a mere six pieces, which soon grew to 16, then 21, and now stands at 56! E-mail was a valuable resource in keeping up with the latest count.

#### What should collectors do when we find misidentified stamps in a dealer's stock?

I saw a nice plug for the ARA in a new column entitled "Tax Collector" in the April 8, 1996, issue of Stamp Collector. Coupled with Richard Friedberg's long running column in Linn's Stamp News, that gives revenues an excellent presence in the two weekly stamp papers with the largest circulations. As I have written several times recently, revenues are on the rise in popularity and visibility. No longer are they a hidden and unseen part of the hobby.

Roscoe Irwin's (the nom de plume of the author of "Tax Collector") observation about the frequently encountered misidentification

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# Stock transfer documents of the Minehill & Schuylkill Haven:

#### an analysis of first and second issue revenue stamps

#### by Gary Giroux, ARA

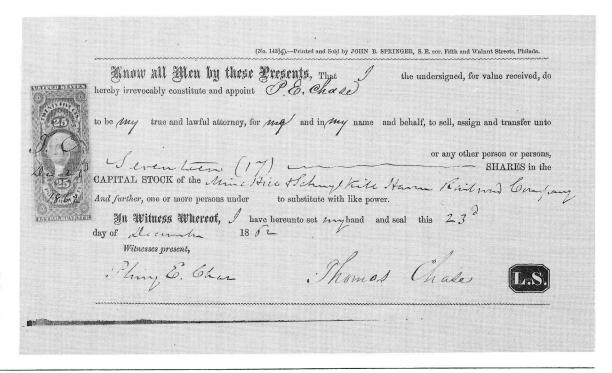
Over 300 stock transfer documents for the Minehill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad Co. for the decade 1862-1872 were acquired at auction. A 25¢ tax was required on these transactions, to be paid by revenue stamps. The revenue stamps of this period were produced by Butler and Carpenter (1862-68) and, after the death of Butler, by Joseph R. Carpenter (1868-75). A separate 25¢ Power of Attorney (Scott R48) was available and the tax rates remained unchanged over this period. These documents provide an opportunity to analyze the use of revenue stamps over their first decade of use.

#### The stock transfer tax

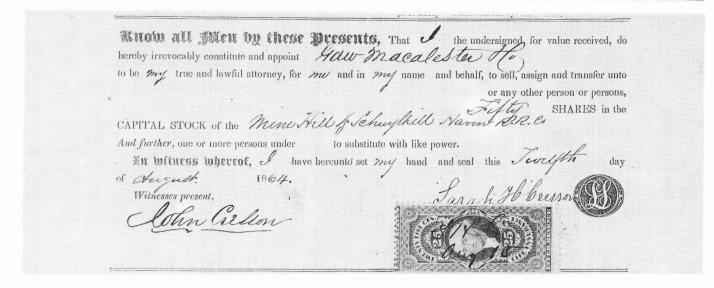
Schedule B of the 1862 Tax Act listed the

stamp duties for documents, which stated: "Power of attorney for the sale or transfer of any stock, bonds, or script, or the collection of any dividends or interest thereon, twenty-five cents." This tax became effective with the start of the new federal fiscal year, October 1, 1862. It remained in place until most documentary taxes were repealed with the 1872 Act, effective October 1, 1872.

The 1862 Act specified that stamps were to be used only for the designated duty (Sec. 96). This requirement was relaxed with the December 25, 1862, Act, Which allowed any documentary stamps of the same value to be used. Persons were subject to a \$50 fine for evading the tax (Sec. 95). Also under Sec. 95: "...the person using or affixing the [stamp] shall write thereupon the initials of his



The first stock document from MSH, dated December 23, 1862, with R48a.



name, and the date upon which the same shall be attached or used so that the same may not again be used." Consequently, the 25¢ Power of Attorney stamp (R48) should be seen on stock transfer documents with initials and date. Since the specific use requirement was later eliminated, later documents could have any 25¢ stamp (or any combination of lower value stamps that added up to this amount).

#### Minehill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad Company

The Pennsylvania State Assembly granted a charter to establish the Minehill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad Company (MSH) in 1828, with capital of \$25,000 to "constitute a railroad from the canal at Schuylkill Haven, up the valley of the West Branch to the coal seams in the Mine Hill, a distance of nine miles." Track construction was completed in 1831 at a cost of \$186,000. Coal was hauled in cars pulled by horse and mule teams, 17 ½ thousand tons in 1831.

This was one of the first railroads chartered in the U.S. The first railroad (common carrier) was the Baltimore and Ohio, chartered in 1827. It, too, initially used horse and mule teams, but was the first to experiment with a locomotive, the Tom Thumb, in 1830.

The MSH lines were expanded as new coal

Stock transfer from 1864, witnessed by John Cresson, President of the MSH, with R47c.

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Stock transfer from 1864, with the 100 shares sold to Samuel Mason, Treasurer of the MSH, with R48c.

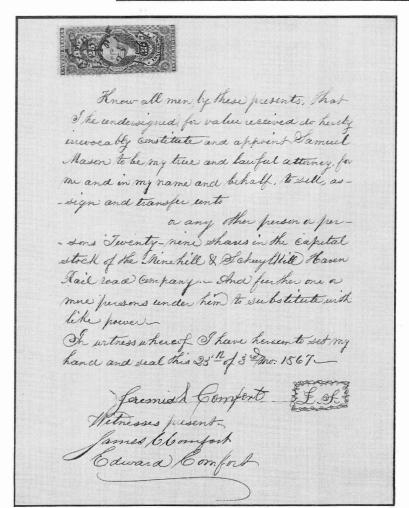
#### Table I

#### Survey of Stock Transfer Documents The use of 25¢ Power of Attorney stamps, R48

Year	Power of Attorney imperforate	Power of Attorney perforate	Total No. of Documents	Comments
1862	2	0	2	
1863	76	24	122	
1864	. 1	25	70	
1865	0	5	8	
1866	0	1	1	
1867	1	0	12	
1868	1	0	5	
1869	0	2	19	
1870	0	1	13	
1871	0	0	28	9 2nd Issue
1872	0	0	22	21 2nd Issue
Totals	81	58	305	

Entirely hand written stock transfer from 1867, appointing Samuel Mason as attorney to sell 29 shares, with R47c.

The Power of Attorney stamp was widely used only in 1862–3. After that, other stamps were used. This is consistent with the application of the law, which initially required the matching title as well as rate



fields were opened. Locomotives were first acquired in 1847, requiring improved infrastructure. During 1863 1.5 million tons of coal were hauled, a total 25 million tons over 32 years (1831-63). The end of the line connected to the docks of the Schuylkill Navigation Co. or the rail of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company at Schuylkill Haven. The Minehill & Schuylkill Haven (MSH) was acquired by the Philadelphia & Reading in the 1930s. Thus, the MSH continued in existence for over 100 years.

The initial \$25,000 in stock (1828) was subscribed by local coal land owners and company managers. As more capital was needed, mortgages were obtained from Philadelphia "capitalists." The mortgages were convertible to common stock. The stock traded on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, the first stock exchange founded in the U.S. (1790) and the premier stock exchange at the time the company was chartered.

During 1863 the Schuylkill Haven & Lehigh River Railroad was acquired by the MHS. MHS stock prices rose from 48 ½ at the start of 1863 to 62 ½ in December. This stock price and merger activity probably explains the large volume of stock transfers in 1863.

[No. 123.-E.] Printed and sold by John C. Clark & Son, 230 Dock Street. Jensow all Men by these Presents, THAT We O. M. Cace &. for value received, have bargained, sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do bargain, sell, assign, and transfer unto apitus Stock of the Minehine Thuylkice Haven. standing in and do hereby constitute and appoint and in www name and stead, but to true and lawful Attorney, irrevocable for as. use, to sell, assign, transfer and set over, all or any part of the said Stock, and for that purpose to make and execute all necessary acts of assignment and transfer, and one or more persons to substitute with like full power, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said Attorney, or substitutes shall lawfully do by virtue hereof. In witness whereof, We have hereunto set on hand and seal the 10 h SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF Is: brekon Fraly.

#### Table II

# Survey of Stock Transfer Documents The use of 25¢ First Issue stamps on stock transfers

		Part		
Stamp	Imperforate	perforate	Perforate	Total
Bond, R43	0	1	3	4
Certificate, R44	6	8	7	21
Entry of Goods, R45	0	0	13	13
Insurance, R46	1	0	11	12
Life Insurance, R47	0	2	26	28
Power of Attorney, R4	8 81	1	58	140
Protest, R49	0	0	1	1
Warehouse, R50	0	0	1	1
Total	88	12	120	220

Although the Majority of the documents had the 25¢ Power of Attorney, all eight 25¢ stamps were represented in this group. In total 80 non-Power of Attorney stamps were used, including seven imperforates and eleven part perforates.

Stock transfer from 1869, with R47c and blue Gaw, Bacon & Co. handstamp (Gaw was acting attorney). Most of the stamps had manuscript cancels. Only 18 had handstamp cancels, one before 1864.

#### Perforate, Imperf and part-perf stamps

Initially, all First Issue revenue stamps were to be perforated and the early stamps were. The 1¢ and 2¢ Proprietary stamps (R3 and R14, respectively) were first delivered September 27, 1862, and most other stamps were delivered by the end of 1862. The 25¢ Power of Attorney was first delivered November 15. Butler and Carpenter had difficulties keeping up with demand, since their perforating equipment was inadequate for the vast quantities of stamps needed. The firm was authorized by the Treasury Department to temporarily deliver stamps imperforate or partially perforated to meet demand. According to the Boston Revenue Book, R48 (the 25¢ Power of Attorney) was issued both imperforate and part-perforate at the sides (but not top and bottom).

The earliest stock transfers (two in this lot) were from December 1862. Both had 25¢ Power of Attorney imperforate (R48a) stamps. The majority of the stock transfers reviewed were from 1863 (126) and 1864 (74). Of the 101 documents from 1863 with 25¢ Power of Attorney stamps, 76 were imperforate. However, in 1864 only 26 documents used Power of Attorney stamps and 25 were perforated. During 1863 compliance was close to 100%, both in terms of stamps and cancels (see Tables I and II).

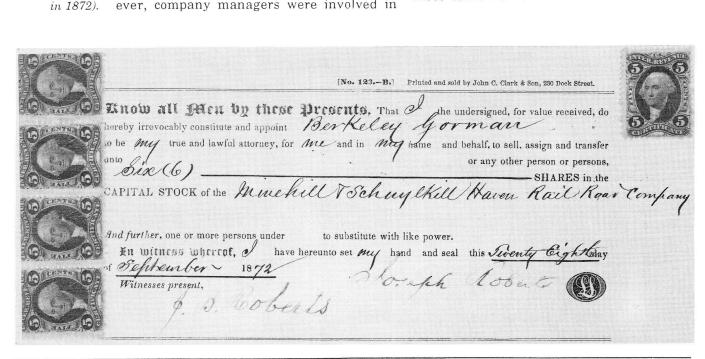
None of the stock transfer documents was for the sale of stock by MSH managers. However, company managers were involved in stock trading. Five documents involved Samuel Mason, both as a purchaser of stock and acting as attorney for stock transfers. Samuel Mason was the Treasurer of the MSH at the time. One document was witnessed by John Cresson. He was one of the original managers when the railroad was chartered and President of the company in 1864.

#### Second and Third Issues

The Second Issue  $25 \varphi$  stamp (R112—there were no titles on Second and Third Issue Stamps) gradually replaced First Issue stamps during 1871-2. Of the 28 1871 documents, nine bear R112. During 1872, 15 of 28 carry R112, six have Second and Third Issue multiples adding up to  $25 \varphi$ , and the final document has a combination of First and Third Issue stamps.

#### Violations and multiples

Eighteen documents were missing stamps. However, in most cases the document appears to be cut, suggesting that the stamps were removed. Consequently, there is no solid evidence of evading taxes. There were several stamps that had either no cancellation or incomplete cancels. A total of 26 First issue stamps had no cancels, 14 from 1870 or later. There were few violations in the first year or two. Ten First Issues had incomplete cancels, either missing initials or date. In most cases names and dates were on the



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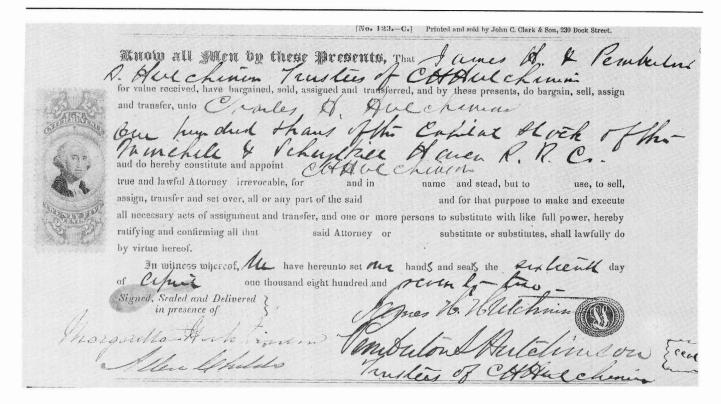
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document, suggesting that the originators considered this information on the stamp redundant. Violations on Second Issue stamps were rampant. Of the 30 Second Issue stamps, 13 had no cancel and 4 incomplete cancels (a total of 57% with violations).

Multiple stamps on stock transfers were not common. In total, 21 documents (7%) had multiples. the use of multiples was not a violation by the beginning of 1863. Despite that, only four stock transfers from 1863 (3%) had multiple stamps. In contrast, six 1872 documents (27%) had multiples.

#### Conclusions

This lot of stock transfer documents on a single company covered the entire period of Civil War revenue stamps for power of attorney (and most other stamp-related taxes). This allowed an opportunity to review certain aspects associated with the use and administration of these stamps on documents. It is not known whether this represents all stock transfers for the MSH for this period. If so, stock trading varied substantially over the period, from the banner year 1863, to only a single trade in 1866, to higher trading levels beginning in 1869. The use of the 25¢ Power of Attorney imperforate (R48a) is well

documented to 1863 use. The wide use of the Power of Attorney stamp also generally was limited to 1863-4, with other 25¢ stamps increasingly common beginning in 1864. Cancellation violations were common for the 1870s, but uncommon in the early years.

Stock transfer from 1872 with R112, which was uncanceled.

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# Collector's and Exhibitor's Forum

#### Newfoundland cigarette label is listed

Jerry Lurie has provided information about the Newfoundland cigarette stamp pictured in the March issue of *The American Revenuer* (50:100). He notes that the stamp is number NT163 as listed in Lee W. Brandon's 1976 Catalogue of Tobacco Taxpaid Stamps of Canada and Newfoundland. This stamp was valued at \$5.00.

Brandon lists three others with a similar design, those being NT163TP (no value, no

control number), NT163CP (overprinted Cancelled with 7mm black gothic letters in the upper panel) and NT163A (control number in upper pannel (error)). These three are valued at \$6.00 each. There are also four other stamps in this series with the value of "20 Cigarettes" in the upper panel and a control number in the lower. They are numbers NT164-NT167 and are valued at \$6 - \$9 each.

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#### Duck Tracks—1st quarter 1996

The first quarterly 1996 issue of *Duck Tracks* has a cover story about the first duck stamps issued by Spain. They are issued by the Hunter's Federation of Spain (a quasigovernmental agency) and are required to validate Spanish hunting licenses. Other news items tell of the duck gallery sponsored by Jeanette Rudy, to be opened soon in the Smithsonian's National Postal Nuseum; the design of the 1996 Florida duck stamp; and news about the upcoming auctions of the E. L. Vanderford collections by Sam Houston Duck Co.

In regular columns, Tom De Luca tells about the upsurge in popularity of duck

stamp first day covers and Michael Jaffe reviews the 1996 Specialized Catalog of U.S. Non-pictorial Waterfowl Stamps by David Torre. Another interesting article is the second annual duck stamp poll conducted by the National Duck Stamp Collectors Society, which publishes Duck Tracks. This is interesting in that it illustrates all of the U.S. state issued stamps required to hunt waterfowl.

Subscription to *Duck Tracks* is by membership in the NDSCS. Annual dues are \$20. Information about membership can be obtained from the society's secretary Anthony J. Monico, Box 43, Harleysville, PA 19438.

#### The Check Collector—January-March 1996

The January-March issue of *The Check Collector* is now in the hands of subscribers. In "Something Old, Something Blue" Ed Lipson tells about the Type K4 revenue stamped paper imprint in pale blue (which he says matches Pantone 290C). [The

Pantone system, by the way, is a good system for describing colors. The system is used by most printers and graphic designers and artists to indicate and reproduce colors with a high degree of accuracy. Another revenue Forum/ page 121

# East African passport and airport departure tax stamps

# by Regis Hoffman, ARA Introduction

The East African nations of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania have a lengthy history of assessing taxes or duties on the foreign travel of its residents. In these nations' early days, fees were collected on visas and passports: this was later supplanted by the ubiquitous "airport departure tax." Payment of these fees was often indicated by special revenue stamps or fiscally used postage stamps. This article summarizes the various types of stamps used to tax travel, from early British East Africa Consular Service stamps, to modern-day self-adhesive airport departure tax stamps. In addition, a first attempt is made to give rate and date information, based on usage of the stamps on piece and documents. Many of these stamps have not yet been cataloged in the standard reference for British Commonwealth revenues, the Barefoot and Hall catalog (Hall and Barefoot, 1990).





Figure 1a.
Uganda
typeset stamp
with "Consular" pen
cancel. b.
British East
Africa definitive with
"Consular
Service"
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#### British East Africa and Uganda "Consular Service" Stamps

The duties of the consular agents included issuing passports and performing marriages. The fee paid to the consular agent was usually indicated by affixing stamps to the legal document (Peetoom, 1994). Early stamps used by the consular agents in the Uganda Protectorate were simply pen canceled with the word "Consular." Figure 1a shows a one rupee Uganda typeset stamp with a script



Figure 2. Kenya Protectorate 7/50 passport fee paid by postage stamps.

Figure 3. Pair of Kenya and Uganda postage stamps overprinted "Uganda Revenue". Piece bears a partial Passport Control Office cancel.



Figure 4.
Kenya and
Uganda 10/on piece with
Passport
Control Office
cancel.



"Consular" pen cancel. The British East Africa Queen Victoria definitive issue is known with an over print reading "Consular Ser-

vice" (Figure 1b). These are among the scarcest East African revenues I have seen only two examples in the past ten years.

#### Kenya and Uganda Passport Fees

The relevant rules governing the issuance of a passport in the Kenya Protectorate were listed on the inside back cover of the passport. Quoting from a passport validated in March 1925:

- Passports are issued in the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya at the Passport Control Office, Government Road, Nairobi. Application should be made on a form obtainable from the Passport Control Office, or from the office of any Senior Commissioner.
- 2. Passports cannot be issued or renewed at the Passport Control Office for persons not at the time being in the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya.
- 3. The charge for a passport is Shs. 7/50.

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Figure 5. KUT King George V
and King George VI pictorials
with "Uganda Revenue" overprints. Both with Passport
Control Office cancels from
Kampala, Uganda.



4. Passports issued before the 1st of January, 1925, are available for two years in the first instance, and passports issued after that date for five years in the first instance, unless otherwise stated. They may be renewed from time to time for further consecutive periods of one to five years from the date of expiry, provided the total period of validity of ten years from the original date of issue is not exceeded.

The fee for each year of renewal is Sh. 1/-. Two important facts, the 7/50 charge for a passport, and the 1/ renewal fee, have implications for revenue collectors. Figure 2 shows a page from the passport with 5/-, 2/- and 50c Kenya and Uganda postage stamp issue of 1922 paying the 7/50 passport fee. This series of postage stamps was augmented in January 1925 with a 2/50 and 7/50 stamp ostensi-

bly for postage, but in real ity, almost always for revenue purposes, as these were convenient values for the passport fee. The cancel in Figure 2 reads "BRITISH PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICE / Colony Protectorate of Kenya."

Values from the same series of postage stamps were overprinted "UGANDA REV-ENUE" in either black or red. Figure 3 shows a pair on piece of the 2/- value with a "CANCELLED" handstamp and a circular Passport Control Office cancel. This may have paid a four year renewal, or is only a portion of the page that originally ex-

isted. Figure 4 illustrates a 10/- denomination with the "UGANDA REVENUE" overprint, and a Passport Control Office cancel dated March 22, 1933, from Kampala, Uganda. By this time, I believe the passport fee for Uganda was 10/-, given the number of 10/- Uganda revenues found with passport control office cancels. This rate was apparently in effect up until at least 1940. Figure 5 shows two 10/- "Uganda Revenue" overprinted stamps with Passport Control Office cancels. The first is a King George V pictorial canceled May 4, 1938, while the second stamp is the corresponding pictorial issued

This Passport contains
32 pages.

Ce passeport contient
32 pages.

(I) INSERVA: 10

under the reign of King George VI (canceled September 7, 1940). Both were used at the Passport Control Office in Kam pala, Uganda.

A further passport, issued in February of 1952, has a 5/- and 10/- King George VI postage stamps fiscally canceled by a straight line date handstamp (Figure 6). I assume by this date the passport fee had been raised to fifteen shillings

Figure 6. Kenya 15/passport fee paid by postage stamps.

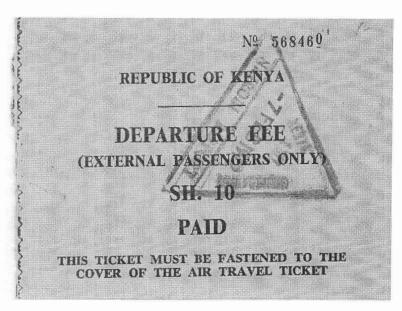


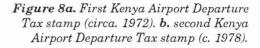
Figure 7. Kenya Departure Tax Receipt.

#### Airport Departure Tax Stamps

Airport Departure Tax stamps were generally attached directly to the outside front cover of the airline ticket and rendered invalid by either a pen cancel or a rubber handstamp. Because re-use of these stamps would defraud the government of significant revenue (amounting to US \$20 per ticket at the current rate), these simple defacements were replaced with punch hole cancellations, often two or three per stamp.

Information on the rate schedule and dates has been deduced from an examination









obtained from either a pen cancel on the stamps, or from the itinerary on this inside of the airline ticket. In either case, they serve to give a general idea of their period of use.

#### Kenya

Kenya has released a significant number of airport departure tax stamps. The first airport departure tax stamps were more receipts than actual stamps (see Figure 7). These paid the 10/-

tax that was in effect in 1972.

Later in 1972, the tax was doubled to 20/-, and the first special-purpose airport departure tax stamps were issued (left-hand side of Figure 8). These stamps are often found with a triangular marking from the Nairobi Airport.

Figure 9 is an airline ticket from a passenger who was taxed three times during his East African travel. The passenger flew from London to Nairobi, Kenya, then was taxed 20/- on the departure to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. On the return flight from Dar es Salaam to Nairobi, another 20/- Tan zanian tax was paid. Finally, on the flight home from Nairobi to London, a further 20/- tax was assessed on leaving Nairobi.

A steep jump from a 20/- to an 80/- fee is

Figure 9. Airline ticket showing East African airport tax paid three times. Kenya 20/-fee for departing Nairobi, Kenya for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Tanzania 20/fee for departure from Dar es Salaam to Nairobi, and a Kenya 20/- fee for return to London.

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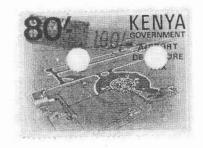
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of a small collection of stamps that remain on the airline tickets. This data is subject to revision as additional material becomes available. When dates are mentioned, they were

Figure 10a. 80/- value. b. 80/- Kenya Airport Departure tax stamp with sur charge of new 100/- fee.





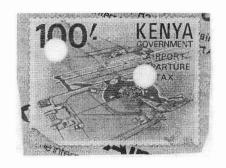




Figure 11a. 100/- value. b. Dollar denominated Airport Departure Tax stamp (c. 1987).

Figure 12 (below). Self-adhesive Airport Passenger Service Charge stamps for international flights.

evidenced by the 80/- value (Figure 10). The circular cancel reads "One Hundred Shillings," so perhaps this indicated an increased fee to 100/-. A recent discovery is the 100/- handstamp surcharge with the old 80/-value obliterated (Figure 10). These surcharges are rather primitive, and may have

been applied by the clerks at the airport. Later, the design of the 80/- stamp was adopted with the new 100/- value (Figure 11a).

After the 100/- value, subsequent Kenya airport departure tax stamps were denominated in United States dollars. The first was a US \$10 value, known used in 1987 (Figure 11b)

Two new, and previously uncataloged varieties, are self-adhesive tax stamps. Both replace the phrase "Airport Departure Tax" with the more palatable "Airport Passenger Service Charge." The first (left-hand side of Figure 12) is very similar in design to earlier airport departure tax stamps, with re-arrangement of the position of the wording, and an increase in the tax to US \$20. The right-hand side of Figure 12 shows another example, used in 1992. It is much less drab than earlier stamps, with a colorful picture of an elephant with mountains in the background. Both stamps also bear the indication that these are for "International" flights. For domestic flights, a 50/- fee was levied (Figure 13).

#### Uganda

The first type of airport departure tax stamp known from Uganda is illustrated in Figure 14. It is a simple receipt for a 7/50 airport service charge. It is rouletted on the left-hand side, and appears to have come from a book of such receipts. It is dated Janu-





ary 17, 1969 and was issued at Entebbe, Uganda.

The second type is a self-adhesive stamp reading "Airport Passenger Service Charge," from the Entebbe International Airport. These US \$20 denominations were in use in 1993 (Figure 15).



#### Tanzania

The first known Tanzanian airport departure tax stamp were primitive receipts, simi-

Figure 13.
Self-adhesive
Airport
Passenger
Service
Charge stamp
for domestic or
local flights.

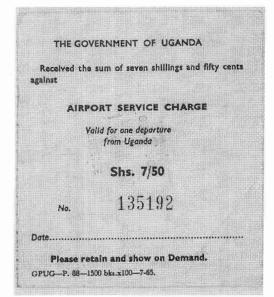


Figure 14. Receipt stamp for Uganda Airport Service Charge (c. 1969).



Figure 15. Ugandan Airport Passenger Service Charge stamp (c. 1993).



lar to its Kenya and Uganda cousins (Figure 9). These paid the 20/- fee, and are known used in 1974.

A more recent vintage Airport Departure Service charge stamp is shown in Figure 16. These stamps bear the national emblem of Tanzania, similar to some early postage stamps, and also found on many of its "Stamp Duty" series.

Figure 17 shows a pair of 500/- Airport Departure Service Charge stamps with a pen cancel of May 5, 1992. Also shown is a single 800/- stamp with a new value of 1000/- surcharged on it, again with a pen cancel of May 1992. A 500/- value surcharged 1000/-

Figure 16.
Tanzanian
Airport
Departure
Service
Charge stamp.



Figure 17. 500/- Tanzanian Airport Departure Service Charge (c. 1992), and 800/with handstamped 1000/surcharge (c. 1992).

(canceled in early 1993) is also known. From these stamps, the tax rate was most likely 1000/- in 1992, and remained so until the early part of 1993. Apparently, the previous rate was 800/-, but I have not seen the nonsur charged 800/- value. Sometime during 1993, the fee was again changed to be US \$20 (Figure 18).

#### Conclusions

The field of East African passport and airport departure tax stamps is a fascinating study of revenue philately. Any members with additional dates of usage or rates is invited to contact me at 109 Center Church Road, McMurray, PA 15317 USA.

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Figure 18. Dollar denominated airport departure service charge (c. 1993)

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The summer 1996 issue of *Atalaya* features an article about two local posts that started in Milan, Italy, in 1897. The stamps of these locals, which handled mostly printed matter, are illustrated and listed. Another article tells of the British Railway Letter Services stamps that feature the Nene Valley Railway.

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Official perforations did not come into use until the 1900s although there were some unofficial perforations in the 1880s. In 1892 while Panama was still part of Colombia, three stamps were issued for telegraph use but it is not known if they were used.

Gary stated that he has not seen many multiples larger than blocks of four. He showed the valid use of a bisected telegraph used internally outside Bogota, paying the appropriate rate of 5 centavos. He also showed vignettes or seals which were used to seal telegraph enevelopes and three types of telegraph cards (which are listed in Higgins and Gage as postal stationary. Ranging from 10 centavos to 1 peso, these cards served as a value to recalim your telegraph fees if it was late or lost in delivery.

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ers? If there are not too many customers at the table, I usually try to point out the problems. I am usually thanked. But there have been occasions when my attempt to point out the errors has been met with anger, a reaction that I fail to understand.

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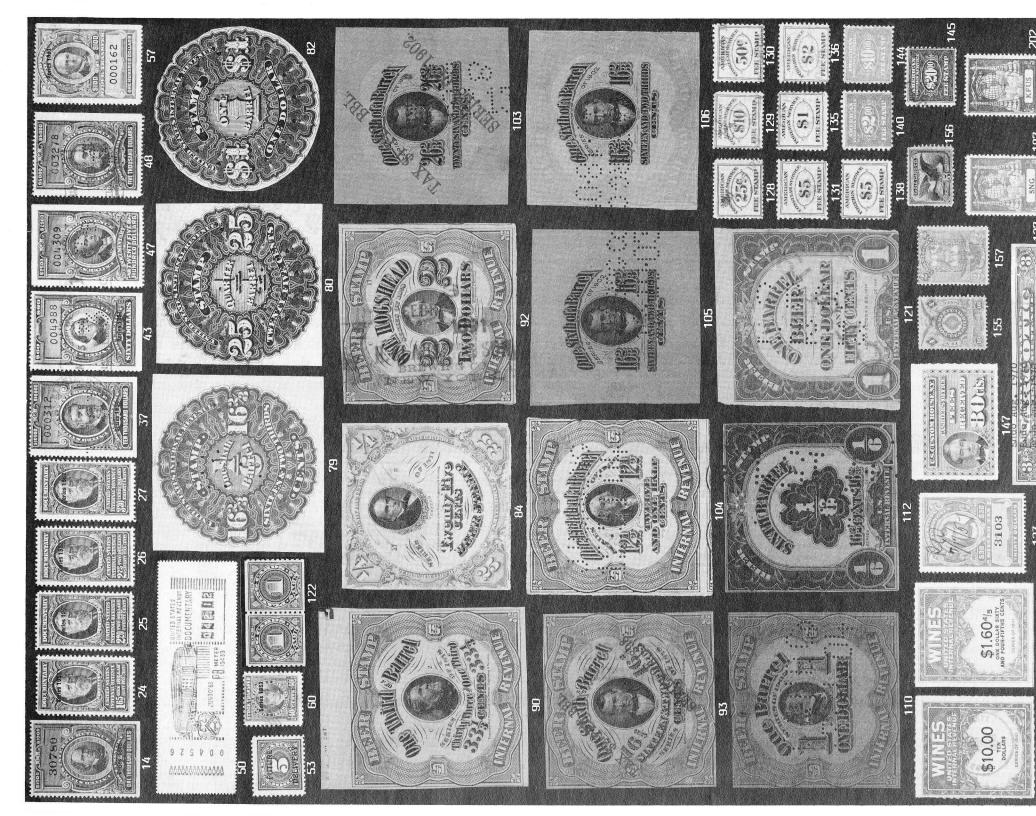
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	R711 punch cancel, VF	20.00	110	soiling	12.50
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158 SPECIAL TAX STAMPS Propr. Bowling	
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months, F-VF staple holes, creases	
159 Wagering, 1965, VF	
160 SOUTH CAROLINA Documentary stamps,	
group of seven deeds bearing various stamps,	,
F	
161 UTAH Fishing Reciprocity Stamp, Flaming	
Gorge Area, 1964 \$2, mint, VF	
162 Special Fishing Use Permit, Lake Powell Area	
1964 \$2, mint, VF	
163 Lake Powell Special Fishing Stamp, 1967 \$3	
Arizona Resident, mint, VF	
164 as above, 1967 (year date omitted) \$4 Arizona	
Nonresident, mint, VF	
165 Wildlife Resources Fishing Stamp, 1977 \$2	
One Day Non-resident, mint, VF	
166 WEST VIRGINIA Antlerless Deer License	
(Class N) 1984 \$8, mint, VF	
167 National Forest License, 1984 \$1, mint, VF	
168 Trout, 1984 \$5, mint, VF	
169 National Forest License, 1986 \$1, mint VF	
170 Additional Deer Firearm, 1986 \$10 Resident,	
mint VF	
171 Additional Deer, Bow & Arrow, 1986 \$10	
Resident, mint, VF	
172 Additional Deer Bow & Arrow, 1986 \$10	
Non-resident, mint, VF	
173 Handgun Stamp, 1986 \$5, mint, VF	
174 Trout Stamp, 1986 \$5, mint VF	
PD1/43/M P 4 D40	
BRYANT RADIO	
Reception Verification Stamps	
175 KFUL blue & red, VF light crease	
176 KFUM blue & red, VF	
177 KUOM brown & olive, F-VF	
178 KWWG brown & olive, F-VF	
179 KUSD brown & olive, F-VF	
180 KGB bright green & brown, F-VF	
181 KNOX bright green & brown, F	
182 KOP bright green & brown, F	
183 KOA bright green & brown, F	
184 WQAN olive green & red, VF	
185 WOWL olive green & red, F-VF small tear	
186 WFBC olive green & red, F-VF crease 187 5NG olive green & red, VF PHOTO	
100 WEDE alive areas for all EVE	
188 WFBE olive green & red, F-VF	
189 WDBE orange & purple, F	
190 WDAD orange & purple, F-VF	
191 WCTS orange & purple, VF	
192 WDBC orange & purple, F few short perfs	
193 WCUW orange & purple, F-VF thin	
194 KFFV purple & green, F	
195 KFEL purple & green, F	
195 KFEL purple & green, F 196 KFCY red & olive, F	
197 KFDJ red & olive, F	
198 KFKQ yellow & blue, F	
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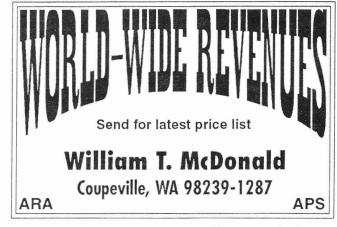
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